



Laboratory project

Biomolecular Modelling Laboratory 2022

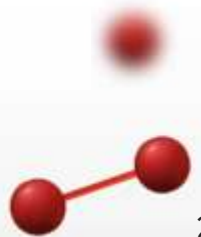
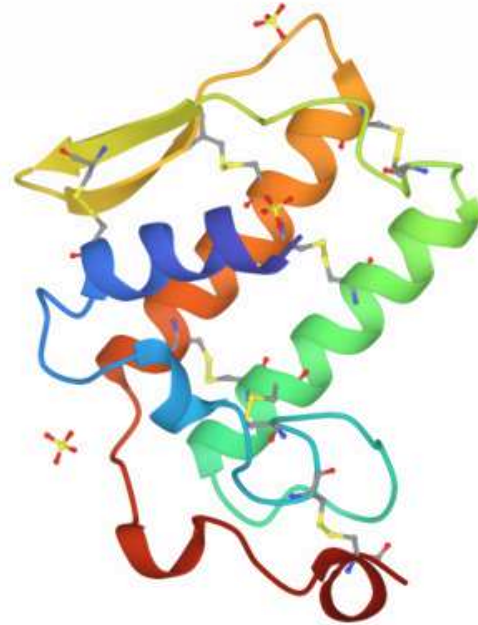
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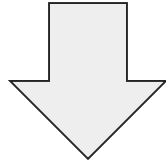
Notexin (1AE7)

- Single-peptide chain
- 119 AAs
- 7 disulfide-bridges
- 4 main helices: αA , αB , αC and αE

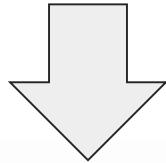


SOLVATION

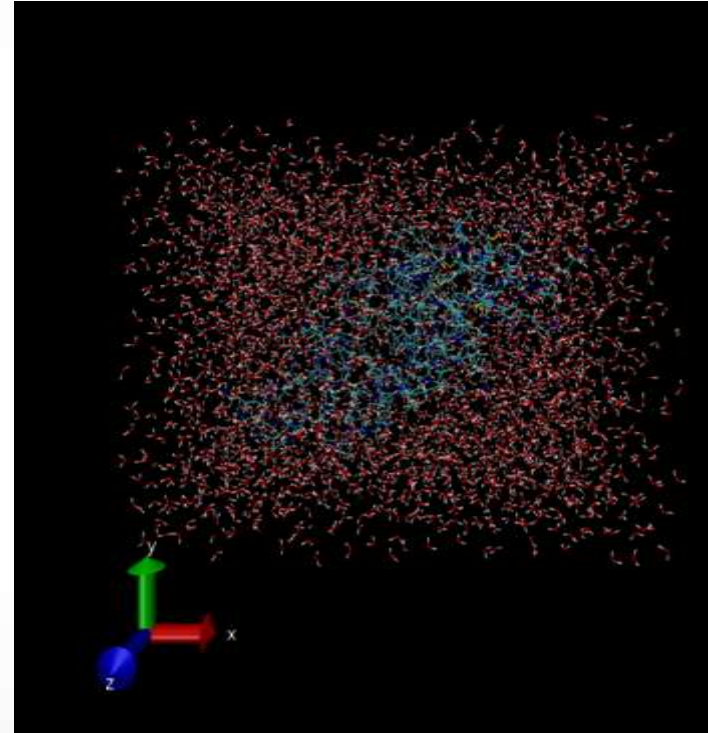
Solvate the protein in an explicit solvent



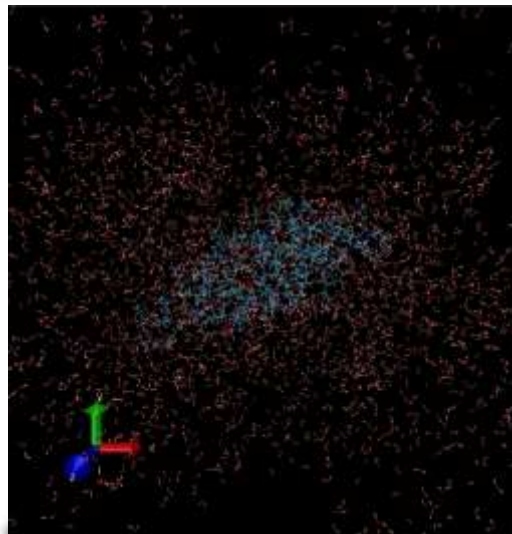
Introduce the protein in a water box
with periodic boundary conditions



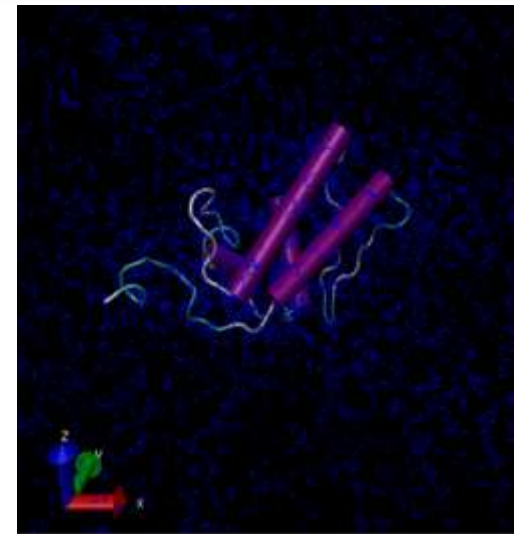
Create a ionized version



SIMULATION PARAMETERS



T=600K
time=100ns
frames=1ns
Center=22; 25; 41.
WB size=5 Å
steps= 10000





METHODOLOGY

1

Two simulations of the **wild-type** protein with 4 different temperatures: 310K, 400K, 500K, 600K

