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An overview over some new extraction chromatographic resins and their application in radiopharmacy

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TrisKem International



- Based in Rennes (France)
- Independent company since 02/07
 - Formerly part of Eichrom Europe
 - ISO 9001 since 2007
- Staff : 20
- R&D, QC and TechSupport group:
 - 3 RadChem PhD, 2 OrgChem PhD, 5 Technicians
- R&D: Development of new resins, techniques and applications
- Several domains



Radiopharmacy
and
Nuclear Medicine

Environment and
Bioassay

Geochemistry
and
Metals Separation

Decommissioning

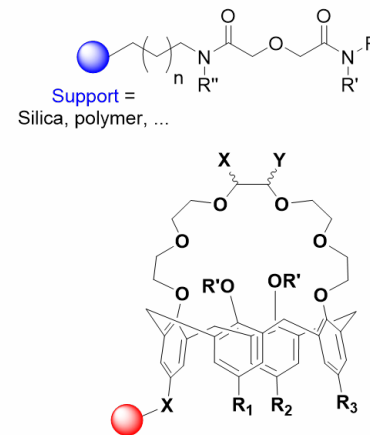
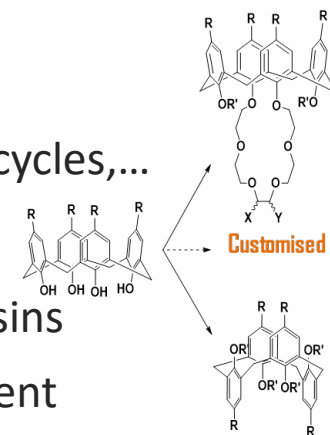
- Production and trade of selective resins and accessories
 - **Mainly extraction chromatographic resins**
 - **PAN embedded inorganic compounds**
 - Functionalized polymers and silicates
 - Analytical and chelating ion exchange resins
- Distribution (Europe):
 - LSC cocktails et al. (Meridian)
 - PEEK columns
 - Raddec Pyrolyser (H-3 & C-14)
 - ICP & AAS standards (Labkings)
 - **New: Radioactive standards (NPL)**
 - Accessories (Zr crucibles, empty columns & cartridges, funnels, vacuum boxes,...)



RADIOACTIVE STANDARD SOLUTIONS



- Two R&D labs:
 - Synthesis Lab (new resins and extractants)
 - Incl. grafted resins (silica or polymers), macrocycles,...
 - Application Lab
 - Preparation of extraction chromatographic resins
 - Resin characterisation and method development
- Equipment:
 - ICP-MS, IC, TOC, TGA, IR, moisture analyzer, surface area and pore size/volume analyser, particle size and shape analyser, pycnometer
 - Production and packing lab with four 20L reactors
- No handling of radioactivity => R&D cooperation
 - Resin and method development “cold” => R&D partner



- Isotope4Life / Atlanpole Biotherapies

ID2 Santé



- Nucleopolis (energy & health)



- Prometia (hydrometallurgy)



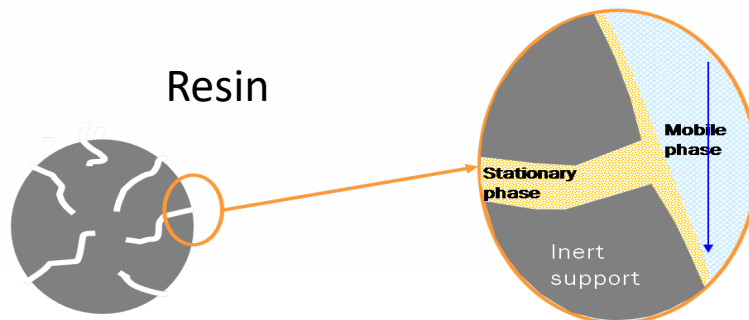
- Several projects financed by the BPI

- Radiopharmacy (PSPC CARAT – Pb-212/LU-177)
- Member of BPI Excellence
- Lauréate Vague d'innovation BPI (C.L.I.P.S. 2020)



Organic extractant impregnated onto inert support

- « Supported Solvent Extraction » / « Solvent Impregnated Resins »
 - Distribution between two non-miscible phases
 - High density of functional groups
 - Fast kinetics/small volumes => rapid separations
 - High variety of selectivities:
 - Pure extractants, synergetic mixtures, solid extractants in diluents
 - Aim: selectivity for product, no selectivity for target material
 - Combining several cartridges can allow obtaining better product quality
 - Elution under 'soft' conditions in small volume => labeling/injection
 - Bleeding might need to be adressed (Prefilter, AIX, CEX,...)



Products and applications

PRODUCTS+	APPLICATIONS*
AC Resin	Mn, Ac/Ra, gross alpha
CL Resin	Ag, Radioiodine removal, Pa, Cl, I
CU Resin	Cu from Zn and liquid Ni targets (e.g. Cu-61/7)
DGA Resin	Y, Sc-44/7, Ac-223/5/7, Co
DGA Sheets	Quality control of Ra-223, Pb-212, Ac-225/Bi-213, Ge-68/Ga-68
LN Resin Series	Lanthanide separations (Lu-177, Tb-161..)
Prefilter Resin	Organic impurities removal
Guard Resin	Organic impurities removal
RE Resin	Y
SR Resin	Sr-82, Pb, Po
TBP Resin	Zr-89, Sc, Sn-117m
TEVA Resin	Tc
TK100/1 Resin	Sr-82, Ra
TK200 Resin	Ga-67/8, Zn, Pt, Pd
TK201 Resin	Cu from solid Ni targets (e.g. Cu-64), Tc-99m, Re
TK221 Resin	Lu, Tb, Ac purification
TK211/2/3 Resins	Lanthanide separations (nca Lu-177, nca Tb-161..)
TK400 Resin	Pa, Ga-68, Nb, Mo, Po, Fe
UTEVA Resin	Zr, Sc-44/7
ZR Resin	Zr-89, Ga-67/8, Ge-68, Ti-44/5

+Resin available world wide
in **orange**

*main application in **blue**

Coming soon:
TK202 (Tc from Mo)



- Analytical

- Radiochemistry

- Environmental monitoring, bioassay, waste monitoring, decommissioning
- Actinides, fission and activation products, NORM, methods/resins for DTMs, rapid methods,...

- » **TK100/1, TK200, TBP, CL Resin, TK201/2, TK300, TK-TcScint, Extractive discs,...**

- Mass spectrometry

- Isotope ratio determination (universities, petrol industry,...)
- Sr, Pb, U, actinides, Cu, Sn...

- » Dating of geological samples : **TK200, TK400, TK300, ...**

- » Food provenancing : **TK100,...**

- » Nuclear forensics: **TK200, TK400,...**

- » Biomedical (Cu),... => **CU Resin,...**





- Decommissioning/decontamination
 - Treatment of effluents / liquid wastes / environmental waters
 - Removal of radioactive contaminants & heavy metals (Cs, Sr, Ra, I...)
 - Inorganic compounds embedded into PAN matrix
 - **CS Resins, MnO₂-PAN more under development**
 - Extraction chromatographic resins



- Hydrometallurgy
 - Recycling of critical metals
 - Purification of leachates
 - **Upscale of the production of extraction chromatographic resins**

- Radiopharmacy/Nuclear Medicine



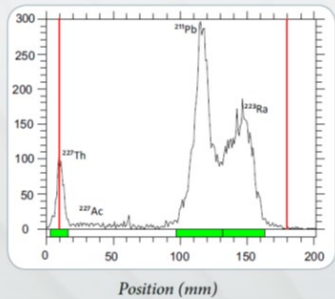
- Radionuclide production

- Cooperation with cyclotrons & reactors (NL, RN producers,...)
- Equipment provider (targetry, synthesizer,...)
- Separation of radionuclides from irradiated targets
 - » Diagnostics: Zr-89, Cu-64, Ga-68, Ge-68, Ti-44/5, Tc-99m, Sc-43/4...
 - **ZR Resin, CU Resin, TK200 Resin, TK400, TK201, TK202,...**
 - » Therapy: alpha emitters, Lu-177, Cu-67, Sn-117m, Sc-47...
 - **TK400, TK200, TBP Resin, CU Resin, TK211/2/3, TK221,...**

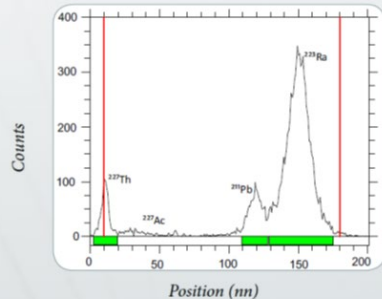
Examples of domains and applications

Radiopharmacy
and
Nuclear Medicine

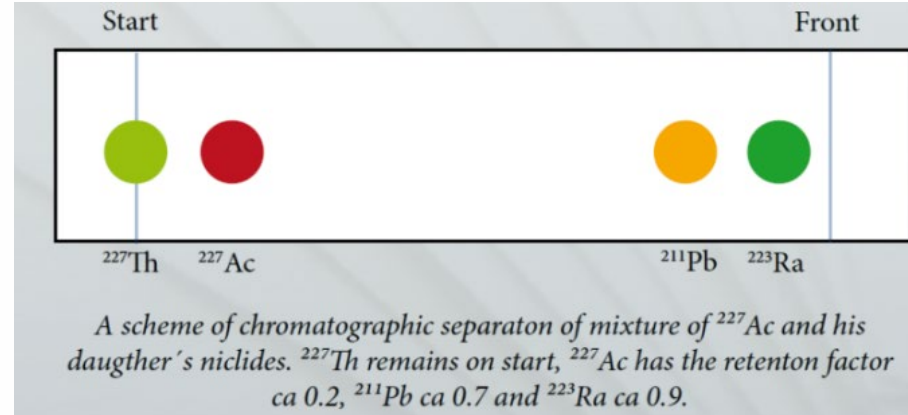
- Radiopharmacy/nuclear medicine
 - Purification of generator eluates => under development
 - Decontamination of contaminated effluents => **CL Resin**,...
 - Quality control
 - Cartridge based methods
 - **DGA sheets** (functionalized TLC, Ra-223, Ga-68, Pb-212,.... => CVUT Prague)



Radiochromatogram measured immediately after separation. Low abundant radiations of ^{227}Ac were not detected.



Radiochromatogram measured one hour after separation. Decay and ingrowth of ^{211}Pb is clearly visible.



Applications in RadPharma – new resins



Radiopharmacy

Environment

Geochemistry

Decommissioning

Separation of radionuclides for medical applications

- Rapid, highly specific separation techniques
- Separation of radionuclides from irradiated targets
- Quality control of radionuclides for medical use
- Post-generator purification
- Radioprotection and Radioanalysis
- Easily used in glove boxes or hot cells
- High active samples



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Our resins are increasingly finding application in the production and quality control of radionuclides (such as Cu-64/7, Ga-68, Ga-67/8, Sc-44/7, Zr-89, alpha emitters...) for medical use, and are employed by leading radionuclide manufacturers worldwide. Further to our range of highly selective resins TrisKem is now also offering a [selective chromatography paper](#) (DGA Sheets) for quality control of radionuclides and generator effluents (Ac-225, Pb-212, Ga-68,...).

TrisKem International places a strong focus on the development of new resins and separation methods to meet your separation needs. If you'd like to receive more detailed information, or if you'd like to discuss a specific separation problem please contact us under : contact@triskem.fr

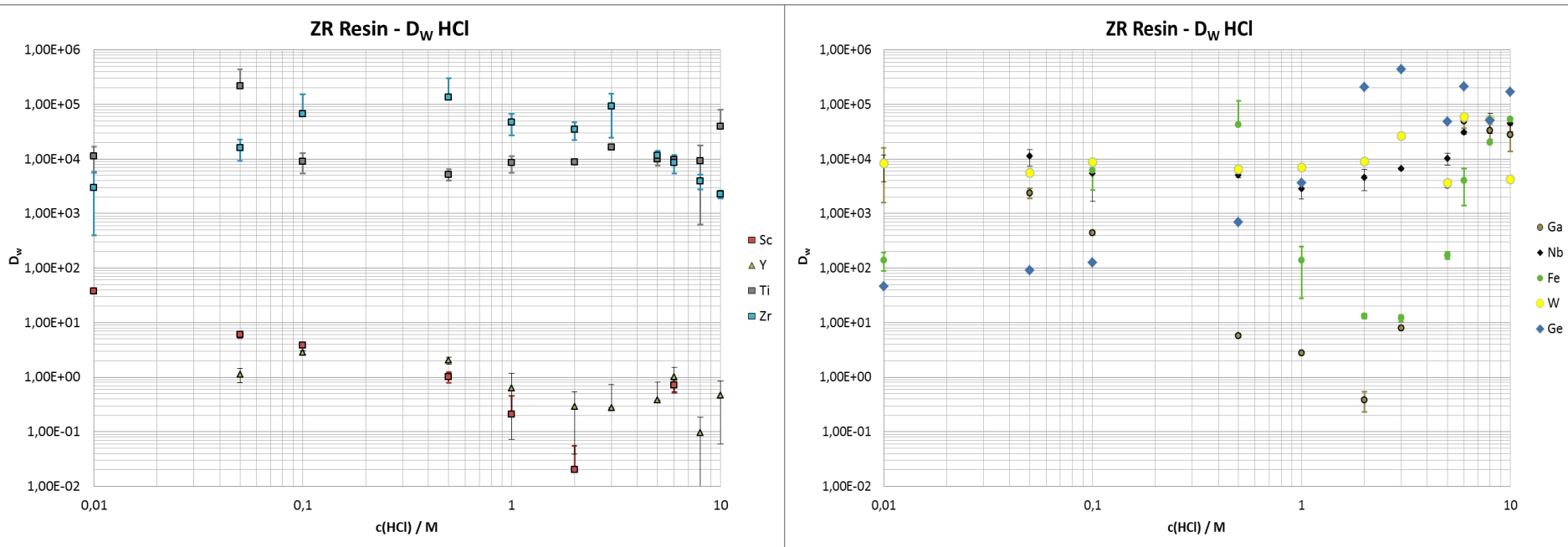
Products	Applications*
CU Resin	Cu-61/7
ZR Resin	Zr-89, Ga-67/8, Ga-68, Ti-44/5
TBP Resin	Sn-117m, Zr-89, Actinides
TK200	Ga-68, Actinides
TK201 Resin	Cu-64
TK221 Resin	Lanthanides separation and purification (e.g. Lu-177), Ac-225 purification, Actinides
TK400 Resin	Pa-230/1, Nb-90, Ga-68
DGA Sheets	Quality control of Ra-223, Pb-212, Ac-225, Bi-213, Ga-68/Ga-68
CL Resin	I removal from effluents, Ag, PGE, Cl-36/I-129
TK100 Resin	Sr-82
TK101 Resin	Ra, Pb
CS Resins	Cs, Rb
Discs	Source preparation for alphaspectrometry
MnO ₂ -PAN	Ra-226/8
Ra Nuclifilms discs	Ra-226
LSC consumables	Liquid Scintillation Counting
Autodeposition kit	Source preparation for alphaspectrometry
Pyrolyser, Pyrolyser Mini	Total tritium, C-14, Cl-36 and I-129

*the main application is in blue

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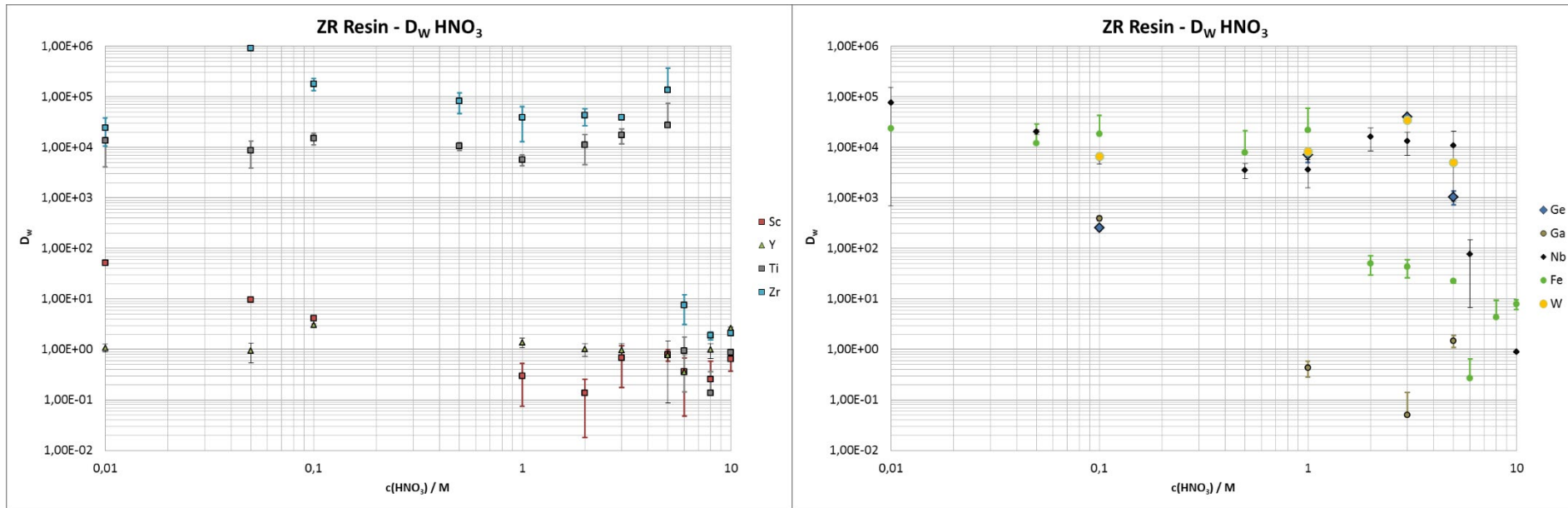
- Original scope: Hydroxamate based resin
 - Standard for Zr separation from Y targets
 - Ready to use / no activation
 - Facile Zr elution (avoid 1M oxalic acid)
- Zr-89 production via (p,n) reaction from ^{nat}Y targets
 - High Zr/Y selectivity necessary
 - Alternative e.g. TBP Resin (=> Graves et al.)
- Application for other separations: **Ti/Sc, Ga/Zn, Ge/Ga**

