

Advantages of Ion Mobility QTOF for Characterization of BioPharma Molecules

Add a New Dimension to your Research Capability with Agilent's New Drift Ion Mobility QTOF System





IM-QTOF Instrument Overview

- System sensitivity optimized using electrodynamic ion funnels to focus and transmit ions
- Ion Mobility resolution optimized while maintaining QTOF performance (mass resolution and accuracy)
- Ion Fragmentation can be selected using standard QTOF collision cell (CID)
- Bandwidth of QTOF data acquisition and processing channel was increased by 10 fold to match the ion mobility data rates



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Ion Mobility System Design



Ionization source: Ion generation (ESI, AJS, Nano ESI, ChipCube, APCI etc.)

Front ion funnel: Efficient ion collection, desolvation and excess gas removal

Trap funnel: Ion accumulation and introducing ion packets into drift cell

Drift cell: Uniform low field ion mobility allows direct determination of accurate CCS (Ω)

Rear funnel: Efficient ion refocusing and introduction into mass analyzer



IM Q-TOF/MS operational modes

- Mobility Separated Precursor Ion Mode
- Mobility Separated All Ions Fragmentation Mode
- Mobility Separated Targeted Precursor Ion Mode
- Mobility Separated Targeted MS/MS Mode





Basic Operational Principle of Ion Mobility For Conventional DC Uniform Field IMS





Benefits of Adding Ion Mobility to LC/Q-TOF/MS

Adds Additional Separation Power

• A new dimension of separation for increased mass spectral purity especially for complex mixture analysis

Improves Detection Limits

- Helps to eliminate interference from other analytes and background in the sample mixture
- Efficient ion focusing and transfer through the ion optics maximizes sensitivity for the overall system

Enhances Compound Identification

 Improves confidence in compound identification and ion structure correlation through accurate collision cross section measurements

Provides Native Molecule Structural Information

• Differentiates various protein conformers (native vs. S-S mis-matched)





It's All About Separation



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Ion Mobility Provides Greater Specificity





Resolving Structural Sugar Isomers C₁₈H₃₂O₁₆



Resolving two isomeric tri-saccharides



Carbohydrates Analysis by IM-MS



(Profs. John McLean and Jody May, Vanderbilt Univ.)



Carbohydrates -- Great complexity by linkage



Source: Blixt et al., PNAS, 2004

4D (MS, DT, RT & TIC) Feature Finding or Library searches

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Detecting Miss-formed Disulfide Bonds: Siamycin II



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IM Analysis of Cytochrom C (+8): (Uniform Drift Tube)





IM Q-TOF/MS analysis of IgG-2 under the denatured and native conditions



All charge ions of IgG-2 under denatured condition (+45 to +70) posed the much smaller drift times than the charge ions (+20 to +35) of native IgG-2.



IM Q-TOF Comparison of IgG-1 and IgG-2 under native condition



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IM Q-TOF/MS analysis of IgG-1 and Herceptin under the native condition





Collision Cross Section (CCS) Comparison of IgG-1 and Herceptin



IgG-1 posted slightly lower % of isoform B at its 22+ charge state. Overall, Herceptin has slightly larger CCS values than IgG-1 with the same charge states.



IM Q-TOF Comparison of Rituximab-1 (Innovator) and Rituximab-2 (Biosimilar):





Collision Cross Section (CCS) Comparison of Rituximab-1 (Innovator) and Rituximab-2 (Biosimilar):



Rituximab-1 (Innovator)

x10 5 **Rituximab-1** 27 +1.7 Rituximab-2 1.6 charge state 1.5 1.4 1.3-1.2-1.1 45.61 0.9-0.8 0.7 .03 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2-0.1 52.99 57.51 58 32 54 56 34 36 42 44 46 48 50 52 Counts vs. Drift Time (ms)

Rituximab-2 (Biosimilar)

Charge State	Mass (m/z)	Drift Time (ms)	CCS (Å ²)	Charge State	Mass (m/z)	Drift Time (ms)	CCS (Å ²)
22	6723	44.12	7583.31	22	6705	49.33	8481.46
23	6411	43.93	7893.76	23	6411	47.94	8616.47
24	6146	44.14	8276.46	24	6143	46.44	8709.00
25	5900	44.4	8672.25	25	5897	44.87	8764.32
26	5664	43.6	8856.15	26	5669	44.39	9017.10
27	5455	43.03	9076.18	27	5459	43.98	9277.17
28	5260	42.7	9339.93	28	5264	43.76	9572.50
29	5079	42.85	9707.59	29	5083	43.78	9918.92

The average size of glycans on the Rituximab-1 were slightly smaller than those on the Rituximab-2. The CCS of the 27+ molecule was larger for the Rituximab-2. Ion mobility can provide not only the size but also the molecule structural information in the Biosimilar study.



IM Q-TOF Comparison of Herceptin and ADC





Mass Spectrometric Comparison of Herceptin and ADC



The deconvoluted spectrum showed 8 major drug attachments and the calculated drug antibody ratio (DAR) was ~3.4



Mass Spectrometric Analysis of Bovine Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GDH) Complex (Hexamer)



GDH is a hexamer of 500 residues with a molecular weight of ~56 kDa/each

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IM Q-TOF/MS analysis of Bovine Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GDH) Complex (Hexamer)





Ion Mobility Q-TOF Comparison

LC Drift IMS MS and MS/MS High Resolution Accurate Mass

Feature	Drift Tube Ion Mobility (Agilent)	Travelling Wave Ion Mobility	Drift Mobility advantage	
Mobility Resolution	Highest (can be > 80) 80cm drift tube (L) Higher voltage (E) No RF fields, Uniform low DC field	Generally around 30 10cm drift in TriWave, Multi-section device RF fields	Over 2X the IM resolution of T-wave	
Sensitivity	High efficiency ion funnels - trapping and rear	Step wave lens Pressure barrier between Q and TriWave	10X to 50X better than T-wave	
Collision Cross Section (CCS) measurement (Ω)	Direct determination of Ω Low electric field and constant drift tube pressure	Ω cannot be directly determined from drift time. Need calibration tables.	1-2% precision Much better than Synapt (5-10%)	
Molecular structures	Lower RF fields, less ion heating.	Higher RF fields, tendency for higher fragmentation and ion heating	Lower RF allows preservation of molecular structures	
Duty cycle	IM cycle time 10 to 100 ms is fully compatible with LC and MS duty cycles	Duty cycle 1 to 10 ms. No analytical benefit.	Drift IM is 10 to 50 more sensitive	
LC			MS High Resolution Accurate Mass	

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Summary

- Next generation of IM Q-TOF Technology
- Added dimension of separation based on size, charge and molecular conformation
- Resolve and characterize the complex samples
 - -- Increased peak capacity
- Direct determination collision cross sections
- Preservation of molecular structures





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Dual AJS ESI Source Settings: 6560 IM Q-TOF MS

Parameter	Setting		
Source	Dual Agilent Jet Stream		
Acquisition Mode	Positive, Extended (10000 m/z) Mass Range (2 GHz)		
Gas Temp	250 °C		
Gas Flow	5 L/min		
Nebulizer	20 psig		
Sheath Gas Temp	275 °C		
Sheath Gas Flow	12 L/min		
VCap	4000 V		
Nozzle Voltage	2000V		
Fragmentor	400 V		
Mass Range	300-10000 <i>m/z</i>		
Scan Rate	0.9 frames/s		
IM Trap Fill Time	50,000 us		
IM Trap Release Time	300 us		



