

Intercomparison of Mobility Particle Size Spectrometers

Project No.: MPSS-2017-6-4

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Candidate: **FR-LNE**

Made by: **TSI**

Counter (SN): TSI CPC Model 3775, SN: 378811401

Software: TSI Software V9

Location of the quality assurance: TROPOS Leipzig, lab 118

Comparison period: November 13, 2017 – November 17, 2017

Last Intercomparison (with Project No.):

Summary of Intercomparison:

Pre-Status:

The instrument arrived with participant. The instrument was running with the TSI Software Version 8.1 on the classifier and the TSI Version 9.1 for data evaluation. During the Pre-Status, we found different results by using different TSI software versions. Therefore, we used also the TROPOS evaluation software to apply each correction e.g. flow, diffusion losses, CPC efficiency, and DMA. The PSL check showed a peak to 203.75 nm.

Final-Status:

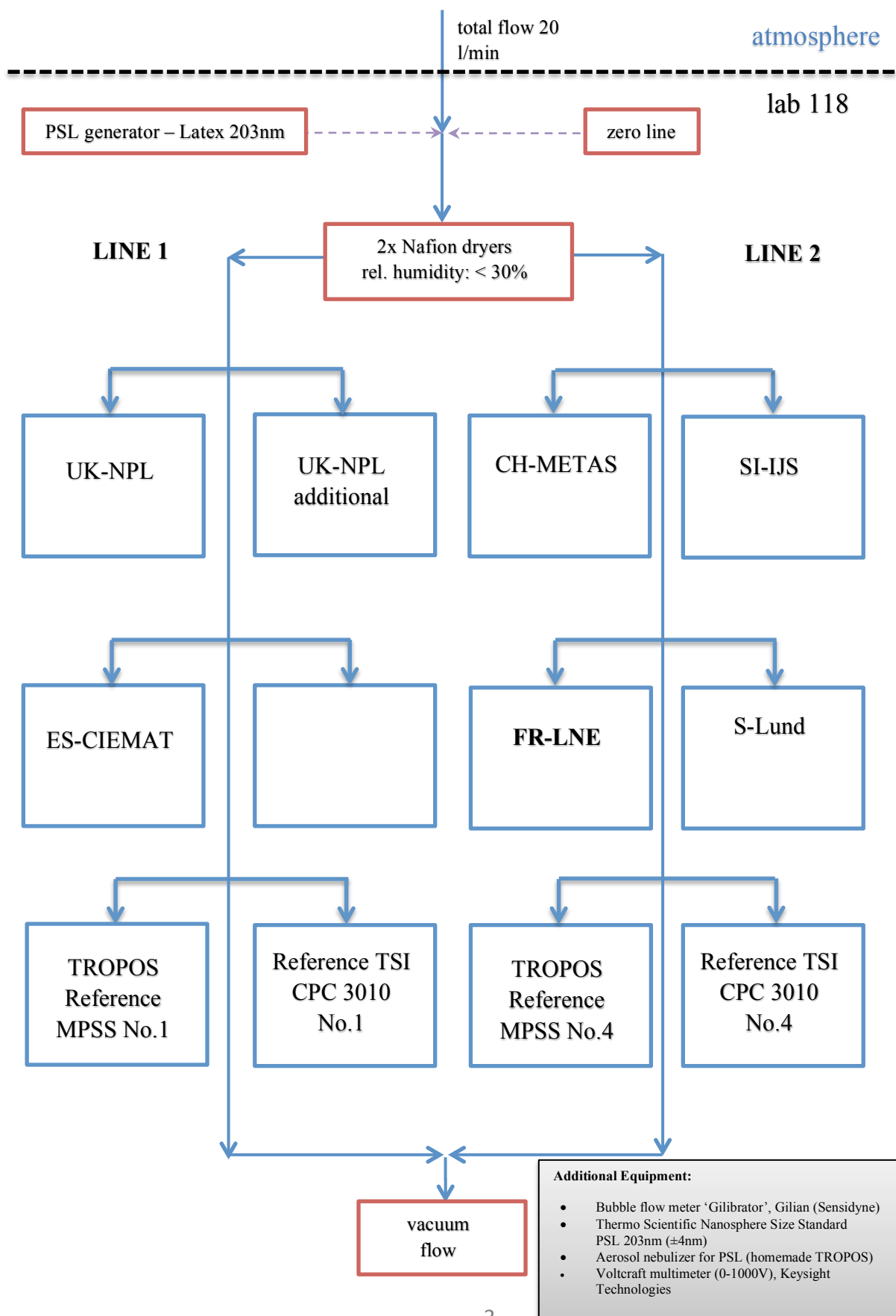
During the Final-Status, the performance of the system showed a concentration 11% higher than the TROPOS Reference Instrument No.4 when using the TROPOS evaluation software and 19% higher when using the TSI evaluation software. The candidate used the recalibrated TSI CPC model 3788. The candidate did not pass the quality standards of ACTRIS and GAW.

Information about the instruments:

Date of check: November 13, 2017

List of Components	TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1	TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4	Candidate
Position	Line 1	Line 2	Line 1
Company	TROPOS	TROPOS	TSI 3080; SN: 8090
Software	TROPOS	TROPOS	TSI V9
CPC-MPSS	TSI CPC, Model 3772	TSI CPC, Model 3772	TSI CPC, Model 3788
CPC-total	TSI CPC, Model 3010	TSI CPC, Model 3010	-
flow ratio	1.0 : 5.0	1.0 : 5.0	0.6 : 6.0
source	Kr.85	Ni.63	Kr85
HV power supply	Positive	Positive	negative
DMA	Hauke medium	Hauke medium	TSI 3081
aerosol dryer	✓	✓	
aerosol RH- sensor	✓	✓	
aerosol T-sensor	✓	✓	
sheath RH-sensor	✓	✓	
sheath T-sensor	✓	✓	
Sheath dryer	✓	✓	
pressure sensor	✓	✓	
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Laboratory setup:



Status of the instruments:

Date of system checks:

<i>date</i>	13.11.2017	14.11.2017	15.11.2017	16.11.2017	unit
<i>total CPC flow</i>	-	-	-	-	l/min
<i>aerosol flow (DMA)</i>	-	-	-	-	l/min
<i>aerosol flow (UDMA)</i>	-	-	-	-	l/min
<i>aerosol flow (total)</i>	0.613	-	0.602	0.612	l/min
<i>Zero MPSS</i>	0	-	0	0	#/cm ³
<i>Zero total CPC</i>	-	-	-	-	#/cm ³
<i>PSL 203 nm</i>	203.75	-			nm
<i>HV check</i>	okay	-	okay	-	V

Special Information regarding the Candidate:

<i>Was it necessary to:</i>	yes/no (date)	old part (ID/SN)	new part (ID/SN)	information
<i>clean the aerosol inlet</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change aerosol Nafion dryer</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change sheath Nafion dryer</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>check source</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change HV power supply</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>clean/change DMA</i>	Yes	-	-	Check okay
<i>change aerosol RH/T-sensor</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change sheath RH/T-sensor</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change pressure sensor</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>change inlet Nafion dryer (500)</i>	No	-	-	-
<i>Change Total filter</i>	No	-	-	-

