



# EC/OC of CAST generated soot

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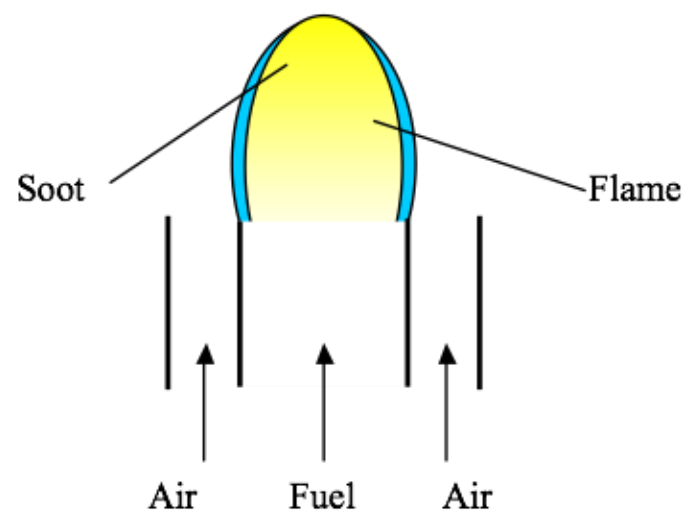




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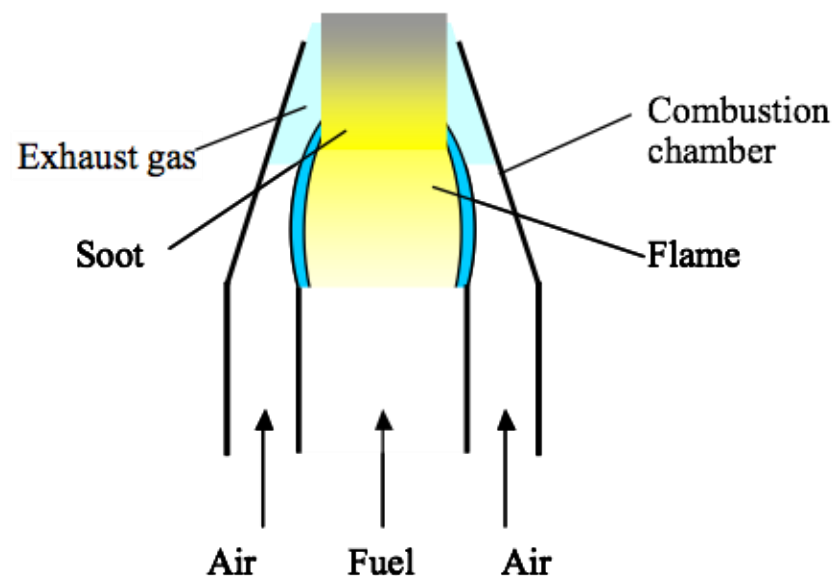






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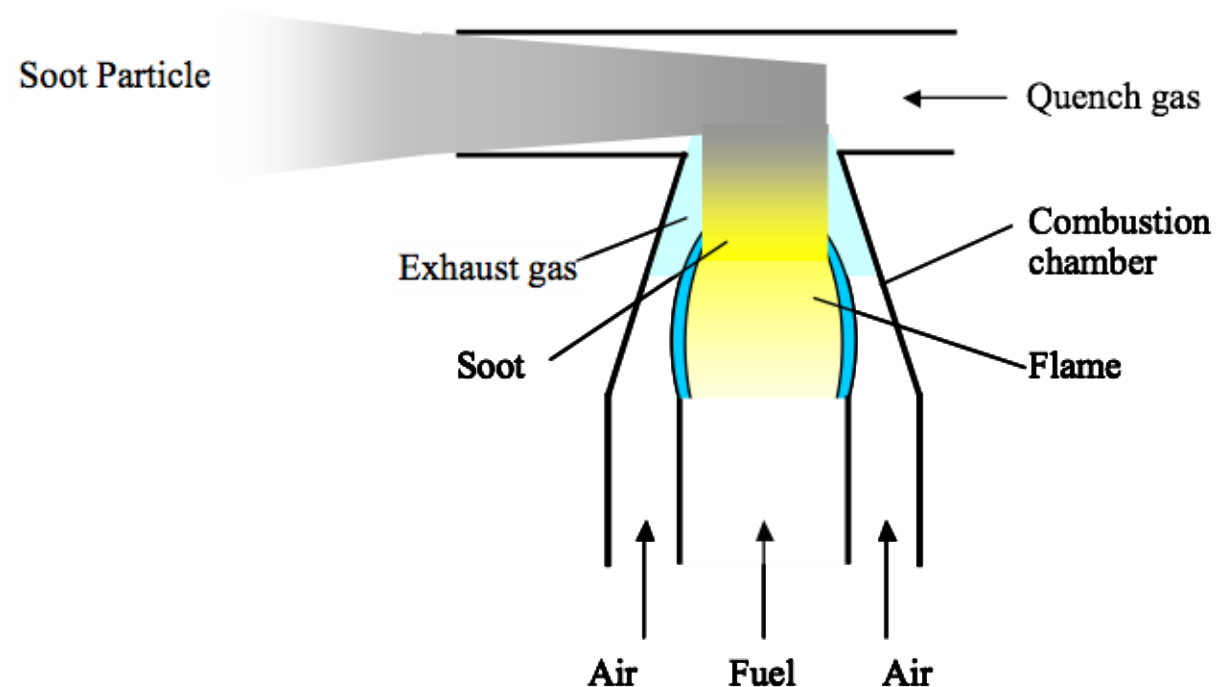






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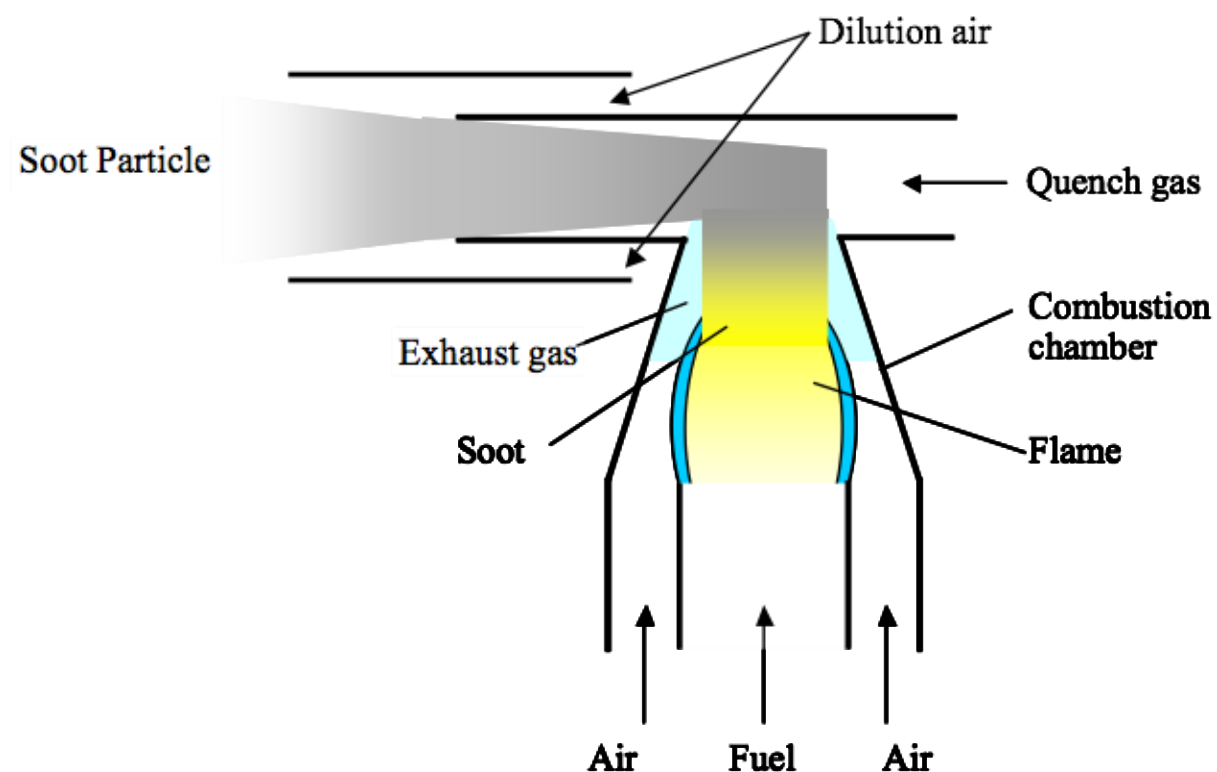






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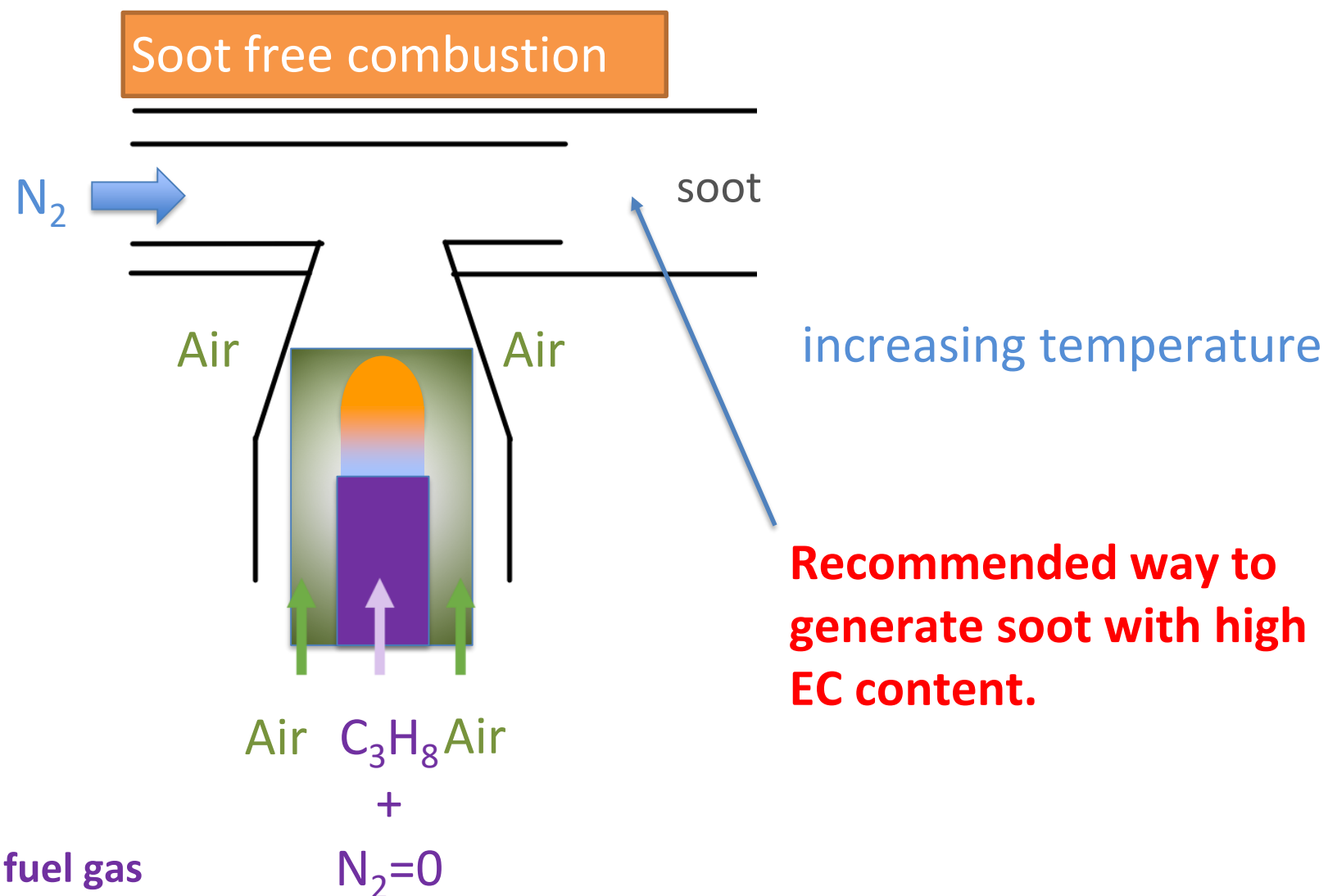




