

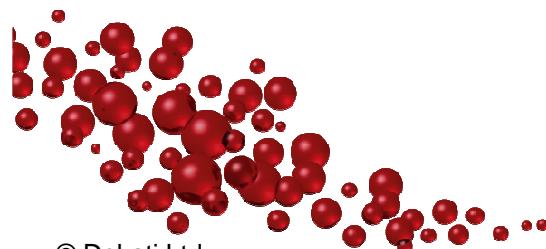
# ELPI+™

Electrical Low Pressure  
Impactor



# ELPI+™: Electrical Low Pressure Impactor

- Number size distribution and concentration
  - Real-time, 10 Hz
- 6 nm - 10 µm
  - 14 size fractions
- Particles are collected
  - Enables subsequent chemical analysis on the collected samples
- Wide dynamic range
  - From outdoor air to power plant stack concentrations



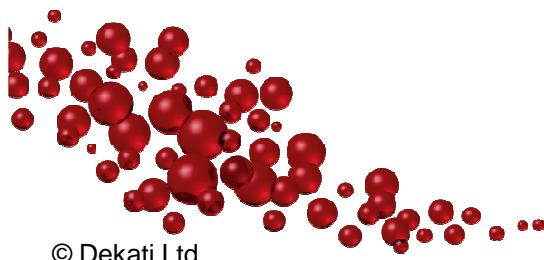
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# ELPI+™ Operating Principle

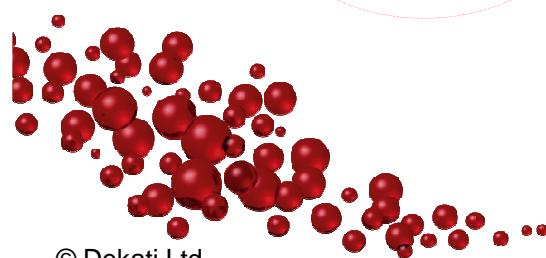
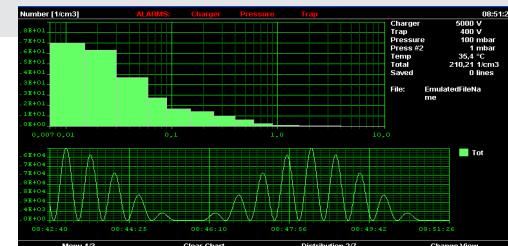
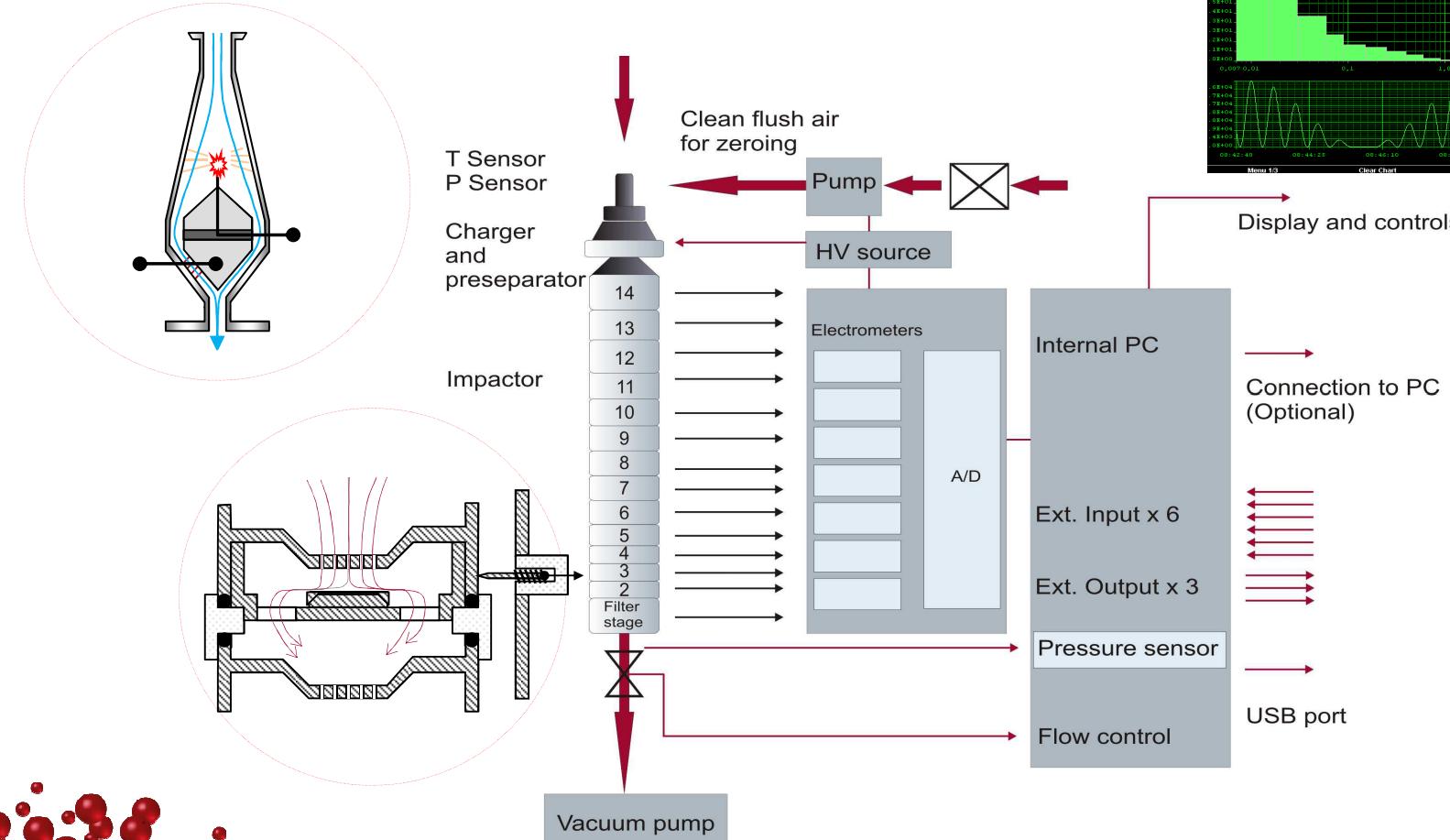
- Operation based on three main components:
  1. Impactor
    - Particle size fractionation
  2. Charger
    - Particle are charged before fractionating
  3. Electrometers
    - Current distribution - directly proportional to number distribution
    - Fast, sensitive



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# ELPI+™ Operating Principle

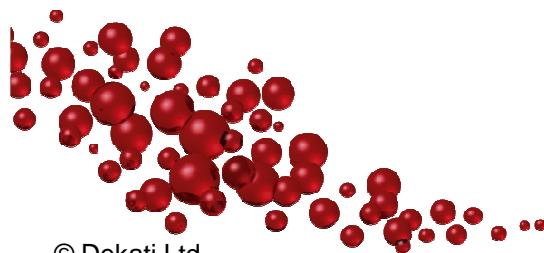
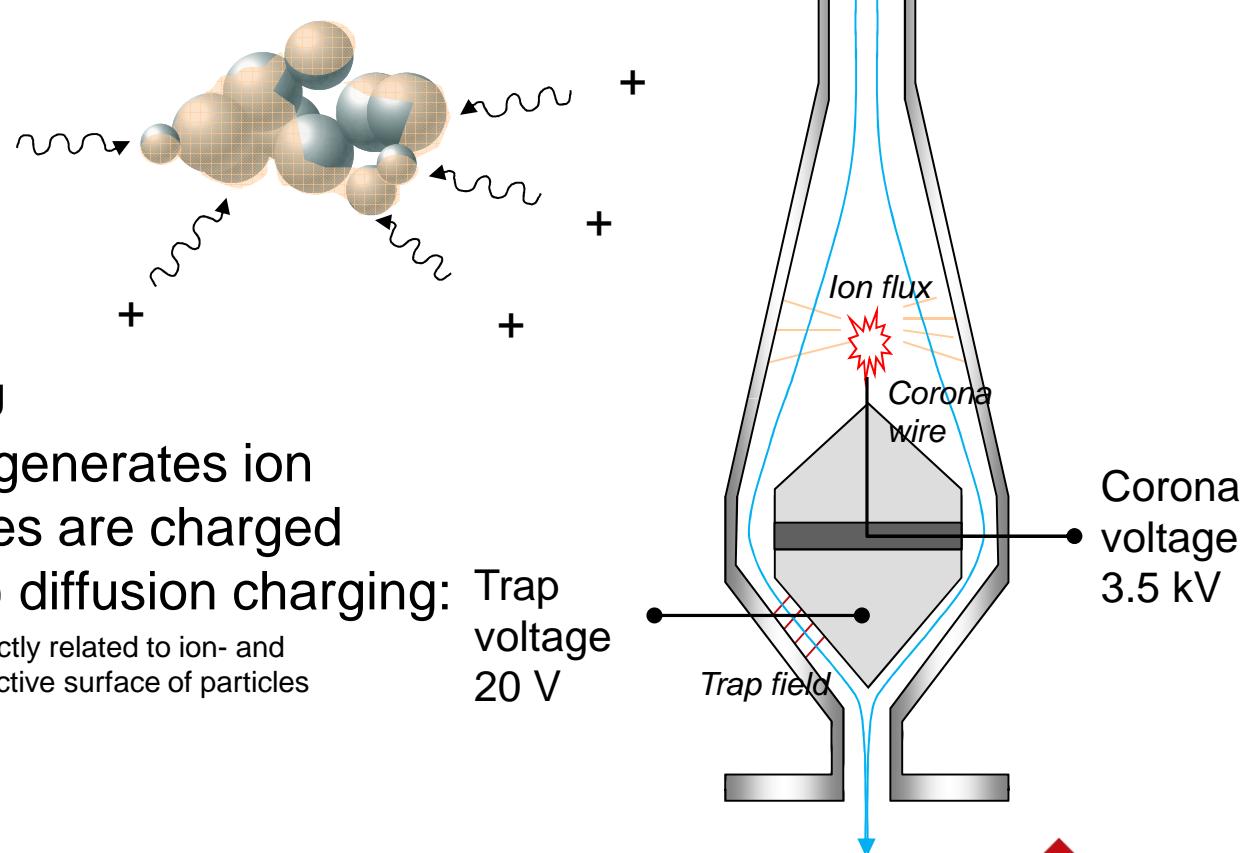


