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

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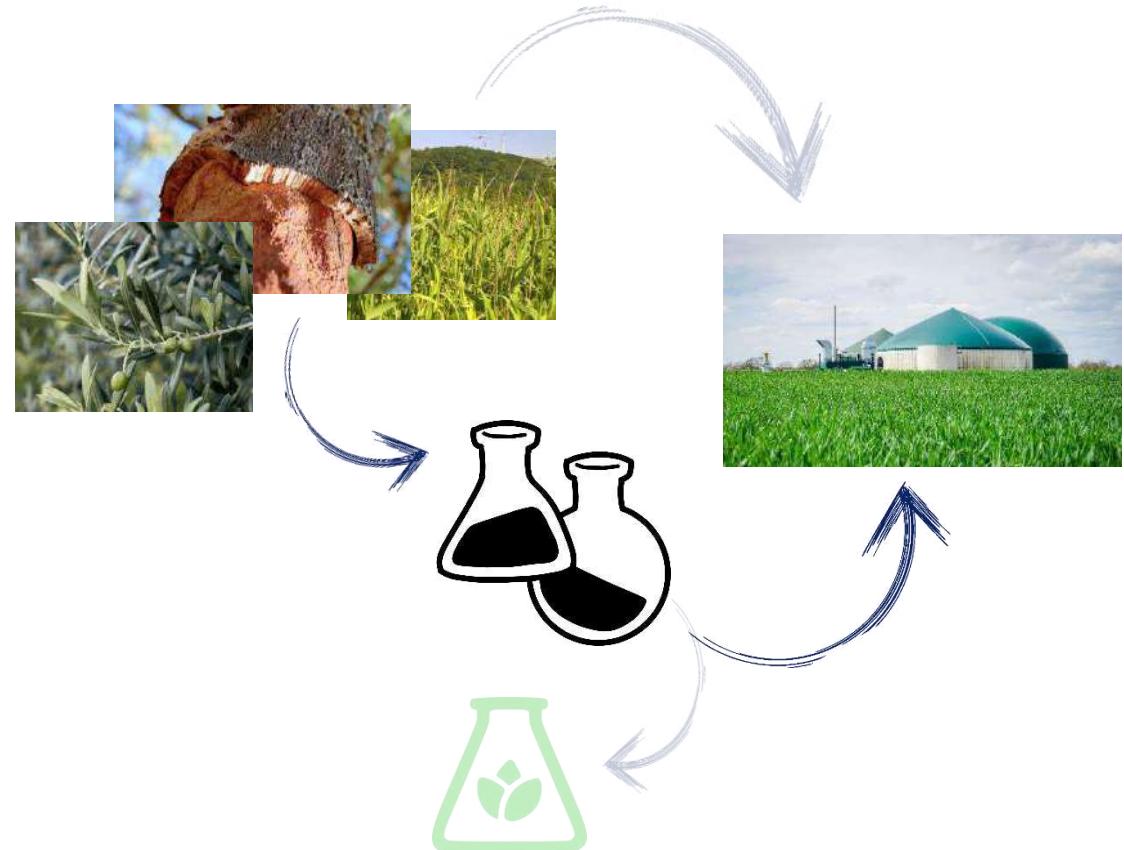
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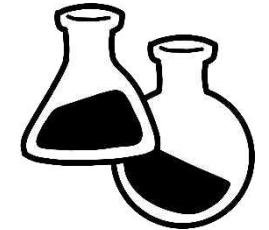
Biogas production within a circular economy

- Management of wastes and residues from
 - Agricultural production
 - Processing of agricultural goods
- Provision of renewable energy
- Provision of organic fertilizer
- Treatment of lignocellulosic biomass for
 - Production of value-added products
 - Improvement of anaerobic degradability



- 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, biocompatibility
 - Low toxicity
 - High thermal stability
 - Low volatility
 - Non-flammability



Deep eutectic solvent pre-treatment of residual biomass streams

Materials and methods

Cork dust



Olive pruning

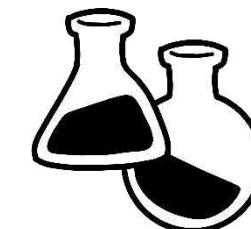


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Comminution



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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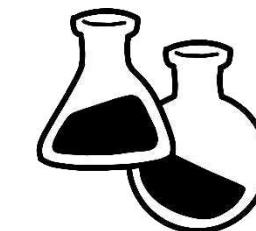
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Solid/liquid separation → Valorization of liquid fraction

