



Lab Report XRF 156 S2 PUMA

Rapid Identification Analysis of Raw Materials with 21CFR Part 11 Compliance

Introduction

Pharmaceutical companies are required by regulatory authorities to test incoming materials. The amount of time it takes to perform this testing can be quite significant, and the testing of the material itself can be very rigorous. This can lead to long release times for products to leave the warehouse to begin initial processes. Faster positive material identification (PMI) is needed to decrease production time and play an integral role in allowing products to be released to the market sooner.

Typically wet chemistry and Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) are used to

validate raw materials that have been delivered. For sodium chloride to be released to manufacturing a wet chemistry test is required on both sodium and chloride, this test can take up to one hour for each element. For solutions containing trace elements ICP-MS is the analytical tool typically used. ICP-MS is a difficult, time consuming, and expensive instrument to operate. The sample preparation is laborious and can often times introduce errors due to the large dilutions required, the system cannot be operated by a novice user either. A dedicated lab technician is needed to calibrate daily and interpret results.

Rapid identification analysis with the Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) spectrometer S2 PUMA as an alternative has many benefits; easier and faster direct sample preparation, better analysis traceability (computerized audit trails), a non-subjective result, no need for highly trained/educated staff to run the touch button analysis, easy to read sample results, and incredibly fast raw sample to result turn around time.

This lab report demonstrates the outstanding analytical performance of the S2 PUMA LE to positively identify raw materials for pharmaceutical companies. In this specific lab note we will use sodium chloride as one of the many products the EDXRF can quantify.

Instrumentation

The S2 PUMA LE EDXRF spectrometer is equipped with TouchControl™, SampleCare™, and an easy-to-use touch screen interface. Its unique HighSense™ LE detector easily processes high count rates while ensuring excellent resolution, low dead time and high signal stability, ensuring the best possible performance for this application.

The S2 PUMA spectrometer combines ease-of-use through its unique TouchControl and SampleCare with superior analytical performance. SampleCare ensures reliable operation and high instrument uptime of the S2 PUMA through innovative 4x protection of all spectrometer components against contamination and damage by powders or liquids.

Figure 1: Na KA1 element line

Preparation

EDXRF requires no extensive dilution of the sample; simply add sample to a prepared sample cell and sample is ready to be analyzed. Sample cells can be purchased pre-made to save even more time, typical powder or liquid sample preparation with a sample cell is approx. 30 seconds.

The sodium chloride raw material was prepared neat in a sample cup. 7 grams of sample was weighed out into a sample cell that was prepared with 3.0 µm Prolene film.

Measurement

Measurements were performed with the S2 PUMA Ag LE system; the method is developed to optimize the determination of sodium and chloride within the raw material. This method will provide enhanced measurement parameters for tube voltage, current, counting statistical error, and minimize analysis time. Total sample analysis time is only 4 minutes.

Calibration

One validated customer reference sample of sodium chloride was used to calibrate the instrument for sodium and chloride. The standard was prepared in triplicates to account for variation in the sample grain size.

The element lines (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) show excellent signal to noise ratios and very clear peak definition with no elemental interference. The signals also depict the excellent resolution of the HighSense detector.

This allows an accurate net intensity value to be used to calculate the concentration of standards and unknowns.

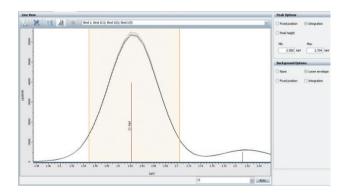


Figure 2: CI KA1 element line

Results

The instrument is operated directly from the S2 PUMA Touchscreen; no external PC is needed for routine analysis, maintenance checks, or any other functionality. This allows the S2 PUMA to fit virtually on any benchtop surface, the foot print is much smaller than most other analytical techniques, with no waste of strong acids, liquid nitrogen, or argon gas.

A simple Sample Loader interface can then be launched for routine analysis. Merely select open position, pick application method needed, hit start, and then get result. As easy as 1, 2, 3!

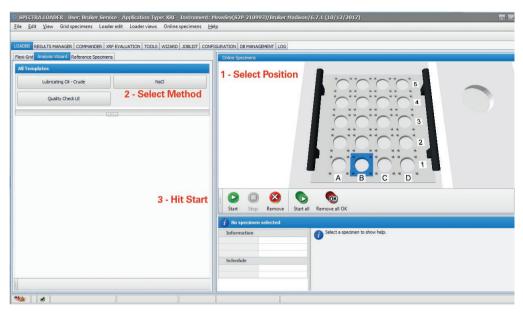


Figure 3: S2 PUMA TouchControl Sample Loader interface

Easy to read result output can be color coded for pass/fail (Fig. 4 and Fig. 5), written pass/fail indication or a combination of both ensures that an expert or novice user can obtain and report correct results! Clear and concise!

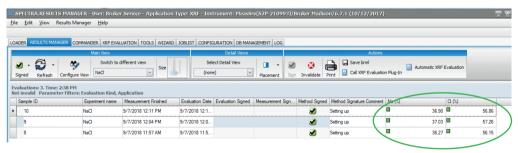


Figure 4: Color coded result output for passed samples

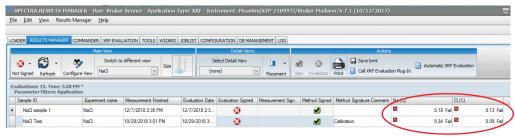


Figure 5: Color coded result output for failed samples

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SPECTRA.ELEMENTS Part 11 is specially designed to match the requirements of the 21 CFR Part 11 Regulations. This includes a user management feature, separate from Windows user management, which protects files from unauthorized modification or deletion.

SPECTRA.ELEMENTS also runs in database mode: all method files, result files, evaluation files, etc. will be stored in a protected database in order to prevent any not tracked modification of these files. After the installation only users with specific rights are allowed to modify applications, views, layouts, view all results, sign evaluations, sign measurements, and sign methods. This prevents errors within the calibration and reporting of results.

The software also offers a comprehensive overview of audit trails (see Fig. 6) and user signatures.

Conclusion

The S2 PUMA is a viable, efficient, and simple analytical tool for Positive Material Identification. The user friendly SPECTRA.ELEMENTS software makes calibrating a breeze, while the user-friendly TouchControl Loader makes running an analysis and obtaining results as easy as 1, 2, 3. This instrument is fully compliant with IQ/OQ/PQ as well as 21CFR Part 11, this makes the S2 PUMA a faster, easier, and better option for PMI analysis.

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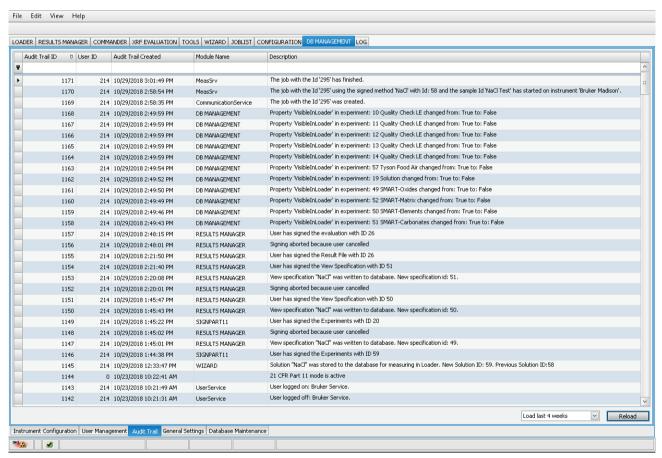


Figure 6: Example of comprehensive Audit Trail

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