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1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) pertains to the set up, operation, analysis and data calculations performed with the EG&G ORTEC field portable gamma spectrometer. This system consists of a detector by which samples are analyzed and an analysis software package used to display data collected. The EG&G ORTEC gamma spectrometer is used for field and laboratory screening of environmental samples to calculate concentrations of radionuclides.

2.0 METHOD SUMMARY

The EG&G ORTEC gamma spectrometer can be operated using an internal battery or with its supplied power cord. This system has two detector capabilities, choice of which will depend on the application and results desired. In turn, the procedure for set up and operation will be different. Proper set up for each system must be followed, or the internal components will be seriously damaged and/or the data received will be unreliable. This instrument is a field portable system capable of detecting gamma radiation from a sample and quantifying the activity of radioisotopes. Gamma rays interact with either a Sodium Iodide (NaI) or a High Purity Germanium (HPGe) crystal, producing a scintillation. After amplification, the signal passes to an analog to digital converter (ADC) and is recorded in a multichannel analyzer (MCA). Sample (unknown) spectrums are compared to standard (known) spectrums. The activity of the unknown sample can then be calculated.

Analyses to calculate sample activity shall follow this order:

1. Spectrum Energy Calibration
2. Background Analysis
3. Reference Standard Analysis
4. Sample (unknown) Analysis

3.0 SAMPLE PRESERVATION, CONTAINERS, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The method used for radio isotopic quantification requires the analysis of a standard calibrated reference source. As the counts of the unknown sample are taken, the resulting spectrum is compared to the standard reference source of known activity. To eliminate variables caused by gamma interaction through different materials, it is optimal that the sample and reference source containers are as close in geometry as possible if not identical.

4.0 INTERFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

4.1 NaI System

It is important to maintain the NaI crystal at a constant temperature while in operation. The crystal should not be subjected to temperature extremes. If this does occur, the crystal should be allowed to reach room or ambient temperature before performing analysis. If this is not accomplished prior to analysis, as the detector reaches room/ambient temperature the results will not be accurate. When using the NaI detector, it is important to realize that the peaks are very broad with a resulting low peak resolution. Therefore when identifying specific nuclides, it should be realized that gamma energies very close in energy may be encompassed into one peak. It is however practical to use the NaI for analysis when only one radioactive isotope or chain is known to be present. The NaI system also has the advantage of not requiring liquid



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nitrogen cooling.

4.2 HPGe System

Great care must be employed when operating the HPGe system. The detector must not be exposed to shock, or be dropped or jolted in any manner. It is of extreme importance that the detector be cooled to operating temperatures before applying the bias (high voltage) to the detector. The system has an automatic bias shutdown in the event that the detector is turned on when not cooled or the temperature increases during analysis. However, the user should not rely on this mechanism, for if it fails the crystal may be permanently damaged. Never pack the system with any traces of liquid nitrogen still present in the Dewar. The HPGe system has a higher peak resolution than the NaI, therefore if properly calibrated it can be used to identify unknown radioisotopes in samples.

4.3 Background Noise

The gamma spectroscopy system analyzes for gamma rays. Since cosmic radiation is present everywhere, it will also interact with the detector; this naturally occurring radiation is called background. Also present throughout the system is noise, which includes pulses and electronic blips in the cabling system that can interfere with sample analysis. It is recommended, however, not required that in areas of high background radiation, shielding be used to reduce the background counts detected. Shielding, such as a lead cave, would be prudent, especially for use with the HPGe system. In turn, reducing the background counts, will also lower the detection limit.

5.0 EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS

The following equipment is required for the EG&G ORTEC gamma spectrometer operation:

- Nomad hardware component, with manual and power cord
- Screwdriver: Phillips and regular
- Tape
- Portable lap top computer with MAESTRO software installed
- NaI 2 x 2 crystal or HPGe crystal with liquid nitrogen Dewar attached
- Sample containers
- Preamp cable s/n 3752
- High voltage cord s/n 6936
- Bias shutdown cable
- ADCAM Interface with +5V connector
- Calculator
- Three tier tray cart (NaI)
- Field portable scale

6.0 REAGENTS

- Liquid Nitrogen supply (HPGe)
- U.S. EPA Radium-226 reference source, 50pCi/g
- Cesium-137 and Potassium-40 energy calibration standard sources



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7.0 PROCEDURES

7.1 Liquid Nitrogen Filling (HPGe)

Prior to analysis with the HPGe detector, the crystal Dewar must be filled with liquid nitrogen and allowed to reach thermal equilibrium. If the detector is completely warm, fill the Dewar only 20-30% full, then fill completely in 15 minutes. Allow the temperature to equalize for 1.5 hours, then cap off with liquid nitrogen. See Figure 1, Liquid Nitrogen Filling Diagram, Appendix A.

CAUTION: PVC OR CRYOGENICALLY APPROVED GLOVES AND SAFETY GLASSES SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE HANDLING LIQUID NITROGEN.

1. Place in the instrument in a horizontal position and unscrew the Dewar neck plug. Insert the fill tube into the Dewar.
2. Place the funnel support bracket over the Dewar neck and tighten the rectangular screw.
3. Pour liquid nitrogen into the funnel until it begins to trickle out the back.
4. Replace the Dewar neck plug upon completion.

7.2 Equipment/Cabling Set Up

1. Setting Channel Quantity

Each detector requires a specific channel quantity per spectrum. To ensure proper set up, locate the M2SETUP program in the MCA directory.

- a. Turn the computer on and obtain the C prompt.
- b. Change the directory to MCA, and type M2SETUP.
- c. Select the following responses to the program prompts:

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Select the number of MCBs --> 1
Select the MCB type --> 92x
Does system have Transistor Reset Preamp --> No
Select number of channels --> 2048 (NaI)
                             8192 (HPGe)
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- d. The system will automatically return to DOS upon completion.

2. Internal Bias Voltage Range

The Nomad base is utilized for both the NaI and the HPGe detectors. The operating voltage for each detector is different. Prior to enabling the high voltage, set the internal bias to the correct



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range.

- a. Turn the power off and remove the AC line cord. Set the battery slide switch to off. Wait at least one minute so that all the high voltage can discharge.
- b. Remove the four #6/32 screws that hold the mounting plate to the suitcase. Do not remove the six screws that hold the battery in place. Gently lift the Nomad Mounting plate out of the suitcase and carefully place it upside down, on its handles.
- c. Rotate the Nomad so that the bias supply printed wiring board is on your left (safety shield has a printed high voltage sign on it) and the amplifier wiring board is on your right. Carefully remove the bias supply safety shield.
- d. Locate the high voltage polarity and range jumper board. This four inch long rectangular board is on the right side of the bias supply wiring board and is under a plastic retainer shield. Remove the plastic retainer shield.
- e. Carefully lift the board until it is free of the board below; it is connected by a series of pins. The board can be placed in four locations, two of which concern this SOP. These positions are labeled on the printed wiring board on the upper right corner. The High Voltage board shall be set at "Positive Low" for the NaI system and "Positive High" for the HPGe. In the right hand position, nearest the amplifier board it is set for positive high voltage (HPGe). When it is in the up position, farthest away from the large red component, it is in the positive low voltage range. Place the board in the proper position and firmly place the pins into the sockets.
- f. REMOUNT THE SAFETY SHIELD TO THE BIAS SHIELD. Reverse the procedure to install the Mounting plate.

3. Setting the Bias Voltage

The exact bias voltage is set using the dial potentiometer located at the lower right of the mounting plate on the Nomad base. The dial reads in kilo Volts (kV).

- a. Turn the dial clockwise to set the voltage for the HPGe to 2500 Volts (V) (2.5kV) or 900 V (0.9kV) for the NaI.

4. Cabling the HPGe System

From the neck of the gamma crystal probe, six cables extend out. Connect the cables to the base of the Nomad in the following manner (Figure 2, Appendix A):

- a. Connect the preamp (gray cable s/n 3752) to the preamp port on the gamma spec Nomad base.
- b. Connect the high voltage cord (s/n 6936, RG59B/U) to the "High Voltage" pin port on the base.
- c. Connect the bias shut down cable to the SD port on the Nomad base.
- d. Connect the output to the preamp cable to the "Amp In" on the Nomad base.
- e. Connect the computer ADCAM interface with the +5V connector cable to the "Duel Port Memory" and the +5V port to the nomad base and computer port.
- f. Two cables, the Output and Test will not be connected to the Nomad. They should be secured as to insure no damage will occur to them.



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5. Cabling the NaI System

When using the NaI crystal for stationary sample analysis, set up the three tier tray cart, placing the tray with the larger cut-out hole on top. Set the NaI crystal through the hole so that the detector faces up and the connecting wires will extend down. Set up the NaI detector and cabling system in the following manner (Figure 2, Appendix A):

- a. Insert the photomultiplier base with preamp cylinder to the base of the NaI crystal. There is a small notch-hole along the inner port that should be aligned with the notch on the NaI base. Use caution when inserting the crystal end prongs. Care should be taken as not to bend the metal clamps in the photomultiplier ports.
- b. Attach the preamp cable (already attached to the photomultiplier base) to the PREAMP port on the Nomad base.
- c. Connect the high voltage cable from the detector base port labeled Pos High Voltage to the Nomad port labeled HV.
- d. Connect the preamp cable to the Preamp pin on the photomultiplier base to the pin labeled AMP IN on the Nomad base.
- e. Place the computer on the Nomad base, aligned with the Velcro strips. Connect the computer ADCAM interface with the +5V connector to the dual port memory and the +5V port on the Nomad base and computer port.
- f. Insure the metal pin-cap is covering the SD port on the Nomad base, or the high voltage will not be enabled onto the detector.
- g. Connect the power cord to the Nomad base and an external power supply.
- h. Connect the Compaq power cord to the computer port and an external power supply.