2

Selection of the **temperature** with less native contacts

3

Comparison between **RMSF** and the **secondary structure** to identify the most unstable regions

4

Construction of protein **variants** using Foldx and choice of the best one.

5

Run the simulation again with the mutate protein and check the **native contacts** (Q-value)

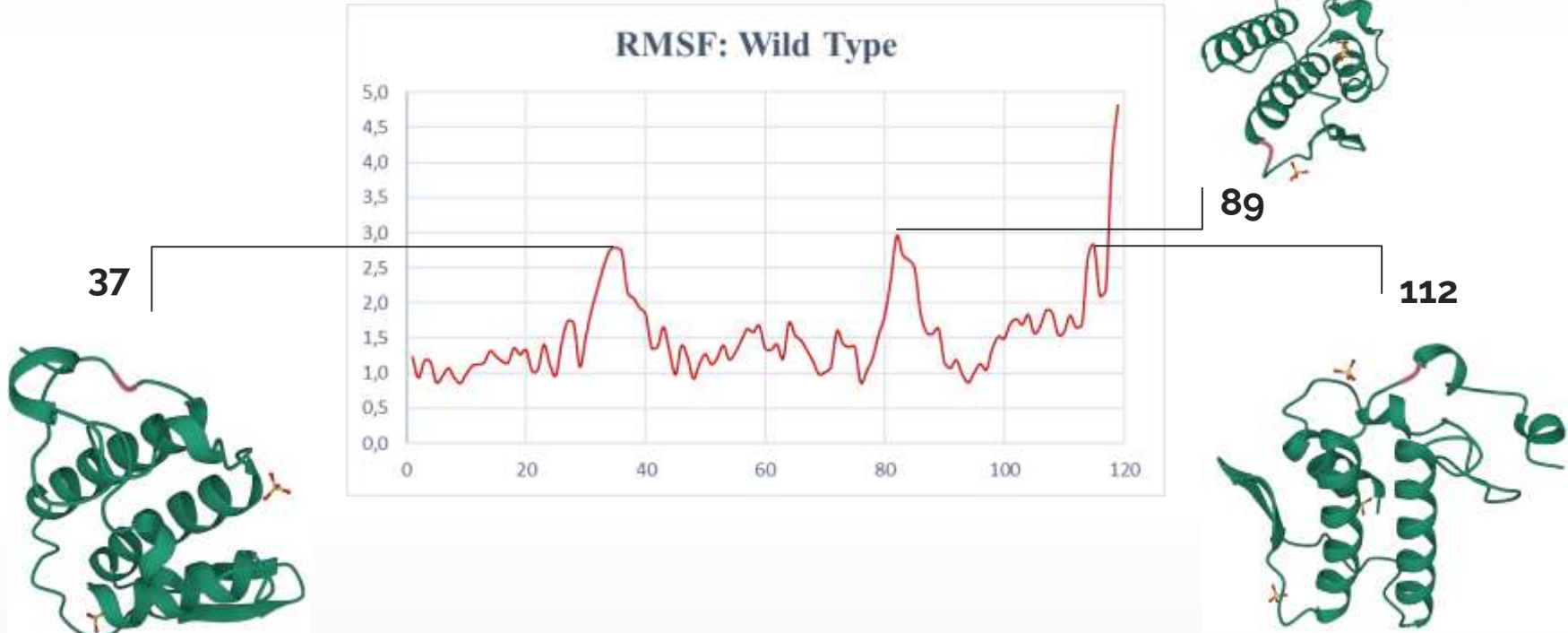


TEMPERATURE SELECTION

Temperature [K]	Mean Native Contacts [%]
310	96
400	94
500	89
600	86

*Mean native contacts between the last 10 frames of the simulation

RMSF AND SECONDARY STRUCTURE



FOLDX

LOOP REGION	MUTATION WITH NEGATIVE VALUES	POSSIBLE MUTATIONS
14-18	×	×
23-29	×	×
30-39	×	×
61-74	✓	69 LYS→LEU 69 LYS→MET
85-89	✓	89 LYS→ASP
109-112	✓	112 ASP →TYR

