



CAS STNnext[®] COFFEE LECTURE 
**ADJUST SUBSTANCE SEARCH PRECISION WITH
ELEMENT INFORMATION IN
CAS REGISTRY[®]**

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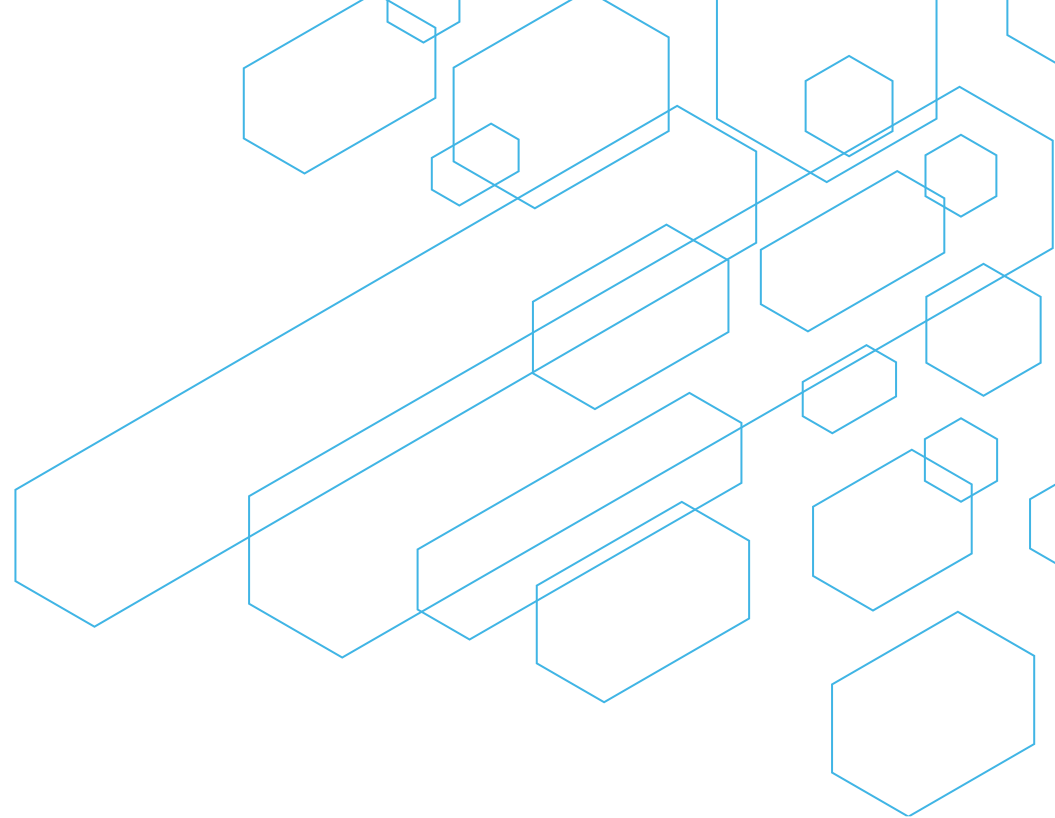
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Agenda

Element information search fields

AND versus (P) operator

Search examples



Element information

- Every substance with a molecular formula in CAS REGISTRY® has searchable element information
- Element information can be used to
 - Retrieve relevant compounds with a common composition
 - Refine a large set of compounds
 - Create a subset for very broad structure searches
- Element information search options
 - Number of elements present
 - Specific elements present

Select element information search fields

Search field	Definition	Search Example
ELC.SUB	Total number of elements in a substance	5/ELC.SUB
ELC	Total number of elements in a single-component substance or in a single component of a multi-component substance	5/ELC
ATC	Total number of atoms in a single-component substance or in a single component of a multi-component substance	23/ATC
<Element Symbol>	Count for an individual elements per substance	10/C and 2/O
ELS	Specific elements in a substance	C/ELS AND O/ELS
ELF	Elements in a component formula. Elements must be in Hill order, separated by spaces	C Cl F Mn O/ELF
PG	Elements of a periodic group and select periods, e.g. A1 (alkaline metals) or LNTH (lanthanides), except C and H	A2/PG

Periodic group search index

																		A8	
A1	A2													A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	He
Li	Be													B		N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg		B3	B4	B5	B6	B7		B8		B1	B2	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
K	Ca	T1	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	T2	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba	T3	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
Fr	Ra		Ac																

			LNTH	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		
			ACTH	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr		
			SHEL	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt										

