

Supporting Information 1 – Modifications to MOIL for the N_ε-H Tautomer of His64

The MOIL software package¹ that we employ in the MD simulations of MbCO defines force fields for two histidine structures: a neutral structure with the histidine protonated at N_δ and a singly charged structure with both N_ε and N_δ protonated. Simulating the N_ε-H tautomer with MOIL required defining the connectivity of the new structure and the associated force field parameters. MOIL derives atomic partial charges and Lennard-Jones parameters from the OPLS force field², it obtains parameters describing bond lengths, bond angles, and torsional angles from the AMBER force field³, and parameters describing improper torsional interactions from the CHARMM force field⁴. We obtained force field parameters for the N_ε-H tautomer from the OPLS and AMBER force fields, for consistency with MOIL. An additional approximation was introduced in the case of the improper torsion interaction of C_β, C_γ, C_δ, and the unprotonated N_δ. This interaction was approximated using the parameters for the improper torsion interaction of C_β, C_γ, C_δ, and the protonated N_δ of the doubly protonated histidine residue defined in MOIL.

Our modifications of the MOIL force field files are shown below. The first section is introduced into the MOIL file ALL.MONO, which defines the amino acids recognized by MOIL in terms of the atom types and bonding. The second section is introduced into the MOIL file ALL.PROP, which specifies all potential parameters.

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~ -----
~ NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/19
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~ HISTIDINE (eps N protonated)
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~      H      O
~      |      |
~      N - CA - C ... N
~          |
~          CB
~          |
~          CG - CD2 - NE2 - HE2
~              |           |
~              ND1 ----- CE1
~
MONO=(HIE) #prt=13          chrg=-0.57
~ backbone
UNIQ=(N)    PRTC=(NH)
UNIQ=(H)    PRTC=(HN)
UNIQ=(CA)   PRTC=(CAH)
UNIQ=(C)    PRTC=(CO)
UNIQ=(O)    PRTC=(OC)
~ epsilon protonated histidine
UNIQ=(CB)   PRTC=(CH2)
UNIQ=(CG)   PRTC=(CGHE)
UNIQ=(ND1)  PRTC=(NDHE)
UNIQ=(CE1)  PRTC=(CHEE)
UNIQ=(CD2)  PRTC=(CHDE)
UNIQ=(NE2)  PRTC=(NEHE)
UNIQ=(HE2)  PRTC=(HENE)
UNIQ=(N)    PRTC=(NH)    NEXT
DONE
BOND
N-H N-CA CA-CB
CB-CG CG-CD2 CD2-NE2 CG-ND1 ND1-CE1 CE1-NE2 NE2-HE2
CA-C C-O C-N*
DONE
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~ -----
~ END OF NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/19
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The parameters defining the interactions of the epsilon protonated histidine are as follows:

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~ residues of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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~      OPLS      MOIL-NAME      MOIL NO.      AMBER
~      44        CGHE           wgn1          CC
~      42        NDHE           wgn2          NB
~      43        CHEE           wgn3          CP
~      40        NEHE           wgn4          NA
~      45        CHDE           wgn5          CG
~      41        HENE           wgn6          H
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~ particles of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
~ -----
~ eps protonated histidine (HIE)
PNAM=(CGHE)   PMAS=12.   PCHG=0.10   PEPS=0.145   PSGM=3.750   (wgn1)
PNAM=(NDHE)   PMAS=14.   PCHG=-0.49  PEPS=0.170   PSGM=3.250   (wgn2)
PNAM=(CHEE)   PMAS=13.   PCHG=0.41   PEPS=0.145   PSGM=3.750   (wgn3)
PNAM=(NEHE)   PMAS=14.   PCHG=-0.57  PEPS=0.170   PSGM=3.250   (wgn4)
PNAM=(CHDE)   PMAS=13.   PCHG=0.13   PEPS=0.145   PSGM=3.750   (wgn5)
PNAM=(HENE)   PMAS=1.    PCHG=0.42   PEPS=0.0498  PSGM=0.300   (wgn6)
~ -----
~ END new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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~ -----
~ BOND of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
~ -----
~ eps protonated histidine (HIE)
CH2  CGHE  317.0  1.504
CGHE  NDHE  410.0  1.394
CHDE  NEHE  427.0  1.381
CGHE  CHDE  518.0  1.371
HENE  NEHE  434.0  1.010
~ C N double bond
CHEE  NDHE  488.0  1.335
CHEE  NEHE  477.0  1.343
~ -----
~ END NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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~ -----
~ ANGLE of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
~ -----
~ eps protonated histidine (HIE)
~   CH2    CAH      NH      80.0    109.7 already present for HIS
CAH  CH2    CGHE    63.0    113.1
CH2  CGHE    NDHE    70.0    121.05
CH2  CGHE    CHDE    70.0    129.05
CHDE NEHE    HENE    35.0    126.35
CGHE NDHE    CHEE    70.0    105.3
CHEE NEHE    HENE    35.0    126.35
CHDE CGHE    NDHE    70.0    109.9
CGHE CHDE    NEHE    70.0    105.9
CHDE NEHE    CHEE    70.0    107.3
NDHE CHEE    NEHE    70.0    111.6
~ -----
~ END NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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~ TORSION of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
~ -----
~ eps protonated histidine (HIE)
NH   CAH   CH2   CGHE  0.0   0.0   1.0   3    1.0
CO   CAH   CH2   CGHE  0.0   0.0   1.0   3    1.0
CAH  CH2   CGHE  NDHE  0.0   0.0   0.0   2    0.0
CAH  CH2   CGHE  CHDE  0.0   0.0   0.0   2    0.0
CH2  CGHE  NDHE  CHEE  0.0   2.4   0.0   2   -1.0
CHDE CGHE  NDHE  CHEE  0.0   2.4   0.0   2   -1.0
CH2  CGHE  CHDE  NEHE  0.0   7.95  0.0   2   -1.0
NDHE CGHE  CHDE  NEHE  0.0   7.95  0.0   2   -1.0
CGHE NDHE  CHEE  NEHE  0.0  10.0   0.0   2   -1.0
CGHE CHDE  NEHE  HENE  0.0   3.0   0.0   2   -1.0
CGHE CHDE  NEHE  CHEE  0.0   3.0   0.0   2   -1.0
NDHE CHEE  NEHE  CHDE  0.0   4.65  0.0   2   -1.0
NDHE CHEE  NEHE  HENE  0.0   4.65  0.0   2   -1.0
~ -----
~ END NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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~ -----
~ IMPROPER of new AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
~ -----
~ eps protonated histidine (HIE)
CGHE CH2   CHDE  NDHE  90.0  0.0
NEHE CHDE  CHEE  HENE  45.0  0.0
~ -----
~ END NEW AA: HIE                wgn 8/20/01
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**Supporting Information 2 – Time-Frequency Contour Plots of Multidimensional
Vibrational Echo Data for Various T_w**

