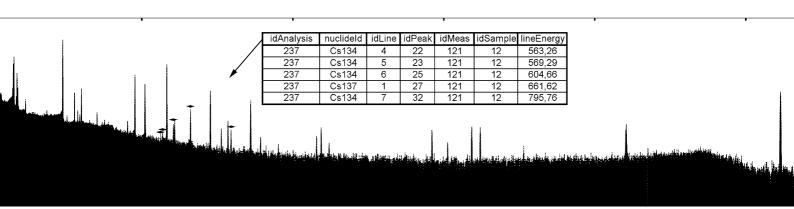
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#### Any data may be defined in one place only.

If data are defined in more places, they will diverge (it will not stay the same, if it ever was). If data are changed while not in one place only, you never know whether you changed every instance. However, you need a method (document control) that assures that all places where the changed data is referenced from are informed of any change. Relational databases use this principle. The same applies to software: every function should be defined only once (it would have made the millennium problem a piece of cake!).

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# Chapter 1

# Introduction

Linssi database for gamma-ray spectrometry is developed in an international collaboration between Health Canada (HC), Aalto University School of Science, and Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK).

The previous version of *Linssi* database system, version 1.1, was published on July 7, 2006. It is documented in two reports, one describing the database[1], and other the scripts and interfaces[2]. The database report also contains a brief history of *Linssi*. The version 1.1 contained 32 tables and 557 fields. The current version 2.3 was frozen on August 11, 2011 and contains 54 tables and 740 fields. The major changes in 2.3 include support for alpha and coincidence spectrometry and restructuring the sample and calibration tables for better applicability. The differences between the versions 1.1 and 2.3 are further described in the release notes.

# 1.1 The Database System

The Linssi database system consists of the database and the necessary scripts needed to do the updates and administer the database. An increasing number of query scripts is also provided. The database is described in detail in this manual. The scripts provided with the database are mostly self documenting and are briefly described in the accompanying Scripts and Interfaces manual [3].

A typical user environment is displayed in Fig. 1.1, where the database and script layers form the *Linssi* distribution and the upper layers are commercial or in-house software. User interfaces with the system via a graphical user interface (GUI). The GUI to scripts is web-based and the analysis software has its own GUI. Most of the reports can be directly created using SQL queries but the analysis software has also a report generating possibility independent from *Linssi*. The analysis software - in our case UNISAMPO[4], SHAMAN[5], Aatami[6] and others - is interfaced with the update and query scripts either using temporary files, which are documented in the script manual, or calling the database directly via ODBC calls.

The amount of data processed in a laboratory performing gamma-ray spectrum analysis can be quite large and very heterogenous. It contains everything from the measured spectra to obscure notes on analysts' log books. Our intention has not been to store everything in the *Linssi* database. However, the idea has been to include all the *relevant* information starting from the collection of radioactivity to a sample all the way to the final analysis results and conclusions made by the laboratory experts. Clear emphasis has been on the spectrum analysis results and on the information directly affecting the quality of these results. The

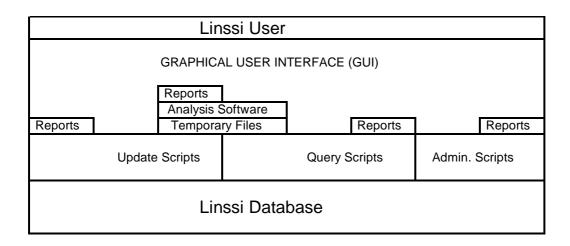


Figure 1.1: How *Linssi* interfaces with the user and analysis software.

information is meant to be complete enough to allow laboratory certification and thus also to facilitate outside review on the quality of the results based on the information available in the *Linssi* database. In case information not directly available in the database is needed, there should be enough pointers in *Linssi* to identify where the information might be available. In most cases that means information on the facility responsible for sample manufacturing and, possibly, responsible for its measurement.

The number of fields in the analysis related tables is more than 300. That is quite a lot and we do not expect that they are all needed in every application. However, these are the generic fields readily available from our analysis software and with modern computers the overhead due to unused database fields is negligible.

We have made every effort to provide a database with information that is generic, i.e., not depending on the specific software used. An example of this type of information is nuclide activity. The activity itself does not depend on the analysis software used, even though different software provides different values. On the other hand, there exist tens of different peak shape models, for example. We have provided a relatively flexible model, but there certainly exist software for which our definitions do not apply without user modifications.

The Linssi design assumes three main entry points to the system (Fig. 1.2). They are sample production (entry point 1), sample measurement (entry point 2), and spectrum analysis (entry point 3). In addition there is the entry point 0 denoting the facility group of tables (Ch. 2), which can be updated relatively independently from the other table groups. In the time line of the analysis we assume that the facilities have existed forever.

In entry point 1 we start from the production or collection of activity to form the sample. That can be done in a multitude of ways. Currently (version 2.3) we have defined four different sample types, calibration samples (Ch. 3.1), basic samples (Ch. 3.2), air filter samples (Ch. 3.3), and CTBT laboratory samples (Ch. 3.4). The CTBT samples are quite specific and the calibration samples are just calibration samples. Basic samples, on the other hand, are quite generic and can be applied to many sample collection modes. If that is not sufficient new production table groups can be defined. This is illustrated with the yet non-existent irradiation group of tables in Fig. 1.2. Properties common to all sample types are defined in Ch. 4.

If we receive a sample to be measured we start from **entry point 2**, i.e., from preparing the source and measuring it (Ch. 6).

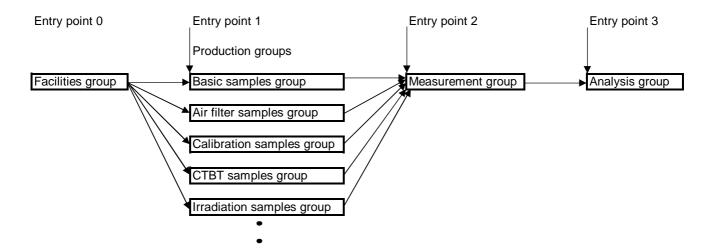


Figure 1.2: Linssi entry points and major table groups.

Finally, if we receive a gamma-ray spectrum for analysis, we start from **entry point 3**, i.e., send the spectrum directly to the analysis pipeline (Ch. 8). At this stage, in order to do proper peak analysis and nuclide identification, calibrations must be available (Ch. 5)

If our laboratory controls the whole chain of events from entry point 0 to entry point 3 the database is updated as we go along. On the other hand, if the later entry points are applied the necessary data must be provided from outside and stored to the previous tables of the chain. Scripts are provided for each of these entry points. The entry points also define the most important keys in the *Linssi* database: idSample in table 4.1 samples, idMeas in table 6.6 measurements, and idAnalysis in table 8.1 analyses identifying the sample, its measurements and its analyses, respectively. Due to the database design at least dummy samples and measurements must be provided in order to store the analysis results in the analysis group of tables.

#### 1.2 A Stroll between the Tables

Let's take an introductory stroll between 31 of the 54 tables of *Linssi*. Their lay-out is shown in Fig. 1.3. In the figure only the table names and key persons sitting in the table are shown. The arrows are drawn from the foreign keys to the primary keys they are referencing. Note that a key can simultaneously be both primary and foreign.

As can be seen, almost half of the tables (21–27, 42–49)<sup>a</sup> concentrate on gamma-ray spectrum analysis. The number of fields is also greatest in these tables. Spectrum measurement is covered by tables 28–33 and different facilities, including sample production, by tables 1–8. The different sample production processes are covered in the tables 9–12, i.e., in basic samples group (Ch. 3.2), air filter samples group (Ch. 3.3), calibration samples group (Ch. 3.1), and CTBT lab samples group (Ch. 3.4).

Starting from table 3 we can find the weather reigning outside the facility, which itself is defined in table 1. The facility may, for example, be the place where the radioactivity is collected to the sample or where the sample manufacturing takes place. If the facility is mobile its positions are stored in table 2.

Obviously a sample can be produced in many different methods. Currently we have defined tables for basic samples, calibration samples, air filter samples and CTBT laboratory samples.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>All these tables are not shown in the figure.

These groups will be described in the subsequent chapters.

After sampling the sample arrives to a measurement facility, which may, or may not, be situated at the sampling facility. Table 17 characterizes the sample at this point. The sample is further processed into the actual source geometry, table 28, to be put on the spectrometer. From the sample it is possible to produce different sources, for example by using different containers. As long as the radionuclide content is not changed we are dealing with the same sample. It has just been transformed to a new source. Now the source is measured in a measurement setup described in table 32. The setup uses a detector, shield and attenuator described in tables 29, 30 and 31, respectively. Important information of the measurements themselves and, most importantly, the measurement results, i.e., gamma-ray-spectra are stored in tables 33–34.

The measurements are followed by analyses. General information on analyses is stored in table 42. Analysis itself relies on calibrations in tables 21–27. The traditional gamma-ray spectrum peak analysis results are stored in table 44. They are followed by the identification and activity calculation results, tables 45 and 46, respectively.

Minimum detectable activities and other activity limits are stored in table 47 and activity ratios for relevant nuclides in table 48. Finally the reviewed final results are stored in table 49. This table contains analysts' comments and pointers to the best analysis results.

Other tables not shown in the figure include support for alpha and coincidence spectrometry, Regions-of-Interest measurements and analysis, spectral component analysis, function definitions and metadata, among others.

It should be emphasized that a sample can be measured multiple times and that the resulting spectra can be also analyzed any number of times. The results of all measurements and analyses can be stored in the database.

### 1.3 Tables

In the following chapters each database table is described in detail. This is done in the form of a table followed by explanation of the independent fields. In the table header we show first the name of the database table. The column **Field** gives the name of the database column. The column **Type** defines the data type of the field i.e. whether it is character, integer, float, etc. The column **Length** gives the maximum size of the field in bytes. For variable size fields a zero is printed. The column **Flags** gives information of the relational status of the field. The available flags are:

- P Primary key or a component of the primary key.
- A The field is automatically incremented every time a new entry is made.
- F Foreign key or a component of the foreign key.
- # Number (1,2,...). Combined fields are numbered. Numbers are used to mark combined foreign keys, combined indices and combined unique fields.
- S Self-referencing key that points to a record in the same table.
- U The field content must be unique within this table.
- I The field is indexed for faster reference.
- N The field must contain a value, i.e., it must not be NULL.
- R,r The field contains only reserved alphanumeric values. The reserved values are described for the field marked R. In fields marked r pointers to fields R are provided.
- C,c The field has a defined naming convention. The naming convention is documented in the fields marked C. In fields marked c pointers to fields C are provided.

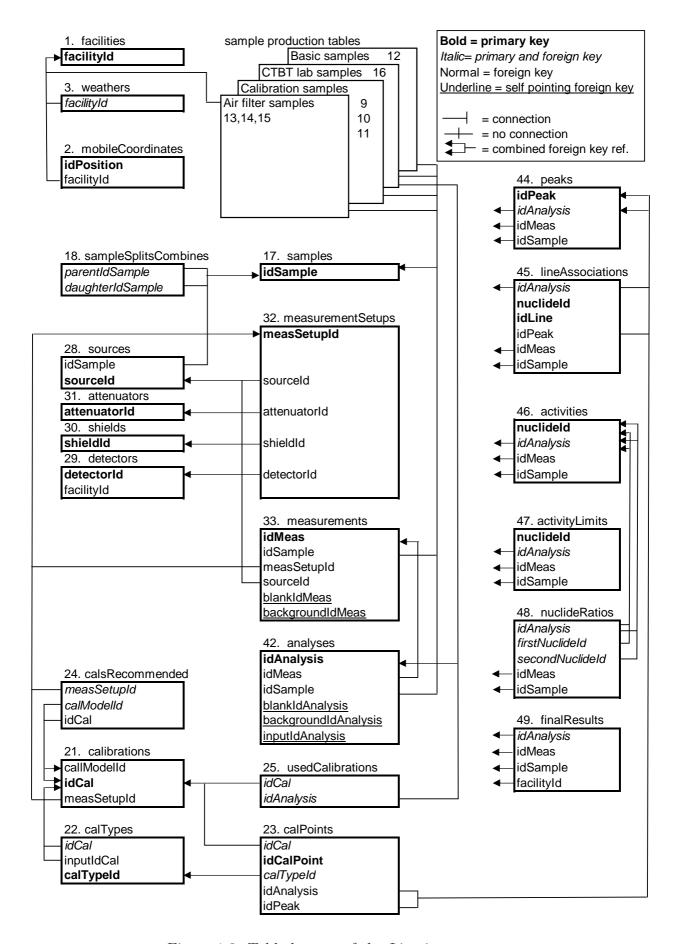


Figure 1.3: Table lay-out of the *Linssi* restaurant.

Since the reserved fields are continuously updated, an up-to-date list is maintained at http://linssi.hut.fi/.

Primary keys may be composed of multiple fields. In that case, all included fields are marked as primary. A set forming the complete primary key must be unique. Primary keys are always indexed and that is not explicitly marked. If, however, any individual component of the primary key is indexed, it is marked with I.

Since there may be many foreign keys in a table, flag F is not enough to define the components of combined foreign keys. For that purpose each combined foreign key is numbered using the flag #, i.e., F1, F2, ... The same applies for combined indices and combined unique fields.

### 1.4 Units and Default Values

We use only SI units and units outside the SI that are accepted for use with the SI, and thus consistent with the recommendations of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM, Comité International des Poids et Mesures) [8]. It is strongly recommended that users of *Linssi* follow the unit conventions of this manual. If different units are needed locally, the conversion should be performed in the interfacing scripts. In this manual the unit to be used is given in square brackets after the field definition, e.g., [mm].

All dates and times (datetime, timestamp) are in Universal Time Coordinated (UTC).

The uncertainties in *Linssi* are given as one sigma absolute uncertainties. If, for example, uncertainty per cent is needed, it should be calculated from the value and its absolute uncertainty when reading the database.

Linssi implementation does not include default values to fields. The action to be taken due to unknown field values should always be left to the user, i.e., to the software or analyst inputting or outputting data to or from Linssi. To facilitate this practice unknown values should always be set NULL. That is automatically true for fields that are not filled, i.e., have been left empty. Note, however, that there are fields, which must contain a value. They are marked with flag N.

## 1.5 Naming Conventions

The table and field (column) names are written in lower case, e.g. measurements. If a name is composed of multiple words the words are separated by capitalizing their first letters, e.g. sampleType. To avoid excessive length the names may be abbreviated, e.g. sampleCond-FlagArrival.

There are special conventions applicable to keys<sup>b</sup> and fields with one to one correspondence to keys. Other fields are not allowed to use the syntax of keys. The rules are:

- 1. The keys of type integer have the prefix id, e.g. idSample.
- 2. The keys of non-integer type end with Id, e.g. sampleId.
- 3. The name of the foreign keys must be identical to the corresponding primary keys. There are some exceptions where this is not feasible:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>A key here denotes a field that is a primary or foreign key, or a part of a combined primary or foreign key.

- Self-reference. A record may contain a key pointing to another record of the same table. In this case the key name is formed from the primary key by adding a prefix. E.g., the key blankIdMeas is this way formed from the primary key idMeas.
- Multiple foreign keys. A record may have multiple foreign keys pointing to the same primary key. The prefixing is again used, e.g., two nuclides pointing to the primary key nuclideId are firstNuclideId and secondNuclideId.
- 4. The name of a unique non-integer field, with one-to-one correspondence with the primary integer key of the table, is formed by moving the prefix to the end of the name, e.g. from the primary idSample we get the name sampleId for the unique field. If the primary key and the unique field are both integers, or non-integers, the name of the unique field must be formed by prefixing. We see no reason for them being of the same type, however.

Note that in MySQL the names of the tables are case sensitive whereas the names of the fields are not. In *Linssi* the field names are unique regardless of case sensitivity. However, in order to be safe all the field and table names used must be typed following the conventions of this manual. In that way readability of the names is also enhanced.

# Chapter 2

# Facilities and Action Sites

The facility group of tables of *Linssi* establishes the **entry point 0** of the database. Sample production, for example, takes place at the facility, where the sample manufacturing equipments are situated. Other types of facilities may include a moving laboratory with samplers and measuring facilities, or even a weather station. Facilities may also be laboratories performing measurements or analysis.

Since the group aims to support any kind of facility, it is quite generic. Basically a facility is defined by its name (facilityId), purpose (facilityType) and its contact information. It may be mobile and then its position is given in table mobileCoordinates. For support of weather stations we have tables weathers and weatherParameters.

Action sites (actionSites) are less permanent than facilities and cannot be mobile.

Tables Missions and MissionDevices, which define in situ measuring or sampling campaigns, also belong to this group of tables.

#### 2.1 Facilities

Table 2.1: Facilities

facilities			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
facilityId	varchar	80	PN
facilityName	varchar	80	U
facilityType	varchar	20	R
isMobile	Boolean	1	
isWeather	Boolean	1	
isSampling	Boolean	1	
isMeasuring	Boolean	1	
isAnalyzing	Boolean	1	
sendsSamples	Boolean	1	
receivesSamples	Boolean	1	
sendsMessages	Boolean	1	
receivesMessages	Boolean	1	
organization	varchar	40	

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
department	varchar	40	
street	varchar	40	
town	varchar	40	
state	varchar	40	
zip	varchar	40	
country	varchar	40	
location	varchar	40	
contactPerson	varchar	40	
telephone	varchar	40	
fax	varchar	40	
email	varchar	40	
longitude	double	8	
latitude	double	8	
altitude	double	8	
comments	text	0	

end of table.

It is advisable to create a new facility with new facilityId after important changes in facility properties take place. In this way old samples, for example, can still be associated with the facility with original properties that may be significant for interpretation of the analysis results.

facilityId	Unique name of the facility.
facilityName	Common name of the facility.
facilityType	Type of the facility. This is very application dependent. The de-
0 01	fined values are:
	P: particulate sampling facility.
	WEATHER: weather station.
isMobile	TRUE if the facility is mobile. In that case the coordinates of the
	facility can be found in table 2.2 mobileCoordinates.
isWeather	TRUE if the facility is providing weather information to Linssi.
isSampling	TRUE if the facility is providing sampling information to Linssi.
isMeasuring	TRUE if the facility is providing measurement results to Linssi.
isAnalyzing	TRUE if the facility is providing analysis results to Linssi.
sendsSamples	TRUE if the facility is sending samples to <i>Linssi</i> facility. See tables
	4.3 sampleTransports and $4.4$ sampleTrackings.
receivesSamples	TRUE if the facility is receiving samples from Linssi facility. See
	tables $4.3$ sampleTransports and $4.4$ sampleTrackings.
${\tt sendsMessages}$	TRUE if the facility is sending messages to Linssi facility. See table
	10.2 messages.
receivesMessages	TRUE if the facility is receiving messages from Linssi facility. See
	table 10.2 messages.
organization	Organization running the facility.
department	Department running the facility.
street	Facility street address.

Town where the facility is situated.

town

state State where the facility is situated.

zip Facility zip code.

country Country where the facility is situated.

location General location of the facility.

fax International fax number of the facility.

email Email address of the facility.

longitude Longitude of the stationary facility.latitude Latitude of the stationary facility.altitude of the stationary facility.

