

**Stepwise pretreatment involving dilute acid and amine for corn stover
fractionation toward full lignocellulose-oriented valorization**

Table S1. Experimental design and corresponding results

Run	Factor1(X1): Conc.(%w/v)	Factor 2(X2): Temp.(°C)	Factor3(X3): Time(h)	Response 1: Xylose(mg/g)	Response2: Furfural(mg/g)
1	3	120	2	222.78	10.74
2	1	120	1	167.42	9.10
3	3	120	2	222.78	10.74
4	3	120	2	222.78	10.74
5	5	120	1	220.83	10.75
6	1	130	2	214.07	8.54
7	5	110	2	208.81	8.53
8	1	120	3	212.22	7.67
9	3	110	3	197.72	9.52
10	5	120	3	168.17	31.09
11	3	120	2	222.78	10.74
12	1	110	2	176.41	2.20
13	5	130	2	201.03	27.27
14	3	120	2	222.78	10.74
15	3	130	1	221.59	12.61
16	3	110	1	195.47	0.15
17	3	130	3	211.48	21.84

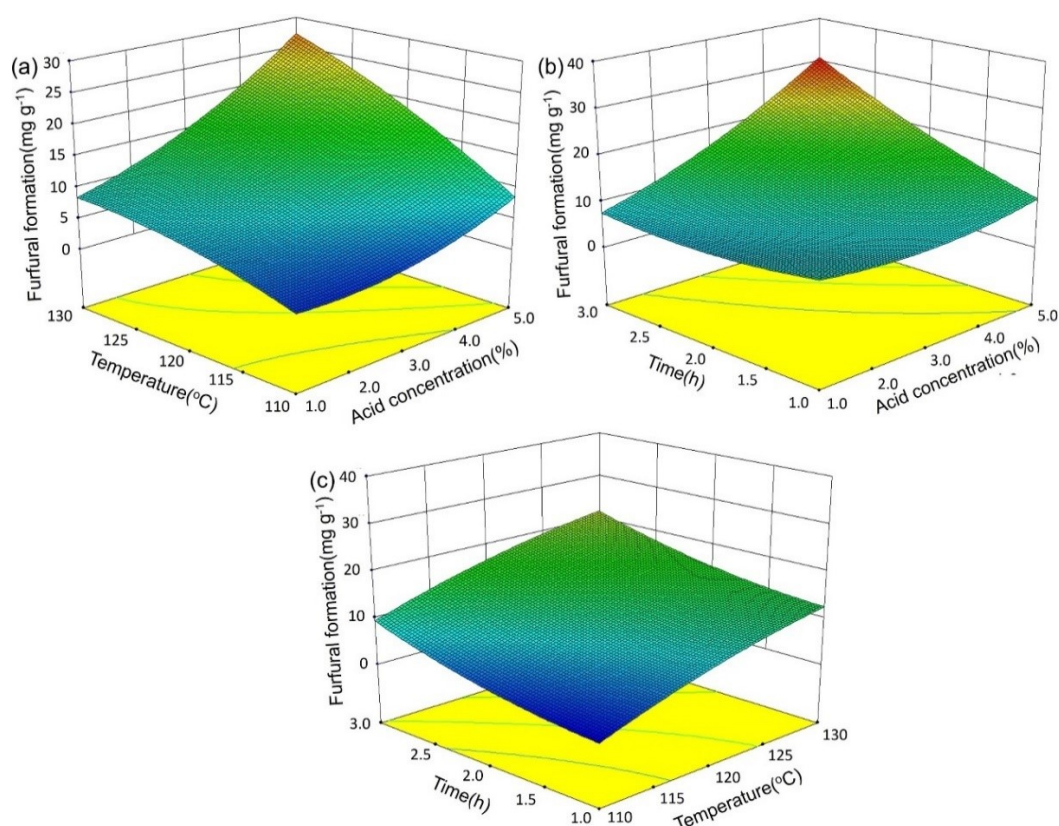


Fig S1. Response surface (3D) and counter plots indicating interaction effects of independent variables on Furfural formation. (a) temperature vs. acid concentration, (b) time vs. concentration, (c) time vs. temperature.