RESULTS

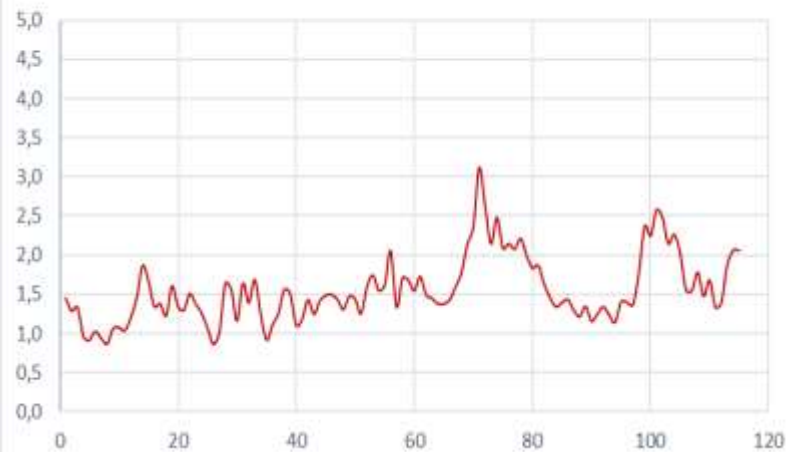


Variant	Energy output	Mean Q-value*	SD Q-value*
WT	-	0,866	0,0149
69 MET	-2,31687	0,823	0,0159
69 LEU	-2,04749	0,817	0,0088
89 ASP	-3.3399	0,821	0,0132
112 TYR	-2,1491	0,849	0,0181
69 MET & 112 TYR	-	0,811	0,0134
69 MET & 89 ASP & 112 TYR	-	0,821	0,0108

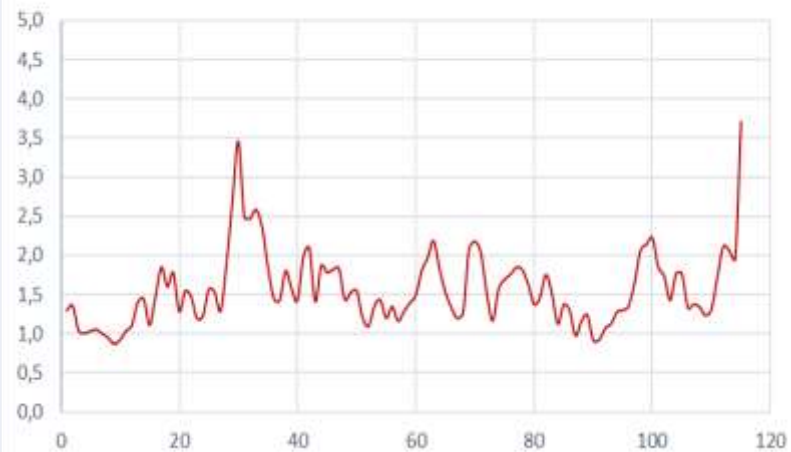
*Mean and SD between the last 10 frames of the simulation



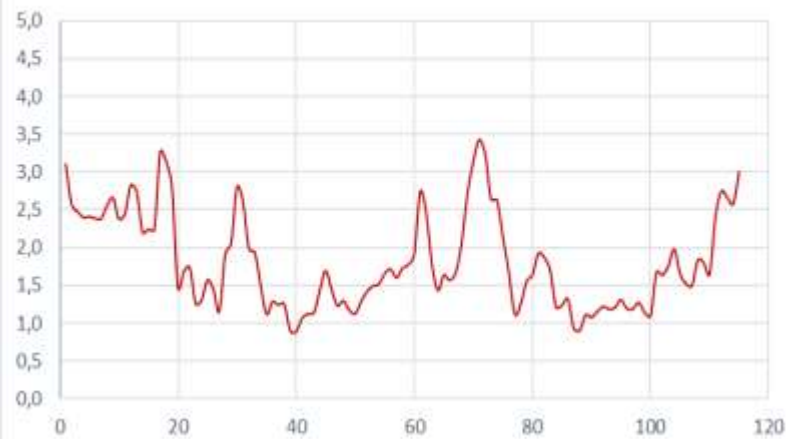
RMSF: MET 69



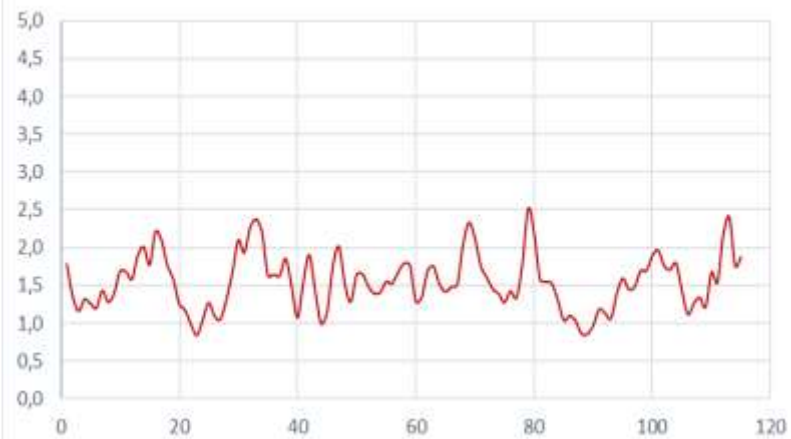
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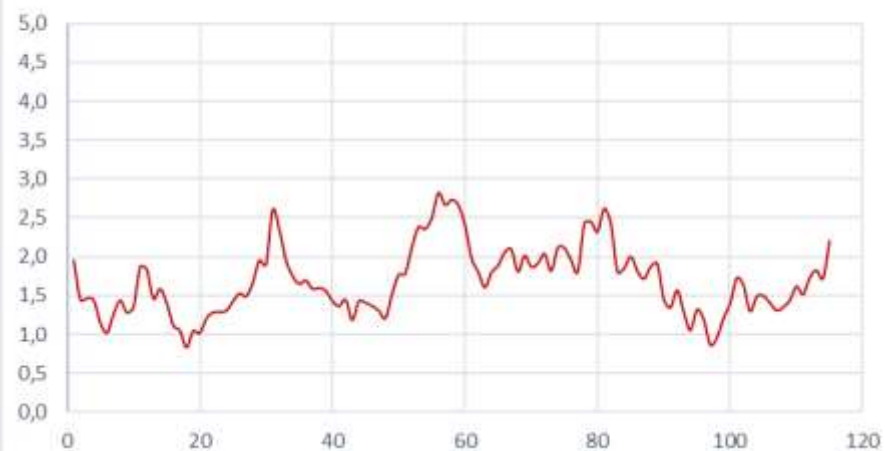
RMSF: ASP 89



