# Thermal fluctuations and conformational effects on NMR parameters in $\beta$ -O-4 lignin dimer from QM/MM and machine-learning approaches.

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**Fig. S1.**  $\sigma$ <sup>(13</sup>C) rolling averaged (step=1) values of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in water solvent.



**Fig. S2**  $\sigma$ (<sup>13</sup>C) rolling averaged (step=1) values of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in pure ethanol (left panel) and 75 wt% ethanol-water (right panel) solvents.



**Fig. S3**  $\sigma$ (<sup>13</sup>C) rolling averaged (step=1) values of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in pure acetonitrile (left panel) and in 75wt% acetonitrile-water (right panel) solvents.



**Figure S4**. Averaged  $\sigma_{iso}(^{13}C)$  (red symbols) and  $\sigma_{iso}(^{1}H)$  (green symbols) with the standard deviation errors of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in water solvent.



**Figure S5**. Averaged  $\sigma_{iso}(^{13}C)$  (red symbols) and  $\sigma_{iso}(^{1}H)$  (green symbols) with the standard deviation errors of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in ethanol solvent.



**Figure S6**. Averaged  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>13</sup>C) (red symbols) and  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>1</sup>H) (green symbols) with the standard deviation errors of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in ethanol-water solvent.



**Figure S7**. Averaged  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>13</sup>C) (red symbols) and  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>1</sup>H) (green symbols) with the standard deviation errors of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in acetonitrile solvent.



**Figure S8**. Averaged  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>13</sup>C) (red symbols) and  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>1</sup>H) (green symbols) with the standard deviation errors of  $\beta$ -O-4 guaiacyl dimer model of lignin in acetonitrile-water solvent.



**Figure S9**. Correlation between the  $\sigma_{iso}$  (<sup>17</sup>O) values predicted with ML – GBR model and those computed with DFT for the G-b-G lignin dimer in water (top); ethanol (middle left), aqueous 75wt% ethanol (middle right) - acetonitrile (down left), and 75wt% acetonitrile –water (down right). Number of chemical environments, training and prediction time, mean averaged error (MAE), and root mean square errors (RMSE) are reported for each solvent.

The outliers in Figure S9 are as follows:

#### In water:

Outlier 1 element: O coordinates: 1.315819 1.116589 5.51375 Real value = 478.16 ppm; predicted value = 423.12 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_93* Outlier 2 element: O coordinates: 1.356145 1.377420 5.489409 Real value: 443.66 ppm; predicted value: 423.47 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_99* Outlier 3 element: O coordinates: 1.367365 1.436707 5.530867 Real value = 467.97 ppm; predicted value = 423.18 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_100* Outlier 4 element: O coordinates: 4.268215 0.492121 -1.225273 Real value = 12.84 ppm; predicted value = -16.82 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_720*  Outlier 5 element: O coordinates: 1.369903 3.840386 5.132885 Real value = -4.77 ppm; predicted value = -54.97 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_928* Outlier 6 element: O coordinates: 1.421624 3.825311 5.161767 Real value= -18.54 ppm; predicted value = -95.92 ppm Frame: lig-Water-frame\_932 Outlier 7 element: O coordinates: 1.557944 4.066079 4.528399 Real value = -110.97 ppm; predicted value: -91.84 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame\_957* 

#### In ethanol – no outliers found

#### In ethanol-water:

Outlier 1: element: O coordinates: 5.740399 -3.811082 5.029433 Real value = -131.22 ppm; predicted value = -156.02 ppm Frame: *lig-etoh-frame\_262* Outlier 2: element: O 5.679339 -3.851260 5.043047 Real value = -92.86 ppm; predicted value = -52.90 ppm Frame: lig-etoh-frame\_261 Outlier 3: element: O coordinates: 5.731097 -4.055655 4.998866 Real value = -66.57 ppm; predicted value = -56.20 ppm

In acetonitrile - no outliers found

#### In acetonitrile-water:

Outlier 1 element: O coordinates: -3.841373 3.569311 -4.411906 Real value = -72.29 ppm; predicted value = -44.57ppm Frame: lig-ACN-Water-frame\_63 Outlier 2 element: O coordinates: 6.915452 0.071544 -0.501983 Real value = 425.06 ppm; predicted value = 408.10 ppm Frame: lig-ACN-Water-frame\_64 Outlier 3 element: O coordinates: -4.141404 3.887675 -4.337876 Real value = -98.84 ppm; predicted value = -145.60 ppm Frame: lig-ACN-Water-frame\_98 Outlier 4 element: O coordinates: -4.179555 3.942128 -4.343942 Real value = -64.22 ppm; predicted value = -44.86 Frame: lig-ACN-Water-frame\_107 Outlier 5 element: O; coordinates: -2.551616 4.481367 -4.553537 Real value = -61.47 ppm; predicted value = -44.74 Frame: lig-ACN-Water-frame\_405





**Figure S10**. Correlation between the isotropic shielding values of <sup>17</sup>O, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H predicted with ML-GBR model and those computed with DFT in all the solvents. The training and prediction time is, respectively, 555 and 0.55 s. MAE=0.35 ppm; RMSE=0.30 ppm and the correlation parameter  $R^2$ =1.

**Outlier 1**: element: O coordinates: 5.740399 -3.811082 5.029433 Real value = -131.22 ppm; predicted value = -156.36 ppm Frame: *lig-etoh-frame\_262* 

**Outlier 2**: element: O coordinates: 1.315819 1.116589 5.513751 Real value = 478.16 ppm; predicted value = 460.03 ppm Frame: *lig-Water-frame 93* 

**Outlier 3**: element: C coordinates: -0.009662 1.964282 3.886950 Real value = -141.31 ppm; predicted value = -111.45 ppm Frame: lig-Water-frame 876

### **S2.** Supporting Tables

**Table S1.** Dynamic (time-averaged) <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts in ppm in water, ethanol (EtOH), acetonitrile (ACN), ethanol-water (EtOH-water) and acetonitrile-water (ACN-water) solvents in ring A and ring B in G-b-G dimer model of lignin. The reference isotropic shielding is the DFT computed for TMS with the same level of theory <sup>13</sup>C  $\sigma_{iso} = 162.72$  ppm

Carbon				EtOH-	
atom	water	EtOH	ACN	water	ACN-water
2A	109.42	104.92	107.69	107.72	104.22
2B	106.72	112.22	108.02	95.72	101.92
5A	105.72	110.82	109.42	113.02	112.12
5B	102.62	129.32	117.92	105.12	97.72
6A	108.52	107.72	109.82	110.82	109.52
6B	110.92	120.42	108.12	120.42	118.92
1A	147.32	141.12	141.12	138.92	147.82
1 <b>B</b>	146.52	125.82	125.82	121.12	134.52
3A	156.42	143.52	150.12	146.42	155.12
3B	154.72	158.62	151.52	153.52	154.02
4A	154.72	143.12	149.22	156.82	153.72
4B	155.72	145.32	143.32	146.32	154.82
AMe	50.52	53.52	54.02	49.32	56.72
BMe	61.72	55.32	58.22	57.12	59.12