

Installation Instruction for a Low Pressure Gradient System

The Low-Pressure Gradient is a Professional IC system for the fully automatic determination of anions or cations with suppression, using gradient elution created by time-controlled valve shifts. It safely masters all routine tasks in ion chromatography, is simple to use, flexible and reliable.



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1. Recommended equipment

No.	Article no.	Article designation
Instruments		
1	2.940.1550	940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/PP/LPG
or		
1	2.940.1450	940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/LPG
1	2.850.9010	IC Conductivity Detector
1	2.858.0020	858 Professional Sample Processor - Pump
Software		
1	6.6059.312	MagIC Net 3.1 Professional

Optional depending on analysis

1	6.2041.440	Sample rack 148 x 11 mL + 3 x 300 mL
1	6.2041.760	Sample rack 54 x 11 mL + 1 x 300 mL
1	6.2743.050	Sample tubes 11 mL
1	6.2743.070	Stopper with perforation
1	6.1031.420	Metrosep A Supp 16 - 150/4.0
1	6.1031.500	Metrosep A Supp 16 Guard/4.0
1	6.1052.420	Metrosep C Supp 1 - 150/4.0
1	6.1052.500	Metrosep C Supp 1 Guard/4.0
1	6.1014.000	Metrosep A Trap 1 - 100/4.0
1	6.1015.000	Metrosep C Trap 1 - 100/4.0
1	6.2832.000	MSM Rotor A
1	6.2842.000	MSM-HC Rotor A
1	6.2842.200	MSM-HC Rotor C
1	6.2842.020	Adapter Vario to MSM and MSM-LC
1	2.941.0010	Eluent Production Module
1	6.5330.090	IC Equipment: Additional eluent for 941
1	6.5330.130	IC Equipment: LQH Station
1	6.5330.190	IC Equipment: Dosino Regeneration

2. Parts used for Low Pressure Gradient installation (included in scope of delivery of 940)

2	6.1602.160	Eluent bottle cap GL 45
2	6.16008.070	Eluent bottle / 2 L / GL 45
2	6.1609.000	Adsorbing tube, large and bent
2	6.1834.080	Aspiration tubing, 2 m
1	6.1834.120	Tubing connection Degasser – mixing valve, 215 mm
2	6.2023.020	Clip for SGJ 14/15
2	6.2744.210	Tubing adaptor for aspiration filter
1	6.2758.020	Mixing coil for low pressure gradients
2	6.2821.090	Aspiration filter

Up to three different eluents can be mixed using the low-pressure gradient. The three valves are normally closed. The valves are opened long enough during each pump cycle so that the desired portion of eluent flows and then the valves are closed again. This also results in all of the valves audibly opening and closing if 100% of a solution is being pumped.

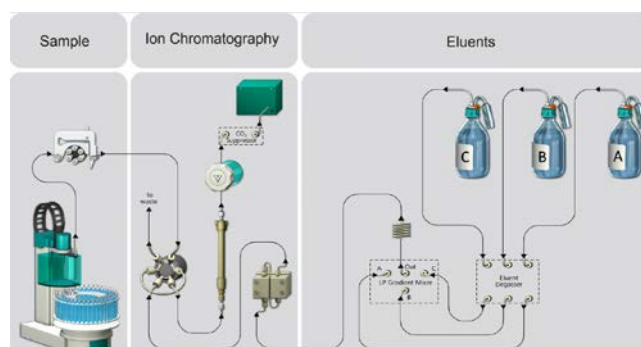
The eluent gradient generated in the mixing valve is aspirated by the high pressure pump and led into the IC system. Due to the physical limitations of the mixing valve, the flow cannot exceed 3 mL/min when using a low pressure gradient.

We recommend using the low-pressure gradient for eluent portions of 10 to 90%.

3. Installation

Following is a detailed description of how to install a Low Pressure Gradient system.

The whole setup will in the end look like this:



We strongly recommend that the individual steps are carried out in the order given below.

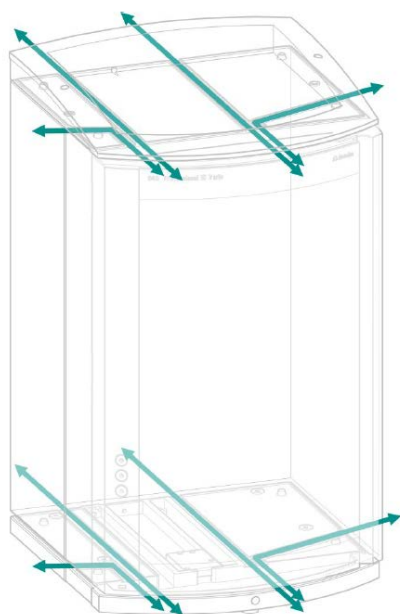
3.1. Installation of the software

All programs must be shut down first. Make sure no Metrohm instrument is connected to the PC. Install MagIC Net. All standard directories proposed by the program should be accepted.

From now on, every new Metrohm instrument connected to the PC will automatically be recognized and its driver will be installed. A window will pop up in MagIC Net, asking if you would like to store this device in your configuration. The names will be checked later in this installation instruction but it is recommended to use the proposed instrument names.

