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# Effects of Catalyst Particle Structure on Soot Oxidation Kinetics

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# Outline

## ■ Motivation

- Soot **reactivity** and the factors that influence it
- Develop **better models of catalytic soot oxidation**  
(Influence of catalyst particle **morphological characteristics**)

## ■ Goal

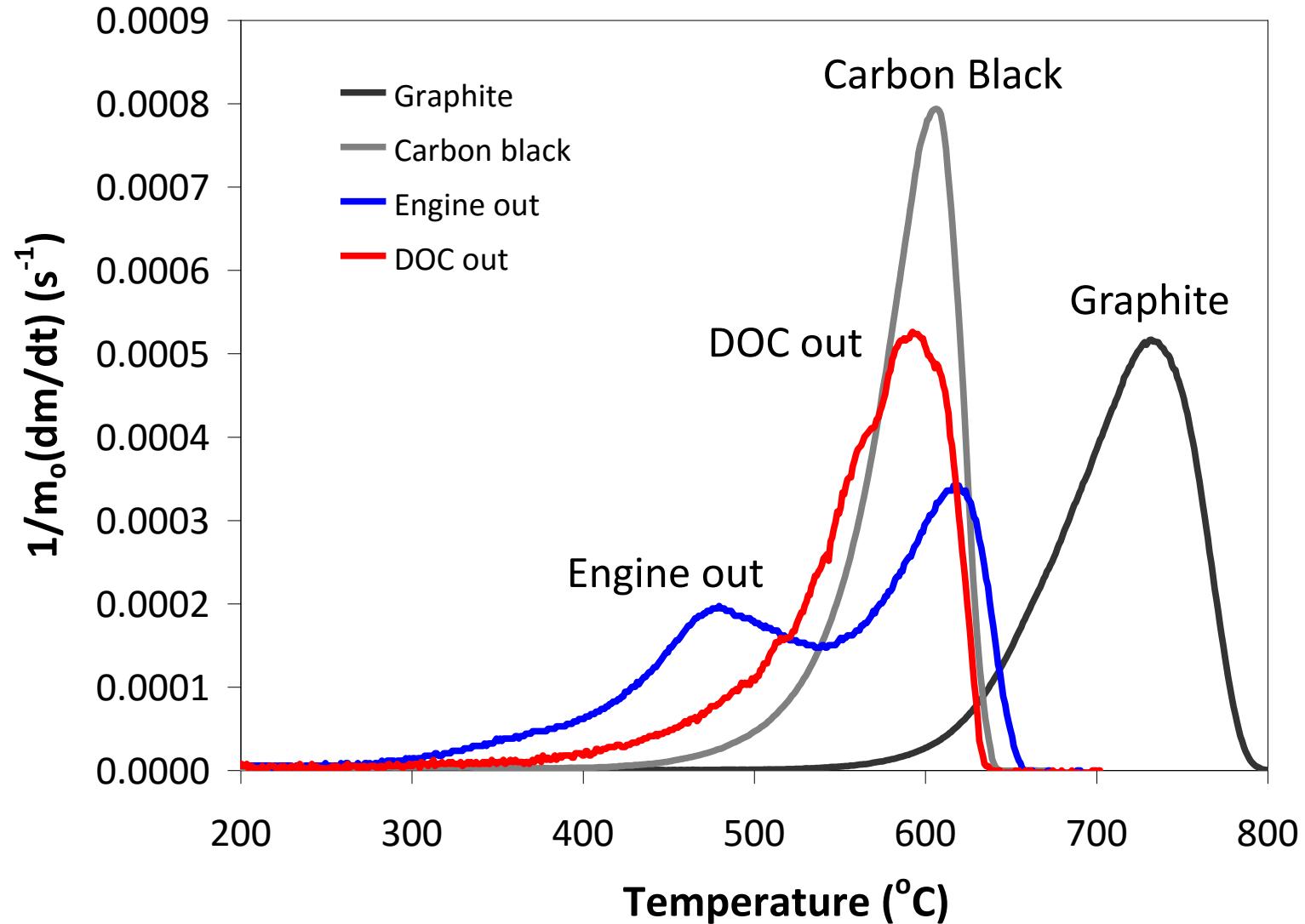
- Effect on soot oxidation of **same catalyst chemistry** with different morphological characteristics
  - ➔ Particle size
  - ➔ Surface area
  - ➔ Pore size/Porosity
  - ➔ Crystallite size

## ■ Experimental procedure

- Catalyst powder milling (**Micron sized**)
- **Nanoparticle** Catalyst synthesis (by Aerosol and Sol-gel methods)
- Thermogravimetric analysis of catalyst-soot mixtures



# Oxidation of soot and carbonaceous materials



# Soot Oxidation: Multi-population Model

Different populations of soot each with its own oxidation rate

$$\left( \frac{dm_i}{dt} \right)_{\text{ox}} = -k_i m_i$$

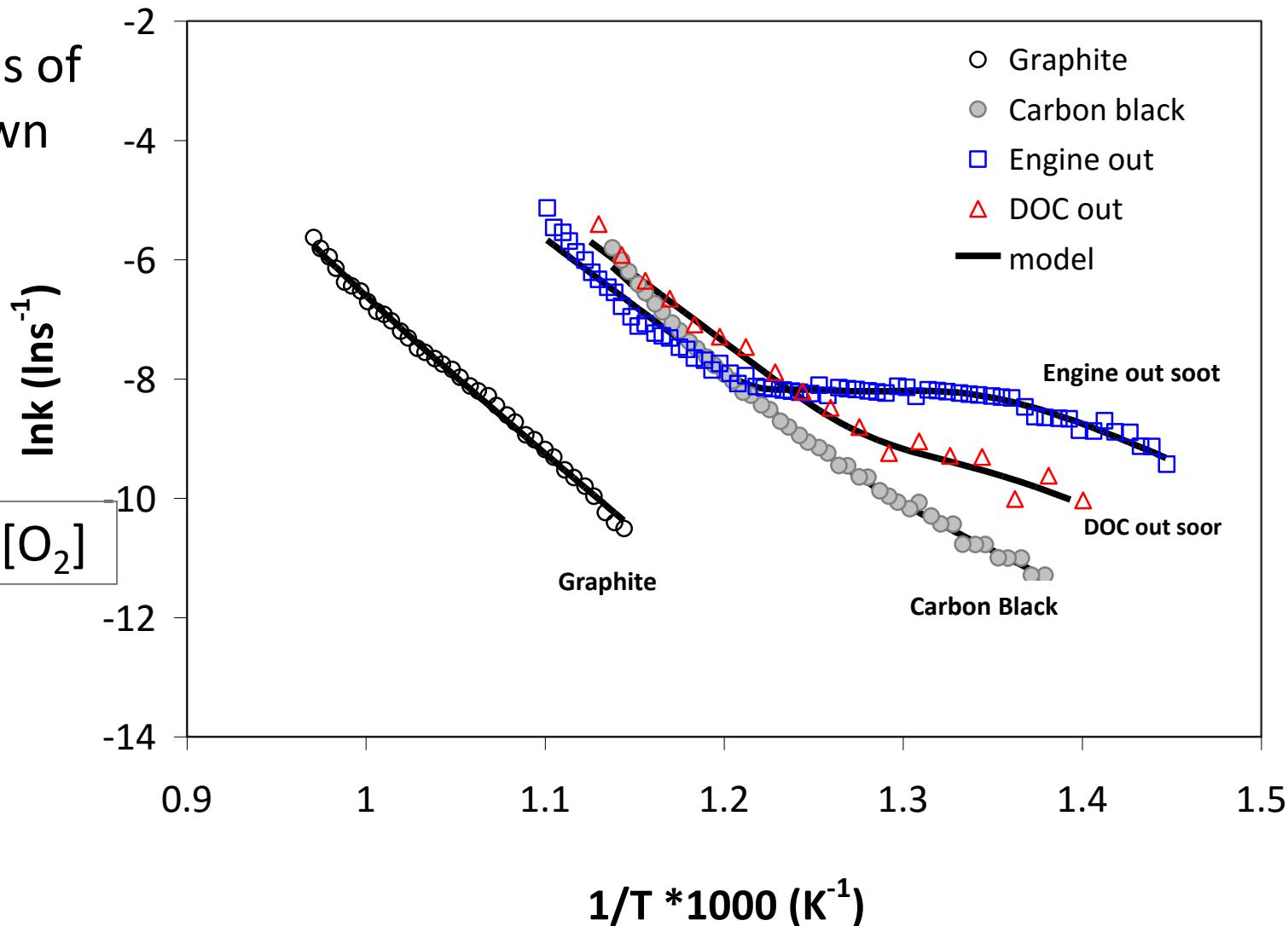
for  $i=1$  to  $n$ ,  $k_i > k_{i+1}$

$$k_i = k_{oi} T \exp(-E_i/RT) [O_2]$$

Initial condition

$$m_{i,0} = \varphi_i m_0$$

$$\sum_i \varphi_i = 1$$





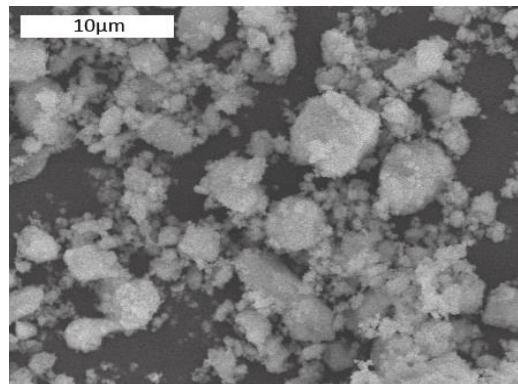
# Experimental

## Ce-rich sample

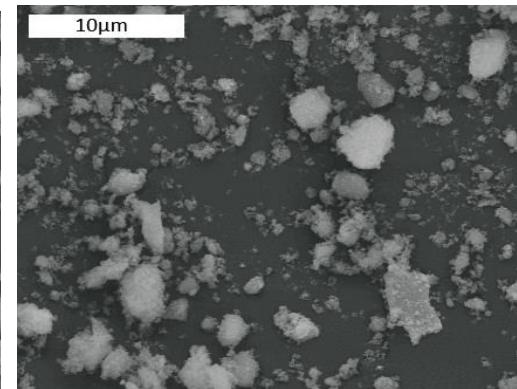
### ■ Catalyst Powder Milling

Mixed Ceria-Zirconia powder, ball milling

- ➔ **Ceria-rich** : 0, 6, 12, 40, 72 hrs
- ➔ **Zirconia-rich** : 0, 6, 12, 40 hrs



