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# Final Configuration and Testing of a System for the Purification of $^{211}\text{At}$

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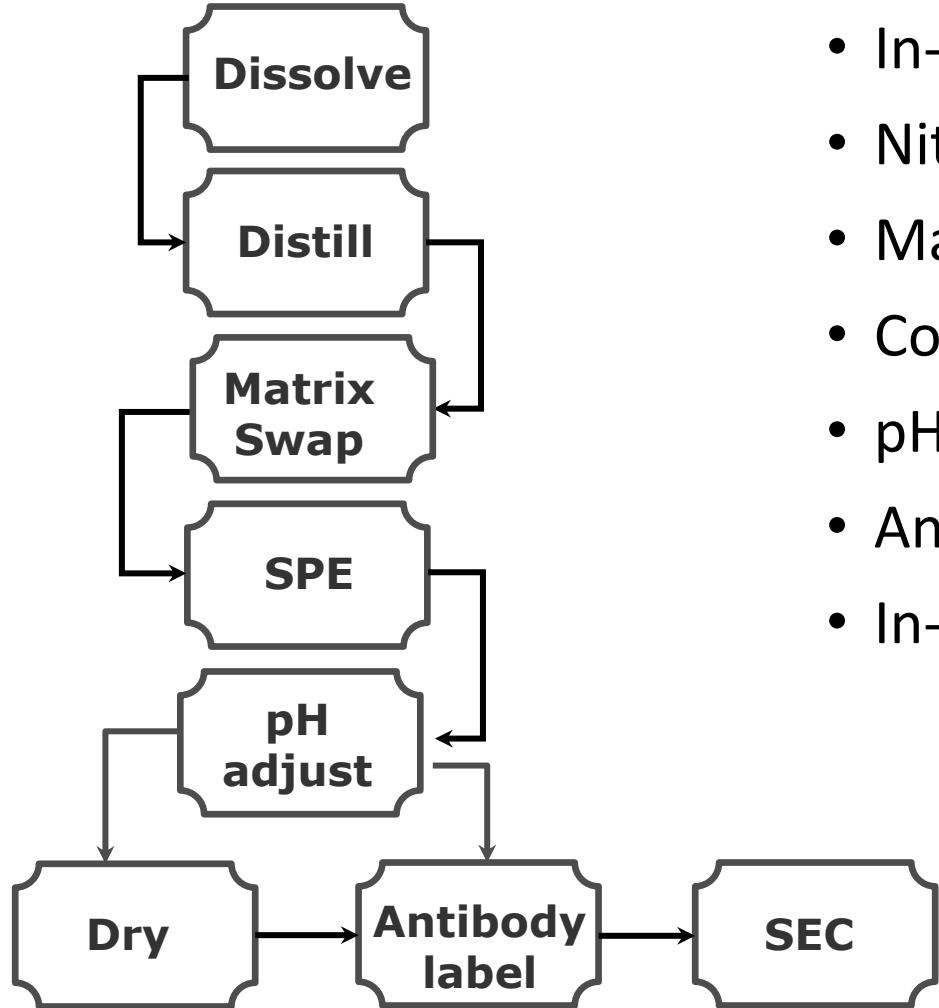