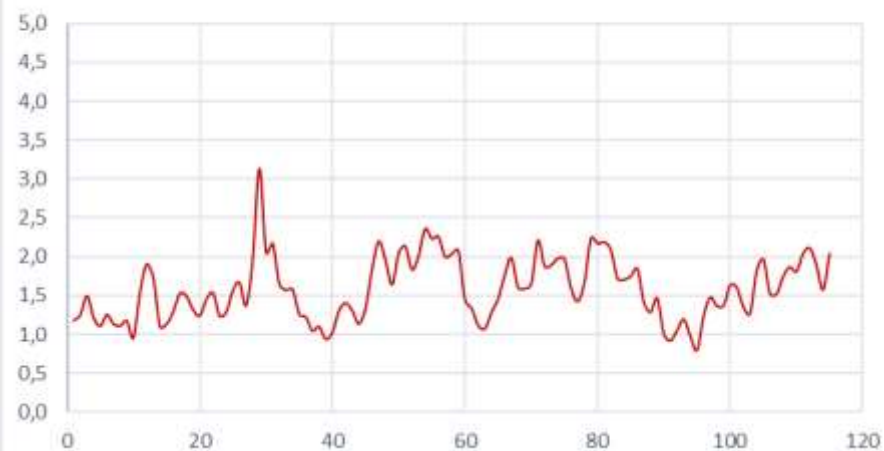
RMSF: TYR 112



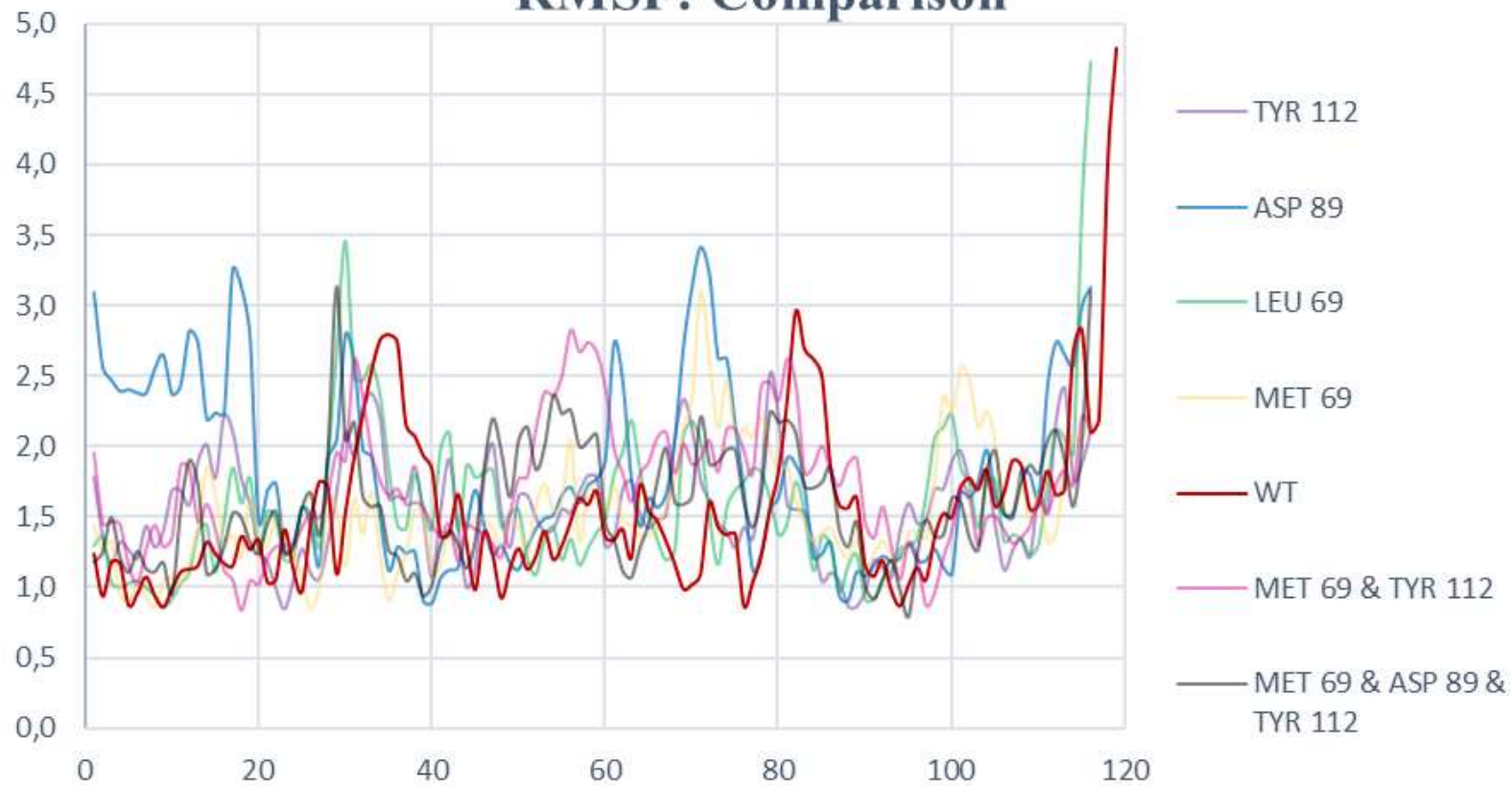
RMSF: MET 69 & TYR 112



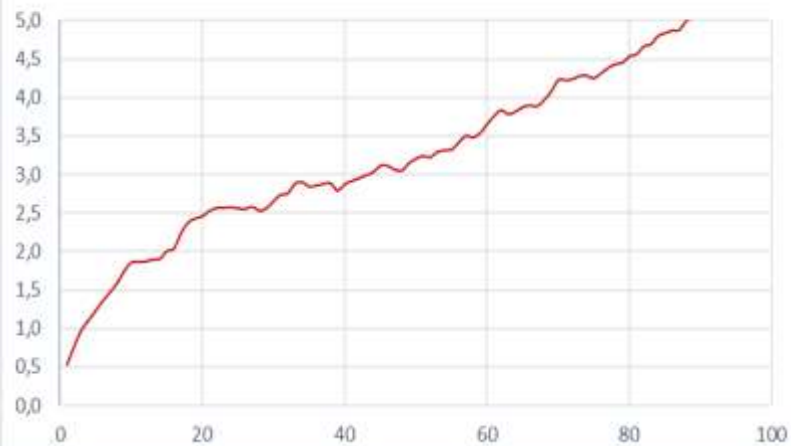
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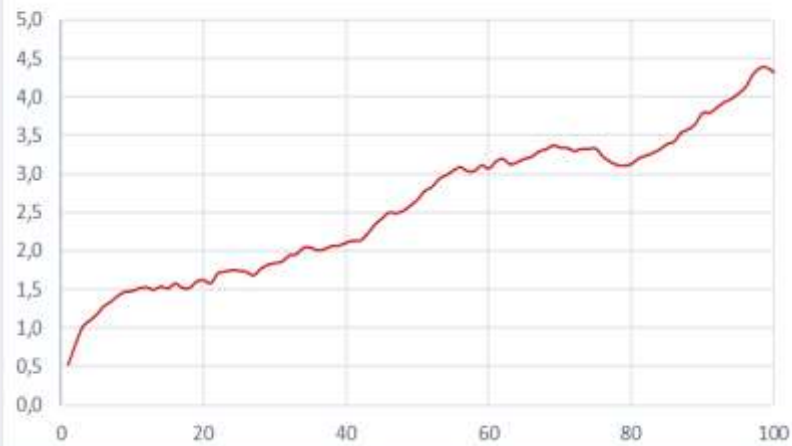
RMSF: Comparison