ZR Resin – HCl



- No selectivity for Y, Sc
- High Ge/Ga selectivity at elevated HCl
- High selectivity for Zr, Ti, Nb, W over wide HCl conc. range
- No selectivity for alkalines and earth alkalines
- Lanthanides not retained
- Fe retention (dip at 2 – 3M HCl)

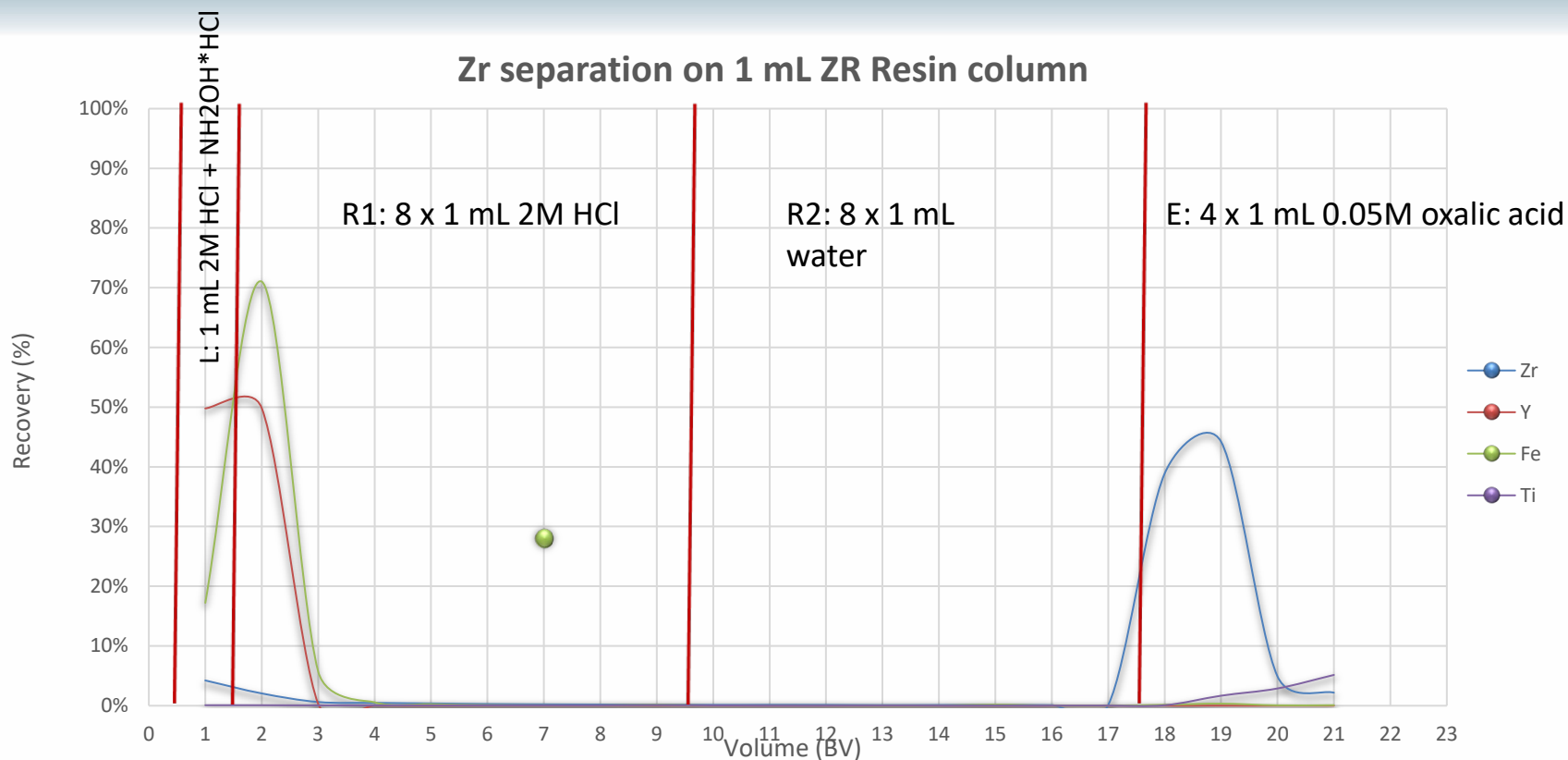
Zr Resin – HNO₃



- High selectivity for Zr, Ti, Nb, W over wide HNO₃ concentration range
 - Loss of selectivity at 6M HNO₃
=> Resin shows colour change
- No selectivity for Y, Sc, lanthanides, earth alkalines, most transition metals,...
- High Ge/Ga selectivity at 3M HNO₃

Zr-89 separation from Y targets

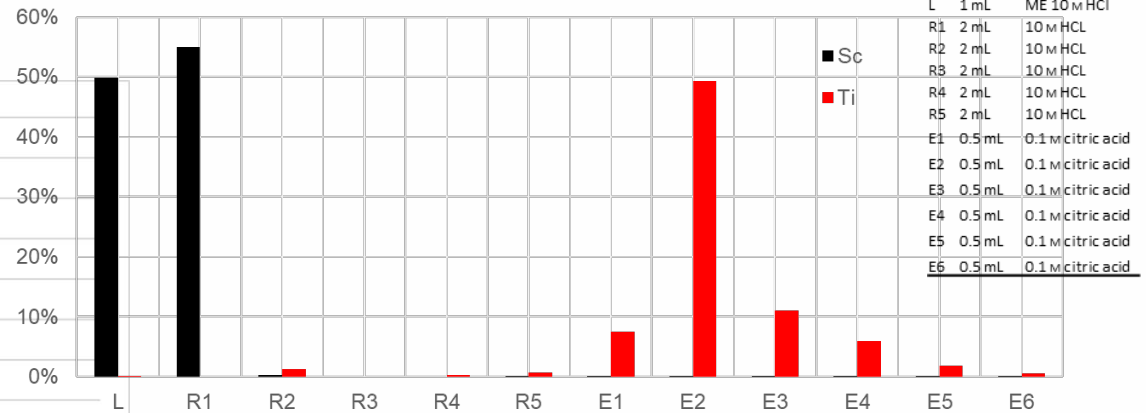
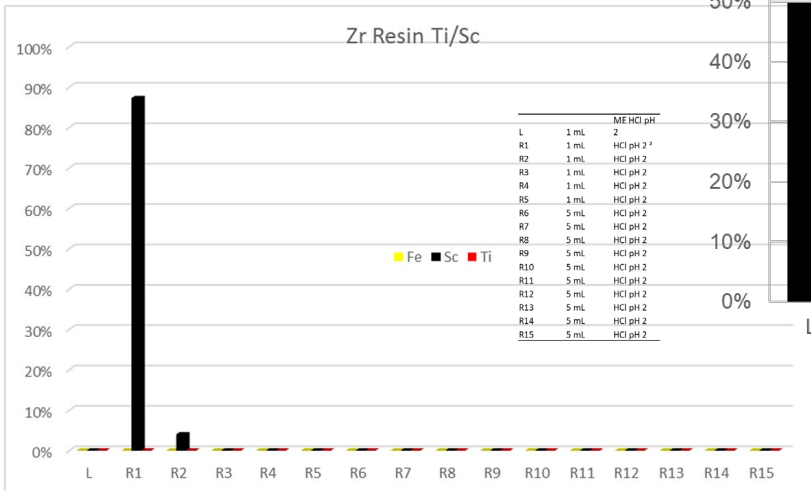
Zr separation on 1 mL ZR Resin column



- Load from 2 – 6M HCl
- Rinsing described by Holland may be used
- No activation with acetonitrile
- Quantitative Zr elution in 1.5 - 2 mL ≥ 0.05 M oxalic acid
- Clean Fe removal
- Use in commercial systems
 - Taddeo, Pinctada,...

Ti-Sc Separation (Ti-44/5)

Ti/Sc separation, ZR Resin



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The Journal of Nuclear Medicine

⁶⁸Ga and ⁴⁵Ti production on a GE PETtrace cyclotron using the ALCEO solid target

Mario Malinconico¹, Johan Asp¹,
William Tieu², Kevin Kuan², Gian



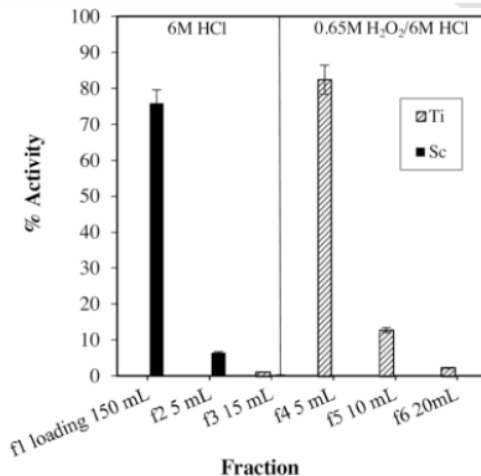
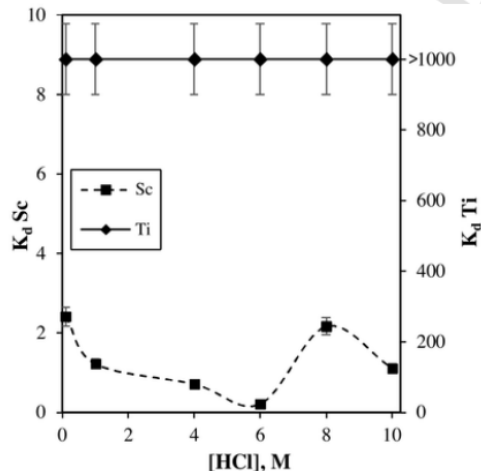
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Optimized methods for production and purification of Titanium-45 ☆

Ivis F. Chaple^{a,1}, Kathryn Thiele^a, Grace Thaggard^a, Solana Fernandez^a, Eszter Boros^b, Suzanne E. Lapi^{a,R,✉}

- Ti retained from (high) HCl, Sc not retained
- Ti also retained in dilute acid, Sc not => Ti generator?
- Ti elution with 0.1M citric, >0.2M oxalic acid, 0.1M H₂O₂
- Publications:
 - Malinconico et al.: J Nucl Med May 1, 2018 vol. 59 no. supplement 1 664)
 - Chaple et al. : Appl Rad Isot, Volume 166, December 2020, 109398



➤ Ti-44 production

- 4g irradiated Sc
- 5 mL Zr Resin
- Ti-44 yield >95%
- 65.2 MBq Ti-44
- $D_f(\text{Sc}): 10^5$

Fig. 3. HCl concentration dependency of K_d for $^{44}\text{Ti}/^{46}\text{Sc}$ on ZR hydroxamate resin. Fig. 5. $^{44}\text{Ti}/^{46}\text{Sc}$ elution profile using ZR hydroxamate resin with a load of 4 g of scandium.

Use of ZR Resin as support in Ti-44/Sc-44 generators

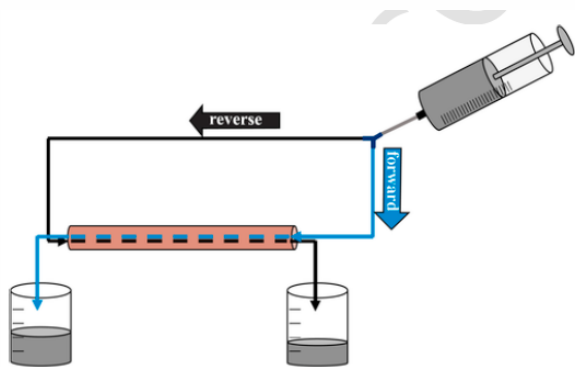
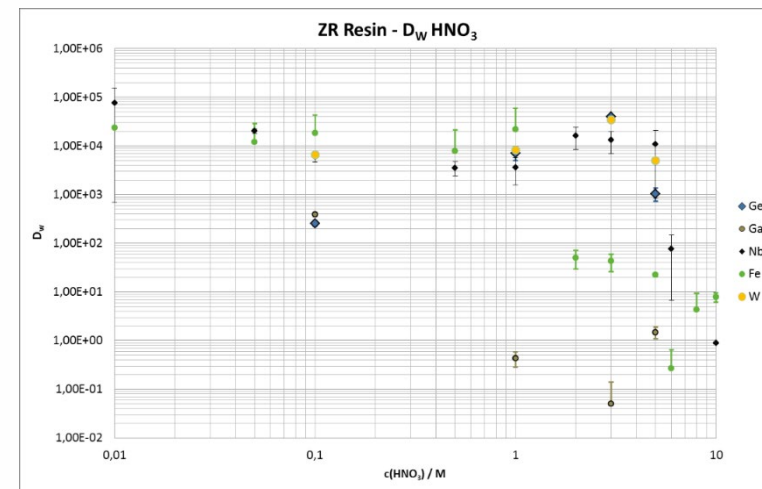
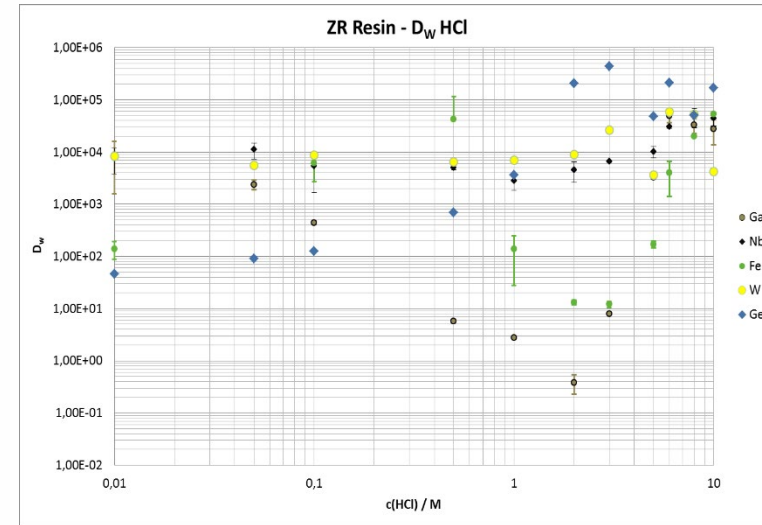


Fig. 1. Schematic concept of a forward/reverse flow radionuclide generator.

- Direct (1 mL ZR) and reverse elution (2 mL ZR)
- 65 column volumes tested up until publication
- High Sc yields, max. Ti-44 breakthrough: $4.1 \times 10^{-4}\%$
- Obtained Sc gave labelling yields > 94%
- Generator been set-up at BNL/SBU => Poster S. Houclier ISRS 2019

Ge-68 separation from GaNi or GaCo

- Loading from HNO_3 , HCl or H_2SO_4
 - Target dissolution in HNO_3 or H_2SO_4 often preferred => GeCl_4 volatile
- Ongoing: Cold test on >5g GaNi
- **First cycle** on ZR (**2 mL ZR Resin cartridge**):
 - Load/rinse from 5M H_2SO_4
 - High Ge retention/purification from Ga, Ni & Co
- Elution: 0.1M citric acid (pH 3)
- **Second cycle** on ZR (**1 mL ZR cartridge**):
 - Adjustment of eluate to 5M H_2SO_4
 - Load/rinse from 5M H_2SO_4
 - Elution with 0.1M citric acid (pH 3)
- **Conversion step** (**2 mL Guard Resin cartridge**):
 - Acidification to 9M HCl , load onto Guard Resin
 - Alternative: TK400
 - Rinse with 9M HCl
 - Elution with to 0.05M HCl => pH!



