PDF-2 Tools and Searches

PDF-2 2021

The PDF-2 2021 database is powered by our integrated search display software. PDF-2 2021 boasts 71 search selections coupled with 57 display fields resulting in a nearly limitless choice of data mining options. This quick tutorial will introduce you to the basics of PDF-2 filters available to you to refine your search.

Getting Started: The Toolbar

Search Window: Overview of Search Classifications

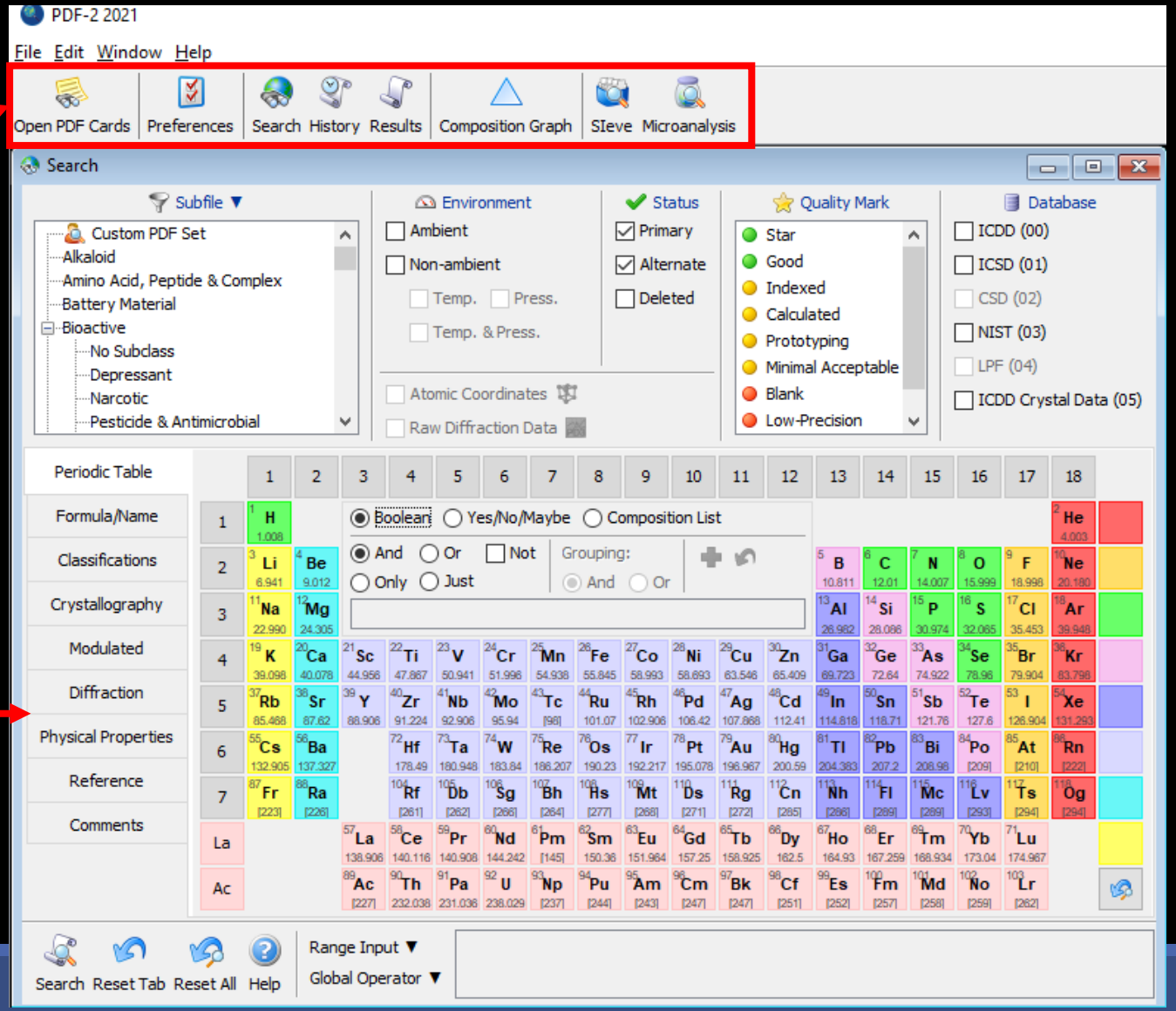
Data Mining Basics

Search Example

PDF Data Card

Launch Screen

This will be the opening screen when you have correctly opened PDF-2 2021.



Tool Bar

Primary Search Menu

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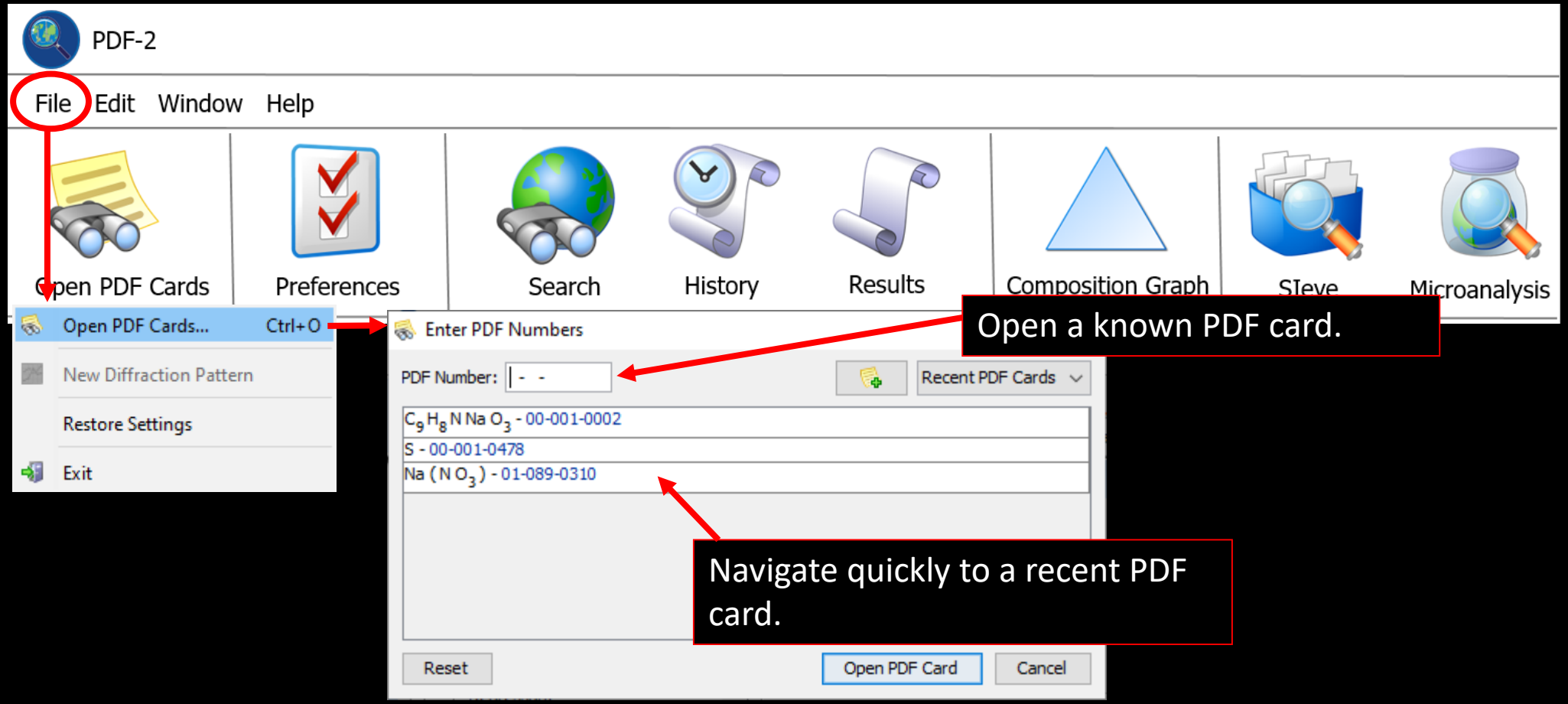

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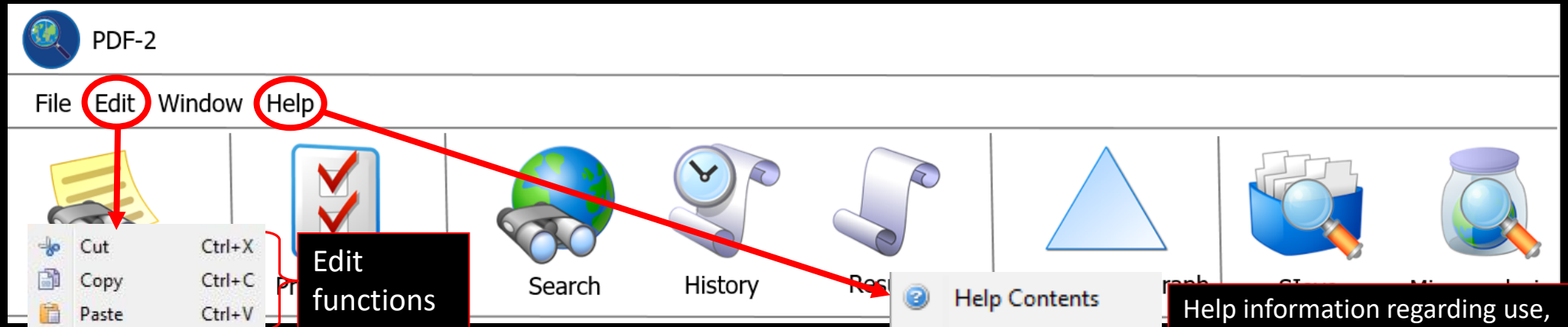

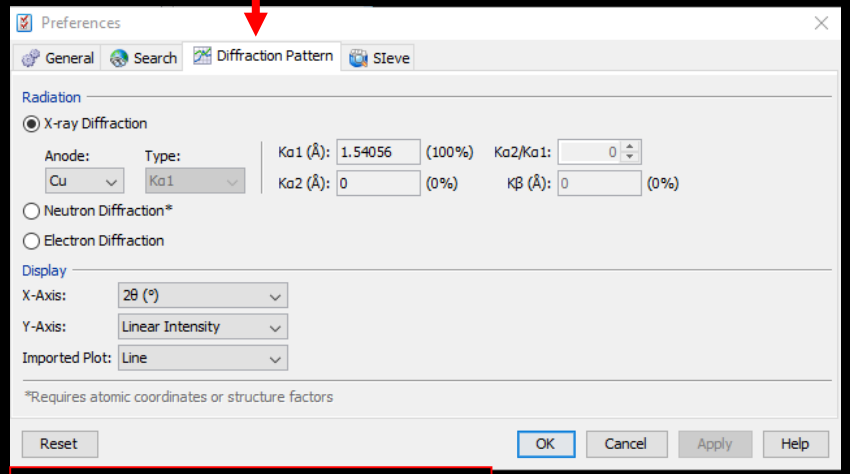

Customize Radiation, Display settings, and many more features of the PDF-2.

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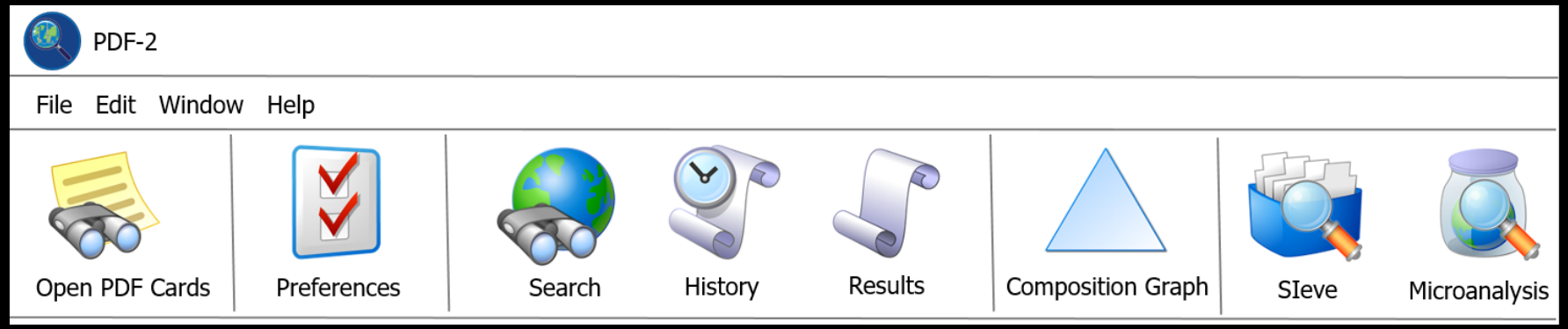

Quick Navigation Icons

Select a PDF Card

Select Preferences Module

Open Search Window

Open History Window

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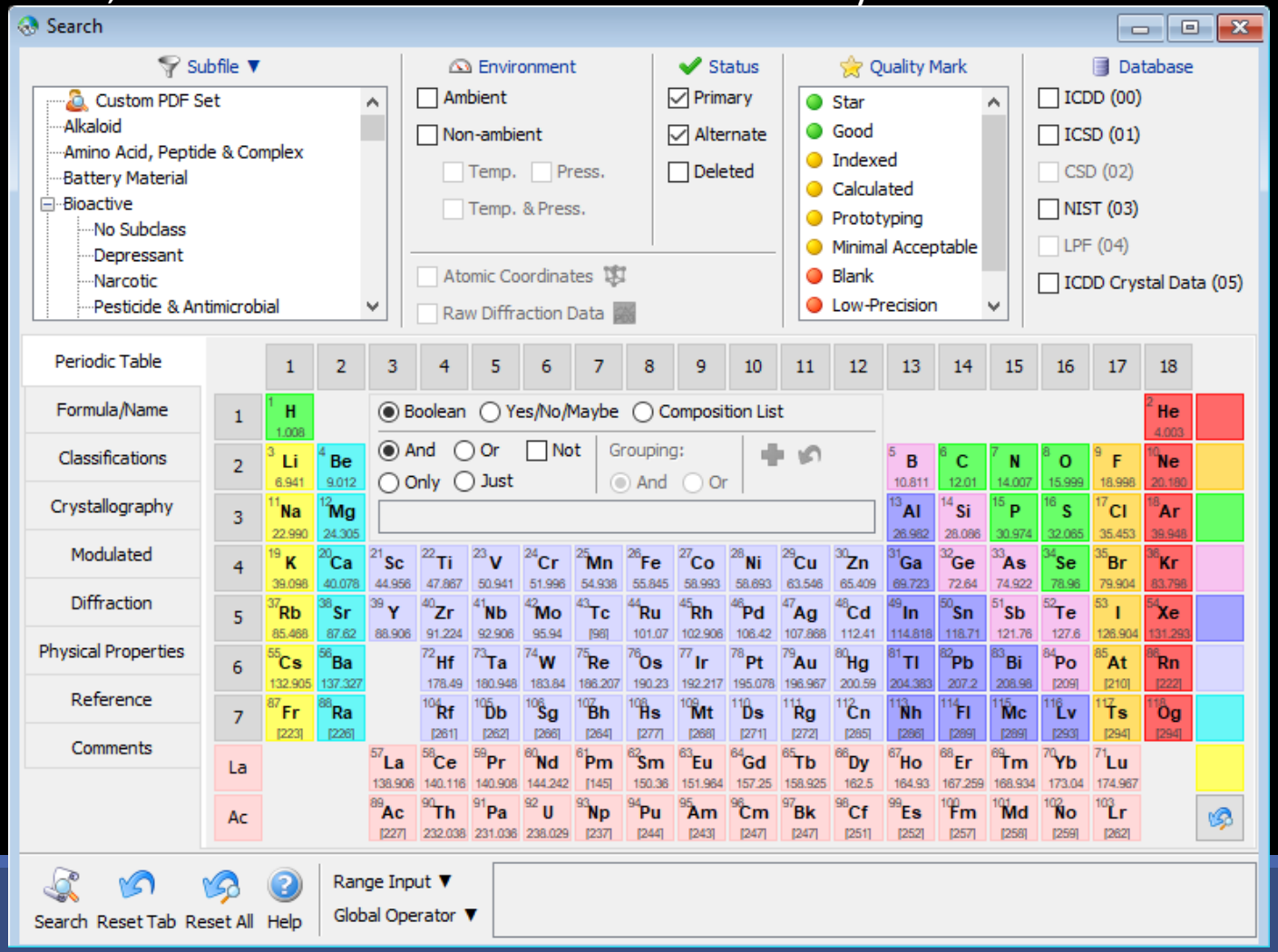
Microanalysis

Primary Search Menu

The Search Window displays nine tabs. Each tab features multiple search criteria to allow you to data mine the PDF-2. Searching the PDF-2 is an iterative process that allows you to input user-defined criteria, view the results, and combine additional criteria to refine your results.



