



apex Ω
Membrane Desolvation System



apex Ω Q

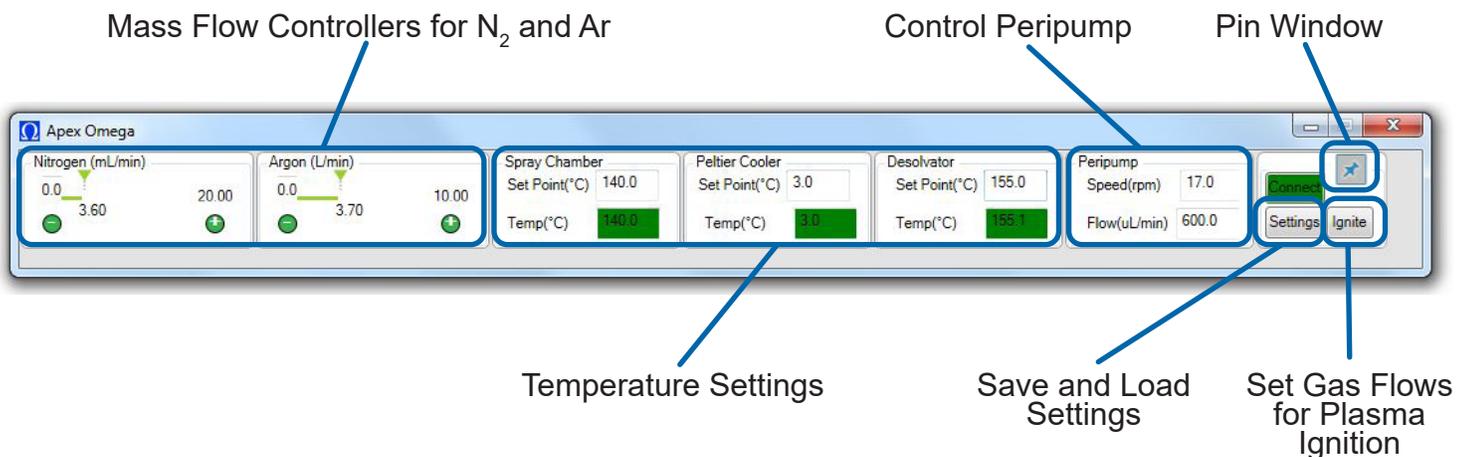
The apex Ω desolvating nebulizer is the highest performing ICPMS sample introduction system available. An innovative multistage Peltier-cooled desolvation system combined in series with a helical EPTFE fluoropolymer membrane desolvator simultaneously maximizes ICPMS sensitivity and reduces oxides.

Features

- Qtz or PFA Versions Available
- Integrated Software Control
 - Temperature
 - Spray chamber
 - Desolvator
 - Condenser
 - Gas Flows
 - Ar Sweep
 - N₂ Addition
- Maximize Signal Intensity
- Minimize Oxides and Interferences
- Excellent Washout
- Combine with microFAST MC for syringe loading injection



Software Control



The software control interface for the Apex Omega nebulizer is shown with several key components labeled:

- Mass Flow Controllers for N₂ and Ar:** Controls for Nitrogen (mL/min) and Argon (L/min) flow rates, including set points and current values.
- Temperature Settings:** Controls for the Spray Chamber, Peltier Cooler, and Desolvator temperatures, showing set points and current readings.
- Control Peripump:** Controls for the Peripump speed (rpm) and flow (uL/min).
- Pin Window:** A window containing buttons for 'Settings' and 'Ignite'.
- Save and Load Settings:** A button for saving and loading configurations.
- Set Gas Flows for Plasma Ignition:** A button for setting gas flows for plasma ignition.

