

Supporting Information

**The dynamics of the conformational changes in the hexopyranose
ring: a transition path sampling approach**

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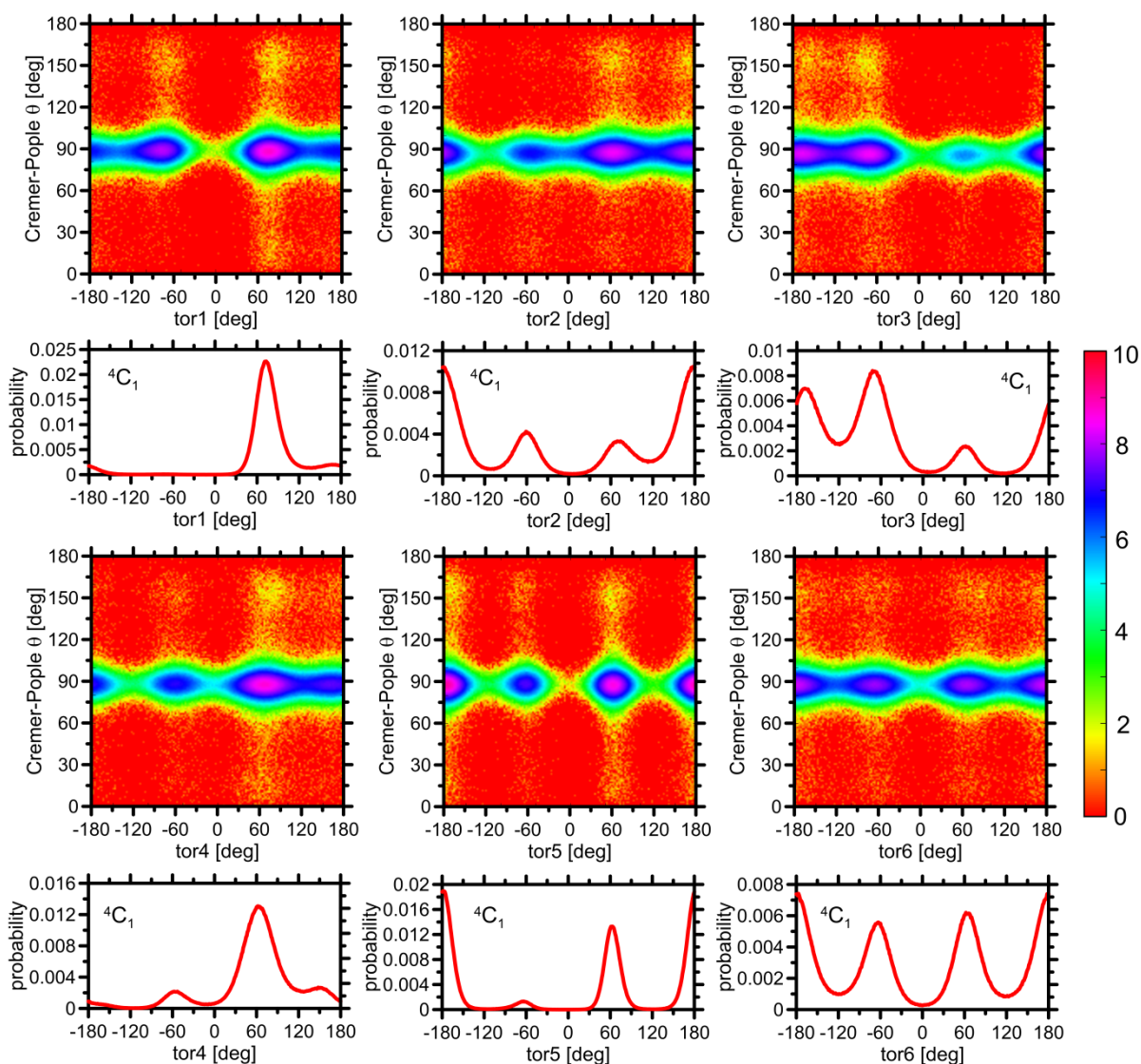


Fig. S1. Path density plots obtained from the TPS trajectories and reflecting the orientation of the exocyclic groups (tor1-tor6 dihedral angles in the molecule of GlcA) dependent on the progress of the ${}^4C_1 \rightarrow {}^1C_4$ transition, expressed as the value of θ . The bin dimension was $2.4 \times 1.2 \text{ deg}^2$ and the scale on the right corresponds to the logarithm of the number of configurations per one bin. Note that not entire phase space is sampled, which results in the lack of data corresponding to the two chair conformers. The tor1-tor6 dihedral angle distributions obtained during unbiased MD simulations and representing the 4C_1 conformation are given as line plots. Further details are given in the main manuscript.

