

Adsorption Interaction of ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$ Isotopes with Quartz

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Outline

- 1) **Introduction**
 - Methods for studying chemical properties of superheavy elements (SHE)
- 2) **Experiments with lighter analogues of SHE**
 - Preparation and purification of $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$
 - Model experiments with $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$
- 3) **Summary**
- 4) **Way to go**

Methods for studying chemical properties of superheavy elements (SHE) and their lighter homologues

- 1) Gas phase methods: thermochromatography and isothermal chromatography
- 2) “Wet-chemical” methods
- 3) Electrochemical methods *etc*

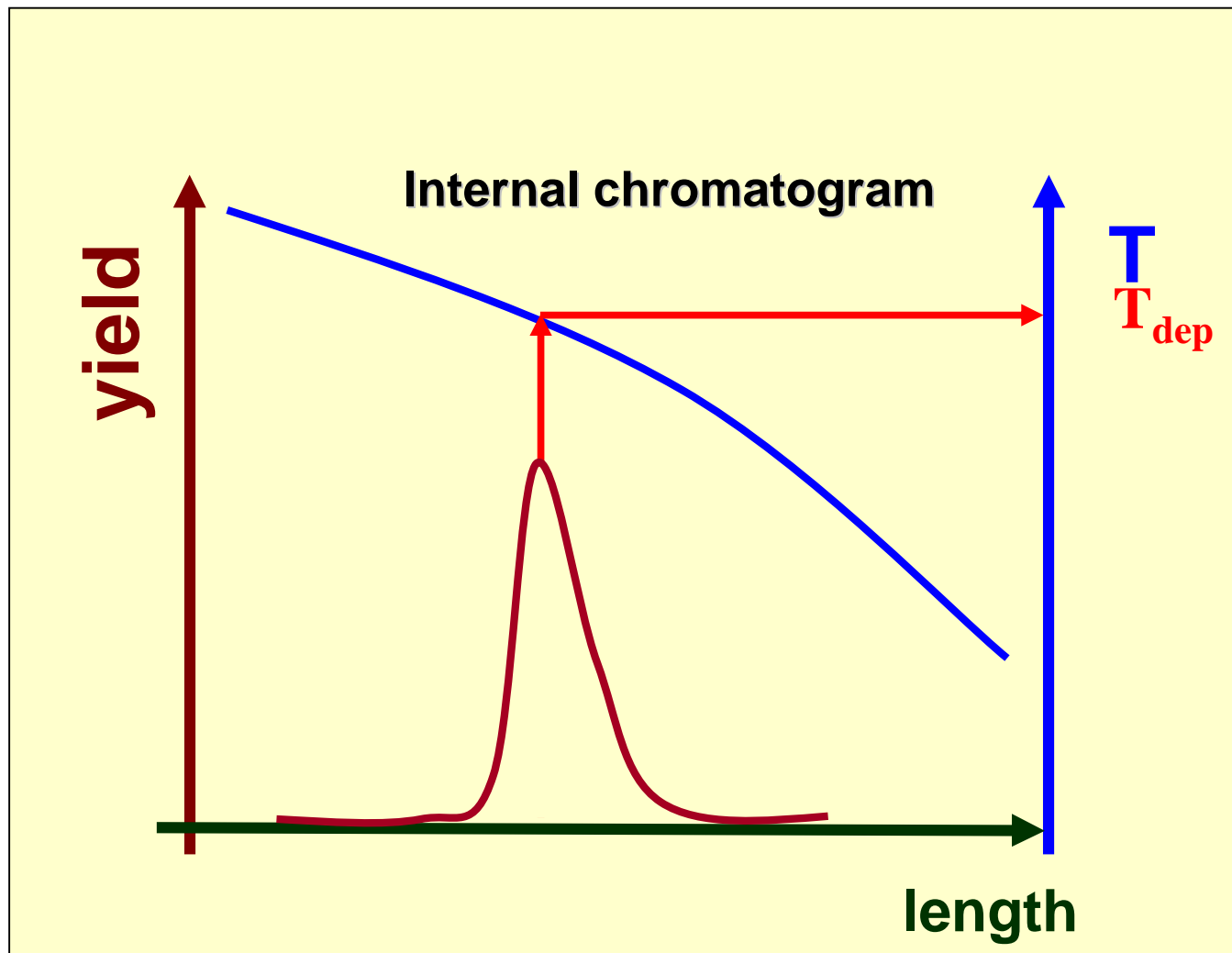
Main methods used in the present research:

Isotope separation – “wet chemistry” and gas phase method

Chemical properties – thermochromatography

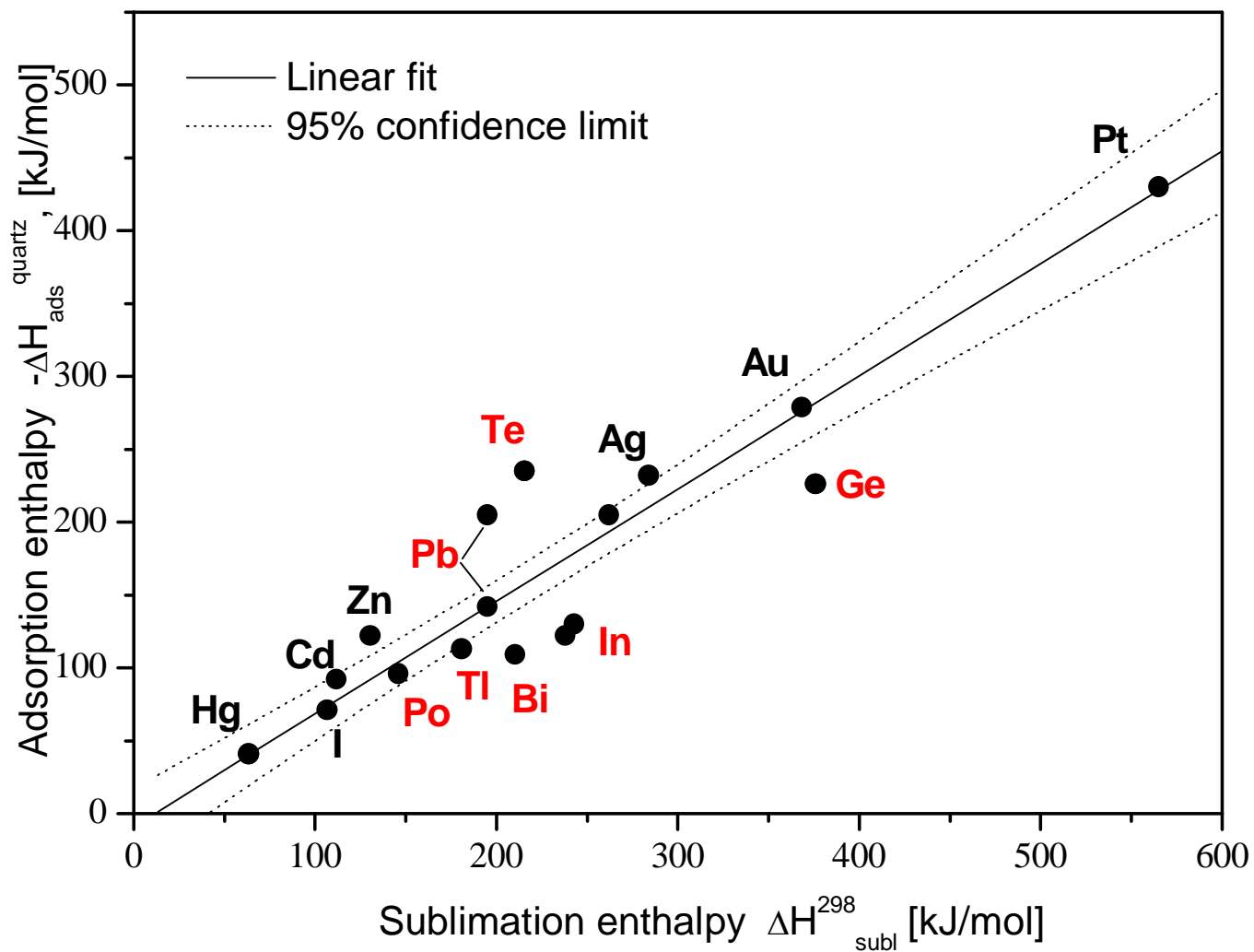
Thermochromatography

Introduction



Result: $T_{dep} \rightarrow \Delta H_{ads}$

Motivation: Unclear speciation of p- and s- elements (quartz)



Experiments with lighter analogues of SHE

Isotope production and purification

1) Neutron activation method

“+” available at PSI upon request

“+” high specific activities of isotopes can be reached

“-” only long lived isotopes can be studied (exception - generators)

“-” good separation methods for specific isotopes are needed

“-” contaminations with carrier amounts

2) Cyclotron produced isotopes:

“+” practically no limitation in half-lives

“+” high isotopic purity and carrier free amounts

“+” variety of isotopes (combination target/beam)

“-” not available by request (scheduled beam-times)

3) Commercially available generator systems

“+” easy to work with

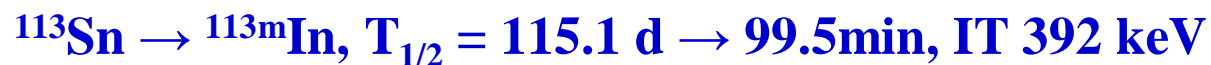
“-” price and shipment time

“-” available only for limited isotopes (radiopharmacy application)

