

# Bestimmung der Konzentration und Größe von Aerosolpartikeln über mehrere Größenordnungen

Anforderungen an die elektrische Messtechnik und Kalibrierverfahren

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# Grimm Aerosol Technik

- founded 1981 as "Grimm Labortechnik GmbH & Co. KG"
- since 1999: Grimm Aerosol Technik Ainring GmbH & Co. KG
- network of 60 dealers
- with more than 6.000 sold instruments
- to 16.000 customers worldwide
- in 2015 take-over by DURAG group (Hamburg)



**Pouch**  
Produktion  
R&D  
Service  
Administration

**Ainring**  
Management  
Administration  
Sales  
Order Processing



# fields of research

## ENVIRO

### environmental monitoring



EDM 180 EDM 164 EDM 365 11-E

### UFP and WRAS instruments



EDM 465 UFP EDM 665 WRAS

## IAQ (Indoor Air Quality)



11-B (Bio)



11-C



MiniWRAS



11-R (Research)



11-S (Sky)

## NANO



CPC 4



sky-CPC



SMPS + C



S, M, L - DMA



FCE



SMPS + E

# What are aerosols ?

**a stable suspension of solid particles and/or liquid droplets in a carrier gas**

2- component system: **particle + carrier gas**

**particle:** solid / liquid

**gas:** air (or any other gas)

highly dynamic, reactive and complicated systems

→ need simplifications and statistical methods for description

# Why care about aerosols?

air pollution

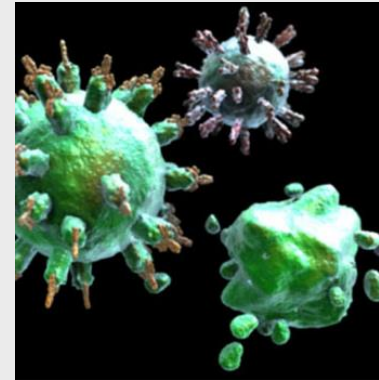


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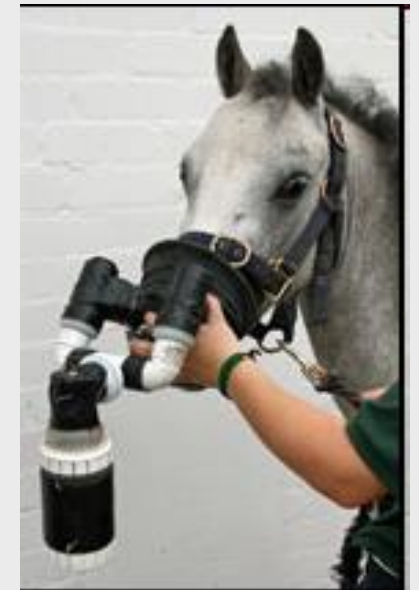
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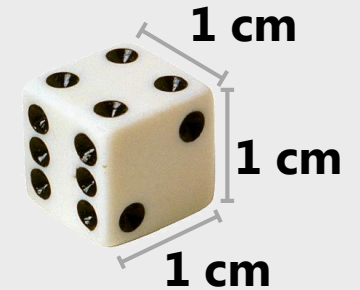
climate change patterns



<http://global-warm-ing.co.cc/>

# typical aerosol number concentrations

	<b>number conc. (1/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	
<b>stratosphere</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>10<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>Antarctic</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
<b>sea surface (background)</b>	<b>400</b>	
<b>continental background</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
<b>mean city</b>	<b>140,000</b>	
<b>city highway</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	
<b>reactor / generator aerosol</b>	<b>100,000,000,000</b>	<b>10<sup>11</sup></b>