Raw



40 hrs milling

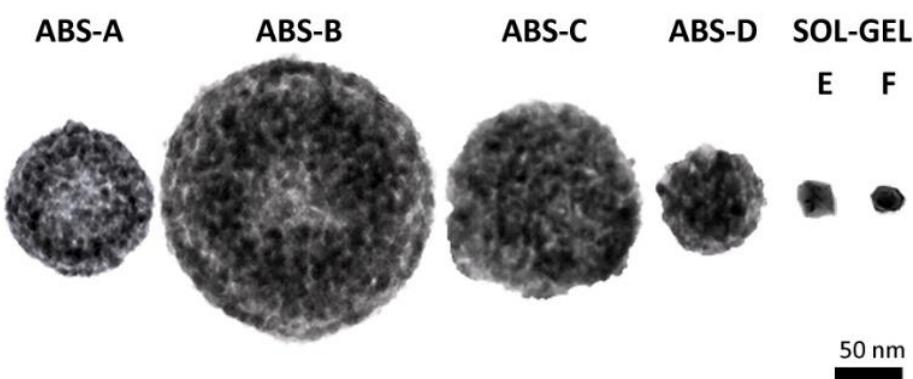
### ■ Catalyst Nanoparticle Synthesis

Cerium Oxide ( $\text{CeO}_2$ ) from pre-cursor solutions

- ➔ **Aerosol based synthesis, (ABS)\* :**

4  $\text{CeO}_2$  catalysts (A, B, C, D)

- ➔ **Sol-gel synthesis:** 2  $\text{CeO}_2$  catalysts (E, F)



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# Experimental

## ■ Physical and morphological characterization

- ➔ Particle size
- ➔ Surface area
- ➔ Pore size/Porosity
- ➔ Crystallite size

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), Particle Size Distribution (PSD) and BET analysis.

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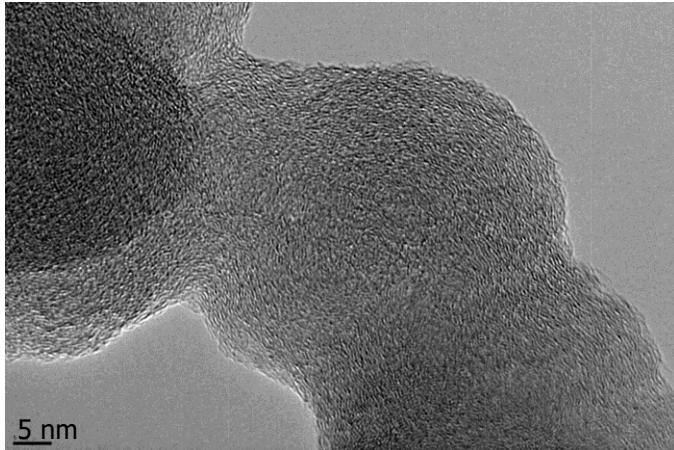
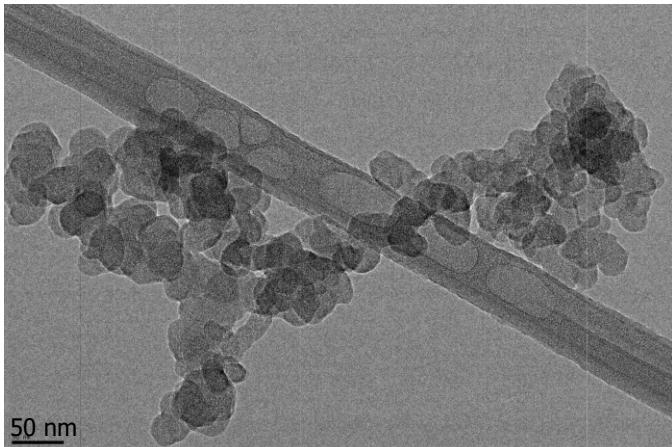
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# Experimental

## ■ Catalytic Soot Oxidation

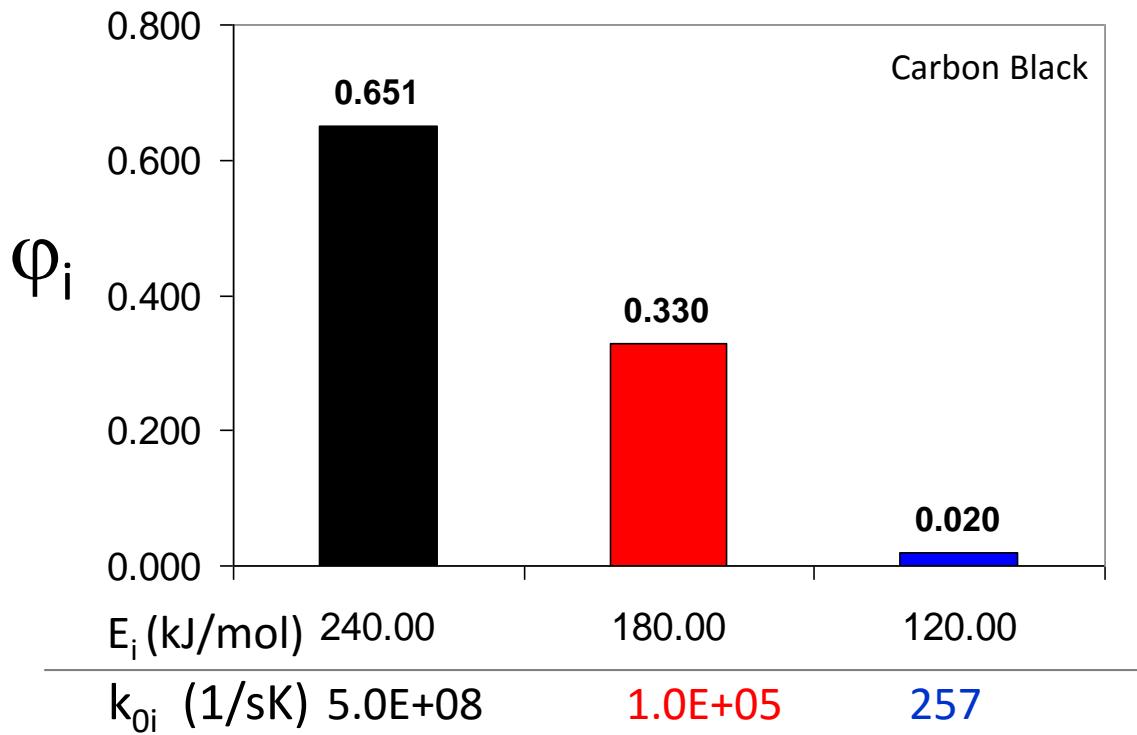
A flame-generated Carbon Black (N330) was employed to warrant absence of inorganic ashes and false catalytic activity



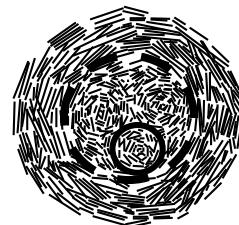
- ➔ Aggregates are composed of near-spherical primary particles ( $\sim 26$  nm) and have a  $74.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  surface area.
- ➔ Mixing with catalyst in a mortar at a catalyst-soot ratio 2:1
- ➔ Oxidation in a Thermogravimetric Analyzer, under a stream of 20%  $\text{O}_2$  in  $\text{N}_2$  with a temperature increase rate of  $3^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  from  $150$  to  $700^\circ\text{C}$ .



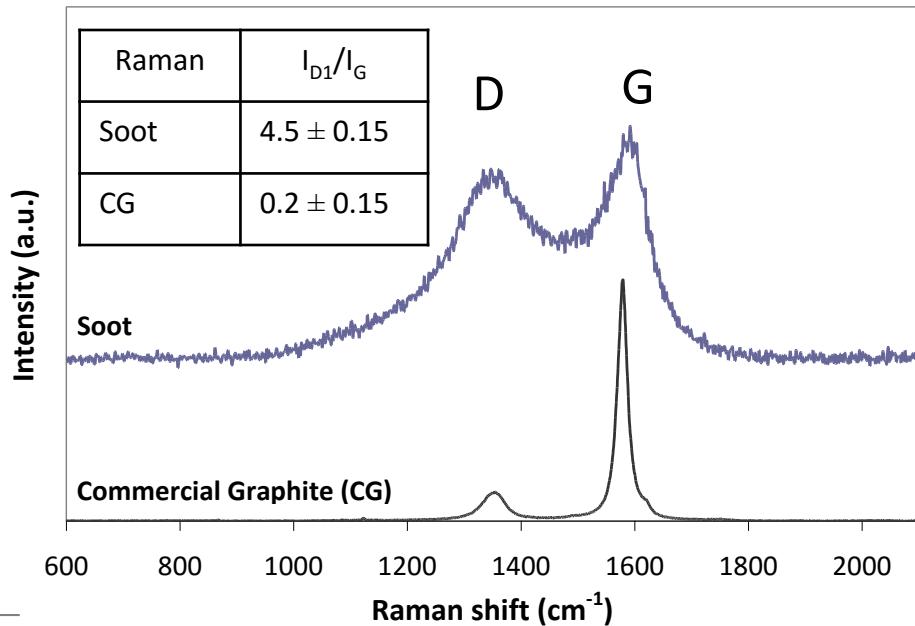
# Kinetic Parameters of Thermal Oxidation