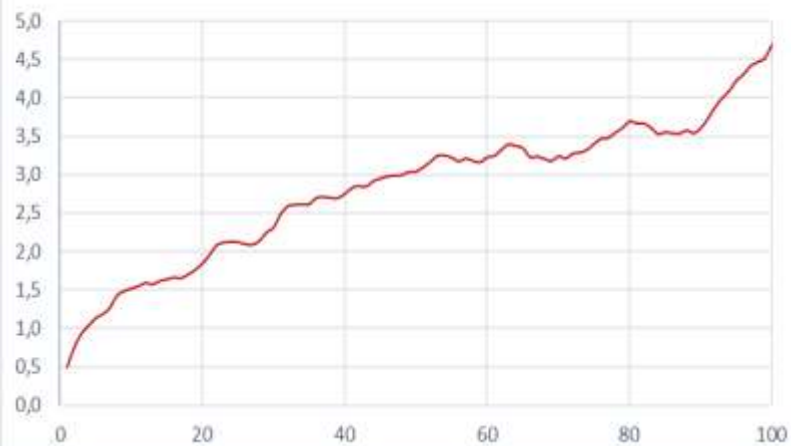
RMSD: ASP 89



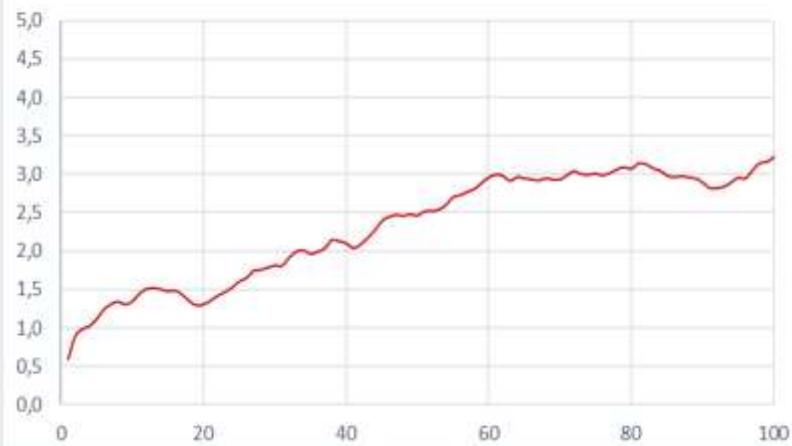
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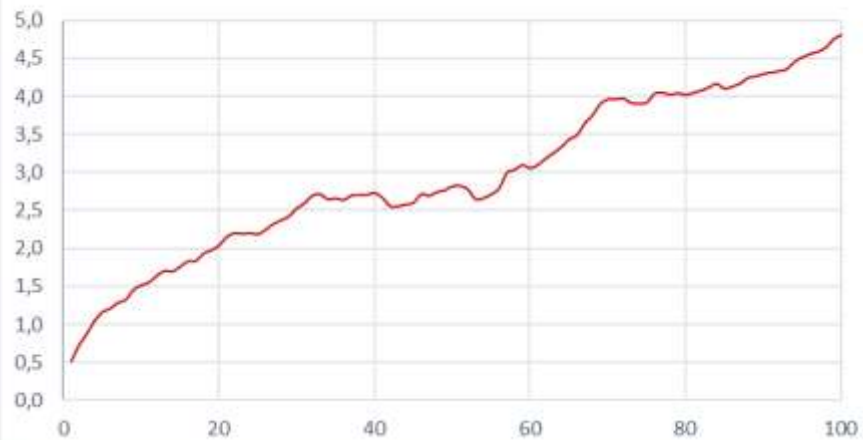
