

# A4, Empower3 Processing Tips and Tricks

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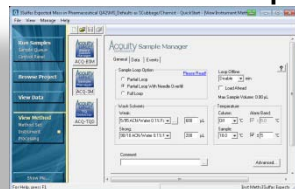
# Basic Chromatography Workflow

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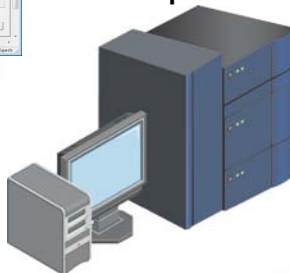
Sampling/Login



Method Setup



Sequence/Run  
Samples

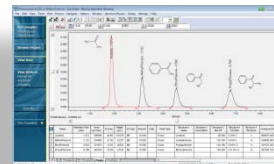


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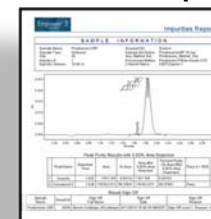
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3	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_3	Method_3
4	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_4	Method_4
5	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_5	Method_5
6	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_6	Method_6
7	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_7	Method_7
8	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_8	Method_8
9	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Sample_9	Method_9
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Empower  
Database

Review/Preview

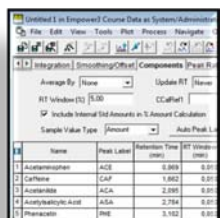


Print Report

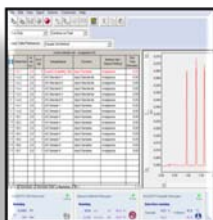


# Processing Workflow

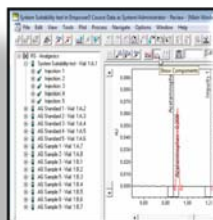
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Method



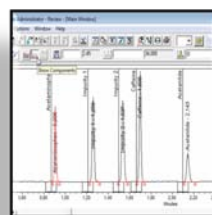
Run  
Sample  
Set



Bring  
Sample Set  
To review



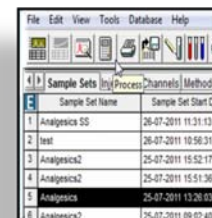
Check/  
Adjust  
Method



Save the  
Changes

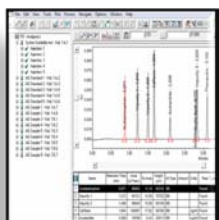


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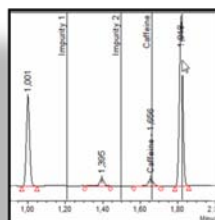


# Processing Workflow (continued)

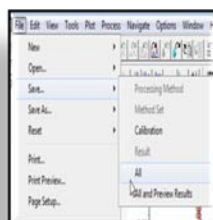
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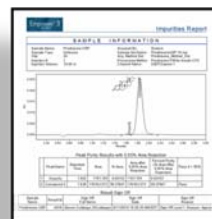
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Identification



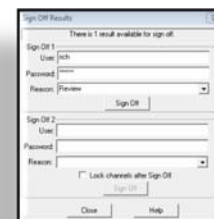
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Changes



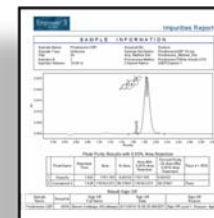
Preview  
Results Set



Sign Off  
Results



Print  
Results  
Set



# Creating a Processing Method

- Optimizing Integration
- Component table
- System Suitability Calculations
- Noise & Drift Calculations

- Integration requires three operations:
  1. Find the peak (peak detection)
  2. Find the baseline of the peak
  3. Compute the peak's area and height
- The first two are the challenge
- Empower has two different algorithms to perform integration
  - Traditional
  - Apex Track

## Traditional Integration

- Peak Width and Threshold work together to detect the peaks from the baseline.

## 4 Global Parameters

- Peak Width
- Threshold
- Minimum Area
- Minimum Height

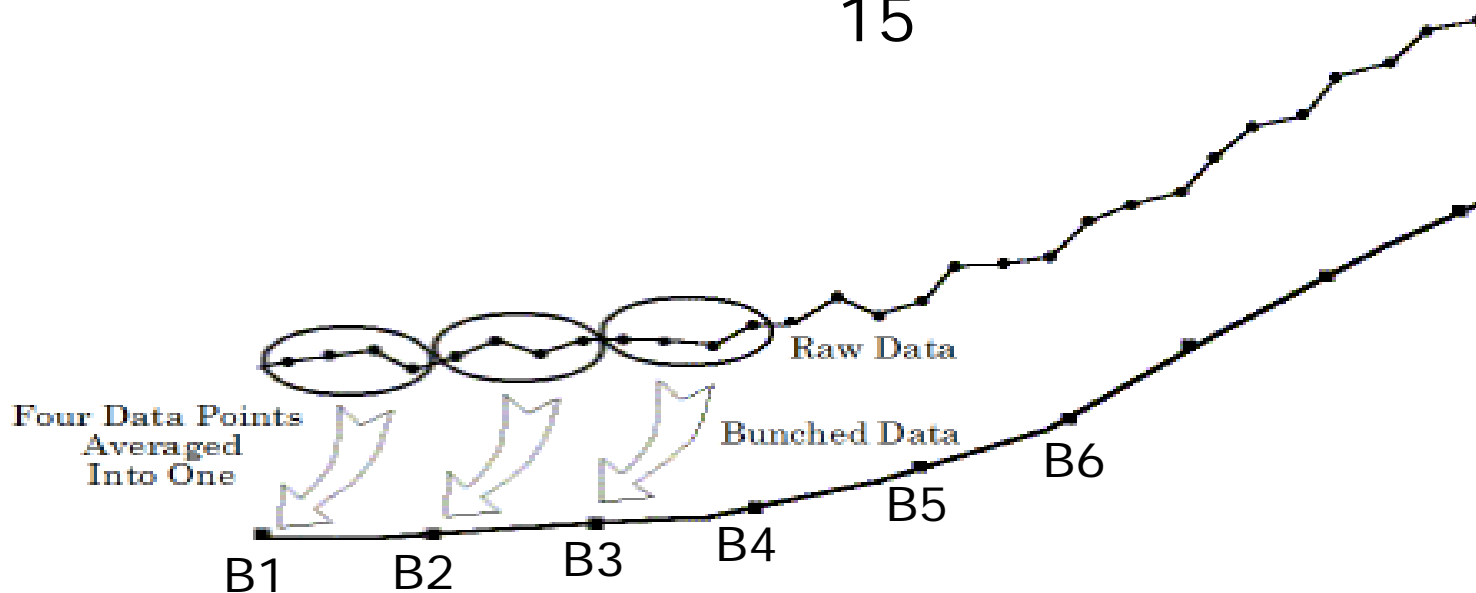


# Traditional Integration Peak Width Determination

## Peak Width

- Peak width is measured at the baseline of the narrowest peak of interest and is used to determine a bunching factor.

- Bunching Factor =  $\frac{\text{Peak Width} \times \text{Sampling Rate}}{15} = 4$

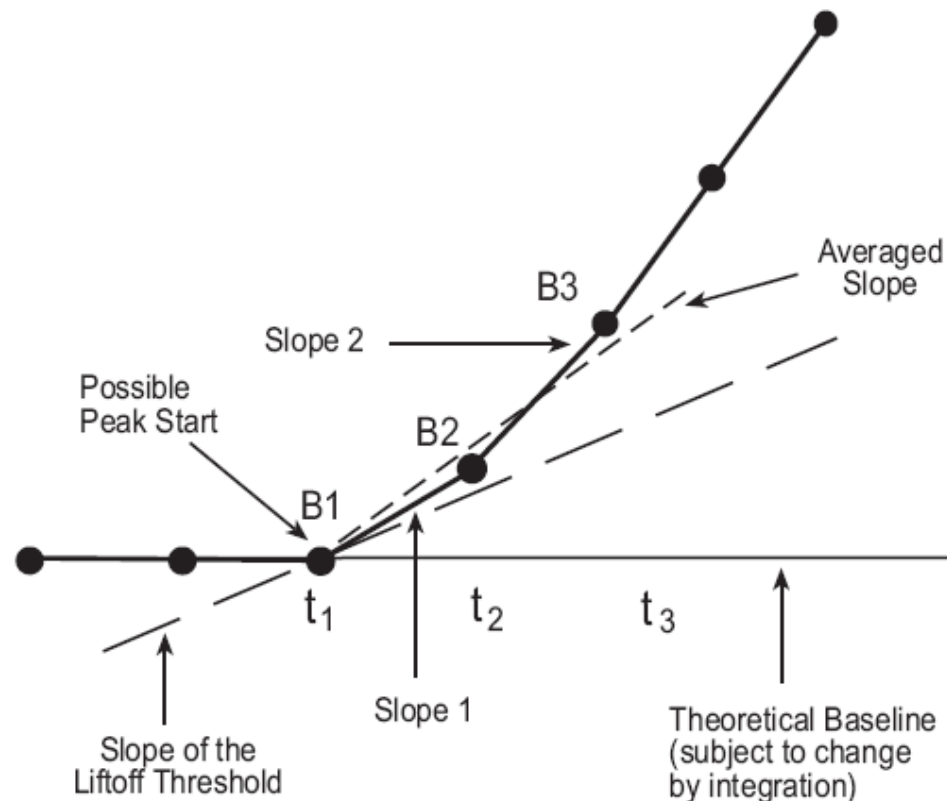


# Traditional Integration

## Determining peak start

### Threshold

- Specifies the liftoff and touchdown values (minimum rate of change of the detector signal) for peak detection.
- Empower averages the signal slope across 3 data bunch intervals and compares to the liftoff threshold
- When the average slope of the signal between the 3 bunches is  $\geq$  the liftoff threshold value, point B1 is flagged as possible peak start
- Individual points in bunch B1 is then examined to determine peak start = data point with lowest Y-value



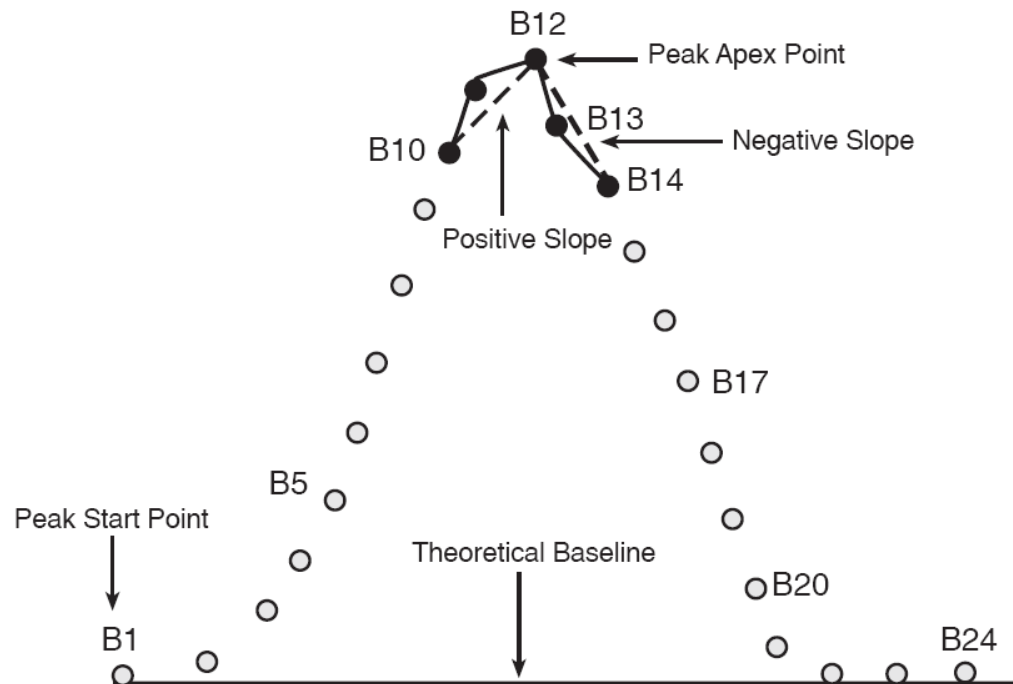
$$\text{slope 1} = \frac{B2 - B1}{t_2 - t_1} \quad \text{slope 2} = \frac{B3 - B2}{t_3 - t_2}$$

$$\text{average slope} = \frac{\text{slope 1} + \text{slope 2}}{2}$$

# Traditional Integration

## Determining peak apex

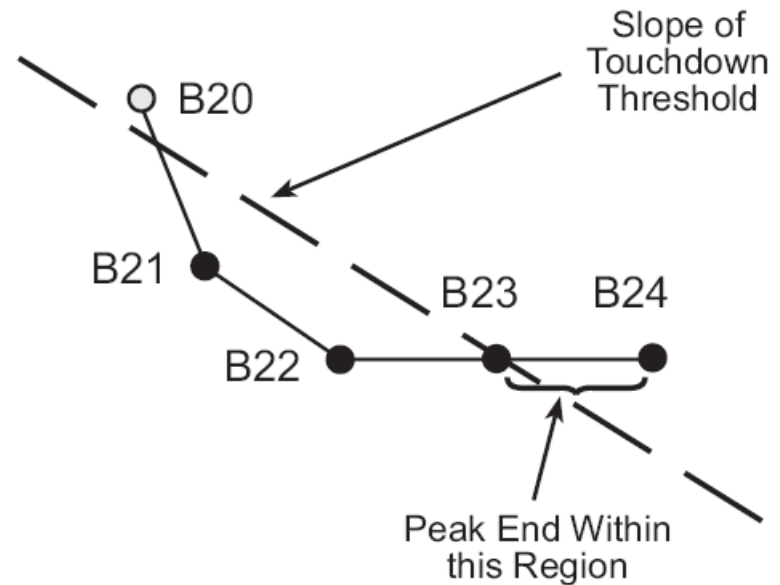
- Signal is monitored until slope sign changes from positive to negative
- Bunch where the slope change occurs (B12 in the figure) is analyzed.
- Data point which is farthest away from the baseline is tentatively assigned as peak apex
- Final apex is determined after integration and baseline assignment



# Traditional Integration

## Determining peak end

- Slope of the signal is compared to the touchdown threshold
- When 2 consecutive slopes are  $<$  threshold, last point in the last bunch is flagged as possible peak end
- Individual points in this bunch and the next bunch to determine actual peak end = data point with lowest Y-value



# Traditional Integration

## Minimum Height or Minimum Area

### Minimum Height or Minimum Area

- Defines minimum peak area ( $\text{mV} \cdot \text{sec}$ ) or minimum peak height ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) that Empower will report
- Used to reject unwanted peaks once integration has been optimized
- Empower use 95% of the peak's area/ height so that it can report peaks that approach the selected peak's size

## Timed Events

- a **time-based action** to adjust peak detection and/or integration in specified sections of a chromatogram
- There are 20 integration events that can be used to fine-tune integration across selected regions of a chromatogram
- You might need to apply one or more timed events when the default peak detection and integration parameters do not adequately detect and integrate all peaks in the chromatogram.