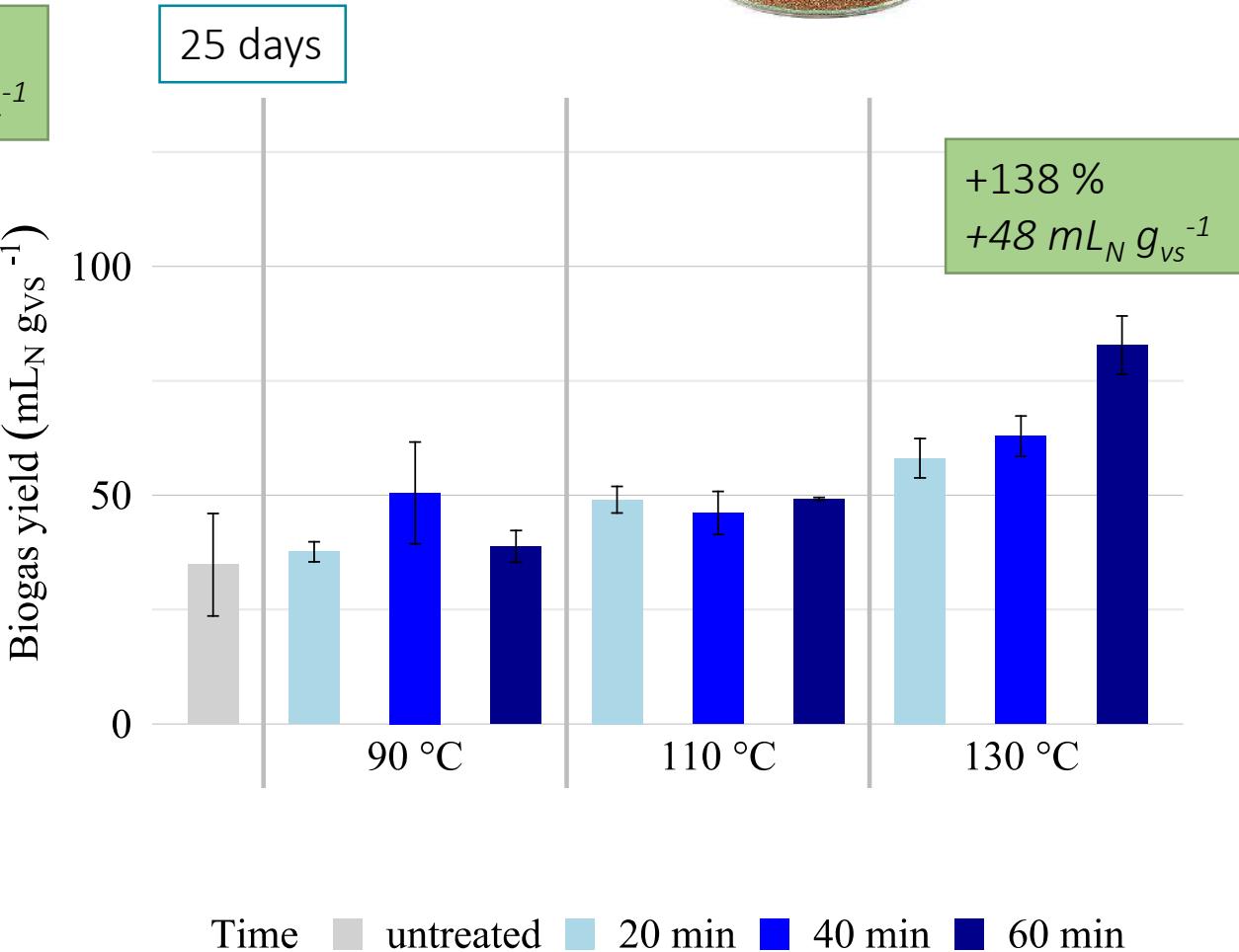
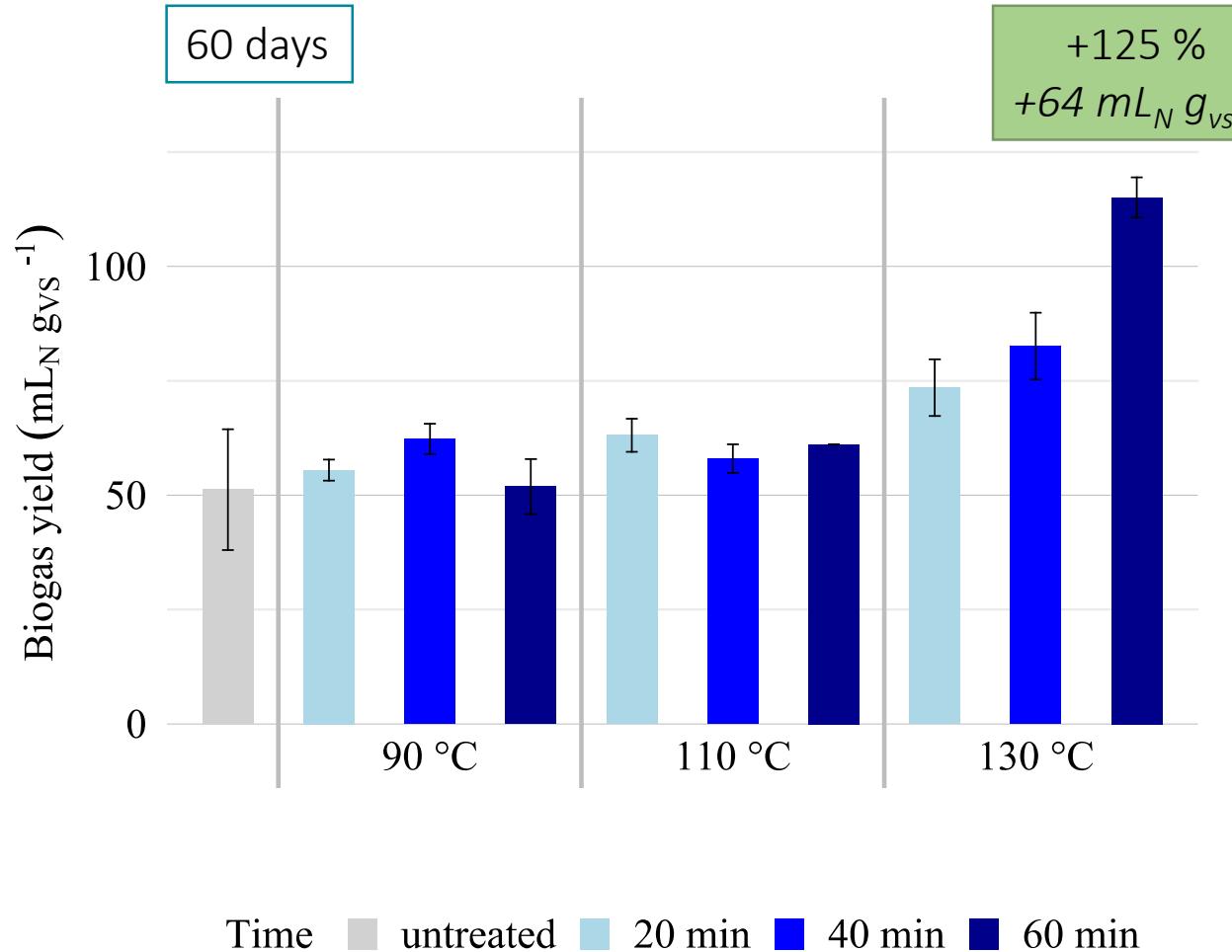
Anaerobic digestion of solid residuals