PSL Scan and calibration: Latex 203 nm \pm 4 nm

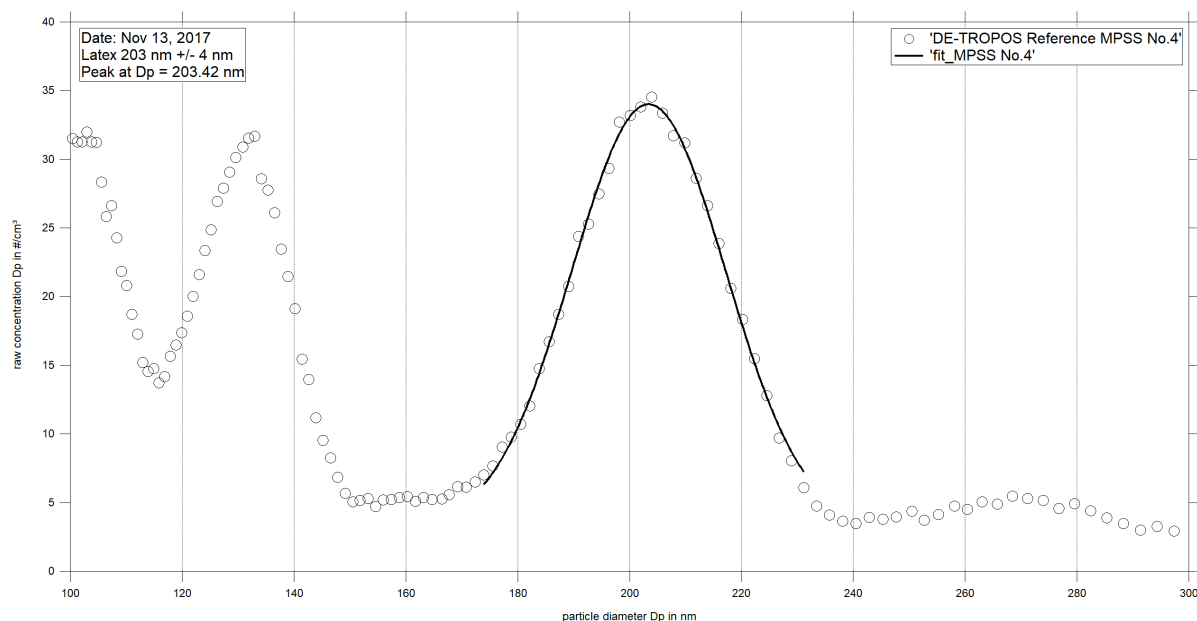


Figure 01: Measurement of latex 203 nm: Particle size distribution (raw concentration) for latex 203 nm on Nov 13rd, 2017.

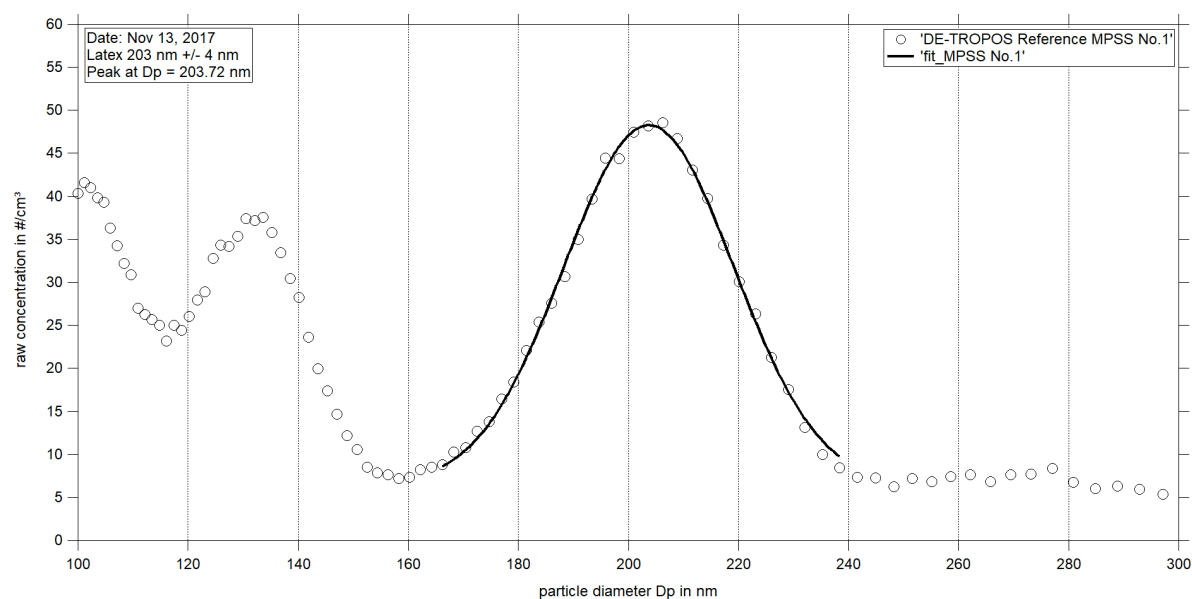


Figure 02: Measurement of latex 203 nm: Particle size distribution (raw concentration) for latex 203 nm on Nov 13rd, 2017.

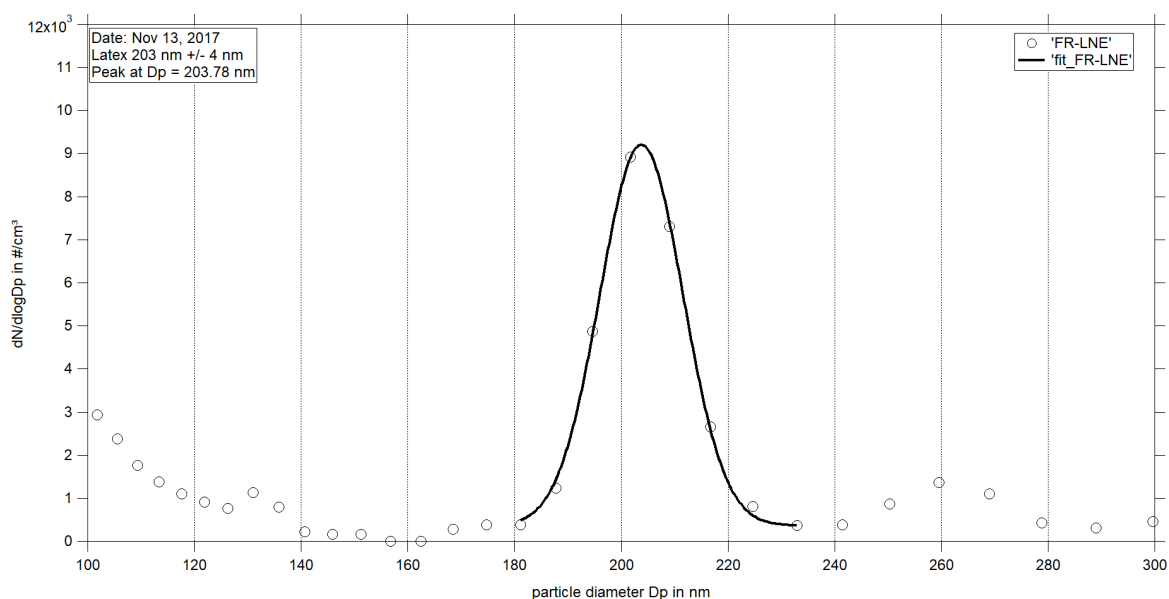


Figure 03: Measurement of latex 203 nm: Particle size distribution (raw concentration) for latex 203 nm on November 13rd, 2017.

