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BATCH PEAK, ACTIVITY, AND SHIELDING FITTING IN INTERSPEC – REV 2

*Automating in-situ analysis, common lab
measurement, or analysis of larger datasets*

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SOME NOTES

- This presentation is using the “bleeding edge” build of InterSpec, available as of 20250611
 - <https://github.com/sandialabs/InterSpec/releases/tag/bleeding-edge>
 - This is an automated build that gets updated every time code is pushed to the repository
 - V1.0.13 contains the “command line” batch tool, and it is expected v1.0.14 will contain the GUI version of the tool (including for macOS)
- This presentation also assumes basic working knowledge of using InterSpec
 - See <https://sandialabs.github.io/InterSpec/> for tutorials and short use videos
- This “batch” processing feature is brand new, and still being tested
 - Bug reports, feature requests, suggestions, and complaints are greatly appreciated!
 - InterSpec@sandia.gov

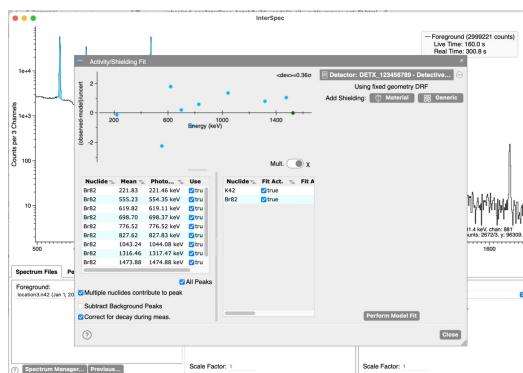




GENERAL IDEA

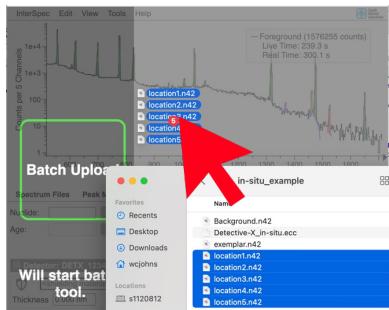
GENERAL PROCESS

Assuming you have many similar measurements you would like to analyze, you can either use GUI or command line tools

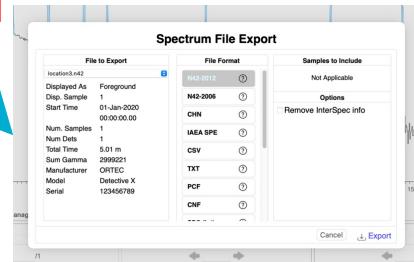


Perform an analysis, on a representative spectrum, referred to as the "exemplar", as normal in InterSpec

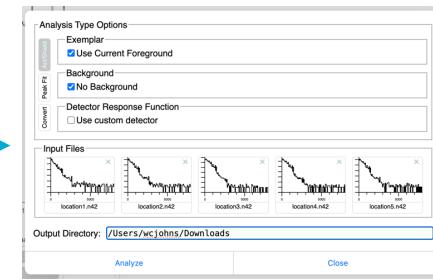
GUI
Command Line



Drag all the files you want to analyze onto InterSpec



Export the spectrum as a N42-2012 file. This will save all fit peaks, nuclide IDs, Energy calibration, detector efficiency function, and your Activity/Shielding fit, into a N42 file



Set the options you want in GUI and hit "Analyze"

```
wcjohns@s1083965ca InterSpec % ./InterSpec_batch --batch-ac  
t --example exemplar.n42 --input-file ./in-situ_exempl  
e/location*.n42 --use-exemplar-energy-cal --out-dir in-situ  
-out
```

From the command line, tell InterSpec_batch, where the exemplar file is, where the other input files are, and any other options – all other files will then be quickly analyzed in a similar fashion to the exemplar ⁴

WHAT YOU'LL GET OUT – BY DEFAULT

A text file, for each input-file,
that contains results + lots of
calculation details

A CSV file with analysis summary of all files

For each input file, peak fits are also saved to an N42 file.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Centroid	Net_Area	Peak	FWHM	FWHM	Reduced	ROI	Total	ROI	File	LiveTime	Date	Time	Nuclide	Photopac
2	keV	Counts	Uncertainty	CPB	%	Chi_Sqr	Counts	ID#	Name						
3	221.83	538.82	139.7	5.64e+001	1.73	0.78%	12	84960	1	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	221.	
4	555.23	9068.3	332.6	6.28e+002	1.86	0.34%	2.64	12196	2	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	554.	
6	619.82	512.82	25.6	4.88e+001	1.89	0.31%	1.23	70917	3	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	619.	
7	686.7	3250.7	194.7	7.07e+002	1.93	0.26%	4.41	41762	4	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	698.	
7	776.52	9114.8	310.4	7.07e+002	1.97	0.25%	4.63	98517	5	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	776.	
8	820.22	10.48	4.09	5.50e+001	1.97	0.25%	1.01	84960	6	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	820.	
9	1043.24	24814.6	164.5	5.50e+002	2.08	0.20%	2.65	28549	7	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	1044.	
9	1316.46	275.00	17.45	2.95e+001	2.2	0.17%	1.71	22130	8	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	1317.	
11	1475.88	118.93	11.0	4.29e+001	2.32	0.16%	1.45	12440	9	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	B8z2	1474.	
11	1523.66	200.8	15.8	2.54e+001	2.58	0.17%	1.47	333	10	160.02	1-Jan-20	0:00:00	K42	152.	

For each input file, a CSV of peak fits

Results for location3.n42

Spec 1 (299921 counts)
Live Time: 160.0 s
Real Time: 300.8 s

Live Time: 160.000 seconds (160.020 s) **Real Time:** 300.760 seconds (5.013 m) **Dead Time:** 46.79%
Manufacture: DETEK **Model:** DETX **Det. Type:** Detective X
Serial Number: 1234567890 **Inst. Model:** Detective X

Detector:
Name: DETX-1234567890 **Detector X, In-air/gas**
Results are fit for activity per square centimeter.
 Attending multiple nucleides being fit for is potentially contribute to the same photopak
 Branching ratios are being corrected for nuclide decay during measurement.

Sources:	Age	Activity	Activity Uncert	Activity Fit?
Bk82	0.0000 s	1.4379 nCi/cm ²	2.5096 pCi/cm ²	true
K42	0.0000 s	22.1893 nCi/cm ²	1.7439 pCi/cm ²	true

Peaks:

Energy (keV)	FWHM	Area	ΔArea	CPS	Brack. Counts	Signal Counts	Assigned Name	Int. Err.	Def. Err.	Pred.	o off
221.83	1.734	5838.2	193.7	36.645 ± 1.931	5838.3 ± 193.7	5838.3 ± 193.7	Bk82	30.358	30.358	5862	-0.12
555.23	1.875	98008	332.64	5.2079 ± 2.079	98008.0 ± 332.6	98008.0 ± 332.6	(554.3)	16.38	16.384	98811	-2.23
610.82	1.892	5838.1	265.59	348.805	58516.0 ± 15.101	58516.0 ± 15.101	Mn56	55.362	55.362	1.704	-0.01

For each input file, a stand-alone HTML file with tables of info, and an interactive spectrum (zoom in/out) you can inspect peak fits with

You can also create custom report output format

Analysis time: 2024-09-16T22:15:37.176002
 Working dir: /Users/weijohnsrad/ana/InterSpec_batch/build/xcode
 Exec build: 2024-09-13
 Exec path: /Users/weijohnsrad/ana/InterSpec_batch/build/xcode/Debug/InterSpec
 Executable File: /in-situ_experiments/exemplar/a42

Results for location1.n42

Warnings

No peak assigned to nuclide K42, not using this nuclide.

Spectrum 1 (276630 counts)
 Live Time: 290.9 s
 Real Time: 300.6 s
 Gamma Sum: 276630 counts
 Detective X

Live Time: 290.880 seconds (4.848 min) **Real Time:** 300.600 seconds (5.010 min) **Dead Time:** 3.23%
Mois. Time: 2023-01-01T00:00:00 **Gamma CPS:** 951.01
Manufacturer: ORTEC **Det. Type:** Detective X
Serial Number: 123456789

Sources:

Nuclide	Age	Activity	Activity Uncert	Activity Fit?
Bk2	0.000us	37.4927 pCi/cm ²	313.3859 fCi/cm ²	true

There were 1 parameters fit for
 It took 44 solution trials to reach chi2=141.09 with an estimated distance to minimum of 2.5981E-5

Results for location2.n42

Spectrum 1 (669401 counts)
 Live Time: 290.3 s
 Real Time: 300.9 s
 Gamma Sum: 669401 counts
 Detective X

A single HTML file with spectra
and results summary for all
input files

OPERATIONS AVAILABLE FOR BATCH ANALYSIS:

- All features of the Activity/Shielding fit tool can be used in batch mode
 - Fitting for activities, nuclide ages, accounting for interferences between nuclides, trace sources, self-attenuating sources, shielding thicknesses, spherical, cylindrical (end and side-on), and rectangular geometries, enrichments, etc
- The energy calibration (that you possibly corrected) of the exemplar can be used with the other input files
 - You can also get minor updates to that by having the batch analysis fit for energy calibration based off the fit peaks
- All peak-fitting possibilities are allowed (various peak skews, sharing ROIs, continua type, fixing FWHM, etc)
- You can specify background file to either peak-by-peak subtraction, or a “hard” background subtraction (i.e., channel-by-channel)
- You can also choose to just fit for peaks, instead of activities and such

