Production Scheduling And Mine Fleet Assignment Using


A collection of 125 papers on mine planning and selection of equipment, covering such topics as: design and planning of surface and underground mines; planning and equipment selection for difficult mining conditions; equipment selection procedures; and mine and equipment information systems.

"Mine production scheduling may be long-term or short-term based on the time period considered and the final objective. The optimization goal of short-term production scheduling is to minimize the mining cost expected from a mine while satisfying operational constraints, such as mining slope, grade blending, metal production, mining capacity and processing capacity; however some parameters may be uncertain, such as metal quality and fleet parameters. Traditional short-term production planning is carried out by two sequential optimizations, production schedule is defined at the first step and the available fleet is evaluated for this schedule as a second step, however; the fleet availability, hauling time and mining considerations do not influence the schedule decision. In addition, the fleet optimization algorithms do not consider uncertainty in their parameters and do not take into account the local mineralization of the deposit because a single possibly misleading total aggregated block tonnage is linked to each sector to be mined. The local mineralization or local scale variability between blocks assists in the blending process and metal quality control; however, the traditional short-term production scheduling is based on exploration drilling or a sparse data ore body model, while in practice grade control data or close spacing blasthole drilling classify the material as ore and waste because their short-scale information is not available at the time of the monthly short-term planning. The local variability is relevant in the short-term production scheduling to define the destination of the material. The short-term mine production scheduling in this thesis is developed as a single formulation where mining considerations, production constraints, uncertainty in the orebody metal quantity, as well as fleet parameters, are evaluated together to define a well informed sequence of mining that results in high performance at the mine operation. The formulation is implemented at a multi-element iron mine and the resulting monthly schedules show lower cost, minable patterns and, efficient fleet allocation, that ensures a higher and less variable utilization of the fleet over the conventional schedule approach, uninformed and ultimately costly decisions can be taken because of imperfect geological knowledge or information effect. The orebody uncertainty may be updated by simulated future ore control data to account for local scale grade variability, and the information used to discriminate ore and waste in practice. Multi-element orebody uncertainty models are updated based on the correlation of exploration data and past ore control data, this orebody uncertainty is then used to optimize the short-term production scheduling that leads to better performance in terms of matching ore quality targets and delivering recoverable reserves." --

This book presents a collection of papers on topics in the field of strategic mine planning, including orebody modeling, mine-planning optimization and the optimization of mining complexes. Elaborating on the state of the art in the field, it describes the latest technologies and related research as well as the applications of a range of related technologies in diverse industrial contexts.

This book captures the path of digital transformation that the cement enterprises are adopting progressively to elevate themselves to ‘Industry 4.0’ level. Digital innovations-based Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial
Intelligence (AI) are pertinent technologies for the cement enterprises as the manufacturing processes operate at very large scales with multiple inputs, outputs, and variables, resulting in the essentiality of big data management. Featuring contributions from cement industries worldwide, it covers various aspects of cement manufacturing from IoT, machine learning and data analytics perspective. It further discusses implementation of digital solutions in cement process and plants through case studies. Features: Present an up-to-date, consolidated view on modern cement manufacturing technology, applying new systems. Provides narration of complexity and variables in modern cement plants and processes. Discusses evolution of automation and computerization for the manufacturing processes. Covers application of ERP techniques to cement enterprises. Includes data-driven approaches for energy, environment, and quality management. This book aims at researchers and industry professionals involved in cement manufacturing, cement machinery and system suppliers, chemical engineering, process engineering, industrial engineering, and chemistry.

The purpose of the 10th US North American Mine Ventilation Symposium in Anchorage 2004 was to bring together practitioners involved in the planning and operation of underground ventilation systems, to provide a forum for debate and exchange of ideas, and to share information on the advances which have been made and consider problems

Building on the success of its 2006 predecessor, this 3rd edition of Open Pit Mine Planning and Design has been both updated and extended, ensuring that it remains the most complete and authoritative account of modern open pit mining available. Five new chapters on unit operations have been added, the revenues and costs chapter has been substantial

"In long-term production scheduling, which is of vital importance to a project’s success and profitability, the goal is to determine a feasible extraction sequence that maximizes the discounted cash flows of a mine while also ensuring the target ore quantities and qualities are met. There is risk of the actual production deviating from what is planned due to geological variability, which is not considered by conventional mine designs and production schedules that are based on a single estimated ore body model. In order to address this issue, multiple simulations of an orebody can be created to represent its geological variability and allow for quantifying expected bounds, instead of single estimates, for grades, tonnages, and financial results. Beyond simply quantifying the geological uncertainty, a mine production schedule can be optimized while directly considering simulations in order to manage the geological risk.