Table S2 Quantification of corn stover constituents and optimal conditions

Conc. (%)	Time (h)	Temp (°C)	Xylose (mg/g)	Furfural (mg/g)	Araban (mg/g)	Glucose (mg/g)	5-HMF (mg/g)
1	1	120	168.56 ± 0.61	0.7 ± 0.01	27.59 ± 2.16	10.98 ± 0.65	0.10 ± 0.02
2	1	120	193.11 ± 0.72	2.54 ± 0.14	28.81 ± 0.49	18.83 ± 0.17	0.16 ± 0.00
3	1	120	202.24 ± 0.58	5.38 ± 0.1	30.19 ± 0.19	21.77 ± 0.07	0.20 ± 0.00
4	1	120	210.74 ± 1.87	6.7 ± 0.64	32.18 ± 0.46	23.08 ± 1.29	0.22 ± 0.01
5	1	120	220.44 ± 5.87	9.07 ± 0.41	31.65 ± 0.55	25.71 ± 0.55	0.25 ± 0.01
1	2	120	195.87 ± 1.14	3.12 ± 0.22	28.03 ± 1.14	18.10 ± 0.67	0.21 ± 0.03
2	2	120	210.67 ± 2.1	7.79 ± 0.22	37.91 ± 3.75	26.59 ± 1.77	0.28 ± 0.02
3	2	120	221.9 ± 0.92	13.53 ± 1.77	35.46 ± 0.93	29.82 ± 0.47	0.37 ± 0.00
4	2	120	210.96 ± 1.2	16.02 ± 2.01	34.32 ± 3.12	33.83 ± 2.60	0.38 ± 0.04
5	2	120	202.11 ± 2.01	21.14 ± 2.48	32.39 ± 0.47	35.53 ± 0.28	0.35 ± 0.01
1	3	120	208.39 ± 3.67	6.65 ± 0.47	33.70 ± 0.06	23.07 ± 0.11	0.32 ± 0.01
2	3	120	203.01 ± 0.38	16.02 ± 0.53	30.73 ± 0.20	28.25 ± 0.16	0.35 ± 0.00
3	3	120	191.89 ± 3.22	22.19 ± 0.64	28.83 ± 0.75	31.83 ± 0.66	0.38 ± 0.02
4	3	120	176.67 ± 0.25	27.53 ± 0.19	27.67 ± 0.03	35.49 ± 0.11	0.39 ± 0.03
5	3	120	165.81 ± 5.37	33.59 ± 4.13	24.58 ± 0.88	37.28 ± 1.28	0.42 ± 0.04

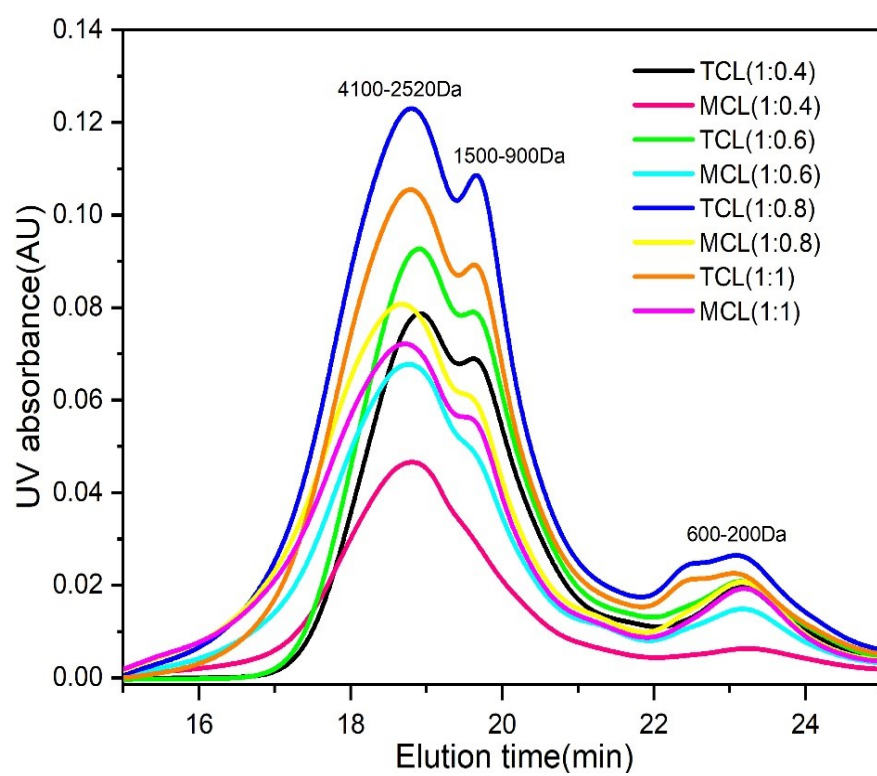


Fig S2. Profile curves as function of elution time vs. absorbance

Table S3. The main ^{13}C - ^1H cross-signals in HSQC spectra of fractionated lignin