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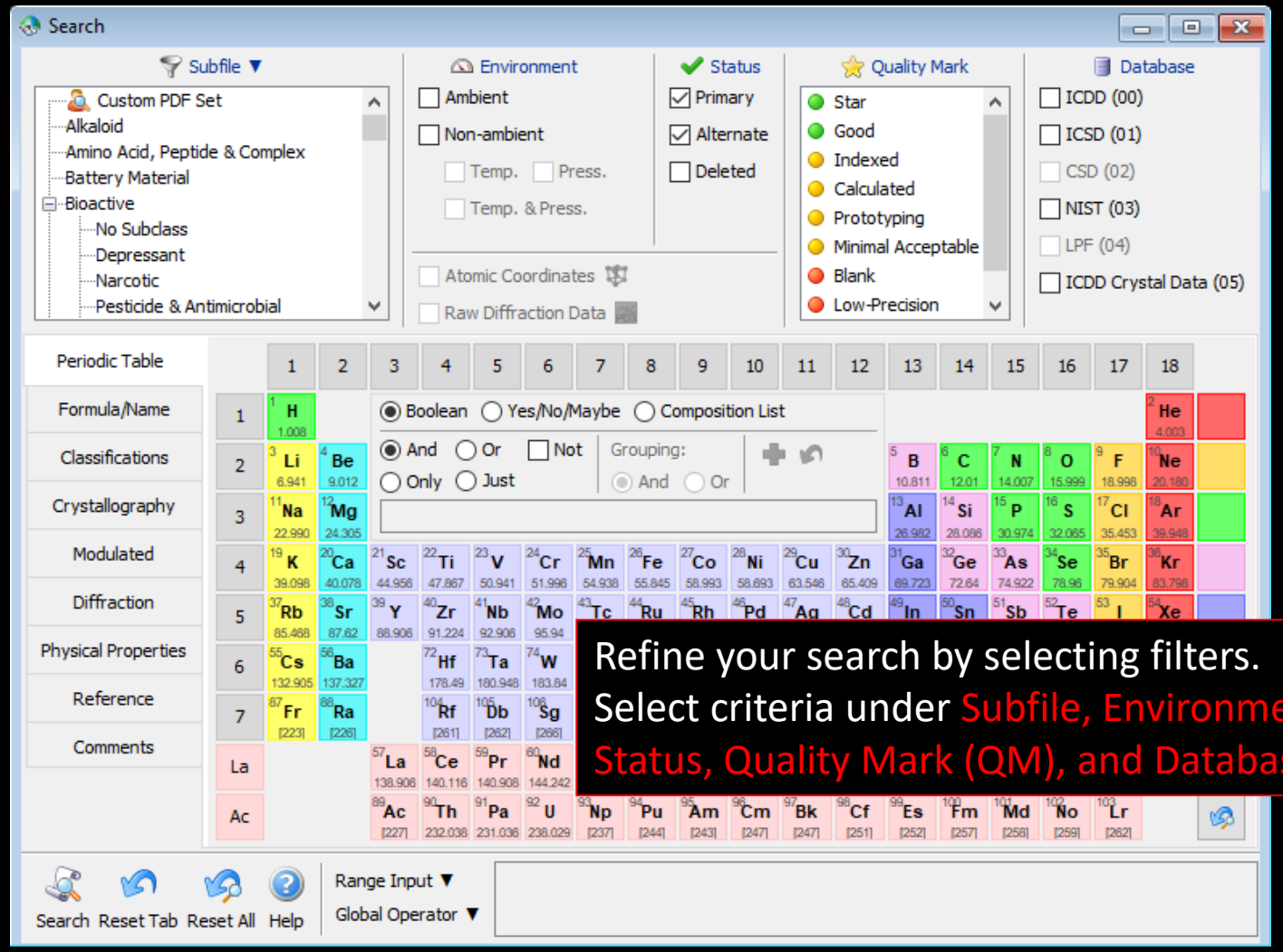

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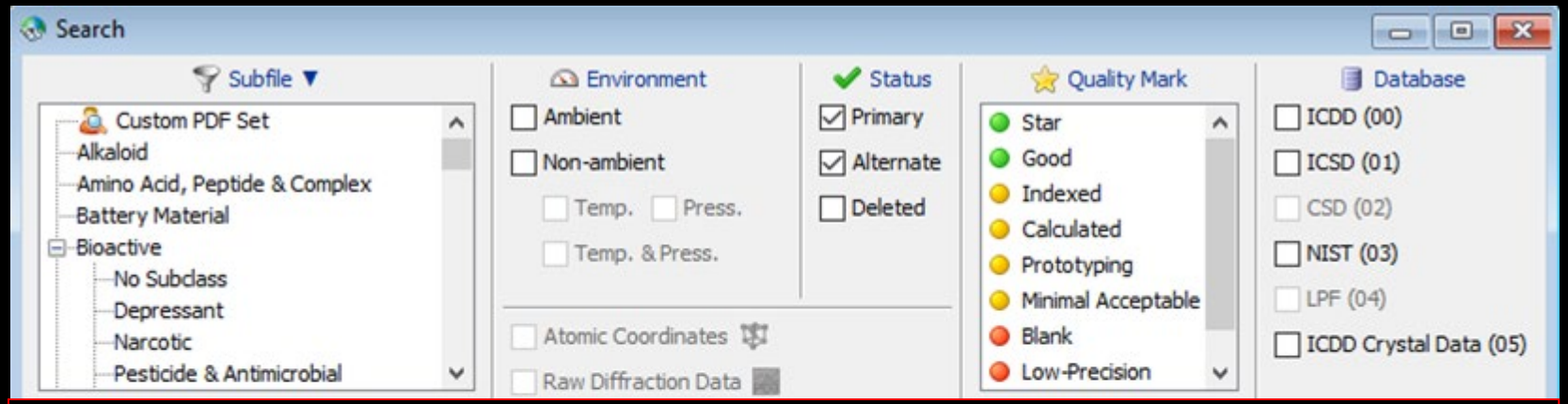

Filters:

Subfile – select filters related to assigned subfiles/subclass.

Environment – select filters related to the environment (especially temperature and pressure).

Status – select filters based on the status of the pattern, which can be Primary, Alternate, or Deleted.

Quality Mark (QM) – select filters related to the quality evaluation assigned to the data.

Database – search the entire database or select the data entry source (i.e., ICDD (00) – ICDD's experimental patterns).

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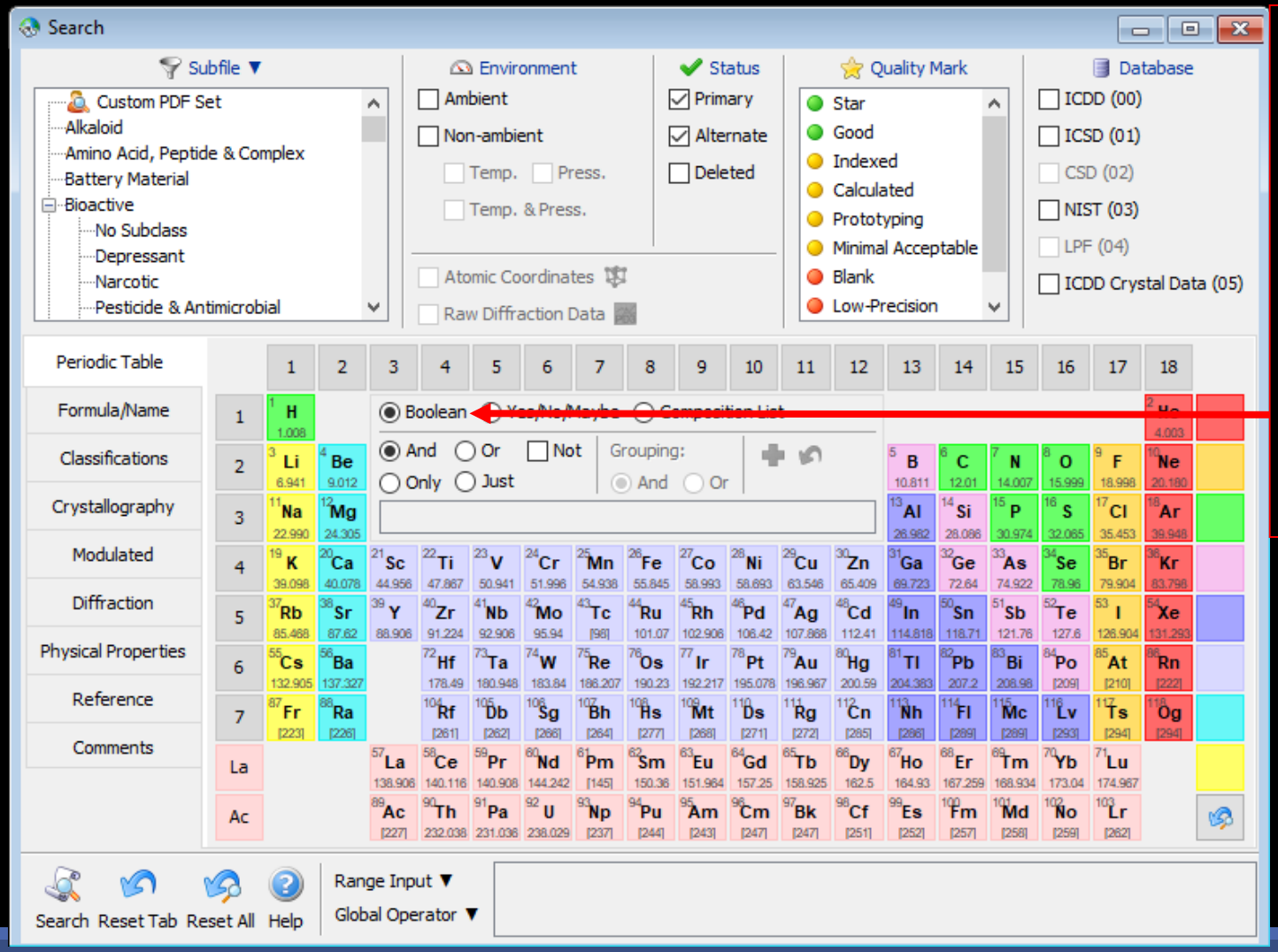
Periodic Table Filters



Refine your search by selecting filters based upon the elements in a material. Select elements individually (i.e., *H, He, Li*, etc.) or by group (i.e., *IA, Noble Gases, Period 1*, etc.).

Select the *Inner Operator* to combine the elements in the group using *Not, And, Or, Only* and *Just*.

Select the *Outer Operator* to combine element groups using *And* & *Or*.

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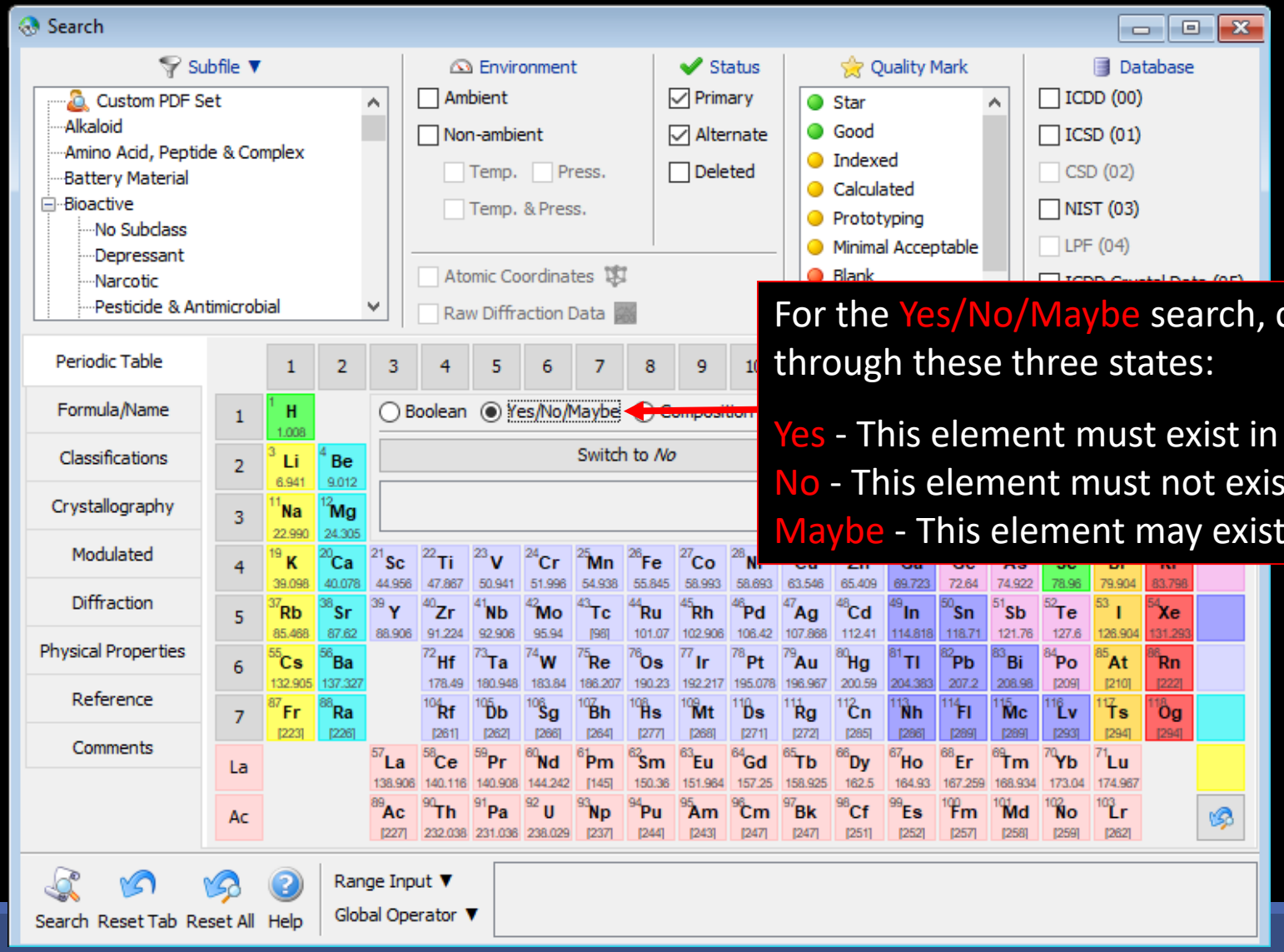
Periodic Table Filters