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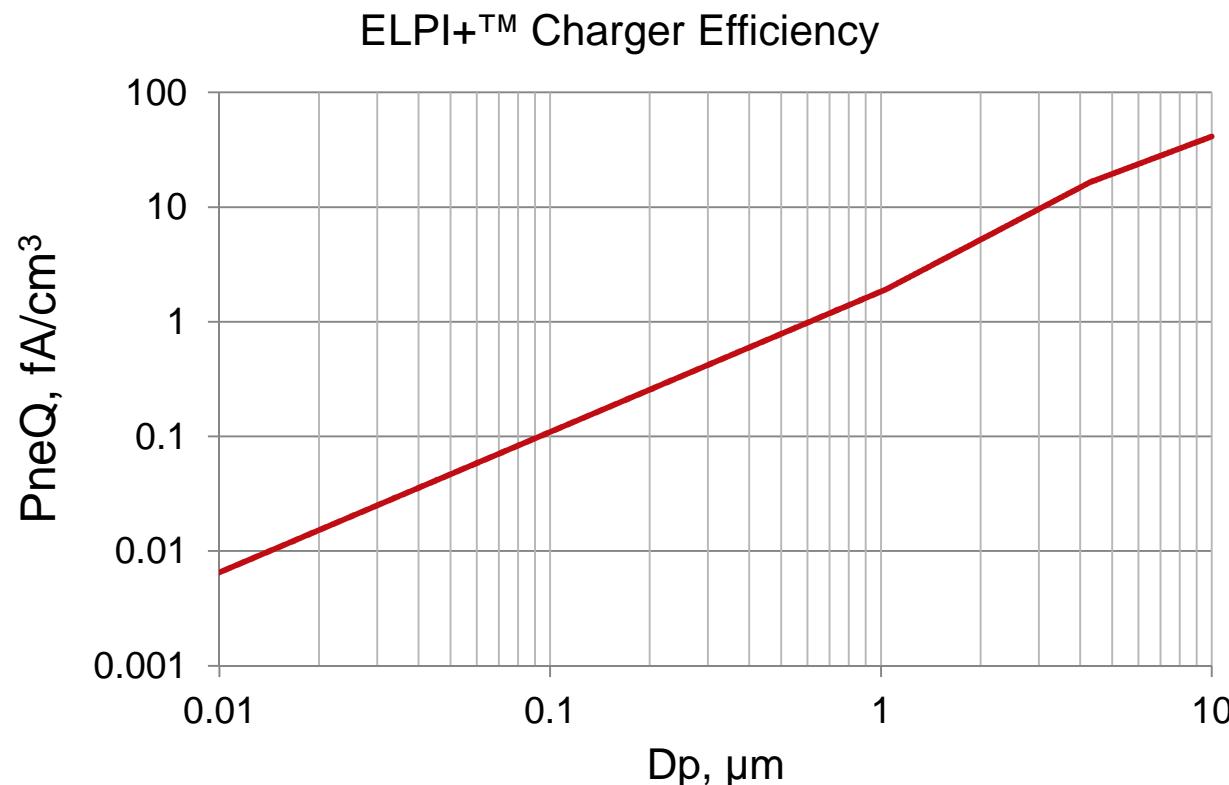
# ELPI+™ Charger

- Corona charger
  - Unipolar (+)
  - Diode-type
- Charging
  - Corona discharge
  - Diffusion charging
- ELPI+™ charger generates ion plume and particles are charged based on (mainly) diffusion charging:
  - Charge of particles is directly related to ion- and condensation sinks and active surface of particles



# Charger Calibration

Järvinen, A., Aitomaa, M., Rostedt, A., Keskinen, J., and Yli-Ojanperä, J., Calibration of the new electrical low pressure impactor (ELPI+), *J. Aerosol Sci.* 69, 150-159, 2014



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$$P_n = \begin{cases} 68.531 \cdot D_p^{1.225}, & D_p < 1.035\mu m \\ 67.833 \cdot D_p^{1.515}, & 1.035\mu m \leq D_p \leq 4.282\mu m \\ 126.83 \cdot D_p^{1.085}, & D_p > 4.282\mu m \end{cases}$$

# ELPI+™ Impactor



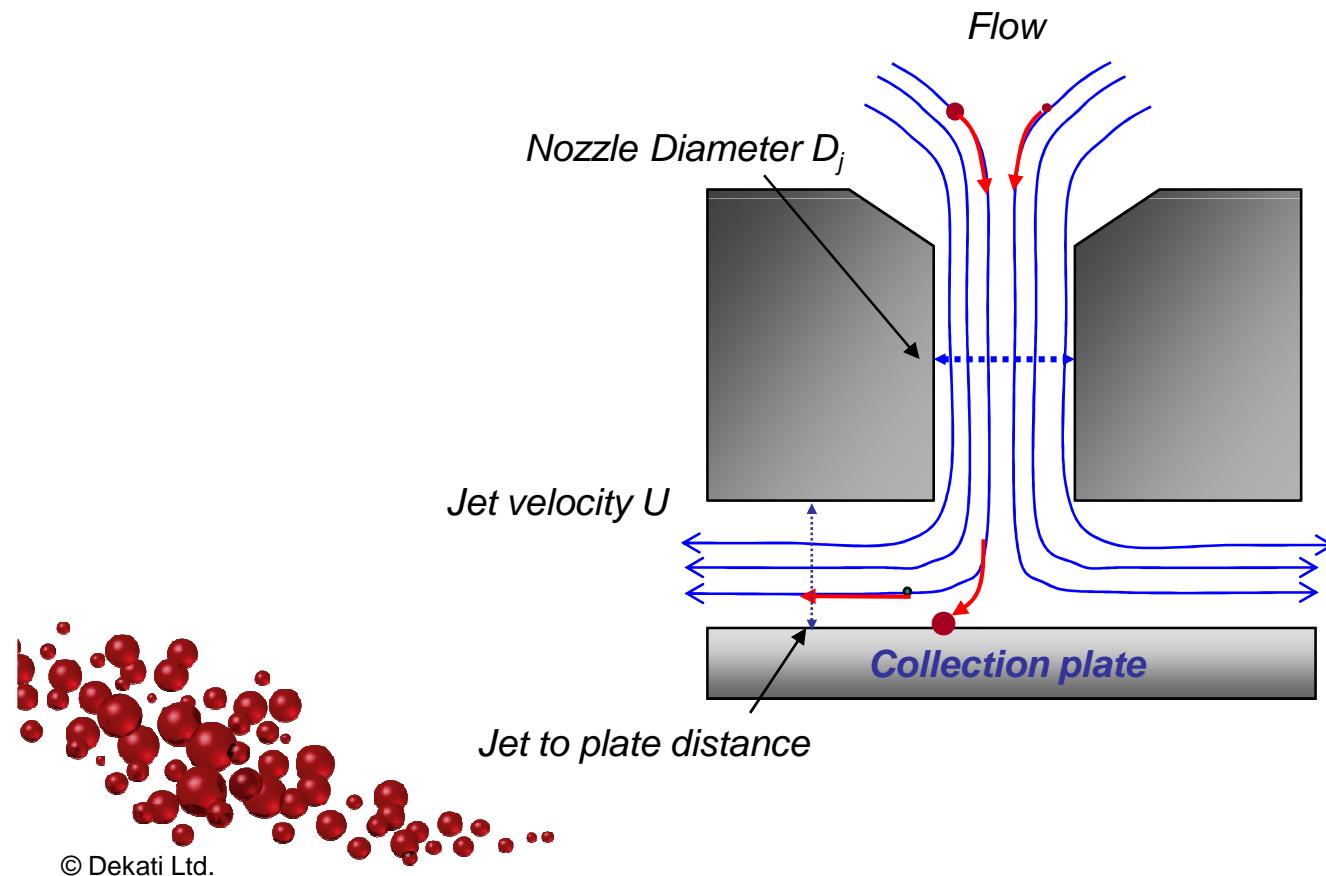
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- 15 stage SS cascade low-pressure impactor
- Small deposit area, 25 mm
- 40 mbar low pressure
- 6 nm – 10 µm
- Stage 1 (6-16 nm) integrated filter

