

Study of liquid and solid product formation after hydrothermal processing of carbohydrate and aromatic biomass derivatives

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The aim of this study is to investigate the effect of the composition of different biomass derivatives (anhydrous sugars and phenols) on the morphology and properties of solid products and composition of liquid products obtained in the process of HTC. The study of processing of these model derivatives will contribute to the understanding of the reaction mechanisms of the synthesis processes.

Materials and methods

1. The **biooil** is a product from the two successive pilot wood (spruce chips particle size <0,5 mm), processing processes: catalytic hydrolysis (catalyst is 0.2% sulphuric acid) where the target product is furfural and pyrolysis (370 °C) of produced lignocellulose residues in a superheated steam, where the target chemical is anhydrous sugars (1,6-anhydrosaccharide—levoglucosan).



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2. Using Ion Exchange Resins, the **anhydros sugar fraction** was separated from the biooil, but the **phenol-rich fraction** remains as a by-product.



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3. The three resulting 2% feedstock solutions (biooil (BS), anhydrous sugars (AS), phenol-rich fraction (FS)) were hydrothermally treated at 200, 250 and 300 °C for 4 hours.

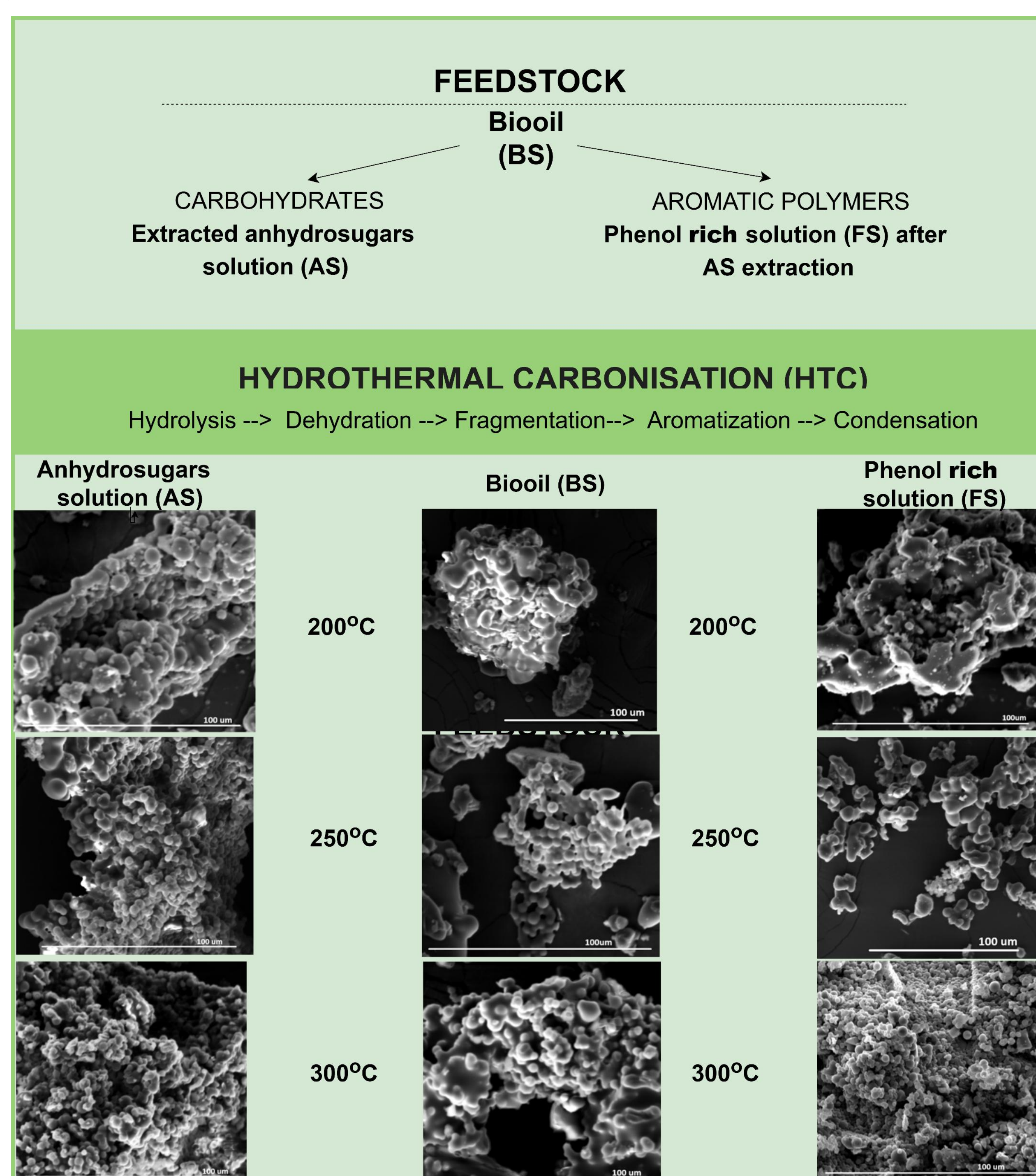
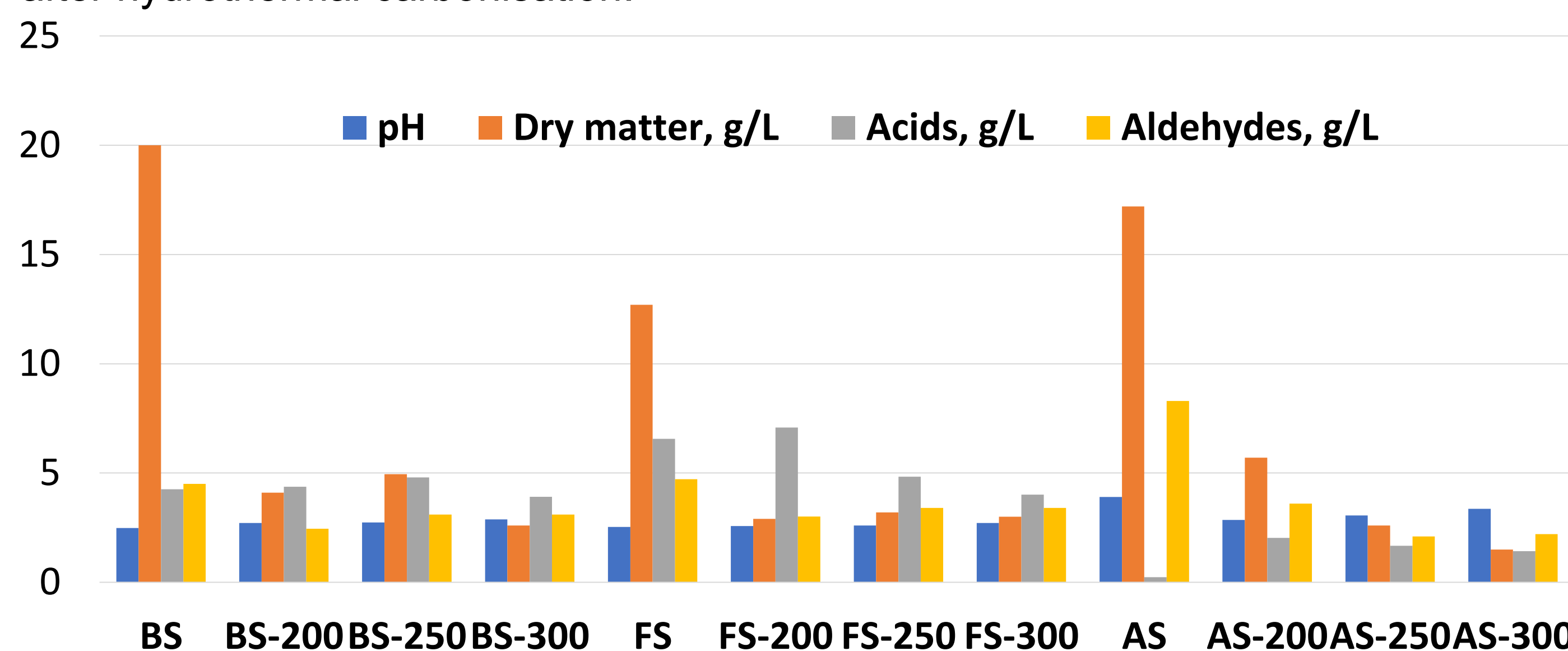