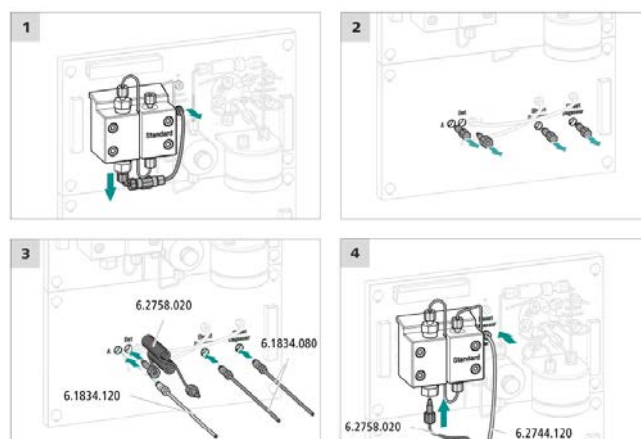
3.2. Installation of the eluent tubing of eluent B and C and connection to the high pressure pump

Both additional eluent tubings (6.1834.080) have to be installed on the IC first. For this, connect them to the Eluent Degassers B & C and lead the tubing to the back of the instrument, using one of the many feed-throughs.



The eluent degasser outlets (from all three eluent degassers) need to be connected to the low pressure valve using the connection tubing (6.1834.110).

The single outlet of the low pressure valve is led to the mixing coil for low pressure gradient (6.2758.020), which leads to the high pressure pump inlet check valve holder.

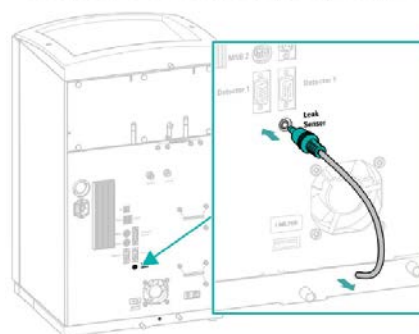


3.3. Accessory Kit: Vario/Flex Basic (6.5000.000)

Using the Accessory Kit Vario/Flex Basic, install the 940 Professional IC Vario. Place the detector block in the instrument and connect the detector cable in the back of the instrument. Remove the transport locking screws, connect the leak sensor cable and connect the drainage tubing.

Plugging in the leak sensor connection cable

The leak sensor connection cable is coiled up in the base tray



Remove the transport locking screws

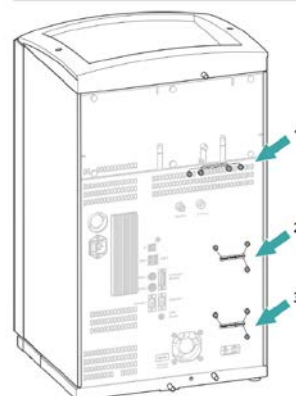


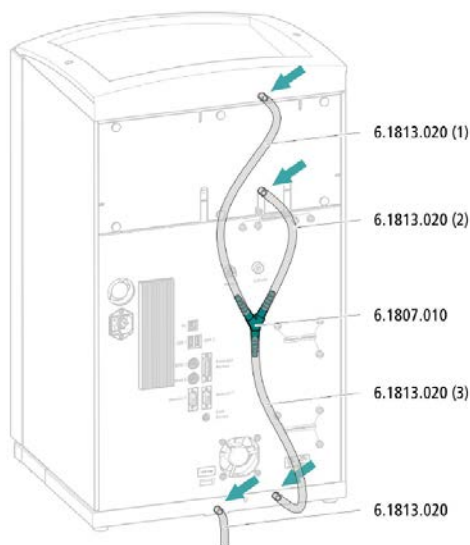
Figure 6 Removing the transport locking screws

1 Transport locking screws
For the vacuum pump.

2 Transport locking screws
For the high-pressure pump.

3 Transport locking screws
For an additional high-pressure pump in the bottom drawer.

Connecting the drainage tubing

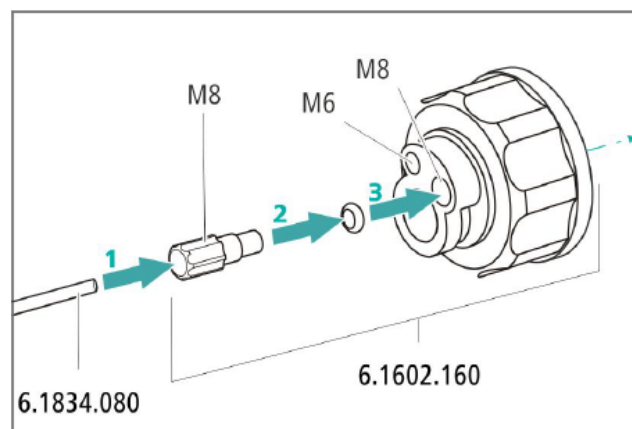


In continuation, set up the waste collector by assembling the cap and screwing it onto the vessel. Then hang the waste collector with its holder on one of the sides of the IC. Make sure you have an unobstructed view to the collector, so you can later observe the droplets coming out of the capillaries connected to the collector. Attach the waste tube to the vessel and lead it to the waste canister. When the tube is too long, please shorten it, because it is important to have a high level difference for the liquid to drain.

