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Arsenic Species formed from Arsenopyrite Weathering along a Contamination Gradient in Circumneutral River Floodplain Soils

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1. Study area

Ogosta River is one of the largest draining systems in North-West Bulgaria and its catchment involves more than 40 feeders. The river is 141 km long and covers an area of approximately 3110 km². The average altitude is 395 m, the mean river slope is 11.4‰, and the afforestation is ~37%.¹ The Ogosta River basin is strongly contaminated with As and other heavy metals (e.g., Pb, Cu, Zn, Cd) as result of intensive mining operations upstream.² The largest ore bodies in the mining area are Fe, Au, Ag-Pb, and fluorite-barite-calcite deposits, which are the products of Paleozoic and Alpine metallogenesis hosted in low-grade metamorphic rocks (marble and schist).¹ Between 1951 and 1999, ferroustitanium, ferrous-manganese, and Pb/Zn-Au ores were intensively mined and processed in the mining area.³ A large tailings dam failure in 1964 and the use of river water for irrigation of agricultural land additionally contributed to a significant dispersal of mining waste in the floodplain. Prior to the reconstruction of several tailing ponds, wastewater originating from several ore-dressing plants was discharged mostly into the river channel until 1979. Particularly the association of As with Fe minerals in the mining waste, notably pyrite (FeS₂) and arsenopyrite (FeAsS), led to high As concentrations in the floodplain soils.

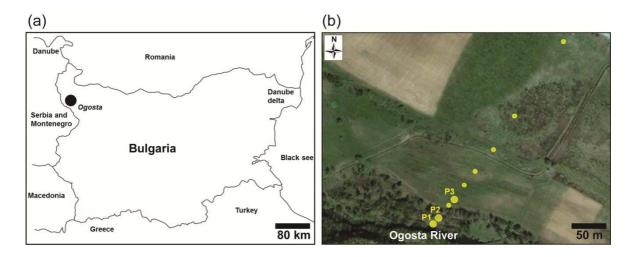


Figure S1. Location of (a) the Ogosta River floodplain in NW-Bulgaria, and (b) sampling points along the studied transect with soil profiles P1-3.

2. Soil characterization

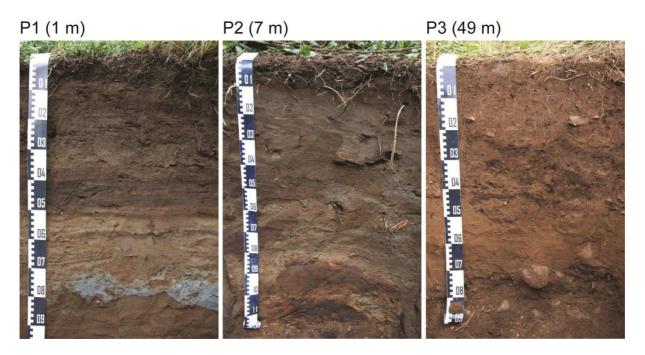


Figure S2. Photographs of soil profiles P1-3, which are located 1, 7, and 49 m from the river front, respectively (see Figure S1b).

Table S1. Physical and chemical characteristics of the bulk soil samples <2 mm.

