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THE MOTIVE FOR METAPHOR

by Wallace Stevens

You like it under the trees in autumn,
Because everything is half dead.
The wind moves like a cripple among the leaves
And repeats words without meaning.

In the same way, you were happy in spring,
With the half colors of quarter-things,
The slightly brighter sky, the melting clouds,
The single bird, the obscure moon—

The obscure moon lighting an obscure world
Of things that would never be quite expressed,
Where you yourself were never quite yourself
And did not want nor have to be,

Desiring the exhilarations of changes:
The motive for metaphor, shrinking from
The weight of primary noon,
The A B C of being,

The ruddy temper, the hammer
Of red and blue, the hard sound—
Steel against intimation—the sharp flash,
The vital, arrogant, fatal, dominant X.

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ABSTRACT

RockJock is a computer program that determines quantitative mineralogy in powdered samples by comparing the integrated X-ray diffraction (XRD) intensities of individual minerals in complex mixtures to the intensities of an internal standard. This manual discusses how to prepare and X-ray samples and standards for this type of analysis and describes the operation of the program. Carefully weighed samples containing an internal standard (zincite) are ground in a McCrone mill. Randomly oriented preparations then are X-rayed, and the X-ray data are entered into the RockJock program. Minerals likely to be present in the sample are chosen from a list of standards, and the calculation is begun. The program then automatically fits the sum of stored XRD patterns of standard, pure minerals (the calculated pattern) to the measured pattern by varying the fraction of each standard pattern, using the Solver function in Microsoft Excel to minimize the degree of fit parameter between the calculated and measured pattern. The calculation normally analyses the full pattern (usually 20 to 65 degrees two-theta) to find integrated intensities for the minerals, but it also has the option to carry out an extended clay analysis, in which a smaller region of the XRD pattern (usually 58 to 65 degrees two-theta) is analyzed to find intensities for the clay minerals. Integrated intensities for each mineral then are determined from the proportion of each standard pattern required to give the best fit. These integrated intensities then are compared to the integrated intensity of the internal standard, and the weight percentages of the minerals are calculated. The results are presented as a list of minerals with their corresponding weight percent. To some extent, the quality of the analysis can be checked because each mineral is analyzed independently, and, therefore, the sum of the analysis should approach 100 percent. Also, the method has been shown to give good results with artificial mixtures. The program is easy to use, but does require an understanding of mineralogy, of X-ray diffraction practice, and an elementary knowledge of the Excel program.

SUMMARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUICK START

Below is a brief summary of instructions for using RockJock:

1. Very important: After copying RockJock onto your hard disk, and upon opening the program, first run the Solver option in the Full Pattern sheet. If necessary, turn on the Solver in the Visual Basic Editor. Then save the program. Do not change the program's name (RkJock4.xls). Macintosh users may need to follow the more detailed installation instructions beginning on page 5 of this manual, as will non-English language users.
2. Prepare samples for analysis by adding 0.333 g ZnO to 3.000 g sample. Grind the mixture in a McCrone mill for 5 minutes with 4 ml methanol. Dry the ground sample, sieve, mix well, and then side-pack the ground material into a holder to ensure random sample orientation, and X-ray from 5 to 65 degrees two-theta using Cu K-alpha radiation, with 0.02 degree steps and a count time of at least 2 seconds per step.
3. Enter the X-ray diffraction (XRD) intensities for the sample into the Input sheet, column D, with the sample name in cell D1. Select the minerals likely to be present in the sample from the list in column G by entering a 1 (present) or a 0 (not present) in column H. Enter option 2 in cell B20, click the Start button, and wait and wait. The Stevens poem, which may be concerned with the shadow side of quantitative analysis, is meant to be puzzled over while waiting. Weight percents of the selected minerals in the sample will appear in the Result sheet. For best results, use standards in the program that were run with your experimental setup, although adequate results may be realized from the present standards using a different diffractometer. When using a different diffractometer it may be necessary to turn on the Auto Background correction in cell B16 of the Input sheet by setting it to 1.

INTRODUCTION

A rock is composed of atoms that are arranged in variety of mineral structures. To characterize a rock, both the elemental composition and the mineralogy should be measured quantitatively. Sometimes the elemental composition is more important, as it would be, for example, in prospecting for gold. Sometimes mineralogy is more important, for example, if a rock contains swelling clay that is cracking building foundations. Often both measurements are needed, for example, in the case of a gold ore which contains a clay mineral that may impede the refining process.

The geochemical sciences have matured and prospered because they offer precise, accurate, and routine methods for determining quantitatively the elemental compositions of natural materials. Quantitative mineralogy by XRD, however, has lagged far behind the chemical methods, mainly because the quantitative analysis of clay minerals has constituted a particularly difficult problem (Moore and Reynolds, 1997).

This report describes the RockJock computer program, and how to prepare and X-ray samples and standards for analysis by the program. RockJock offers a relatively simple and mostly automatic method for determining quantitatively the mineralogical composition of samples, including clay minerals, to within a few weight percent from powder X-ray diffraction data (see Appendix 10). The calculations are based on three previously published methods: (1) the matrix flushing technique of Chung (1974), in which integrated intensities of the unknown minerals are compared to that of an internal standard (in the case of RockJock, ZnO, zincite), thereby obviating the need for measuring the mass absorption coefficient for a sample; (2) the whole-pattern fitting routine of Smith and others (1987) for measuring integrated intensities by fitting the sum of pure mineral patterns to that of the measured XRD pattern, except that in RockJock key parts of the patterns which contain the 060 reflections for clay minerals may also be fitted separately; and (3) the quantitative method of Srodon and others (2001) for sample preparation, and for the method of measuring clay mineral content from non-basal reflections rather than from the more commonly used basal reflections.

RockJock is similar in its approach to the recently released Microsoft Excel-based program FULLPAT (Chipera and Bish, 2002), except that the analysis procedure in RockJock is almost entirely automatic, and that RockJock contains a special routine (extended clay analysis) that sometimes is useful for analyzing clay minerals. Also, RockJock finds the integrated intensity of the internal standard in an observed pattern by fitting the XRD pattern for the pure internal standard (ZnO) to the observed pattern in the same manner as it does for the other pure standard patterns. The library standards in FULLPAT contain the internal standard (Al_2O_3), and therefore, prior to analysis, these standards are normalized to an equal-internal standard basis so that the internal standard in each library pattern has the same integrated intensity as the internal standard in the observed pattern.

Computer Requirements and Disclaimer

RockJock will run under either Windows 98 (or higher versions), or Macintosh (System X) operating systems. Calculation times are long, so the fastest computer available (>1 GHz) should be employed. One calculation can take up to half an hour or more. The more minerals that are selected to be present, the slower the calculation. The calculation is slowed further if the AutoShift option is used. Use of RockJock requires installation of Microsoft Excel 2000 (or higher versions of Excel), including the Solver option (which may not be installed in a standard installation from the original Excel disk), and an elementary knowledge the Excel program. In this report, the term “sheet” refers to a worksheet in Microsoft Excel. Cells, such as B4, designate column B and row 4. It may be necessary to use the English-language version of Excel (but see installation instructions below). RockJock works best on a computer having 100 megabytes or more of RAM. Sixty or more megabytes should be assigned to run the Excel program if the system offers an option to assign memory to a program. The program occupies about 50 megabytes of disk space.