# Traditional Integration Timed Events

- II – Inhibit Integration
- SPW – Set Peak Width
- SLO – Set Liftoff
- STD – Set Touchdown
- SMA – Set Minimum Area
- SMH – Set Minimum Height
- SMxA – Set Maximum Area
- SMxH – Set Maximum Height
- VV – Valley to Valley
- ES – Exponential Skim
- TS – Tangential Skim
- ANP – Allow Negative Peaks
- FDL – Force Drop Line
- FBT – Force Baseline by Time
- FBP – Force Baseline by Peak
- FHP – Forward Horizontal by Peak
- FHT – Forward Horizontal by Time
- RHP – Reverse Horizontal by Peak
- RHT – Reverse Horizontal by Time
- FP – Force Peak

## A New Approach to the Integration of Chromatographic Peaks

- Easier than traditional integration
- Better than traditional integration
- Based on measuring the curvature (the rate of change of slope) of the chromatogram (2<sup>nd</sup> derivative)
- Traditional integration detects peaks by initially looking for a peak start
- ApexTrack integration detects peaks by initially looking for the peak apex



## Easier:

- Automatically determines appropriate integration parameter settings
  - Auto Peak Width
  - Auto Threshold
- Usually integrates well at first pass using default and automatic parameters

## Better:

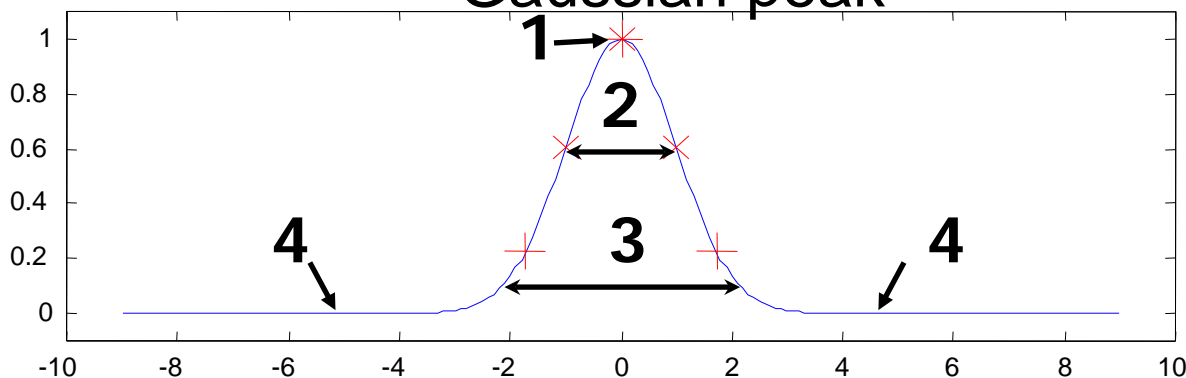
- Integrates negative peaks effectively
- Integrates small peaks in noisy or drifting baseline effectively
- Peak shoulders are easily detected
- Gaussian skimming available

# Basis of ApexTrack: Curvature Threshold

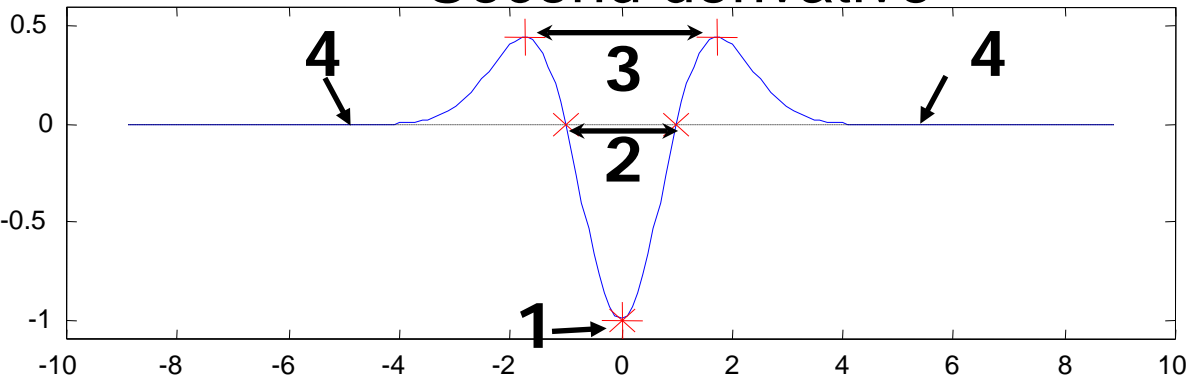
- Detects the peak apex when the *curvature* is above the threshold
- Effective:
  - Detects shoulders
  - Baseline slope does not affect detection of peaks
  - Peak detection and baseline determination are decoupled
    - Baseline placement can be modified without affecting the number of peaks detected and vice versa

# Second Derivative Measures Curvature

Gaussian peak



Second derivative



	Curvature
1. Apex	High (-)
2. Inflection points	Zero
3. Liftoff/TD	High (+)
4. Baseline	Zero

## Apex detection parameters

- Start (min) (Start Detection/Integration Time)
- End (min) (End Detection/Integration Time)
- Peak Width (sec) (Peak Width @ 5% Height)—**AUTO**
  - Recommended range= 0.5 to 2 times Auto PW value
- Detection Threshold (Peak Detection Threshold)—**AUTO**

## Baseline determination parameters

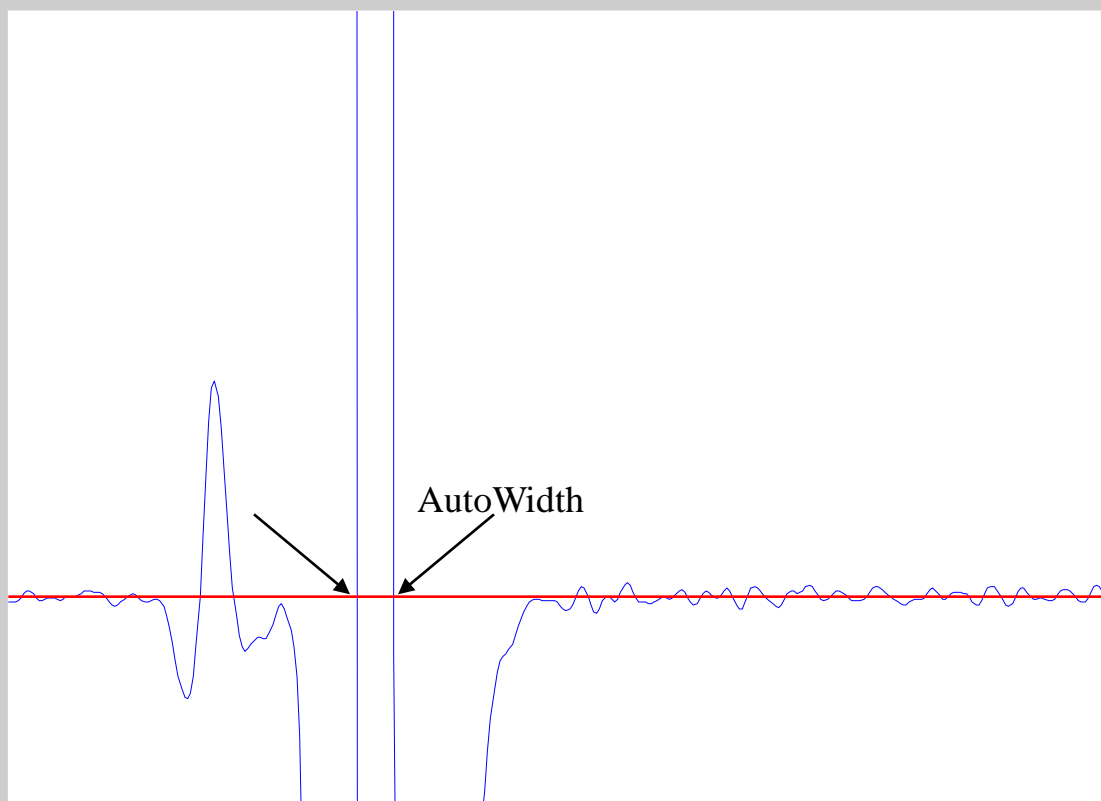
- Liftoff %
  - Baseline start threshold %. Default:0
- Touchdown %
  - Baseline end threshold %. Default:0.5

## Peak acceptance criteria

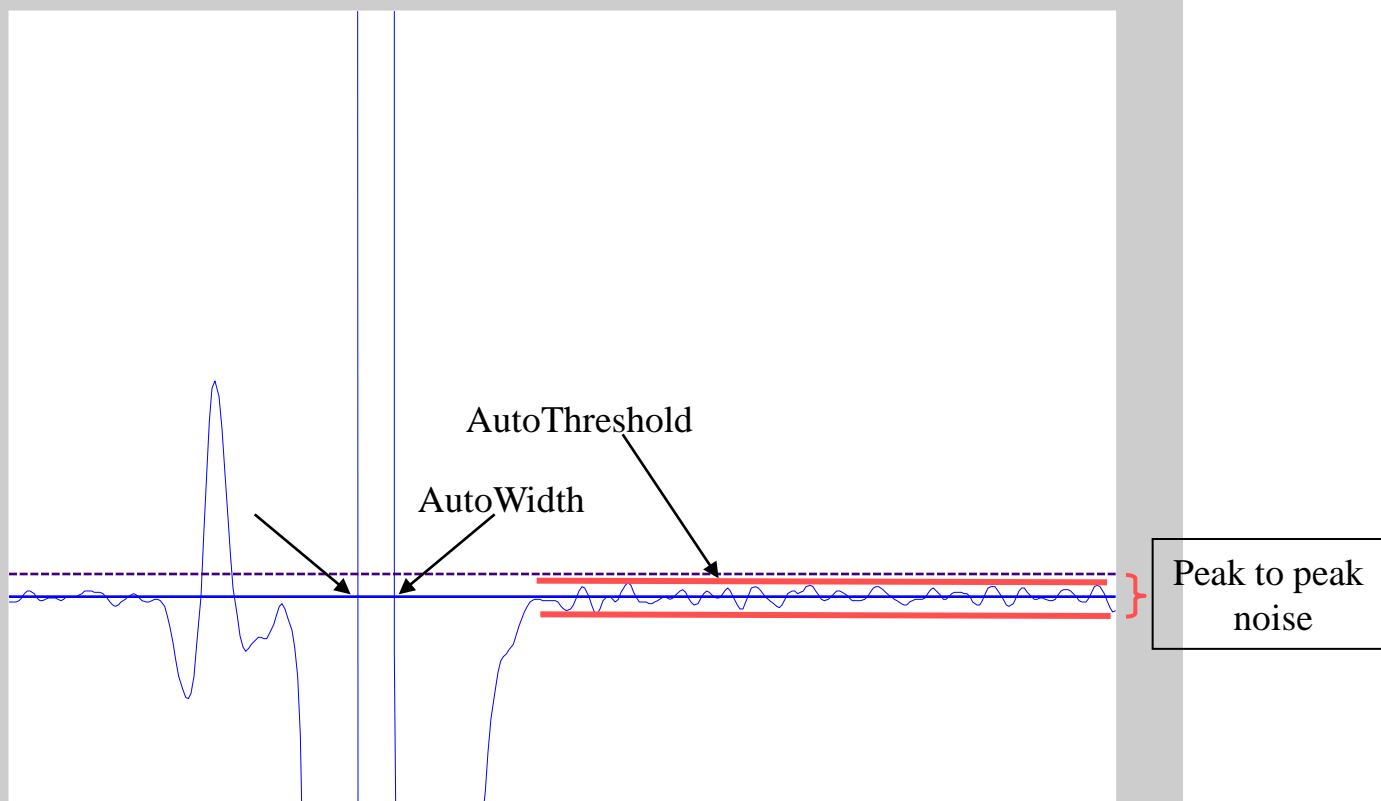
- Minimum Area (works in the same way as in traditional int.)
- Minimum Height (works in the same way as in traditional int.)

- Peak detection is controlled by the Peak Width and Threshold parameters
- Peak Width: measured in seconds, Auto Peak width sets it to 5% height of the largest peak in the second derivative (determined by using the inflection point width and calculating the gaussian peak width); used as a filter similar to traditional integration.
- Threshold: measured in units of height, Auto Threshold sets it to the peak to peak noise; used as a threshold for peak detection in the 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative

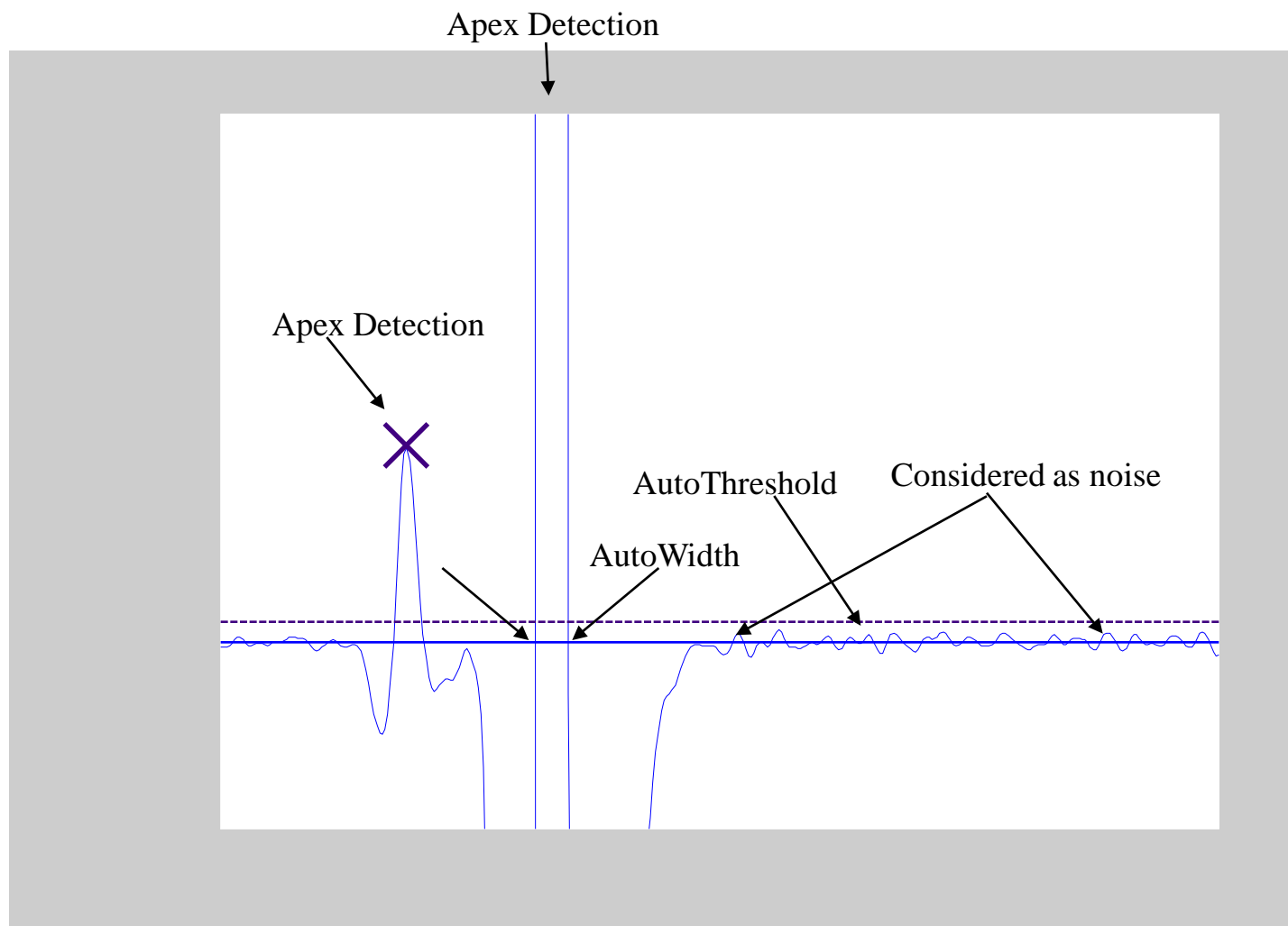
## 2nd derivative plot



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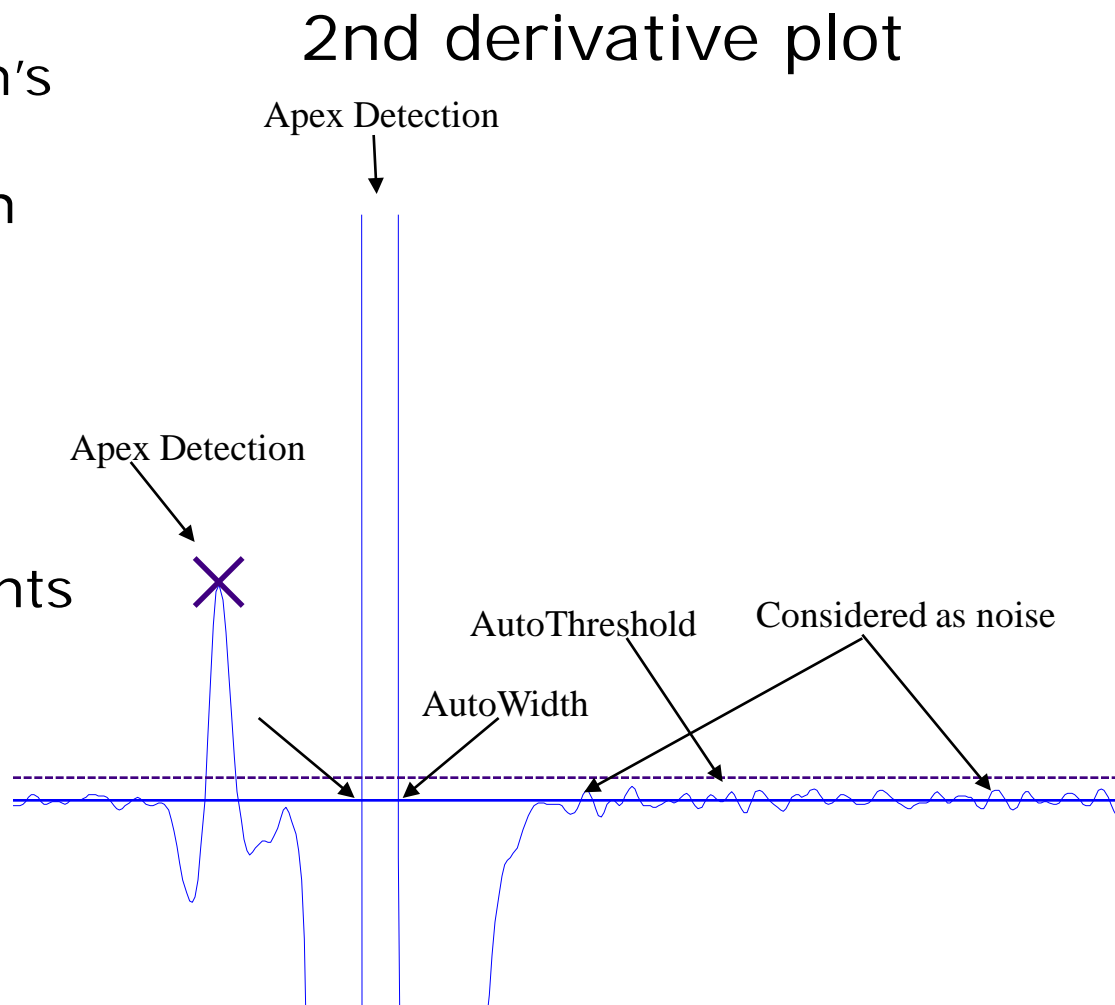
## 2nd derivative plot





