



# Sort, Order and Graph Data



# Sort and Order

- What?
  - Sorting is the ability to order the PDF data retrieved from the search results.
- Why?
  - To organize the data.
  - To find relevant data faster and easier.
- How?
  - Use the Results table.



# Results Table

- The Results table can be sorted on any display field.
- Depending on the display field sorted, there are different types of sorting available:
  - Alphabetical Sort
  - Numerical Sort
  - Special Order Sort
  - Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

# Alphabetical Sort

- The Alphabetical Sort will sort a text-based column alphabetically from A - Z.
- This can be performed by:
  - Left-clicking a text-based sort column (e.g., Compound Name).
  - Or middle-clicking a *Special Order* Sort column (e.g., QM).
  - Or right-clicking a text-based sort column and selecting *Sort Alphabetically*.
- Sorting on a *Special Order* Sort column will override the *Special Order* Sort.
- Sorting on a column twice will perform a descending sort from Z – A.

Results - {Status (Primary)} And {Am...}

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Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	QM	Chemical Formula	Compound Name ↑	D3	SYS
01-074-2976	S	( Cu0.9 Re0.1 ) Ba2 Y Cu2 O7.049	Copper Rhenium Barium Yttrium O...	2.748380	O
01-081-1200	S	D0.61 Y2 Ba Cu O5	Deuterium Yttrium Barium Copper...	2.827500	O
00-049-0465	I	Y Ba2 Cu2.9 Au0.1 O7	Gold Barium Copper Yttrium Oxide...	1.579800	O
01-070-9090	B	( In0.46 Cu0.54 ) Ba2 ( Y0.75 Ca0.2...	Indium Copper Barium Yttrium Calcio...	2.748380	T
01-074-2864	S	( La0.357 Y0.214 Ca0.429 ) ( Ba0.6...	Lanthanum Yttrium Calcium Barium...	2.743160	T
01-082-1759	B	( Pb0.45 Cu0.55 ) ( Pb0.55 Cu0.45 )...	Lead Barium Strontium Yttrium Calci...	2.761110	T

**Alphabetical Sort**

**Right-click column for sort menu**

*Sort Alphabetically*

*Remove*

*Sorted by Compound Name*

# Numerical Sort

- The *Numerical Sort* will sort a numerical column from 0 – 999...
- This can be performed by:
  - Left-clicking a numerical sort column (e.g., D1).
  - Or right-clicking a numerical sort column and selecting *Sort Numerically*.
- Sorting on a column twice will perform a descending sort from 999... – 0.

Results - {Status (Primary)} And {Am...}

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Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	QM	Chemical Formula	Compound Name	D1 ↑	D1 ↓	SYS
04-013-3354	B	Ba <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2.81</sub> Y <sub>0.73</sub> Pr <sub>0.27</sub> Al <sub>0.19</sub> O <sub>6...</sub>	Barium Copper Aluminum Praseody...	2.746500	2.746550	
01-085-1614	B	Y Ba <sub>2</sub> Cu ( Cu <sub>1.94</sub> Fe <sub>0.06</sub> ) O <sub>6.92</sub>	Yttrium Barium Copper Iron Oxide	2.746550	2.746790	
04-009-6840	B	Ba <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2.7</sub> Y Co <sub>0.3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Barium Copper Yttrium Cobalt Oxide	2.746790	2.746800	
04-012-9557	B	Ba <sub>18</sub> Cu <sub>20.475</sub> Y <sub>7.2</sub> Tb <sub>1.638</sub> Al <sub>0.5...</sub>	Barium Copper Aluminum Terbium Yt...	2.746800	2.735560	1.581530 T
04-016-0172	S	Ba <sub>18</sub> Cu <sub>24.52</sub> Y <sub>7.2</sub> Tb <sub>1.64</sub> Al <sub>1</sub> O <sub>57.5</sub>	Barium Copper Aluminum Terbium Yt...	2.746800	2.735560	1.581530 T
01-085-1145	S	Y <sub>0.8</sub> Tb <sub>0.129</sub> Ba <sub>2</sub> ( Cu <sub>2.725</sub> Tb <sub>0.05...</sub>	Yttrium Terbium Barium Copper Alum...	2.746800	2.735560	1.581530 T

