

Mössbauer parameters of iron in sulfate minerals

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Abstract

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Although Fe-sulfate minerals occur only rarely on Earth as alteration products of sulfidic

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basalts or in hydrothermal systems, multiple lines of evidence point to the importance of Fe- (and

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other) sulfate minerals on the surface of Mars. One such Martian data set comes from the

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MIMOS II Mössbauer spectrometers on the Mars Exploration Rovers, which acquired hundreds

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of spectra from the martian surface at two locations. Interpretation of those spectra has been

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limited by the lack of a comprehensive set of laboratory analog spectra of the broad range of

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naturally-occurring sulfate minerals. Accordingly, this study reports Mössbauer data of 99

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samples representing 47 different sulfate mineral species, all containing six- or higher-

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coordinated Fe. The resultant Mössbauer parameters are related to the local polyhedral

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environment around the Fe cation in each mineral to explain variations in spectral characteristics.

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Results show that the size of the coordination polyhedron is the best predictor of quadrupole

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splitting, which increases with both octahedral volume and mean bond length. Species within

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groups of structurally-similar minerals are shown to have comparable spectral peaks that

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generally fall within small ranges. Although coordination polyhedron geometry is not necessarily

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unique to any particular mineral species or group, Mössbauer data can be used to help constrain

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mineral identifications from martian spectra. However, the number of mineral species is large

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but the range of crystal structures and hyperfine parameters may be small, so that in many cases,

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individual minerals cannot be uniquely fingerprinted. Examples would include quenstedtite,

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coquimbite, kornelite, and lausenite, which have indistinguishable spectra, as do apjohnite,

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bilinite, dietrichite, and römerite. Overlap of Mössbauer parameters is a particular complication

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for identification of Fe³⁺-rich phases because the range of Mössbauer parameters for Fe³⁺ in any

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coordination number is so small. Previous analyses of martian Mössbauer spectra reported the

59 presence of jarosite (Klingelhöfer et al. 2004; Morris et al., 2004) and an unspecific ferric sulfate
60 (Morris et al. 2008). New data presented here indicate that botryogen, metasideronatrite, and
61 slavikite exhibit Mössbauer spectra similar to those attributed to jarosite at Meridiani Planum.
62 Fibroferrite and rhomboclase have parameters similar to those observed at Arad Samra, and
63 copiapite and parabutlerite could be present at Tyrone Mount Darwin and Berkner Island.
64 Unique mineral identifications are generally not possible from Mössbauer data alone, particularly
65 for paramagnetic phases, although combining Mössbauer results with other datasets enables a
66 greater level of confidence in constraining mineralogy. This study provides a new expansive
67 dataset for future interpretation of iron sulfates on Mars.

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I. INTRODUCTION

70 Iron sulfates, many of which form as alteration products of sulfides, are relatively rare on
71 Earth, particularly as hydrous species. They may form as a result of chemical interaction of
72 acidic groundwater with mafic rocks (basalts) under ambient (and cold) conditions or in
73 hydrothermal systems (Tosca et al. 2004). However, elsewhere in our solar system, sulfur may
74 be a more common and significant element in crustal rocks and thus conditions may be more
75 favorable for the formation of sulfate minerals. This is especially true on Mars, where the low
76 temperatures and pH found in the martian permafrost create ideal conditions for the formation of
77 this group of minerals (Burns 1987), which includes such phases as coquimbite,
78 $\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and amarantite, $\text{FeSO}_4(\text{OH}) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Viking, Mars Pathfinder, Mars
79 Exploration Rover, and remotely sensed data (e.g., Clark et al. 1982, Blaney and McCord 1995,
80 Rieder et al. 2004, Bonello et al. 2004, McAdam et al. 2013, and Yen et al. 2013) have all
81 suggested that sulfur is a relatively abundant element on the surface of Mars, but the mineralogy

82 of the sulfur-rich phases is not well constrained. Lane et al. (2004) suggests that hydrous iron
83 sulfates (HIS) might contribute to the Martian thermal emission, reflectance, and Mössbauer
84 spectra.

85 Before the Mars Science Laboratory landed its CheMin instrument (Blake et al. 2012),
86 the most pivotal tool for in-situ identification of sulfate mineralogy on Mars was the MIMOS II
87 Mössbauer spectrometer, which was part of the payload of both the Spirit and Opportunity
88 rovers. Klingelhöfer et al. (2004) identified jarosite at Meridiani Planum, Mars, based on an
89 isomer shift of 0.37 ± 0.02 mm/s and quadrupole splitting of 1.20 ± 0.02 mm/s. These Mössbauer
90 parameters are the best match with jarosite of all the samples in the Mössbauer Effect Data
91 Center database of published spectra and at that time there were no “reasonable alternatives for
92 jarosite” (Morris et al. 2006). They further noted that the “jarosite” doublet seen in the Mars
93 spectra was a perfect match to those previously reported for jarosite by Leclerc (1980).
94 Moreover, the existence of jarosite and other sulfates had been predicted by Roger Burns in
95 several papers (1986, 1987, 1988, 1993; Burns and Fisher, 1990). For these reasons, the idea of
96 jarosite on Mars became generally accepted, and has been commonly used to constrain phase
97 equilibria and aqueous processes on Mars (Tosca et al. 2004).

98 The exciting discovery of iron sulfate on Mars (Klingelhöfer et al., 2004; Morris et al.
99 2006), along with subsequent discovery of an unspecific ferric sulfate (Morris et al., 2008)
100 illuminated the need for further Mössbauer data on this important class of minerals. At that time,
101 little was known about the Mössbauer parameters that are characteristic of related sulfate
102 minerals. Only a handful of sulfate Mössbauer spectra had been reported in 2004 (mostly those
103 of jarosite), and nearly all were acquired at room temperature, and thus not optimal for matching
104 with ~ 220 K spectra from Mars. In subsequent years, several new studies have sought to

105 characterize sulfate minerals (e.g., Majzlan et al. 2011, Van Alboom et al., 2009, Kovacs et al.
106 2008, Ertl et al. 2008, and Hyde et al., 2011), but most focused only on a few examples of a
107 single mineral group. There remained a need for a robust survey of iron sulfate minerals acquired
108 under consistent conditions, which is fulfilled by the current paper. These new data are expected
109 to lead to new discoveries about iron sulfate minerals on Mars.

110 To address this deficiency, this study reports Mössbauer data of 99 samples representing
111 45 different sulfate mineral species. To put the data in a crystal chemical context, this paper
112 seeks to relate the resultant Mössbauer parameters to both the local polyhedral environment
113 around the Fe cations in these minerals and the overall structural characteristics of each species.
114 The groundwork for these comparisons has been laid by the thorough discussion and
115 classification of sulfate minerals presented by Hawthorne et al. (2000). It seems logical to
116 assume that minerals of the same structure classes will have similar spectral features. Similarly,
117 mineral species that belong to the same hydration sequence might also be assumed to have
118 similar spectra. However, little work has been done to explore or test this hypothesis. This
119 project was designed to look at the big picture and examine general trends in Mössbauer
120 spectroscopy of sulfate minerals at 295K. Mars temperature measurements will be considered in
121 a future paper.

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II. BACKGROUND

124 There are ~370 sulfate mineral species, and structures are known for about 80% of them
125 (Hawthorne et al. 2000). Sulfates are similar to silicates (and phosphates and arsenates) in that
126 the structures are based on a tetrahedral unit, SO_4 , that is analogous to the familiar SiO_4 building
127 blocks of most silicates. However, the charge of the S^{6+} cation is greater than that of Si^{4+} , so the

128 oxygen atoms in the SO_4^{-2} tetrahedra must be linked to satisfy charge balance in a manner that is
129 different from what is observed in SiO_4^{-4} -based silicates.

130 For example, framework silicates such as quartz and feldspar are the most common
131 minerals in the Earth's crust. They are based upon corner-sharing tetrahedra in which charge
132 balance is satisfied by sharing all four corners of SiO_4^{-4} tetrahedra (with substitution of Al for Si
133 accommodated by Na, Ca, and K in the case of feldspars). In the sulfate minerals, the structures
134 are fundamentally different because this type of complete polymerization among solely SO_4^{-2}
135 tetrahedra (or in combination with other tetrahedral oxyanions such as PO_4 , AsO_4 , VO_4 , SiO_4) is
136 unstable (Hawthorne et al. 2000). Another distinction of sulfate minerals is that substitution of
137 other cations for S^{6+} is not as common, though it does occur in gypsum and beudantite ($\text{As}^{5+} \leftrightarrow$
138 S^{6+} ; Lin et al. 2013, Szymanski 1988) vergasvaite ($\text{Mo}^{6+} \leftrightarrow \text{S}^{6+}$; Berlepsch et al. 1999), and
139 hashemite ($\text{Cr}^{6+} \leftrightarrow \text{S}^{6+}$; Duesler and Foord 1986). It is questionable whether $\text{Fe}^{3+} \leftrightarrow \text{S}^{6+}$
140 substitution even occurs because there are (to date) no Mössbauer studies that report tetrahedral
141 Fe^{3+} in a sulfate mineral species. It is thus expected that Fe^{3+} in sulfate minerals will be generally
142 confined to six-coordinated sites, which may also be occupied by Fe^{2+} . However, this study will
143 examine the validity of this assumption.

144 So sulfate structures are commonly composed of SO_4^{-2} tetrahedra bonded with cations in
145 octahedral (the vast majority) or larger coordination polyhedra (Figure 1). Thus tetrahedral Fe^{3+}
146 occupancy (i.e., in S-deficient structures) is highly unlikely. Interpretation of the Mössbauer
147 spectra of these structures is greatly simplified, and is generally a matter of distinguishing
148 between octahedral Fe^{3+} and Fe^{2+} (and rarely dodecahedra, as when Fe^{2+} might substitute into
149 dodecahedral or larger sites in Ca sulfates such as anhydrite). These distinctions are described
150 using the positions of the peaks in doublets of a Mössbauer spectrum using the terms isomer shift

151 (IS, δ , or sometimes center shift) and quadrupole splitting (QS, ΔE_Q , or Δ), expressed in velocity
152 units by convention in this field. Isomer shift is caused by overlap between the nucleus and the *s*-
153 electron charge distributions that causes a shift in the nuclear energy levels in the Fe atom.
154 Isomer shift is most sensitive to oxidation state and less sensitive to distortions in the
155 surrounding site geometry. Isomer shift is measured as the offset of the doublet's centroid from
156 zero velocity, and its value in silicates is generally low (0.25-0.5 mm/s) for octahedral Fe³⁺ and
157 much higher (>1.10 mm/s) for octahedral Fe²⁺. Its error is usually given as ± 0.02 mm/s (Dyar
158 1984, Dyar et al., 2008).

159 Quadrupole splitting results from interactions between the nuclear quadrupole moment
160 and the gradient of the surrounding electric field, which cause the $I = 3/2$ level to split into two
161 sublevels. QS is the separation between the two component peaks. QS is sensitive to both
162 oxidation state and site geometry. As an example, consider Fe²⁺ in perfectly octahedral (6-fold)
163 coordination. The electronic configuration of Fe²⁺, $3d^6$, is in general high spin for minerals, i.e.,
164 $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$. The sixth electron populates the three degenerate (all the same energy) t_{2g} levels equally,
165 so spherical symmetry is maintained and, ignoring lattice terms, there is no quadrupole splitting.
166 However, a distortion of the octahedral environment lifts the degeneracy of the t_{2g} levels, leading
167 to unequal occupancy of the *d* orbitals and a large contribution to Δ from the electronic field. In
168 high-spin Fe³⁺, which has electronic configuration $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$, the *d* orbitals remain equally populated
169 even when the octahedral environment is distorted, and the electronic field remains spherical. Of
170 course, in both cases, asymmetry in the lattice field causes $^{61}\text{Fe}^{2+}$ and $^{61}\text{Fe}^{3+}$ to split the $I = 3/2$
171 level, but in general, Δ for Fe²⁺ (>1.5 mm/s) \gg Δ for Fe³⁺ (<1.3 mm/s). In general, the larger the
172 Δ value, the more distorted the coordination polyhedron surrounding the Fe atom (Burns and

173 Solberg 1990, Dyar et al. 2006a). The error of Δ on fitted spectra is usually given as ± 0.02 mm/s
174 (Dyar 1984, Dyar et al., 2008).

175 Given that the parameters have wide ranges, it may be possible to assign certain ranges of
176 parameters to particular types of bonding environments or coordination polyhedra. Thus this
177 paper presents Mössbauer spectra of well-characterized sulfate minerals and determine
178 characteristic parameters for minerals with different structure types. In many cases, these are the
179 first Mössbauer measurements of $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ratios for these mineral species. The results shed light
180 on stoichiometry and charge-balancing substitutions in these phases as well as the parageneses
181 and redox environments in which these mineral form.

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183 **III. EXPERIMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES**

184 Samples for this project (Table 1) were selected from the collections of the coauthors;
185 others were purchased from collectors or came from E. Cloutis (U. Winnipeg), the National
186 Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian) and the Harvard Mineralogical Museum. Diversity of
187 samples from multiple localities was sought so that compositional variability within each group
188 could be assessed. All samples were kept in dry air in a desiccator when not being analyzed.
189 Samples were first hand-picked to purify them, a step that was critical because many of these
190 phases occur as intergrowths with other minerals. This job was made more difficult by the fact
191 that many sulfates are yellow in color, making it necessary to distinguish coexisting phases on
192 the bases of morphology and subtle color variations. However, it is important to note that in
193 some cases, individual species were mingled with other species at such a small scale that it is
194 unrealistic to expect that pure separates could be created. In such cases, minor contributions in
195 spectra from the impurities would be expected. One of the advantages of the current study is that
196 more than one example of most species was analyzed, and so the diagnostic spectral

197 characteristics that various samples have in common can be identified in spite of the presence of
198 potential impurities.

199 A majority of the separates was then analyzed by XRD to confirm their purity and make
200 unequivocal phase identifications. This task was potentially complicated by the fact that several
201 of these minerals are extremely rare, and thus not represented in XRD databases (e.g., illesite and
202 bilinite). For this reason, it was sometimes necessary in a few instances to make educated
203 guesses about the identity of some minerals, drawing on the fact that many of the samples
204 studied here came from their type localities. Each of these is detailed in the footnotes to Table 1.
205 During the drawn-out collection and culling phase of the samples, various XRD analyses were
206 conducted at Franklin and Marshall College, Smith College, Indiana University, and the
207 University of New Mexico.

208 Samples were then prepared by mixing the sulfates with sucrose, gently mixing them into
209 a homogeneous powder to fill the sample holder for Mössbauer spectroscopy. Then 295K
210 Mössbauer spectra were acquired using a source of 100-40 mCi ⁵⁷Co in Rh, which was used on a
211 WEB Research Co. (now See Co.) model W100 spectrometer. Run times ranged from 12-96
212 hours, and results were calibrated against α -Fe foil.

213 Spectra were fit with Lorentzian doublets using the MEX_FieIDD program acquired from
214 the University of Ghent courtesy of E. De Grave. Isomer shifts (IS, or δ), and quadrupole
215 splittings (QS, or Δ) of the doublets were allowed to vary, and widths (full width at half
216 maximum) of all peaks were coupled to vary in pairs. All major Fe species were represented by

217 well-resolved quadrupole pairs so the fits were straightforward, though it was sometimes
218 necessary to fit small doublets representing impurities (Table 2¹).

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220 **IV. RESULTS: MÖSSBAUER PARAMETERS**

221 Mössbauer parameters for all samples studied at room temperature are given in full in
222 Table 2 and for all doublets with areas greater than 5% of the total peak area in Tables 3-6,
223 where minerals with similar parameters are grouped together to compare and contrast features.
224 Because Fe³⁺ and Fe²⁺ have quite distinct parameters, it is convenient to discuss the results and
225 spectral features separately, beginning with the Fe³⁺-bearing sulfates, which are the most
226 numerous.

227 One of the most striking things about the data set for Fe³⁺ parameters is the consistency
228 of the isomer shift (δ), which ranges from 0.37-0.52 mm/s, but is most commonly in the range
229 from 0.41-0.43 mm/s (Figure 2). Error bars associated with isomer shift are commonly quoted as
230 ± 0.01 -0.05 mm/s, so many of the isomer shift values for Fe³⁺ sulfates are essentially the same.
231 However, as noted at the onset, quadrupole splitting (Δ) varies considerably among the various
232 sulfates studied here. It is thus convenient to group and discuss the Fe³⁺ doublets in sulfates
233 according to quadrupole splitting.

234 **A. Lowest Δ Sulfates**

235 Some of the most unusual Mössbauer spectra found in the sulfates belong to members of
236 the hydration series Fe₂(SO₄)₃·nH₂O, which includes quenstedtite, coquimbite, kornelite, and

¹Deposit item AM-13-xxxx, Table 2 Deposit items are available two ways: For a paper copy contact the Business Office of the Mineralogical Society of America (see inside front cover of recent issue for price information). For an electronic copy visit the MSA web site at <http://www.minsocam.org>, go to The American Mineralogist Contents, find the table of contents for the specific volume/issue wanted, and then click on the deposit link there.

237 lausenite (Table 3). All these minerals have Mössbauer spectra (Figure 3) that closely resemble
238 singlets because of their low quadrupole splitting, which in turn implies that there is only a
239 negligible electric field gradient at the nucleus of the Fe^{3+} cation.

240 In quenstedtite, $\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$, there are two types of clusters: *cis*-
241 $[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ and $[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]$, along with H_2O groups (Thomas et al. 1974;
242 Hawthorne et al. 2000). However, the coordination polyhedra occupied by Fe^{3+} cations in these
243 clusters are still very similar despite the difference between five vs. four O^{2-} anions (Figure 3).
244 Thus the Mössbauer spectrum of quenstedtite consists of two highly-overlapping doublets with
245 very small Δ values, one of which is nearly a singlet. Its parameters are $\delta = 0.47$ and 0.40 mm/s
246 and $\Delta = 0.13$ and 0.24 mm/s.

247 Perhaps the most commonly occurring (on Earth) sulfate species in this group is
248 coquimbite ($\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$). The major feature in four of the samples studied here is again
249 nearly a singlet, with parameters of roughly $\delta = 0.46$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.09$ mm/s. Its structure,
250 along with its polytype paracoquimbite (Fang and Robinson 1970), is composed of isolated
251 clusters of $[\text{Fe}^{3+}_3(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ along with $\{\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$ octahedra and (H_2O) groups. The Fe octahedra
252 are slightly different in geometry. As seen in Figure 3, the Al1 and Fe2 sites are nearly identical,
253 though the Fe1 site is distinct. This implies that there may be two different Fe^{3+} doublets in
254 coquimbite, and this is indeed observed. The doublet with very low Δ just noted is most likely
255 assigned to the $[\text{Fe}^{3+}_3(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ site because that site is most similar to that in quenstedtite. The
256 other group of samples containing coquimbite (SPT131, SPT132, and S63) has spectra
257 dominated by a doublet with larger Δ and will be discussed later. Note that the sample of
258 paracoquimbite studied here is mostly Fe^{2+} but its Fe^{3+} doublet matches one of the doublets in
259 coquimbite ML-S63.

260 When these clusters depolymerize, they form the same chains found in two closely-
261 related hydration states of kornelite and lausenite. Kornelite ($\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$) is composed of
262 spiral chains of $\{\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$ octahedra and SO_4 tetrahedra, cross-linked by additional SO_4
263 tetrahedra. The structure also includes partially-occupied sites between the chains, making
264 kornelite a heptahydrate. Early workers believed that lausenite ($\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$) had the
265 kornelite structure with none of these extra water molecules (Robinson and Fang, 1973), but
266 more recent work by Majzlan et al. (2005) shows that a different arrangement is likely. In
267 lausenite, the chains are tilted to free up one of the H_2O molecules, with bridging oxygens
268 coordinating S^{6+} and Fe^{3+} (Majzlan et al. 2005). Two symmetrically distinct Fe^{3+} sites exist as
269 seen in Figure 3; Fe^{3+} is coordinated either by four O and two H_2O (the Fe1 site) or three O and
270 three H_2O (the Fe2 site). The Mössbauer spectra of kornelite and lausenite are quite similar. In
271 three of the four samples, a doublet with $\delta = 0.48$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.13$ mm/s dominates, quite like
272 those found in coquimbite. The fourth sample, 104175, is mostly Fe^{2+} with a Fe^{3+} doublet with
273 higher δ and Δ , probably due to an impurity. By way of comparison, Huggins and Huffman
274 (1979) reported $\delta = 0.44$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.15$ mm/s for kornelite.

275 Another related structure is that of ungemachite, $\text{K}_3\text{Na}_8[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_6](\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$, which
276 is also based on clusters. Ungemachite belongs to the glaserite crystal structure type, in which an
277 octahedron shares six corners with (SO_4) tetrahedra, forming pinwheels (Moore 1973). The
278 pinwheels are then linked into tetrahedra to form layers. Many sulfate, phosphate, chromate, and
279 silicate minerals are based on this structure, including millosevichite ($\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$), glaserite
280 ($\text{K}_3\text{Na}(\text{SO}_4)_2$), and mikasaite ($\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$). An early paper by DeBenedetti et al. (1961) gave
281 parameters for mikasaite of $\delta = 0.46$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.00$ mm/s, while Nomura et al. (2005)
282 reported values of $\delta = 0.47$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.34$ mm/s. Sgarlata (1985) reported only a singlet at

283 0.44 mm/s for millosevichite ($\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$). These data suggest that the glaserite structure-type
284 minerals will all also have low Δ values. Clearly, more work on a broader range of species would
285 be useful to confirm this trend in the Mössbauer parameters of this structure type, which is
286 largely unexplored.

287 Ferrinatriite, $\text{Na}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_3]$, is formally classified as a chain sulfate, but the
288 linkages between $[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_3]$ octahedral-tetrahedral chains create octahedra that are very
289 similar to the clusters in coquimbite (Hawthorne et al. 2000), as can be seen in Figure 3.
290 Mössbauer parameters of ferrinatriite (Table 3) are also indistinguishable from those of the
291 $\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ hydration series.