Expressions to retrieve the displayed compound

Iron nickel ruthenium strontium oxide

Fe_{10.6} Ni_{0.7} Ru_{0.7} Sr O₁₉

Specific element count

`S 1/Fe AND 1/Ru`

Molecular formula (Hill order)

`S Fe.Ni.O.Ru.Sr/MF`

Element count for an entire substance

`S 5/ELC.SUB`

Element symbol (/ELS)

`S (Ru AND O AND Fe)/ELS`

Specific ratios per element

`S 10-12/Fe AND 0.7/Ni AND
0.7/Ru AND 1/Sr AND 19/O`

Element symbol (/ELS) and element count

`S (Ru AND O AND Fe)/ELS AND 5/ELC`

Operators: AND versus (P)

- **AND** searches in all parts of the molecular formula, i.e. in any component

=> s 2/H and 4/o and 1/S and 3/elc

L1 59810 2/H AND 4/O AND 1/S AND 3/ELC

CN Tetram monooxalate

MF **C10 H24 N O3 P S . C2 H2 O4**

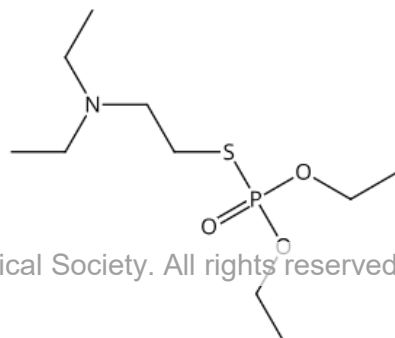
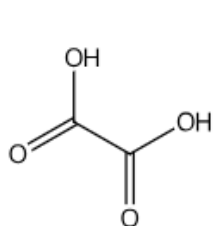
CRN 144-62-7

CMF C2 H2 O4

CM 2

CRN 78-53-5

CMF C10 H24 N O3 P S



- **(P)** restricts the search to the same component

=> s 2/H (p) 4/o (p) 1/S (p) 3/elc

L2 37098 2/H (P) 4/O (P) 1/S (P) 3/ELC

CN Maxiton sulfate

MF **C9 H13 N . 1/2 H2 O4 S**

CM 1

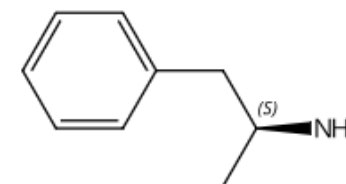
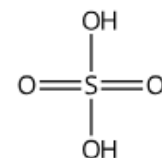
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CMF H2 O4 S

CM 2

CRN 51-64-9

CMF C9 H13 N



Use Case 1: Halogenated compounds

Task: Retrieve halogenated compounds in CAS REGISTRY containing only carbon and halogen and no other elements. Multi-component substances and polymers are acceptable.

C and X in the same component

2 elements in the entire substance

=> S (C (P) X)/ELS and 2/ELC.SUB

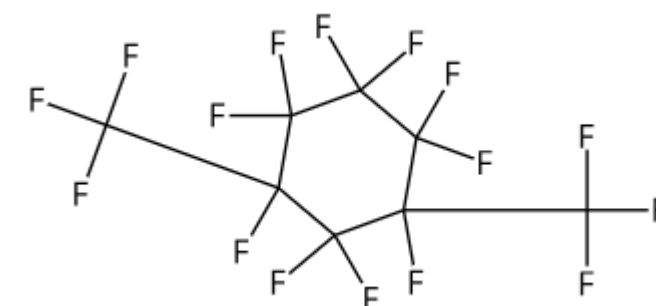
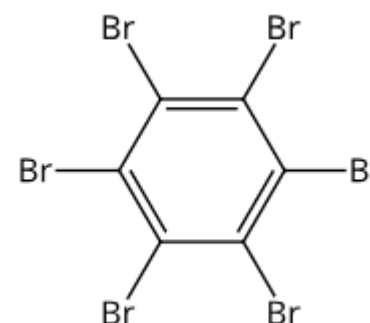
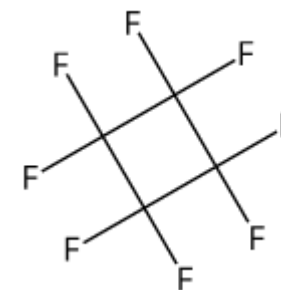
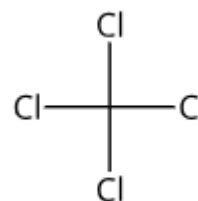
208739849 C/ELS