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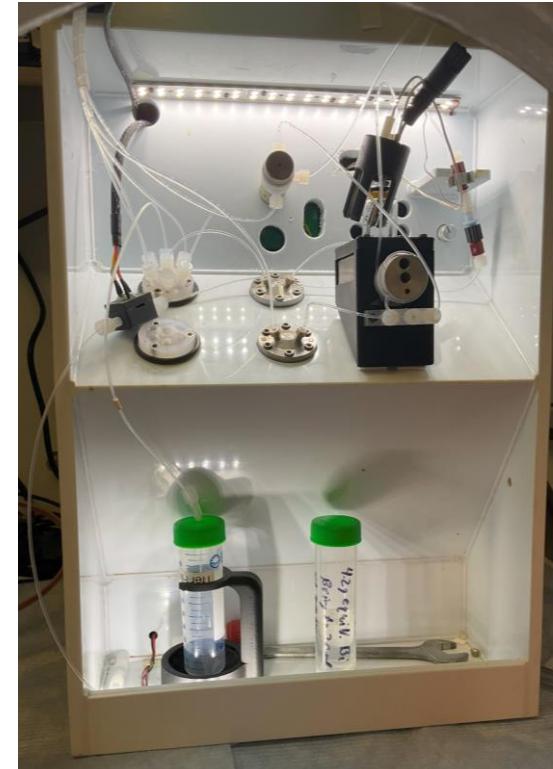
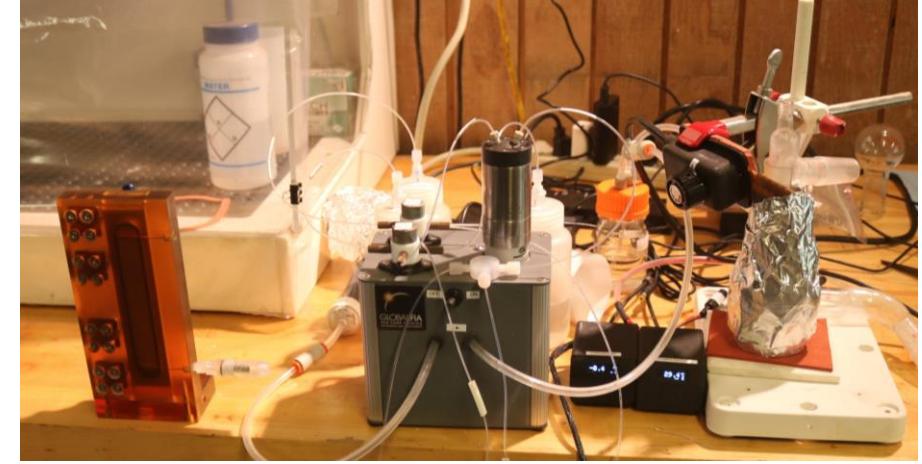
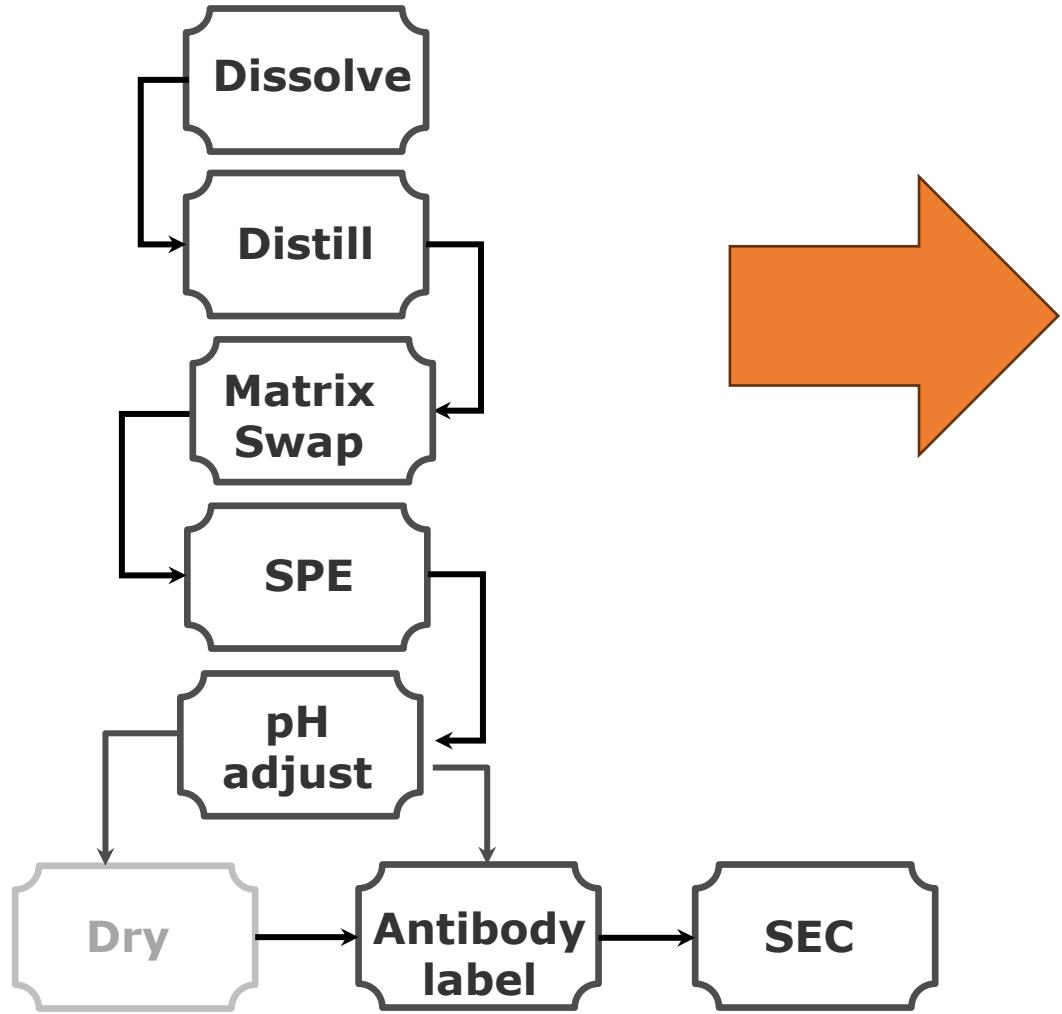
# Proposed end-to-end automated process for producing Ab-labeled $^{211}\text{At}$