**Numerical Sort**

**Right-click column for sort menu**

**Sort Numerically**

**Remove**

Sorted by D1 (Strongest line)

# Special Order Sort

- The *Special Order Sort* will sort a text-based column using an ordering specific to that column. The *Special Order Sort* columns are:
- PDF # (Powder Diffraction File Number)
  - This first orders the PDF #'s by database code: 00 (ICDD), 04 (LPF), 03 (NIST), 02 (CSD), 01 (ICSD).
  - This then orders the PDF #'s by descending set and card number (xx-###-####).
- QM (Quality Mark)
  - Ascending: S (Star), R (Rietveld), I (Indexed), C (Calculated), B (Blank), O (Low-Precision), P (Prototyping), H (Hypothetical), G (Good), M (Minimal Acceptable)
  - Descending: M (Minimal Acceptable), G (Good), H (Hypothetical), P (Prototyping), O (Low-Precision), B (Blank), C (Calculated), I (Indexed), R (Rietveld), S (Star)

Results - {Status (Primary)} And {Am...}

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Special Order Sort      Right-click column for sort menu

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Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	QM	Chemical Formula	Compound Name	D1	D2	D3	SYS
04-016-0172	S	O57.5	Barium Copper Aluminum Terbium Yt...	2.746800	2.735560	1.581530	T
04-016-0892	S	.12 O...	Barium Calcium Cobalt Copper Yttriu...	2.735060	2.730530	2.748880	O
04-016-5320	S		Barium Copper Yttrium Tungsten Oxi...	2.982680	1.722050	2.109080	C
00-040-0199	I		Barium Copper Yttrium Oxide	2.727450	2.748640	1.583390	O
00-040-0411	I	YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9-x</sub>	Barium Copper Yttrium Oxide	2.744000	2.342000	1.578800	T
00-040-1058	I	Ba <sub>0.4</sub> Y <sub>0.1</sub> Cu <sub>0.5</sub> Ox	Barium Copper Yttrium Oxide	2.741700	1.942000	2.331100	T

Sorted by QM (Quality Mark) showing S (Star) patterns first, as they are of the highest quality.

# Special Order Sort

- **SYS (Crystal System)**
  - Ascending: A (Anorthic), M (Monoclinic), O (Orthorhombic), T (Tetragonal), H (Hexagonal), R (Rhombohedral), C (Cubic), X (Unassigned)
  - Descending: C (Cubic), R (Rhombohedral), H (Hexagonal), T (Tetragonal), O (Orthorhombic), M (Monoclinic), A (Anorthic), X (Unassigned)
- **Pearson (Pearson Symbol Code)**
  - This first orders by the Crystal Symmetry: a, m, o, t, h, c, ?
  - Secondly, this orders by the Lattice Centering: P, R, C, I, F, ?
  - Thirdly, this orders by the Atomic Count ascending.
- **Status**
  - Ascending: P (Primary), A (Alternate), D (Deleted)
  - Descending: D (Deleted), A (Alternate), P (Primary)

Results - {Quality Mark (Star (S))} ...

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Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	QM	Chemical Formula	Compound Name	SYS ↑	D1 ↓	D2	D3
00-050-0835	S	Hg1.24 Ti S2	Mercury Titanium Sulfide	M			
01-087-1124	S	Rb0.48 V2 O5	Rubidium Vanadium Oxide	M			
00-038-1235	S	K Hg C4	Potassium Mercury Carbide	O			
00-051-0656	S	Li3 C8	Lithium Graphite	H			
00-055-1157	S	C60 ·2 C H Br3	Fullerene bromoform	H	4.572010	4.419550	0.092790
01-088-1596	S	Sn Ta S2	Tin Tantalum Sulfide	H	4.358100	2.719570	2.039080

