

# Online Characterization of Ultrafine Aerosol Particles

## Challenges and Future Trends

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# Brief History ...



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# Motivation 1: Instruments for Monitoring



# Motivation 2: Compact Mobile Platforms

Present



Future



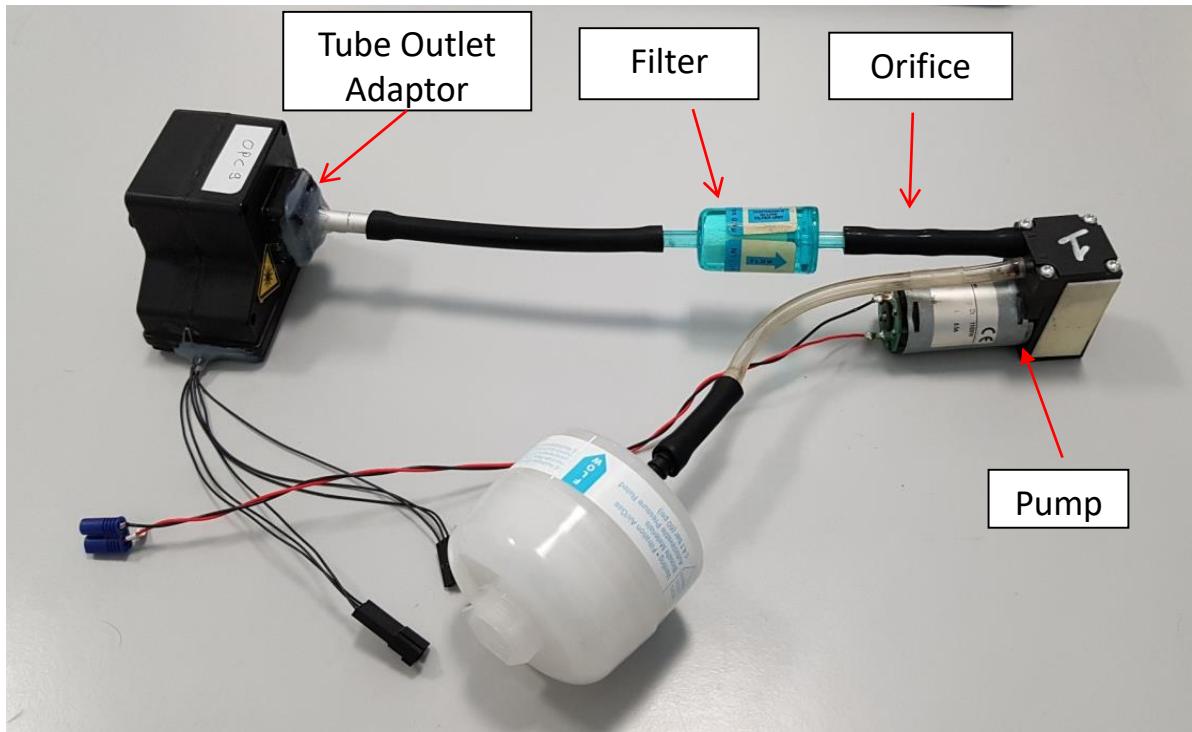
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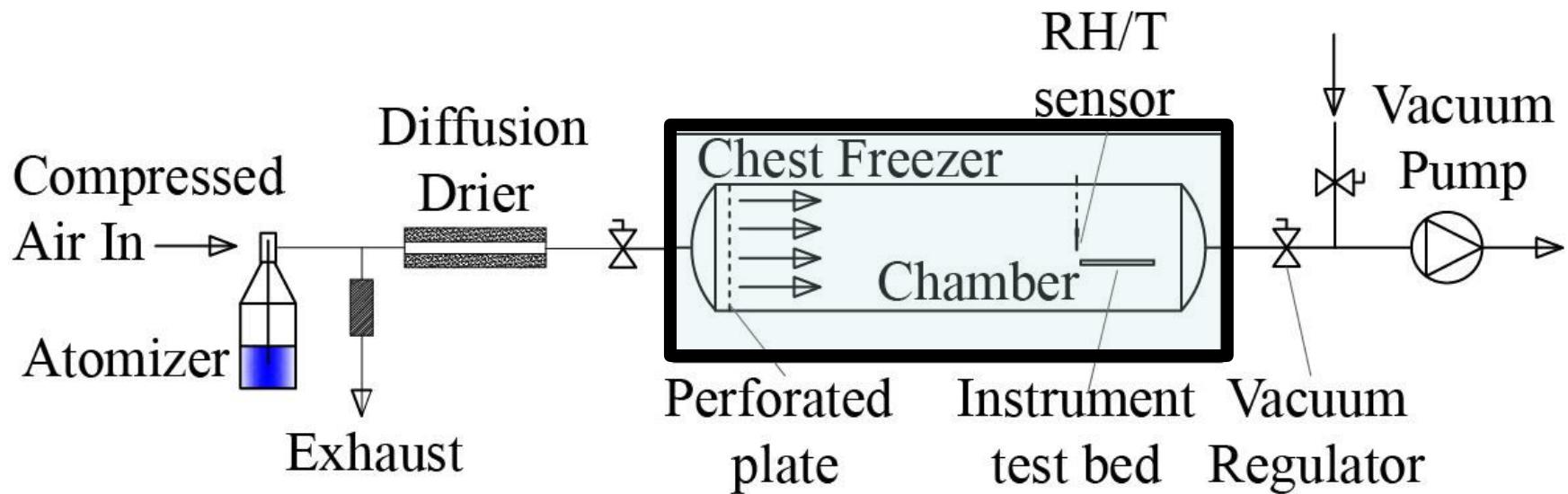
# Low-cost Optical Particle Counter/Spectrometer



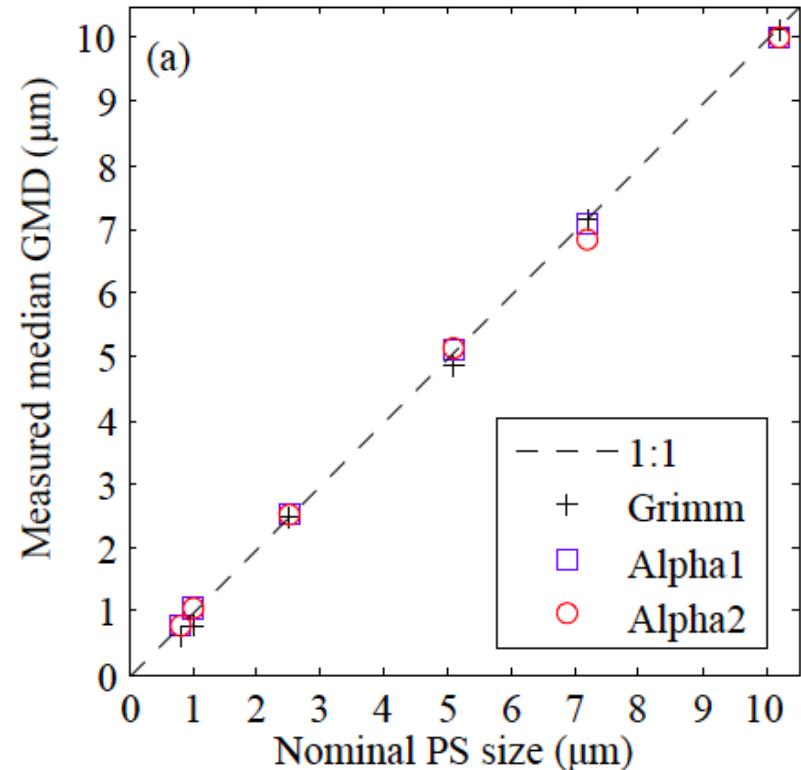
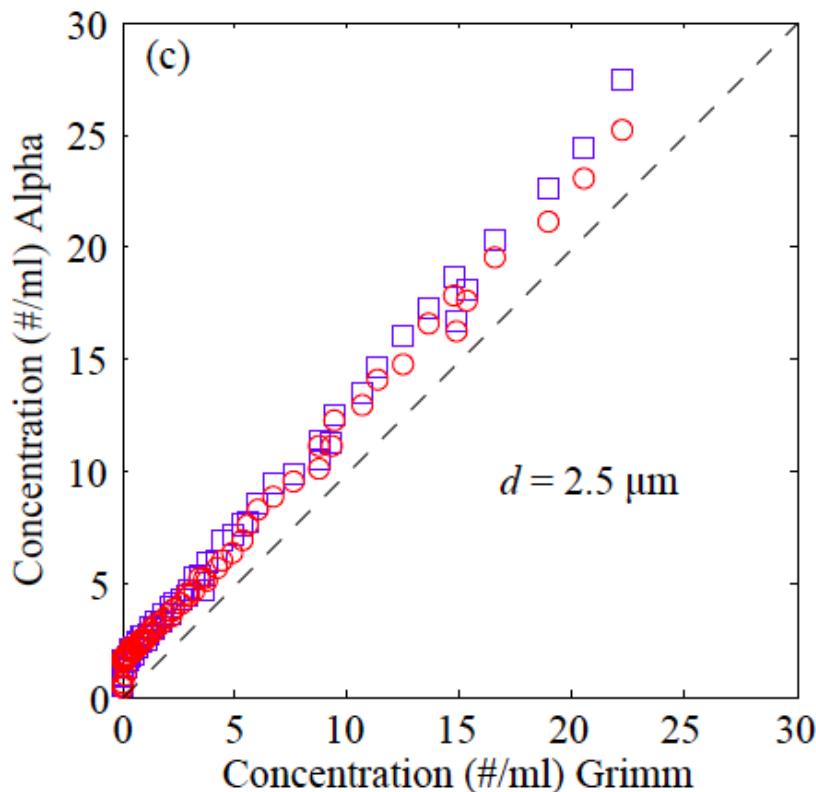
## Modification



