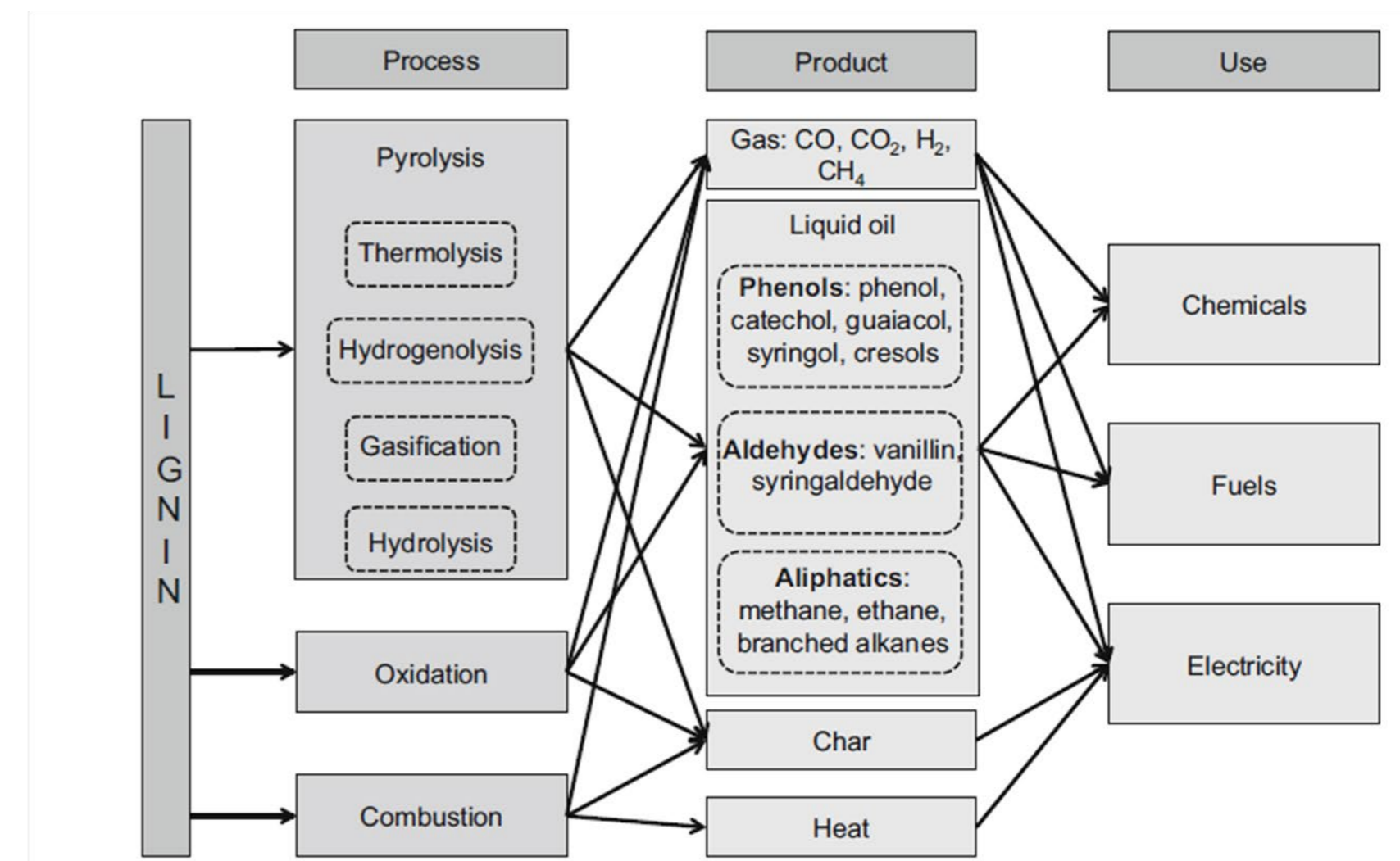
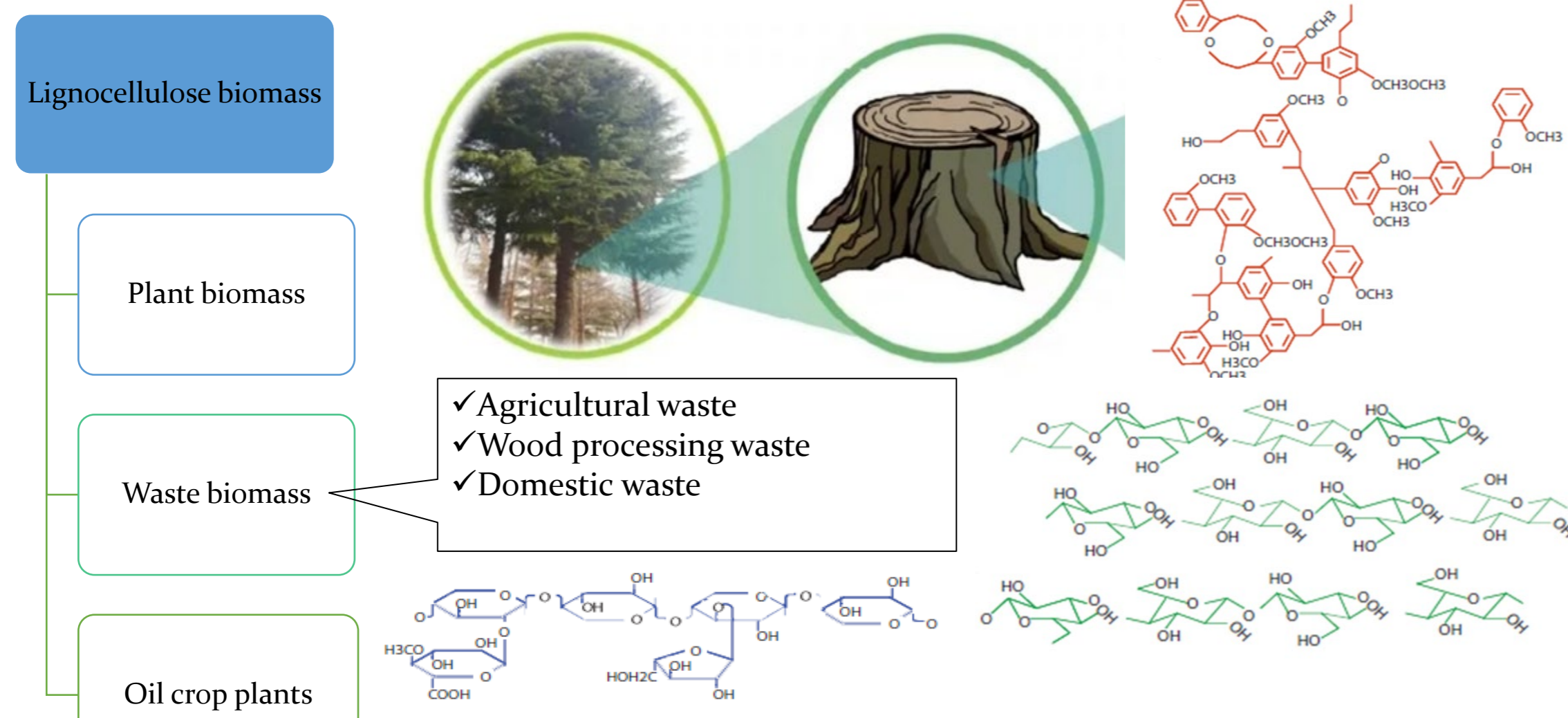


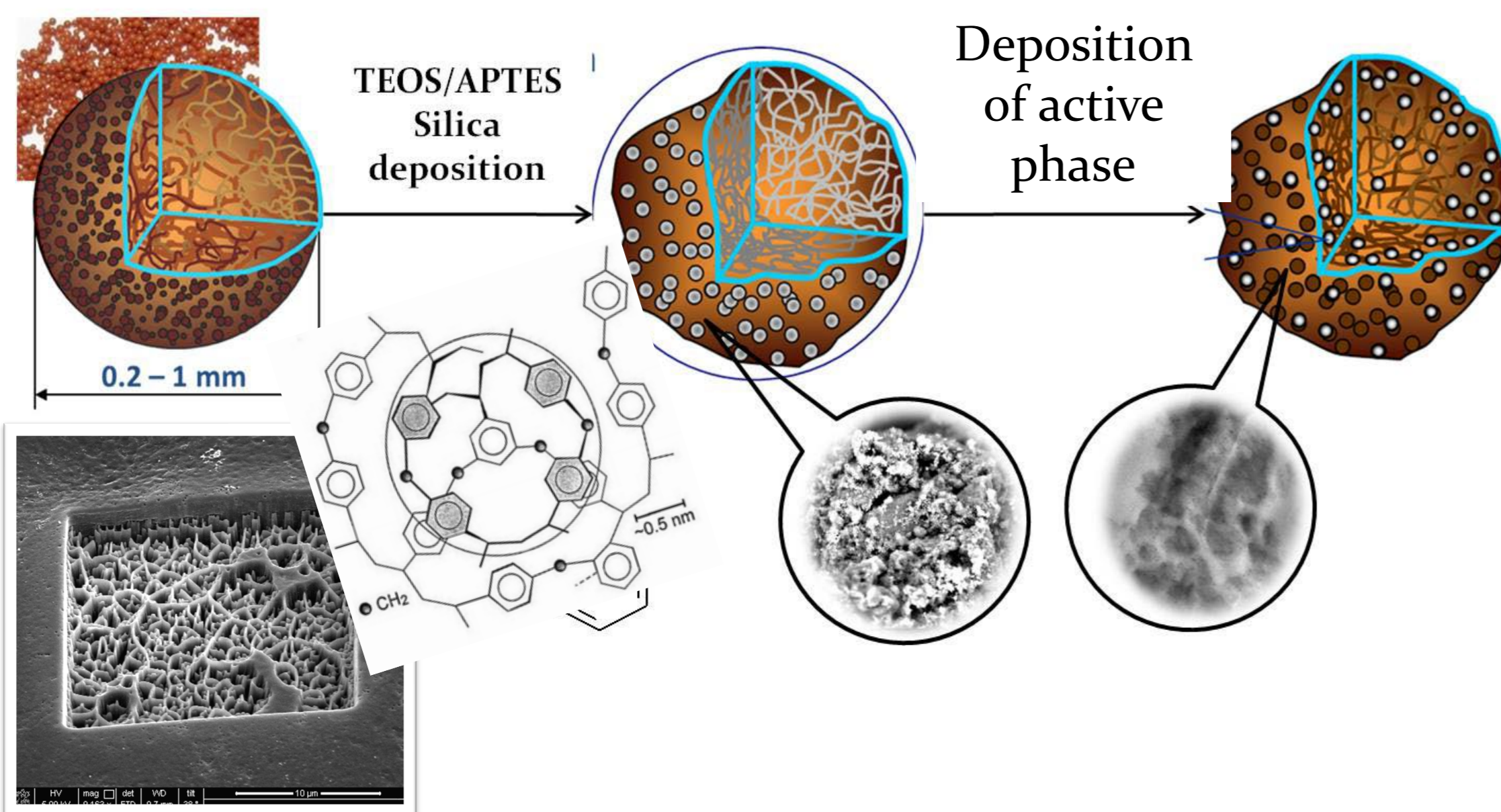
Lignin Valorisation in the Presence of SiO₂@Polymer Supported Catalysts

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