

Intercomparison of Mobility Particle Size Spectrometers

Project No.: MPSS-2019-5-2

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Candidate: MPSS ZAMG

Made by: **TSI MPSS 3082 SN: 3082001549001**

Counter (SN): **TSI UCPC 3775 SN: 3775155101**

Location of the quality assurance: TROPOS Leipzig, lab 118

Comparison period: October. 07, 2019 – October. 11, 2019

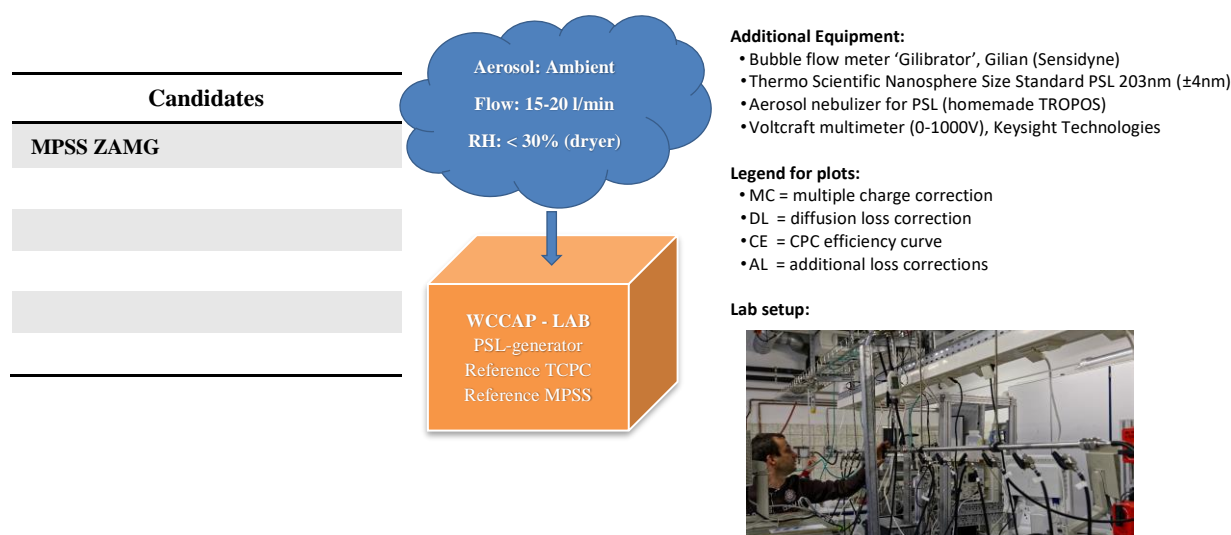
Last Intercomparison (with Project No.):

Summary of Intercomparison:

The TSI MPSS from ZAMG Sonnenblick participated in the WCCAP Workshop in October. The instrument arrived with all necessary parts in good condition to perform the intercomparison. There were no visible damages. The pre-status was performed in the same setup like on the station with a high and low flow mode 0.3/1.5 l/min (aerosol) and 2.5/13 l/min (sheath air). The candidate used a TSI 3775 butanol-based counter. The candidate showed a PSL peak at 209,91 nm instead of 203 nm and the particle number concentration integrated over the size range 10-800 nm is 30% lower than the Reference Instrument No.1 from TROPOS. Looking at the size distribution the candidate overestimates in the last part of the accumulation mode and underestimates the Aitken mode.

TROPOS, together with the participants, checked the whole system to optimize the performance of the measurements. There are problems in the particle selection over the DMA and undefined losses in the instrument. It is necessary to check and clean the whole instrument and run one night without the impactor, using a dummy. The instrument was cleaned and checked. Results are shown in the different night runs below. The final run was performed from 10.-11.10.2019 using the same settings as on the station. The overlap between the high and low flow is optimized but the instrument still underestimates the particle concentration in the Aitken mode. The station ZAMG is using their own software to run in the different flow mode settings. The candidate did not pass the standards of ACTRIS and GAW under the conditions wherein the TROPOS Reference CPC No.1 was used. The correlation against the Reference MPSS is still 20% lower in the final run. TROPOS recommends to send the whole classifier including DMA to TSI for maintenance.

Laboratory Setup and Legend



PSL Scan: Latex 203 nm +/- 4 nm

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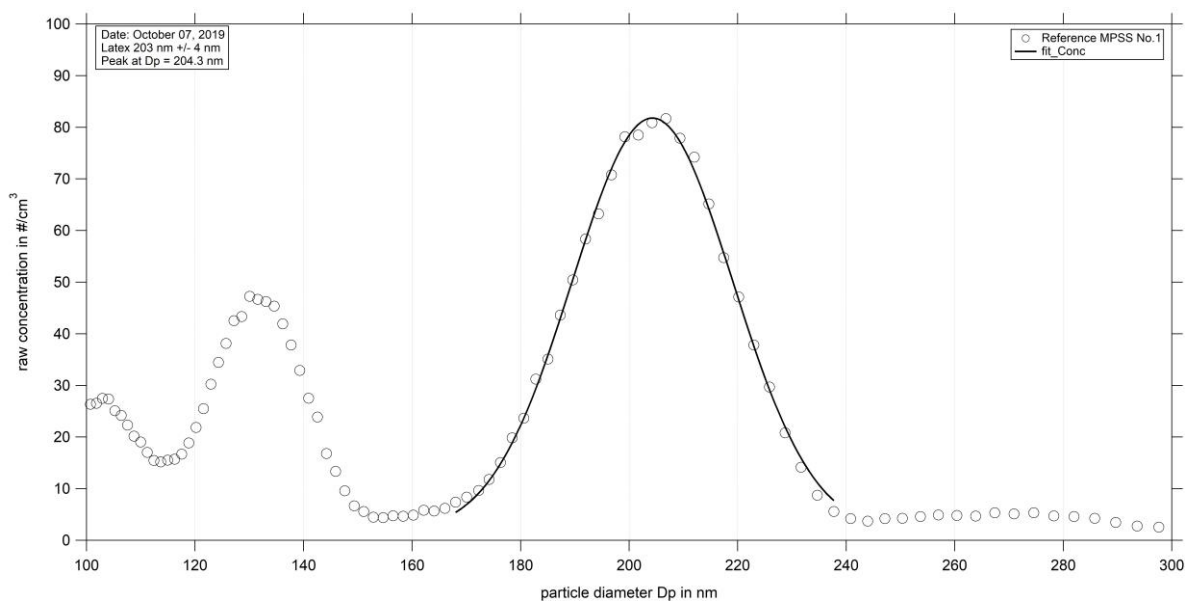


Figure 01: Measurement of latex 203 nm – TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1: Particle size distribution of latex 203 nm on October, 7th 2019. The flow ratio was 1.0 L/min aerosol and 5.0 L/min sheath air. Peak shows at 204.3 nm.