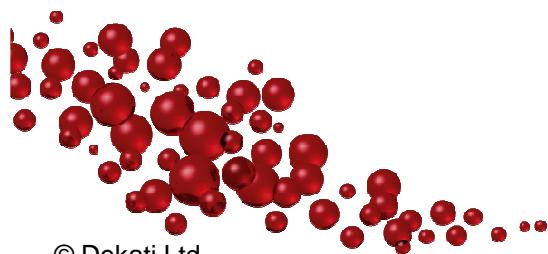
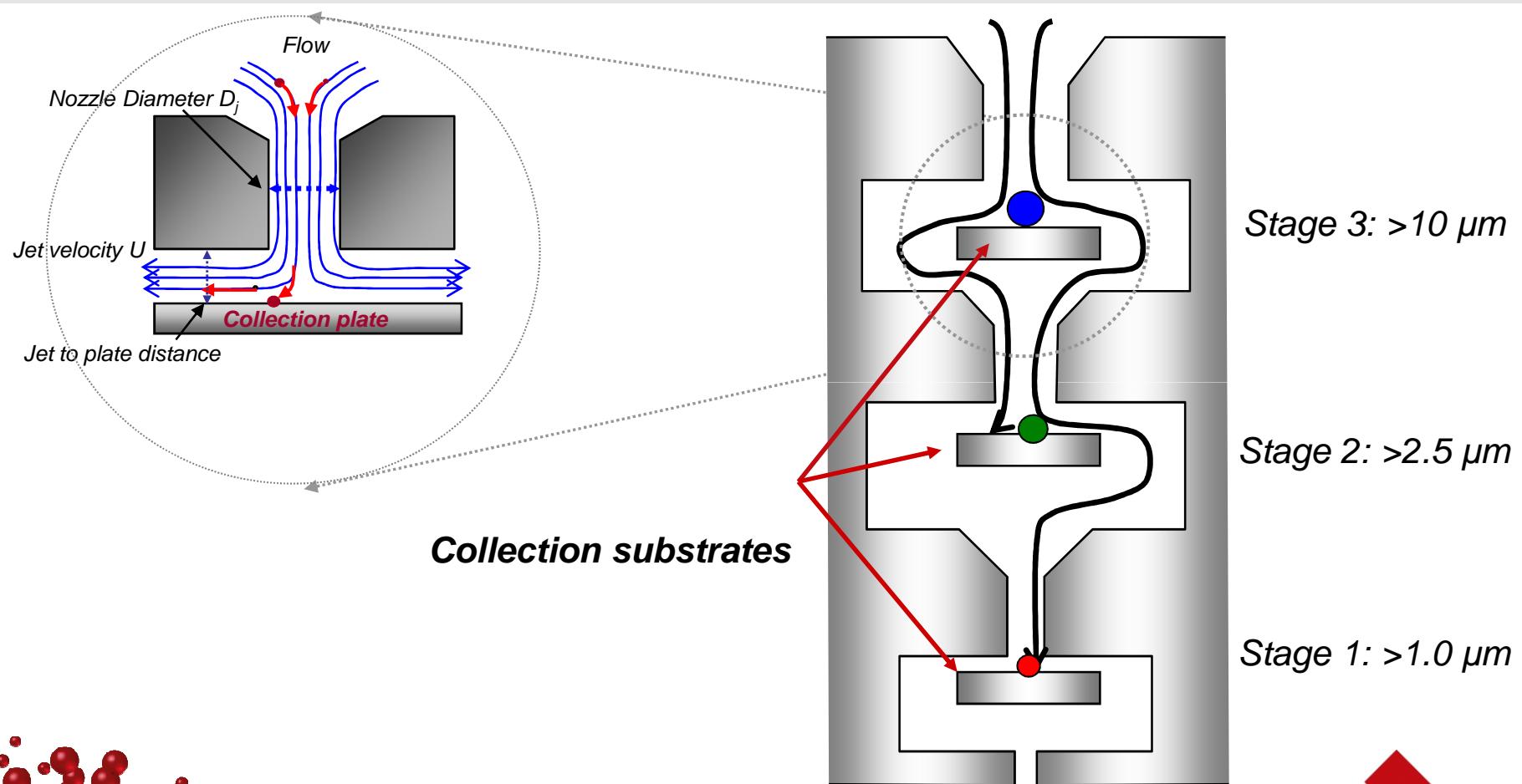


# Impactor

- Aerodynamic diameter
- Gas velocity and dimensions different in different stages



# Cascade Impactor



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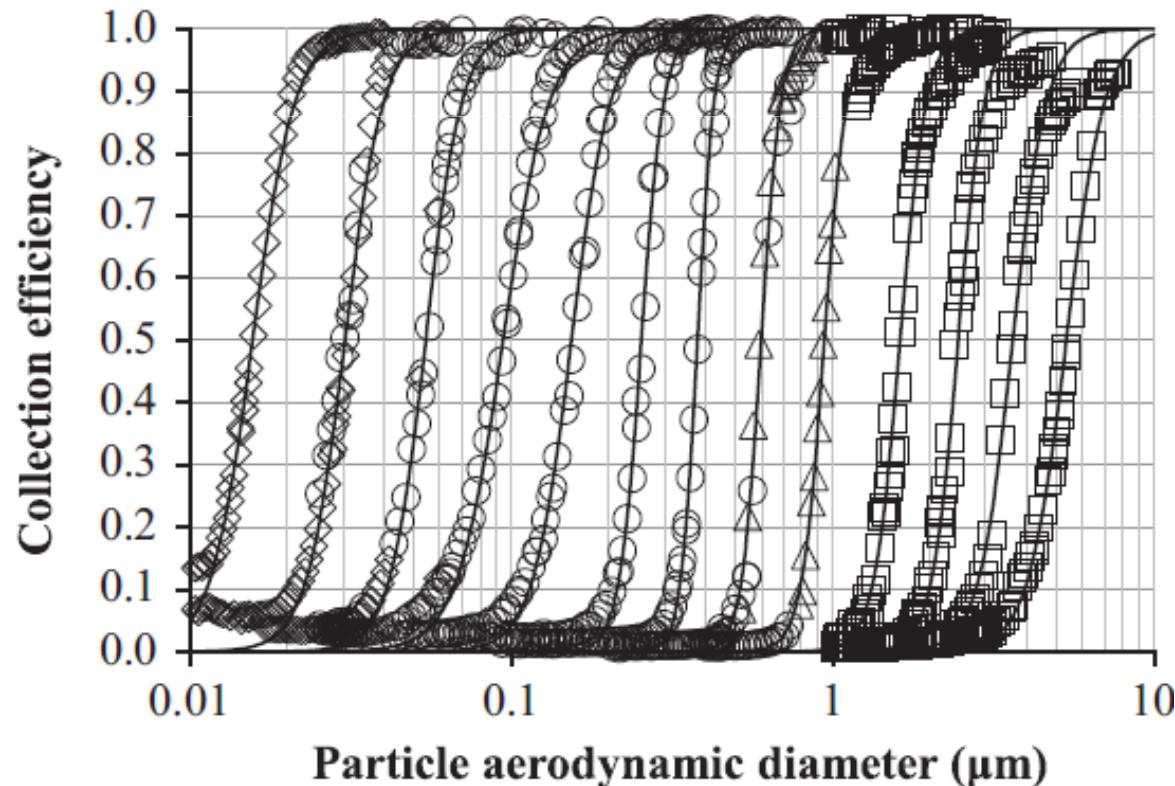
# ELPI+™ Impactor Calibration

Good calibration information and low losses

Calibration of the new electrical low pressure impactor (ELPI+)

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Tampere University of Technology, Department of Physics, Aerosol Physics Laboratory, P.O. Box 692, FI-33101 Tampere, Finland



# ELPI+™ Impactor

Stage	D50	Di
15	10	
14	5.34	7.31
13	3.63	4.40
12	2.46	2.99
11	1.62	2.00
10	0.94	1.23
9	0.60	0.75
8	0.38	0.48
7	0.25	0.31
6	0.15	0.19
5	0.094	0.12
4	0.054	0.07
3	0.030	0.04
2	0.016	0.02
1	0.006	0.01

- 14 size fractions
- New stage at 16 nm
- "Filter stage" standard in all units
- See correct values in the data sheet