## What happens?

1. Acquire the data
2. Obtain chromatogram's second derivative
3. Determine peak width (AutoPeakWidth)
4. Determine threshold (AutoThreshold)
5. Detect peaks  
- Second Derivative
6. Identify inflection points



# Apex Track Integration

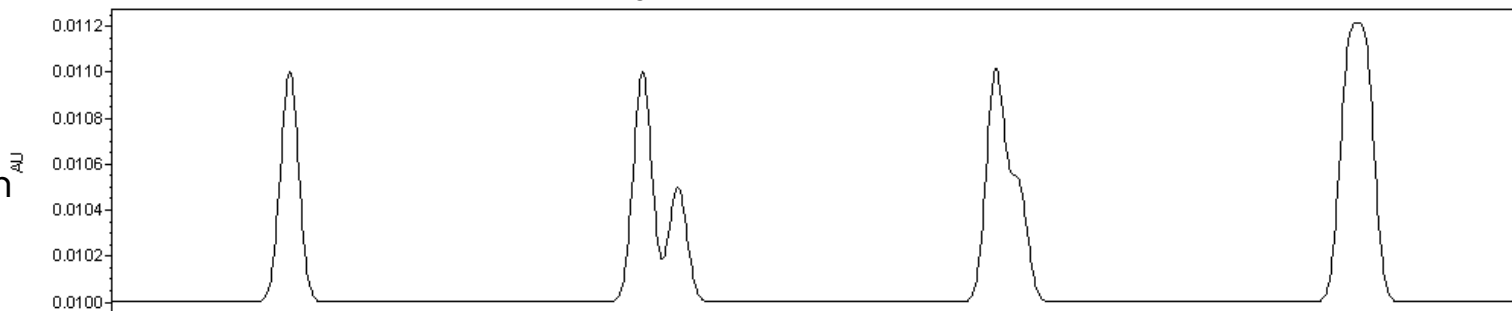
Baseline  
Resolved Peak

Fused Peaks  
(Valley)

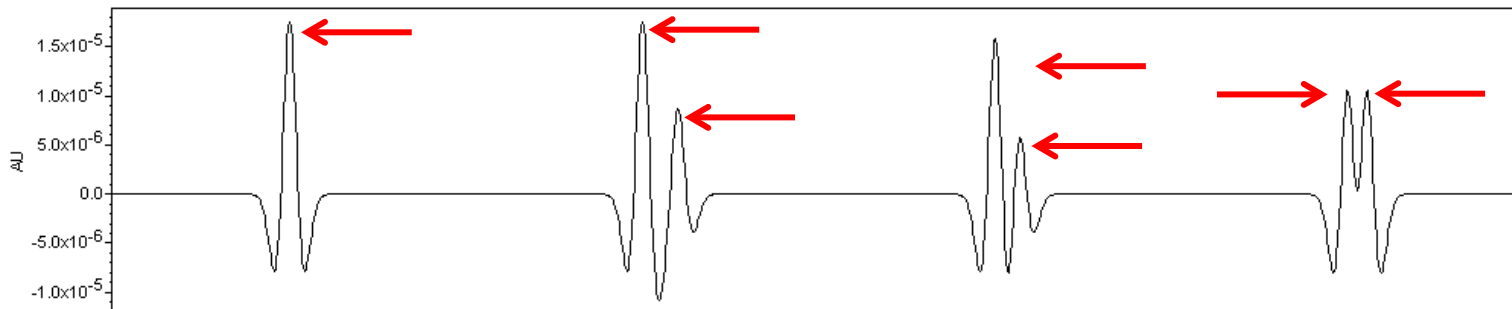
Fused Peaks  
(Shoulder)

Fused Peaks  
(Round)

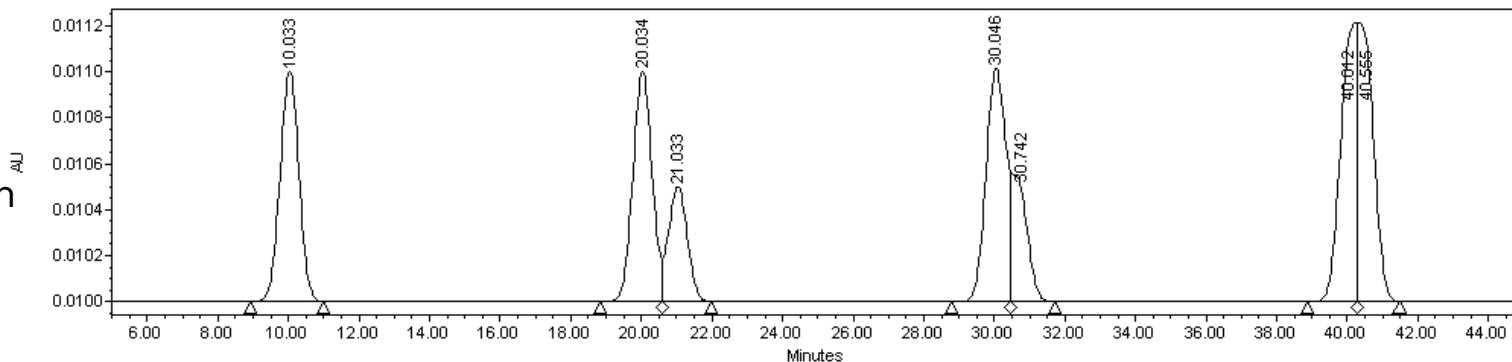
Unprocessed  
Chromatogram



Second  
Derivative Plot



Integrated  
Chromatogram



## What about Baseline determination?

- ApexTrack uses *percentage* slope threshold.
  - The slope threshold depends on peak height
  - The baseline is the same for all peaks

## Why?

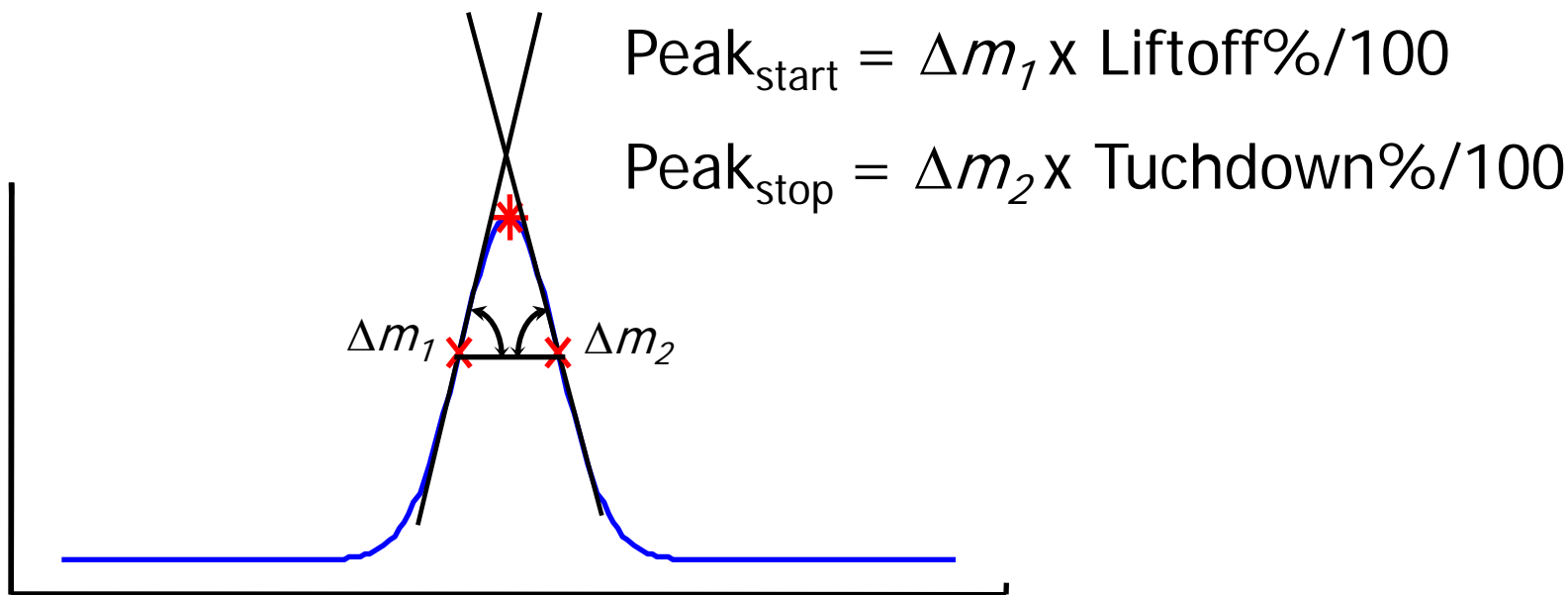
- Baselines change when concentration changes and the location of touchdown is most sensitive.

## What happens?

- User specifies baseline threshold as a *percentage* of peak height.
- Algorithm computes a separate slope threshold for each peak
- Slope threshold is then *proportional* to peak height
  - Big peaks have big threshold
  - Small peaks have small threshold

# Baseline Determination

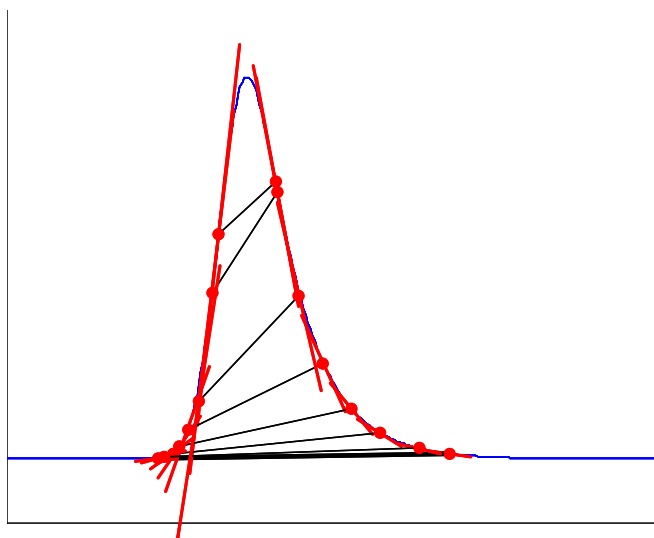
1. Initially draws baseline between the inflection points
2. Determines slope differences ( $\Delta m$ ) using tangents to the inflection points



3. Determines slope thresholds using Baseline % Thresholds from processing method and slope differences.  
Baseline % Thresholds scale inflection point slope differences to determine liftoff and touchdown points.

# Baseline Determination

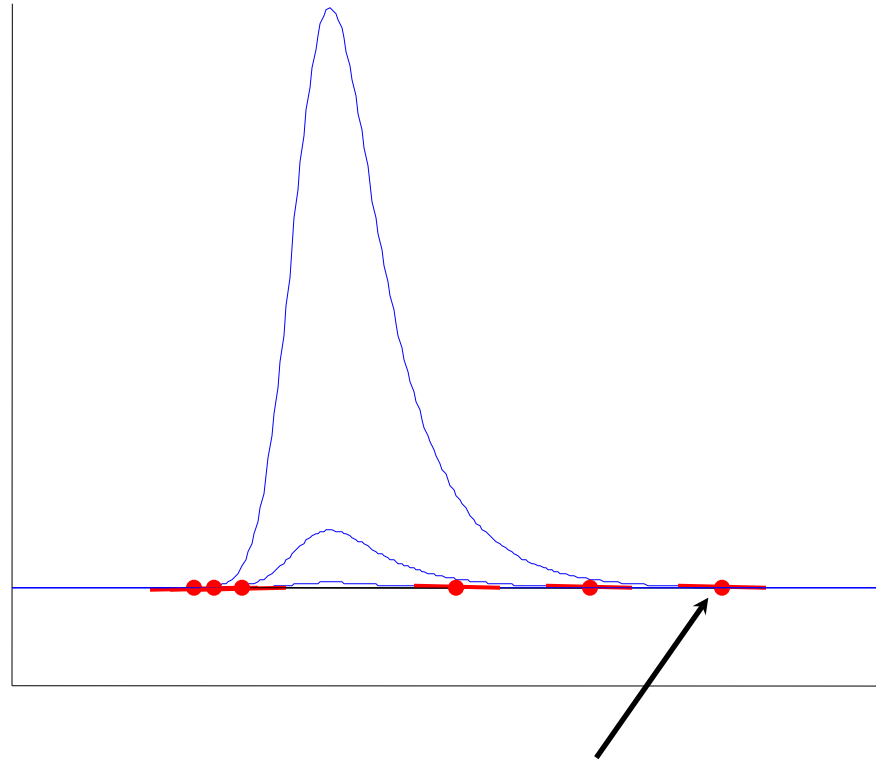
4. Baselines start at the “inflection point” baseline
5. Baselines are expanded until the slope threshold criteria are met



6. A Baseline % Threshold of 100 % yields baseline at inflection points
7. A Baseline % Threshold of 0 % yields baseline that is tangent to baseline noise

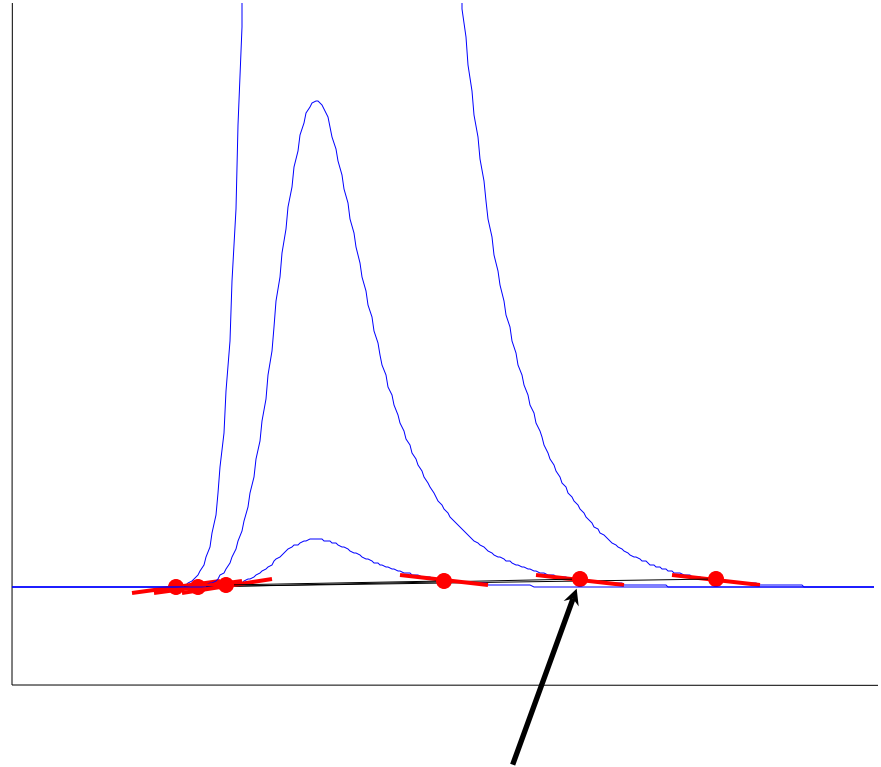
# Concentration Change: Traditional Approach