LIMITATIONS OF THE BATCH ANALYSIS

- Only peaks, and nuclides in the “exemplar” file are fit for
- The activity and shielding fit setup has to be the same for all similar input files
- You have to perform the analysis in the exemplar file first in InterSpec
- Use and testing has so far been pretty limited – let us know if you find issues
- The “Isotopics from peaks”, “Isotopics by nuclides”, “Detection Confidence Tool”, or “Flux Tool” have not been implemented for batch analysis
 - Let InterSpec@sandia.gov know if these would be useful to you

IN-SITU EXAMPLE



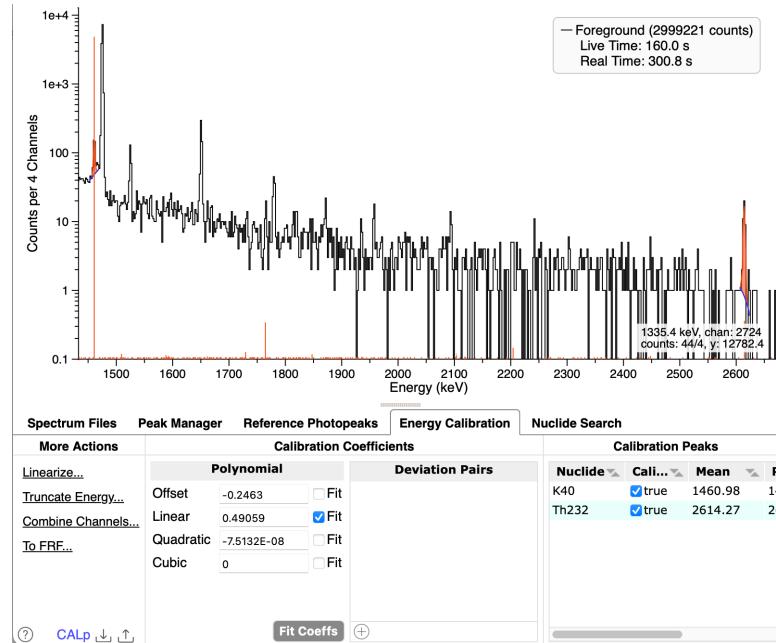
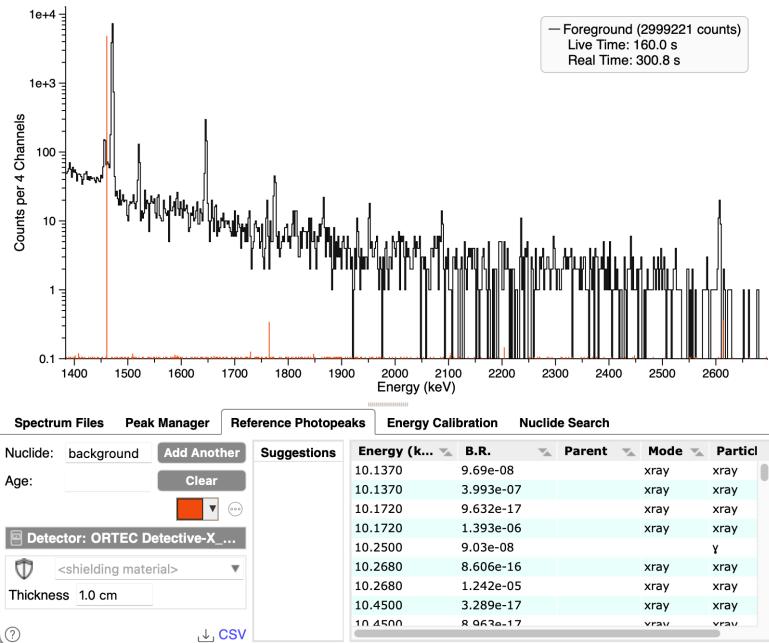
- Setup: there was a contamination event and in-situ measurements were taken at various places throughout the region, with a Detective-X detector, 1 meter from the ground, pointed down.
- Please see the included “in-situ_example” directory for 5 data files, a background, and the “Detective-X_in-situ.ecc” file, which is the expected full-energy peak efficiency for the detector for surface contamination, computed using ISOCs
- We will step through the batch analysis process in the following slides

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 1: PICK EXEMPLAR



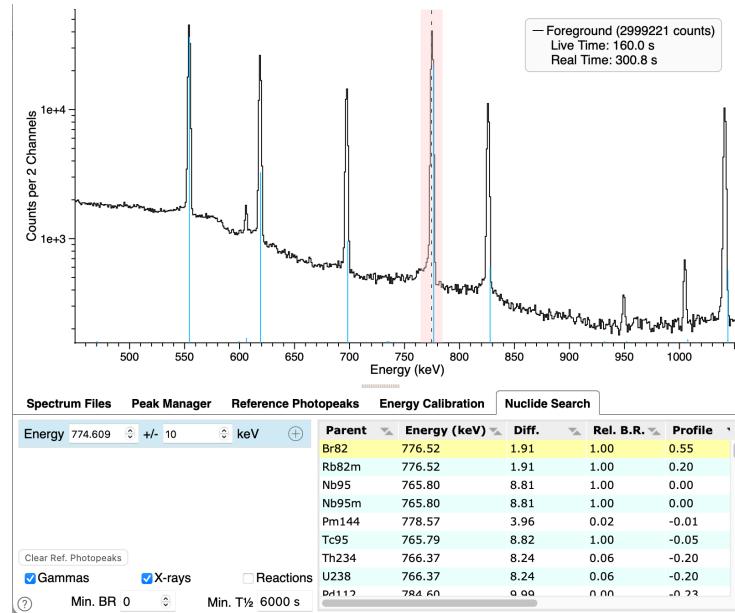
- Pick the file to use as as the “exemplar”
 - This file should have all the peaks you might want to use for activity analysis
 - Usually you can just quickly compare the spectra against each other, and use the file with the most peaks, if it even matters
- After picking the “exemplar”, load that file as the foreground, using the “Spectrum Files” tab

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 2: CHECK ENERGY CAL



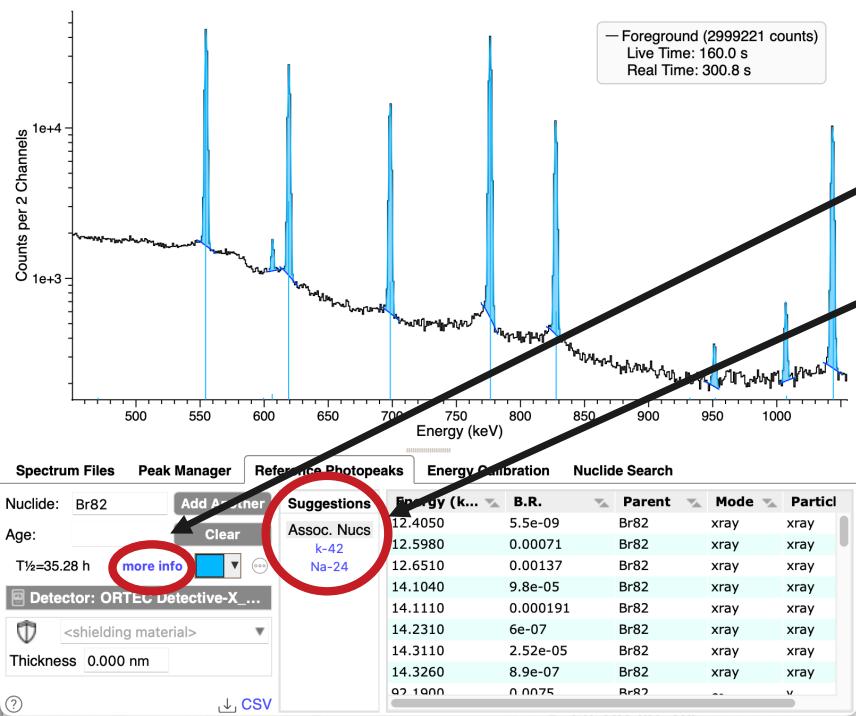
- Check, and fix, the energy calibration
 - For these spectra, show either the "background" or "K40" reference lines, and then double click on what should be the 1460 keV peak and/or 2614 keV peak
 - K40 should have been associated with the peak at ~1457 keV when you fit it, if you were showing the reference lines. If not, please associate K40 with the peak by using "Peak Editor", or "Peak Manager" tab. Similar for 2614 keV peak
 - Go to the "Energy Calibration" tab, and select to fit only the "Linear" energy calibration coefficient, then hit "Fit Coeffs" button

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 3: NUCLIDE ID



- Select the “Nuclide Search” tab, and then click near the mean of one of the larger non-background peaks – this will fill this energy to search on, and the result table will populate
 - Click the different result rows to find which nuclide is a candidate – shown above the first result of Br82 matches well