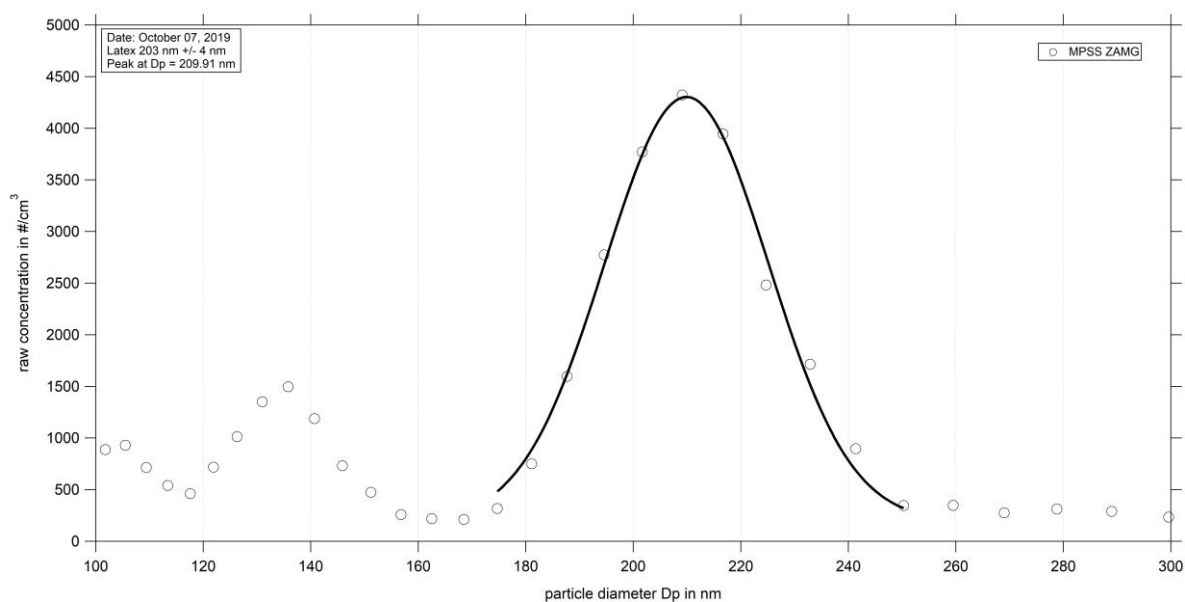


Figure 02: Measurement of latex 203 nm – MPSS-ZAMG: Particle size distribution of latex 203 nm on October, 7th 2019. Peak shows at 209.91 nm.

Status October. 07 – 08, 2019**Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution and Correlation**

Table No. 1:

Institute: ZAMG							
Station: <i>Slazburg</i>							
Date of checking list: 07.10.2019							
Instrument/ Components	<i>info</i>	<i>SN</i>	<i>Date/Code</i>	<i>CPC-Status</i>		<i>HV-Status</i>	
MPSS/Classifier:	TSI 308200	3082001549001	Nov 2015	<i>ST</i>	39.0	<i>OFF</i>	-
Firmware Classifier:	-		-	<i>CT</i>	14.0	<i>4mv</i>	-
Firmware Software:	TSI AIM		9.0	<i>OT</i>	40.0	<i>800mv</i>	-
DMA type:	TSI 3081A00	3081A1550003	Dec. 2015	<i>CabT</i>	30.6	<i>200mv</i>	-
CPC model:	TSI UCPC 3775	3775155101	Dec. 2015	<i>AP</i>	100.1	<i>0</i>	-
Firmware CPC:	-		-	<i>OP</i>	85.0		
radioactive source:	TSI	-	Kr.85	<i>NP</i>	0.055		
Flow CPC (l/min):	Low 0.3 / high 1.5			<i>LC</i>	37mA		
Flow Inlet (l/min):							
Sheath air flow (l/min):	Low 2.5 / high 13.0						
Zero (#/cm³):	check						
<i>Maintenance</i>							
Aerosol inlet:	1.5 L/m on CPC						
Aerosol Nafion dryer:	No dryer						
Sheath Nafion dryer:	No dryer						
Source:							
HV power supply:							
DMA:							
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:							
Pressure sensor:							
Filter:							
NI-card:							
CPC:							
Impactor:	Yes: dummy impactor						
Setup settings over night:	Using the station conditions						

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Instrument No.1							
Date of checking list: October. 07, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TROPOS	No.1		ST	39.0	0 V	0
Firmware Classifier:				CT	22.0	5 mV	4.98
Firmware Software:	TROPOS 6.68			OT	40.0	800 mV	999.8
DMA type:	Hauke medium		142	CabT	28	200 mV	250.0
CPC model:	TSI 3772	3772141701		AP	100.1	0 V	0
Firmware CPC:	2.15			OP	78.0		
Radioactive source:	Kr.85	NER 8275	002/13	NP	2.8		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.007			LC	50		
Zero (#/cm ³):	0						
Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Total CPC							
Date of checking list: October. 07, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	TSI 3010	2410	D_{p50} 10 nm	ST			
Firmware CPC:				CT			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.011			OT			
Zero (#/cm ³):	0			CabT			
				AP			
				OP			
				NP			
				LC			

