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New Applications and Services

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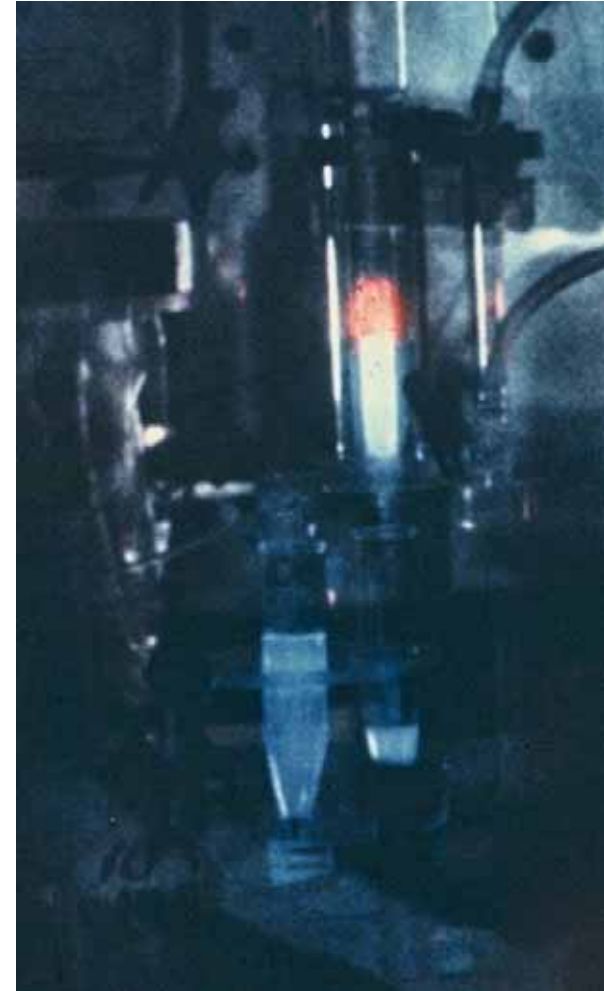
Topics to be covered our New Applications and Services

- Overview of Currently Published
 - 2014 Eichrom Methods Revisions
 - 2014 Application Notes
 - 2016 Application Notes
- Training Services
- RadVision^{3D}®



Eichrom Technologies

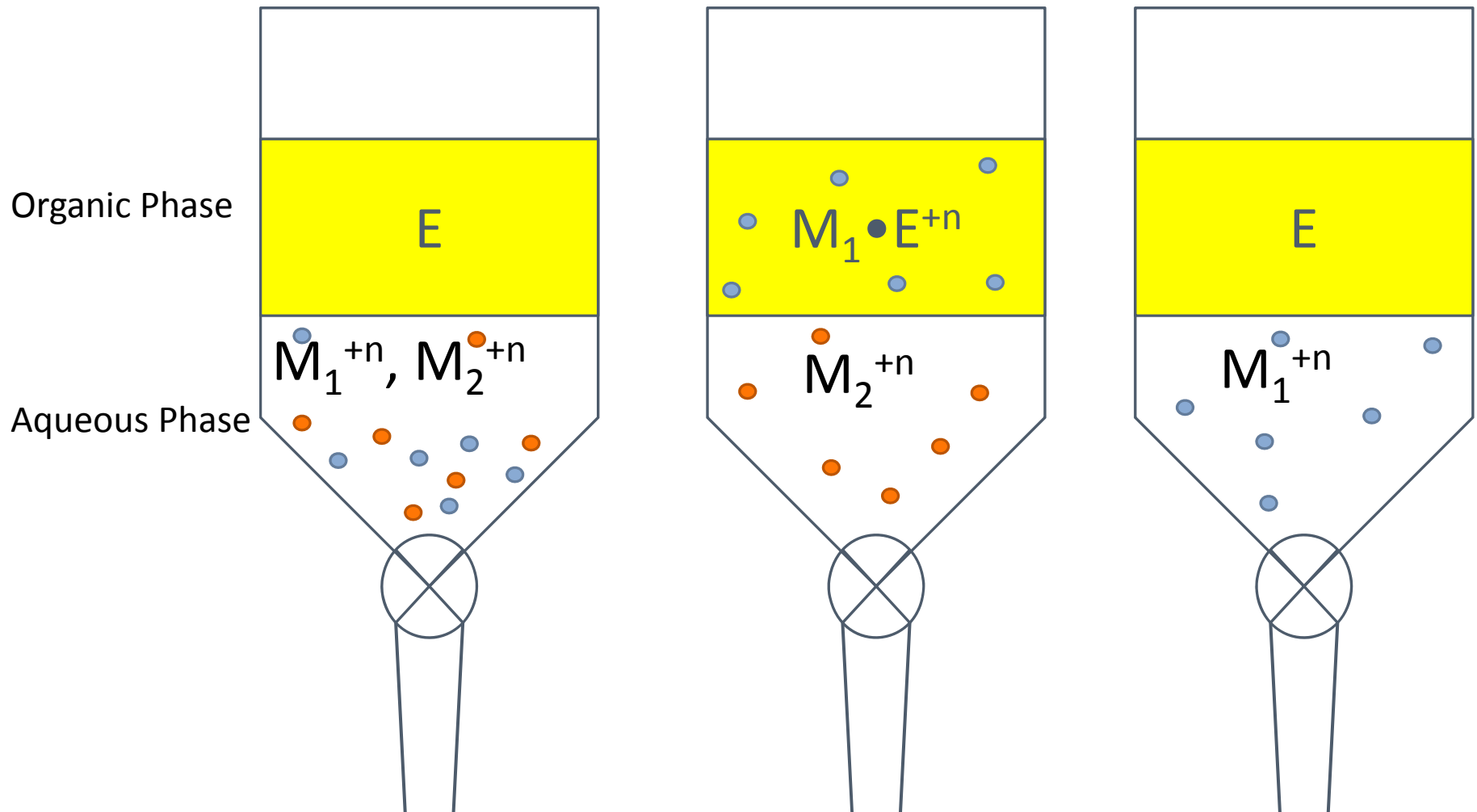
- Extraction Chromatographic Resins were developed at Argonne National Laboratory.
- Eichrom was founded in 1990 to commercially develop these resins.
- In 2015 Eichrom Celebrated our 25th Anniversary