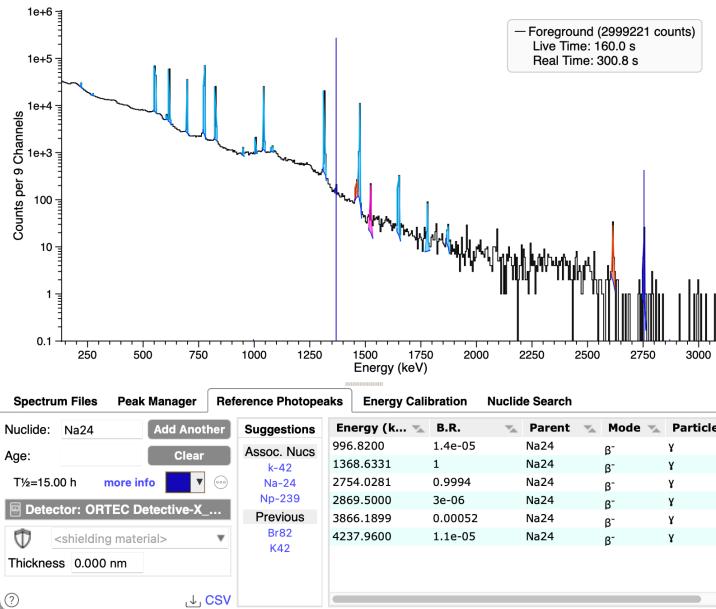
IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 3: PEAK FIT



Tip: clicking the “more info” link, and/or checking for the presence of associated nuclides is useful

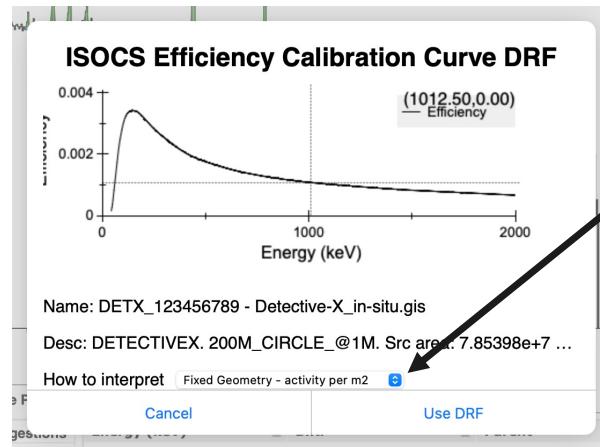
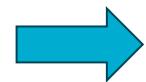
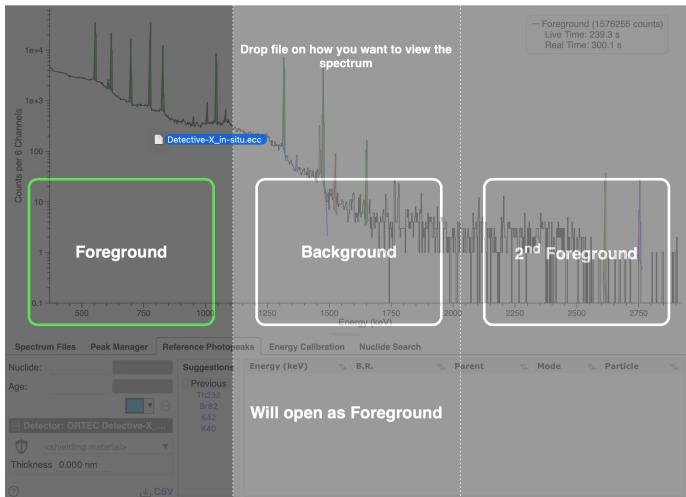
- Fit peaks explained by this nuclide
 - Usually double-clicking on the spectrum near the peak is good enough
 - You can also use the “Search for Peaks” button on the “Peak Manager” tab

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 4: REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3



- For any unidentified, non-background peaks, repeat steps 2 and 3, of performing nuclide ID and fitting the peaks
 - For this example, both K42 and Na24 that were shown as associated with Br82 are present

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 5: LOAD DETECTOR EFFICIENCY FUNCTION

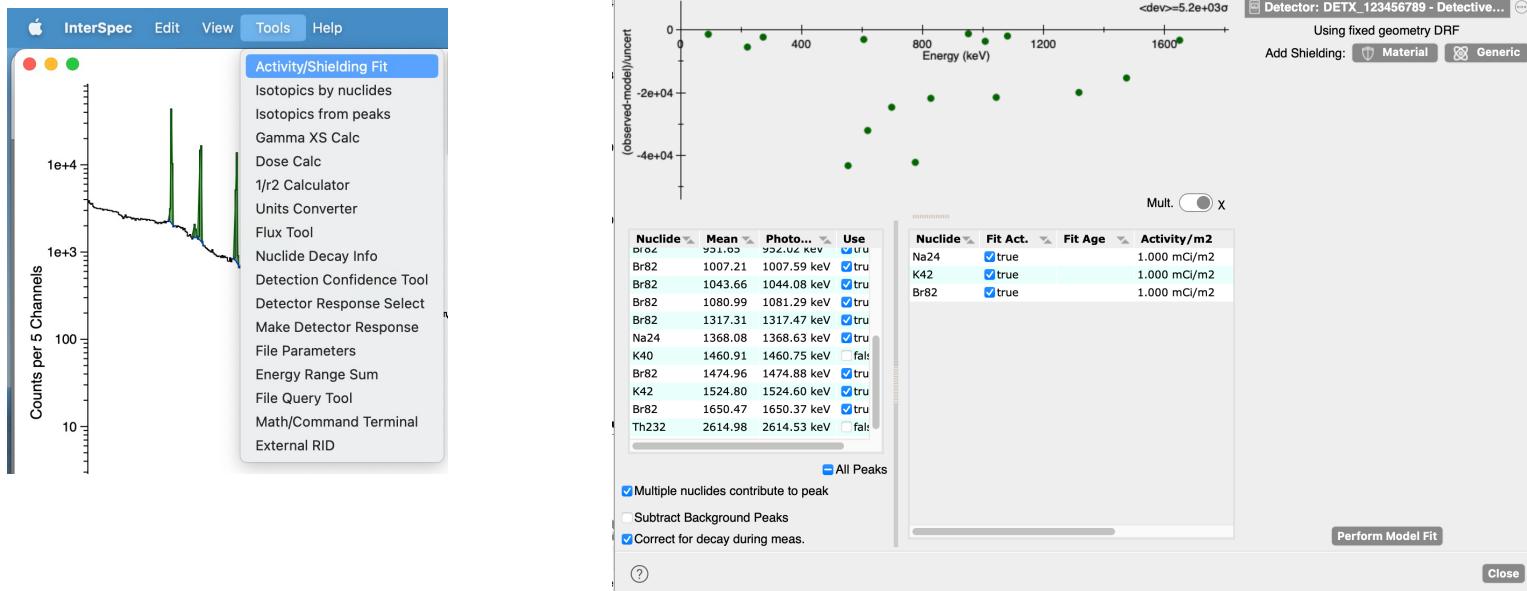


Select this det.
efficiency is for
activity per m²

- Drag-n-drop the "Detective-X_in-situ.ecc" file onto InterSpec
 - You will then get a dialog asking how to interpret this file
 - This efficiency was made to be in activity meter square meter in ISOCS.
 - Then click the "Use DRF" button

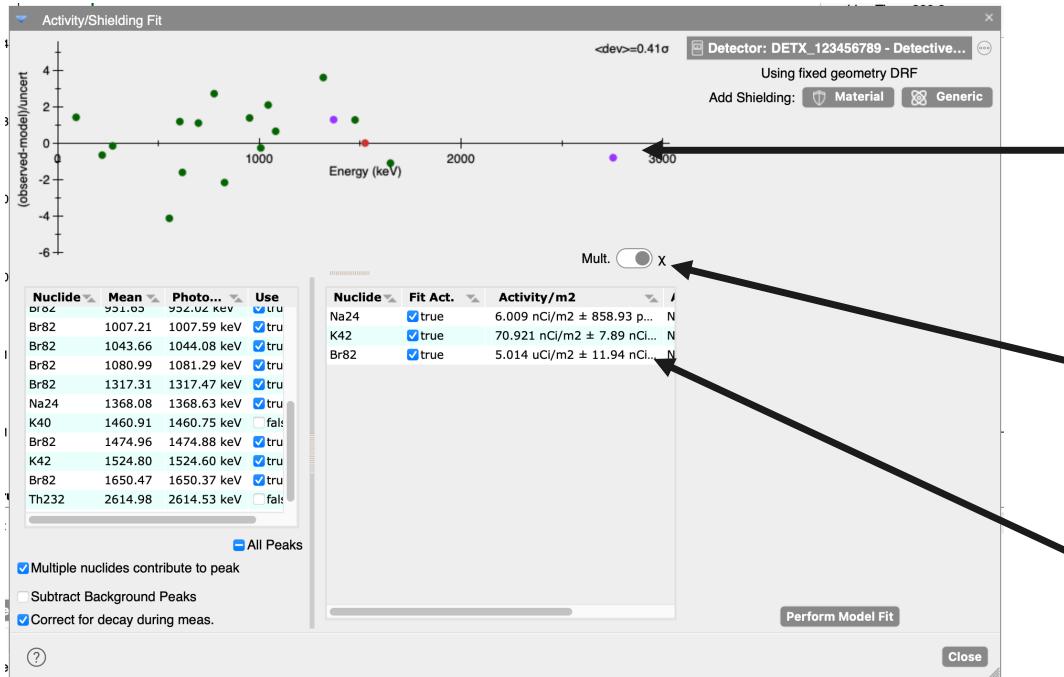
Note: InterSpec comes with many detector efficiency functions, or there are a number of other ways to load, or sources of, detector efficiency functions - this example is specific to using an ISOCS result

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 6: FIT ACTIVITIES



- From the tools menu, go to “Activity/Shielding Fit”
- From left-hand side, select which peaks you would like to use
 - If you fit any background peaks, at a minimum, you probably want to de-select those
- We don’t need any shielding, or background subtraction, nuclide ages, or anything else for this simple problem, but if your problem requires these things, you would set them up now