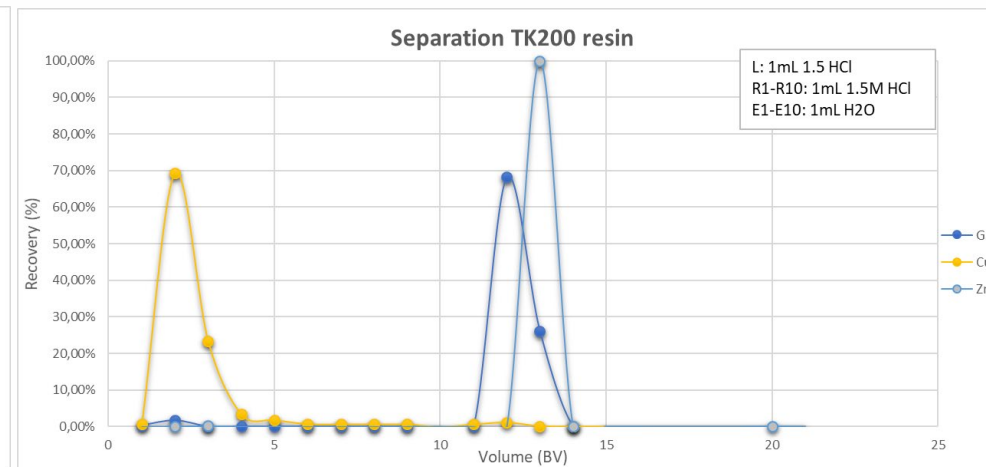
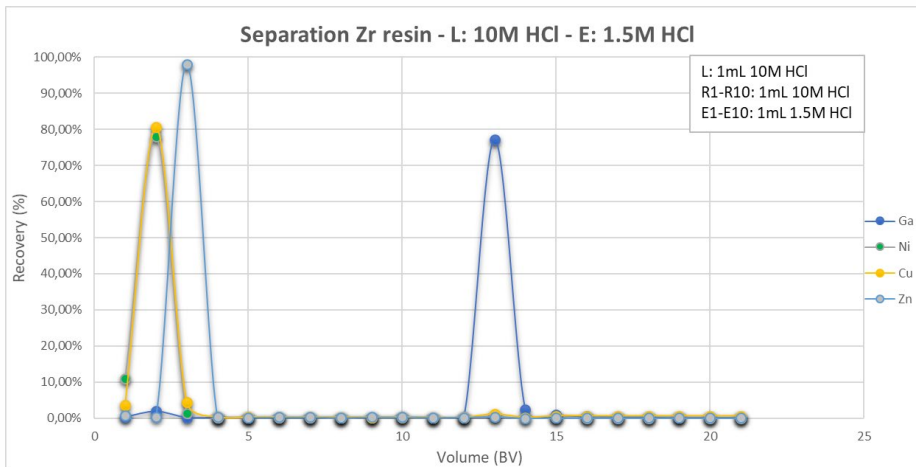
Ga-68(/Ga-67) separation from Zn targets

- **ZR Resin**

- Loading possible from:
 - dilute HNO₃ (**liquid targets**)
 - > 6M HCl (**solid targets**)
- Rinse under loading condition
- Ga separation on ZR Resin
- Elution with ~1.5M HCl

- **Ga conversion step on TK200**

- TK200 load from 1.5M HCl
- Rinse with 1.5M HCl
 - Better pH control of eluate via rinse with NaCl/HCl before elution=> Gagnon et al.
- Elution in 2 – 3 BV water



⇒ **New IAEA TechDoc:**

<https://www-pub.iaea.org/books/IAEABooks/13484/Gallium-68-Cyclotron-Production>

Cyclotron production of Ga-68

Rodnick et al. *EJNMMI Radiopharmacy and Chemistry* (2020) 5:25
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EJNMMI Radiopharmacy
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Cyclotron-based production of ^{68}Ga , $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{GaCl}_3$, and $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{Ga-PSMA-11}$ from a liquid target



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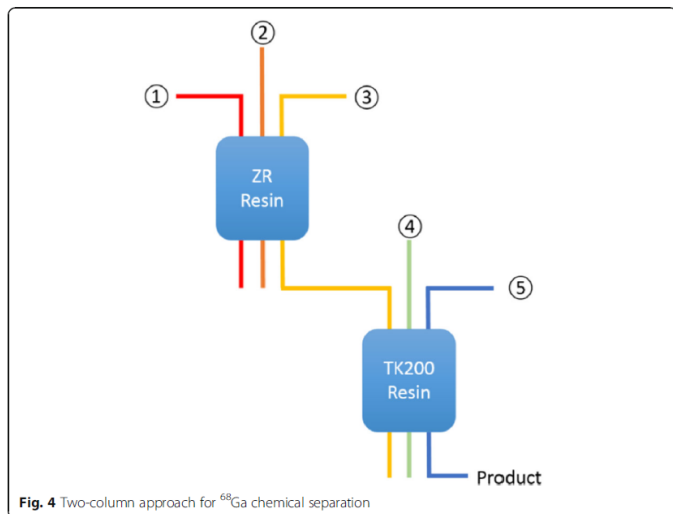


Table 1 High level schemes of $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{GaCl}_3$ purifications

	Scheme A*	Scheme B
① ZR Load	< 0.1 M HNO_3	
② ZR Wash	15 mL 0.1 M HNO_3	
③ ZR Elution / Trapping on TK200	5–6 mL ~ 1.75 M HCl	
④ TK Wash	–	3.5 mL 2.0 M NaCl in 0.13 M HCl
⑤ TK Elution	H_2O	1–2 mL H_2O followed by dilute HCl to formulate

*Process as reported previously (Nair et al. 2017)

- J. Kumlin et al. (preprint):
 - ZR, LN & TK200 for solid targets

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Multi-Curie Production of Gallium-68 on a Biomedical Cyclotron and Automated Radiolabelling of PSMA-11 and DOTATATE

> Helge Thisgaard, Joel Kumlin, Niels Langkjær, Jansen Chua, Brian Hook, Mikael Jensen, Amir Kassaian, Stefan Zeisler, Sogol Borjian, Michael Cross, Paul Schaffer, Johan Hygum Dam

DOI: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-70698/v1 [Download PDF](#)

- High Ga-68 activities
- ARTMS/Odense: 10 Ci production: <https://physicsworld.com/a/cyclotron-based-gallium-68-generator-breaks-production-records/>
- W. Tieu et al.: Use of single TK400 cartridge for solid Zn targets



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Rapid and automated production of $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{gallium chloride}$ and $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{Ga-DOTA-TATE}$ on a medical cyclotron

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Cyclotron production of Ga-68

- Riga et al. Physica Media 2018
- Liquid target: $1.7\text{M } ^{68}\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ in 0.2M HNO_3
- GE PETtrace at 12MeV, 32 min, $46 \mu\text{A}$
- Modular Lab (EZAG)
- $4.3 \pm 0.3 \text{ GBq EOB}$
- Separation on ZR Resin and TK200 Resin ($t \sim 40 \text{ min}$)
 - Loading of ZR Resin at $<0.1\text{M HNO}_3$,
 - Rinse with $9 \text{ mL } 0.1\text{M HNO}_3$.
 - Ga Elution with $5 \text{ mL } 2\text{M HCl}$ directly onto 100 mg TK200
 - Ga Elution from TK200 with water
- Chemical yield $>75\%$,
 - $2.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ GBq}$ after separation
- Purity: $99.976 \pm 0.002\% \Rightarrow \text{Ph. Eur.}$
- Target material recovery $80 - 90\%$
- For solid targets: single cartridge method (TK400) also under evaluation

Original paper

Production of Ga-68 with a General Electric PETtrace cyclotron by liquid target

Stefano Riga^{a,*}, Gianfranco Cicoria^b, Davide Pancaldi^a, Federico Zagni^a, Sara Vichi^c, Michele Dassenno^d, Luca Mora^e, Filippo Lodi^e, Maria Pia Morigi^d, Mario Marengo^a

S. Riga et al.

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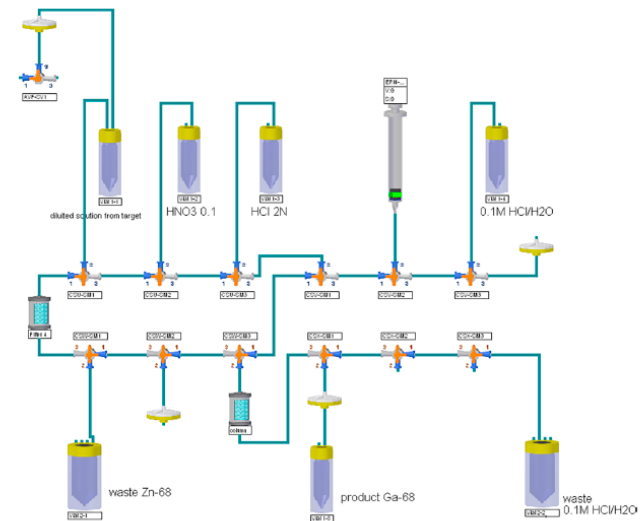
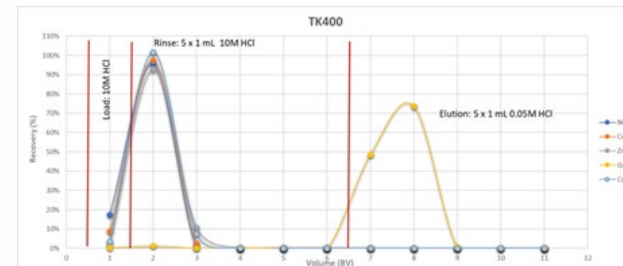
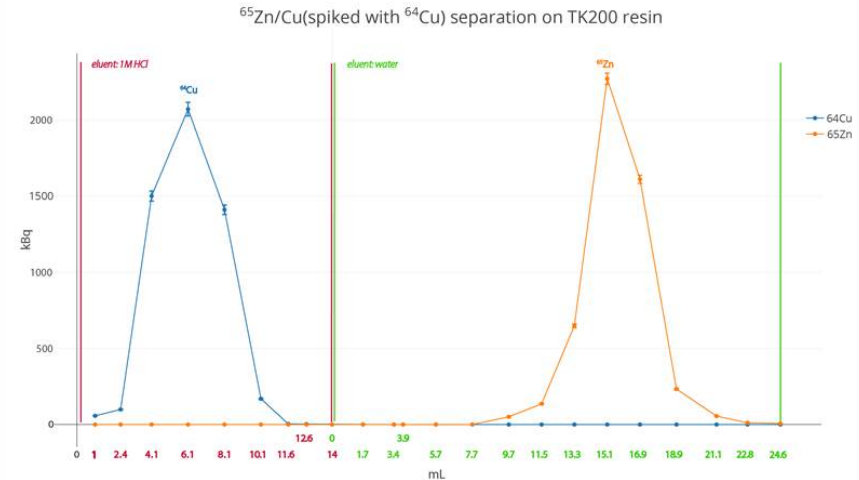
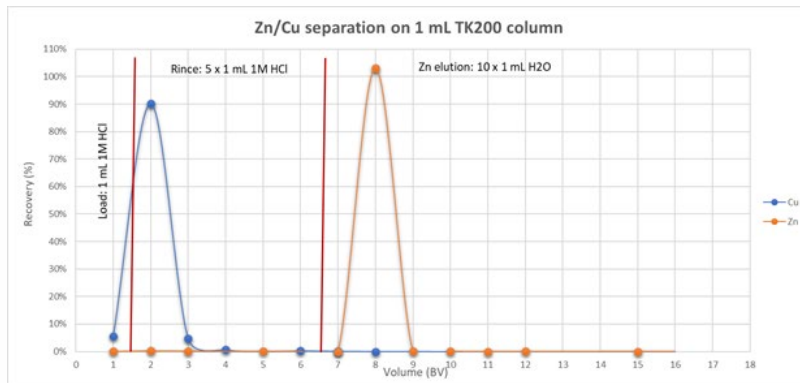


Fig. 4. Schematic diagram of the separation process (Modular Lab, Eckert & Ziegler, Berlin).



Other examples for separations on TK200 (TOPO based)

- Zn separation from Cu

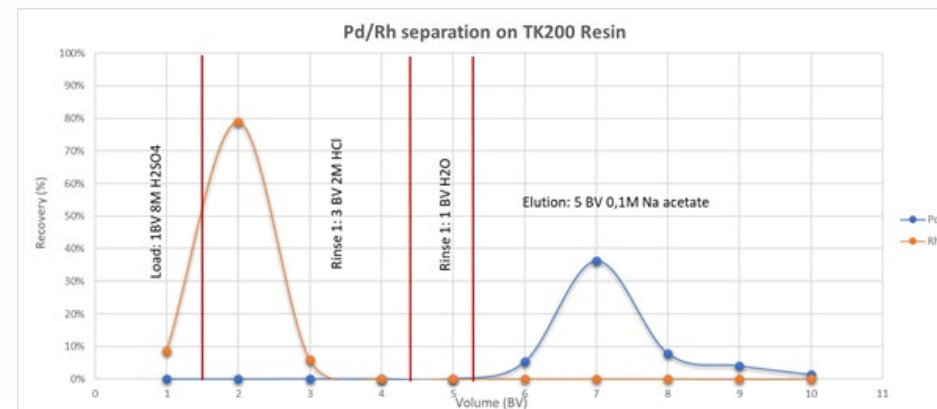
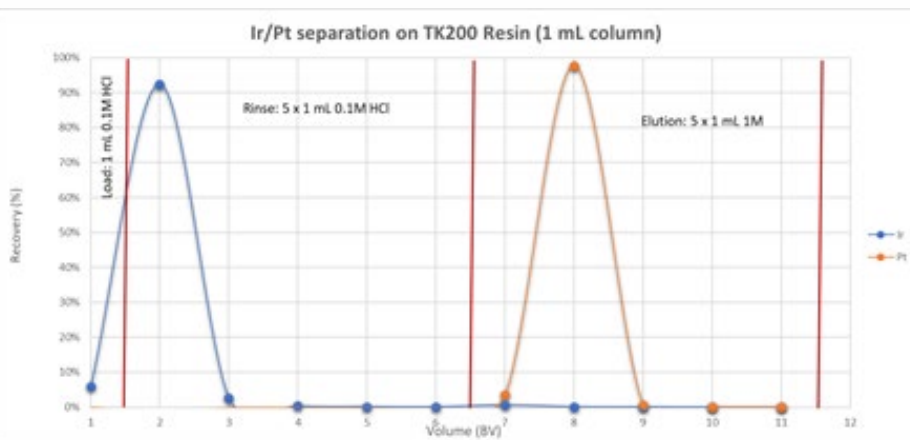


- Zn/Cu separation. Elution study, ICP-MS measurement

- Zn-65 separation. Data kindly provided by Fedor Zhuravlev, DTU

- Pt separation from Ir

- Pd separation from Rh



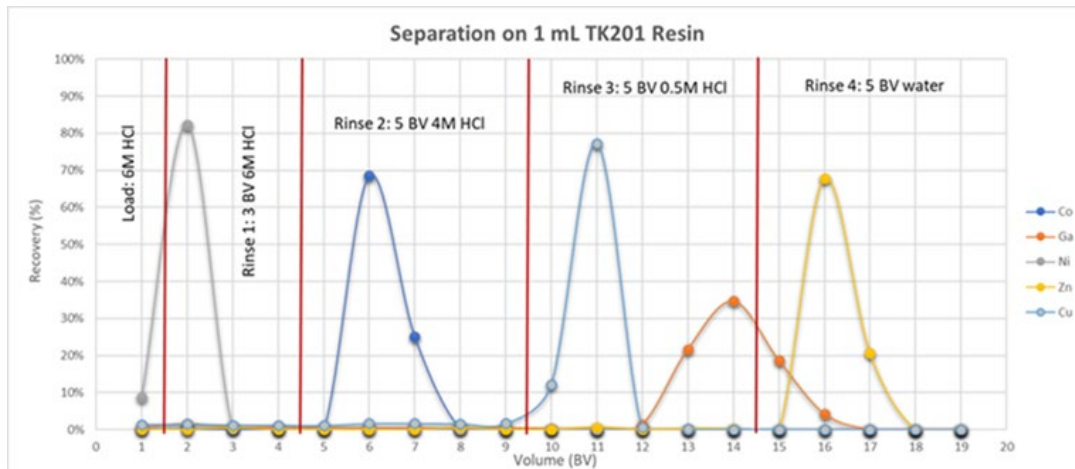
- Pt/Ir separation. Elution study, ICP-MS measurement

- Pd/Rh separation. Elution study, ICP-MS measurement

Cu-61/4 separation on TK201

➤ Cu-64 separation from solid Ni targets on TK201:

- Load and rinse at 6M HCl => Ni removal => recovery/recycling
- Co elution with 4 – 5M HCl
- Gagnon et al. use of NaCl/HCl for better pH control of eluate
- Cu elution with 0.5M HCl => Fe and Zn remain retained
- Preferred alternative: Use of TBP (or TK400) upfront for Fe/Ga removal => allows for Cu elution in 0.05M HCl



