Fast duty cycle DMS-TOF analysis to increase selectivity during accurate mass LC analysis

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Differential Mobility Separation (DMS) as the 4th Dimension



DMS Coupling to Mass Spectrometer





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SCIEX TripleTOF 6600 system, equipped with the SelexION™ technology

DMS coupling to a mass spectrometer with adjustable residence time





DMS residence time varies with throttle gas

Setting (psi)	Res.Time (ms)
Off (0)	7
Low (5)	15
Med (10)	20
High (25)	30

With an MS system, these values can increase, particularly in the high-pressure region ahead of Q1, and length of the region can further increase transit time to the detector region

This induces a further increase in pause/settling time

- \rightarrow Increases cycle time
- → Leads to compromised data collection

Reserpine response versus Settling Time



Toggle between 2 SV voltage

No resolving gas used

At expected transit time of DMS, ~25% of signal is observed.

Additional settling time is required to get maximum signal due to an additional delay in transmission under "depleted" ion beam conditions (DMS filtered conditions)

- → As a result, additional pause time is required
- → Mainly due to Q0 region



MSMS with 10ms Acc. Time

Reducing residence time in Q0 region





Reserpine response versus settling time



Toggle between 2 SV voltage

At expected transit time of DMS, 80% of signal is observed



MSMS with 10ms accumulation time

Using Q0-LINAC improves cycle time





Increases the number data points for LC



Increases the number of experiments/unit time

DMS operation range





Minimizing cycle time is critical because:

- The range of compensation voltage (CoV) to cover can be quite large for an "untargeted application"
- Want to maximize the number of CoV data points collected
- Need to balance the number of data points with the transient nature of signal with chromatographic separation (LC peak)

DMS @ SV 3800 (N_2) with CoV ranging from -1 to +20 V



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30ms

Separating verapamil analogues





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Separating analogues with gas phase modifier



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Relies on larger SWATH DIA precursor ion windows, operated at different SV-CoV combination



Presented ASMS 2018, San Diego; B.Seale et al, "Characterization of Biologic Compounds with Differential Mobility and SWATH" WP-454

For peptide analysis from K562 cell digest





1.5 V step

Peptide Level # of Common IDs versus DMS conditions																	
Cond.	Total # Pept.	DMS OFF	CoV 12	CoV 13.5	CoV 15	CoV 16.5	CoV 18	CoV 19.5	CoV 21	CoV 22.5	CoV 24	CoV 25.5	CoV 27	CoV 28.5	CoV 30	CoV 31.5	CoV 33
DMS OFF	5537	5537	164	370	890	1642	1800	1738	1585	1289	949	712	521	361	205	88	44
12	352		352	291	151	148	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
13.5	895			895	545	551	31	4	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
15	1880				1880	1857	359	27	11	8	3	2	5	1	1	1	1
16.5	3622					3622	1514	380	40	16	5	4	7	3	2	1	1
18	3245						3245	1477	350	48	15	11	6	7	2	1	2
19.5	3313							3313	1417	304	38	22	13	12	4	0	1
21	3147								3147	1199	234	42	21	19	8	3	2
22.5	2669									2669	956	202	41	24	7	3	1
24	2015										2015	771	171	37	5	4	1
25.5	1744											1744	699	153	21	7	2
27	1687												1687	582	98	8	4
28.5	1383													1383	458	59	4
30	918														918	222	31
31.5	407															407	99
33	237																237
Unique vs D	OMS OFF	na	188	525	990	1980	1445	1575	1562	1380	1066	1032	1166	1022	713	319	193
Unive as %	of DMS OFF		3.40	9.48	17.88	35.76	26.10	28.45	28.21	24.92	19.25	18.64	21.06	18.46	12.88	5.76	3.49
Common as	s % of DMS OFF		2.96	6.68	16.07	29.66	32.51	31.39	28.63	23.28	17.14	12.86	9.41	6.52	3.70	1.59	0.79

- 18 separate experiments, including one with DMS off in MS only, performed with triplicate injection
- Processed using DIA-NN
- Pair-wise comparison shows a narrow range of CoV where similar peptides are found
- Wide separation at peptide level
- Minimal overlap between adjacent CoV steps