Although this program has been used by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), no warranty, expressed or implied, is made by the USGS or the United States Government as to the accuracy and functioning of the program and related program material, nor shall the fact of distribution constitute any such warranty, and no responsibility is assumed by the USGS in connection herewith.

How to Obtain RockJock

The latest version of the software described in this report can be obtained by anonymous ftp from the Internet address: ftp://brrcrftp.cr.usgs.gov/pub/ddeberl/RockJock, by emailing the author at ddeberl@usgs.gov, or by writing D. D. Eberl, U.S. Geological Survey, Suite E-127, 3215 Marine Street, Boulder, Colorado, USA, 80303-1066. The RockJock folder at the ftp site can be opened by double clicking on the folder's name (RockJock), and the files downloaded by dragging them on to your hard disk. The useful files are RkJock4.xls, which is the quantitative analysis program; PkChopr.xls, which is the PeakChopper program that removes unwanted XRD peaks; RockMan4.doc, which is the instruction manual for the RockJock program; and QuantExamples.xls, which is a workbook that contains some practice XRD patterns and answers. Comments or concerns about RockJock should be directed to the author.

Installation of RockJock

The following instructions should be followed exactly to setup the program to run for the first time:

1. Copy the program and related files onto your hard disk. Do not change the name of the program (RkJock4.xls). Double-click the files to open them. If the files are compressed (compressed with the *.exe* extension), they should decompress automatically under Windows when double clicked. Files with the *.exe* extension can be opened for the Macintosh if Aladdin expander software is used. If needed, the latest version of the expander software can be downloaded free from the web at: www.aladdinsys.com/expander. After opening the programs, more of the program can be viewed on the screen at one time by reducing the zoom size under the View menu.

2. After the program has been opened, go immediately to the Full Pattern sheet by clicking that tab near the bottom left of the screen. Under the Tools pull-down menu in this sheet, check to see that the Solver tool appears. If not, click the Add-ins option under the same menu and click the Solver option box. If the option does not install, then Solver has not been

installed from the original Excel disk. Return to the original Excel disk and install the Solver (see the Help menu in Excel), and then repeat the steps above.

3. Next run the Solver once in the Full Pattern sheet by choosing the Solver from the Tools menu and by clicking the Solve button. If the following cells in the Solver are empty, then before starting the Solver fill them in as follows: Set Target Cell to E1; click the Min. button; set By Changing Cells to E8. This run will take a few minutes. If the Maximum Time Limit box appears click Stop and then OK. If this box does not appear, a short cut is possible: when "Trial Solution" shows up in the lower left corner of the screen, push the Esc key on the keyboard (sometimes it has to be pushed several times), and halt and stop the Solver solution. This routine, and that described in the section below, should only have to be done once, when the program is first installed on your computer.

4. Return to the Input sheet by clicking on its tab at the bottom of the screen. Now it may be necessary to turn on the Solver in the Visual Basic Editor. If this Solver has not been turned on, the program when run will give a macro error. To turn on the Solver, go to the Tools menu. Under Tools, choose Macro, then Visual Basic Editor. A new Tools menu will appear. Under this menu choose References. A box will appear named Available References. A checked Solver box may appear in this box, especially for those using Windows. If so, go to paragraph 5 below. However, especially for the Macintosh, a checked box may appear that says MISSING:SOLVER.XLA. If so, click the Browse button. Twin boxes will appear. From the menus at the top of the boxes, it may be necessary to find Microsoft Excel Files in the Show menu and Add-Ins in the From menu. Choose Add-Ins in the left box, and open Solver.xla in the right box by double clicking. Click the Enable Macros button that appears. In a minute, SOLVER with a checked box should appear in the Available References box. Click the OK button. Under the Excel Menu, click Close and Return to Microsoft Excel.

5. In the Input sheet, go to cell AJ227, which will have a pink-colored font. This cell should show: =SOLVERSOLVE(TRUE). This macro statement can be seen at the top of the screen, in the formula bar beneath the Tools bar. If the equation cannot be seen, then under the Tools menu, click Options, and then under the View tab check the Show formula bar option. The

Status bar and Windows in Taskbar options also should be checked. If cell AJ227 shows only =SOLVERSOLVE(TRUE), save the program and go to the next section in this report. However, especially for the Macintosh, there may be a long string of letters after the equal sign in this macro statement indicating the address of a hard disk. If this information is present, it must be removed from this and other cells before the program will run. To remove it, copy everything that comes between the equal sign and SOLVERSOLVE(TRUE) by highlighting it, and choosing Copy from the Edit menu. Click the red X in the Formula bar to return the cell value to its original state. Under the Edit menu, choose Replace. (In some systems it may be necessary to choose Find first, and then Replace.) Paste the copied material into the Find What box. Do not enter anything into the Replace With box. Click the Replace All button. Now the unwanted material has been removed from all cells in the program. Save the program, and you are ready to start to use it. The program inputs and outputs are described in detail in Appendices 1 through 8 of this manual. Appendix 9 lists resources for quantitative analysis, and Appendix 10 gives RockJock analyses of the Reynolds Cup samples, samples which were used in international quantitative analysis competitions.

6. RockJock can run under non-English language versions of Excel if the user is willing to do some work. Most of the code is translated automatically into the non-English version, but there are a few words that must be changed manually. RockJock has been run successfully in the Spanish-language version of Excel, and the following can be used as a guide for what changes need to be made. To replace words in the program, follow the instructions in paragraph 5 above. The word “Chart” needs to be changed to its non-English equivalent. For example, cell M364 in the Input sheet reads =SELECT(“Chart 3”), where Chart refers to the graph that contains a plot of the X-ray pattern. The word Chart in this cell, and in all other cells in the program, should be changed to the non-English equivalent that can be found in the non-English Excel instructions. As an example, in the Spanish language version of Excel this word is Gráfico, with the accent. Under the Edit menu Replace all Chart with Gráfico. Next, if present, clear SOLVER.Xla! from the Full Pattern sheet (replace this phrase with nothing). Then it is necessary to replace the word SOLVER with the non-English equivalent. In Spanish the word is SOLV (see Excel instructions

to find the word). Finally, the Solver commands need to be modified in the Full Pattern sheet (Cells C61:C63 and D61:D63), as follows. Go to the Full Pattern sheet. Click on cell C61 to choose it. Under the Tools menu choose Solver. Make the following changes in the Solver box that appears on the screen: under By Changing Cells, erase the current entry and type E7; under Subject to Constraints, choose each entry and click Delete so that this box is empty. Next click on the Options button which is a part of the Solver box that is on the screen, and then click the Save Model button. Click OK, OK, and close the Solver box. Now cells C61:C63 should contain the non-English language equivalent of the English entries. It may be necessary to separate the entries in Cell C63 with slashes (/) rather than with commas or semicolons (, or ;), or maybe not. Now repeat the same procedure with cells D61:D63. When finished, change the 9th entry in cell D63 from 1 to 2 (…1,1,1… to …1,2,1…). Save it, and, if the program runs, give thanks.

