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Comparing chloride ingress from seawater and NaCl solution in Portland cement mortar

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates whether chloride ingress testing can be done using NaCl solution instead of seawater when assessing the performance of concrete in marine conditions. Seawater contains besides sodium and chlorine additional elements such as sulfur and magnesium, which can change the phase assemblage in the concrete and thereby affect chloride ingress. Mortar samples prepared with Portland cement were exposed to seawater or NaCl solution with a similar chloride concentration. After 180 days of exposure to seawater, only the outer 1 mm was enriched in sulfur and magnesium, which had only a limited impact on the chloride ingress. Leaching, observed in the outer 10–20 mm both for NaCl and for seawater exposure had a much stronger influence on the chloride ingress. Hence, chloride ingress in marine exposed concrete can be assessed using NaCl solutions. To mirror the leaching in field exposure, the volume of exposure solution needs to be high.

1. Introduction

Reinforced concrete is an important construction material for marine exposed structures such as bridges, docks, harbours and off shore platforms due to its ability to withstand the harsh marine environment. However, the service life of reinforced concrete structures can be limited by several deterioration mechanisms. In marine environment, one of the major deterioration mechanisms is chloride induced corrosion of the reinforcement steel. When chlorides reach the reinforcement and accumulate to critical concentrations they can initiate corrosion. Hence, to ensure sufficient service life, such structures need to be designed and constructed with concrete compositions with high chloride ingress resistance, as well as an appropriate concrete cover depth in order to protect the reinforcement during the designed service life.

Laboratory testing of concrete compositions for marine applications is generally performed with NaCl solutions to mimic the marine conditions. Commonly used diffusion tests either prescribe exposure to 3% NaCl solution (approx. 30 g/l), which yields a similar chloride concentration as in the Atlantic, (ASTM C1543 [1], EN 13396 [2], CEN/TS 12390-11 [3]) or about 5.5 times higher concentration (165 g/l NaCl solution), (ASTM C1556 [4] and NT BUILD 443 [5]).

However, seawater contains, in addition to sodium and chloride, other ions, for example magnesium, sulfate, and carbonates, which potentially can influence the chloride ingress [6]. The effect of seawater

on the phase assemblage of concrete is complex. The differences in the mobility of the ions and in the solubility of the reaction products results in elemental zonation in the concrete near the surface [7–11].

In this study, we investigated whether the presence of ions other than sodium and chloride in seawater will affect the chloride ingress. The chloride ingress by bulk diffusion in Portland cement mortars exposed to seawater is compared with ingress in mortars exposed to NaCl solution with a similar chloride concentration. Saturated samples were exposed to seawater and NaCl solution 7 days after casting. Elemental profiles were determined after 21, 90 and 180 days of exposure at 20 °C.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials

Mortars with ordinary Portland cement (PC) type CEM I 42.5 R according to EN197-1 [12] with 6% silica fume (SF) were investigated. The mix composition of the mortars is given in Table 1.

The chemical composition of the different materials is given in Table 2. Table 3 gives the mineral composition of the Portland cement determined by XRD-Rietveld. About 99.2% of the silica fume is X-ray amorphous. The PC mortar was proportioned with a water-to-binder mass ratio of 0.40 and the sand-to-binder mass ratio of 2.5:1. A polycarboxylate based superplastizer (SP) was included to obtain good

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Chloride resistance of concrete and its binding capacity – Comparison between experimental results and thermodynamic modeling

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ABSTRACT

The chloride resistance of concrete mixtures produced with different binders and water-to-binder ratios is determined by three different methods (natural chloride diffusion, accelerated chloride migration and conductivity measurement). The influence of mix design and type of binder are evaluated and related to porosity. The effect of chloride binding on chloride resistance is assessed by thermodynamic modeling and compared with chloride content measured with acid and water extraction.

Chloride resistance depends on the type of binder and on water-to-binder ratio. Chloride content measurements and thermodynamic modeling both show that chloride binding is strongly related to the hydration degree of the cement and of the mineral admixtures. However, the decisive parameter for chloride resistance in all the tests is the permeability while the influence of chloride binding is less important.

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1. Introduction

Resistance of concrete to chloride ingress is a key property for the durability of reinforced concrete structures exposed to de-icing salts or sea water. If chloride penetrates into concrete, it can cause fast and severe corrosion of the reinforcement [1] which reduces the cross-section of the reinforcement and thus leads to the loss of its load carrying capacity. Chloride induced corrosion of the reinforcement is one of the main causes of structural concrete deterioration and therefore responsible for a large share of the cost for the rehabilitation of concrete structures [2]. The thickness of concrete cover over the reinforcement and the permeability of the concrete are used to control the ingress of chloride to prevent corrosion in reinforced concrete structures.

For this reason, chloride penetration into concrete has been investigated for many years. It is known that cement has the ability to bind chlorides, dependent on its chemical composition. Therefore, chloride is present in concrete both as ion in the pore solution as well as bound to cement hydration products in the form of Friedel's salt ($\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_2\text{Cl}_6(\text{OH})_{12} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$) or sorbed to C-S-H [3–5]. Since only "free" chloride ions in the pore solution can move, chloride binding can affect resistance of concrete to chloride ingress by delaying the penetration process. So far, chloride binding has been mainly studied using experimental techniques. Few attempts have

been made to investigate the subject by thermodynamic modeling [6,7]. Additionally, the chloride resistance of a cement based material is known to increase with decreasing porosity [8,9] since the mobility of water and thus of the chloride ions is reduced.

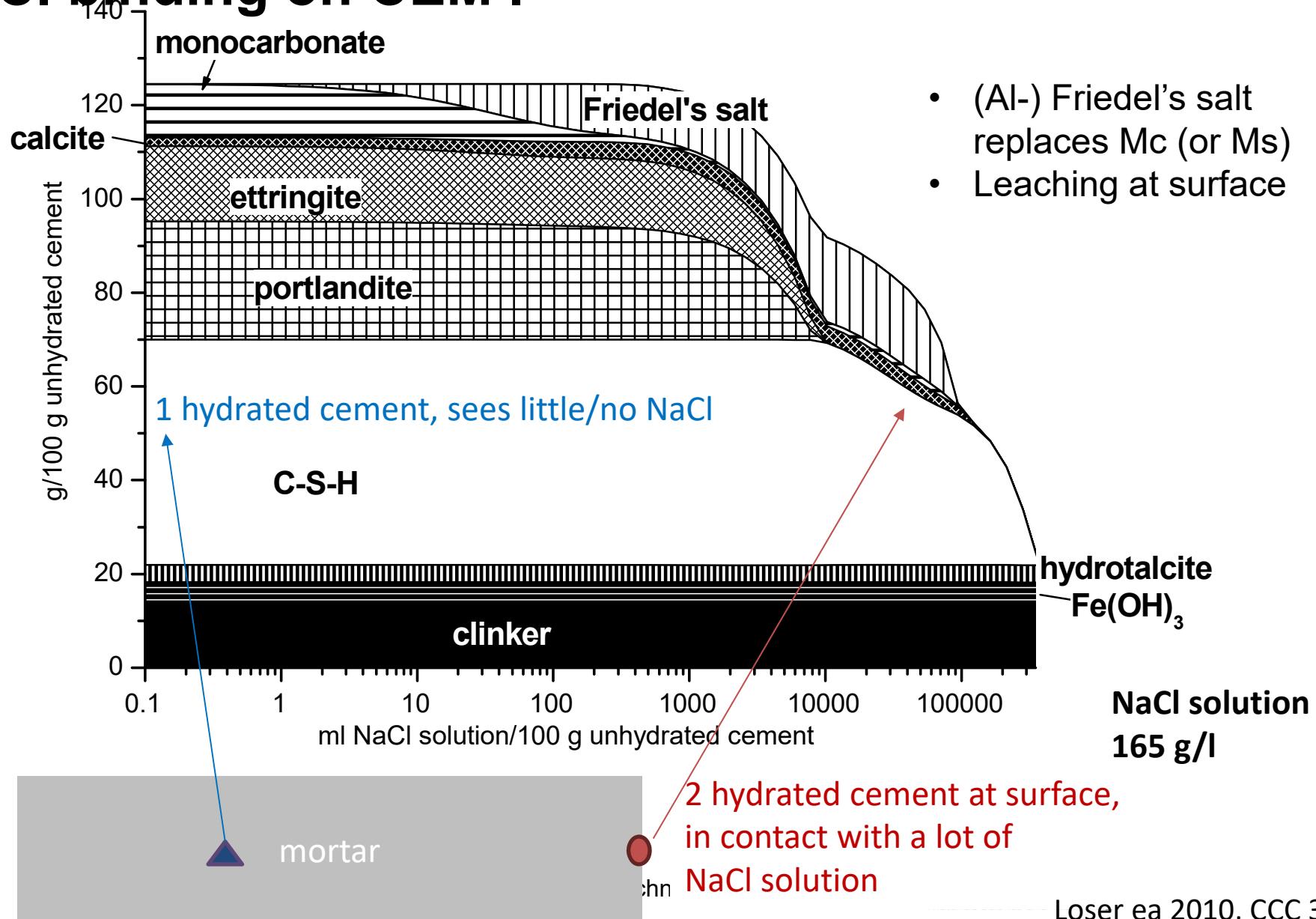
To characterize the resistance of concrete against chloride ingress numerous tests have been developed. An overview of such test methods is given e.g. in [10,11]. These methods can mainly be categorized into three categories: diffusion tests, migration tests and indirect tests based on resistivity or conductivity.

In diffusion tests, chloride penetrates slowly into the saturated concrete due to a gradient in chloride concentration, while in the migration and indirect tests, the chloride transport is accelerated by an externally applied electrical field. Furthermore, the difference between steady-state and non-steady-state testing conditions have to be distinguished.

Under steady-state testing conditions (e.g. conductivity tests), the extent of chloride binding has no influence on the results. However, non-steady-state transport can be affected by chloride binding, dependent on the method used. Non-steady-state migration tests are working with a strong external electrical field and a shorter test duration than non-steady-state diffusion tests, which both tend to reduce the amount of bound chlorides. Therefore, non-steady-state migration coefficient describes chloride transport under reduced chloride binding conditions [12]. As a result, the different test methods may lead to results which are not comparable to each other.

The aim of this study is to investigate the influence of permeability and chloride binding on chloride resistance of concrete by combining experimental techniques with thermodynamic modeling.

Simple modelling approach: Cl binding on CEM I



- (Al-) Friedel's salt replaces Mc (or Ms)
- Leaching at surface

GOAL:
Predict phase changes when adding
an increasing amount of ..