Ordered and Disordered Domains

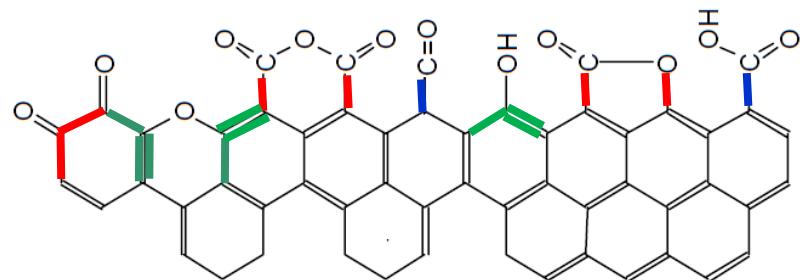


Raman Spectrum: At least two populations



Different Surface Oxygen Complexes

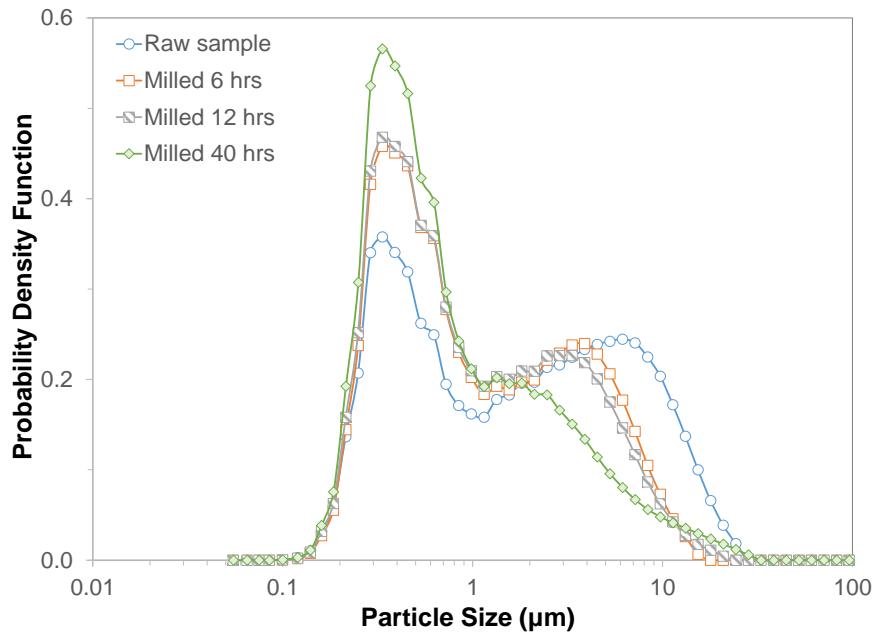
1, 2 or 3 bonds need to break for gasification of a SOC



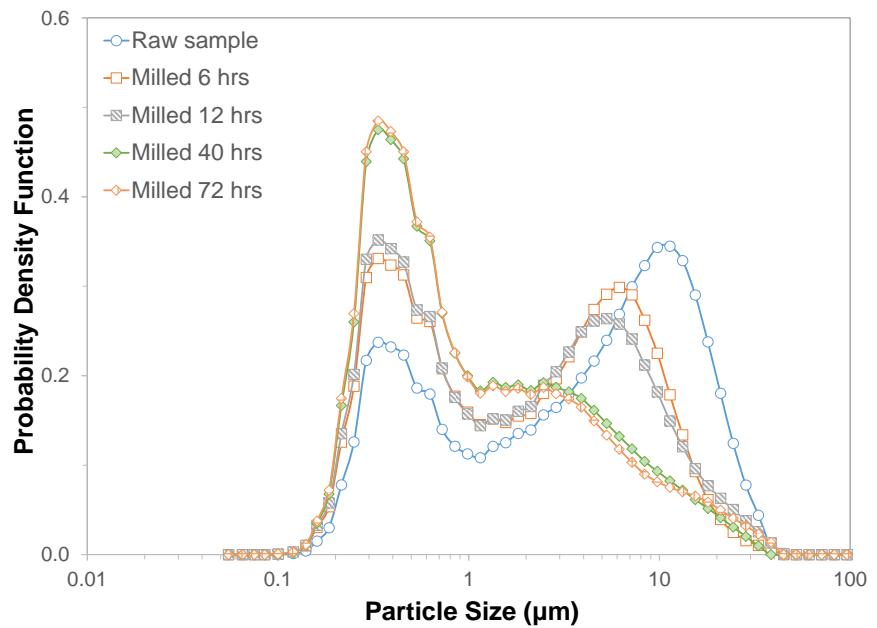


# Particle Size Distribution

Zr-rich



Ce-rich

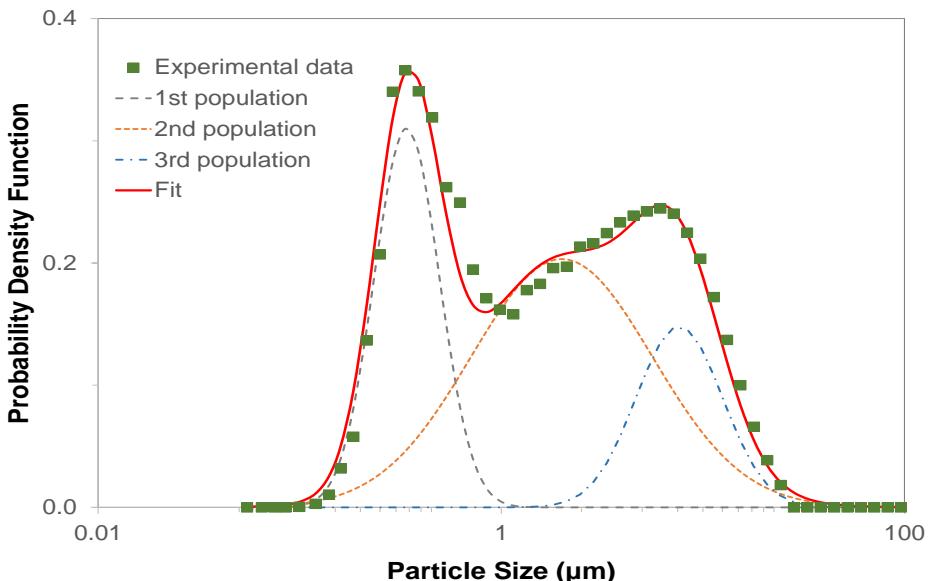


- Decrease of large size particles with milling duration for both samples
- Characteristic size  $d_{3,2}$  (Sauter Mean Diameter)

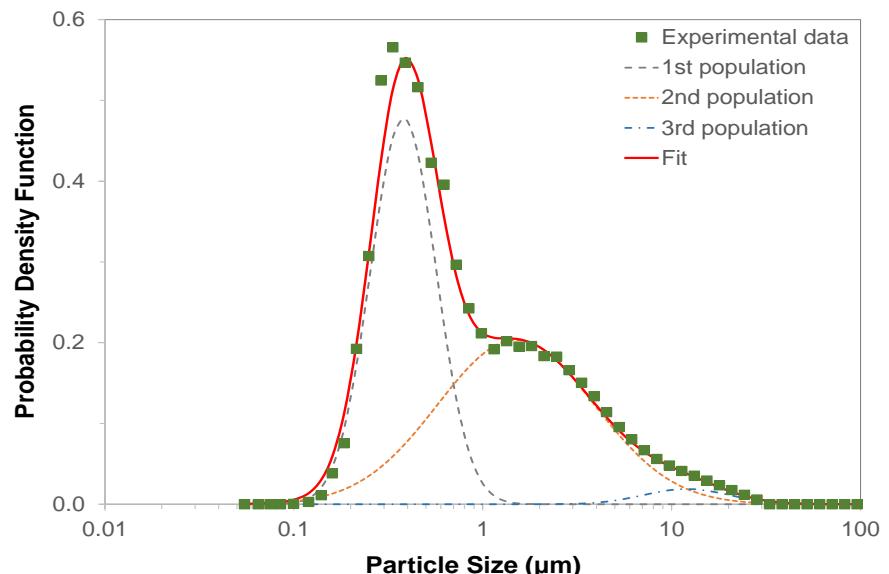


# Particle Size Distributions

Raw sample



40 hrs milling



	Milling duration (hrs)	Population 1			Population 2			Population 3		
		$d_M$ (μm)	$\sigma_g$	Frac-tion	$d_M$ (μm)	$\sigma_g$	Frac-tion	$d_M$ (μm)	$\sigma_g$	Frac-tion
Zr-rich catalyst	0	0.37	1.51	0.33	1.99	2.41	0.43	7.63	1.71	0.24
	6	0.37	1.46	0.34	0.77	1.79	0.29	3.70	1.83	0.36
	12	0.36	1.46	0.35	0.73	1.32	0.27	3.33	1.46	0.38
	40	0.38	1.49	0.48	1.50	2.60	0.49	12.00	1.68	0.02
Ce-rich catalyst	0	0.40	1.53	0.24	2.92	2.52	0.37	11.37	1.69	0.38
	6	0.37	1.51	0.27	1.02	2.10	0.27	6.12	1.86	0.45
	12	0.34	1.41	0.20	0.60	1.71	0.25	4.89	2.31	0.55
	40	0.30	1.26	0.10	0.44	1.47	0.33	2.21	3.22	0.57
	72	0.39	1.53	0.45	2.05	2.84	0.51	16.68	1.59	0.04