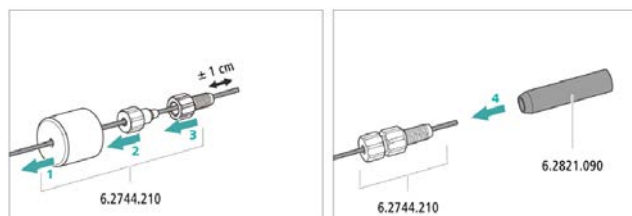
The power cable and USB cable for connection of the IC to the PC (6.2151.020) are plugged into the rear of the Professional IC Vario. Please don't switch on the instrument yet. This step will follow after the completed installation.

3.4. Accessory Kit: Vario/Flex ONE (6.5000.010)

In the box with the Accessory Kit ONE, you will find all the accessories for setting up one eluent bottle. The accessories for the other two eluent bottles can be found in the scope of delivery of the 940 Professional IC Vario. Please lead the aspiration tubes for the eluent through the M8 stoppers, the O-rings and the eluent caps.



Then fix the white weights (6.2744.210), the adapters (6.2744.210) and the aspiration filters (6.2821.090) on the eluent aspiration tubes, all the while being careful not to touch the filters and its connections with bare hands in order to avoid cross-contamination.



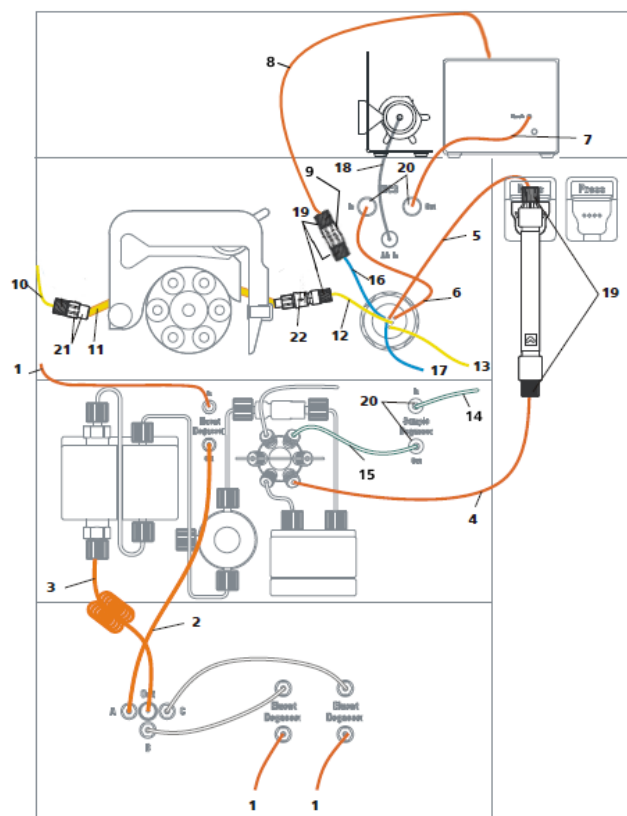
Also fix the filled adsorber tubes on the eluent caps. Please refer to the 940 Professional IC Vario manual for a detailed description.

3.5. 940 Professional IC Vario

Capillaries are connected according to the following list and the diagram below. In this case the suppressor is regenerated via peristaltic pumps, if the Dosino Regeneration is applied, please refer to the AB-395:

1. Connection to the eluent bottles (Eluent A, B, C)
2. Connection from Eluent Degasser (Eluent A)
3. Mixing Capillary
4. Connecting Capillary from Injection Valve to Separation Column
5. Connecting Capillary from Separation Column to Suppressor
6. MSM outlet capillary – labeled with *Out*, which has to be connected to the MCS with a long PEEK pressure screw (6.2477.090)
7. Capillary from MCS to anion detector, a long PEEK pressure screw (6.2744.090) is used for the MCS connection
8. Detector outlet capillary connected to the MSM inlet capillary (16) – labeled with *rinse solution*

9. Coupling (6.2744.040) Capillary from Regenerant Solution
10. Regeneration solution aspiration capillary – PTFE, 0.5 mm ID, connected to the bottle with 100 mmol/L sulfuric acid
11. Peristaltic pump tubing with orange/yellow stoppers (6.1803.030)
12. MSM regeneration inlet capillary – labeled with 'regenerant'
13. MSM regeneration solution outlet capillary – labeled with 'waste reg.' to be connected to the waste collector
14. Connecting Capillary (6.1831.160) from Sample Processor peristaltic pump to Sample Degasser (installation of Sample Degasser is optional and not recommended!)
15. Connecting Capillary from Sample Degasser to Injection Valve (installation of Sample Degasser is optional and not recommended!)
16. MSM rinsing solution inlet capillary - labeled with 'rinsing solution'
17. MSM rinsing solution outlet capillary – labeled with 'waste rins.' to be connected to the waste collector
18. Connecting Capillary from Cartridge to MCS
19. High Pressure PEEK Screws
20. MCS and Sample Degasser In-/Outlet
21. Tubing Olives
22. Tubing Olives with inline filter



Make sure that all outlet capillaries are put into the waste collector and prepare the appropriate eluents for your column and gradient choice. Fill them into the respective 2 L eluent bottles. Likewise, prepare the regeneration solution for the MSM and fill it into the 1 L bottle to be aspirated via the peristaltic pump tubing to the suppressor.

3.6. 858 Professional Sample Processor

It is recommended to work with a Sample Processor when operating an instrument with gradient. It is of utmost importance that the injection of the sample happens always at exactly the same moment of the gradient profile. This can only be guaranteed when using the appropriate sample transfer.