### 2.2 Mobile Coordinates

Table 2.2: Mobile coordinates of facilities

mobileCoordinates			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idPosition	int	4	PA
idSeconds	int	4	U1N
idNanoSeconds	int	4	U1N
positionSource	varchar	20	U1NR
facilityId	varchar	80	F
positionType	varchar	10	R
project	varchar	40	
positionTime	datetime	8	Ι
coordSystem	varchar	20	R
speed	double	8	
heading	double	8	
numSatellites	int	4	
xCoordinate	double	8	
yCoordinate	double	8	
altitude	double	8	
hDOP	double	8	R
vDOP	double	8	R
pDOP	double	8	R
age	double	8	
fix	int	4	R
comments	text	0	
$(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$			

end of table.

This table tracks spacetime coordinates of mobile facilities, facilityId. In a single mission, for example, we may have many mobile facilities having multiple devices providing continuous stream of coordinates. In addition to primary key idPosition, we need to have UNIQUE(idSeconds,idNanoSeconds,positionSource) in order to facilitate tracking of the facilities in the case of non-synchronous arrival of the coordinates.

idPosition	Auto incrementing position identifier. Note that, in addition to pro-
	viding a unique primary key, it also provides the storage time order of
	the positions.
idSeconds	Unix second timestamp (tv_sec of the struct timespec). Provides
	the time identifier together with idNanoSeconds below.
${\tt idNanoSeconds}$	Unix nanosecond timestamp (tv_nsec of the struct timespec), Pro-
	vides extra precision to the position identifier. Needed mainly in cases
	with rapid succession of short measurements in sub-second scale. Can
	be set to zero in most applications.
positionSource	Name of the source providing the coordinates. The facility may have
	multiple GPS navigators, for example.

facilityId See table 2.1 facilities.

positionType

The following position types are defined:

NULL: This is a raw unprocessed position.

ROUTE: A processed and validated point on facility's route.

GAP: Before this position there is a gap in position information. GPS may have been off or lost its connection with satellites, for example.

KEEP: Keep this position information. If the position is continuously updated this table may grow very large. In order to be able to discard unimportant positions the positionType of the important data can be set to KEEP. This could be done during sampling or measuring, for

example.

project

Name of the project.

positionTime

Date and time of the coordinate information. Unlike (idSeconds, idNanoSeconds) this is human readable.

coordSystem

Name of the coordinate system in use. It is strongly recommended to use only the default WGS84\_LLA-coordinate system, i.e., to leave this field NULL.

NULL or WGS84\_LLA: WGS84 datum geographical coordinates.

WGS84\_UTM\_35V: WGS84 datum projected coordinates to Universal Transverse Mercator grid zone 35V.

FINNISH\_KKJ3: Finnish national datum projected coordinates to Finnish national grid (KKJ) zone 3.

FINNISH\_LLA: Finnish national datum geographical coordinates.

EUREF\_XYZ: European reference ellipsoid datum cartesian ECEF coordinates.

ECEF above refers to Cartesian Earth-Centered Earth-Fixed coordinates in x, y, z in meters [m]. The z-axis defined as being parallel to the earth rotational axis, pointing towards north and the x-axis intersects the earth at the 0° latitude, 0° longitude;

LLA to geographical coordinates in x = longitude and y = latitude in degrees  $[\circ]$ , and z =altitude from mean sea level in meters [m];

KKJ to projected coordinates in x = northing, y = easting and z = altitude from mean sea level in meters [m];

and UTM to projected coordinates in x = easting, y = northing and z = altitude from mean sea level in meters [m]:

Facility speed in meters per second [m/s]. speed

Direction the facility is heading in degrees  $[\circ](0...360)$ ,  $0^{\circ} = \text{North}$ . heading

Number of satellites the GPS navigator sees. numSatellites xCoordinate x-coordinate or longitude of the mobile facility. y-coordinate or latitude of the mobile facility. yCoordinate altitude z-coordinate or altitude of the mobile facility.

hDOP Precision class of dilution of precision of horizontal coordinates. vDOP Precision class of dilution of precision of vertical coordinate.

pDOP Precision class of dilution of precision of position.

Age of the information in seconds [s]. age

The method of fixing the position: 0 = invalid, 1 = GPS, 2 = DGPS, fix

3 = PPS, 4 = RTK, 5 = float RTK, 6 = estimated, 7 = manual, 8 =

simulation.

comments

Comments in English [en].

### 2.3 Weather

Table 2.3: Weather at the facility

	weathers	·	
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
facilityId	varchar	80	PFN
weatherSource	varchar	20	PN
idPar	int	4	PFN
weatherStartId	datetime	8	PIN
contactPerson	varchar	40	
weatherEnd	datetime	8	
parValue	double	8	
comments	text	0	
(facilityId) → facilities(facilityId)			

 $(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$  $(idPar) \rightarrow weatherParameters(idPar)$ 

end of table.

Table weathers contains information about the weather conditions at the facility. The most important weather parameters can be continuously monitored. The table is preferably filled on-line even though that is not required. The values are the averages over the report period.

facilityId See table 2.1 facilities.

weatherSource Origin of the weather information. For example, weather station

model name or weather model name for forecasts

idPar Weather parameter identifier. See table 2.4 weatherParameters.

weatherStartId The starting datetime of the weather report period.

contactPerson Contact person for the weather station.

weatherEnd The ending datetime of the weather report period.

parValue Value of the measured/modelled weather parameter during the re-

porting period.

### 2.4 Weather Parameters

Table 2.4: Weather Parameters

weatherParameters			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idPar	int	4	PAN
parName	varchar	40	R
parDescription	text	0	
parUnit	varchar	20	
parForm	varchar	20	R
parType	varchar	40	R
period	double	8	
periodUnit	varchar	20	
comments	text	0	

end of table.

Table weatherParameters defines the parameters used for reporting the weather conditions at the facility. Due to varying ways to represent the parameters we have chosen a generic representation of the parameters where the quantities and their units can be freely defined. This makes the input to *Linssi* easy, but, on the other hand, the interpretation of the retrieved parameter values more difficult.

NOTE: The representation of the fields and their units is against the standard database design practices. In this case we have followed the practice of Vaisala weather stations.

idPar A	Auto-incrementing identification number for the weather parameter

definition.

parName Weather parameter name, e.g. temperature, humidity, precipita-

tion, wind speed, wind direction.

parDescription Freehand description of the parameter.

parUnit Unit the parameter is given in, e.g. C for degrees Celsius.

parForm Additional definition for the measured/modelled parameter, e.g.

parForm = snow for parName = precipitation.

parType Method of determining the value of the parameter, e.g. maximum,

average (during reporting period), cumulative

period Elapsed measuring or model time used to obtain the cumulative

value for cumulative weather parameter type (parType = cumula-

tive). The period usually starts at midnight.

periodUnit Unit in which the period is given in.

# 2.5 Source Receptor Sensitivity (SRS)

Table 2.5: Source Receptor Sensitivity (SRS)

	SRS			
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
facilityId	varchar	80	PF	
dateId	datetime	8	Р	
file	varchar	255		
model	varchar	20		
comments	text	0		
$(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$				

end of table.

The results for the SRS-model for the monitoring station facilityId are stored in the file file. For every measurement taken at a monitoring station SRS-fields can be computed with backward runs of a Lagrangian Particle Diffusion Model (LPDM). These SRS-fields can be combined with emission inventory yielding backward reconstructed concentration values pertaining to these measurements. Source Receptor Sensitivity (SRS) files contain data in a standardized (World Meteorological Organisation) format. The data portion of the file contains information such as: the location of grid points (latitude and longitude), the time period and the station sensitivity values at the grid points. A complete description of the contents of an SRS file is located at //http:ctbto4.ctbto.org/atm/communication+procedures.html. SRS files can be interpreted and visualised by using a program such as the CTBTO's Webgrape.

facilityId Name of the facility for which a SRS (source receptor sensitivity)

file is calculated

date Date and time at end of sample collection

file Pointer to location of associated SRS file in filesystem model Meteorological model used for calculation of SRS file

# 2.6 Missions

Table 2.6: Missions

	missions		
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
missionId	varchar	80	Р
missionStart	datetime	8	Ι
missionEnd	datetime	8	
comments	text	0	

end of table.

Table Missions is used in initializing a named mission. A mission has in its use a set of facilities and devices. See table 2.7 missionDevices.

missionId Name of the mission.

missionStart Start date and time of the mission (UTC).
missionEnd End date and time of the mission (UTC).

### 2.7 Mission Devices

Table 2.7: Mission devices

missionDevices					
Field	Type		Flags		
missionId	varchar	80	PF		
facilityId	varchar	80	PIF		
deviceId	varchar	80	PI		
deviceType	varchar	80	R		
comments text 0					
$(missionId) \rightarrow missions(missionId)$					
$(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$					

end of table

Table missionDevices contains a list of devices used during the mission. Each mission can have in its use one or more facilities. Typically they are mobile units. Each unit can have in its disposal multiple devices - typically detectors, samplers, etc. Each unit and device has to have a name, so the measurements of each detector, for example, can be traced afterwards.

missionId Name of the mission.

facilityId Name of the facility. The facility used in missions is typically mo-

bile. See table 2.1 facilities.

deviceId Name of a device used in this facility during this mission.

deviceType Type of the device.

#### 2.8 Action Sites

Table 2.8: Action sites

actionSites				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idActionSite	int	4	PA	
idSample	int	4	IF	
idMeas	int	4	IF	
siteName	varchar	80		
street	varchar	40		
town	varchar	40		
state	varchar	40		
zip	varchar	40		
country	varchar	2		
floor	varchar	8		
room	varchar	40		
location	text	0		
coordSystem	varchar	20	r	
xCoordinate	double	8		
yCoordinate	double	8		
zCoordinate	double	8		
comments	text	0		
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$				

 $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$  $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$ 

end of table.

Action site is a site where sample production, e.g., collection or measurements are done. Facilities are normally used for these purposes. However, they are more or less permanent, large and few in number, while action sites are typically temporary locations where *in situ* sample collection or measurements are performed, and can be large in number.

idActionSite A unique auto incrementing identifier of the action site.

idSample Identification number of the sample. See table 4.1 samples. NULL,

if site is a measurement site.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure—

ments. NULL, if site is a sample production site.

siteName Name of the action site.
street Action site street address.

town Town where the action site is situated. state State where the action site is situated.

zip Action site zip code.

country Country where the action site is situated.

floor Floor level of the action site according to the local practice (e.g.

P).

room Room number or name of the action site.

location Detailed description of the location of the action site.

coordSystem Name of the coordinate system system in use. See field coordSys-

tem in table 2.2 mobileCoordinates.

xCoordinatex-coordinate of the action site.yCoordinatey-coordinate of the action site.zCoordinatez-coordinate of the action site.commentsComments in English [en].

# Chapter 3

# Sample Types

Gamma-ray spectrum analysis can be based on a measured spectrum alone, and requiring only rudimentary information of the sample. However, it is most useful to have further information of the sample production or manufacturing process, i.e., the process of creating or collecting radioactive material so as to form a radioactive sample. The manufacturing process itself can be quite different for different samples. The tables of this chapter describe the available manufacturing processes producing different types of samples in *Linssi*, namely calibration samples, basic samples, air filter samples, and CTBT laboratory samples.

Producing a sample into *Linssi* requires creating the primary key idSample in table 4.1 samples, i.e., for the **entry point 1** in *Linssi*. No measurements or analyses can be made without this entry. However, if the sample production process is not known, or if the user finds the rudimentary sample information provided in table samples sufficient for his purposes, the detailed production steps described in this chapter can be skipped. The production process of the sample can then be added afterwards, if a need arises.

# 3.1 Calibration Samples

Calibration samples are identified with sampleProductionTable equal to calibrationSamples in table 4.1 samples. Also the selection of the specific sample production process is described in more detail there.

Calibration samples are samples with known activity and they are preferably certified. The certification is given in the table calibrationSamples, the information of the actual nuclides in the sample is given in the table calibrationNuclides, and the specific nuclear data in the table calibrationLibraries.

## 3.1.1 Calibration Samples

Table 3.1: Calibration samples

calibrationSamples				
Field Type Length Flags				
idSample	int	4	PFN	
certificateNumber varchar 20				

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Field	Type	Length	Flags	
productCode	varchar	20		
sourceNumber	varchar	20		
manufacturer	varchar	40		
receiptTime	datetime	8		
overallAct	double	8		
comments	text	0		
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$				

end of table.

This table gives the basic identification data of calibration samples.

idSample Identification number of the calibration sample. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

certificateNumber Certificate number of the calibration sample manufacturer.

productCode Manufacturer product code of the calibration sample.

sourceNumber Manufacturer serial number of the calibration sample.

manufacturer Name of the manufacturer.

receiptTime Receipt date and time of the calibration sample.

overallAct Overall activity of the calibration sample at receiptTime. This

value is NOT certified.

#### Calibration Nuclides 3.1.2

Table 3.2: Calibration nuclides

calibrationNuclides				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idSample	int	4	PFN	
calNuclideId	varchar	10	PIF1Nc	
idCalibrationLibrary	int	4	F1	
activity	double	8		
uncActivity	double	8		
assayTime	datetime	8		
comments	text	0		

 $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

 $(calNuclideId,idCalibrationLibrary) \rightarrow calibrationLibraries(calNuclideId,idCalibrationLibrary)$ 

end of table.

This table contains information of the activity content of each nuclide of the calibration sample.

idSample	Identification number of the calibration sample. See table 4.1 sam-		
	ples.		
calNuclideId	Name of the calibration nuclide. See table 3.3 calibrationLi-		
	braries.		
idCalibrationLibrary	Identification number of the library of nuclear data for calibration		
	nuclides. See table 3.3 calibrationLibraries.		
activity	Certified activity of the nuclide in becquerels [Bq].		
${\tt uncActivity}$	One sigma absolute uncertainty of activity in becquerels [Bq].		
assayTime	The assay date and time of the nuclide, i.e. the date and time of		
	the activity.		

comments

#### 3.1.3 Calibration Libraries

Table 3.3: Calibration libraries

calibrationLibraries				
Field	Туре	Length	Flags	
idCalibrationLibrary	int	4	PN	
calNuclideId	varchar	10	PINC	
idCalLine	int	4	PN	
calLineEnergy	double	8		
uncCalLineEnergy	double	8		
emissionProb	double	8		
uncEmissionProb	double	8		
halflife	double	8		
uncHalflife	double	8		
calibrationLibraryId	varchar	20		
comments	text	0		

end of table.

This table contains gamma line data for calibration samples. Even though these data are fundamental constants, and thus one library should suffice, the table includes a possibility for multiple libraries. This may be advantageous for different calibration purposes where the useful gamma lines may differ.

Due to limited number of calibration sources available in a laboratory this table should not become too big. This is further emphasized by the fact that, unlike identification libraries, a calibration library usually contains data of the prominent gamma lines only.

idCalibrationLibrary	Identification number of the library.
calNuclideId	Name of the calibration nuclide. The adopted syntax for nuclideId
	is $Ba-137m$ , where $m$ , $n$ , $o$ , denote metastable states of in-
	creasing energy. If metastable state energies are not known a, b,
	c, may be used. Note that analysis software may use differ-
	ent naming conventions. It is up to the database administrator to
	ascertain that consistent syntax is used. Linssi does not include a
	comprehensive nuclide reference library.
idCalLine	Index of the gamma line of the calibration nuclide. Sorted in an
	ascending order of the line energy starting from 1.
calLineEnergy	Energy of the gamma line of the calibration nuclide in kiloelectron-
	volts [keV].
${\tt uncCalLineEnergy}$	One sigma absolute uncertainty of calLineEnergy in kiloelectron-
	volts [keV].
emissionProb	Absolute emission probability of the gamma line, i.e., number of
	gammas emitted per decay.
${\tt uncEmissionProb}$	Absolute one sigma uncertainty of emissionProb.
halflife	Half-life of the nuclide in seconds [s].
uncHalflife	Absolute one sigma uncertainty of half-life seconds[s].
${\tt calibrationLibraryId}$	Name of the calibration library.
comments	Comments in English [en].

# 3.2 Basic Samples

Basic samples are identified with sampleProductionTable equal to basicSamples in table 4.1 samples. Also the selection of sample production model is described in some detail there.

This table is aimed for defining generic basic samples. This sample production model is used for the samples that require more information than is available in table 4.1 samples, but do not have their own specific production model defined. For this general purpose production model it has been necessary to relax database rules stating that all the fields should be exactly defined. Thus the table contains unit definitions, which we generally have tried to avoid. Also the field names are flexible and generic. This makes the semantics of the table very dependent on the conventions used by each organization filling this table.

Table 3.4: Basic samples

basicSamples			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idSample	int	4	PF
sampleCommission	varchar	20	R
sampleClass	varchar	20	R
sampleGroup	varchar	20	R
sampleSubGroup	varchar	20	R
sampleDefinition	varchar	40	
samplingType	varchar	8	R
sampleAmount1	double	8	
uncSampleAmount1	double	8	
sampleAmount1Unit	varchar	8	
sampleAmount2	double	8	
uncSampleAmount2	double	8	
sampleAmount2Unit	varchar	8	
yield	double	8	
uncYield	double	8	
samplingLocation	varchar	40	
samplingLocationDesc	varchar	40	
samplingZ1coord	double	8	
samplingZ2coord	double	8	
alternateQuantity	double	8	
alternateQuantityUnit	varchar	8	
refTime	datetime	8	
resultsDestination	varchar	80	
comments	text	0	
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$			

end of table.

idSample

A unique identification number of the sample. See table 4.1 samples.

sampleCommission

Sample context type (e.g. research, surveillance, service). Naming convention as used in the facility operating the database.

sampleClass Name of the sample class according to sample grouping hierarchy

used in the facility.

sampleGroup Name of the sample group according to sample grouping hierarchy

used in the facility.

sampleSubGroup Name of the sample subgroup according to sample grouping hier-

archy used in the facility.

sampleDefinition Specific sample definition or description.

samplingType Type of the sampling.

sampleAmount1 Total amount of sample received or collected.

uncSampleAmount1 Uncertainty of sample amount.

sampleAmount1Unit Unit of sample amount.

sampleAmount2 Alternate or complementary sample amount, e.g. dry weight or

sample collector area.

uncSampleAmount2 Uncertainty of alternate sample amount.

sampleAmount2Unit Unit of alternate sample amount.

yield Collection yield of the sample, e.g. for CTBT NG sampling, Xe gas

in sample/total Xe gas sampled (fraction).

uncYield uncertainty of the yield.

samplingLocation Name of the sampling point or sampling area.

samplingLocation wante of the sampling point of sampling area.

samplingLocationDesc More specific definition or description of the sampling point or area.

samplingZ1coord Horizontal coordinate of the sampling point, e.g. minimum sam-

pling height or the minimum depth of sample slice.

samplingZ2coord Horizontal coordinate of the sampling point, e.g. max. sampling

height or max. depth the sample slice.

alternateQuantity Alternate or complementary amount of measured sample (source),

e.g. dry weight or sample collector area.

alternateQuantityUnit Unit of alternate or complementary amount of measured sample

(source).

refTime Reference date and time at which the activities are calculated.

resultsDestination Forwarding address in data transfer between databases.

#### 3.3 Air Filter Samples

Air filter samples are identified with sampleProductionTable equal to airFilterSamples in table 4.1 samples. Also the selection of sample production model is described in some detail there.

Air filter sampling is covered by the three tables of the air filter samples group. The table samplers defines the 'static' properties of the sampler. The table airFilterSamples gives the information of the sampling specific to a given sample. Finally, the table airFilterSOH contains information of the State-Of-Health of the sampler as a function of time. This information is continuous in nature, i.e., not specific to a sample even though idSample is provided in the table in order to facilitate on-line following of its sampling.

