



## Intercomparison of Mobility Particle Size Spectrometers

*Project No.:* MPSS-2018-7-5

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*Home Institution:* Hessisches Landesamt für Naturschutz, Umwelt und Geologie  
Dezernat I2 Luftreinhaltung: Immissionen

*Participant:* Dr. Diana Rose

*Candidate:* DE-HLNUG MPSS 005 – Labor  
*Made by:* TSI – EC 3082  
*Counter (SN):* CPC 3772 SN3772180903

*Location of the quality assurance:* TROPOS Leipzig, lab 118

*Comparison period:* October 15, 2018 – October 19, 2018

*Last Intercomparison (with Project No.):*

## Summary of Intercomparison:

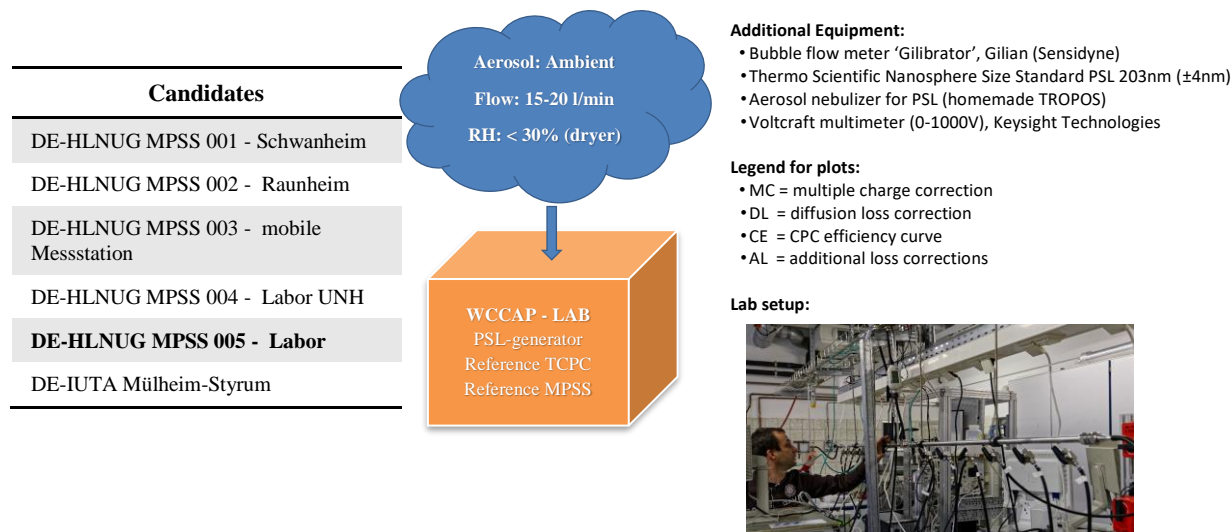
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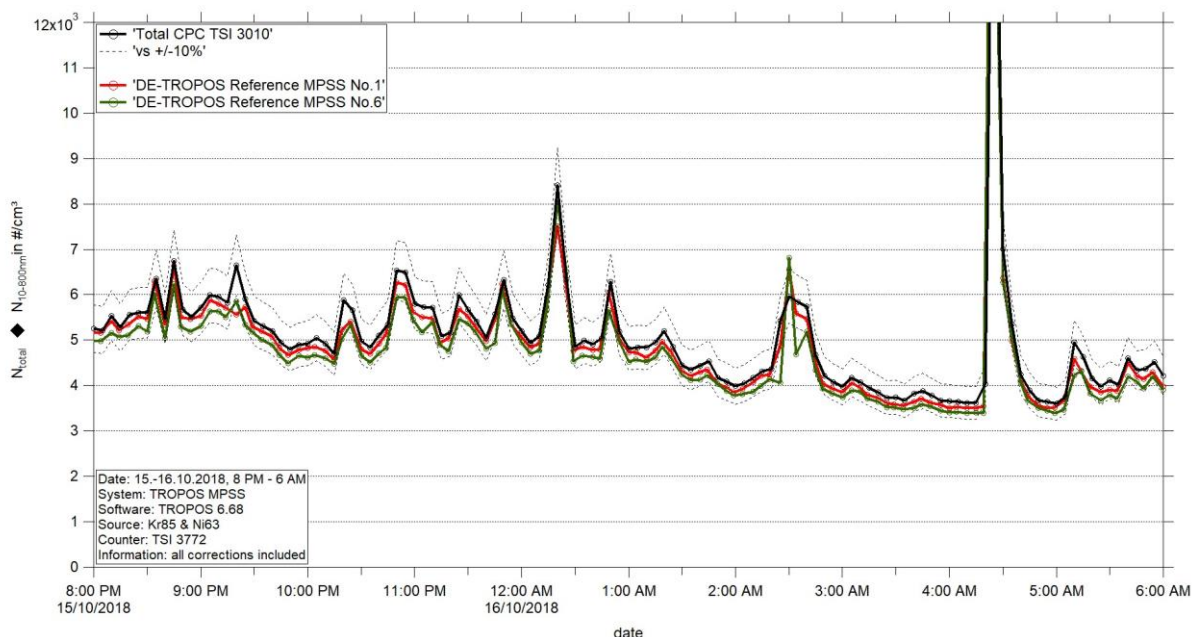
The candidate from DE-HLNUG MPSS\_004 Labor, UNH participated in the ACTRIS workshop from October 15, 2018 to October 19, 2018 with the participant. The setup of the candidate was done on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, afternoon. During the Pre-Status the candidate was running under the same settings, with their own TSI Kr.85 source, like on the Institute. The performance of the candidate showed a concentration 8% higher than the TROPOS Reference Instrument No.1. On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, after the CPC-Workshop the MPSS was checked and the first part of maintenance was done. The performance of the CPC is shown in the Report of the CPC-Workshop. The TSI CPC 3772 passed the CPC Workshop after maintenance. For more information, please look at the CPC-workshop report. During the workshop week, the whole candidate was checked and cleaned. More details are in the Tables for each night run. The participant was instructed and trained how to optimize his instrument. In addition, the station setup and quality assurance procedures were discussed.

### Final-Status:

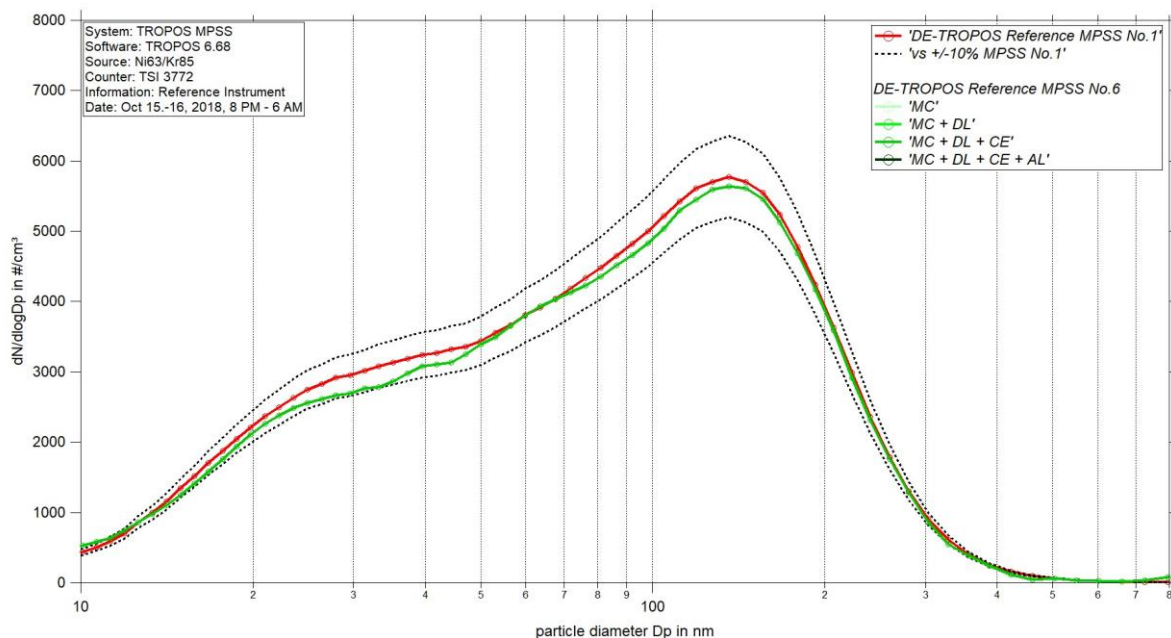
The final run took place from October 18 to October 19, 2018. Running the candidate using the original source Kr.85 the performance showed the same concentration than the TROPOS Reference Instrument No.1.. The candidate passed the standards of ACTRIS and GAW.

