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Seasonal variations in precipitation were recently shown to dominate the mean intra-annual variation in the carbon isotope composition of evergreen wood ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{cellulose}}$ ) across a range of biomes (Schubert & Jahren, 2011). Using a new high-resolution carbon isotope dataset of cellulose, we investigated this relationship further. At five FLUXNET sites spanning a significant gradient of moisture (MAP range of 280 to 900mm) and temperature (MAT range of -1 to 18°C) we collected tree core samples and extracted cellulose at high-resolution ( $\geq 3$  cores per site). For each site, we explored whether the inter-annual variability of seasonal precipitation over the past 15 years dominated the inter-annual variations in the amplitude of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{cellulose}}$ . Using the process-based model MuSICA (Ogée et al., 2009) that links  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{cellulose}}$  signals in tree rings to environmental conditions, helped us interpret the observed patterns and explore the sensitivity of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{cellulose}}$  to light and temperature as these drivers may gain importance when trees grow without moisture limitations.

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