



# MICROPHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF NANOPARTICLES EMITTED BY FLIGHT ENGINES

Results from German PAZI Project

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► **Motivation**

Aircraft Gas turbine and combustor tests / fuel kerosene

► **Aircraft Piston engine tests / fuel: AVGAS leaded and unleaded**

Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer                      SMPS

Scanning Electron Microscopy                      SEM

Energy Dispersive X-ray spectroscopy                      EDX

Aldehyde tests      DNPH Method

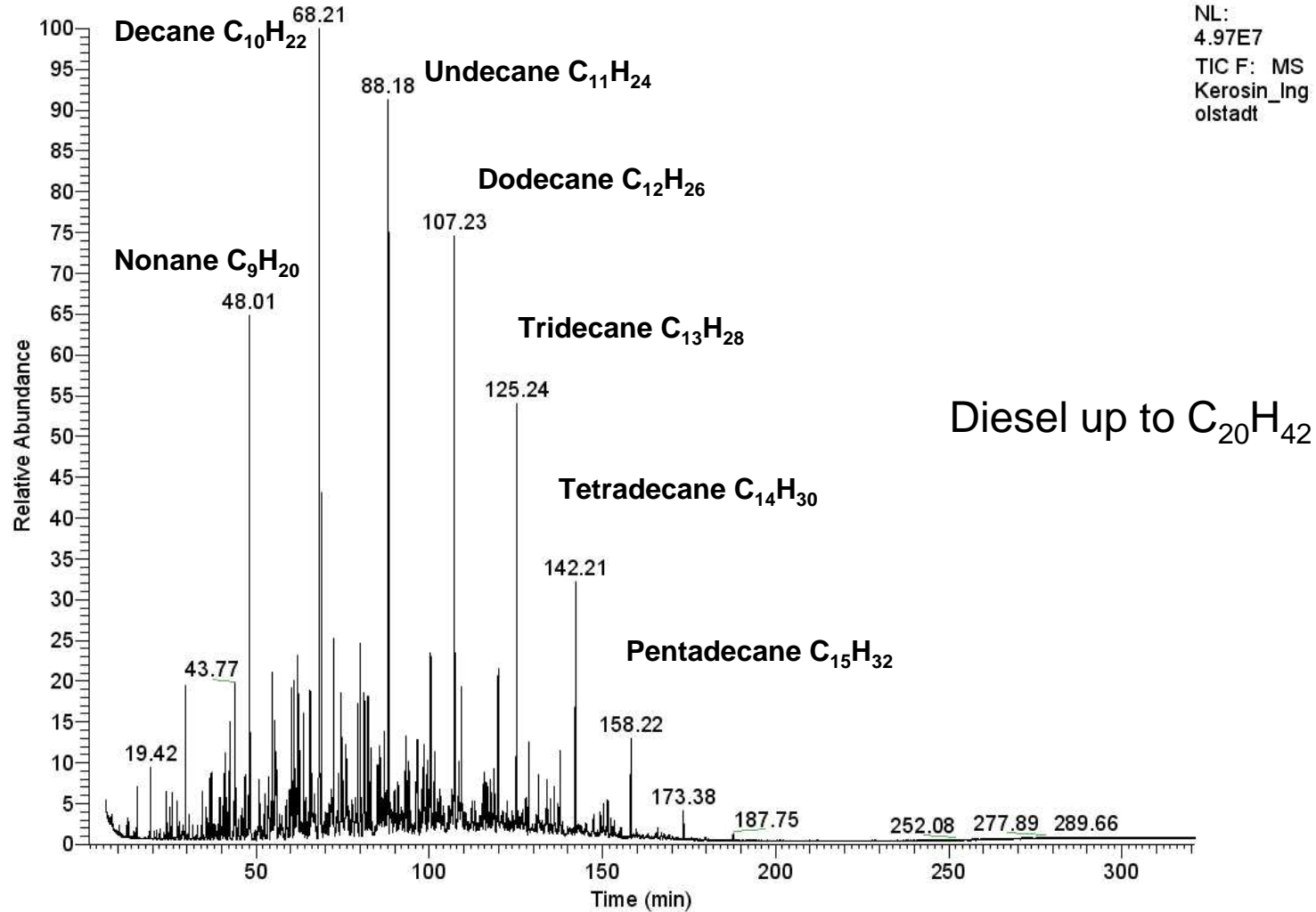
► **Conclusion**

# Kerosene JET-A1 (PAZI II HBKS)

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**Kerosene or diesel combustion can produce soot nanoparticles.**

**Mean diameters are between 25 – 80 nm**

**e.g. flight gas turbines or diesel cars**

# PSD of a Flight Gas Turbine / ICAO IDLE / fuel: JET-A1

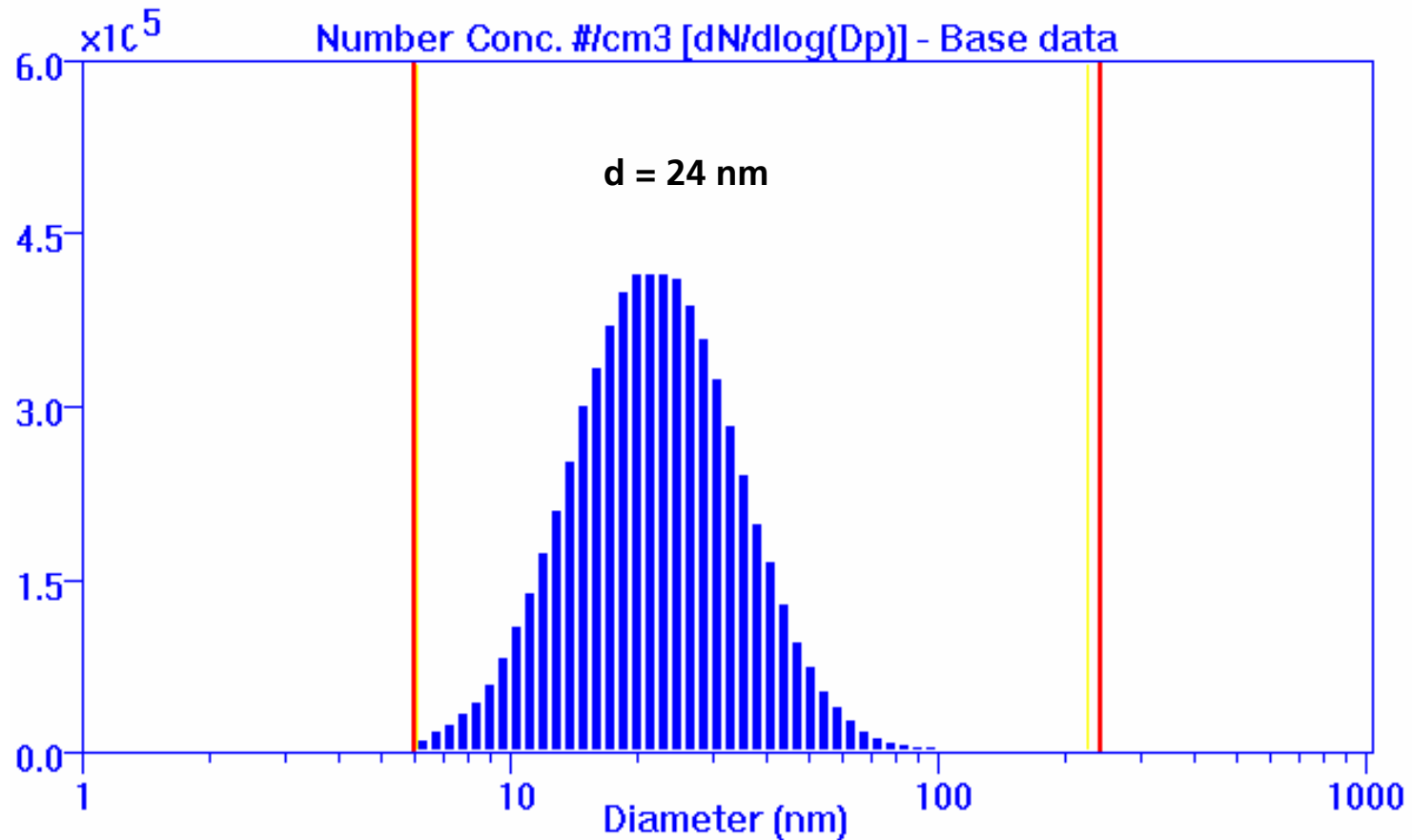
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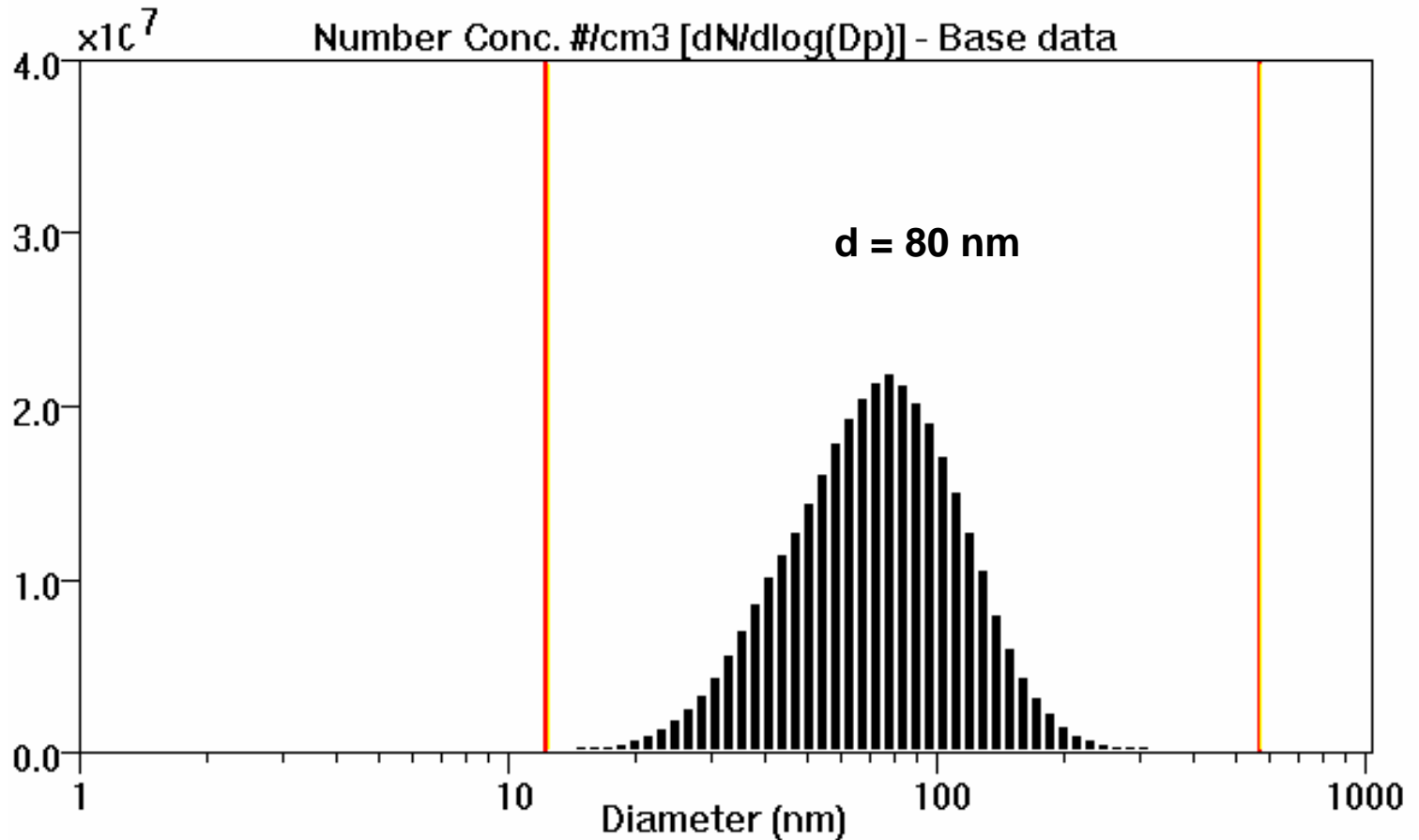
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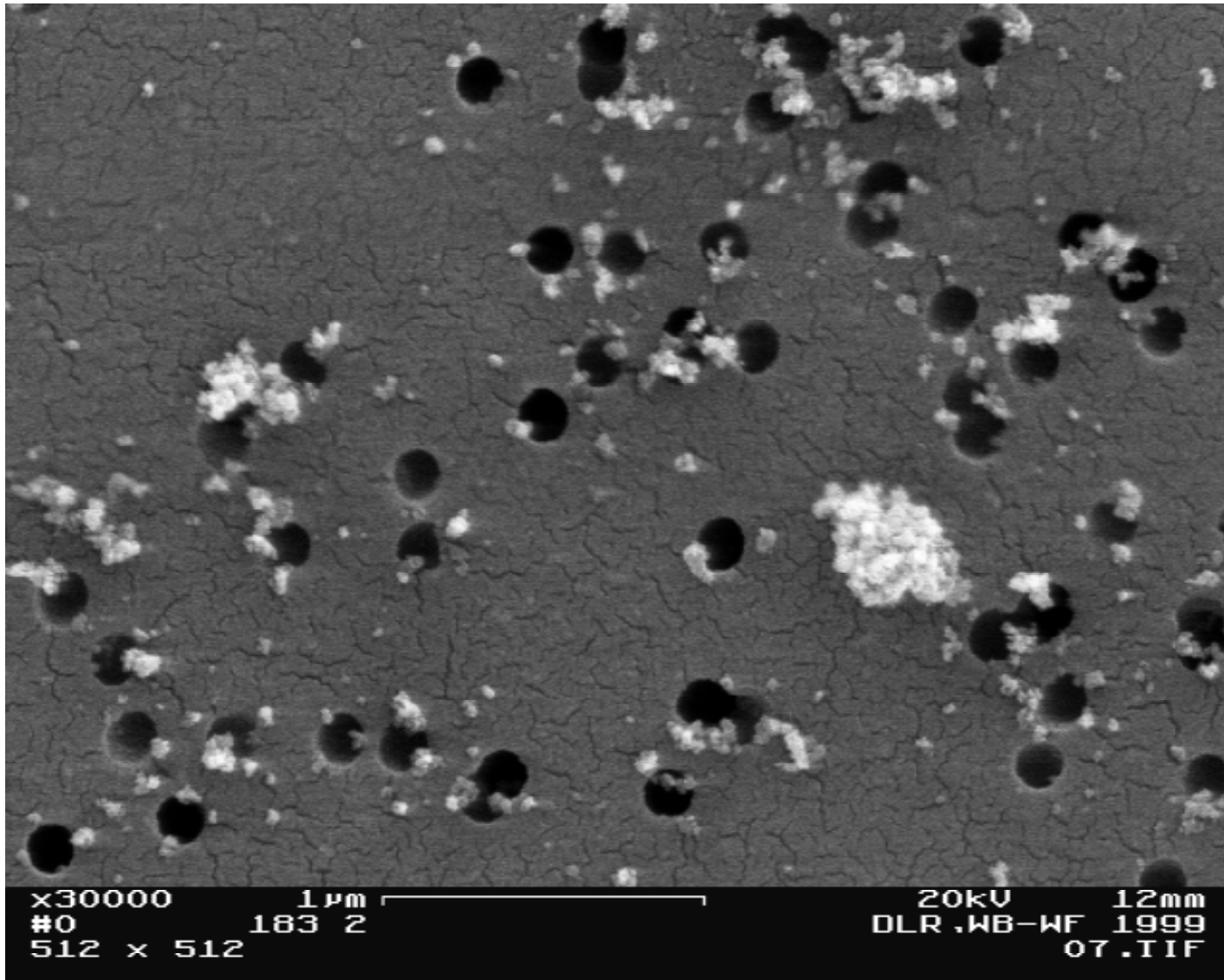
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# SEM X30 000 Soot from staged combustor test / fuel: JET-A1