- Height ratios of 1: 1/10  
: 1/100
- Times of liftoff and touchdown change
- Biggest peak:  
Touchdown far down in tail



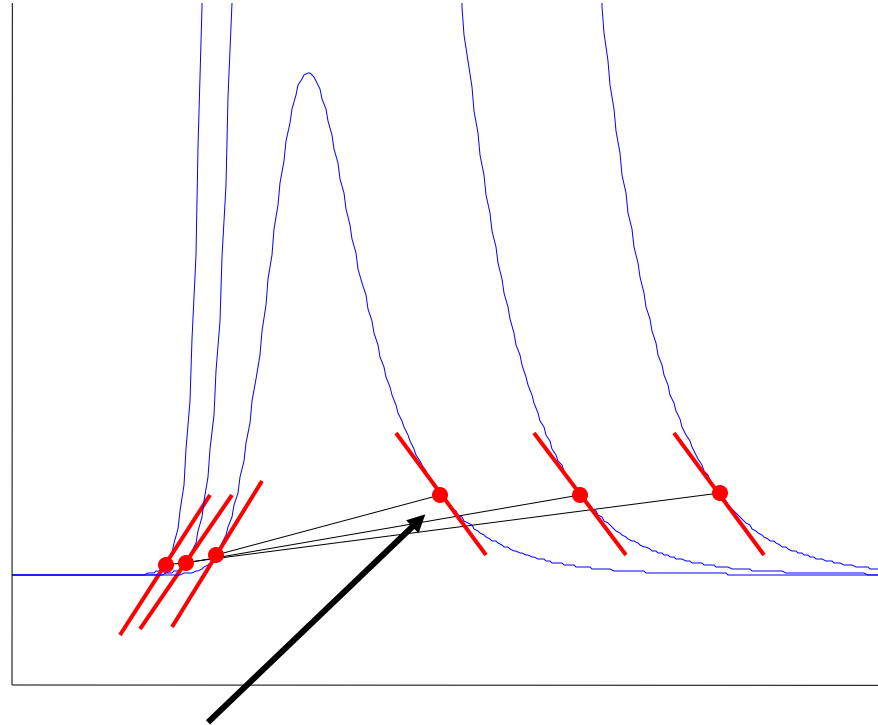
# Concentration Change: Zoom In

- Focus on 1/10 peak
- Middle peak:  
Touchdown is well  
positioned



# Concentration Change: Zoom In Again

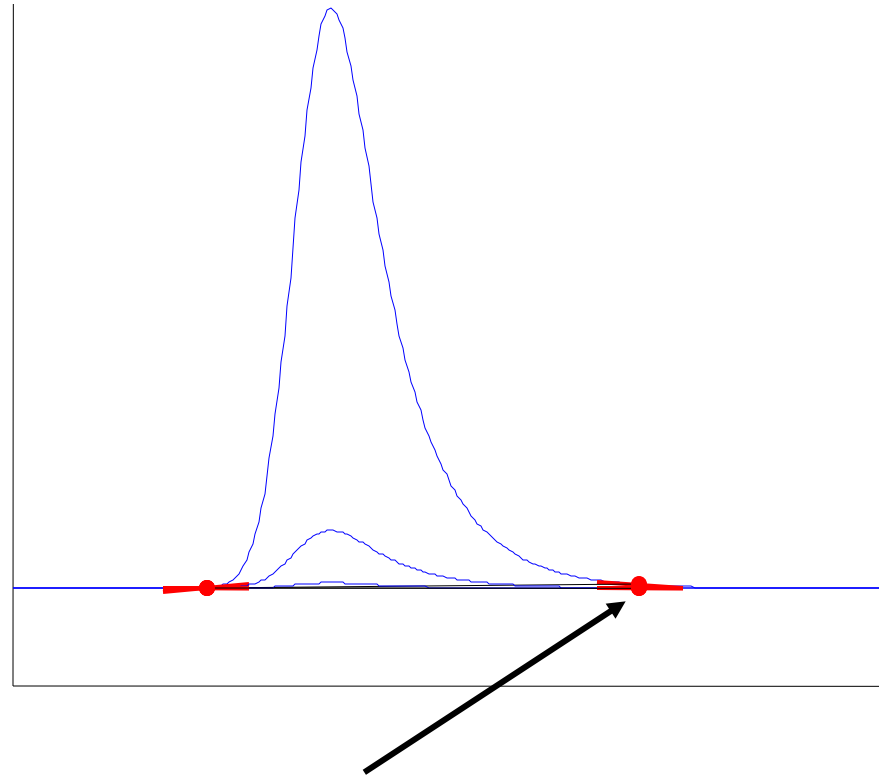
- Focus on 1/100 peak
- Smallest peak:  
Touchdown is high up  
the tail
- Relative area of  
smallest peak is  
reduced!





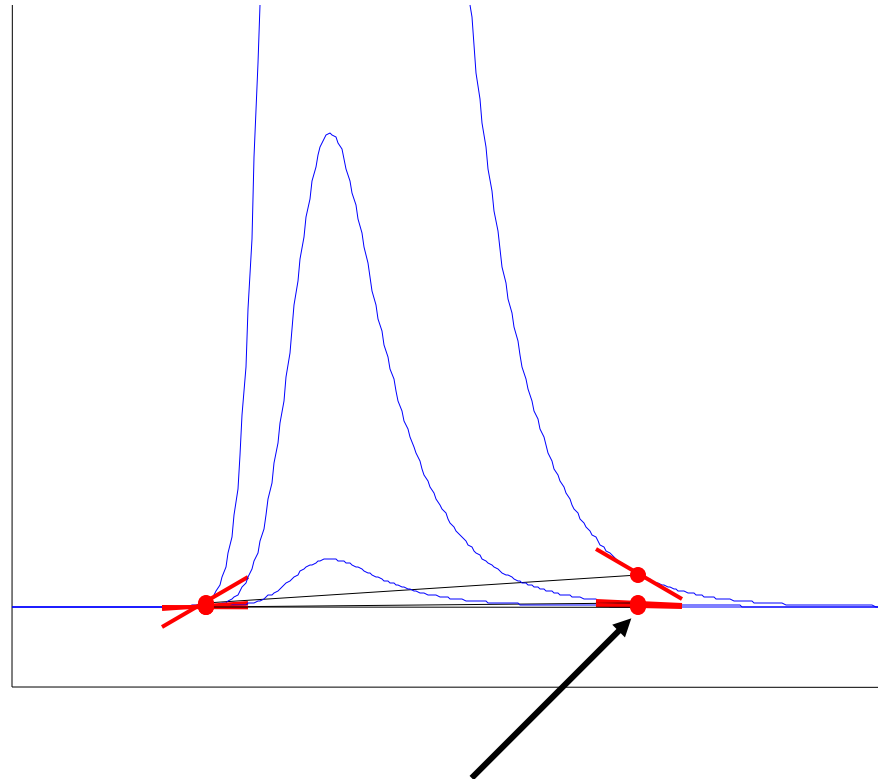
# Concentration Change: ApexTrack

- Height ratios of 1: 1/10  
: 1/100
- Liftoff is the same for each peak.
- Touchdown is the same for each peak
- Biggest peak:  
Touchdown is well positioned



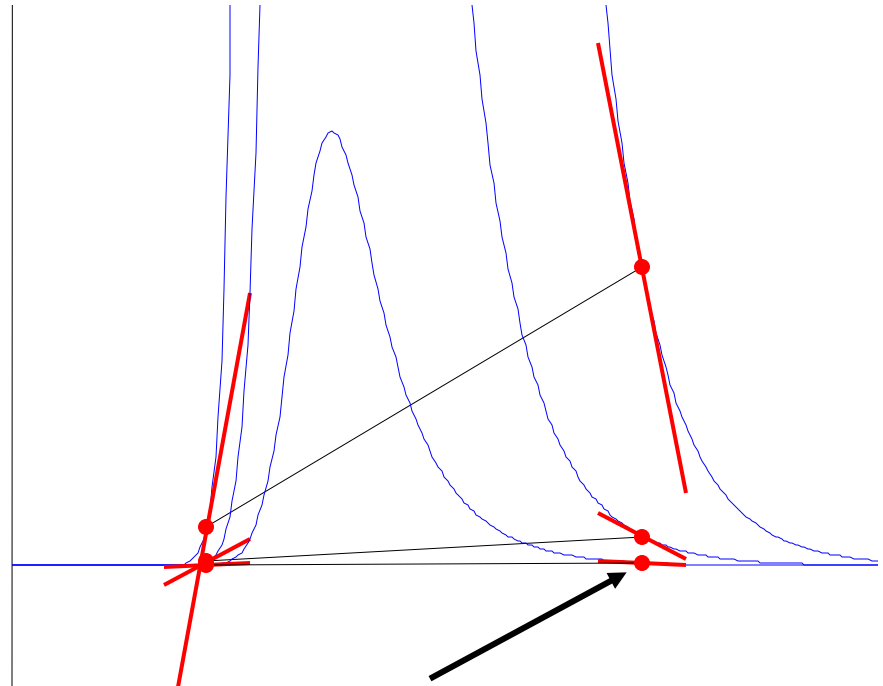
# Concentration Change: Zoom In

- Focus on 1/10 peak
- Middle peak: Touchdown is well positioned



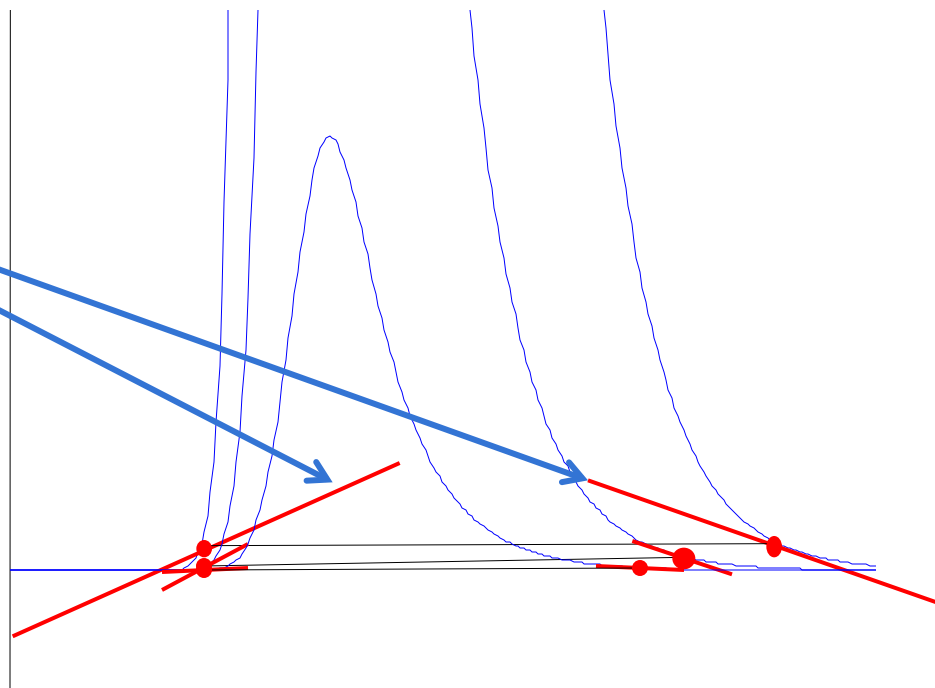
# Concentration Change: Zoom In Again

- Focus on 1/100 peak
- Smallest peak:  
Touchdown is well  
positioned
- Note different slope  
thresholds



# Changing %Touchdown

- Focus on Big peak
- A small change in the %Touchdown will have a big impact on the slope for the big peak because it is a percentage of the peak height
- This will have very little effect on the middle peak and NO effect on the small peak



# Apex Track Integration Timed Events

- ANP - Allow Negative Peaks
- DS - Detect Shoulders
- GS - Gaussian Skim
- TS - Tangential Skim
- II - Inhibit Integration
- MP - Merge Peaks (for GPC only)
- SL% - Set Liftoff %
- ST% - Set Touchdown %
- SMA - Set Minimum Area
- SMH - Set Minimum Height
- SMxH - Set Maximum Height
- SMxA - Set Maximum Area
- VV - Valley-to-Valley
- SPW - Set Peak Width
- SDT - Set Detection Threshold

# Integration events

## Comparison: Traditional – Apex Track

Traditional Integration Event	ApexTrack Integration Event
Inhibit Integration	Inhibit Integration
Allow Negative Peaks	Allow Negative Peaks
Set Liftoff	Set Liftoff %
Set Touchdown	Set Touchdown %
Set Peak Width (sec)	Set Peak Width (sec)
Set Threshold	Set Detection Threshold
Set Minimum Area	Set Minimum Area
Set Minimum Height	Set Minimum Height
Set Maximum Width (sec)	Set Maximum Width (sec)
Set Maximum Height	Set Maximum Height
Valley to Valley	Valley to Valley
Exponential Skim	
Force Drop Line	
Force Baseline by Peak	
Force Baseline by Time	
Force Peak	
Forward Horizontal by Peak	
Forward Horizontal by Time	
Reverse Horizontal by Peak	
Reverse Horizontal by Time	
Tangential Skim	Tangential Skim
	Merge Peaks (GPC option only)
	Detect Shoulders
	Gaussian Skim

## Advantages over other Integration Packages

1. Automatic parameter determination, for rapid method development
2. Default parameters superior to those of Traditional
3. Curvature detection, for reproducible detection of difficult peaks and shoulders
4. Internally adjusted slope threshold, for accurate baseline determination, does not affect peak detection
5. Gaussian Skimming

# Processing Method

**Apex Detection**

Start (min)	<input type="text"/>	End (min)	<input type="text"/>
Peak Width (sec)	<input type="text"/>	Detection Threshold	<input type="text"/>

**Integration** | Smoothing/Offset | Components | Default Amounts | Named Groups

Integration Algorithm: **ApexTrack**

**Apex Detection**

Start (min)	<input type="text"/>	End (min)	<input type="text"/>
Peak Width (sec)	<input type="text"/>	Detection Threshold	<input type="text"/>

**Peak Integration**

Liftoff %	<input type="text" value="0,000"/>	Touchdown %	<input type="text" value="0,500"/>
Minimum Area	<input type="text"/>	Minimum Height	<input type="text"/>

**Peak Integration**

Liftoff %	<input type="text" value="0,000"/>	Touchdown %	<input type="text" value="0,500"/>
Minimum Area	<input type="text"/>	Minimum Height	<input type="text"/>