## Laboratory Setup and Legend

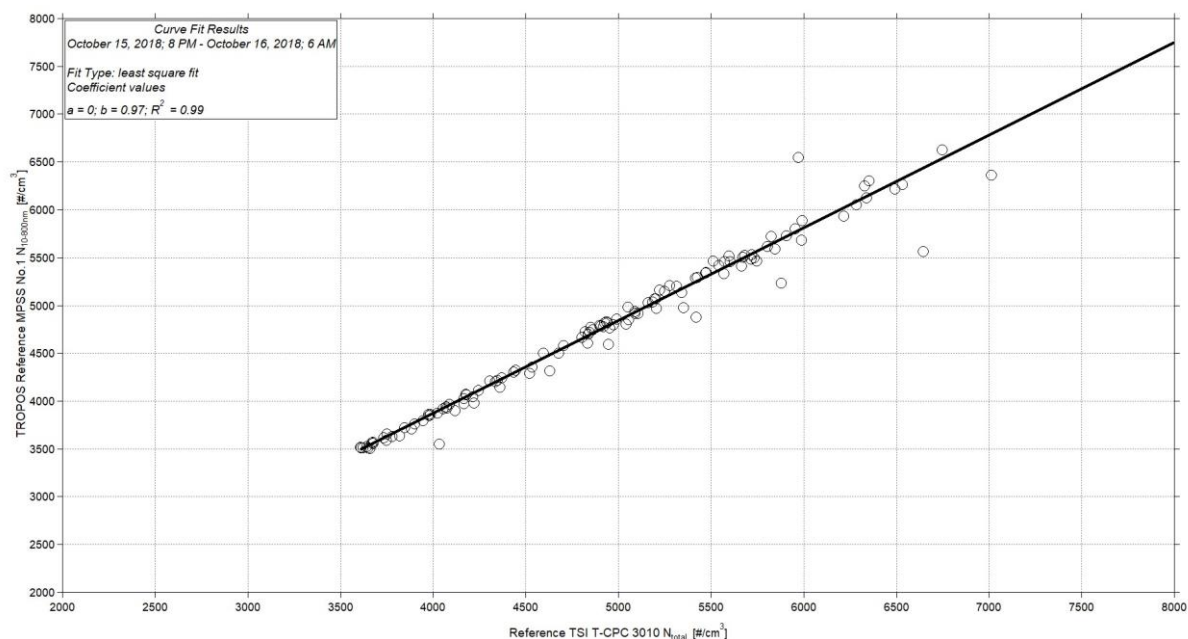


**TROPOS Reference Instruments No. 1 and No. 6****October 15 – October 16, 2018: Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation**

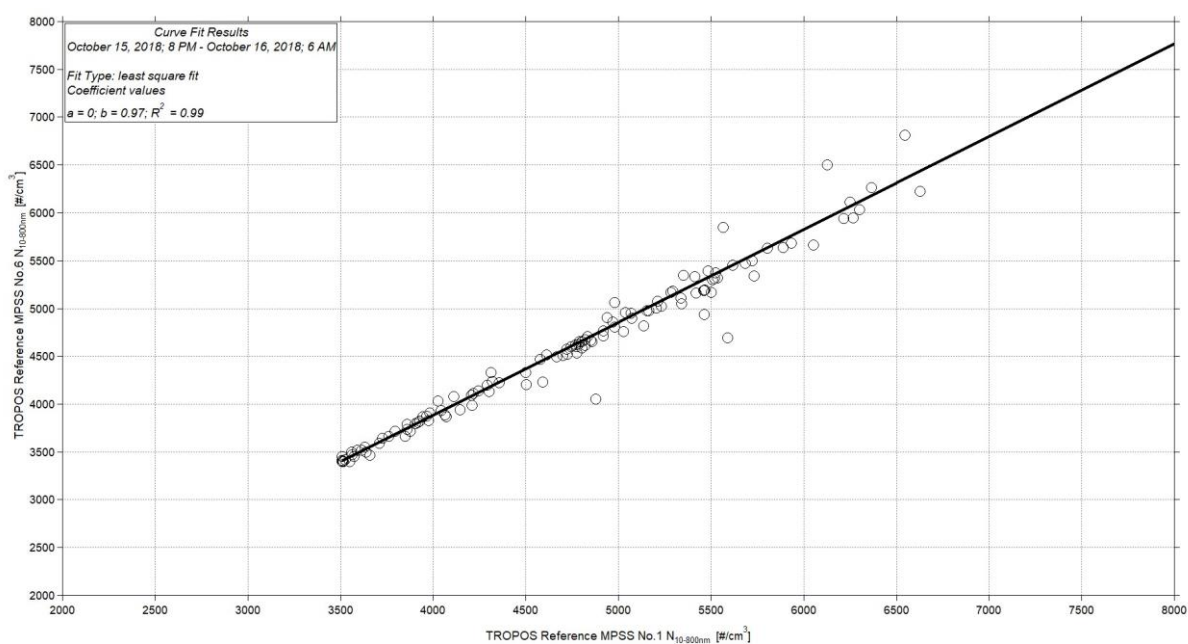
**Figure 01:** Time series (October 15, 2018 8 PM – October 16, 2018 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ( $N_{10-800nm}$ ) of the TROPOS Reference MPSS and total number concentration ( $N_{total}$ ) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.



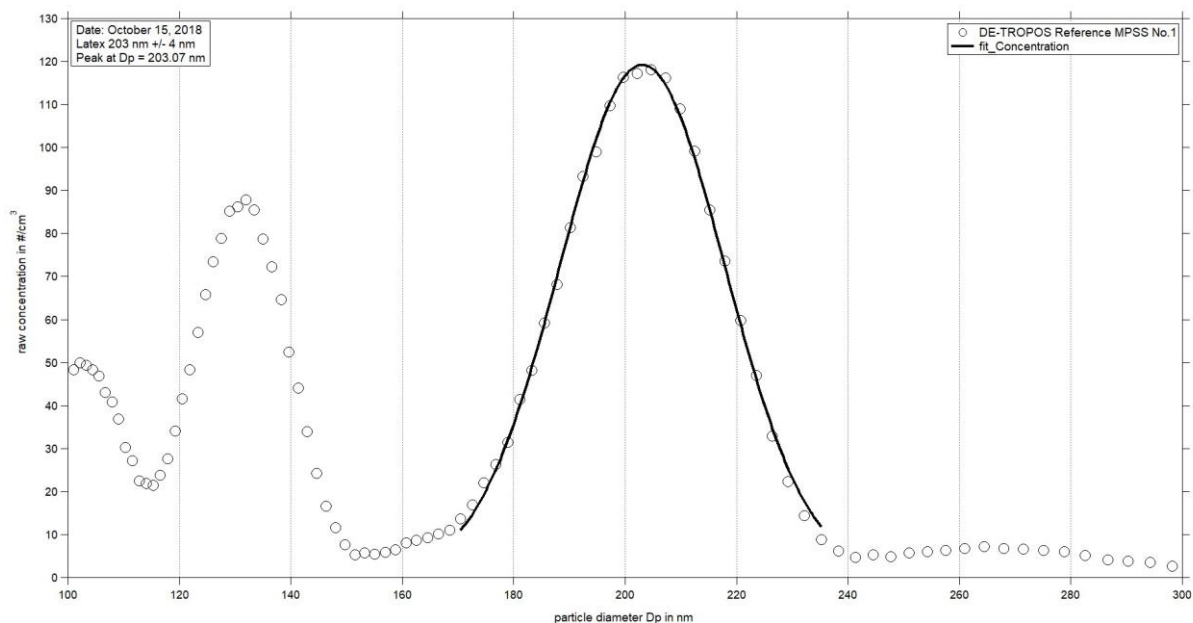
**Figure 02:** Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against TROPOS Reference MPSS No.6 from October 15, 2018 8 PM – October 16, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



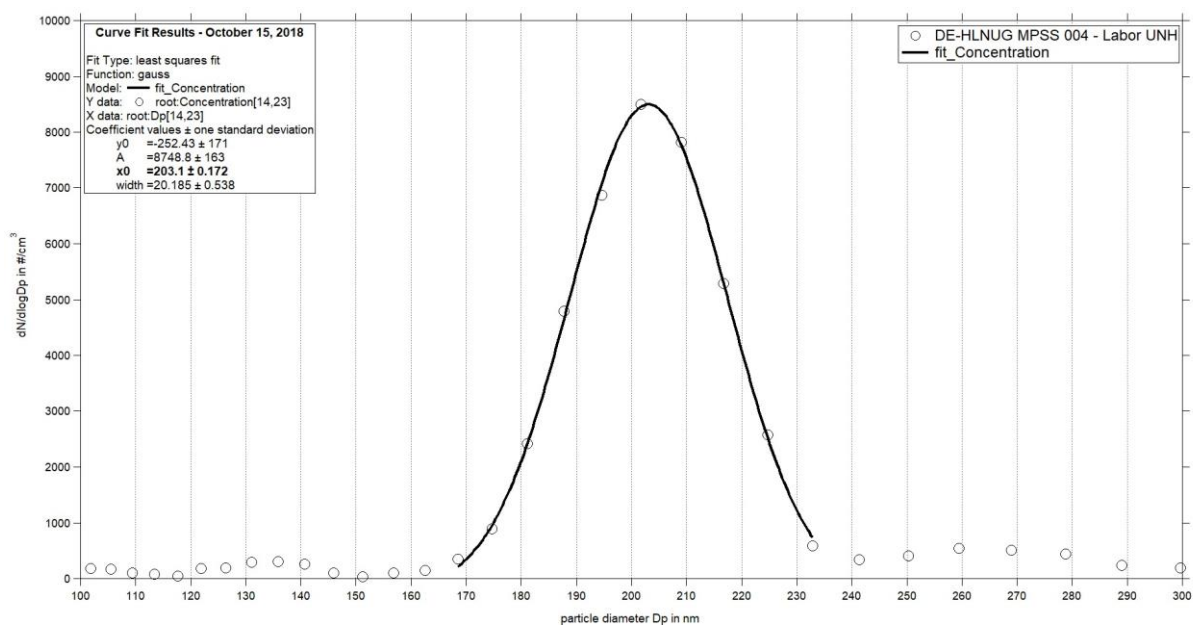
**Figure 03:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.