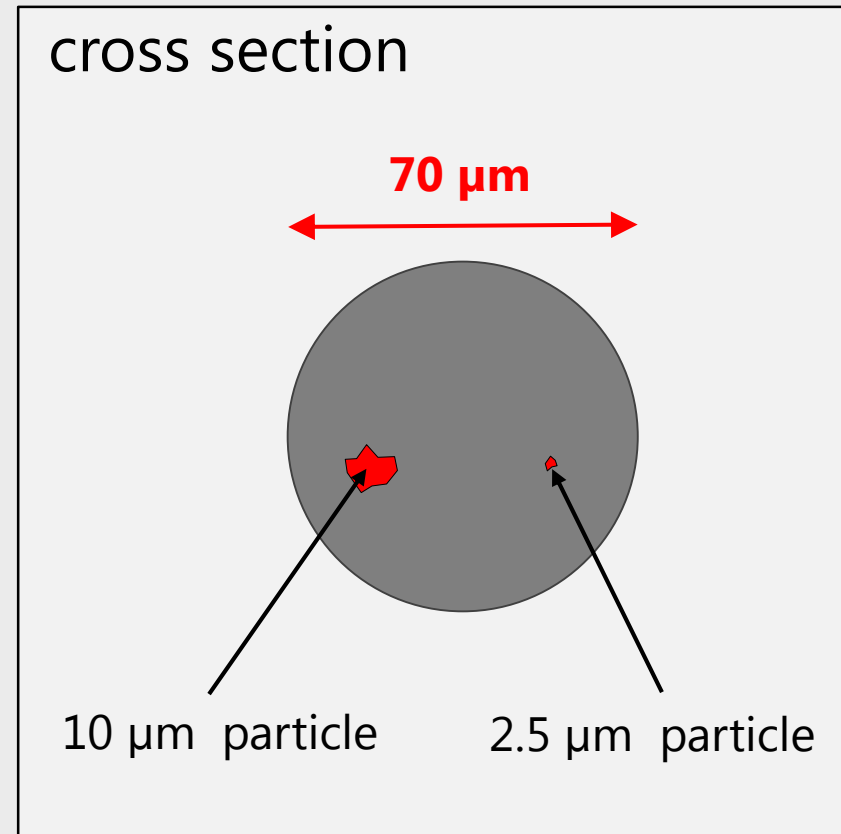
**12 orders of magnitude !**



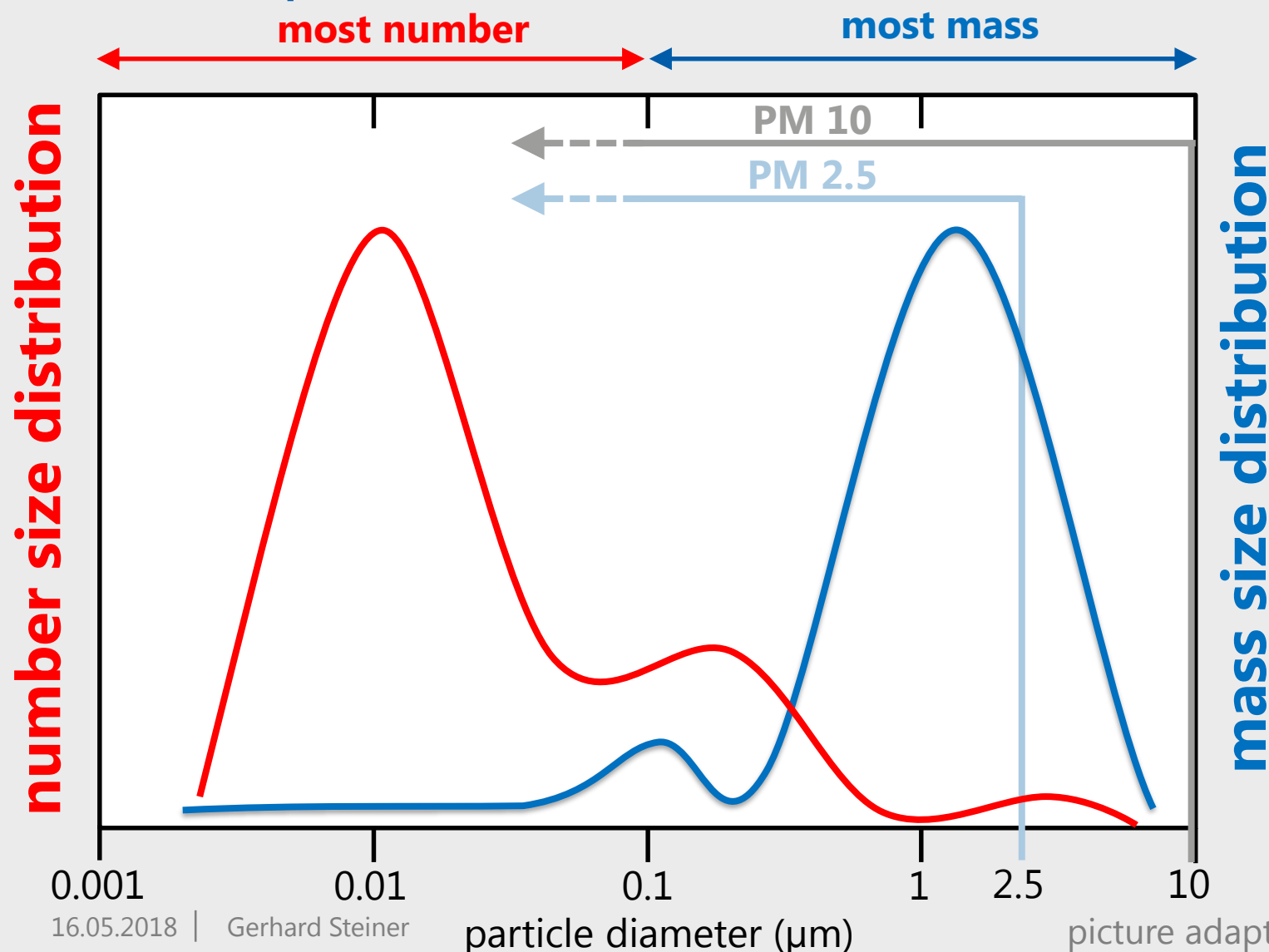
# size relations ....



<https://www.spektrum-neo.de/nanologo/>



# Atmospheric Aerosol



**PM10 regulations imply:**  
one 10  $\mu\text{m}$ -particle poses  
same health hazard as  
8 million 50 nm-Particles.

measure for  
ultrafine particles  
( $<100\text{nm}$ ) is  
**number  
concentration**



# size relations ....

5 orders of magnitude !

**0.001  $\mu\text{m}$**

1 nm

**0.01  $\mu\text{m}$**

10 nm

**0.1  $\mu\text{m}$**

100 nm

**1  $\mu\text{m}$**

1000 nm

**10  $\mu\text{m}$**

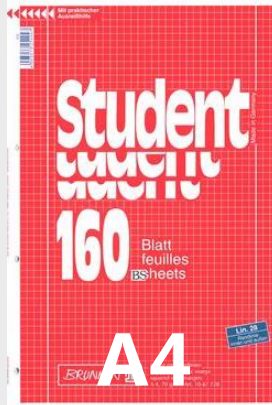
10000 nm

0.03 m



<https://www.sn.at/>

0.3 m



<https://www.duo-shop.de/>

3 m



<https://www.intersport.at>

32 m



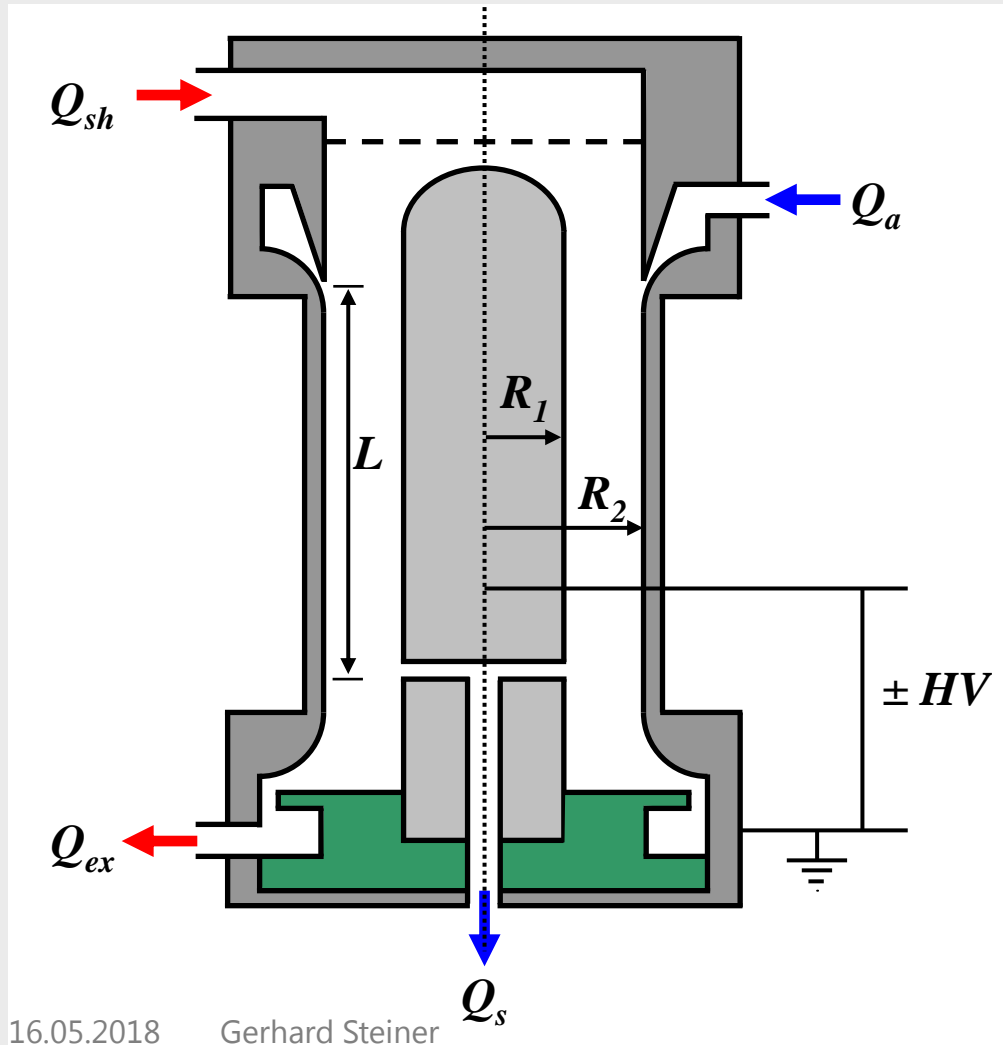
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324 m