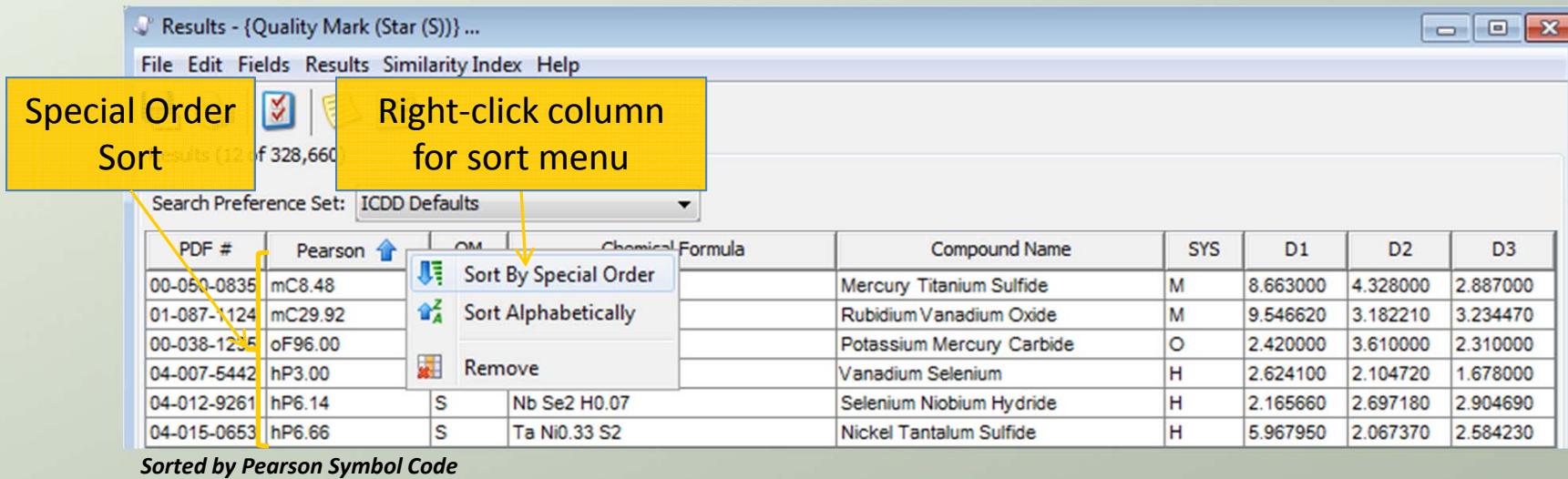
**Special Order Sort**

**Right-click column for sort menu**

*Sorted by SYS (Crystal System)*

# Special Order Sort

- This can be performed by:
  - Left-clicking a *Special Order* sort column.
  - Or right-clicking a *Special Order* sort column and selecting *Sort by Special Order*.
- Sorting on a column twice will perform a descending sort.



Results - {Quality Mark (Star (S))} ...

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Special Order Sort

Right-click column for sort menu

Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	Pearson	OM	Chemical Formula	Compound Name	SYS	D1	D2	D3
00-050-0835	mc8.48			Mercury Titanium Sulfide	M	8.663000	4.328000	2.887000
01-087-1124	mc29.92			Rubidium Vanadium Oxide	M	9.546620	3.182210	3.234470
00-038-1255	of96.00			Potassium Mercury Carbide	O	2.420000	3.610000	2.310000
04-007-5442	hp3.00			Vanadium Selenium	H	2.624100	2.104720	1.678000
04-012-9261	hp6.14	S	Nb Se <sub>2</sub> H <sub>0.07</sub>	Selenium Niobium Hydride	H	2.165660	2.697180	2.904690
04-015-0653	hp6.66	S	Ta Ni <sub>0.33</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	Nickel Tantalum Sulfide	H	5.967950	2.067370	2.584230

Sorted by Pearson Symbol Code

# Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

- The *Alphabetical Formula Index Sort* will sort the Empirical Formula column based on a specific sort element.
- Formulae are sorted by elements alphabetically starting with the sort element.
- Example 1: **Al, Al S, Al Si** - sorted on **Al**
  - This example shows a basic alphabetical sort.
- Example 2: **Au Rb, Ag Au S, Ag Au Sb<sub>6</sub>** - sorted on **Au**
  - Since sorting starts with the sorting element first, “Ag Au Sb<sub>6</sub>” comes last because Rb comes before S and Sb.