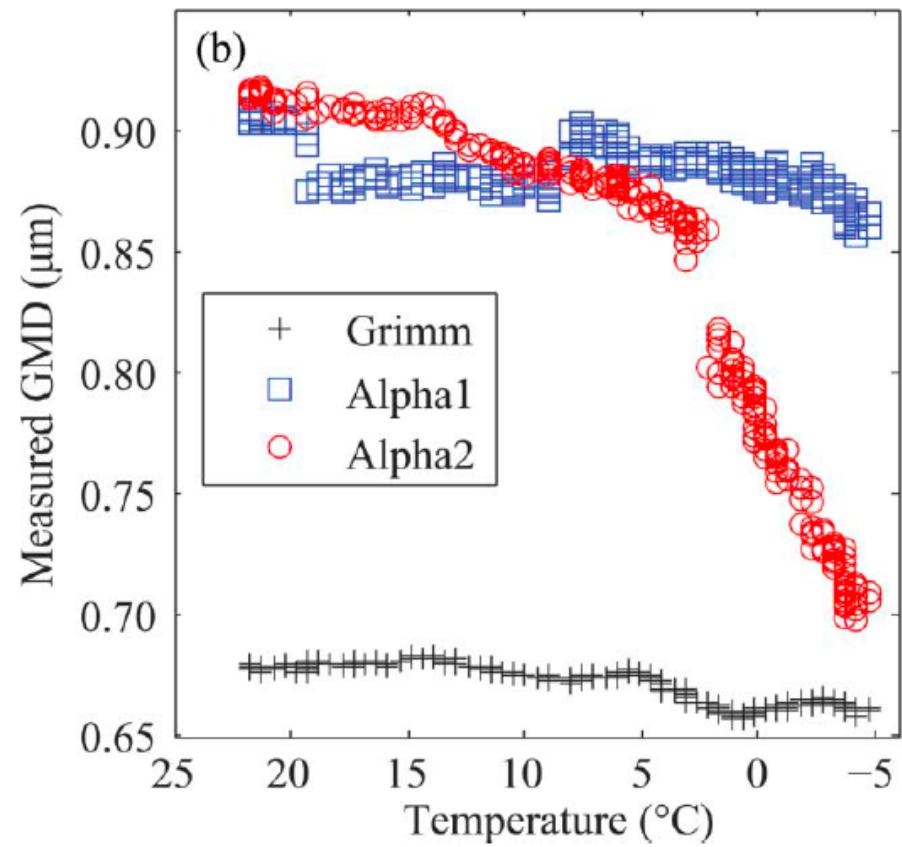
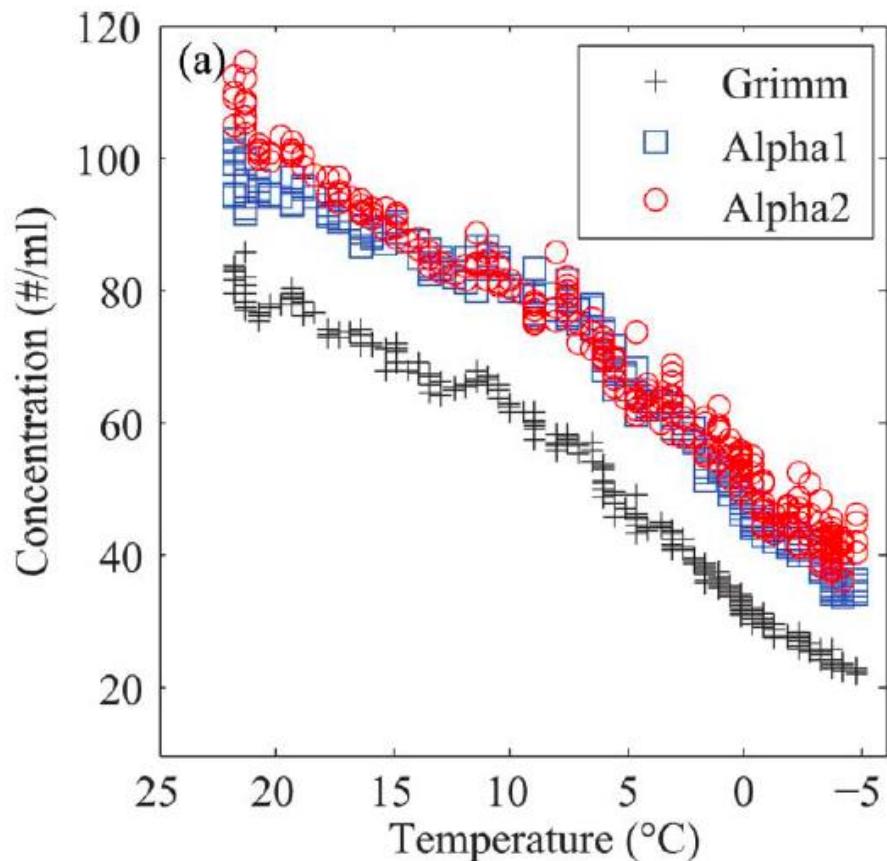
# Instrument Performance at Low T/P Conditions



# Counting and Sizing @ Atmospheric Conditions



# Counting and Sizing @ Low-Temperature Conditions

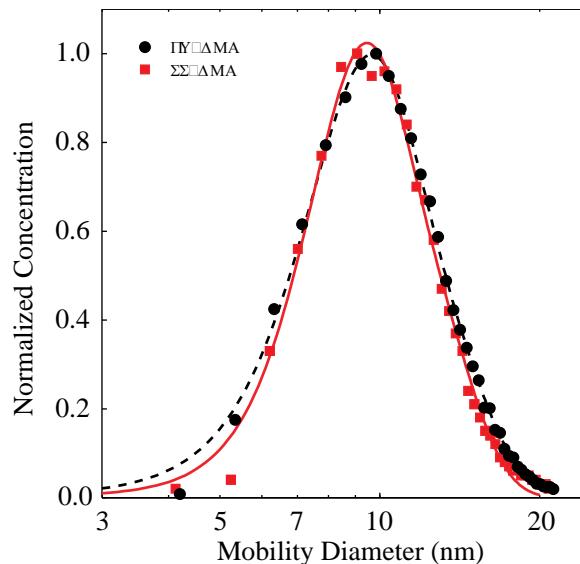
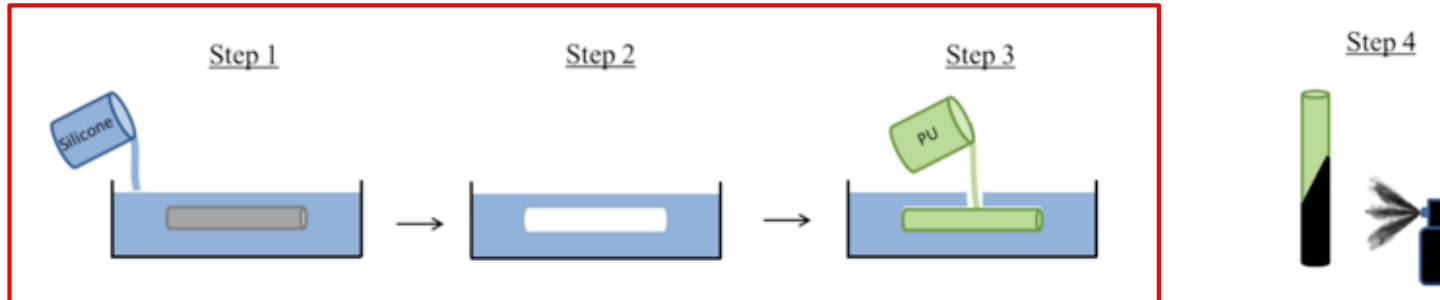


# DMA<sub>s</sub> made of plastic!

## AEROSOL RESEARCH LETTER

### Lightweight differential mobility analyzers: Toward new and inexpensive manufacturing methods

K. Barmounis<sup>a</sup>, A. Maisser<sup>a</sup>, A. Schmidt-Ott<sup>a</sup>, and G. Biskos<sup>a,b,c</sup>

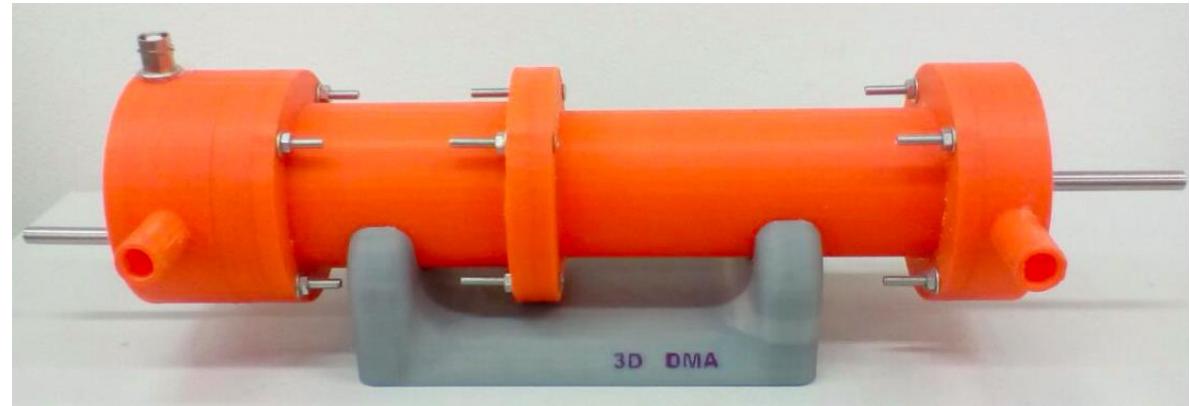


# 3D-printed Instruments

Lightweight & Inexpensive



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Barmpounis



Cost: 50 €; Weight: 0.3 kg



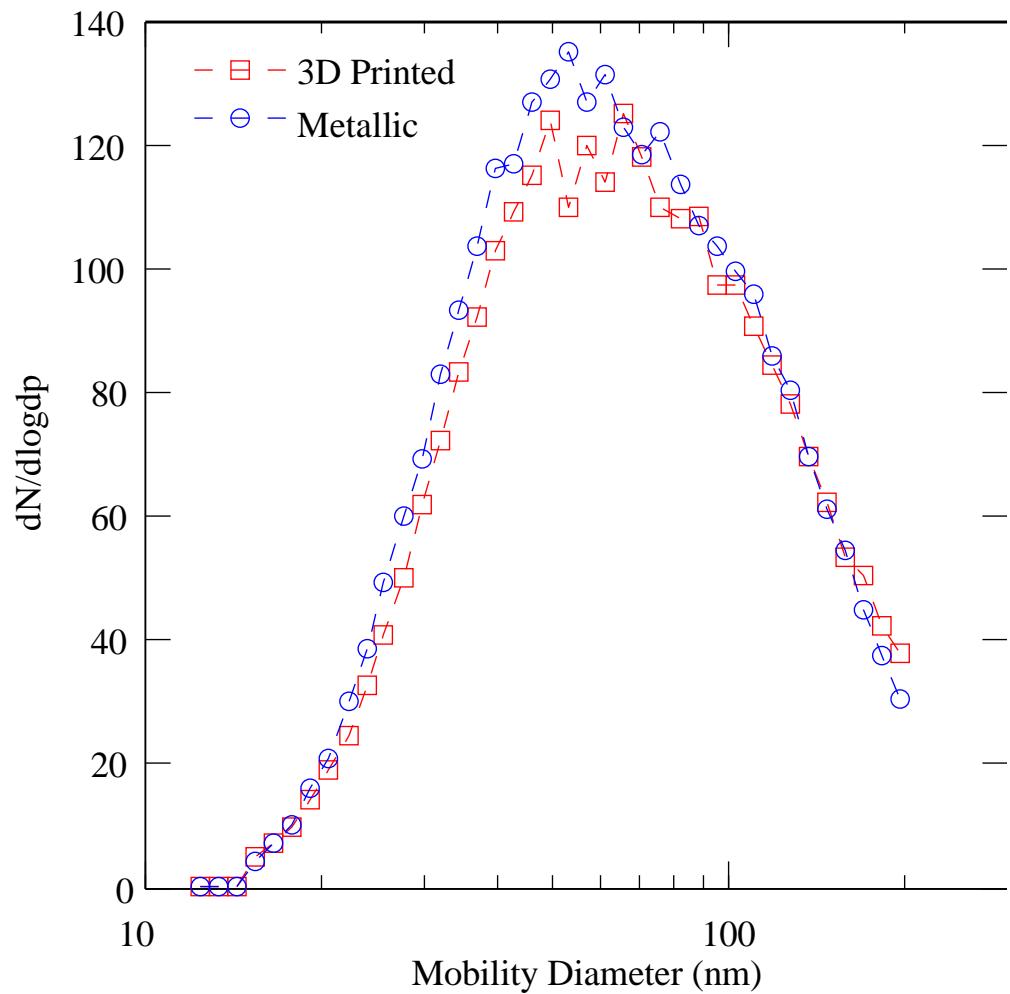
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# Performance of the 3D-Printed DMA