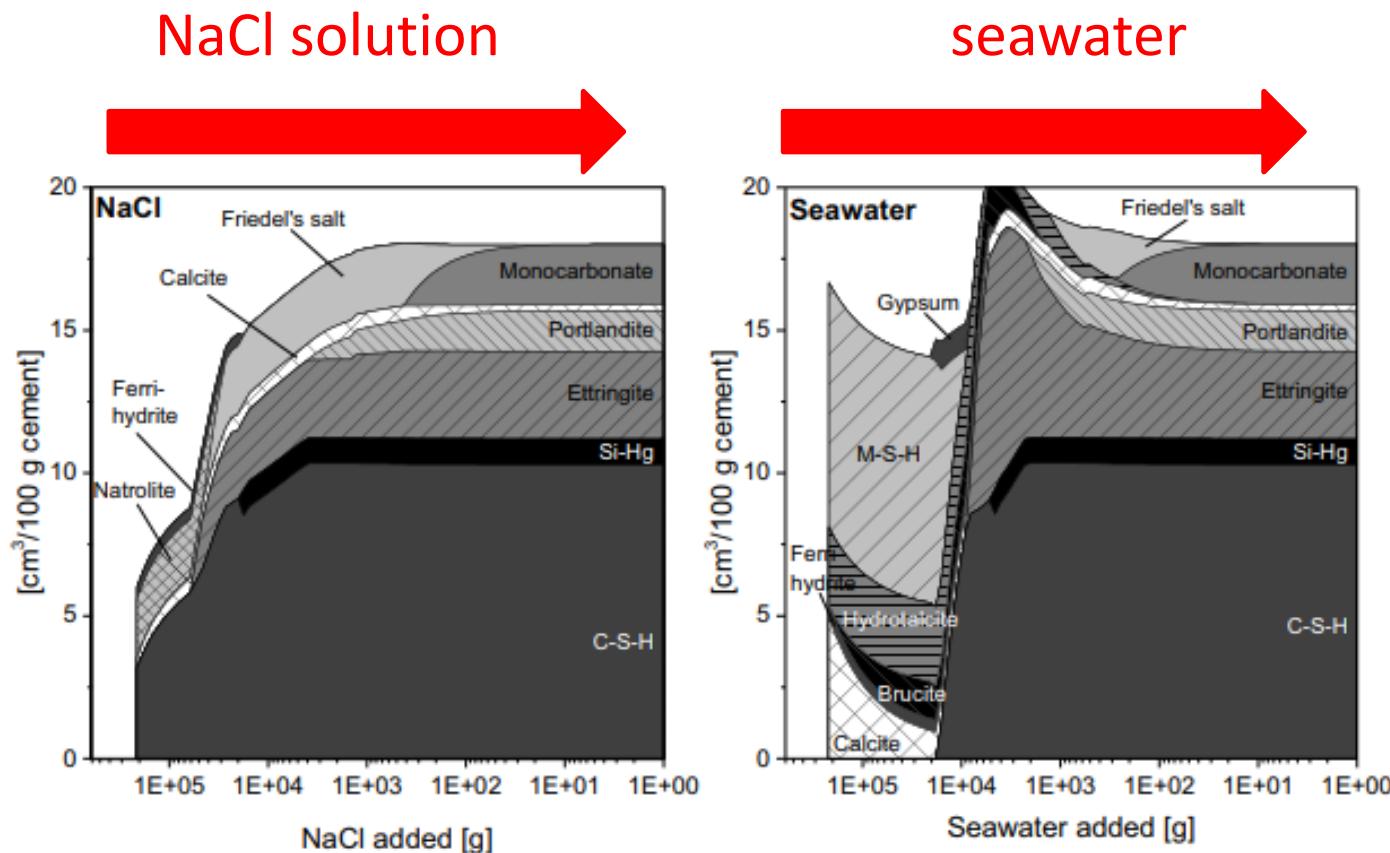


Fig. 10. Predicted volume of the phases in the PC paste upon exposure to increasing amounts of NaCl solution (left) or seawater (right) in $[\text{cm}^3/100 \text{ g cement}]$.

Learning goals

GEMS-skills:

- Building a SysEq file from scratch
- Editing a Proces file
- Insert predefined compositions (OPC)



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Example: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to NaCl solution

1. Create Single System – SysEq ☺
2. Make predefined composition of PC
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Task: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to sea water

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Modelling Projects

GEM-Selektor modelling projects: Select one to open, or click 'New Project...' to create

- AluSiOMSA MUSICAluminaSilica
- AragCalc Aragonite-Calcite
- BermanMSS TestsMultiSiteSolidSolutions
- Ca-Sr-CO3 Solid _solutions
- CalDolCol2GEM2MT-test
- CarbSea CarbonatesAndSeawater
- Cl_bindingKDW
- Flowline test project gem2mt
- GEOTHERM Soultz_1
- Kaolinite Test-JNC
- Kinetics Mineral-Aq-Reactions
- Kyanite My1stProject
- NaCl_sea withMSH_klaatrje
- Parrot hydration
- SIT_portl BU181104
- Seawater OPC
- Solvus test project solvus
- Temp OPC
- TestPNTDB Test-PSI-Nagra-TDB-07-12
- TestPR test project PRSV fluid
- TestSUP98 Test-SUPCRT98-linked

Create a new file

Project: Enter a new record key, please

NaCl_sea:course:

course NaCl_sea

Ok Reset From List Help Cancel

Retain setup of aqueous (and gas/fluid) phases Activate Project Remake wizard

Change file configuration of the selected project

Create a new project using the selected one as a template

Re-calculate and save all equilibria (SysEq) using:
 AIA mode (simplex) Smart IA mode (SIA)

Make a new project:
 by copying records from default database by linking files from the default database

New Project

Open Project Learn more Cancel

**Step 1 - Selection of databases, data subsets, phase type filters**

Phase/DC Filters

 Aqueous electrolyte Gas mixture Non-ideal fluids Plasma Crystalline solids Dispersed solids Liquids, glasses Silicate melts Sorption, Ion exchange Polyelectrolytes Liquid hydrocarbons Skip solid solutions

Built-in Database	Version
3rdparty	18.01
cemdata	
.	
aam	18.01
pc	18.01
.	
csh	
csh2o	18.01
csh3t	18.01
cshkn	18.01
cshq	18.01
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clayisor	18-12.v0.1
psi-nagra	
supcrt	
support	

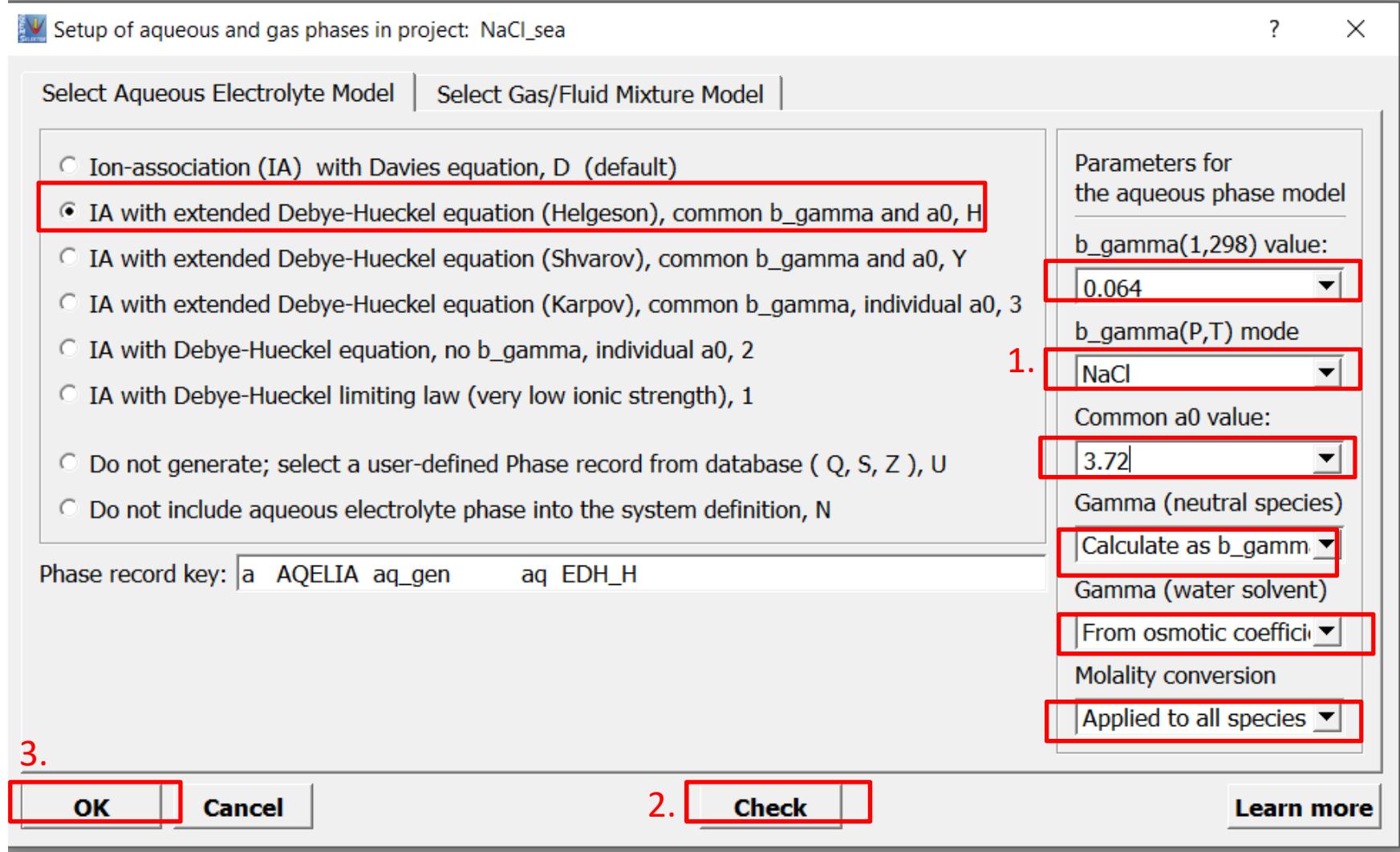
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Cancel

Choose the elements you will have in your system



Name your
single file

Temperature

SysEq: Please, enter a new record key:

NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:

NaCl_sea	Name of the modeling project
G	Thermodynamic potential to minimize {G GV}
NaCl-PC	Name of the chemical system definition (CSD)
0	CSD (recipe) variant number <integer>
0	Volume of the system, dm3 (0 if no volume constraint)
1	Pressure, bar, or 0 for Psat(H ₂ O)g
20	Temperature, C (>= 0)
0	Variant number for additional constraints

Input Recipe of Single Thermodynamic System: NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0: ? X

tname PC+NaCl

Property Selection

Compos (xa_)	C3S	CaCO3
DComp (xd_)	C4A3s	CaCl2
IComp (bi_)	C4AF	CaMg(CO3)
Phase (xp_)	CA	CaO
Kin.lower (dll_)	CA2	CaSO4
Kin.upper (dul_)	CH4	CaSO4_05
G0 shift (gEx_)	CO2	CaSiO3
Other Inputs	Ca(OH)2	Fe2O3

Input quantities of Compos(itions) contributing to B_ vector

Recipe Input

Property	Name	Quantity	Units
1 xa_	Aqua	50	g
2 xa_	NaCl	0.001	M
3 xa_	O2	0.1	g
4 xa_	PC	80	g

We make a dummy system; we will add a new PC to the database

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1015 10 1 20 1000



Block phases you want to prevent from forming

Phase/species	I	T	On/	UC	Add to BC	UG
C4Fc05H10	1	s	+	g	0	J
C4FcH12	1	s	+	g	0	J
Dolomite-dis	1	s	+	g	0	J
Dolomite-ord	1	s	+	g	0	J
lime	1	s	+	g	0	J
Portlandite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Anhydrite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Gypsum	1	s	+	g	0	J
hemihydrate	1	s	+	g	0	J
thaumasite	1	s	-	g	0	J
Iron	1	s	+	g	0	J
Fe-carbonate	1	s	+	g	0	J
Siderite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Hematite	1	s	-	g	0	J
Magnetite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Ferrihydrite-am	1	s	+	g	0	J
Ferrihydrite-mc	1	s	+	g	0	J
Goethite	1	s	-	g	0	J
Pyrite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Troilite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Melanterite	1	s	+	g	0	J
arcanite	1	s	+	g	0	J
syngenite	1	s	+	g	0	J
K-oxide	1	s	+	g	0	J
OH-hydrotalcite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Magnesite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Brucite	1	s	+	g	0	J
thenardite	1	s	+	g	0	J
Natrolite	1	s	+	g	0	J
ZeoliteX	1	s	+	g	0	J
ZeoliteY	1	s	+	g	0	J
Na-oxide	1	s	+	g	0	J
Sulphur	1	s	+	g	0	J
Quartz	1	s	-	g	0	J
Silica-amorph	1	s	+	g	0	J

1 Check the system

The screenshot shows the GEM-Selektor software interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons. Below the toolbar, two tabs are visible: "Input: System Definition" and "Results: Equilibrium State". A green checkmark icon is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it.