292 Voltaite ($\text{K}_2[\text{Fe}^{2+}_5\text{Fe}^{3+}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}(\text{SO}_4)_{12}]\{\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$) and the related Mg-rich species
293 pertlikite (Ertl et al. 2008) have multiple Mössbauer doublets because there are two distinct
294 octahedral sites occupied by Fe^{3+} and Fe^{2+} : 32 M1 and 96 M2 sites per unit cell. Ideally, Fe^{3+}
295 occupies all of the M1 sites and the M2 sites are shared by both valence states of Fe. However,
296 this mineral shows a great deal of variation among the eight samples studied here. Voltaite has
297 one group of large doublets at $\delta = 0.44\text{-}0.54$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.35\text{-}0.40$ mm/s, as well as a second
298 group of smaller doublets at $\delta = 0.10\text{-}0.16$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.47\text{-}0.69$ mm/s. All the samples
299 studied here contained roughly equal distributions of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . Their spectra are similar in
300 appearance to those of Long et al. (1980), but they did not publish δ and Δ for their Fe^{3+}
301 doublets. Hermon et al. (1976) also had trouble resolving contributions from different Fe^{3+}
302 doublets, but concluded that multiple doublets must be present on the basis of increasing
303 linewidth at low temperatures. They suggested that the larger Δ Fe^{3+} doublet corresponds to the
304 M2 site, while the less distorted M1 doublet had a smaller Δ . They also suggest that there may be
305 some divalent cations in the smaller M1 site, even when there are trivalent cations in the larger

306 M2 site. Majzlan et al. (2011) measured three samples, and obtained consistent parameters for
307 two doublets with $\delta = 0.59$ and 1.42 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.26$ and 2.52 - 2.68 mm/s respectively. These
308 do not agree well with current results, but the reason for the discrepancy may lie in the fact that
309 they only modeled two doublets. Majzlan et al. (2013) studied a large suite of synthetic voltaites
310 and found parameters of $\delta = 0.45$ - 0.47 mm/s and $\Delta = 1.29$ - 1.31 mm/s that are closer to those
311 from the current study and previous workers. Support for the fits used in the current study lies in
312 the fact that doublets with the same parameters are also found in rhomboclase, where they are
313 clearly resolved at $>75\%$ of the total spectral area.

314 Rhomboclase, $(\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$, has a structure somewhat related to kornelite,
315 in that it is also a sheet of SO_4 tetrahedra and Fe^{3+}O_6 octahedra. Two-dimensional linkages
316 between adjacent clusters link them into sheets, with hydrogen bonding of interstitial $(\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)^+$
317 dimers (Hawthorne et al. 2000). Mössbauer parameters of $\delta = 0.54$ and $\Delta = 0.59$ mm/s were
318 reported by Majzlan et al. (2011) and all five samples in the current study had those quite similar
319 parameters: ca. $\delta = 0.44$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.51$ - 0.54 mm/s. The Fe site in rhomboclase is apparently
320 quite similar to the Fe1 site in voltaite, as is apparent in Figure 3.

321 **B. Minerals with $\Delta = 0.31$ - 0.81 mm/s**

322 The Mössbauer spectrum of yavapaiite ($\text{K}[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)_2]$) is a single doublet with $\delta = 0.48$
323 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.31$ mm/s (Table 4 and Figure 4a). Those parameters match those reported for
324 three samples by Nomura et al. (2005) almost exactly. Its structure is based upon sheets of SO_4
325 tetrahedra and Fe^{3+}O_6 octahedra that are created by corner sharing of $[\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{SO}_4)\text{O}_2]$ chains
326 (Hawthorne et al. 2000). The same sheet geometry is also found in kröhnkite
327 ($\text{Na}_2[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$), merwinite ($\text{Ca}_3\text{Mg}(\text{SiO}_4)_2$), and brianite ($\text{Na}_2\text{CaMg}(\text{PO}_4)_2$), as well as
328 members of the fairfieldite sub-group of hydrated phosphates, so Fe^{3+} substitution in those

329 structures should result in yavapaiite-like Mössbauer parameters. Krausite, $K[Fe^{3+}(H_2O)_2SO_4]_2$,
330 has a related structure based on infinite double chains like those found in kröhnkite (Graeber et
331 al., 1965); its Mössbauer parameters of $\delta = 0.41$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.41$ mm/s are similar to (though
332 slightly higher than) those of yavapaiite. The Fe octahedra from the crystal structure refinements
333 of these two minerals, as shown in Figure 4a, are slightly different. Note that the Fe site in
334 krausite is slightly more distorted than the Fe site in yavapaiite, which would cause the higher Δ .

335 Goldichite ($KFe^{3+}(SO_4)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$) is a slightly higher hydration state of potassium ferric
336 sulfate, such that the Fe^{3+} coordination polyhedron now has two *trans*-OH. Thus its Mössbauer
337 spectrum is not the same as those of yavapaiite and the other structures based on infinite double
338 chains. Rather, goldichite has two Fe^{3+} doublets with parameters, one with $\delta = 0.19$ mm/s and Δ
339 = 0.61 mm/s as seen in coquimbite, and one with $\delta = 0.48$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.29$ mm/s comparable
340 to yavapaiite and krausite. The structure of kainite ($K_4[Mg_4(H_2O)_{10}(SO_4)_4](H_2O)Cl_4$) is also
341 based on kröhnkite-like chains, and probably has Mössbauer parameters like krausite. All these
342 minerals have quite similar Mössbauer spectra (Figure 4a).

343 Copiapite group minerals share the general formula
344 $[Fe^{3+}_2(OH)(H_2O)_4(SO_4)_3]_2 \{A(H_2O)_6\}(H_2O)_6$, where $A = Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Al, Mg, Cu, Ca,$ and/or Zn
345 (Hawthorne et al., 2000). Their structures are composed of layers of the $\{A(H_2O)_6\}$ octahedra that
346 are linked to layers of $[Fe^{3+}_2(OH)(H_2O)_4(SO_4)_3]$, forming $[M_2(SO_4)_2(O,H_2O)_7]$ clusters that
347 resemble those in phosphates (Hawthorne 1979). Only one sample studied here (168257) had an
348 Fe^{2+} doublet with 51% of the total area, defining it to be copiapite rather than ferricopiapite. All
349 the other copiapite samples in the data set studied here have only Fe^{3+} , and so are really
350 ferricopiapite despite the species names given to them, and the single zincocopiapite sample has
351 identical Mössbauer parameters to those of the ferricopiapites. The ferricopiapites have two

352 distinct distributions of Mössbauer parameters with the same $\delta = 0.42\text{-}0.43$ mm/s but different
353 quadrupole splittings: $\Delta = 0.35\text{-}0.40$ mm/s for one group and $0.77\text{-}0.88$ mm/s for the other. These
354 probably correspond to sites in the two different layers mentioned above but it is unclear at this
355 point which doublet represents which site. Two similar sites were observed in Mössbauer spectra
356 of samples from the Río Tinto basin in Spain by Fernández-Remolar et al. (2005): $\delta = 0.37$ and
357 0.39 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.34$ mm/s and 0.74 mm/s, respectively. Majzlan et al. (2011) also reported
358 copiapite data with parameters of $\delta = 0.53$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.30\text{-}0.38$ and $0.79\text{-}0.80$ mm/s.

359 Halotrichite group minerals share a structure with $[\text{M}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ clusters of M^{2+} and
360 M^{3+} octahedral cations. The two $\{\text{M}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$ octahedra are charge-balanced by the presence of
361 $[\text{M}^{2+}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]$ octahedra, with an additional five H_2O molecules held in place by hydrogen
362 bonding (Hawthorne 1985). Three Fe^{3+} -rich halotrichite group minerals were studied here,
363 apjohnite, bilinite, and dietrichite, and their Mössbauer spectra (Figure 4b) are somewhat similar.
364 The main feature in the apjohnite spectrum is a large doublet with $\delta = 0.43$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.58$
365 mm/s, similar to that of rhomboclase. The bilinite spectrum has a broad doublet at $\delta = 0.49$ mm/s
366 and $\Delta = 0.37$ mm/s, identical to one of the doublets in copiapite. Dietrichite has two doublets
367 with $\delta = 0.42$ and 0.43 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.35$ and 0.79 mm/s.

368 In the very-similar römerite structure, Fe occupies octahedral sites that are parts of an
369 analogous $\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ cluster (Figure 1). As in the halotrichite group, the clusters have a *cis*
370 arrangement of polyhedra (Figure 4b). In addition to the cluster, Fe in römerite is also found in
371 isolated $\{\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$ octahedra. Several different examples of römerite were obtained, and
372 nearly all the samples contain both Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . These minerals should have Fe^{3+} parameters
373 similar to those for the halotrichite minerals, and this is indeed what is observed: $\delta_{\text{Bil}} = 0.49$
374 mm/s and $\Delta_{\text{Bil}} = 0.37$ mm/s, while $\delta_{\text{Röm}} = 0.43\text{-}0.47$ mm/s and $\Delta_{\text{Röm}} = 0.23\text{-}0.55$ mm/s. Huggins

375 and Huffman (1979) found similar parameters for two doublets in r merite of $\delta = 0.38$ and 0.53
376 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.37$ and 0.25 mm/s, respectively, while Majzlan et al. (2011) reported $\delta = 0.52$
377 and 0.59 mm/s, with $\Delta = 0.38$ and 0.17 mm/s (note again that their δ values are slightly high).
378 They also observed the Fe^{2+} doublet with $\delta = 1.38$ and $\Delta = 3.49$ mm/s.

379 Metavoltine ($\text{K}_2\text{Na}_6[\text{Fe}^{3+}_3\text{O}(\text{SO}_4)_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_2\{\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$) is related to r merite
380 because it is also based on isolated clusters, in this case with composition $[\text{Fe}^{3+}_3(\text{SO}_4)_6\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$,
381 and the clusters are linked by hydrogen bonding (Hawthorne 1985). There are three Fe sites: two
382 for Fe^{3+} that occur within the clusters (Fe(1) and Fe(2)), and those in isolated Fe(3) octahedra
383 that the formula suggests should be strictly Fe^{2+} (Giacovazzo et al. 1976). As would be
384 appropriate for the formula given above, the spectra have predominantly Fe^{3+} features. One
385 doublet has $\delta = 0.33$ - 0.44 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.24$ - 0.46 mm/s, a second has parameters of $\delta = 0.38$ -
386 0.42 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.37$ - 0.53 mm/s, and a third has $\delta = 0.43$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.74$ - 0.76 mm/s. All
387 have comparable areas, suggesting that some Fe^{3+} is occupying the Fe sites in the structure
388 equally. Sgarlata (1985) reported parameters of $\delta = 0.43$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.36$ mm/s for Fe^{3+} in
389 metavoltine, similar to those observed for the first doublet.

390 As noted above, there are two different types of sites in coquimbite: isolated clusters of
391 $[\text{Fe}^{3+}_3(\text{SO}_4)_3]$ and $\{\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}$ octahedra. In some samples, only a doublet with very small
392 quadrupole splitting (~ 0.10 mm/s) is observed, and stoichiometry suggests that this must
393 represent Fe^{3+} in both sites. However, several of the samples studied here instead have a doublet
394 with higher Δ that is very similar to the Fe^{3+} doublet in r merite (which also has two distinct
395 octahedral sites), with parameters of $\delta = 0.42$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.44$ - 0.47 mm/s. This higher Δ
396 doublet is found in multiple samples from different parageneses that have been positively
397 identified by XRD, so the existence of an impurity is unlikely. It was also reported by Pankhurst

398 et al. (1986), who gave $\delta = 0.35\text{-}0.36$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.56\text{-}0.60$ mm/s. It is likely that substitution
399 of other cations (such as Mg and Al) may be lowering the symmetry of the site, thus increasing
400 its quadrupole splitting. Both XRD and reflectance spectroscopy (Lane et al. 2013) confirm that
401 all the samples studied contain coquimbite, so the observed variations in site occupancy must be
402 due to formation conditions or other unknown crystal chemical constraints.

403 Taken together with the very low Δ doublets observed in all coquimbite samples studied
404 here, the coquimbite data corroborate the work of Huggins and Huffman (1979), who found
405 doublets with $\delta = 0.51$ and 0.43 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.00$ and 0.26 mm/s, respectively. Fernández-
406 Remolar et al. (2005) could not easily distinguish a doublet assigned to coquimbite and reported
407 slightly high parameters of $\delta = 0.44$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.22$ mm/s. The higher values of Δ from these
408 workers may represent unresolved contributions from a doublet with higher Δ , or they may
409 represent variations in Mössbauer parameters as a function of some unrecognized compositional
410 effect.

411 The isostructural rozenite group minerals (rozenite, $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, starkeyite, ilesite,
412 aplowite, and boyleite) are based on clusters, which might suggest that their Mössbauer
413 parameters should be similar to those of halotrichite, metavoltine, and coquimbite. Each cluster
414 is composed of two tetrahedra each sharing two corners with two octahedra; the resultant
415 formula is $\text{M}_2(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}_8$, where M = Fe, Mg, Mn, Co, and/or Zn. In the sample suite studied here,
416 minerals in this group are dominantly Fe^{2+} -rich and will thus be discussed below in section G;
417 only a few tiny doublets (<2% of the total spectral area) with very scattered parameters are
418 observed for Fe^{3+} in rozenite. However, the Mössbauer spectrum of a low-Fe starkeyite gave
419 parameters like those of römerite, with $\delta = 0.16$ and 0.06 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.64$ and 0.49 mm/s.

420 Ilesite (the Mn equivalent of rozenite) contains only Fe^{3+} , with parameters of $\delta = 0.31$ mm/s and
421 $\Delta = 0.62$ mm/s.

422 Within this group of sulfates based on linked clusters (Figures 3, 4a, 4b), it should be
423 apparent that no mineral species has a diagnostic or truly characteristic Mössbauer spectrum.
424 Due to the similarities in their crystal structures and the resultant effect on the geometries of the
425 Fe coordination polyhedra, none of these mineral species could be uniquely identified on the
426 basis of their Mössbauer spectra alone.

427 **C. Octahedral Corner-Sharing Chain Structures**

428 A large group of sulfates with related structures is represented by a continuum of
429 Mössbauer parameters with Δ ranging from ~ 0.80 - 1.2 mm/s. Their spectra are all quite similar,
430 as seen in Figures 5a and b. This group includes butlerite and parabutlerite, slavikite, fibroferrite,
431 botryogen, sideronatrite, metasideronatrite, metahohmannite, and the alunite group. What do all
432 these minerals have in common?

433 All but alunite have structures composed of infinite chains of SO_4 tetrahedra and
434 $\text{M}(\text{O},\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$ octahedra, as noted by and described in Moore (1970). The chains have a repeat
435 distance of ~ 7 Å (see butlerite in Figure 1). In butlerite and parabutlerite, the tetrahedra alternate
436 along the chain, linking to vertices of the octahedra (Hawthorne et al. 2000). The structure of
437 slavikite is based on open sheets of corner-sharing octahedra and tetrahedra that are similar to
438 fragments of the chains found in butlerite (Hawthorne et al. 2000); the Mössbauer spectra could
439 thus be indistinguishable.

440 Sakai et al. (1981) reported the 300K spectrum of butlerite to have $\delta = 0.42$ mm/s and Δ
441 $= 0.94$ mm/s, and parameters for three samples from this study are an excellent match: $\delta = 0.41$
442 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.95$ - 0.98 mm/s. One of the parabutlerite samples in this study is consistent, with δ

443 = 0.41 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.98$ mm/s, but sample 157716 is not. The latter has three distributions with
444 parameters of $\delta = 0.22, 0.58,$ and 0.34 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.55, 0.54,$ and 1.14 mm/s. X-ray
445 diffraction confirms that this sample is indeed parabutlerite, so these three doublets must
446 represent a different cation ordering than is found in the other samples.

447 Moore (1970) notes the structural similarity of the chains in butlerite to those in the
448 phosphate mineral laueite ($\text{Mn}^{2+}\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and its isotypes. Coincidentally,
449 data on laueite from Monmouth County, New Jersey (Segeler et al., 2012) have a broad doublet
450 corresponding to Fe^{3+} parameters of $\delta = 0.41$ and $\Delta = 0.66$ mm/s for the unresolved contributions
451 of Fe in the M1 ($\text{M}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{PO}_4)_2$) and M3 ($\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2$) sites and $\delta = 0.40$ and $\Delta =$
452 1.29 mm/s for the M2 site ($\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_4$). Several other phosphate minerals such as tancoite,
453 paravauxite, wavellite, eosphorite, and strunzite share this same chain structure, and should also
454 have the same Mössbauer parameters.

455 The slavikite structure (Parafiniuk et al. 2010) is composed of open sheets of corner-
456 sharing octahedra and tetrahedra (Hawthorne et al. 2000) but the fragments are similar to those in
457 the butlerite 7 \AA chain (compare in Figure 5a). Both Mössbauer spectra of slavikites have a
458 doublet at $\delta = 0.36$ mm/s and $\Delta = 1.14$ mm/s like those in butlerite. Sample 140229 also contains
459 Fe^{3+} in copiapite-like sites, with $\delta = 0.22$ and 0.58 mm/s and $\Delta = 0.55$ and 0.54 mm/s, while the
460 second slavikite, VZO122/123, is dominated by a doublet with $\delta = 0.37$ and $\Delta = 0.57$ mm/s.

461 Similar chains are found in fibroferrite, though the linkages are with the *cis*-corners
462 (compare parabutlerite and fibroferrite in Figure 5a) rather than the *trans*-corners of the
463 octahedra in butlerite. This difference must not affect the geometry of the Fe coordination
464 polyhedra very much, because the fibroferrite samples in this study have parameters quite similar
465 to those of slavikite and parabutlerite.

466 The structures of the botryogen group minerals and sideronatrite are also based on 7 Å
467 chains (Hawthorne et al. 2000). It is thus no surprise that Fe³⁺ in these octahedra all give rise to
468 similar Mössbauer parameters, even though they are noticeably different than those from
469 butlerite and related phases just discussed. All the botryogen, sideronatrite, and metasideronatrite
470 spectra are dominated by the same doublet with $\delta = 0.41$ mm/s and $\Delta = 1.14$ - 1.21 mm/s.
471 Botryogen is also related to and in the same Strunz classification group as copiapite; recall from
472 discussion above that copiapite also has a doublet with parameters of $\delta = 0.42$ - 0.43 mm/s and Δ
473 $= 0.77$ - 0.80 mm/s. In addition to the doublets with $\Delta \approx 1.15$ mm/s, other samples of botryogen
474 also have a second doublet in their Mössbauer spectra with an unusually high $\Delta = 1.63$ mm/s.
475 This probably represents Fe³⁺ occupancy in the “branching” octahedra that link to the sides of
476 the 7 Å chains. The botryogen and sideronatrite structures are again based on 7 Å chains, and the
477 Fe coordination polyhedra are nearly identical (compare Figures 5a and 5b).

478 Metahohmannite, hohmannite, and amarantite are all members of the amarantite group,
479 and are intimately related by dehydration (hohmannite in particular is not stable under ambient
480 conditions). Metahohmannite has Mössbauer parameters of $\delta = 0.43$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.94$ mm/s
481 exactly like those found in butlerite, parabutlerite, and fibroferrite. Amarantite, on the other
482 hand, most closely matches botryogen ($\delta = 0.40$ mm/s and $\Delta = 1.19$ mm/s). The difference is that
483 metahohmannite and amarantite include an OH⁻ group substituting for O²⁻ in the structure
484 (Scordari et al., 2004), but both are still based on the aforementioned 7 Å chains.

485 **D. Alunite Group**

486 The alunite group minerals, which include both alunite and jarosite, are composed of
487 $[M^{3+}(\text{OH})_6(\text{SO}_4)_2]$ sheets, where M is most commonly Fe³⁺ and/or Al³⁺; monovalent and divalent
488 cations such as K, Na, or H₃O⁺ lie between the sheets. The Fe atoms occupy octahedra arranged

489 in six-membered, corner-sharing rings as well as three-membered rings (Hawthorne et al. 2000).
490 Mössbauer spectra of alunite group minerals have been studied extensively by numerous workers
491 (Grinkevich et al. 1963, Hryniewicz et al. 1965, Herzenberg et al. 1966, Takano et al. 1968,
492 Afanasev et al. 1974, Johnston 1973; Leclerc 1980, Huggins et al. 1983, Taneja et al. 1984, van
493 der Kraan et al. 1984, Audley et al. 1986, Pax et al. 1988, Gracia et al. 1990, Gancedo et al.
494 1992, Music et al. 1994, Morris et al. 1996, Herbert 1997, Ahmed et al. 1999, 2003, Fajardo et
495 al. 1999, Ristić et al. 2005, Verma et al. 2000, Waanders et al. 2003, Reyes et al. 2003, Ribiero et
496 al., 2003, Eneroth et al. 2004, Rodriguez et al. 2005). Reported parameters range from $\delta = 0.30$ -
497 0.45 mm/s and $\Delta = 1.00$ - 1.22 mm/s, with most Δ values between 1.18 and 1.21 mm/s. The work
498 of Rothstein (2006) and Dyar et al. (2006b) suggests that synthetic compositions across the
499 compositional range of K-Na- H_3O^+ for jarosite have indistinguishable Mössbauer parameters,
500 although there may be a relationship between isomer shift and Fe^{3+}/Al , with $\delta = 0.39$ mm/s for
501 Fe^{3+} end-members and $\delta = 0.37$ mm/s for Al-rich ones. The jarosite spectra are nearly
502 indistinguishable from sideronatrite and match those of botryogen and metasideronatrite very
503 closely even though the structures are not specifically related.