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# Mult.-Mon.-Out. DMA

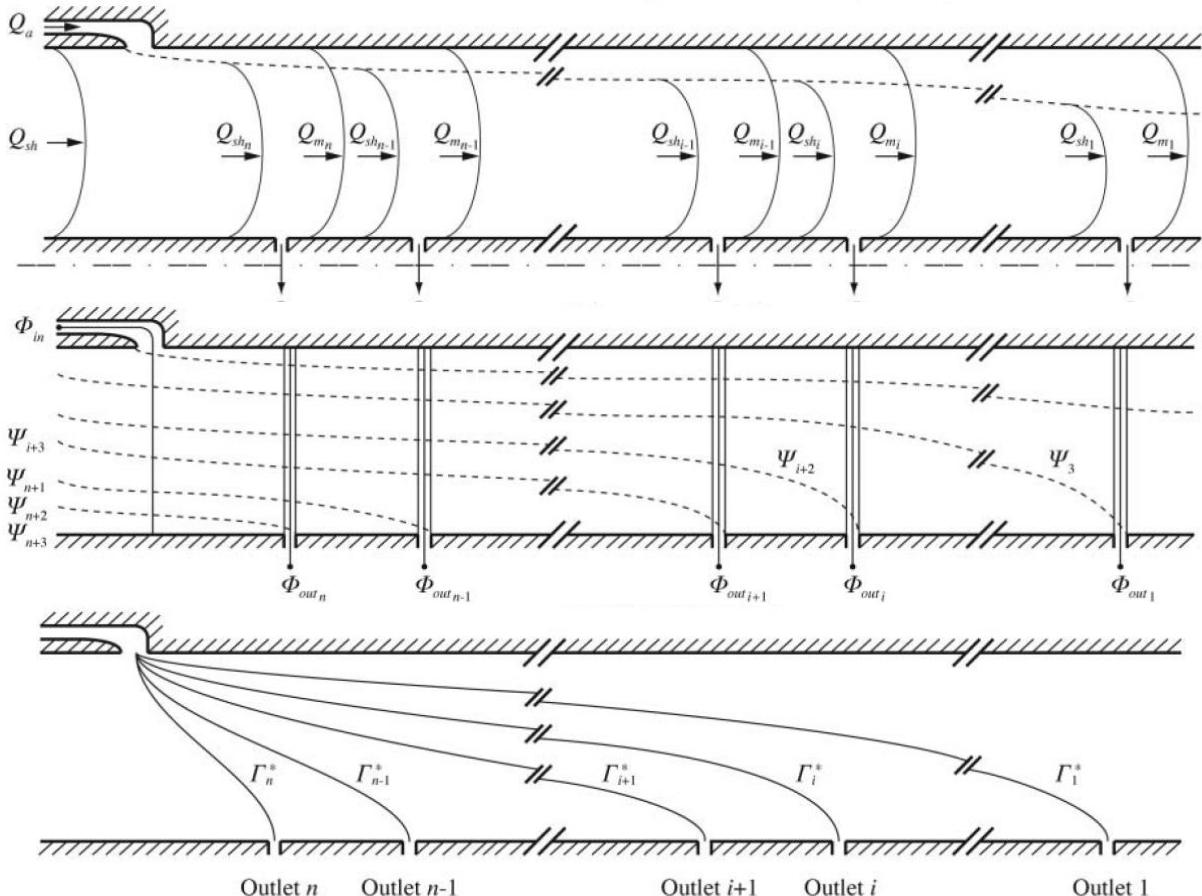
## The Multiple Monodisperse Outlet Differential Mobility Analyzer: Derivation of Its Transfer Function and Resolution

M. Giamarelou,<sup>1</sup> M. Stolzenburg,<sup>2</sup> and G. Biskos<sup>1,3</sup>

Flow Field

Electric Field

Particle Trajectories



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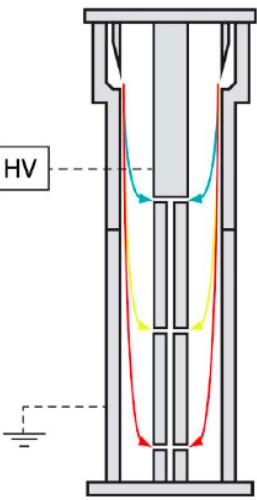


# The 3-MO DMA

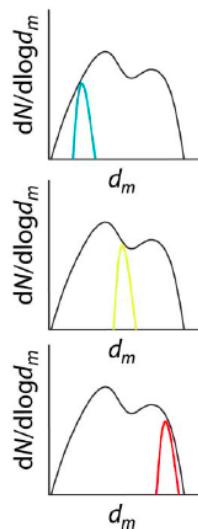
Modification of the TSI 3081 differential mobility analyzer to include three monodisperse outlets: Comparison between experimental and theoretical performance

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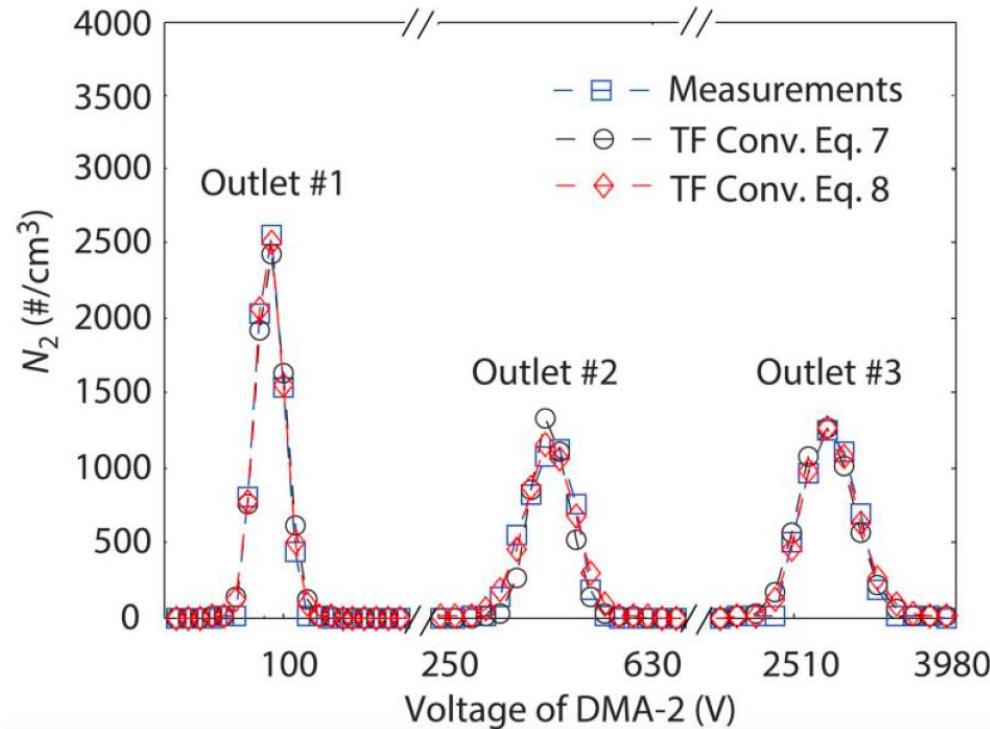
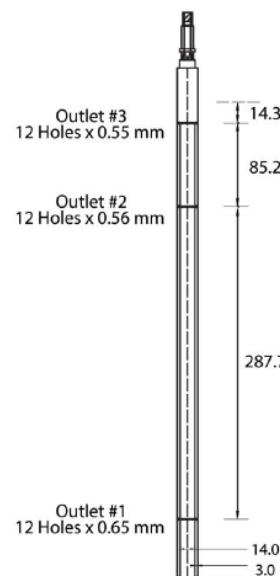
3MO-DMA



