

# The use of surrogates in separations method development: advantages and challenges

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# Eichrom



Eichrom R&D currently:

2 Ph.D. radiochemists  
1 B.S. chemist

- Founded in 1990 by Phil Horwitz
- Commercialized EXC resins developed and characterized at Argonne National Laboratory.
- Low-level environmental monitoring and bioassay to Ci-level production of isotopes for industry and nuclear medicine.
- Pt – Po for Ds – Lv (search for new elements in 1960s/1970s)

78 Pt Platinum [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	79 Au Gold [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>1</sup>	80 Hg Mercury [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	81 Tl Thallium [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup> 6p <sup>1</sup>	82 Pb Lead [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup> 6p <sup>2</sup>	83 Bi Bismuth [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup> 6p <sup>3</sup>	84 Po Polonium [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup> 6p <sup>4</sup>	85 At Astatine [Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup> 6p <sup>5</sup>
110 Ds Darmstadtium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	111 Rg Roentgenium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	112 Cn Copernicium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	113 Nh Nihonium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup> 7p <sup>1</sup>	114 Fl Flerovium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup> 7p <sup>2</sup>	115 Mc Moscovium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup> 7p <sup>3</sup>	116 Lv Livermorium [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup> 7p <sup>4</sup>	117 Ts Tennessine [Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup> 7p <sup>5</sup>

# Resources



## Radioactive Materials Laboratory

Broad Scope License, any radionuclide of elements 1(H) – 103(Lr), **no Rf, Db, Sg...** ☹

Permitted mCi amounts of Ac-225, Ac-227, Pb-203, F-18, Th-228

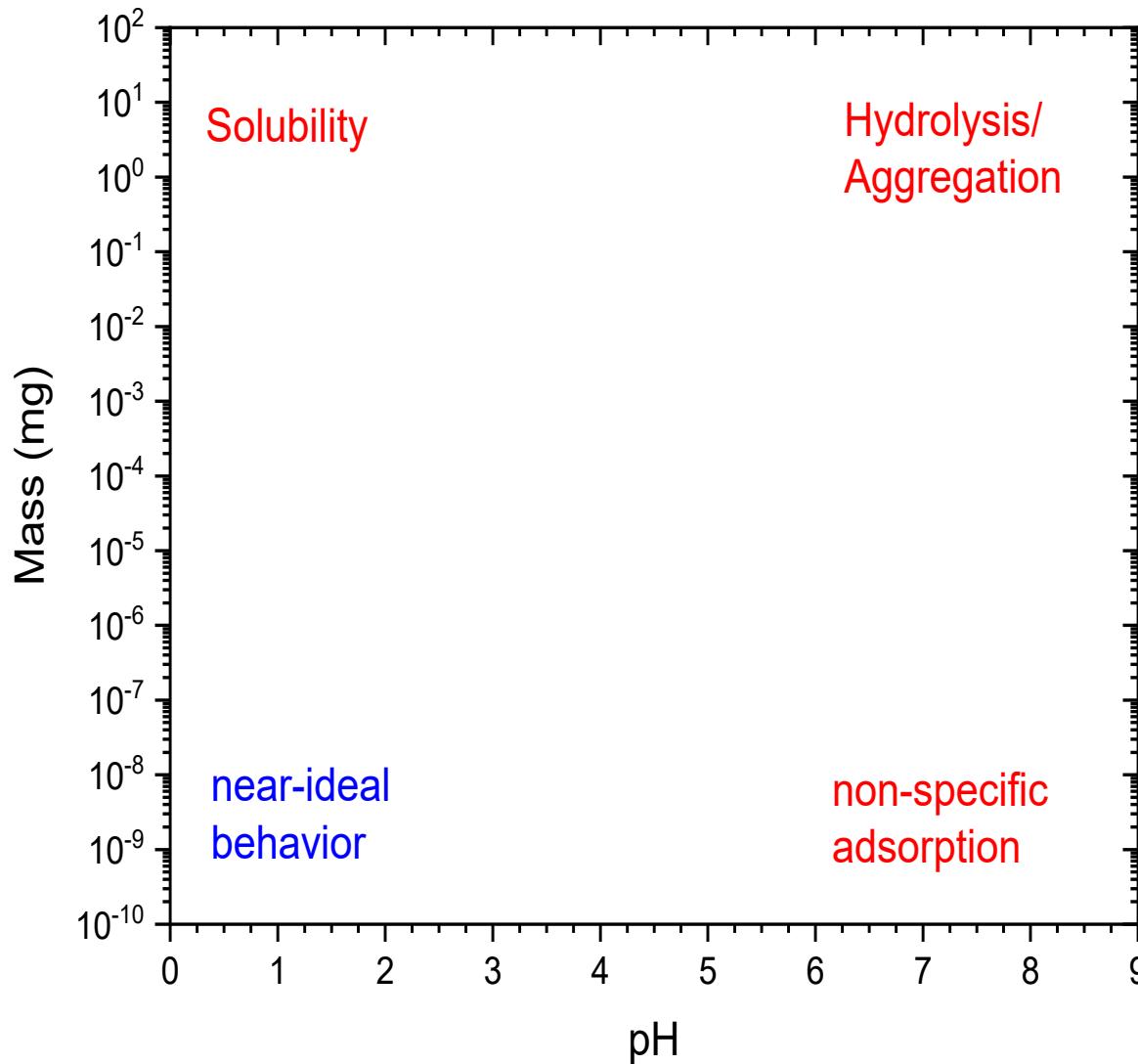
Alpha spectrometry, HPGe gamma, LSC, Na(Tl)I gamma, MP-AES, ~~ICP-MS~~

~~Cyclotron~~

Radiolsotopes may be:  
Unavailable  
Expensive  
Short-lived  
Complex decay scheme  
(ALARA)

~~Nuclear Reactor~~

# Surrogates: Stable elements vs Radionuclides



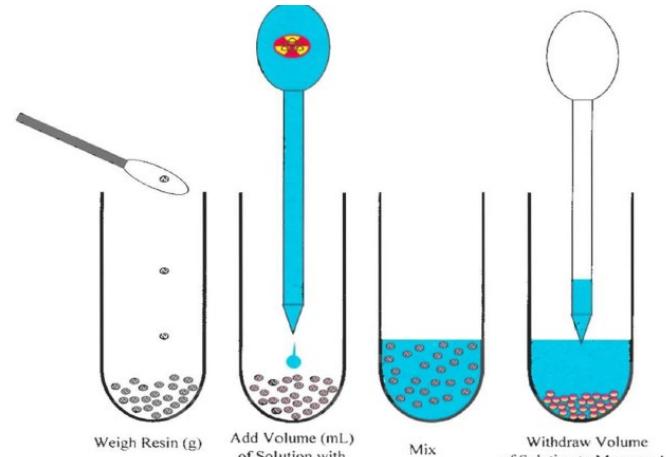
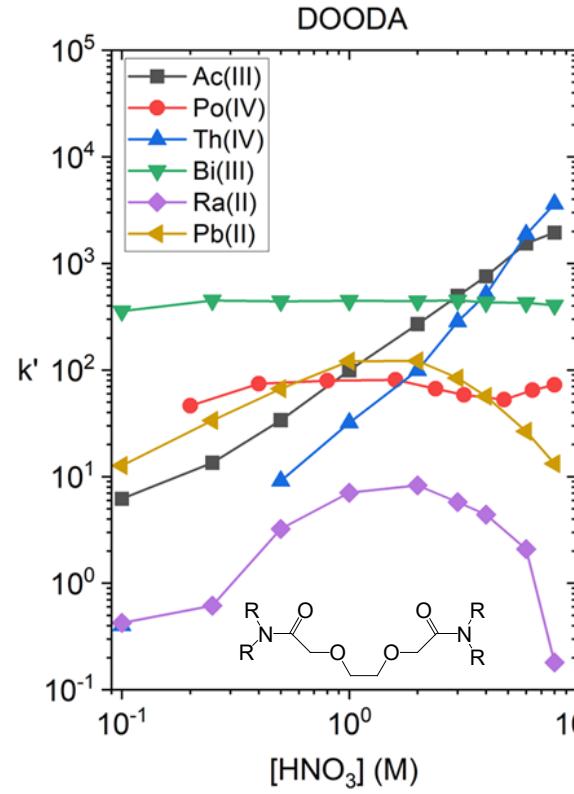
## Stable Elements ( $\mu\text{g}$ ):

- Readily available
- Measure by AES/MS
- Reasonable Surrogates for elements without stable isotopes

