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# Demonstration of a Regulatory Method for Aircraft Engine Non-volatile PM Emissions Measurements with Conventional and Iso-Paraffinic Kerosene fuels

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**ABSTRACT**

The aviation industry is exploring the economic viability and environmental sustainability of the use of alternative fuels to power aircraft main engines and auxiliary power units. The International Civil Aviation Organization is also developing a regulatory standard for aircraft engine non-volatile Particulate Matter (nvPM) emissions to meet the growing public demand for improvement in air quality. This study compared the nvPM emissions in the exhaust stream of a small (<26.7 kN thrust) mixed turbofan aircraft engine burning a conventional Jet A fuel as well as a Sasol Iso-Paraffinic Kerosene (IPK) fuel derived from coal, using a standardized sampling and measurement system. The goal of the study was to demonstrate the regulatory system on a small mixed turbofan engine and to assess the suitability and limitations of using such systems for turbofan engines burning fuels with different fuel properties. Significant reductions in both nvPM number- and mass-based emission indices were observed with the IPK fuel across the full spectrum of engine thrust settings. The percent reduction in nvPM mass-based emissions was higher than the reduction in nvPM number-based emissions for the corresponding engine thrust settings because smaller and fewer particles were generated with IPK fuel combustion. PM size distribution mean diameters for the IPK fuel were found to be smaller than that for Jet A. The composition of the organic PM emissions for the two fuels was almost identical, and the organic PM was also found to be proportional to the soot concentration. The nvPM mass-based emissions for the mixed turbofan engine measured with the standardized system exhibited a high degree of measurement uncertainty at low engine thrust settings. This limitation was not encountered for nvPM number-based emissions.

## INTRODUCTION

Aircraft main engines and auxiliary power units emit gaseous and particulate matter (PM) emissions which impact local air quality, global climate, and health. Standards for gaseous emissions such as oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and unburned hydrocarbons (UHC), and smoke emissions reported in terms of Smoke Number (SN) are set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) [1] for turbofan/turbojet engines of >26.7 kN maximum rated thrust. ICAO also sets SN standards for engines < 26.7 kN rated thrust. The ICAO Aircraft Engine Emissions Databank [2] reports these emissions data for different aircraft engine types at four engine thrust settings corresponding to the Landing Take-Off (LTO) cycle – idle (7% rated thrust), approach (30% rated thrust), climb out (85% rated thrust), and take-off (100% rated thrust) [1].

ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) is currently developing a regulatory standard for non-volatile Particulate Matter (nvPM) emissions from aircraft engines with a maximum rated thrust of >26.7 kN. In this context, nvPM is defined as the particles emitted at the aircraft engine exhaust nozzle exit plane that do not volatilize below a temperature of 350 °C. The new standard for aircraft engines nvPM emissions will align the aviation sector with other transportation modes that currently regulate PM emissions. ICAO/CAEP is also evaluating the contribution of nvPM emissions from all aircraft engines; including those of ≤26.7 kN rated thrust, such as turboprop, turboshaft, and auxiliary power unit engines.

A standard methodology for the sampling and measurement of nvPM emissions from the exhaust of aircraft engines, designed to operate in parallel with existing sampling systems for gaseous emissions and smoke certification, has been developed by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and specified in Aerospace Information Report (AIR) 6241 [3]. Performance

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3 evaluation and comparisons of the AIR6241 compliant systems have been successfully  
4 completed [4]. The data obtained using these standardized systems will assist ICAO/CAEP in the  
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15 The aviation industry, including engine manufacturers and commercial airlines, is actively  
16 exploring the economic viability and environmental sustainability of the use of alternative fuels  
17 [5]. Any new fuel must be certified by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)  
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19 fuel component (up to 50% in a blend with petroleum kerosene) to gain approval for commercial  
20 use. Sasol's IPK is used to blend semi-synthetic jet fuel approved for use by both United  
21 Kingdom Ministry of Defence's DEF STAN 91-91 [7] and ASTM D1655 [8]. Aircraft engines  
22 burning alternative fuels have shown a dramatic reduction in their PM emissions [9-14]. The  
23 impact of using alternative fuels in mixed turbofan engines <26.7kN rated thrust on nvPM  
24 emissions employing the standardized measurement system has not been previously explored.  
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44 This paper presents the results of a demonstration of the regulatory method to measure nvPM  
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46 turbofan aircraft engine burning a conventional Jet A fuel as well as a Sasol IPK fuel derived  
47 from coal via the Fischer-Tropsch process. The nvPM number- and mass-based emissions were  
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3 characterized in terms of particle size distributions and non-refractory (organic) emissions. The  
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## 10 11 **EXPERIMENTAL METHODS** 12 13

