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Deep eutectic solvent pre-treatment of residual biomass streams – effects on anaerobic degradability –

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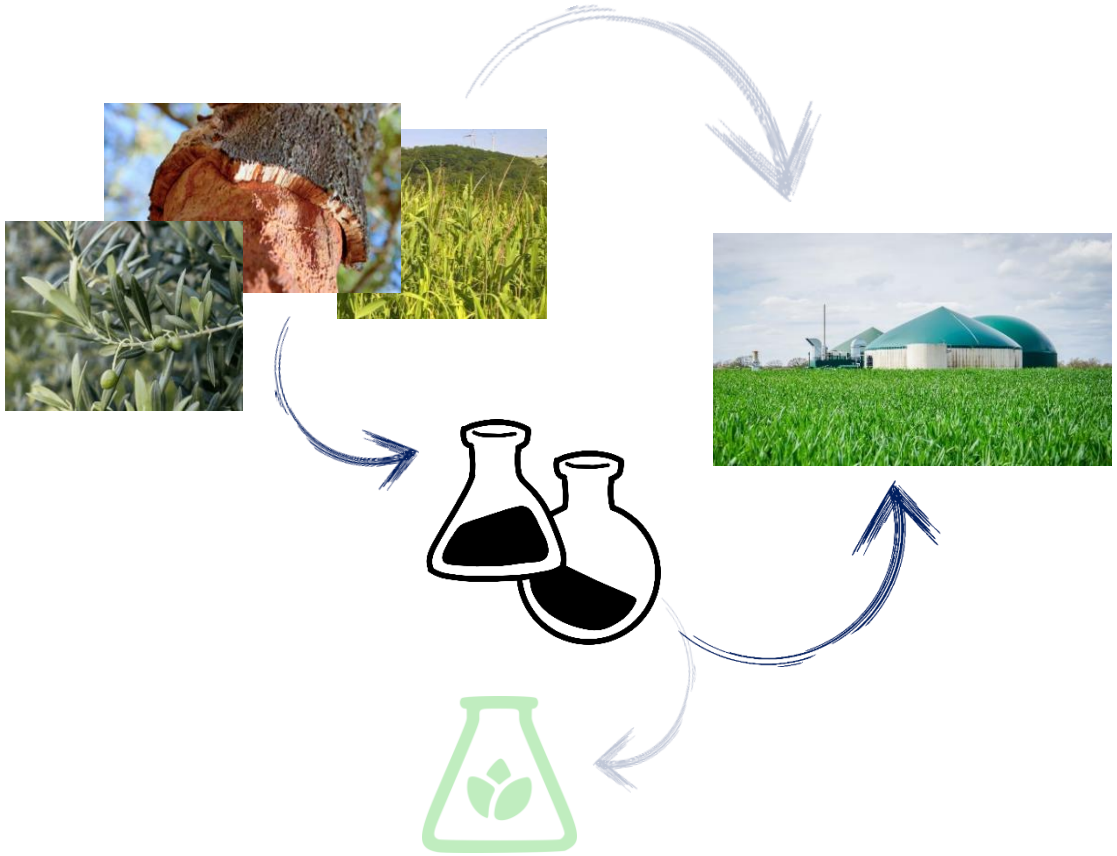
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Biogas production within a circular economy

- Management of wastes and residues from
  - Agricultural production
  - Processing of agricultural goods
- Provision of renewable enegery
- Provision of organic fertilizer

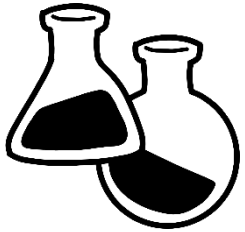


- Treatment of lingnocellulosic biomass for
  - Production of value-added products
  - Improvement of anaerobic degradability

Deep eutectic solvent pre-treatment of residual biomass streams

Essentials on DES

- Mix of hydrogen bond donor and hydrogen bond dacceptor
- Melting point of mixture < melting point of individual substances
- Good solvation properties



- Advantages over conventional solvents
  - Biodegradability, biocompartibility
  - Low toxicity
  - High thermal stability
  - Low volatility
  - Non-flammability

Abbott et al. 2003, Pandey et al. 2017, Qin et al. 2020, Gorke et al. 2008

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Materials and methods

Cork dust | Olive pruning | Common reed



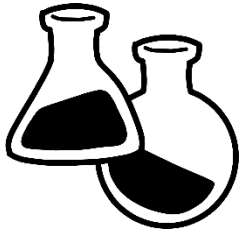
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Comminution

DES pre-treatment



- 1:10 solid : solvent ratio
- 1:2 Choline chloride : formic acid
- 90 °C / 110 °C / 130 °C
- 20 min / 40 min / 60 min

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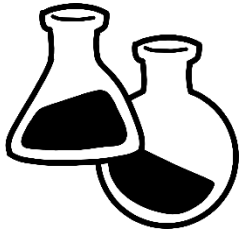




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Solid/liquid separation → Valorization of liquid fraction

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Anaerobic digestion of solid residuals