- $37 \pm 1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 60 days
- Gas compositional analysis



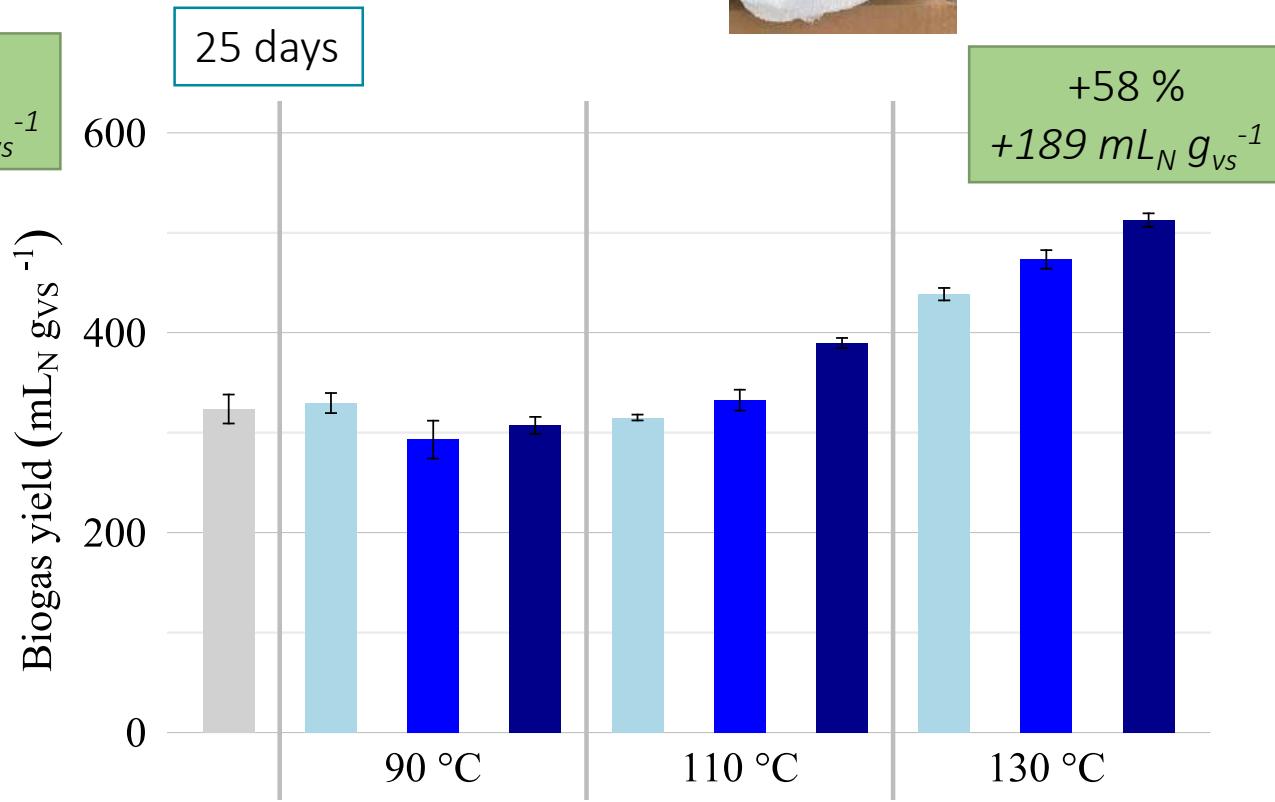
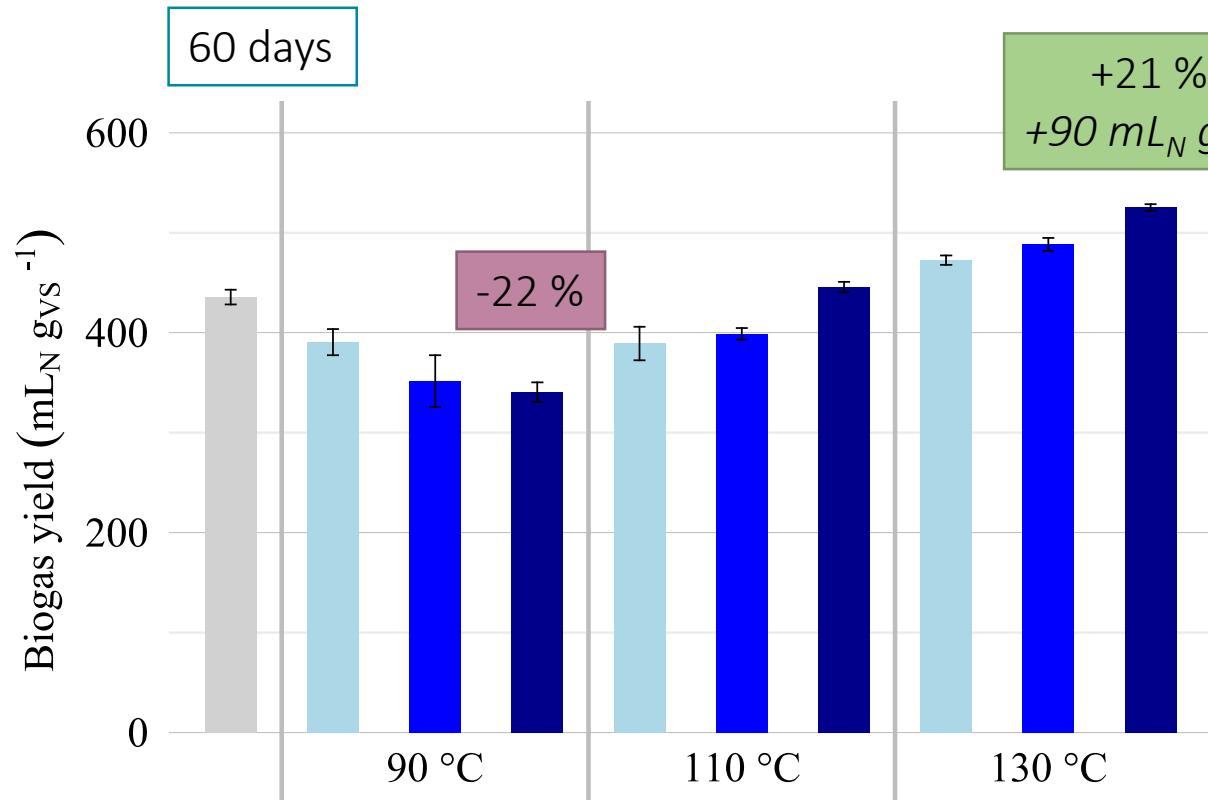
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Results - Cork dust



