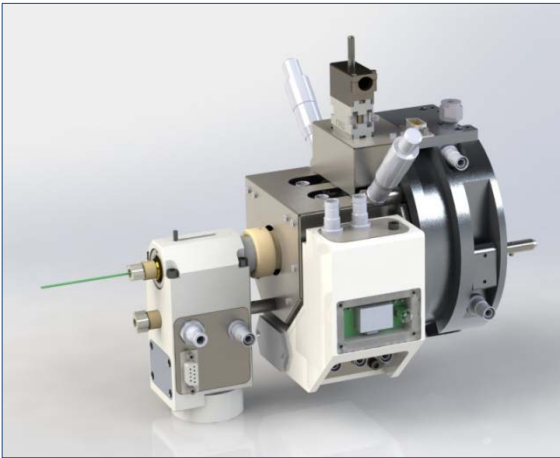


SEADM

Vapor analysis for MS



LFSESI

Low Flow Secondary ElectroSpray Ionizer

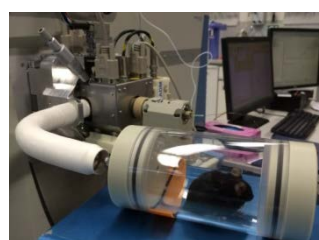
Breath analysis



Food control



Pharmacokinetics



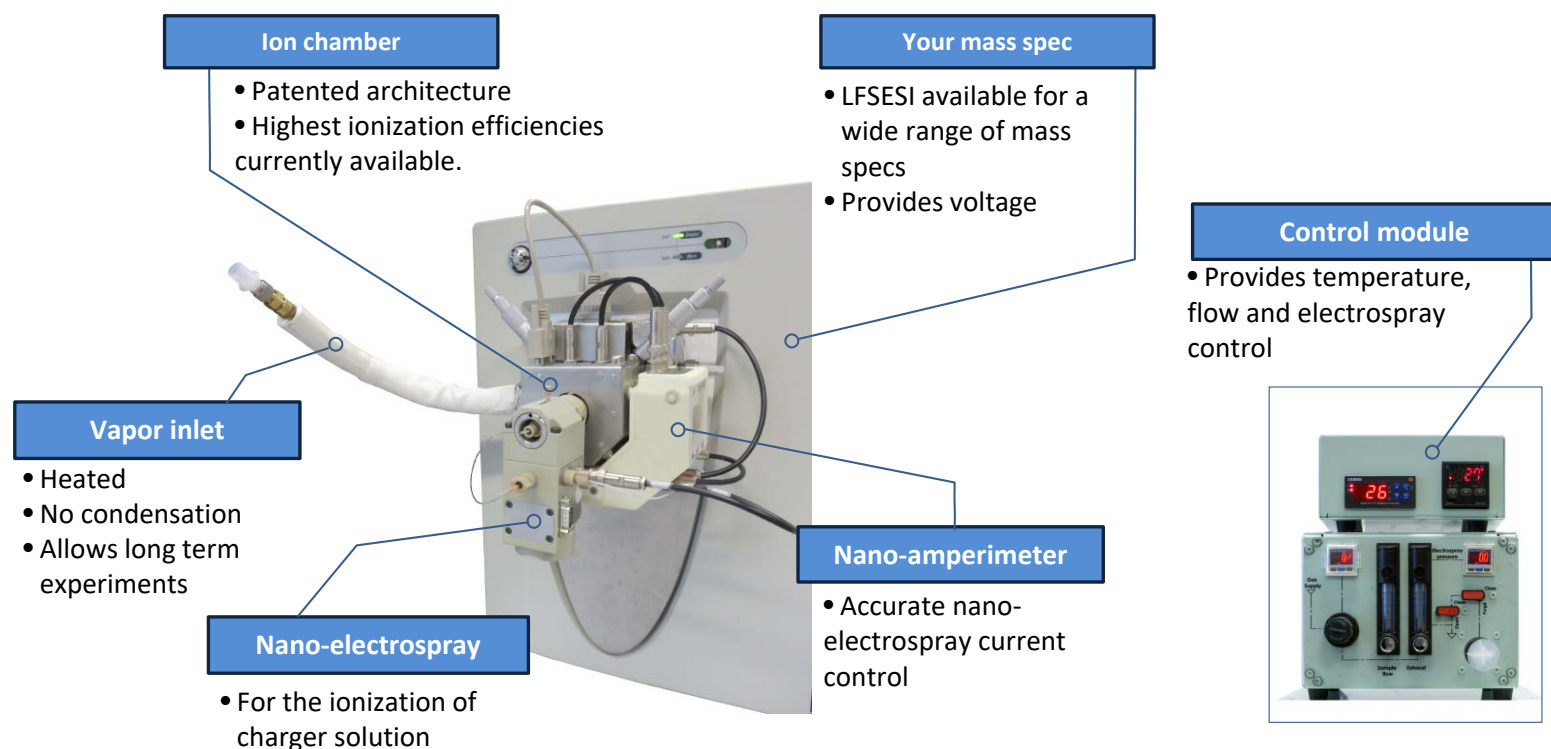
Plant physiology



LFSESI

The LFSESI is an Add-On Ionizer that turns your MS into a powerful vapor analyzer at a very small fraction of its cost