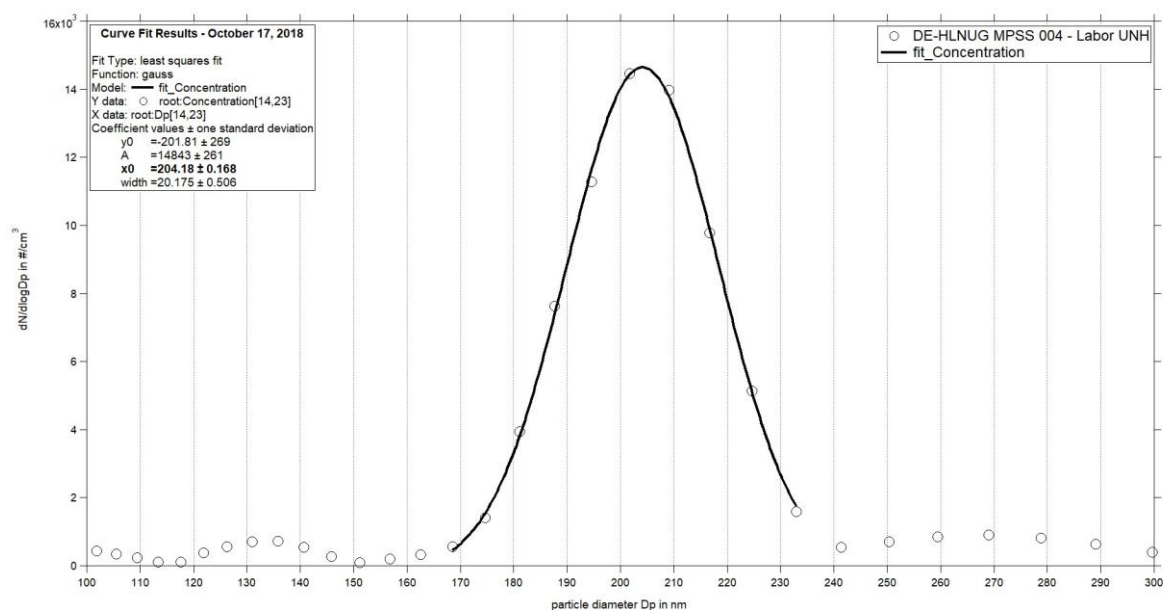
**Figure 04:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.6. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.

**PSL Scan: Latex 203 nm +/- 4 nm**

**Figure 05:** Measurement of latex 203 nm - Reference MPSS No.1: Particle size distribution (raw concentration) for latex 203 nm on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.



**Figure 06:** Measurement of latex 203 nm for the candidate DE-HLNUG MPSS 004 – Labor, UNH: Particle size distribution for latex 203 nm on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 with a peak at 203.1 nm.



**Figure 07:** Measurement of latex 203 nm for the candidate DE-HLNUG MPSS 004 – Labor, UNH: Particle size distribution for latex 203 nm on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 with a peak at 204.18 nm.

### Pre-Status October 15 – 16, 2018

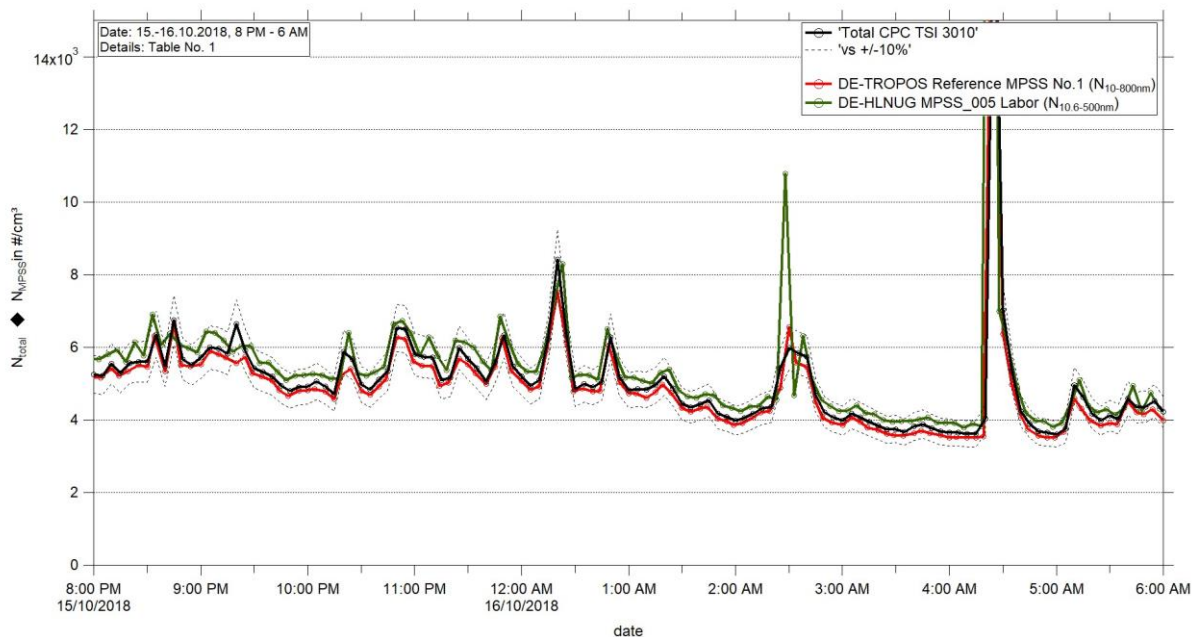
#### Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation

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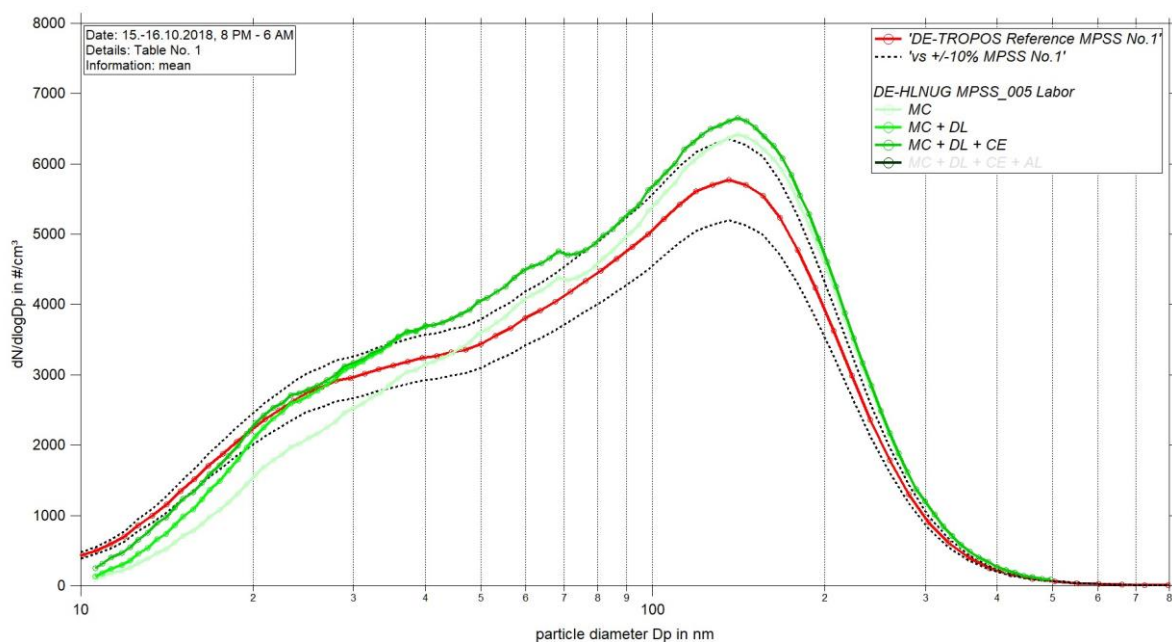
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<b>Station: MPSS 005 – Labor</b>							
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MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TSI 3082</b>	<b>3082001822003</b>	<b>10.09.2018</b>	ST	<b>39.0</b>	OFF	<b>0.0</b>
Firmware Classifier:	<b>2.2</b>			CT	<b>22.0</b>	5 V	<b>4.9</b>
Firmware Software:	<b>AIM 10</b>			OT	<b>40.0</b>	10 V	<b>9.0</b>
DMA type:	<b>TSI 3081A</b>	<b>3081A1808001</b>	<b>March 2018</b>	CabT	<b>33.2</b>	1000 V	<b>999.7</b>
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>			AP	<b>98.5</b>	250 V	<b>250.0</b>
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.16</b>			OP	<b>80.7</b>	5 V	<b>4.9</b>
radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>77A-0758</b>	<b>May 2018</b>	NP	<b>2.8</b>	OFF	<b>0.0</b>
Flow CPC (l/min):	<b>1.021</b>			LC	<b>44.0</b>	400 V	
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>0.994</b>					600 V	
Flow Display (l/min):	<b>1.04</b>					800 V	
Zero (#/cm³):	<b>0</b>					650 V	
<b>Maintenance</b>							
Aerosol inlet:							
Aerosol Nafion dryer:							
Sheath Nafion dryer:							
Source:							
HV power supply:							
DMA:							
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:							
Pressure sensor:							
Filter:							
NI-card:							
CPC:							
Impactor:							
Setup settings over night:	<b>settings like on the station</b>						

Institute: <b>TROPOS</b>							
Station: <b>Reference Instrument No.1</b>							
Date of checking list: <b>October 15, 2019</b>							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TROPOS</b>	<b>No.1</b>		ST	<b>39.0</b>	0 V	<b>0</b>
Firmware Classifier:				CT	<b>22.0</b>	5 mV	<b>4.98</b>
Firmware Software:	<b>TROPOS 6.68</b>			OT	<b>40.0</b>	800 mV	<b>999.8</b>
DMA type:	<b>Hauke medium</b>		<b>142</b>	CabT	<b>27.3</b>	200 mV	<b>250.0</b>
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772141701</b>		AP	<b>98.5</b>	0 V	<b>0</b>
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			OP	<b>72.1</b>		
Radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>NER 8275</b>	<b>002/13</b>	NP	<b>2.8</b>		
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Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>						

