

Supplementary Information

Carbohydrate-Aromatic Interface and Molecular Architecture of Lignocellulose

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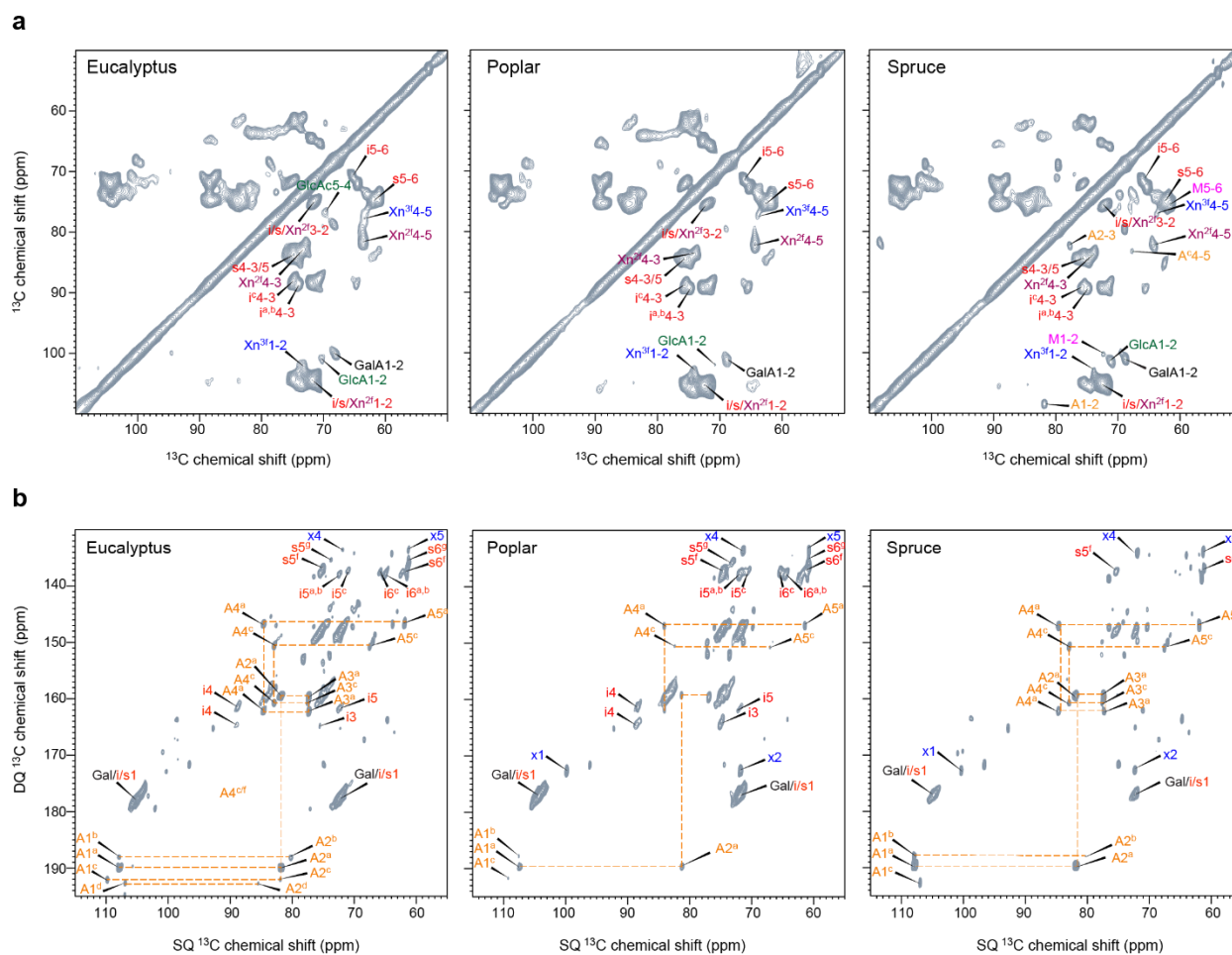
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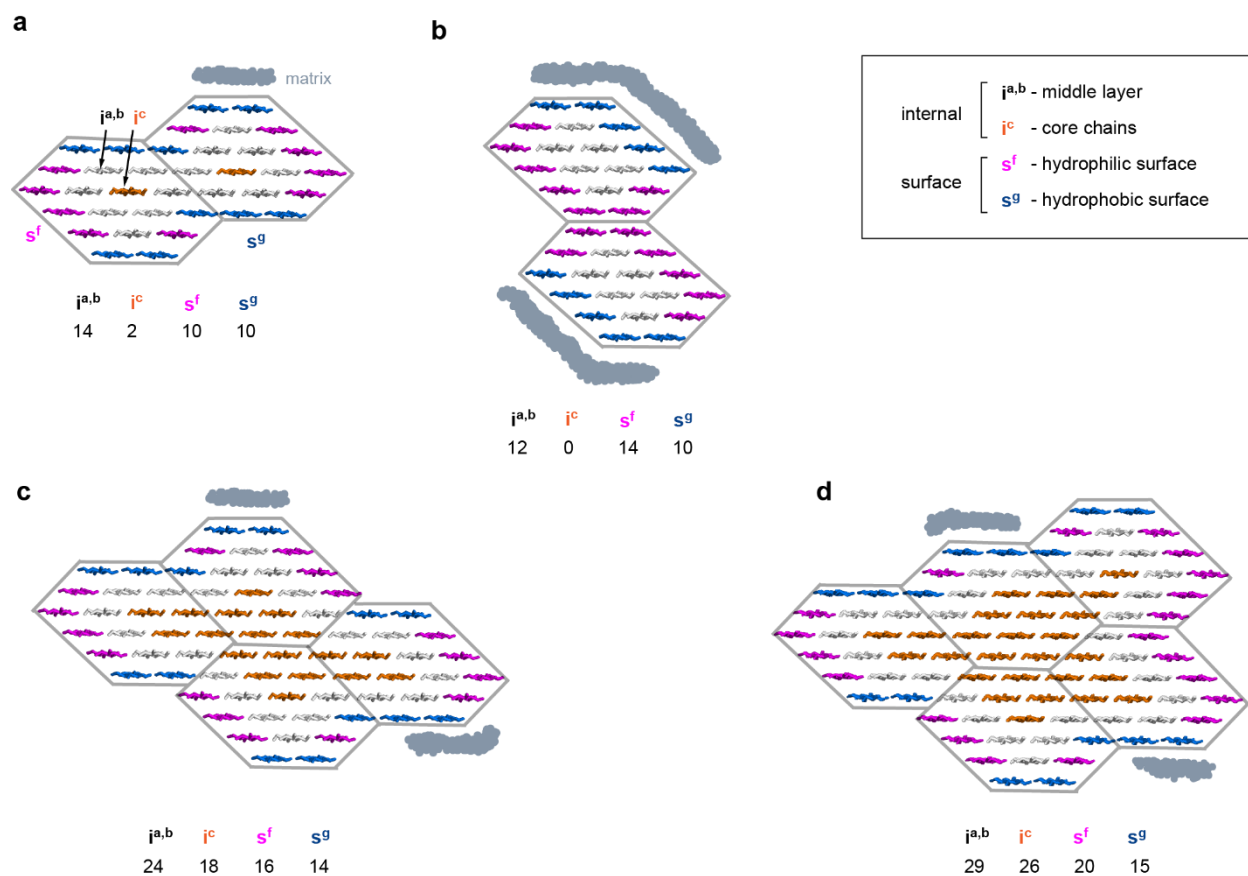
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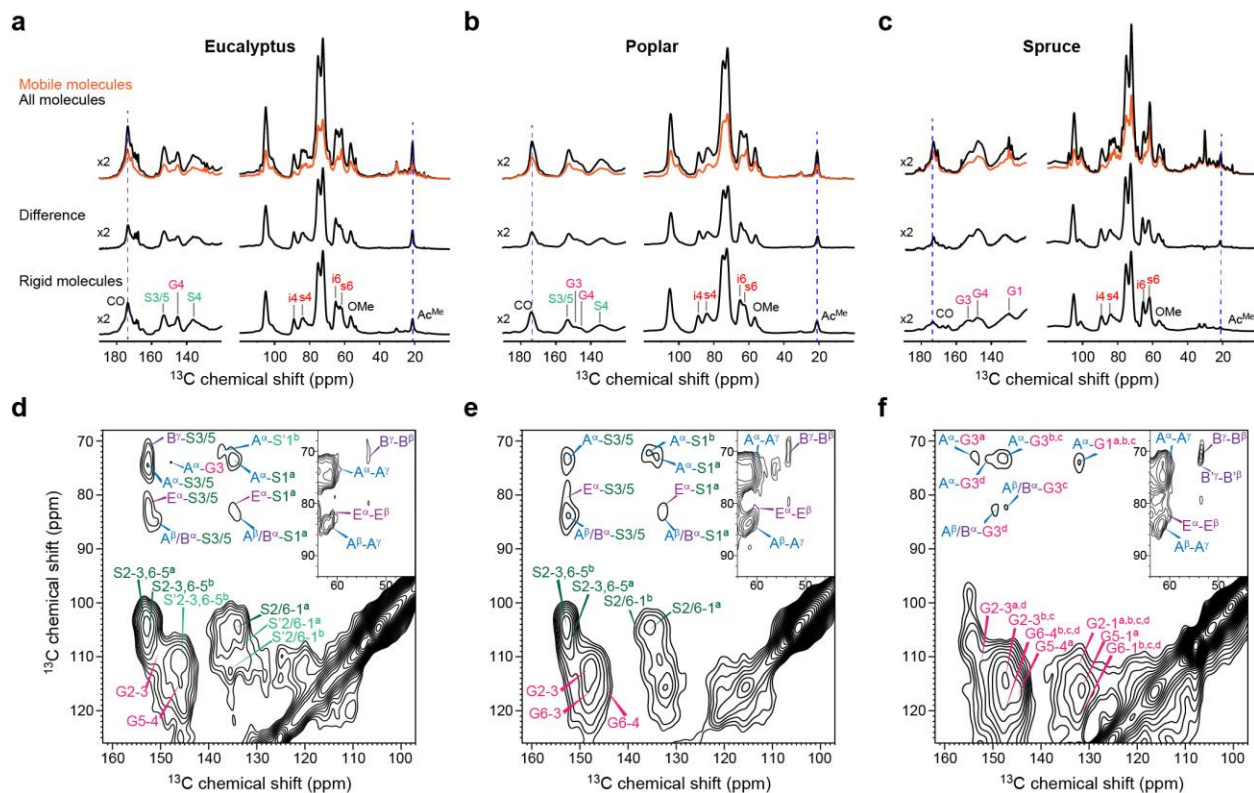
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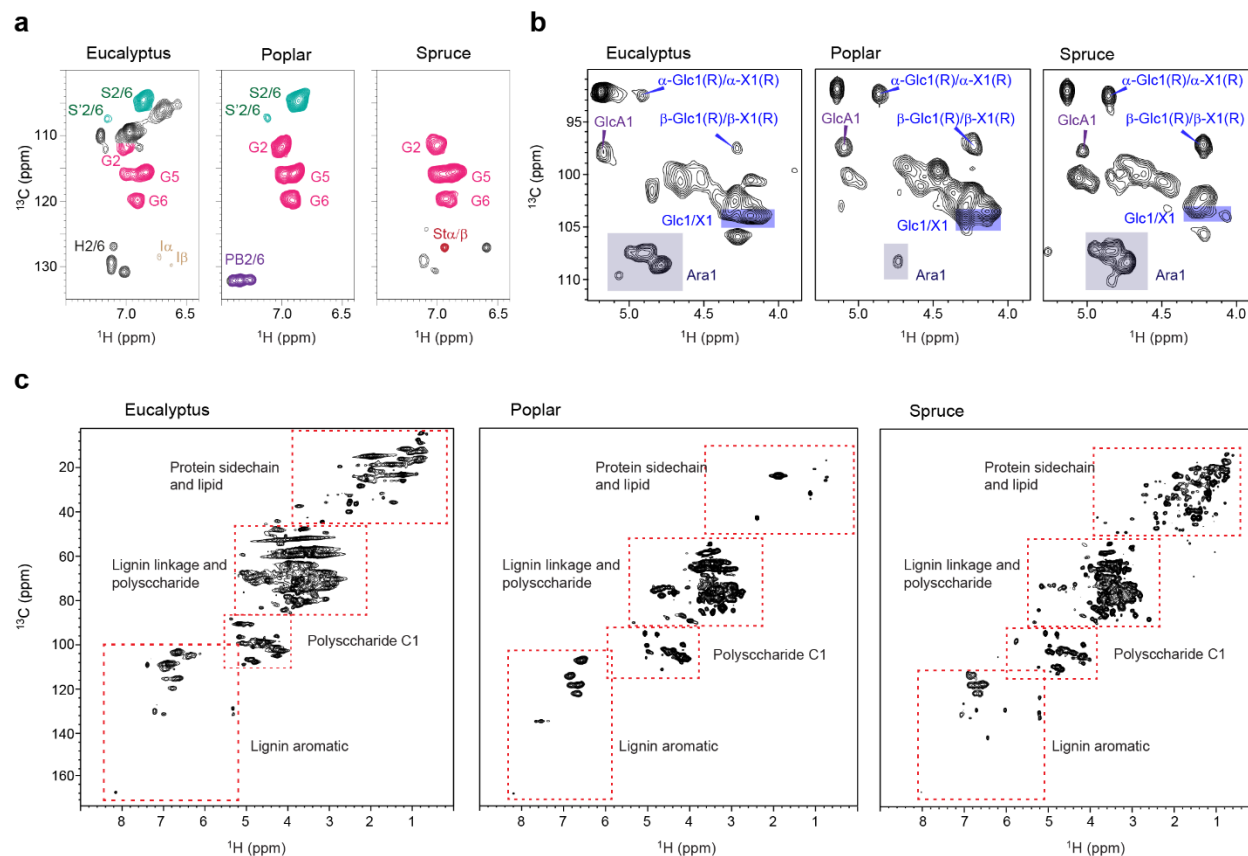
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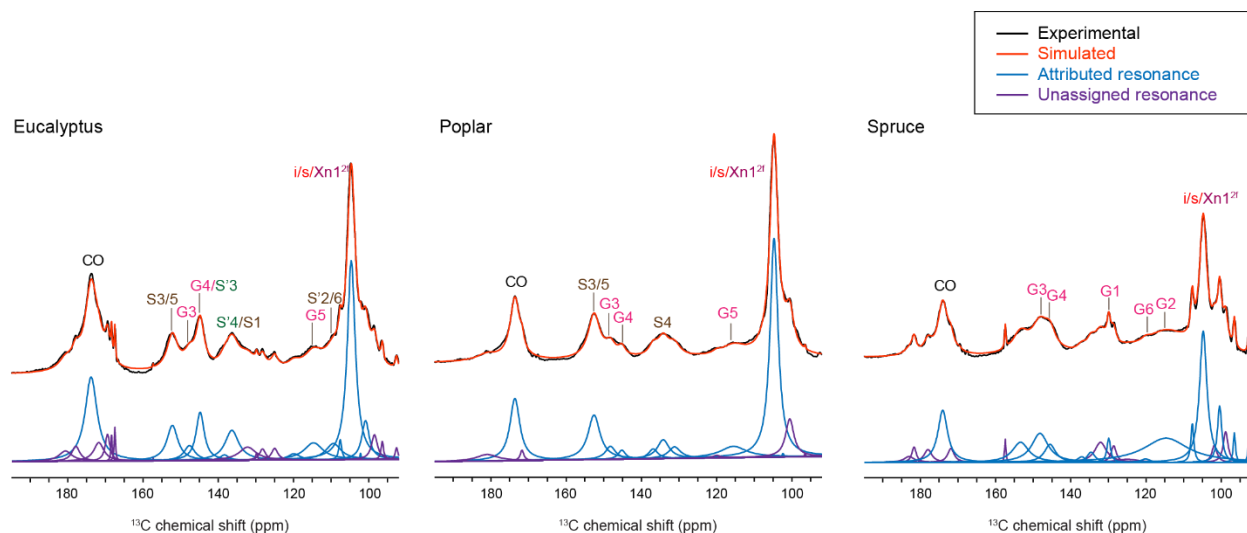
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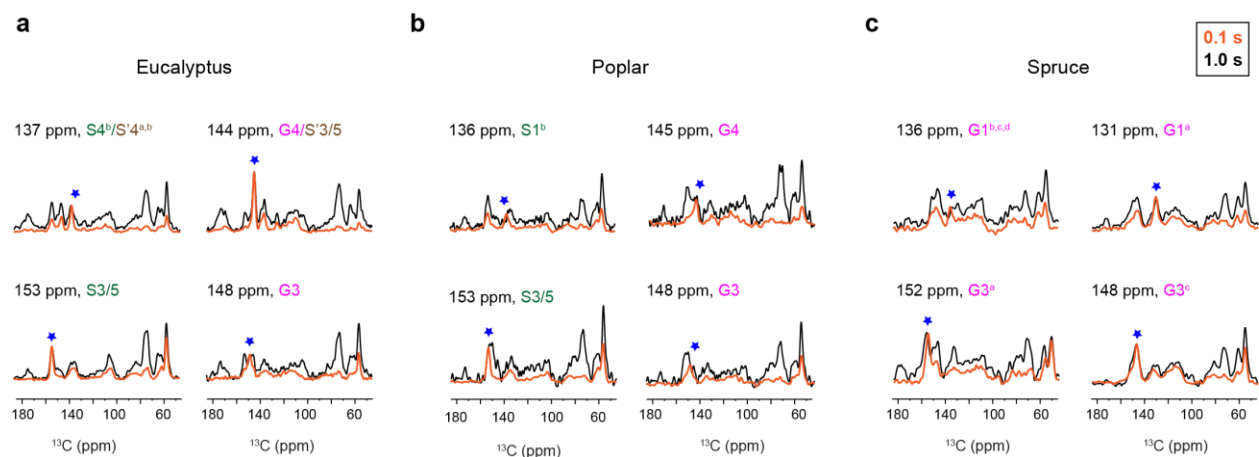
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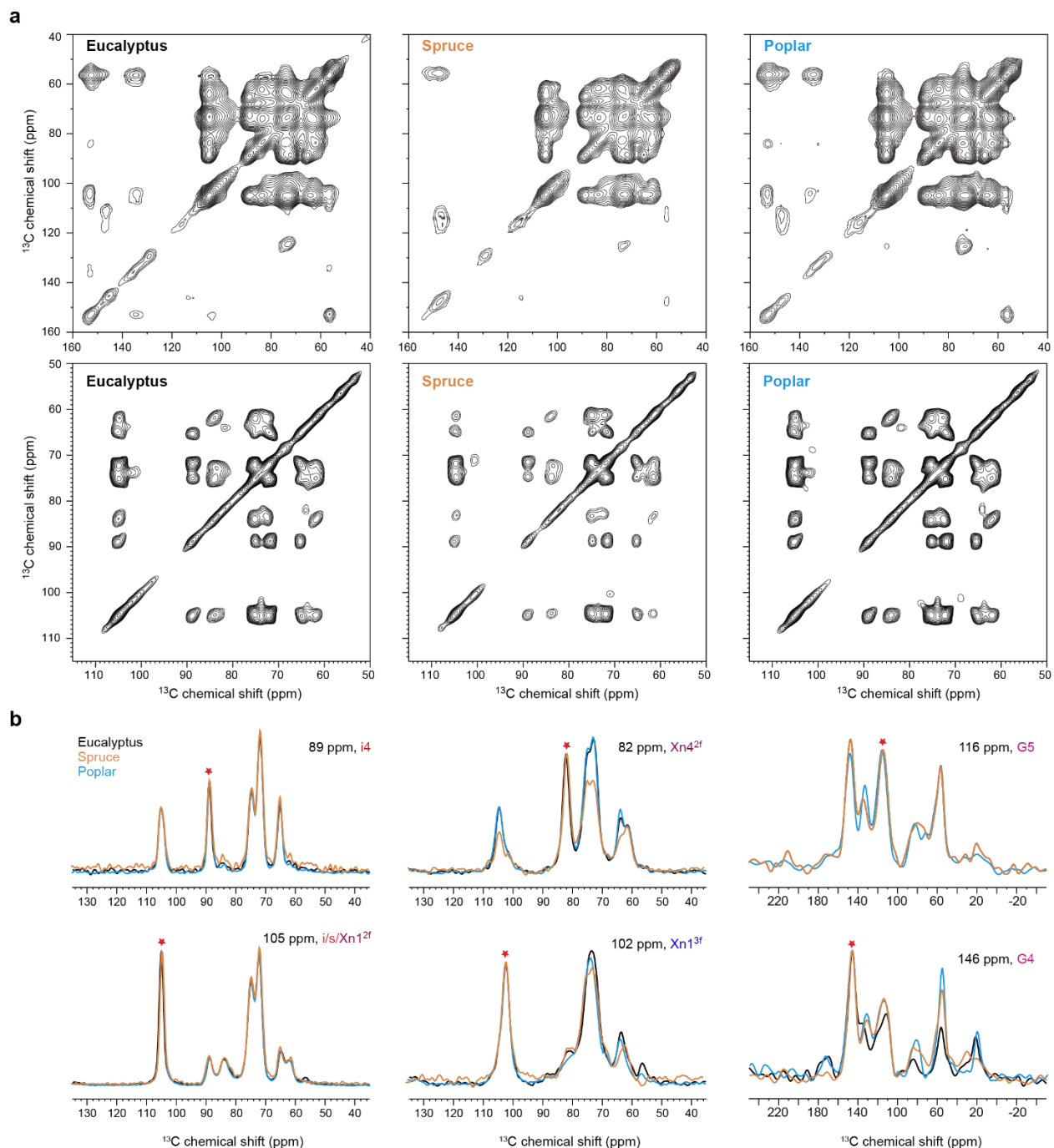
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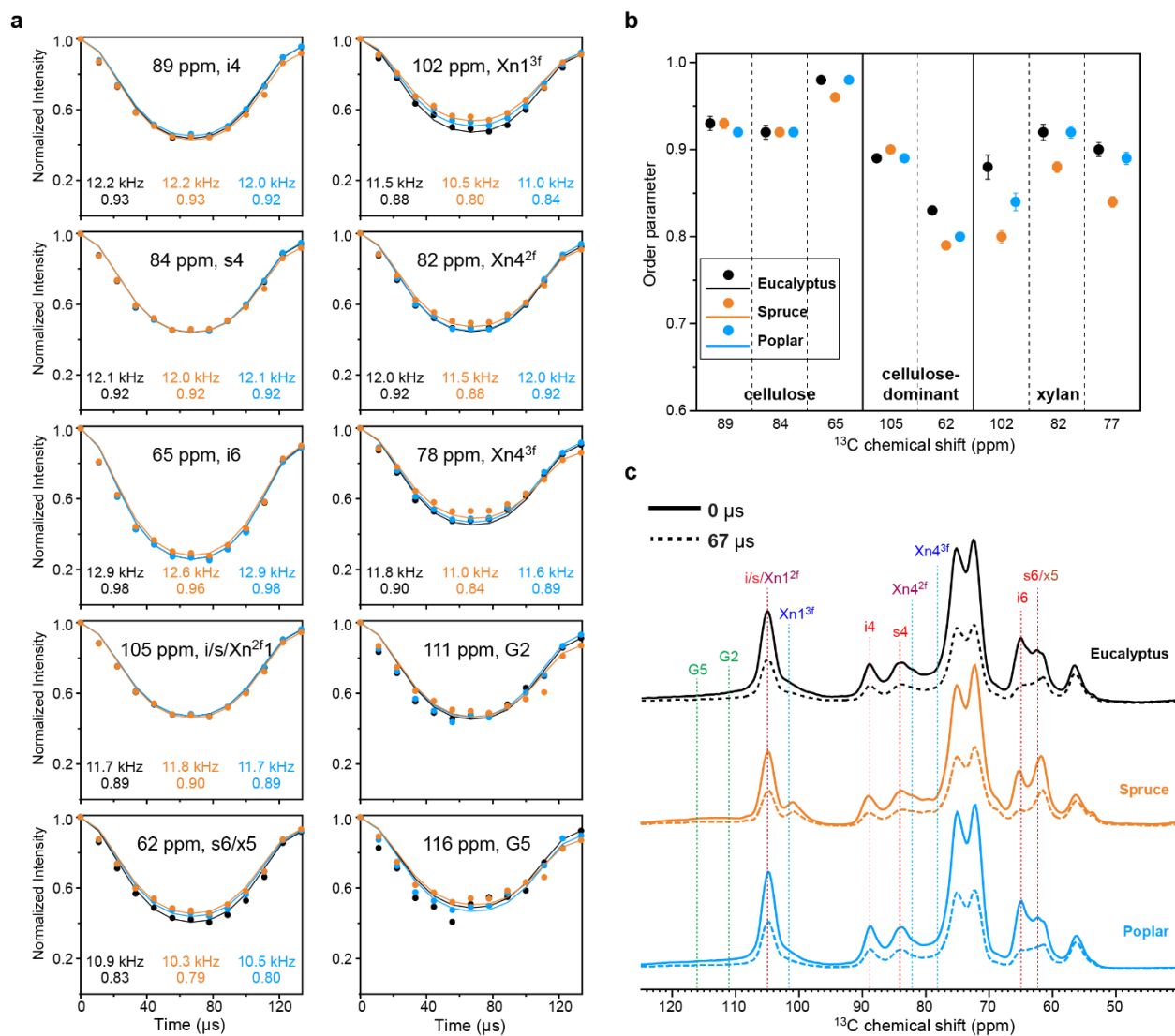