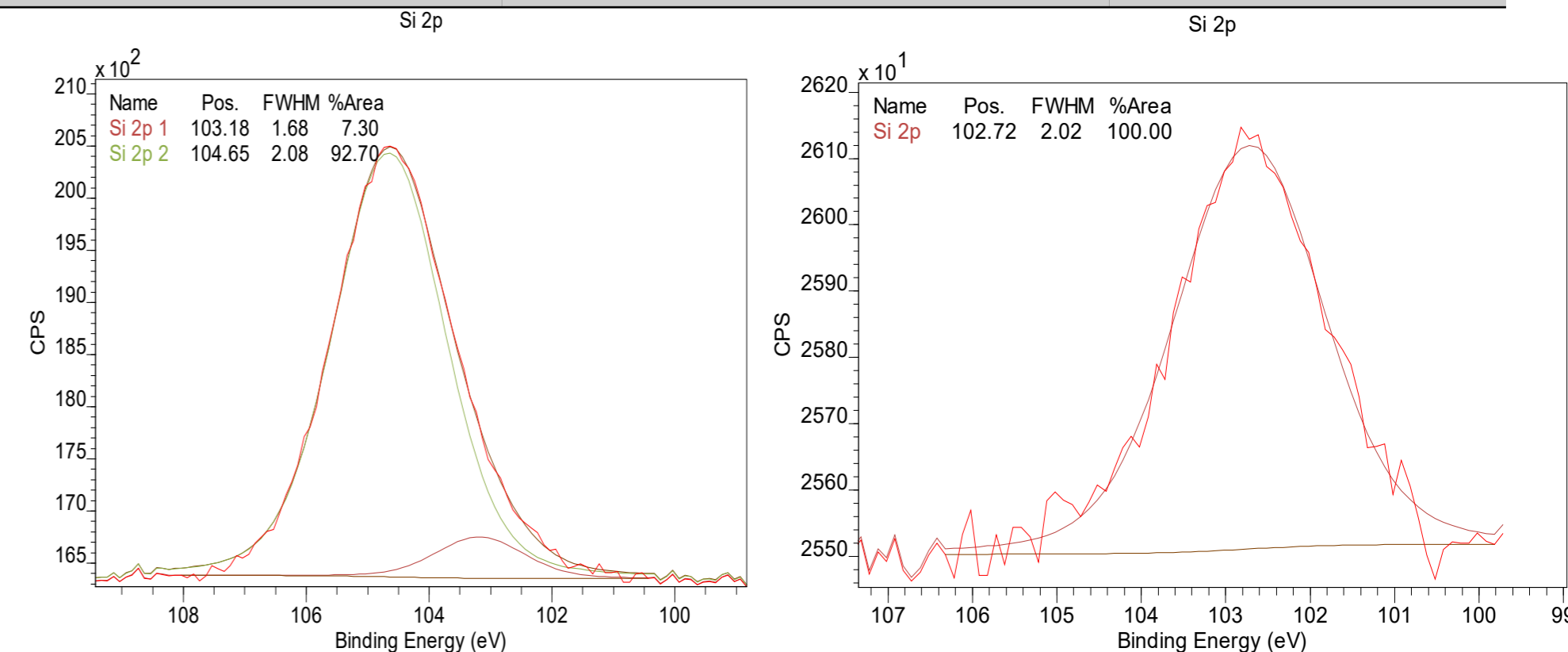


BET study of support

Sample	V _{pores} , cm ³ /g	S _{BET} , m ² /g	t-plot surface area, m ² /g
HPS (MN-100)	0.52±0.01	814±1	External 208±1 Micropore 696±1
SiO ₂ @HPS as synthesized	0.40±0.01	611±1	External 197±1 Micropore 435±1
