

ASCENT Project 69



Transitioning a Research nvPM Mass Calibration Procedure to Operations

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Objective:

Investigate the validity of the Centrifugal Particle Mass Analyzer (CPMA) mass calibration research approach for in situ calibration of non-volatile Particulate Matter (nvPM) mass instruments. The assessment will extend across all nvPM mass ranges encountered during certification tests. The primary goal will be the successful transitioning of the research methodology to operations

Project Benefits:

- This project will validate an advanced calibration method that reduces the current time constraints imposed for annual nvPM mass instrument calibration.
- The method will reduce measurement uncertainty during certification.
- Once successfully demonstrated, the method can be implemented in ICAO Annex 16 Vol. II.
- Currently each engine emissions certification test costs approximately \$500k, the implementation of this new method will reduce (~50%) instrument calibration costs.
- This approach will provide in-the-field real-time performance check of the nvPM mass instrument during certification testing, improving confidence in the PM mass concentration measurements.

Research Approach:

- Acquire instruments for use with the CPMA calibration system
- Develop a suitable sampling and test configuration for evaluating the CPMA-based nvPM mass calibration using laboratory aerosol sources at MS&T
- Investigate the validity of the CPMA mass calibration research approach across all nvPM mass ranges encountered during certification tests to successfully transition the methodology to operations
 - Deploy the measurement system, to engine testing facilities at Arnold AFB, TN. Specifically, these engine testing facilities will include the J85 turbojet and a gas-turbine-based “start cart” as nvPM sources.
 - Evaluate the performance of the CPMA-based mass calibration system, surveying across all mass ranges using the start cart as the nvPM source, and compare these results with concomitant mass calibration data acquired using the SAE E-31 OCEC-based mass calibration methodology.
 - Undertake performance demonstration by performing a mock-certification test on the J85 engine where the calibration will include the standard EC/OC analysis, as well as the CPMA-based calibration system.
- Analyze and interpret the data gathered and deliver a final report that can be used by SAE E31 to update ARP 6320 and by ICAO to update Annex 16 Vol.II.

Major Accomplishments (to date):

- Laboratory-based performance assessment experiments are underway
 - Preliminary results are encouraging
 - MiniCAST burner emission source refurbished and calibrated
 - Sunset semi-continuous EC/OC system refurbished, calibrated
 - Emission transfer plenum designed and awaiting fabrication

Future Work / Schedule:

- Complete Laboratory Tests and develop a Robust Calibration System Configuration
- Tests using gas turbine start cart and parallel reference measurements
- Tests using J85 gas turbine engine
- Based on the results, develop a standardized in situ CPMA calibration protocol for nvPM mass

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