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Results - Olive tree pruning

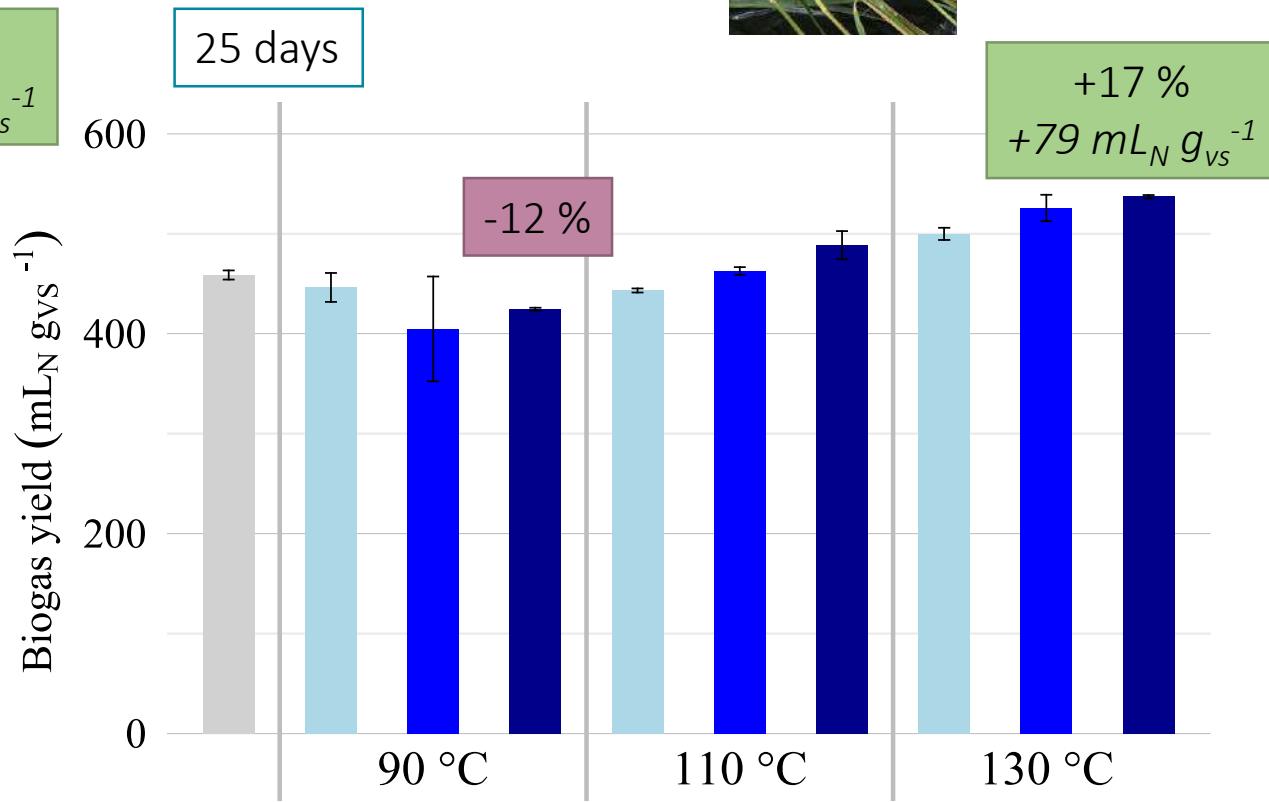
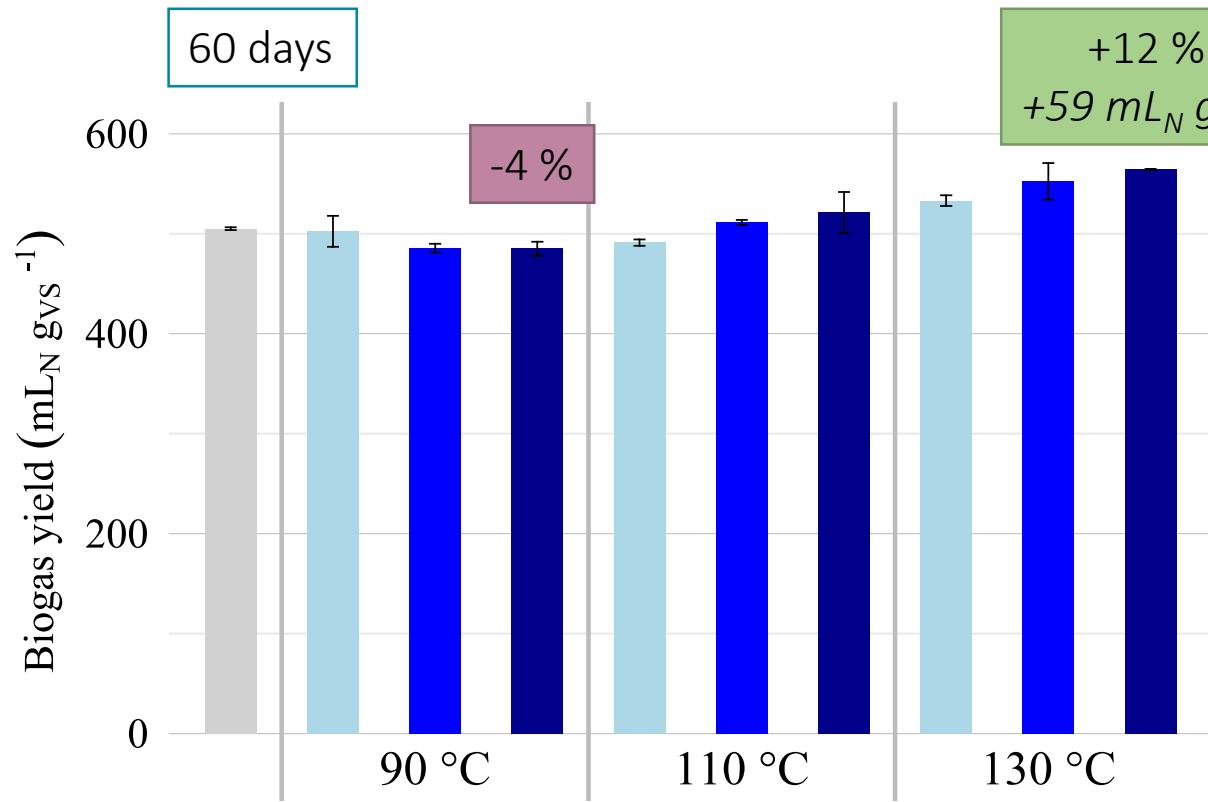