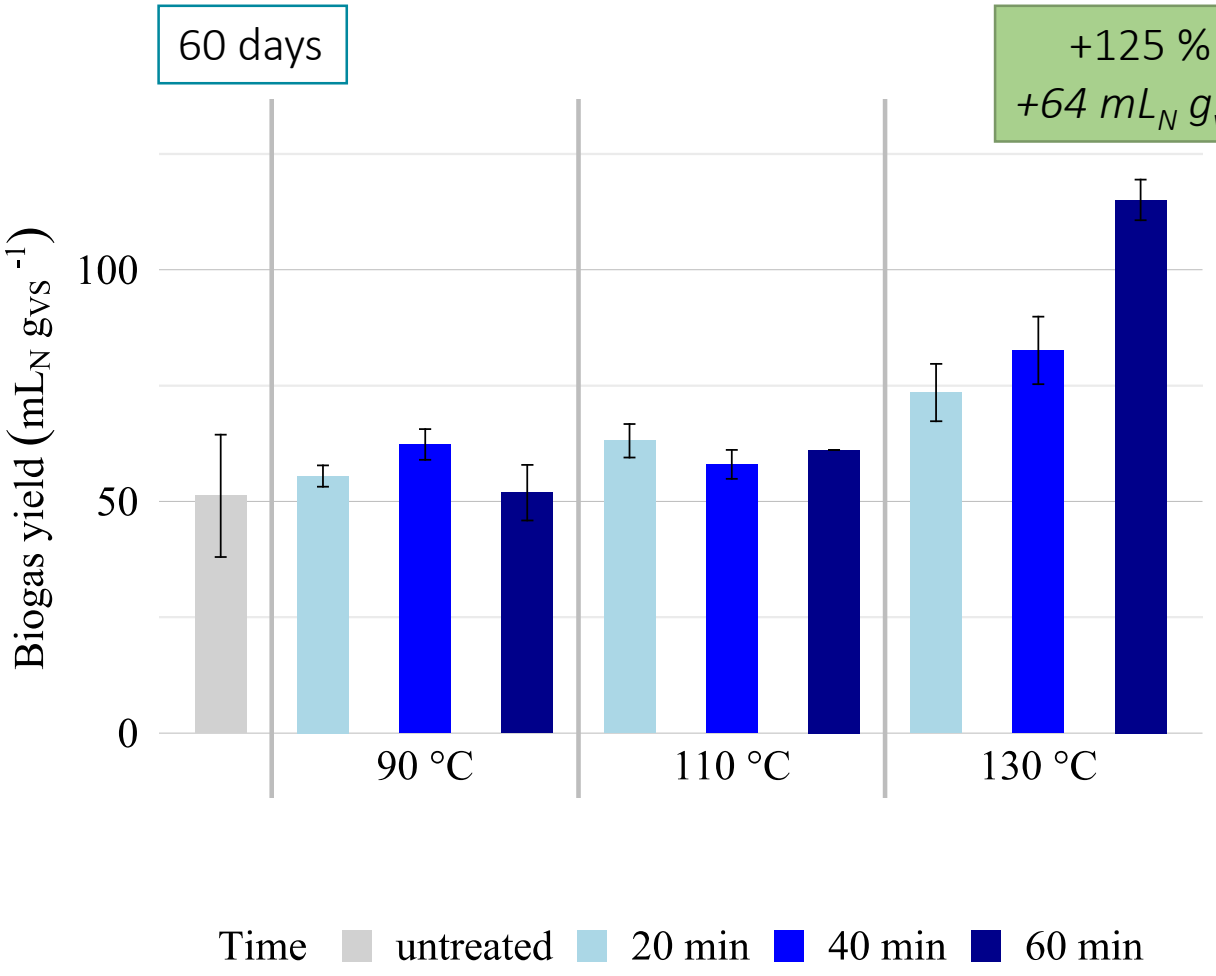
- 37 ± 1 °C
- 60 days
- Gas compositional analysis

