

Direct sample analysis combined with a thermal gradient approach for routine testing of materials

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- Cost-efficient, fast analysis time from 'sample to knowledge'
- 2. Robust, reliable analytical measurement
- 3. Quick result (pass/fail) from batch to batch
- 4. Minimal or no sample preparation (liquid or solids); reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous solvents

What is RADIAN ASAP?

Rapid Direct Analysis – Atmospheric pressure Solids Analysis Probe

- A novel, dedicated direct mass analysis system, engineered using proven and robust technologies
- Specifically designed for rapid, easy and low cost per sample analysis of solids and liquids.
- State of the art informatics tools to enable easy, real time results





Key features of RADIAN ASAP

Suitable for a wide range of samples

- High to low polarity analytes
- Volatile and semi-volatile solids, liquids, and solutions

Simple analysis workflow

- Minimal to no sample preparation
- Minimal training required
- Open to use by non-expert personnel

Real time results for Raw Material & Formulation analysis

 LiveID & IonLynx software for real-time sample identification library matching compositional analysis

Fast

- Minimal time from sampling to result

Waters

Small footprint

 Make the most of available lab space W:34.4 cm/13.5", H 27.1 cm/10.7", D:73.0 cm/28.7"



How does RADIAN ASAP work?



Analysis in four easy steps



1. Clean the capillary

- 2. Load sample on capillary
- 3. Insert capillary to start acquisition
- 4. Real-time data visualization

How does RADIAN ASAP work?

The ASAP ionization process

- Sample is introduced into the corona discharge region on a glass rod
- Volatilised by stream of heated N₂
- Gaseous analyte molecules are ionised by N₂ plasma
- Gaseous ions are guided into the instrument and analysed by the single quadrupole analyser



How does RADIAN ASAP work?



needle

Charge Transfer

Favoured by relatively non-polar compounds



Proton Transfer

- With presence of protic solvents such as H₂O or MeOH
- Favoured by relatively polar compounds





Example applications: Raw Materials Authenticity

Raw Material Authenticity

- Chemical Industry:
 - Incoming raw materials need to be verified
 - Out of specification or contaminated substances need to be investigated
 - The quality of formulated products needs to be confirmed
- Decreasing the time to generate data on which decisions are made is key
- Reduction in analysis time allows laboratories to increase productivity and deliver results efficiently











Chemical Manufacturing Workflow





Quality Control Laboratories are responsible for ensuring all received raw materials conform to specification



Verify Raw Materials

QC Scientists utilize a range of analytical techniques to confirm the ID and purity of raw materials prior to formulation



Formulation Scientists design, prepare and test the formulations in iterative processes to develop new and improved products

Formulate



Verify Formulation Batch QC testing

Finished products are passed back to QC Scientists to perform batch release tests before release to market





Chemicals and Materials – Raw Material Authenticity

Temperature ramping as a tool for separation

- Temperature ramp separates compounds based upon boiling point
- Different spectra at different temperatures
- Basic deconvolution of complex samples



PEG 600 polymer + four additives





Rapid Analysis of Raw Polymeric Materials



Example applications: Face masks analysis

Manufactured Mask Sample

TIC for the white part, the blue part, and both parts together in positive ion mode



Results & Discussion: Manufactured Mask Sample

Example spectra at different time/temperature points for the white fragment in positive ion mode



Results & Discussion: Manufactured Mask Sample

Example spectra at different time/temperature points for the blue fragment in positive ion mode



Summary

- Compact, easy to use direct sampling mass detector
- Minimal need for training and system preparation, suitable for non-MS experts
- Rich mass spectral data obtained in as little as 30 seconds enables rapid decision making and increased workflow efficiency



