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My fifty year experience in
Extraction Chromatography

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CHROMATOGRAPHY OF SOME CATIONS BY MEANS
OF PAPER TREATED WITH A LIQUID ANION EXCHANGER

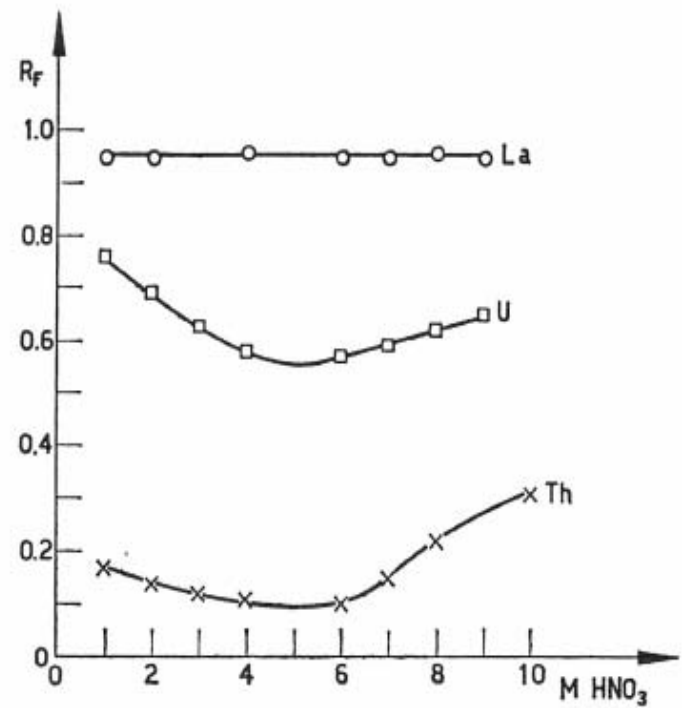
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SEPARATION OF Fe^{3+} - Co^{2+} -Ni WITH 4 N HCl

<i>Element</i>	E_a° (from ref. ¹)	R_F	<i>Developer</i>
Fe^{3+}	1000	0	KCNS
Co^{2+}	< 1	0.50	8-Hydroxyquinoline
Ni	0	0.97	Dimethylglyoxime



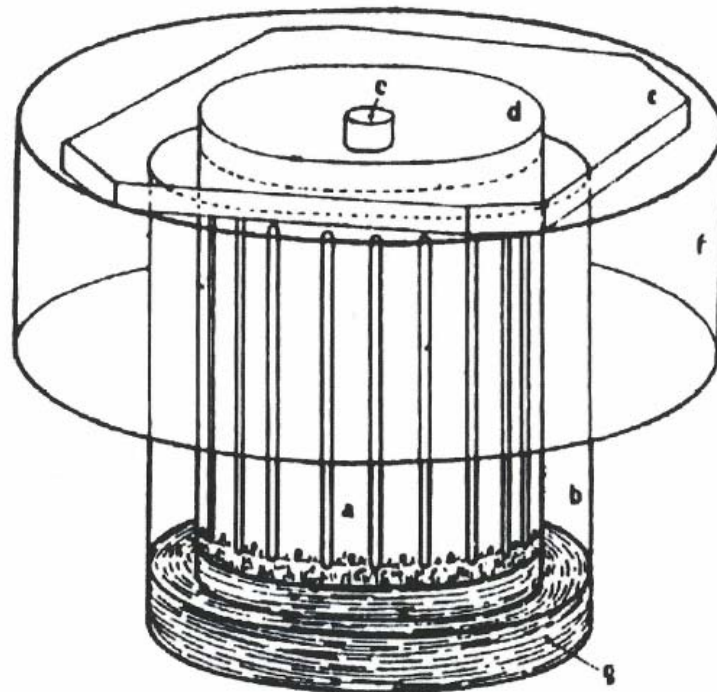
R_F values on paper treated with 0.1 M TNOA in benzene *vs.* molarity of HNO₃ in the eluent.

THE USE OF PAPER TREATED WITH TRI-*n*-OCTYLPHOSPHINE
OXIDE FOR
THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF METAL IONS

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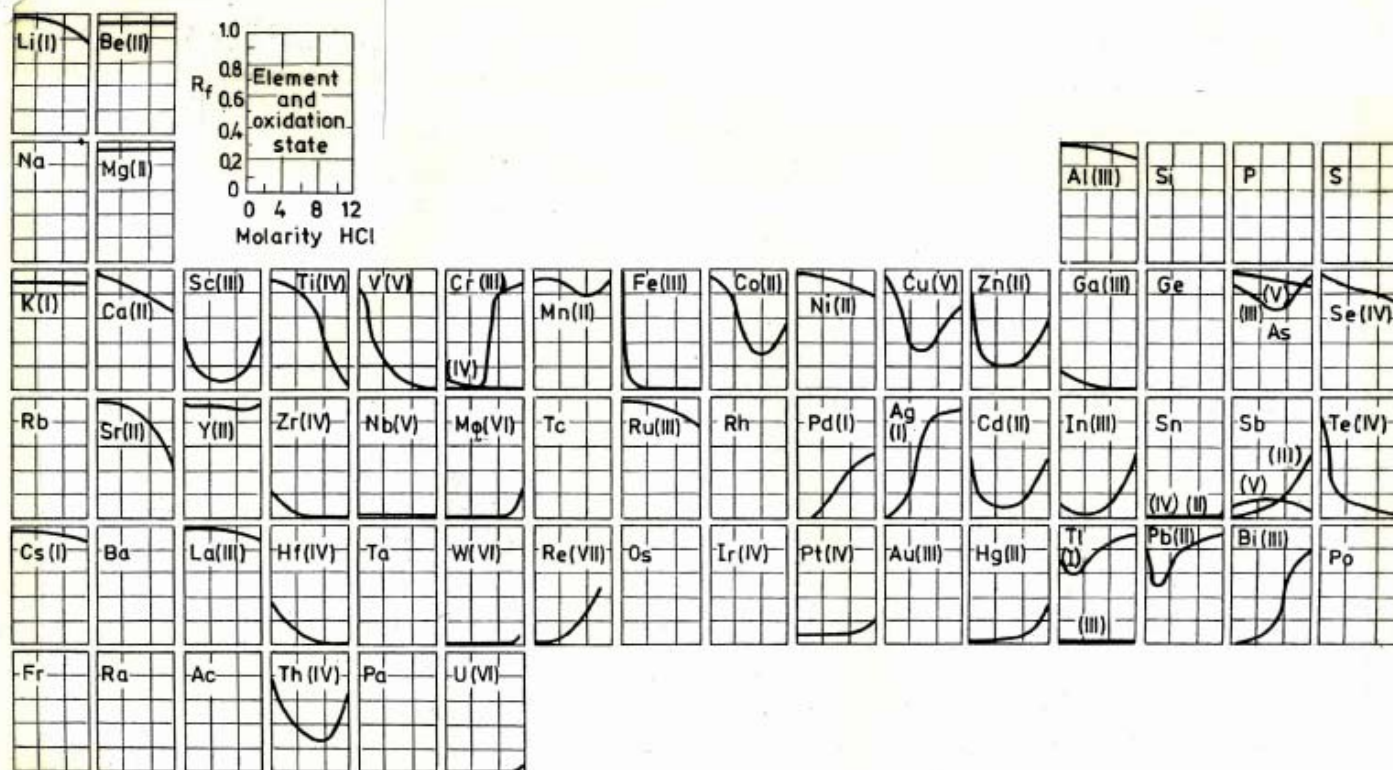
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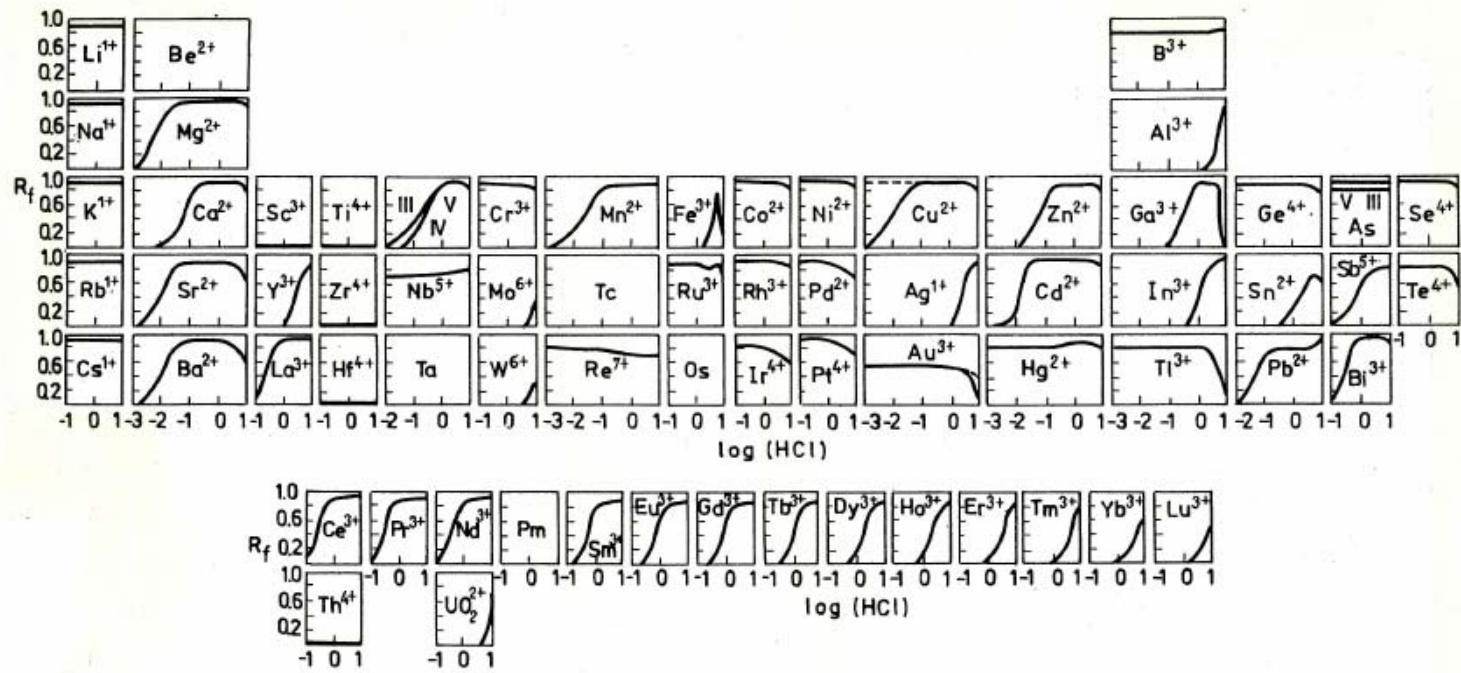