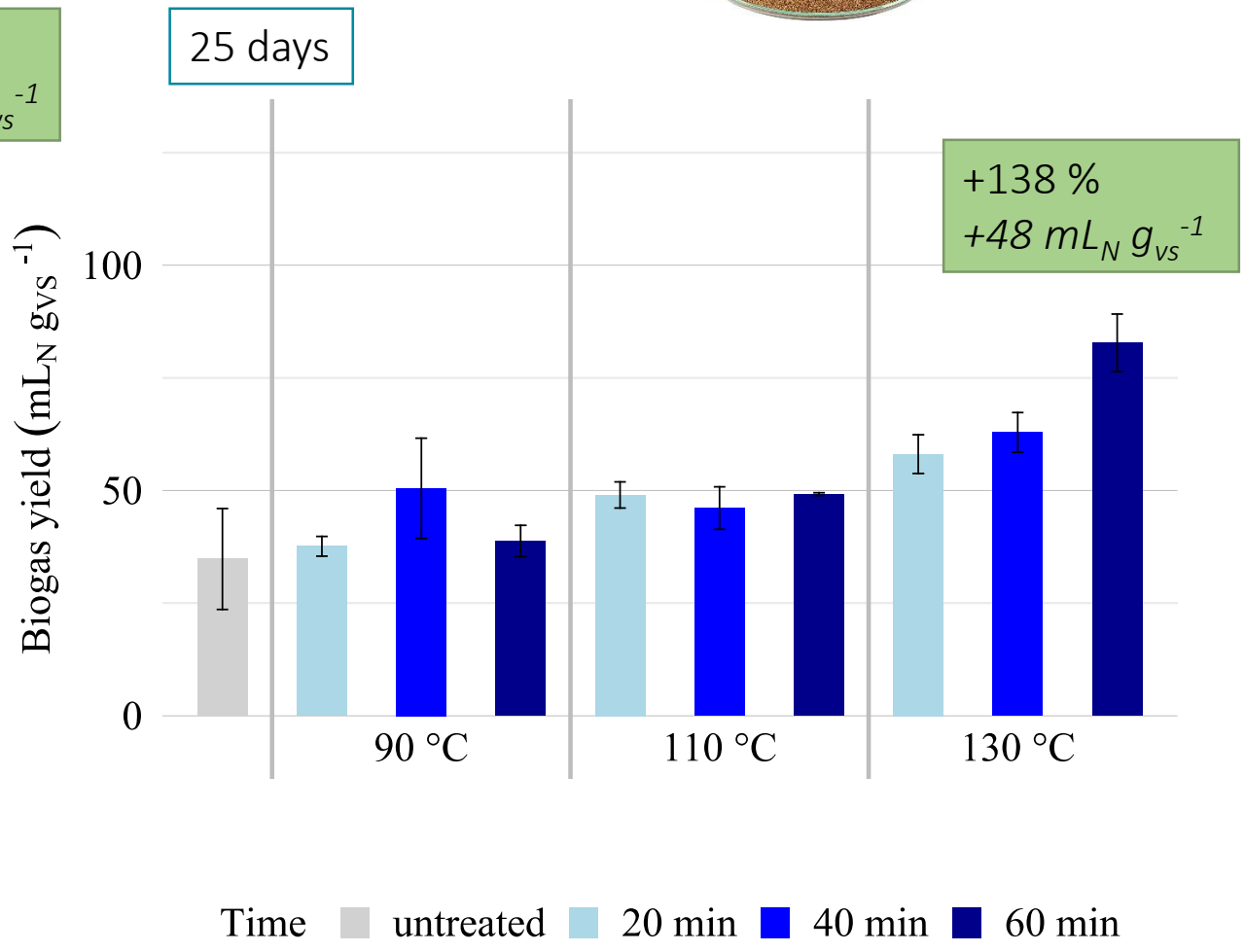


Anaerobic degradability of DES pre-treated biomass

Results - Cork dust

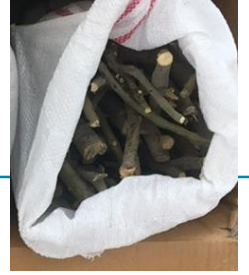