Distributions

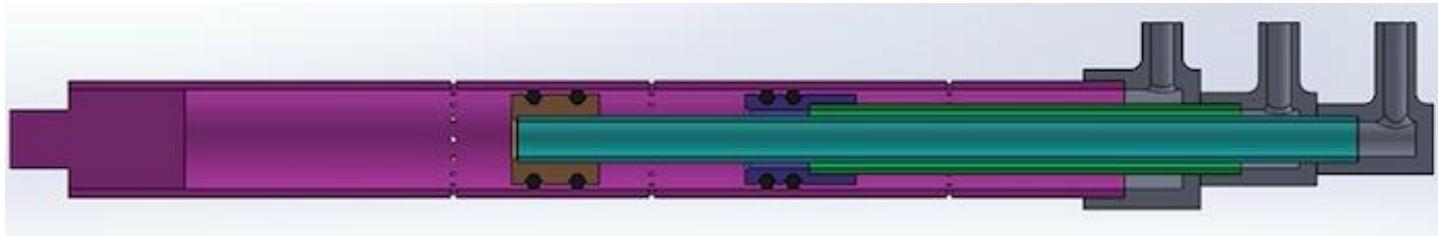


Central Rod

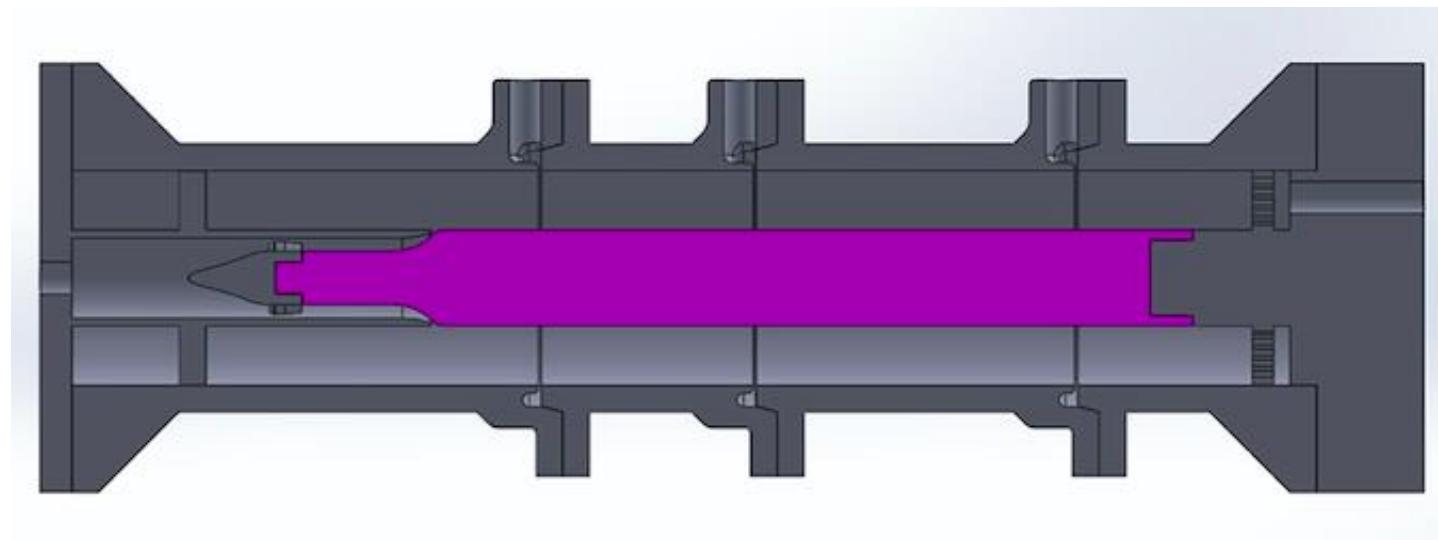


# Current Manufacturing

Outside-in particle trajectories

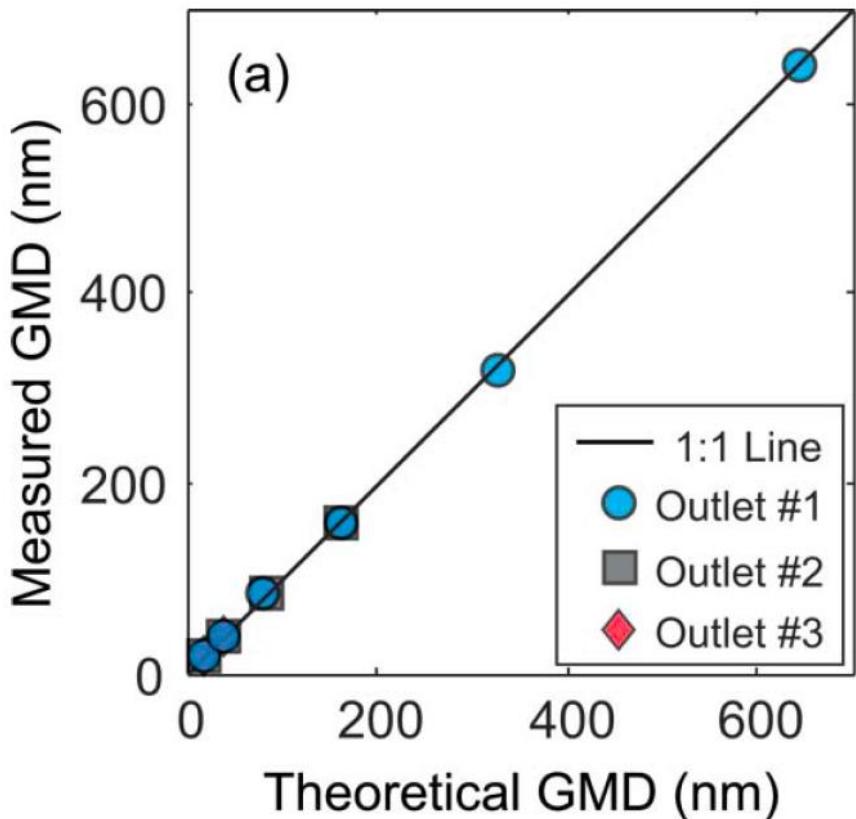


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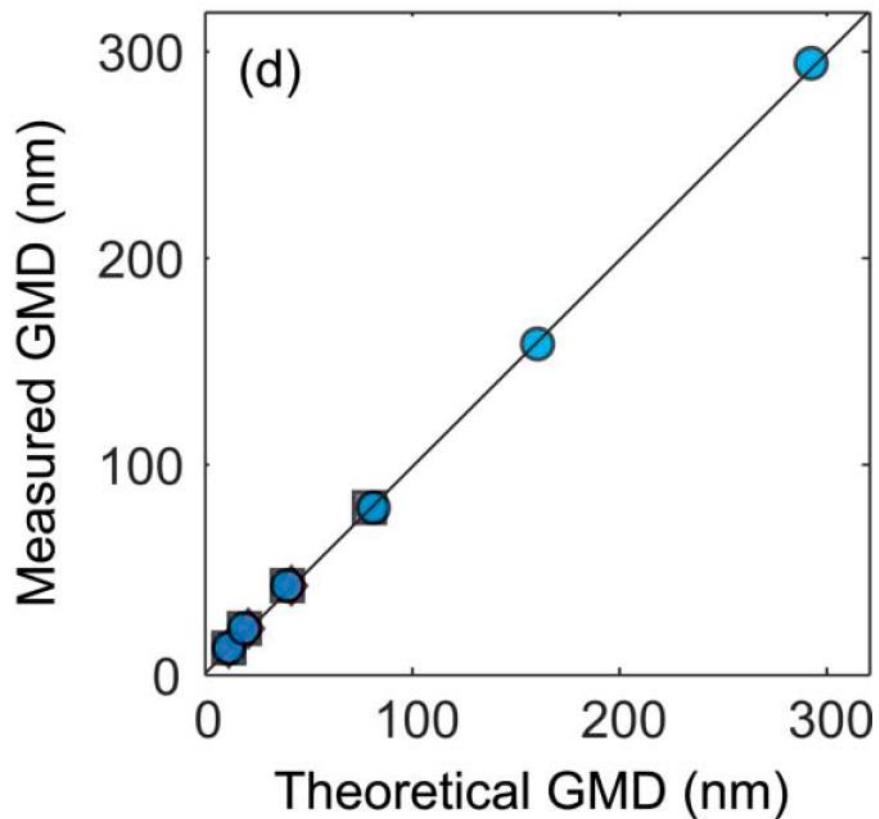


# Sizing of the 3-MO DMA

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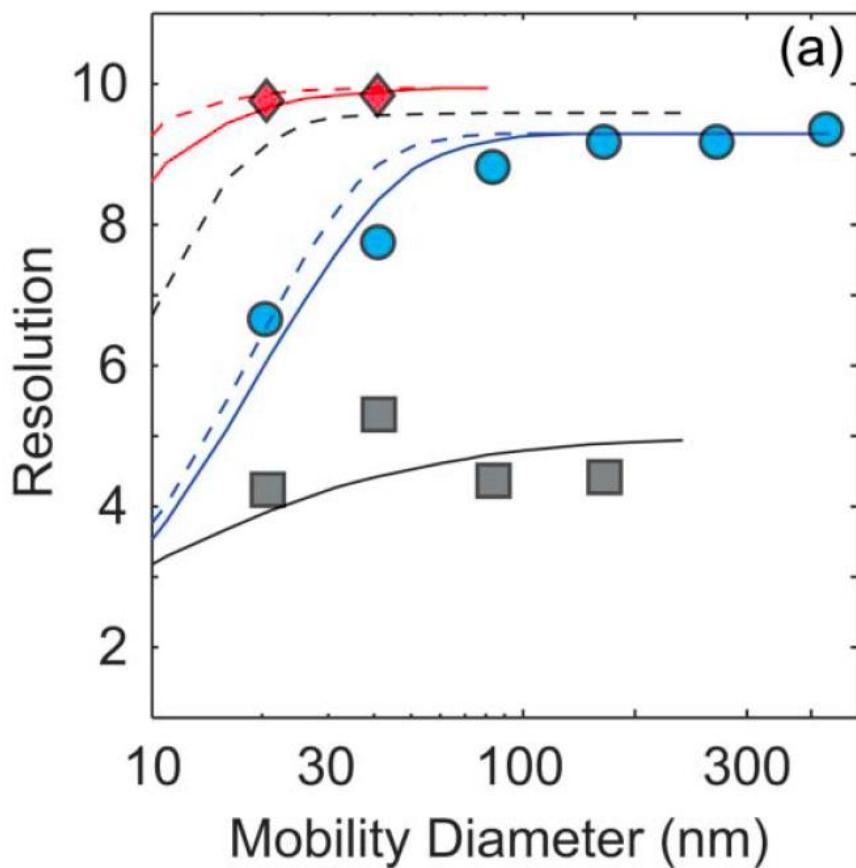


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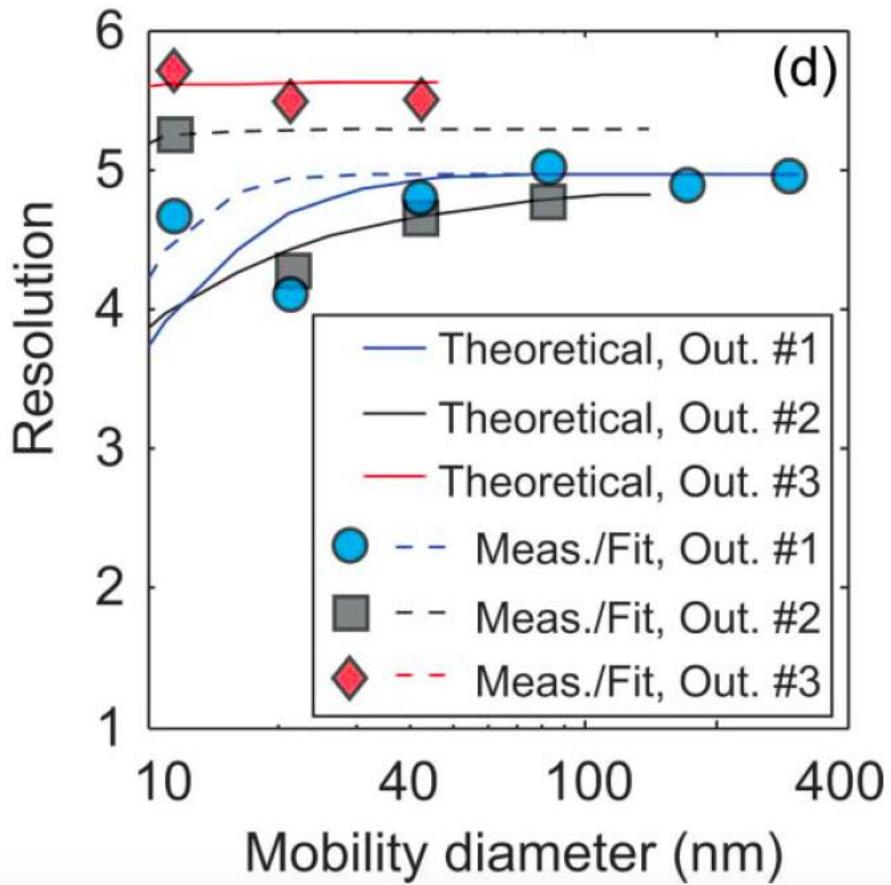


# Resolution of the 3-MO DMA

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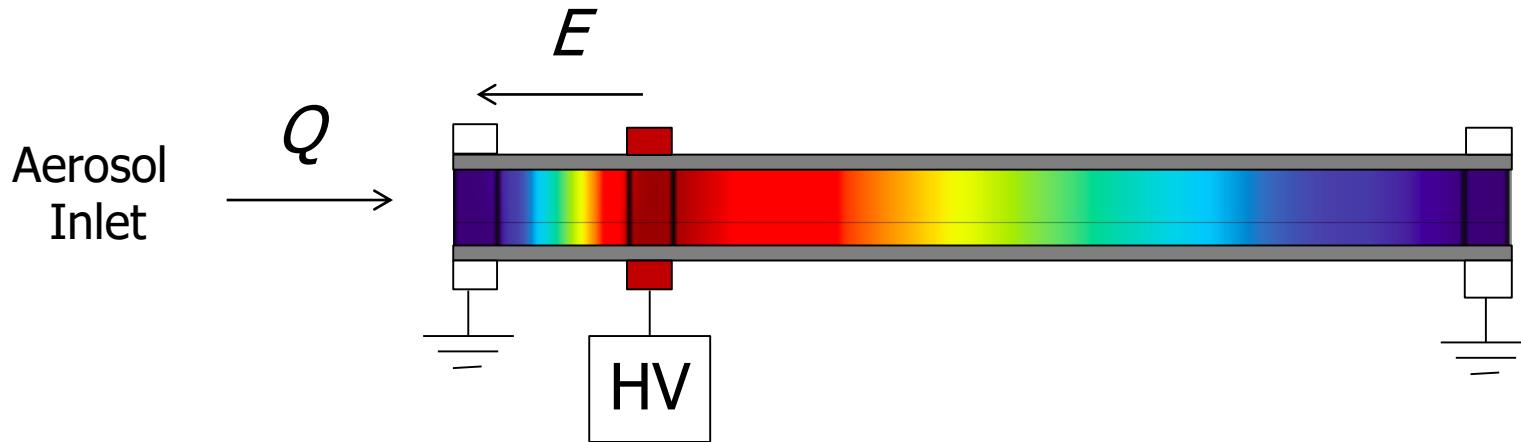