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 6: FIT ACTIVITIES (CONT)



These dots show within how many statistical sigma each peak is to the final answer – should be scattered between around ± 5

Some people prefer to instead look at the activity multiple of each peak – use this switch here

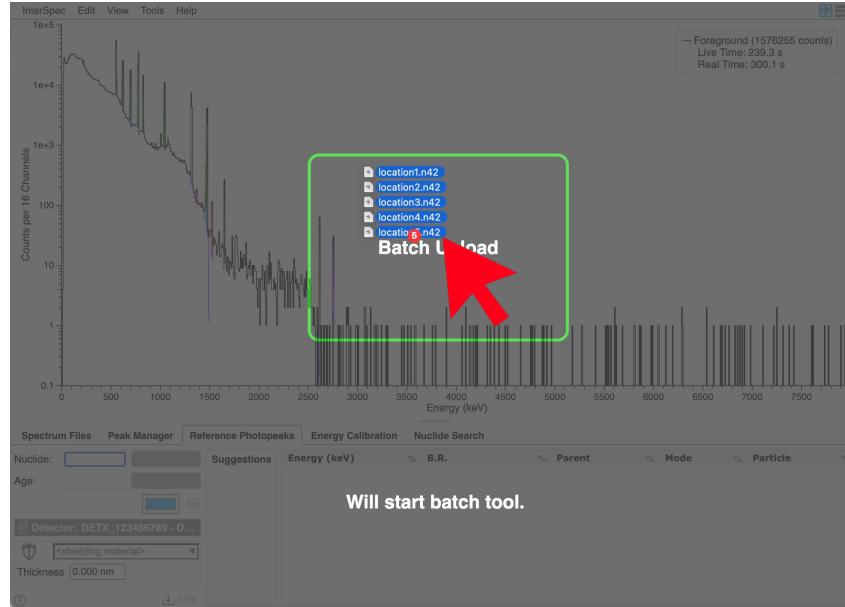
The fit activities are here

- Click “Perform Model Fit” button, and you should get something like the above
- If you choose, you can use only a single peak for each nuclide, or you can use the weighted mean of more than one
 - The primary InterSpec author prefers to use all peaks, to make sure everything is consistent



THE GUI ROUTE

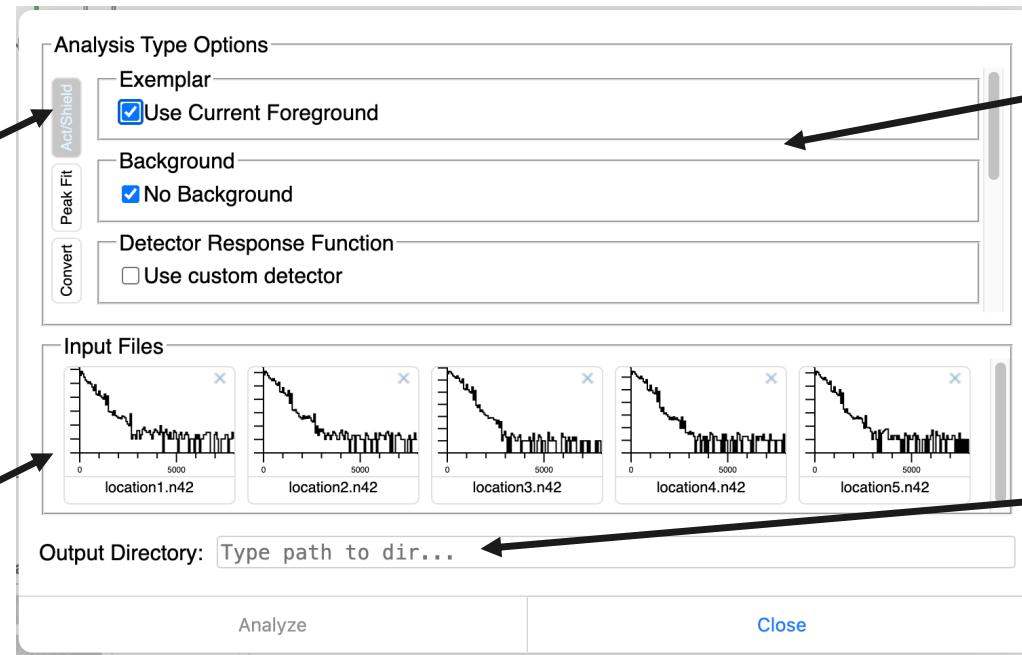
IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 7: DRAG A BUNCH OF FILES ONTO INTERSPEC



- You might want to save your work by exporting the current file as a N42-2012 file – this will save all your peaks, energy calibration, and Act/Shield fit setup into the N42 file
- From Windows Explorer, macOS Finder, or Linux File manager – drag all the files you want to analyze onto InterSpec, and let go

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 8: SELECT OPTIONS

Make sure
“Act/Shield” analysis
type is selected
here



You can drag more
files to analyze into
this area

There is a bunch
of options here, so
scroll down

You need to select
an output directory
to save here
(some OS will have
a directory chooser)

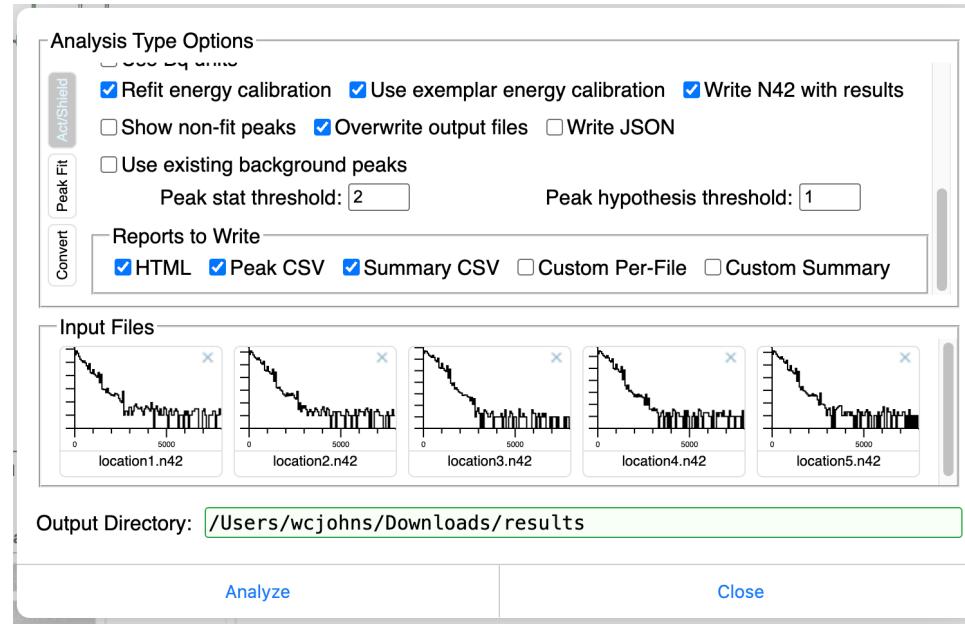
IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 8: OPTIONS TO SELECT



Exemplar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Current Foreground
Background	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Background
Detector Response Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Use custom detector
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Ba units
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refit energy calibration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use exemplar energy calibration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write N42 with results
	<input type="checkbox"/> Show non-fit peaks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overwrite output files <input type="checkbox"/> Write JSON
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use existing background peaks
	Peak stat threshold: <input type="text" value="2"/>
	Peak hypothesis threshold: <input type="text" value="1"/>
Reports to Write	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HTML <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peak CSV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summary CSV <input type="checkbox"/> Custom Per-File <input type="checkbox"/> Custom Summary

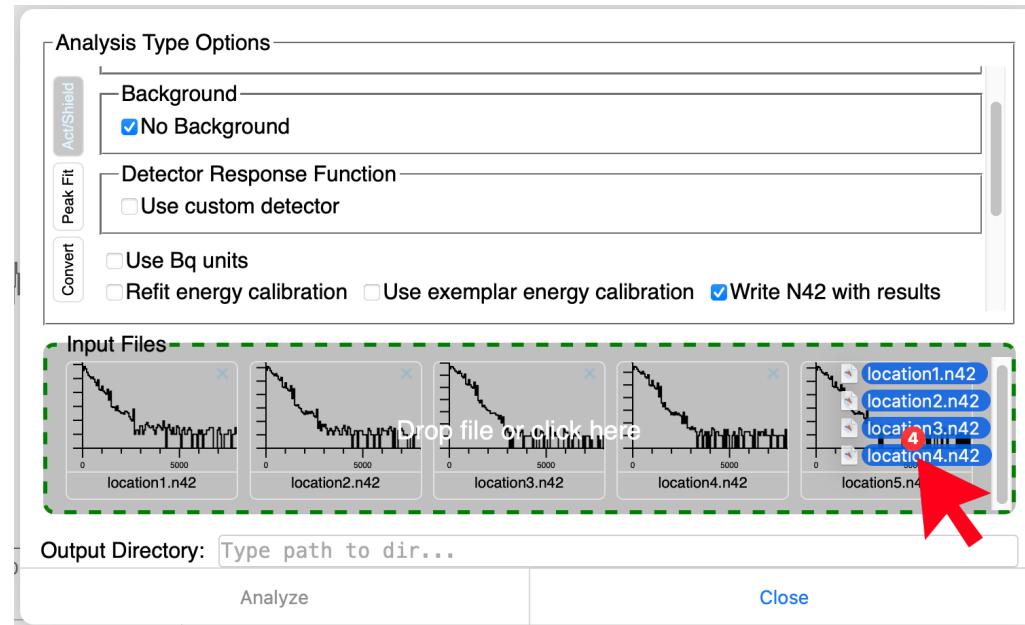
- If you hover your mouse over each of the options, a tool tip will show with further explanation
- These are the same options available from the command line
- For the example problem, choose these options

