## Surface-induced Frustration in Solid State Polymorphic Transition of Native Cellulose Nanocrystals

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**Figure S1.** AFM-image samples  $(5 \times 5 \mu m^2)$  of a) cellulose I nanocrystals, b) cellulose III nanocrystals, c) surface immobilized EDA-treated CNC rinsed with methanol, and d) surface immobilized EDA-treated CNC rinsed with water.



Figure S2. SP-MAS 13C-NMR spectra with peak fitting. Red curve presents the sum curve of the peak fits.



Figure S3. CP(cross polarization)-MAS 13C-NMR spectra with peak fitting. Red curve presents the sum curve of the peak fits.

| attribution | δ, ppm                  | cellulose I           |                           | cellulose III         |                          |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|             |                         | SP                    | СР                        | SP                    | СР                       |
| C1          | 106.01<br>104.54        | 2397<br>8703          | 56296<br>119173           | 357<br>9527           | 39030<br>98402           |
| C4          | 89.30<br>88.60          | 991<br>2663<br>7038   | 37536<br>57388<br>70224   | -217<br>1456<br>4104  | -11<br>48398             |
| aisoraerea  | 84.25                   | 1938                  | 70234                     | 4104                  | 55016                    |
| C2, C3, C5  | 74.93<br>72.96<br>71.75 | 20171<br>4365<br>7762 | 297821<br>62734<br>172029 | 30312<br>4561<br>2812 | 401345<br>40614<br>32935 |
| C6          | 65.66<br>63.04          | 6432<br>4188          | 114708<br>35012           | 2822<br>10313         | 32091<br>79168           |

Table S1. The chemical shifts and intensity integrals of the NMR-spectra presented in Figure S2 and S3.

Amount of Cellulose III after phase change: 100\*C6<sub>65.66</sub>, III / (C6<sub>63.04</sub>, 1+ C6<sub>65.66</sub>, III ) CP: 100\*79168/(79168+32091)= 71% SP: 100\*10313/(10313+2822)= 79% Average: 75%

Table S2. The average and median widths and lengths determined with AFM and the particle counts of the samplings.

|  | Aver. width, nm | Aver. length, nm | Median width, nm | Median length, nm | Particle count |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Cellulose I CNC                          | 4.5 ±1.4        | 114.0 ±61.8      | 4.5              | 97.8              | 2694           |
| Cellulose III CNC                        | 5.2±2.2         | 138.0 ±77.8      | 4.8              | 113.9             | 2337           |
| Surface<br>immobilized CNC               | 2.1 ±0.6        | 117.0 ±55.2      | 2.1              | 106.4             | 726            |
| Surface<br>immobilized,<br>water rinsing | 1.8 ±0.3        | 109.9 ±40.8      | 1.8              | 102.3             | 23             |



Figure S4. TEM images of a) cellulose I nanocrystals and b) cellulose III nanocrystals with example widths of the crystals.



*Figure S5. TEM images and grayscale image analysis of sample particles of a) CNC from cellulose I, b) CNCs of cellulose III prepared in dispersion, c) CNCs of cellulose III from immobilized cellulose I CNCs.* 



*Figure S6.* AFM images and height profiles for a) native CNC, and for b-f) surface immobilized EDA-treated CNCs presented in Figure 8: b) Figure 8a and 8b; c) Figure 8c; d) Figure 8; f) Figure 8; f] Figure 8; f]