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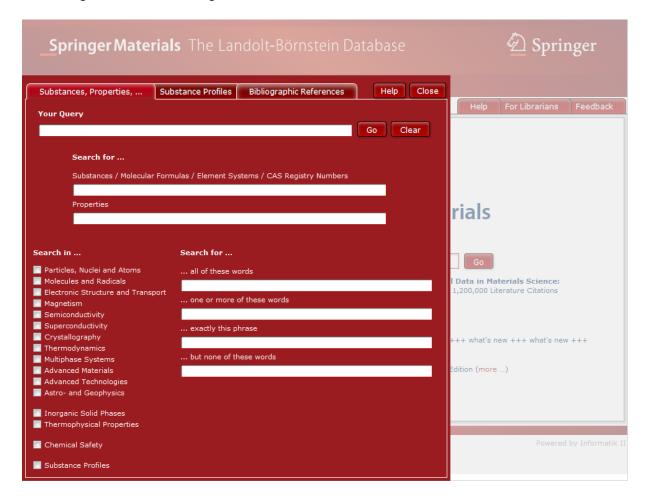
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## **Advanced Search**

Allows specified searches for Substances, Molecular Formulas, Element Systems, CAS Registry Numbers and Properties in the relevant fields. Typing effort for query formulation is reduced by suggestions of terms (Speed Typing) showing available content.

Substances field: The speed-typing list also offers CAS Registry Number and Molecular Formula next to Substance Name in brackets. Element Systems can be typed with dash (the minus key) between the individual elements. The field supports case sensitive input; please use capital letters or spaces to mark the beginning of a new element symbol.

<u>Your Query</u> combines all search strings from the other fields of the Advanced Search page into a Boolean query that you can either submit as is or adapt to your needs before submitting it to the search engine.



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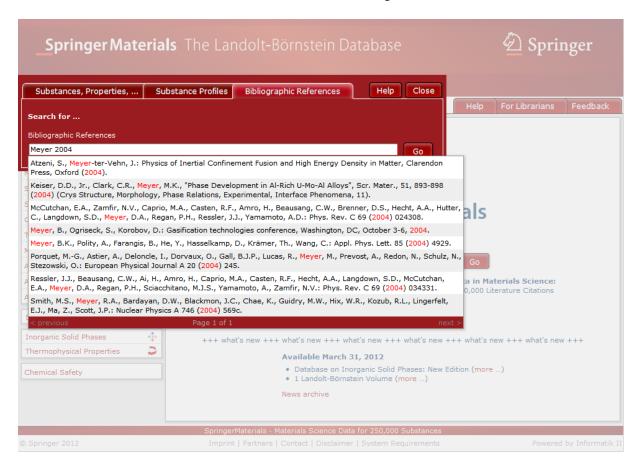
# **Bibliography**

SpringerMaterials contains over 1.2 million references to primary literature (over 8000 journals referenced).

A fulltext search performed on the reference collection will immediately deliver authors, editors, publications if referenced in the database.

Typing effort for query formulation is reduced by suggestions of terms (<u>Speed Typing</u>) showing available content. Any prefix of occurring words can filter the suggestions efficiently as shown in the example below.

A click on one of the references leads to documents citing this literature.

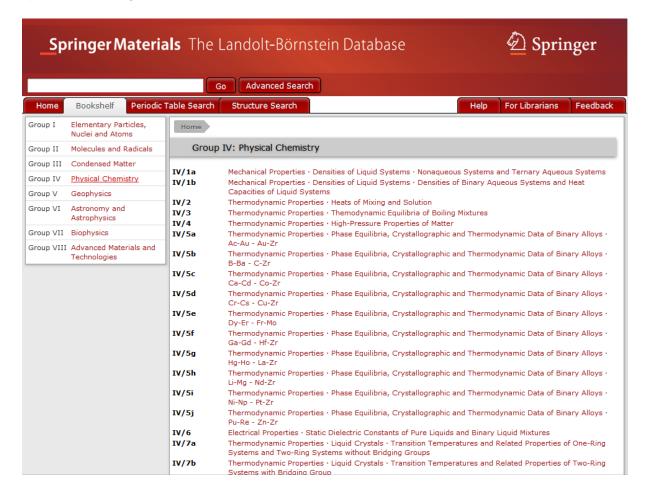


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# **Bookshelf Navigation**

Mirrors the organization of the <u>Landolt-Börnstein New Book Series</u> in Groups (I to VIII), Volumes and Subvolumes as on a bookshelf in the library. Click on one of the Groups to move to the content level, a list of available volumes will open in the main window. A click on the volume will show the Table of Contents as in the printed Landolt-Börnstein Volume. A PDF icon ( ) shows that you have reached the content level; the adjacent "i"-icon ( i) opens an <u>InfoPage</u>.

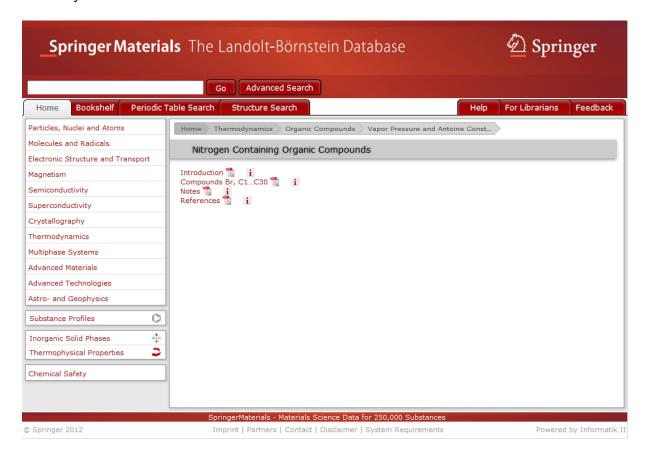


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## **Breadcrumb Trail**

Appears horizontally at the top of <u>InfoPages</u> and <u>Search Hits</u>, is dynamic and provides a trail for the user to follow back to the starting or entry point. It is a click-able navigation and provides links back to each parent level of the current one. Here ">" serves as separator of hierarchy levels.



#### Typical Breadcrumb Trail:

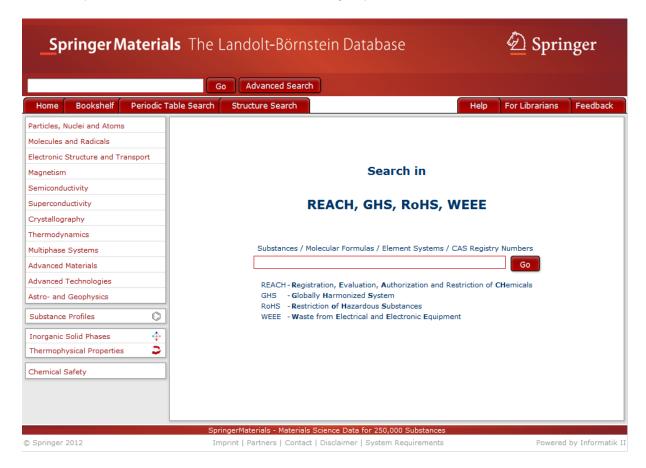


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# **Chemical Safety**

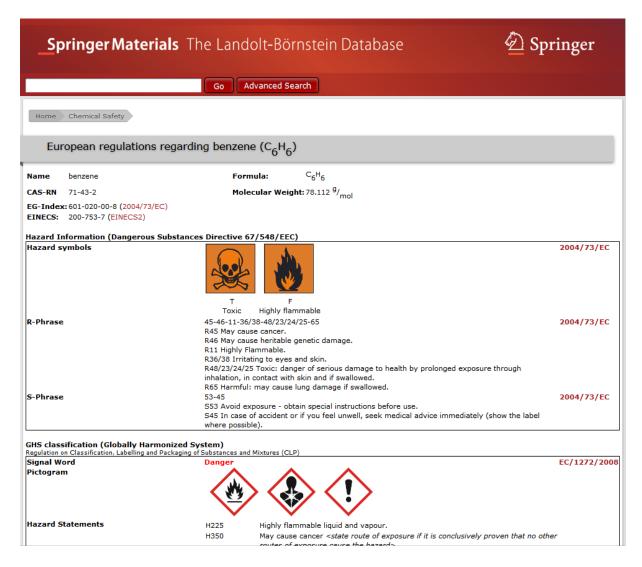
Safety Documents can be accessed by clicking "Chemical Safety" on the SpringerMaterials <a href="https://homepage">homepage</a>. It facilitates finding safety-relevant information on the substances included in SpringerMaterials. Substances can be specified by their proper names, molecular formulas, element systems, EINECS Numbers, or CAS-Registry Numbers.