Apparatus for ascending chromatography. (a) Chromatographic paper CRL/t type; (b) glass container; (c) perspex lid; (d) internal plate of the lid; (e) central hole; (f) glass crystallizing dish; (g) eluent solution.

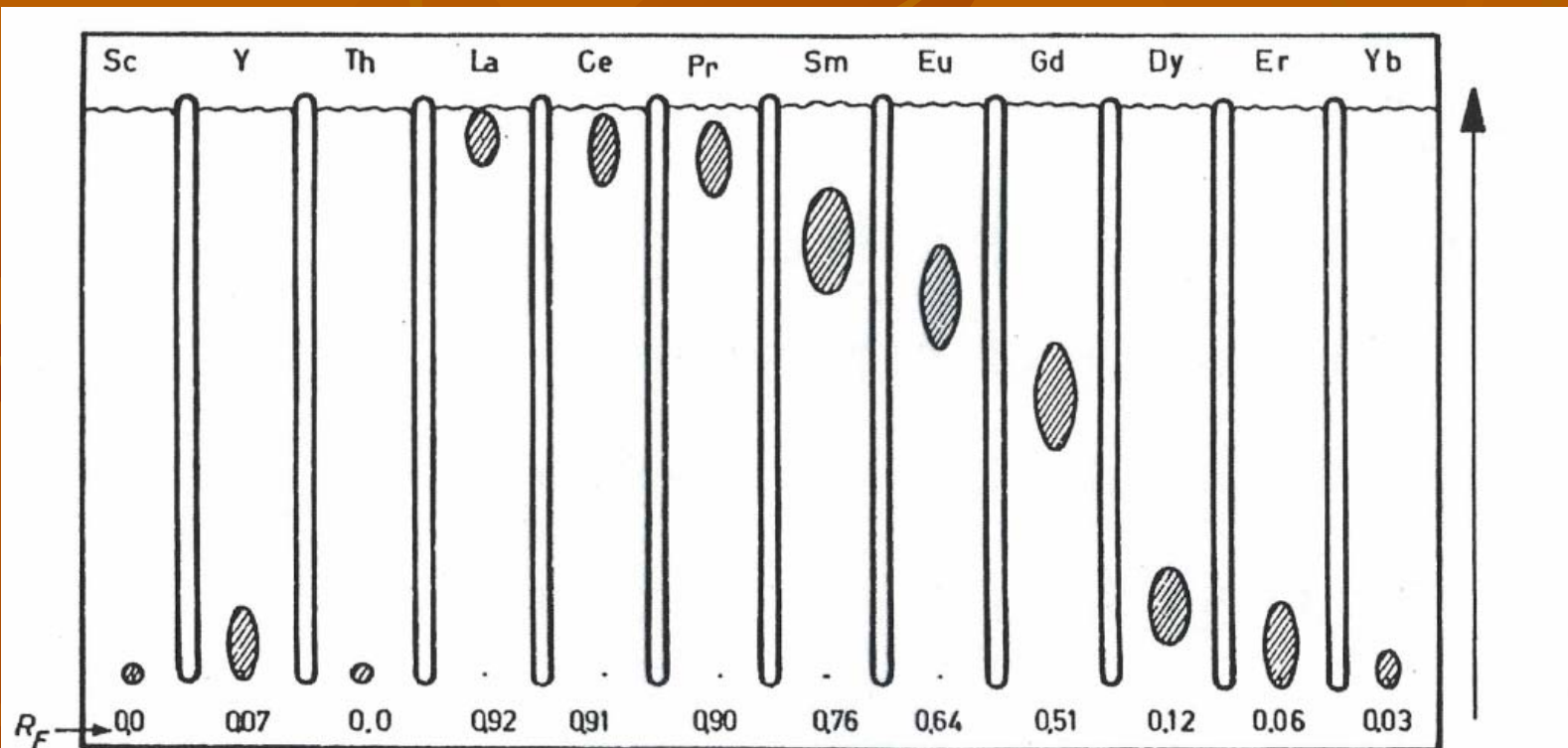
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R_f spectra of elements eluted with HCl on paper treated with TOPO (reprinted from Ref.[4], p. 115, by courtesy of Elsevier Publ. Co.)

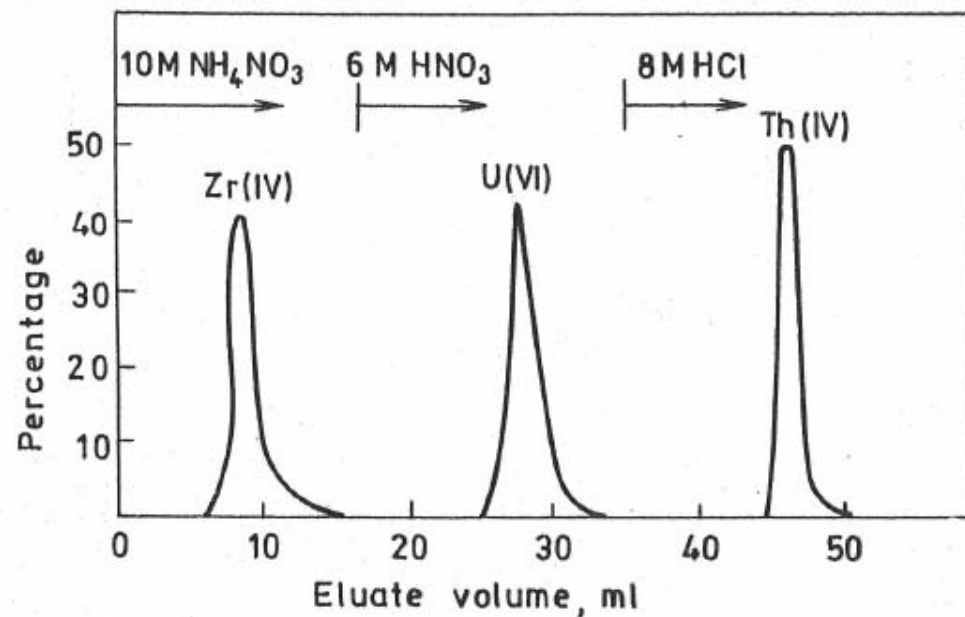


R_f spectra of elements eluted with HCl on paper treated with HDEHP (reprinted from Ref.[3], p. 386-7, by courtesy of Elsevier Publ. Co.)



Example of ascending chromatogram on type CRL/1 paper with nine rare earths and three additional elements. Paper treated with 0.1 M HDEHP, elution with 1 M HCl.

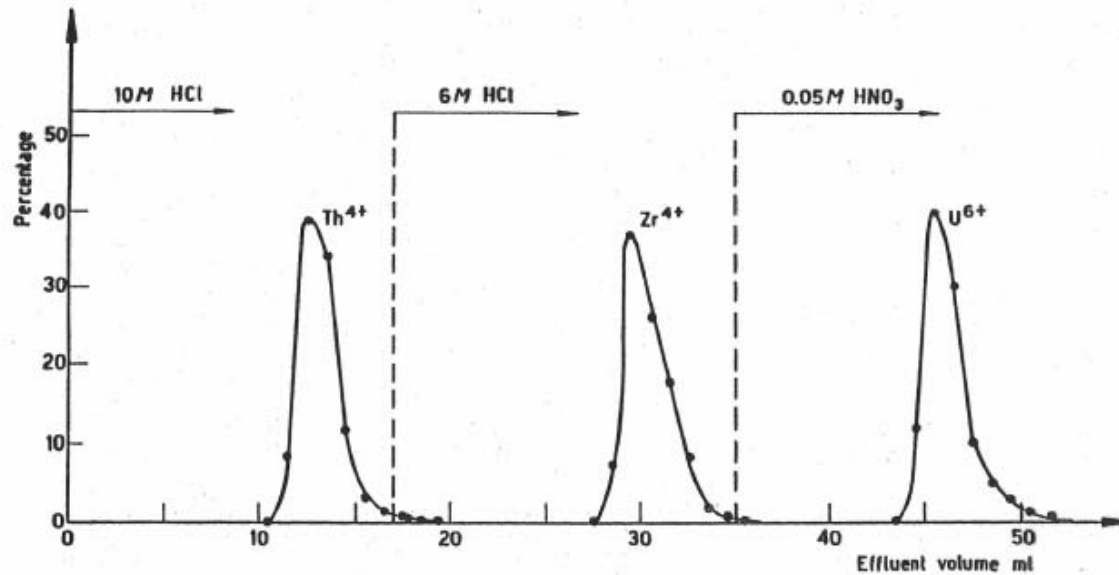
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Separation of Zr (10 mg), U (5 mg) and Th (1 mg).

