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## Intercomparison of Condensation Particle Counter

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*Candidate:* WCCAP Reference CPC

*Counter (SN):* TSI CPC Model 3772 #71011008

*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

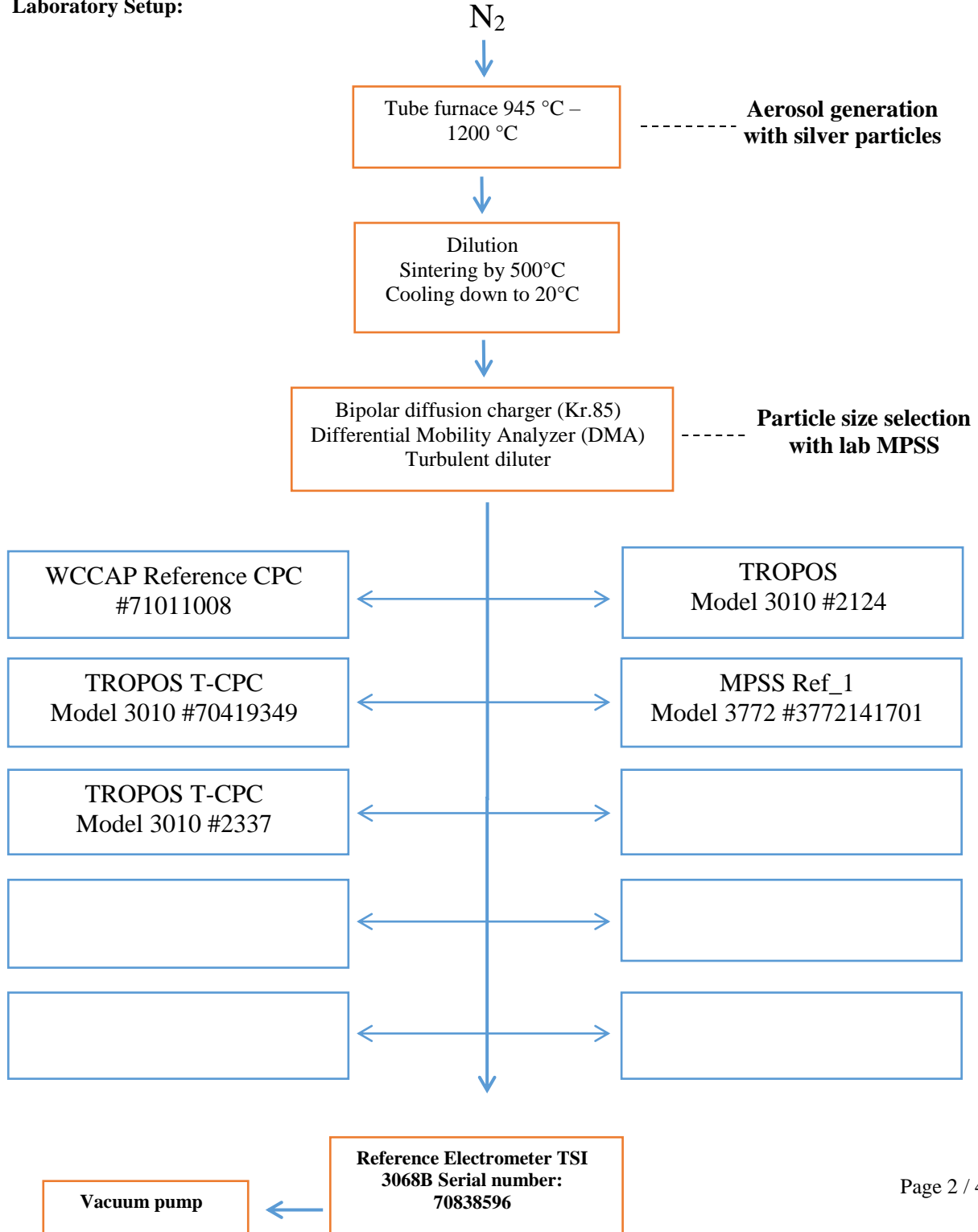
### Summary of Intercomparison

*Status:*

The candidate passed the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW. The candidate reached 100% efficiency at 40 nm. The Dp50 is at 7.0 nm. The CPC efficiency curve corresponds to the standard of ACTRIS and GAW.