# Single Tube Classifier

Aerosol Research Letter

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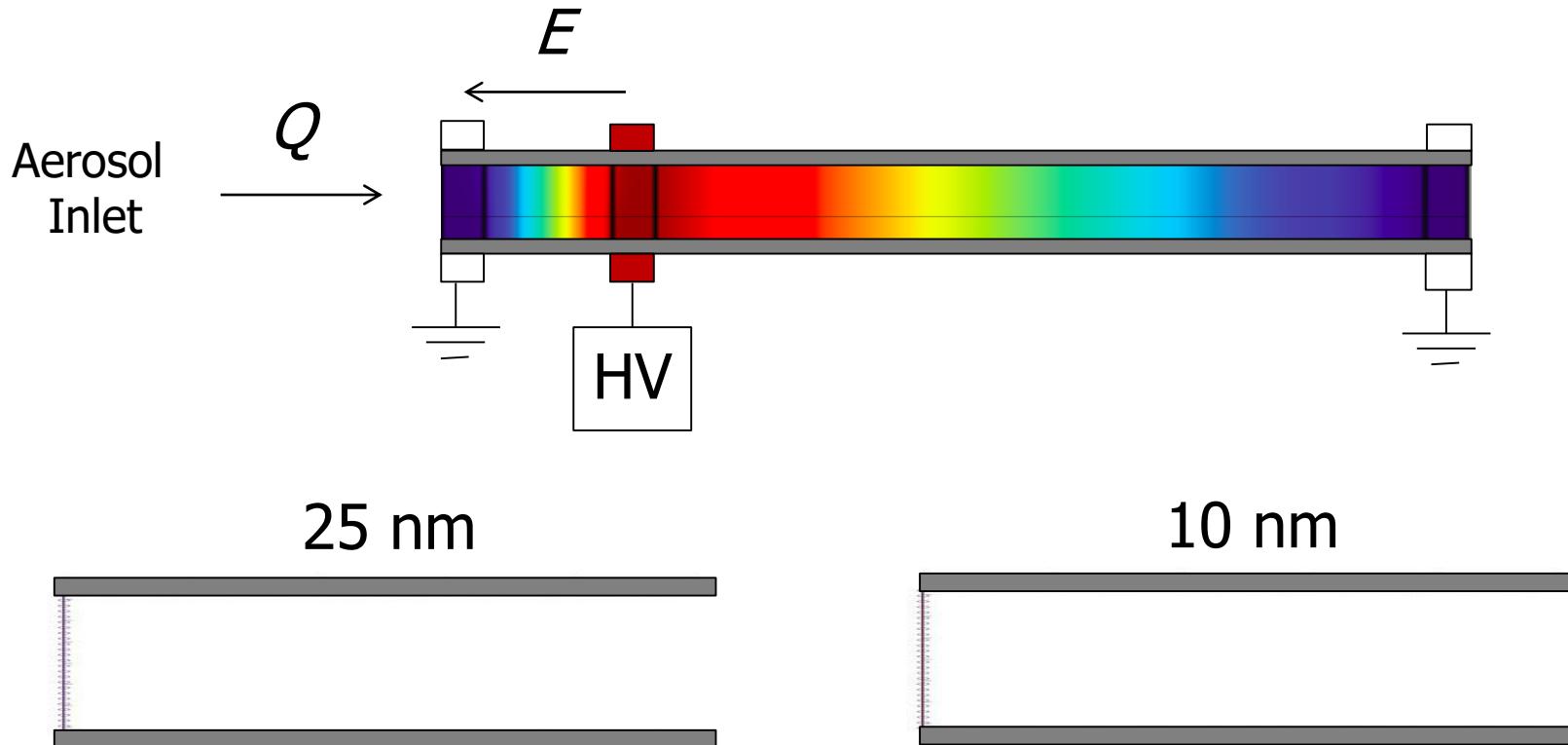


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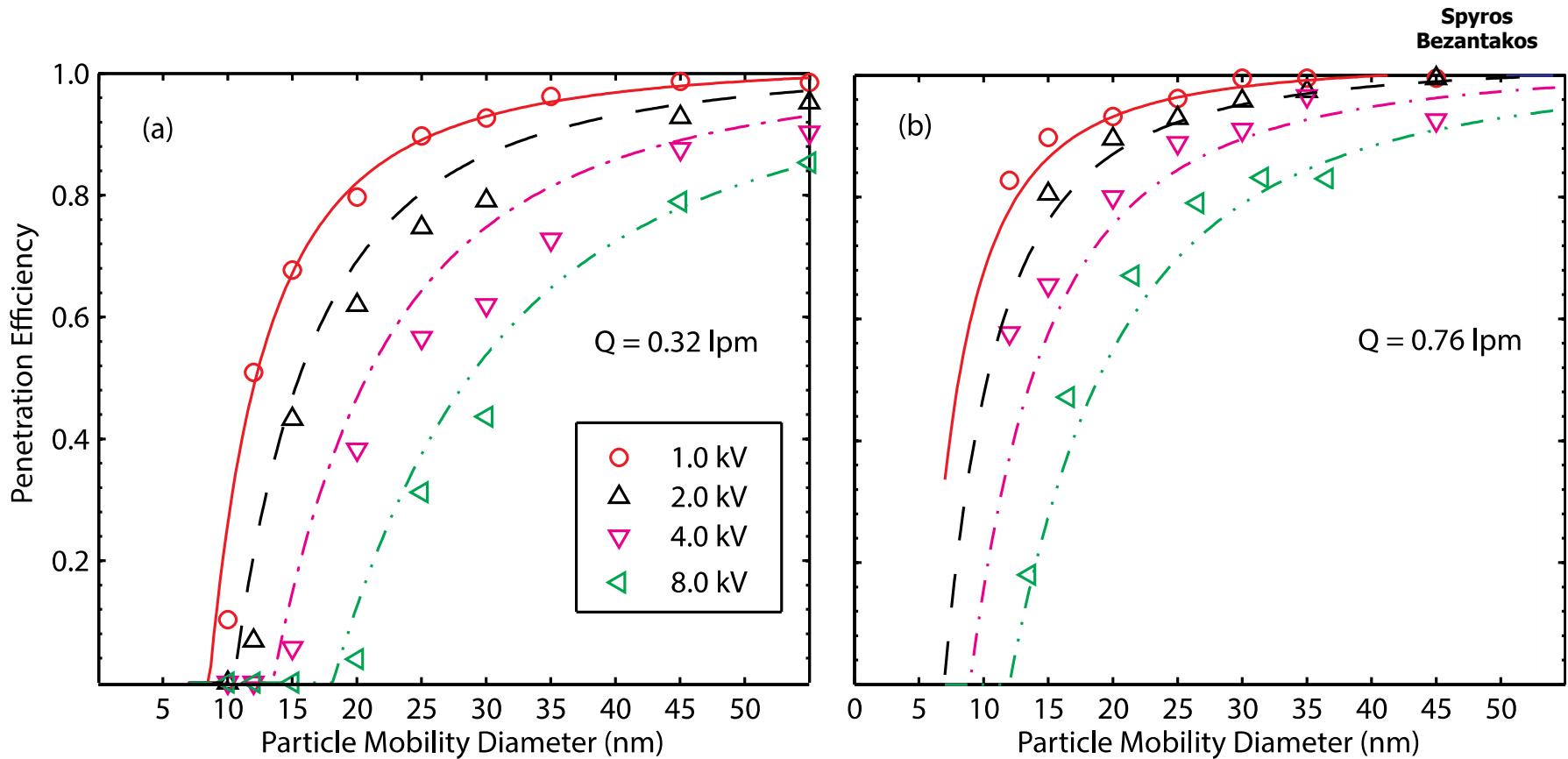
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# Penetration Efficiency Curves





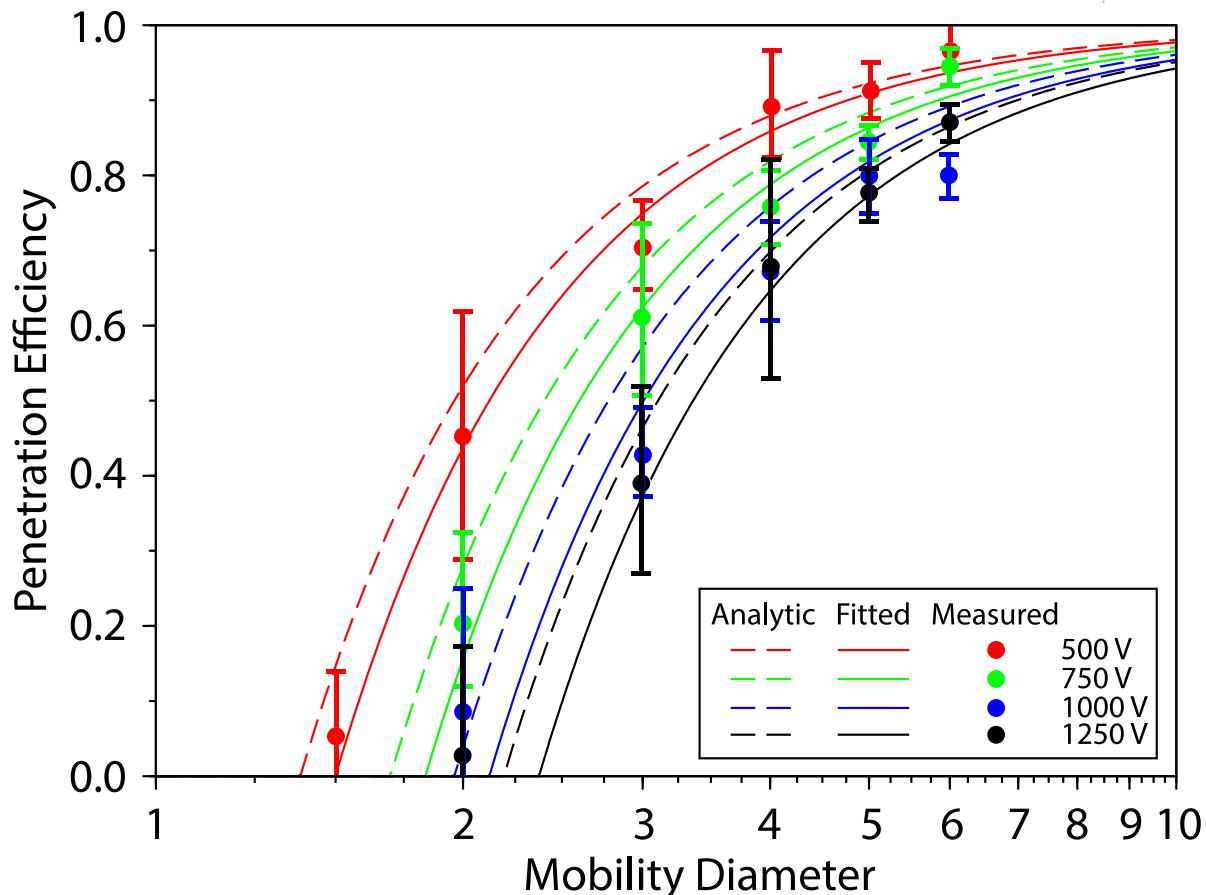
# Performance with sub-10-nm particles

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A tunable high-pass filter for simple and inexpensive size-segregation of sub-10-nm nanoparticles

Received: 14 December 2016  
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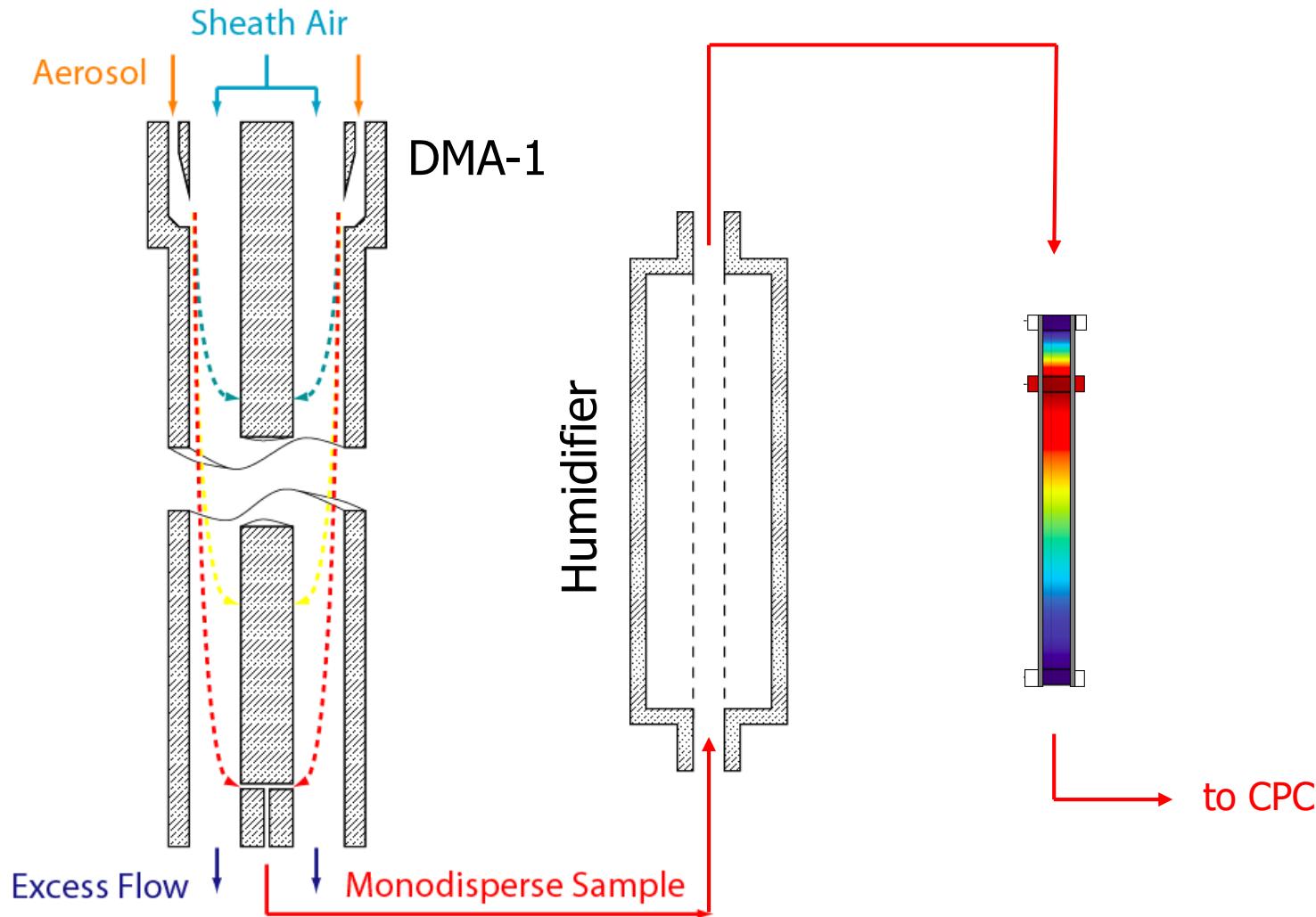


