AMS
Aerosol Mass Spectrometer Systems

Measure real-time, non-refractory, size-resolved particulate chemical composition and mass.

APPLICATIONS

- Climate change and air quality research.
- Organic aerosol quantification and analysis.
  - Separation and quantification of organic components including HOA (hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol linked to primary combustion sources) and OOA (oxygenated organic aerosol, linked to secondary aerosol sources).
  - Elemental composition (O:C, H:C).
- Mobile measurements from ship, truck and aircraft platforms

ADVANTAGES

- Fast response plume studies up to 100 Hz.
- Aerosol chamber studies.
- Combustion exhaust monitoring and source characterization.
- Particle beam source for efficient separation of gas and particle.
- Thermal particle vaporization with electron impact ionization source.
- Direct linear detection of sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, chloride and organic aerosol species.
- Fast response, up to 100 Hz mass spectra.
- Particle aerodynamic diameter determined from particle time-of-flight (velocity) measurements using a particle beam chopping technique.
- Several mass spectrometers to choose from: quadrupole, compact, and high resolution TOF systems.
### Specifications

**Detection Limit (S/N=3) dependent on mass spectrometer option:**

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<th>Mass Spectrometer System</th>
<th>Detection Limit* (ng/m³)</th>
<th>Mass Resolving Power (m/Δm)(m/z)</th>
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<td>C-TOF-AMS</td>
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*Detection limits are for 1-minute integration, 3σ. Detection limits depend on chemical species. Typical values for nitrate are listed (organic DL is ~10x higher, sulfate DL is ~2x higher and ammonium DL is ~20x higher).*

**Particle Size Range:** 40-1000 nm aerodynamic diameter standard or PM 2.5 option

**Data Rate:** 1-5 minute typical data reporting interval. Maximum mass spectra data rate 100 Hz (ToF MS systems only). Maximum size distribution data rate 150 Hz.

**Data Format:** Custom acquisition and analysis software for mass loadings and size distributions. Specialized routines for high resolution data analysis (O:C ratios)

**Sample Flow:** 0.085 l min⁻¹

**Available Options:** Black carbon detection module, PM 2.5 lens, beam width probe, efficient particle time-of-flight (ePTOF), aerosol dryer, sample line flow controller

**Size/Weight:** 41” x 24” x 53”, 385 lbs
[104.14 cm x 83.82 cm x 134.62 cm, 175 kg]

**Electric Power:** 600 W; 110VAC/60Hz or 220VAC/50Hz

### References

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