97187296 X/ELS

93122254 (C (P) X)/ELS

522368 2/ELC.SUB

L1 6898 (C (P) X)/ELS AND 2/ELC.SUB



Use Case 2: Magnesium substances in formulations

Task: Broadly define chemically specified magnesium substances present in the CAS FORMULATIONS database

=> S MG/ELS

All substances which contain Mg

=> S L1 NOT ALLOY/CI

Removing alloys

1332049 ALLOY/CI

L2 141062 L1 NOT ALLOY/CI

=> S L2 NOT 1/ELC.SUB

Removing magnesium as an element

36371 1/ELC.SUB

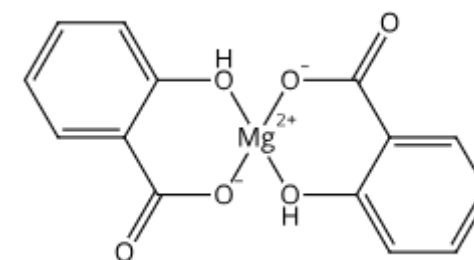
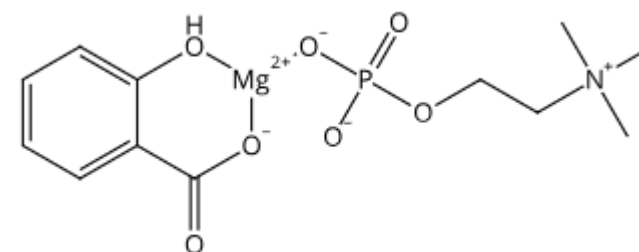
L3 140803 L2 NOT 1/ELC.SUB

=> S L3 AND CASFORM?/LC

Restricting to substances present in CAS Formulations. The result set contains single and multi-component substances

2080377 CASFORM?/LC

L4 1218 L3 AND CASFORM?/LC



Use Case 3: Alkoxyated cetyl alcohols

Task: Find structurally defined alkoxyated cetyl alcohols. Use element information and a structure search within this subset.

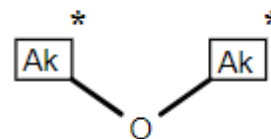
Components consisting of C, H and O

One oxygen only

More than 16 carbon atoms

=> s c h o/elf (p) 1/o (p) c>16

L1 262175 C H O/ELF (P) 1/O (P) C>16

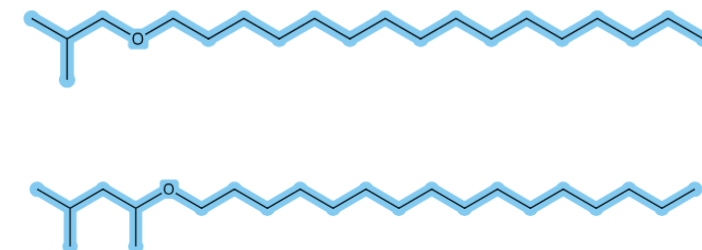


Saturated : 1 3
Element Counts
C: Exact(16) : 1

=> s 12 sub=11 sss ful

L3 67 SEA SUB=L1 SSS FUL L2

Subset search of the generic ether query structure



Use Case 4: Alkylbenzene sulfonates

Task: Retrieve alkylbenzene sulfonates.

More than 12 carbon atoms

No further elements in the component formula

3 or 4 oxygen and 1 sulfur

(P) restricts retrieval to the same component formula

=> s c>12 (p) c h o s/elf (p) 3-4/o (p) 1/s

L1 255248 C>12 (P) C H O S/ELF (P) 3-4/O (P) 1/S

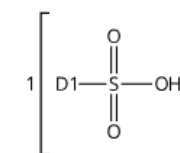
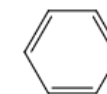
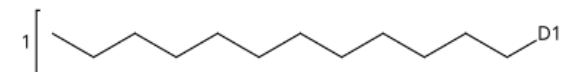
Ring identifier for benzene ring

Number of rings is one

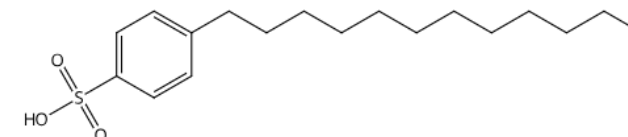
=> s L1 and 46.150.18/rid and 1/nr

L2 38562 L1 AND 46.150.18/RID AND 1/NR

Incompletely defined substances are easily retrieved as well



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