7.3 NaI/HPGe System Start up

1. Turn the Nomad power to on. The red light above the power switch will light to indicate power is supplied to the system.
2. Turn computer power on. The computer should call up the SYSTEM MANAGER Main Menu automatically.
 - a. To obtain the SYSTEM MANAGER Main Menu from DOS, obtain the USER directory from the C prompt. At C:\USER type "call ORTECMNU STARTB30". You will then be in the ORTEC Main Menu.
3. At main menu select MAESTRO. Hit enter. The MAESTRO Spectrum Display should now be on the screen (Figure 3, Appendix A). To the right of the screen is the display parameters, indicating the location of the spectrum (MCB or Buffer), location of channel marker (Vertical (Vt) and Horizontal (Hz)), count time in seconds and presets, as well as current date and time. Along the top of the spectrum display, seven menus are listed horizontally. Three to the right (Preset, Acquire and Display) are MCB menu options. The left four are Buffer functions. Note that the menus will only be an option depending on the location of the spectrum. Furthermore, if a Buffer menu is selected while in MCB, the spectrum program will automatically switch to the Buffer WITHOUT transferring the spectrum.



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4. Apply the bias to the detector.
 - a. Select the Services menu. By hitting <ALT> S you will also retrieve this menu.
 - b. Select 92X ControlL. Hit enter. A menu will appear on the screen listing the parameter set up for the system. It should read as follows:

Coarse Gain --> 10
Fine Gain ----> 0.5001
Shaping Time -> short
Det Bias -----> +2500V for HPGe or +900V for NaI
Auto PZ -----> Trigger
 - c. Change any of the parameters that do not appear as above, by toggling with the arrow keys to highlight the desired function and press enter.
 - d. The detector bias is set using the potentiometer located at the right bottom corner of the Nomad base. You should have already turned the potentiometer to the desired voltage reading and thus that value should be indicated in this menu as the Det Bias. See section 7.2.3 for the procedure.
 - e. Enable the bias by toggling down to the Det Bias line. Hit enter.
 - f. Select On from the next menu. Be sure the HPGe system has been properly cooled with liquid nitrogen.
 - g. The red light labeled High Voltage On, located on the right side of the Nomad base will turn on to indicate that bias has been put on the detector.
5. Auto PZ - Amplifier Pole Zeroed. The amplifier should be pole zeroed anytime the detector is changed, the shaping time is changed or the power to the module is turned off.
 - a. Place near the detector, a radioactive source of sufficient activity to produce a relatively high count rate. A 1 μ Ci, Cs-137 source will be sufficient.
 - b. Toggle to the PZ trigger option and press enter. A message of "Auto PZ complete" appearing at the bottom of the screen, will indicate when pole zeroing has been completed. Hit the Esc key to exit out of this menu.
6. Display Parameters
 - a. Change the spectrum display to "full" by selecting the Display menu and toggling down to Full/Expand. Hit enter. The displayed menu on the right side of the screen will indicate a change in the parameter chosen. To the right of the Display prompt should read Expand.
 - b. To move up and down the spectrum channels, use the appropriate right or left arrow keys. To change the y-axis, use the up or down arrows or page up, page down keys. The MAESTRO II computer software also has "hot keys" that enable rapid movement up and down the spectrum (Figure 4, Appendix A).
 - c. Select the Presets menu to change the live time. Toggle down to Live time, and input the number of seconds for analysis. Live time indicates actual sample analysis time, taking into consideration the detector dead time.



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7.4 Spectrum Energy Calibration

1. Center the K-40 and Cs-137 source in front of the detector probe, placing the K-40 closest to the detector. If necessary, apply a little tape to hold the Cs-137 check source button centered on the K-40 container.
 2. Select the Acquire menu. Select Clear to erase the previous spectrum on the current MCB.
 3. Select the Acquire menu. Select StarT. As data is being collected, the spectrum will continually update the acquisition on the monitor. The right hand side display menu, lower right corner indicates the display time including the percent dead time.
 4. Upon completion switch to the buffer by selecting the Acquire menu. Toggle down to MCB->Buffer. Hit enter. When the spectrum has been transferred, the Display menu along the right side of the screen will be updated and the "Buffer" position will be highlighted. You may have to select one of the buffer menu choices (ex. File) to move the spectrum to the buffer. The spectrum will then transfer to the buffer and you may perform work on the spectrum. If you do not physically transfer the spectrum to the buffer and just select one of the buffer menu items, the spectrum will not be transferred over.
 5. Scan the spectrum with the right and left arrow keys. Locate two peaks from the calibration standard spectrum. When using K-40 and Cs-137, locate the 661.7 keV gamma from Cs-137 and the 1460.8 keV from K-40. It may be necessary to also toggle the up and down arrow keys to increase or decrease the y-axis scale. To become proficient in locating the peaks, it may take some practice to become familiar with their location.
 6. Place a Region of Interest (ROI) to encompass each peak.
 - a. Move the cursor to the channel at the beginning of the first peak for the first calibration point. Typically, three channels to include background before and after the peak are included in the ROI.
 - b. Select the ROI menu. Toggle down to Begin. Hit enter. Move the cursor to the end of the peak and select the ROI menu and toggle down to End. Hit enter. The points encompassing the peak will be indicated by a shaded feature. Repeat this same procedure to place a ROI around the second peak. Record both ROI ranges.
 - c. Place the cursor inside the first ROI shaded area. Select the Calculate menu. Toggle down to Calibrate. Hit enter. The program will prompt an answer for the peak in channel #. Enter the energy of the first peak. When using Cs-137, the peak energy is 661.7. Hit enter. Cursor to the next peak and repeat above procedure. When using K-40, the second peak energy will be 1460.8. Hit enter. Enter the units as "keV" for the next prompt. The system will now be calibrated. Generally speaking, the spectrum is calibrated between the two energies used as calibration points. Therefore, an ideal calibration standard is one that would encompass the energy of the isotope for quantification in the samples.
 7. Save the Spectrum
 - a. Select the File menu. Toggle to the Save function. Hit enter. Respond to the prompt
- All spectrums should be saved before returning to the MCB. If you do not save before exiting the buffer the information and all changes will be lost in transition.



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- b. "Enter file name to be SAVED". Eight letter/number maximum. Hit enter. Respond to the next prompt "Enter the SAMPLE DESCRIPTION". Note that when the spectrum is retrieved, this description will be displayed.

7.5 Background Analysis

Background analyses are typically performed prior to sample analysis and in the area of sample analysis to best represent the background levels.

1. Remove all radioactive sources and samples from the vicinity of the detector during background analysis. Start an acquisition.
 - a. Select the Acquire menu.
 - b. Select Clear to erase the previous spectrum on the current MCB.
 - c. Select Acquire. Select StarT. As data is being collected, the spectrum will continually update the acquisition on the monitor. The right hand side display menu, lower right corner indicates the display time including the percent dead time.
2. Transfer the spectrum to the buffer.
 - a. Select the Acquire menu.
 - b. Select MCB/Buffer.
3. Save the spectrum.
 - a. Select the File menu.
 - b. Select Save. Enter a relevant file name and description.

7.6 Reference Standard and Sample Analysis

Be sure to calibrate the spectrum prior to sample analysis. Without a calibrated spectrum the data collected will be useless. Perform the reference standard analysis prior to analyzing a sample (unknown) for determination of activity.

1. Place the sample (standard or unknown) in front of the detector probe.
 - a. Clear out the old spectrum. Begin the acquisition by selecting the Acquire menu. Select StarT.
 - b. Upon completion transfer spectrum to the buffer by selecting the Acquire menu. Select MCB>>Buffer.
2. Create a ROI to encompass the gamma peak of interest from the reference standard or the unknown. Record this region.
 - a. Move the cursor to channel of the beginning of the peak for the first calibration point. Typically, three channels to include background are included in the peak.
 - b. Select the ROI menu. Toggle down to Begin. Hit enter. Move the cursor to the end



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of the peak and select the ROI menu and toggle down to End. Hit enter. The points encompassing the peak will be indicated by a shaded feature. Record this ROI.

3. Save the spectrum.
 - a. Select the File menu.
 - b. Select Save. Enter a relevant file name and description.
4. Determine the net area in the peak after stripping background.
 - a. Move the cursor inside the peak ROI. Select the Calculate menu. Select Str*P*. Hit enter. Select the current background file to strip off the current spectrum. Hit enter. Enter "0" for time ratio as the strip multiplier.
 - b. Move the cursor inside the ROI. Select the Calculate menu. Select Net Area. The net area under the peak will be indicated along the bottom portion of the computer screen. Record this value as (C_r) for the reference standard or (C_s) for the sample.
5. Determine the sample mass.
 - a. Tare a field scale with an empty sample container on the balance. Obtain the mass of the sample and record this value as (M_s).
6. Identifying Unknowns
 - a. Refer to APPENDIX B, Table of Gamma-Ray Nuclides Common to Environmental Analysis, to locate the energy of the unknown gamma peaks. Keep in mind the limitations specified in section 4.0 of this SOP. Generally speaking, a proper spectrum calibration should be insured before attempting to correctly identify unknown radionuclides. In addition, knowledge of environmental radioactivity is often recommended to assess the credibility of a find.