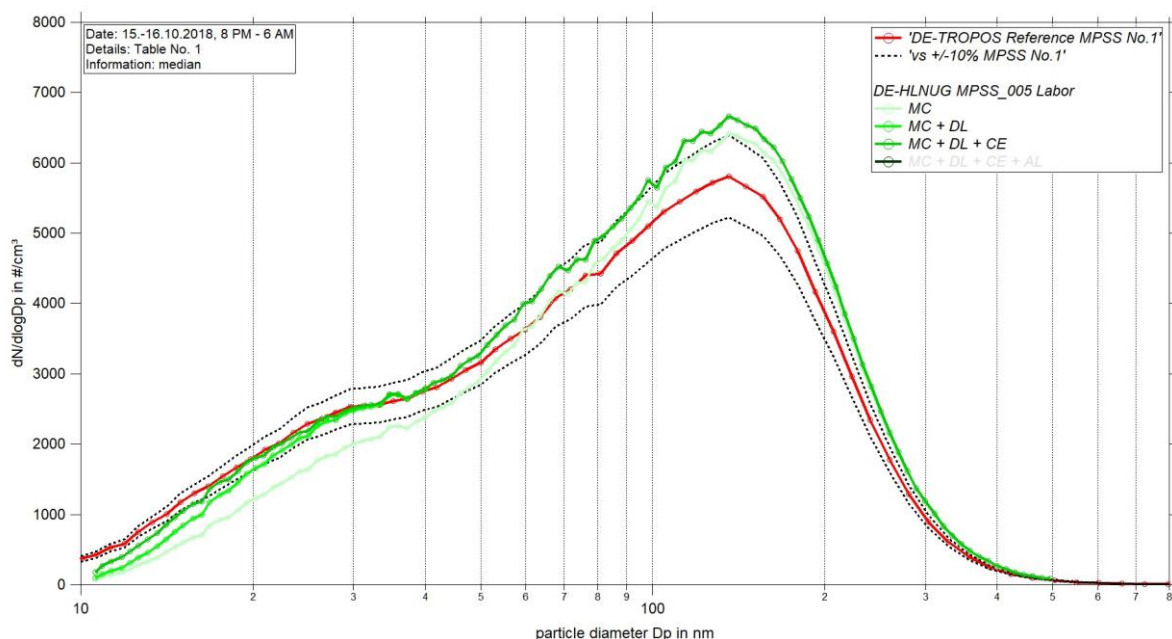
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Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3010</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>Dp50 10 nm</b>	ST			
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			CT			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.015</b>			OT			
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				OP			
				NP			
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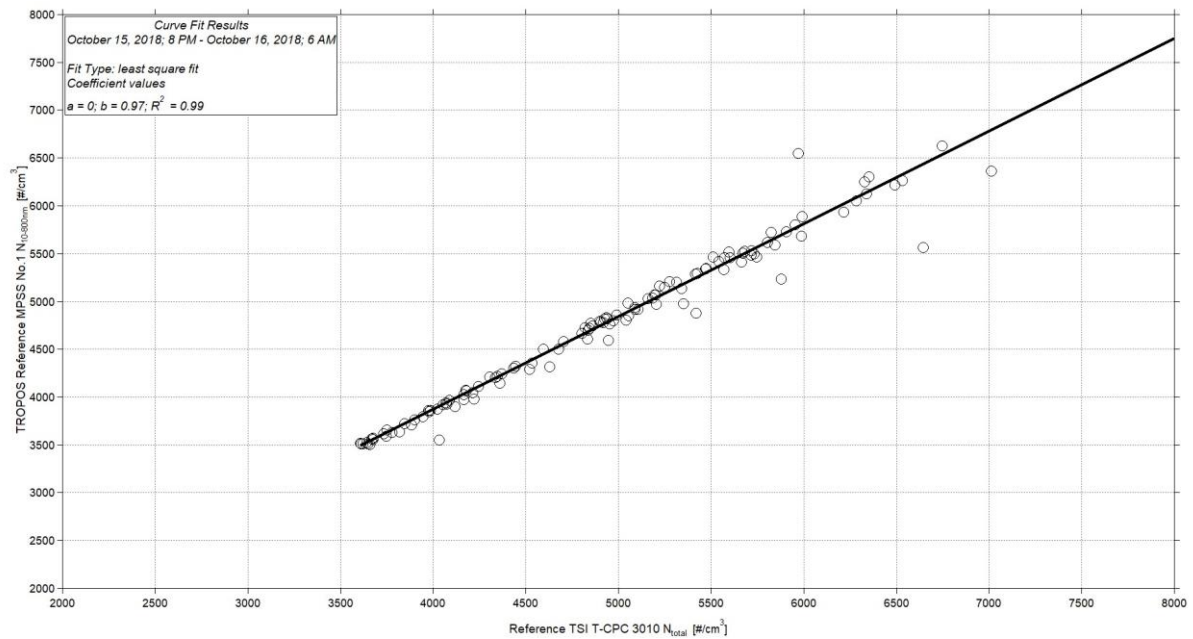
**Figure 08:** Time series (October 15, 2018 8 PM – October 16, 2018 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ( $N_{10-800\text{nm}}$  or  $N_{10.6-500\text{nm}}$ ) of the MPSS and total number concentration ( $N_{\text{total}}$ ) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included. The candidate is running with the Kr.85 source.



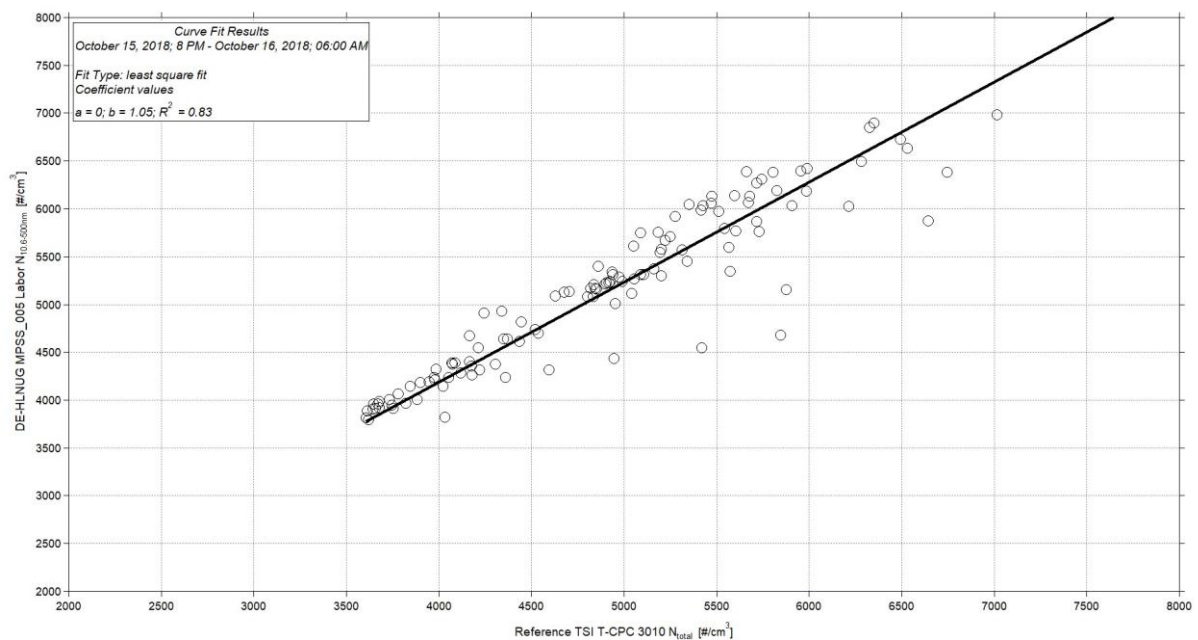
**Figure 09:** Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 15, 2018 8 PM – October 16, 2018 06:00 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



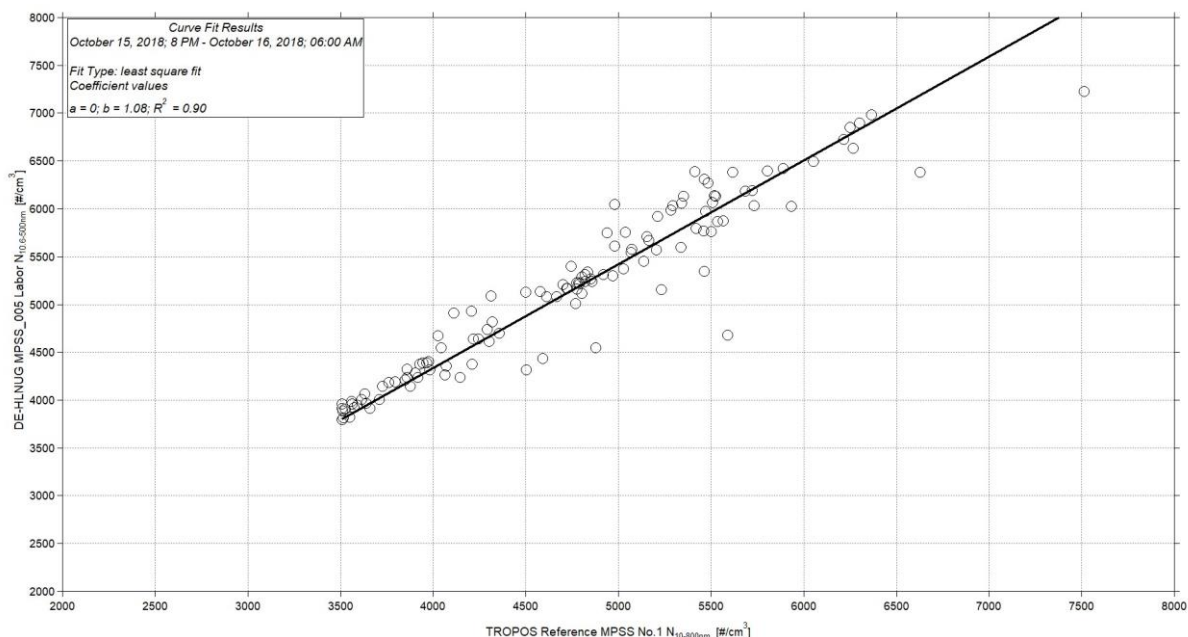
**Figure 10:** Comparison of median particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 15, 2018 8 PM – October 16, 2018 06:00 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 11:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.