Depth	pН	TIC ^a	TOC^b	As	Fe	S	Mn	Ca	Al	As _{asc} ^c	Fe _{asc} c	As _{asc} /Fe _{asc}	
(cm)	(CaCl ₂)	('	%)			(g	/kg)			(g/	kg)	(mol/mol)	
Profile 1													
0-5	6.7	0.1	8.5	7.1	73.8	2.1	7.1	37.0	36.4	4.1	12.8	0.23	
8-10	5.8	1.1	0.6	40.3	164.6	4.6	15.3	18.3	25.4	-	-	-	
10-20	6.6	1.4	0.5	32.4	145.8	29.9	14.0	51.6	20.3	18.2	40.2	0.34	
20-30	6.9	2.3	0.2	20.3	124.4	24.6	14.1	97.8	18.5	11.8	32.5	0.27	
30-40	6.8	1.8	0.1	28.1	187.5	31.5	24.6	73.4	16.1	7.5	30.5	0.18	
40-50	6.9	2.0	0.1	30.3	187.5	27.6	21.8	83.2	17.1	5.4	29.5	0.14	
50-60	7.0	3.8	0.3	9.3	120.0	0.78	21.5	105.0	24.8	7.1	26.8	0.20	
60-70	6.7	3.8	0.2	8.6	120.1	0.73	19.7	103.3	24.6	7.1	29.9	0.18	
70-80	6.9	3.5	0.3	10.1	131.5	3.4	18.7	94.8	24.8	5.5	24.6	0.17	
80-90	6.2	1.9	0.5	25.7	171.5	2.3	23.0	18.5	20.6	16.9	40.5	0.31	
90-100	5.7	1.7	0.6	38.8	195.2	5.8	27.6	11.8	24.8	15.3	33.5	0.34	
Profile 2													
0-10	6.7	1.3	4.3	12.2	102.3	2.8	9.4	37.4	41.1	6.5	19.9	0.24	
10-20	6.9	1.6	0.6	9.2	117.3	1.3	16.7	46.1	36.4	6.2	22.6	0.20	
20-30	6.6	2.2	0.3	19.3	165.8	11.9	24.7	59.6	23.8	10.9	32.9	0.25	
30-40	6.8	2.4	0.5	14.1	143.6	31.4	19.3	92.6	19.6	8.0	23.3	0.26	
40-50	6.9	1.9	1.1	9.6	138.1	29.0	21.2	102.7	18.5	5.5	23.5	0.17	
50-60	6.9	2.2	0.9	15.2	155.6	37.8	22.7	94.2	15.6	7.1	24.7	0.21	
60-70	7.0	2.8	0.4	9.9	139.9	23.3	22.0	91.7	13.4	5.3	21.6	0.17	
70-80	6.9	1.1	2.5	11.3	151.3	24.4	22.9	95.7	12.7	3.9	20.1	0.14	
80-90	6.9	2.5	2.1	9.2	131.8	9.4	20.9	117.1	16.0	6.5	21.9	0.22	
90-100	7.0	3.9	0.6	6.4	162.2	10.6	24.2	94.3	14.4	2.9	17.5	0.12	
100-110	7.0	4.1	1.1	6.8	157.6	5.9	27.7	90.4	14.1	2.7	15.2	0.13	
110-120	7.0	3.6	0.7	3.9	170.2	1.9	41.2	46.1	17.4	1.5	15.6	0.07	
Profile 3													
0-10	7.0	0.4	1.4	0.9	57.7	0.5	6.4	21.8	53.5	0.6	7.5	0.06	
10-20	7.0	0.4	1.2	0.9	57.8	0.4	6.6	22.6	52.3	0.5	5.9	0.06	
20-30	7.1	0.6	0.9	0.7	61.7	0.3	7.9	24.9	52.3	0.4	8.9	0.03	
30-40	7.1	0.8	0.9	0.9	66.0	0.5	8.4	30.0	52.8	0.5	8.9	0.04	
40-50	7.0	0.4	0.8	0.3	53.9	0.2	5.6	16.7	56.3	0.2	5.7	0.02	
50-60	6.7	0.1	0.4	0.04	39.4	0.1	1.3	7.8	60.1	< 0.1	1.8	< 0.01	
60-70	6.6	0.01	0.7	0.08	43.2	0.2	2.0	7.1	65.8	< 0.1	2.7	< 0.01	
70-80	6.8	0.01	0.3	0.07	45.6	0.1	1.7	9.7	59.4	< 0.1	2.1	< 0.01	
Pearson cor	relation coeffic	cients											
As				1	0.75***	0.45*	0.41*	0.08	-0.56**				
Fe					1	0.55**	0.89***	0.51**	-0.91***				
\mathbf{S}						1	0.37*	0.58**	-0.63***				
Mn							1	0.56**	-0.86***				
Ca								1	-0.77***				
Al									1				

^aTotal inorganic carbon. ^bTotal organic carbon. ^cAscorbate-extractable As and Fe.

^{*}Significance level P < 0.05, **significance level P < 0.01, ***significance level P < 0.001.

Table S2. Physical and chemical characteristics of the 2-50 μ m and <2 μ m particle size fractions.

