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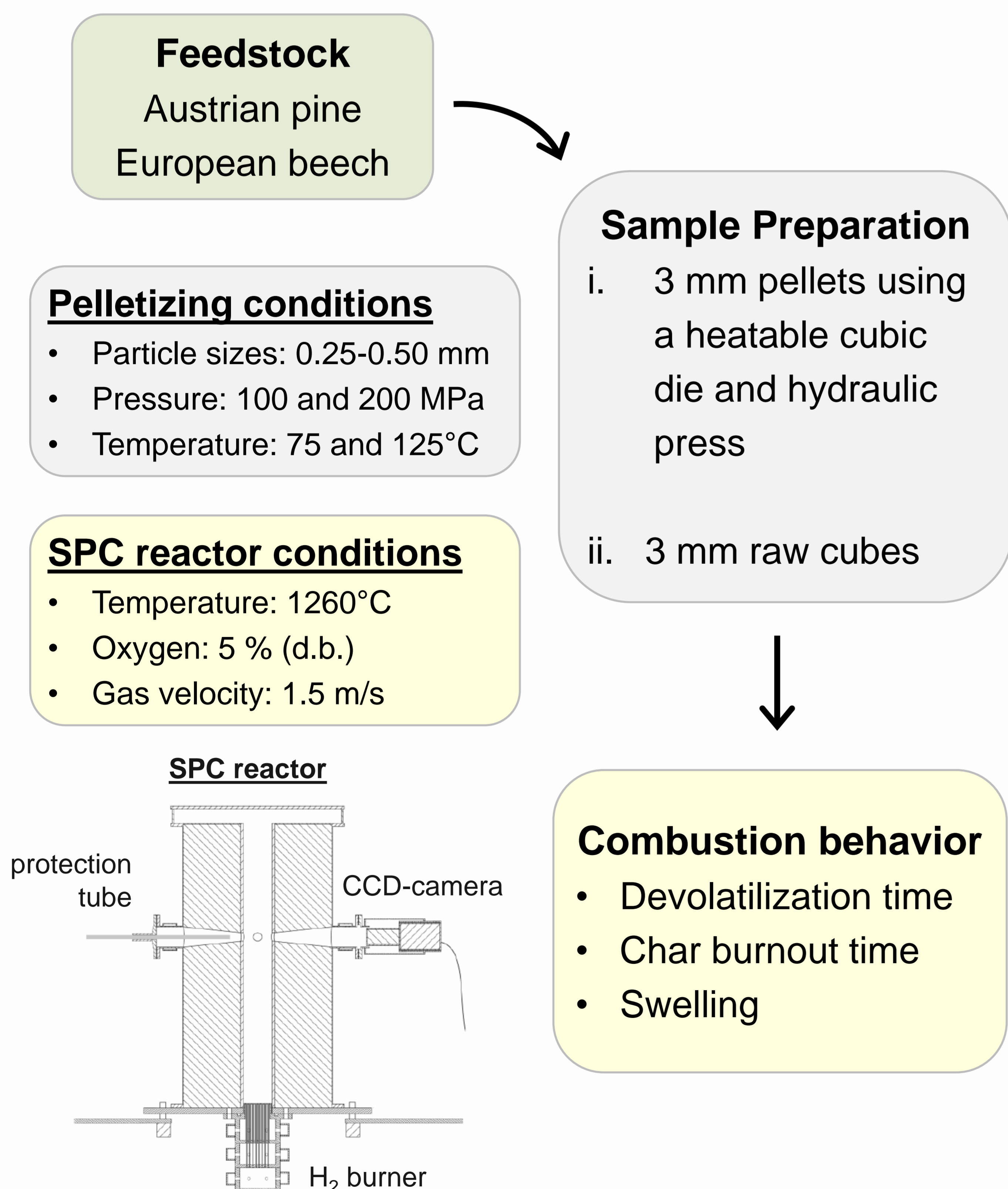
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What were our motivation and research objectives?

We present a single particle combustion (SPC) study examining the relationship between combustion behavior and particle density.

