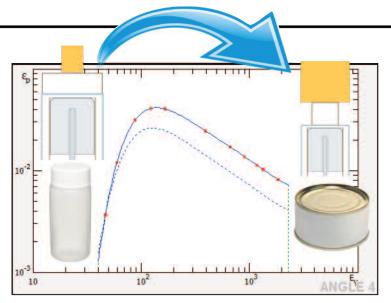


Advanced Gamma Spectroscopy Efficiency Calibration Software



"Compatible, Efficient, and Defendable Calibrations for Gamma Spectroscopy Applications."

ANGLE is an advanced efficiency calculation application for High Purity Germanium and Sodium Iodide detectors based on the concept of Efficiency Transfer. This method combines the measured efficiency of a known reference configuration and solid angle models to derive the efficiency for different containers, sample materials, and sample positions. This semi-empirical approach is more accurate than pure mathematical models due to large errors that can be imposed by detector characteristics that are not precisely known – such as crystal defects, contact thickness, and dead layers – as these errors largely cancel out in the reference efficiency measurement. And, since the Reference Efficiency can be determined from any standard source, there is no need for complex and costly factory characterization of the detector!



WHY ANGLE?

Compatibility	 All 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows from Windows XP to Windows 11 Multiple Language: English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese High Purity Germanium and Sodium lodide Detector Types Monte Carlo Modeling methodology for most common laboratory measurement containers 	
Process Efficiency	 No Factory Detector Characterization Necessary Import and Export GammaVision and Genie file formats Command line scripting and XML Data files for automation and application integration Rapid modeling using Container, Geometry, and Source Matrix configurations 	
Defendable Results	 Comprehensive Reporting of Efficiency Calculation Model Actual and Relative Efficiency Method provides Calibration Standard Traceability Graphical Display of model High Accuracy with Extensive Comparison Testing 	

New Features in ANGLE 5!

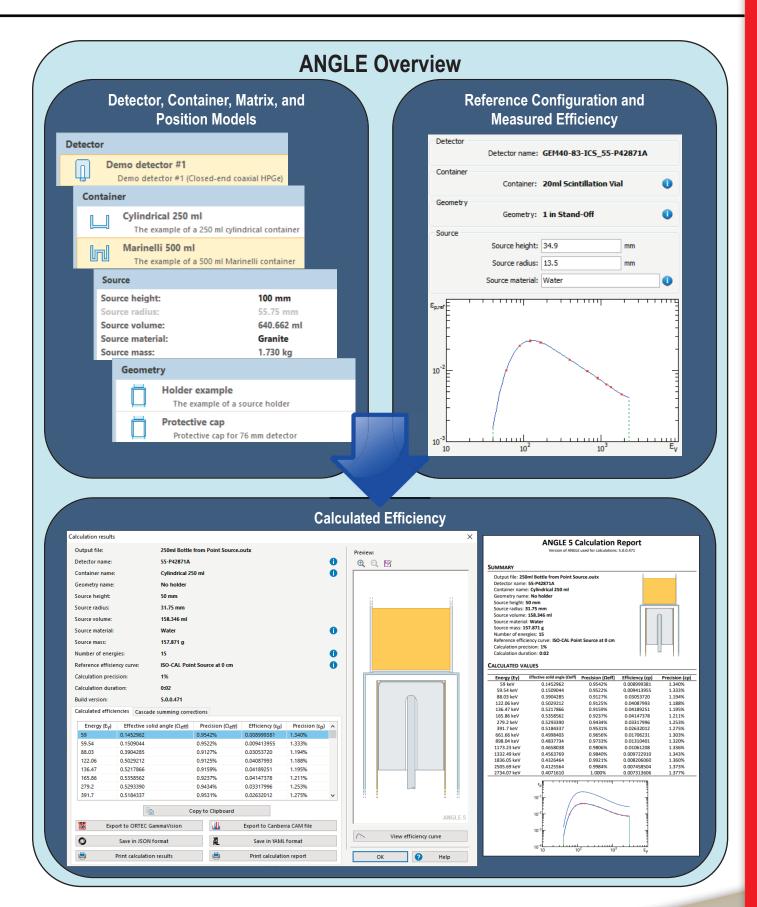
New! Monte Carlo Calculation Methodology

New! Cascade Photon Emission Coincidence Summing Corrections

New! Example Sample Materials composed of editable Compounds and Mixtures

New! Calculation File results in YAML and JSON formats

New! Save model graphics to PNG and SVG image formats



Detector Model

The Detector Model defines the physical construction of the detector. The input parameters are dependent on the detector type which may be Germanium or Sodium Iodide in Coaxial, Planar, or Well configurations. A graphic display of each model helps validate the appropriate detector type in the configuration process. Some parameters, such as the Inactive material thickness and the Contact thickness, are usually not precisely known for each detector so nominal values are typically used. These minor deviations are typically inconsequential with the Efficiency Transfer calculation method implemented in ANGLE because the minor error in transmission cancels out in the Reference and Target solid angle models. This is one of the significant advantages of Efficiency Transfer over modeling alone. And, if the detector response is affected by changes to any of these parameters, then a new Reference calibration can be generated with standard sources in the lab instead of having to return the detector to the factory for an expensive and time consuming characterization.