3.6.1. Cable connections

In the back of the 858 Professional Sample Processor, please plug in the controller cable (6.2151.000, Cable USB A – mini-DIN 8-pin) into the corresponding Contr. plug. This cable is then plugged into a USB port on the back of the IC.

Then, plug in the Swing Head connection cable on the tower, connect the power cable and turn on the IC.

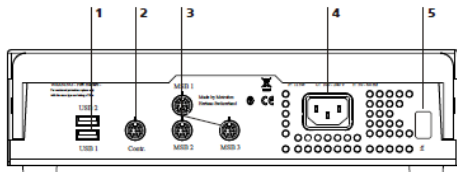


Figure 4 Connector strip

1 USB connectors	2 Controller connector For the connection to the PC or Touch Control.
3 MSB connector For stirrers, dosing devices, Remote Box.	4 Mains connection
5 Type plate Contains specifications concerning mains voltage and serial number.	

3.6.2. Hardware installations

For a detailed installation description, please refer to the 858 Professional Sample Processor manual. In general, as soon as the IC is powered on and recognized by the software, the sample processor initializes and lifts its Swing Head.

Afterwards, the sample needle (6.2846.010) is installed together with the needle holder (6.2833.030) on the swing head of the 858 Professional Sample Processor.

Now, mount the retaining plate and the safety shield (for detailed instructions please refer to the 858 Professional Sample Processor manual).

3.6.3. Liquid Handling

Insert the pump tubing (white/white 6.1826.360) into the peristaltic pump and connect the aspiration side to the needle via a PEEK capillary (6.1831.160) (see also 858 manual).

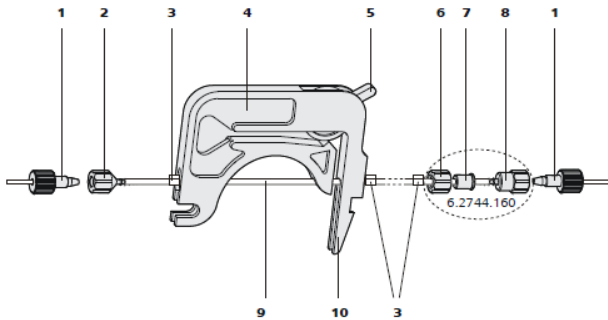


Figure 31 Installing the pump tubing

1 PEEK pressure screws, short (6.2744.070)	2 Tubing olive (6.2744.030)
3 Stopper The colors of the stopper indicate the inner diameter of the pump tubing.	4 Tubing cartridge (6.2755.000)
5 Contact pressure lever	6 Union nut
7 Adapter	8 Tubing olive
9 Pump tubing	10 Snap-action lever

4. MagIC Net configuration

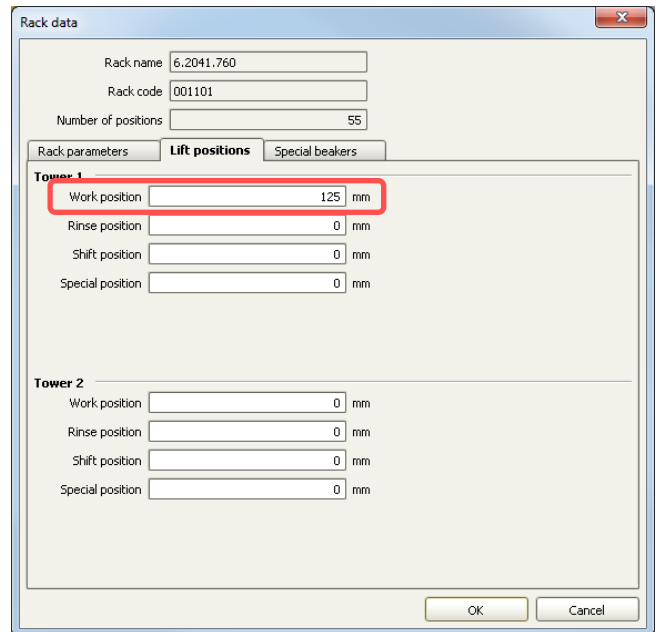
The instruments are connected to the computer via controller cables and their power is turned on. The drivers of the instruments are automatically installed.

Connected USB devices are automatically recognized when MagIC Net is started. After confirmation of the pop-up windows, the devices and columns are stored in the configuration. The devices in most methods are predefined as "940 Professional IC Vario 1" and "858 Professional Sample Processor 1". Name them accordingly, if other names appear in your configuration (e.g. due to changed settings on your computer). The column can be named freely.

Add and define the eluents and the suppressor solution in the configuration window and register the rotor with its serial number.

4.1. 858 Professional Sample Processor

For the rack, the work and shift positions need to be defined. For this purpose open the rack data of the sample processor and adapt the rack parameters according to the numbers here below.

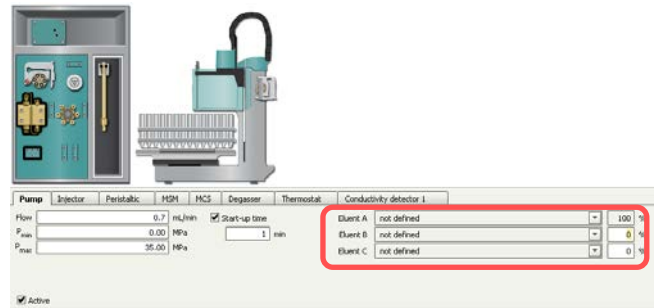


Also define one or more special beakers for rinsing the needle. Fill the appropriate beaker(s) with ultrapure water and place it/them at the defined position(s) on the rack.