- In-line Bi target dissolution,
- Nitric acid elimination,
- Matrix conversion to hydrochloric acid
- Column isolation of  $^{211}\text{At}$  using solid phase extraction (SPE)<sup>1</sup>
- pH adjustment of  $^{211}\text{At}$  isolate
- Antibody-labeling of  $^{211}\text{At}$
- In-line size-exclusion chromatography (SEC)

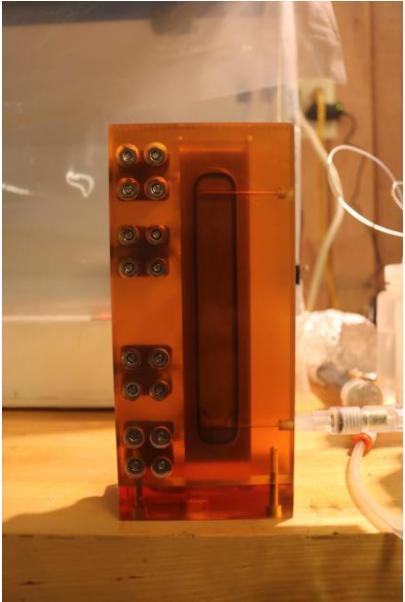
[1] US Patent: O'Hara, M.J., "System and process for purification of astatine-211 from target materials", US20220148751A1, granted 4/4/23.