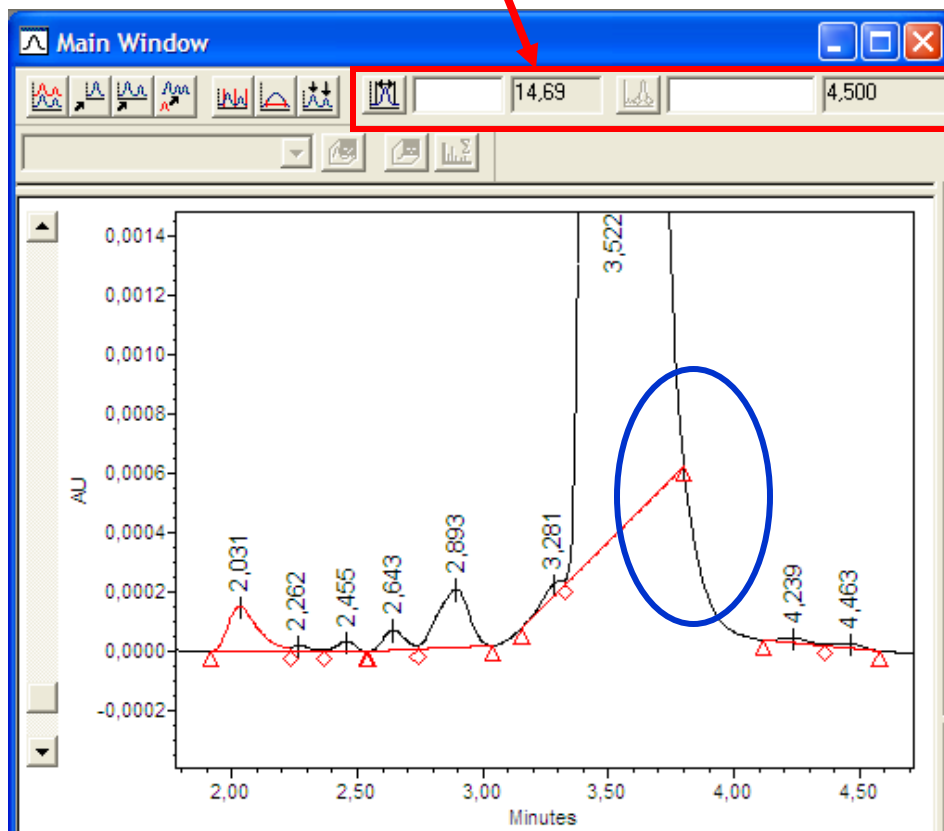
**Default values**



# Developing an ApexTrack method

Peak width & Detection Threshold is automatically Determined (14.69 & 4.5)

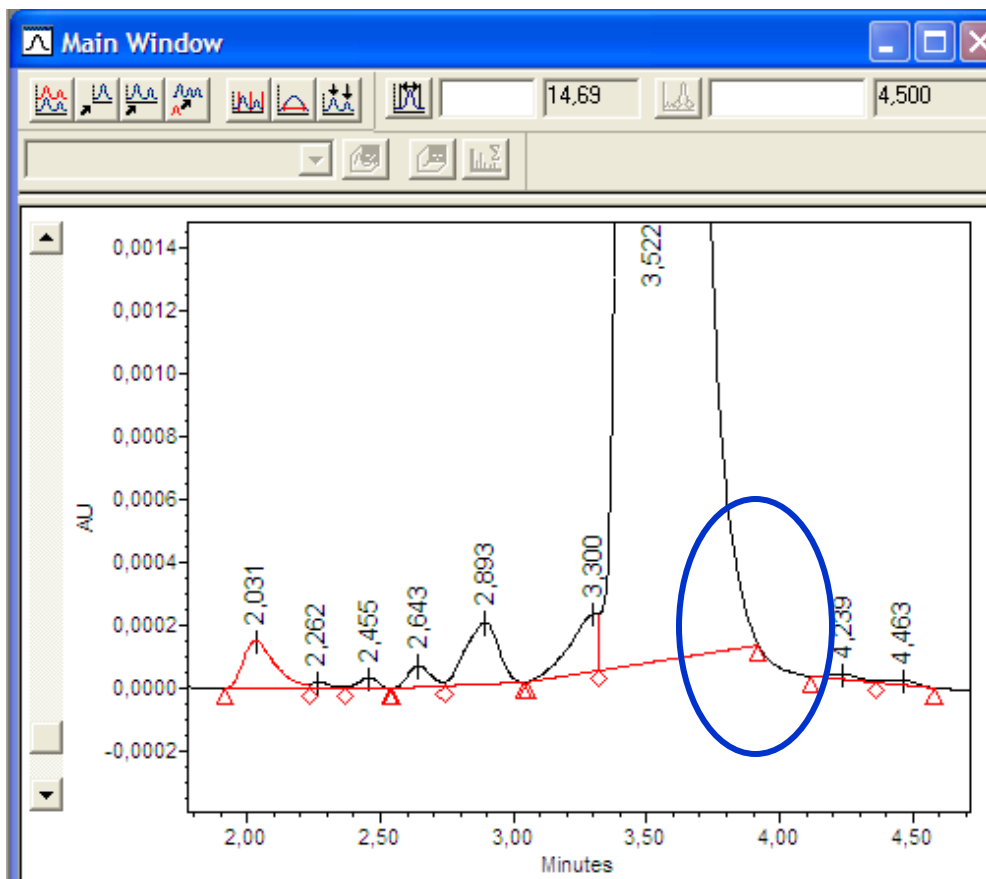
Limit the Apex Detection time zone (1.8 – 5.0 min)



The software interface shows the 'Integration' tab selected. The 'Integration Algorithm' is set to 'ApexTrack'. The 'Apex Detection' section has 'Start (min)' set to 1.800 and 'End (min)' set to 5.000. The 'Peak Integration' section has 'Liftoff %' set to 0.000, 'Touchdown %' set to 0.500, 'Minimum Area' set to 0, and 'Minimum Height' set to 0. A red arrow points to the '1.800' value in the 'Start (min)' field.

Default settings

# Developing an ApexTrack method



Integration Smoothing/Offset Components Default Amounts Named

Integration Algorithm ApexTrack

Apex Detection

Start (min) 1,800 End (min) 5,000

Peak Width (sec) Detection Threshold

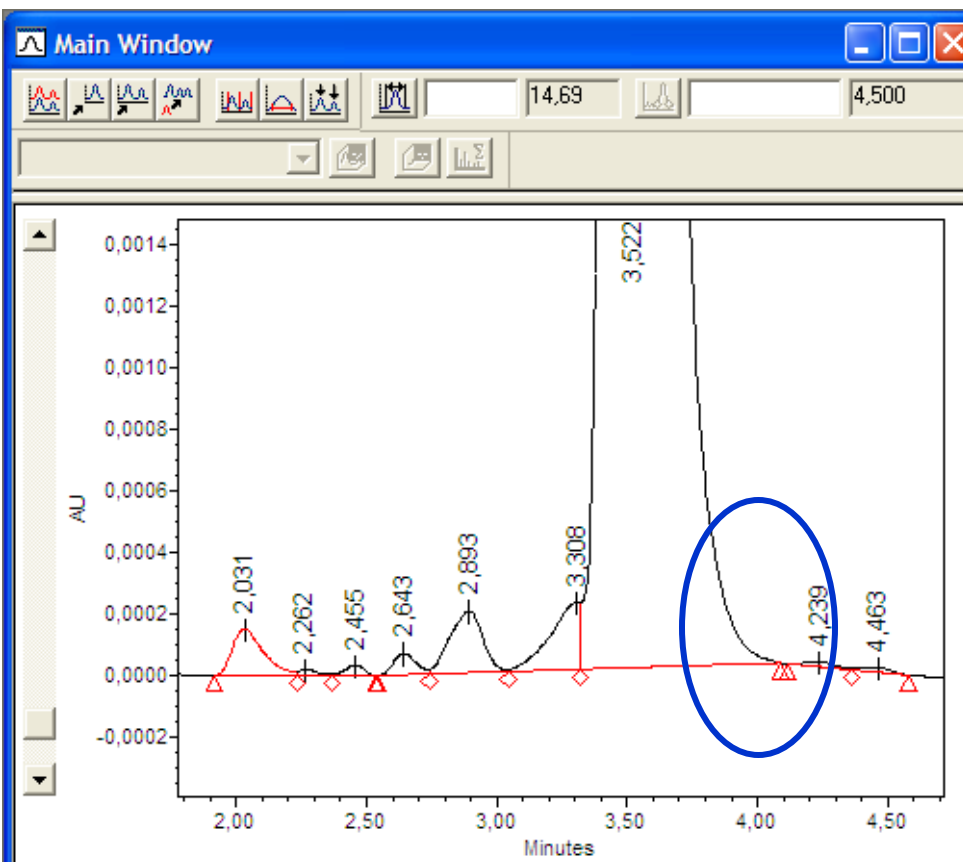
Peak Integration

Liftoff % 0,000 Touchdown % 0,100

Minimum Area 0 Minimum Height 0

Lower the Touchdown%  
to 0.1

# Developing an ApexTrack method



Integration Smoothing/Offset Components Default Amounts Named Groups

Integration Algorithm: ApexTrack

Apex Detection

Start (min): 1,800 End (min): 5,000

Peak Width (sec): Detection Threshold:

