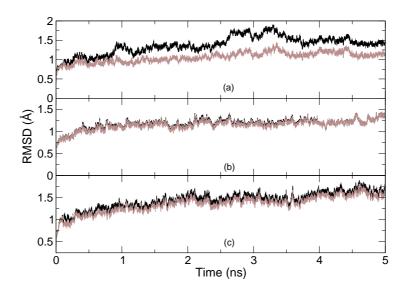
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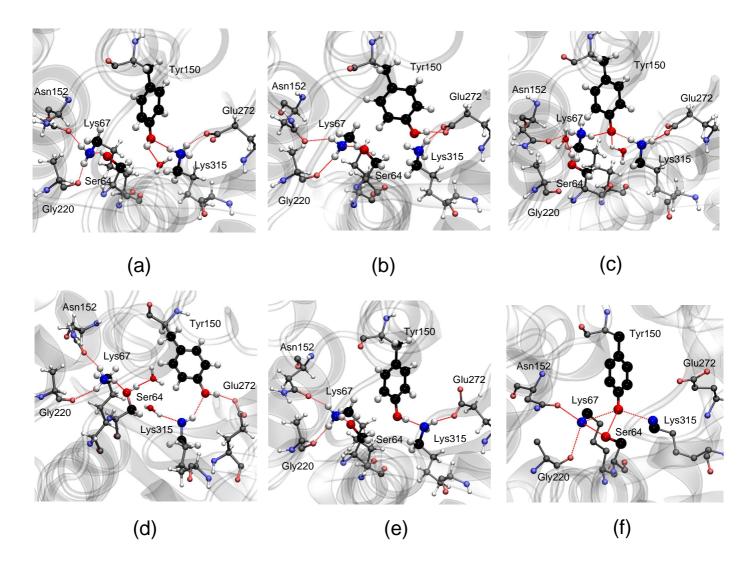
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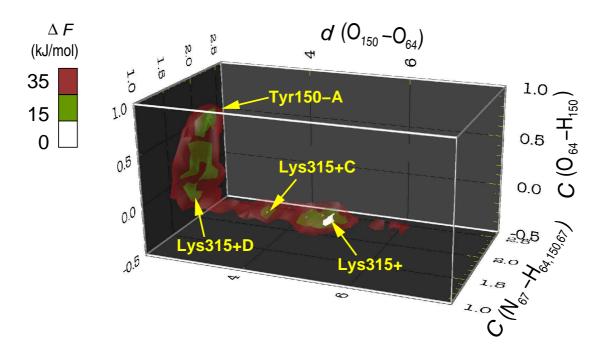
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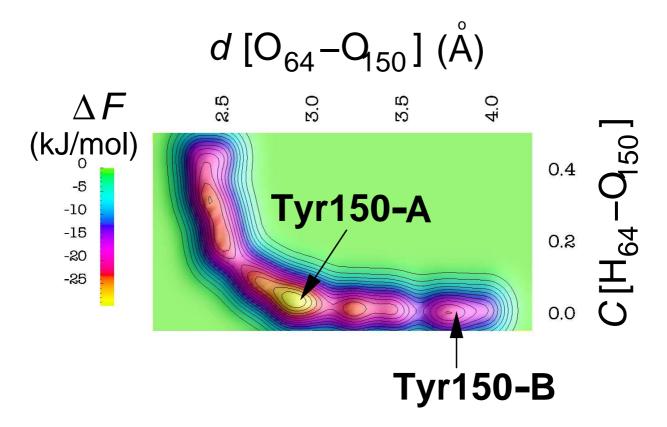
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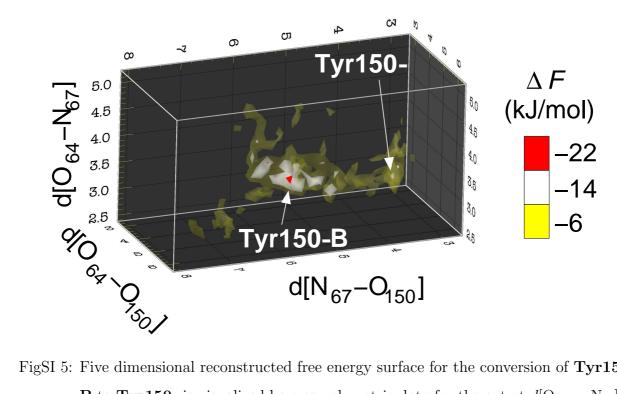
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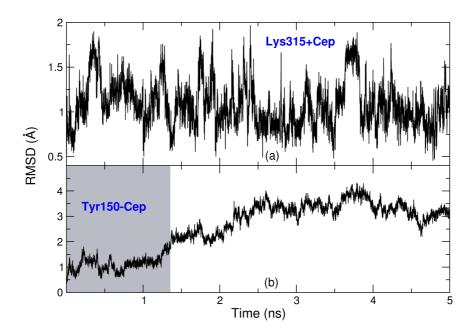
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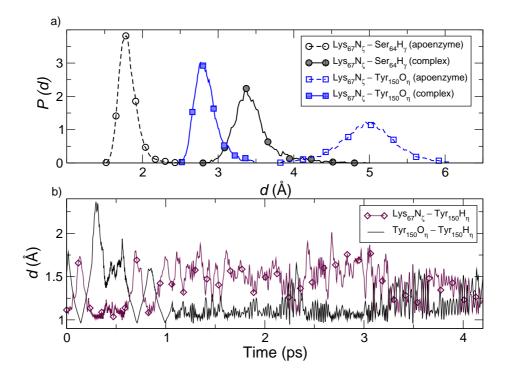
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FigSI 5: Five dimensional reconstructed free energy surface for the conversion of **Tyr150-B** to **Tyr150-** is visualized here as volumetric data for the cut at  $d[O_{152} - N_{67}] = 2.84$  Å, for selected isovalues. All the three coordinates are in Å. See Figure 10 of the manuscript for further details.



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FigSI 7: (a) Distribution of selected distances during the empirical force field simulation for Lys315+ (dotted line) and Lys315+Cep (solid line) protonation state. (b) The distance between Lys<sub>67</sub>N<sub> $\zeta$ </sub> · · · Tyr<sub>150</sub>H<sub> $\eta$ </sub> (diamond) and Tyr<sub>150</sub>O<sub> $\eta$ </sub> · · · Tyr<sub>150</sub>H<sub> $\eta$ </sub> during the QM/MM canonical ensemble simulation of Lys315+Cep protonation state.