

Practical Applications of Radionuclidic Impurity with Apex-Guard™



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Radiopharmaceutical Supply Chain

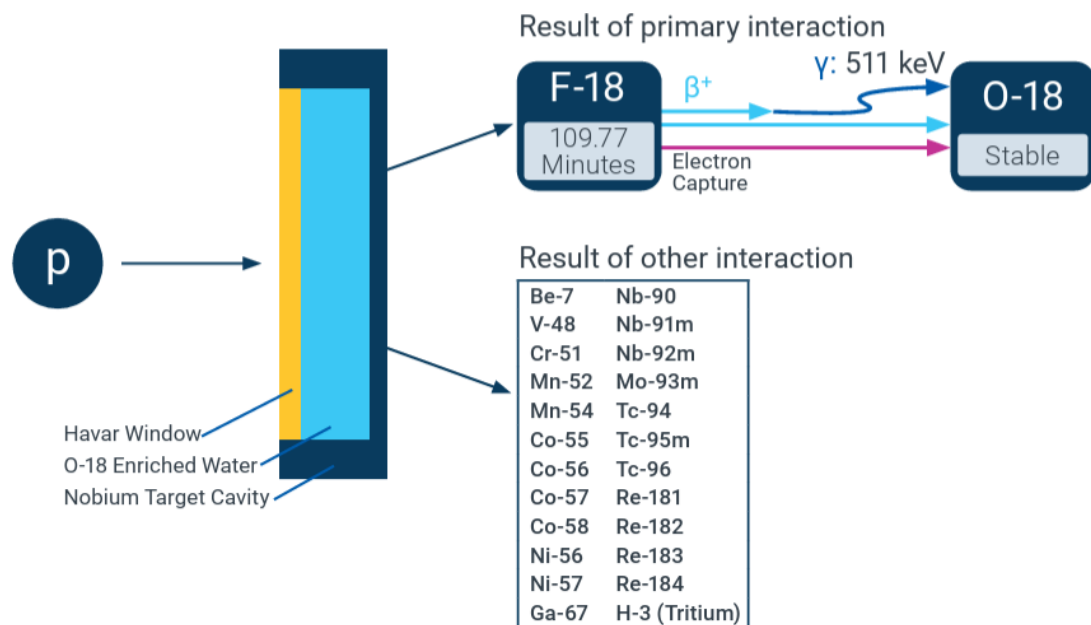
Radionuclidic Purity QA Measurements



Examples of Radio-isotopes with Impurities of Concern

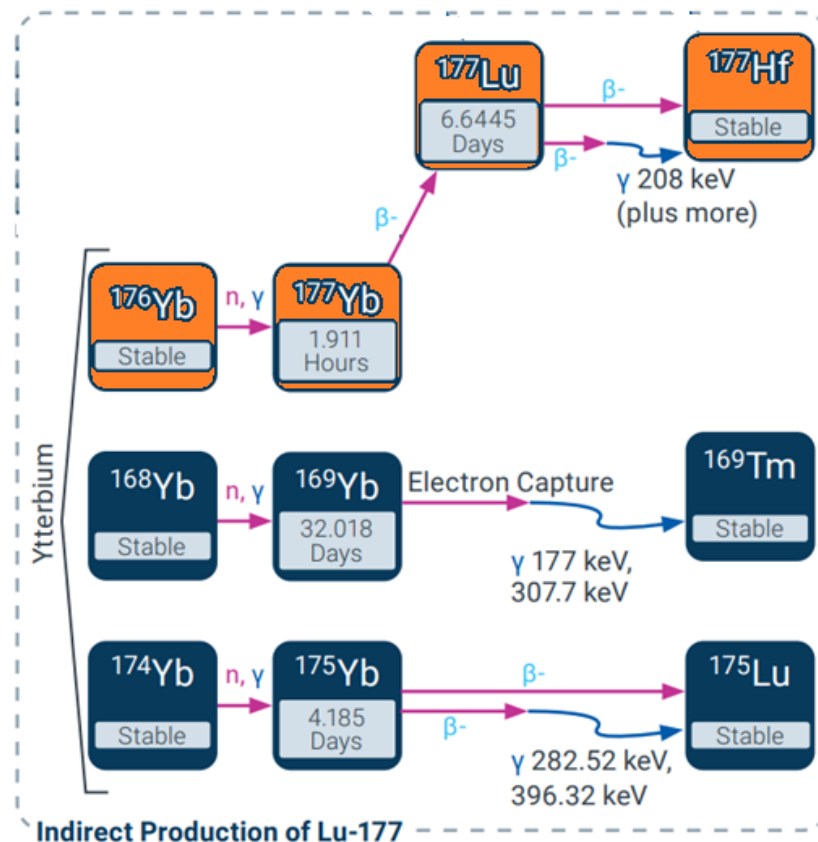
F-18 Production:

- Production is by proton bombardment of a O-18 enriched water in a cyclotron.
- Many potential impurities can be created as by-products



Lu-177 Production:

- Indirect production is by irradiation of Ytterbium with neutrons
- Impurities include Yb-169 and Yb-175



Radionuclidic Purity Measurements



Objective

Determine if the activities of a set of radionuclide impurities are below a percent limit of the primary radionuclide activity. **This activity ratio is called the Radionuclidic Purity.**



Measurement

For impurity radionuclides: Gamma spectrometry (or potentially Alpha Spec, Mass Spec, or LCS)
For primary radionuclides: Gamma spectrometry or other