SiO ₂ @HPS after heating	0.65±0.01	951±1	External 380±1 Micropore 597±1

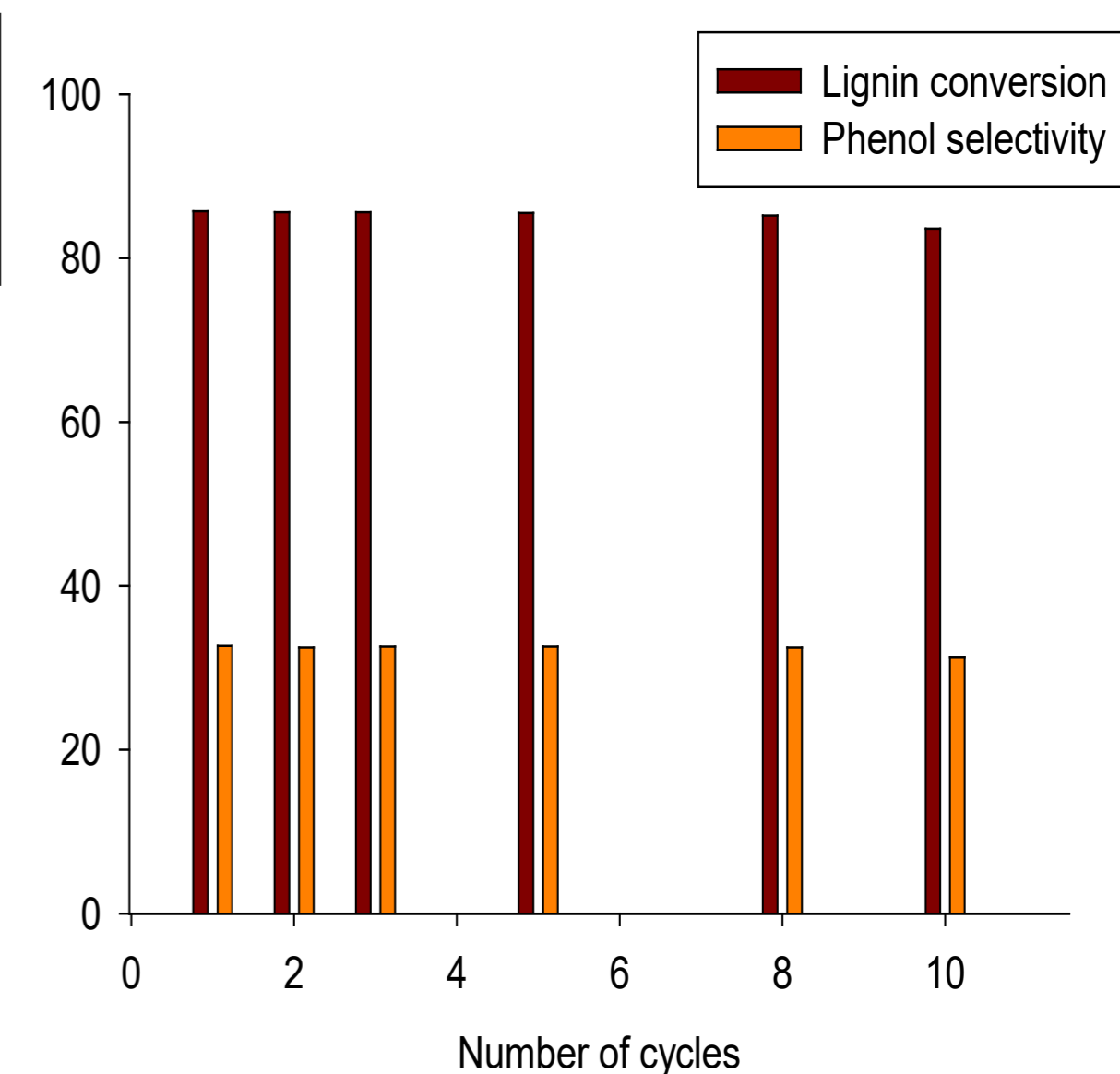
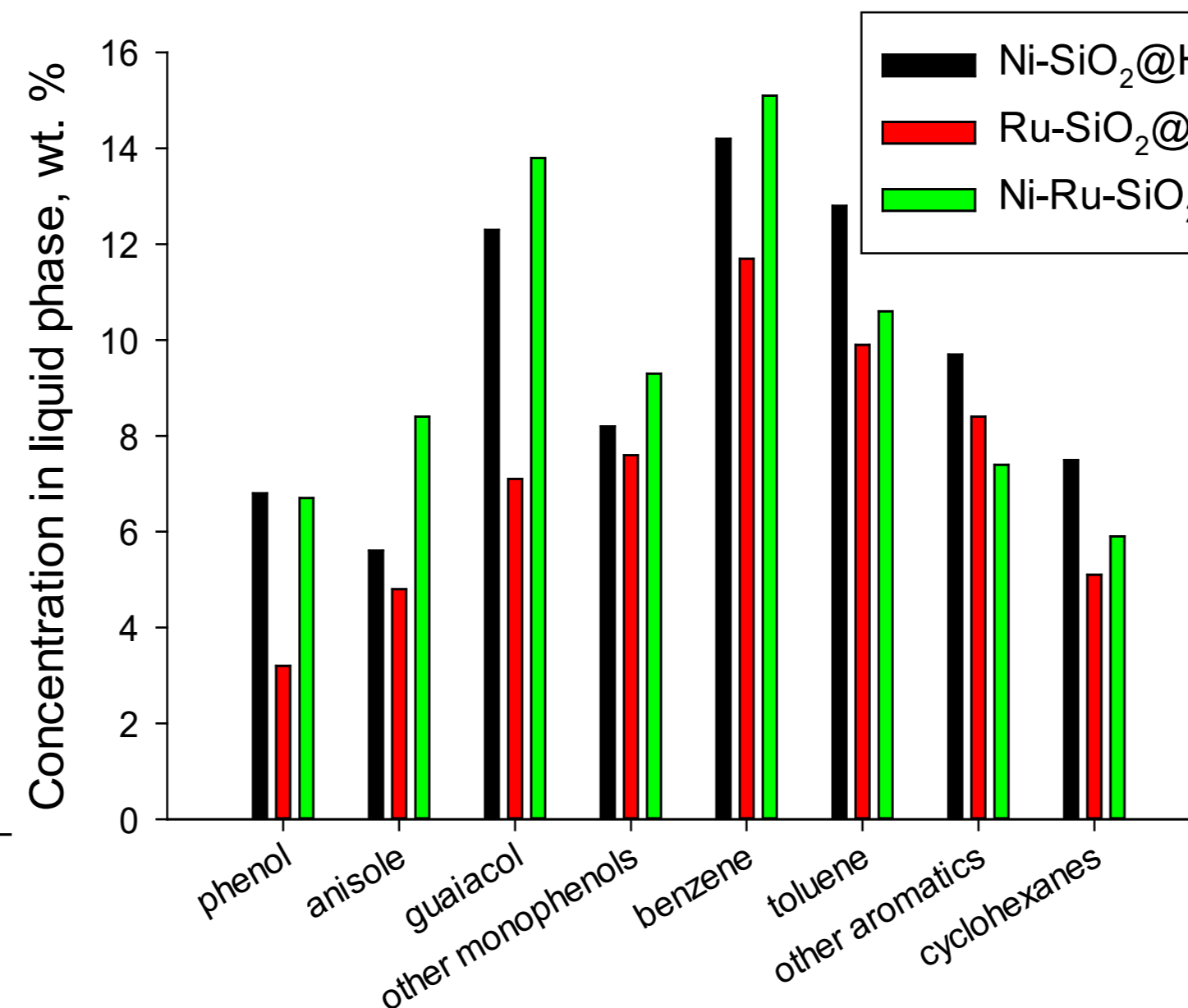
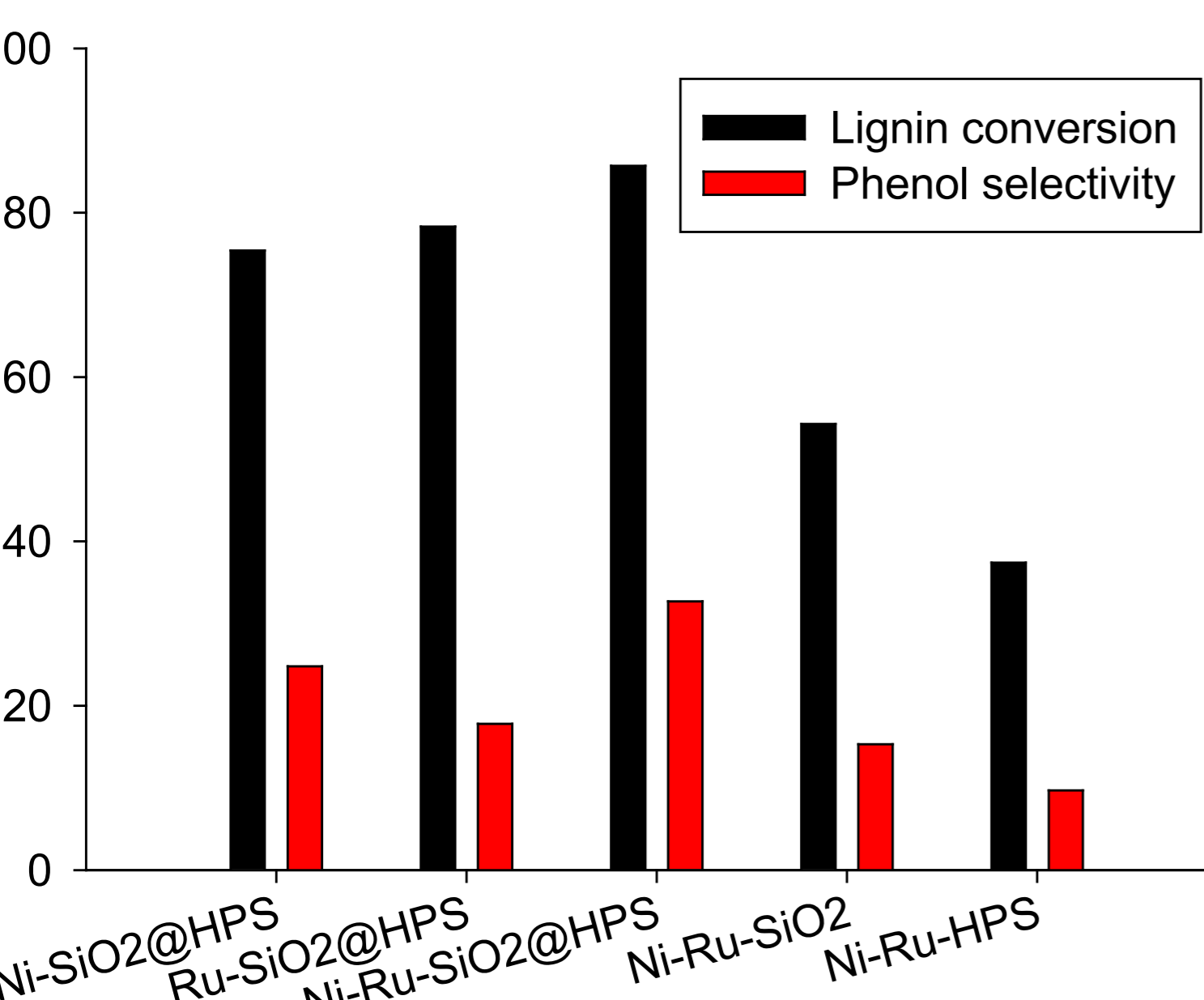
Catalyst characterisation

