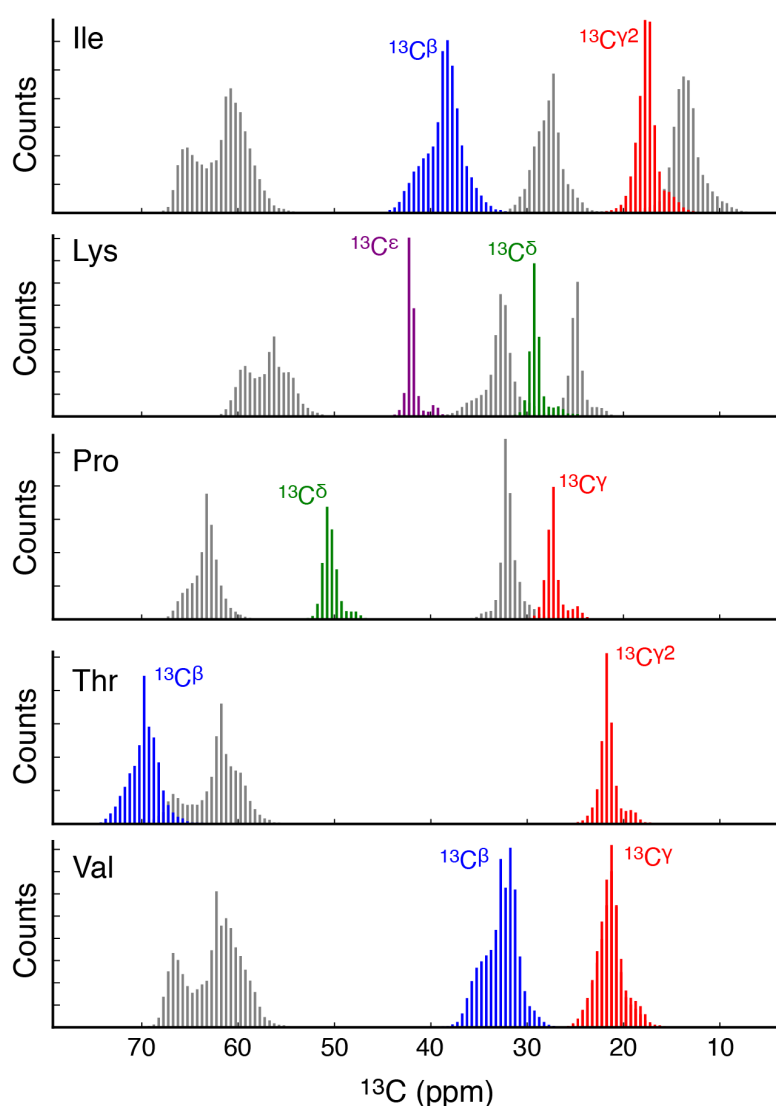


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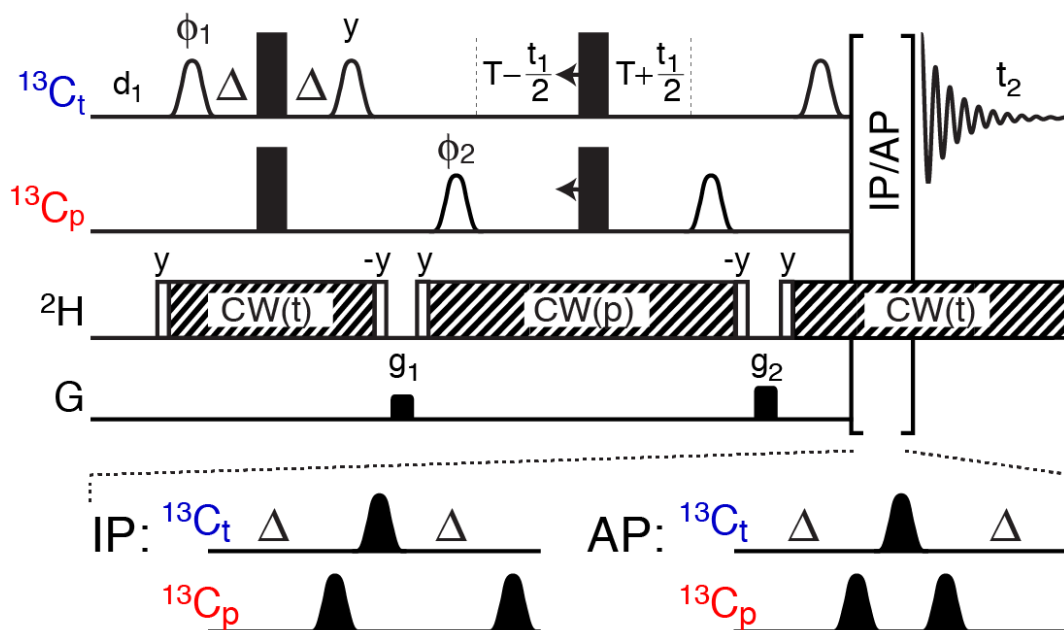
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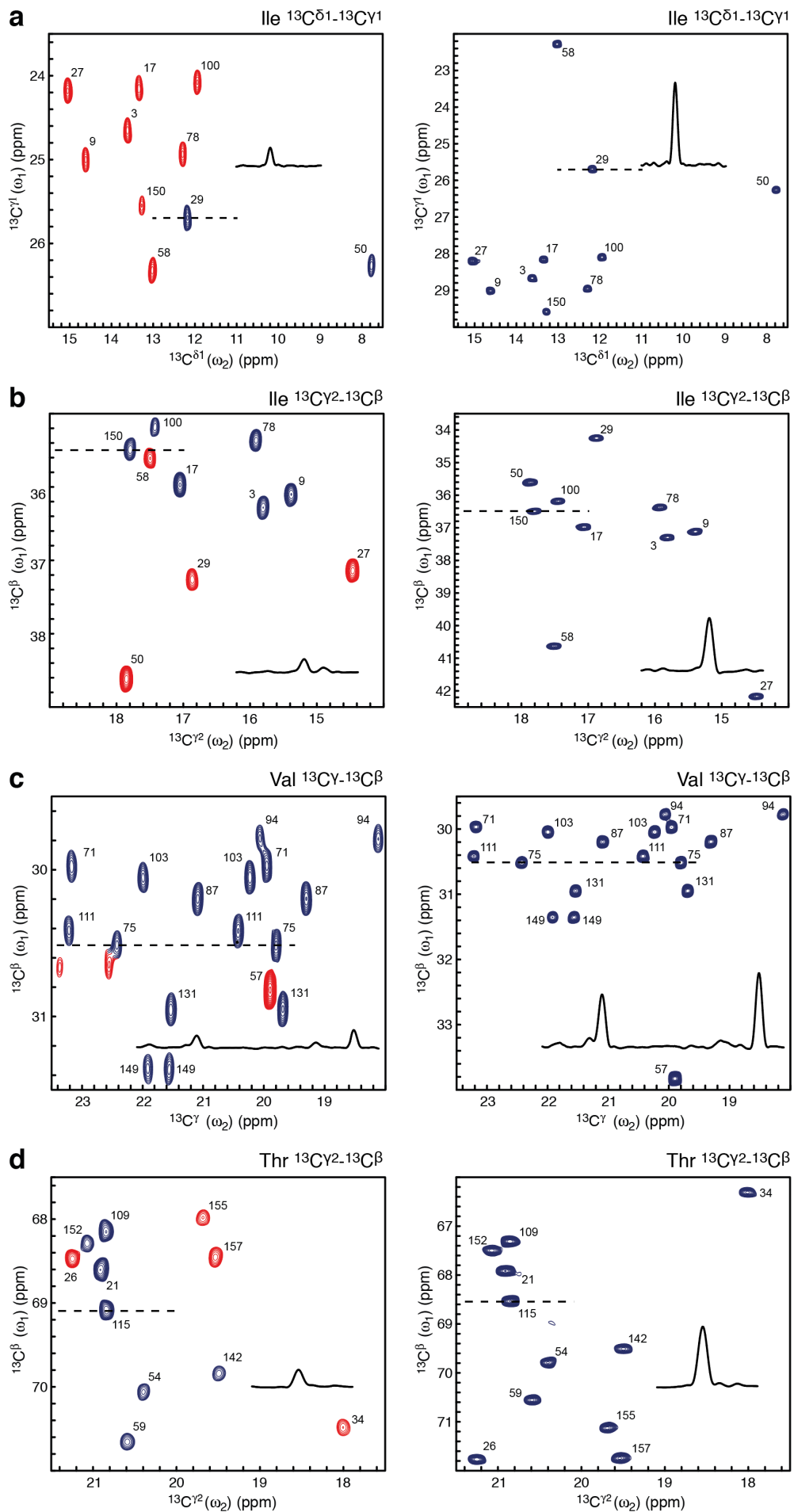
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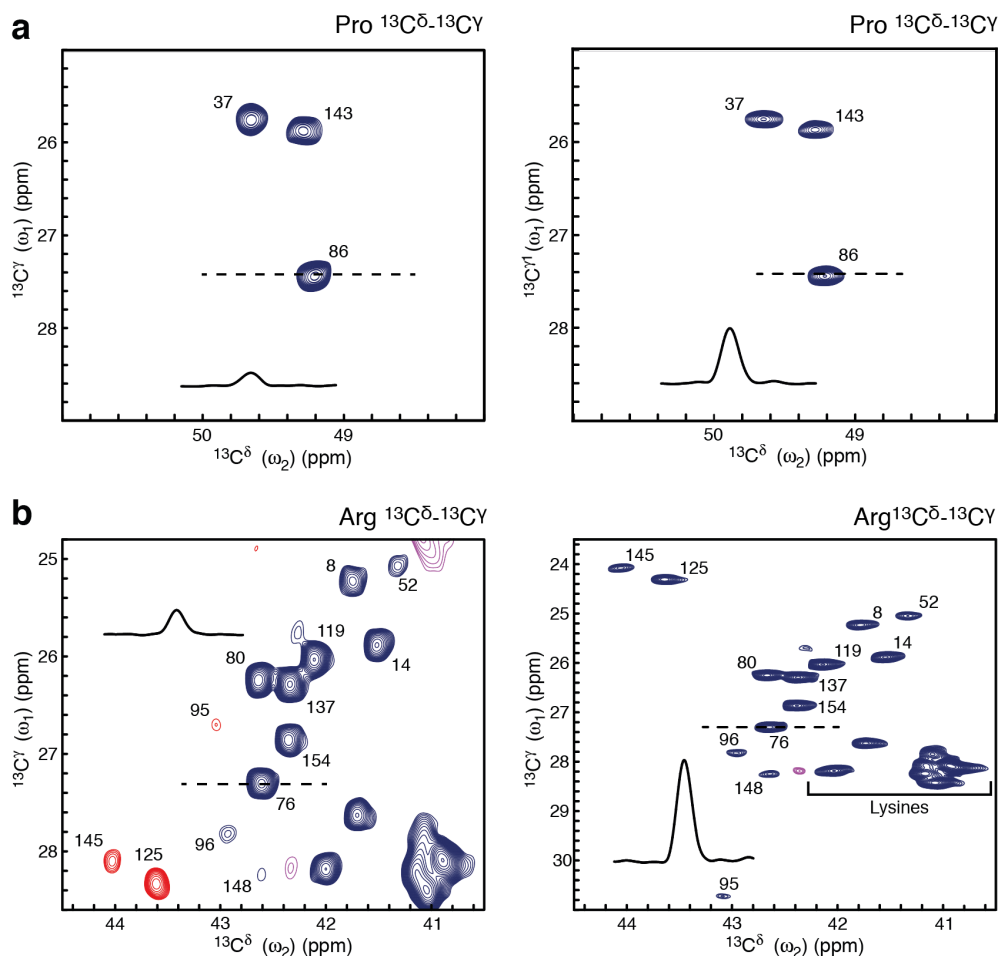
Supplementary Figure 1: Side-chain ^{13}C chemical shift distributions obtained from the BMRB¹ databank. The nuclei probed in the ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation maps are coloured according to their type; blue: $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$, red: $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$, green: $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ and purple: $^{13}\text{C}^\epsilon$. Passive nuclei, that is, those not observed in the two-dimensional ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra are coloured grey. It is noted that the seven side-chain experiments {Arg $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$, Ile $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1}$, Ile $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$, Lys $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\epsilon$, Pro $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$, Thr $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$, Val $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$ } performed based on the distributions above and in Fig. 1 are generally selective for the nuclei and residue type chosen. Exceptions are the Valine $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$ and Isoleucine $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$ experiments, as well as Arginine $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1}$ and Lysine $^{13}\text{C}^\epsilon$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$, where signals from one experiment may appear in the other (see Figs. 2c and 3c).



