## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Role of sulfur species as redox partners and electron shuttles for ferrihydrite reduction by Sulfurospirillum deleyianum

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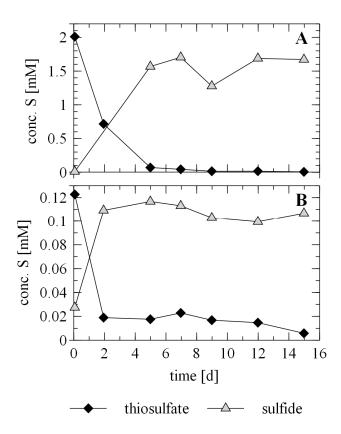
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**Table SI-1** Production of  $S_6^{2-}$  and  $S^0$  from thiosulfate in incubations of *Sulfurospirillum deleyianum* supplied with 2 mM cysteine as sulfur source and reductant, 5 mM acetate as carbon source, and 10 mM formate as electron donor. The LOD (limit of detection) was derived from the smallest integrable peak and came to 0.1  $\mu$ M for  $S_6^{2-}$  and 0.5  $\mu$ M for  $S^0$ .

	2 mM thiosulfate, 1 % inoculum		0.1 mM thiosulfate, 1 % inoculum		2 mM thiosulfate, 1 % inoculum		0.1 mM thiosulfate, 1 % inoculum	
	unfiltered		unfiltered		filtered		filtered	
	$S_6^{2-}$	$S^0$	$S_6^{2-}$	$S^0$	$S_6^{2-}$	$S^0$	$S_6^{2-}$	$S^0$
[d]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]	[mM]
0	< LOD	< LOD	< TOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD
2	0.002	0.009	< TOD	< LOD	< LOD	0.018	< LOD	< TOD
5	0.001	0.002	< TOD	< LOD	< LOD	0.012	< LOD	< LOD
7	0.012	< LOD	0.017	< LOD	< LOD	0.006	< LOD	< LOD
9	0.009	< LOD	0.009	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< TOD
12	0.008	< LOD	0.007	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< TOD
15	0.009	< TOD	0.016	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< TOD	< LOD

**Table SI-2** Fe(II) total production from ferrihydrite in incubations of *Sulfurospirillum deleyianum* supplied with 5 mM acetate as carbon source, and 10 mM formate as electron donor. Standard deviations are based on three replicates; n.d. means not determined.

	[d]	0	3	6	9	12	15
Fe(II) total [mM]	cysteine 0.1 mM, thiosulfate 0.1 mM	$0.02 \pm 0.00$	0.91 ± 0.05	1.12 ± 0.06	$1.26 \pm 0.02$	1.79 ± 0.43	1.85 ± 0.31
	cysteine 0.1 mM, cystine 0.1 mM	$0.02 \pm 0.00$	0.19 ± 0.25	n.d.	$0.28 \pm 0.32$	n.d.	0.30 ± 0.23



**Fig. SI-1** Production of sulfide from thiosulfate (A: 2.0 mM, B: 0.1 mM) in incubations of *Sulfurospirillum deleyianum* supplied with 2 mM cysteine as sulfur source and reductant, 5 mM acetate as carbon source, and 10 mM formate as electron donor.