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Lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases disrupt the cellulose fibers structure

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I. HPAEC chromatograms of supernatants of the PACS and cellulose fibers treated with LPMO and reference chromatograms

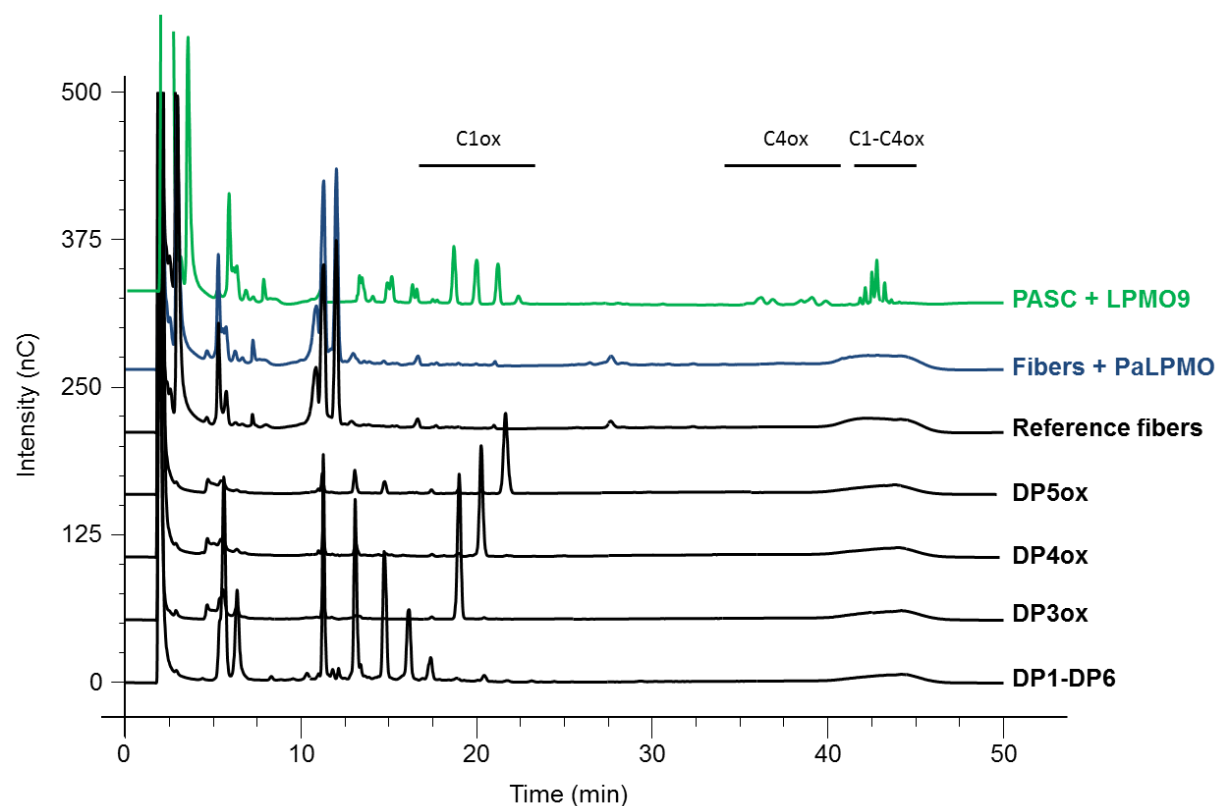
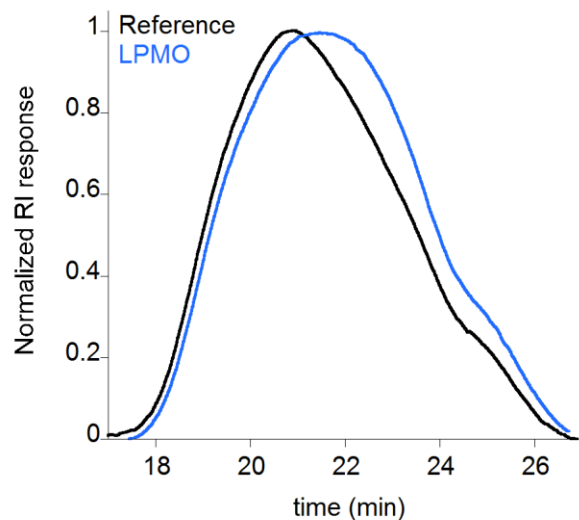


Figure S1. HPAEC analysis of soluble oxidized cello-oligomers released by the action of LPMO on cellulose. The HPAEC chromatograms display the oligomers released from PASC treated with LPMO (green); reference cellulose fibers (black); LPMO-treated cellulose fibers (blue); and reference chromatograms of standard oligomers (DP3-6 and DP_{oxidized}3-6).