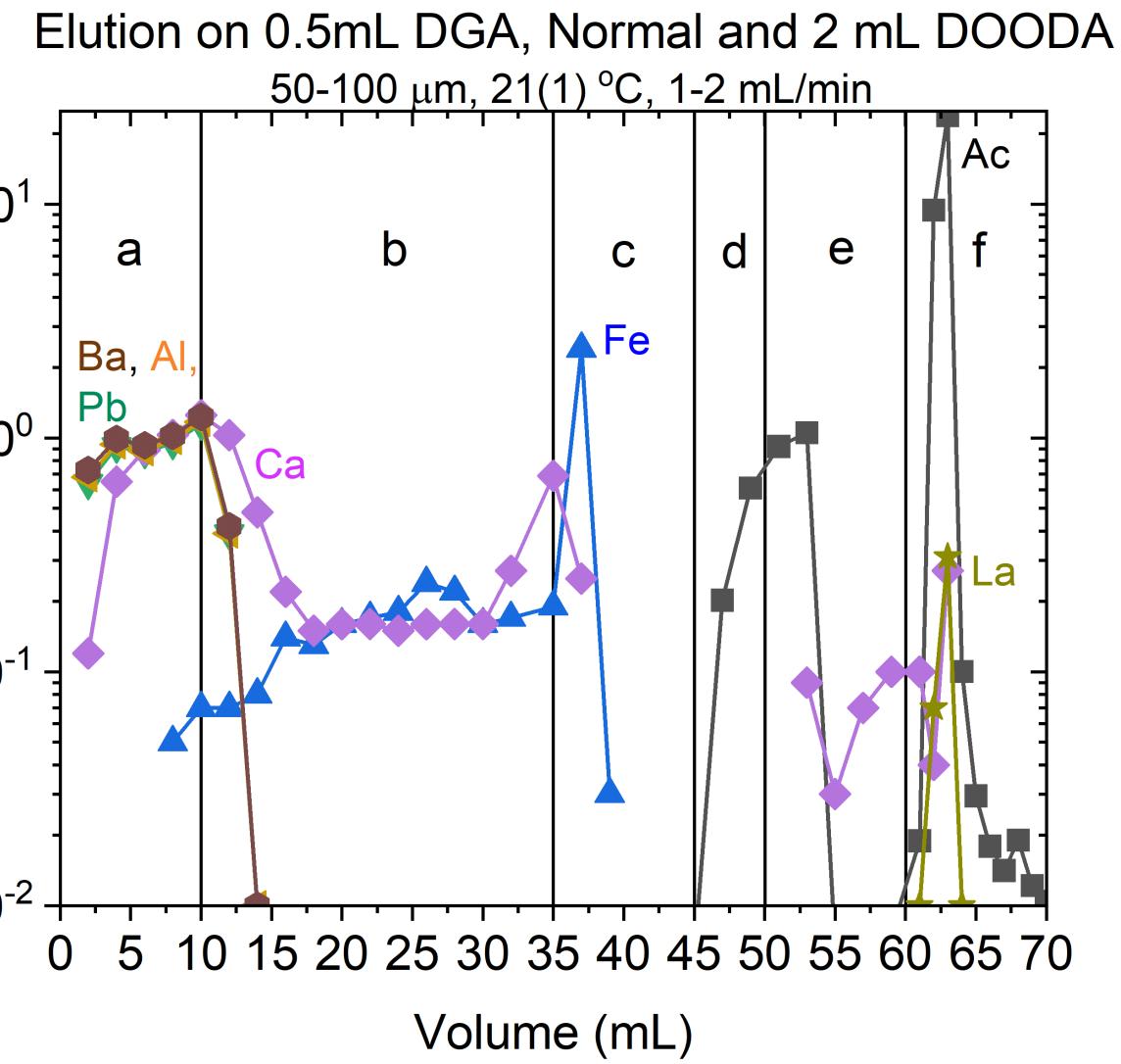
## Radionuclides:

- Require special license
- Waste can be expensive (DIS)
- Can dope with long-lived isotopes to tune specific activity

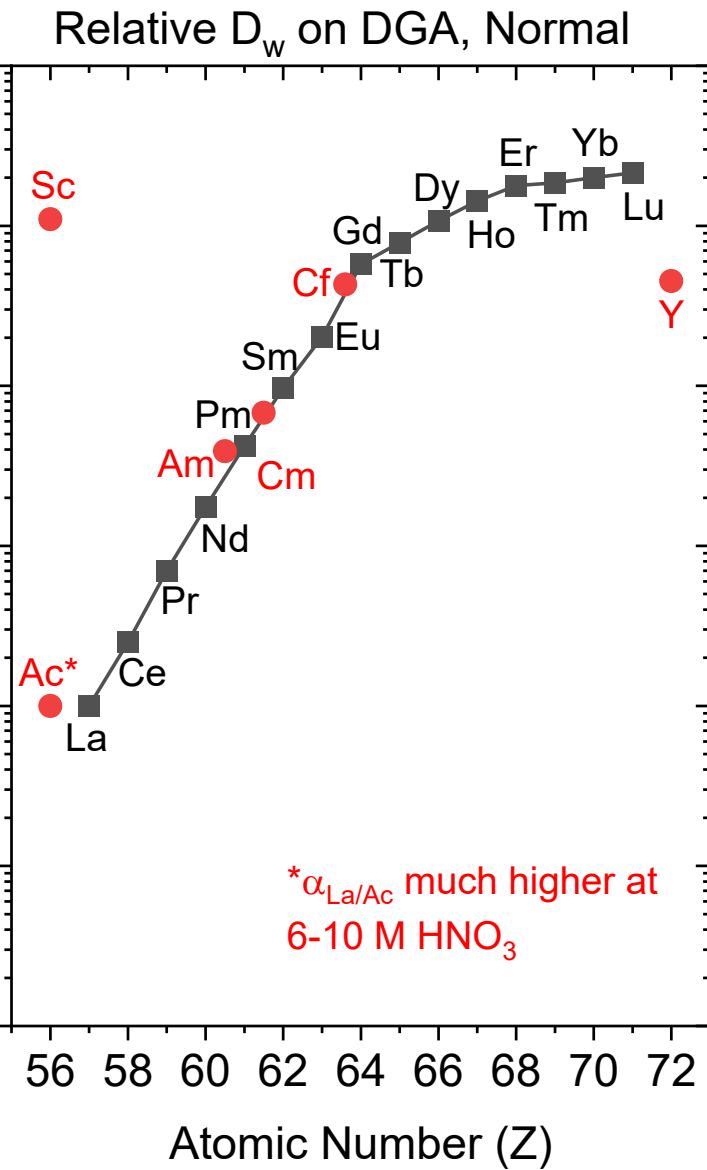
When does mass help/hurt?



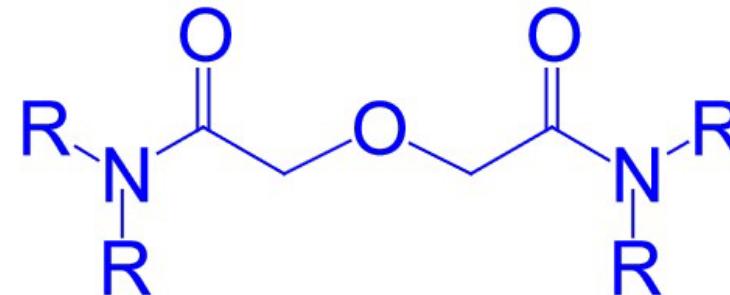
$$D_w = \frac{A_0 - A_s}{w(g)} / \frac{v(mL)}{v(mL)}$$



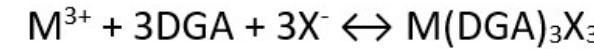
# Rare Earths for Minor Actinides



57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.91	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.12	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.91	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.24	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium (145)	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.95	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 151.96	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.93	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.50
89 <b>Ac</b> Actinium (227)	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.04	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.04	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.03	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium (237)	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium (244)	95 <b>Am</b> Americium (243)	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium (247)	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium (247)	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium (251)