For the Yes/No/Maybe search, click an element to cycle through these three states:

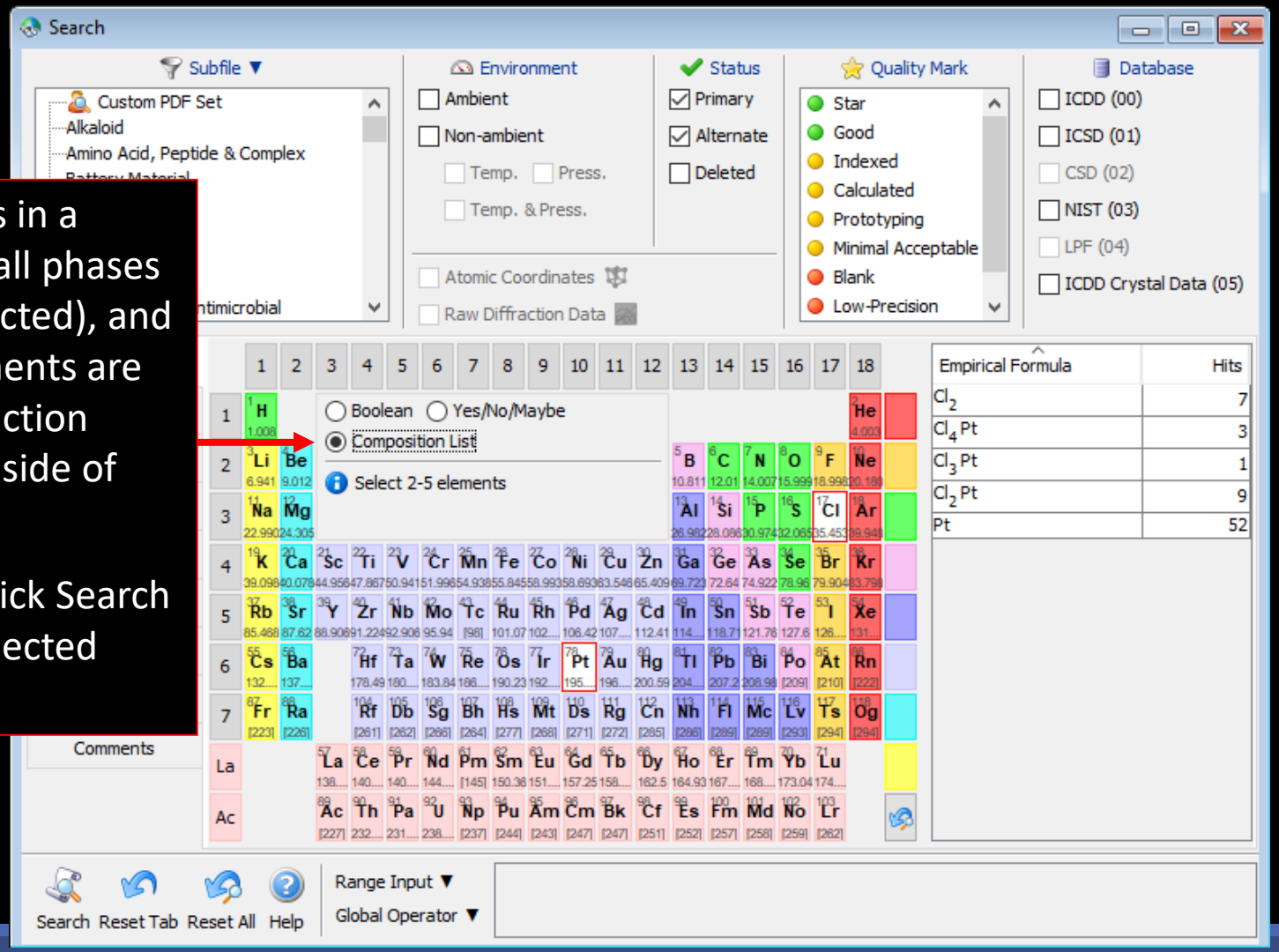
Yes - This element must exist in the pattern (white)
No - This element must not exist in the pattern (black)
Maybe - This element may exist in the pattern (colored)

Search Window

Periodic Table Filters

Composition Diagram List - This lists all phases in a binary system (if two elements are selected), all phases in a ternary system (if three elements are selected), and all phases in a quaternary system (if four elements are selected). The phases are sorted by atomic fraction (using the empirical formula), going from one side of the phase diagram to the other side.

Select one or more phases from the list and click Search to view all of the PDF entries that have the selected empirical formula(s).



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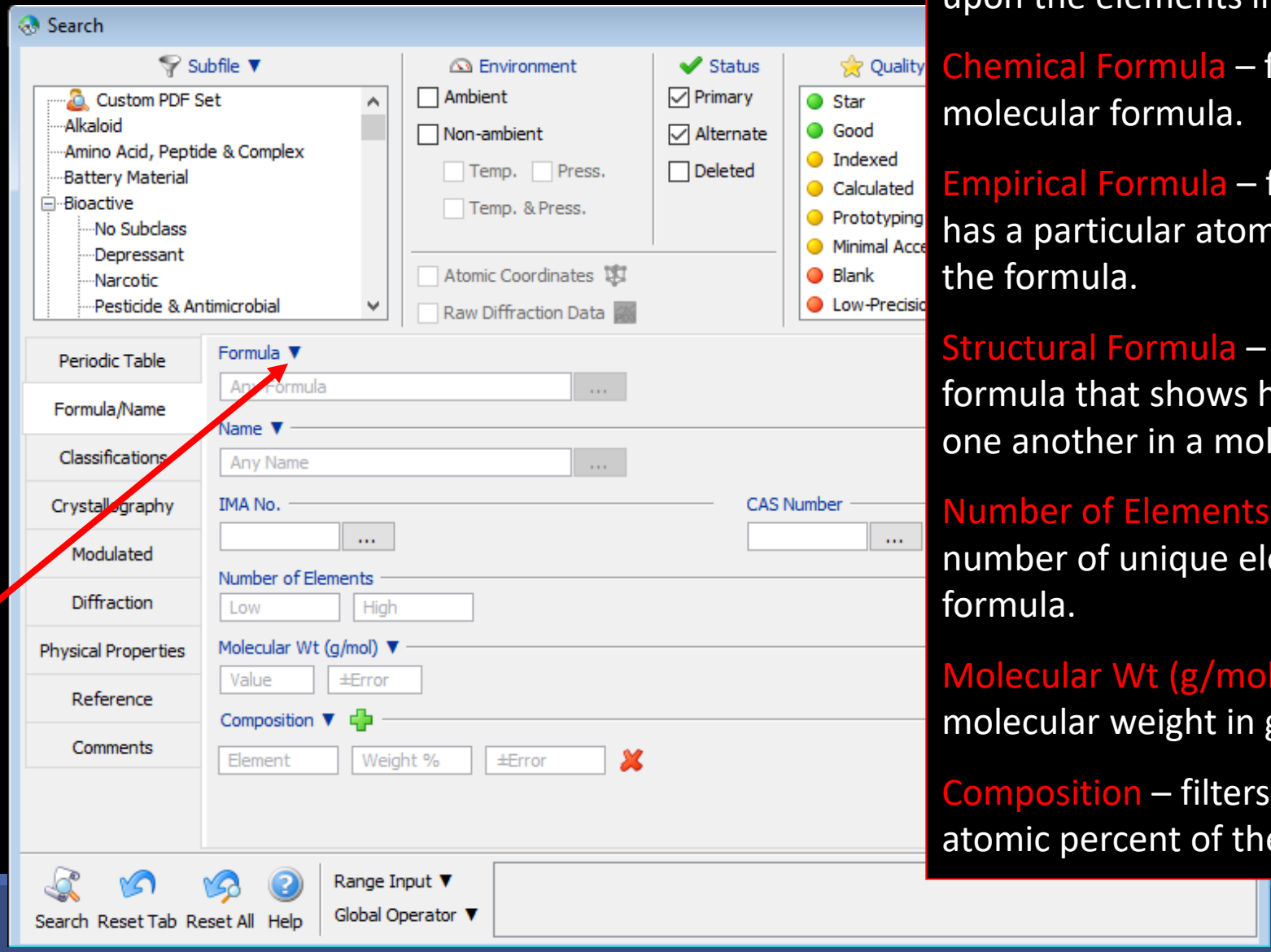
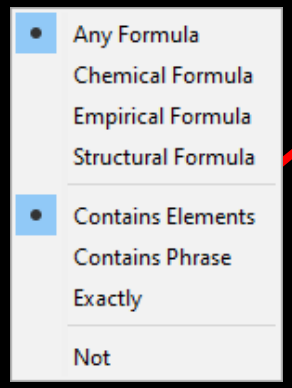
Formula/Name





Refine your search by selecting filters based upon the elements in a material.

Chemical Formula – filters based on the molecular formula.

Empirical Formula – filters on an element that has a particular atom count as expressed in the formula.

Structural Formula – filters on the chemical formula that shows how atoms are bonded to one another in a molecule.

Number of Elements – filters on the total number of unique elements in a chemical formula.

Molecular Wt (g/mol) – filters based on molecular weight in g/mol

Composition – filters on the weight percent or atomic percent of the formula.

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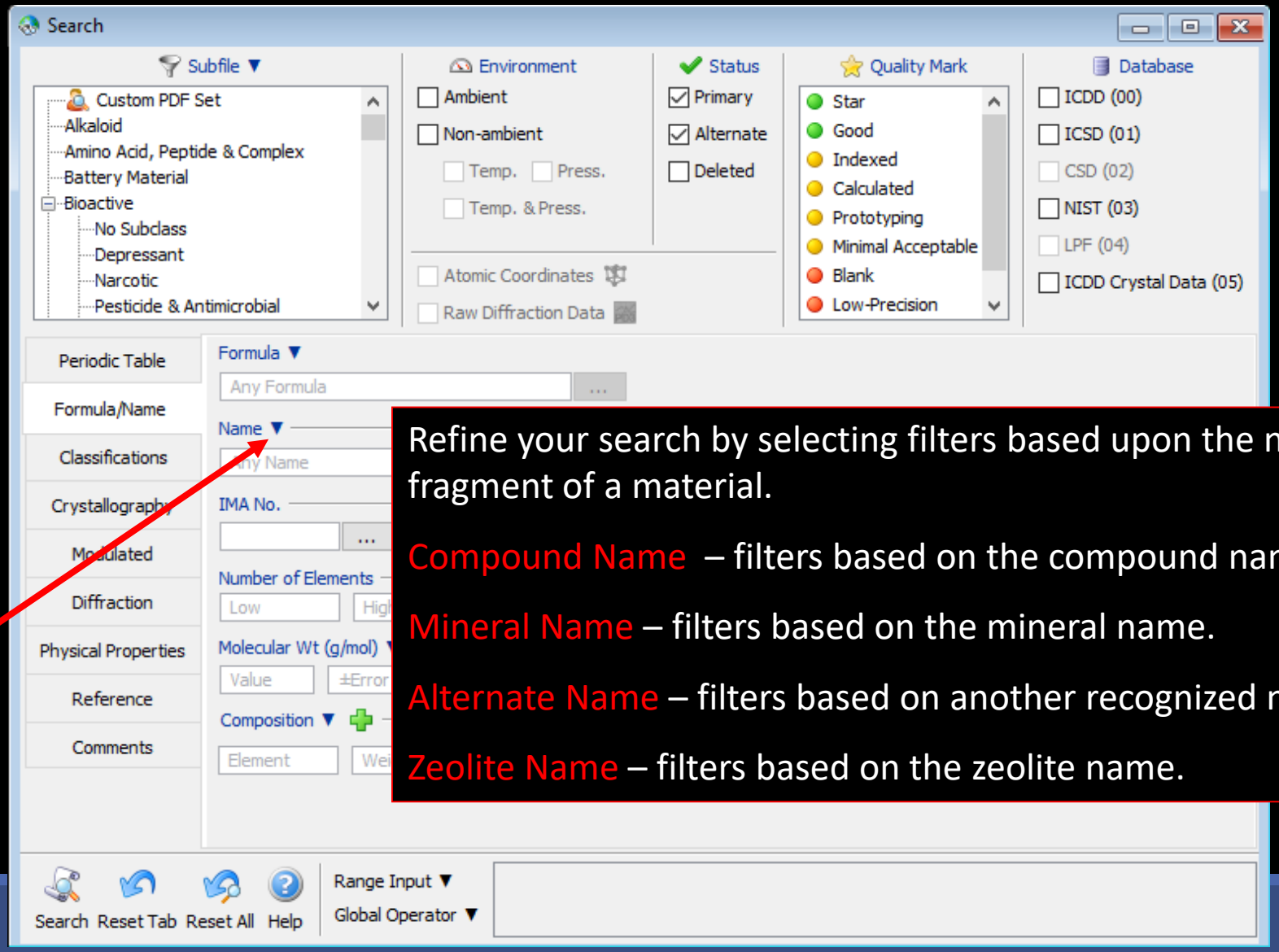

Refine your search by selecting filters based upon the name or name fragment of a material.

Compound Name – filters based on the compound name.

Mineral Name – filters based on the mineral name.

Alternate Name – filters based on another recognized name of the material.

Zeolite Name – filters based on the zeolite name.