Pre-Status of the TROPOS Reference Instruments: Particle Number Size Distribution

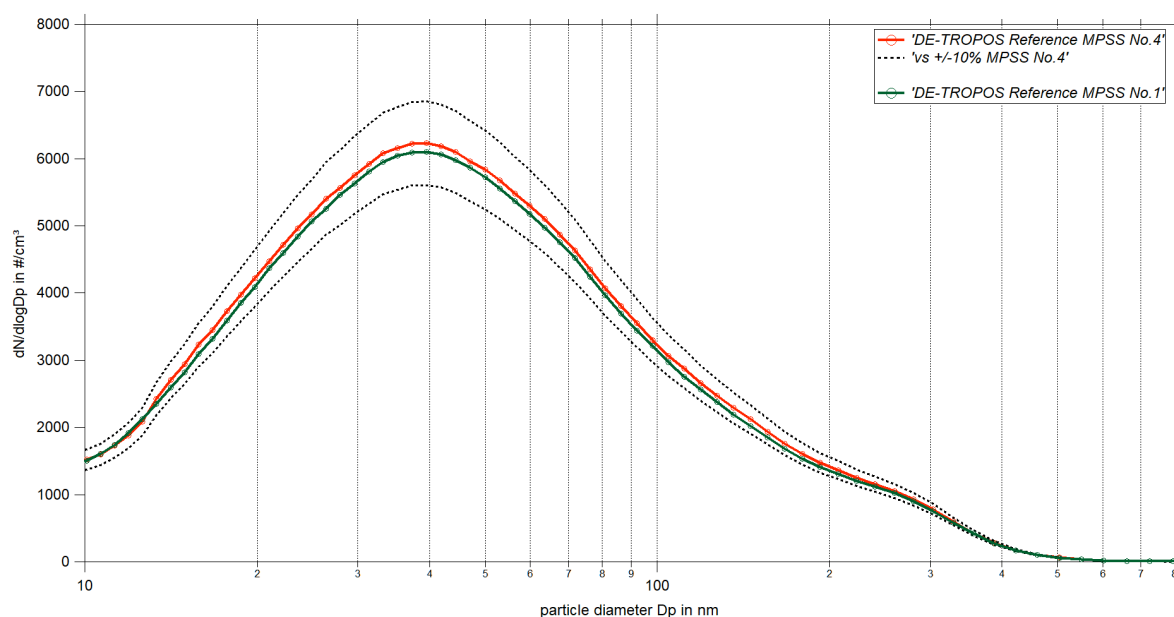


Figure 04: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 against TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 from November 13, 2017 08:00 PM – November 14, 2017 06:00 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.

Pre-Status of the TROPOS Reference Instruments: Time Series

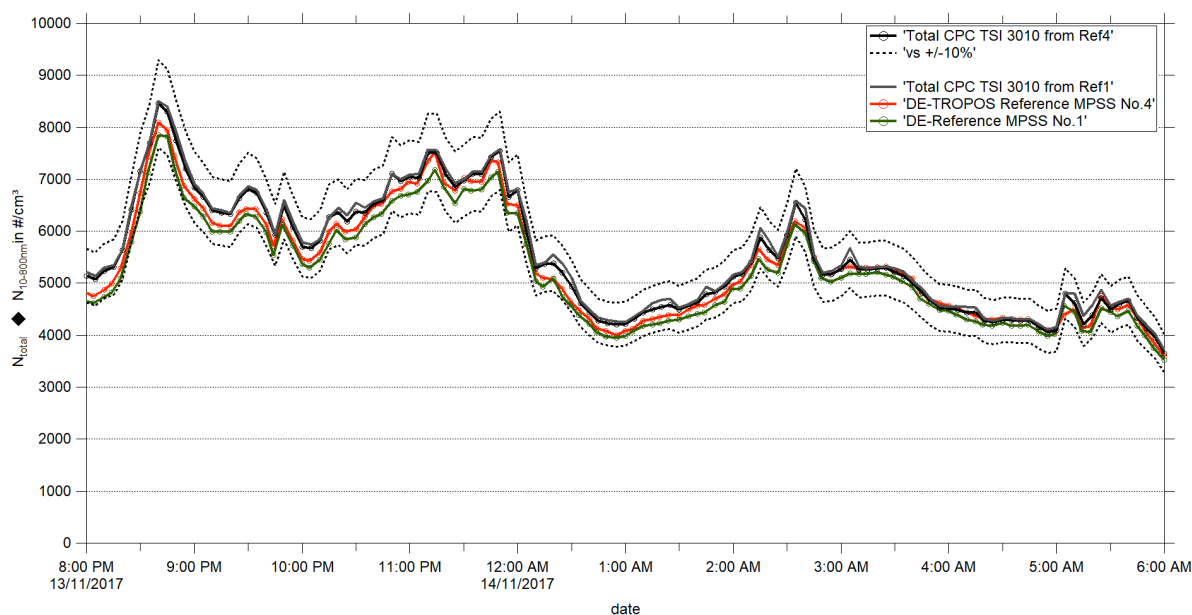


Figure 05: Time series (November 13, 2017 08:00 PM – November 14, 2017 06:00 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-800nm}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration (N_{total}) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. The inversion for the candidate was performed using TSI software. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