II. SEC of cellulose fibers

a. Before dispersion:



b. After dispersion:

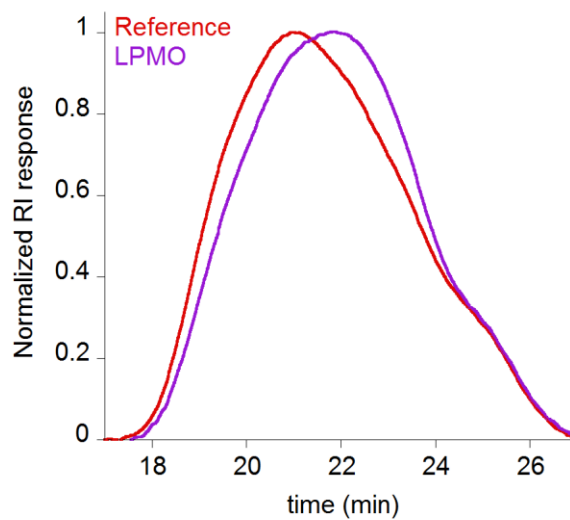


Figure S2. Normalized HPSEC-RI elution profiles of reference (black and red) and LPMO-treated cellulose (blue and purple) samples (a) before and (b) after dispersion. Samples were carbanilated and eluted in DMAc containing 0.9% LiCl at 60 °C.