<https://img.posterlounge.de>

# Differential Mobility Analyzer (DMA)



## geometric parameters

$R_1$  ... outer radius of center electrode

$R_2$  ... inner radius of outer electrode

$L$  ... distance aerosol inlet-outlet (classification length)

## operational parameters:

$Q_{sh}$  ... clean sheath-air

$Q_{ex}$  ... excess-air

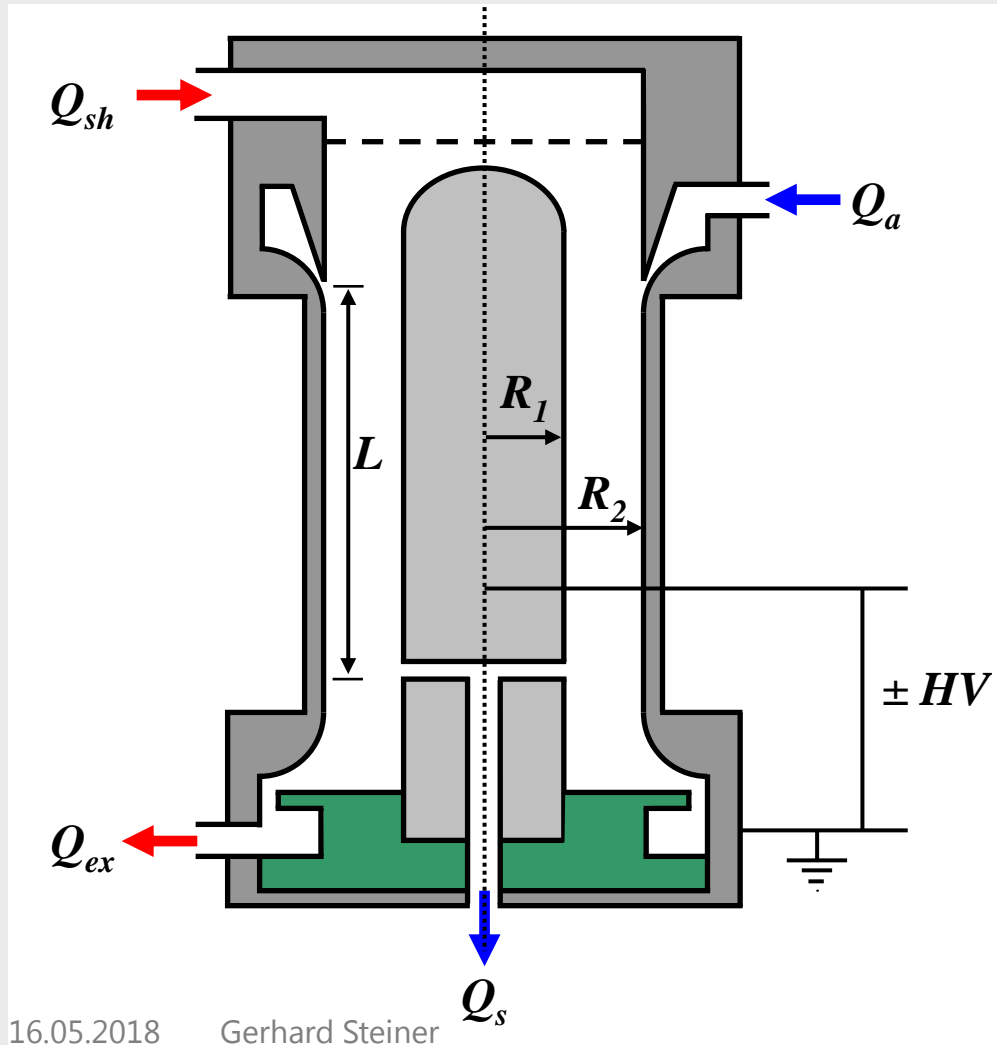
$Q_a$  ... aerosol inlet-air

$Q_s$  ... aerosol sample-air)

HV ... (high) voltage on center electrode

$$Z = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\ln(R_2/R_1)}{2\pi \cdot L} \frac{(Q_{sh} + Q_{ex})}{2}$$

# Differential Mobility Analyzer (DMA)



Stokes' force: 
$$\vec{F} = \frac{3\pi \cdot \eta \cdot D_p \cdot \vec{v}}{C(D_p)}$$

mobility: 
$$B = \frac{\vec{v}}{\vec{F}} \quad B = \frac{\vec{v}}{i \cdot e_0 \cdot \vec{E}}$$

electrical mobility: 
$$Z = i \cdot e_0 \cdot B$$

$$Z = \frac{i \cdot e_0}{3\pi \cdot \eta} \cdot \frac{C(D_p)}{D_p}$$

**electrical mobility equivalent diameter**

diameter of a spherical particle having the same electrical mobility as a particle of unknown shape.

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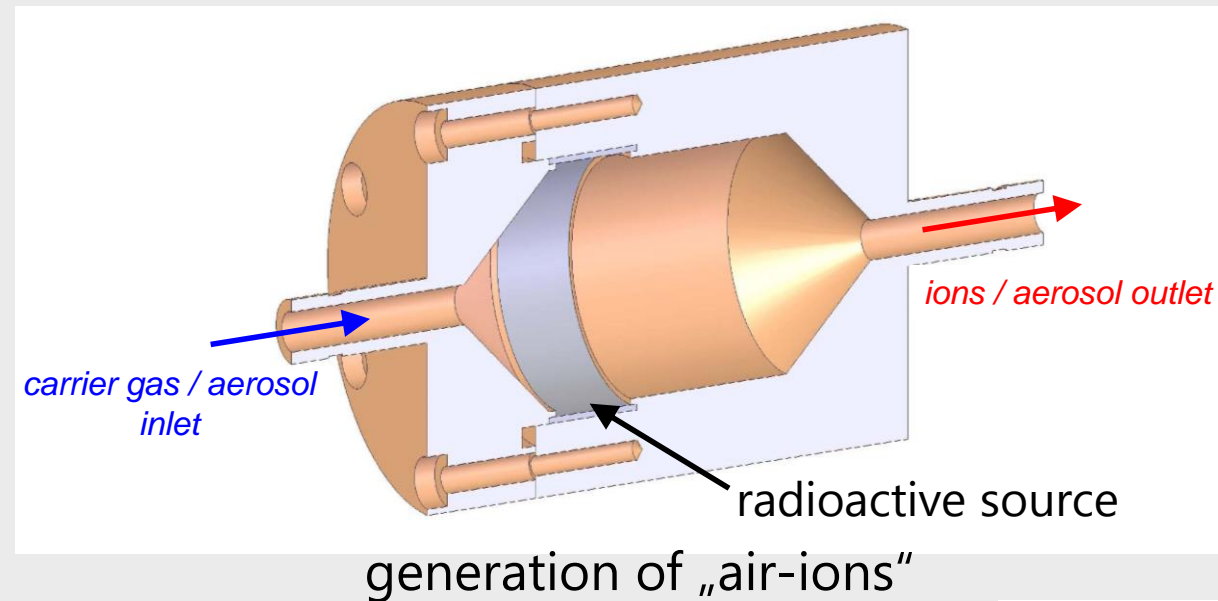
**data inversion necessary!**