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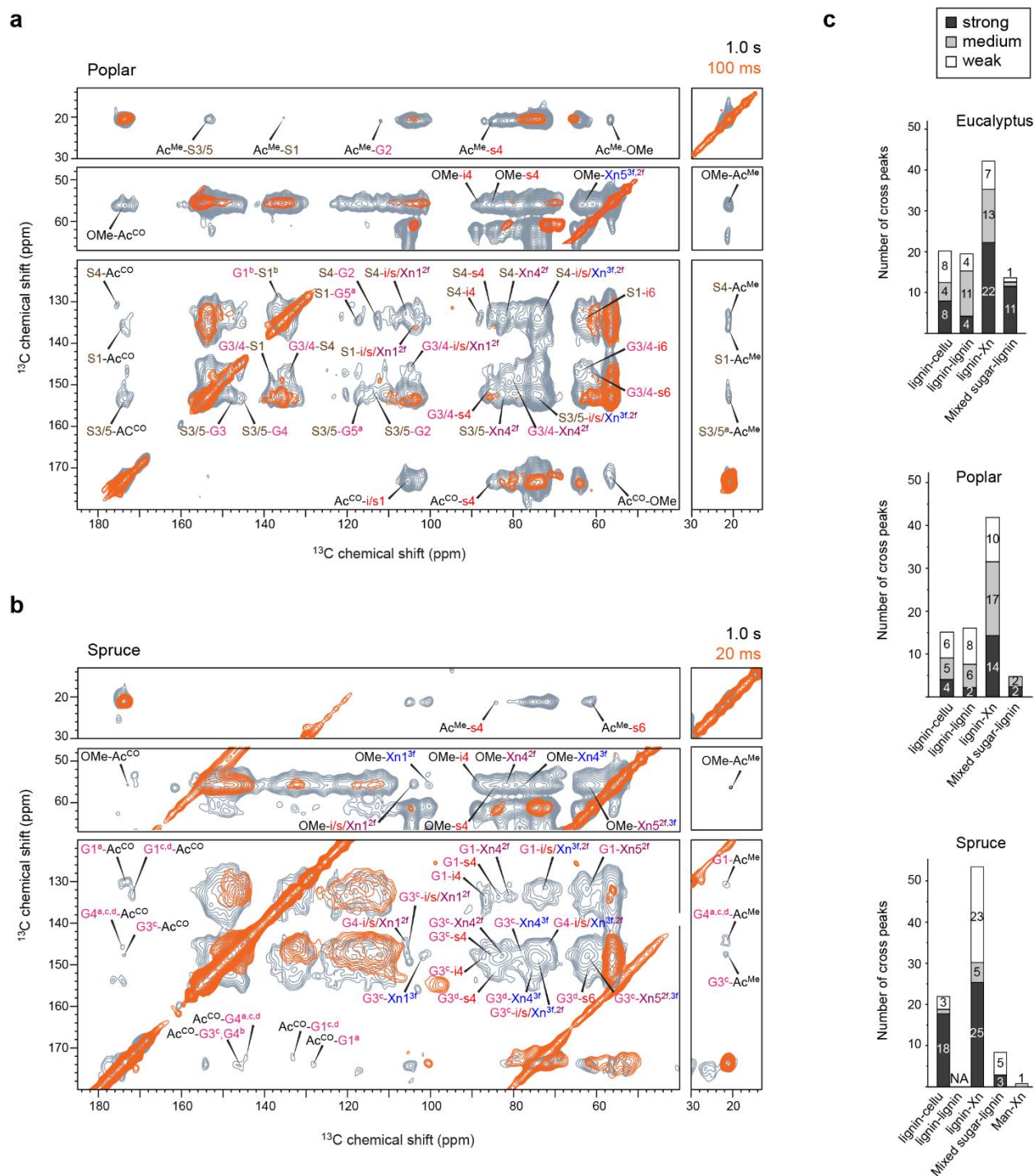
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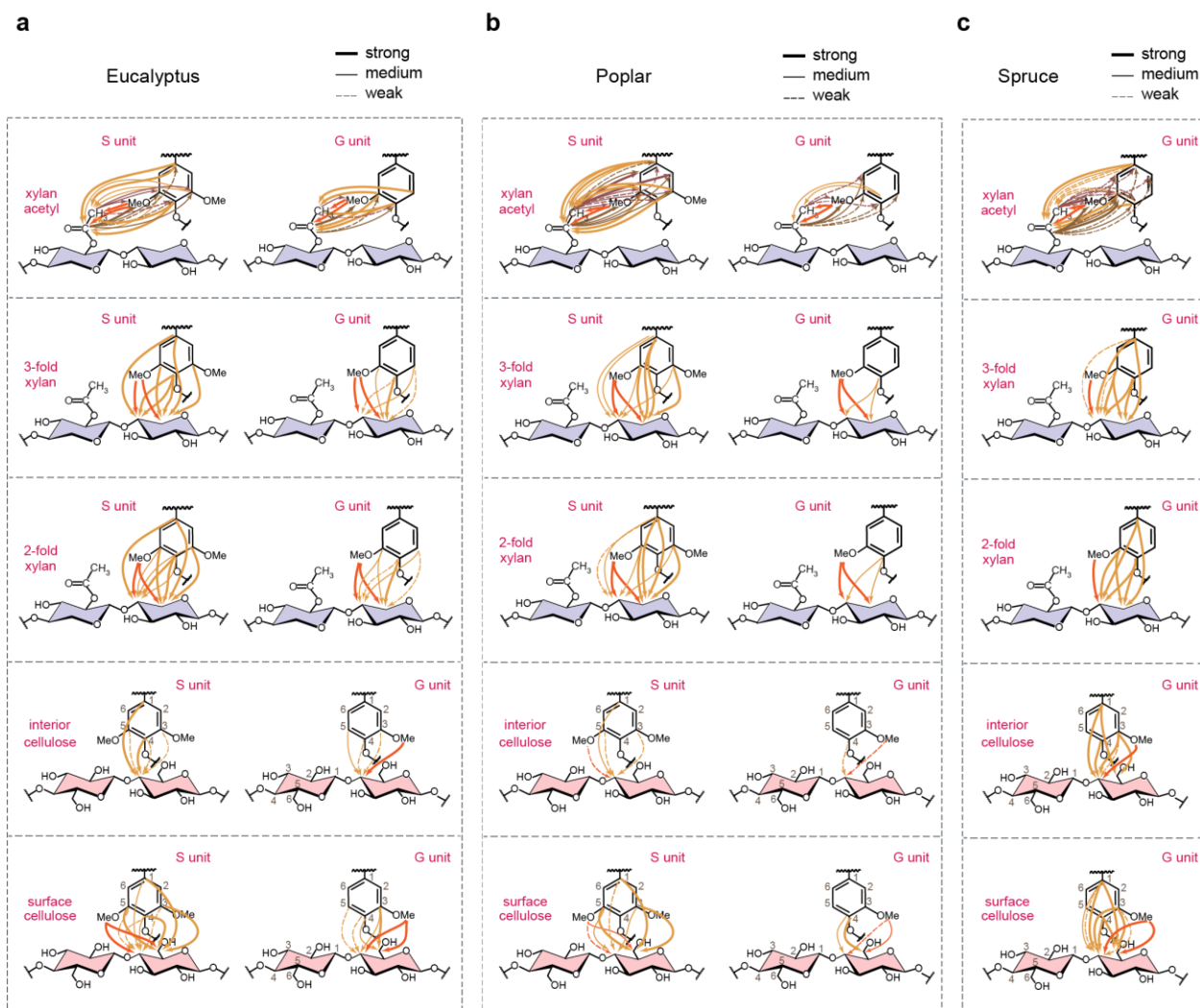
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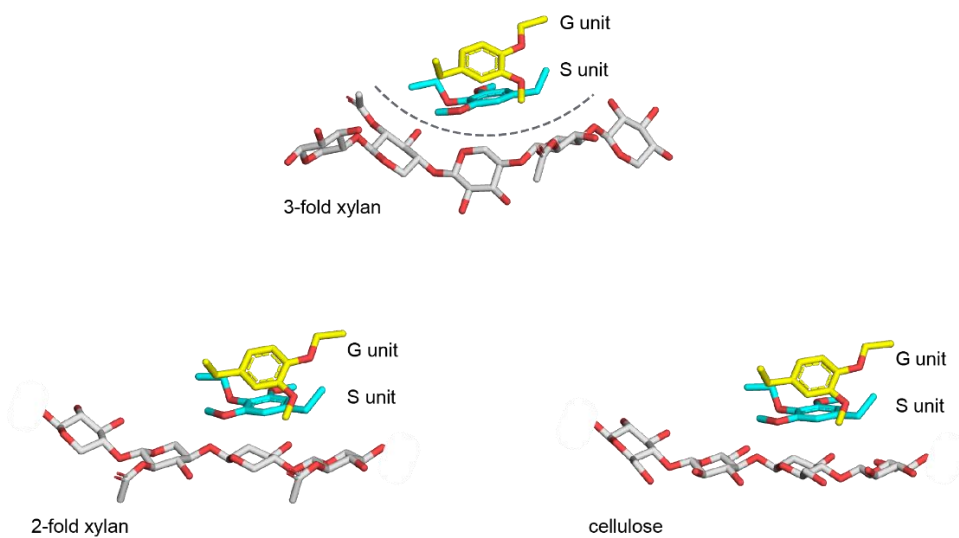
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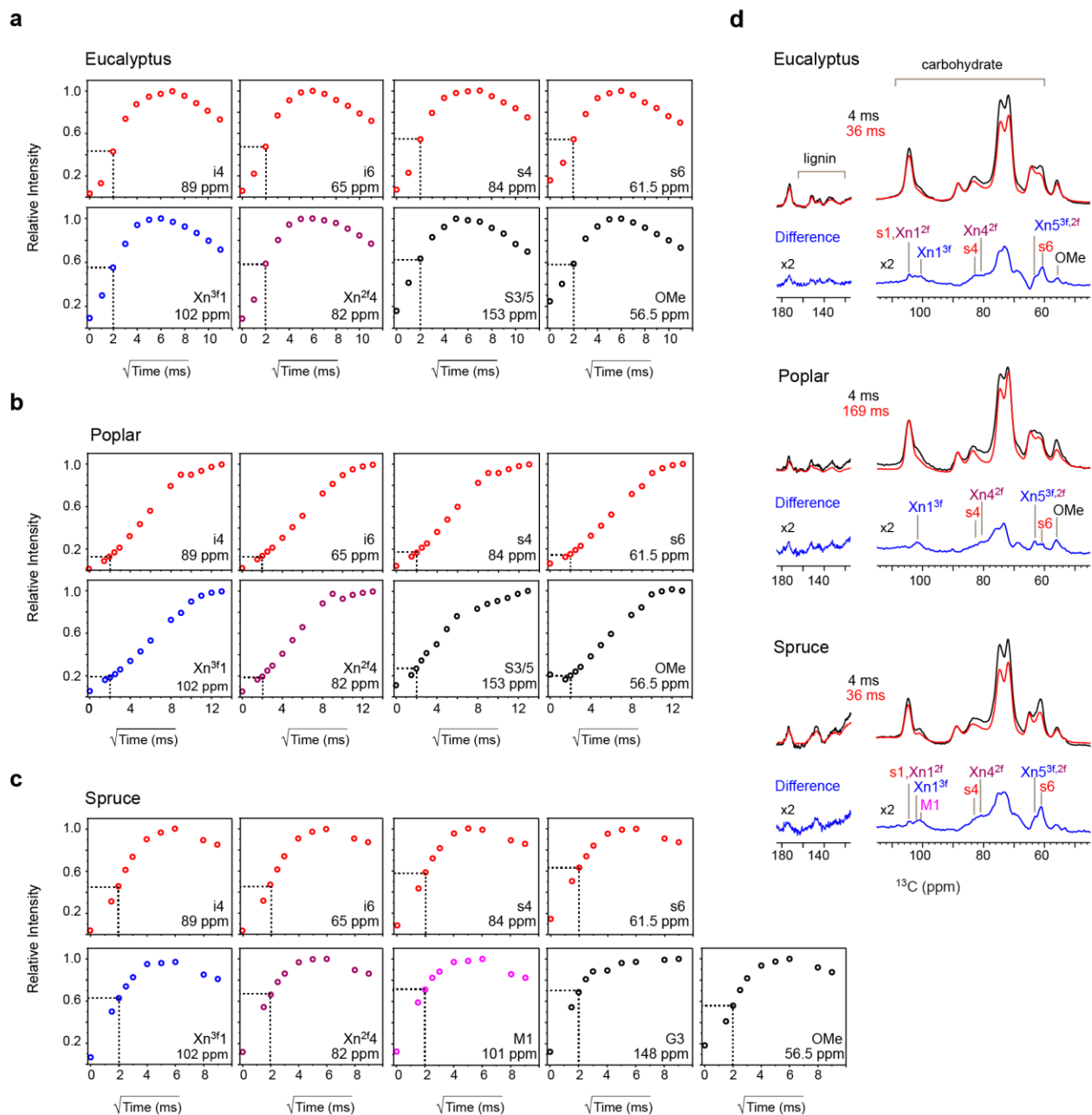
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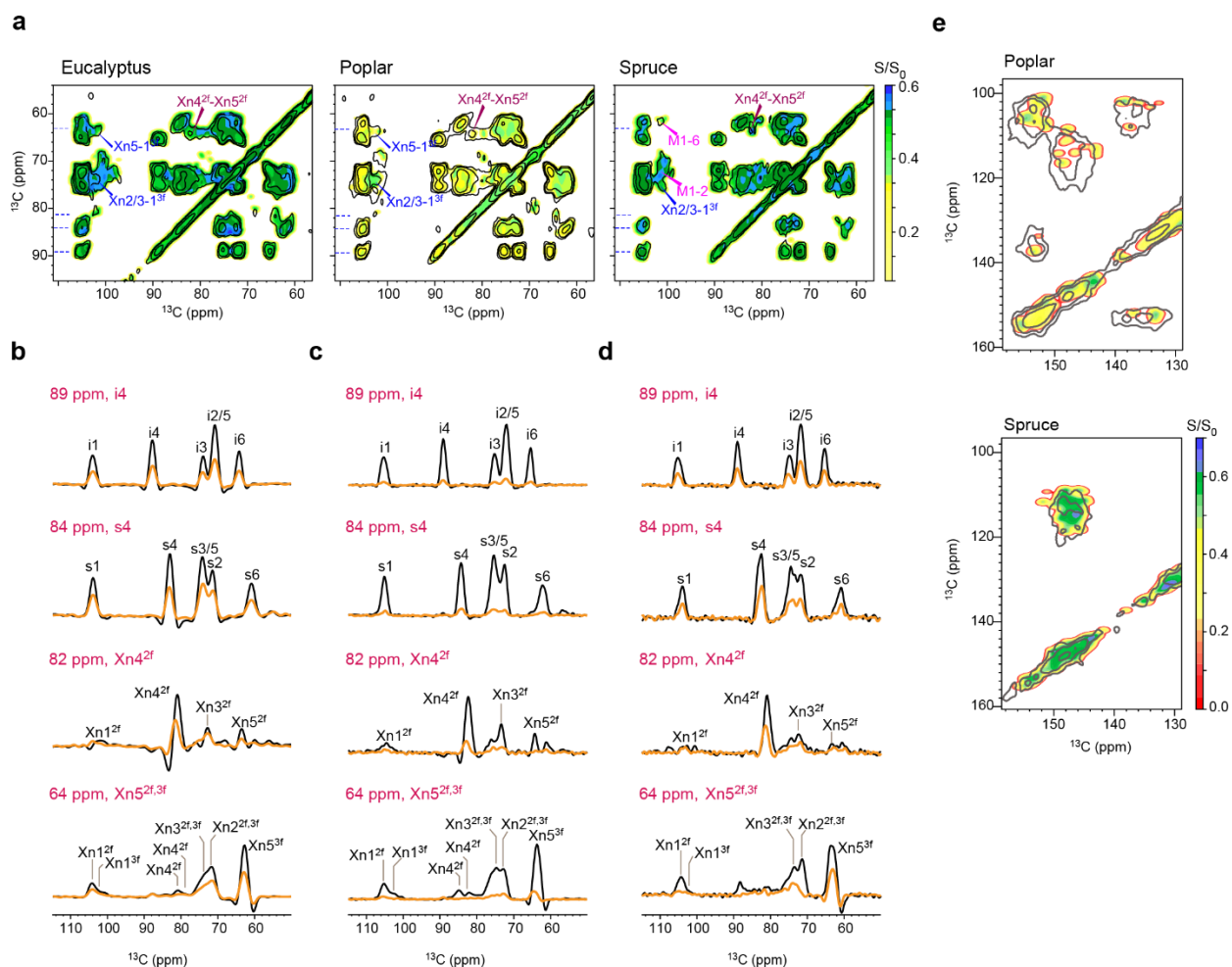
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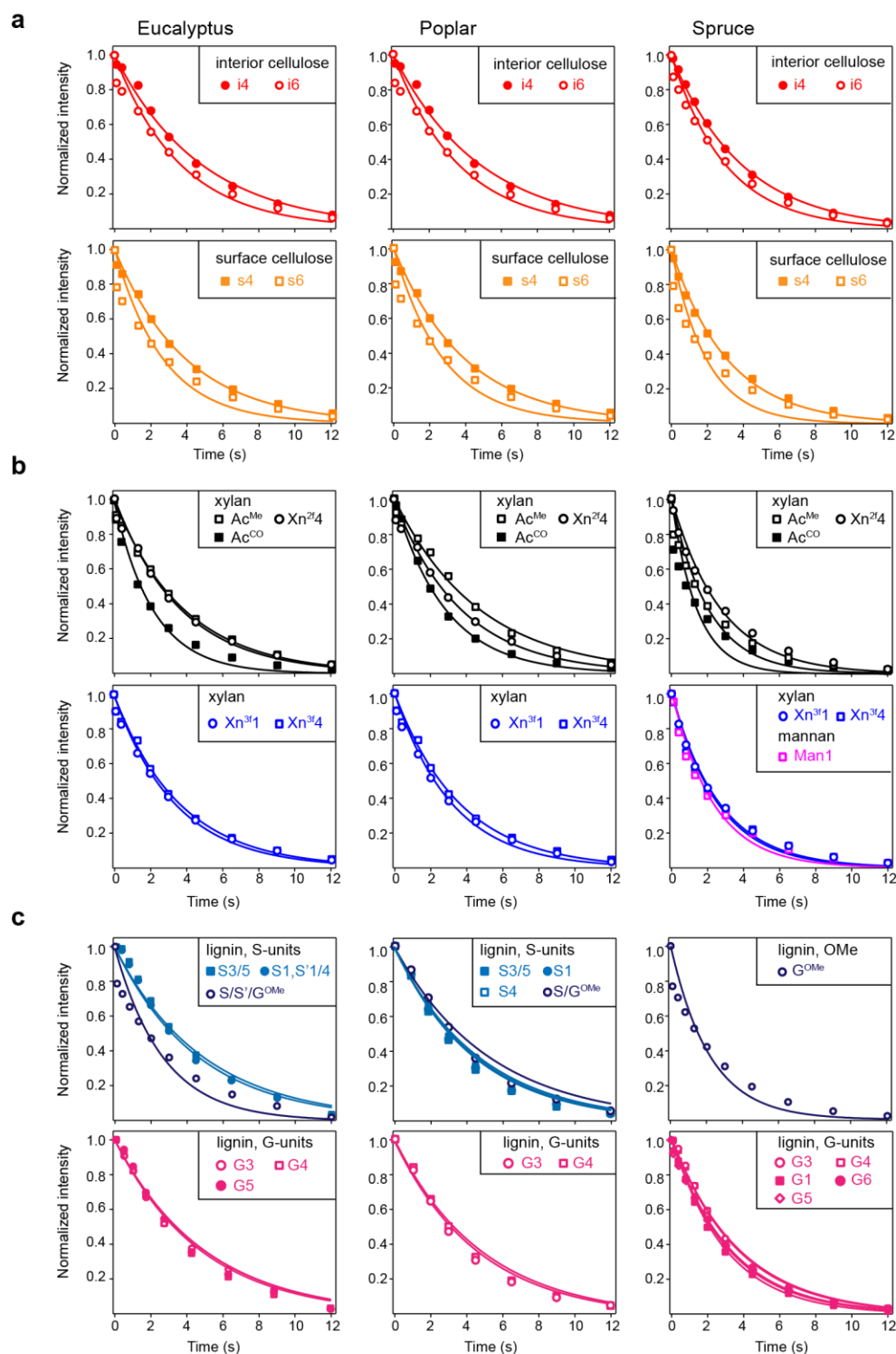
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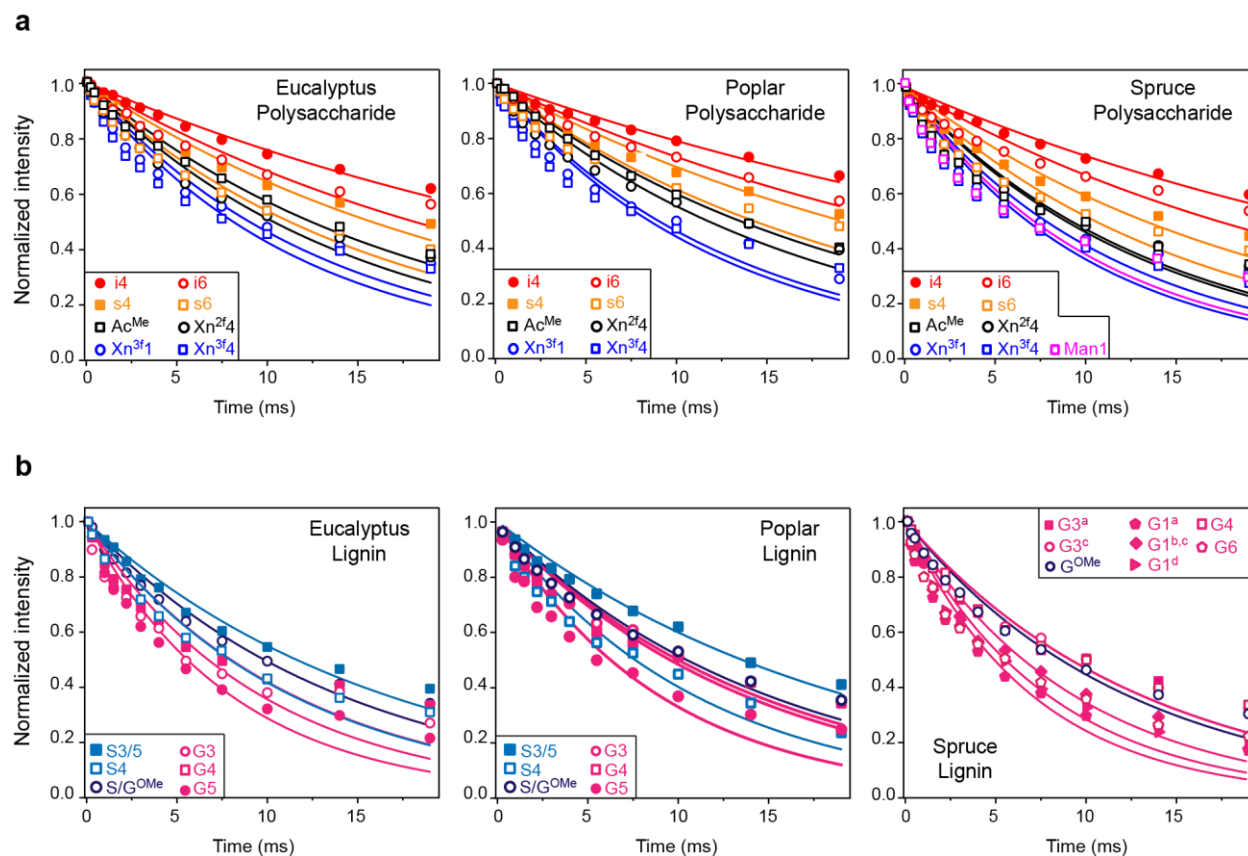
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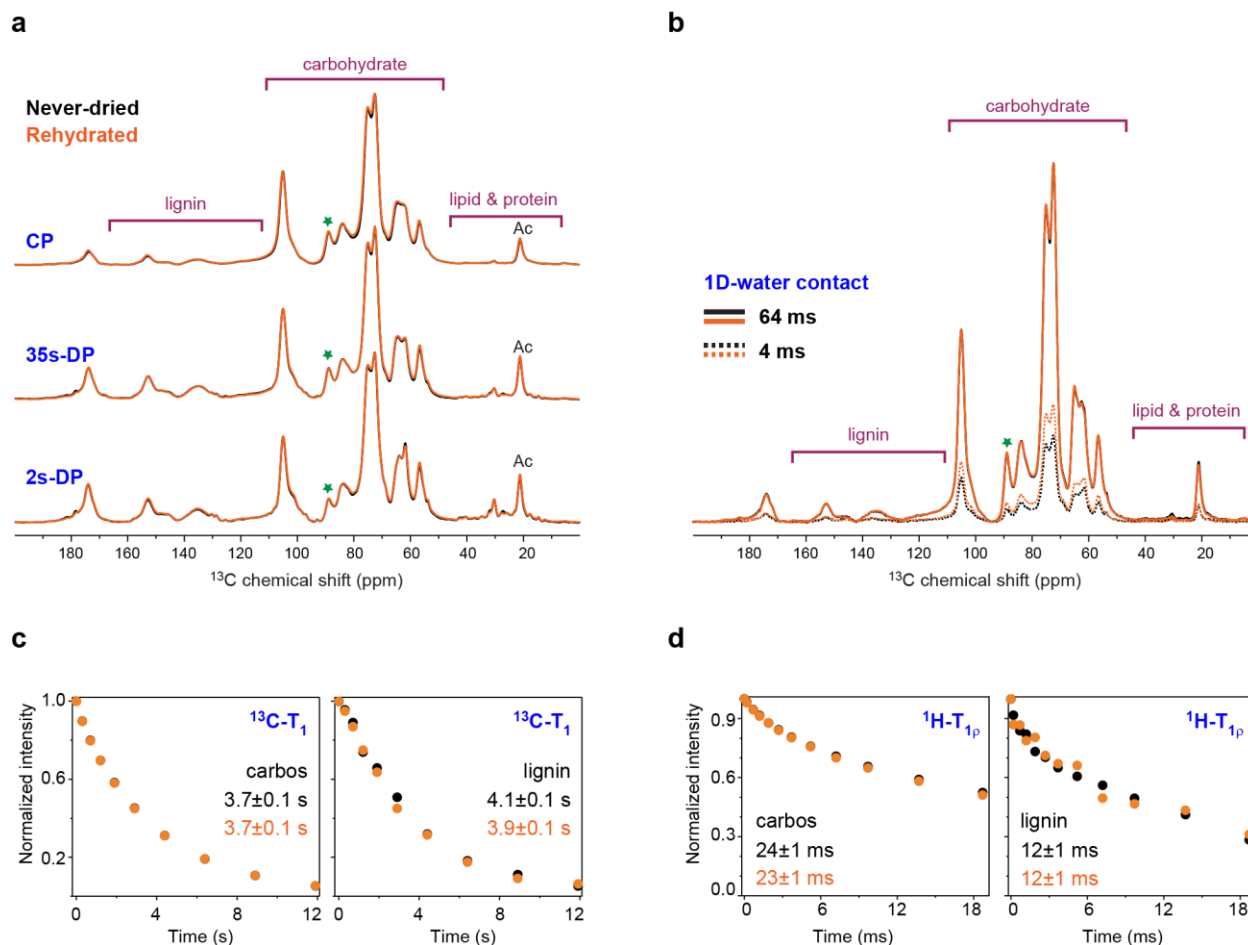
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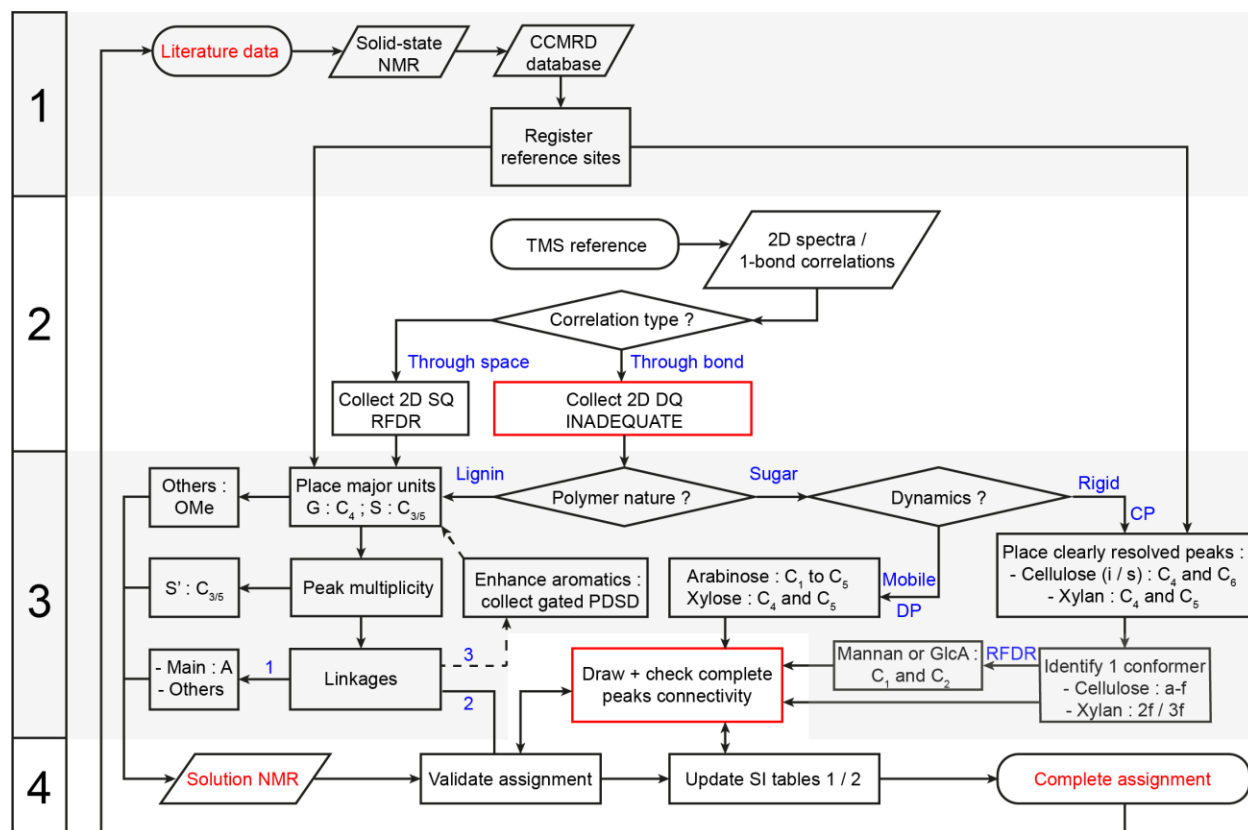