Column: TNOA-Cellulose (0.045 M), 10x150 mm; Flow rate: $0.25 \text{ ml} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ (from Ref. [65],
by courtesy of the author)

Cerrai, Testa, 1961



Separation of Th (1 mg + ²³⁴Th) - Zr (10 mg) - U (5 mg). Percentage of initial amount detected in the effluent vs. effluent volume. Bed: 15 cm × 1 cm²; elution rate 0.25 ml/min.cm².

Cellulose powder - TMOA

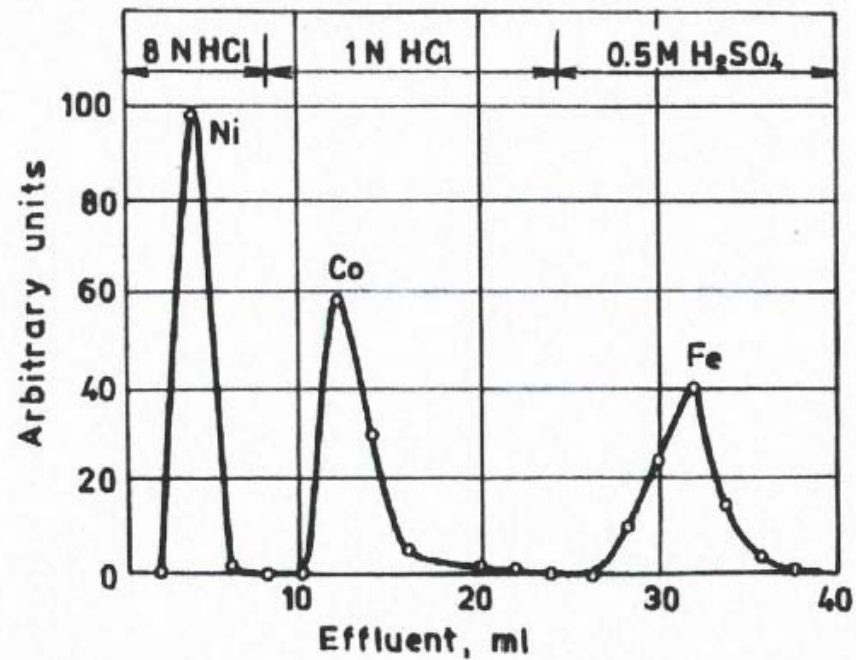
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SUPPORTI INERTI MICROPOROSI

* KEL-F	$[-\text{CFCl}-\text{CF}_2-]$	poli-cloro-trifluoretilene
ALGOFLON	$[-\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}_2-]_n$	poli-tetra-fluoroetilene
MOPLEN	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ [-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-]_n \end{array}$	poli-propilene
VIPLA, PVC	$[-\text{CHCl}-\text{CH}_2-]_n$	poli-vinil-cloruro
* MICROTENE	$[-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-]_n$	poli-etilene

MICROTHENE-710

50÷100 MESH A BASSA DENSITA'



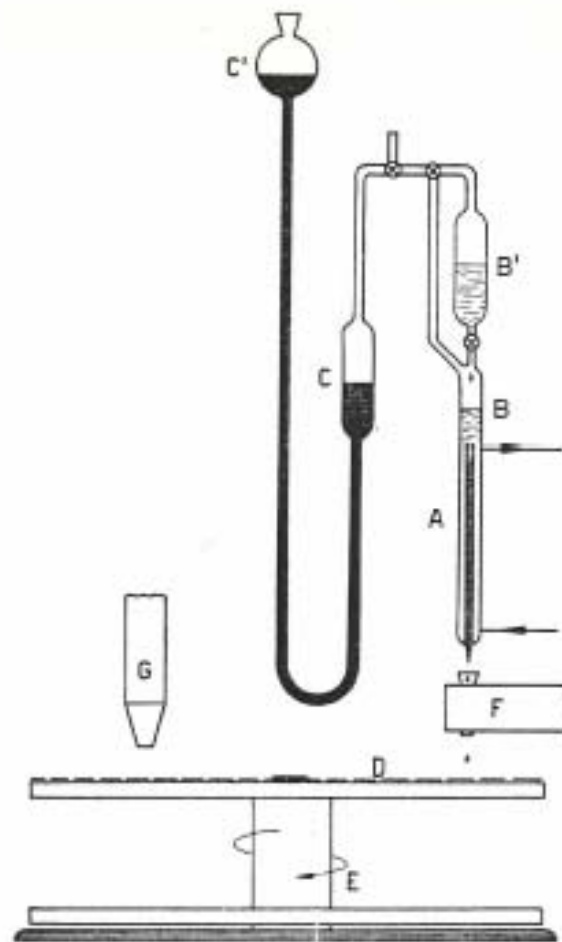
Separation of iron sub-group elements[25].

Kel-F, low density type, TOPO-HCl, H₂SO₄. Flow rate : 0.5 ml·min⁻¹; Column size : ϕ = 8.6 mm;
Concentration : Ni = Co = Fe = 5 mg. (By courtesy of the authors)

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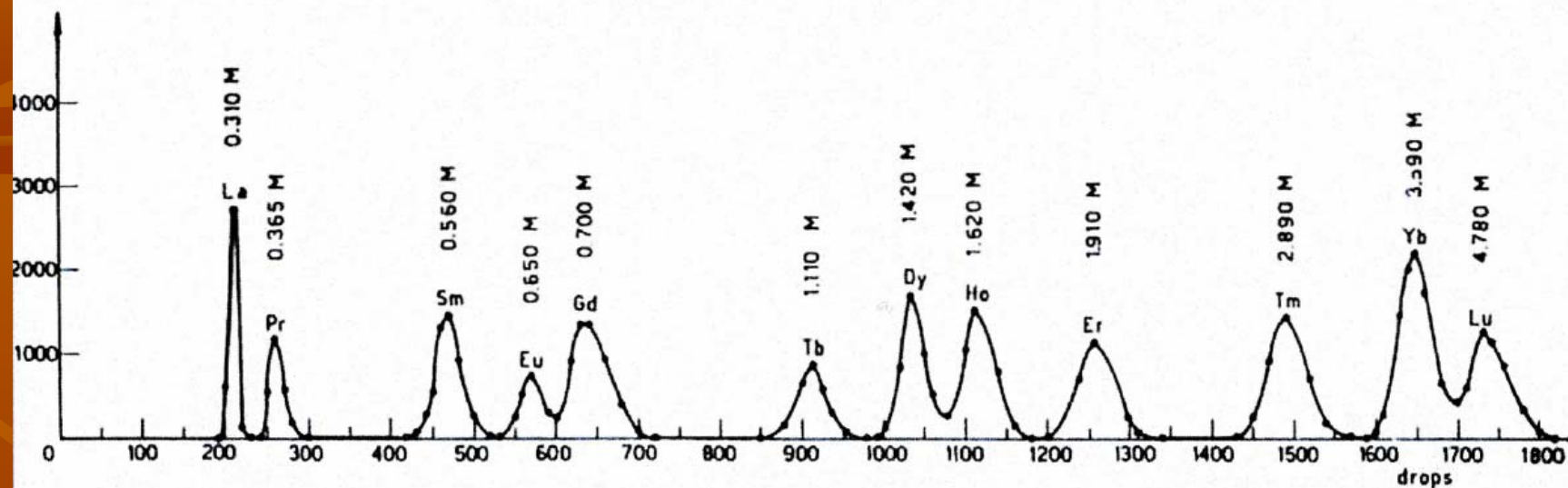
SEPARATION OF RARE EARTHS BY MEANS OF
SMALL COLUMNS OF KEL-F SUPPORTING
DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)ORTHOPHOSPHORIC ACID

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Diagrammatic sketch of the apparatus used for column separation of rare earth elements. *A*: jacketed column kept at a constant temperature; *B*: lower container of the gradient elution system; *B'*: higher container of the gradient elution system; *C* and *C'*: mercury containing bulbs; *D*: paper disk; *E*: rotating fraction collector; *F*: photocell device for elution control; *G*: warm air blower.

Kel-F - HDEHP Column,

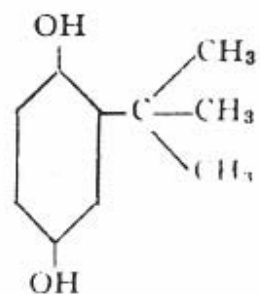


Separation of La-Pr-Sm-Eu-Gd-Tb-Dy-Ho-Er-Tm-Yb-Lu at $85 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. Feed solution: 0.04 ml of a solution containing the elements at a tracer level. Gradient elution with HCl; the molarity is quoted in the plot. Flow-rate 0.06 ml/min (4.8 drops/min).