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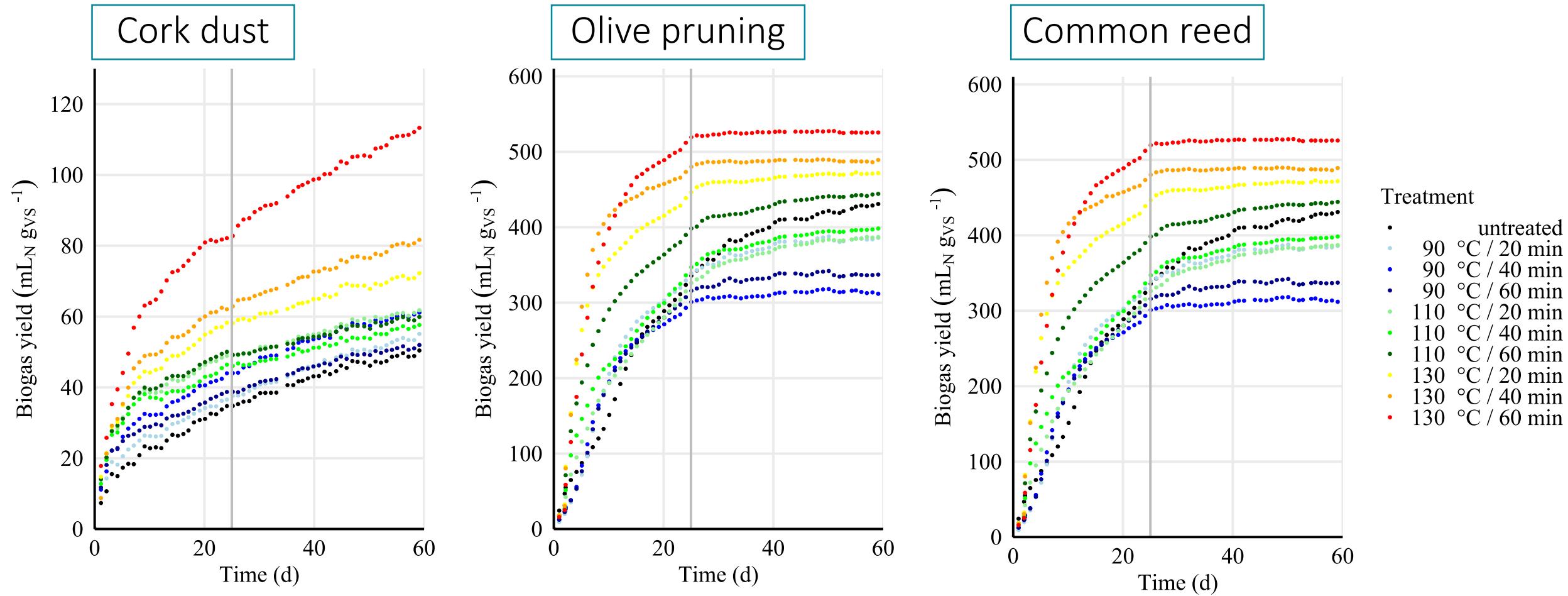


