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#### FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH PORTABLE SMPS+C SYSTEM ON DIESEL TEST STANDS

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Due to the carried out results the different working groups of the PMP recommend for the upcoming EURO V and VI type approval for particle measurements a counting system based on a dilution system and a nucleous condensation particle counter CPC. Newer investigations showed that a thermo diluter instead of thermo absorber combinations should give the most reliable results.

The next step will be a comparison of existing CPCs / SMPS systems and definitions for the most reliable system configurations. The portable Grimm CPC 5.403 and Grimm SMPS+C has proven its reliability in different measurement campaigns. Most of the specifications coming from the users are already integrated in the easy to handle measurement system.

- · Validation to the existing measurement standard: CPC Efficiency test to a reference
- Easy setup and low maintenance with different measurement modes (standard and expert)
- Autocontroling system with integrated intelligence for monitoring and recording of the operation conditions
- Long term stability with automatic condensate drain off between saturator and condenser to avoid uncontrolled efficiency loss
- Range control system to avoid measurements below the detection limit
- · Transportability for so called "real life" on road measurements

#### **INCENTIVE**

The second part of the PMP, initiated by the GRPE has been finished. The results show that for particle measurements a number concentration measurement technique should be applied to fulfill even low concentrations after particle filters. To guarantee reproducible and repeatable results a stable and well defined

sampling and measurement instrumentation should be available for standard emission measurements.

#### **DEMANDS & EXPERIENCES**

Several measurements at engine test rigs and dynamometers showed always the same requirements from the end user.

- 1) Reproducibility / repeatability and stability (more than absolute correctness and sensitivity)
- 2) Robust, easy "plug & play" handling low preparation time and reliable during all-day handling
- 3) Defined sampling / measurement method
- 4) Selfchecking / calibration
- 5) Others (mobile application, onboard diagnostic, etc.)

#### **SUMMARY & OUTLOOK**

The Grimm CPC and SMPS+C showed in field tests high quality measurements combined with easiest handling.

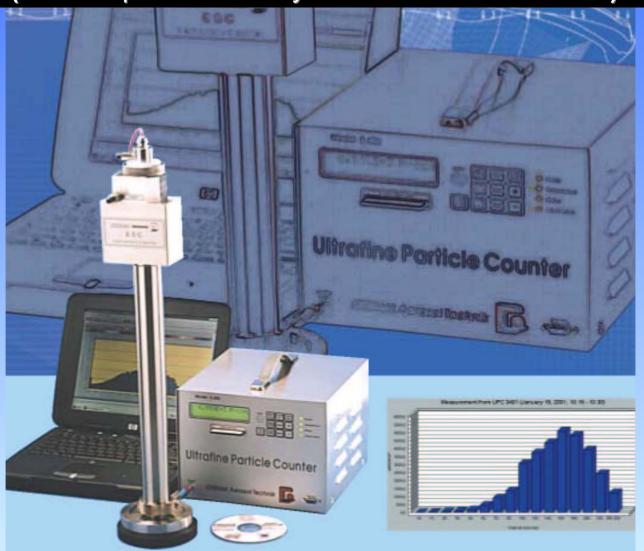
- Grimm CPC 5.403 is a reliable instrument with comparable results to equal instrument types
- Easiest handling and compact / robust system
- With rot. disk diluter MD19 fast plug and play setup for reproducible AND repeatable results

In future the CPC will be integrated in a complete "PMP" unit with sampling, measurement and a operating software for standard exhaust measurements.

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# Field Experience with portable SMPS+C system on Diesel Test Stands

(Fast Sequential Mobility Particle Sizer + Classifier)





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1. Incentive

#### PMP (GRPE):

#### Phase II:

Evaluation of particle measurement systems (potential candidates for use in a regulatory role).