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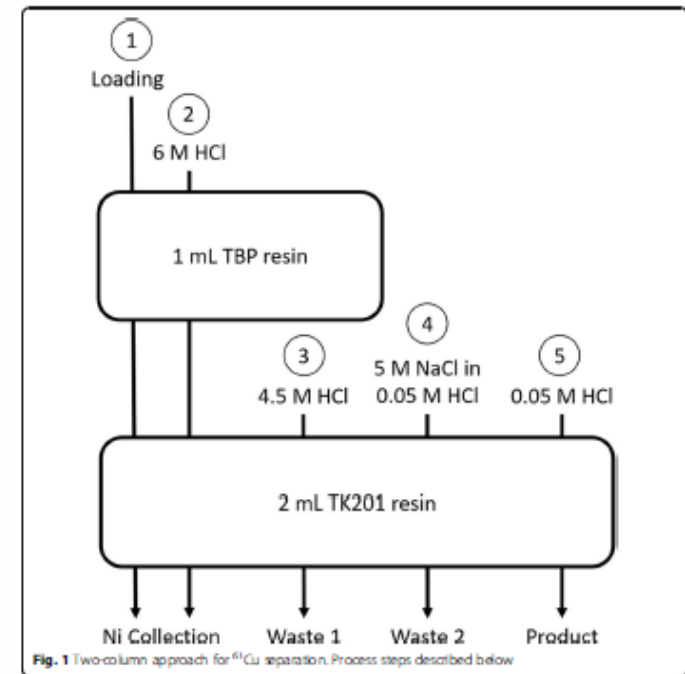
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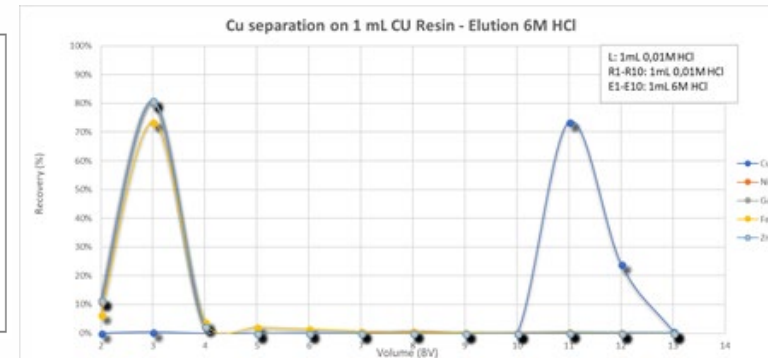
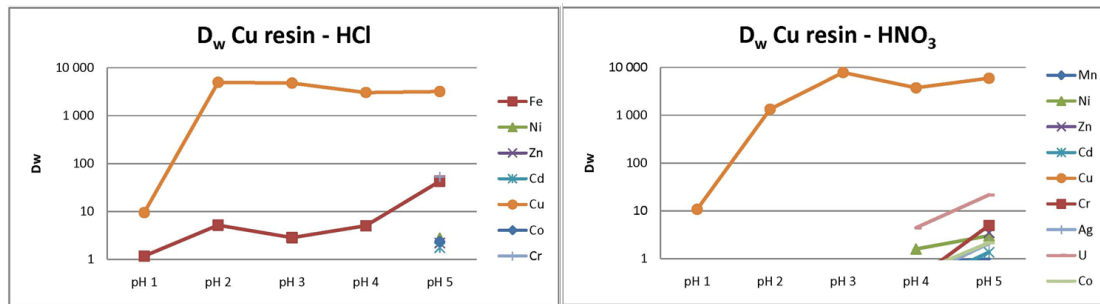
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Automated, cassette-based isolation and formulation of high-purity [⁶¹Cu]CuCl₂ from solid Ni targets

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- Oxime based resin
- High selectivity for Cu
 - Especially with respect to Zn and Ni
 - Widely used in mass spectrometry (Cu isotope ratio measurement)



- Load from pH >2, elution in high mineral acid (0.5 – 8M)
 - Suitable for **liquid** targets
 - Used for (large) solid **Zn** targets (=> Cu-67)
 - Loading not ideal for solid Ni targets (usually high HCl) => TK201
 - Elution in high HCl not compatible with labelling/injection
 - Evaporation or conversion to dilute HCl e.g. via TK201
 - High purity and labelling yields
- Method for solid Ni targets for TK201 then CU Resin under development

Purification of ⁶⁷Cu and Recovery of its Irradiated Zn Target

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Poster
presented at
ISRS 2017

- 13.7g Zn metal dissolved to give 312 mg ZnCl₂/mL solution at pH 2
- Loading of 60,6 mL => 18.9g ZnCl₂ onto 2.4g CU Resin column => 8 mL
- Rinse with 80 mL pH2 HCl
- Elution in 2 x 20 mL 6M HCl
- Evaporation to dryness
- Chemical yield ~100%
- Single column D_f for Zn ~10 000
 - Additional removal indicated
- Ideally further Zn and Co removal
- Original suggestion: AIX

Nuclide	EOB Activity (mCi ± 1σ)	Cu Resin Recovery (%)			
		Load w/ Quant. Transfer	pH 2 HCl Rinse	Acid #1	Acid #2
⁶⁴ Cu	4700 ± 200	ND	ND	102	ND
⁶⁵ Zn	41.0 ± 0.8	103	ND	0.04	ND
⁵⁸ Co	63 ± 1	104	0.04	0.1	0.01

- Produced 143 mCi ⁶⁷Cu
- Quantitative recovery of radiocopper
- 99.5% radionuclidic purity—single column
- ICP-OES: 132.9 μg Cu and 1.3 mg Zn
 - Anion exchange column still needed to remove trace Zn
- Specific activity ⁶⁷Cu at EOB: 1.07 mCi/μg

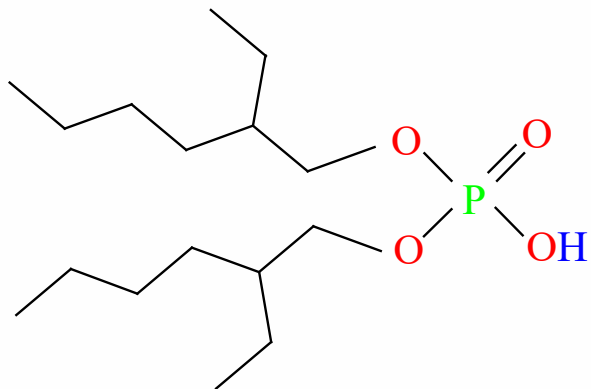
Cu Resin

Robust separation that could shorten the overall processing time to separate co-produced radionuclides and large quantities of Zn from radiocopper
Cation and anion exchange columns still needed to suitably purify radiocopper

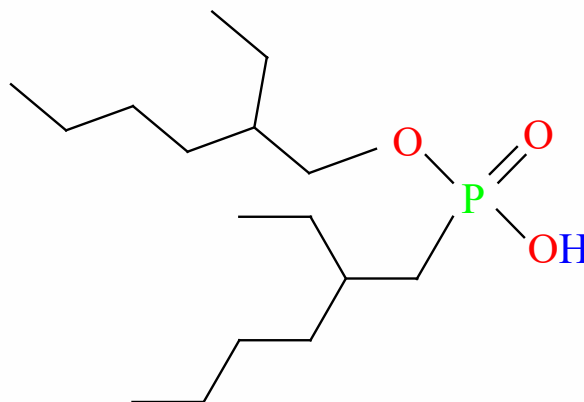
Alternatives to AIX:

- TK201: preferred option. Cu elution from CU Resin with 6M HCl directly onto TK201, followed by Cu elution from TK201 in dilute acid
- TK200: Cu eluted from CU Resin in 1 - 2M HCl, direct load through TK200 (Zn retained, Cu passes)

Lanthanide separation on TK211/2/3 or LN series

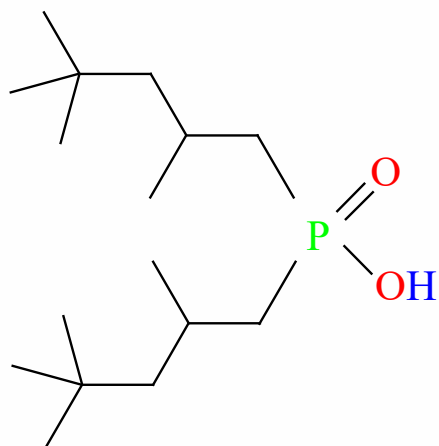


HDEHP (LN)



HEH[EHP] (LN2)

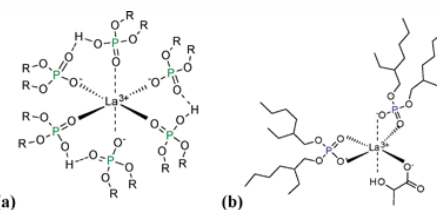
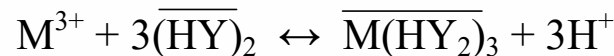
Extractants e.g.
employed in **LN Resins**
and **TK211/2/3**



H[TMPeP] (LN3)

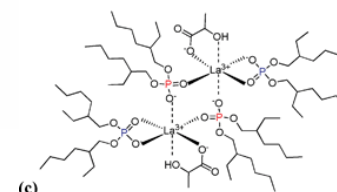
Product sheet:

http://www.triskem-international.com/scripts/files/5b0bc8955eeb28.64750263/LN_LN2_LN3%20RESINS-EN.pdf



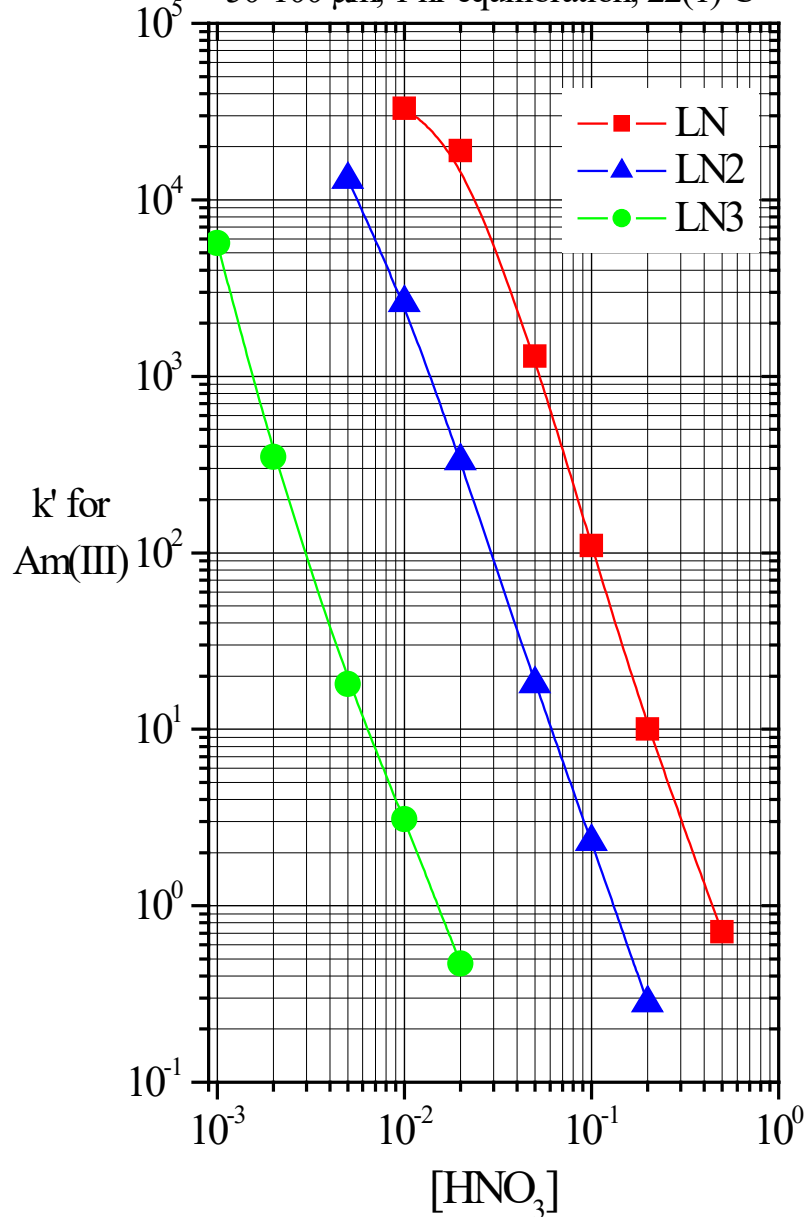
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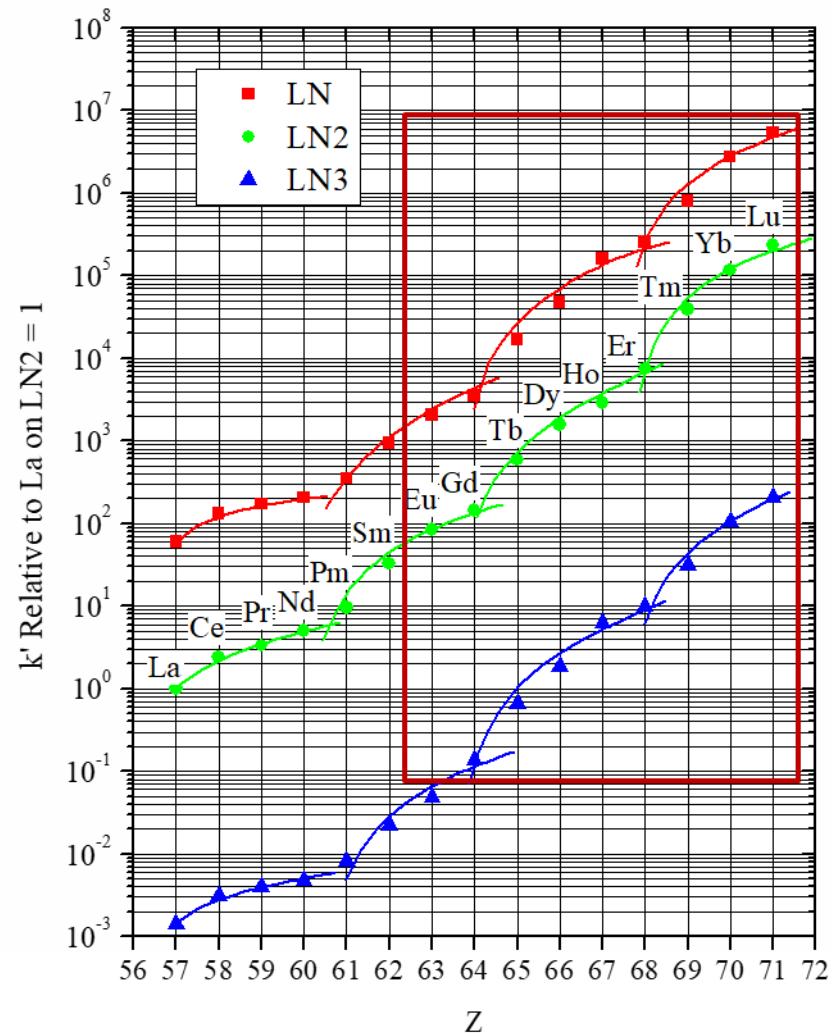


(c)

k' Am(III) on LN, LN2 and LN3 vs HNO_3
50-100 μm , 1 hr equilibration, 22(1) $^\circ\text{C}$



Main difference: acidity



nca Lu-177 from Yb targets

E.P. Horwitz et al.: A Process for the Separation of Lu-177 from Neutron Irradiated Yb-176 Targets, Applied Radiation and Isotopes, Vol 63, pp 23-36, (2005)

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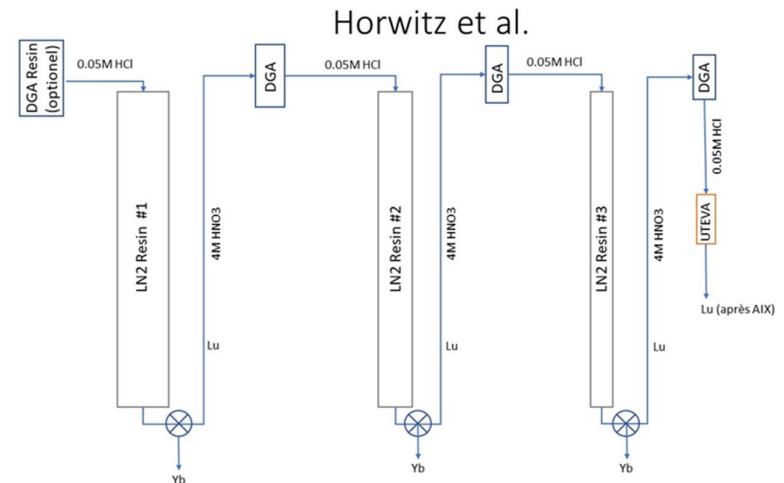
A Process for the Separation of ^{177}Lu from Neutron Irradiated ^{176}Yb Targets

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- Allows for nca Lu-177 separation from 300 mg Yb targets
- Lu and Yb chemically very similar
- Based on LN2 and DGA, N
- Large amounts of Yb introduce peak tailing
 - The more Yb the stronger the tailing
- Multi-column method needed
- Lu yield ~73%
- Rapid (<6h) but difficult to automatize method
- Under optimization and upscale