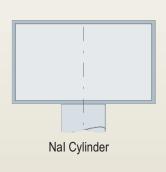
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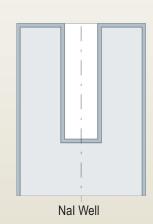
γ HPGe: Closed or open end coaxial, Planar, and Well

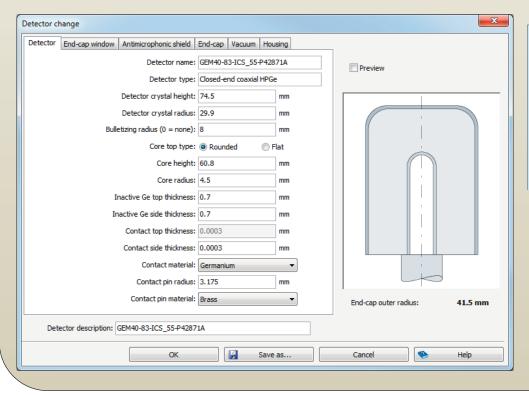
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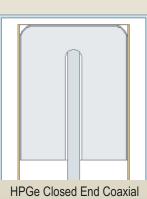
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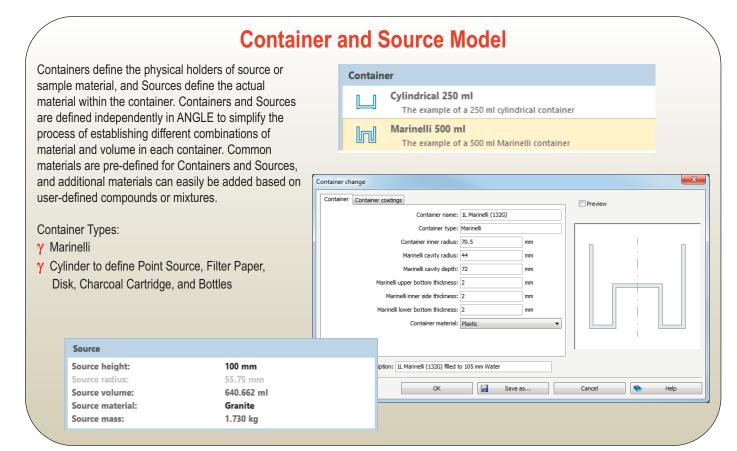