Cerrai, Testa, 1963

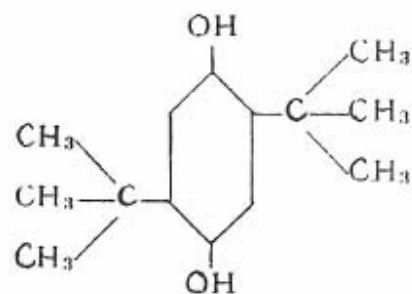
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS INVESTIGATED

Compound A



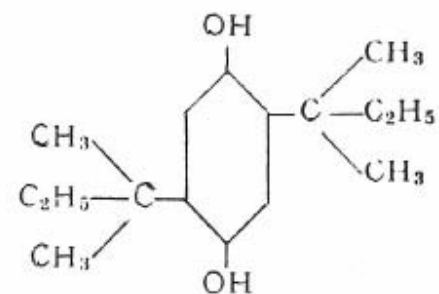
Tert.-butylhydroquinone
(M.W. = 166)

Compound B



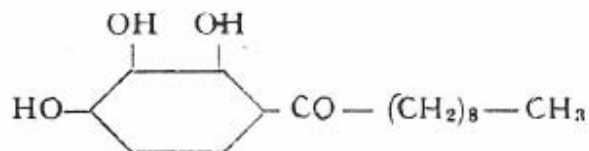
2,5-Di-*tert.*-butylhydroquinone
(M.W. = 222)

Compound C



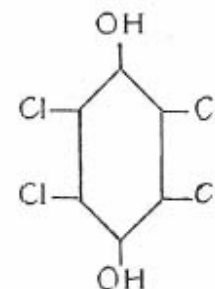
2,5-Di-*tert.*-amylhydroquinone
(M.W. = 250)

Compound D

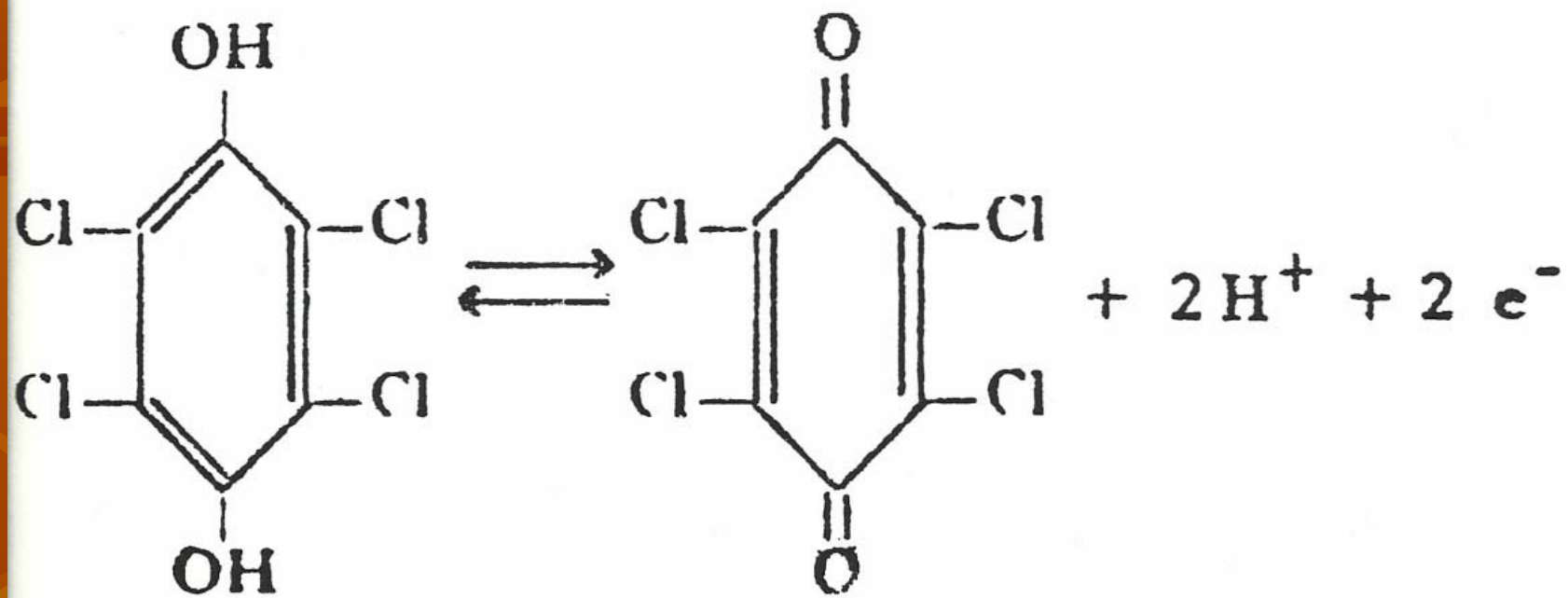


2,3,4-Trihydroxydecanophenone (M.W. = 280)

Compound E



Tetrachlorohydroquinone (M.W. = 248)



REDOX REACTIONS OBTAINED WITH COLUMN 1

<i>Reduced form</i>			<i>Oxidized form</i>		
<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Reaction</i>	<i>Bed capacity (meq)</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Reaction</i>	<i>Bed capacity (meq)</i>
1	$\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$	9.80 ^a	2	$\text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{I}$	9.60 ^b
3	$\text{I} \rightarrow \text{I}^-$	10.96	4	$\text{Sn}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{4+}$	10.70
5	$\text{V}^{5+} \rightarrow \text{V}^{4+}$	—	6	$\text{Sn}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{4+}$	—
7	$\text{Ce}^{4+} \rightarrow \text{Ce}^{3+}$	10.80	8	$\text{Cu}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}$	12.00 ^c
9	$\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$	—	10	Ascorbic ac. \rightarrow dehydroasc. ac.	10.90
11	$\text{I} \rightarrow \text{I}^-$	10.70	12	$\text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{I}$	10.50
13	$\text{Ce}^{4+} \rightarrow \text{Ce}^{3+}$	11.00			

^a Incomplete saturation of the bed.

^b The previous oxidation was incomplete.

^c Cu^+ partially oxidized to Cu^{2+} by atmospheric oxygen.

**ELECTRON-EXCHANGE PROCESSES ON SIMPLE COLUMNS OF KEL-F
SUPPORTING TETRACHLOROHYDROQUINONE**

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THE APPLICATION OF COLUMN REDOX-EXTRACTION
CHROMATOGRAPHY TO THE SEPARATION OF SOME ACTINIDE
ELEMENTS

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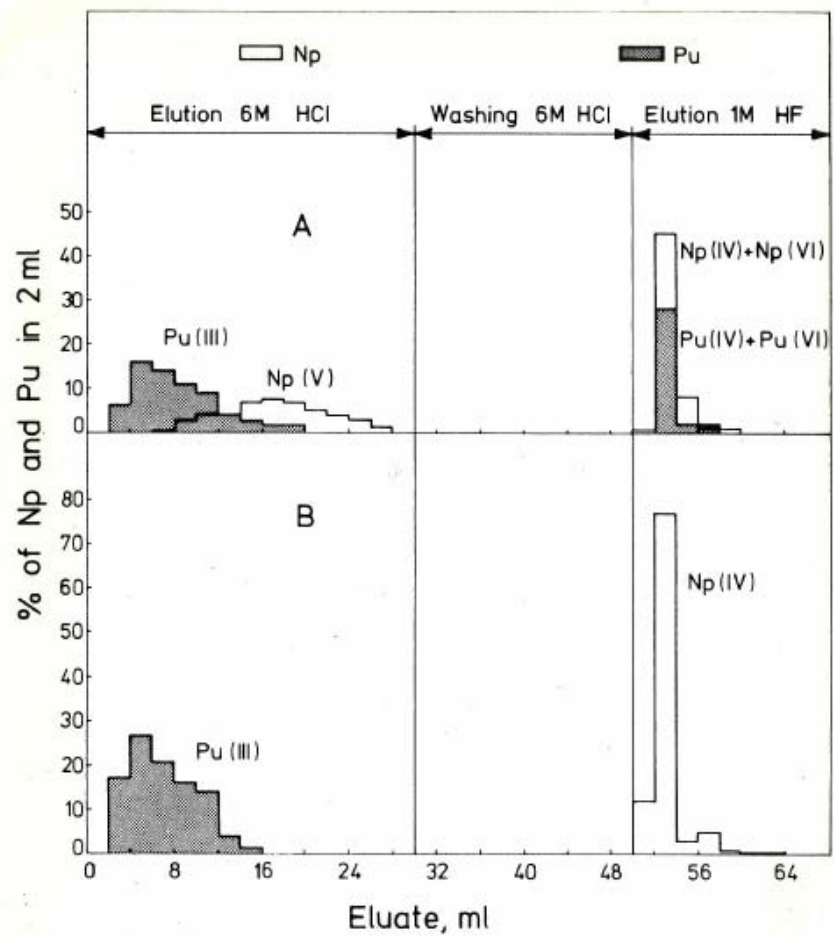


Fig. 2. Separation of neptunium and plutonium in 6 M HCl. (A) Microthene-TOPO column; (B) Microthene-TOPO-DPHQ column.

