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for Aerosol Physics

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**CPC Model:** TSI CPC 3750

**CPC Serial Number:** 3750193901

**Customer:** TSI Instruments Ltd.

**Description:** Calibration of a Condensation Particle Counter (CPC, Model 3750)

**Date of Calibration:** November 13, 2019

**Summary of Intercomparison:**

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 95% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 7.07 nm. The CPC efficiency curve corresponds to the standard of ACTRIS and GAW.

Certificate / Reference: WCCAP

Date of issue: November 13, 2019      Signature:

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**Date of arrival of instrument in calibration lab:**

*November 11, 2019*

**Instrument:**

*Condensation Particle Counter*

**Model and serial number of instrument:**

*CPC 3750 S/N 3750193901*

**Result of physical inspection:**

*no damages*

**Result of functional test:**

*functional test successful, no problems*

**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 5, 2018, calibrated at PTB  
Braunschweig*

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

*Within tolerance range (+/-2%); reference: 4.0  
l/min, measured: 4.000 l/min*

**Software for recording:**

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

**Date of calibration:**

*November 13, 2019*

**Lab temperature and pressure:**

*24.5°C, 982.5 mbar*

**Measured aerosol flow rate of CPC:**

*1.007 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/cm<sup>3</sup> in 5 minutes*

**Results (using pulse output):**

Particle size (nm)	40	30	20	15	10
Number concentration (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1250	1223	1426	1176	1126
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.92	0.79
Particle size (nm)	09	08	07	06	
Number concentration (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1175	727	651	386	
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.71	0.60	0.46	0.28	



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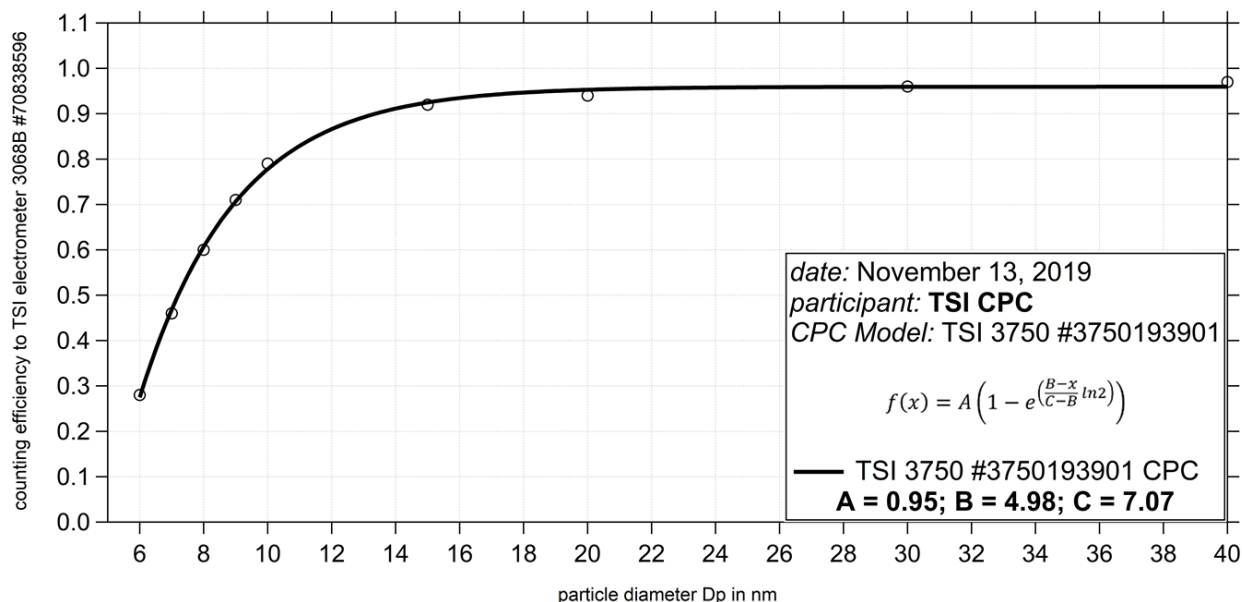


Fig. 1: Counting efficiency for CPC 3750 S/N 3750193901 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 6 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated  $D_{p50}$  is 7.07 nm.