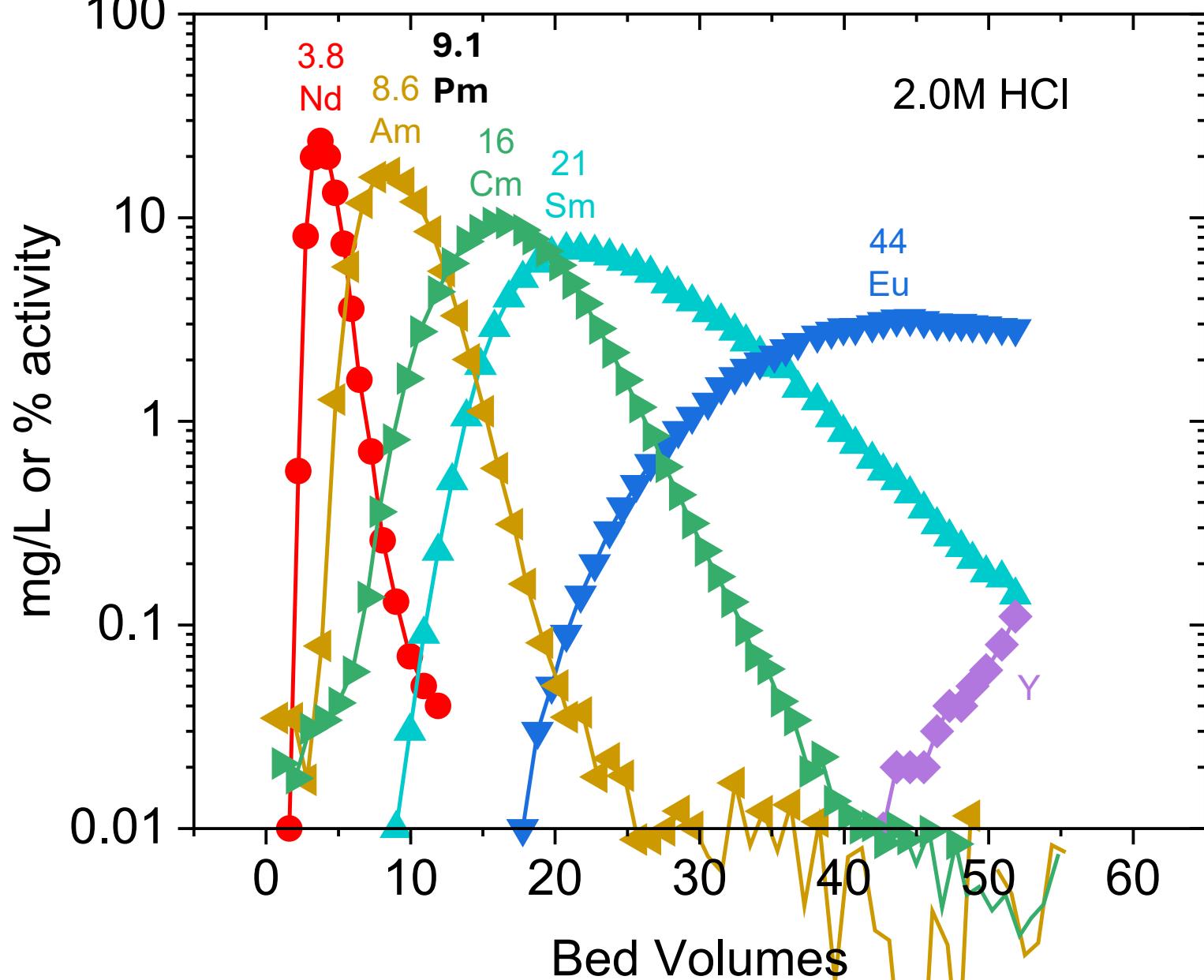
$R = n\text{-octyl or 2-ethyl-1-hexyl}$



$M = \text{Ln(III)} \text{ or } \text{An(III)}$ ,  $X = \text{NO}_3^- \text{ or } \text{Cl}^-$

# Elution on DGA, Normal

50-100  $\mu\text{m}$ , 0.9 cm x 14 cm, 21(1) $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 3.5 mL/min



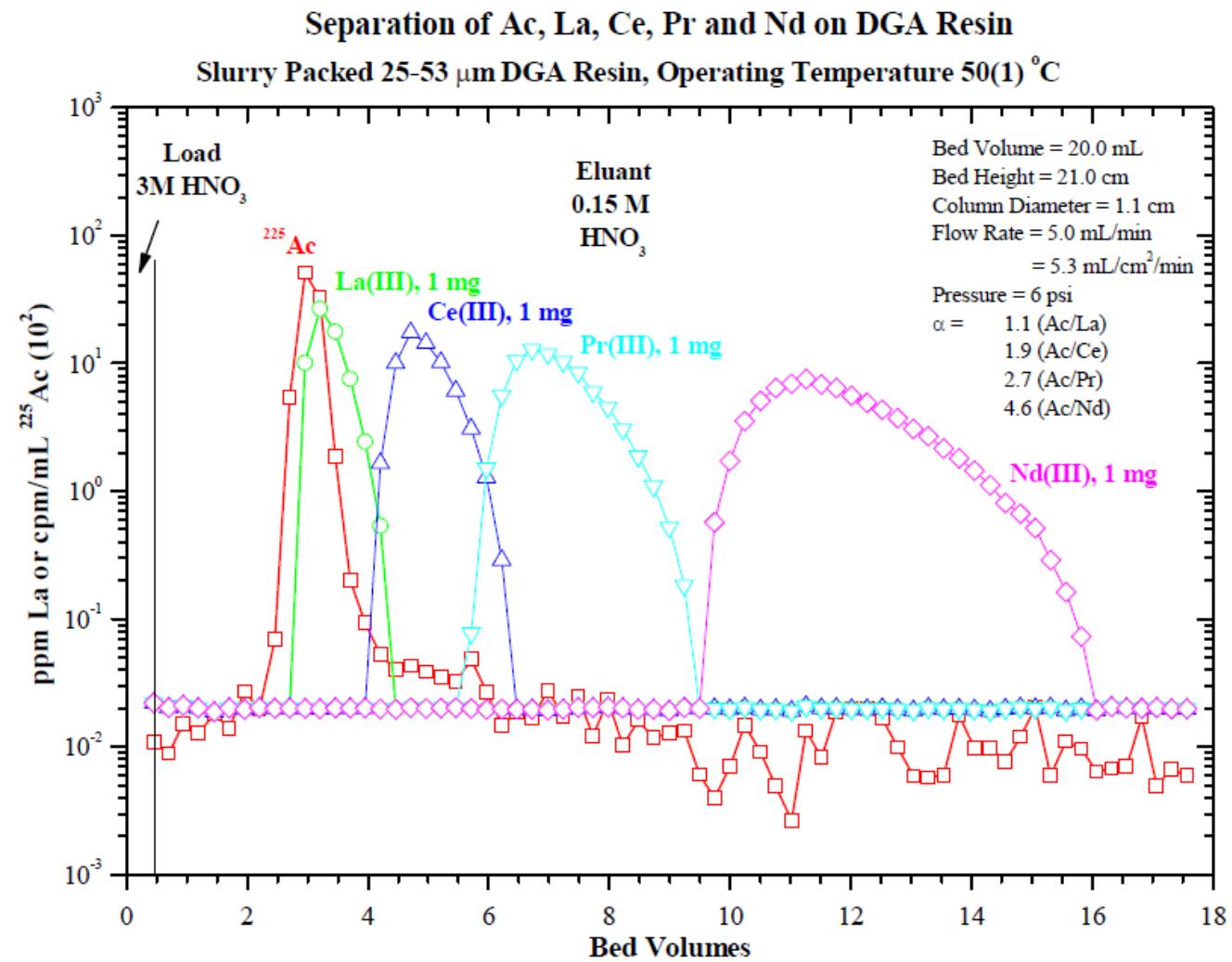
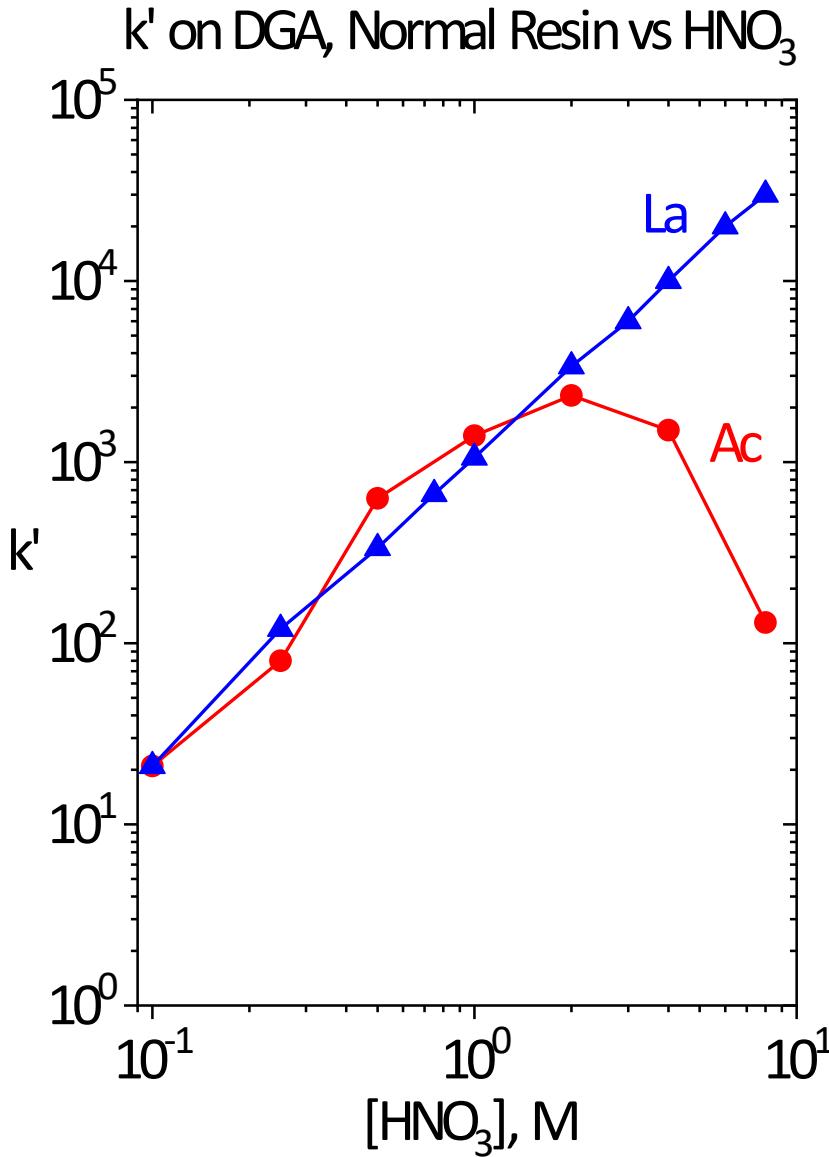
$M^{3+}$	Separation factor (M/Nd)	Predicted BV (Nd = 3.8)
Nd	1.0	3.8
Am	2.2	8.4
Pm	2.4	9.1
Cm	3.9	15
Sm	5.5	21