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Supplementary Figure 15. $^1\text{H-T}_{1\rho}$ relaxation curves of polysaccharides and lignin in woody plants. The $^1\text{H-T}_{1\rho}$ relaxation curves of **a**, polysaccharides and **b**, lignin data are shown for eucalyptus, poplar, and spruce. The data are fitted using a single exponential equation. Xylan shows faster relaxation times compared to cellulose. Within lignin, the G residue has faster $^1\text{H-T}_{1\rho}$ relaxation than the S unit. The fit parameters are summarized in **Supplementary Table 11**. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 16. Effect of freeze-drying and rehydration on hardwood eucalyptus. **a**, CP (rigid components selection), quantitative DP and DP (mobile components selection) normalized to i4 peak at 89 ppm. Distinct chemical shift intervals for lignin, carbohydrate, and lipid are highlighted. **b**, T_2 -filtered (water-edited) 1D experiments. Signal maxima observed after 64 ms of spin diffusion, in comparison to the previous 36 ms and 26% signal difference in the absence of diffusion upon rehydration are consistent with both a sample less prone to deep hydration and a slight betterment of its surface water access after freeze-drying. **c**, Average ^{13}C T_1 relaxation curves, using an evolution of integrals of spectral regions established in panel (a). **d**, Average $^1\text{H-T}_{1p}$ relaxation using the same two integrated intervals. Error bars are standard deviations of the fitting derived parameters. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. All these spectra and fitted relaxation parameters are very close for the fresh and rehydrated samples, demonstrating that structure and dynamics are not significantly altered by this sample preparation method. Their overall consistency with the main text eucalyptus sample also validates experimental reproducibility.