Model experiments with $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

$^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ production and purification

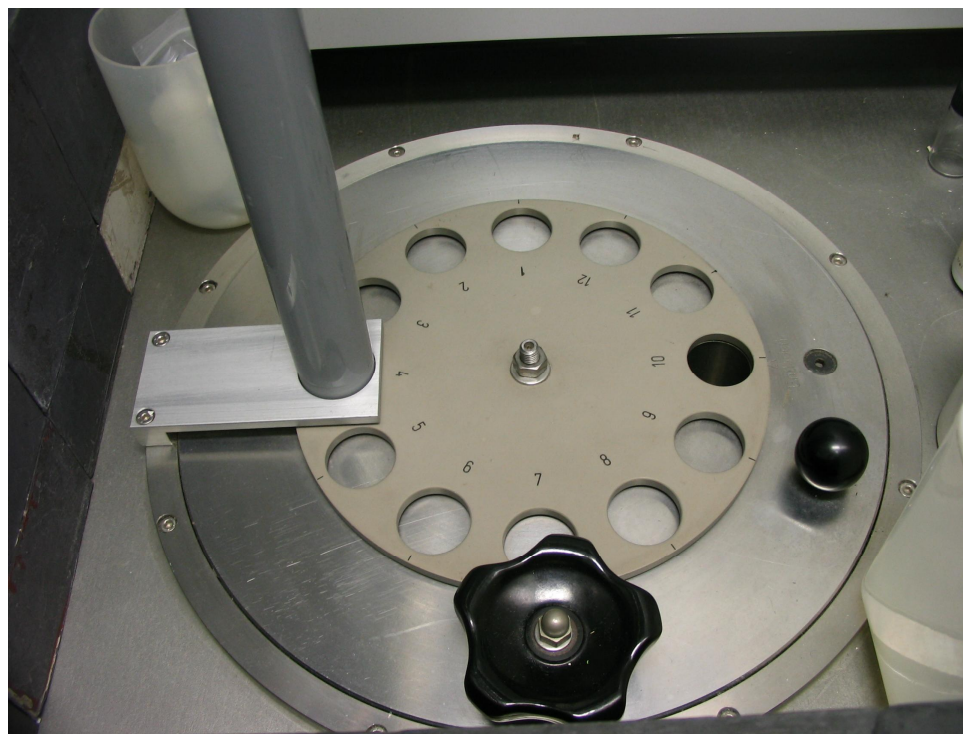
- 1) $^{\text{nat}}\text{Sn}$ metal irradiation (0.5 g sample, 2 hrs)
- 2) Sample dissolution in $\text{HCl}_{(\text{conc})}$
- 3) Deposition on anion-exchange column Dowex® 1X8
- 4) Elution with 1M HCl



Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$ production by neutron irradiation

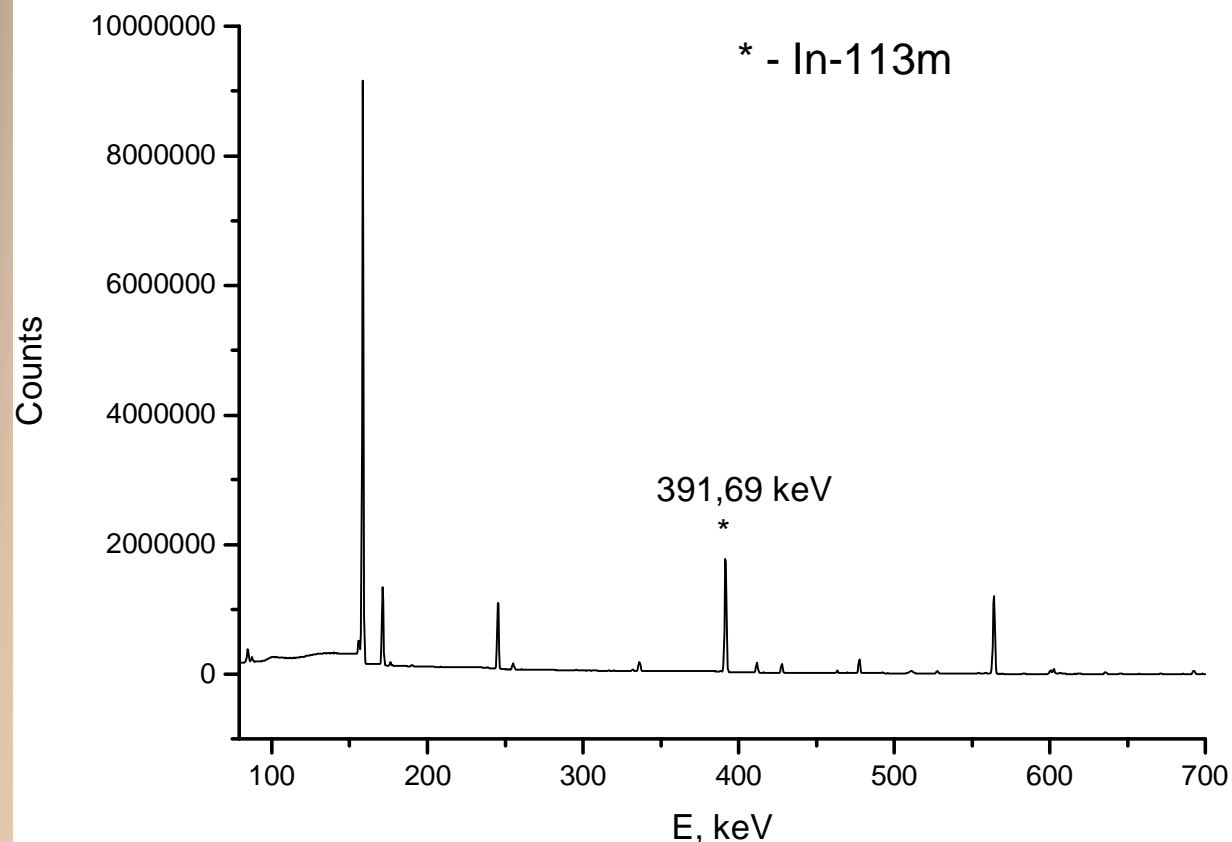
In-113m and Tl-200-202



Pneumatic system for remote irradiation of samples by mediate neutron flux

Model experiments with $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

$^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ purification results



Main activity:

^{125}Sb (427, 87 keV)

$^{117\text{m}}\text{Sn}$ (158, 56 keV)

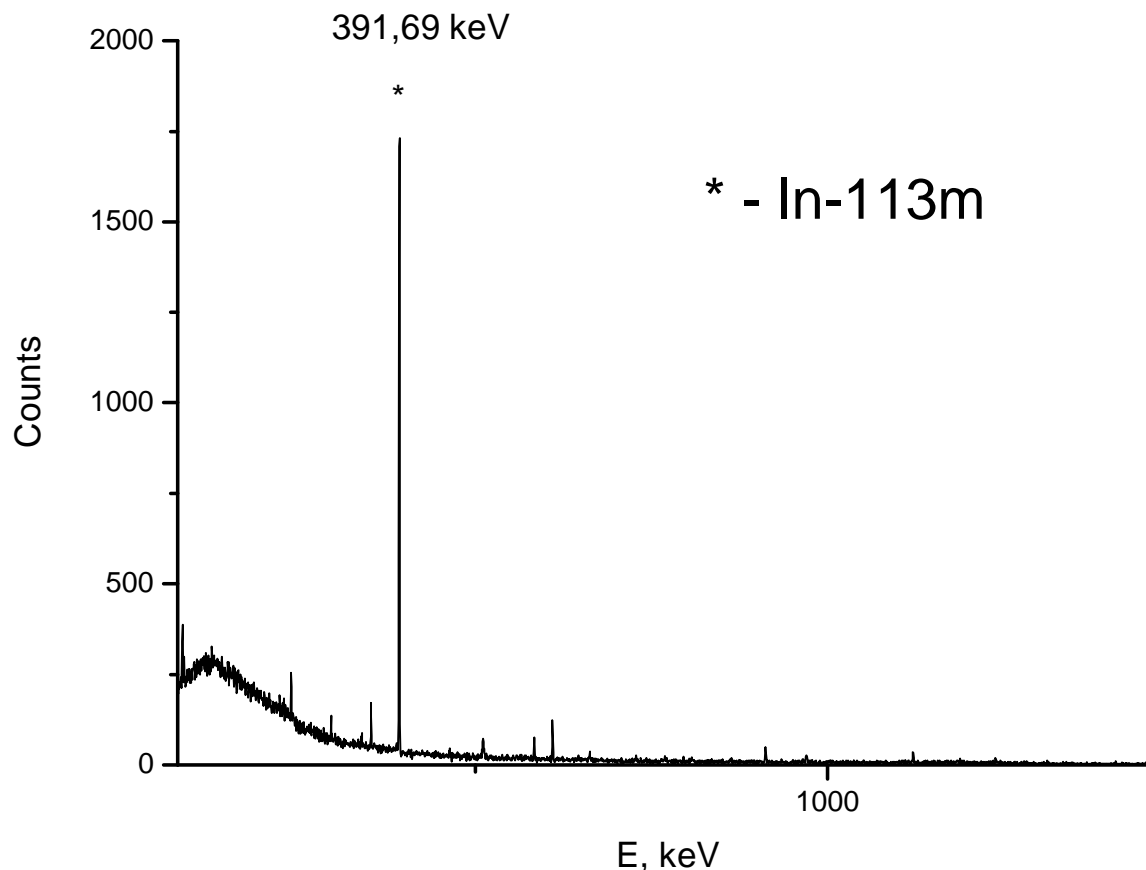
^{113}Sn (391, 69 keV)