7.7 Detector Shutdown

Before removing power from the system, you must first remove the high voltage from the detector and then quit out of the MAESTRO software. To do this:

1. Select the Services Menu. Toggle down to 92X Control.
2. Toggle through next menu to Det Bias. Hit enter.
3. Select "Off" at next prompt.
4. Select the Services Menu. Toggle down to Quit. This will bring you to the MAESTRO Main Menu. Toggle down to "Exit to System". Enter yes to the next prompt if the current file has been saved.
5. Remove power from the Nomad base. Disconnect all cables.



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8.0 CALCULATIONS

8.1 Calculation of the Lower Limit of Detection (LLD)

It is often important to calculate the value below which, the instrument can not accurately detect. The general calculation used to calculate the lower limit of detection is:

$$LLD = 3^{1/2} \times B$$

where:

LLD = Lower limit of detection
B = Background counts in ROI for gamma of interest

8.2 Determination of Sample Activity

The general formula for calculation of sample activity is:

$$A_s = \frac{C_s \cdot A_r \cdot M_r \cdot K_{Rn}}{C_r \cdot M_s}$$

where:

M_r = Reference Mass (g)
 M_s = Sample Mass (g)
 C_r = Reference Counts in Peak ROI after Strip
 C_s = Sample Counts in Peak ROI after Strip
 A_r = Activity of Reference Standard (pCi/g)
 A_s = Activity of Sample (pCi/g)
 K_{Rn} = Estimated Radon-222 Escape Factor for Radium quantification when using the Bi-210, 609 keV gamma peak to calculate for Radium

9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC)

There are no specific quality assurance activities which apply to the operation of the EG&G/ORTEC gamma spectrometer. However, the following general QA procedures apply:

All instrumentation must be operated in accordance with operating instructions as supplied by the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the work plan. Equipment checkouts and calibration activities must occur prior to analysis operation and they must be documented. As a means of quality assurance, a health physicist or radiation professional should be consulted prior to field work analyzing for radionuclides, who can thoroughly assess the parameters on site and any interferences and check that proper calculations are being made with the data.

10.0 DATA VALIDATION

This section is not applicable to this SOP.



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11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When handling hazardous materials, follow United States Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and corporate health and safety practices.

When handling radioactive samples, the exposures shall be kept as low as reasonably achievable. Refer to ERT/SERAS SOP #3014, Radiation Protection Programs.

12.0 REFERENCES

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EG&G ORTEC Solid-State Photon Detector Operators Manual - Gamma Gage

EG&G ORTEC Solid State Photon Detector Operators Manual - GEM Series

EG&G ORTEC Nomad Portable Spectroscopy System Model 92X-P Hardware Reference Manual

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APPENDIX A

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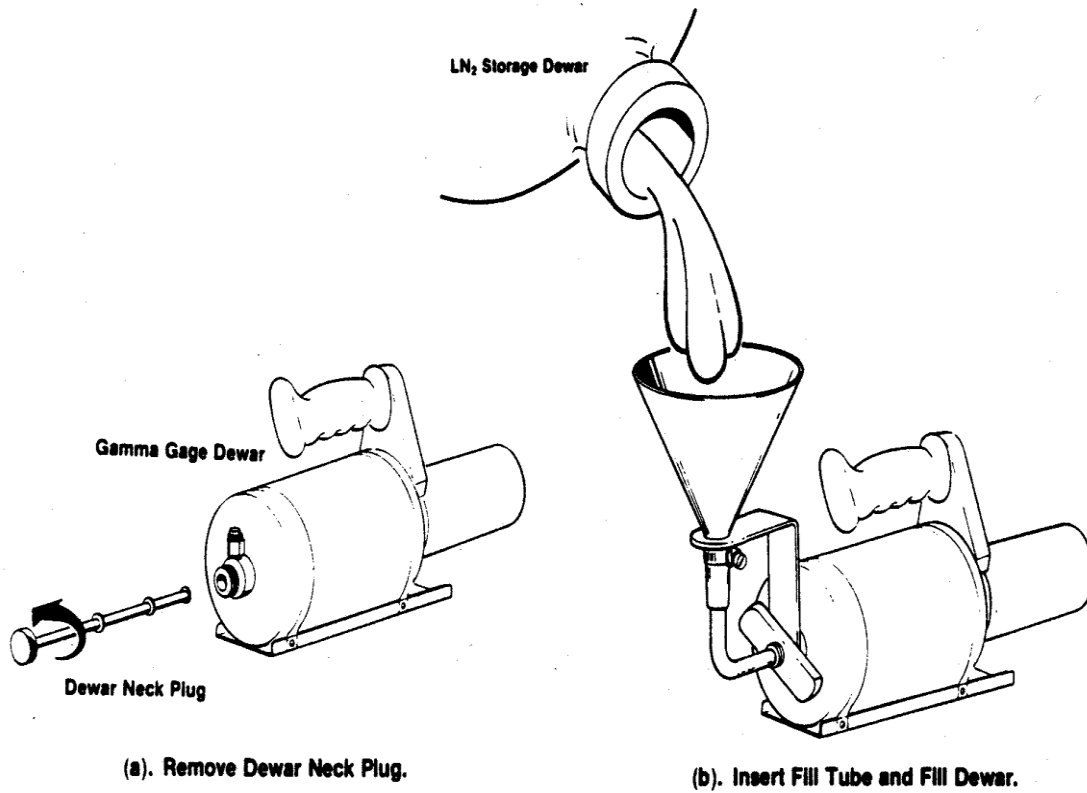


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FIGURE 1. Liquid Nitrogen Filling Diagram



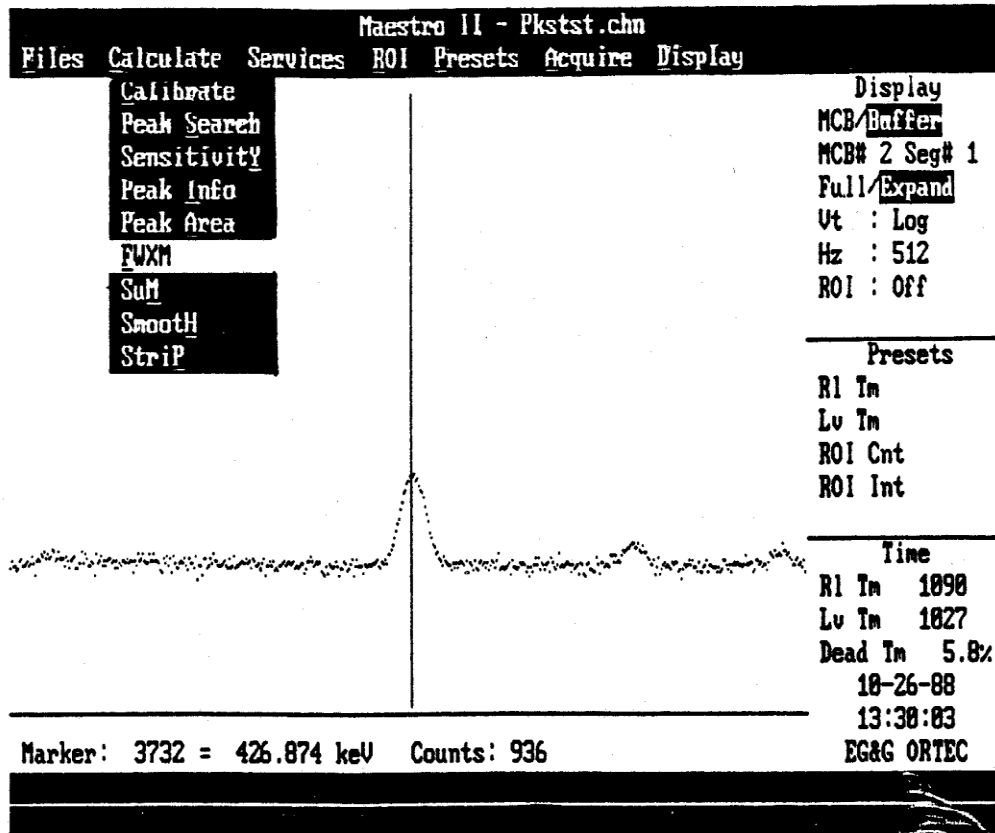


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FIGURE 2. Cabling the NaI and HPGe systems