(cm) 2-50 µ Profile 1 0-5 10.5 8-10 17.2 10-20 18.8 20-30 15.4 30-40 11.1 40-50 8.5 50-60 39.8 60-70 31.1 70-80 43.6 80-90 13.3 90-100 5.7 Profile 2 0-10 20-30 10.5 30-40 11.2	0.5 - 7.2 3.4 3.8 3.0 5.4 - 1.2 3.5 5.5 - 0.8 4.8 1.1 - 1.6 3.9 3.3 - 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5	(%) 5 0.9	2.1 1.9 - 1.6 - 2.5	2-50 µm 15.4 86.4 100.8 65.6 72.5 62.8 13.8	<2 μm	91.1 266.2 266.3 251.4	<2 μm - 236.1 154.2	2-50 μm 4.7 8.5	<2 μm (g/kg) - 11.1	2.1	<2 μm	As _{a:} 2-50 μm	<2 μm	Fe _a 2-50 μm	<2 μm	As _{asc} / 2-50 μm (mol/	<2 μm
0-5 10.5 8-10 17.2 10-20 18.8 20-30 15.4 30-40 11.2 40-50 8.5 50-60 39.8 60-70 31.1 70-80 43.6 80-90 13.3 90-100 5.7 Profile 2 0-10 14.1 10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5	7.2 3.4 3.8 3.0 5.4 - 1.2 3.5 3.5 - 0.8 4.8 1.1 - 3.6 3.9 3.3 -	5 0.9 0 1 1 0 0 0 0	2.1 1.9 - 1.6 - 2.5	86.4 100.8 65.6 72.5 62.8	89.7 53.2 50.2	266.2 266.3 251.4	236.1	8.5	-	2.1	-	-					mol)
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80-90 13.3 90-100 5.7 Profile 2 0-10 14.1 10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5	3.3 -		2.0	14.9	-	167.1	-	22.4	-	0.9	-	9.8	-	39.2	-	0.19	-
90-100 5.7 Profile 2 0-10 14.1 10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5		0.7	2.8	12.8	43.4	152.2	221.2	19.1	18.4	4.7	0.5	5.9	28.7	24.1	88.5	0.18	0.24
Profile 2 0-10 14.1 10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5	5.7 3.1		-	81.4	-	271.6	-	8.6	-	2.9	-	52.5	-	86.4	-	0.45	-
0-10 14.1 10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5		0.3	2.8	102.8	214.0	337.3	418.4	17.3	31.3	2.5	0.6	46.7	66.9	83.7	129.2	0.41	0.35
10-20 7.6 20-30 10.5																	
20-30 10.5	1.1 2.1	2.0	2.4	35.6	23.4	142.4	149.3	6.3	16.7	3.4	0.2	20.8	19.2	47.1	54.7	0.33	0.26
	7.6 -	0.3	-	72.1	-	284.3	-	7.6	-	4.6	-	39.2	-	65.1	-	0.45	-
20.40 11.2).5 -	0.3	-	89.6	-	325.7	-	8.7	-	12.5	-	42.1	-	70.1	-	0.45	-
30-40 11.2	.2 1.8	0.1	2.2	58.9	41.4	297.1	177.2	10.9	21.6	14.7	1.5	30.6	17.6	67.3	34.2	0.34	0.38
40-50 7.6		1.4	-	52.8	-	341.9	-	14.1	-	14.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-60 10.7	0.7 2.2	0.4	2.5	60.2	39.7	292.8	207.4	14.6	25.2	10.9	1.6	16.2	25.3	33.9	80.1	0.36	0.24
60-70 6.6		1.2	-	43.3	-	297.6	-	20.2	-	12.9	-	9.6	-	33.1	-	0.21	-
70-80 8.9		0.7	3.5	43.8	31.4	282.3	224.1	20.1	33.7	7.7	1.5	12.5	16.1	34.7	66.3	0.27	0.18
80-90 32.8	2.8 -	2.0	-	15.4	-	167.4	-	22.1	-	2.9	-	8.9	-	25.2	-	0.27	-
90-100 17.6		0.0	-	14.4	-	242.8	-	25.7	-	3.1	-	4.7	-	21.5	-	0.16	-
100-110 22.7		1.0	-	12.4	-	201.2	-	30.1	-	4.9	-	3.1	-	18.3	-	0.12	-
110-120 6.2	5.2 -	0.0	-	15.3	-	241.7	-	42.9	-	1.8	-	3.0	-	20.8	-	0.11	-
Profile 3																	
0-10 11.1	.1 2.1	1.3	2.7	1.3	7.2	67.1	109.1	11.4	11.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	3.4	13.1	16.9	0.05	0.15
10-20 10.3		1.3	-	1.3	-	68.4	-	8.2	-	0.4	-	0.9	-	13.8	-	0.05	-
20-30 11.4	.4 -	1.3	-	1.5	-	82.1	-	1.2	-	0.5	-	0.9	-	21.3	-	0.03	-
30-40 10.6	0.6 1.8	1.3	2.8	1.7	5.1	82.4	109.6	1.1	10.2	0.6	0.2	-	3.6	-	33.3	-	0.08
40-50 12.0	2.0 -	1.1	-	1.1	-	78.5	-	1.1	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-60 6.2		0.7	-	0.06	-	44.5	-	1.5	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60-70 2.6	2.6 -	0.4	-	0.04	-	51.6	-	2.8	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pearson correla	lation coeff	icients															
As						0.84***	0.92***	-0.04	0.42	0.66***	-0.02						
Fe						1	1	0.38*	0.67**	0.74***	-0.01						
Mn								1	1	0.07	0.07						
\mathbf{S}										0.07	0.07						