# Unit operations divided into three modules



# Unit Operation I: Dissolve target and convert matrix from $\text{HNO}_3$ to HCl

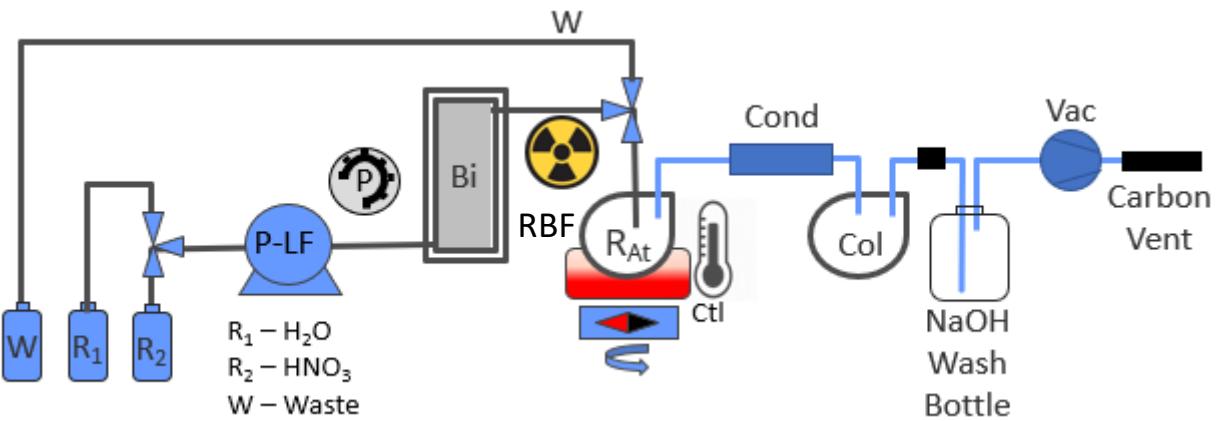
| Operation          | Time, min |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Dissolve & Distill | 25        |
| Matrix Conversion  | 8         |



# In-line cyclotron target dissolution block

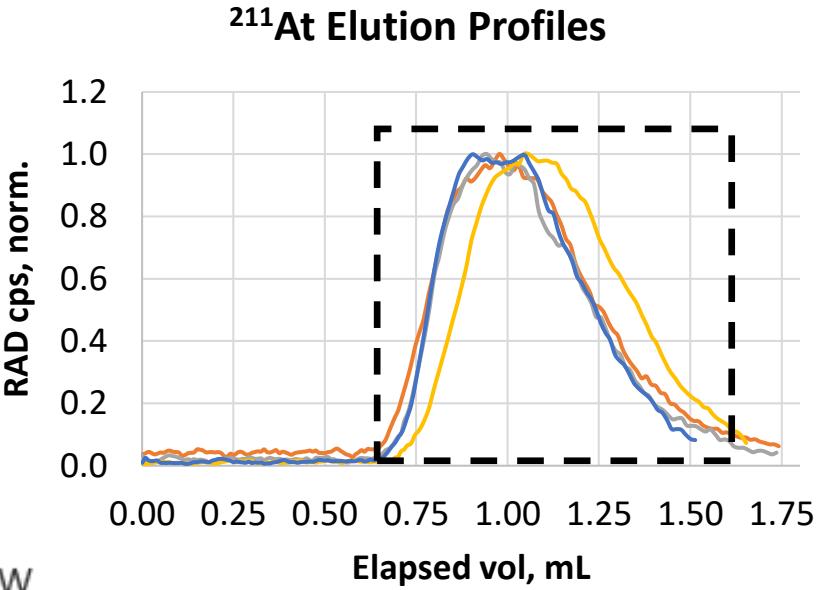
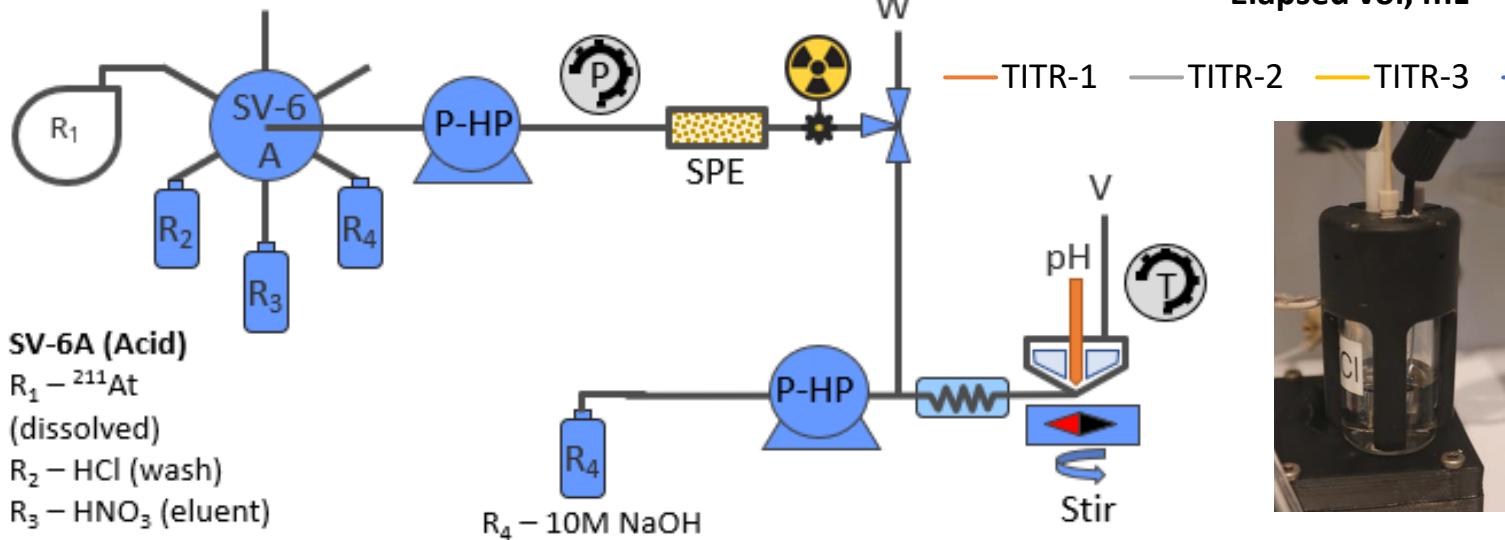