Nd/Sm bracket Am/Cm

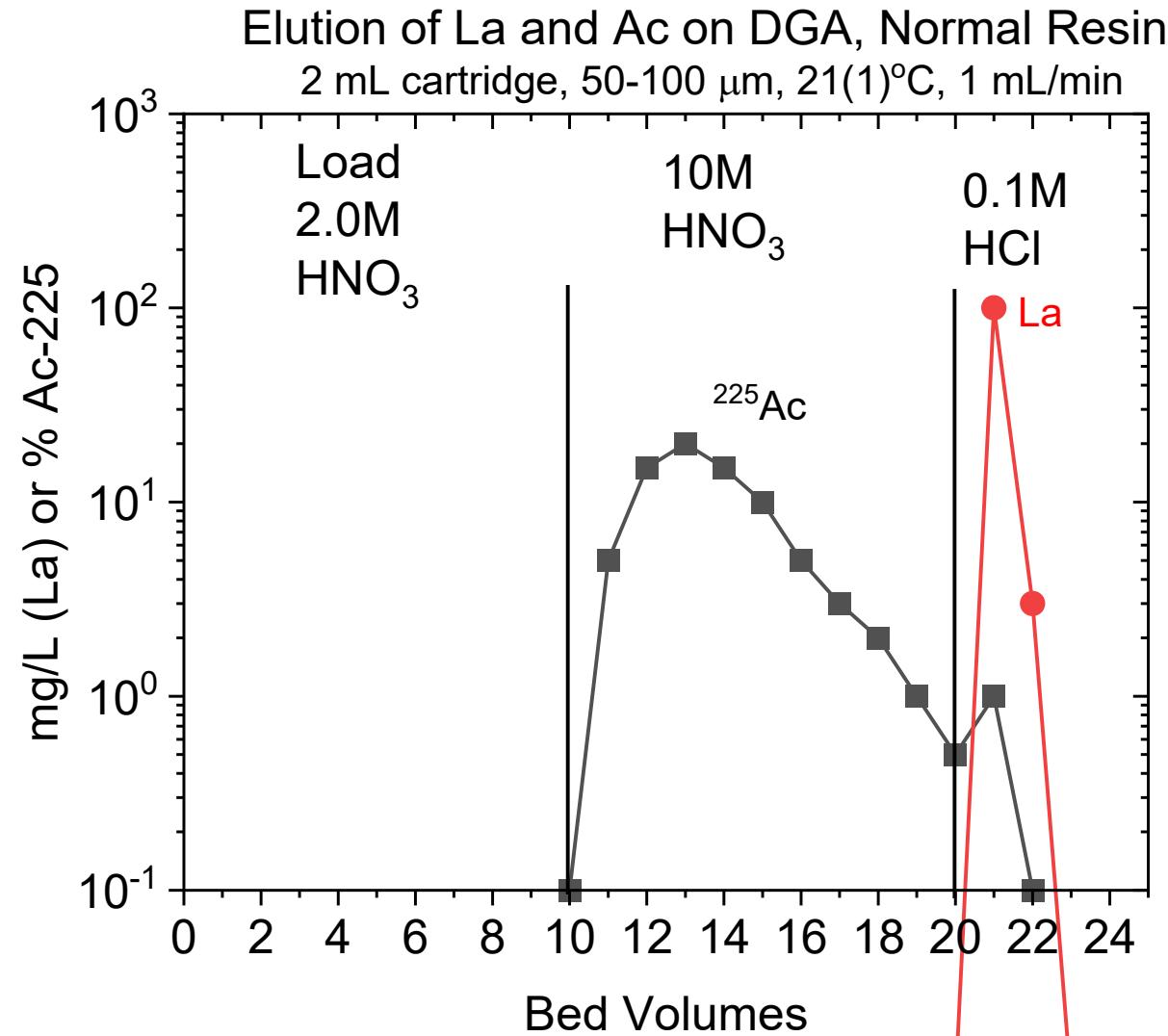
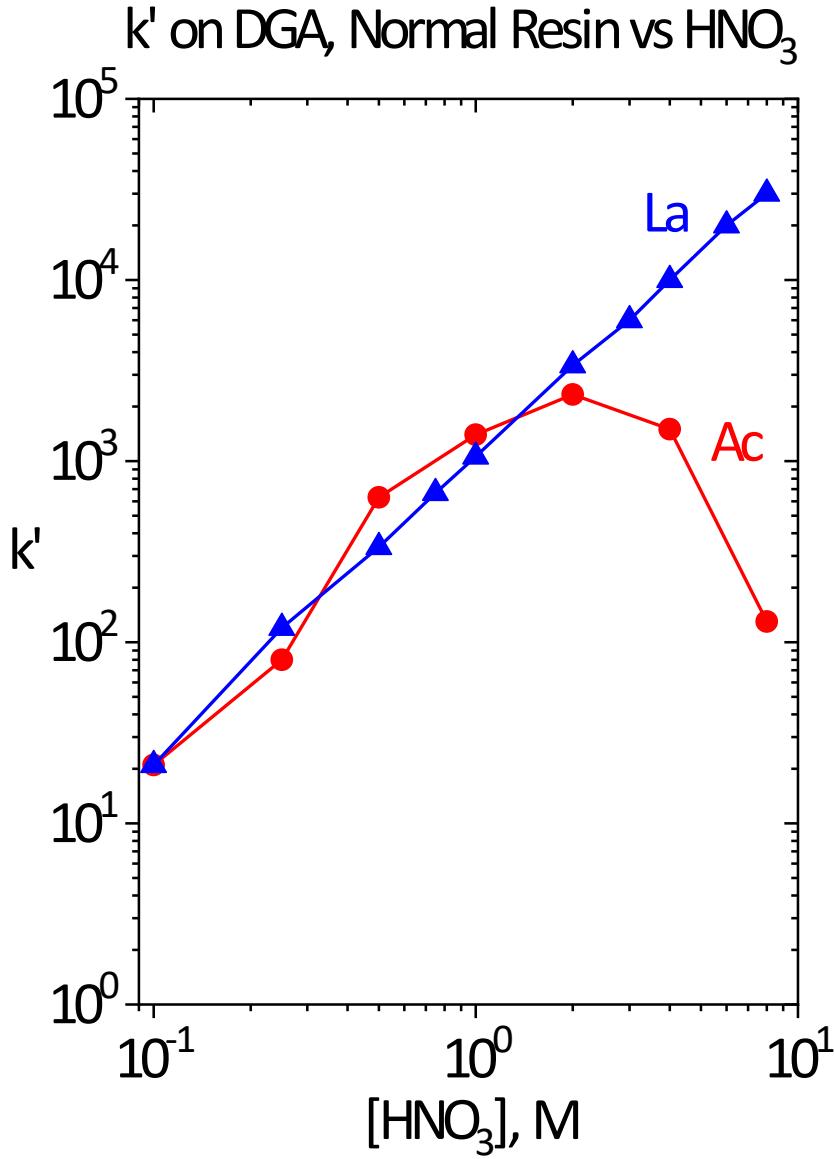
$^{147}\text{Pm} \longleftrightarrow ^{241}\text{Am}$

