

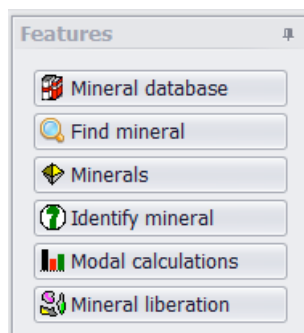
# 84. Geo Module - Mineralogical Calculations and Mineral Database

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## 84.1. Introduction

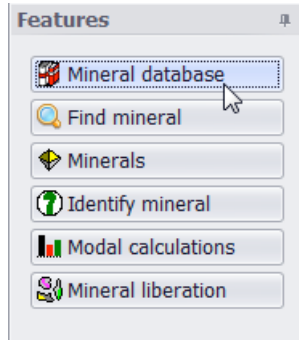
The Geo module of HSC 8 is intended for:

- Studying mineral properties (Mineral database, Minerals: section 84.2)
- Finding minerals based on elements in the formula (Find mineral: 84.3)
- Identifying minerals based on the chemical composition (Identify mineral: 84.5)
- Calculating the modal composition (mineral composition) of samples based on chemical assays (Modal calculations: 84.6)
- Processing mineral liberation data (Mineral liberation: 85)



## 84.2. Mineral database

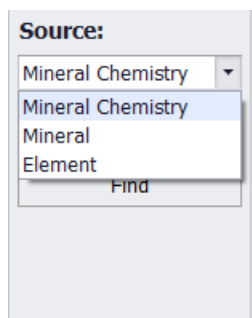
Press the Mineral database button to study the mineral database of HSC Chemistry.



### 84.2.1. Source

In "Source" select the source (table)

- Mineral Chemistry = Table of the chemical composition of minerals (different analyses of minerals from different locations)
- Mineral = Table of minerals, one row per mineral
- Element = Chemical elements



After selecting the source you can apply:

- Filter
- Search
- Edit

### 84.2.2. Filter

In the Filter window, write text in any of the fields on the top row. For instance, in the example below Mineral Name = “Sphalerite” and the Location starts with S. There are a total of 11 records that fulfill the criteria. The criteria are shown below the table.

Filter	Mineral ...	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1	Note2	Note3	Database	Specific
▼ Sphalerite				S									
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Sweetwat...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Brown or...		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Black-ban...		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Colorless ...		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Blue green		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Yellow		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Brown		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker ...	Viets et al...			Viets et al...		Orange		Viets et al...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Sonoro	Sonoro, H...			Anthony e...				Sonoro, H...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	St. Cristo...	St. Cristo...			Anthony e...				St. Cristo...	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	S. Martin	S. Martin	avg.		IMMSA				S. Martin	HSC	4.05000
Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	S. Barbara	S. Barbara	avg.		IMMSA				S. Barbara	HSC	4.05000

☒ Starts with([Mineral Name], 'Sphalerite') And Starts with([Location], 'S') ▼

Record 0 of 11

To edit the Filter, press Edit Filter on the right of the criteria panel.

☒ Starts with([Mineral Name], 'Sphalerite') And Starts with([Location], 'S') ▼
 Edit Filter

Record 11 of 11

In the Filter Editor window you can:

- Edit the field by clicking the Field value given in blue
- Edit the operator by clicking the green operator and selecting a new one from the list, e.g. changing [Mineral Name] = Sphalerite
- Edit the value, e.g. by changing [Location] Begins with K
- Adding or deleting a condition

Once you have made all your changes, press Apply.

Filter Editor

And

[Mineral Name] Begins with Sphalerite

[Location] Begins with S

[Zn %] Is greater than 55

OK Cancel Apply

Filter	Mineral Name	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1	Note2
▼ Sp				S						
	Sperryllite	Sper	PtAs2	Sudbury	Cabri 1981, T8.66/2		Cabri et a...			
	Sperryllite	Sper	PtAs2	Stillwater	Cabri 1981, T8.66/3		Cabri et a...			
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Sweetwater,Viburnum Tr...	Viets et al. 1992, T2/64		Viets et al...		Brown or...	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker mine,C. Missouri	Viets et al. 1992, T2/78		Viets et al...		Black-ban...	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker mine,C. Missouri	Viets et al. 1992, T2/79		Viets et al...		Colorless ...	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker mine,C. Missouri	Viets et al. 1992, T2/80		Viets et al...		Blue green	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker mine,C. Missouri	Viets et al. 1992, T2/81		Viets et al...		Yellow	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Stoeker mine,C. Missouri	Viets et al. 1992, T2/82		Viets et al...		Brown	

✕ ☒ Starts with([Mineral Name], 'Sp') And Starts with([Location], 'S') ▼ Edit Filter

Record 0 of 53

To copy data to the clipboard, select the rows you want to copy (use Ctrl or Shift to select several rows) and press Copy Data.

Mineral Database - HSC Geo 8.0										
Main	Database									
Copy Data	Paste Data	Clipboard	View/Edit	Add Row	Remove Row(s)	Editing				
<div> <div> Mineral database Find mineral Minerals Identify mineral Modal calculations Mineral liberation </div> <div> Filter Mineral Name Mineral S... Mineral F... Location Mineral Key Statistics Reference Sample No Note1 Note2 </div> </div>										
<div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Sweetwater,Viburnum Tr... Viets et al. 1992, T2/64 Viets et al... Brown or... V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/78 Viets et al... Black-ban... V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/79 Viets et al... Colorless ... V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/80 Viets et al... Blue green V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/81 Viets et al... Yellow V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/82 Viets et al... Brown V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Stoeker mine,C. Missouri Viets et al. 1992, T2/83 Viets et al... Orange V </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S Sonoro Sonoro, HOM (1) Anthony e... S </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S St. Cristoph mine St. Cristoph mine, HOM... Anthony e... S </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S S. Martin S. Martin avg. IMMSA S </div> <div> Sphalerite Sp (Zn,Fe)S S. Barbara S. Barbara avg. IMMSA S </div> </div>										
✕ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Starts with([Mineral Name], 'Sphalerite') And Starts with([Location], 'S') ▼ Edit Filter										
Record 11 of 11										

### 84.2.3. Find

To start, press “Find” on the right panel. Find differs from Filtering in that it always searches all the fields and it always matches with any part of the field.

Source:

Mineral Chemistry ▼

View / Edit

Find

The Find box will appear. You can write any text (or number) in the Find box and press “Find”. Geo will filter to show only fields where the text is found.

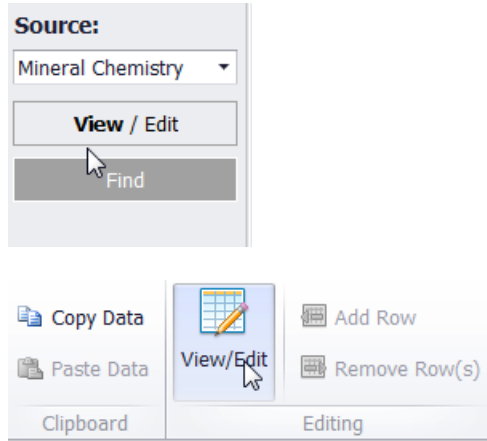
Filter									
Bushveld				Find	Clear				
Mineral Name	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1	Note2
Vesuvianite	Ves	Ca10Mg2...	Bushveld, S.Africa	DHZ, Vol:1A,p.706, T65...		Deer et al...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 1/12		Cabri et a...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 2/12		Cabri et a...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 3/12		Kingston ...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 4/12		Verryn an...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 5/12		Brynard e...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 6/12		Schwellus...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 7/12		Cabri and...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 8/12		Barokov e...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 9/12		Criddle a...			
Braggite	Brag	(Pt,Pd,Ni)S	Bushveld Complex, Repub...	Cabri 2002 T15 10/12		Auge and...			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	1/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	2/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	3/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	4/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	5/table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	6/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	7/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	8/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	9/Table2		3614			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Western Bushveld comple...	10/Table2		3614			

You can write several searches by separating them with a space, e.g. writing DHZ biotite will show all the fields containing the text DHZ or biotite (below).