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – STEP 8: SELECT OUTPUT DIRECTORY



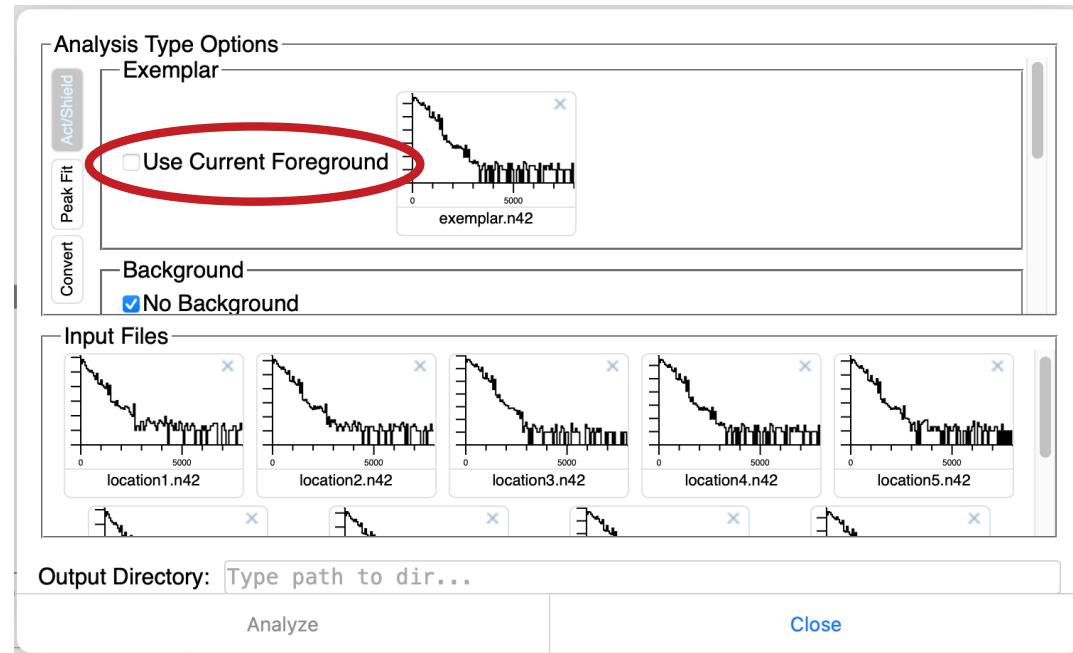
- Depending on the OS/build of InterSpec, you may need to either select the directory, or copy/paste/type in the full path
- If you re-use an output directory from a previous analysis – the results will not be overwritten by default, unless you select the “Overwrite output files” checkbox.

SIDE NOTE:



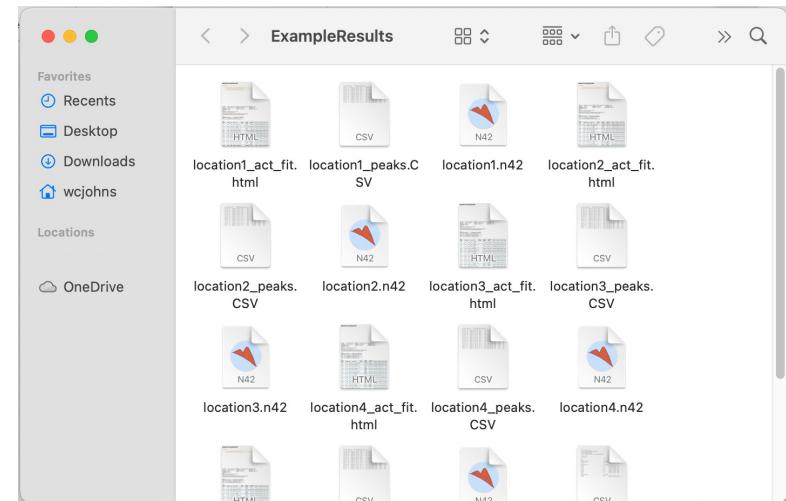
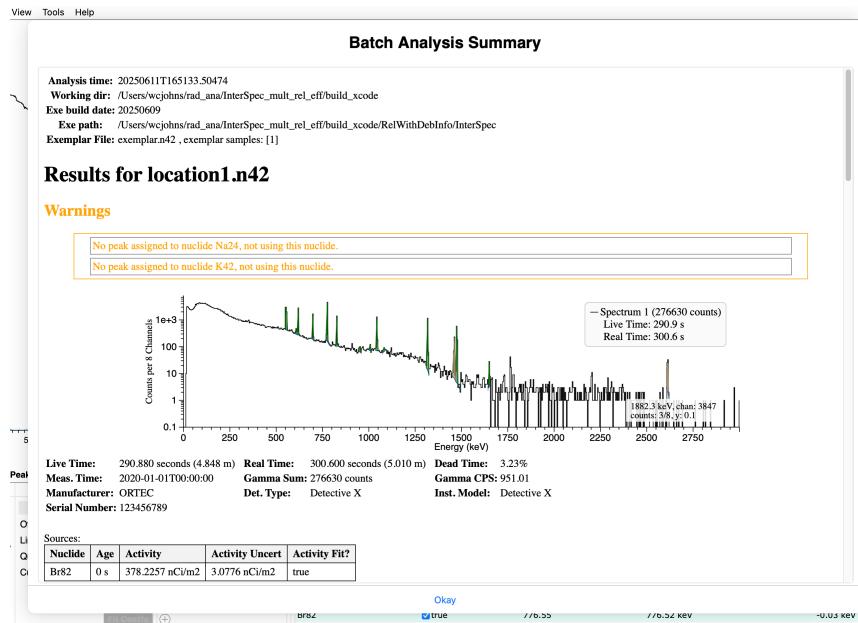
- You can drag-n-drop more input files to the input-files area (or click in an empty space in the area to bring up file browser)
- Same thing for selecting background file, or custom detector efficiency

ANOTHER SIDE NOTE



- You don't have to use the currently loaded foreground for your exemplar – you can use a N42 file you exported from InterSpec, that has the exemplar peaks or Act/Shield setup
- Same thing applies to detector efficiency function and background spectrum

STEP 8: RESULTS (MORE DETAILS LATER)

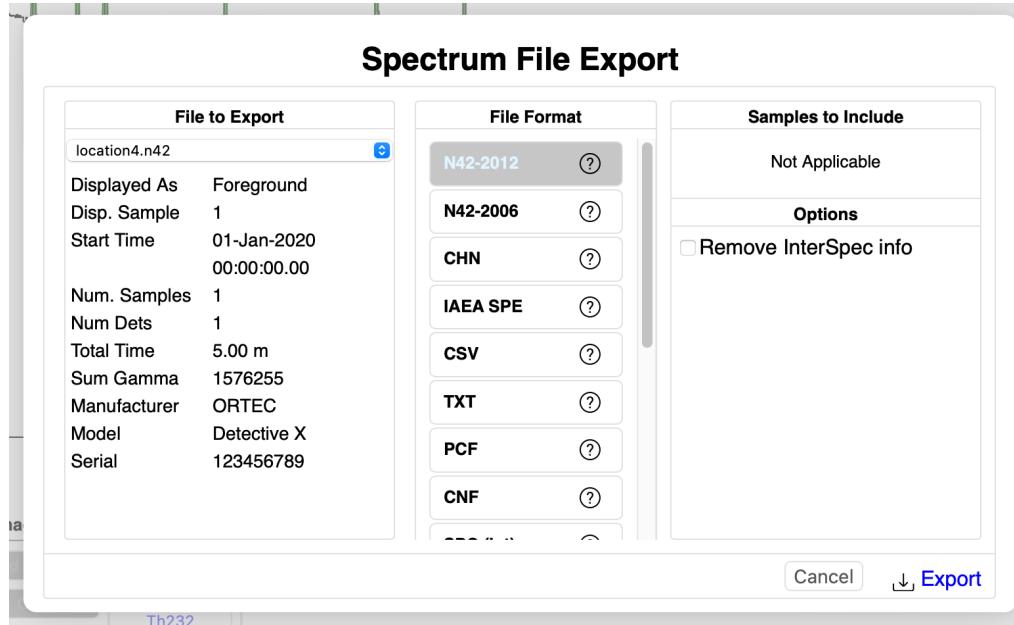


- After the analysis you will get pop-ups with any warnings/errors, as well as a summary of results, that you can scroll through
- You will get a bunch of files in the output directory – some will contain summaries/info from all the files, and some will be for each individual file