Rack data

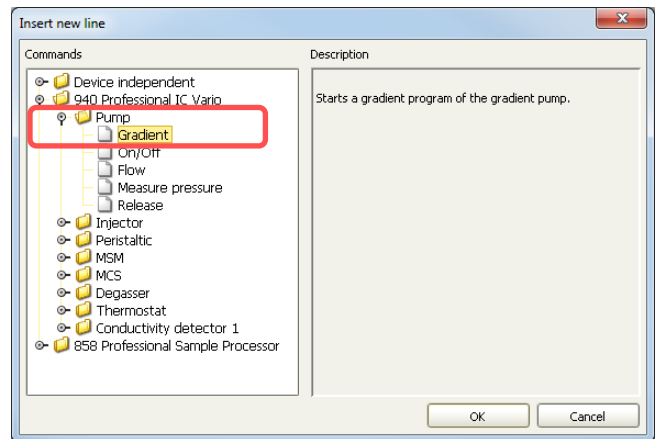
Rack name: 6.2041.760
 Rack code: 001101
 Number of positions: 55

Special beaker	Rack position	Work position Tower 1	Work position Tower 2	Beaker radius	Beaker sensor
1	55	125	0	off	off
2	0	0	0	off	off
3	0	0	0	off	off
4	0	0	0	off	off
5	0	0	0	off	off
6	0	0	0	off	off
7	0	0	0	off	off
8	0	0	0	off	off
9	0	0	0	off	off
10	0	0	0	off	off
11	0	0	0	off	off
12	0	0	0	off	off
13	0	0	0	off	off
14	0	0	0	off	off
15	0	0	0	off	off
16	0	0	0	off	off



As soon as the method is started with "Start HW", the high pressure pump will already aspirate the eluents with the proportions entered in these fields.

The gradient profile will later be started in the time program:



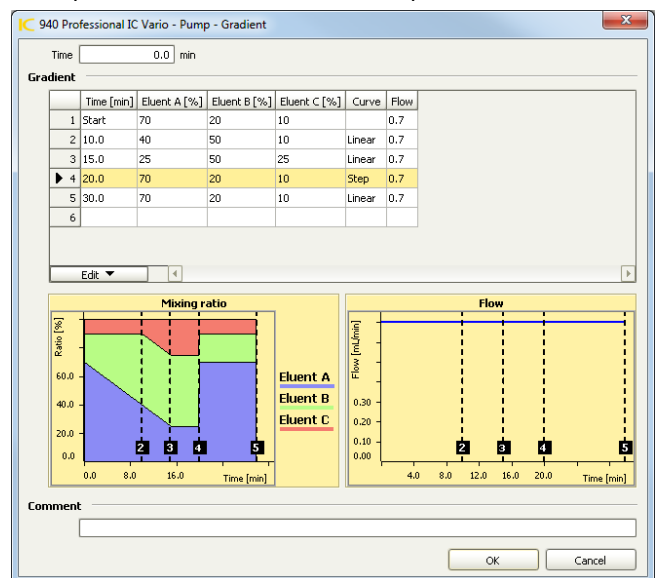
4.2. Import of a Gradient method

From an appropriate Application Work import the method into MagIC Net. As the gradient profile is very dependent on which analytes need to be separated, look for the analytes in the literature database and add additionally the search word "gradient". It is always recommended to start with adapting a method extracted from an Application Work, as developing a completely new one is very time consuming and needs quite some experience.

Transferring a gradient profile from one technique (e.g. High Pressure Gradient) to a Low Pressure Gradient profile is not as simple as one may think. It is therefore recommended to start directly with a Low Pressure Gradient profile as starting point.

Name	Saved	User	Full name	Version	Signal	Method comment
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AMM_ProfIC_Vario_2_An_High_Low	2014-04-03 17:21:5...	sc	Stefanie Czymbora	4	no	Example method for ProfIC_2_Anion(Ultra)Bratic...
AMM_ProfIC_Vario_2_An_High_Lo...	2014-04-07 10:45:0...	sc	Stefanie Czymbora	3	no	Example method for ProfIC_2_Anion(Ultra)Bratic...
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AMM_ProfIC_Vario_2_An_Heated...	2014-04-08 16:03:0...	sc	Stefanie Czymbora	3	no	Example method for ProfIC_2_Anion(Ultra)Bratic...
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Combustion Module Analysis Next...	2013-05-29 16:53:0...	Metrohm	Metrohm	1	no	Example method for Combustion IC analysis next

Example of a Low Pressure Gradient profile:



Adapt the method to your system by adjustment of the instrument type(s) and name(s).

In the device window of your method, you can enter the start parameters of your gradient:

The start parameters of the gradient profile should be the same as the ones defined in the "devices" section of the method. Different curve types exist, either linear or step gradients, which will change the eluent gradually or abruptly

or 4 concave and convex curve options each, which will change the eluent composition due to a logarithmic curve.

It is also recommended to come back to the starting eluent mix for 7-10 minutes before starting the next determination. This helps to avoid retention time shifts due to the full equilibration back to the standard eluent.