504 **E. Other Ferric-Bearing Sulfates**

505 This study also included two samples of anhydrite and one of celestine. As Ca- and Ba-
506 dominated sulfates, respectively, they do not fall in the same hierarchy as those previously
507 discussed here. The relatively large size of the Ca and Ba cations requires large sites in the
508 structures, which are usually 8-12-coordinated. Anhydrite is based on chains of alternating edge-
509 sharing SO_4 tetrahedra and CaO_6 dodecahedra (Hawthorne et al. 2000) linked by edge and corner
510 sharing between chains (Figure 1). Celestine consists of isolated SO_4 tetrahedra cross-linked by
511 12-coordinated Sr and Ba atoms (Brigatti et al. 1997). Thus these structures would seem unlikely

512 to incorporate Fe³⁺ in their structures, although Fe²⁺ might substitute. However, their Mössbauer
513 spectra are both dominated by Fe³⁺. For sample SPT132, the identification of the impurity as
514 coquimbite by XRD is consistent with the Mössbauer parameters of the largest doublet. XRD of
515 the celestine ML-S13 and anhydrite 159132 showed no impurities, but given the crystal
516 structural constraints, it is unlikely that this Fe³⁺ is not actually in the anhydrite or celestine;
517 rather, it is reasonable to assume that it arises from an impurity of another Fe³⁺ phase. The
518 anhydrite localities studied both include phosphates, so it is also possible that the impurity could
519 be some Fe³⁺ phosphate. The phase assemblage of the Michigan locality of the celestine is
520 unreported. However, celestine from the Moldanubian Zone of the Bohemian Massif in the
521 Czech Republic has been reported with anhydrite, pyrite, pyrrhotite, and chalcopyrite, and
522 parameters in this study are consistent with those possibilities.

523 **F. Ferrous Iron**

524 It is again convenient to group and discuss the Fe²⁺ doublets in sulfates according to
525 quadrupole splitting, which arises from a distribution of surrounding charges with less than cubic
526 symmetry. Some samples in which Fe³⁺ features dominate merit revisiting because of their
527 significant Fe²⁺ contents. The lowest values of Fe²⁺ quadrupole splitting in this study belong to
528 voltaite (Table 3), with doublets at $\delta = 1.15\text{-}1.35$ mm/s and $\Delta = 1.58\text{-}1.82$ mm/s. Multiple
529 doublets are found due to the presence of two M sites in the structure (both octahedral), as noted
530 above in the section on Fe³⁺ in voltaite. The M1 site is coordinated to six O atoms from adjacent
531 SO₄ tetrahedra, and has a slight trigonal distortion. It is the smaller of the two sites, with an
532 average Fe-O distance of 2.004 Å (Mereiter 1972). This site may contain either Fe²⁺ or Fe³⁺,
533 according to the work of Long et al. (1980). The larger of the sites is designated the M2 site
534 (with a multiplicity of three relative to one M1). It is coordinated to FeO₄(H₂O)₂, with Fe-O

535 distances of 2.097 Å and Fe-H₂O distances of 2.075 Å (Mereiter 1972). Because of its size, only
536 Fe²⁺ and larger cations occupy this site. Mössbauer results from this study agree very well with
537 work by Long et al. (1980), who report values of $\delta_{M2} = 1.17\text{-}1.27$ mm/s and $\Delta_{M2} = 1.59\text{-}1.80$
538 mm/s. They also identified a second peak assigned to the ^[M1]Fe²⁺ site as well as a ^[M2]Fe³⁺ peak,
539 but neither one was sufficiently resolved to determine parameters.

540 There is no other closely-related structure to voltaite among the sulfate minerals studied
541 to date, so no similar Mössbauer parameters would be expected except as coincidence. Perhaps
542 other species with frameworks of SO₄ tetrahedra and Fe(H₂O)₆ octahedra, as listed in Table 12 of
543 Hawthorne et al. (2000), might have similar spectra. Small doublets with similar Mössbauer
544 parameters were found in some of other spectra in this work. However, it is likely that these may
545 represent small amounts of voltaite impurities – especially because the impurities occur in
546 mineral species known to coexist with voltaite.

547 As noted in the earlier discussion of Fe³⁺ species, the structure of metavoltine contains
548 isolated {Fe²⁺(H₂O)₆} octahedra in the Fe(3) site; there should be one Fe²⁺ for every ~six Fe³⁺
549 (Giacovazzo et al., 1976). Wet chemical analyses reported by Scordari (1975) suggest that Fe²⁺
550 in three different occurrences of metavoltine are only ~10% of the total Fe, with the balance
551 made up by Cu, Ni, Co, and Zn. Sample G2677 has 81% of the total Fe as Fe²⁺, with doublet
552 parameters of $\delta = 1.27$ mm/s and $\Delta = 3.23$ mm/s. These parameters are consistent with those
553 observed by Sgarlata (1985).

554 None of the sulfates measured to date has *significant* Mössbauer doublets with
555 quadrupole splittings between ~1.9 and 2.7 mm/s (Figure 2). Above 2.70 mm/s, szomolnokite
556 (FeSO₄·H₂O) is the Fe end-member of the six kieserite group minerals, which have butlerite-like
557 chains cross-linked by sharing of corners between adjacent tetrahedra and octahedra. The Fe (and

558 Mg, Mn, Cu, etc.) cations occupy octahedra with four corners shared with SO₄ and two with
559 H₂O. Because they are isostructural, Fe²⁺ in all kieserite group phases (Figure 1) would have the
560 same or similar Mössbauer parameters. The main doublet in szomolnokite (Table 6 and Figure
561 6a) occurs at $\delta = 1.26\text{-}1.31$ mm/s and $\Delta = 2.73\text{-}2.89$ mm/s. Szmikite and gunningite spectra are
562 similar to their szomolnokite relative, with a doublet with $\delta = 1.24\text{-}1.25$ mm/s and $\Delta = 2.59\text{-}2.74$
563 mm/s. These compare well with results of the many workers who have studied szomolnokite,
564 including Van Alboom et al. (2009), Huggins and Huffman (1979), Montano (1981), Stiller et al.
565 (1978), Russell and Montano (1978) and Giester et al. (1994). In general, these studies report
566 Mössbauer parameters of $\delta = 1.18\text{-}1.26$ mm/s and $\Delta = 2.67\text{-}2.71$ mm/s for szomolnokite.

567 Of particular note is the work of Giester et al. (1994), who studied synthetic compositions
568 along FeSO₄·H₂O – CuSO₄·H₂O solid-solution series. They found values for $\delta = 1.24\text{-}1.26$ mm/s
569 for ^[M1]Fe²⁺ and $1.35\text{-}1.25$ mm/s for ^[M2]Fe²⁺, with $\Delta = 2.60\text{-}2.71$ mm/s for ^[M1]Fe²⁺ and $2.89\text{-}2.90$
570 mm/s for ^[M2]Fe²⁺. Their work predicted a site preference of Cu²⁺ for the more distorted M1
571 octahedra, due to the Jahn-Teller effect. Their assignment of the lower Δ doublet to M1 and the
572 higher Δ doublet to M2 was necessary to allow consistent interpretation of their cation ordering
573 results and x-ray results. Although this trend is counter to what would be predicted by theory, it
574 might represent a difference between sulfates and silicates. An alternate interpretation might be
575 that differential recoil-free fractions on the two sites are giving anomalous doublet areas,
576 complicating interpretation of their results.

577 However, those same parameters are also shared by other types of sulfate structures. The
578 four chalcanthite group minerals, chalcanthite, siderotil, pentahydrate, and jokokuite, have solid
579 solution between the species, and are closely related to their dehydration product, rozenite. They
580 have formulas of (Cu,Fe,Mg,Mn)·5H₂O. Mössbauer spectra of chalcanthite ($\delta = 1.30$ mm/s and Δ

581 = 2.88 mm/s), pentahydrate ($\delta = 1.26$ mm/s and $\Delta = 3.00$ mm/s), and jokokuite ($\delta = 1.26$ mm/s
582 and $\Delta = 3.00$ mm/s) as seen in Figure 6b are similar as expected, and reflect Fe²⁺ occupancy of
583 octahedra linked to two SO₄ and four H₂O in corner-sharing chains.

584 Because halotrichite group minerals and römerite share very similar structures, the
585 Mössbauer parameters of their Fe²⁺ doublets should be as similar as they were for Fe³⁺, and this
586 is again observed: $\delta_{\text{Hal}} = 1.28$ mm/s and $\Delta_{\text{Hal}} = 2.76$ mm/s, while $\delta_{\text{Röm}} = 1.26$ -1.34 mm/s and
587 $\Delta_{\text{Röm}} = 2.59$ -2.78 mm/s. The Fe²⁺ doublets in the related species apjohnite and bilinite are
588 slightly higher: $\delta_{\text{Apj}} = 1.27$ mm/s and $\Delta_{\text{Apj}} = 3.31$ mm/s, while $\delta_{\text{Bil}} = 1.06$ mm/s and $\Delta_{\text{Bil}} = 3.69$
589 mm/s (but note that the latter doublet is only 5% of the area in a dominantly-Fe³⁺ sample, so the
590 Fe²⁺ peaks are poorly resolved because they are so small).

591 Römerite also has a small doublet at $\delta = 1.24$ mm/s and $\Delta = 2.38$ mm/s which probably
592 represents Fe²⁺ in the isolated {Fe²⁺(H₂O)₆} octahedra (Figure 1). Work by Huggins and
593 Huffman (1979) found one Fe²⁺ doublet in römerite at $\delta = 1.27$ and $\Delta = 3.27$ mm/s (along with
594 two Fe³⁺ doublets as mentioned in the preceding section), while Sgarlata (1985) observed $\delta =$
595 1.31 mm/s and $\Delta = 3.25$ mm/s for halotrichite.

596 The next higher hydration state above chalcantite is the hexahydrate group of minerals
597 (Mg,Zn,Fe,Co,Ni,Mn)·6H₂O, which is not represented in the currently-studied suite of spectra.
598 Their structures are composed of M(H₂O)₆ octahedra linked by weak hydrogen bonds to SO₄
599 tetrahedra. Their Mössbauer parameters would be predicted to be intermediate between those of
600 chalcantite and the melanterite group minerals, (Fe,Cu,Zn,Co,Mn)·7H₂O, because melanterite
601 has a somewhat similar structure with only slightly higher $\Delta = 3.20$ mm/s (and $\delta = 1.27$ mm/s).

602 The probably-isostructural melanterite group minerals melanterite (Fe²⁺₂SO₄·7H₂O),
603 boothite, zinc-melanterite, bieberite, and mallardite are composed of isolated M(H₂O)₆ octahedra

604 and SO₄ tetrahedra, again linked by hydrogen bonding (Figure 1). This group is also structurally
605 related to the epsomite group, which would be expected to have similar Mössbauer parameters.
606 Melanterite 2070 in this study has parameters of $\delta = 1.27$ mm/s and $\Delta = 3.21$ mm/s, similar to
607 those reported by Cheetham et al. (1981), Grant et al. (1966), Sakai et al. (1981), Montano
608 (1981), Eissa et al. (1994a,b), and Sallam et al. (1994) with a collective range of $\delta = 1.16$ - 1.31
609 mm/s and $\Delta = 3.17$ - 3.24 mm/s.

610 The isostructural rozenite group minerals (rozenite, FeSO₄·4H₂O, starkeyite, ilesite,
611 aplowite, and boyleite) are based on clusters (cf. Anderson et al. 2012), which might suggest that
612 their Mössbauer parameters should be similar to those of the halotrichite group. Each cluster is
613 composed of two tetrahedra each sharing two corners with two octahedra; the resultant formula
614 is M₂(SO₄)₂O₈, where M = Fe, Mg, Mn, Co, and/or Zn. Rozenite SPT130 has parameters of $\delta =$
615 1.27 mm/s and $\Delta = 3.21$ mm/s, comparable to those of the halotrichite group. Because they are
616 isostructural, Fe²⁺ in all species within the rozenite group should have similar Mössbauer
617 parameters. Parameters given in the literature for rozenite are $\delta = 1.23$ - 1.32 mm/s and $\Delta = 3.17$
618 mm/s (Montano 1981).

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620 **VI. Relationships Among Coordination Polyhedra Geometries and Mössbauer Parameters**

621 As noted earlier, Mössbauer parameters are related to the geometries of the individual
622 coordination polyhedra surrounding the Fe cations in each site. In particular, distortion of the
623 octahedral environment may lead to unequal occupancy of the *d* orbitals and a large contribution
624 to Δ from the electronic field. Thus, it should be possible to directly correlate Δ values with the
625 characteristics of the octahedral sites in each mineral studied.

626 For this comparison, single crystal structure refinements (SREF) of sulfate species were
627 collected from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database using data from the same
628 species (though not the exact same samples) studied here. References to the SREF studies
629 employed are given in captions to Figures 3-6. Using those crystal structure data and the
630 CrystalMaker® software package, parameters describing the six-coordinated sites in each of the
631 sulfates studied (except bilinite, for which no refinement has been published) were evaluated. On
632 the basis of the atomic coordinates, calculated mean bond length, mean octahedral quadratic
633 elongation (λ), and angular variance (σ) of each cation site where Fe may reside in these
634 minerals were calculated. The latter two parameters were devised by Robinson et al. (1971) to
635 summarize variations in bond length and bond angle. The quadratic elongation parameter (λ)
636 provides a quantitative measurement of polyhedral distortion that is independent of polyhedral
637 size:

$$638 \quad \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{l_i}{l_0} \right)^2 / n, \quad (1)$$

639 where l_i is the measured bond distance (where $n = 6$ for 6-coordination) and l_0 is the bond
640 distance in a perfect (undistorted, equal volume) octahedron. Angular variance (σ) is calculated
641 using the expression:

$$642 \quad \sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_i - \theta_{\text{avg}})^2 / (n - 1), \quad (2)$$

643 where θ_i is the measured angle in the crystal structure (there are $n = 12$ angles in a six-
644 coordinated site) and θ_{avg} is the bond angle for a perfect octahedron (all angles are 90°). These
645 structural data were compared with Δ values for the samples studied. In cases where there are
646 multiple sites possible for Fe atoms, Mössbauer doublets were assigned on the basis of
647 consistency with related structures and relative distortion. Refinements where the composition

648 was low in Fe were not used, because those site characteristics are more reflective of the other
649 cation than of Fe occupancy. The refinement of apjohnite by Mechetti and Sabelli (1976) was not
650 used because its parameters lay far off the trends of all other samples, suggesting a possible
651 problem with the Crystallographic Interchange File format.

652 Results of these comparisons are shown for Fe³⁺ in Figure 7. The plot of angular variance
653 shows no systematics with Δ , but the other polyhedral parameters show some interesting trends
654 despite the varying quality and sophistication of the structure refinements. There is an increase in
655 quadrupole splitting with octahedral volume and mean bond length. Quadratic elongation
656 decreases slightly with increasing Δ . This observation may seem counter to the assumption that Δ
657 generally increases with distortion, but λ is just one of the possible formulations that could be
658 used to describe that distortion and λ is also insensitive to polyhedral size. No trend is seen for
659 angular variance. Thus it appears that for sulfate minerals, the best predictor of quadrupole
660 splitting (and thus peak location) is the size of the coordination polyhedron in any given mineral
661 species. Comparable plots for Fe²⁺ are not shown because there are only a few data points and
662 they all fall within two small groups of quadrupole splitting.

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664 **V. Implications: Uniqueness of Sulfate Mössbauer Parameters**

665 As noted at the onset, the MIMOS II Mössbauer spectrometers on the Mars Exploration
666 Rovers identified jarosite at the Meridiani Planum landing site based on the presence of a peak
667 with $\Delta = 1.22$ mm/s at $T = 240 \pm 40$ K. Errors on the Mars fit parameters are quoted as ± 0.02
668 mm/s. The same Mars spectra were also fit using the software from the current study (Dyar et al.,
669 2006c), resulting in more variability in peak positions, with $\delta = 0.28-0.41$ and $\Delta = 1.19-1.27$
670 mm/s. The extrapolation of the low and variable temperature to 295K was estimated by

671 Klingelhöfer et al. (2004) to be -0.07 mm/s, though Rothstein (2006) found only a -0.02 mm/s
672 offset in laboratory spectra. In any case, based on the data available to them in 2004, the team
673 assigned that doublet to jarosite, later suggested to be hydronium jarosite (Morris et al. 2007).
674 Results from the current study (blue squares and green circles) are plotted with the Mars data
675 (orange and red circles) in Figure 8, and support the assignment to jarosite but show that many
676 sulfate minerals have parameters close to those of jarosites, as measured under optimal
677 laboratory conditions with state of the art equipment, including botryogen, metasideronatriite,
678 slavikite, etc. A small deviation in peak position of the Mars data could easily result in overlap
679 with many different possible sulfate mineral species. As seen in Figure 9, the Fe polyhedra in
680 these sulfates are strikingly similar, so it is not surprising that the Mössbauer peaks should be so
681 similar as well.

682 At the Gusev Crater site, there are two different features that might be assigned to Fe^{3+}
683 sulfate. The first is a doublet designated Fe3D1, which is assigned by Morris et al. (2008) to a
684 generic Fe^{3+} alteration product nanophase Fe oxide, though Morris et al. (2007) suggest that the
685 higher Δ doublets in that range might be attributed to hydronium jarosite. The parameters of the
686 Fe3D1 doublet do not overlap with those from any of the Fe^{3+} sulfates from this paper, in support
687 of the assignment to nanophase Fe oxides. The second feature noted by Morris et al. (2008) is
688 assigned to an Fe^{3+} sulfate designated as Fe3D2 (Figure 10) that is not specified. On the basis of
689 the current study, optimal candidates for the feature at Arad Samra would be fibroferrite and
690 rhomboclase and likely copiapite or parabutlerite at Tyrone Mount Darwin and Berkner Island
691 (Figure 10). It must be stressed, however, that such assignments presume that the phase in
692 question is one of those studied here, and that it is indeed a sulfate.

693 In making these conclusions, it is important to note the importance of independent
694 corroboration from other techniques, without which Mössbauer results cannot be used to
695 distinguish sulfates from other common Fe³⁺-bearing phases (even sulfides). The current study
696 was focused on hydrous sulfates, and sample selection was biased in that direction. However,
697 there are other sulfate, sulfide, and S-containing minerals that should be considered as candidates
698 for Mars. For example, the related phase schwertmannite (Fe³⁺₁₆O₁₆(OH)₁₂(SO₄)₂) is formally
699 considered to be a hydroxide containing hydroxyl (Dana class 6). Mössbauer spectra of
700 schwertmannite have been extensively studied by many workers, including Bigham et al. (1994),
701 Schwertmann et al. (1995), Bishop and Murad (1996), and Bigham and Murad (1997). Typical
702 parameters are $\delta = 0.37$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.61$ - 0.81 mm/s, which overlap with those of other
703 hydrous Fe³⁺ sulfates discussed above. Mössbauer spectra of sulfide minerals also overlap with
704 several species in this study, including pyrite (Silva et al. 2011: $\delta = 0.27$ - 0.30 and $\Delta = 0.55$ - 0.62
705 mm/s) and sphalerite (unpublished data: $\delta = 0.30$ mm/s and $\Delta = 0.46$ mm/s).

706 For Fe²⁺ sulfates, identification on the basis of Mössbauer spectra is complicated by the
707 potential for overlap with olivine peaks (Lane et al. 2004). The range of measured Mössbauer
708 parameters for Fe²⁺ in synthetic olivines has been well-studied (Sklute et al. 2005; Sklute 2006):
709 $\delta = 1.13$ - 1.17 mm/s and $\Delta = 2.80$ - 3.05 mm/s. Fe²⁺ sulfates (Table 6) have comparable Δ but
710 higher δ values (ca. 1.25 - 1.33 mm/s), allowing olivine to be distinguished from Fe²⁺ sulfates
711 under optimal experimental conditions. When these parameters are converted to peak positions,
712 it is apparent that an error of 0.1 mm/s in velocity would be enough to make sulfates and olivines
713 indistinguishable.

714 This discussion highlights both the strengths and weaknesses of Mössbauer spectroscopy.
715 Highly reproducible spectra can be acquired under a range of conditions and instrument

716 geometries from transmission to backscatter mode, in the laboratory or on the surface of Mars.
717 Species within groups of naturally-occurring minerals have spectral peaks that generally fall
718 within small velocity ranges. Spectral parameters can be qualitatively related to the geometries of
719 the individual Fe coordination polyhedra. In cases where independent constraints on phase
720 identity are available, this capability allows Mössbauer spectroscopy to assist in understanding
721 the distribution of Fe and its valence states among different coexisting phases. On Mars, the
722 MIMOS spectrometers were pressed into service for mineral identification in conjunction with
723 bulk chemical results from the alpha particle x-ray spectrometer instrument and deductions based
724 on phase equilibria of likely martian assemblages. The success of the MER missions owes much
725 to constraints placed on mineral identification by the Mössbauer spectrometers based on
726 comparisons to contemporary databases of spectra.

727 However, for paramagnetic minerals, it must be acknowledged that the range of
728 Mössbauer parameters is small (particularly for Fe³⁺), and many phases have overlapping
729 parameters (Figure 11). For example, Fe²⁺ doublets in orthopyroxene will be unrecognizable
730 from Fe²⁺ in clinopyroxene (Dyar et al. 2013) and analogous to several different Fe³⁺ sulfates
731 (among many other possibilities). Pyroxene, amphibole, and mica (including clay mineral)
732 spectra will be generally indistinguishable because the structures are all so similar. In other
733 words, the number of mineral species is large and the range of hyperfine parameters is small, so
734 that in many cases, phases cannot be uniquely identified. This is particularly true for Fe³⁺-rich
735 phases, because the absolute range of Mössbauer parameters for Fe³⁺ in any coordination number
736 is so small.

