

# **Determination of Difficult-to-Measure Nuclides in Radioactive Wastes of NPP Paks, Hungary**



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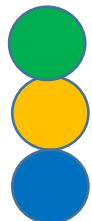
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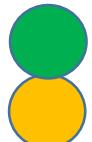
## **Nuclear facilities, radioactive wastes and waste characterization in Hungary**

### **Determination of DTM nuclides at RADANAL Ltd.**

Determination of actinides and  $^{93}\text{Zr}$  in NPP wastes with combined methods based on the use of  
UTEVA,  
TRU,  
DGA



Determination of DTM fission products:  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ,  
 $^{135}\text{Cs}$



Determination of DTM activation products:  $^{55}\text{Fe}$ - $^{59}\text{Ni}$ - $^{63}\text{Ni}$   
 $^{93\text{m}}\text{Nb}$ - $^{94}\text{Nb}$ - $^{125}\text{Sb}$



### **Brief overview on the determination of DTM nuclides at INR-ISOTOPTECH Co.**



$^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{108\text{m}}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{107}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{79}\text{Se}$

### **Scaling factors**

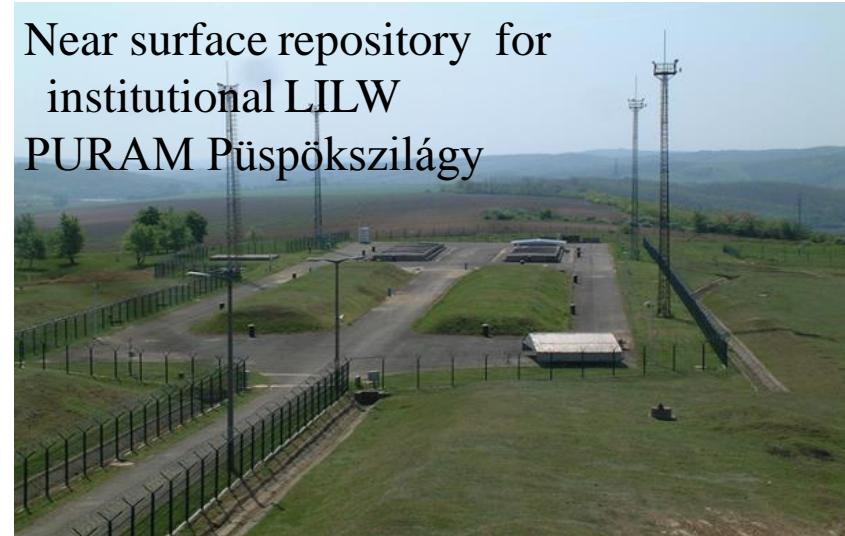
# Nuclear facilities in Hungary

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1982

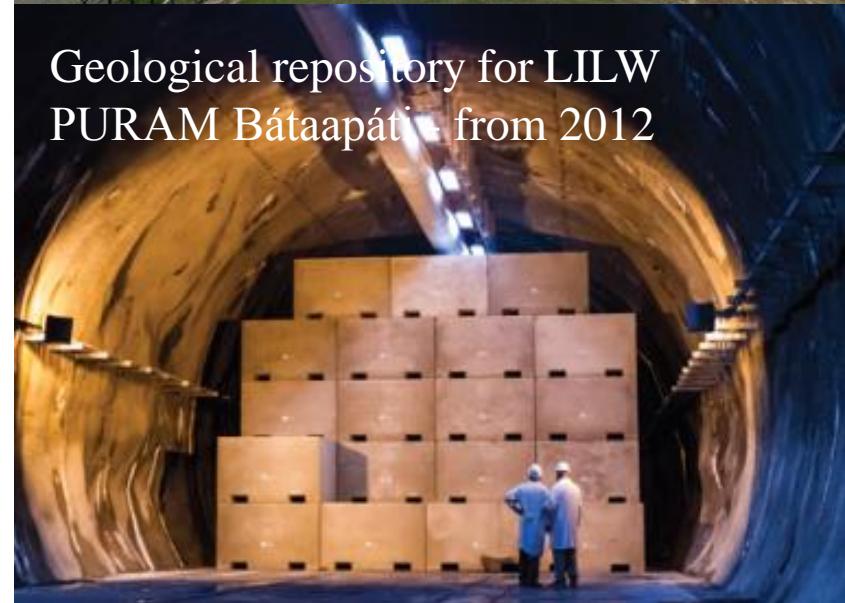
VVER 440/V 213 pressurised water reactors



Near surface repository for  
institutional LILW  
PURAM Püspökszilág



Geological repository for LILW  
PURAM Bátaapáti - from 2012



# Waste processing and characterization at NPP Paks

## Solid wastes:

collection, compression, storage in drums (210 L), 707 drums in 2014

Characterization by Segmented Gamma Scanning (SGS) of drums and SF method



## Liquid radioactive wastes:

radioactivity originates from the PC

collected and processed by evaporation

- **evaporator concentrates:** stored in tanks of 200 m<sup>3</sup>

~400 g/L salt content (borate), pH ~13 (NaOH),  
oxalic acid, citric acid, EDTA

LILW

~6500 m<sup>3</sup> by 2014

## liquid waste treatment technology (LWT):

destruction of organics with KMnO<sub>4</sub>, removal of Co by filtration of hydroxide ppt,

ultrafiltration, Cs removal with CsTREAT (FORTUM) ion exchanger, borax removal

solidification by cementization, storage in drums, burial at Waste Depository Bátaapáti + clearance

## wastes of different composition

- **decontamination solutions:** AP-CITROX technology
- **spent resins**

Characterization by  $\gamma$  scanning, isotope specific analysis → SF calculation

# Nuclides to be analyzed

Institute for Nuclear Research, HAS - ISOTOPTECH Co.					RADANAL Ltd.				
Nuclide	T <sub>1/2</sub> (year)	MDA [Bq/l]	Type of measurement	Remark	Nuclide	T <sub>1/2</sub> (year)	MDA [Bq/l]	Type of measurement	Remark
<b>Activation products</b>							<b>Fission products</b>		
<sup>3</sup> H	12,32	1	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>90</sup> Sr	29,1	1	beta spectrometry	DTM
<sup>14</sup> C	5730	1	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>135</sup> Cs	2300000	1	NAA	DTM
<sup>36</sup> Cl	301000	10	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>125</sup> Sb	2,76	NR	ICP-MS	
<sup>41</sup> Ca	102000	10	AMS	DTM	<b>Activated corrosion products</b>				
<b>Fission products</b>							<b>Actinides</b>		
<sup>129</sup> I	15700000	0,1	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>55</sup> Fe	2,73	1	X-ray spectrometry	DTM
<sup>99</sup> Tc	211000	0,1	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>59</sup> Ni	75000	1	X-ray spectrometry	DTM
<sup>106</sup> Ru	1,01	NR	gamma spectrometry		<sup>63</sup> Ni	100	10	beta spectrometry	DTM
<sup>107</sup> Pd	6500000	1	beta spectrometry	DTM	<sup>93</sup> Zr	1500000	1	ICP-MS	DTM
<sup>79</sup> Se	327000	10	ICP-MS	DTM	<sup>93m</sup> Nb	16,1	10	X-ray spectrometry	DTM
<sup>134</sup> Cs	2,06	NR	gamma spectrometry		<sup>94</sup> Nb	20300	1	gamma spectrometry	DTM
<sup>137</sup> Cs	30,07	10	gamma spectrometry	KN					
<sup>144</sup> Ce	0,78	NR	gamma spectrometry						
<sup>154</sup> Eu	8,8	NR	gamma spectrometry						
<b>Activated corrosion products</b>									
<sup>54</sup> Mn	0,85	NR	gamma spectrometry		<sup>234</sup> U	244000	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
<sup>60</sup> Co	5,27	10	gamma spectrometry	KN	<sup>235</sup> U	704000000	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
<sup>108m</sup> Ag	418	1	gamma spectrometry	DTM	<sup>237</sup> Np	2100000	0,05	ICP-MS	DTM
<sup>110m</sup> Ag	0,68	NR	gamma spectrometry		<sup>238</sup> U	4470000000	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
<b>KN</b>	<b>Key Nuclide</b>				<sup>238</sup> Pu	86,4	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
<b>DTM</b>	<b>Difficult-to-Measure Nuclide</b>				<sup>239</sup> Pu	24400	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
					<sup>240</sup> Pu	6540	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
					<sup>241</sup> Am	432	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
					<sup>243</sup> Am	7380	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
					<sup>242</sup> Cm	0,45	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM
					<sup>244</sup> Cm	17,9	0,05	alpha spectrometry	DTM

# **Determination of DTM nuclides at RADANAL Ltd.**

# Determination of actinides and $^{93}\text{Zr}$

Goal was to develop a combined procedure for the selective separation of Pu, Am-Cm, Np, U, Th (Zr) using a **single chromatographic column**.

The procedure should be

- adequate for analysis of liquid NPP waste (accurate, sensitive for LLW)
- adequate for measurement by  $\alpha$  spectrometry and/or ICP-MS
- simple, cheap, fast for use in emergency situation.

Resin of high selectivity  
for actinides is needed.

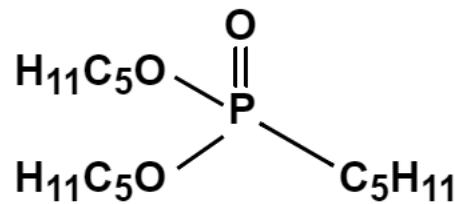
3 methods have been developed:

- UTEVA procedure**
- TRU procedure**
- DGA procedure**

# UTEVA® procedure

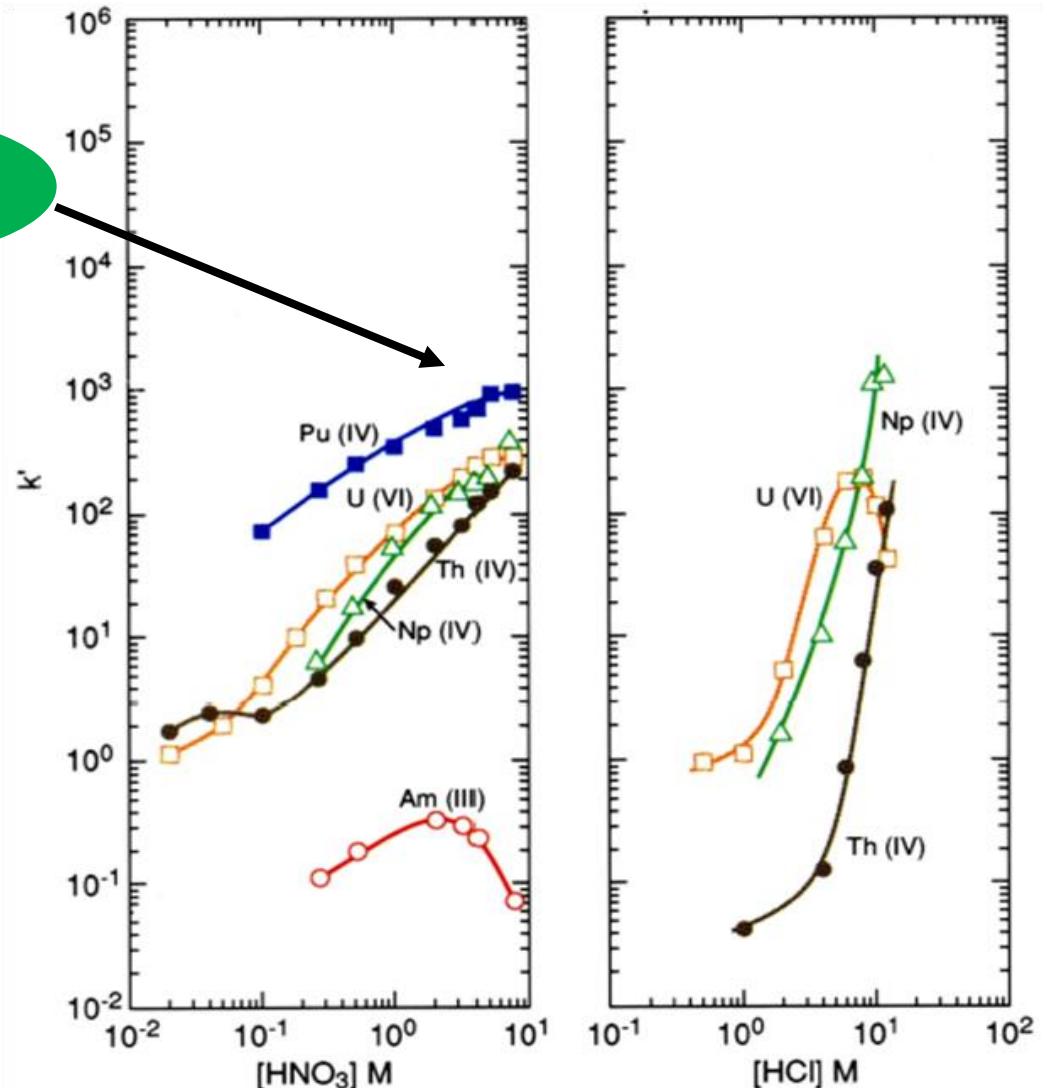
## Chromatographic procedure for actinides (U, Th, Pu, Np)

