## **Supporting Information for:**

## Simulating the distance distribution between spin-labels

## attached to proteins

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Figure S1. Time dependence of the dihedral angles of  $RX_{i,i+4}$  attached to a polyalanine  $\alpha$ -helix



Figure S2. Time dependence of the dihedral angles of  $RX_{i,i+3}$  attached to a polyalanine  $\alpha$ -helix

**Figure S3.** Time dependence of the N-C $\alpha$ -C-N dihedral angle ( $\psi$ ) at position i when RX<sub>i,i+3</sub> is attached to a polyalanine  $\alpha$ -helix. In this case, i = 8.



Figure S4. The dynamics of the nitroxide oxygen of the R1 with respect to the C $\alpha$  atom.



Figure S5. Simplified dummy OND and dummy CBD is attached to  $C\alpha$  atom of Glycine.



**Figure S6.** Comparison of the spin-spin distance histograms obtained from 5ns MDDS simulation of T4 lysozyme (red line) and experiment (black line).





Spin-pairs	DEER	MDDS	MMM	CA-CA
59/159	41.12	37.60	38.21	31.25
60/90	37.48	39.66	43.26	35.30
60/94	25.54	22.34	33.37	27.05
60/109	35.15	35.76	34.31	29.35
60/154	34.08	34.26	39.74	33.52
61/128	46.23	48.94	49.08	40.95
61/135	43.92	47.53	45.68	37.66
62/109	29.53	32.43	30.62	26.89
62/123	42.31	48.63	48.17	40.12
62/134	41.06	41.57	45.48	34.46
62/155	41.22	43.38	42.61	34.35
64/122	34.05	32.45	37.64	32.23
65/76	23.18	17.59	17.69	16.80
65/135	45.58	45.23	41.94	34.30
72/119	28.02	30.63	32.75	24.65
72/131	35.57	39.66	37.02	29.18
72/151	31.71	33.54	31.26	23.80
75/119	23.35	24.55	27.92	19.45
75/131	32.76	32.09	32.59	25.13
75/151	30.07	25.32	27.48	20.78
76/119	26.41	27.12	29.16	20.68
76/131	36.52	40.02	36.17	27.76
76/151	36.00	36.57	33.01	24.28
79/119	23.87	21.10	25.05	16.93
79/131	33.06	35.46	33.17	25.81
82/94	30.70	32.09	28.51	21.20
82/132	26.33	24.15	24.67	21.31
82/134	33.89	35.22	30.77	23.68
82/155	35.77	35.63	33.05	25.59
83/155	32.81	30.60	29.60	22.89
85/119	20.01	20.18	19.06	12.28
85/131	31.18	34.80	30.46	22.41
85/151	33.44	31.56	32.23	21.43
93/108	23.28	22.86	26.44	19.11
93/112	26.14	24.49	29.37	19.63
93/123	24.85	27.71	24.13	16.15
93/134	29.15	29.99	28.54	22.03
93/154	25.06	26.44	21.22	13.37
94/123	23.99	28.11	21.87	16.37
94/132	31.73	31.19	26.76	19.55
108/123	27.57	25.84	26.06	20.52
108/134	32.43	29.40	29.42	18.49

**Table S1:** Average spin-pair distances (Å) obtained from DEER, MDDS and MMM and the C $\alpha$ -C $\alpha$  distances (Å) obtained from the T4 lysozyme X-ray crystal structure.

108/155	35.23	34.10	31.92	23.32
109/134	30.57	28.95	26.66	18.14
115/155	28.30	31.52	26.43	20.60
116/134	20.16	20.65	17.14	11.94
119/128	19.93	15.48	14.91	10.42
119/131	22.34	23.84	18.05	13.20
123/131	22.33	22.83	18.81	14.61
128/155	20.69	22.01	16.01	12.08
140/151	22.20	21.61	18.66	15.54

**Figure S7.** Comparison of distance distributions obtained from MDDS (solid lines) and DEER (dashed line) based on the "outward-facing (3TT1)"(blue), "substrate-occluded (2A65)"(green) and "inward-facing (3TT3)"(red) crystal structures of LeuT.



**Figure S8.** Comparison of DEER, MDDS and re-MD distance distributions between the 109-113RX and 127-131RX attached to T4 lysozyme.



**Figure S9.** Time dependence of the dihedral angles of  $RX_{i,i+4}$  attached to a polyalanine  $\alpha$ -helix obtained from 100ns simulation.

