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Intercomparison of Condensation Particle Counter

<i>Project No.:</i>	CPC-2019-5-1
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<i>Candidate:</i>	UCC CPC
<i>Counter (SN):</i>	TSI CPC Model 3750 #3750180301
<i>Location of the quality assurance:</i>	TROPOS Leipzig, lab 130
<i>Comparison period:</i>	October 08, 2019
<i>Last Intercomparison (with Project No.):</i>	-
<i>TROPOS Reference Instrument:</i>	Electrometer: TSI model 3068B #70838596, Last calibration in September 2018
<i>Additional Equipment:</i>	Bubble flow meter 'Gilibrator', Gilian (Sensidyne) #1711008-S, Last calibration in January 2018

Summary of Intercomparison

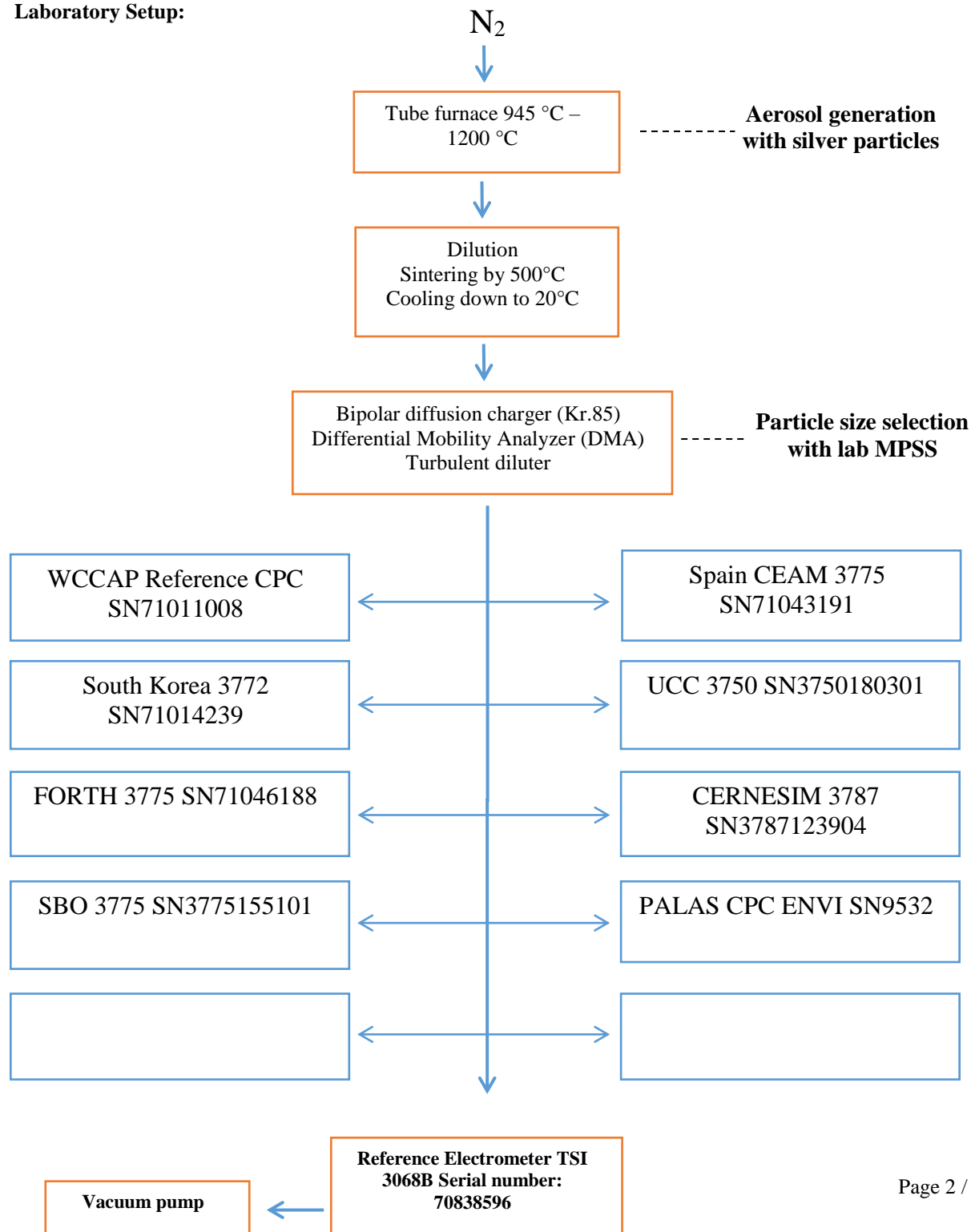
Status:

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 96% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 7.44 nm. The CPC efficiency curve corresponds to the standard of ACTRIS and GAW.