Safety data are available from <u>REACH</u> (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals), Hazard Information (Dangerous Substances Directive 67/548/EEC), GHS (Globally Harmonized System), RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances), WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) and the ECHA (European CHemicals Agency) pre-registration.

**Typical Safety Document:** 

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# **Citation Export**

Bibliographic data of documents can be exported in the RIS format (see, e.g., "RIS (file format)" at Wikipedia), to be used with Endnote and similar programs. Click on the link "RIS-Export" on the InfoPages.

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## **Contents**

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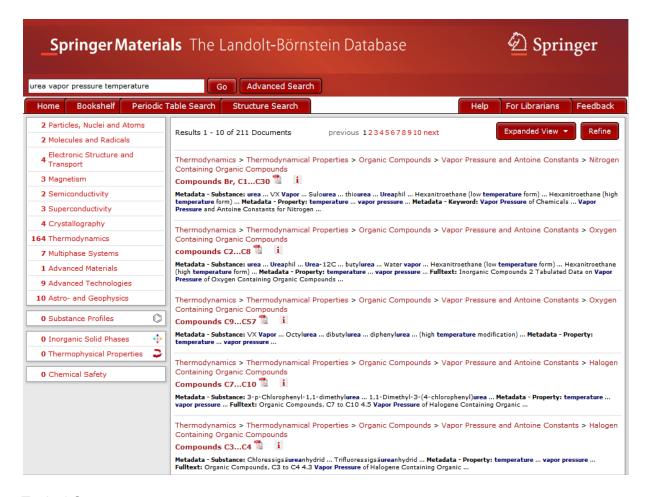
- the contents of the Landolt-Börnstein New Book Series (> 425 volumes) plus its electronic supplementary material,
- the LPF Multinaries Edition 2009 database on inorganic solid phases,
- a subset of the <u>DDBST</u> database Dortmund Data Bank Software & Separation Technology on thermophysical properties,
- Chemical Safety documents such as REACH Data.

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## **Context**

Appears horizontally below a <u>Search Hit</u> and displays surroundings in which the searched string occurs. Indicated in bold is whether the searched string (in blue) is found in <u>Metadata</u> or fulltext.



#### Typical Context:

Metadata - Substance: urea ... VX Vapor ... Sulourea ... thiourea ... Ureaphil ... Hexanitroethane (low temperature form) ... Hexanitroethane (high temperature form) ... Metadata - Property: temperature ... vapor pressure ... Metadata - Keyword: Vapor Pressure of Chemicals ... Vapor Pressure and Antoine Constants for Nitrogen ...

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## **Feedback**

A click on the Feedback button activates your email program. Some brief information on your name, profession, affiliation and address is required for us to answer your query more quickly. "Referral" gives us information on your last search.

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# **Fulltext Documents**

Results shown as display-optimized PDF. <u>REACH</u> Data and <u>InfoPage</u> are offered in HTML, as well as results from the <u>LPF</u> and <u>DDBST</u> database.

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# Home

Click on SpringerMaterials Logo to return to the homepage.

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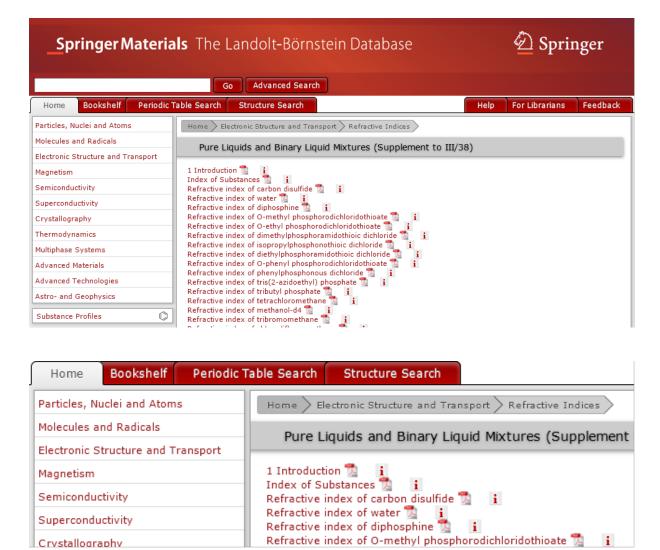
## **InfoPage**

Provides bibliographic and <u>metadata</u> information for the corresponding document, and a thumbnail preview.

Bibliographic data include: How to cite the document, DOI, title, editor, author, publication date, and references. References are linked, where available, with the online versions of the original literature, usually via CrossRef or other bibliographic databases. Bibliographic data of the document can be exported in the RIS format, to be used with Endnote and similar programs.

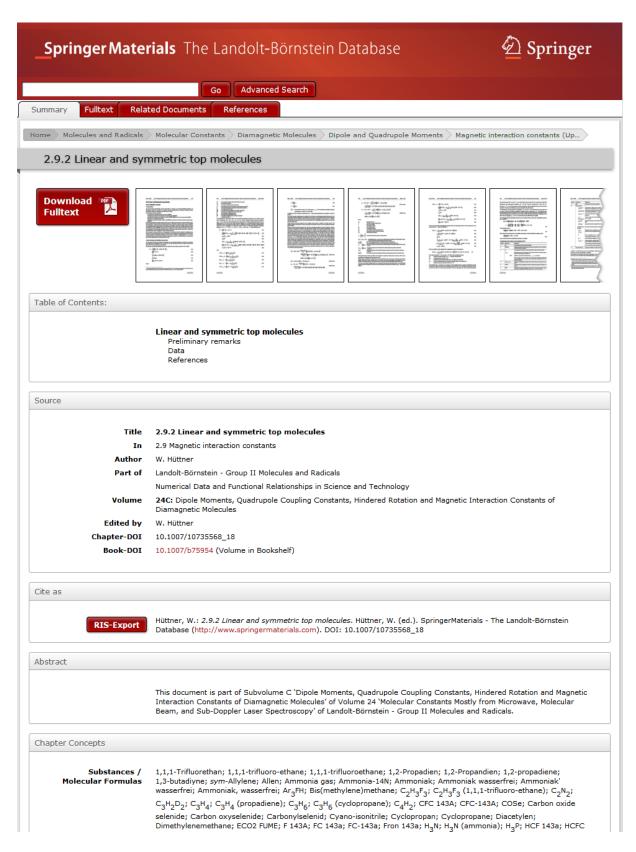
Metadata indicate "Chapter Concepts" covered by the document, such as keywords, element systems, substances and properties.