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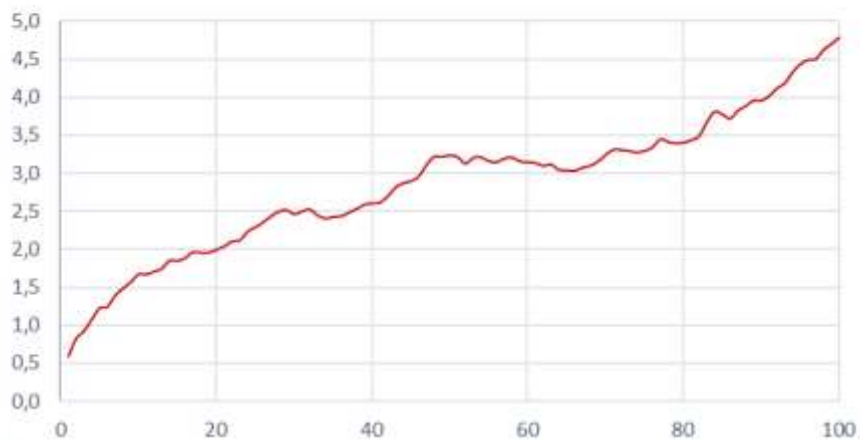
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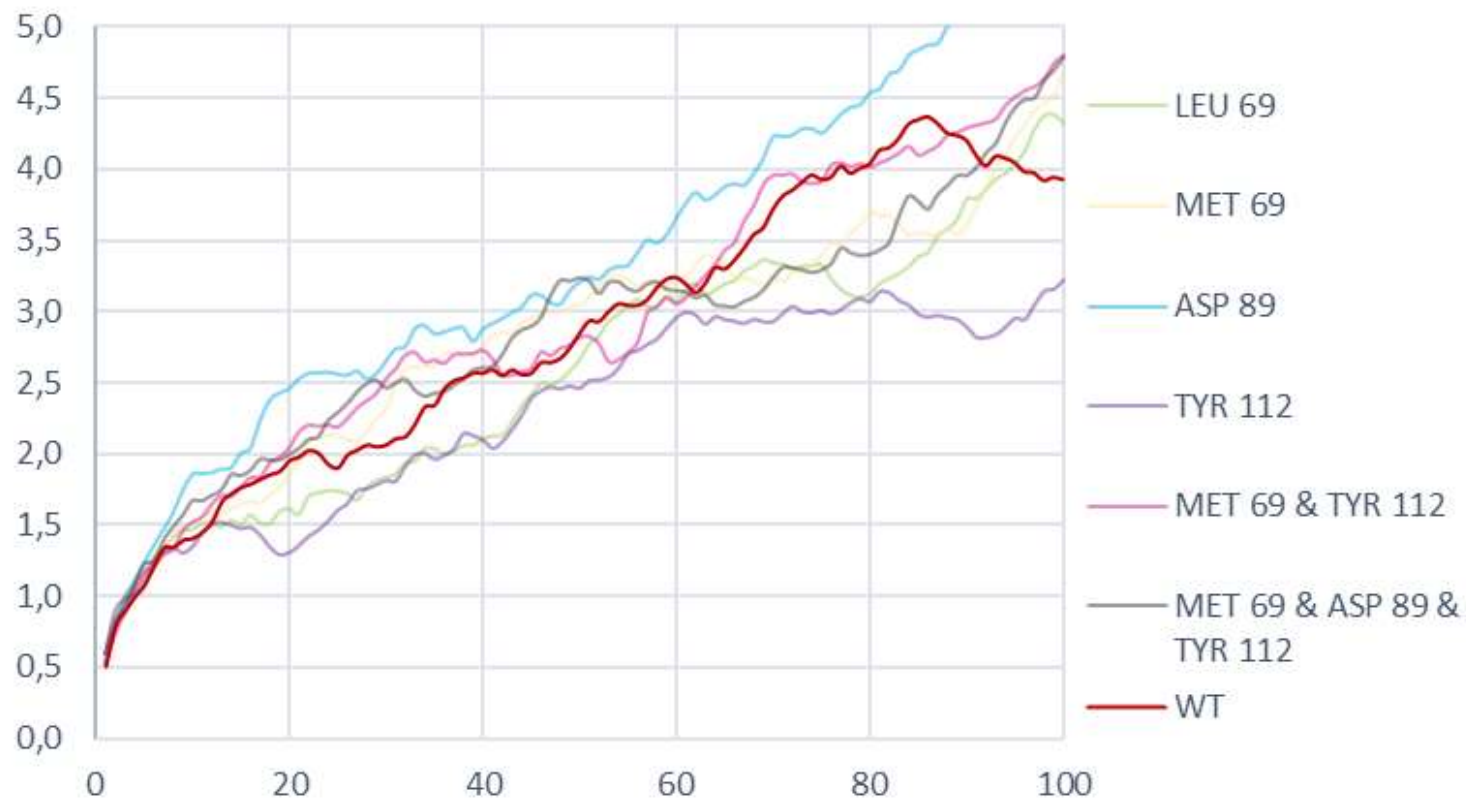
RMSD: MET 69 & TYR 112