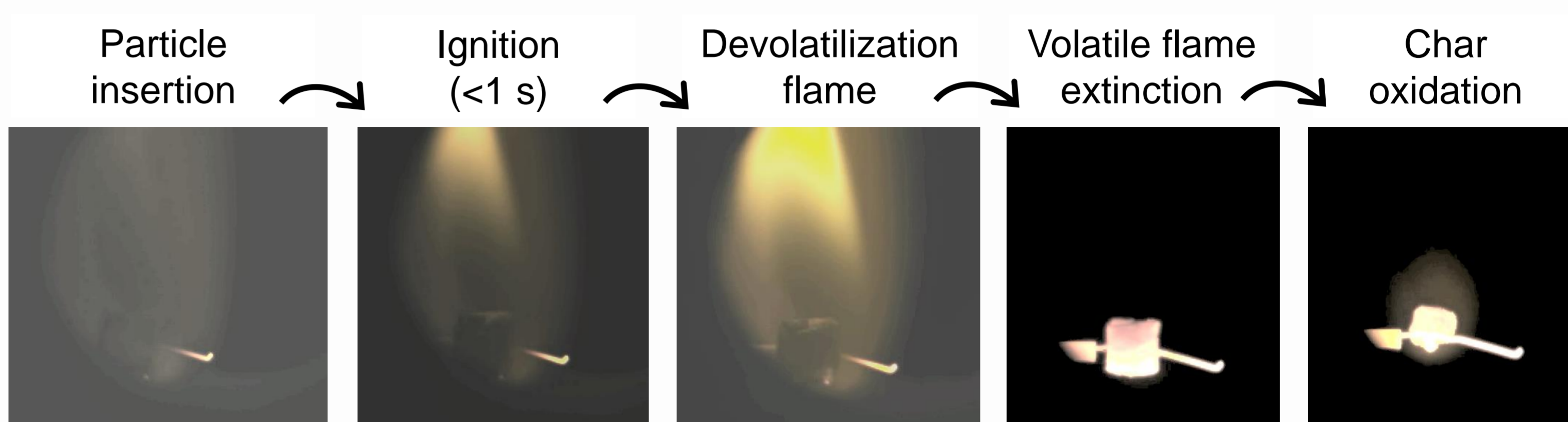
- There are limited data on the combustion behavior of raw and pelletized wood at suspension-fired conditions.
- Understanding the effect of pelletizing conditions (temperature, pelletizing pressure) on the combustion behavior of pine and beech pellets compared to raw wood in a SPC reactor.
- SPC studies allow to predict the particle combustion behavior in full-scale furnaces.

How was the SPC study performed?