InfoPages are marked with an "i"-icon (1) in the list of documents:



Typical InfoPage:

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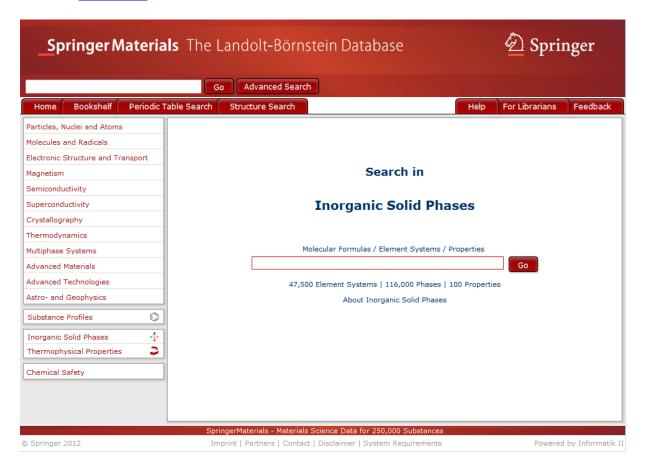
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# **Inorganic Solid Phases**

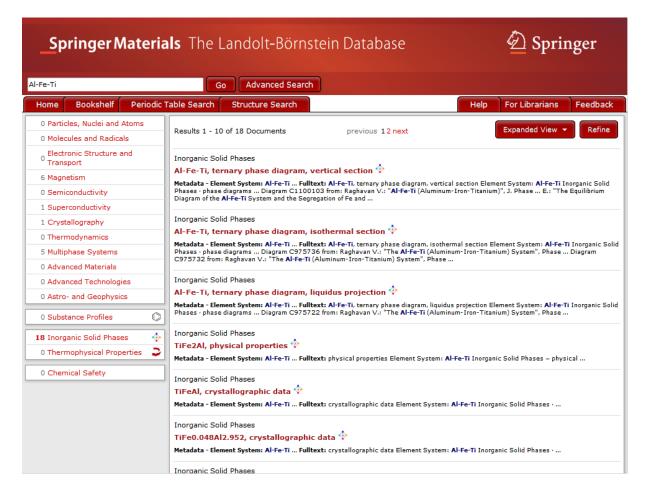
The "LPF Multinaries Edition – 2009" is the most comprehensive database on inorganic solid phases. All data are normalized and standardized according to the IUCr standards. It consists of three data collections: structure and diffraction data, phase diagrams, and physical properties.

The database can be browsed and is accessible through all search functions. A logo (\*) next to a Search Hit indicates the source.



Typical list of data sheets:

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## LB

The latest edition of this brand and the first one to be published in the English language. Started as an open series in 1961, it comprises to date > 400 volumes. To see how it is organized click <a href="Bookshelf">Bookshelf</a>.

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### Metadata

SpringerMaterials provides metadata for each document extracted in an editorial process: Substance, Element System, CAS Registry Number, Properties, Keywords, Main Subject, Secondary Subjects, and Bibliographic Information.

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## **Navigation**

SpringerMaterials offers two different views of the same content: By <u>Subject Areas</u> and, for aficionados of the Landolt-Börnstein New Book Series, the <u>Bookshelf Navigation</u>.

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## **OpenSearch**

Search results can be returned as an OpenSearch compliant RSS feed. The OpenSearch description document is located at <a href="http://www.springermaterials.com/content/search.xml">http://www.springermaterials.com/content/search.xml</a>. In order to integrate SpringerMaterials search results into your federate search, check the documentation of your search engine.

Further information about OpenSearch can be found on http://www.opensearch.org.

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## **Periodic Table Search**

Supports a search by element systems of substances and materials.

You can select elements by clicking on the symbols of the Periodic Table. Chosen elements are highlighted by an orange frame and also displayed in the central Your Selection string.

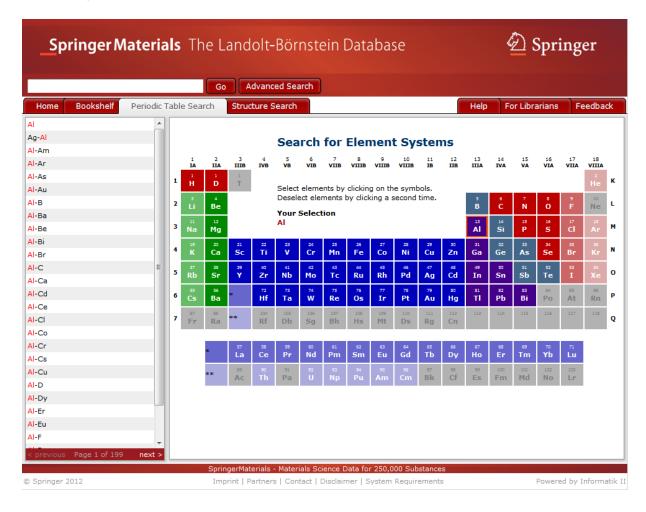
You can deselect elements by clicking on them a second time either in the Periodic Table or in the Your Selection string.

Chosen elements are highlighted by an orange frame; elements not available for further combinations are grayed-out in the Periodic Table.

Speed-typing: A list of available element systems opens. Chosen elements are marked red, black elements show further possible combinations.

Click on a possible combination from the list, available documents are shown.

To add any other search criteria, click Refine.



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## **Query Operators**

#### AND

The AND operator is the default operator. If your query consists of a sequence of words separated by spaces, each space symbol is interpreted as an AND; e.g. optical stark effect is the same as optical AND stark AND effect This query will find all documents where all three words optical, stark, and effect appear somewhere as substrings in the text.

#### OR

OR is often useful for combining closely related terms like synonyms in one query; e.g. methylurea OR 598-50-5 will find all documents which contain at least one of the two strings methylurea or its CAS-Registry-Number 598-50-5.

#### Double quotes for phrase search

Double quotes around a sequence of words in a query only yields those documents containing the exact words in exactly this order; e.g. "optical stark effect" will produce only those documents containing exactly this phrase somewhere in the text.

#### BUT NOT

BUT\_NOT is used to specify documents by some relevant keyword but excluding some known context from the result-set; e.g. !urea BUT\_NOT optical selects documents that contain the exact match of urea but only if it does not also contain the substring optical.

#### { and } for nested queries

{ and } helps to handle several valid simple queries in one single and powerful nested query; e.g. {"Ruthenium" OR "7440-18-8"} AND "magnetic flux" combines the simple query "Ruthenium" or alternatively "7440-18-8" with the required phrase "magnetic flux".

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# Ranking

The ranking of the displayed documents is performed according to a scoring algorithm. Relevance is calculated by location and frequency of, and conformity with the search term within the document. A hit in the <a href="Metadata">Metadata</a> is scored higher than one occurring in the fulltext. Exact matches are preferred over substring matches.

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### **REACH**

The <u>Chemical Safety Search</u> finds REACH-relevant (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of CHemicals) information on the substances (alternatively CAS-Registry Numbers, Molecular Formula) included in SpringerMaterials. Also described, where applicable, are the GHS (Globally Harmonized System), RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances), and WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment).

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## Refine

To select or deselect subject areas, or to add any other search criteria, click Refine. You will be automatically directed to the <u>Advanced Search</u>, where you can narrow down your results with more specialized queries; then click Go.