^aTotal carbon. ^bAscorbate-extractable As and Fe. *Significance level *P* <0.05, **significance level *P* <0.01, ***significance level *P* <0.001.

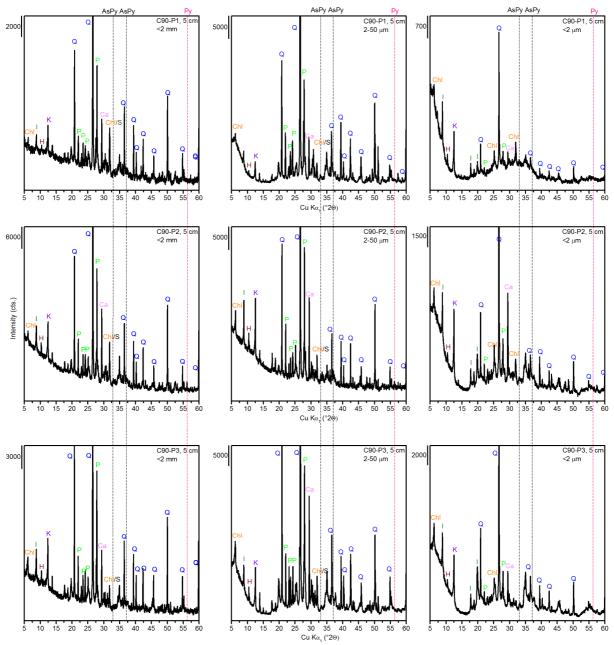


Figure S3. XRD patterns of the <2 mm, 2-50 μ m, and <2 μ m particle size fractions of selected topsoil samples from soil profiles P1-3. The main peaks are labeled as follows: Q, quartz; Ca, calcite; H, hornblende; K, kaolinite; I, illite; Chl, chlorite; S, siderite; P, plagioclase. Peak positions for pyrite and arsenopyrite are marked with dashed lines (AsPy and Py).

3. Arsenic reference compounds

Table S3. Arsenic reference compounds analyzed by XAS (Figure S4).

Compound	Chemical formula	Source/synthesis
Arsenopyrite	FeAsS	natural ^a
Loellingite	$FeAs_2$	natural ^a
Orpiment	As_2S_3	natural ^a
Realgar	α -As ₄ S ₄	natural ^a
Pharmacolite	CaHAsO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	natural ^a
Arseniosiderite	$(Ca_2Fe_3O_2(AsO_4)_3\cdot 2H_2O)$	natural ^b
Pharmacosiderite	$(KFe_4(AsO_4)_3(OH)_4 \cdot 6H_2O)$	natural ^a
Scorodite	FeAsO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	natural ^a
Amorphous ferric arsenate (AFA)	$FeAsO_4 \cdot (2+n)H_2O$	synthetic ^c
As(V)-Fh	As(V) sorbed to ferrihydrite (As/Fe ~0.05)	synthetic ^d
As(III)-Fh	As(III) sorbed to ferrihydrite (As/Fe ~0.05)	synthetic ^d

^aProvided by the mineralogical collection of TU Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany). ^bProvided by the mineralogical collection of ETH Zurich (Switzerland). ^cMikutta et al. ⁴ dLangner et al. ⁵.