RMSD: MET 69 & ASP 89 & TYR 112



RMSD: COMPARISON






RMSD



VARIANT	Average	SD
WT	2,853	1,022
69 MET	2,824	0,913
69 LEU	2,586	0,929
89 ASP	3,391	1,263
112 TYR	2,317	0,711
69 MET & 112 TYR	2,959	1,05
69 MET & 89 ASP & 112 TYR	2,670	0,829






STABILITY



VARIANT	TOTAL ENERGY
WT	15,79
69 MET	9,35
69 LEU	9,62
89 ASP	11,27
112 TYR	11,38
69 MET & 112 TYR	3,80
69 MET & 89 ASP & 112 TYR	-1,10



POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

Increase simulation **time** or **steps**

Increase **temperature**

Different **solvation** method

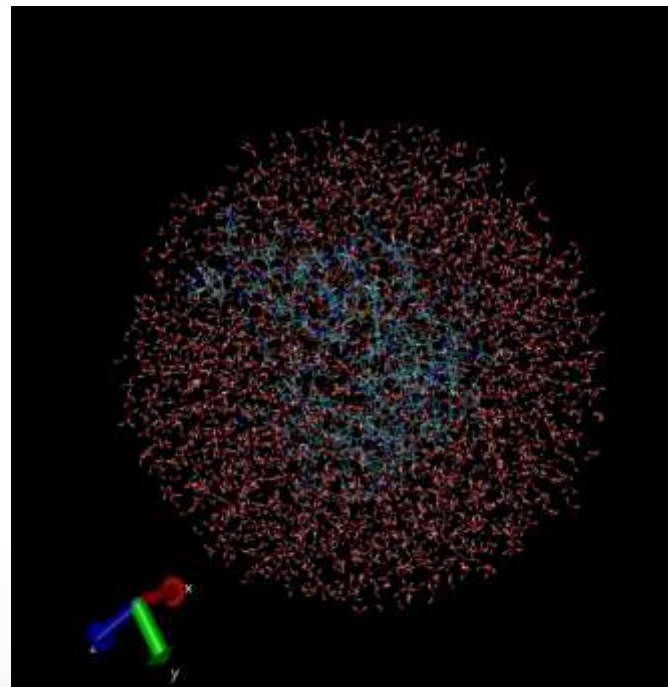
Combination of mutations

Set **numberOfRuns** to higher numbers: optimal or trapped solution



WATER SPHERE

Variant	Mean Q-Value	SD
WT	0,84943363	0,01014880
69 & 89 & 112	0,72172545	0,03017851