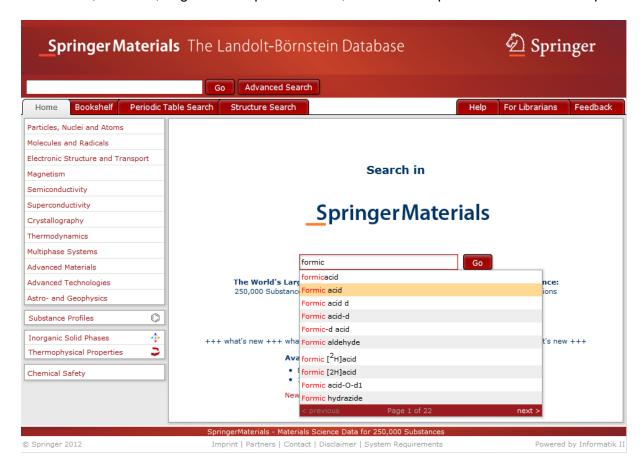
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# **Sample Searches**

### Simple Search

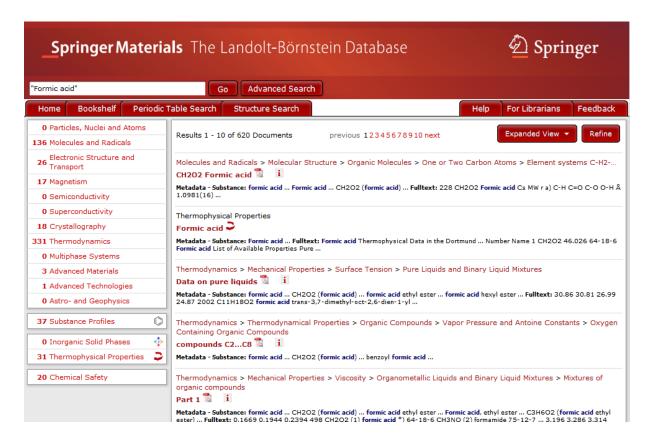
The Simple Search field is found in the center of the SpringerMaterials homepage and replicated in the field below the SpringerMaterials logo. Typing in a query is the quickest way to find data; however, to get a more precise result, refinement is possible in a second step.



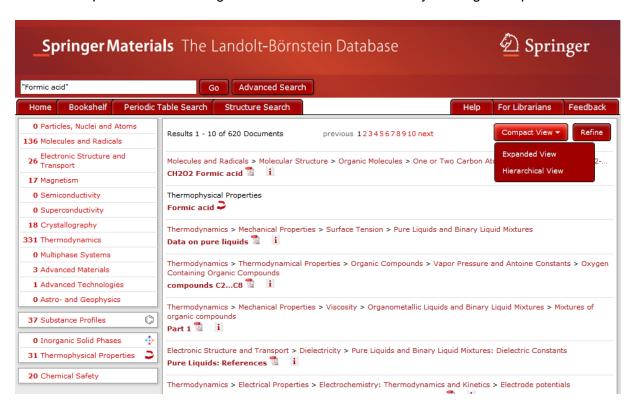
In the example we are interested in all data available about "formic acid". Typing in the first characters opens a list of suggestions (via "Speed Typing") which shows the available content. A click on the first term and pushing the "Go" button executes the query. A list of available documents is shown.

In the default view of search results, each document found by the query is presented by indicating the path to the document in the systematic hierarchy via the <u>breadcrumb trail</u>, the title of the document, and the context of the search terms within the document:

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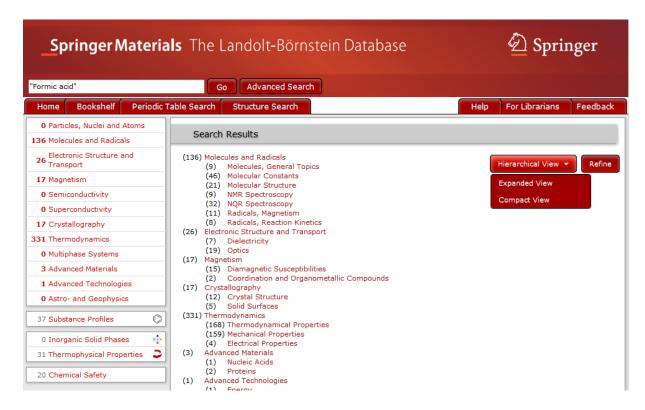


A more compact list not showing the context can be obtained by clicking "Compact View":



The "Hierarchical View" of the query results locates search hits within the <u>Subject Areas and the Navigation Tree</u>. This allows an easy location of search hits within a specific context:

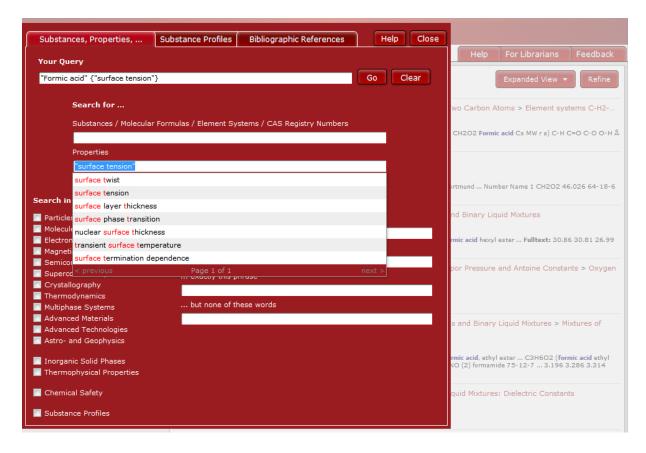
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Clicking "Refine" opens the "Advanced Search" form.

#### **Advanced Search**

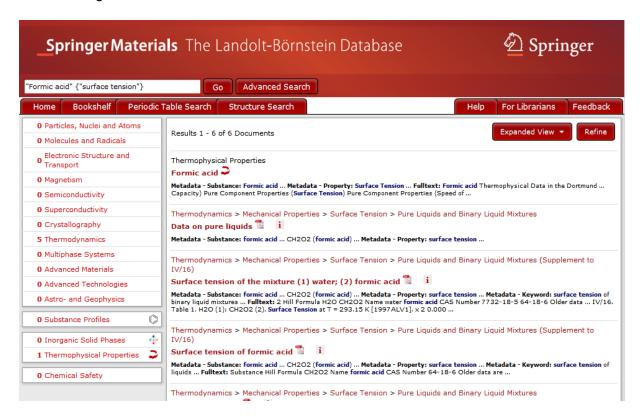
The Advanced Search allows specific searches for chemical substances and their properties. Chemical substances can be specified by their proper names, molecular formulas, element systems, or CAS registry numbers.



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In the example the user is searching for the surface tension of formic acid. Thus, "formic acid" was typed in the substance search field and the appropriate entry was chosen from the list of suggestions. Then the first characters of the property "surface tension" were typed and the corresponding hit was chosen from the list of suggestions. "Your Query" combines all search strings from the other fields of the advanced search page into a Boolean query that can be submitted as is or adapted if necessary. Pushing the "Go" button executes the query.

The following screenshot shows the list of available documents:



The document of the first hit contains data on the surface tension of formic acid from the database on <a href="Thermophysical Properties">Thermophysical Properties</a>. The second hit provides a PDF document from a <a href="Landolt-Börnstein">Landolt-Börnstein</a> compilation on surface tension covering formic acid. Further hits locate data about mixtures of formic acid with other liquids, e.g. with water.

A combined substance/property search is a typical use case for SpringerMaterials.

The Advanced Search page is opened by clicking on the "Advanced Search" button or by clicking the "Refine" button in the list of hits, e.g., as a second step after a simple search.

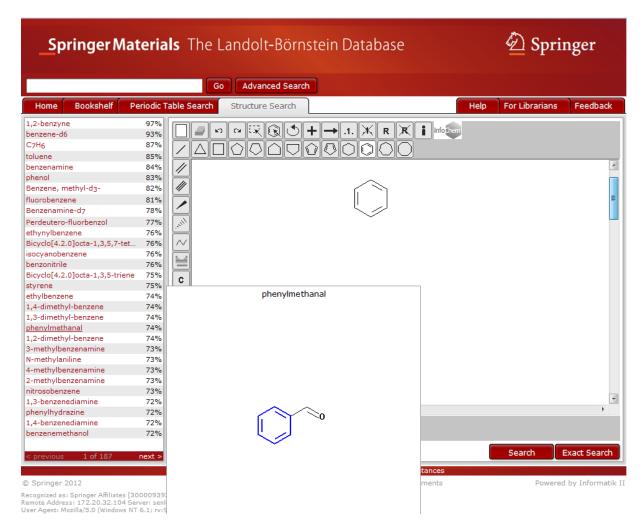
Besides the search for chemical substances and properties, the "Advanced Search" allows you to search for a specific word, for exact phrases, and to exclude documents containing specific words from the search results. Moreover, search can be restricted to one or more subject areas.