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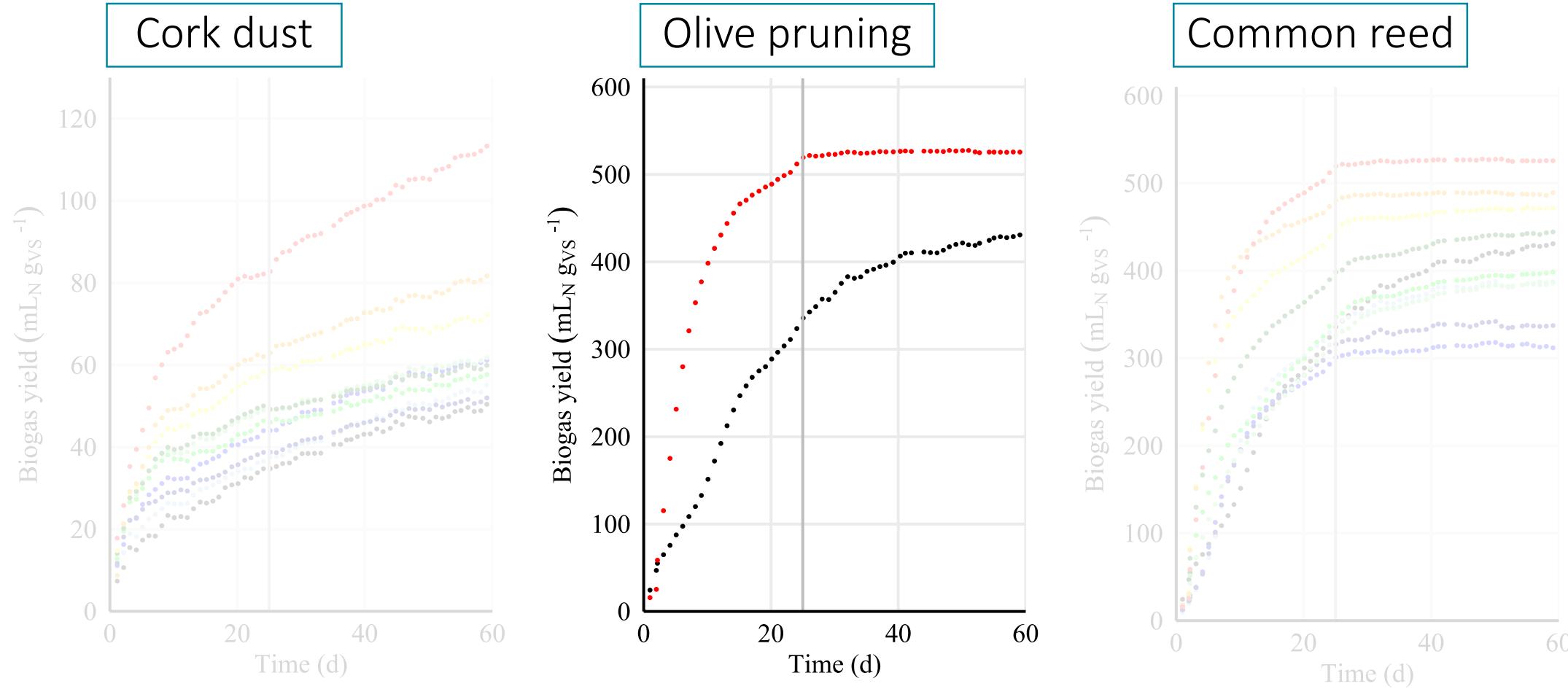
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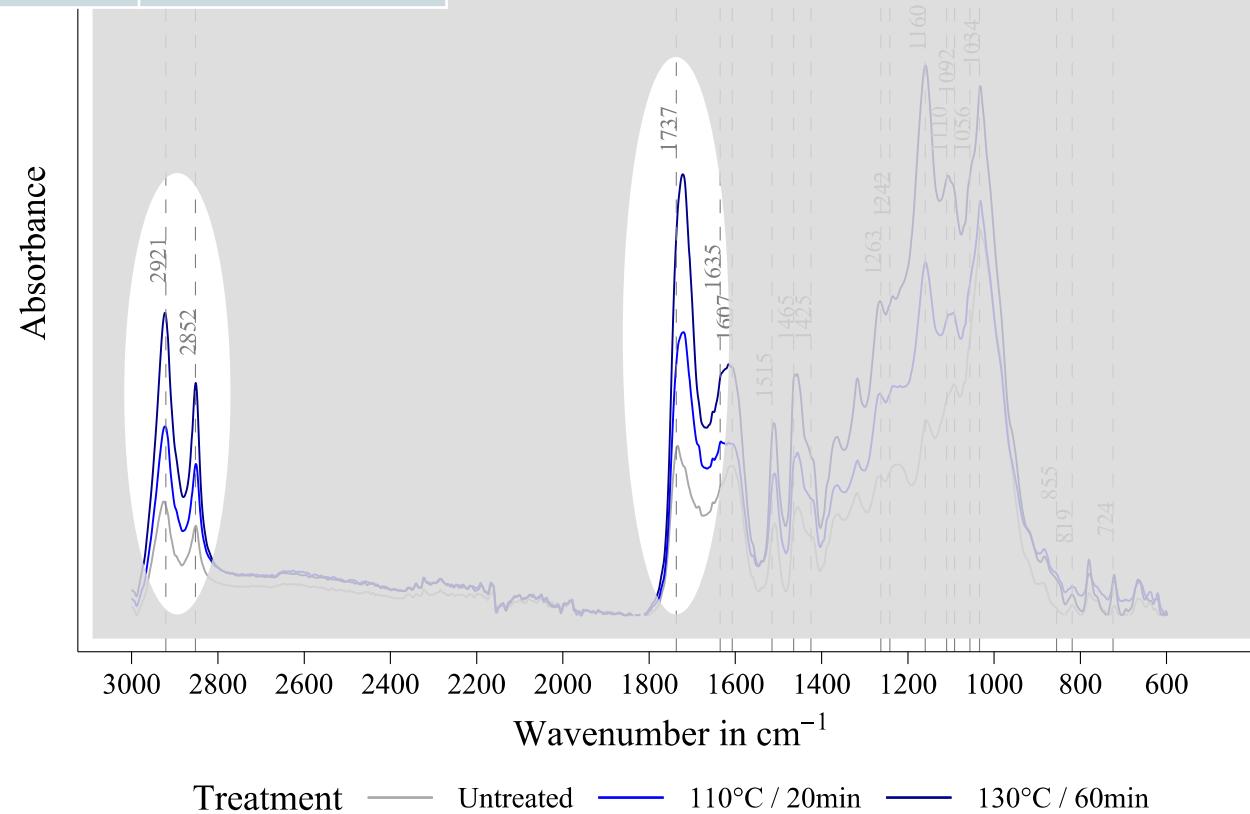
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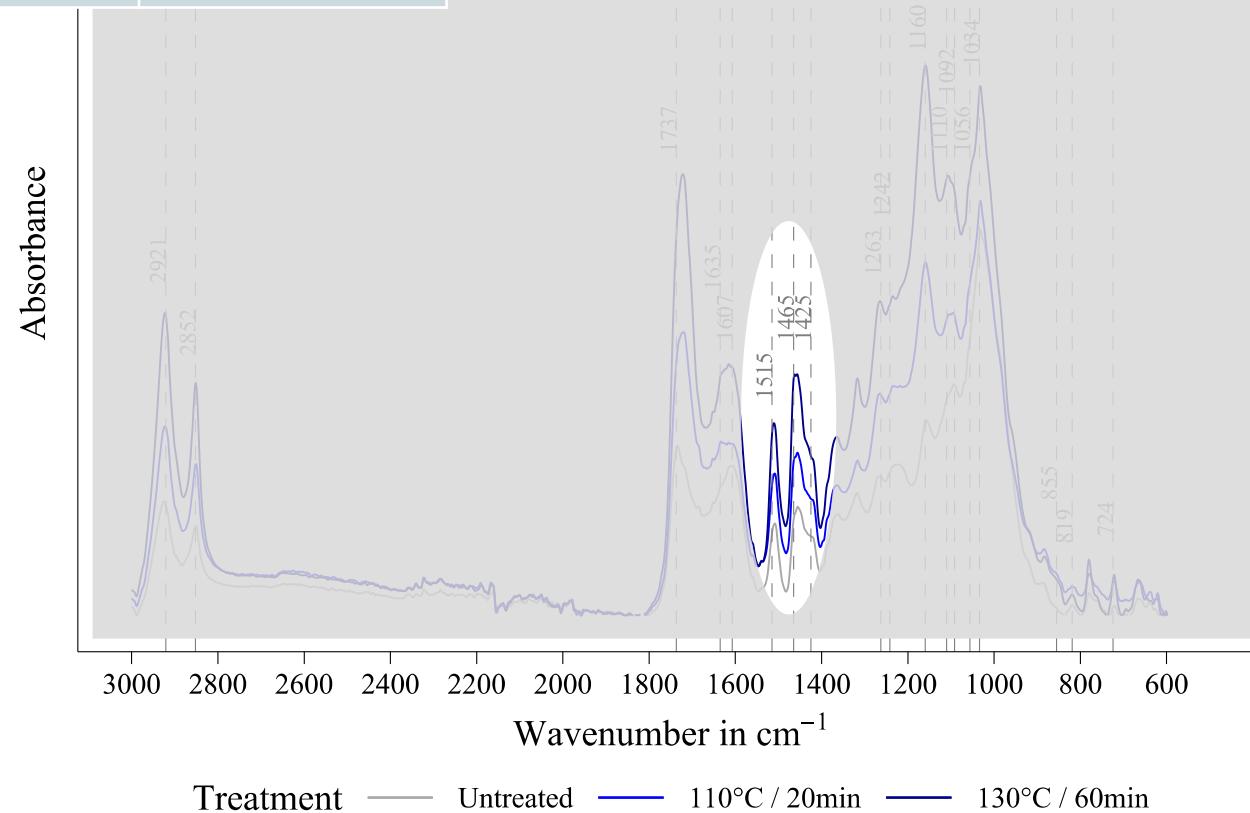