High Sensitivity Stability and Low Oxides

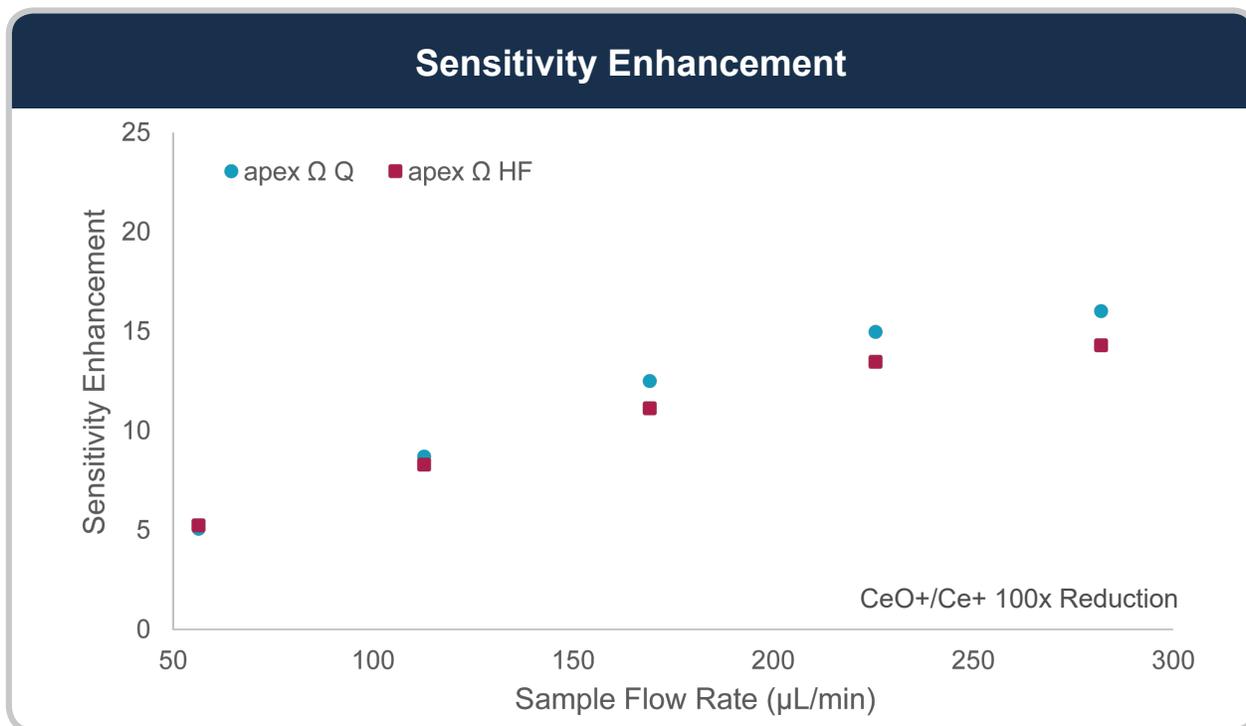


Figure 1: Similar sensitivity enhancement for both apex Ω Q and HF.