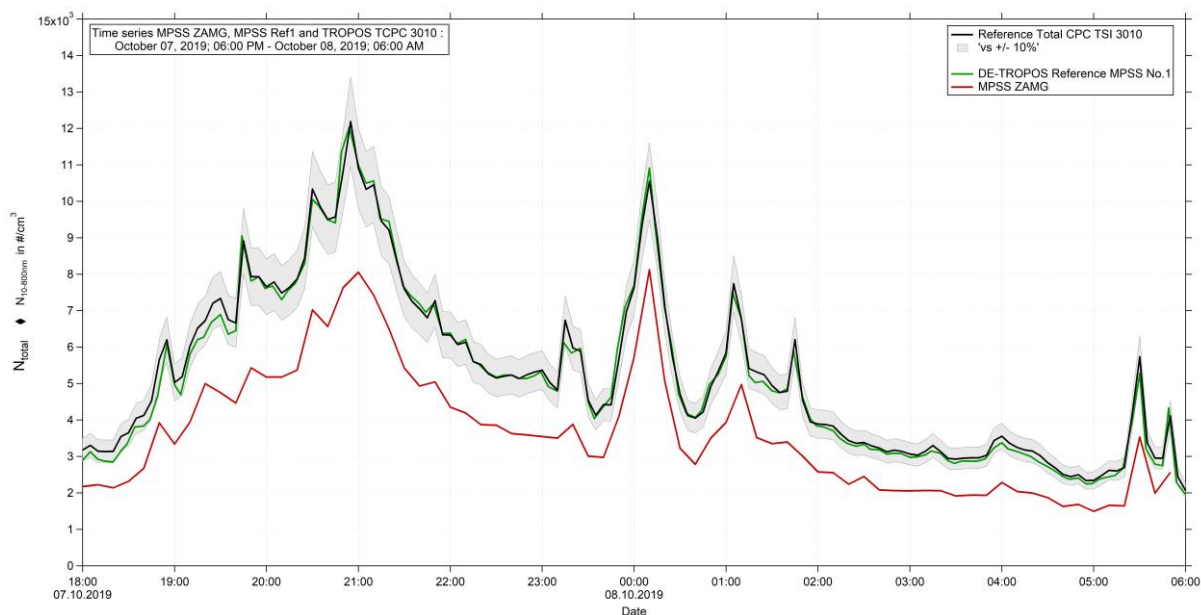


Figure 03: Time series (Oct. 07, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 08, 2019 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-800nm}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration (N_{total}) of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included. The candidate is running with the TSI Kr.85 source.

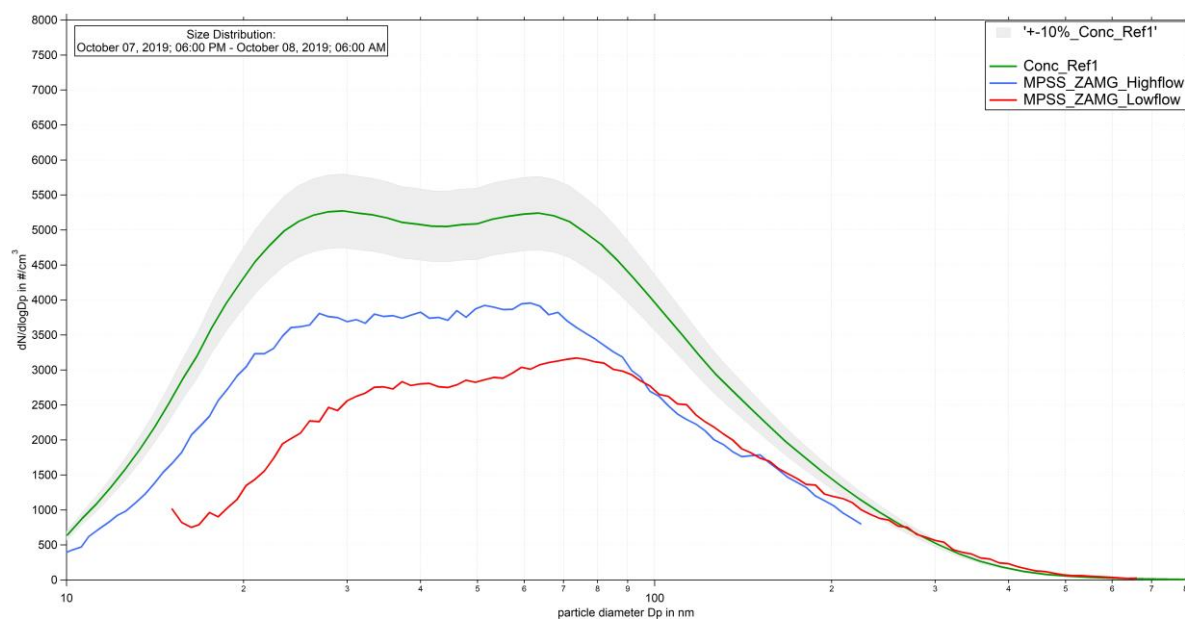


Figure 04: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against MPSS-ZAMG running with both high flow and low flow from Oct. 07, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 08, 2019 6 AM.

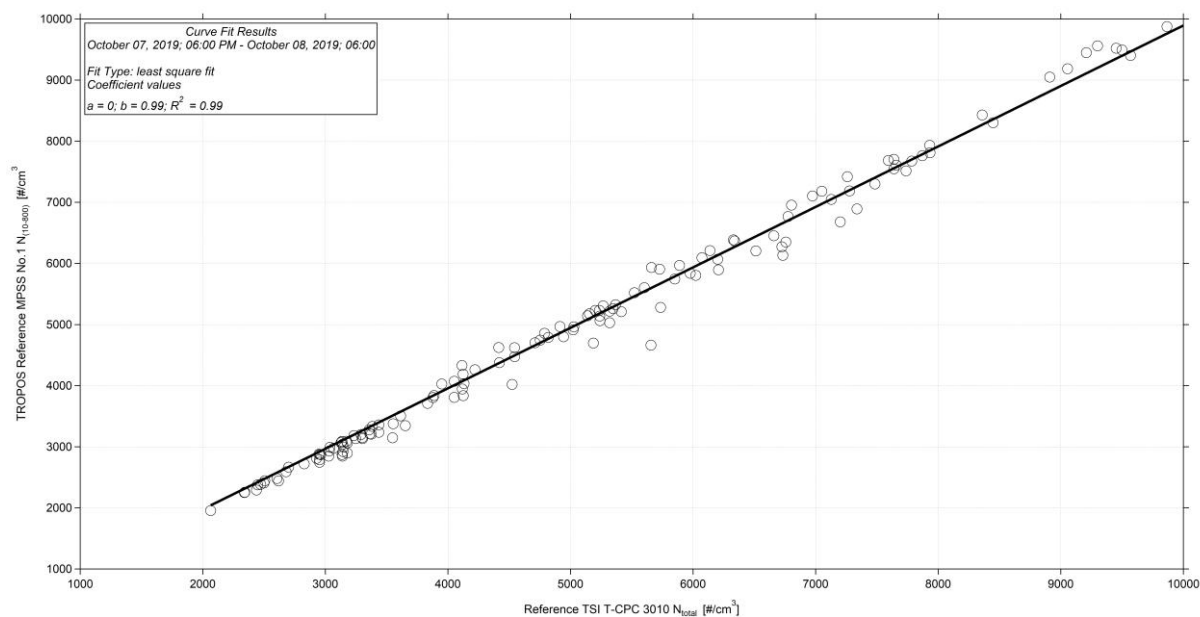


Figure 05: Linear regression between the number concentration of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1.