## Motivation for the Piston Engines Tests

# Soot particles are not expected by combustion of gasoline or aviation gasoline

However:

# A lot of small aircraft piston engines have to ***run under fuel rich conditions***, in order to keep the engine temperatures low.

# Fuel rich combustion can form soot nanoparticles.



## Piston Engines Ground Tests at DLR Oberpfaffenhofen



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## Aircraft Piston Engine - Ground Tests at DLR Oberpfaffenhofen

### Aircraft: HB-EYS

- Robin DR400  
Federal Office for Civil Aviation, Bern (Switzerland)
- Lycoming O -360                      180 HP  
Carburettor

### Aircraft: SE-KEI

- Piper 28 Warrior II  
Hjelmco Oil (Sweden)
- Lycoming O-320-D3G                  160HP  
Carburettor

### Fuel:

- **AVGAS 100LL**      212mg lead/gallon    (maximum, ASTM D 910)  
56 mg lead / liter
- **AVGAS 91/96 UL**                      unleaded

## Test Equipment:

- Microprocessor controlled gas sampler ( aldehydes, SEM)
- SMPS System: TSI 3080, long DMA, 3022A CPC
- Diluter: DEKATI 8.4x
- Sampling line: 4.5 m stainless steel, 6mm id , 150°C
- probe: stainless steel 6 mm inner diameter

## Stainless Steel Probe (6mm tube)









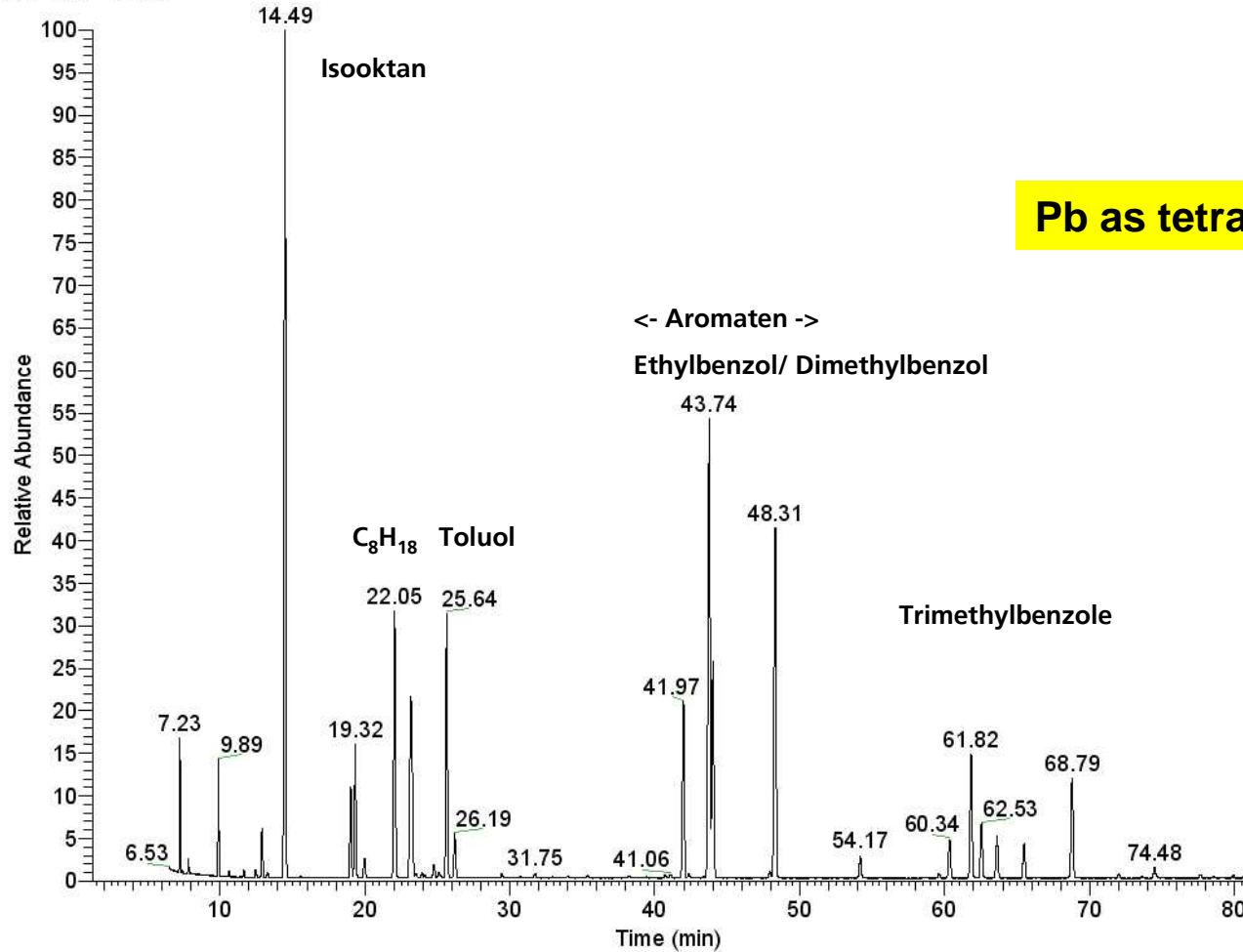
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# AVGAS 100LL 212mg lead /gallon (56mg Pb / liter)

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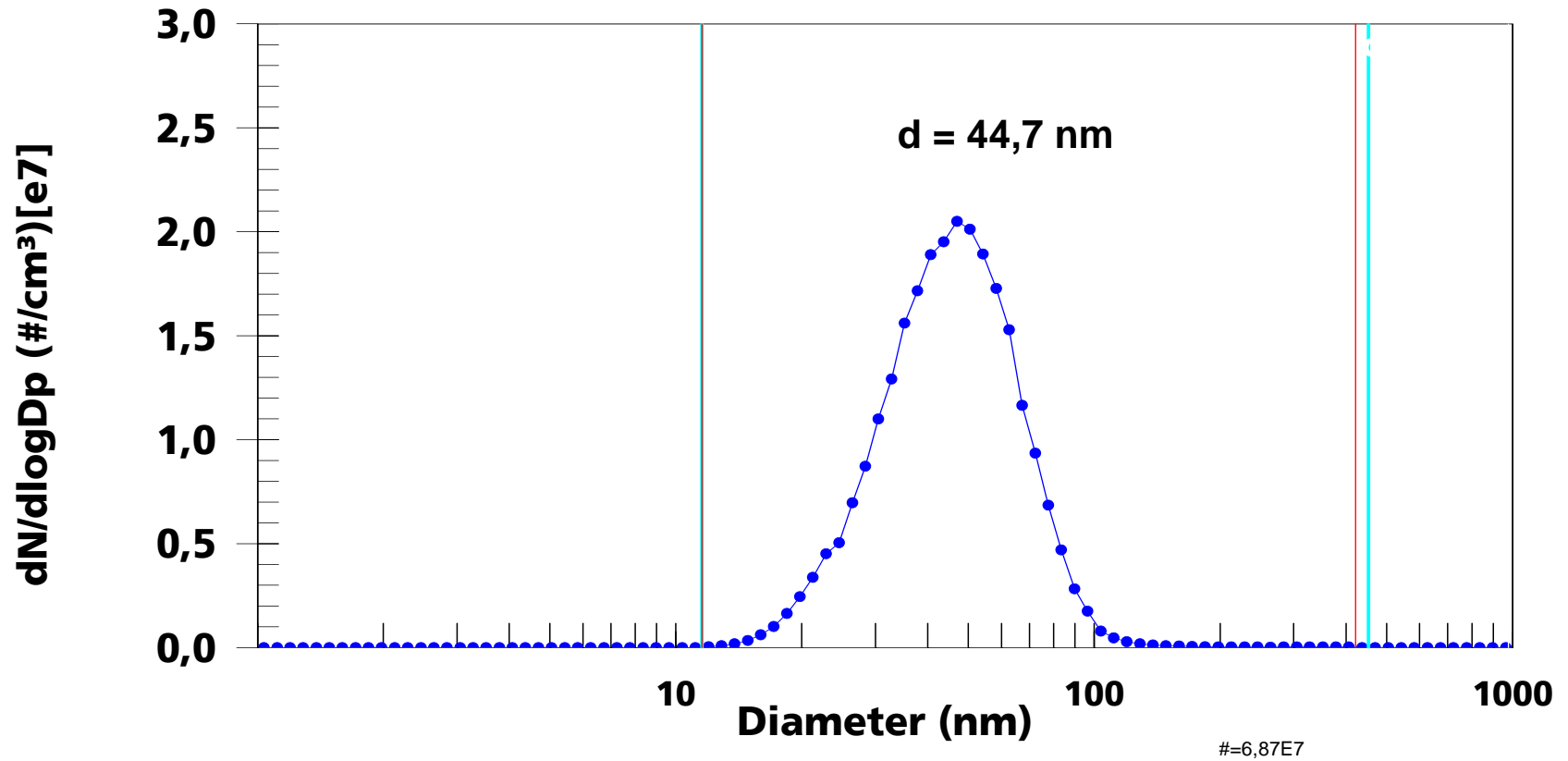
**Pb as tetra ethyl lead**