The main window displays a list of phases and species on the left, and a detailed equilibrium calculation results window on the right.

Left Panel (List of phases and species):

- a aq_gen
- g gas_gen
- s C3 (AF) S0.84H
- s CSHQ
- s ettringite-AlFe
- s ettringite-FeAl
- s monosulph-AlFe
- s monosulph-FeAl
- s straetlingite
- s ettringite
- s SO4_OH_AFm
- s OH_SO4_AFm
- s SO4_CO3_AFt
- s CO3_SO4_AFt
- s hydrotalc-pyro
- s MSH
- s Al(OH)3am
- s Al(OH)3mic
- s Gibbsite
- s Kaolinite
- s Graphite
- s Mayenite
- s Belite
- s Aluminate

Right Panel (Equilibrium Results):

Converged at DK=1e-06

GEM IPM calculation (run time: 0.042 s)

100%

System: NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:

Iter	1: 3: 252
Gaseous	0.10048
Aqueous	20.9414
Liquid	0
Solid	109.117
pH	13.4911
pe	7.65407
IS	0.346178

Buttons: Accept (highlighted with a red box) and Dismiss

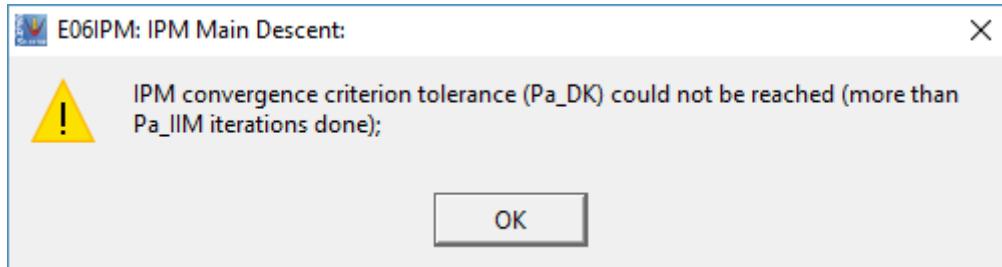
At the bottom, there is some system information: System: T = 202.15 K, P = 1.00 bar, V = 0.1465 L, Aquacore built-in EDL/UV, pH = 12.40.

Calculate equilibrium

Accept to see
the results

GEMS – Convergence problem

This error message might occur :

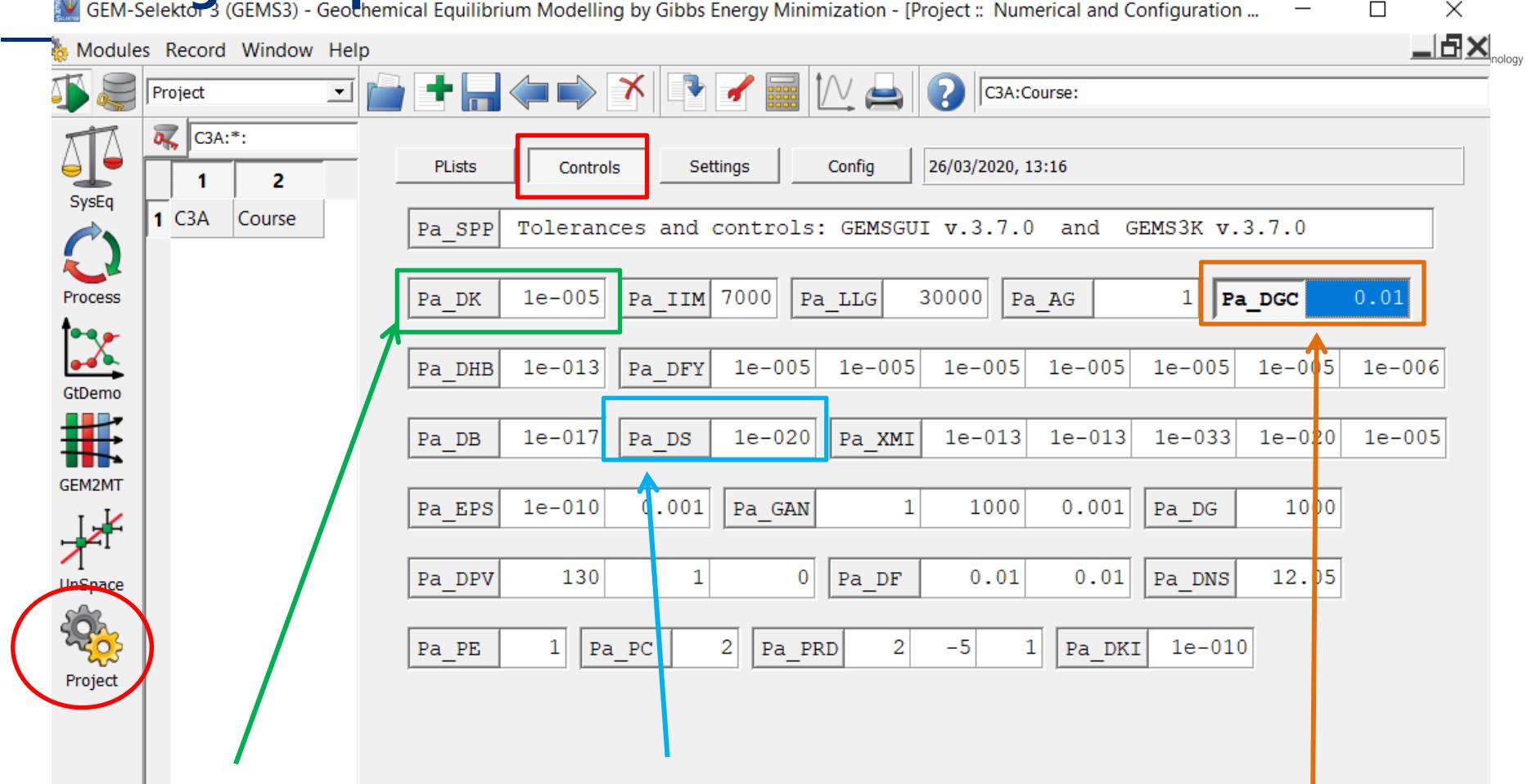


The reason is the current solid solution model, e.g. for Al-Fe-AFt.

As a workaround there are two possible solutions:

- 1) Do not use this solid solution. Use the single phases instead.
- 2) Modify some of the settings of GEMS as shown on the next slide.
In most cases this should work.

Convergence problem - workaround



2. Covergence tolerance parameter:
use higher value, e.g. 1e-004,
maximum seems to be 5e-003

3. Minimum amount of stable phases:
use lower value, e.g. 1e-023

1. Smoothing parameter:
use low positive value, e.g. 0.0

Do not touch the other values !!!

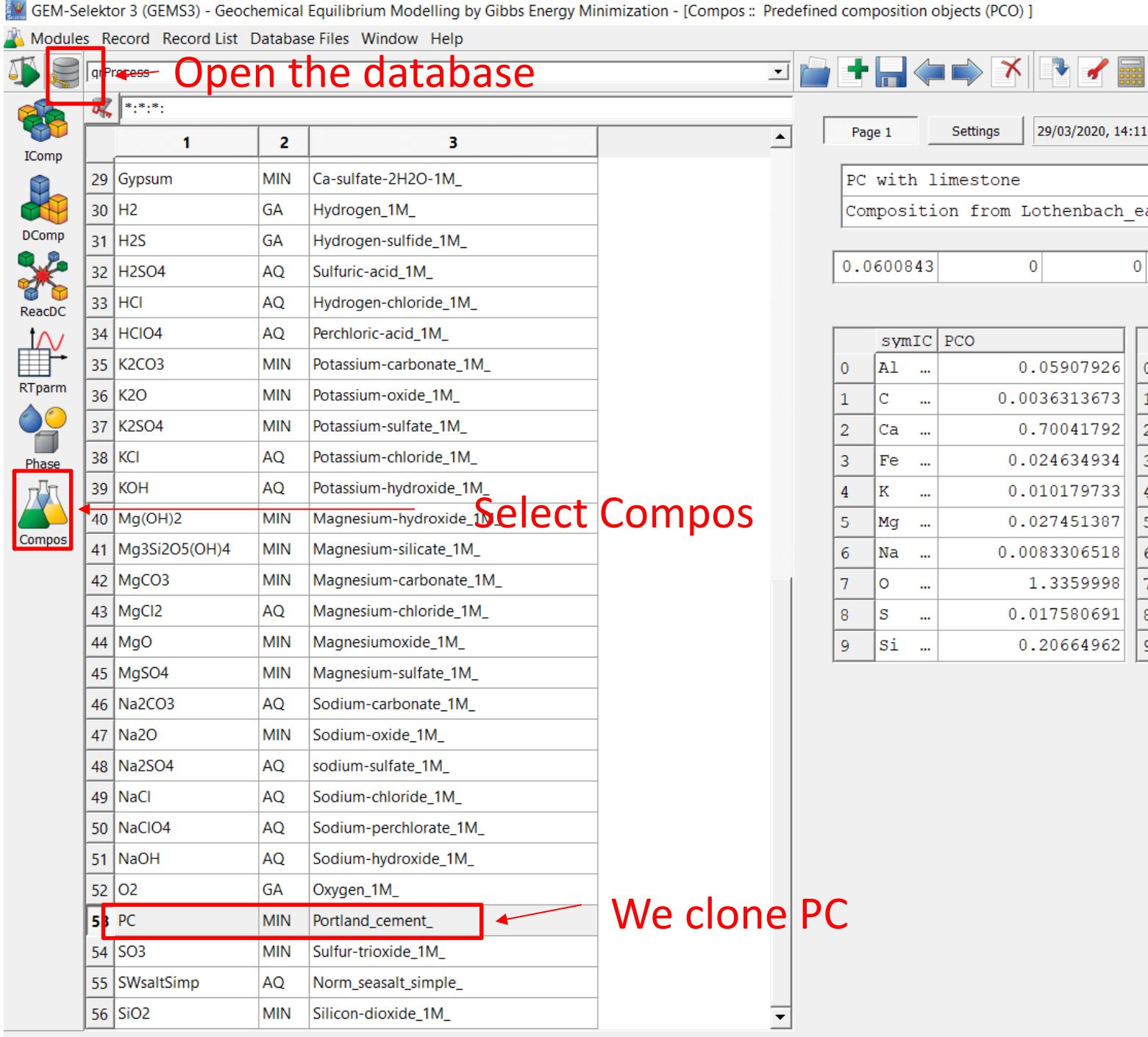
E => 0.01 works

Content

Example: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to NaCl solution

1. Create Single System – SysEq ☺
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3. Make Process

Task: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to sea water

 GEM-Selektor 3 (GEMS3) - Geochemical Equilibrium Modelling by Gibbs Energy Minimization - [Compos :: Predefined composition objects (PCO)]