# neutralizer / charger

## radioactive source

- $^{210}\text{Po}$  ( $\alpha$ )
  - $^{241}\text{Am}$  ( $\alpha$ )
  - $^{85}\text{Kr}$  ( $\beta$ )
  - $^{63}\text{Ni}$  ( $\beta$ )
- => bipolar



$^{241}\text{Am}$



$^{63}\text{Ni}$

## alternatives

- corona / dielectric barrier discharge
- soft x-ray



# charging probability

Fuchs / Boltzmann stationary state charging probability (Fuchs, 1964)

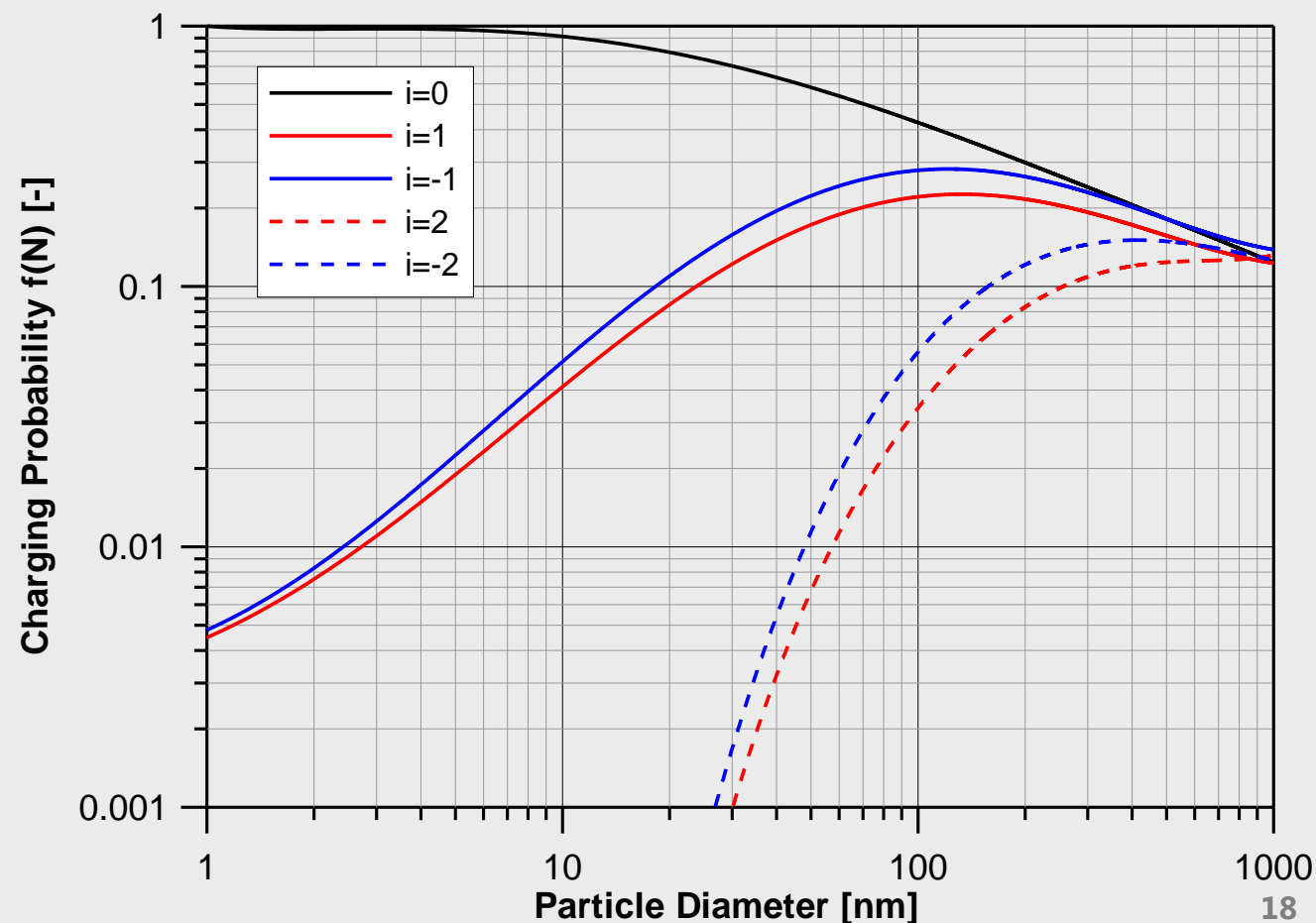
**Wiedensohler parametrisation: (Wiedensohler, 1988)**

$$f(N) = 10^{\left[ \sum_{j=0}^5 a_j(i) \cdot (\log D_p)^j \right]}$$

$D_p$  in (nm)

$a_j(i)$	$i = -2$	$i = -1$	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$
$a_0$	-26.3328	-2.3197	-0.0003	-2.3484	-44.4756
$a_1$	35.9044	0.6175	-0.1014	0.6044	79.3772
$a_2$	-21.4608	0.6201	-0.3073	0.4800	-62.8900
$a_3$	7.0867	-0.1105	-0.3372	0.0013	26.4492
$a_4$	-1.3088	-0.1260	0.1023	-0.1544	-5.7480
$a_5$	0.1051	0.0297	-0.0105	0.0320	0.5059