$^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ (391, 69 keV)

Gamma spectrum for irradiated $^{\text{nat}}\text{Sn}$ (before purification)

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

^{113m}In purification results



**Main activity:
 ^{113m}In (391, 69 keV)**

Gamma spectrum for eluated ^{113m}In

In-113m and Tl-200-202

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

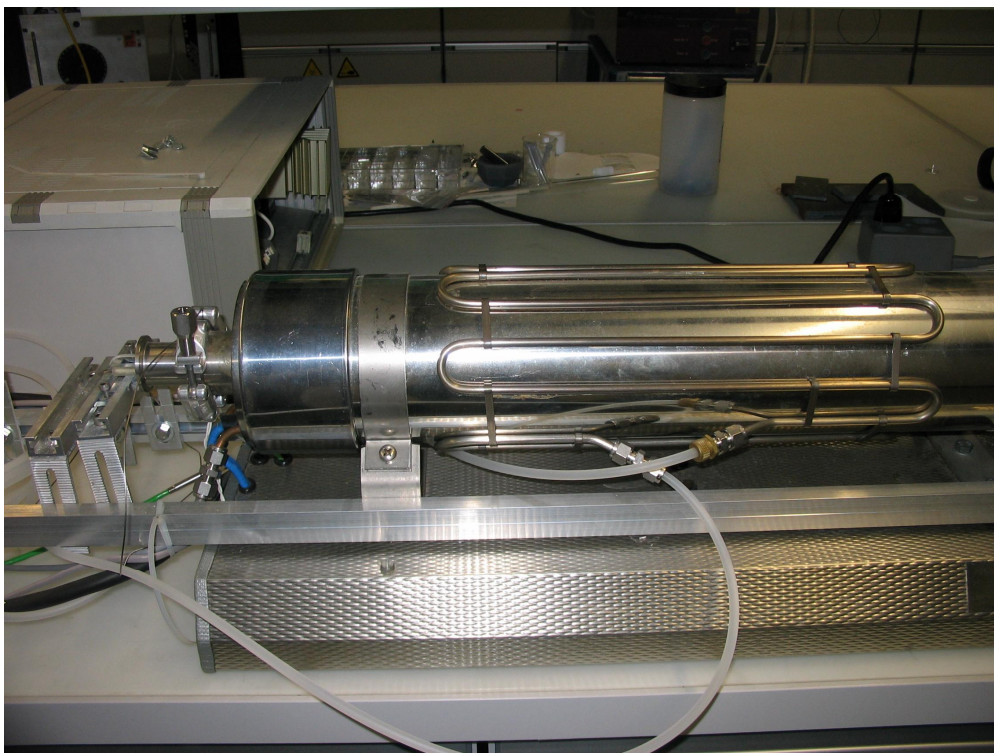
$^{200-202}\text{Tl}$ production

- 1) $^{\text{nat}}\text{PbO}_2$ irradiation (0.5g sample, 2hrs)
- 2) Solid $\text{PbO}_{2(\text{irradiated})}$ can be used as the source of $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$
- 3) ^{200}Tl ($t_{1/2}=26.1$ h), ^{201}Tl ($t_{1/2}=73.1$ h) and ^{202}Tl ($t_{1/2}=12.23$ d),
- 4) Carrier-free Tl can be investigated

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$ thermochromatography experiment on quartz

In-113m and Tl-200-202



Gradient: 1000/1300 – 30/-140 °C

Column material: quartz

Column length: 110 cm

Carrier gas: Different

Thermochromatography oven set-up

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

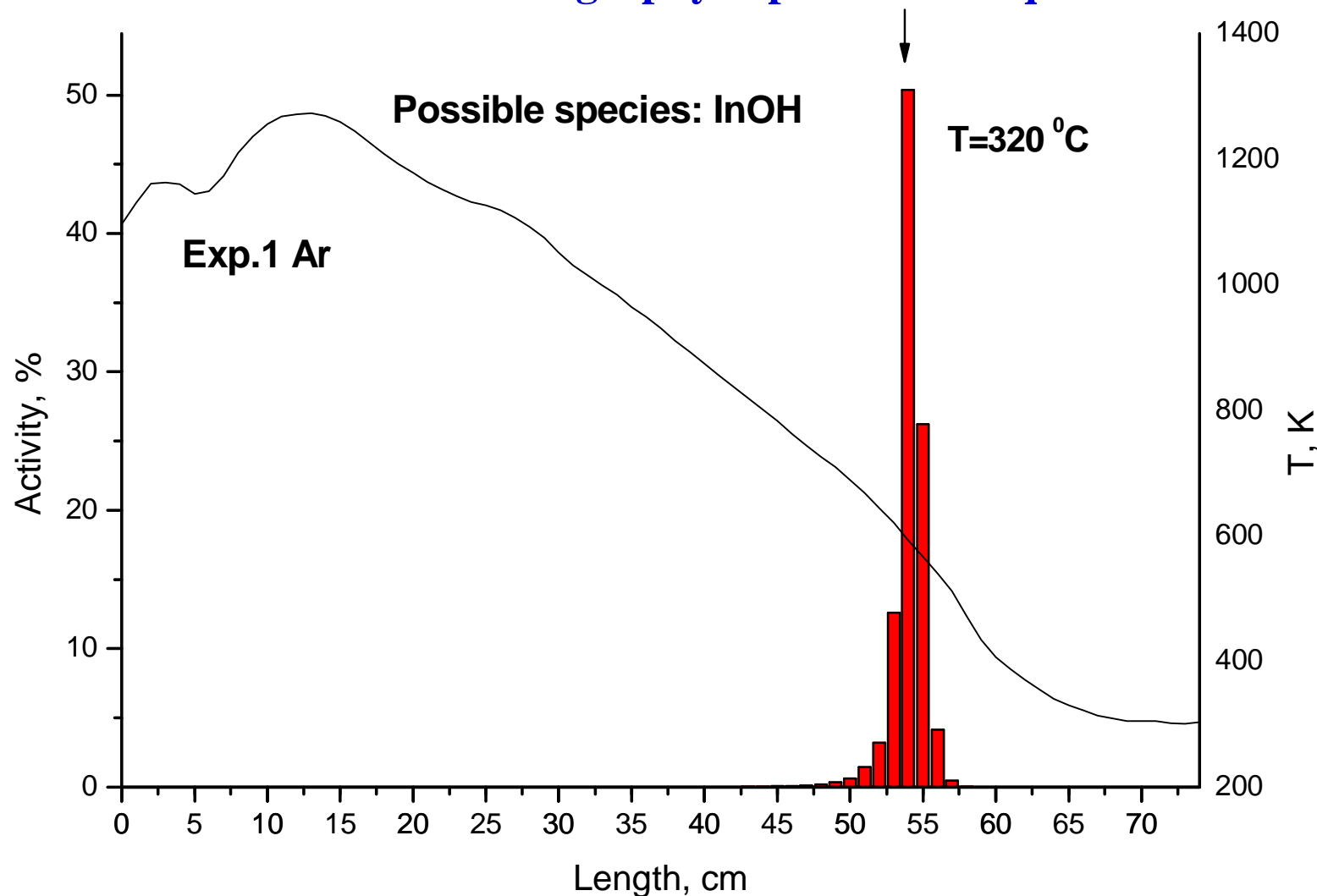
Details of experiments

Starting material	Carrying gas/mixture	Expected species
In-eluated/Ta	Ar 50ml/min	In-metal
Sn-irr./Al ₂ O ₃ , PbO ₂ -irr./Ta	H ₂ 25ml/min	In and Tl metals
Sn-irr./Al ₂ O ₃ , PbO ₂ -irr./Ta	O ₂ 25ml/min	In ₂ O ₃ and Tl ₂ O ₃
Sn-irr./Al ₂ O ₃	O ₂ /H ₂ O 25ml/min	In(OH) ₃ and TlOH
Sn-irr./Al ₂ O ₃	H ₂ /H ₂ O 25ml/min	InOH, In ₂ O, Tl ₂ O TlOH
Sn-irr./Al ₂ O ₃	He/H ₂ O 25ml/min	InO, InOH, TlOH, Tl ₂ O