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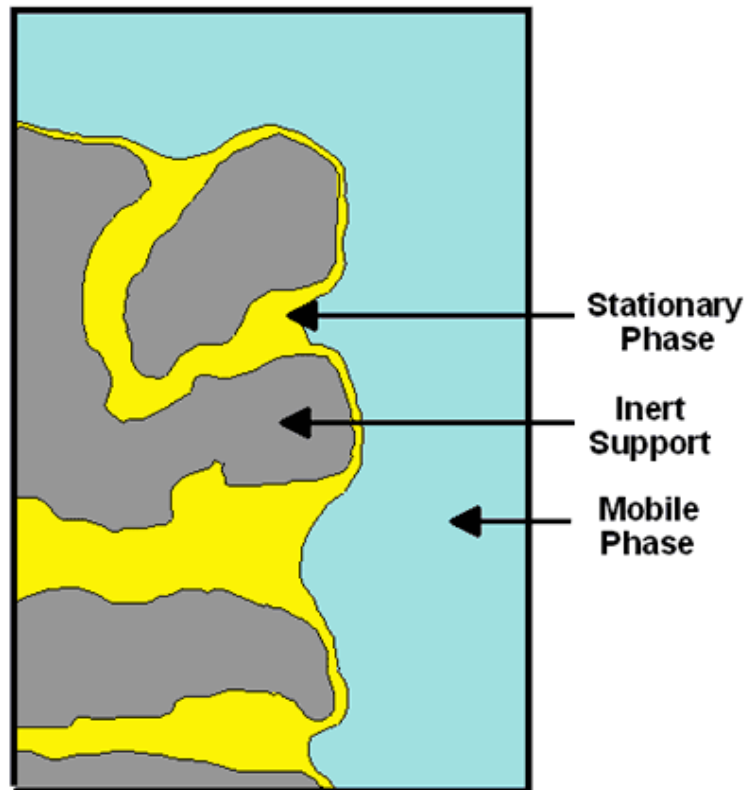
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Basis of Resin Technology – Solvent Extraction



Extraction Chromatographic Resin

Surface of Porous Bead



Inert support =

Macroporous Acrylic Resin

Example Stationary Phases

- Crown Ether (Sr)
- CMPO (TRU)
- DAAP (UTEVA)

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Eichrom Methods:

- First Introduced in the 1990s
- Separation of radioactive elements from water samples

Title	Reference
Strontium in Water	SRW 01
Nickel in Water	NIW 01
Iron in Water	FEW 01
Radium in Water	RAW 01
Technetium in Water	TCW 02
Radium in Water	RAW 01
Uranium in Urine	ACU 01
Am, Pu and U in Urine	ACU 02
Lead in Soil	SRS 01

Original Eichrom Method (1990s – 2000s)

1. Scope
2. Summary of Method
3. Significance of Use
4. Interferences
5. Apparatus
6. Reagents
7. Procedure (7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 ...)
8. Calculations
9. Validation Data
10. References

Advantages:

Procedures are very detailed and multi-stepped
Calculations and validations included.

Disadvantages:

Many pages 10-20+
Slight changes in chemistry between versions.

Many Column Only:

Updated Eichrom Method 2014

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Advantages:

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Flow Charts Included

Chemistry harmonized

Cartridge and Column options

AMERICIUM, NEPTUNIUM, PLUTONIUM, THORIUM, CURIUM, AND URANIUM IN WATER

(WITH VACUUM BOX SYSTEM)

1. SCOPE

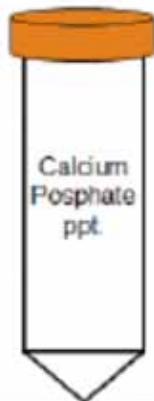
- 1.1. This is a method for the separation of americium, neptunium, plutonium, thorium, curium and uranium in water. After completing this method, source preparation for measurement of actinides by alpha spectrometry is performed by electrolytic deposition onto stainless steel planchets (Eichrom Method SPA02) or by rare earth fluoride microprecipitation onto polypropylene filters (Eichrom Method SPA01).

Flow charts for easy method application

- 1) Aliquot up to 1000mL of water into glass beaker.
- 2) Add 5mL concentrated HNO₃ and add yield tracers.
- 3) Add 1mL of 1.25M Ca(NO₃)₂.
- 4) Heat samples at medium setting for 30-60 minutes.
- 5) Remove samples from heat.
- 6) Add 0.75mL of phenolphthalein and 3mL of 3.2M (NH₄)₂HPO₄.
- 7) While stirring sample, slowly add conc. NH₄OH until reaching pH 9.
- 8) Cool to room temperature. Allow precipitate to settle or centrifuge.
- 9) Decant supernate and discard as waste.
- 10) Transfer precipitate to centrifuge tube with DI water.
- 11) Centrifuge -10minutes at 2000rpm. Decant supernate.
- 12) Add 10mL DI water to ppt. Mix well. Centrifuge. Decant supernate. Dissolve ppt with 5mL conc. HNO₃. Transfer to 100mL beaker.
- 13) Rinse centrifuge tube with 2-3mL conc. HNO₃. Transfer to 100mL beaker. Evaporate to dryness.
- 14) Dissolve residue in 16mL 3M HNO₃-1M Al(NO₃)₃. Add 1mL 1.5M Sulfamic Acid, 0.5 mL Fe, and 1mL 1M Ascorbic Acid. Swirl to mix. Wait 3-5 minutes.
- 15) Add 1mL 3.5M NaNO₂. Swirl to mix.



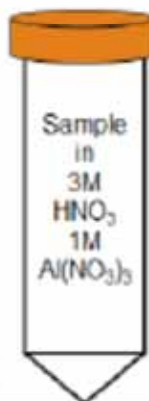
Water Sample in glass beaker. Acidify pH 2.



Calcium Phosphate ppt.

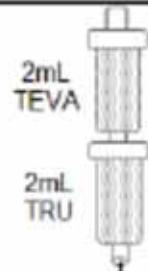


Centrifuge. Decant Supernate. Wash ppt with H₂O. Centrifuge. Decant.



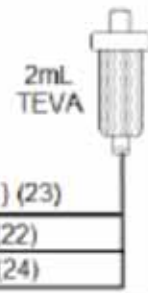
Sample in 3M HNO₃ 1M Al(NO₃)₃

- 16) Precondition TEVA-TRU with 5mL 3M HNO₃.
- 17) Load sample onto TEVA-TRU. Allow liquid to drain. TEVA retains U. TRU retains Am and Pu.
- 18) Rinse sample tube with 5mL 3M HNO₃. Add rinse to TEVA-TRU. Allow liquid to drain.
- 19) Rinse TEVA-TRU with 5mL 3M HNO₃. Allow liquid to drain.
- 20) Separate TEVA and TRU cartridges.



Waste ← (16) (17) (18) (19)

- 21) Rinse TEVA column with 10mL 3M HNO₃.
- 22) Place clean centrifuge tube below TEVA. Strip Th with 15mL 9M HCl.
- 23) Rinse TEVA column with 20mL 5M HCl-0.05M oxalic acid. Discard to Waste.
- 24) Place clean centrifuge tube below each TEVA. Strip Pu-Np with 20mL 0.1M HCl-0.05M HF-0.03M TiCl₃.



Waste ← (21) (23)
Th sample to source preparation ← (22)
Pu-Np sample to source preparation ← (24)

- 25) Place clean centrifuge tubes below TRU. Strip Am with 15mL of 4M HCl.
- 26) Rinse TRU with 12mL 4M HCl-0.1M HF. Discard as waste.
- 27) Place a clean centrifuge tube below each cartridge. Strip U with 15mL 0.1M ammonium bioxalate.