# RBF with dried [<sup>211</sup>At]Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> saltcake



# Unit Operation II: Column isolation of $^{211}\text{At}$ ; titrate $^{211}\text{At}$ product to near-neutral pH

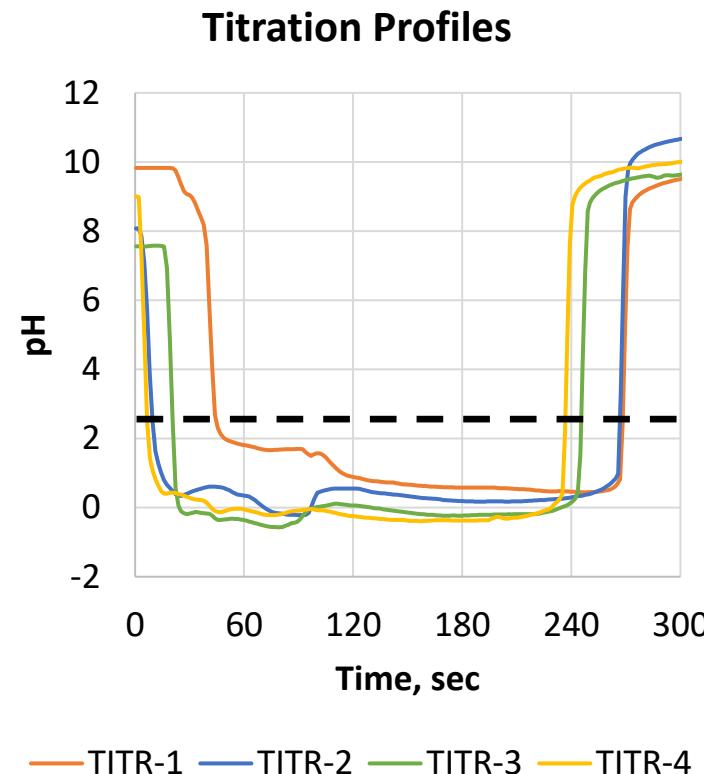
| Device      | Fraction, % |
|-------------|-------------|
| Product     | 93.2        |
| Source vial | 0.3         |
| Column      | 0.7         |
| Waste       | 5.9         |



