



Excellence in Particle Measurements



Dekati® **High-Resolution ELPI®+**

Real-time particle size distribution

Wide particle size range with a single measurement method

High size resolution

Particle number, mass and LDSA concentration

Direct high-temperature aerosol measurements



Dekati® High-Resolution ELPI®+

Description

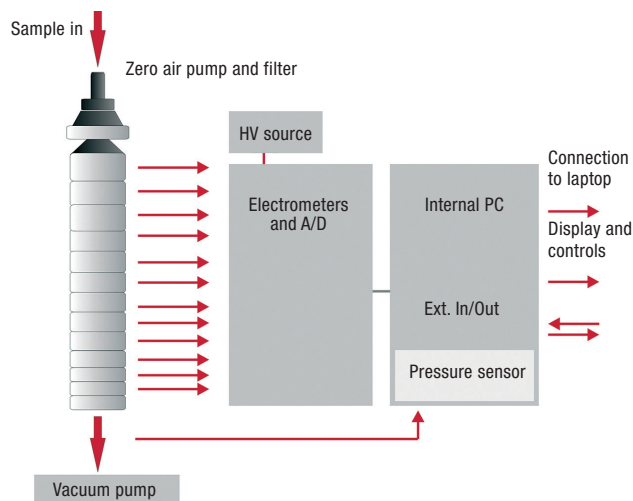
The Dekati® High-Resolution ELPI®+ (HR-ELPI®+) is an advanced version of the widely used ELPI®+ (Electrical Low Pressure Impactor). It is designed for accurate real-time aerosol particle size distribution measurements over a size range of 6 nm to 10 µm. The HR-ELPI®+ uses a dedicated data inversion algorithm to provide real-time particle size distributions with up to 500 size classes. The instrument supports a wide particle concentration range and its robust design makes it suitable for both laboratory and field use. In addition to real-time measurements, the HR-ELPI®+ allows collection of size-segregated particles for subsequent laboratory analysis. The included Data Analysis Tool enables efficient data processing and visualization, providing particle number, LDSA, and mass concentration (6 nm–2.5 µm) outputs.

Operating principle

First, the particles pass through a unipolar corona charger where they are charged up to a known positive charge level. Second, the particles are size classified in a cascade impactor into 14 size classes depending on their aerodynamic size.



Charger-Impactor assembly of the High-Resolution ELPI®+ (left), collection plates (middle) and the impactor stack showing the 14 stages (right)



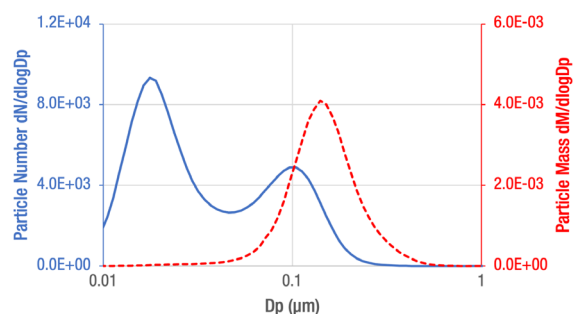
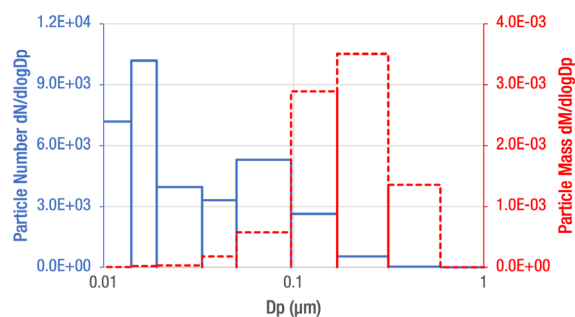
Operating principle of the High-Resolution ELPI®+



The classification of particles is based on the inertia of the particles, with larger particles getting collected on the upper impactor stages and smaller particles getting collected on the lower stages.