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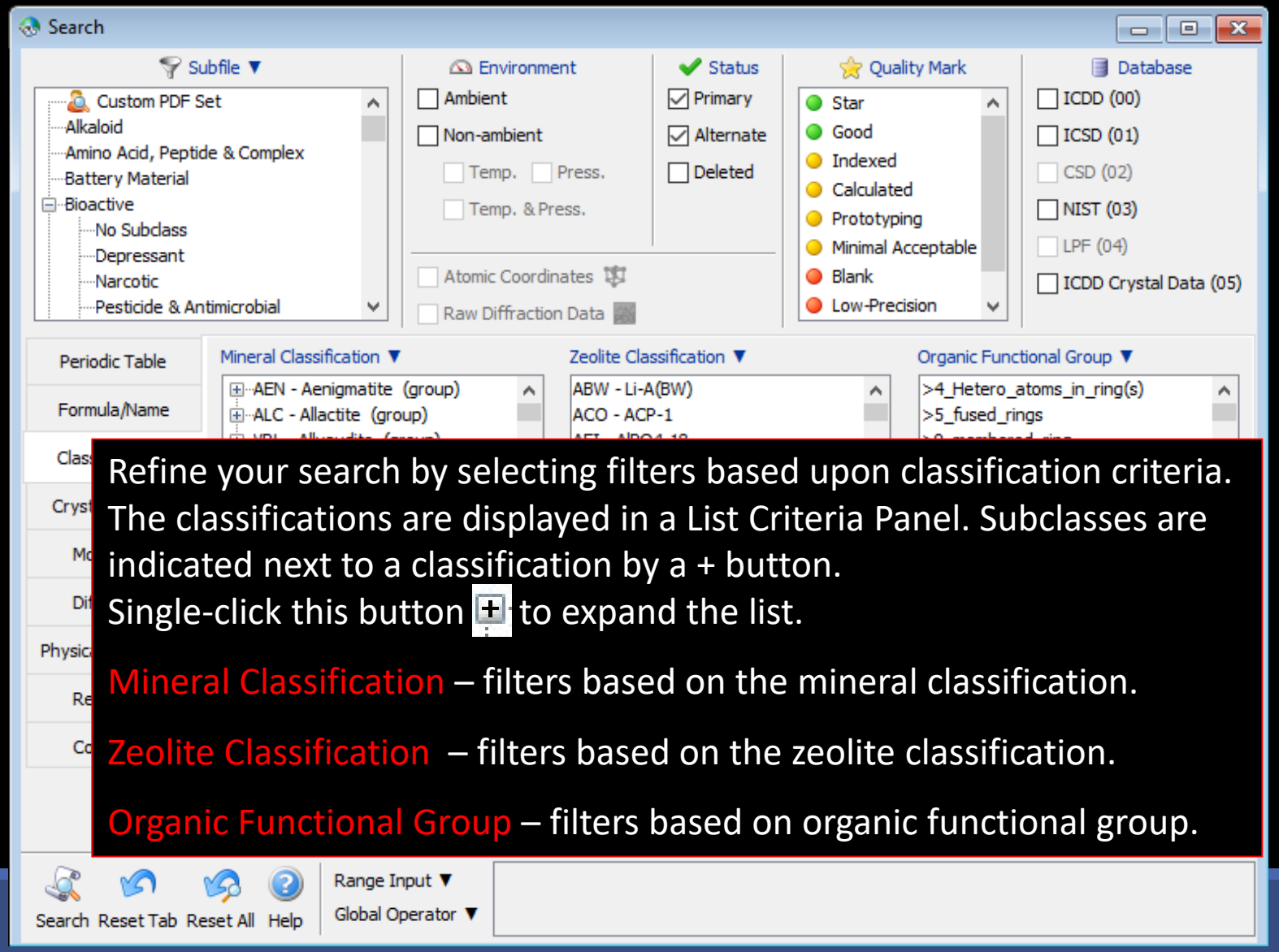
Classifications



Refine your search by selecting filters based upon classification criteria. The classifications are displayed in a List Criteria Panel. Subclasses are indicated next to a classification by a + button.
Single-click this button ⊞ to expand the list.

Mineral Classification – filters based on the mineral classification.

Zeolite Classification – filters based on the zeolite classification.

Organic Functional Group – filters based on organic functional group.

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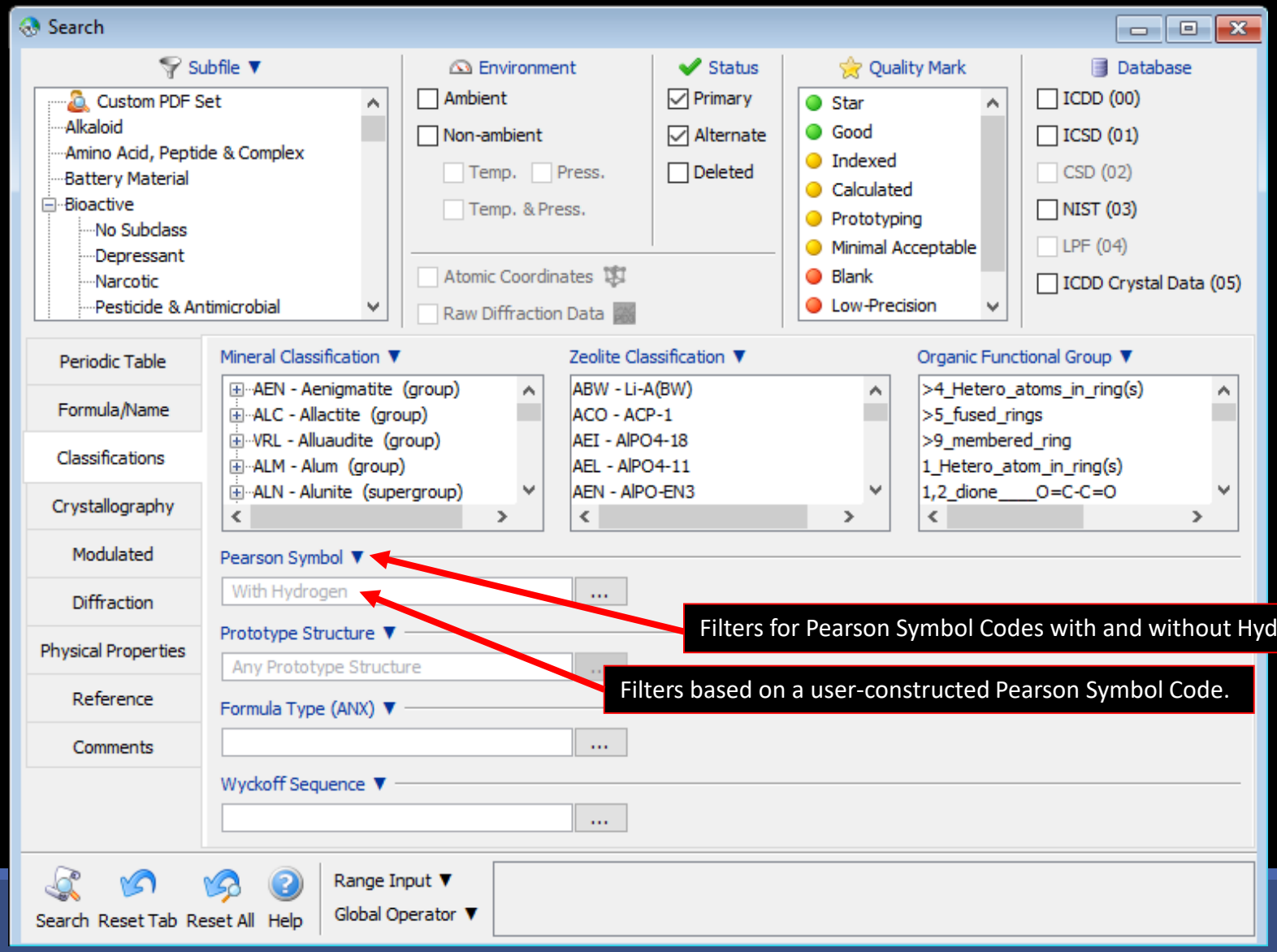
Pearson Symbol Code



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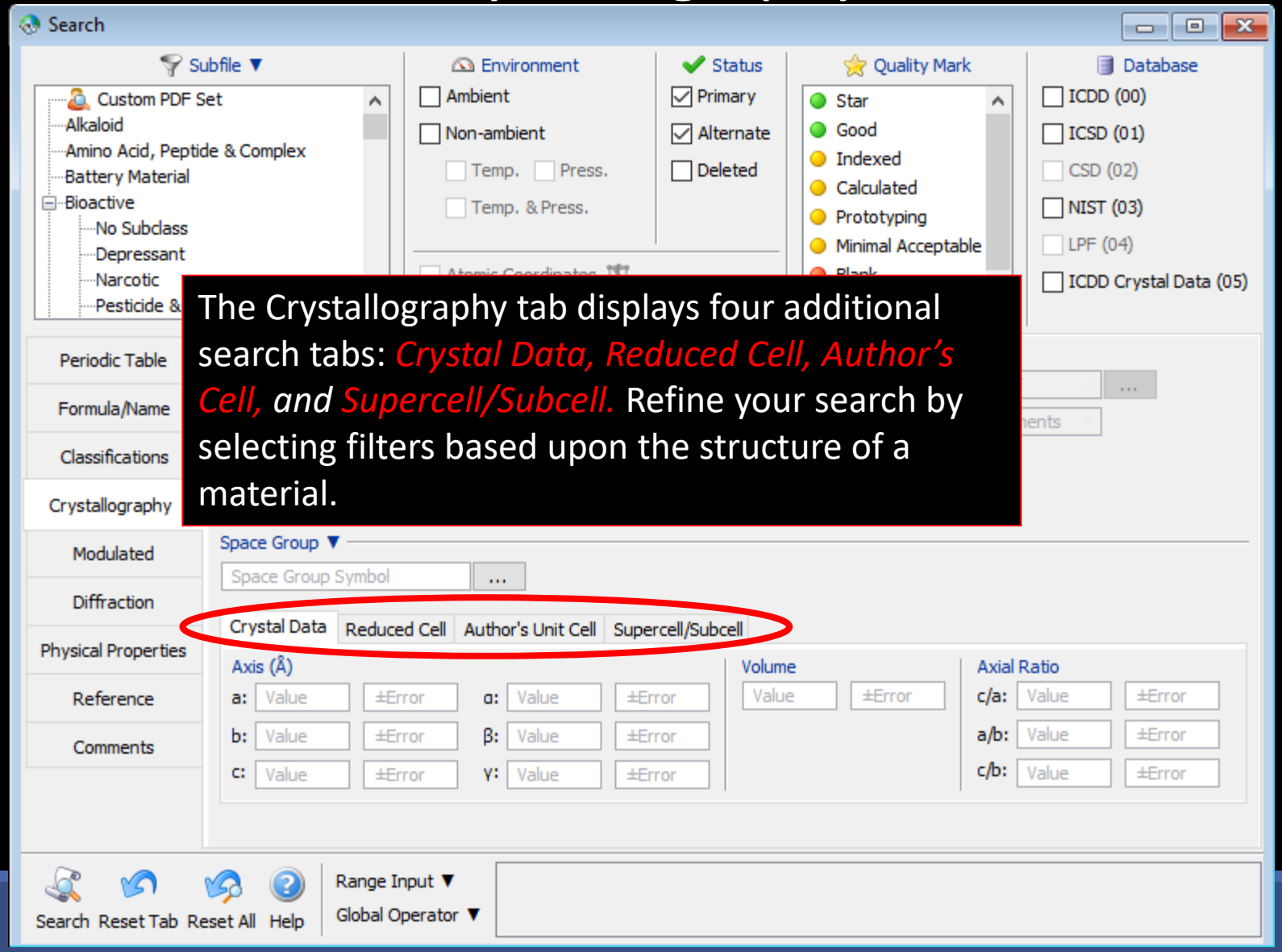
Crystallography



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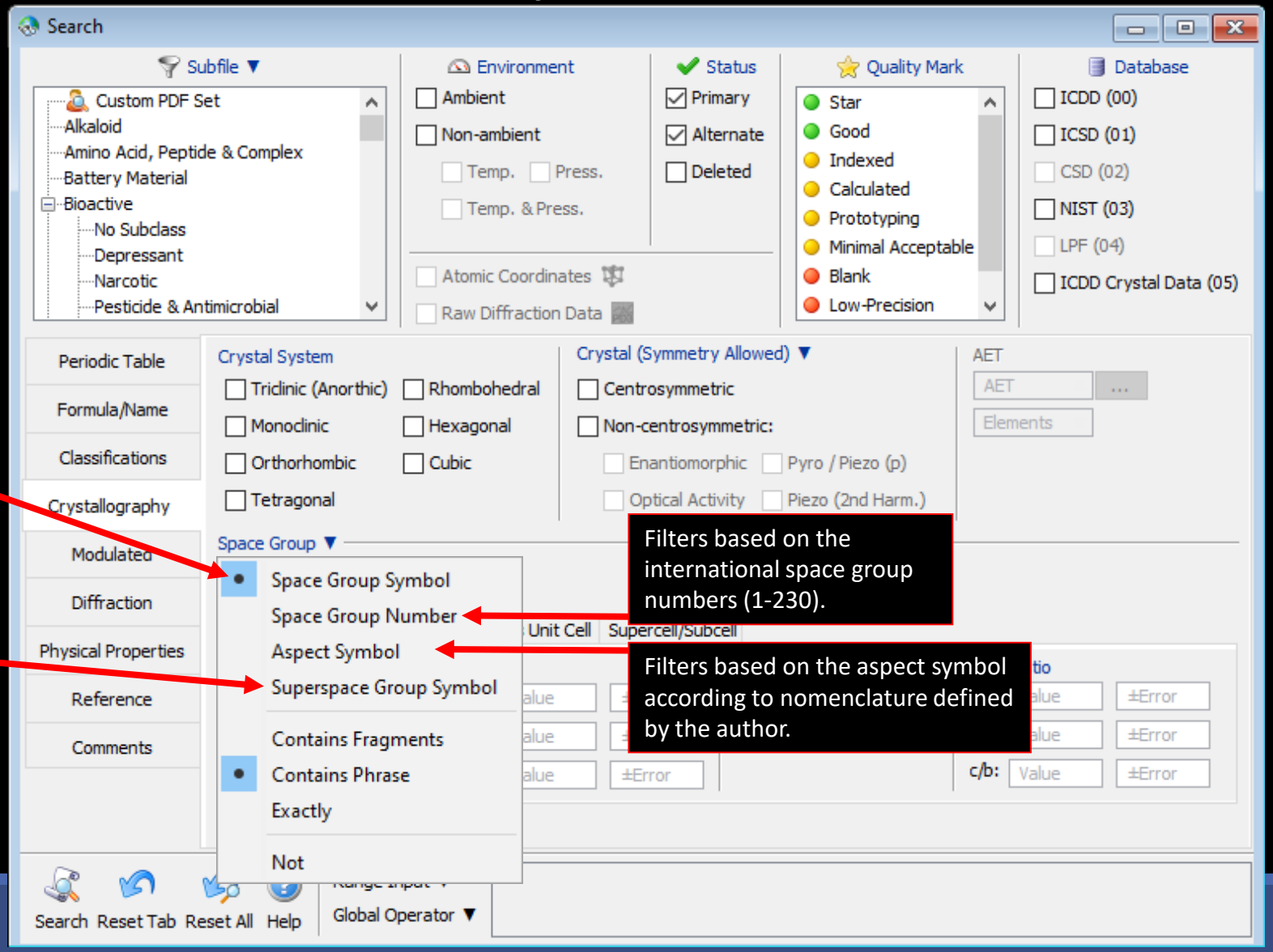
Crystal Data



Filters based on the space group symbol according to nomenclature defined by the author.

Filters based on the superspace group symbol (for modulated structures only).

Filters based on the international space group numbers (1-230).

Filters based on the aspect symbol according to nomenclature defined by the author.