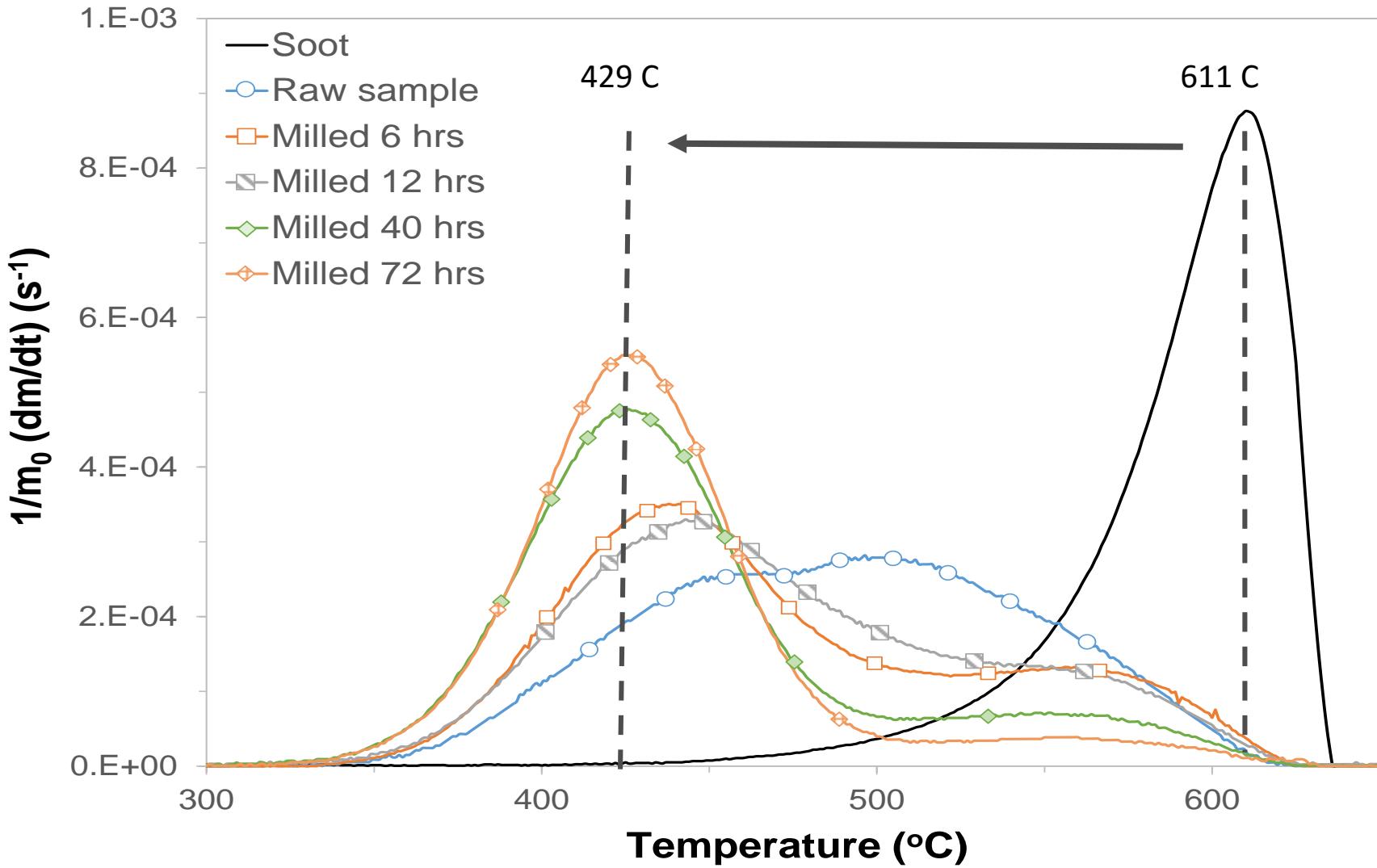


# Summary of Catalyst Structural Characteristics

	Milling duration (hrs)	$d_{3,2}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Surface area ( $\text{m}^2/\text{gr}$ )	Crystallite size (nm)
Zr-rich catalyst	0	0.77	70.58	59
	6	0.64	71.64	57
	12	0.62	68.93	58
	40	0.54	66.99	59
Ce-rich catalyst	0	1.14	77.30	59
	6	0.82	75.27	58
	12	0.78	72.85	59
	40	0.62	73.32	57
	72	0.61	73.29	58