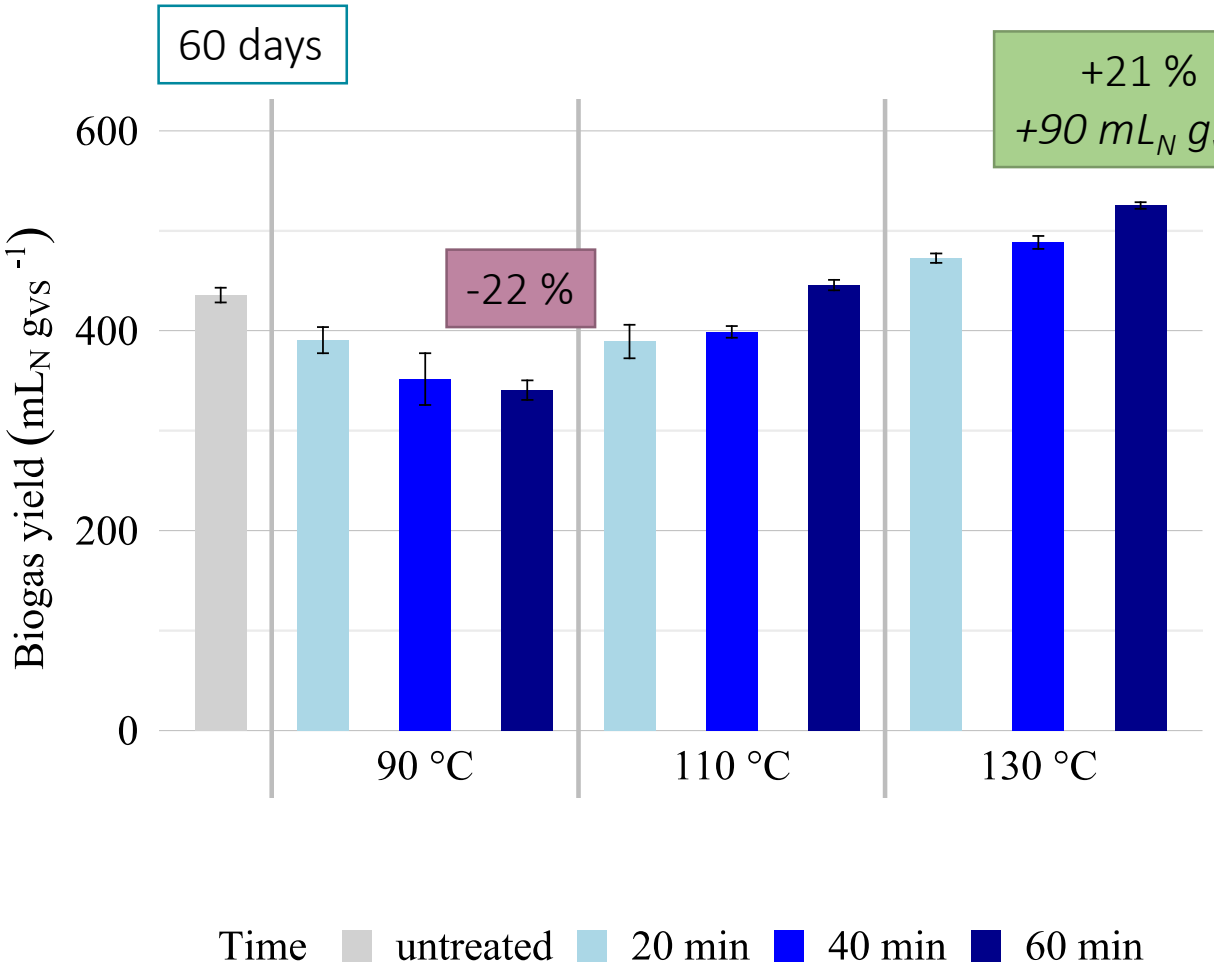


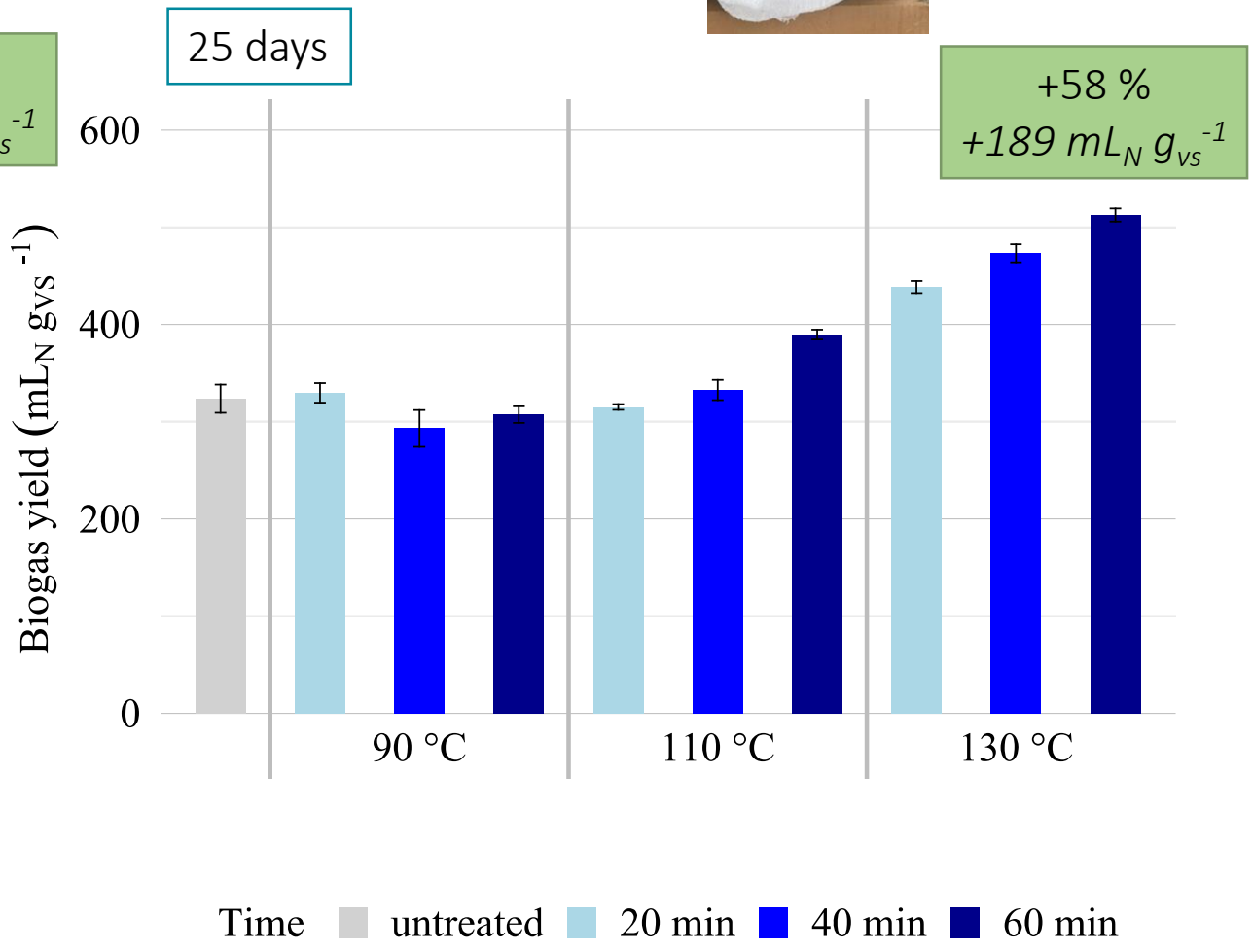


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Results - Olive tree pruning