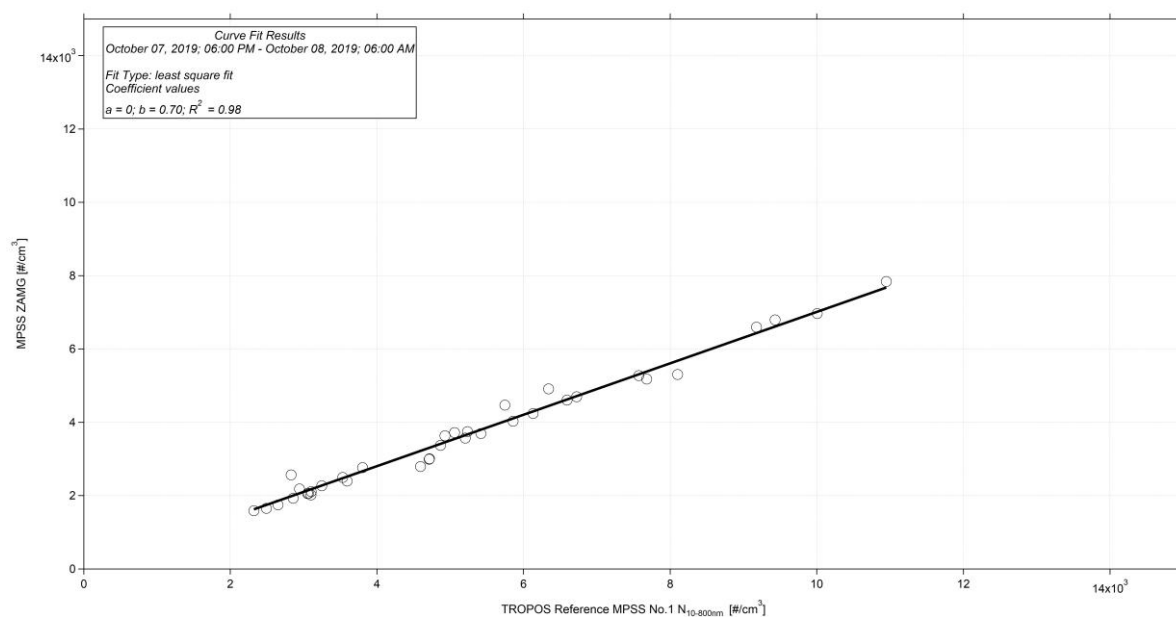


Figure 06: Linear regression between the number concentration of the TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 (integrated number concentration N10-800nm) and MPSS ZAMG.

Status October. 8 – 9, 2019**Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution**

Table No. 2:

Institute: ZAMG							
Station: Slazburg							
Date of checking list: 8.10.2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	SN	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TSI 308200	3082001549001	Nov 2015	ST	39.0	OFF	-
Firmware Classifier:	-		-	CT	22.0	4mv	-
Firmware Software:	TSI AIM		9.0	OT	40.0	800mv	-
DMA type:	TSI 3081A00	3081A1550003	Dec. 2015	CabT	35.4	200mv	-
CPC model:	TSI UCPC 3775	3775155101	Dec. 2015	AP	99.7	0	-
Firmware CPC:	-		-	OP	83.1		
radioactive source:	TSI	-	Kr.85	NP	2.7		
Flow CPC (l/min):	1.5			LC	43		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.5						
Sheath air flow (l/min):	15.0						
Zero (#/cm³):	check						
Maintenance							
Aerosol inlet:				-			
Aerosol Nafion dryer:				-			
Sheath Nafion dryer:				-			
Source:				-			
HV power supply:				-			
DMA:	DMA Opened and cleaned						
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:				-			
Pressure sensor:				-			
Filter:				-			
NI-card:				-			
CPC:				-			
Impactor:				-			
Setup settings over night:				-			

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Instrument No.1							
Date of checking list: Oct. 08, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TROPOS	No.1		ST	39.0	0 V	0
Firmware Classifier:				CT	22.0	5 mV	4.98
Firmware Software:	TROPOS 6.68			OT	40.0	800 mV	999.8
DMA type:	Hauke medium			142	CabT	27.3	200 mV
CPC model:	TSI 3772	3772141701		AP	98.5	0 V	0
Firmware CPC:	2.15			OP	72.1		
Radioactive source:	Kr.85	NER 8275	002/13	NP	2.8		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.017			LC	50		
Zero (#/cm³):	0						

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Total CPC							
Date of checking list: Oct. 08, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	TSI 3010	2410	Dp50 10 nm	ST			
Firmware CPC:				CT			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.008			OT			
Zero (#/cm³):	0			CabT			
				AP			
				OP			
				NP			
				LC			

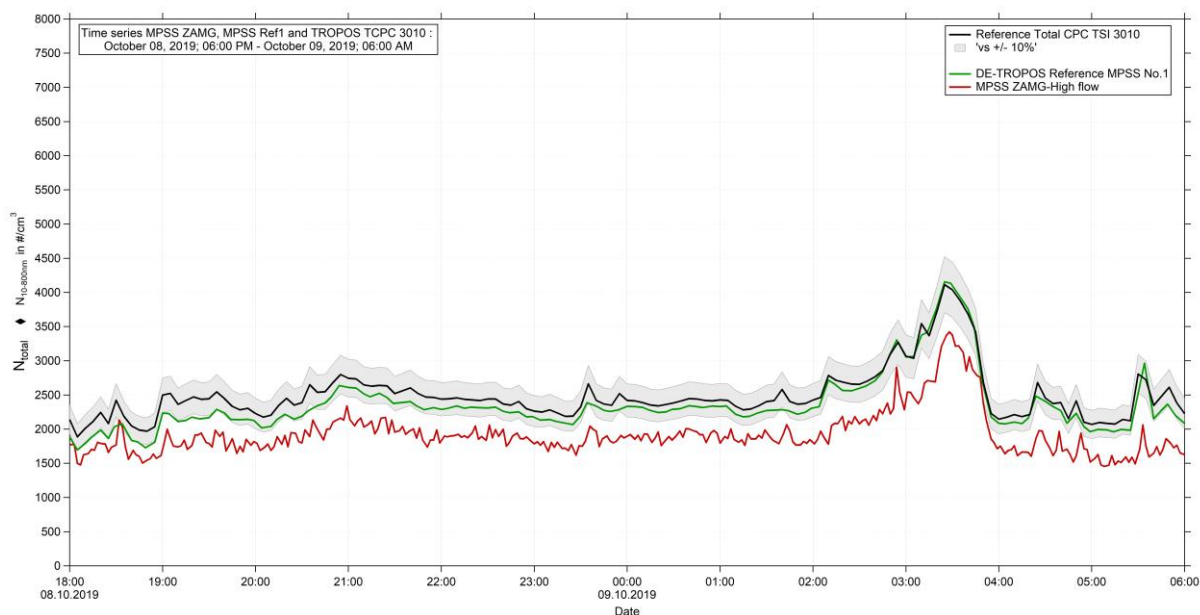


Figure 07: Time series between MPSS Ref1, MPSS ZAMG-High Flow and TCPC (Oct. 08, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 09, 2019 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration (N10-800nm) of the MPSS and total number concentration of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010. Multiple charge correction, internal diffusion losses and CPC flow corrections are included. The candidate is running with the TSI Kr.85 source.