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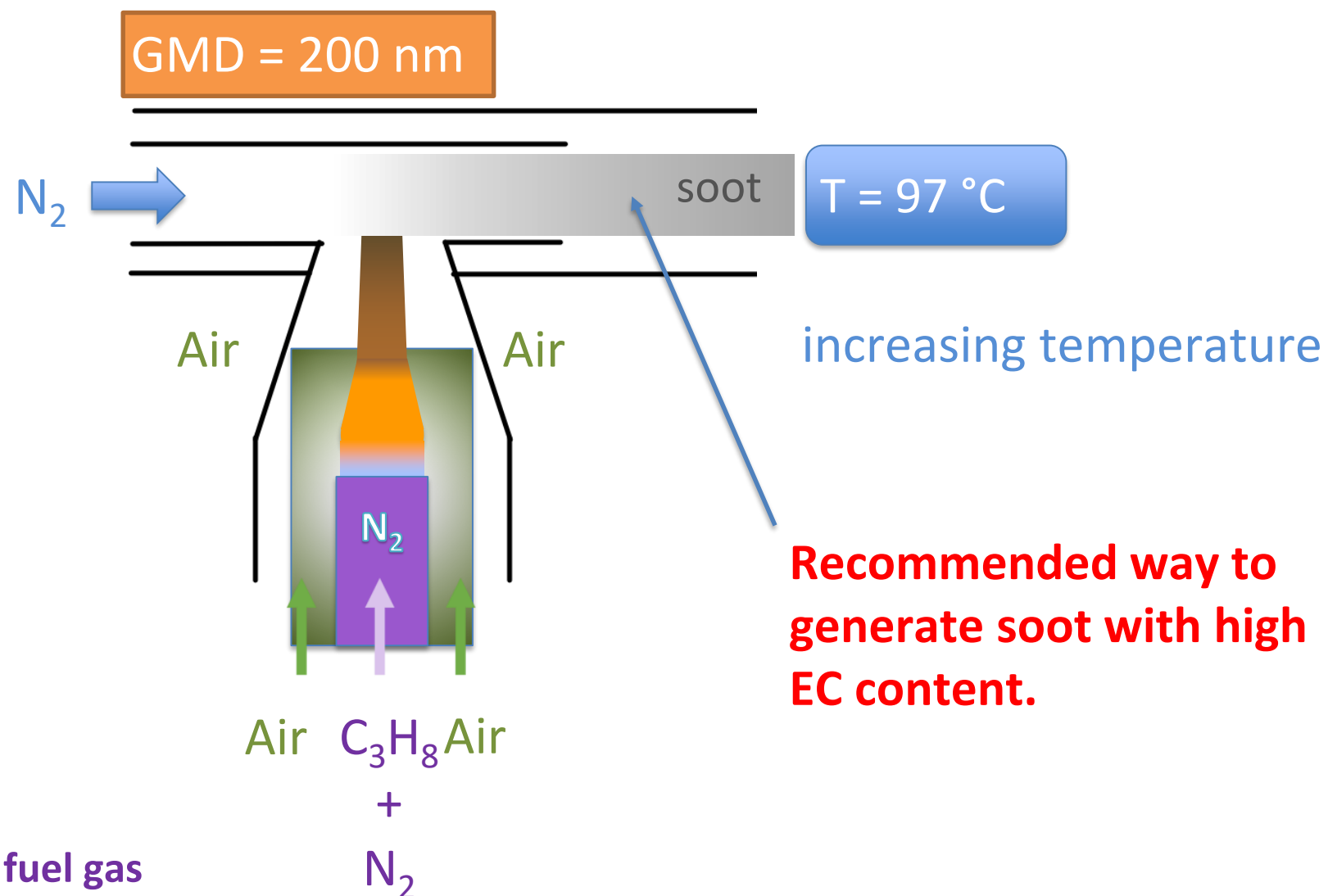




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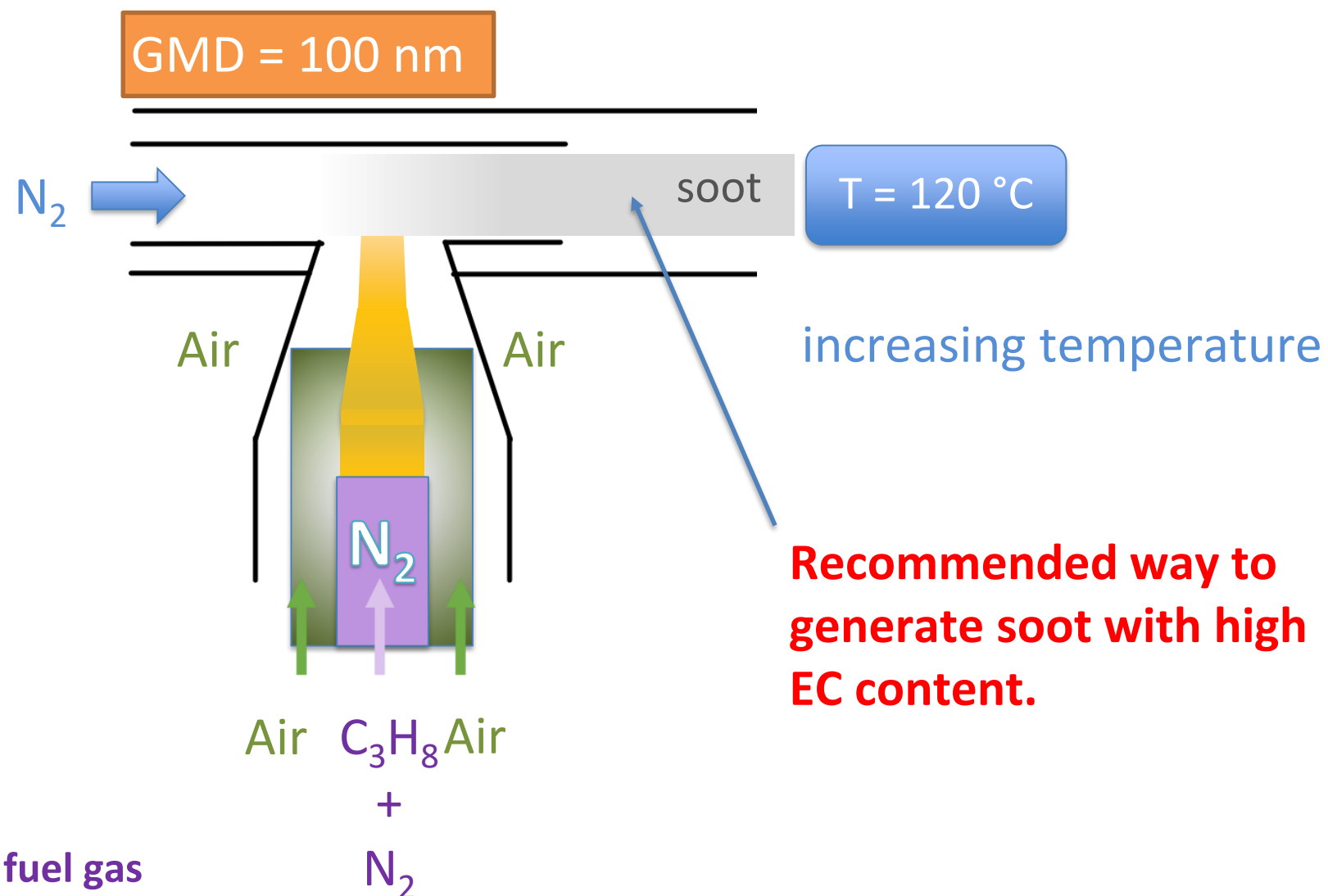