Waste ← (26)
Am sample to source preparation ← (25)
Pu sample to source preparation ← (27)

Some of the 32 Published Methods at eichrom.com

Reference	Title	Column	VBS
ACS 07	U in Soil	X	X
ACW 03	Am-Pu-U in Water	X	X
ACW 08	Th-Np in Water	X	X
ACW 11	Alpha Total Water	X	
ACW 17	Am-Pu-U-Np-Th-Sr in Water		X
PBW 01	Pb -Po in Water	X	X
H3W 02	H3 in Water	X	
SRW 01	Sr in Water	X	X
TCS 01	Tc in Soil	X	X
TCU 01	Tc in Urine (disc)	X	
TCW 01	Tc in Water	X	X
TCW 02	Tc in Water (disc)	X	

However there is a problem.



2014 Eichrom Application Notes



The goal of Eichrom application notes is to:

- Add matrices
- Add rugged sample preparation
- Add rapid techniques
- Add cutting edge separation techniques
- Shorten what the analyst needed to have on hand

Example of Application Note Layout



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AN-1413-10

Rapid Determination of Actinides in Emergency Water Samples

Summary of Method Uranium, Plutonium and Americium-Curium are separated and concentrated from up to 400mL water samples using calcium phosphate precipitation. The precipitate is dissolved in nitric acid and aluminum nitrate. Actinides are separated from matrix impurities and potentially interfering radionuclides in the sample using 2mL cartridges of Eichrom TEVA and TRU Resins. Actinides are measured by alpha spectrometry following source preparation by cerium fluoride microprecipitation onto Eichrom Resolve® Filters. Chemical yields are determined by recovery of ^{232}U , ^{243}Am , and ^{242}Pu (or ^{236}Pu , if measuring ^{237}Np) tracers. Typical chemical recoveries are >90%. A single operator can complete the separation method for batches of 12-24 samples in as little as 4-5 hours.



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Example of Application Note Layout (Reagents)

TEVA Resin, 2mL Cartridges (Eichrom TE-R50-S)

TRU Resin, 2mL Cartridges (Eichrom TR-R50-S)

Ammonium Hydroxide (listed as 28% NH₃ or 56% NH₄OH)

Nitric Acid (70%)

Hydrochloric Acid (37%)

Hydrofluoric Acid (49%) or Sodium Fluoride

Deionized Water

Iron Carrier (50mg/mL)

Cerium Carrier (1mg/mL)

1.25M Ca(NO₃)₂

3.2M (NH₄)₂HPO₄

2M Al(NO₃)₃

10% (w:w) TiCl₃

²⁴²Pu (or ²³⁶Pu if meas. Np), ²⁴³Am and ²³²U tracers

Oxalic acid/Ammonium oxalate

Sulfamic Acid

Ascorbic Acid

Sodium Nitrite

Denatured Ethanol



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Example of Application Note Layout (Equipment)

Vacuum Box (Eichrom AR-24-BOX or AR-12-BOX)

Cartridge Reservoir, 20mL (Eichrom AR-200-RV20)

Inner Support Tubes-PE (Eichrom AR-1000-TUBE-PE)

Yellow Outer Tips (Eichrom AR-1000-OT)

Resolve Filters in Funnel (Eichrom RF-DF25-25PP01)

50mL and 250mL Centrifuge Tubes

Centrifuge

Analytical Balance

Alpha Spectrometry System

Vacuum Pump

Sample

Preparation

400mL water + Tracers,
2mL 1.25M $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_3$,
5mL 3.2 M $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$.
Mix Well

Adjust to pH 10 with NH_4OH .
Mix Well.

Centrifuge 3500 rpm, 10 min.

Decant
Supernate
To Waste

Dissolve precipitate in 8mL 6M
 HNO_3 and 8mL 2M $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$.
Cool to room temperature.

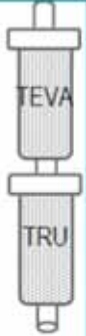
Adjust valence states of actinides by adding
the following reagents in the order listed
(mix between additions):

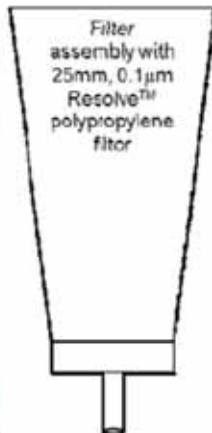
0.5mL 1.5M Sulfamic acid, 10uL 50mg/mL
Fe carrier, 1.25mL 1M Ascorbic acid,
1mL 3.5M NaNO_2 , and 1.5mL 70% HNO_3 .



Load Solution to
Resin Separation

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Example of Application Note (Separation)

- (1) Precondition stacked 2mL TEVA-TRU with 10mL 3M HNO₃.
 - (2) Load sample solution.
 - (3) Rinse sample tube with 5mL 6M HNO₃. Add tube rinse to cartridges.**
 - (4) Rinse cartridges with 5mL 3M HNO₃.
 - (5) Separate TEVA and TRU cartridges.
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- (6) Rinse TEVA cartridge with:
 - 15mL 3M HNO₃
 - 20mL 9M HCl (remove Th)
 - 5mL 3M HNO₃
 - (7) Strip Pu(Np) from TEVA with 20mL 0.1M HCl-0.05MHF-0.01M TiCl₃.
- (8) Strip Am/Cm from TRU with 15mL 4M HCl. Dilute to 30mL prior to CeF₃ ppt.
 - (9) Rinse TRU with 15mL 4M HCl-0.2M HF. (Th removal)
 - (10) Strip U from TRU with 15mL 0.1M ammonium bioxalate.

- (11) Add 0.5mL 30% H₂O₂ to Pu and 0.2mL 30% H₂O₂ to Am/Cm samples for additional U decon. during CeF₃ ppt.
 - (12) Add 0.5mL of 10% TiCl₃ to each U sample for CeF₃ ppt.
 - (13) Add 50-100ug Ce carrier to all samples. Mix well. Add 1mL 49% HF. Mix well. Wait 15-20 minutes.
 - (14) Set up Resolve® Filter Funnel on vacuum box.
 - (15) Wet filter with 3mL 80% ethanol followed by 3mL DI water.
 - (16) Filter sample.
 - (17) Rinse sample tube with 5mL DI water and add to filter.
 - (18) Rinse filter funnel with 3mL DI water and 2mL 100% ethanol.
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- (19) Draw vacuum until filter is dry.
 - (20) Remove filter from funnel assembly and mount filter on stainless steel planchet with 2-sided tape.
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- (21) Dry filter under heat lamp for 3-5 minutes.
 - (22) Measure actinides by alpha spectrometry.
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Example of Application Note (Results)

Method Performance 10-40L Spike Seawater Samples

Sample Volume, L	% Recovery Y carrier	⁹⁰ Sr (mBq/L) Reference	⁹⁰ Sr (mBq/L) Measured	% Bias
10	85.5	296	310	4.7
20	89.2	28.2	28.1	-0.4
30	72.3	18.8	18.5	-1.6
40	87.6	14.1	13.7	-2.8
40	86.5	14.1	13.9	-1.4

