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Evidence of strong disorder in both the ferromagnetic and antoferromagnetic phases of $SrRu_{1-x}Mn_xO_3$ using the Mössbauer Effect¹ MICHAEL DEMARCO, B. GRAVES, G. HARMON, N. MILLER, D. COF-FEY, Dept. of Physics, Buffalo State College, NY 14222, B. DABROWSKI, S. KOLESNIK, M. MAXWELL, Dept. of Physics, Northern Illinois University, Il 60115, S. TOORONGIAN, M. HAKA, Nuclear Medicine Department, SUNY Buffalo, NY 14260 — We investigate the magnetism and disorder in powder samples of $SrRu_{1-x}Mn_xO_3$ and find significant changes in the Mössbauer spectra even at very low values of x. At x = 0.1, although the width of the spectrum is consistent with a hyperfine field $\simeq 32T$, which is similar to that of SrRuO₃(33T), a single site fit fails, suggesting that there is a range of RuO₆ octahedra distortions. This sensitivity to doping is also seen in the spectrum of $CaRu_{0.8}Cr_{0.2}O_3$ where there is a ~30T wide distribution of hyperfine fields. At x = 0.9 the hyperfine field is due to antiferromagnetic order and is much larger, 50T, than at x = 0.9. The charge state of the Ru atom has also changed from +4 to close to +5. Again the spectrum is not that of a single Ru site in spite of the low density of Ru atoms in the sample.

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