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#### **Structure Search**

Structure Search allows the search for chemical substances according to their structure, either complete or partial, by simply drawing structures using an interactive Java applet.

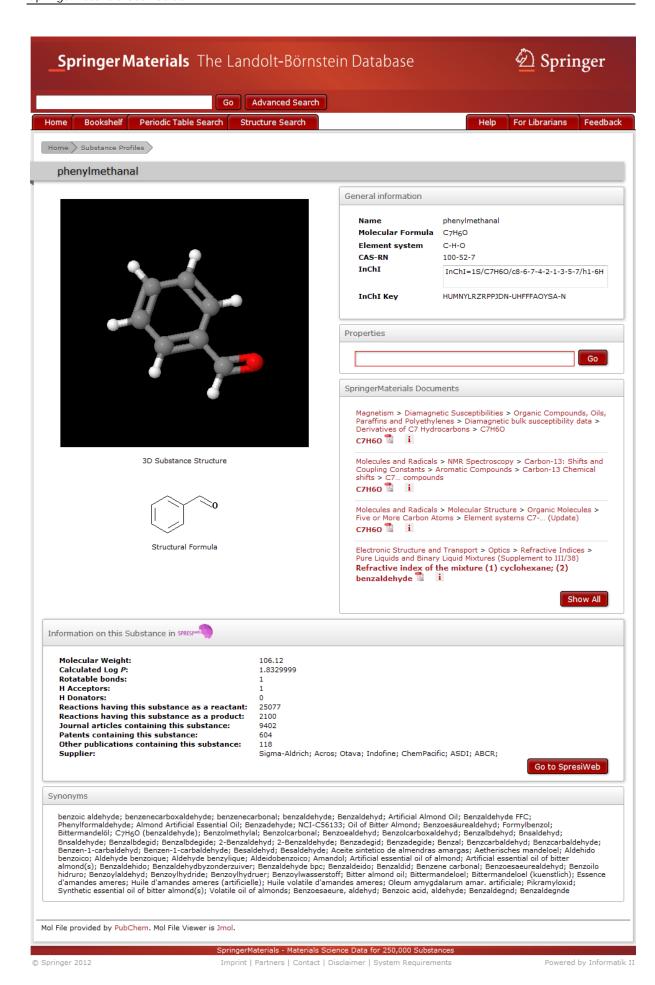
As an example, a query for aromatic hydrocarbons can be formulated by drawing a single benzene ring (by clicking on the "benzene" icon in the applet), and running the search by clicking "Search".



Search results are shown as a list of substance names and structural formulas.

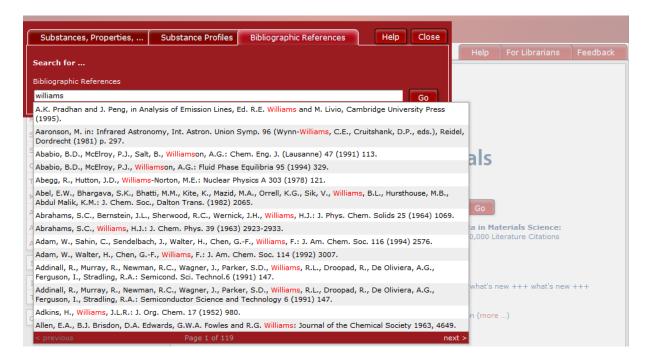
Selecting one of the found substances links to the corresponding substance profile.

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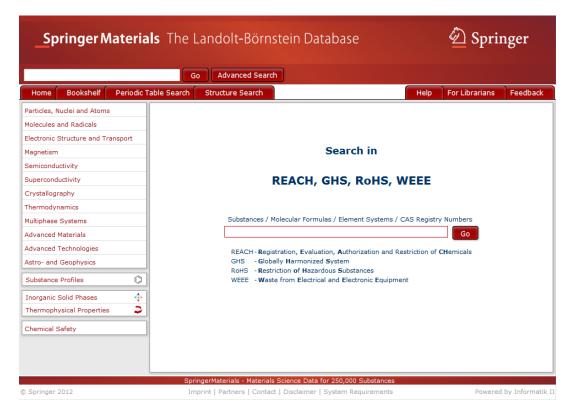
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### **Bibliography Search**



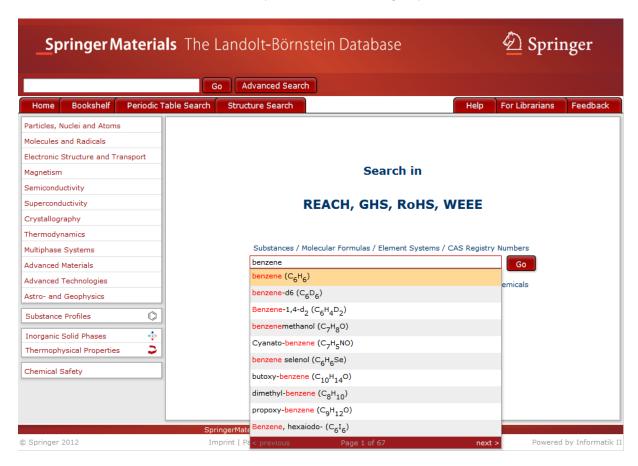
The "Bibliography Search" is part of the Advanced Search feature. SpringerMaterials contains over 1 million references to primary literature (over 8000 journals are referenced). A fulltext search performed on the reference collection will immediately deliver authors, editors, and publications referenced in the database. Typing effort for query formulation is reduced by suggestions of terms ("Speed Typing") showing available content. In this example we typed in "williams" and get suggestions of possible references where the substring "williams" occurs. A click on one of the references leads to documents citing this literature.

### **Chemical Safety Document Search**



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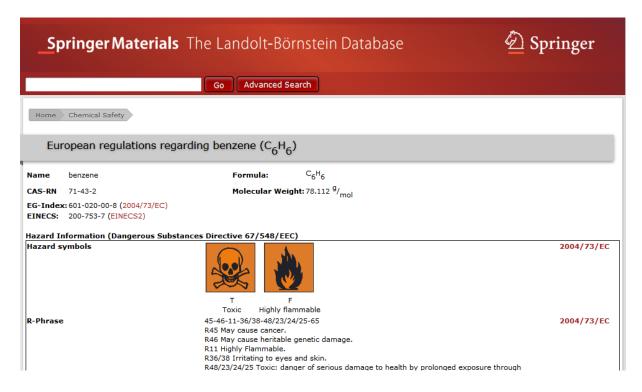
The "Chemical Safety Document Search" can be accessed by clicking "Chemical Safety" on the SpringerMaterials home page. It facilitates finding <u>safety-relevant information</u> on the substances included in SpringerMaterials. Substances can be specified by their proper names, molecular formulas, element systems, or CAS-Registry Numbers.



"Chemical Safety Document Search" finds data from REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals). If available, data about Hazard Information (Dangerous Substances Directive 67/548/EEC), GHS (Globally Harmonized System), RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances), WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) and on the European CHemicals Agency (ECHA) pre-registration are also given.