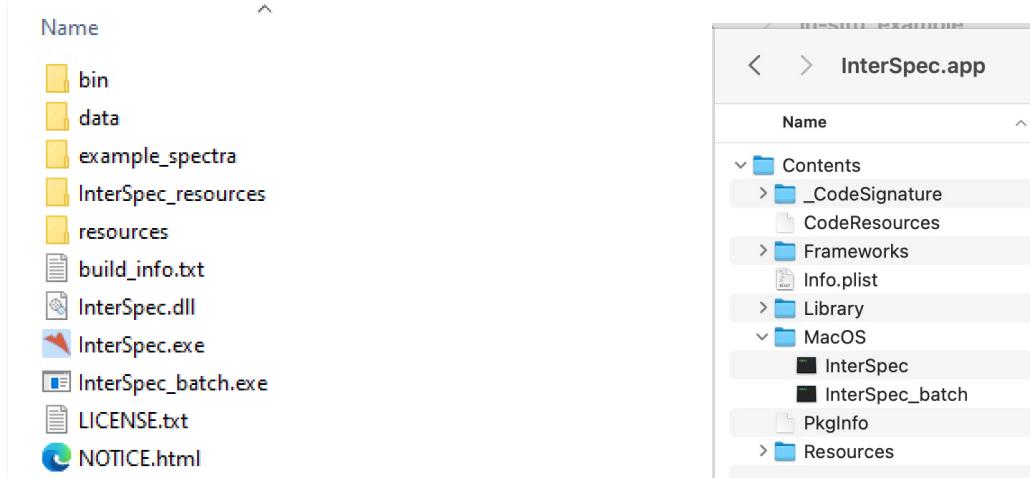
THE COMMAND-LINE ROUTE

IN-SITU EXAMPLE - COMMAND LINE - STEP 7: EXPORT N42 FILE



- Close the “Activity/Shielding Fit” tool, and go to **InterSpec → Export File...**
- Select N42-2012 format (default), and then click the “Export” button
 - You may want to save the file with something like “exemplar” as the file name

IN-SITU EXAMPLE - COMMAND LINE - STEP 8: RUN BATCH ANALYSIS

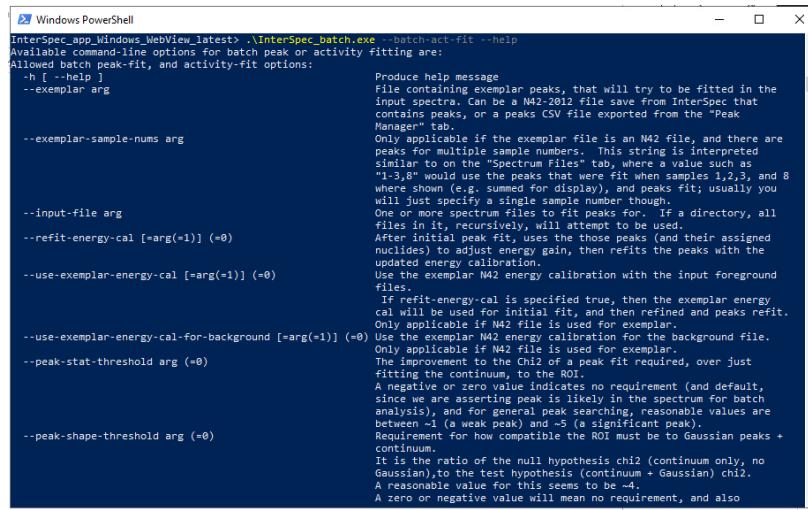


- Starting with InterSpec v1.0.13, or “bleeding edge” builds in September of 2024, InterSpec comes with two executables, the normal GUI application, and “InterSpec_batch” to be used from the command line
 - “bleeding edge” build at <https://github.com/sandialabs/InterSpec/releases/tag/bleeding-edge>
 - On Windows “InterSpec_batch.exe” is right next to normal InterSpec.exe
 - On macOS, you would access it at /Applications/InterSpec.app/Contents/MacOS/InterSpec_batch
 - As of Sep. 2024, the Linux, or “Electron” build for Windows doesn’t support batch, but it is expected to just be the same executable as launches the GUI

IN-SITU EXAMPLE - COMMAND LINE - STEP 8: RUN BATCH ANALYSIS (CONT)

- You will need to open up a terminal (Power Shell, or CMD on Windows, and Terminal.app or iTerm on macOS), and all following commands assume Windows, and you have cd'd to the same directory as the InterSpec_batch executable (but this isn't required – just for brevity)
- There are a lot of options, and you can type “InterSpec_batch.exe --help” to get a list of options, and the specific one we are interested in is “--batch-act-fit”, so we can get help on this sub-option using:

InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --help



```
Windows PowerShell
InterSpec_app_Windows_WebView_latest> .\InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --help
Available command-line options for batch peak or activity fitting are:
Allowed batch peak-fit, and activity-fit options:
  -h [ --help ]                                     Produce help message
  --exemplar arg                                     File containing exemplar peaks, that will try to be fitted in the
                                                       input spectra. Can be a M42-2012 file save from InterSpec
                                                       that contains peaks, or a peaks CSV file exported from the "Peak
                                                       Manager" tab.
  --exemplar-sample-nums arg                         Only applicable if the exemplar file is an M42 file, and there are
                                                       peaks for multiple sample numbers. This string is interpreted
                                                       similarly on the "Spectrum Files" tab, where a value like
                                                       "1-3" would mean peaks fit for the samples 1,2,3, and 8
                                                       where shown (e.g., summed for display), and peaks fit; usually you
                                                       will just specify a single sample number though.
  --input-file arg                                    One or more spectrum files to fit peaks for. If a directory, all
                                                       files in it, recursively, will attempt to be used.
  --refit-energy-cal [=arg(=1)] (=0)                 After initial peak fit, uses those peaks (and their assigned
                                                       nuclides) to adjust energy gain, then refits the peaks with the
                                                       updated energy calibration.
  --use-exemplar-energy-cal [=arg(=1)] (=0)          Use the exemplar M42 energy calibration with the input foreground
                                                       files.
                                                       If refit-energy-cal is specified true, then the exemplar energy
                                                       cal will be used for initial fit, and then refined and peaks refit.
                                                       Only applicable if M42 file is used for exemplar.
  --use-exemplar-energy-cal-for-background [=arg(=1)] (=0) Use the exemplar M42 energy calibration for the background file.
                                                       Only applicable if M42 file is used for exemplar.
  --peak-stat-threshold arg (=0)                     The improvement to the Chi2 of a peak fit required, over just
                                                       fitting the continuum. A negative or zero value indicates no requirement (and default,
                                                       since we are asserting peak is likely in the spectrum for batch
                                                       analysis), and for general peak searching, reasonable values are
                                                       between -1 (a weak peak) and -5 (a significant peak).
                                                       Requirement for how compatible the ROI must be to Gaussian peaks +
                                                       continuum.
  --peak-shape-threshold arg (=0)                   It is the ratio of the null hypothesis chi2 (continuum only, no
                                                       Gaussian), to the test hypothesis (continuum + Gaussian) chi2.
                                                       A reasonable value for this seems to be -4.
                                                       A zero or negative value will mean no requirement, and also
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IN-SITU EXAMPLE - COMMAND LINE - STEP 8: RUN BATCH ANALYSIS (CONT)