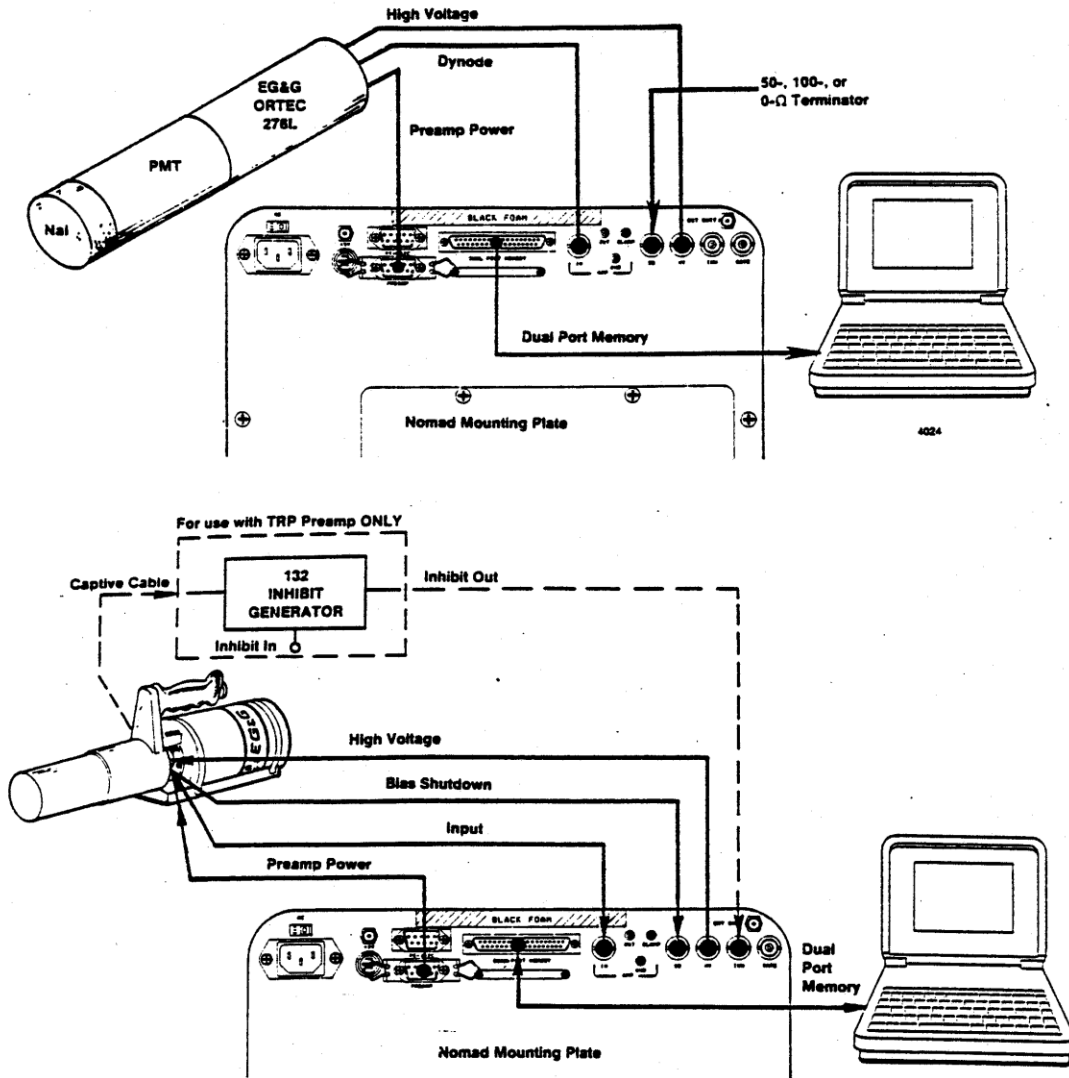


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FIGURE 3. MAESTRO Spectrum Display



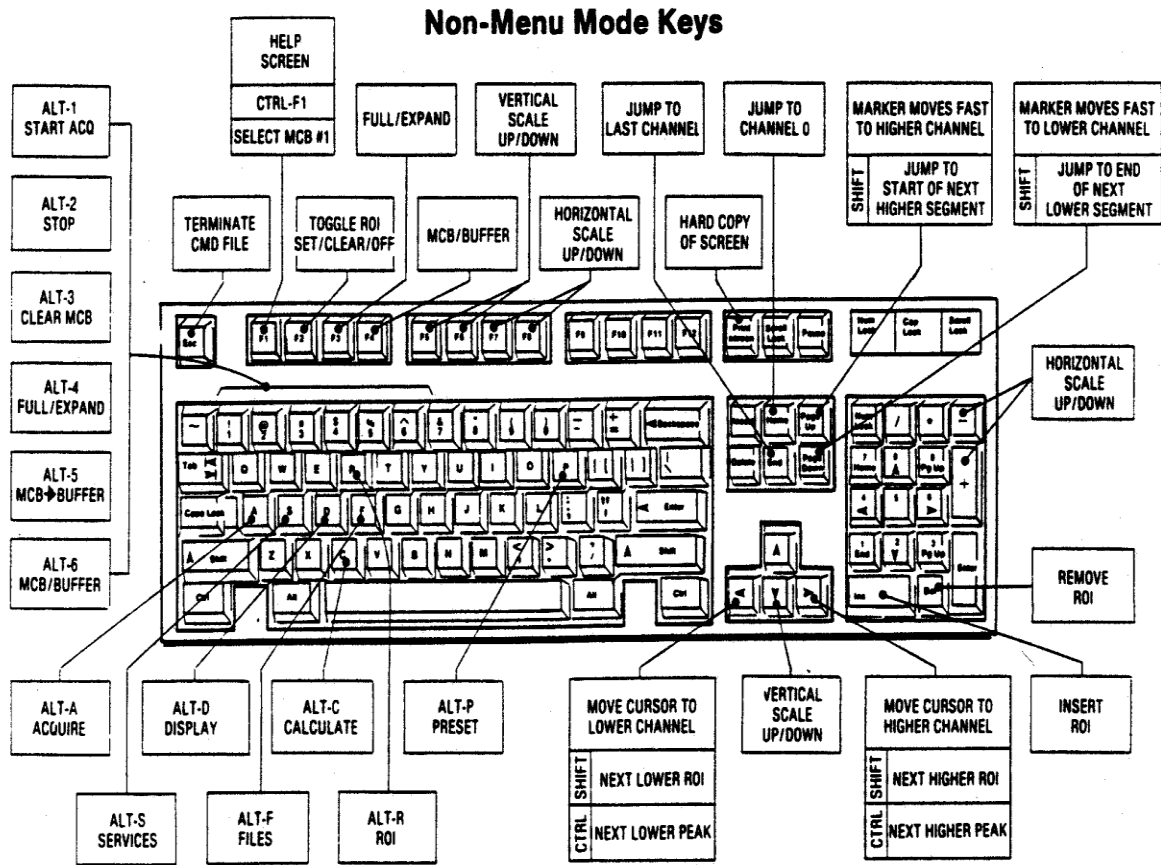


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FIGURE 4. MAESTRO Hot Keys





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APPENDIX B

Table of Gamma-Ray Nuclides Common to Environmental Analysis

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Table of Gamma-Ray Nuclides Common To Environmental Analyses

Energy	Nuclide	%	T ^{1/2}	E2	%	E6	%	Origin
14.4	⁵⁷ Co	9.5	272D	122.1	85.5	136.5	10.7	Activity
26.3	²⁴¹ Am	2.4	433Y	59.5	35.7	17.0LX	38.7	²⁴¹ Pu
30.0	¹⁴⁰ Ba	13.6	12.8D	162.7	6.2	304.9	4.3	Fallout
39.6	¹²⁹ I	7.5	1.6E7	30.0KX	70.8			Fission
39.9	²¹² Bi	1.1	Long	727.3	6.7	1620.7	1.5	²³² Th
40.6	⁹⁹ Mo	1.1	65.9H	18.3X	3.2	140.5	3.5	Fallout
46.5	²¹⁰ Pb	4.1	22.3Y					²³⁸ U
49.8	¹³² Te	14.4	78.2H	30.0KX	70.9	111.9	1.9	Fallout
53.2	¹³³ Ba	2.2	10.5Y	81.0	34.2	31.0KX	101.3	Activity
59.5	²³⁷ U	32.8	6.75D	101.1	26.0	208.0	22.0	Fallout
59.5	²⁴¹ Am	35.7	433Y	26.3	2.4	17.0LX	38.7	²⁴¹ Pu
60.0	¹⁵⁵ Eu	1.1	4.96Y	86.5	30.4	105.3	20.6	Fallout
61.5	²³⁹ Np	1.0	2.36D	14.3LX	56.1	101.0KX	38.9	Fallout
63.3	²³⁴ Th	3.8	Long	92.6D	5.4			²³⁸ U
66.9	¹³⁶ Cs	12.5	13.2D	34.0KX	17.6	86.4	6.3	Fission
74.8X	²¹⁴ Pb	6.5	Long	77.1X	11.0	87.3X	3.9	²³⁸ U
74.8X	²¹² Pb	10.5	Long	77.1X	17.7	87.2	6.3	²³² Th
75.0X	²⁰⁸ Tl	3.6	Long	72.8X	2.1	84.8X	1.3	²³² Th
77.1X	²¹⁴ Pb	11.0	Long	74.8X	6.5	87.2X	3.9	²³⁸ U
77.1X	²¹² Pb	17.7	Long	74.8X	10.5	87.2X	6.3	²³² Th
79.6	¹³³ Ba	3.2	10.5Y	53.2	2.2			Activity
80.1	¹⁴⁴ Ce	1.1	285D	133.5	11.1	696.5	1.3	Fallout
80.2	¹³¹ I	2.6	8.04D	364.5	81.2	284.3	6.1	Fission
81.0	¹³³ Ba	34.2	10.5Y	276.4	7.3	79.6	3.2	Activity
81.0	¹³³ Xe	37.0	5.25D	79.6	0.2	31.0KX	40.1	Fission
84.3X	²²⁸ Th	1.2	1.91Y	12.3X	3.1			²³² Th