## ICAO test points + Cruise

	power
Taxi	7 %
Approach	30 %
<i>Cruise</i>	65 %
Climb	85 %
Take Off	100 %



# HB-EYS AVGAS 100LL 212 mg lead / gallon Cruise





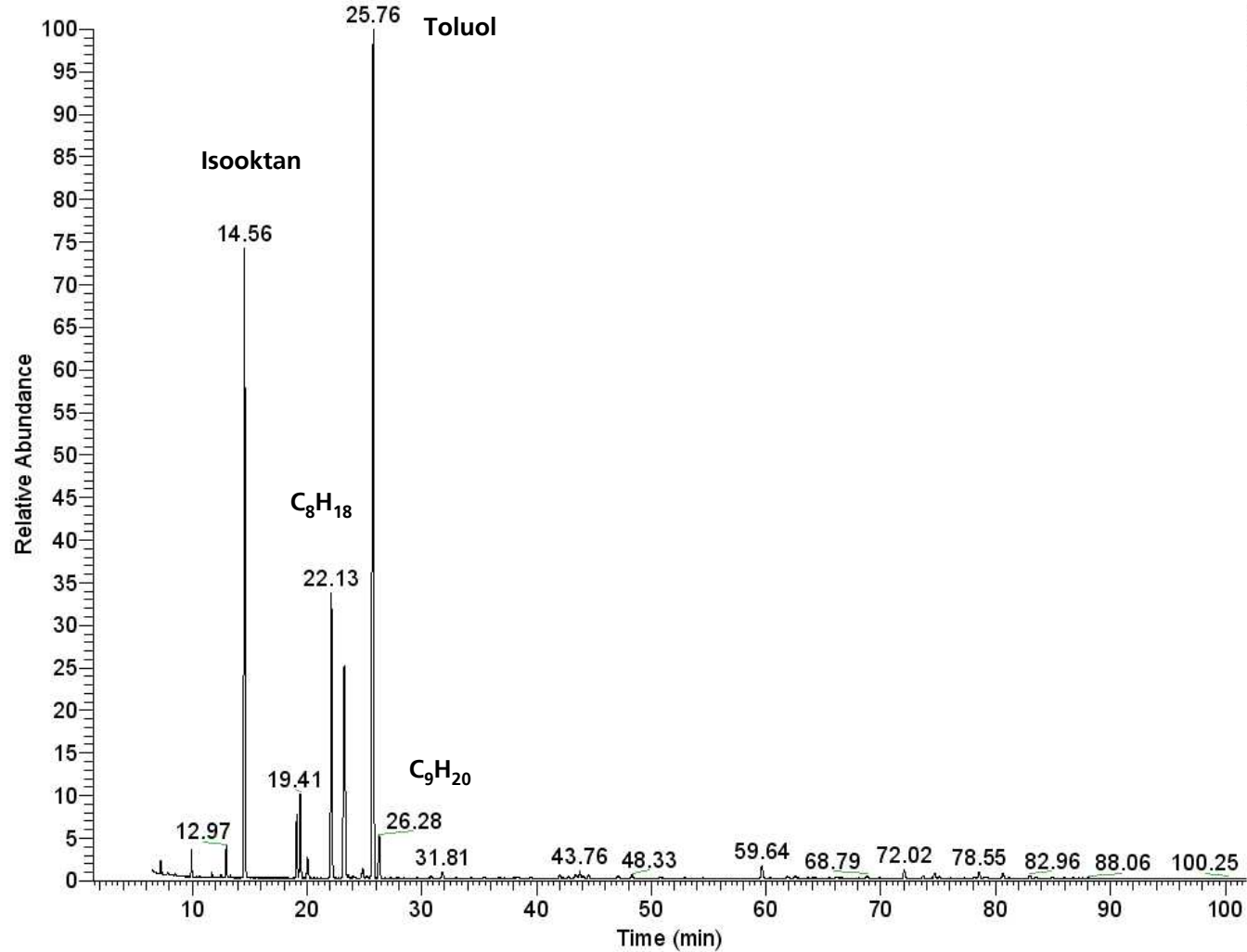
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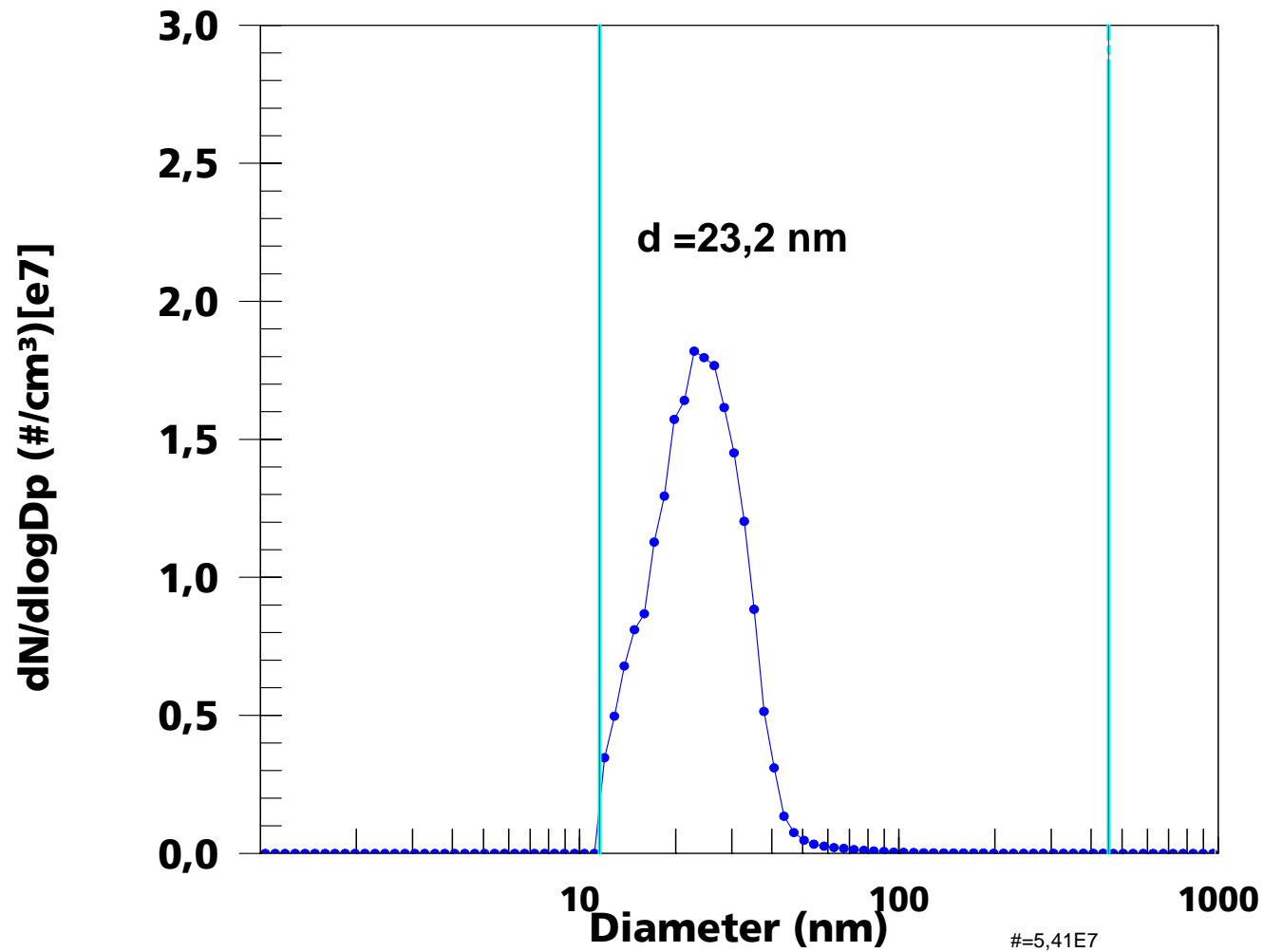
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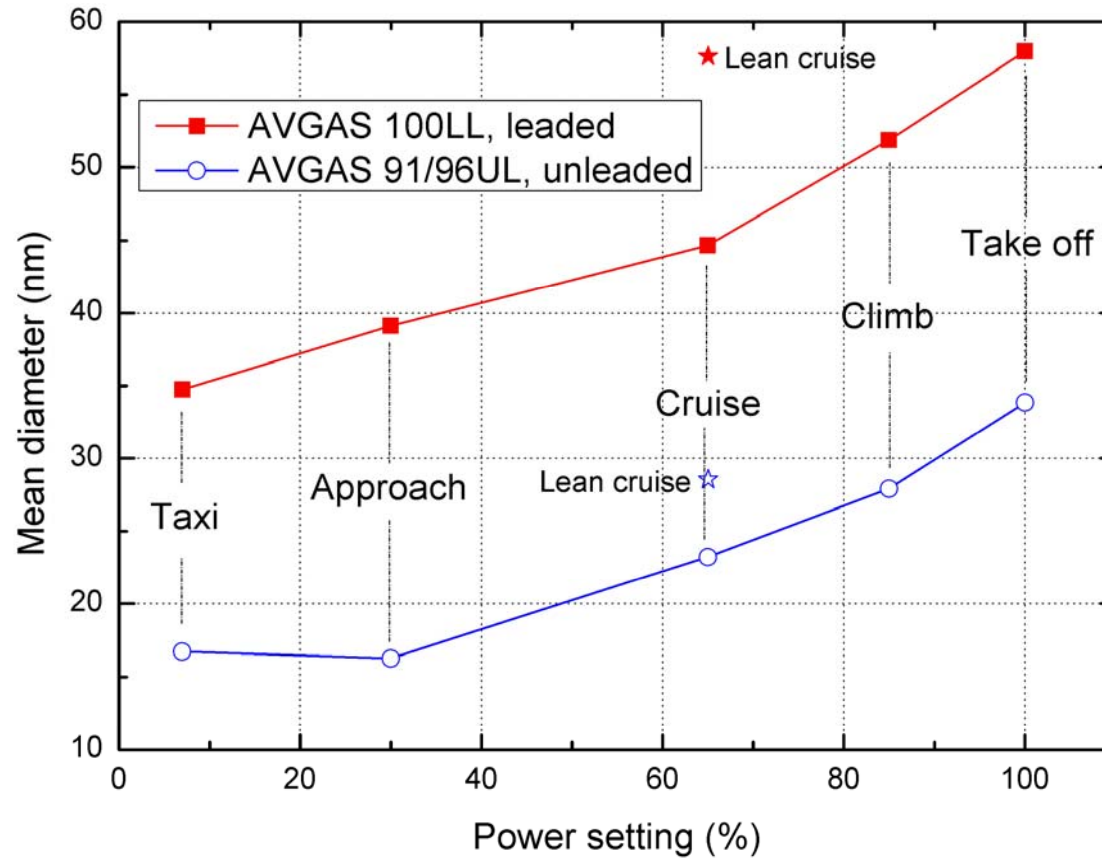
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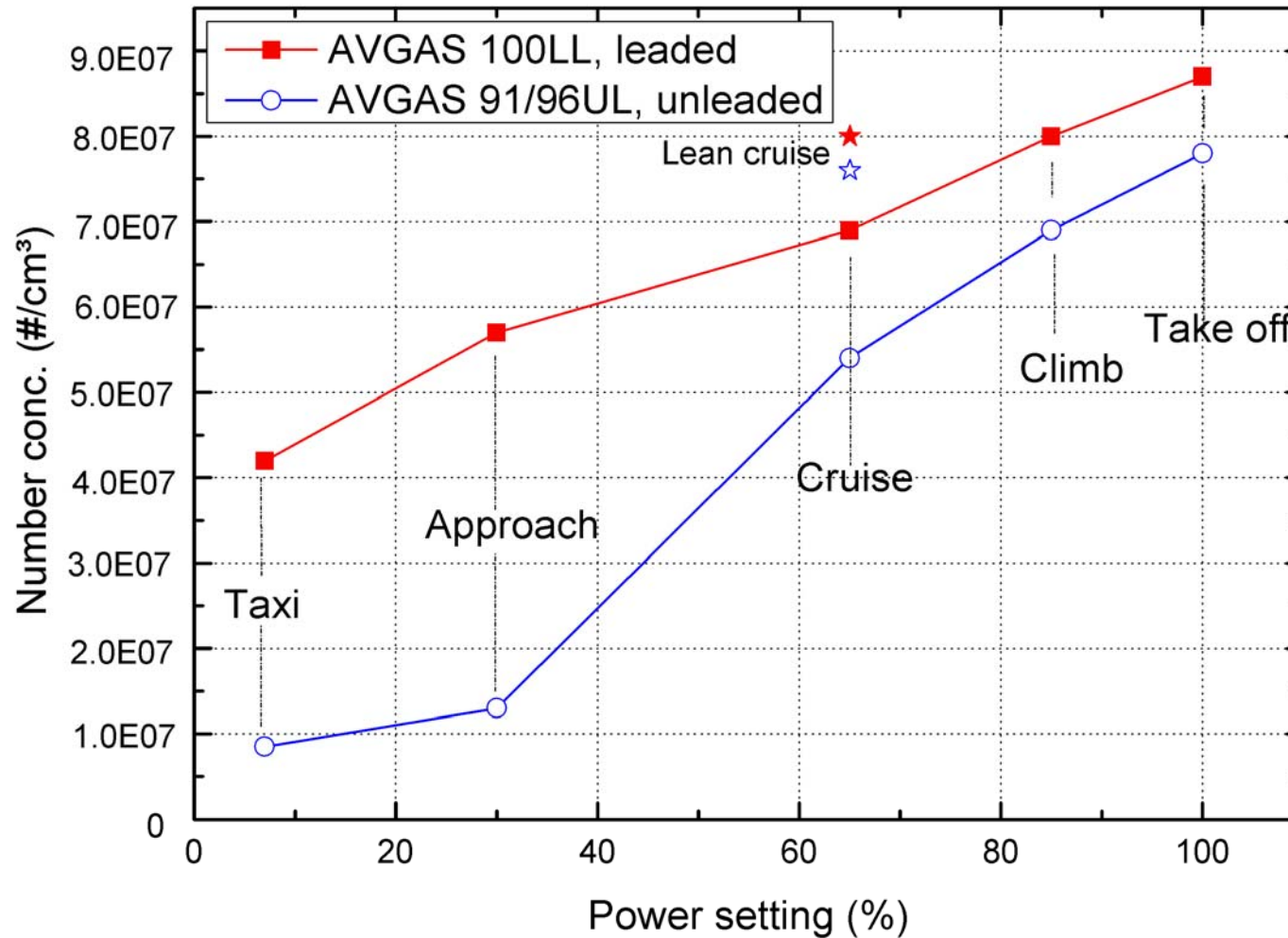
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# HB-EYS Mean diameter = f (power)