III. NMR

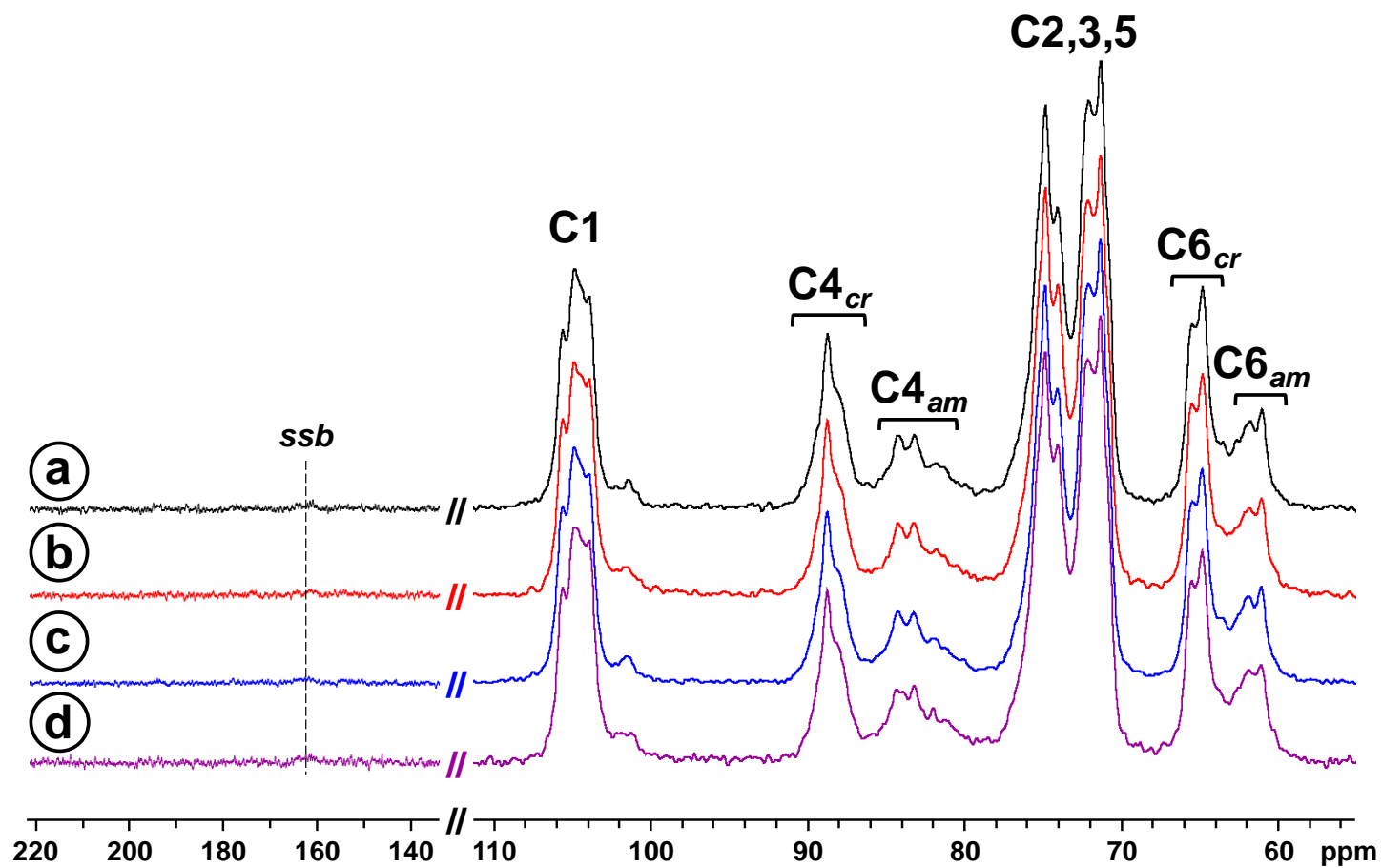


Figure S3. Solid state ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR spectra of (a) reference cellulose, (b) reference cellulose after dispersion, (c) LPMO-treated cellulose, and (d) LPMO-treated cellulose after dispersion (ssb denoted spinning side band).