Pre-Status of the TROPOS Reference Instruments: Correlation

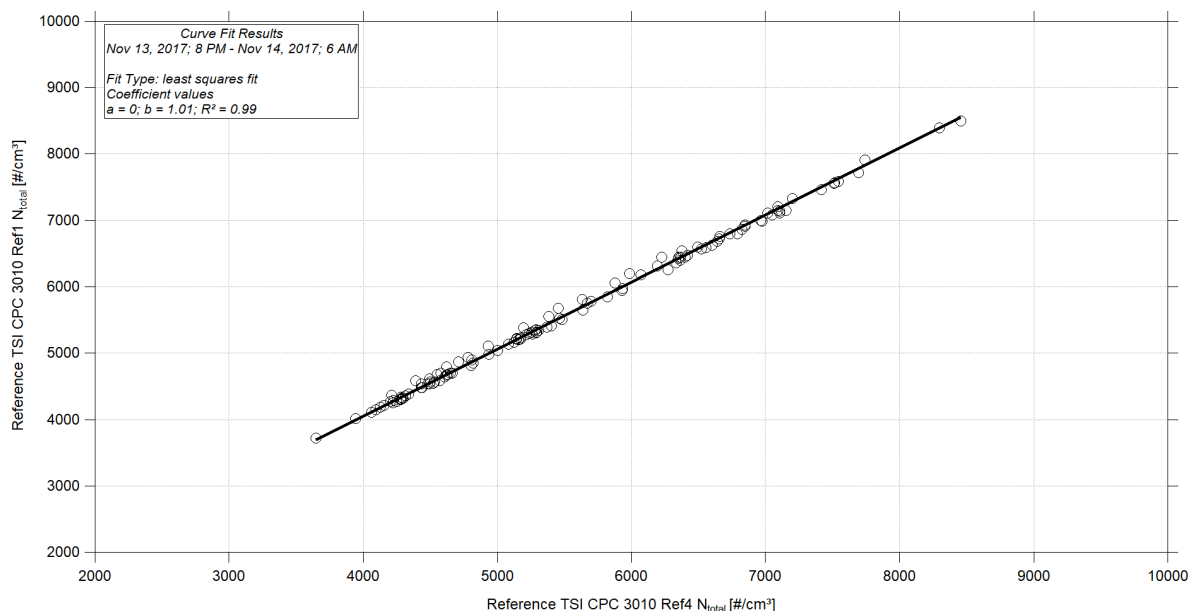


Figure 06: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI CPC Model 3010 Ref4 and TROPOS Reference TSI CPC Model 3010 Ref1. CPC flow and coincidence corrections are included.

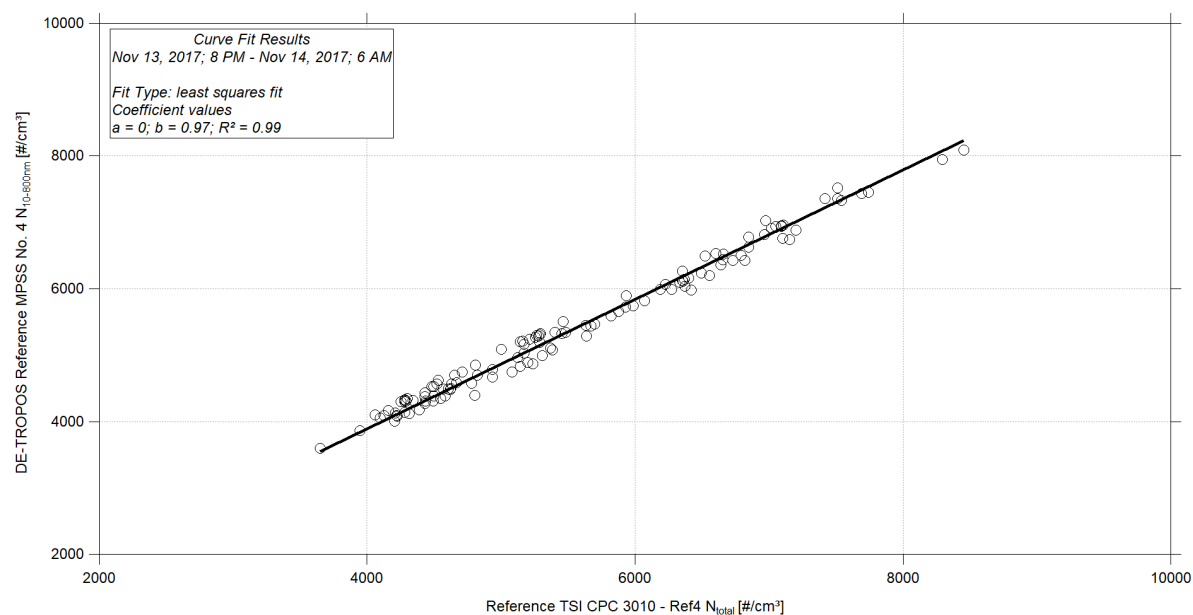


Figure 07: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI CPC Model 3010 Ref4 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

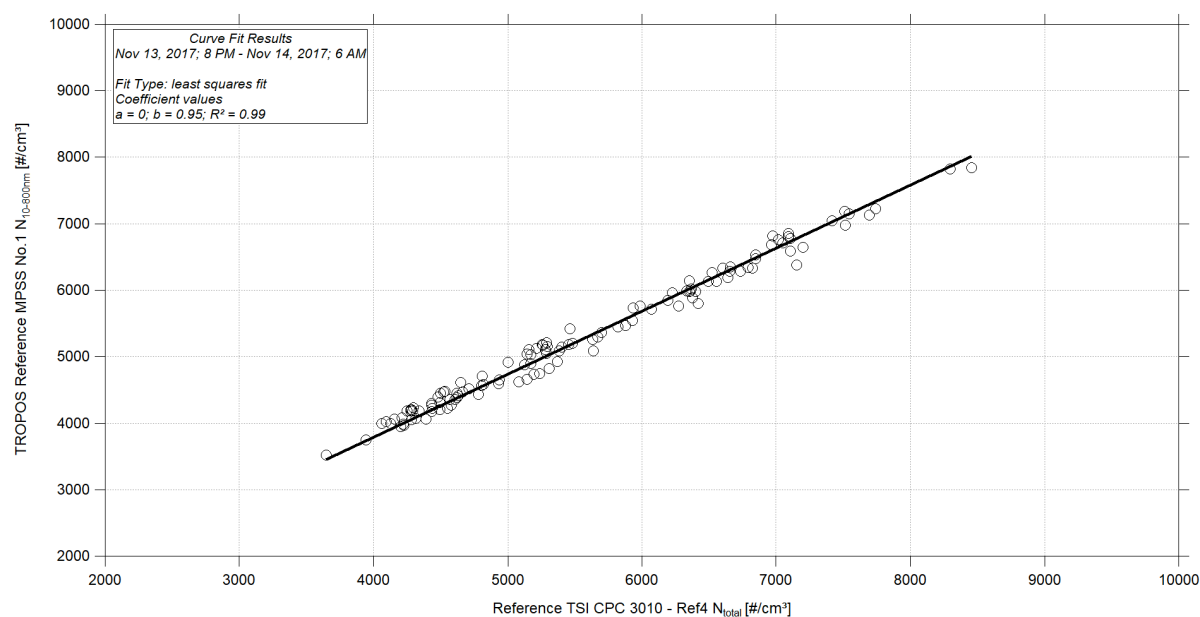


Figure 08: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI CPC Model 3010 Ref4 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