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RUNNING ROCKJOCK

After saving the newly installed program, paste an XRD pattern (5 to 65 degrees two-theta with 0.02 steps and at least 2 seconds count time per step) for a sample into column D in the Input sheet. The intensities should start in cell D2, with the sample name in cell D1. For practice, use a pattern in the workbook, QuantExamples.xls, use the pattern that currently is in column D, or use the Reynolds Cup patterns that are stored in the Auto XRD sheet.

In order to use intensities from an X-ray diffraction system, the intensities must be converted into an Excel worksheet format. For instruments using Jade software, the X-ray files are converted into text files using Jade, and then the text files are opened using Microsoft Excel by choosing Open from the Excel File menu, and then by choosing the text file that is to be opened. The Text Import Wizard box then appears. Choose the Delimited option; click Next; choose the Delimiter Space; and then click Finish. The intensities, which should start at 5 degrees two-theta, now can be copied and pasted into RockJock.

Select whether the mineral is present or not by entering a 1 or a 0 into column H next to the mineral's name on the Input sheet. A limit of 40 minerals may be selected to analyze at one time. It also is possible to select how the mineral will be reported by changing the values in column K (for a non-clay enter 2; for a clay enter 3; or for no report enter 1), and whether or not the mineral will be subjected to extended clay analysis, should this option be chosen in cell B22, by changing the settings in column J (for extended clay analysis, enter a 1 for the chosen miineral in column J). These two columns already have been optimized for the standard minerals listed. Minerals also can be chosen to undergo AutoShift by entering a 1 in column I, as will be discussed below. Check on the Full Pattern sheet that cells C6 to C47 are set to zero. These cells shift the standard patterns in steps of 0.02 degrees two-theta, and can be set to zero automatically by entering -1 in cell B14 of the Input sheet, and by starting the program (enter the number for any option in cell B22, and click the Start button).

To analyze a single sample after having chosen the minerals present, set cells B11, B14, B16 and B18 to 0, and B22 to 2. Press the Start button. The weight percents will appear automatically in the Result sheet at the end of the calculation. The total may differ from 100 percent by plus or minus 5 percent or more, because each mineral is analyzed separately, and there are small, unavoidable inaccuracies due to sample preparation and to variability in the chemistry and microstructure of the minerals.

After the calculation, check the graphs in the Full Pattern sheet to see the goodness of fit between the calculated and measured X-ray intensities. The red, calculated pattern should match the blue, measured pattern. If some peaks are not accounted for, more minerals may have to be chosen present in column H of the Input sheet, or the intensities of one or more of the standard XRD patterns may have to be shifted (discussed in the following paragraph). The last worksheet in the program, Common Lines (Brown and Brindley, 1980), is helpful for identifying XRD peaks for common minerals. Calculations of Bragg's Law for converting two-theta angles into d-spacings, and vice versa, also can be found in this sheet.

Due to isomorphous substitutions, peak positions may vary for the same mineral between the standard mineral and the mineral in the sample. Peak positions for individual minerals can be shifted right or left by entering a plus or a minus whole number into the cells with the red zeros (in column C of the Full Pattern sheet), which are adjacent to the minerals to be adjusted. Once the peak positions have been adjusted, the program can be run again. This shift also can be accomplished automatically by entering a 1, 2 or 3 in cell B14. Before running a new sample, be sure to check that all of the shift cells in the Full Pattern sheet (in column C) have been returned to zero [enter minus 1 (–1) in cell B14 in the Input sheet and start the program to return them to zero automatically]. Generally, the degree of fit should be less than 0.100 at the end of the calculation (cell E1 in the Full pattern sheet and cell C2 in the Result sheet).

X-ray patterns of artificial mixtures that were used in an international quantitative analysis competition, The Reynolds Cup, are included with the program (see the Auto XRD sheet in the program and Appendix 10 in this manual). The first Reynolds Cup samples (RC-AR1, RC-AR2, RC-AR3) require peak shifts, +12 for siderite because the sample contains a phosphosiderite rather than the carbonate siderite used as a standard. This shift can be done automatically by setting Input sheet cell B14 to 1 or 3, and cell I24 to 1, but the calculation is slowed significantly.

EXTENDED CLAY ANALYSIS

For some samples it is better to analyze for clay minerals in the 58 to 65 degree region of the XRD pattern, rather than from the full pattern (20 to 65 degrees). This type of analysis is accomplished by entering a 3 into cell B22 of the Input sheet, and by choosing the minerals to be analyzed in this manner in column J of the Input sheet. If this option is chosen, results for both types of analysis are reported in columns J and K in the Result sheet. Both full pattern and extended clay analyses were carried out for artificial mixtures (Reynolds Cup samples), samples for which the mineralogies were known, to test the two methods of calculation. The calculated biases, given in table 1, sometimes indicate a small advantage for the extended clay analysis method if all of the 2:1 clays in a sample are reported as a single phase. The biases given in table 1 are a measure of the accuracy of the determination. Bias is defined as the sum of the absolute differences between the weight percent of each mineral used in the artificial mixture and the weight percent determined by the RockJock program.

Table 1. Biases calculated for two methods of analysis, Option 2 (full pattern analysis) and Option 3 (extended clay analysis), in the RkJock2.xls program.

Sample	Full Pattern analysis bias	Extended clay analysis bias
RC-AR1	13.7 (12.7)*	7.6*
RC-AR2	9.4 (9.1)*	15.7*
RC-AR3	15.4 (11.2)*	12.0*
RC2-1	9.3 (9.3)*	9.8*
RC2-2	8.1 (8.1)*	6.2*
RC2-3	11.7 (10.1)*	8.9*

*Weight percents for 2:1 clays were added together to calculate bias.

USING THE AUTOMATIC MODE

RockJock can analyze a group of similar XRD patterns in one continuous run of the program, using a single set of standards. Although analysis time for each pattern may be long, the program can run for about 9 hours (32,000 seconds, which is the maximum time allowable in the Solver) without further input, at which time a Continue button may have to be clicked to continue the analyses.

Enter the XRD patterns into the Auto XRD sheet in the columns that are indicated in this sheet. In the Input sheet, set cell B11 to the number of XRD patterns to be analyzed; set the minerals present in column H; set cell B22 to 2; and click the Start button . At the end of the calculation, the results are saved automatically (see cell M18 in the Input sheet), and the results themselves are in the Auto Results sheet. Graphs for the analysis of each sample can be studied in the Auto Graph sheet by entering the analysis number of the pattern (1, 2, 3, etc.) into cell A2. The analysis number of the patterns can be found in the top row of the Auto Results sheet.