4.3. Purge of the system

Before inserting the column, disconnect the “Out” capillary of the suppressor connection piece from the MCS or from the detector and put it into a waste beaker. The suppressor needs to be rinsed with the system first and its waste should not pass through the sensitive MCS and/or detector in the beginning, as loose particles could be flushed out.

Now, please flush the system for about 10 minutes and get rid of air bubbles (by using the purge valve and syringe). During these 10 minutes, step the MSM three times in order to flush all three chambers.

As soon as the whole system is purged, reconnect the suppressor “Out” capillary back to the MCS or the detector.

Now insert and rinse the precolumn for 10 minutes by leading the outlet directly into the waste. Afterwards connect the analytical column and flush it likewise for 10 minutes. Only afterward the column is completely connected to the flow path of the eluent (see also 940 manual). Start the peristaltic pump and adjust the pressure of the lever on the tubing, in order to see the droplets of suppressor regeneration solution drop into the waste collector.

In order to start the equilibration, go to the window work place, load the method, and press “Start HW”.

Equilibrate the system until the baseline is stable.

4.4. Starting a determination series

Please put the analyte solutions on the rack.

In the window workplace in MagIC Net, set up a “determination series”, describing your samples by ident, sample position and sample type (standard, blank, or sample etc.).

When running a gradient with IC it is recommended to always run a Blank/UPW sample as first line of the sample series. This run is needed additionally for equilibration purposes.

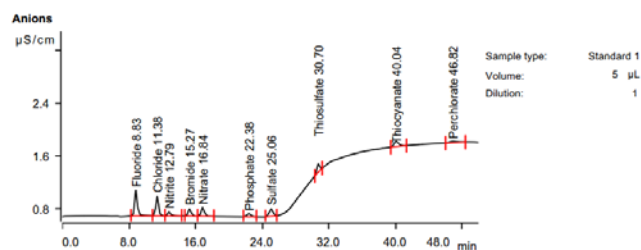
For evaluation and after recording the first standard chromatogram, check the retention times of your components. Since they depend on the performance of your column, you may have to adjust them in your method.

In order to improve the mixing performance, there is the possibility to install a Trap column right in between the high pressure pump and the pulsation dampener. This will result

in a slightly increased dead volume, but the mixing performance is notably improved.

4. Exemplary measurement

Data extracted from AW IC6-1252-052015: Determination of standard anions, thiosulfate, thiocyanate and perchlorate applying a Low Pressure Gradient with the Metrosep A Supp 5 - 250/2.0.



Peak number	Component name	Retention time min	Height µS/cm	Area (µS/cm) x min	Concentration mg/L
1	Fluoride	8.83	0.389	0.157	0.500
2	Chloride	11.38	0.302	0.112	0.500
3	Nitrite	12.79	0.064	0.030	0.500
4	Bromide	15.27	0.110	0.045	0.500
5	Nitrate	16.84	0.133	0.060	0.500
6	Phosphate	22.38	0.045	0.025	0.500
7	Sulfate	25.06	0.116	0.061	0.500
8	Thiosulfate	30.70	0.125	0.049	0.500
9	Thiocyanate	40.04	0.081	0.052	0.500
10	Perchlorate	46.82	0.020	0.022	0.500

Instruments



940 Professional IC Vario	2.940.1550
ONE/SeS/PP/LPG	
IC Conductivity Detector	2.850.9010
858 Professional Sample Processor	2.858.0020
Sample rack: 54 x 11 mL + 1 x 300 mL	6.2041.760
Metrosep A Supp 5 - 250/2.0	6.1006.230
Metrosep A Supp 5 Guard/2.0	6.1006.600
MSM Rotor A	6.2832.000
Adapter sleeve for Suppressor Vario	6.2842.020
MagIC Net 3.1 Professional	6.6059.312
PEEK sample loop 5 µL	6.1825.260
IC equipment: LQH station	6.5330.130

Solutions

Eluent A	ultrapure water + 2% Acetone	
Eluent B	c (Na ₂ CO ₃) = 32 mmol/L c (NaHCO ₃) = 10 mmol/L + 20% Acetone	
Suppressor Regeneration	Solution	c (H ₂ SO ₄) = 100 mmol/L
Suppressor Rinsing	Solution	STREAM

Standard solutions

In ultrapure water [mg/L]

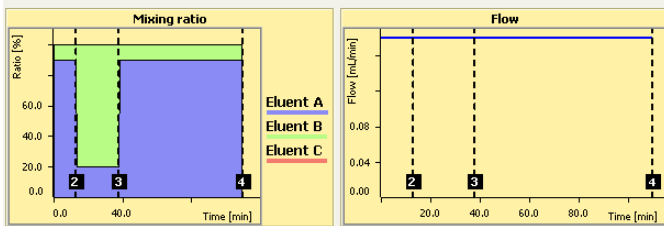
β (std, mg/L)	Std. 1	Std. 2	Std. 3	Std. 4	Std. 5	Std. 6
Fluoride	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Chloride	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Nitrite	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Bromide	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Nitrate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Phosphate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Sulfate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Thiosulfate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Thiocyanate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15
Perchlorate	0.5	1	5	8	10	15

Parameters

Flow rate eluent	0.18 mL/min
Temperature column	25°C
Recording time	50.0 minutes
Determination duration	114.4 minutes
Injection volume	5 µL
Data source	Conductivity detector
Channel	Conductivity
Temp. coefficient	2.3%/°C
Polarity	+
Degasser	On
MSM	Automatic stepping
MCS	On