$\text{Sm} \rightarrow \text{Cm}$

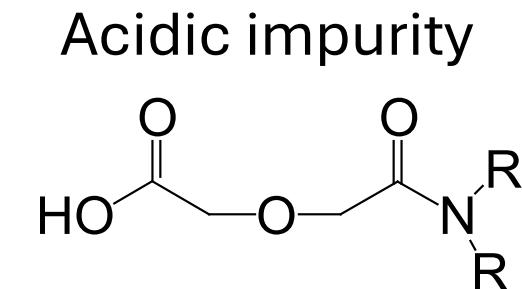
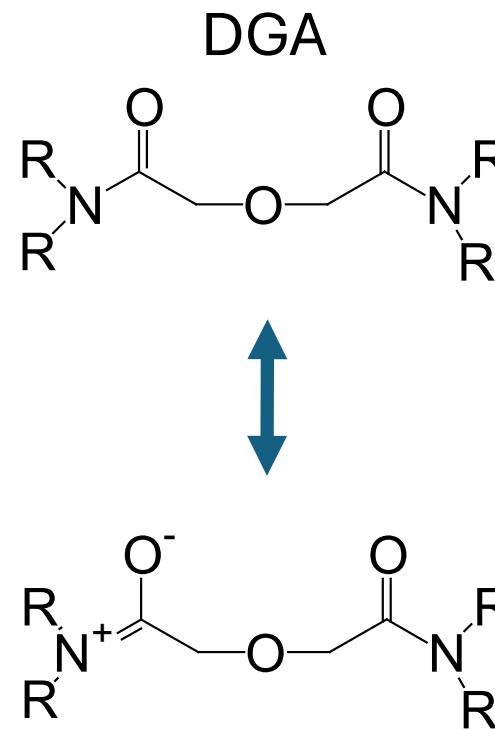
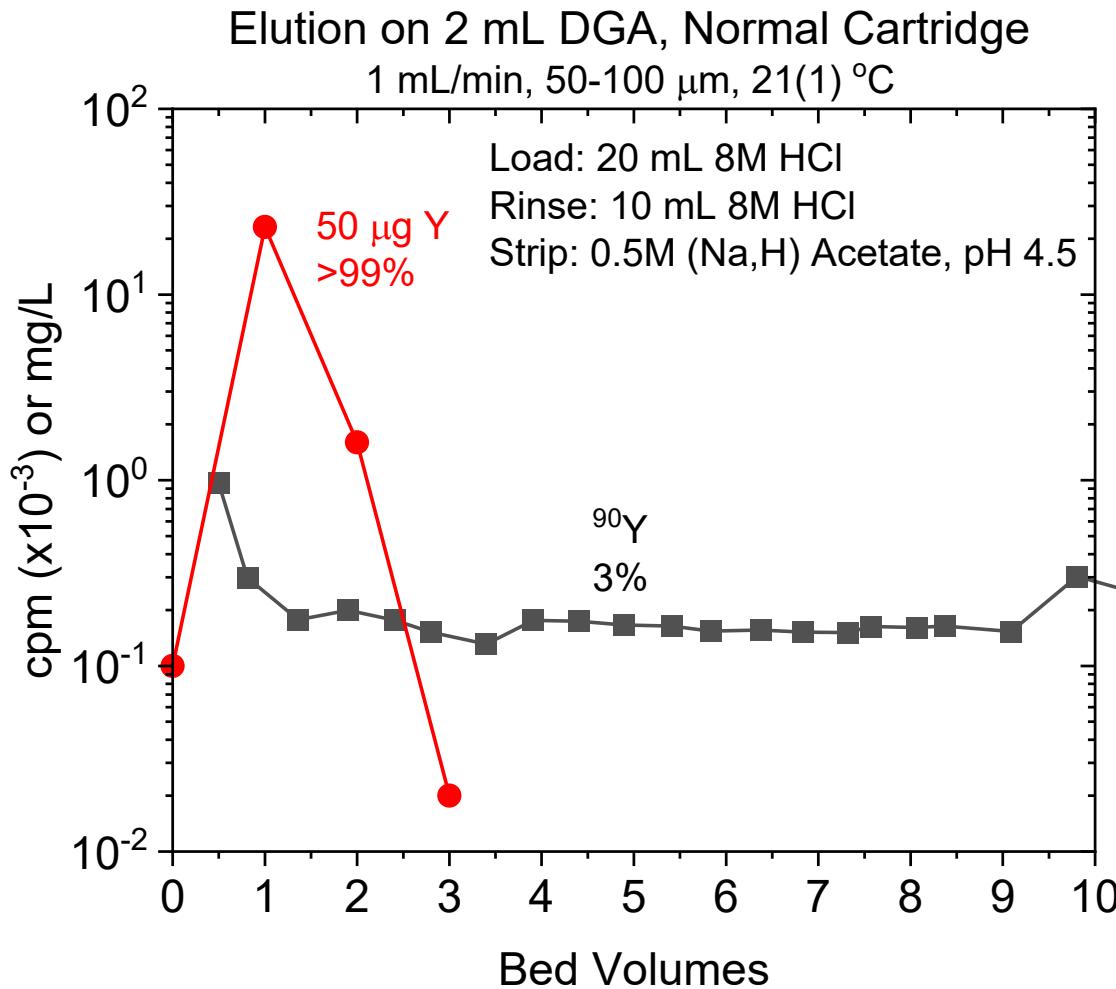
# La for Ac-225 (DGA-dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>)