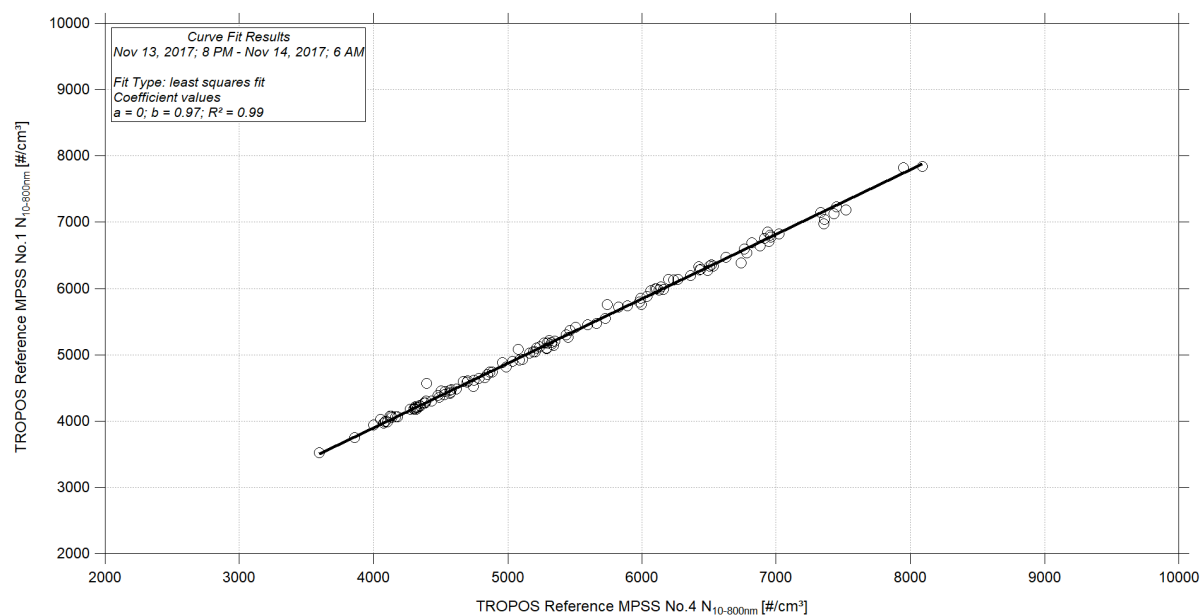


Figure 09: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

Pre-Status of the Candidate: Particle Number Size Distribution

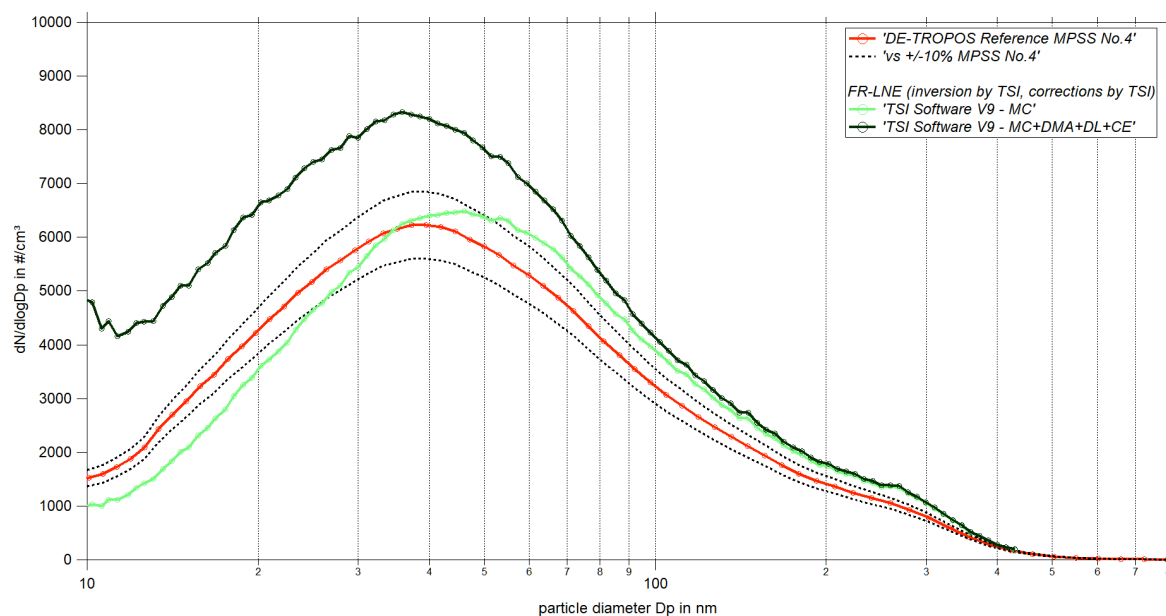


Figure 10: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 against FR-LNE from November 13, 2017 08:00 PM – November 14, 2017 06:00 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included. TSI Software V9 includes all corrections from TSI.

Pre-Status of the Candidate: Time Series and Correlation

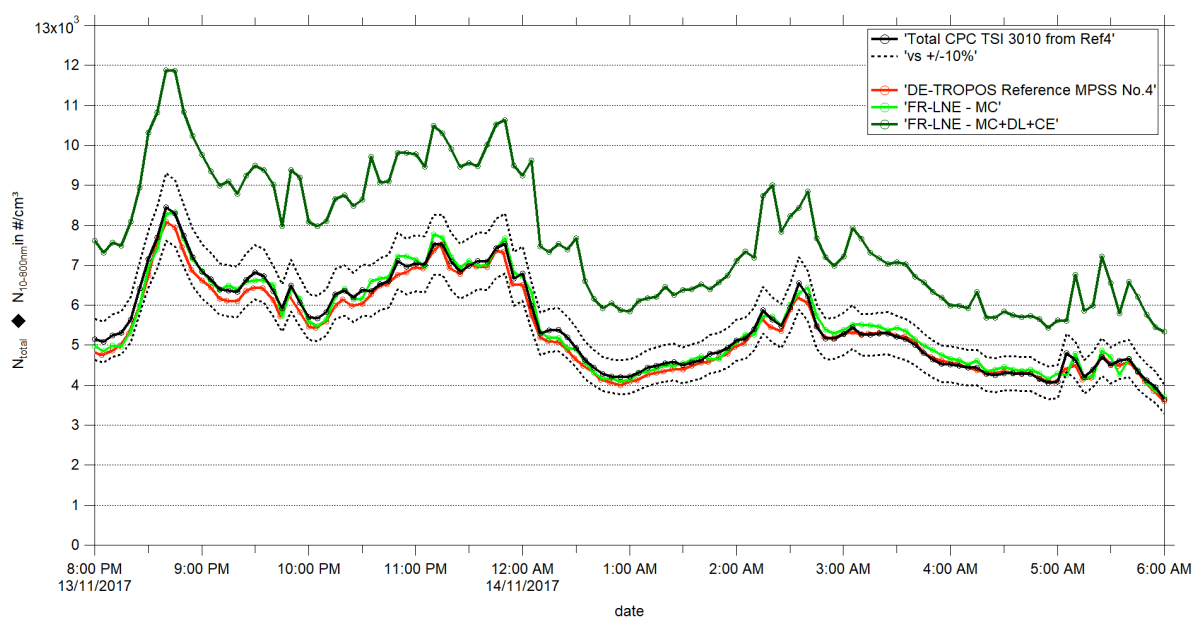


Figure 11: Time series (November 13, 2017 08:00 PM – November 14, 2017 06:00 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-800\text{nm}}$; $N_{10-400\text{nm}}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration (N_{total}) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. The inversion and corrections for the candidate was performed using TSI software. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

