

**Application Note #1** 

# FTMS Simulator: Step-by-Step FTMS Data Generation

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# FTMS Isotopic Simulator: SFSM Peptide Analysis

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## SFSM peptide analysis with FTMS: transient

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## SFSM peptide analysis with FTMS: *m/z*

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### **Compound definition**:

- elemental composition
- amino acid sequence
- mass (m/z) or frequency value

### lon (charged compound) definition:

- Charge carrier: electron, H<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, HCOO<sup>-</sup>
- Ionization mode: positive, negative, or a neutral species
- Charge state: from the lowest to the highest
- Isotopologues: how many and which ones

### FT processing settings:

- FTMS instrument and model: ICR/MRMS, Orbitraps
- Harmonics order: which harmonic to calculate  $\bullet$
- Resolution: at target peak, instrument setting, transient length •
- FT mode: absorption or magnitude •
- Apodization window: none, full (Kaiser), half (semi Kaiser)
- Number of zero fills: 0, 1, 2, or 3
- Sampling rate (digitization frequency): 1, 2, 4, or 6 MHz, or any
- Noise (added to the transient): noise amplitude
- Decay rate: ion signal decay rate in a transient, e<sup>-(decay rate)</sup>
- Phase: initial phase (angle) of ion detection in a transient



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### **Compound Definition**





### **Compound Settings**

- Set realistic abundance thresholds for the isotopic pattern/profile calculations
- Lower treshold provide higher accuracy simulations, but are computation-heavy





# /profile calculations re computation-heavy

### **Compound Settings**

- Engine: Speed vs. Accuracy; the more accurate, but slow default mode
- Use «Turbo (protein mode)» when simulating compounds heavier than 30 kDa





# – default mode heavier than 30 kDa

### FT Processing Settings: Frequency



Orbitrap models: <u>https://planetorbitrap.com/</u>

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FT-ICR 7T
FT-ICR 9.4T
FT-ICR 10T
FT-ICR 12T
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Orbitrap XL™
Orbitrap Velos™
Orbitrap Elite™
Orbitrap QEx™
Orbitrap QExF™
Orbitrap QExUHMR™
Orbitrap Exploris™
Orbitrap QExHF™
Orbitrap Fusion™

### FT Processing Settings: Resolution

- Orbitrap resolution settings are typically estimated at *m*/z 200 (eFT mode)
- The original LTQ Orbitrap models estimate resolution at *m*/*z* 400 (mFT or eFT)





### **on** 200 (eFT mode) 1/z 400 (mFT or eFT)

### FT Processing Settings: Resolution

• LTQ FT ICR MS resolution settings are estimated at *m/z* 400 (mFT mode)

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- transient cause multiple false peaks in spectrum

- Resulting mass spectrum
- Zoomed onto a single peak



### FT Processing Settings: Apodization



- Raw transient
- Squared off ends of transient cause multiple false peaks in spectrum



Multiply transient by apodization function







- Full window (Kaiser)
- No sharp edges ullet
- No Gibbs oscillations

- But.
- Slight loss in resolution
- And loss in sensitivity •

### FT Processing Settings: Apodization



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Multiply transient by apodization function



- Half window (Kaiser)  ${\color{black}\bullet}$
- No sharp edges lacksquare
- No Gibbs oscillations lacksquare

- But.
- Slight loss in resolution
- And loss in sensitivity •

## FT Processing Settings: Apodization Absorption mode FT (aFT)



For details see: http://www.kilgourlab.com/absorption-mode-for-ft-ms/



### Apodization in aFT improves peak shape and removes artefacts, but

### reduces peak abundance and resolution

### **Full** window apodization produces characteristic negative side lobes

### Technically it is harder to generate half spectra with

### FT Processing Settings: Apodization





### resolution, but

# Suggested apodization window for aFT: half

# Enhanced FT (eFT) combines mFT/aFT Peak bottom (50%): **unapodized** mFT

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## FT Processing Settings: **Zero-fills**

How to improve peak digitization for enhanced resolution and mass accuracy?





### An alternative: zero-fills (pads)





# ~1 M zeroes





# Peak picking: a 3-point parabolic interpolation

### Typically in FTMS: 1-2 zero-fills



example: two waves of the same frequency and amplitude, but different phase

For details see: http://www.kilgourlab.com/absorption-mode-for-ft-ms/

## FT Processing Settings: Phase (Angle)

- Example: 7 T FT-ICR MS of SFMS, absorption mode FT, full window (Kaiser)
- Phase shift results in peak artefacts: peak position (m/z) and abundance
- Accurate phasing is crucial for artefact-free aFT mass spectra



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