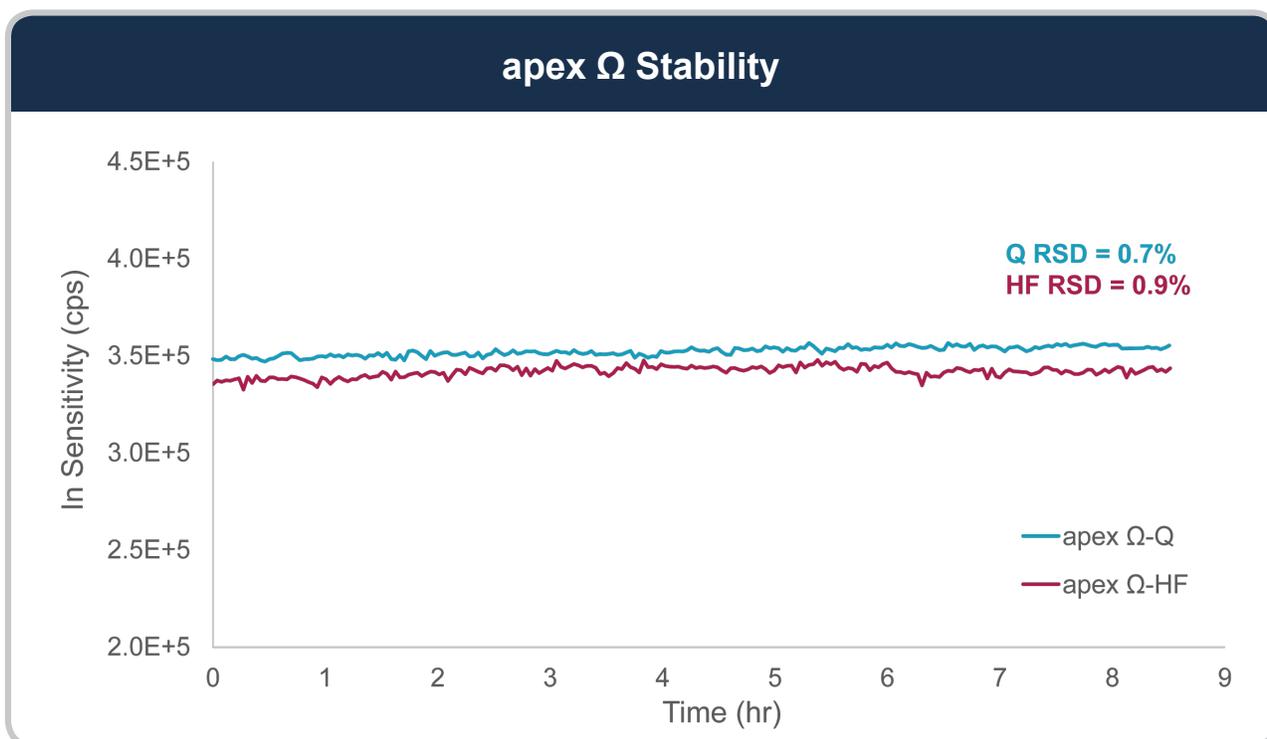


Figure 2: 8 hour stability test illustrates $< \pm 1\%$ RSD (1σ) for both apex Ω Q and HF.