Label	$\delta_{\text{C}}/\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm)	Assignment
C β	52.92-50.63/3.71	C β -H β in phenylcoumaran substructures (C)
B β	53.87/3.20-3.17	C β -H β in β - β (resinol) substructures (B)
OMe	55.97/4.11-3.33	C-H in methoxyl(-OCH ₃)
A γ	64.18-58.32/3.81-3.14	C γ -H γ in β -O-4 substructures (A)
C γ	65.95/3.70	C γ -H γ in phenylcoumaran substructures (C)
B γ	73.58-68.88/4.05-3.86	C γ -H γ in β - β (resinol) substructures (B)
A α	72.6/5.01-4.66	C α -H α in β -O-4 substructures(A)
B α	82.58/4.91	C α -H α in β - β (resinol) substructures (B)
A β -S	87.70-83.21/4.41-3.94	C β -H β in β -O-4 substructures linked to S units (A)
C α	ND	C α -H α in phenylcoumaran substructures (C)
S2/6	104.24/6.75	C _{2/6} -H _{2/6} in etherified syringyl units (S)
S'2/6	104.87/7.18	C _{2/6} -H _{2/6} in oxidized (C α =O) syringyl units (S')
S(condensed)	107.86-104.40/6.51-6.34	C _{2/6} -H _{2/6} in condensed syringyl units (S)
FAM2	115.24-111.22/7.39-7.27	C ₂ -H ₂ in Feruloyl amide (FAM)
G2	111.22/6.95	C ₂ -H ₂ in guaiacyl units (G)
H3/5	ND	C _{3/5} -H _{3/5} in <i>p</i> -hydroxyphenyl units(H)
G5	115.40/6.94-6.37	C ₂ -H ₂ in guaiacyl units (G)
G6	118.26/6.82-6.61	C ₆ -H ₆ in guaiacyl units (G)
FAM β	120.89-117.22/6.59-6.29	C β -H β in Feruloyl amide (FAM)
pCAM β	120.89-117.22/6.59-6.29	C β -H β in <i>p</i> -Coumaroyl amide(pCAM)
FAM6	124.80-119.69/7.13-6.90	C ₆ -H ₆ in Feruloyl amide (FAM)
H2/6	131.84-126.38/7.27-6.84	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in <i>p</i> -hydroxyphenyl units (H)
pCAM2/6	130.98-125.76/7.57-7.32	C _{2/6} -H _{2/6} in <i>p</i> -Coumaroyl amide(pCAM)
pCA2/6	130.5-128.15/7.91-7.60	C _{2/6} -H _{2/6} in <i>p</i> -Coumarate amide(pCA)
FAM α	144.03-136.93/7.41-7.25	C α -H α in Feruloyl amide (FAM)
pCAM α	144.03-136.93/7.41-7.25	C α -H α in <i>p</i> -Coumaroyl amide(pCAM)
SBA α	187.80-140.11/8.52-7.85	C α -H α in Schiff base (SB)

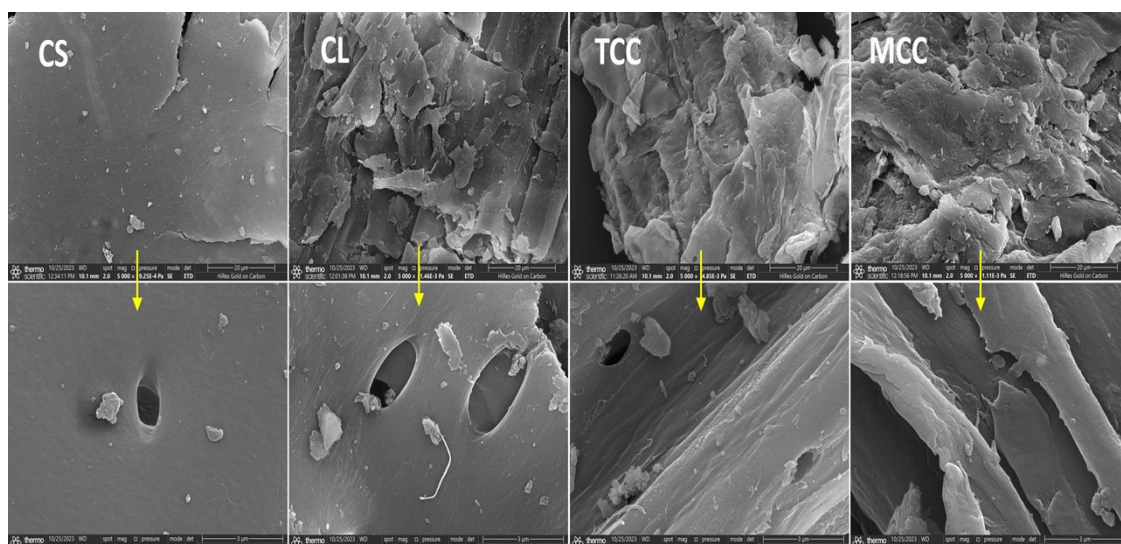


Fig S3. SEM morphologies of CS, CL, TCC and MCC

Table S4: Glucan and residual xylan content of pretreated cellulignin

Pretreatment	CL to EDA ratio	Glucan (mg g ⁻¹)	Xylan (mg g ⁻¹)
TC	1:0.4	583.27 ± 15	57.59 ± 1.9
MC	1:0.4	678.74 ± 21	55.41 ± 1.7
TC	1:0.6	793.79 ± 19	66.45 ± 2.4
MC	1:0.6	753.75 ± 15	57.16 ± 1.1
TC	1:0.8	837.93 ± 25	66.46 ± 1.7
MC	1:0.8	743.47 ± 21	58.14 ± 1.5
TC	1:1	813.52 ± 16	61.72 ± 1.2
MC	1:1	655.27 ± 18	58.04 ± 1.7