Sample	S _{BET} , m ² /g	Metal compound*	D _m , nm	Total acidity, μmol/g
Ni-SiO ₂ @HPS	584±1	NiO	17.4±0.2	965±5
Ni-SiO ₂ @HPS after reaction	521±1	NiO, Ni	21.3±0.2	782±5
Ru-SiO ₂ @HPS	736±1	RuO ₂	5.2±0.1	903±5
Ru-SiO ₂ @HPS after reaction	694±1	RuO ₂ , Ru	5.2±0.1	726±5
Ni-Ru-SiO ₂ @HPS	628±1	NiO, RuO ₂	6.3±0.1	942±5
Ni-Ru-SiO ₂ @HPS after reaction	589±1	NiO, RuO ₂ , Ni, Ru	6.4±0.1	788±5



SiO₂@HPS as-synthesised SiO₂@HPS after heating

Sample	Elemental composition, wt. %				
	C	O	N	Si	Cl
SiO ₂ @HPS as synthesized	86.2±0.3	6.9±0.1	3.1±0.1	2.8±0.1	1.0±0.1
SiO ₂ @HPS after heating	83.8±0.3	8.7±0.1	0.6±0.1	6.0±0.1	0.8±0.1



The best catalyst was found to be a bimetallic Ni-Ru-SiO₂@HPS, which showed high lignin conversion (up to 95 %) and the monophenol yield (42 wt. %) under optimized reaction conditions. The catalysts demonstrated a remarkable stability in 10 consecutive runs without any loss of active phase.

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