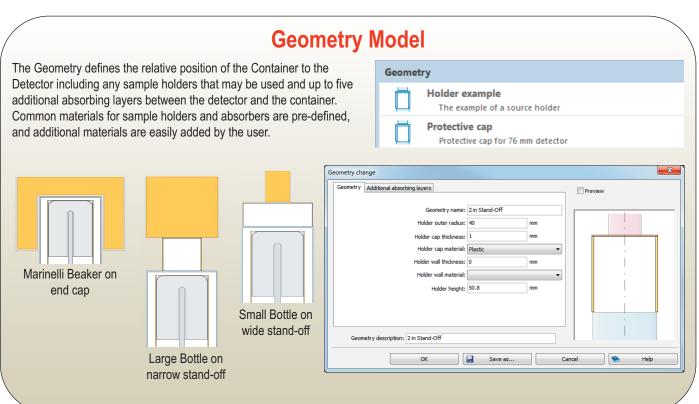








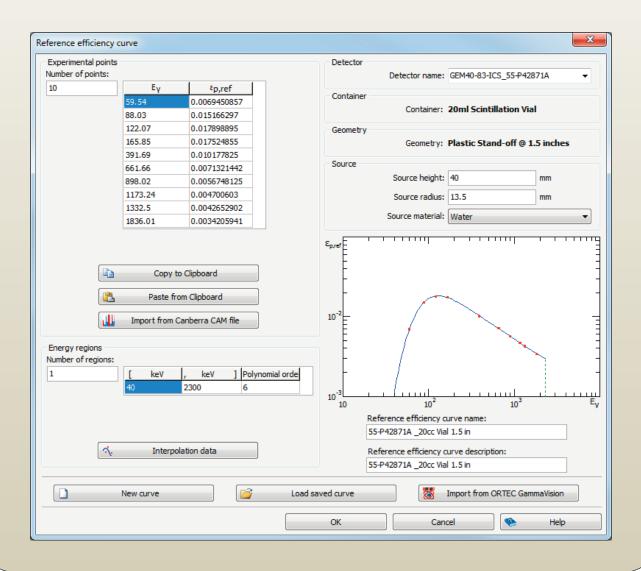




Reference Efficiency Calibration

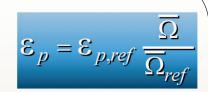
ANGLE eliminates complex, expensive, and time consuming detector characterization because the Reference Calibration can be determined by direct measurement of a known source within the lab. Optimally, the Reference Calibration is determined using a source/geometry that is similar to the one being modeled in order to minimize uncertainty in the modeled efficiency; however, any source/geometry can be used as the reference when modeling any other source/geometry with good results when all of the detector and source/geometry configuration parameters are well known.

The Reference Energy/Efficiency pairs can be manually entered into ANGLE, or imported from either ORTEC GammaVision Efficiency Tables or Genie CAM files. A calibration curve is then generated using up to a 6-order logarithmic polynomial function over each of up to ten different energy regions to optimize the calibration fit. Alternatively, the reference Energy/Efficiency pairs can exclude the fit function in order to calculate the modeled efficiency for only the input energy points without any uncertainty imposed by using a fit function. The choice to use a fit function or discrete energy/efficiency pairs is largely determined by how the extrapolated efficiency calibration will be used. In many cases, the extensive calibration fit algorithms in ANGLE can achieve a much more precise calibration fit than is possible with other spectroscopy applications.



Calculated Efficiency

ANGLE uses an Efficiency Transfer method, which is a semi-empirical approach comprised of experimental evidence (i.e. measured efficiency of a known reference source) and mathematical comparison of effective solid angle modeling for the reference and target configurations. The effective solid angle is based on the Monte Carlo methodology with the precision of the calculations set from 0.1 to 5.0%.



The derived efficiency data can be comprised of the same energy points used in the reference calibration or user-defined energy points derived by ANGLE's robust fitting algorithms. These Energy/Efficiency pairs can then be used to generate efficiency calibrations in standard gamma spectroscopy applications. A Geometry

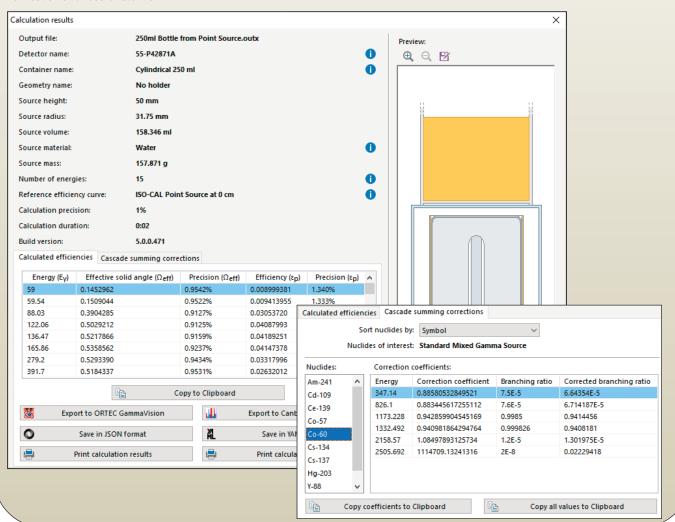
Additional parameters

Energies: Energy example
Reference efficiency curve: Reference efficiency curve example
Calculation precision: 5%
Units: Millimeters

correction file can also be generated for use in ORTEC's GammaVision application so that the final analysis results retain traceability to the Reference calibration while applying the necessary efficiency corrections to the derived geometry configuration.

Cascade Summing Corrections are calculated with correction factors applied to the nuclide branching ratios to account for coincidence summing of photon emissions from a single atom. This correction is geometry dependent and more significant when the sample is closer to the detector.

Detailed and Summary reports of the reference and derived efficiency calibrations and their associated configurations are also available for verification and record retention.



Ordering Information

Model Description

ANGLE-BW Advanced Gamma Spectroscopy Efficiency Calibration Software – Single PC License

ANGLE-UW Update from ANGLE Version 4 to Version 5
ANGLE-GW Additional Hard Copy Documentation for ANGLE

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