737 Evaluating the crystal structures of these minerals provides explanations for the
738 similarities in Mössbauer parameters. Because mineral structures based on varying linkages

739 among tetrahedra are universal (cf. Figure 1), silicate and sulfate (and phosphate, perchlorate,
740 etc.) structures will have much in common. The resultant octahedral sites between those
741 tetrahedra will occur in a variety of geometries, but crystal chemistry shows that many groups
742 will be similar because their structural frameworks are the same. In turn, Fe cations in those
743 similar crystallographic sites will give rise to Mössbauer doublets with comparable parameters,
744 and thus the range of observed Mössbauer parameters is relatively small for most minerals. For
745 this reason, Mössbauer spectroscopy is rarely used in terrestrial labs for mineral identification
746 because so many other more appropriate techniques are widely available (e.g. x-ray diffraction).
747 The true strength of the Mössbauer technique lies in its ability to measure valence states and site
748 occupancies of Fe and identify magnetic phases. This study shows that Mössbauer data can also
749 inform our understanding of the local environment around the Fe polyhedra, and thus provide
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Figure 1. Contrasting structures within the sulfate minerals that combine SO₄ tetrahedra and M(O,OH,OH₂)₆ octahedra in various ways (Hawthorne et al. 2000): melanterite (structure from Peterson et al. 2003) has unconnected groups of SO₄ tetrahedra, römerite (Fanfani et al., 1970) has SO₄ tetrahedra linked to Fe²⁺ octahedra in a *cis* arrangement on adjacent corners, butlerite (Fanfani et al. 1971) has infinite chains, rhomboclase (Mereiter 1974) has infinite sheets, and kieserite (Bregault et al. 1970) has an infinite framework. Anhydrite (Hawthorne and Ferguson 1975) has a structure with SO₄ tetrahedra linked to larger cation sites that can accommodate Ca.

Figure 2. Mössbauer parameters of sulfates measured in this study. The top panel shows peak positions plotted in terms of isomer shift and quadrupole splitting. The bottom panel shows the actual positions of the peaks, which follow a continuum across velocity space.

Figure 3. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates with very small Δ values less than ~ 0.35 mm/s. Data points are plotted with \pm standard deviations but are cropped at the baseline, which is defined to be 100% absorption. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: quenstedtite (Thomas et al. 1974), coquimbite (Fang and Robinson 1970), kornelite (Robinson and Fang 1973), lausenite (Majzlan et al. 2005), ferrinatriite (Scordari 1977), voltaite (Mereiter 1972), and rhomboclase (Mereiter 1974). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, OH in gray, Al in blue, and Fe in orange. Note that XRD suggests that the R6214 ferrinatriite contains minor amounts of coquimbite that cannot be distinguished because the spectra are so similar.

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1159 Figure 4a. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates with Δ values
1160 between \sim 0.31 and 0.74 mm/s. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data
1161 from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: yavapaiite (Graeber and
1162 Rosenzweig 1971), krausite (Graeber et al. 1965), goldichite (Graeber and Rosenzweig 1971),
1163 copiapite, ferricopiapite, and zincocopiapite (Fanfani et al., 1973). Oxygen atoms are shown in
1164 red, OH in gray, and Fe in orange.

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1166 Figure 4b. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates with Δ values
1167 between 0.58 and 0.79 mm/s. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data
1168 from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: apjohnite (Menchetti and Sabelli
1169 1976), dietrichite (Ballirano et al. 2003), metavoltine (Giacovazzo et al. 1976), starkeyite (Baur
1170 1962) and ilesite (Held and Bohaty 2002). No crystal structure is available for bilinite. Oxygen
1171 atoms are shown in red, OH in gray, H in pink, Mg in yellow, Al in blue, and Fe in orange.
1172 Metavoltine G2677 has a römerite impurity (large QS doublet); its Fe³⁺ feature is nearly a
1173 singlet, as also seen in bilinite.

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1175 Figure 5a. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates with Δ values
1176 between \sim 0.80 and 1.12 mm/s. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data
1177 from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: butlerite (Fanfani et al. 1971),
1178 parabutlerite (Borene 1970a), slavikite (Parafiniuk et al. 2010), fibroferrite (Scordari 1981),
1179 botryogen (Süsse 1967), and zincobotryogen (Süsse 1968a). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, OH
1180 in gray, H in pink, Mg in yellow, and Fe in orange.

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1182 Figure 5b. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates with Δ values
1183 between 0.94 and 1.22 mm/s. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data
1184 from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: sideronatrite and metasideronatrite
1185 (Ventrucci et al. 2010; metasideronatrite has the same structural unit topology as sideronatrite;
1186 Scordari and Ventrucci 2009), metahohmannite (Scordari et al., 2004), amarantite (Süsse 1968b),
1187 jarosite (Basciano and Peterson 2007), and plumbojarosite (Szymanski 1988). Note the presence
1188 of a magnetic phase impurity in plumbojarosite. Oxygen atoms are shown in red, H in pink, Mg
1189 in yellow, and Fe in orange.

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1191 Figure 5c. Mössbauer spectra and Fe coordination polyhedra in sulfates without nominal
1192 Fe in their structures. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data from the
1193 American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: anhydrite (Hawthorne and Ferguson 1975)
1194 and celestine (Miyake et al. 1978). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, Ca in blue, and Sr in green.
1195 Neither of these minerals is likely to contain much Fe because of the large size of the
1196 coordination polyhedra as seen here; these are configured to accommodate the Ca^{2+} cation,
1197 which is significantly larger than Fe^{3+} . Thus although the hand sample of SPT132 is mostly
1198 anhydrite, XRD reveals a significant component of coquimbite, which dominates the spectrum of
1199 the mixture because it is so much more Fe-rich. Celestine ML-S13 is pure by XRD, but some Fe-
1200 rich phase is present there, too, at low concentrations. These data cannot discriminate between Fe
1201 in the celestine structure and Fe in an impurity.

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1203 Figure 6a. Mössbauer spectra and Fe²⁺ coordination polyhedra in sulfates with Δ values
1204 larger than 2.70 mm/s. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data from the
1205 American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: szomolnokite, szmikite, gunningite (Wildner
1206 and Giester 1991), chalcantite (Bacon and Titterton 1975), and pentahydrate (Peterson et al.
1207 2006). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, H in pink, Mg in yellow, Cu in purple, and Fe and Zn in
1208 orange.

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1210 Figure 6b. Mössbauer spectra and Fe²⁺ coordination polyhedra in sulfates with highest Δ
1211 values. Polyhedra were created using CrystalMaker® software and data from the American
1212 Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database: halotrichite (Lovas 1986), jokokuite (Carminiti et al.
1213 1982), römerite (Farfani et al. 1970), melanterite (Peterson 2003), rozenite (Baur 1962), and
1214 starkeyite (Baur 1962). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, OH in gray, H in pink, Mg in yellow, Al
1215 in blue, and Fe in orange.

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1217 Figure 7. Quadrupole splitting plotted against various characteristics of the geometry of
1218 the Fe³⁺ coordination polyhedra: octahedral volume, mean octahedral bond length, mean
1219 quadratic elongation, and angular variance. See text for definitions. Purple circles represent
1220 parameters of structures with only one possible Fe cation site. Orange squares are mineral
1221 species in which Fe occupies more than one site; Mössbauer parameters were matched with sites
1222 by inspection. Error bars are ± 0.03 - 0.05 mm/s for quadrupole splitting and highly variable for
1223 the structure refinements, depending on the accuracy of the original measurements. The few
1224 labeled outliers are so far out of range from the majority of the measurements that they may
1225 likely be attributed to problems with the original refinements or their transcription into CIF files.

1226 The parameters for Fe^{2+} sites are not shown because there are too few data points and the
1227 parameters group together in two clumps.

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1229 Figure 8. Mössbauer parameters of several sulfates with very similar peak positions
1230 (close-up of Figure 2). Blue squares represent Fe^{3+} -bearing sulfates from this study, not
1231 including jarosites. Green circles are jarosite data from this study. Circles display parameters and
1232 locations for Mars data from Morris et al. (2006) offset by -0.07 mm/s or -0.02 mm/s to correct
1233 Mars data to room temperature. The error bar for both plots is shown at lower right in upper
1234 panel.

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1236 Figure 9. Comparison of the crystal structures surrounding the Fe^{3+} cations in several
1237 sulfates that have similar Mössbauer spectra (see Figure 8). Red spheres represent O^{2-} , gray are
1238 OH^- , pink are H^+ , and the central gold cations are Fe^{3+} . Note that both slavikite (Fe1 at upper left,
1239 and Fe2 at top center) and metavoltine ($\text{Fe}^{3+}1,2$ at lower left and $\text{Fe}^{2+}3$ at bottom center) have
1240 multiple different Fe sites with slightly differing geometries.

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1242 Figure 10. Mössbauer parameters of several sulfates with very similar peak positions
1243 (close-up of Figure 2). Blue squares represent Fe^{3+} -bearing sulfates from this study. Red
1244 triangles are data from Mars (Morris et al. 2008) using a temperature-correcting offset of -0.07
1245 mm/s. The error bar shown for apjohnite applies to all samples.

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1247 Figure 11. Mössbauer data from this study (blue circles) with data for silicates and oxides
1248 from Burns and Solberg (1990) superimposed. These results highlight the small range of

1249 Mössbauer parameters that occur in minerals, and underscore the non-uniqueness of the
1250 parameters to specific mineral groups.

Table 1. Samples Studied

Dana Number	Mineral species	Locality	Sample Number
28.3.1.2	Celestine	Maybee, Michigan	ML-S13
28.3.2.1	Anhydrite	Lavender Pit, Bisbee, Cochise Co., AZ	159266
28.3.2.1	Anhydrite	Borate, San Bernardino Co., CA	SPT132 ¹
28.4.3.1	Yavapaiite	synthetic sample, courtesy Ferren Forray	ML-S79
29.1.1.1	Rhombochase	Cerre de Pasco, Peru	81268
29.1.1.1	Rhombochase	Alcaparra, Chile	ML-S85
29.1.1.1	Rhombochase	Alcaparra, Chile	ML-S89
29.1.1.1	Rhombochase	Near Cerritos Bay, Alcaparroso, Chile	ML-S84
29.4.4.1	Ferrinatriite	Sierra Gorda, Cahacoles, Chile	R6214
29.4.4.1	Ferrinatriite	Sierra Gorda, Antofagaste, Chile	VZO105/106
29.4.6.1	Metavoltine	Mina Alcaparroso, Calama, Atacama Desert, Chile	G2677
29.4.6.1	Metavoltine	Cetine Mine, Siena, Tuscany, Italy	VZO114 ²
29.5.1.1	Krausite	Sulfur Hole, Mule Canyon, San Bernard, CA	156916 ³
29.5.2.1	Goldichite	Pozzuoli, Solfatara (1969), Italy	123922
29.5.3.2	Amarantite	Los Pintados, Chile	G3775 ⁴
29.6.10.1	Melanterite	Locality unknown; Mount Holyoke College collection; sample labeled as boothite (Cu-melanterite)	2070 ⁴
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Island Mountain, Trinity Co., CA	92942
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Tintic Standard Mine, Dividend, UT	104276
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Cuprian sample, Alma Pyrite mine, Alameda Co., CA	156925
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Lavender Pit, Bisbee, Cochise Co., AZ	159266 ⁵
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Rio Tinto Mine, Huelva, Spain	136685-2
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Joe Bishop Mine, San Juan Co., UT	ML-S103
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Markey Mine, Red Canyon, San Juan Co., UT	ML-S60
29.6.2.2	Szomolnokite	Orovile, Washington	ML-S77
29.6.2.3	Szmikite	Toyoha Mine, Sapporo, Ishikari, Hokkaido, Japan	159189 ⁶
29.6.2.5	Gunningite	Alma Pyrite Mine, Alameda Co., CA	156925
29.6.6.1	Rozenite	Island Mountain, Trinity Co., CA	JB626B
29.6.6.1	Rozenite	Oage Mine, Ominato, Aomori-ken, Honshu, Japan	SPT130
29.6.6.2	Starkeyite	Habachtal, Pinzgau, Salzburg, Austria	137725
29.6.6.2	Starkeyite	Veneables Valley, Basque, British Columbia, Canada	ML-S65
29.6.6.3	Ilesite	McDonnell Mine, Park Co., CO	123277 ⁷
29.6.7.1	Chalcanthite	Smolnik, Eastern Slovakia, Slovak Republic	DD100 green
29.6.7.3	Pentahydrate	2700 Level, Cambell Shaft, Bisbee, AZ	VZO121 ⁸
29.6.7.4	Jokokuite	Locality unknown; Mount Holyoke College collection	G3536 ⁴
29.7.2.1	Römerite	Island Mountain, Trinity Co., CA	93825
29.7.2.1	Römerite	Cerre de Pusco, Peru	113733
29.7.2.1	Römerite	Alcaparroso, Chile	159098-2 ⁹
29.7.2.1	Römerite	near Skauriatissa, Island of Cyprus, Greece	R8415
29.7.2.1	Römerite	Sulphur Hole, near Borate, San Bernardino Co., CA	SPT110
29.7.2.1	Römerite	Alcaparroso, Chile	SPT122/126
29.7.3.2	Halotrichite	The Geysers, Sonoma Co., CA	104135 ¹⁰
29.7.3.2	Halotrichite	Golden Queen Mine, Soledad Mountain, Kern Co., CA	G1616 ⁴
29.7.3.2	Halotrichite	Sulfur Hole Prospect, near Yermo, CA	VZO128
29.7.3.3	Apjohnite	Alum Cave, Sevier Co., TN	121356 ⁴
29.7.3.4	Dietrichite	unknown	G-2429 ⁴
29.7.3.5	Bilinite	Arco, ID	169017 ¹¹
29.8.1.1	Lausenite	United Verde Mine, Jerome, AZ	102923

¹Sample has minor coquimbite impurity. ²Sample has a known Fe²⁺ römerite impurity. ³XRD reports that this sample is geigerite but the locality is consistent with metavoltine. ⁴No XRD; sample too small. ⁵XRD of this sample suggests it is anhydrite but its parameters are an exact match to those of szomolnokite, which may be an impurity in the sample. ⁶XRD suggests this sample is a complex solid solution between kieserite and szimikite. ⁷XRD identification on this sample was spangolite, but ilesite is not correctly represented in the XRD database. Note that this sample comes from the Smithsonian and is from the ilesite type locality. ⁸Minor impurities from pickeringite, starkeyite, botryogen, and boussingaultite. ⁹No XRD on this sample but NMNH identification was römerite. ¹⁰XRD found small copiapite contaminant. ¹¹XRD suggests alunogen and wupatkiite in this sample but bilinite is not represented in XRD database, and so NMNH ID is used here.

Table 1. Samples Studied, continued

Dana Number	Mineral species	Locality	Sample Number
29.8.2.1	Kornelite	Smolnik, Slovenko, Czechoslovakia	95830 ¹
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Borate, Calton Hills, San Bernardino, CA	R7661
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Atacama, Chile	ML-S63
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Dexter #7 Mine, San Rafael Swell, UT	SPT119
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Alcaparrosa, Chile	SPT126
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Borate, San Bernardino Co., CA	SPT131
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Borate, San Bernardino County, CA	SPT132
29.8.3.1	Coquimbite	Helper, Carbon Co., UT	VZO101/102
29.8.5.1	Quensdedtite	Tierra Amarilla, Copiapo, Chile	B8255 ²
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Jerome District, AZ	85679
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Smolnik, eastern Slovakia, Slovak Republic	95830
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	United Verde Mine, Jerome, AZ	115035
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Boron Kern Country, CA	129313
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Boron Kern Country, CA	137958
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Minas Rio Tinto, Huelva, Andalucia, Spain	158795
29.9.1.1	Voltaite	Mina Alcaparrosa, Cerritos Bayos, Calama, Chile	DD104
29.9.1.3	Pertlikite	Madeni, Iran	Mg-Voltaite
30.2.5.1	Jarosite	Sierra Pena Blanca Aldina, Chihuahua, Mexico	132060
30.2.5.1	Jarosite	Sierra Gorda, Chile	SPT113
30.2.5.1	Jarosite	Arabia District, Pershing Co., NV	SPT115
30.2.5.1	Jarosite	Copiapa Jarosite Mine, Dona Ana Co., NM	SPT116
30.2.5.1	Jarosite	Rustler Mine, Tooele Co., UT	SPT120
30.2.5.6	Plumbojarosite	Lomo de Toro Mine, Zimapan, Hidalgo, Mexico	ML-S15
31.8.3.1	Sideronatrite	Chuquicamata, Chile	115164
31.8.3.2	Sideronatrite	Crescent Valley, CA	SPT123 ³
31.8.4.1	Metasideronatrite	Chuquicamata, Antofagasta, Chile	VZO112 ⁴
31.8.4.1	Metasideronatrite	Chuquicamata, Antofagasta, Chile	105774-2 ⁵
31.9.1.1	Butlerite	Locality unknown; Mount Holyoke College collection	639 ²
31.9.1.1	Butlerite	Mina Quetena, Calama, Chile	C5534
31.9.1.1	Butlerite	Borate, Calico Hills, San Bernardino, CA	R7653
31.9.1.1	Butlerite	Riotorto, Tuscany, Italy-Ralph Dietz Collection	ML-S88
31.9.2.1	Parabutlerite	Chuquicamata, Antofagasta, Chile	157716 ²
31.9.2.1	Parabutlerite	Saghand Yazd, Iran	VZO115/116 ²
31.9.5.1	Metahohmannite	Quetena, Antofagasta, Chile	R12495 ⁶
31.9.6.1	Botryogen	Mina Santa Elena, La Alcaparrosa, Argentina	DD112 ²
31.9.6.1	Botryogen	unknown	G3775 ²
31.9.6.1	Botryogen	Redington Mine, Knoxville, Napa Co., CA	SPT124
31.9.6.2	Zincobotryogen	Mina Quetena, Calama, Chile	C5525-3
31.9.12.1	Slavikite	Valachov, Czech Republic	140229
31.9.12.1	Fibroferrite	Skouriatissa, Cyprus	SPT121
31.9.12.1	Fibroferrite	Borate, Calico Hills, San Bernardino, CA	VZO107/108 ³
31.9.12.1	Slavikite/gypsum	unknown	VZO122/123
31.10.5.1	Copiapite	Alma Pyrite Mine, Oakland, Alameda Co., CA	ML-S86
31.10.5.1	Copiapite	Alma Pyrite Mine, Oakland, Alameda Co., CA	SPT117
31.10.5.4	Ferricopiapite	Sulfur Mine, Contrary Creek, Mineral, Louisa Co., VA	168257 ⁷
31.10.5.4	Ferricopiapite	Sierra Gorda, Chile	ML-S35
31.10.5.4	Ferricopiapite	Borate, San Bernardino Co., CA	SPT 109 ⁸
31.10.5.4	Ferricopiapite	Sierra Gorda, Chile	SPT125
31.10.5.4	Ferricopiapite	Alcaparrosa, Chile	SPT133
30.10.5.6	Zincocopiapite	unknown	G-3637 ⁸

¹XRD not available on this sample, so NMNH identification was used. ²XRD not available on this sample. ³Sample has small unidentified impurity. ⁴XRD identified this sample as serpierite + metasideronatrite. ⁵XRD found this sample to be 50% metasideronatrite and ~50% kanemite; the latter is nominally Fe-free. Metasideronatrite is not in the XRD database. ⁶XRD of very small sample showed mixture of unspecified phases. ⁷XRD not available on this sample. ⁸XRD suggests presence of minor metavoltine impurity.