Modules Record Record List Database Files Window Help

Open the database

Select Compos

We clone PC

The screenshot shows the GEM-Selektor 3 (GEMS3) software interface. The 'Compos' module is selected, indicated by a red box around its icon in the left sidebar and its name in the top menu bar. A red arrow points from the text 'Select Compos' to the 'Compos' icon in the sidebar. Another red box highlights the 'PC' row in the main table, and a red arrow points from the text 'We clone PC' to this row. The table lists various predefined composition objects (PCOs) with their symbols, names, activity conditions (MIN or GA), and formulas. The right panel displays the current composition settings, including the PC name ('PC with limestone'), source ('Composition from Lothenbach_ea_'), and numerical values for O.0600843, 0, and 0. Below this is a detailed table of element concentrations (symIC) and PCO values.

	symIC	PCO
0	Al ...	0.05907926
1	C ...	0.0036313673
2	Ca ...	0.70041792
3	Fe ...	0.024634934
4	K ...	0.010179733
5	Mg ...	0.027451387
6	Na ...	0.0083306518
7	O ...	1.3359998
8	S ...	0.017580691
9	Si ...	0.20664962

Clone

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PC with limestone

Composition from Lothenbach_ea_b:2008:pap:

0.0600843 0 0 0

	symIC	PCO
0	Al ...	0.05907926
1	C	0.0026212672

	symIC	CIC	CI
0	Al ...	M	
1	C	M	

Compos: Please, set a new record key

PC_2:MIN:Portland_cement_:

PC_2 Name of predefined composition object (PCO)

MIN Code of PCO type { AQ RO GA FL HC PM MIN }

Portland_cement_ Comment to PCO description

Ok Reset From List Help Cancel

Name the substance
Add comment

Step 1 - Predefined Composition Object (PCO) configuration

Compos record contains data for a Predefined Composition Object (PCO), which describes a salt, the air, a mineral, a rock, a natural water, etc., treated as a single named entity in the chemical system recipe.

PCO can be configured according to the source data: as IC or DC amounts/concentrations; as user-defined formula (UDF) units; or as a large UDF entered into a text field.

Upon re-calculation, all given quantities will be added into a single IC mole amounts PCO vector, optionally scaled to a given total mass (in kg) or total number of moles.

PCO input data configuration

- Use amounts of Independent Components (IComp) in this PCO definition (default)?
- Use formulae of Dependent Components (from DComp/ReacDC records) in this PCO?

Set number of user-defined formula units for this PCO definition (0 by default)

Optional: Input user-defined formula (UDF) text

- Use a user-defined formula text input field for this PCO definition?
- M moles Select units of measurement for this UDF quantity (default: M)
 Enter here the UDF quantity or amount in selected units (defau

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Step 2 - Additional settings and next actions

Optional

Set here the number of links to SDref bibliography records (default 0)

- Use a vector of data uncertainties in this PCO definition

What will happen after you click "Finish"

- (1) For a PCO definition using IComp amounts, a list of available IComp records will be shown, asking you to mark the desired ones.
- (2) In a PCO definition using DC formulae, a list of available ReacDC/DComp records will be shown, asking you to mark the desired ones.
- (3) Page 1 of the 'Compos' window appears. Fill out BCname field and (optionally) BCnote lines. Then enter data and formulae wherever needed, check units of amount/concentration.
- (4) Click on 'Calculate' toolbar button to compute the PCO vector. Check or enter the normalization values in MasVol[0] and MasVol[6] fields and calculate again, if needed. Setting both fields to zero disables the normalization of PCO to the total mass or total amount of moles, respectively.

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Finish

Cancel



Please, mark IComp keys for PCO definition

?

X

Please, mark one or more record keys. Filter: *;*:*

Al	e	Aluminum
C	e	Carbon
Ca	e	Calcium
Cl	e	Chlorine
Fe	e	Iron
H	h	Hydrogen
K	e	Potassium
Mg	e	Magnesium
Na	e	Sodium
O	o	Oxygen
S	e	Sulfur
Si	e	Silicon
Zz	z	Electric_charge

Choose the elements for PC

Ok

Set Filter

Select All

Clear All

Help

Cancel



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Step 3: Save

Step 2: Calculate the composition

GEM-Selektor 3 (GEMS3) - Geochemical Equilibrium Modelling by Gibbs Energy Minimization - [Compos :: Remake of the new record fi...]

Modules Record Record List Database Files Window Help

qrProcess

IComp DComp ReacDC RTparm Phase Compos

	1	2	3
39	KOH	AQ	Potassium-hydroxide_
40	Mg(OH)2	MIN	Magnesium-hydroxide_
41	Mg3Si2O5(OH)4	MIN	Magnesium-silicate_1
42	MgCO3	MIN	Magnesium-carbonat
43	MgCl2	AQ	Magnesium-chloride_
44	MgO	MIN	Magnesiumoxide_1M_
45	MgSO4	MIN	Magnesium-sulfate_1I
46	Na2CO3	AQ	Sodium-carbonate_1M_
47	Na2O	MIN	Sodium-oxide_1M_
48	Na2SO4	AQ	sodium-sulfate_1M_
49	NaCl	AQ	Sodium-chloride_1M_
50	NaClO4	AQ	Sodium-perchlorate_1
51	NaOH	AQ	Sodium-hydroxide_1M_
52	O2	GA	Oxygen_1M_
53	PC	MIN	Portland_cement_
54	PC_2	MIN	Portland_cement_
55	SO3	MIN	Sulfur-trioxide_1M_
56	SWsaltSimp	AQ	Norm_seasalt_simple_

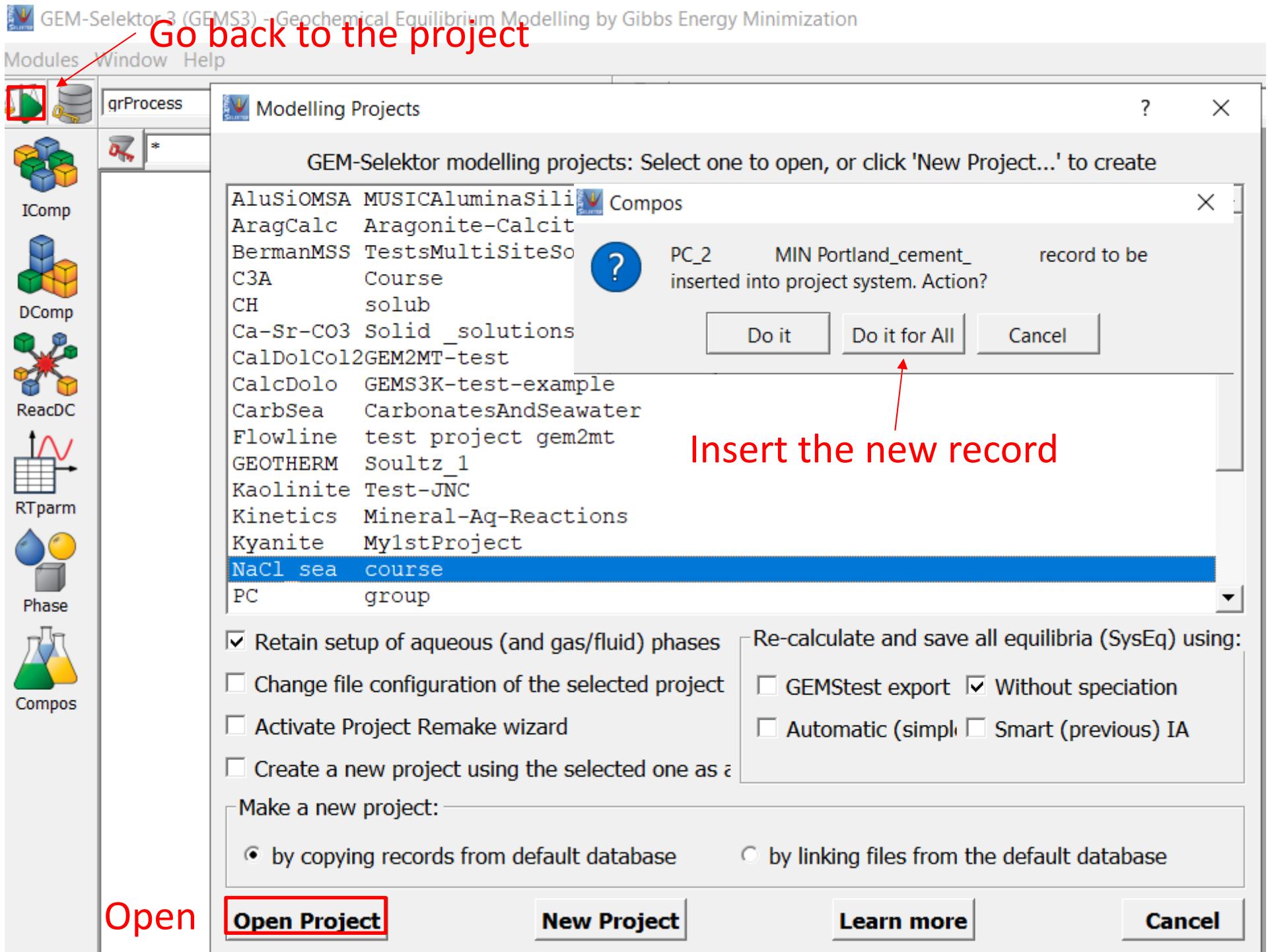
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+ - + - - M 10 0 9 0 10 0

	formU	AUc	CA
0	CaO	g	61.6
1	SiO2	g	19.6
2	Al2O3	g	4.5
3	Fe2O3	g	3.5
4	MgO	g	1
5	K2O	g	1
6	Na2O	g	0.5
7	CO2	g	2.4
8	SO3	g	2.5

61.6
19.6
4.5
3.5
1
1
0.5
2.4
2.5

Step 1: Add the composition in g/100g for the different oxides.