**Titration Cell**

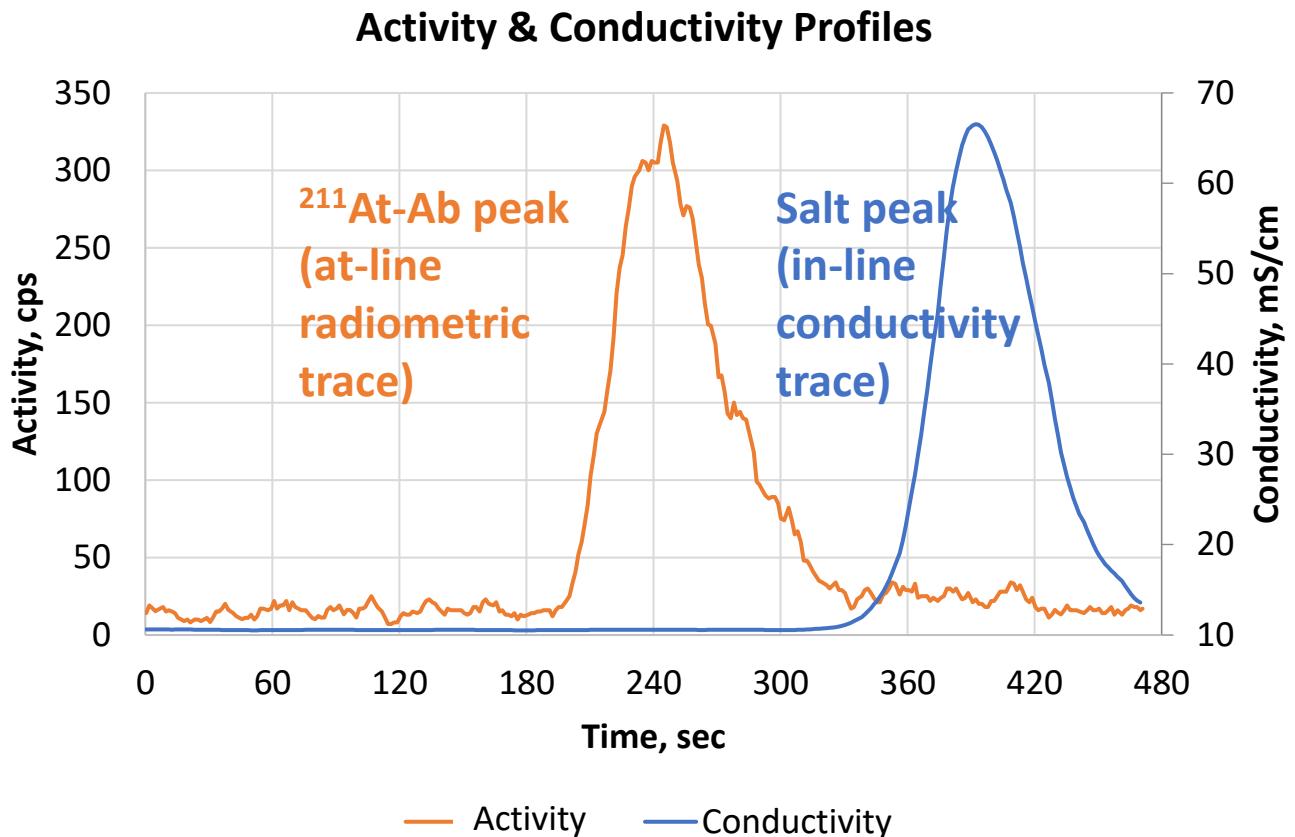
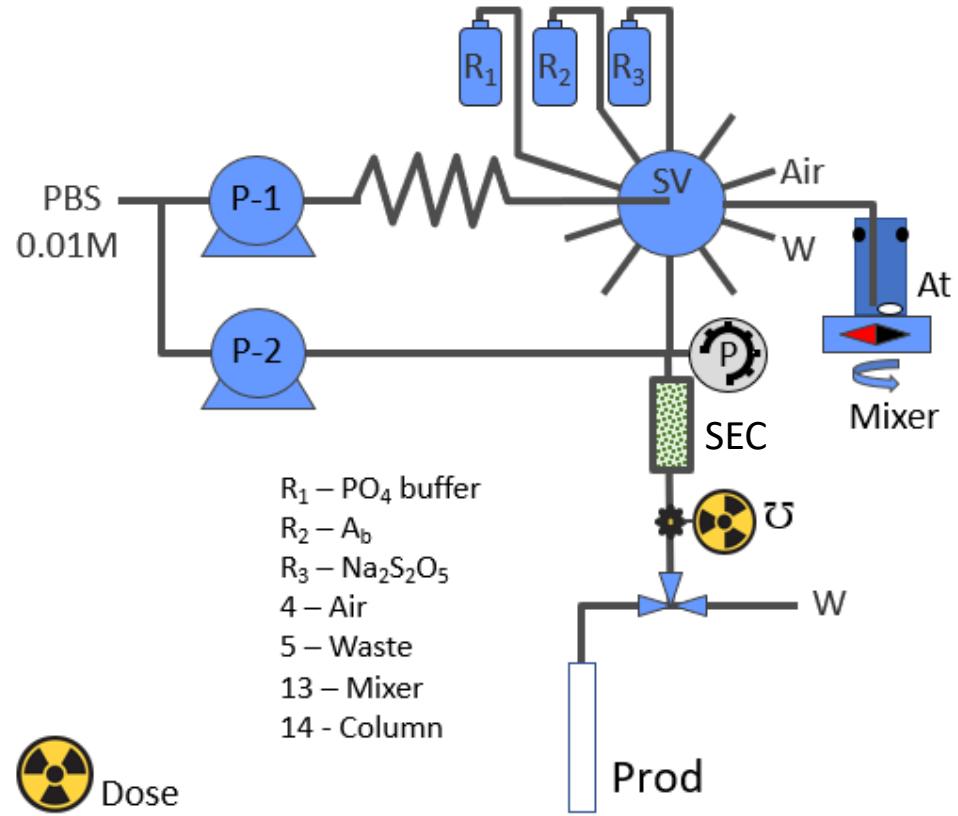