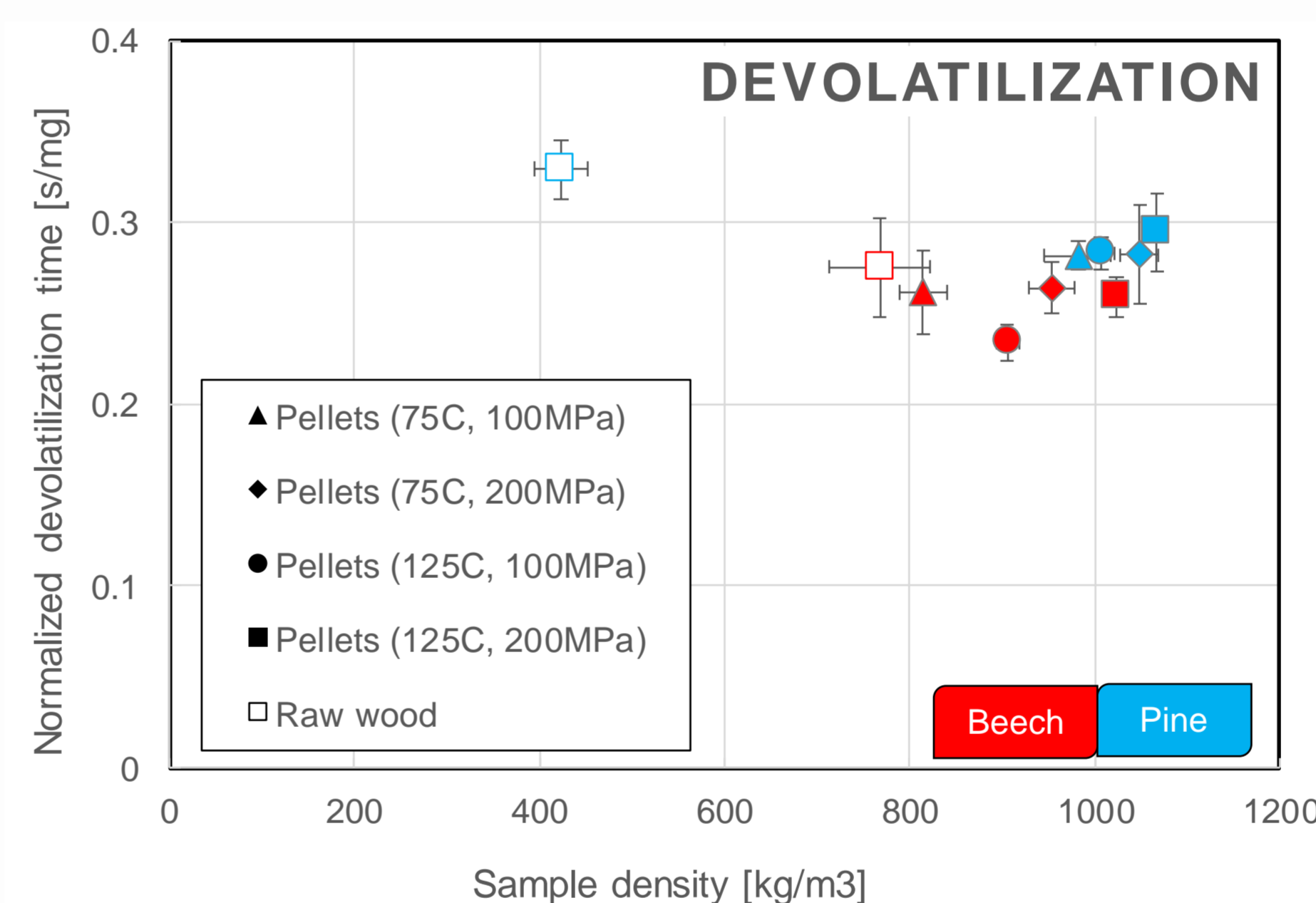


Particle conversion process