In this study, a set of geological simulations of the LabMag iron ore deposit in Labrador, Canada is generated in order to quantify the geological variability in an existing mining schedule and assess the schedule’s performance. The 'DBMAFSIM' algorithm is used to provide joint geostatistical simulation of spatially correlated variables of interest. First, a novel application of the method is used to jointly simulate the thicknesses of seven lithological layers, and then four correlated grades within each lithology are jointly simulated. The variability in an existing production schedule, designed based on a single deterministic geological model, is then evaluated using the simulations. This evaluation quantifies the potential deviations from expected production target grades and tonnages as well as the associated financial impact of these deviations. Subsequently, a production schedule optimization based on stochastic integer programming (SIP) is presented that aims to improve mine profitability while simultaneously managing the risk of production tonnage and quality deviations.

In addition, the formulation has components for equipment and waste material management: the truck fleet requirements are minimized while ensuring that the number of required trucks is an increasing function to avoid unnecessary peaks; and the evolution of the pit is controlled so that space within the mined out pit is continuously provided to allow for tailings and waste rock to be replaced, thus minimizing the project’s environmental footprint."

“Everything” sums up what must be considered for a properly documented property evaluation. Less than 30% of the projects that are developed in the minerals industry yield the return on investment that was projected from the project feasibility studies. The tools described in this handbook will greatly improve the probability of meeting your projections and minimizing project execution capital cost blowout that has become so prevalent in this industry in recent years. Mineral Property Evaluation provides guidelines to follow in performing mineral property feasibility and evaluation studies and due diligence, and in preparing proper documents for bankable presentations. It highlights the need for a consistent, systematic methodology in performing evaluation and feasibility work. The objective of a feasibility and evaluation study should be to assess the value of the undeveloped or developed mineral property and to convey these findings to the company that is considering applying technical and physical changes to bring the property into production of a mineral product. The analysis needs to determine the net present worth returned to the company for investing in these changes and to reach that decision point as early as possible and with the least amount of money spent on the evaluation study. All resources are not reserves, nor are all minerals an ore. The successful conclusion of any property evaluation depends on the development, work, and conclusions of the project team. The handbook has a diverse audience: • Professionals in the minerals industry that perform mineral property evaluations. • Companies that have mineral properties and perform mineral property feasibility studies and evaluations or are buying properties based on property evaluation. • Financial institutions, both domestic and overseas, that finance or raise capital for the minerals industry. • Consulting firms and architectural and engineering contractors that utilize mineral property feasibility studies and need standards to follow. • And probably the most important, the mining and geological engineering students and geology and economic geology students that need to learn the standards that they should follow throughout their careers.
This book will help direct mining operations through the use of innovative economic strategies. The text covers what is meant by a cost-effective mining scheme, the economics of information, and the procedures for rational evaluation of uncertain projects.

An integrated approach for short-tenn production planning and equipment dispatching for underground metal mines is proposed in this thesis. The salient factors influencing a shift production schedule are controlled by both management and the mine environment. The mine system constraints reflect the inter-play of geological, geomechanical and economic factors. The management goals are considered with respect to the operating policies of draw-point and ore-bin control, and ground control, equipment allocation and ventilation systems. The integration of these various issues constitutes the mining system, which requires flexibility to achieve the production goals under changing mining environments.

This book presents innovative and state-of-the-art computational models for determining the optimal truck–loader selection and allocation strategy for use in large and complex mining operations. The authors provide comprehensive information on the methodology that has been developed over the past 50 years, from the early ad hoc spreadsheet approaches to today’s highly sophisticated and accurate mathematical-based computational models. The authors’ approach is motivated and illustrated by real case studies provided by our industry collaborators. The book is intended for a broad audience, ranging from mathematicians with an interest in industrial applications to mining engineers who wish to utilize the most accurate, efficient, versatile and robust computational models in order to refine their equipment selection and allocation strategy. As materials handling costs represent a significant component of total costs for mining operations, applying the optimization methodology developed here can substantially improve their competitiveness.

This text looks at mine planning and equipment and covers topics such as: design and planning of surface and underground mines; geotechnical stability in surface and underground mines; and mining and the environment.