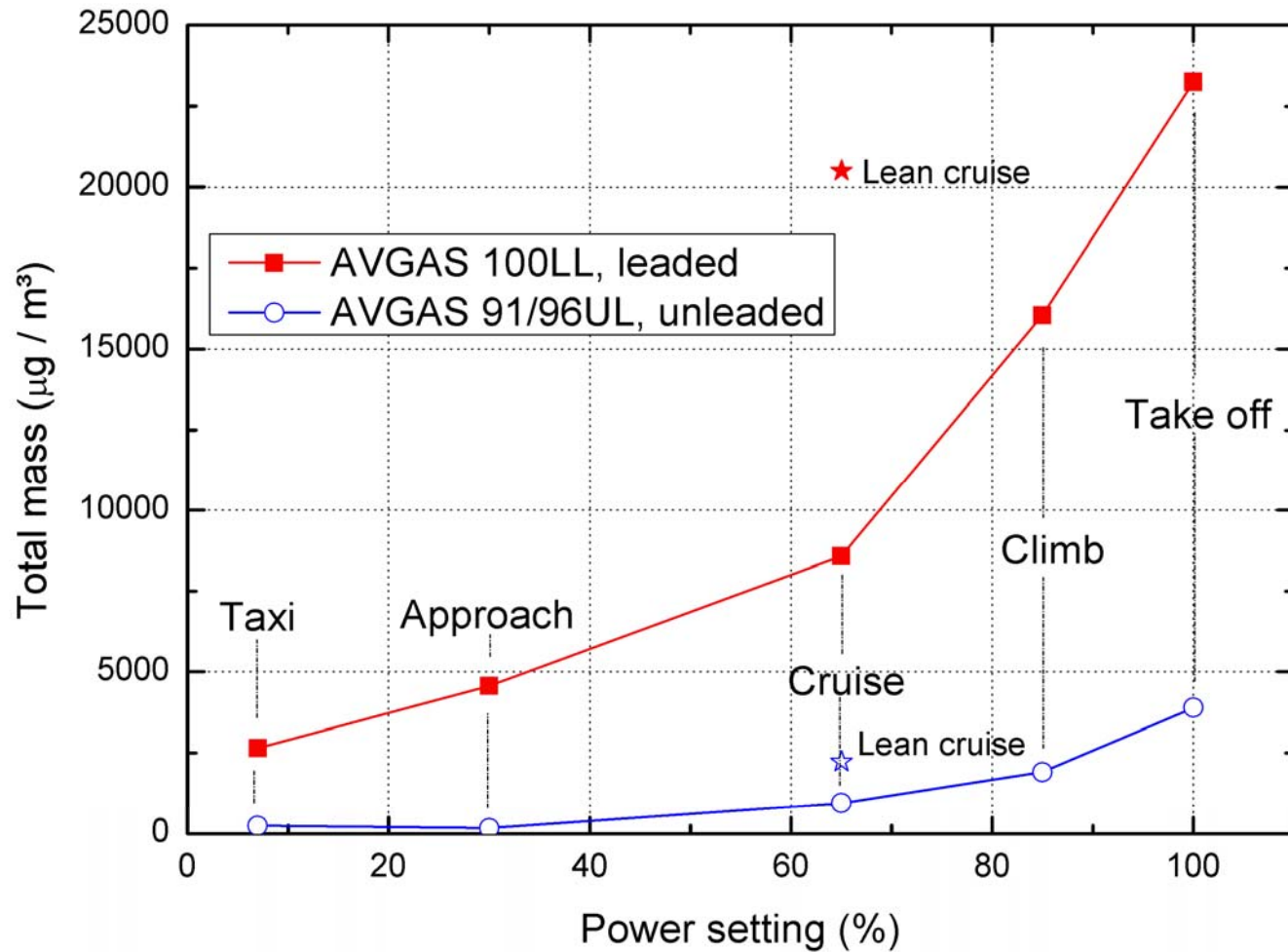


# HB-EYS      number conc. = f (power)





# HB-EYS total mass = f (power)





# EDX – Spectra HB-EYS

## AVGAS 100LL

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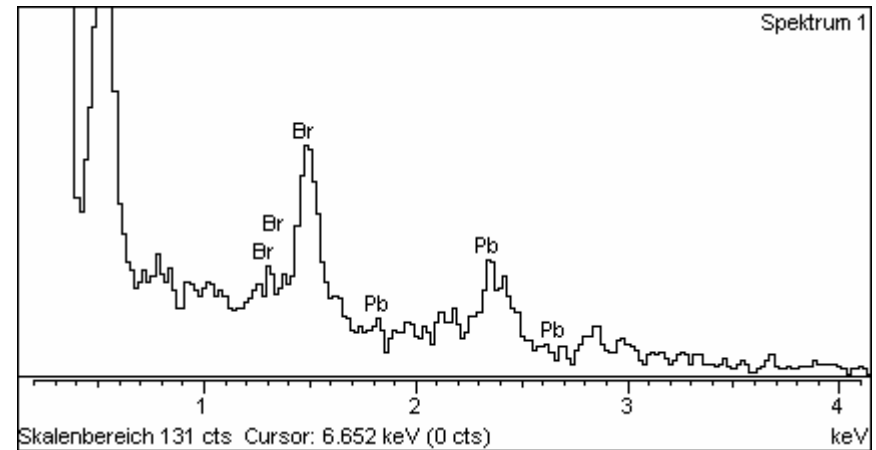
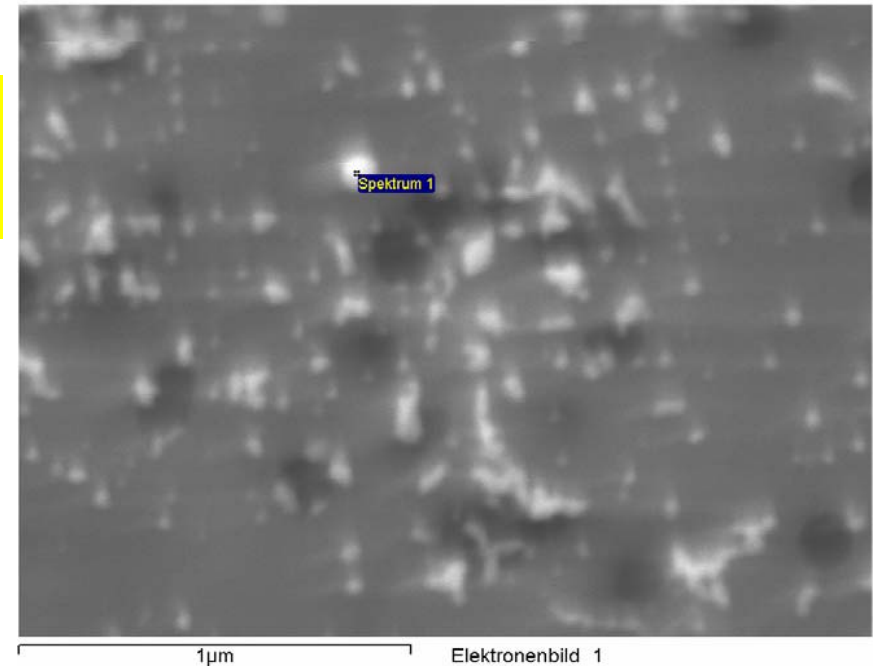
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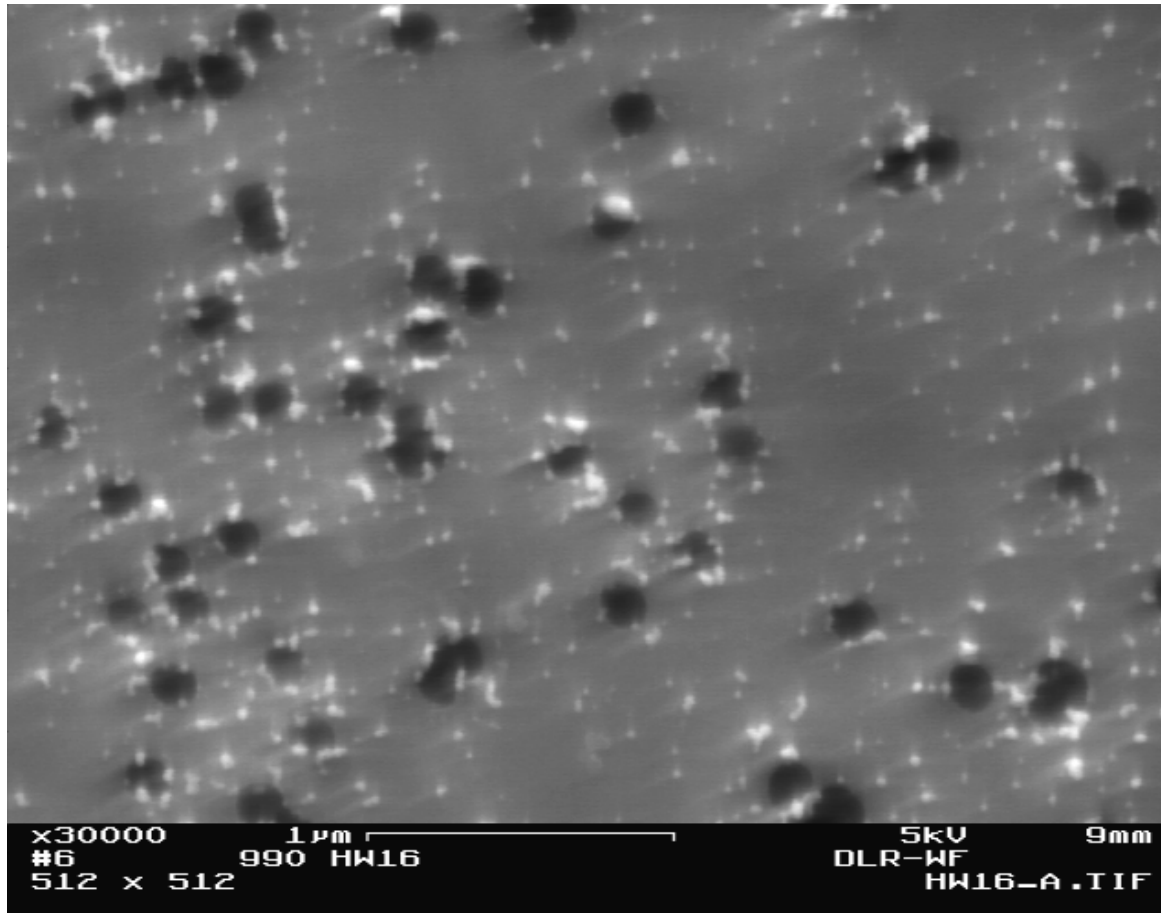
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Pb PbF2 1-Jun-1999 12:00 AM