#### 3.3.1 Air Filter Samples

Table 3.5: Air filter samples

airFilterSamples				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idSample	int	4	PFN	
samplerId	varchar	80	F	
samplerOnTime	double	8		
airVolume1	double	8		
presDiff1Start	double	8		
presDiff1End	double	8		
airVolume2	double	8		
presDiff2Start	double	8		
presDiff2End	double	8		
sampleSent	datetime	8		
correctedToNTP	Boolean	1		
comments	text	0		
(idSample ) → samples(idSample)				

 $(\text{samplerId}) \rightarrow \text{samplers}(\text{samplerId})$ 

end of table.

In this table, fields have been reserved for two channels in a sampler. This gives a possibility to use two types of filters simultaneously, typically active carbon and fiber. See also table 3.6 samplers.

See table 4.1 samples. idSample samplerId This is the identifier of the sampler used. See table 3.6 samplers. samplerOnTime Time the sampler was on during collection in seconds [s]. airVolume1 Air volume sampled through channel 1 in cubic meters [m<sup>3</sup>]. Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in presDiff1Start channel 1 at collStart. For collStart see table 4.1 samples. presDiff1End Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in channel 1 at collEnd. For collEnd see table 4.1 samples. airVolume2 Air volume sampled through channel 2 in cubic meters [m<sup>3</sup>].

presDiff2Start Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in

channel 2 at collStart. For collStart see table 4.1 samples.

presDiff2End Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in

channel 2 at collEnd. For collEnd see table 4.1 samples.

sampleSent Date and time the sample was sent for measurement.

correctedToNTP If TRUE, air volumes are corrected to Normal Temperature and

Pressure (NTP), i.e., corrected to 20 °C and 101,325.0 Pa.

#### 3.3.2 Samplers

Table 3.6: Samplers

\$	samplers		
Field	Type	Length	Flags
samplerId	varchar	80	PN
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	
samplerType	varchar	20	R
flowFactor1	double	8	
flowPower1	double	8	
flowFactor2	double	8	
flowPower2	double	8	
lastMaintenance	datetime	8	
nextMaintenance	datetime	8	
documentDir	varchar	255	
comments	text	0	
$\boxed{ (facilityId ) \rightarrow facilit}$	ies(facilityIo	d)	

end of table.

Samplers consist of two air channels, 1 and 2, where total flow is obtained as a sum of these channels. In both channels there is a flow meter. The flow meters are described by two parameters flow factor F and flow power c. These parameters can be used for orifice plates, flow-nozzles or multi-orifice probes, or with any device for which two parameters are sufficient, only the method of flow rate calculation will differ. In our application the flow rate, f, is calculated from  $f = F \times p^c$ , where F is the flow factor in cubic meters per second  $[m^3/s]$ , c is the flow power in watts [W], and p is the pressure difference over the measuring device in pascals [Pa]. For p see also table 3.5 airFilterSamples.

samplerId	Name of the sampler.
facilityId	Identifier of the facility where the sampler is situated. See table 2.1
	facilities.
contactPerson	Contact person for the sampling. See table 2.1 facilities.
samplerType	Name of the sampler type.
flowFactor1	Flow factor in cubic meters per second [m <sup>3</sup> /s] for flow meter in
	channel 1.
flowPower1	Flow power in channel 1 in watts [W].
flowFactor2	Flow factor in cubic meters per second [m <sup>3</sup> /s] for flow meter in
	channel 2.
flowPower2	Flow power in channel 2 in watts [W].
lastMaintenance	Date and time of the last maintenance of this sampler.
${\tt nextMaintenance}$	Scheduled date and time of the next maintenance of this sampler.
documentDir	The directory, or URI (Universal Resource Identifier), where the
	documentation of the sampler can be found.
comments	Comments in English [en].

#### 3.3.3 Sampling State-of-Health Data

Table 3.7: State-of-health data (SOH) for air filter sampling process

airFil	terSOH		
Field	Type	Length	Flags
samplerId	varchar	80	PF
samplingHealthTimeId	datetime	8	PN
idSample	int	4	PN
pressDiff1	double	8	
airVolume1	double	8	
flowRate1	double	8	
pressDiff2	double	8	
airVolume2	double	8	
flowRate2	double	8	
correctedToNTP	Boolean	1	
comments	text	0	
$(\text{samplerId}) \rightarrow \text{samplers}(\text{samplerId})$			

end of table.

samplerId See table 3.6 samplers.
samplingHealthTimeId Date and time of SOH-data.
idSample See table 4.1 samples.

pressDiff1 Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in

channel 1.

airVolume1 Total volume of air sampled in channel 1 since collStart in cubic

meters [m<sup>3</sup>]. For collStart see table 4.1 samples.

flowRate1 Air flow rate in channel 1 in  $[m^3/s]$  at this moment.

pressDiff2 Air pressure difference in pascals [Pa] over the flow rate meter in

channel 2.

airVolume2 Total volume of air sampled in channel 2 since collStart in cubic

meters  $[m^3]$ . For collStart see table 4.1 samples.

flowRate2 Air flow rate in channel 2 in  $[m^3/s]$  at this moment.

correctedToNTP If TRUE, air volumes and flow rate are corrected to Normal

Temperature and Pressure (NTP), i.e., corrected to 20°C and

101,325.0 Pa.

## 3.4 CTBT Laboratory Samples

CTBT laboratory samples are identified with sampleProductionTable equal to ctbtLab-Samples in table 4.1 samples. Also the selection of sample production model is described in some detail there.

This table stores information about CTBT samples sent to radionuclide laboratories within the framework of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. The table is very specific and for the full details of all the fields, except idSample, the user is asked to consult the report IDC3.4.1Rev6 [9] to which the descriptions below are referencing. The reference RLR/#xxx refers to the data block #xxx of the radionuclide laboratory report (RLR). RLR and the related data blocks are described in Chapter 'Radionuclide Laboratory Reports' of the report IDC3.4.1Rev6 [9].

Table 3.8: CTBT laboratory samples

ctbtLabSamples			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idSample	int	4	PFN
siteCode	varchar	20	R
priority	varchar	10	R
sampleCategory	char	1	R
analysisPurpose	text	0	R
testsAuthorized	text	0	
specialInstructions	text	0	
facilityActCat	varchar	40	R
facilitySamDiam	double	8	
facilitySamThick	double	8	
facilitySamWidth	double	8	
facilitySamMass	double	8	
facilityContDens	double	8	
facilityContThick	double	8	
facilityContMat	varchar	80	R
facilitySamGeomDescr	varchar	80	R
facilitySplitMass	double	8	
idcNuclNotQuant	text	0	
idcNaturalNucl	text	0	
idcActProd	text	0	
idcFissProd	text	0	
idcEventActProdPresent	char	1	
idcEventDaysSinceLastAct	varchar	10	
idcEventOnlyOneFP	char	1	
idcEventDaysSinceLastFP	varchar	10	
idcEventMultFP	char	1	
idcEventDaysSinceLastMultFP	varchar	10	
idcEventCs137Present	char	1	
idcEventTimesCs137InMonth	varchar	10	
test	varchar	40	

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
comments	text	0	
	•	•	

end of table.

Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 samples. Site code of the laboratory selected for analysis. See RLR/#Header. siteCode Priority level: Urgent or Routine. See RLR/#Header. priority Sample category: A - network quality control sample, B - sample sampleCategory from IMS network categorized by IDC as level 5, C - proficiency test sample, D - station backup sample (measured by a lab), or, E - other. See RLR/#Header.

Purpose of the analysis. See RLR/#Objective. Free text describing the tests authorized. See RLR/#Objective. describing Free text special instructions. specialInstructions any See RLR/#Objective.

Activity category of the sample according to international shipping regulations. See RLR/#StationSample.

Sample diameter or length in millimeters [mm]. See RLR/#StationSample.

Sample thickness in millimeters [mm]. See RLR/#StationSample. facilitySamThick facilitySamWidth Sample width in millimeters [mm]. See RLR/#StationSample. facilitySamMass Sample mass in kilograms [g]. See RLR/#StationSample. Sample container density in kilograms per cubic meter [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]. See facilityContDens

RLR/#StationSample. Sample container thickness in See facilityContThick millimeters [mm].RLR/#StationSample.

Sample container material. See RLR/#StationSample. Sample geometry description. See RLR/#StationSample.

facilitySplitMass Mass of the split that gets to the lab in kilograms [g]. See RLR/#Split.

List of nuclides identified but not quantified by the IDC. See RLR/#g\_IDCActivitySummary.

List of natural nuclides quantified by the IDC including their half-lives, concentrations [Bq/m<sup>3</sup>] and absolute one sigma of uncertainties of concentrations. For the exact format see RLR/#g\_IDCActivitySummary.

> List of activation products quantified by the IDC including their half-lives, concentrations [Bq/m<sup>3</sup>] and absolute one sigma of uncertainties of concentrations. For the exact format see RLR/#g\_IDCActivitySummary.

List of fission products quantified by the IDC including their half-lives, concentrations [Bq/m<sup>3</sup>] and absolute one sigma of uncertainties of concentrations. For the exact format see RLR/#g\_IDCActivitySummary.

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idSample

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facilityActCat

facilitySamDiam

facilityContMat facilitySamGeomDescr

idcNuclNotQuant

idcNaturalNucl

idcActProd

idcFissProd

${\tt idcEventActProdPresent}$	Activation products present in the sample [Y/N].	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
$\verb idcEventDaysSinceLastAct \\$	Number of days since last activation product seen.	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
idcEventOnlyOneFP	Only one fission product in the sample $[Y/N]$	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
$\verb"idcEventDaysSinceLastFP"$	Number of days since last fission product seen.	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
idcEventMultFP	Two or more fission products in the sample $[Y/N]$ .	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
$\verb"idcEventDaysSinceLastMult"$	Number of days since two or more fission products seen.	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
idcEventCs137Present	Cs-137 present in the sample $[Y/N]$ .	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
${\tt idcEventTimesCs137InMonth}$	Number of times Cs-137 was seen in the last 30 days.	See
	${ m RLR}/{ m \#g\_IDCE}$ ventScreeningFlags.	
test	Type of test performed. See RLR/#Test.	
comments	Comments in English [en].	

# Chapter 4

# Common Sample Properties

One of the core tables of *Linssi* is the table samples, which gives the basic information of the sample. This is the **entry point 1** to *Linssi*. No measurements or analyses can be made without corresponding entries of idSample in table 4.1 samples. It gives sufficient information of a sample for most measuring and analysis purposes. More complete data on samples, including their production and collection processes, are available in Ch. 3. A specific sample type, i.e., production process is selected with the field sampleProductionTable equal to the name of the sample type. See table 4.1 samples below.

Transport of samples between facilities can be followed using table sampleTransports. Correspondingly their movements inside a facility can be tracked in table sampleTrackings.

Samples can also be formed by splitting and combining other samples. The split and combined sources can be tracked to the original sources using the information in table sample-SplitsCombines.

## 4.1 Samples

Table 4.1: Sample description at arrival

samples			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idSample	int	4	PA
sampleId	varchar	80	UNC
phdSampleName	varchar	80	С
extSampleName	varchar	80	
sampleDescription	varchar	80	
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	
splitSymbol	varchar	8	R
split	Boolean	1	
combined	Boolean	1	
sampleType	varchar	20	R
sampleProductionTable	varchar	80	
collStart	datetime	8	Ι
collEnd	datetime	8	

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
Ticid	турс	Deligin	Tags
collTime	double	8	
quantity	double	8	
unit	varchar	8	
overallAct	double	8	
barcode	text	0	
RFID	text	0	
dbEntryTime	datetime	4	
dbLastUpdate	timestamp	4	
comments	text	0	
	lityId)	·	

end of table.

This table describes a sample when it arrives for measurement. This is also the first entry point of the sample to the database, i.e., this record must always be the first record created for the sample. In many cases the only information at the time of creation may be the sampleId.

idSample
sampleId

phdSampleName

extSampleName

sampleDescription
facilityId

contactPerson

splitSymbol

A unique auto incrementing identification number of the sample. A unique sample identifier. For the *Linssi* naming convention see

scripts and interfaces manual [3].

A sample reference identifier (SRID) string following the naming convention of the CTBTO/PTS [9]. Even though not required by the database this string is likely to be globally unique. The naming convention is also described in *Linssi* scripts and interfaces manual [3].

A sample identifier string following the naming convention of a customer for the analysis. Even though not required by the database this string is meant to be unique.

Short text describing the sample.

Identifier of the facility that produced the sample. See table 2.1 facilities.

Contact person for the sample production. See table 2.1 facilities.

A two part (Pp) split symbol of the sample. The symbol is used to identify the descendants of the original sample when it is split for multiple counting and analysis purposes. The first half, P, gives the split number, the second half, p, gives the total number of splits. The split identifier is thus 11 for all radionuclide samples before any splitting is performed. If, for example, a sample is split into three parts, the parts are assigned the following split identifiers: 13 for the first piece, 23 for the second piece, and 33 for the third piece. If all the sample splits are combined together, the split number P is set equal to p+1. Therefore, if the three sample splits from the previous example are combined together the split identifier reported is 43.

This definition is a generalization of the one described in Ref. [9]. The split symbol is useful for tagging simple splits. For more complex cases of splitting and combining samples table 4.2 sampleSplitsCombines should be used. If both the table sample-SplitsCombines and splitSymbol are used, it is up to the user to make sure that they are consistent.

split TRUE if the sample is formed by splitting other samples. For fur-

ther information see table 4.2 sampleSplitsCombines.

combined TRUE if the sample is formed by combining other samples. For

further information see table 4.2 sampleSplitsCombines.

sampleType Type of the sample. The following types are reserved: air-

filter, calibration, environmental, qcspectrum, blank,

background, gassample, gasbackground.

sampleProductionTable Name of the table containing the production information of this

sample. Currently tables basicSamples, airFilterSamples, calibrationSamples, and ctbtLabSamples have been defined (Ch. 3). In generic terms these tables are used to describe the sample manufacturing process, i.e., the process whose result is a radioactive sample. If the specific tables for your application are not available, it is possible to set sampleProductionTable to NULL. In that case the sample is described by the tables described in this chapter (Ch. 4). However, if more information of the sample production is required table basicSamples is the next obvious choice. Finally, a new production model could be implemented for your

application.

collStart Date and time of the start of the sample collection.

Date and time of the end of the sample collection.

collTime Sample collection time in seconds [s].

quantity The amount sampled. The specific activity of the sample can be

obtained by dividing its activity in [Bq] by quantity×unit. See

also note on specific activity on p. 98.

unit The unit of quantity.

overallact Approximate overall activity in becquerels [Bq]. Knowledge is use-

ful when deciding the measurement setup and for radioprotection

purposes.

barcode Bar code on the sample.

RFID Radio Frequency IDentification a.k.a. RFID-tag on the sample.

dbEntryTime Date and time of entering this record to the database.

dbLastUpdate Date and time of last update of this record.

## 4.2 Splitting and Combining Samples

Table 4.2: Splitting and combining samples

sampleSplitsCombines				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
r ieid	туре	Length	riags	
parentIdSample	int	4	PFN	
daughterIdSample	int	4	PIFN	
activityBranching	double	8		
method	varchar	20	R	
comments	text	0		

 $(parentIdSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$  $(daughterIdSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

A sample may be formed by splitting and combining other samples. In many cases it is enough to know simple sample properties, i.e., its history is irrelevant. However, if we want to know how the sample has been formed from other samples, it can be tracked with table sampleSplitsCombines.

This table is used together with table 4.1 samples where Boolean fields split and combine tell how the sample is formed. Those fields are used to inform that the sample has been formed by splitting/combining, but for tracking parents and daughters this table is the only thing needed.

parentIdSample
daughterIdSample

Identification number of the parent sample. See table 4.1 samples. Identification number of the daughter sample. See table 4.1 samples.

activityBranching

Denotes the fraction of activity inherited from the parent to the daughter. If we sum activityBranching over all daughterIdSample:s while keeping parentIdSample fixed the result must be 1.0. *Note*: activityBranching is only informative and should not be needed to obtain the activity of the daughters. The metrics of each sample shall be available in its production table.

method

Method of splitting or combining used to form the daughter from

the parent(s).

comments

Comments in English [en].

### 4.3 Sample Transport

sampleCondition

Table 4.3: Transport record

sample	Transports		
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idSample	int	4	PFN
transportOutId	Boolean	1	PN
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	
courierCompany	varchar	40	
dateTimeOfHandover	datetime	8	
eta	datetime	8	
airwayBill	varchar	40	
sealNumber	varchar	20	
sampleCondition	text	0	R
packCondition	text	0	R
sealCondition	text	0	R
sampleCondFlag	char	1	R
comments	text	0	

end of table.

This table tracks the movement of samples between facilities. It is adopted from the practices of the CTBTO. The short description of the fields below, however, should be self explanatory for any facility designing its own practices.

The references to IDC3.4.1Rev6 [9] below are only needed by the certified laboratories of the CTBTO. The reference LABSDN/#Transport refers to the #Transport data block of the LABSDN message giving a notification that a sample has been sent to a laboratory. Same data blocks are also used in the TECSDN message giving a notification that a sample has been sent from the laboratory. LABSDN and TECSDN messages together with their data blocks are described in Chapter 'Other Laboratory Messages' of the report IDC3.4.1Rev6 [9].

idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-
	ples.
transportOutId	True if this is a transport out of the facility logging the transport, i.e. for CTBT laboratories, message TECSDN. See LAB-SDN/#Transport.
facilityId	Name of the remote facility. See table 2.1 facilities.
contactPerson	Contact person at the remote facility. See table 2.1 facilities.
courierCompany	Agent handling the transport.
${\tt dateTimeOfHandover}$	Date and time of handover (UTC).
eta	Estimated date and time of arrival (UTC).
airwayBill	Airway bill or freight declaration identifier.
sealNumber	Seal number or identification.

Condition of the sample at the time of handower.

packCondition Condition of the package at the time of handower. sealCondition Condition of the seal at the time of handower.

sampleCondFlag Flag indicating if there are any problems with the sample at the

time of handower (facility dependent).

## 4.4 Sample Tracking

Table 4.4: Sample tracking

$\operatorname{sampleTrackings}$			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idSample	int	4	PFN
dateTimeInId	datetime	8	PN
dateTimeOut	datetime	8	
barcode	text	0	
RFID	text	0	
location	varchar	40	
handledBy	varchar	20	
comments	text	0	
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$			

end of table.

This table is used to track the movements of samples inside a facility.

idSample See table 4.1 samples.

dateTimeInId Date and time of the sample arrival to the location (UTC).

dateTimeOut Date and time of the sample departure from the location (UTC).

barcode Barcode of the sample.

RFID Radio Frequency IDentification a.k.a. RFID-tag on the sample.

location Name of the location.

handledBy Name of the person who transferred the sample to the location or

is responsible for the sample at the location.

# Chapter 5

## **Calibrations**

Calibration tables calibrations, calTypes, calPoints, calsRecommended and calsUsed give the full calibration of each measurement setup. The full calibration is based on sets of calibration points (table calPoints) traceable to calibration results of possibly multiple analyses (table analyses), which in turn can be based on multiple measurements (table measurements) of multiple calibration samples (table calibrationSamples). Each set of calibration points defines a type of sub calibration defined in the corresponding table calTypes. Each sample analysis may use one or more full calibrations (table calibrations) that are tracked by table calsUsed. Finally the recommended calibration for each measurement setup and calibration model can be found in table calsRecommended.