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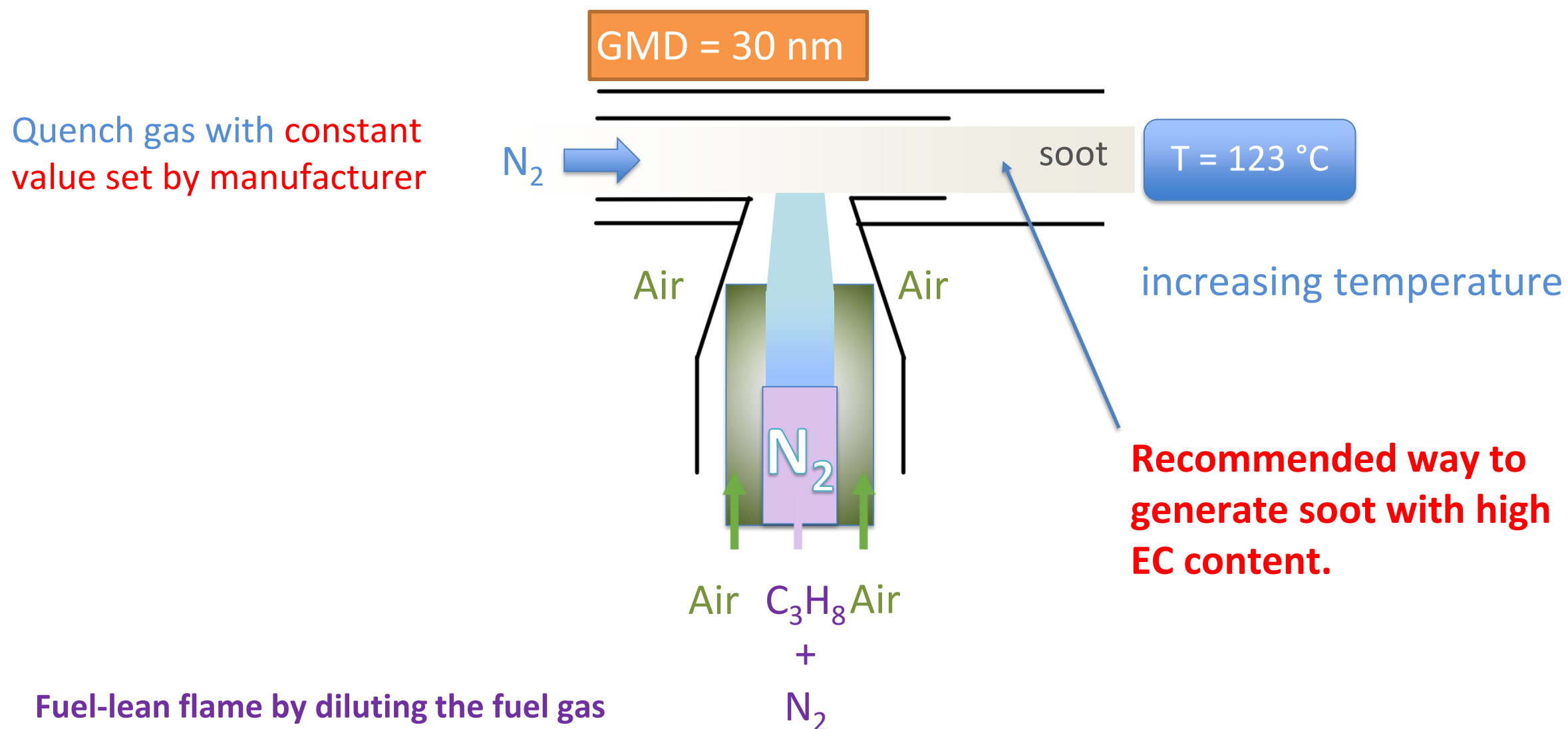
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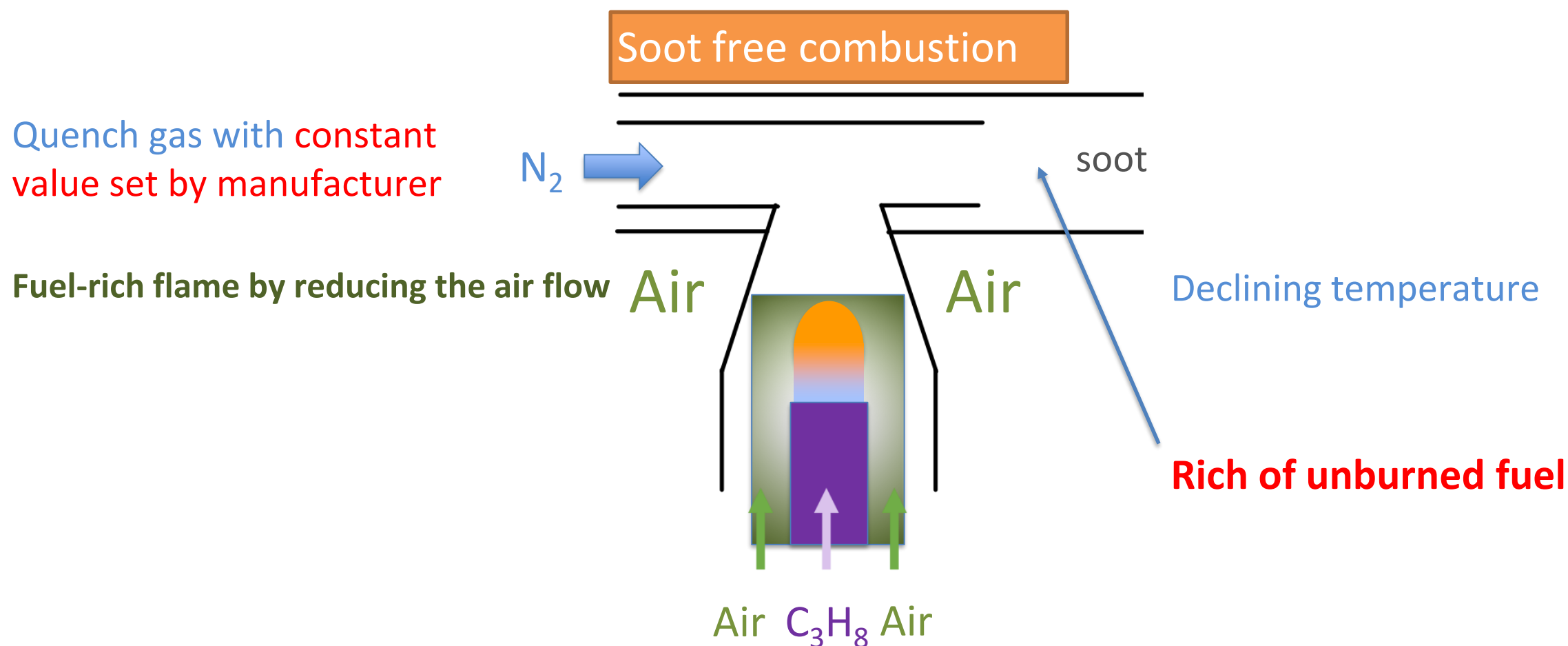






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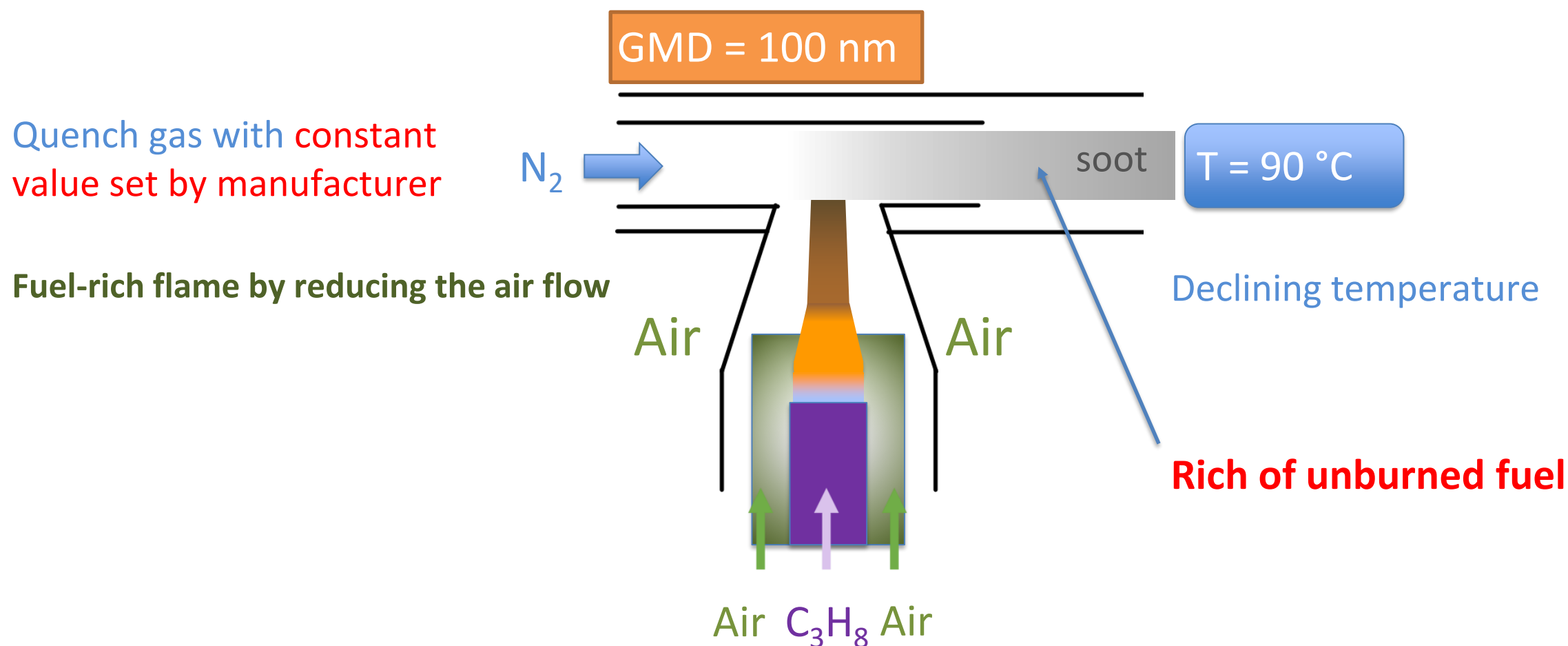






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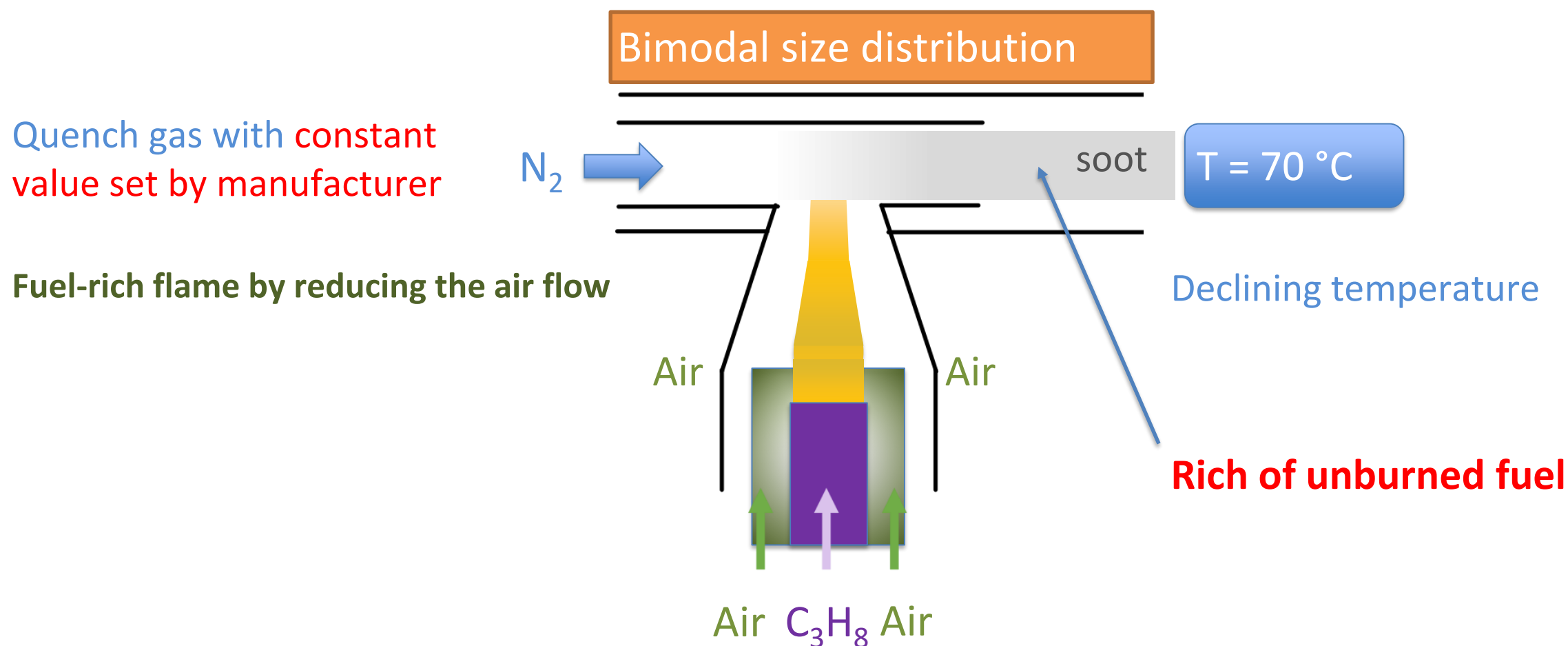