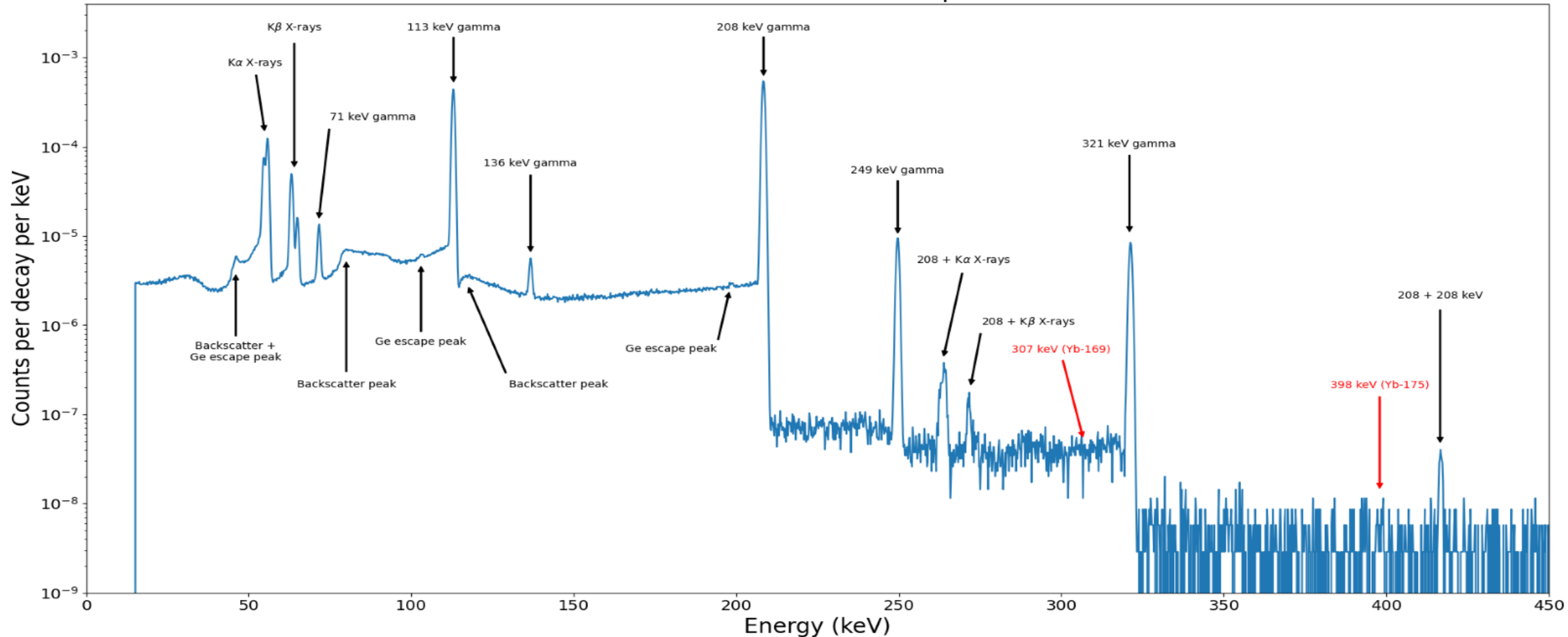


Challenges

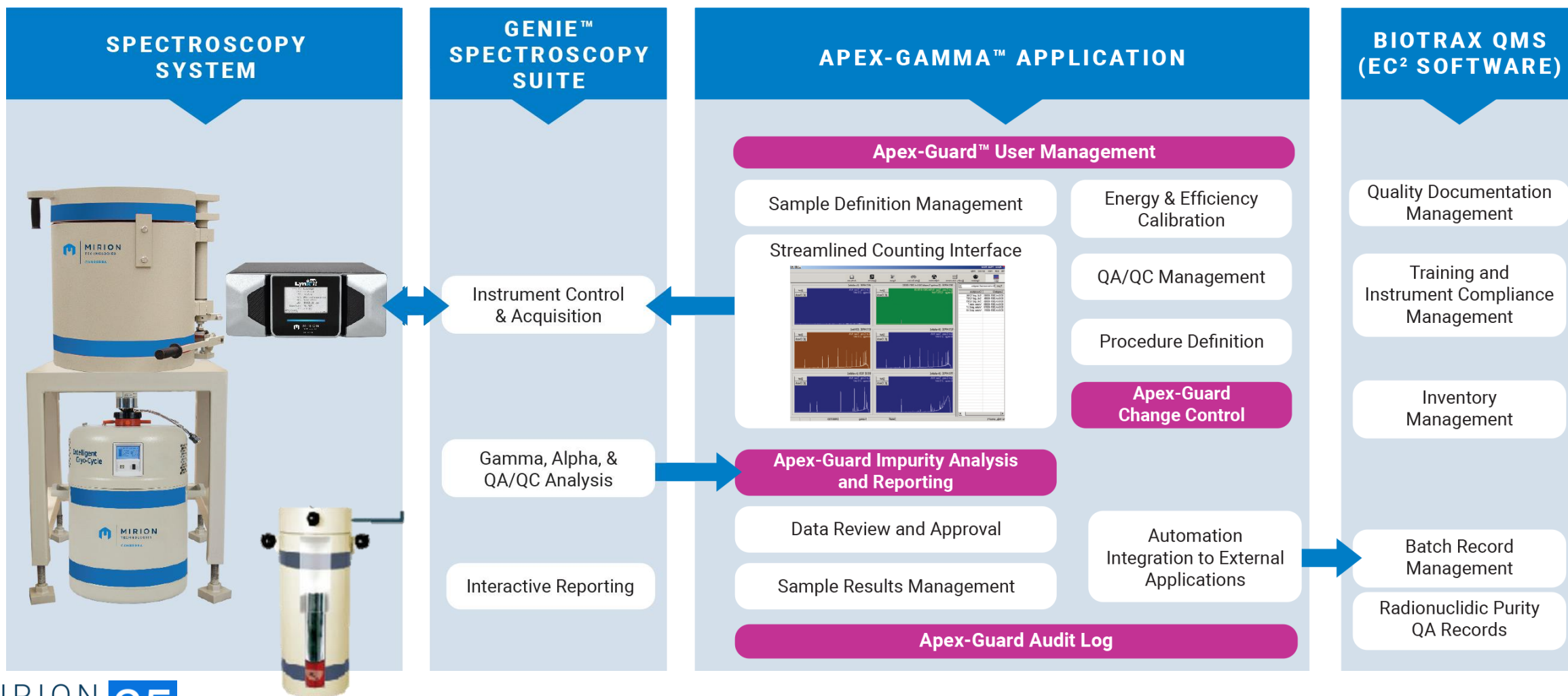
Quantifying the Impurity Radionuclides (i.e., which emission lines to use in gamma spec)
Managing the measurement uncertainties
Reporting on radionuclidic impurity when the impurity is not detected.