For accurate spectrum analysis data on background and blank measurements are important. Data of the recommended background for each measurement setup and background model are available in table backgroundsRecommended. Corresponding data of the blank can be found in blanksRecommended.

#### 5.1 Calibrations

Table 5.1: Calibrations

calibrations				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idCal	int	4	PAN	
measSetupId	varchar	80	FN	
calModelId	varchar	20	R	
calId	varchar	80	UNC	
blankIdAnalysis	int	4	F	
backgroundIdAnalysis	int	4	F	
comments	text	0		

(measSetupId ) → measurementSetups(measSetupId) (blankIdAnalysis ) → analyses(idAnalysis)

 $(backgroundIdAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

end of table.

idCal Identification number of the full calibration. The full calibration

consists of multiple calibrations further defined in table 5.2 cal-

Types.

measSetupId Unique name of the measurement setup, to which this calibration

can be applied. See table 6.5 measurementSetups.

calModelId Identifier of the calibration model. This is often specific to the

software used for analysis and calibration.

calld Unique name describing the calibration. For the Linssi naming

convention see scripts and interfaces manual [3].

blankIdAnalysis Identification number of the analysis of the blank used in producing

this calibration. See table 8.1 analyses.

backgroundIdAnalysis Identification number of the analysis of the background used in

producing this calibration. See table 8.1 analyses.

## 5.2 Calibration Types

Table 5.2: Calibration types

calTypes				
Type	Length	Flags		
int	4	PFN		
varchar	20	PINR		
int	4	FS		
Boolean	1			
varchar	20	R		
varchar	40			
datetime	8			
text	0			
text	0			
varchar	80	F		
varchar	40			
double	8			
double	8			
int	4	F		
blob	0			
text	0			
	int varchar int Boolean varchar varchar datetime text text varchar double double int blob	Type Length int 4 varchar 20 int 4 Boolean 1 varchar 20 varchar 40 datetime 8 text 0 text 0 varchar 80 varchar 40 double 8 double 8 int 4 blob 0		

 $(idCal) \rightarrow calibrations(idCal)$ 

 $(inputIdCal) \rightarrow calibrations(idCal)$ 

 $(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

 $(idFunction) \rightarrow functions(idFunction)$ 

end of table.

Each complete calibration, idCal, in *Linssi* consists of calibrations of more than one parameter of the measurement setup. Calibrations of these individual parameters are identified by the calibration type identifiers, calTypeId, in tables calPoints and calTypes. The exact meaning and support of each calibration type depends on the analysis software. The currently reserved calibration types are described below.

idCal	Identification number of the full calibration. See table 5.1 cali-
	brations.
calTypeId	Name of the type of calibration. See below for discussion of the
	reserved calTypeId's.
inputIdCal	Pointer to the calibration that is the basis for this calibration. Using
	this pointer the calibration chain can be tracked to the original
	calibration. This key is a self referencing foreign key, i.e., it points
	to another record in this table.
changed	This field is true if the calibration (idCal,calTypeId) has
	been changed when compared with the calibration (inputId-
	Cal,calTypeId).
class	Additional information on the calibration chain. The following val-
	ues have been defined:

PHD: External calibration information received together with the spectrum.

 ${\tt EXTERNAL} : \ {\tt External} \ {\tt calibration} \ {\tt information} \ {\tt of} \ {\tt unspecified} \ {\tt origin}.$ 

SOH: A State Of Health calibration update generated by the spectrum analysis software.

FIT: A (new) fit to the calibration points by the spectrum analysis software.

SOURCE: A corrected calibration due to source geometry. That is, the spectrum analysis software has made a correction to the calibration based on the differences in the measuring geometry between the source defined in the measurement setup and that actually measured. The correction may include source self-attenuation correction, source volume correction, source distance correction etc. See field sourceId in table 6.6 measurements. For the corrections actually performed the software documentation must be consulted.

description An identifier given by the analyst to the calibration (possibly unique, not required).

creationTime Date and time of creation of the calibration. *Note:* A valid date and time must be given. If old calibrations are searched for, this field is useful as an identifier.

calinfo Free form description of the calibration by the analyst.

calCertificate Calibration certificate block as described in Ref. [9]. This is an alternative certificate of the calibration. The preferred method is described in Ch. 3.1. If both methods are used for the same calibration, they must be consistent.

facilityId Name of the facility where the calibration has been performed. See table 2.1 facilities.

contactPerson Name of the person responsible for the calibration.

StartOfRange Start of the validity range of the calibration function in channels [ch], or in kiloelectronvolts [keV] for efficiency calibrations.

endOfRange End of the validity range of the calibration function in channels [ch], or in kiloelectronvolts [keV] for efficiency calibrations.

idFunction Function number of the calibration function. See table 9.1 functions.

Values of the parameters of idFunction. The values are given as pairs of parameter value and its one sigma absolute uncertainty. Each pair is separated with the newline character. If the parameter uncertainty is not known it must not be given. It is recommended that known zero uncertainties, which is the case for integers, for example, should be explicitly stated. The pairs are associated with the function by the order given in the function definition.

comments Comments in English [en].

parameters

#### 5.2.1 Peak Shape Calibrations

The current version of *Linssi* reserves the following calTypeId's for Gaussian peak shape with extended exponential tails and a baseline step: width, lowTail, highTail, lowTailExp, highTailExp and step. These parameters are given as a function of channel in *Linssi*. For the exact meaning of the parameters see UNISAMPO, SHAMAN and *Aatami* manuals [4, 5, 6].

#### 5.2.2 Energy Calibration

For energy calibration of photopeak centroids calTypeId energy is reserved. Here energy is given in kiloelectronvolts [keV] as a function of channel.

#### 5.2.3 Efficiency Calibration

For detector efficiency calibration two calTypeId's are reserved: efficiency for the photopeak efficiency and totalEfficiency for the total efficiency of the detector. Both efficiencies are defined as a function of energy in kiloelectronvolts [keV]. The efficiencies are absolute and describe the full measurement setup.

#### 5.2.4 Calibration Functions

In Linssi the measurement setup calibration functions are used in tables 5.2 calTypes. The functions are fitted to points given in table 5.3 calPoints. In the functions the dependent variable y is defined as a function of one independent variable x with varying number of fitted parameters  $a_i$ . x is given either in kiloelectronvolts [keV] for efficiency calibration or in channels for all other calibration functions. The fitted parameters are stored in parameters together with their uncertainties. The available functions are defined in table 9.1 functions. In principle any function can be applied for any calibration type. In practice, however, function 1 may be used for any calibration, functions 2...4 are used for energy and shape calibrations, and functions 5...9 are used only for efficiency calibration. The user is advised to consult his analysis software manuals for physical interpretation and support for these functions.

### 5.3 Calibration Points

Table 5.3: Calibration points

calPoints					
Field	Туре	Length	Flags		
idCal	int	4	PF1N		
calTypeId	varchar	20	PIF1Nr		
idCalPoint	int	4	PN		
idAnalysis	int	4	I1F2		
idPeak	int	4	I1F2		
xValue	double	8			
uncXValue	double	8			
yValue	double	8			
uncYValue	double	8			
comments	text	0			

(idCal ,calTypeId ) → calTypes(idCal,calTypeId) (idAnalysis ,idPeak ) → peaks(idAnalysis,idPeak)

end of table.

This table contains calibration point values and their uncertainties given as quadruplets (xValue, uncXvalue, yValue, uncXValue).

It is not mandatory to have all the calibration points associated with spectrum analysis results. For those calibrations idAnalysis = NULL. This might be the situation in the case of off-line calibrations. It is, however, recommended that the user assigns an entry in the analyses table even for these cases. The entry and the corresponding peaks table provide ample space also for justifying the off-line calibration.

idCal	Identification number of the full calibration. The full calibration
	consists of multiple calibrations identified by idCal.calTypeId
	pairs. See table 5.2 calTypes.
calTypeId	Name of the type of calibration. See Ch. 5.2 for discussion of the
	reserved calTypeId's.
${\tt idCalPoint}$	Index of the calibration point. For each idcal.calTypeId the num-
	bering starts from 1.
idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis results used to obtain this
	calibration point. See table 8.1 analyses.
idPeak	Identification number of spectrum peak for this calibration point.
	See table 8.3 peaks.
xValue	Channel, or energy [keV] for efficiency calibration, of the calibration
	point.
uncXValue	The one sigma absolute uncertainty of the xValue.
yValue	Value of the calibrated parameter at xValue.
uncYValue	The one sigma absolute uncertainty of the yValue.
comments	Comments in English [en].

## 5.4 Recommended Calibrations

Table 5.4: Recommended calibrations

calsRecommended				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
measSetupId	varchar	80	PFN	
calModelId	varchar	20	PNr	
idCal	int	4	FN	
comments	text	0		

(measSetupId )  $\rightarrow$  measurementSetups(measSetupId) (idCal )  $\rightarrow$  calibrations(idCal)

end of table.

It is a good practice to have a recommended calibration for each measurement setup and calibration model. idCal of that most up to date calibration is given in this table.

${\tt measSetupId}$	Name of the measurement setup. See table 6.5 measurementSe-
	tups.
calModelId	Identifier of the calibration model. This is often specific to the
	software used for analysis and calibration.
idCal	Identification number of the full calibration recommended to be
	used together this measurement setup and calibration model. See
	table 5.1 calibrations.

#### 5.5 Used Calibrations

Table 5.5: Used calibrations

calsUsed				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idAnalysis	int	4	PFN	
idCal	int	4	PIFN	
usedInAnalysis	Boolean	1	N	
comments	text	0		
$(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$				

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$  $(idCal) \rightarrow calibrations(idCal)$ 

end of table.

This table supports many-to-many relationships between analysis results and calibrations. A single full calibration, idCal, may, of course, be used in many analyses, idAnalysis. It is also possible that a single analysis takes advantage of many calibrations. For illustration, the analysis software may receive a calibration with the spectrum, calTypes.class = PHD, but the analyst selects to use the recommended calibration for the measurement setup in question: the fields idcal, measSetupId and calModelId all match in tables calibrations and calsRecommended. Finally, the software fine tunes the calibration for source geometry differences and uses the adjusted calibration to obtain the final results and stores it as cal-Types.class = SOURCE to database. Note that only the last calibration is used to calculate the final results, i.e., usedInAnalysis will be TRUE for that calibration only. For the other calibrations of our example usedInAnalysis will be FALSE. However, after the analysis, at the latest, all the three above mentioned calibrations are stored in Linssi.

For information about the class field see table 5.2 calTypes.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis, which has used, or has con-

sidered to use this calibration. See table 8.1 analyses.

idCal Identification number of the full calibration. See table 5.1 cali-

brations.

usedInAnalysis TRUE if this is the calibration on which the analysis results in

idAnalysis are based on.

## 5.6 Recommended Backgrounds

Table 5.6: Recommended backgrounds

backgroundsRecommended				
Field	Туре	Length	Flags	
measSetupId	varchar	80	PF	
backgroundModelId	varchar	20	PR	
idAnalysis	int	4	IF	
idMeas	int	4	IF	
comments	text	0		

(measSetupId )  $\rightarrow$  measurementSetups(measSetupId) (idAnalysis )  $\rightarrow$  analyses(idAnalysis) (idMeas )  $\rightarrow$  measurements(idMeas)

end of table.

In order to be able to do background subtraction, a background measurement and its analysis results must be available for each measurement setup. Since different analysis methods use different background models, compatibility of the results is indicated by the appropriate model identifier.

measSetupId A unique identifier of the measurement setup. See table 6.5 measurementSetups.

surementsetups.

backgroundModelId A unique identifier of the background model used in background

analysis

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis of the background measure-

ment. See table 8.1 analyses

idMeas Identification number of the background measurement. See table

6.6 measurements.

## 5.7 Recommended Blanks

Table 5.7: Recommended blanks

blanksRecommended				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
measSetupId	varchar	80	PF	
blankModelId	varchar	20	PR	
idAnalysis	int	4	IF	
idMeas	int	4	IF	
idSample	int	4	IF	
comments	text	0		

 $\begin{array}{l} (\text{measSetupId}\ ) \to \text{measurementSetups}(\text{measSetupId}) \\ (\text{idAnalysis}\ ) \to \text{analyses}(\text{idAnalysis}) \\ (\text{idMeas}\ ) \to \text{measurements}(\text{idMeas}) \\ (\text{idSample}\ ) \to \text{samples}(\text{idSample}) \end{array}$ 

end of table.

In order to be able to do blank subtraction a blank measurement and its analysis results must be available for each measurement setup. Since different analysis methods use different blank models compatibility of the results is indicated by the appropriate model identifier.

measSetupId	A unique identifier of the measurement setup. See table 6.5 mea-
	surementSetups.
blankModelId	A unique identifiers of the blank model used in the analysis of the
	blank.
idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis of the blank measurement.
	See table 8.1 analyses
idMeas	Identification number of the blank measurement. See table 6.6 mea-
	surements.
idSample	Identification number of the blank sample measured. See table 4.1
	samples.
comments	Comments in English [en].

# Chapter 6

## Measurements

Measurements of sample radioactivity are done in a measuring setup (measurementSetups), which combines the properties and geometry of the radioactive source (sources), detector (detectors), attenuator (attenuators), and shielding (shields). The source contains the radioactivity of the sample (idSample) to be measured, even though its chemical and physical form can be different.

Measurement parameters are stored in table measurements and the resulting spectrum, or spectra, are stored in table spectra. Additional data required for alpha measurements are stored in table alphaMeasurements.

Creating the primary key idMeas in table measurements is the entry point 2 to *Linssi*. Measurement data cannot be input to *Linssi* before a corresponding entry of idSample in table 4.1 samples is available.

#### 6.1 Sources

Table 6.1: Source geometry and material description

sources				
Field	Туре	Length	Flags	
sourceId	varchar	80	PN	
idSample	int	4	IF	
sourceGeometry	varchar	20		
sourceThickness	double	8		
sourceHeightMar	double	8		
sourceWidth	double	8		
sourceLength	double	8		
sourceDiam1	double	8		
sourceDiam2	double	8		
sourceLayers	smallint	2		
sourceDensity	double	8		
sourceMass	double	8		
sourceMaterial	varchar	20	R	
contDens	double	8		

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
contThick	double	8	
contMaterial	varchar	40	R
preparationMethod	text	0	R
sourceRFID	text	0	
sourceBarcode	text	0	
comments	text	0	
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$			

end of table.

This table describes the source geometry when the source to be measured is in the measuring position. Typically it describes the standard reference source geometry used in this measurement setup, see  $Case\ 1$  below. However, the source geometry can also be defined to apply sample specific corrections to this standard geometry, see  $Case\ 2$  below.

This table aims to describe the geometry and material of the source, which includes the container, to the extent sufficient for Monte Carlo simulation of the measuring process when used together with the rest of the measurement setup.

 ${\tt idSample} \qquad \qquad {\tt Identifies \ the \ sample. \ See \ table \ 4.1 \ samples. \ We \ can \ identify \ two}$ 

cases.

Case 1: If the source is used to describe a standard measurement setup, i.e., its sourceId appears in table 6.5 measurementSetups, then idSample here should be set to NULL.

Case 2: If the source is not describing a standard geometry, i.e., not having proper calibrations directly available, idSample must be given. In this case the analysis software is using the geometry information of the source to calculate a new, or to adjust an existing, calibration. See field sourceId in table 6.6 measurements, and field class in table 5.2 calTypes.

Name of the source geometry. This name identifies the meaning of

the source measures below.

sourceThickness Thickness of the source in millimeters [mm].

sourceHeightMar Height of the Marinelli beaker source in millimeters [mm].

sourceWidth Width of the source in millimeters [mm].

Length of the source in millimeters [mm].

sourceDiam1 Outer diameter of the source in millimeters [mm].
sourceDiam2 Inner diameter of the source in millimeters [mm].

sourceLayers Number of layers in the source.

sourceDensity Density of the source in kilograms per cubic meter [kg/m<sup>3</sup>].

sourceMass Mass of the source in kilograms [kg].

sourceMaterial Name of the source material.

contDens Density of the source container in kilograms per cubic meter

 $[kg/m^3]$ .

contThick Thickness of the source container in millimeters [mm].

contMaterial Name of the source container material.

preparationMethod Describes how the source has been made from the sample.

sourceBarcode Bar code on the source.

aourceRFID Radio Frequency IDentification a.k.a. RFID-tag on the source.

comments in English [en].

#### 6.2 Detectors

Table 6.2: Detectors

detectors			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
detectorId	varchar	80	PN
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	
detectorModel	varchar	40	
detectorType	varchar	20	R
absEfficiency	double	8	
volume	double	8	
diameter	double	8	
thickness	double	8	
coreDiameter	double	8	
coreLength	double	8	
endcapToCrystal	double	8	
windowMaterial	varchar	20	R
windowThickness	double	8	
deadLayerThickness	double	8	
biasVoltage	double	8	
polarity	varchar	10	
comments	text	0	
$(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$			

end of table.

This table describes detectors used. This table aims to describe the detector to the extent sufficient for Monte Carlo simulation of the measuring process when used together with the rest of the measurement setup.

detectorId A unique name of the detector.
facilityId See table 2.1 facilities.
contactPerson Name of the contact person.

detectorModel Detector manufacturer's model name and number for the detector.

detectorType Type of the detector, e.g., p-type.
absEfficiency Absolute efficiency of the detector.

volume Volume of the detector in cubic millimeters [mm<sup>3</sup>].

diameter Detector diameter in millimeters [mm].
thickness Detector thickness in millimeters [mm].

coreDiameter Diameter of the detector core in millimeters [mm].

Length of the detector core in millimeters [mm].

endcapToCrystal Distance from the endcap to the crystal surface in millimeters [mm].

windowMaterial Name of the detector window material.

windowThickness Detector window thickness in millimeters [mm].

deadLayerThickness Detector dead layer thickness in millimeters [mm].

biasVoltage Bias voltage in volts [V].

polarity Polarity of the voltage, positive or negative.

## 6.3 Shields

Table 6.3: Shields

shields			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
shieldId	varchar	80	PN
comments	text	0	

end of table.

This table describes shielding used in measurements. (To be defined.)

This table aims to describe the shielding to the extent sufficient for Monte Carlo simulation of the measuring process when used together with the rest of the measurement setup.

shieldId A unique name of the shield. comments Comments in English [en].

## 6.4 Attenuators

Table 6.4: Attenuators

attenuators			
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
attenuatorId	varchar	80	PN
comments text 0			

end of table.

This table describes attenuators used in measurements. (To be defined.)

This table aims to describe the attenuator to the extent sufficient for Monte Carlo simulation of the measuring process when used together with the rest of the measurement setup.

attenuatorId A unique name of the attenuator. comments Comments in English [en].