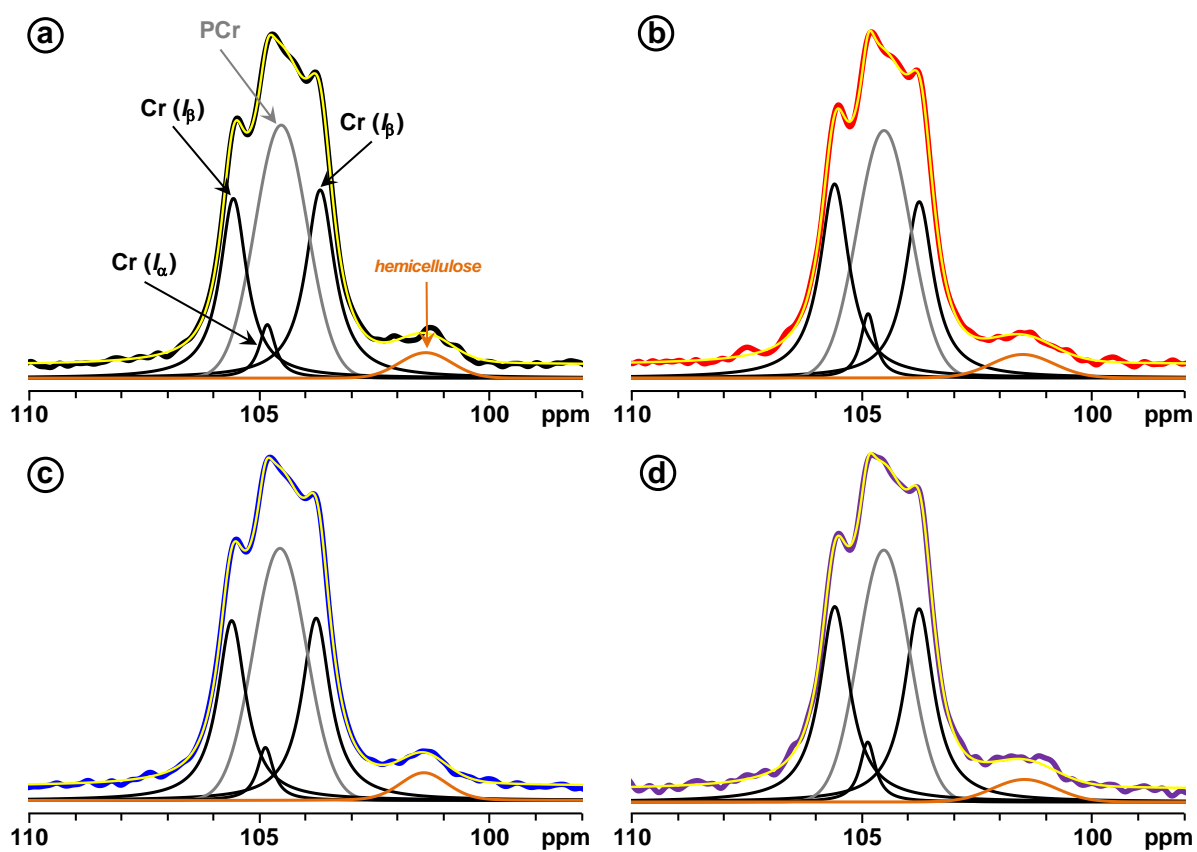


Figure S4. Deconvolution of the C-1 signals of (a) reference cellulose, (b) reference cellulose after dispersion, (c) LPMO-treated cellulose, and (d) LPMO-treated cellulose after dispersion. Cr, crystalline (black); PCr, para-crystalline (grey); and hemicellulose (orange). Yellow line in (a), (b), (c) and (d) corresponds to the sum of individual peaks resulting from the spectral deconvolution.

Table S1. Characteristics (chemical shift position of the peaks, δ ; full width at half height, FWHH; and normalized area) of signals generated from the deconvolution at the C-1 region of the solid state ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR spectra of reference and LPMO-treated cellulose samples before and after dispersion. Cr, crystalline; PCr, para-crystalline; and HC, hemicellulose. Results are expressed as mean. Standard deviation (sd) from five repetition of spectral deconvolution is indicated in parenthesis. For the chemical shift δ , only sd ≥ 0.01 ppm are mentioned.

		Peak assignment				
		Cr (I_β)	Cr (I_α)	PCr	Cr (I_β)	HC
δ (ppm)	Ref	105.56	104.83	104.53 (0.01)	103.68	101.39
	Ref-disp	105.59	104.87	104.52 (0.01)	103.71	101.51 (0.01)
	LPMO	105.60	104.87	104.55	103.73	101.43
	LPMO-disp	105.59	104.87	104.53	103.72	101.48 (0.01)
FWHH (Hz)	Ref	71 (1)	44 (3)	132 (2)	77 (1)	132 (2)
	Ref-disp	77 (1)	39 (1)	137 (1)	75 (1)	159 (2)
	LPMO	74 (1)	43 (1)	136 (1)	75 (1)	120 (1)
	LPMO-disp	79 (1)	41 (1)	131 (1)	77 (1)	161 (3)
Normalized area (%)	Ref	23.5 (0.5)	4.5 (0.7)	40.8 (1.3)	26.9 (0.6)	4.2 (0.1)
	Ref-disp	26.6 (0.1)	4.5 (0.1)	40.9 (0.3)	23.5 (0.2)	4.5 (0.3)
	LPMO	24.4 (0.1)	4.2 (0.1)	42.0 (0.1)	24.6 (0.1)	4.8 (0.1)
	LPMO-disp	26.7 (0.2)	4.3 (0.1)	38.9 (0.5)	25.6 (0.4)	4.5 (0.2)

Table S2. Characteristics (chemical shift position of the peaks, δ ; full width at half height, FWHH; and normalized area) of signals generated from the deconvolution at the C-4 region of the solid state ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR spectra of reference and LPMO-treated cellulose samples before and after dispersion. Cr, crystalline; PCr, para-crystalline; AS, accessible surfaces; IAS, inaccessible surfaces; HC_n , hemicellulose; and (*) and (**) (see text). Results are expressed as mean. Standard deviation (sd) from five repetition of spectral deconvolution is indicated in parenthesis. For the chemical shift δ , only sd \geq 0.01 ppm are mentioned.

