

Product
Description



PHOTO-TOF-MS

CUSTOMIZED GAS ANALYZER

Fast on-site analysis of compounds by
soft ionization (VUV) mass spectrometry



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Our new on-line real-time measuring system

Photonion GmbH has developed a new on-line real-time measuring system for chemical gas analysis based on time of flight mass spectrometry (TOF-MS). Three different ionization techniques are applicable: (a) single photon ionization (SPI) with a special VUV excimer source or laser VUV source, (b) resonance enhanced multiphoton ionization (REMPI) with a laser beam or (c) electron impact ionization (EI). SPI and REMPI are considered as soft ionization techniques allowing the acquisition of mass spectra with nearly no fragmentation. A heated transfer line allows direct gas analysis (e.g. for process gas measurement such as coffee roasting [1], engine exhaust [2], combustion exhausts analysis or hyphenation to other instruments such as cigarette smoking machines [3], pyrolysis [4] thermal analysis (TA) [5] or gas chromatography (GC) etc.)

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- [1] Hertz et al.; *Journal of Mass Spectrometry* 2013, 48, 1253-1265
[2] Adam et al.; *Anal. Bioanal. Chem.* 2012, 404: 273-276
[3] Hertz et al.; *Analytica Chimica Acta* 2012, 714, 104-113
[4] Fendt et al.; *Energy & Fuels*; 2012, 26, 701-711
[5] Fendt et al.; *Thermochimica Acta*. 2013, 551, 155-163

VUV [vacuum ultra violet]



Functional Description

Gaseous samples are addressed continuously by the Photo-TOF-MS mass spectrometry system at a flow rate of ~2mL/s. Depending on the ionization technique various relevant species can be ionized by SPI, REMPI or EI. After the ionization, the formed ions are accelerated into the reflectron time-of-flight mass analyzer where they are separated due to their different mass to charge ratios. A typical TOF mass spectrum can be generated in some milliseconds. Hence, this fast on-line measurement system is a selective and sensitive analytical method to investigate complex gas mixtures such as from combustion processes.



CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS

Technical Data and Specifications

VUV-photo ionization (SPI):

UNIVERSAL SOFT IONIZATION OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

VUV lamp (e.g. electron-beam pumped argon excimer light source) with 9.8eV (126nm) or Nd:YAG laser with third harmonic generation VUV-cell with 10.5eV (118nm)

► detection limits for most organics in ppb region

Laser-photo ionization (REMPI):

SUPERIOR SELECTIVITY AND SENSITIVITY FOR AROMATICS*

Fixed frequency (266 or 248nm) or tunable lasers (OPO) in wavelengths range 206nm-300nm

► detection limits for most aromatics in low ppb or ppt region * (optional)

Electron ionization (EI)

STANDARD FRAGMENTING IONIZATION TECHNIQUE *

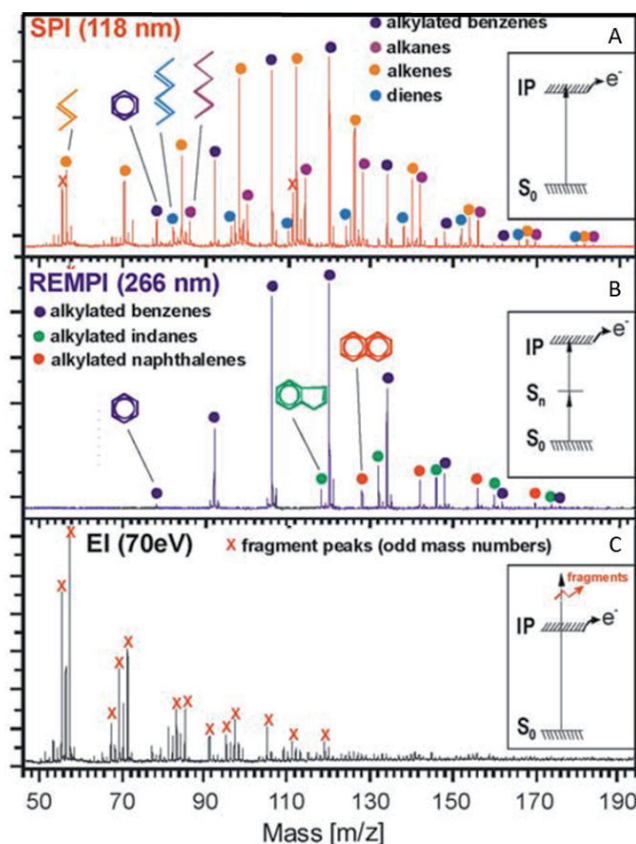
70eV for mass spectra with standard fragmentation (NIST) or tunable from 5eV to 90eV (special setup)

► detection limits in ppm - ppb range * (optional)

Multiplexing ionization mode (MIM)

ACHIEVING SPI, REMPI AND EI RESULTS SIMULTANEOUSLY *

The ionization methods (REMPI/EI/SPI) can be operated quasi-simultaneously via multiplexed acquisition methods * (optional)



Direct inlet TOFMS of diesel fuel headspace, recorded with (A) single photon ionization (SPI), (B) resonance enhanced multiphoton ionization (REMPI) and (C) electron impact ionization (EI).



Features ▼

Special inlet system:

- | unique flexible heated transfer-line and customized sample solutions
- | on-line gas phase measurements hyphenation to thermal analysis, gas chromatography, pyrolysis, etc.

TOF-mass analyzer:

- | Direct reflection time of flight mass spectrometer (flight path 0,9m)
- | Mass range: 10 – 2000 Th (m/z) (standard configuration)
- | Mass resolution: $m/\Delta m = 2000$
- | Linear dynamic range: 104
- | Mass accuracy: 100ppm
- | Maximal primary data acquisition rate: 100kHz

Rack configuration (specification dependent):

- | 2x19"-module rack, Dimensions (WxDxH): 1.2 x 0.8 x 1.3m
- | Power supply 100-230V, 50/60Hz

Data acquisition and visualization software:

The data is displayed in real time. The actual measured mass spectra and the variation of selected ions is displayed. Data can be exported (formats e.g.: TXT, CSV).



Applications

Pyrolysis of wood

Coffee roasting

Pyrolysis of tobacco

Analysis of exhaust gases (engine, industrial combustion)

Breath analysis

Hyphenation to other instruments

(gas chromatography, thermal desorption, thermal analysis, smoking machine)

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