In October, 1985, discussions were held in Santiago in regard to the possibility of organizing a minerals industry conference in Chile in November, 1986, under the auspices of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and in association with other bodies and organizations. I, in turn, was asked to chair the Organizing Committee and at our first meeting in London in November, 1985, we realized how little time we had if we were to meet the date proposed. In the event, thanks to considerable support from the Organizing Committee and others, coupled with the very good response from authors, we were able to put together a programme on a variety of topics, with some particular emphasis on operations in South America, and with special reference to Chile, that we regard as attractive. This is the first conference to have been organized by the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy in Chile, but it is intended that it should initiate a series to be held in Latin American countries. Chile has a long and healthy mining tradition and it is fitting, therefore, that it should have been chosen for the first such conference.

This book presents the proceedings of the 5th Edition of the Brazilian Technology Symposium (BTSym). This event brings together researchers, students and professionals from the industrial and academic sectors, seeking to create and/or strengthen links between issues of joint interest, thus promoting technology and innovation at nationwide level. The BTSym facilitates the smart integration of traditional and renewable power generation systems, distributed generation, energy storage, transmission, distribution and demand management. The areas of knowledge covered by the event are Smart Designs, Sustainability, Inclusion, Future Technologies, IoT, Architecture and Urbanism, Computer Science, Information Science, Industrial Design, Aerospace Engineering, Agricultural Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Control and Automation Engineering, Production Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval and Oceanic Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Probability and Statistics.

"This book provides knowledge and insights on present and future AI applications in Operations Management presenting tools and decisions in terms of theoretical and empirical models, methods and proposed applications"—Provided by publisher.

In today's sophisticated world, reliability stands as the ultimate arbiter of quality. An understanding of reliability and the ultimate compromise of failure is essential for determining the value of most modern products and absolutely critical to others, large or small. Whether lives are dependent on the performance of a heat shield or a...
Today's mining professionals face unparalleled challenges brought about by globalization and increased environmental awareness. The pressure is on to enhance corporate reputations, achieve higher operational efficiency, improve planning and control, gain access to mineral resources, build trust with stakeholders, attract financing, recruit and retain a quality workforce, and lower costs. Sustainable Management of Mining Operations provides a holistic, practical approach to achieving these goals. The key, say the authors, is to create a culture within the organization that recognizes the value of sustainability by effectively integrating economic, environmental, and social considerations. They explore the three management functions that are instrumental in shaping this culture: corporate strategy, human resources, and operations. Each section of this book focuses on sustainable management from a different perspective, management level, or stage of the mine life cycle. You’ll benefit from real-life, practical insights from 27 internationally respected authors whose job titles have encompassed everything from CEO to master mechanic. Focusing on real-life experience and not abstract theory, you’ll learn first hand from case histories written by those who “got their hands dirty.” You’ll see how leading-edge companies are leveraging culture, strong leadership, and organizational structure to capitalize on sustainability. Sustainable Management of Mining Operations is required reading for mining professionals with operations, human resources, external affairs, or environmental health and safety responsibilities. The book is also a powerful, forward-looking resource for faculty and students in mining studies programs.

This text presents about 150 papers based on an international symposium on mine planning and equipment selection, held in Canada in 1995. Coverage includes: design and planning of surface and underground mines; surface mining and the environment; tailings disposal; and slope stability analysis.

Underground Mining Methods: Engineering Fundamentals and International Case Studies presents the latest principles and techniques in use today. Reflecting the international and diverse nature of the industry, a series of mining case studies is presented covering the commodity range from iron ore to diamonds extracted by operations located in all corners of the world. Industry experts have contributed sections on General Mine Design Considerations; Room-and-Pillar Mining of Hard Rock/Soft Rock; Longwall Mining of Hard Rock; Shrinkage Stoping; Sublevel Stoping; Cut-and-Fill Mining; Sublevel Caving; Panel Caving; Foundations for Design; and Underground Mining Looks to the Future.

This book presents recent research on bioinspired heuristics for optimization. Learning-based and black-box optimization exhibit some properties of intrinsic parallelization, and can be used for various optimizations problems. Featuring the most relevant work presented at the 6th International Conference on Metaheuristics and Nature Inspired Computing, held at Marrakech (Morocco) from 27th to 31st October 2016, the book presents solutions, methods, algorithms, case studies, and software. It is a valuable resource for research academics and industrial practitioners.

