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Intercomparison of Condensation Particle Counter

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Candidate: TROPOS

Counter (SN): TSI CPC Model 3010 #2337

Location of the quality assurance: TROPOS Leipzig, lab 130

Comparison period: September 11, 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

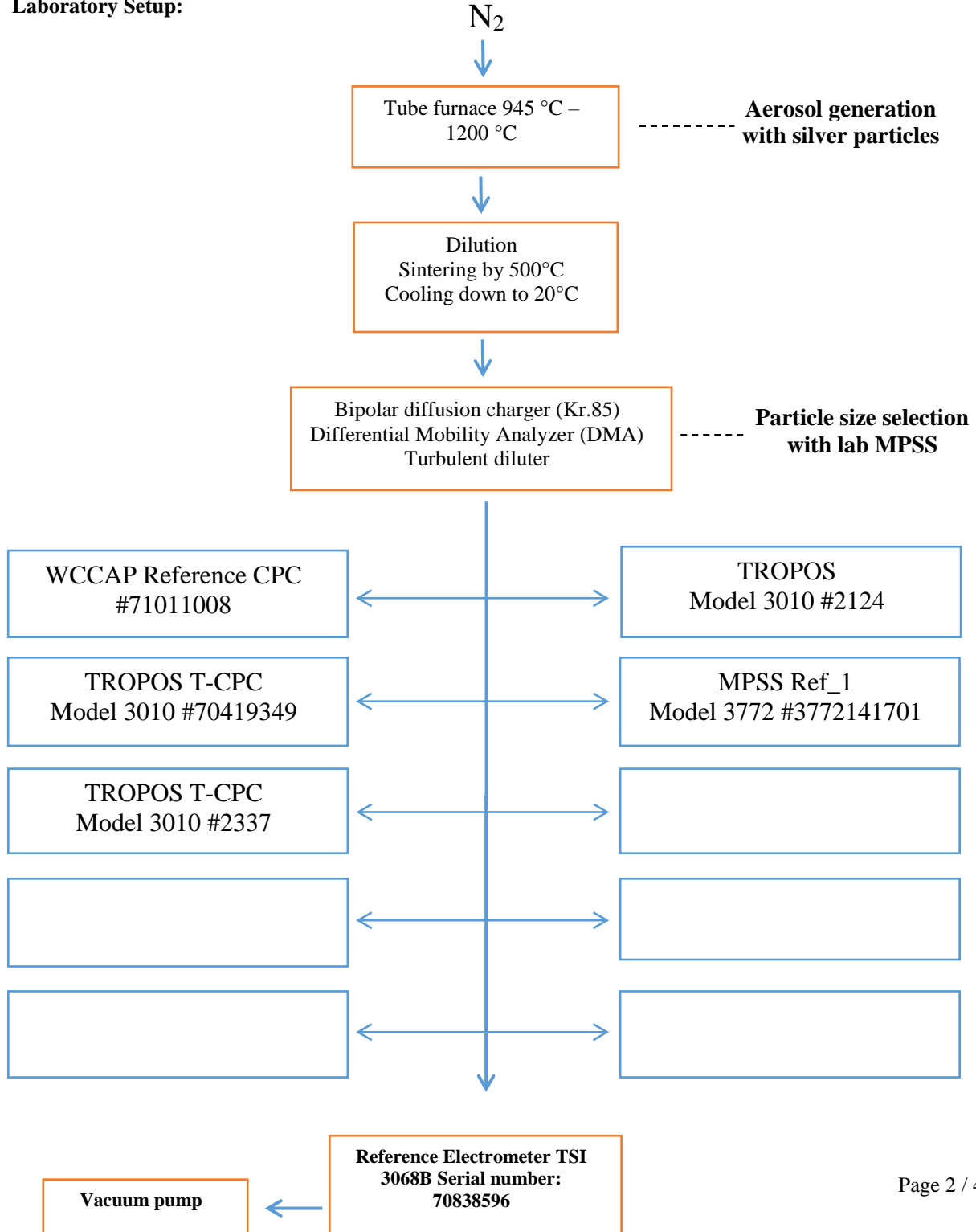
Summary of Intercomparison

Status:

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 100% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 11.20 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: *September 11, 2019*
Instrument: *Condensation Particle Counter*
Model and serial number of instrument: *CPC 3010 S/N 2337*

Result of physical inspection: *no damages*
Result of functional test: *maintenance by TROPOS*

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 11, 2019*
Lab temperature and pressure: *23°C, 1004 mbar*
Measured aerosol flow rate of CPC: *1.001 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	12
Number concentration (cm-3)	907	1333	1423	873	912
Counting efficiency η	0.97	0.98	0.94	0.80	0.55
Particle size (nm)	10	09	08	07	06
Number concentration (cm-3)	658	298	183	20	0
Counting efficiency η	0.35	0.22	0.09	0.01	0.00
Particle size (nm)	40				
Number concentration (cm-3)	1121				
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	-

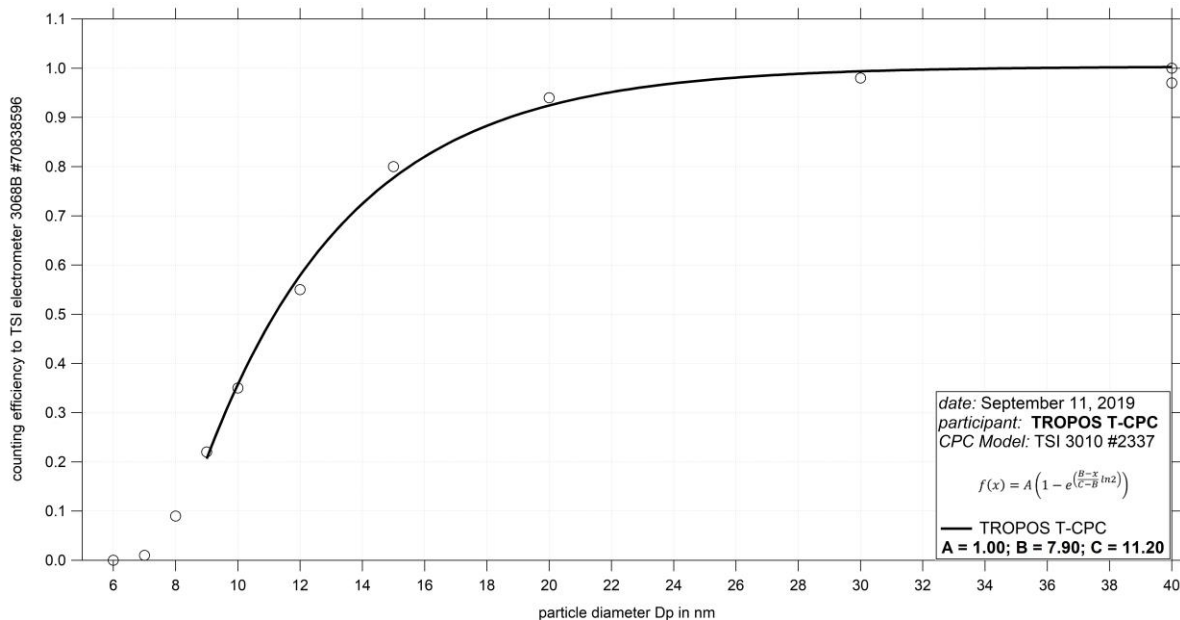


Fig. 1: Counting efficiency for TROPOS CPC 3010 S/N 2337 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 6 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated Dp50 is 11.20 nm.

Status information:

Status	<i>T SAT</i>	<i>T CON</i>	<i>T OPT</i>	<i>T CAB</i>	<i>P AMB</i>
from display	-	-	-	-	-
Status	<i>P OR</i>	<i>P NO</i>	<i>Laser</i>	<i>LV</i>	<i>flow</i>
from display	-	-	-	full	1.001

Date of issue: September 11, 2019

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