### 6.5 Measurement Setups

Table 6.5: Measurement setups identify the components used and their positions

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measurementSetups			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
measSetupId	varchar	80	PN
detectorId	varchar	80	F
sourceId	varchar	80	F
attenuatorId	varchar	80	F
shieldId	varchar	80	F
sampleDistX	double	8	
sampleDistY	double	8	
sampleDistZ	double	8	
attenDistX	double	8	
attenDistY	double	8	
attenDistZ	double	8	
shieldDistX	double	8	
shieldDistY	double	8	
shieldDistZ	double	8	
comments	text	0	
(1 + + T1) + 1 + + (1 + + T1)			

 $(detectorId) \rightarrow detectors(detectorId)$ (sourceId)  $\rightarrow$  sources(sourceId)

(attenuatorId )  $\rightarrow$  attenuators (attenuatorId) (shieldId )  $\rightarrow$  shields (shieldId)

end of table.

The Cartesian right hand coordinate system used here has its origin at the center of the detector's active front face window on its outer surface. The positive z-axis points outwards of the detector. If the z-axis is horizontal the y-axis is vertical and points upwards. Otherwise the y-axis is parallel to the plane of maximum possible symmetry and points outwards of the center of the detector system.

Sample, attenuator and shield coordinate axes are parallel to the coordinate axes defined here, but their origins are offset as described below.

The description of the measurement setup is meant to be accurate enough for Monte Carlo simulation of the measurements.

measSetupId Unique name of the measurement setup.

detectorId See table 6.2 detectors.
sourceId See table 6.1 sources.
attenuatorId See table 6.4 attenuators.
shieldId See table 6.3 shields.

sampleDistX x-component of the offset of the sample origin in millimeters [mm].
sampleDistY y-component of the offset of the sample origin in millimeters [mm].
z-component of the offset of the sample origin in millimeters [mm].

attenDistX	x-component of the offset of the attenuator origin in millimeters
	[mm].
attenDistY	y-component of the offset of the attenuator origin in millimeters
	[mm].
attenDistZ	z-component of the offset of the attenuator origin in millimeters
	[mm].
${\tt shieldDistX}$	x-component of the offset of the shield origin in millimeters [mm].
${\tt shieldDistY}$	y-component of the offset of the shield origin in millimeters [mm].
${\tt shieldDistZ}$	z-component of the offset of the shield origin in millimeters [mm].
comments	Comments in English [en].