Element	Gewichts %	Atom %	
Br L	36.52	59.87	
Pb M	63.48	40.13	
Insgesamt	100.00		

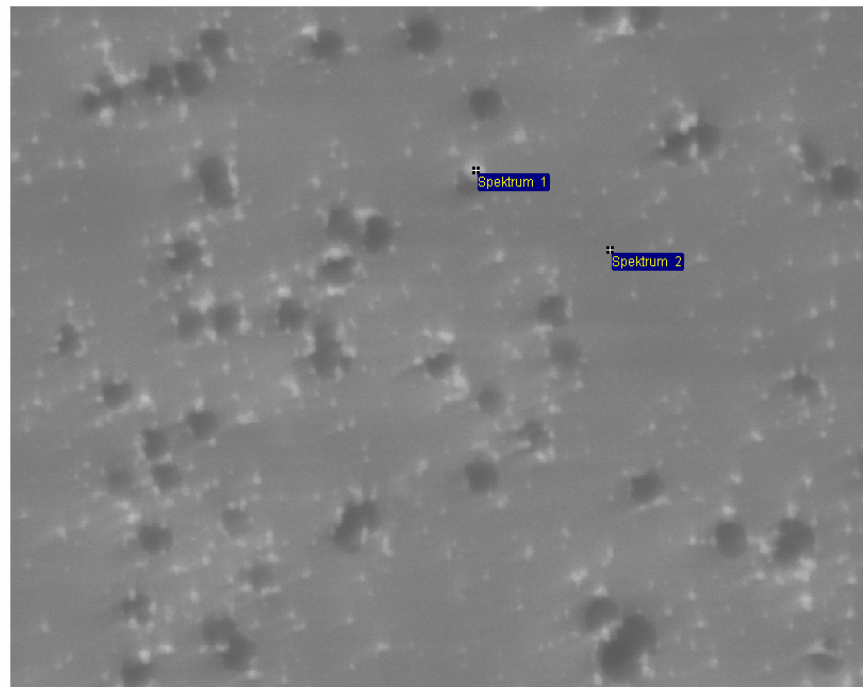


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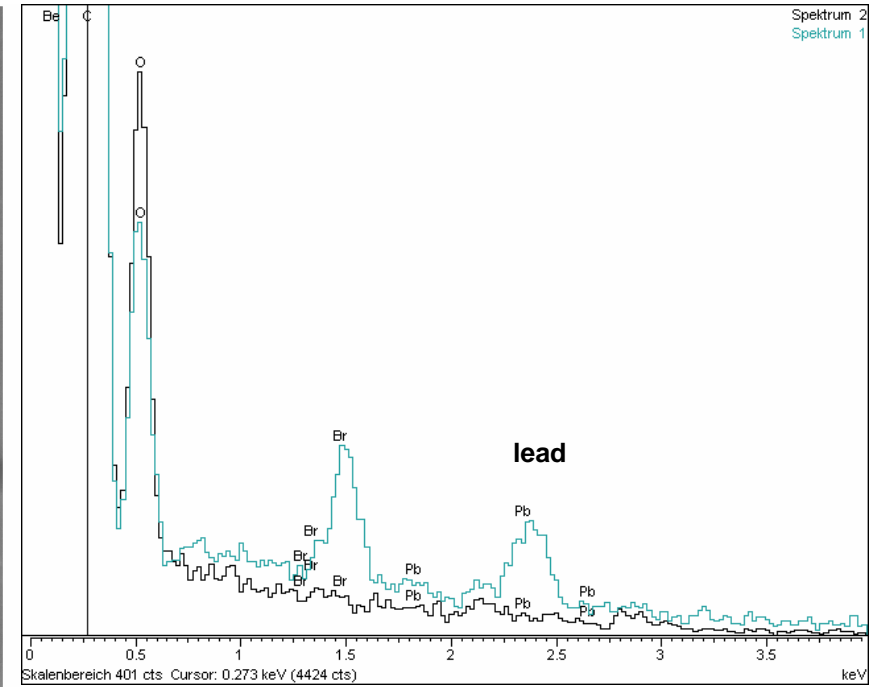
**EDX HB-EYS Cruise lean unleaded fuel**

**There are still residual lead bromide particles !**



1µm

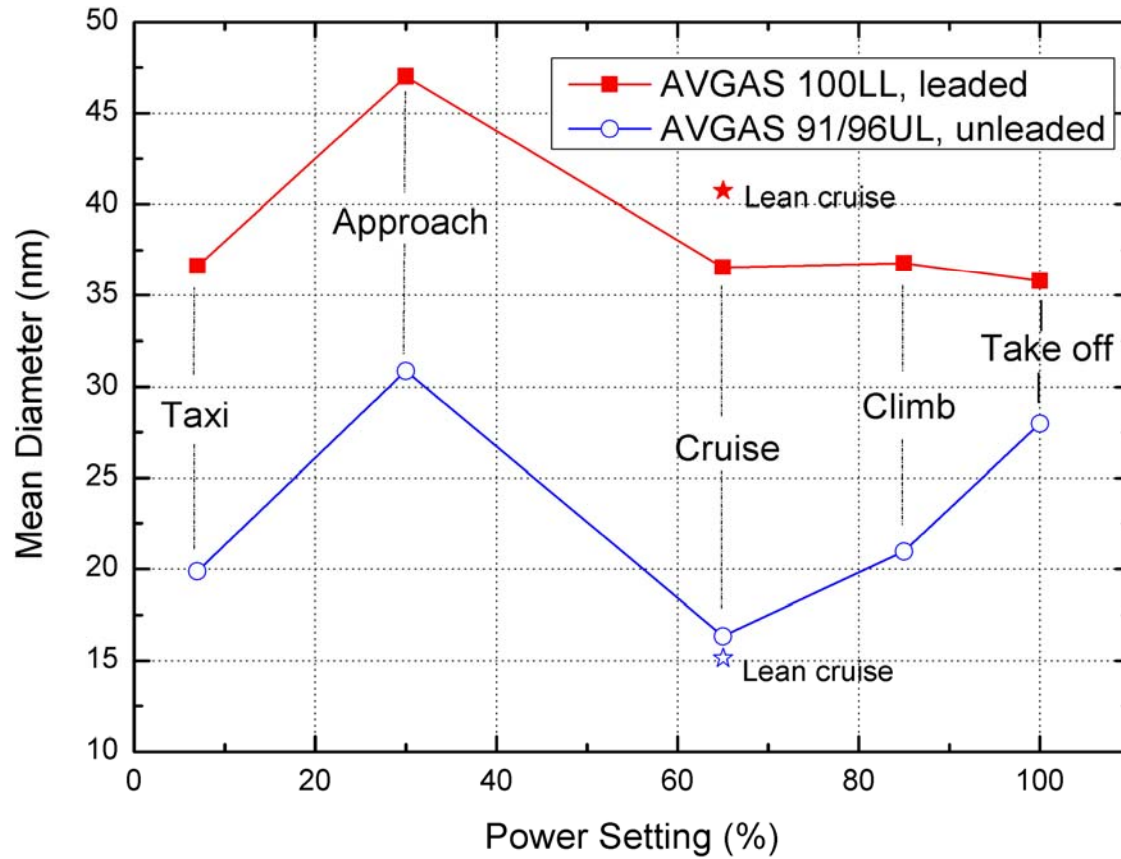
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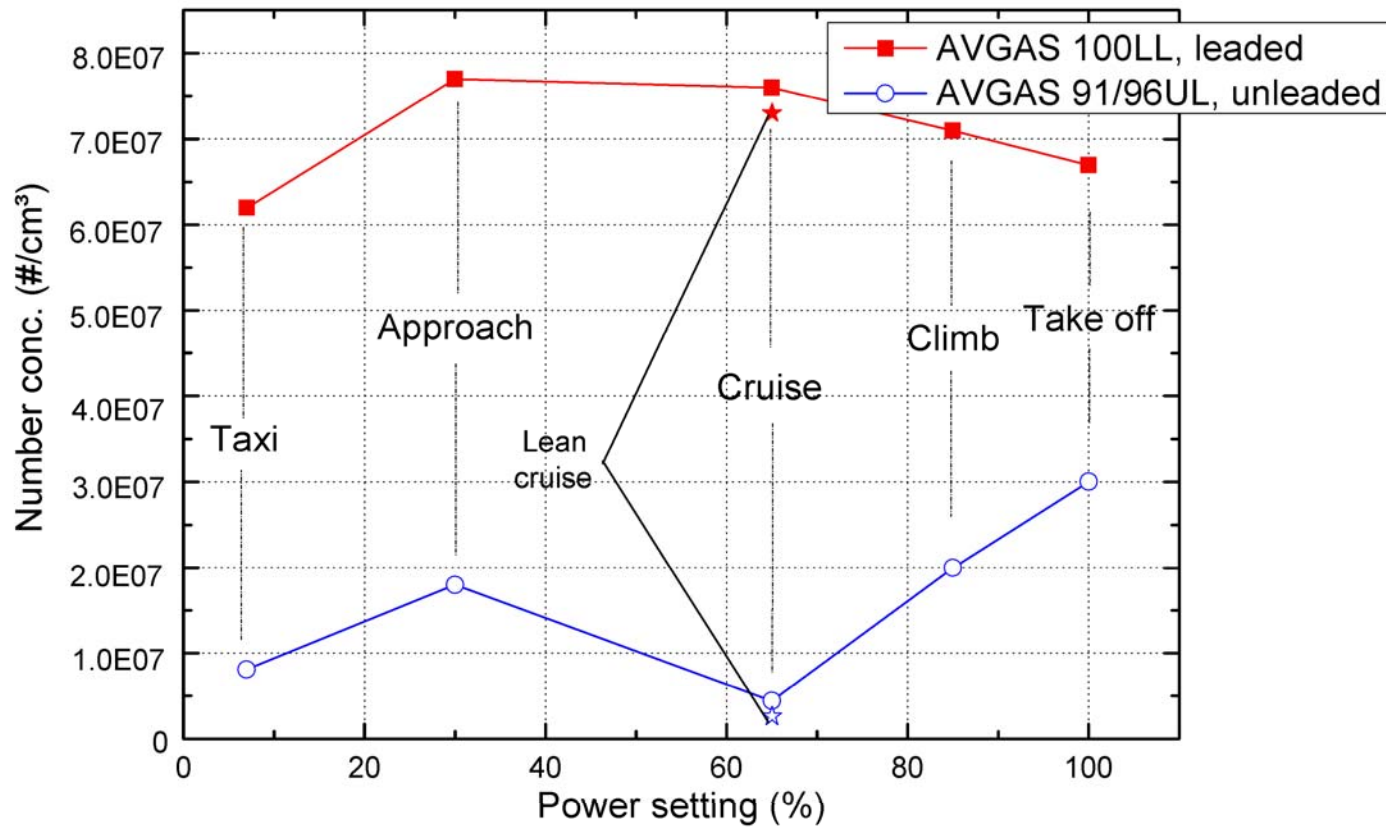
## Results of “Swiss Airplane test” **HB-EYS**:

- AVGAS 100LL (leaded) forms soot and lead bromide particles.
  - There are bromide scavengers in AVGAS 100LL
  - AVGAS 91/96UL gives a significant reduction in number concentration, mass and diameter
  - Running the HB-EYS with lead free fuel gives still some lead bromide emissions (The aircraft was running its whole life with leaded fuel)
- Fortunately not all lead is emitted, you can find huge lead deposits in the oil pan of the engine

