

Supporting Information for
Architecture of the flexible tail tube of bacteriophage SPP1

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a

>gp17.1:

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1  MGMPETPIMGQDVKYLQSIDAATGSAPLFPAYQTDGSVSGERELFDEQQT
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101 NENDKYDAQFGFAYIESREYSDGVEGAVEISISLQVIGELKNGEIDTLPE
151 EIVNVSKGGYDFQQPGQTTGEAPGTVPAPHHHHHH

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b

> Δ N-3 gp17.1:

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Figure S1. Protein sequences of gp17.1 used in this study: a) gp17.1 wt and b) Δ N-3 gp17.1

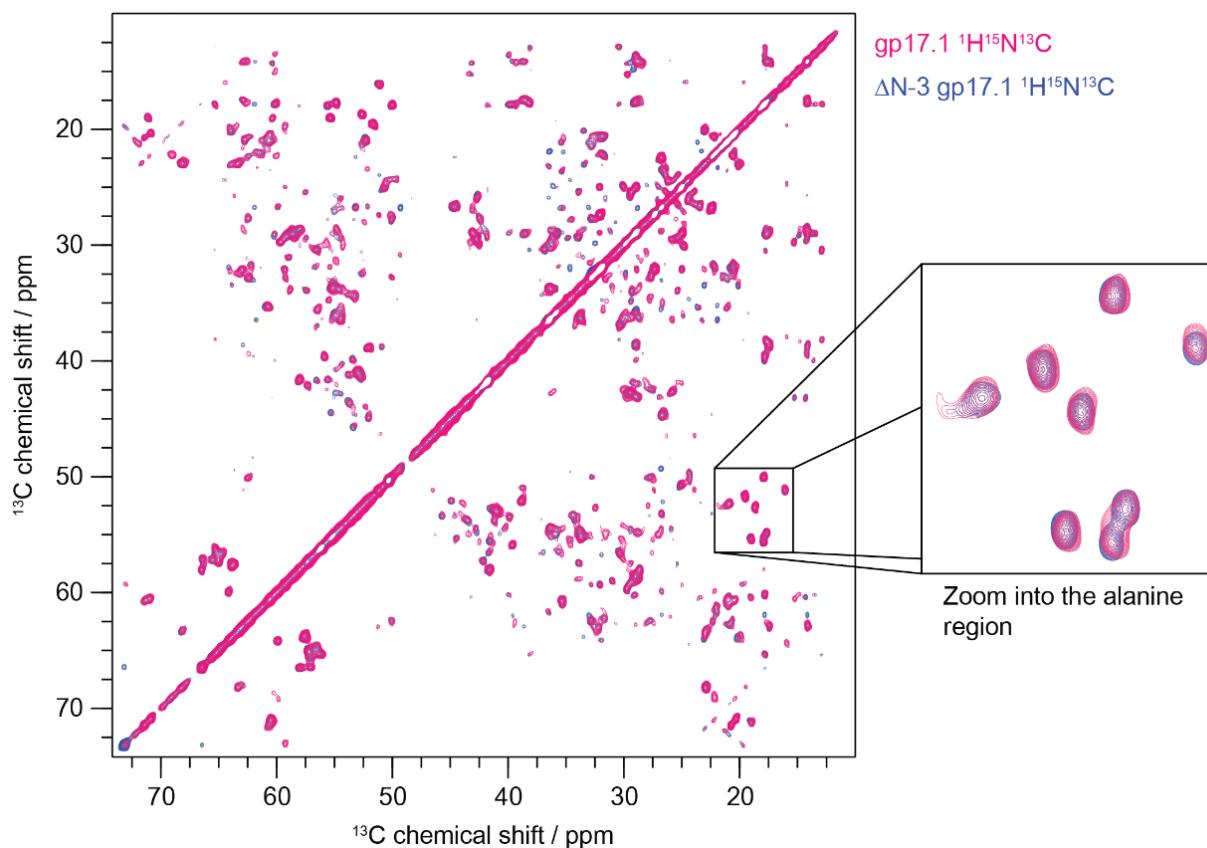


Figure S2. Aliphatic region of 2D hCC solid-state NMR correlation spectra of fully-protonated gp17.1 (pink) and Δ N-3 gp17.1 (blue) tail tubes at 11 kHz MAS and 900 MHz external magnetic field strength. The zoom into the alanine region reveals that both spectra show the same fingerprint, demonstrating that the N-terminal truncation does not impair the structural organization of the tail tube.

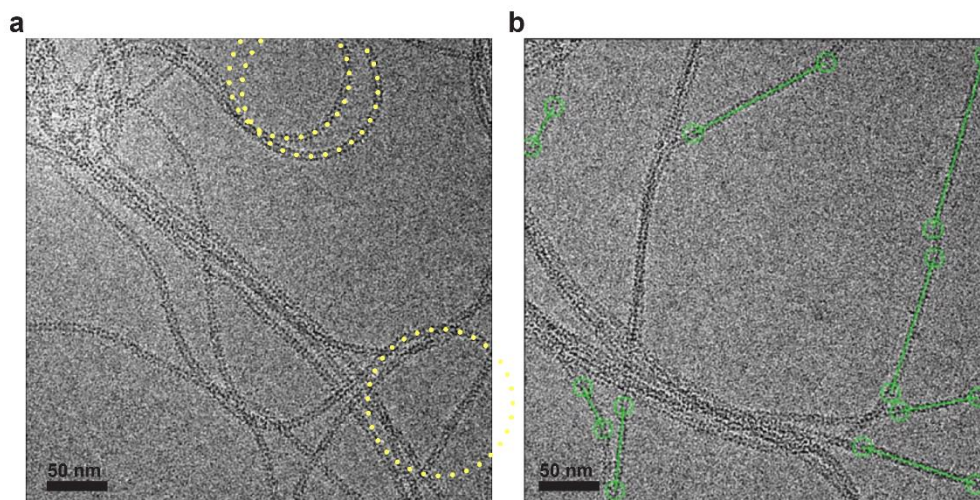


Figure S3. Typical micrographs of polymerized gp17.1 tail tubes. a) The flexible tubes show variable bending and cross each other. Yellow circles represent the maximum observed curvature of the tail tubes as described in the methods. The curvature was averaged over the five most bent tubes observed in the micrographs. b) Exemplary picked straight filament segments for cryo-EM image processing. The green circles label the starting and ending coordinates. The scale bar measures 50 nm.