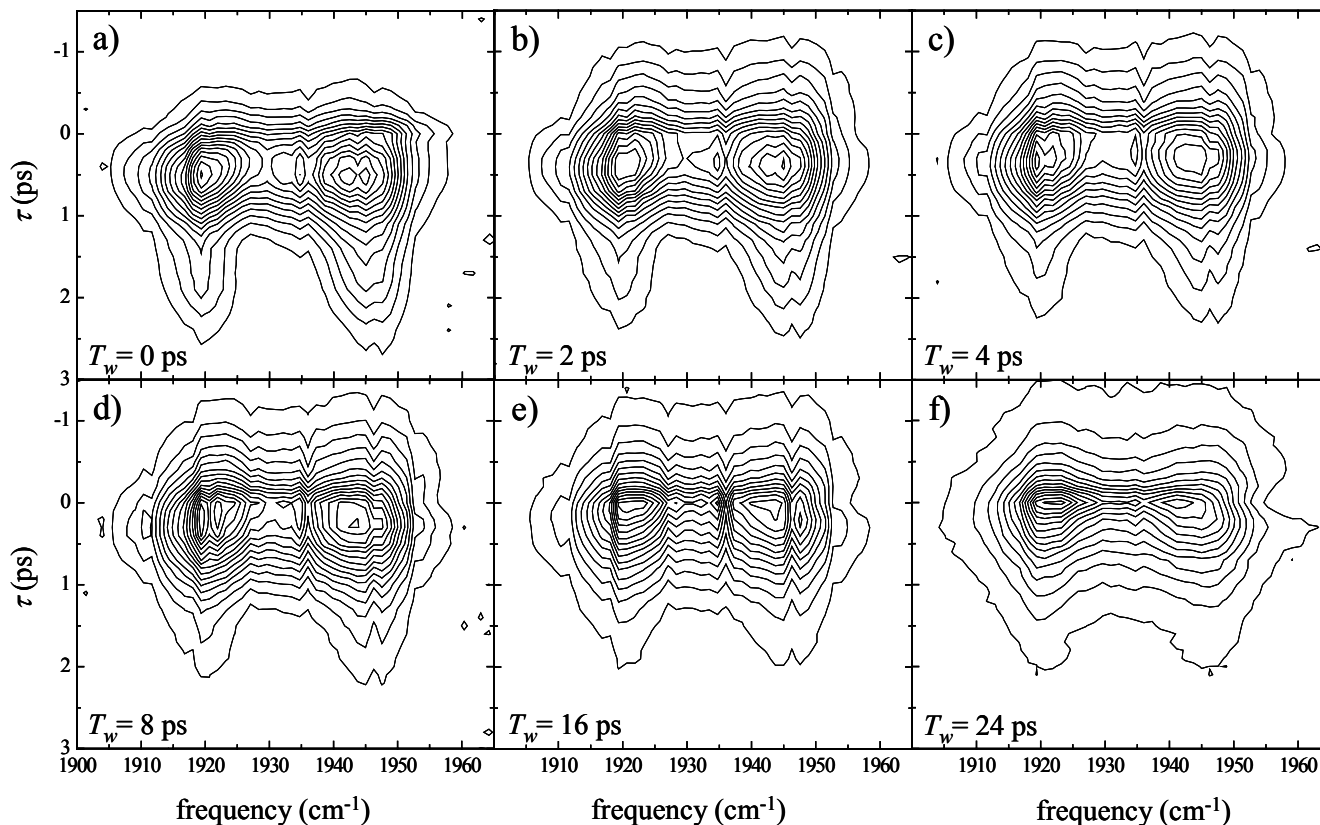


Figure S1. Contour plots of spectrally resolved stimulated vibrational echo data from MbCO at 300K for a) $T_w = 0$ ps. b) $T_w = 2$ ps. c) $T_w = 4$ ps. d) $T_w = 8$ ps. e) $T_w = 16$ ps. f) $T_w = 24$ ps. The vibrational echo decays are highly frequency dependent. As T_w is increased, the vibrational echo decays become faster because of the influence of slower and slower processes on the time evolution of the signal. The vibrational echo decays become more uniform as a function of frequency for longer values of T_w .