HPGe Gamma Spectrum of Lu-177

Monte Carlo simulation of Lu-177 spectrum
for GC30 detector for a 10 ml sample at 10 cm

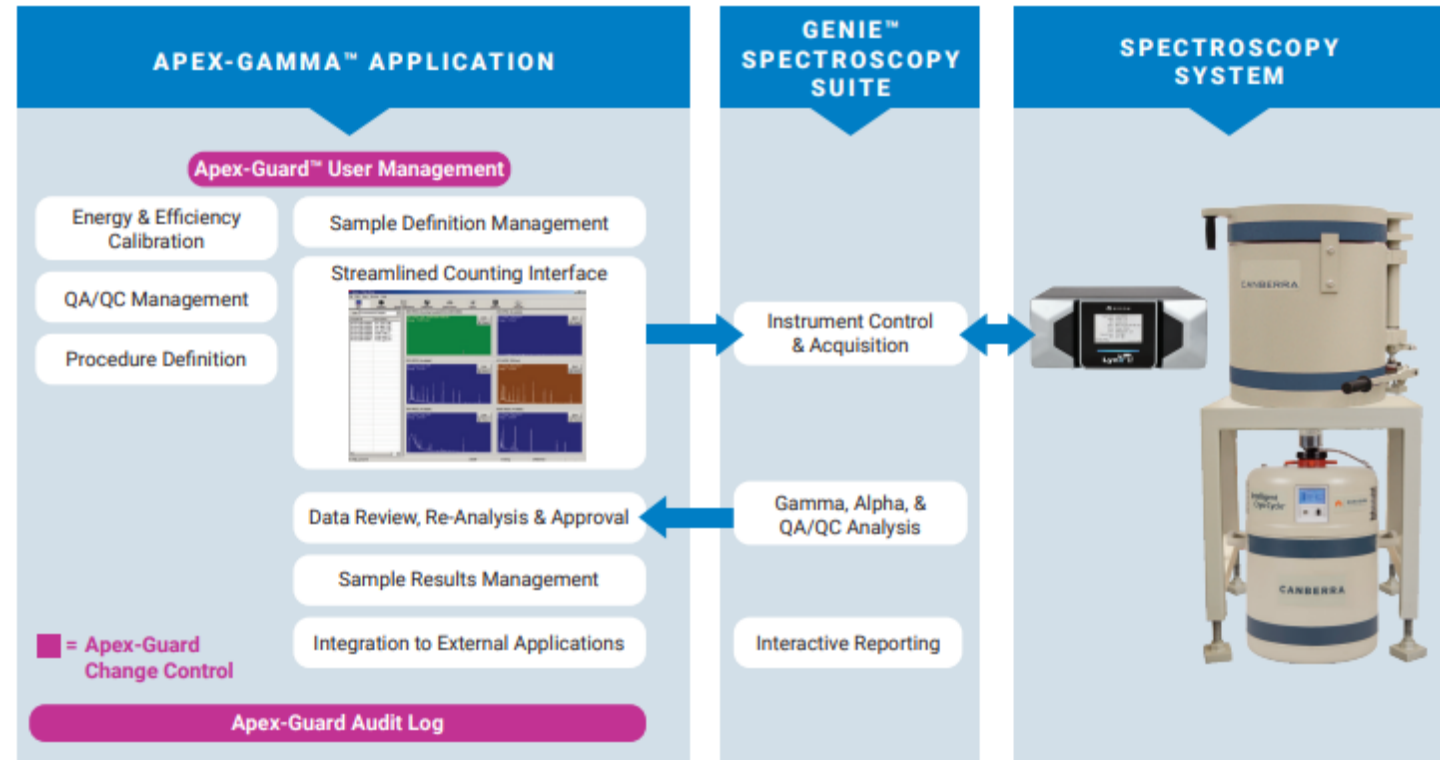


Components of the Gamma Spectrometry Solution



Apex-Guard Software: An Option with Apex-Gamma

- Developed to satisfy the evolving needs related to US FDA 21 CFR Part 11 Compliance
 - Part 11 Compliance is commonly required for radiopharmaceutical applications and samples with oversight by the FDA or similar local requirements
 - Part 11 Compliance is all about data integrity, specifically when applied to “electronic records”
 - Builds on top of existing & mature Apex-Gamma product