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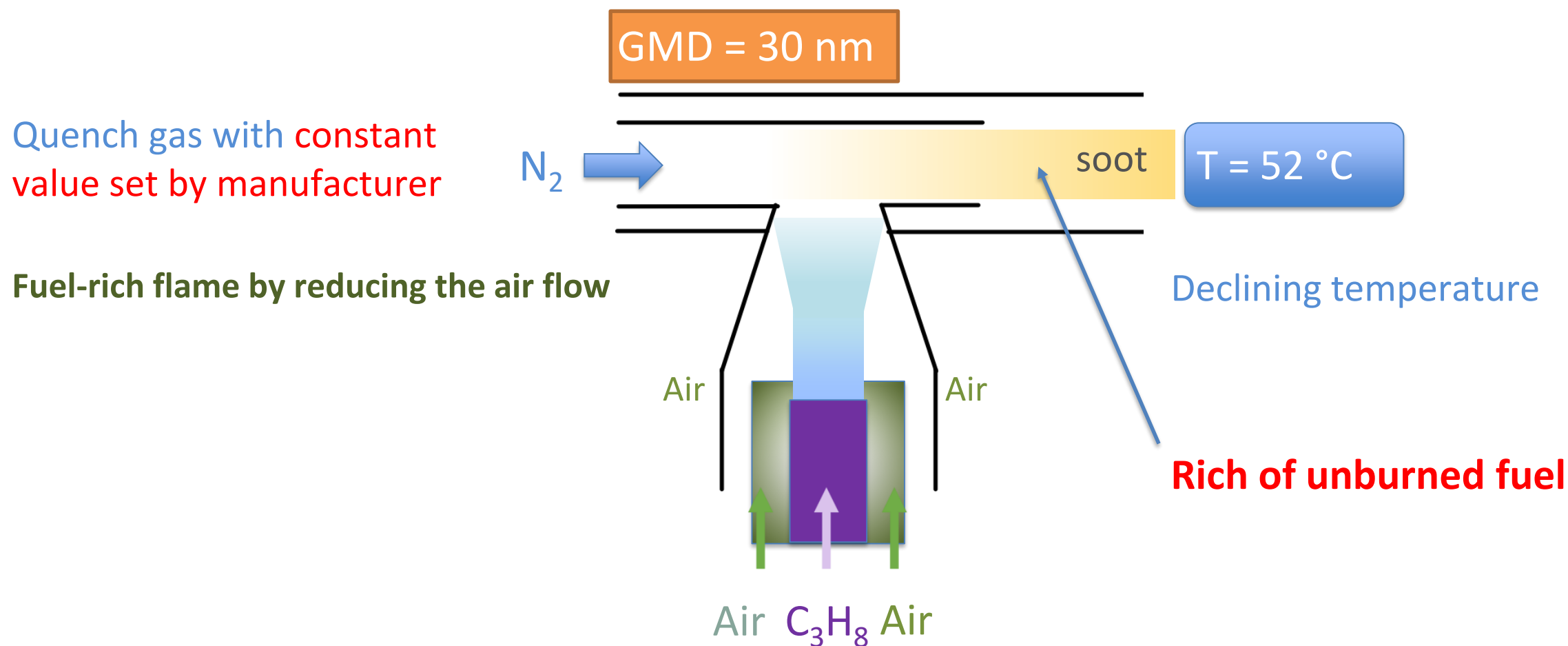






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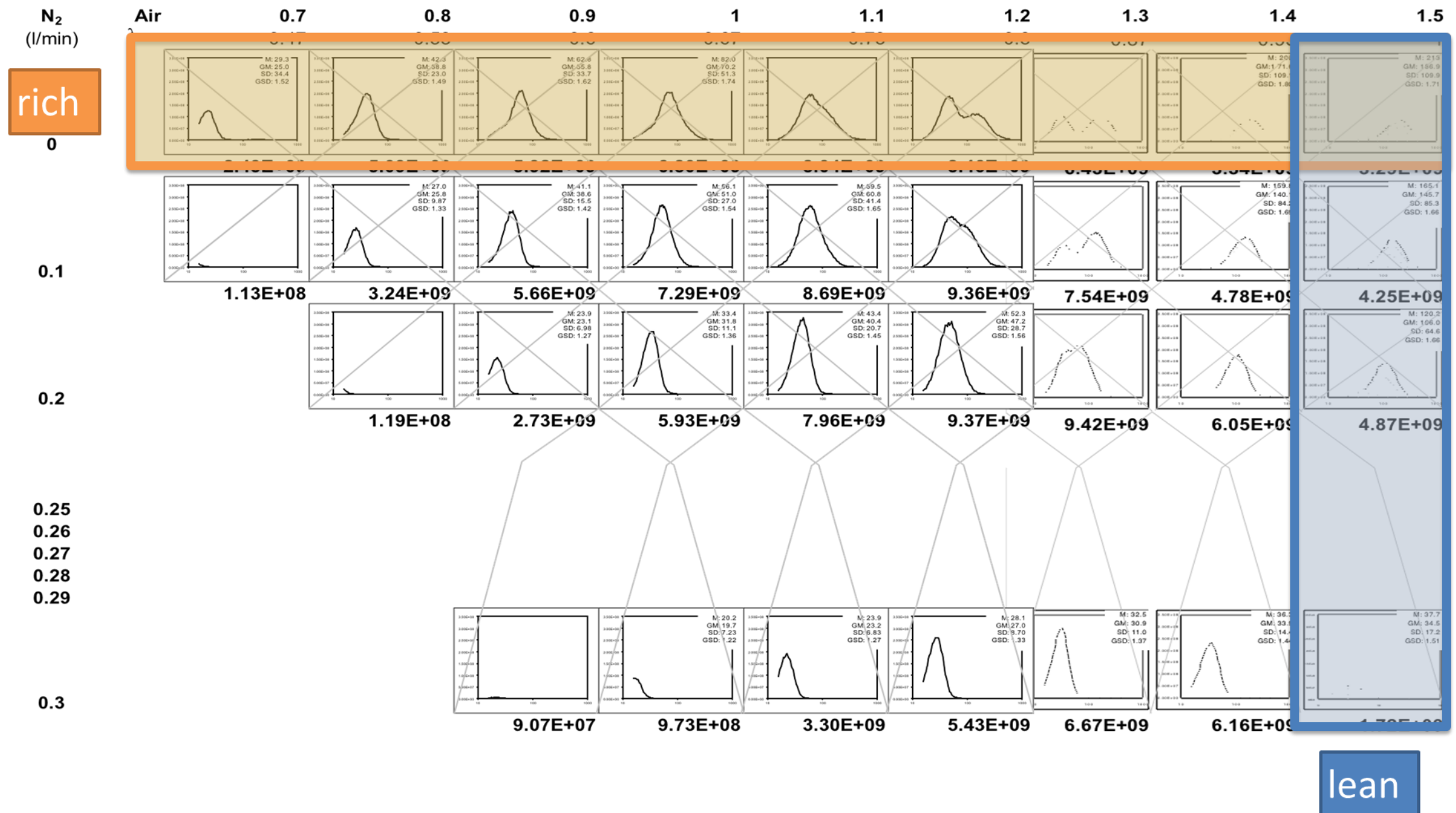






## 2. Map of the CAST soot

Propane C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>: 0.06 l/min

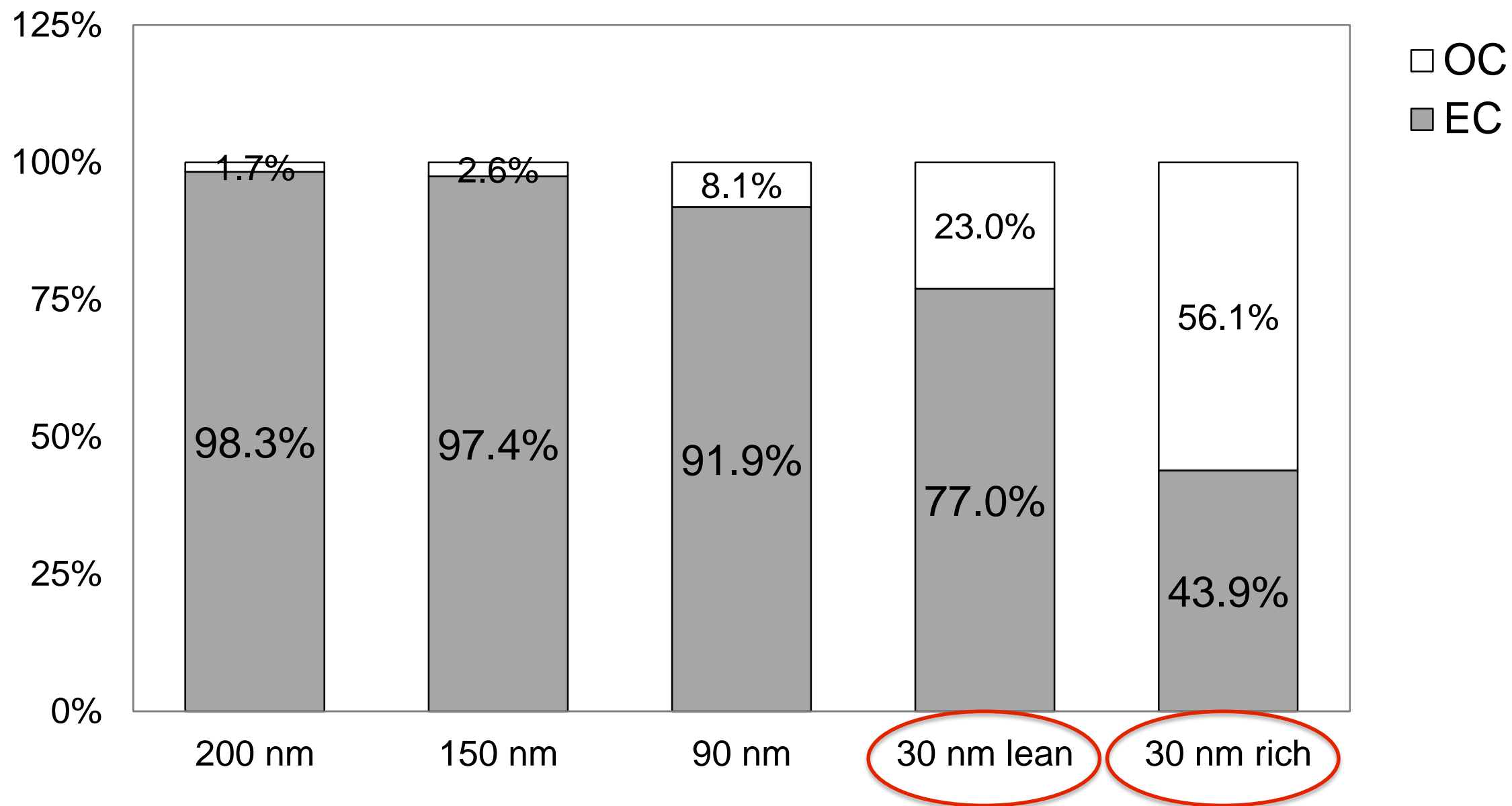






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- EC / OC ratio of CAST soot