In-113m and Tl-200-202

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

^{113m}In thermochromatography experiment on quartz

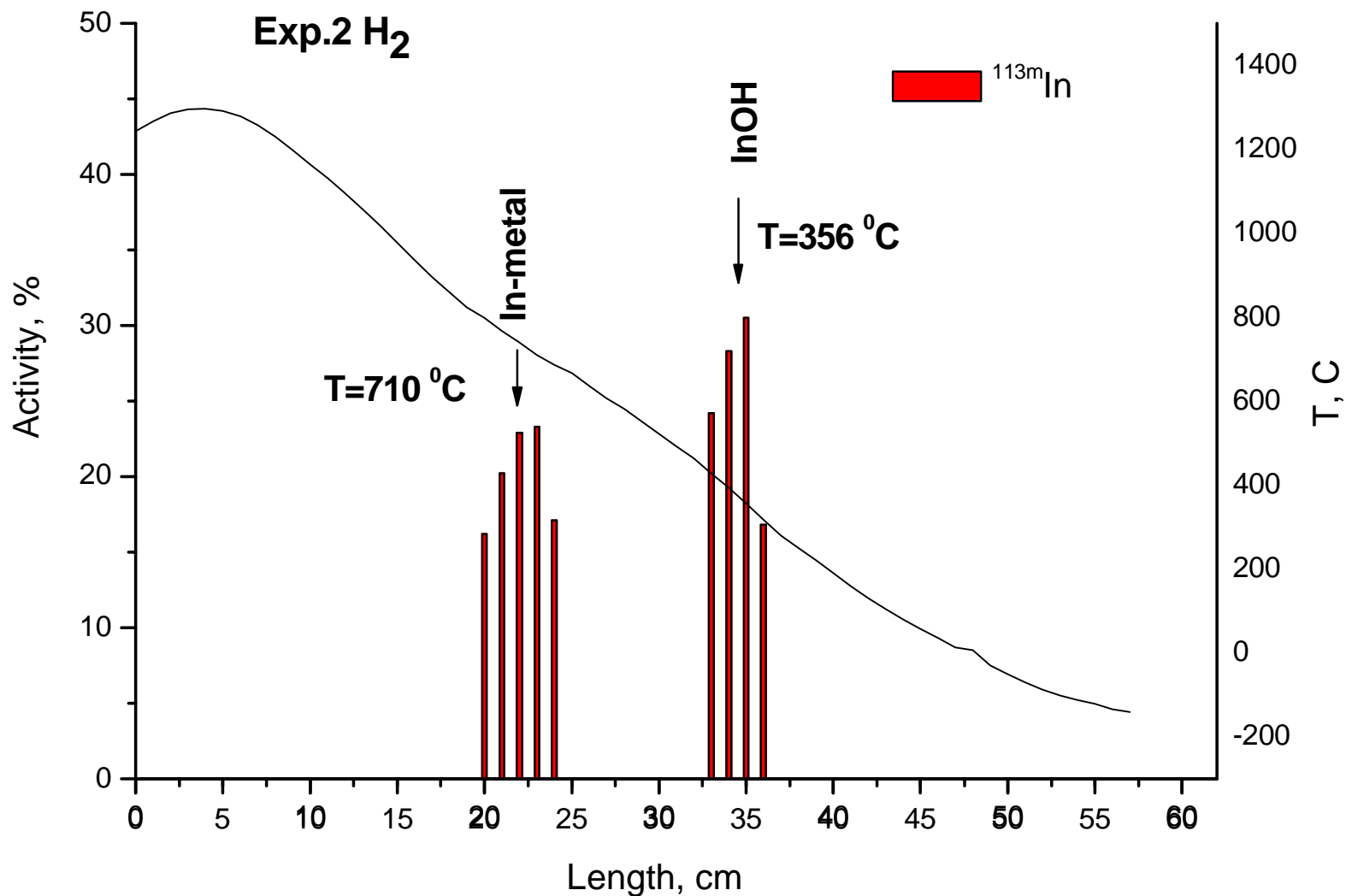


In-113m and Tl-200-202

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

^{113m}In thermosublimation experiment on quartz

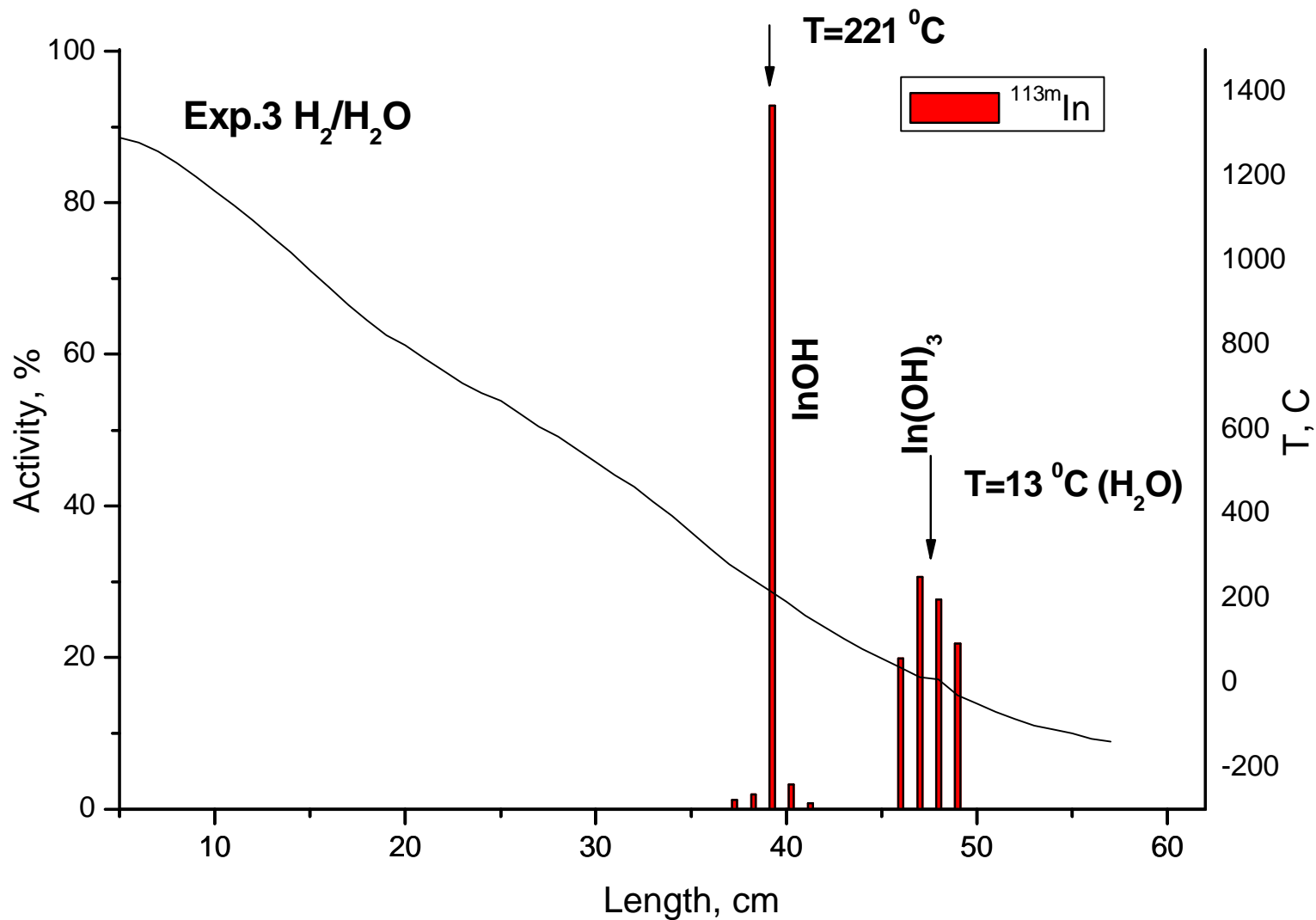
In- ^{113m}In and Tl- $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$



Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

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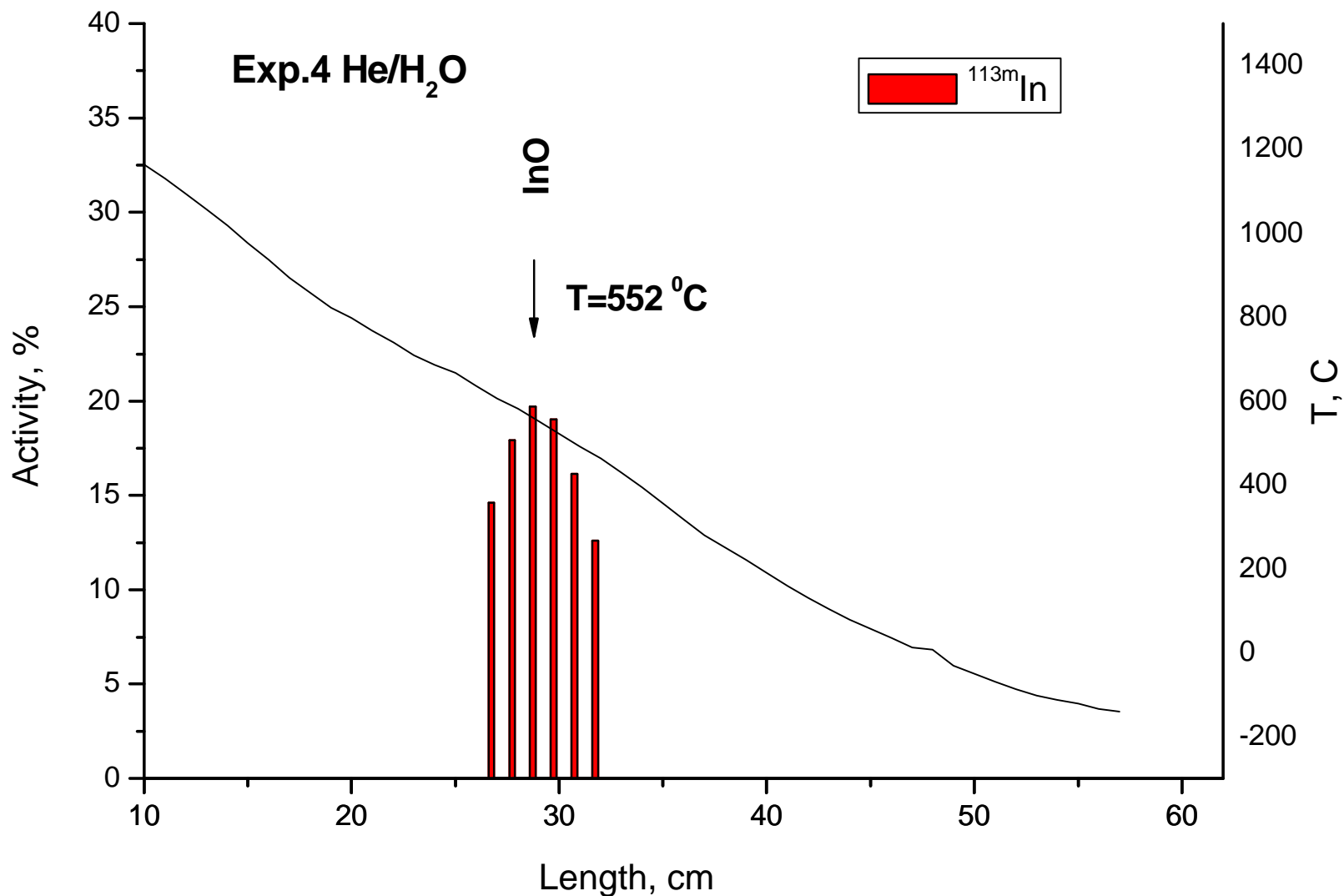
In-113m and Tl-200-202



Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

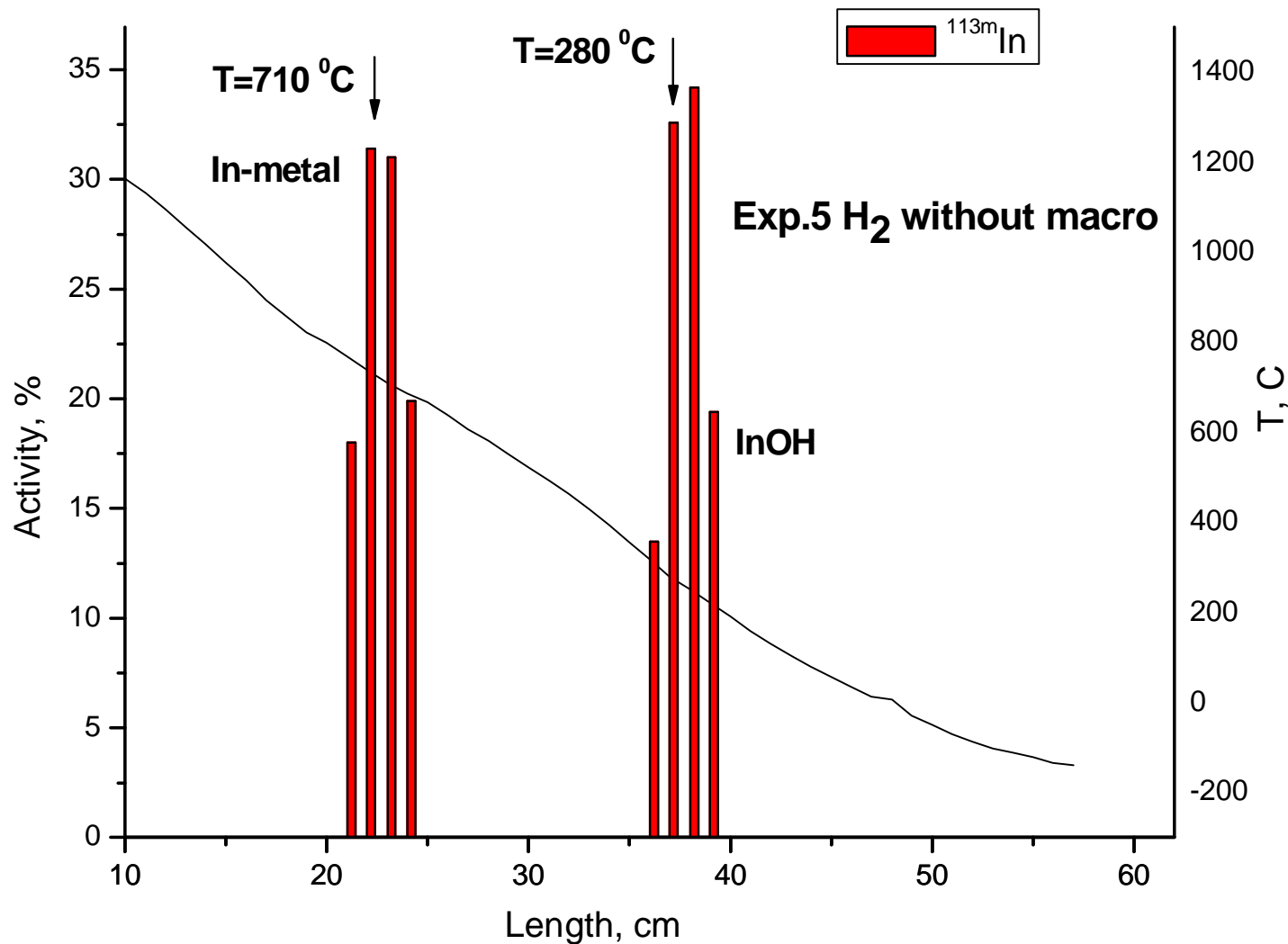
^{113m}In thermosublimation experiment on quartz

In-113m and Tl-200-202



Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

^{113m}In thermochromatography on quartz



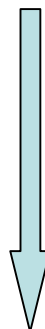
In-^{113m}In and Tl-²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

Model experiments with $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

$^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ thermosublimation experiment on quartz

Exp. 7 Dry Sn-irradiated + O_2

Exp. 8 Dry Sn-irradiated + $\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$



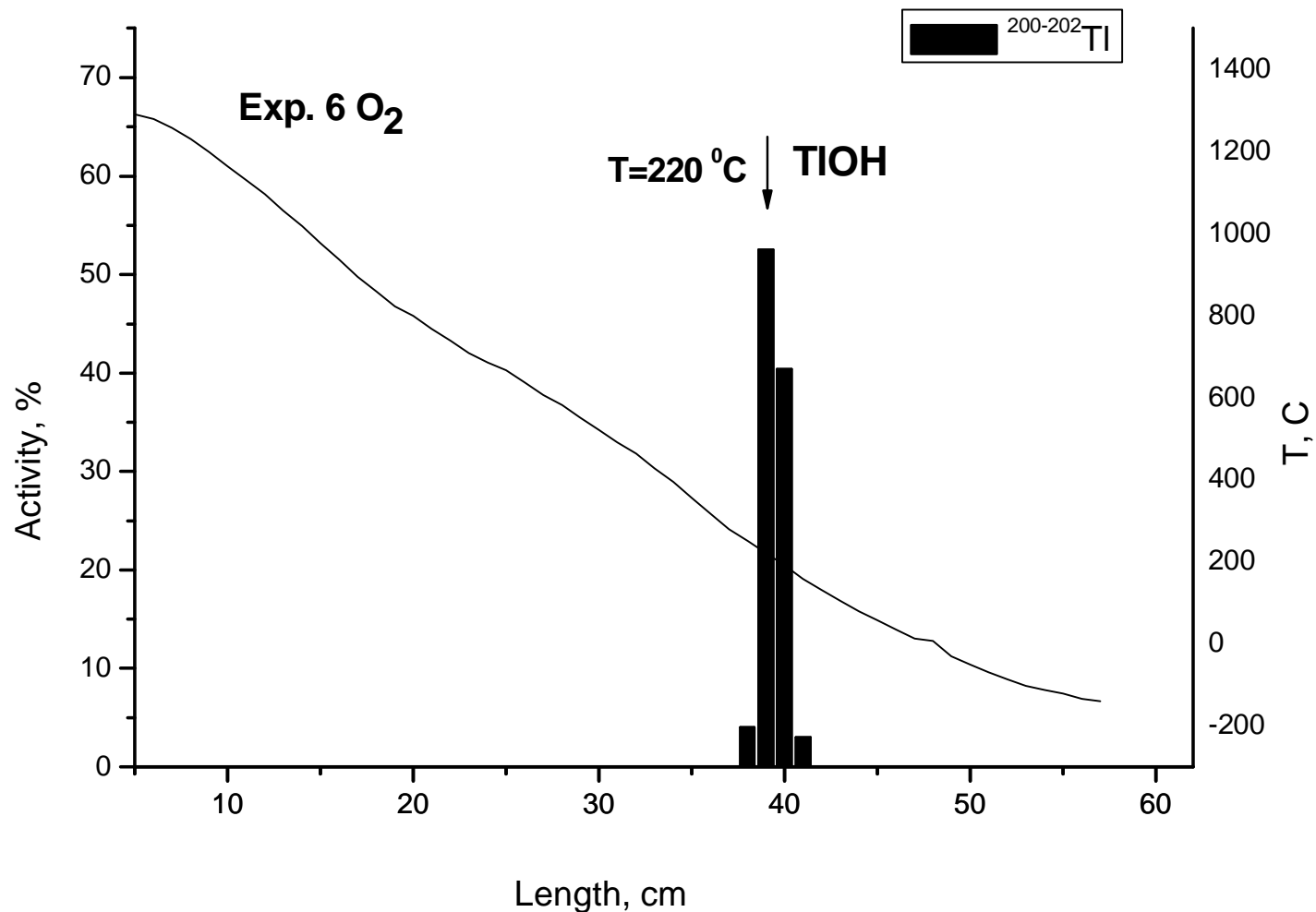
No volatile In species – because of low volatility
of oxides and hydroxides in high oxidation states for In