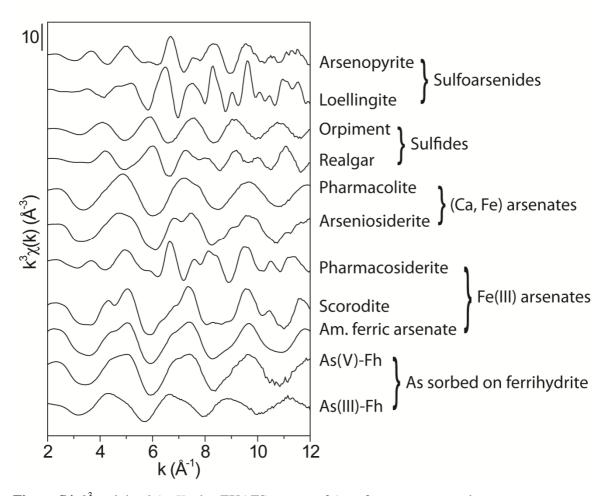


Figure S4. k^3 -weighted As *K*-edge EXAFS spectra of As reference compounds.

4. As XANES analysis

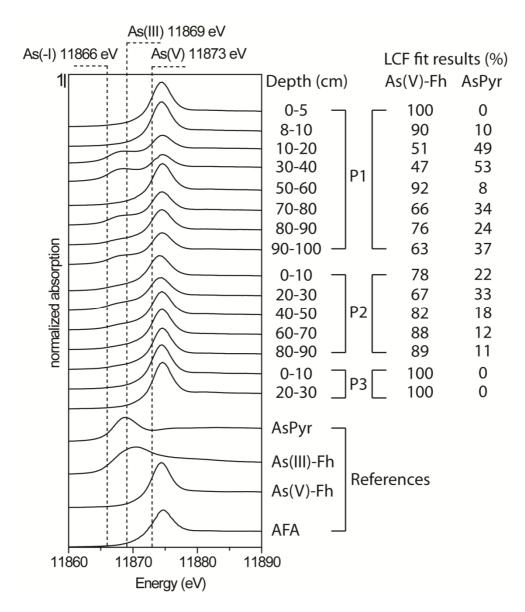


Figure S5. Normalized As *K*-edge XANES spectra for selected <2 mm soil samples and As reference compounds and linear combination fitting results using As(V)-sorbed ferrihydrite (As(V)-Fh) and arsenopyrite (AsPyr) as reference compounds in the final fits. As(III) was not detected in any of the samples. In the final fits, the sum of As in As(V)-Fh and AsPyr was constrained to 100%.

5. Iron reference compounds

Table S4. Iron reference compounds analyzed by XAS (Figure S6).

Compound	Chemical formula	Source/synthesis
Pyrite	FeS_2	natural ^a
Arsenopyrite	FeAsS	natural ^b
Chlorite (Ripidolite, Cca-2)	$(Ca_{0.55})(Mg_{4.44}Fe(III)_{3.47}Fe(II)_{3.02}Al_{0.60}Mn_{0.01}Ti_{0.06})(Si_{4.51}Al_{13.49})O_{20}(OH)_{16}\\$	natural ^c
Siderite	FeCO ₃	natural ^a
Scorodite	FeAsO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	natura1 ^b
Amorphous ferric arsenate (AFA)	$FeAsO_4 \cdot (2+n)H_2O$	synthetic ^d
As-HFO-0.39	Fe(III)-As(V) coprecipitate (molar As/Fe ratio = 0.39)	synthetic ^e
Ferrihydrite	$Fe_{10}O_{14}(OH)_2Fe(OH)_3$	synthetic ^f
Goethite	α-FeOOH	synthetic ^f
Lepidocrocite	ү-FeOOH	synthetic ^f
Magnetite	Fe ₃ O ₄	natural ^a

^aProvided by the mineralogical collection of ETH Zurich (Switzerland). ^bProvided by the mineralogical collection of TU Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany). ^cSource Clays Repository (Origin: Flagstaff Hill, El Dorado County, CA, USA). ^dMikutta et al. ⁴ ^cThis study. ^fLangner et al. ⁵