Filter									
DHZ Biotite				Find	Clear				
Mineral Name	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1	Note2
Plagioclase	Pl	(Na,Ca)(S...	An 51.8%	DHZ, Vol.4,p.116,Ana.1		Deer et al...			
Biotite	Bt	K(Mg,Fe)...	Seto	DHZ, Vol.3,p.62,Ana.1		Deer et al...			
Orthopyroxene	Opx	(Mg,Fe)2...	enstatite	DHZ, Vol.2,p.18,Ana.12		Deer et al...			
Serpentine	Srp	Mg3Si2O...	Caracas,antigorite	DHZ vol.2,p.177,Ana.8		Deer et al...			
Chlorite	Chl	(Mg,Fe2+...	Viesalm	DHZ Vol.3,p.138,Anal.1		Deer et al...			
Tremolite	Tr	Ca2(Mg,F...	Balmat	DHZ Vol.2,p.251,Anal.2		Deer et al...			
Tremolite	Tr	Ca2(Mg,F...	Zovzanka	DHZ Vol.2,p.251,Anal.3		Deer et al...			
Serpentine	Srp	Mg3Si2O...	Aboutville	DHZ Vol.3,p.176,Ana.5		Deer et al...			
Apatite	Ap	Ca5(PO4)3F		DHZ vol.5,p.325,ana.1		Deer et al...			
Clinopyroxene	Cpx	Ca(Mg,Fe...	diopside,Juva	DHZ, vol.2,ana1,p.47		Deer et al...		limestone	
Clinopyroxene	Cpx	Ca(Mg,Fe...	salite,Old Pallas	DHZ, vol.2,ana22,p.51		Deer et al...		ol-gabbro	
Biotite	Bt	K(Mg,Fe)...	[stoichiometric]	annite;Fe-end					Error in f..
Biotite	Bt	K(Mg,Fe)...	[stoichiometric]	siderophyllite;Fe-Al					Error in f..
Cordierite	Crd	Mg2Al4Si...	White Well	DHZ, Vol.1B,p.418,a.6		Deer et al...		Pryce (19...	
Amphibole	Amp		Ringaringa	DHZ Vol.2,T.36,A.4,p.236		Deer et al...		Watters 1...	
Illite	Ill	K(1-1.5)A...	Rutherford mine	DHZ T36/1		Deer et al...		Granular, ...	DHZ Tabl..
Biotite	Bt	K(Mg,Fe)...	Penikat layered intrusion	Halkoaho 1994, A4/6		Halkoaho,...		Ala-Penikka	
Biotite	Bt	K(Mg,Fe)...	[stoichiometric]	KMg3AlSi3O10(OH)2				EndMem...	
Hydrobiotite	Hbt	K(Mg,Fe)...	[stoichiometric]	K(Mg,Fe)6(Si,Al)8O20(...				EndMem...	
Forsterite	Fo	Mg2SiO4	Dun Mountain, New Zealand	DHZ, Vol:1A,p.20, T4, 4		Deer et al...		Dunite	
Forsterite	Fo	Mg2SiO4	Calton Hill, Derbyshire, GB	DHZ, Vol:1A,p.25, T6, 8		Deer et al...			
Olivine	Ol	(Mg,Fe)2...	Tafjord, Norway	DHZ, Vol:1A,p.22, T4, 16		Deer et al...		Chrysolite...	

### 84.2.4. Edit

To edit the database, press View / Edit on the right panel or in the ribbon (top).



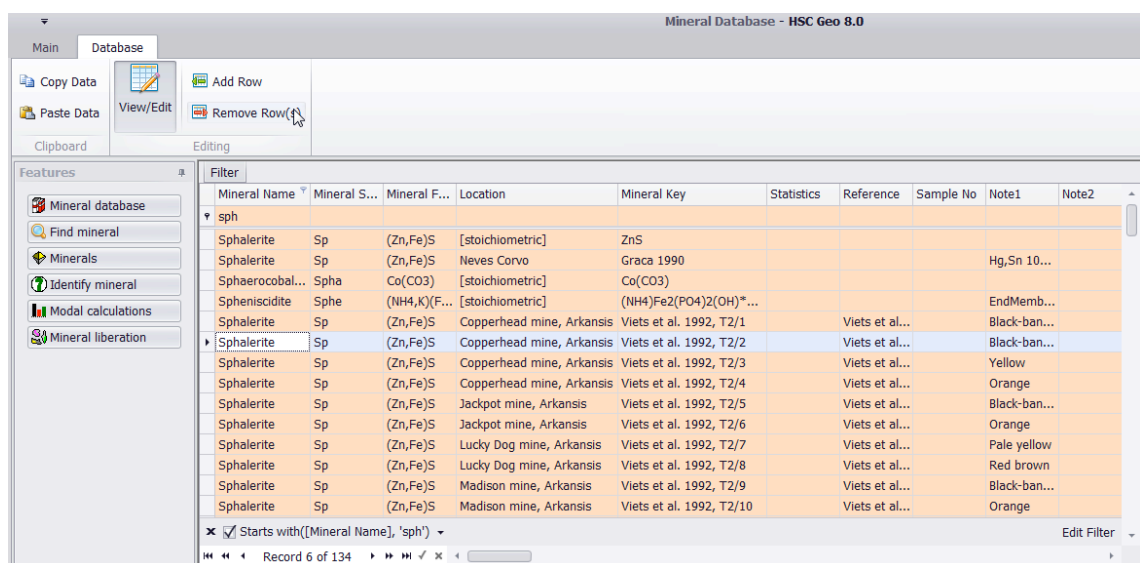
The database view color will change to pink, indicating that the database is in edit mode. Pressing the View/Edit button again will change the database to the view mode and the color white.

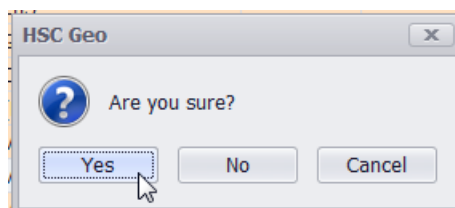
### Editing a content of a row

Activate the row and cell you want to edit and just type the new value in the cell. Change the cursor position and the value will be automatically saved in the database.

### Deleting a row

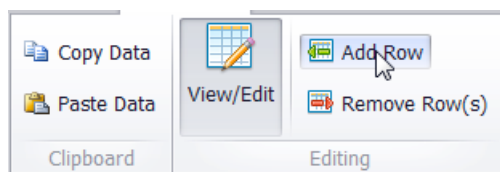
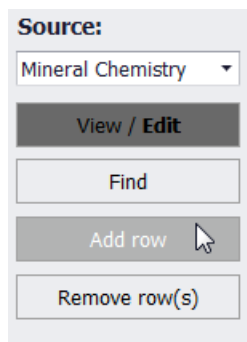
Select the row you want to delete and press Remove Row. Geo will ask you to confirm the removal.





### Adding a new row by manually typing

Press Add Row on the right panel or in the ribbon.



Geo creates a new row at the end of the table. Type in the appropriate values. When ready, change the cursor and Geo will automatically fill in the Mineral Symbol and Mineral Formula fields.

Filter	Mineral Name	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1	Note2
▼ sph	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Talvivaara deposits, Sotk...	Loukola-Ruskeeniemi et...		3600			
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-2 14.60		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-2 18.00		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-2 32.00		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-5 19.50		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-5 46.00		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Pahtavuoma, Kittilä, Centr...	Papunen 1987		3601	Pv-129 33...		
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Babbitt deposit, Minnesot...	29/Table2		3613			
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Babbitt deposit, Minnesot...	30/table2		3613			
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Ottawa/Oklahoma, USA	2/table2		3618		High iron	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Ottawa/Oklahoma, USA	3/table2		3618		Low iron	
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Thierry mine, Ontario, Ca...	8/table2		3619			
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	Thierry mine, Ontario, Ca...	9/table2		3619			
I	Sphalerite			New mine	Ref: Report 121					
	Sphalerite	Sp	(Zn,Fe)S	New mine	Ref: Report 121					

### Adding a new row by pasting

The easiest way of adding new mineral rows to the Geo mineral database is to organize the table (e.g. in Microsoft Excel) and paste it into Geo.