Mineral	Sample ID	Sample #	δ (ISO)	Δ (QUADR)	Γ (WID)	Area (%)	X^2	Normalized X^2
Amarantite	G3775	8102901	0.43	0.35	0.33	8	2744.11	5.36
Amarantite	G3775	8102901	0.44	0.98	0.30	8		
Amarantite	G3775	8102901	0.40	1.19	0.30	54		
Amarantite	G3775	8102901	0.39	1.60	0.30	30		
Anhydrite	159266	05030801	0.14	0.58	0.26	24	364.50	0.71
Anhydrite	159266	05030801	0.44	0.41	0.60	76		
Anhydrite	SPT132	02062101	0.40	0.46	0.47	93	211.03	0.41
Anhydrite	SPT132	02062101	0.38	1.02	0.23	7		
Apjohnite	121356	7012901	0.43	0.58	0.60	70	723.97	1.41
Apjohnite	121356	7012901	0.19	0.75	0.23	12		
Apjohnite	121356	7012901	1.27	3.31	0.27	18		
Bilinite	169017	06100302	0.49	0.37	0.74	71	1400.06	2.73
Bilinite	169017	06100302	0.09	0.79	0.40	17		
Bilinite	169017	06100303	1.37	1.78	0.40	7		
Bilinite	169017	06100304	1.06	3.69	0.23	5		
Botryogen	SPT124	02061601	0.08	0.52	0.24	3	242.15	0.47
Botryogen	SPT124	02061601	0.42	1.18	0.24	49		
Botryogen	SPT124	02061601	0.40	1.63	0.24	43		
Botryogen	SPT124	02061601	1.30	1.74	0.30	4		
Botryogen	G3775	9012001	0.41	0.35	0.29	30	510.40	1.00
Botryogen	G3775	9012001	0.41	0.80	0.30	31		
Botryogen	G3775	9012001	0.37	1.25	0.31	34		
Botryogen	G3775	9012001	1.34	2.58	0.45	5		
Botryogen	DD112	06091501	0.41	1.16	0.30	63	711.48	1.39
Botryogen	DD112	06091501	0.40	1.60	0.23	33		
Botryogen	DD112	06091501	1.28	1.68	0.30	3		
Botryogen	C5525-3	06091201	0.41	1.21	0.25	62	1094.70	2.13
Botryogen	C5525-3	06091201	0.39	1.65	0.23	38		
Butlerite	C5534	06090703	0.41	0.96	0.26	100	931.37	1.79
Butlerite	R7653	06091302	0.41	0.95	0.33	100	2978.78	5.62
Butlerite	639	8101401	0.41	0.98	0.25	100	13411.21	24.92
Fibroferrite	ML-S88	12020303a	0.42	0.99	0.24	19	566.90	1.10
Fibroferrite	ML-S88	12020303a	0.41	0.80	0.51	81		
Celestine	S13	06091801	0.15	0.54	0.23	65	668.30	1.31
Celestine	S13	06091801	0.24	0.87	0.22	35		
Chalcanthite	DD100 green	05031101a	0.10	0.51	0.24	29	335.55	0.66
Chalcanthite	DD100 green	05031101a	0.26	0.76	0.40	30		
Chalcanthite	DD100 green	05031101a	1.26	2.32	0.35	22		
Chalcanthite	DD100 green	05031101a	1.30	2.88	0.35	19		
Chalcopyrite	CHA101	06092302	0.25	-0.01	0.24	68	1205.17	2.35
Chalcopyrite	CHA101	06092302	0.70	0.03	0.23	4		
Chalcopyrite	CHA101	06092302	0.31	0.63	0.33	28		
Copiapite	SPT117	02060701	0.43	0.79	0.23	41	220.06	0.43
Copiapite	SPT117	02060701	0.42	0.35	0.24	43		
Copiapite	SPT117	02060701	0.21	0.34	0.30	6		
Copiapite	SPT117	02060701	0.34	1.00	0.42	10		
Copiapite	G596-1	8101501	0.37	1.18	0.26	100	1007.32	1.93
Copiapite	HSC-128 JB-834	8121001	0.41	0.36	0.38	45	493.05	0.96
Copiapite	HSC-128 JB-834	8121001	0.41	0.73	0.30	44		
Copiapite	HSC-128 JB-834	8121001	1.29	2.13	0.30	39		
Copiapite	HSC-128 JB-834	8121001	1.26	3.00	0.30	8		
Copiapite	MAC-2 JB-835	8120901	0.40	0.38	0.38	60	538.44	1.05
Copiapite	MAC-2 JB-835	8120901	0.40	0.81	0.30	40		
Copiapite	MAC-5 JB-836	8121601	0.42	0.37	0.42	56	498.67	0.97

Copiapite	MAC-5 JB-836	8121601	0.43	0.68	0.26	44		
Copiapite	MAC-7 JB-837	8121201	0.41	0.36	0.35	54	625.65	1.22
Copiapite	MAC-7 JB-837	8121201	0.42	0.80	0.30	46		
Copiapite	MAC-11 JB-838	8121301	0.40	0.36	0.43	51	603.82	1.18
Copiapite	MAC-11 JB-838	8121301	0.42	0.88	0.30	49		
Copiapite	FAC-1 JB-839	8121501	0.41	0.36	0.40	42	832.73	1.62
Copiapite	FAC-1 JB-839	8121501	0.42	0.65	0.30	58		
Copiapite	FAC-3 JB-840	8120801	0.40	0.36	0.32	43	631.70	1.23
Copiapite	FAC-3 JB-840	8120801	0.41	0.70	0.30	57		
Copiapite	FAC-5 JB-841	8121801	0.42	0.37	0.37	44	749.95	1.46
Copiapite	FAC-5 JB-841	8121801	0.43	0.66	0.30	56		
Copiapite	FAC-7 JB842	9011301	0.07	0.45	0.30	7	422.92	0.83
Copiapite	FAC-7 JB842	9011301	0.42	0.37	0.30	98		
Copiapite	FAC-7 JB842	9011301	0.42	0.76	0.30	55		
Copiapite	FAC-10 JB-843	8121701	0.42	0.37	0.41	50	665.77	1.30
Copiapite	FAC-10 JB-843	8121701	0.43	0.65	0.30	50		
Copiapite	ML-S86	12020201c	0.42	0.44	0.37	91	885.65	1.70
Copiapite	ML-S86	12020201c	0.42	0.81	0.03	9		
Coquimbite	VZO101/102	05030501	0.18	0.58	0.24	7	543.98	1.06
Coquimbite	VZO101/102	05030501	0.46	0.10	0.91	93		
Coquimbite	SPT132	02062101	0.18	0.71	0.24	6	214.89	0.42
Coquimbite	SPT132	02062101	0.42	0.47	0.46	94		
Coquimbite	SPT131	02062001	0.19	0.72	0.24	9	218.67	0.43
Coquimbite	SPT131	02062001	0.43	0.44	0.38	91		
Coquimbite	SPT126/127	02061801	0.16	0.66	0.24	5	267.71	0.52
Coquimbite	SPT126/127	02061801	0.45	0.08	0.64	95		
Coquimbite	SPT119	02061101	0.16	0.77	0.24	5	311.17	0.61
Coquimbite	SPT119	02061101	0.47	0.09	0.82	95		
Coquimbite	S63	05030401	0.44	0.25	0.63	86	398.08	0.78
Coquimbite	S63	05030401	0.31	0.58	0.24	7		
Coquimbite	S63	05030401	0.35	1.09	0.24	7		
Coquimbite	R7661	05030601	0.19	0.52	0.24	7	451.29	0.88
Coquimbite	R7661	05030601	0.46	0.11	0.82	93		
Dietrichite	G-2429	7011903	0.43	0.79	0.32	52	562.98	1.10
Dietrichite	G-2429	7011903	0.42	0.35	0.29	44		
Dietrichite	G-2429	7011903	1.28	3.28	0.26	4		
Ferricopiapite	SPT125	02061701	0.42	0.40	0.27	38	257.67	0.50
Ferricopiapite	SPT125	02061701	0.43	0.77	0.23	38		
Ferricopiapite	SPT125	02061701	0.38	1.18	0.24	25		
Ferricopiapite	S35	04030301a	0.43	0.39	0.23	35	388.54	0.76
Ferricopiapite	S35	04030301a	0.43	0.78	0.23	48		
Ferricopiapite	S35	04030301a	0.37	0.52	0.86	16		
Ferricopiapite	168257	08102201	0.42	0.37	0.37	26	1770.19	3.45
Ferricopiapite	168257	08102201	1.25	2.71	0.30	51		
Ferricopiapite	168257	08102201	0.43	0.78	0.30	17		
Ferricopiapite	168257	08102201	1.25	1.78	0.50	6		
Ferricopiapite	SPT 109	2052501	0.42	0.36	0.25	38	250.98	0.49
Ferricopiapite	SPT 109	2052501	0.42	0.74	0.33	62		
Ferricopiapite	SPT133	02062201	0.43	0.76	0.23	33	193.75	0.38
Ferricopiapite	SPT133	02062201	0.42	0.40	0.28	40		
Ferricopiapite	SPT133	02062201	0.38	0.53	0.55	27		
Ferrinatriite	VZO105/106	06090801	0.44	0.40	0.42	88	1387.87	2.69
Ferrinatriite	VZO105/106	06090801	0.40	1.13	0.24	12		
Ferrinatriite	R6214	06090802	0.47	0.05	0.57	100	1998.28	3.78
Fibroferrite	SPT121	02061301	0.41	0.52	0.23	37	218.07	0.42

Fibroferrite	SPT121	02061301	0.42	0.96	0.23	63		
Fibroferrite	VZO107/108	06091301	0.41	0.50	0.25	100	1098.34	2.12
Fibroferrite	R7653	6091302	0.41	0.96	0.30	100	2514.68	4.73
Goldichite	123922	7011901	0.19	0.61	0.42	29	547.98	1.07
Goldichite	123922	7011901	0.48	0.29	0.37	71		
Gunningite	156925	7012401	0.26	0.40	0.50	32	577.10	1.13
Gunningite	156925	7012401	0.37	1.26	0.23	10		
Gunningite	156925	7012401	1.25	2.74	0.29	58		
Halotrichite	VZO128	05032101a	0.13	0.49	0.24	10	322.99	0.63
Halotrichite	VZO128	05032101a	0.36	0.31	0.43	14		
Halotrichite	VZO128	05032101a	1.45	1.56	0.56	13		
Halotrichite	VZO128	05032101a	1.28	2.76	0.26	43		
Halotrichite	VZO128	05032101a	1.30	3.29	0.24	20		
Halotrichite	104135 30mg	06090902	0.42	0.37	0.34	44	703.36	1.37
Halotrichite	104135 30mg	06090902	0.42	0.81	0.30	31		
Halotrichite	104135 30mg	06090902	1.25	2.69	0.48	16		
Halotrichite	104135 30mg	06090902	1.26	3.29	0.23	9		
Halotrichite	104135 28mg	06091603	0.42	0.40	0.35	46	510.11	1.00
Halotrichite	104135 28mg	06091603	0.43	0.80	0.25	28		
Halotrichite	104135 28mg	06091603	1.36	1.68	0.54	4		
Halotrichite	104135 28mg	06091603	1.24	2.66	0.30	8		
Halotrichite	104135 28mg	06091603	1.27	3.27	0.30	13		
Halotrichite	G1616	08081201	1.27	3.29	0.24	92	648.53	1.27
Halotrichite	G1616	08081201	0.30	0.35	0.30	3		
Halotrichite	G1616	08081201	0.36	1.25	0.29	5		
Ilesite	123277	06091601a	0.31	0.62	0.27	97	666.89	1.30
Ilesite	123277	06091601a	0.55	0.94	0.30	32		
Jarosite	132060	03010802	0.38	1.30	0.29	100	414.88	0.77
Jarosite	SPT113	02060101	0.38	1.18	0.23	100	299.97	0.58
Jarosite	SPT116	02060501	0.38	1.23	0.23	100	834.35	1.54
Jarosite	SPT115	02060301	0.38	1.29	0.23	100	659.61	1.24
Jarosite	SPT120	02061201	0.38	1.14	0.23	44	198.89	0.39
Jarosite	SPT120	02061201	0.37	0.70	0.28	56		
Jokokuite	G3536	8090801	1.13	2.63	0.30	6	1260.00	2.46
Jokokuite	G3536	8090801	1.26	2.51	0.30	65		
Jokokuite	G3536	8090801	0.15	0.56	0.39	26		
Jokokuite	G3536	8090801	0.40	0.74	0.30	4		
Kornelite	95830	05022401a	0.51	0.15	0.27	44	437.13	0.85
Kornelite	95830	05022401a	0.40	1.13	0.30	7		
Kornelite	95830	05022401a	1.20	1.60	0.39	34		
Kornelite	95830	05022401a	1.14	2.08	0.24	15		
Kornelite	140175	06082501	0.39	0.71	0.57	16	634.58	1.24
Kornelite	140175	06082501	1.27	3.26	0.24	84		
Kornelite	R16185	06082404	0.44	0.11	0.47	100	1555.82	2.98
Krausite	156916	06090901	0.41	0.41	0.30	100	1398.18	2.73
Lausenite	102923	06091602	0.47	0.12	0.71	89	828.08	1.60
Lausenite	102923	06091602	1.03	2.53	0.30	2		
Lausenite	102923	06091602	1.25	2.63	0.30	6		
Lausenite	102923	06091602	1.31	3.23	0.30	3		
Melanterite	2070	06092901	1.27	3.21	0.27	100	1797.71	3.50
Melanterite	136727	5030101	0.50	0.63	0.45	5	330.00	0.65
Melanterite	136727	5030101	1.25	2.83	0.40	50		
Melanterite	136727	5030101	1.28	3.28	0.26	21		
Melanterite	136727	5030101	1.27	3.66	0.32	19		
Melanterite	136727	5030101	0.18	0.43	0.24	5		

Metahohmannite	R12495	06100701	0.43	0.94	0.33	100	2349.52	4.44
Metasideronatrite	105774-2	12020301a	0.35	1.20	0.30	43	1325.87	2.45
Metasideronatrite	105774-2	12020301a	0.44	1.18	0.30	57		
Metasideronatrite	VZO112	12020302e	0.42	1.17	0.31	48	633.48	1.23
Metasideronatrite	VZO112	12020302e	0.38	1.18	0.28	52		
Metavoltine	VZO114	06100101a	0.43	0.35	0.42	53	727.15	1.42
Metavoltine	VZO114	06100101a	0.40	1.04	0.29	36		
Metavoltine	VZO114	06100101a	1.16	2.01	0.64	11		
Metavoltine	G2677	8081202	1.27	3.23	0.26	81	853.09	1.67
Metavoltine	G2677	8081202	0.44	0.24	0.61	19		
Metavoltine	SPT109	02052501	0.43	0.74	0.23	43	223.57	0.44
Metavoltine	SPT109	02052501	0.42	0.37	0.24	38		
Metavoltine	SPT109	02052501	0.33	0.46	0.68	19		
Parabutlerite	VZO115/116	06090903	0.41	0.98	0.27	100	926.09	1.77
Parabutlerite	157716	06091102	0.37	1.20	0.22	12	861.13	1.69
Parabutlerite	157716	06091102	0.42	0.40	0.27	38		
Parabutlerite	157716	06091102	0.42	0.75	0.33	50		
Pentahydrate	VZO121	06090803	0.58	0.41	0.50	6	1038.91	2.03
Pentahydrate	VZO121	06090803	1.26	3.00	0.28	54		
Pentahydrate	VZO121	06090803	1.27	3.68	0.25	39		
Plumbojarosite	S15	06100401	0.29	0.70	0.30	12	31575.98	62.20
Plumbojarosite	S15	06100401	0.76	1.22	0.30	9		
Plumbojarosite	S15	06100401	0.37	1.22	0.36	79		
Quensdedtite	B8255	06112104	0.40	0.24	0.92	65	770.95	1.51
Quensdedtite	B8255	06112104	0.47	0.13	0.25	35		
Rhombochase	ML-S84	07011702	0.54	0.43	0.37	23	685.24	1.33
Rhombochase	ML-S84	07011702	0.43	0.53	0.24	77		
Rhombochase	ML-S85	12020304h	0.44	0.52	0.24	97	558.71	1.08
Rhombochase	ML-S85	12020304h	0.34	1.14	0.24	3		
Rhombochase	ML-S89	12020602h	0.44	0.51	0.25	97	592.44	1.15
Rhombochase	ML-S89	12020602h	0.29	0.80	0.24	3		
Rhombochase	81268	12020603n	0.44	0.54	0.28	95	671.46	1.31
Rhombochase	81268	12020603n	1.68	1.91	0.23	5		
Romerite	SPT110	02052901a	0.44	0.48	0.30	14	263.58	0.51
Romerite	SPT110	02052901a	0.31	0.61	0.24	36		
Romerite	SPT110	02052901a	1.27	2.72	0.24	50		
Romerite	SPT110	04070902a	0.43	0.55	0.37	23	494.66	0.96
Romerite	SPT110	04070902a	0.29	0.61	0.24	30		
Romerite	SPT110	04070902a	1.23	2.87	0.24	12		
Romerite	SPT110	04070902a	1.28	3.01	0.27	35		
Romerite	SPT122/126	02061401a	1.39	2.09	0.64	23	176.06	0.34
Romerite	SPT122/126	02061401a	1.27	2.74	0.24	44		
Romerite	SPT122/126	02061401a	1.27	3.27	0.24	7		
Romerite	SPT122/126	02061401a	0.32	0.45	0.64	26		
Romerite	113733	05022701	0.39	0.39	0.24	2	419.22	0.82
Romerite	113733	05022701	0.17	0.61	0.24	6		
Romerite	113733	05022701	0.44	0.37	0.62	69		
Romerite	113733	05022701	1.27	3.28	0.27	23		
Romerite	159098-2	05022801	0.15	0.64	0.24	7	721.89	1.40
Romerite	159098-2	05022801	0.46	0.36	0.59	49		
Romerite	159098-2	05022801	1.26	2.73	0.27	27		
Romerite	159098-2	05022801	1.26	3.30	0.27	18		
Romerite	C5602-1	05031801	0.15	0.58	0.24	7	10972.30	20.69
Romerite	C5602-1	05031801	0.45	0.33	0.55	50		
Romerite	C5602-1	05031801	1.27	3.30	0.27	11		

Romerite	C5602-1	05031801	1.28	2.76	0.29	32		
Romerite	93825	05031901	0.16	0.60	0.24	5	561.76	1.09
Romerite	93825	05031901	0.44	0.33	0.60	55		
Romerite	93825	05031901	1.29	3.31	0.24	15		
Romerite	93825	05031901	1.29	2.78	0.32	25		
Romerite	R8415	05032001	0.36	0.37	0.30	7	1120.00	2.18
Romerite	R8415	05032001	0.17	0.56	0.26	12		
Romerite	R8415	05032001	0.47	0.36	0.63	56		
Romerite	R8415	05032001	1.34	2.59	0.24	2		
Romerite	R8415	05032001	1.29	3.29	0.27	23		
Romerite	G2677	8081101	1.27	3.26	0.30	43	2687.16	5.22
Romerite	G2677	8081101	0.33	0.44	0.30	6		
Romerite	G2677	8081101	0.46	0.23	0.61	50		
Rozenite	JB626B	04061901a	0.13	0.56	0.24	2	1319.01	2.49
Rozenite	JB626B	04061901a	0.45	0.47	0.24	2		
Rozenite	JB626B	04061901a	0.38	1.06	0.24	2		
Rozenite	JB626B	04061901a	1.33	2.97	0.34	59		
Rozenite	JB626B	04061901a	1.33	3.39	0.25	34		
Rozenite	SPT130	02061901	0.39	0.95	0.35	8	298.06	0.58
Rozenite	SPT130	02061901	1.27	3.21	0.25	92		
Rozenite	SPT130	04040603	1.27	3.33	0.25	91	316.01	0.62
Rozenite	SPT130	04040603	0.20	0.48	0.31	4		
Rozenite	SPT130	04040603	0.37	1.15	0.30	5		
Sideronatrite	SPT123	02061501	0.42	1.15	0.23	100	1212.65	2.31
Sideronatrite	115164	8092201	0.41	1.15	0.25	100	3357.48	6.41
Sideronatrite	SPT126	8091701	0.41	1.14	0.25	100	3789.26	7.03
Slavikite	VZO122/123	06091303	0.38	1.15	0.36	24	782.22	1.53
Slavikite	VZO122/123	06091303	0.37	0.57	0.28	76		
Slavikite	140229	06091401	0.27	0.63	0.25	34	687.85	1.35
Slavikite	140229	06091401	0.38	1.23	0.27	27		
Slavikite	140229	06091401	0.55	0.52	0.24	39		
Sphalerite	R164122-1	06092402	0.30	0.46	0.28	90	1308.95	2.55
Sphalerite	R164122-1	06092402	1.29	2.66	0.24	10		
Stock Ferric Sulfate	MHC2046	06092802	0.45	0.26	0.34	96	702.11	1.37
Stock Ferric Sulfate	MHC2046	06092802	1.57	2.68	0.46	4		
Starkeyite	S65	06091101	0.06	0.49	0.25	39	593.69	1.16
Starkeyite	S65	06091101	0.16	0.64	0.27	61		
Starkeyite	137725	08081501	0.00	0.57	0.54	9	1791.84	3.45
Starkeyite	137725	08081502	1.14	2.65	0.23	91		
Szmikite	159189	7012201	0.52	0.93	0.48	18	7249.38	14.18
Szmikite	159189	7012201	1.24	2.59	0.39	82		
Szomolnokite	156925	05022101	0.11	0.62	0.24	70	882.71	1.72
Szomolnokite	156925	05022101	0.23	0.84	0.24	16		
Szomolnokite	156925	05022101	0.40	1.11	0.24	14		
Szomolnokite	S77	9011401	1.26	2.73	0.27	94	1164.17	2.23
Szomolnokite	S77	9011401	0.42	0.44	0.30	2		
Szomolnokite	S77	9011401	0.39	1.02	0.30	4		
Szomolnokite	92942	05030201a	0.60	0.61	0.45	4	2172.27	4.11
Szomolnokite	92942	05030201a	1.26	2.73	0.34	96		
Szomolnokite	136685-2	05030901a	0.23	0.69	0.24	12	1153.53	2.22
Szomolnokite	136685-2	05030901a	0.55	0.38	0.44	6		
Szomolnokite	136685-2	05030901a	1.29	2.74	0.26	82		
Szomolnokite	104276	05031401a	1.28	2.76	0.27	100	7785.66	14.58
Szomolnokite	S60	04041902a	1.31	2.89	0.24	57	1475.92	2.83
Szomolnokite	S60	04041902a	1.31	3.42	0.45	31		

Szomolnokite	S60	04041902a	0.23	0.76	0.24	5		
Szomolnokite	S60	04041902a	0.50	0.36	0.47	4		
Szomolnokite	S60	04041902a	0.55	0.85	0.24	2		
Szomolnokite	159098	05030701	0.49	0.18	0.51	12	400.56	0.78
Szomolnokite	159098	05030701	1.24	2.78	0.24	43		
Szomolnokite	159098	05030701	1.31	2.69	0.30	42		
Szomolnokite	159098	05030701	1.12	3.12	0.54	3		
Szomolnokite	159266	5030801	0.46	0.36	0.64	72	343.36	0.67
Szomolnokite	159266	5030801	0.14	0.56	0.30	28		
Szomolnokite	ML-S103	12020604g	0.43	0.42	0.48	7	741.82	1.44
Szomolnokite	ML-S103	12020604g	1.27	2.74	0.26	93		
Voltaite	DD104	05031501	1.35	1.82	0.30	43	726.16	1.41
Voltaite	DD104	05031501	1.42	2.28	0.30	8		
Voltaite	DD104	05031501	0.46	0.40	0.43	36		
Voltaite	DD104	05031501	0.13	0.47	0.25	13		
Voltaite	158795	05022201	1.20	1.58	0.36	24	381.48	0.75
Voltaite	158795	05022201	1.34	1.62	0.23	23		
Voltaite	158795	05022201	0.47	0.37	0.46	45		
Voltaite	158795	05022201	0.14	0.61	0.30	7		
Voltaite	137958	05022301	1.22	1.60	0.30	17	817.41	1.58
Voltaite	137958	05022301	1.33	1.77	0.24	29		
Voltaite	137958	05022301	1.26	2.83	0.24	21		
Voltaite	137958	05022301	0.46	0.37	0.44	34		
Voltaite	129313	04071501	1.26	1.79	0.29	58	706.18	1.37
Voltaite	129313	04071501	0.43	0.35	0.38	35		
Voltaite	129313	04071501	0.10	0.54	0.24	7		
Voltaite	115035	05022601	1.34	1.62	0.33	26	369.00	0.72
Voltaite	115035	05022601	1.20	1.63	0.29	16		
Voltaite	115035	05022601	0.47	0.38	0.51	48		
Voltaite	115035	05022601	0.11	0.59	0.30	10		
Voltaite	85679	04071601	1.30	1.79	0.33	32	713.05	1.39
Voltaite	85679	04071601	1.19	1.75	0.24	19		
Voltaite	85679	04071601	0.43	0.36	0.44	40		
Voltaite	85679	04071601	0.16	0.69	0.30	9		
Voltaite	95830	05022401	1.09	2.46	0.24	7	648.43	1.26
Voltaite	95830	05022401	1.15	1.69	0.34	23		
Voltaite	95830	05022401	1.31	1.63	0.25	15		
Voltaite	95830	05022401	0.54	0.38	0.46	43		
Voltaite	95830	05022401	0.34	0.37	0.24	12		
Yavapaiite	MDL-579	05010801	0.48	0.31	0.29	100	3041.68	5.82
Zincobotryogen	C5525-3	06091201	0.41	1.21	0.25	57	1121.79	2.18
Zincobotryogen	C5525-3	06091201	0.39	1.65	0.25	43		
Zincocopiapite	G-3637	07012902	0.07	0.45	0.25	7	519.39	1.02
Zincocopiapite	G-3637	07012902	0.43	0.38	0.29	42		
Zincocopiapite	G-3637	07012902	0.43	0.88	0.28	50		