USE OF EXTRACTION CHROMATOGRAPHY IN RADIOTOXICOLOGY

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Determinations of radionuclides in urine by means of extraction chromatography techniques

Radio-nuclide ^a	Pretreat-ment ^b	HNO ₃ Molarity in urine	Inert support ^c	Stationary phase ^d	Chroma-tog. pro-cedure ^e	Eluting agent	Final recov-ery, %	Sensitivity limit	Dete-ction system ^f	Time, hrs.	Ref.
Th	W.M.	4.0 M	K.	0.1 M TOPO	C.C.	0.5 M HCl	97.5	1 µg/l	Col.	8	[9]
	W.M.	4.0 M	M.	0.5 M TOPO	B.E.	0.3 M H ₂ SO ₄	98.2	0.2 µg/l	Col.	4	[17]
U	W.M.	7.5 M	K.	conc. TBP	C.C.	Water	91.1	2 dpm/l	ZnS	4	[12]
	W.M.	4.0 M	M.	0.5 M TOPO	B.E.	1 M HF	70.0	1 dpm/l	ZnS	4	[17]
Pu	P.P.	2.0 M	K.	1 M TNOA	C.C.	conc. H ₂ SO ₃	90.5	0.04 pCi/l	SSD	16	[14]
	W.M.	4.0 M	M.	0.3 M TOPO	B.E.	6 M HCl·0.01 M HI	70.5	0.07 pCi/l	SSD	8	[25]
	W.M.	2.0 M	M.	0.3 M TOPO	B.E.	6 M HCl·0.1 M HI	76.5	0.10 pCi/l	ZnS	4	[20]
	P.O.	2.0 M	M.	0.3 M HX70	C.C.	2 M HNO ₃ ·0.15% hydroquinone	73.5	0.08 pCi/l	SSD	16	[29]
Np	W.M.	6.0 M	M.	0.1 M TOPO	E.E.	6 M HCl · Cl ₂	83.2	0.05 pCi/l	SSD	8	[26]
	P.P.	2.0 M	M.	0.3 M HX70	C.C.	0.1 M oxalic acid	82.3	0.04 pCi/l	SSD	16	[29]
Am (Cm)	W.M.	0.001 M	M.	1.5 M HDEHP	B.E.	3 M HNO ₃	85.9	0.05 pCi/l	SSD	8	[33]
Y	W.M.	0.3 M	M.	1.5 M HDEHP	B.E.	6 M HCl	92.0	5 pCi/l	β	4	[35]

^aTh = Natural thorium; U = enriched uranium; Pu = ²³⁹Pu, ²⁴⁰Pu; Np = ²³⁷Np; Am = ²⁴¹Am; Y = ⁹⁰Y, for the determination of ⁹⁰Sr

^bW.M. = Wet mineralization; P.P. = Phosphates precipitation

^cK. = Kel-F; M. = Microthene-710

^dTOPO = Tri-n-octylphosphine oxide; TBP = Tri-n-butylphosphate; TNOA = Tri-n-octylamine; HX70 = Neo-tridecanohydroxamic acid; HDEHP = Di(2-ethylhexyl) phosphoric acid

^eC.C. = Column chromatography; B. E. = Batch extraction

^fCol. = Colorimetry; ZnS = Alpha counting with a ZnS(Ag) detector; SSD = Alpha counting with a solid state detector after electroplating; β = low background beta counting

**Mineralizzazione del campione (1-1,5 L)
con HNO_3 e H_2O_2**



**Precipitazione dell'Uranio
con H_3PO_4**



**Separazione dell'Uranio su colonna cromatografica
(polietilene microporoso + tri-ottilfosfina ossido)**



**Preparazione della sorgente alfa per
elettrodeposizione**



**Conteggio mediante rivelatore al
silicio a barriera superficiale**

Extraction Chromatography in Radioecology

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Fosforiti

Soluz. di HNO_3 2 M (U, Th, Ra) +
standards interni di resa



Colonna di Icorene TOPO
(tri-ottilfosfina ossido)



Soluz. Caric.
(Ra)

Colonna (U, Th)

HCl 1 M



Eluato (Th)

Colonna (U)

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ 1 M



Eluato (U)

Sabbie zirconifere

Soluz. di HNO_3 2 M (U, Th, Ra) +
standards interni di resa

Precipitazione con NH_3
di Zr, U, Th



Soluz. (Ra)

Precipitato (Zr, U, Th)

Dissoluz. con HNO_3 e
saturazione con NH_4NO_3



Colonna di Icorene TNOA
(tri-ottilammina)



Soluz. Caric.
(Zr^{4+})

Colonna (U, Th)

HNO_3 6 M



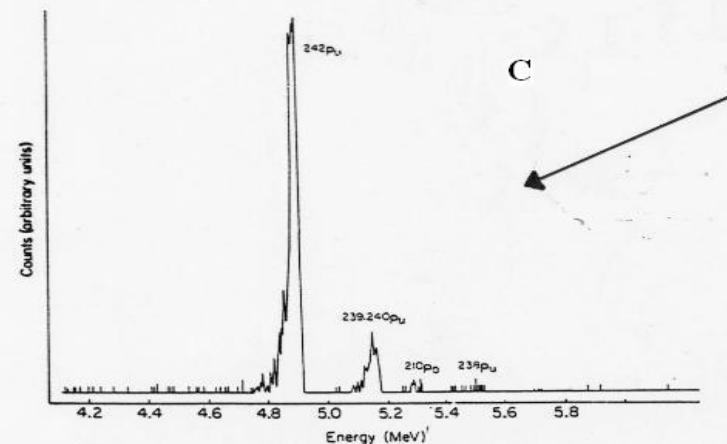
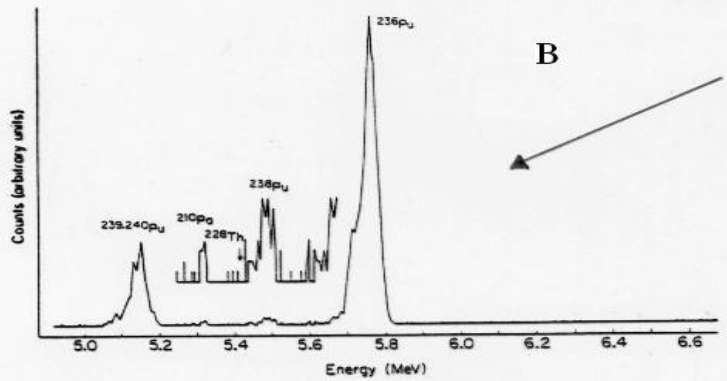
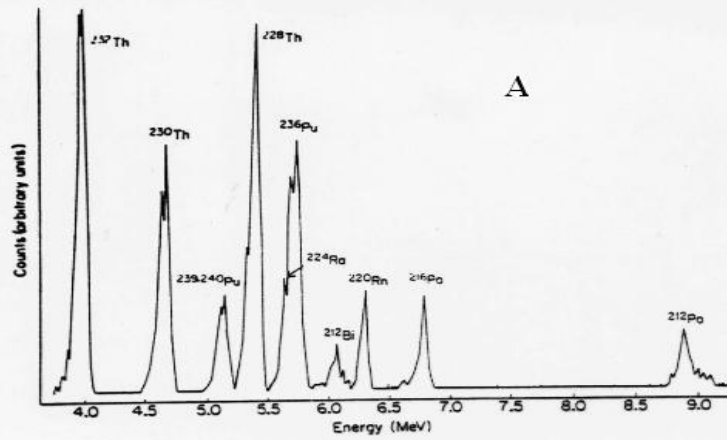
Eluato (U)

Colonna (Th)

HCl 8 M



Eluato (Th)



The α -spectra of

(A) a sediment sample after one extraction step with TOPO;

(B) sediment sample after double extraction with TOPO;

(C) a marine organism sample (*Merluccius merluccius*) after double extraction with TOPO.

**CONCENTRATION AND SPECIATION OF
PLUTONIUM, AMERICIUM, URANIUM,
THORIUM, POTASSIUM AND Cs-137 IN A
VENICE CANAL SEDIMENT SAMPLE**

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**VERTICAL PROFILES OF Pu-239 (240), Pu-238,
AND Am-241 IN SOME PECULIAR ITALIAN
MOSSES**

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**RADIOANALYTICAL METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF
PLUTONIUM AND AMERICIUM IN MOSSES AND LICHENS**