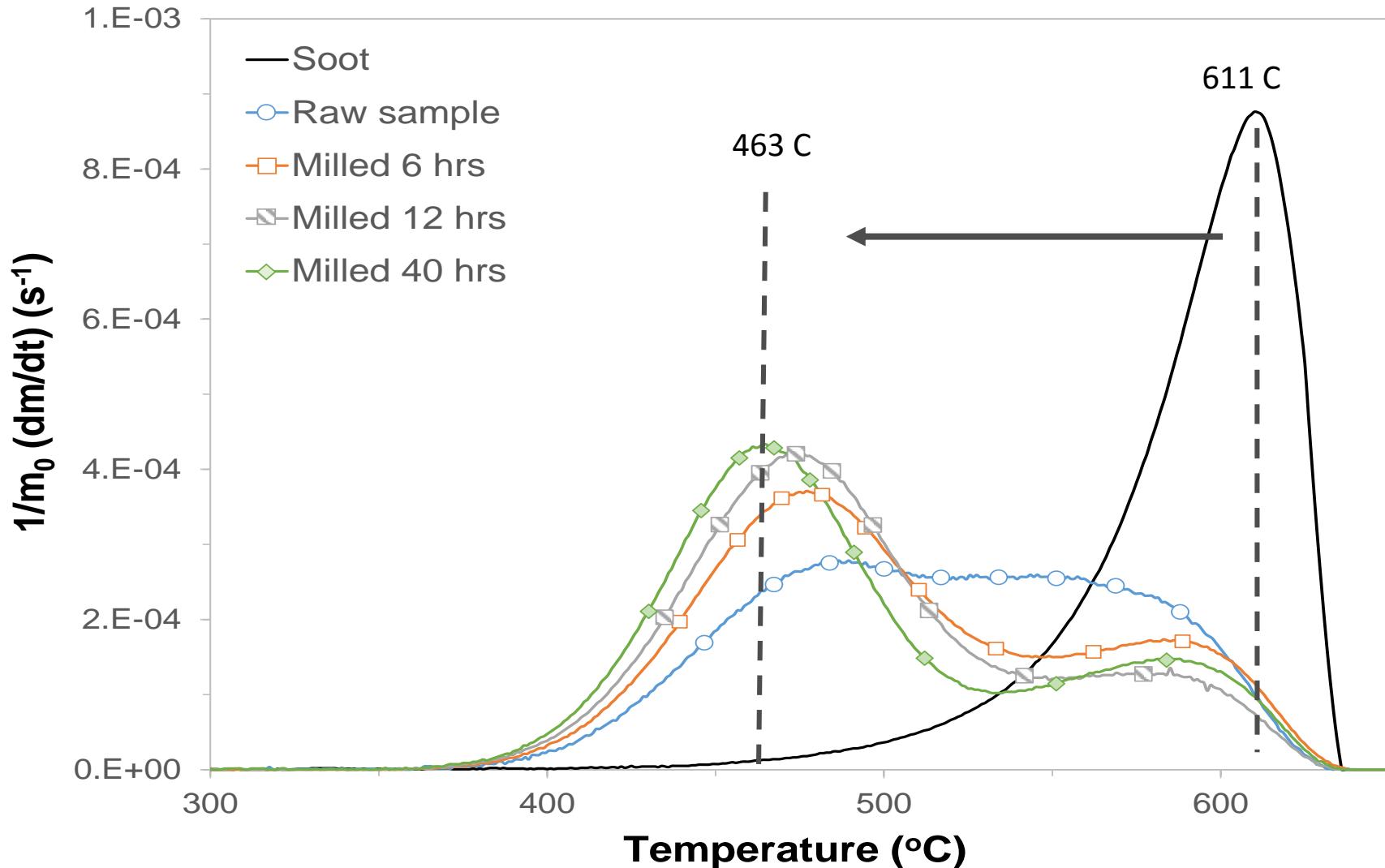


# Soot oxidation rate- Ce-rich



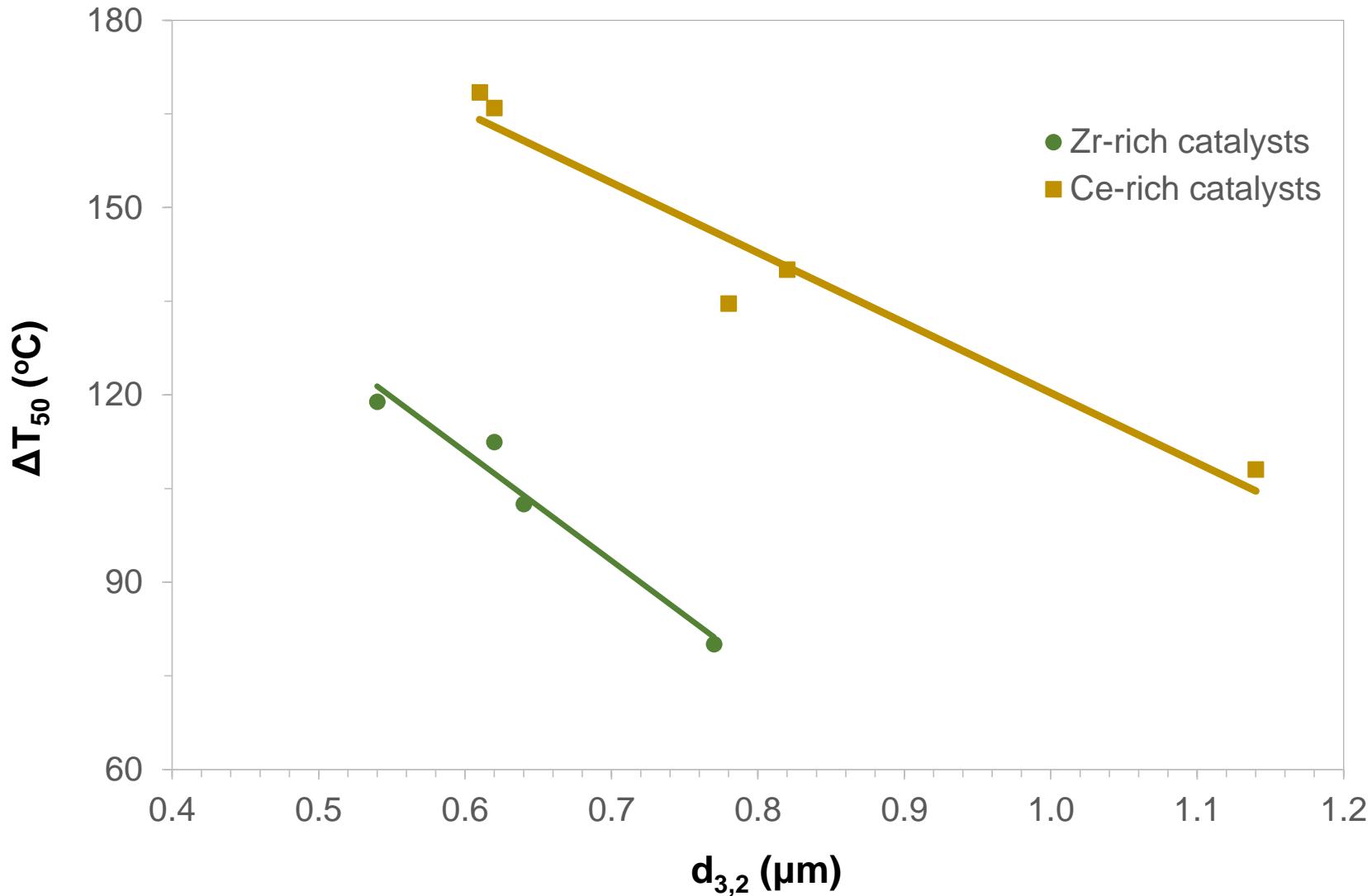


# Soot oxidation rate- Zr-rich

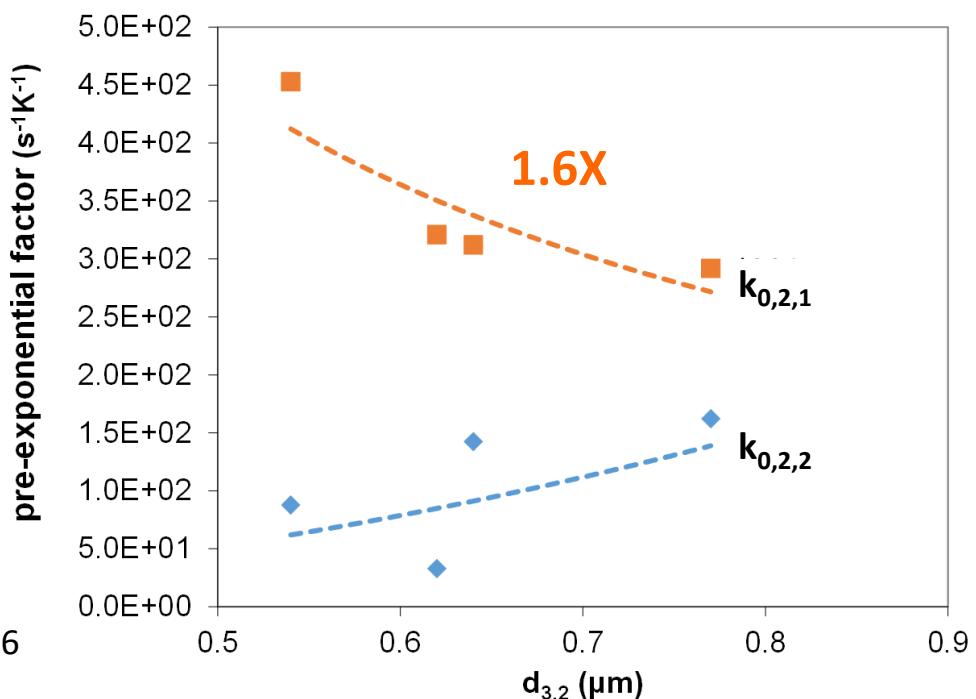
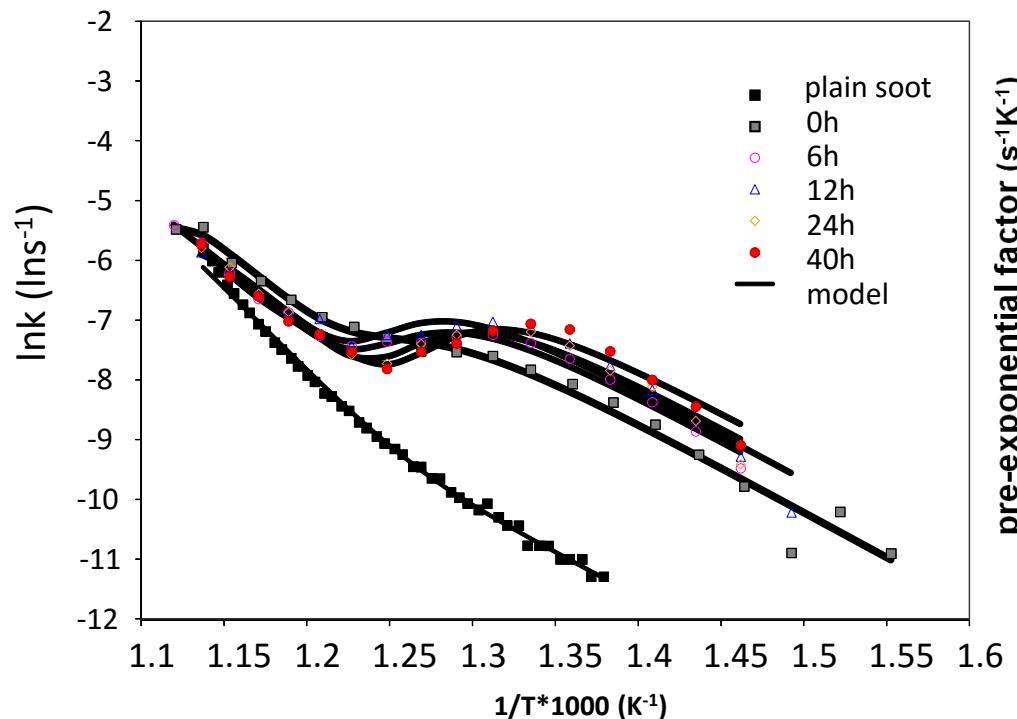




# Correlation of Soot Oxidation to $d_{3,2}$



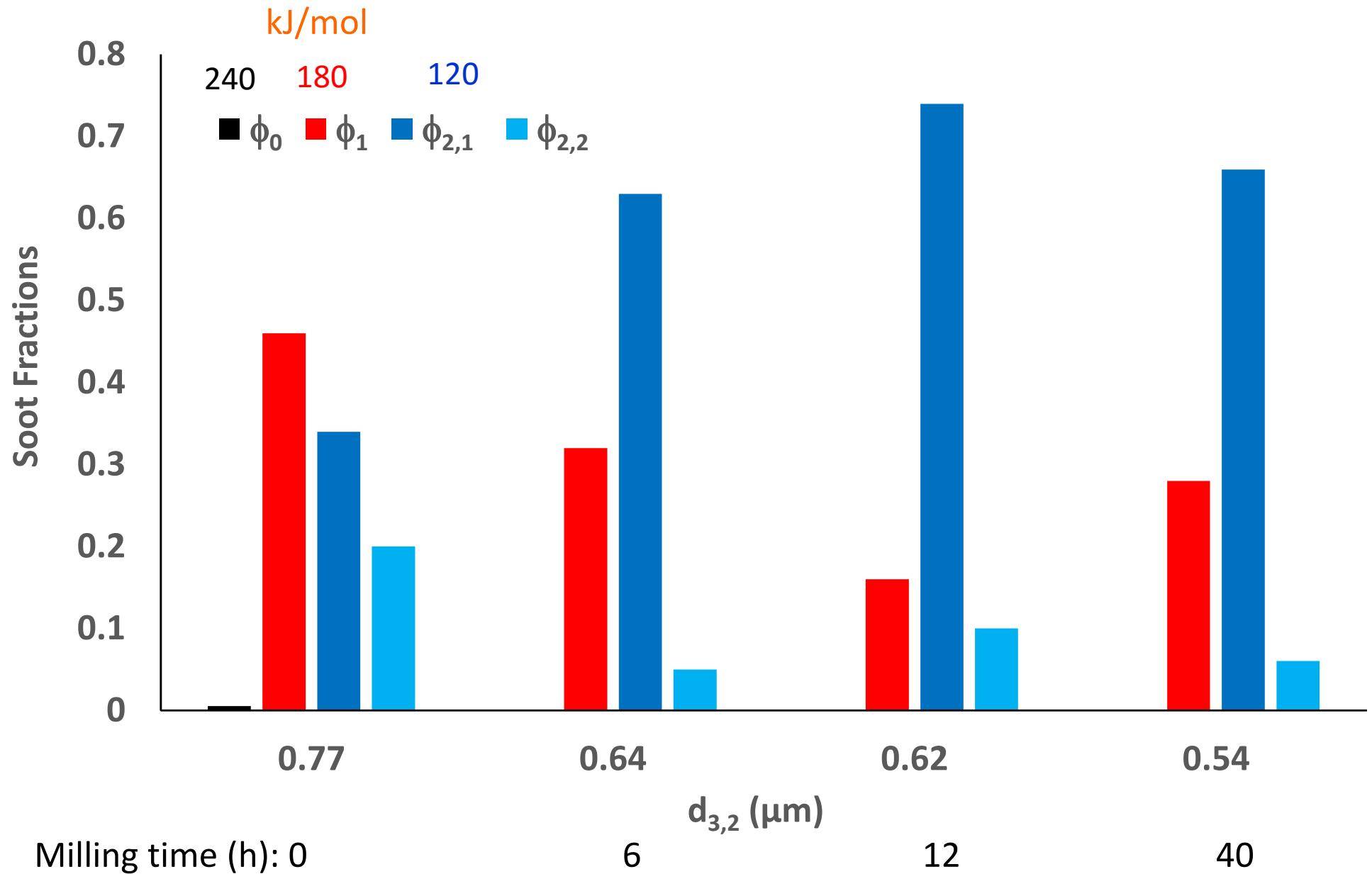
# Kinetics Zr-rich



Zr-rich catalyst	$d_{3,2}$	$E_0: 240 \text{ kJ/mol}$	$E_1: 180 \text{ kJ/mol}$	$E_2: 120 \text{ kJ/mol}$	
milling (h)	μm	$k_{0,0}$	$k_{0,1}$	$k_{0,2,1}$	$k_{0,2,2}$
0	0.77	3.00E+05	1.89E+05	2.92E+02	1.62E+02
6	0.64	3.00E+05	1.73E+05	3.12E+02	1.42E+02
12	0.62	3.00E+05	2.03E+05	3.21E+02	3.28E+01
40	0.54	3.00E+05	1.33E+05	4.53E+02	8.77E+01