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**Laboratory Setup:**





World Calibration Centre  
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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 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:** *September 11, 2019*  
**Lab temperature and pressure:** *23°C, 1004 mbar*  
**Measured aerosol flow rate of CPC:** *0.986 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	12
Number concentration (cm-3)	923	1376	1550	1102	1564
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.98	1.01	1.02	1.01	0.95
Particle size (nm)	10	09	08	07	06
Number concentration (cm-3)	1632	1094	1425	1134	547
Counting efficiency $\eta$	0.86	0.79	0.68	0.50	0.26
Particle size (nm)	40				
Number concentration (cm-3)	1134				
Counting efficiency $\eta$	1.01				

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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	-

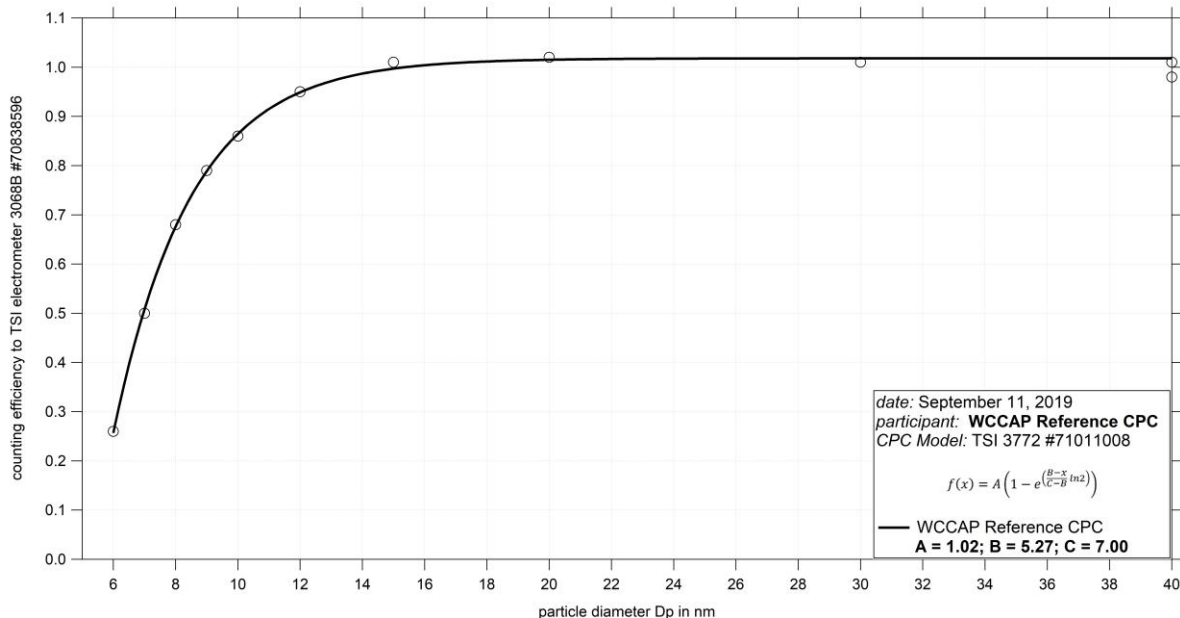


Fig. 1: Counting efficiency for WCCAP Reference CPC 3772 S/N 71011008 against aerosol electrometer 3068 S/N 70838596; silver particles between 6 and 40 nm were used for calibration; the calculated  $Dp_{50}$  is 7.00 nm.

**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	31.4	100.8
<b>Status</b>	<b>P OR</b>	<b>P NO</b>	<b>Laser</b>	<b>LV</b>	<b>flow</b>
from display	71.1	2.6	50	full	0.986

**Date of issue:** September 11, 2019

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