Apex-Gamma Software: Advanced Spectroscopy Management

Sample Procedures

- Manage count parameters, analysis, reporting, and approval requirements

Drag and drop logged-in samples to any available detector start count

Sample Definition

- Define manually or import from LIMS system for greater efficiency gains

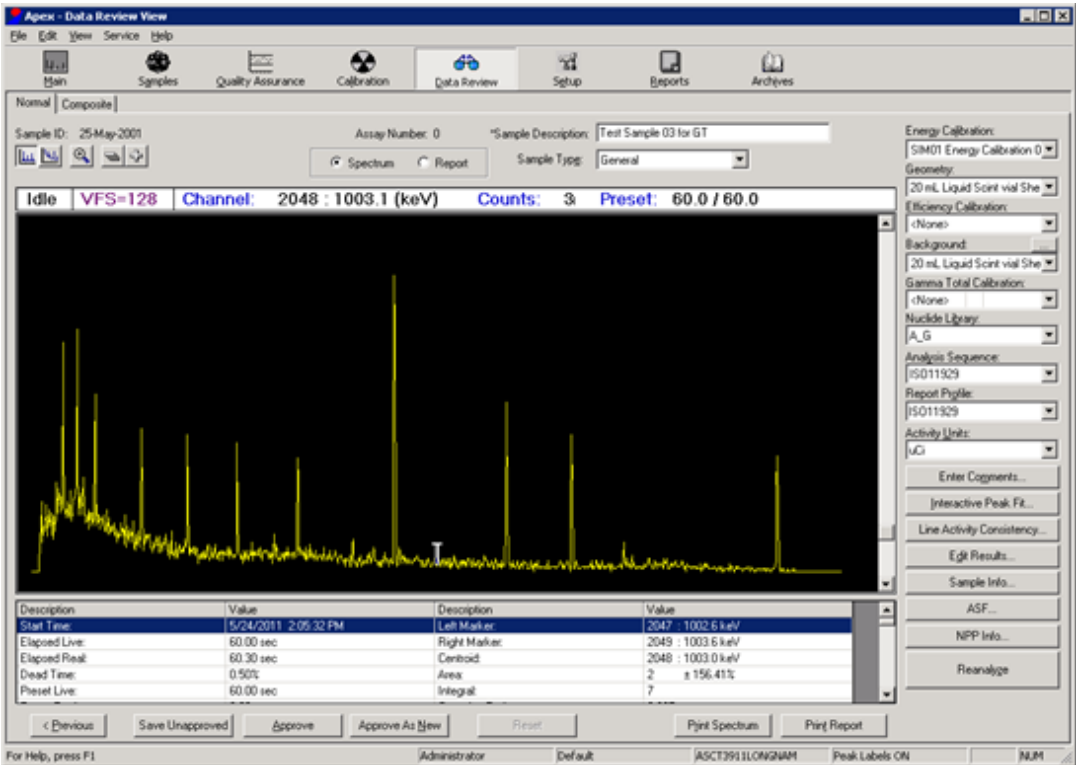
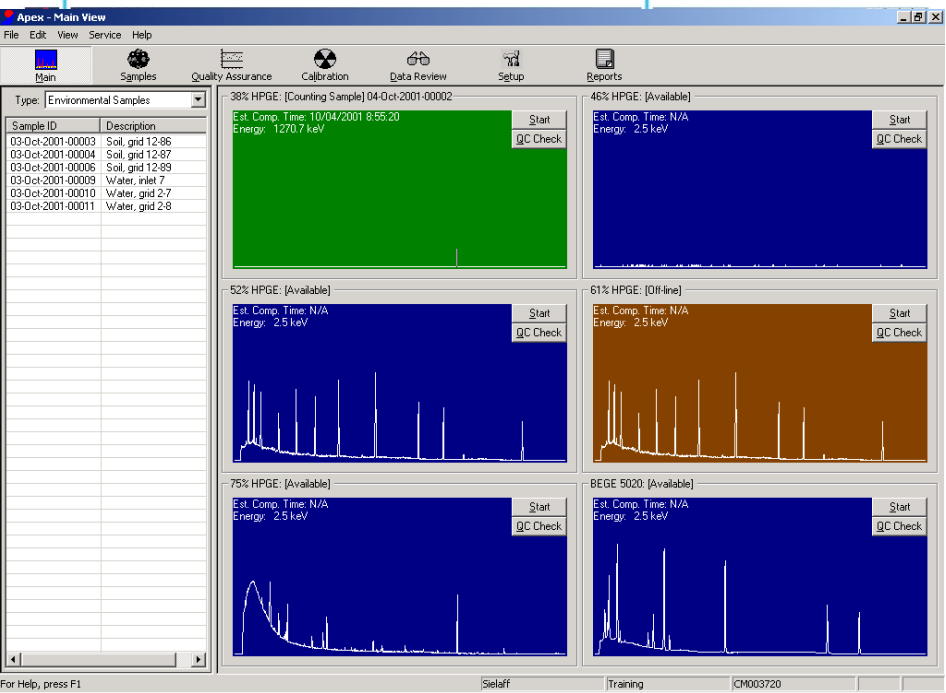
“Estimated Completion Time” makes it easy to establish which detector is available next

Sample Counting Interface

- Automated to reduce time, mistakes, and end user training requirements for operators

Data Review

- Dedicated environment to approve and/or reanalyze sample counts
- Powerful database search



Apex-Guard Data Integrity Features

- User-login management via Windows Credentials
- Auto logouts
- Granular Role-Based Security Features
- Change Control Authorization
- Powerful Audit Log
- Secured control outside of application
- Electronic Signatures for Change Review
- Enforceable Instrument QA
- Database driven records and analysis history

Change Authorization

Procedure ID	Parameter Description	Description	Old Value	New Value
OQ Procedure	Nuclide Library		NAIDEMO.NLB	STDLIB.NLB
OQ Procedure	Time Preset		300 sec	150 sec
OQ Procedure	Tentative NID Library		NAIDEMO.NLB	STDLIB.NLB

Comments

Password

User Name : Marie Curie
Detector Name : SIM01_NBSSTD
Sample ID : Sample 39203
Description : Approve
Comments : Approving sample with nuclide library change

Sample ID	Parameter Description	Description	Old Value	New Value
Sample 39203	Sample State		Counted - Pending Review	Done - Fully Approved
Sample 39203	Nuclide Library		STDLIB.NLB	ANSI_GammaGuru.NLB
Sample 39203	Analysis No.		1	2