The Auto Graph sheet can be copied and saved separately as a record of the analyses. To do this, click on the Auto Graph tab near the bottom of the screen to select this sheet. Under the Edit menu, select Move or Copy Sheet. Under To Book select (New Book), and check the Create a Copy box. Click the OK button. When the new worksheet is ready, under the File menu, choose Save as, and give the worksheet a name with an .xls extension (e.g., Yukon.xls). The Auto Results sheet also can be saved as a part of the new workbook by copying the Auto Results sheet (drag through it and copy), by creating a new sheet as a part of the new workbook (choose the new workbook, and under the Insert menu choose Worksheet), and by pasting the auto results into the new sheet.

MANUAL MODE

The Input sheet in RockJock can be used to find XRD peak positions, integrated peak intensities, and integral peak breadths. To do this, enter the XRD pattern into Column D in the Input sheet. Set the start angle, step size, and radiation wavelength in cells B5, B7 and B9. Set cell B22 either to 0 or to 1, depending on whether the sample has a ZnO internal standard. Next set the angles in cells C4 and C6 to bracket the minimums of the peak to be measured. Set cells C8 and C10 to either 0 or 1. If zeros are entered, the peak will be picked between the values entered into cells C4 and C6. If ones are entered, the peak will be picked from minimum intensities on either side of the peak. Next set the background removal option in cell C13. Entering a 0 does not remove background, and this is the option selected automatically during quantitative analysis. Entering 1 or 2 causes the background to be picked from the minimum on the left or right side of the peak, respectively. Entering 3 causes the background to be picked from a line drawn between the minimums on the left and right sides of the peaks. Entering 4 causes the background to be selected from a minimum in the 50-degree region that is present in XRD patterns of most sediment samples. After either 0 or 1 is entered into cell B20 and the program is started, the manner in which the background was determined is indicated on the chart on the Input sheet. The results, which include the position of the peak's maximum intensity, the analytical range for the peak, the peak's maximum intensity, the positions of the peak's minimums, the peak's integrated intensity, and the peak's integral peak breadth, appear in column A.

SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS

Samples and standards should be prepared according to the instructions found in Srodon and others (2001). It is important that these instructions be followed closely. A sample amount of 3.000 g is mixed with 0.333 g of ZnO and ground with about 4 ml of methanol in a McCrone micronizing mill (Appendix 9) for 5 minutes. The mixture then is dried at about 85 ° C, sieved (500 micrometer sieve, or finer), mixed again, and, to insure sample randomness, side packed into an XRD holder against frosted glass (obtained from Ward's Natural Science; Appendix 9) by tapping the holder on a hard surface. Samples should be X-rayed from 5 to 65 degrees two-theta using Cu K-alpha radiation, with a step size of 0.02 degrees two theta, and a count time of at least two seconds per step when using a scintillation counter. Patterns that have been run using a radiation wavelength other than Cu K-alpha need to be converted into this radiation wavelength before being entered into the Input sheet. Such patterns can be converted by pasting them into column B in the Wavelength Conversion sheet in the RockJock program. Note that the converted pattern needs to span a minimum two-theta range from 5 to 65 degrees. Be sure that the Analysis ToolPak is installed in the Wavelength Conversion sheet, as is described in this sheet.

Samples can be run without an internal zincite standard. For this "Standardless Analysis", samples are ground without adding ZnO, and option 4 is entered into cell B22 of the Input sheet. In addition, the Shifter sheet needs to be changed from shifts against ZnO to shifts against quartz, which will be present naturally in most samples, or to no shift (enter 3 or 4 in cell B7 of the Shifter sheet). This type of analysis is normalized automatically to 100 percent. Therefore, there is no independent check on whether or not all minerals present in the sample have been included in the analysis.

ENTERING NEW STANDARDS INTO THE PROGRAM

The standards that are now in the program have been run on a Siemens D-500 X-ray diffratometer with the following experimental setup: X-ray tube (Cu), 1 degree slit, soller slits, 1 degree slit, sample, 1 degree slit, no fliter, 0.6 degree slit, graphite monochromator, 0.15 degree slit, scintillation detector. For the most accurate determinations a separate set of standards should be developed by the user; however, the current setup provides an immediate opportunity for practice.

Good results have been obtained thus far, based on limited data, by analyzing samples X-rayed on different machines using the Siemens-generated intensities for standards that are currently stored in the program (table 2). The analyses reported in table 2 were run in a previous version of the RockJock program (RockJock.xls rather than the current RkJock4.xls). The best determinations were those that used standards that were X-rayed with the same instrument that performed the measurement (Siemens D500; columns labeled “1” in table 2), yielding a total bias of 29.7 for the three samples. Diffractometers labeled 2 and 3 gave total biases of 34.6, and 54.2, respectively, indicating that, although it would be best to develop individualized standards, acceptable analyses may be made with the standard set that is presently in the program. Diffractometer 3 used a different type of detector (possibly defective) than that employed for diffractometers 1 and 2. It may be necessary to use a slit system (i.e., one degree) that is similar to the experimental setup described in the first paragraph of this section.

If there are problems with background (for example, if the background from your instrument is different than the background for the stored standards), one can let the background be a part of the Solver solution by setting cell B16 in the Input sheet to 1. If your zincite pattern is subtly different from the stored pattern, artificial mixtures (e.g., 1.5 g each of kaolinite and quartz, plus 0.333 g ZnO) can be analyzed to test the zincite standard. If the RockJock values are consistently different from 100 percent, then the ZnO correction factor can be adjusted in the Result sheet, cell O2. For example, if you always have a total around 93% (46.5 % quartz + 46.5 % kaolinite) rather than 100 percent, then cell F3 in the Result sheet can be set to 1.075 (100/93 = 1.075).

If new standards are to be developed:

1. First enter a pattern (5 to 65 degrees two-theta with 0.02 degree steps and at least 5 seconds count time per step) for pure ZnO (obtained from Fisher Scientific, Certified A.C.S.., Dry Process; 3 g ground in a McCrone mill with 4 ml of methanol) into the Full Pattern sheet, column L. This pattern should be shifted so that the XRD peaks have “true” positions when compared with published values (e.g., the 110 reflection maximum should be at 56.60 degrees two-theta for Cu K-alpha radiation). Use exactly this same ZnO chemical in all analyses.

2. Next determine the ZnO integrated intensities in two regions of the pattern (the full pattern region, from 20 to 65 degrees two theta, and the clay region, from 55 to 65 degrees two theta), as follows. Enter the position-corrected ZnO pattern into column D on the Input sheet, with intensities starting at 5 degrees two-theta in cell D2. Set cells C4 = 20, C6 = 65, and cells C8, C10, and C13 to 0. Set cells B11, B14< B16 and B18 to 0 and cell B22 to 1, click the Start button, and record the integrated intensity for the Full Pattern region (cell A15 in the Input sheet). Next set cells C4 = 55 and C6 = 65. Click the Start button, and record the calculated integrated intensities for the standard for the Clay region found in cell A15. Enter these integrated intensities into the Standards sheet, cells D3 and F3, respectively, and save the program.