**Figure 12:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.



**Figure 13:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.

### Status October 16 – 17, 2018

#### Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation

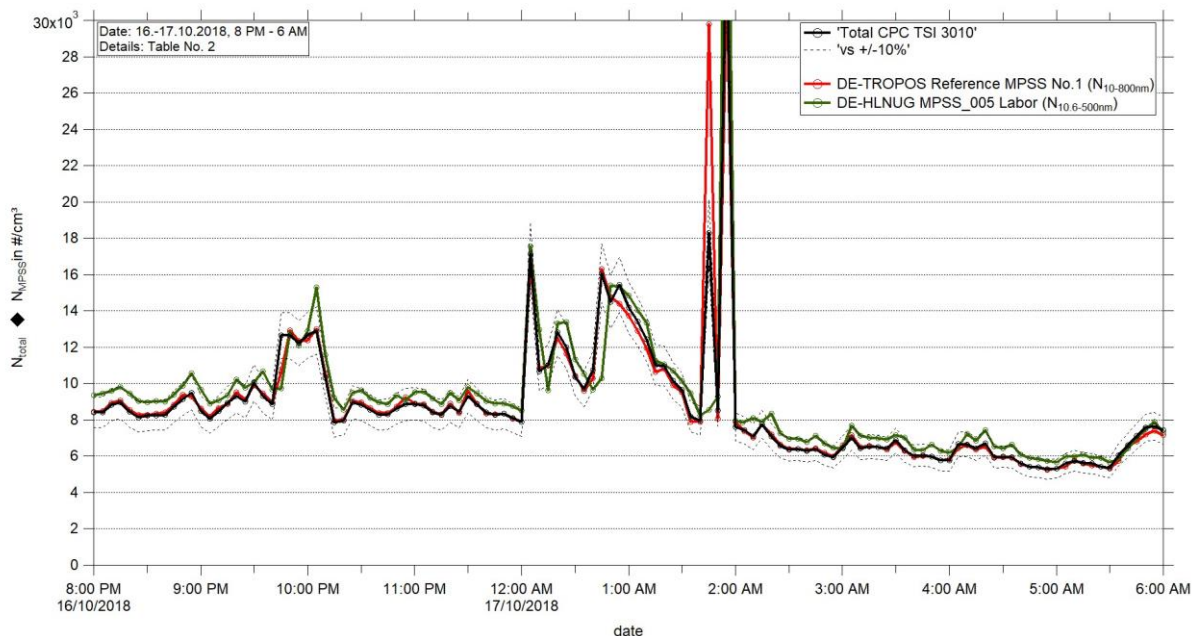
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Instrument/ Components	Info	SN	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TSI 3082</b>	<b>3082001822003</b>		<i>ST</i>		<i>OFF</i>	
Firmware Classifier:	<b>2.2</b>		<b>10.09.2018</b>	<i>CT</i>		<i>5 V</i>	
Firmware Software:	<b>AIM 10</b>			<i>OT</i>		<i>10 V</i>	
DMA type:	<b>TSI 3081A</b>	<b>3081A1808001</b>		<i>CabT</i>		<i>1000 V</i>	
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772180903</b>		<i>AP</i>		<i>250 V</i>	
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.16</b>		<b>March 2018</b>	<i>OP</i>		<i>5 V</i>	
radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>77A-0758</b>	<b>May 2018</b>	<i>NP</i>		<i>OFF</i>	
Flow CPC (l/min):	<b>1.02</b>			<i>LC</i>		<i>400 V</i>	
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.00</b>					<i>600 V</i>	
Flow Display (l/min):	<b>0.99</b>					<i>800 V</i>	
Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>					<i>650 V</i>	
Maintenance							
Aerosol inlet:		<b>Checked</b>					
Aerosol Nafion dryer:							
Sheath Nafion dryer:							
Source:							
HV power supply:		<b>Checked</b>					
DMA:		<b>Checked</b>					
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:							
Pressure sensor:							
Filter:							
NI-card:							

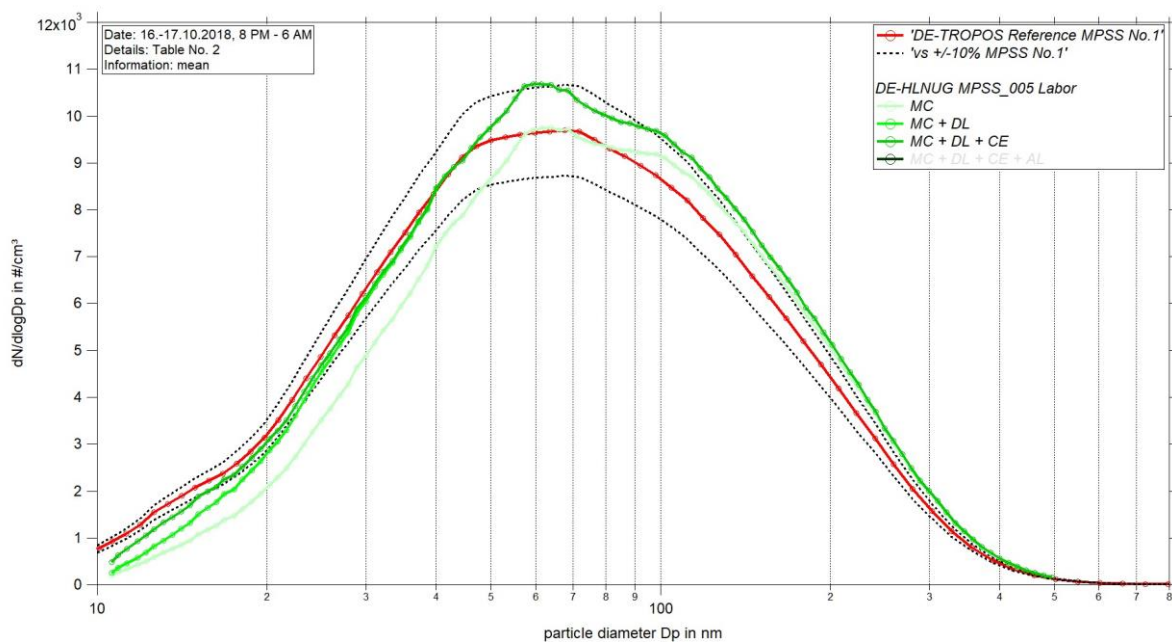
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Impactor:	
Setup settings over night:	settings like on the station

Institute: <b>TROPOS</b>						
Station: <b>Reference Instrument No.1</b>						
Date of checking list: <b>October 16, 2019</b>						
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TROPOS</b>	<b>No.1</b>		ST		0 V
Firmware Classifier:				CT		5 mV
Firmware Software:	<b>TROPOS 6.68</b>			OT		800 mV
DMA type:	<b>Hauke medium</b>		<b>142</b>	CabT		200 mV
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772141701</b>		AP		0 V
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			OP		
Radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>NER 8275</b>	<b>002/13</b>	NP		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.02</b>			LC		
Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>					

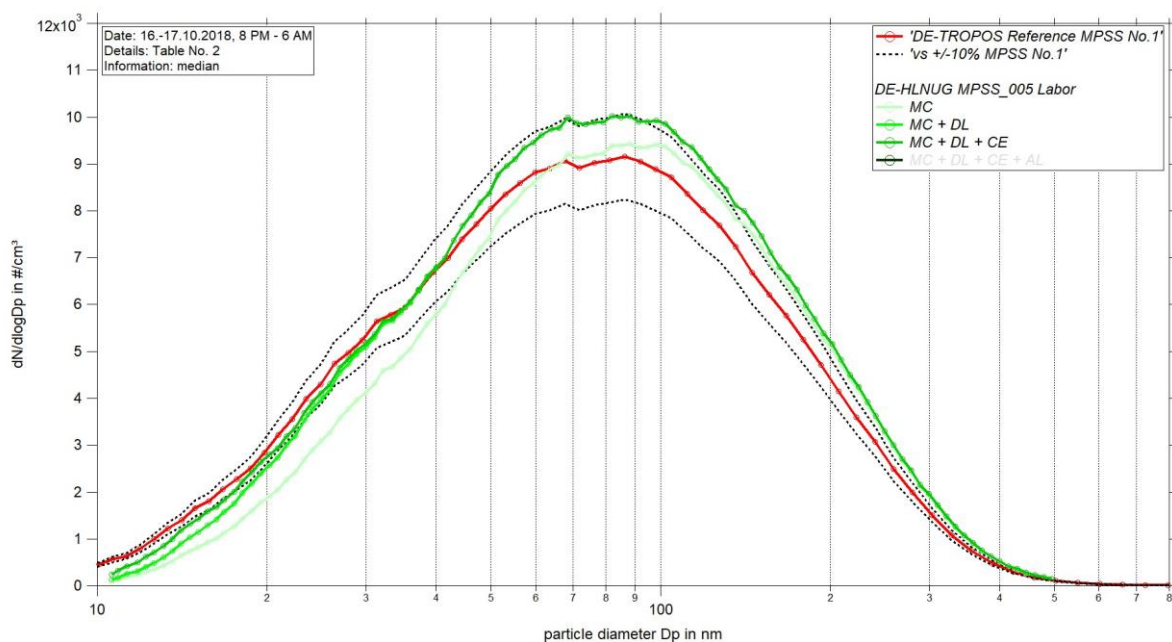
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Station: <b>Reference Total CPC</b>						
Date of checking list: <b>October 16, 2019</b>						
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CPC model:	<b>TSI 3010</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>Dp50 10 nm</b>	ST		
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			CT		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.01</b>			OT		
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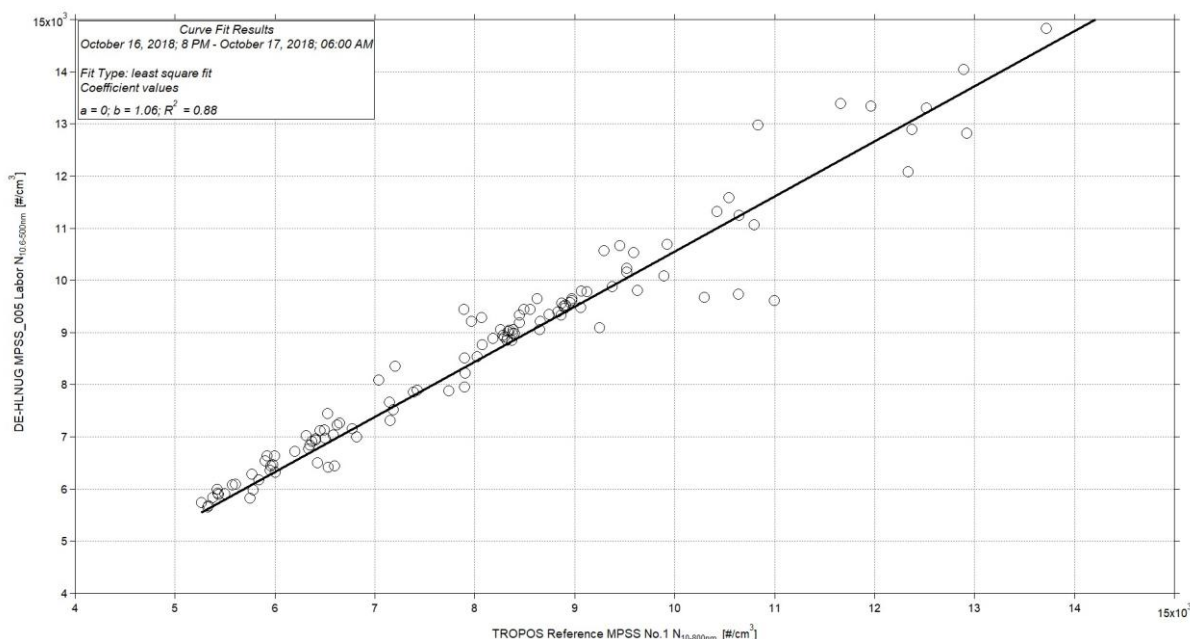
**Figure 14:** Time series (October 16, 2018 8 PM – October 17, 2018 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ( $N_{10-800\text{nm}}$  or  $N_{10.6-500\text{nm}}$ ) of the MPSS and total number concentration ( $N_{\text{total}}$ ) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.