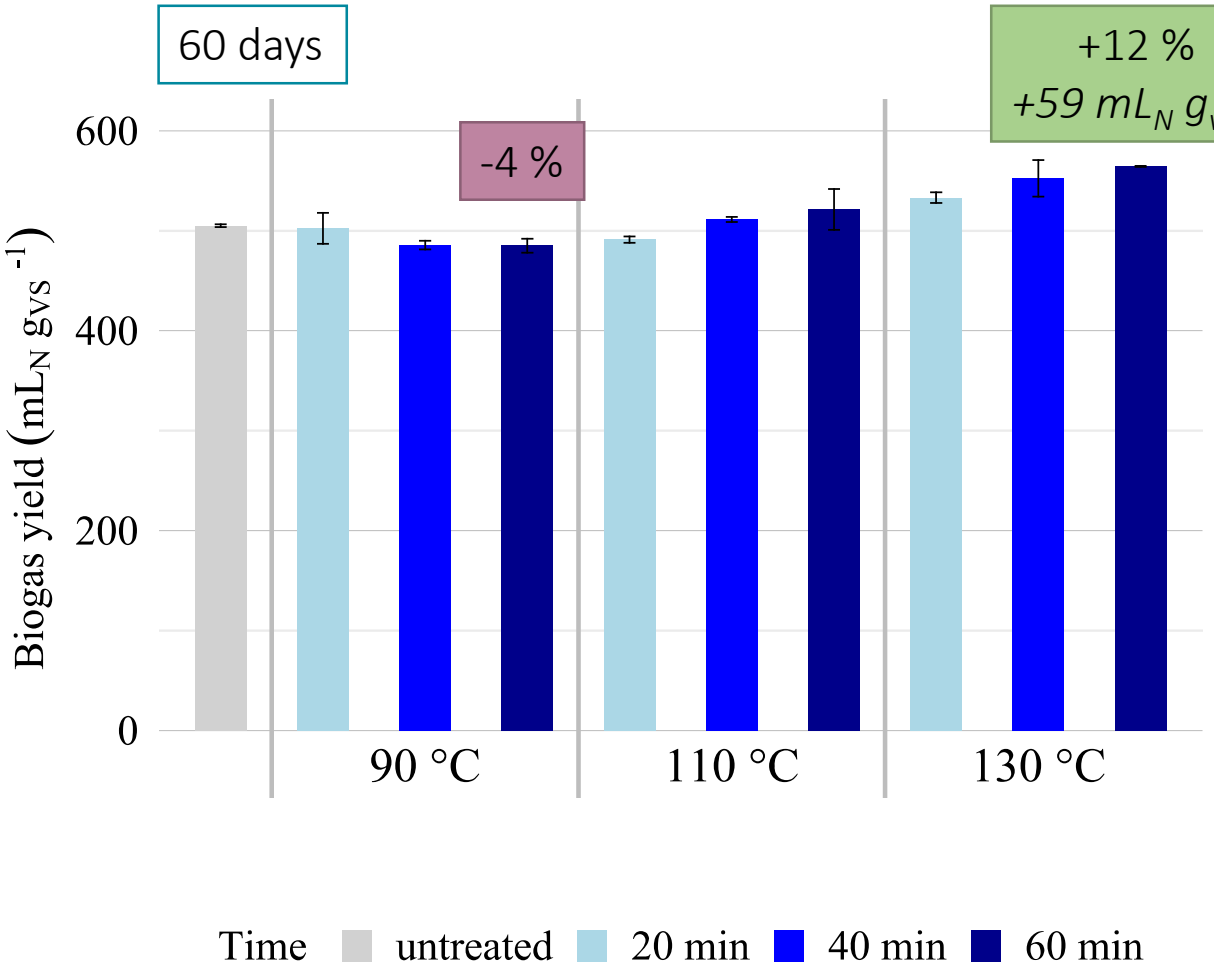


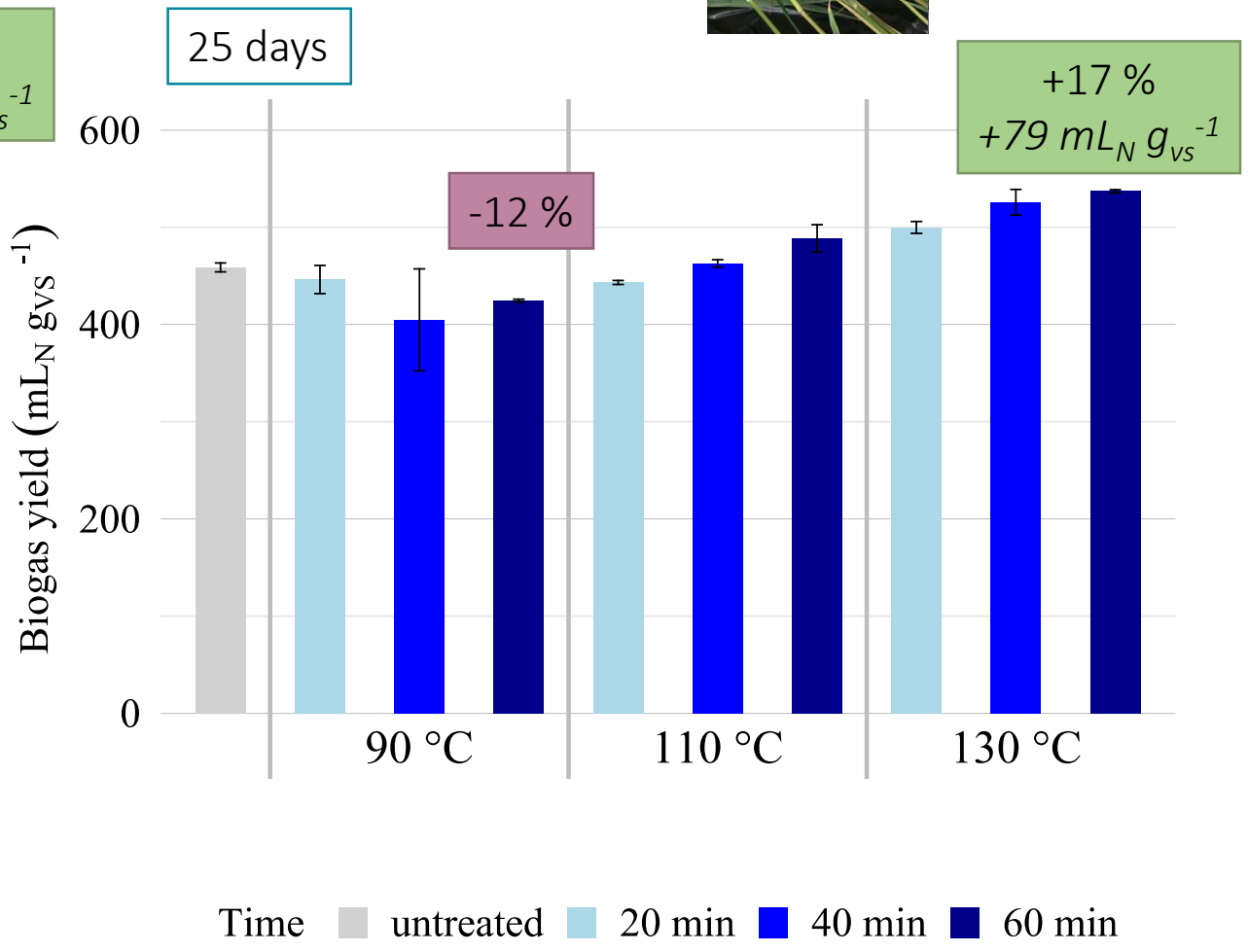


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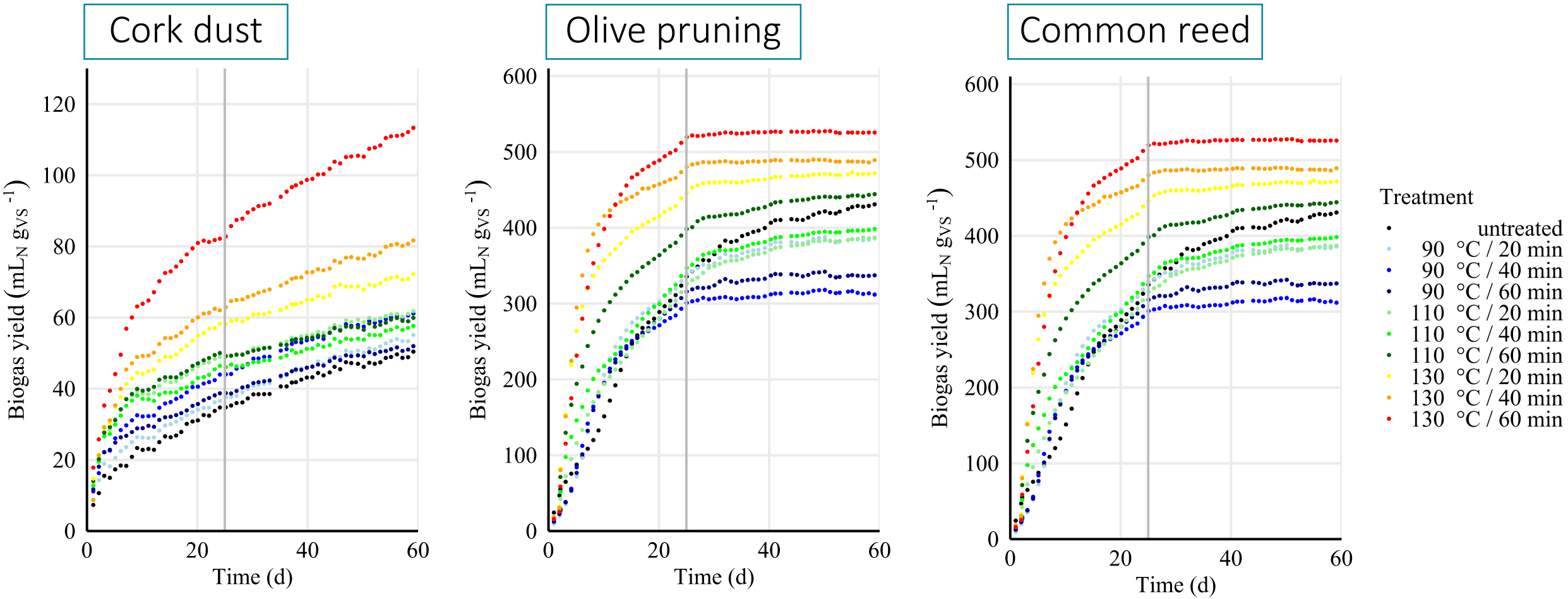






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Results - Changes in degradation kinetics