Pu(IV) or Pu(VI)  
U(VI)  
Th(IV)  
Np(VI)



DP[PP]

High  $k'$  for  
Ac(IV, VI)  
not for Am



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# UTEVA procedure: Basic concept of separation

- **Load:**

U(VI), Th(IV), Np(VI), Pu(VI) –  $K_2S_2O_8$  or

U(VI), Th(IV), Pu(IV) –  $NaNO_2$

retention of actinides from 8M  $HNO_3$ /0.5M  $Fe(NO_3)_3$ :

- **Elution of Pu(III)** with 9M HCl/ $NH_4I$

Reduction of Pu to Pu(III)

- **Elution of Th, Np** with 4M HCl

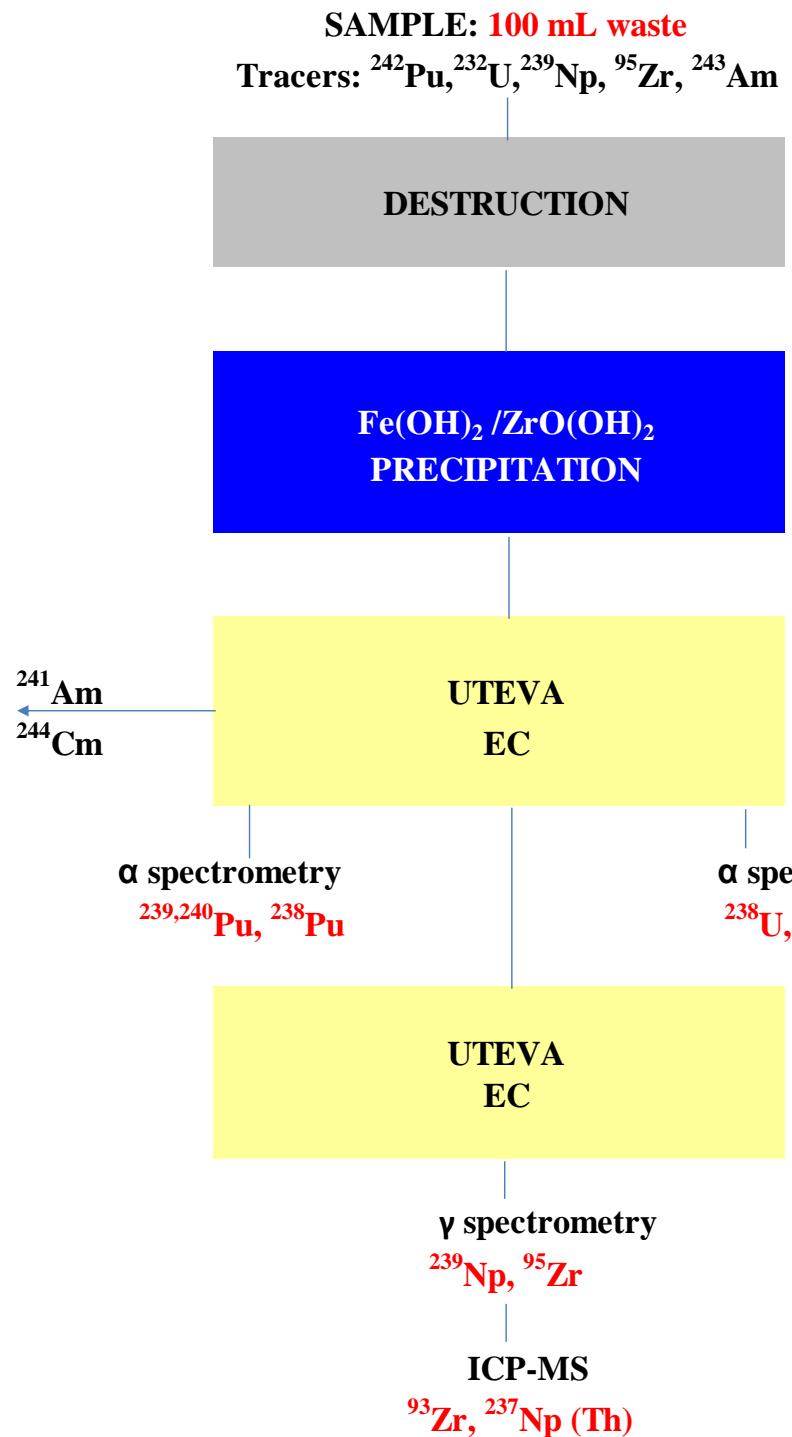
- **Elution of U** with 0.1M HCl.

Ac(VI) and Ac(IV)  
after oxidation  
state adjustment

Fe(III) nitrate is  
used as salting-out  
agent

On-column  
reduction to  
Pu(III), Np(IV)

Ac(III) are not  
retained!



# Determination of U, Pu (Np, Zr) in NPP wastes

## Flowchart of the UTEVA procedure

Acid destruction

Preconcentration is necessary

Oxidation state adjustment is recommended:  
 $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$  with  $\text{Ag}^+$  catalyst to form Np(VI), Pu(VI)

Load from 8M  $\text{HNO}_3$  with  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  as salting-out agent

**Optional: Np, Zr determination**

Np-Zr purification with UTEVA from 9M HCl load

**Optional: Am determination** from the 1st UTEVA effluent:

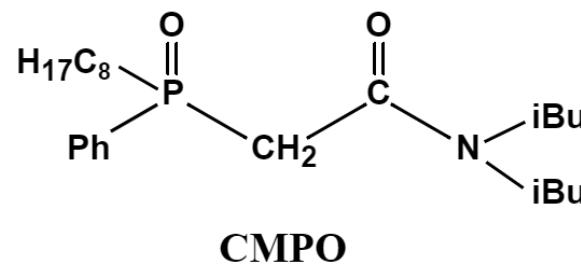
Preconcentration with Ca oxalate  
Am separation with TRU resin

# TRU® procedure

## Chromatographic procedure for all actinides (Ac) in small samples

Pu  
Np  
Th  
U

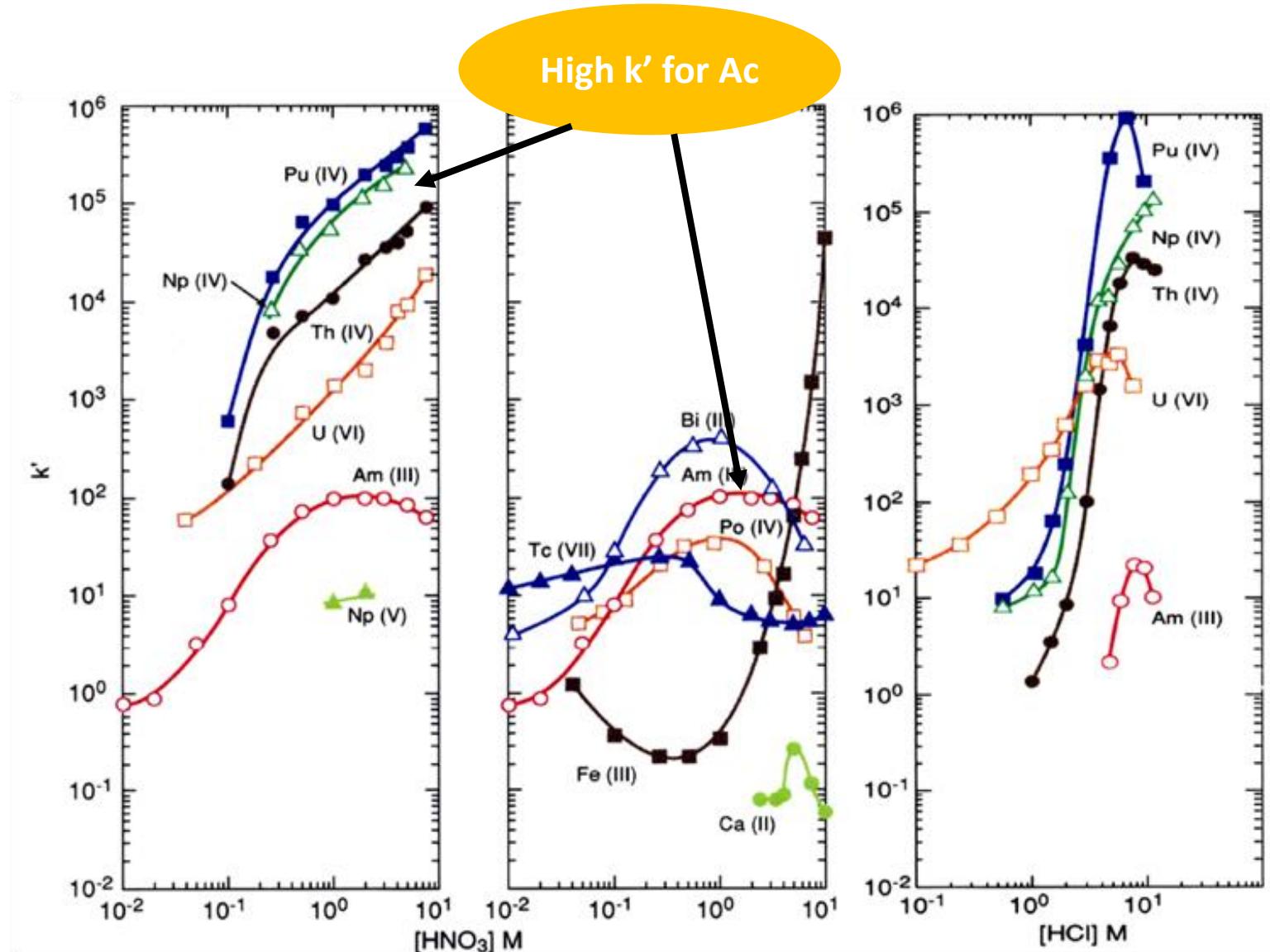
Am



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# TRU procedure: Basic concept of the separation