Fig. 1 Yield and elemental composition of biooil (BS), Phenol rich solution (FS) and anhydrous sugars solution (AS) and hydrothermal treated samples at different carbonisation temperatures (200, 250 and 300 °C).

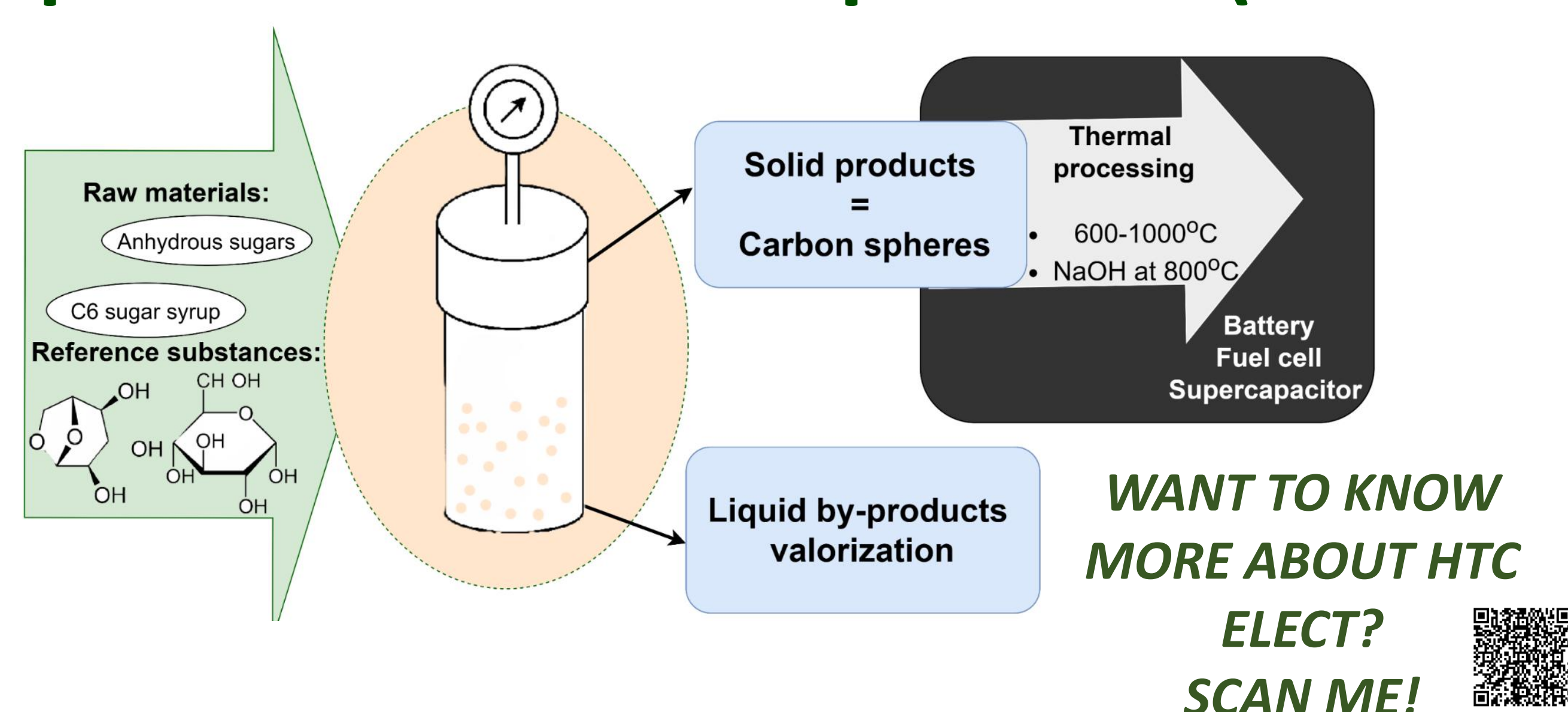
Table 1. Composition of volatile degradation products of biooil (BS), Phenol rich fraction (FS) and anhydrous sugars (AS) and hydrothermal treated samples at different carbonisation temperatures (200, 250 and 300 °C) determined by Py-GC/MS at 500 °C.

	BS	BS-200	BS-250	BS-300	FS	FS-200	FS-250	FS-300	AS	AS-200	AS-250	AS-300
Carbohydrates (Carbohydrates+Lignin derivatives=100%)	98.16	57.90	55.97	49.14	76.65	32.36	27.06	29.20	99.21	79.02	66.94	64.08
Acid, Ester, Ether	6.13	19.85	22.68	16.51	28.01	9.77	9.04	11.08	4.88	14.67	11.86	12.80
Alcohol	7.77	0.37			14.25	0.36			1.03			
Aldehyde, Ketone	10.39	11.45	13.98	9.48	10.36	8.33	8.26	7.06	11.34	20.63	19.18	12.53
Cyclopentane derivatives	1.02	9.32	10.99	17.36	2.45	5.05	5.75	8.04	1.35	11.63	22.65	30.79
Furan	14.76	13.28	6.39	4.85	11.33	6.20	2.68	1.58	7.17	30.29	11.97	6.80
Pyran	0.82				0.52				1.64			
Sugars	57.27	3.63	1.93	0.94	9.73	2.65	1.33	1.44	71.80	1.80	1.28	1.16
Lignin derivatives (Carbohydrates+Lignin derivatives=100%)	1.84	42.10	44.03	50.86	23.35	67.64	72.94	70.80	0.79	20.98	33.06	35.92
Phenyl and benzyl derivatives	0.12	21.10	24.06	29.82	1.09	16.40	19.45	29.40	0.05	12.47	23.57	28.93
Guaiacyl derivatives	1.72	22.00	19.97	21.04	22.26	51.24	53.49	41.40	0.74	8.51	9.49	6.99

Fig. 2 pH, dry matter, acids and aldehydes concentration of biooil (BS), Phenol rich solution (FS) and anhydrous sugars solution (AS) and liquid products after hydrothermal carbonisation.



Hydrothermal processing as a platform for valorization of value added solid and liquid biomass based products (HTCelect)



Preliminary BATTERY tests