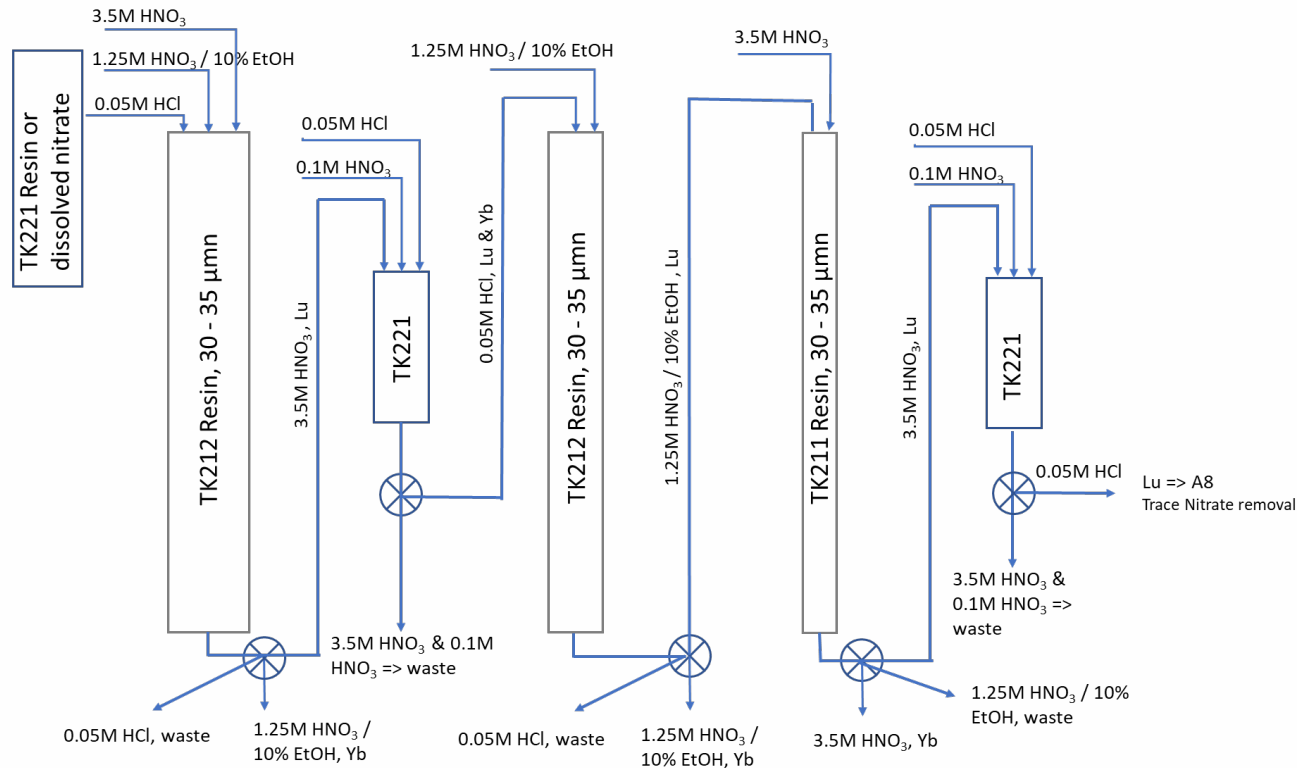


On-going developments radiolanthanides (nca Lu-177, Tb-161)

- Separation of nca Lu-177 from Yb-176 targets (500 – 2000 mg)
- Partial simplification via sequential separation steps
 - ‘Sequential separations’ approach also applicable e.g. to Tb separation
- New resins: TK211/2/3
 - On-bead mix of different extractants for improved selectivity
 - Higher extractant load
 - Small amount of long-chained alcohol and use of inert support containing aromatic groups
=> aim: improved radiolysis stability
 - 20 - 50 μm beads
 - Originally developed as 15 μm beads => too small for large scale separations
 - Resins also applicable to Horwitz method
 - TK212 & TK221 instead of LN2 and DGA
- Prepacked PP columns under development
 - 29 mL, 53 mL, 150 mL, 375 mL and 750 mL
 - With CoA
- Upscale to 1g and 2g Yb targets under finalisation

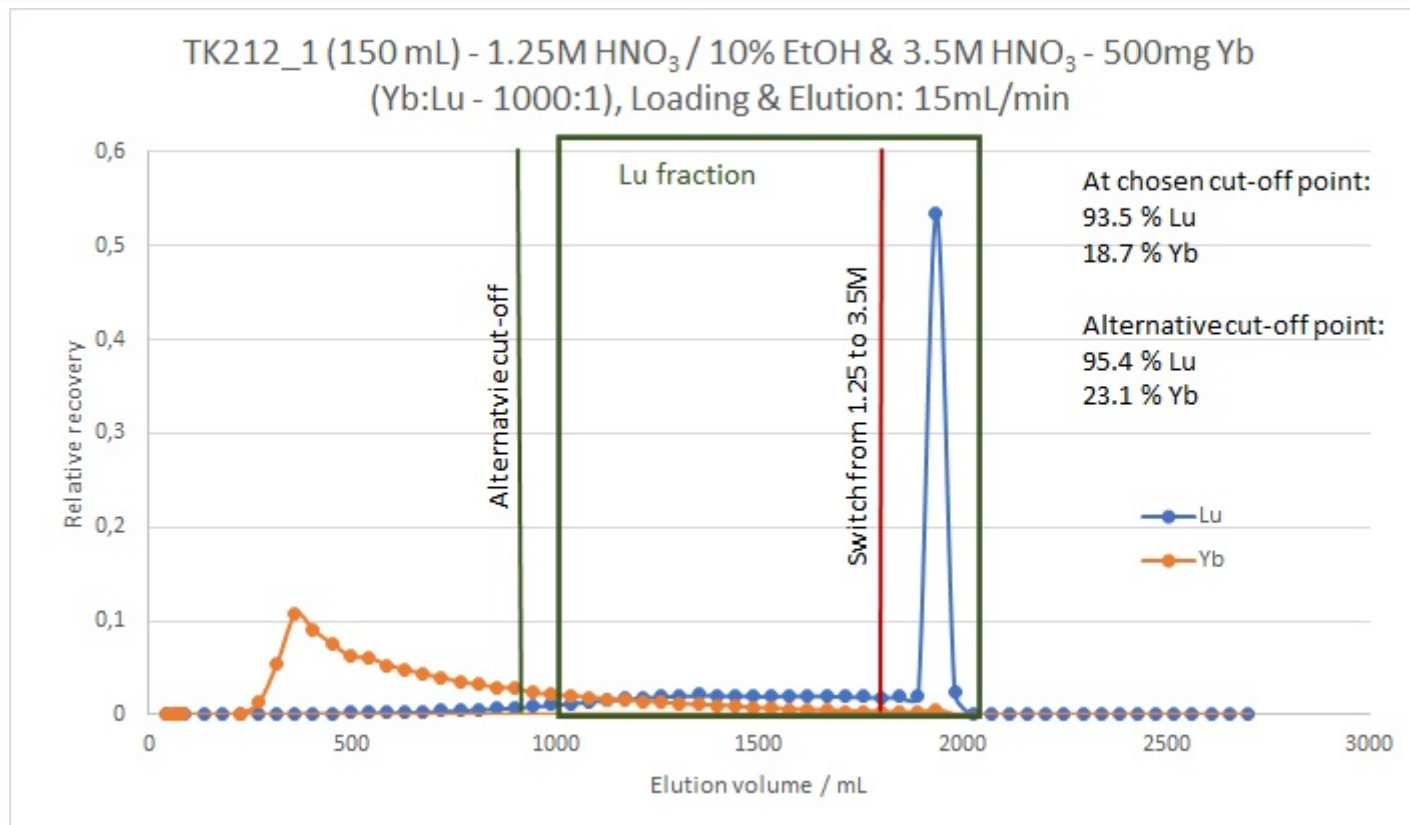


- Simplified method for Lu separation from 500 mg Yb – TK211/2 & TK221



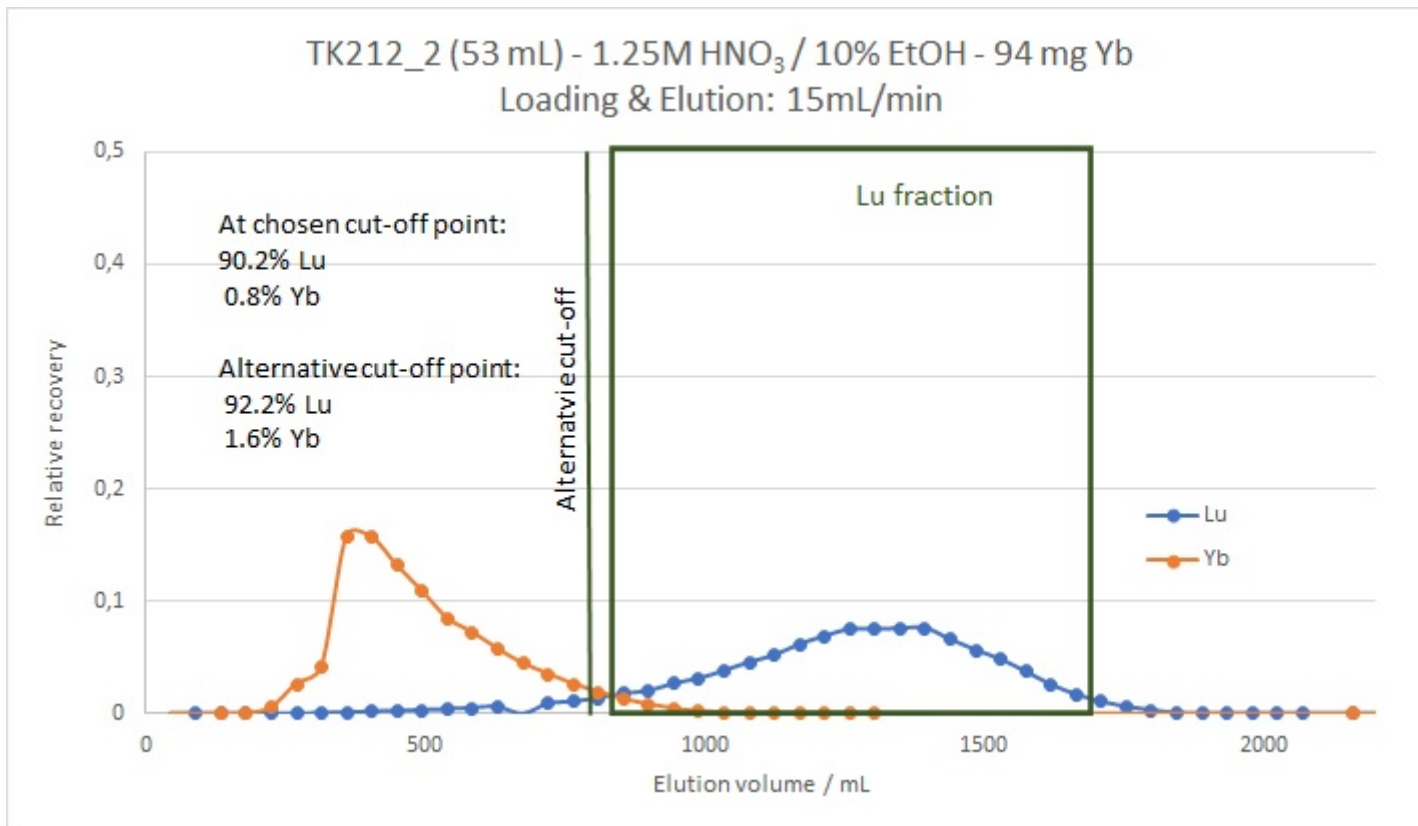
- Sequential separation step (direct load from TK212 onto TK211 for polish)
- Simplification of Horwitz method
- Can be upscaled to 1g or 2g (larger columns)

Lu separation from 500 mg Yb - TK212/TK221/TK212/TK211



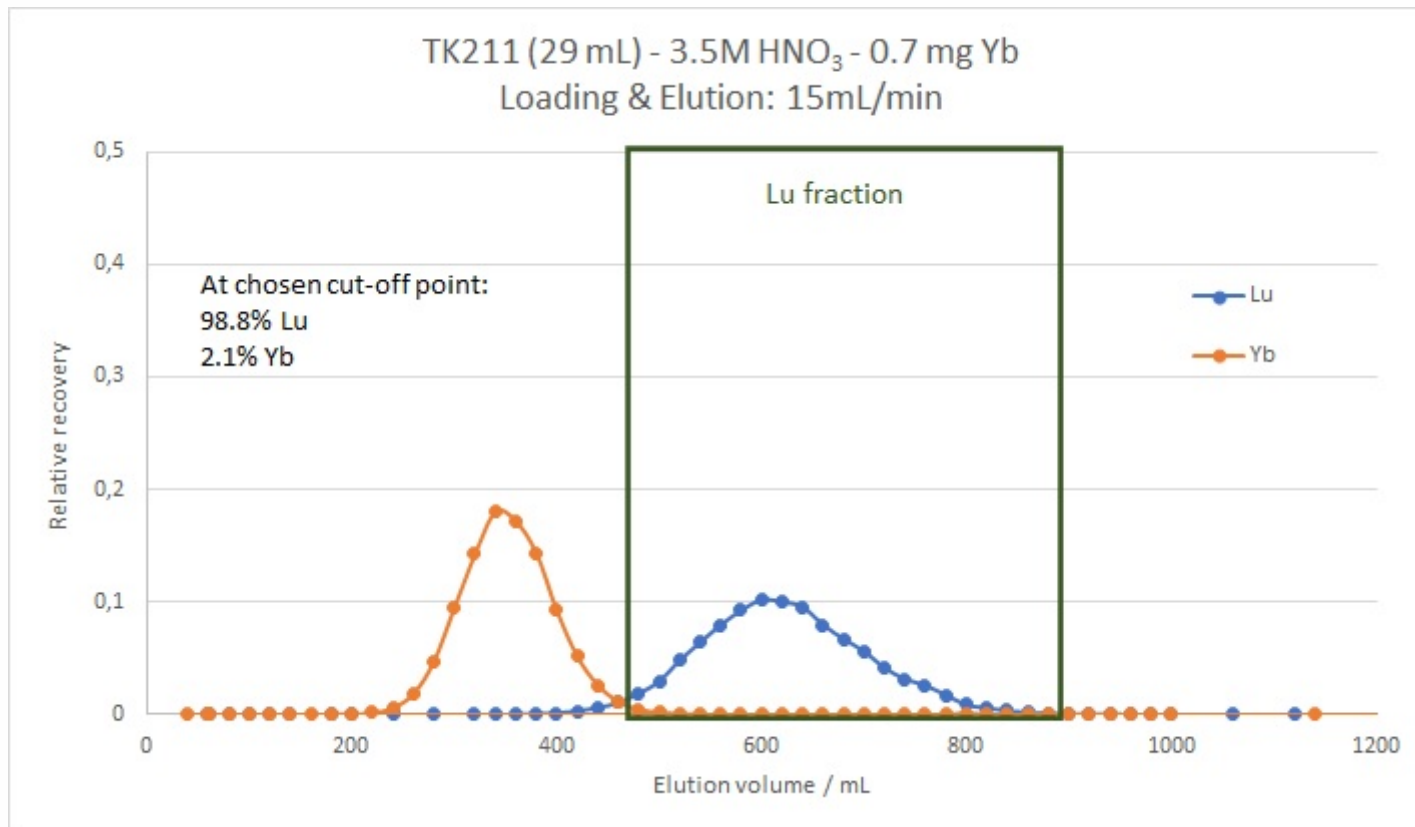
- Large tailing due to high Yb content
- Improved separation through use of 1.25M HNO₃ / 10% EtOH (v/v)
- Higher Lu yield at similar residual Yb compared to LN2 based method (cf. [LN Resins product sheet](#))
- Additional benefit from use of EtOH => improved radiolysis stability
- Online separation: switch at start of Lu fraction => ideally radiation detector driven

Lu separation from 500 mg Yb - TK212/TK221/TK212/TK211



- 2nd separation step on smaller TK212 (53 mL) after TK221 for conversion from high HNO₃ to dilute HCl
- Separation with e.g. 1.25M HNO₃ (with or without 10% EtOH)
- Direct loading of obtained Lu fraction onto TK211 Resin
 - Alternatively TK221/TK212 according to Horwitz et al.

