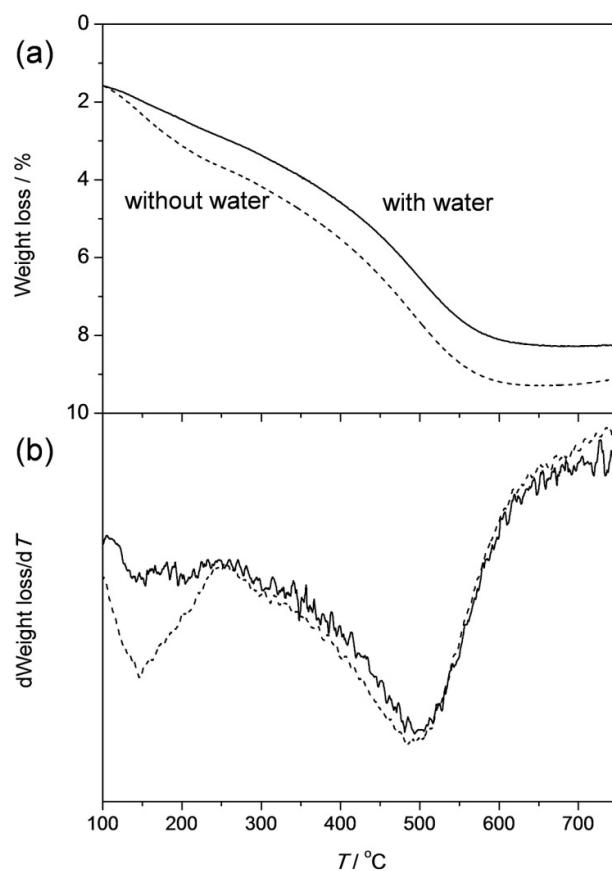


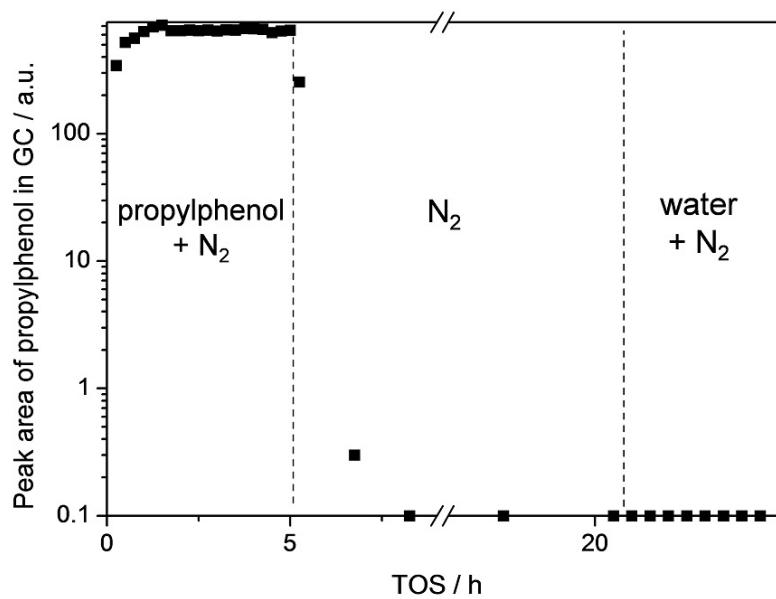
Supporting information

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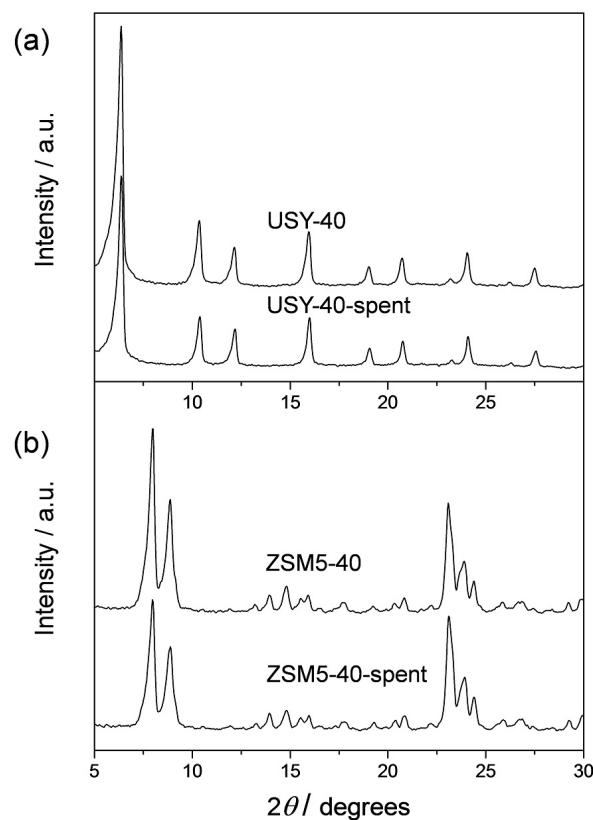
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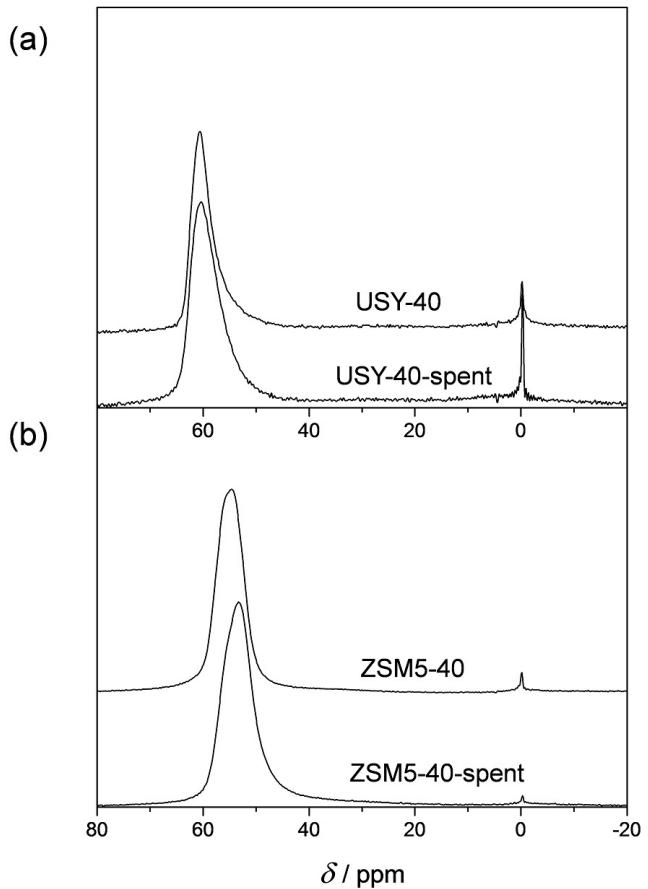
**Figure SI1.** Thermo-gravimetric analyses of spent ZSM5-40 catalysts derived from dealkylation experiments in the absence and presence of water (**Figure 1a**).