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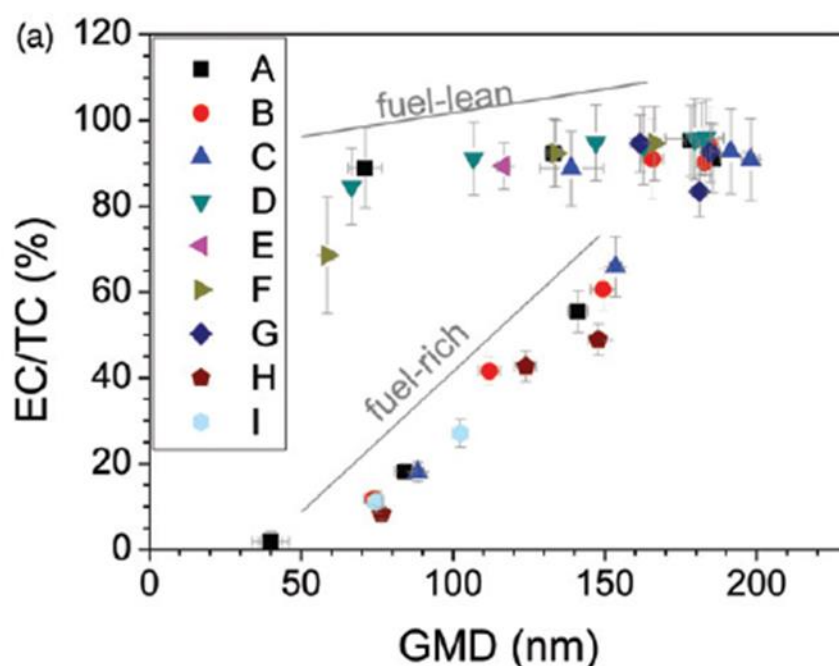
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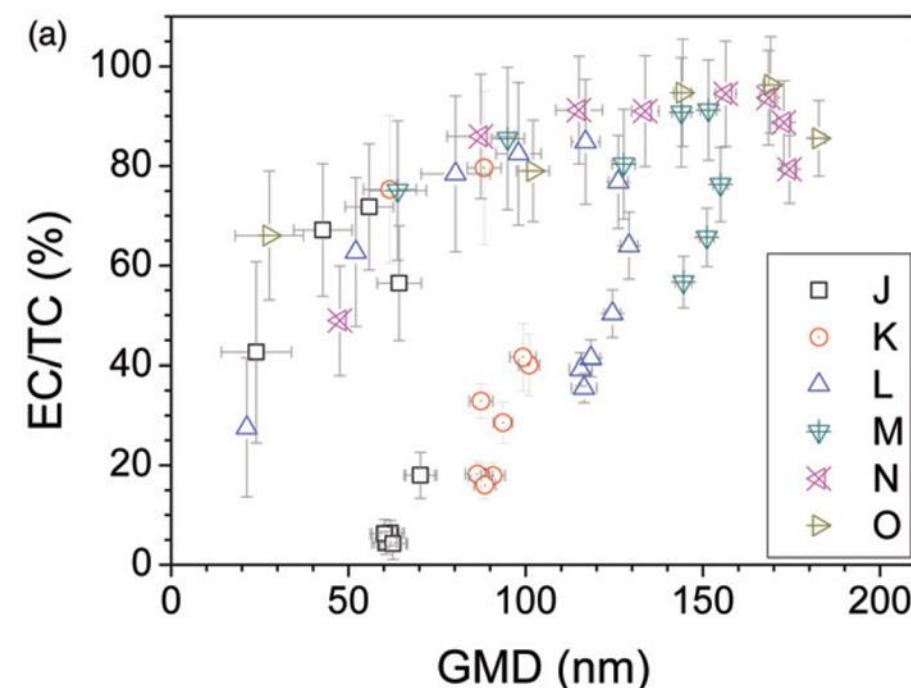


### Diffusion flame



**Figure 3.** Correlation of (a) EC/TC ratio and (b) AAE with GMD of diffusion flames. The gas flow rates of each series A–I are summarized in Table S1.

### Premixed flame



**Figure 5.** Correlation of (a) EC/TC ratio and (b) AAE with GMD of premixed flames. The gas flow rates of each series are summarized in Table 2; Table S2.

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## Conclusions

- Source of BC-like particles in a broad size range even without the use of a volatile particle remover.
- As model aerosol for the calibration of engine exhaust CPCs and different equivalent BC measuring instruments.
- Support for studies of atmospheric aerosols and calibration of BC mass instruments used for regulatory measurements of engine emissions.

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## Examining the Relationship Between Black Carbon and Soot in Flames and Engine Exhaust

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**Instead of 7 l/min  
preset by JING**



TABLE 1  
Parameters for min-CAST flames

Flame	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (mL/min)	N <sub>2</sub> diluent (mL/min)	Air (L/min)	Dilution air (L/min)	Quench N <sub>2</sub> (L/min)	Temperature <sup>1</sup> (K)
1	60	0	1.55	20	3	1130
2	60	100	1.52	20	3	1176
3	60	200	1.47	20	3	1204
4	60	250	1.42	20	3	1200
5	60	300	1.36	20	3	1175

Device: miniCAST 5201C

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### Incorrect operation!

Quench gas flow of 7 L/min preset by JING was changed to 3 L/min by author.

### Causing:

- insufficient quenching of the flame
- insufficient dilution of exhaust gases in the very first moment of quenching followed by excessive condensation of OC on particles
- insufficient stabilization of the soot

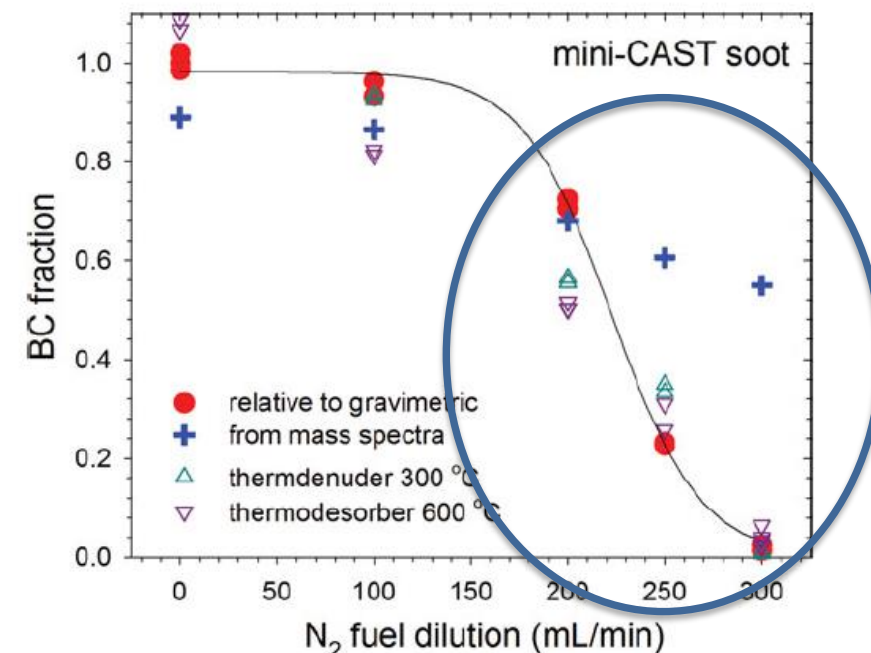


FIG. 3. BC content of mini-CAST soot versus N<sub>2</sub> fuel dilution.



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Von: [redacted] [@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca\]](mailto:[redacted]@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 8. Januar 2015 17:11

An: JING CAST

Cc: [redacted]

Betreff: RE: Question regarding 5201 burners

Hi Lianpeng;

Thank you for your response and recommendation. However, we want to repeat some tests that have been done in the past so we need the quench gas flow rate to be 3 l/min to be able to do the tests at exact same conditions. I appreciate if you let us know how to change the settings so we can set the quench gas flow rate to 3 l/min.

From: JING CAST [<mailto:jing@sootgenerator.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2015 2:32 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: AW: Question regarding 5201 burners

Your version: the mass flow controller for the quench gas N2 has been set to 7 l/min by the manufacture, so that the quench gas flow is omni-present as soon as the main valve is switched to on. The



## Characterization of Combustion Aerosol Produced by a Mini-CAST and Treated in a Catalytic Stripper

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TABLE 1

Operating conditions and properties (elemental carbon content,  $EC$ , geometric mean mobility diameter,  $d_g$ , and standard deviation,  $s_g$ ; estimated primary particle size,  $d_{pp}$ , experimentally determined mass mobility exponent,  $D_m$ , and effective particle density at 85 nm,  $\rho_{e@85}$ ) of the aerosol produced at different mini-CAST operating conditions

Point	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> [Nlpm]	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08
Mix N <sub>2</sub> [Nlpm]	0	0.275	0.275	0	0.150	0.350	0.330
Oxidation air [Nlpm]	1	1.5	1.85	3	1.35	2	3
Overall lambda	0.67	1	1.23	1.70	0.67	1	1.5
Quench N <sub>2</sub> [Nlpm]	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Dilution air [Nlpm]	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Elemental carbon content							
$EC$	69%	84%	92%	92%	82%	87%	90%
Size distributions							
$d_g$ [nm]	63	81	83	85	79	78	84
$s_g$	1.54	1.58	1.56	1.60	1.56	1.55	1.59
Morphology							
$d_{pp}$	32	17	9	16	34	20	15
$D_m$	2.27	2.21	2.10	2.18	2.09	2.13	2.23
$\rho_{e@85}$	0.87	0.53	0.30	0.49	0.93	0.61	0.46