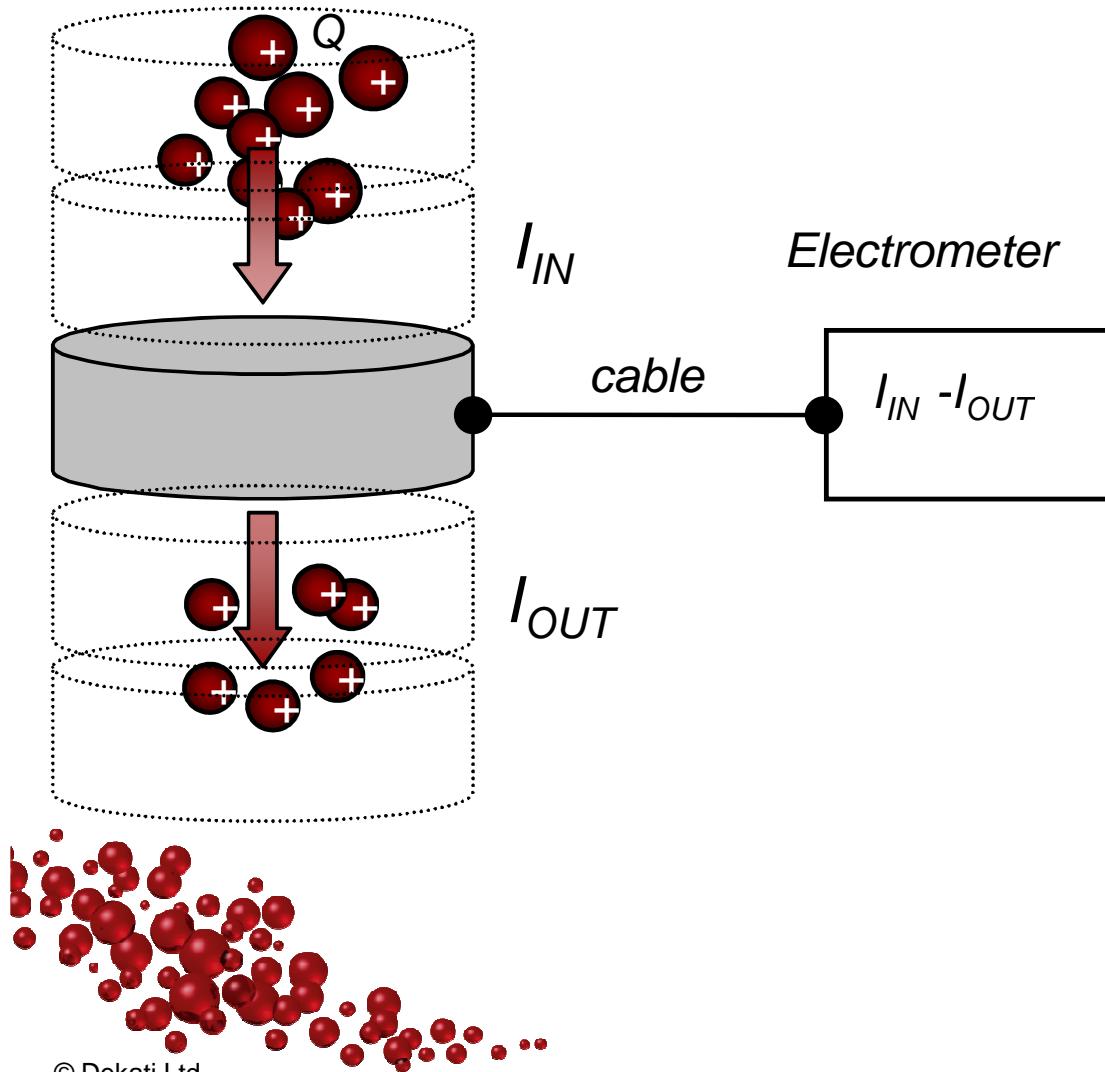


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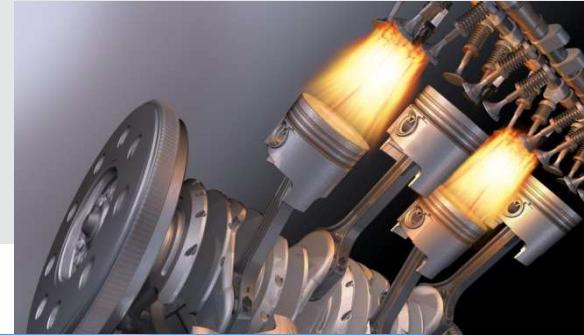
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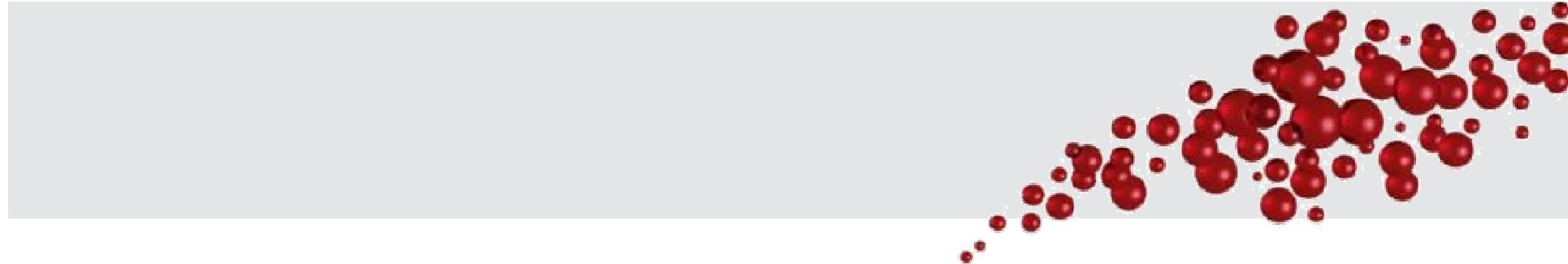


- Current measurement from outside the stage
- Whole Impactor stage acts as Faraday's cage
- Collection material does not matter

# ELPI+™ applications

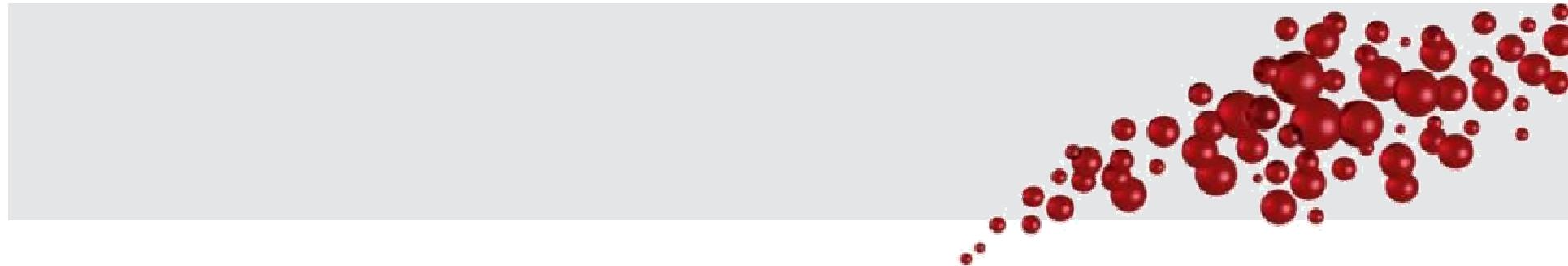
- Combustion research
  - Outdoor air quality measurements
  - Indoor air
  - Automotive testing and research
  - Blow-by gas
  - Brake wear debris
  - Pharmaceutical studies
  - Welding fumes
  - ...
- Wide variety of applications  
• Application notes/papers available  
• Publications list at [www.dekati.com](http://www.dekati.com)