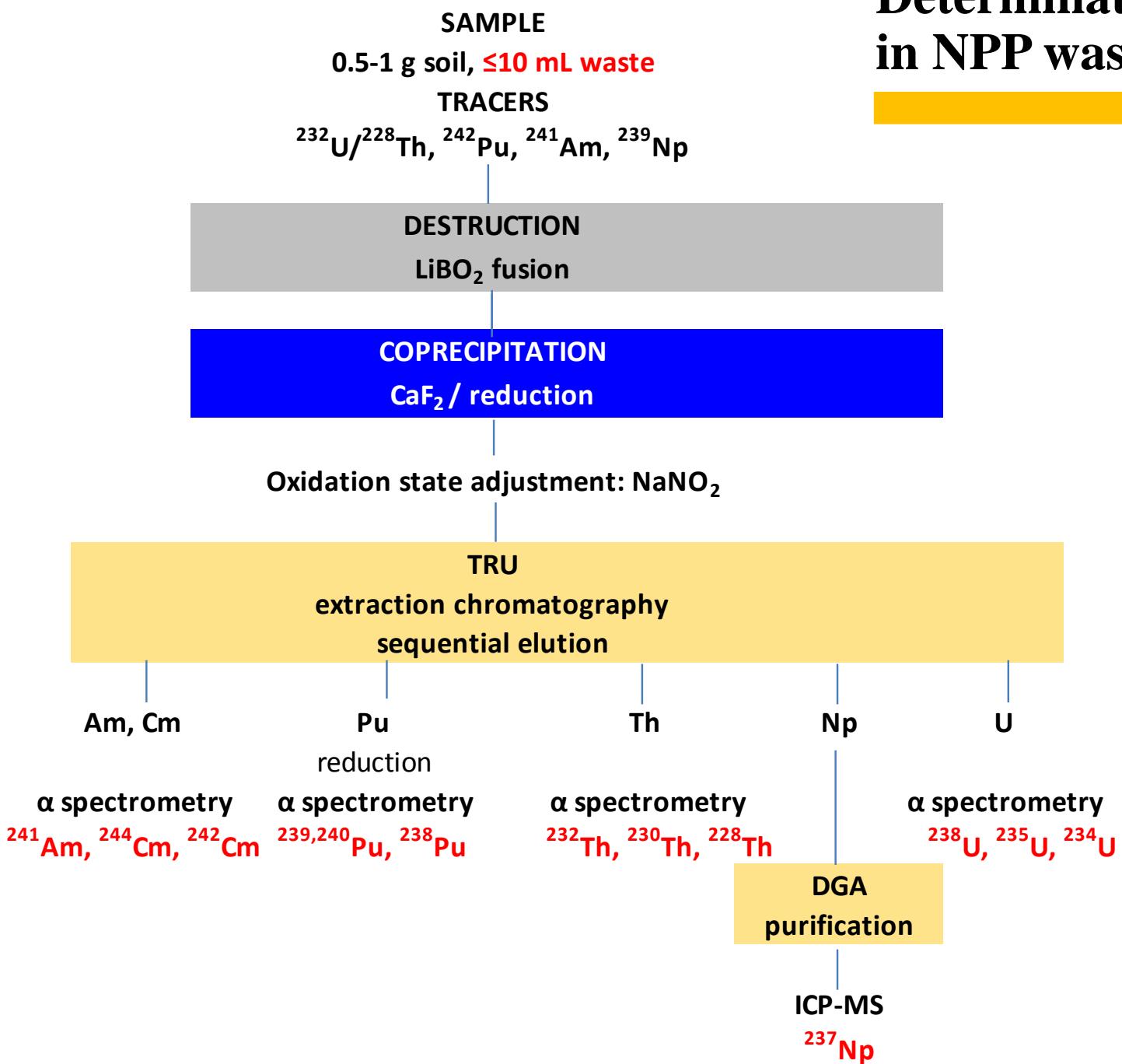
- **Load:** retention of all actinides from 2M HNO<sub>3</sub>  
Pu(IV), Am(III), U(VI), Th(IV), Np(IV),
- **Elution of Am** with 4M HCl.
- **Elution of Pu(III)** with 4M HCl /Ti<sup>3+</sup>  
while  
Np is reduced to Np(IV) - retained,  
Th and U(IV) are retained
- **Elution of Th** with 2M HCl/Ti<sup>4+</sup>
- **Elution of Np** with 2M HCl/Ti<sup>3+</sup>  
while U is retained,
- **Elution of U** with 0.1M HCl.

Ac(III), Ac(IV),  
Ac(VI) are retained

On-column redox  
reactions are  
feasible!

Small load  
otherwise Am  
leakage

# Determination of Pu, Am, Cm, U (Np) isotopes in NPP wastes – flowchart of TRU procedure



Rapid method for Am and Pu due to fusion

Optional: destruction with mineral acids

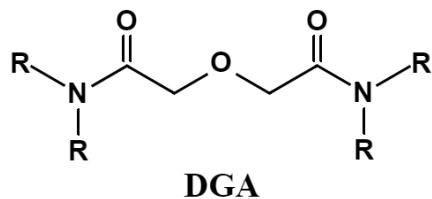
Coprecipitation is necessary  
Removal of matrix

Optional analysis of Pu, Th, Np, U isotopes after purification with DGA resin columns to remove Ti species using other tracers by ICP-MS

# DGA® procedure

## Chromatographic procedure for all actinides (Ac)

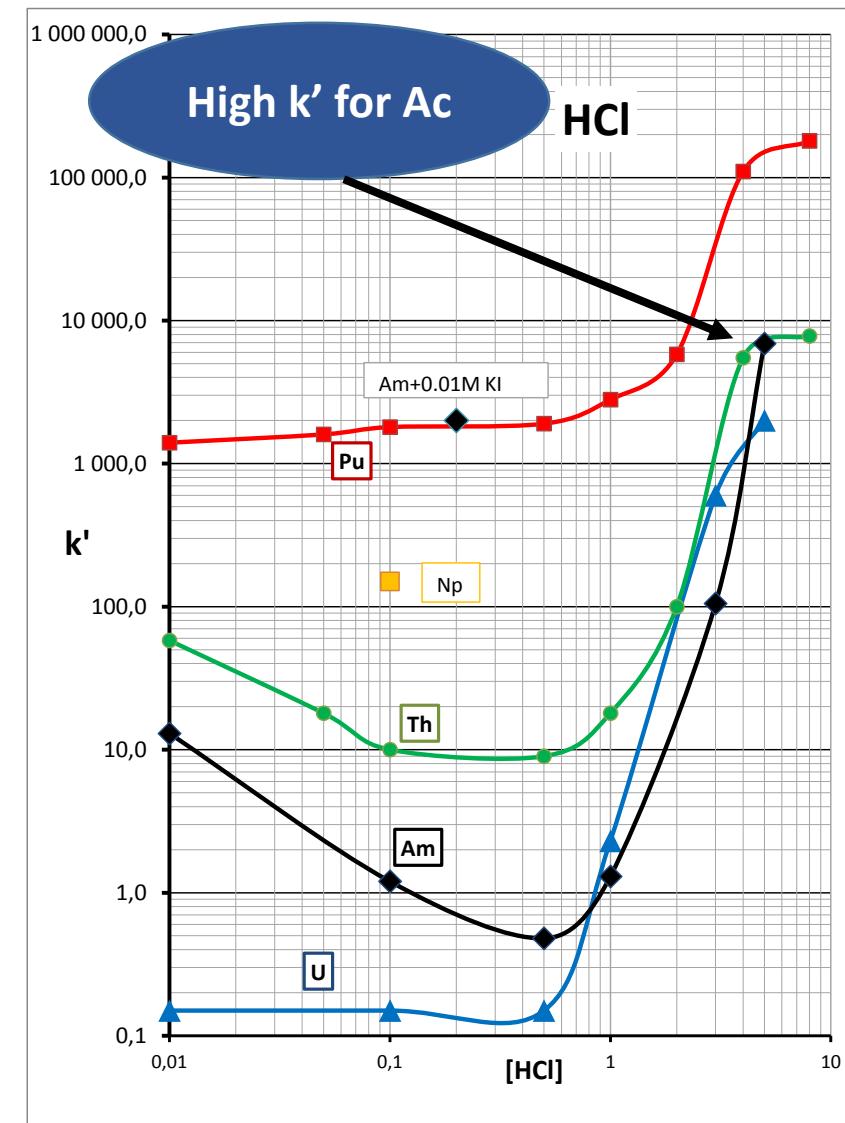
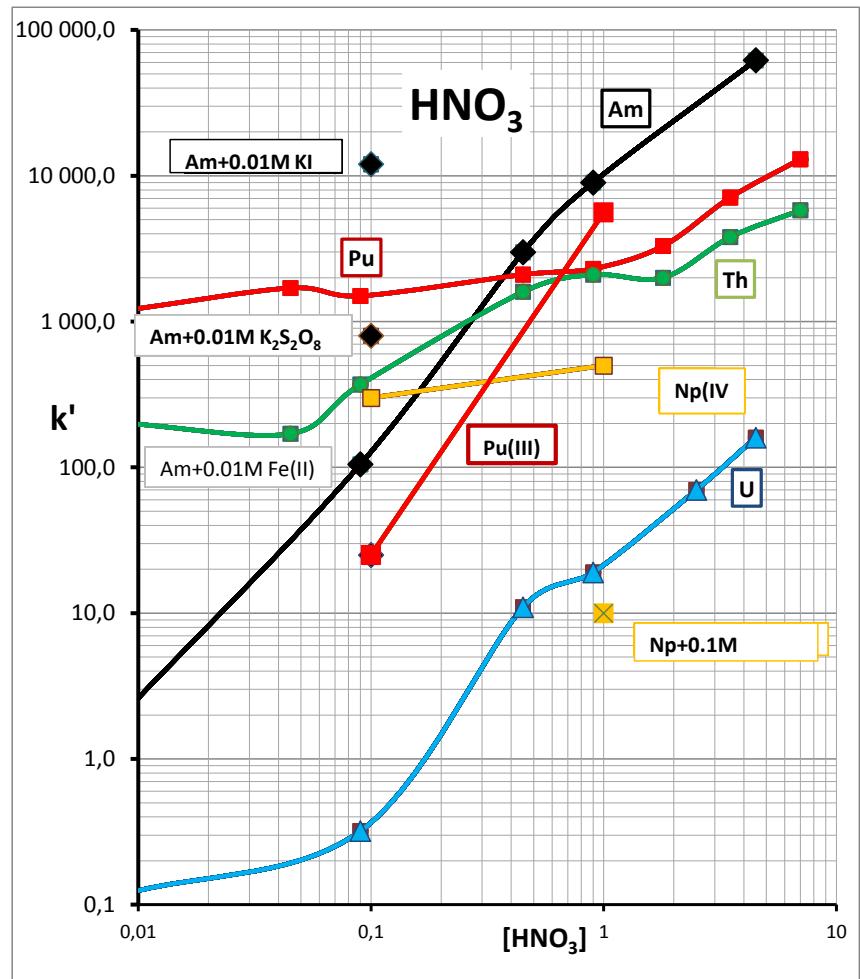
Pu  
Am  
U  
Th  
Np



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Groska J, Vajda N, Molnar Z, Bokori E, Szeredy P, Zagyvai M (2016) Determination of actinides in radioactive waste after separation on a single DGA resin column, **JOURNAL OF RADIOANALYTICAL AND NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY** 309: (3) pp. 1145-1158.



# DGA procedure: Basic concept of the separation

- **Load:** retention of all actinides in reduced forms from 4M HCl/  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$   
U(IV), Th(IV), Np(IV), Pu(III), Am(III)
- **Elution of U** with dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$  after oxidation to U(VI), while  
Pu and Np are oxidized to Pu(IV), Np(IV)/Np(VI) - retained,
- Reduction of Pu and Np to Pu(III) and Np(IV),
- **Elution of Th, Np** with complexing agent oxalic acid, while  
trivalent actinides (Pu(III), Am) are retained,
- **Elution of Pu** with oxalic acid after oxidation to Pu(IV)
- **Elution of Am** with dilute HCl.

Ac(III) and Ac(IV)  
are completely  
retained!

On-column redox  
reactions are  
feasible!

Only Ac(IV) form  
oxalate complexes !