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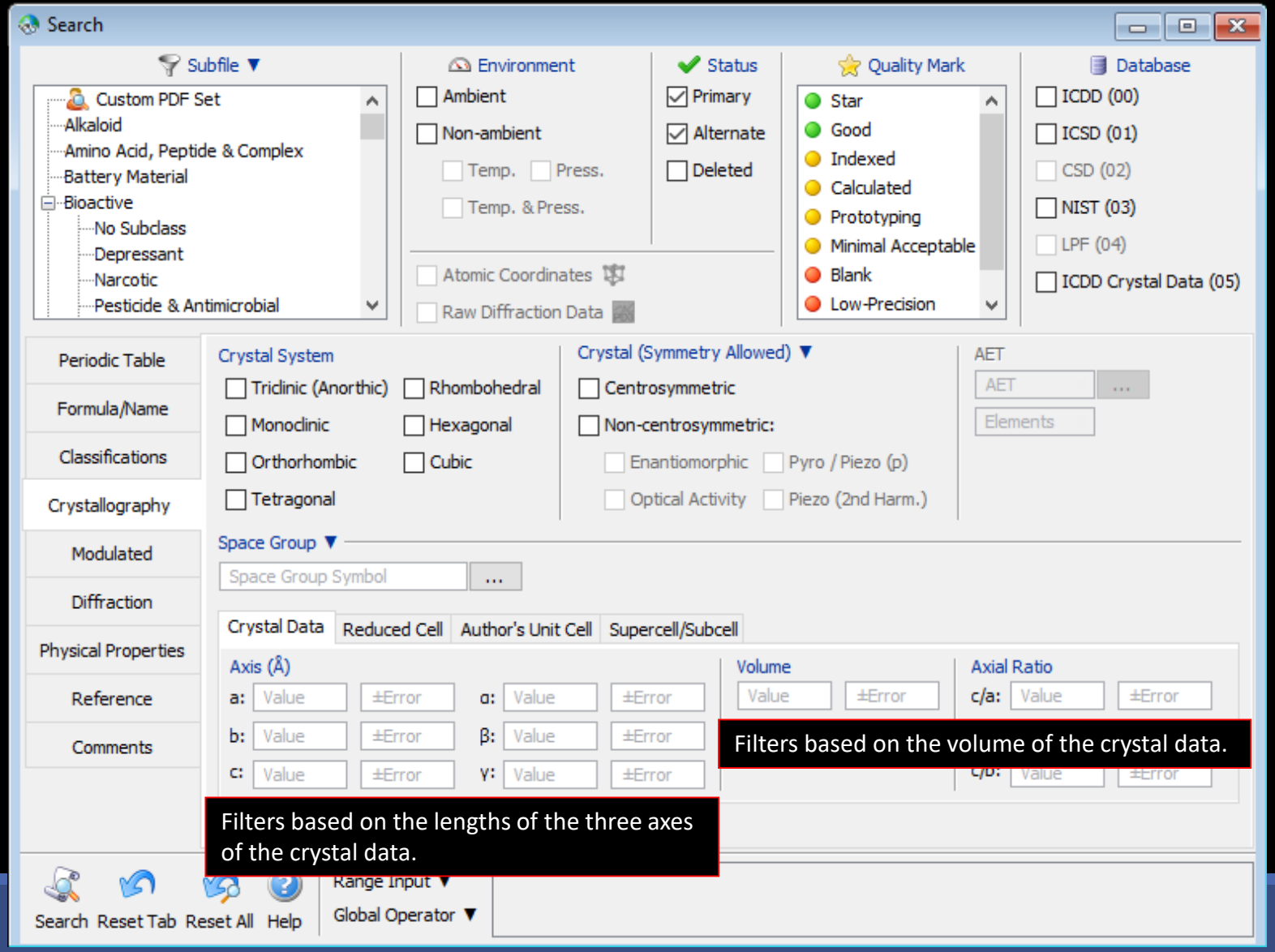

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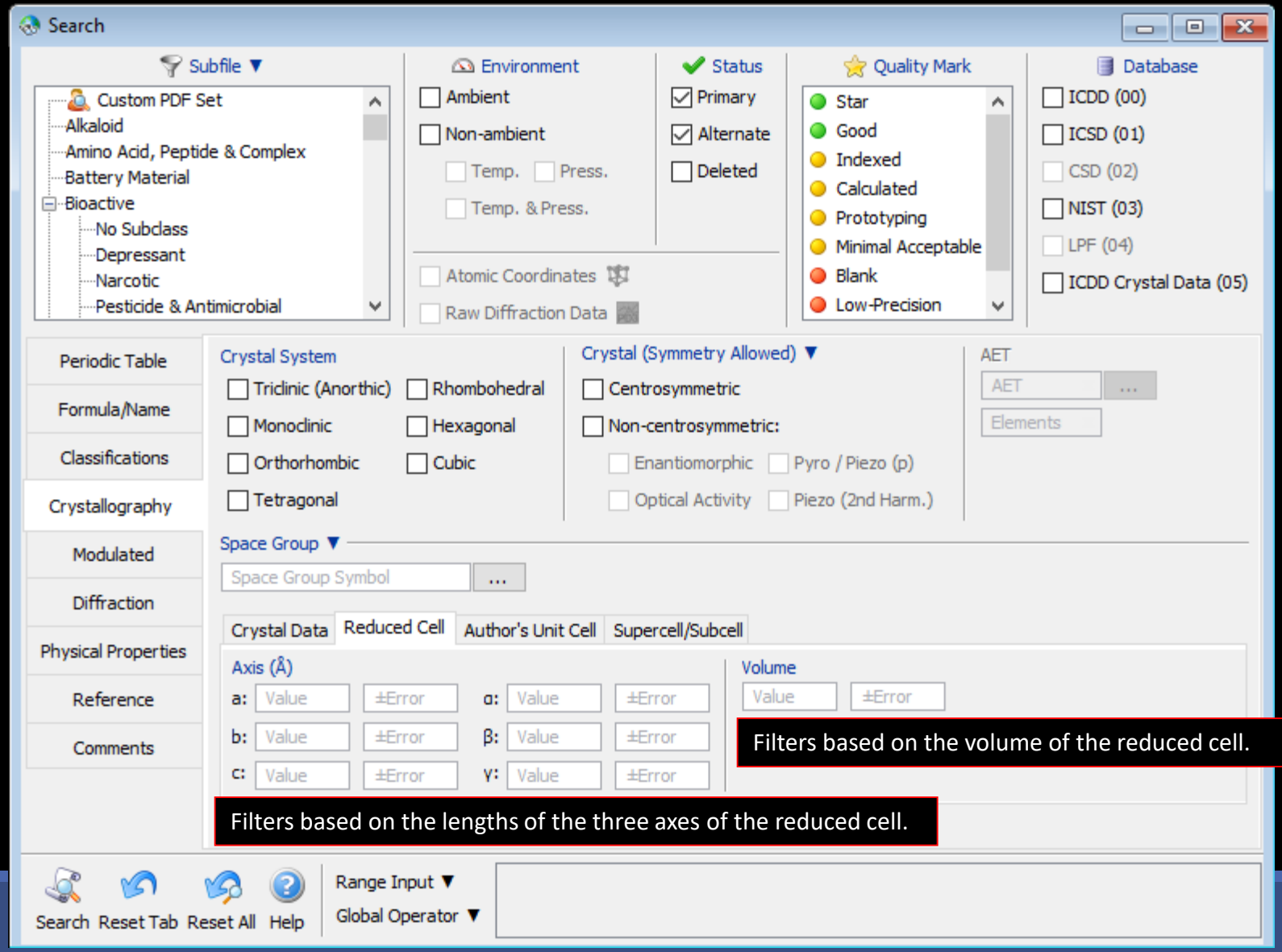
Reduced Cell



The reduced cell is a unique, primitive cell based on the three shortest lattice translations.

Filters based on the volume of the reduced cell.

Filters based on the lengths of the three axes of the reduced cell.

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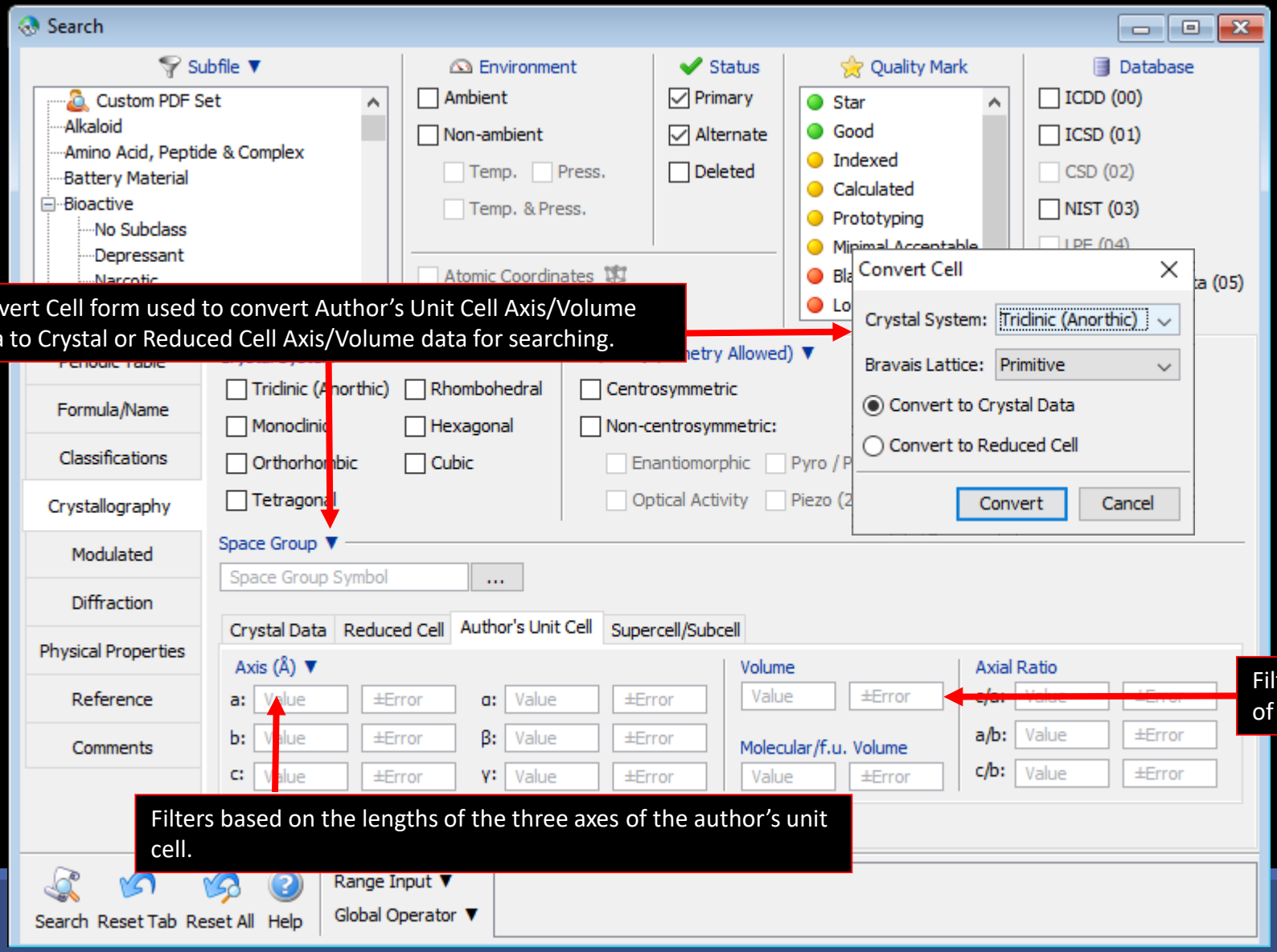
Author's Unit Cell



Convert Cell form used to convert Author's Unit Cell Axis/Volume data to Crystal or Reduced Cell Axis/Volume data for searching.

Filters based on the volume of the author's unit cell.

Filters based on the lengths of the three axes of the author's unit cell.

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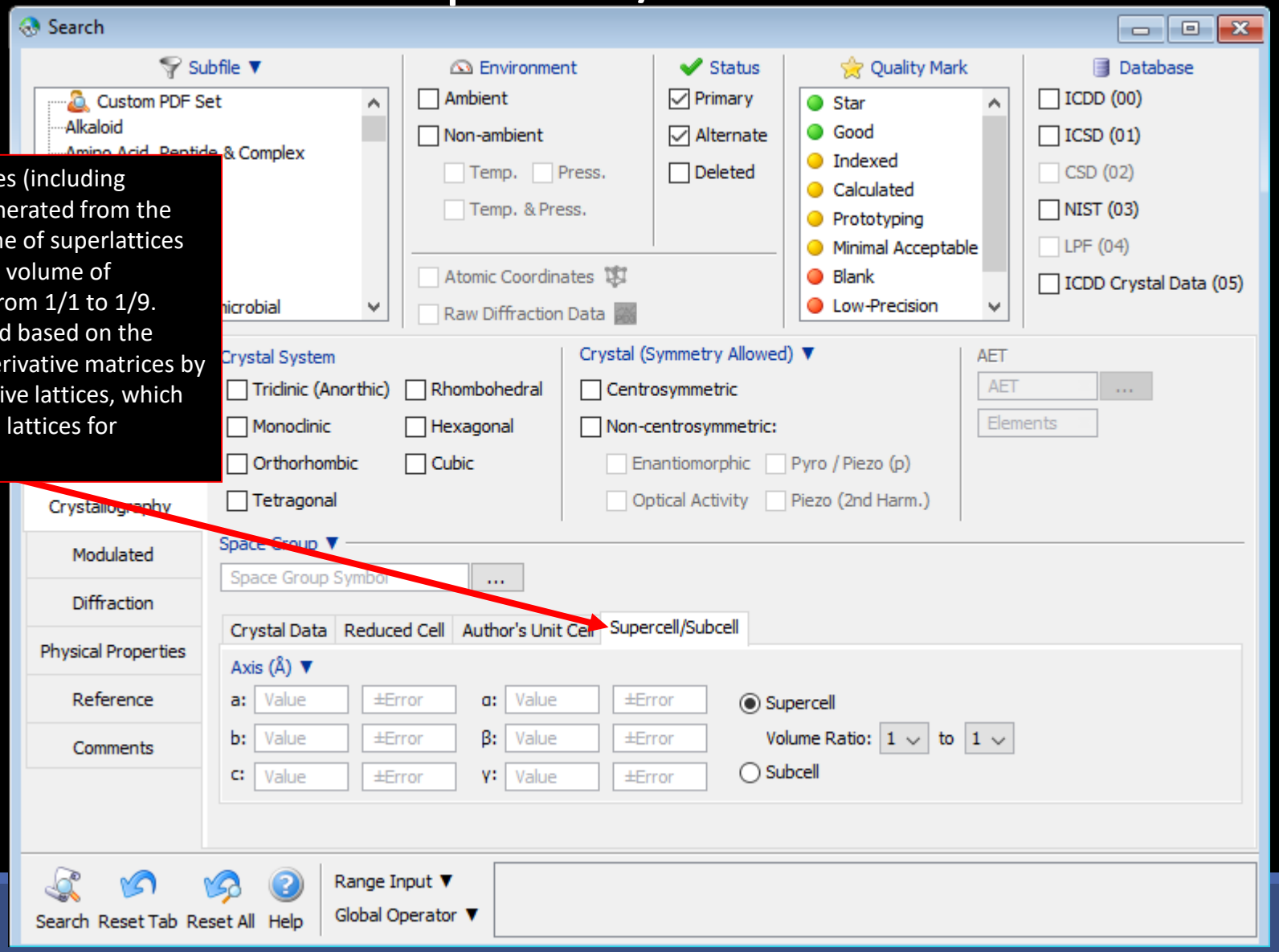
Supercell/Subcell

This search uses derivative lattices (including superlattices and sublattices) generated from the given primary lattices. The volume of superlattices |Q| can be between 1 and 9 and volume of sublattices |X| can be changed from 1/1 to 1/9. Derivative matrices are generated based on the selected volumes. Multiplying derivative matrices by the primary lattices gives derivative lattices, which are then transformed to reduced lattices for searching.