```
InterSpec_app_Windows_WebView_latest> .\InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit
>>   --exemplar .\in-situ_example\exemplar.n42
>>   --use-exemplar-energy-cal
>>   --input-file .\in-situ_example\location*.n42
>>   --out-dir in-situ-results
```

- If you read through the options, the options we want to specify are:
 - --exemplar “\Path\To\Exemplar.n42”
 - This is the N42 file we exported in step 7
 - --use-exemplar-energy-cal
 - This says to use the energy cal we fit in the exemplar, for each of the input foreground files
 - --input-file \Path\To\Input\location*.n42
 - This uses a wildcard (*) to specify all the input files to be analyzed. You could instead type out each one individually
 - --out-dir \Path\To\Results\Output
 - This is the directory to place the results in – it **must** already exist

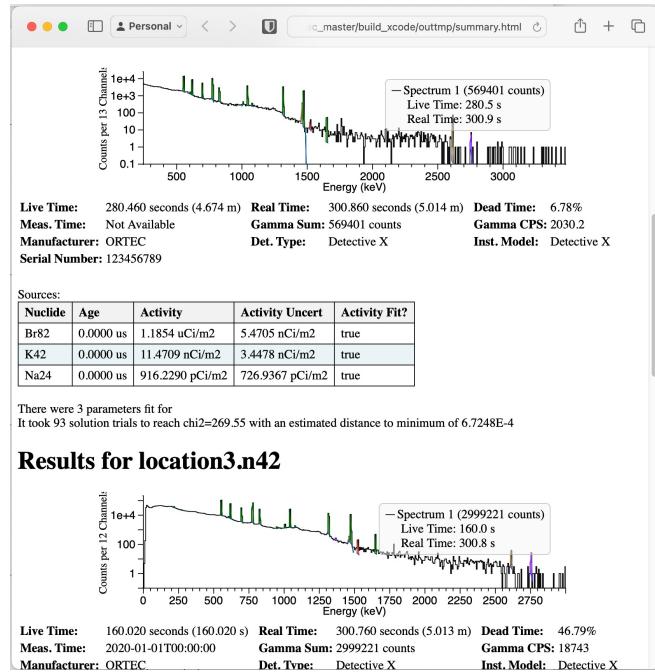
IN-SITU EXAMPLE - RESULTS



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
location1_act_fit.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	622 KB
location1_act_fit.txt	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Text Document	10 KB
location1_peaks.CSV	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
location2_act_fit.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	623 KB
location2_act_fit.txt	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Text Document	10 KB
location2_peaks.CSV	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
location3_act_fit.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	625 KB
location3_act_fit.txt	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Text Document	10 KB
location3_peaks.CSV	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
location4_act_fit.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	624 KB
location4_act_fit.txt	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Text Document	10 KB
location4_peaks.CSV	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
location5_act_fit.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	623 KB
location5_act_fit.txt	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Text Document	10 KB
location5_peaks.CSV	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
summary.csv	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Excel C...	5 KB
summary.html	9/27/2024 4:20 PM	Microsoft Edge H...	813 KB

- After running the command, you should see contents similar to the above in your specified output directory.
- There is both a HTML and TXT result for each input file
- And there is a summary HTML and CSV file
- What gets output can be customized – will briefly cover later

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – INITIAL RESULTS



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Setup							
2		Analysis time : 20240930T191236.64523						
3		Working dir : /Users/wcjohns/rad_ana/InterSpec_master/build_xcode						
4		Exe build date : InterSpec build date: Sep 28 2024						
5		Exe build date : InterSpec build date: 20240922						
6		Exe path : /Users/wcjohns/rad_ana/InterSpec_master/build_xcode/Debug/InterSpec						
7								
8		Exemplar File : in-situ_example/ex_exemplar.n42						
9								
10								
11								
12	Filename	Nuclide	Activity	ActivityUncertainty	ActivityUncertainty (%)	Activity (uCi)	ActivityUncertainty (uCi)	Activity
13	Warnings:							
14	No peak ass	not using this nuclide.						
15	No peak ass	not using this nuclide.						
16	location1.n4	Br82	378.2924 nCi	3.0787 nCi/m ²	0.81%	0.378292435	0.003078711	378292
17	location2.n4	Br82	1.1854 uCi/r	5.4705 nCi/m ²	0.46%	1.18535712	0.00547053	118535
18	location2.n4	K42	11.4709 nCi	3.4478 nCi/m ²	30.06%	0.011470867	0.00344783	11470.8
19	location2.n4	Na24	916.2290 pCi	726.9367 pCi/m ²	79.34%	0.000916229	0.000726937	916.22
20	location3.n4	Br82	14.3761 uCi	25.0019 nCi/m ²	0.17%	14.37607905	0.025001861	14376
21	location3.n4	K42	221.7385 nCi	17.8173 nCi/m ²	8.04%	0.221738536	0.017817321	221738
22	location3.n4	Na24	7.6880 nCi/r	1.3658 nCi/m ²	17.76%	0.00768796	0.001365839	7687.96
23	location4.n4	Br82	5.0143 uCi/r	12.0511 nCi/m ²	0.24%	5.01433975	0.012051082	501433
24	location4.n4	K42	70.9220 nCi	8.1356 nCi/m ²	11.47%	0.070922035	0.008135566	70922.0
25	location4.n4	Na24	5.8791 nCi/r	908.8983 pCi/m ²	15.46%	0.005879103	0.000908898	5879.1
26	Warnings:							
27	No peak ass	not using this nuclide.						
28	location5.n4	Br82	1.6434 uCi/r	6.4303 nCi/m ²	0.39%	1.643423499	0.006430256	16434
29	location5.n4	K42	16.8760 nCi	3.7722 nCi/m ²	22.35%	0.016876015	0.00377218	16876.

- The HTML files all contain interactive spectra (you can zoom in/out), showing peak fits, and some basic summary information
- CSV summary file contains just activities
- HTML/TXT files for individual files contain more information than the summary files

IN-SITU EXAMPLE – COMPARISON TO GENIE2K



Location	Nuclide	InterSpec Act. ($\mu\text{Ci}/\text{m}^2$)	Genie2k Act. ($\mu\text{Ci}/\text{m}^2$)
	1 Br82	0.378292	0.383800
	3 Br82	14.376079	14.270000
	K42	0.221739	0.205800
	4 Br82	5.014340	5.038000
	K42	0.070922	0.067150
	5 Br82	1.643423	1.641000

- A standard FRMAC analysis sequence was used with Genie2k, using the same detector efficiency, to compare activities
 - Activities below a pre-set detection threshold not shown
 - There was an error analyzing location 2 in Genie2k, so it is not shown
 - Key lines were used in G2K, but weighted average of peak used in InterSpec
- Results the same, within expectations

ADDITIONAL COMMAND LINE OPTIONS

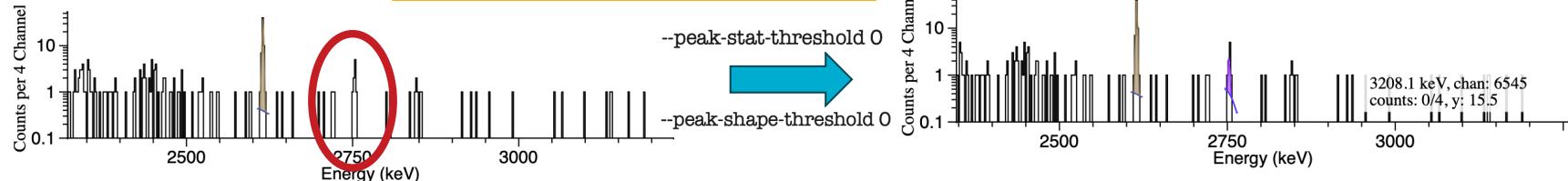


- Command-line options you can read about if you
“InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --help”
 - help,
ini-file,
exemplar, exemplar-sample-nums,
refit-energy-cal, use-exemplar-energy-cal, use-exemplar-energy-cal-for-background,
peak-stat-threshold, peak-shape-threshold,
back-sub-file, background-sample-nums, hard-background-subtract,
use-existing-background-peaks,
include-nonfit-peaks,
out-dir, overwrite-output-files,
write-n42-with-results, peak-csv-output, result-json-output, print,
file-report-template, summary-report-template, report-template-include-dir
drf-file, drf-name,
distance,
use-bq
- The more notable options will be explained in the next few slides

COMMAND LINE OPTIONS – PEAK THRESHOLDS

Results for location5.n42

No peak assigned to nuclide Na24, not using this nuclide.



The default peak threshold settings cause the 2754 keV Na24 peak of “location 5” file to not be fit

```
--peak-stat-threshold arg (=0)  
--peak-shape-threshold arg (=0)
```

The improvement to the Chi2 of a peak fit required, over just fitting the continuum, to the ROI.
A negative or zero value indicates no requirement (and default, since we are asserting peak is likely in the spectrum for batch analysis), and for general peak searching, reasonable values are between ~1 (a weak peak) and -5 (a significant peak).
Requirement for how compatible the ROI must be to Gaussian peaks + continuum.
It is the ratio of the null hypothesis chi2 (continuum only, no Gaussian), to the test hypothesis (continuum + Gaussian) chi2.
A reasonable value for this seems to be ~4.
A zero or negative value will mean no requirement, and also no 'peak-stat-threshold' requirement.

- By default, InterSpec requires peaks to be *something like* 2 sigma significant, and to match the data better than just a continuum, but we can adjust these settings
- **--peak-stat-threshold**
 - This is roughly stat significance improvement over just a flat continuum – but if you think of it as number of sigma significant the peak is, it is close-enough
- **--peak-shape-threshold**
 - Ratio of null-hypothesis χ^2 (i.e., continuum only) to χ^2 of continuum + Gaussian

COMMAND LINE OPTIONS – MORE USEFUL OPTIONS



- `--overwrite-output-files`
 - By default the output files won't be overwritten, if you run the analysis again, this option lets you overwrite them, in case you are running many times
- `--peak-csv-output`
 - Write CSVs of the peaks fit for each input file – these are same CSV file you can download from the "Peak Manager" tab, or that can be saved from Peak Easy
- `--write-n42-with-results`
 - Will write N42 files, with the fit peaks in them, for each input file; will eventually include the Act/Shield Fit setup
- `--use-exemplar-energy-cal, --use-exemplar-energy-cal-for-background`
 - Use the exemplars energy calibration for the input foreground, and/or background
- `--refit-energy-cal`
 - If specified, after fitting peaks (and if specified using exemplar energy cal), will fit the energy calibration coefficients - will then re-fit the peaks. Useful for small energy cal drifts during measurements, because the ROIs are defined by energy, so this helps in getting consistent ROI extents
- `--back-sub-file, --hard-background-subtract`
 - If signal peaks overlap background peaks, you can account for this by specifying a background spectrum file. By default InterSpec will try to fit peaks in the background, and then do a peak-by-peak subtraction, unless you specify a "hard" background subtraction, then the background will be subtracted on a channel-by-channel basis

USING A INI FILE TO SPECIFY COMMAND-LINE ARGUMENTS

- Typing everything can be tedious, so you can instead use a combination of a INI file, and command-line options
- Any option specified in the INI file, will be overruled if the option is specified on the command-line
- If you save this file as “InterSpec_batch.ini” in your current working directory, it will automatically be used.

Or you can specify the INI file explicitly like:

“InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --ini-file config.ini ...”

- You still need to specify “--batch-act-fit” on the command-line
- You also probably want to specify “--input-file” on the command line, so you can use wildcard (*) to list many files easily

Using the INI file shown, the command would then be:

InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --ini-file config.ini