# Optimization of the DGA procedure

Studied by **model experiments**

with single tracers

$^{233}\text{U}$ ,  $^{230}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Am}$

$^{239}\text{Np}$  produced from  $^{238}\text{U}(\text{n},\gamma)$

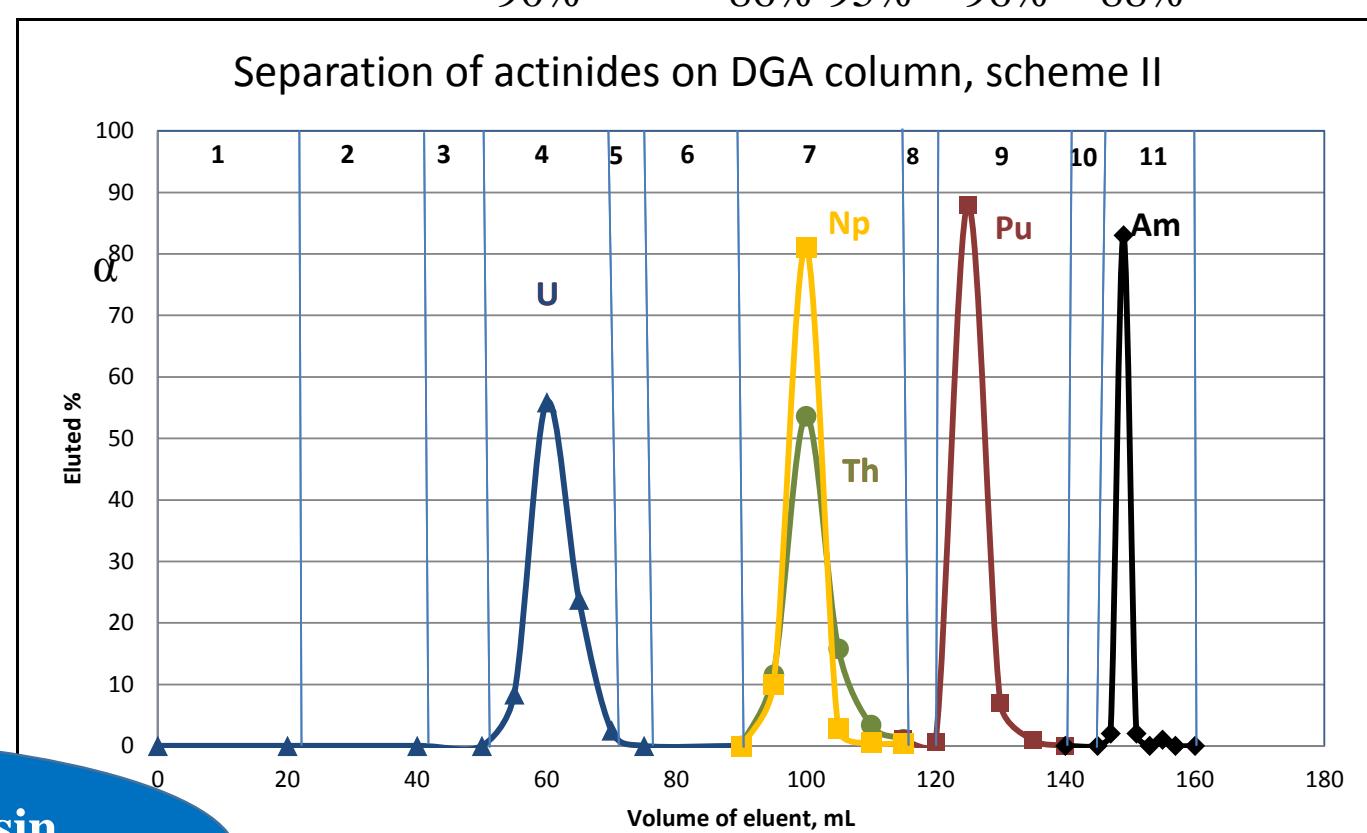
measured by LSC or  $\gamma$  spectrometry

- U, Pu, Am fractions are well separated
- Np and Th are collected together
- Between the strip solutions wash solutions
- Recoveries are high (> 86%)
- Contamination by other actinides is  $\leq 1\text{-}2\%$

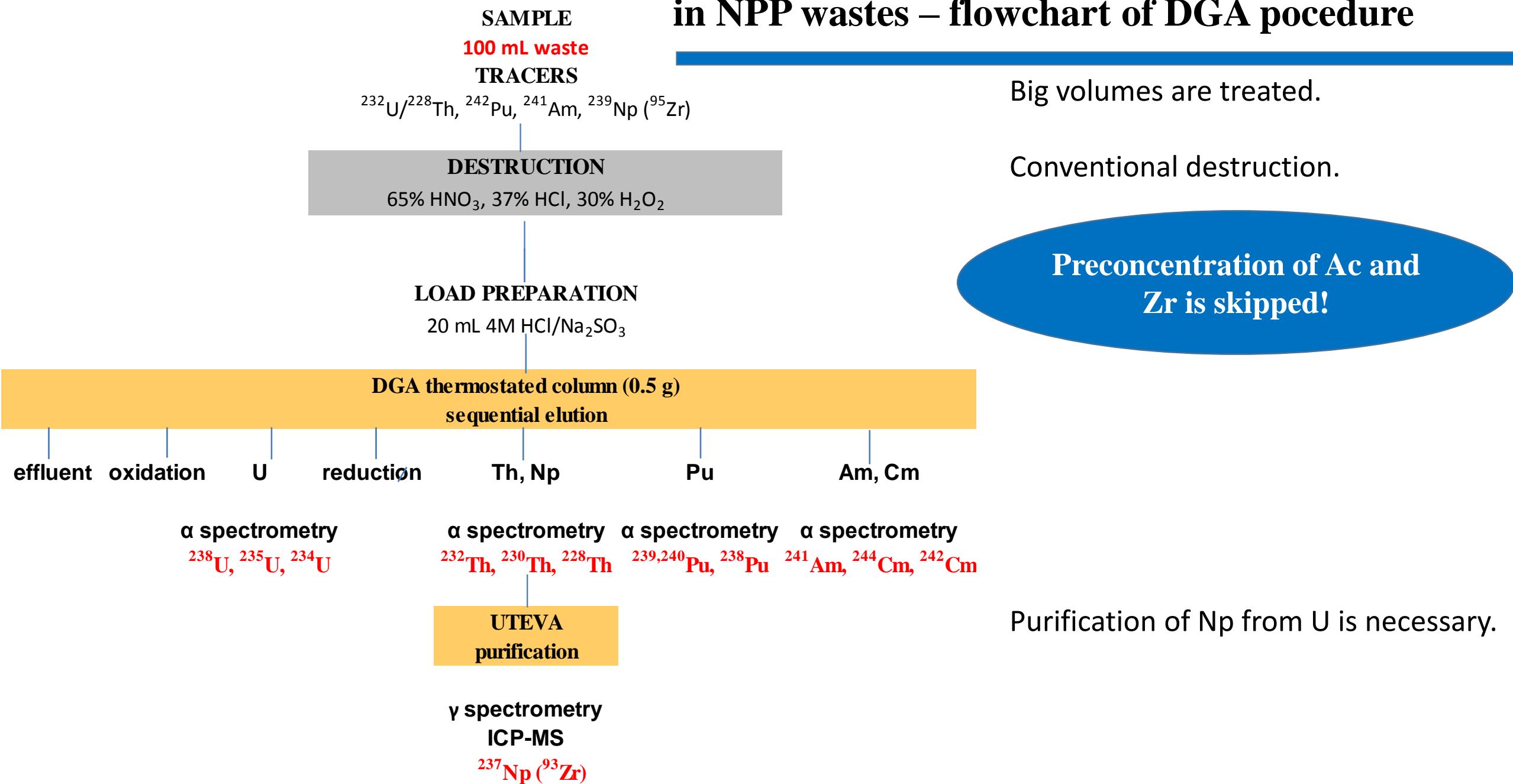
**Major advantage:**  
Use of a single small resin  
column for all Ac in big  
samples!

## Recoveries

U	Th	Np	Pu	Am
90%	86%	95%	96%	88%

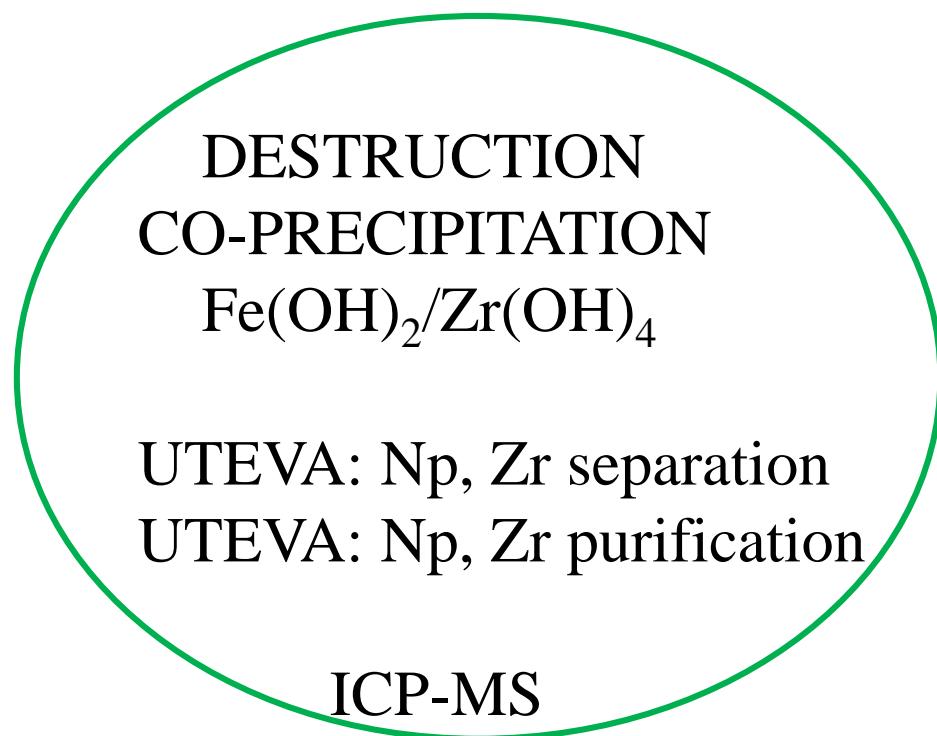


# Determination of U, Pu, Np, Am, Cm, Zr isotopes in NPP wastes – flowchart of DGA procedure



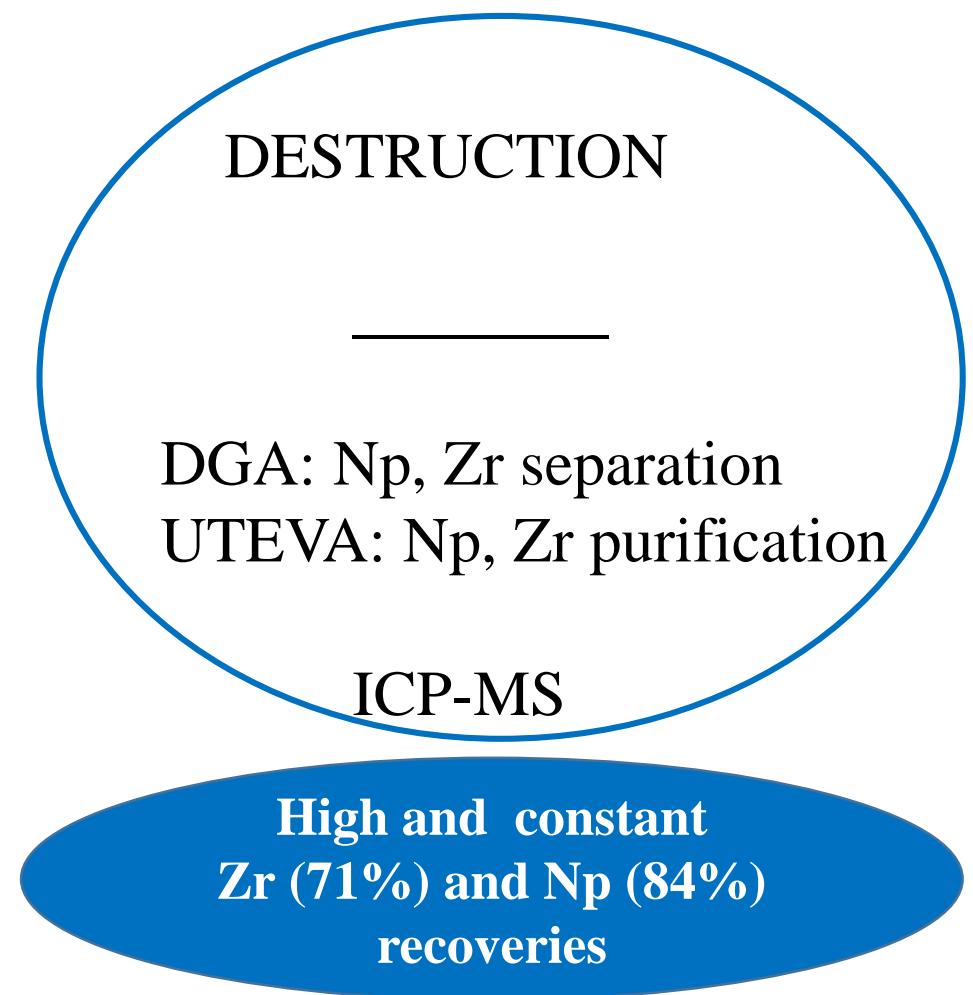
# Determination of $^{237}\text{Np}$ and $^{93}\text{Zr}$ in NPP wastes