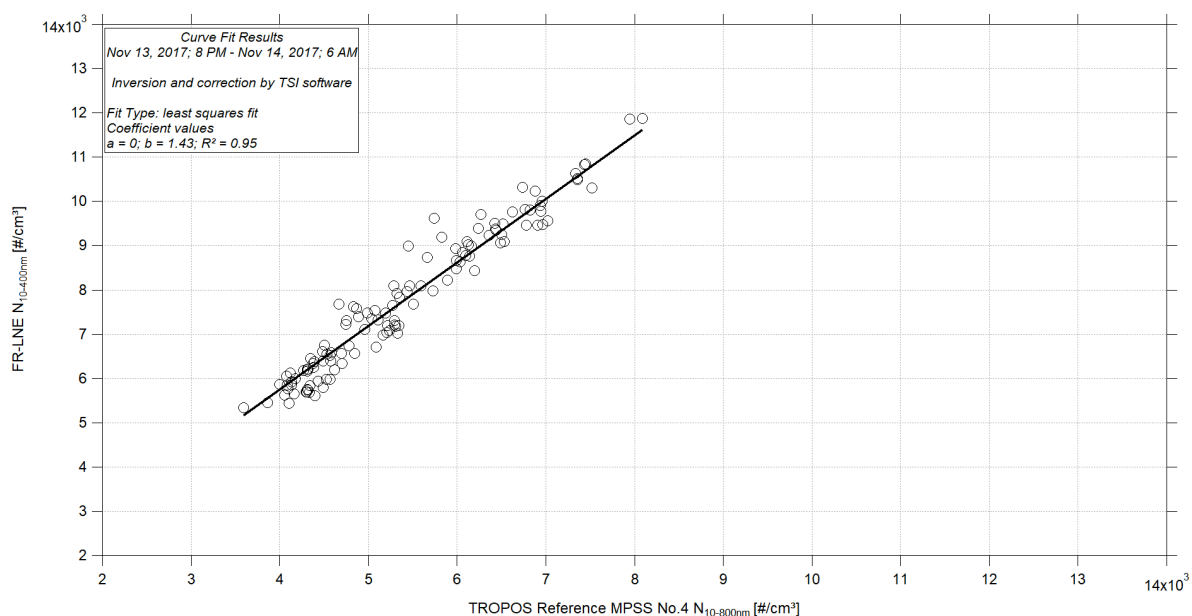


Figure 12: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No. 4 and FR-LNE. The inversion and corrections for the candidate was performed using TSI software. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.

Final-Status of the Candidate: Particle Number Size Distribution

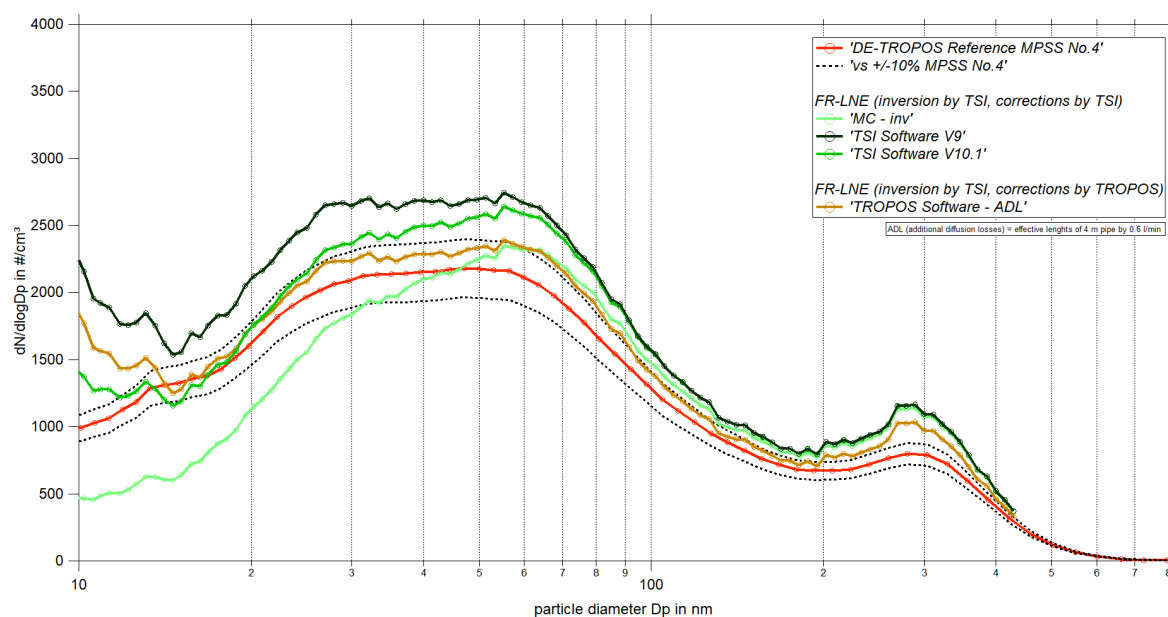


Figure 13: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 against FR-LNE from November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included. TSI Software V9 and 10.1 includes all corrections from TSI.

