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# Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer (SMPS) Instrument Handbook

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

AIM	Aerosol Instrument Manager
AOS	Aerosol Observing System
APS	aerodynamic particle sizer
ARM	Atmospheric Radiation Measurement
BNF	Bankhead National Forest
CPC	condensation particle counter
CFCf	fine-mode condensation particle counter
DMA	differential mobility analyzer
EPCAPE	Eastern Pacific Cloud Aerosol Precipitation Experiment
MAOS	Mobile Aerosol Observing System
nSMPS	nano-scanning mobility particle sizer
OPC	optical particle counter
RH	relative humidity
SMPS	scanning mobility particle sizer
UHSAS	ultra-high-sensitivity aerosol spectrometer
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time

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## 1.0 Instrument Title

Model 3936 scanning mobility particle sizer (pictured in Appendix A; more resources available on <u>manufacturer's manual</u>).

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## 4.0 Instrument Description

The Model 3938 scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) used by the U.S. Department of Energy Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) user facility measures the size distribution of aerosols ranging from 10 nm up to 1000 nm. The SMPS uses a bipolar aerosol charger to keep particles within a known charge distribution. Charged particles are classified according to their electrical mobility, using a

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long-column differential mobility analyzer (DMA)<sup>1</sup>. Particle concentration is measured with a condensation particle counter (CPC). The SMPS is well suited for applications including nanoparticle research, atmospheric aerosol studies, pollution studies, smog chamber evaluations, engine exhaust and combustion studies, materials synthesis, filter efficiency testing, nucleation/condensation studies, and rapidly changing aerosol systems.

#### 5.0 Measurements Taken

The primary SMPS measurement output is particle number-size distribution, (dN/dlogD<sub>p</sub>), measured in units of #/cc. Additional recorded instrument outputs include: sample temperature and pressure, the gas mean free path and viscosity, particle diameter (size bin) median values, scan up time, retrace time, scans per sample, impactor type, sheath flow rate, aerosol flow rate, CPC inlet flow rate, CPC sample flow rate, scanning voltage minimum, scanning voltage maximum, minimum particle diameter, maximum particle diameter, particle density, status flag, transport time through the classifier and downstream tubing, transport time through the classifier, impactor cut size, median particle diameter, mean particle diameter, geometric mean particle diameter, mode particle diameter, geometric particle diameter standard deviation, total integrated number concentration, and DMA sheath temperature and relative humidity.

## 6.0 Links to Definitions and Relevant Information

#### 6.1 Data Object Description

Output data from the SMPS is recorded in column format with the following headers and units:

- Sample #: unit-less
- Date: month/day/year
- Start Time (UTC): hours:minutes:seconds
- Sample Temperature: °C
- Sample Pressure: kPa
- Mean Free Path: m
- Gas Viscosity: kg/(m\*s)
- Diameter: nm
- Particle Number-Size Distribution: #/cc
- Scan Up Time: seconds
- Retrace Time: seconds

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The TSI Model 3081 DMA is commonly used, while the evaluation of the TSI Model 3083 DMA for capturing a wide size range distribution is underway for potential integration into the SMPS at an ARM measurement site in 2024.

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- Scans Per Sample: unit-less
- Impactor Type: cm (nozzle size)
- Sheath Flow Rate: lpm
- Aerosol Flow Rate: lpm
- CPC Inlet Flow Rate: lpm
- CPC Sample Flow Rate: lpm
- Low Voltage: volts
- High Voltage: volts
- Lower Size: nm
- Upper Size: nm
- Density: g/cc
- Title: empty
- Status Flag: Normal Scan/Failed Scan
- td (transport time through the classifier and downstream tubing): seconds
- tf (transport time through the classifier): seconds
- D50 (impactor cut size): nm
- Median (particle diameter): nm
- Mean (particle diameter): nm
- Geo. Mean (particle diameter): nm
- Mode (particle diameter): nm
- Geo. Std. (of the particle number-size distribution): unit-less
- Total Concentration: #/cc

A separate program reads data collected from the temperature/relative humidity probe installed in the sheath flow path of the long-column DMA and outputs the following data in column format:

- Temperature (sheath flow): °C
- Relative Humidity (sheath flow): %

#### 6.2 Data Ordering

Data from the Model 3938 SMPS can be accessed and ordered through the <u>ARM website</u>. Data is organized by measurement location. The filename nomenclature generally adheres to this format: {sitename-aos-smps-sitecode-a1/b1.yyyymmdd In this structure:

• Sitename: name of the specific campaign

- AOS: Aerosol Observing System
- Site code: unique code for the station (for e.g., M1, C1, E13, S3 etc.)
- a1/b1: This notation refers to data processed at two levels that is accessible from the ARM website. At a1 level, the TSI Aerosol Instrument Manager (AIM) data output is imported at 5-min intervals. Notably, as concentration is the primary variable of interest, any errors detected by the CPC firmware and additional data quality flags (outlined in Section 6.4) are also marked. Moving to level b1, any further data quality flags, as determined by a mentor's review, are incorporated. It is generally recommended for users to use the b1 level.

#### 6.3 Data Plots

Figure 1 is a plot of representative Model 3938 SMPS data. Particle number-size distribution measurements (#/cc) are presented as a function of sampling time for typical samples obtained during ARM's Eastern Pacific Cloud Aerosol Precipitation Experiment (EPCAPE; <u>https://www.arm.gov/research/campaigns/amf2023epcape</u>) on 4 February 2024.



Figure 1. Particle number-size distribution b1-level data contour plot, presented as a function of particle diameter and sampling time, as measured by the Mobile Aerosol Observing System (MAOS) Model 3938 SMPS deployed at Scripps Pier, La Jolla, San Diego, California, during the EPCAPE campaign on 4 February 2024. Plot generated using the ARM Program Data Quality Diagnostic Plot Browser (https://dq.arm.gov/dq-explorer/#/metrics).

#### 6.4 Data Quality

The first level of data quality evaluation consists of automated data flagging by the Data Quality Office, based on mentor-supplied evaluation criteria (see Figure 2). Flags are generated whenever measured data (primary output and/or metadata such as instrument housekeeping) are above, below, or outside defined maximum threshold ranges. Examples of these thresholds and ranges, listed below, are intended to be illustrative rather than definitive.

- Sample Pressure = 97-102 kPa (typical range): when sampling downstream of the inlet impactor, the sample pressure indicates the degree to which the impactor is being clogged by debris.
- Impactor flow (calibrated)=1.0 ±0.05 lpm (typical range): Impactor flow (calculated from pressure drop across the impactor) provides the real-time measure flow in the SMPS.

- Status Flag = 1: the status flag (0 or 1) provides a binary indication of measurement status. A value of 0 indicates a normal measurement, while a value of 1 indicates a failed measurement. This failed measurement status can be due to instrument faults in the CPC (e.g., lack of sufficient vacuum, saturator/condenser/optics temperatures not at set point values) and/or the electrostatic classifier (e.g., Sheath flow error, DMA voltage error, blower current error, etc.)
- Sheath Flow Relative Humidity Maximum = 20%: sampling aerosol at a relative humidity above 20% could result in sampling of "wet" aerosol that could be incorrectly mobility classified (sized) due to diameter changes resulting from ambient water uptake.
- Sample RH = <40%: Humidity in the sample line is maintained below 40 % using a multitube Nafion<sup>TM</sup> dryer such as the Perma Pure (Model PD-070).
- Please refer to the manufacturer's manual for examples of data quality flags triggered for the CPC.

The second level of data quality evaluation involves automatic generation of the following plots, in collaboration with the Data Quality Office. These automated plots include time series of various key instrument housekeeping variables, comparison with other co-located particle counters or sizers (such as fine CPC or CPCf, aerodynamic particle sizer [APS], ultra-high-sensitivity aerosol spectrometer [UHSAS], and optical particle counter [OPC]) operating in the AOS (see Figure 3).

Comparison of co-located 3772 CPC and integrated SMPS particle number concentration
measurements as a function of time. Since the SMPS uses a 3750<sup>2</sup>/3772 CPC as the particle detector,
then co-located, concurrently sampling 3772 CPC and SMPS models should generate number
concentrations nominally within ±10% of each other when sampling ambient aerosol with most
particle numbers between 10 and 500 nm. This comparison provides a quick assessment of SMPS
performance, compared to the 3772 CPC.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  TSI 3750 is a newer model that replaces the 3772. The D50 for the 3750 is 7-8 nm compared to 10 nm for the 3772.