Supplementary Figure 17: Representative flow chart for resonance assignment. Shading and numbering on the left highlight the four main steps, while red coloring denotes essential sub-steps of the protocol followed for assigning chemical shifts. 1) Collection of reference chemical shifts for expected resolved peaks from solid-state NMR literature and databases. For each carbon site, we report associated references in **Supplementary Data 5**. 2) Acquisition of 2D solid-state NMR spectra. Subsequent assignments rely primarily on the resolution provided by the DQ dimension of INADEQUATE spectra. 3) Sequential assignment (boxes from right to left), from well-established cellulose and xylan conformers to mobile primary cell wall polysaccharides, ending with lignin and its linkages. For each polymer, we indicate a well-established site from which assignment can be easily initiated, while less resolved sites are either identified via cross-peaks connections or from literature reported values. 4) Safeguarding steps taken to provide accountability in the final assignments. Particularly for the complex lignin assignment, a good match is demanded with solution NMR spectra, as summarized in **Supplementary Table 3 and Supplementary Data 5**.

Supplementary Table 1. ¹³C chemical shifts of mobile molecules in woods. The mobile components are identified from ¹³C DP-based INADEQUATE spectra measured with short recycle delays of 2 s. Superscripts are used to denote different allomorphs. Not applicable (/). Unidentified (-).