Precise Isotope Ratios

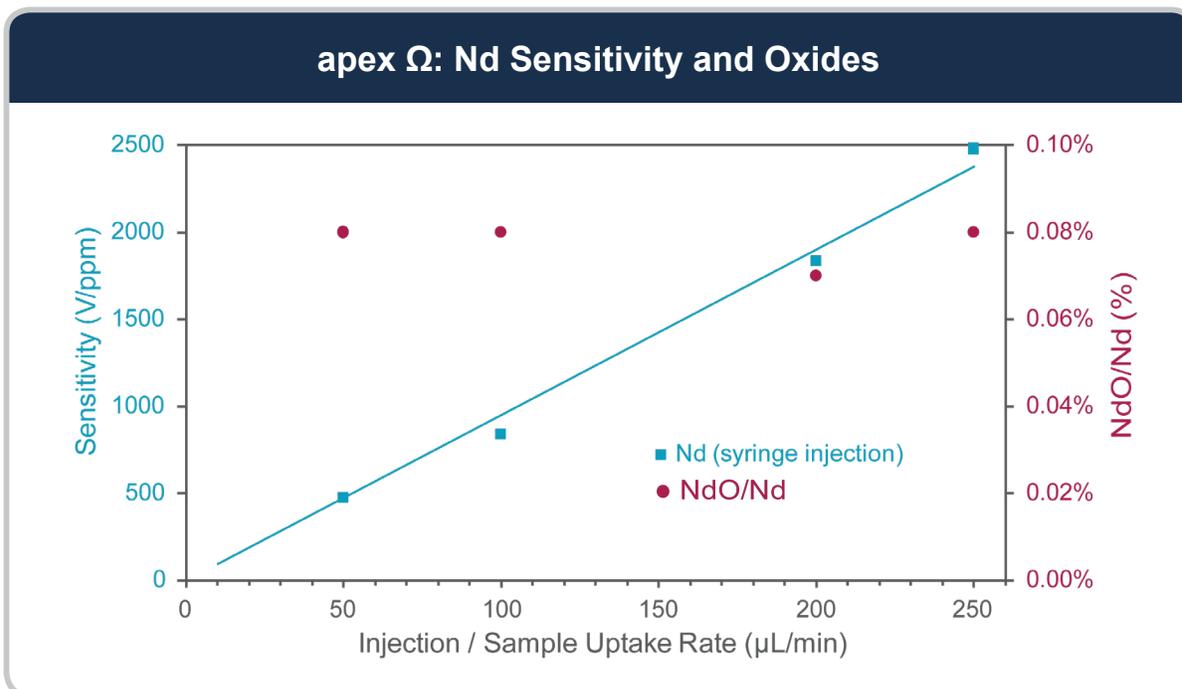


Figure 3: Signal increase is linear with sample injection flow rate while low oxides are maintained independent of sample flow rate.

Neptune *Plus* data courtesy of Nicholas Lloyd, Thermo Fisher Scientific (Bremen) GmbH.

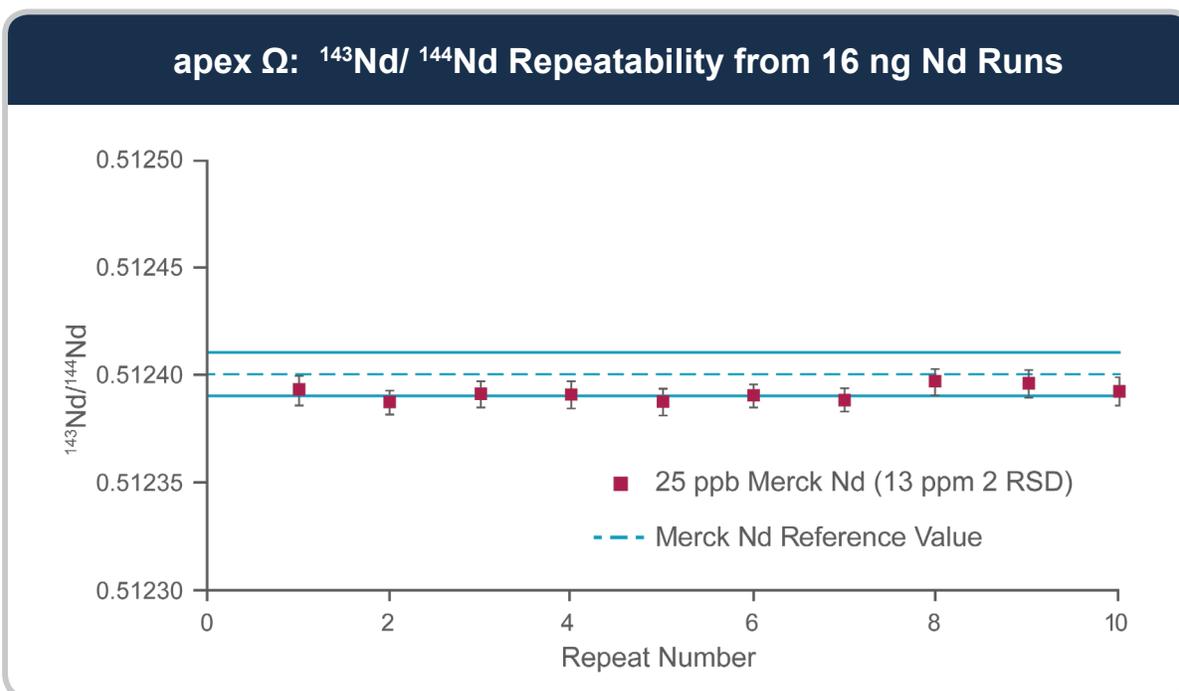


Figure 4: Repeatability of 16 ng Nd runs (25 ng/g solution), using apex Ω with PFA-100 self-aspirating nebulizer and 5 minute acquisition time.