Open input

50 g water

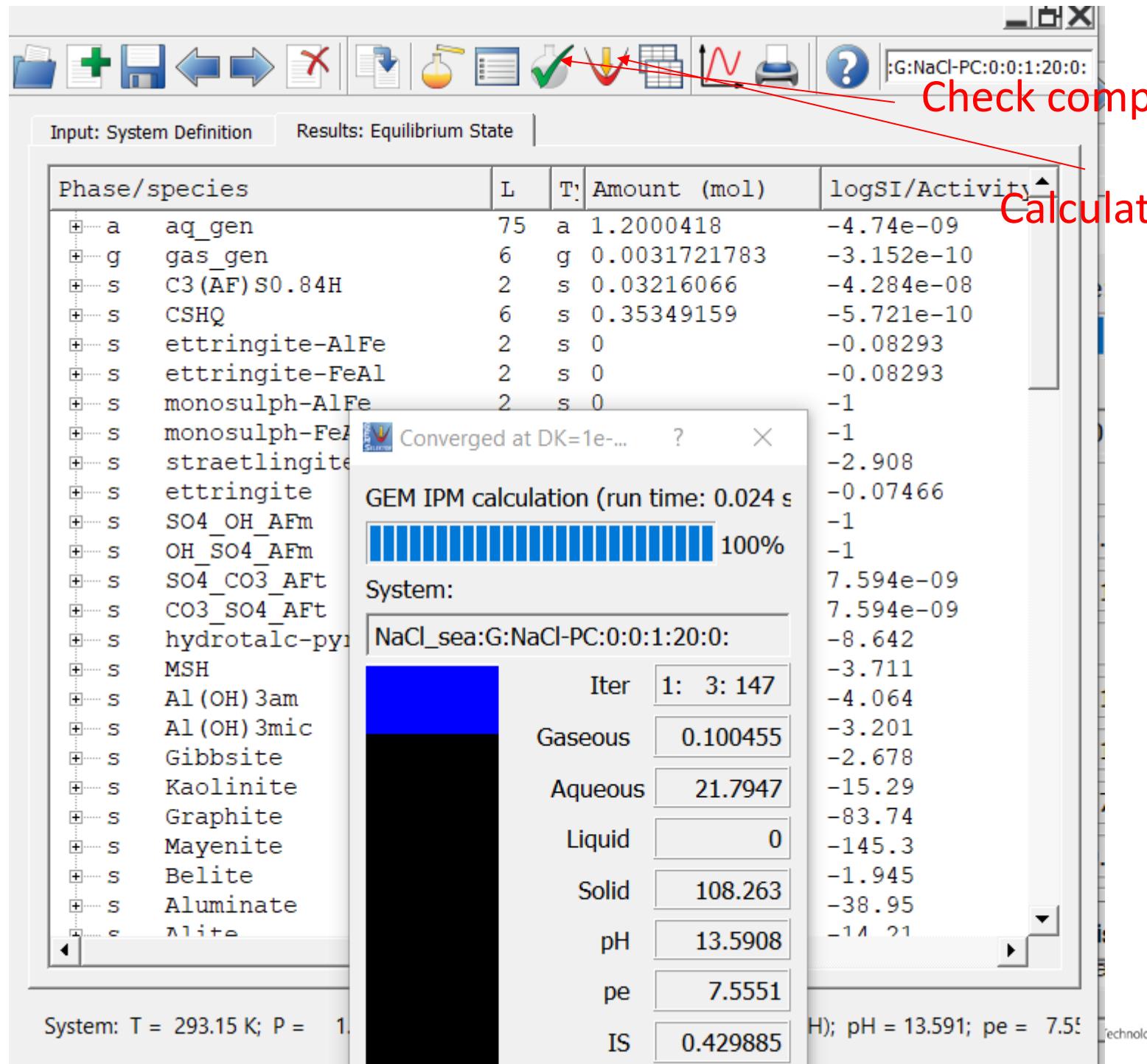
Change unit NaCl to 0.001 M

Add PC_2

Remove dummy PC,
add 80 gPC 2
(as only 80% reacted
20% unreacted)

OK

Property	Name	Quantity	Units
xa_	Aqua	50	g
xa_	NaCl	0.001	M
xa_	O2	0.1	g
xa_	PC_2	80	g



1.

2.

PC+NaCl

Volume of phases formed in cm³

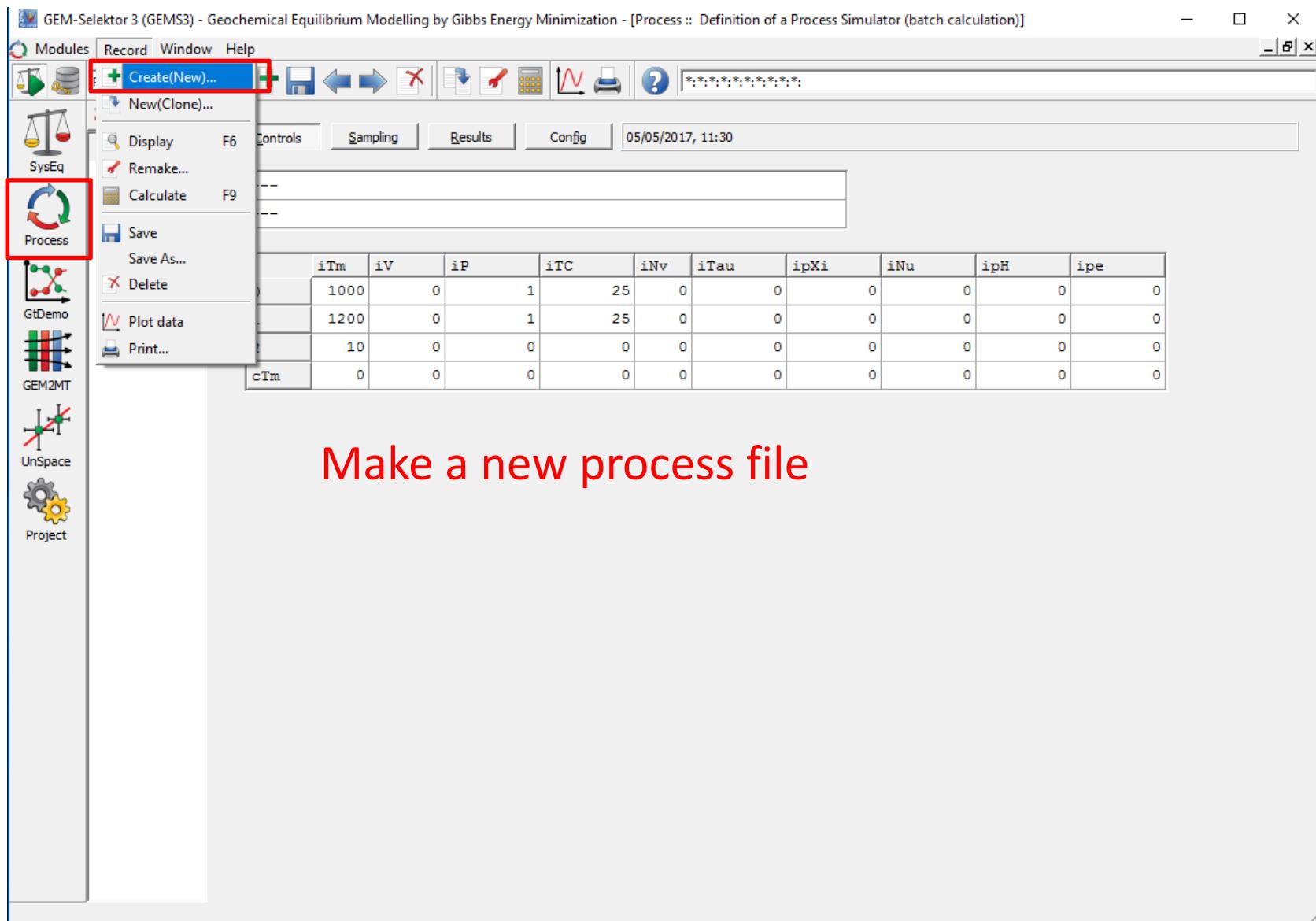
	PHnam	L1	Xa	Fa	phVol	phM
0	a aq_gen	75	1.2000418	-4.7403874e-009	21.348212	21.794679
1	g gas_gen	6	0.0031721783	-3.151912e-010	77.318629	0.10045529
2	s C3 (AF) S0.84H	2	0.03216066	-4.2839481e-008	4.6921773	13.863534
3	s CSHQ	6	0.35349159	-5.7209551e-010	21.890504	49.557111
4	s ettringite-AlFe	2	0	-0.082931306	0	0
5	s ettringite-FeAl	2	0	-0.082931306	0	0
6	s monosulph-AlFe	2	0	-1	0	0
7	s monosulph-FeAl	2	0	-1	0	0
8	s straetlingite	2	0	-2.9077778	0	0
9	s ettringite	2	0	-0.074661509	0	0
10	s SO ₄ OH AFm	2	0	-1	0	0
11	s OH SO ₄ AFm	2	0	-1	0	0
12	s SO ₄ CO ₃ Aft	2	0.028999967	7.594368e-009	6.7742513	12.017409
13	s CO ₃ SO ₄ Aft	2	3.686145e-007	7.5943679e-009	8.6106554e-0...	0.0001527516
14	s hydrotalc-pyro	2	0	-8.6422713	0	0
15	s MSH	2	0	-3.7112017	0	0
16	s Al (OH) 3am	1	0	-4.0644775	0	0

Content

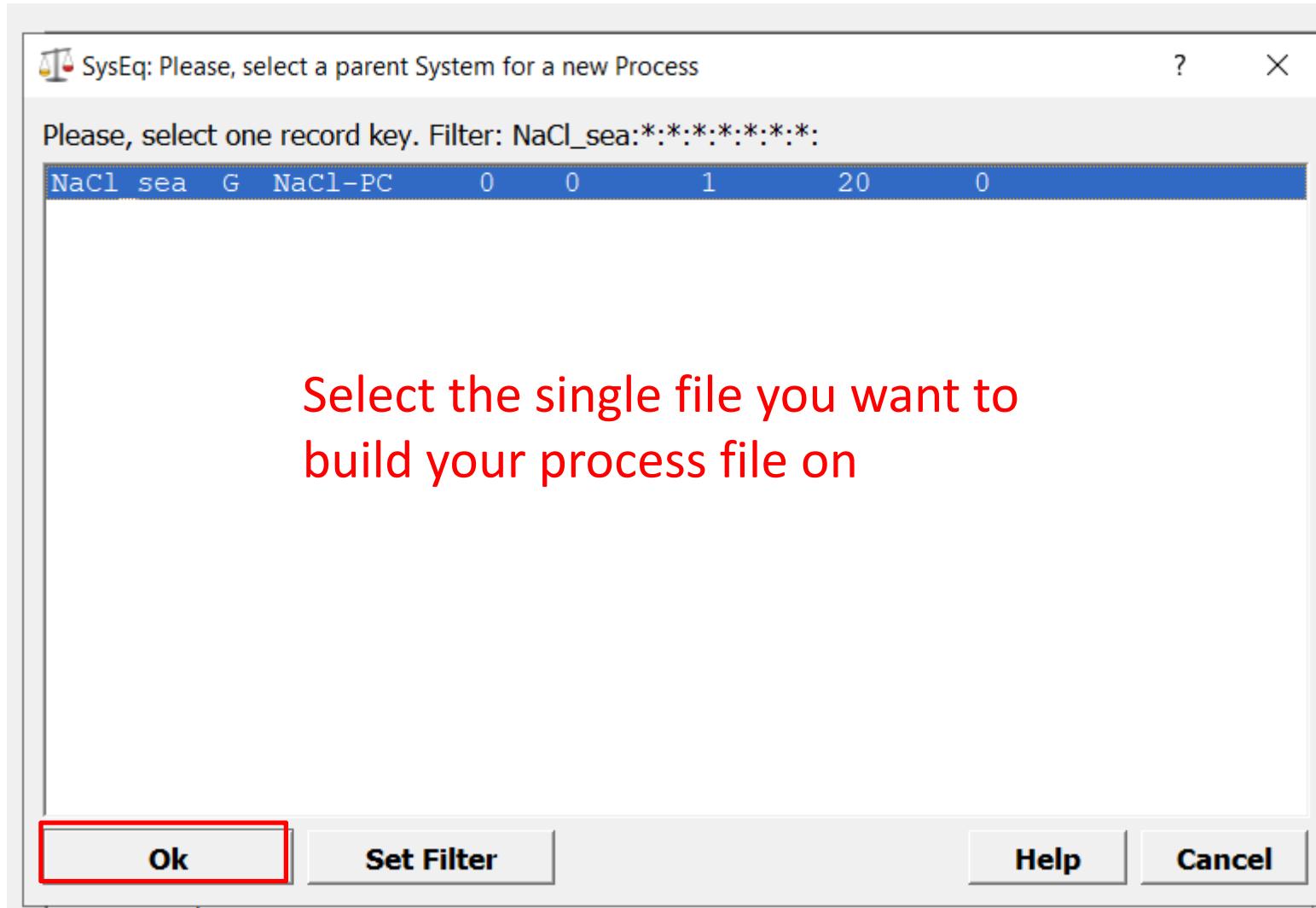
Example: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to NaCl solution

1. Create Single System – SysEq ☺
2. Make predefined composition of PC
3. Make Process

Task: calculate the phase changes in PC paste exposed to sea water



Make a new process



Make a new process

Process: Please, set a new record key ? X

NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl:S:

NaCl_sea	Name of the modeling project
G	Thermodynamic potential to minimize {G}
NaCl-PC	Name of the parent chemical system definition (CSD)
0	CSD (recipe) variant number <integer>
0	Volume of the system, dm3
1	Pressure, bar, or 0 for Psat(H ₂ O)g
20	Temperature, C
0	Variant number for additional constraints
NaCl	Name of this process simulation task
S	Process simulation mode code { P, S, L, G, T, R }

Ok Reset From List Help Cancel

Name your process file
S → sequential changes

GEM-Selektor Process Setup: NaCl_Sea;G:NaCl_OPc:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl_OPc:S: ? X

Step 1 - Process Simulator Configuration

This is a tool for 'batch' calculation of multiple equilibrium states, sampling and plotting of results. In this way, irreversible geochemical processes (e.g. mixing, dissolution, hydration, titration, corrosion, weathering) can be simulated.