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**Figure 2**. Automated data plot generated by ARM's Data Quality Diagnostic Plot Browser, showcasing SMPS housekeeping variables obtained from the MAOS. These observations were conducted at Scripps Pier in La Jolla, San Diego, California, during the EPCAPE campaign on 4 February, 2024.

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**Figure 3.** Automated data plot generated by ARM's Data Quality Diagnostic Plot Browser, showcasing various types of comparison and closure of SMPS with other co-located measurements obtained from the MAOS. These observations were conducted at Scripps Pier in La Jolla, San Diego, California, during the EPCAPE campaign.

#### 6.5 Calibration Database

The Model 3938 SMPS is calibrated prior to instrument installation and deployment. Calibration activities include verifying sheath flow rate with a low-pressure drop-bubble flow meter, verifying high-voltage power supply performance using a high-voltage probe, verifying the accuracy of mobility classifier particle sizing using polystyrene latex particle standards, and determining the CPC (particle detector) particle size-dependent counting efficiency. SMPS calibration data is collected and maintained by the instrument mentor.

## 7.0 Technical Specification

#### 7.1 Units

The measured quantity of interest is the particle number-size distribution  $(dN/dlogD_p)$ ; with units of particles per cubic centimeter (#/cc) measured as a function of time, and particle mobility diameter measured in units of nm.

#### 7.2 Range

The ARM SMPS uses a Model 3750/3772 CPC as the particle detector. Under this configuration with typical operating parameters, the measured particle number concentration range is between 1 to  $1 \times 10^7$  #/cc, and the measured particle diameter range is from 8-10 nm (50 % detection limit of 3750/3772 CPC) to 500 nm (mobility diameter corresponding to maximum applied voltage of 10,000 volts and an operating sheath flow rate of 5 lpm).

**Please note** that while SMPS units are deployed across all ARM fixed and mobile sites, the ARM Southern Great Plains site in Oklahoma also features an additional **nano-SMPS**. This nano-SMPS, also known as nSMPS, is equipped with a TSI Model 3085 DMA alongside a TSI Model 3776 ultrafine CPC. Under this configuration with typical operating parameters, the measured particle number concentration range is between 1 to 1x107 #/cc, and the measured particle diameter range is from ~2.5 nm (50% detection limit of 3776 CPC) to ~65 nm (mobility diameter corresponding to maximum applied voltage of 10,000 volts and an operating sheath flow rate of 15 lpm).

**Extended size range measurement in AMF3 Bankhead National Forest (BNF)**: For the third ARM Mobile Facility BNF deployment in Northern Alabama, the AOS SMPS will be equipped with TSI Model 3083 DMA along with TSI Model 3750 CPC. This setup will extend the size range measurement capability of the AOS SMPS from 10-500 nm to 12-800 nm.

#### 7.3 Accuracy

Ambient size distribution measurement accuracy is primarily a function of the aggregate contributions from uncertainties in the size-dependent aerosol charging efficiency, mobility particle classification accuracy, single particle counting associated statistical counting error, and variability in the CPC sampling flow rate. The size-dependent aerosol charging efficiency (which itself is a function of flow rate and sample relative humidity) is typically characterized by an accuracy of  $\pm 10\%$  (Jiang et al. 2014).

Operating a long-column DMA at a typical sheath flow rate of 5 lpm with a flow rate variability of  $\pm 2\%$  results in particles being sized with an accuracy of  $< \pm 2\%$ . The statistical noise associated with particle counts *n* has a relative uncertainty of  $1/\sqrt{n}$ . With a 3750/3772 CPC as the particle detector, the aerosol sample flow rate is not monitored online and thus assumes a fixed value of 1 lpm, which can, in practice, vary by as much as  $\pm 5\%$ . As a result of these individual contributing uncertainties, a typical ambient particle size distribution measurement will have an accuracy limited primarily by aerosol flow rate and charging efficiency uncertainties.

#### 7.4 Repeatability

Particle size distribution measurement repeatability is a function of the 3750/3772 CPC sample flow rate variability (±5%), long-column DMA sheath flow rate variability (±2%), and single particle counting associated statistical noise n, resulting in a relative counting uncertainty of  $1/\sqrt{n}$ , which itself is concentration-dependent. Particle concentration measurements in typically clean environments (~100 #/cc) have a counting uncertainty of 2.5%, while measurements in typically polluted environments (~5000 #/cc) have a counting uncertainty of 0.3%. Particle size distribution measurement repeatability, therefore, is primarily a function of 3772 CPC sample flow rate variability.