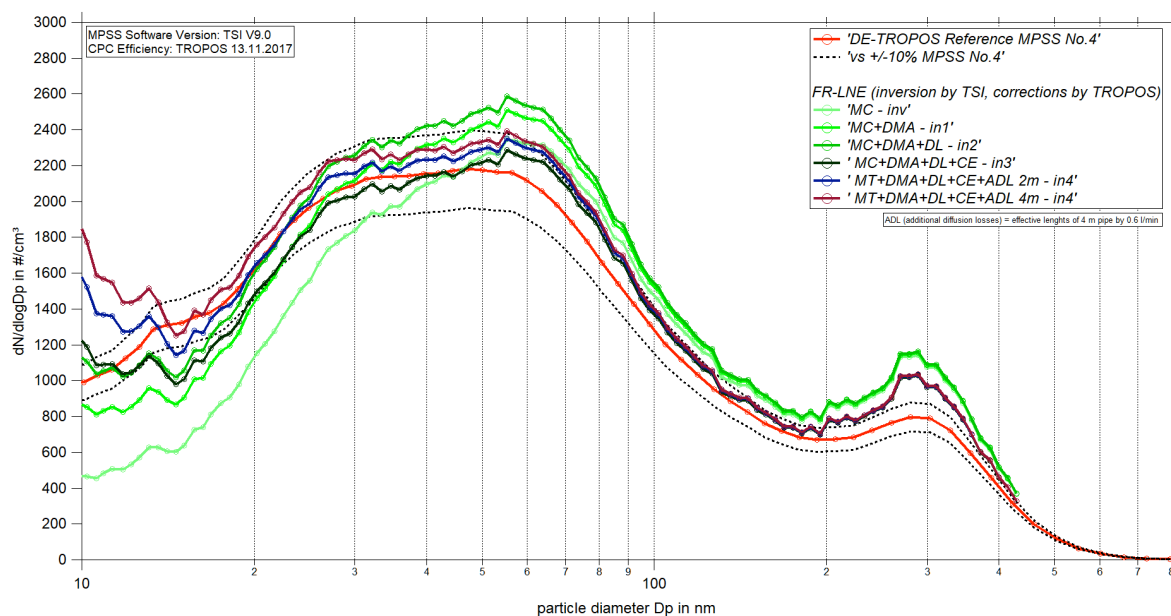


Figure 14: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 against FR-LNE from November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM. All corrections, excluding the multiple charge correction, which is done by TSI software, are calculated by using the TROPOS software.

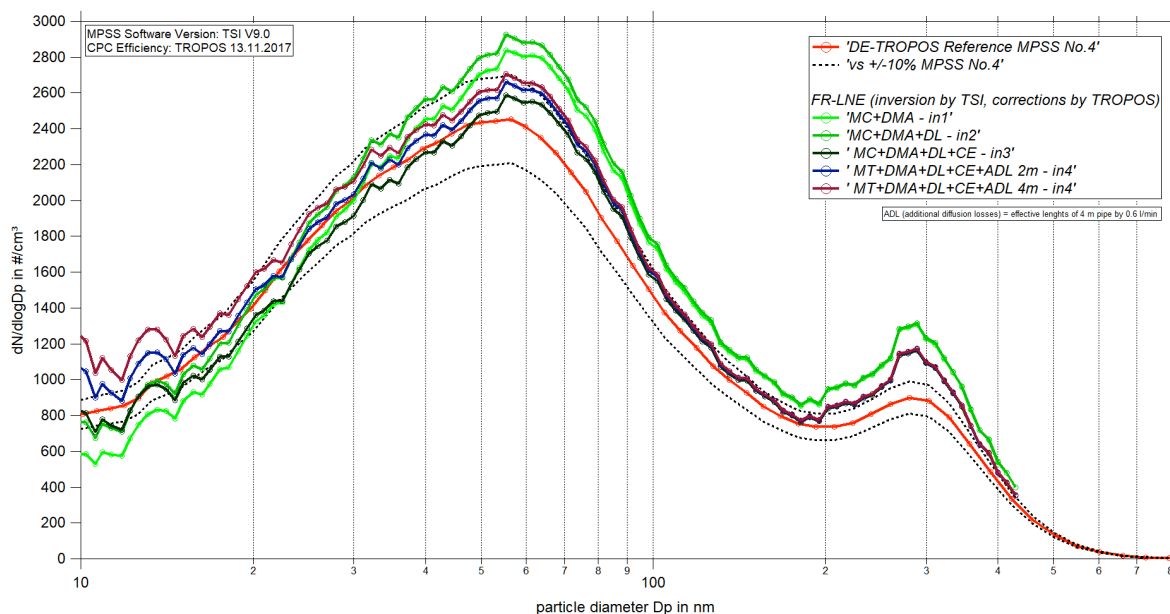


Figure 15: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 against FR-LNE from November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 03:00 AM. All corrections, excluding the multiple charge correction, which is done by TSI software, are calculated by using the TROPOS software.

Final-Status of the Candidate: Time Series and Correlation

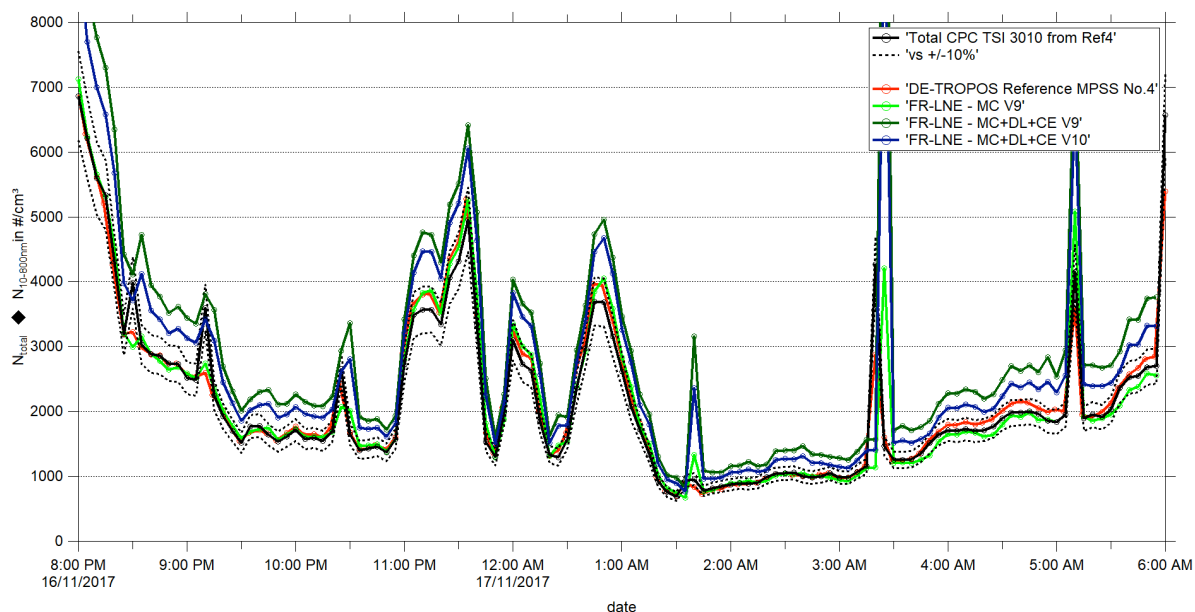


Figure 16: Time series (November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-800nm}$; $N_{10-400nm}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration (N_{total}) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. The inversion and correction for the candidate was performed using TSI software.

