U-RANGE 2000



The Palas U-RANGE combines two systems for continuously measuring airborne particles in a size range of 8 – 40,000 nm (standard) (4 – 40,000 nm available upon request) (depending on the configuration).

The U-SMPS is a standard system for exact measurements of nanoparticle size distributions. Aerosol particles are selected in the classifier (DEMC) according to their electrical mobility and then counted by a condensation particle counter (UF-CPC). Prof. Wiedensohler (IfT Leipzig, Germany) developed the algorithm used by Palas for the inversion of the measured data to yield the particle size distribution for the U-SMPS.

The Fidas® 200 is a fine dust measurement system for ambient air quality measurements for regulatory purposes. It uses the recognized measurement technology of optical light scattering of single particles and is equipped with an LED light source with stable output and a long lifetime.

Operation principle

Particle measurements in the size range of 4 nm to 40 µm

In addition to measuring the particle size distribution in size range of 300 nm to 40 µm, it continuously and simultaneously determines the following PM-fractions: PM_1, $PM_{2.5}$, PM_4, PM_{10}, and TSP (PM_{tot}).

The Fidas® 200 also has a filter holder to insert an absolute filter (47 or 50 mm diameter). This enables a subsequent chemical analysis of the composition of the aerosol, for example.

The U-RANGE is operated using a graphical user interface on a touch screen. The voltage in the DEMC classifier is varied continuously, resulting in higher count statistics per size channel. In addition, it enables a size resolution of up to 64 size channels per decade. The integrated data logger allows linear and logarithmic display of the measured values on the device.

The enclosed evaluation software provides various data evaluation (extensive statistics and averaging) and export capabilities.

The U-RANGE is typically operated as a stand-alone device but can also be connected to a computer or network using various interfaces (USB, LAN, WLAN, RS-232/485).

Accurate size determination and reliable performance are essential in applications involving the U-RANGE. All components must pass strict quality assurance testing and are assembled in-house.

U-RANGE measurement results combine the results from the U-SMPS and the Fidas® and can be displayed entirely and analyzed on the touch screen. Up to 8 measurements can be compared here (Figure 1).

