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Project No.	CPC-2021-1-8
CPC Model:	TSI CPC 3750
CPC Serial Number:	SN3750200805
Customer:	HLNUG
Description:	Calibration of a Condensation Particle Counter
Date of Calibration:	November 10, 2021

Summary of Intercomparison:

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 99% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 4.99 nm.

Certificate / Reference: WCCAP

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Table 1. Diagnostic information of candidate

	Unit	Status
Participant		HLNUG 3750 SN3750200805
CPC Model		TSI 3750
Firmware		2.3.0
Manufacture date		
Last service date		
Arrival date		
Software Version		
Saturator Temperature	°C	39
Condenser Temperature	°C	18
Optics Temperature	°C	40
Cabinet Temperature	°C	24
Ambient Pressure	mbar	101.2
Vaccuum Pressure	kPa	68.5
Inlet Pressure	kPa	0
Critical Orifice Pressure	kPa	66.2
Aerosol Nozzle Pressure	kPa	2.33
Laser Current	mA	45
Liquid Level		full
Aerosol Flow	L/min	0.99
Zero	avg 10 min	0
Physical inspection		ok
Functional test		ok

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Table 2. Calibration and laboratory conditions

	Information
Aerosol electrometer	TSI Electrometer Model 3068, SN 70838596
Particles and gases used for calibration	silver particles and nitrogen
Method of particle generation	tube furnace generator
Electrometer calibration certificate	September, 2021, calibrated at PTB Braunschweig
Corrections of electrometer (i.e. differing flow rate)	Within tolerance range (+/-2%); reference: 4.0 l/min, measured: 4.0 l/min
Logging software	LabView 2010; National Instruments; Program „LabCount.vi“
Uncertainty in measured flow rate	3%
Flowmeter used	Gilian Gilibrator 3; SN 21181001005, 2021
Lab Tempreature and Pressure	23.0°C, 1018 mbar

Table 2. Efficiency of candidate CPC per diameter against the Electrometer

Diameter	EL 3068B (#/cm³)	Pulse Output		Internal Output		Internal/ Pulse
		Concentration (#/cm³)	Efficiency (µ)	Concentration (#/cm³)	Efficiency (µ)	
40nm	1592	1552	0.98	1606	1.01	1.03
30nm_2	1369	1353	0.99	1387	1.01	1.02
30nm	1211	1197	0.99	1238	1.02	1.03
20nm	1216	1218	1.00	1253	1.03	1.03
14nm	1404	1399	1.00	1443	1.03	1.03
11nm	1228	1202	0.98	1237	1.01	1.03
10nm	1527	1452	0.95	1497	0.98	1.03
9nm	1575	1452	0.92	1501	0.95	1.03
8nm	1402	1242	0.89	1282	0.91	1.02
7nm	1704	1398	0.82	1435	0.84	1.02
6nm	1689	1182	0.70	1218	0.72	1.03
5nm	1216	594	0.49	610	0.50	1.02
4nm	438	75	0.17	77	0.18	1.06

Table 3. Linearity of candidate CPC against the Electrometer

EL 3068B (#/cm³)	Pulse Output		Internal Output		Internal/ Pulse
	Concentration (#/cm³)	Efficiency (µ)	Concentration (#/cm³)	Efficiency (µ)	
1959	1929	0.98	1987	1.01	1.03
4257	4150	0.97	4312	1.01	1.04
8350	7927	0.95	8383	1.00	1.05
12226	11444	0.94	12289	1.01	1.07
21100	19056	0.90	21092	1.00	1.11
28852	24902	0.86	28233	0.98	1.14
41999	34821	0.83	41479	0.99	1.19
48722	39697	0.81	48514	1.00	1.23
61953	48596	0.78	62488	1.01	1.29