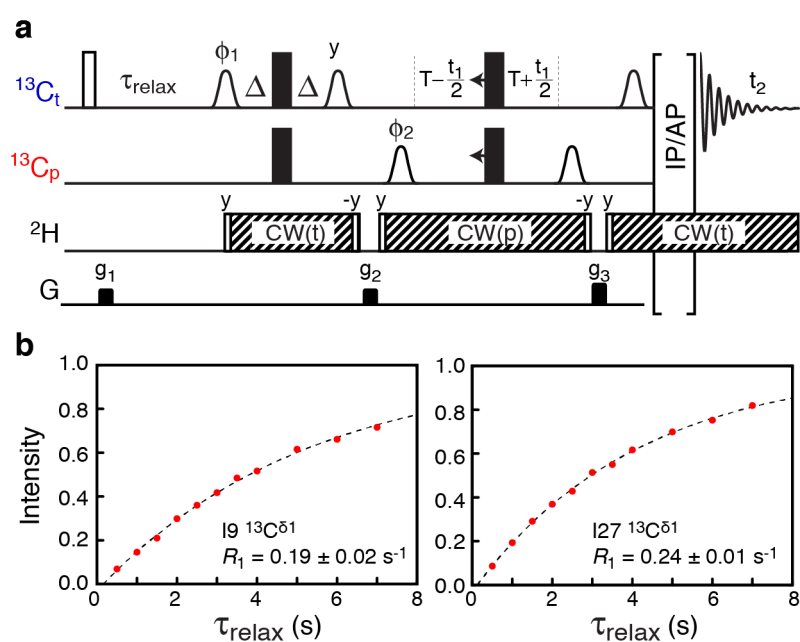
Supplementary Figure 2: ^{13}C - ^{13}C side-chain correlation pulse sequence. Core element, pulse scheme, derived to obtain two-dimensional $^{13}\text{C}_t$ - $^{13}\text{C}_p$ correlation spectra of side chains in per-deuterated proteins. Black bars represent 180° non-selective pulses and open bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° pulses. The ^{13}C carrier is placed in the middle of the $^{13}\text{C}_t$ region, with the exception of the indirect chemical shift evolution period, where the carrier is placed in the middle of the $^{13}\text{C}_p$ region. As such, all frequency-selective pulses are applied on-resonance, except for the two 180° $^{13}\text{C}_p$ pulses in the IPAP block that are frequency-shifted by a linear phase modulation (see Table S5). The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{CC}) \approx 7.1$ ms, $T = 1/(2J_{CC}) \approx 14.1$ ms (See Table S5). The frequency selective 90° pulses are applied with an E-BURP² shape with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 3.7 G/cm, g_2 : 9.1 G/cm. The phase cycle is ϕ_1 : $2(x), 2(-x)$; ϕ_2 : $x, -x$; ϕ_{rec} : $x, -x, -x, x$. Frequency discrimination is obtained by States-TPPI³ of the phase ϕ_2 . Deuterium decoupling, ^2H , is achieved using a constant wave scheme applied at 1.1 kHz with x -phase. Flanking 90° pulses are applied before and after the decoupling to obtain a more stable lock-signal. The carrier of ^2H is placed at the $^2\text{H}_i$ hydrogen chemical shift (CW(t)) during the INETs where magnetisation is transverse with respect to $^{13}\text{C}_t$ and at the $^2\text{H}_p$ hydrogen chemical shift (CW(p)) during the indirect chemical shift evolution, where magnetisation is transverse with respect to $^{13}\text{C}_p$ (Supplementary Table 5). The lock is held during the first 1/3 of d_1 and sampled during the last 2/3 of d_1 to ensure stability of the locking. Optimal sensitivity per unit time is achieved with $d_1 \sim 1.26/R_1$. The IPAP block is shown below the pulse sequence, where the two sub-spectra required for IPAP are acquired before the t_1 loop. Virtual decoupling using IPAP leads to half the number of peaks in the spectrum and an improvement in signal-to-noise by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$ compared to no decoupling.