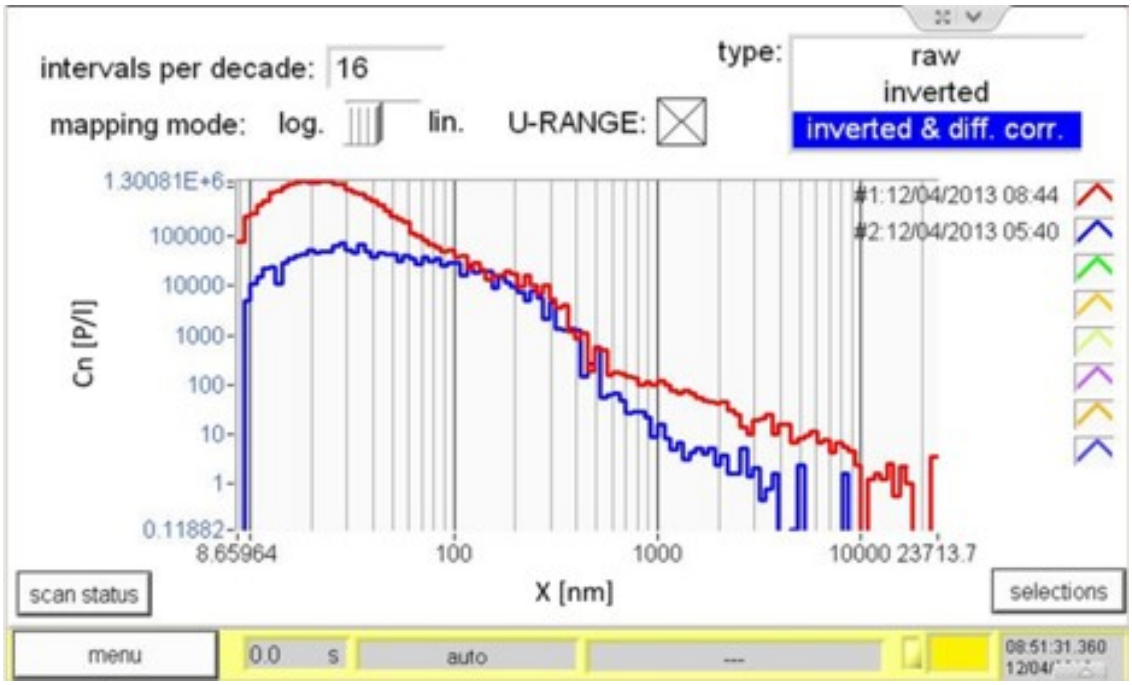


Figure 1: Graphic display of the measurement data on the U-RANGE touch screen Blue: Indoor air concentration within a production facility before the start of work; red: Measurement at the same site following the birth of work

Principle of operation of the U-SMPS (Figure 2):
The aerosol is conditioned (e.g., dried, neutralized) before it enters the size classifier (DEMC column). The aerosol is then directed into the DEMC column via the inlet. The aerosol flow along the outer electrode is carefully combined here with a sheath air flow. This sheath air is a dry, particle-free carrier gas (typically air) with a higher volume than the aerosol continuously circulated in a closed loop. The sheath air-to-sample air volume ratio defines the resolution capacity of the size classifier.

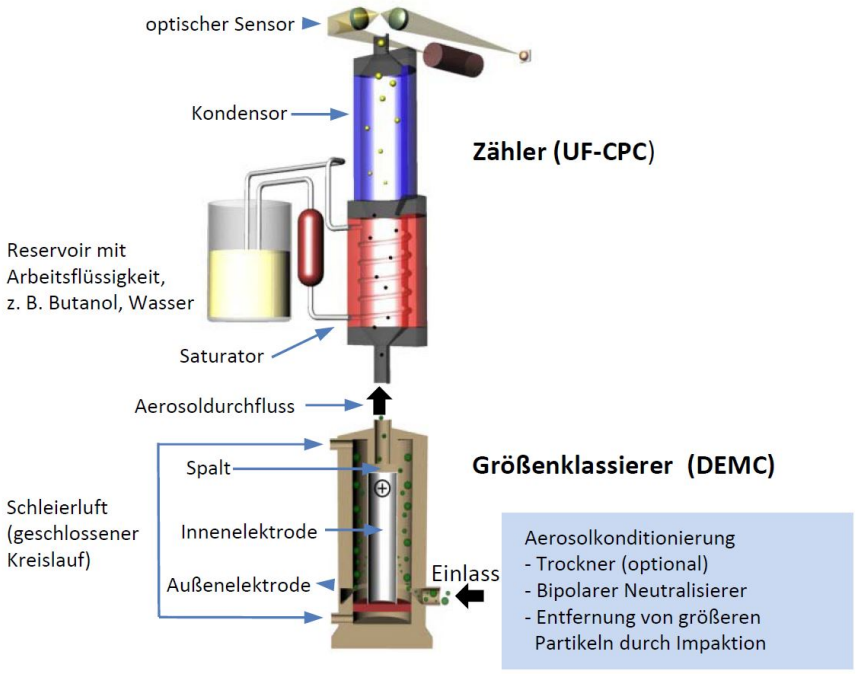


Figure 2: Principle of operation of the U-SMPS

A radially symmetric electric field is generated between the inner and outer electrodes by applying voltage. The inner electrode is positively charged with a small slit at the end. By balancing the electrical force on each particle with its aerodynamic drag force in the electrical field, negatively charged particles are diverted to the positive electrode.

In operation, the voltage and, thus, the electrical field change continuously. Particles with appropriate electrical mobility pass through the slit and are counted by a condensation particle counter (UF-CPC).

