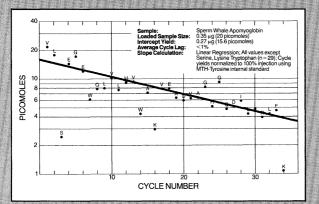


BIOSYSTEMS UPDATE

Gas-Phase Protein Sequencing A Progress Report

Less than two years ago, Applied Biosystems introduced new gas-phase protein sequencing technology which, though in its infancy, set new standards of analytical performance and sensitivity. We are now pleased to announce the first in a series of improvements in chemistry, programming and hardware which begin to further realize the still untapped potential of the Model 470A Gas-Phase Protein Sequencer.

Changes in the coupling, cleavage and solvent extraction times, and use of an optional miniature sample cartridge, substantially in-



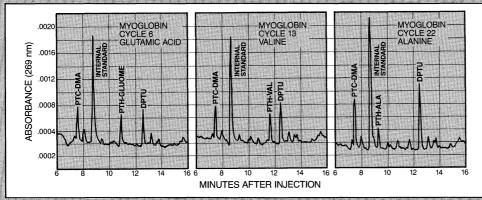
34 residues of 20 picomoles of sperm whale apomyoglobin. Repetitive yield is 96% calculated from the least squares linear regression plot of individual amino acids quantitatively recovered at each sequenced cycle. Lag averages less than 1%/cycle.

crease repetitive yields and decrease lag on picomole level samples. Sequencer artifacts which can interfere with high sensitivity PTH-AA chromatography are also reduced by a factor of three to five.

The improvements are particularly dramatic with peptides. A user evaluating our new chemistry has reported sequencing the octapeptide angiotensin II to completion with only 25 picomoles of sample.

A new miniature PTH conversion flask increases typical PTH-AA recovery to greater than 95%. The improvement is most significant on serine, threonine and tryptophan since drying times are reduced threefold.

Best of all, these improvements, and others still under development, are designed to be compatible with every instrument we've built so our current users will continue to be at the leading edge of protein sequencing technology. The 470A Gas-Phase Protein Sequencer is capable of setting even higher performance standards and Applied Biosystems, in collaboration with many of our users, is continuing to investigate further improvements to this remarkable instrument. Write or phone if you'd like more information.



Actual HPLC chromatograms, without background subtraction or data enhancement, of residues 6, 13 and 22 from sequencing analysis of 20 picomoles of sperm whale apomyoglobin. The data illustrate the low background and high sensitivity of the Model 470A Gas-Phase Protein Sequencer.*

*Chromatography: IBM Cyano Column. Internal Standard: MTH tyrosine. PTH yields normalized to 100% injection: Cycle 6 (glutamic acid)—11.7 pmol, cycle 13 (valine)—9.1 pmol, cycle 22 (alanine) 6.2 pmol. PTC-DMA, phenylthiocarbamyldimethylamine; DPTU, diphenylthiourea.



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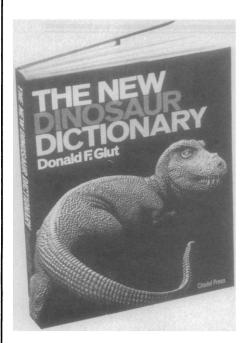
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A Biological Survey of the United States

In this era of enhanced public awareness of the effects of acid rain. pesticides, industrial pollution, and other impacts of man on the environment, there is also a deficit of basic information on the composition of the biota of the United States. There has been considerable progress in the study of living organisms during the past two centuries, but no concerted effort has been undertaken to survey the entire U.S. fauna and flora. Less than one third of the organisms and their developmental stages that occur in this country have been described.

Most species surveys have been ad hoc and concerned with discrete groups of organisms in limited geographical areas. A few states (California, Florida, Illinois, New York, and Ohio among them) support biological surveys. The National Marine Fisheries Service publishes a series of identification manuals on the marine flora and fauna of the northeastern United States, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prints the North American Fauna on vertebrates. But most of the terrestrial flora and the terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates have not been described taxonomically, and identification manuals are rare or nonexistent even for many economically important groups.

Yet, without more extensive knowledge of the species components of the biota, it is virtually impossible to understand the effects of man's activities on natural habitats. Environmental impact statements are often superficial because many species encountered in a study area were previously unknown or recorded from only a few widely dispersed habitats; little or nothing is known about their true distribution and biology. Even information on the biota of our national, state, and local parks is limited principally to the conspicuous animals and plants; little or no data are available on the less visible but far larger portions of park wildlife. The 97th Congress was able to defeat all the proposed amendments to the Clean Air Act concerning acid rain because the legislators noted that more detailed information on the effect of this phenomenon was required. However, the basic taxonomic data needed to assess the effects are not available.

In 1977 the Canadian government initiated a biological survey in order to address such problems, and similar research has been done in other parts of the world. Countries where comprehensive surveys are conducted include Australia, Hungary, India, Israel, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and the Soviet Union. Some of these surveys were begun more than 60 years ago.

The United States has yet to support a national survey, but a proposal for a Biological Survey of the United States (BISUS) has been presented to Congress. The program would (i) establish a survey to describe the plants and animals of the United States, (ii) fund basic taxonomic research on the biota, and (iii) produce identification manuals, species catalogs, atlases of biotic surveys, group classification systems, and other publications.

In 1982 and 1983, four national scientific organizations (including the AAAS) and two regional ones, altogether representing more than 150,000 members, passed or supported resolutions requesting that the federal government provide funds for a comprehensive biological survey. A proposal to initiate BISUS is now before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. It is clear that agencies concerned with agriculture, forestry, fisheries, wildlife, and parks would benefit from BISUS. The public, science, and conservation programs would all be well served by such an important program.—MICHAEL KOSZTARAB, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg 24061



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