## UTEVA procedure:



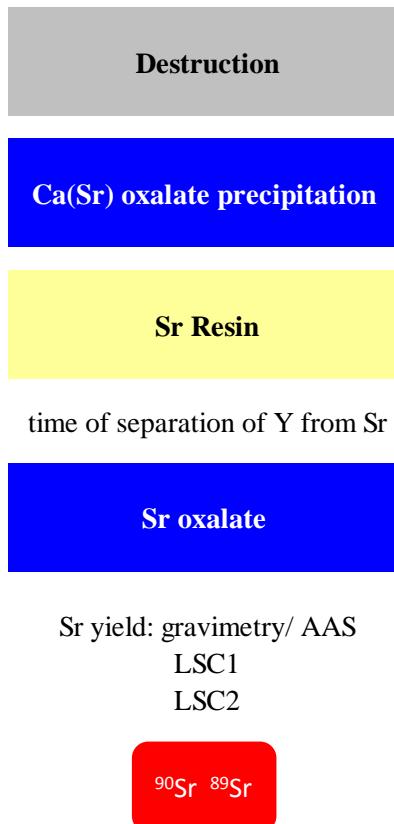
Unpredictable behaviour of Zr, because  
HF is used to dissolve  $\text{ZrO}_2 \leftrightarrow$   
 $\text{ZrF}_4$  is not retained on UTEVA

## DGA procedure:



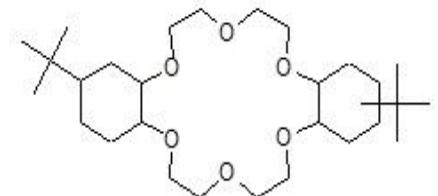
# Determination of $^{90}\text{Sr}$ in NPP wastes

Sample: 100 mL  
Carrier: 10 mg Sr  
AAS

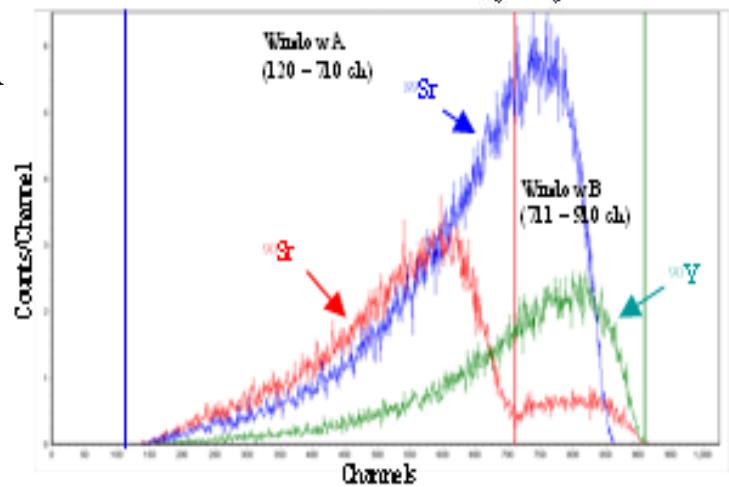


Sr yield is determined from gravimetry/AAS.

High selectivity for Sr is assured by the use of Sr selective crown ether: Sr Resin



By repeated measurement both  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{89}\text{Sr}$  are determined.



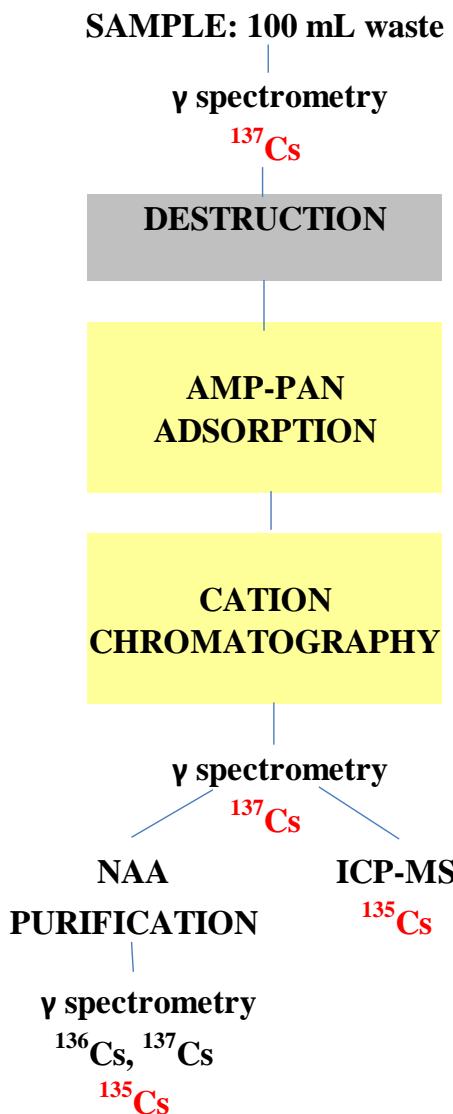
The method is combined with the determination of actinides.

DESTRUCTION  
PRECIPITATION, ADSORPTION  
EXTRACTION, CHROMATOGRAPHY

# Results of U, Pu, Np, Am, Cm, Zr, Sr isotope analyses in NPP wastes

Bq/dm <sup>3</sup>	Sample1 (normal evaporator concentrate) a unc(a)	Sample2 (alpha-cont./emergency evaporator concentrate)	Sample3 (decontamination solution)		
<sup>3</sup> H	4,00E+05	2,0E+04	2,12E+05	1,1E+04	7,68E+04
<sup>14</sup> C	1,01E+04	1,01E+03	2,96E+03	2,96E+02	3,48E+02
<sup>36</sup> Cl	3,65E+01	1,26E+01	9,03E+01	3,46E+01	< 1,1E+01
<sup>55</sup> Fe	2,44E+05	2,44E+04	9,37E+06	9,36E+05	1,39E+05
<sup>63</sup> Ni	4,41E+04	2,21E+03	1,75E+06	3,49E+05	2,78E+05
<sup>90</sup> Sr	4,92E+02	3,32E+01	1,68E+06	2,35E+05	3,04E+05
<sup>93</sup> Zr	3,52E+02	8,89E+00	8,03E-01	2,43E-02	5,06E-02
<sup>94</sup> Nb	7,00E+02	1,40E+02	N/A		8,50E+02
<sup>99</sup> Tc	< 1,7E-01		1,77E+01	5,35E+00	1,06E+01
<sup>108m</sup> Ag	1,38E+02	8,81E+00	1,34E+04	7,98E+02	1,32E+02
<sup>125</sup> Sb	≤ 5,0E+02		N/A		9,00E+03
<sup>129</sup> I	1,94F-01	1,75F-02	7,32F-01	8,04F-02	< 2,7F-01
<sup>234</sup> U	2,20E-01	2,05E-02	≤ 1,67E+03		3,39E+01
<sup>235</sup> U	≤ 1,13E-02		≤ 1,66E+03		≤ 7,73E+00
<sup>237</sup> Np	4,55E-03	5,27E-04	1,38E-02	7,95E-04	3,36E-03
<sup>238</sup> Pu	1,29E+01	4,65E-01	9,37E+04	3,38E+03	1,38E+04
<sup>238</sup> U	1,49E-01	1,64E-02	≤ 1,14E+03		8,79E+00
<sup>239,240</sup> Pu	9,39E+00	3,53E-01	9,84E+04	3,53E+03	1,25E+04
<sup>241</sup> Am	7,47E+00	2,60E-01	8,73E+04	3,23E+03	1,33E+04
<sup>244</sup> Cm	3,24E+00	1,24E-01	1,22E+04	7,27E+02	2,77E+03
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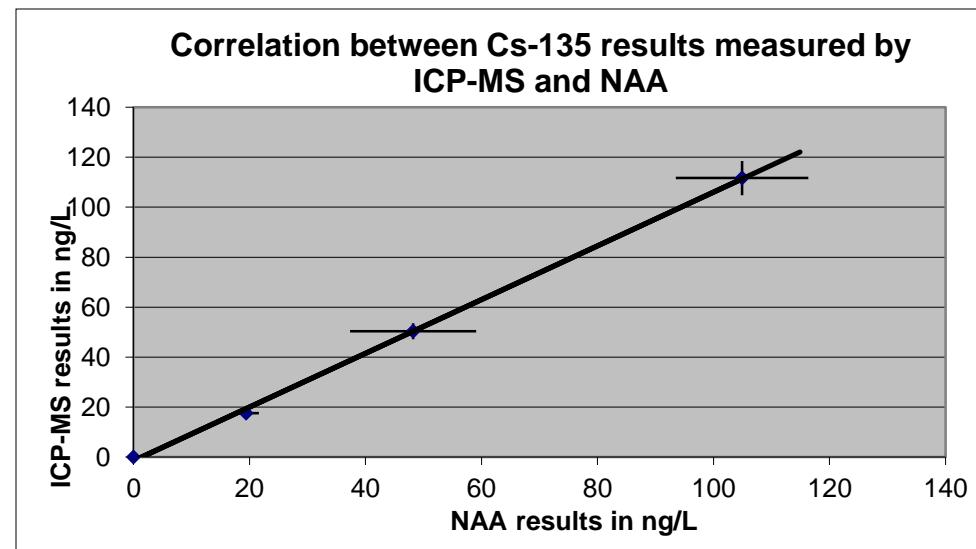
# Determination of $^{135}\text{Cs}$ in NPP wastes



AMP is a selective ion exchanger for Cs.

Small cation column is used to separate Ba, the isobar interference for  $^{135}\text{Cs}$  in ICP-MS.

NAA and ICP-MS results correlated well:



Measured concentrations in wastes: 20-100 ng/L  $\sim$  1-5 Bq/L

# Determination of $^{55}\text{Fe}$ , $^{59}\text{Ni}$ , $^{63}\text{Ni}$ in NPP wastes

## SAMPLE

Carriers: 6 mg Fe, 6 mg Ni

## DESTRUCTION

MIBK  
EC

Fe yield: AAS

LSC/X spectrometry

$^{55}\text{Fe}$

DMG  
EC

DMG precipitate

Ni yield: AAS

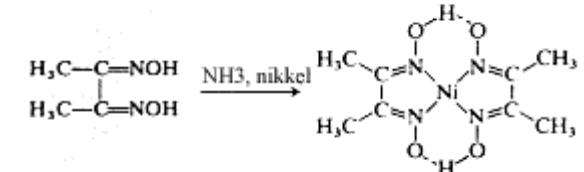
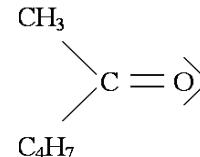
X spectrometry

$^{59}\text{Ni}$

LSC

$^{63}\text{Ni}$

Home made EC  
resins are used:



a unc(a)