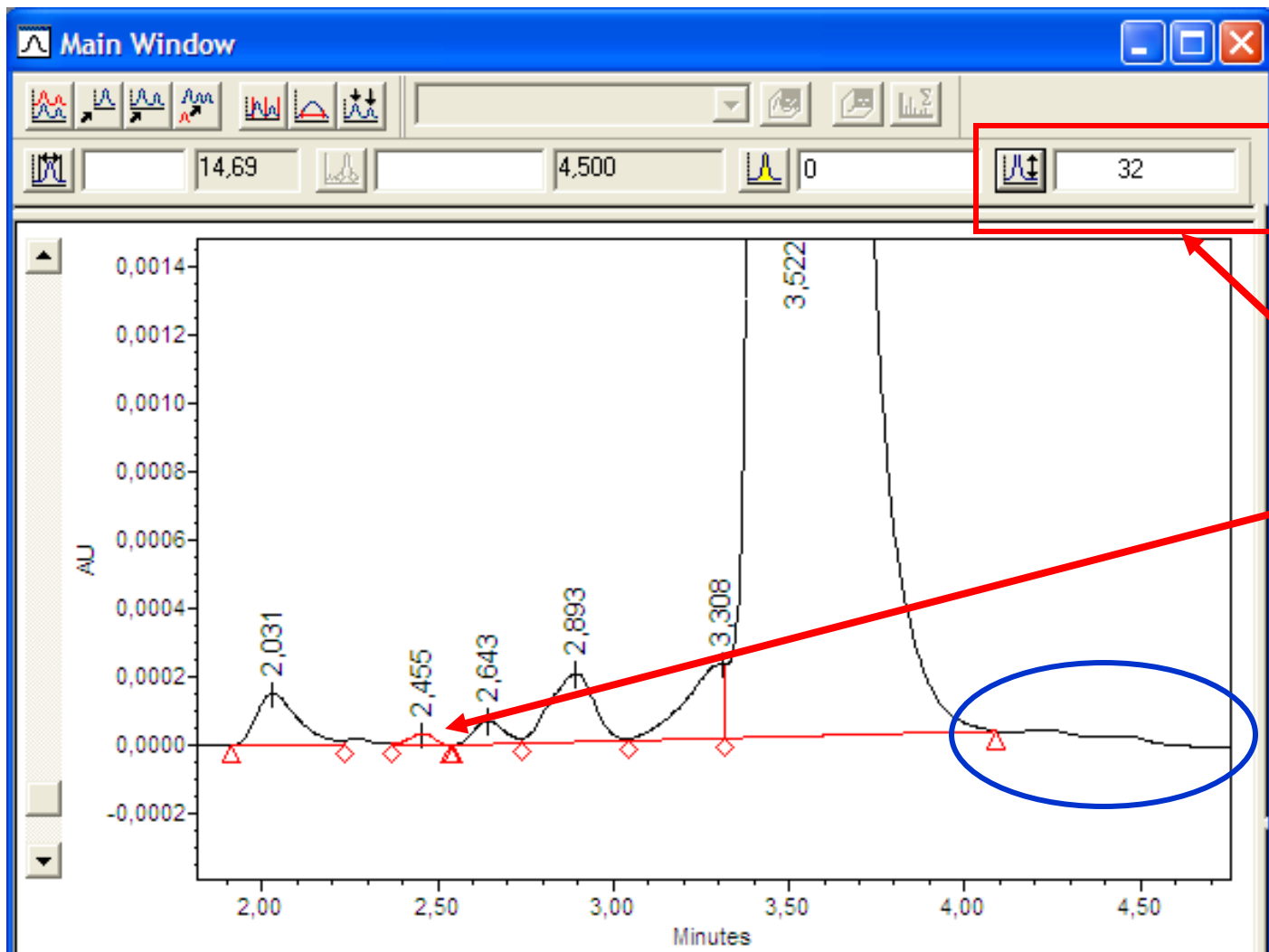
Peak Integration

Liftoff %: 0,000 Touchdown %: 0,010

Minimum Area: 0 Minimum Height: 0

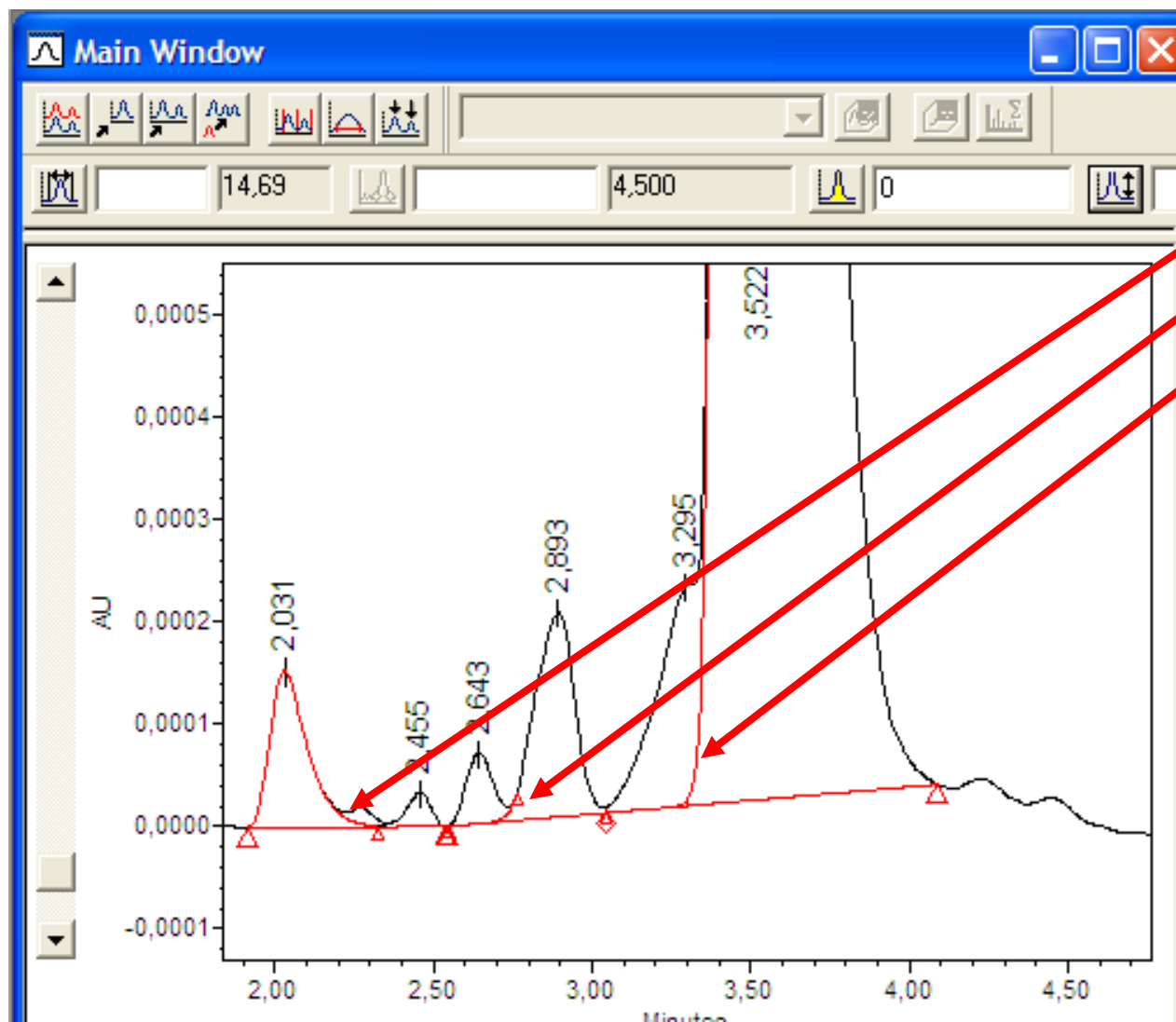
Lower the Touchdown%  
to 0.01

# Developing an ApexTrack method



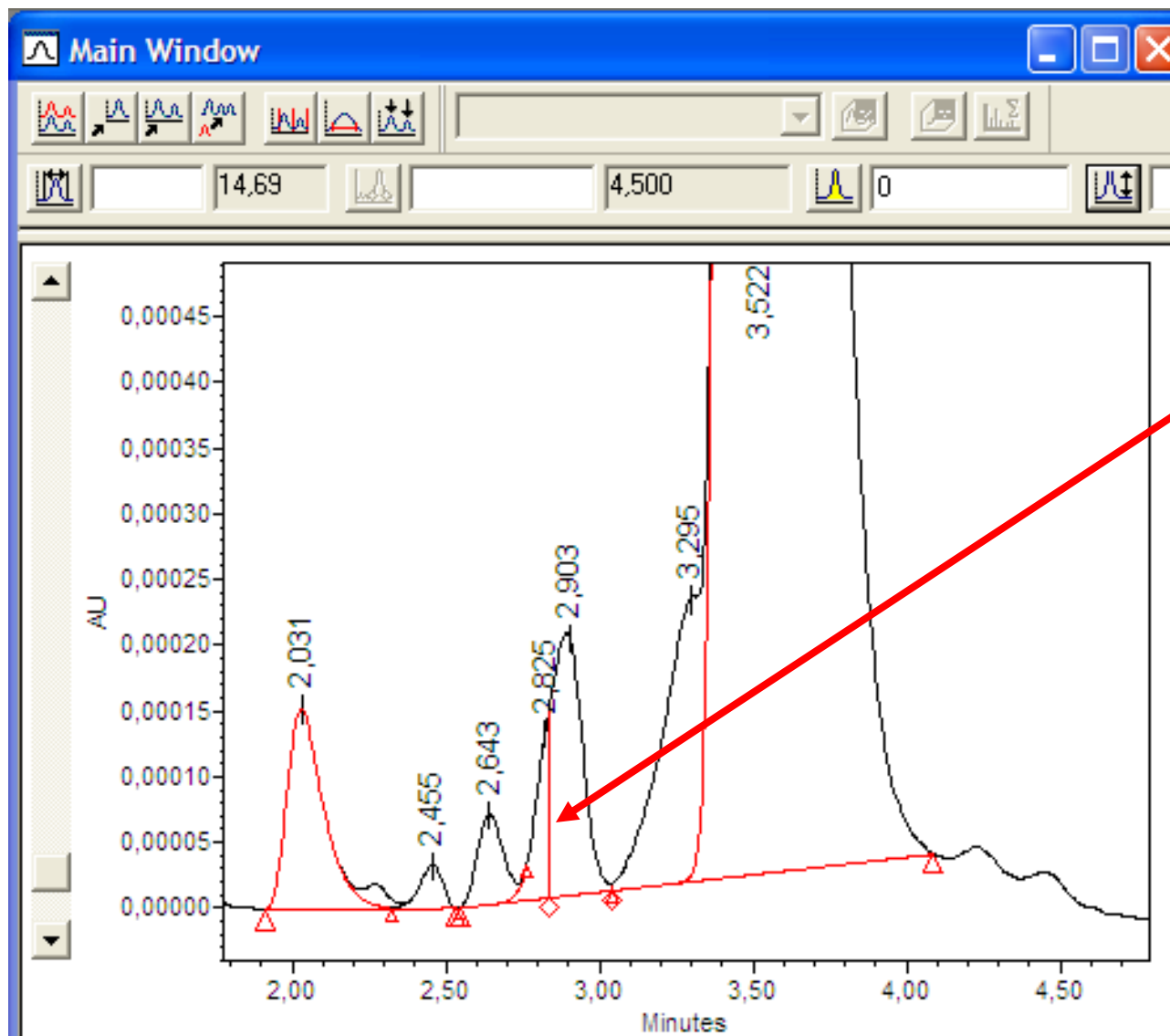
Setting min.  
Area

# Developing an ApexTrack method



Adding  
Gaussian skim  
event

# Developing an ApexTrack method



Adding  
Detect shoulders  
event

# Questions

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# Exercise 1

- Optimize existing processing method
  - Optimize integration
  - Adjust retention times



# System Suitability Calculations

# System Suitability Tab

☒ Calculate Suitability Results  
☐ Calculate Suitability Results for Unknown Peaks

System and Separation Efficiency

Void Volume Time (min)

☐ US Pharmacopoeia ☐ European Pharmacopoeia  
☐ Japanese Pharmacopoeia ☒ All

Tangent Percent for USP Resolution

Tangent Percent for USP Plate Count

☒ Calculate USP, EP, and JP s/n

☒ Use noise centered on peak region in blank injection

Half Height Multiplier for USP s/n Noise Region

Half Height Multiplier for EP s/n Noise Region

Half Height Multiplier for JP s/n Noise Region

Noise Value for s/n

Baseline Noise and Drift Measurements

Maximum Allowable Noise  Maximum Allowable Drift

% Run Time Over Which to Average

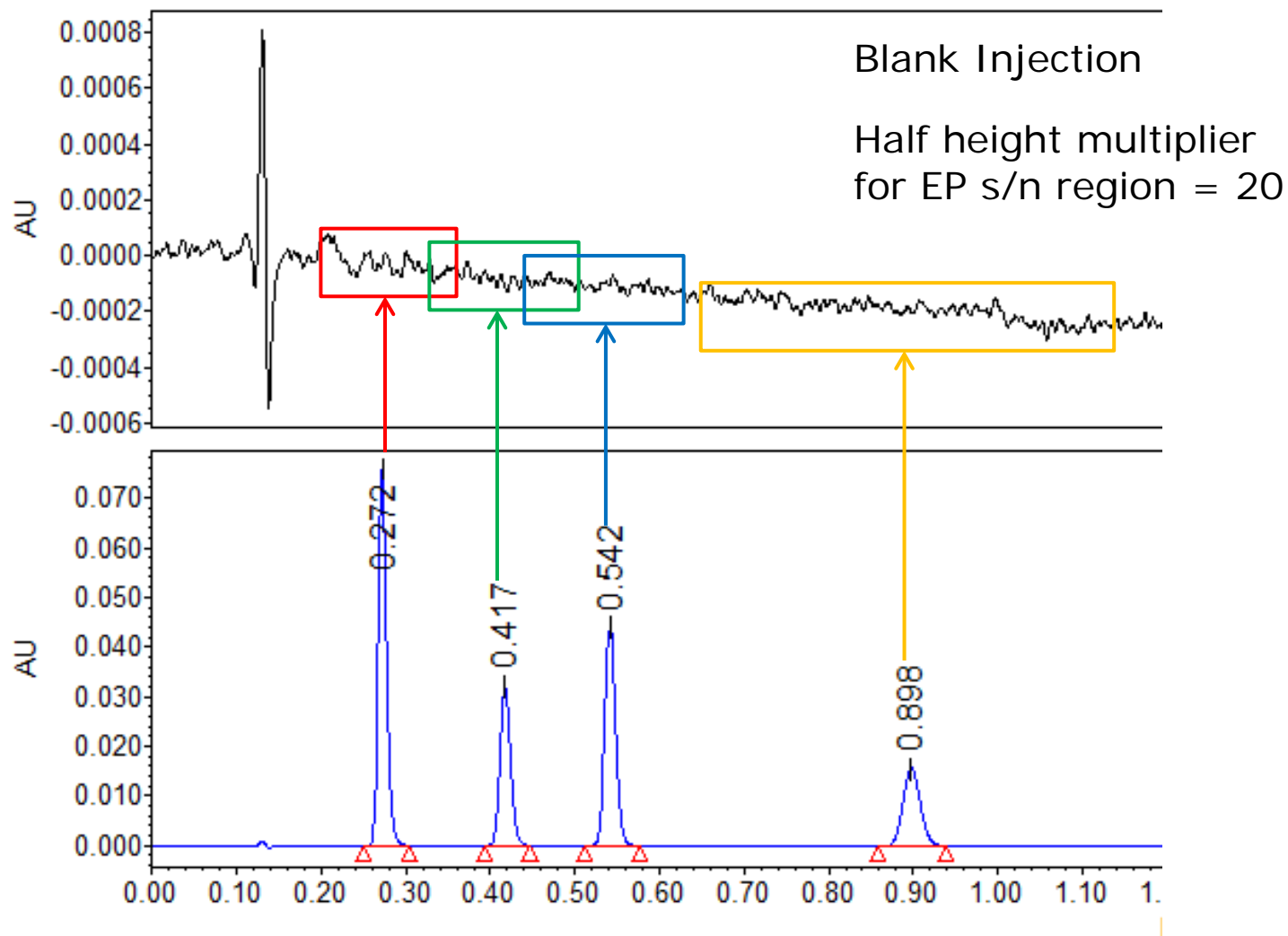
Baseline Noise Minimum

Baseline Start Time (min)  Baseline End Time (min)

New in Empower3

Baseline Noise  
Peak to Peak Noise  
Average Peak to Peak Noise  
Detector Noise  
Average Detector Noise

# Use Noise Centered on Peak Region in Blank Injection



# Choosing the Blank Injection

Normal Level Linearity050406 in MVM\_Defaults as System/Administrator - Alter Sample Set

File Edit View Help

Apply Table Preferences Alter Sample

	Plate/Well	Inj Vol (uL)	# of Injs	Label	Blank	SampleName	Sample Type	Level	Function	Method Set / Report Method
1									Condition Column	AccQTag Val
2									Condition Column	AccQTag Val
3	1:A,1	1.0	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blank	Unknown		Inject Samples	AccQTag Val
4	1:a,2	1.0	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	Std 100%	Standard	100%	Inject Standards	AccQTag Val
5	1:B,4	1.0	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	10% Nominal 1pmol p1	Unknown	10%	Inject Samples	AccQTag Val
6	1:B,5	1.0	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	10% Nominal 1pmol p2	Unknown	10%	Inject Samples	AccQTag Val
7	1:B,6	1.0	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	10% Nominal 1pmol p3	Unknown	10%	Inject Samples	AccQTag Val
8	1:B,7	1.0	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	100% Nominal 10pmol p1	Unknown	100%	Inject Samples	AccQTag Val

Integration Smoothing/Offset Components Peak Ratios (MS Ion Ratios) Default Amounts Named Groups Timed Groups Suitability Limits Noise and Drift

☒ Flag Values Outside Limits

Suitability Components

	Name	Calculate Suit Results	Flag Outside Limits
1	Acetaminophen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Impurity 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Impurity 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Caffeine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Acetanilide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Acetylsalicylic Acid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Impurity 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Phenacetin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	API's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Impurities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Unknown Impurities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suitability Limits

	Field Name	Target	Error %	Lower Error Limit (LCL)	Upper Error Limit (UCL)	Warning %	Lower Warning Limit	Upper Warning Limit	Ignore Blank Values	Check Limits

# Setting System Suitability Limits

**Integration** | Smoothing/Offset | Components | Peak Ratios (MS Ion)

☒ Flag Values Outside Limits

E	Name
1	Acetaminophen
2	Impurity 1
3	Impurity 2
4	Caffeine
5	Acetanilide
6	Acetylsalicylic Acid
7	Impurity 3
8	Phenacetin
9	API's
10	Impurities
11	Unknown Impurities

E	Field Name	Target	Error %	Lower Error Limit (LCL)
1	Retention Time			
	Area			
	% Area			
	Height			
	Amount			
	Relative RT			
	RT Ratio			
	Start Time			
	End Time			
	Baseline Start			

E	Field Name	Target	Error %
1	Retention Time		
	Area		
	% Area		
	Height		
	Amount		
	Relative RT		
	RT Ratio		
	Start Time		
	End Time		
	Baseline Start		



## Noise & Drift Calculations



# Empower Noise and Drift Calculations

- There are 8 different calculations that can be performed:
- Detector Noise
- Peak-to-Peak Noise
- Detector Drift
- Average Detector Noise
- Average Peak-to-Peak Noise
- Average Drift
- Baseline Noise
- Baseline Drift

# Enabling

System Suitability test in Empower3 Course Data as System/Administrator - Review - [LC Processing Method]

File Edit View Tools Plot Process Navigate Options Window Help

Integration Smoothing/Offset Components Peak Ratios (MS Ion Ratios) Default Amounts Named Groups Timed Groups Suitability Limits **Noise and Drift**

Noise and Drift Parameters

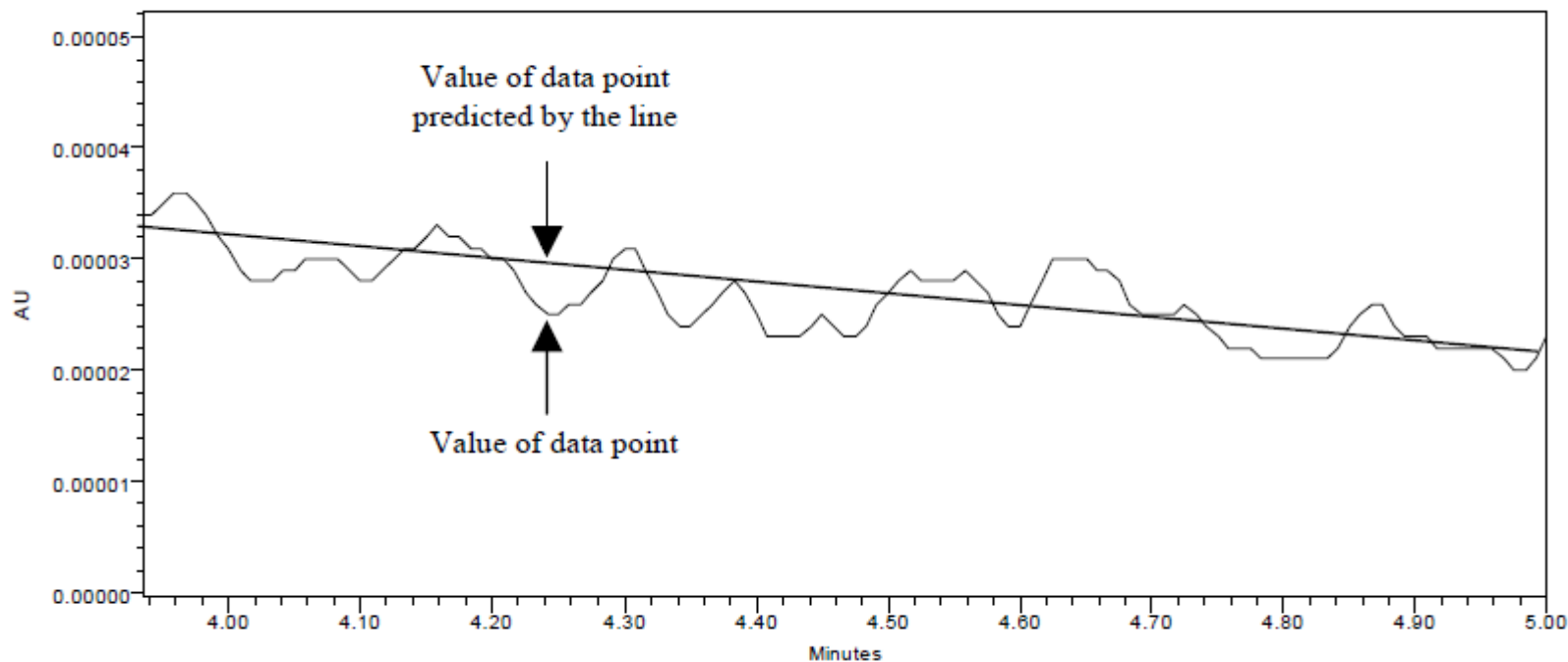
☒ Calculate Detector Noise and Drift

Start Time: (min)

Stop Time: (min)

Segment Width: (sec)

# Visual Representation of the Least-squares line

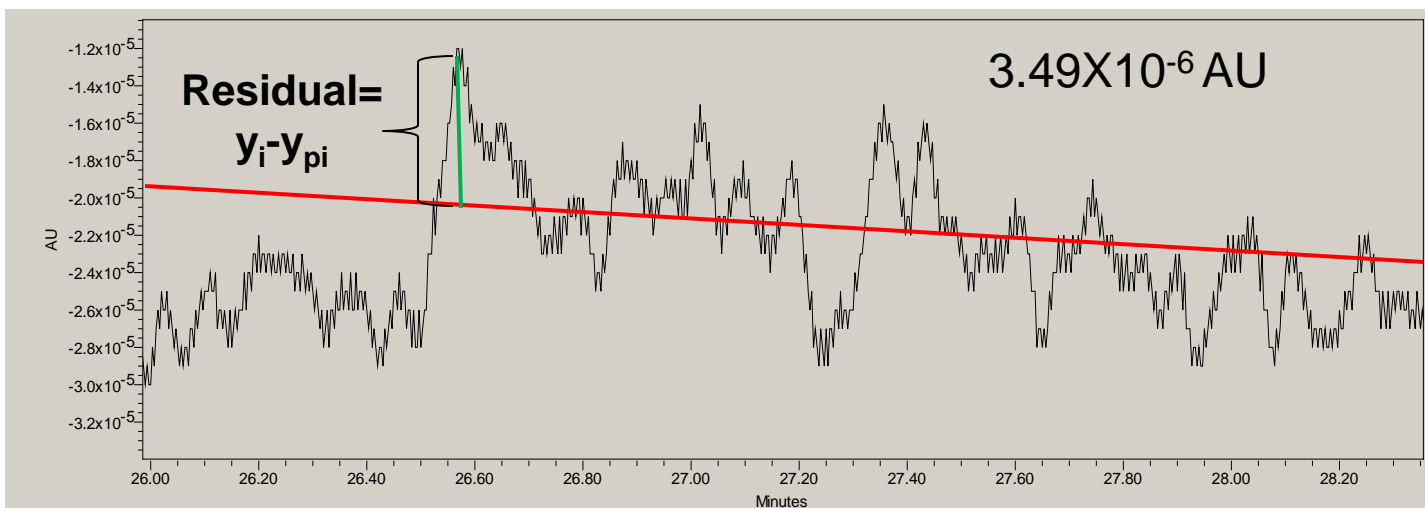


- Detector drift is the slope of the least-squares line. Drift is expressed in detector units per hour.
  - For example, the drift calculation for a UV detector would be expressed in absorbance units (AU) per hour. Average Drift is calculated by dividing the data into segments (specified in the processing method) and averaging the values for each segments.