# High Temperature ELPI+™ High Resolution ELPI+™

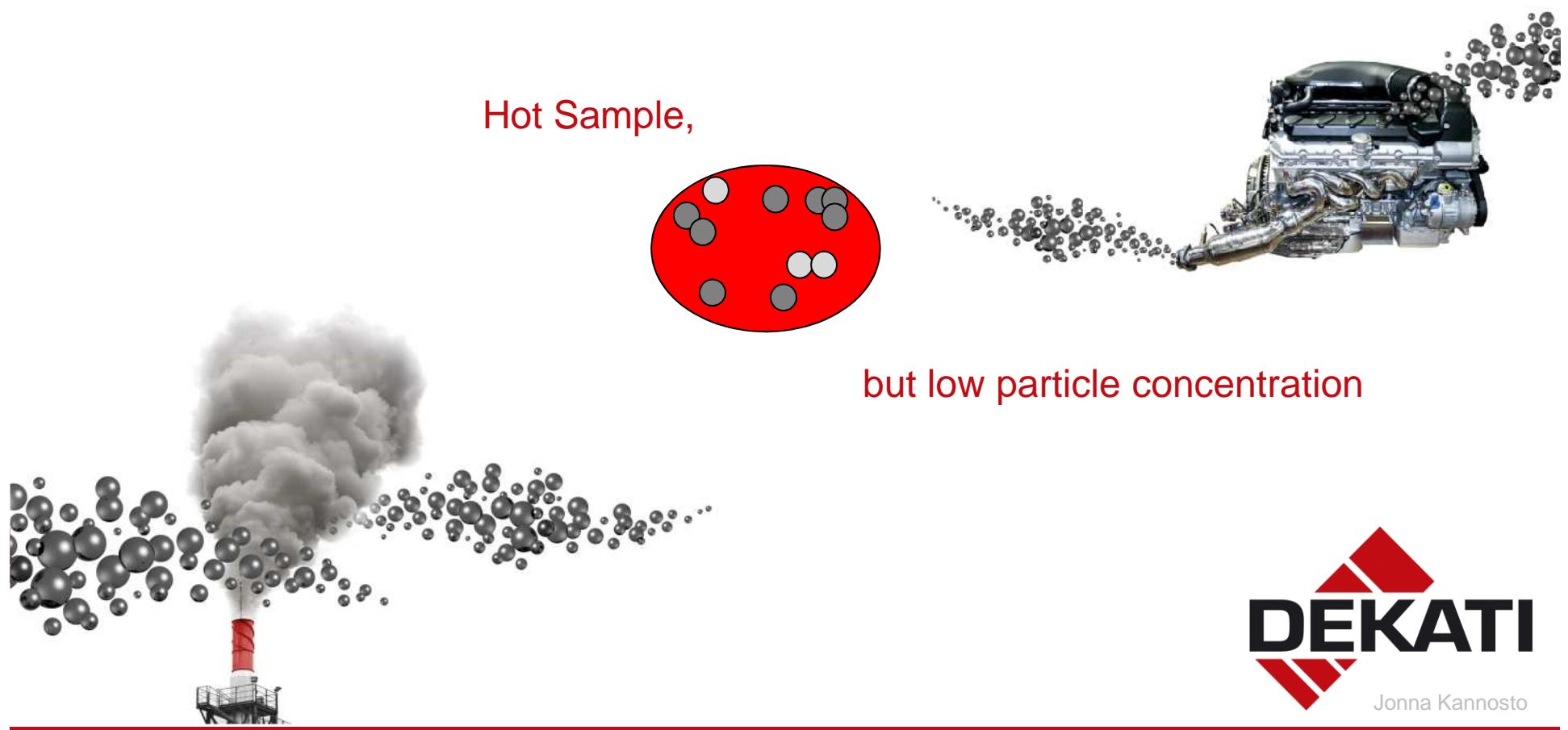




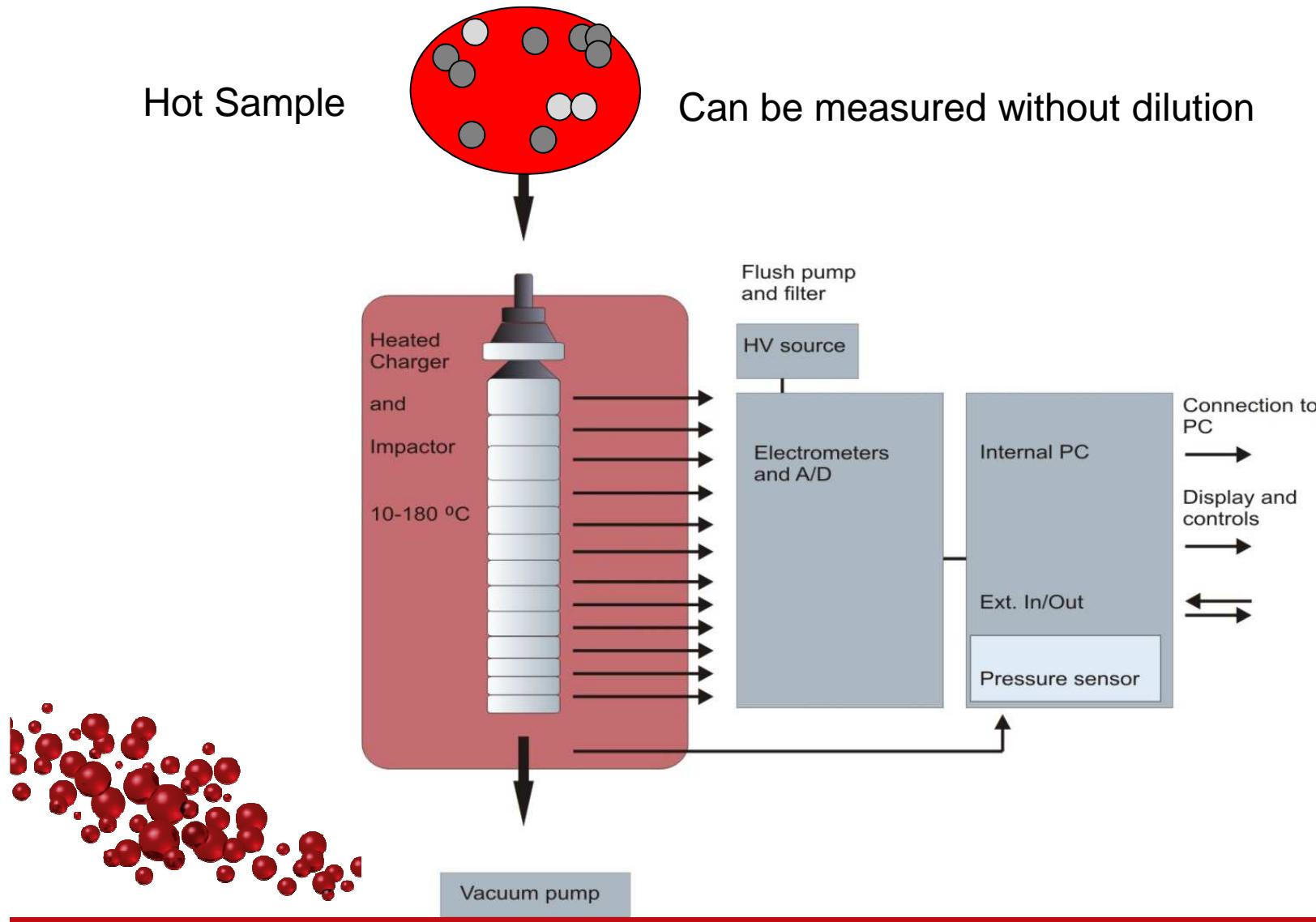
# High Temperature ELPI+™



# Measurement from difficult conditions



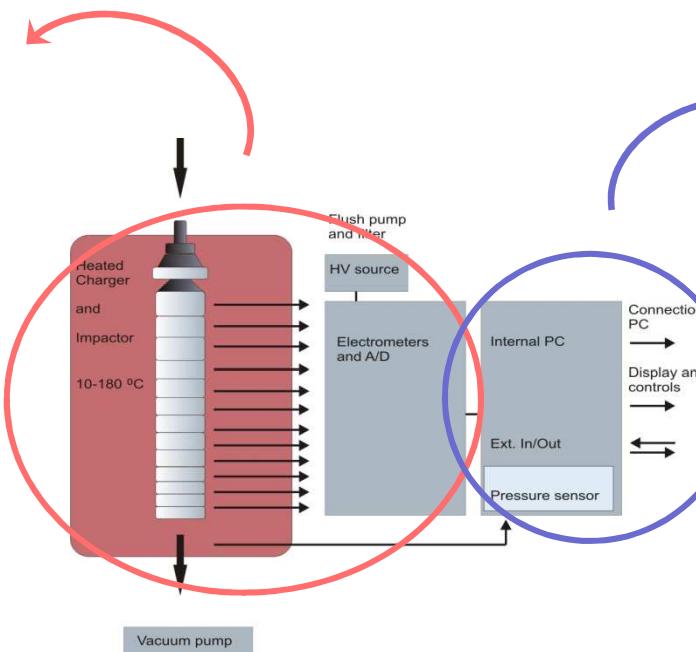
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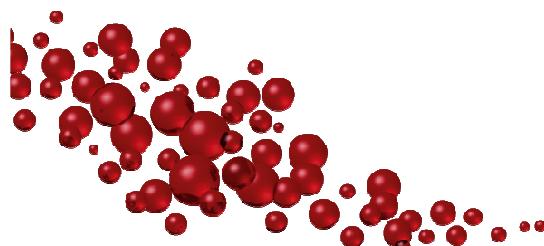
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# High Temperature ELPI+™

Heating unit



ELPI+™ main unit

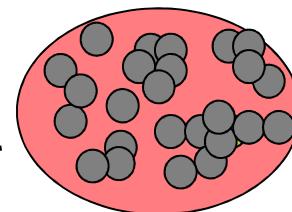
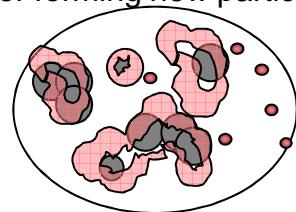


# Dilution solutions

Solid particles are measured

## Uncontrolled dilution

Vapors on particle surfaces or forming new particles



No dilution no unwanted condensation or nucleation



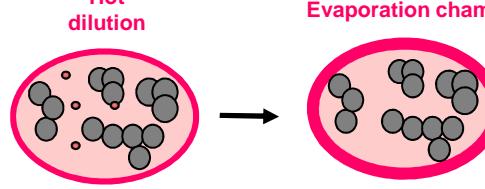
## Controlled dilution setup



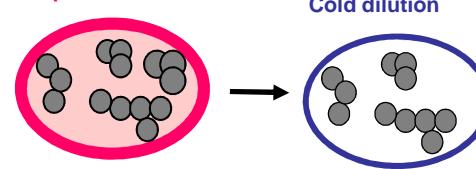
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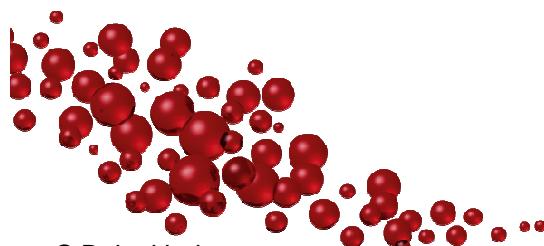
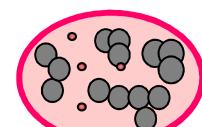
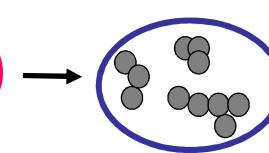
Hot dilution



Evaporation chamber



Cold dilution

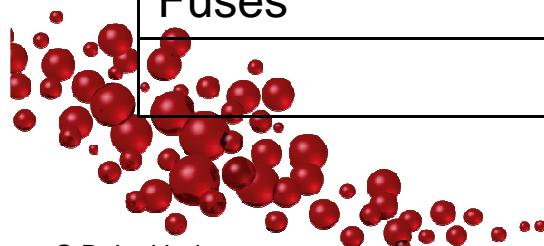


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# High Temperature ELPI+ Specifications

Temperature controller	2 x CAL-3300 PID controllers
Max. temperature	180°C for impactor 250°C for external heater (sampling line)
Heater power	500W for impactor heater Max. 1000/500W for External heater (230V/110V)
Warm-up time	Approximately 2 h
Temperature measurement	Sample inlet Heater After impactor
Pre-set calibration temperatures	60, 120 and 180°C Other calibrations can be calculated
Fuses	2 x 10A



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# Construction



Heating  
unit



Impactor  
assembly  
with heater



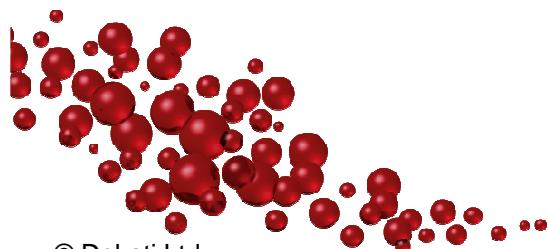
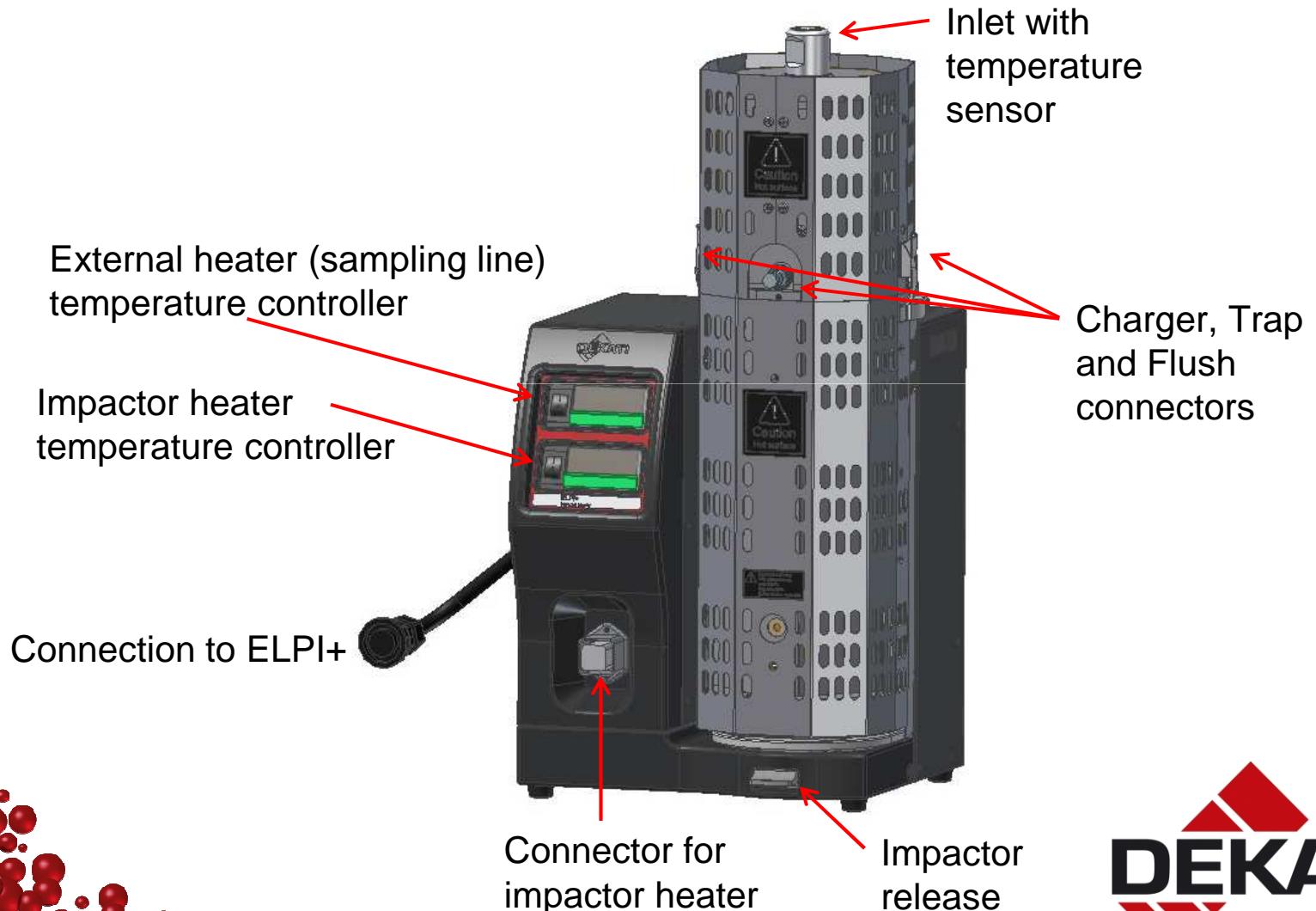
Charger  
insulation