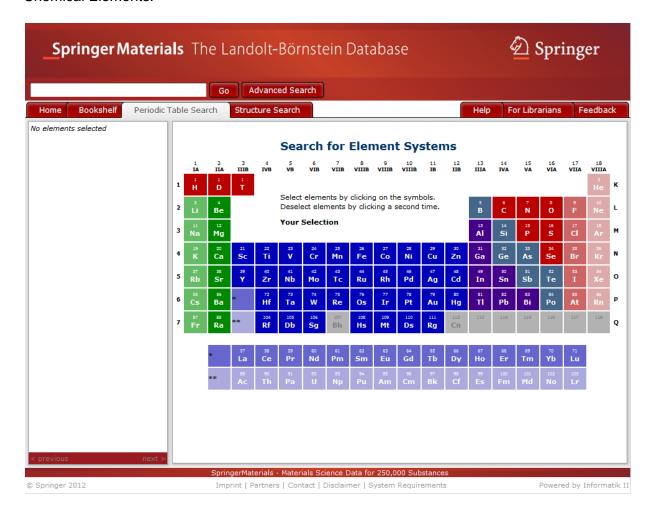
In the example the user is interested in REACH-relevant data of benzene. A click on the first entry in the list of suggestions opens the corresponding data sheet:

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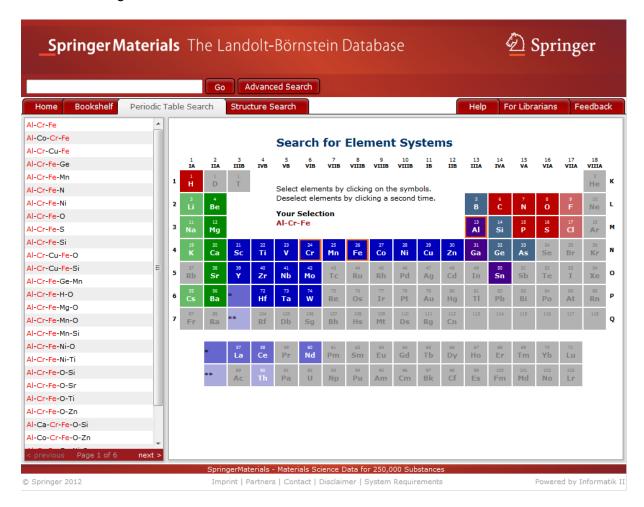
#### **Periodic Table Search**

A click on the button "Periodic Table" opens a window showing the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements.



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It supports a search by element systems of substances and materials. Elements can be selected by clicking on the symbols of the Periodic Table. The elements chosen can be deselected by clicking on them a second time either in the Periodic Table or in the "Your Selection" string.

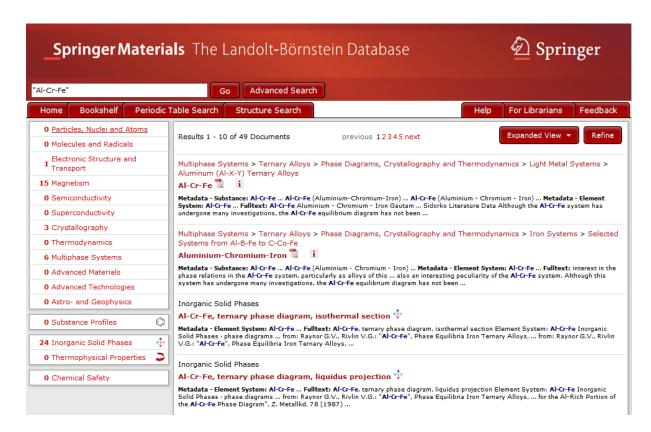


Elements chosen are highlighted by an orange frame and are also displayed in the central "Your Selection" string. Elements not available for further combinations are grayed-out in the Periodic Table.

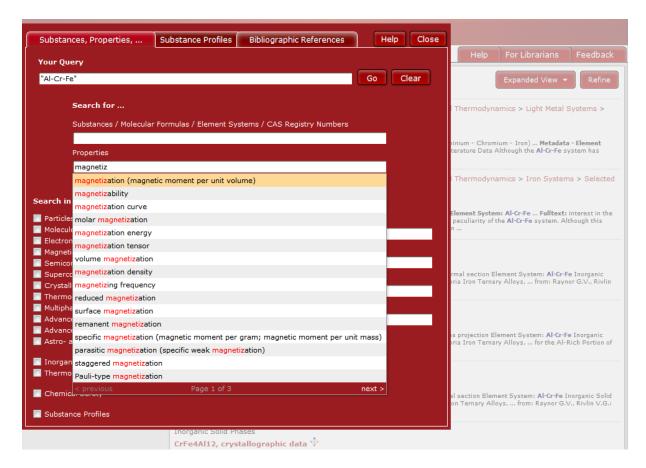
After choosing an element a list of available element systems opens on the left hand. Chosen elements are marked red, black elements show further possible combinations. Click on a possible combination from the list and a list of available documents is shown in a new window.

In this example, we have chosen aluminum (Al), chromium (Cr) and iron (Fe). By clicking the first entry in the list of available element systems ("Al-Cr-Fe"), a list of documents containing this element system appears. Search hits are from Landolt-Börnstein documents and the database on Inorganic Solid Phases, as indicted by the icons.

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To add any other search criteria, a click on the "Refine" button (top right) opens the Advanced Search window:



In this case we are interested in the magnetization of the element system Al-Cr-Fe. Typing in the first characters into the Properties search field opens the speed-typing list, and the entry

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"magnetization" can be chosen. The complete search phrase will then be shown in the field "Your Query" which can be edited or left as it is. Pushing the "Go" button will lead to the list of available documents.

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## Search

SpringerMaterials offers <u>Simple Search</u>, <u>Structure Search</u>, the <u>Periodic Table Search</u>, and an <u>Advanced Search</u>.

A query is case insensitive and substring matching in its basic form. E.g., crystal as a query produces the same results as Crystal or CRYSTAL and also returns hits in crystalline, nanocrystalline, etc.

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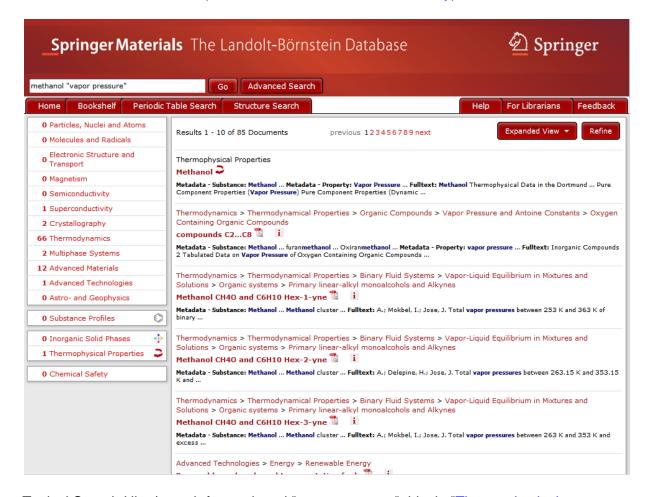
You can either type your query, then click "Go" or select a term from the speed-typing list and click "Go". While the suggestions are specific for the input fields, e.g., Molecular Formulas are supplied, the selection of any of the suggestions is not required; in fact any string can be placed in any of the fields to perform a search.

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## **Search Hit**

Each Search Hit shows the following three lines from top to bottom: <u>Breadcrumb Trail</u>, <u>Fulltext Document</u>, <u>Context</u> (<u>LB</u>, <u>LPF</u>, <u>DDBST</u>, or <u>Chemical Safety</u>).



Typical Search Hits (search for methanol "vapor pressure", hits in "<a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.jen/methanol"/ntermophysical Properties" and Landolt-Börnstein data):</a>

Thermodynamics > Thermodynamical Properties > Organic Compounds > Vapor Pressure and Antoine Constants > Oxygen Containing Organic Compounds

compounds C2...C8 i

Metadata - Substance: Methanol ... furanmethanol ... Oxiranmethanol ... Metadata - Property: vapor pressure ... Fulltext: Inorganic Compounds 2 Tabulated Data on Vapor Pressure of Oxygen Containing Organic Compounds ...