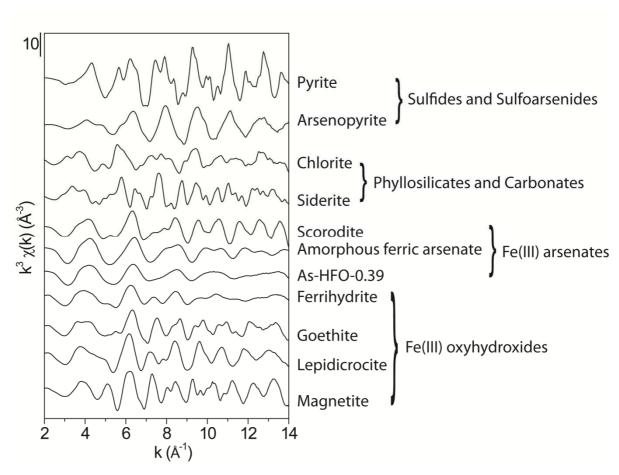


Figure S6. k^3 -weighted Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of Fe reference compounds. The As-HFO-0.39 reference sample is an As-rich hydrous ferric oxide with a molar As/Fe ratio of 0.39.

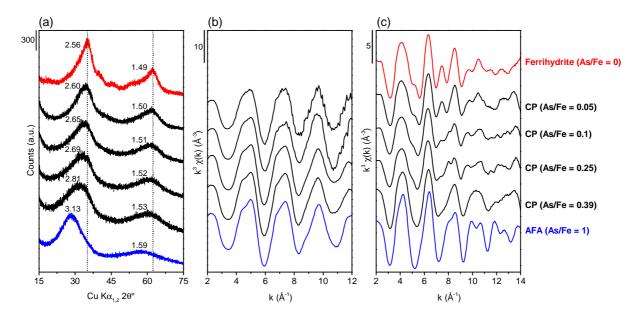


Figure S7. (a) X-ray diffraction patterns, (b) As K-edge EXAFS, and (c) Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of pure ferrihydrite (no As EXAFS), a range of Fe(III)-As(V) coprecipitates (CP) with molar As/Fe ratios of 0.05-0.39, and amorphous ferric arsenate (AFA). Numbers in (a) refer to the approximate interplanar d-spacings of the peak maxima in Ångstrom. The CP (As/Fe = 0.39) sample corresponds to the As-HFO-0.39 reference used for linear combination fitting (LCF) of Fe EXAFS spectra.

6. XAS data reduction and analysis

XAS data reduction and linear combination fitting (LCF) were performed using Athena.⁶ Principal component analysis (PCA) and target transformation (TT) testing were performed using SIXPack.⁷ Absorption spectra were normalized using a linear function in the pre-edge region (-200 to -30 eV relative to the edge energy E_0) and a quadratic polynomial in the post-edge region (150 eV to 690 eV relative to E_0). The EXAFS spectra were extracted using the Autobk algorithm implemented in Athena (k-weight = 3). Linear combination fit analyses were carried out over the k-range 3.0-12.0 Å⁻¹. Starting from a single component fit (n = 1) yielding the lowest normalized sum of squared residual value, NSSR, the number of components was stepwise increased as long as the NSSR of the best n-component fit was at least 10% below the NSSR of the best n-component fit. The fitted fraction of each spectrum was constrained between 0 and 1, but the component sum was not forced to 100% in order to obtain component ratios.

Iron and As K-edge EXAFS spectra of the <2 mm, 2-50 μm, and <2 μm soil fractions were evaluated by PCA-TT in order to determine the number of statistically significant spectral components contributing to the EXAFS spectra.^{8, 9} The PCA-TT analysis was carried out on k^3 weighted As and Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra over a k-range of 3.0-12.0 Å^{-1} using the same E_0 for all samples (11873 eV for As and 7128 eV for Fe). The PCA analysis revealed that 2-3 spectral components were needed to reproduce the set of soil As EXAFS spectra, whereas 3-4 spectral components were required to reproduce the set of soil Fe EXAFS spectra. The suitability of Fe and As reference spectra for LCF was further assessed by TT using the first 3-4 components calculated with PCA. This assessment is based on the classification of the As and Fe reference spectra using the empirical SPOIL value. 10, 11 Arsenic and Fe EXAFS references (Tables S3 and S4) were classified as excellent (SPOIL 0-1.5), good (SPOIL 1.5-3), fair (SPOIL 3-4.5), acceptable (SPOIL 4.5-6), and unacceptable (SPOIL >6). 11 For the As EXAFS references, TT analysis resulted in SPOIL values (<4.5) for the following As reference compounds: arsenopyrite, As(V)-ferrihydrite, AFA, As-HFO-0.39, and pharmacolite. For the Fe EXAFS references, TT analysis resulted in acceptable SPOIL values for arsenopyrite, ferrihydrite, AFA, As-HFO-0.39, chlorite, siderite, pyrite, goethite, and magnetite. Poor spectra reconstructions with higher SPOIL values (>4.5) were found for all other As and Fe reference spectra.