SEADM's **LFSESI** (Low Flow Secondary Electro spray Ionizer) is a vapor ion source used in substitution of the native MS source. It can be seemingly assembled with your current MS (weight between 5-6 kg depending on MS model) in less than **5 minutes**.

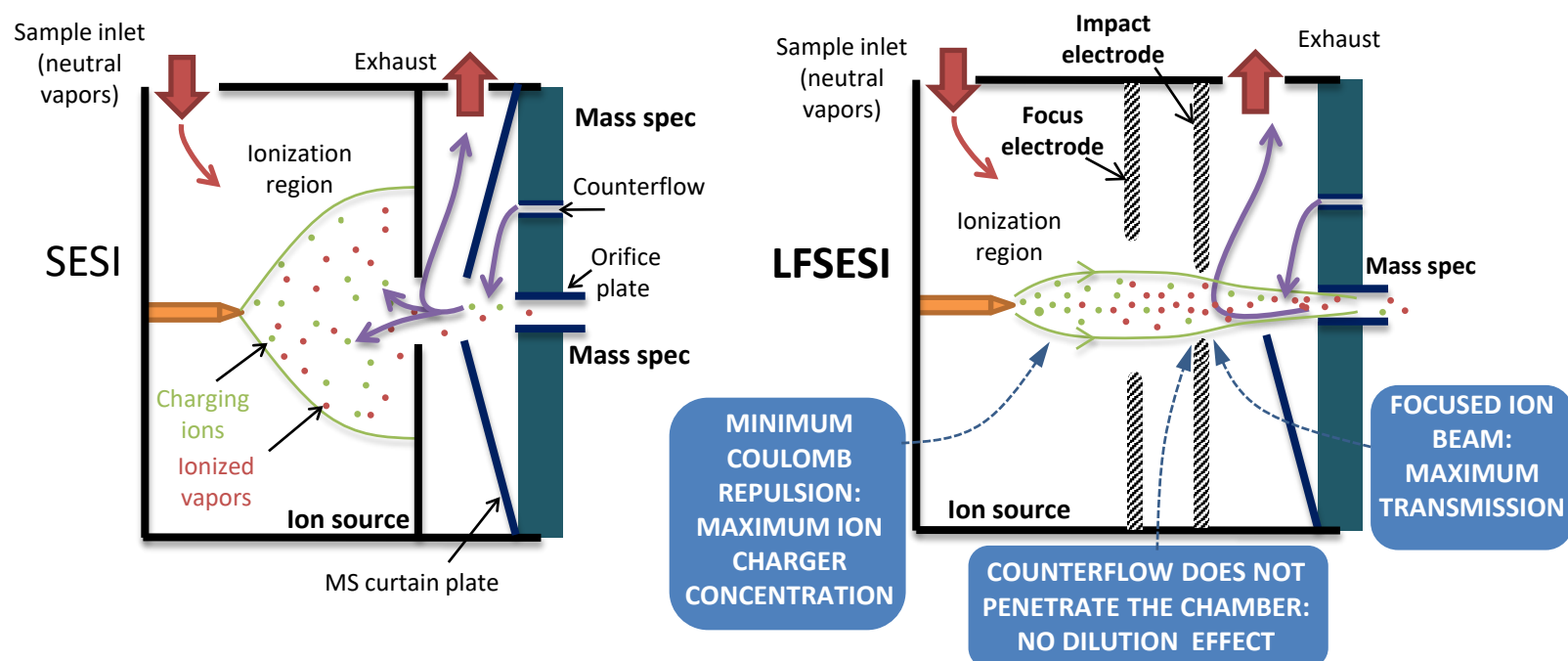


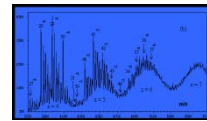
Unique ionization process: patented architecture