## Also included:

- Charger inlet with a thermocouple
- Pressure measurement hose
- Extensions for Charger, Trap and Flush
- Silicone plug to close ELPI+ vacuum line
- External ball valve for pressure adjustment



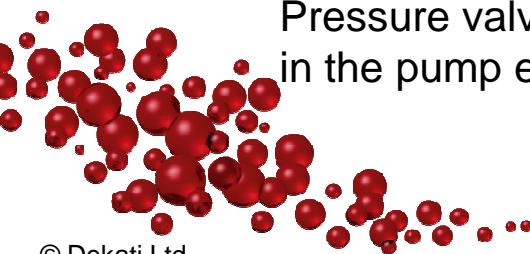
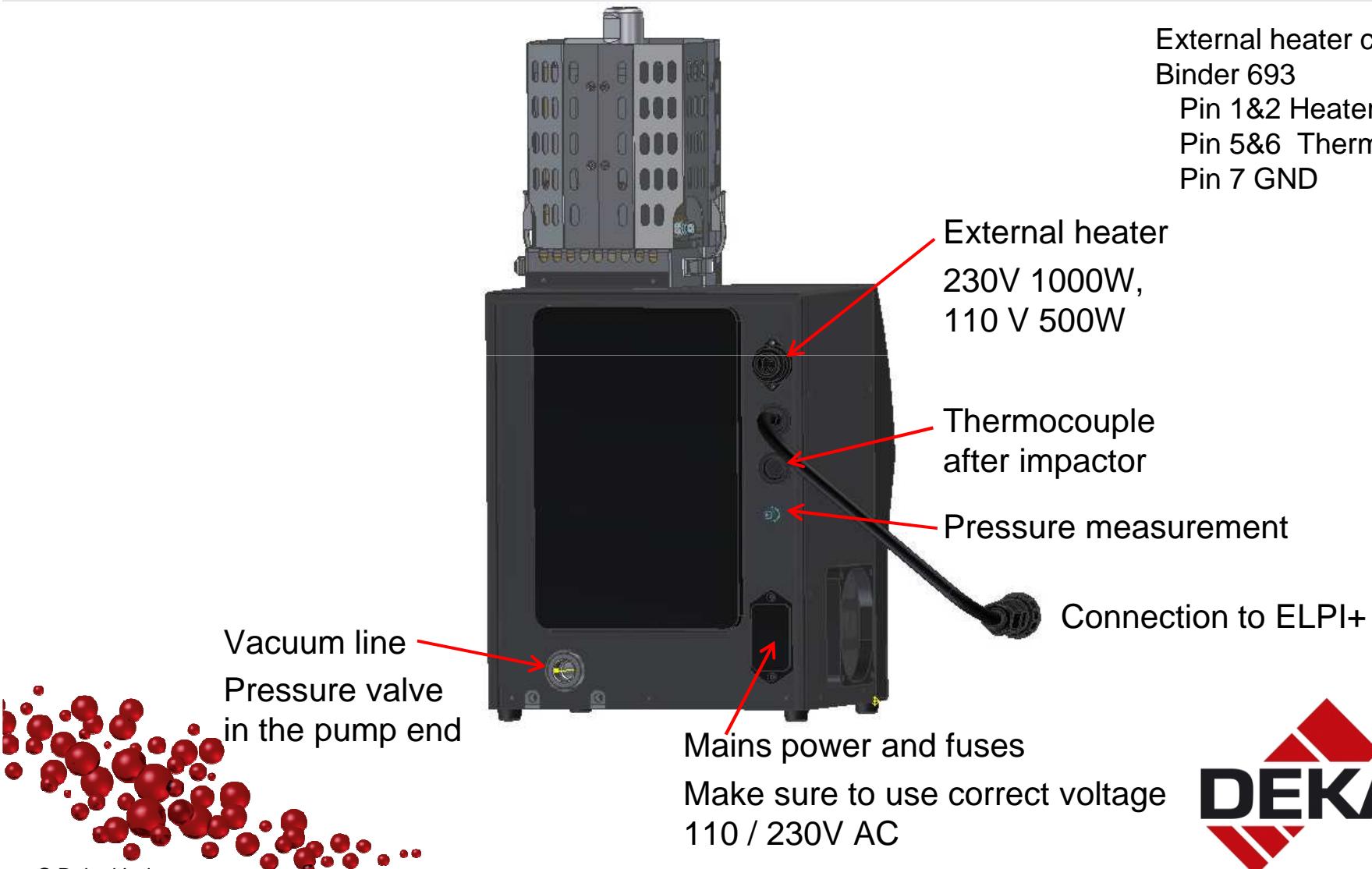
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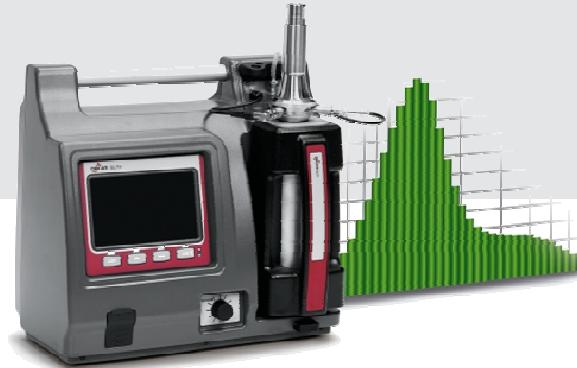


# Connections – backside



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# High Resolution ELPI+™

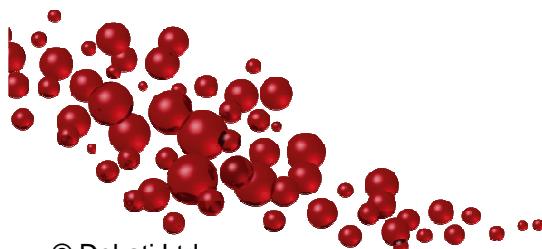


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# HR-ELPI+™

- Number size distribution and concentration
  - Real-time, 1 Hz
- 6 nm - 10 µm
  - 100 or 500 size fractions
- Particles are collected
  - Enables subsequent chemical analysis on the collected samples
- Wide dynamic range
  - From outdoor air to power plant stack concentrations



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## Dekati® High Resolution ELPI+™

- Real-time particle size distribution
- High size resolution
- Wide particle size range



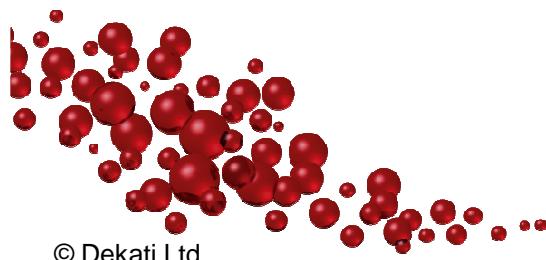
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# HR-ELPI+™ Operating Principle

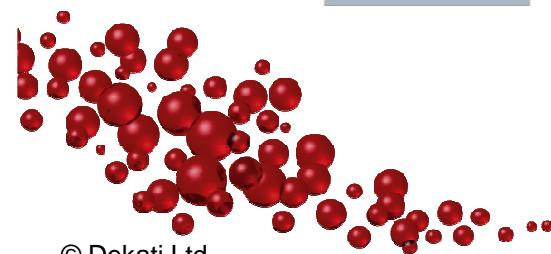
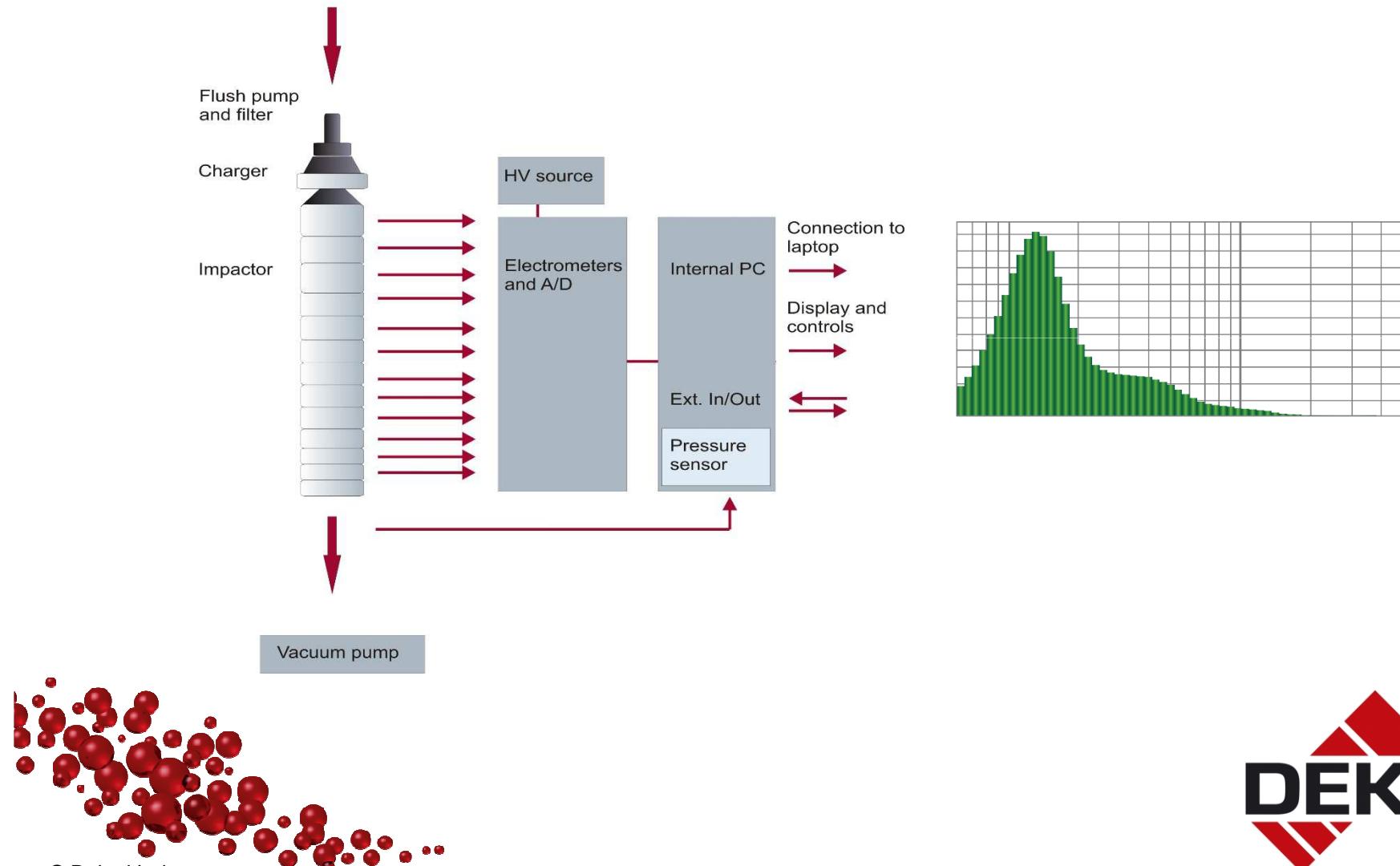
- Operation based on:
  1. Impactor
    - Particle size fractionation
  2. Charger
    - Particle are charged before fractionating
  3. Electrometers
    - Current distribution - directly proportional to number distribution
    - Fast, sensitive
  4. Data inversion in the HR-ELPI+VI™ software
    - Data inversion based on measured impactor kernel functions and iterative calculation routine