- The root mean square (RMS) noise of the data is calculated using the least-squares line. The formula for Detector Noise is:

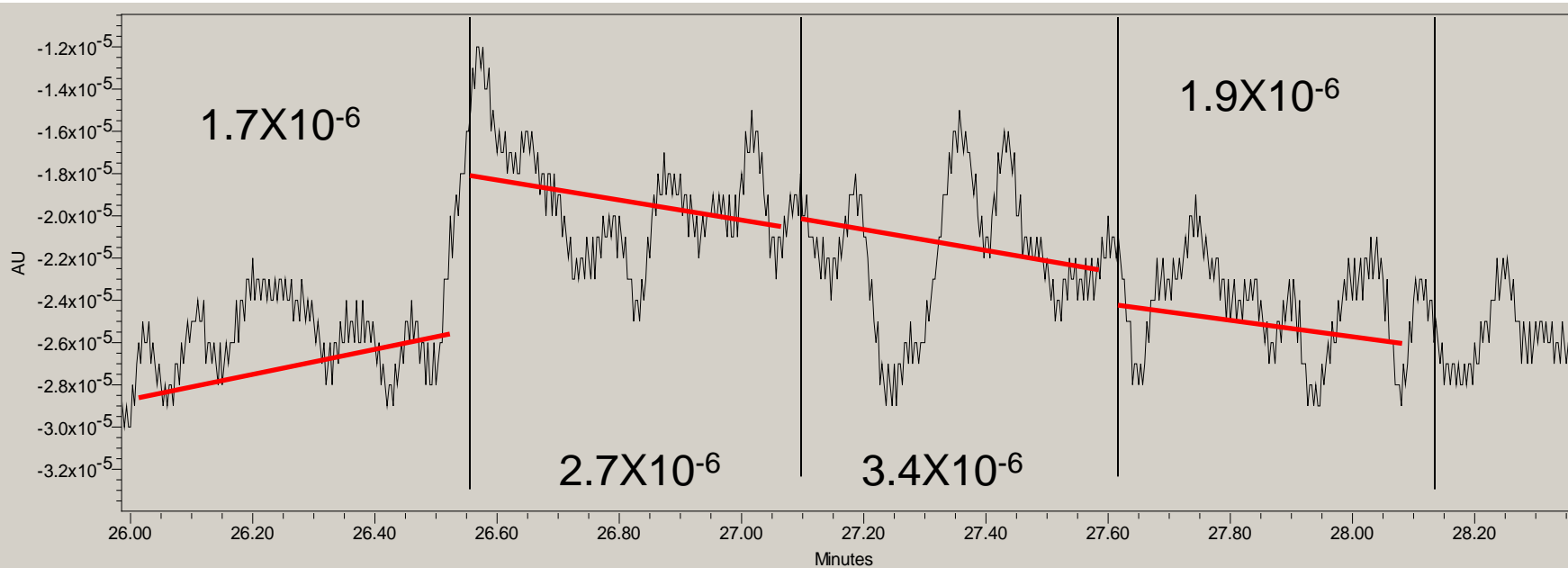
$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - y_{pi})^2}{n - 2}}$$

- Where  $y_i$  = the y value of the data point  
 $y_{pi}$  = the y value of the data point predicted by the line  
 $n$  = the number of datapoints



# Average Detector Noise

$2.43 \times 10^{-6}$  AU

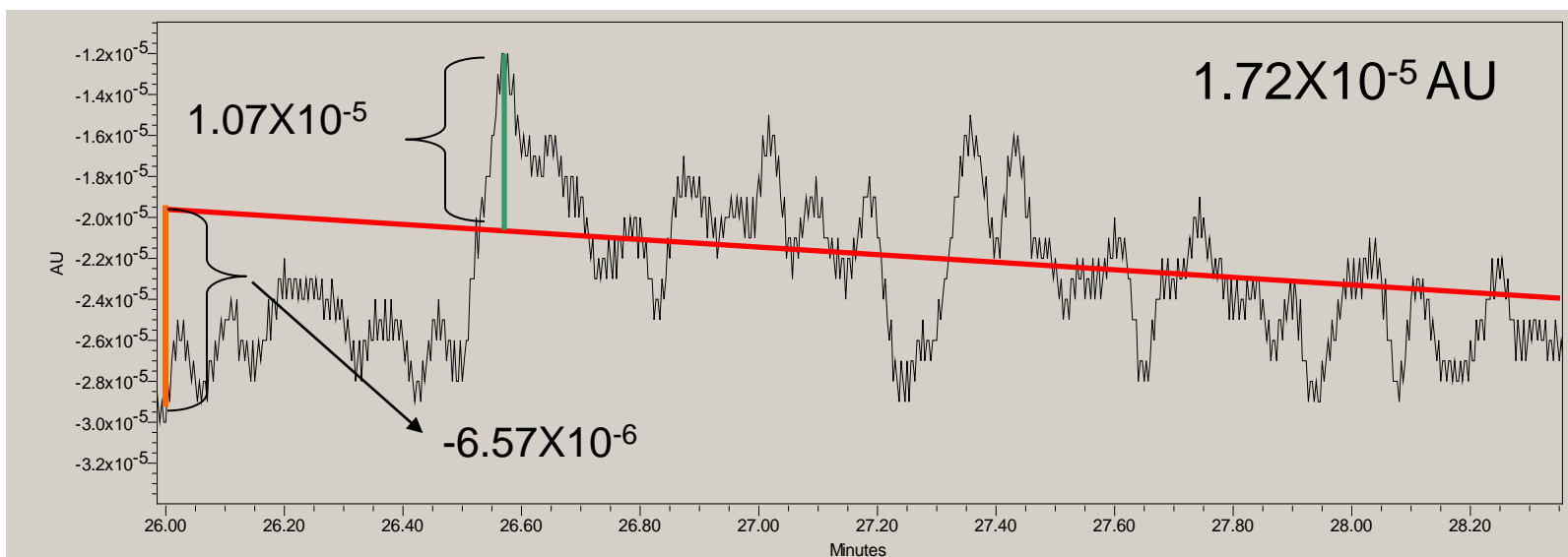


# Peak to Peak Noise

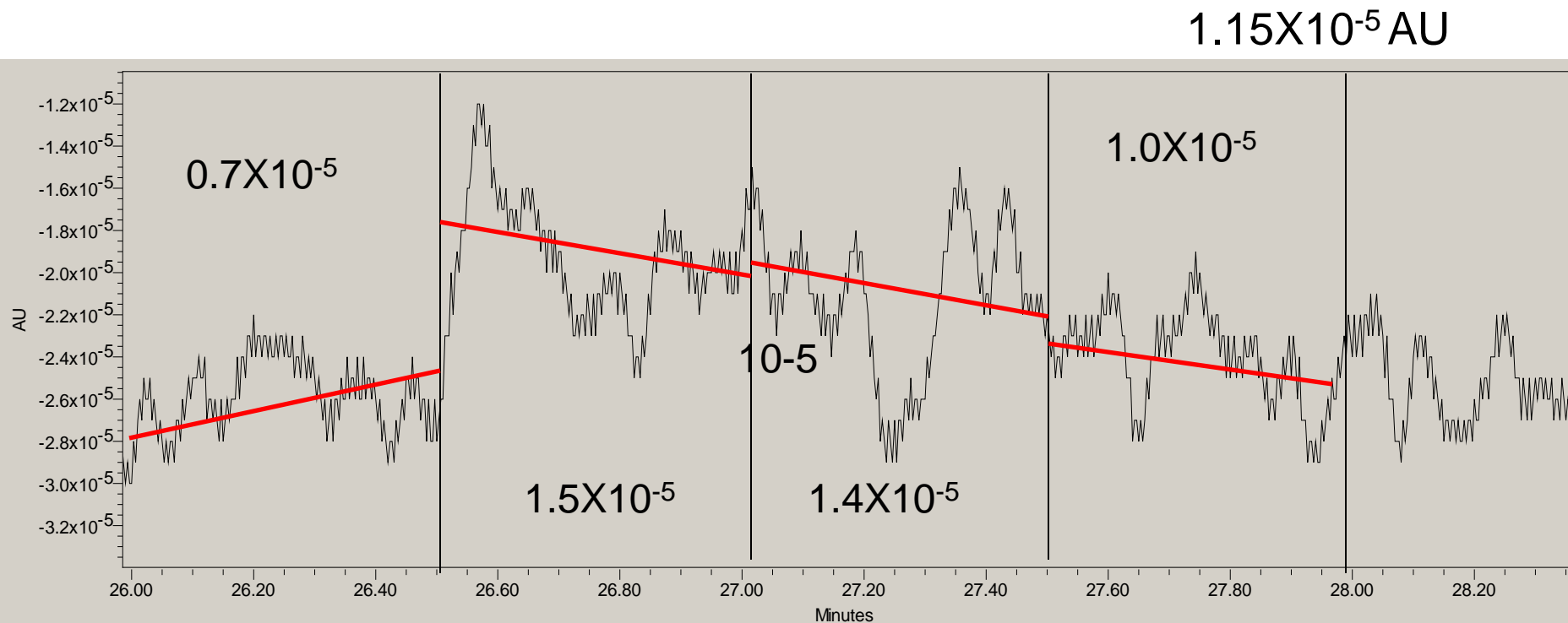
- Peak to Peak Noise is defined to be the algebraic difference of the maximum and minimum residuals between each data point and the least-square line. The “residual” is determined by subtracting the y value of the data point predicted by the line from the y value of the data point.
- The formula for Peak to Peak Noise is:

$$\text{Peak to Peak Noise} = \text{Max residual} - \text{Min. residual}$$

- Where Residual =  $y_i - y_{pi}$



# Average Peak to Peak Noise?





# Baseline Noise and Drift Calculations

- Baseline Noise setup in System Suitability
  - Peak to Peak Calculation
  - 30 second segments (not adjustable)
  - Set time range and percent of run time.

The screenshot shows the 'Integration' tab of a Waters software interface. The 'Peak Ratios (MS Ion Ratios)' sub-tab is active. The settings are as follows:

- ☒ Calculate Suitability Results
- ☐ Calculate Suitability Results for Unknown Peaks
- System and Separation Efficiency**
  - Void Volume Time (min): 0.230
  - ☐ US Pharmacopoeia ☐ European Pharmacopoeia
  - ☐ Japanese Pharmacopoeia ☒ All
  - Tangent Percent for USP Resolution: 50
  - Tangent Percent for USP Plate Count: 61
- ☒ Calculate USP, EP, and JP s/n
  - ☐ Use noise centered on peak region in blank injection
  - Half Height Multiplier for USP s/n Noise Region: [up/down arrows]
  - Half Height Multiplier for EP s/n Noise Region: [up/down arrows]
  - Half Height Multiplier for JP s/n Noise Region: [up/down arrows]
- Noise Value for s/n: Peak to Peak Noise [dropdown arrow]
- Baseline Noise and Drift Measurements**
  - Maximum Allowable Noise: [text box]
  - Maximum Allowable Drift: [text box]
  - % Run Time Over Which to Average: 5.0
  - Baseline Noise Minimum: 30 Seconds [dropdown arrow]
  - Baseline Start Time (min): [text box]
  - Baseline End Time (min): [text box]

## Baseline Noise and Drift Measurements

Maximum Allowable Noise

Maximum Allowable Drift

% Run Time Over Which to Average

Baseline Noise Minimum

Baseline Start Time (min)

Baseline End Time (min)

## Averaging Baseline Noise Example

Averaged region 1 to 1.5 min.

Averaged region 0.5 to 9 min.