- Nucleation Studies
- Nanotechnology

# Simplified tandem DMA



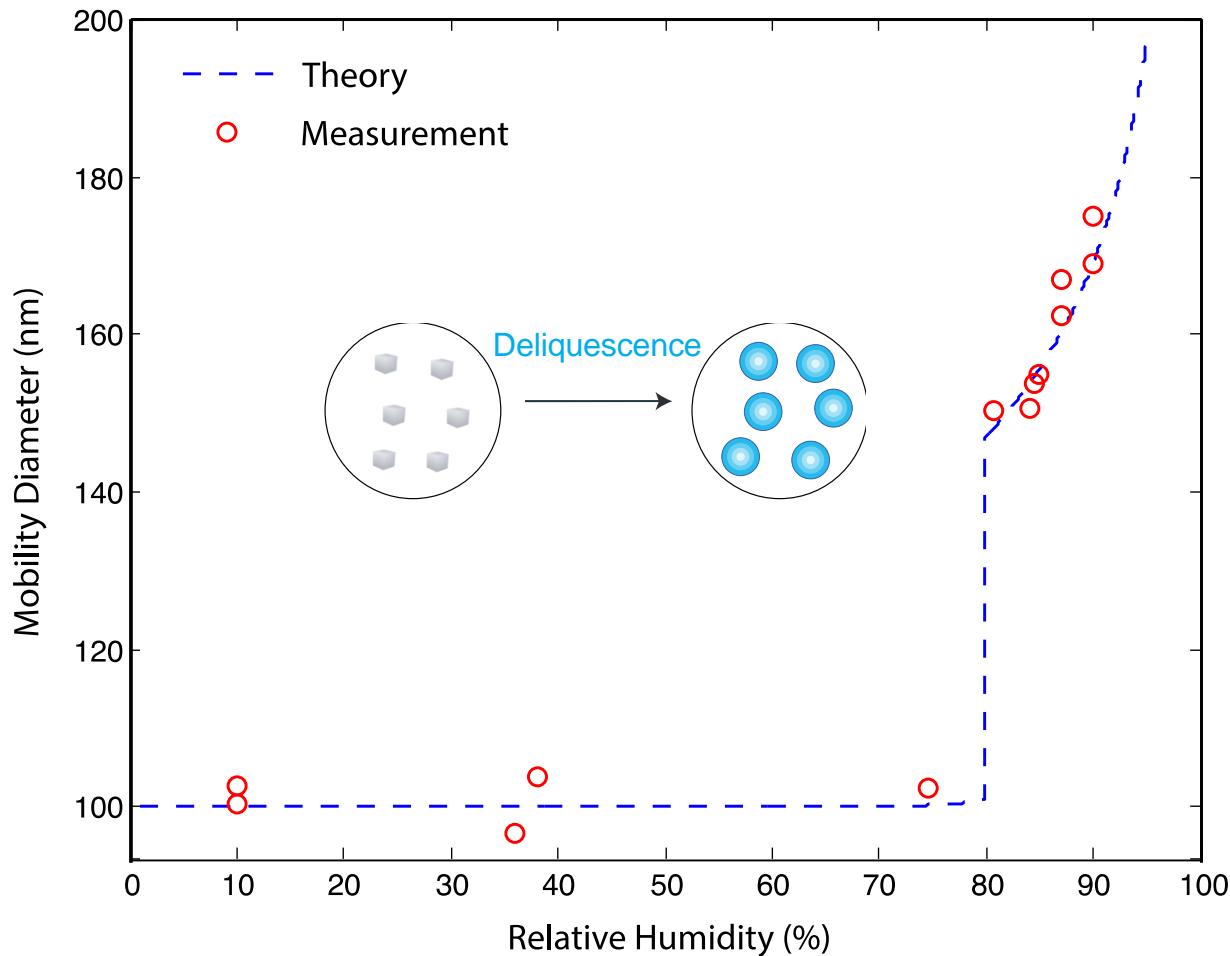
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# Particle Hygroscopicity Measurements using the tandem 3Dp-DMA-precipitator setup



# Instead of Summary...

- New techniques for **manufacturing cost-effective** and **lightweight** aerosol instruments are here!
- They can be **used in different combinations** for measuring the concentration and size as well as other intrinsic particle properties
- Currently they (aerosol instruments) provide a (much) better **solutions** to gas sensors **for determining air quality!**



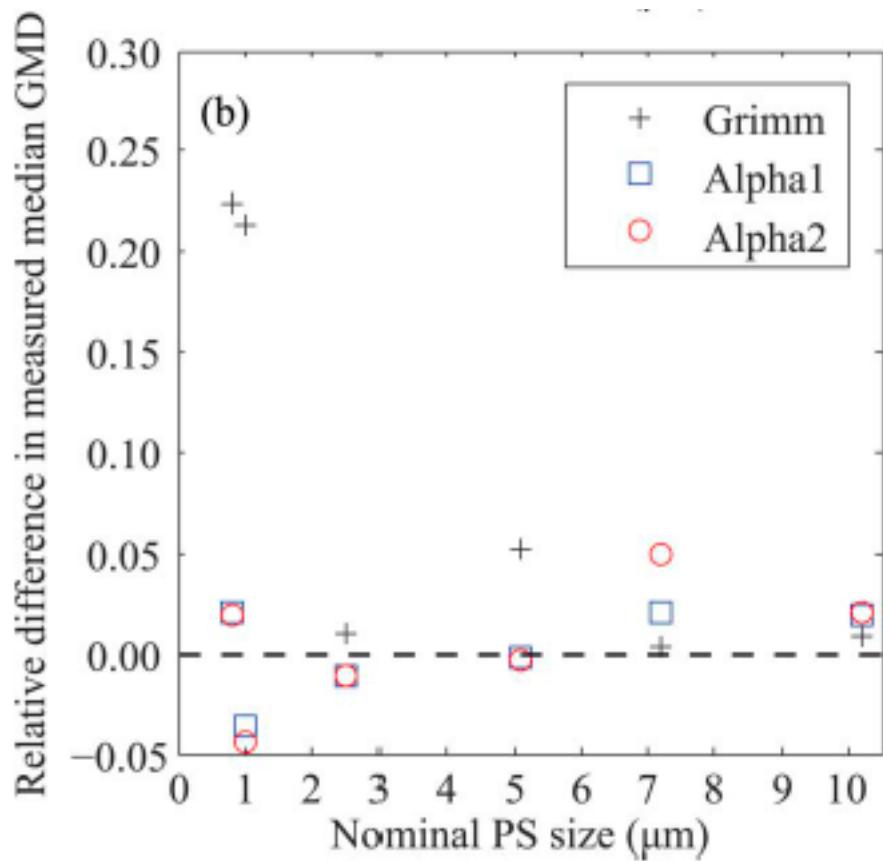
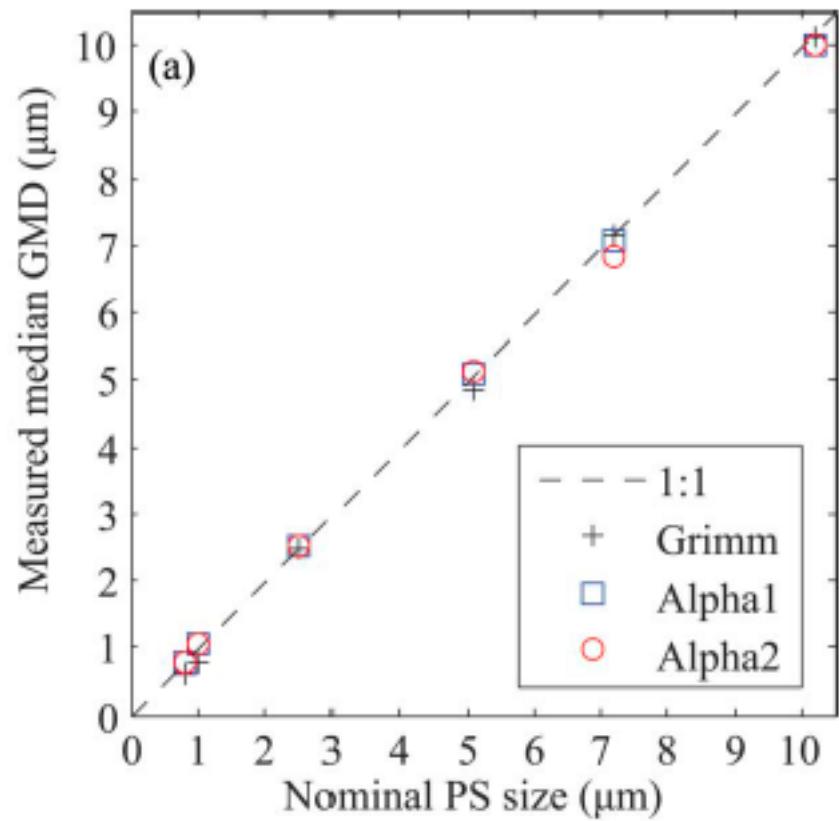
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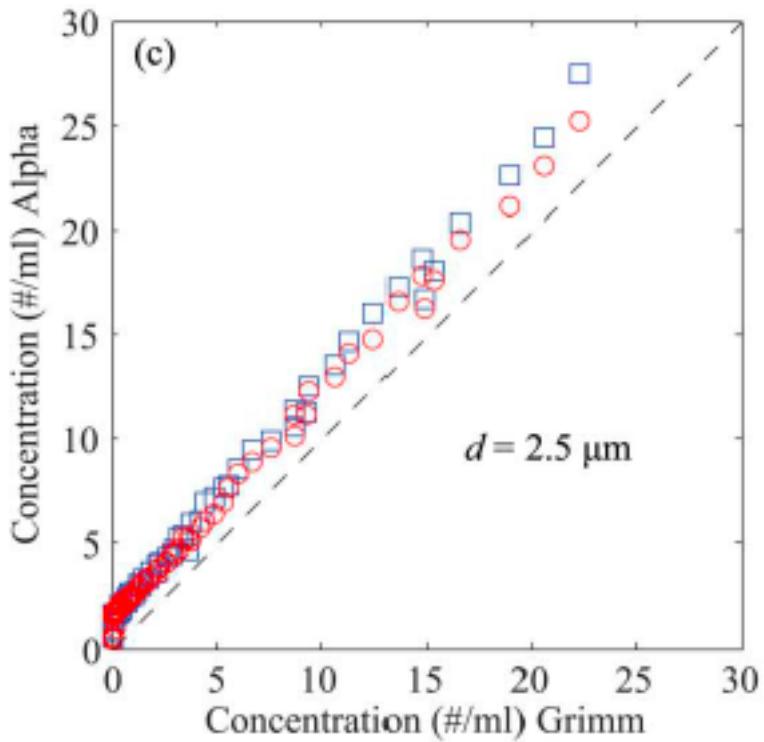
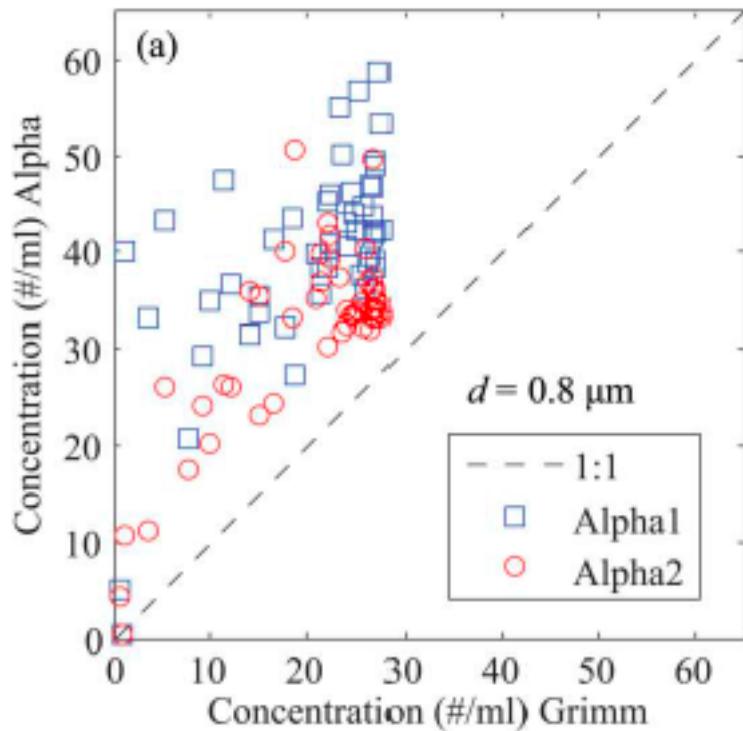
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# Size (@ atm. cond.)