D - Following half life indicates days
 H - Following half life indicates hours
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86.4	¹³⁶ Cs	6.3	13.2D	66.9	12.5	153.3	7.5	Fission
86.5	¹⁵⁵ Eu	34.0	4.96Y	105.3	20.6	60.0	1.1	Fallout
87.2X	²¹⁴ Pb	3.9	Long	77.1X	11.0	241.9	7.5	²³⁸ U
87.2X	²¹² Pb	6.3	Long	238.6	43.6	77.1X	17.7	²³² Th
88.0	¹⁰⁹ Cd	3.6	463D	23.0KX	99.8			Activity
90.0X	²²⁸ Ac	3.4	Long	93.4X	5.6	99.6	1.3	²³² Th
91.1	¹⁴⁷ Nd	28.0	11.0D	38.5KX	37.4	319.4	2.0	Fallout
92.6D	²³⁴ Th	5.4	Long	63.3	3.8			²³⁸ U
93.4X	²²⁸ Ac	5.6	Long	90.0X	3.4	99.6	1.3	²³² Th
97.1	²³⁷ U	16.0	6.75D	101.0	26.0	208.0	22.0	Fallout
99.6	²²⁸ Ac	1.3	Long	129.0	2.9	209.4	4.1	²³² Th
101.1	²³⁷ U	26.0	6.75D	59.5	32.8	208.0	22.0	Fallout
105.3	¹⁵⁵ Eu	20.6	4.96Y	86.5	34.0	60.0	1.1	Fallout
105.4X	²²⁸ Ac	2.0	Long	99.6	1.3	129.0	2.9	²³² Th
106.1	²³⁹ Np	22.7	2.36D	61.5	1.0	117.0KX	11.6	Fallout
109.2	²³⁵ U	1.5	70E7Y	93.4KX	5.5	143.8	10.5	Natural
111.9	¹³² Te	1.9	78.2H	49.8	14.4	116.4	1.9	Fallout
113.9	²³⁷ U	25.0	6.75D	101.1	26.0	208.0	22.0	Fallout
116.3	¹³² Te	1.9	78.2H	111.9	1.9	228.3	88.2	Fallout
121.8	¹⁵² Eu	28.4	13.3Y	344.3	26.6	244.7	7.5	Fallout
122.1	⁵⁷ Co	85.5	273D	136.5	10.7	14.4	9.5	Activity
123.1	¹⁵⁴ Eu	40.5	8.8Y	248.0	6.6	591.8	4.8	Fallout
127.2	¹⁰¹ Rh	73.0	3.3Y	198.0	70.8	325.2	13.4	Fallout
129.0	²²⁸ Ac	2.9	Long	99.6	1.3	209.4	4.1	²³² Th



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Energy	Nuclide	%	T ^{1/2}	E2	%	E3	%	Origin
133.5	¹⁴⁴ Ce	11.1	285D	696.5	1.3	80.1	1.1	Fallout
136.5	⁵⁷ Co	10.7	272D	122.1	85.5	14.4	9.5	Activity
138.0	¹³⁸ Cs	1.5	32.2M	227.7	1.5	462.8	30.7	¹³⁸ Xe
140.5	⁹⁹ Mo	3.5	65.9H	40.6	1.1	181.1	6.1	Fallout
140.5	^{99m} Tc	87.2	6.01H	18.4X	6.1	20.6X	1.2	⁹⁹ Mo
143.8	²³⁵ U	10.5	70E7Y	109.2	1.5	163.4	4.7	Natural
145.4	¹⁴¹ Ce	48.4	32.5D	37.0KX	17.4			Fission
151.2	^{85m} Kr	75.2	4.48H	304.9	13.7			Fission
153.3	¹³⁶ Cs	7.5	13.2D	86.4	6.3	164.0	4.6	Fission
153.9	¹³⁸ Xe	6.0	14.1M	242.7	3.5	258.4	31.5	Fission
162.7	¹⁴⁰ Ba	6.2	12.8D	304.9	4.3	30.0	13.6	Fallout
163.4	²³⁵ U	4.7	70E7Y	143.8	10.5	185.7	53.0	Natural
164.0	¹³⁶ Cs	4.6	13.2D	153.3	7.5	176.6	13.6	Fission
165.9	¹³⁹ Ce	79.9	138D	34.0KX	79.5			Activity
166.0	⁸⁸ Kr	3.1	2.84H	196.3	26.0	362.3	2.3	Fission
176.3	¹²⁵ Sb	6.8	2.73Y	427.9	29.4	380.4	1.5	Fallout
176.6	¹³⁶ Cs	13.6	13.2D	164.0	4.6	273.7	12.7	Fission
181.1	⁹⁹ Mo	6.1	65.9H	140.5	3.5	366.4	1.2	Fallout
185.7	²³⁵ U	53.0	70E7Y	143.8	10.5	205.3	4.7	Natural
186.1	²²⁶ Ra	3.3	1600Y					Natural
192.3	⁵⁹ Fe	3.1	44.5D	1099.3	56.5	1291.6	43.2	Activity
196.3	⁸⁸ Kr	26.0	2.84H	362.3	2.3	166.0	3.1	Fission
198.0	¹⁰¹ Rh	70.8	3.3Y	127.2	73.0	325.2	13.4	Fallout
205.3	²³⁵ U	4.7	70E7Y	185.7	53.0	143.8	10.5	Natural
208.0	²³⁷ U	22.0	6.75D	59.5	32.8	101.1	26.0	Fallout
209.4	²²⁸ Ac	4.1	Long	129.0	2.9	270.3	3.8	²³² Th
227.7	¹³⁸ Cs	1.5	32.2M	138.0	1.5	409.0	4.7	¹³⁸ Xe
228.2	²³⁹ Np	10.7	2.36D	106.1	22.7	277.6	14.2	Fallout



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Energy	Nuclide	%	T ^{1/2}	E2	%	E3	%	Origin
228.3	¹³² Te	88.2	78.2H	116.4	1.9	111.9	1.9	Fallout
233.2	^{133m} Xc	10.3	2.19D	30.0KX	56.3			Fission
238.6	²¹² Pb	43.6	Long	300.0	3.3			²³² Th
240.8	²²⁴ Ra	3.9	Long					²³² Th
241.9	²¹⁴ Pb	7.5	Long	295.1	19.2	352.0	37.1	²³⁸ U
242.7	¹³⁸ Xe	3.5	14.1M	153.9	6.0	258.4	31.5	Fission
244.7	¹⁵² Eu	7.5	13.3Y	121.8	28.4	344.3	26.6	Fallout
248.0	¹⁵⁴ Eu	6.6	8.8Y	123.1	40.5	591.8	4.8	Fallout
249.8	¹³⁵ Xe	90.0	9.10H	608.2	2.9	31.0KX	5.2	Fission
258.4	¹³⁸ Xe	31.5	14.1M	242.7	3.5	396.6	6.3	Fission
262.8	¹³² I	1.4	2.28H	505.9	5.0	522.7	16.1	¹³² Te
270.3	²²⁸ Ac	3.8	Long	209.4	4.1	328.0	3.5	²³² Th
273.7	¹³⁶ Cs	12.7	13.2D	176.6	13.6	340.6	48.6	Fission
276.4	¹³³ Ba	7.1	10.5Y	302.9	18.4	81.0	34.2	Activity
277.3	²⁰⁸ Tl	2.4	Long	510.6	7.8	583.0	30.9	²³² Th
277.6	²³⁸ Np	14.2	2.36D	228.2	10.7	315.9	1.6	Fallout
279.2	²⁰³ Hg	81.5	46.6D	74.6X	12.9			Fallout
284.3	¹³¹ I	6.1	8.04D	364.5	81.2	80.2	2.6	Fission
295.1	²¹⁴ Pb	19.2	Long	351.9	37.1	241.9	7.5	²³⁸ U
300.0	²¹² Pb	3.3	Long	238.6	43.6			²³² Th
302.9	¹³³ Ba	18.4	10.5Y	276.4	7.1	356.0	62.2	Activity
304.9	¹⁴⁰ Ba	4.3	12.8D	162.7	6.2	423.7	3.1	Fallout
304.9	^{85m} Kr	13.7	4.48H	151.2	75.1			Fission
315.9	²³⁹ Np	1.6	2.36D	277.6	14.2	334.3	2.1	Fallout
319.4	¹⁴⁷ Nd	2.0	11.0D	439.9	1.2	91.1	28.0	Fallout
320.1	⁵¹ Cr	9.8	27.7D					Activity
325.2	¹⁰¹ Rh	13.4	3.3Y	127.2	73.0	198.0	70.8	Fallout
328.0	²²⁸ Ac	3.5	Long	270.3	3.8	338.4	12.4	²³² Th



