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ToF-CIMS

Chemical Ionization Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

Real-time chemical analysis of trace gases, aerosols, or atmospheric ions.



APPLICATIONS

- Continuous air monitoring.
- Laboratory, field, or mobile platform based experiments.
- Climate change and air quality research.
- Human breath analysis.
- Chemical ionization source hardware com patible with wide range of ion chemistry, in cluding: CH₃COO⁻, I⁻, SF₆⁻, CF₃O⁻, (CH₃OH)H⁺, (H₂0)_nH⁺, O2^{+/-}, and NO⁺.
- Chemical ionization source easily inter changed with atmospheric ion (AI) sampling inlet and nitrate ion source.



ADVANTAGES

- Quantitative response with broad dynamic range. Part per trillion (pptv) gas-phase sensitivity.
- Optional FIGAERO sampler enables simultaneous measurements of gas and particle composition.
- Soft ionization combined with high mass resolving power enables molecular and elemental speciation.
- High ion duty cycle: simultaneous measurement of all mass-to-charge ratios.
- Data acquisition rates exceeding 200 complete mass spectra per second.
- · Low power, field portable assembly.
- Choice of two TOFMS platforms. Compact, high sensitivity (CTOF) or high mass resolving power (HTOF).

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PERFORMANCE

| | Resolving Power (M/∆M) | Limit of Detection, Formic Acid (gas) | Relative Sensitivity |
|------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| CTOF | 900-1200 | 4 pptv (Bertram, 2011) | 100% |
| HTOF | 4000-7500 | | 10-25% |

| Mass-to-charge range | m/Q 0-1200, positive or negative ion |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aerosol LOD | 100 pg pure material (MOVI with HTOF) |
| Sample flow | 2 L/min (gas phase) / 10 L/min (MOVI) |
| Data rates | Up to 200 mass spectra/sec |
| Data format | HDF5 |

COMPONENTS

- Ion-molecule reaction (IMR) chamber
 - Tunable pressure
 - Two ports for Po-210 ion sources (reagent ion generation)
- (Optional) Filter inlet for gases and aerosol (FIGAERO)
- (Optional) Atmospheric ion sampling inlet. Easily interchanged with IMR chamber
- Atmospheric pressure interface
 - 5-stage differential pressure vacuum system
 - Collisional declustering chamber (CDC)
 - RF and DC focusing optics
 - Adaptable for other high pressure ionization schemes
- Bipolar TOF mass spectrometer (CTOF or HTOF)
- Vacuum pumps and pressure gauges provided
- Data acquisition system
 - Windows PC with acquisition and control software
 - High speed analog-to-digital converter (ADC)
- · Igor-based data analysis software
 - Graphical data browser, calibration routines, high resolution peak fitting

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