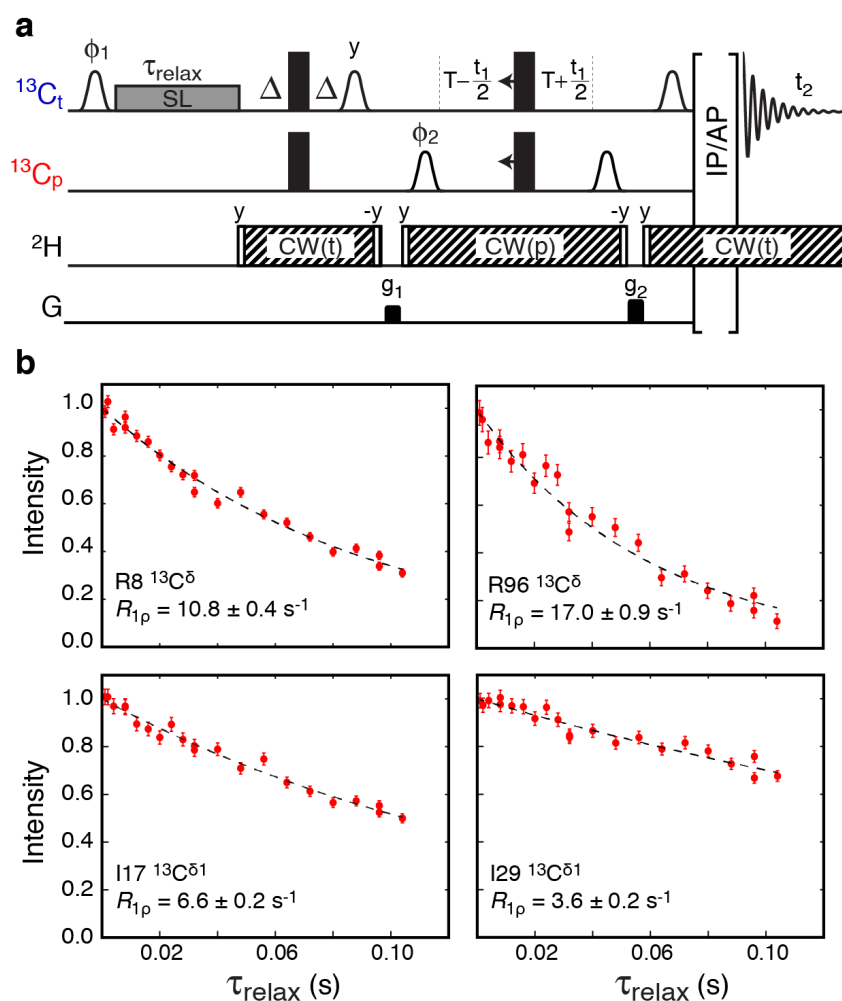
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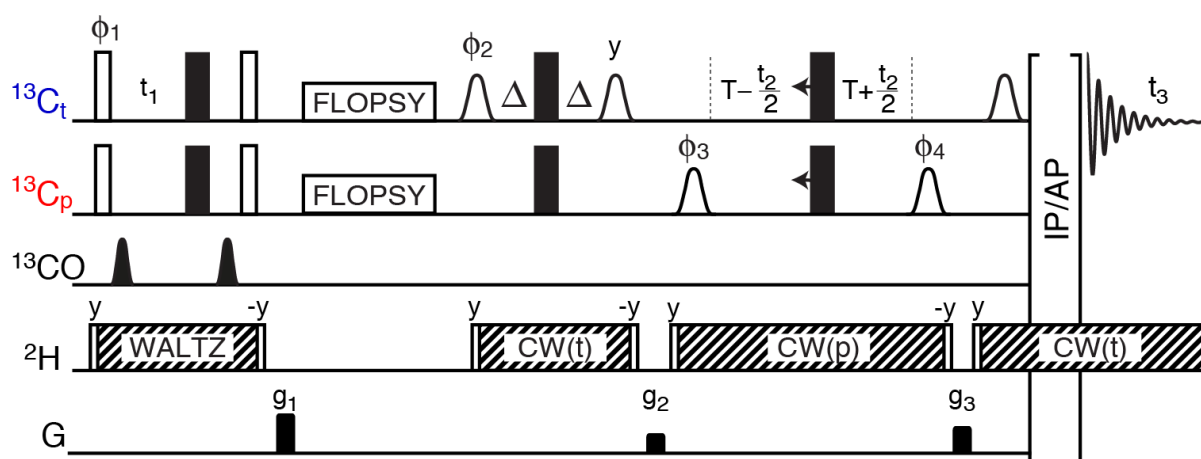
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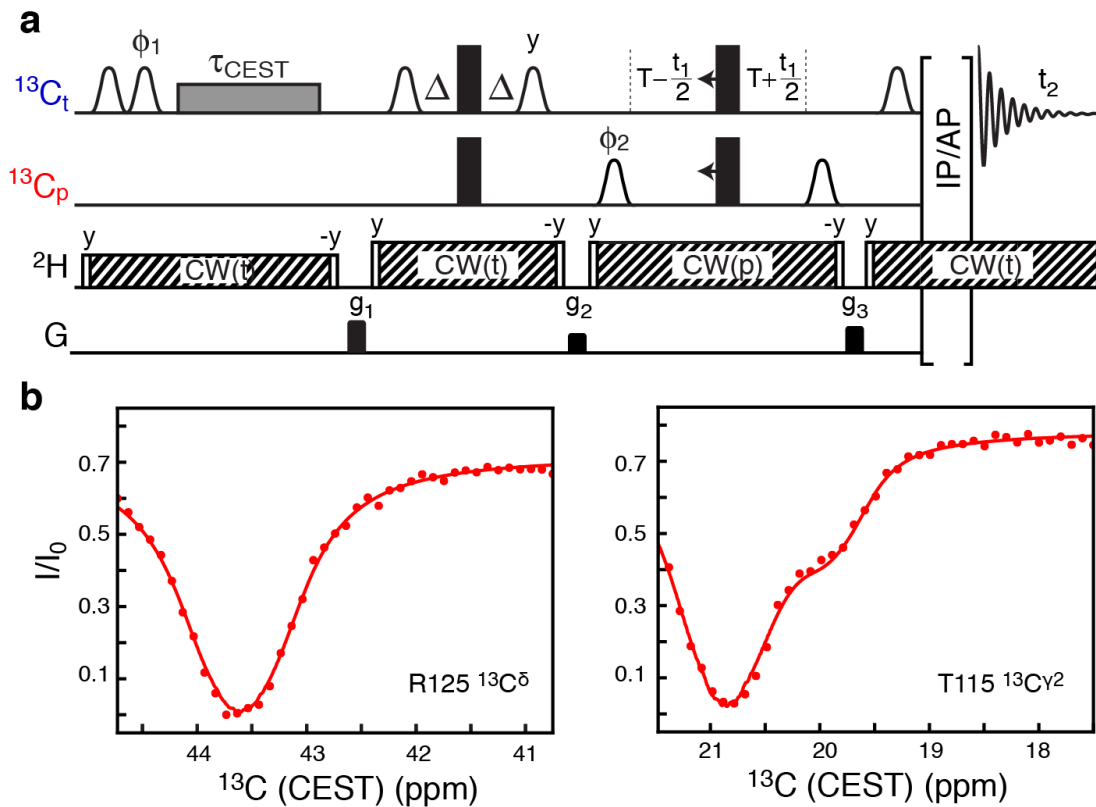
Supplementary Figure 5: Measurements of longitudinal R_1 rates. *a* Pulse scheme derived for measuring non-selective longitudinal ^{13}C relaxation rates. Black (open) bars represent 180° (90°) non-selective pulses and open bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° pulses. The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{CC}) = 7.1$ ms, $T = 1/(2J_{CC}) = 14.1$ ms, and τ_{relax} in the range from 0.01 s to 8 s. The frequency selective 90° pulses are applied with an E-BURP² shape with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 1.2 G/cm, g_2 : 3.7 G/cm, g_3 : 9.1 G/cm. The phase cycle is ϕ_1 : $2(x), 2(-x)$; ϕ_2 : $x, -x$; ϕ_{rec} : $x, -x, -x, x$. Frequency discrimination is obtained by States-TPPI³ of the phase ϕ_2 . Deuterium, ^2H , decoupling is performed as described in Supplementary Figure 2. Residual longitudinal magnetisation is initially purged by the $90^\circ - g_1$ element, such that recovery curves start at approximately zero intensity. These recovery curves can therefore directly be used to judge the recycling delay needed for other experiments, such as Supplementary Figure 2. Spectra were recorded in an interleaved manner with the two IPAP sub-spectra recorded as the inner loop, τ_{relax} as the middle loop, and the t_1 array as the outer and last loop. *b* Examples of relaxation decay curves for two representative isoleucine side chains in T4L L99A. The red filled circles are experimentally derived normalised intensities, where uncertainties of the intensities are within the size of the circles. The dashed line is a least-squares fit of the function $I(t) = I_\infty - (I_\infty - I_0)\exp(-R_1 t)$ to the data shown, where I_0 is the intensity at $t = 0$ ($I_0 \approx 0$) and I_∞ is the equilibrium intensity approached for $t \rightarrow \infty$. Results for all isoleucine side chains of T4L L99A are shown in Supplementary Table 1. For the T4L L99A protein studied here an interscan delay between 5 s and 10 s results in the maximum sensitivity per unit time.