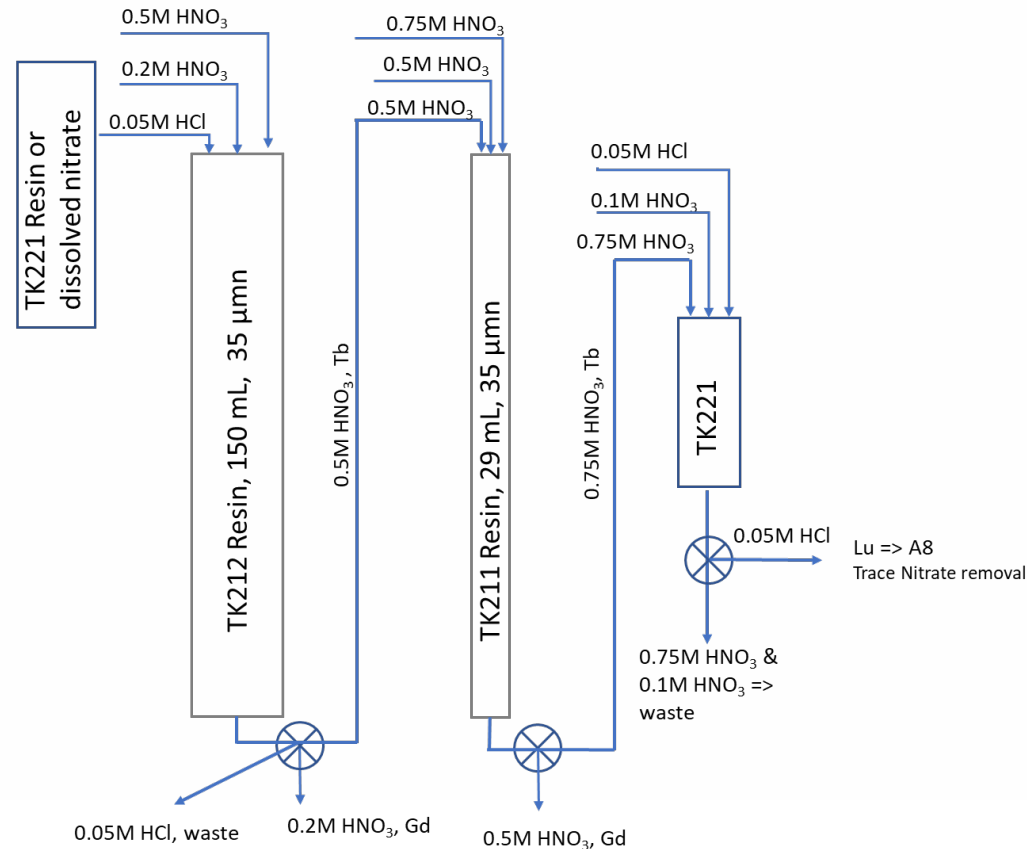
Lu separation from 500 mg Yb - TK212/TK221/TK212/TK211



- Lu / Yb separation on TK211 (29 mL) => Lu fraction directly loaded onto TK211 from TK212
- Overall Lu recovery of process approx 85%
- Low remaining Yb
- Flow rates may be optimized
- Final step: concentration/conversion to $\leq 0.05\text{M}$ HCl on TK221, nitrate removal via A8

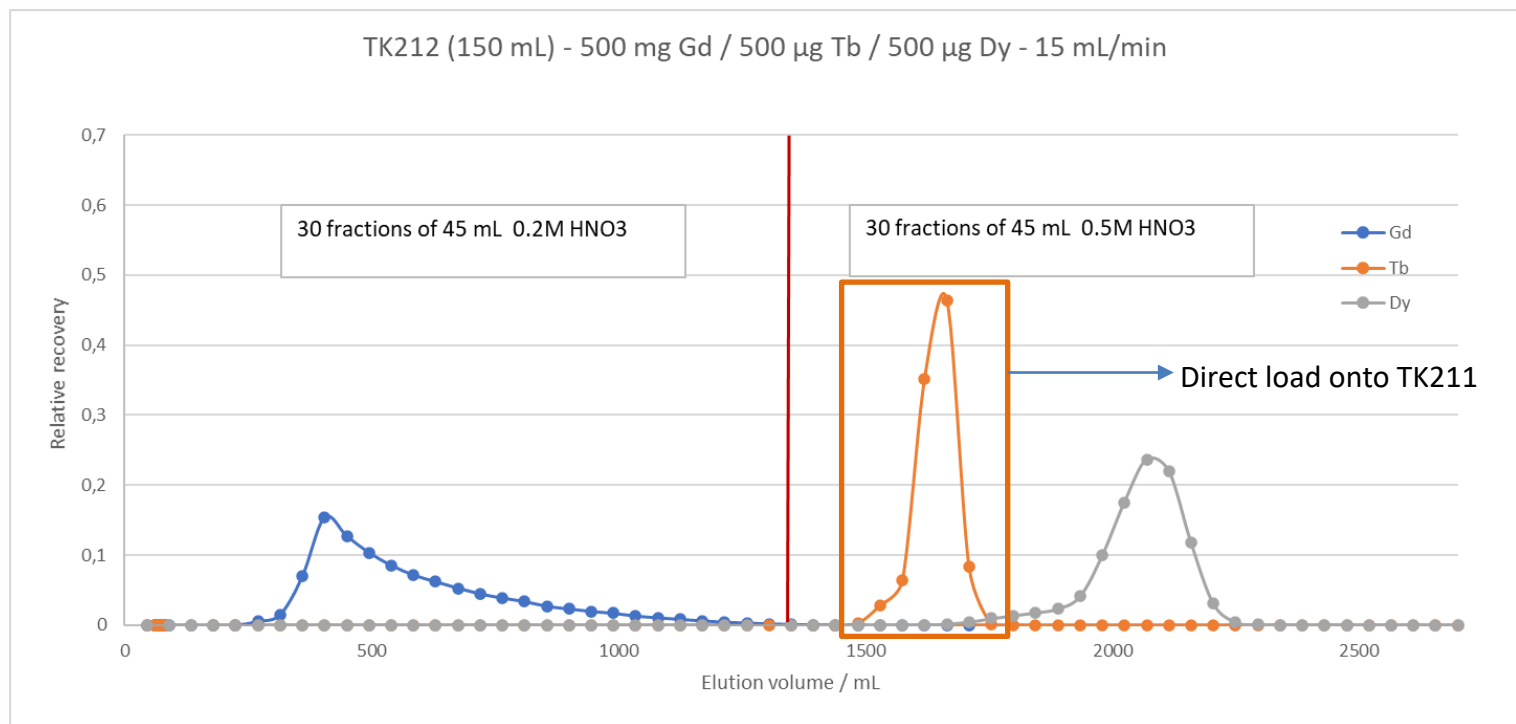
Tb separation from 500 mg Gd targets

- Schematic view of the tested process – example HNO_3
- Further options: improvement of separation through edition of EtOH or use of HCl



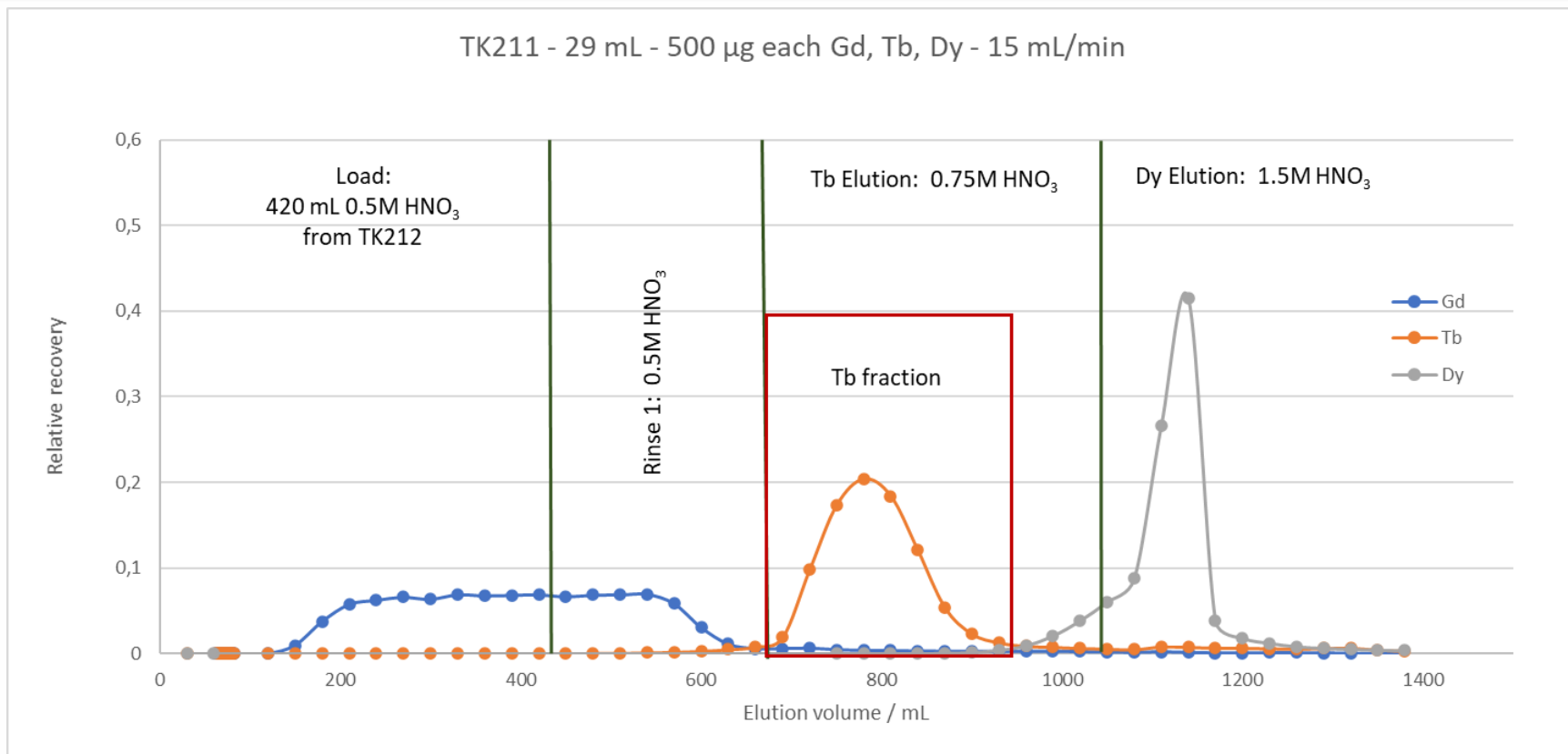
Tb separation from 500 mg Gd targets

- Initial separation on TK212 – 150 mL columns / HNO₃ or HCl
- TK212 method – further fine tuning ongoing (e.g. adjustment of eluents to 10% EtOH)
- Separation easier than Lu/Yb
- Polishing via direct load onto TK211 (29 mL)



Tb separation from 500 mg Gd on TK212 (150 mL column)

Tb polish on TK211

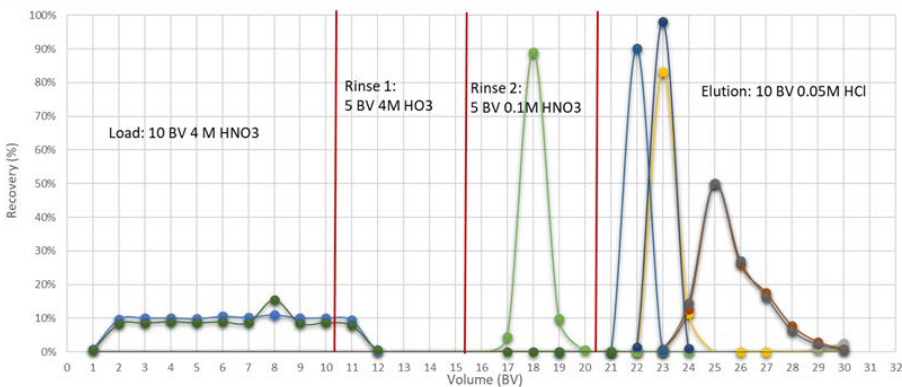


- Direct load of Tb fraction from TK212 onto TK211 (29 mL)
- Gd breakthrough during load & rinse with 0.5M HNO₃ (alternatively HCl)
- Method optimisation on-going
- Conversion to dilute HCl via TK221, A8 for nitrate removal

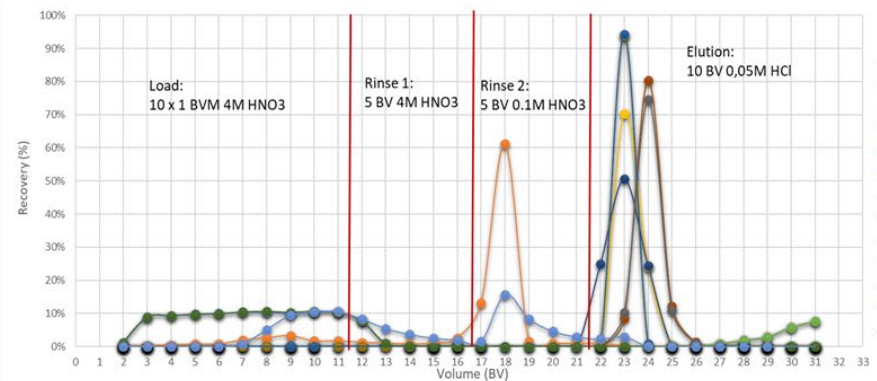
On-going developments Lu-177/Tb-161 – new TK221 Resin



- DGA well suited for ‘conversion’ and purification (Ca, Al, Fe,... removal)
 - Convert Lu from high nitric acid to dilute HCl
- Elution of heavy lanthanides needs elevated volumes
 - small volume preferred => high activity concentration
- Optimisation of DGA Resin => new TK221 Resin
 - Lu eluted in smaller volume
 - Should also work for Ac-225 conversion/purification => better: upcoming TK222 Resin
 - Also improved U retention



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Zr-89 separation on TBP Resin



- Method published by Graves et al.
- 400mg Y foils irradiated at 14 MeV (50 μ A)
- Dissolution in 10 mL conc. HCl
- Separation on 220 mg TBP Resin
- Load from 9.6M HCl, rinse with 20 mL 9.6M HCl
- Zr elution with 1 mL 0.1M HCl
- Zr yield: $89 \pm 3\%$, Y decontamination: 1.5×10^5
- Zr elution with oxalate, citrate, phosphate...
- Other applications of TBP Resin:
 - Sc isotope production from Ca targets (=> presentation EANM'18, Polatom)
 - Sn-117m from Cd targets



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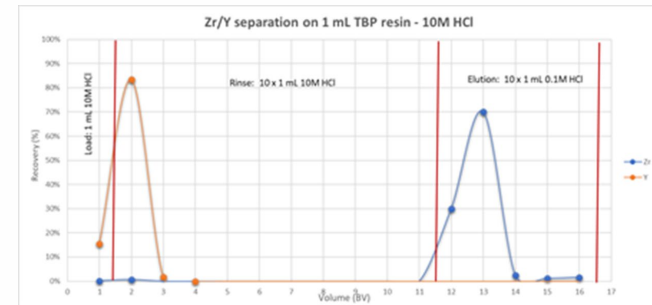
Evaluation of a chloride-based ^{89}Zr isolation strategy using a tributyl phosphate (TBP)-functionalized extraction resin

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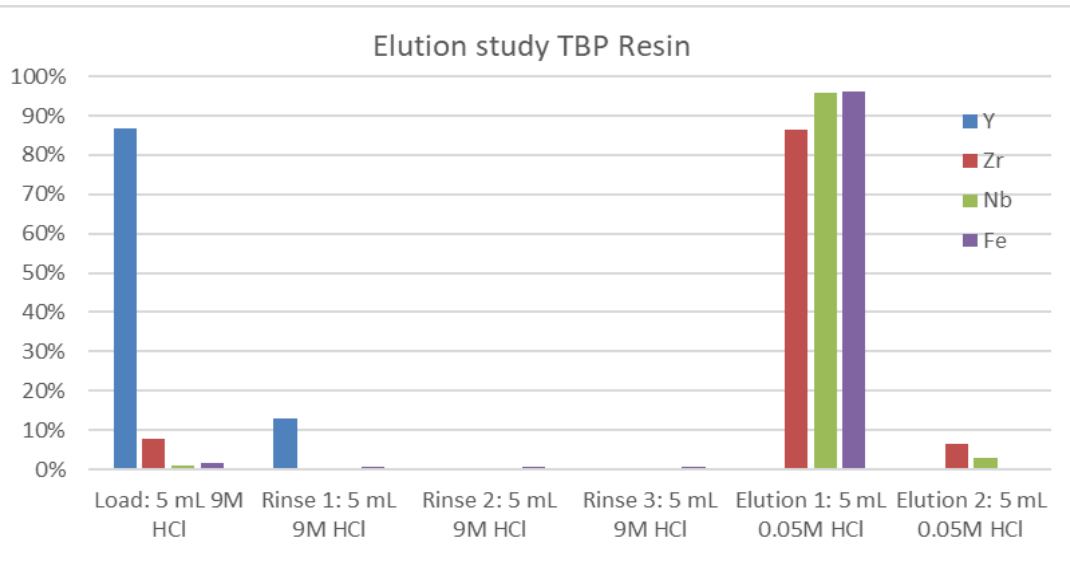
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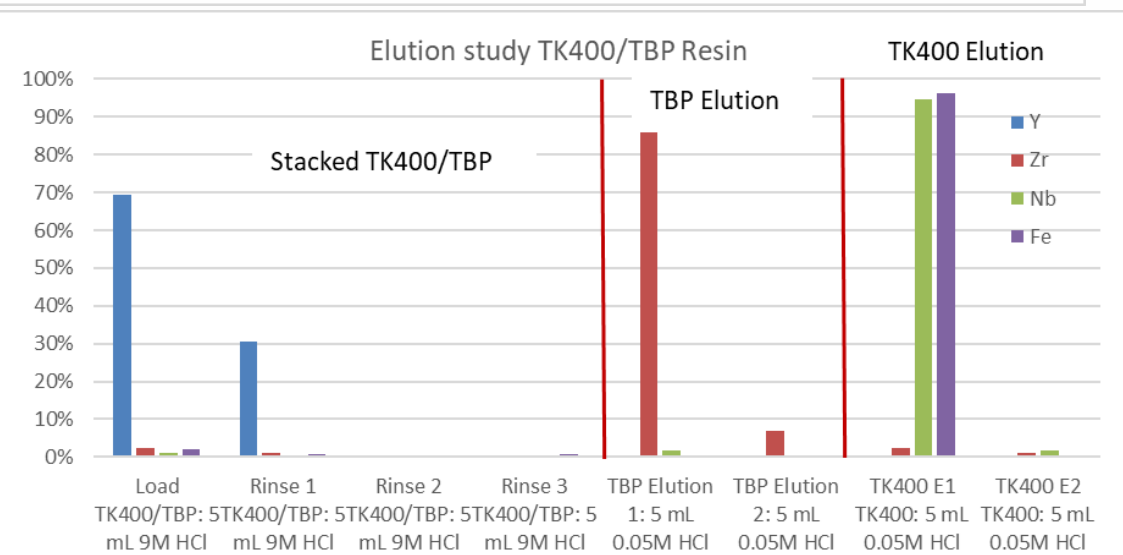
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Use of TK400 for Fe/Nb removal

