TF2000 Series
Thermal Field-Flow Fractionation

High Resolution Polymer Separator
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The TF2000 system is a new and efficient analysis method to separate and characterize polymers and particles. The system is able to separate polymers and particles at the same time without the limitations associated with GPC/SEC. The separation takes place according to molecular weight AND chemical composition, thus making the TF2000 Series the ideal choice for co-polymer separation. The system can be coupled with different standard detectors such as Light Scattering, RI, UV, etc.

The system has a large separation range and can fractionate polymers as low as 10 kDa up to 100 MDa including microgels and nanoparticles. The separation itself is very gentle and ruled by thermal diffusion and Brownian motion in a laminar flow channel without using any stationary phase as in chromatography.

Specifications

- General Sample Size and Molar Mass Range:
  - Polymers: 10 kDa - 20 MDa
  - Particles: 10 nm - 1000 nm
- Analysis Time:
  - Typical 10 - 120 min, no software limitation
- Channel Dimensions:
  - Volume: 1.15 mL or 2.21 mL (130 μm or 250 μm Spacer)
  - Length: 456 mm
  - Breadth: 20 mm
  - Thickness: 130 or 250 μm
- Channel Flow Rates:
  - Typically 0.01 - 2.0 mL/min (other flow rates possible)
- Injection Volume:
  - 1-1000 μL
  - Standard 20 μL optional > 1000 μL
- Injected Sample Mass:
  - Up to 500 μg and more, depending on sample characteristics; typical injection mass 20-100 μg
- Injection Method:
  - Via Rheodyne® manual injection valve or PN5300 autosampler
- Carrier Liquids:
  - Organic solvents, only limited applicable for aqueous solvent
- Detectors:
  - UV, RI, light scattering, fluorescence detection, etc.
  - multiple detectors in-line
- Thermal-Field Strength:
  - Maximum ΔT up to 120°C
    - Hot wall maximum: 180°C
    - Cold wall maximum: 60°C
    - (THF, 230 V, coolant water at 20°C, 12 L/min)
- Temperature Control:
  - PC controlled for accurate, constant and programmed field options
- Channel Pressure:
  - Up to 200 psi (approx. 14 bar)
  - to pressurize the channel for any analysis at higher temperatures
- System Software:
  - NovaFFF TF2000
    - Integrated Software Platform
- Maintenance:
  - Rugged reusable channel with no special maintenance required
- System Requirements:
  - 200-240 V, 50/60 Hz; 12 A for basic setup
  - max. power consumption 3.5 kW
    - Coolant water at 20°C, 12 L/min, max. 2 bar
  - Weight: 53 kg
  - Dimension (L x W x H): 820 x 490 x 235 mm

Applications

Latex coatings, nanoparticles and high-tech materials, technical/industrial polymers, starches, paints. Polymers and particles from approx. 10 kDa up to 100 MDa and more in organic/aqueous solvents.

Extended Safety Features

PC controlled for accurate, constant and programmed field option. Temperature safety shut-offs included. Temperature limits for hot and cold wall programmable. Redundant mechanical shut-off for cold wall at 60°C.

Automatic emergency pressure shut-down.

Top 12 Reasons for the TF2000

- Advanced channel design, sample introduction method and new cooling system provide 30-50 % superior resolution and faster separation time.
- Direct sample injection, no sample preparation steps necessary.
- Flexible and gentle separation conditions, organic and aqueous solvents.
- Large and easily accessible molar mass and size range.
- Low shear forces during separation protect sample integrity.
- Professional and integrated system from one manufacturer.
- Completely automated system by using an autosampler. Total system control using the NovaFFF windows software.
- Various additional Postnova Analytics modules and components available: autosamplers, degassers, pumps etc.
- Dynamic (DLS) and static (SLS) laser light scattering detectors available.
- Special safety features for temperature, pressure and leakage.
- Software for characterization and calculation of polymer branching with MALS.
- Made and supported by the people who invented Field-Flow Fractionation.

Technical specifications are subject to change without further notice.

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Software

Unique Software platform for the TF2000 and detectors.

Setting and programming flow and temperature profile.

Data acquisition as well as calculation of molar masses and sizes of sample are based upon the static light scattering (SLS).

Optional Software available for branching calculation with MALS.

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