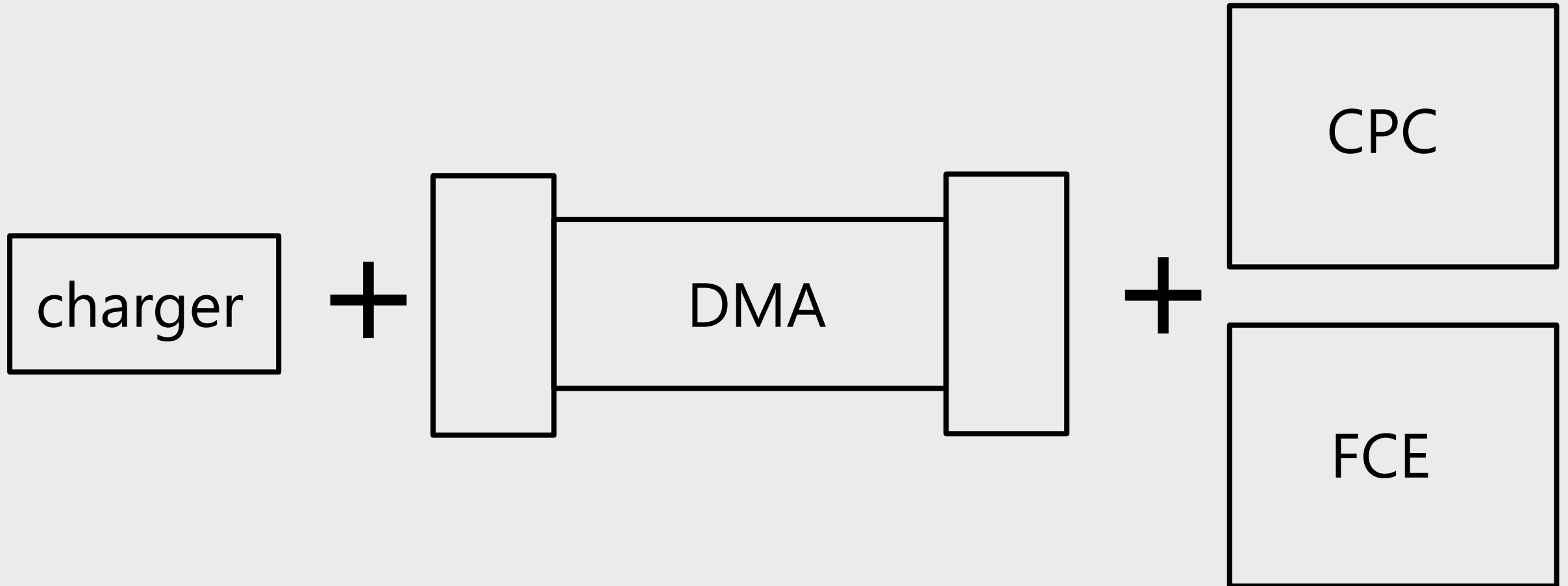
Tab. 2.1 Approximation coefficients  $a_j(i)$  of Wiedensohler's formula