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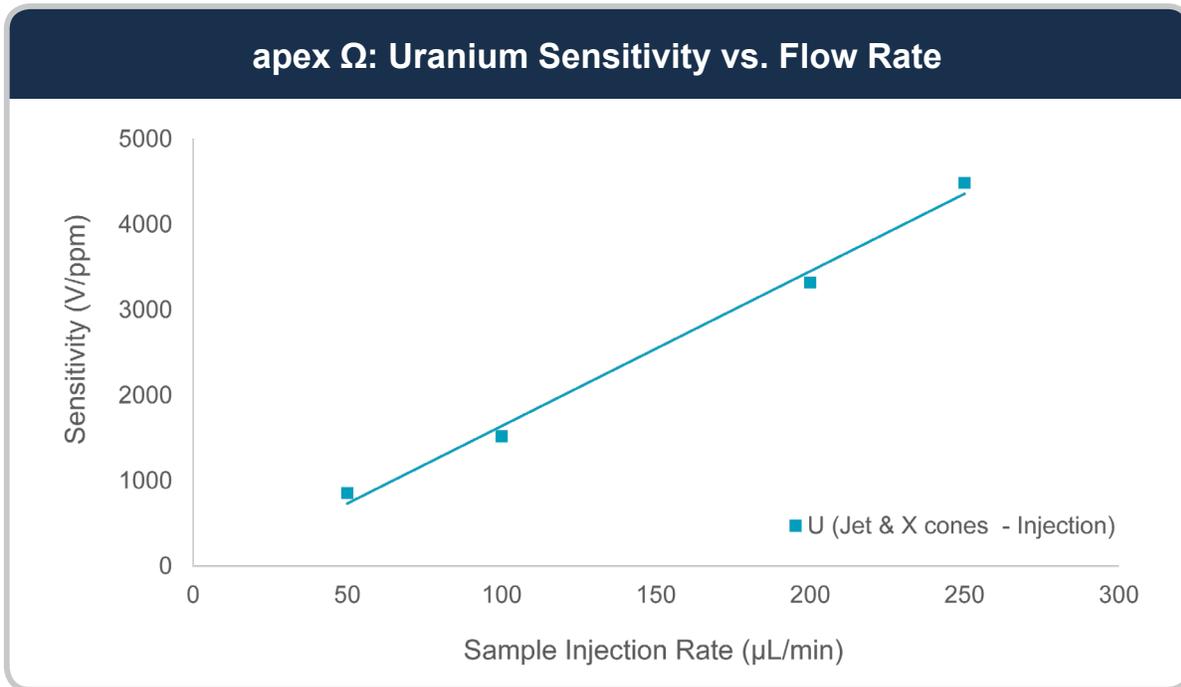


Figure 5: Signal increase is linear with sample injection flow rate up to 5000 v/ppm U.