Results - {Empirical Formula Exactly...}

File Edit Fields Results Similarity Index Help

Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

Search Preference Set: ICDD Defaults

PDF #	QM	Empirical Formula	
00-034-1047	I	Au Rb	Gold R
00-050-1036	C	Au Rb	Gold R
01-073-2899	I	Au Rb	Gold R
04-003-1775	I	Au Rb	Gold R
04-007-4057	S	Au Rb	Gold R
00-019-1146	O	Ag Au S	Gold S
00-026-0728	B	Ag Au S	Gold S
00-038-0396	B	Ag Au S	Gold S
03-065-8203	I	Ag Au Sb <sub>6</sub>	Silver Gold Antimony

Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

Choose element:

Au

B  
Ba  
Be  
Bi  
Bk  
Br  
C  
Ca  
Cd

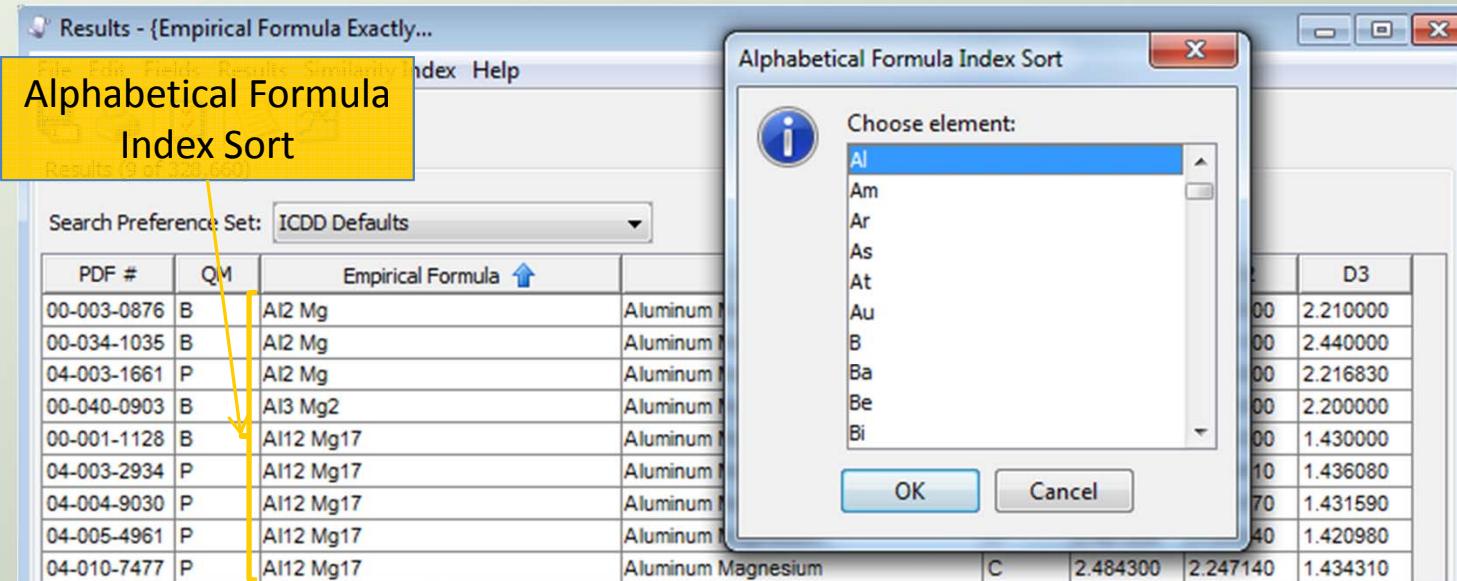
OK Cancel

D2	D3
73600	2.049000
72100	1.094700
69740	2.045000
76680	2.053500
73000	4.098000
30000	2.390000
10000	1.770000
30000	2.390000
111420	1.335380