In- $^{113\text{m}}\text{In}$ and Tl- $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl thermosublimation experiment on quartz *

In-113m and Tl-200-202



* S. König results (PSI Annual Reports)

Summary of deposition temperatures on quartz

Isotope	Gas/Mixture	T_{dep} (exp), $^{\circ}\text{C}$	T_{dep} (Lit.)*, $^{\circ}\text{C}$	Possible species
^{113m}In	H_2	320, 356 250, 300, 280 710(2)	330 ± 20	InOH (?) In
^{113m}In	$\text{H}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$	221 13	-	InOH (?) In(OH) ₃ (?)
^{113m}In	$\text{He}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$	552	-	InO (?)
$^{200-202}\text{Tl}$	H_2	202		TlOH
$^{200-202}\text{Tl}$	O_2	220	-	TlOH

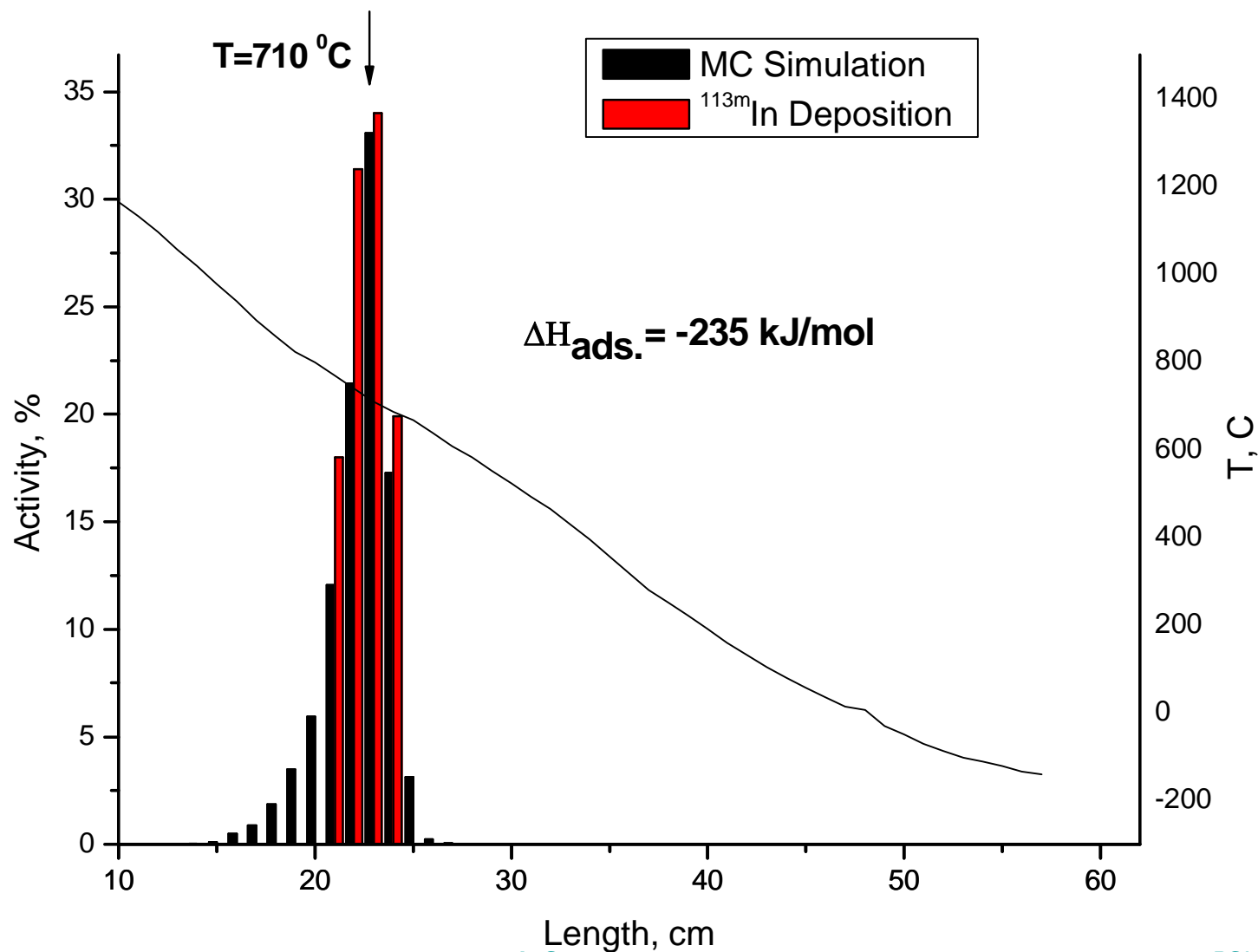