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25 below the LTO range for engineering evaluation. The engine operators cycled the engine through  
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39 diameter of the engine exit plane. The cruciform probe consisted of hollow tubes lined with a  
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41 series of sampling holes of equal diameter and in number always greater than 12. Prior to testing,  
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47 exhaust cross-section in order to ensure the collection of representative emissions data at each  
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51 maintained at 160°C that conveyed the sample to a heated box with two compartments. The first  
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3 total exhaust sample among three flow streams – nvPM, pressure control, and Annex 16 lines.  
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7 51C-HT flame ionization detector (FID), and CO and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) using a Fuji ZRH  
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9 non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) detector. The second compartment of the heated box was  
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11 maintained at  $60 \pm 15$  °C and housed a Dekati DI-1000 ejector diluter. The nvPM sample was  
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13 diluted using filtered, dry nitrogen. The dilution factor was maintained in the range 8-13, as  
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15 prescribed by AIR6241 [3]. The diluted nvPM sample with a flow rate  $25 \pm 2$  slpm was  
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17 transferred by a temperature controlled carbon loaded PTFE sample transfer line 25m in length,  
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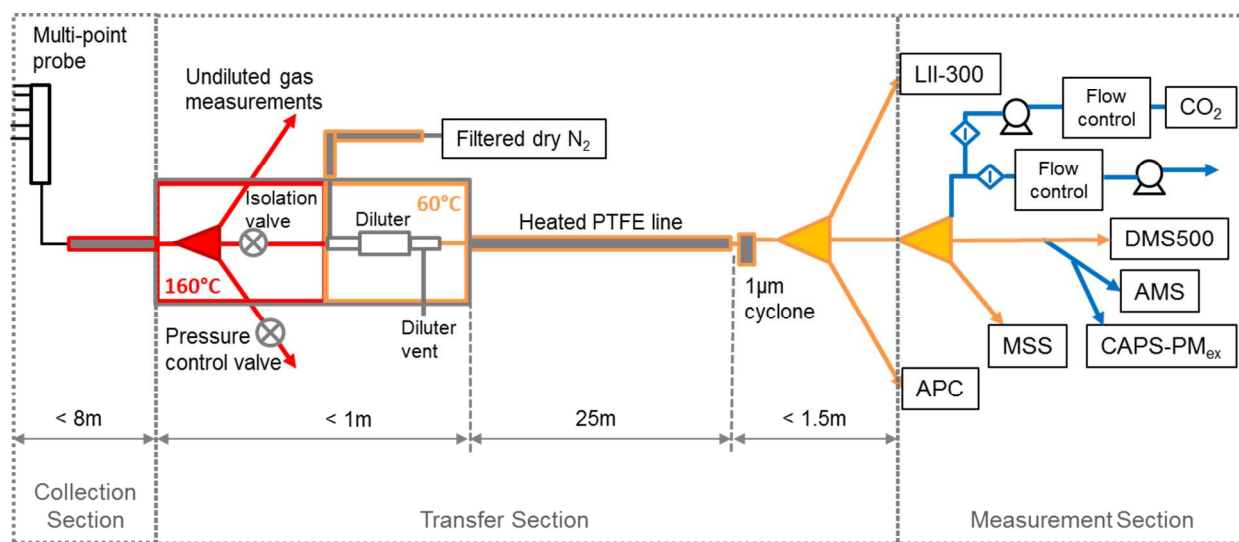
27 The nvPM emissions were characterized in terms of number, mass, size distributions, and  
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31 (APC) Advanced [4] was used to measure nvPM number concentration. The APC used in this  
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33 study consisted of a two stage diluter with a catalytic stripper in between to remove volatile  
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35 particles, and an n-butanol based TSI 3790E condensation particle counter (CPC) which has a  
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37 >50% counting efficiency at 10 nm. The dilution in the APC was adjusted such that the nvPM  
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39 number concentration measured by the CPC always remained in the single particle count mode  
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41 (<10,000 particles/cm<sup>3</sup>). Three instruments were used for nvPM mass measurements - an Artium  
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43 Laser Induced Incandescence LII-300 (LII) [15], an AVL Micro Soot Sensor (MSS) [16], and a  
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45 Cavity Attenuated Phase Shift - PM extinction monitor (CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub>) [17, 18]. The LII-300 and  
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49 combination of absorption and scattering. The LII measures refractory black carbon (rBC), while  
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3 and EBC are considered as surrogates for nvPM. The LII-300 uses laser-induced incandescence  
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9 coupled with time-resolved particle temperature is used obtain nvPM mass concentration. The  
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15 transfers heat to the surrounding gas, generating pressure waves which are detected by a highly-  
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17 sensitive microphone. The CAPS-PMex uses a square wave modulated light emitting diode  
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27 MSS is  $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , whereas for the CAPS-PMex it is  $0.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .  
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53 Particle size distributions in mobility diameter from 5nm to 1000nm were measured using the  
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compact Time of Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (CToF-AMS) [21]. The CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the diluted nvPM line was measured using a LiCor 840A NDIR detector. A schematic of the sampling and measurement system deployed in this campaign is presented in Figure 1. The sampling and measurement system was fully compliant with the specification outlined in AIR6241 and has been used previously to measure nvPM emissions from a turbofan engine [4] and an aircraft auxiliary power unit [23].



**Figure 1: Layout of nvPM sampling and measurement system**

**Fuel Properties.** The Jet A fuel was procured from Avfuel, a global supplier of aviation fuel. The IPK fuel derived from coal was manufactured by Sasol using the Fischer-Tropsch process. The IPK fuel used during this study contained anti-icing and lubricity additives and was delivered to Williams International from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Conventional Jet A consists of varying amounts of n-paraffins, iso-paraffins, cyclo-paraffins, and mono-ring alkylated aromatics [24], whereas IPK is composed of iso-paraffinic compounds characterized by a high degree of branching [25, 26]. The fuel properties of the two fuels used during the test (Table 1) are similar to those reported in other emissions tests [9, 10, 13, 23, 26]. The Jet A fuel



also had naphthalenes content that was significantly lower than the maximum allowed under ASTM D1655 [8]. The main difference between the two fuels was that the IPK fuel had very low aromatic content compared to Jet A. Fuels with low aromatic content have been shown to impact seal swell characteristics [27]. Both Jet A and IPK fuels also had very low sulfur content. The IPK fuel does not meet current ASTM specifications for use in the aviation industry in terms of density and aromatic content [28]. However, it can be used as a blending agent (up to 50%) with conventional Jet A/Jet A-1 fuels [6].