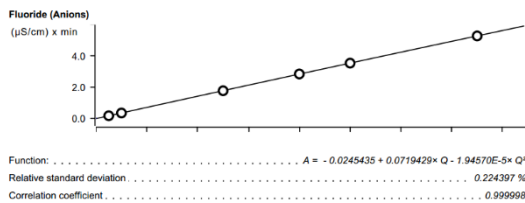
Gradient profile:

	Time [min]	Eluent A [%]	Eluent B [%]	Eluent C [%]	Curve	Flow
1	Start	90	10	0		0.18
2	13.0	20	80	0	Step	0.18
3	38.0	90	10	0	Step	0.18
4	110.0	90	10	0	Linear	0.18
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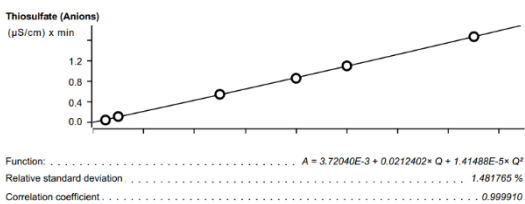


A quadratic calibration for all the analytes with correlation coefficients from 0.999868 to 1.000000 and relative standard deviations from 0.03% to 3.43% was achieved.

Here, two typical calibration curves are shown:



Sample type	Index	Conc.	Volume	Dilution	Sample amount	Area	Ident
Standard 1	1	0.500	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.156945	0.5ppm Standard
Standard 2	1	1.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.334137	1ppm Standard
Standard 3	1	5.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.756562	5ppm Standard
Standard 4	1	8.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	2.828676	8ppm Standard
Standard 5	1	10.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	3.521734	10ppm Standard
Standard 6	1	15.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	5.261421	15ppm Standard



Sample type	Index	Conc.	Volume	Dilution	Sample amount	Area	Ident
Standard 1	1	0.500	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.048671	0.5ppm Standard
Standard 2	1	1.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.117636	1ppm Standard
Standard 3	1	5.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.551079	5ppm Standard
Standard 4	1	8.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.863959	8ppm Standard
Standard 5	1	10.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.106178	10ppm Standard
Standard 6	1	15.000	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.676628	15ppm Standard

Multiple injections (n=8) of a standard containing 2 mg/L of all analytes showed recoveries from 96% to 104% and relative standard deviations from 0.42% to 2.77%.

n = 8	mean concentration [mg/L]	Recovery [%]	RSD [%]
Fluoride	2.06	103	0.54
Chloride	2.03	102	0.42

Nitrite	2.08	104	1.20
Bromide	2.03	102	0.54
Nitrate	2.02	101	0.61
Phosphate	2.04	102	0.53
Sulfate	2.07	104	0.84
Thiosulfate	1.98	99	2.77
Thiocyanate	2.02	101	1.89
Perchlorate	1.92	96	1.27

After the recording time of 50.0 minutes, it takes another 60 minutes to re-equilibrate the system. This is due to the low flow rate of the 2 mm column. For 4 mm columns, the re-equilibration time is around 10 minutes, typically.

6. Optional equipment

5.1. Liquid Handling Station

The Liquid Handling Station (LQH Station) consists of two function units: The rinsing and the dilution unit. As an add-on it is mainly useful for rinsing the needle on the inside and outside, thus minimizing contamination.

The following kit is needed:

Nr	Article no.	Article designation
1	6.5330.130	IC Equipment: LQH Station



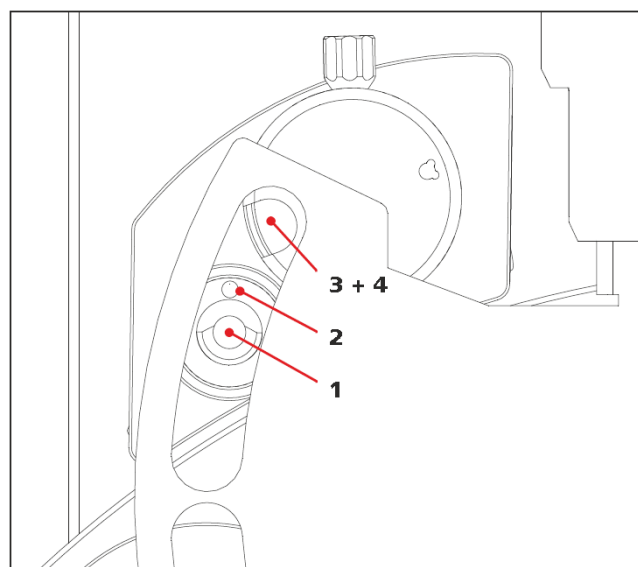
The kit includes:

Nr	Article no.	Article designation
1	6.1014.200	Metrosep I Trap 1 - 100/4.0
1	6.1602.160	Eluent bottle cap GL 45
1	6.1608.070	Eluent bottle /2 L / GL 45
1	6.1619.000	Adsorber tube for Dosing Unit
1	6.1624.000	Adapter SGJ 14
1	6.1826.390	Pump tubing LFL (yellow/yellow) 3 stoppers
1	6.1831.180	PEEK capillary i.D. 0.5 mm, 3 m
1	6.2744.010	Pressure screw 5x
1	6.2744.034	Coupling nozzle UNF 10/32
1	6.2841.120	Liquid Handling Station left

The installation of the LQH Station is done in two steps: First mount and align the Liquid Handling Station on the left hand side of the Sample Processor. To accomplish this, remove the sample rack and place the Liquid Handling Station on the black rail of the Sample Processor. Secure it temporarily in

place with the screw and then loosen the small screws of the foot. The rack is replaced on the Sample Processor and the small screws are fixed in a way that the approximate distance between LHS and rack is 0.5-1 mm.