```
1 # A example default batch activity INI file
2
3 # the out-dir must exist, or you will get an error
4 out-dir = result_dir
5
6 # Allow overwriting previous results in case we need
7 # to run multiple times to get options right
8 overwrite-output-files = true
9
10 # Use the corrected energy cal in the exemplar for the input files
11 use-exemplar-energy-cal = true
12
13 # Dont use exemplar energy cal for background - it was corrected
14 # manually already
15 use-exemplar-energy-cal-for-background = false
16
17 # Require the peaks to be reasonable shape and significance
18 peak-stat-threshold = 3
19 peak-shape-threshold = 2
20
21 # Lets not bother refitting energy cal for each input file, the
22 # calibration looks stable for all input files
23 refit-energy-cal = false
24
25 # Exemplar file to use
26 exemplar = in-situ_example/exemplar.n42
27
28 # If you want to specify input foreground files, you can specify
29 # 'input-file' multiple times - but you can not use wildcards.
30 input-file = in-situ_example/location1.n42
31 input-file = in-situ_example/location2.n42
32 input-file = in-situ_example/location3.n42
33 input-file = in-situ_example/location4.n42
```

Example config.ini file contents

CUSTOMIZING OUTPUT REPORTS



- The output of the analysis can be highly customized
- InterSpec uses the wonderful `{{ injas }}` templating library to create the output files; you can specify for InterSpec to use a template file that you choose.
 - For example, a simple template to make a CSV of the activity, of all files could be:

```
## for file in Files
## if existsIn(file,"Sources")
## for src in file.Sources
{{ file.Filename }}, {{ src.Nuclide }}, {{ src.Activity_uCi }}, {{ src.ActivityUncert_uCi }}
## endfor
## endif
## endfor
```

- This loops over all input files, and prints a line for each fit nuclide, giving its activity and uncertainty, in uCi.
- If you saved the above as `my_summary.tmplt.csv`, then you would specify to use it as:
`InterSpec_batch.exe --batch-act-fit --summary-report-template my_summary.tmplt.csv ...`
And the output would be `my_summary.csv` in the specified output directory

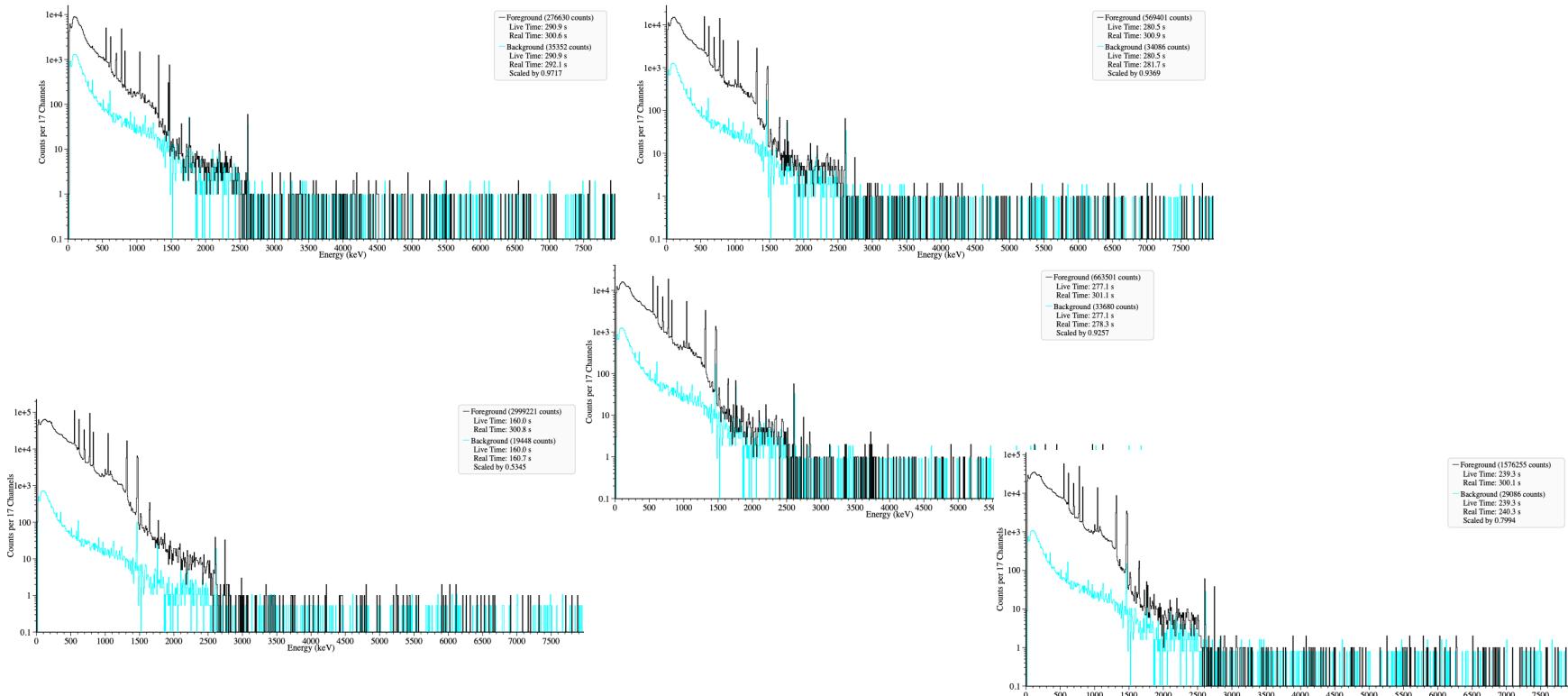
CUSTOMIZING OUTPUT REPORTS (CONT)

- Full documentation of the templating language can be found at:
<https://github.com/pantor/inja>
- The input to `{{ inja }}` is JSON, that InterSpec creates during the calculation, and with the results.
 - You can save this JSON by specifying the --result-json-output argument, so you can then open up the JSON file, and see variables you want to use in the report template
 - Its then fairly straightforward to look for what you want in the JSON file, and use it within your custom template file
 - An absolute ton of information is saved into the JSON – but if anything has been missed you would like, please email InterSpec@sandia.gov
- The default output from batch processing is created from the templates in
 InterSpec\InterSpec_resources\static_text\ShieldSourceFitLog\
You can probably start from these and just edit them to what you want

SUMMARY

- The “batch” version of InterSpec hopefully makes repetitive peak-fitting, or Activity/Shielding fitting less mundane.
- As of October 2024, the feature should be considered to be in an “alpha” or preview state
 - We would greatly appreciate feedback, suggestions, or to hear your use-case to improve things – as well as any bugs or short-comings
 - The batch feature was implemented with a very minimal amount of resources, so there is likely some rough edges, bugs, and obvious omissions – please let us know about these
 - In the future, if support for implementation is found, we would like to:
 - Add a graphical interface, so if you drag a bunch of spectrum files into the InterSpec app, a batch tool will pop-up to perform the batch analysis in a little more user friendly way
 - Adding support the Isotopics from peaks/nuclide tools, as well as the flux, and detection limits
 - Add options to fit peaks of nuclides specified from the command line, as well as vary more options from the command line

SPECTRA INCLUDED WITH THIS PRESENTATION



Location[1-4].n42, and Background.n42:

Spectra collected from ground contaminated with Br82 and K42, using a Detective-X, facing down, 1-meter from the ground

DETECTIVE-X_IN-SITU.ECC



```
SGI_template: CIRCULAR_PLANE
ISOCS_file_name: Detective-X_in-situ.gis
Detector_name: DETX_123456789
Collimator_name: no_collimator

Convergence_[%]: 1.0000
Test_description: 200M_CIRCLE@1M
Comment: DETECTIVEX
Date_Time: Thu_Oct_12_11:48:16_2023
Source_area_cm2: 7.85398e+7
Source_grams: 7.85398e+4
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 45.00 2.19261e-8 15.0 1.72207e-3 0.191039 -0.160151 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 50.00 4.60361e-8 12.0 3.61567e-3 0.186583 -0.153196 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 60.00 1.24465e-7 10.0 9.77543e-3 0.186925 -0.143154 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 70.00 2.01979e-7 10.0 1.58634e-2 0.186660 -0.138756 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 80.00 2.76918e-7 10.0 2.17491e-2 0.184463 -0.135942 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 90.00 3.30226e-7 10.0 2.59359e-2 0.185093 -0.134321 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 100.00 3.73344e-7 10.0 2.93223e-2 0.184142 -0.133496 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 125.00 4.26117e-7 10.0 3.34672e-2 0.184060 -0.132741 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 150.00 4.34106e-7 10.0 3.40946e-2 0.183269 -0.132145 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 175.00 4.27406e-7 10.0 3.35684e-2 0.182102 -0.132157 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 200.00 4.06607e-7 8.0 3.19349e-2 0.180679 -0.131995 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 250.00 3.60431e-7 8.0 2.83082e-2 0.180972 -0.131577 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 300.00 3.23407e-7 8.0 2.54003e-2 0.180076 -0.131384 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 400.00 2.61612e-7 6.0 2.05470e-2 0.176911 -0.131033 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 500.00 2.23522e-7 6.0 1.75554e-2 0.177270 -0.130608 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 661.00 1.83227e-7 6.0 1.43906e-2 0.175880 -0.129957 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 700.00 1.75999e-7 6.0 1.38230e-2 0.177072 -0.129848 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 800.00 1.60378e-7 5.0 1.25961e-2 0.177247 -0.129722 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 1000.00 1.37836e-7 4.0 1.08256e-2 0.178356 -0.129079 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 1400.00 1.10116e-7 4.0 8.64851e-3 0.177544 -0.128761 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 1500.00 1.04736e-7 4.0 8.22596e-3 0.178501 -0.128680 11119
keV_eff_%err_effw_%cnvrg(i)%cnvrg(i-1)_pntsN: 2000.00 8.44439e-8 4.0 6.63221e-3 0.173937 -0.127951 11119
```

The efficiency, as a function of energy, computed by Mirion ISOCS, for a Detective-X in-situ measurement