**Table 1. Fuel Properties<sup>‡</sup>**

Property	ASTM Test	Unit	Jet A	Sasol IPK
Density at 15°C	D4052	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	813	760
Kinematic viscosity at -20°C	D445	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	4.5	3.5
Distillation temperature	D86			
10% recovered		°C	173	164
End Point		°C	275	222
Flash Point	D56 for Jet A D93 for IPK	°C	44	44
Net heat of combustion	D4809	MJ/kg	43	43.9
Aromatics	D1319	% volume	20	1
Naphthalenes	D1840	% volume	0.8	0
Total Sulfur	D4294 for Jet A D2622 for IPK	% mass	0.02	0.0014
Smoke point, mm	D1322	mm	20	28.5
Hydrogen Content (by NMR)	D7171	% mass	13.7	15.4
Carbon Content (calculated)		% mass	86.3	84.6
H/C ratio (calculated)			1.89	2.17

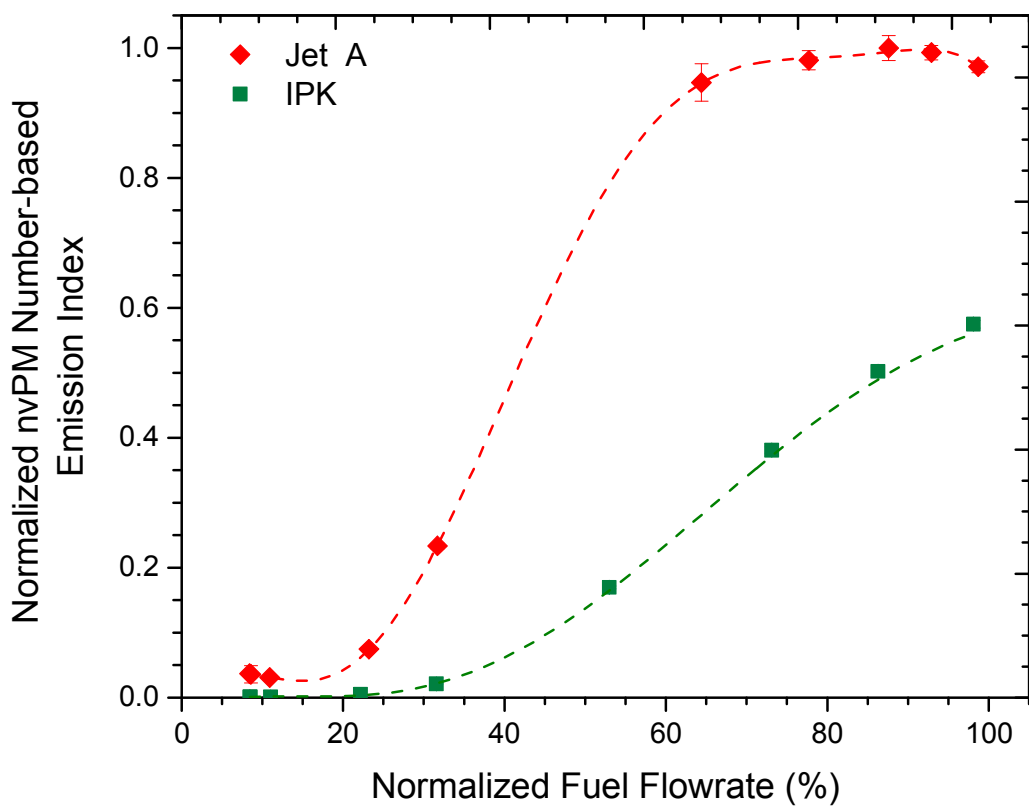
<sup>‡</sup>Fuel analyses provided by Air Force Petroleum Agency, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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3 **Data Processing.** The nvPM number and mass concentrations were converted to number- and  
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5 using the calculation protocol outlined in AIR6241 [3] and described elsewhere [4]. Since the  
6 engine used in this study was a mixed turbofan engine and the emissions were sampled from the  
7 mixed exhaust flow, the ambient CO<sub>2</sub> concentration was subtracted from that measured in the  
8 exhaust flow to determine the emission indices. The emission indices are reported at standard  
9 temperature (273.15 K) and pressure (101.325 kPa). The thermophoretic loss in the sample  
10 extraction system was negligible for the mixed turbofan engine and hence not considered in the  
11 analysis. Since the emissions data are proprietary, the emissions are presented in a normalized  
12 form, achieved by dividing the EIn and EIm values by a fixed normalization factor (the  
13 maximum respective EI value). Measurement uncertainties in nvPM emissions parameters were  
14 calculated using 1 $\sigma$  standard deviation of the average data. In order to compare the nvPM  
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16 rate for the IPK fuel was adjusted to account for the difference in net heat of combustion values  
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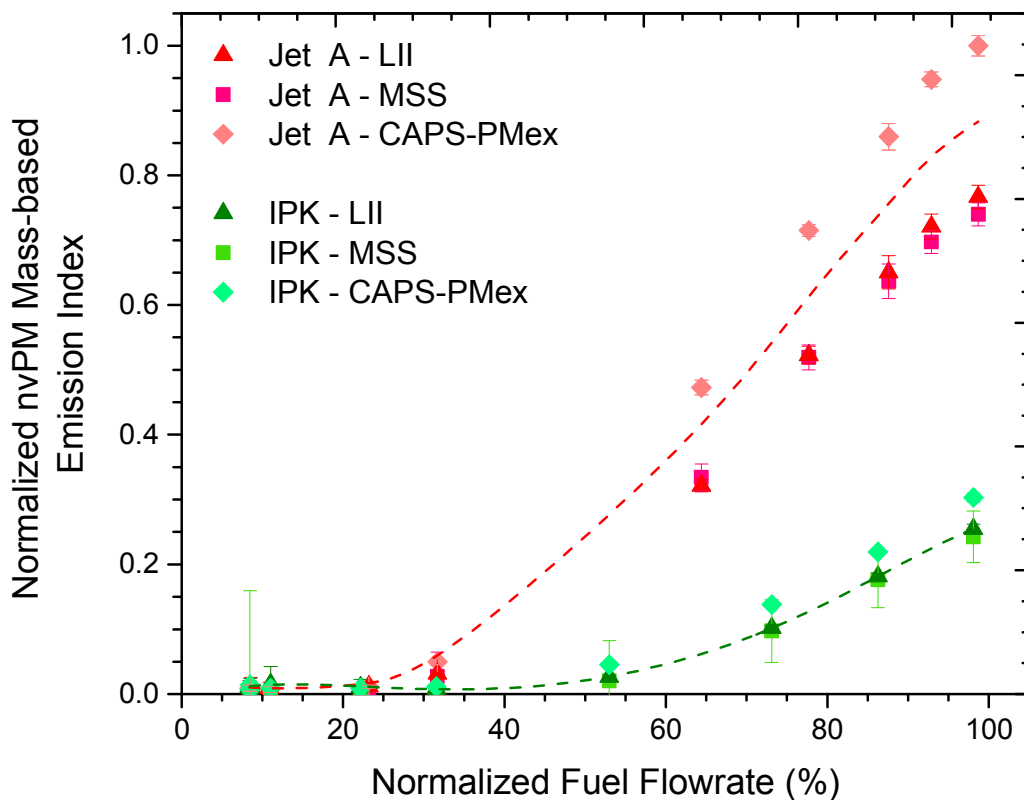
## 50 51 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