Pu-242 AND Am-243 ADDITION TO 2 g DRY SAMPLE

**↓
DRY ASHING**

**↓
LEACHING BY 6 M HNO₃**

**↓
Pu(IV) EXTRACTION
BY MICROTHENE-TOPO COLUMN**

**ELUTION IN COLUMN BY
0.02 M HI IN 6 M HCl**

**↓
Pu ELECTROPLATING**

**↓
PLUTONIUM
ALPHA SPECTROMETRY**

**↓
HNO₃ EVAPORATION AND
NEUTRALIZATION UP TO pH 2**

**↓
Am EXTRACTION BY
A COLUMN OF
MICROTHENE-HDEHP**

**↓
ELUTION BY 1 M HNO₃
AND EVAPORATION**

**↓
PMBP+TOPO EXTRACTION
FROM 0.1 M HNO₃**

**↓
STRIPPING BY 5 M HNO₃
AND EVAPORATION**

**↓
Am ELECTROPLATING**

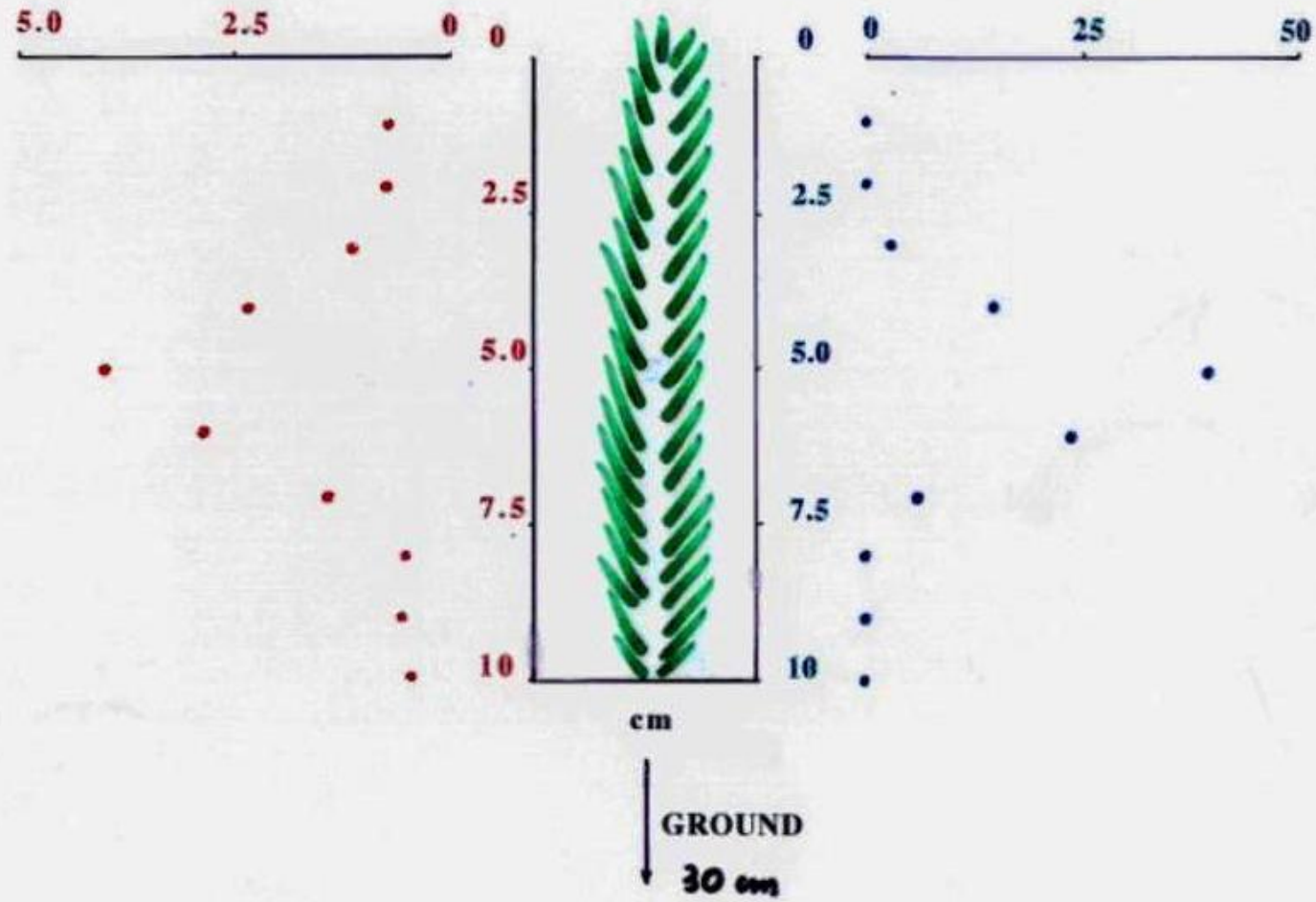
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AMERICIUM
ALPHA SPECTROMETRY**



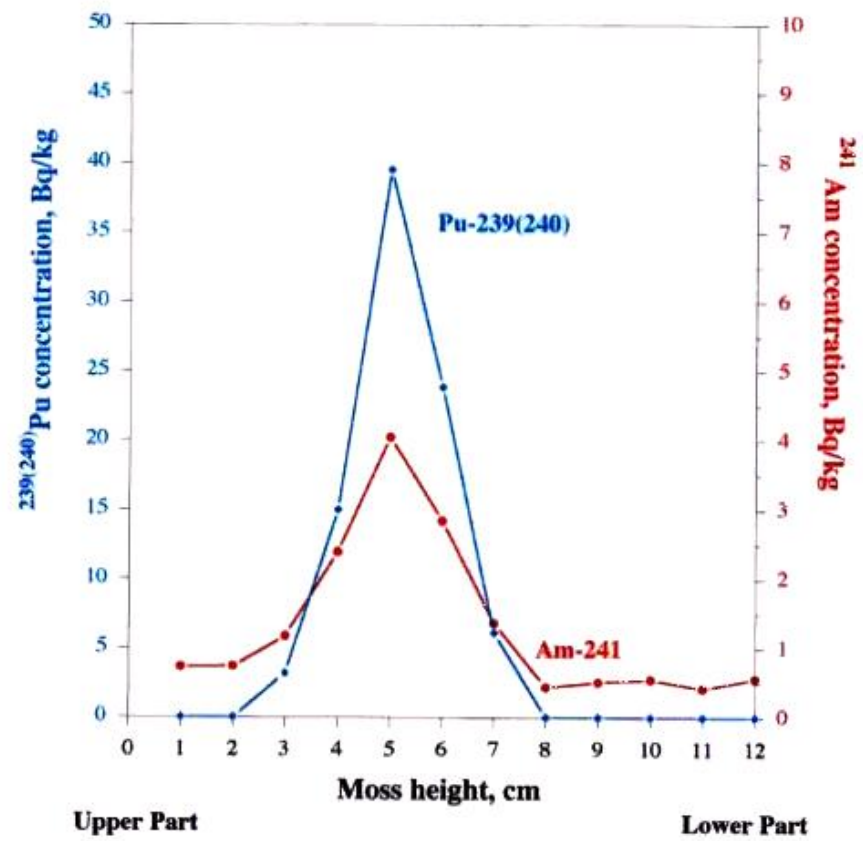
RAIN WATER

Am conc. Bq kg⁻¹

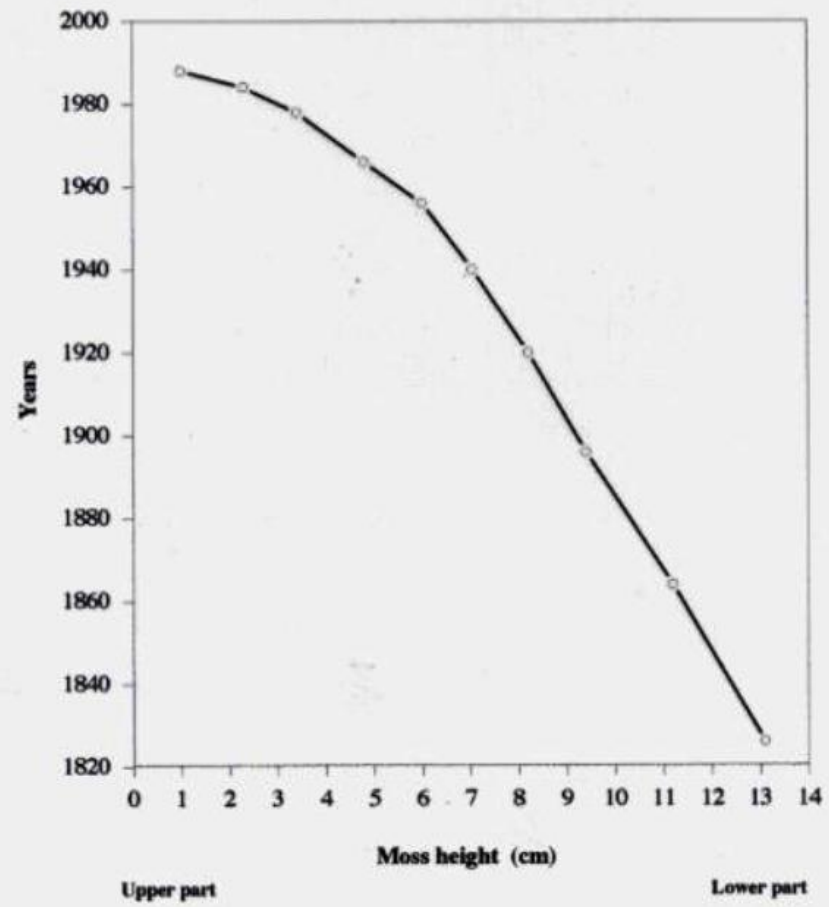
Pu conc. Bq kg⁻¹



Vertical distribution of $^{239(240)}\text{Pu}$ and ^{241}Am in a terrestrial moss core (Sphagnum Compactum) drawn on the Alps (Northern Italy)