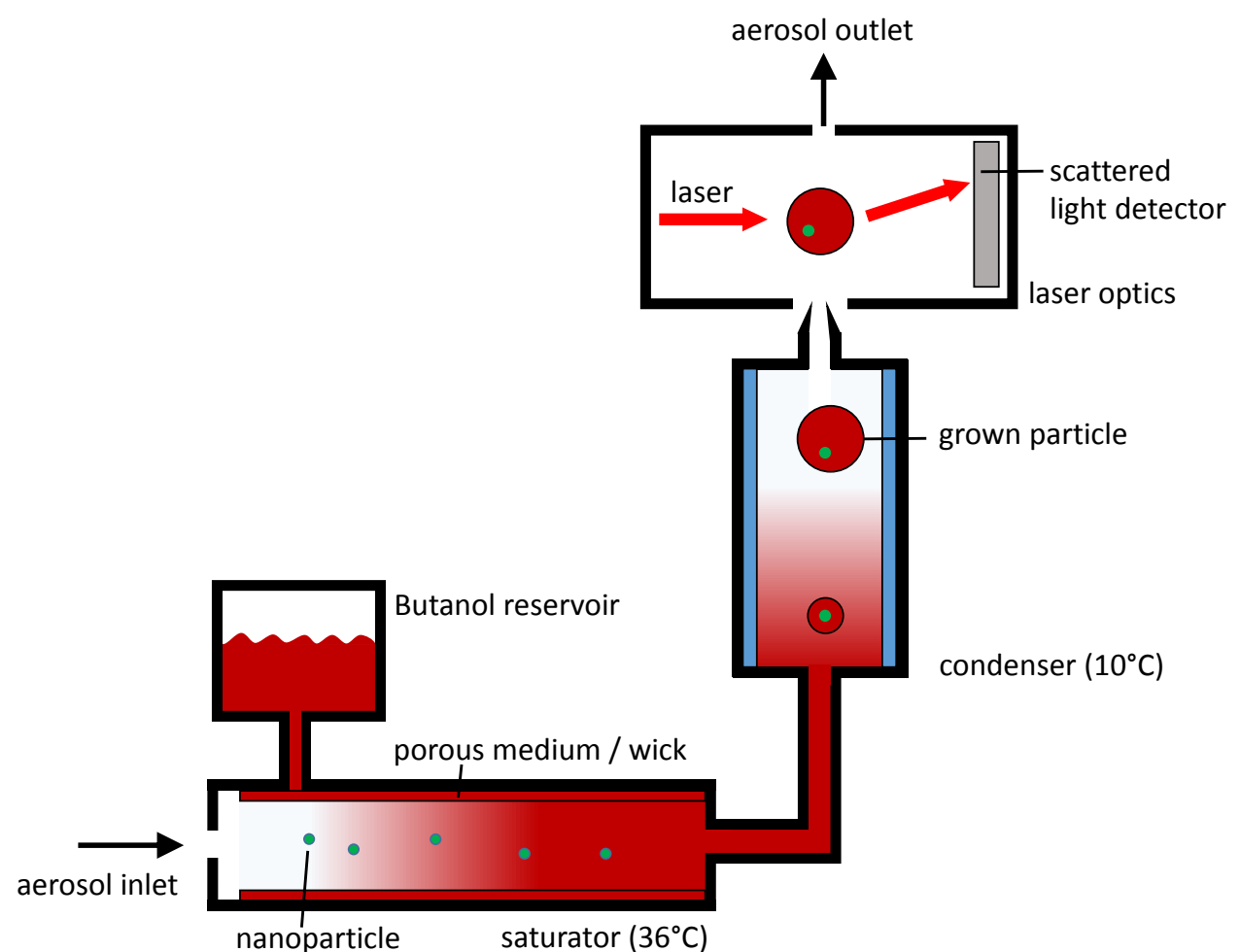


# SMPS

## Scanning Mobility Particle Spectrometer

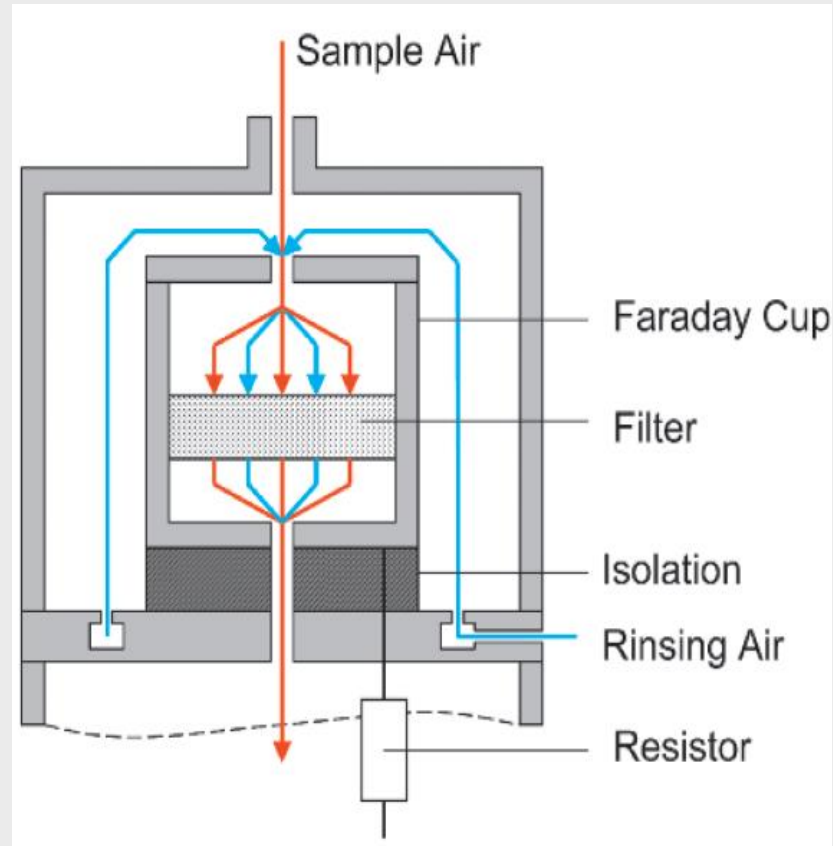


# Condensation Particle Counter (CPC)



- particle growth by heterogeneous nucleation
- requires working fluid (butanol, water, DEG,...)
- charged & neutral particles
- single particle counting for low number concentrations
- photometric mode for high number concentrations
- **requires calibration!**

# Faraday Cup Elecotrometer (FCE)

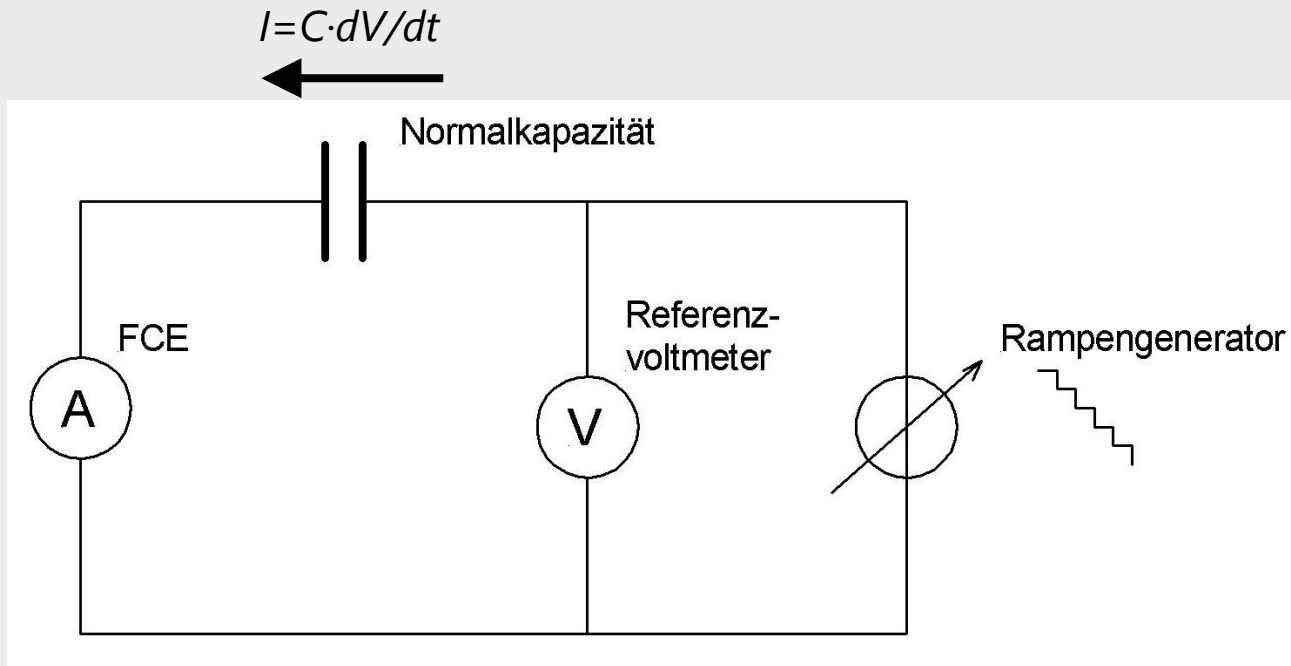


- charged particles collected on filter inside a Faraday-Cup
- change potential of Cup
- rinsing air keeps Cup free of contaminants
- inflow or outflow of  $e^-$  balance potential of Cup
- potential difference at high resistance proportional to current of charged particles
- measure for particle number concentration

$$N = \frac{I}{i \cdot e \cdot Q}$$

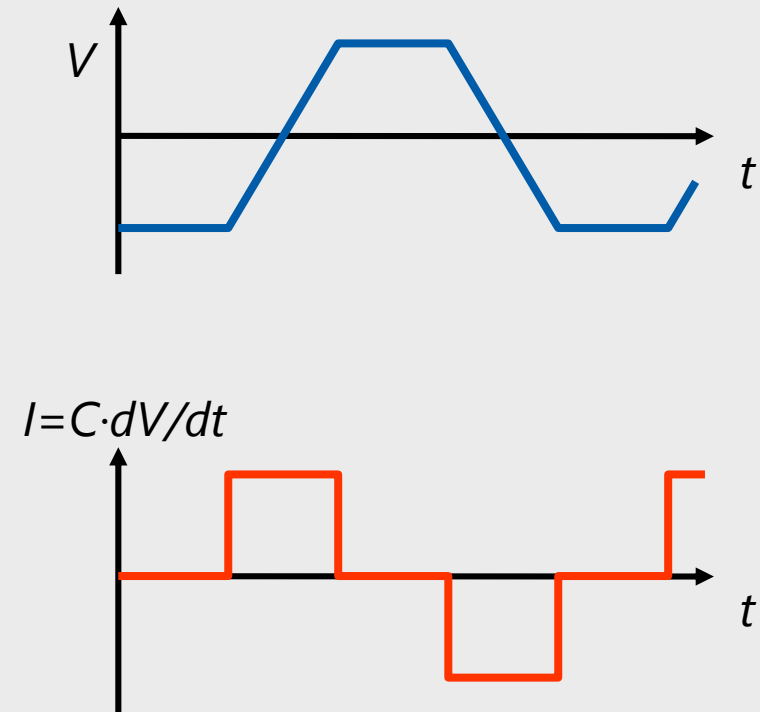
- only charged particles – very low currents (fA)
- relatively low limit of detection  
( $0.1 \text{ fA} \triangleq 37.5/\text{cm}^3 @ 1\text{L}/\text{min}$ )
- in principle no calibration needed, but deduction to standard desirable