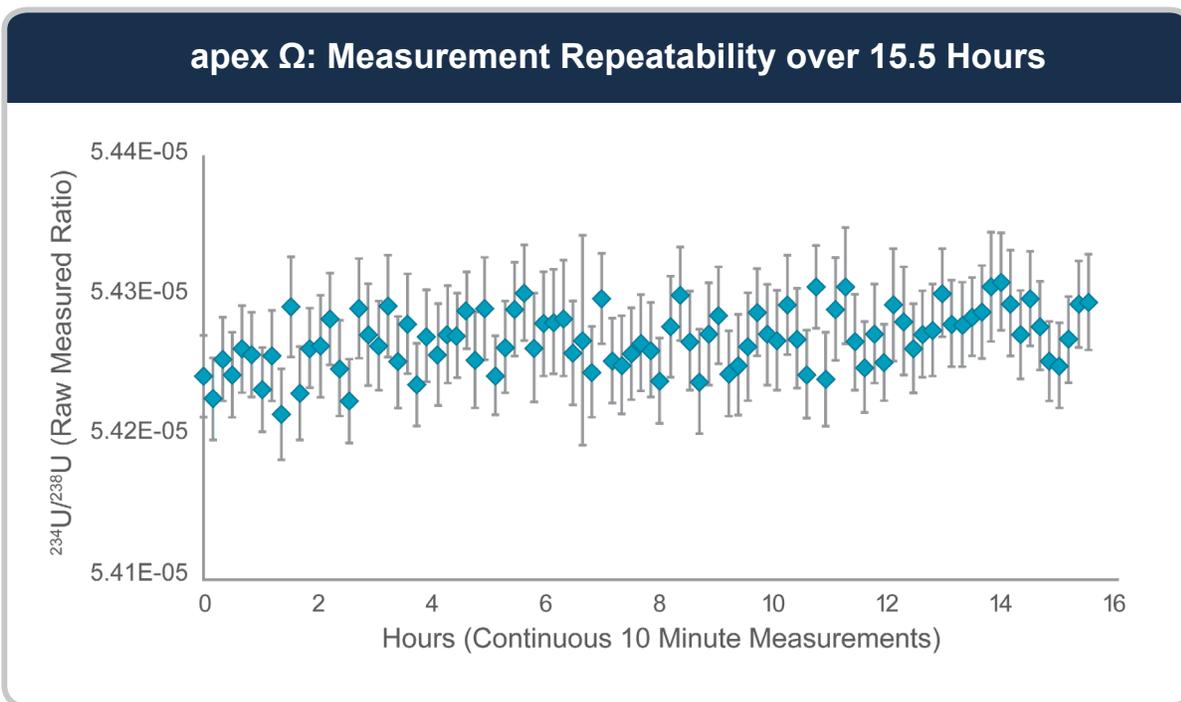


Figure 6: $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ measured with 131 kcps (2 mv) ^{234}U on $10^{13} \Omega$ amplifier from 25 ng/g NBS U-010. 92 x 10-minute runs spanning 15.5 hours. Raw Ratio RSD: 0.04% (external), 2se (Internal)