SPHAGNUM COMPACTUM SECTIONS DATATION BY THE Pb-210 METHOD



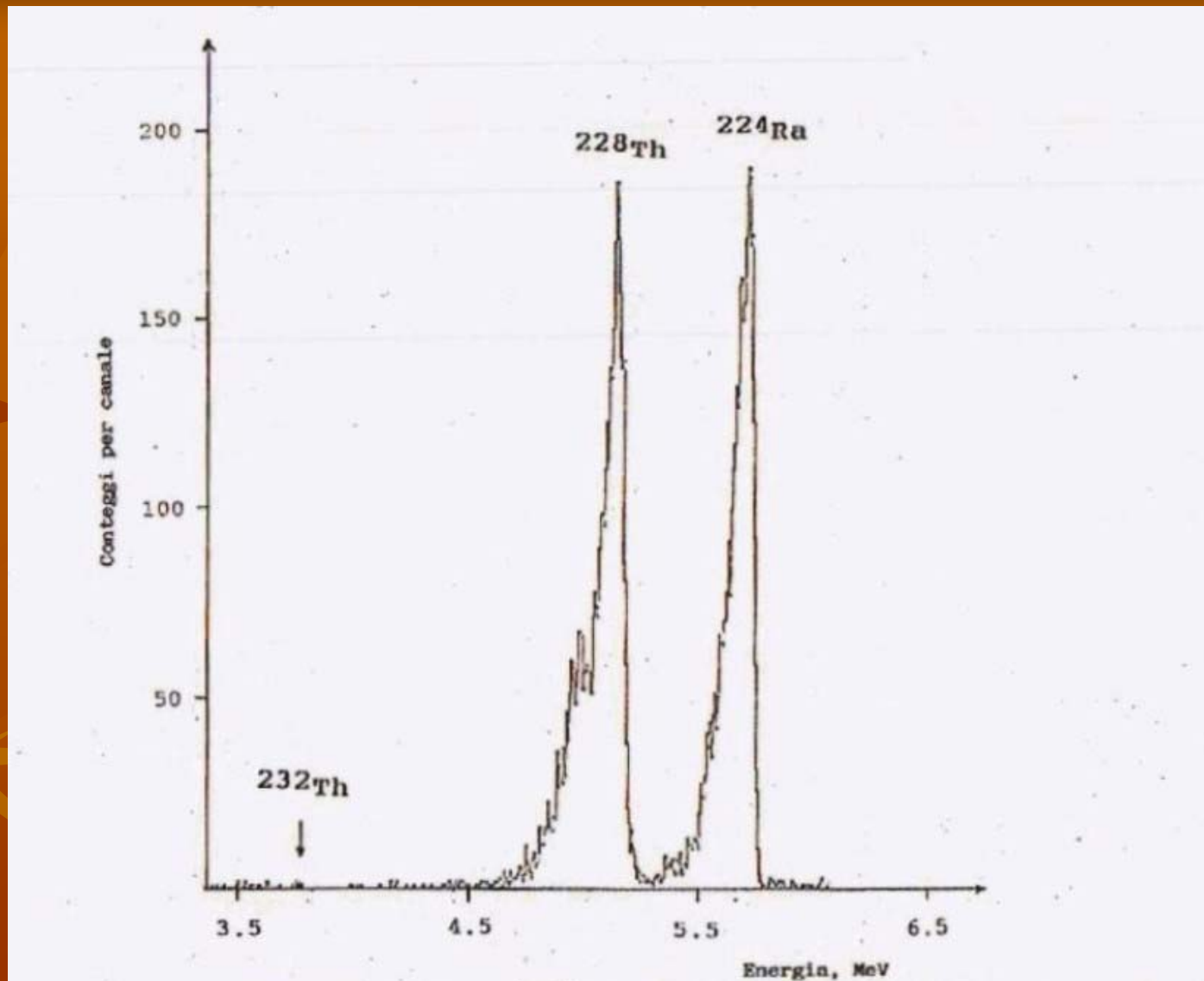
**EXTRACTION CHROMATOGRAPHY FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF NATURAL
RADIONUCLIDES IN SOME MATRIXES
CONNECTED WITH HYDROCARBONS
EXPLOITATION.**

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- TYPICAL L.S.A. SCALE FORMATION





Spettro alfa del Torio isolato da un'incrostazione proveniente da un impianto di estrazione di idrocarburi sito in Tunisia; si noti l'enorme disequilibrio tra il ^{232}Th e il ^{228}Th

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**L'IMPORTANZA DELLA RADIOCHIMICA IN CAMPO
AMBIENTALE E PER LA CARATTERIZZAZIONE
RADIOLOGICA DI MATERIALI PROVENIENTI DA
CENTRALI NUCLEARI IN DECOMMISSIONING.**

Convegno: "Il Sistema T.E.R.N.I. Research."
Workshop: "Progetti di ricerca applicata sulle radiazioni ionizzanti"

Narni, 10 Giugno 2005

$^{239(240)}\text{Pu}$, ^{238}Pu , ^{241}Pu

Aggiunta dello standard di resa ^{242}Pu e stabilizzazione stato di ossidazione (IV)

Estrazione cromatografica con scambiatore anionico in ambiente nitrico



Conteggio per Scintillazione Liquida
 ^{241}Pu

Elettrodeposizione e conteggio per spettrometria alfa
 $^{239(240)}$, ^{238}Pu

^{241}Am , ^{242}Cm , ^{244}Cm

Aggiunta dello standard di resa ^{243}Am e precipitazione degli ossalati

Estrazione cromatografica del Fe con scambiatore anionico in ambiente cloridrico

Estrazione cromatografica di Am e Cm con scambiatore cationico a pH 2,5

Elettrodeposizione e conteggio per spettrometria alfa
 ^{241}Am , ^{242}Cm , ^{244}Cm

^{59}Ni , ^{63}Ni , ^{55}Fe

Aggiunta di Ni e Fe stabili come standards di resa e AAS

Estrazione cromatografica con scambiatore anionico in ambiente cloridrico

Colonna (Fe)

Precipitazione come idrossido e dissoluzione

Controllo resa chimica del Fe per AAS

Preparazione sorgente e conteggio X del ^{55}Fe

Soluzioni di caricamento e lavaggio (Ni)