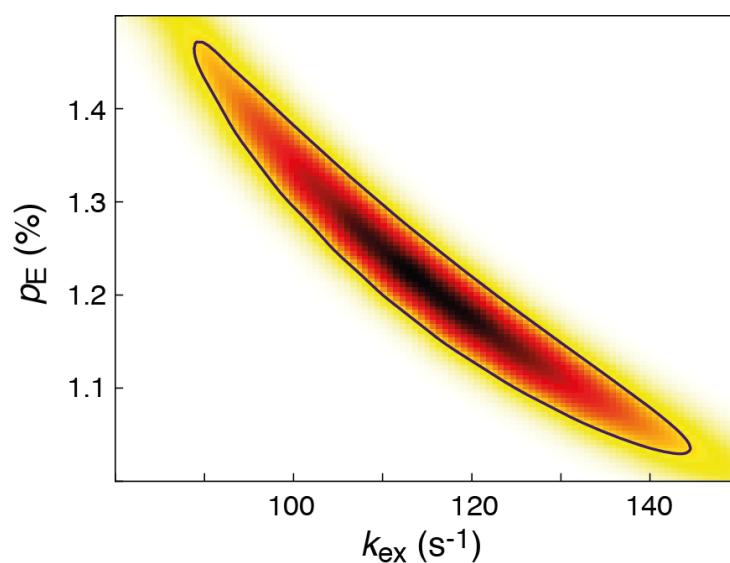
Supplementary Figure 7: Measurements of transverse $R_{1\rho}$ rates. *a* Pulse scheme derived for measuring the transverse ^{13}C relaxation rates in the rotating frame⁵. Black bars represent 180° non-selective pulses and open bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° pulses. The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{\text{CC}}) \approx 7.1 \text{ ms}$, $T = 1/(2J_{\text{CC}}) \approx 14.1 \text{ ms}$. The frequency selective 90° pulses are applied with an E-BURP² shape with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T. Deuterium, ^2H , decoupling is achieved with a continuous wave at a field of 1.1 kHz and centered at 0.65 ppm (3.1 ppm) during the INEPT and IPAP block, and at 1.25 ppm (1.55 ppm) during chemical shift evolution for isoleucine (arginine). IPAP⁶ and post-processing are used as described above in Fig. 2 and Supplementary Figure 2. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 3.7 G/cm, g_2 : 9.1 G/cm. The phase cycle is ϕ_1 : $2(x)$, $2(-x)$; ϕ_2 : x , $-x$; ϕ_{rec} : x , $-x$, $-x$, x . Frequency discrimination is obtained by States-TPPI³ of the phase ϕ_2 . Spectra are recorded in an interleaved manner with the two IPAP subspectra recorded as the inner loop, τ_{relax} as the middle loop, and the t_1 array as the outer and last loop. *b* Example of a relaxation decay for two representative arginine side chains and two isoleucine side chains in T4L L99A. Red circles are experimentally obtained intensities, vertical bars represent the uncertainty of the obtained intensities calculated as the standard deviation from multiple measurements, and the dashed black lines are fits of a single exponential decay to the experimentally obtained intensities.