# La for Ac-225 (DGA – 10M HNO<sub>3</sub>)

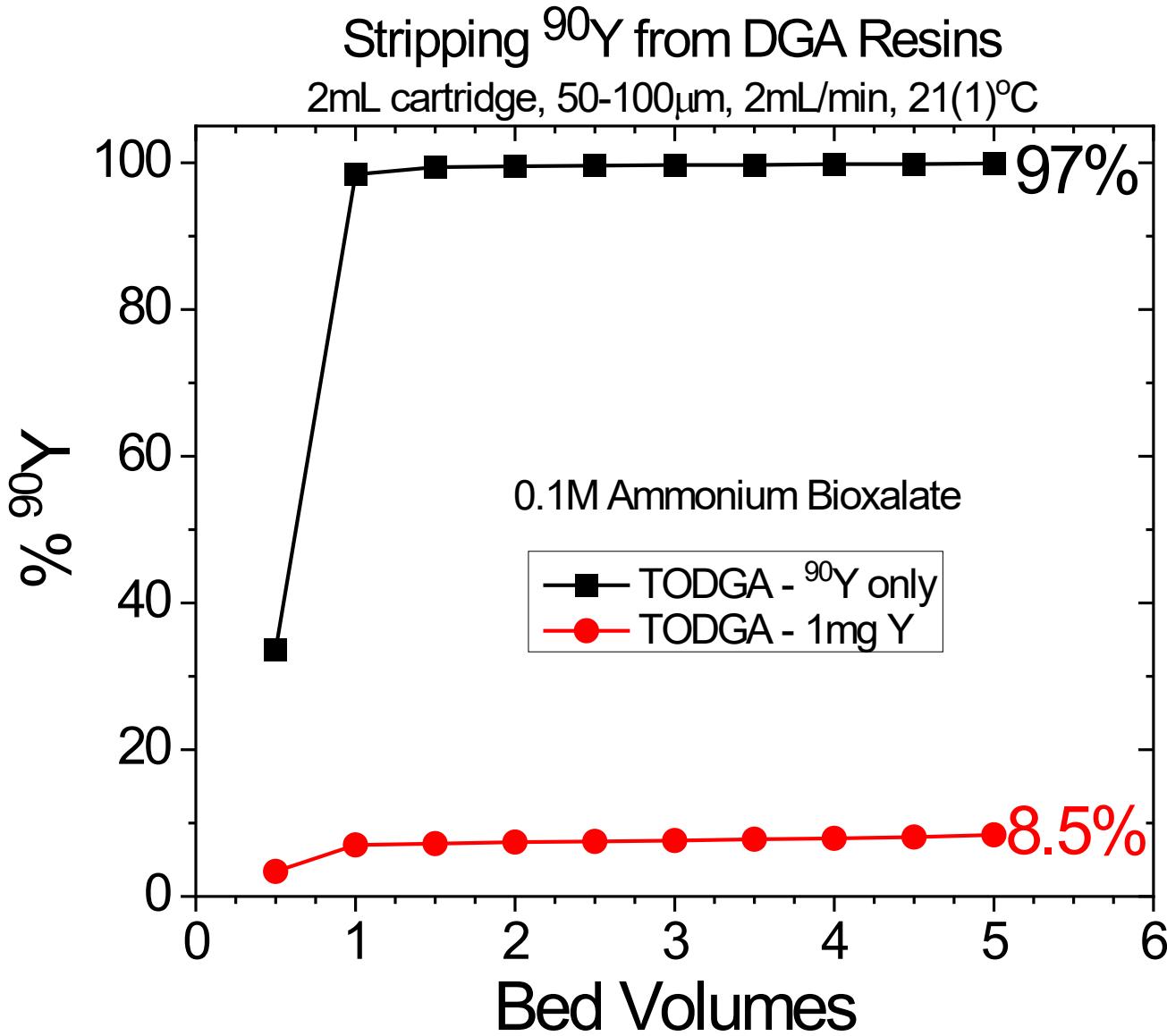


# $^{90}\text{Y}$ vs Y (Elution from DGA Resin)



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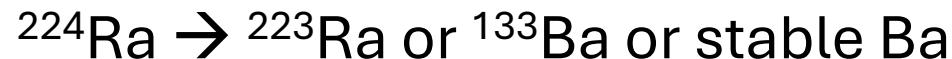
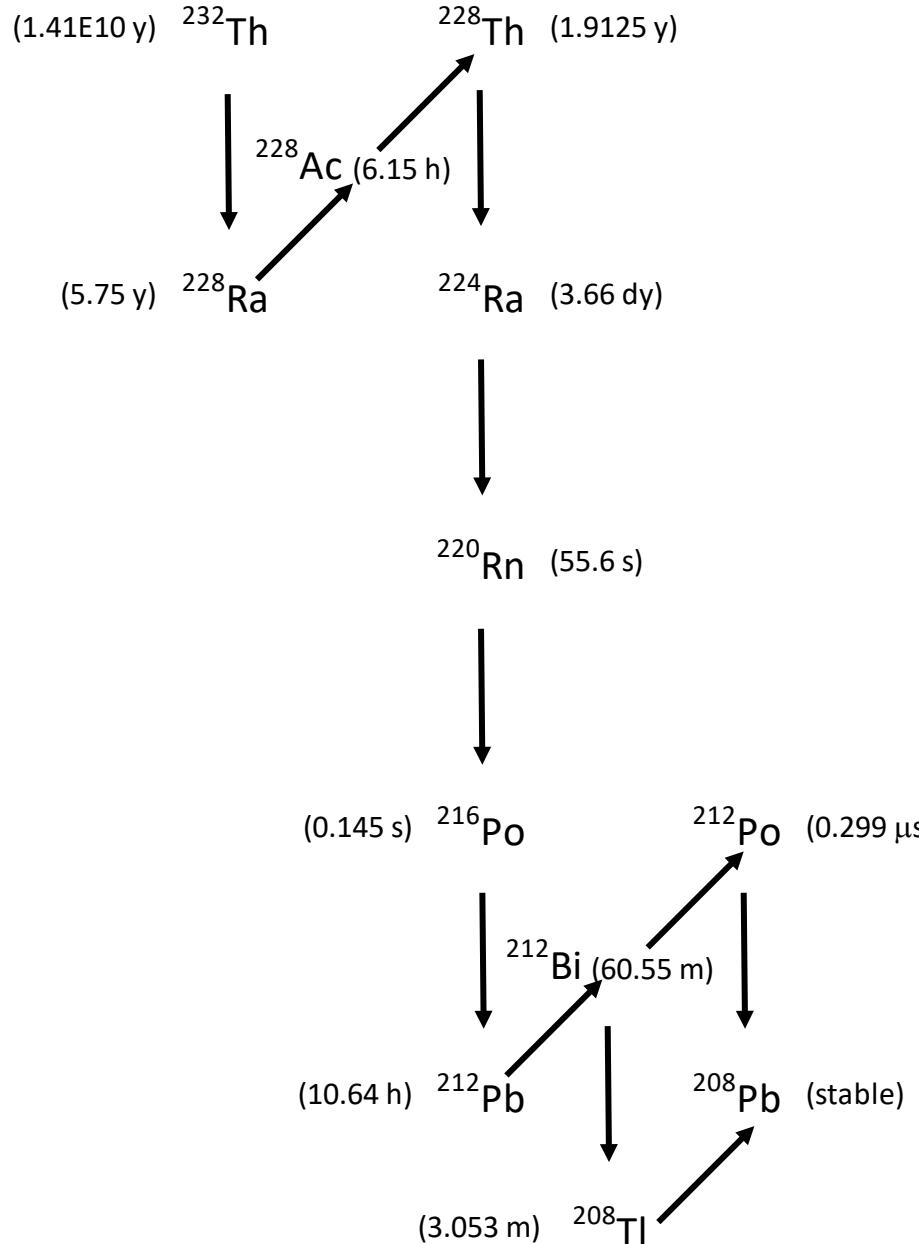
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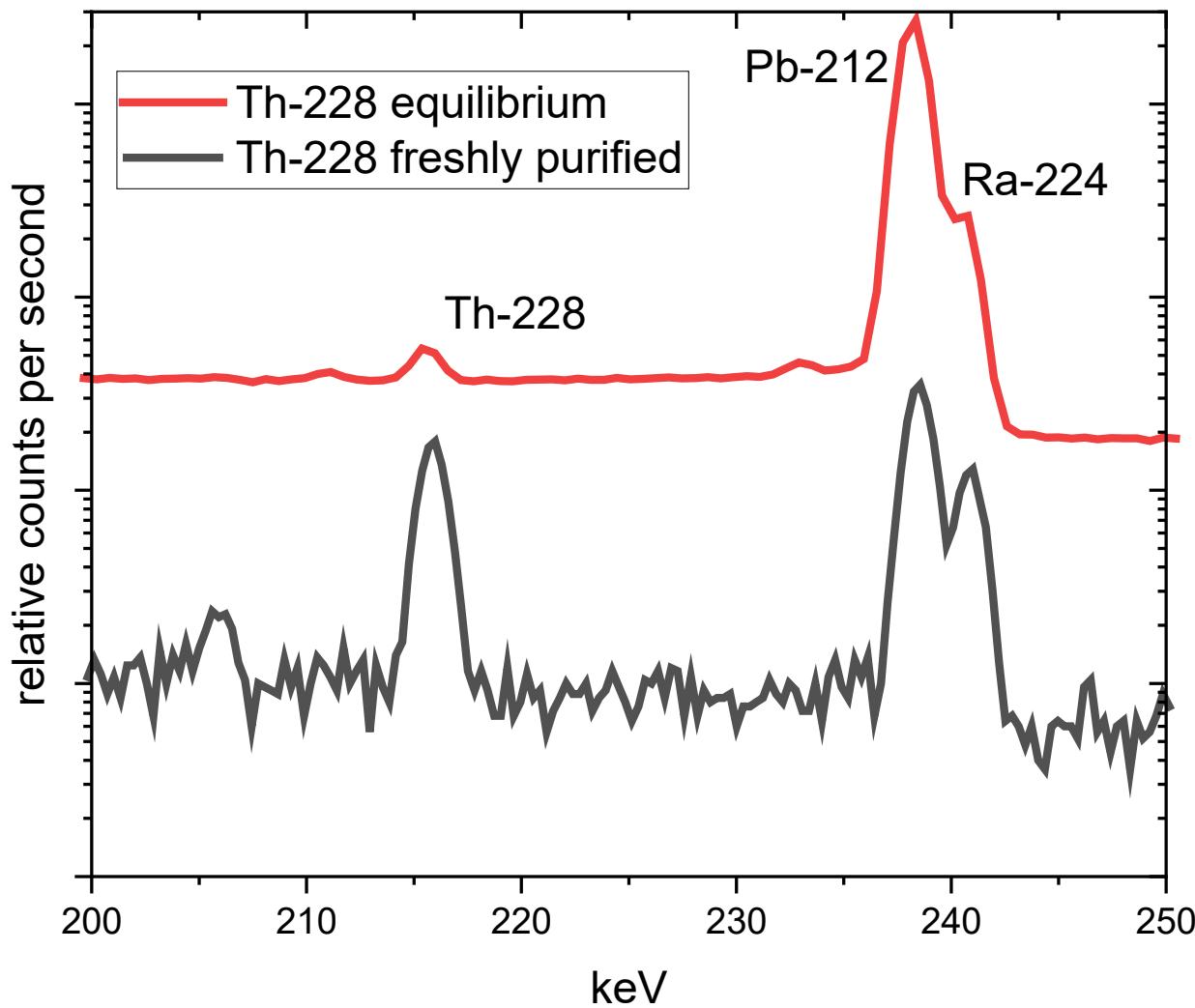
Load: 20 mL 0.25M  $\text{HNO}_3$   
Rinse: 10 mL 8M  $\text{HNO}_3$   
Strip Y: 10 mL 0.1M ammonium bioxalate