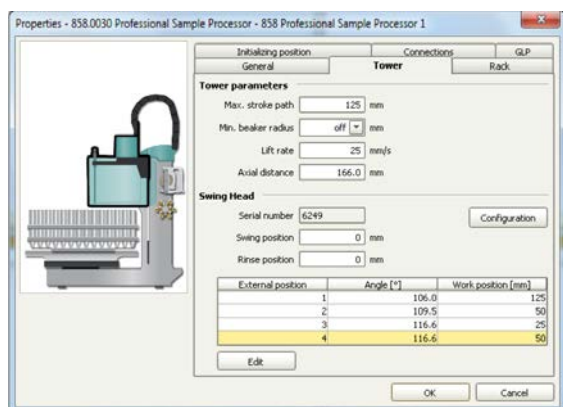
Now the Liquid Handling Station needs to be aligned with the retaining plate. For this, loosen the big screw again and move the Station underneath the retaining plate. Looking from above you should now be able to see the small hole of the rinsing unit and part of the big hole of the dilution vessel, similar to the following image.



When you have found the correct position, please tighten the screw to fix the LQH Station completely to the Sample Processor.

In a second step, the work positions for the sample tube need to be defined in the configuration.

Please go to the configuration of the Sample Processor. Under Tower it is possible to define external positions of the swing head. For rinsing purposes, only the External Position 1 (small inner tube) and the External Position 2 (outer tube of rinsing unit) have to be defined. The proposed angles are only guiding values; they need to be adapted for every system separately. This can be done easily by adjusting the angles in the manual control window. As soon as you have found the correct angles, make sure to save them in the configuration. The work positions are fixed for all of the different setups.



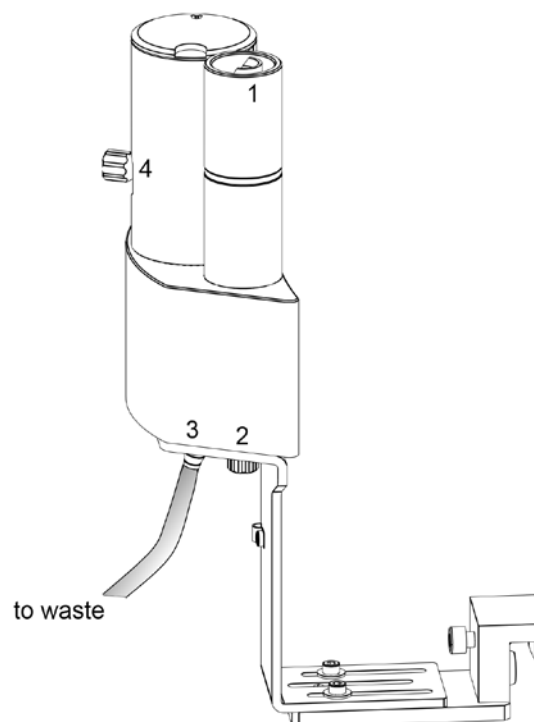
Depending on the available parts, the water supply to the Liquid Handling Station is managed differently. The inner tube of the rinsing unit is meant to be filled constantly with fresh Ultrapure Water, so the aspiration needle can be thoroughly cleaned from the outside.

All possibilities have the waste tube in common, Number 3 in the following image. Please fix the PVC tubing (6.1801.120) on the disposal connector on the bottom of the Liquid Handling Station.

If there is a free peristaltic pump channel, there is the possibility to connect a water bottle with a peristaltic pump tubing and lead a capillary to the PEEK pressure screw on the bottom of the Liquid Handling Station (Number 2 on the following schemata). Between the peristaltic pump and the LQH Station, please install an I-Trap (6.1014.200) into the flow path to cleanse the water before it goes into the IC system.

Another possibility arises with a Dosino:

Similar to the setup with the peristaltic pump before, connect one of the Dosino ports with a capillary to the PEEK pressure screw (Nr. 2) on the Liquid Handling Station. Then use the Dosino to push water from below into the rinsing unit when needed. Here, it is recommended to install an I-Trap (6.1014.200) into the flow path of the water, in order that the water is cleansed from all impurities that could build in the water reservoir.



Number 4 of the picture above shows the attachment point of a capillary in case of a dilution feature and Number 1 indicates the rinsing entity.

In the time program you can treat the external positions like a special beaker: Just move to the wanted angle, go into work position and start the Dosino or the peristaltic pump. Make sure to always dispose the waste in the external position 2.

5.2. Eluent Production Module

The 941 Eluent Production Module creates fresh new eluent out of eluent concentrate and ultrapure water. For installation instructions and further information, please refer to the 941 Eluent Production Module manual.

5.3. Alternative MSM rinsing and regeneration methods

For alternative suppressor rinsing and regeneration methods and setups, please refer to the AB-395.