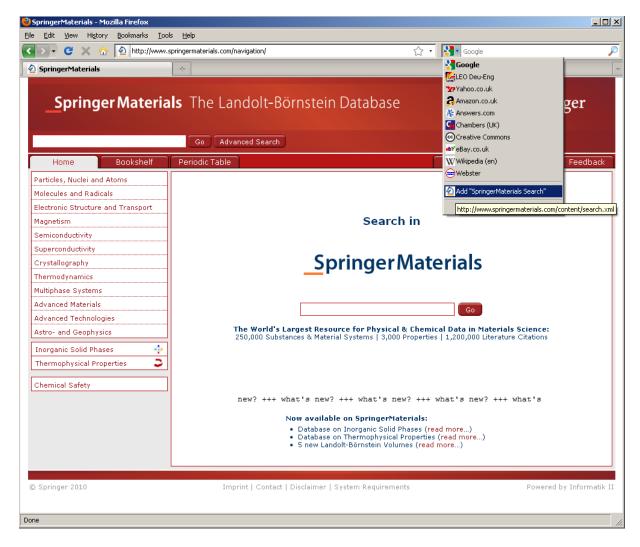
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# **Search Plugin for Web Browsers**

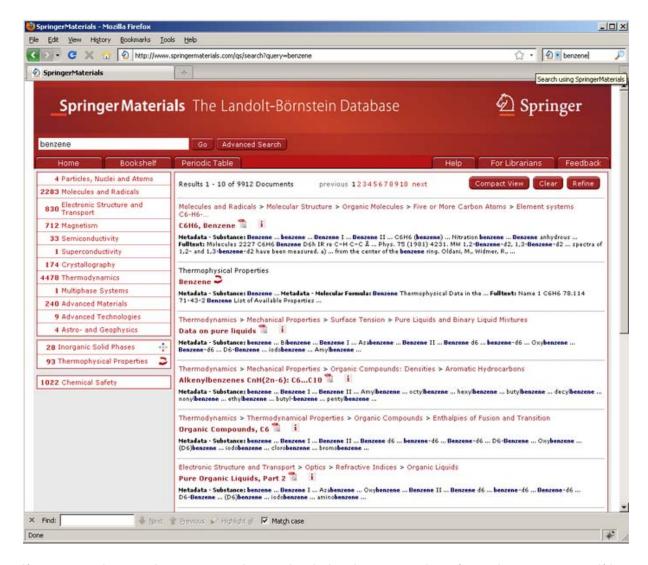
As an additional feature, SpringerMaterials offers a search plugin for web browsers which support <a href="OpenSearch">OpenSearch</a> plugins, such as Internet Explorer (as of version 7), Firefox (as of version 2) and Chrome.

With Internet Explorer and Firefox, you can add the plugin to the browser search form by selecting "Add SpringerMaterials Search" from the top-right drop-down menu. Keep in mind that this works only while you are visiting www.springermaterials.com:



After this installation, you can use the browser search form to type queries which will then be sent directly to SpringerMaterials:

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If you are using another system, please check the documentation of your browser to see if it supports search plugins according to the OpenSearch 1.1 specification, and how to install them.

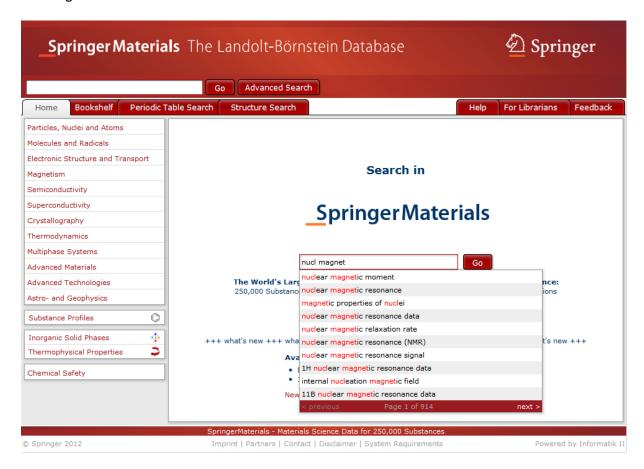
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# Simple Search

The Simple Search field is found in the center of the SpringerMaterials <a href="https://example.com/homepage">homepage</a> and replicated as such in a field below the SpringerMaterials logo.

Typing effort for query formulation is reduced by suggestions of terms (<u>Speed Typing</u>) showing available content.



You can either type your query, then click "Go" or select a term from the speed-typing list and click "Go".

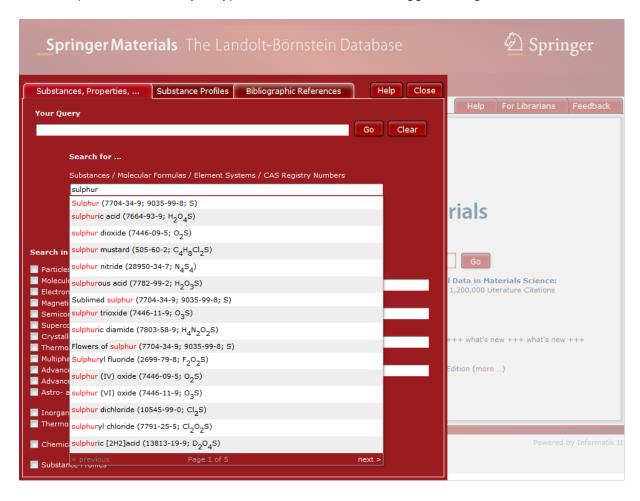
To edit your current query again or to add further search criteria, click "Refine".

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# **Speed Typing**

Reduces typing effort for query formulation by suggesting terms and showing available content upfront. The more you type, the shorter the list of suggestions gets.



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## Structure Search

Structure Search allows the search for chemical substances by their structure, either complete or partial.

The chemical structure can be entered using an interactive tool. A query can be done for either the exact structure, or for substances that contain the structural parts in the query as a substructure.

Search results are shown as a list of substance names and structural formulas.

Selecting one of the found substances links to the corresponding <u>substance profile</u>.

Structure Search is realized as a Java Applet and requires your browser to support Java. A full documentation of the features and functionality of the applet can be found online at the <a href="InfoChem">InfoChem</a> website.

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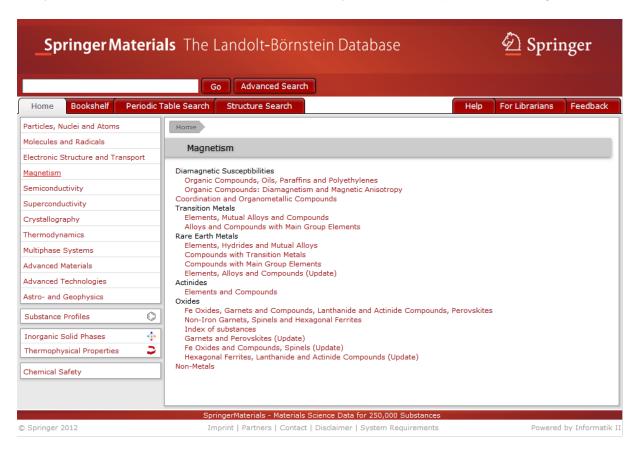
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# **Subject Area Navigation**

SpringerMaterials content is organized in 12 Subject Areas (see <a href="https://homepage">homepage</a>):

- Particles, Nuclei and Atoms
- Molecules and Radicals
- Electronic Structure and Transport
- Magnetism
- Semiconductivity
- Superconductivity
- Crystallography
- Thermodynamics
- Multiphase Systems
- Advanced Materials
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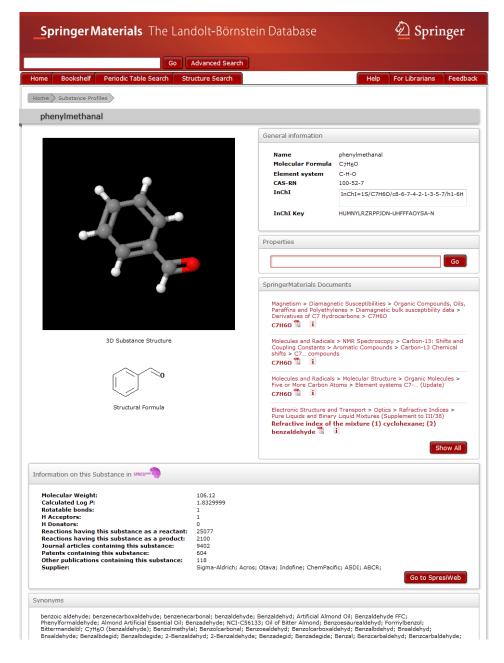
## **Substance Profile**

Substance profiles provide an at-a-glance overview of chemical substances about which data is available in SpringerMaterials.