Secondary Electro spray Ionization is a simple, well-known way to ionize vapors for mass spectrometry:

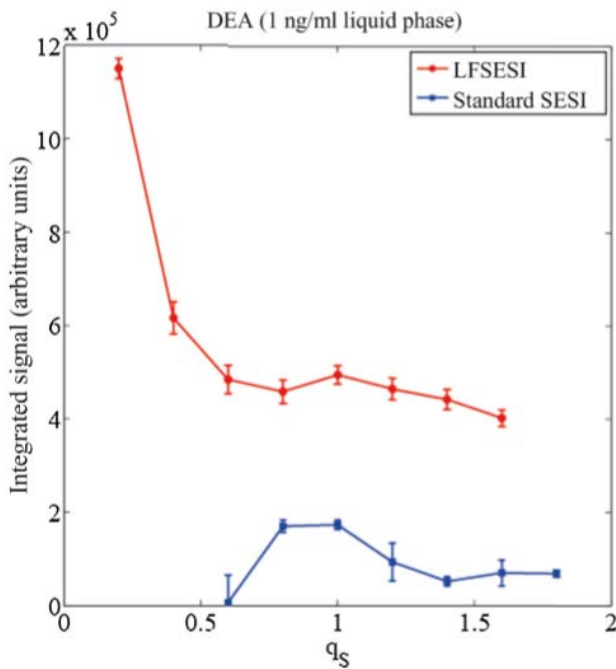


LFSESI boosts this principle through a unique two-electrode architecture, reducing Coulomb repulsion, avoiding dilution, maximizing transmission and yielding **unmatched ionization efficiency**:

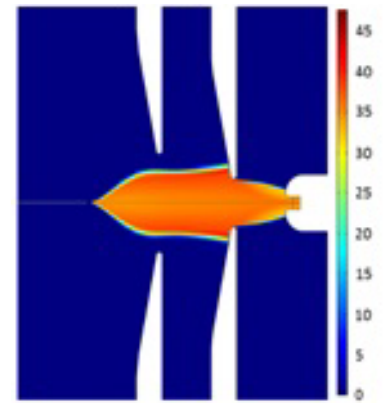




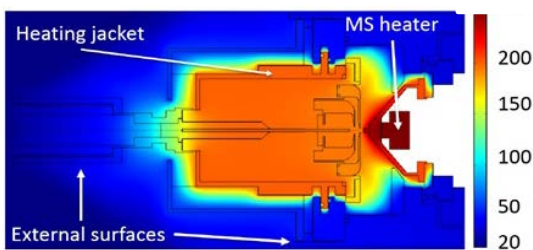
Optimized design for superb results



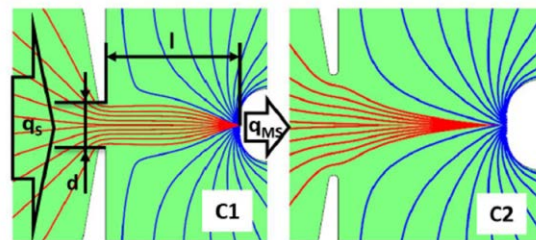
Experimental performance of LFSESI vs. SESI; DEA 23 fg/s; electrospray of H₂O-HCOOH (0.1%). q_s stands for sample flow rate. Ref: [Sensors and Actuators, 2016](#)



Multiphysics flow model: concentration [$\times 10^{-16}$ mol/m³] of ionized TNT vapor at 1ppt, sample flow 0.05 lpm; note how the Taylor cone is effectively 'narrowed' towards the exit of the source