MDA for 40L sample = 0.35 mBq/L for 2 hour count time

MDA for 40L sample = 0.20 mBq/L for 8 hour count time

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Eichrom Method Application Notes

Number	Title
AN-1401	Rapid Determination of ^{226}Ra in Emergency Urine and Water
AN-1402	Rapid Determination of Sr in Emergency Milk Samples
AN-1403	Rapid Determination of Sr in 50g Soil Samples
AN-1404	Rapid Determination of Sr in 1-2 Liter Seawater Samples
AN-1405	Rapid Determination of Sr in Vegetation Samples
AN-1406	Rapid Determination of Actinides in Vegetation Samples
AN-1407	Rapid Determination of Sr in Animal Tissue Samples
AN-1408	Rapid Determination of Actinides in Animal Tissue Samples
AN-1409	Rapid Determination of Sr in Building Materials
AN-1410	Rapid Determination of Sr in Emergency Urine Samples
AN-1411	Rapid Determination of Sr in Emergency Water Samples
AN-1412	Rapid Determination of Actinides in Emergency Urine Samples
AN-1413	Rapid Determination of Actinides in Emergency Water Samples
AN-1414	Rapid Determination of ^{90}Sr in Up to 40 Liter Seawater Samples
AN-1415	Rapid Determination of ^{210}Po in Water Samples
AN-1416	Rapid Determination of Actinides and ^{210}Po in Water
AN-1417	Rapid Determination of $^{226/228}\text{Ra}$ in Water Samples
AN-1418	Rapid Determination of ^{226}Ra in Water Samples
AN-1419	Rapid Determination of ^{226}Ra in Concrete and Brick

Application Notes (AN-2014-####)

	Actinide(s)	Radium	Strontium
Animal Tissue	1408	--	1407
Building Materials	1429, 1432	1419	1409
Food/Vegetation	1406, 1425, 1426, 1427	1422	1402, 1405
Glass Fiber Air Samples	1433	1420	1434
Seawater	1423, 1424	--	1404, 1414
Soils	1430, 1431, 1435, 1436	1421	1403
Urine	1412, 1437, 1438	1401	1410
Water	1413, 1416	1401, 1417, 1418	1411

Rapid Determination of Pu, Np, and U in 1-8L Seawater

AN-1423-10

Method Performance Pu, Np and U from Seawater

Analyte	Volume, L	Replicates	Tracer	% Tracer	Analyte(mBq/L)	Analyte(mBq/L)	% Bias
				Recovery	Reference	Measured	
²³⁹ Pu	2	5	²³⁶ Pu	91 ± 9	33.8	32.6 ± 1.4	-3.6
²³⁹ Pu	4	1	²³⁶ Pu	86	16.9	16.2	-4.1
²³⁹ Pu	8	2	²³⁶ Pu	87 ± 3	27.8	27.6 ± 0.5	-0.7
²³⁷ Np	2	5	²³⁶ Pu	91 ± 9	17.4	17.7 ± 1.5	1.7
²³⁷ Np	4	1	²³⁶ Pu	86	8.7	7.2	-17
²³⁷ Np	8	2	²³⁶ Pu	87 ± 3	4.4	4.2 ± 0.4	-4.5
²³⁸ U	2	5	²³² U	99 ± 2	51.8	49.3 ± 1.5	-4.8
²³⁸ U	4	1	²³² U	86	25.9	25.0	-3.6
²³⁸ U	8	2	²³² U	92 ± 5	96.3	94 ± 3	-2.4

16 hour count times

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Rapid Determination of $^{226/228}\text{Ra}$ in Water Samples

AN-1417-10

Method Performance $^{226/228}\text{Ra}$ in Water

Sample	Volume Liters	Replicates	^{133}Ba Tracer	% Recovery	% Recovery
			% Recovery	^{226}Ra	^{228}Ra

River Water	1.5	3	101 \pm 5	103 \pm 1	103 \pm 7
Ground Water	1.0	5	95 \pm 4	104 \pm 1	102 \pm 8

1040pCi ^{133}Ba , 5.0pCi ^{226}Ra , 20pCi ^{228}Ra



Rapid Determination of Sr in Animal Tissue Samples

AN-1407-10

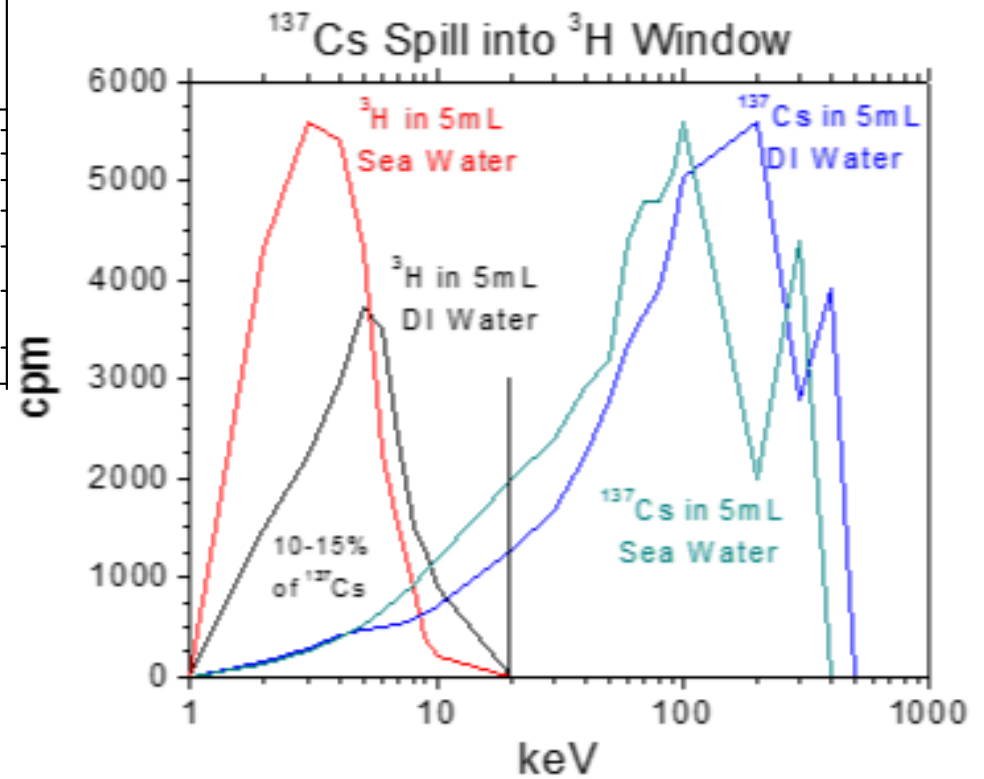
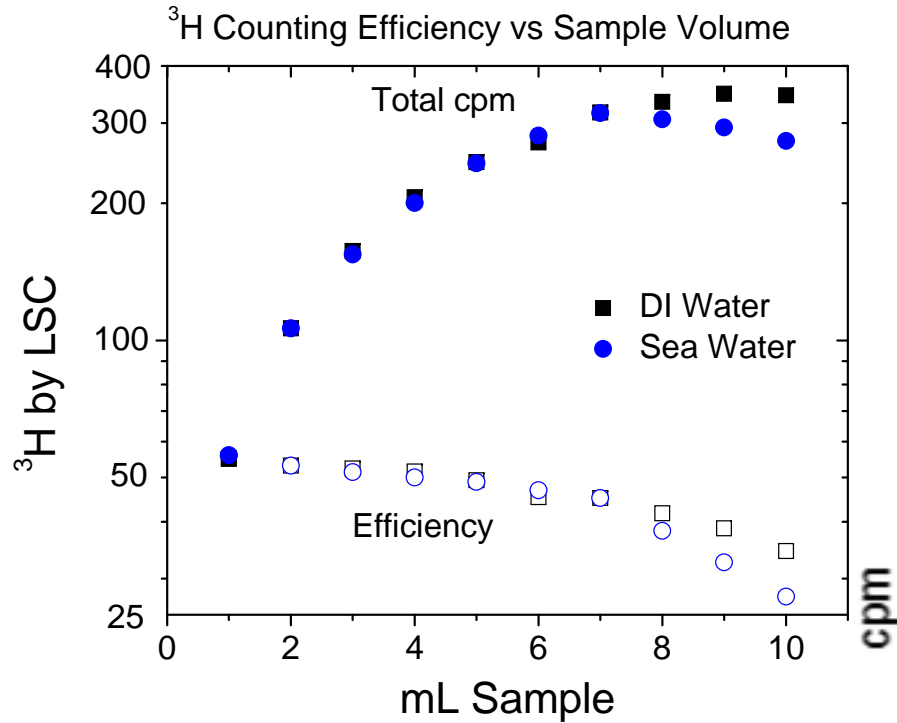
Sample	grams	replicate	% Recovery
			Sr carrier
Beef	100	6	96.3 \pm 0.5
Deer	100	59	83.4 \pm 3.5
Fish-Bass	200	72	89.0 \pm 16
Fish-Bream	100	57	91.7 \pm 10
Fish-Catfish	200	69	89.4 \pm 17
Fish-Mullet	200	6	85.6 \pm 17
Fish-Red Fish	200	6	77.7 \pm 21
Fish-Sea Trout	200	6	74.4 \pm 25
Hog	100	17	86.0 \pm 7.1
Shellfish	100	5	97.5 \pm 0.9