Recommendation:

particle counting with (rotat./thermo) Diluter + CPC For detailed size information: CPC + DMA

#### Phase III:

testing programm and validation of candidate systems



Demands on a standard measurement technique / system



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1. Incentive

#### Example for a PMP Nanoparticle Counting system







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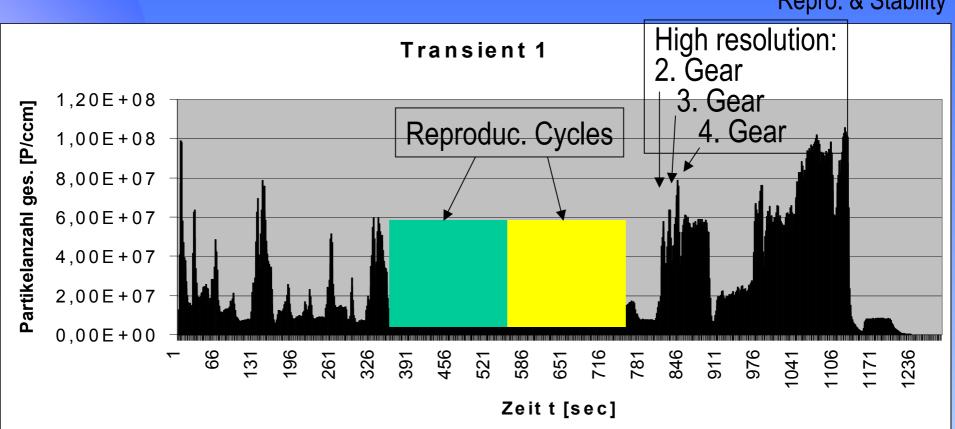
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# 2. Demands & Experiences Repro. & Stability





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2. Demands & Experiences

Repro. & Stability

# CPC 5.403: Full Automatic Stand alone System (with internal CPU & PCMCIA interface)

Integrated Alcohol Tank with automatic supply

Automatic DMA control for up to 255 channels

Automatic system status control and recording

Temperature Automatic (for Saturator / Condenser)



Digital Board +
Slot for Memory Cards

Ultrafine Particle Counter

Automatic Condensate Drain Off

Air-Flow Pumps with automatic flow control

External PC: only for start-parameter and receving measured data (from internal counter memory)



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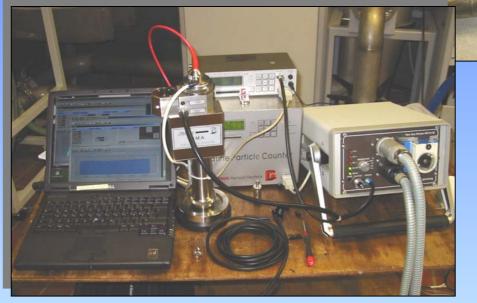
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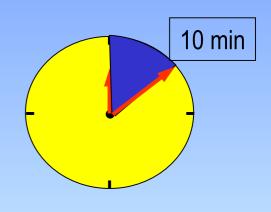


## 2. Demands & Experiences robust & reliable

Setup takes in this version less than 10 minutes until the first measurement









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2. Demands & Experiences

robust & reliable

#### **Reliability: Water Condensation Problem:**

(condensation of humidity in the CPC condenser)

- condensated water in the alcohol reduces count-efficiency

Saturator 35°C

- long-term measurements without maintenance & efficiency loss

Automatic Micropump



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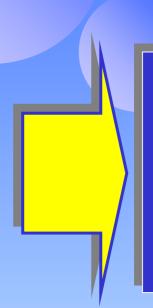
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2. Demands & Experiences

defined conditions



work of the PMP group and the authorities .....

- 1) sampling and measurement devices
- 2) measurement procedure
- 3) sampling locations
- 4) test cycle
- 5) etc.



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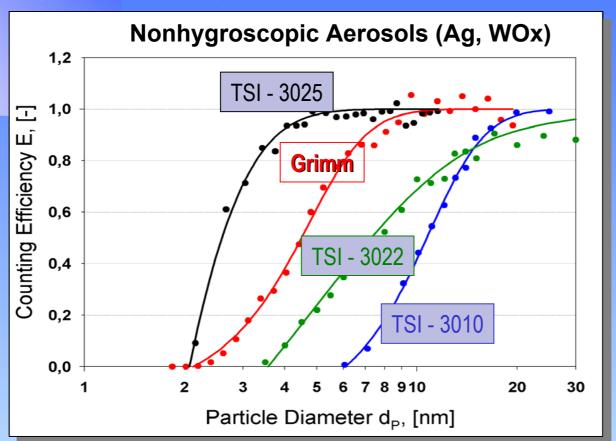
#### Selfcheck:

- Zero count test (with clean air)
- Laser test (check of power output)
- Clean optic test (no backscattering of dirt in the optic)
- Recording of instrument conditions (for a later evaluation of data)