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Energy	Nuclide	%	T ^{1/2}	E2	%	E3	%	Origin
328.8	¹⁴⁰ La	20.7	40.3H	432.5	3.0	487.0	45.9	Fallout
334.3	²³⁹ Np	2.1	2.36D	315.9	1.6	61.5	1.0	Fallout
338.4	²²⁸ Ac	12.4	Long	328.0	3.5	409.6	2.2	²³² Th
340.6	¹³⁶ Cs	48.6	13.2D	273.7	12.7	818.6	99.8	Fission
344.3	¹⁵² Eu	26.6	13.3Y	244.7	7.5	411.1	2.2	Fallout
352.0	²¹⁴ Pb	37.1	Long	241.9	7.5	295.1	19.2	²³⁸ U
356.0	¹³³ Ba	62.2	10.5Y	302.9	18.4	383.8	8.9	Activity
362.3	⁸⁸ Kr	2.3	2.84H	196.3	26.0	834.9	13.0	Fission
364.5	¹³¹ I	81.2	8.04D	637.0	7.3	284.3	6.1	Fission
366.4	⁹⁹ Mo	1.2	65.9H	181.1	6.1	739.5	12.1	Fallout
380.4	¹²⁵ Sb	1.5	2.73Y	176.3	6.8	427.9	29.4	Fallout
383.8	¹³³ Ba	8.9	10.5Y	356.0	62.2	302.9	18.4	Activity
396.6	¹³⁸ Xe	6.3	14.1M	258.4	31.5	401.5	2.2	Fission
401.5	¹³⁸ Xe	2.2	14.1M	434.6	20.3	396.6	6.3	Fission
402.6	⁸⁷ Kr	49.6	76.3M	845.5	7.3	673.9	1.9	Fission
409.0	¹³⁸ Cs	4.7	32.3M	227.7	1.5	462.8	30.7	¹³⁸ Xe
409.6	²²⁸ Ac	2.2	Long	338.4	12.4	463.1	4.6	²³² Th
411.1	¹⁵² Eu	2.2	13.3Y	344.3	26.6	444.0D	3.1	Fallout
415.3	¹⁰² Rh	2.1	2.89Y	418.5	10.6	420.4	3.2	Fallout
418.5	¹⁰² Rh	10.6	2.89Y	415.3	2.1	420.4	3.2	Fallout
420.4	¹⁰² Rh	3.2	2.89Y	418.5	10.6	475.1	95.0	Fallout
423.7	¹⁴⁰ Ba	3.1	12.8D	437.6	1.9	304.9	4.3	Fallout
427.9	¹²⁵ Sb	29.4	2.73Y	380.4	1.5	463.4	10.5	Fallout
432.5	¹⁴⁰ La	3.0	40.3H	487.0	45.9	328.8	20.7	Fallout
434.6	¹³⁸ Xe	20.3	14.1M	401.5	2.2	1114.3	1.5	Fission
437.6	¹⁴⁰ Ba	1.9	12.8D	537.3	24.4	423.7	3.1	Fallout
439.9	¹⁴⁷ Nd	1.2	11.0D	319.4	2.0	531.0	13.1	Fallout
444.0D	¹⁵² Eu	3.1	13.3Y	411.1	2.2	778.9	13.0	Fallout



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446.8	^{110m} Ag	3.8	250D	657.8	94.6	620.4	2.8	Activity
462.8	¹³⁸ Cs	30.7	32.2M	547.0	10.8	409.0	4.7	¹³⁸ Xe
463.1	²²⁸ Ac	4.6	Long	409.6	2.2	755.3	1.3	²³² Th
463.4	¹²⁵ Sb	10.5	2.73X	427.9	29.4	600.5	17.8	Fallout
468.7	^{102m} Rh	2.9	207D	475.1	46.0	556.6	1.9	Fallout
475.1	^{102m} Rh	46.0	207D	468.7	2.9	556.6	1.9	Fallout
475.1	¹⁰² Rh	95.0	2.89Y	628.1	8.5	420.5	3.2	Fallout
475.4	¹³⁴ Cs	1.5	2.06Y	563.2	8.4	569.3	15.4	Fission
477.6	⁷ Be	10.3	53.2D					Cosmic
487.1	¹⁴⁰ La	45.5	40.2H	751.9	4.3	432.6	2.9	Fallout
497.1	¹⁰³ Ru	89.5	39.6D	610.3	5.6			Fallout
505.9	¹³² I	5.0	2.28H	262.8	1.4	522.7	16.1	¹³² Te
510.6	²⁰⁸ Tl	7.8	Long	277.3	2.4	583.0	30.9	²³² Th
511.0	⁶⁵ Zn	2.9	244D	1115.5	50.8			Activity
511.0	⁵⁸ Co	30.0	70.9D	810.8	99.5			Activity
511.0	²² Na	180.8	2.60Y	1274.5	99.9			Cosmic
511.9	¹⁰⁶ Ru	20.7	372D	1050.4	1.5	621.9	9.8	Fallout
514.0	⁸⁵ Sr	99.3	64.8D	13.4KX	50.6	15.0KX	8.7	Activity
522.7	¹³² I	16.1	2.28H	505.9	5.0	547.0	1.3	¹³² Te
526.6	^{135m} Xe	81.2	15.7M	30.0KX	14.0			Fission
531.0	¹⁴⁷ Nd	13.1	11.0D	439.9	1.2	319.4	2.0	Fallout
537.3	¹⁴⁰ Ba	24.4	12.8D	437.6	1.9	423.7	3.1	Fallout
547.0	¹³⁸ Cs	10.8	32.2M	462.8	30.7	871.7	5.1	¹³⁸ Xe
547.0	¹³² I	1.3	2.28H	522.7	16.1	621.2	~2.0	¹³² Te
556.6	^{102m} Rh	1.9	207D	475.1	46.0	628.1	5.5	Fallout
563.2	¹³⁴ Cs	8.4	2.06Y	475.4	1.5	569.3	15.4	Fission
569.3	¹³⁴ Cs	15.4	2.06Y	563.2	8.4	604.7	97.6	Fission
569.2	²⁰⁷ Pb	97.8	32.3Y	1063.1	74.9	1769.7	6.9	Fallout



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583.0	²⁰⁸ Tl	30.9	Long	510.6	7.8	860.3	4.3	²³² Th
591.8	¹⁵⁴ Eu	4.8	8.8Y	248.0	6.6	692.5	1.7	Fallout
600.5	¹²⁵ Sb	17.8	2.73Y	463.4	10.5	606.6	5.0	Fallout
602.7	¹²⁴ Sb	97.8	60.2D	645.9	7.4	709.3	1.4	Fallout
604.7	¹³⁴ Cs	97.6	2.06Y	795.9	85.4	569.3	15.4	Fission
606.6	¹²⁵ Sb	5.0	2.73Y	600.5	17.8	635.9	11.3	Fallout
608.2	¹³⁵ Xe	2.9	9.10H	249.8	90.0	31.6KX	5.2	Fission
609.3	²¹⁴ Bi	46.1	Long	665.4	1.6	768.4	4.9	²³⁸ U
610.3	¹⁰³ Ru	5.6	39.3D	497.1	88.7			Fallout
620.4	^{110m} Ag	2.8	250D	657.8	94.6	446.8	3.8	Activity
621.2	¹³² I	~2.0	2.28H	547.1	1.3	630.3	13.8	¹³² Te
621.9	¹⁰⁶ Ru	9.8	372D	511.9	20.7	1050.4	1.5	Fallout
628.1	^{102m} Rh	5.5	207D	556.6	1.9	1103.2	2.9	Fallout
628.1	¹⁰² Rh	8.5	~2.9Y	475.1	95.0	631.3	56.0	Fallout
630.3	¹³² I	13.8	2.28H	621.2	~2.0	650.6	2.7	¹³² Te
631.3	¹⁰² Rh	56.0	~2.9Y	628.1	8.5	692.4	1.8	Fallout
635.9	¹²⁵ Sb	11.3	2.73Y	606.6	5.0	671.4	1.8	Fallout
637.0	¹³¹ I	7.3	8.04D	364.5	81.2	722.9	1.8	Fission
645.9	¹²⁴ Sb	7.4	60.2D	602.7	97.8	709.3	1.4	Fallout
650.6	¹³² I	2.7	2.28H	630.3	13.8	667.7	98.7	¹³² Te
657.8	^{110m} Ag	94.6	250D	620.4	2.8	677.6	10.4	Activity
661.7	¹³⁷ Cs	85.2	30.0Y	33.0KX	7.1			Fallout
665.4	²¹⁴ Bi	1.6	Long	609.3	46.1	768.4	4.9	²³⁸ U
667.7	¹³² I	98.7	2.28H	650.6	2.7	669.9	4.9	¹³² Te
669.9	¹³² I	4.9	2.28H	667.7	98.7	671.6	5.2	¹³² Te
671.4	¹²⁵ Sb	1.8	2.73Y	635.9	11.3	606.6	5.0	Fallout
671.6	¹³² I	5.2	2.28H	669.9	4.9	727.D	5.4	¹³² Te
673.9	⁸⁷ Kr	1.9	76.3M	845.5	7.3	402.6	49.6	Fission
677.6	^{110m} Ag	10.4	250D	657.8	94.6	687.0	6.4	Activity