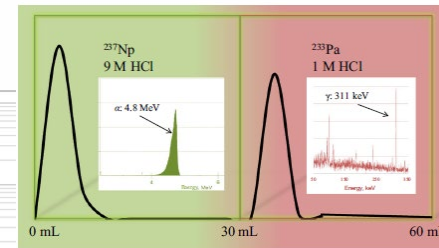
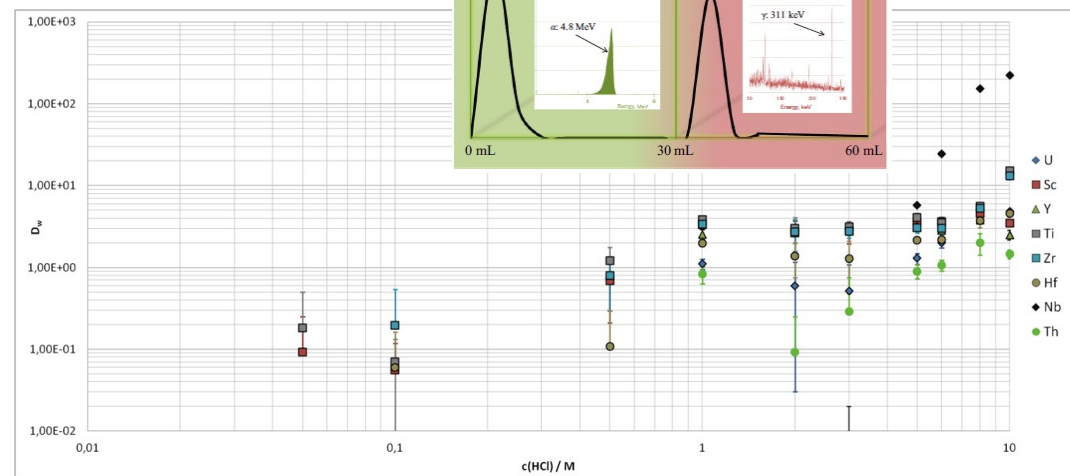
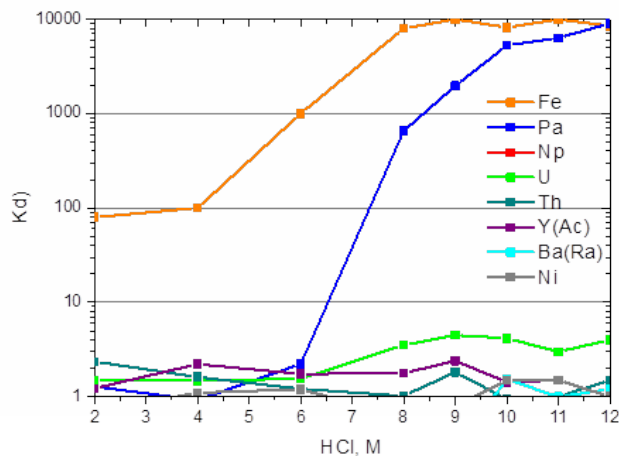


- On-going work – initial testing
- On TBP only:
 - Fe and Nb follow Zr
 - Test on vacuum box, 2 mL TBP cartridge
- Removal of Fe & Nb upfront possible using TK400 Resin
- Test with stacked 2 mL TK400/TBP cartridges
 - Load and Rinse: TK400 stacked above TBP
 - Elution: splitting of cartridges and separate elution
 - TBP => ZR
 - TK400 => Fe & Nb
 - Use of TK400 before TBP seems efficient



TK400 Resin

- Long chained alcohol
- Retention only at high HCl concentration, elution in low HCl, water,...
- Main application: Pa separation (Pa-231 determination by MS/Pa-230 for medical use)
 - NPL (no selectivity for actinides, Ac, Ra, Pb,...=> Pa-230 purif.)
 - Also retains Mo, Fe, Po, Ga
 - => single column Ga-68 from solid targets => Tieu et al.
 - Under testing for At separation and Ge conversion to dilute HCl
 - Nb separation from Zr possible (Nb-90)



Knight et al.

Chromatographic separation of the theranostic radionuclide ^{111}Ag from a proton irradiated thorium matrix



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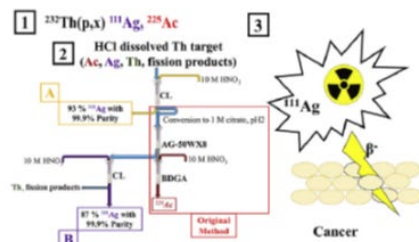
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Chromatographic recovery of medical isotope ^{111}Ag from proton irradiated thorium targets.
- First-time measured equilibrium distribution coefficients for silver and ruthenium on CL resin.
- ^{232}Th (p, fission) cross-section data for the formation of ^{111}Ag and ^{110m}Ag .

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Anal. Chem., 2018, <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.analchem.8b01380>

Separation of protactinium employing sulfur-based extraction chromatographic resins

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Decamp et al.: Iodine removal from elevated sample volumes[§]

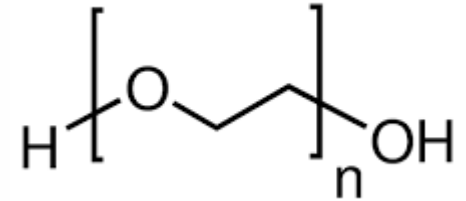
- Treatment of complex process effluents
 - > 10 L radioactive effluent (1M HNO₃)
- Issues with rad. waste storage
 - Storage as liquid waste challenging
 - Preferably stored as solid waste
- Use of mixed-bed columns
 - 3g Ag loaded CL resin (plus 4g XAD-4 resin)
- Flow rate up to 180 mL/min
- Radio-iodine retention: 89% - 98%
- Retention of up to 2000 GBq radio-iodine per 7g column

- Decontamination of effluents e.g. nuclear medicine departments

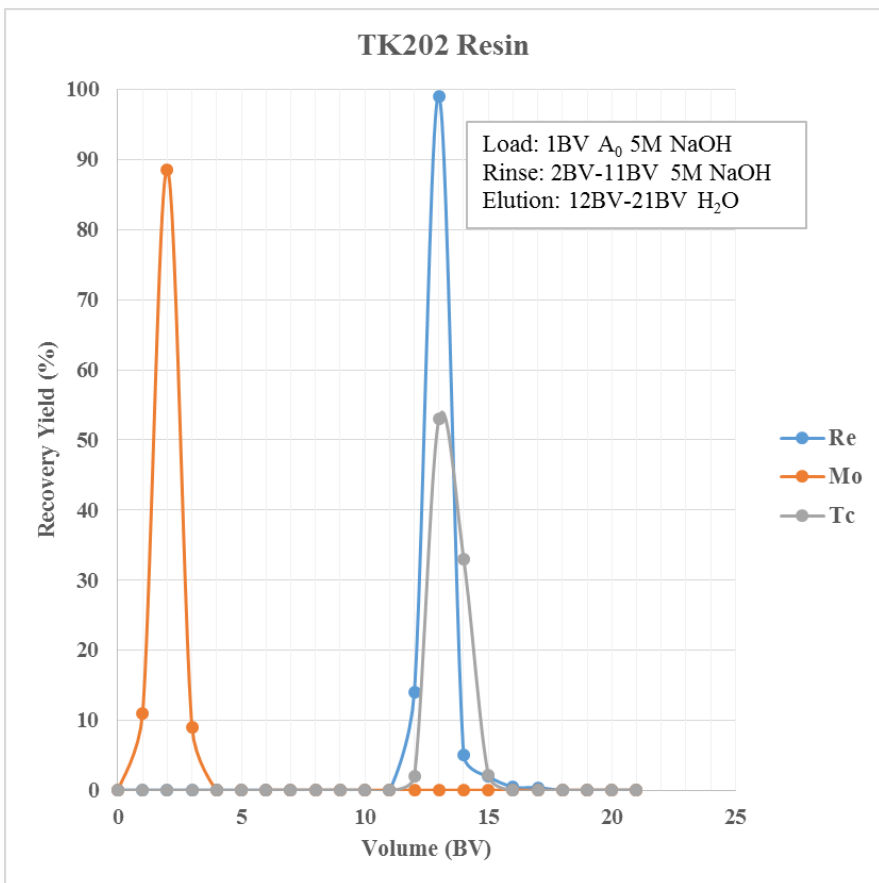
[§] C. Decamp (IRE), S. Happel: Utilization of a mixed-bed column for the removal of iodine from radioactive process waste solutions, Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry, online April 2013, DOI: 10.1007/s10967-013-2503-1

Beta testing: TK202 Resin

- Based on Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) grafted on inert support
- Tc retention from high NaOH (preferably 7M NaOH)
- Tc retention increased by Mo
- Separation from high masses of Mo
- Elution with water
- Pass through CEX and aluminium oxide for trace Mo removal
- Potential uses:
 - Radiopharmacy => direct Tc-99m production by irradiation of Mo targets
 - Cyclotron or reactor
 - Decommissioning => Tc determination in decommissioning samples after sample fusion

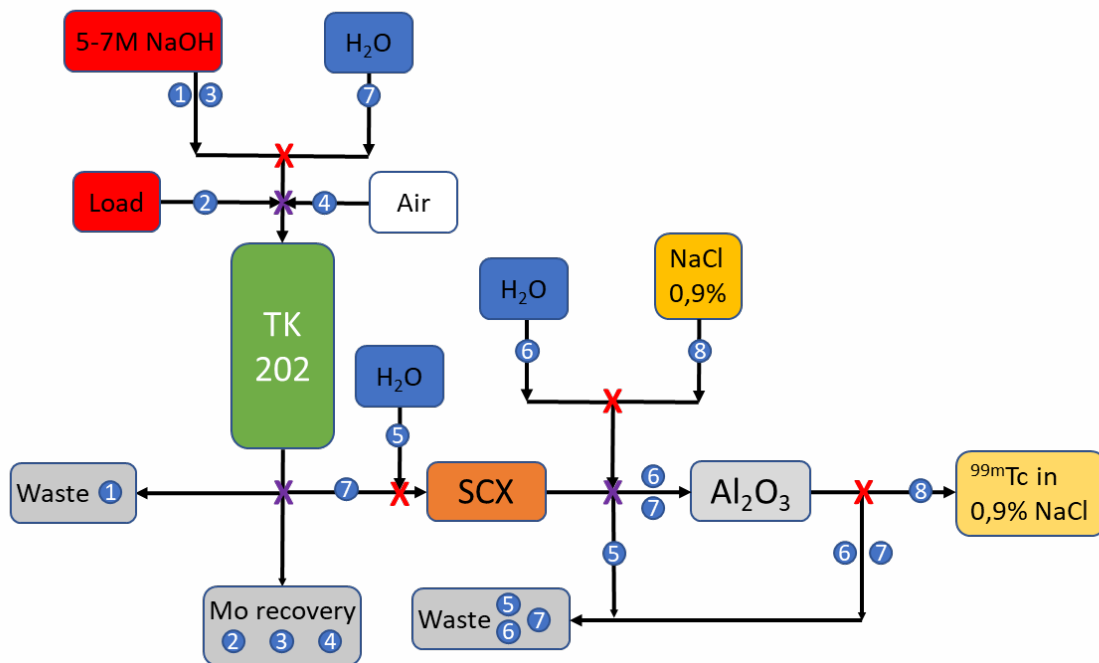


TK202 Resin – Elution curves



- Tests show Re-Tc have similar behaviour in tested conditions
- Clean separation of Re-Tc and recovery in 5BV H₂O
- Tests at Polatom with simulated Mo targets
- Poster presentation at ISTR2019, Vienna, 28/10/19 – 01/11/19
 - Tc recovery > 90% for 6 – 8g Mo per g of TK202
 - Tc recovery > 80% for 12g Mo per g of TK202

Tc-99m separation from Mo targets – suggested scheme (similar to Zeisler et al.)



- 1 Pre-cond. TK202 – 5-7M NaOH → alkaline waste
- 2 Load Mo/Tc on TK202 → Mo recovery
- 3 Rinse TK202 – 5-7M NaOH → Mo recovery
- 4 Purge TK202 – Air → Mo recovery
- 5 Pre-cond. SCX – HCl then H₂O → Aq. waste
- 6 Pre-cond. Al₂O₃ – H₂O → Aq. waste
- 7 Elute Tc from TK202 on SCX and load on Al₂O₃ – H₂O
- 8 Elute Tc from Al₂O₃ – NaCl 0,9% → Tc recovery

TK202 : 35-75 or 75-150μm
X : 3-ways valve
Λ : 4-ways valve
 SCX : Strong Cation Exchange
 Al₂O₃ : Acidic Alumina

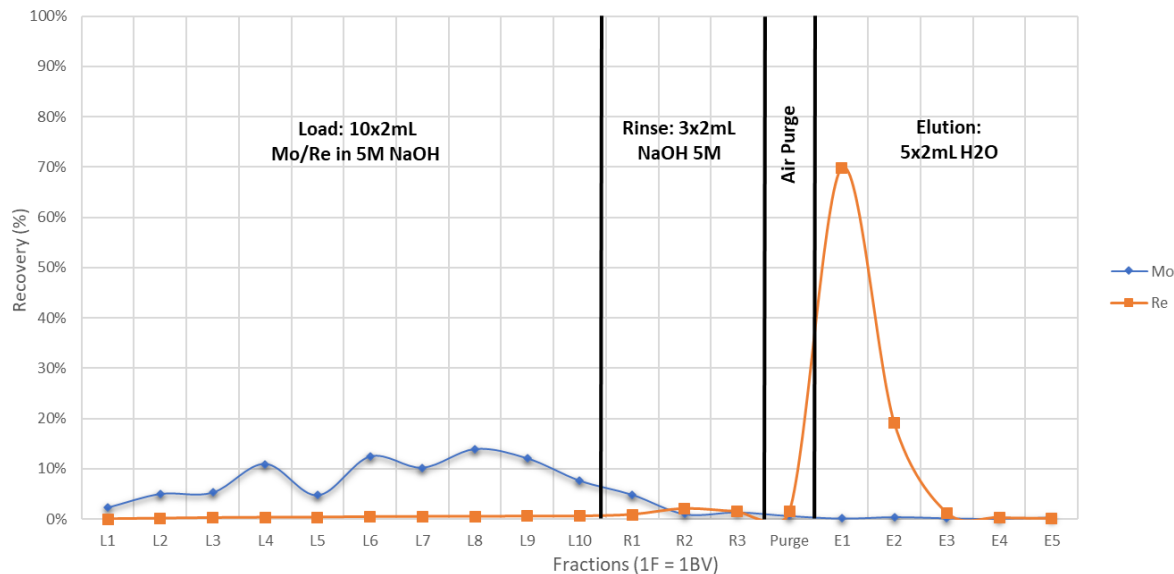
Developed with ReO₄⁻ as TcO₄⁻ surrogate

Re recovered on saline solution from alkaline

Separation with 2g Mo → From 20mL to 2mL
 Separation with 200g Mo → From 3L to 20mL