Precipitazione con dimetilgliosima e dissoluzione

Controllo resa chimica del Ni per AAS

Scintillazione Liquida ^{59}Ni e ^{63}Ni

Preparazione sorgente e conteggio X del ^{59}Ni

^{90}Sr

Aggiunta di Y stabile come standard di resa e precipitazione degli ossalati

Estrazione cromatografica del Fe con scambiatore anionico in ambiente cloridrico

Estrazione cromatografica dell'Y con scambiatore cationico a pH 1

Precipitazione dell'Y come ossalato

Conteggio β basso fondo dell' ^{90}Y

Controllo resa chimica dell'Y per titolazione complessometrica

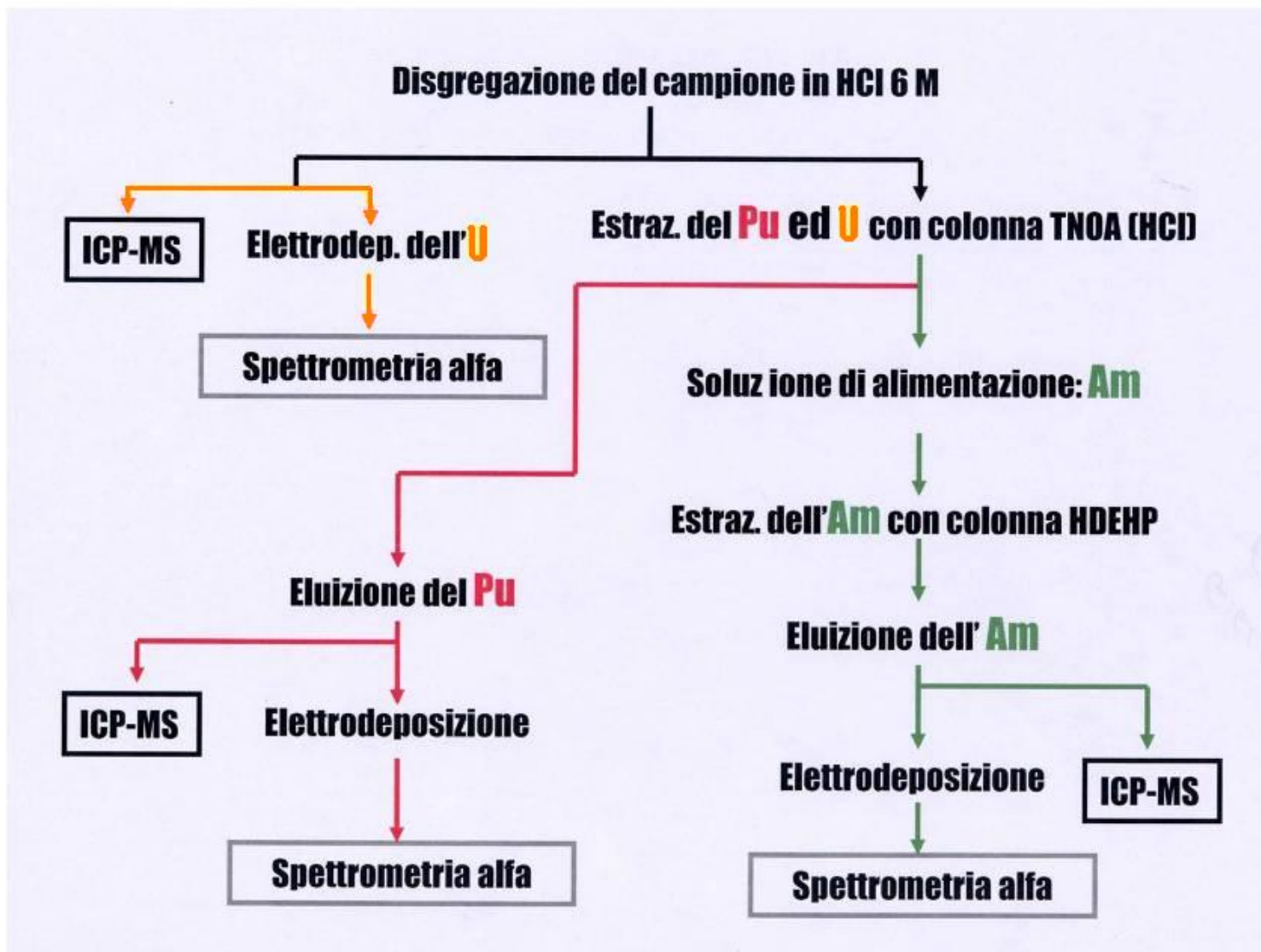


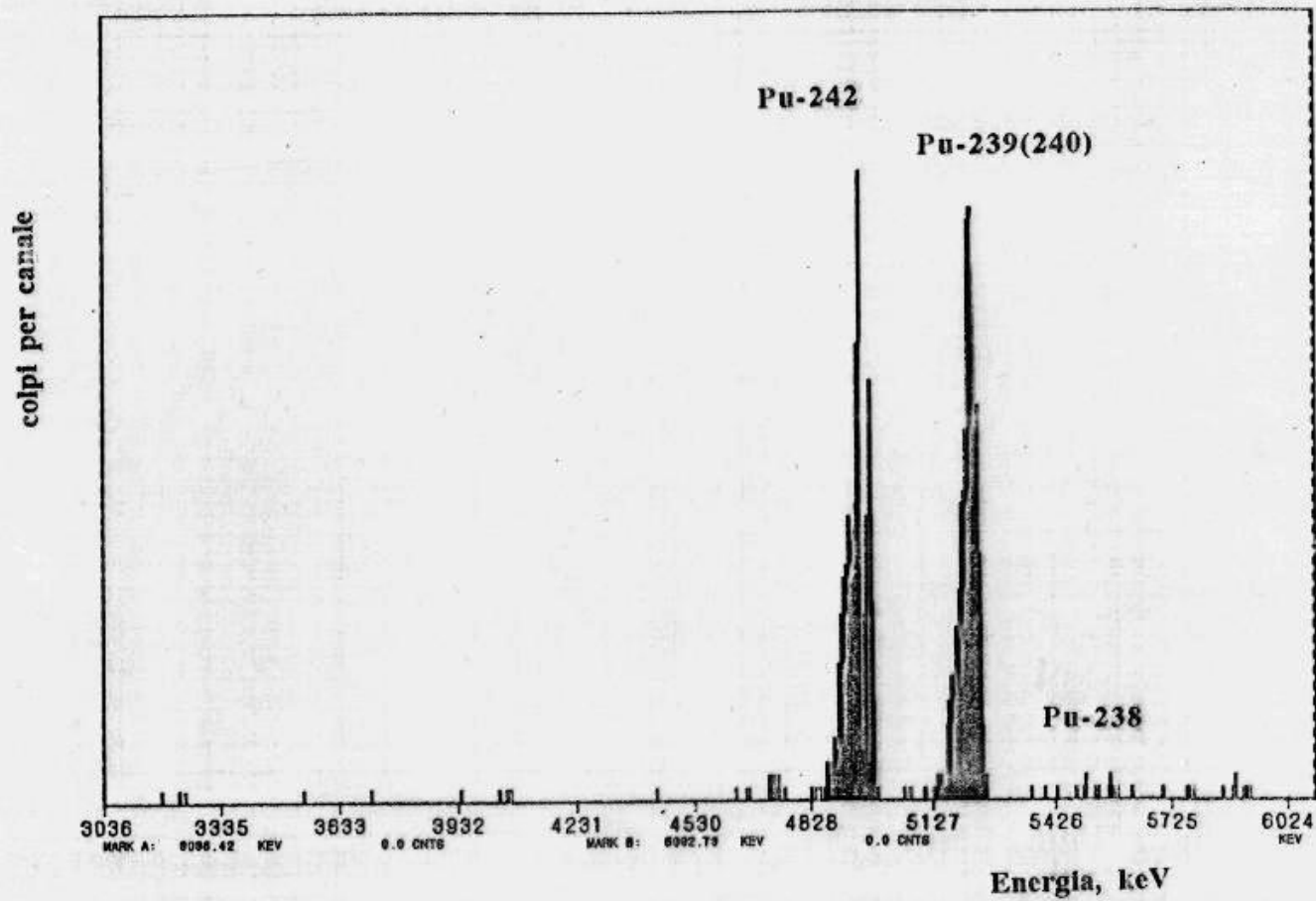
Depleted Uranium

In Kosovo

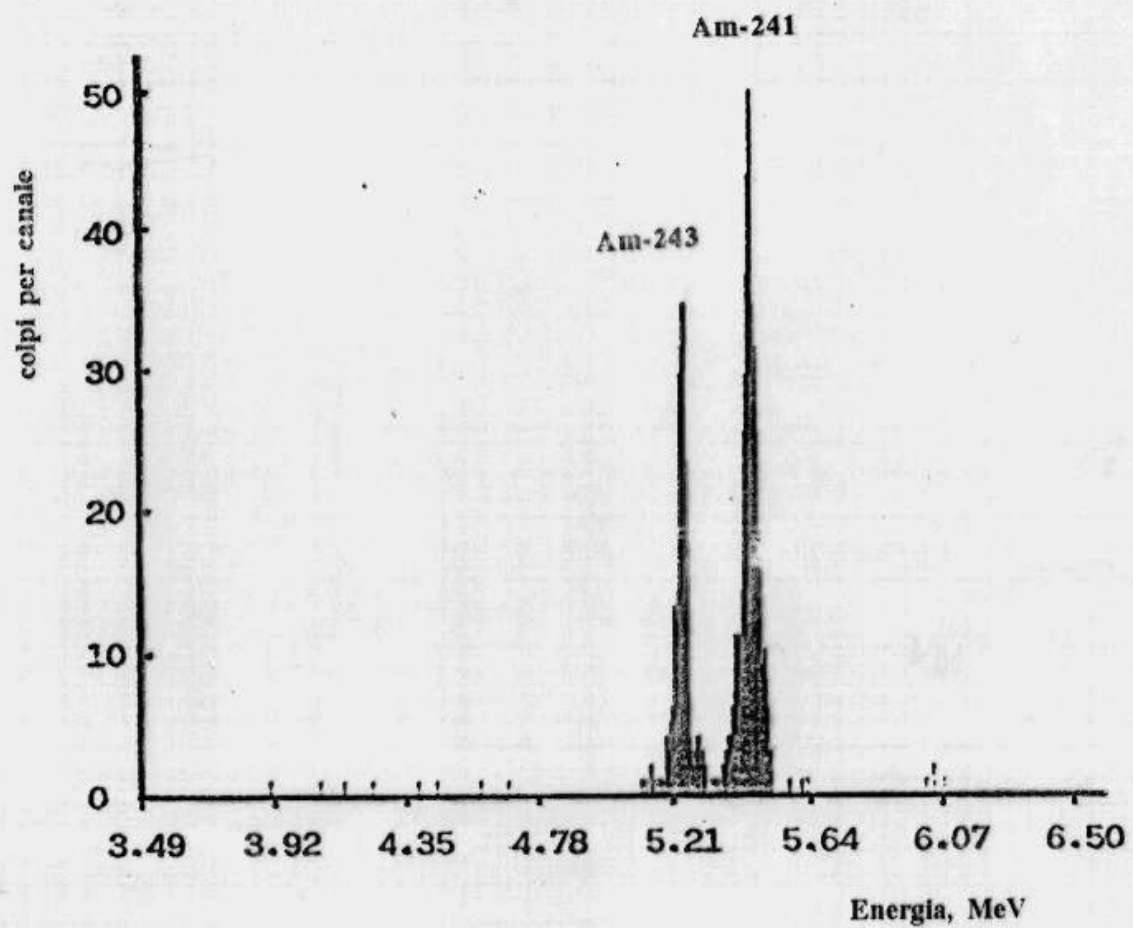
Post-Conflict
Environmental
Assessment







Spettro alfa del plutonio



Spettro alfa dell'americio

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Sr • Spec

> Sr - Pb

Tru • Spec

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Lantanidi**

U/TEVA • Spec

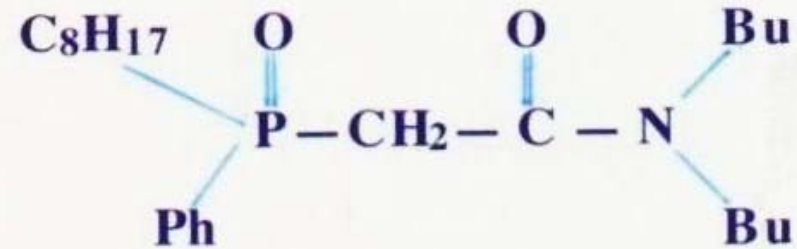
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Np**

TEVA • Spec

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Tc**

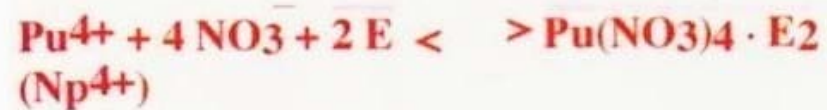
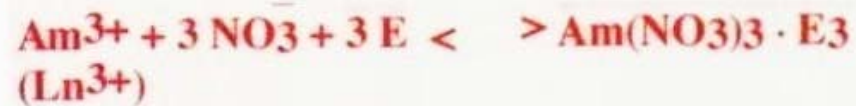
TRU • SPEC

Estraente:



[CMPO] [ottil (fenil)-N,N-diisobutilcarbametilfosfinaossido]

Diluente: Tri-n-butil fosfato

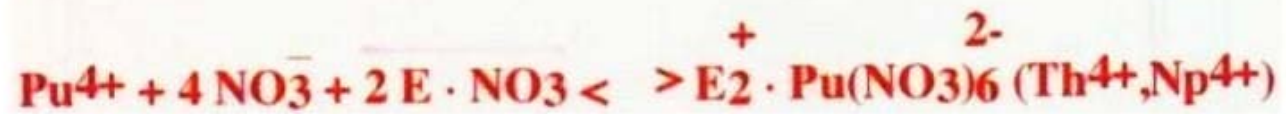


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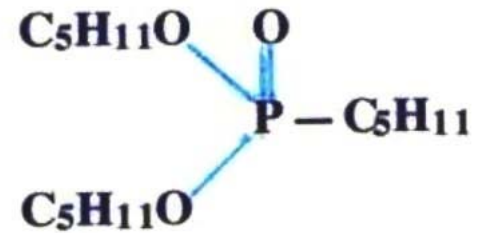


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