carbohydrate		C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	Plants
A ^a	arabinose	107.8	81.8	77.2	84.6	61.8	/	All samples
A ^b		107.8	80.1	-	-	-	/	All samples
A ^c		109.7	81.8	77.4	82.9	67.6	/	All samples
A ^d		106.9	85.3	-	-	-	/	Eucalyptus
Gal	galactose	104.9	72.3	-	-	-	-	All samples
α-Glc	α-glucose	92.7	-	-	-	-	-	Spruce
β-Glc	β-glucose	96.6	-	-	-	-	-	Spruce
x	xylose in XyG	100.3	72.3	-	71.9	61.3	/	All samples
i ^{a,b}	cellulose	-	-	75.5	88.9	72.4	64.9	Eucalyptus
i ^c		-	-	75.5	88.9	70.9	65.8	Eucalyptus
i ^{a,b}		-	-	75.5	88.9	72.4	64.9	Poplar
i ^c		-	-	75.5	88.9	70.9	65.8	Poplar
s ^f		-	-	-	-	75.0	61.4	All samples
s ^g		-	-	-	-	73.7	61.2	Eucalyptus
s ^g		-	-	-	-	73.7	61.2	Poplar
lignin		C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	Plants
G ^a	guaiacyl	136.3	-	144.1	144.1	-	-	Eucalyptus
G ^b		136.3	-	145.2	145.2	-	-	
S ^a	syringyl	136.7	-	152.9	-	152.9	-	
S ^b		135.5	-	151.7	-	151.7	-	
G	guaiacyl	130.1	-	147.8	146.4	-	-	Poplar
S ^a	syringyl	-	-	152.6	-	152.6	-	
S ^b		-	-	151.9	-	151.9	-	
G	guaiacyl	-	-	148.9	144.7	-	-	Spruce
G		-	-	152.3	-	152.3	-	

Supplementary Table 2. Molar composition of polysaccharides in wood secondary cell walls. For each plant, the composition of cellulose, xylan, mannan, and the primary cell wall component xyloglucan (XyG) is given. Cellulose contains interior glucan chains ($i^{a,b}$: middle layer; i^c : embedded core chains) and surface glucan chains (s^f : hydrophilic surface; s^g : hydrophobic surface). Xylan contains the backbone (Xn^{2f} : two-fold xylan; Xn^{3f} : three-fold xylan; Xn : mixed conformation) and sidechains (GlcA and/or Ara). For Mannan, only the mannose residues (M: unacetylated; M^{Ac} : acetylated) are resolved, while the actual fraction of mannan should be higher than the value reported here due to the presence of Glc residues in the backbone. The sidechain α -xylose (x) is used to denote xyloglucan.

Eucalyptus											
Cellulose 74.0%				Xylan 25.5%					Mannan -		XyG 0.5%
interior chains 38.2%		surface chains 35.8%		backbone 16.8%			sidechains 8.7%		-		
$i^{a,b}$ 28.3%	i^c 9.8%	s^f 21.2%	s^g 14.6%	Xn^{2f} 10.0%	Xn 2.0%	Xn^{3f} 4.9%	GlcA 8.7%	Ara -	M -	M^{Ac} -	x 0.5%
Poplar											
Cellulose 81.4%				Xylan 18.0%					Mannan -		XyG 0.6%
interior chains 45.0%		surface chains 36.4%		backbone 13.3%			sidechains 4.8%		-		
$i^{a,b}$ 32.7%	i^c 12.3%	s^f 21.9%	s^g 14.6%	Xn^{2f} 7.9%	Xn 1.6%	Xn^{3f} 3.8%	GlcA 4.8%	Ara -	M -	M^{Ac} -	x 0.6%
Spruce											
Cellulose 75.8%				Xylan 11.8%					Mannan 10.5%		XyG 1.9%
interior chains 37.1%		surface chains 38.7%		backbone 10.4%			sidechains 1.5%				
$i^{a,b}$ 28.1%	i^c 8.9%	s^f 23.6%	s^g 15.2%	Xn^{2f} 6.9%	Xn -	Xn^{3f} 3.5%	GlcA 0.5%	Ara 1.0%	M 6.2%	M^{Ac} 4.3%	x 1.9%

The area of the following well-resolved peak pairs in CP J-INADEQUATE spectra are used:

$i^{a,b}$: the average of $i5^{a,b}$ - $i6^{a,b}$, $i4^{a,b}$ - $i5^{a,b}$, and $i3^{a,b}$ - $i4^{a,b}$.

i^c : the average of $i5^c$ - $i6^c$, $i4^c$ - $i5^c$, and $i3^c$ - $i4^c$.

s^f : the average of $s5^f$ - $s6^f$, $s4^f$ - $i5/3^f$. The integration of $s4^f$ - $i5/3^f$ has been doubled because 2 peak pairs are included (carbon 4-carbon 5 and carbon 4-carbon 3).

s^g : the average of $s5^g$ - $s6^g$, $s4^g$ - $i5/3^g$. The integration of $s4^g$ - $i5/3^g$ has been doubled because 2 peak pairs are included (carbon 4-carbon 5 and carbon 4-carbon 3).

Xn^{2f} : the average of $Xn4^{2f}$ and $Xn5^{2f}$.

Xn : the average of $Xn4$ and $Xn5$.

Xn^{3f} : the average of $Xn4^{3f}$ and $Xn5^{3f}$.

GlcA: the average of GlcA1 and GlcA2. The value reported are the sum of $GlcA^a$, $GlcA^b$ and $GlcA^c$.

Ara: the average of A1 and A2.

M: the average of M1 and M2.

M^{Ac} , the average of $M1^{Ac}$ and $M2^{Ac}$.

x: the average of $x4$ and $x5$.

Supplementary Table 3. Solution NMR HSQC ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts of lignin aromatics and linkages. Unidentified or unresolved (-).

		Eucalyptus		Poplar		Spruce	
		¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)
G2	guaiacyl	111.9	6.99	111.6	7.00	111.6	7.0
G5	guaiacyl	115.5 & 115.8	6.67 & 6.97	115.7 & 115.8	6.78 & 6.97	114.9 & 115.9	6.77 & 6.93
G6	guaiacyl	119.9	6.99	119.8	6.83	119.7	6.86
G'2	oxidized guaiacyl	112.2	7.53	112.4	7.53	112.2	7.51
G'6	oxidized guaiacyl	124.2	7.16	123.8	7.60	123.6	7.57
S2/6	syringyl	104.3	6.71	104.6	6.73	-	-
S'2/6	oxidized syringyl	107.3	7.32 & 7.12	107.2	7.24 & 7.09	-	-
H2/6		126.9	7.20	128.6	7.22	-	-
Aα (G)	β-O-4'	71.8	4.65	71.8	4.65		
Aα (S)	β-O-4'	72.6	4.88	72.6	4.88	71.9	4.77
Aβ(G)	β-O-4'	84.5	4.31	84.6	4.31	84.6	4.31
Aβ(S)	β-O-4'	86.7	4.14	86.7	4.14		
Aγ	β-O-4'	60.5	3.42 & 3.67	-	-	-	-
Bα	β-β' (resinol)	85.8	4.68	84.6	4.76	85.6	4.65
Bβ	β-β' (resinol)	53.8	3.14	54.3	3.10	53.9	3.14
Bγ	β-β' (resinol)	71.7	3.88 & 4.20	70.5	3.73	70.3	3.77
Cα	β-5' (phenylcoumaran)	87.7	5.49	87.7	5.49	87.6	5.49
Cβ	β-5' (phenylcoumaran)	53.8	3.14	54.1	3.49	54.2	3.42
Cγ	β-5' (phenylcoumaran)	62.7	3.44 & 3.59	-	-	-	-
Dα	5-5' (dibenzodioxocin)	83.8	4.90	-	-	-	-
Dβ	5-5' (dibenzodioxocin)	85.6	3.91	85.6	3.92	84.9	3.88
Eα	β-1' (spirodienone)	81.8	5.07	81.9	5.08	83.7	5.02
Eα'	β-1' (spirodienone)	86.9	4.41	87.0	4.42	-	-
Eβ	β-1' (spirodienone)	60.4	2.79	60.7	2.80	61.8	2.8
Eβ'	β-1' (spirodienone)	-	-	78.7	4.14	-	-
E2/2'	β-1' (spirodienone)	114.9	6.24	114.2	6.23	114.3	6.21
E6/6'	β-1' (spirodienone)	119.5	6.12	119.2	6.15	119.5	6.11
Iα	cinnamyl alcohol	128.3	6.46	129.0	6.45	129.5	6.48
Iβ	cinnamyl alcohol	129.7	6.25	129.5	6.27	129.1	6.32
Iγ	cinnamyl alcohol	62.4	4.11	62.3	4.12	62.5	4.13
Jα	cinnamaldehyde	154.5	7.65	154.2	7.64	154.4	7.66
Jβ	cinnamaldehyde	126.7	6.81	127.1	6.80	127.4	6.88
J6	cinnamaldehyde	122.4	7.21	123.9	7.22	124.3	7.20
PB2/6	<i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoate	-	-	132.1	7.70	-	-
Stα/β	stilbene	-	-	-	-	127.1	6.88

Supplementary Table 4. Average solution NMR chemical shifts of lignin from literature. The reference (Ref.) for each chemical shift is provided. Not detected (-).

^a May also includes Aβ(G/H)

	Eucalyptus			Poplar			Spruce		
	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	Ref.	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	ref	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	ref
G2	111.3	6.98	7-11	111.1	6.98	12-16	110.3	6.94	17, 18
G5	115.2	6.72 & 6.94	7 / 9-11 7 / 9, 10	115.0	6.80	12-16	115.2	6.85	17, 18
G6	119.3	6.80	7-11	119.1	6.8	12-16	118.9	6.83	17, 18
G'2	112.4	7.50	9	111.4	7.51	12	-	-	9 / 12
G'6	124.0	7.00	9	123.3	7.60	12	-	-	12
S2/6	104.2	6.99	7-11	103.8	6.67	12-16	-	-	-
S'2/6	106.5	7.31	7-11	106.1	7.22	12-16	-	-	-
H2/6	-	-	-	127.9	7.19	12	-	-	-
Aα(G)	71.6	4.74	7 / 9, 10	71.5	4.75	13	71.1	4.75	17, 19
Aα (S)	72.2	4.87	7-11	71.9	4.83	13-16	-	-	17, 19
Aβ(G)	83.9 ⁽¹⁾	4.29	7-11	83.7 ^a	4.29	12, 13 / 16	84.0	4.29	17, 19
Aβ(S)	86.4	4.09	7-11	85.8	4.13	12, 13 / 15, 16	-	-	17, 19
Aγ	59.8	3.39 & 3.69	7-9/ 11 7-9/ 11	59.9	3.45	12, 13 / 15 12, 13	59.9	3.24 & 3.61	17, 19 17, 19
Bα	85.2	4.66	7-11	85.0	4.64	12-16	85.0	4.65	17, 19
Bβ	53.7	3.08	7-9/ 11	53.6	3.07	12, 13 / 15	53.6	3.07	17, 19
Bγ	71.4	3.82	7-9/ 11	70.6	3.81	12, 13	70.9	3.74	17, 19
Cα	87.1	5.46	7-11	87.0	5.47	12-16	87.0	5.47	17, 19
Cβ	53.5	3.45	7-9/ 11	53.2	3.48	12-14	53.1	3.46	17, 19
Cγ	62.7	3.67	7, 8/ 11	62.5	3.74	12, 13	62.8	3.72	17, 19
Dα	83.6	4.83	7	81.4	4.7	13	83.3	4.84	17, 19
Dβ	85.9	3.88	7	-	-	-	85.4	3.88	17, 19
Eα	81.4	5.09	7, 8	81.2	5.07	12	81.7	5.03	19
Eα'	86.6	4.39	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eβ	60.0	2.74	7, 8	59.7	2.77	12	59.3	2.77	19
Eβ'	79.5	4.11	7, 8	79.5	4.12	12	-	-	-
E2/2'	112.4	6.26	7, 8	113.3	6.22	12	-	-	7, 8 / 12
E6/6'	119.1	6.07	7, 8	118.9	6.07	12	-	-	7, 8 / 12
Iα	-	-	-	128.4	6.44	12	-	-	-
Iβ	-	-	-	128.2	6.25	12	-	-	-
Iγ	61.7	4.09	7-9	61.4	4.10	12	61.5	4.08	17, 19
Jα	-	-	-	153.5	7.60	12	153.7	7.61	17
Jβ	-	-	-	126.1	6.76	12	126.3	6.77	17
J6	-	-	-	-	-	-	123.2	7.22	17
PB2/6	-	-	-	131.1	7.66	12-16	-	-	17
Stα/β	126	7.0	11	-	-	-	128.3	7.12	17

Supplementary Table 5. Spectral deconvolution of quantitative ^{13}C spectra for lignin compositional analysis. The attributed chemical shifts are labeled. Unidentified (-).