**Figure 15:** Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 16, 2018 8 PM – October 17, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 16:** Comparison of median particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 16, 2018 8 PM – October 17, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 17:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.

### Status October 17 – 18, 2018

#### Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation

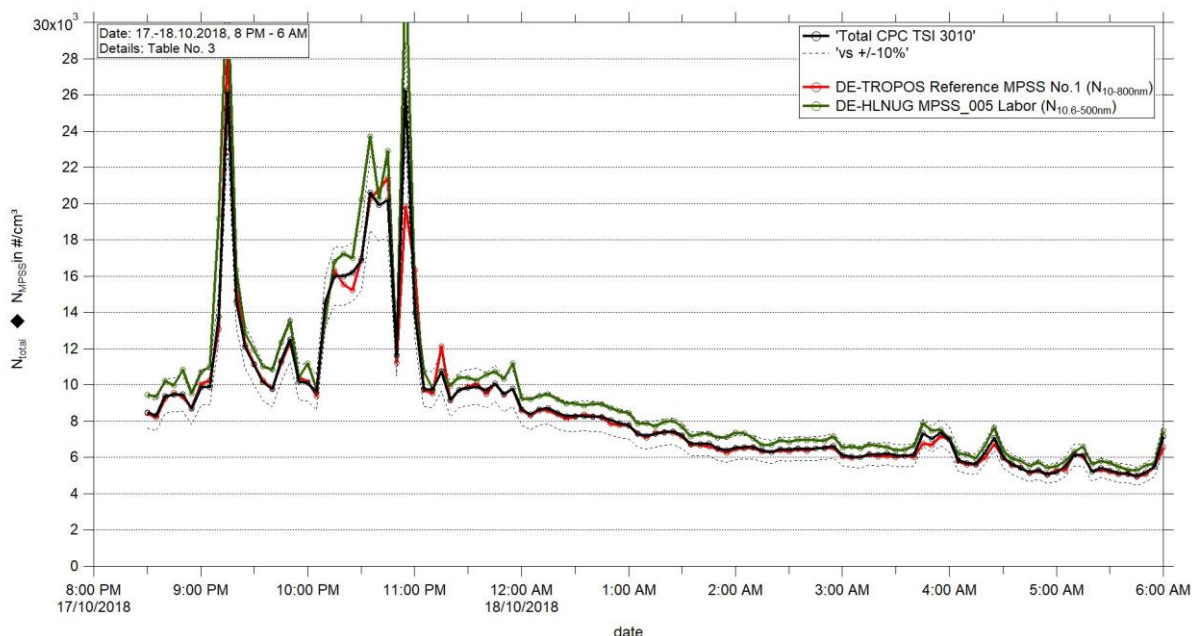
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<b>Date of checking list: October 17, 2019</b>						
Instrument/ Components	Info	SN	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TSI 3082</b>	<b>3082001822003</b>		ST		OFF
Firmware Classifier:	<b>2.2</b>		<b>10.09.2018</b>	CT		5 V
Firmware Software:	<b>AIM 10</b>			OT		10 V
DMA type:	<b>TSI 3081A</b>	<b>3081A1810001</b>		CabT		1000 V
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772180903</b>		AP		250 V
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.16</b>		<b>March 2018</b>	OP		5 V
radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>77A-0758</b>	<b>May 2018</b>	NP		OFF
Flow CPC (l/min):				LC		400 V
Flow Inlet (l/min):						600 V
Flow Display (l/min):						800 V
Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>					650 V
<b>Maintenance</b>						
Aerosol inlet:						
Aerosol Nafion dryer:						
Sheath Nafion dryer:						
Source:						
HV power supply:						
DMA:	<b>Running with DMA_003</b>					
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:						
Pressure sensor:						
Filter:						
NI-card:						

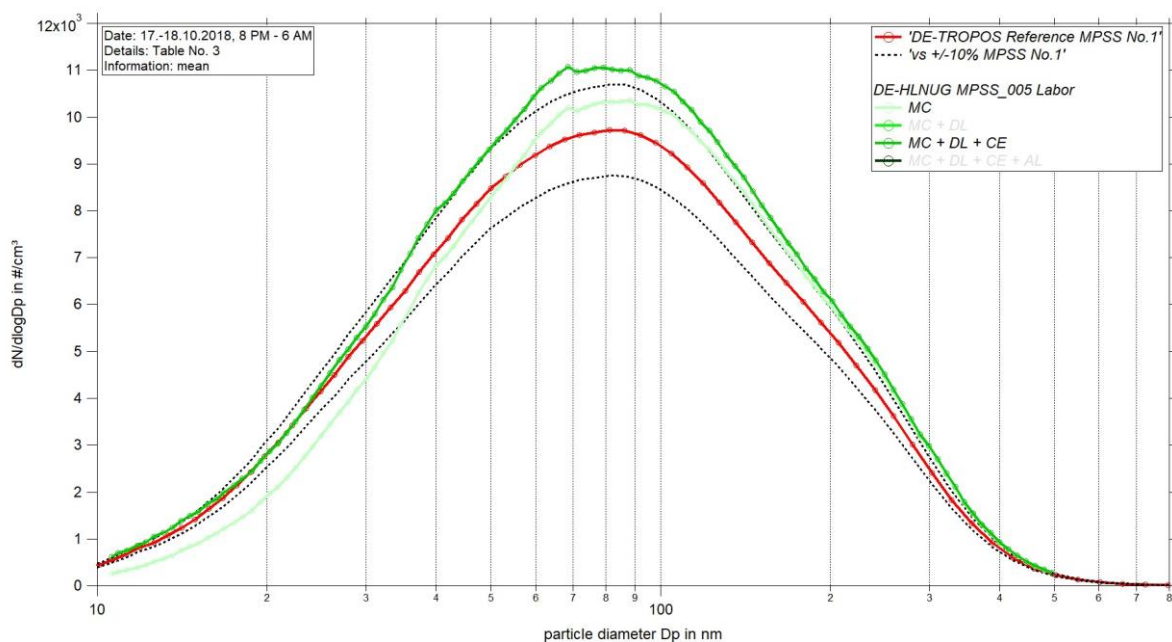
CPC:	
Impactor:	
Setup settings over night:	No changes

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Station: <b>Reference Instrument No.1</b>						
Date of checking list: <b>October 17, 2019</b>						
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TROPOS</b>	<b>No.1</b>		ST		0 V
Firmware Classifier:				CT		5 mV
Firmware Software:	<b>TROPOS 6.68</b>			OT		800 mV
DMA type:	<b>Hauke medium</b>		<b>142</b>	CabT		200 mV
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772141701</b>		AP		0 V
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			OP		
Radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>NER 8275</b>	<b>002/13</b>	NP		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.02</b>			LC		
Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>					