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55 **PM number- and mass-based emissions.** The normalized nvPM number and mass-based  
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3 respectively. For both Jet A and IPK fuels, EIn and EIm generally increased with increasing fuel  
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9 spectrum of engine operating conditions. The EIm calculated from the LII, MSS, and CAPS-  
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13 emissions can be attributed to the lower aromatic content and higher hydrogen content of the IPK  
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23 paraffinic fuels have been shown to delay the onset of soot inception compared to fuels  
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27 resulting in lower primary particle concentration [30]. This may help to explain the reductions in  
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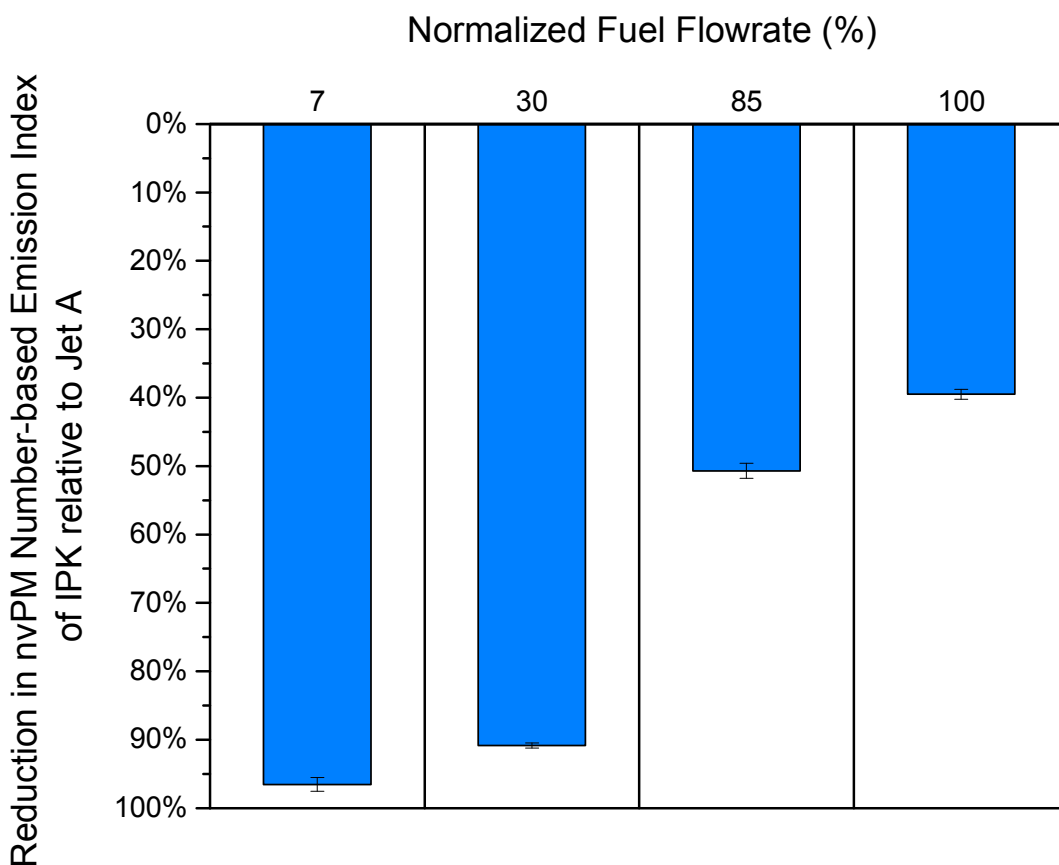


**Figure 2: nvPM number-based emission index profile for the mixed turbofan engine burning Jet A and IPK fuels**



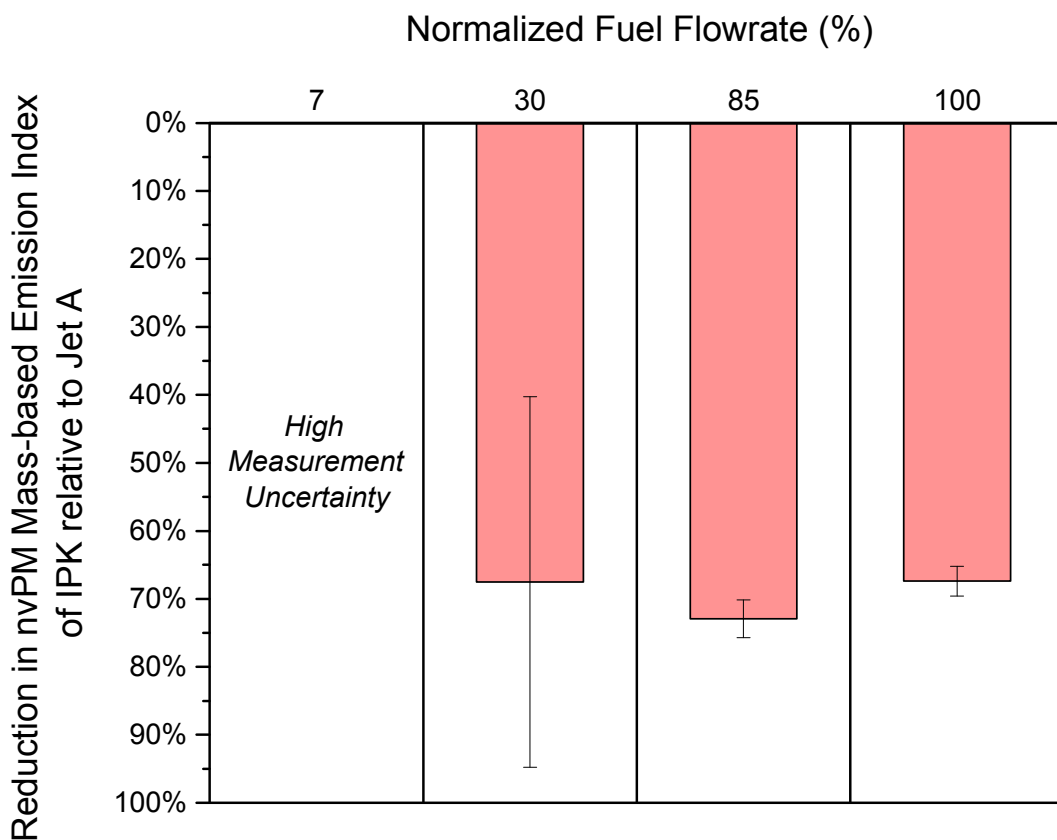
**Figure 3: nvPM mass-based emission index profile with the LII, MSS, and CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub> for the mixed turbofan engine burning Jet A and IPK fuels**