## 6.6 Measurements

Table 6.6: Measurement parameters

measurements			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idMeas	int	4	PA
idSample	int	4	IFN
sourceId	varchar	80	F
measSetupId	varchar	80	F
blankIdMeas	int	4	FS
backgroundIdMeas	int	4	FS
idCal	int	4	F
measId	varchar	80	UNC
phdMeasName	varchar	80	С
extMeasName	varchar	80	
sourcePreparedBy	varchar	40	
sourceReady	datetime	8	
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	
detectorTemperature	double	8	
uncDetectorTemperature	double	8	
ambientTemperature	double	8	
ambientHumidity	double	8	
waitTime	double	8	
acqStart	datetime	8	Ι
acqStartNanoSeconds	int	4	
acqEnd	datetime	8	
acqRealTime	double	8	
acqLiveTime	double	8	
measurementType	varchar	20	R
measuredDoseRate	double	8	
uncMeasuredDoseRate	double	8	
spectrumSent	datetime	8	
extFileName	text	0	
comments	text	0	
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(idSample ) → samples(idSample)
(sourceId ) → sources(sourceId)
(measSetupId ) → measurementSetups(measSetupId)
(blankIdMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)
(backgroundIdMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)
(idCal ) → calibrations(idCal)
```

 $(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

end of table.

idMeas idSample A unique measurement identifier. See table 4.1 samples.

sourceId

The identifier of the measured source. See table 6.1 sources. We can identify two cases.

Case 1: If we are using a standard measurement setup without changes in the source geometry, then sourceId here should be set to NULL. In this case the relevant geometry information is found using measSetupId below.

Case 2: If the source is not describing a standard geometry the geometry is defined by sourceId. The analysis software is able to calculate a new, or adjust an existing, calibration by comparing the geometry given here with the geometry of the standard setup defined by the source associated with the standard geometry measurementSetup.sourceId.

measSetupId
blankIdMeas

See table 6.5 measurementSetups.

A name of the blank measurement relevant for this sample measurement. This is a unique identifier of the type idMeas pointing to a record in this measurements table.

backgroundIdMeas

A name of the background measurement relevant for this sample measurement. This is a unique identifier of the type idMeas pointing to a record in this measurements table.

idCal

Identification number of the calibration, which was received with the measured spectrum. See table 5.1 calibrations. Also for an outside measurement there may be a corresponding measurement setup already defined in this *Linssi* database. In that case it is left to the analyst to decide whether to use the calibration provided there or the one received with the spectrum.

measId

A unique measurement name, i.e., this has one-to-one correspondence with the primary key idMeas above. This name is normally a result of the naming rules applied in the measurement facility. For the *Linssi* naming convention see scripts and interfaces manual [3].

phdMeasName

A name following the naming rules of the measurement identification (MID) of the CTBTO [9]. Even though not required by the database this name is globally unique across different FULL spectra. However, the MID for eventual PREL spectra is identical to that of the FULL spectrum. The naming convention is also described in *Linssi* scripts and interfaces manual [3].

extMeasName

A name of the measurement given or required by the customer. This name is normally a result of the naming rules used by the customer. This name is most probably unique but it is not required by the database.

sourcePreparedBy
sourceReady

Name of the person who prepared the source.

facilityId

Date and time the source was ready for first measurement. Identifier of the facility that performed the measurement. See table

2.1 facilities.

contactPerson
detectorTemperature
uncDetectorTemperature

Contact person for the measurement. See table 2.1 facilities.

Detector temperature in degrees centigrade [°C].

One sigma absolute uncertainty of the detector temperature in degrees centigrade [°C].

ambientTemperature
ambientHumidity

Ambient temperature in degrees centigrade [°C].

Ambient relative humidity in percent [%].

waitTime Time between end of sampling (or end of irradiation, or equivalent)

and start of acquisition in seconds [s].

acgStart Date and time of the start of acquisition.

acqStartNanoSeconds Number of nanoseconds [ns] past last full second of acquisition start.

If not zero acqStart must be truncated (not rounded) to the near-

est second.

acqEnd Date and time of the end of acquisition. acqRealTime Real time of acquisition in seconds [s].

acqLiveTime Measurement system effective live time of acquisition in seconds [s].

Measurement system effective live time of acquisition in seconds [s].

A reserved keyword describing the measurement type, e.g. Ze-

roDeadTime.

measuredDoseRate Measured dose rate in Sieverts per second [Sv/s].

 ${\tt uncMeasuredDoseRate}$ 

spectrumSent

Uncertainty of the measured dose rate in Sieverts per second [Sv/s]. Date and time when the spectrum, or spectra, were sent to analysis.

If the analysis is carried out in the measuring facility, this is most probably the time the spectrum, or spectra, were stored to the

database.

extFileName Pointer to external file for extra measurement results.

comments in English [en].

## 6.7 Spectra

Table 6.7: Measured spectra

S	pectra		
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
idMeas	int	4	PF
idSpectrum	int	4	Р
idSample	int	4	IFN
spectrumType	varchar	20	R
spectrumFormat	varchar	80	R
firstChannel	int	4	
lastChannel	int	4	
firstValidChannel	int	4	
lastValidChannel	int	4	
spectrum	longblob	0	
comments	text	0	
$(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$			

 $\begin{array}{l} (\mathrm{idMeas}\ ) \to \mathrm{measurements}(\mathrm{idMeas}) \\ (\mathrm{idSample}\ ) \to \mathrm{samples}(\mathrm{idSample}) \end{array}$ 

end of table

The measured spectra are stored in this table. In a normal gamma spectrum measurement the result is a single spectrum. However, there are cases when the result is two or more spectra, e.g., variance spectrum of the Ortec ZDT method, coincidence spectra, etc.

idMeas	Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measurements.
idSpectrum	Unique spectrum number.
idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-
rabampro	ples.
spectrumType	Type of the spectrum. Reserved types:
	FULL, a normal full time spectrum
	PREL, denoting a time slice of the full spectrum [9].
	VARIANCE, variance spectrum of the ZDT method by Ortec.
spectrumFormat	Format of the spectrum. Reserved formats
_	NULL or NORMAL, Only the counts (y-values) are stored, i.e., no
	channel numbers (x-values). The format is one channel per line.
	NORMAL-ZIPPED, like NORMAL but in the compressed in zip
	format
firstChannel	The channel number of the first number of counts in the spectrum.
lastChannel	The channel number of the last number of counts in the spectrum.
firstValidChannel	The channel number of the first valid number of counts in the spec-
	trum. This could be the first channel above the lower level discrim-
	inator, for example.
lastValidChannel	The channel number of the last valid number of counts in the spec-
	trum. This could be the last channel below the upper level discrim-

inator, for example.

spectrum The measured spectrum in a format given in spectrumFormat

above.

comments in English [en].

# 6.8 Alpha Measurements

Table 6.8: Alpha measurement parameters and results

Field       Type       Length       Flags         idMeas       int       4       PF         idSample       int       4       IFN         reverseBias       boolean       1         airPressureStart       double       8         airPressureEnd       double       8         detectorLeakCurrent       double       8         lowDiscriminator       double       8         highDiscriminator       double       8         sourceBackingDiameter       double       8         sourceBackingThickness       double       8         sourceBackingMaterial       varchar       10       c         actTracerNuclide1       double       8         uncActTracerNuclide1       double       8         refTimeTracerNuclide2       double       8         uncActTracerNuclide2       double       8         uncActTracerNuclide2       datetime       8         refTimeTracerNuclide2       datetime       8         comments       text       0         (idMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)       (idSample)	alphaMeasurements			
idSample int 4 IFN   reverseBias boolean 1   airPressureStart double 8   airPressureEnd double 8   detectorLeakCurrent double 8   lowDiscriminator double 8   highDiscriminator double 8   sourceBackingDiameter double 8   sourceBackingThickness double 8   sourceBackingMaterial varchar 80 R   tracerNuclide1 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide1 double 8   tracerNuclide2 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide2 double 8   tracerTimeTracerNuclide2 double 8   uncActTracerNuclide2 double 8   refTimeTracerNuclide2 datetime 8   refTimeTracerNuclide2 datetime 8   comments text 0   (idMeas) → measurements(idMeas)	Field	Туре	Length	Flags
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highDiscriminator double 8   sourceBackingDiameter double 8   sourceBackingThickness double 8   sourceBackingMaterial varchar 80 R   tracerNuclide1 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide1 double 8   uncActTracerNuclide1 datetime 8   tracerNuclide2 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide2 double 8   uncActTracerNuclide2 double 8   refTimeTracerNuclide2 datetime 8   comments text 0   (idMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)	detectorLeakCurrent	double	8	
sourceBackingDiameter double 8   sourceBackingThickness double 8   sourceBackingMaterial varchar 80 R   tracerNuclide1 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide1 double 8   uncActTracerNuclide1 datetime 8   tracerNuclide2 varchar 10 c   actTracerNuclide2 double 8   uncActTracerNuclide2 double 8   refTimeTracerNuclide2 datetime 8   comments text 0   (idMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)	lowDiscriminator	double	8	
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tracerNuclide1 varchar 10 c  actTracerNuclide1 double 8  uncActTracerNuclide1 double 8  refTimeTracerNuclide1 datetime 8  tracerNuclide2 varchar 10 c  actTracerNuclide2 double 8  uncActTracerNuclide2 double 8  refTimeTracerNuclide2 double 8  comments text 0  (idMeas ) → measurements(idMeas)	sourceBackingThickness	double	8	
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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	tracerNuclide1	varchar	10	С
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	actTracerNuclide1	double	8	
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	uncActTracerNuclide1	double	8	
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	refTimeTracerNuclide1	datetime	8	
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	tracerNuclide2	varchar	10	С
	actTracerNuclide2	double	8	
	uncActTracerNuclide2	double	8	
$(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$	refTimeTracerNuclide2	datetime	8	
	comments	text	0	
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$	$(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$			
	$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$	nple)		

end of table.

Even though *Linssi* is the database for gamma-ray spectrometry, its basic structure can be useful also for other spectrometers. Table alphaMeasurements is used to complement the measurements table so that also alpha spectrometry measurements can be stored in *Linssi*.

Below the sourceBacking-group of fields is designed for describing the backing element of a source used in the measurement. It is used typically with sources with active substance spread over a metal disc.

The tracer-group of fields is designed to be used with sources that have a known radioactive component added during the source preparation process.

idMeas	Measurement identification number. See table 6.6 measurements.
idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-
	ples.
reverseBias	Denotes if battery plate was mounted in the vacuum chamber dur-
	ing measurement.
airPressureStart	Air pressure in pascals [Pa] in the vacuum chamber at the beginning
	of the measurement.

airPressureEnd

Air pressure in pascals [Pa] in the vacuum chamber at the end of the measurement.

detectorLeakCurrent

Detector leak current during measurement in amperes [A]. Low level discriminator used in kiloelectronvolts [keV]. lowDiscriminator High level discriminator used in kiloelectronvolts [keV].

highDiscriminator sourceBackingDiameter

The diameter of the metal disc on which the source is spread in millimeters [mm].

sourceBackingThickness sourceBackingMaterial tracerNuclide1 actTracerNuclide1 uncActTracerNuclide1

The source backing material thickness in millimeters [mm].

Describes the material of the backing disc.

nuclideId for the added component. For syntax see table 3.3

The activity of the added nuclide in becquerels [Bq].

Uncertainty of the tracer nuclide activity in becquerels [Bq].

Reference time of the activity.

nuclideId for the second added component. For syntax see table

3.3

actTracerNuclide2 uncActTracerNuclide2 refTimeTracerNuclide2 comments

refTimeTracerNuclide1

tracerNuclide2

The activity of the second added nuclide in becquerels [Bq]. Uncertainty of the second tracer nuclide activity in becquerels [Bq]. Reference time of the activity of the second tracer.

Comments in English [en].

# Chapter 7

# Regions of Interest and Spectrum Components

In addition to peak based spectrum analysis, as mainly discussed in Ch. 8.1, other spectral components can be used. Two different types of components are described here. First, one or multidimensional Regions of Interest, ROIs, can be used either to store measurements or already analyzed spectrum regions. Multidimensionality provides mechanisms for coincidence analysis, for example. Second, a spectrum can be considered to be a weighted sum of components obtained on the basis of previously analyzed 'calibration' spectra.

## 7.1 Regions of Interest (ROIs)

Table 7.1: Regions of Interest (ROIs)

	rois		
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idRoi	int	4	PA
idAnalysis	int	4	F
idMeas	int	4	F
idSample	int	4	F
roiName	varchar	10	R
nuclideName	varchar	10	С
roiEfficiency	double	8	
uncRoiEfficiency	double	8	
roiArea	double	8	
roiNetArea	double	8	
roiStrippedArea	double	8	
roiCps	double	8	
uncRoiCps	double	8	
roiAnalysis	double	8	
uncRoiAnalysis	double	8	
comments	text	0	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$ 

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
$\boxed{ (idSample) \rightarrow sample}$	ples(idSamp	le)	
		1 _	C + - 1-1-

end of table.

This table contains analysis results of regions of interest (ROI). One record is used for each ROI analyzed. Depending of the methodology used the ROI analysis and peak analysis results may both be available for the measurement. By providing foreign keys idMeas, idSample and idAnalysis ROIs can be used in applications where ROIs are either measurement or analysis results.

idRoi Ide	entification number of the ROI.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure—

ments.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

roiName Name of the ROI.

nuclideName Name of the nuclide associated with the ROI. For syntax see table

3.3

roiEfficiency Counts in ROI/emission.

uncRoiEfficiency One sigma absolute uncertainty of roiEfficiency.

roiArea Total ROI area in counts. Note: No baseline area has been sub-

tracted.

roiNetArea Net ROI area in counts. Note: baseline area has been subtracted

but not the contributions from stripping or from the blank and

background.

roiStrippedArea Stripped ROI area in counts. Note: baseline area and ROI strip-

ping has been subtracted but the contributions from the blank and

background not.

roiCps Counts per seconds in stripped ROI. Note: baseline area and ROI

stripping has been subtracted but the contributions from the blank

and background not.

uncRoiCps One sigma absolute uncertainty of roiCPS.

roiAnalysis Numerical, single value giving the result of a specialized ROI anal-

ysis, e.g. ratio of measured to predicted counts in a ROI. The exact definition (and unit) of this field is dependent on the analysis

software.

uncRoiAnalysis Uncertainty of the ROI analysis result.

### 7.2 ROI Limits

comments

Table 7.2: ROI limits

ro	oiLimits		
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
idRoi	int	4	PF
idLim	int	4	Р
roiStartChannel	int	4	
roiEndChannel	int	4	
roiStartEnergy	double	8	
roiEndEnergy	double	8	
comments	text	0	
$(idRoi) \rightarrow rois(idRoi)$			

end of table.

The ROI limits in energy and channels are given in this table. The possibility to have multiple limits, idLim for each ROI, facilitates multidimensional ROIs. In 3D beta-gamma coincidence spectrometry, for example, two dimensional ROIs are used.

idRoi	Identification number of the ROI. See table 7.1 rois.
idLim	Identification number of the ROI limit. For beta-gamma spec-
	troscopy systems idLim = 1 and 2 are reserved beta and gamma
	channel/energy limits, respectively.
roiStartChannel	Start channel of the ROI.
	Depending on the application it is recommended to use either chan-
	nels or energy (i.e. not both) to define the ROIs due to possibly
	changing energy calibrations.
${\tt roiEndChannel}$	End channel of the ROI.
roiStartEnergy	Start energy of the ROI in keV.
roiEndEnergy	End energy of the ROI in keV.

Comments in English [en].

# 7.3 ROI Components

Table 7.3: ROI components

roiComponents			
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
idRoi	int	4	PF
componentTypeId	varchar	10	PR
roiComponent	longblob	0	
comments	text	0	
$(idRoi) \rightarrow rois(idRoi)$			

end of table.

idRoi Identification number of the ROI, to which the components are

related. See table 7.1 rois.

componentTypeId Type of the component, e.g., beta for the beta component of the

ROI in beta-gamma analyses.

roiComponent The ROI component, e.g., channel by channel gamma counts

between roiStartEnergy and roiEndEnergy given in table 7.2 roiLimits. The exact type of the component depends on the com-

ponent type and analysis software.

### 7.4 ROI Ratios

Table 7.4: ROI ratios

	roiRatios		
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
firstIdRoi	int	4	PF
secondIdRoi	int	4	PF
roiRatio	varchar	20	
countRatio	double	8	
uncCountRatio	double	8	
comments	text	0	
$(firstIdRoi) \rightarrow rois(idRoi)$			
$(secondIdRoi) \rightarrow rois(idRoi)$			

end of table.

firstIdRoi idRoi of the higher energy ROI. See table 7.1 rois. secondIdRoi idRoi of the lower energy ROI. See table 7.1 rois.

roiRatio Name of the ratio, eg."PB214\_352:242" (from b-g phd format).

Ratio of counts in firstIdRoi to be stripped from the counts in

secondIdRoi.

uncCountRatio One sigma absolute uncertainty of countRatio.

### 7.5 Spectrum Components

Table 7.5: Spectrum components

spectrumComponents			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idComponent	int	4	PA
idAnalysis	int	4	F
idMeas	int	4	F
idSample	int	4	F
componentType	varchar	10	R
spectrumComponent	longblob	0	
comments	text	0	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$  $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

idComponent Auto-incrementing identification number of the spectrum compo-

nent.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis where the component was cal-

culated. See table 8.1 analyses.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement, to which the components

are related. See table 6.6 measurements.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 6.6 sam-

ples.

componentType Type of the spectrum component, e.g. FSC for spectrum compo-

nent used in spectrum fitting with spectral components.

spectrumComponent The spectrum component, e.g. channel by channel residual spec-

trum after removing an average spectrum from the measured spectrum. The exact type of the component depends on the spectrum

component type and analysis software.

### 7.6 Spectrum Components Used

Table 7.6: Components used

componentsUsed			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PF
idComponent	int	4	PF
idMeas	int	4	F
idSample	int	4	F
componentWeight	double	8	
uncComponentWeight	double	8	
comments	text	0	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(idComponent) \rightarrow spectrumComponents(idComponent)$ 

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis where the spectrum compo-

nent number idComponent was used. See table 8.1 analyses.

idComponent Identification number of the component. See table 7.5 spectrum-

Components.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure—

ments. NULL, if site is a sample production site.

idSample Identification number of the sample. See table 4.1 samples. NULL,

if site is a measurement site.

componentWeight

Dimensionless weighting factor of the used spectrum component.

uncComponentWeight One sigma absolute uncertainty of the component weight.

# Chapter 8

# Analysis

The analysis group of tables is in the core of the *Linssi* database. *Linssi* is designed to be useful in a facility doing gamma-ray spectrum analysis. From the version 2.00 on *Linssi* has also provided tables for alpha and beta-gamma spectrometry. The sample collection and measurement can very well be performed elsewhere and only the analysis results produced in-house. However, *Linssi* design requires that at least dummy entries of idSample and idMeas must exist in tables samples and measurements, respectively. Of course, only limited analysis is possible without knowledge of the measurement parameters, for example.

Starting an analysis, i.e., creating the primary key idAnalysis in table analyses is the entry point 3 to the database.

All the tables in this group are filled with analysis and identification software. The amount of information may vary depending on the software used. The number of fields in these tables is large and many programs are not able to provide enough information to fill them all. Linssi developers have been using UNISAMPO – SHAMAN and Aatami – SHAMAN chains of software to provide all the information in gamma-ray spectrometry analysis tables.

Our philosophy has been to be able to store multiple analysis results, identified by idAnal-ysis, for any measurement without overwriting the earlier ones. This facilitates either a fully automatic pipeline in a once-through fashion, or an iterative approach where the earlier results are used as a starting point for further interactive or automatic processing. The best results are then identified in table 8.9 finalResults.

#### 8.1 Analyses

Table 8.1: General data on analysis

an	alyses		
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PA
analysisId	varchar	80	UNC
idMeas	int	4	IFN
idSample	int	4	IFN
blankIdAnalysis	int	4	FS
backgroundIdAnalysis	int	4	FS

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
inputIdAnalysis	int	4	FS
spectrumArrival	datetime	8	
analysisBegin	datetime	8	
analysisEnd	datetime	8	
inputParam	text	0	R
interactiveLog	text	0	
type	varchar	20	R
software	varchar	20	R
swVersion	varchar	80	
facilityId	varchar	80	F
contactPerson	varchar	40	Ι
refTime1	datetime	8	
decayTime1	double	8	
refTime2	datetime	8	
decayTime2	double	8	
refConstants	text	0	R
baselineMethod	text	0	R
peaksMethod	text	0	R
roiMethod	text	0	R
nuclideMethod	text	0	R
uncCalcMethod	text	0	R
lcMethod	text	0	R
alpha	double	8	
beta	double	8	
searchStartChannel	mediumint	3	
searchEndChannel	mediumint	3	
searchThreshold	double	8	
numberOfPeaks	mediumint	3	
numberOfIterations	mediumint	3	
totalCounts	int	4	
comments	text	0	

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$ 

 $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

 $(blankIdAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(backgroundIdAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(inputIdAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

end of table.

This table contains general data about the analysis, its input and how it has been performed. Some general analysis results are also provided.

idAnalysis

A unique auto incrementing identification number of the analysis.

analysisId A unique analysis identifier. This character string follows the nam-

ing convention applied by the facility running the database. For the *Linssi* naming convention see scripts and interfaces manual [3].

idMeas Identification number of the measurement, i.e., spectrum analyzed.

See table 6.6 measurements.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

blankIdAnalysis Identification number of the analysis of the blank. The analysis

results of the blank are used in this analysis for blank subtraction.

backgroundIdAnalysis Identification number of the analysis of the background. The analy-

sis results of the background are used in this analysis for background

subtraction.

inputIdAnalysis Identification number of the analysis used as input for this analysis.

This analysis may be a continuation of the inputIdAnalysis or inputIdAnalysis is an analysis of a similar sample and thus a

good starting point for this analysis

spectrumArrival Date and time when the spectrum arrived for analysis.

Date and time when the spectrum analysis started.

Date and time when the spectrum analysis ended.

inputParam The most essential input parameters used for the analysis.

interactiveLog Log storing the interactive commands for the analysis given by the

analyst.

type Type of the analysis. This could be interactive, batch, pipeline, for

example.

software Name of the software used in analysis.

version Version of the software used in analysis.

facilityId Identifier of the facility that performed the analysis. See table 2.1

facilities.

contactPerson Contact person for the analysis. See table 2.1 facilities.

refTime1 First reference date and time which the activities may be corrected

to.

decayTime1 Decay time in seconds [s] from start of spectrum acquisition to

refTime1.

refTime2 Second reference date and time which the activities may be cor-

rected to.

decayTime2 Decay time in seconds [s] from end of activity collection to ref-

Time2.

refConstants References to the physical constants used. (e.g., ENSDF version,

year, etc.)

 ${\tt baselineMethod} \qquad \qquad {\tt Spectrum\ baseline\ calculation\ method}.$ 

peaksMethod Spectrum peak analysis method.

roiMethod Region Of Interest (ROI) analysis method.

nuclideMethod Nuclide identification and activity calculation method.

uncCalcMethod Method of calculating uncertainties.

1cMethod Method of calculating the decision level  $L_c$ .

alpha defines the confidence,  $1-\alpha$ , on the a posteriori decision for

accepting a gamma peak. Value of  $\alpha$  is used to reject against error

of the first kind.

beta beta defines the confidence,  $1 - \beta$ , on the a priori detection of a

gamma line. Value of  $\beta$  is used to reject against error of the second

kind.

searchStartChannelPeak search starts from this channel of the spectrum.searchEndChannelPeak search ends to this channel of the spectrum.

searchThreshold Value of the search threshold used given in the units of  $L_s$ . See

peakSearchSignificance above. The value is dependent on the

search method used.

numberOfPeaks Number of peaks in the spectrum.

numberOfIterations Number of iterations required for the analysis results. Exact mean-

ing depends on the analysis method used.

totalCounts Total number of counts in the spectrum.

### 8.2 Analysis Blocks

Table 8.2: Large data blocks resulting from peak analysis

analysisBlocks			
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PF
dataType	varchar	20	PR
idMeas	int	4	F
idSample	int	4	F
dataBlock	longblob	0	
dataBlockFormat	varchar	80	R
comments	text	0	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$   $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

This table contains the large data blocks resulting from peak analysis, i.e., so called Binary Large Objects (BLOB). They are separated from the table analyses to facilitate faster queries on it, and to make it easy to delete these BLOBs, if found necessary due to storage space or speed reasons.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses. dataType Type of the blob.

dataType= BASELINE. Channel by channel spectrum baseline used or generated in the analysis.

dataType= STRIPPED\_SPECTRUM. Channel by channel stripped spectrum used or generated in the analysis, i.e., the spectrum minus the peak functions.

dataType= SEARCH\_SIGNIFICANCE. Channel by channel peak search significance, i.e., significance values given by the peak search algorithm, very often a digital filter. The peak search significance,  $L_s$ , usually aims to be directly proportional to the decision limit  $L_c$ , i.e.,  $L_s = C \times L_c$  but the constant C is dependent on the method, and not always constant, either. For the exact definition the software manual should be consulted. *Note*: usually the maxima of  $L_s$  do not fall on integer channels.

Identification number of the measurement, i.e., spectrum analyzed.

See table 6.6 measurements.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

dataBlock The large data block.

idMeas

dataBlockFormat Format used in the dataBlock.

dataBlockFormat= NULL. The format is a channel by channel value where the channel range is identical to spectra.spectrum but the values are floating point values. See table 6.7 spectra. This is the format used for dataTypes BASELINE, STRIPPED\_SPECTRUM, and SEARCH\_SIGNIFICANCE, for instance.

comments

Comments in English [en].

# 8.3 Peaks

Table 8.3: Peak analysis results

•	eaks	T on -41.	Tr1	
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idAnalysis	int	4	PFN	
idPeak	int	4	PN	
idMeas	int	4	IFN	
idSample	int	4	IFN	
centroidChannel	double	8		
uncCentroidChannel	double	8		
energy	double	8		
uncEnergy	double	8		
area	double	8		
uncArea	double	8		
netCountRate	double	8		
${\tt uncNetCountRate}$	double	8		
efficiency	double	8		
uncEfficiency	double	8		
fwhm	double	8		
fwtm	double	8		
significance	double	8		
significanceFlag	char	1		
decisionLimit	double	8		
detectionLimit	double	8		
searchSignificance	double	8		
peakOrigin	varchar	20		
outOfRange	Boolean	1		
baselineIndex	mediumint	3		
peakIdFunction	int	4	F	
peakParameters	blob	0		
baselineArea	double	8		
baselinePerChannel	double	8		
uncBaselinePerChannel	double	8		
baselineStart	mediumint	3		
baselineEnd	mediumint	3		
baselineIdFunction	int	4	F	
baselineParameters	blob	0		
backgroundCps	double	8		
uncBackgroundCps	double	8		
backgroundType	varchar	20	R	
blankCps	double	8		
uncBlankCps	double	8		
blankType	varchar	20	R	
comments	text	0		

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

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Field	Type	Length	Flags
$(idMeas) \rightarrow measurement$	s(idMeas)		
$(idSample) \rightarrow samples(ids)$	Sample)		
$(\text{peakIdFunction}) \rightarrow \text{func}$	tions(idFunct	ion)	
(baselineIdFunction ) $\rightarrow$ for	unctions(idFu	nction)	
·	·	7	C , 11

end of table.

This table contains analysis results of spectral peaks. One record is used for each peak analyzed. In addition to the normal software dependence of all the results, it should be noted that many peak parameters may either be taken directly from the calibrations or calculated from spectral data.

idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses
idPeak	Peak index, i.e., the number of the peak in the analysis idAnalysis.
	The list is sorted in an ascending order according to peak channel
	and starting from 1.
idMeas	Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure-
	ments.
idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-
	ples.
centroidChannel	Channel of the peak centroid [ch].
${\tt uncCentroidChannel}$	One sigma absolute uncertainty of the centroid channel in channels
	[ch].
energy	Peak energy in kiloelectronvolts [keV].
uncEnergy	One sigma absolute uncertainty of peak energy in kiloelectronvolts
	[keV].
area	Peak area in counts. <i>Note</i> : baseline area has been subtracted but
	the contributions from the blank and background not.
uncArea	One sigma absolute uncertainty of area in counts.
netCountRate	Net count rate at the peak, i.e., peak-area-to-live-time-ratio in
	counts per second [1/s]. The contribution from blank and back-
	ground have been subtracted.
uncNetCountRate	One sigma absolute uncertainty of the net count rate in counts per
	second $[1/s]$ .
efficiency	Absolute efficiency of the measuring system at the peak energy.
uncEfficiency	One sigma absolute uncertainty of the absolute efficiency.
fwhm	Full width at half maximum of the peak in channels [ch].
fwtm	Full width at tenth maximum of the peak in channels [ch].
significance	Peak significance in multiples of the decision limit $[L_c]$ .
significanceFlag	Peak significance flags. They may correspond, for example, to high,
	medium, low, insignificant etc. The levels are decided by the soft-
	ware.
decisionLimit	Decision limit $L_c$ in counts for this peak (in this spectrum).
detectionLimit	Detection limit $L_d$ in counts for peak at this position (assuming the
10 :	baseline of this spectrum).
peakOrigin	A set of peak flags giving the origin of the peak. For the reserved

values see Tab. 8.4.

TRUE if the centroid of this peak is outside of the valid channel outOfRange

range.

Index of the channel interval used to calculate the baseline. The baselineIndex

same interval is usually used to calculate the peaks, i.e., often syn-

onymous to index of the fitting interval.

Function identification number of the peak shape function. See Ch. peakIdFunction

9.3.

Values of the parameters of peakIdFunction. The values are given peakParameters

as pairs of parameter value and its one sigma absolute uncertainty. Each pair is separated with the newline character. If the parameter uncertainty is not known it must not be given. It is recommended that known zero uncertainties, which is the case for integers, for example, should be explicitly stated. The pairs are associated with the function by the order given in the function definition. Note that there may be many peaks under one baselineIndex and all their

parameters will be included in peakParameters. See Ch. 9.3.

Area of the baseline under the peak in counts, i.e., integral of the baseline function over the interval around peak deemed appropriate

by the software.

baselinePerChannel Baseline area in counts divided by the number of channels included

in its calculation.

uncBaselinePerChannel One sigma absolute uncertainty of the baselinePerChannel in

counts.

baselineStart Validity of the baseline and peak functions start at this channel. Validity of the baseline and peak functions end at this channel. baselineEnd

baselineIdFunction Function identification number of the baseline function. See Ch.

9.3

baselineArea

uncBackgroundCps

baselineParameters Values of the parameters of baselineIdFunction. The values are

> given as pairs of parameter value and its one sigma absolute uncertainty. Each pair is separated with the newline character. If the parameter uncertainty is not known it must not be given. It is recommended that known zero uncertainties, which is the case for integers, for example, should be explicitly stated. The pairs are associated with the function by the order given in the function

definition. See Ch. 9.3.

backgroundCps Contribution of the background to peak count rate in counts per

second [1/s] as derived from backgroundIdAnalysis. See table 8.1

analyses. *Note*: these are peak counts not baseline counts.

One sigma absolute uncertainty of background count rate in counts

per second [1/s].

backgroundType Type of the background: detector, detector+blank, etc., where

detector means background only and detector+blank gives the contribution from both the background and blank.

tor+blank is given, blankCps below must be zero.

Contribution of the blank to peak count rate in counts per second blankCps

[1/s] as derived from blankIdAnalysis. See table 8.1 analyses.

*Note*: these are peak counts not baseline counts

One sigma absolute uncertainty of blank count rate in counts per uncBlankCps

second [1/s].

blankType Type of the blank: blank, blank+detector, etc., where blank

means blank only, i.e., the background contribution to blank has been subtracted or negligible, and blank+detector gives the contribution from both the background and blank. If blank+detector

is given, backgroundCps above must be zero.

comments Comments in English [en].

#### Note on peak origin flags

The syntax of Aatami [6] has been adopted for the peak origin flags. The available flags are shown in Tab. 8.4. The syntax requires that two flags from each of the four groups are given and the order shown in the table is followed. However, the second flag of the first group is always an underscore. Thus a peak found using Mariscotti peak search; fitted using Full fit keeping the centroid fixed; area also calculated with Full fit but, of course, keeping its value free; and taking the FWHM from peak shape calibration and thus keeping its value fixed in last fitting, would read: M\_F0F1C0

1. Pea	ak finding source flags (one flag and an underscore)
Flag	Explanation
A	Artificial peak
В	Background peak
Е	External
M	Mariscotti peak search
R	Residual peak search (stripped spectrum)
Ι	Manually inserted (in certain channel)
1	Manually inserted (in library position)
L	Library inserted (multiplet fitting)
N	Inserted by natural radionuclide model
S	Inserted by summation peak model
2. Ce	ntroid source flags (2 flags)
Flag	Explanation
Q	Quick fit
F	Full fit
U	User defined
Е	External software
R	Multiplet fitting
M	Mariscotti center of gravity
L	Converted library energy
Т	Tight fitting
0	Fixed in last fitting
1	Free in last fitting
3. Ne	t area source flags (2 flags)
Flag	Explanation
Q	Quick fit
F	Full fit
U	User defined
E	External software
R	Multiplet fitting
С	Calculated from reference line
S	Summation
S	Quick summation
0	Fixed in last fitting
1	Free in last fitting
	l width at half maximum source flags (2 flags)
Flag	Explanation
Q	Quick fit
F	Full fit
U	User defined
Е	External software
С	Calibration
0	Fixed in last fitting
1	Free in last fitting

Table 8.4: Peak origin flags. See note on p.  $86\,$ 

# 8.4 Line Associations

Table 8.5: Line associations