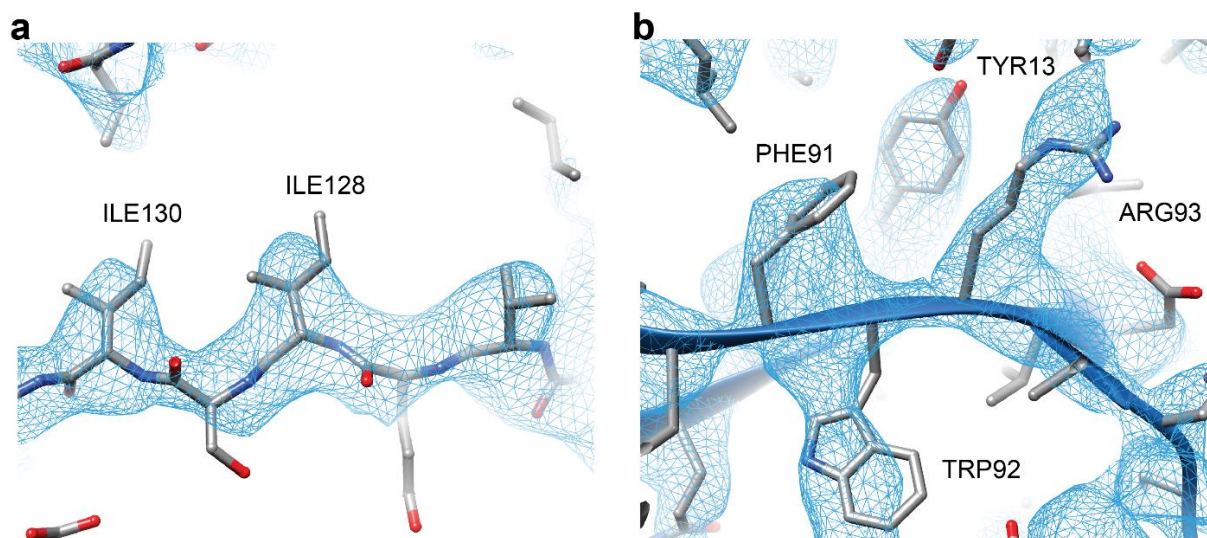


Figure S4. Quality of the cryo-EM map. Cryo-EM density of the inner (a) and outer β -sheet (b) resolves sidechains.

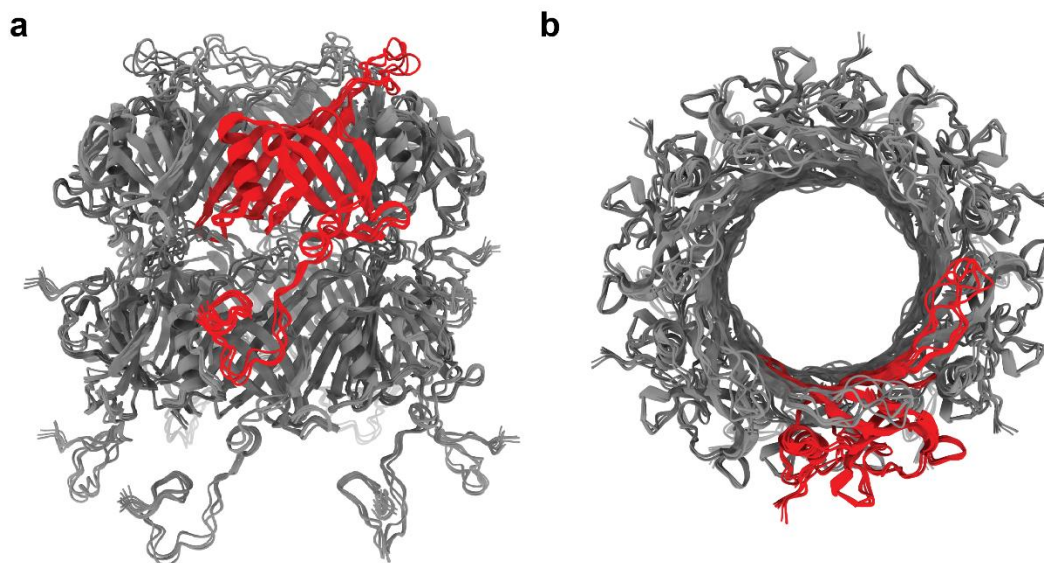


Figure S5. Final ten lowest-energy structures of two SPP1 tail-tube rings after hybrid structure calculation (PDB ID 6YQ5). One gp17.1 subunit within the top ring is highlighted in red. The assembly is shown from the side a) and from the top b). The direction of the tail structure is baseplate upwards.

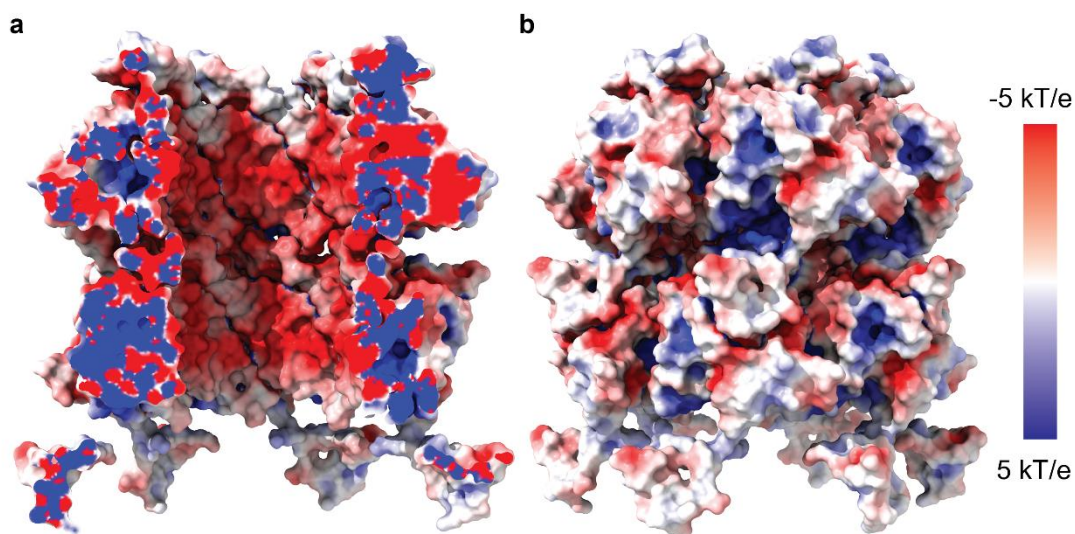


Figure S6. Electrostatic potential of two rings of the SPP1 phage tail-tube. The structure (PDB ID 6YQ5) was prepared with PDB2PQR¹ and the potential was computed with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver (APBS) program². The color gradient represents the electrostatic potential. The tail features a highly negatively charged lumen. The tail-tube is shown in a side view from the a) inside and b) outside. The direction of the tail structure is baseplate upwards.