#### Status information:

Status	T SAT	T CON	T OPT	T CAB	P AMB	P VAC
from display	39.0	18.0	40.0	34.5	99.0	80.3
Status	P OR	P NO	Laser	LV	flow	P INLET
from display	77.3	2.49	40	full	1.007	-0.4

#### Results (using pulse output):

without coincidence correction					
Concentration EM in #/cm <sup>3</sup>	66849	58164	50013	43197	32294
Number concentration without coincidence correction (cm-3)	51709	45494	39936	35135	27079
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.77	0.78	0.80	0.81	0.84
Concentration EM in #/cm <sup>3</sup>	19887	11244	5127	1177	
Number concentration without coincidence correction (cm-3)	17321	10095	4741	1101	
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.87	0.89	0.93	0.94	



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with coincidence correction					
Concentration EM in $\#/cm^3$	66849	58164	50013	43197	32294
Number concentration with coincidence correction ( $cm^{-3}$ )	65859	56353	48197	41518	30866
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.96	0.95
Concentration EM in $\#/cm^3$	19887	11244	5127	1177	
Number concentration with coincidence correction ( $cm^{-3}$ )	18923	10761	4988	1179	
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.95	0.95	0.97	1.00	

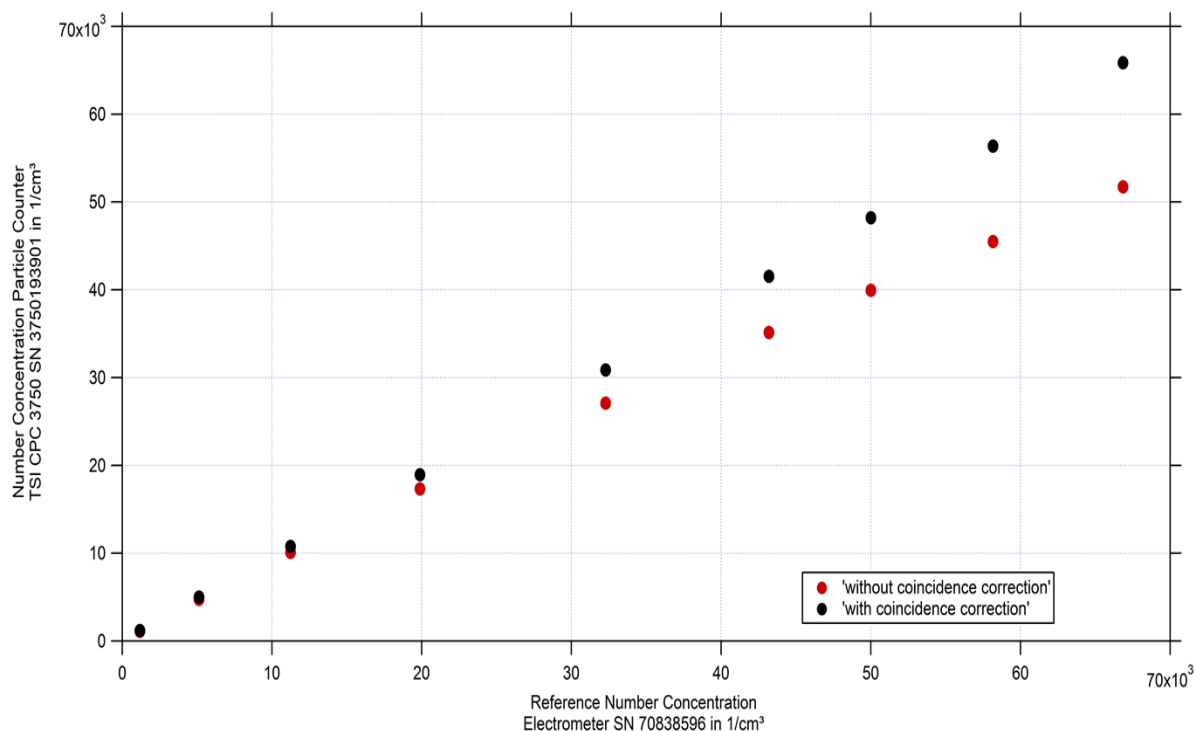


Fig. 2: Linearity test for TSI CPC 3750 SN 3750193901 against aerosol electrometer 3068 SN 70838596; silver particles with a diameter of 30 nm were used for number concentrations between 1000 and 70000 particles per  $cm^3$ .

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