The percent reduction in nvPM EIn for the IPK fuel relative to Jet A and the respective uncertainties at the four LTO cycle conditions is shown in Figure 4. The reductions were greatest at engine thrust settings corresponding to 7% and 30%. Significant yet smaller reductions at 85% and 100% engine thrust settings were also observed. Similar reductions have been reported for larger turbofan engines burning fuels with similar fuel properties [10, 14].



34 **Figure 4: Reduction in nvPM number-based emission index of IPK relative to Jet A at the**  
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42 The data from the LII, MSS and CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub> mass instruments were averaged in order to  
43 determine the reduction in EIm using IPK relative to Jet A at the four LTO conditions (Figure 5).  
44 At the 7% engine thrust setting the AIR6241 compliant system exhibited a high degree of  
45 measurement uncertainty for mass-based emissions for the mixed turbofan engine burning Jet A  
46 and IPK (Figure 3). Hence the calculation of a percent difference at 7% engine thrust setting  
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36 **Figure 5: Reduction in nvPM mass-based emission index (based on averages of LII, MSS,**  
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38 *Comparison of nvPM EIm measured by the LII, MSS, and CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub>.* The three mass  
 39 instruments used in this study all measure nvPM mass-based emissions using different  
 40 methodologies. Figure 6 presents the comparison of the mass instruments to assess their relative  
 41 differences from data for both Jet A and IPK tests. In Figure 6a, the data from each instrument is  
 42 plotted against the average of the normalized EIm of the three instruments. The LII and the MSS  
 43 were ~10% lower, and the CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub> was ~20% higher than the average nvPM EIm. Previous  
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capture the differences at low EIm values [4]. The ratio of the individual instrument EIm to the average nvPM EIm was computed and compared against the average normalized EIm (Figure 6b). The majority of the data lies within 20% of the average normalized EIm. Larger variations are observed at very low EIm values. This trend and the general magnitude of variation have also been reported for larger turbofans engines [4]. A limitation of the standard AIR6241 compliant system is that the instruments used to measure nvPM mass-based emissions currently have neither the precision nor the resolution required to measure mass at very low levels.

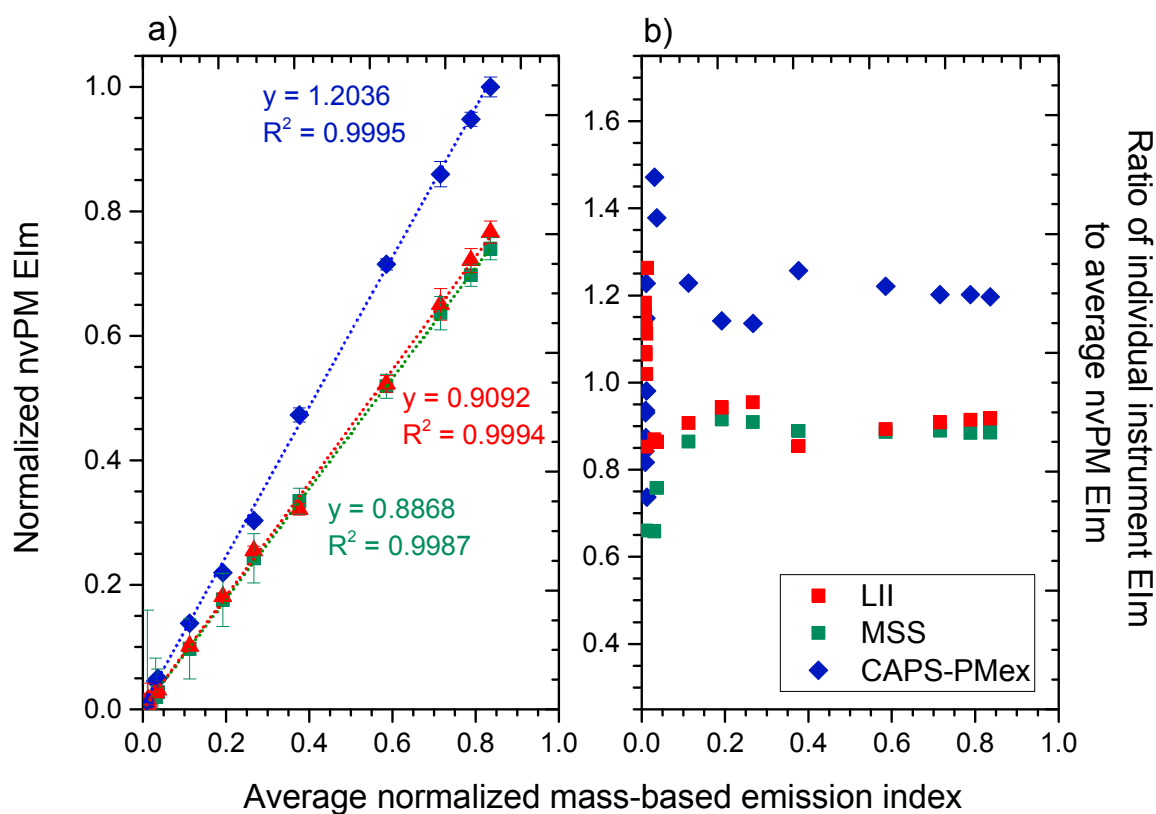


Figure 6: Comparison of nvPM EIm between the LII, MSS, and CAPS-PM<sub>ex</sub> instruments



