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FinniganTM LCQTM Advantage MAX



The Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX ion trap mass spectrometer delivers high productivity compound identification for the routine HPLC environment.

- Universal Ion MaxTM source
- Reliability and ease of operation for high productivity LC/MS/MS
- Integrates seamlessly with LC systems
- Unequivocal identification of analytes from library searchable MS/MS spectra
- Optional MS*n* capability

The Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX is the workhorse ion trap mass spectrometer for high productivity LC/MS/MS results and is easily upgraded to MSn performance. The Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX now features the universal Ion Max source that allows simple tool-less switching of ionization probes. Ion SweepTM gas reduces chemical noise, while a removable ion capillary tube allows for vent-free source maintenance. Reliability, combined with ease-of-use,

make the Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX an ideal match for the routine HPLC environment. Library searchable MS/MS spectra facilitate unequivocal identification of analytes present in complex matrices. Seamless integration to the Finnigan SurveyorTM and other LC systems, and powerful data analysis capabilities ensure maximum productivity reducing analytical development time within your laboratory.

Hardware Features

Ion Max API Source

- Enhanced sensitivity and ruggedness
- Ion Sweep gas reduces chemical noise
- 60° interchangeable ion probe orientation
- Removable metal ion capillary tube provides vent-free maintenance

Standard Features

- Syringe pump for direct sample infusion
- Fully-automated tuning and signal optimization

Vacuum System

- Differentially-pumped vacuum system to 10-5 Torr
- "Dual flow" turbomolecular pump design controls vacuum in two regions
- High-performance roughing pump designed to back up turbomolecular pump
- Precision-engineered, high-vacuum cast aluminum analyzer chamber

Detection System

- Patented, post-acceleration conversion dynode with ±15 kV applied voltage for efficient detection of positive or negative ions
- Off-axis continuous dynode electron multiplier with extended dynamic range
- Unique direct mounting of the multiplier to the electrometer PCB reduces electrical noise
- Digital electronic noise discrimination

Options

- ESI source compatible with liquid flow rates of <1 µL/min to 1 mL/min without splitting
- APCI source compatible with liquid flow rates of 50 µL/min to 2 mL/min without splitting
- APPI/APCI combination source compatible with liquid flow rates of 50 μ L/min to 2 mL/min without splitting
- Metal needle option for high and low-flow analyses
- 96-position sample plate AP MALDI for automated and manual data acquisition

• NanoSpray source supports both static and dynamic nanospray experiments, compatible with liquid flow rates of 50 nL/min* to 2 μL/min

The Xcalibur home page is divided into six convenient task-related icons.



Software Features

Data System

- XcaliburTM processing and instrument control software
- LCQUANTM quantitation package
- Microsoft® Office XP software package
- Microsoft Windows® XP operating system
- High-performance PC with Intel® Pentium® microprocessor
- High-resolution LCD color monitor

Scan Functions

- Full-scan feature provides full-scan mass spectra for rapid screening of unknown compounds
- Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM) monitors specified ions for target compound analysis
- Full-scan MS/MS produces full-scan product ion spectra with typically more than an order of magnitude higher sensitivity than traditional benchtop quadrupole MS/MS analyzers
- Selected Reaction Monitoring (SRM) for a traditional LC/MS/MS quantitative analytical experiment

^{*}Lower limit is dependent on gauge of needle used

- ZoomScanTM is a narrow mass range scan at higher resolution. This feature resolves the isotopic envelopes of multiply charged ions, allowing unambiguous determination of charge state
- TurboScanTM, an ultra-fast scan to improve signal to noise and sampling rate

Exclusive Technologies

- Unique, patented Automatic Gain Control (AGC) ensures that the ion trap is always filled with the optimum number of ions for any scan type
- WideBand ActivationTM fragments the water loss ion within an MS/MS spectrum, generating more structurally informative spectra
- Dynamic ExclusionTM, allows acquisition of MS/MS spectra from lower intensity ion species
- Normalized Collision EnergyTM selects optimal collision energy to generate reproducible data from instrument to instrument

Advanced Data DependentTM

Experiments

- Data Dependent features trigger acquisition of MS/MS spectra only when a compound of interest is detected
- Isotopic Data Dependence performs MS/MS only when a user-defined isotopic pattern is detected
- Triple Play determines the charge state and MS/MS spectrum of a multiply-charged ion
- Ion MappingTM automatically generates a 3-dimensional MS/MS map, yielding product ion, parent ion, and neutral loss information
- Ion Mapping Browser software for viewing data generated by Ion Mapping experiments
- Data Dependent Zoom Map generates sequential MS/MS experiments with a ZoomScan for charge state determination prior to each MS/MS experiment
- Nth Order Triple Play allows the number of ions undergoing a Triple Play to be defined
- Data Dependent Ion Tree performs MSn experiments on up to 25 ions
- MSn Browser software for viewing data generated by Data Dependent Ion Tree and Ion Mapping experiments

Optional Application-Specific

Software

- BioWorksTM/SEQUEST®/TurboSEQUESTTM protein identification tools
- Mass FrontierTM spectral interpretation and classification software to identify unknowns
- Metabolite ID rapid review and reporting of drug metabolism data
- DiscoveryTM software for combinatorial chemistry
- NIST Library software

System Specifications

MS/MS Sensitivity

Electrospray Ionization (ESI) – A 2 μ L loop injection of a 5-pg/ μ L solution of reserpine (10 picograms [16 femtomoles] total sample) at a flow of 350 μ L/min of 50% isopropyl alcohol/50% water will produce a minimum signal-to-noise ratio of 10:1 for the transition of the unit isolated protonated molecular ion at m/z 609 to the largest product ion, when the mass spectrometer is operated at unit resolution in the full-scan MS/MS mode, scanning the product ion spectrum from m/z 165-615.

Atmospheric Pressure Chemical

Ionization (APCI) – A 2 μ L loop injection of a 5-pg/ μ L solution of reserpine (10 picograms [16 femtomoles] total sample) at a flow of 400 μ L/min of 50% isopropyl alcohol/50% water will produce a minimum signal to noise ratio of 10:1 for the transition of the unit isolated protonated molecular ion at m/z 609 to the largest product ion, when the mass spectrometer is operated at unit resolution in the full-scan MS/MS mode, scanning the product ion spectrum from m/z 165-615.

Installation Requirements

Power

- One 230 Vac $\pm 10.0\%$, 50/60 Hz, single phase, with earth ground dedicated to the instrument
- Mechanical pump powered from Finnigan LCQ Advantage
- 120 or 230 Vac single phase, with earth ground for the data system

Gas

• One high-purity (99% pure) nitrogen gas supply for the API source

• One ultra-high-purity helium gas supply (99.998% pure) with less than 1 ppm each of water, oxygen, and total hydrocarbons for the mass analyzer

Environment

- System averages 8000 Btu/h (2300 W) output when considering air conditioning needs
- Operating environment must be 15-27 °C (59-80 °F) and relative humidity must be 40-80% with no condensation
- Optimum operating temperature is 18-21°C (65-70 °F)

Dimensions/Weight

- MS: 56 cm x 65 cm x 76 cm (H x W x D)
- MS: ~113 kg
- Roughing Pump: 38.6 kg

Performance Specifications

Mass Range

• m/z 50 - 2000

Scan Power

- MS and MS/MS standard
- Upgradeable to MSn, for n = 1 to 10

MS Communication Protocols

- Ethernet
- Contact Closure
- Start In/Out
- Ready In/Out



The Finnigan Surveyor LCQ Advantage MAX LC/MS/MS system provides fully integrated analyses using the powerful Xcalibur operating system.



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