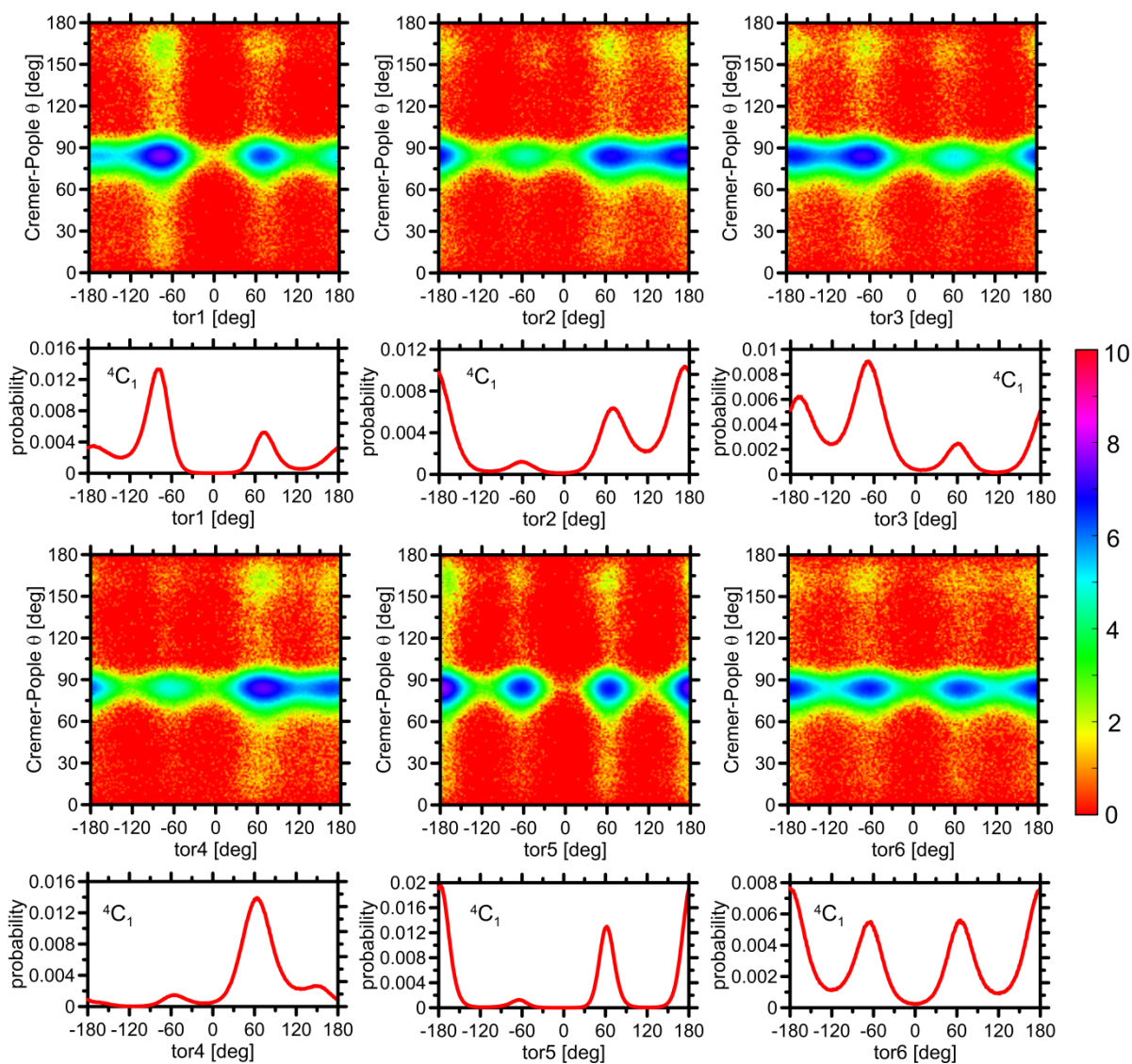


Fig. S2. Path density plots obtained from the TPS trajectories and reflecting the orientation of the exocyclic groups (tor1-tor6 dihedral angles in the molecule of GlcA) dependent on the progress of the ${}^4C_1 \rightarrow {}^1C_4$ transition, expressed as the value of θ . The rest of the details as in Fig. S1.

The coordinates of the four structures identified as transition states of GlcA (PDB data):

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