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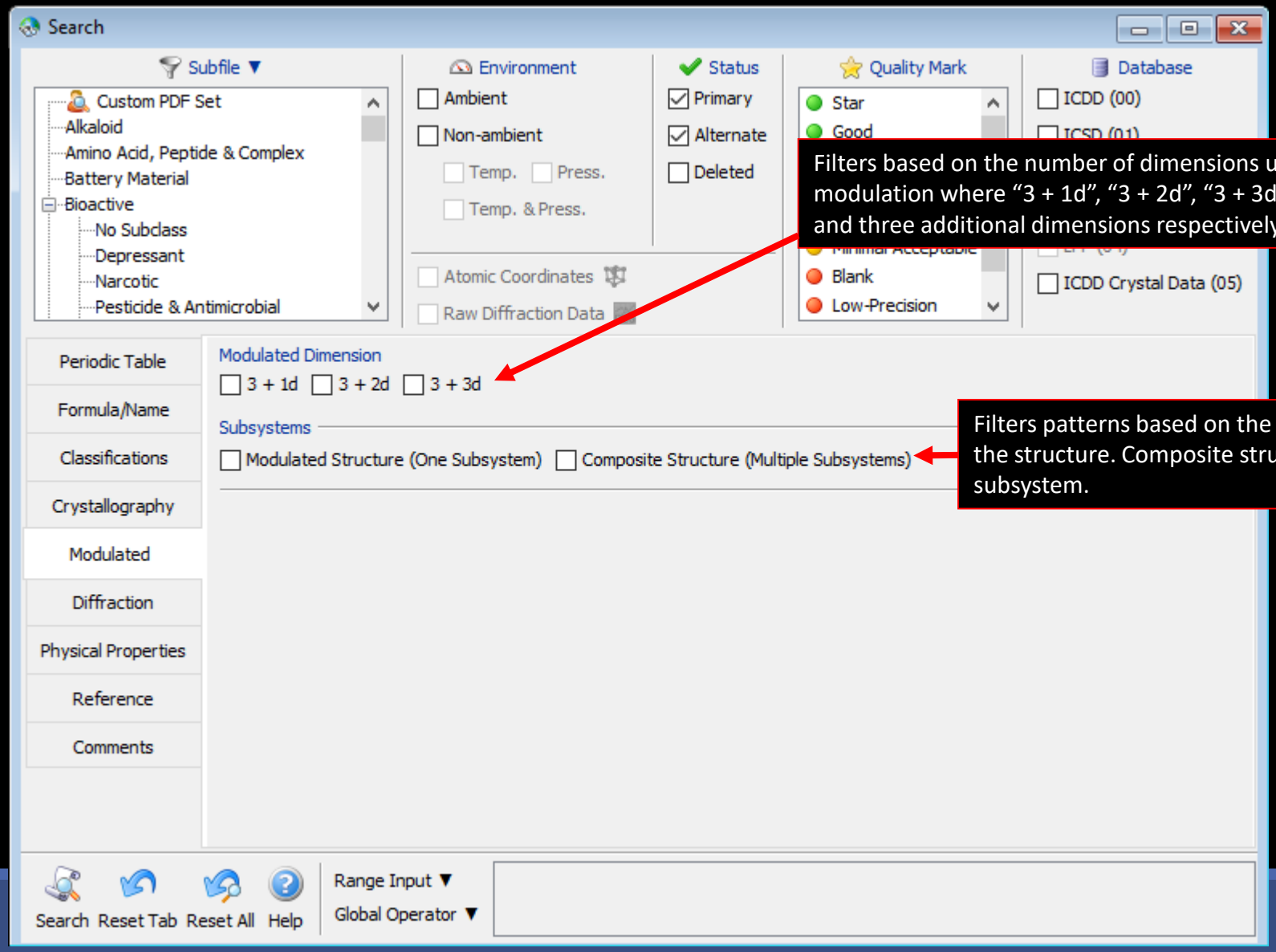
Modulated



Filters based on the number of dimensions used to describe the modulation where “3 + 1d”, “3 + 2d”, “3 + 3d” indicate one, two, and three additional dimensions respectively.

Filters patterns based on the number of subsystems present in the structure. Composite structures have more than one subsystem.

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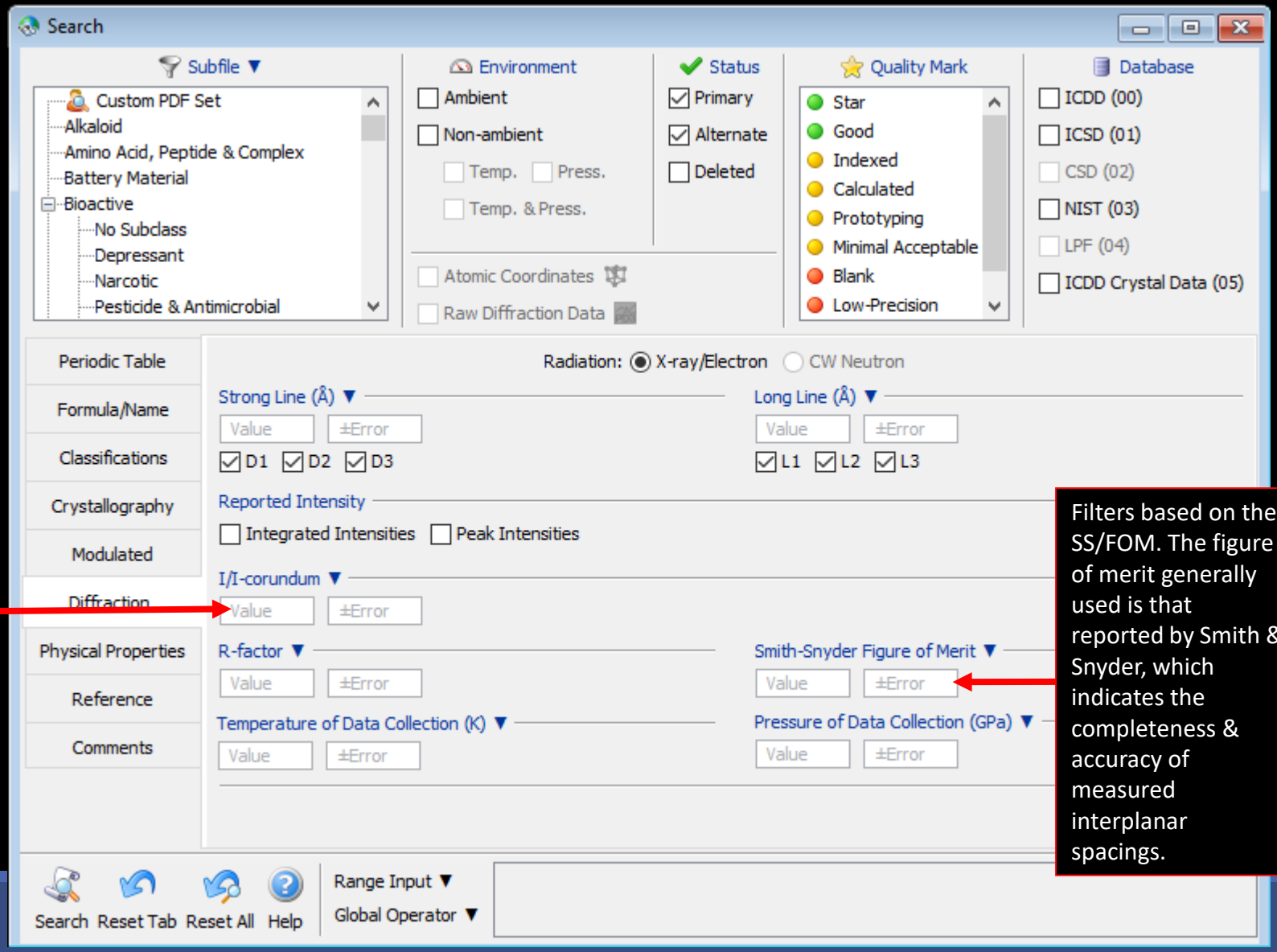
Diffraction



Filters based on the ratio of the intensity of the strongest line of the pattern to the intensity of the strongest line of corundum in a 50/50 weight mixture.

Filters based on the SS/FOM. The figure of merit generally used is that reported by Smith & Snyder, which indicates the completeness & accuracy of measured interplanar spacings.

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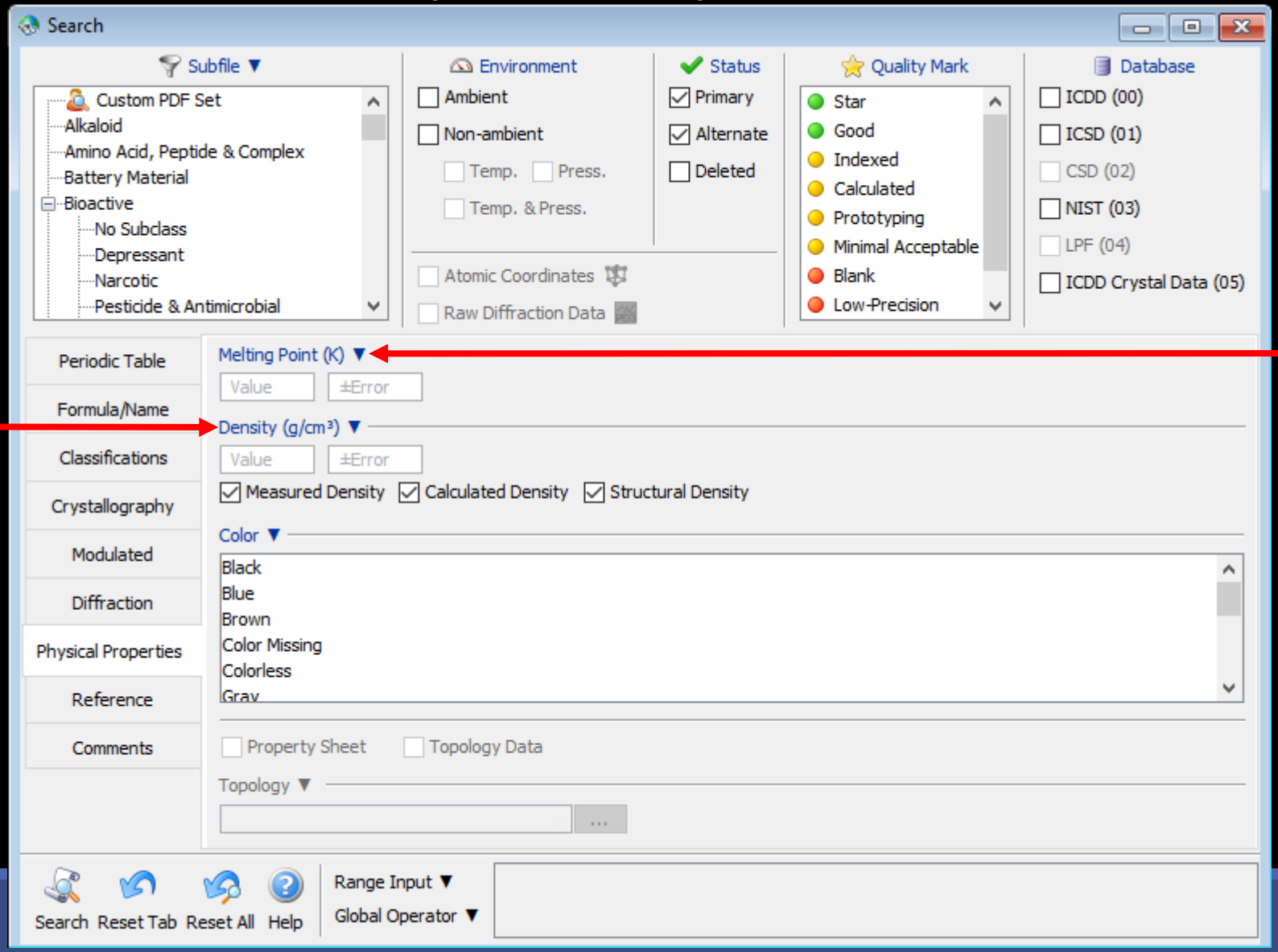
Physical Properties



Filters based on the measured, calculated or structural density of the material.

Filters based on the melting point. Specify degrees Celsius, Kelvin or Fahrenheit by selecting from the drop down menu.

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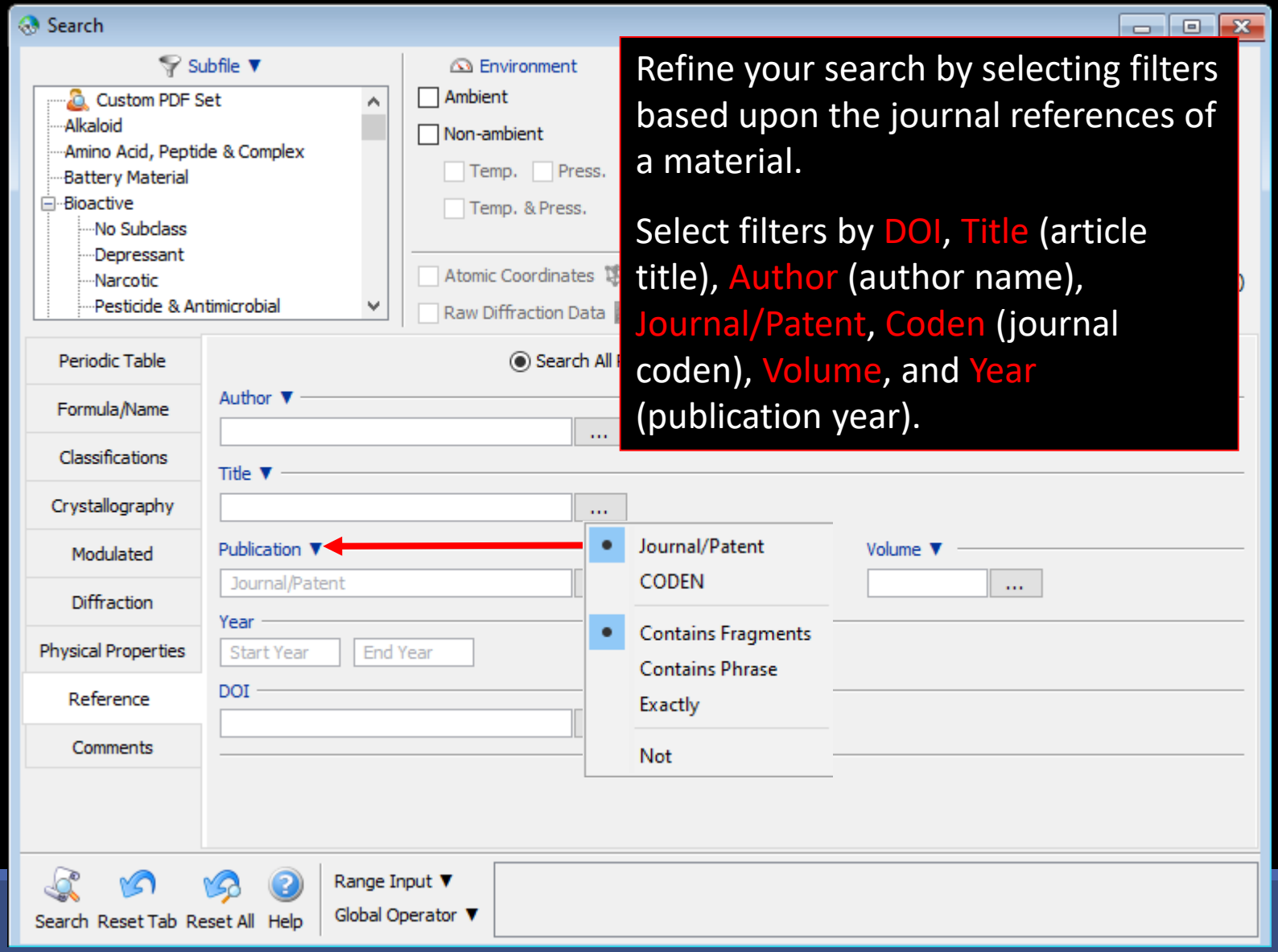

Refine your search by selecting filters based upon the journal references of a material.