3. According to the instructions in Srodon and others (2001), two X-ray patterns (with at least 5 seconds count time per step) are prepared for each standard, one for the pure mineral (about 3 g), and the other for a mixture of the pure mineral (1.200 g) with either a clay (1.200 g pure kaolinite) if the mineral is a non-clay, or with a non-clay (1.200 g pure quartz) if the mineral is a clay, plus the internal standard (0.600 g of ZnO). The mixture is ground in a McCrone mill for at least 5 minutes in 4 ml of methanol, except for pure clay standards, which should be ground for 20 minutes in 4 ml of hexane to ensure random orientation.

4. The pattern of the pure mineral needs to be justified in two-theta space with respect to the pattern that contains the ZnO internal standard. To do this, paste the XRD pattern for the ZnO-containing standard mineral into column D in the Input sheet. The sample name should be in cell D1, followed by the intensities starting at 5 degrees two-theta, and ending at 65 degrees.

Enter 1 into cell B22 and click the Start button. This operation will plot the XRD pattern shifted against the position of the ZnO internal standard. Choose a mineral XRD peak (not a ZnO peak), and determine its position by entering angles that are on either side of the peak into cells C4 and C6. Push the start button again. The two-theta peak position for this peak will be shown in cell A4. Note this position. Now enter the X-ray intensities for the pure mineral into column D. Set cell B20 to 0 and click the Start button. (The number 1 is not entered into this cell because the pure mineral does not have an internal ZnO standard against which to shift the pattern.) The peak position for the pure mineral now appears in cell A4. This position should be the same as the angle noted for the ZnO-containing sample. If it is not the same, then manually shift the pattern of the pure mineral in a separate Excel worksheet by the number of steps necessary to make the peak position found for the pure mineral the same as that found for the ZnO-containing sample. Remove or insert intensities, having approximately the same value as adjacent intensities, at the top or bottom of the X-ray intensity data in order to have the shifted pattern vary from 5 to 65 degrees.

5. Next measure the integrated XRD intensities for the pure mineral in two regions of the pattern (the Full Pattern region and the Clay region), as was done for the ZnO pattern, and as is repeated here. Paste the shifted XRD pattern (see item 4 above) for the pure mineral into column D on the Input sheet. Set cells C4, C6, C8, C10, and C13 to 20, 65, 0, 0, and 0, respectively. Click the Start button, and record the integrated intensity for the Full Pattern region (cell A15). Next, set cells C4 and C6 to 55 and 65, respectively. Click the Start button, and record the integrated intensities for the standard for the Clay region found in cell A15 .

6. The shifted pattern for the pure mineral and the integrated intensities now must be entered into the Standards sheet. Click the tab for this sheet. Enter the mineral name into column C, the integrated intensity for the Full Pattern region into column D, and the integrated intensity for the Clay region into column F. Enter the shifted XRD pattern for the pure standard mineral into the correct column, starting in column M. Note that the position of the mineral in the Standards table is keyed to the column of the mineral's pattern starting in column M. When the

program is run, the name of the new standard will appear automatically in column G of the Input sheet.

7. Next measure the mineral intensity factor (MIF), which compares the integrated intensity of the mineral to that of the internal standard. MIF is defined as:

$$MIF = \frac{I_m(\%S)}{I_s(\%M)}, \tag{1}$$

where I_m and I_s are the integrated intensities of the mineral and the ZnO standard, respectively, and %S and %M are the weight percents of the ZnO standard (20 percent) and the mineral (usually 40 percent). The term MIF is defined the same as the reference intensity ratio (RIR) of earlier literature (Snyder and Bish, 1989); but the acronym MIF is preferred here because it is easier to pronounce. To measure the MIFs, set the "Present?" values in column H of the Input sheet to 1 for the mineral and for the material that the mineral is mixed with (a disordered kaolinite, such as KGa2, is mixed with a non-clay standard, and quartz is mixed with a clay standard). All other settings in column H should be zero. Set the values in columns J and K as indicated at the tops of the columns. The cell in column K should be set either to 2, in which case the mineral is to be reported as a non-clay, or to 3, in which case it is to be reported as a clay mineral. The cells in column J are set either to 0 or 1, depending on whether or not the mineral will be analyzed as a clay in optional extended clay analysis, to be discussed below. Do not use the AutoShift option. Now set cell B20 to 3. Click the Start button. When the calculation is complete, the MIFs for the full pattern and clay region region analyses can be calculated, using equation 1, from the integrated intensities given in columns Q and AA in the Results sheet. The MIF solutions also are presented automatically in columns U and AE in the Results sheet. Solve for kaolinite and quartz standards first, because these minerals are used in subsequent calculations. The MIF values now should be entered into columns E and G in the Standards sheet in the appropriate cells.

Impure standards also can be used. If, for example, a clay standard contains a quartz impurity, the peaks for quartz in the "pure" pattern can be removed electronically using the PeakChopper program that accompanies the RockJock program. Its corrected X-ray pattern and integrated intensities then are entered into the Standards sheet as described above. The ZnO + quartz spiked clay sample then is run as described above, except that cell Q1 in the Result sheet is set to 0.25 for the ZnO/sample ratio used in the standards [0.25 = 0.6 g ZnO/(2.4 g sample)]. After the calculation, the amount of quartz in the sample can be read in the Result sheet. For example, if the result of the calculation is 48 percent quartz, then the amount of quartz in the original clay sample was 8 percent (48 percent minus the 40 percent quartz added to the clay). In solving for the MIFs in equation 1, %M = 32 percent. Do not use the automatic solutions found in columns U and AE in the Results sheet in this case. Other impurities can be handled in a similar manner. Be sure to return cell Q1 in the Result sheet to its original value [0.111 = g ZnO/(g sample) for a normal sample preparation] before running more samples.

Table 2. Biases for 2002 Reynolds Cup samples run on different diffractometers (1, 2 and 3) analyzed using standards run on diffractometer 1 (Siemens D500). Results were calculated with an earlier version of RockJock.

Sample:	RC-AR1			RC-AR2			RC-AR3		
Diffractometer:	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Bias:	6.8	7.8	13.7	9.6	15.0	13.9	13.3	11.8	26.6

USEFUL TIPS

To stop the calculation at any time, press the Escape (Esc) key. This key also can be pressed to study calculation progress during the Solver solutions. To update the graphs during the Solver calculation, press the Esc key, and then click the Continue button that comes on the screen.

Pointing to a pattern in the graphs will bring up the mineral name associated with that pattern and the two-theta angle.

AutoShift works better for fewer minerals. Some phases which contain isomorphous substitutions may require AutoShift (e.g., illilte), whereas others which are relatively pure (e.g., quartz) do not.

If a chart is selected on a sheet subsequent to the Input sheet, the program will not run, and a Macro error message will appear. To fix this problem, go to the sheet, click on any cell to unselect the chart, and start the program again.