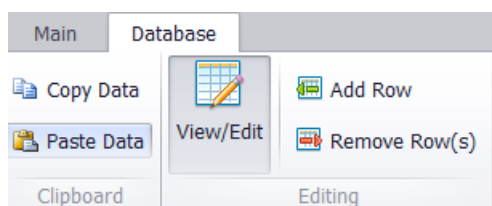
When organizing the data, you need to comply with the following rules:

- Data must be horizontal, one record on a row
- The first row must give the field (column) names

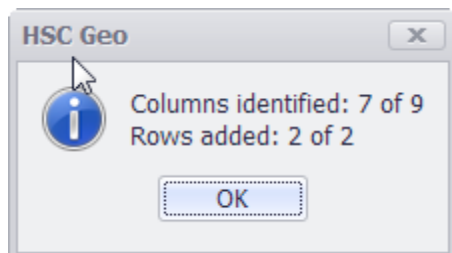
- The column names must be exactly as in the Geo mineral database
- Information is required for at least the Mineral Name, Location and Mineral Key columns

Select the data in Excel and in Geo select Paste Data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Mineral Name	Location	Mineral Key	Fe %	Zn %	S %	Cd %	CuO %	In ppm	
2	Sphalerite	Test	test	6.22	59.9	32.2	0.01	0.02	200	
3	Pyrite	Test	test	45		55	0.01		100	
4										
5										



Geo will advise how many rows were added and how many columns were identified. For example, the columns CuO % and In ppm were not identified and the data were not entered into the database. Copper values should have been given as Cu % and indium as In % for a successful paste.

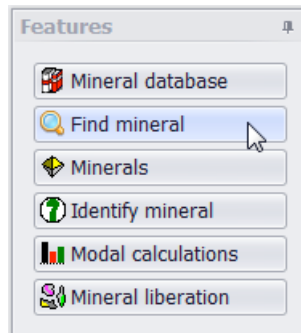




### 84.3. Find mineral

Find mineral is used to find minerals based on elements in their formula.

Press Find mineral



In the periodic table, click once the elements which are found in the mineral (shown in yellow) and twice for elements which are not in the mineral (shown in red). Pressing Apply Filter will make a query in the mineral database and show the ones which pass the criteria. The query conditions can be seen either in visual or text output below the periodic table.

An example of the minerals containing Cu, Cl and O but not B, N, Na, Mg, S, K, Ca, Fe, Zn, Pb and Bi is shown below.

Select Minerals

Visual Text

Contains([Elements], 'Cu') And Contains([Elements], 'Cl') And Contains([Elements], 'O') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Pb') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Fe') And Not Contains([Elements], 'K') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Mg') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Bi') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Na') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Ca') And Not Contains([Elements], 'S') And Not Contains([Elements], 'N') And Not Contains([Elements], 'Zn') And Not Contains([Elements], 'B')

Clear Filter Apply Filter

Name	Symbol	Formula	Empirical Formula	Group	Symbol Ref	Note	Composition	Elements	Ore Mineral	Density	Color
Anthonyite	Athn	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH <sub>2</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub> ·3(H <sub>2</sub> O)	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH)1.5Cl0.5·3...		HSC(B8)		H=4.700; O=44.766; Cl=11.022; Cu=39.512;	\Cu(O)(H)Cl\			
Atacamite	Ata	Cu <sub>2</sub> Cl(OH)3			HSC(B1)		H=1.416; O=22.475; Cl=16.600; Cu=59.509;	\Cu(Cl)(O)(H)\		3.76999998092651	green
Botallackite	Bot	Cu <sub>2</sub> Cl(OH)3			HSC(B1)		H=1.416; O=22.475; Cl=16.600; Cu=59.509;	\Cu(Cl)(O)(H)\		3.59999990463257	
Calumetite	Calu	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH <sub>2</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub> ·2(H <sub>2</sub> O)	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH)Cl*2(H2O)		HSC(B6)		H=3.315; O=31.570; Cl=23.319; Cu=41.797;	\Cu(O)(H)Cl\			
Claringbullite	Clar	Cu <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>14</sub> ·(H <sub>2</sub> O)			HSC(B6)		H=1.930; O=28.728; Cl=8.488; Cu=60.854;	\Cu(Cl)(O)(H)\		3.90000009536743	
Eriochoite	Ec	Cu <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ·2(H <sub>2</sub> O)			HSC(B5)		H=2.365; O=18.770; Cl=41.591; Cu=37.274;	\Cu(Cl)(H)O\		2.47000002861023	green
Melanothallite	Mtha	Cu <sub>2</sub> OCl <sub>2</sub>			HSC(C5pre)		O=7.476; Cl=33.134; Cu=59.390;	\Cu(O)Cl\		4.07999992370606	black
Paratacamite	Prtc	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH)3Cl			HSC(B7)		H=1.416; O=22.475; Cl=16.600; Cu=59.509;	\Cu(O)(H)Cl\		3.74000000953674	black

Another example of search for lead-bearing sulfides is shown below.

Select

Minerals

H

Li

Be

B

C

N

O

F

Ne

Na

Mg

Al

Si

P

S

Cl

Ar

K

Ca

Sc

Ti

V

Cr

Mn

Fe

Co

Ni

Cu

Zn

Ga

Ge

As

Se

Br

Kr

Rb

Sr

Y

Zr

Nb

Mo

Tc

Ru

Rh

Pd

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Cd

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Po

At

Rn

Fr

Ra

La

Ce

Pr

Nd

Pm

Sm

Eu

Gd

Tb

Dy

Ho

Er

Tm

Yb

Lu

Ac

Th

Pa

U

Np

Pu

Am

Cm

Bk

Cf

Es

Fm

Md

Visual

Text

Contains([Elements], "[Pb]") And Contains([Elements], "[S]") And Not Contains([Elements], "[O]") And Not Contains([Elements], "[Ag]") And Not Contains([Elements], "[Bi]") And Not Contains([Elements], "[Sb]") And Not Contains([Elements], "[As]")

Clear Filter

Apply Filter

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Name	Symbol	Formula	Empirical Formula	Group	Symbol Ref	Note	Composition	Elements	Ore Mineral	Density	Color
Betekhtinitite	Btk	Cu <sub>10</sub> (Fe,Pb) <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Cu]Fe[Pb]S		6.01000022888184	black
Galena	Gn	PbS			IMA		S=13.402; Pb=86.598;	[Pb]S		7.40000009536743	gray,
Inaglyte	Ina	PbCu <sub>3</sub> (Ir,Pt) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	PbCu <sub>3</sub> Ir <sub>6</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> S <sub>16</sub>		HSC(B1)			[Pb]Cu[Ir]...			
Kharaelakhtite	Khr	(Pt,Cu,Pb,Fe,Ni) <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Pt]Cu[Pb]...		7.78000020980835	brown
Konderite	Kon	PbCu <sub>3</sub> (Rh,Pt,Ir) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>16</sub>			HSC(B1)			[Pb]Cu[Rh]...			
Manganesesh...	Mshd	(Mn,Pb,Cd)(Cu,Fe) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>8</sub>			HSC(C0pre)			[Mn]Pb[Cd]...			
Morozevicitite	Mrz	(Pb,Fe) <sub>3</sub> GeS <sub>4</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Pb]Fe[Ge]S		6.6199998555908	gray,
Polkovicite	Polk	(Fe,Pb) <sub>3</sub> (Ge,Fe) <sub>5</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> .25Pb <sub>0.75</sub> Ge <sub>0.5</sub>		HSC(B6)		S=27.263; Fe=29.675; Ge=10.032; Pb=33.031;	[Fe]Pb[Ge]S		6.6199998555908	gray,
Radhakrishnaite	Rad	PbTe <sub>3</sub> (Cl,S) <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B1)			[Pb]Te[Cl]S			
Rhodplumstite	Rhdp	Pb <sub>2</sub> Rh <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B7)		S=8.146; Rh=39.215; Pb=52.639;	[Pb]Rh[S]			
Shadlunite	Shd	(Pb,Cd)(Fe,Cu) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	Pb <sub>0.75</sub> Cd <sub>0.25</sub> Fe <sub>6</sub>		HSC(B3)		S=28.434; Fe=37.140; Cu=14.087; Cd=3.115; Pb=1...	[Pb]Cd[Fe]...			
Shandite	Shan	Pb <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B6)		S=9.797; Ni=26.898; Pb=63.305;	[Pb]Ni[S]		8.72000026702881	yellow
Teallite	Tea	PbSnS <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B1)		S=16.442; Sn=30.435; Pb=53.122;	[Pb]Sn[S]		6.40000009536743	gray,

To see more details on one of the minerals on the list, select the row and click the “Minerals” tab. An example concerning Galena is shown below. On the left, the general properties of the mineral (galena) are listed and on the right there is a table of different galenas analyzed from different localities are shown with their chemical composition.