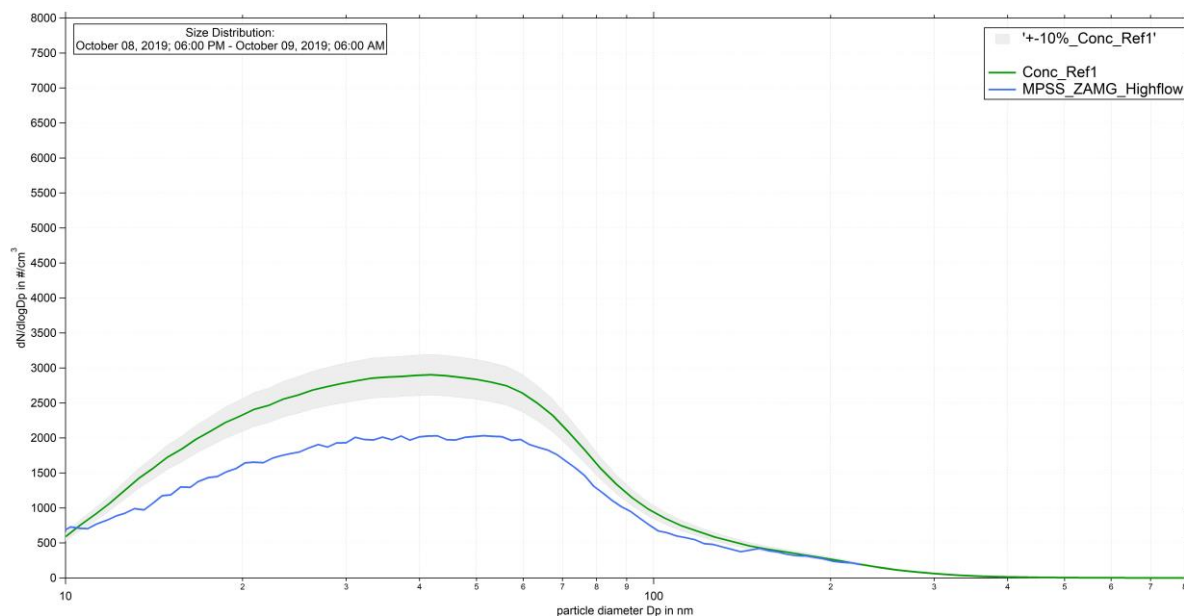


Figure 08: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against MPSS-ZAMG from Oct. 08, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 9, 2019 6 AM.

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Table No. 3:

Institute: ZAMG							
Station: Österreich							
Date of checking list: 09.10.2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	SN	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TSI 308200	3082001549001	Nov 2015	<i>ST</i>	39.0	<i>OFF</i>	-
Firmware Classifier:	-		-	<i>CT</i>	22.0	<i>4mv</i>	-
Firmware Software:	TSI AIM		9.0	<i>OT</i>	40.0	<i>800mv</i>	-
DMA type:	TSI 3081A00	3081A1550003	Dec. 2015	<i>CabT</i>	35.4	<i>200mv</i>	-
CPC model:	TSI UCPC 3775	3775155101	Dec. 2015	<i>AP</i>	99.7	<i>0</i>	-
Firmware CPC:	-		-	<i>OP</i>	83.1		
radioactive source:	TSI	-	Kr.85	<i>NP</i>	2.7		
Flow CPC (l/min):	1			<i>LC</i>	43		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1						
Sheath air flow (l/min):	5						
Zero (#/cm³):	check						
Maintenance							
Aerosol inlet:	-						
Aerosol Nafion dryer:	-						
Sheath Nafion dryer:	-						
Source:	-						
HV power supply:	-						
DMA:	-						
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:	-						
Pressure sensor:	-						
Filter:	-						
NI-card:	-						
CPC:	UCPC changed to TSI CPC 3772						
Impactor:	-						
Setup settings over night:							

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Instrument No.1							
Date of checking list: Oct. 09, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TROPOS	No.1		<i>ST</i>	39.0	<i>0 V</i>	0
Firmware Classifier:				<i>CT</i>	22.0	<i>5 mV</i>	4.98
Firmware Software:	TROPOS 6.68			<i>OT</i>	40.0	<i>800 mV</i>	999.8
DMA type:	Hauke medium		142	<i>CabT</i>	27.3	<i>200 mV</i>	250.0
CPC model:	TSI 3772	3772141701		<i>AP</i>	98.5	<i>0 V</i>	0
Firmware CPC:	2.15			<i>OP</i>	72.1		
Radioactive source:	Kr.85	NER 8275	002/13	<i>NP</i>	2.8		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.017			<i>LC</i>	50		
Zero (#/cm³):	0						

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Total CPC							
Date of checking list: Oct. 09, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	TSI 3010	2410	D_{p50} 10 nm	<i>ST</i>			
Firmware CPC:				<i>CT</i>			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.008			<i>OT</i>			
Zero (#/cm ³):	0			<i>CabT</i>			
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Instrument Settings, Time Series, Particle Number Size Distribution