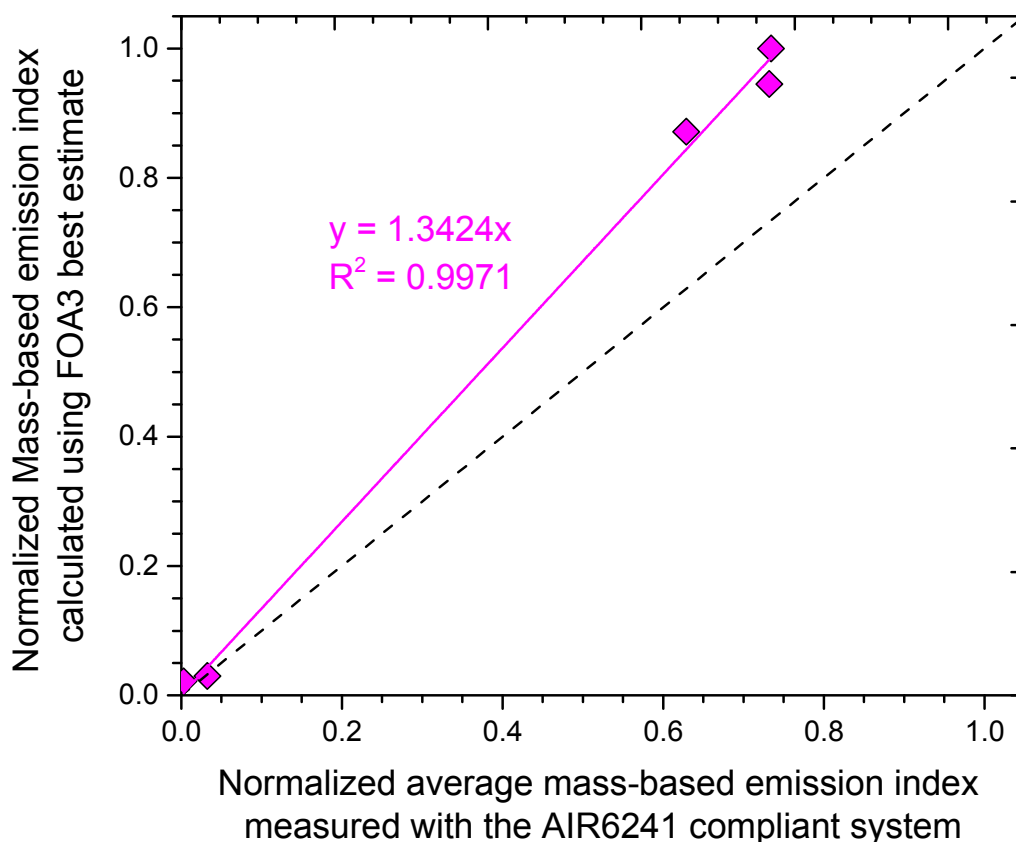
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4 compared to that obtained from the First Order Approximation version 3.0 (FOA3) [31]. The  
5 FOA3 methodology for nvPM estimation is based on a historical data set which showed that  
6 smoke number correlated well with nvPM mass-based emissions. FOA3 uses this correlation  
7 with smoke number and engine AFR values for turbofan engines as inputs. During this study  
8 smoke number was not measured in parallel with nvPM emissions. Hence smoke number data  
9 measured during engine type certification was used to represent the smoke number produced by  
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27        In this analysis, FOA3 based non-volatile EIm was calculated using the overall engine AFR  
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30 fuel flow. Specifically, a bell-mouth inlet, mounted forward of the engine fan casing and in  
31 compliance with industry standard practice, was equipped with instrumentation that enables  
32 direct measurement of engine airflow with high accuracy and precision. The fuel flow was  
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48        FOA3 recommends that “representative AFR” values be used only when the AFR values are  
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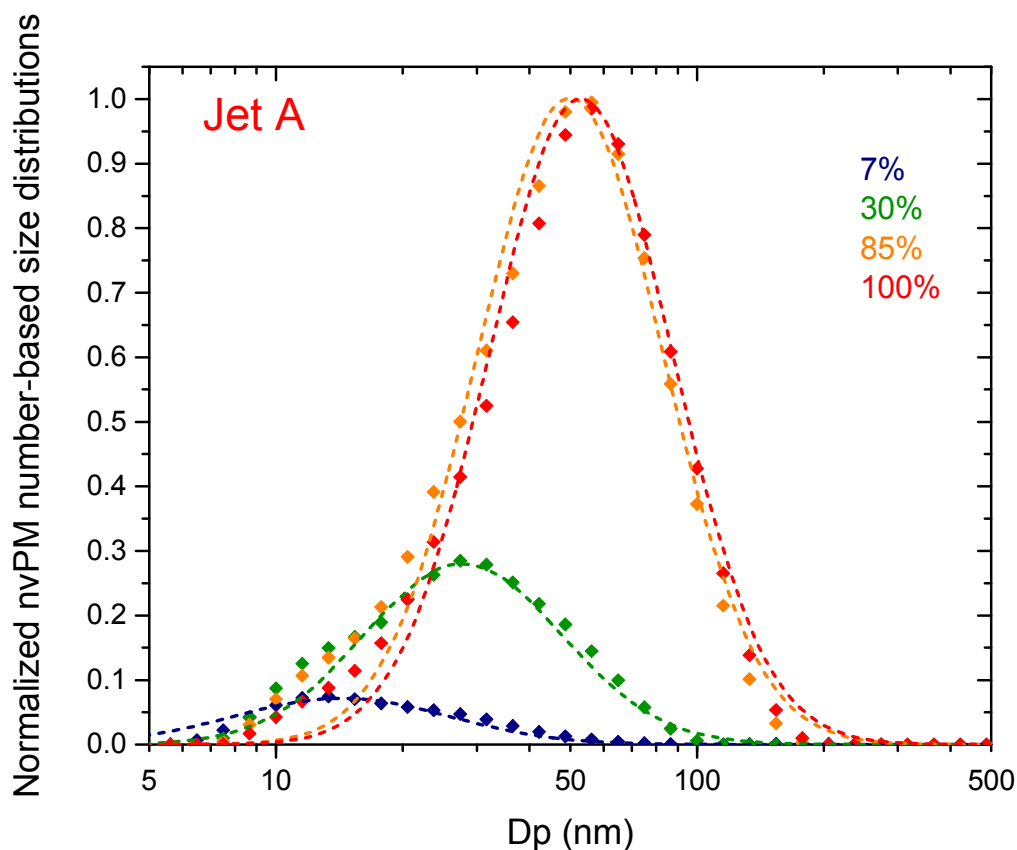
The representative AFR values for FOA3 were not used in this analysis since measured AFR values were readily available, and therefore a more accurate correlation could be obtained.