Select

Minerals

Name

Galena

Symbol

Gn

Formula

PbS

Empirical Formu

PbS

Group

IMA

Note

Composition

S=13.402; Pb=...

Elements

[Pb]S

Ore Mineral

Density

7.40000009536...

Color

gray, light lead

Hardness

2.5

Luster

Metallic

Mag Susc Unit

Mag Susc Rel

Date Of Input

2009-06-28 0...

Mag Susc Unit

Mag Susc Rel

Formula Base

Date Of Input

Location

Shaba Provinc...

Statistics

Sadon Format...

Reference

251

Sample No

251

Note1

Note2

Note3

Anthony et al. ...

Database

HSC

Loss Of Ignitio

7.4000000953...

Satmagan

7.4000000953...

Mag Susc Unit

Mag Susc Rel

Date Of Input

2009-06-28 0...

Mag Susc Unit

Mag Susc Rel

Formula Base

Date Of Input

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Galena veins

Sotka 1981

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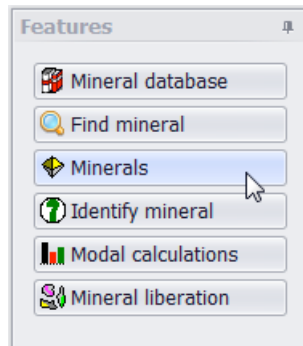
Sotka 1981

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Name	Symbol	Formula	Empirical Formula	Group	Symbol Ref	Note	Composition	Elements	Ore Mineral	Density	Color
Betekhtinitite	Btk	Cu <sub>10</sub> (Fe,Pb) <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Cu]Fe[Pb]S		6.01000022888184	black
Galena	Gn	PbS			IMA		S=13.402; Pb=86.598;	[Pb]S		7.40000009536743	gray,
Inaglyte	Ina	PbCu <sub>3</sub> (Ir,Pt) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	PbCu <sub>3</sub> Ir <sub>6</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> S <sub>16</sub>		HSC(B1)			[Pb]Cu[Ir]...			
Kharaelakhtite	Khr	(Pt,Cu,Pb,Fe,Ni) <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Pt]Cu[Pb]...		7.78000020980835	brown
Konderite	Kon	PbCu <sub>3</sub> (Rh,Pt,Ir) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>16</sub>			HSC(B1)			[Pb]Cu[Rh]...			
Manganesesh...	Mshd	(Mn,Pb,Cd)(Cu,Fe) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>8</sub>			HSC(C0pre)			[Mn]Pb[Cd]...			
Morozevicitite	Mrz	(Pb,Fe) <sub>3</sub> GeS <sub>4</sub>			HSC(B3)			[Pb]Fe[Ge]S		6.6199998555908	gray,
Polkovicite	Polk	(Fe,Pb) <sub>3</sub> (Ge,Fe) <sub>5</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> .25Pb <sub>0.75</sub> Ge <sub>0.5</sub>		HSC(B6)		S=27.263; Fe=29.675; Ge=10.032; Pb=33.031;	[Fe]Pb[Ge]S		6.6199998555908	gray,
Radhakrishnaite	Rad	PbTe <sub>3</sub> (Cl,S) <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B1)			[Pb]Te[Cl]S			
Rhodplumstite	Rhdp	Pb <sub>2</sub> Rh <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B7)		S=8.146; Rh=39.215; Pb=52.639;	[Pb]Rh[S]			
Shadlunite	Shd	(Pb,Cd)(Fe,Cu) <sub>8</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	Pb <sub>0.75</sub> Cd <sub>0.25</sub> Fe <sub>6</sub>		HSC(B3)		S=28.434; Fe=37.140; Cu=14.087; Cd=3.115; Pb=1...	[Pb]Cd[Fe]...			
Shandite	Shan	Pb <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B6)		S=9.797; Ni=26.898; Pb=63.305;	[Pb]Ni[S]		8.72000026702881	yellow
Teallite	Tea	PbSnS <sub>2</sub>			HSC(B1)		S=16.442; Sn=30.435; Pb=53.122;	[Pb]Sn[S]		6.40000009536743	gray,

### 84.4. Minerals – Mineral properties

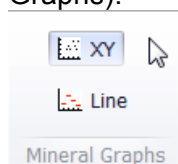
The Minerals button gives access to mineral properties by name.



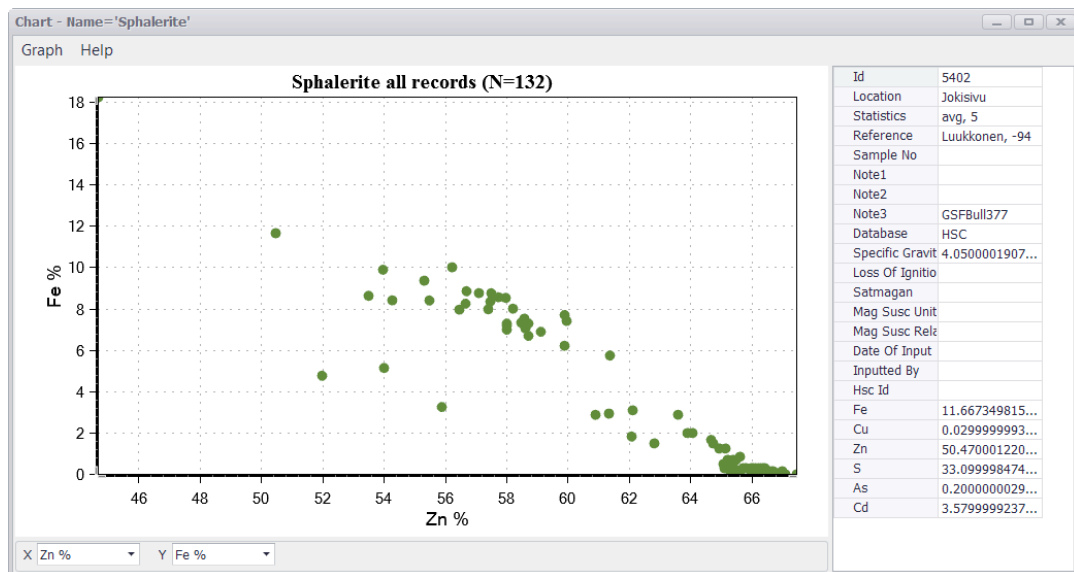
In the Mineral Properties window, type the names of the mineral of interest (e.g. sphal... for sphalerite) and Geo will select the first mineral which matches the text you typed. On the left-hand side, there are the general properties of minerals and on the right-hand side, there is a table with different analyses of the selected mineral from different locations shown.