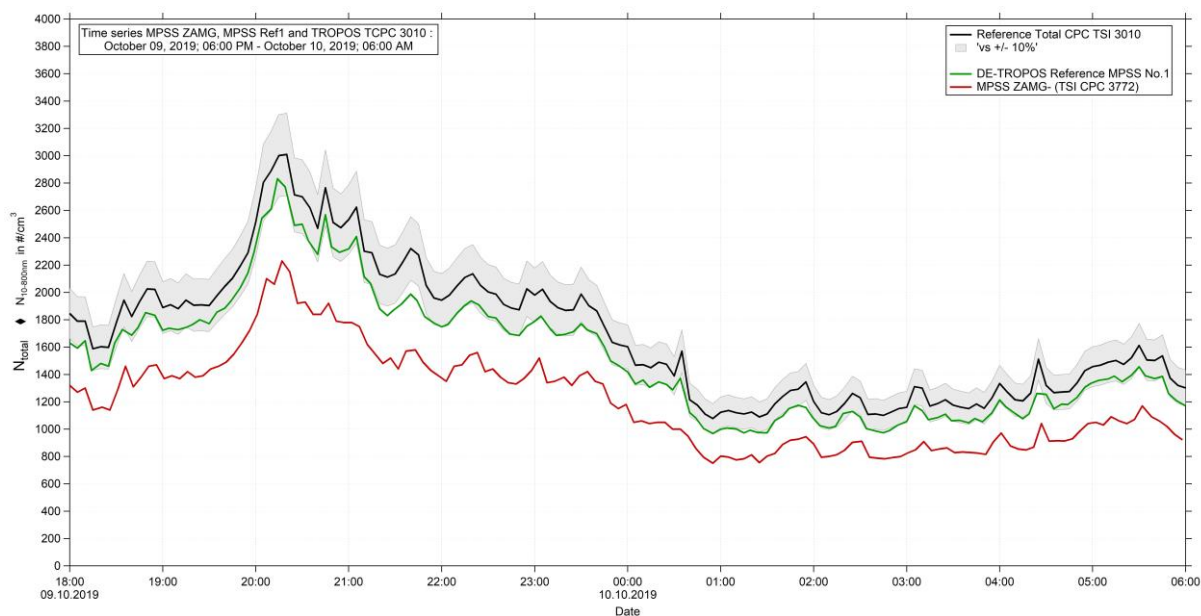


Figure 09: Time series between MPSS Ref1, MPSS ZAMG -with a TSI CPC 3772 instead of the original TSI UCPC from ZAMG- and TCPC (Oct. 09, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 10, 2019 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration (N10-800nm) of the MPSS and total number concentration of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010.

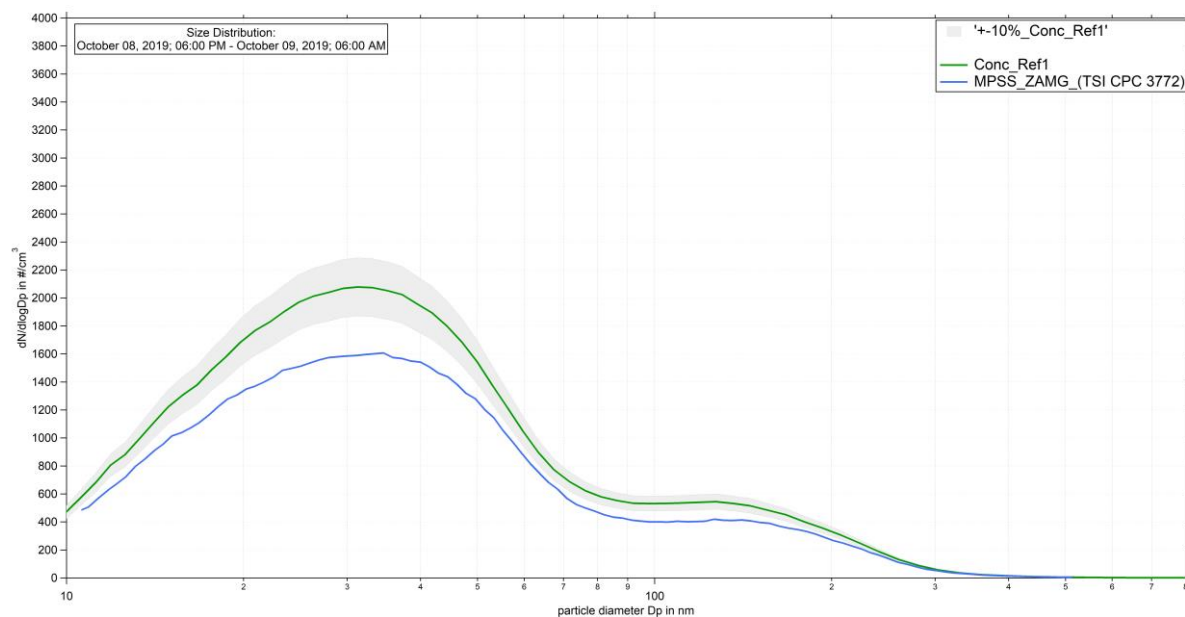


Figure 10: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against MPSS ZAMG from Oct. 09, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 10, 2019 6 AM.

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Table No. 4:

Institute: ZAMG							
Station: Österreich							
Date of checking list: 10.10.2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	SN	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TSI 308200	3082001549001	Nov 2015	<i>ST</i>	39.0	<i>OFF</i>	-
Firmware Classifier:	-		-	<i>CT</i>	22.0	<i>4mv</i>	-
Firmware Software:	TSI AIM		9.0	<i>OT</i>	40.0	<i>800mv</i>	-
DMA type:	TSI 3081A00	3081A1550003	Dec. 2015	<i>CabT</i>	35.4	<i>200mv</i>	-
CPC model:	TSI UCPC 3775	3775155101	Dec. 2015	<i>AP</i>	99.7	<i>0</i>	-
Firmware CPC:	-		-	<i>OP</i>	83.1		
radioactive source:	TSI	-	Kr.85	<i>NP</i>	2.7		
Flow CPC (l/min):	Low 0.3 / high 1.5			<i>LC</i>	43		
Flow Inlet (l/min):							
Sheath air flow (l/min):	Low 2.5 / high 13.0						
Zero (#/cm³):	check						
Maintenance							
Aerosol inlet:	-						
Aerosol Nafion dryer:	-						
Sheath Nafion dryer:	-						
Source:	-						
HV power supply:	-						
DMA:	-						
Aerosol/sheath RH/T- sensor:	-						
Pressure sensor:	-						
Filter:	-						
NI-card:	-						
CPC:	TSI CPC 3772 changed to original CPC from ZAMG						
Impactor:	-						
Setup settings over night:							

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Instrument No.1							
Date of checking list: Oct. 10, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Date/Code	CPC-Status		HV-Status	
MPSS/Classifier:	TROPOS	No.1		<i>ST</i>	39.0	<i>0 V</i>	0
Firmware Classifier:				<i>CT</i>	22.0	<i>5 mV</i>	4.98
Firmware Software:	TROPOS 6.68			<i>OT</i>	40.0	<i>800 mV</i>	999.8
DMA type:	Hauke medium		142	<i>CabT</i>	27.3	<i>200 mV</i>	250.0
CPC model:	TSI 3772	3772141701		<i>AP</i>	98.5	<i>0 V</i>	0
Firmware CPC:	2.15			<i>OP</i>	72.1		
Radioactive source:	Kr.85	NER 8275	002/13	<i>NP</i>	2.8		
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.017			<i>LC</i>	50		
Zero (#/cm ³):	0						