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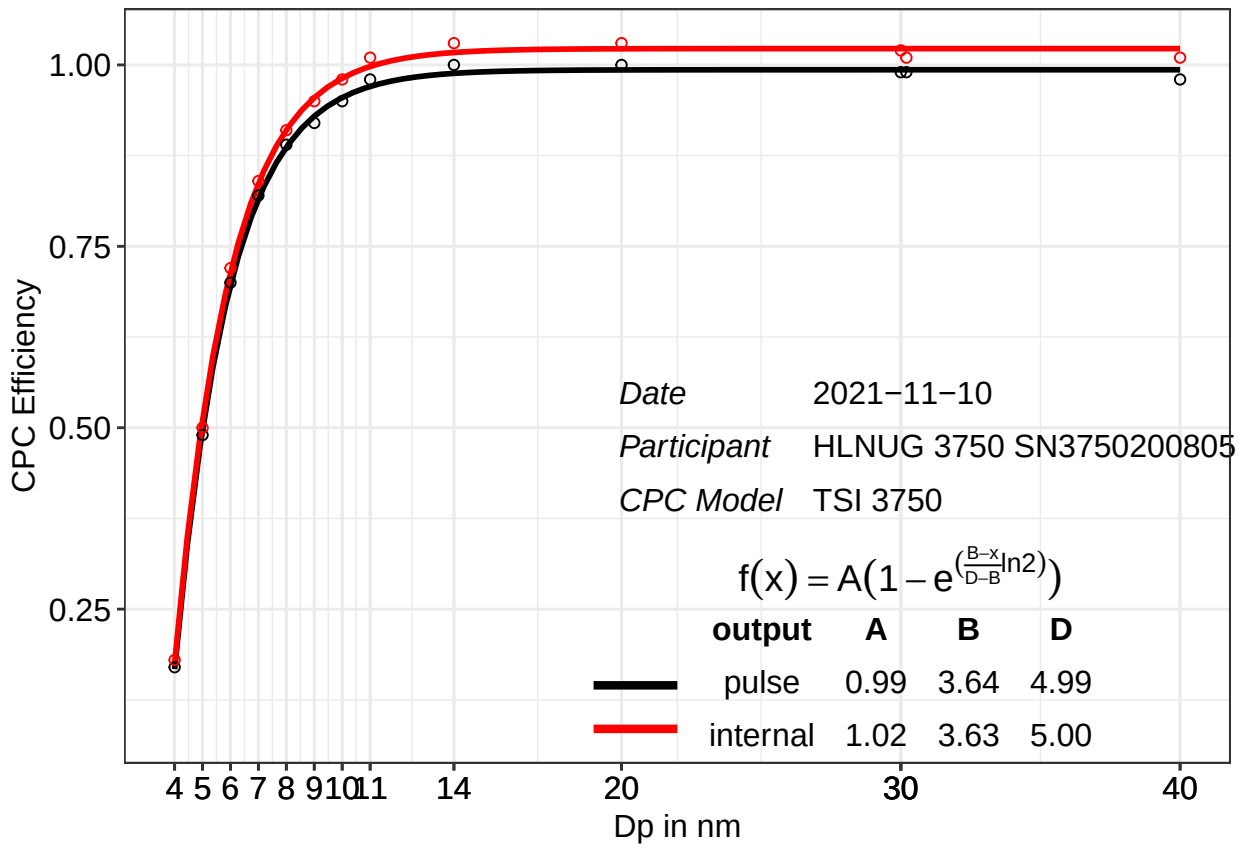

Fig. 1. Counting efficiency of candidate CPC against aerosol electrometer 3068 SN 70838596; silver particles between 5 nm and 40 nm were used for calibration.

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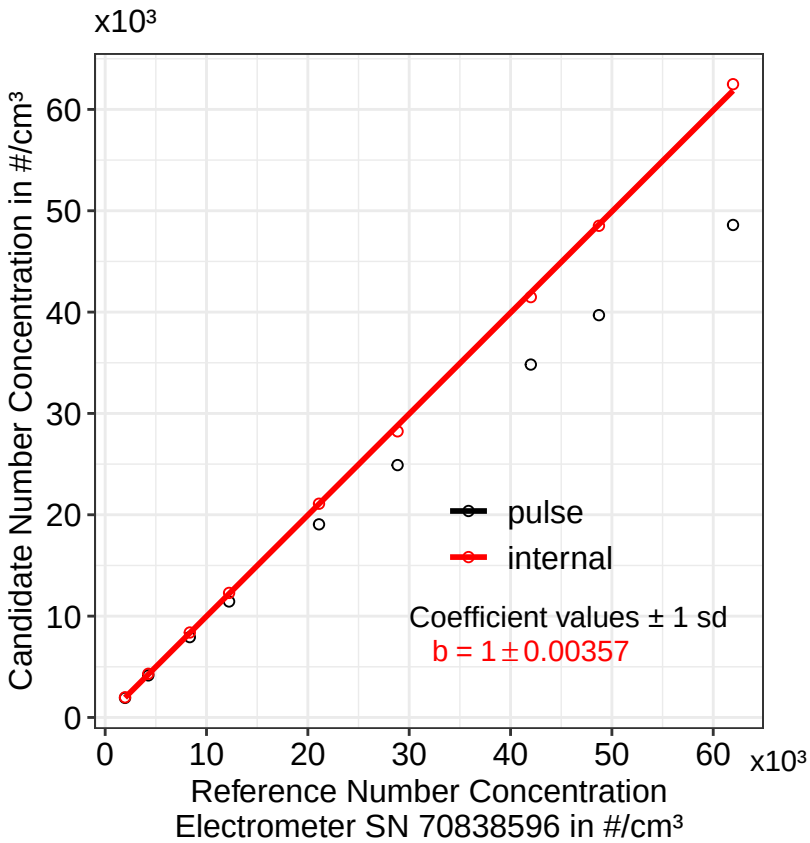

Fig. 2. Linearity for candidate CPC against aerosol electrometer 3068 SN 70838596; silver particles with a diameter of 30 nm were used for number concentrations between 2000 particles per cm³ and 60000 particles per cm³.

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