# 2. Demands & Experiences measurement quality

#### **System Efficiency:**



- TSI 3025 (Kesten 1991)
  d<sub>50</sub> = 2.6 nm
  (0.1 lpm Internal Dilution !)
- Grimm 5.403d<sub>50</sub> = 4.5 nm
- **TSI 3022 (Ankilov 2002)** 
  - $d_{50} = 6.6 \text{ nm}$
- **TSI 3010 (Ankilov 2002)** 
  - $d_{50} = 10.0 \text{ nm}$

Carried out at Univ. Karlsruhe / Germany; Prof. G. Kasper



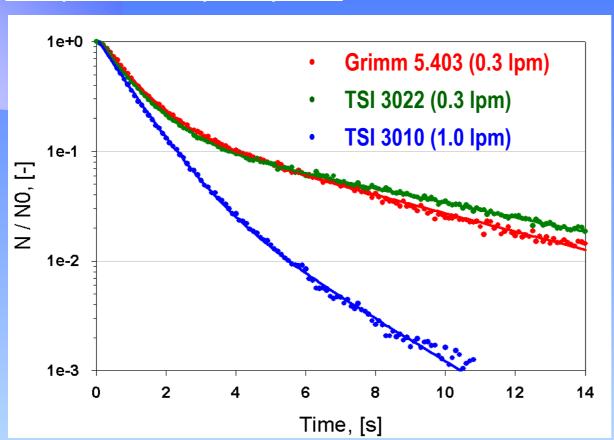
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## 2. Demands & Experiences

measurement quality

#### Comparison: Step Response



- Nonideal response is also found for other instruments
- Compareable response of Grimm
   CPC and the TSI 3022 due to same principle technic
- ■Better performance of TSI 3010 due to higher flowrate and different designed saturator

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2. Demands & Experiences
Others...

### **Transportability:**

- Compact System
  (Pumps + control integrated)
- Integrated alcohol tank
- Battery operated
- •No computer required (memory cards for data storage)
- Alcohol only in saturated felt





## 2. Demands & Experiences

**Active Carbon** 

Filter

Others...

Laser Optic

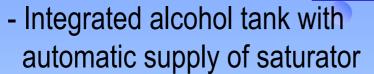
Condenser 10°C

#### **Transportability Problem:**

(alcohol spill and odor)

- Due to mobility alcohol spill possible into the optic

tank



- controlled by integrated sensor
- Tank level control (min. / max.)
- Optional: refill from external tank

butanol kept in the felt (sponge)
Saturator 35°C



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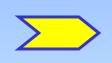


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3. Summary & Outlook

- response time of a CPC is limited
- for Transient cycles: no size information (without DMA)
- sampling and dilution not integrated



A complete "PMP" unit (sampling + measurement) is requested!



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4. Further Demands transient measurements

# <u>Particle size</u> measurements during TRANSIENT driving cycles!

- ! Enormous amout of data acquisition
- ! Analysis and Interpretation of data more complicated
- ! More technical effort
- ! Very high price >> EURO 50,000.-

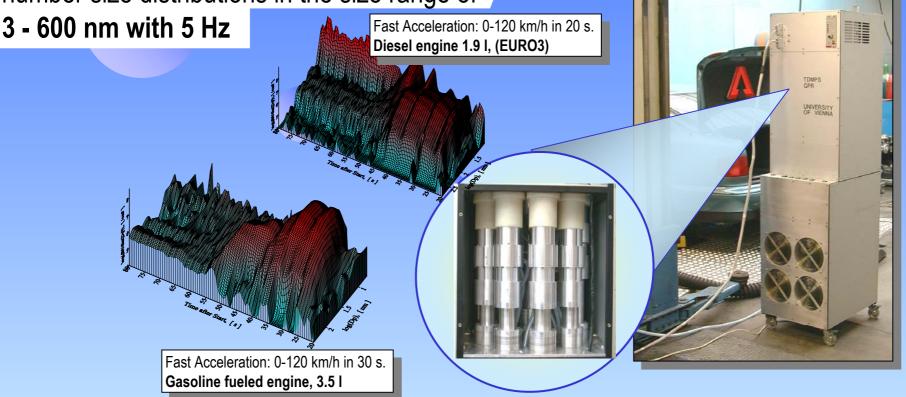


## 4. Further Demands

transient measurements

#### **TR-DMPS - System (5.600)**

**10 channel** ultra fast particle spectrometer for number size distributions in the size range of





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