

SunDigest

Fully Controlled Tissue Section Incubation System



Enzymatic On-Tissue Digestion for MALDI-Imaging

Full Digestion Process Control Standardised Conditions Reproducible Results

The importance of reproducible incubation reactions for MALDI-MS-Imaging

While small molecules like pharmaceuticals and lipids can often be ionised directly after matrix deposition on the sample, a direct analysis of the vast majority of proteins is not possible. Larger proteins, membrane proteins or even protein complexes with several subunits need to be cut into smaller peptide fragments which then can subsequently be ionised and analysed by MALDI MSI.

Further challenges in MALDI-MSI are poor sensitivities for some classes of molecules due to their low abundance or limited ionisability. To overcome these challenges, there are a variety of innovative chemicals that are used, for example, to derivatise certain classes of molecules to significantly increase sensitivity for these analytes. However, it is always important in derivatisation processes not to lose spatial resolution during incubation. Therefore, a fast, efficient and reproducible incubation, as provided by SunDigest, is of great importance.



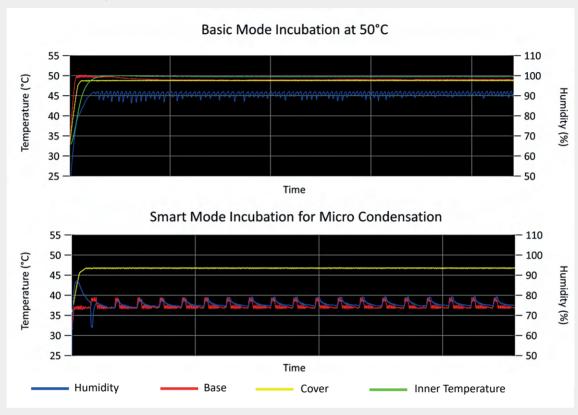
SunDigest tissue section incubation chamber



SunDigest with open cover

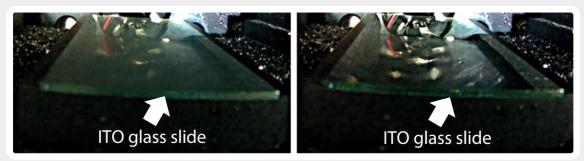
Fully Controlled Incubation

The SunDigest incubator actively controls, regulates and records the humidity as well as three different temperatures: Cover and Base temperature and the Inner temperature (on-tissue temperature):



The new and innovative micro condensation procedure

The latest technical improvement of the SunDigest incubator allows the induction of micro condensation directly on the tissue sections: Microscopic water droplets provide the best possible environment for all water soluble enzymes. The ultra fine structure of the condensate preserves the spatial resolution of the analytes.

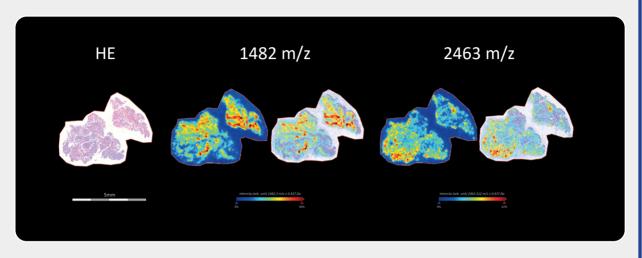


Smart Mode incubation for micro condensation

Basic Mode incubation at 37°C

MALDI Imaging of Peptides

MALDI Imaging of peptides after two hours of protein digestion using tissue sections of a human oral squamous cell carcinoma. The samples were incubated using the SunDigest incubation chamber for two hours at 50°C and 95% relative humidity.



Outstanding Features of the SunDigest Incubation Chamber

- Full digestion process control
- Temperatures precisely adjustable between 4°C and 50°C
- Controllable humidity between 60 100 % rel. humidity
- Preservation of spatial resolution
- New and innovative on-tissue micro condensation incubation procedure for highest enzymatic activity
- Essential for reproducible results

Technical Specifications

Dimensions W 35 cm (13.8") x D 42 cm (16.5") x H 20 cm (7.9")

Weight 12kg (26 lbs)

Power requirements 100 - 240 VAC 50/60 Hz

Number of sample slides 9 standard glass slides for standard incubations and two standard

slides for micro condensation incubation

Instrument control Windows laptop or tablet PC

For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

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