# FCE calibration set-up @ PTB

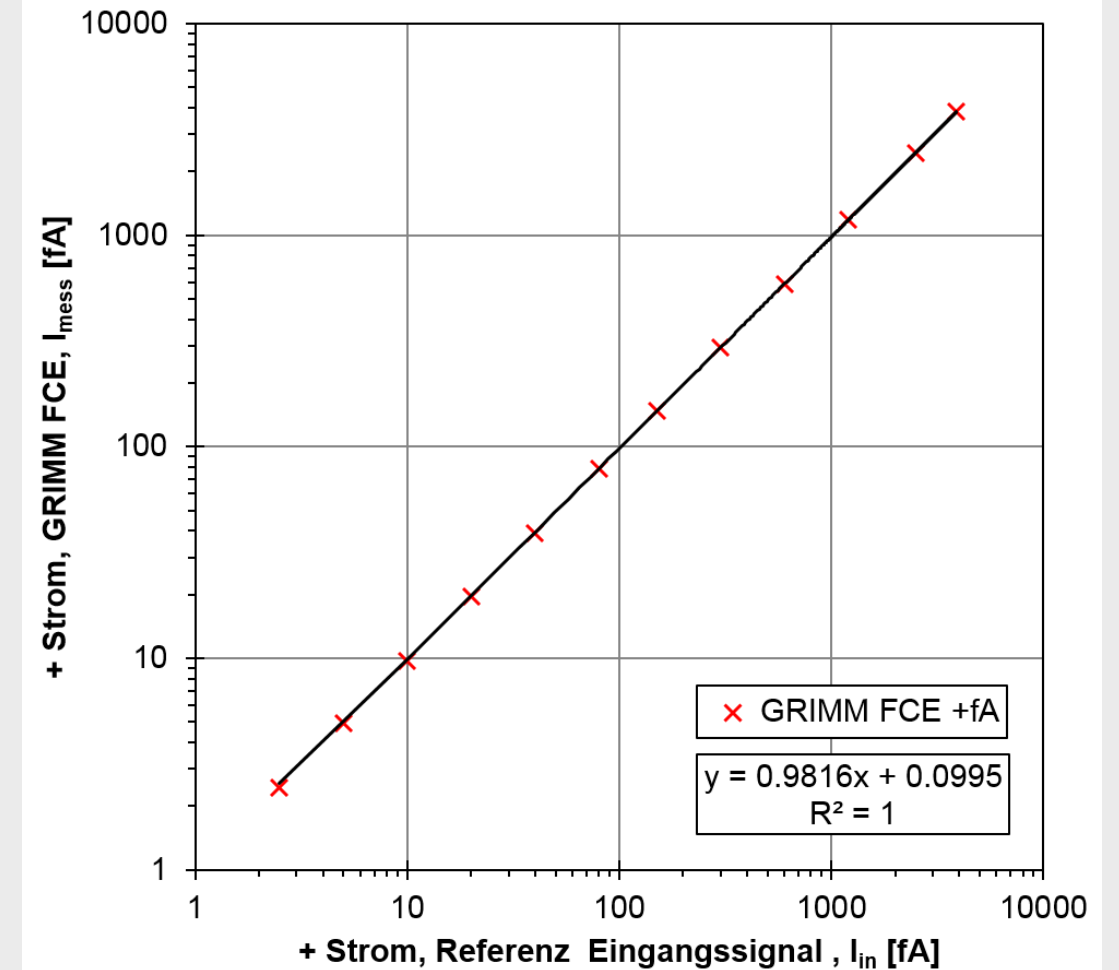
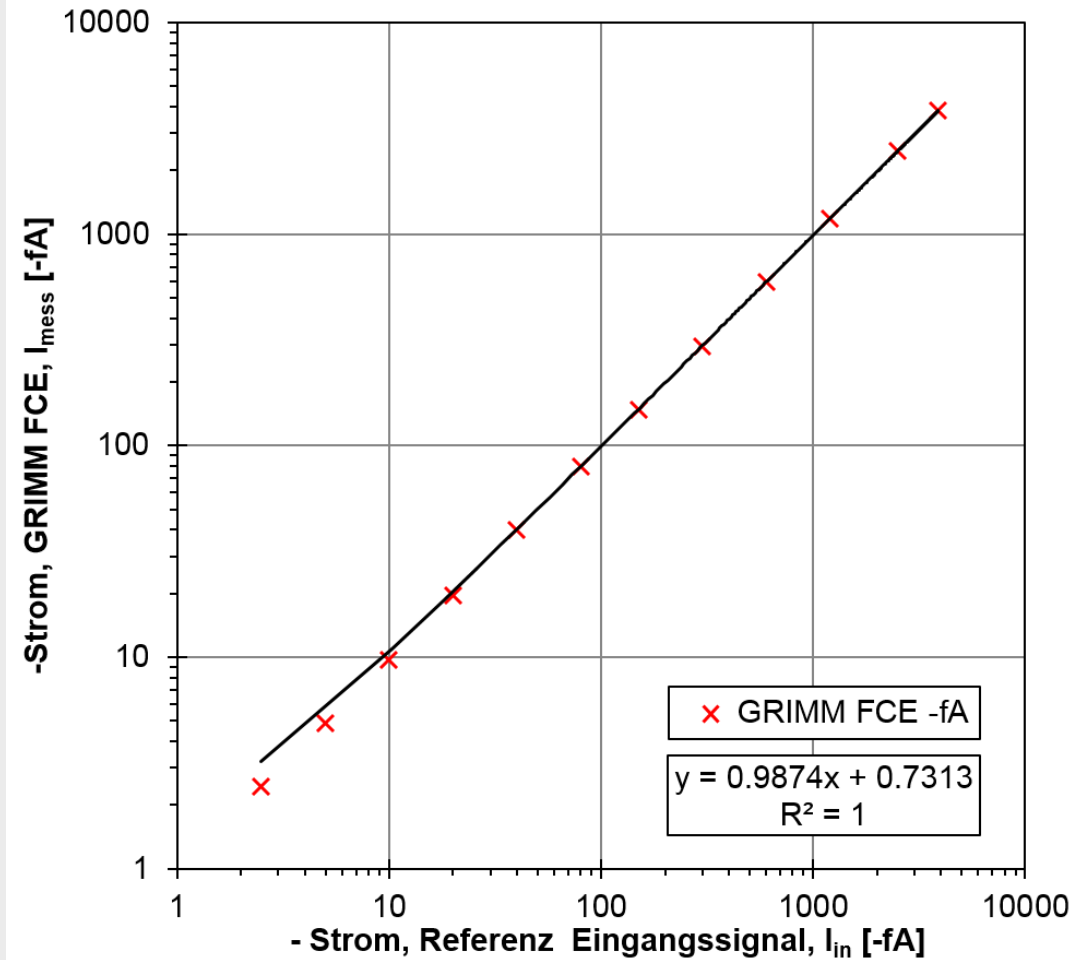


The current is traced back to **Volt**, **Second**, and **Farad**.