Mineral Properties											
Sphal	Name	Sphalerite	Location	[stoichiometric]	Neves Corvo	Copperhead ...	Copperhead ...	Copperhead ...	Copperhead ...	Jackpot mine, ...	Jackpot mine, ...
Sodiumaluminum	Symbol	Sp	Statistics								
Sodiumanthophyllite	Formula	(Zn,Fe)S	Reference			Viets et al, 1992	Viets et al, 1992	Viets et al, 1992	Viets et al, 1992	Viets et al, 1992	Viets et al, 1992
Sodiumautunite	Empirical Form	ZnS	Sample No								
Sodiumbetpakdalite	Group		Note1		Hg,Sn 10*ppm	Black-banded ...	Black-banded ...	Yellow	Orange	Black-banded ...	Orange
Sodiumbolivoidite	Symbol Ref	IMA	Note2								
Sodiumdachiardite	Note		Note3	ZnS	Graca 1990	Viets et al. 19...	Viets et al. 19...	Viets et al. 19...	Viets et al. 19...	Viets et al. 19...	Viets et al. 19...
Sodiumgedrite	Composition	S=32.903; Zn...	Database	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC
Sodiumpharmacosiderite	Elements	\Zn(Fe)\S\	SG	4.0960001945...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...	4.0500001907...
Sodiumphlogopite	Ore Mineral		Loss Of Ignitio								
Sodiumuranosilite	Density	4.0500001907...	Satmagan								
Sodiumzippeite	Color	brown	Mag Susc Unit								
Sofite	Hardness	3.5...4	Mag Susc Rel								
Sogdianite	Luster	Resinous - Gre...	Date Of Input								
Sohngeite	Mag Susc Unit		Inputted By								
Solongite	Mag Susc Rel		Hsc Id								
Sonolite	Formula Base		Fe %		0	0.3000400066...	0.3000400066...	0.1251499950...	0.3000400066...	0.1002700030...	0.1002700030...
Sonorait	Date Of Input		Mn %			0.0030199999...	0.0030199999...	0.0021699999...	0.0030199999...	0.0010100000...	0.0014700000...
Sopchite	Inputted By		Cu %			0.1500000059...	0.0700000002...	0.0125000001...	0.0500000007...	0.0125000001...	0.0299999993...
Sophite			Ni %			0.0006000000...	0.0006000000...	0.0006000000...	0.0006000000...	0.0006000000...	0.0006000000...
Sorbyite			Co %			0.0001400000...	5.9999998484...	5.9999998484...	0.0001400000...	5.9999998484...	5.9999998484...
Sorensenite			Zn %	67.096946716...	67.089996337...	65.696998596...	65.781997680...	66.569999694...	66.378997802...	66.303001403...	66.304000854...
Sosedokite			S %	32.903057098...	32.909999847...	32.843288421...	32.841388702...	32.880428314...	32.942550659...	32.826408386...	32.836380004...
Soucekite			As %								
Souzelite			Cd %			1	1	0.4000000059...	0.3000000119...	0.75	0.6999999880...
Spadaite			Hg %			0.6499999761...					
Spangolite			Sb %								
Spencerite			Bi %			0.7710000276...					
Sperocbaltite			Sn %								
Sperryite			Ag %			0.0001999999...	2.9999999242...	2.9999999242...	2.9999999242...	2.9999999242...	2.9999999242...
Sperrylite			In %								
Spessartine			Ga %			0.0030000000...	0.0020000000...	0.0070000002...	0.0099999997...	0.0060000000...	0.0199999995...
Sphaerocobaltite			Ge %			0.0030000000...	0.0010000000...	0.0020000000...	0.0149999996...	0.0007999999...	0.0070000002...
Spheniscidite											
Sninel											

To study the chemical composition in the XY graph, press XY in the ribbon (group Mineral Graphs).



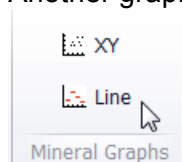
You can change the elements shown on the X and Y axis from the combo boxes below the graph.



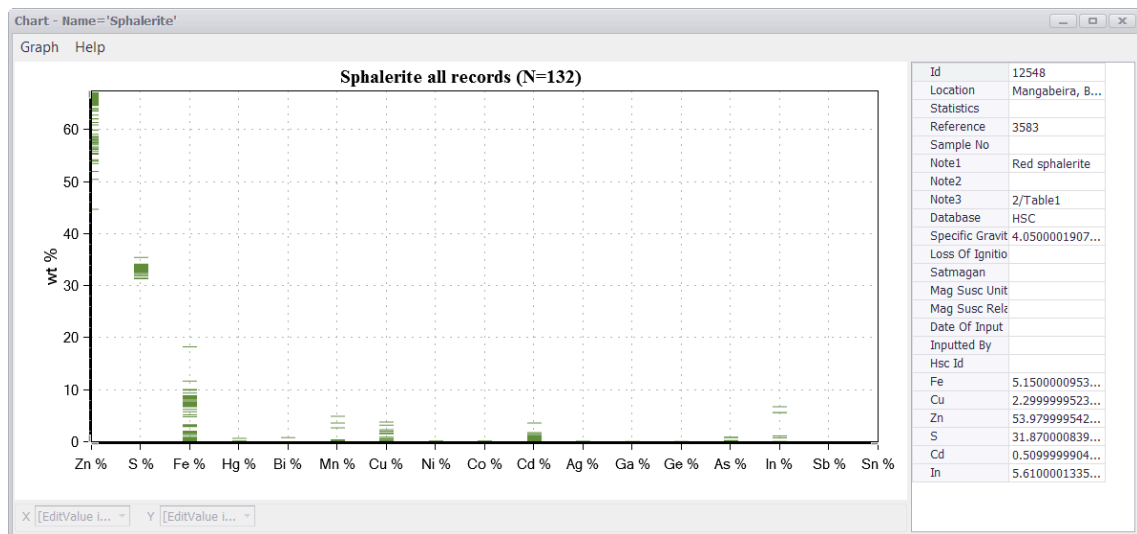
When double-clicking any of the points on the graph, a table on the right-hand side of the graph will be updated to show the mineral analysis in question.

Id	5440
Location	Neves Corvo
Statistics	
Reference	Benzaazoua et...
Sample No	
Note1	
Note2	
Note3	Benzaazoua et...
Database	HSC
Specific Grav	4.0500001907...
Loss Of Ignitio	
Satmagan	
Mag Susc Unit	
Mag Susc Relz	
Date Of Input	
Inputted By	
Hsc Id	
Fe	3.0998899936...
Cu	1.7000000476...
Zn	62.099998474...
S	32.599998474...
Hg	0.1199999973...
In	0.0599999986...

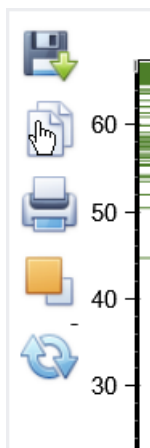
Another graph type available is Line Chart.





Pressing Line will summarize the variation in the chemical composition of the selected minerals in a line chart where each analyzed element is shown on the X axis and the narrow horizontal line represents one record in the database. More information on each point can be received when double-clicking: a table on the right-hand side will show the properties of the selected mineral analysis (i.e. record in the database).



To save, copy, or print, move the mouse on the picture and select the appropriate option in the floating menu.



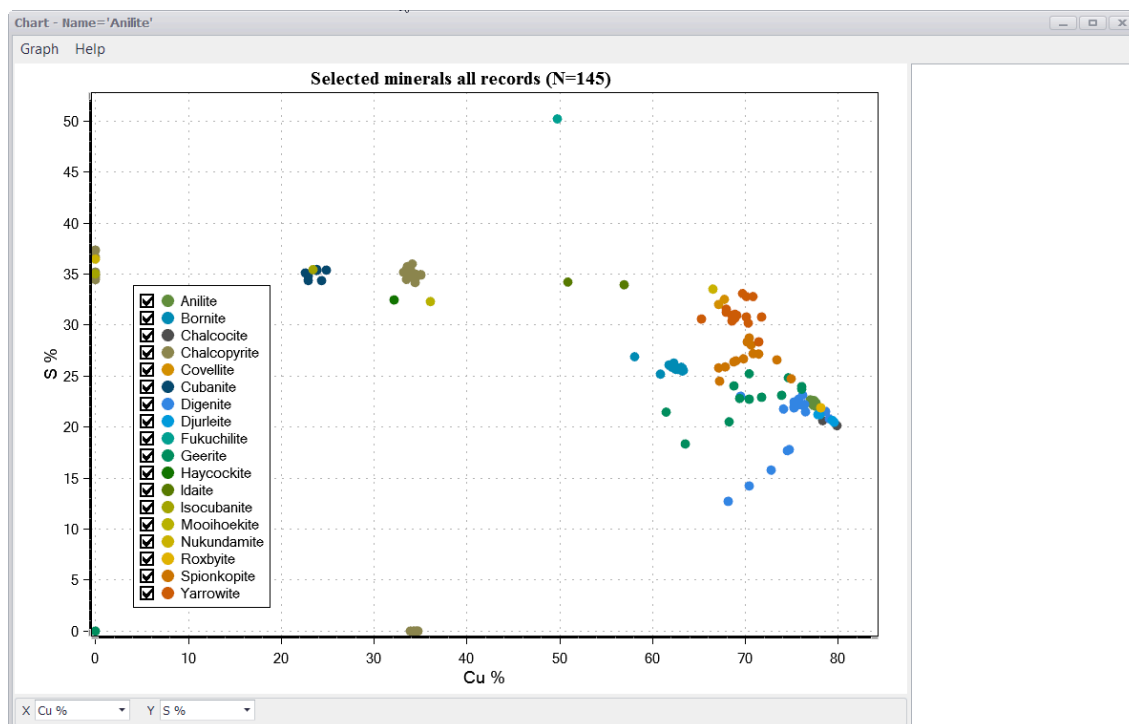
You can also use Filter by pressing the Filter in the lower left corner of the Mineral Properties window. In the Filter window, you can filter the minerals by the elements found in the formula (see the previous chapter on Find mineral). Move the desired minerals to the selected ones with  and  buttons (move selected, move all, respectively). When ready, press Accept.