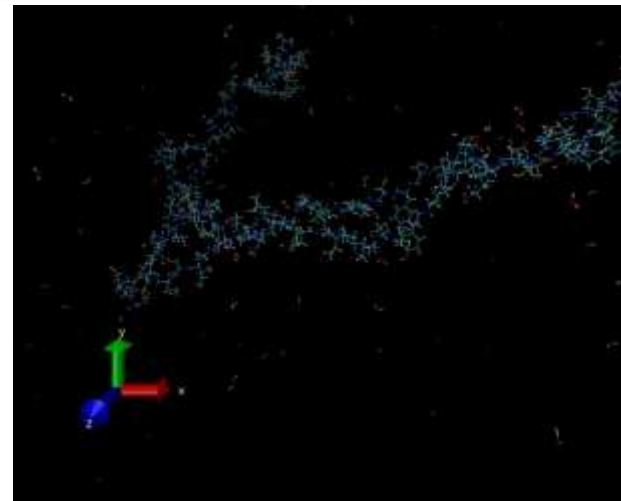


Increase simulation steps

From 10 000 to 50 000 steps

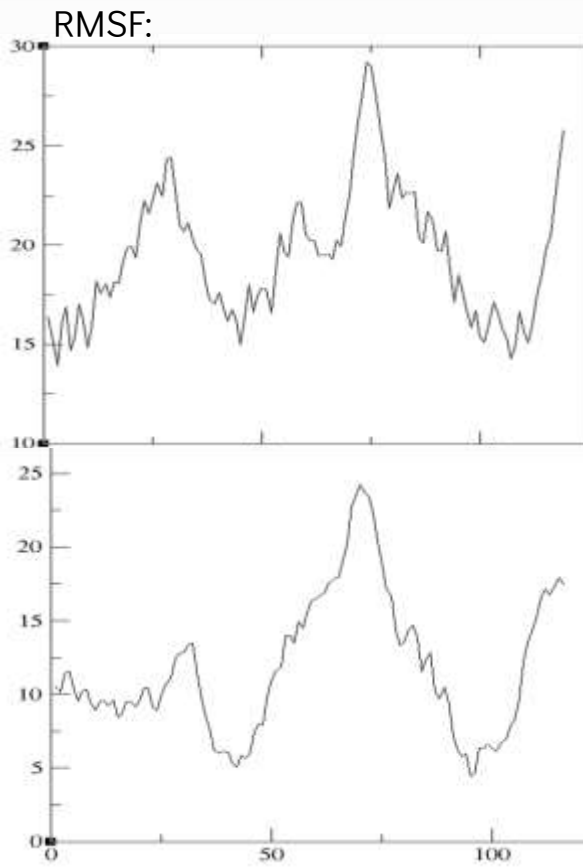
VARIANT	Mean Q-value	SD
WT	0,5313	0,00749
69 & 89 & 112	0,6016	0,00748

*Mean and SD between the last 50 frames of the simulation



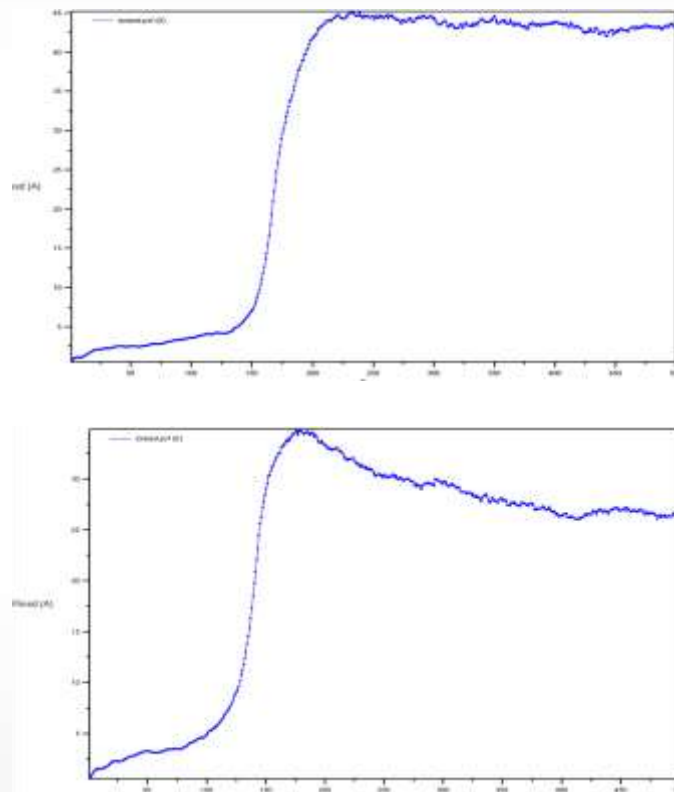
CONCLUSIONS

WT



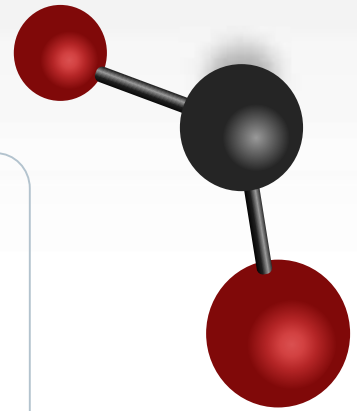
Mutate

RMSD:



**THANK YOU FOR
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Do you have any
questions?



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