Example 2

# Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

- If 2 formulae elements are alphabetically equal and contain 2 or 3 elements, they are sorted by the ratio of the second-to-last divided by the last atomic weight from largest to smallest.
- Example 3:  $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}$ ,  $\text{Al}_3\text{Mg}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$  - sorted on **Al**
  - Since these are all alphabetically equivalent and are a binary system, they are sorted on their last 2 elements. The ratios are  $2/1$ ,  $3/2$ , and  $12/17$ .  $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}$  is first because  $2$  is the larger than  $3/2$  and  $12/17$ .
- Example 4:  $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_5\text{Se}_8$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_2\text{Se}_5$  - sorted on **Al**
  - Since these are all alphabetically equivalent and are a ternary system, they are sorted on their last 2 elements. The ratios are  $5/8$ , and  $2/5$ .  $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_5\text{Se}_8$  is first because  $5/8$  is the larger than  $2/5$ .



The screenshot shows the ICDD software interface with the following details:

- Main Window:** Title bar says "Results - {Empirical Formula Exactly...}"
- Toolbar:** Includes "Index" and "Help" buttons.
- Search Preference Set:** Set to "ICDD Defaults".
- Table:** Shows a list of PDF entries. The first few rows are:
 

PDF #	QM	Empirical Formula	Aluminum
00-003-0876	B	$\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}$	Aluminum
00-034-1035	B	$\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}$	Aluminum
04-003-1661	P	$\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}$	Aluminum
00-040-0903	B	$\text{Al}_3\text{Mg}_2$	Aluminum
00-001-1128	B	$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$	Aluminum
04-003-2934	P	$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$	Aluminum
04-004-9030	P	$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$	Aluminum
04-005-4961	P	$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$	Aluminum
04-010-7477	P	$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$	Aluminum Magnesium
- Dialog Box:** Titled "Alphabetical Formula Index Sort" with "Choose element:" dropdown containing "Al", "Am", "Ar", "As", "At", "Au", "B", "Ba", "Be", and "Bi". Buttons "OK" and "Cancel" are at the bottom.

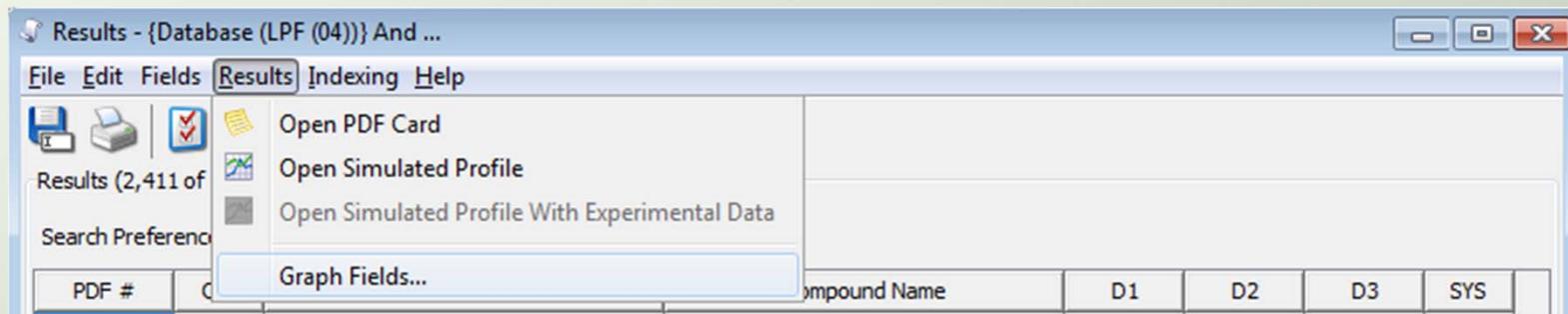
**Example 3**

# Alphabetical Formula Index Sort

- If formulae elements are alphabetically equivalent and higher than a ternary system, atomic weights are sorted alphabetically.
- Example 5: Nb S Se<sub>2</sub> Sn, Nb S Se<sub>2</sub> Sn<sub>0.50</sub> - sorted on S
  - Since these are all alphabetically equivalent and are higher than a ternary system, they are sorted by their atomic weights alphabetically starting with the sort element. The first difference in atomic weight is Sn. Even though there is 1 Sn implied, it is not written and Nb S Se<sub>2</sub> Sn is listed first.