Apex-Guard Spectrum Analysis

APEX-GUARD PROCEDURE

1. Count Duration
2. Analysis
 - Peak Area Analysis
 - Nuclide Library Selection
 - Geometry (for efficiency calibration)
 - Activity, MDA, and Impurity Calculations
3. Reporting Selection
4. Approval Requirements
5. Scripting Components

Nuclide Library

Library: \\172.20.16.78\GUARDEMO\Default\Library\Lu177_indirect.NLB
Total Library Nuclides: 3
Last Modified Date: 10/23/2024 10:16:47 PM

➤ Show Energy Lines

Radionuclide	Half-Life	Half-Life Uncertainty	Impurity Analysis Category	Impurity Limit
Yb-169	32.018 Days	0.005 Days	Impurity	0.0100%
Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Use In Weighted Mean/Impurity Analysis		
177.21	22.280 +/- 0.110	No		
197.96	35.930 +/- 0.120	No		
307.74	10.050 +/- 0.050	Yes		
Yb-175	4.185 Days	0.001 Days	Impurity	0.1000%
Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Use In Weighted Mean/Impurity Analysis		
282.52	6.130 +/- 0.080	Yes		
396.33	13.200 +/- 0.300	Yes		
Lu-177	6.644 Days	0.001 Days	Primary	
Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Use In Weighted Mean/Impurity Analysis		
54.61	1.570 +/- 0.040	No		
55.79	2.710 +/- 0.070	No		
62.99	0.304 +/- 0.008	No		
63.24	0.587 +/- 0.015	No		
64.94	0.200 +/- 0.005	No		
71.64	0.164 +/- 0.005	No		
103.08	0.001 +/- 0.001	No		
112.95	6.230 +/- 0.040	No		
136.73	0.047 +/- 0.000	No		
198.00	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		
208.37	10.410 +/- 0.000	Yes		
249.67	0.200 +/- 0.001	No		
262.98	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		
264.16	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		
271.61	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		
273.31	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		
321.32	0.219 +/- 0.003	No		
416.73	0.001 +/- 0.000	No		

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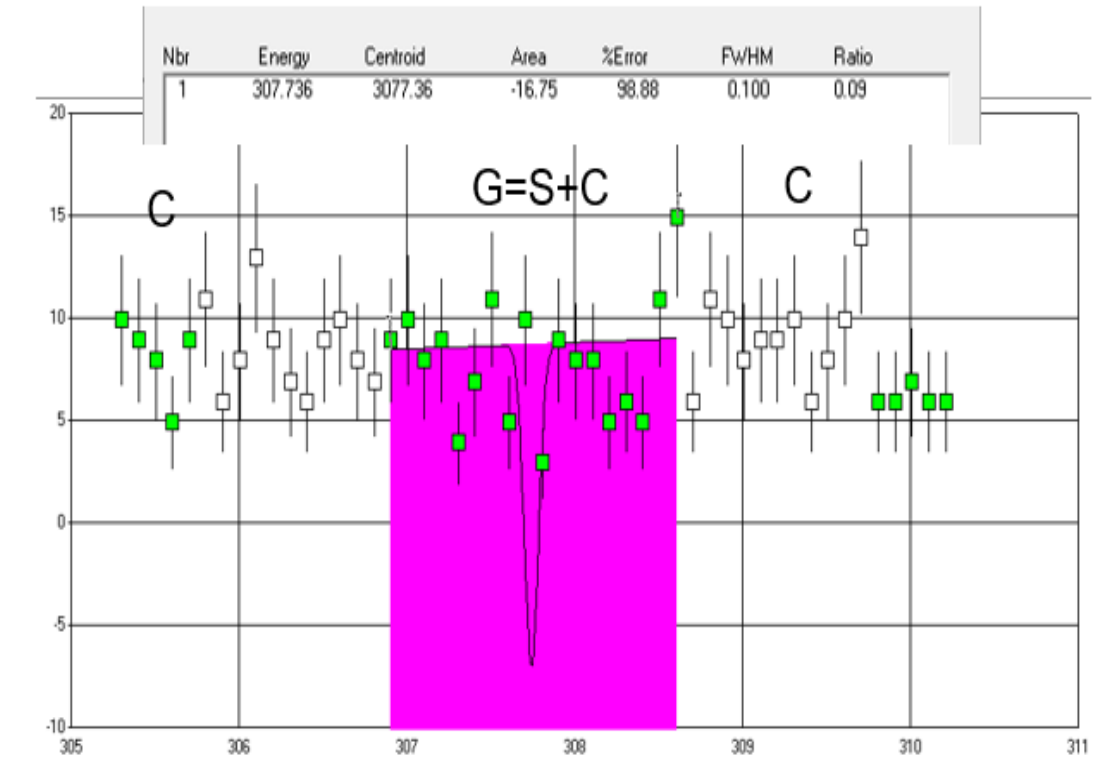
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Reporting Peak Areas

Radionuclide identified in Spectrum

- (add photo of peak area reports)
- Peak Areas are determined with a measurement uncertainty

