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## Intercomparison of Condensation Particle Counter

*Project No.:* *CPC-2019-4-1*

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*Candidate:* *LISA*  
*Counter (SN):* *TSI CPC Model 3772 #3772134401*

*Location of the quality assurance:* *TROPOS Leipzig, lab 130*

*Comparison period:* *September 17, 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 98% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 8.65 nm in the final-status. The CPC efficiency curve corresponds to the standard of ACTRIS and GAW.

Info: The candidate passed the pre-status. To increase the performance, TROPOS opened the CPC and checked and cleaned it. It was not necessary to replace or repair anything.

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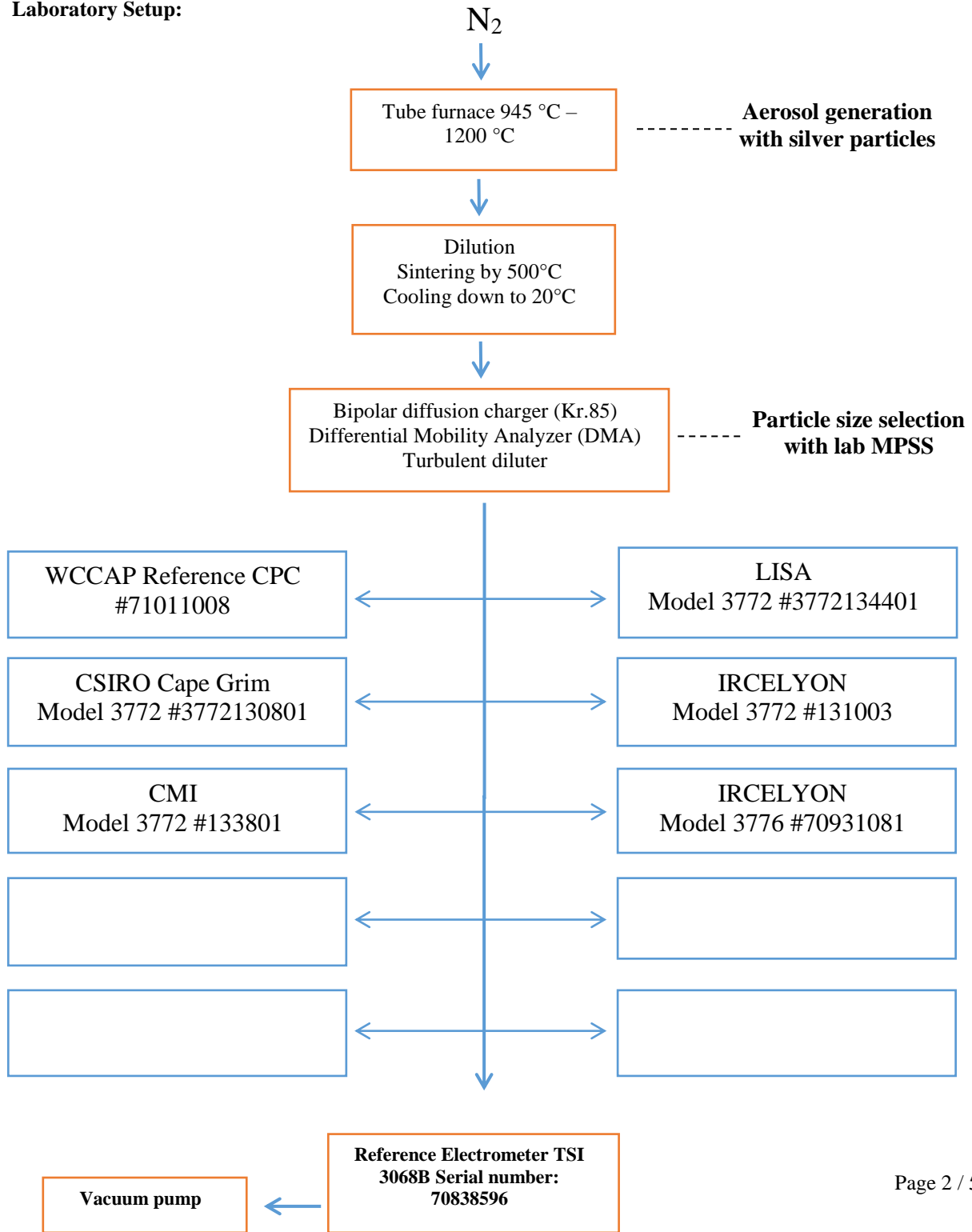
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**Laboratory Setup:**





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**Date of arrival of instrument in calibration lab:** *September 17, 2019*  
**Instrument:** *Condensation Particle Counter*  
**Model and serial number of instrument:** *CPC 3772 S/N 3772134401*

**Result of physical inspection:** *no damages*  
**Result of functional test:** *cleaned*

**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:** *September 17, 2019*  
**Lab temperature and pressure:** *23°C, 1004 mbar*  
**Measured aerosol flow rate of CPC:** *pre-status: 1.024 l/min, final status: 1.026 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*

**Special Information regarding to the Candidate:**

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

**Results (using pulse output): pre-status**

<b>Particle size (nm)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
Number concentration (cm-3)	1129	1577	1667	942	1350
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.79
<b>Particle size (nm)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>06</b>
Number concentration (cm-3)	686	819	829	362	9
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.65	0.54	0.37	0.15	0.0
<b>Particle size (nm)</b>					
Number concentration (cm-3)					
Counting efficiency $\eta$					