Washout

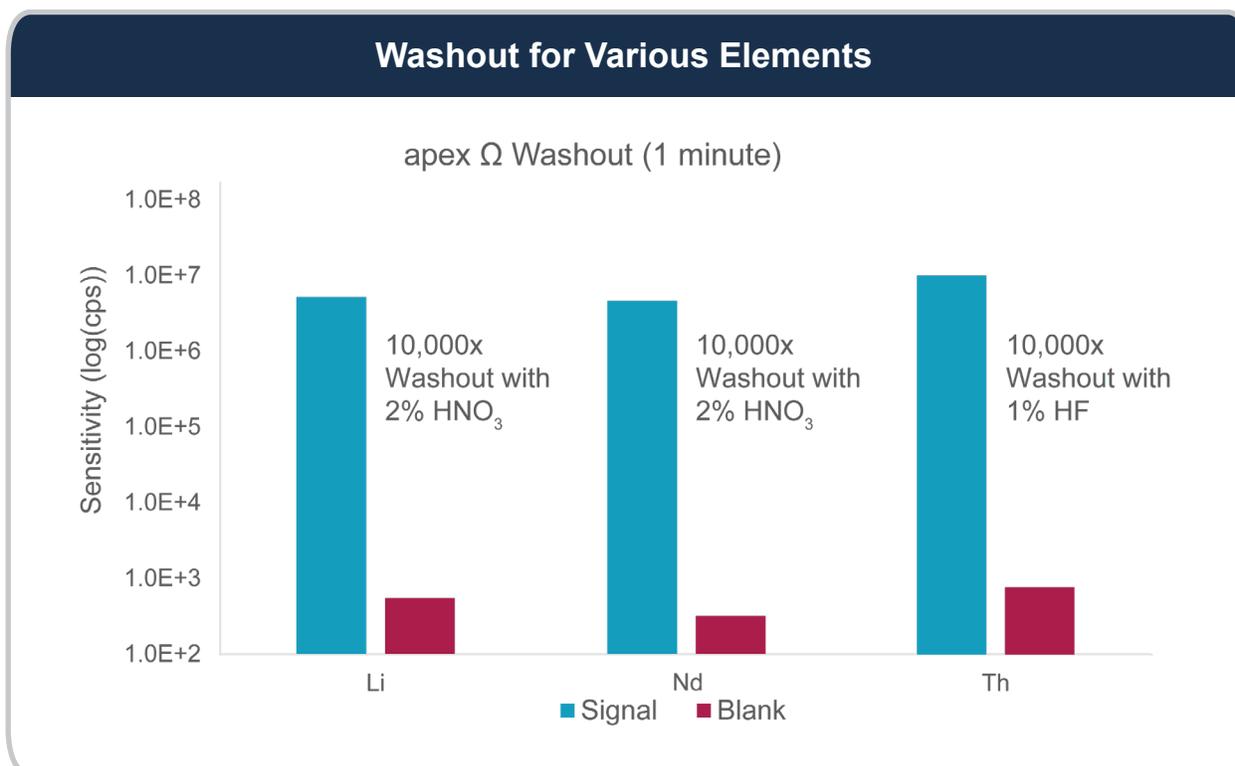
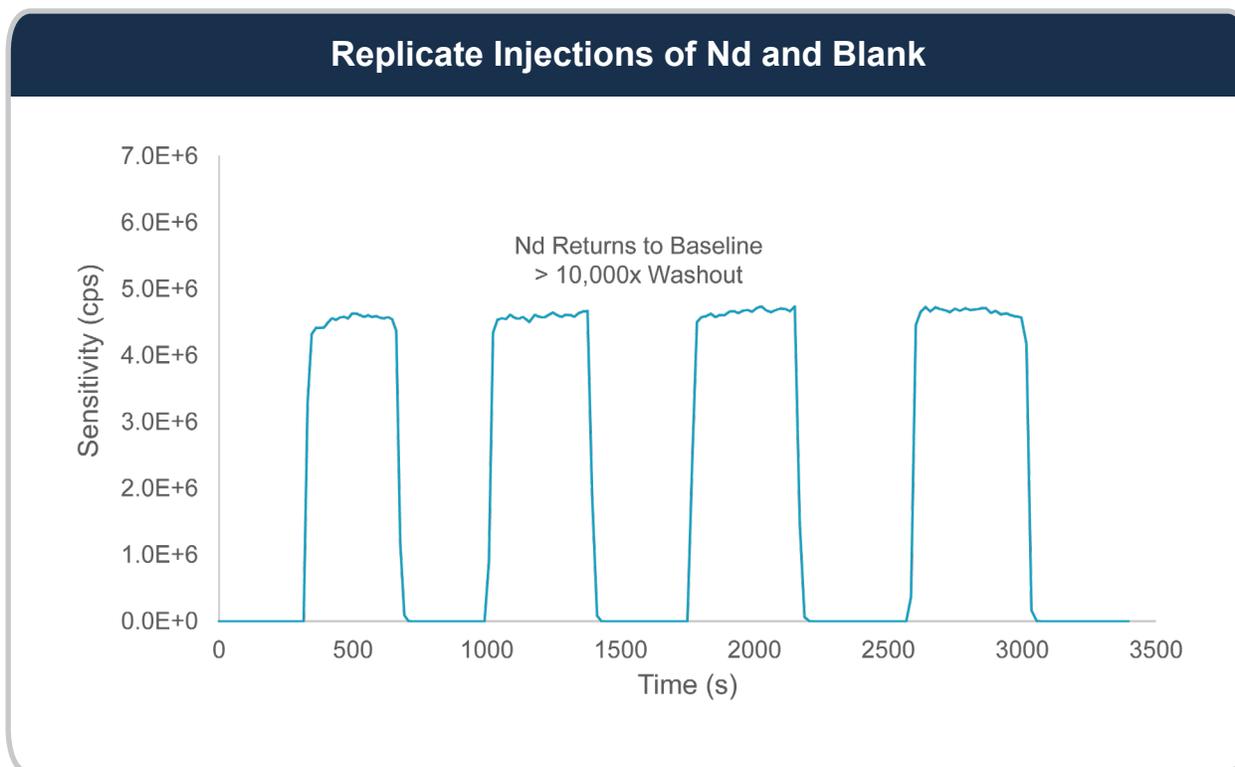