Eucalyptus					Spruce				
Chemical shift [ppm]	Amplitude	Width [ppm]	Integral [%]	Carbon	Chemical shift [ppm]	Amplitude	Width [ppm]	Integral [%]	Carbon
180.6	117	4.2	2.2	-	183.0	96	3.3	1.2	
177.9	170	2.6	1.9	-	181.7	248	1.4	1.3	
173.8	956	3.9	16.2	Ac ^{CO}	178.0	206	2.5	1.9	
171.8	211	3.2	3.0	-	174.1	836	3.1	9.5	Ac ^{CO}
169.4	306	1.5	2.0	-	171.9	224	2.1	1.7	
168.4	314	0.4	0.5	-	169.5	36	1.1	0.1	
167.5	385	0.4	0.7	-	157.4	375	0.4	0.6	
157.3	36	0.1	0.02	-	153.4	323	5.3	6.3	
152.2	401	3.5	6.2	S3/5	148.2	466	5.3	9.2	G ^{a3/4}
147.7	171	3.4	2.6	G3	145.5	289	3.6	3.8	G ^{b3/4}
144.8	550	2.6	6.3	G4/S'3	137.1	89	2.8	0.9	G ^{b1}
138.4	63	2.6	0.7	S ^{b4}	134.6	163	2.6	1.6	G ^{c/d1}
136.4	341	4.4	6.6	S1/S ^{a4}	132.1	322	3.8	4.5	
132.2	149	5.5	3.6	-	129.9	389	1.2	1.7	G ^{a1}
129.8	79	0.6	0.2	-	128.6	266	1.7	1.7	
128.2	128	1.9	1.1	-	125.0	52	7.6	1.4	
125.0	133	2.0	1.2	-	120.1	57	2.9	0.6	G6
119.9	70	3.8	1.2	-	114.7	389	14.2	20.6	G2/5
114.7	195	6.0	5.2	G5	107.7	623	0.9	2.1	A1
109.4	185	4.9	4.0	S'2/6	104.8	2103	2.6	18.4	
107.6	229	0.9	0.9	A1	101.8	275	1.6	1.6	
104.6	2261	2.6	25.5	i/s/Xn1 ^{2f}	100.4	907	1.4	4.6	M1
102.2	75	0.3	0.1	Xn1 ^{3f}	98.8	492	1.5	2.8	
100.8	444	2.4	4.6	Man1	96.5	477	0.7	1.2	β -Glc1
98.5	281	1.9	2.4	-	92.6	308	0.7	0.7	α -Glc1
96.4	209	0.8	0.7	-					
92.6	135	0.8	0.5	-					
Poplar									
Chemical Shift [ppm]	Amplitude	Width [ppm]	Integral [%]	Carbon					
181.0	109	6.7	3.1						
173.6	1037	3.2	14.1	Ac ^{CO}					
171.7	173	1.1	0.8						
152.6	744	3.8	12.2	S3/5					
148.2	217	3.3	3.0	G3					
145.2	151	2.3	1.5	G4					
136.9	165	2.9	2.0	S ^{b4}					
134.2	315	3.8	5.1	S ^{a4}					
131.2	193	3.9	3.2						
120.0	42	2.4	0.4						
115.5	188	8.4	6.8	G5					
108.9	16	1.9	0.1						
104.7	3650	2.6	40.1	i/s/Xn1 ^{2f}					
102.4	60	0.5	0.1	Xn1 ^{3f}					
100.6	632	2.7	7.2						
96.5	62	0.3	0.1						

Supplementary Table 6. Intermolecular interactions of polymers in intact plant stems. In the summary of intermolecular cross-peaks between different polymers of the secondary cell wall of woods, a total of 272 cross-peaks have been identified and categorized as 112 strong, 75 medium, and 85 weak interactions.

	Interactions	s	m	w	Total
Eucalyptus	cellulose-xylan	0	0	4	4
	cellulose-lignin	8	4	8	20
	lignin-lignin	4	11	4	19
	xylan-lignin	22	13	7	42
	mixed sugar-lignin	11	1	1	13
Poplar	cellulose-xylan	0	3	1	4
	cellulose-lignin	4	5	6	15
	lignin-lignin	2	6	8	16
	xylan-lignin	14	17	10	41
	mixed sugar-lignin	2	2	0	4
Spruce	cellulose-xylan	4	2	2	8
	cellulose-lignin	18	1	3	22
	lignin-lignin	0	0	0	0
	xylan-lignin	25	5	23	53
	Mannan-lignin	0	1	1	2
	Mannan-xylan	1	0	0	1
	mixed sugar-lignin	3	0	5	8
Total		112	75	85	272

Supplementary Table 7. Water-edited intensities of polysaccharide and lignin of Eucalyptus. The intensity ratio is obtained by comparing the water-edited and control 2D ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra. Standard deviations of NMR signal-to-noise ratios are used as error bars. The numbers (bold) in parentheses indicate the average intensities under each type of the polysaccharide or lignin.

Type	cross peaks	Intensity
interior cellulose (0.24)	i4-1	0.44±0.03
	i4-3 ^a	0.42±0.05
	i4-3 ^{b,c}	0.42±0.03
	i4-2/5	0.42±0.09
	i4-6	0.40±0.07
	i6-1	0.48±0.19
	i6-4	0.4±0.2
	i6-3 ^{a,b}	0.5±0.1
	i6-3 ^c	0.5±0.1
	i6-2/5,2	0.5±0.1
surface cellulose (0.36)	s4-1	0.55±0.09
	s4-3/5	0.6±0.1
	s4-2	0.6±0.1
	s4-6	0.5±0.1
xylan ^{2f} (0.31)	Xn ^{2f} 4-1	0.52±0.09
	Xn ^{2f} 4-3	0.55±0.08
	Xn ^{2f} 4-5	0.47±0.09
	Xn ^{2f} 4-2	0.7±0.2
xylan ^{3f} (0.44)	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-1	0.7±0.2
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-4	0.6±0.2
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-5	0.6±0.2
	Xn ^{3f} 5-1	0.5±0.1
	Xn ^{3f} 5-4	0.5±0.1
lignin (0.51)	S3/5-S1 ^b	0.50±0.08
	S3/5-S1 ^a	0.48±0.03
	S3/5-S2/6 ^a	0.61±0.04
	S3/5-S2/6 ^b	0.49±0.09
	S3/5-OMe	0.53±0.08
	S'3/5-4	0.61±0.09
	S'3/5-2, G4-2	0.5±0.1
	S'3/5-OMe, G4-OMe	0.5±0.1
	S4-S3/5	0.46±0.09
	S4-S2/6	0.44±0.08
	S4-S1	0.47±0.08
	S4-OMe	0.51±0.09
	S2/6-S3/5	0.6±0.2
	S2/6-S1	0.5±0.2
	S2/6-S4	0.5±0.1
S2/6-OMe	0.51±0.09	
lignin OMe (0.42)	OMe-S3/5	0.42±0.06
	OMe-G3	0.43±0.07
	OMe-S1	0.40±0.09
	OMe-S4	0.5±0.1
	OMe-S2/6	0.4±0.1

Supplementary Table 8. Water-edited intensities of polymers in poplar. The intensity ratio is obtained by comparing the water-edited and control 2D ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra. Standard deviations of NMR signal-to-noise ratios are used as error bars. The numbers (bold) in parentheses indicate the average intensities under each type of the polysaccharide or lignin.

Type	cross peaks	Absolute Intensity
interior cellulose (0.11)	i4-1	0.11±0.04
	i4-3 ^a	0.09±0.07
	i4-3 ^{b,c}	0.09±0.07
	i4-2/5	0.10±0.08
	i6-1	0.12±0.05
	i6-4	0.12±0.03
	i6-3 ^{a,b}	0.11±0.03
	i6-3 ^c	0.11±0.04
surface cellulose (0.11)	i6-2/5	0.11±0.02
	s4-1	0.12±0.06
	s4-3/5	0.10±0.04
	s4-2	0.11±0.04
xylan ^{2f} (0.30)	s4-6	0.11±0.03
	Xn4 ^{2f} -1	0.36±0.06
	Xn4 ^{2f} -3	0.42±0.06
	Xn4 ^{2f} -2	0.20±0.05
xylan ^{3f} (0.25)	Xn4 ^{2f} -5	0.21±0.06
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-1	0.23±0.05
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-4	0.39±0.09
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-5	0.15±0.03
guaiacyl (0.19)	Xn ^{3f} 5-1	0.31±0.07
	Xn ^{3f} 5-4	0.18±0.09
	G5-3	0.14±0.04
	G5-1	0.14±0.03
	G5-OMe	0.18±0.02
	G2-3	0.28±0.06
	G2-1	0.16±0.05
G2-6	0.21±0.04	
syringyl (0.16)	G2-OMe	0.21±0.03
	S3/5-1 ^b	0.16±0.09
	S3/5-1 ^a	0.21±0.06
	S3/5-2/6	0.15±0.04
	S3/5-OMe	0.14±0.05
	S1 ^b -S3/5	0.14±0.07
	S1 ^b -S2/6	0.20±0.06
	S1 ^b -OMe	0.15±0.06
	S1 ^a -S3/5	0.13±0.03
	S1 ^a -OMe	0.11±0.03
	S2/6-S3/5	0.17±0.04
S2/6-S1 ^b	0.20±0.06	
S2/6-OMe	0.11±0.03	
syringyl/guaiacyl OMe (0.14)	OMe-S3/5	0.13±0.04
	OMe-G3	0.14±0.03
	OMe-S1	0.14±0.04
	OMe-G5	0.15±0.05
	OMe-S2/6	0.15±0.03

Supplementary Table 9. Water-edited intensities of polysaccharides and lignin of spruce. The intensity ratio is obtained by comparing the water-edited and control 2D ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra. Standard deviations of NMR signal-to-noise ratios are used as error bars. The numbers (bold) in parentheses indicate the average intensities under each type of the polysaccharide or lignin.

Type	cross peaks	Absolute Intensity
interior cellulose (0.38)	i4-1	0.44±0.02
	i4-3 ^a	0.37±0.04
	i4-3 ^{b,c}	0.37±0.03
	i4-2/5	0.39±0.03
	i6-1	0.42±0.07
	i6-4	0.4±0.1
	i6-3	0.32±0.05
	i6-2/5,2	0.4±0.1
surface cellulose (0.43)	s4-1	0.5±0.1
	s4-2/5	0.44±0.03
	s4-3	0.4±0.2
	s4-6	0.46±0.03
xylan ^{2f} (0.57)	Xn ^{2f} 4-1	0.7±0.1
	Xn ^{2f} 4-3	0.43±0.04
	Xn ^{2f} 4-5	0.57±0.04
	Xn ^{2f} 4-1	0.67±0.05
	Xn ^{2f} 4-2	0.56±0.06
xylan ^{3f} (0.40)	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-1	0.4±0.1
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-4	0.32±0.07
	Xn ^{3f} 2/3-5	0.4±0.1
	Xn ^{3f} 5-4	0.44±0.05
	Xn ^{3f} 5-1	0.48±0.04
mannan (0.76)	Man1-4	0.86±0.06
	Man1-5	0.63±0.06
	Man1-6	0.79±0.05
guaiacyl (0.47)	G3-1	0.4±0.1
	G3-2	0.47±0.04
	G3-OMe	0.52±0.09
	G1-3	0.5±0.1
	G6-3	0.40±0.06
	G6-OMe	0.35±0.03
	G2-3 ^{b,c}	0.51±0.06
	G2-3 ^a	0.65±0.05
G2-OMe	0.54±0.15	
guaiacyl OMe (0.42)	OMe-G3	0.45±0.08
	OMe-G1	0.40±0.06
	OMe-G2	0.42±0.07

Supplementary Table 10. ^{13}C - T_1 relaxation times of lignin and polysaccharides in the three woods. The data are fit using single exponential equations $I(t) = 1 - 2e^{-t/T}$ for T_1 , DP (inversion recovery) and $I(t) = e^{-t/T}$ for T_1 , CP (Torchia CP). Standard deviations of the fitting parameters are used as error bars. Unidentified (-).