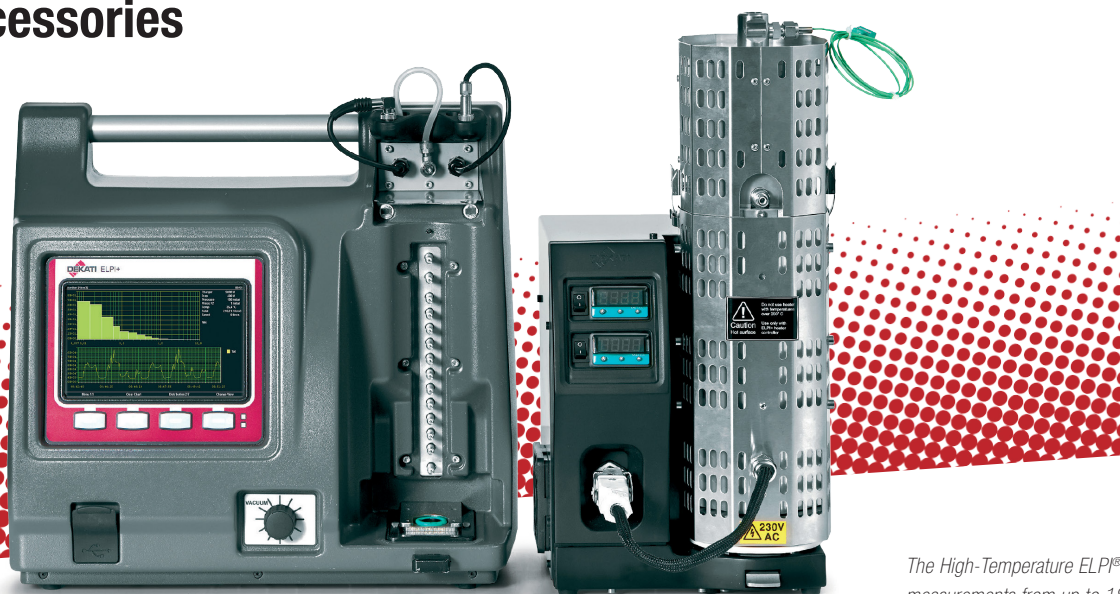
All the impactor stages are electrically insulated, and each impactor stage is connected to an electrometer. The primary particle collection efficiencies have been determined for each impactor stage allowing determination of impactor Kernel functions.

The data inversion calculation method used in the HR-ELPI®+ is based on these Kernel functions and iterative calculation routines, resulting in an accurate and reliable determination of particle size distribution with high size resolution. The inversion calculation runs in real-time and does not use any initial assumptions on the size distribution.



Particle number and mass size distributions for the same sample, measured in standard ELPI®+ mode (graph above) and when using the HR-ELPI®+ data inversion algorithm (graph below).

Accessories



The High-Temperature ELPI®+ allows direct measurements from up to 180 °C samples

- Dekati® Dilution Systems for measurement from high temperature/pressure sources
- Spare impactor and charger units
- Sample inlets and dryer setups for air quality measurements
- Aluminium and polycarbonate impactor collection foils, 25 mm
- Collection substrate spray (DS-515) with a stencil (DS-125)

Dekati® High-Temperature HR-ELPI®+

The High-Temperature HR-ELPI®+ is a unique instrument capable of measuring high temperature and humid aerosols without dilution. This allows measurements without the risk of sample transformations even when sample particle concentrations are very low.

Dekati® Oxidation Flow Reactor DOFR™

Dekati® Oxidation Flow Reactor, DOFR™, is a unique, all-in-one solution for secondary aerosol (SA) formation studies, combining a sample conditioning unit and an oxidation flow reactor. The formation and aging of secondary aerosols can take several days in the atmosphere and the purpose of the oxidation flow reactor is to speed up these processes. In the Dekati® DOFR™, UVC radiation together with water molecules and ozone in the sample create highly oxidative conditions inside the reactor to achieve days of atmospheric aging in less than a minute.