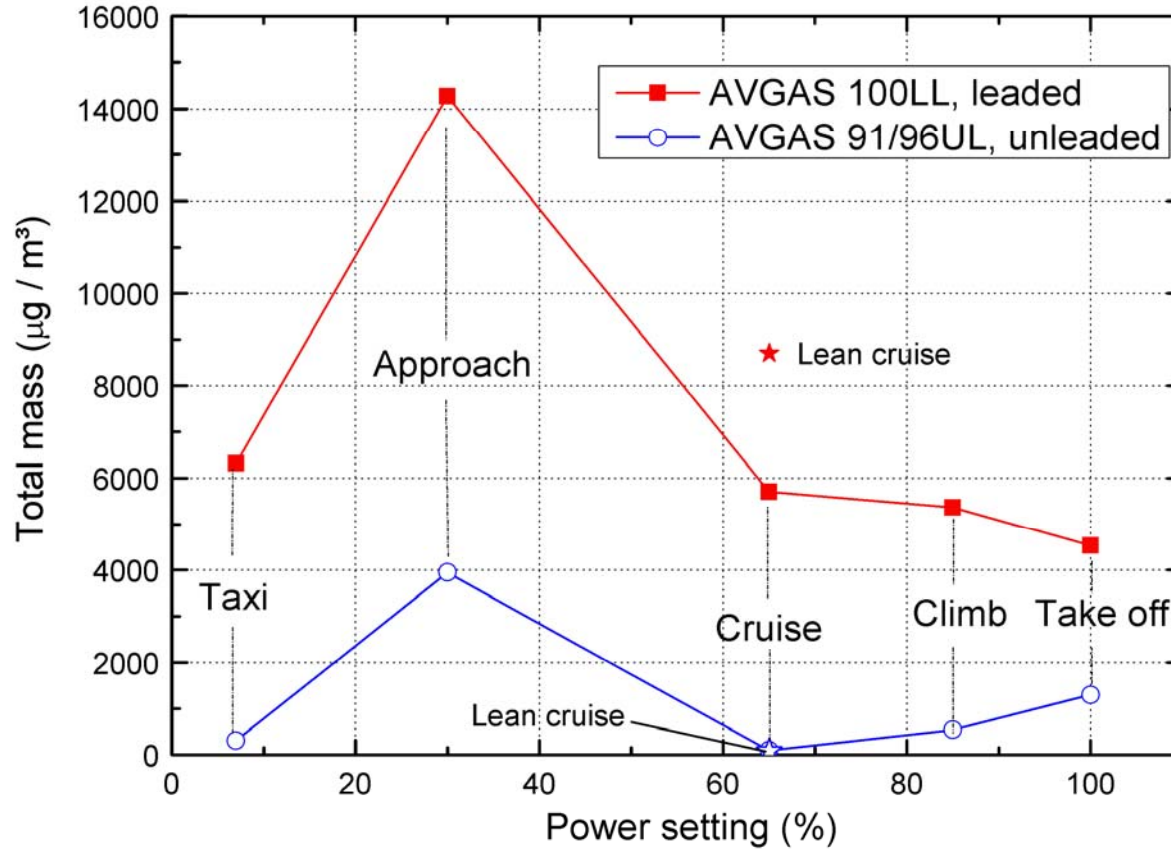
# SE-KEI Mean Diameter = f (power)



# SE-KEI      Number conc. = f (power)



## SE-KEI Total mass = f (power)



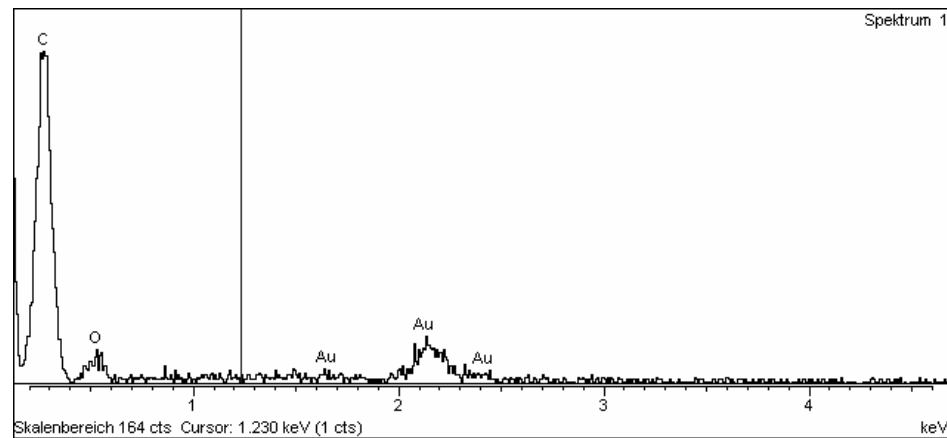
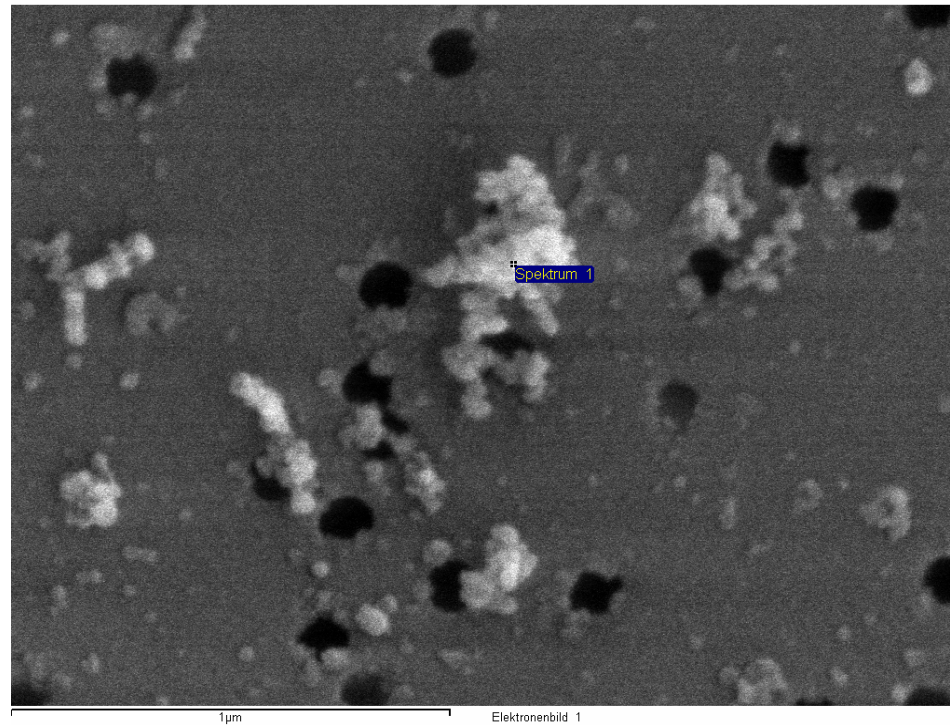


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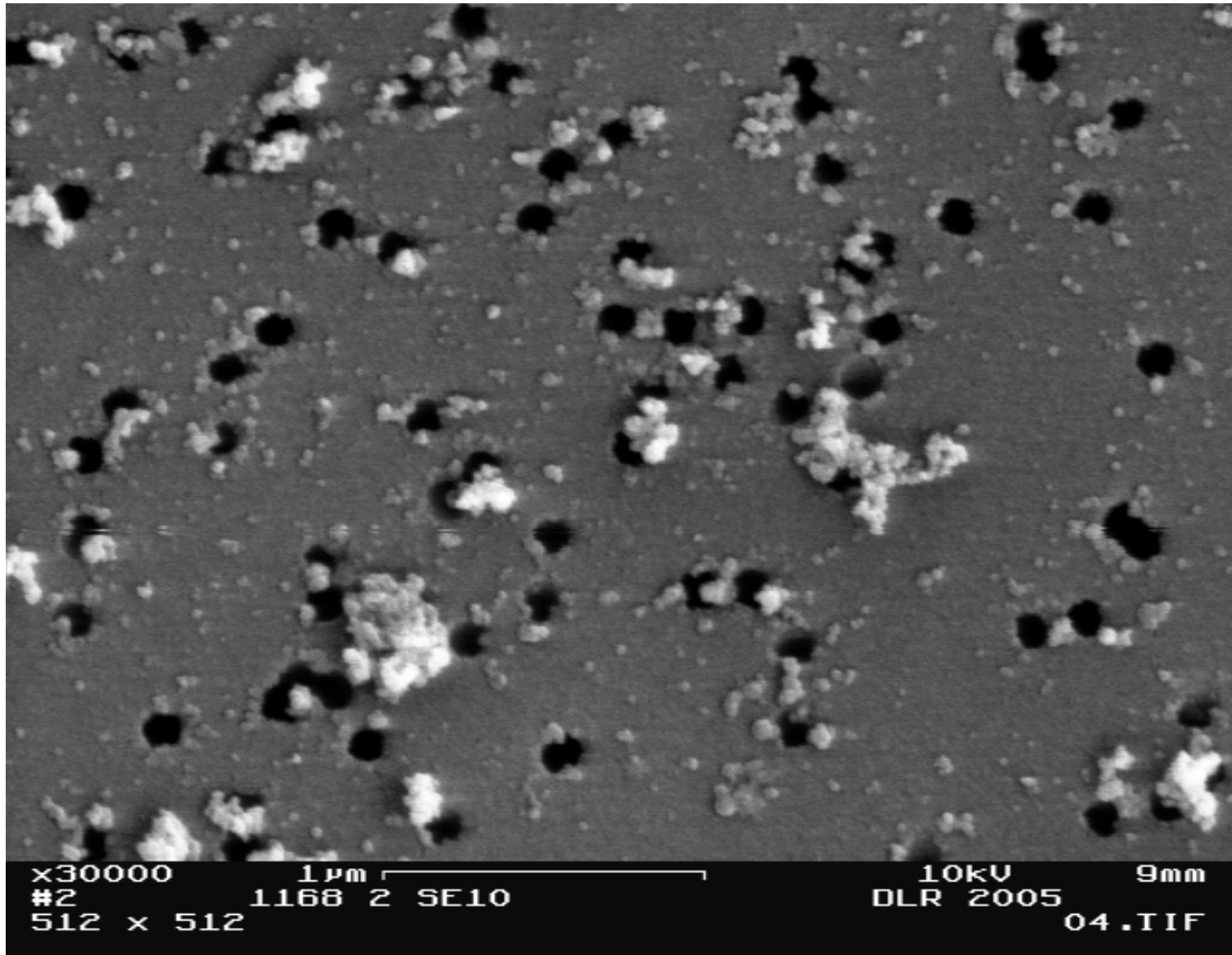
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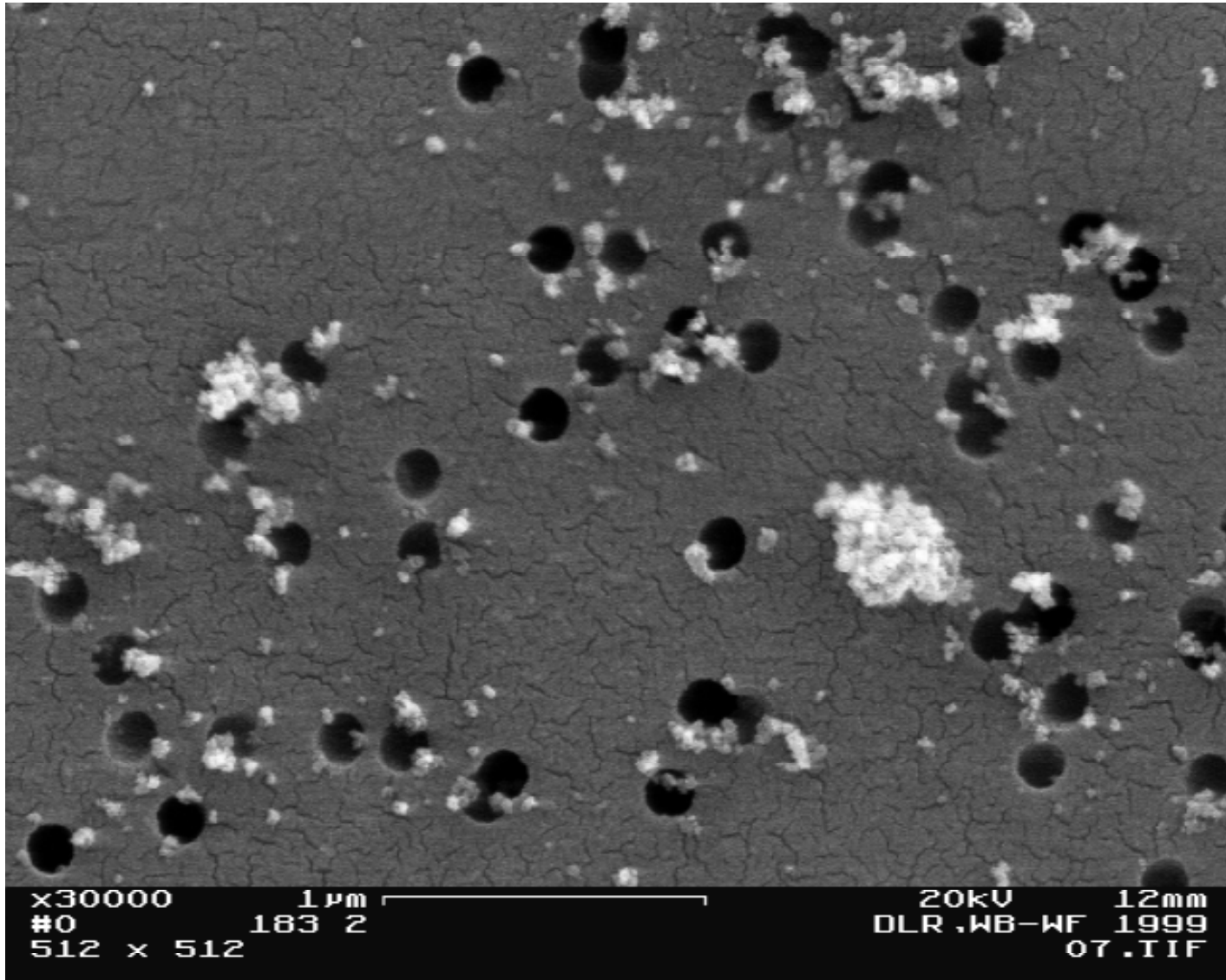
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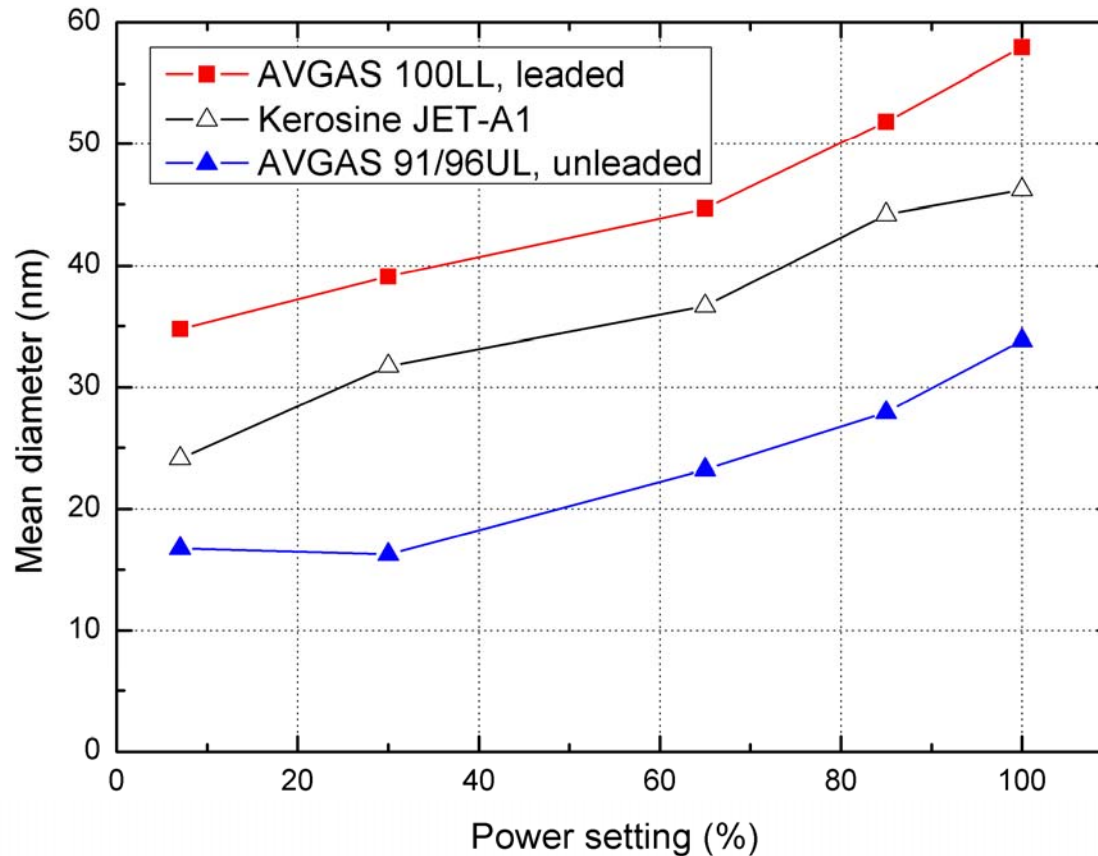
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## Results of “Swedish Aircraft test” **SE-KEI**:

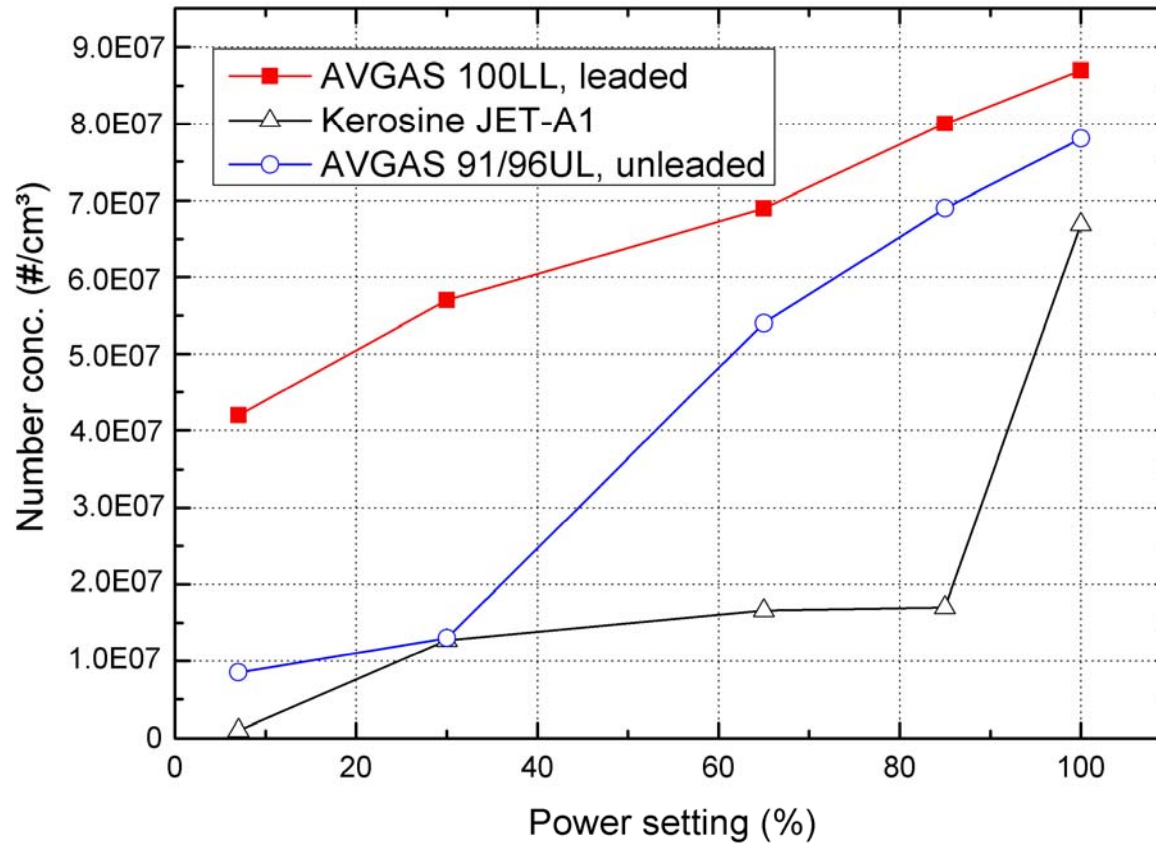
- Again AVGAS100LL shows significant higher emissions than unleaded fuel
- Maximum emissions found at approach conditions  
(perhaps the carburettor by itself is automatically set to rich condition?)
- Shape of the particles is similar to kerosene soot

# Comparison of HB-EYS piston engine test with modern flight gas turbine emissions

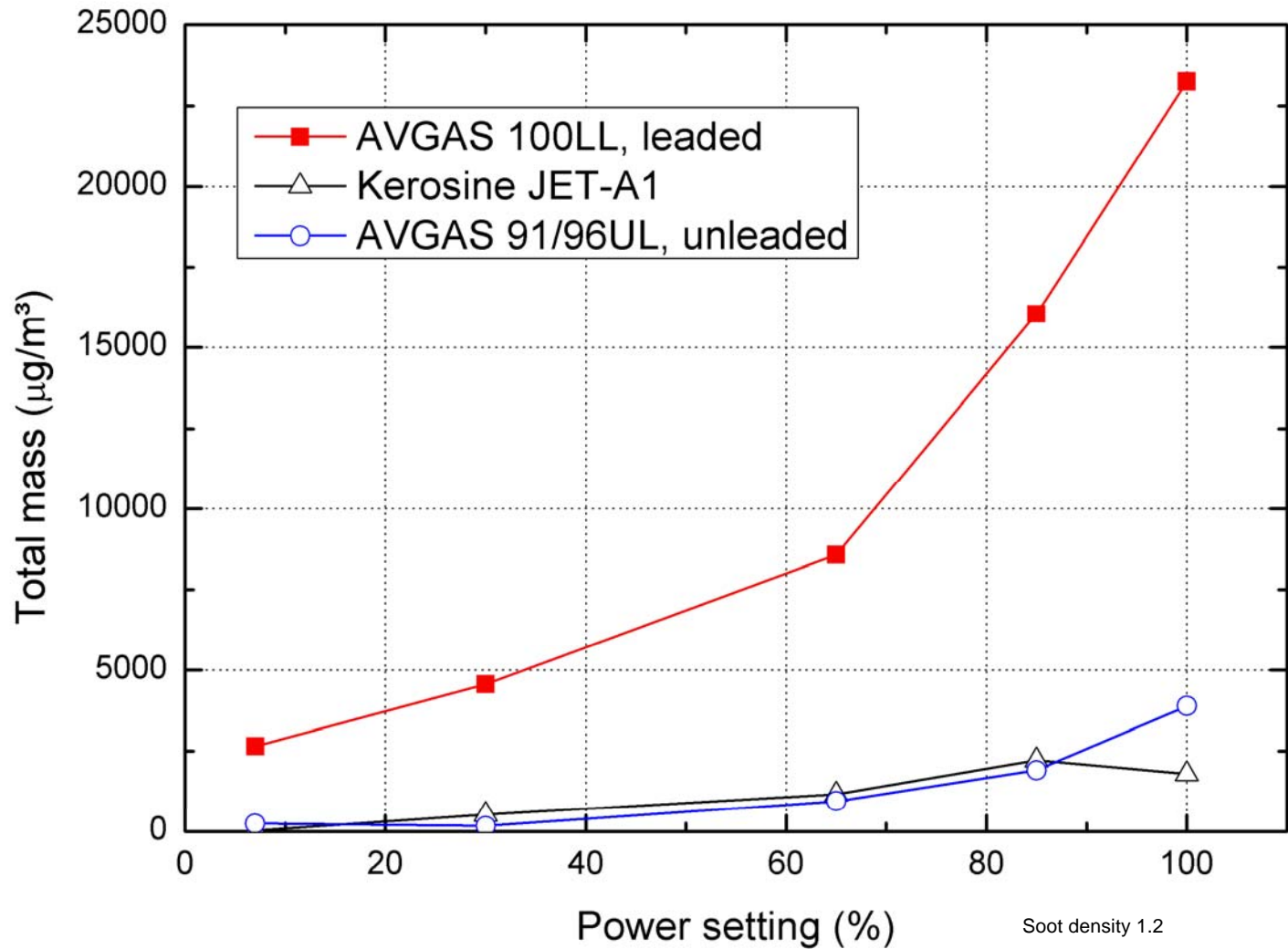


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# HB-EYS piston engine compared with flight gas turbine