This proceedings book presents research papers discussing the latest developments and findings in the fields of mining, machinery, automation and environmental protection. It includes contributions from authors from over 20 countries, with backgrounds in computer science, mining engineering, technology and management, and hailing from the government, industry and academia. It is of interest to scientists, engineers, consultants and government staff who are responsible for the development and implementation of innovative approaches, techniques and technologies in the mineral industries. Covering the latest advances in fundamental research, it also appeals to academic researchers.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Operations Research Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, CPAIOR 2018, held in Delft, The Netherlands, in June 2018. The 47 full papers presented together with 3 abstracts of invited talks and 3 abstracts of fast-track journal papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 111 submissions. The conference brings together interested researchers from constraint programming, artificial intelligence, and operations research to present new techniques or applications in the intersection of these fields and provides an opportunity for researchers in one area to learn about techniques in the others, and to show how the integration of techniques from different fields can lead to interesting results on large and complex problems.

This book brings together a comprehensive and up-to-date presentation of the main scientific and technological aspects of limestone mining. The book discusses how to excavate limestone from surface mines including the nuances of production and commercial aspects. It addresses topical issues related with the quarrying of limestone and environmental protection measures adopted in mining and manufacturing. The chapters in this book describe planning and designing of mining processes to produce limestone that meets with market requirements and customer specifications. The book also discusses the environmental stresses caused by mining as an industrial activity and their ramifications and remedies. The book includes case studies from different geo-mining environments. The contents of this book will be useful to professionals, researchers, and policy makers alike.

Sensing and Monitoring Technologies for Mines and Hazardous Areas: Monitoring and Prediction Technologies presents the fundamentals of mining related geotechnical risk and how the latest advances in sensing and data
communication can be used both to prevent accidents and provide early warnings. Opencast mining operations involve huge quantities of overburden removal, dumping, and backfilling in excavated areas. Substantial increases in the rate of accumulation of waste dumps in recent years has resulted in greater height of dumps and also has given rise to the danger of dump failures as steeper open pit slopes are prone to failure. These failures lead to loss of valuable human lives and damage to mining machinery. This book presents the most recent advances in gas sensors, methane detectors, and power cut-off systems. It also introduces monitoring of the gas strata and environment, and an overview of the use of Internet of Things and cloud computing for mining sensing and surveillance purposes. Targeted at geotechnical and mining engineers, this volume covers the latest findings and technology to prevent mining accidents and mitigate the inherent risk of the activity. Presents complete details of a real-time slope stability monitoring system using wireless sensor networking and prediction technique based on multivariate statistical analysis of various parameters and analytical hierarchy process methods Discusses innovative ideas and new concepts of sensing technologies, mine transport surveillance, digital mining, and cloud computing to improve safety and productivity in mining industry includes slope stability prediction software, downloadable through a companion website, which can be used for monitoring, analyzing, and storing different sensors and providing audio-visual, SMS, and email alerts Covers the latest findings and technology to prevent mining accidents and mitigate the inherent risk

Before You Ever Put the First Shovel in the Ground—This Book Could Be the Difference Between a Successful Mining Operation and a Money Pit Opening a successful new mine is a vastly complex undertaking entailing several years and millions to billions of dollars. In today's world, when environmental and labor policies, regulatory compliance, and impact on the community must be factored in, you cannot afford to make a mistake. So the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration has created this road map for you. Written by two hands-on, in-the-trenches mining project managers with decades of experience who bring some of the world's most successful, profitable mines into operation on time, within budget, and ethically, Project Management for Mining gives you step-by-step instructions in every process you are likely to encounter. Beginning with a discussion of mining ethics and governance, this clearly written handbook walks you through all the project management steps—defining the scope, performing prefeasibility and feasibility studies, gaining societal acceptance, minimizing the impact and risks, creating workable schedules and budgets, setting in place the project execution plan, assembling the human resources, hiring the contractors, and establishing project controls—and then on into the delivery of the engineering and design, construction, progress reviews, pre-launch commissioning, and ramping up for operation. Each chapter includes several useful aids such as figures, checklists, and flowcharts to guide you through every step, from conception through successful opening.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Computational Logistics, ICCL 2021, held in September 2021. Due to COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held virtually. The 42 full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 111 submissions. They detail the interface of complex logistics systems and advanced computational methods from the fields of operations research, business analytics, and artificial intelligence. The papers are organized in topical sections named maritime and port logistics; supply chain and production management; urban transport and collaborative logistics; routing, dispatching, and scheduling; air logistics and multi-modal transport.