		Peak assignment							
		Cr (I_α)	Cr ($\text{I}_{\alpha+\beta}$)	PCr	Cr (I_β)	AS	(*)	IAS	AS
δ (ppm)	Ref	89.43	88.63	88.49	87.72	84.09	-	83.75 (0.01)	83.04
	Ref-disp	89.39	88.66	88.39	87.79	84.12	-	83.63 (0.01)	83.09 (0.02)
	LPMO	89.38 (0.01)	88.67	88.53	87.76	84.17	-	83.61	83.09
	LPMO-disp	89.37 (0.01)	88.66	88.42 (0.01)	87.75 (0.02)	84.21 (0.01)	83.76 (0.01)	83.51	83.08
FWHH (Hz)	Ref	50 (1)	55 (1)	212 (1)	102 (1)	75 (2)	-	410 (8)	82 (2)
	Ref-disp	56 (1)	54 (2)	209 (1)	109 (1)	82 (2)	-	432 (1)	76 (2)
	LPMO	49 (2)	52 (3)	210 (2)	100 (1)	78 (1)	-	423 (1)	82 (2)
	LPMO-disp	50 (1)	56 (2)	206 (3)	103 (1)	76 (5)	31 (1)	420 (2)	76 (5)
Normalized area (%)	Ref	1.0 (0.1)	12.4 (0.2)	26.3 (0.1)	11.7 (0.1)	6.9 (0.3)	-	21.7 (0.6)	6.1 (0.1)
	Ref-disp	1.3 (0.1)	12.5 (0.4)	26.1 (0.9)	10.5 (0.2)	7.5 (0.3)	-	21.6 (0.5)	6.7 (0.3)
	LPMO	0.9 (0.2)	11.5 (0.2)	28.0 (0.4)	10.3 (0.5)	7.0 (0.2)	-	26.2 (0.7)	5.9 (0.3)
	LPMO-disp	0.9 (0.1)	11.8 (0.4)	26.0 (0.9)	11.8 (0.6)	5.9 (0.4)	0.5 (0.1)	26.5 (0.6)	6.3 (0.5)

Table S3 (continued)

		Peak assignment			
		(**)	HC ₁	HC ₂	HC ₃
δ (ppm)	Ref		81.49	80.16	78.20 (0.01)
	Ref-disp		81.58 (0.01)	80.10 (0.01)	78.19
	LPMO		81.59 (0.02)	80.16 (0.02)	78.30
	LPMO-disp	81.88 (0.01)	81.36 (0.17)	80.33 (0.15)	78.68 (0.09)
FWHH (Hz)	Ref		146 (10)	171 (1)	201 (8)
	Ref-disp		150 (1)	168 (1)	173 (1)
	LPMO		130 (3)	153 (3)	143 (1)
	LPMO-disp	28 (2)	153 (1)	151 (12)	154 (9)
Normalized area (%)	Ref		5.5 (0.3)	3.9 (0.5)	4.5 (0.1)
	Ref-disp		6.2 (1.1)	4.4 (0.2)	3.1 (0.2)
	LPMO		4.1 (0.1)	4.0 (0.2)	2.1 (0.1)
	LPMO-disp	0.6 (0.1)	3.9 (0.3)	3.3 (0.3)	2.6 (0.3)

Calculation of the lateral dimensions

The NMR results can be assumed as a model of $n \times n$ cellulose chains forming a crystallite with a cross-section that is roughly a square. The average number of cellulose chains, n , in the lateral dimension can be calculated from^{1, 2}:

$$n = 2/(1 - \sqrt{q})$$

Where q is the fraction of the total signal originating from internal cellulose chains. A conversion factor of 0.57 width ($L = 0.57n$) per cellulose chain was then used to calculate the elementary fibril and fibril aggregate dimensions. The lateral fibril dimensions (LFD) were calculated based assuming that the crystalline signals originate from the inner part of the elementary fibril, whereas both the signals from the accessible and inaccessible surfaces originate from the surface of the elementary fibril. The lateral fibril aggregate dimensions (LFAD) were calculated assuming that the surface is the accessible part and the internal signals are the inaccessible surfaces and the crystalline signals.

III. Sugar composition

Identification and quantification of neutral sugars were performed by gas-liquid chromatography (GC) after sulfuric acid degradation.³ Sugars were reduced, acetylated and converted to alditol acetates⁴.

Table S3. Chemical composition on the percent dry weight basis of reference cellulose fibers and LPMO-treated cellulose fibers. Standard deviation is indicated in parenthesis.

	Glc	Xyl	Gal	Ara	Man	Rha	Ara/Xyl
Reference	84.8 (0.4)	8.0 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0)	0.9 (0.3)	6.1 (0.2)	0.3 (0.4)	0.11
LPMO	83.5 (0.3)	7.9 (0.4)	0.0 (0.0)	1.5 (0.2)	6.8 (0.1)	0.3 (0.4)	0.19

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