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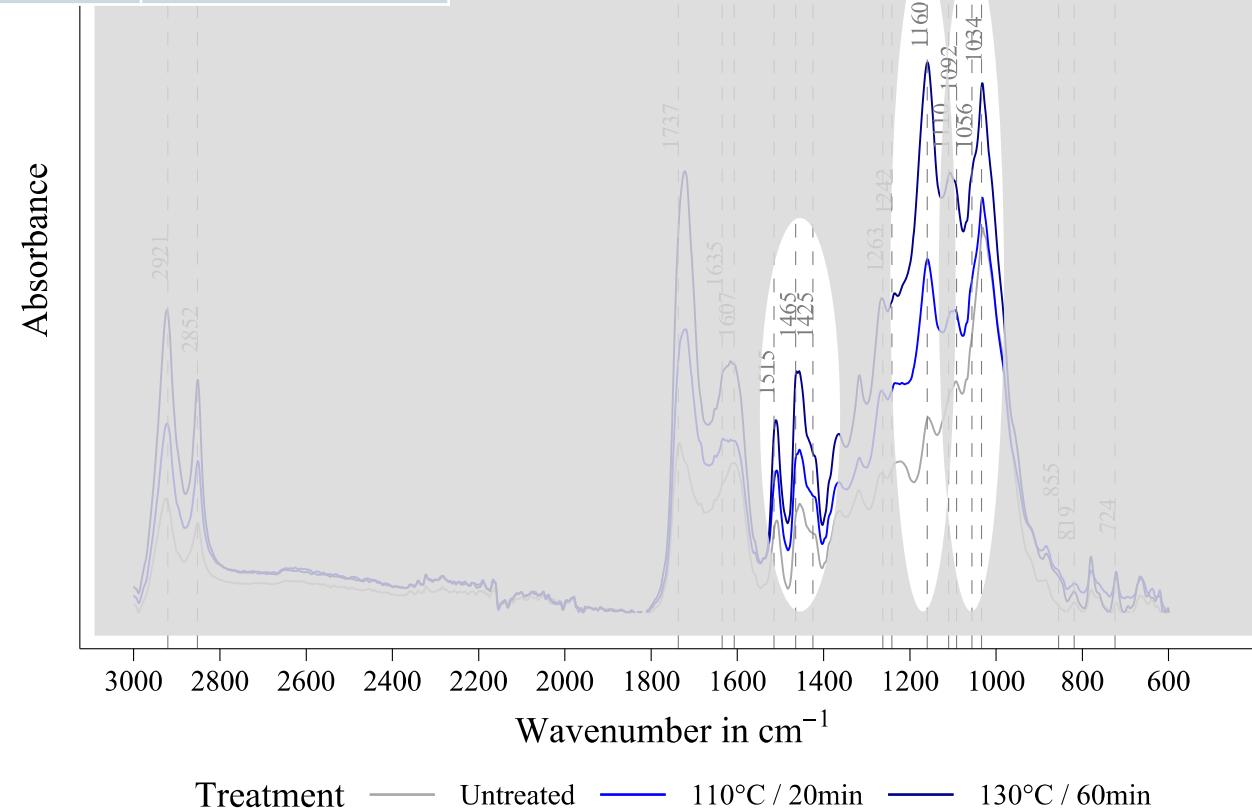
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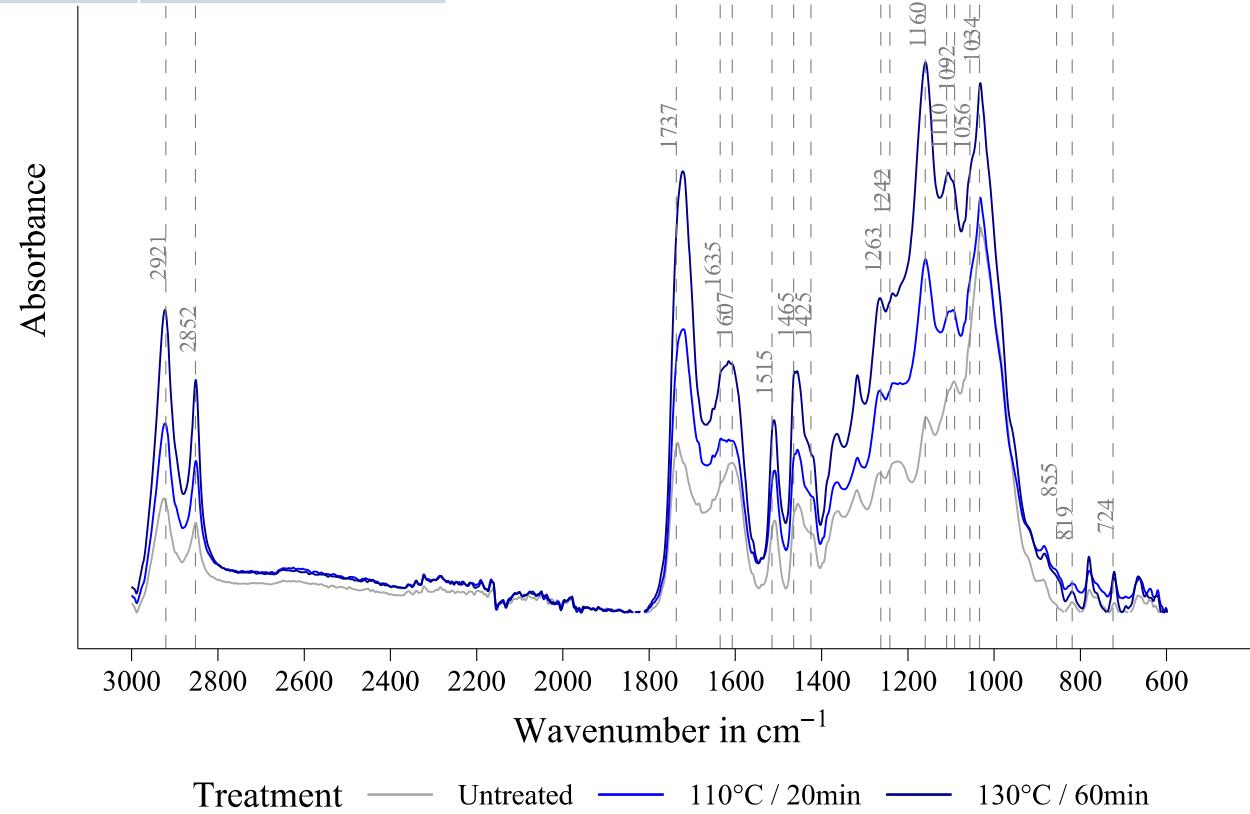
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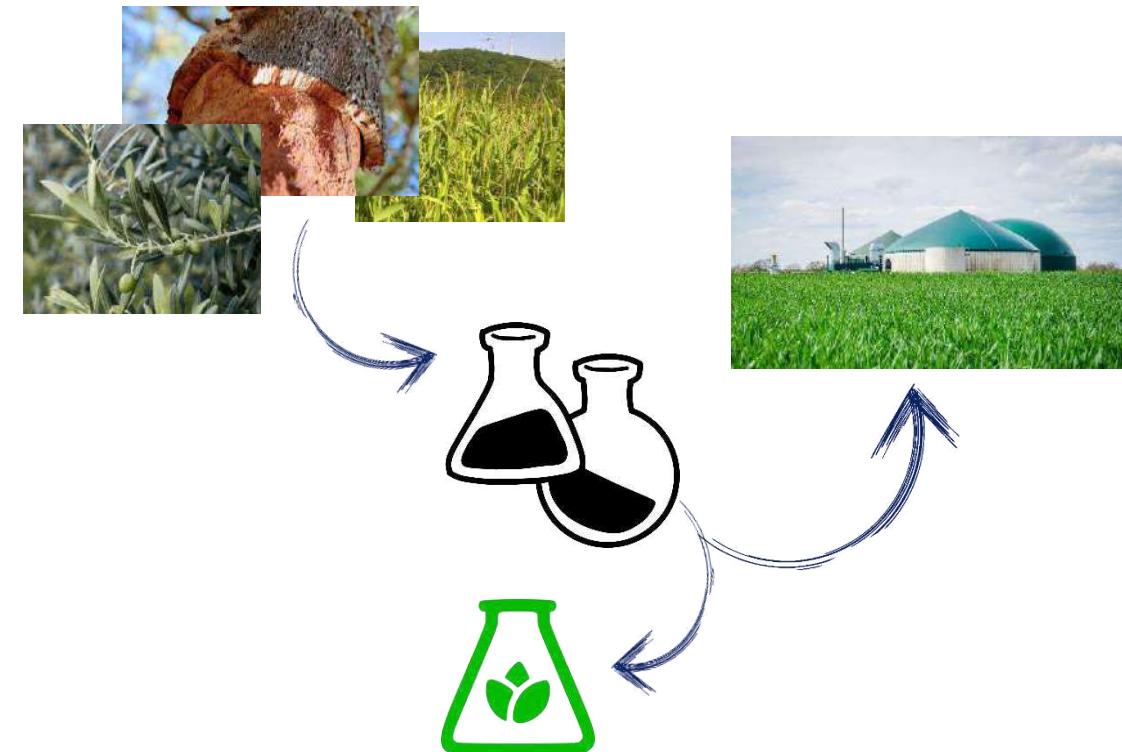
- Increase in suberin and lignin
- Increase in glucose
- Realtime increase of cellulose to lignin ratio



Anaerobic degradability of DES pre-treated biomass

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!

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