	Eucalyptus				Poplar				Spruce			
	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , CP (s)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , DP (s)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , CP (s)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , DP (s)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , CP (s)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 , DP (s)
Ac ^{CO}	174	2.1±0.1	174	1.6±0.2	174	2.83±0.05	174	2.4±0.2	174	1.4±0.2	174	1.3±0.1
S3/5	-	-	153	3.1±0.5	-	-	153	1.3±0.1	-	-	-	-
G3	148	4.6±0.2	-	-	148	4.2±0.2	-	-	148	3.7±0.1	148	-
G4/ S'3/5	145	4.7±0.3	145	1.8±0.2	145	4.1±0.1	145	2.4±0.2	145	3.6±0.1	145	2.4±0.2
S1	136	4.5±0.2	136	2.2±0.3	-	-	136	2.7±0.2	-	-	-	-
S4	134.5	4.7±0.3	134.5	1.9±0.3	134.5	4.2±0.1	134.5	2.7±0.2	-	-	-	-
G1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130.8	2.9±0.1	130.8	0.9±0.1
G6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.5	3.3±0.1	120.5	2.6±0.3
OMe	57	4.6±0.3	57	2.5±0.2	57	4.4±0.3	56.5	2.8±0.2	57	3.4±0.3	57	2.1±0.2
i/s/Xn ^{2f} 1	105	4.1±0.1	105	2.3±0.7	105	4.1±0.1	105	3.7±0.2	105	3.45±0.04	105	3.2±0.2
i4	89	4.8±0.2	89	4.4±0.2	89	4.8±0.2	89	4.3±0.2	89	3.97±0.06	89	3.9±0.2
s4	84	3.9±0.1	84	2.3±0.3	84	3.7±0.2	84	3.1±0.2	84	3.12±0.09	84	1.5±0.2
i6	65	3.7±0.3	65	2.9±0.3	65	3.6±0.3	65	3.4±0.3	65	3.0±0.2	65	2.4±0.3
s6	62	2.7±0.3	61	-	62	2.7±0.3	-	-	62	2.0±0.2	-	-
Xn ^{3f} 1	102.5	3.4±0.2	102.5	2.1±0.3	102.5	3.4±0.2	102.5	2.2±0.2	102.5	2.7±0.1	102.5	1.7±0.2
Man	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.2	2.3±0.1	100	0.8±0.1
Xn ^{2f} 4	82	3.7±0.2	82	1.4±0.2	82	3.7±0.2	82	2.1±0.4	81.8	2.8±0.1	82	1.1±0.2
Xn ^{3f} 4	78	3.6±0.2	78	1.2±0.2	78	3.6±0.2	78	1.4±0.3	78	2.5±0.1	78	0.8±0.1
Xn ^{2f/3f} Ac ^{Me}	21.5	3.9±0.1	21.5	2.2±0.2	21.5	4.7±0.2	21.5	1.5±0.1	21.5	2.1±0.2	21.5	1.1±0.1

Supplementary Table 11. $^1\text{H-T}_{1\rho}$ relaxation times of lignin and polysaccharides in three samples. The data are fit using a single exponential equation: $I(t) = e^{-t/T}$. Standard deviations of the fitting parameters are used as error bars. Unidentified (-).

	Eucalyptus		Spruce		Poplar	
	Atom (ppm)	T_1 (ms)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 (ms)	Atom (ppm)	T_1 (ms)
S3/5	153.9	16.8±0.8	-	-	153.2	19.5±0.6
G1 ^a	-	-	131	8.3±0.6	-	-
G1 ^{b/c}	-	-	134	11.6±0.5	-	-
G1 ^d	-	-	136	10.1±0.7	-	-
G3 ^a	148.1	10±1	152.2	13±1	148.1	14±1
G3 ^c	-	-	147.6	12.8±0.9	-	-
S'3/5/G4	145.6	11.4±0.8	-	-	145.0	13.8±0.9
S4	135.9	12±1	-	8.0±0.5	-	-
G1	-	-	134.2	8.9±0.7	-	-
S ^b 4	130.1	11.1±0.7	-	-	-	-
G6	-	-	119.0	8.8±0.6	-	-
G5	115.3	8.0±0.7	116.3	8.2±0.7	116.2	9.1±0.8
G2	-	-	113.5	8.3±0.6	-	-
S'1	110.9	10.1±0.9	-	-	-	-
OMe	57	14.2±0.7	57	12.5±0.7	57	15.1±0.8
i/s/Xn1 ^{2f}	105.0	28.1±0.9	105.0	29±2	105.0	36±2
i4	89.0	35±1	89.0	35±1	89.0	43±2
s4	84.2	22±1	84.1	20±1	84.5	28±2
i6	65.0	26±2	65.0	26±2	64.8	32±2
s6	61.5	16±1	61.5	15±1	61.5	19±1
Xn1 ^{3f}	102.5	12.8±0.9	102.3	12±1	102.4	13.0±0.8
Man1	-	-	101	10.4±0.9	-	-
Xn4 ^{2f}	82.0	14.6±0.9	82.0	13.7±0.9	81.8	17±1
Xn4 ^{3f}	78.1	11.5±0.9	78.0	10.2±0.9	78.0	12±1
Xn ^{2f,3f} Ac ^{Me}	21.0	17.6±0.6	21.0	13±1	21.5	19.5±0.5

Supplementary Table 12. Parameters of 1D solid-state NMR experiments measured on the three wood samples. Recycle delay (d1); number of scans (NS); number of points of time domain for the direct (td2) and indirect (td1) dimensions; the acquisition time of the direct dimension (aq2); the evolution time of indirect dimension (aq1); excitation frequency for proton ($\nu^1\text{H}$) and carbon ($\nu^{13}\text{C}$) channels.

	CP	DP	Quantitative DP	^{13}C - T_1 Torchia	^{13}C - T_1 Inversion-recovery	^1H - $T_{1\rho}$	1D Water-edited
Field (T)	14.1	14.1	14.1	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Temp. (K)	294	294	294	300	300	300	278
MAS (kHz)	14	14	14	10	10	10	10
d1(s)	1.7	2	35/40 ^a	2	30	2	1.8
NS	128	128	64	256	128	256/128/64 ^b	512
td2	2048	2800	2800	1600	1600	1400	1400
aq2 (ms)	14	19.6	19.6	16	16	14	14
$\nu^1\text{H}$ (kHz)	83.3	-	-	62.5	-	62.5	83.3
$\nu^{13}\text{C}$ (kHz)	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	-	62.5
CP ($^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$) (kHz)	62.5	-	-	62.5	-	51 ^c	62.5
CP contact time (ms)	1	-	-	1	-	1.0	1.0
^1H decoupling (kHz)	83.3	83.3	83.3	62.5	83.3	62.5	83.3
Processing	GM (-7, 0.07)	GM (-7, 0.07)	GM (-7, 0.07)	GM (-7, 0.07)	GM (-7, 0.07)	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-5, 0.1)

^aRecycle delays are 40s (for eucalyptus) and 35s (for the other two). ^bTo protect the probe during longer LG-SL time (14 ms and 19 ms), smaller NSs are used (128/64). ^cFor ^1H - $T_{1\rho}$, 51 kHz for CP matching means w_{eff} is 62.5 kHz during LG-SL and LG-CP.

Supplementary Table 13. Parameters of 2D NMR experiments measured on the three wood samples. Recycle delay (d1); number of scans (NS); number of points of time domain for the direct (td2) and indirect (td1) dimensions; the acquisition time of the direct dimension (aq2); the evolution time of indirect dimension (aq1); excitation frequency for proton ($\nu^1\text{H}$) and carbon ($\nu^{13}\text{C}$) channels.

	CP-INADQ	DP-INADQ	RFDR	Dipolar-gated PDS	2D Water-edited	DARR	DIPSHIFT	DP-PDS	HSQC
Field (T)	14.1	14.1	9.4	14.1	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	11.8
Temp. (K)	294	294	298	294	278	278	298	298	-
MAS (kHz)	14	14	10	14	10	10	7.5	12	-
d1(s)	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.48	1.65	1.65	2.0	1.7	1
NS	32	16	128	160	128/256 ^a	128	128	192	224
td2	1400	1800	1600	1400	1400	1400	1600	1600	2048
td1	340	112	280	180	152	152	13	200	256
aq2 (ms)	14	18	16	14	14	14	16	16	12.78
aq1 (ms)	4.5	4.5	7.00	3.42	4.94	4.94	0.14	4.20	3.91
$\nu^1\text{H}$ (kHz)	83.3	-	71.4	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3	-	31.3
$\nu^{13}\text{C}$ (kHz)	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	20.8
CP ($^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$) (kHz)	62.5	-	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	-	-
CP contact time (ms)	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
^1H decoupling (kHz)	83.3	83.3	71.4	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3	31.3
Mixing time (ms)	-	-	1.6	20/100/1000 ^b	50	50	-	100	0.86 ^c
Processing	QSINE (ssb:2.8)	QSINE (ssb:3)	GM (-10, 0.05) QSINE (ssb:4) ^e	GM (-15, 0.04) QSINE (ssb:3) ^e	GM (-15, 0.04) QSINE (ssb:4.5) ^e	GM (-30, 0.03) QSINE (ssb:4.5) ^e	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-30, 0.03) QSINE (ssb:4) ^e	QSINC (ssb:3.5) QSINE (ssb:3.5) ^d

^a 128 NS for control one and 256 NS for 4ms-SD water edited one. ^b 1000ms/100ms for long and short mixing time and spruce also has 20-ms mixing time spectrum. ^c $1/(8J_{\text{CH}})$. ^d Along direct and indirect dimensions respectively. For the later forward linear prediction is applied with 32 coefficients. ^e GM for lignin region and QSINE for carbohydrate region.

Supplementary Table 14. Parameters of ssNMR experiments measured for never-dried spruce and eucalyptus samples. The same experiments with same parameters were measured again for both two wood samples after lyophilization and rehydration. Never-dried spruce was involved in all 1D and 2D experiments, and never-dried eucalyptus was only involved in 1D experiments. Recycle delay (d1); number of scans (NS); number of points of time domain for the direct (td2) and indirect (td1) dimensions; the acquisition time of the direct dimension (aq2); the evolution time of indirect dimension (aq1); excitation frequency for proton ($\nu^1\text{H}$) and carbon ($\nu^{13}\text{C}$) channels.

	CP	DP	Quantitative DP	^{13}C -T ₁ Torchia	^1H -T _{1ρ}	1D Water-edited	2D Water-edited	CP-INADQ	DP-INADQ	53-ms CORD
Field (T)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Temp. (K)	298	298	298	298	298	280	280	298	298	298
MAS (kHz)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
d1(s)	2	2	35	2	2	2	1.7	1.8	2	2
NS	1k	1k	512	512	512/256/128 ^a	1k/512	96	192	192	128
td2	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1400	1600	1400	1600	1600
td1	1	1	1	1	1	1	166	90	90	166
aq2 (ms)	16	16	16	16	16	14	16	14	16	16
aq1 (ms)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15	5.31	5.31	4.15
$\nu^1\text{H}$ (kHz)	83.3	-	-	83.3	62.5	83.3	83.3	83.3	-	83.3
$\nu^{13}\text{C}$ (kHz)	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	-	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5
CP match ($^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$) (kHz)	62.5	-	-	62.5	51 ^b	62.5	62.5	62.5	-	62.5
CP contact time (ms)	1.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	1.0
^1H decoupling (kHz)	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3	62.5	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3	83.3
Processing	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-10, 0.05)	GM (-10, 0.05)	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-5, 0.1)	GM (-20, 0.04) QSINE (ssb:4) ^c	QSINE (ssb:4)	QSINE (ssb:4)	GM (-30, 0.03)

^a To protect the probe during longer LG-SL time (14 ms and 19 ms), smaller NSs are used (256/128). ^b For ^1H -T_{1 ρ} , 51 kHz for CP matching means w_{eff} is 62.5 kHz during LG-SL and LG-CP. ^c GM for lignin region and QSINE for carbohydrate region.

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