Radionuclide not identified in Spectrum



- Always possible to force a peak area

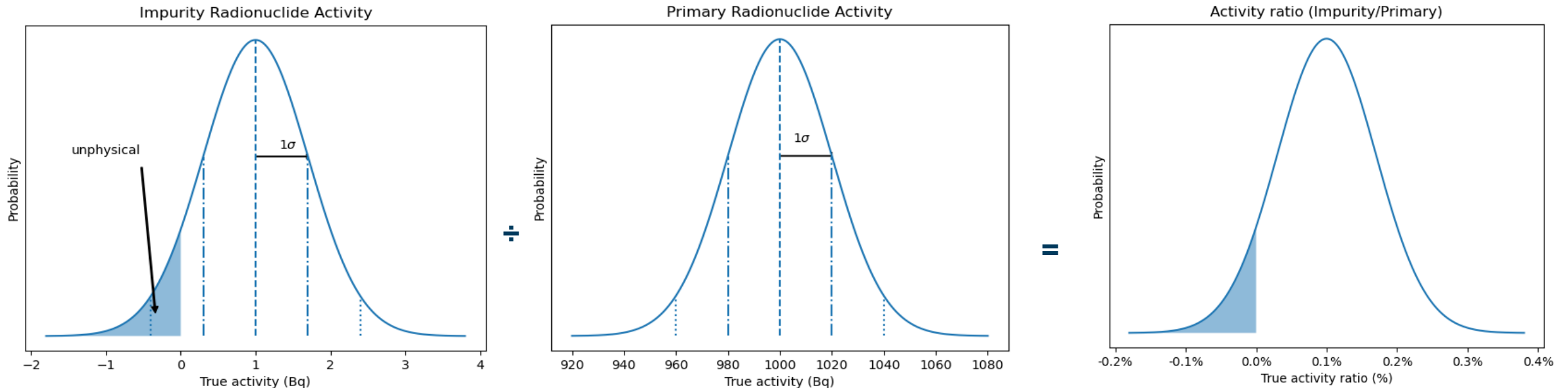
A New Algorithm: Determining a ratio *including uncertainties*

Consider a measurement of an impurity radionuclide and a primary radionuclide, each with an activity and activity uncertainty:

- The uncertainties of the activity measurements are normally distributed
- The measured value is the most likely value
- 68% probability that the true value is within the $\pm 1\sigma$ uncertainty of the measured value

Since the true value for the activities is not known, the true value of the impurity-to-primary activity ratio is not known either.

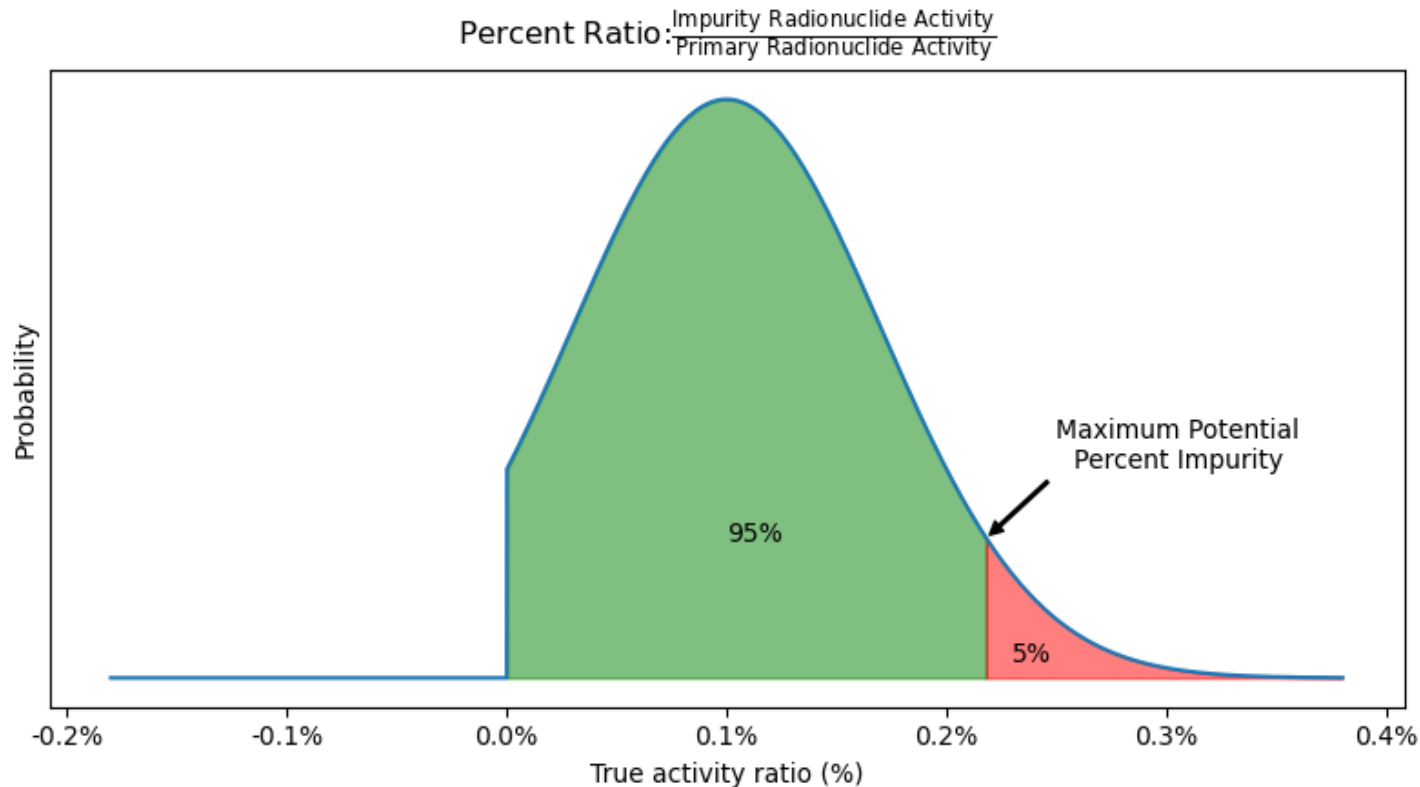
That said, it is known that the true radionuclide activity cannot be negative - although one may measure a negative activity.



A New Algorithm: Determining a ratio *including uncertainties*

The probability distribution of ratio of the two activity measurements provides a range of potential values for the true impurity ratio:

- The most likely value of the true impurity ratio is the calculated ratio of the measured activity values
- The possible true values of the ratio follows the probability distribution, which can be greater than the calculated ratio



Introducing the Maximum Potential Percent Impurity (MPPI) Value

- An impurity ratio value that is greater than the true activity ratio with 95%* confidence
 - * This is the $1 - \alpha$ confidence, which can be specified
- If the MPPI is less than or equal to a maximum impurity percentage, one can conclude that the impurity activity is less than this limit with at least 95% confidence.