# Graphing

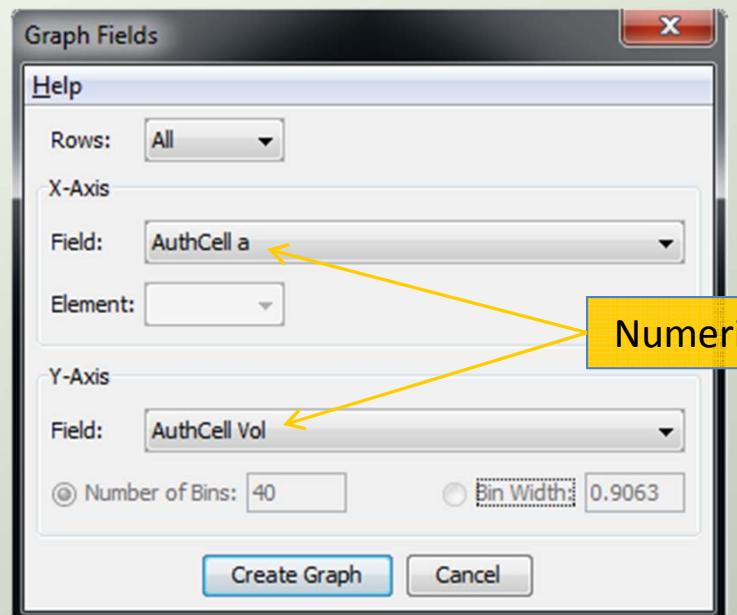
- The Results table can be graphed using any display field.
- To graph a field, click the Results menu and select *Graph Fields*.



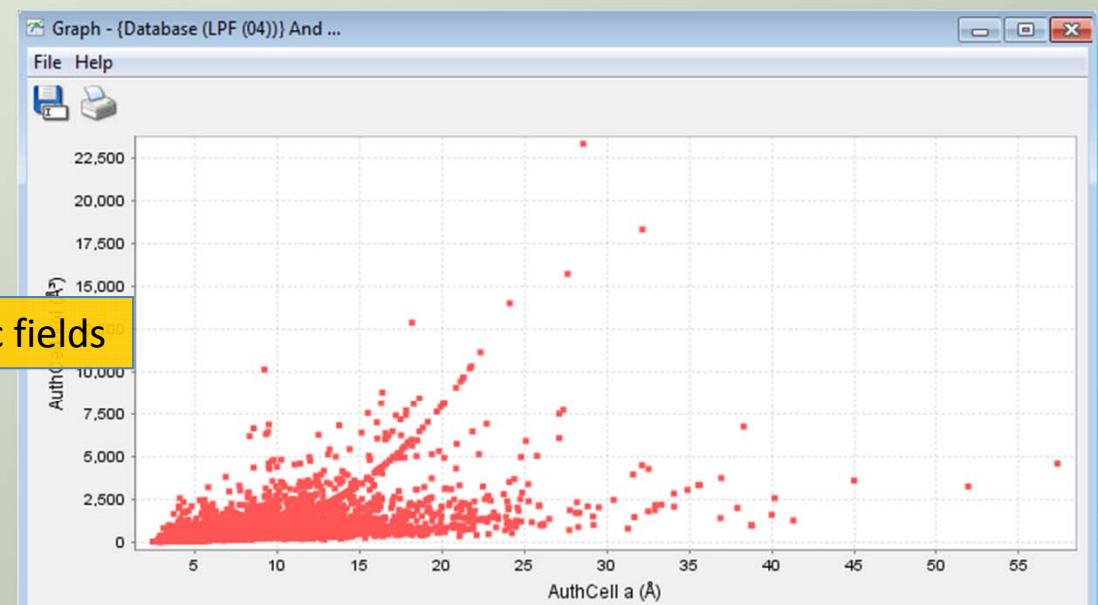
- Depending on the display field(s) selected, there are three different types of graphs available:
  - X-Y graph
  - Histogram
  - Category graph

# Graphing - X-Y Graph

- If the x-axis field and y-axis field are both numeric fields, then an X-Y graph will be displayed.
- You can limit the rows to be graphed by pre-selecting the rows in the Results table first. Otherwise, the graph will use all rows as indicated by the *Rows* selection box.