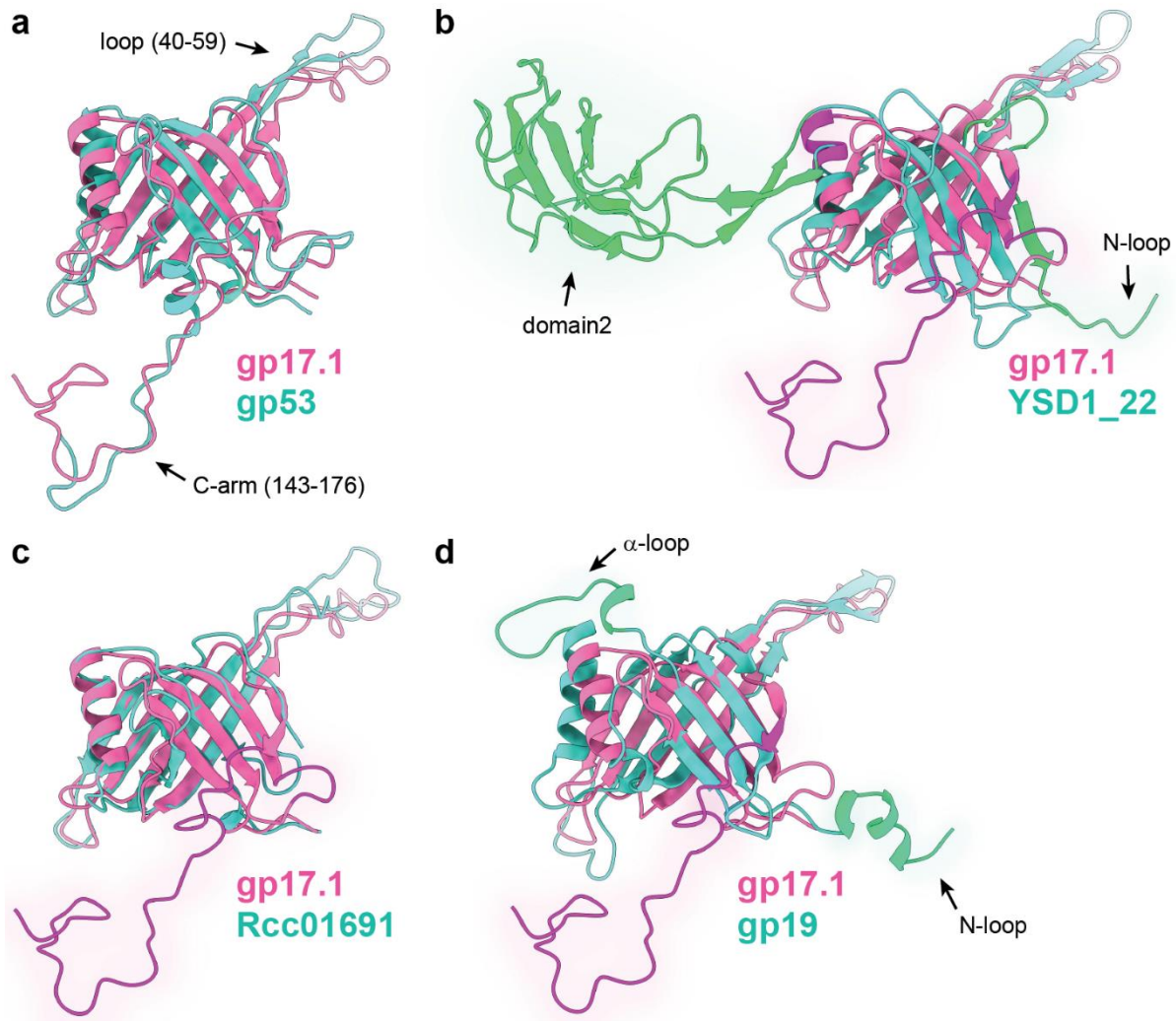


Figure S7. Structural alignment of the TTPs gp17.1 (*Siphoviridae*, SPP1 phage), and gp53³ (*Siphoviridae*, 80 α phage), YSD1_22⁴ (*Siphoviridae*, YSD1), Rcc01691⁵ (*Rhodobacter capsulatus*, gene transfer agent) and gp19⁶ (*Myoviridae*, T4 phage) disregarding additional Ig-like domains. Structural alignments were performed with ChimeraX using the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm with a BLOSUM-62 residue similarity matrix of weight 0.7 and secondary structure scoring of weight 0.3.⁷ In general, all TTPs share a common fold with RMSDs of 0.97 Å for gp17.1 and gp53 (a, between 67 pruned CA atom pairs), 1.16 Å for gp17.1 and YSD1_22 (b, between 11 pruned CA atom pairs), 1.08 Å for gp17.1 and Rcc01691 (c, between 35 pruned CA atom pairs), and 1.36 Å for gp17.1 and gp19 (d, between 21 pruned CA atom pairs). Structural differences are highlighted in magenta for gp17.1 and in green for the others. All TTPs share a common fold consisting of a β -sandwich-type fold that is flanked by an α -helix. gp17.1 and gp53 additionally feature similar loop regions – the C-arm (143-176) (even if not completely resolved in gp53) and the loop (40-59). YSD1_22 features an additional N-terminal loop (N-loop) and a domain (domain2) that embraces the neighboring subunit but lacks the ring-ring connecting C-terminal extension. Rcc01691 has no additional loops and lacks the ring-ring connecting C-terminal extension. gp19 lacks the ring-ring connecting C-terminal extension but has two additional loop regions (N-loop, α -loop).