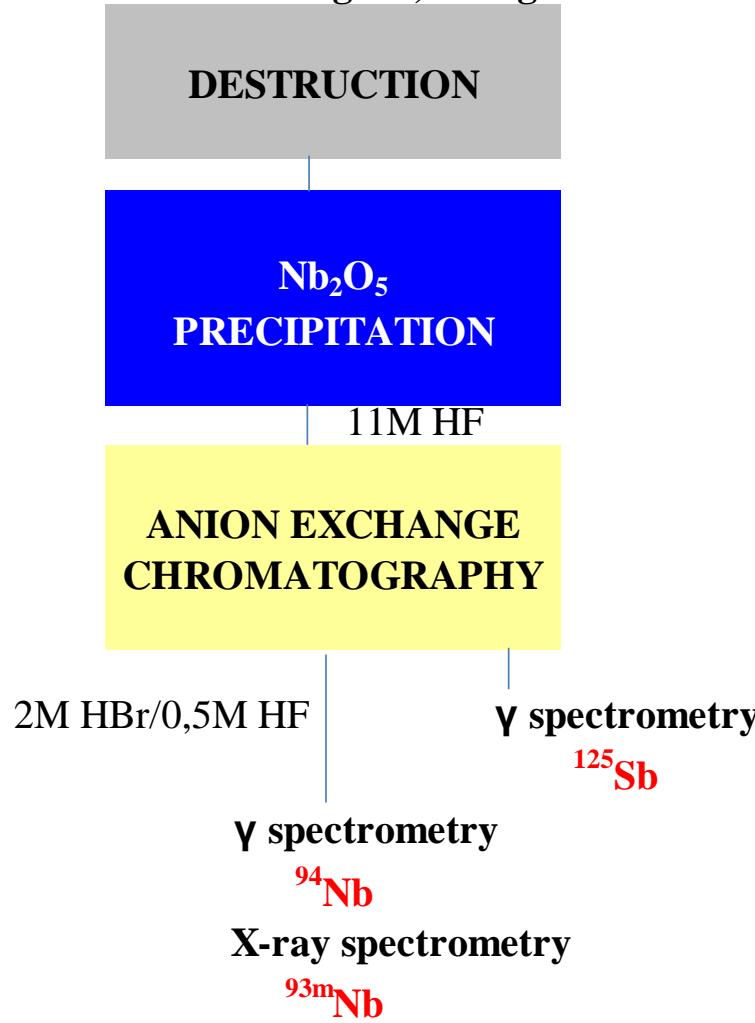
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$^{55}\text{Fe}$	2,44E+05	2,44E+04	9,37E+06
$^{63}\text{Ni}$	4,41E+04	2,21E+03	1,75E+06
$^{90}\text{Sr}$	4,92E+02	3,32E+01	1,68E+06
$^{93}\text{Zr}$	3,52E+02	8,89E+00	8,03E-01
$^{99}\text{Tc}$	< 1,67E-01		1,77E+01
$^{108\text{m}}\text{Ag}$	1,38E+02	8,81E+00	1,34E+04
$^{129}\text{I}$	1,94E-01	1,75E-02	7,32E-01
$^{238}\text{Pu}$	1,29E+01	4,65E-01	9,37E+04
$^{239,240}\text{Pu}$	9,39E+00	3,53E-01	9,84E+04
$^{241}\text{Am}$	7,47E+00	2,60E-01	8,73E+04
$^{244}\text{Cm}$	3,24E+00	1,24E-01	1,22E+04

# Determination of $^{93m}\text{Nb}$ , $^{94}\text{Nb}$ , $^{125}\text{Sb}$ in NPP wastes

Sample: 100 mL waste

Tracers:  $^{95}\text{Zr}$ - $^{95}\text{Nb}$ ,  $^{124}\text{Sb}$

Carriers: 10 mg Nb, 10 mg Sb



## Results of analysis

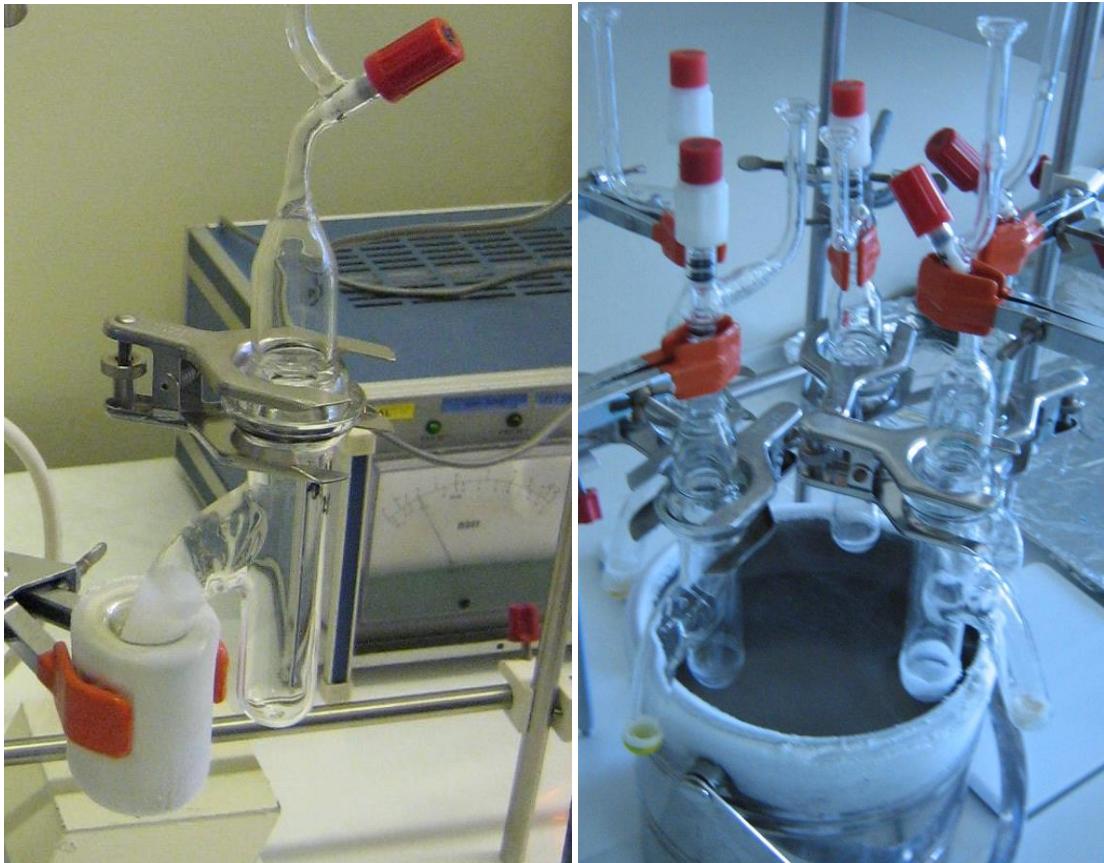
Activity concentration of  $^{93m}\text{Nb}$  is usually close to LD.

Bq/dm <sup>3</sup>	Sample1 (normal evaporator concentrate)		Sample2 (alpha-cont./emergency evaporator concentrate)		Sample3 (decontamination solution)	
	a	unc(a)				
$^3\text{H}$	4,00E+05	2,0E+04	2,12E+05	1,1E+04	7,68E+04	3,8E+03
$^{14}\text{C}$	1,01E+04	1,01E+03	2,96E+03	2,96E+02	3,48E+02	3,48E+01
$^{36}\text{Cl}$	3,65E+01	1,26E+01	9,03E+01	3,46E+01	< 1,1E+01	
$^{55}\text{Fe}$	2,44E+05	2,44E+04	9,37E+06	9,36E+05	1,39E+05	2,08E+04
$^{63}\text{Ni}$	4,41E+04	2,21E+03	1,75E+06	3,49E+05	2,78E+05	5,56E+04
$^{90}\text{Sr}$	4,92E+02	3,32E+01	1,68E+06	2,35E+05	3,04E+05	2,33E+04
$^{93}\text{Zr}$	3,52E+02	8,89E+00	8,03E-01	2,43E-02	5,06E-02	1,39E-03
$^{94}\text{Nb}$	7,00E+02	1,40E+02		N/A	8,50E+02	1,00E+02
$^{99}\text{Tc}$		< 1,7E-01	1,77E+01	5,35E+00	1,06E+01	2,07E+00
$^{108m}\text{Ag}$	1,38E+02	8,81E+00	1,34E+04	7,98E+02	1,32E+02	4,71E+00
$^{125}\text{Sb}$		$\leq 5,0\text{E}+02$		N/A	9,00E+03	8,00E+02
$^{129}\text{I}$	1,94E-01	1,75E-02	7,32E-01	8,04E-02		< 2,7E-01
$^{234}\text{U}$	2,20E-01	2,05E-02		$\leq 1,67\text{E}+03$	3,39E+01	6,88E+00
$^{235}\text{U}$		$\leq 1,13\text{E}-02$		$\leq 1,66\text{E}+03$		$\leq 7,73\text{E}+00$
$^{237}\text{Np}$	4,55E-03	5,27E-04	1,38E-02	7,95E-04	3,36E-03	1,94E-04
$^{238}\text{Pu}$	1,29E+01	4,65E-01	9,37E+04	3,38E+03	1,38E+04	4,48E+02
$^{238}\text{U}$	1,49E-01	1,64E-02		$\leq 1,14\text{E}+03$	8,79E+00	3,60E+00
$^{239,240}\text{Pu}$	9,39E+00	3,53E-01	9,84E+04	3,53E+03	1,25E+04	4,08E+02
$^{241}\text{Am}$	7,47E+00	2,60E-01	8,73E+04	3,23E+03	1,33E+04	4,55E+02
$^{244}\text{Cm}$	3,24E+00	1,24E-01	1,22E+04	7,27E+02	2,77E+03	1,18E+02

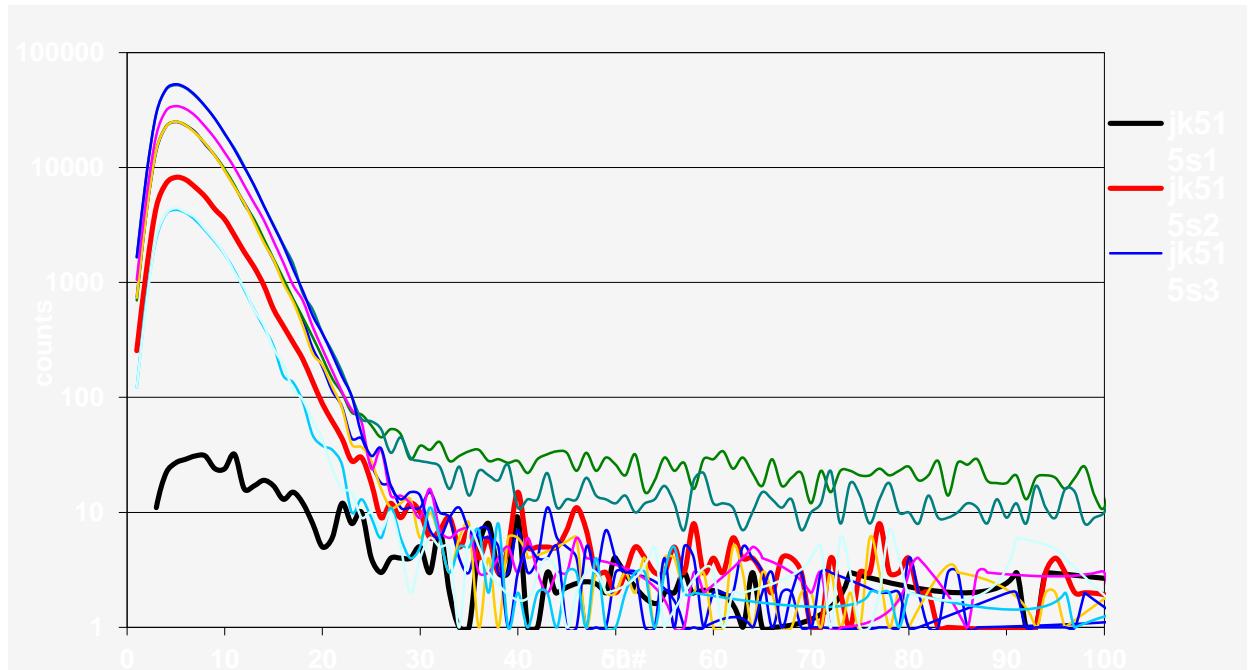
**Determination of DTM nuclides at  
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# Determination of ${}^3\text{H}$ in NPP wastes