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Laboratory Setup:





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Date of arrival of instrument in calibration lab:

October 08, 2019

Instrument:

Condensation Particle Counter

Model and serial number of instrument:

CPC 3750 S/N 3750180301

Result of physical inspection:

no damages

Result of functional test:

no repair

Internal parameters of instrument

nominal flow rate 1.0 l/min

**Model and identification number of
aerosol electrometer:**

TSI Electrometer Model 3068, S/N 70838596

Electrometer calibration certificate:

*September 05, 2018, calibrated at PTB
Braunschweig*

**Corrections of electrometer, for instance,
differing flow rate:**

*Within tolerance range (+/-2%); reference: 4.0
l/min, measured: 4.00 l/min*

Software for recording:

*LabView 2010; National Instruments; Program
„LabCount.vi“*

Date of calibration:

October 08, 2019

Lab temperature and pressure:

22.2°C, 985 mbar

Measured aerosol flow rate of CPC:

0.984 l/min

Uncertainty in measured flow rate:

3%

Flowmeter used:

*Gilian Gilibrator V; S/N 1711008-S,
January, 2018*

Particles and gases used for calibration:

silver particles and nitrogen

Method of particle generation:

tube furnace generator

Zero measurement of instrument:

0 particles/cm³ in 5 minutes

Results (using pulse output):

Particle size (nm)	40	30	20	15	10
Number concentration (cm-3)	1216	1510	1137	1077	875
Counting efficiency η	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.92	0.75
Particle size (nm)	09	08	07	06	05
Number concentration (cm-3)	959	1190	771	340	3
Counting efficiency η	0.67	0.57	0.41	0.18	0.00
Particle size (nm)	40				
Number concentration (cm-3)	1014				
Counting efficiency η	0.96				

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Special Information regarding to the Candidate:

Was it necessary to:	yes/no	information
do a second run	no	-
clean the optics	no	-
clean the nozzle	no	-
clean the saturator	no	-
change the wick	no	-
change the laser	no	-
change internal settings	no	-

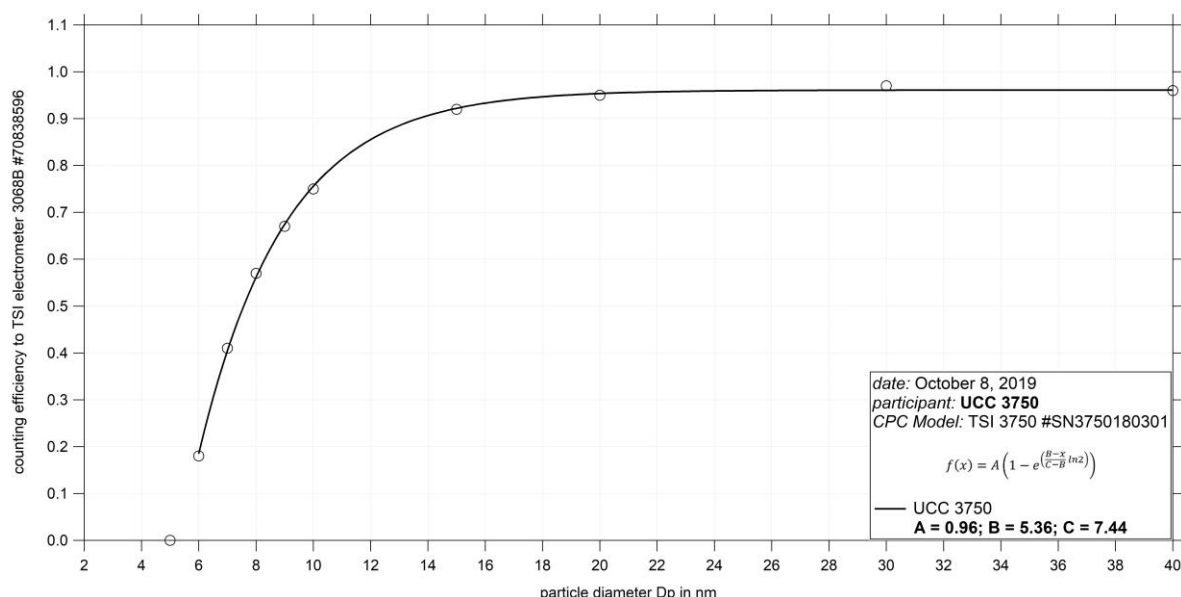


Fig. 1: Counting efficiency for UCC CPC 3750 S/N 3750180301 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 5 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated Dp_{50} is 7.44 nm.

Status information:

Status	T SAT	T CON	T OPT	T CAB	P AMB
from display	39.0	18.0	40.0	25.9	99.3
Status	P OR	P NO	Laser	LV	flow
from display	72.8	2.5	54mA	full	0.984

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