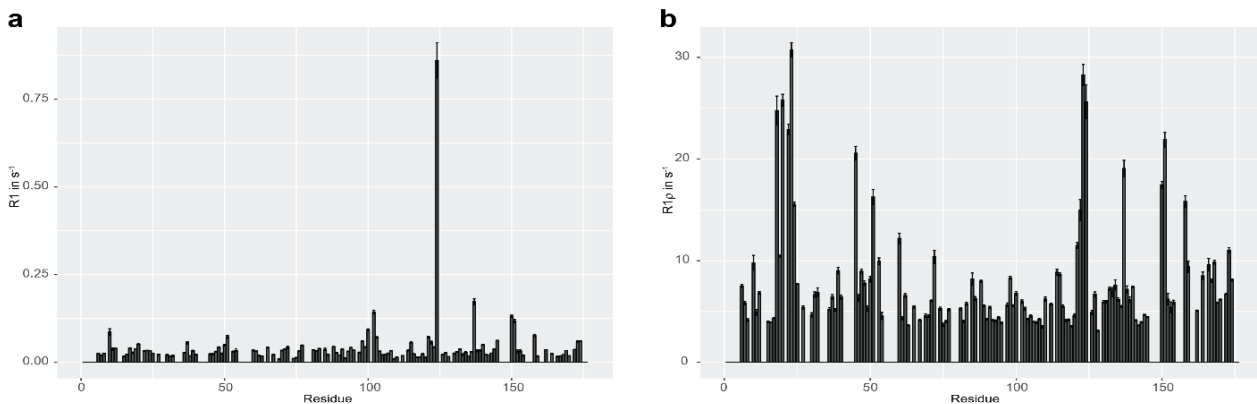


Figure S8. Relaxation rates a) R_1 and b) $R_{1\rho}$ as a function of residue number. Missing values represent residues that superimpose in the 2D hNH spectrum. The data were collected at 40 kHz MAS, 900 MHz external magnetic field strength and a temperature of +18 °C. The $R_{1\rho}$ rates were collected with a spin lock field of 5 kHz. The error bars represent twice the standard deviation of the fitting errors, which were estimated from Monte Carlo simulations with 1000 repetitions using the spectral noise level as input. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

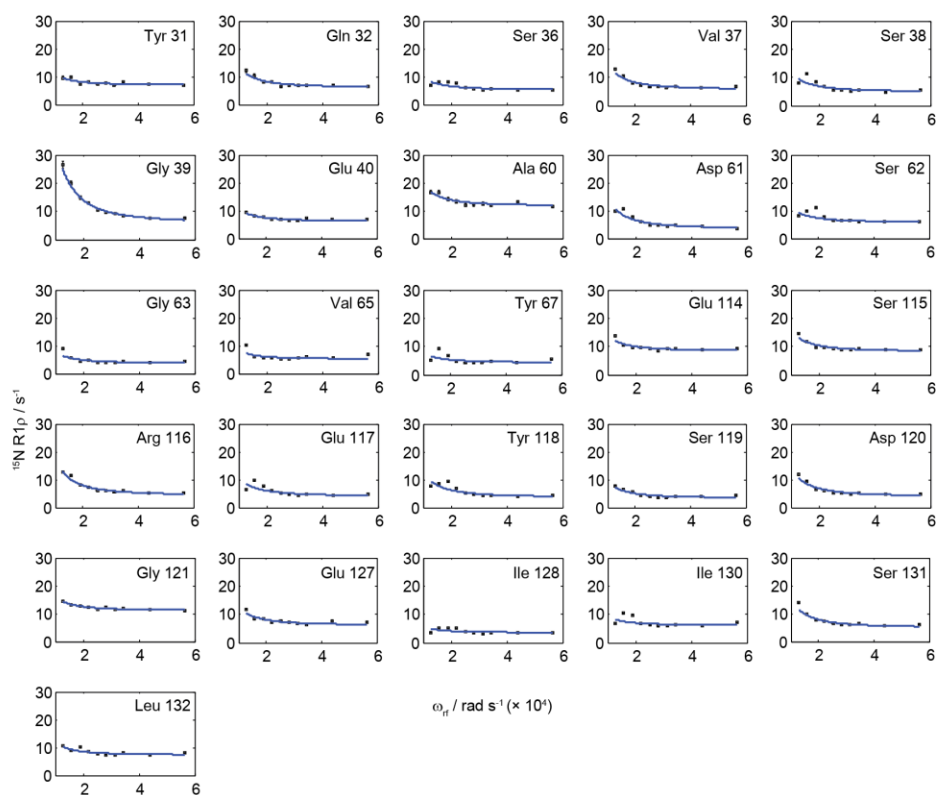


Figure S9. Combined fit of ^{15}N $R_{1\rho}$ relaxation dispersion plots of residues belonging to the inner β -barrel to a two-state Bloch McConnell exchange process. The fit was conducted with a global exchange coefficient k_{ex} , individual ϕ_{ex} and individual $R_{1\rho}$ rates. The data were collected at 40 kHz MAS, 900 MHz external magnetic field strength and a temperature of +18 °C. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