#### 7.5 Sensitivity

SMPS sensitivity to measuring particle size is  $\pm 2\%$  under typical operating conditions and is a function of the concentration linearity, as measured by the 3750/3772 CPC, accounted for in the CPC signal-processing electronics.

#### 7.6 Uncertainty

Ambient size distribution measurement uncertainty is primarily a function of the aggregate contributions from size-dependent aerosol charging efficiency uncertainties, mobility particle classification accuracy, single particle counting associated statistical counting error, and CPC sampling flow rate variability. The size-dependent aerosol charging efficiency (which itself is a function of flow rate and sample relative humidity) is typically characterized by an accuracy of  $\pm 10\%$  (Jiang et al. 2014). Operating a long-column DMA at a typical sheath flow rate of 5 lpm with a flow rate variability of  $\pm 2\%$  results in particles being sized with an accuracy of  $< \pm 2\%$ . The statistical noise associated with particle counts *n* has a relative uncertainty of  $1/\sqrt{n}$ . With a 3750/3772 CPC as the particle detector, the aerosol sample flow rate is not monitored online and thus assumes a fixed value of 1 lpm, which can, in practice, vary by as much as  $\pm 5\%$ . As a result of these individual contributing uncertainties, a typical ambient particle size distribution measurement will have an uncertainty dominated primarily by aerosol flow rate and charging efficiency uncertainties.

#### 7.7 Output Values

Output data from the SMPS are recorded in column format with the following headers and units:

• Sample #: unit-less

- Date: month/day/year
- Start Time (UTC): hours:minutes:seconds
- Sample Temperature: °C
- Sample Pressure: kPa
- Mean Free Path: m
- Gas Viscosity: kg/(m\*s)
- Diameter: nm
- Particle Number-Size Distribution: #/cc
- Scan Up Time: seconds
- Retrace Time: seconds
- Scans Per Sample: unit-less
- Impactor Type: cm (nozzle size)
- Sheath Flow Rate: lpm
- Aerosol Flow Rate: lpm
- CPC Inlet Flow Rate: lpm
- CPC Sample Flow Rate: lpm
- Low Voltage: volts
- High Voltage: volts
- Lower Size: nm
- Upper Size: nm
- Density: g/cc
- Title: empty
- Status Flag: Normal Scan/Failed Scan
- td (transport time through the classifier and downstream tubing): seconds
- tf (transport time through the classifier): seconds
- D50 (impactor cut size): nm
- Median (particle diameter): nm
- Mean (particle diameter): nm
- Geo. Mean (particle diameter): nm
- Mode (particle diameter): nm
- Geo. Std. (of the particle number-size distribution): unit-less

• Total Concentration: #/cc

A separate program reads data from the temperature/relative humidity probe installed in the sheath flow path of the long-column DMA and outputs the following data in column format:

- Temperature (sheath flow): °C
- Relative Humidity (sheath flow): %

## 8.0 Instrument System Functional Diagram

The 3938 SMPS consists of three subsystems: the inlet impactor, electrostatic classifier, and the CPC. Polydisperse aerosol first enters the impactor, which removes particles above a known particle size through inertial impaction, before entering the electrostatic classifier, which selects a known size fraction from the incoming polydisperse aerosol. The resulting monodisperse aerosol then enters the CPC where it is counted. The flow schematic for the inlet impactor and electrostatic classifier is shown in Figure 4, and the flow schematic for the CPC is shown in Figure 5.

In the electrostatic classifier, the aerosol enters a Krypton-85 bipolar charger (or neutralizer), which exposes the particles to high concentrations of both positive and negatively charged ions. Through frequent collisions with the bipolar ions, the particles quickly achieve a state of charge equilibrium; well predicted by theory. The charged aerosol then passes into the long-column DMA, within which a user-set electric field causes particles of a particular electrical mobility to exit the column and enter the particle detector, which, in this SMPS, is a Model 3750/3772 CPC.