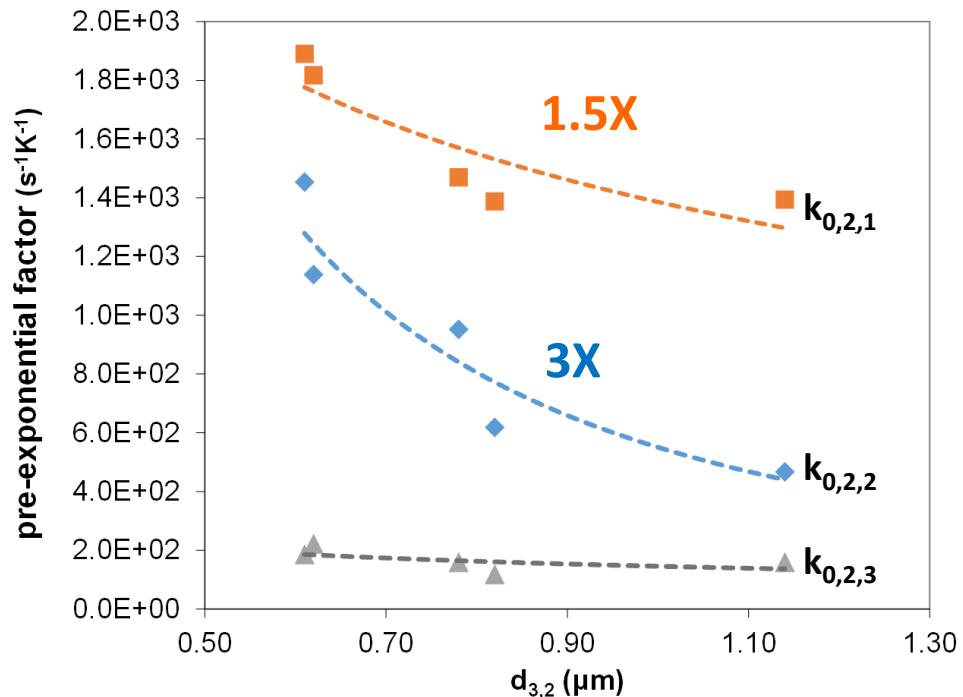
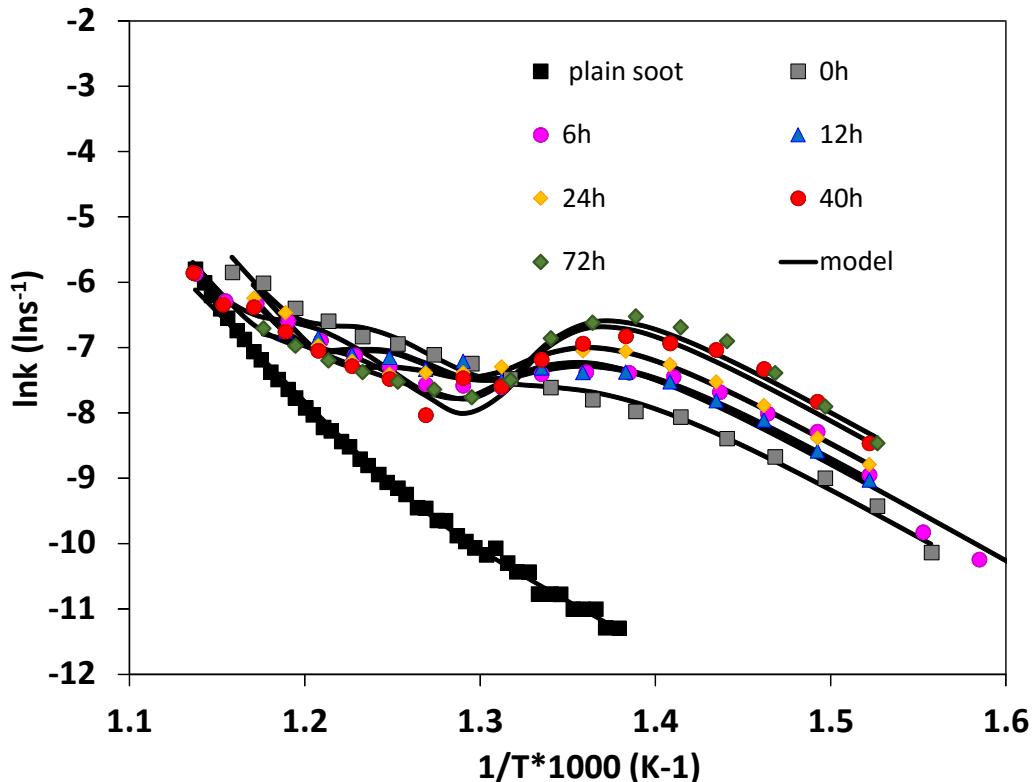


# Soot fractions $\phi_i$ vs Zr-rich milling time / $d_{3,2}$





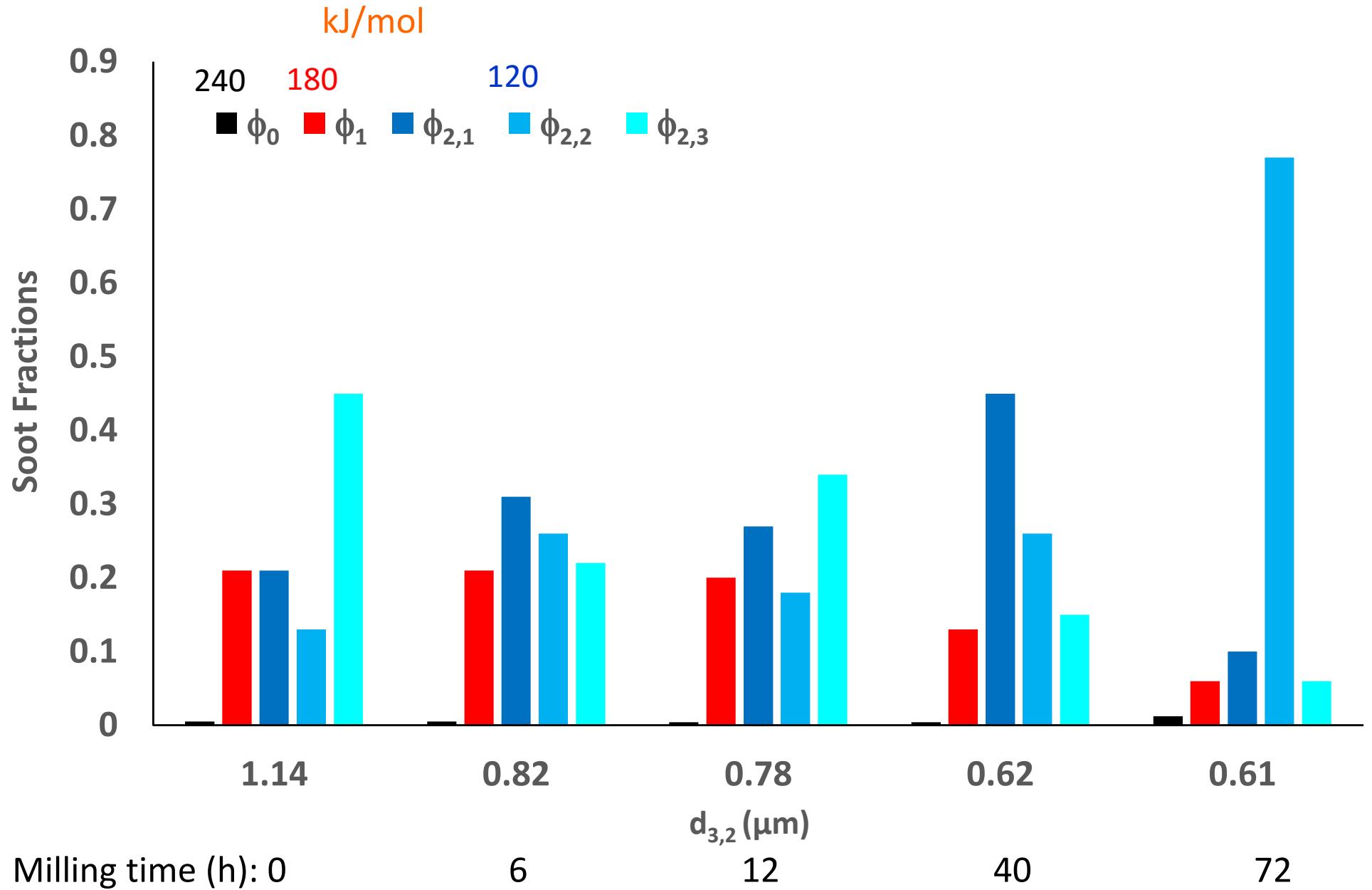
# Kinetics Ce-rich



Ce-rich catalyst	$d_{3,2}$	$E_0: 240$	$E_1: 180$	$E_2: 120 \text{ kJ/mol}$		
		kJ/mol	kJ/mol	$k_{0,0}$	$k_{0,1}$	$k_{0,2,1}$
milling (h)	$\mu m$					
0.00	1.14	4.93E+05	2.24E+05	4.93E+05	2.24E+05	1.39E+03
6.00	0.82	4.93E+05	2.24E+05	4.93E+05	2.24E+05	1.39E+03
12.00	0.78	2.77E+05	1.88E+05	2.77E+05	1.88E+05	1.47E+03
40.00	0.62	2.77E+05	2.00E+05	2.77E+05	2.00E+05	1.82E+03
72.00	0.61	3.00E+05	3.00E+05	3.00E+05	3.00E+05	1.89E+03