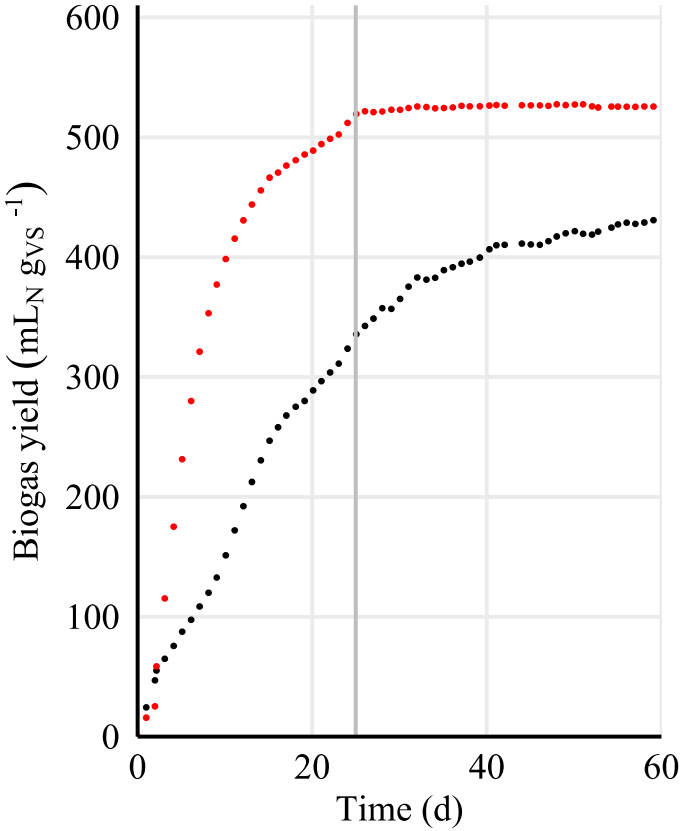


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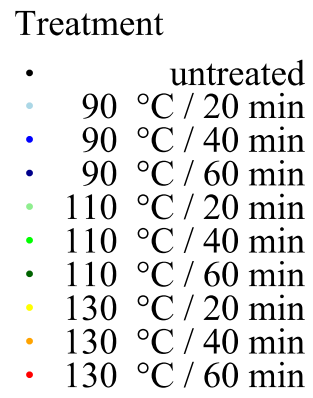
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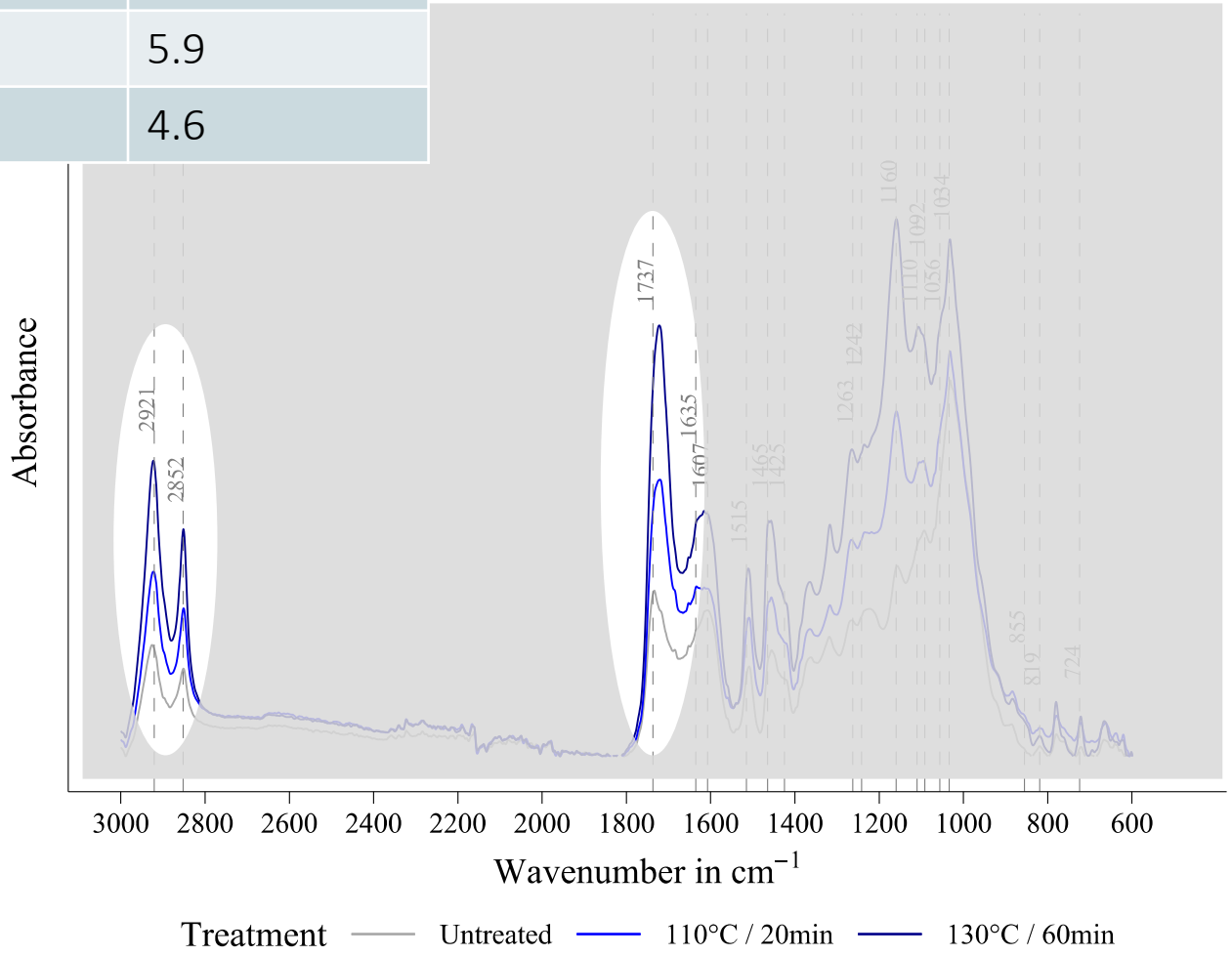