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AN-1601	Method for ^{227}Ac in Geological Samples
AN-1602	Method for ^{227}Ac in Water Samples
AN-1603	Rapid Method for Actinides in Limestone and Marble
AN-1604	Rapid Method for $^{89/90}\text{Sr}$ in Limestone and Marble
AN-1605	Rapid Method for $^{89/90}\text{Sr}$ in 5g Large Concrete Samples
AN-1606	Rapid Method for ^{90}Sr in 10g Concrete Samples
AN-1607	Rapid Method for Pu, Np, Am in Large Soil Samples
AN-1608	Rapid Method for U and Th in soil
AN-1609	Rapid Method for ^3H in water
AN-1610	Rapid Method for $^{59/63}\text{Ni}$ in Water
AN-1611	Rapid Method for ^{55}Fe in Water (TEVA)
AN-1612	Rapid Method for ^{55}Fe in Water (TRU)
AN-1613	^{68}Ga Generator
AN-1614	$^{225}\text{Ac}/^{225}\text{Ra}$ Generator
AN-1615	^{90}Y Generator
AN-1616	$^{210}\text{Po}/^{210}\text{Bi}$ Generator
AN-1617	$^{227}\text{Th}/^{223}\text{Ra}$ Generator
AN-1618	$^{228}\text{Th}/^{231}\text{Th}$ Generator
AN-1619	^{239}Np Generator
AN-1620	$^{224}\text{Ra}/^{212}\text{Pb}$ Generator
AN-1621	^{234}Th Generator
AN-1622	Separation of ^{89}Zr from Y Target
AN-1623	Separation of ^{86}Y From Sr Target

Examples of New Information in 2016 Applications

- Tritium Columns



Iron – TRU or TEVA ?

Method Performance

Method	Replicate	%Rec		Fe-55 Tracer corrected	Bias	Impurity*
		2mg Fe tracer	Fe-55 raw %rec			
TRU	1	90.6	93.1	102.8	2.8	<0.5%
	2	90.0	92.3	102.5	2.5	
	3	94.8	92.4	97.5	-2.5	
	4	89.5	94.0	105.0	5.0	
	5	95.8	94.3	98.5	-1.5	
	6	95.8	92.8	96.9	-3.1	
	AVG	92.8	93.2	100.5		
	SD	3.0	0.8	3.3		

Method Performance

Method	Replicate	%Rec		Fe-55 Tracer corrected	Bias	Impurity*
		2mg Fe tracer	Fe-55 raw %rec			
TEVA	1	95.8	89.2	93.1	-6.9	<0.5%
	2	94.4	89.7	95.0	5.0	
	3	97.6	87.2	89.4	10.6	
	4	95.3	88.2	92.6	7.4	
	5	83.9	79.8	95.1	4.9	
	6	89.1	89.6	100.5	-0.5	
	7	80.6	86.4	107.2	-7.2	
	AVG	91.0	87.2	96.1		
	SD	6.6	3.5	5.9		

