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## NEW SYNTHETIC NANO-AEROSOL FOR ACCELERATED REALISTIC AGEING OF AIR FILTERS

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### ABSTRACT

To assess reliably the energy impact of air filters, it is essential to ascertain changes of their airflow resistance during their whole service life and not just when they are clean.

Current laboratory standards simulate the ageing of air filters by dispersing and loading synthetic dusts with particle size distribution (PSD) completely different from the particulate matter (PM) found in urban atmospheres. Since the size (diameter) of aerosol particles is especially important in determining the kinetics of the clogging process of an air filter, this technique does not replicate the real behavior of the filters in operation. The current methods used for artificial filter ageing are considered acceptable for rating and comparing the performance of air filters, but do not provide an accurate prediction of their airflow resistance increase in a real environment. Therefore, the duration and energy-use assessment of HVAC filters cannot be reliably estimated by means of current laboratory test dusts.

We describe various methods for generating nanoparticles having approximately the same particle size distribution of a typical urban aerosol, but at higher mass concentrations. The purpose is to allow accelerated ageing in a similar way to what happens in actual service conditions.

The paper describes the thermal aerosol generator chosen to produce the desired particle size distribution of the synthetic aerosol in an existing test rig according to ISO 16890:2016 specifications. This generator produces a high number of nanoparticles by burning a salt stick (e.g. made with KCl) with an oxy-propane flame. The salt vapor condenses in the air stream to form a cloud of ultrafine particles.

We present some preliminary data characterizing this thermal generator and we discuss some critical aspects to standardize the new ageing procedure with a synthetic aerosol closely representing a typical urban atmosphere.

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Aerosol Generation, Ageing, Dust Loading, Nano Aerosols,  
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