Low-pressure cold-distillation



LSC counting



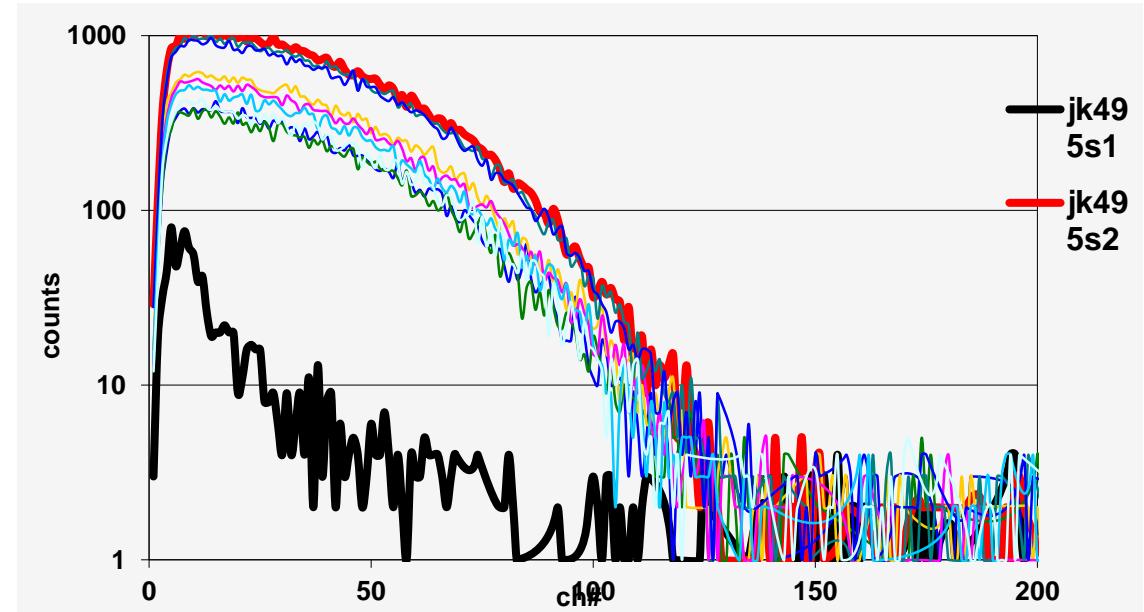
# Determination of $^{14}\text{C}$ in NPP wastes

Acidic destruction and 2-step trapping of  $\text{CO}_2$

1. step: total oxidisation of the sample,  
 $\text{CO}_2$  is trapped in  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$  as  $\text{BaCO}_3$
2. step:  $\text{CO}_2$  is released from  $\text{BaCO}_3$  and  
trapped in  $\text{NaOH}$  as  $\text{NaHCO}_3$



LSC counting  
 $\text{NaOH}$  solution in HionicFluor



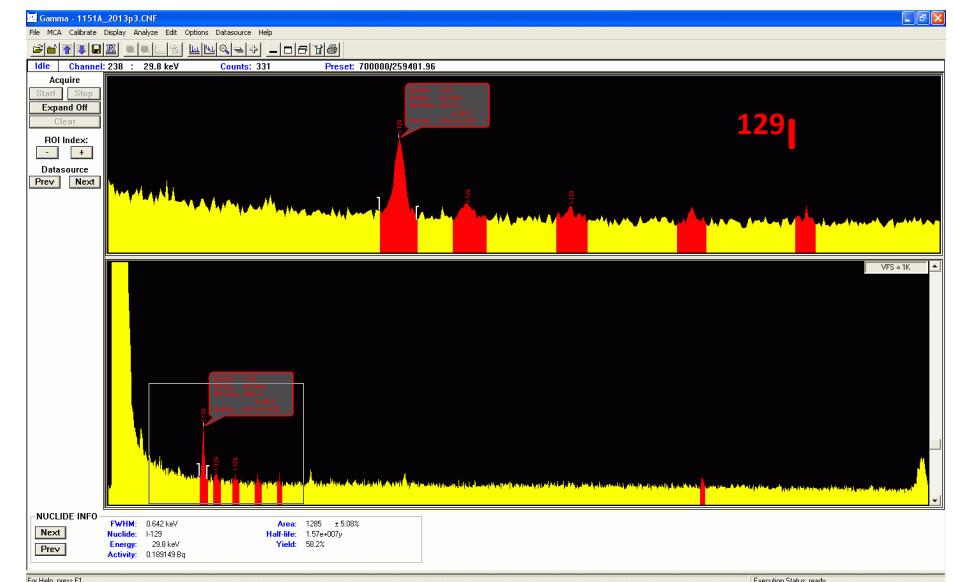
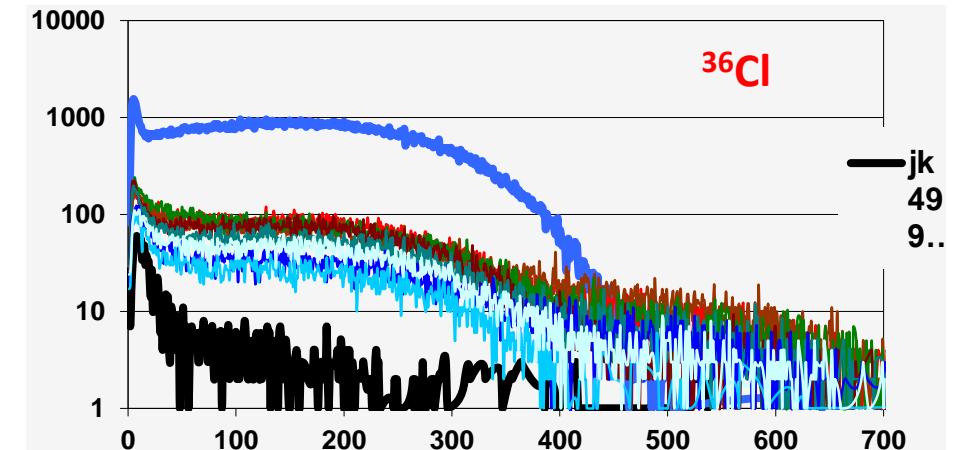
A set of results for 3 sample types

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Bq/dm <sup>3</sup>	Sample1 (normal evaporator concentrate)		Sample2 (alpha-cont./emergency evaporator concentrate)		Sample3 (decontamination solution)	
<sup>3</sup> H	4,00E+05	2,0E+04	2,12E+05	1,1E+04	7,68E+04	3,8E+03
<sup>14</sup> C	1,01E+04	1,01E+03	2,96E+03	2,96E+02	3,48E+02	3,48E+01
<sup>36</sup> Cl	3,65E+01	1,26E+01	9,03E+01	3,46E+01	< 1,07E+01	
<sup>55</sup> Fe	2,44E+05	2,44E+04	9,37E+06	9,36E+05	1,39E+05	2,08E+04
<sup>63</sup> Ni	4,41E+04	2,21E+03	1,75E+06	3,49E+05	2,78E+05	5,56E+04
<sup>90</sup> Sr	4,92E+02	3,32E+01	1,68E+06	2,35E+05	3,04E+05	2,33E+04
<sup>93</sup> Zr	3,52E+02	8,89E+00	8,03E-01	2,43E-02	5,06E-02	1,39E-03
<sup>99</sup> Tc	< 1,67E-01		1,77E+01	5,35E+00	1,06E+01	2,07E+00
<sup>108m</sup> Ag	1,38E+02	8,81E+00	1,34E+04	7,98E+02	1,32E+02	4,71E+00
<sup>129</sup> I	1,94E-01	1,75E-02	7,32E-01	8,04E-02	< 2,67E-01	
<sup>238</sup> Pu	1,29E+01	4,65E-01	9,37E+04	3,38E+03	1,38E+04	4,48E+02
<sup>239,240</sup> Pu	9,39E+00	3,53E-01	9,84E+04	3,53E+03	1,25E+04	4,08E+02
<sup>241</sup> Am	7,47E+00	2,60E-01	8,73E+04	3,23E+03	1,33E+04	4,55E+02
<sup>244</sup> Cm	3,24E+00	1,24E-01	1,22E+04	7,27E+02	2,77E+03	1,18E+02

# Determination of $^{36}\text{Cl}$ and $^{129}\text{I}$ in NPP wastes

Destruction with  $\text{CCl}_4\text{SO}_4$ ,  
 $\text{I}_2$  formed is trapped by  $\text{CCl}_4$ , backextracted as  $\text{I}^-$ ,  
precipitated as  $\text{AgI}$ , yield by gravimetry,  
 $\text{HCl}$  is trapped in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , yield by ion chromatography



A set of results for 3 sample types

**a**      **unc(a)**

Bq/dm <sup>3</sup>	Sample1 (normal evaporator concentrate)		Sample2 (alpha-cont./emergency evaporator concentrate)		Sample3 (decontamination solution)	
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<sup>36</sup> Cl	3,65E+01	1,26E+01	9,03E+01	3,46E+01	< 1,07E+01	
<sup>55</sup> Fe	2,44E+05	2,44E+04	9,37E+06	9,36E+05	1,39E+05	2,08E+04
<sup>63</sup> Ni	4,41E+04	2,21E+03	1,75E+06	3,49E+05	2,78E+05	5,56E+04
<sup>90</sup> Sr	4,92E+02	3,32E+01	1,68E+06	2,35E+05	3,04E+05	2,33E+04
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<sup>99</sup> Tc	< 1,67E-01		1,77E+01	5,35E+00	1,06E+01	2,07E+00
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<sup>241</sup> Am	7,47E+00	2,60E-01	8,73E+04	3,23E+03	1,33E+04	4,55E+02
<sup>244</sup> Cm	3,24E+00	1,24E-01	1,22E+04	7,27E+02	2,77E+03	1,18E+02

# Determination of $^{108m}\text{Ag}$ and $^{99}\text{Tc}$ in NPP wastes

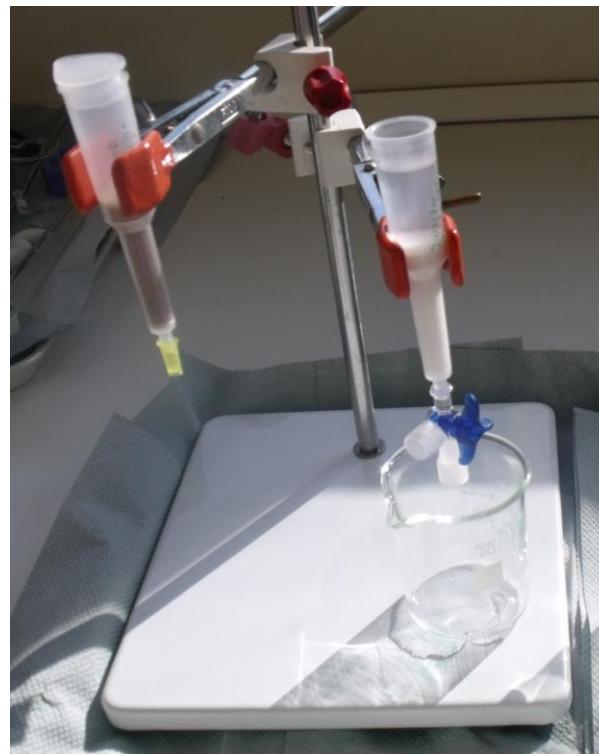
Concentration of Ag using ultrafiltration



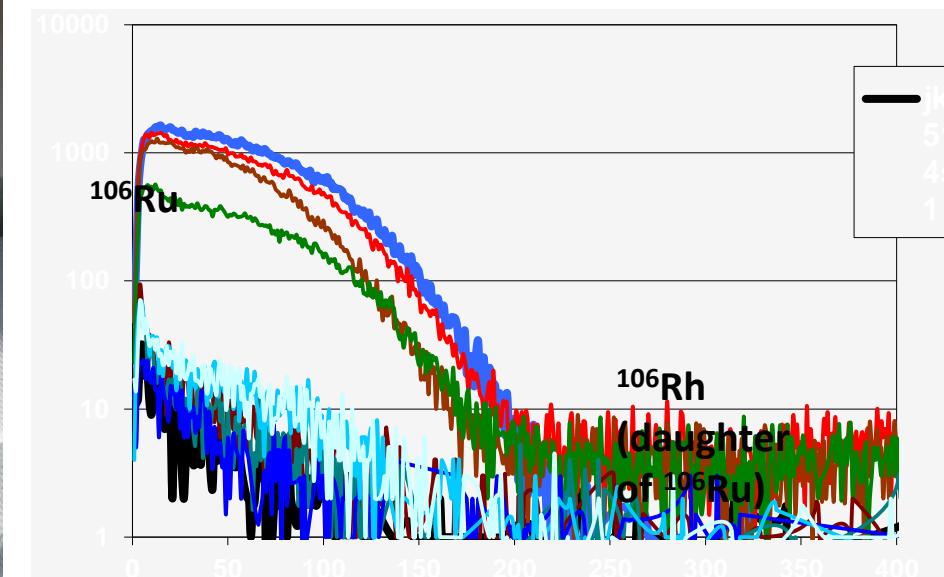
Measurement by gamma spectrometry, e.g.