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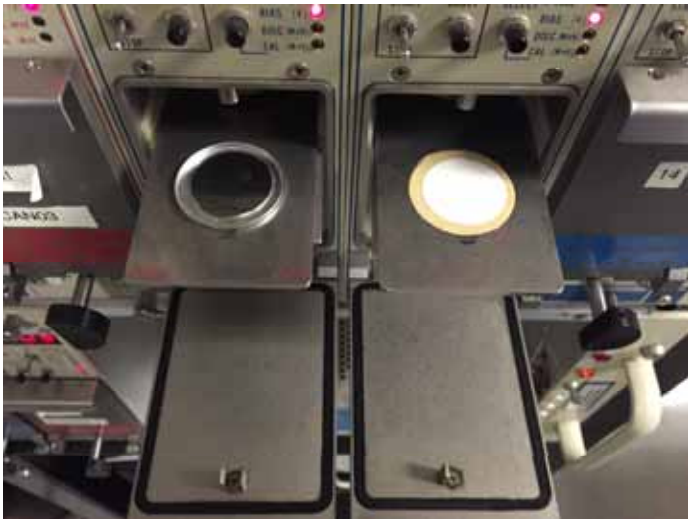
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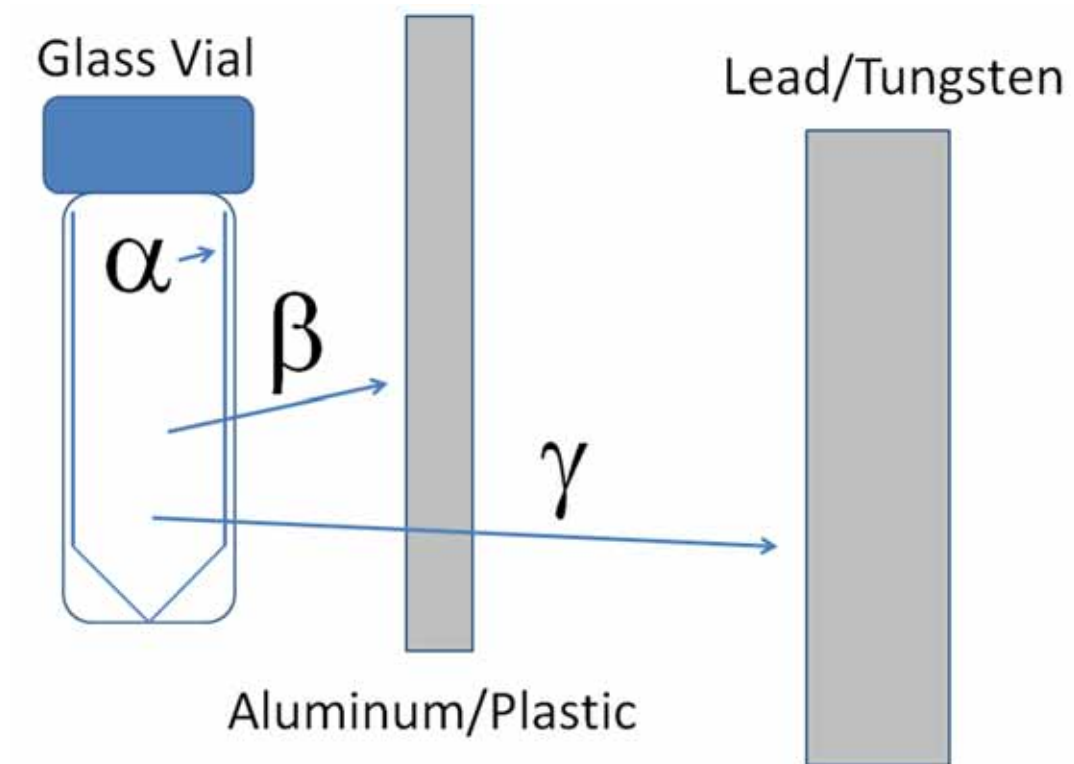
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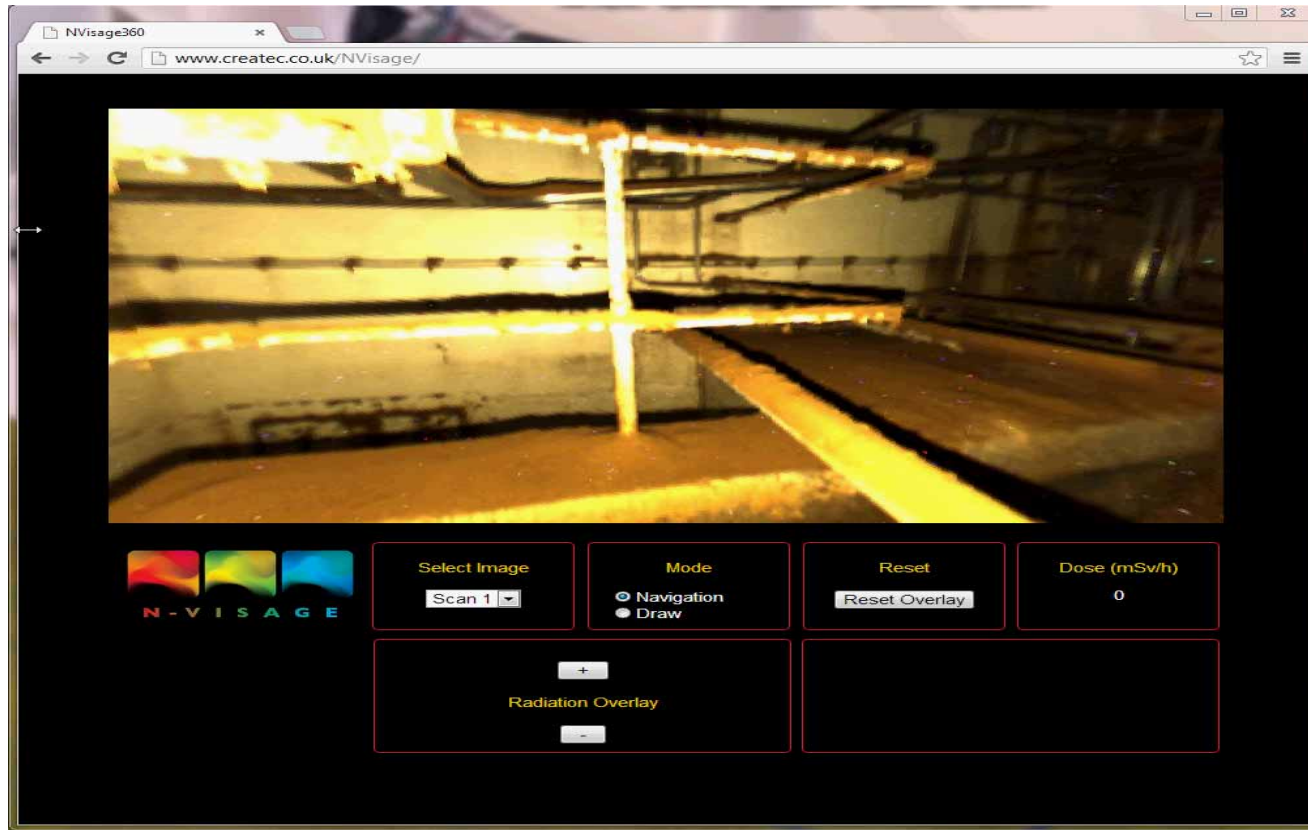
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 - Radiation Imaging