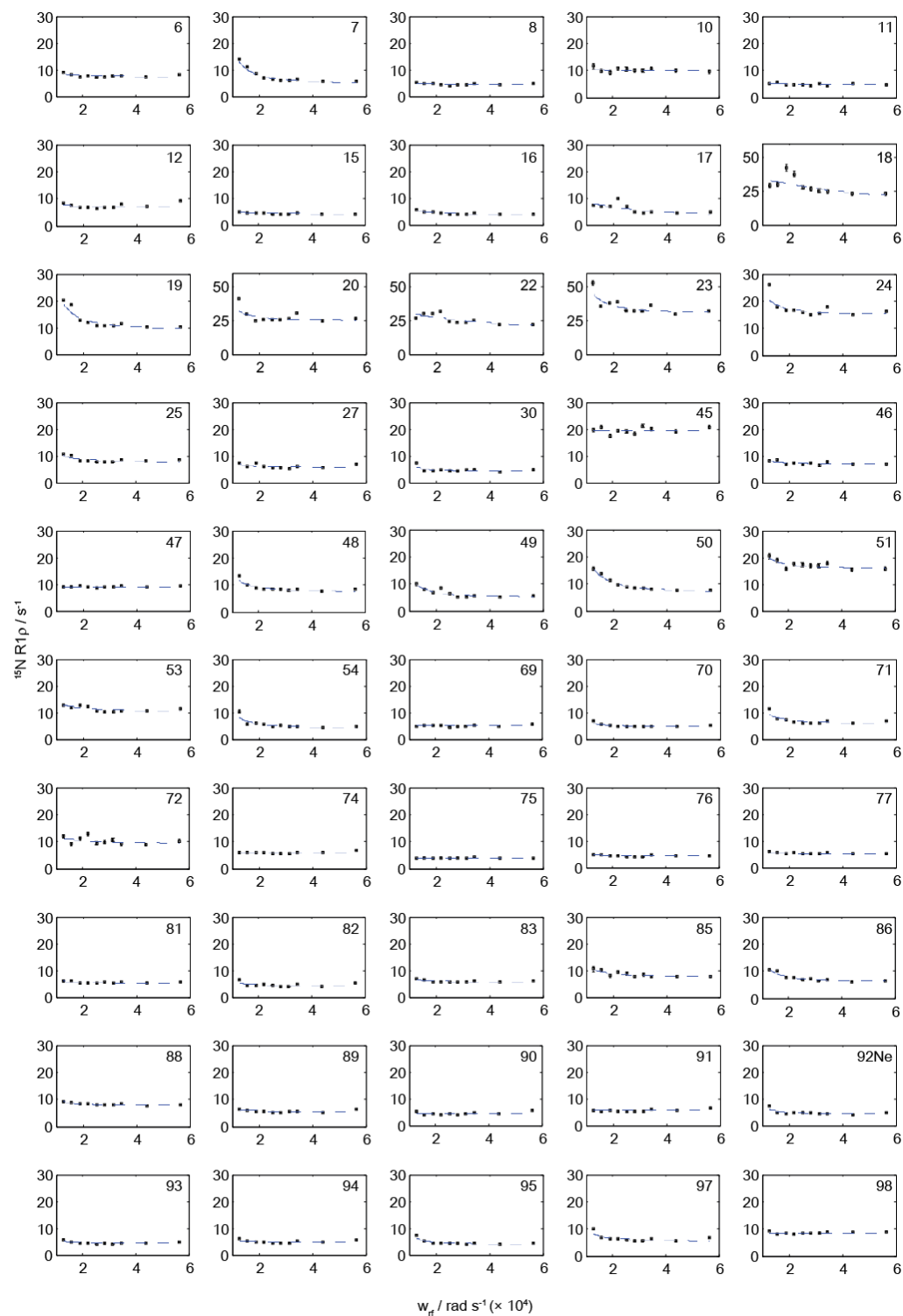


Figure S10. ^{15}N $R_{1\rho}$ relaxation dispersion plots of residues 6 to 98 of gp17.1. The line represents the best fit to a two-state Bloch McConnell equation as described in the Methods. Missing residues superimpose in the 2D ^1H NMR spectrum and/or are unassigned. The data were collected at 40 kHz MAS, 900 MHz external magnetic field strength and a temperature of +18 °C. Ile18, Ala20, Thr22 and Gly23 have a different y-axis scaling. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

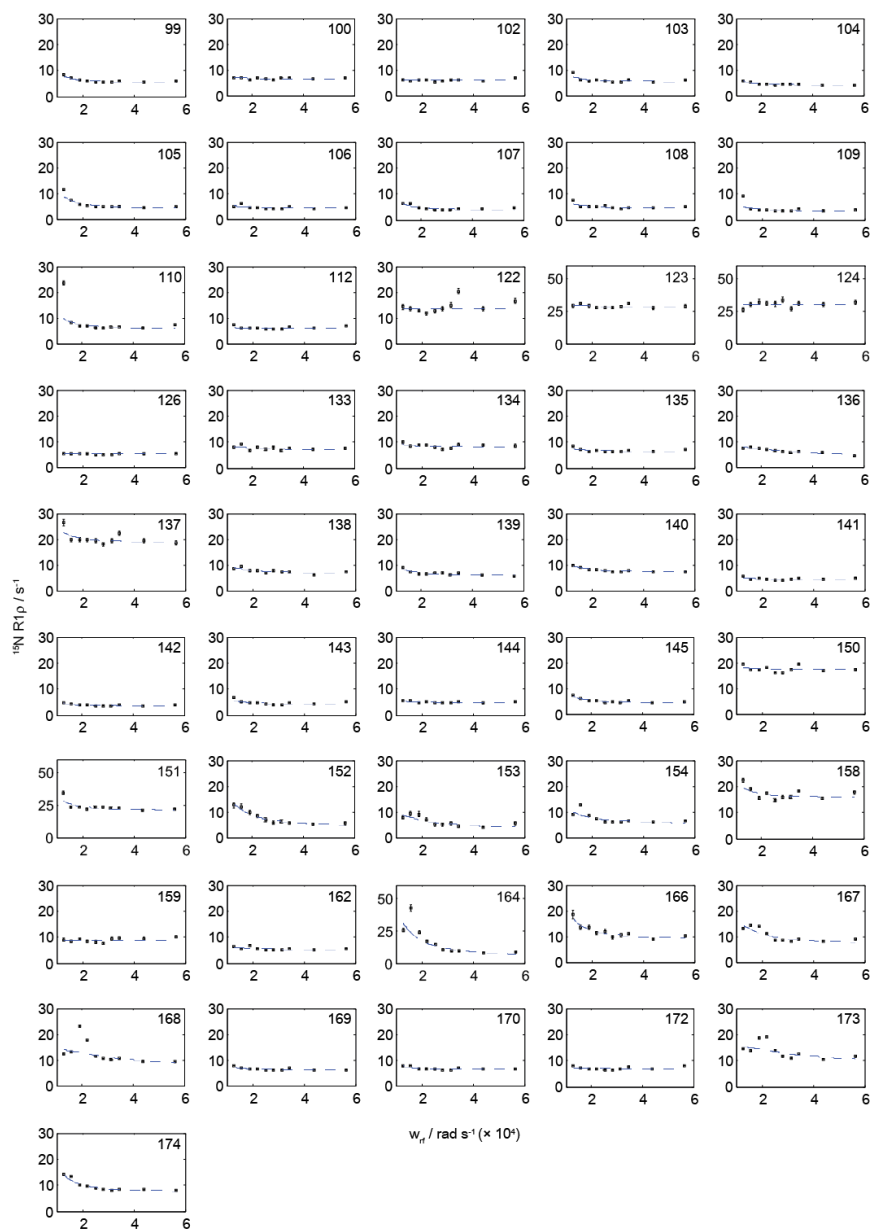


Figure S11. $^{15}\text{N} R_{1\rho}$ relaxation dispersion plots of residues 99 to 174 of gp17.1. The line represents the best fit to a two-state Bloch McConnell equation as described in the Methods. Missing residues superimpose in the 2D hNH spectrum and/or are unassigned. The data were collected at 40 kHz MAS, 900 MHz external magnetic field strength and a temperature of +18 °C. Glu123, Gly124, Val151 and Gly164 have a different y-axis scaling. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