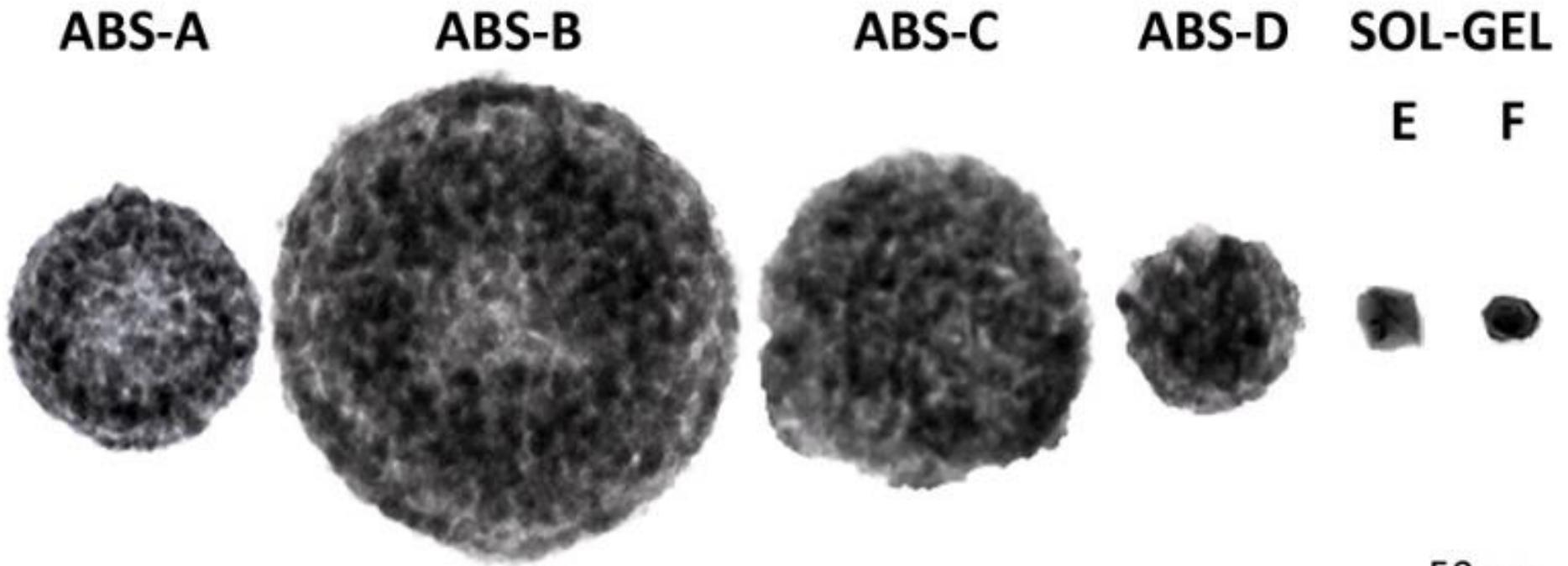


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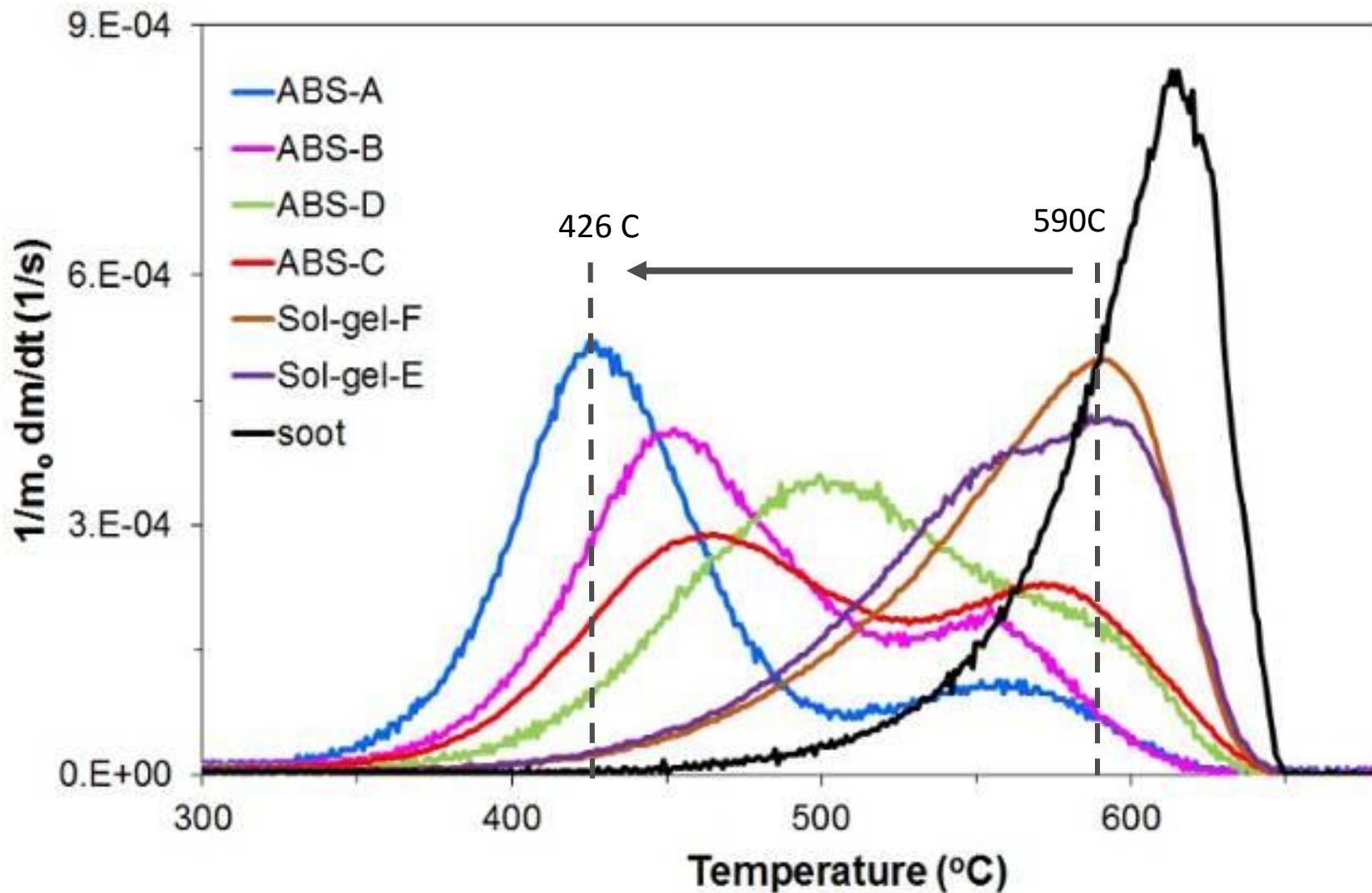
# Synthesized Catalyst Nanoparticles



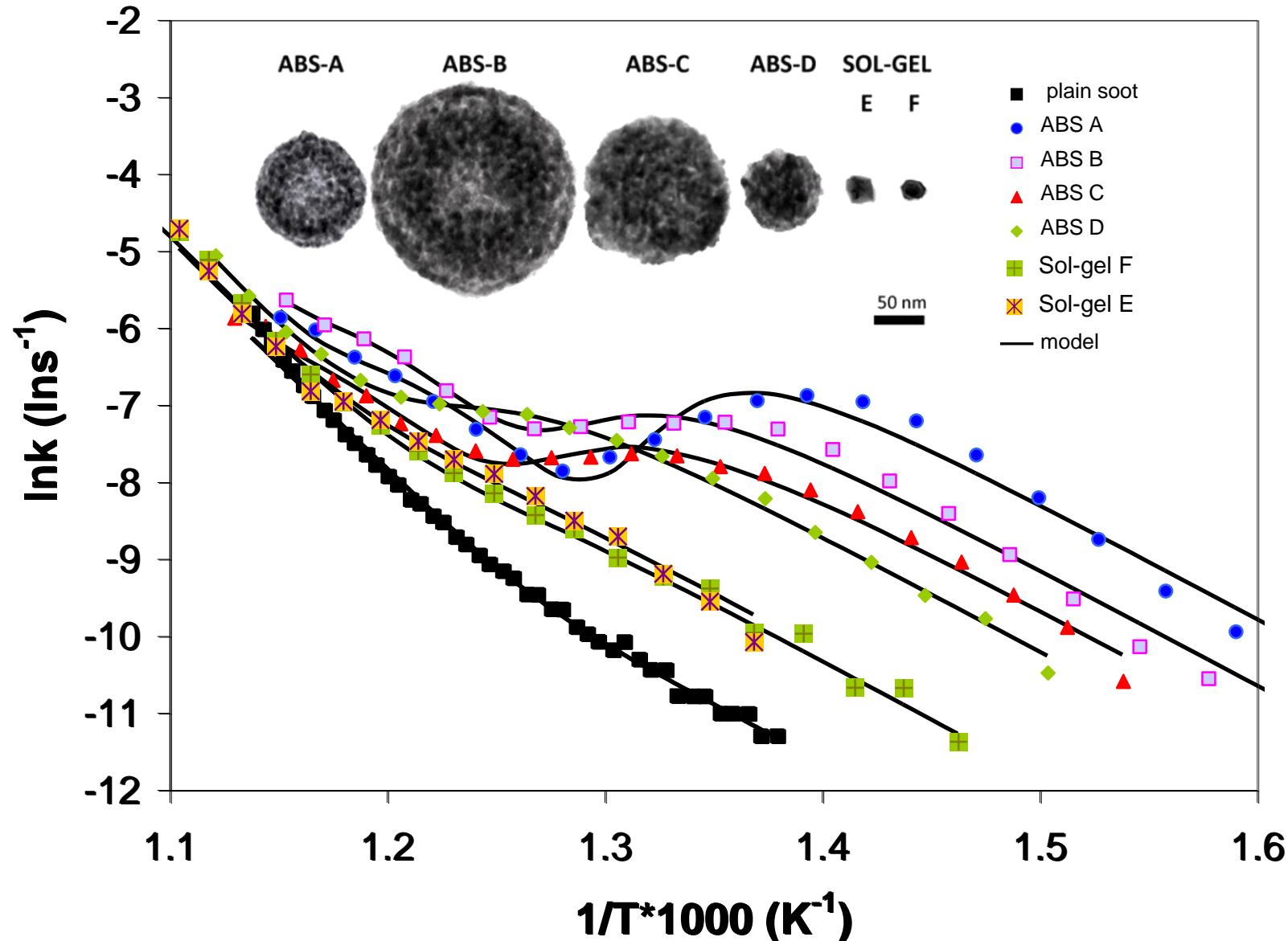
Property	F	E	D	A	C	B
<b>Particle size (nm)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>222</b>
surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	12	5	8	59	35	37
crystallite size (nm)	18	29	25	9	18	25
pore size (nm)	-	-	13.7	12.4	20.7	10.5
porosity	-	-	0.451	0.674	0.633	0.387