When running extended clay analysis, all of the weight percents of the 2:1 clays should be added together and reported as illite + smectite, because illites and smectites have nearly the same pattern of reflections in the clay region. Another technique has been developed (PVP surface area technique; Blum and Eberl, 2004) to distinguish between smectite and illite with the aid of RockJock and MudMaster calculations.

Fe-smectite is a common phase in sediments, but it can give a false-positive reading in RockJock. Be sure that your sample contains smectite before selecting this mineral by studying the low-angle region of the pattern. Treating oriented samples with ethylene glycol is especially helpful for uncovering the presence of smectite. Other patterns that do not have a well defined series of XRD peaks (e.g., volcanic ash, peat, etc.) also may give false positive readings.

Check the pattern's low angle region to see if minerals that have peaks in this region should be included in the analysis. Some of these minerals are: smectite (6 to 8 degrees two theta), illite and mica (8.8 degrees), chlorite (6.2 degrees), amphibole (10.5 degrees), gypsum (11.6 degrees), bassanite (14.8 degrees), alunite (17.9 degrees), etc. If these peaks are not found, then the mineral should not be included in the analysis.

If extended clay analysis is chosen (by entering a 3 in cell B22 in the Input sheet) minerals are solved for weight percents in both the Full Pattern and the Clay regions, but the solutions are only reported for the selected region (region is selected in column J of the Input sheet). One can compare the solutions found for a given mineral in the two regions by comparing columns J and K of the Result sheet. The solutions may not be exactly the same, because, for example, intensities for non-clays may be very small in the clay region, and, therefore, the solution for non-clays in the clay region is inaccurate, or because the clays' basal reflections in the full pattern region may differ from those of the standards. Generally, the effect of such differences on the final result has been found to be insignificant.

If there is a question as to which feldspar is in a sample, select all of the feldspars the first time through, and then eliminate those that are less than 1 weight percent for the final calculation. The same strategy works with chlorite.

Several different regions for analysis can be set in the Full Pattern sheet, cells B4 through B9. This option is useful if a mineral has a distinctive peak outside the normal analysis range of 20 to 65 degrees. For example, gypsum has a strong peak at 11.6 degrees two-theta (Cu radiation). In this case, cells B4 and B5 can be set to the normal values of 20 and 65, and cells B6 and B7 can be set to 11 and 12 to include this gypsum peak in the analysis. Low-angle clay peaks, especially those for illite and chlorite, are too variable to be useful in this type of approach. Likewise, some peaks, such as the most intense quartz peak at 26.64 degrees two theta, can be excluded from analysis by manipulating cells B4 through B9 in the Full Pattern sheet and cell M27 in the Input sheet. For example, to exclude the strongest quartz peak, set cell M27 in the Input sheet to 25, and cells B6:B7 in the Full Patern sheet to 27 and 65, respectively.

After an initial solution for a sample, the answer can sometimes be improved by shifting the standards with respect to two-theta to minimize the degree of fit value in cell E1 in the Full Pattern sheet. Standards can be shifted manually by entering positive or negative whole numbers into the appropriate cells in column C. The shifting also can be automated by entering a 1, 2 or 3 into cell B14 of the Input sheet, and by choosing the minerals to be shifted in column I of the Input sheet. Calculations that include automatic shifts are slower.

The 060 reflections for clay minerals generally shift towards smaller two-theta angles with increasing iron content. Similarly, the dominant dolomite peak shifts to smaller angles with increasing iron content. Increasing magnesium content causes the most intense calcite peak to shift towards larger angles.

Do not run different polytypes of the same mineral in different regions for a given analysis. For example, if $2M_1$ illite is analyzed in the Full Pattern region, and $1M_d$ in the extended clay region, then illite may be counted twice in the final analysis.

If you develop your own standards, be sure to purchase a large quantity of ZnO, all from the same chemical lot, to use as a constant internal standard through the years.

Gypsum ($CaSO_4.2H_20$) may be converted into bassanite ($CaSO_4.0.5H_20$) during grinding in alcohol. To prepare a gypsum standard, grind selenite crystals, which often do not convert. To prepare a bassanite standard, heat gypsum to 150 C overnight.

During sample preparation, after grinding in methanol and drying the sample, be sure to pass all of the sample through the sieve, and then mix the sieved sample thoroughly before side packing it into the holders. This procedure insures that the ZnO standard, which may segregate during drying, is uniformly mixed with the sample.

Standardless analyses always sum to 100 percent, but this does not mean that these results are better than those run with an internal zincite standard.

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APPENDIX 1: INPUT SHEET INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

Summary of inputs for the Input sheet.

Input	Cell	Value	Comments
Sample name and XRD intensities	D1 and following	Name and intensities	Enter sample name in cell D1, and sample XRD intensities in cells D2 through D3002.
Sample name	B3	None	Do not enter a name. Name is entered automatically from cell D1 when program is run.
Starting angle for X-ray intensities	B5	Usually 5 degrees	Should be 5 degrees or smaller for quantitative analysis.
Step size	B7	0.02	Must use 0.02 for quantitative analysis unless all of the standards are changed to a different step size.
Radiation wavelength	B9	1.5418	Program is currently set up for Cu K-alpha radiation. Some changes in the program will have to be made to use other wavelengths.
Auto analysis?	B11	0 or positive whole number	Enter the number of patterns that were entered into the Auto XRD sheet. A zero leads to analysis of the single pattern that was entered into column D of the Input sheet.

AutoShift standard patterns?	B14	-1 = set all to zero; 0 = keep present shifts; 1,2,or 3 = shift for type of analysis indicated.	Shifts the standard patterns with respect to two-theta during the Solver solution to account for isomorphous subsitutions, etc. Sustantially slows the calculation.
Auto background correction?	B16	1 = yes	Causes the background to be a part of the Solver solution. Enter 0, unless samples are run on different instrument than standards.
Collect results or reset defaults	B18	0, 1 or 2	0 turns this feature off. 1 pastes results from Full Pattern sheet into Results sheet. 2 returns inputs to default values.
Type of analysis	B22	0 through 4	Performs the type of action indicated on the Input sheet in cells B20 and B121. 0 = plots sample XRD pattern with no shift; 1 = plots pattern with shift against internal standard (type of standard is set in Shifter sheet, usually ZnO); 2 = Full pattern analysis; 3 = Full pattern analysis with extended clay analysis; 4 = Standardless analysis.
Start angle	C4	Angle	Starting angle for manual peak analysis
End angle	C6	Angle >C4	Ending angle for manual peak analysis.
Auto pick left background?	C8	0 = no; 1 = yes	If 1, finds minimum on left side of peak. Otherwise the value used is that entered in cell C4.