Name	Symbol	Formula	Empirical Formula	Group	Symbol Ref	Note	Composition
Anilite	Ani	Cu <sub>7</sub> S <sub>4</sub>			HSC(81)		S=22.381; Cu=77.619;
Bornite	Bn	Cu <sub>5</sub> FeS <sub>4</sub>			JMA		S=25.559; Fe=11.128; Cu=63.313;
Chalcocite	Cc	Cu <sub>2</sub> S			JMA		S=20.147; Cu=79.853;
Chalcopyrite	Ccp	CuFeS <sub>2</sub>			JMA		S=34.945; Fe=30.429; Cu=34.626;
Covellite	Cv	CuS			JMA	(Covellite)	S=33.538; Cu=66.462;
Cubanite	Cub	CuFe <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>			HSC(81)		S=35.441; Fe=41.148; Cu=23.411;
Digenite	Dg	Cu <sub>9</sub> S <sub>5</sub>			JMA		S=21.896; Cu=78.104;
Djurite	Dju	Cu <sub>3</sub> S <sub>15</sub>			HSC(81)		S=20.663; Cu=79.337;
Fukuchilite	Fu	Cu <sub>3</sub> FeS <sub>8</sub>	Cu <sub>3</sub> FeS <sub>8</sub>		HSC(82)		S=50.998; Fe=11.102; Cu=37.899;
Geerite	Gee	Cu <sub>8</sub> S <sub>5</sub>			HSC(81)		S=23.976; Cu=76.024;
Haycockite	Hay	Cu <sub>4</sub> FeS <sub>5</sub>			HSC(81)		S=32.474; Fe=35.348; Cu=32.178;
Idaite	Ida	Cu <sub>3</sub> FeS <sub>4</sub>			HSC(81)		S=34.227; Fe=14.902; Cu=50.871;
Isocubanite	Iso	CuFe <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>			HSC(81)		S=35.441; Fe=41.148; Cu=23.411;
Mooihoekite	Moo	Cu <sub>9</sub> Fe <sub>9</sub> S <sub>16</sub>			HSC(81)		S=32.317; Fe=31.659; Cu=36.024;
Nukundamite	Nuk	(Cu,Fe) <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>			HSC(81)		
Roxbyite	Rox	Cu <sub>9</sub> S <sub>5</sub>			HSC(81)		S=21.896; Cu=78.104;
Spionkopite	Spi	Cu <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> S <sub>8</sub>			HSC(81)		S=26.594; Cu=73.406;
Yarrowite	Yar	Cu <sub>9</sub> S <sub>5</sub>			HSC(82)		S=30.965; Cu=69.035;

In the Mineral Properties window, select the minerals you want to study further and press XY.

- Anilite
- Bornite
- Chalcocite
- Chalcopyrite
- Covellite
- Cubanite
- Digenite
- Djurite
- Fukuchilite
- Geerite
- Haycockite
- Idaite
- Isocubanite
- Mooihoekite
- Nukundamite
- Roxbyite
- Spionkopite
- Yarrowite

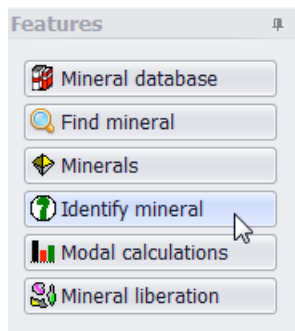
In the XY graph, you can select which minerals are shown by checking or unchecking them in the legend.



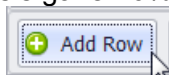
### 84.5. Identify mineral

Identify Mineral is used to find a name for a mineral based on its chemical composition. Typically, this kind of question is faced when studying samples with scanning electron microscope (SEM) and EDS (or WDS) analysis is collected from a mineral grain.

Press Identify mineral in the left panel.



Let us propose that the EDS analysis gave 26% Cu, 22% Sb, 27% S, 5% Fe and 20% Ag.



To start with, press the Add button and select Cu for the element, % for the proportion, 26 for the value. SD is a standard deviation and you can obtain this information by analyzing the same grain several times and calculating the value of the standard deviation. You can use a default value of 1%. Press OK and add the next elements.

Finally, when adding all the conditions to be identified, press .

Element	Value	SD	Mineral N...	Location	Mineral Key	Reference	Note1	Note3	Database	Fe %	Cu %	Zn %	S %	Sb %	Ag %
Cu	26	1	Tetrahedr...	Lampisaa...	Sotka 1981	3596	no. of an...	Sotka 1981	HSC	3.5	24.04000...	3.339999...	22.71999...	25.54000...	18.47999...
Sb	22	1	Tetrahedr...	Lampisaa...	Sotka 1981	3596	no. of an...	Sotka 1981	HSC	6.300000...	22.43000...	1.419999...	22.34000...	26.72999...	21.54999...
S	27	1	Tetrahedr...	Lampisaa...	Sotka 1981	3596	no. of an...	Sotka 1981	HSC	3.859999...	22.18000...	2.089999...	22.45000...	27.34000...	21.65999...
Fe	5	1	Tetrahedr...	Lampisaa...	Sotka 1981	3596	no. of an...	Sotka 1981	HSC	3	22.23999...	2.019999...	22.79000...	28.31999...	26.61000...
Ag	20	1	Tetrahedr...	Lampisaa...	Sotka 1981	3596	no. of an...	Sotka 1981	HSC	5.019999...	33.72000...	1.070000...	19.86000...	24.97999...	31.79999...
			Tetrahedr...	Spain	4/Table2	3615	Vein	4/Table2	HSC	2.009999...	34.72000...	1.75	23.48999...	27.20999...	3.890000...
			Tetrahedr...	Spain	3/Table2	3615	Vein	3/Table2	HSC	2.109999...	34.93000...	2	23.29999...	27.62999...	3.509999...
			Tetrahedr...	Spain	5/table2	3615	Vein	5/table2	HSC	2.109999...	35.11999...	1.769999...	23.27000...	27.43000...	2.839999...
			Tetrahedr...	Neves Co...	Graca 1990		Hg,Sn 10...	Graca 1990	HSC	5.557859...	37.90000...	1.320000...	33.83000...	31.34000...	7.236999...
			Tetrahedr...	Spain	9/Table2	3615	Altered Z...	9/Table2	HSC	0.790000...	34.97999...	0.349999...	23.55999...	24.85000...	2.089999...

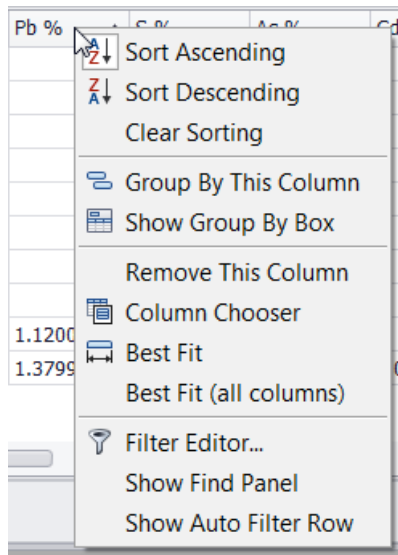
Geo will show you the 10 best matching minerals. Matching is done by calculating the Weighed Sum of Squares according to the following function:

$$SSQ = \sum_{E=1}^n \left( \frac{Database_E - Given_E}{SD_E} \right)^2$$

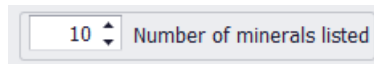


The lower the SSQ, the better the match. The rows are displayed in the order of increasing SSQ. This time all the 10 best matches are for tetrahedrite and the identification can be regarded as reliable.

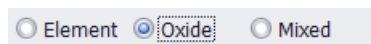
The table can be organized right-clicking on the columns and for example hiding it (Remove This Column).



The number of minerals listed can be changed in the lower part of the window.



It is also possible to change the give assays (composition) to an oxide form.