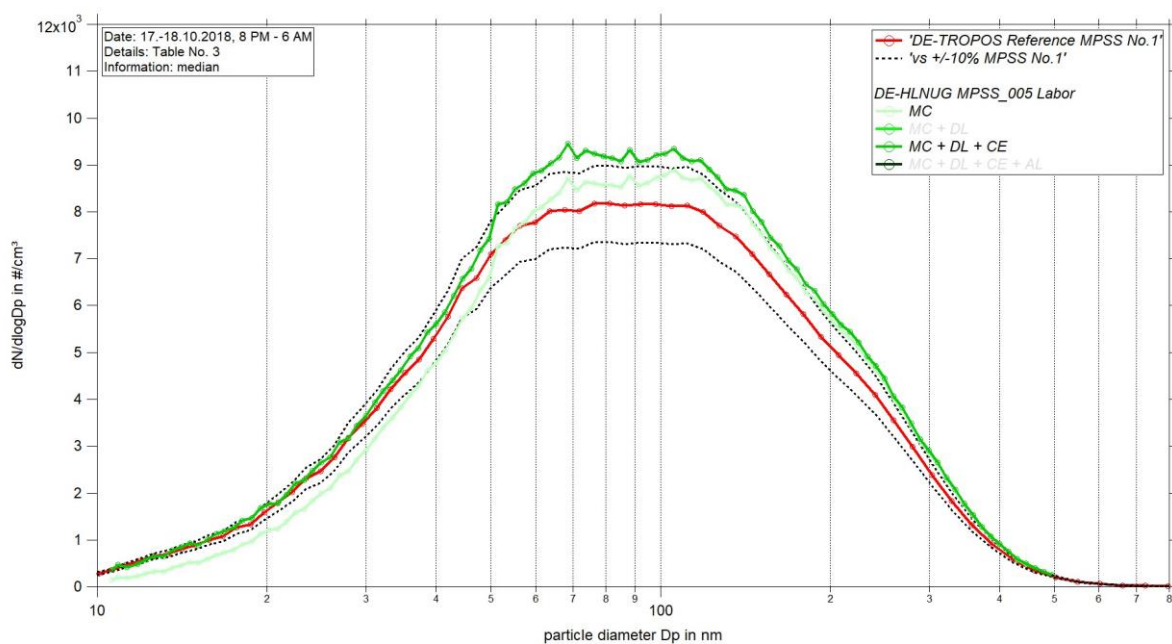
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Station: <b>Reference Total CPC</b>						
Date of checking list: <b>October 17, 2019</b>						
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status		
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3010</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>D<sub>p50</sub> 10 nm</b>	ST		
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			CT		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.01</b>			OT		
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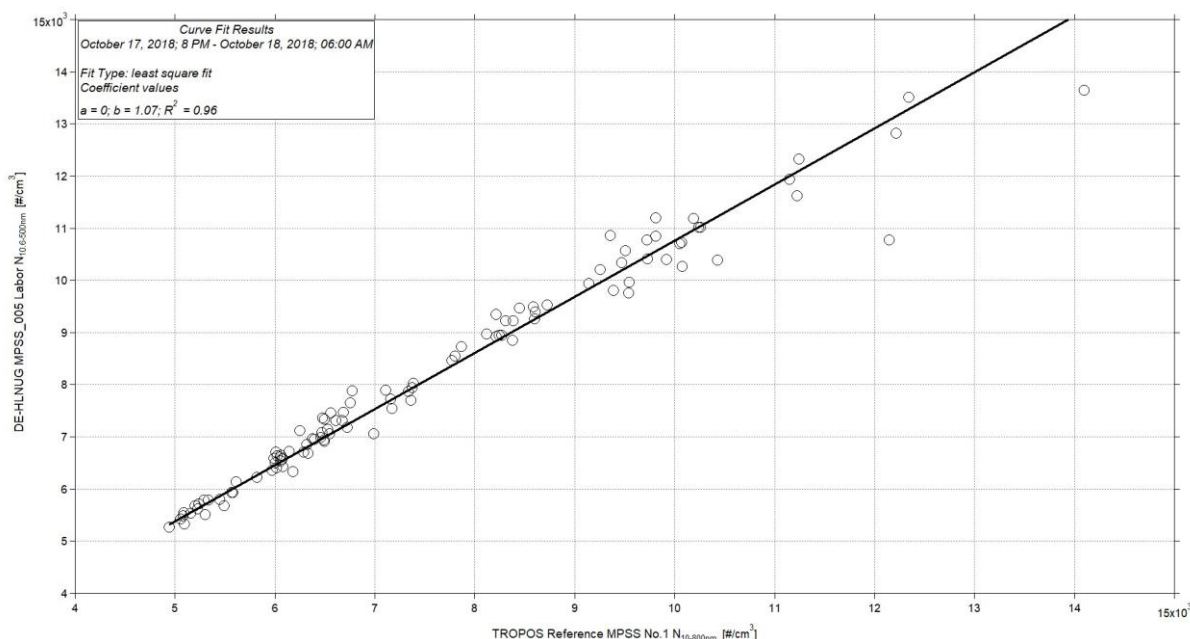
**Figure 18:** Time series (October 17, 2018 8 PM – October 18, 2018 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ( $N_{10-800\text{nm}}$  or  $N_{10.6-500\text{nm}}$ ) of the MPSS and total number concentration ( $N_{\text{total}}$ ) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.



**Figure 19:** Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 17, 2018 8 PM – October 18, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 20:** Comparison of median particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 17, 2018 8 PM – October 18, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 21:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.

### Final-Status October 18 – 19, 2018

#### Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation

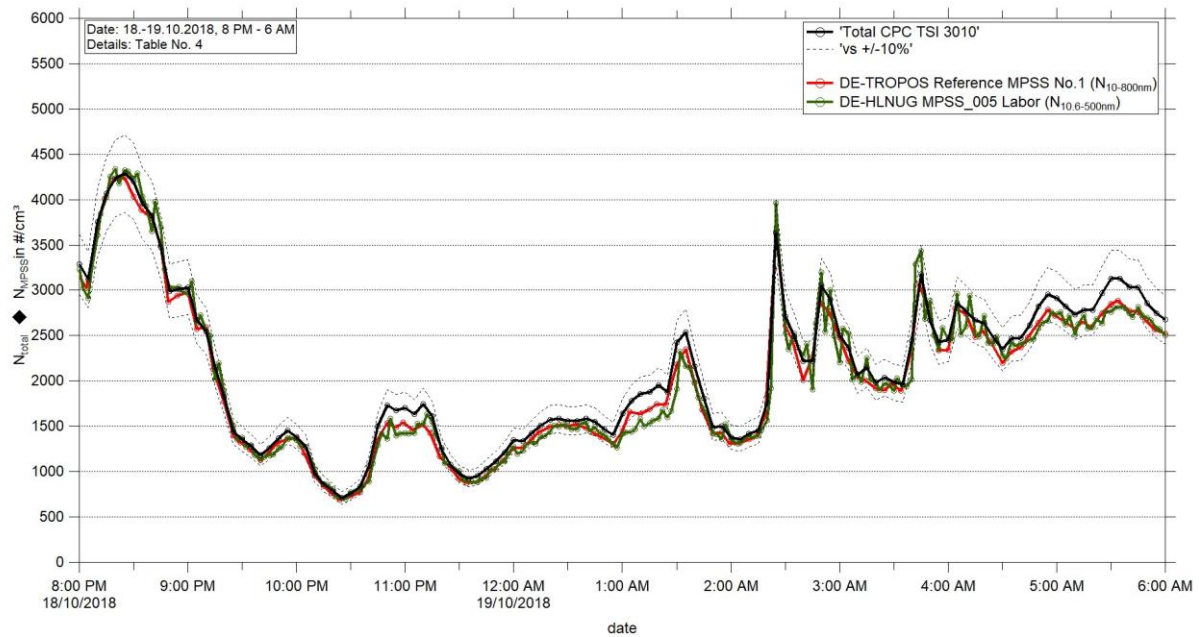
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Firmware Classifier:	2.2		10.09.2018	CT		5 V	
Firmware Software:	AIM 10			OT		10 V	
DMA type:	TSI 3081A	3081A1808001		CabT		1000 V	
CPC model:	TSI 3772	3772180903		AP		250 V	
Firmware CPC:	2.16		March 2018	OP		5 V	
radioactive source:	Kr.85	77A-0758	May 2018	NP		OFF	
Flow CPC (l/min):				LC		400 V	
Flow Inlet (l/min):						600 V	
Flow Display (l/min):						800 V	
Zero (#/cm³):	0					650 V	
<b>Maintenance</b>							
Aerosol inlet:							
Aerosol Nafion dryer:							
Sheath Nafion dryer:							
Source:							
HV power supply:							
DMA:	Original DMA						
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:							
Pressure sensor:							

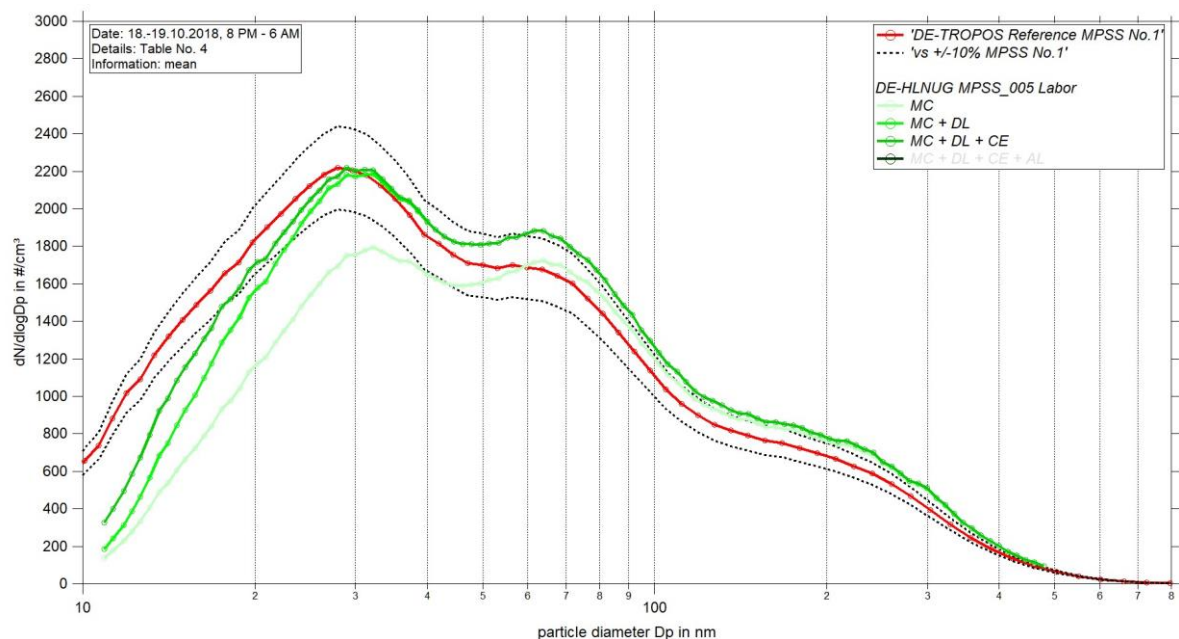
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CPC:	
Impactor:	
Setup settings over night:	<b>Original settings Scan 120s</b>

