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Models with Insignificant Parameters

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Cover photograph (Copyright © 2008, American Society for Microbiology. All Rights Reserved.): Gypsum/halite evaporites form in zones of saturated brine solutions. While their outer-surface appearance ranges from white to yellow-brown, cracking them open can reveal zones of spectacular color characterized by zonal variation in microbial composition. This composition is diverse and likely settles into niches of varying light frequency determined by the thickness of the salt crust around the cells. Evaporites from two locations are compared in the associated article. (See related article on page 6444.)