lineAssociations			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PI1F1N
nuclideId	varchar	10	PNc
idLine	smallint	2	PN
idPeak	int	4	I1F1
idMeas	int	4	IFN
idSample	int	4	IFN
lineEnergy	double	8	
uncLineEnergy	double	8	
emissionProb	double	8	
uncEmissionProb	double	8	
CCfactor	double	8	
uncCCfactor	double	8	
lineSignificance	double	8	
explLevel	double	8	
lorentzGamma	double	8	
xray	Boolean	1	
background	Boolean	1	
annihilation	Boolean	1	
singleEscape	Boolean	1	
doubleEscape	Boolean	1	
xrayEscape	Boolean	1	
backscatter	Boolean	1	
coincSum	Boolean	1	
randomSum	Boolean	1	
neutronScatter	Boolean	1	
neutronCapture	Boolean	1	
userGiven	Boolean	1	
found	Boolean	1	
foundClose	Boolean	1	
thresholdLine	Boolean	1	
primaryLine	Boolean	1	
actMan	Boolean	1	
comments	text	0	
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 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$ 

 $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

 $(idAnalysis\;, idPeak\;) \rightarrow peaks(idAnalysis\;, idPeak)$ 

end of table.

Line association results are stored in this table. For each gamma line of each identified nuclide there may be at maximum one spectrum peak associated with it. At maximum, since small library lines may not be visible in the spectrum. Put it the other way round: for

each spectrum peak there may be any number of library lines associated with it.

It is not necessary for each gamma line to be associated with a spectrum peak. These lines have been used by the analysis software to support in nuclide identification.

For unidentified spectrum peaks idLine is 0 and nuclideId is NO\_ID1, NO\_ID2, NO\_ID3,...

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses. nuclideId Name of a nuclide. If identified the LSQ activity of this nuclide is based on the line(s) in this table for which the idPeak is not NULL. See table 8.6 activities. For syntax see table 3.3 calibrationLibraries. If not identified, see idLine below. idLine Index of the nuclide line starting from 1. This is a unique internal number for nuclide line given by the analysis software. It is recommended that this is the number of the line in the nuclide reference library. However, for Shaman this is an internal index, since the properties of coincidence and escape lines are internally calculated in Shaman. If this index is 0 idPeak has not been identified, i.e., there are no lines associated with it. In that case the nuclideId is NO\_ID1, NO\_ID2, NO\_ID3,... Identification number of the peak if there is a peak associated with idPeak this gamma line. Otherwise idPeak is NULL. See table 8.3 peaks. This peak has been used in calculation of actRawLSQ. Depending on values of actMan and primaryLine this peak has been used also in calculation of actRawMan and actRawPriLine. See below. Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measureidMeas ments. Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 samidSample lineEnergy Energy of the gamma line in kiloelectronvolts [keV]. *Note*: this is not the energy of the gamma peak in the spectrum. Absolute one sigma uncertainty of lineEnergy. uncLineEnergy

emissionProb Emission probability of the gamma line (fraction, NOT in %).

UncEmissionProb One sigma absolute uncertainty of the emission probability.

CCfactor True coincidence correction factor of the gamma line.

uncccfactor One sigma absolute uncertainty of the true coincidence correction

factor of the gamma line.

lineSignificance The significance of the gamma line in units of the detection level

 $L_d$ . This is the calculated line significance based on the activity of the identified nuclide. It gives a measure whether this gamma line should be visible in the spectrum as a gamma peak or not.

explLevel The fraction of peak area explained by this gamma line.

lorentzGamma Value of the Lorentz gamma width of this X-ray line in kiloelec-

tronvolts [keV].

TRUE if this line is an X-ray line.

TRUE if this line is a background line.

TRUE if this line is a background line.

TRUE if this line is an annihilation line.

TRUE if this line is a single escape line.

TRUE if this line is a double escape line.

TRUE if this line is an X-ray escape line.

TRUE if this line is an X-ray escape line.

TRUE if this line is a backscatter line.

coincSum TRUE if this line is a true coincidence sum line.

TRUE if this line is a random coincidence sum line.

neutronScatter TRUE if this line is due to neutron scatter in the detector.

TRUE if this line is due to neutron capture in the detector.

userGiven TRUE if this line is a user defined line.

found TRUE if this line is found, i.e., associated with a peak in the spec-

trum. The LSQ calculation of nuclide activity is based on all nuclide

lines for which found is TRUE. See table 8.6 activities.

foundClose TRUE if this line is found close to a spectrum peak but not associ-

ated with it.

thresholdLine TRUE if this line is the threshold line. The threshold line is the

most significant line of a nuclide that has NOT been associated

with a peak in the spectrum.

primaryLine TRUE if this line is the primary line, i.e., the most significant line

of the nuclide given the spectral baseline. The primary line activity actRawPriLine is based on the peak associated with this gamma

line. See table 8.6 activities.

actMan TRUE if this line has been used in the off-line, possibly manual,

calculation of the nuclide activity actRawMan. In that case the line must have been associated with a peak, i.e., idPeak must not be

NULL. See table 8.6 activities.

### 8.5 Nuclides and Their Activities

Table 8.6: Identified nuclides and their activities

activities			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PFN
nuclideId	varchar	10	PINc
idMeas	int	4	IFN
idSample	int	4	IFN
confidence	double	8	
effPrecursor	varchar	10	С
effHalflife	double	8	
uncEffHalflife	double	8	
isBackground	Boolean	1	
actRawLSQ	double	8	
uncActRawLSQ	double	8	
interfCorrLSQ	Boolean	1	
actRawPriLine	double	8	
uncActRawPriLine	double	8	
interfCorrPriLine	Boolean	1	
actRawMan	double	8	
uncActRawMan	double	8	
actRawManMethod	text	0	R
actSelect	varchar	10	R
acqCorr	double	8	
uncAcqCorr	double	8	
decayCorr1	double	8	
uncDecayCorr1	double	8	
waitCorr	double	8	
uncWaitCorr	double	8	
irrCorr	double	8	
uncIrrCorr	double	8	
collCorr	double	8	
uncCollCorr	double	8	
decayCorr2	double	8	
uncDecayCorr2	double	8	
comments	text	0	
$(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analys$	es(idAnalvs)	is)	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

Identified nuclides and their raw activities are stored in this table. The table contains activities calculated using only the primary lines and the activities where all found peaks of the nuclides are used in the least squares (LSQ) sense. The interfering nuclides may have been resolved during the process. There is also a field for off-line calculated raw activity. If the contributions from blank and background are known (see table 8.3 peaks) their contribution

has been subtracted, i.e., peaked background subtraction (PBS) has been applied to all activities.

The decay correction factors, for evaluation of the nuclide activity at specific dates and times from the raw activities, can also be stored. If the decay chain is in equilibrium these factors have been calculated using the effective half-lives of the nuclides. In the case of a decay chain not in equilibrium, the effective half-lives cannot be used. Even in this case the given correction factors can be used to obtain the decay corrected activities. The user should, however, consult the analysis software manual to find out whether the assumption of equilibrium has been applied or not.

Since the correction factors are cumulative it would be tempting to calculate the total uncertainty from the uncertainties of the individual factors using the normal error propagation law of Gauss. However, since the decay corrections are strongly correlated due to identical half-lives, it must also be taken into account. The corrections and the associated times are illustrated in Fig. 8.1 below. Decay correction factors are multiplicative.

idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.
nuclideId	Name of the identified nuclide. For syntax see table 3.3 calibra-

tionLibraries.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure-

ments.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

confidence A figure of credit, p, describing the confidence on the presence of

this nuclide in the sample, i.e., there is a probability of 1-p that this nuclide is not present. *Note*: identification is a binary decision where valid calculations of the statistics are extremely difficult. See

the manual of the software producing this number.

effPrecursor Name of the effective precursor of the nuclide. For syntax see table

3.3 calibrationLibraries.

effHalflife Effective half-life of the nuclide, i.e., half-life of effPrecursor in

seconds [s].

isBackground

uncEffHalflife Absolute one sigma uncertainty of effHalflife in seconds [s].

True if background efficiency is used to calculate the activity. This is the activity due to surrounding walls etc., i.e., not the activity in the sample. Normally its absolute value is not known and only the shape of the background efficiency curve has been used to facilitate more reliable nuclide identification. This background should not be confused with the peaked background subtraction (PBS) due to background measurement. As a matter of fact, they are incompat-

ible and should not be used together.

actRawLSQ Raw activity in becquerels [Bq] based on all the peaks of this nu-

clide. Weighted least squares fitting (LSQ) has been used to obtain the effective peak area. Raw activity is the net peak area multiplied by CCfactor (see table 8.5 lineAssociations), and divided by efficiency, live measuring time and emission probability of the gamma line. The contribution from blank and background has been

subtracted. See also note on specific activity on p. 98.

uncActRawLSQ One sigma absolute uncertainty in becquerels [Bq] of actRawLSQ.

interfCorrLSQ TRUE if the interference due to other identified nuclides has been

accounted for in actRawLSQ.

actRawPriLine Raw activity in becquerels [Bq] based on the primary line of this

nuclide. Raw activity is the net peak area multiplied by CCfactor (see table 8.5 lineAssociations), and divided by efficiency, live measuring time and emission probability of the gamma line. The contribution from blank and background has been subtracted. See

also note on specific activity on p. 98.

uncActRawPriLine One sigma absolute uncertainty in becquerels [Bq] of actRawPri-

Line.

 ${\tt interfCorrPriLine} \quad {\tt TRUE} \ if the interference \ due \ to \ other \ identified \ nuclides \ has \ been$ 

accounted for in actRawPriLine.

actRawMan Off-line, possibly manually, calculated raw activity in becqurels

[Bq]. See also note on specific activity on p. 98.

uncActRawMan

One sigma absolute uncertainty in becquerels [Bq] of actRawMan.

Method used to calculate actRawMan.

actSelect Identifies the activity used to calculate the final results. The pos-

sible values are

LSQ: actRawLSQ has been used in table 8.9 finalResults. PRI: actRawPriLine has been used in table 8.9 finalResults.

MAN: actRawMan has been used in table 8.9 finalResults.

The decision which activity is to be used must be made by the analyst. That is, the analysis software must set this field to NULL. Which gamma lines have been used in the activity calculation can

be found in table 8.5 lineAssociations.

acqCorr Acquisition correction multiplier corrects for decay during spectrum

measurement. See acgRealTime in table 8.1 analyses.

uncAcqCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of acqCorr.

decayCorr1 Decay correction multiplier #1. See decayTime1 in table 8.1 anal-

yses.

uncDecayCorr1 One sigma absolute uncertainty of decayCorr1.

waitCorr Decay correction multiplier for wait time. See waitTime in table

6.6 measurements.

uncWaitCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of waitCorr.

irrCorr This correction takes into account the activity production rate and

decay during irradiation/collection. When applied to the activity at the end of collection it gives the saturation activity of the sample, i.e., the activity assuming infinite irradiation/collection time with the average activity production rate. irrCorr depends on the time profile of the collection rate. If it is not known, a common assumption is a constant rate. See your software documentation

for the actual method used.

uncIrrCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of irrCorr.

collCorr This correction takes into account the activity produc-

tion/collection rate and decay during collection. When applied to the activity at the end of collection it gives the total activity collected. collCorr depends on the time profile of the collection rate. If it is not known, a common assumption is a constant rate. See your software documentation for the actual method used.

uncCollCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of collCorr.

decayCorr2 Decay correction multiplier #2. See decayTime2 in table 8.1 anal-

yses.

uncDecayCorr2 One sigma absolute uncertainty of decayCorr2.

comments in English [en].

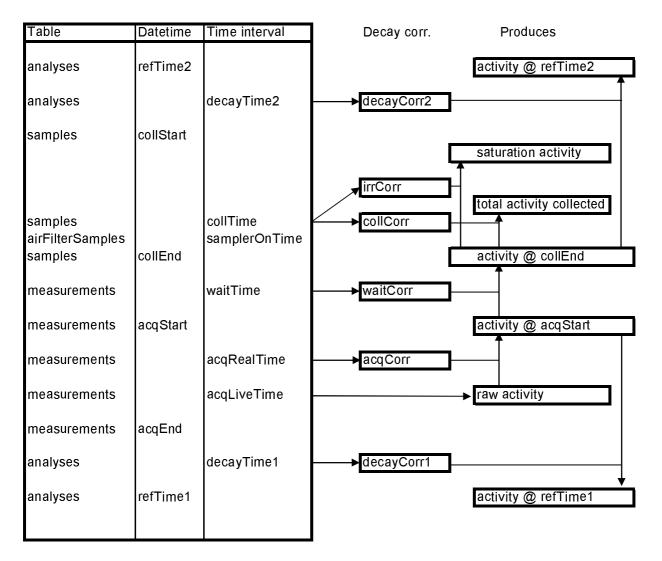


Figure 8.1: Decay corrections in *Linssi*. The time intervals used to calculate the various corrections are shown in the left hand part of the figure together with the times and dates from which they are calculated. It also includes the names of the tables where the corresponding fields can be found. The right hand part of the figure shows the decay correction factors in table activities and how they are used to obtain the decay corrected activities at given dates and times. The activity at the point of an arrow is obtained by multiplying the activity at the tail of the arrow with the correction factor shown.

*Note 1*: Raw activity, saturation activity and total activity collected are not activities at any specific date and time.

Note 2: collCorr and irrCorr depend on the shape of the collection rate profile and generally cannot be calculated from collTime and samplerOnTime alone.

Note 3: decayTime1 and decayTime2 may be positive or negative. The other times, by definition, are positive.

Note 4: If the decay chains are in equilibrium, the decay corrections can be easily obtained from the effective half-lives of the identified nuclides. In non-equilibrium chains the effective half-lives do not exist. Depending on the analysis software the correction factors may still be correct. Consult your software manual.

### 8.6 Activity Limits

Table 8.7: Activity limits and minimum detectable activities

activityLimits			
Field	Type	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PFN
nuclideId	varchar	10	PINc
idMeas	int	4	IFN
idSample	int	4	IFN
energyPriLine	double	8	
area	double	8	
uncArea	double	8	
baselineArea	double	8	
uncBaselineArea	double	8	
decisionLimit	double	8	
detectionLimit	double	8	
significance	double	8	
mdaRaw	double	8	
effPrecursor	varchar	10	С
effHalflife	double	8	
uncEffHalflife	double	8	
acqCorr	double	8	
uncAcqCorr	double	8	
decayCorr1	double	8	
uncDecayCorr1	double	8	
waitCorr	double	8	
uncWaitCorr	double	8	
irrCorr	double	8	
uncIrrCorr	double	8	
collCorr	double	8	
uncCollCorr	double	8	
decayCorr2	double	8	
uncDecayCorr2	double	8	
comments	text	0	
(idAnalysis) \ ana	lygog(id A n	alvaia)	

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

end of table.

There are many methods to calculate minimum detectable activities (MDA) and the manual of the software performing the analysis should always be consulted for exact meaning of the fields below. It should be noted that the peak area may be based on the peak actually found in peak analysis or its calculation may have been forced by the MDA-algorithm itself. It is also possible that background peaks or interfering nuclides have been taken into account in the process of defining the peak and baseline areas.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.

nuclideId Name of the nuclide for which this MDA is calculated. Note: this

nuclide does not need to be a nuclide identified in the spectrum. For identified nuclides more data can be found in table 8.6 activities.

For syntax see table 3.3 calibrationLibraries.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure—

ments.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-

ples.

energyPriLine Energy of the primary line of this nuclide in kiloelectronvolts [keV].

*Note*: the primary line is not necessary the one with the highest emission probability. The primary line is defined by the analysis software on the basis of maximum 'visibility' in this analysis. The

MDA is calculated on the basis of this line.

Area of the peak at energy energyPriLine in counts.

Absolute one sigma uncertainty of area in counts.

baselineArea Area of the baseline at energy energyPriLine in counts used to

calculate activity limits. Note: this is NOT the baselineArea of

table 8.3 peaks.

uncBaselineArea Absolute one sigma uncertainty of baselineArea in counts.

decisionLimit Decision limit in counts. This corresponds the value of  $\alpha$  in 8.1

analyses.

detectionLimit Detection limit in counts. This corresponds the value of  $\beta$  in 8.1

analyses.

significance Peak area in the units of decision limit, i.e., area divided by deci-

sionLimit.

Raw minimum detectable activity in becquerels [Bq]. It is based

on the minimum detectable peak area of the primary line of this nuclide. Raw activity is the net peak area multiplied by CCfactor (see table 8.5 lineAssociations), and divided by efficiency, live measuring time and emission probability of the gamma line. The contribution from blank and background has been subtracted. See

also note on specific activity on p. 98.

effPrecursor Name of the effective precursor of the nuclide. For syntax see table

3.3 calibrationLibraries.

effHalflife Effective half-life of the nuclide, i.e., half-life of effPrecursor in

seconds [s].

uncEffHalflife Absolute one sigma uncertainty of effHalflife in seconds [s].

acqCorr Acquisition correction multiplier corrects for decay during spectrum

measurement. See acqRealTime in table 8.1 analyses.

uncAcqCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of acqCorr.

decayCorr1 Decay correction multiplier #1. See decayTime1 in table 8.1 anal-

yses.

uncDecayCorr1 One sigma absolute uncertainty of decayCorr1.

waitCorr Decay correction multiplier for wait time. See waitTime in table

6.6 measurements.

uncWaitCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of waitCorr.

irrCorr This correction takes into account the activity production rate and

decay during irradiation/collection. When applied to the activity at the end of collection it gives the saturation activity of the sample, i.e., the activity assuming infinite irradiation time with the average activity production rate. irrCorr depends on the time profile of the collection rate. If it is not known, a common assumption is a constant rate. See your software documentation for the actual

method used.

uncIrrCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of irrCorr.

collCorr This correction takes into account the activity produc-

tion/collection rate and decay during collection. When applied to the activity at the end of collection it gives the total activity collected. collCorr depends on the time profile of the collection rate. If it is not known, a common assumption is a constant rate. See your software documentation for the actual method used.

uncCollCorr One sigma absolute uncertainty of collCorr.

decayCorr2 Decay correction multiplier #2. See decayTime2 in table 8.1 anal-

yses.

uncDecayCorr2 One sigma absolute uncertainty of decayCorr2.

comments Comments in English [en].

#### Note on specific activity

The activities in table 8.6 activities are raw sample activities in Bq. There are, however, cases where sample activities cannot be defined. For example, an *in situ* measurement of the surface activity of soil from the distance of 1 m above the ground does not give the total surface activity of the globe in Bq. In cases like this, efficiency calibration must be performed to give directly the specific activity, in this case activity per area at the measuring position, the unit being  $Bq/m^2$ . Accordingly, the MDA-values in the above table must refer to the corresponding specific activity.

What is the denominator in the unit of the specific activity depends on the specific sample production model and is defined in the sample production group of tables, (Ch. 3). In the case where the MDA is the real activity in Bq, i.e., not the specific activity, the quantity and its unit needed to divide the raw MDA to get the raw minimum detectable specific activity are given in table 4.1 samples.

### 8.7 Nuclide Ratios

Table 8.8: Activity ratios of relevant nuclide pairs

$\operatorname{nuclideRatios}$			
Field	Туре	Length	Flags
idAnalysis	int	4	PF12N
firstNuclideId	varchar	10	PF1Nc
secondNuclideId	varchar	10	PF2Nc
idMeas	int	4	IFN
idSample	int	4	IFN
firstIsDaughter	Boolean	1	
secondIsDaughter	Boolean	1	
firstHalflife	double	8	
uncFirstHalflife	double	8	
secondHalflife	double	8	
uncSecondHalflife	double	8	
netBranching	double	8	
uncNetBranching	double	8	
refRatio	double	8	
uncRefRatio	double	8	
zeroRatio	double	8	
uncZeroRatio	double	8	
refTime	datetime	8	
zeroTime	datetime	8	
uncZeroTimeLow	double	8	
uncZeroTimeHigh	double	8	
comments	text	0	

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

 $(idAnalysis, firstNuclideId) \rightarrow activities(idAnalysis, nuclideId)$ 

 $(\mathrm{idAnalysis}\ , \mathrm{secondNuclideId}\ ) \to \mathrm{activities}(\mathrm{idAnalysis}, \mathrm{nuclideId})$ 

end of table.

This table contains the information of activity ratios of nuclide pairs that facilitates calculation of the birth time of activity, zeroTime. The nuclides may belong to the same decay chain or decay independently. If they decay independently, it is, of course, necessary to have á priori information on their relative yields, zeroRatio, at time zero.

idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.
firstNuclideId	Name of the first nuclide. See table $8.6$ activities. For syntax see table $3.3$
secondNuclideId	Name of the second nuclide. See table $8.6$ activities. For syntax see table $3.3$
idMeas	Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measurements.
idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 samples.

firstIsDaughter

The first nuclide follows the second in the decay chain.

secondIsDaughter The second nuclide follows the first in the decay chain. Note 1:

Both firstIsDaughter and secondIsDaughter may be false, but both cannot be true. Note 2: If one is true the other one is a parent,

not necessarily a direct parent.

firstHalflife

Half-life of the first nuclide in seconds [s].

uncFirstHalflife secondHalflife Absolute one sigma uncertainty of firstHalflife in seconds [s].

Half-life of the second nuclide in seconds [s].

uncSecondHalflife netBranching

Absolute one sigma uncertainty of secondHalflife in seconds [s]. Net decay branching from parent to daughter through the decay chain, i.e., the product of branching fractions leading from parent

to daughter.

uncNetBranching

One sigma absolute uncertainty of netBranching.

refRatio

Activity of the first nuclide divided by the activity of the second

nuclide at refTime.

uncRefRatio zeroRatio One sigma absolute uncertainty of refRatio.

A priori assumed initial activity ratio between the first and the second nuclide at zeroTime. If not given, the nuclides must belong to the same decay chain, i.e., either firstIsDaughter or secondIsDaughter must be true. In that case it is assumed that the activity

of the daughter is zero at zeroTime.

 ${\tt uncZeroRatio}$ 

One sigma absolute uncertainty of zeroRatio.

refTime

Reference date and time at which the refRatio is calculated. *Note:* If the half-lives are short when compared to the acquisition time, the decay corrections of activities to refTime should take the non-capilibrium of the decay chain into account. See Fig. 8.1

equilibrium of the decay chain into account. See Fig. 8.1.

zeroTime

Date and time when the initial activity was created. Uncertainty towards past of the zeroTime in seconds [s].

uncZeroTimeLow uncZeroTimeHigh

Uncertainty towards future of the zeroTime in seconds [s]. Note: Since the uncertainty of zeroTime is not necessarily symmetric, there are two uncertainties defined. The time together with the corresponding uncertainties is given as zeroTime(-uncZeroTimeLow,+uncZeroTimeHigh), e.g., 2004-09-08 22:34:28 (-32000.0s,+71000.0s). The uncertainties correspond to one sigma absolute Gaussian uncertainties, i.e., 34% of the probability mass is between zeroTime-uncZeroTimeLow and zeroTime

as well as between zeroTime and zeroTime+uncZeroTimeHigh. Comments in English [en].

comments

#### Final Analysis Results 8.8

Table 8.9: Final analysis results

finalResults				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idAnalysis	int	4	PFN	
idMeas	int	4	IFN	
idSample	int	4	IFN	
completionTime	timestamp	4		
category	smallint	2	R	
categoryReason	text	0	R	
facilityId	varchar	80	F	
contactPerson	varchar	40	Ι	
analysisStatus	varchar	20	R	
purpose	text	0	R	
testType	text	0	R	
comparison	text	0	R	
conclusions	text	0	R	
projectFile	longblob	0		
lowQualitySpectrum	Boolean	1		
doseRate	double	8		
uncDoseRate	double	8		
refResults	text	0		
comments	text	0		
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 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$  $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$  $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$  $(facilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

end of table.

idAnalysis	Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.
idMeas	Identification number of the measurement. See table 6.6 measure-
	ments.
idSample	Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1 sam-
	ples.
completionTime	Date and time when these results were stored in the database.
category	Facility specific.
categoryReason	Motivations for category.
facilityId	Identifier of the facility that performed the final analysis. See table
	2.1 facilities.
contactPerson	Contact person for the final results. See table 2.1 facilities.
analysisStatus	Status of the analysis. Valid values are: Preliminary or Final.
purpose	Facility specific.
testType	Facility specific.
comparison	Facility specific.
conclusions	Facility specific.

projectFile File containing the full project information. The contents are soft-

ware specific. Typically this would be a script able to reconstruct all the final analysis results for the given sample and measurement. Alternatively this may be the name of the project file, or URI,

where project information is to be found.

lowQualitySpectrum Set TRUE if the analyst has deemed the spectrum as being of low

quality.

doseRate Dose rate in Sieverts per second [Sv/s].

uncDoseRate Uncertainty of the dose rate in Sieverts per second [Sv/s].

refResults Description and availability of reference results are described here.

# Chapter 9

## **Functions**

### 9.1 Functions

Table 9.1: Functions

functions				
Field	Туре	Length	Flags	
idFunction	int	4	Р	
functionNameId	varchar	40	UR	
comments	text	0		

end of table.

This table is a link between the function definitions, table functionDefs, and function reference, idFunction, in other tables.

idFunction Unique identification number of the predefined function. See list of

Ch 9.3

functionNameId Unique standardized name of the function. See list of Ch. 9.3.

### 9.2 Function Definitions

Table 9.2: Function definitions

functionDefs					
Field	Type	Length	Flags		
idFunction	int	4	PFR		
idFunctionDef	int	4	PR		
functionDef	text	0			
comments text 0					
$(idFunction) \rightarrow functions(idFunction)$					

end of table.

This table facilitates multiple presentations of any specific function idFunction.

idFunction idFunctionDef

Unique function number. See table 9.1 functions.

Defines the type of definition given in functionDef. The current types are:

- = 0 or NULL No function definition given.
- = 1, Function definition is given in free form text in English [en].
- = 2, Function definition is given in MathML, content markup.
- = 3, Function definition is given in MathML, presentation markup.
- = 4, Function definition is given in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.
- = 5, Function definition is given in T<sub>F</sub>X.

functionDef
comments

Function definition in the form defined by idFunctionDef.

Comments in English [en].

### 9.3 Function List

The reserved functions are selected by the field idFunction in the table referencing the function. Currently (Linssi 2.3) these functions are used for peak and baseline shape definitions in table 8.3 peaks and for calibration curves in table 5.2 calTypes. The parameter values needed for function evaluation at each point, x, are given in the field parameters of the table referencing the function. Their values are given as pairs of value and its one sigma absolute uncertainty. Each pair is separated with the newline character. If the parameter uncertainty is not known it must not be given. It is recommended that known zero uncertainties, which is the case for integers, for example, should be explicitly stated. The pairs are associated with the function in the order given in the function definitions below. Note that the parameter uncertainties are not used in the function definitions. However, their values, together with the definitions, may be used by the analysis software to calculate the uncertainties of the evaluated function values.

The idfunction values from 0 to 1000 are reserved for registered use of *Linssi* community. This is to avoid clashes between function names. For your private use you should use values greater than 1000. It is, however, recommended that you send your function definitions to us and we add them to the list of registered functions. The current registered functions are:

idFunction: 1

functionNameId: Data points parameter order: No parameters

Only data points are available, i.e., no functional form of data is given. Interpolation between the data points should be used. Depending on the software and the type of data, different types of interpolation may be used, i.e., linear, quadratic, logarithmic etc.

idFunction: 2

functionNameId: Polynomial parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i \tag{9.1}$$

idFunction: 3

functionNameId: Square root polynomial

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^{i/2}$$
 (9.2)

idFunction: 4

functionNameId: Square root of polynomial

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i} \tag{9.3}$$

functionNameId: Exponential rollover

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ 

$$y(x) = a_0 \exp\left(\frac{-a_1}{x}\right)^{a_3} \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-a_2}{x}\right)^{a_4}\right]$$

$$(9.4)$$

idFunction: 6

functionNameId: Polynomial in  $\ln y$  against  $\ln x$ 

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i [\ln x]^i$$
(9.5)

idFunction: 7

functionNameId: Polynomial in  $\ln y$  against x

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^{1-i} \tag{9.6}$$

idFunction: 8

functionNameId: Polynomial in  $\ln y$  against 1/x

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \left[ \ln \frac{a_n}{x} \right]^i$$
 (9.7)

idFunction: 9

functionNameId: Inverse exponential

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ 

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{a_0 x^{-a_2} + a_1 x^{-a_3}} \tag{9.8}$$

idFunction: 10

functionNameId: Gaussian

parameter order:  $c, \sigma$ 

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\frac{-(x-c)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$
 (9.9)

functionNameId: Sampo peak function

parameter order:  $c, p, \sigma, l, h, s$ 

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} p \exp \frac{-(x-c)^2}{2\sigma^2} + s \operatorname{erfc} \frac{(x-c)}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} & \text{if } -l \le x - c \le h \\ p \exp \frac{l(2(x-c)+l)}{2\sigma^2} + s \operatorname{erfc} \frac{(x-c)}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} & \text{if } x - c < -l \\ p \exp \frac{h(-2(x-c)+h)}{2\sigma^2} + s \operatorname{erfc} \frac{(x-c)}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} & \text{if } x - c > h \end{cases}$$
(9.10)

idFunction: 12

functionNameId: General polynomial

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \dots a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i (x - c)^i$$
(9.11)

idFunction: 13

functionNameId: General square root polynomial

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \ldots a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i (x - c)^{i/2}$$
(9.12)

idFunction: 14

functionNameId: General square root of polynomial

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \dots a_n$ 

$$y(x) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i (x - c)^i}$$
 (9.13)

idFunction: 15

functionNameId: General exponential rollover

parameter order:  $c, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ 

$$y(x) = a_0 \exp\left(\frac{-a_1}{x - c}\right)^{a_3} \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-a_2}{x - c}\right)^{a_4}\right]$$
 (9.14)

idFunction: 16

functionNameId: General polynomial in  $\ln y$  against  $\ln x$ 

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \ldots a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i [\ln(x-c)]^i$$
(9.15)

functionNameId: General polynomial in  $\ln y$  against x

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \dots a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i (x - c)^{1-i}$$
(9.16)

idFunction: 18

functionNameId: General polynomial in  $\ln y$  against 1/x

parameter order:  $n, c, a_0, a_1, \dots a_n$ 

$$\ln y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \left[ \ln \frac{a_n}{x - c} \right]^i$$
 (9.17)

idFunction: 19

functionNameId: General inverse exponential

parameter order:  $c, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ 

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{a_0(x-c)^{-a_2} + a_1(x-c)^{-a_3}}$$
(9.18)

idFunction: 93

functionNameId: HAE efficiency 1-3

parameter order:  $S, E_1, k, E_3, n$ 

$$y(x) = Sf_1(x)f_3(x), (9.19)$$

where  $f_1$  and  $f_3$  are the same as in function 95.

idFunction: 94

functionNameId: HAE efficiency 1-2

parameter order:  $S, E_1, k, E_2, b, m$ 

$$y(x) = Sf_1(x)f_2(x), (9.20)$$

where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are the same as in function 95.

idFunction: 95

functionNameId: HAE efficiency 1-2-3

parameter order:  $S, E_1, k, E_2, b, m, E_3, n$ 

$$y(x) = Sf_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x), (9.21)$$

where

$$f_1(x) = e^{-\left(\frac{E_1}{x}\right)^k} \tag{9.22}$$

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-b\left(\frac{-E_2}{x}\right)^m} & \text{if } x > E_2\\ 1 & \text{if } x \le E_2 \end{cases}$$
 (9.23)

$$f_3(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{2E_3}{x - E_3}\right)^n} & \text{if } x > E_3\\ 1 & \text{if } x \le E_3 \end{cases}$$
 (9.24)

functionNameId: Inverse power

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2$ 

$$y(x) = a_0 + \left(\frac{x}{a_1}\right)^{-a_2} \tag{9.25}$$

idFunction: 97

functionNameId: Exponential sum

parameter order:  $n, a_0, a_1, \lambda_1, a_2, \lambda_2, a_3, \lambda_3, \ldots, a_n, \lambda_n$ 

$$y(x) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i e^{\lambda_i x}$$
 (9.26)

idFunction: 99

functionNameId: Linear with cut-off

parameter order:  $a_0, a_1, a_2$ 

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1 x & \text{if } x \ge a_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < a_1 \end{cases}$$
 (9.27)

## 9.3.1 MathML presentation of the functions

Mathematical Markup Language, MathML [10], is a markup language defined using Extensible Markup Language, XML [11]. If idFunctionDef=2 a MathML presentation of the function definition is stored into functionDef. The parameters given in the table referencing the function are used to evaluate the MathML function value. The MathML function itself shall be encapsulated as

<mathml xmlns:z="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML" >
...
</mathml>

where the http-reference is to the applicable schema of MathML itself and z is the namespace prefix adopted in Linssi. These are the only requirements set by Linssi database specifications.

#### 9.3.2 MathML support in Shaman

Even though *Linssi* sets minimal requirements for MathML functions, it should be pointed out that analysis software may set more stringent limits on the MathML features it is able to take advantage of. As far as we know, currently the only analysis program able to use use MathML input is Shaman [5]. It uses a MathML subset briefly discussed here.

In Shaman lambda calculus is used to evaluate the function values. The parameters given in the table referencing the function are associated with bvar's of the lambda construct. The association is by order, i.e., the first parameter, refers to the first bvar. The last bvar is the independent variable. A function definition starts with a list of bvar's followed by a container tag apply, ci, cn, or, piecewise, which must evaluate to a single value.

The following MathML tags are supported in Shaman:

Qualifier: bvar

Arithmetic and functions: plus, minus, times, divide, power, root (degree tag not supported, hence only square root available), exp, ln, sin, cos, tan

Binary forms of logical operators: eq, gt, lt, geq, leq

Logical operators: neq, not, and, or

Containers: lambda, ci, cn, apply, piecewise, piece, otherwise (Type attributes of ci and cn are not supported, hence always treated as real.)

The application producing the calibration function in MathML lambda notation is responsible for the correctness and numerical robustness of the function. While Shaman does perform some rudimentary error checking on the function before use, the conversion of the MathML function may involve some reordering of the function terms, which while mathematically equivalent, may cause numerically unstable functions to break.

An example of a linear function, a+bx, is presented in the lambda calculus of MathML below. Assuming, for example, that the two parameters have values of 2.1 and 1.2, respectively, the function below evaluates to 2.1 + 1.2x.