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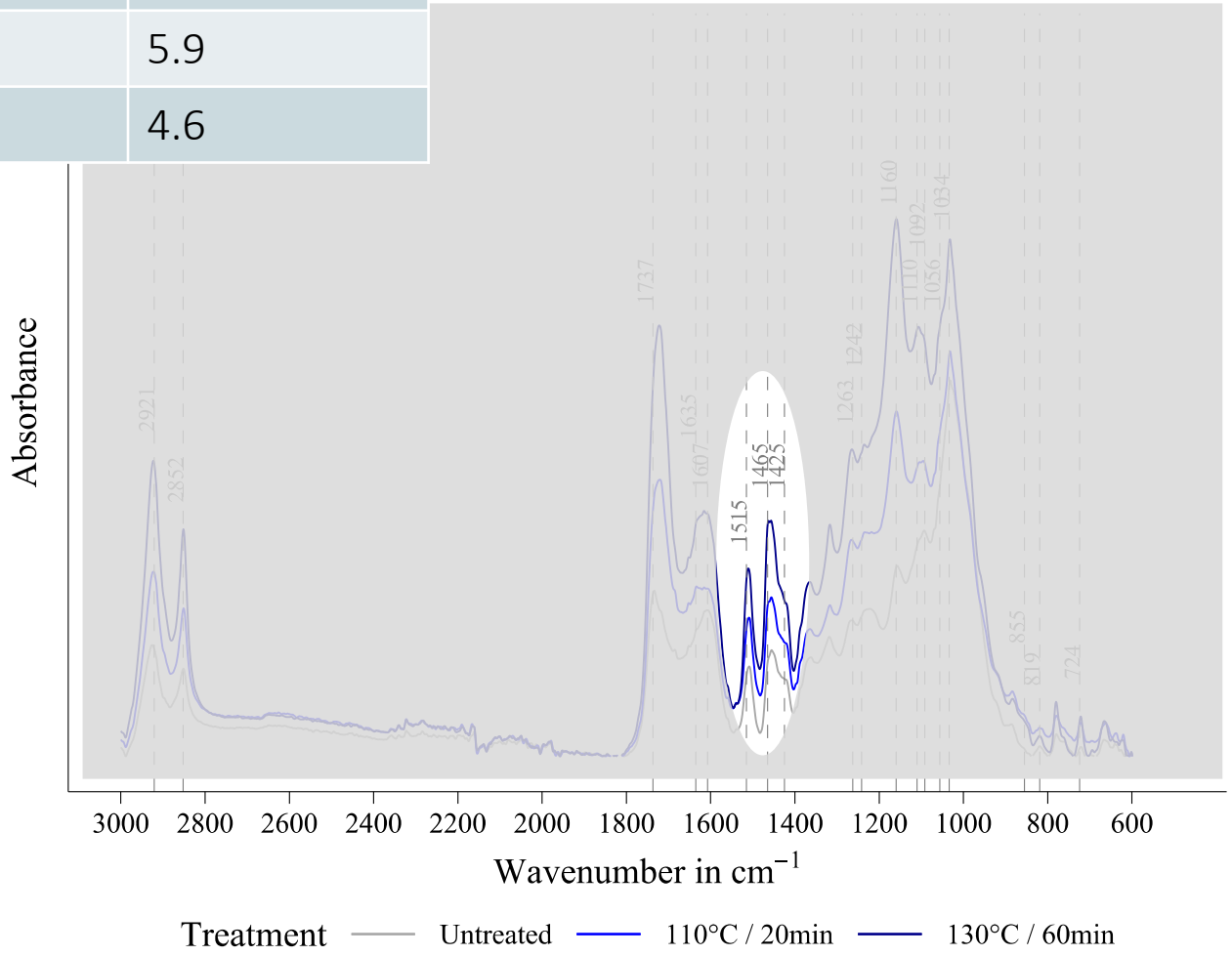
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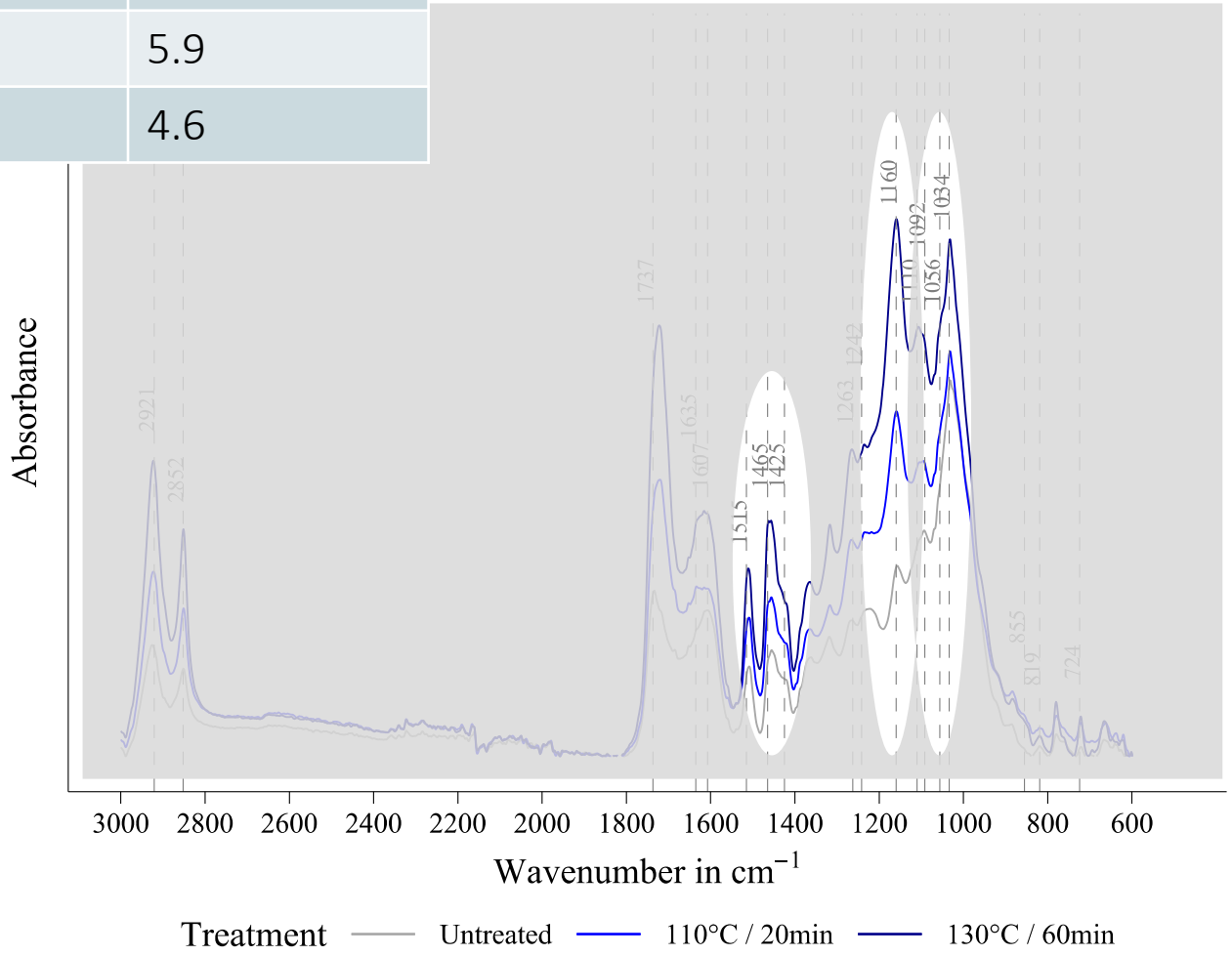
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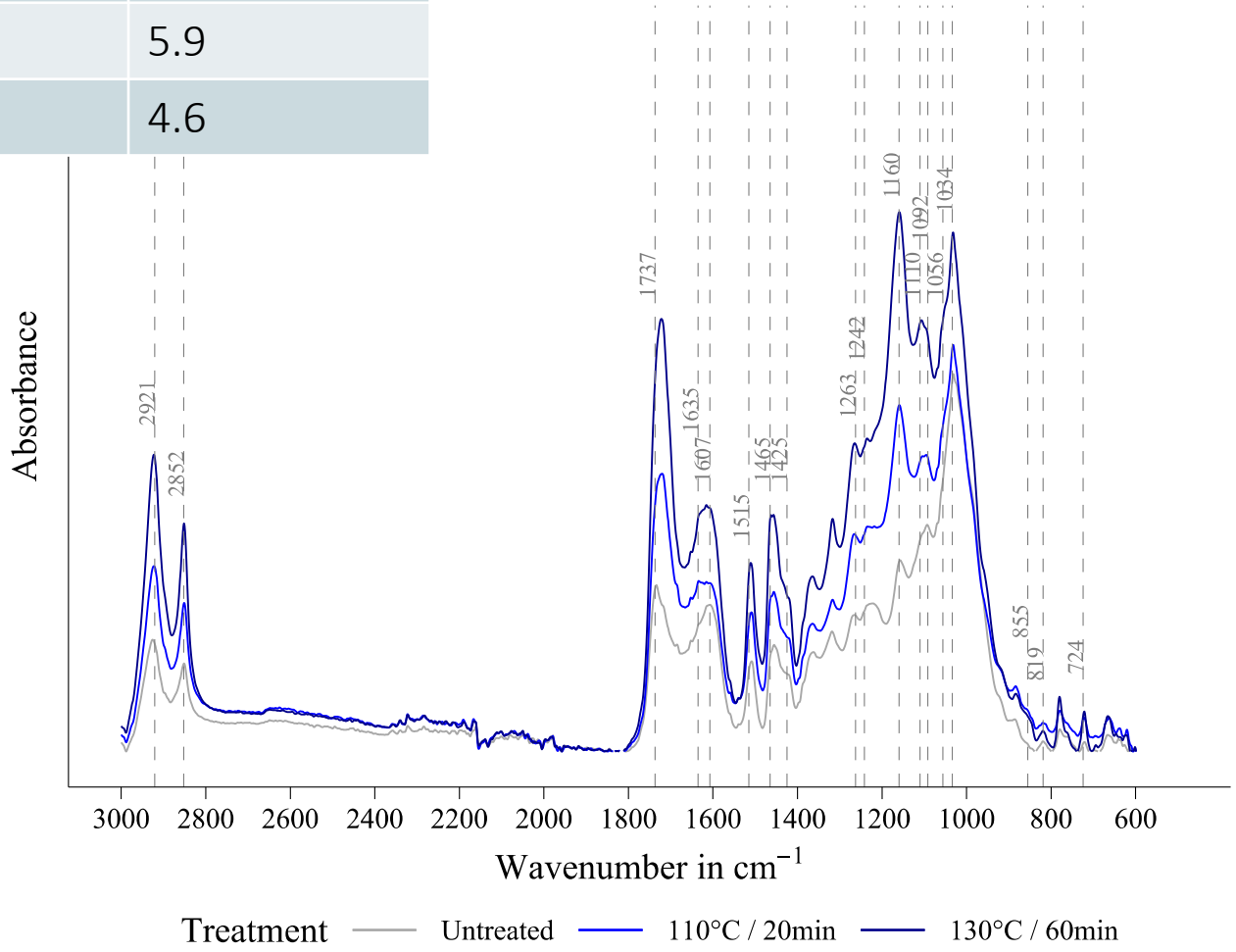