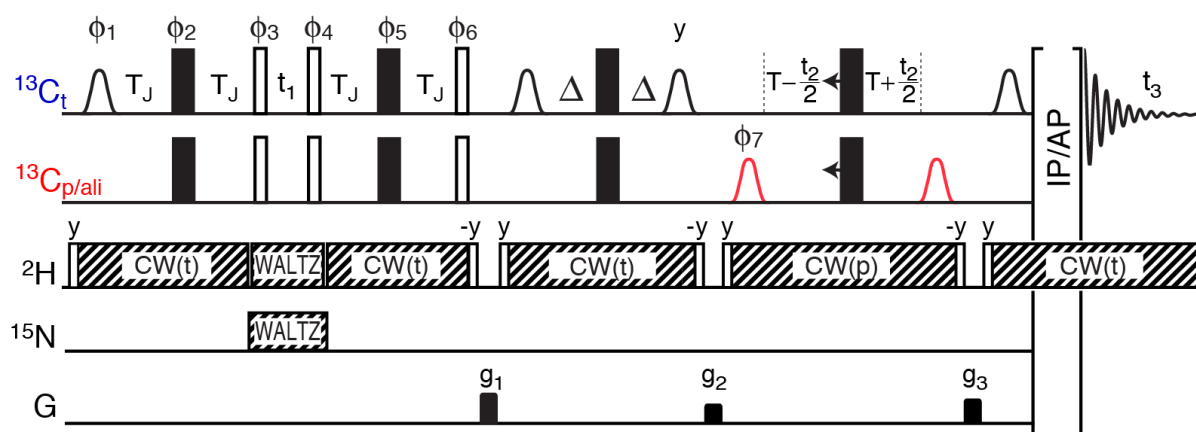
Supplementary Figure 8: Three-dimensional ^{13}C -detected TOCSY experiments for chemical shift assignments. Pulse scheme derived for correlating the aliphatic ^{13}C of the side chain with the terminal ($^{13}\text{C}_t$) and the penultimate ^{13}C ($^{13}\text{C}_p$) (see main text). Black bars represent 180° non-selective pulses and open (black) bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° (180°) pulses. The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{CC}) = 7.1$ ms, $T = 1/(2J_{CC}) = 14.1$ ms. The frequency selective 90° pulses are applied with an E-BURP² shape with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T and the selective ^{13}CO decoupling pulses are applied with a Seduce1 shape⁹ during t_1 . The second ^{13}CO selective pulse during t_1 provides a Bloch–Siegert compensation for the first ^{13}CO pulse. Isotropic mixing is achieved with a FLOPSY-8¹⁰ scheme applied at a field strength of 7.8 kHz for 18 ms and centered at 42 ppm. Deuterium, ^2H , decoupling is achieved with a waltz-16 scheme¹¹ during the first chemical shift evolution, and with a continuous wave at a field of 1.1 kHz for the rest of the sequence. The ^{13}C carrier is placed at 42 ppm during t_1 and isotropic FLOPSY mixing and moved to $^{13}\text{C}_t$ and $^{13}\text{C}_p$ during the rest of sequence. The ^2H carrier is placed at 2.75 ppm during waltz-16, at 0.65 ppm (3.1 ppm) during the INEPT and IPAP block, and at 1.25 ppm (1.55 ppm) during t_2 chemical shift evolution for isoleucine (arginine). IPAP⁶ and post-processing are used for virtual decoupling of $^{13}\text{C}_t$ and $^{13}\text{C}_p$ during acquisition as described in Fig. 2 and Supplementary Figure 2. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 17.7 G/cm, g_2 : 3.7 G/cm, g_3 : 9.1 G/cm. The phase cycle is ϕ_2 : $2(x)$, $2(-x)$; ϕ_3 : x , $-x$; ϕ_{rec} : x , $-x$, $-x$, x . Frequency discrimination is obtained by States-TPPI³ of the phases ϕ_1 and ϕ_4 for the two indirect dimensions, respectively. Chemical shift evolution during t_1 is non-constant time, while chemical shift evolution during t_2 is recorded in a constant time manner.



Supplementary Figure 9: Measurements of conformational exchange using Chemical Exchange Saturation Transfer.¹² **a** Pulse sequence derived to obtain ^{13}C CEST profiles. Black bars represent 180° non-selective pulses and open bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° pulses. Pulses are applied with x -phase unless otherwise stated. The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{CC}) = 7.1$ ms, $T = 1/(2J_{CC}) = 14.1$ ms. The frequency selective pulses are applied with an EBURP⁶ shape and with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T. Deuterium, ^2H , decoupling is achieved with a continuous wave at a field of 860 Hz during the CEST period and at a field of 1.1 kHz during the rest of the experiment. A ^{13}C field strength between 20 and 60 Hz¹³ is used during the 400 ms CEST period. IPAP⁶ and post-processing are used for decoupling as described in Fig 2 and Supplementary Figure 2. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 3.7 G/cm, g_2 : 9.1 G/cm and g_3 : 17.6 G/cm. Frequency discrimination is obtained by States-TPPI³ of the phase ϕ_2 . The phase cycle is ϕ_1 : $x, x, -x, -x$; ϕ_2 : $x, -x$; ϕ_{rec} : $x, -x, -x, x$. **b** Experimental CEST profile (red circles) along with least-squares fit (red line) of R125 $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ and T112 $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ in T4L99A recorded at 278 K and 14.1 T. The following residue specific exchange parameters were obtained for R125: Ground state chemical shift, $\varpi_G = 43.622 \pm 0.014$ ppm, excited state chemical shift, $\varpi_E = 43.29 \pm 0.10$ ppm, $R_{1G} = R_{1E} = 0.322 \pm 0.013$ s⁻¹, $R_{2G} = R_{2E} = 7.6 \pm 0.6$ s⁻¹. For T112 the following parameters are obtained, $\varpi_G = 20.873 \pm 0.006$ ppm, $\varpi_E = 19.81 \pm 0.02$ ppm, $R_{1G} = R_{1E} = 0.171 \pm 0.011$ s⁻¹, $R_{2G} = 4.3 \pm 0.2$, and $R_{2E} = 5 \pm 20$ s⁻¹. Standard errors are obtained using the co-variance method¹⁶ and additional details of analysis and least-squares fitting is given in the Material and Methods.



Supplementary Figure 10: Probability density surface for estimating of global exchange parameters of T4L99A at 278 K. The plot shows the probability surface from high to low (dark red to white) calculated as $\exp(-(\chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2)/2)$. The CEST curves for the V103 and V111 were fit simultaneously for three CEST fields ($\omega_{\text{CEST}} = 19.8$ Hz, 39.6 Hz, and 60.0 Hz) for fixed values of k_{ex} and p_{E} . The resulting χ^2 for each $(k_{\text{ex}}, p_{\text{E}})$ point were used to generate the probability surface. The black line is drawn at a value where $\chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2 = 2.3$, which corresponds to one standard deviation in the two-parameter space.