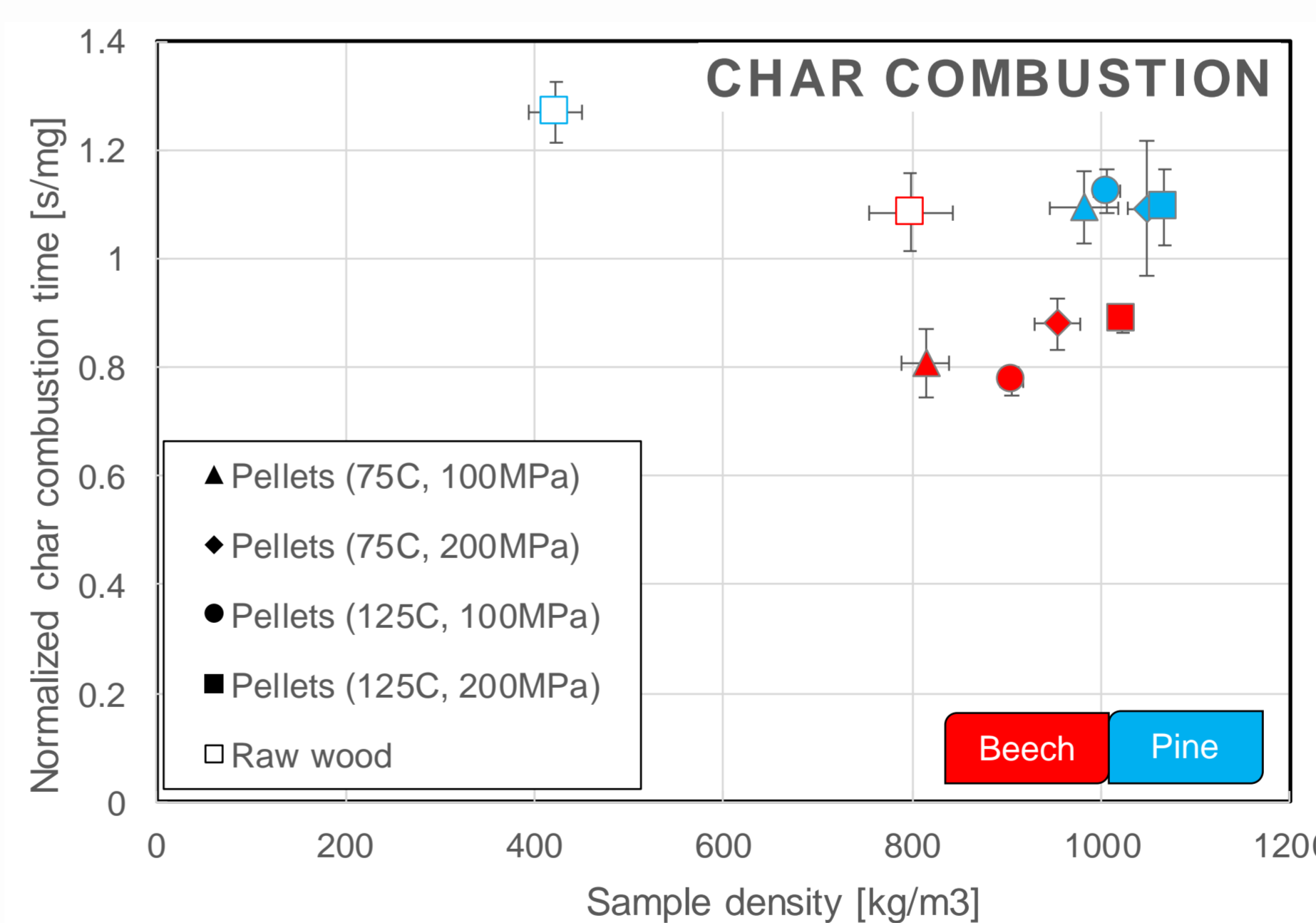
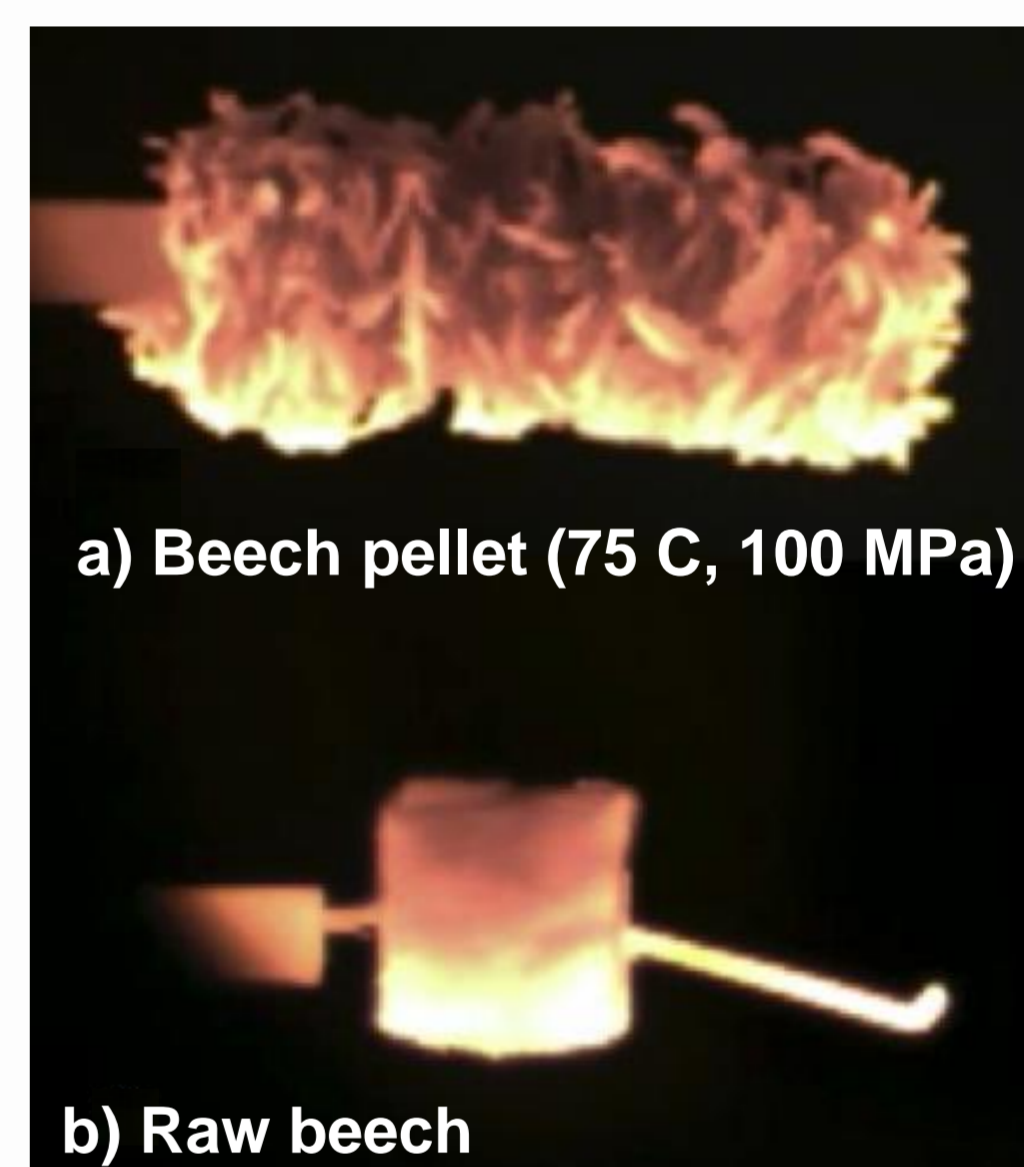
Example: Raw beech cube



