PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS

SYFT TECHNOLOGIES
Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are widely utilized in various pharmaceutical manufacturing processes and in other parts of the supply chain (e.g., polymer manufacture and packaging). Many VOCs have adverse health effects and unfortunately find their way into the pharmaceuticals themselves. At unsafe levels, they can result in product recalls, brand damage, and lawsuits.

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Applications of SIFT-MS for analysis of challenging compounds include:

- Residual monomers and byproducts
- Residual solvents in pharmaceuticals
- Packaging impurities

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Benefits of SIFT-MS:

- Very high throughput screening through elimination of chromatographic separation, delivering greatly reduced cost of analysis.
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RAPID RESIDUAL SOLVENT ANALYSIS

A wide variety of solvents are used during manufacture of pharmaceuticals, but regulations strictly control permissible concentrations in the finished product. SIFT-MS provides a very rapid and highly sensitive solution to the detection of VOC residues in pharmaceuticals that are not easily monitored by other technologies.

Benefits of SIFT-MS:
- Direct analysis through elimination of chromatographic separation, which is ideal for detection of volatile solvents.
- High selectivity via multiple rapidly switchable reagent ions.
- Very high throughput VOC screening coupled with high sensitivity provides rapid warning of quality issues and greatly reduces the test cost per analysis.
- Wide linear and dynamic ranges allows one instrument to be applied to multiple analytical tasks.

ENHANCED PACKAGING TESTING

With its ability to analyze a very wide range of compounds rapidly, SIFT-MS revolutionizes packaging testing across diverse materials including:
- Polymers
- Adhesives
- Print products
- Laminates.

Benefits of SIFT-MS:
- Increased product testing through faster analysis, provides early warning of quality issues in packaging materials.
- Multiple packaging applications are conveniently and simply tackled by one instrument.
- High selectivity from eight rapidly switchable reagent ions.
- High robustness to humidity, greatly simplifying testing procedures for high moisture systems.

SUMMARY

SIFT-MS represents a major breakthrough for the pharmaceutical industry due to its ability to comprehensively analyze diverse VOC and inorganic gas impurities with very high sample throughput. When coupled with autosampler technology, SIFT-MS delivers unparalleled sample throughputs.

By delivering rapid results and facilitating wider scale testing, Syft instruments provide a unique opportunity for on-line product quality decisions to be made, which reduce the risks of product loss and brand damage.

Syft Technologies is committed to its customers’ success, delivering simplicity of operation, fully integrated solutions, user-friendly software, product reliability, and extensive after-sales support.
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SIFT-MS is the leading real-time analytical technique for comprehensive gas analysis to ultra-trace levels.

SIFT-MS uses ultra-soft, precisely controlled chemical ionization coupled with mass spectrometric detection to rapidly quantify VOCs and permanent gases to low part-per-trillion concentrations by volume (pptv). Eight chemical ionization agents (reagent ions) are applied in Syft instruments: $H_3O^+$, NO+, $O_2^-$, $O_2$, OH-, $NO_2^-$, and $NO_3^-$. These eight reagent ions react with VOCs and inorganic gases in very well controlled ion-molecule reactions but they do not react with the major components of air ($N_2$, $O_2$, and Ar). This enables SIFT-MS to analyze air at trace and ultra-trace levels without preconcentration. Rapid switching of eight reagent ions provides unsurpassed selectivity among direct MS techniques.

Reagent Ion Selection

Analyte Ionization

Analyte Quantitation

$[A] = \gamma \frac{[P^+]}{[R^+]}$ or $[A] = \gamma \frac{[P^-]}{[R^-]}$  
$\gamma$ = instrument calibration factor

Selected Ion Flow Tube Mass Spectrometry (SIFT-MS)

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Benefits of SYFT SIFT-MS Instruments

- Instantaneous identification and quantitation of VOCs and inorganic gases using a fully integrated, extensive chemical ionization library
- Real-time gas analysis to low part-per-trillion by volume (pptv) concentrations with class-leading selectivity, no preconcentration, and high robustness to humidity
- Analysis of diverse compounds in a single analysis (e.g. ammonia, formaldehyde, formic acid, and organosulfur compounds)
- Ease of operation with push-button simplicity, no sample preparation, and comprehensive LabSyft data analysis software
- Designed and engineered for use in demanding environments, with easy integration into sample delivery systems (including autosamplers) and IT infrastructure
- Reliable, low maintenance instruments and accessories, with market-leading after-sales support