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- Realtive increase of cellulose to lignin ratio





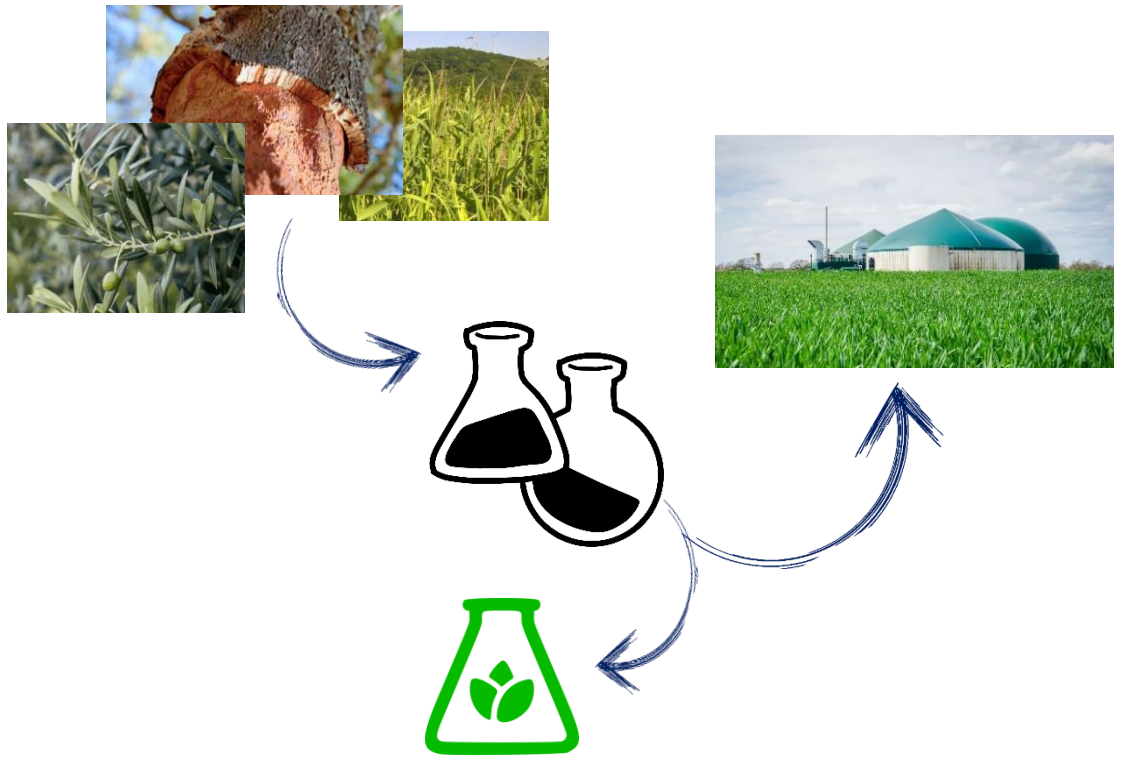


Lynam et al. 2017, Garcia et al., 2010, Rocha et al., 2001, Lopes et al., 2000, Lopes et al., 2001, Neto et al.,1995

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Conclusion

- Huge differences among investigated biomass streams
- Two major effects on biogas formation
  - Increase of biogas yield
  - Change of degradation kinetics
- Increase associated with increased cellulose:lignin ratio



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



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