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Energy	Nuclide	%	T ^{1/2}	E2	%	E3	%	Origin
687.0	^{110m} Ag	6.4	250D	677.6	10.4	706.7	16.4	Activity
692.4	¹⁰² Rh	1.8	~2.9Y	631.3	56.0	695.6	2.7	Fallout
692.5	¹⁵⁴ Eu	1.7	8.8Y	591.8	4.8	723.4	19.7	Fallout
695.6	¹⁰² Rh	2.7	~2.9Y	692.4	1.8	697.6	45.7	Fallout
696.5	¹⁴⁴ Ce	1.3	285D	133.5	11.1	80.1	1.1	Fallout
697.6	¹⁰² Rh	45.7	~2.9Y	766.9	34.0	695.6	2.7	Fallout
706.7	^{110m} Ag	16.4	250D	687.0	6.4	744.3	4.7	Activity
709.3	¹²⁴ Sb	1.4	60.2D	645.9	7.4	713.8	2.3	Fallout
713.8	¹²⁴ Sb	2.3	60.2D	709.3	1.4	722.8	10.9	Fallout
722.8	¹²⁴ Sb	10.9	60.2D	713.8	2.3	968.2	1.9	Fallout
722.9	¹³¹ I	1.8	8.04D	364.5	81.2	637.0	7.3	Fission
723.4	¹⁵⁴ Eu	19.7	8.8Y	692.5	1.7	756.8	4.3	Fallout
724.2	⁹⁵ Zr	44.1	64.0D	756.7	54.5			Fallout
727.0D	¹³² I	5.4	2.28H	671.6	5.2	728.7	1.1	¹³² Te
727.3	²¹² Bi	6.7	Long	39.9	1.1	1620.7	1.5	²³² Th
728.7	¹³² I	1.1	2.28H	727.0D	5.4	772.7	76.2	¹³² Te
739.5	⁹⁹ Mo	12.1	65.9H	366.4	1.2	777.9	4.4	Fallout
744.3	^{110m} Ag	4.7	250D	706.7	16.4	763.9	22.3	Activity
751.7	¹⁴⁰ La	4.3	40.3H	487.0	45.9	815.8	23.6	Fallout
755.3	²²⁸ Ac	1.3	Long	463.1	4.6	772.3	1.1	²³² Th
756.7	⁹⁵ Zr	54.5	64.0D	724.2	44.1			Fallout
756.8	¹⁵⁴ Eu	4.3	8.8Y	723.4	19.7	873.2	11.5	Fallout
763.1	²⁰⁸ Tl	0.6	Long	583.0	30.9	860.3	4.3	²³² Th
763.9	^{110m} Ag	22.3	250D	744.3	4.7	818.0	7.3	Activity
765.8	⁹⁵ Nb	99.8	35.0D					Fallout
766.9	¹⁰² Rh	34.0	~2.9Y	697.6	45.7	1046.6	34.0	Fallout
768.4	²¹⁴ Bi	5.0	Long	665.6	1.6	786.4D	0.3	²³⁸ U
772.3	²²⁸ Ac	1.1	Long	755.3	1.3	794.8	4.6	²³² Th
772.7	¹³² I	76.2	2.28H	728.7	1.1	780.1	1.2	¹³² Te
777.9	⁹⁹ Mo	4.4	65.9H	739.5	12.1	366.4	1.2	Fallout



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778.9	¹⁵² Eu	13.0	13.3Y	444.0D	3.1	867.4	4.2	Fallout
780.1	¹³² I	1.2	2.28H	772.7	76.2	809.8	2.9	¹³² Te
785.5	²¹² Bi	1.1	Long	727.3	6.7	1620.7	1.5	²³² Th
794.8	²²⁸ Ac	4.6	Long	772.3	1.1	830.6	0.6	²³² Th
786.4	²¹⁴ Bi	0.3	Long	768.4	4.9	806.2	1.2	²³⁸ U
795.8	¹³⁴ Cs	85.4	2.06Y	604.7	97.8	801.9	8.7	Fission
802.0	¹³⁴ Cs	8.7	2.06Y	795.9	85.4	1038.6	1.0	Fission
806.2	²¹⁴ Bi	1.2	Long	786.4	0.3	934.0	3.2	²³⁸ U
809.8	¹³² I	2.9	2.28H	780.1	1.2	812.3	5.6	¹³² Te
810.8	⁵⁸ Co	99.5	70.9D	511.0	30.0			Activity
812.3	¹³² I	5.6	2.28H	809.8	2.9	877.2	1.1	¹³² Te
815.8	¹⁴⁰ La	23.6	40.3H	751.7	4.3	867.8	5.6	Fallout
818.0	^{110m} Ag	7.3	250D	763.9	22.3	884.7	72.7	Activity
818.6	¹³⁶ Cs	99.8	13.2D	340.6	48.6	1048.1	79.7	Fission
830.6	²²⁸ Ac	0.6	Long	794.8	4.6	835.6	1.7	²³² Th
834.8	⁵⁴ Mn	100.0	312.2D					Fallout
834.9	⁸⁸ Kr	13.0	2.84H	362.3	2.3	985.8D	1.3	Fission
835.6	²²⁸ Ac	1.7	Long	830.6	0.6	840.4	0.9	²³² Th
840.4	²²⁸ Ac	0.9	Long	835.6	1.7	904.3	0.9	²³² Th
845.5	⁸⁷ Kr	7.3	76.3M	673.9	1.9	1175.5	1.1	Fission
860.3	²⁰⁸ Tl	4.3	Long	2614.4	35.8	583.0	30.9	²³² Th
867.4	¹⁵² Eu	4.2	13.3Y	778.9	13.0	964.1	14.5	Fallout
867.8	¹⁴⁰ La	5.6	40.3H	815.8	23.6	919.6	2.7	Fallout
871.7	¹³⁸ Cs	5.1	32.2M	547.0	10.8	1009.8	29.8	¹³⁸ Xe
873.2	¹⁵⁴ Eu	11.5	8.8Y	756.8	4.3	996.3	10.3	Fallout
877.2	¹³² I	1.1	2.28H	812.3	5.6	954.6	18.1	¹³² Te
884.7	^{110m} Ag	72.7	250D	818.0	7.3	937.5	34.4	Activity
898.1	⁸⁸ Y	92.7	107D	1836.1	99.4			Activity
898.0	⁸⁸ Rb	14.1	17.8M	1836.1	21.4	2677.9	2.0	⁸⁸ Kr
904.3	²²⁸ Ac	0.9	Long	840.4	0.9	911.2	29.0	²³² Th



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911.2	²²⁸ Ac	29.0	Long	966.0D	23.2	840.4	0.9	²³² Th
919.6	¹⁴⁰ La	2.7	40.3H	867.8	5.6	925.2	7.0	Fallout
925.2	¹⁴⁰ La	7.1	40.3H	487.0	45.9	919.6	2.7	Fallout
934.0	²¹⁴ Pb	3.2	Long	1120.3	15.0	806.2	1.2	²³⁸ U
937.5	^{110m} Ag	34.4	250D	1384.3	24.3	884.7	72.7	Activity
954.6	¹³² I	18.1	2.28H	877.2	1.1	1136.2	3.0	¹³² Te
964.1	¹⁵² Eu	14.5	13.3Y	1085.9	9.9	867.4	4.2	Fallout
964.6	²²⁸ Ac	5.8	Long	969.0	17.4	911.2	29.0	²³² Th
968.2	¹²⁴ Sb	1.9	60.2D	1045.1	1.9	722.8	10.9	Fallout
969.0	²²⁸ Ac	17.4	Long	911.2	29.0	1459.2	1.1	²³² Th
985.8	⁸⁸ Kr	1.3	2.84H	1141.4	1.3	834.9	13.0	Fission
996.3	¹⁵⁴ Eu	10.3	8.8Y	1004.8	17.9	873.2	11.5	Fallout
1001.0	^{234m} Pa	0.7	Long	766.4	0.2	742.8	0.1	²³⁸ U
1004.8	¹⁵⁴ Eu	17.9	8.8Y	1274.5	35.5	996.3	10.3	Fallout
1009.8	¹³⁸ Cs	29.8	32.2M	1147.3	1.2	871.7	5.1	¹³⁸ Xe
1038.6	¹³⁴ Cs	1.0	2.06Y	1167.9	1.8	802.0	8.7	Fission
1045.1	¹²⁴ Sb	1.9	60.2D	1325.5	1.6	968.2	1.9	Fallout
1046.6	¹⁰² Rh	33.0	2.9Y	1103.2	4.4	766.9	34.0	Fallout
1048.1	¹³⁶ Cs	79.7	13.2D	818.6	99.8	1235.4	19.8	Fission
1050.4	¹⁰⁶ Ru	1.5	372D	511.9	20.7	621.9	9.8	Fallout
1063.1	²⁰⁷ Pb	74.9	32.2Y	569.2	97.8	1769.7	6.9	Fallout
1085.9	¹⁵² Eu	9.9	13.3Y	1112.1	13.6	964.1	14.5	Fallout
1099.3	⁵⁹ Fe	56.5	44.5D	1291.6	43.2	192.3	3.1	Fallout
1103.2	^{102m} Rh	2.9	207D	556.6	1.9	628.1	5.5	Fallout
1103.2	¹⁰² Rh	4.4	2.9Y	1046.6	33.0	1112.9	18.9	Fallout
1112.1	¹⁵² Eu	13.6	13.3Y	1085.9	9.9	1212.9	1.4	Fallout
1112.9	¹⁰² Rh	18.9	2.9Y	1046.6	33.0	1103.2	4.4	Fallout
1114.3	¹³⁸ Xe	1.5	14.1M	1768.4	16.7	434.6	20.3	Fission
1115.5	⁶⁵ Zn	50.8	244D	511.0	2.9			Activity