Yttrium oxalate  
 $K_{\text{sp}} = 5.1 \times 10^{-30}$

# Th-228 Decay Scheme and surrogate options

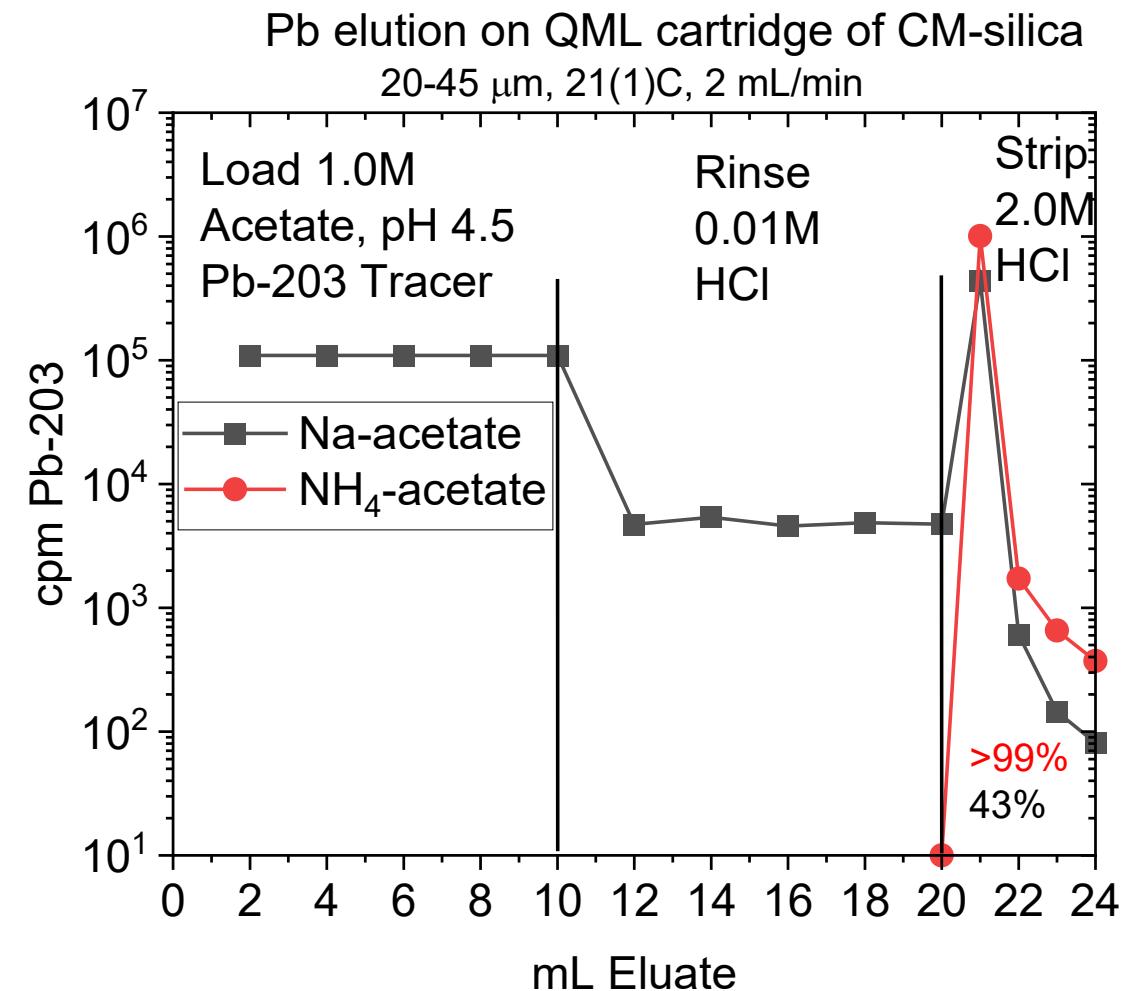
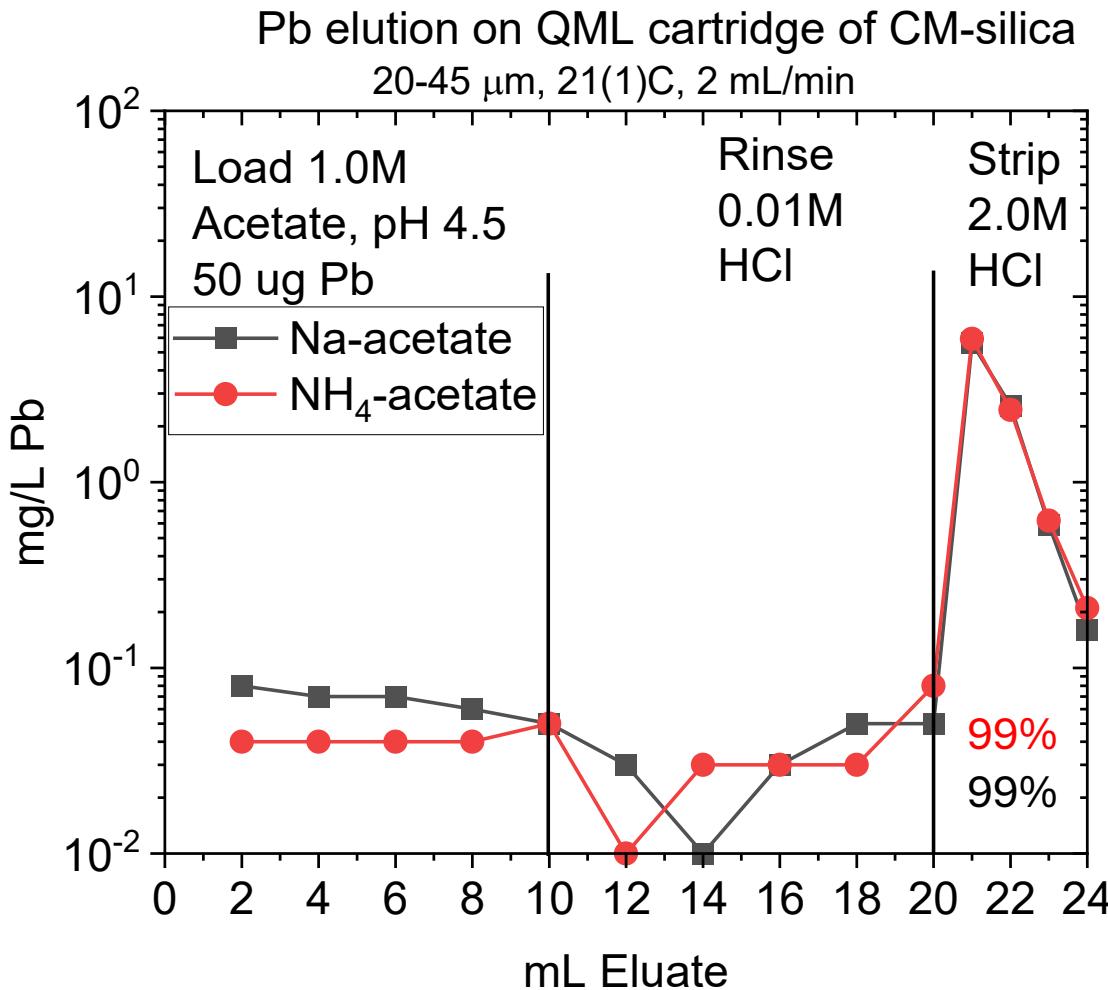


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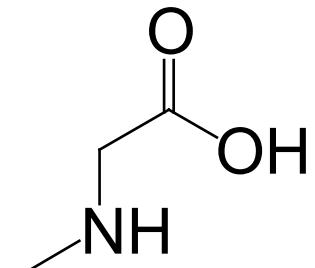
$^{228}\text{Th}$	215.985 keV (0.246%)
$^{224}\text{Ra}$	240.986 keV (4.12%)
$^{212}\text{Pb}$	238.632 keV (43.6%)
$^{212}\text{Bi}$	727.330 keV (6.65%)
$^{208}\text{Tl}$	510.75 keV (22.5%)
	583.187 keV (85.0%)
	2614.511 keV (99.775%)

