

TABLE 3. Elastic Properties of Magnesite, Siderite, and Rhodochrosite

Pressure, kb	K_s , mb	μ , mb	V_p/V_s	σ_s	ϕ , (km/sec) ²
<i>Magnesite</i>					
2.0	1.12	0.62	1.77	0.27	37.8
6.0	1.19	0.65	1.78	0.27	39.8
10.0	1.22	0.66	1.79	0.27	40.9
<i>Siderite</i>					
2.0	1.16	0.48	1.94	0.32	31.0
6.0	1.22	0.50	1.94	0.32	32.2
10.0	1.24	0.51	1.94	0.32	32.8
<i>Rhodochrosite</i>					
2.0	1.20	0.41	2.05	0.34	33.6
6.0	1.24	0.44	2.04	0.34	34.5
10.0	1.25	0.45	2.02	0.34	34.8

Because of their relative purity, carbonates offer an excellent opportunity to examine the effect of iron, magnesium, and manganese substitution on the elastic moduli and wave velocities in minerals. In Figures 1 and 2 the data of Chung [1970] for the olivine series are com-

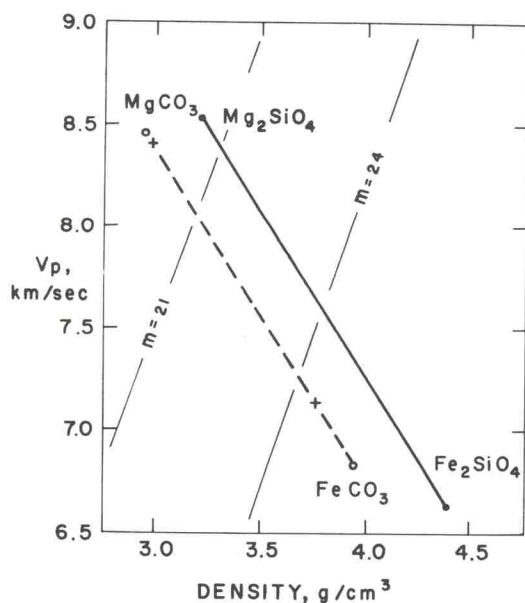


Fig. 1. Compressional-wave velocity-density relations for the olivine series Mg_2SiO_4 - Fe_2SiO_4 [Chung, 1970] and the siderite-magnesite series FeCO_3 - MgCO_3 (between the plus signs). The extended velocity-density lines to the densities of pure MgCO_3 and FeCO_3 are also shown.

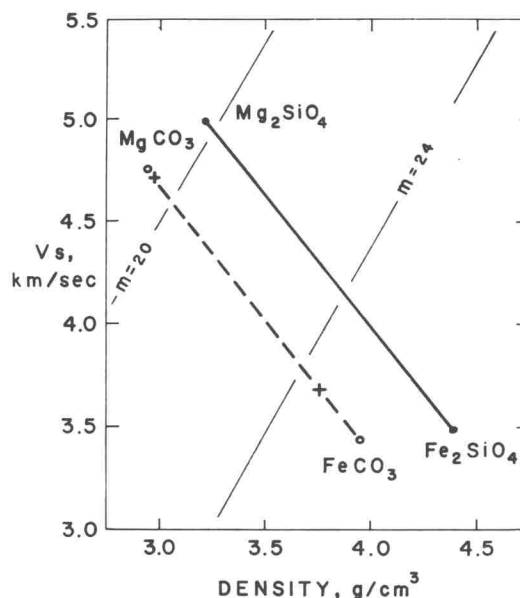


Fig. 2. Shear-wave velocity-density relations for the olivine series Mg_2SiO_4 - Fe_2SiO_4 [Chung, 1970] and the siderite-magnesite series FeCO_3 - MgCO_3 (between the plus signs). The extended velocity-density lines to the densities of pure MgCO_3 and FeCO_3 are also shown.

pared with velocities of magnesite and siderite at 10 kb. Velocity-density relations for the magnesite-siderite series appear to be remarkably similar to those for the olivine series. The agreement between the two series suggests that velocity measurements for additional carbonates may provide important information about the relationships between various cation substitutions and elastic properties, which can be applied to silicates.

The bulk moduli K_s and shear moduli μ for the pure end members MgCO_3 and FeCO_3 , estimated by extending the velocity-density lines of Figures 1 and 2 to the densities of pure MgCO_3 and FeCO_3 , show changes with iron substitution of -0.02% and -29.9% , respectively. A similar relation between K_s and iron substitution in the olivine lattice has been noted by Mao *et al.* [1970] and Chung [1970]. The small decreases in K_s for both magnesite-siderite and olivine are presumably related to the similar unit cell volumes for the end member of each series. For corundum Al_2O_3 to hematite Fe_2O_3 , however $\Delta K_s = -20\%$, which is comparable to the volume increase of 23% [Liebermann, 1970].

The behavior of μ with iron substitution in the magnesite-siderite and olivine series does not show so simple a relationship with cell volume as K .

The data for rhodochrosite in Table 2 indicate that the effect of manganese substitution in carbonates on elastic properties is quite similar to that of iron. A similar conclusion was noted by Liebermann [1970] for the spinel and corundum lattices, in which substitution of any 3d transition element appeared to have about the same effect on velocities and elastic moduli. Because of the relatively high anisotropy of the rhodochrosite specimen (Table 2) and the significant amounts of calcium in the rhodochrosite analysis (Table 1), the similarities in the elastic properties of MnCO_3 and FeCO_3 may be even greater than is indicated in Table 3.

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