The Fe K-edge EXAFS of the As-HFO-0.39 sample was extracted using the Autobk algorithm implemented in Athena¹² (k-weight = 3). The frequency cut-off parameter, $R_{\rm bkg}$, was set to 0.85 and E_0 was defined as the maximum of the first XANES derivative (7127.4 eV). The pre-edge region was fitted with a linear function and the post-edge region with a quadratic polynomial. The Fourier transform was calculated over k = 2.0-12.5 Å⁻¹ using a Kaiser-Bessel apodization window with a sill width of 3 Å⁻¹. Shell fits were performed in R-space over $R + \Delta R = 1.0$ -4.0 Å in Artemis¹² (fit k-weight = 3). Theoretical phase-shift and amplitude functions were calculated with FEFF v.8.4 based on the structures of scorodite¹³ and goethite. The passive amplitude reduction factor, S_0^2 , was set to 0.9, and the degeneracies and Debye-Waller parameters, σ^2 , of octahedral multiple scattering paths were defined in terms of the Fe-O shell. The passive amplitude reduction factor is cattering paths

7. LCF analysis

Table S5. Linear combination fitting (LCF) results of Fe EXAFS spectra of selected samples from soil profile P1, including either amorphous ferric arsenate (AFA) or As-HFO-0.39 (an Fe(III)-As(V) coprecipitate with a molar As/Fe ratio of 0.39) as possible Fe reference in the LCF (see box for further explanation).

Depth	Size fraction	AsPyr	Fh	AFA	As-HFO-0.39	Sid	Chl	Sum	NSSR ^a	As in AFA or As-HFO-0.39 (Fe EXAFS)	As in AsPyr (As EXAFS)	As in AFA or As-HFO-0.39 + AsPyr (Fe and As EXAFS)	As in AsPyr (Fe EXAFS)	Explanation:
(cm)			(%)	(normali	zed to sum = 100)		(9	%)		(% of t	total As)		Each sample was fitted three times:
0-10	<2 mm		56			19	25	92	8.4					(i) without AFA and As-HFO-0.39
	<2 mm		41	15		18	26	86	6.2	280	19	299		(ii) with AFA
	<2 mm		37		20	19	24	94	7.1	109	19	128		_ (iii) with As-HFO-0.39
						10	10	0.5	4.5					as possible Fe reference.
	2-50 μm	5	66 50	16		10 10	18 19	96 91	4.6 2.1	131	25	167	42	A11 6". 1 1 1 1
	2-50 μm 2-50 μm	6 5	50 41	16	25	10	19	91 97	2.1	131 79	35 35	167 79	43 39	All fits included arsenopyrite
	2-30 μπ	3	41		25	11	10	91	2.1	19	33	19	39	(AsPyr), ferrihydrite (Fh), siderite
	<2 μm		86				14	82	9.2					(Sid), and chlorite (Chl) as Fe
	<2 μm		54	36			10	89	2.3	98		98		references.
	<2 μm		26	50	61		13	93	1.8	83		83		
	,				**									From the fitted amounts of AFA or
30-40	<2 mm	6	58			12	24	93	7.7					As-HFO-0.39 (Fe EXAFS), the
30 10	<2 mm	6	45	13		12	24	89	6.1	124	50	174	53	theoretical amounts of As present in
	<2 mm	6	41		17	12	24	92	7.0	48	50	98	53	_ these phases were calculated (in % of
														total As) to test the plausibility of the
	2-50 μm	8	81				10	102	4.5					Fe EXAFS fits.
	2-50 μm	9	62	18			11	100	2.5	101	22	123	49	Te Exars his.
	2-50 μm	7	45		36		11	104	2.4	81	22	103	38	To these values, the amounts of As ir
														arsenopyrite determined by As
	<2 μm		86				14	92	4.7					EXAFS were added.
	<2 μm		70	18	20		12	91	1.9	105	20	125		EXALS were added.
	<2 μm		49		38		13	96	1.8	90	20	110		For comparison, the amounts of As in
														arsenopyrite from Fe EXAFS are
70-80	<2 μm		77				23	101	6.2	120	0	146		provided in the last column (only for
	<2 μm <2 μm		59 50	15	26		26 24	88 99	3.7 4.6	138 71	8	146 79		
	<2 μm		30		20		24	99	4.0	/1	8	19		the fits with AFA or As-HFO-0.39).
90-100	2-50 μm	3	78			5	12	83	5.4					-
75 100	2-50 μm	5	60	18		4	14	84	1.5	79	11	90	22	
	2-50 μm	3	37		43	5	12	86	1.9	65	11	76	13	
					-								-	-
	<2 μm		86				14	89	10.9					_
	<2 μm		54	36			10	86	2.3	79	5	84		
	<2 μm		26		61		13	97	1.8	49	5	54		