# $^{203}\text{Pb}$ vs Stable Pb for $^{212}\text{Pb}$



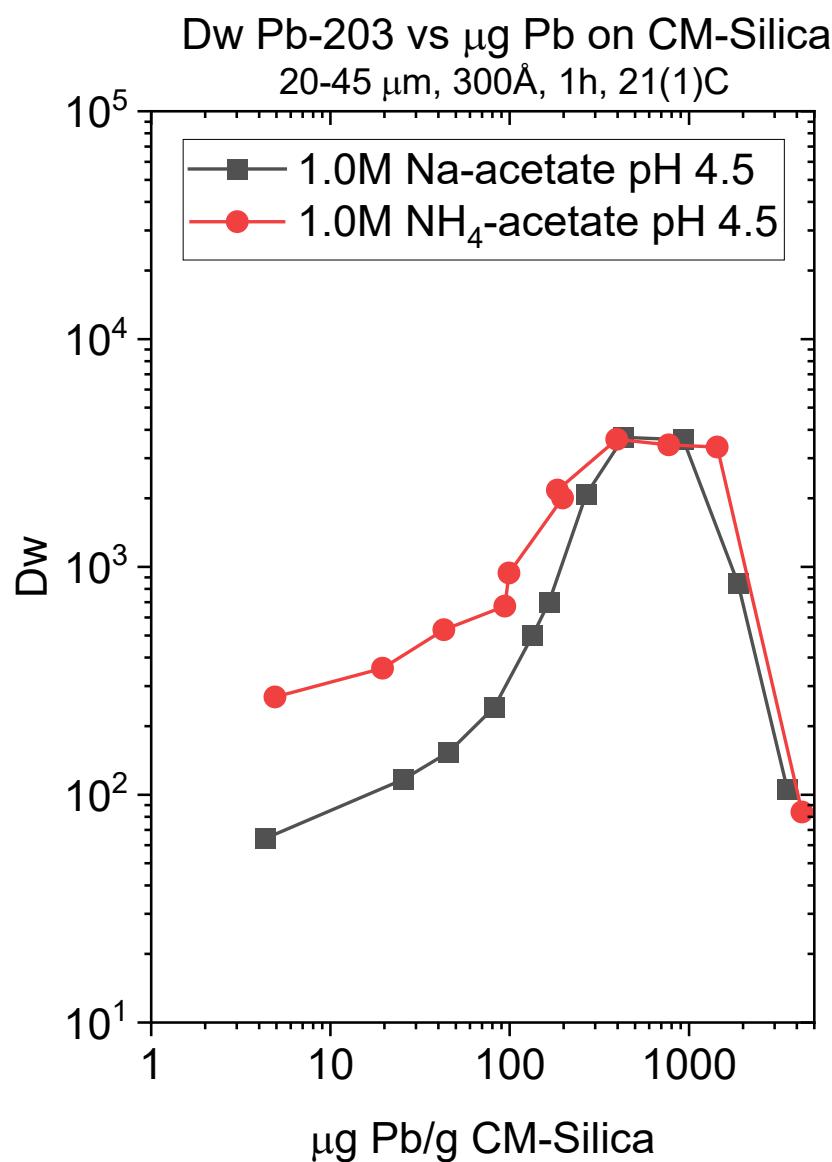
Weak cation exchange silica.

$\text{NH}_4^+$  vs  $\text{Na}^+$  to reduce impact on stable element measurements by AES.



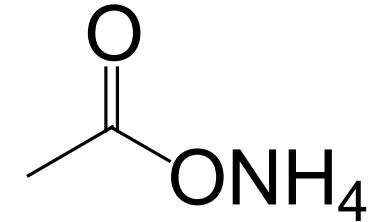
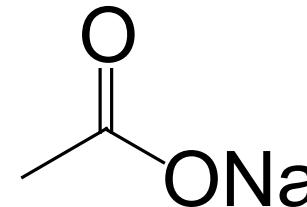
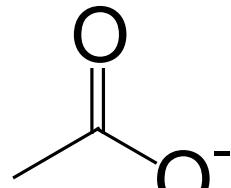
pKa  $\sim 2$

# $^{203}\text{Pb}$ vs Stable Pb for $^{212}\text{Pb}$



Some difference expected between  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  based on competition for IX sites.

For strong acid cation exchange, selectivity is:



Dw proportional to  $\mu\text{g}$  Pb until resin saturation.

Mechanism unclear???

Questions???

Answers???

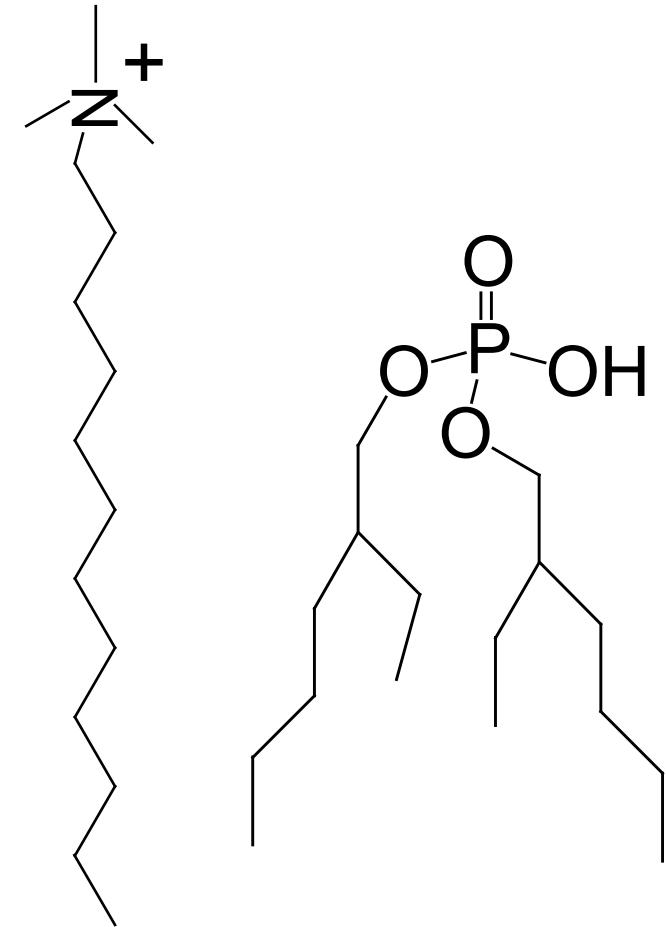
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# No other options

Long half-lives predicted for neutron rich isotopes of Z=110-114 (Ds-Fi)

7	195.08 870.0 2.28	78	196.97 890.1 2.54	79	200.59 1007.1 2.00	80	204.38 589.4 1.62	81
		Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po
		Platinum	Gold	Mercury	Thallium	Lead	Bismuth	Polonium
		[Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>10</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>					
9	(271) 110	(272) 111	[285] 112	(284) 113	(289) 114	(288) 115	(292) 116	(294) 117
	Ds	Rg	Cn	Nh	Fl	Mc	Lv	Ts
	Darmstadtium	Poentgenium	Copernicium	Nihonium	Flerovium	Moscovium	Livermorium	Tennessine
	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>

2	151.96 547.1	63	157.25 593.4 1.20	64	158.93 565.8	65	162.50 573.0 1.22	66
		Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm
		Europium	Gadolinium	Terbium	Dysprosium	Holmium	Erbium	Thulium
		[Xe] 4f <sup>7</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>7</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>9</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>10</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>11</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>12</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Xe] 4f <sup>13</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
4	(243) 95	(247) 96	[247] 97	(251) 98	(252) 99	(257) 100	(258) 101	(259) 102
	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No
	Americium	Curium	Berkelium	Californium	Einsteinium	Fermium	Mendelevium	Nobelium
	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>	[Rn] 5f <sup>13</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>



TEVA

LN

# No other options

TCMA-Cl in *o*-xylene on Celite (35  $\mu$ ). Column bed size  
 0.062 cm  $\times$  5 cm; 50°C;  $v = \sim 4$  cm/min; FCV = 0.19 ml.

## Group A

Subgroups	Elements and Oxidation States
$A_1$	Zn(II), Cd(II), Re(VII), Bi(III)
$A_2$	Pt(IV), Pb(IV), Hg(II)
$A_3$	Sn(IV), Os(IV), Ir(IV), Au(III), Tl(III), Po(IV)

## Group B

Subgroups	Elements and Oxidation States
$B_1$	Ag(I), Zr(IV), Nb(V), W(VI)
$B_2$	Pa(V)
$B_3$	Sb(V), Te(VI), U(VI)
$B_4$	Np(IV), Pu(IV)

## Group C

Subgroups	Elements and Oxidation States
$C_1$	Th(IV)
$C_2$	Alkali Metals (I), Alkaline Earths (II), Cu(II), Tl(I), Pb(II), No(II)
$C_3$	Ac(III), La(III)
$C_4$	Ce(III)-Er(III), C <sub>5</sub> ' Er(III)-Lu(III)
$C_5$	T.P.(III), C <sub>5</sub> ' Am(III), Cm(III), C <sub>5</sub> " Bk(III), Cf(III), Es(III), Fm(III), C <sub>5</sub> ''' Md(III), Lw(III)
$C_6$	Hf(IV)

## Volatiles

Sn(IV), Os(VIII), Hg(II), Br(0), I(0)