| Operation          | Time, min |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Dissolve & Distill | 25        |
| Matrix Conversion  | 8         |
| SPE & pH adjust    | 20        |
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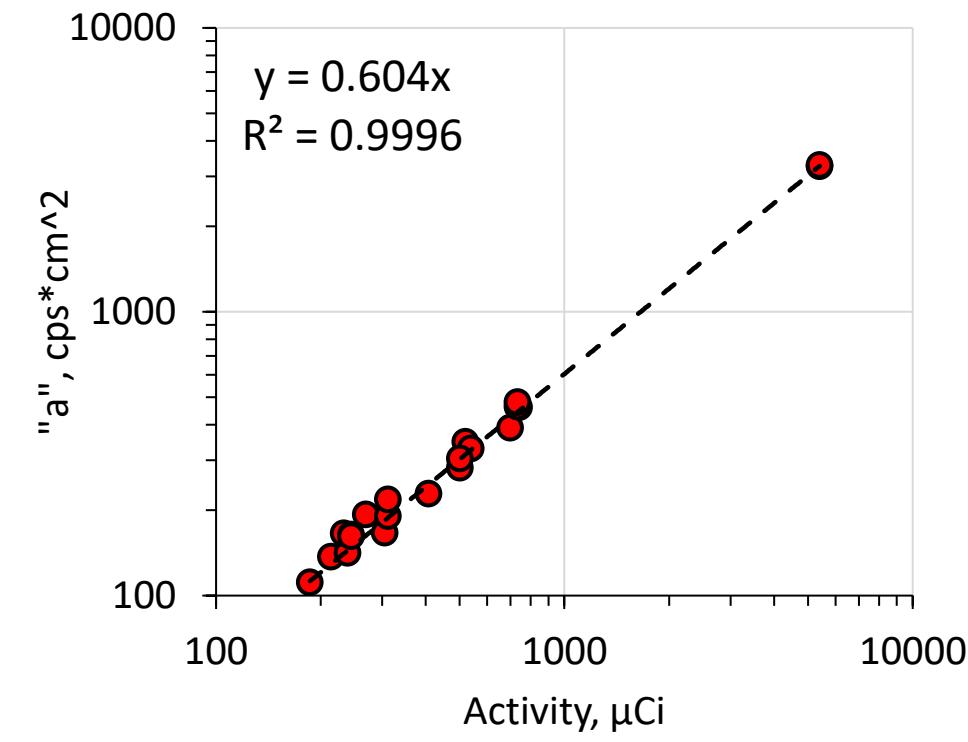
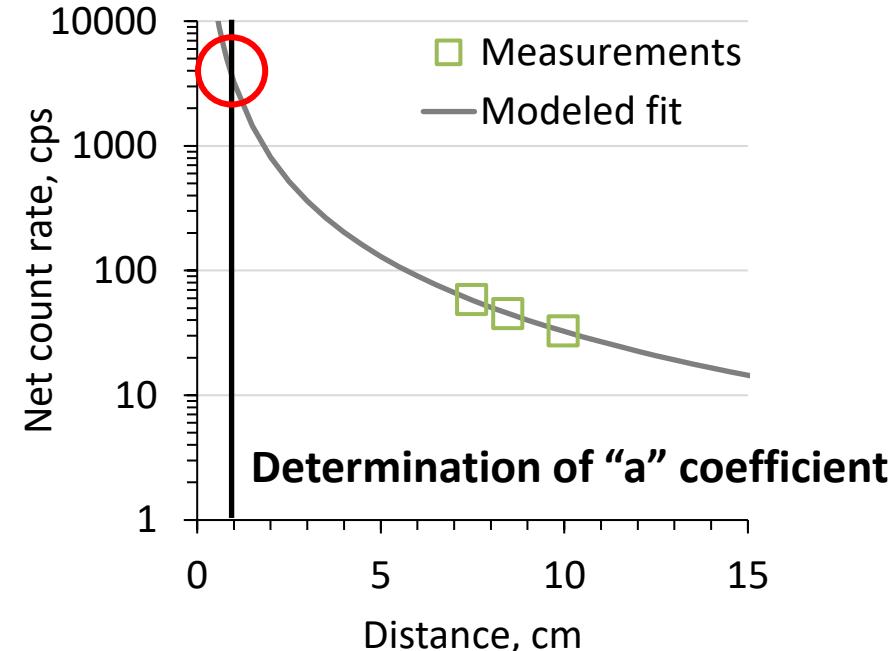
# Unit Operation III: In-line antibody (Ab) labeling & labeled Ab isolation

| Operation          | Time, min  |
|--------------------|------------|
| Dissolve & Distill | 25         |
| Matrix Conversion  | 8          |
| SPE & pH adjust    | 20         |
| Ab label           | 7          |
| SEC                | 40         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>100</b> |



# Supplemental activity: Development and testing of inexpensive GM tube-based dose calibrator

- Operates on inverse square principle – probes the sample vial at 3-4 distances from GM tubes
- Count rate vs. distance data undergoes non-linear (negative power function) regression
- The negative power function coefficient “a” (where  $[y = ax^{-2}]$ ) defines the count rate at 1 cm distance
- The coefficient is multiplied by the known nuclide-specific measurement efficiency on the device
  - Thus, converting count rate to disintegration rate



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