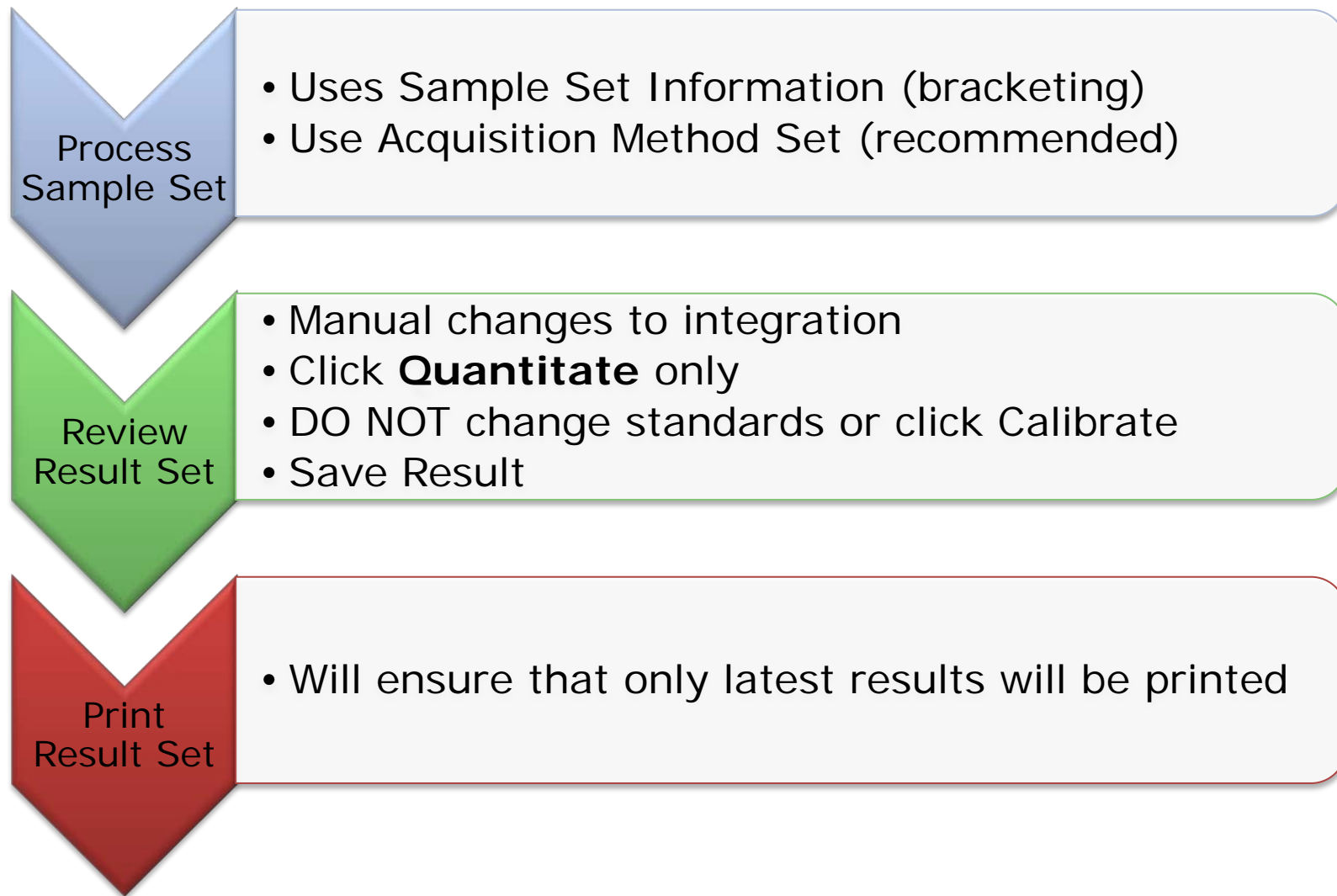
# Viewing the Calculated Results

Chromatogram Result

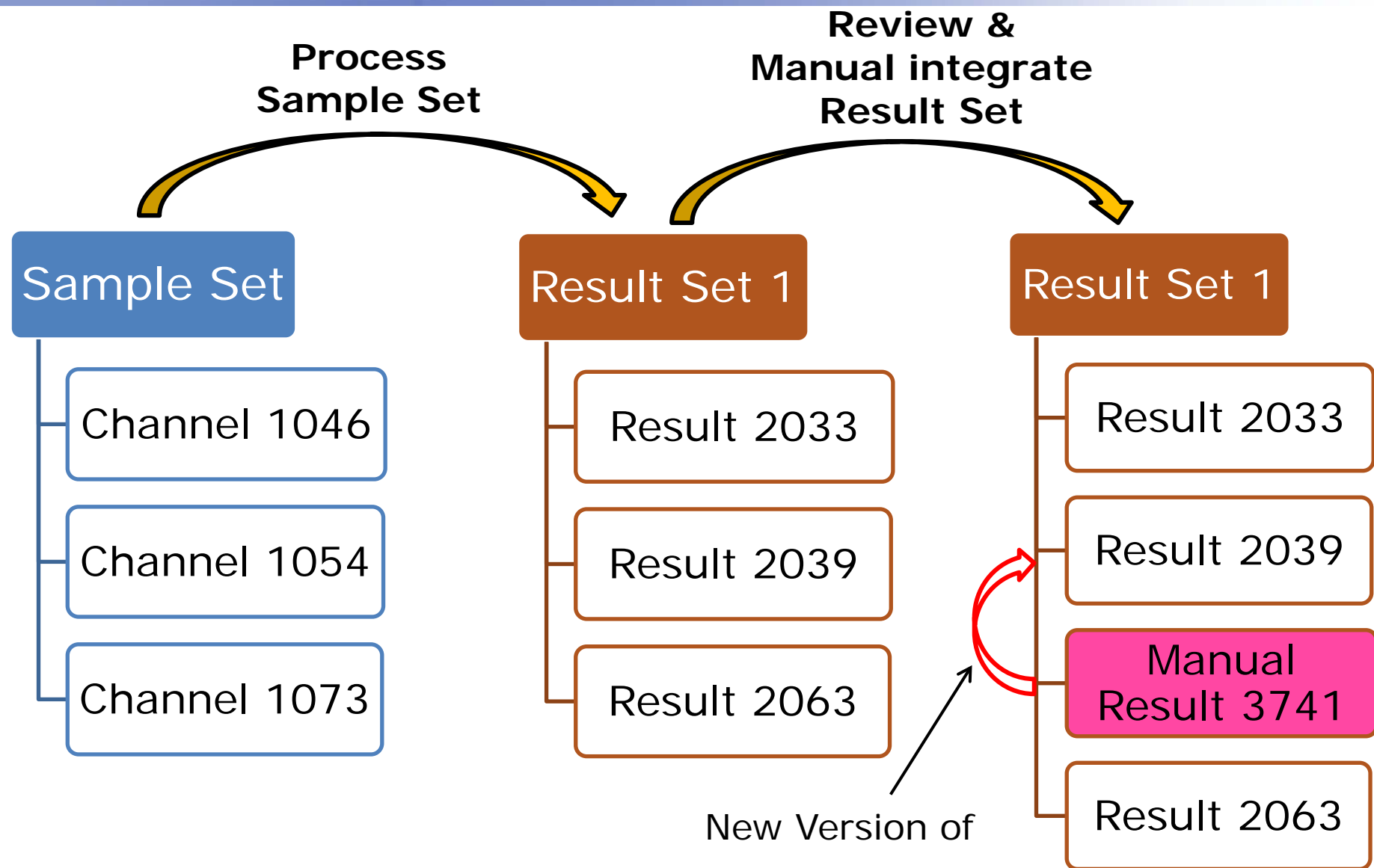
Detector Noise (Plot Units)	Detector Drift (Plot Units/hour)	Peak to Peak Noise (Plot Units)	Average Detector Noise (Plot Units)	Average Detector Drift (Plot Units/hour)	Average Peak to Peak Noise (Plot Units)	Baseline Drift (mV)	Baseline Noise (mV)
0,007074	-0,887558	0,048889	0,002777	-2,922607	0,012021	-0,011	33,406

## Managing Manually Integrated Results in a Result Set

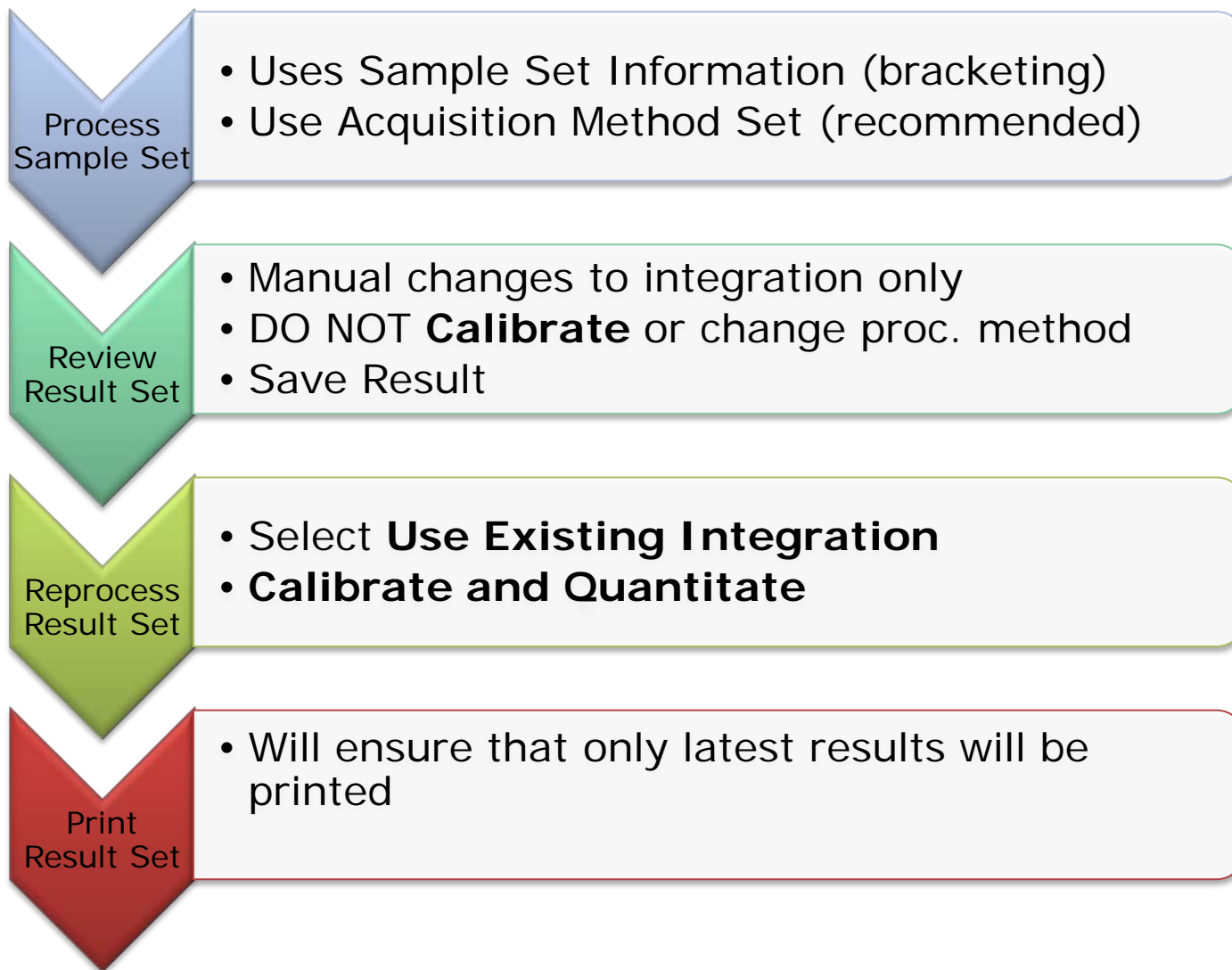
# Managing Manually Integrated Results in a Result Set, Samples and Controls



# Managing Manually Integrated Results in a Result Set, Samples and Controls



# Managing Manually Integrated Results in a Result Set, Standards (& Samples/Controls)

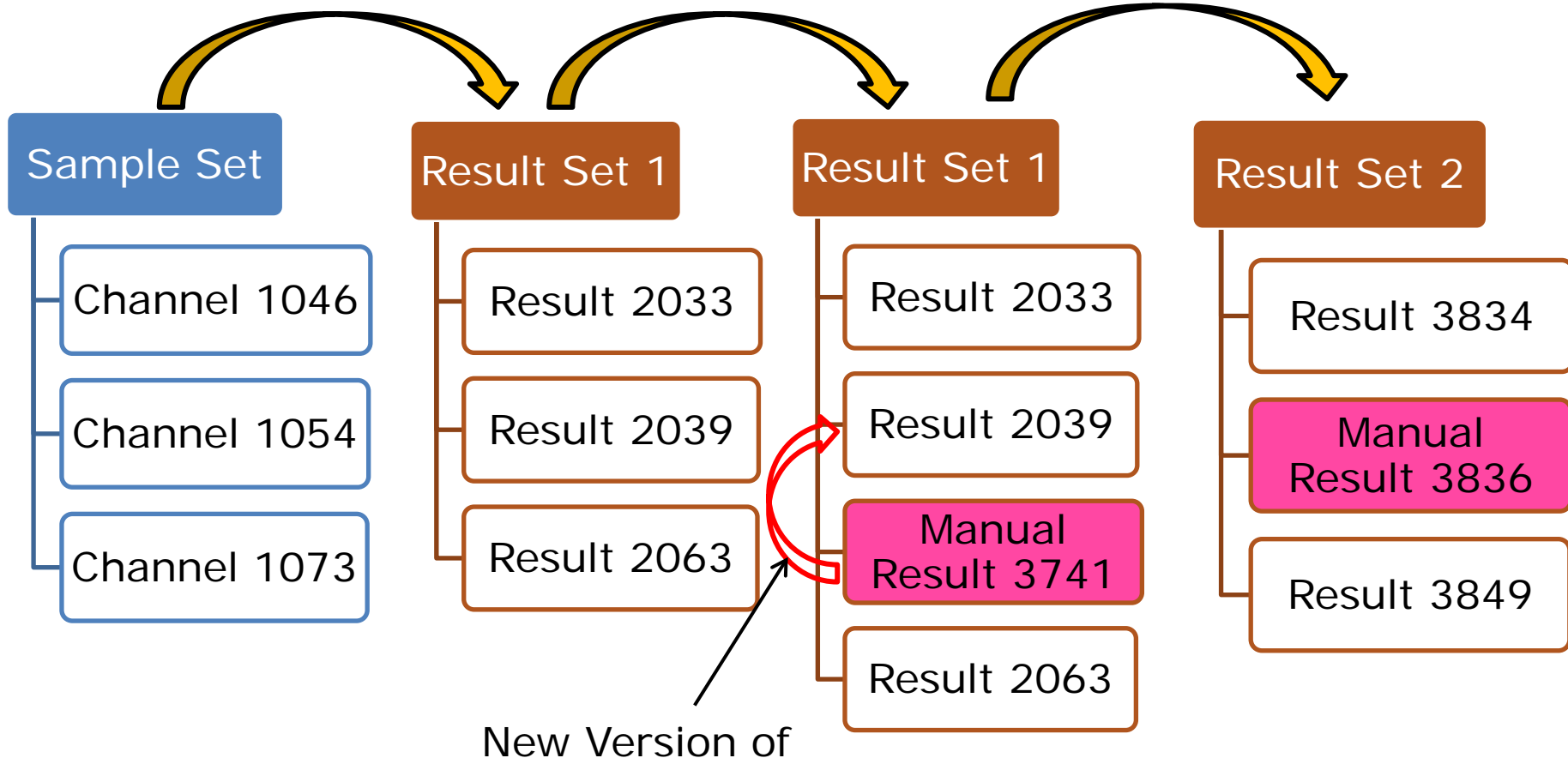


# Managing Manually Integrated Results in a Result Set, Standards (& Samples/Controls)

**Process  
Sample Set**

**Review &  
Manual integrate  
Result Set**

**Re-Process  
Result Set  
Use Existing  
Integration**





# What happens if you do NOT follow this procedure

Sample set  Result set

	Plate/Well	Inj Vol (uL)	# of Injs	Label	SampleName	Sample Type
1	1:A,1	1.0	2		Softdrink Std1	Standard
2	1:A,2	1.0	2		Softdrink Std2	Standard
3	1:A,3	1.0	2		Softdrink Std3	Standard
4	1:A,4	1.0	2		Softdrink Std4	Standard
5	1:A,5	1.0	2		Softdrink Std5	Standard
6	1:A,6	1.0	2		Softdrink Sample A	Unknown
7	1:A,7	1.0	2		Softdrink Sample B	Unknown
8	1:A,8	1.0	2		Softdrink Sample C	Unknown
9	1:B,1	1.0	2		Softdrink Sample D	Unknown
10	1:B,2	1.0	2		Energy Drink A	Unknown
11	1:B,3	1.0	2		Energy Drink B	Unknown
12	1:B,4	1.0	2		Energy Drink C	Unknown
13	1:B,5	1.0	2		Energy Drink D	Unknown
14	1:B,6	1.0	2		Energy Drink E	Unknown

SampleName	Vial	Injection	Sample Type	Calibration Id
Softdrink Std1	1:A,1	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std1	1:A,1	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std2	1:A,2	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std2	1:A,2	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std3	1:A,3	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std3	1:A,3	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std4	1:A,4	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std4	1:A,4	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std5	1:A,5	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std5	1:A,5	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Sample A	1:A,6	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample A	1:A,6	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample B	1:A,7	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample B	1:A,7	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample C	1:A,8	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample C	1:A,8	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample D	1:B,1	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample D	1:B,1	2	Unknown	7737

Change std

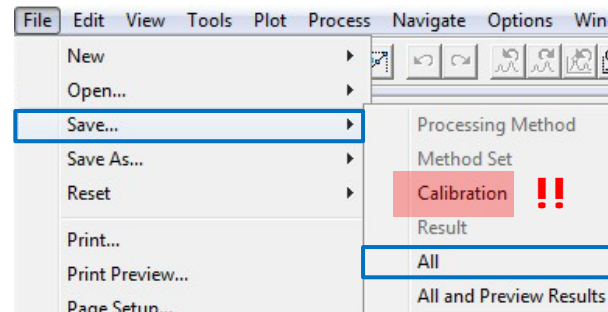


Change sample



Modified result set

SampleName	Vial	Injection	Sample Type	Calibration Id
Softdrink Std1	1:A,1	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std1	1:A,1	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std2	1:A,2	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std2	1:A,2	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std3	1:A,3	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std3	1:A,3	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std4	1:A,4	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std4	1:A,4	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std5	1:A,5	1	Standard	7737
Softdrink Std5	1:A,5	2	Standard	7737
Softdrink Sample A	1:A,6	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample A	1:A,6	1	Unknown	7779
Softdrink Sample A	1:A,6	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample B	1:A,7	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample B	1:A,7	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample C	1:A,8	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample C	1:A,8	2	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample D	1:B,1	1	Unknown	7737
Softdrink Sample D	1:B,1	2	Unknown	7737



# Questions

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# Exercise 2

- System Suitability Calculations
- Noise and Drift Calculations
- Process Sample Set
- Review and Adjust Results