In-113m and Tl-200-202

* B. Eichler JINR Communication, 1972

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

^{113m}In thermochromatography and Monte-Carlo simulation

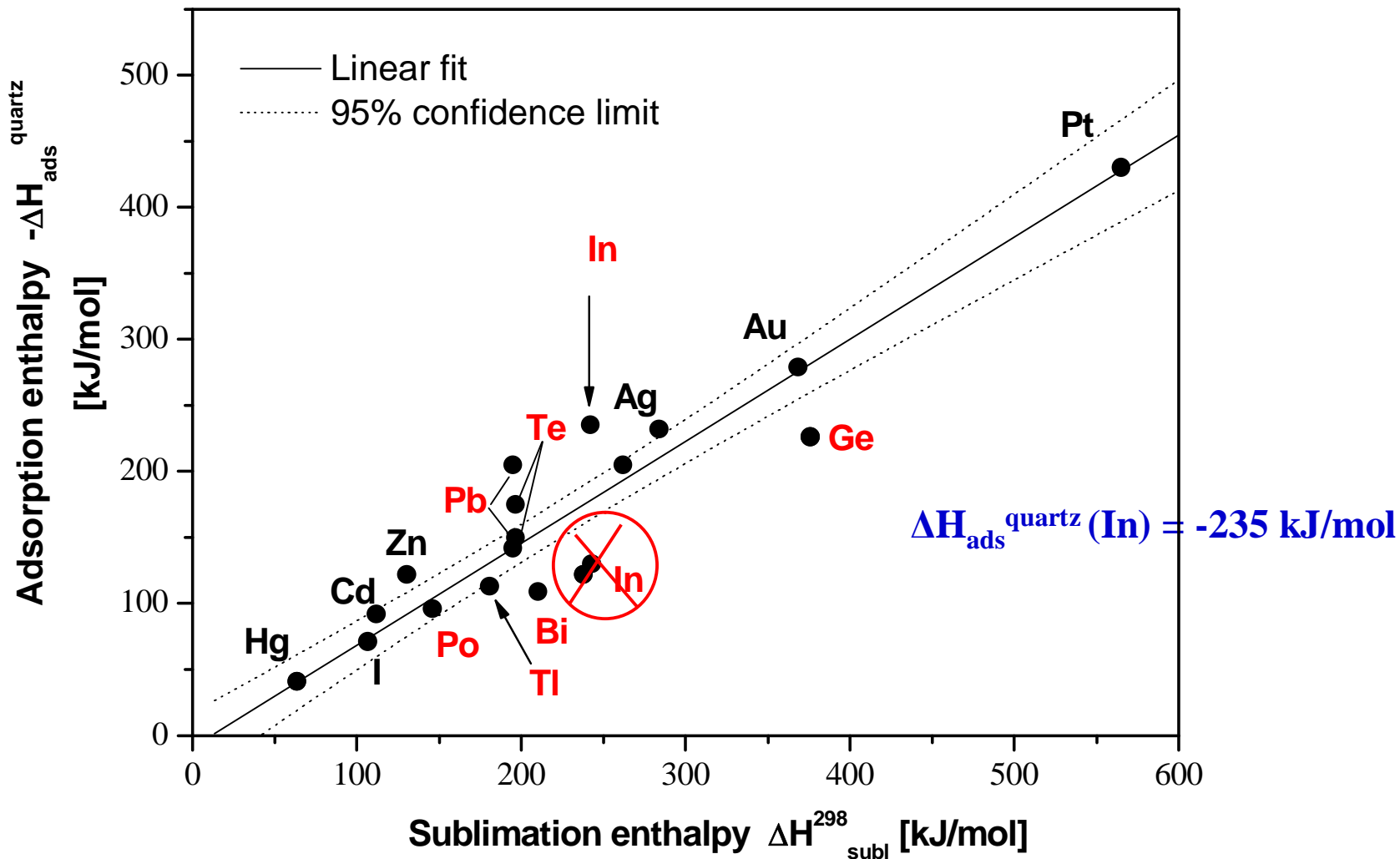
In-113m and Tl-200-202



Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

^{113m}In adsorption on quartz

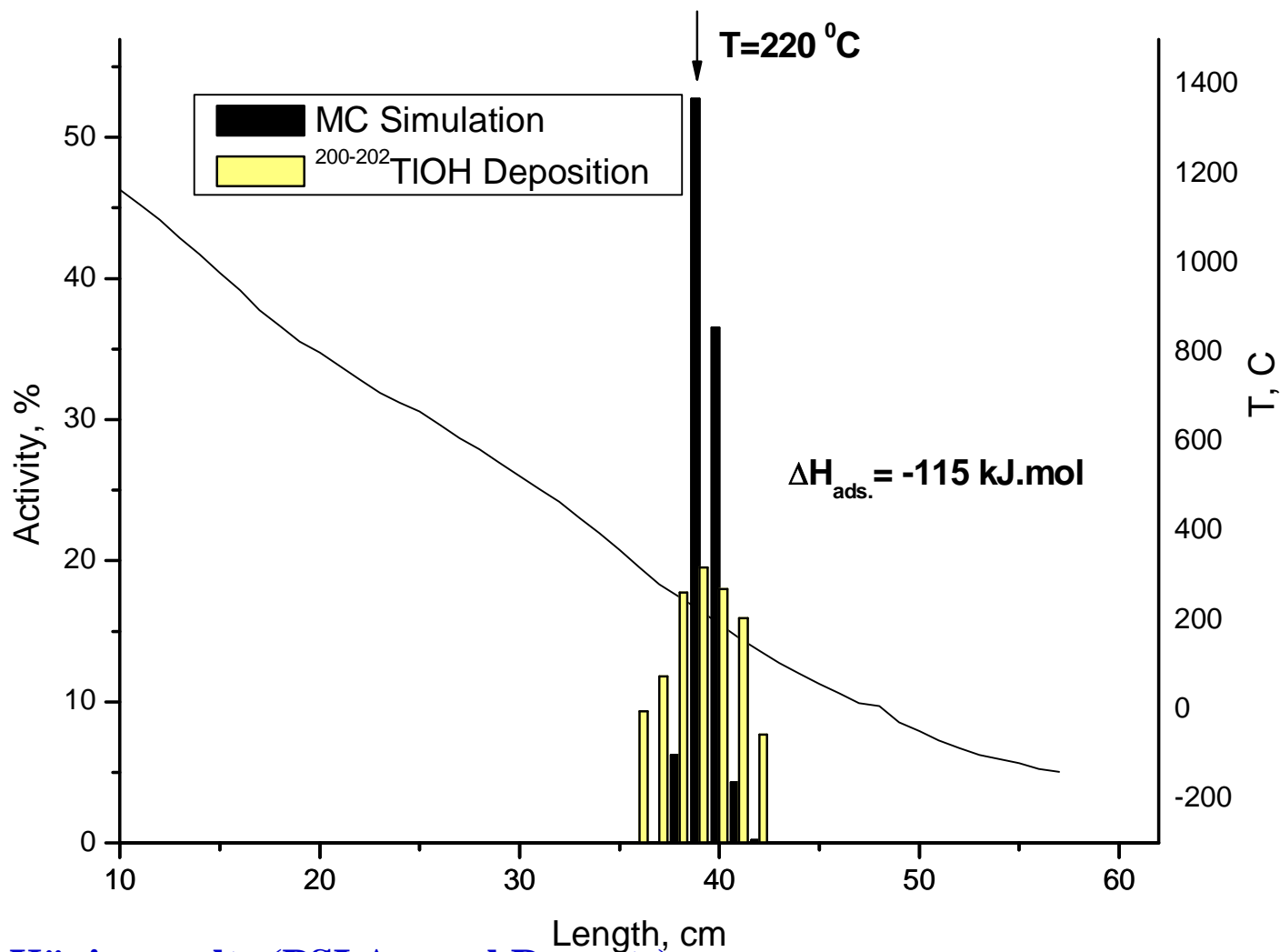
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Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²TlOH thermochromatography and Monte-Carlo simulation *

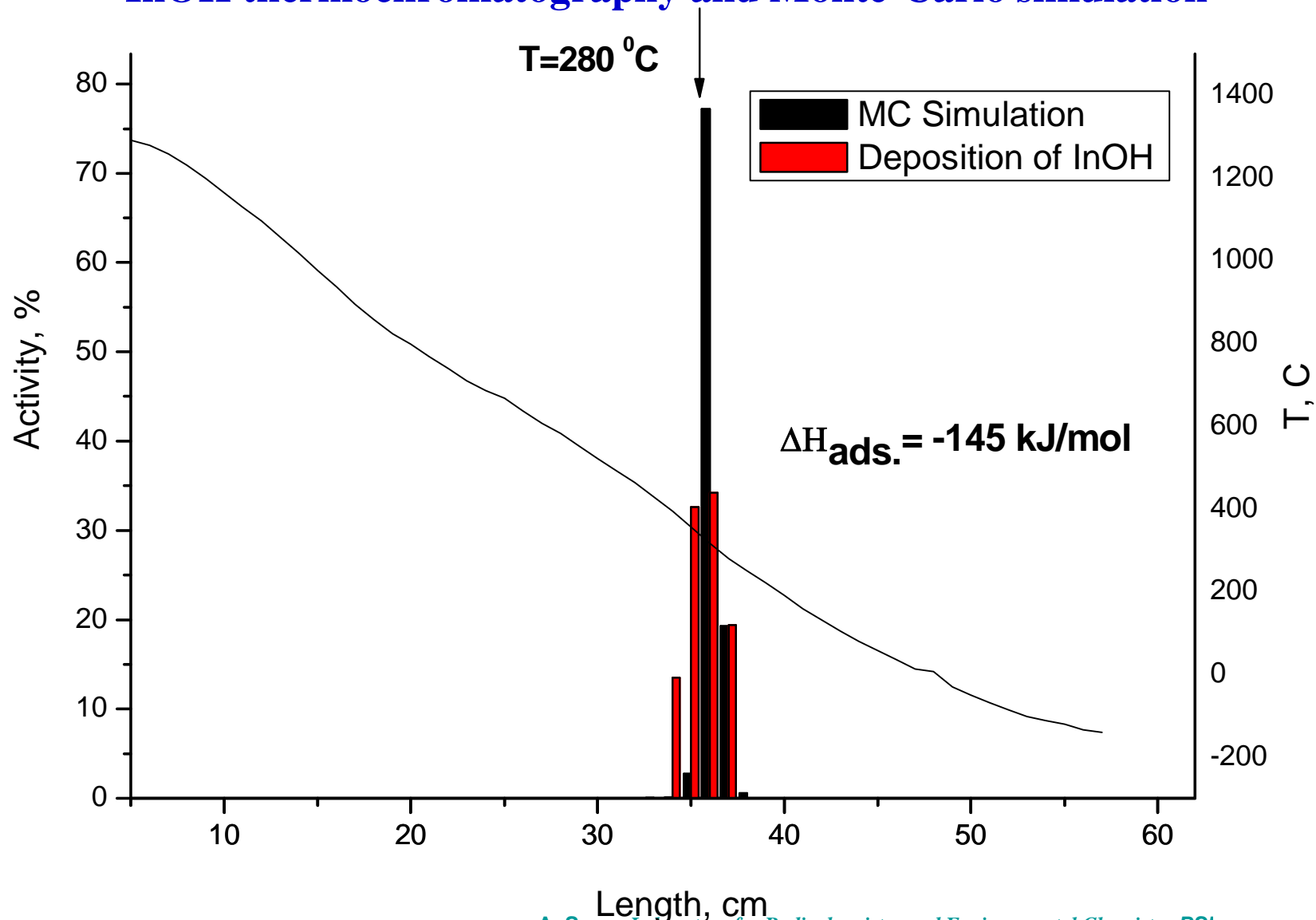
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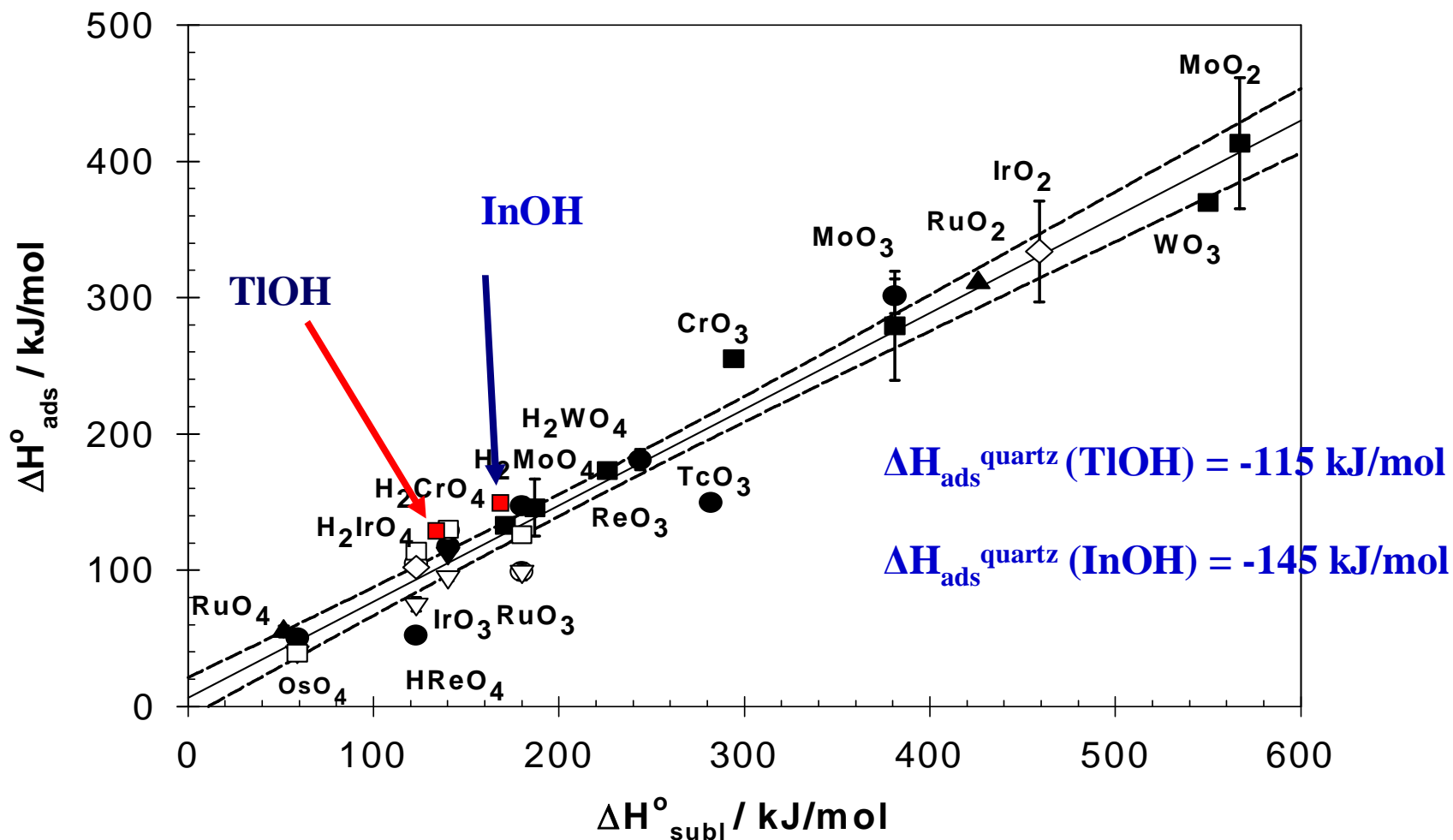
^{113m}InOH thermochromatography and Monte-Carlo simulation