Tc-99m via cyclotron route

TK202 (2mL column) - Mo/Re separation - 2g/2 μ g - load from 5M NaOH

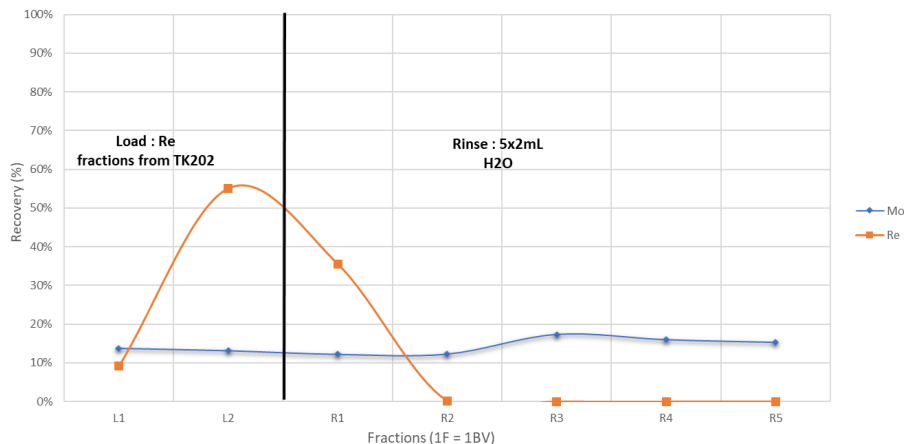


Tests performed cold with 2g Mo and 2 μ g Re

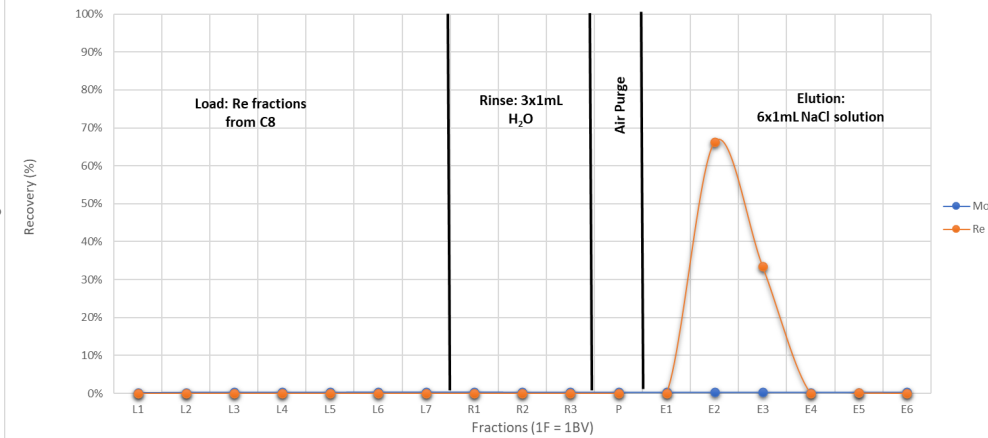
- 2 mL TK202 cartridge
- 2 mL C8 cartridge
- 1 mL Al₂O₃ cartridge

Method similar to Zeisler et al.
High Re yield (~90%) in 2 – 3 mL 0.9% NaCl solution

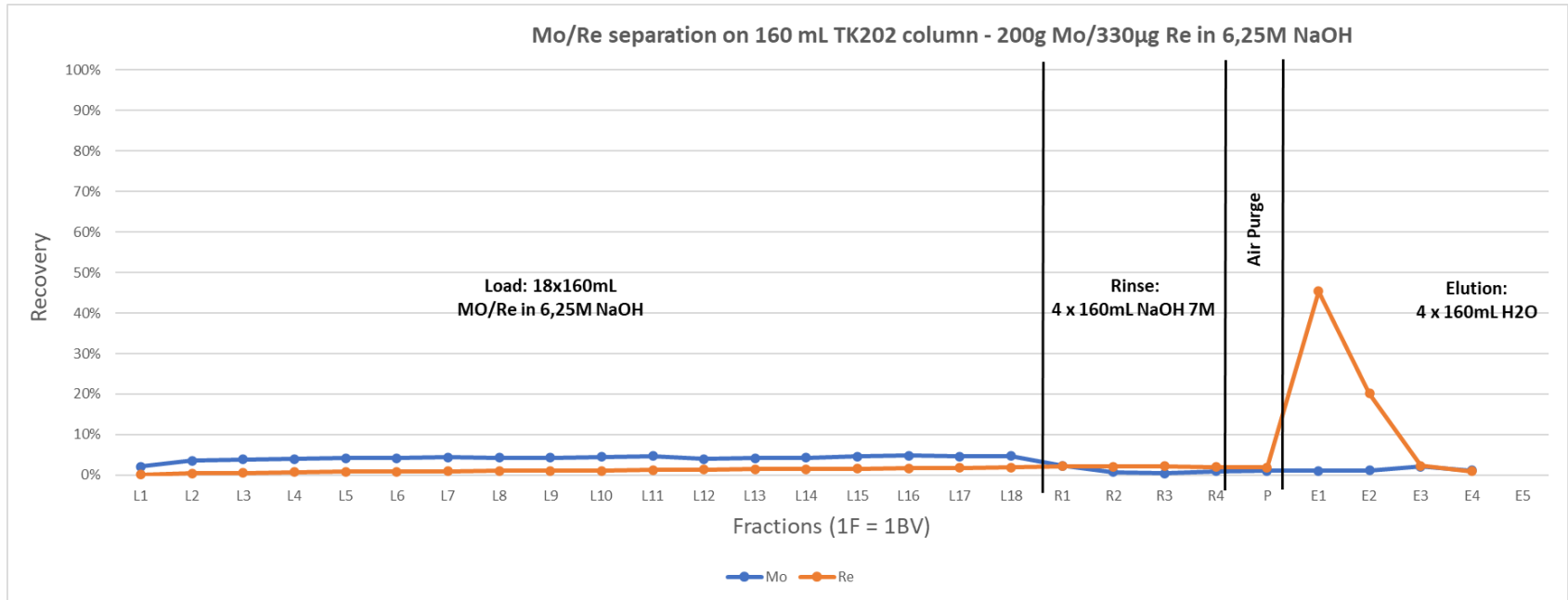
Tc fraction acidification and Na removal on 2mL C8 cartridge



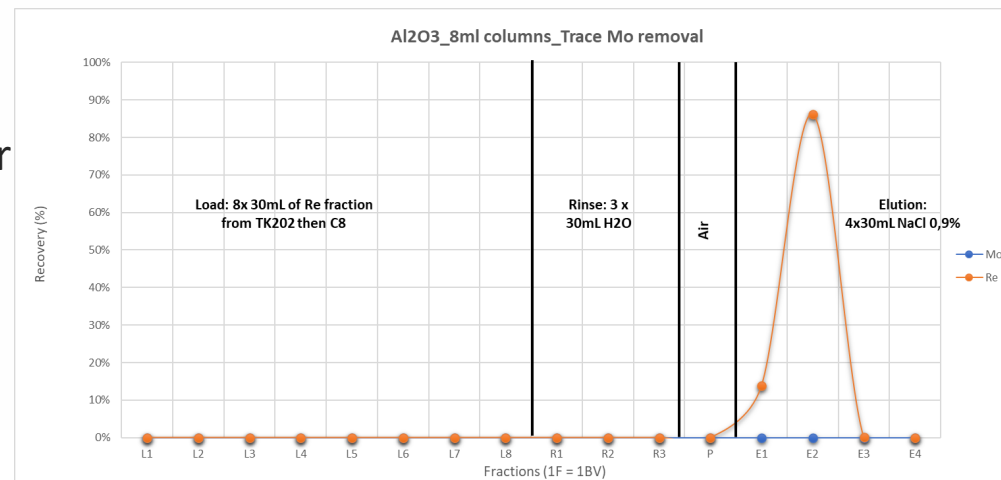
Trace Mo removal on Al₂O₃ cartridge (1ml cartridge)



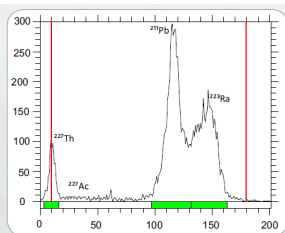
On-going :Tc-99m from large Mo targets



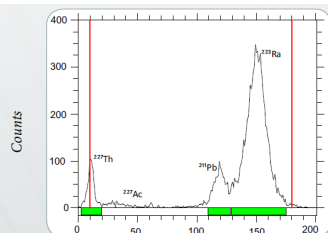
- On-going work on 200g Mo
- ~160 mL TK202 column
- Load from 6 - 7M NaOH - elution in water
- Pass through C8 cartridge for acidification and Na removal
- Final concentration/conversion to 0.9% NaCl on 8 mL Al₂O₃ cartridge



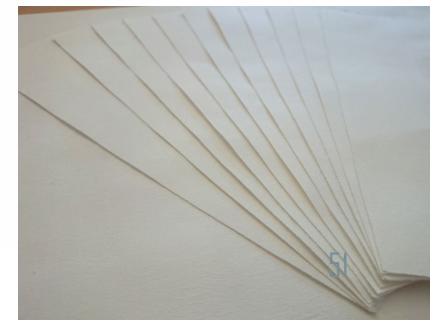
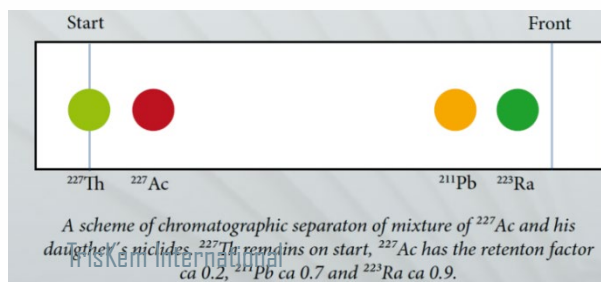
- TO-DGA (normal DGA) and TEH-DGA (branched DGA) available
- QC of radionuclides and generator eluents (p.ex. Ra-223, Ac-225/Bi-213, Pb-212, Ge-68/Ga-68 ...)
 - TLC scanner or radiometer/LSC after cutting
 - Therapy: alpha emitters
 - Diagnostics e.g. generator produced Ga-68
- More types of sheets under development (selectivities, geometry)
 - TK201, LN, UTEVA,...
- 2D TLC under development => use in decommissioning
 - Quadratic sheet, two runs (90° turn in-between) with different acids => 2D pattern
 - Measurement e.g. with Ai4r Beaver system (high res α/β discrimination counting)



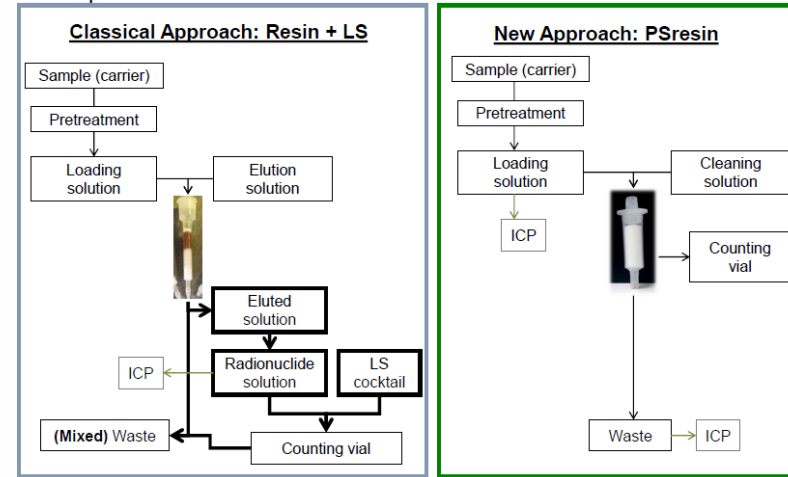
Radiochromatogram measured immediately after separation. Low abundant radiations of ^{227}Ac were not detected.



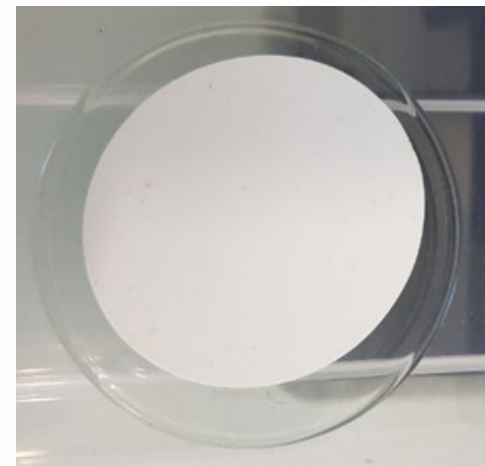
Radiochromatogram measured one hour after separation. Decay and ingrowth of ^{210}Pb is clearly visible.



- Scintillating Resins (PSm)
- Developed by Uni Barcelona (Garcia)
- « TK ELScint » range of products
- First: « TK TcScint »
 - Similar to TEVA
- Plastic scintillator beads impregnated with selective extractants
- Direct measurement of cartridges after loading on LS counter
- Environmental/decommissioning monitoring => Tc-99 by LSC
- Chemical yield preferably via Re/ICP-MS in effluents
- Use in QC?



- Range of **extractive membrane filters (MF)**
- Rapid separation (up to 100 mL / min)
- Preferably for use with water samples (1 – 5L)
 - Under development:
 - TK201 (Tc)
 - TK100 (Sr), TK101 (Pb, Ra)
 - TK200 (actinides)
 - AC (gross alpha)
 - CL Resin (radio iodine)
 - Calixarenes (Ra)
 - ...

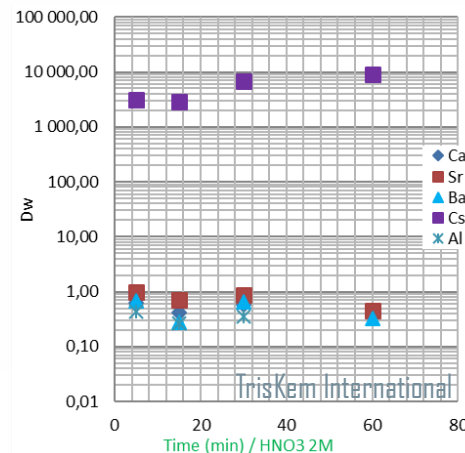
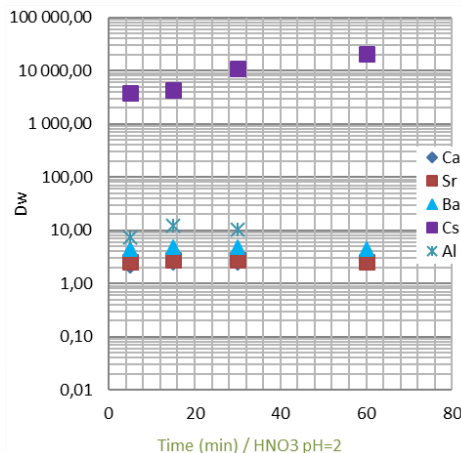


PAN based resins for decontamination

- Laureate '1. vague concours d 'innovation 2018' of the BPI
- Range of PAN based resins (other polymers possible - depending on pH)
 - Decontamination of effluents => radionuclides, heavy metals, pollutants...
 - High content of inorganic compounds (~85%)
 - Organic compounds also possible (HDEHP, TBP,...)
 - Mechanical stability
 - Control of particle shape, diameter, porosity
 - High porosity/active surface => fast kinetics

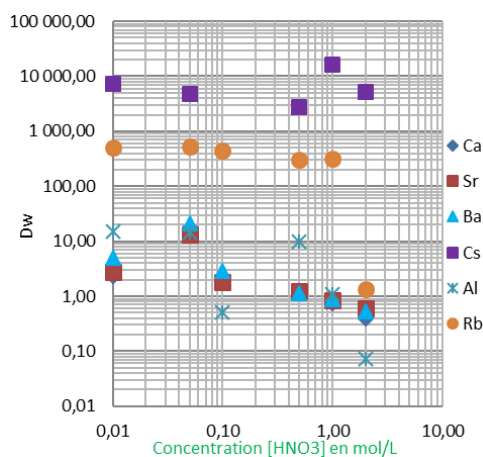
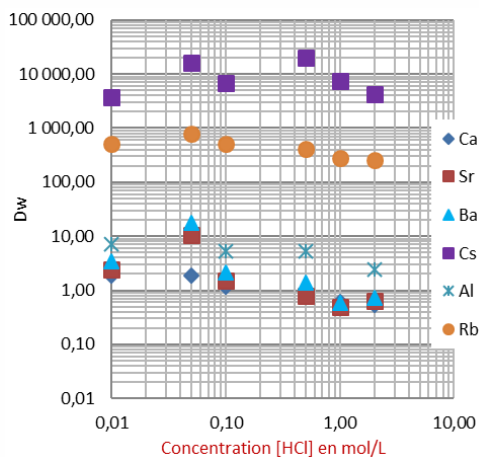


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- Platform technology

- Control/choice of wide range of selectivities
- Variety of inorganic compounds embedded in organic matrix
 - AMP & KNiFC for Cs, SbO for Sr/Y, ZrP for Sr, TiO for actinides and activation products, FeO for Se, CeO₂ or SnO₂ for Ge, NaBiO₃ for Am/Cm separation, MnO₂ for Ra,...
- Organic extractants may be embedded, too



AMP-PAN selectivity in various concentrations of HNO₃/HCl

- Large scale production of resins under development

Some other on-going projects

- SE Resin
- Sc separation
- Ac separation (incl. Ra recycling)
- At separation (TK400,...)
- Tl separation
- Improvement of radiolysis stability
- Functionalised polymers & silicates,...
 - e.g. DO-DGA, DE-DGA, macrocycles,...
- Ra separation (TK100/1, CAs)
- Microfluidics
- Impregnated tube inserts/pipette tips
- Impregnated membranes
- Li Resin
- Cs/Rb separation (TK300)
- Rapid tests
 - Test sticks => Uni Southampton
 - DGA Sheets (2D TLC)
 - Spin coated discs
- DGT (Diffusive Gradients in Thin Films) => 'bio-availability'

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