Data Collection – Process Overview

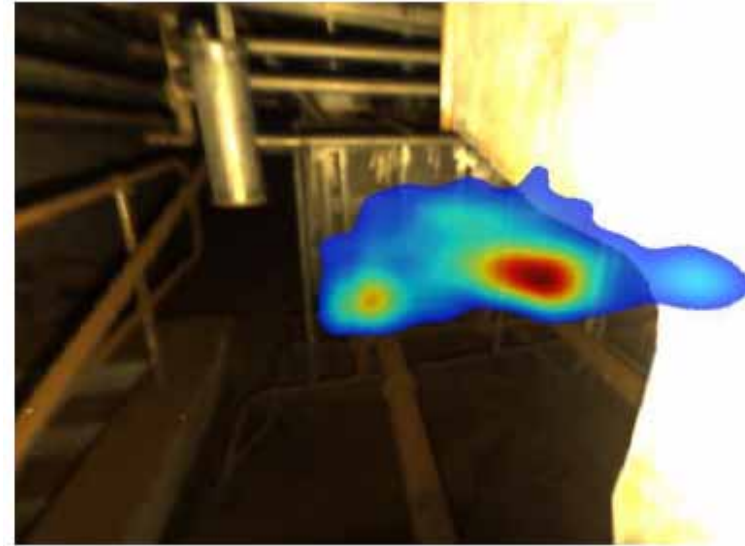
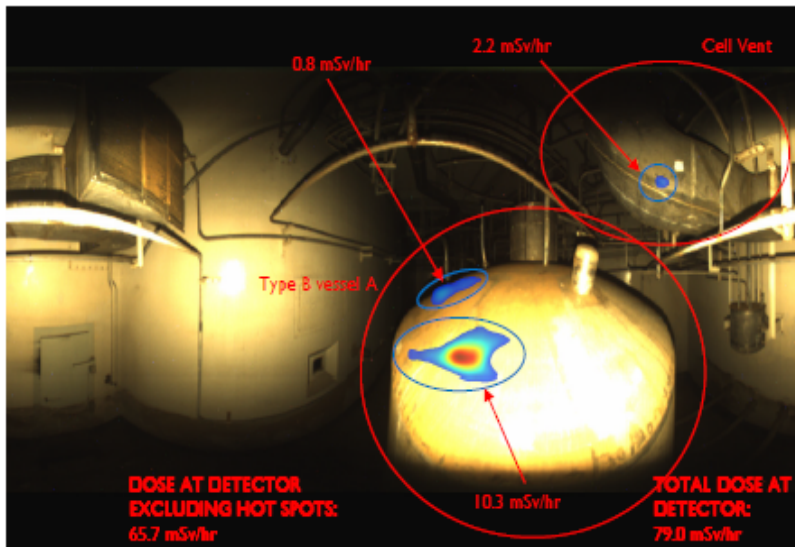


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Instant Output

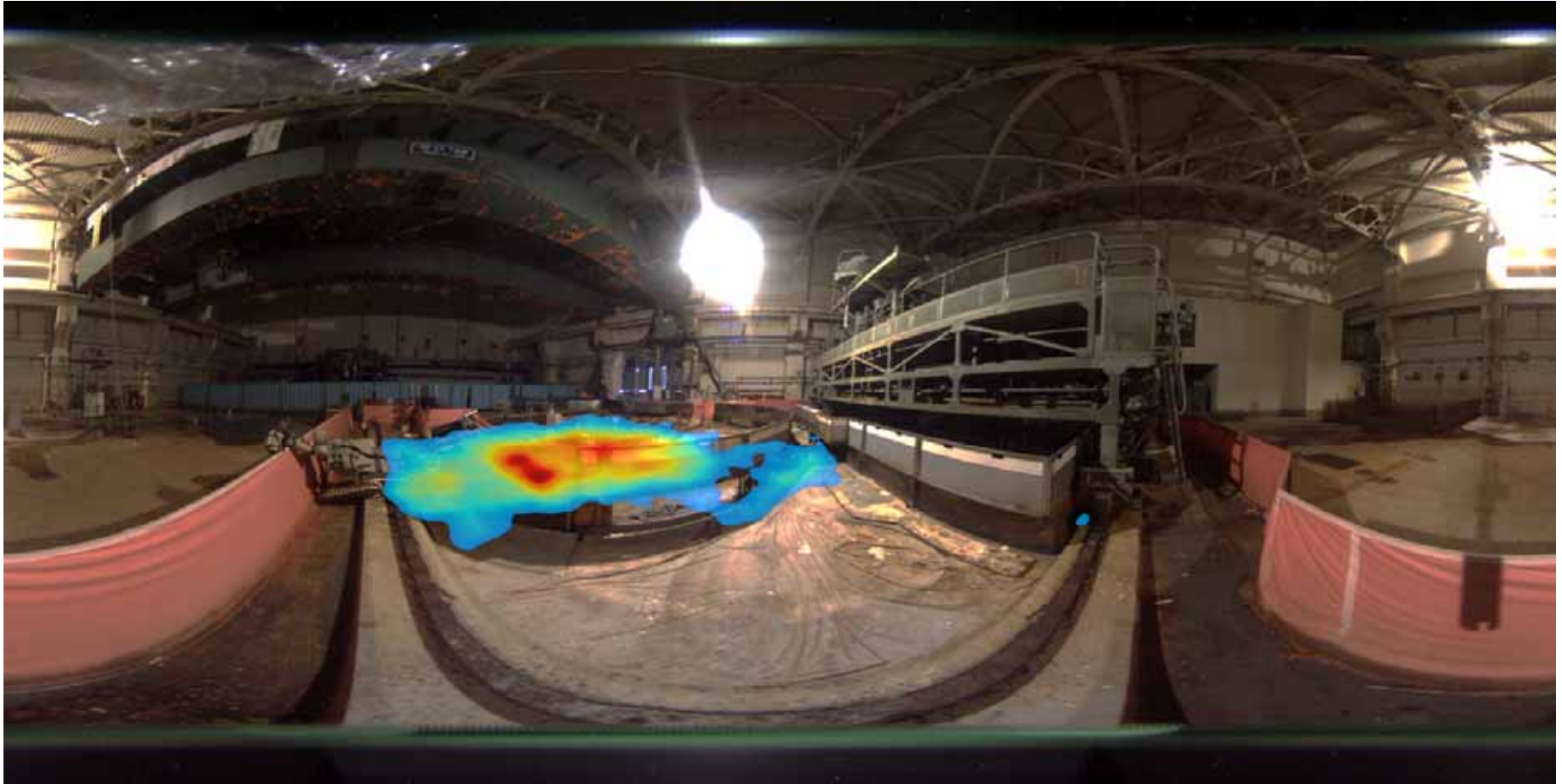
Gamma radiation profile overlaid on optical images