Figure 7 presents the results of the comparison of the FOA3 “best estimates” of non-volatile EIm computed FOA3 with that measured by the average of the mass instruments with the AIR6241 compliant system for the engine thrust settings where corresponding smoke number data was available. The mass-based emissions using FOA3 “best estimates” was found to be greater than that measured by the AIR6241 compliant system by ~ 34%. This analysis shows that FOA3 can overestimate the nvPM mass-based emissions for a mixed turbofan engine when measured AFR values are used in the analysis.



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3 **Figure 7: Comparison of mass-based emission index between the FOA3 estimates with that**  
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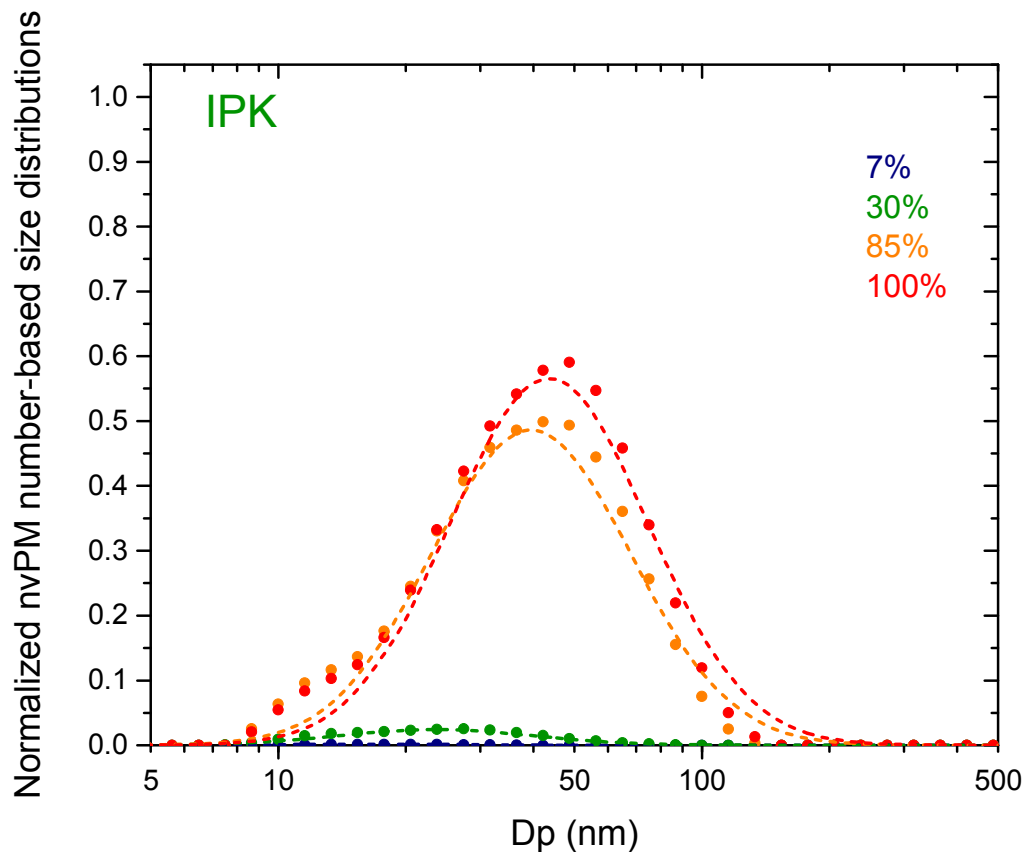
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11 *PM Size distributions.* PM size distributions at the measurement location were converted to EIn  
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13 the normalized EIn size distributions for the mixed turbofan engine burning Jet A and IPK,  
14 respectively, as a function of normalized fuel flowrate for the four LTO cycle conditions. The  
15 size distributions were generally lognormal. The geometric mean diameter (GMD) of the  
16 distributions was found to increase linearly with increasing fuel flowrate for both Jet A and IPK.  
17 The GMD ranged from 15nm to 50nm for Jet A and from 15 nm to 45 nm for IPK. The  
18 uncertainty in the reported GMD is  $\pm 5\%$ . The geometric standard deviation (GSD) varied from  
19 1.69 – 1.82 for Jet A and 1.5 – 1.76 for IPK. These values for GMD and GSD are consistent with  
20 those reported in other studies for emissions sampled at the engine exit plane with engines  
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36 **Figure 8: Normalized nvPM number-based size distributions for the engine burning Jet A**  
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44 For a specific fuel flowrate, the GMD for the IPK fuel was found to be smaller than that for  
45 Jet A. Similar reductions have been observed in other engines burning paraffinic fuels [10, 13,  
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47 corresponding engine thrust conditions (Figures 4 and 5) because the size distribution shifts  
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engine burning conventional and alternative fuels, the primary particle size for paraffinic fuels was reported to decrease with engine thrust setting [30].