Table 3. Mössbauer Parameters of Low Δ Sulfates Containing Dominantly Fe^{3+}

Mineral	Fig.	Sample	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area
Quenstedtite	3	B8255				0.47	0.13	35	0.40	0.24	65									
Coquimbite		VZO101/102	0.18	0.58	7	0.46	0.10	93												
		SPT132	0.18	0.71	6				0.42	0.47	94									
		SPT131	0.19	0.72	9				0.43	0.44	91									
	3	SPT126/127	0.16	0.66	5	0.45	0.08	95												
		SPT119	0.16	0.77	5	0.47	0.09	95												
		ML-S63				0.44	0.25	86	0.35	1.09	7	0.31	0.58	7						
		R7661	0.19	0.52	7	0.46	0.11	93												
Kornelite	3	R16185				0.44	0.11	100												
Lausenite	3	I02923				0.47	0.12	89							1.25	2.63	6			
Ferrinatriite		VZO105/106 ¹							0.44	0.40	88	0.40	1.13	12						
	3	R6214 ²				0.47	0.05	100												
Voltaite		DD104	0.13	0.47	13				0.46	0.40	36				1.35	1.82	43	1.42	2.28	8
		137958							0.46	0.37	34				1.22	1.60	17	1.33	1.77	29
		158795	0.14	0.61	7				0.47	0.37	45				1.20	1.58	24	1.34	1.62	23
	3	129313	0.10	0.54	7				0.43	0.35	35				1.26	1.79	58			
		115035	0.11	0.59	10				0.47	0.38	48				1.34	1.62	26	1.20	1.63	16
		85679	0.16	0.69	9				0.43	0.36	40				1.30	1.79	32	1.19	1.75	19
		95830 [†]				0.34	0.37	12	0.54	0.38	43				1.15	1.69	23	1.31	1.63	15
																		1.09	2.46	7
Pertlikite	†	pertlikite							0.42	0.36	72				1.30	1.70	13	1.18	1.65	12
Rhomboclase		ML-S84				0.54	0.43	23	0.43	0.53	77									
		ML-S85							0.44	0.52	97									
	3	ML-S89							0.44	0.51	97									
		81268							0.44	0.54	95									

Values for δ and Δ are given in mm/s and areas are given as percentage of the total spectra area. Errors bars are ± 0.02 mm/s for δ and Δ and $\pm 1-5\%$ on doublet areas.

*Doublets with peak areas $< 5\%$ of the total area are not included in this table. Their parameters, peak widths and goodness of fit parameters for all spectra are given in Table 2, in supplementary materials.

†Spectrum of this sample was published in Ertl et al. (2012).

¹ Sample also contains minor metavoltine. ²Sample also contains a coquimbite impurity.

Table 4. Mössbauer Parameters of Predominantly Fe³⁺ Sulfate Minerals with Δ of 0.31-0.81 mm/s*

Mineral	Fig.	Sample	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area			
Yavapaiite	4a	ML-579				0.48	0.31	100																		
Krausite	4a	156916				0.41	0.41	100																		
Goldichite	4a	123922	0.19	0.61	29	0.48	0.29	71																		
Copiapite	4a	SPT117	0.21	0.34	6	0.42	0.35	43				0.43	0.79	41	0.34	1.00	10									
		G596-1													0.37	1.18	100									
Ferriccopiapite		SPT125				0.42	0.40	38				0.43	0.77	38	0.38	1.18	25									
		ML-S35				0.43	0.39	35	0.37	0.52	16	0.43	0.78	48												
		168257				0.42	0.37	26				0.43	0.78	17				1.25	2.71	51						
	4a	SPT 109				0.42	0.36	38				0.42	0.74	62												
		SPT133				0.42	0.40	40	0.38	0.53	27	0.43	0.76	33												
Zincocopiapite	4a	G-3637	0.07	0.45	7	0.43	0.38	42				0.43	0.88	50												
Apjohnite	4b	121356	0.19	0.75	12	0.43	0.58	70														1.27	3.31	18		
Bilinite	4b	169017	0.09	0.79	17	0.49	0.37	71										1.37	1.78	7	1.06	3.69	5			
Dietrichite	4b	G-2429				0.42	0.35	44	0.43	0.79	52															
Römerite		SPT110				0.43	0.55	23	0.29	0.61	30										1.23	2.87	12	1.28	3.01	35
		SPT122/126													1.39	2.09	23**	1.27	2.74	44	1.27	3.27	7			
	6b	113733	0.17	0.61	6	0.44	0.37	69	0.39	0.39	2											1.27	3.28	23		
		159098-2	0.15	0.64	7	0.46	0.36	49										1.26	2.73	27	1.26	3.30	18			
		C5602-1	0.15	0.58	7	0.45	0.33	50										1.28	2.76	32	1.27	3.30	11			
		93825	0.16	0.60	5	0.44	0.33	55										1.29	2.78	25	1.29	3.31	15			
		R8415	0.17	0.56	12	0.47	0.36	56	0.36	0.37	7							1.34	2.59	2	1.29	3.29	23			
Metavoltine		VZO114				0.43	0.35	53							0.40	1.04	36									
															1.16	2.01	11									
		G2677				0.44	0.24	19														1.27	3.23	81		
	4b	SPT109				0.33	0.46	19	0.42	0.37	38	0.43	0.74	43												
Starkeyite	4b	ML-S65	0.16	0.64	61																					
			0.06	0.49	39																					
Illesite	3b	123277							0.31	0.62	97															

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**Likely an impurity.

Table 5. Mössbauer Parameters of Fe³⁺ Sulfate Minerals with Predominantly High Quadrupole Splitting*

Mineral	Fig.	Sample	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area
Butlerite	5a	C5534										0.41	0.96	100						
		R7653											0.41	0.95	100					
		639											0.41	0.98	100					
		ML-S88								0.41	0.80	81	0.42	0.99	19					
Parabutlerite	5a	VZO115/116										0.41	0.98	100						
		157716				0.42	0.40	38	0.42	0.75	50	0.37	1.20	12						
Slavikite	5a	140229	0.27	0.63	34	0.55	0.52	39				0.38	1.23	39						
		VZO122/123 ¹				0.37	0.57	76				0.38	1.15	24						
Fibroferrite	5a	SPT121				0.41	0.52	37	0.42	0.96	63									
		VZO107/108				0.41	0.50	100												
Botryogen	5a	SPT124													0.42	1.18	49	0.40	1.63	43
		G3775				0.41	0.35	30	0.41	0.80	31				0.37	1.25	34			
Zincobotryogen	5a	DD112												0.41	1.16	63	0.40	1.60	33	
Sideronatriite	5b	C5525-3												0.41	1.21	57	0.39	1.65	43	
		SPT123													0.42	1.15	100			
Metasideronatriite	5b	115164												0.41	1.15	100				
		105774-2										0.35	1.20	43	0.44	1.18	57			
Metahohmannite	5b	VZO112										0.42	1.17	48	0.38	1.18	52			
		R12495										0.43	0.94	100						
Amarantite	5b	G3775				0.43	0.35	8				0.44	0.98	8	0.40	1.19	54	0.39	1.60	30
Jarosite	5b	132060												0.38	1.30	100				
		SPT113												0.38	1.18	100				
		SPT116												0.38	1.23	100				
		SPT115												0.38	1.29	100				
		SPT120											0.37	0.70	56	0.38	1.14	44		
		ML-S15	0.29	0.70	12								0.37	1.22	79				0.76	1.22
Anhydrite	5c	159266**				0.44	0.41	76	0.14	0.58	24									
		SPT132**				0.40	0.46	93				0.38	1.02	7						
Celestine	5c*	ML-S13**				0.15	0.54	65				0.24	0.87	35						

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*Doublets with peak areas $< 5\%$ of the total area are not included in this table. Their parameters, peak widths and goodness of fit parameters for all spectra are given in Table 2, in supplementary materials.

†This sample also contains a magnetic sextet from an unknown impurity.

**Mössbauer data cannot determine whether the Fe in these samples is actually part of the sulfate's structure, or if it is an impurity. SPT132 is known from XRD to be a mixture of anhydrite and coquimbite, but XRD of 159266 and ML-S13 show that they are "pure." However, it takes only a tiny amount of Fe-rich sulfate impurity to have a large influence on the spectrum of a low-Fe Ca sulfate.

¹XRD suggests this sample is gypsum but there is apparently some slavikite impurity here, given the similarity of this spectrum to the known slavikite 140229.

Table 6. Mössbauer Parameters of Predominantly Fe²⁺ Sulfate Minerals*

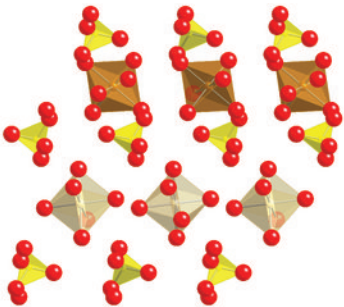
Mineral	Fig.	Sample	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	δ	Δ	area	
Szomolnokite		ML-S77										1.26	2.73	94										
		92942										1.26	2.73	96										
		136685-2				0.54	0.14	7	0.23	0.69	12				1.29	2.74	82							
	6a	104276										1.28	2.76	100										
	6a	ML-S60										1.31	2.89	57	1.31	3.42	31							
		159098				0.49	0.18	12				1.31	2.69	42	1.24	2.78	43							
		159266				0.46	0.36	72	0.14	0.56	28													
		ML-S103				0.43	0.42	7							1.27	2.74	93							
Szmikite	6a	159189						0.52	0.93	18				1.24	2.59	82								
Gunningite	6a	156925				0.26	0.40	32				0.37	1.26	10										
Chalcanthite	6a	DD100	0.10	0.51	29				0.26	0.76	30				1.26	2.32	22	1.30	2.88	19				
Pentahydrite ¹	6a	VZO121							0.50	0.83	8				1.26	3.00	53	1.27	3.68	38				
Jokokuite	6b	G3536	0.15	0.56	26									1.13	2.63	6	1.26	2.51	65					
Halotrichite	6b	G1616																1.27	3.29	92				
		VZO128	0.13	0.49	10	0.36	0.31	14							1.45	1.56	13	1.28	2.76	43	1.30	3.29	20	
Melanterite	6b	2070																			1.27	3.21	100	
Rozenite		JB626B													1.33	2.97	59	1.33	3.39	34				
	6b	SPT130										0.39	0.95	8				1.27	3.21	92				
Starkeyite	6b	137725	0.00	0.57	9										1.14	2.65	91							

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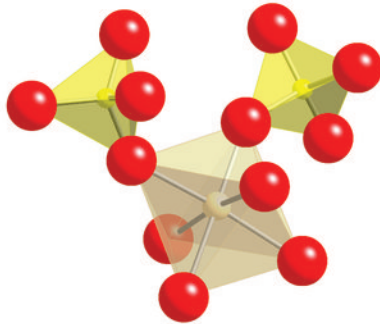
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¹Sample known to include minor impurities from pickeringite, starkeyite, botryogen, and boussingaultite,

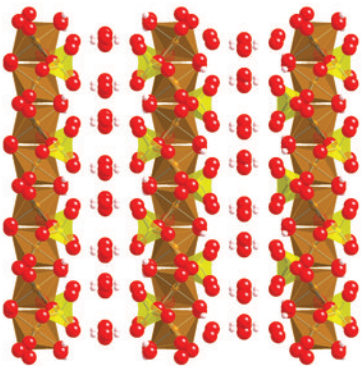
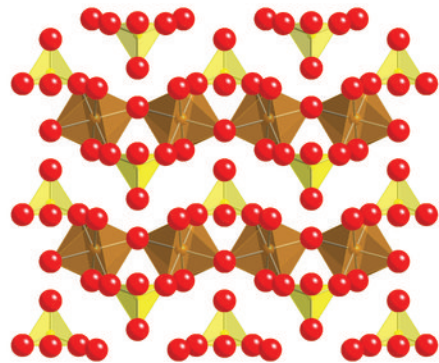
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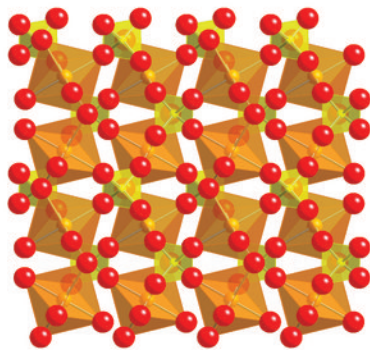
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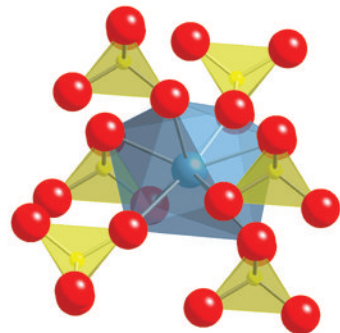
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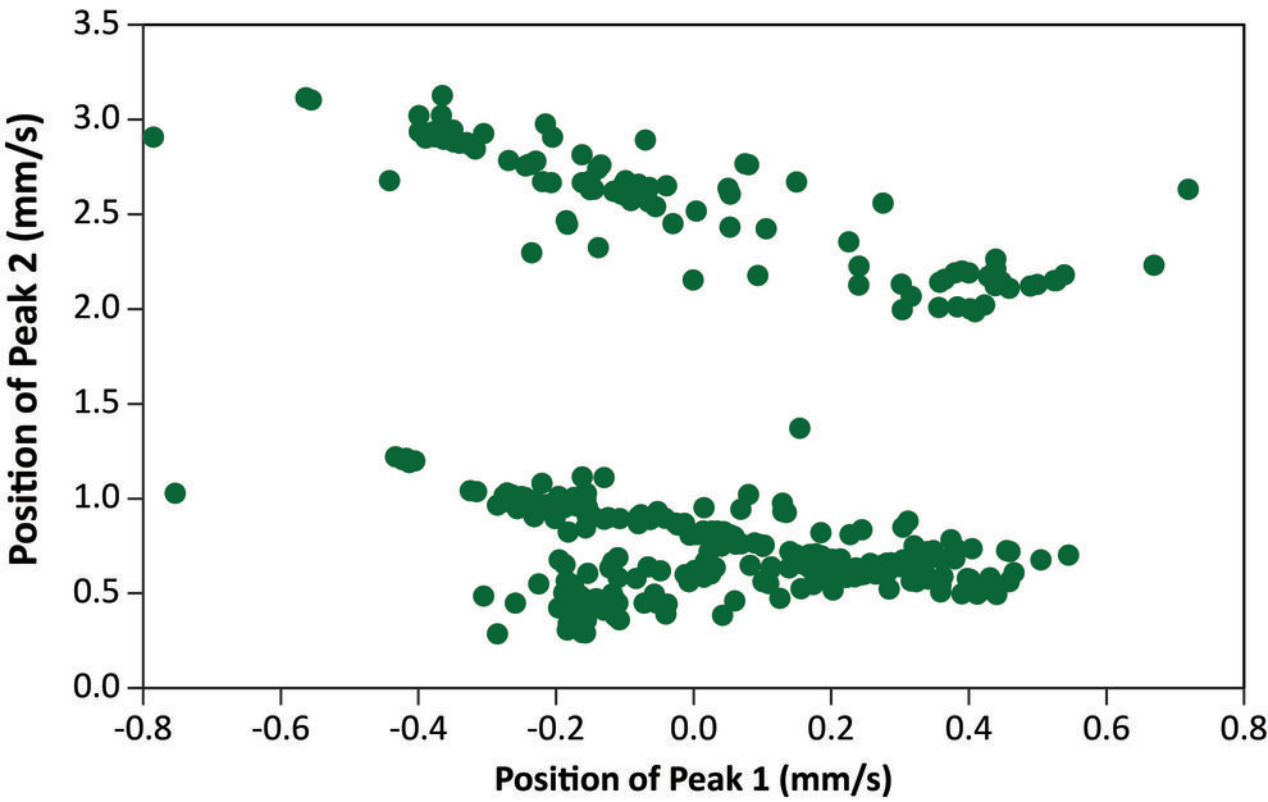
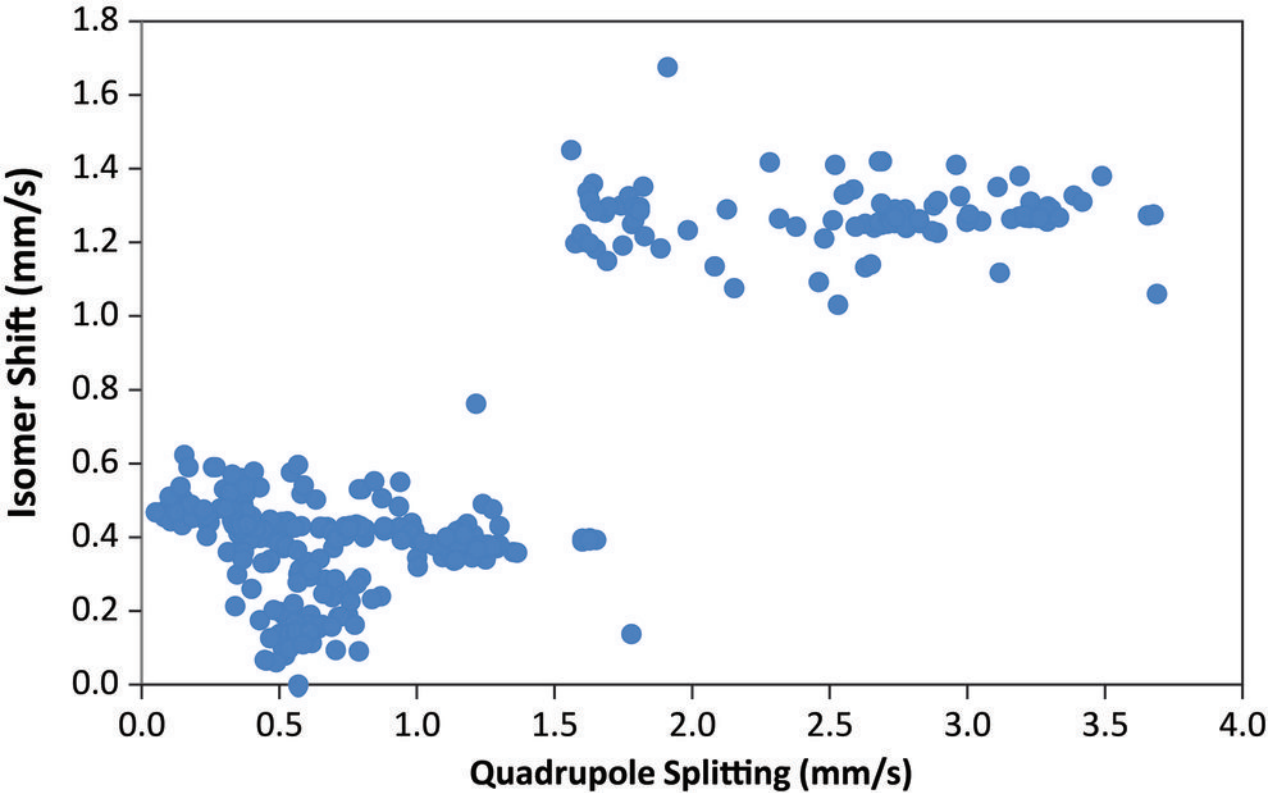
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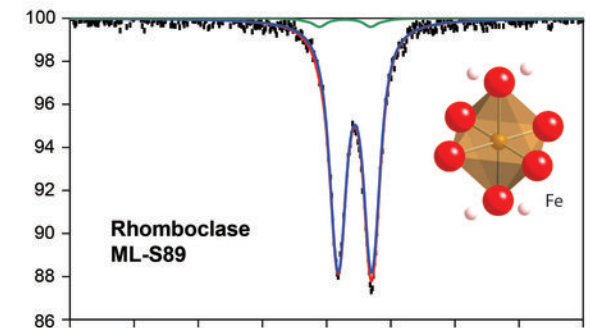
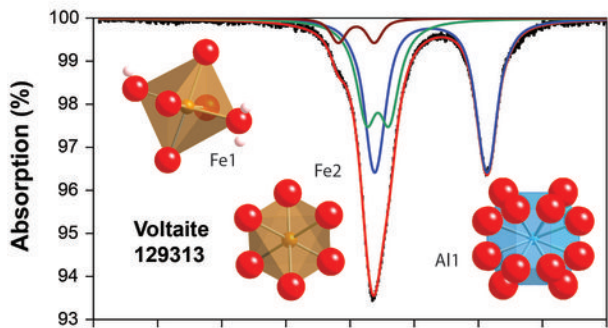
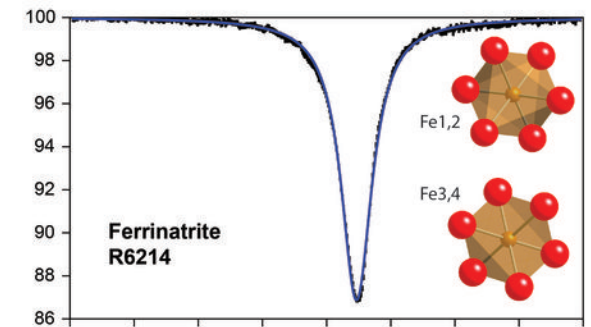
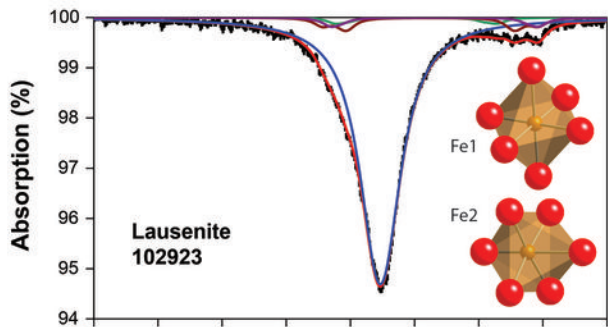
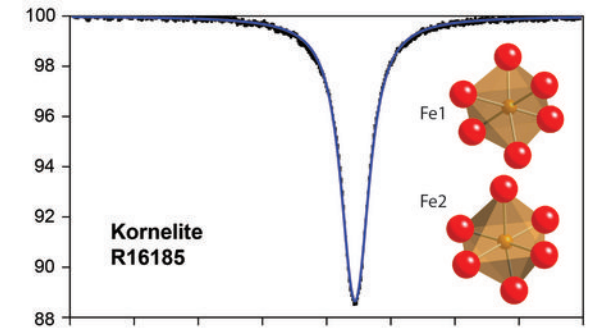
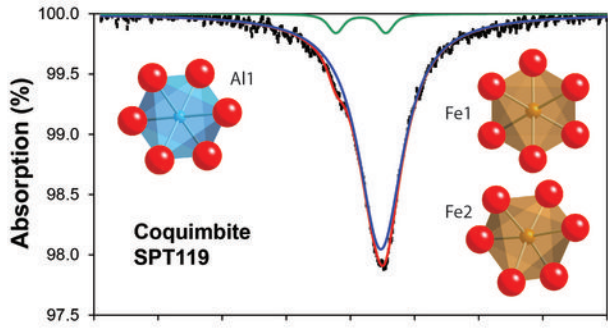
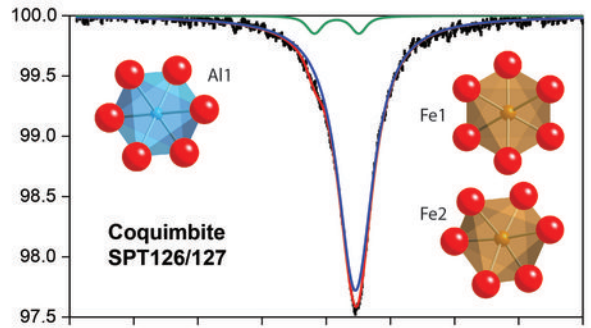
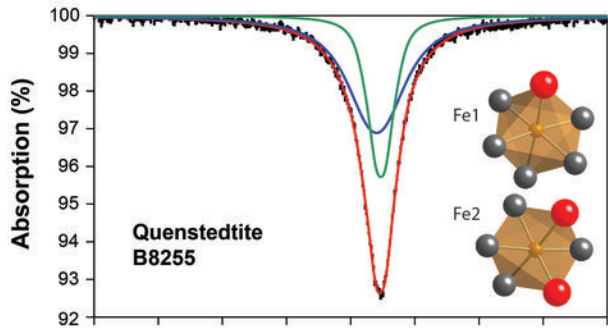


