

TECHNICAL DATA

Sample Handling

- Fully automated sample introduction mechanism
- XY stage (4 µm step, 10 µm repeatability) for microtiter plate footprint MALDI target
- Plain, 96 and 384 2 mm thick sample targets
- Accepts thick targets (10 mm) with optional adaptor for a variety of biochip designs and alternative formats
- Computer software driven target stage for accurate positioning of sample under the laser focus
- Raster software for scanning samples for 'sweet spots'
- 250 l/s turbo pump and 3 m³/hr rotary pump for rapid pump down of sample inlet area

Ionization Source

- Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization
- 10 Hz N₂ laser (337 nm) system with UV optics
- Near on-axis laser irradiation
- Variable ion extraction energy (~100 eV) under software control
- Positive and negative ion operation, as standard, through software selection
- Differential vacuum maintained by a turbomolecular pump (255 l/s) with rotary backing and pressure measurement
- High efficiency introduction ion lens system

Laser

- 337 nm nitrogen laser, fixed focus
- 3 ns pulse width
- Maximum pulse rate - 10 Hz (10 laser shots per second)
- Laser power and laser aim under software control
- Near normal incidence of the laser beam to the sample

Ion Trap System

- Optimized ion-to-trap introduction sequence with Rapid RF Start-Up™ and Helium Hypercool™
- Continuous helium buffer gas for efficient ion cooling
- Differential vacuum maintained by a turbomolecular pump (70 l/s) with rotary backing and pressure measurement
- Filter Noise Field (FNF) algorithms for precursor ion selection/rejection (resolution > 1000 at 1000 Da)
- In-trap CID with collision gas introduced by means of a software controlled pulsed solenoid valve
- Ion selection/CID/cooling cycles repeatable for MSⁿ
- Ion extraction to TOF -10 kV / +6 kV (± 9 keV)

TOF Mass Analyzer

- Reflectron effective drift length - 1.9 m
- Small footprint, vertical flight tube design
- High sensitivity double stage adjustable reflectron-mode time of flight detector system
- Integral vacuum system with pressure measurement gauges and gate valve
- High stability power supplies for ion source and detectors
- Differential vacuum maintained by 2 turbomolecular pumps (255 l/s) with rotary backing and pressure measurement
- Patented gridless two-stage reflectron design for optimal resolution

Imaging System

- Monochrome CCD camera (25x magnification) controlled by software embedded in LAUNCHPAD™

Detector

- Reflectron mode - micro-channel plate

Control and Data Acquisition Electronics

- 1 GHz HDR transient recorder
- 3 DSP Processor control board
- Active component power distribution
- Optically isolated high voltage control
- Rapid Start-Up RF generation
- Integrated Trap-to-TOF high voltage switching electronics
- Positive and negative ion measurement

Data System*

- Core 2 Duo 2.4 GHz*
- 19" LCD monitor (1280 x 1024, 32 bit colour)
- 2 GB RAM
- 160 GB hard disc, 32 x CD-RW/DVD-ROM combo
- Network adaptor and frame grabber
- Remote Webex (for remote operation and diagnostics)
- Operating system: Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional

* Minimum specification subject to continuous improvement

Software

- LAUNCHPAD™ - operates under Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional and Microsoft® Vista®
- Software for automatic optimization of data generation
- Raster scanning function for identification of sweet spots
- Automated and user defined precursor ion selection
- Automated and user defined precursor ion fragmentation
- Automated data-dependent MS/MS functionality
- Calculator for determination of theoretical masses of compounds
- Calculator for determination and manipulation of peptide sequences (including theoretical fragment masses)
- Sample layout editor
- Sample scanning editor
- Automated MS protein/peptide database interrogation using Mascot® search engine (Matrix Science Ltd.)
- Access to internet and intranet (Mascot® from Matrix Science Ltd.) database search engines for protein identification

Additional software modules available: PolymerAnalysis™, Tissue Imaging, LC MALDI, OligoAnalysis™ and PTM Finder™.

INSTALLATION DATA

Dimensions

- Size (w h d) - 0.72 m x 1.92 m x 0.95 m, minimum distance to wall at back is 100 mm
- Weight - 420 kg excluding data system

Installation Requirements

- Electrical - 207-253 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 1600 VA single phase OR
180-220 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 1600 VA (Japan only)
- A 'clean', stable and continuous mains supply is required for reliable operation
- PC - selectable 100-120 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 2.0 A single phase OR
220-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 1.0 A single phase
- Monitor - auto-sensing 100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 1.4-0.6 A
- Temperature - ambient 18° to 26° C
- Relative humidity - less than 70% non condensing
- Vibration free, firm, level surface, 420 kg supported at four points 0.75 m centres
- Gas supplies: 99.995% purity helium cooling gas and argon collision gas
- Helium supply – approx 10 bar adjustable regulator
- Argon supply - approx 5 bar adjustable regulator
- Suitable 3 mm stainless steel tubing for gas connections is supplied

PERFORMANCE DATA

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| ● MS mode capabilities | MS ⁿ (where n>3) |
| ● Mass range | 100 to 12000 Da |
| ● MS mode mass resolution | >8000 FWHM |
| ● Mass accuracy | MS - 3 ppm with internal calibration
5 ppm with external calibration [#]
MS/MS - 10 ppm with internal calibration
20 ppm with external calibration [#] |
| ● Precursor ion selection resolution | 1000 (i.e. 1 Da at 1000 Da) |
| ● CID capability | Variable energy fragmentation |
| ● Sensitivity | MS - 500 amol (positive ion mode)
MS/MS - 500 amol (positive ion mode)
MS ³ - 5 fmol (positive ion mode) |

[#] Within 30 minutes of calibration.

All specifications are run on a standard 2 mm, 384 well, stainless steel sample plate unless otherwise stated.

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