Auto pick right background?	C10	0 = no; 1 = yes	If 1, finds minimum on right side of peak. Otherwise, the value used is that entered in cell C6.
Background correxction type		C13 0 through 4	Removes background according to description in cells B11 and B12
Watch calculation?	M14	1 = yes	Turns on screen during calculation. Slows calculation.
Smooth Power	M16	Enter whole number	Smooths measured XRD pattern, with larger number causing more smoothing. Enter 1.
Auto save after auto analysis?	M18	Enter 1 or 0.	Saves program and results after auto analysis run. Enter 1.
Number of iterations for AutoShift	M20	Enter whole number.	Causes the calculation to iterate when solving for shifts. Enter 1.
Progressive AutoShift?	M22	Enter 0 or 1	If 1 is entered, shifts are not erased after each auto analysis sample. Enter 0.
Print each result?	M24	1 = yes	Causes each result during auto analysis to be printed. Enter 0.
Starting and ending two theta for full pattern analysis.	M26 & M27	Enter 20 and 65	Indicates what part of the pattern should be analysed during full pattern analysis.

Starting and ending two theta for extended clay analysis	M29 & M30	Enter 58 and 65	Indicates what part of the pattern should be analysed during extended analysis.
Use extended factors in Auto Graph	M32	0 or 1	0 = uses Full Patern factors in Auto Graph; 1 = uses Extended clay factors.

Summary of outputs for Input sheet.

Output	Cell	Value	Comments
Position of XRD peak maximum	A4 and A5	Gives two-theta value and d-spacing of chosen peak	Peak is chosen as the maximum intensity between the two-theta values entered into cells C4 and C6.
Analysis range	A7 and A8	Chosen two-theta values for peak analysis	Gives the analysis range chosen for the peak in cells C4 and C6.
Maximum intensity of peak	A10	Intensity	Gives maximum intensity of chosen XRD peak.
Angles for tail minimums	A12 and A13	2-theta for left and right sides of peak	If cells C8 and C10 = 1, then the two theta values are the minimum values for the peak. Otherwise, they are the values entered into cells C4 and C6.
Integrated intensity	A15	Integrated peak intensity	Integrated intensity between angles given in cells A12 and A13.
Integral peak breadth	A17	Integrated/max intensity	Peak intensities are integrated between two-theta values found in cells A12 and A13.

APPENDIX 2: SHIFTER SHEET INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

Input or Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Choose internal two-theta position standard	B7	Enter 1 through 5, depending on the position standard chosen.	Normally use 56 and 57 degrees to find top of 110 ZnO peak. Sometimes the sample will interfere with this peak (especially true for pyrite standard), in which case, the 103 ZnO peak should be used. Quartz or no shift should be used for standardless analysis.
Set angles	B13 & B14	51 to 65 degree limit	Sets angles to view graph.
Steps for shifting sample	B16	Positive or negative whole number	This cell automatically adjusts when program is run. However, the pattern also can be shifted manually by entering a positive or negative whole number into this cell, and turning off shifter.

APPENDIX 3: FULL PATTERN SHEET INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

Input or Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Choose two-theta regions for Solver analysis	B4 to B9	Usually 20-65 degrees.	By changing cells B6 to B9, other two-theta regions also can be entered into the analysis. For example, low-angle peaks can be included in the analysis, or certain peaks can be excluded if they are too intense, .
Shift standard patterns	C8 to C47	Positive or negative whole number	Shifts standard patterns with respect to two-theta. After initial Solver solution, shift patterns manually using these cells to minimize the degree of fit value in cell E1. Then run the program again. Cells C6 and C7 shift the measured pattern and the ZnO pattern, respectively, and, therefore, always should be set to 0.
Standard pattern factors	E7 to E47	Decimal	These cells are varied automatically during the Solver solution, and are multiplied by the intensities of the stored standard XRD patterns. But they also can be manipulated manually to change the proportions of the standard patterns in the graphs.
Bragg's Law	D50 to D59	Enter d-spacing or two-theta	To calculate XRD peak positions or spacings.
Solver model	C61-D63	Solver setup	Controls Solver settings for Full Pattern and shift analyses, respectively.

APPENDIX 4: RESULT SHEET INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

Input or Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Calculation time	A1 to A6	Time and date	Gives calculation time.
Weight percent minerals, shifts, and type of analysis	Col B to D	Weight percents, steps shifted, and option run	The weight percent total should be approximately 100 percent.
Warnings	Col G	Normally hidden text	Warns about non-standard settings in the program.
Weight percents from full pattern and extended clay analyses	Cols. J & K	Percents	The results of the two types of analyses can be compared for each phase if the extended clay option is used (enter 3 in cell B20 in Input sheet).
ZnO sample ratio	Q1	Normally 0.111	(Weight ZnO)/(weight sample + zincite). Change to 0.25 when analyzing impure standards for mineral content.
ZnO correction factor	O2	Set to 1.	Method for normalizing results when using different sources of ZnO.
Corrected ZnO/sample ratio	Q2	Equals 2 x F3	It is an output, so do not change it.
Automatic calculation of MIFs	Cols. U & AE	Gives MIFs for standards	Standards need to be prepared correctly. See standards section in this manual.

APPENDIX 5: STANDARDS SHEET INPUTS

Input or Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Standards table	Col B to Col H	Enter information for standards	Enter information about the standards, as is described in this manual, including sample name, integrated intensities for Full Pattern (20-65 degrees) and Clay (55 to 65 degrees) regions, MIFs for each region, and sample descriptions.
Intensities for pure standards	Start in Col M	XRD intensities for standards	Start at 5 degrees and use 0.02 degree steps. Do not remove background. Note that column in which intensities are entered is related to position in Standards table (see above).

APPENDIX 6: AUTO XRD SHEET INPUTS

Input	Cells	Value	Comments
Intensities for samples to be analyzed in series of analyses.	Start in Col C	XRD intensities	Start at 5 degrees and use 0.02 degree steps. Put the sample name in the first row, followed by intensities. Set value of cell B11 in the Input sheet to the number of patterns to be analyzed that are contained in the Auto XRD sheet.

APPENDIX 7: AUTO RESULTS SHEET OUTPUTS

Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Time for calculation	A1 to A6	Time and dates	Gives starting and ending times, and dates for automatic calculation.
Results of Auto calculation	Start in Col C	Weight percents	Pattern number is used to identify result in Auto Graph sheet. Results are completely erased if new Auto calculation is started.

APPENDIX 8: AUTO GRAPH SHEET INPUTS

Output	Cells	Value	Comments
Pattern number	A2	Whole number	Entering pattern number produces graphs and weight percents for each auto analysis. Pattern number corresponds with number for result shown in Auto Results sheet. This page can be saved separately, as is described in the 'Using the Automatic Mode' section.

APPENDIX 9: RESOURCES FOR QUANTITATIVE MINERAL ANALYSIS

<u>Sources of standard minerals:</u>

Source Clay Minerals Repository
Purdue University
1150 LILY Hall
West Lafayette, IN 47907-1150 USA
Voice: (765) 494 4258 FAX: (765) 496 2926
E-mail: sourceclays@purdue.edu
Web: http://cms.lanl.gov (follow links to Source Clays Project)

Ward's Natural Science
5100 West Henrietta Road
P.O. Box 92912
Rochester, NY 14692-9012 USA
Voice:1-800-962-2660 FAX: 716-334-6174
International calls: 716-334-6174
Web: http://www.wardsci.com/online_catalog/

Excalibur Mineral Corp.
1000 North Division Street
Peekskill, NY 10566 USA
Phone: (914) 739-1134
Email: info@excaliburmineral.com

Trinity Mineral Company
John Veevaert
P.O. Box 2182 Weaverville, California 96093-2182 USA
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Email: john@trinityminerals.com

David Shannon Minerals
6649 East Rustic Drive
Mesa, Arizona 85215 USA
Phone: (480) 985-0557.