^aNormalized sum of the squared residuals (NSSR (%) = $100\Sigma(data_i-fit_i)^2/\Sigma(data_i)^2$).

8. Shell-fit analysis of reference sample As-HFO-0.39

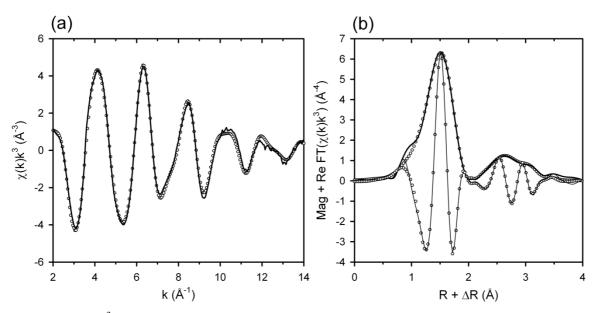


Figure S8. (a) k^3 -weighted Fe K-edge EXAFS of the Fe(III)-As(V) coprecipitate with a molar As/Fe ratio of 0.39 (As-HFO-0.39), as well as (b) magnitude and real part of the Fourier-transformed EXAFS. Experimental data and the fit are shown as solid and dotted line, respectively. Shell-fit parameters are summarized in Table S6.

Table S6. EXAFS parameters determined by shell fitting of the Fe *K*-edge EXAFS spectrum of the As-HFO-0.39 sample.^a

Path	CN ^b	R (Å) ^c	$\sigma^2 (\mathring{A}^2)^d$	ΔE (eV)e	R-Factor ^f	$\text{red}\chi^{2g}$
Fe-O	4.4(2)	1.98(0)	0.008(0)	4.2(5)	0.003	212
Fe-Fe	2.3(8)	3.08(1)	0.019(5)			
Fe-As	0.39	3.32(2)	0.006(2)			
Fe-O-Oh	17.8	3.40(7)	0.015			
Fe-O-Fe-Oi	4.4	3.90(3)	0.015			

^aParameter uncertainties are given in parentheses for the last significant figure. Parameters without error assignment were fixed or constrained in the fit. ^bCoordination number (path degeneracy). ^cMean half path length. ^dDebye-Waller parameter. ^cEnergy-shift parameter. ^fR-factor = $\sum_i (\text{data}_i - \text{fit}_i)^2 / \sum_i \text{data}$. ^gReduced $\chi^2 = n_{idp}/n_{pts} \sum_i ((\text{data}_i - \text{fit}_i)/\epsilon_i)^2 (n_{idp}-n_{var})^{-1}$, where n_{idp} , n_{pts} , and n_{var} are, respectively, the number of independent points in the model fit, the total number of data points, the number of fit variables, and ϵ_i is the uncertainty of the ith data point $(n_{idp}/n_{var} = 20/11)$. ^hCN = 4CN(Fe-O) and $\sigma^2 = 2\sigma^2$ (Fe-O). ⁱCN = CN(Fe-O) and $\sigma^2 = 2\sigma^2$ (Fe-O).

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