Select filters by DOI, Title (article title), Author (author name), Journal/Patent, Coden (journal coden), Volume, and Year (publication year).

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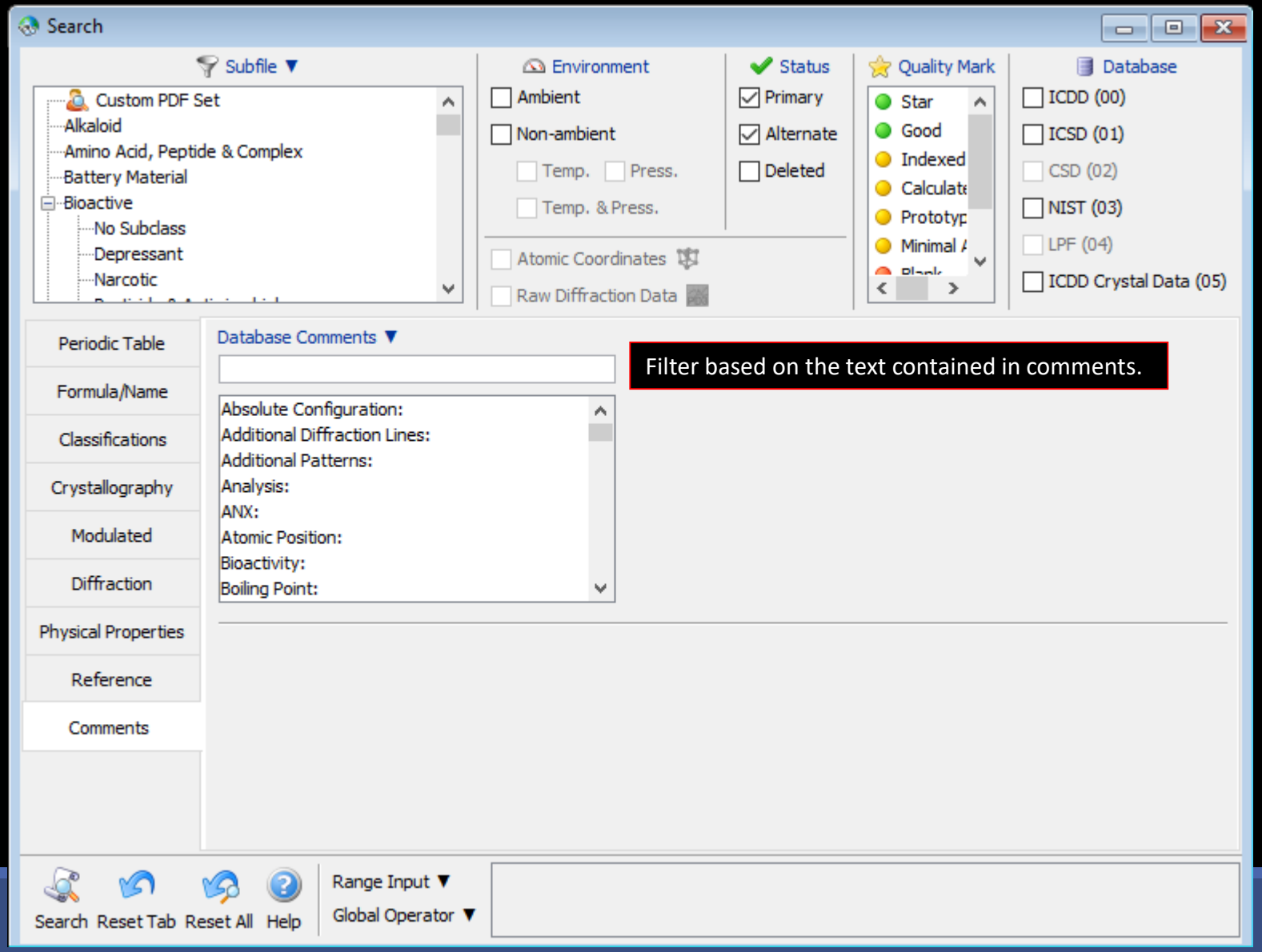
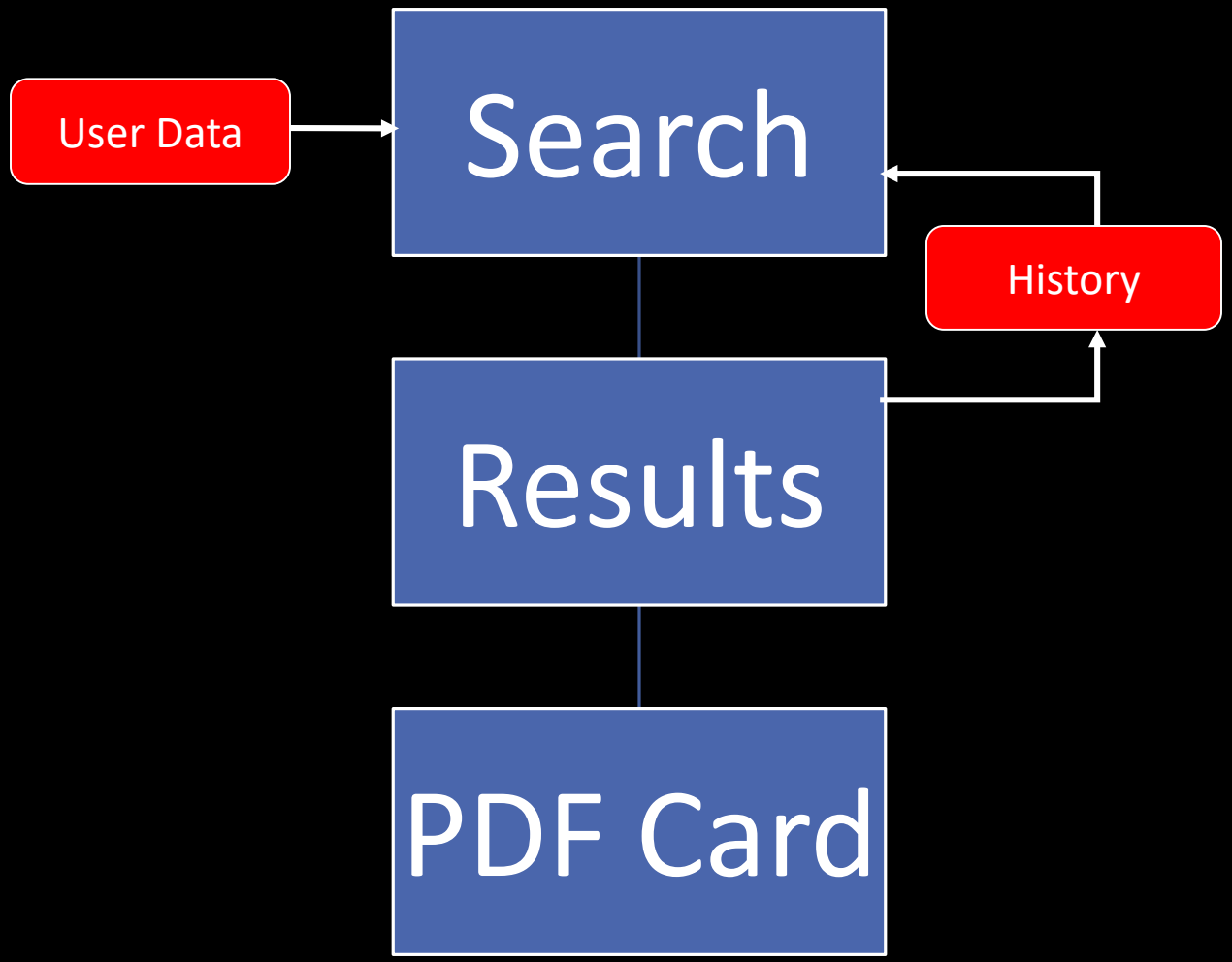
Comments



Data Mining Basics

- Select your filter criteria
- Make use of logical Boolean operators, text and list boxes
- Search
- Review results
- Refine search with additional criteria

Note: Selected search criteria is highlighted in red to keep track of your selections.



Search Example

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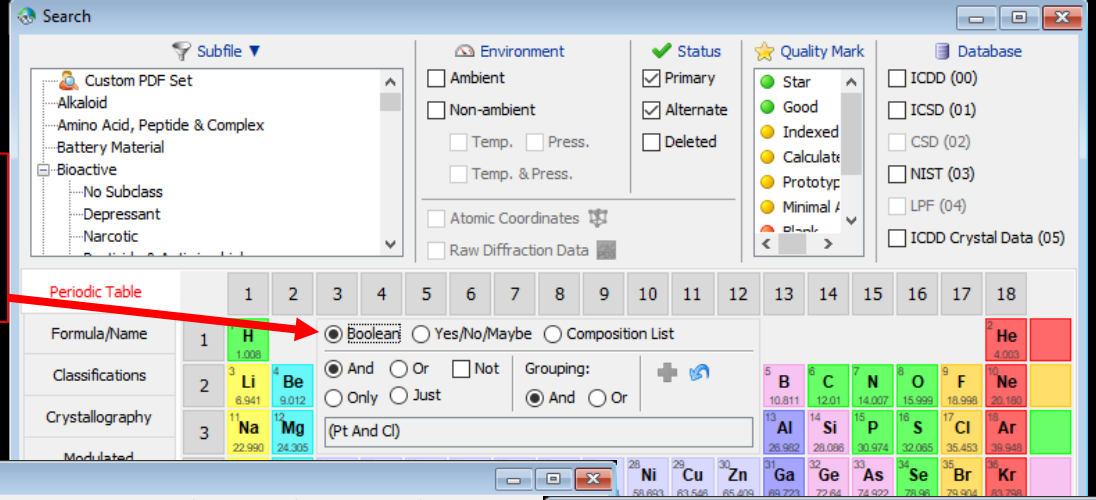
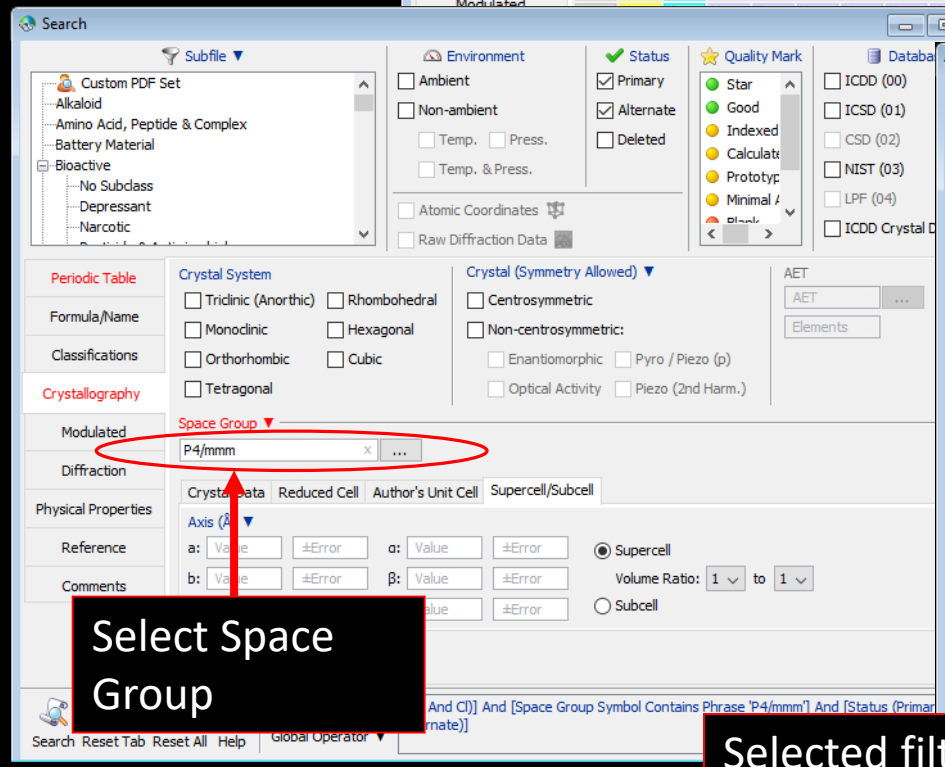
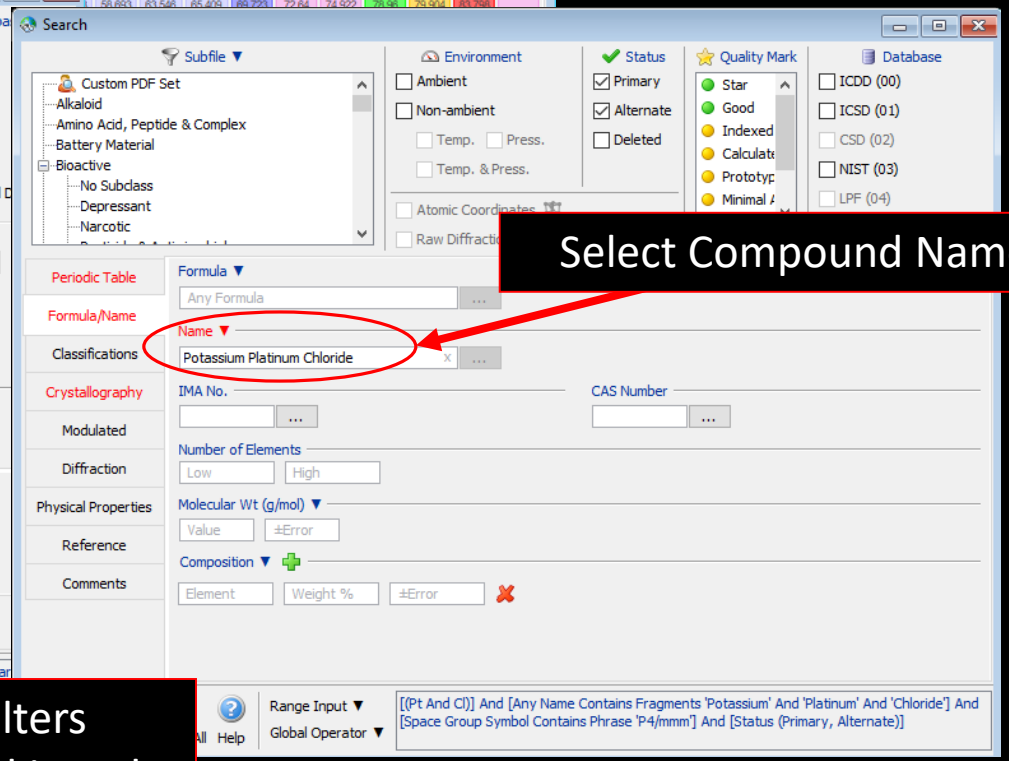