The particle detector grows sampled particles into larger droplets, which are detected optically. Laminar aerosol flow is sampled through the inlet and enters the saturator, where evaporated butanol liquid saturates the aerosol flow with butanol vapor. The combined flow of aerosol and butanol vapor then enters the condenser, which is cooled with a thermo-electric device. Here, the butanol vapor becomes super-saturated and condenses onto the aerosol particles to form larger droplets. These butanol droplets pass through a nozzle into the optical detector comprised of a laser diode, various focusing and collecting lenses, and a photodiode detector. Butanol droplets that pass through the laser will scatter light that is then detected by the photodiode and converted into electrical pulses that are counted and, at high particle concentrations, corrected for particle coincidence.

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**Figure 4**. Flow schematic for the inlet impactor and electrostatic classifier with a long-column DMA, adapted from the manufacturer's manual for Classifier 3082, P/N 6006760, Revision F. (Drawing prepared by Delano De Oliveira, Brookhaven National Laboratory).



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**Figure 5**. Flow schematic of the Model 3772 CPC, adapted from the manufacturer's manual (Drawing prepared by Delano De Oliveira, Brookhaven National Laboratory).

#### 9.0 Instrument/Measurement Theory

In the impactor, aerosol flow is accelerated through a nozzle directed at a flat plate. The impaction plate deflects the flow to form a 90° bend in the flow streamlines. Particles with sufficient inertia are unable to follow the streamlines and, consequently, impact on the plate. Smaller particles with less inertia, however, follow the streamlines, avoid contact with the plate, exit the impactor, and enter the electrostatic classifier. Further details regarding impaction theory can be found in (Hinds 2012).

The method of data inversion to recover the ambient size distribution from raw measurements of particle counts and particle diameter assumes that the polydisperse aerosol entering the DMA has reached charge equilibrium prior to electrical mobility classification. This process of achieving charge equilibrium is accomplished with a Krypton-85 bipolar charger (neutralizer). In the charger, the sampled aerosol

undergoes frequent collisions with bipolar ions and quickly reaches an equilibrium charge state, with a distribution of particles carrying no charge, a single charge, or charges of both positive and negative polarities. This charge distribution is well predicted by ion charging theory (Fuchs 1964, Wiedensohler 1988).

The charged particles then enter the DMA into the presence of an electric field, in which they experience an electrical force that propels them through the gas in which they are suspended. The measure of a charged particle's ability to move within an electrical field is known as electrical mobility; a function of the particle charge state, diameter, and experienced drag force (Friedlander 2000). After exiting the DMA, charged particles are classified according to their electrical mobility, based on derived relationships between particle electrical mobility and DMA operating parameters (e.g., applied voltage) (Knutson 1976, Knutson and Whitby 1975).

As the instrument name indicates, the essential feature of the CPC is the ability to grow sampled particles through working fluid condensation before optically counting them. When the vapor surrounding particles reaches a certain degree of super-saturation, the vapor begins to condense on the particles, a process known as heterogeneous nucleation. If super-saturation levels are too high, however, vapor condensation can take place even without sampled particles present, a process called homogeneous nucleation. During homogenous nucleation, working fluid vapor molecules collide and form clusters. Counting particles in droplets generated through homogeneous nucleation will result in instrument noise and should be avoided. Optimal CPC performance is achieved by operating at a super-saturation level just below the homogeneous nucleation limit. The particle size detection limit is a strong function of the super-saturation ratio operating value and can be calculated from theoretical predictions relating particle diameter and vapor super-saturation ratio (Ahn and Liu 1990).

## 10.0 Setup and Operation of Instrument

Setup of the 3938 SMPS involves the following:

- 1. Make the necessary cable connections between/from the 3750/3772 CPC and 3082 electrostatic classifier (serial cables, and power cables).
- 2. Apply the correct power sequence.
- 3. Install the proper tubing connections in the electrostatic classifier and between the 3750/3772 CPC and 3082 electrostatic classifier.
- 4. Install the neutralizer source (typically Kr-85 source, 3077a TSI).

Further details regarding the installation of the SMPS can be found in the manufacturer's manual.

The Model 3938 SMPS operates nominally within the following environmental conditions and ranges:

- Altitude: Up to 2000 m (6500 ft)
- Inlet Pressure: 75 to 105 kPa (0.74 to 1.05 atm)
- Operating Temperature: 10 to 35°C
- Ambient humidity: 0 to 90% relative humidity non-condensing

The nominal environmental operating range is limited primarily by the particle detector used in the SMPS: the 3750/3772 CPC.