This third edition of the SME Mining Engineering Handbook reaffirms its international reputation as "the handbook of choice" for today's practicing mining engineer. It distills the body of knowledge that characterizes mining engineering as a disciplinary field and has subsequently helped to inspire and inform generations of mining professionals. Virtually all of the information is original content, representing the latest information from more than 250 internationally recognized mining industry experts. Within the handbook's 115 thought-provoking chapters are current topics relevant to today's mining professional: Analyzing how the mining and minerals industry will develop over the medium and long term—why such changes are inevitable, what this will mean in terms of challenges, and how they could be managed Explaining the mechanics associated with the multifaceted world of mine and mineral economics, from the decisions associated with how best to finance a single piece of high-value equipment to the long-term cash-flow issues associated with mine planning at a mature operation Describing the recent and ongoing technical initiatives and engineering developments in relation to robotics, automation, acid rock drainage, block caving optimization, or process dewatering methods Examining in detail the methods and equipment available to achieve efficient, predictable, and safe rock breaking, whether employing a tunnel boring machine for development work, mineral extraction using a mobile miner, or cast blasting at a surface coal operation Identifying the salient points that dictate which is the safest, most efficient, and most versatile extraction method to employ, as well as describing in detail how each alternative is engineered Discussing the impacts that social and environmental issues have on mining from the pre-exploration phase to end-of-mine issues and beyond, and how to manage these two increasingly important factors to the benefit of both the mining companies and other stakeholders

This conference proceedings presents the research papers in the field of mine planning and mining equipment including themes such as mine automation, rock mechanics, drilling, blasting, tunnelling and excavation engineering. The papers present the recent advancement and the application of a range of technologies in the field of mining industry. It is of interest to the professionals who practice in mineral industry including but not limited to engineers, consultants, managers, academics, scientist, and government staff.

This book broadly explains the requirement to focus on core components in a business and provides a case study
of open-pit mining operations throughout the book to understand the management perspective of large organizations. With globalized approaches of large businesses and the rising requirement of understanding the needs of modern organizations, it is necessary to focus on key areas of businesses to ensure sustainability of operations. Organizations look into achieving a high return on investments and short-term measures in increasing sales or revenue is considered unsuitable. It is a necessity to look for sustainability and continuous methods of innovation to boost efficiency. This book provides a case study based on large organizations and uses qualitative methodologies where data was collected using in-depth interviews of respondents from various mining companies in the top and middle-level management from different parts of the world, detailing the state of the art of information systems currently used in large scale open-pit mining (LSOPM). This book provides a sound knowledge of cutting-edge factors to the reader for managing the business to attain operational excellence and long-term sustainability, and caters to a broad spectrum of management and technical readers.

This volume LNCS 12735 constitutes the papers of the 18th International Conference on the Integration of Constraint Programming, Artificial Intelligence, and Operations Research, CPAIOR 2021, which was held in Vienna, Austria, in 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held online. The 30 regular papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 75 submissions. The conference program included a Master Class on the topic "Explanation and Verification of Machine Learning Models".

This SME classic is both a reference book for the working engineer and a textbook for the mining student. This hardcover edition gives a brief history of surface mining and a general overview of the state of surface mining today—topics range from production and productivity to technological developments and trends in equipment. This extremely useful text takes the approach that exploration and mining geologists must be expert in a number of fields, including basic finance and economics, logistics, and pragmatic prospecting. Readers will find material on all these topics and more. The book's nine chapters include: Introduction, Exploration and Geology Techniques, Ore Reserve Estimation, Feasibility Studies and Project Financing, Planning and Design of Surface Mines, Mine Operations, Mine Capital and Operating Costs, Management and Organization, and Case Studies. The book is fully indexed.

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This 992-page book is a compilation of 118 state-of-the-art technical papers presented at the industry's most prestigious gathering. A CD containing the full text is included. Read what coal preparation experts from 20 countries have to share on a variety of current issues, including: • Water-based coal processing facilities and a review of plant designs and operations used throughout the world. • Breakthroughs in dense medium separations, water-based separation processes, froth flotation, and de-watering. • New wear-resistant materials proven to help plant operators reduce maintenance costs, elevate plant availability, and maintain a high level of process efficiency. • Groundbreaking methodologies that maximize the amount of coal recovered while meeting the required product specifications. • The processing and potential uses of waste. • Innovative online monitoring and control methods and the latest on the application of modeling and simulation. • Advancements in technologies that can upgrade coal without the use of water, including density-based, thermal, and optical dry cleaning. • And much, much more.

A compilation of engaging and insightful papers from the prestigious 2009 Plant Design Symposium, the volume is a sequel to Mineral Processing Plant Design, Practice, and Control, an industry standard published in 2002. Both books are indispensable texts for university-level instruction, as well as valuable guides for operators considering new construction, plant renovation, or expansion. You’ll learn the role of innovation, how to finance and conduct feasibility studies, and how to reduce your plant’s carbon footprint.

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