Principle of operation of the Fidas® fine dust measurement system (Figure 3):

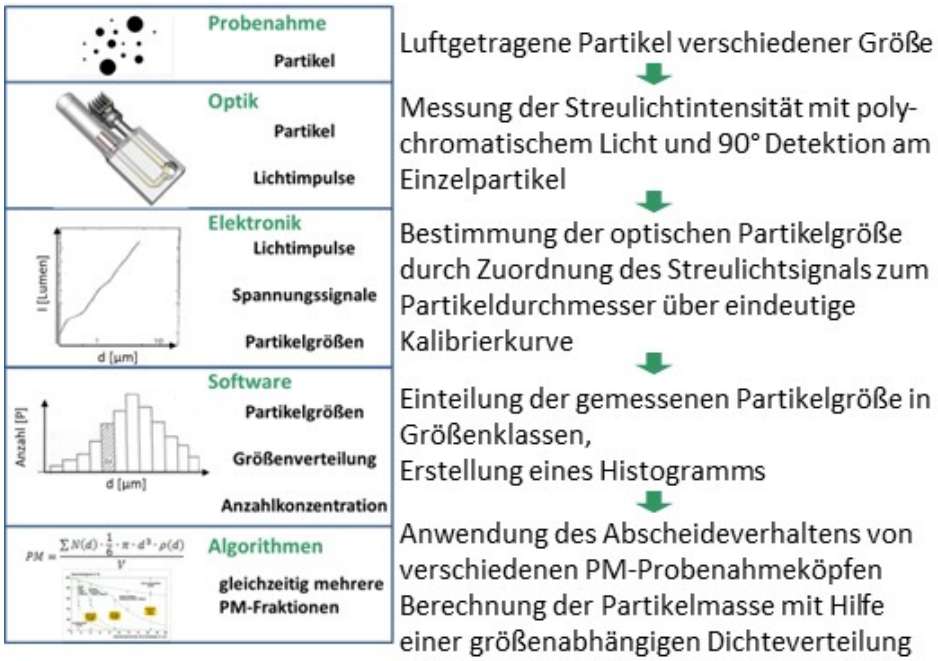


Figure 3: Principle of operation of the Fidas®

User interface and software:
Based on continuous customer feedback, the user interface and software have been designed for intuitive operation, real-time control, and display of measurement data and parameters. The system is equipped with an integrated data logger and supports network functions.

The enclosed PDAnalyze evaluation software provides sophisticated analytical and export capabilities. The measured data can be displayed and evaluated with many available options. These enable the data from the U-SMPS and Fidas® systems, for example, to be shown and assessed separately (Figure 4) or together.



Figure 4: PDAnalyze evaluation software Measurement of indoor air concentration and display of number concentration Blue: Data from the U-SMPS, red: Data from the Fidas®

BENEFITS

- Particle size distributions from 8 – 40,000 nm (standard), 4 – 40,000 nm available (upon request)
- Additional determination of PM fractions (e.g. $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10})
- Continuous and fast-scanning principle of measurement
- High resolution in up to 64 size classes/decade
- Graphic display of measurement values
- Intuitive operation using 7″ touchscreen and GUI
- Integrated data logger
- Supports multiple interfaces and remote access

NORMS AND CERTIFICATES

EN 16976:2024-09, CEN/TS 17434:2020, ISO 27891:2015, ISO 21501-1

DATASHEET

Particle size range	8 – 40.000 nm (Standard), 4 – 40.000 nm möglich (auf Anfrage)
Volume flow	4.8 l/min
Volume flow (sheath air)	2.5 – 10 l/min
Size channels	Max. 120 (32/decade)
Time resolution	3 min
Interfaces	USB, Ethernet (LAN), Wi-Fi, RS-232/485
User interface	Touchscreen, 800 • 480 pixel, 7″ (17.78 cm)
Data logger storage	4 GB
Software	PDAnalyze
Power supply	115 – 230 V, 50/60 Hz
Working fluid	Butanol, isopropanol, water or other (UF-CPC)
Dimensions	Fidas®: 185 • 450 • 320 mm (H • B • T) (19″), UF-CPC: 330 • 380 • 240 mm (H • B • T), U-SMPS Säule: 150 • 570 mm (ø base • H, U-SMPS), U-SMPS Kontrolleinheit: 330 • 380 • 240 mm (H • B • T)
Weight	Approx. 9.3 kg (Fidas®, U-SMPS column), approx. 12.9 kg (U-SMPS control unit), approx. 10 kg (U-SMPS UF-CPC)

APPLICATIONS

- Aerosol research
- Environmental and climatic studies
- Inhalation experiments
- Filter test
- Interior and workplace measurements
- Distribution studies (e.g. fires, volcanoes)

Mehr Informationen:
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