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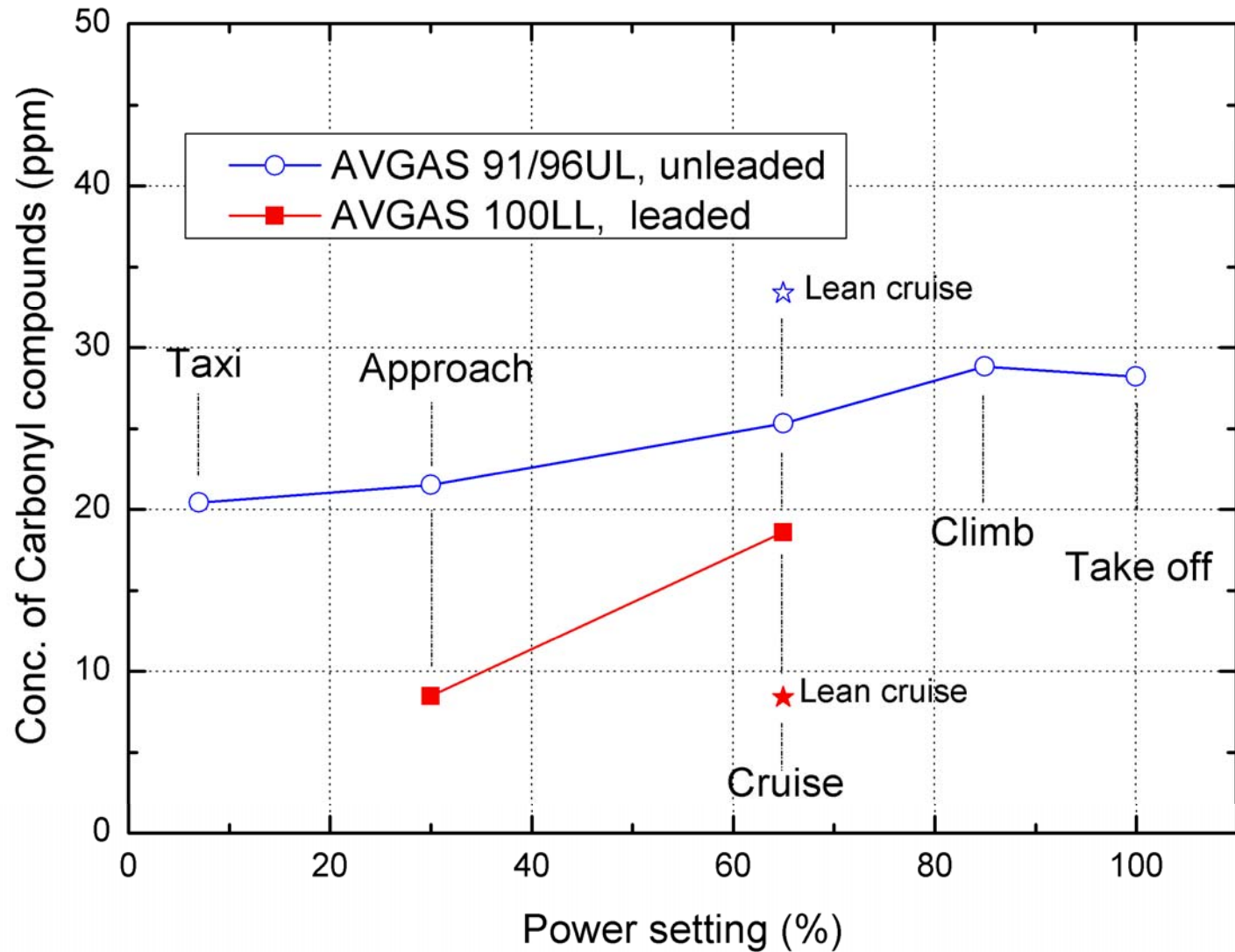


# Carbonyl Compounds identified by DNPH - HPLC Method

<b>** Formaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_2\text{O}</math></b>
<b>* Acetaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>Propargylaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CHCCHO}</math></b>
<b>Acetone</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_3</math></b>
<b>* Propionaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>Crotonaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{CHCHCHO}</math></b>
<b>i-Butanale</b>	<b><math>\text{i-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>* Benzaldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>Methylglyoxal</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{COCHO}</math></b>
<b>o-Toluene – aldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>m-Toluene – aldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}</math></b>
<b>p-Toluene – aldehyde</b>	<b><math>\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}</math></b>

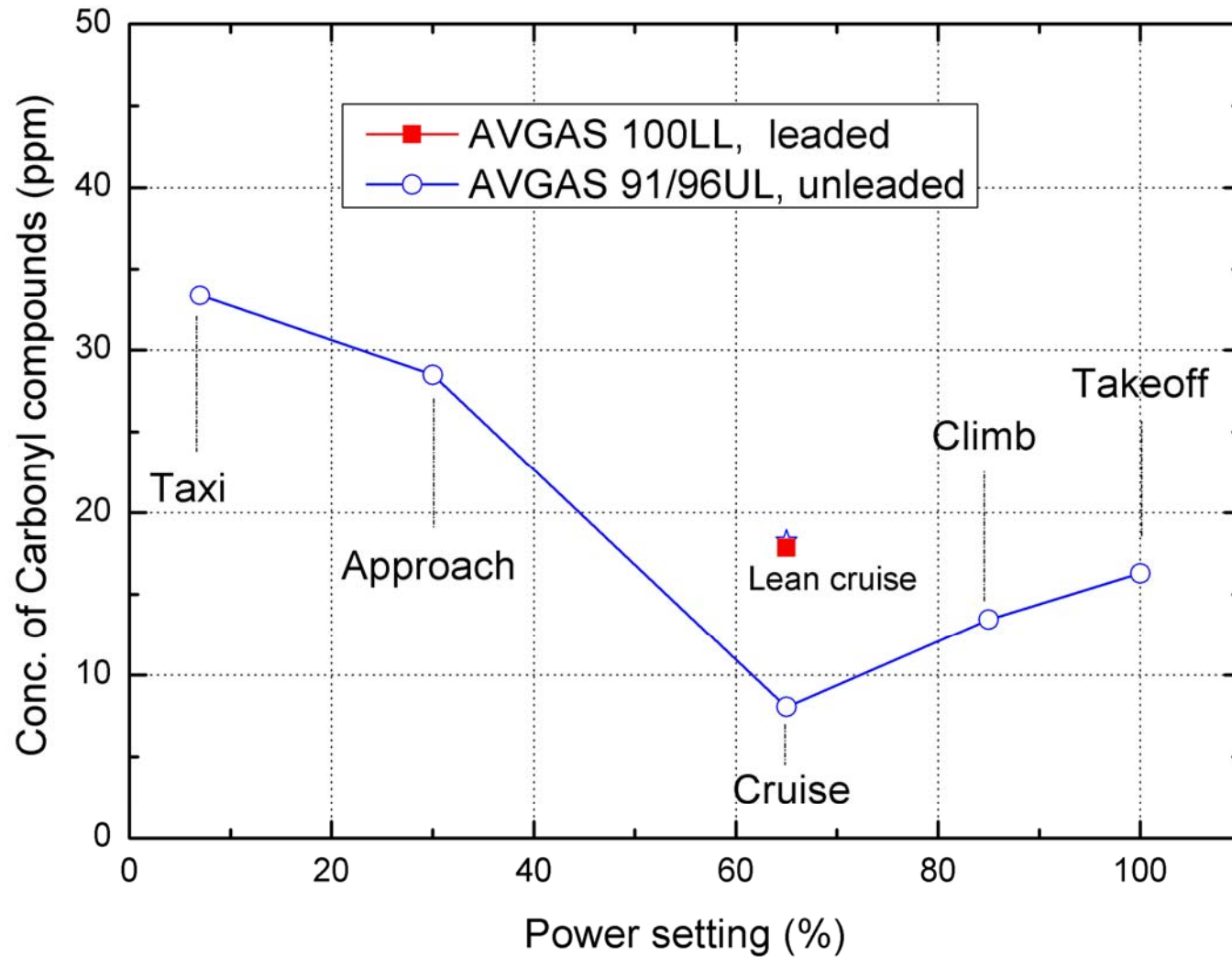


## SE-KEI Carbonyl compounds vs. power setting





# HB-EYS Carbonyl Compounds vs. power setting



## Conclusion

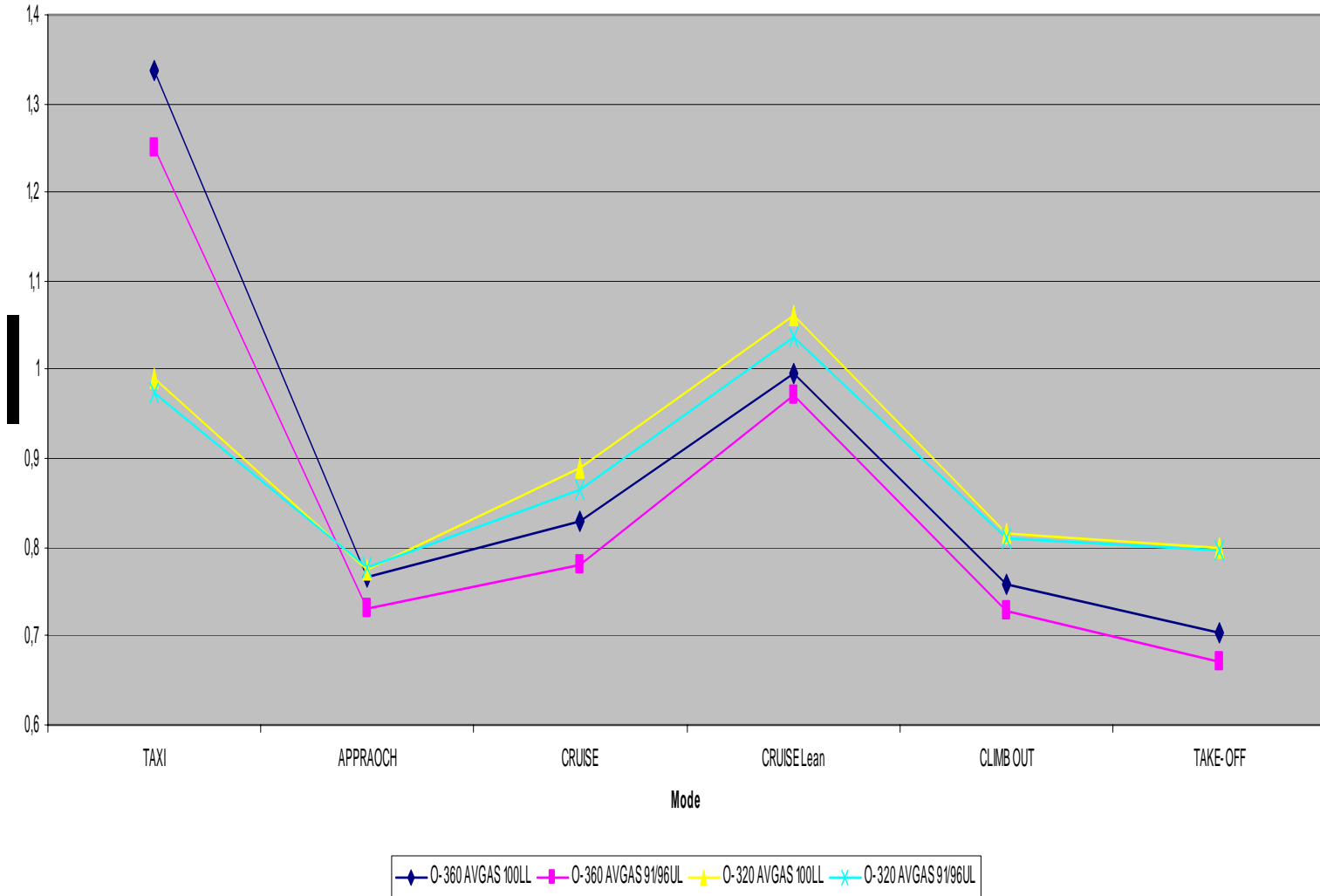
- AVGAS powered flight piston engines emit nanoparticles!
- Size, concentration, mass and shape is similar to modern staged gas turbines
- AVGAS 100LL give soot and lead bromide particles  $\text{PbBr}_2$
- unleaded AVGAS 91/96UL gives **significant lower emissions** (diameter, number conc.# and mass!), than leaded AVGAS
- AVGAS 91/96UL has no lead and no bromide emissions!
- The engine manufacturer Textron Lycoming has included AVGAS 91/96 UL as an approved alternate aviation gasoline for a large number of their engines already in year 1995. The engines with type numbers are listed in their service instruction No. SI 1070"



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# Lambda Comparison HB-EYS and SE-KEI



## Lambda-Comparison HBEYS and SEKEI

MODE	Approx.%Power	Lambda O-360		Lambda O-320	
		100LL	91/96UL	100LL	91/96UL
TAXI	10	1,338	1,251	0,99	0,975
APPROACH	30	0,767	0,731	0,774	0,778
CRUISE	65	0,829	0,781	0,89	0,864
CRUISE Lean	65	0,997	0,97	1,062	1,036
CLIMB OUT	85	0,759	0,727	0,815	0,809
TAKE-OFF	100	0,704	0,671	0,798	0,797