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1120.3	²¹⁴ Bi	15.0	Long	1155.2	1.7	934.0	3.2	²³⁸ U
1136.2	¹³² I	3.0	2.28H	954.6	18.1	1143.6	1.4	¹³² Te
1141.4	⁸⁸ Kr	1.3	2.84H	1369.4	1.5	985.8D	1.3	Fission
1143.6	¹³² I	1.4	2.28H	1136.2	3.0	1173.3	1.1	¹³² Te
1147.3	¹³⁸ Cs	1.2	32.2M	1009.8	29.8	1343.6	1.1	¹³⁸ Xe
1155.2	²¹⁴ Bi	1.7	Long	1238.1	5.9	1120.3	15.0	²³⁸ U
1167.9	¹³⁴ Cs	1.8	2.06Y	1038.6	1.0	1365.2	3.0	Fission
1173.2	⁶⁰ Co	99.9	5.27Y	1332.5	100.0			Activity
1173.3	¹³² I	1.1	2.28H	1143.6	1.4	1290.8	1.1	¹³² Te
1175.5	⁸⁷ Kr	1.1	76.3M	1740.6	2.0	845.5	7.3	Fission
1212.9	¹⁵² Eu	1.4	13.3Y	1112.1	13.6	1299.2	1.6	Fallout
1235.4	¹³⁶ Cs	19.8	13.2D	818.6	99.8	1048.1	79.7	Fission
1238.1	²¹⁴ Bi	5.9	Long	1155.2	1.7	1281.0	1.5	²³⁸ U
1274.5	²² Na	99.9	2.60Y	511.0	181.0			Cosmic
1274.5	¹⁵⁴ Eu	35.5	8.8Y	1004.8	17.9	1596.6	1.8	Fallout
1281.0	²¹⁴ Bi	1.5	Long	1238.1	5.9	1377.7	4.0	²³⁸ U
1290.8	¹³² I	1.1	2.28H	1173.3	1.1	1295.4	2.0	¹³² Te
1291.6	⁵⁹ Fe	43.2	44.5D	1099.3	56.5	192.3	3.1	Activity
1293.6	⁴¹ Ar	99.2	1.83H					Activity
1295.4	¹³² I	2.0	2.28H	1290.8	1.1	1372.1	2.5	¹³² Te
1299.2	¹⁵² Eu	1.6	13.3Y	1212.9	1.4	1408.0	20.8	Fallout
1325.5	¹²⁴ Sb	1.6	60.2D	1045.1	1.9	1368.2	2.7	Fallout
1332.5	⁶⁰ Co	100.0	5.27Y	1173.2	99.9			Activity
1343.6	¹³⁸ Cs	1.1	32.2M	1147.3	1.2	1435.8	76.3	¹³⁸ Xe
1365.2	¹³⁴ Cs	3.0	2.06Y	1167.9	1.8	1038.6	1.0	Fission
1368.2	¹²⁴ Sb	2.7	60.2D	1325.5	1.6	1436.7	1.3	Fallout
1368.6	²⁴ Na	100.0	14.7H	2754.1	99.9			Activity
1369.4	⁸⁸ Kr	1.5	2.84H	1141.4	1.3	1518.4	2.2	Fission
1372.1	¹³² I	2.5	2.28H	1295.4	2.0	1398.6	7.1	¹³² Te



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1377.7	²¹⁴ Bi	4.0	Long	1281.0	1.5	1401.5	1.4	²³⁸ U
1384.3	^{110m} Ag	24.3	250D	1475.8	4.0	937.5	34.4	Activity
1398.6	¹³² I	7.1	2.28H	1372.1	2.5	1442.5	1.4	¹³² Te
1401.5	²¹⁴ Bi	1.4	Long	1377.7	4.0	1408.0	2.5	²³⁸ U
1408.0	²¹⁴ Bi	2.5	Long	1401.5	1.4	1509.2	2.2	²³⁸ U
1408.0	¹⁵² Eu	20.8	13.3Y	1299.2	1.6	1212.9	1.4	Fallout
1435.8	¹³⁸ Cs	76.3	32.2M	1343.6	1.1	2218.0	15.2	¹³⁸ Xe
1436.6	¹²⁴ Sb	1.3	60.2D	1368.2	2.7	1691.0	47.1	Fallout
1442.5	¹³² I	1.4	2.28H	1398.6	7.1	1921.1	1.2	¹³² Te
1459.2	²²⁸ Ac	1.1	Long	1499.0D	1.6	969.0	17.4	²³² Th
1460.8	⁴⁰ K	10.7	1.3E9					Natural
1475.8	^{110m} Ag	4.0	250D	1384.3	24.3	1505.0	13.0	Activity
1499.0D	²²⁸ Ac	1.6	Long	1459.2	1.1	1588.2	3.6	²³² Th
1505.0	^{110m} Ag	13.0	250D	1475.8	4.0	1562.3	1.0	Activity
1509.2	²¹⁴ Bi	2.2	Long	1408.0	2.5	1661.3	1.2	²³⁸ U
1518.4	⁸⁸ Kr	2.2	2.84H	1369.4	1.5	1529.8	10.9	Fission
1529.8	⁸⁸ Kr	10.9	2.84H	1518.4	2.2	2029.9	4.5	Fission
1588.2	²²⁸ Ac	3.6	Long	1499.0D	1.6	1630.5	2.0	²³² Th
1596.5	¹⁴⁰ La	95.4	40.3H	487.0	45.9	2571.7	3.4	Fallout
1596.6	¹⁵⁴ Eu	1.7	8.8Y	1274.5	35.5	1004.8	17.9	Fallout
1620.7	²¹² Bi	1.5	Long	727.3	6.7	785.5	1.1	²³² Th
1630.5	²²⁸ Ac	2.0	Long	1588.2	3.6	1499.0D	1.6	²³² Th
1661.3	²¹⁴ Bi	1.2	Long	1509.2	2.2	1729.6	3.1	²³⁸ U
1691.0	¹²⁴ Sb	47.1	60.2D	2090.9	5.5	1436.7	1.3	Fallout
1729.6	²¹⁴ Bi	3.1	Long	1764.5	15.9	1661.3	1.2	²³⁸ U
1740.6	⁸⁷ Kr	2.0	76.3M	1175.5	1.1	2011.9	2.9	Fission
1764.5	²¹⁴ Bi	15.9	Long	1729.6	3.1	1847.4	2.1	²³⁸ U
1768.4	¹³⁸ Xe	16.7	14.1M	1114.3	1.5	1850.9	1.4	Fission
1769.7	²⁰⁷ Bi	6.9	32.2Y	1063.1	74.9	569.2	97.8	Fallout



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1836.1	⁸⁸ Rb	21.4	17.8M	2677.9	2.0	898.1	14.1	⁸⁸ Kr
1836.1	⁸⁸ Y	99.4	107D	898.1	92.7			Other
1847.4	²¹⁴ Bi	2.1	Long	1764.5	15.9	2118.5	1.2	²³⁸ U
1850.9	¹³⁸ Xe	1.4	14.1M	1768.4	16.7	2004.8	5.4	Fission
1921.1	¹³² I	1.2	2.28H	1442.5	1.4	2002.4	1.1	¹³² Te
2002.4	¹³² I	1.1	2.28H	1921.1	1.2	1442.5	1.4	¹³² Te
2004.8	¹³⁸ Xe	5.4	14.1M	1850.9	1.4	2015.9	12.3	Fission
2011.9	⁸⁷ Kr	2.9	76.3M	1740.6	2.0	2556.0D	13.1	Fission
2015.9	¹³⁸ Xe	12.3	14.1M	2004.8	5.4	2079.3	1.4	Fission
2029.9	⁸⁸ Kr	4.5	2.84H	1529.8	10.9	2035.5	3.7	Fission
2035.5	⁸⁸ Kr	3.7	2.84H	2029.9	4.5	2195.8	13.2	Fission
2079.3	¹³⁸ Xe	1.4	14.1M	2015.9	12.3	2252.3	2.3	Fission
2090.9	¹²⁴ Sb	5.5	60.2D	1436.6	1.3	1691.0	47.1	Fallout
2118.5	²¹⁴ Bi	1.2	Long	1847.4	2.1	2204.1	5.0	²³⁸ U
2195.8	⁸⁸ Kr	13.2	2.84H	2035.5	3.7	2231.8	3.4	Fission
2204.1	²¹⁴ Bi	5.0	Long	2447.7	1.6	2118.5	1.2	²³⁸ U
2217.8	¹³⁸ Cs	15.2	32.2M	1435.8	76.3	2639.4	7.6	¹³⁸ Xe
2231.8	⁸⁸ Kr	3.4	2.84H	2195.8	13.2	2392.1	34.6	Fission
2252.3	¹³⁸ Xe	2.3	14.1M	2079.3	1.4	2015.9	12.3	Fission
2392.1	⁸⁸ Kr	34.6	2.84H	2231.8	3.4	2195.8	13.2	Fission
2447.7	²¹⁴ Bi	1.6	Long	2204.1	5.0	2118.5	1.2	²³⁸ U
2521.7	¹⁴⁰ La	3.4	40.3H	1596.5	96.4	487.0	45.9	Fallout
2556D	⁸⁷ Kr	13.1	76.3M	2011.9	2.9	1740.6	2.0	Fission
2614.4	²⁰⁸ Tl	35.8	Long	860.3	4.3	583.0	30.9	²³² Th
2639.4	¹³⁸ Cs	7.6	32.2M	2217.8	15.2	1435.8	76.3	¹³⁸ Xe
2677.9	⁸⁸ Rb	2.0	17.8M	1836.1	21.4	898.1	14.1	⁸⁸ Kr
2754.0	²⁴ Na	99.9	14.7H	1368.6	100.0			Activity
6129.2	¹⁶ N	68.8	7.13S	7115.2	4.7			Other
7115.2	¹⁶ N	4.7	7.13S	6129.2	68.8			Other



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<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>PROBABLE CAUSE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Message: No Duel Port Memory	ADCAM interface not plugged into the computer or Nomad base properly	Check all connections
Low or High energy side	Incorrect Pole Adjustment tailing and poor resolution	See section 7.3.4
Wandering Peaks or multiple peaks observed with pulse height analyzer	Unstable electronics, bad cable or connector	Check each electronic component and cables
Detector loses liquid nitrogen or warms up quickly	Break in Dewar	Repair
Poor gamma ray resolution	Power line noise, RF pick up	Eliminate ac power line noise by isolation or filtration. If operation in a high RF field consider more shielding.