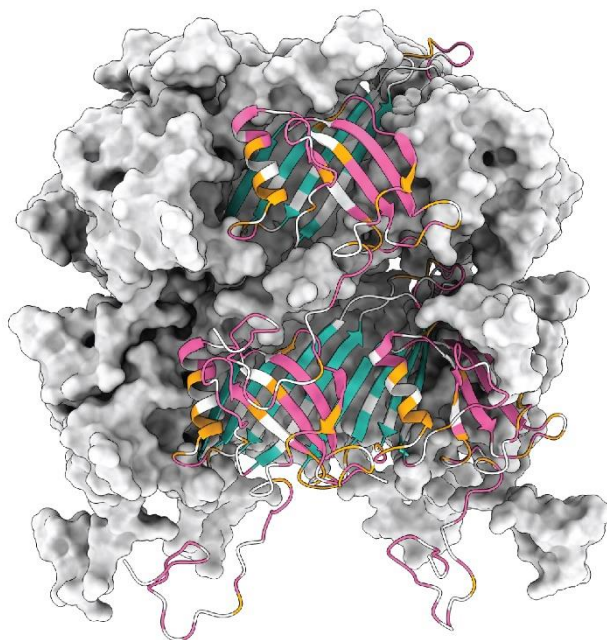


Figure S12. ^{15}N relaxation dispersion mapped onto three subunits of two rings of the SPP1 tail tube. Residues highlighted in pink and turquoise show non-flat relaxation dispersion profiles and are, thus, involved in motions on the millisecond timescale. Residues turquoise can be fitted in a combined manner to a two-state Bloch McConnell exchange process. Residues in orange show flat profiles, residues in white superimpose or are unassigned. The direction of the tail structure is baseplate upwards. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

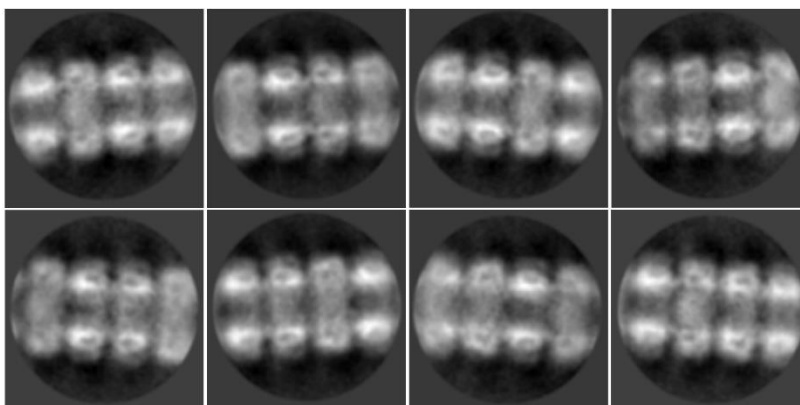


Figure S13. Exemplary 2D class averages for the straight segments.

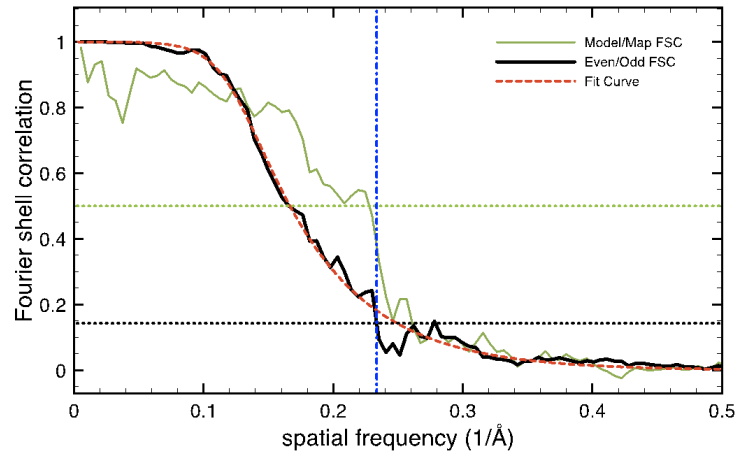


Figure S14. Fourier shell correlation (FSC) calculated between two half maps. According to the 0.143 criterion the obtained resolution is 4.3 Å. The FSC curve was fitted using $1/[e^{((x-A)/B)}+1]^C$, yielding $A=0.122$, $B=0.015$, and $C=0.228$. The fit yields a more robust resolution estimate of 4.0 Å (red). The model/map FSC (green) yields a similar cross-resolution estimate (at FSC of 0.5).

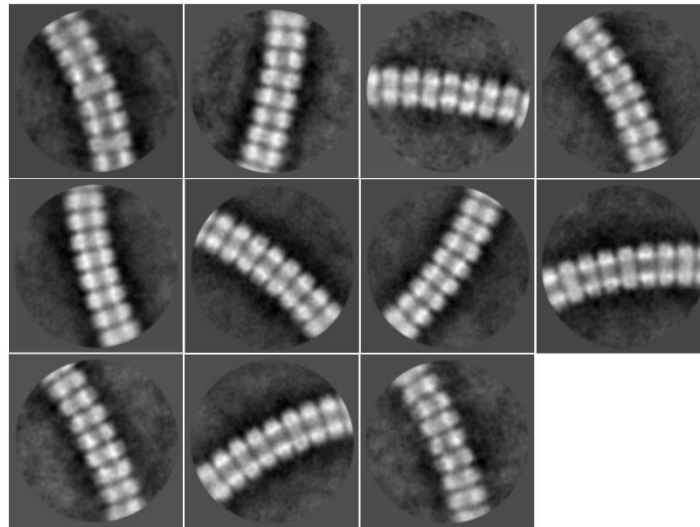


Figure S15. 2D class averages of bent tail tubes.