K562 Digest with the Evosep 100 spd (11.5 min gradient)



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- Processed using DIA-NN
- At the protein level, each CoV contribute a significant number of unique proteins, so a wide CoV range is required
- But if we look at the precursor distribution

Significant increase in unique peptides/proteins identified with DMS



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CoV	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	24	25.5	27	28.5	30	31.5
m/z bin	CoV 12	CoV 13.5	CoV 15	CoV 16.5	CoV 18	CoV 19.5	CoV 21	CoV 22.5	CoV 24	CoV 25.5	CoV 27	CoV 28.5	CoV 30	CoV 31.5
<400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400-450	0.0	0.0	2.2	14.1	32.6	46.7	37.0	53.3	97.8	100.0	71.9	51.1	7.4	0.0
450-500	0.0	0.0	2.1	6.2	12.7	30.4	58.6	91.7	100.0	92.5	58.1	54.9	21.4	5.3
500-550	0.0	0.2	1.9	8.4	23.0	52.0	75.5	98.7	100.0	88.4	54.8	42.4	14.4	4.2
550-600	0.7	1.8	7.5	19.3	46.5	77.5	91.6	100.0	81.0	68.2	40.6	30.5	11.2	3.0
600-650	1.3	3.8	15.3	38.1	67.1	91.8	100.0	74.0	52.7	38.7	22.0	16.3	6.6	2.8
650-700	2.1	7.0	25.7	57.7	92.9	100.0	73.6	43.9	27.7	18.3	11.9	10.4	4.2	2.3
700-750	6.8	14.8	46.1	81.4	100.0	87.4	45.6	26.6	16.2	13.5	9.8	9.3	5.3	2.9
750-800	12.3	24.6	66.0	100.0	90.7	48.0	23.2	13.2	9.1	8.1	7.1	8.1	4.7	1.9
800-850	23.7	46.5	87.1	100.0	70.5	27.7	14.4	13.8	13.1	10.8	4.7	1.5	0.6	0.3
850-900	38.9	77.5	100.0	86.9	36.6	15.7	12.4	12.7	10.3	5.7	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0



- Eliminating regions with less than 20% of precursor are detected – yields 70 windows
- With 20 ms of accumulation time, a total cycle time of 1.47 s
- With 3 groups of 23 CoV SWATH DIA, the cycle time is 0.56 s
- Or use Variable SWATH windows in conjunction with DMS to further reduce the number of groups

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K562 Cell Digest with Evosep 200spd (5 min. gradient)





Using DMS allowed to extract from the data >70% more unique peptide >50% more unique proteins

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Supplementing LC Peak Capacity with DMS





RT-Min	AVG	Min	Max	Avg Cap.Incr.	Min.Cap.Incr.
3	4.89	1	10	9.00	4.40
3.6	13.50	1	37	12.00	4.38
4.2	20.58	1	49	12.10	5.08
4.8	23.83	1	50	12.04	5.74
5.4	29.50	3	52	12.00	6.81
6	27.92	6	59	12.21	5.78
6.6	31.00	2	68	12.06	5.50
7.2	31.92	1	71	12.16	5.46
7.8	27.75	1	65	12.04	5.14
8.4	23.25	1	46	12.00	6.07
9	19.25	2	48	12.00	4.81
9.6	14.25	1	30	12.00	5.70
10.2	10.83	1	28	12.09	4.68
10.8	3.25	1	9	12.00	4.33

• Distribution of precursor co-elution within 36 sec window for the SWATH window of 550-600

• When compared to DMS in transmission mode, the number of co-eluting precursors is reduced by a factor of 12 over the entire CoV range, and by a factor of 5 where maximum signal is detected.

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- Using Q0-LINAC enables significant reduction in settling time when using DMS on QTOF configuration
- This enables a significantly wider range of compensation voltage (CoV) on an LC-time scale
- Opens the potential for additional orthogonality with the use of modifier on transport gas
- DMS could potentially allow the use of wider SWATH without sacrificing selectivity under various LC conditions



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