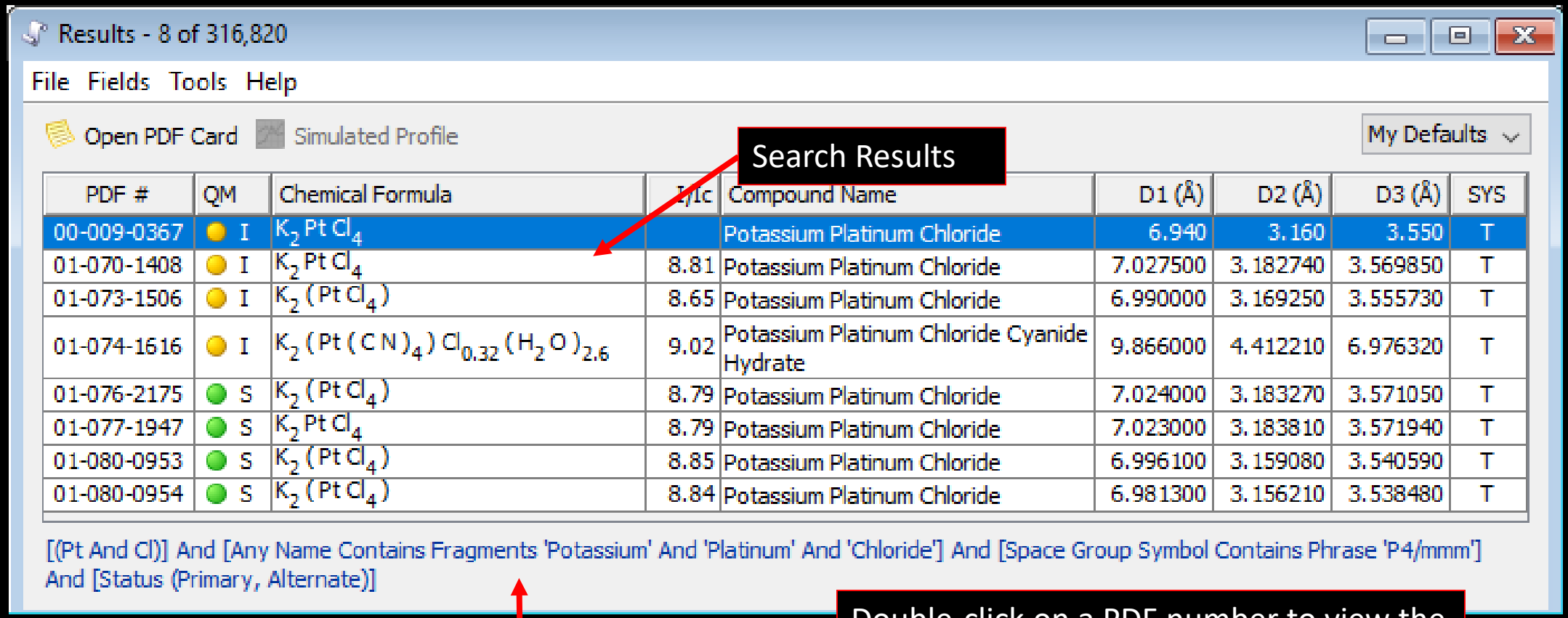
Select Space Group



Select Compound Name

Selected filters highlighted in red

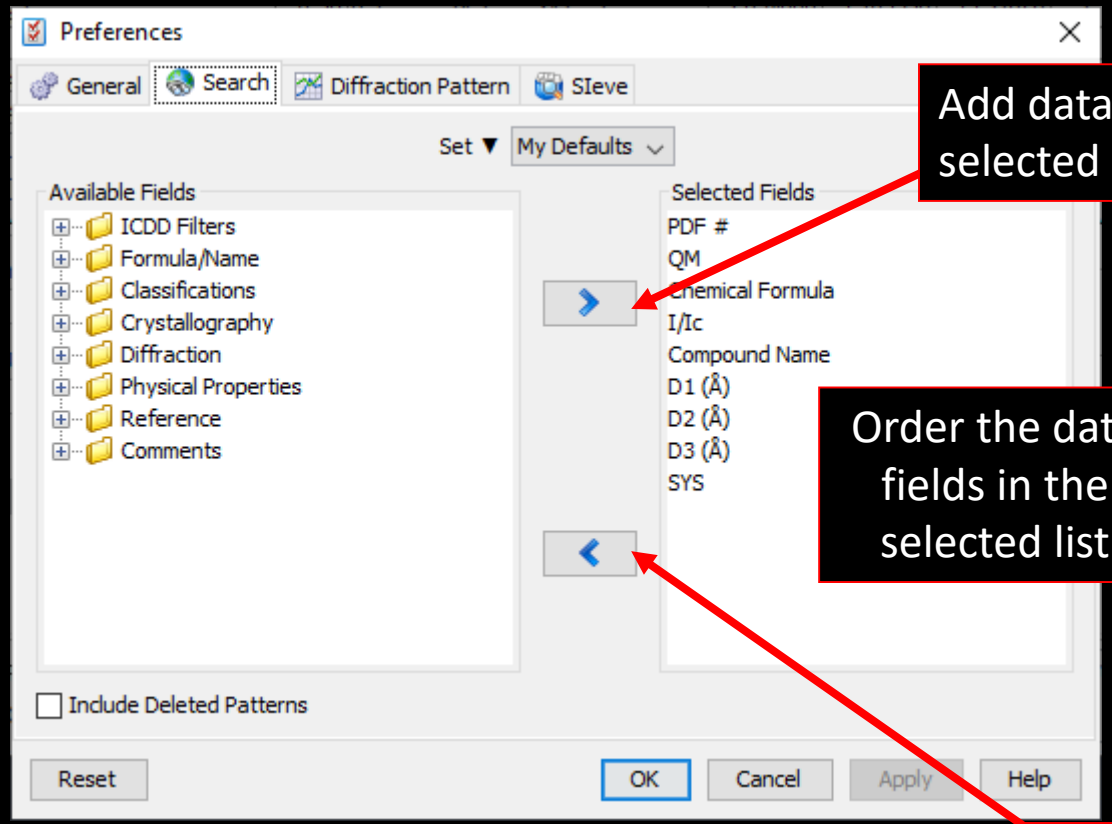
Search Results



Preferences Module

Open the Preferences Module to select which data fields you would like to display in your results.

You can also select the order in which the data fields are displayed.



Add data fields to selected list

Order the data fields in the selected list

Remove data fields from the selected list

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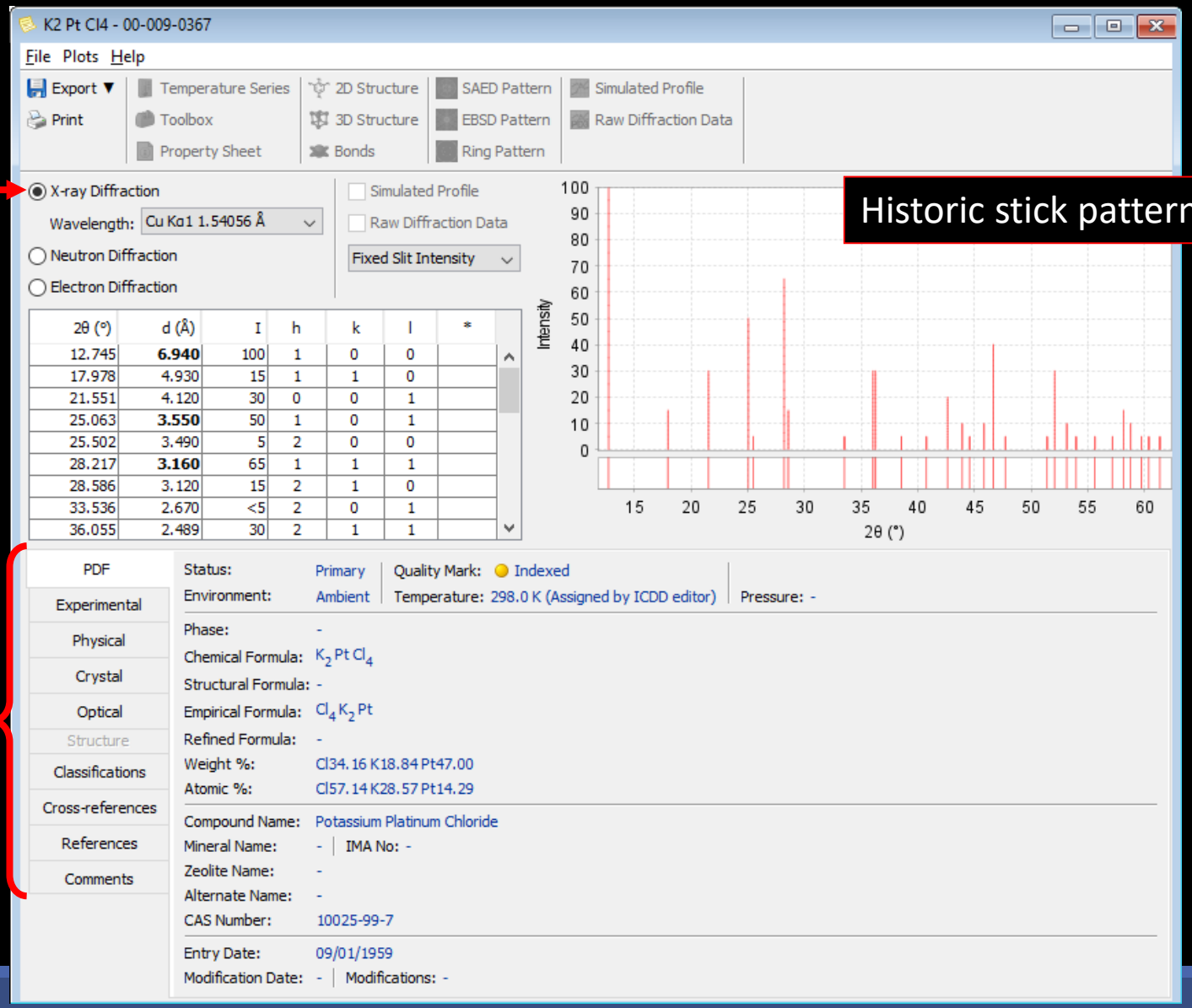
Choose equipment factors

Historic stick pattern

Tabular view of reported data



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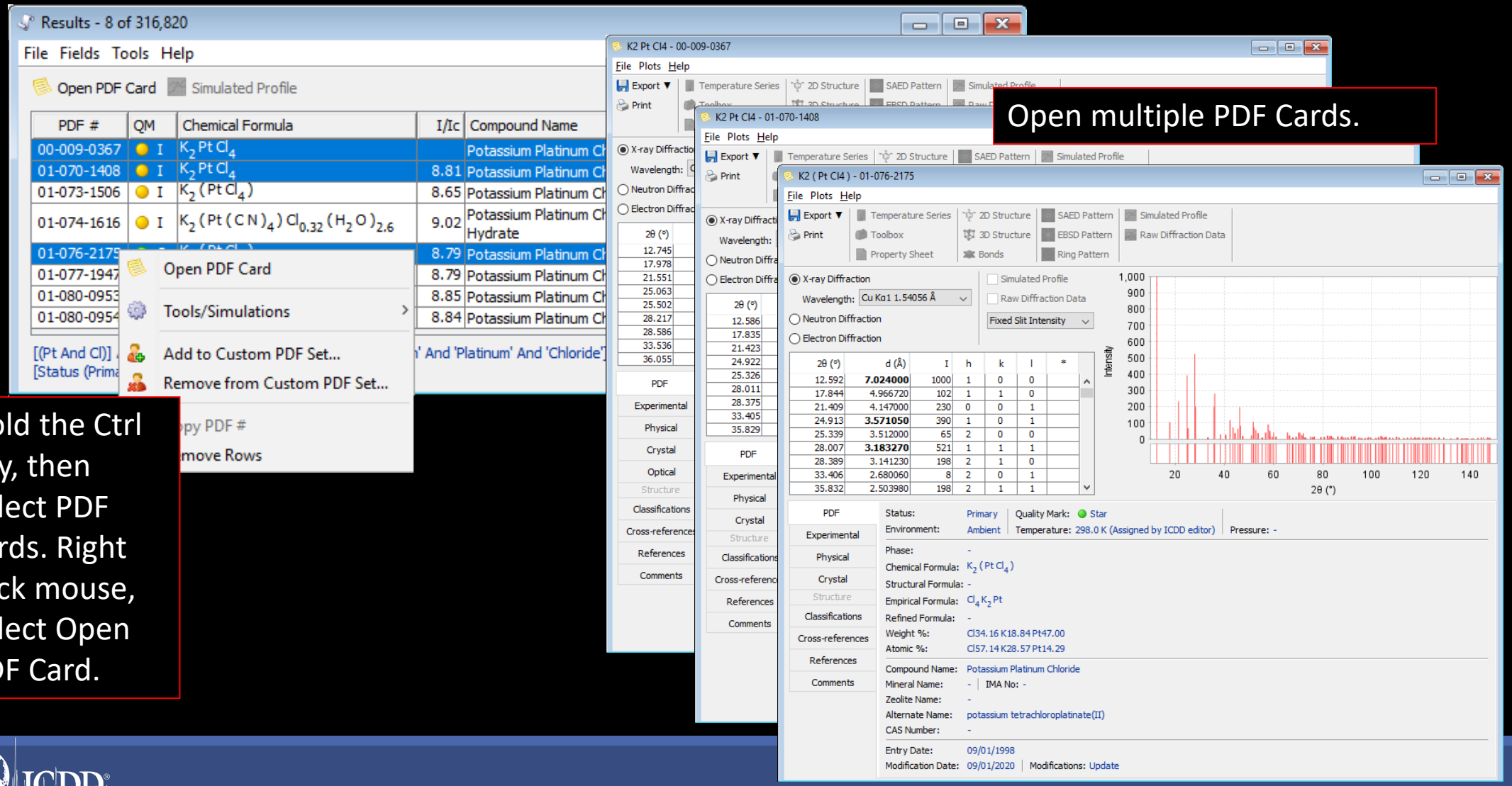

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