Supplementary Figure 11: Measurements of long-range $^3J_{CC}$ scalar couplings in side chains. The derived sequence follows the original idea by Bax and co-workers¹⁴. Black (open) bars represent 180° (90°) non-selective pulses, whereas open bell-shaped pulses represent frequency-selective 90° pulses. Red bell-shaped pulses are selective for the penultimate ^{13}C , that is, $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1}$ in isoleucine or $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma}$ in arginine residues. The frequency selective 90° pulses are applied with an EBURP² shape with a length of 2 ms at 18.8 T. Deuterium, ^2H , decoupling is achieved with a continuous wave decoupling at a field of 1.1 kHz (CW(t) and CW(p)) or a WALTZ-16¹¹ decoupling at 1.1 kHz (WALTZ). The deuterium carrier is placed in the middle of the $^2\text{H}^\delta$ region (0.65 ppm for Ile, 3.1 ppm for Arg) during CW(t), in the middle of the $^2\text{H}^\gamma$ region (1.55 ppm for Ile and Arg) during CW(p) and in the middle of the aliphatic region (2.75 ppm) for WALTZ during the indirect chemical shift evolution t_1 . See Supplementary Table 5 for a full list of carrier offsets. Flanking 90° pulses are placed before and after each ^2H decoupling block and the lock is not sampled during the first 1/3 of the recovery delay to achieve a stable lock signal¹⁵. The following delays are used: $\Delta = 1/(4J_{CC}) = 7.1$ ms, $T = 1/(2J_{CC}) = 14.1$ ms, $T_J = 1/J_{CC} = 28.2$ ms. Gradients of 1 ms are represented by black rectangles and applied with strength of g_1 : 17.6 G/cm, g_2 : 3.7 G/cm and g_3 : 9.1 G/cm. The phase cycle is ϕ_1 : x; ϕ_2 : x, y; ϕ_3 : 2(y), 2(-y); ϕ_4 : 4(y), 4(-y); ϕ_5 : x; ϕ_6 : x; ϕ_7 : 4(x), 4(-x); $\phi_{\text{rec}} = x, -x, x, -x, -x, x, -x, x$. Frequency discrimination in t_1 is obtained by States-TPPI³ of phases ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , and ϕ_3 , while the sign of ϕ_4 , ϕ_5 , and ϕ_6 is inverted every second t_1 time-increment along with an inversion of the receiver phase. Frequency discrimination in t_2 is obtained by States-TPPI³ of phases ϕ_7 . Examples of strips extracted from the three-dimensional experiment are shown in Fig. 5 and $^3J_{CC}$ derived for T4L L99A and MSG are shown in Supplementary Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

Supplementary Table 1: Longitudinal ^{13}C relaxation rates^a of isoleucine $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$ measured in T4L99A at 278 K

Nucleus	R_1 (s^{-1}) at 14.1 T	R_1 (s^{-1}) at 18.8 T
I3 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.12 ± 0.02	0.15 ± 0.03
I9 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.19 ± 0.02	0.23 ± 0.03
I17 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.14 ± 0.02	0.09 ± 0.03
I27 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.243 ± 0.012	0.253 ± 0.014
I29 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.12 ± 0.02	0.15 ± 0.03
I50 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.19 ± 0.02	0.06 ± 0.03
I58 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.24 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.03
I78 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.17 ± 0.03	0.168 ± 0.018
I100 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.20 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.03
I150 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	0.14 ± 0.06	0.13 ± 0.10

a) The non-selective longitudinal relaxation rates were measured using the pulse sequence shown in Supplementary Figure 5 with 11 relaxation delays {0.5 s, 7.0 s, 1.0 s, 6.0 s, 1.5 s, 5.0 s, 2.0 s, 4.0 s, 2.5 s, 3.5 s, 3.0 s} (14.1 T) or 10 relaxation delays {0.001 s, 8.0 s, 0.5 s, 6.0 s, 1.0 s, 4.0 s, 2.0 s, 3.0 s, 4.0 s, 1.0 s} (18.8 T). Standard derivations of the reported relaxation rates are obtained using the covariance method¹⁶.

Supplementary Table 2: Transverse ^{13}C relaxation rates^a measured in T4L99A at 278 K

Nucleus	$R_{1\rho}$ (s^{-1})
Arginine	
R8 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	10.8 ± 0.4
R14 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	6.8 ± 0.2
R52 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	16.6 ± 1.1
R76 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	5.87 ± 0.15
R80 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	4.10 ± 0.11
R95 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	21.9 ± 1.9
R96 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	17.0 ± 0.9
R119 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	3.92 ± 0.08
R125 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	7.3 ± 0.3
R137 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	3.91 ± 0.10
R145 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	15.3 ± 1.2
R148 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	16.8 ± 1.2
R154 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$	7.82 ± 0.15
Isoleucine	
I3 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	2.9 ± 0.2
I9 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	5.8 ± 0.4
I17 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	6.6 ± 0.2
I27 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	2.7 ± 0.4
I29 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	3.6 ± 0.2
I50 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	8.8 ± 1.6
I58 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	4.9 ± 0.2
I78 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	4.9 ± 0.2
I100 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	4.02 ± 0.16
I150 $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$	6.0 ± 0.6

a) The transverse relaxation rates were measured at 18.8 T in the rotating frame using the pulse sequence shown in Supplementary Figure 7, using a 1 kHz ^{13}C spin-lock field and 21 relaxation delays: {0.001 s, 0.104 s, 0.002 s, 0.096 s, 0.004 s, 0.088 s, 0.008 s, 0.080 s, 0.012 s, 0.072 s, 0.016 s, 0.064 s, 0.020 s, 0.056 s, 0.024 s, 0.048 s, 0.028 s, 0.040 s, 0.032 s, 0.008 s, 0.032 s, 0.096 s}. Standard derivations of the reported relaxation rates are obtained using the co-variance method¹⁶.

Supplementary Table 3: Three-bond $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^{\alpha}$ scalar couplings measured for arginine residues in T4L99A

Residue	$^3J_{\text{C}\alpha\text{C}\delta}$ (Hz) [^{13}C detected] ^{a)}		$^3J_{\text{C}\alpha\text{C}\delta}$ (Hz) [^1H detected] ^{b)}	
	298 K		278 K	298 K
	T = 14.1 ms	T = 28.1 ms	T=14.1 ms	T = 28.1 ms
R8	4.66 ± 0.08	4.68 ± 0.05	4.78 ± 0.11	4.76 ± 0.13
R14	3.25 ± 0.05	3.23 ± 0.02	3.23 ± 0.08	3.10 ± 0.01
R52	5.84 ± 0.06	5.92 ± 0.09	5.53 ± 0.43	<i>N/A</i>
R76	5.15 ± 0.02	5.26 ± 0.02	5.33 ± 0.04	4.99 ± 0.03
R80	4.96 ± 0.02	5.02 ± 0.02	5.19 ± 0.04	4.89 ± 0.02
R95	5.60 ± 0.30	<i>N/A</i>	6.94 ± 0.81	<i>N/A</i>
R96	6.20 ± 0.15	<i>N/A</i>	6.86 ± 0.41	<i>N/A</i>
R119	4.68 ± 0.02	4.59 ± 0.02	4.74 ± 0.03	4.27 ± 0.06
R125	4.81 ± 0.04	4.90 ± 0.03	4.97 ± 0.08	4.74 ± 0.18
R137	4.41 ± 0.03	4.55 ± 0.02	4.80 ± 0.03	4.53 ± 0.02
R145	6.20 ± 0.08	6.16 ± 0.15	5.86 ± 0.40	<i>N/A</i>
R148	5.43 ± 0.08	5.90 ± 0.11	5.38 ± 0.41	<i>N/A</i>
R154	5.46 ± 0.02	5.51 ± 0.02	5.50 ± 0.05	5.49 ± 0.03