# Concentration (@ atm. cond.)



# DMA sizing, resolution (Charis Results)



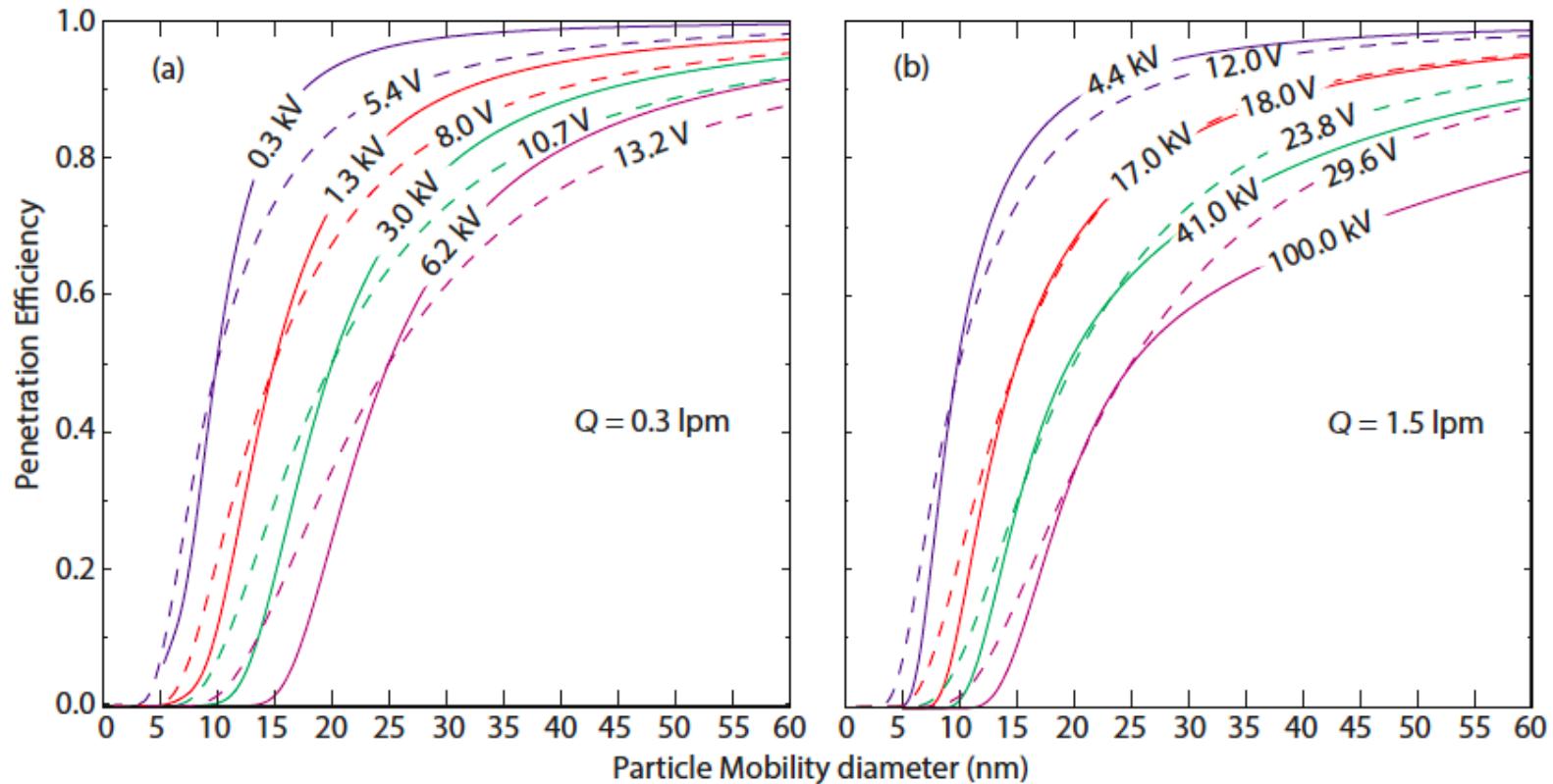
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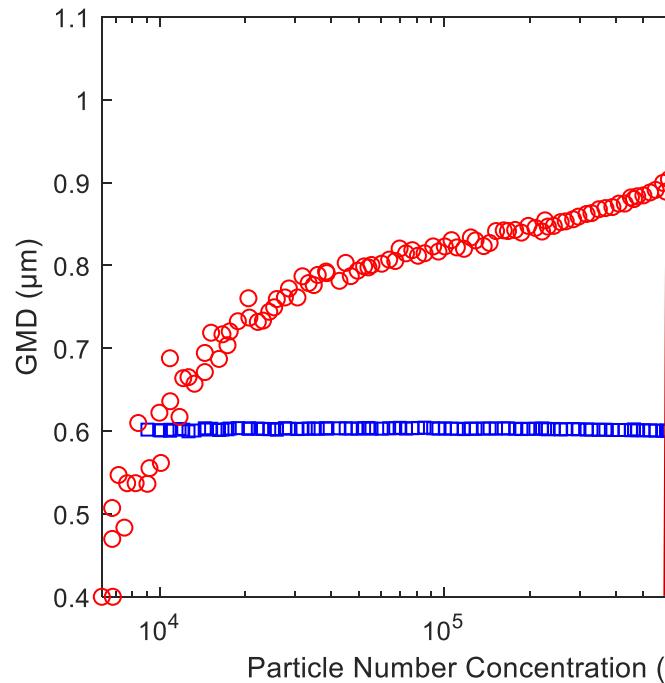
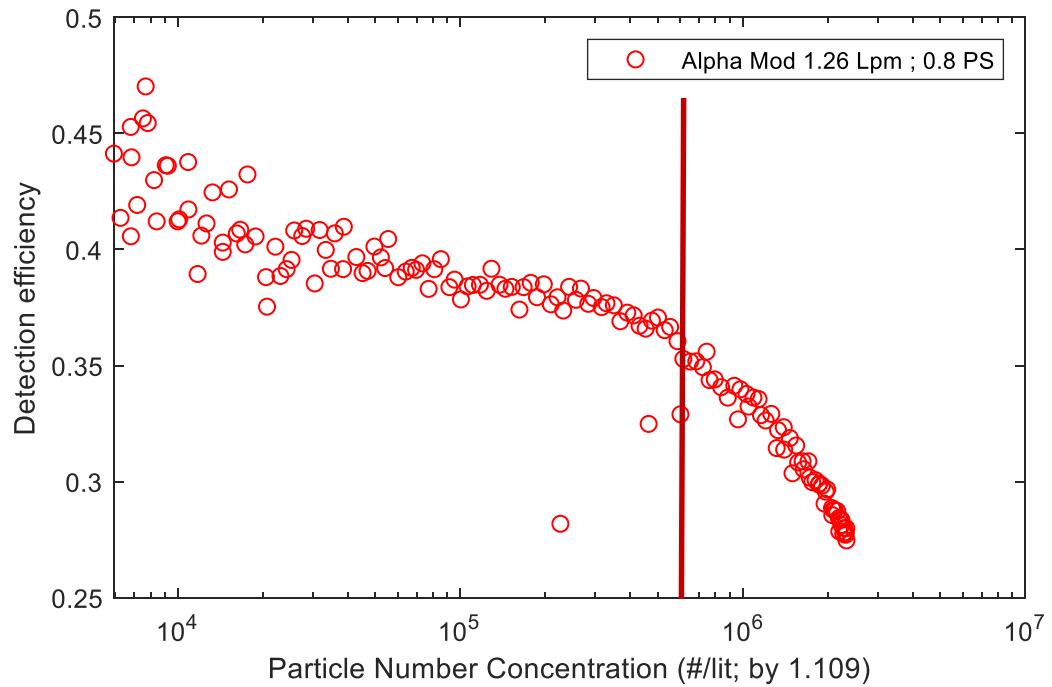
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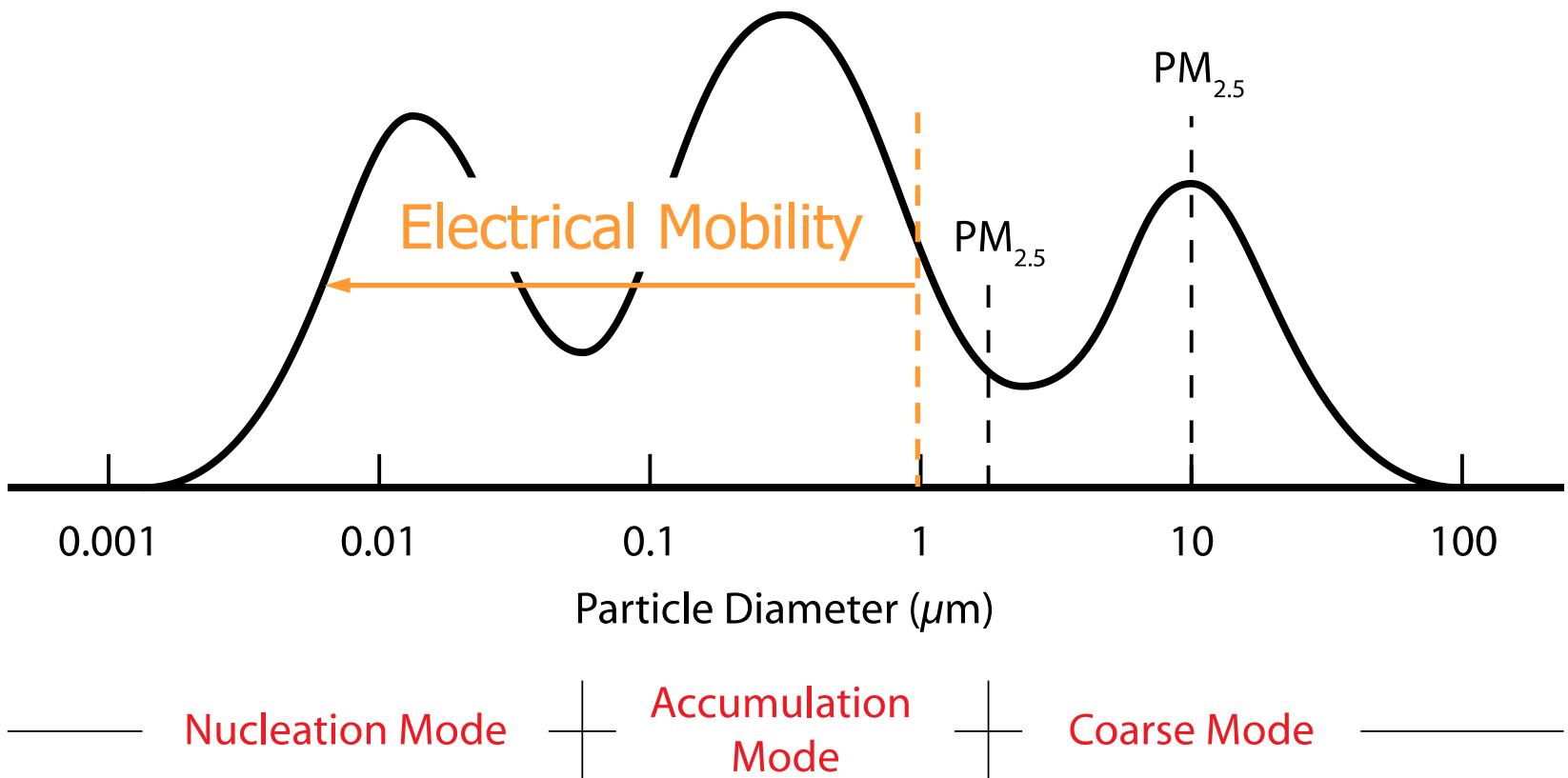
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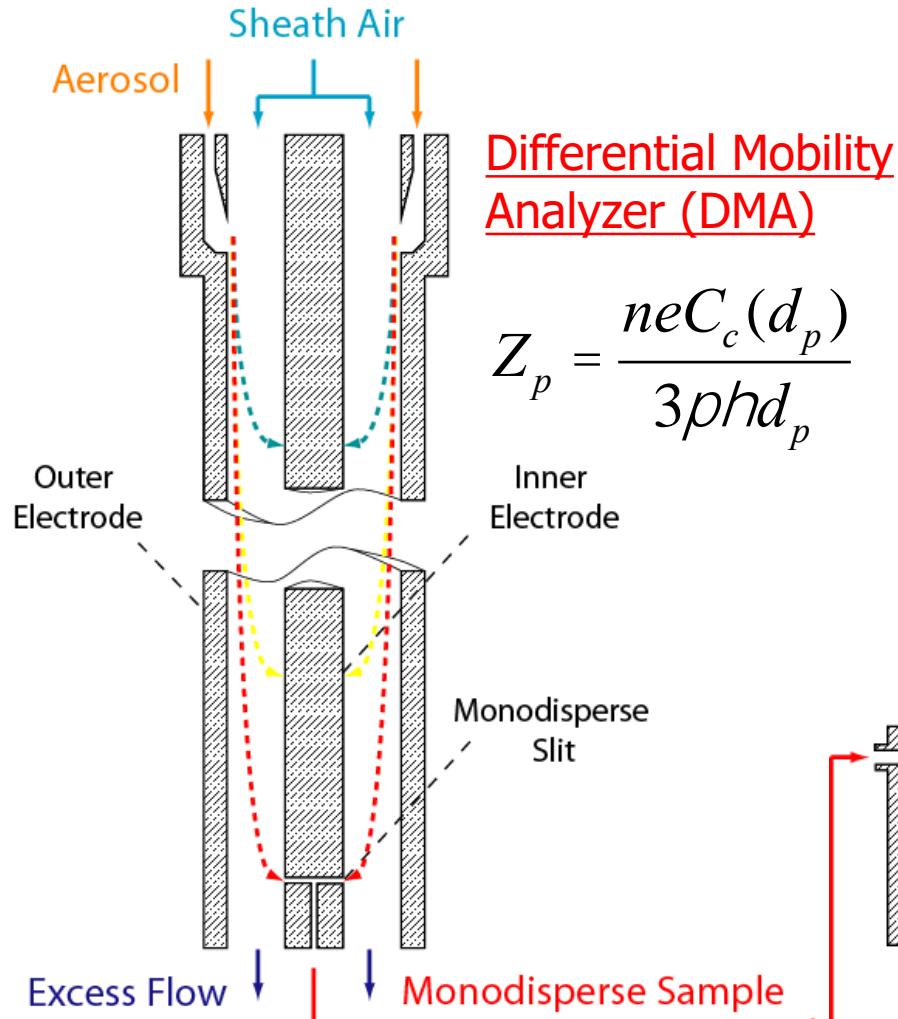
# Characterization of the Alphasense OPC