### 84.6. Modal calculations – mass proportion of minerals in samples

#### 84.6.1. Background and theory

Modal calculation means converting the elemental grades of a sample to mineral grades (Whiten, 2007)<sup>6</sup>. This is also called element to mineral conversion. The method is traditional and provides a simple way to estimate modal mineralogy (i.e. mass proportion of minerals in a sample) by solving simultaneously a set of mass balance equations formulated between chemical elements and minerals. The method is restricted to relatively simple mineralogy where the number of minerals is not larger than the number of analyzed components and the chemical composition of minerals (mineral matrix) is known. Mathematically, this can be written as follows:

$$A \times x = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

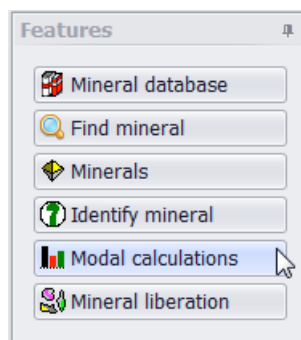
Where A is the matrix on the chemical composition of minerals (Mineral Matrix), x is the vector including the unknown mass proportion of minerals (modal mineralogy) in the sample and b is the vector on the analyzed chemical composition of the sample. The unknown x can be found e.g. using the non-negative least square method (Lawson & Hanson, 1995)<sup>2</sup>.

Element to mineral conversion can be improved by also using, in addition to conventional whole rock analysis, mineral selective methods like bromine-methanol leaching for nickel ores (Penttinen, Palosaari, & Siura, 1977)<sup>4</sup>, copper phase analysis for copper ores (Lamberg, Hautala, Sotka, & Saavalainen, 1997)<sup>1</sup> and Satmagan analysis for iron ores (Stradling, 1991, Lund et al., 2013)<sup>5,3</sup>.

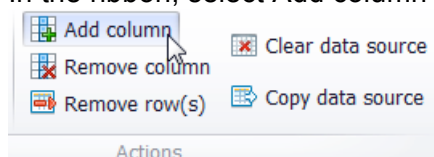
#### 84.6.2. Simple calculation

##### Manual input

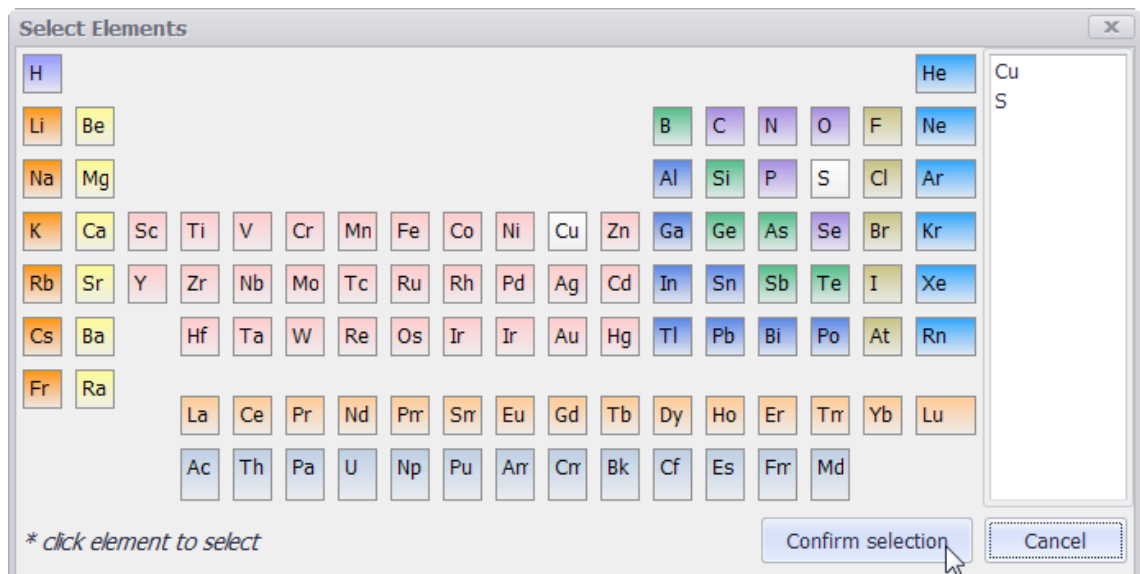
To give the chemical assays of samples manually, select Modal calculations



In the ribbon, select Add column



In the Select Elements window, select the elements the assays are for. In this example, assays are available for Cu and S. Click on Cu and S and then Confirm selection.

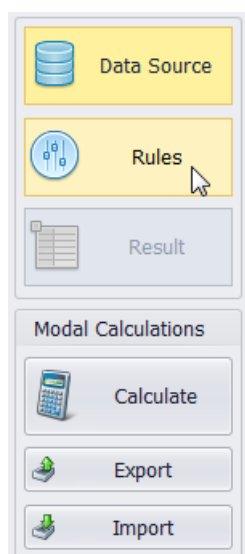


Type in the sample ID and assays in the grid, for example as follows:

ID	Cu %	S %
1	1.20	10.30
2	10.40	22.00
3	28.00	34.00
▶ 4	0.10	8.00
*		

### Calculation Rules

Press Rules to define the calculation rules



In the Modal Calculation window, the Periodic Table on the top shows the analyzed elements. The next step is to define the minerals. Press Define on the left side of the window.

Define

Calculation

Error Estimation

H	He																	He
Li	Be																	He
Na	Mg																	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba		Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
Fr	Ra																	
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		
		Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md				

Element + SHIFT

Phase

Element...

Minerals

Define

Phases and Elements per Rounds

Round 1

Phases

Elements

Add Round Remove Round

Sum = 100%

Method

☒ Least Squares (LS)  
☐ Weighed Least Squares (WLS)  
☐ Non-negative Least Squares (NNLS)  
☐ Weighed non-negative Least Squares (WNNLS)

Not Determined 0/0

In the Select Minerals type for instance the mineral name or other search criteria in the first row. Here chalcopyrite is written and Geo shows all the chalcopyrite records existing in the database. Select the record and press Add

Select Minerals

×

Select

Find

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Mineral	Mineral S...	Mineral F...	Mineral D...	Location	Mineral Key	Statistics	Reference	Sample No	Note1
▼ chalcopyrite									
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Western ...	Anthony e...		251		
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	[stoichio...	CuFeS2				
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Neves Co...	Graca 1990				Hg,Sn pp...
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Erora, Po...	DHZ, Vol...		Deer et al...		
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	El Teniente	Bowles 2...				
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Jokisivu	GSFBull377	avg. 3	Luukkone...		
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Norilsk	KH-97-1	avg	Cabri et a...	86	
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Neves Co...	Benzaazo...				
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	CuFeS2	4.199999...	Olympia	Adam et ...		Adam, K. ...		

✕ ☒ Starts with([Mineral Name], 'chalcopyrite')

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Mineral Database Data

MineralName	<b>Chalcopyrite</b>
MineralSymbol	<b>Ccp</b>
MineralFormula	<b>CuFeS2</b>
MineralDensity	<b>4.1999998092...</b>
Location	<b>[stoichiometric]</b>
MineralKey	<b>CuFeS2</b>
Note3	<b>CuFeS2</b>
Database	<b>HSC</b>
SG	<b>4.3499999046...</b>
Fe %	<b>30.429428100...</b>
Cu %	<b>34.625633239...</b>
S %	<b>34.944938659...</b>

Graphs




Selected Minerals Data

Mineral N...	Mineral S...	Location	Mineral Key	Si %	Ti %	Al %	Cr %	V %	Fe %	Mn %	Mg %	Ca %	Rb %

OK


Cancel

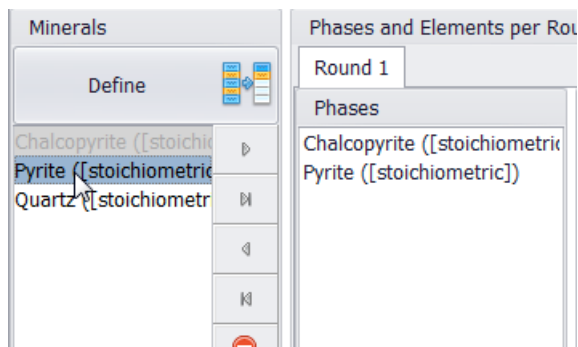
Continue until all the minerals existing in the samples are selected. In this example, the minerals are chalcopyrite, pyrite and quartz. Press OK when ready.

Selected Minerals Data								
								
Mineral N...	Mineral S...	Location	Mineral Key	Si %	Fe %	O %	Cu %	S %
Chalcopyr...	Ccp	[stoichio...	CuFeS2		30.42942...		34.62563...	34.94493...
Pyrite	Py	[stoichio...	FeS2		46.54642...			53.45357...
Quartz	Qtz	[stoichio...	SiO2	46.74349...		53.25650...		