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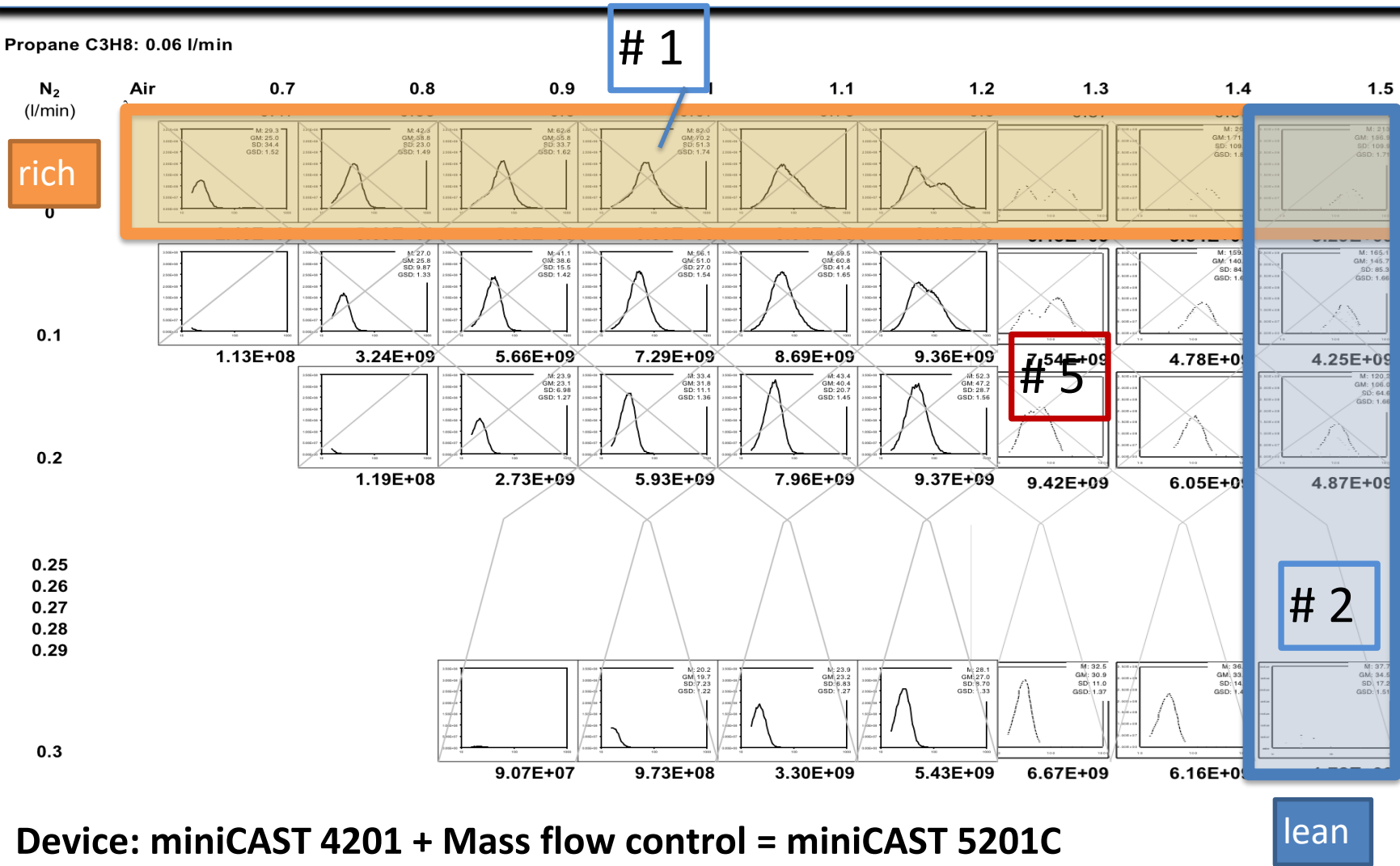
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Device: miniCAST 4201 + Mass flow control = miniCAST 5201C

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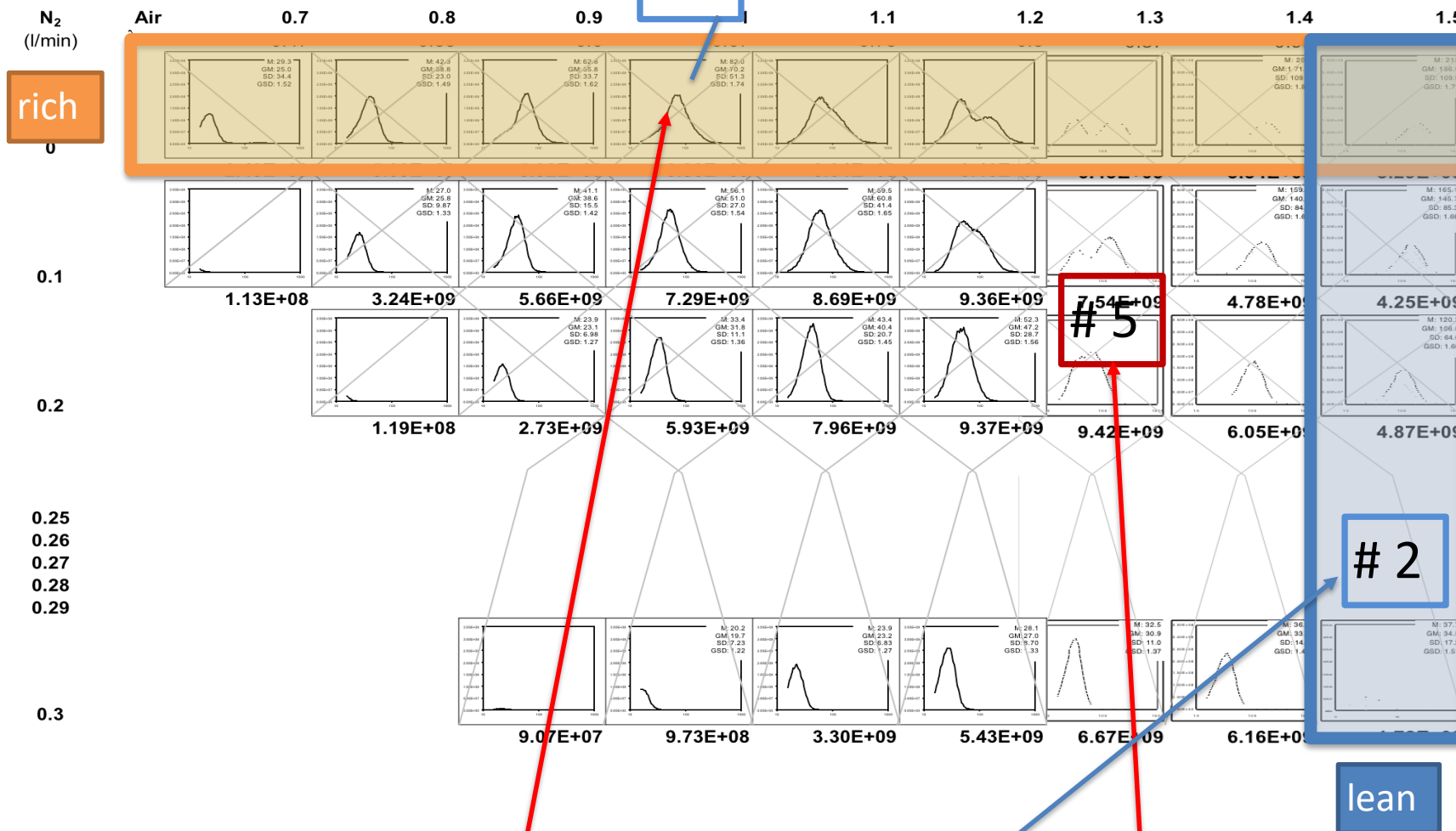


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## 4. Models of miniCAST generating high EC

High EC content in the size range below 30 nm needs

- High reaction temperature
- ... enhanced carbonisation



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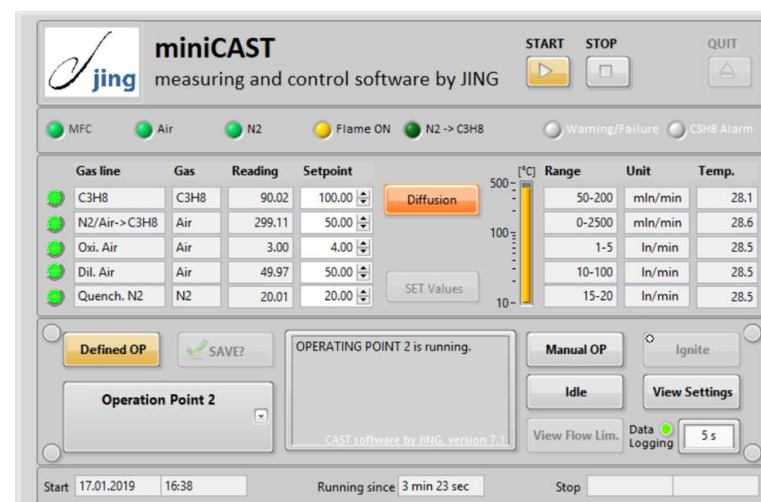
### - Implementation in CAST

- **Stoichiometrically sufficient oxidation air flow**
  - quick dehydration of HC and acceleration of the soot formation
- **Lean fuel by mixing  $N_2$  or Air into  $C_3H_8$** 
  - both: suppression of soot formation by diluting the fuel gas.
  - both: prevents soot particles from agglomeration
  - air: oxidation of soot particles
- **Extended flame height**
  - longer retention time



## 4. Models of miniCAST generating high EC - latest models

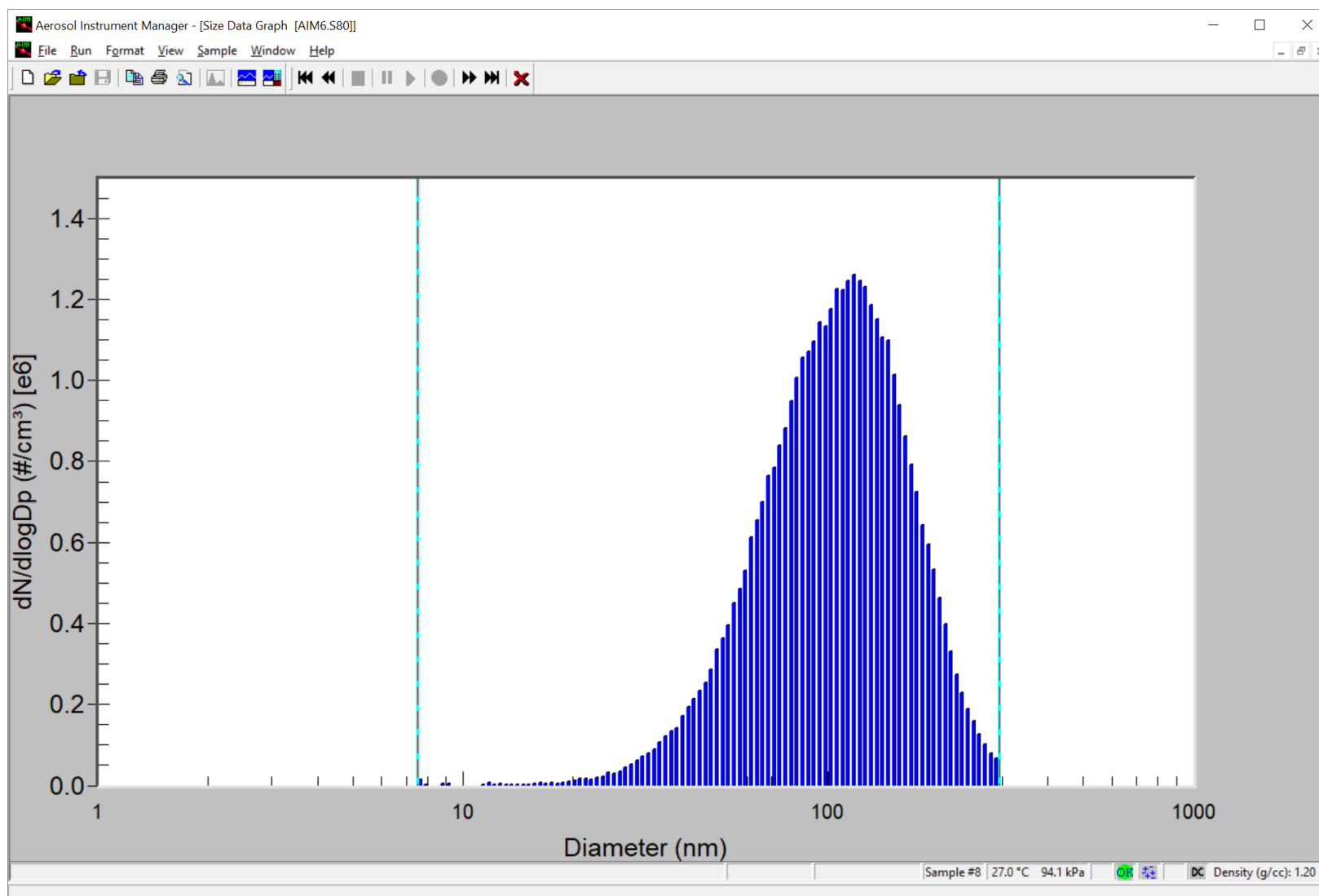
	6301C	5301C	5303C	5304C
Number of flame	1 flame	1 flame	3 flames	4 flames
Fuel consum. (ml/min)	25	60	160	250
Flame height (mm)	16	42.5	40.5	40.5
Fuel-lean flame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Size range [nm]	8-200	8-200	8-200	8-200