Careful temperature control to avoid condensation effects



Streamlined design to avoid flow stagnation

Operational advantages

- Add-on architecture to take full advantage of your MS.
- Soft ionization: LFSESI does not break your analyte molecules.
- Real time analysis
- Cost advantage: LFSESI will multiply your research capabilities at a very small fraction of the cost of your MS.
- Seamless assembly and disassembly from your MS (less than 5 minutes).
- Simple operation: working parameters and results are available through the MS user interface.
- High sensitivity (see table on the right)
- Wide range of sample flows (from 0.005 to 2 lpm).
- Carefully engineered fluid dynamics to avoid stagnant areas
- Robustness: able to continuously operate, at least, during 96 h
- Safe temperature and voltages
- Fully compliant with safety, electromagnetic and RoHS2 standards*
- Available for a wide range of Mass Spectrometers

Compound	Vapour Concentration (ppt)	Mean intensity (arbitrary units)
Melatonin [M+H]=233.13	54	5080
Propofol [M+H]=179.14	7	17600
Acetaminophen [M+H]=152.07	124	29400
Pentobarbital [M+H]=227.14	55	6140
Midazolam [M+H]=326.09	115	322

Response of a MS orbitrap XL to various drug vapors; mass range (Da): 50-500; electrospray: H₂O-HCOOH (0.1%); mass resolution: 30000

Applications

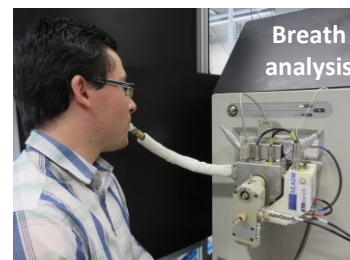
○ The Zenobi Group, as part of the laboratory of Organic Chemistry (LOC) of **ETH** from **Zürich, Switzerland**, is currently applying **LFSESI** for several ground-breaking researches such as:

- **Breath analysis** for rapid, non-invasive diagnosis of diseases (including alkenals and alkdienals, [García-Gomez-1, 2015](#), and furans, [García-Gomez-2, 2015](#)).
- In vivo analysis of **yeast growth metabolism**, [Tejero, 2016](#)
- Analysis of the effect of process parameters on the **quality of wine**, [Farrell, 2017](#)
- **E-cigarette smoke safety analysis**, [García-Gómez, 2016](#)
- Characterization of oxidative stress in smokers, [Gaugg, 2016](#)
- Analysis of **vapors released from plants** ("decoding the language of the vegetable kingdom", allowing the development of a new generation of plant treatments with reduced pesticide use), [Barrios-Collado, 2016](#)

○ SEADM applies **LFSESI** for the detection of explosives in cargo operations at sub-trace levels (as low as 0.01 ppq for RDX explosive). ([Fernandez de la Mora, 2016](#)).

○ The University **Politecnica of Madrid**, in collaboration with SEADM, has applied the **LFSESI-MS** to detect human stress in real time and develop odor biometrics techniques from skin volatiles measurements, [Rodriguez-Luján, 2013](#).

○ The Australian Centre for Separation Science applies LFSESI for the rapid **Fingerprinting of Grape Volatile Composition** to identify grape ripening, [Farrell, 2017](#)



Customer review

[Pablo Martínez-Lozano Sinues](#)
ETH Zurich (Switzerland)



"In the first tests with [the new and improved SESI](#) measuring device, we were able to measure certain metabolic molecules in exhaled breath which scientists had not been able to detect in breath before."

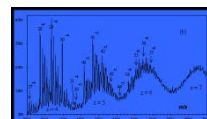
See our LFSESI in action: watch our product videos

○ Continuous monitoring of plant volatiles (Ref. [Barrios-Collado, 2016](#))
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WePci2jtmM>

○ LFSESI used for breath analysis (by ETH Zürich). Watch the source in use in its prototype status:

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LFSESI IONIZER



CONTROL MODULE

Specifications

System sensitivity	Mean intensity of 17600 for a 7 ppt sample of propofol (MS orbitrap XL; electrospray: H ₂ O-HCOOH (0.1%); mass resolution: 30000
Flow rate	0.005 ÷ 2 lpm.
LFSESI source	Dimensions: 400x300x420 mm Weight – range (depending on MS): 5-6 kg
Control Module	Dimensions: 410x125x255 mm Weight: 3 kg

Patents

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