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Intercomparison of Condensation Particle Counter

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Participant: –

Candidate: WCCAP Reference CPC

Counter (SN): TSI CPC Model 3772 #71011008

Location of the quality assurance: TROPOS Leipzig, lab 130

Comparison period: October 08, 2019

Last Intercomparison (with Project No.):

TROPOS Reference Instrument: Electrometer: TSI model 3068B
#70838596, Last calibration in September 2018

Additional Equipment: Bubble flow meter 'Gilibrator', Gilian (Sensidyne)
#1711008-S, Last calibration in January 2018

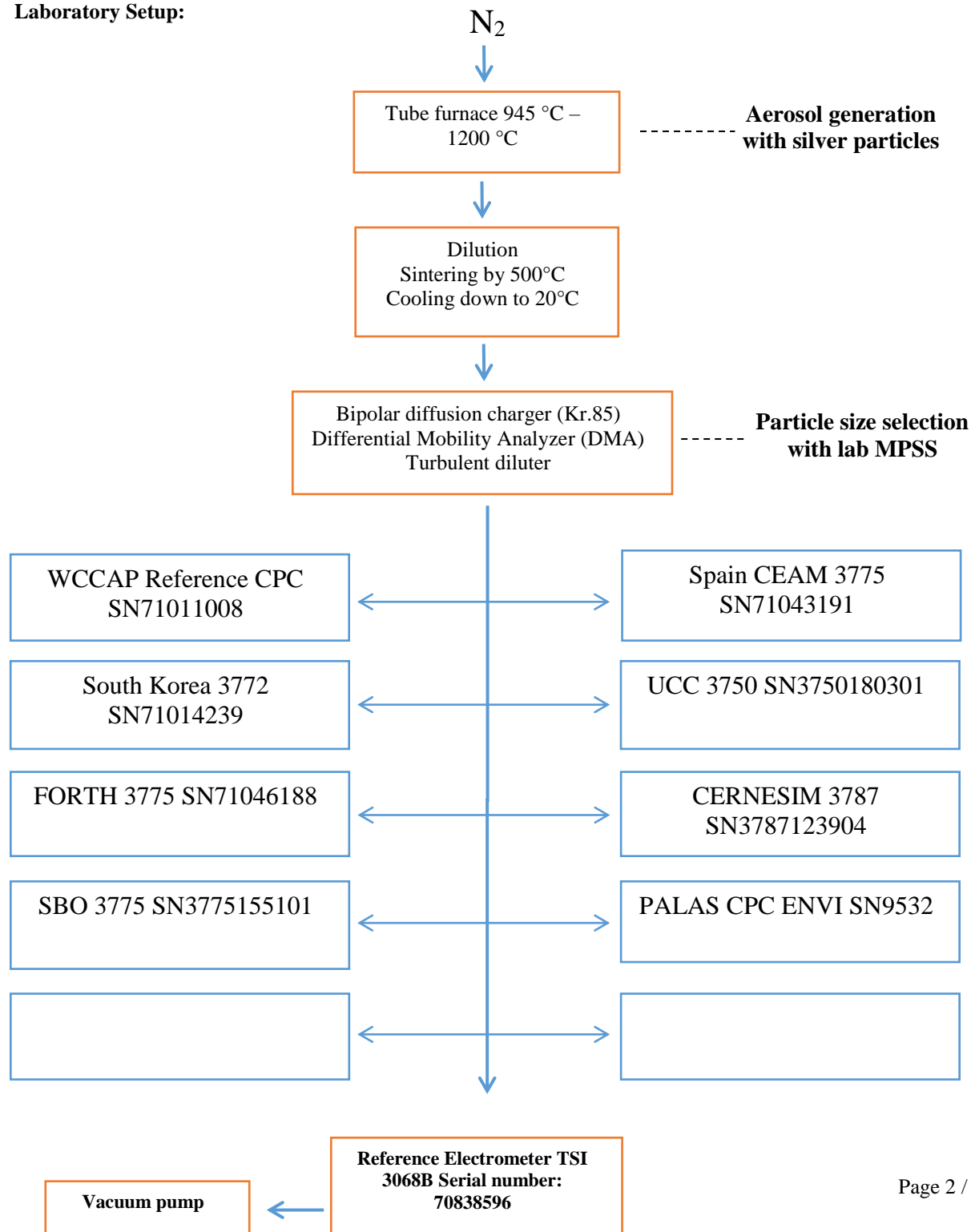
Summary of Intercomparison

Status:

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 100% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 7.09 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 3772 S/N 71011008

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:

1.020 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) | 1260 | 1577 | 1203 | 1163 | 987 |
| Counting efficiency η | 1.00 | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.00 | 0.84 |
| Particle size (nm) | 09 | 08 | 07 | 06 | 05 |
| Number concentration (cm-3) | 1110 | 1400 | 929 | 431 | 4 |
| Counting efficiency η | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.49 | 0.22 | 0.00 |
| Particle size (nm) | 40 | | | | |
| Number concentration (cm-3) | 1046 | | | | |
| Counting efficiency η | 1.00 | | | | |

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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 | - |

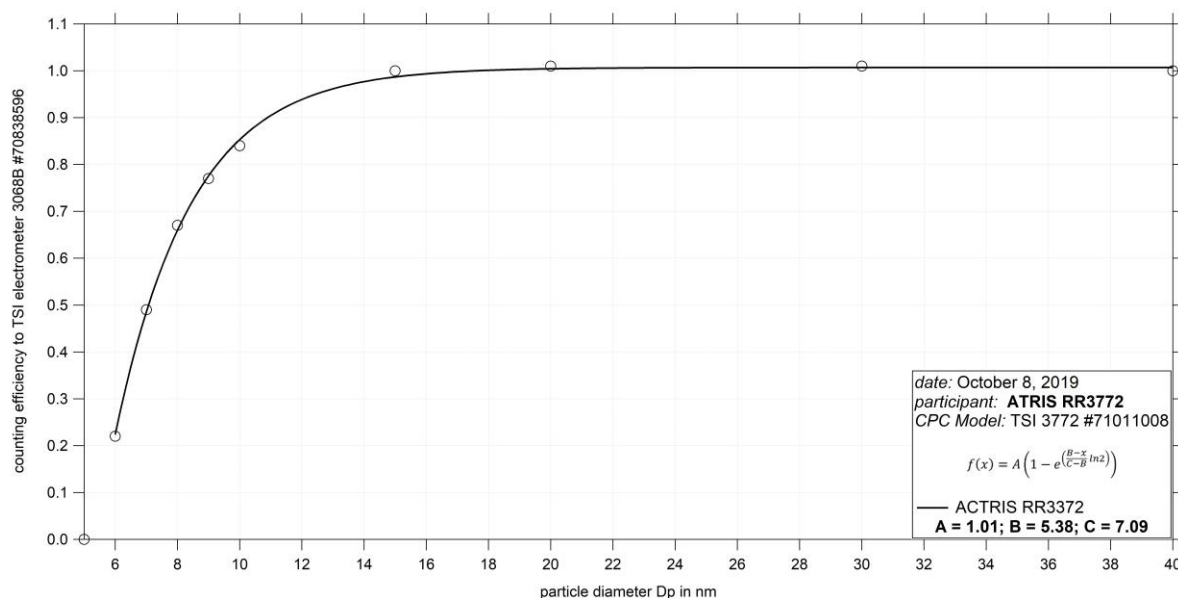


Fig. 1: Counting efficiency for WCCAP Reference CPC 3772 S/N 71011008 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 5 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated D_{p50} is 7.09 nm.

Status information:

| Status | T SAT | T CON | T OPT | T CAB | P AMB |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| from display | 39 | 22 | 40 | 30.6 | 99.4 |
| Status | P OR | P NO | Laser | LV | flow |
| from display | 77.5 | 2.6 | 55 | full | 1.020 |

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