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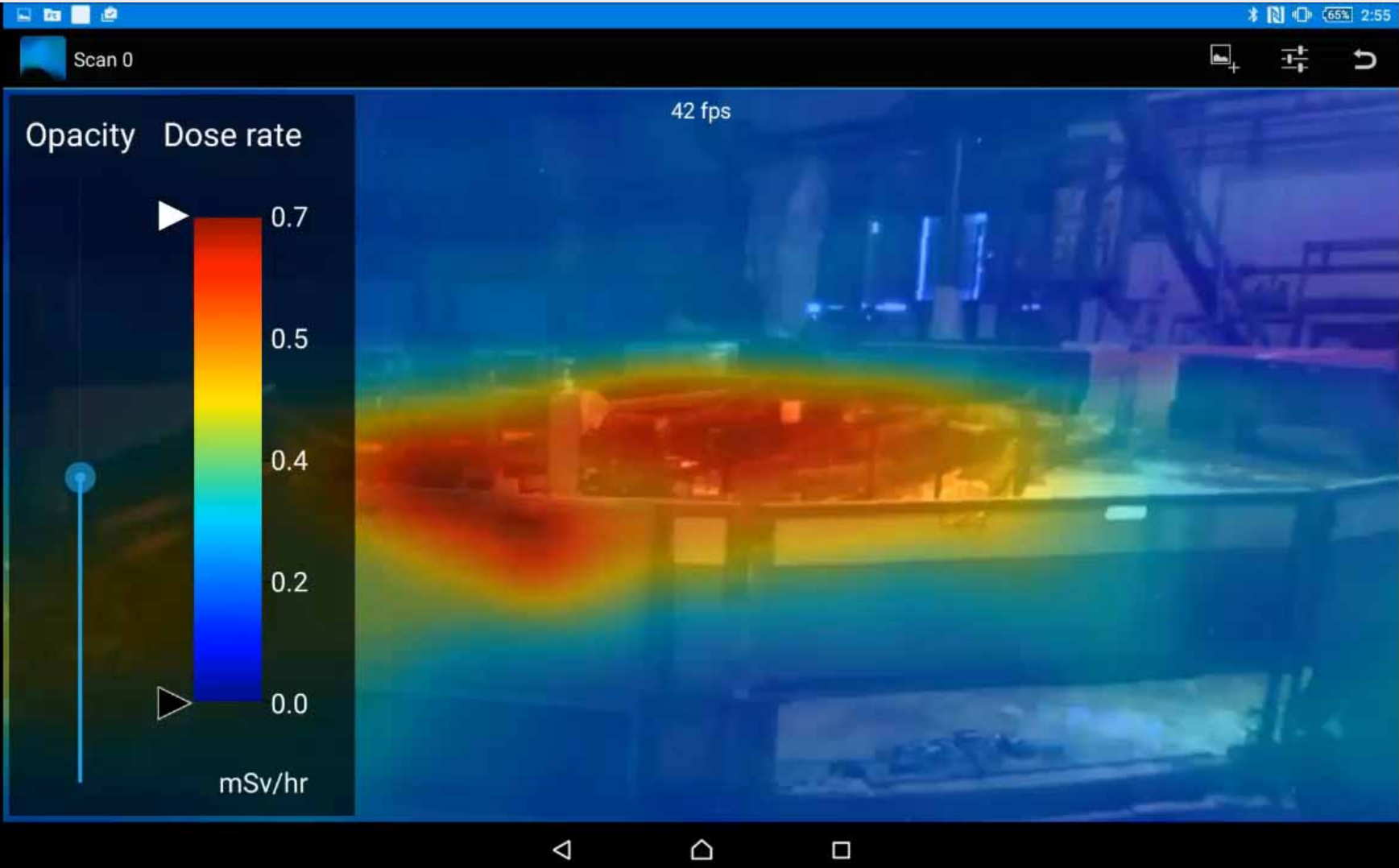
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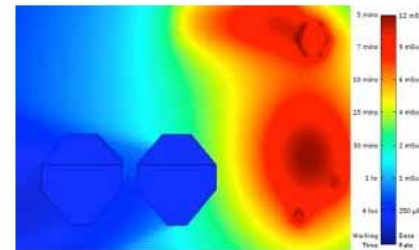
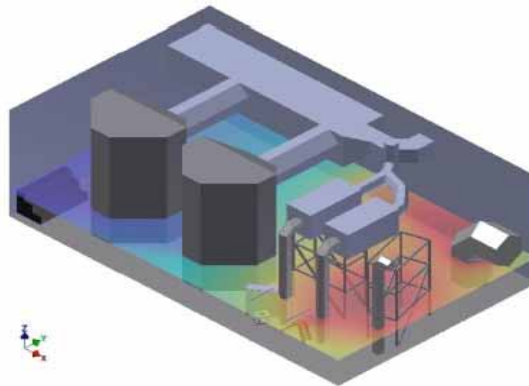
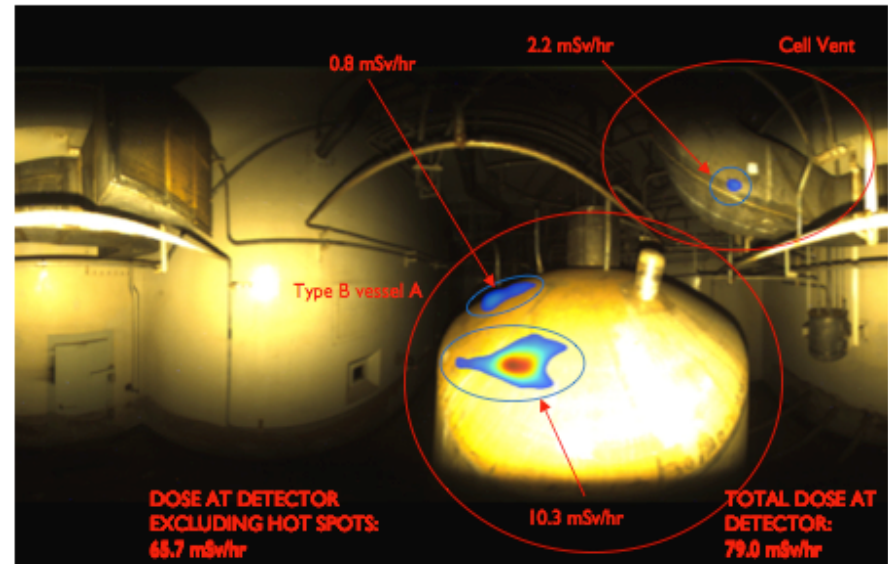


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Data Analysis – Knowledge is Power

After the data collection, RadVision^{3D} uses proprietary software to analyze the plant radiation conditions and develop specific plant recommendations. The analyses provide custom work planning, estimated dose reductions and optimized shutdown utilization with



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Deliverables

- Instant Snapshots of radiation profile for hot spot identification
- Instant quantification of hot spot dose readings
- 3-D Model Creation
 - Dose Plane Analysis
 - Accumulated dose estimates
 - Shielding effectiveness evaluations
- Individual Isotope ID



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Shielding System Configurations

- Present visual evidence of radiation field to upper management
- Optimize Shielding placement and amount of shielding
- 3D laser scan data valuable to all plant departments
- 3D laser scan data + gamma field can be used to optimize shielding design
 - More accurate attenuation estimates
 - Minimized shielding weight = easier engineering/labor
 - 3D measurements for attaching hardware, custom molds, etc.
- Superior presentation material for PHC meetings
- Optional post processing for dose plane style dose estimation



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RadVision^{3D} Services

Better Data Collection

Sophisticated Analysis & Conclusions

Targeted Shielding Solutions

See the Full Picture

Understand the Impact

Optimize Your Shielding

360° Gamma Imaging & Laser Scanning

Powerful Proprietary Software Differentiates from a Standard Gamma-cam

Customized, Engineered Shielding Solutions

Precise and Complete Radiation Profile of Area

2D Radiation Overlay & 3D Dose Plane Analyses

Reduced Barriers in Containment

Visualize Plant Conditions in a 3D Virtual Reality Environment

Sophisticated Work Planning Tools

Optimized Balance Between Permanent and Temporary Shielding Applications

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