Apex-Guard Impurity Analysis Results



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Analysis Report for Sample ID 12345
QA Measurement of Lu-177 Production

GAMMA SPECTRUM ANALYSIS

Sample Identification : Sample ID 12345
Sample Description : QA Measurement of Lu-177 Production
Sample Type : Example

Sample Size : 1.000E+00 units
Facility : Default

Sample Taken On : 10/4/2024 4:16:03PM
Acquisition Started : 10/1/2024 1:29:10PM

Procedure : Proc-A_Lu-177
Operator : fred
Detector Name : DET01
Geometry : LSV at 10 cm
Live Time : 3600.0 seconds
Real Time : 3600.0 seconds

Dead Time : 0.00 %

Peak Locate Threshold : 3.00
Peak Locate Range (in channels) : 1 - 16384
Peak Area Range (in channels) : 1 - 16384
Identification Energy Tolerance : 1.000 keV

Energy Calibration Used Done On : 10/2/2024
Efficiency Calibration Used Done On : 10/2/2024
Efficiency Calibration Description : Efficiency Calibration Mixed Gamma

Sample Number : 37
Analysis Number : 1

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Analysis Report for Sample ID 12345
QA Measurement of Lu-177 Production

Radionuclide Impurity Report

MPPI Activity Reference: Activity of Primary Radionuclide only
Alpha Confidence: 5.000 %
Nuclide Library: LU177_INDIRECT.NLB

Reference Date: 10/4/2024 4:16:03PM

Radionuclide	Impurity Analysis Category	Activity (kBq/units)	Activity Uncertainty at 1.0 sigma	MDA / Reference Activity	Maximum Potential Percent Impurity	Percent Impurity Limit
Lu-177	Primary	4.547E+02	2.14E+00%	-----	-----	-----
Yb-169	Impurity	-----	-----	0.012%	0.005%	0.010%
Yb-175	Impurity	-----	-----	0.002%	0.001%	0.100%

Sum of Impurities : 0.006% 0.100%

>> Sample analysis results are below the specified radionuclide impurity limits at reference time 10/4/2024 4:16:03PM.

>> Minimum Radionuclidic Purity : 99.994%

The maximum potential percent impurity (MPPI) is the greatest relative percent activity of the impurity compared to the activity reference at the alpha confidence for this measurement, taking into account their respective uncertainties. There is a 95.00% probability that the true impurity percent is at or below the MPPI.

Apex-Guard Report Results

ACCEPTABLE RESULTS

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Analysis Report for Sample ID 12345

QA Measurement of Lu-177 Production

Radionuclide Impurity Report

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HIGH IMPURITY RESULT

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Analysis Report for

Sample ID 12346

Impurity analysis at acquisition time and two weeks later

Radionuclide Impurity Report

MPPI Activity Reference:

Activity of Primary Radionuclide only

Alpha Confidence:

5.000 %

Nuclide Library:

LU177_INDIRECT.NLB

Reference Date:

10/18/2024 4:28:07PM

Radionuclide	Impurity Analysis Category	Activity (kBq/units)	Activity Uncertainty at 1.0 sigma	MDA / Reference Activity	Maximum Potential Percent Impurity	Percent Impurity Limit
Lu-177	Primary	1.055E+02	2.14E+00%	-----	-----	-----
Yb-169	Impurity	-----	-----	0.037%	0.016%	0.010%
Yb-175	Impurity	-----	-----	8.86E-04%	4.60E-04%	0.100%
Sum of Impurities :					0.017%	0.100%

>> Minimum Radionuclidic Purity :

99.983%

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Impurity Calculations at Two Reference Dates

- To configure, select the “Dual Counting” sample setup in the procedure
- When defining a sample, enter two reference dates (e.g., date of assay and future injection date)
- The Impurity Report will decay-correct the activities, MDAs, and MPPI to each reference date
- The assessment of impurity limits will be done for each date

Results
for first
reference
date

Results
for second
reference
date

Analysis Report for Sample ID 12346
Impurity analysis at acquisition time and two weeks later

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Radionuclide Impurity Report

MPPI Activity Reference: Activity of Primary Radionuclide only
Alpha Confidence: 5.000 %
Nuclide Library: LU177_INDIRECT.NLB

Reference Date: 10/4/2024 4:28:07PM

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Sum of Impurities :					0.006%	0.100%
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Impurity Calculations using External Reference Activity

- An external reference activity can be measured with any equipment, such as dose calibrator
- Activity is entered at time of sample definition
- Assessment of impurities will be done using the external reference activity & activity uncertainty

Maximum Potential Percent Impurity Engine Setup

Alpha Confidence: %

Total Radionuclidic Impurity
☒ Implement Total Limit
 Percent Limit

Determine Percentage of Impurity Activity relative to...