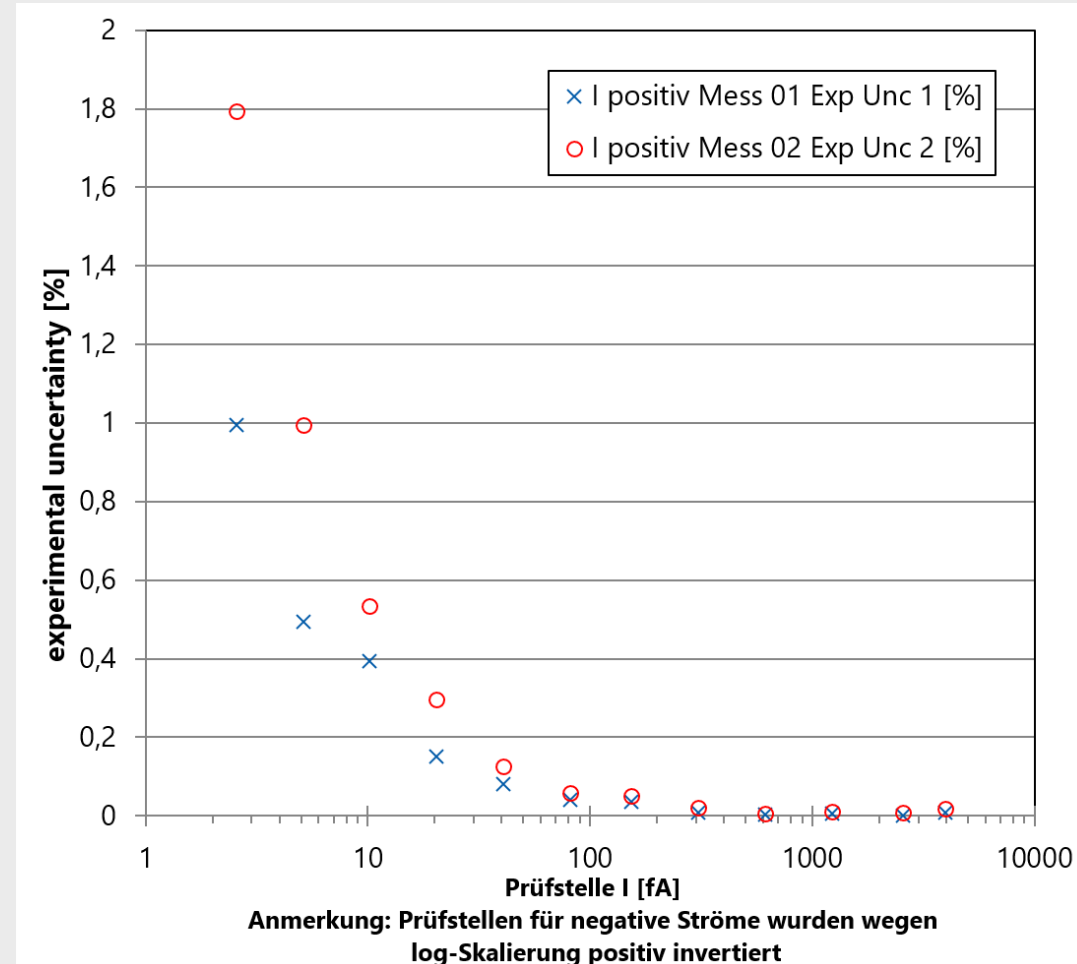
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# FCE calibration results @ PTB

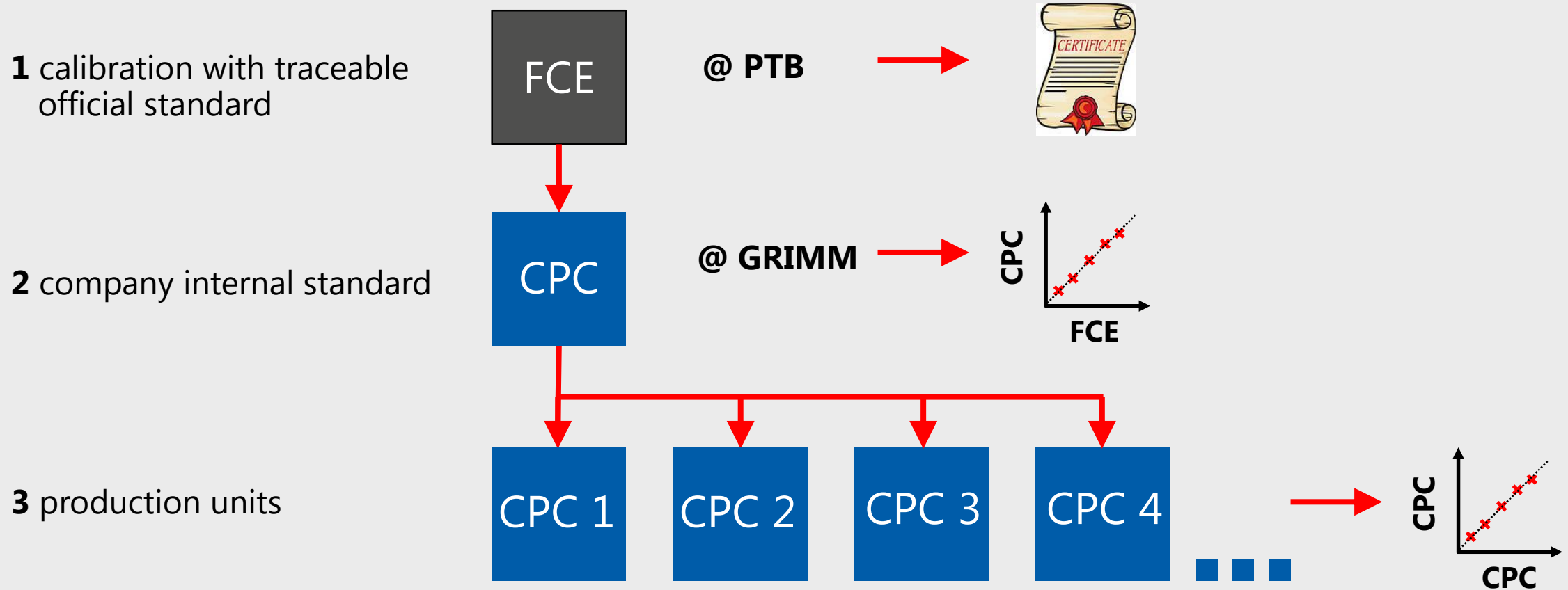


# FCE calibration results @ PTB





# Application of calibrated FCE



# Application of calibrated FCE & CPC

## **FCE as reference:**

ISO 9001:2015-09 (Quality management)  
ISO 27891:2015-1 (CPC calibration)

## **FCE or CPC as reference:**

ISO 21501-1:2009-6 (Aerosolspectrometer calibration)  
ISO 21501-4:2006-2 (Clean room counter calibration)  
ISO 15900:2009-05 (SMPS calibration)

## **CPC as reference:**

DIN EN ISO 10808:2011-04 (Nanoparticel inhalation)  
DIN EN ISO 28439:2011-07 (Nanoparticel workplaces)  
RAL-UZ 171:2013-03 (Blauer Engel Laserdrucker)  
ISO IEC 28360:2016-02 (Office equipment)  
ECMA-328:2017-06 (Electronic equipment)

- aerosols highly complex, dynamic systems
- range of particle size and number concentration over several orders of magnitude
- measure for ultrafine particles ( $<100\text{nm}$ ) is number concentration
- electrostatic techniques for size segregation
- require charging mechanisms
- electrostatic techniques for determination of number concentration
- traceable calibration of electrometer enables calibration of other instruments
- .... and makes many measurements according to ISO standards possible.

## Thank you for your attention