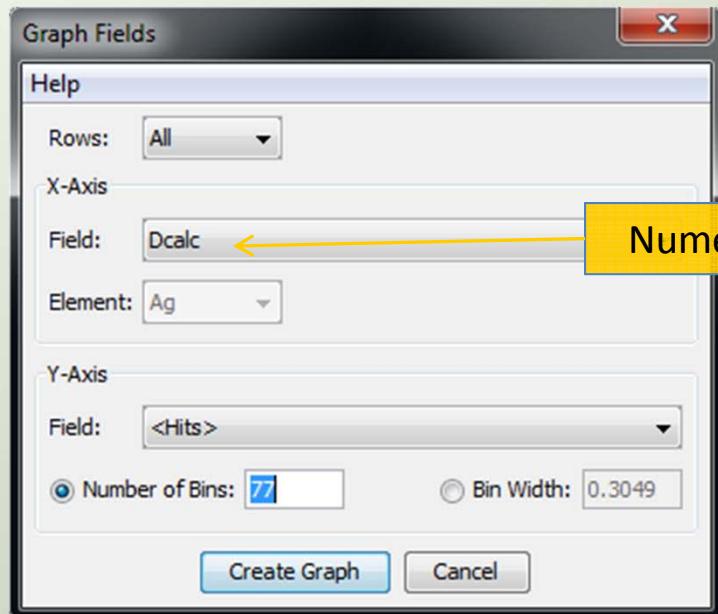
Graph Fields form



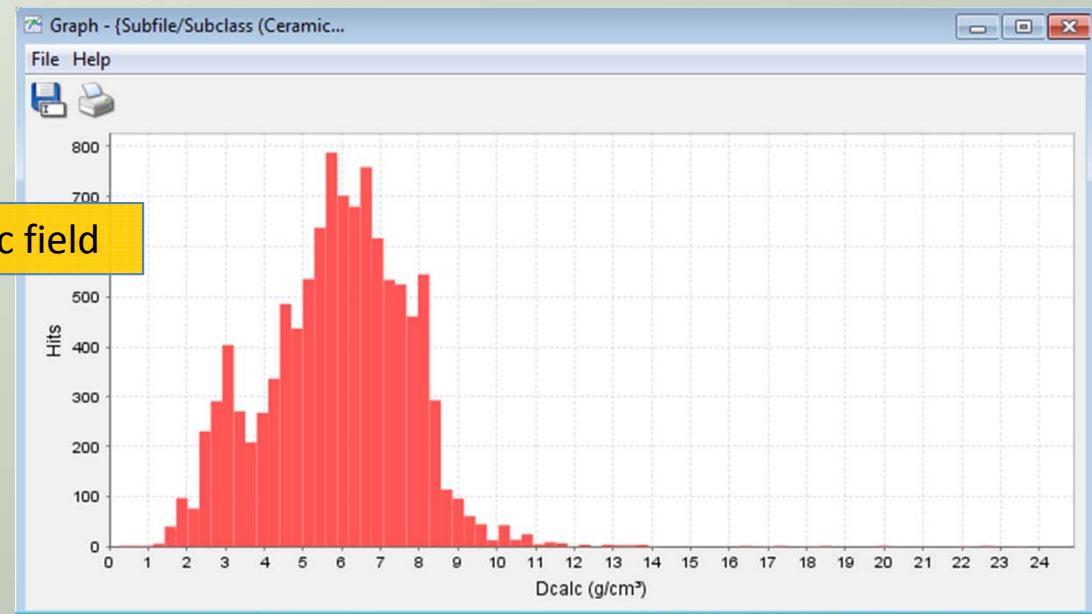
X-Y graph of author's cell volume and author's cell a

# Graphing - Histogram

- If the x-axis field is a numeric field and the y-axis field is <Hits>, then a histogram will be displayed.
- Individual element values for the weight % and atomic % x-axis fields can be selected in the *Element* listbox.
- You can customize the histogram bin (bar) distribution by changing the *Number of Bins* or *Bin Width* values.