☐ Total Activity (includes primary radionuclide, daughters, and impurities)
☐ Total Activity (includes primary radionuclide and impurities)
☒ Activity of Primary Radionuclide only
☐ Activity of Primary Radionuclide Surrogate
☐ User Entered Activity (Measured Externally)

OK Cancel Help Execute

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Analysis Report for F-18 Sample 001
48 hours after initial measurement

Radionuclide Impurity Report

MPPI Activity Reference: Activity (measured externally)
 Alpha Confidence: 5.000 %
 Nuclide Library: F-18_IMPURITIES.NLB

Sample Activity (Measured Externally)
 Activity : 2.90E+01 µCi/units
 Uncertainty : 2.34%
 Description : Initial measurement of F-18 Sample 001

Reference Date: 4/21/2025 3:31:36PM

Radionuclide	Impurity Analysis Category	Activity (µCi/units)	Activity Uncertainty at 1.0 sigma	MDA / Reference Activity	Maximum Potential Percent Impurity	Percent Impurity Limit
Be-7	Impurity	-----	-----	0.001%	8.74E-04%	-----
V-48	Impurity	-----	-----	2.42E-04%	1.67E-04%	-----
Cr-51	Impurity	-----	-----	0.002%	0.001%	-----
Mn-52	Impurity	-----	-----	3.10E-04%	2.46E-04%	-----
Mn-54	Impurity	-----	-----	2.62E-04%	1.69E-04%	-----
Co-55	Impurity	-----	-----	0.002%	0.002%	-----
Co-56	Impurity	-----	-----	2.57E-04%	1.73E-04%	-----
Ni-56	Impurity	-----	-----	1.64E-04%	1.47E-04%	-----
Co-57	Impurity	-----	-----	1.22E-04%	6.27E-05%	-----
Ni-57	Impurity	-----	-----	8.20E-04%	5.68E-04%	-----
Co-58	Impurity	-----	-----	2.25E-04%	1.38E-04%	-----
Nb-92m	Impurity	-----	-----	2.83E-04%	1.95E-04%	-----
Tc-95m	Impurity	-----	-----	2.08E-04%	1.24E-04%	-----
Tc-96	Impurity	-----	-----	3.58E-04%	2.54E-04%	-----
Re-182	Impurity	-----	-----	8.39E-04%	8.51E-04%	-----
Re-184	Impurity	-----	-----	4.03E-04%	3.56E-04%	-----
Sum of Impurities :					0.007%	0.100%

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Closing the Loop: Storing results in BioTrax QMS


Apex-Guard to BioTrax QMS process

1. Use a scripting option (configured with the Apex-Gamma Procedure) to export results to CSV file
2. Configure preferred batch record options in BioTrax QMS Software
3. Import batch results into BioTrax QMS for review and QA records management.
4. Review results individually or as batch summary (next slide)

The screenshot shows the BioTrax QMS software interface. The 'Task Prompts' window displays a list of prompts with columns for Prompt ID, Prompt Type, and Verbiage. The 'Prompt Editor' window is open, showing the 'Create a New Prompt' dialog. The 'Reference File' is set to 'Guard 3.csv' and the 'Field' is set to 'Lu-177 MPPI'. The 'Prompt Verbiage' is 'Lu-177 MPPI'. The 'Category' is set to 'N13 NH3 Sub-Batch Batch Record - NEW METHOD [MCA]'. The 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are visible at the bottom of the dialog.

Prompt ID	Prompt Type	Verbiage
55912	Apex-Guard™ Field	Lu-177 MPPI
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Lu-177 MDA
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Lu-177 Activity U
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Lu-177 Activity
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Lu-177 Identified
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	File Name
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Real Time
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Live Time
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Time Zone
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Acquisition Start
55911	Apex-Guard™ Field	Activity Units
55910	Apex-Guard™ Field	Sample Units
55910	Apex-Guard™ Field	Sample Quantity
55910	Apex-Guard™ Field	Sample ID
55910	Apex-Guard™ Field	Sample Title
55910	Apex-Guard™ Field	Sample Analyst
55875	SARA Component	FLU-1 Tool
55853	SARA Component	asdfs
558496	SARA Component	Elysia Kryptofix - Pas
558493	SARA Component	Elysia Endotoxin - 10
558492	SARA Component	Elysia HPLC - Re - 10
558484	SARA Component	Elysia Appearance
558483	SARA Component	Elysia Appearance Yes
558471	SARA Component	Elysia PH - DateT
558470	SARA Component	Elysia PH - pH - 10
558469	SARA Component	Elysia PH: pH
558451	Date/Time	asdf
558427	Check Box	≤≥ Non
558423	Spin Edit	Activity (mCi) = -1000.1 / 1000.1: Yes

Radionuclidic Impurity Results in BioTrax QMS



My Cyclotron
123 Main St
Las Vegas, NV

Task Completion Overview

Example ApexGuard

Date Created: 7/25/2025 15:03:34

Created By: Ryan Lombardo


Status: Completed

Lot Number:

<u>Batch Tasks</u>	<u>Completed By</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Status</u>
Example ApexGuard	Ryan Lombardo	7/25/2025 16:34	Completed

Report Printed: 7/25/2025 16:34:45

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My Cyclotron
123 Main St
Las Vegas, NV

Example ApexGuard

Example ApexGuard

Date Created: 7/25/2025 16:34

Worksheet Results

<u>Description</u>	<u>User</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Entry Time</u>
• Sample Title	rl	Test	7/25/2025 16:34
• Sample ID	rl	Sample ID 12345	7/25/2025 16:34
• Sample Analyst	rl	fred	7/25/2025 16:34
• Sample Quantity	rl	1.000	7/25/2025 16:34
• Sample Units	rl	units	7/25/2025 16:34
• Activity Units	rl	uCi/units	7/25/2025 16:34
• Acquisition Start Time	rl	02:00:00 10/24/2024	7/25/2025 16:34
• Nuclide Activity Reference Date	rl	02:00:00 10/24/2024	7/25/2025 16:34
• Lu-177 Identified	rl	True	7/25/2025 16:34
• Lu-177 Activity	rl	15.999	7/25/2025 16:34
• Lu-177 Activity Uncertainty	rl	0.358	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-175 Identified	rl	False	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-175 MDA	rl	0.000	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-175 MPPI %	rl	0.000	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-169 Identified	rl	False	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-169 MDA	rl	0.002	7/25/2025 16:34
• Yb-169 MPPI %	rl	0.006	7/25/2025 16:34

Example ApexGuard

Report Generated: 7/25/2025 16:34:46 TZ: US/Central

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MPPI and MDA as a function of measurement time