Mineralogical Research Co.
15840 East Alta Vista Way
San Jose, California 95127-1737 USA
Phone: (408) 923-6800

McCrone Micronising Mill:

McCrone Associates
850 Pasquinelli Drive
Westmont, IL 60559 USA
Voice: 800-622-8122; Fax: 630-887-7764
Web: http://www.mccrone.com/mac/home2.html

Jade XRD search-match software:

Materials Data
1224 Concannon Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94550 USA
Voice: 925-449-1084; FAX: 925-373-1659
Web: http://www.materialsdata.com

Information concerning the Solver:

Frontline Systems Incorporated
Voice: 775-831-0300
Web site: http://www.solver.com

Microsoft Excel:

Web site: http://www.microsoft.com/office/excel/default.asp

APPENDIX 10: ANALYSES OF REYNOLDS CUP SAMPLES

TABLE 3. Comparison between values for artificial mixtures for 2002 Reynolds Cup quantitative analysis competition, and those calculated from XRD patterns using Option 2 in the RkJock2.xls (RJ) program. Reynolds Cup samples prepared by Douglas McCarty.

Sample:	*RC-AR1*		*RC-AR2*		*RC-AR3*	
Mineral	**True**	RJ	**True**	RJ	**True**	RJ
Quartz	**20.0**	20.2	**40.0**	40.4	**15.0**	14.5
Microcline	**9.0**	8.8	**11.0**	11.7	**2.0**	1.7
Albite	**7.0**	9.3	**9.0**	10.9	**2.0**	2.9
Calcite	**5.0**	4.6	**3.0**	2.5	**17.0**	14.4
Dolomite	**3.0**	2.8	**2.0**	1.9	**5.0**	4.5
Siderite	**3.0**	2.7	**2.0**	1.8	**5.0**	4.1
Halite	**3.0**	3.4	**2.0**	1.1	**2.0**	1.9
Pyrite	**2.0**	1.6	**3.0**	2.5	**2.0**	1.4
Gypsum	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	**5.0**	3.3
Barite	**2.0**	1.8	**2.0**	2.0	**2.0**	1.8
Kaolinite	**9.0**	9.4	**7.0**	7.0	**10.0**	8.5
Fe-smectite	**7.0**	3.0	**6.0**	3.1	**5.0**	7.1
Illite	**25.0**	21.8	**9.0**	8.1	**28.0**	24.5
Chlorite	**5.0**	6.5	**4.0**	4.3	**0.0**	0
Total	100.0	95.9	100.0	97.6	100.0	89.8
Bias	--	13.7	--	9.4	--	15.4

TABLE 4. Comparison for 2004 Reynolds Cup samples. See table 3 for explanation. Reynolds Cup samples prepared by Reinhard Kleeberg.

Sample:	RC2-1		RC2-2		RC2-3	
Mineral	**True**	RJ	**True**	RJ	**True**	RJ
Quartz	**24.0**	24.7	**44.5**	46.1	**15.0**	15.7
K-feldspar	**10.5**	10.7	**9.5**	9.9	**1.0**	2.1
Albite	**0.0**	0.0	**2.8**	2.8	**0.0**	0.0
Oligoclase	**0.0**	0.0	**3.5**	3.5	**0.0**	0.0
Other plagioclase	**5.8**	6.8	**7.2**	7.8	**4.8**	4.2
Calcite	**4.6**	4.6	**0.0**	0.0	**16.7**	17.4
Dolomite	**2.1**	2.0	**0.0**	0.0	**5.8**	5.9
Magnesite	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	**4.8**	4.8
Halite	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	**1.0**	1.1
Pyrite	**3.0**	2.9	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0
Anhydrite	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	**18.8**	19.8
Hematite	**0.0**	0.0	**2.2**	2.4	**0.0**	0.0
Anatase	**0.0**	0.0	**0.2**	0.2	**0.0**	0.0
Rutile	**0.0**	0.0	**2.0**	2.1	**0.0**	0.0
Kaolinite	**14.6**	15.5	**8.7**	9.3	**0.0**	0.0
Dickite	**0.0**	0.0	**7.3**	7.8	**0.0**	0.0
1M illite	**10.4**	12.7	**3.7**	5.2	**3.3**	2.5
Montmorillonite	**12.0**	14.1		0.0	**0.0**	0.0
2M1 Illite	**3.6**	4.2	**2.1**	3.4	**10.7**	13.0
Other 2:1 clay	**0.0**	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	**4.6**	2.6
Chlorite	**9.4**	8.1	**6.3**	7.5	**10.0**	12.3
Total	100.0	106.3	100.0	108.1	100.0	105.4
Bias	–	9.3	–	8.1	–	11.7

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Figure 1. The Reynolds Cup trophy, awarded once every two years to the winner of an international quantitative mineral analysis competition (see http://www.dttg.ethz.ch/reynoldscup2004.html).

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HOW I WON THE REYNOLDS CUP*

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I suddenly became interested in minerals at a very young age, when other children began to throw rocks at me. Rocks that contained clay hurt less; so I began to wonder how much kaolinite was in this one, how much galena in that. My father bought me my first X-ray diffractometer when I was 10, and there was no turning back. While other children were reading *Tales from the Crypt Comics*, and later *Hustler Magazine*, I was reading the *X-ray Powder Diffraction Card Files*, memorizing d-spacings. So when Dr. Douglas McCarty from ChevronTexaco sent me the three unknowns that contained mixtures of pure mineral separates, I was ready to analyze them quantitatively.

I analyzed the samples as follows. They came in the mail in an Airborne Express pouch. I opened the pouch with a dry-wall knife that is kept in the second drawer from the top in the X-ray lab. It is the type that has a retractable blade. Then I removed the bottles from the package, and analyzed them.

I am so undeserving of this honor, but I am happy to have become the first winner of the Reynolds Cup. I would like to thank my parents, my music teacher, and the little gal who let me make a left turn into the parking lot this morning. I especially thank Dr. McCarty for mistakenly sending me the answers along with the bottles, which saved a lot of analysis time. I realize that in accepting this award I will be responsible for helping to organize the next competition. Also, I understand that the Cup is not permanently mine, but that it will circulate to the next winner. Therefore, in some ways, the Reynolds Cup is similar to the Stanley Cup, except for the hockey. Now I kiss the Cup, raise it above my head, and run around the meeting room yelling, wrapped in a flag.

In the (unlikely) event that I do not win, I will relinquish this time at the podium to the real winners so that they can explain how they won the Reynolds Cup.

*Note: The Clay Doctor was later disqualified for failing a random drug test.