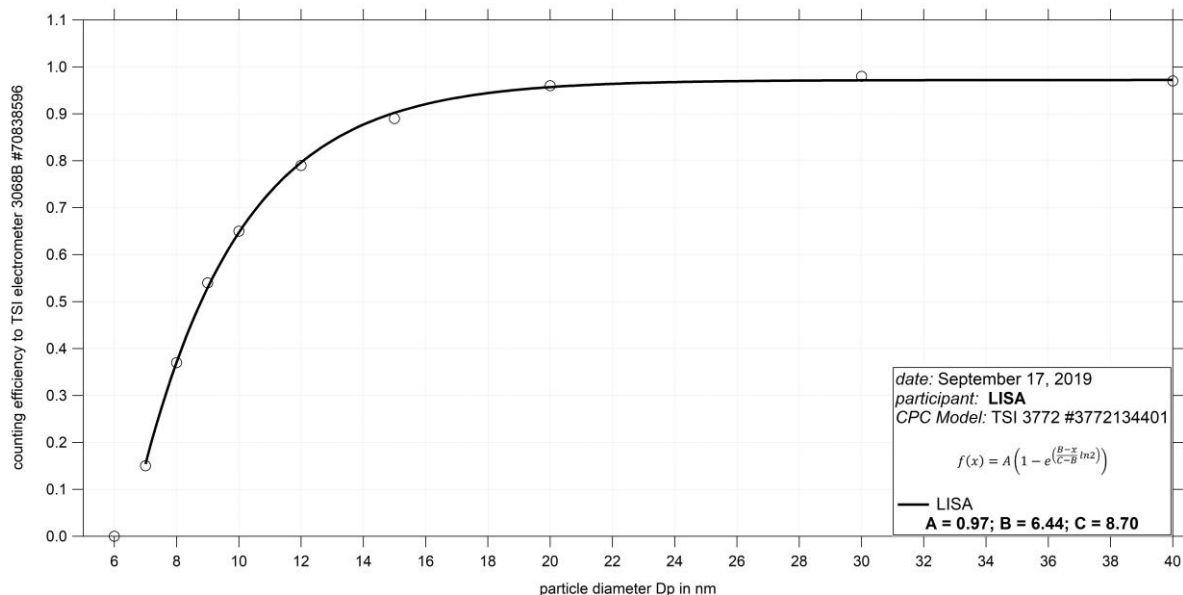


Fig. 1: pre-status: Counting efficiency for TSI CPC Model 3772 #3772134401 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 6 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated  $D_{p50}$  is 8.70 nm.

**Status information:**

<b>Status</b>	<b>T SAT</b>	<b>T CON</b>	<b>T OPT</b>	<b>T CAB</b>	<b>P AMB</b>
from display	39	22	40	35.4	99.7
<b>Status</b>	<b>P OR</b>	<b>P NO</b>	<b>Laser</b>	<b>LV</b>	<b>flow</b>
from display	83.1	2.7	43	full	1.024

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**Results (using pulse output): final-status**

<b>Particle size (nm)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
Number concentration (cm-3)	898	-	1433	-	-
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.98	-	0.97	-	-
<b>Particle size (nm)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>06</b>
Number concentration (cm-3)	945	-	792	-	14
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.66	-	0.38	-	0.01
<b>Particle size (nm)</b>					
Number concentration (cm-3)					
Counting efficiency $\eta$					

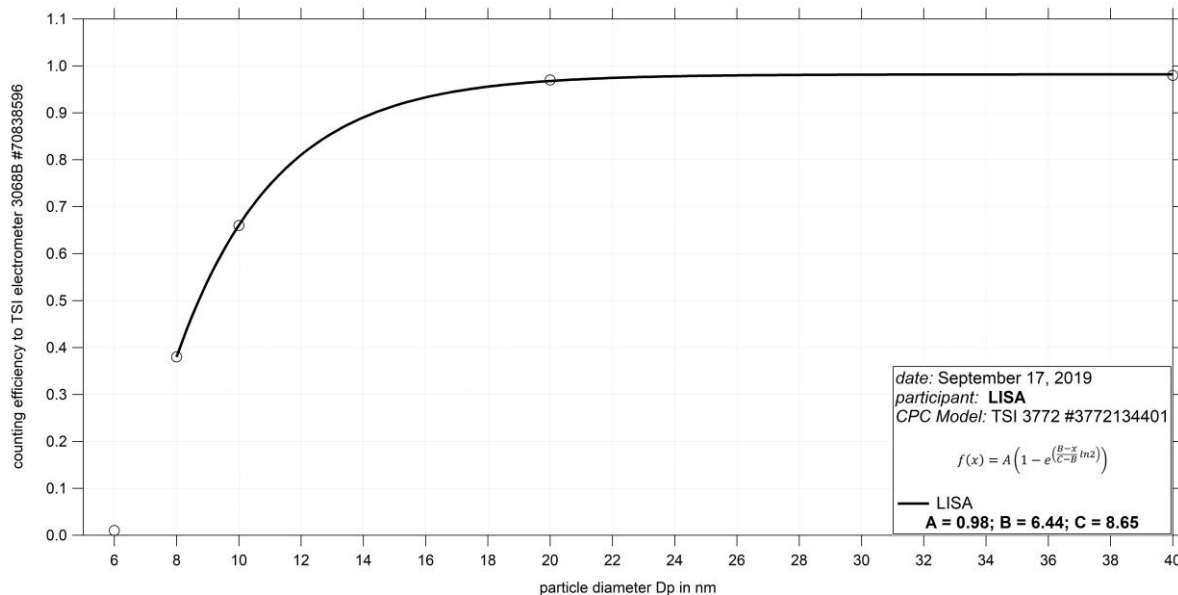


Fig. 1: final-status: Counting efficiency for TSI CPC Model 3772 #3772134401 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 6 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated  $D_{p50}$  is 8.65 nm.

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from display	83.1	2.6	43	full	1.024

**Date of issue:** September 17, 2019

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