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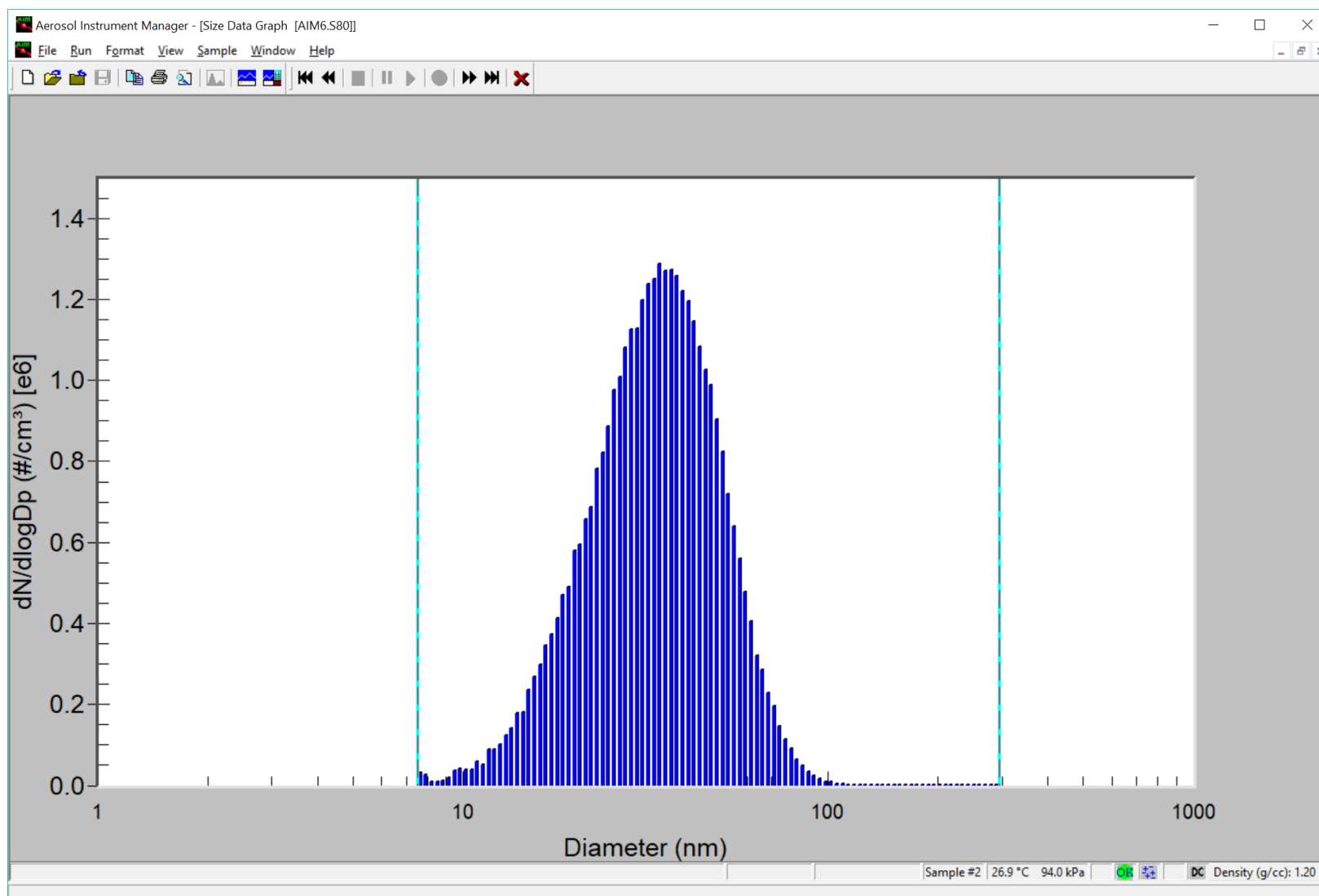