The Process record can be configured in several modes to perform specific simulation scenarios by execution of process control script 'P_expr' and simulation output script 'pgExpr'. Simple scripts can be easily produced using this wizard.

Any process simulator belongs to one of three types:

1. 'Sequential': only input GEM parameters are modified (modes P, S, L);
2. 'Reciprocal': next step depends on GEM output parameters (e.g. pH) from previous step (mode R);
3. 'Inverse': GEM input adjusted to obtain prescribed values of GEM output (e.g. pH; modes G, T).

Please, choose a process simulation mode:

P Sequential temperature and/or pressure change at fixed bulk composition

S Direct sequential change of bulk composition and/or constraints (default)

G Batch inverse titration sequence for incremented pH values etc.

I One arbitrary inverse titration calculation as defined in Process control script

R Sequential reactor scheme, uses equilibrium bulk compositions of phases

L Lippmann diagram (transposed) for a binary solid solution

We are going to make sequential changes in the composition

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**Step 2 - Process Simulation Controls (click 'Next' to retain the old script)**

	iTm	iV	iP	iTC	iNv	iTau	ipXi	iNu	ipH	ipe	
From	1000	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Until	1200	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Step	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- Titration cNu (linear) Diagram logD vs x (linear) Titration cpXi logarithmic Diagram logKd vs log(m)

Linear titration and logD diagrams use the iNu iterator; logarithmic titration and logKd diagrams use ipXi. Titrations: select required titrants as items from 'Compos', 'DComp', 'IComp' or 'Phase' lists, optionally also select items from 'DC-lower' or 'DC-upper' to change metastability constraints.

To plot logD vs linear x (mole fraction) scale: (i) select minor then host end member from the 'DComp' list, (ii) select trace then host ion from the 'Molality' list. To plot logKd and isotherms vs log(molality) scale: (i) select trace then host compositions from the 'Compos' list; (ii) select trace then host elements from the 'Sorbed' list. In both cases, skip the next wizard page.

Compos
DComp
IComp
Phases
DC-lower
DC-upper
Molality
Sorbed

C4AF	CaSO4	H2S	Mg3Si2O5(OH)4	NaOH
CA	CaSO4_05H2O	H2SO4	MgCO3	O2
CA2	CaSiO3	HCl	MgCl2	PC
CH4	Fe2O3	HClO4	MgO	PC_2
CO2	FeCO3	K2CO3	MgSO4	SO3
Ca(OH)2	FeO	K2O	Na2CO3	SWsal
CaCO3	FeOOH	K2SO4	Na2O	SiO2
CaCl2	FeS	KCl	Na2SO4	
CaMg(CO3)2	Gypsum	KOH	NaCl	
CaO	H2	Mg(OH)2	NaClO4	

modC[J] =: cNu;
xa_[{Aqua}] =: cNu * 1;
xa_[{NaCl}] =: cNu * 1;

We will change
the coding later

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**Step 3 - Selection of items to sample/plot (click "Next" without selecting anything to retain the old script)**

Property

Scalars
u
ue
b
Cb
m_t
Igm_t
icM
Xa
Xwa
phVol
phM
Fa
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bXa(gas_ge
bXa(C3(AF
bXa(CSHQ
bXa(ettrinç
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bXa(mono:
bXa(mono:
bXa(straetl

Item Selection

Mbx	Psi_DK[1]	InP	Fi_[0]	iP[0]
pmXs	_nnr[0]	RT	Fi_[1]	iP[1]
GX	_nnr[1]	F_RT	Fi_[2]	iP[2]
IS	L[0]	Xw	Fi_[3]	cP
pH	L[1]	Masses[0]	T	iTC[0]
pe	L[2]	Masses[1]	P	iTC[1]
Eh	L[3]	Masses[2]	RTf[0]	iTC[2]
TC[0]	L[4]	Masses[3]	RTf[1]	cTC
TC[1]	L[5]	Masses[4]	RoW[0][0]	cT
TK[0]	Fi[0]	Masses[5]	EpsW[0][0]	iNv[0]
TK[1]	Fi[1]	Volums[0]	VisW[0]	iNv[1]
PG[0]	Fi[2]	Volums[1]	iTm[0]	iNv[2]
PG[1]	Fi[0]	N_	iTm[1]	cNV
Vx[0]	Fi[1]	L_[0]	iTm[2]	iTau[0]
Vx[1]	Fi[2]	L_[1]	cTm	iTau[1]
It	denW[0][0]	L_[2]	iV[0]	iTau[2]
ItEfd	denW[1][0]	L_[3]	iV[1]	cTau
ItIpm	epsW[0][0]	L_[4]	iV[2]	ipXi[0]
Psi_DK[0]	epsW[1][0]	L_[5]	cV	ipXi[1]

Sampling Script

```
xp[J] := J;  
yp[J][0] := pH;
```

Not important
what you select
We overwrite
frist row later

List of static data objects (see tooltip on each object name)

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Step 3 - Selection of items to sample/plot (click "Next" without selecting anything to retain the old script)

Property

Scalars	aq_gen	Kaolinite	C4AsH9
u	gas_gen	Graphite	Chabazite
ue	C3(AF)S0.84H	Mayenite	ZeoliteP
b	CSHQ	Belite	C2ASH55
Cb	ettringite-AlFe	Aluminate	C4AcH9
m_t	ettringite-FeAl	Alite	C4Ac0.5H105
Igm_t	monosulph-AlFe	Ferrite	C4Ac0.5H12
icM	monosulph-FeAl	CA	C4Ac0.5H9
Xa	straetlingite	CA2	C4AcH11
Xwa	ettringite	C2AH75	Friedels
phVol	SO4_OH_AFm	C3AH6	Kuzels
phM	OH_SO4_AFm	C4AH11	C6AsH13
Fa	SO4_CO3_AFt	C4AH13	C6AsH9
bXa(aq_ge	CO3_SO4_AFt	C4AH19	Aragonite
bXa(gas_g	hydrotalc-pyro	CAH10	Calcite
bXa(C3(AF	MSH	C4AsH105	C3FH6
bXa(CSHQ	Al(OH)3am	C4AsH12	C4FH13
bXa(ettring	Al(OH)3mic	C4AsH14	C3FS0.84H4.32
bXa(ettrin	Gibbsite	C4AsH16	C3FS1.34H3.32
bXa(mono:			
bXa(mono:			
bXa(straetl			

Volumes of phases (in cm³) in equilibrium

Item Selection

Sampling Script

```
xp[J] =: J;
yp[J][0] =: pH;
yp[J][1] =: phVol[{CSHQ}];
yp[J][2] =: phVol[{C3(AF)S0.84H}];
yp[J][3] =: phVol[{Portlandite}];
yp[J][4] =: phVol[{ettringite}];
yp[J][5] =: phVol[{C4AsH16}];
yp[J][6] =: phVol[{C4AcH11}];
yp[J][7] =: phVol[{C4Ac0.5H105}];
yp[J][8] =: phVol[{Friedels}];
yp[J][9] =: phVol[{Kuzels}];
yp[J][10] =: phVol[{OH-hydrotalcite}];
yp[J][11] =: phVol[{Brucite}];
yp[J][12] =: phVol[{MSH}];
yp[J][13] =: phVol[{Calcite}];
yp[J][14] =: phVol[{Gypsum}];
yp[J][15] =: phVol[{SO4_OH_AFm}];
yp[J][16] =: phVol[{OH_SO4_AFm}];
yp[J][17] =: phVol[{SO4_CO3_AFt}];
yp[J][18] =: phVol[{CO3_SO4_AFt}];
```

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Step 4 - Important data object dimensions

Spin boxes below define the dynamic memory configuration of the process simulator.

Number of steps we want to take in the process file

Dimensions of sampled and experimental data

45

nPS - Number of steps (1 to 9999) to be performed in this simulation (default: 21); also length of the 'xp' vector.

1

Number of 'modC' array columns (1 to 40, 0 - not used) to store process control values; number of rows will be nPS.

19

Number of columns in the 'yp' table (0 to 200) to keep the simulated data sampled by the pgExpr script; number of rows will be nPS.

1

Number of columns in the 'xp' table (0 to 4) to keep the simulated data sampled by the pgExpr script; number of rows will be nPS.

0

Number of rows in the xEp, yEp arrays for experimental data (optional)

1

Number of columns in the xEp, yEp arrays for experimental data (optional)

Amount of output

Optional data vectors (of length nPS) can be used for accumulating current process control values for all steps performed. They can be allocated using checkboxes below. The assignment operator (with J index) in the script will override any values automatically copied into data vector from the respective process iterator.

Allocation of optional data vectors

CSD variant # ('vTm')

Volume V, l ('vV')

Pressure P, bar ('vP')

Temperature T ('vT')

Constraints # ('vNV')

Process extent Nu ('vNu')

Process extent pXi ('vpXi')

Kinetic parameters ('vKin')

Time Tau ('vTau')

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Step 5 - Additional options

On this page, some options of the Process simulator operation can be changed (for specific cases).

Optional modes of operation

- Use 'P_expr' simulation control script (can be turned off in P simulation mode)
- Save generated SysEq records to the project data base (always saved in G and T modes)
- Use time dependent calculations and plotting mode (for kinetics simulations, reserved)
- Use Smart Initial Approximation of GEM IPM algorithm for faster calculations (on your discretion)
- Use a stepwise mode of Process simulation (for troubleshooting purposes)

The 'P_expr' simulation control script must be used in most cases except the P mode (e.g., if temperature is changed using iTC iterator, but the system recipe remains constant).

Saving process-generated SysEq records may be necessary for subsequent sampling of results by GtDemo module or for troubleshooting, but may dramatically increase the size of project database. This flag has no effect on reciprocal and inverse titrations, where optimized SysEq records are always saved.

