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Fengel, D., Wegener, G. *Wood - Chemistry, Ultrastructure, Reactions*. De Gruyter, Berlin, 1984.

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Niemelä, K., Alén, R. (1999) Characterization of pulping liquors. In: *Analytical Methods in Wood Chemistry, Pulping and Papermaking*. Eds. Sjöström, E., Alén, R. Springer-Verlag, Heidelberg. pp. 193–231.

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