# Soot oxidation rate

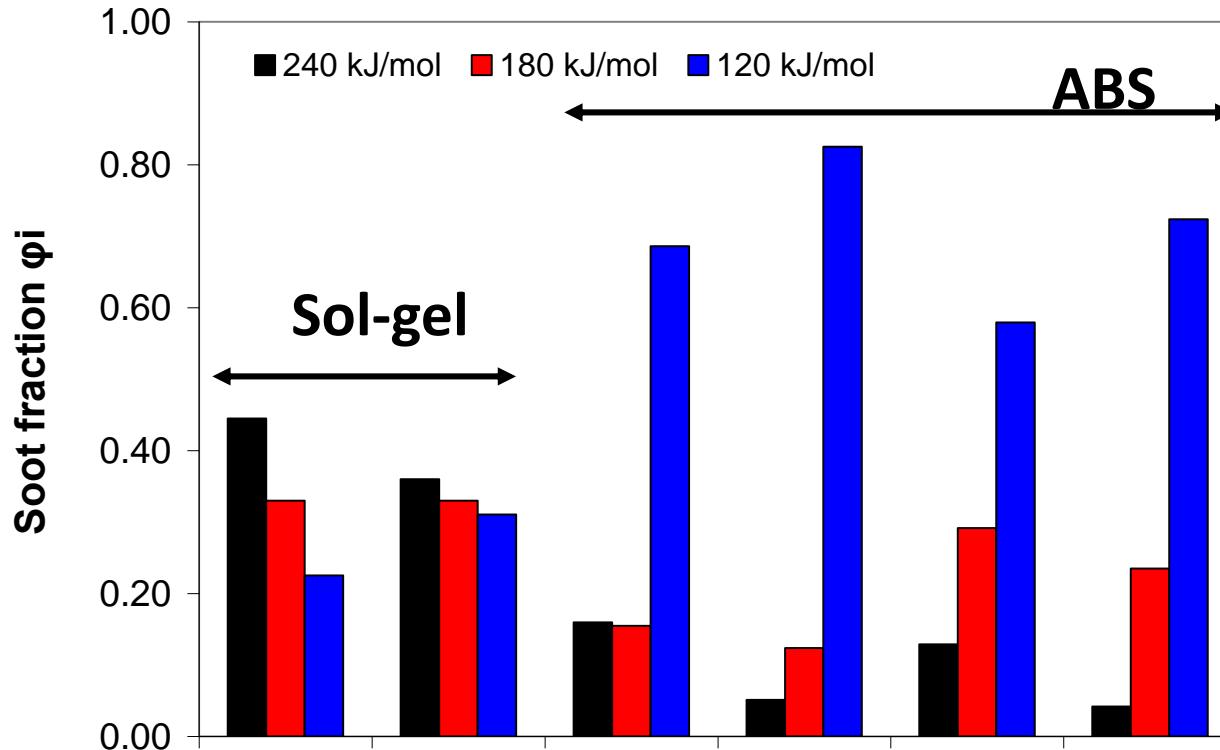


# Effect of Catalyst Nanostructure on Soot Oxidation





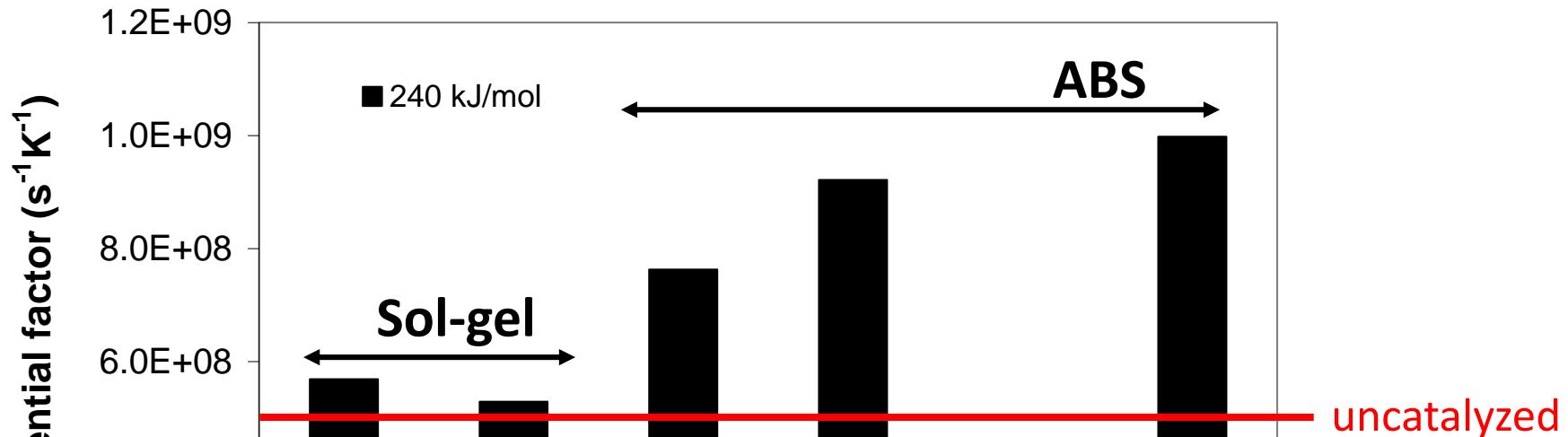
# Soot fractions $\varphi_i$



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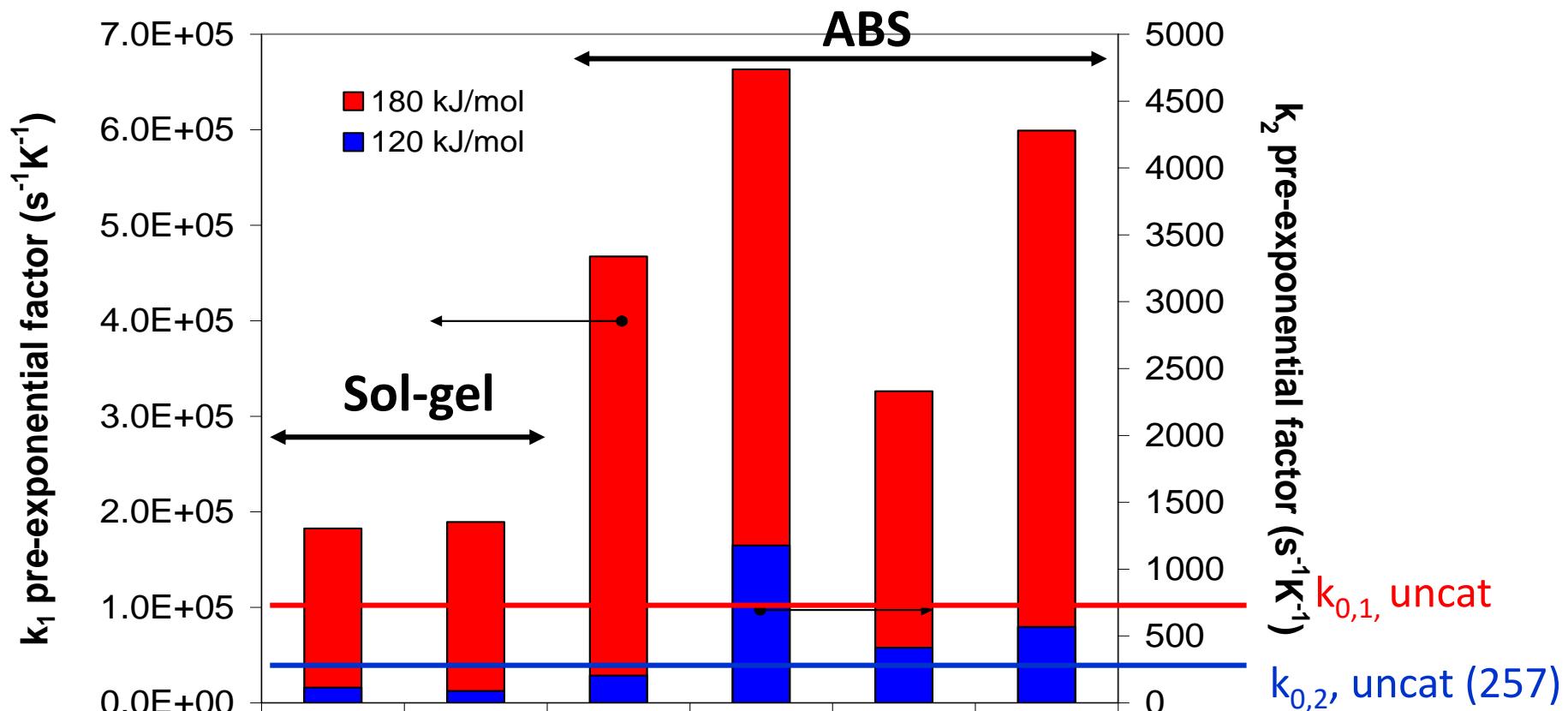


# $k_{0,0}$ of 240 kJ/mol vs Catalyst Morphology



Property	F	E	D	A	C	B
Particle size (nm)	28	32	90	121	161	222
surface area (m²/g)	12	5	8	59	35	37
crystallite size (nm)	18	29	25	9	18	25
pore size (nm)	-	-	13.7	12.4	20.7	10.5
porosity	-	-	0.451	0.674	0.633	0.387

# $k_{0,1}$ and $k_{0,2}$ (180 & 120 kJ/mol) vs Catalyst Morphology



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# Conclusions

- Soot reactivity requires a **multi-population approach** for its accurate description. Based on our current and past research we can identify **3 populations** (fractions) of (diesel and carbon black) soot with activation energies 120, 180 and 240 kJ/mol, most likely **reflecting differences in surface oxygen complexes** that are formed on each.
- The pre-exponentials of all populations have been characterized and **correlated to catalyst particle size, surface area, crystallite size, pore size and porosity**.
- **Micron-sized powder Ceria-Zirconia** based catalyst activity is shown to correlate with the **Sauter Mean Diameter ( $d_{3,2}$ )** of the Powder Size Distribution.
- **Ceria-nanoparticles oxidize catalytically** all three populations of soot with an order of magnitude higher pre-exponential factors, reflecting the **high capacity of the catalyst to generate respective surface-oxygen-complexes**.
- **Ceria-nanoparticle** catalyst activity is shown to correlate to a morphological metric combining **particle size, surface area, crystallite size, and porosity**.
- These results provide more accurate descriptions of soot reactivity and are readily incorporated into our DPF simulation codes.



# Thank you for your attention!

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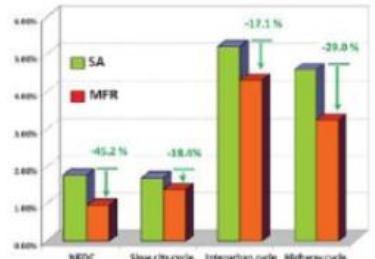
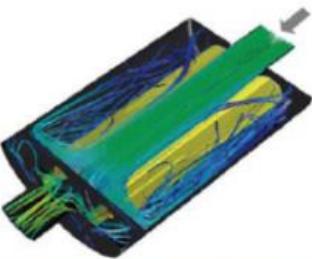


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