Institute: TROPOS							
Station: Reference Total CPC							
Date of checking list: Oct. 10, 2019							
Instrument/ Components	info	Serial Number	Cut off	CPC-Status			
CPC model:	TSI 3010	2410	D_{p50} 10 nm	<i>ST</i>			
Firmware CPC:				<i>CT</i>			
Flow Inlet (l/min):	1.008			<i>OT</i>			
Zero (#/cm ³):	0			<i>CabT</i>			
				<i>AP</i>			
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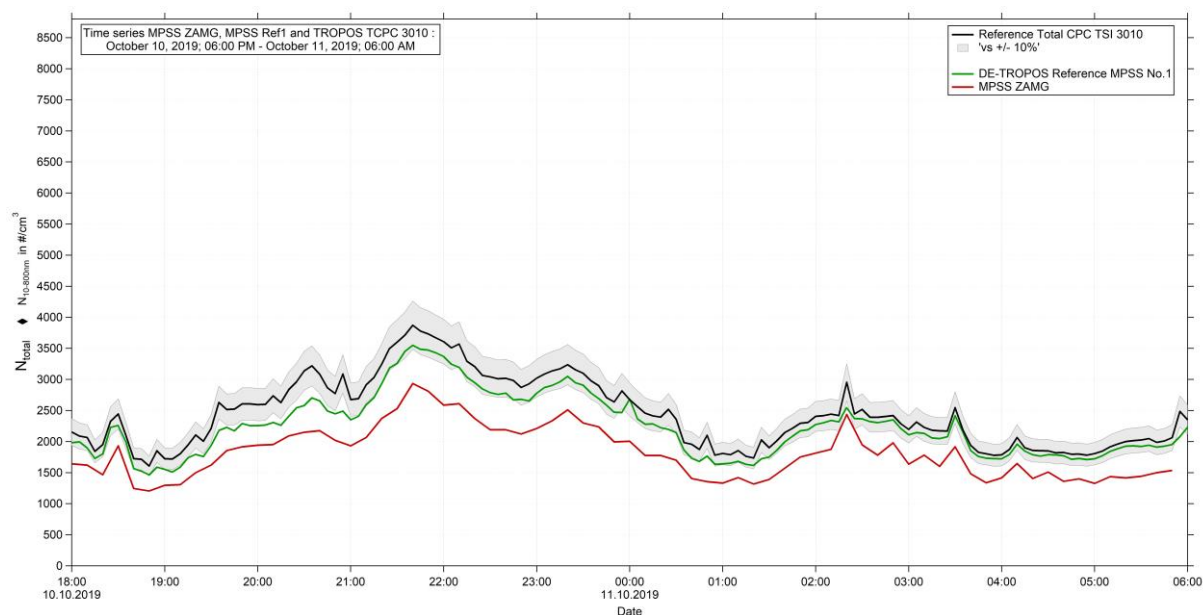


Figure 11: Time series between MPSS Ref1, MPSS ZAMG and TCPC (Oct. 10, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 11, 2019 6 AM) of the integrated particle number concentration ($N_{10-800nm}$) of the MPSS and total number concentration of the Reference TSI-CPC Model 3010.

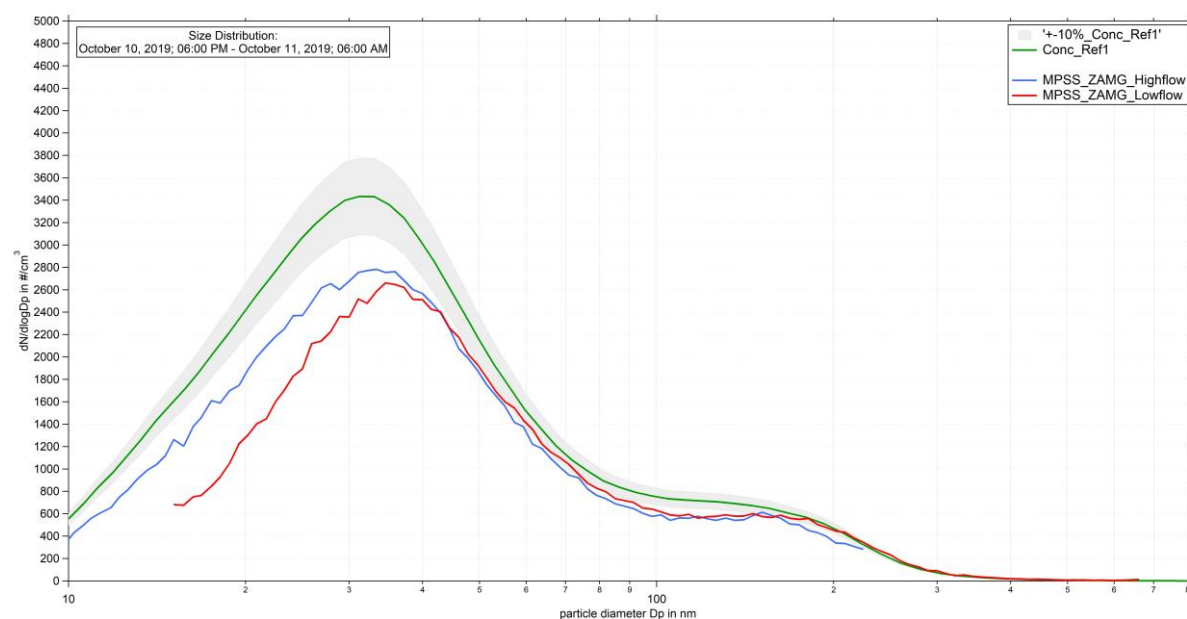


Figure 12: Comparison of mean particle number size distribution of TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1 against MPSS ZAMG from Oct. 10, 2019 6 PM – Oct. 11, 2019 6 AM.