Figure 7: Replicate injections illustrate greater than four orders of magnitude (10,000x) washout is achieved in 1 minute for Nd. Two percent HNO₃ is used to achieve 10,000x washout for Li and Nd, whereas, classic memory prone elements such as Th are washed out similarly with 1% HF.

Add microFAST MC

Syringe Loading Injection

The microFAST MC precisely and accurately loads a loop and then smoothly injects solution to a μ Flow concentric nebulizer at defined rates from 5-1000 μ L/min. The valve on the flow injection system selects from two discrete, parallel flow paths for standards and samples. This allows rapid switching between sample and standard solutions with minimal dead volume between the valve and the nebulizer.

Features

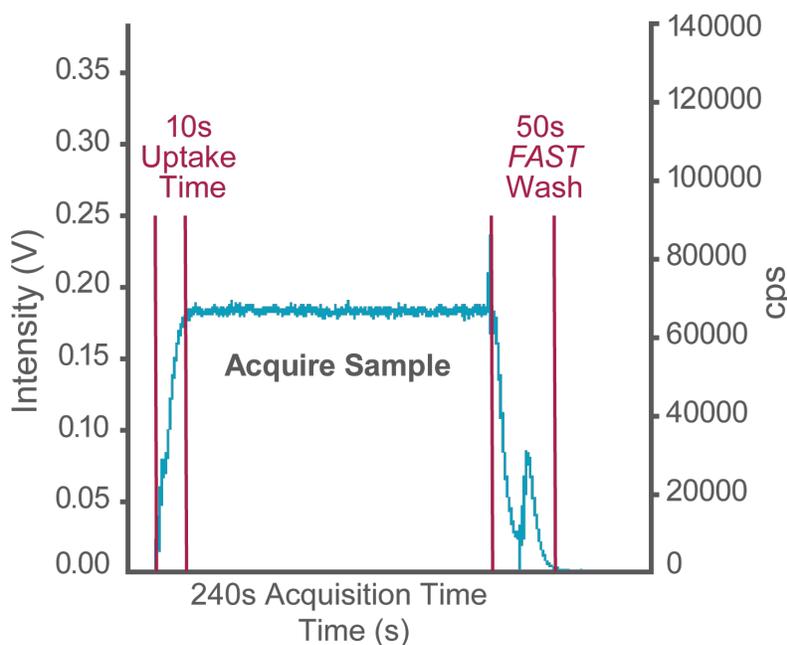
- Total sample consumption
- Eliminate waste
- Micro volume samples
- Micro flow rates
- Inject complete sample
- Dual loop system
- High sample throughput

Pu Injection Parameters

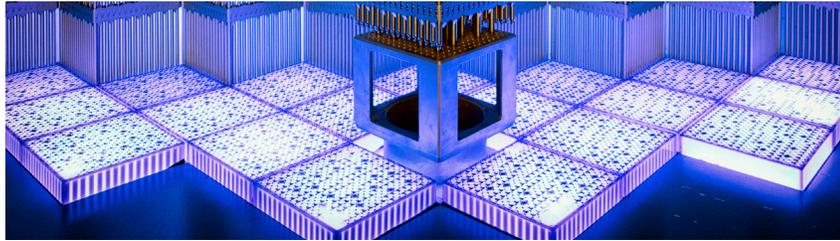
- 220 μ L of sample
- 50 μ L/min flow rate
- ~4 minute sample acquisition
- 1 minute total uptake and washout
- 5 minute sample to sample



4 min Injection Profile for 500 Femtograms of ^{239}Pu



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