Institute: <b>TROPOS</b>							
Station: <b>Reference Instrument No.1</b>							
Date of checking list: <b>October 18, 2019</b>							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	<b>TROPOS</b>	<b>No.1</b>		ST		0 V	
Firmware Classifier:				CT		5 mV	
Firmware Software:	<b>TROPOS 6.68</b>			OT		800 mV	
DMA type:	<b>Hauke medium</b>		<b>142</b>	CabT		200 mV	
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3772</b>	<b>3772141701</b>		AP		0 V	
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			OP			
Radioactive source:	<b>Kr.85</b>	<b>NER 8275</b>	<b>002/13</b>	NP			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.02</b>			LC			
Zero (#/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	<b>0</b>						

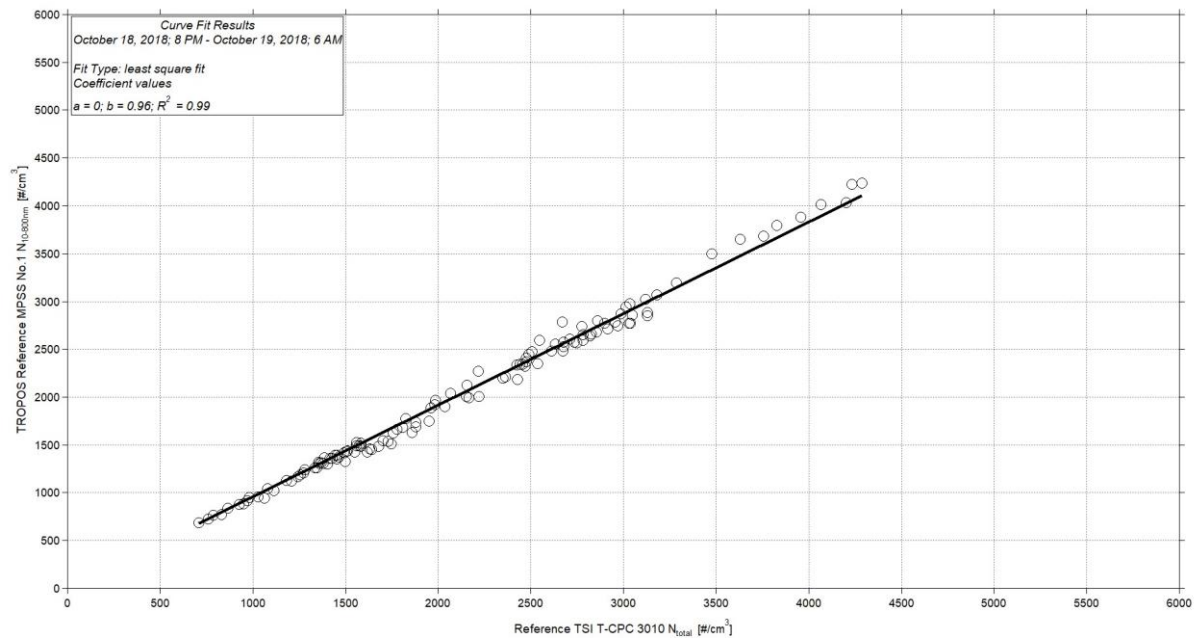
Institute: <b>TROPOS</b>							
Station: <b>Reference Total CPC</b>							
Date of checking list: <b>October 18, 2019</b>							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	<b>TSI 3010</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>Dp50 10 nm</b>	ST			
Firmware CPC:	<b>2.15</b>			CT			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	<b>1.01</b>			OT			
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				AP			
				OP			
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				LC			



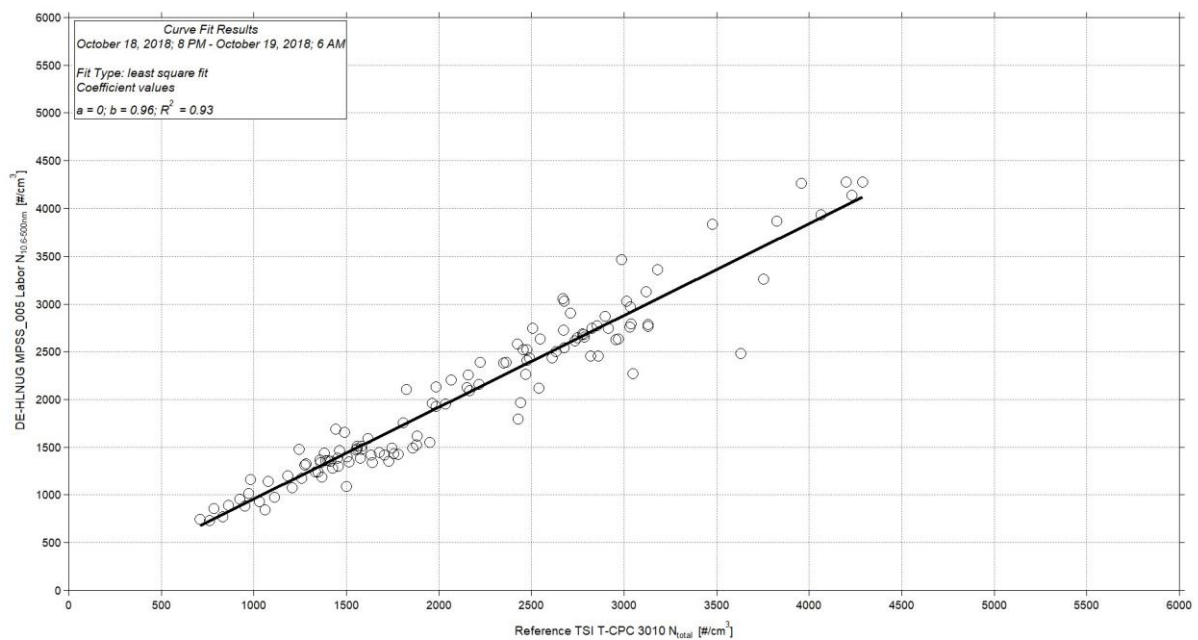
**Figure 22:** Time series (October 18, 2018 8 PM – October 19, 2018 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ( $N_{10-800\text{nm}}$  or  $N_{10.6-500\text{nm}}$ ) of the MPSS and total number concentration ( $N_{\text{total}}$ ) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included.



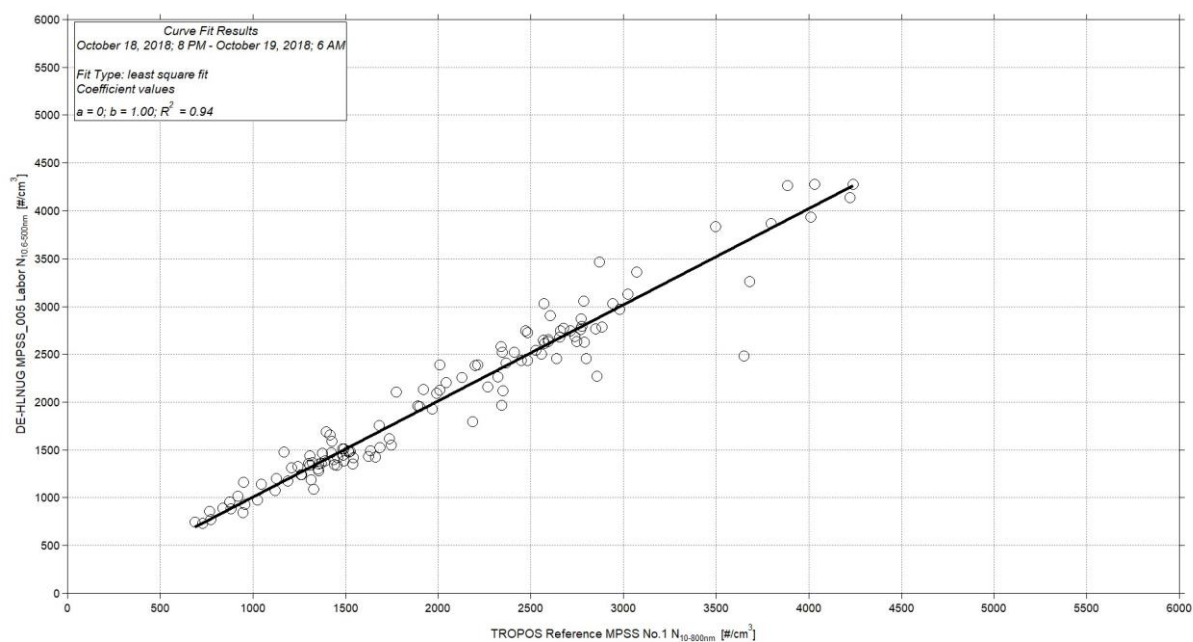
**Figure 23:** Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor from October 18, 2018 8 PM – October 19, 2018 6 AM. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included in different steps.



**Figure 24** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.



**Figure 25:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.



**Figure 26:** Linear regression between the number concentrations of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 and DE-HLNUG MPSS\_005 Labor. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC efficiency are included.