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# HR-ELPI+™ Operating Principle

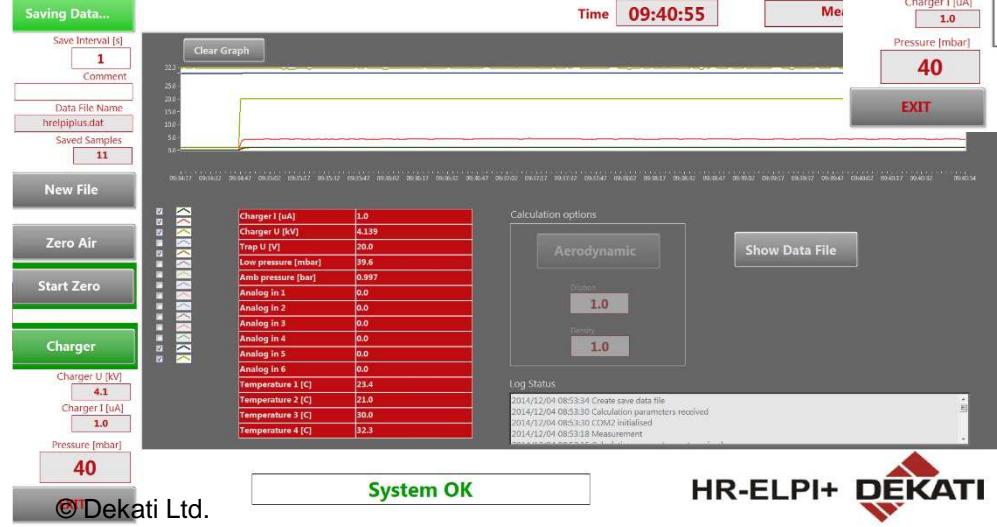


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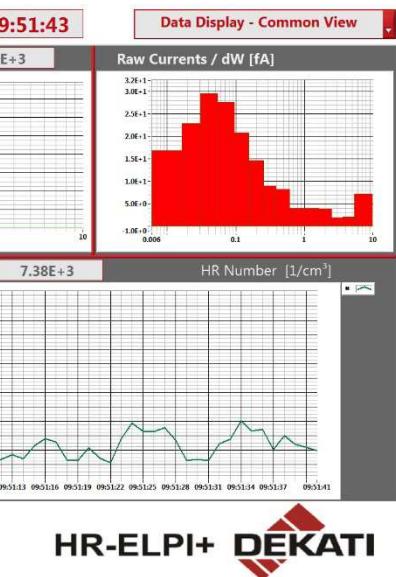


# HR-ELPI+VI™ Software

- Instrument control via HR-ELPI+VI™ software
  - Runs on a laptop/PC
  - See online data
  - Control the ELPI+™
  - Measure
  - Save the data



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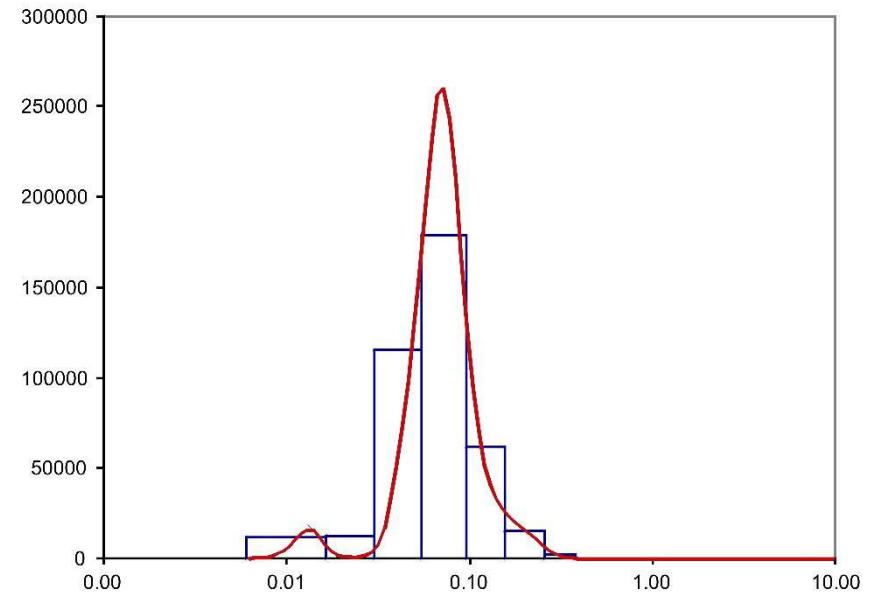
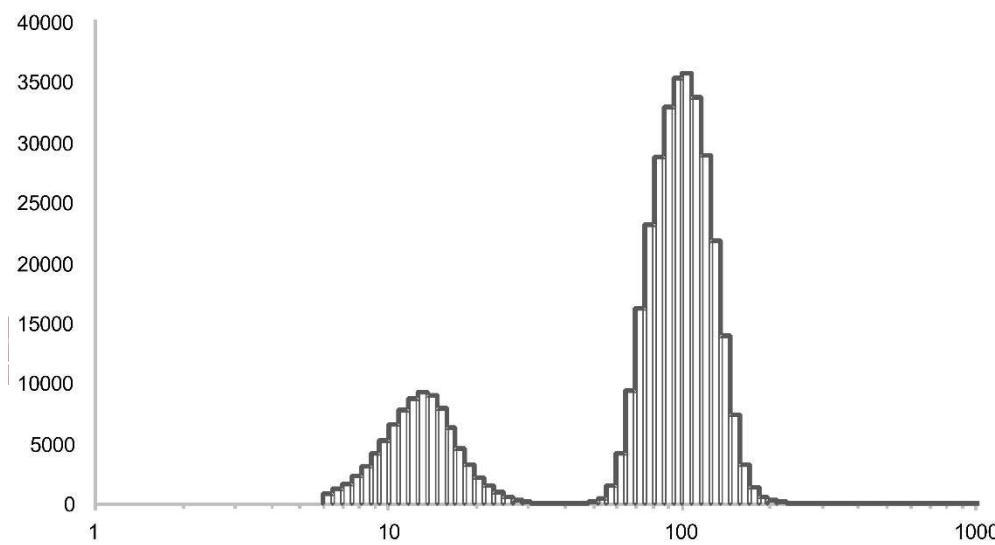


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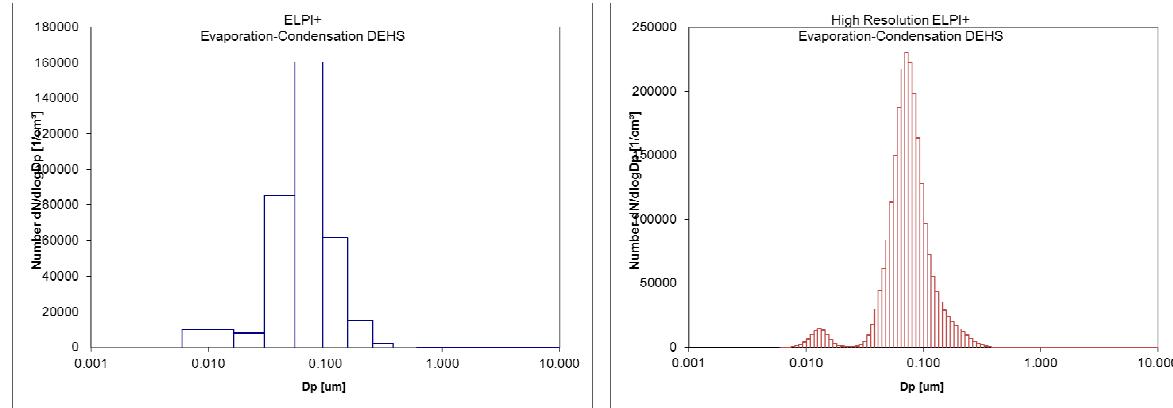
# HR-ELPI+™ Calculation

- Inside HR-ELPI+VI™
- Data file format similar to ELPI+™
  - 100 or 500 size bins
- Data processing in HRELPI+.xls