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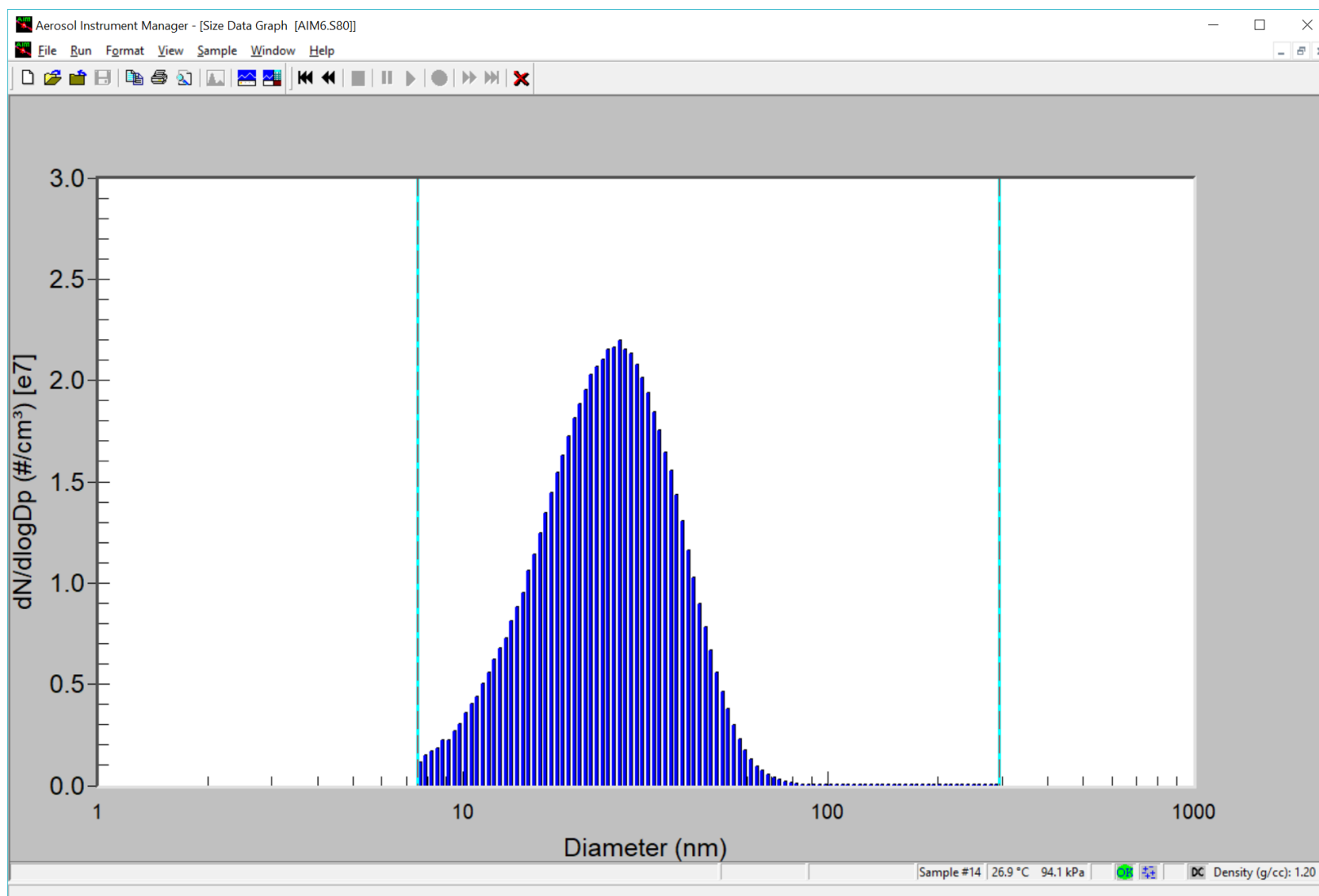
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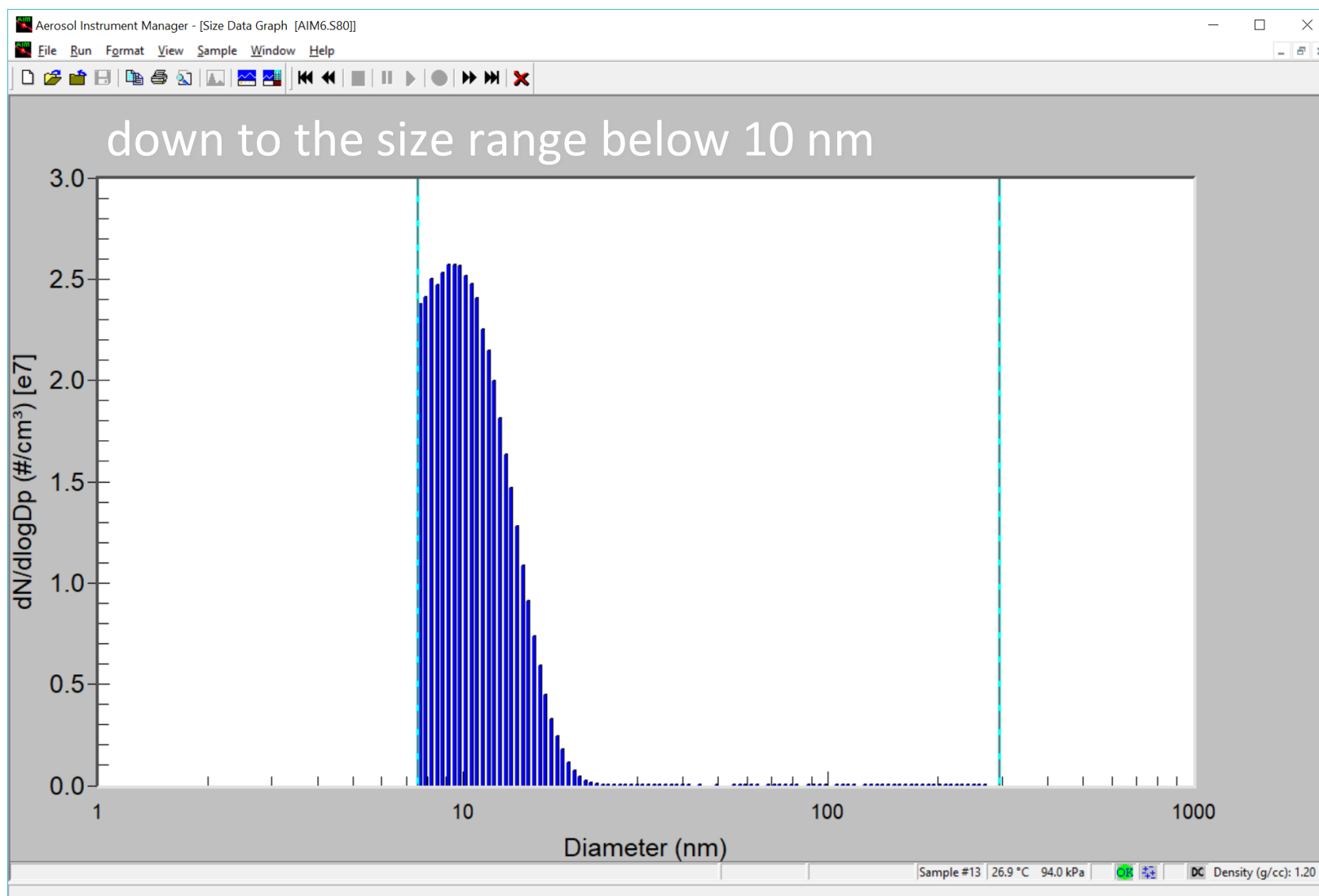
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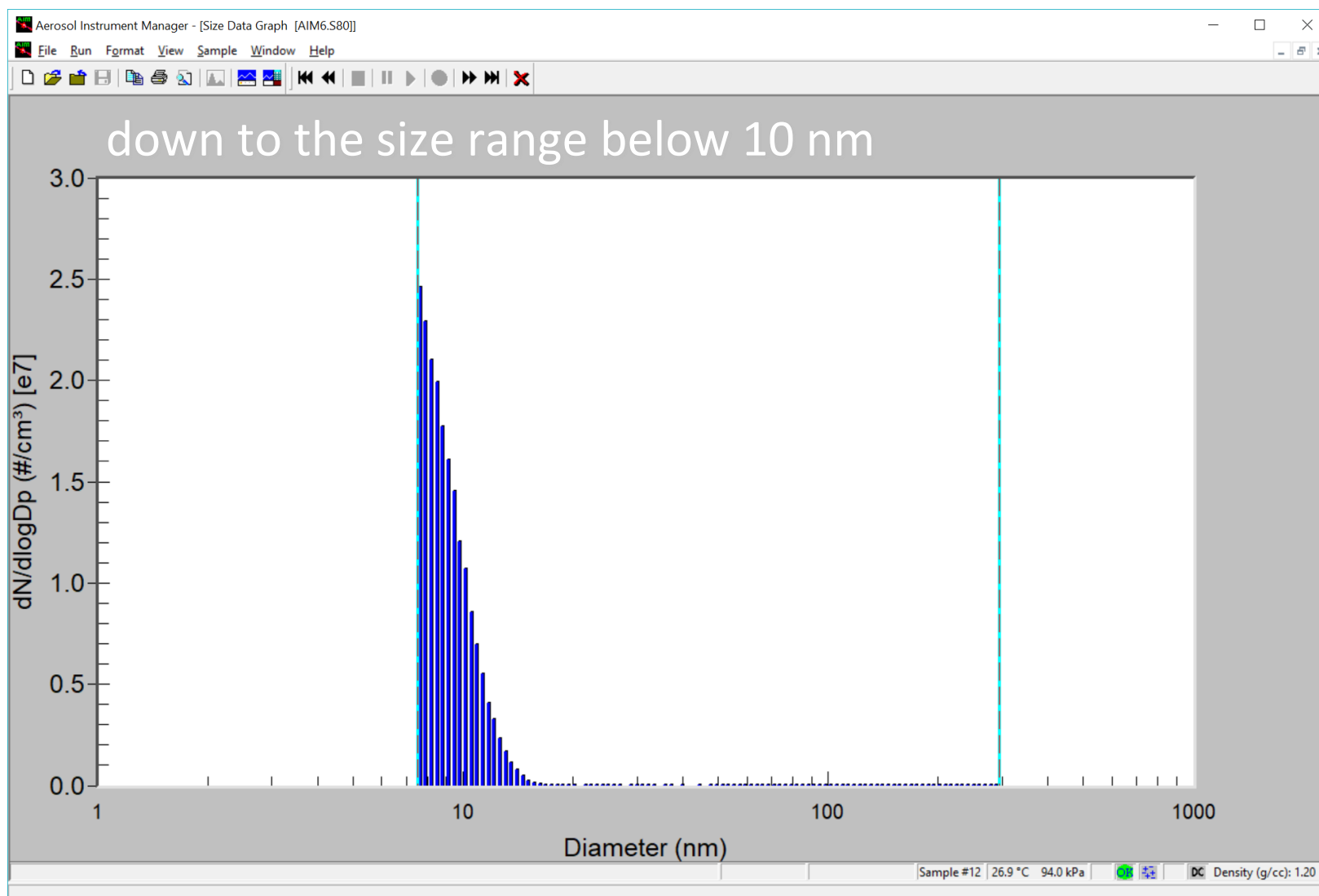
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Flame height [mm]	16	42.5	40.5	
Fuel-lean flame (N2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Size range [nm]	20-200	20-200	20-200	



Series 6200



Series 4200



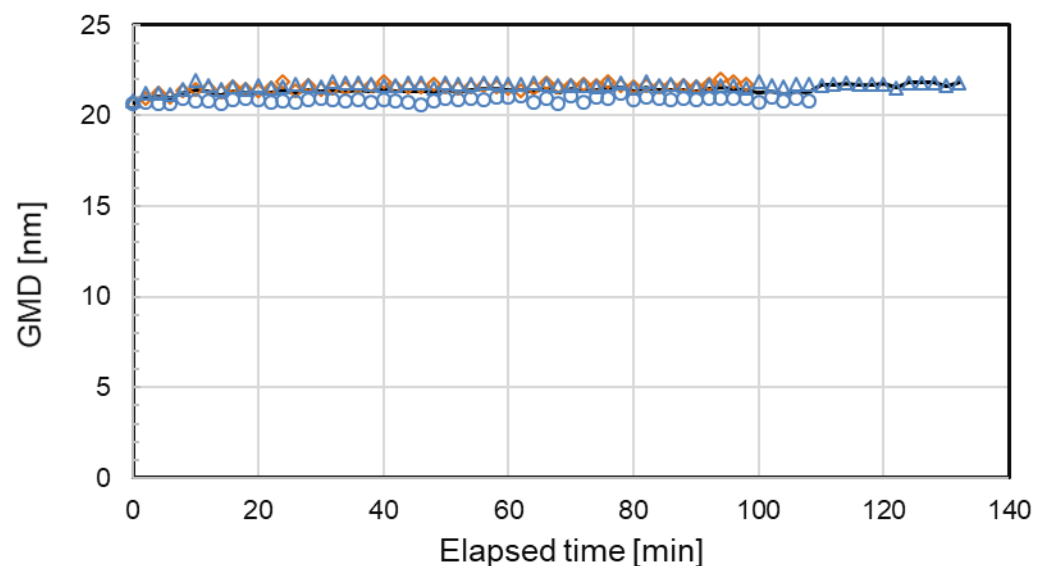
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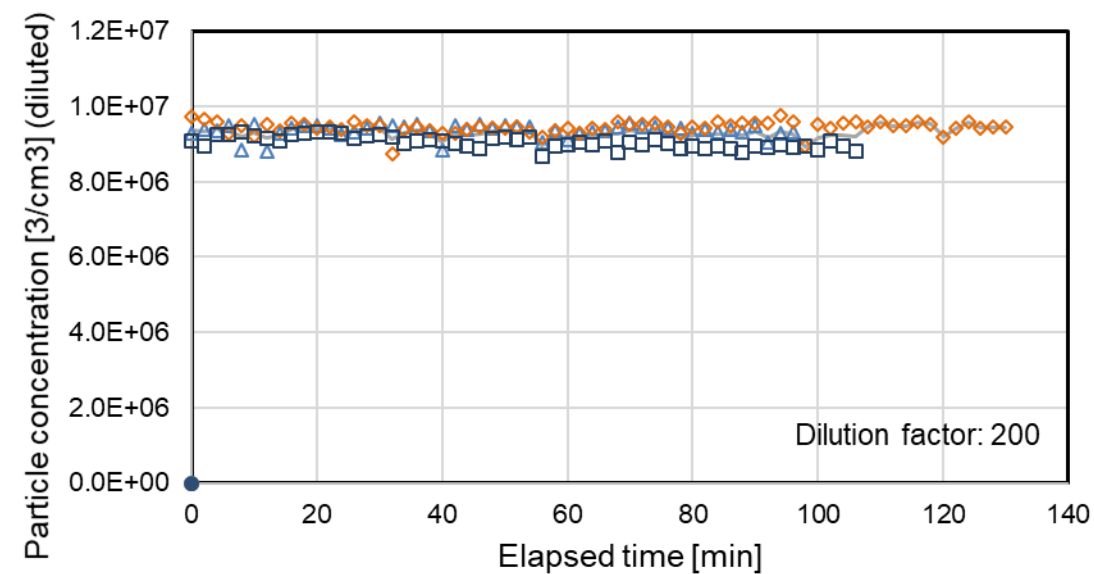
## 5. Stability and reproducibility

Reproducibility of GMD



◇ 29.03.2019    △ 29.03.2019    ○ 30.03.2019    — Average

Reproducibility of particle concentration



△ 29.03.2019    ◇ 29.09.2019    □ 30.03.2019    — Average

### Relative deviation

Intraday: GMD < 1.5 nm difference,

Conc < 5 % difference

Day to day: GMD < 2%,

Conc < 10%



## 6. Conclutions

1. miniCAST models are able to deliver high level EC/OC ratios of soot in a wide size range, including 10 and 23 nm.
2. Use of a volatile particle remover is not compelling or unnecessary
3. Very good stability and repeatability
4. With real soot particle as standard we are forearmed for any future upcoming soot related topics that are not yet recognized as relevant nowadays.
5. miniCAST models all together cover a wide range of soot mass output that meets different demands of particle measurement.



Thank you for your attention!

Q&A