Isotope	Activity concentration (Bq/dm <sup>3</sup> )
$^{108m}\text{Ag}$	(7,98±0,21) E+02
$^{110m}\text{Ag}$	(7,29±0,06) E+03

Separation of Tc from the Ag permeate:  
removal of water content, acidic destruction,  
precipitation with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  
purification with cation exchange and  
extraction chromatography using TEVA resin



Measurement of  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ -TEVA using Insta Gel by LSC



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<sup>36</sup> Cl	3,65E+01	1,26E+01	9,03E+01	3,46E+01	< 1,07E+01	
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# Methods under development based on ICP-MS/MS measurement



for the sensitive determination of  $^{79}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{107}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{151}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{147}\text{Pm}$

# **Scaling factors for NPP waste characterization**

# Determination of SF for liquid wastes at NPP Paks

Scaling factors are determined from the analysis of liquid wastes:

$$C_{DTM} = b * (C_{KN})^m$$

$C_{DTM}$

activity concentration of DTM nuclide

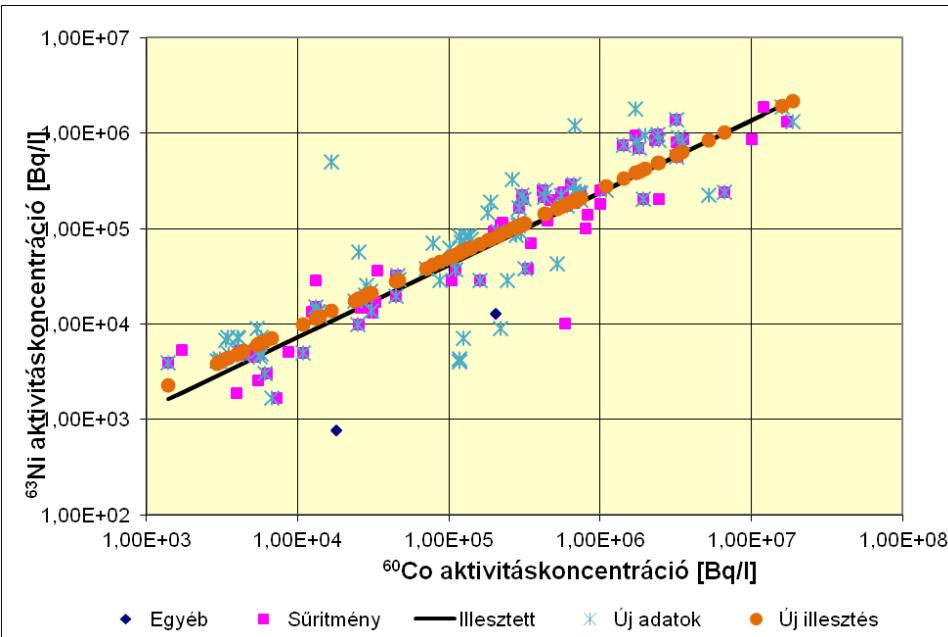
$C_{KN}$

activity concentration of key nuclide

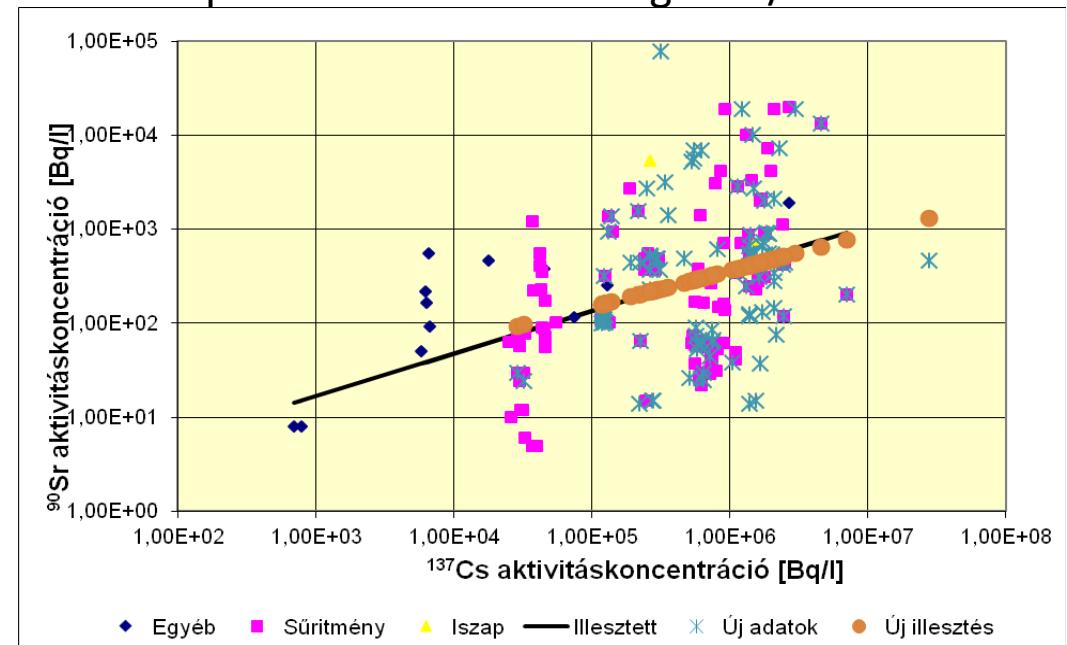
m, b

parameters

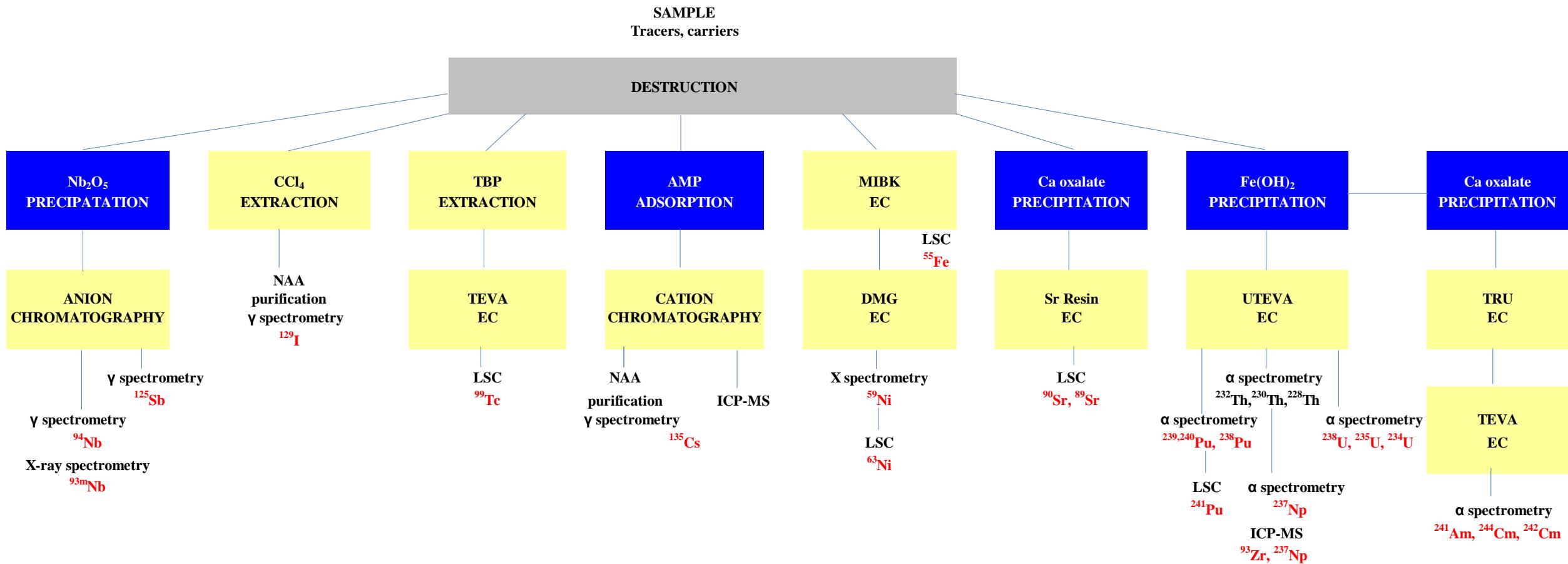
Example for EXCELLENT fitting:  $^{63}\text{Ni}/^{60}\text{Co}$

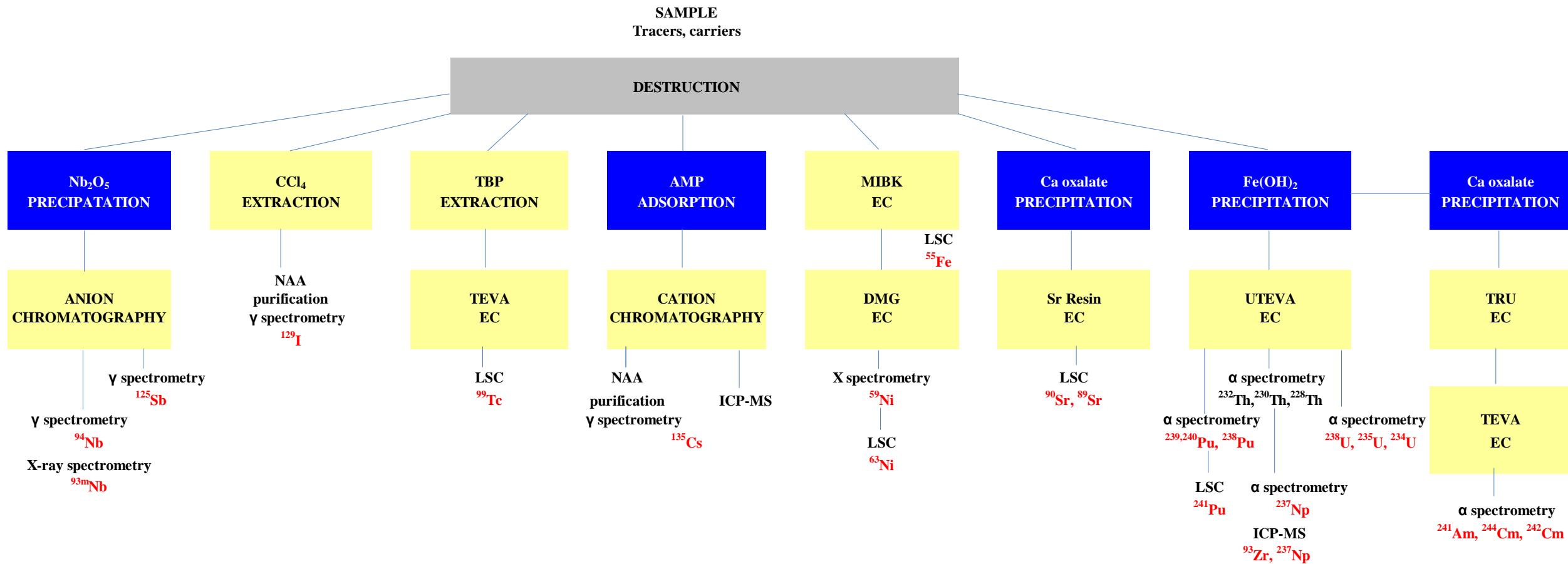


Example for ACCEPTED fitting:  $^{90}\text{Sr}/^{137}\text{Cs}$



Instead of a summary...





Thank you for your attention!