In-113m and Tl-200-202

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and ²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²Tl

²⁰⁰⁻²⁰²TlOH and ^{113m}InOH enthalpy of adsorption on quartz



In-113m and Tl-200-202

Model experiments with ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$

Problem of pure metals

Even 99,9998 Sn – contains In and Sb admixtures

Possible solutions of the problem

- 1) **Ion-exchange chromatography**
 - Works well for In, hard to achieve high activity for Sb
- 2) **Gas phase purification**
 - Perfect for In, very poor for Sb
- 3) **Tin-organic compounds with Sn-C bonds (tetra-phenyl Tin)**
 - Experiments on the way

Results and way to go

- 1) Prepared generator system for continuous obtaining ^{113m}In
- 2) Chemical interaction of ^{113m}In and $^{200-202}\text{Tl}$ with quartz surface was investigated
- 3) First time adsorption temperature for In-metal was detected

To do

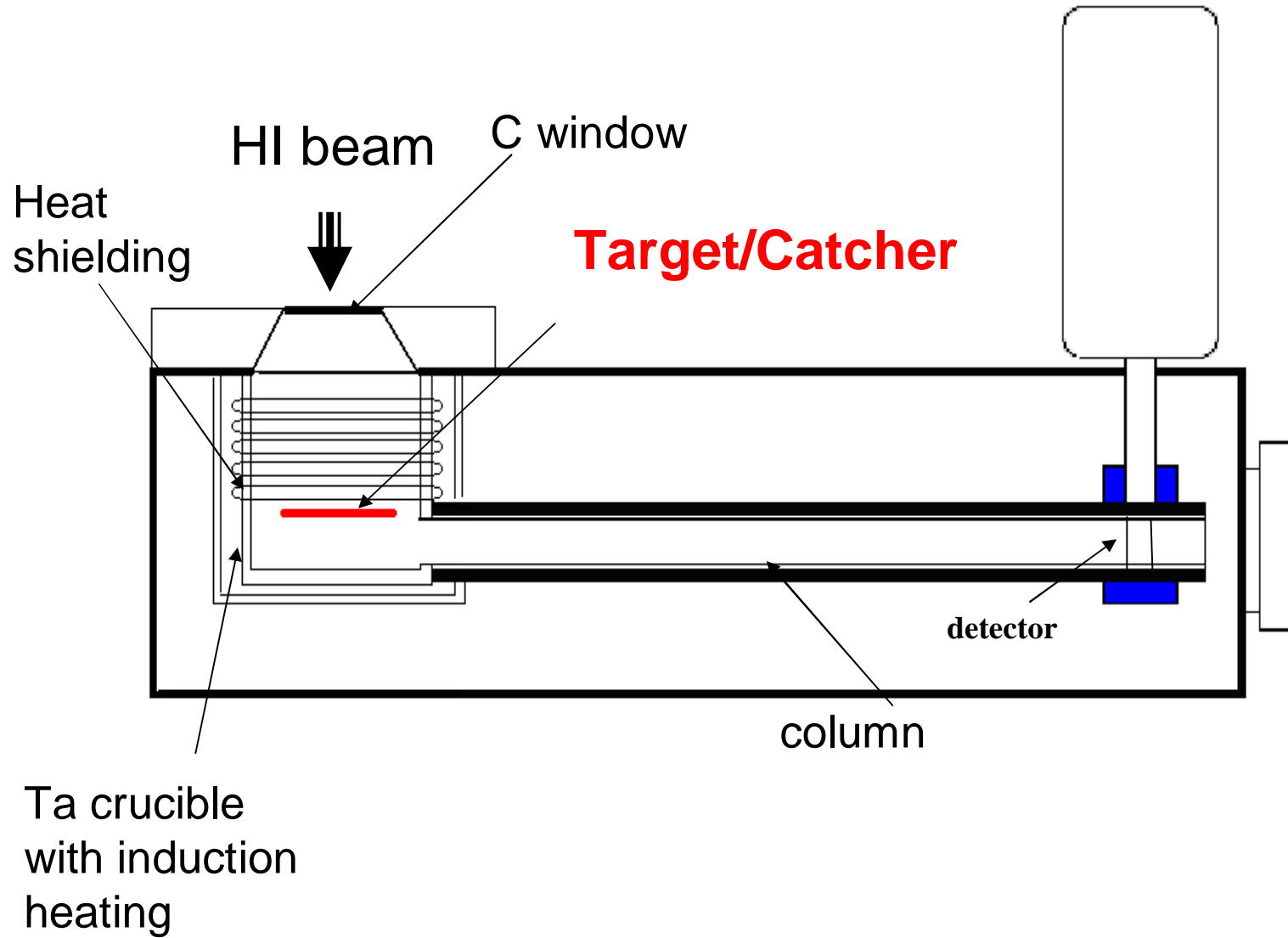
- 1) Investigation of In and Tl elemental state, oxides, and hydroxides interaction with Au, Pt
- 2) Other SHE analogues (Sb, Te etc)
- 3) Experiments with In, Tl and Pb species in vacuum

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Kinetic model of linear

gas adsorption chromatography

Condition :

- * Simple reversible single step adsorption process
i.e. No change of the chemical state during the process and no irreversible reaction with the surface or diffusion into the surface
- * zero surface coverage / carrier free amounts = single atoms

Frenkel-type adsorption kinetics:

$$\tau_a = \tau_o \cdot \exp(-\Delta H_{ads}/RT)$$

phonon frequency of the surface material : τ_o

-> sticking probability if needed

diffusion in the carrier gas
Gilliland's eqn.

ΔH_{ads}

gas transport through tubes:
laminar flow

for short-lived isotopes
radioactive decay: $t_{1/2}$
else: t_{exp}

Monte Carlo Simulation

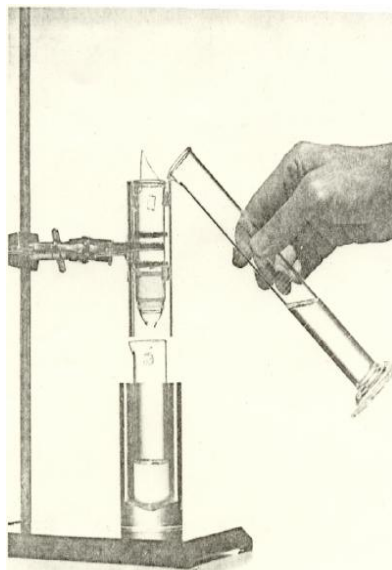
Zvara, I., *Radiochim. Acta* 38, 95 (1985).

Model experiments with ^{113m}In , ^{125}Sb and ^{125m}Te

$^{113}\text{Sn}/^{113m}\text{In}$ generator

Q: What is the radionuclide generator?

A: A radionuclide generator is a system which permits separation of a daughter radionuclide from its parent. Parent has a relatively long half-life compared with the daughter.



The Original $^{99m}\text{Tc}/^{99}\text{Mo}$ Generator Without Shielding

- Parent: ^{99}Mo as molybdate ($^{99}\text{MO}_4^{-2}$)
- Daughter: ^{99m}Tc as pertechnetate ($^{99m}\text{TcO}_4^{-}$)
- Adsorbent Material: Alumina (aluminum oxide, Al_2O_3)
- Eluent: saline (0.9% NaCl)
- Eluate: $^{99m}\text{TcO}_4^{-}$

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