Table S1. Methyl-labeled and/or deuterated protein samples used in this study. The precursors were supplemented to the bacterial culture as described by us in Zinke et al. 2018 and in the protocols provided by NMR-Bio (Grenoble).

Labeling scheme	Labeling alias	Methyl-precursor
u-(² H, ¹³ C, ¹⁵ N)	uniform	n/a
isoleucine-(¹ H δ 1, ¹³ C δ 1)-u- ¹⁵ N	isoleucine-methyl	2-Ketobutyric acid-4- ¹³ C-3,3-d ₂ (Sigma Aldrich) ⁸
50% isoleucine-(¹ H δ 1, ¹³ C δ 1)-u- ¹⁴ N & 50% u- ¹⁵ N	isoleucine-methyl mix	2-Ketobutyric acid-4- ¹³ C-3,3-d ₂ (Sigma Aldrich) ⁸
alanine-(¹ H β , ¹³ C β)-u- ¹⁵ N	alanine-methyl	SLAM-A ⁹ Kit from NMR-Bio ⁹
50% alanine-(¹ H β , ¹³ C β)-u- ¹⁴ N & 50% u- ¹⁵ N	alanine-methyl mix	SLAM-A ⁹ Kit from NMR-Bio ⁹
leucine-(¹ H δ , ¹³ C δ) ^{proR} -valine-(¹ H γ , ¹³ C γ) ^{proR} -u- ¹⁵ N	LV-methyl	DLAM-LV ^{proR} Kit from NMR-Bio ¹⁰
50% leucine-(¹ H δ , ¹³ C δ) ^{proR} - valine-(¹ H γ , ¹³ C γ) ^{proR} -u- ¹⁴ N & 50% u- ¹⁵ N	LV-methyl mix	DLAM-LV ^{proR} Kit from NMR-Bio ¹⁰
threonine-(¹ H γ 2, ¹³ C γ 2)-u- ¹⁵ N	threonine-methyl	SLAM-T Kit from NMR-Bio ¹¹
50% threonine-(¹ H γ 2, ¹³ C γ 2)-u- ¹⁴ N & 50% u- ¹⁵ N	threonine-methyl mix	SLAM-T Kit from NMR-Bio ¹¹
methionine-(¹ H ϵ , ¹³ C ϵ)-u- ¹⁵ N	methionine methyl	SLAM-M ⁶ Kit from NMR-Bio ¹²
alanine-(¹ H β , ¹³ C β)-isoleucine-(¹ H δ 1, ¹³ C δ 1)-(¹ H γ 2, ¹³ C γ 2)-leucine-(¹ H δ , ¹³ C δ) ^{proR/proS} -valine-(¹ H γ , ¹³ C γ) ^{proR/proS} - u- ¹⁵ N	assignment	QLAM-A ⁹ ⁵¹ / ₂ LV ^{proR/proS} Kit from NMR-Bio ¹³

Table S2. Summary of the acquired solid-state NMR spectra including their purpose. Methyl-labeled and/or deuterated samples were studied at 40 kHz MAS. The fully-protonated samples were studied at 11 kHz MAS.

Summary of NMR spectra used in this study					
Spinning Speed (rotor type)	Protein Sequence	Experiments	Sample	Purpose	
11 kHz (3.2 mm)	gp17.1	2D hCC	fully-protonated	fingerprint	
	Δ N-3 gp17.1	2D hCC	fully-protonated	fingerprint	
40 kHz (1.9 mm)	gp17.1	2D hCH	isoleucine-methyl	fingerprint	
			alanine-methyl		
			LV-methyl		
			threonine-methyl		
			methionine methyl		
			assignment		
		3D HNhH	isoleucine-methyl	long-distance restraints	
			alanine-methyl		
			LV-methyl		
			threonine-methyl		
			methionine methyl		
			alanine-methyl mix		intermolecular long-distance restraints
			isoleucine-methyl mix		
3D HChH	isoleucine-methyl	long-distance restraints			
	LV-methyl				
	uniform		long-distance restraints		
4D HNhhNH					
pseudo-3D	uniform	relaxation rates			

Table S3. Parameters used for the spectral reconstruction of the non-uniformly sampled 4D spectrum. The reconstruction was conducted using the hms1ST software package.¹⁴

Experiment	Complex points after reconstruction			Iterations	Level Multiplier
	F1	F2	F3		
4D HNhhNH	48	30	48	3000	0.995

Table S4. Pulse program parameters. All experiments were conducted at a magic-angle spinning rate of 40 kHz and an external B_0 field corresponding to 900 MHz ^1H Larmor frequency. Unless mentioned otherwise, carrier positions were set to the center of the chemical shift range.

Parameter	Value			
Experiment	2D hCH	3D HNhH	3D HChH	4D HNhhNH
	Samples			
Labeling alias	isoleucine-methyl alanine-methyl LV-methyl threonine-methyl methionine methyl	isoleucine-methyl isoleucine-methyl mix alanine-methyl alanine-methyl mix LV-methyl LV-methyl mix threonine-methyl threonine-methyl mix methionine methyl	isoleucine-methyl LV-methyl	uniform
	Recycle delay			
Recycle delay	1 s	1.15 s	1 s	1 s
	90° initial ^1H excitation pulse			
R.f. power	100 kHz	100 kHz	100 kHz	83.3 kHz
Duration	2.5 μs	2.5 μs	2.5 μs	3 μs
Carrier position		8.5 ppm		8.5 ppm
	^1H evolution time			
WALTZ r.f. power		3.4 kHz (^{15}N)	4.9 kHz (^{13}C)	7.9 kHz (^{15}N)
WALTZ pulse duration		60 μs	60 μs	60 μs
WALTZ carrier position		117.7 ppm		117.7 ppm
	^1H-^{15}N CP step			
^1H r.f. power		81 kHz		78.7 kHz
^1H carrier position		8.5 ppm		8.5 ppm
^{15}N r.f. power		29.6 kHz		30.4 kHz
^{15}N carrier position		117.7 ppm		117.7 ppm
Ramp shape		Ramp 80-100% on ^1H		Ramp 80-100% on ^1H
Duration		1400 μs		900 μs
	^{15}N evolution time			
WALTZ r.f. power		9.5 kHz (^1H)		8.5 kHz (^1H)
WALTZ pulse duration		40 μs		50 μs
WALTZ carrier position		8.5 ppm		8.5 ppm
	^1H-^{13}C CP step			
^1H r.f. power	52.5 kHz		54.0 kHz	
^1H carrier position				
^{13}C r.f. power	10.2 kHz		10.2 kHz	
^{13}C carrier position				
Ramp shape	Ramp 80-100% on ^1H		Ramp 80-100% on ^1H	
Duration	2 ms		1.7 ms	
	^{13}C evolution time			
WALTZ r.f. power	2.8 kHz (^1H)		3.6 kHz (^1H)	
WALTZ pulse duration	40 μs		40 μs	
WALTZ carrier position				
	90° $^{15}\text{N}/^{13}\text{C}$ flip pulses			
R.f. power	50 kHz	35.7 kHz	50 kHz	35.7 kHz
Duration	5 μs	7 μs	5 μs	7 μs
Carrier position		117.7 ppm		117.7 ppm
	Water suppression			
T delay	44 ms	44 ms	44 ms	42 ms
Spoil pulse r.f. power	43.6 kHz	43.6 kHz	43.6 kHz	
Spoil pulse duration	1 ms	1 ms	1 ms	
Spoil pulse shape	Ramp 100-60%	Ramp 100-60%	Ramp 100-60%	
First pulse duration in train	33 ms	33 ms	33 ms	38 ms
Second pulse duration in train	56 ms	56 ms	56 ms	64.4 ms
Train r.f. power	13.8 kHz	13.8 kHz	13.8 kHz	16.4 kHz