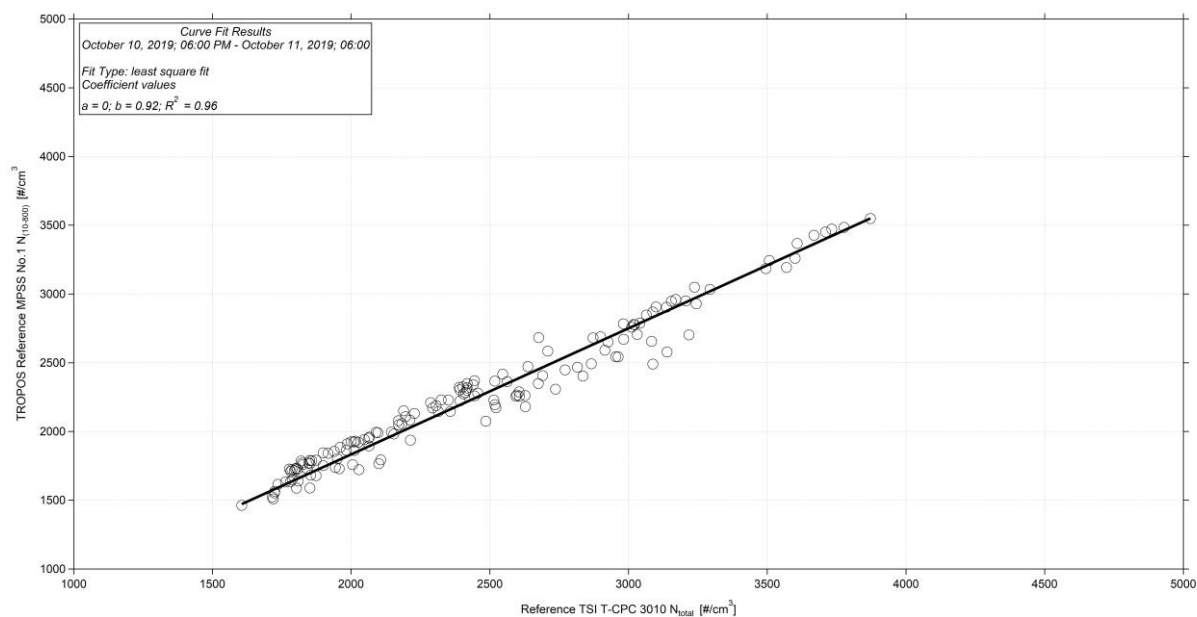


Figure 13: Linear regression between the number concentration of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1.

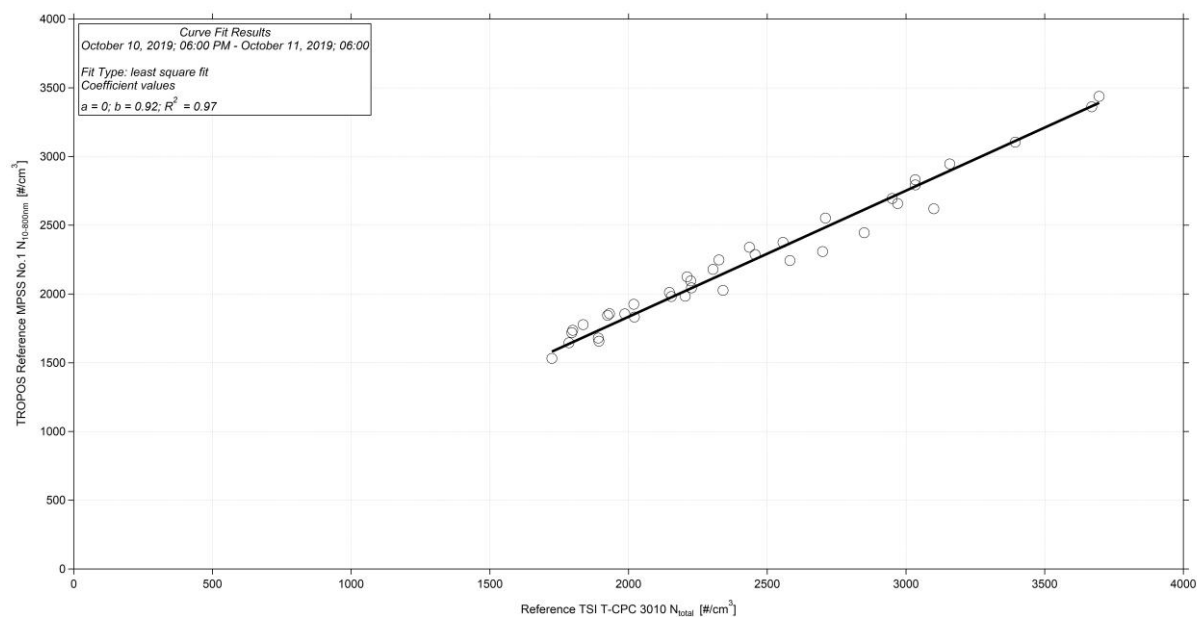


Figure 13: Linear regression between the number concentration of the TROPOS Reference TSI T-CPC Model 3010 and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. 20 minutes averages were done.

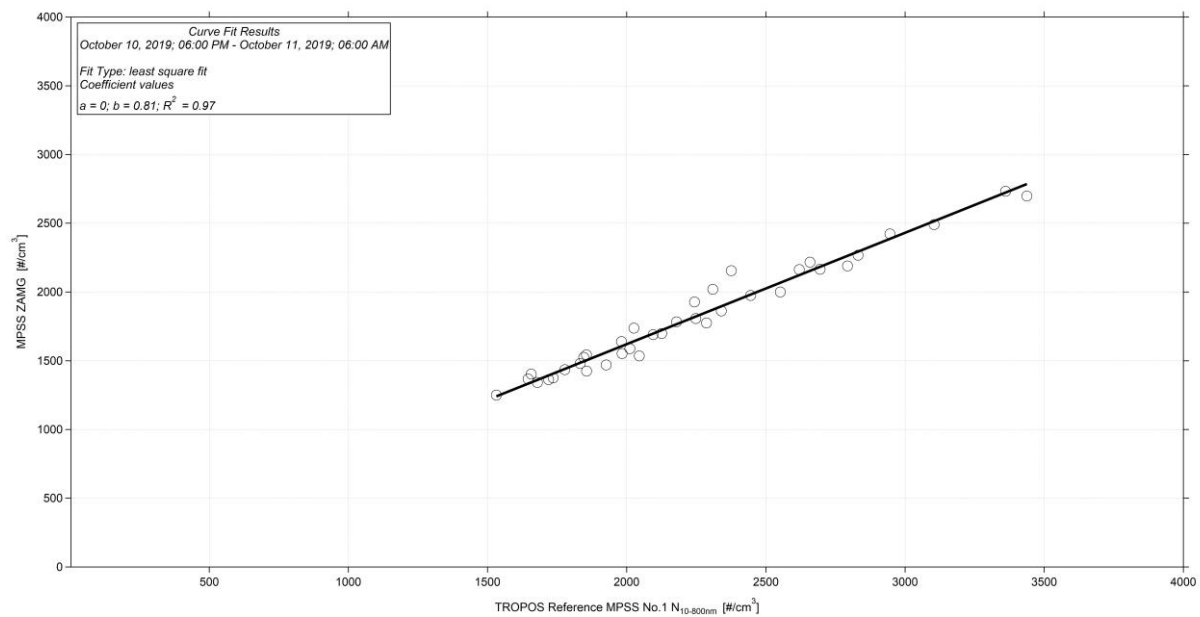


Figure 13: Linear regression between the number concentration of the MPSS ZAMG-Österreich and TROPOS Reference MPSS No.1. 20 minutes averages were done.