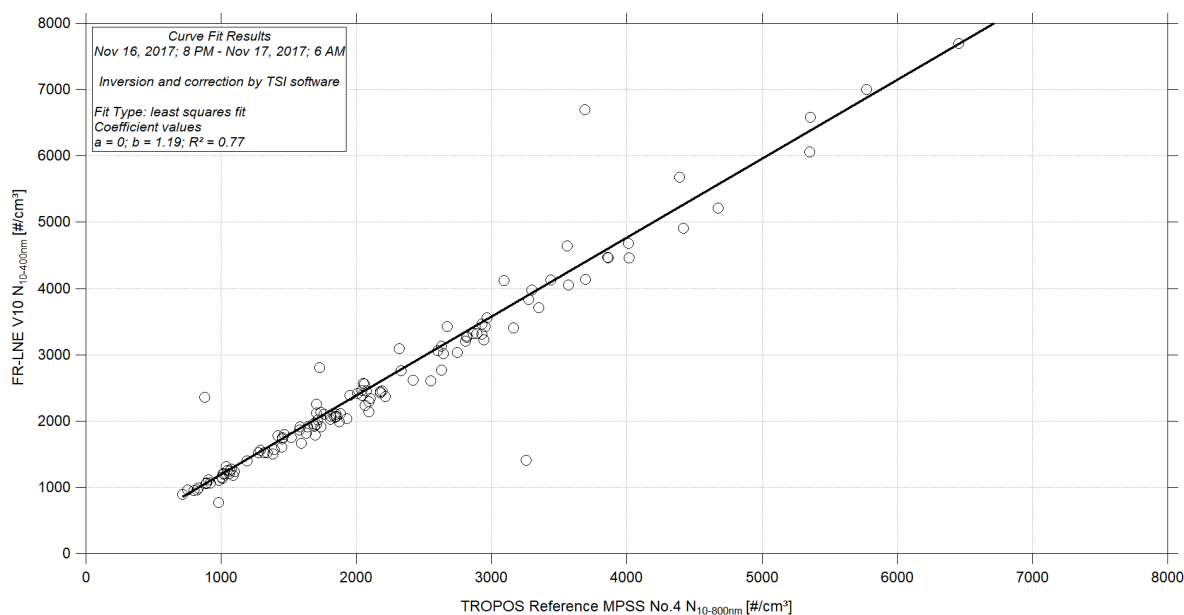


Figure 17: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 and FR-LNE V10 (November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM). The inversion and corrections for the candidate was performed using TSI software.

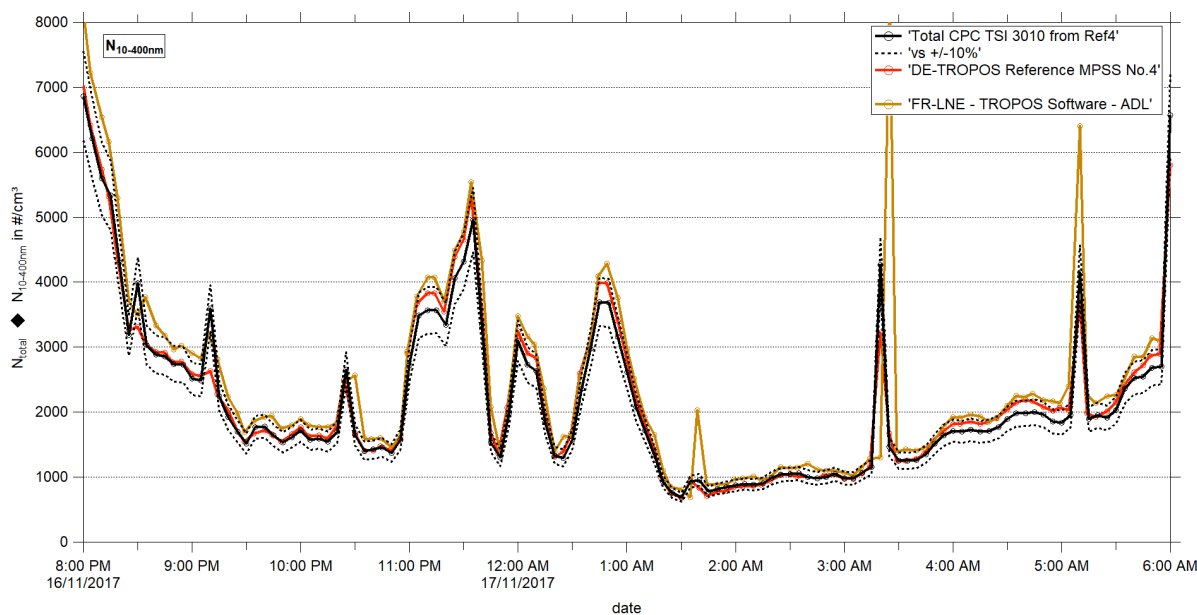


Figure 18: Time series (November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-400nm}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration (N_{total}) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. The inversion for the candidate was performed using TSI software. Internal diffusion losses, CPC efficiency and CPC flow corrections are included and performed using TROPOS software.

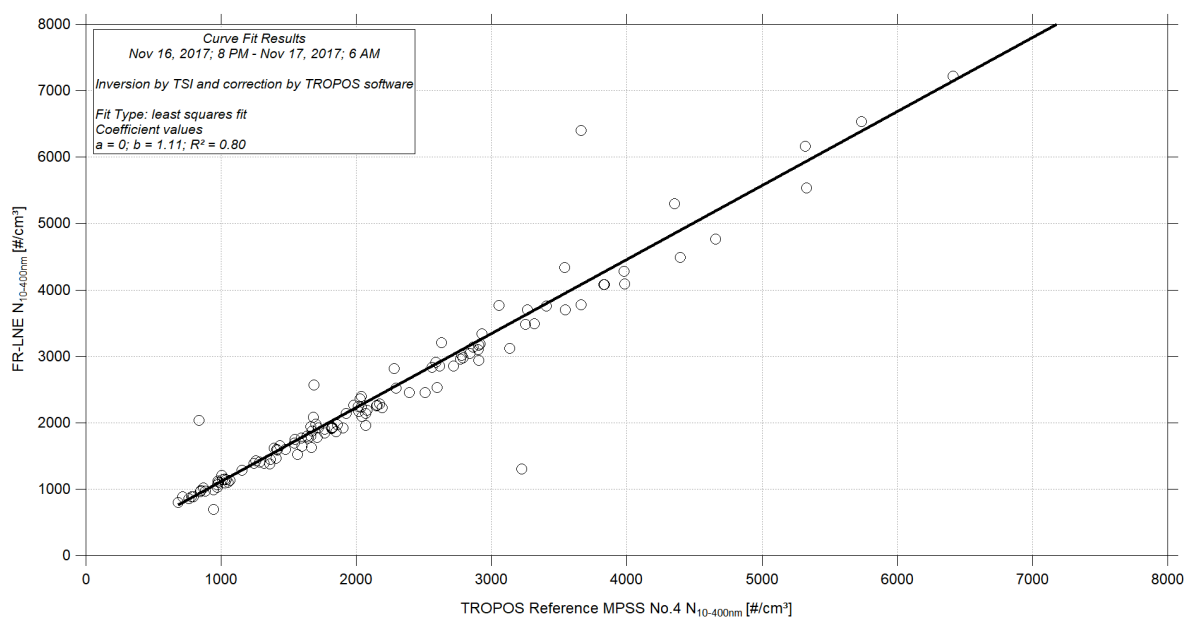


Figure 19: Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.4 and FR-LNE - TROPOS software in4 (November 16, 2017 08:00 PM – November 17, 2017 06:00 AM). The inversion for the candidate was performed using TSI software. Internal diffusion losses, CPC efficiency and CPC flow corrections are included and performed using TROPOS software.