

Supporting Information

Local Dynamics of the Photo-Switchable Protein PYP in Ground and Signalling State Probed by 2D-IR Spectroscopy of -SCN Labels

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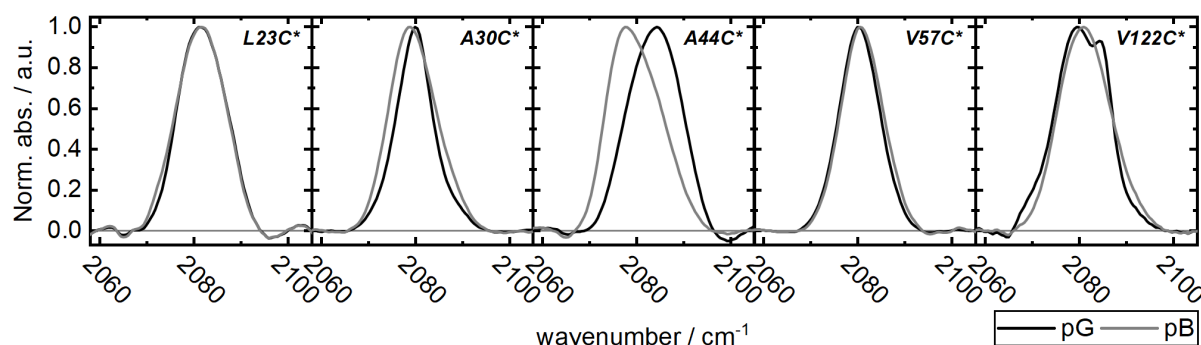


Fig. S1 Linear absorption spectra of -SCN in the studied mutants.¹ The pG state is shown as black and the pB state as grey line.

Tab. S1 Vibrational lifetimes T_1 for the probed SCN labels. These were obtained by time-resolved IR pump IR probe spectroscopy in deuterated buffer.²

Label / State	T_1 / ps
L23C* pG	55.5±1.2
pB	56.0±1.5
A30C* pG	55.9±1.6
pB	52.0±1.2
A44C* pG	54.1±0.9
pB	48.0±2.9
V57C* pG	34.1±2.8
pB	52.0±7.1
V122C* pG	50.2±3.6
pB	50.1±2.4

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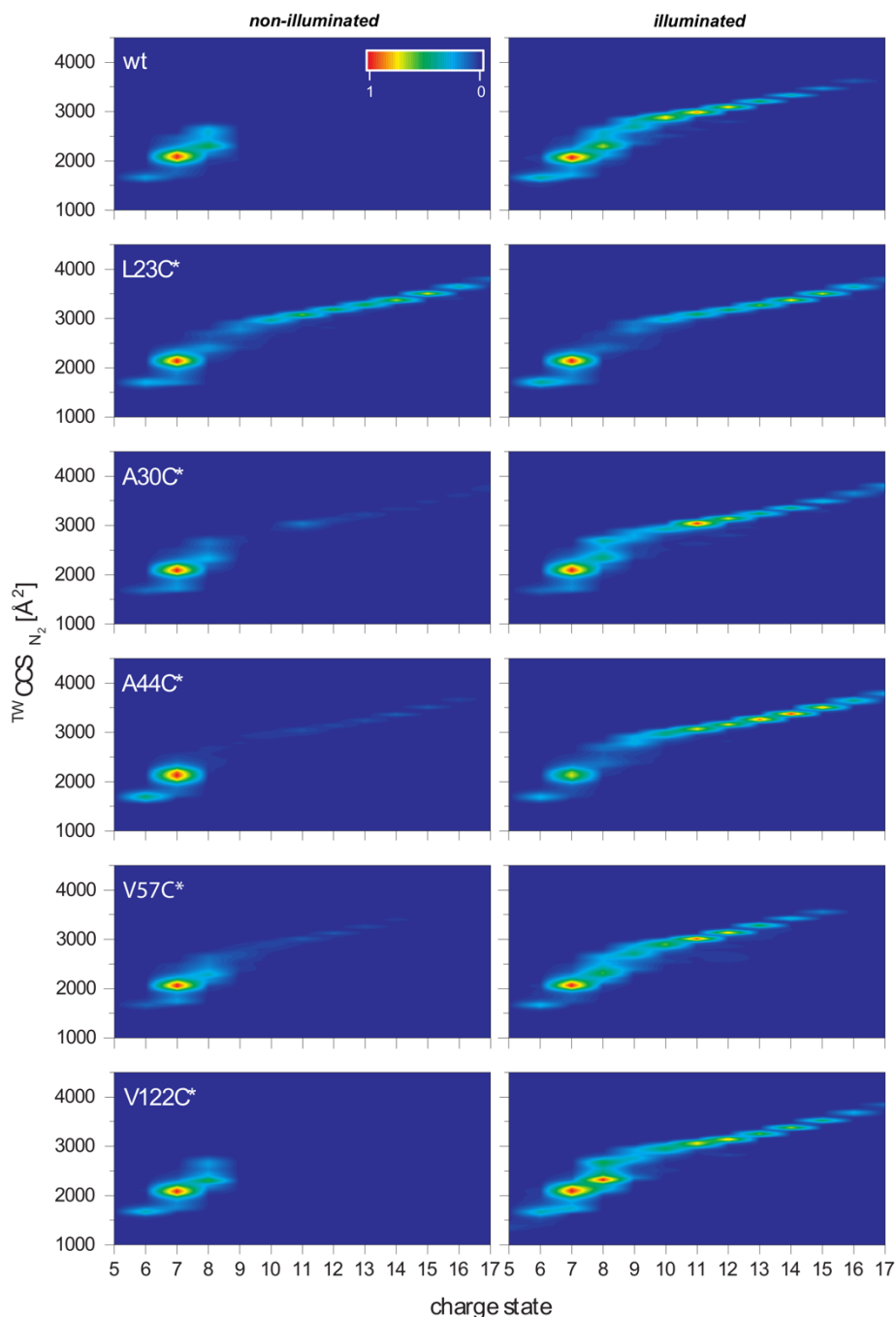


Fig. S2 Ion mobility data of PYP under non-illuminated and illuminated conditions. The extracted ion mobilograms of the non-irradiated PYP wildtype (wt) show high signal intensities at low charge states with collision cross sections about 2000 Å². Data acquisition of PYP-wt during nESI tip illumination results in a shift to higher charge states with an averaged collision cross section about 3000 Å². Remarkably, despite the observation of normal switching behaviour in FTIR spectroscopy,¹ the L23C* mutant shows negligible effects regarding sample illumination in the ion mobility experiment. Under both conditions a broad charge state distribution can be observed. The mutants A30C*, A44C*, V57C* and V122C* show a similar behaviour upon illumination as the wt.

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