The Dekati® Oxidation Flow Reactor DOFR™ and its conditioning unit, connected to the HR-ELPI®+



Stage	D50%	Di	Size range of Collected	Number Concentration	Number Concentration	Mass Concentration	Mass Concentration
[µm]	[µm]	[µm]	Particles [µm]	Min [# /cm³]	Max [# /cm³]	Min [mg/m³]	Max [mg/m³]
15	9,88		> 10				
14	5,4	7,3	5,4 < 10	0,03	2,4E+04	1,0E-02	4,9E+03
13	3,7	4,4	3,7 < 5,4	0,06	4,1E+04	4,8E-03	1,8E+03
12	2,5	3,0	2,5 < 3,7	0,09	7,3E+04	2,8E-03	1,0E+03
11	1,6	2,0	1,6 < 2,5	0,18	1,4E+05	1,5E-03	5,7E+02
10	0,91	1,2	0,91 < 1,6	0,31	2,9E+05	6,0E-04	2,7E+02
9	0,59	0,73	0,59 < 0,91	0,58	5,6E+05	3,0E-04	1,2E+02
8	0,32	0,43	0,32 < 0,59	0,98	1,1E+06	1,3E-04	4,5E+01
7	0,17	0,23	0,17 < 0,32	1,6	2,3E+06	7,0E-05	1,5E+01
6	0,099	0,13	0,099 < 0,17	3,3	4,7E+06	3,5E-05	5,3E+00
5	0,051	0,071	0,051 < 0,099	3,6	9,7E+06	1,5E-05	1,9E+00
4	0,034	0,042	0,034 < 0,051	19	1,9E+07	7,7E-06	7,1E-01
3	0,019	0,025	0,019 < 0,034	39	3,5E+07	3,1E-06	2,9E-01
2	0,014	0,016	0,014 < 0,019	180	6,1E+07	1,7E-06	1,3E-01
1	0,006	0,009	0,006 < 0,014	1800	1,2E+08	6,0E-07	4,7E-02

Main characteristics of the HR-ELPI®+ impactor stages. Each HR-ELPI®+ unit is individually calibrated before delivery; the calibration includes detailed determination of the exact sample flow rate and D50% values. The values presented in this table are nominal values.

Measurement Applications

The robust structure of the HR-ELPI®+, and its ability to measure in real-time over a wide size range, make the HR-ELPI®+ the ideal choice for various measurement applications. In combination with Dekati® Sample Conditioning Instruments, Dekati can provide complete HR-ELPI®+ measurement solutions for a very broad range of applications and even demanding measurement conditions. Typical applications for the HR-ELPI®+ include:

- Brake and tyre wear measurements
- Nanoparticle measurements
- Nuclear safety research
- Outdoor and indoor air quality measurements
- Occupational Health & Safety studies
- Inhalation toxicology
- Engine exhaust measurements
- Blow-by gas measurements
- Combustion process studies
- Emission monitoring
- Carbon Capture research and process monitoring
- Filtration efficiency measurements
- ENDS measurements

Features and benefits

- Wide particle size range 6 nm - 10 µm with one instrument
- Up to 6 months continuous use without maintenance
- Real-time (10 Hz) particle size distribution in up to 500 size classes
- Particle number, LDSA and mass concentration calculation
- Long-term, maintenance free operation
- Wide operational concentration range
- Sampling from up to 180 °C with the High-Temperature ELPI®+ upgrade
- ELPI®+ Data Analysis Tool software for easy data processing and visualization
- Simple and robust construction
- Insensitivity to variations in sample pressure and humidity
- Possibility of post-measurement chemical characterization of size classified impactor samples
- Each unit individually characterized
- Integrated flow control and pressure adjustment
- ISO16000-34 compliant measurement method for real-time determination of PM indoors



Dekati® eDiluter™ Pro

The Dekati® eDiluter™ Pro is a portable dilution system that allows easy sample conditioning for a wide range of particle measurement applications. Its compact structure includes a two-stage dilution system with an adjustable total dilution factor ranging from 1:25 to 1:900. Diluted sample can also be extracted directly after the first dilution stage.