a) Obtained at 18.8 T on a uniformly isotope labelled [$^2\text{H}^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$]-T4L L99A sample using the pulse sequence in Supplementary Figure 11; experimental details in online methods. The standard deviations of the calculated $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ were estimated using a Monte-Carlo procedure to propagate the errors from the peak intensities, that in turn were estimated from the RMSD of a spectral region where no peaks were observed. b) Obtained at 18.8 T on a selectively isotope labelled [$\text{U-}^2\text{H}^{12}\text{C}$; Arg/Lys $^1\text{H}^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$]-T4L99A sample using a three-dimensional version of the method by Bax and co-workers¹⁴; experimental details in online methods. For the ^1H -detected experiments, the error was determined as the root-mean-square-deviation of two experiments.

Supplementary Table 4: Assignment and three-bond $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^{\alpha}$ scalar couplings measured for isoleucine residues in MSG

Residue	$\delta(^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1})$ (ppm) ^{a)}	$\delta(^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1})$ (ppm) ^{a)}	$^3J_{\text{C}^{\alpha}\text{C}^{\delta 1}}$ (Hz) ^{b)}
I5	12.18	26.32	2.38±0.10
I12	14.81	26.92	3.3±0.3
I42	14.01	29.68	3.5±0.2
I60	11.49	29.75	3.6±0.2
I105	9.57	25.11	2.7±0.3
I109	13.84	27.67	3.3±0.3
I147	12.93	28.65	3.5±0.2
I148	10.66	25.86	2.1±0.3
I167	13.59	27.55	<i>N/A</i>
I200	15.46	28.47	<1.5 ^c
I229	9.94	25.13	<1.5 ^c
I238	13.05	26.88	2.8±0.2
I242	11.67	26.48	<i>N/A</i>
I248	11.62	28.01	3.8±0.5
I256	11.06	27.20	<2.5 ^c
I260	10.51	27.34	<2.5 ^c
I265	8.80	25.51	<i>N/A</i>
I268	12.91	26.70	3.0±0.4
I284	12.51	29.51	<i>N/A</i>
I309	12.62	26.12	2.6±0.4
I327	12.44	25.84	3.62±0.08
I337	13.93	28.47	2.0±0.3
I346	13.21	27.76	3.8±0.3
I349	14.23	28.70	3.0±0.5
I357	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
I361	12.09	27.37	<i>N/A</i>
I370	13.14	30.23	3.7±0.6
I388	11.96	26.28	<i>N/A</i>
I409	12.44	28.34	4.5 ± 0.7
I424	14.28	26.22	<i>N/A</i>
I439	13.05	29.05	3.4±0.5
I449	13.44	24.01	3.7±0.4

I482	13.76	29.78	4.0±0.3
I504	12.66	25.60	<2.1 ^c
I560	13.11	27.17	3.5±0.4
I579	13.94	24.53	N/A
I592	13.06	28.37	3.8±0.4
I603	13.63	28.61	N/A
I615	11.97	25.63	3.26±0.13
I623	13.97	28.75	3.7±0.4
I637	14.01	28.02	N/A ^d
I642	15.27	26.77	<2.5 ^c
I650	7.48	26.45	<2.1
I697	14.03	28.05	N/A ^d

a) Assignment based on the assignment by Tugarinov and Kay^{8,17} and the 3D-CC TOCSY experiment, Fig. 2b and Supplementary Figure 8, and correlations in the 3D ${}^3J_{C\alpha C\delta 1}$ experiment. b) The standard deviations of the calculated ${}^3J_{CC}$ were estimated using a Monte-Carlo procedure to propagate the errors from the peak intensities, that in turn were estimated from the RMSD of a spectral region where no peaks were observed. c) Only diagonal peak, ${}^{13}C^{\delta 1}-{}^{13}C^{\gamma 1}-{}^{13}C^{\delta 1}$ observed and a maximum value for ${}^3J_{C\alpha C\delta 1}$ has been estimated from the intensity of the diagonal peak and the noise level. d) I637 and I697 are overlapped in the ${}^{13}C^{\delta 1}-{}^{13}C^{\gamma 1}$ spectrum.

Supplementary Table 5: Carrier frequencies used for obtaining residue-specific ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra^a.

Experiment	$^{13}\text{C}_t$ (ppm)	$^{13}\text{C}_p$ (ppm)	$^2\text{H}_t$ (ppm) ^b	$^2\text{H}_p$ (ppm) ^b	$^1J_{CC}$ (Hz) ^c
Arg 2D $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$	42.65	26.55	3.11	1.55	35.8 ± 0.3
Lys 2D $^{13}\text{C}^\epsilon$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$					36.4 ± 1.0
Ile 2D $^{13}\text{C}^{\delta 1}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1}$	12.65	26.55	0.75	1.00	35.2 ± 0.5
Ile 2D $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$	16.65	38.05	0.78	1.78	36.1 ± 0.5
Pro 2D $^{13}\text{C}^\delta$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\gamma$	52.15	28.65	3.64	1.91	34.2 ± 0.4
Thr 2D $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$	19.40	68.90	1.14	4.16	36.4 ± 0.5
Val 2D $^{13}\text{C}^{\gamma 1,2}$ - $^{13}\text{C}^\beta$	20.65	31.65	0.65	1.83	35.6 ± 1.1

a) All chemical shifts are referred to DSS (4,4-dimethyl-4-silapentane-1-sulfonic acid). For referencing to TMS (tetramethylsilane), which is often used by Bruker spectrometers, 2.65 ppm¹⁸ is subtracted from all ^{13}C chemical shifts listed. b) The ^2H carrier frequencies are obtained from the BMRB¹. c) The one-bond couplings were measured in 2D ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation spectra as the splitting between the two components of the doublet. Average and standard deviation of the observed couplings are given.

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