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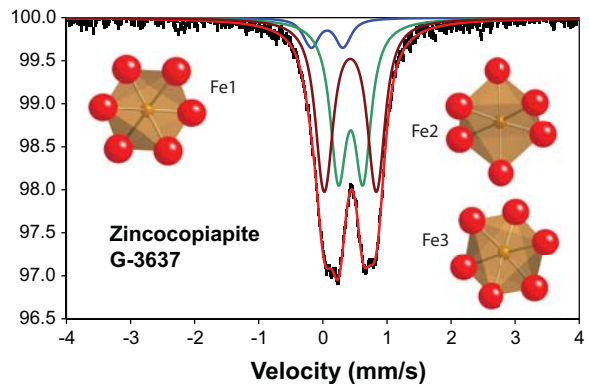
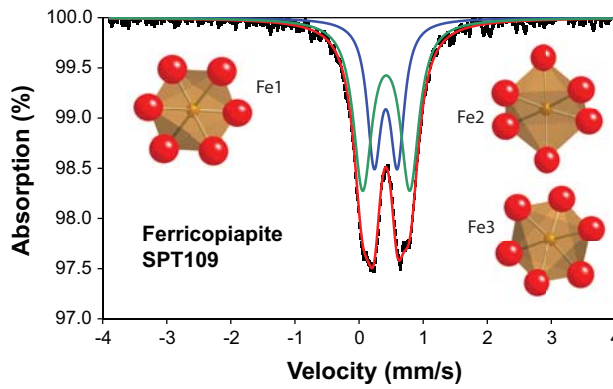
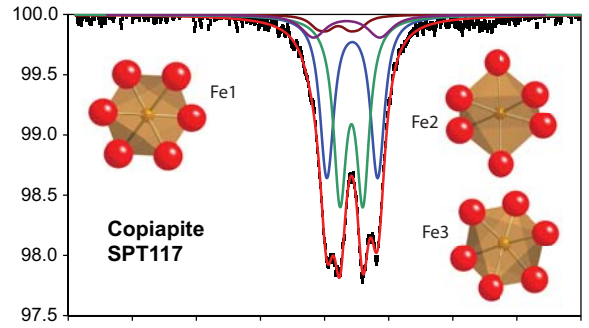
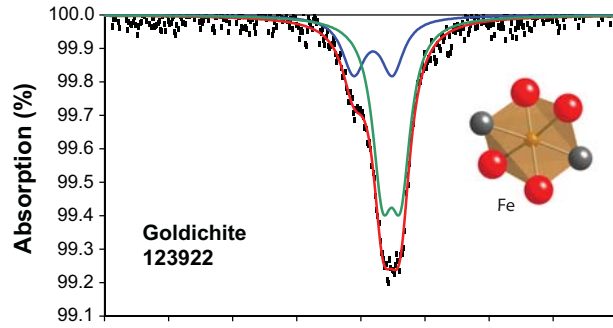
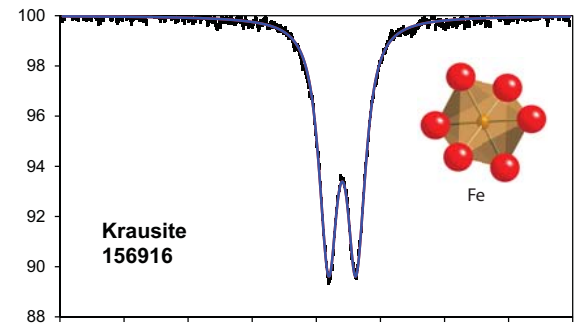
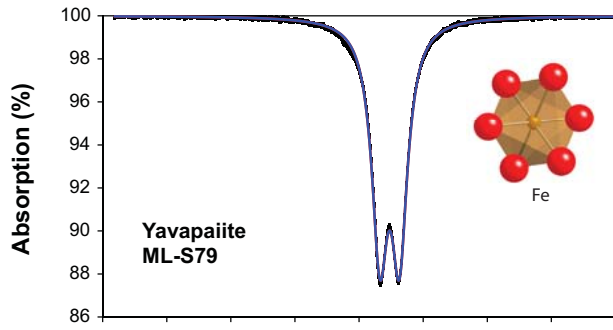
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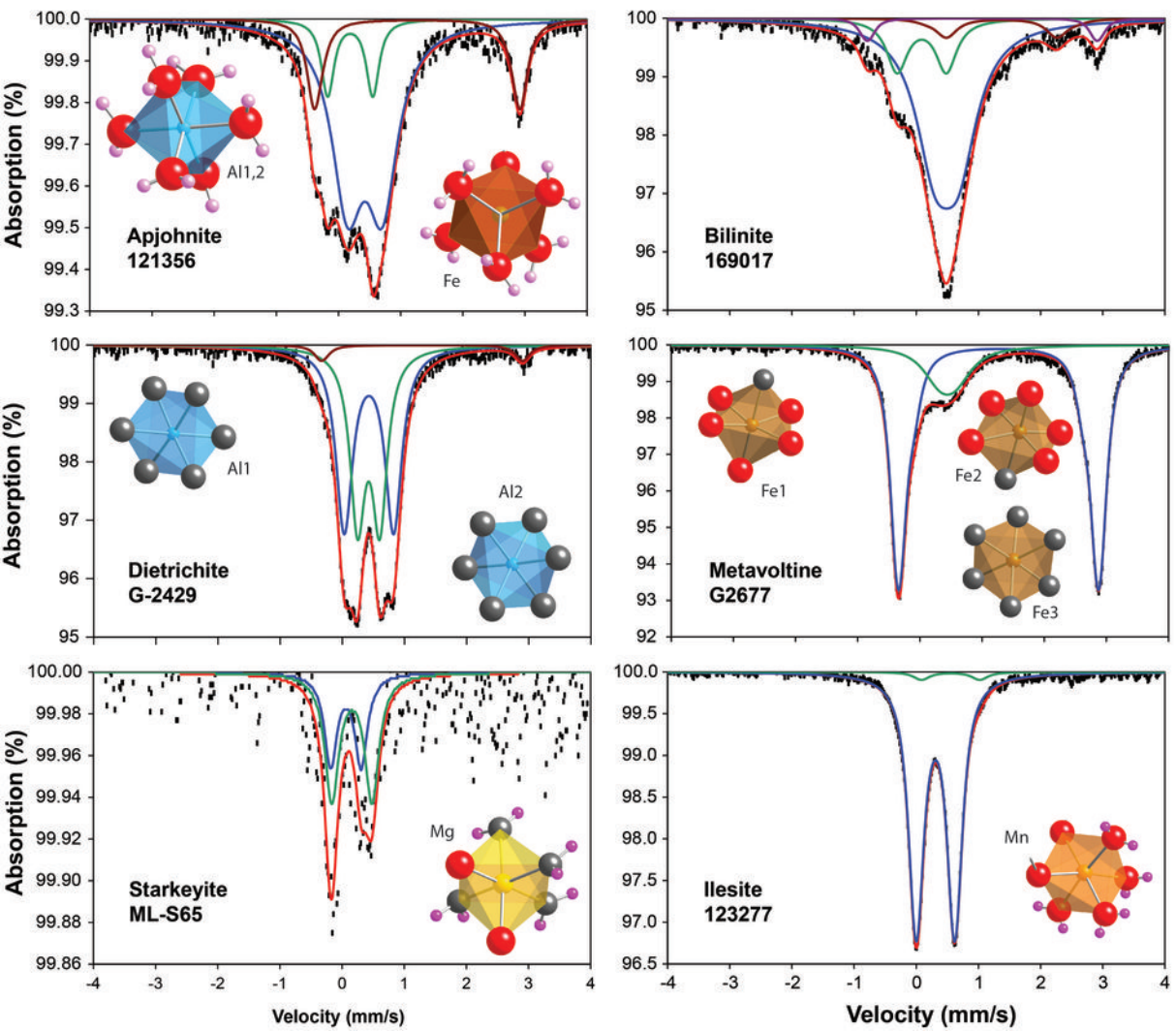


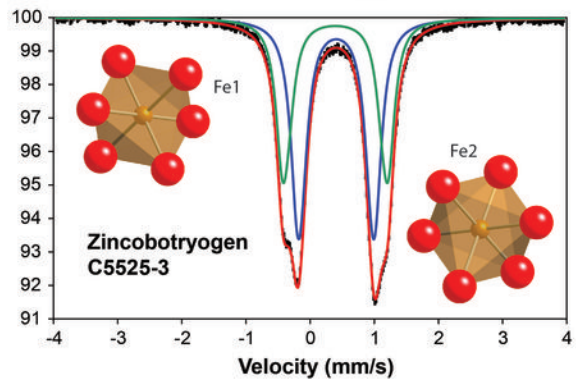
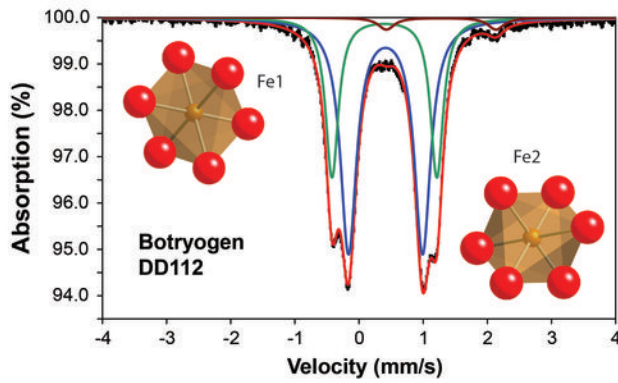
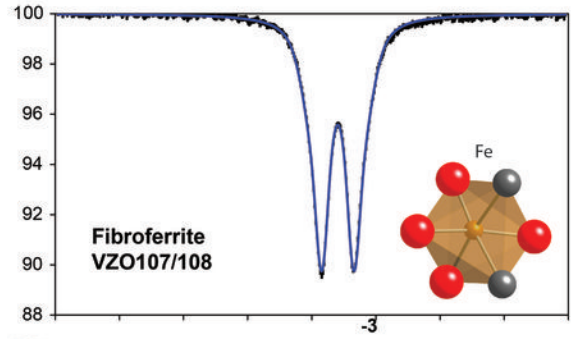
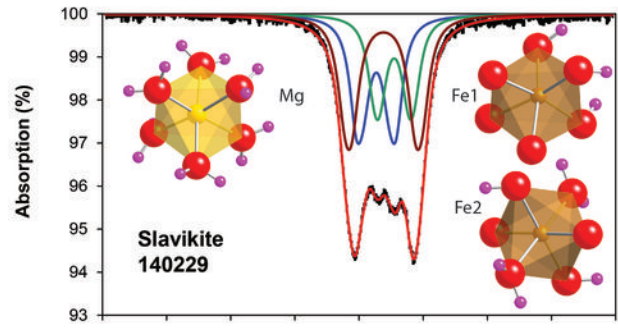
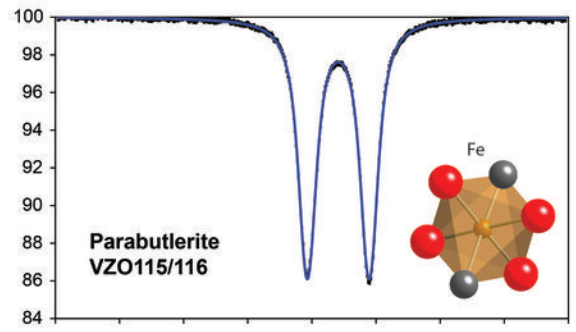
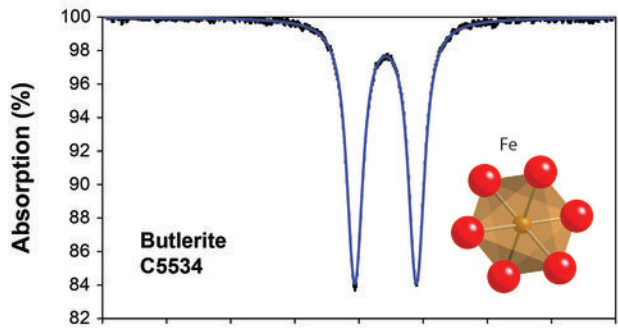


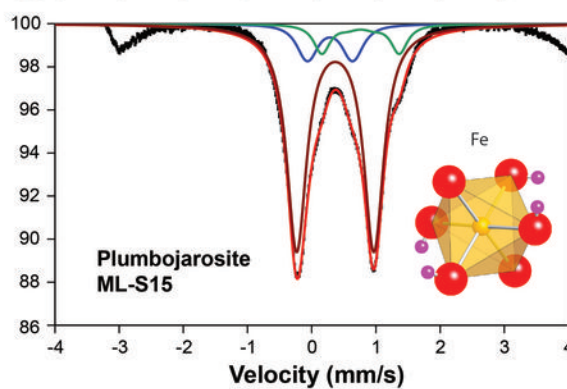
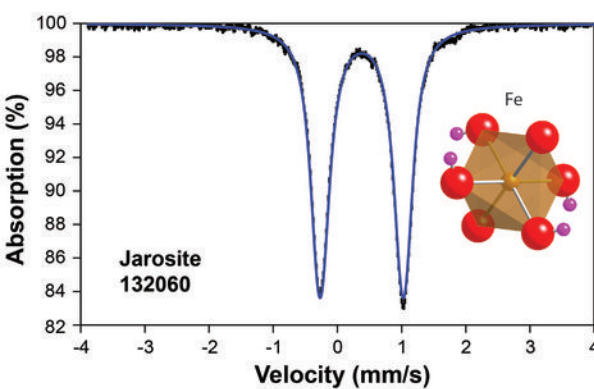
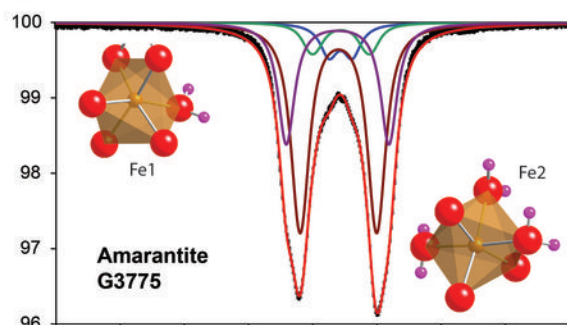
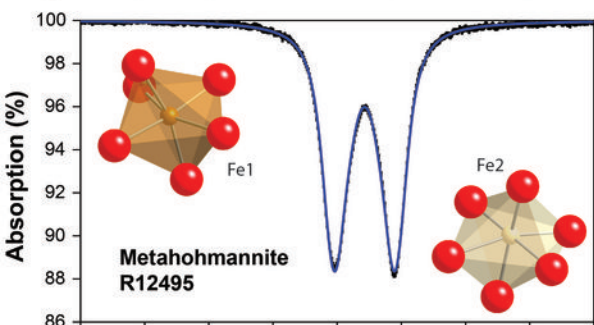
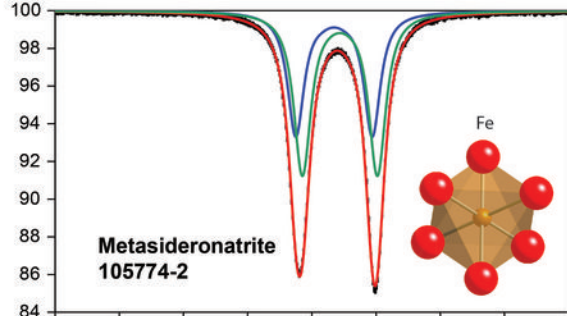
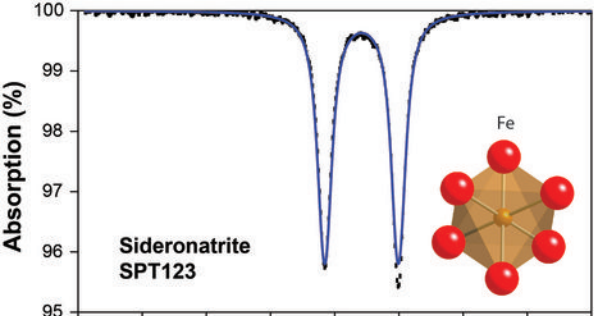
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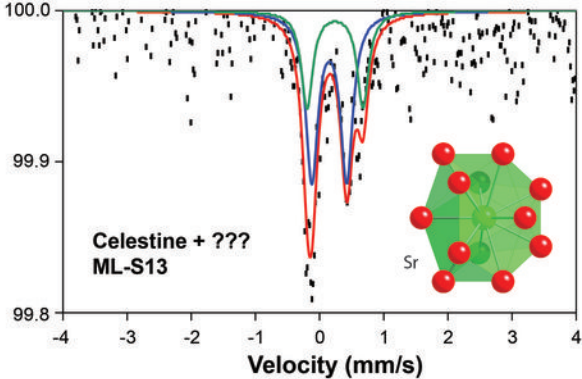
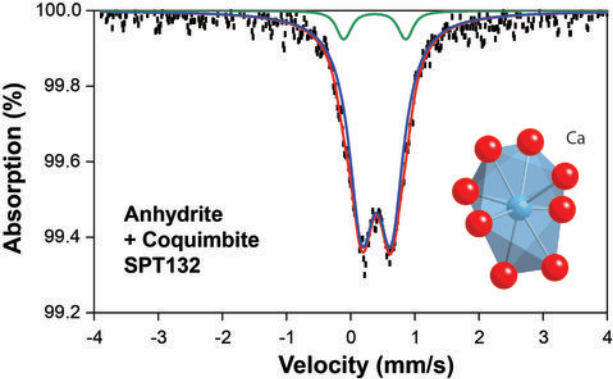
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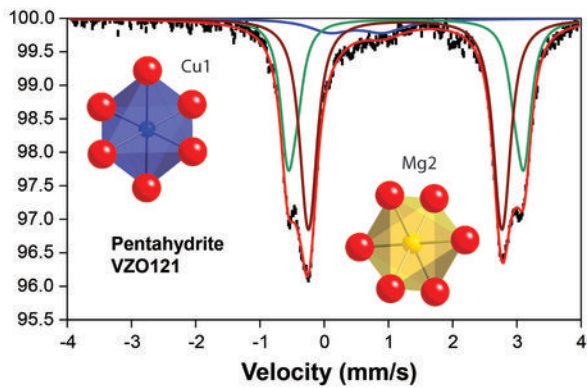
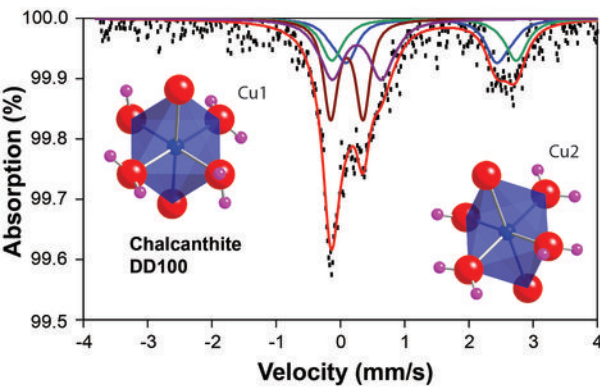
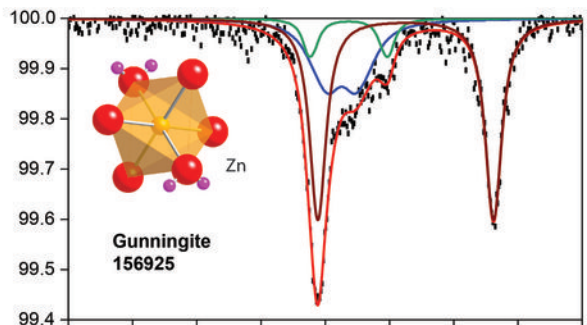
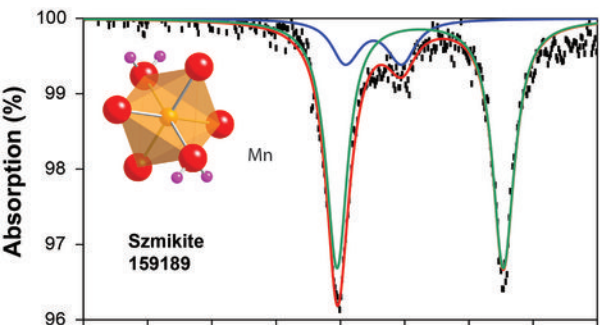
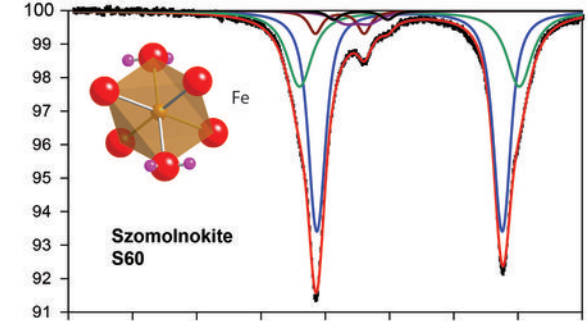
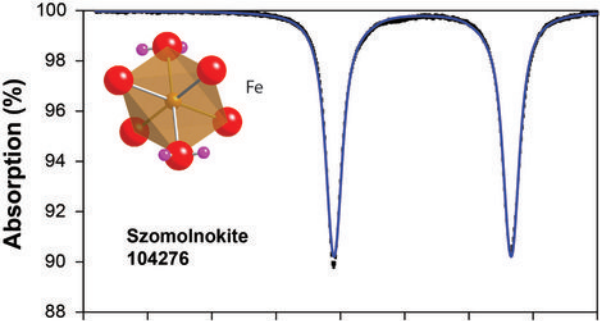