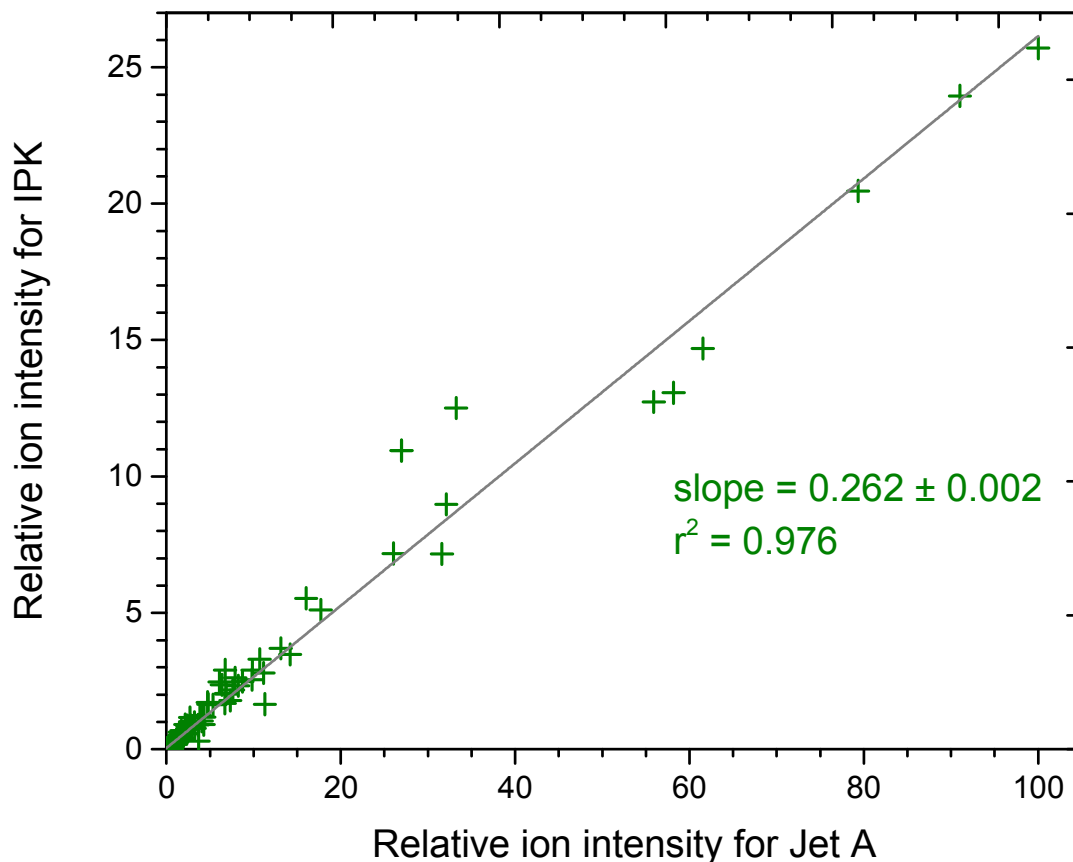


**Figure 9: Normalized nvPM number-based size distributions for the engine burning IPK at normalized fuel flowrates corresponding to the four LTO cycle conditions**

**PM organic-based emissions.** The AIR6241 compliant measurement system was designed to measure nvPM. However, aircraft engine exhaust also contains non-refractory PM in the form of organic and sulfate species, which are normally generated from the combustion process [34]. The PM organic-based emission index, calculated from CToF-AMS measurements, as a function of

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3 normalized fuel flowrate had the same profile as that of nvPM mass-based emission index for the  
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15 The organic PM mass spectra from the Jet A and IPK fuels were very similar. A plot of the  
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19 presented in Figure 10. The correlation coefficient,  $r^2 = 0.976$ , demonstrates that composition of  
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21 the organic PM emissions for the two fuels is almost identical. This observation is consistent  
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27 [35]. The organic PM concentration of the IPK fuel was determined to be  $26.2\% \pm 0.2\%$  of Jet A.  
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29 This value is similar to the ratio of the nvPM mass concentration between the IPK and Jet A  
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**Figure 10: Correlation plot of organic PM mass spectrum for the IPK and Jet A fuels at the highest normalized fuel flowrate**

## SUMMARY

The nvPM emissions in the exhaust stream of a small ( $<26.7$  kN thrust) mixed turbofan aircraft engine burning a conventional Jet A fuel as well as a Sasol IPK fuel were measured using the AIR6241 compliant North American mobile reference system. Significant reductions in

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3 both number- and mass-based emissions were observed with the IPK fuel over a range of engine  
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7 and 30%. The reduction in nvPM emissions can be attributed to the lower aromatic content and  
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9 higher hydrogen content of the IPK fuel relative to Jet A. The non-volatile mass-based PM  
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11 emissions calculated using FOA3 “best estimates” were found to be greater than that measured  
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13 by the AIR6241 compliant system by ~ 34%. The percent reduction in EIm was higher than the  
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15 reduction in EIn for the corresponding engine thrust settings because fewer and smaller particles  
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17 were generated with IPK fuel combustion. PM size distribution GMDs for the IPK fuel were  
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19 found to be smaller than that for Jet A. The composition of the organic PM emissions for the two  
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21 fuels was almost identical and the organic PM was also found to be proportional to the soot  
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23 concentration. The nvPM mass-based emissions for the mixed turbofan engine measured with  
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25 AIR6241 compliant system exhibited a high degree of measurement uncertainty at low engine  
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27 thrust settings. This limitation was not encountered for nvPM number-based emissions. These  
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29 findings will inform ICAO/CAEP in the development of a regulatory standard for nvPM  
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31 emissions from aircraft engines. The data will also be used to better assess the impacts of  
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33 aviation operations on local air quality, global climate, and health, by being able to provide  
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35 estimates of nvPM emission reductions as measured by a standardized system.  
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