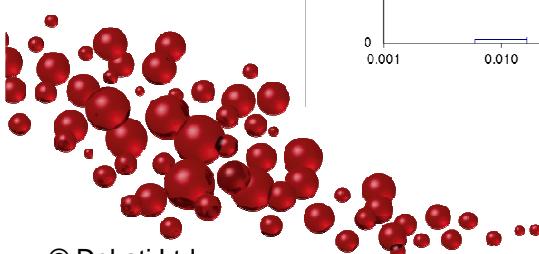
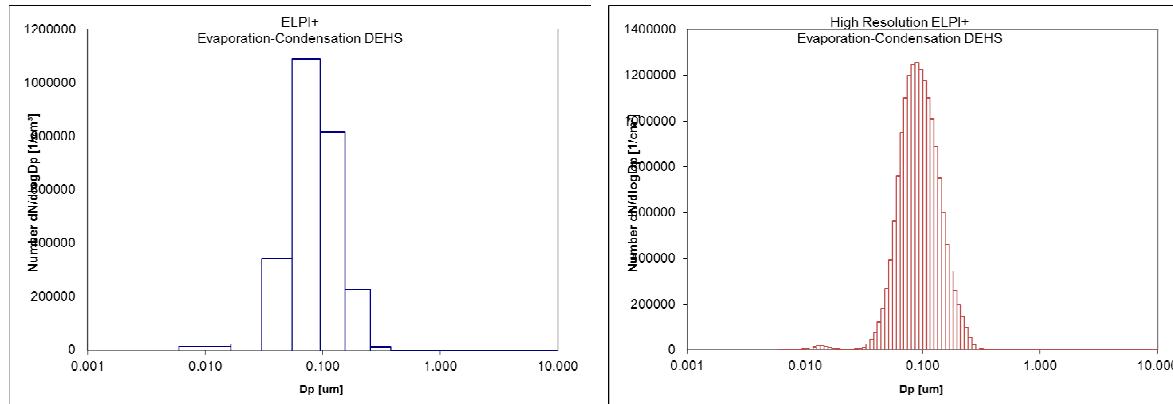


# HR-ELPI+™ Data example: DEHS

Evaporation-condensation generator DEHS (95 °C)



Evaporation-condensation generator DEHS (temperature 125 °C)

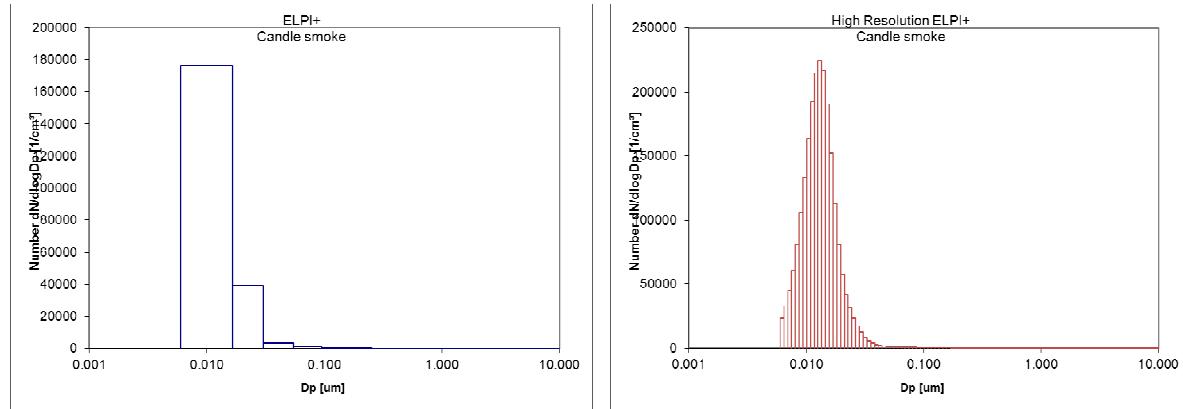


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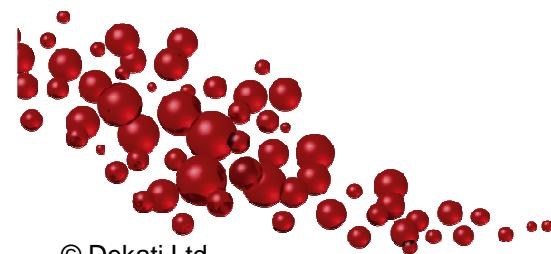


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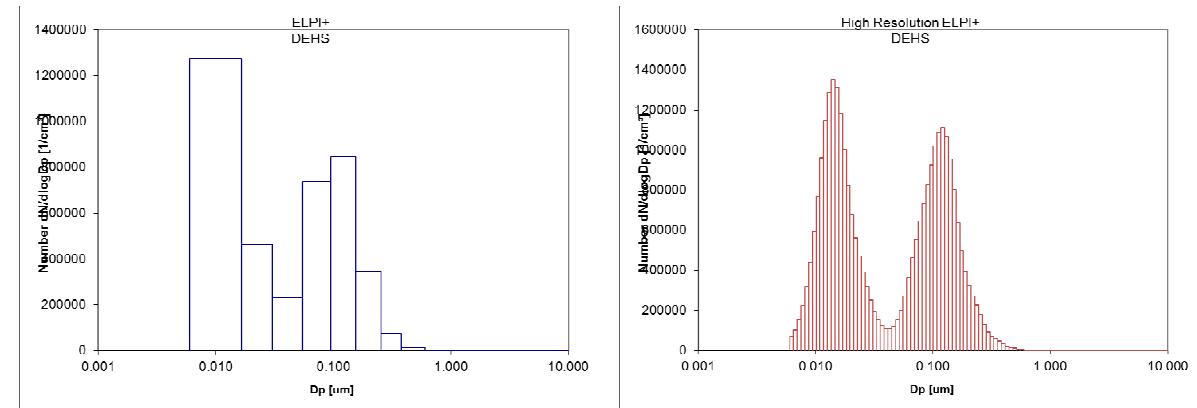
Candle smoke



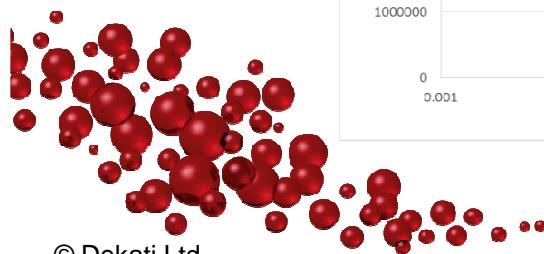
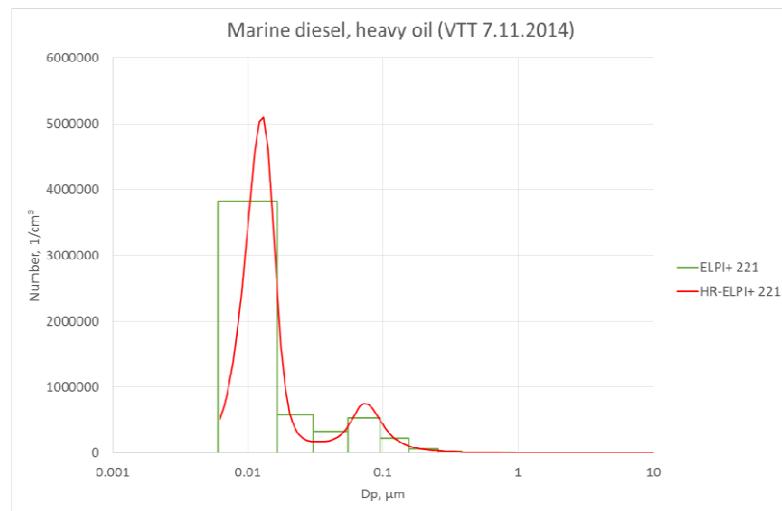
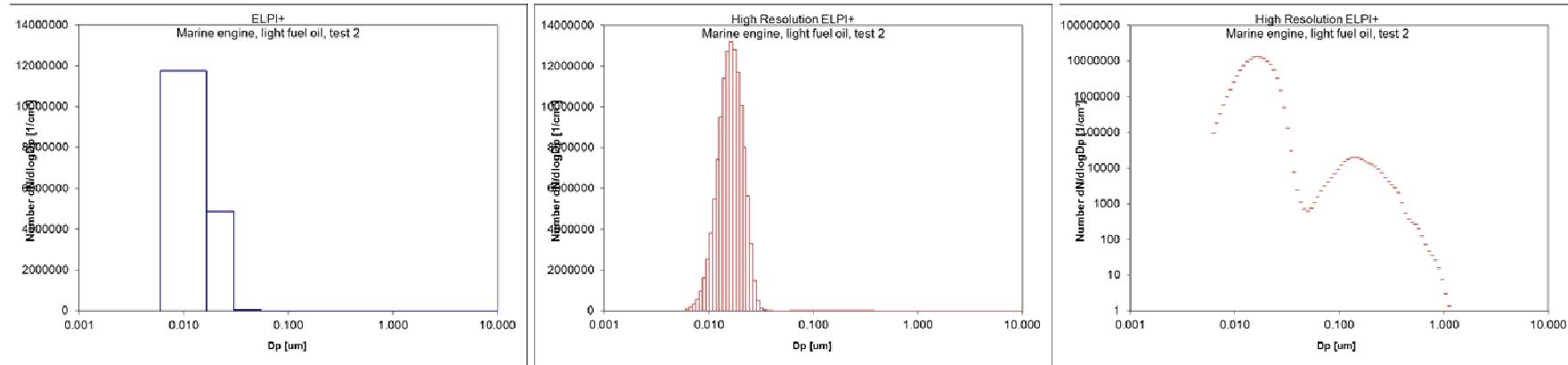
Evaporation-condensation generator DEHS (140 °C) + DeVilbiss 1:500  
DEHS/isopropyl alcohol



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# HR-ELPI+™ Data examples: diesel engine

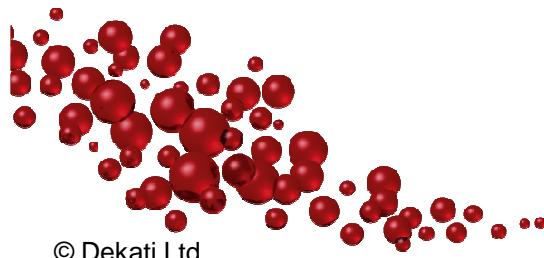


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# HR-ELPI+™ Features

- 0.006 – 10 µm size range
- Number size distribution in either 100 or 500 size channels
  - 30/150 channels /decade
- Sampling rate 1Hz
- Sensitivity
  - 250 #/cm<sup>3</sup> for 10 nm particles
  - 20 #/cm<sup>3</sup> for 100 nm particles
  - 1.0 #/cm<sup>3</sup> for 1 µm particles
  - 0.1 #/cm<sup>3</sup> for 5 µm particles



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