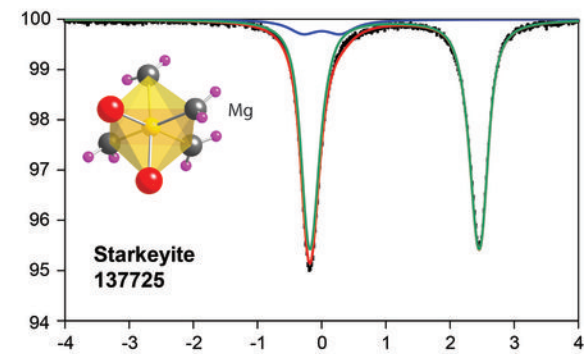
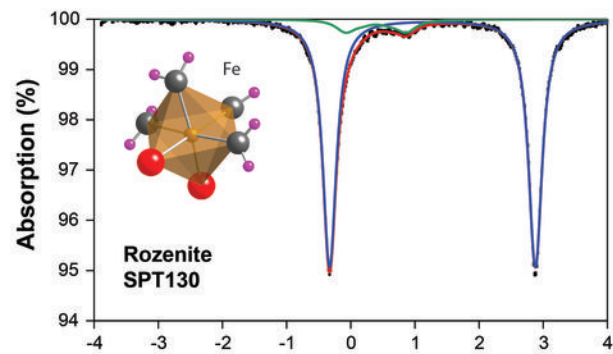
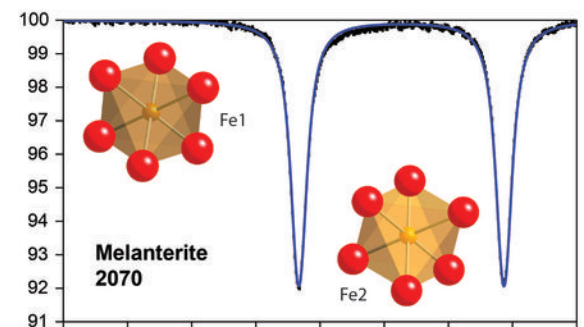
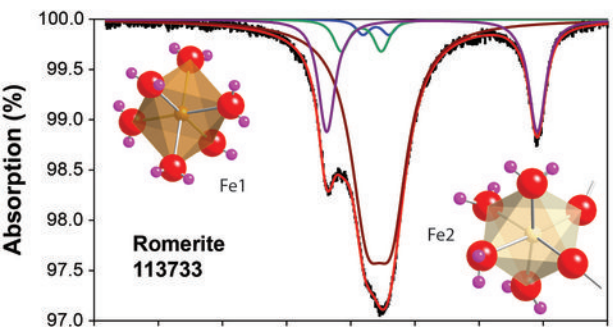
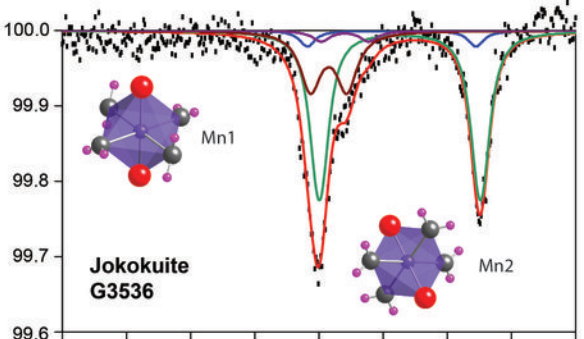
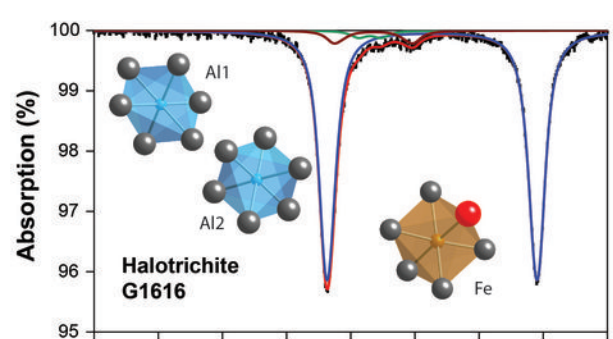


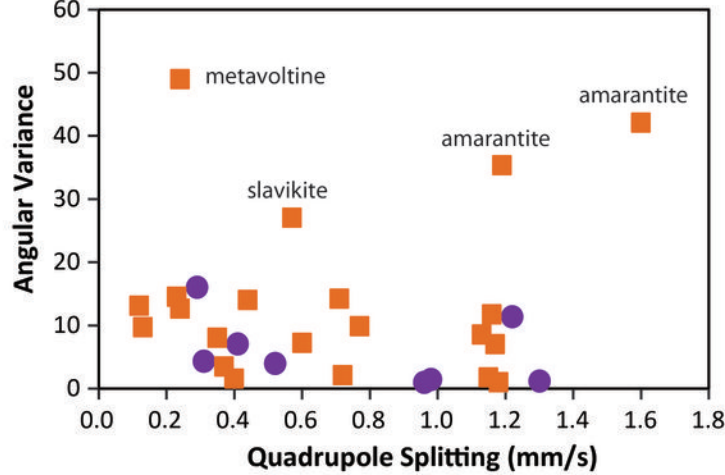
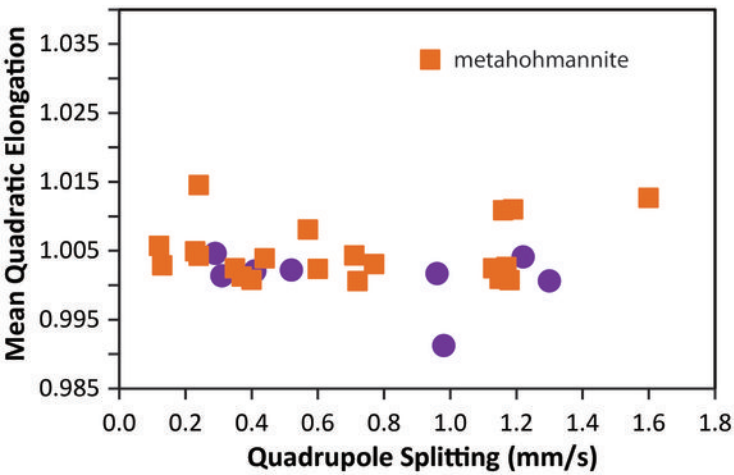
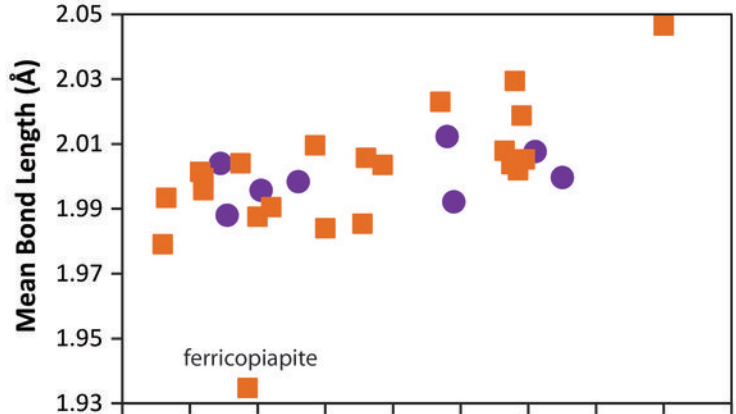
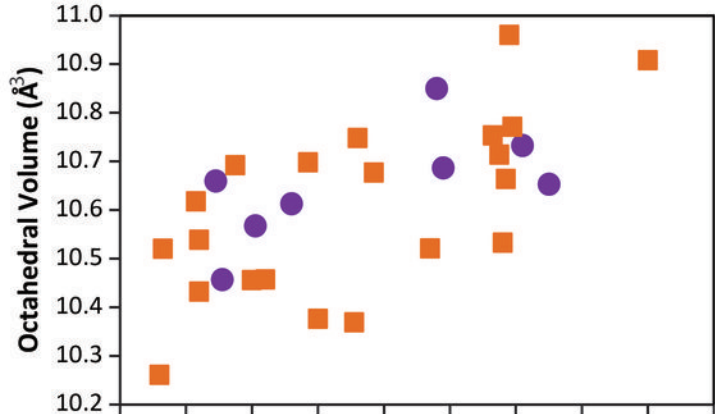


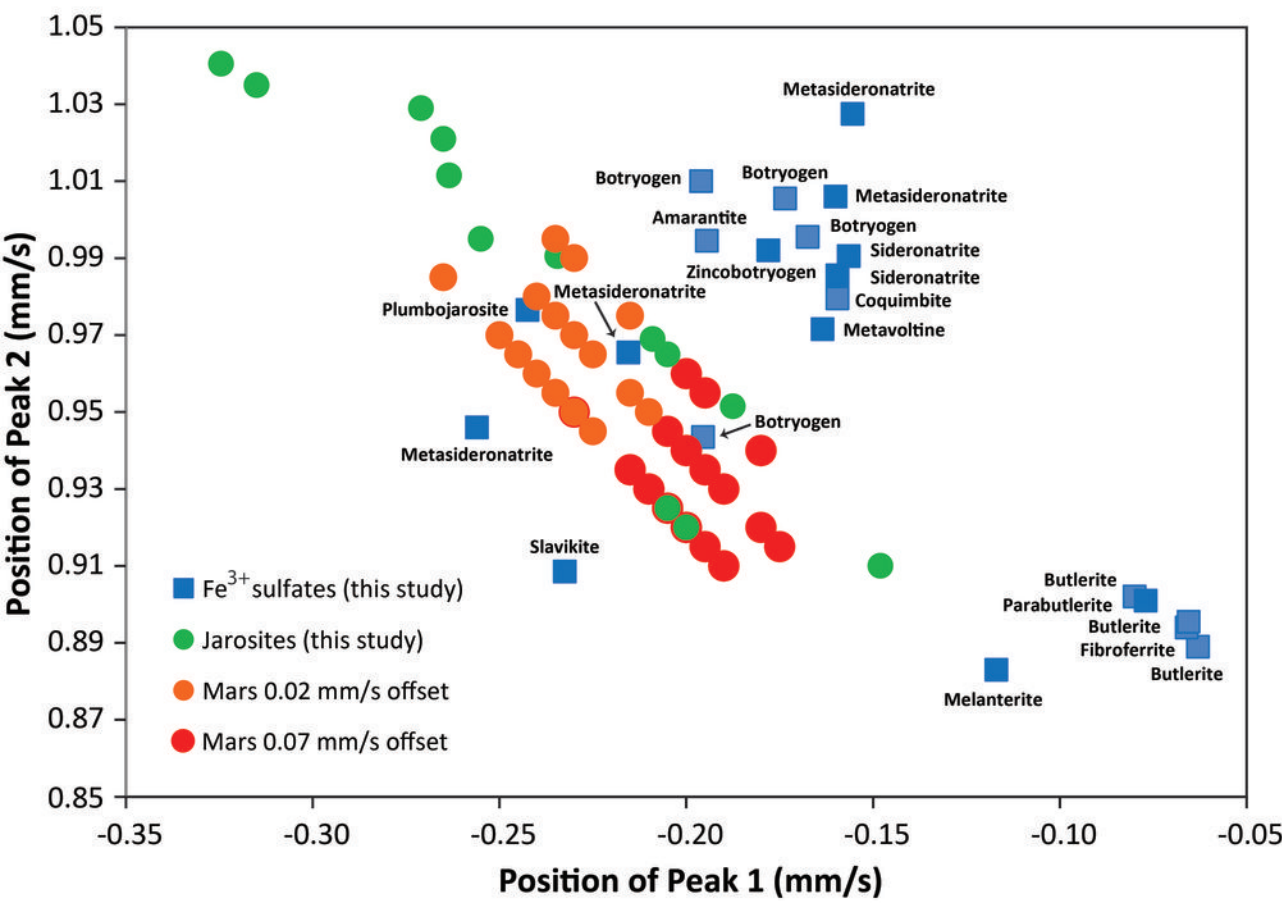
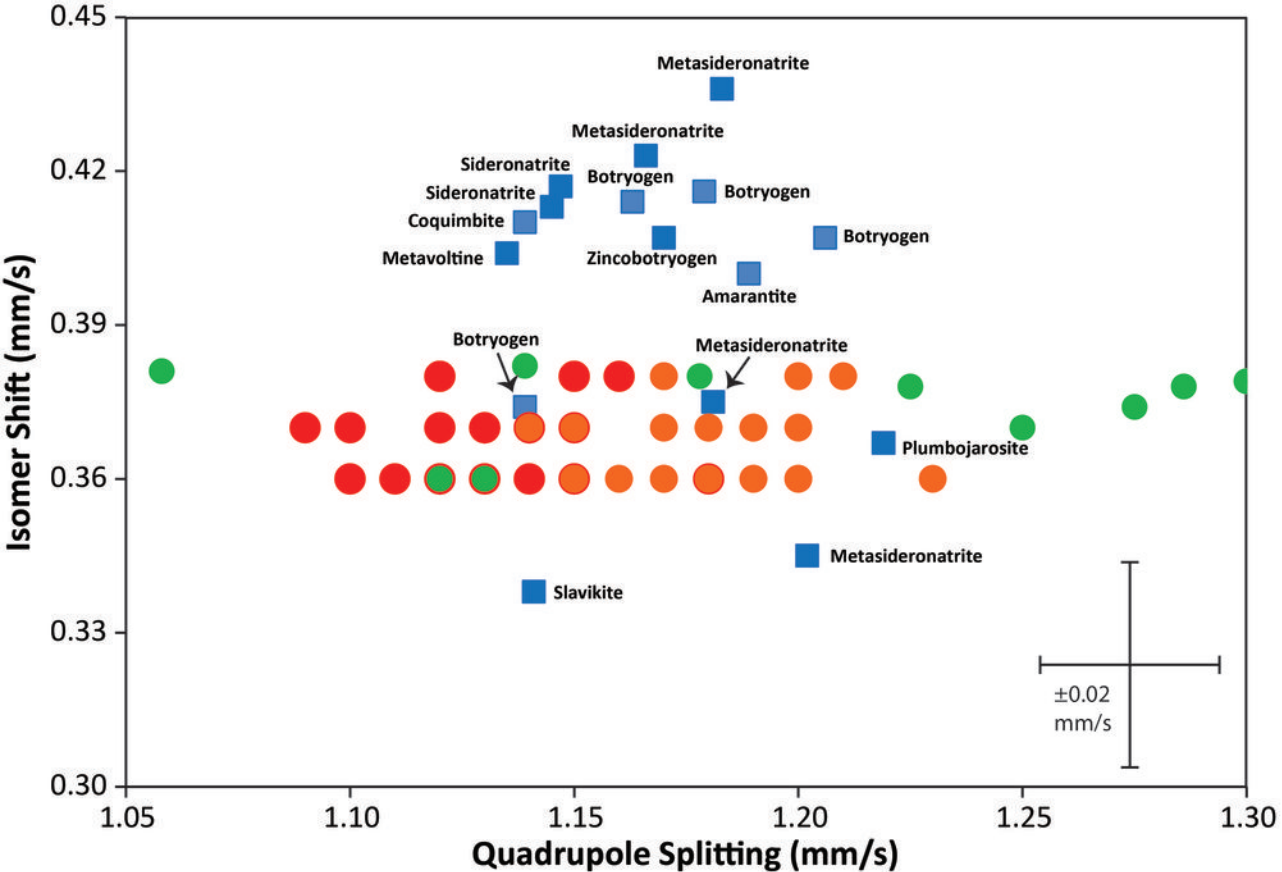




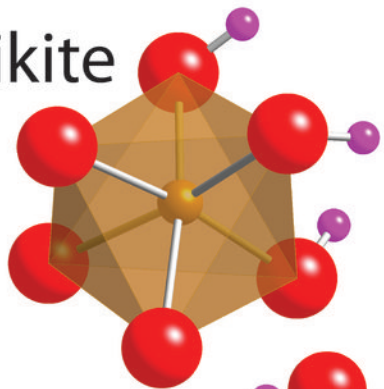




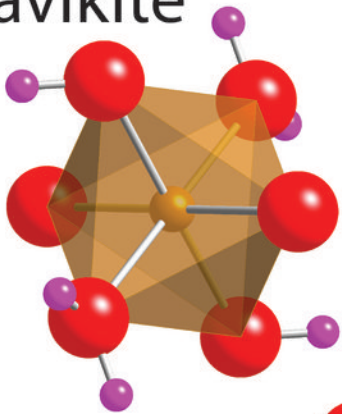




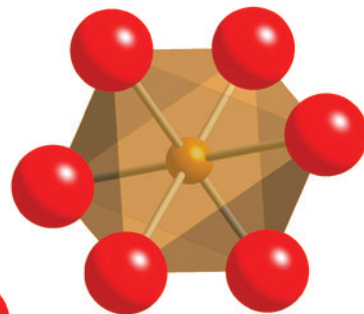
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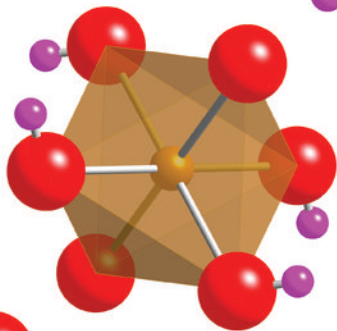
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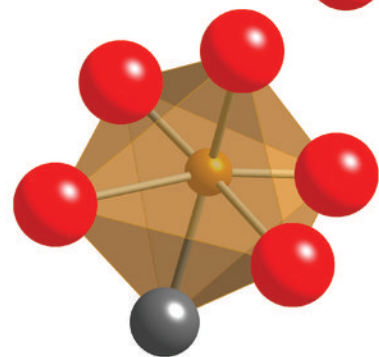
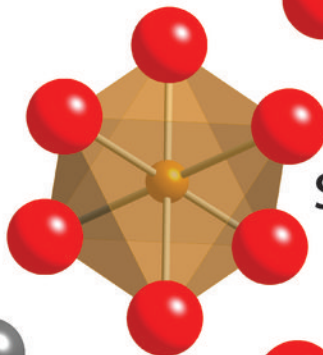
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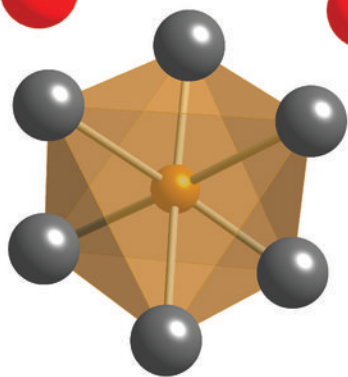
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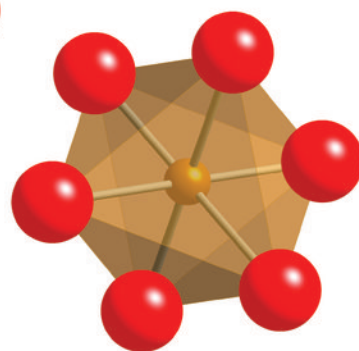
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