During ARM deployments, the 3938 SMPS samples within an environmentally controlled measurement container, in accordance with the manufacturer's environmental requirements.

For further details and instructions, please consult the manufacturer's manual.

## 11.0 Software

SMPS data acquisition and instrument control is accomplished through the manufacturer's data acquisition software program, Aerosol Instrument Manager. DMA sheath flow relative humidity and temperature data is gathered using a LabView-based program, written at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Once collected, the data is parsed and saved in hour-long text files on the instrument computer. Instrument firmware commands for the CPC (particle detector) and electrostatic classifier are listed in the manufacturer's manuals.

## 12.0 Calibration

The Model 3938 SMPS undergoes calibration prior to installation to characterize the electrostatic classifier and the CPC.

Electrostatic classifier characterization includes verifying the DMA sheath flow rate control, voltage control, and particle sizing. The sheath flow rate control (nominally 5 lpm) is verified with a low-pressure drop-bubble flowmeter. Voltage control is verified with a high-voltage probe, capable of measuring up to 10,000 volts. DMA particle sizing is verified with National Institute of Standards and Technology-certified polystyrene latex particle size standards (150 nm).

CPC characterization includes verifying the inlet flow rate and determining the size-dependent particle counting efficiency. The inlet flow rate is measured with a low-pressure drop-bubble flow meter, which nominally yields an inlet flow rate of 1.0 lpm, with a variability of up to  $\pm 5\%$ . The 3772 CPC has a nominal cut size of 10 nm. with the cut size defined as the particle diameter at which 50% of sampled particles are detected. The 3772 CPC counting efficiency is a function of particle diameter (and, to some extent, particle composition); determined by using the calibration protocol described in Hermann et al. (2007). Calibration aerosol is generated in a tube furnace via the evaporation-condensation method and size classified with a TSI Model 3080 Electrostatic Classifier and Model 3085 Nano DMA. Counting efficiency is calculated by comparing CPC readings to a TSI Model 3068A Aerosol Electrometer. An example of a 3772 counting efficiency curve from Hermann et al. (2007) is presented in Figure 6.



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**Figure 6.** CPC 3772 counting efficiencies for (a) silver and (b) sodium chloride particles, as presented in Hermann et al. (2007).

#### 13.0 Maintenance

The following maintenance activities are required to ensure proper functioning of the 3938 SMPS:

- Clean the impactor nozzle when there is indication of significant pressure drop. See manufacturer's manual for impactor cleaning instructions.
- Verify flow rate once a week: Connect a low-pressure drop-bubble flowmeter to the classifier inlet and record the average of three measurements. The flow rate should be 1.0 lpm with a variability of ±5% for the SMPS and 1.5 lpm ±5%.
- Verify zero check once a week: Employ a HEPA capsule filter at the instrument inlet. A properly functioning SMPS should be zero within two full scans (10 minutes, <0.1 #/cm<sup>3</sup>). Failure in the zero check suggests potential issues such as leaks in the system, CPC issues related to optics and wick, among other possibilities.

- Replace the CPC wick at the beginning of the campaign and every 6 to 12 months during continuous usage.
- Pre- and post-campaign comparisons and characterizations are carried out in the laboratory to evaluate SMPS performance. Any notable deviations observed during these tests also aid in identifying potential maintenance or servicing needs in the laboratory. If necessary, the SMPS will be sent for manufacturer service and calibration.
- Regular factory service and calibration of the CPC at the manufacturer typically every 1 to 2 years.
- Drain butanol from the butanol reservoir in the CPC prior to instrument shipment.
- Correct flooded optics when there is any indication of flooding.
- Clean clogged nozzle when the nozzle pressure is > 3 kPa and has been steadily increasing over time. This procedure is outlined in more detail in the manufacturer's manual.

Refer to the manufacturer's manual for a detailed description of the procedures associated with each of the maintenance actions.

## 14.0 Safety

The SMPS particle detector (3750/3772 CPC) is a Class I laser-based instrument. During normal operation, the user will not be exposed to laser radiation. However, the 3750/3772 CPC uses n-butyl alcohol (butanol) as a working fluid: it is flammable and toxic, if inhaled.

The electrostatic classifier has high-voltage points within the cabinet/case. The electrostatic classifier contains a Krypton-85 source in the aerosol neutralizer. Under normal circumstances, the user will not contact hazardous radiation.

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