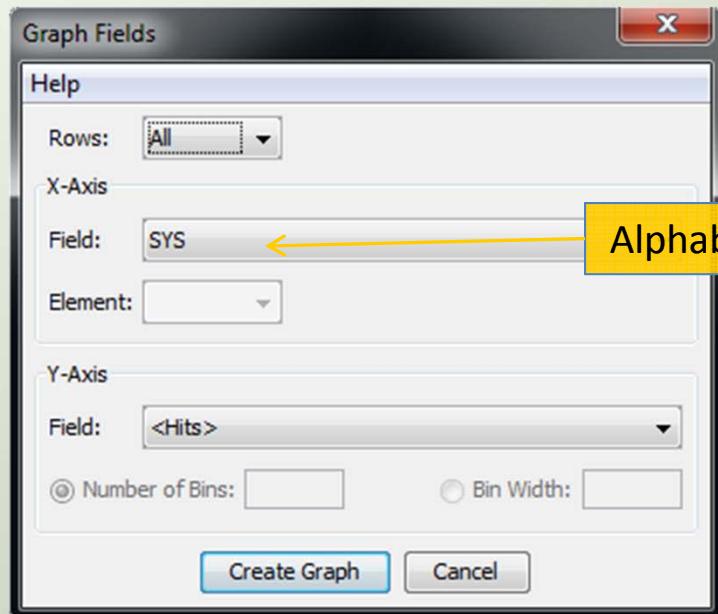
Graph Fields form



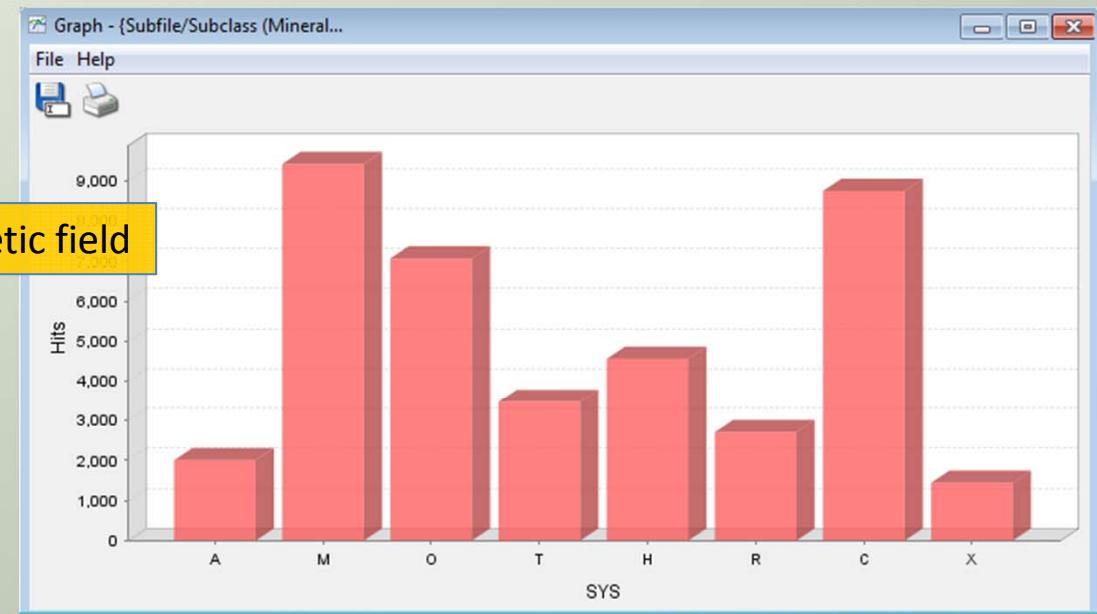
Histogram of the calculated densities for all ceramics

# Graphing – Category Graph

- If the x-axis field is an alphabetic field, then a category graph will be displayed.
- The y-axis field will default to <Hits>, indicating that the y-axis represents the number of entries for each unique x-axis value (category).



Graph Fields form



Category graph of the crystal system distribution for all minerals



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