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Step 6 - Final settings and comments

Optional

Set here the number of links to SDref source of data and bibliography records (default 0)

After you click "Finish":

- (1) 'Controls' page of the Process window will appear. Fill out comments in 'Pename' and 'PEnote' lines. Check the process iterators for correct ranges and increments.
- (2) Modify the simulation control script 'P_expr', if necessary. Some example scripts can be found in help pages or via the 'Help' 'Scripts' menu command. Check also the sampling script in 'Sampling' page of the process window.
- (3) Click on 'Calculate' toolbar button to start the simulation; for the first time, do not use the graphic output. If error messages appear, check and fix the scripts or iterators and try the calculation again. After the simulation has finished, look at sampled results in 'xp' and 'yp' fields on 'Results' page (can be copy-pasted to commercial spreadsheets).
- (4) Check and edit the axis and ordinate (plot) names, and click on the 'Plot data' toolbar button to see a customizable Graph Dialog. To plot experimental data over simulated curves (for visual fitting), close the Graph dialog, enter data into xEp and yEp fields on 'Results' page, then open the Graph dialog again and customize the plot.

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NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl:S:

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1 NaCl-PC

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PC in contact with more and more NaCl water

Brief description

	iTm	iV	iP	iTC	iNv	iTau	ipXi	iNu	ipH
0	1000	0	1	20	0	0	3	0	
1	1045	0	1	20	0	0	-3	45	
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1	1	
cTm	1044	0	1	20	0	0	-1.4	44	

\$ making of list with increasing numbers
`modC[J][0] := ((cXi =0)? 1e-9:cXi);`

\$ addition of NaCl(0.565 M NaCl in 1000 g H₂O, 50 g H₂O in PC)
`xa_{NaCl}:= 0.565*modC[J];`
`xa_{Aqua}:= 50+modC[J]*1000;`

	modC
0	
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0
4	0.0
...	

\$ making of list with increasing numbers
`modC[J][0] := ((cXi =0)? 1e-9:cXi);` => this means *(IF (...) ? THEN.. : ELSE)*

\$ addition of NaCl(0.565 M NaCl in 1000 g H₂O, 50 g H₂O in PC)
`xa_{NaCl}:= 0.565*modC[J];`
`xa_{Aqua}:= 50+modC[J]*1000;`

Modules Record Window Help

Process

NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl:S:

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1 NaCl-PC

PC in contact with more and more NaCl water

Will fill in automatically

	iTm	iV	iP	iTC	iNV	iTau	ipXi	iNu	ipH
0	1000	0	1	20	0	0	0	3	0
1	1045	0	1	20	0	0	0	-3	45
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1	1
cTm	1044	0	1	20	0	0	0	-1.4	44

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 $\text{xa}_{\{\text{NaCl}\}} := 0.565 * \text{modC}[J];$
 $\text{xa}_{\{\text{Aqua}\}} := 50 + \text{modC}[J] * 1000;$

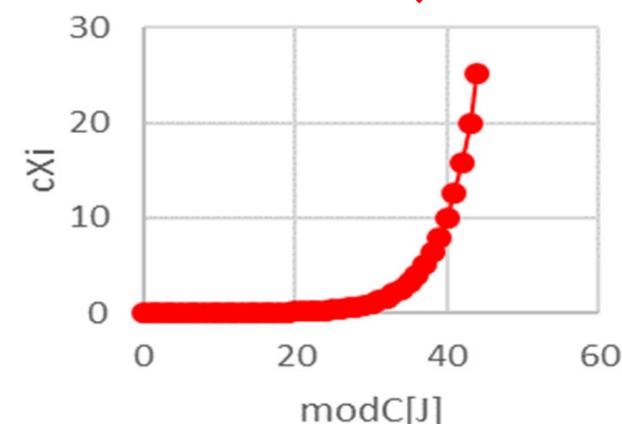
modC

J	modC[J]
0	0.0
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0

We use pXi (= -logXi) to make a logarithmic list of numbers

$$pXi = -\log(Xi) \text{ or } Xi = 10^{-pXi}$$

- Start X0=10⁻³=0.001
- Step X2=10^{0.1}=1.259
- Stop X1=10³=1000



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NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl:S:

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1 NaCl-PC 3

PC in contact with more and more NaCl water

	iTm	iV	iP	iTC	iNv	iTau	ipXi	iNu	ipH
0	1000	0	1	20	0	0	3	0	0
1	1045	0	1	20	0	0	-3	45	45
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1	1	1
cTm	1044	0	1	20	0	0	-1.4	44	44

\$ making of list with increasing numbers
 $\text{modC}[J][0] := ((cXi = 0) ? 1e-9 : cXi);$

\$ addition of NaCl(0.565 M NaCl in 1000 g H₂O, 50 g H₂O in PC)
 $\text{xa}_{\{\text{NaCl}\}} := 0.565 * \text{modC}[J];$
 $\text{xa}_{\{\text{Aqua}\}} := 50 + \text{modC}[J] * 1000;$

	modC
0	0.0
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0
4	0.0

iNu gives a linear list

- Start iNu0=0
- Step iNu2=1
- Max iNu1=45

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PC in contact with more and more NaCl water

	iTm	iv	ip	iTC	iNv	iTau	ipXi	iNu	ipH
0	1000	0	1	20	0	0	3	0	
1	1045	0	1	20	0	0	-3	45	
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1	1	
cTm	1044	0	1	20	0	0	-1.4	44	

```

$ making of list with increasing numbers
modC[J][0] := ((cXi =0)? 1e-9:cXi);

$ addition of NaCl(0.565 M NaCl in 1000 g H2O, 50 g H2O in PC)
xa_{NaCl}:= 0.565*modC[J];
xa_{Aqua}:= 50+modC[J]*1000;

```

modC	
0	0.0
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0
4	0.0
-	-

Numbering of the single files

- Start: iTm = 1000
- Step: iTm2 = 1
- Max: iTm1=1045

Calculation stops as soon as any max is reached

NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:NaCl:S:

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NeIt	9999	45	Next	0	I	0	J	44	Jp	44
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pSTkey	NaCl_sea:G:NaCl-PC:0:0:1:20:0:	cTm	1044	c
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cTau	0	cpXi	-1.4	cXi	25.118864	cNu
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cpH	0	cpe	0	cEh	0	cT
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```

$ Abscissa in L seawater per 100 g cement (+ 50 ml H2O in cement)
xp[J] = ((cNu ==0) ? 0-3 : lg((xa_{Aqua])-50)/1000);

$ Ordinates (in cm3/100g cement)
$ Unreacted OPC 20g with 3.15g/cm3 density
yp[J][0] := 20/3.15;           unreacted cement
yp[J][1] := phVol[{CSHQ}];
yp[J][2] := phVol[{C3(AF)SO4H}];
yp[J][3] := phVol[{Portlandite}];
yp[J][4] := phVol[{ettringite}]+phVol[{SO4_CO3_AFt}]
+phVol[{CO3_SO4_AFt}];
yp[J][5] := phVol[{C4AsH16}]+phVol[{OH_SO4_AFm}]+phVol[{SO4_OH_AFm}];
yp[J][6] := phVol[{C4AcH11}];
yp[J][7] := phVol[{C4Ac0.5H105}];
yp[J][8] := phVol[{Friedels}];
yp[J][9] := phVol[{Kuzels}];
yp[J][10] := phVol[{OH-hydrotalcite}];
yp[J][11] := phVol[{Brucite}];
yp[J][12] := phVol[{MSH}];
yp[J][13] := phVol[{Calcite}];
yp[J][14] := phVol[{Gypsum}];
yp[J][15] := 0;
yp[J][16] := 0;
yp[J][17] := 0;
yp[J][18] := 0;

```

2. calculate

(If ? Then : else)

0-3: GEMS needs an operator first

We plot the volumes in [cm³] of the different hydration phases

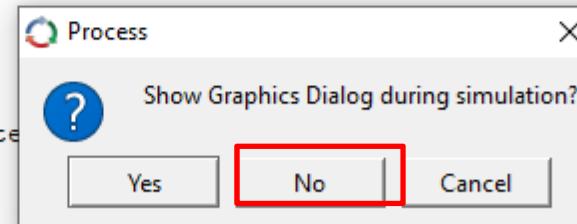
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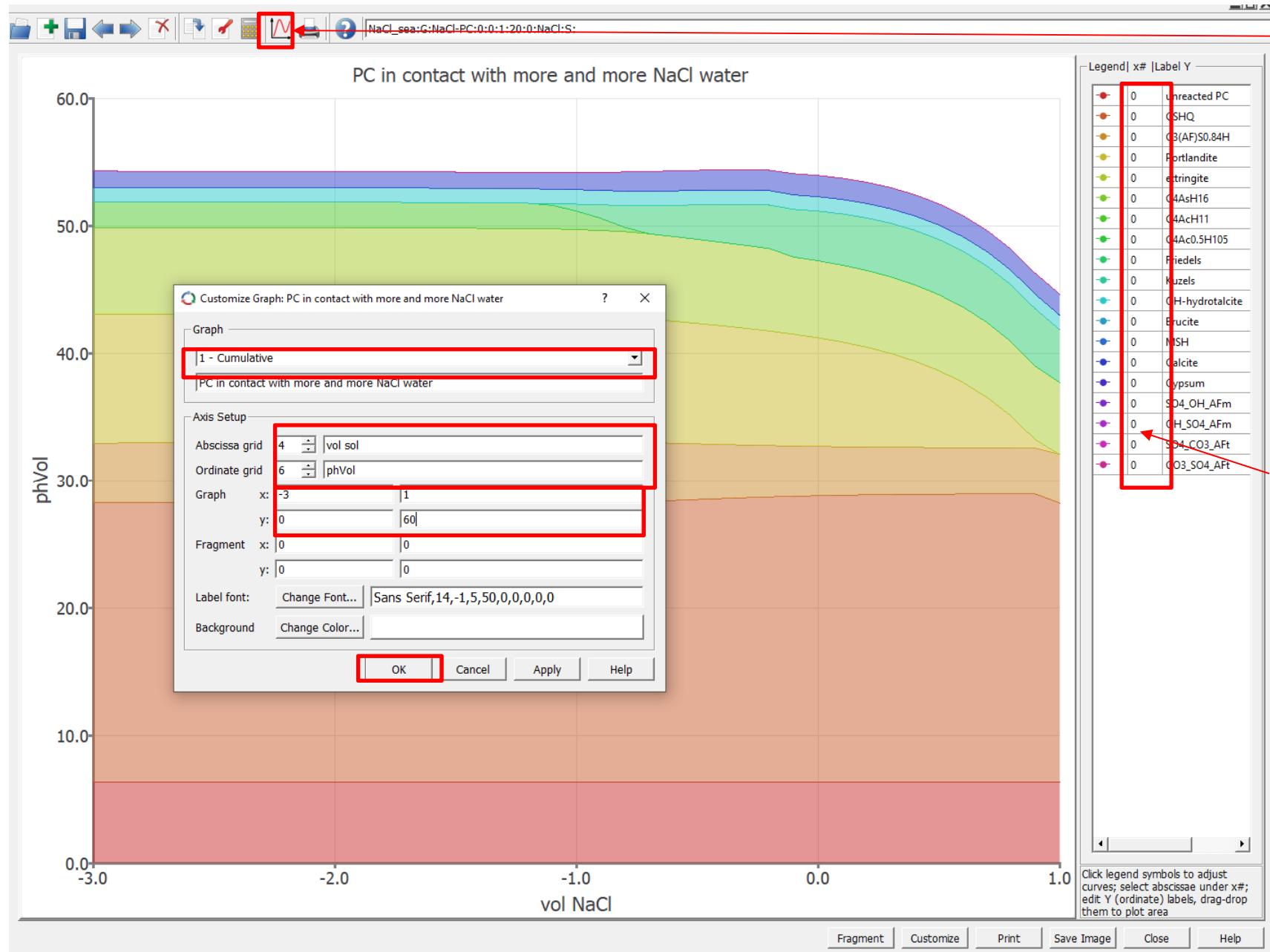
The screenshot shows a software interface with a toolbar at the top containing various icons. A red box highlights the calculator icon, and a red arrow points from it to the word "calculate" on the right side of the screen. Below the toolbar, there are several tabs: Controls, Sampling, Results, Config, and a date/time stamp (31/08/2020, 07:35). Under the Sampling tab, there are several input fields and dropdown menus. A large text area contains a script or code related to cement hydration calculations, including variables like xp[J], yp[J], and phVol for different phases and minerals.

