

Interactive comment on “Assessment and application of clustering techniques to atmospheric particle number size distribution for the purpose of source apportionment” by F. Salimi et al.

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The manuscript describes and assesses several techniques that can be used to analyse the large amounts of data that are generated by particle number size distribution instruments. I am not an expert in these techniques, but I am very familiar with the production of these data sets, and consider that the exploration of such techniques is very important for advancing our understanding of atmospheric particles, and evaluating measures taken to reduce the health effects of airborne particles. I consider that the manuscript adds significantly to the literature in this area, and is well worthy of publication. It is already clearly written and edited.

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