Modeling, Simulation & Optimization for Sustainable Mining Systems

Understanding dynamics of mining community acceptance to reduce socio-political risks
- Use discrete choice theory, social network models & ABM to study mining community acceptance
- Facilitate sustainable mine designs that reduce socio-political risk

Energy efficiency of mining systems
- Model effect of operators on energy efficiency of mining equipment

Optimization applications in mining
- Algorithms for solving optimization problems arising in mining including mine sequencing problems (problems with large precedence constraints)

Applying computer simulation and optimization to make mining systems sustainable

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