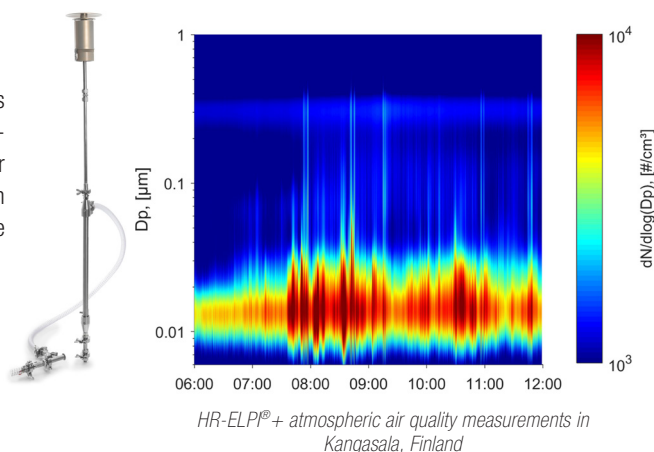
Impactor analysis plates

Analysis plates allow collection of samples onto 25mm collection substrates such as aluminium foils or polycarbonate foils. Collected samples can be analyzed gravimetrically, chemically or through microscopy methods including SEM/TEM.



Dekati® DD-603

Dekati® Dryer is a particle dryer designed to remove water in real-time from an aerosol sample. Since most ambient air particles are hygroscopic, they grow as the ambient humidity increases. Traditionally this water has been removed from the particle sample after gravimetric collection by equilibration or heating of the sample. Both methods may also result in loss of other volatile components from the sample, whereas the Dekati® Dryer only removes the water.



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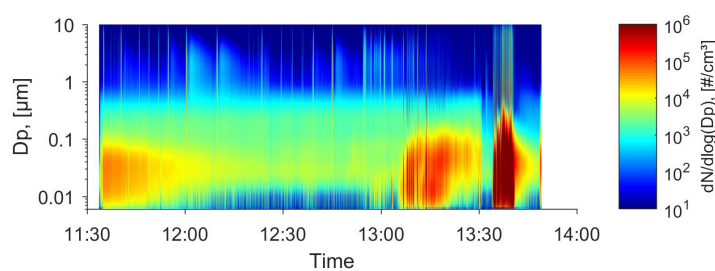


Specifications

Particle size range	0.006 - 10 µm
Number of size classes	100 or 500 (30 or 150 per decade)
Sample flow rate	10 lpm
Sensitivity	250 #/cm ³ for 10 nm particles 20 #/cm ³ for 100 nm particles 1.0 #/cm ³ for 1 µm particles 0.1 #/cm ³ for 5 µm particles
Dimensions	H407 x W454 x D242 mm
Collection plate diameter	25 mm
Unit weight	22 kg
Pump requirements	20 m ³ /h @ 40 mbars
Sample temperature	10-50 °C 10-180 °C with the High-Temperature ELPI®+ upgrade Up to 1200 °C when combined with Dekati® Sample Conditioning Instruments
Sample humidity	0-90 % RH Non-condensing
Sampling rate	10 Hz
Power	100-250 V, 50-60 Hz, 200 W
Computer requirements	MS-Windows 8™, MS-Windows 10™, MS-Windows 11™
Connection to PC	RS-232 or Ethernet
Digital output	As ASCII stream
6 analogue inputs	0-5 V
3 analogue outputs	0-10 V



HR-ELPI®+ impactor and charger unit



Intensity graph of High Resolution ELPI®+ data from brake wear emission measurements

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