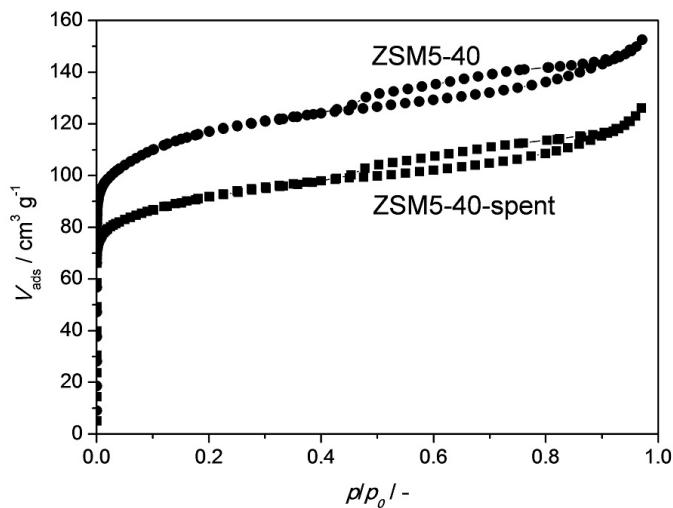
**Figure SI2.** Peak area of 4-*n*-propylphenol as analysed by GC over a ZSM5-40 catalyst as a function of TOS in different conditions. The absence of propylphenol or water was compensated with nitrogen to maintain a constant flow.  $T = 305^\circ\text{C}$  and WHSV = 3.7  $\text{h}^{-1}$ .



**Figure SI3.** X-ray diffraction patterns of fresh and spent USY (a) and ZSM-5 (b) zeolites derived from dealkylation experiments in **Figure 3**.



**Figure SI4.**  $^{27}\text{Al}$  MAS NMR spectra of fresh and spent USY (a) and ZSM-5 (b) zeolites derived from dealkylation experiments in **Figure 3**.



**Figure SI5.** N<sub>2</sub> isotherms of fresh and spent ZSM5-40 derived from dealkylation experiments in **Figure 3**.

**Table S1.** The yield of phenol from lignocellulose of reported technique.

| Technique                     | Solvent                   | Catalysts  | Phenol yield<br>(wt%) | Ref. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|------|
| pyrolysis/                    | formic acid               | -  | <1                    | 1    |
| solvolytic                    | alcohol                   |  |                       |      |
| pyrolysis/                    | formic acid               | -  | <1                    | 2    |
| solvolytic                    | alcohol                   |  |                       |      |
| pyrolysis                     | -                         | -  | 1                     | 3    |
| depolymerization              | water/butanol             | -  | <5                    | 4    |
| depolymerization              | water butanol             | -  | <1                    | 5    |
| catalytic depolymerization    | ethanol                   | CuMgAlO <sub>x</sub>   | <1                    | 6    |
| catalytic fast pyrolysis      | -                         | zeolite  | <2                    | 7    |
| catalytic depolymerization    | formic acid, water        | Pd/C   | <2                    | 8    |
| catalytic depolymerization    | alcohol                   | Ni/C   | <1                    | 9    |
| catalytic depolymerization    | formic acid, ethanol      | Pt/C   | <2                    | 10   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water                     | NaOH   | <1                    | 11   |
| pyrolysis                     | -                         | ZSM5   | <2                    | 12   |
| Pyrolysis                     | -                         | -  | <1                    | 13   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | ethanol and water         | Pt/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and acid or base                   | <1                    | 14   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water                     | Pt/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | <1                    | 15   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water and tetrahydrofuran | -  | <1                    | 16   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water                     | KOH  | 1                     | 17   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | methanol                  | NaOH and Ru/C  | 3                     | 18   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water                     | NaOH   | 1                     | 19   |
| solvolytic depolymerization   | water and methanol        | NaOH/HZSM5   | <7                    | 20   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | water                     | Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>                                      | <3                    | 21   |
| hydrothermal depolymerization | water                     | -  | <1                    | 22   |
| catalytic depolymerization    | -                         | sulfided   | <1                    | 23   |
| hydropyrolysis                | -                         | NiMoP/γ-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub><br>Pd/HZSM5                   | <4                    | 24   |

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