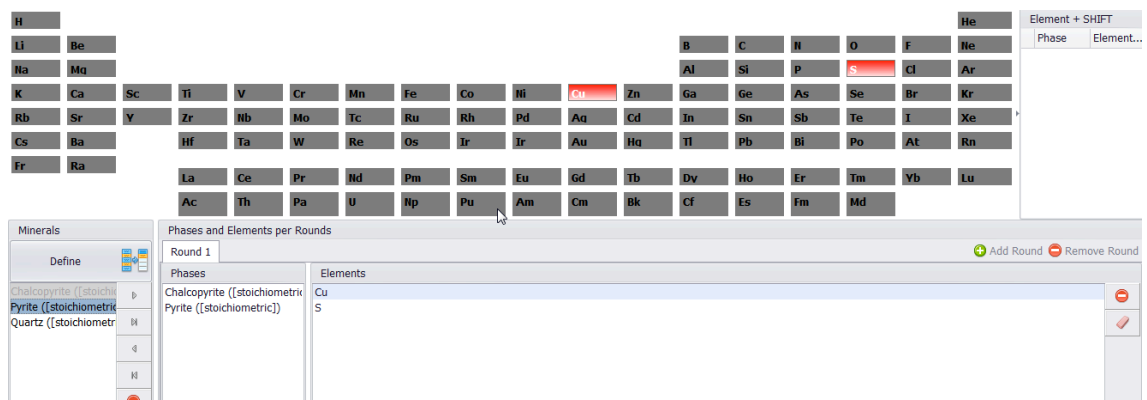
The next step is to define the rules for calculations. In this case, the rules are as follows:

- Chalcopyrite and Pyrite are calculated from Cu and S assays
- Quartz is the remaining

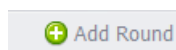
Select the minerals (Chalcopyrite and Pyrite) and press  to move them to the list of Phases (on Round 1).



Now select the elements, i.e. click on Cu and S to move them to the list of Elements. The color of Cu and S changes to red indicating that they have been used in the calculations.



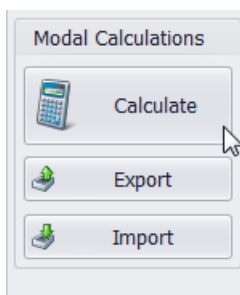
Press Add Round to add another round for Quartz.



Select and move Quartz to the list of Phases and check the Sum = 100% option.



Press Calculate



### Studying the calculation result

The result is shown on seven tabs:

- Modal gives the mineral mass proportions (wt %)
- Distribution is to calculate the distribution of elements between the minerals
- Fraction is to calculate the composition of a given mineral fraction
- Residual gives the residue of the calculation
- Bulk Ch. gives the back-calculated chemical composition of the samples
- Notes/Statistics is for error estimation
- Initial values show the sample analyses and mineral matrix

In the Modal sheet, each sample is listed horizontally, mineral grades are given as wt %, the total is displayed and SG is the calculated specific gravity (density) of the sample. Please note that when calculating density, the missing part (i.e. if the sum is below 100) is not regarded. The calculation is made as if the modal mineralogy would be normalized to 100%.

	Modal	Distribution	Fraction	Residual	Bulk Ch.	Notes/Statistics	Initial values
	A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	ID	Ccp %	Py %	Qtz %	Total	SG	
2	1	3.465641	17.00342	79.53094	100	2.923956	
3	2	30.03555	21.52166	48.44279	100	3.392338	
4	3	80.86495	10.74165	8.393408	100	4.184149	
5	4	0.288803	14.77745	84.93374	100	2.851872	
6							
7							

To calculate the Distribution of any element between minerals, select the Distribution tab and select the element from the periodic table.

Modal

Distribution

Fraction

Residual

Bulk Ch.

Notes/Statistics

Initial values

H

Li

Be

Na

Mg

K

Ca

Sc

Ti

V

Cr

Mn

Fe

Co

Ni

Cu

Zn

Rb

Sr

Y

Zr

Nb

Mo

Tc

Ru

Rh

Pd

Ag

Cd

In

Sn

Sb

Te

I

Xe

Cs

Ba

Hf

Ta

W

Re

Os

Ir

Au

Hg

Tl

Pb

Bi

Po

At

Rn

Fr

Ra

La

Ce

Pr

Nd

Pm

Sm

Eu

Gd

Tb

Dy

Ho

Er

Tm

Yb

Lu

Ac

Th

Pa

U

Np

Pu

Am

Cm

Bk

Cf

Es

Fm

Md

He

B

C

N

O

F

Ne

Al

Si

P

S

Cl

Ar

Ga

Ge

As

Se

Br

Kr

He

Distribution of Fe

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	ID	Ccp %	Py %	Qtz %	Total				
2	1	11.75792	88.24208	0	100				
3	2	47.70866	52.29134	0	100				
4	3	83.11237	16.88763	0	100				
5	4	1.261527	98.73847	0	100				
6									
7									

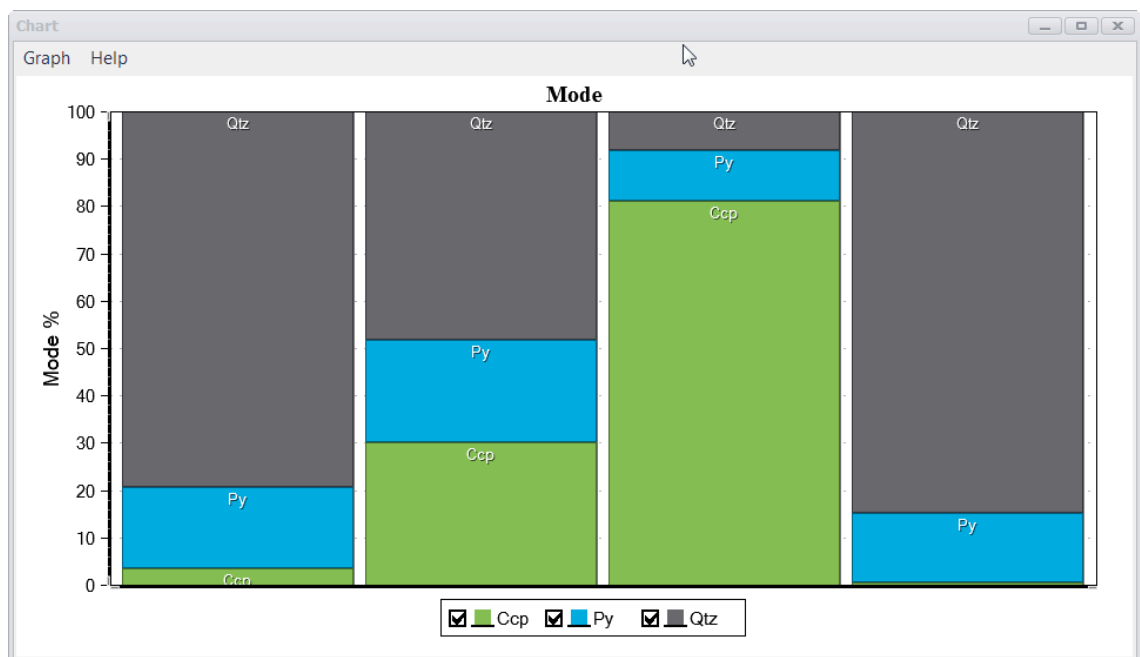
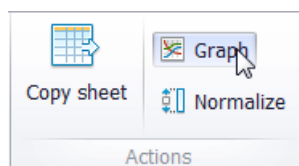
To calculate the composition of a mineral fraction select the Fraction tab, select and move the minerals to the list of Minerals in the fraction and press Calculate Fraction. Minerals in the fraction are normalized to 100% and the chemical composition of the mineral fraction is displayed. The fraction is used to estimate the composition of bulk sulfide concentrate, for example.





Modal	Distribution	Fraction	Residual	Bulk Ch.	Notes/Statistics	Initial values	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ID	Si %	Fe %	O %	Cu %	S %	SG
2	1	37.17554	8.969056	42.3554	1.2	10.3	2.923956
3	2	22.64385	19.15721	25.79894	10.4	22	3.392338
4	3	3.923372	29.60659	4.470036	28	34	4.184149
5	4	39.701	6.966257	45.23275	0.1	8	2.851872
6							
7							

Pressing the Graph on different sheets will show the result in a graphical format.



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