# ADVANCED ELECTROSPRAY AEROSOL GENERATOR MODEL 3482

PRODUCES PARTICLES AS SMALL AS 2 NM IN DIAMETER, IN CONCENTRATIONS AS HIGH AS 10<sup>7</sup> PARTICLES/CM<sup>3</sup>

The Advanced Electrospray Aerosol Generator (EAG) produces high concentrations of monodisperse, submicrometer particles from 2 to 150+ nm (initial droplet diameter of 150+ nm, nominal). The electrospray pushes a grounded liquid solution or suspension through a capillary tube into an electrical field. The electric field pulls the liquid from the capillary, creating a Taylor cone and forming individual droplets. Air and  ${\rm CO_2}$  mix with the droplets to evaporate the liquid content. During the drying process, the particles are neutralized using a soft X-ray neutralizer.



#### **Features and Benefits**

- + Aerosolization of particles from 2 to 150+ nm in diameter
- + Uniform size and shape of generated particles
- + Soft X-ray ionization
- + Multifunction touch-screen front panel including:
  - Live view of capillary tip and Taylor cone
  - On-screen control and readout of air and  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  flow, voltage, current, and neutralizer state
- + Ability to integrate with a variety of sample delivery systems including syringe pumps and autosamplers
- + Ethernet communication

### **Applications**

- + Instrument calibration
- + Nano-aerosol studies
- + Macromolecular and submicrometer aerosol analysis
- + Nanometer-sized powder dispersion
- + Biomolecular studies
- + Nanoparticle production



## **SPECIFICATIONS**

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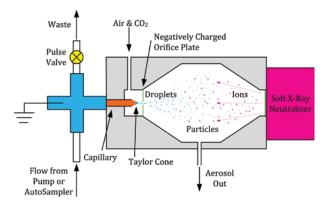
#### **Method of Operation**

A sample delivery method such as a syringe pump, autosampler, or liquid chromatography pump transports a liquid sample to the electrospray. The sample passes through a micro-cross where a platinum wire grounds the sample liquid and the sample is split into the capillary flow and the waste flow. The capillary extends into a chamber where a negatively charged orifice plate creates an electric field, inducing a charge at the capillary tip. The electric field acts on the induced charge to form ultrafine droplets that are mixed with clean air and CO<sub>2</sub>. The droplets dry and are neutralized by the soft X-ray source within the chamber and the aerosol exits the instrument

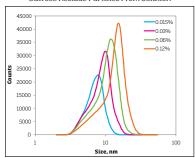
## **Particle Type**

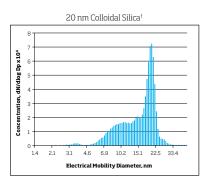
- + Aerosol particles as residue from electrosprayed solutions Water-soluble, nonvolatile solids and liquids may be used to generate residue particles with diameters from less than 2 to about 50 nm. Using this approach, every spray droplet dries to a residue particle that contributes to the final aerosol, resulting in the highest aerosol concentrations obtainable from the Model 3482. The size distribution of the final aerosol depends on the concentration of the solute in the solution and the primary droplet size distribution, a property of the model 3482.
- + Aerosol particles from aqueous suspensions and emulsions
  Aerosols of insoluble particles, lipid droplets, or macromolecules
  can be generated by spraying the corresponding dilute
  suspensions or emulsions. Proteins as small as 2 nm and PSL
  particles as large as ~150+ nm (somewhat larger than the
  spray droplets) have been aerosolized successfully in this way.
  Dilution ensures that most droplets contain no more than a single
  particle. The size distribution reflects that of the suspended
  particles or macromolecules; however, the concentration
  achieved is not as high as in the solution-residue method.

up to >10 <sup>7</sup> particles/cm <sup>3</sup>
typically 0.2 S/m
2 to 10 μL/min
Approx. 50 to 100 nL/min
<2 to >150 nm
130 to 180 nm
-0.5 to -3.5 kV (-1 to -2 kV typical)
0 to 2000 nA (200 to 500
nA typical)
Soft X-ray
100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz,
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Sucrose Residue Particles From Solution





† Residue present below 20nm

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\*\*Popends on material (solid, dissolved), particle size, liquid flow rate, liquid conductivity and particle loss

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