A substance profile includes names, synonyms and international codes (CAS registration number, INCHI code and key) to denote a substance, and show the structure of the substance.

Moreover, links to documents in SpringerMaterials and to the SPRESIweb database of chemical reactions are provided.

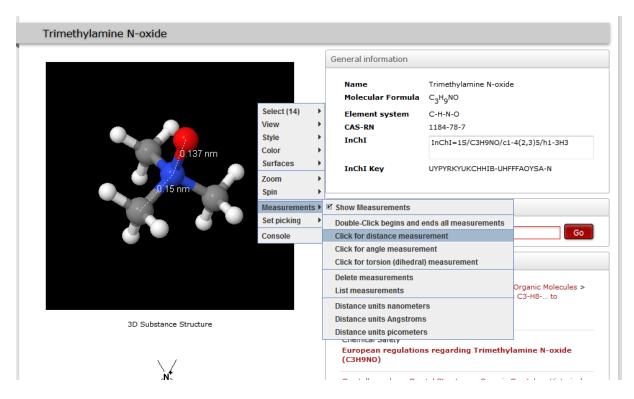
Substance profiles can be reached via the the <u>Advanced Search</u> feature. There, the "Substance Profiles" tab opens a <u>Speed Typing</u> dialogue to select substances by their names, molecular formulas or CAS registry numbers. After the selection by mouse-click, the corresponding substance profile is shown.



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The 3D structure of the substance is shown using Jmol, an open-source Java viewer for chemical structures in 3D, which opens and presents an interactive 3D model of molecules.

Jmol allows for a wide variety of viewer configurations and options, which are accessible via the context menu (right-hand mouse-button). Our screenshot below shows the measurement of bond lengths as an example.



Please refer to the Jmol home page, <u>imol.sourceforge.net</u>, for detailed descriptions of the Jmol project, manuals and tutorials, examples, etc.

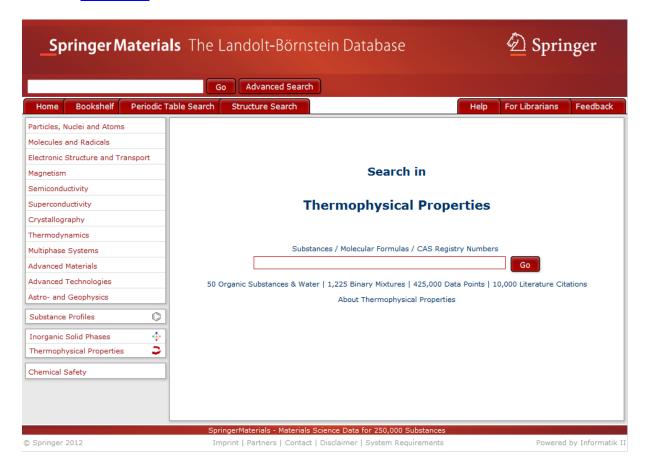
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# **Thermophysical Properties**

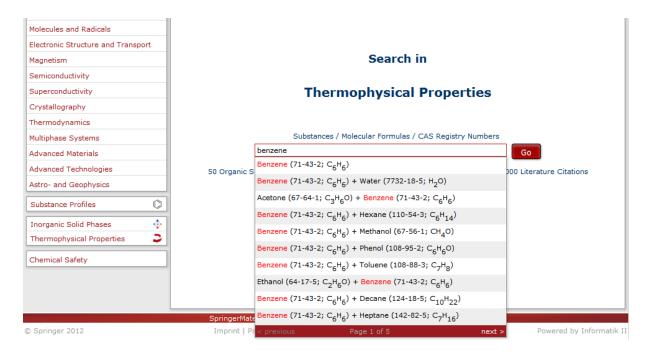
The subset of the DDBST (Dortmund Data Bank Software & Separation Technology) contains thermophysical properties of the 50 most important organic liquids plus water and their 1225 binary mixtures.

The database can be browsed and is accessible through all search functions. A logo ( ) next to a <u>Search Hit</u> indicates the source.

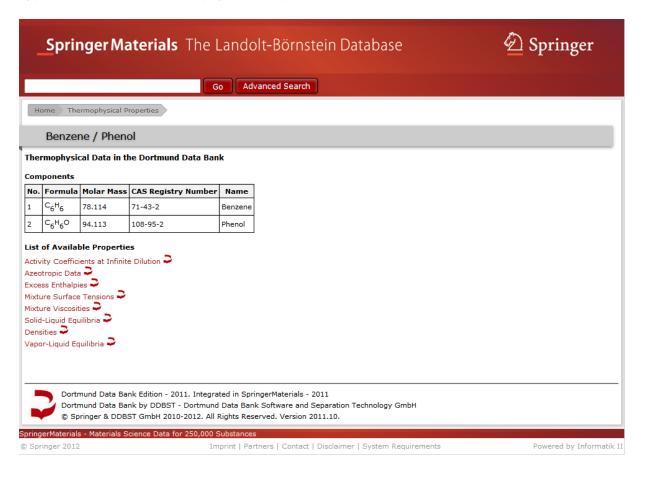


Typical query for Thermophysical Properties:

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## **Wildcards**

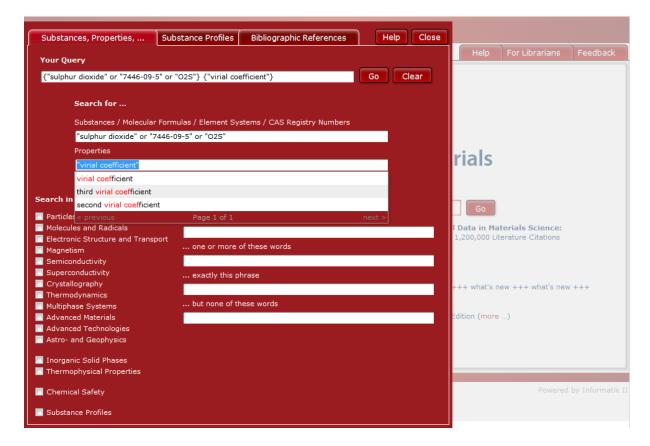
SpringerMaterials supports single and multiple character wildcard searches within terms. Use the "?" symbol to perform a single character wildcard search and use the "\*" symbol to perform a multiple character wildcard search.

For example, the query sul\*ite returns results for both "sulphite" and "sulfite". Searching for ferr?magnetism shows hits for both "ferromagnetism" and "ferrimagnetism".

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## **Your Query**

A field in the <u>Advanced Search</u> that combines all search strings typed in any of the other fields of the Advanced Search page into a Boolean query that you can either submit as is or adapt to your needs before submitting to the search engine.



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