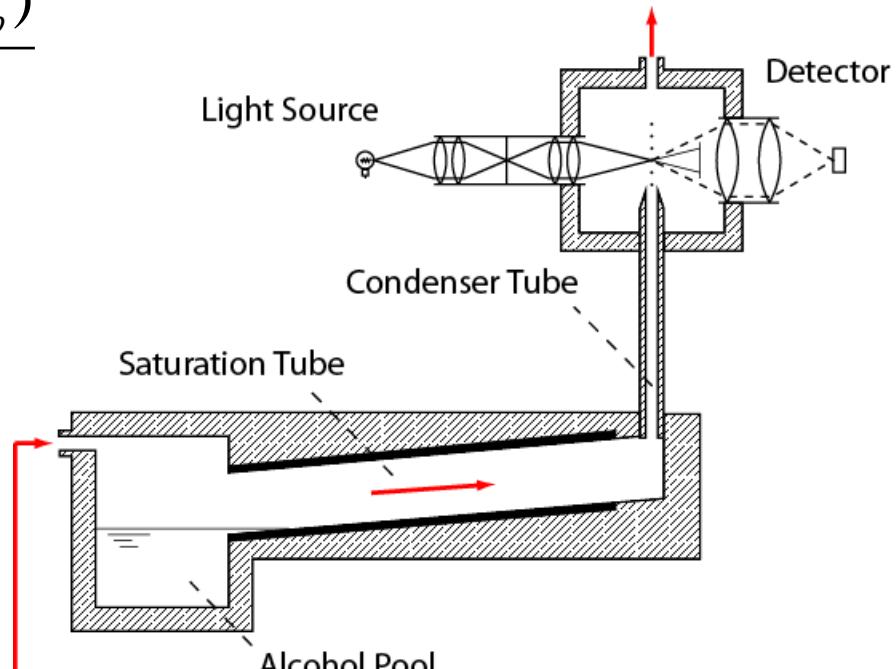
# Measuring Particles Size and Size-dependent Properties



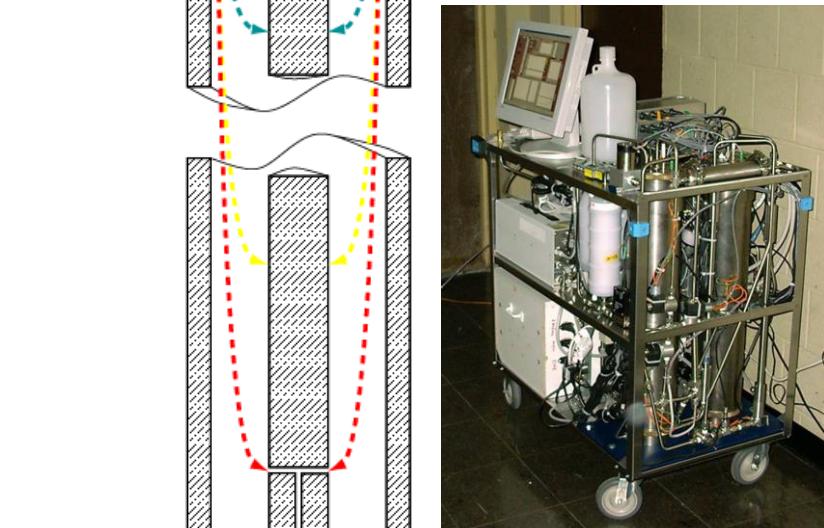
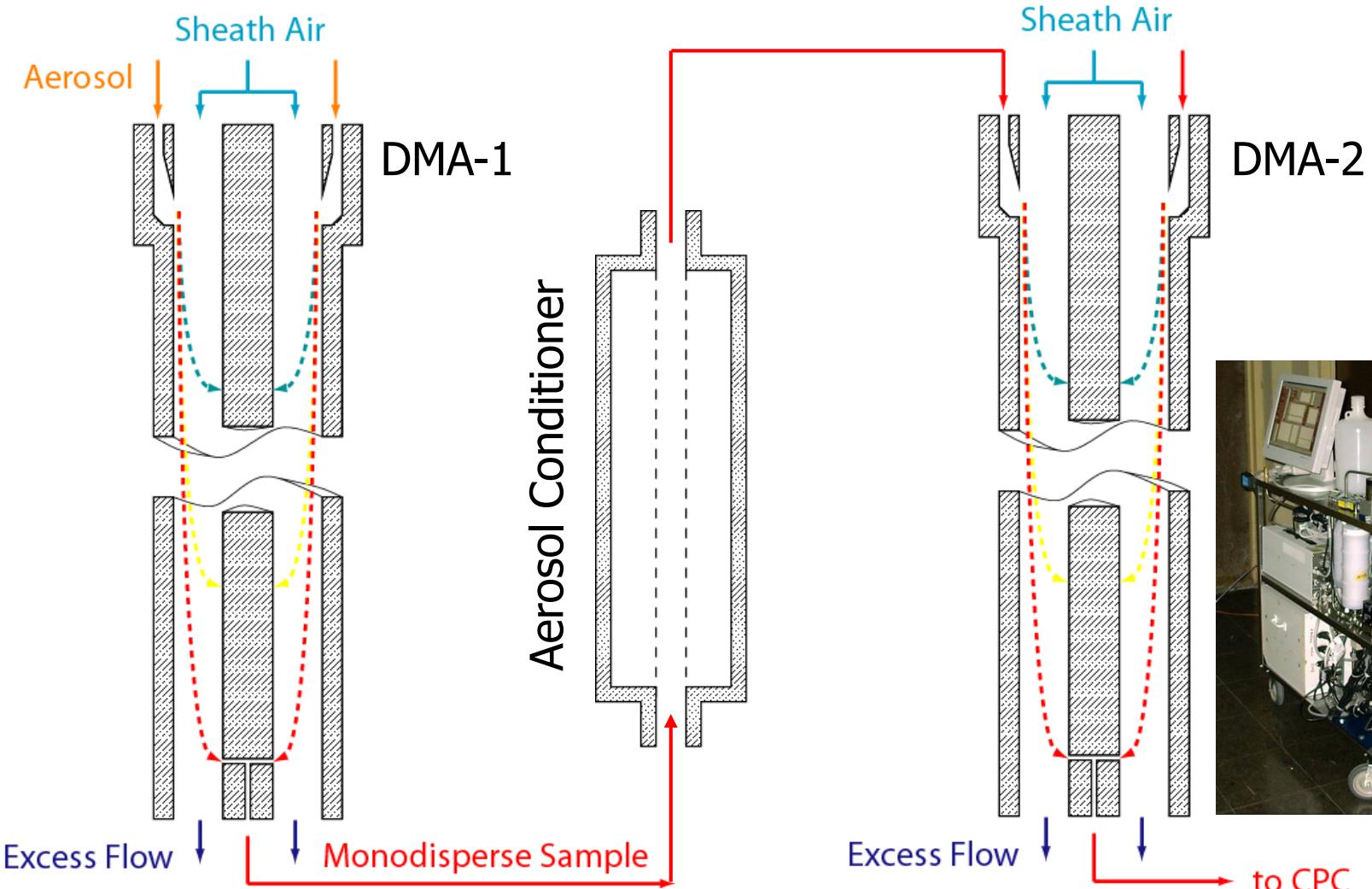
# Measuring the Size of Sub-micron Particles



Condensation Particle Counter (CPC)



# The Hygroscopic Tandem DMA (HTDMA)



Rader and McMurry (1986), J. Aerosol Sci., 17, 771-787



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