```
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yp[J][1] := phVol[{CSHQ}];
yp[J][2] := phVol[{C3(AF)SO.84H}];
yp[J][3] := phVol[{Portlandite}];
yp[J][4] := phVol[{ettringite}]+phVol[{SO4_CO3_Aft}]+phVol[{CO3_SO4_Aft}];
yp[J][5] := phVol[{C4AsH16}]+phVol[{OH_SO4_AFm}]+phVol[{SO4_OH_AFm}];
yp[J][6] := phVol[{C4AcH11}];
yp[J][7] := phVol[{C4Ac0.5H105}];
yp[J][8] := phVol[{Friedels}];
yp[J][9] := phVol[{Kuzels}];
yp[J][10] := phVol[{OH-hydrotalcite}];
yp[J][11] := phVol[{Brucite}];
yp[J][12] := phVol[{MSH}];
yp[J][13] := phVol[{Calcite}];
yp[J][14] := phVol[{Gypsum}];
yp[J][15] := 0;
yp[J][16] := 0;
yp[J][17] := 0;
yp[J][18] := 0;
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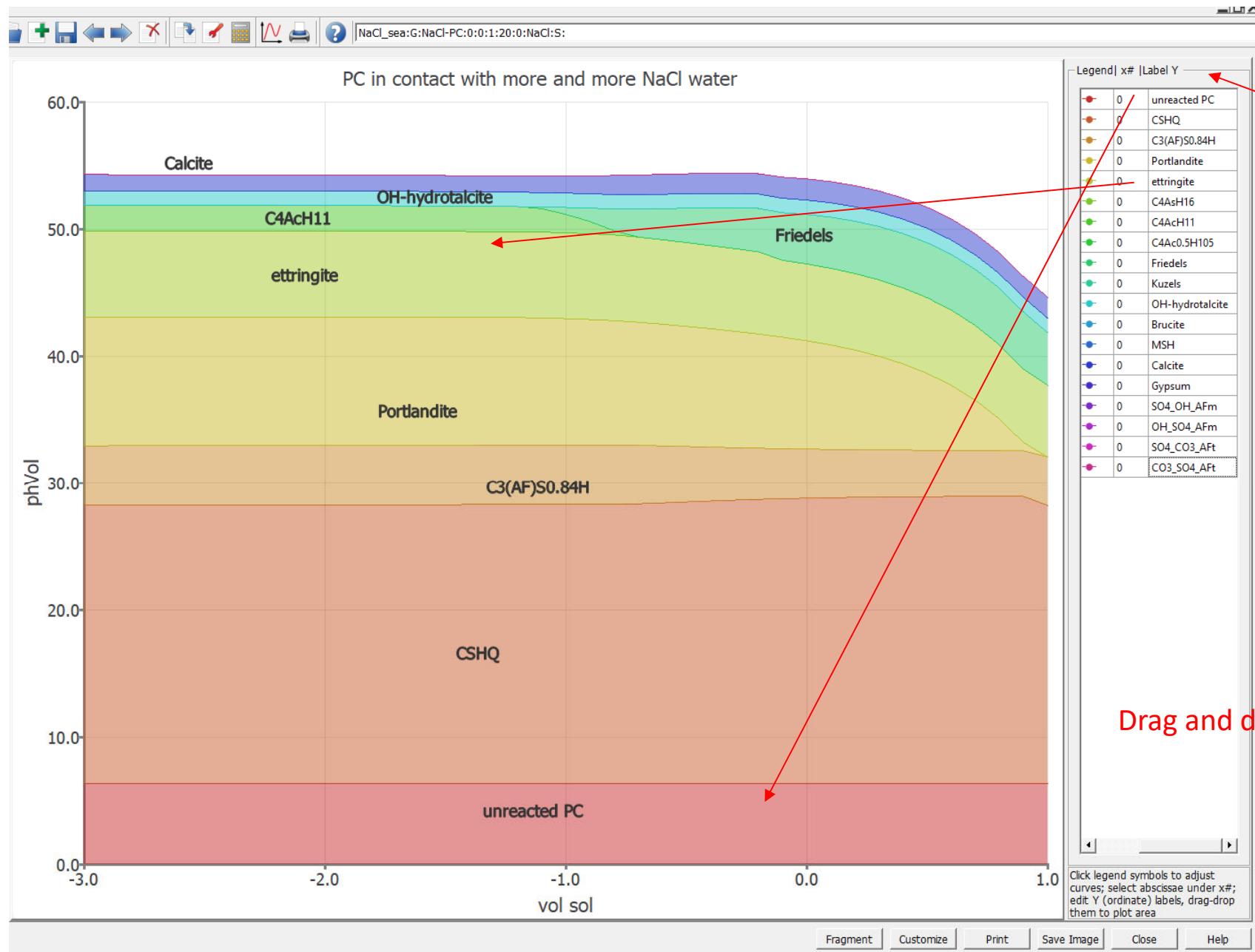


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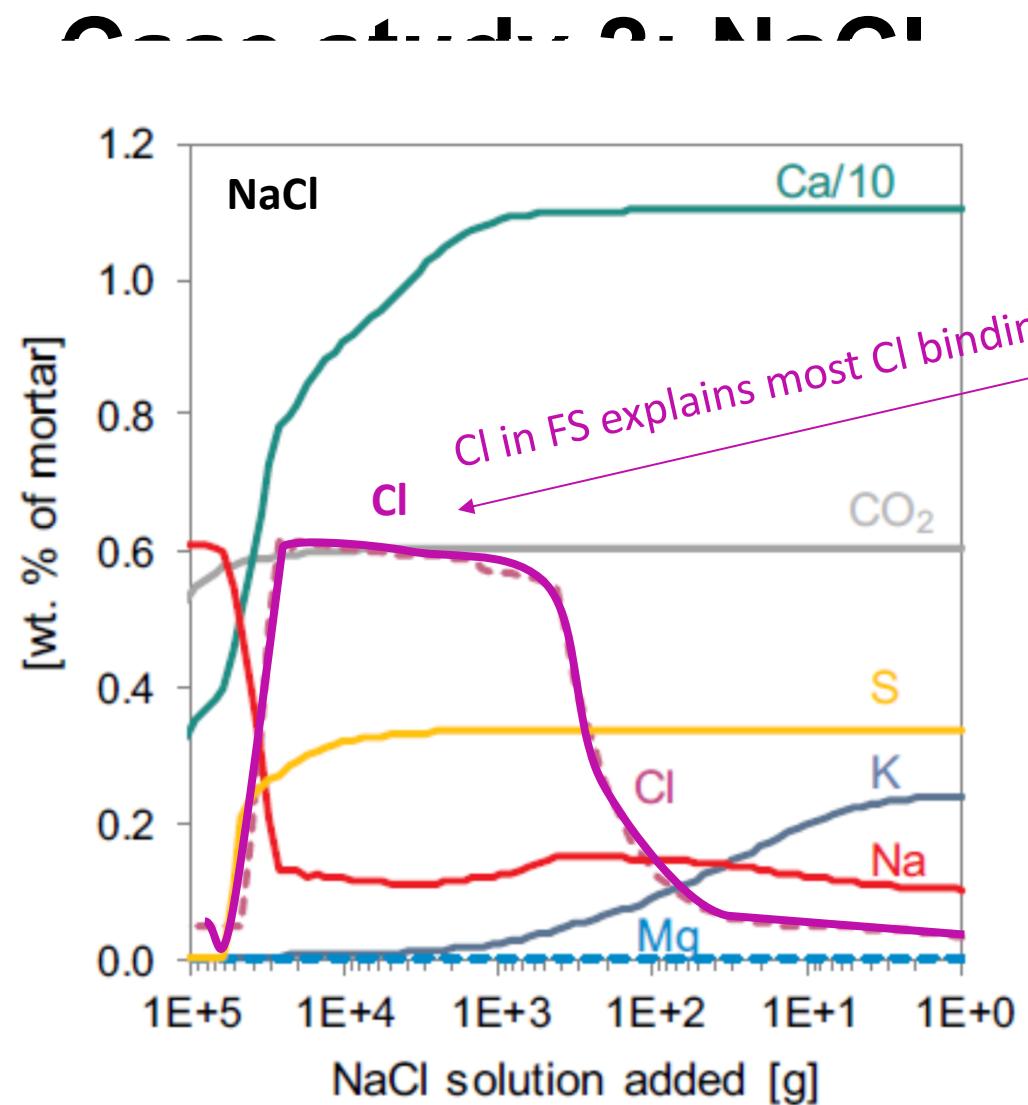
plot

Change
to 0

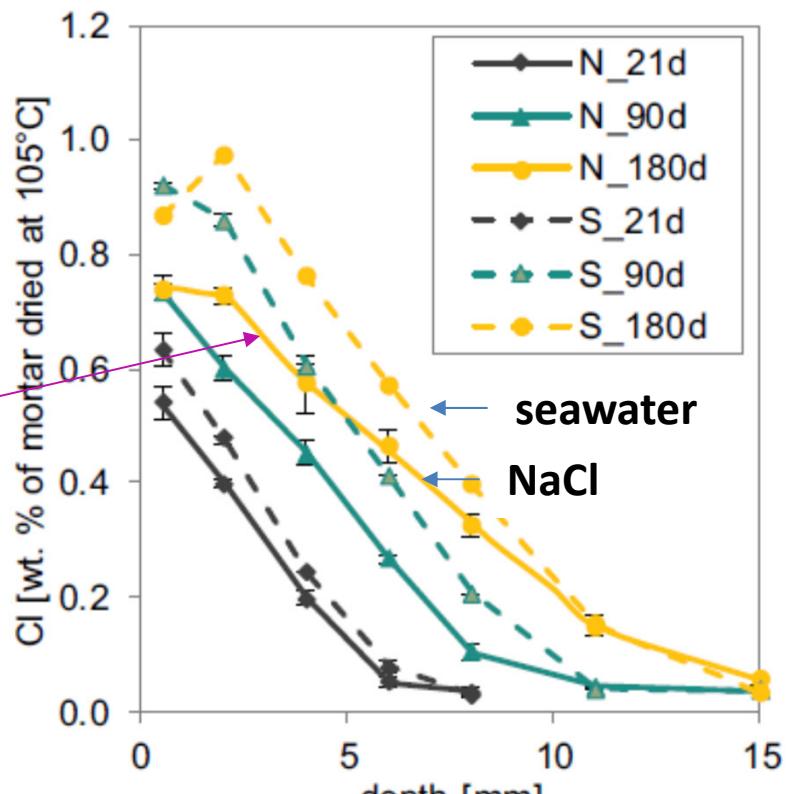


Change to
unreacted
PC

Drag and drop



Total Cl: FS +CSH



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