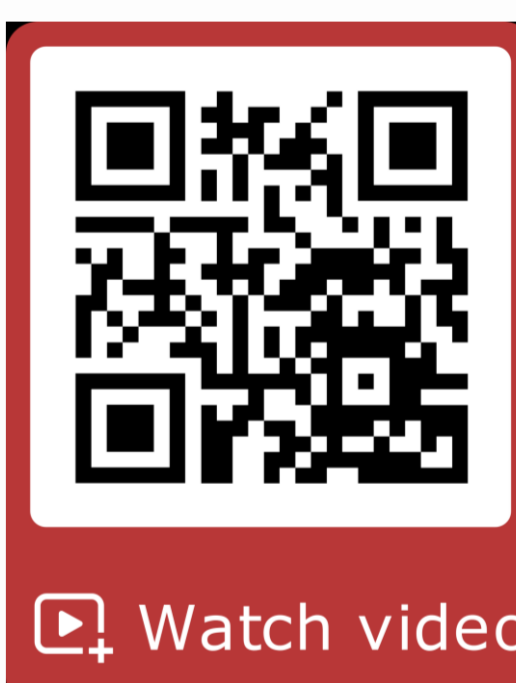
Main findings



Swelling during devolatilization



Total conversion of raw beech vs. pelletized beech



Total conversion of pelletized pine vs. pelletized beech



Conclusions

- Pine can be densified more than beech
- SPC study shows that weak inter-particle bonds in pellets
 - Cause swelling during devolatilization, facilitating faster burnout of internal pellet particles compared to single raw wood
 - Affect the conversion process (i.e., faster char burnout of beech pellets due to weaker particle adhesion than pine pellets)