```
<mathml
         xmlns:z="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML" >
    <z:lambda>
         <z:bvar>
             \langle z:ci\rangle a\langle /z:ci\rangle
         </z:bvar>
         <z:bvar>
             <z:ci>b</z:ci>
         </z:bvar>
         <z:bvar>
             <z:ci>x</z:ci>
         </z:bvar>
         <z:apply>
             <z:plus/>
                  <z:ci>a</z:ci>
                  <z:apply>
                       <z:times/>
                           <z:ci>b</z:ci>
                           <z:ci>x</z:ci>
                  </z:apply>
         </z:apply>
    <z:/lambda>
```

#### </mathml>

See Shaman input parser manual for more details on how to write these lambda constructs [12].

## Chapter 10

## Connections

### 10.1 Database Information

Table 10.1: Database information

linssiInfo				
Field Type Length Flags				
infoId	varchar	20	PN	
value	text	0		
comments	text	0		

end of table.

The purpose of this table is to provide meta information about the Linssi database itself.

infold A unique identifier of the value field. Reserved infold:s are:

DATABASEID, value contains the name of the database.

VERSION, value contains *Linssi* version number of the database. BACKUP, value contains the full backup contents of the database.

BACKUPDATE, value contains the date of the backup.

value The data defined by infold. comments Comments in English [en].

## 10.2 Messages

Table 10.2: Messages

messages				
Field	Type	Length	Flags	
idMessage	int	4	PA	
messageId	varchar	20	NR	
senderFacilityId	varchar	80	F	
senderContactPerson	varchar	40		
receiverFacilityId	varchar	80	F	
receiverContactPerson	varchar	40		
idSample	int	4	F	
idMeas	int	4	F	
idAnalysis	int	4	F	
reportNumber	int	4		
messageType	varchar	40	R	
messageDataType	varchar	40	R	
reportStatus	varchar	8	R	
refMessageId	varchar	80		
refMessageFacilityId	varchar	80	F	
transmission	datetime	8		
receipt	datetime	8		
messageBody	longblob	0		
dataVersion	varchar	20	R	
dataVersionText	text	0		
receivedFrom	varchar	80		
sentTo	text	0		
ссТо	text	0		
authentication	Boolean	1		
authenticationPass	Boolean	1		
comments	text	0		

(senderFacilityId ) → facilities(facilityId)

 $(receiverFacilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

 $(idSample) \rightarrow samples(idSample)$ 

 $(idMeas) \rightarrow measurements(idMeas)$ 

 $(idAnalysis) \rightarrow analyses(idAnalysis)$ 

 $(refMessageFacilityId) \rightarrow facilities(facilityId)$ 

end of table.

The purpose of this table is to keep track of the messages exchanged between facilities. Our original use of this table has been to track messages between certified laboratories and the CTBTO. However, the description given here should be fully adequate for facilities wishing to set up their own message passing protocols on the basis of this table.

If the user needs to fulfill the requirements of the messaging protocol of the CTBTO, the user is asked to consult the report IDC-3.4.1Rev6 [9] to which the descriptions below are referencing.

The reference RLR/#xxx below refers to the data block #xxx of the radionuclide laboratory report (RLR). RLR and the related data blocks are described in Chapter 'Radionuclide Laboratory Reports' of the report IDC3.4.1Rev6 [9].

idMessage Linssi identification number of the message.

messageId Identification code of the message as represented in the message

itself. For CTBT messages see id string of MSG ID in Chapter

Message Structure of IDC3.4.1Rev6.

senderFacilityId Site code of facility, where the message is originated. For CTBT

messages see source in MSG ID in Chapter Message Structure of

IDC3.4.1Rev6. See table 2.1 facilities.

senderContactPerson contact person of the message sender.

 ${\tt receiverFacilityId} \qquad {\tt facilityId} \ {\tt of the receiver of the message}. \ {\tt See \ table \ 2.1 \ facilities}.$ 

receiverContactPerson contact person of the message receiver.

idSample Identification number of the sample measured. See table 4.1

samples.

idMeas Identification number of the measurement, i.e., spectrum analyzed.

See table 6.6 measurements.

idAnalysis Identification number of the analysis. See table 8.1 analyses.

reportNumber Number of the report. for CTBT messages see RLR/#Header.

messageType Message type, i.e. for CTBT: request, subscription, data, lab-

data, command\_request, or command\_response. See MSG TYPE

in Chapter Message Structure of IDC3.4.1Rev6 [6].

messageDataType Message data type. for CTBT see DATA TYPE in Chapter Mes-

sage Structure and the specific radionuclide data types in Chapter

Radionuclide Messages in IDC3.4.1Rev6 [6].

reportStatus Status of the report i.e. PREL, FIN.

refMessageId A reference to the message for which this message is a response to,

i.e., for CTBT messages the ref str of the REF ID. See MSG TYPE and REF ID inChapter Message Structure of IDC3.4.1Rev6 [6].

refMessageFacilityId A reference to the message for which this message is a response to,

i.e., for CTBT messages the ref src in REF ID in Chapter Message

Structure of IDC3.4.1Rev6 [6]. See table 2.1 facilities.

transmission Date and time of the transmission of the message (UTC).

receipt Date and time of the receipt of the message (UTC).

messageBody The full text of the message.

dataVersion Version of message format used. For CTBT see

RLR/#LabDataVersion.

dataVersionText Notes regarding the message format. For CTBT see

RLR/#LabDataVersion.

receivedFrom Email address of the sender (From:).
sentTo Email address of the recipient (To:).

ccTo Email address of additional recipients (Cc:).

authentication True if the message was authenticated.

authenticationPass True if the authentication passed the checking.

## 10.3 External Keys

Table 10.3: External keys

externalKeys				
Field	Туре	Length	Flags	
keyId	varchar	80	PNc	
databaseId	varchar	80	PN	
keyType	varchar	20	PNR	
idKey	int	4	N	
comments	text	0		

end of table.

When data from an external *Linssi* database are imported to the local database, associations between the two instances of the same data must be retained. This is normally accomplished by using identical identifiers (keyId's) for the same data in both databases. This requires that the keyId's are unique across the databases. For this purpose it is sufficient to follow the agreed naming conventions for sampleId, measId, calId and analysisId, i.e., the table externalKeys is not needed. See *Linssi* scripts and interfaces manual [3].

However, if there were lots of common instances between the databases and also a need for oral discussion about them, the discussion would be easier when using the numeric idKey's instead. For this purpose the table eternalKeys is useful. It associates the local (and external) keyId's with the external idKey's facilitating the use of numbers in the communication. If a corresponding association is also needed by the users of the external database, idKey's of the local database should be sent there to be used in their externalKeys table.

keyId Identifier of the key in the local and external *Linssi* databases.

databaseId A unique identifier of the external Linssi database.

keyType Type of of the key. Reserved types:

SAMPLE, idkey equals idSample of the external Linssi database.

MEAS, idKey equals idMeas of the external *Linssi* database. CAL, idKey equals idCal of the external *Linssi* database.

ANALYSIS, idkey equals idAnalysis of the external Linssi

database.

idKey Value of the key in the external Linssi database.

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