Wat. sup. carrier position	4.9 ppm	4.9 ppm	4.9 ppm	4.9 ppm
Loops through train (n)	1	1	1	1
Gradient pulse shape				SINE.100
Gradient pulse power				100%
Gradient pulse duration				1 ms
Delay for ring down				500 μ s
¹⁵N-¹H CP step				
¹ H r.f. power		81.6 kHz		78.7 kHz
¹ H carrier position		8.5 ppm		8.5 ppm
¹⁵ N r.f. power		33.5 kHz		31.1 kHz
¹⁵ N carrier position		117.7 ppm		117.7 ppm
Ramp shape		Ramp 100-80% on ¹ H		Ramp 100-80% on ¹ H
Duration		900 μ s		800 μ s
¹³C-¹H CP step				
¹ H r.f. power	52.5 kHz		51.6 kHz	
¹ H carrier position				
¹³ C r.f. power	10.2 kHz		10.2 kHz	
¹³ C carrier position				
Ramp shape	Ramp 100-80% on ¹ H		Ramp 100-80% on ¹ H	
Duration	2 ms		900 μ s	
¹H-¹H RFDR Mixing				
RFDR r.f. power		100 kHz	100 kHz	100 kHz
RFDR mixing time		10 ms	6 ms	6 ms
2nd ¹H-¹⁵N CP step				
¹ H r.f. power				78.7 kHz
¹ H carrier position				8.5 ppm
¹⁵ N r.f. power				31.1 kHz
¹⁵ N carrier position				117.7 ppm
Ramp shape				Ramp 80-100% on ¹ H
Duration				800 μ s
Acquisition				
¹⁵ N WALTZ r.f. power		3.4 kHz		7.9 kHz
¹⁵ N WALTZ pulse duration		60 μ s		60 μ s
¹⁵ N WALTZ carrier position		117.7 ppm		117.7 ppm
¹³ C WALTZ r.f. power	9.8 kHz	5 kHz	4.9 kHz	
¹³ C WALTZ pulse duration	60 μ s	60 μ s	60 μ s	
¹³ C WALTZ carrier position		24.9 ppm		

Table S5. Acquisition parameters for 2D, 3D, and 4D spectra. The highest dimension is always the direct dimension. Parameters for 2D hCH, 3D HNhH, and 3D HChH spectra are exemplarily shown for the LV-methyl labeled species. Acquired points for further methyl-labeled samples vary due to inherently different chemical shift dispersions. The 4D HNhhNH spectrum was recorded on the uniformly labeled sample and with non-uniform sampling (25 %).

Experiment	Acquisition time / ms (number of complex points)				ns	Total Number of acquired points	Total Time
	F1	F2	F3	F4			
2D hCH (LV-methyl)	15.2 ms (38) (¹³ C)	20 ms (512) (¹ H)	N/A	N/A	48	76	1 h 23 min
3D HNhH (LV-methyl)	7.5 ms (30) (¹ H)	15 ms (45) (¹⁵ N)	20 ms (512) (¹ H)	N/A	16	5400	1 d 15 h 34 min
3D HChH (LV-methyl)	7 ms (14) (¹ H)	10 ms (21) (¹³ C)	20 ms (512) (¹ H)	N/A	32	1176	15 h 41 min
4D HNhhNH	10.6 ms (32) (¹⁵ N)	6.2 ms (23) (¹ H)	10.6 ms (32) (¹⁵ N)	21.3 ms (512) (¹ H)	8	47448/188416	7 d 2 h 28 min

Table S6. Processing parameters for 2D, 3D and 4D spectra. The highest dimension is always the direct dimension.

Experiment	Points after FT				Window function			
	F1	F2	F3	F4	F1	F2	F3	F4
2D hCH	1k (¹³ C)	4k (¹ H)	N/A	N/A	sin ² , φ=45°	sin ² , φ=45°	N/A	N/A
3D HNhH	128 (¹ H)	128 (¹⁵ N)	4k (¹ H)	N/A	sin ² , φ=60°	sin ² , φ=60°	sin ² , φ=60°	N/A
3D HChH	128 (¹ H)	128 (¹³ C)	2k (¹ H)	N/A	sin ² , φ=60°	sin ² , φ=60°	sin ² , φ=60°	N/A
4D HNhhNH	64 (¹⁵ N)	64 (¹ H)	64 (¹⁵ N)	1k (¹ H)	sin ² , φ=90°	sin ² , φ=90°	sin ² , φ=90°	sin ² , φ=60°

Table S7. Values for the fitting of the relaxation dispersion profiles of the inner β-barrel residues to a two-state Bloch McConnell exchange process. Exemplary chemical shift differences between the two sites p_A (95%) and p_B (5%) are extracted from the φ_{ex} individual values.

Residue	Global exchange coefficient k _{ex} (s ⁻¹)	Individual φ _{ex} (10 ³ rad ² s ⁻²)	Individual R _{1ρ} (s ⁻¹)	Chemical shift differences (ppm)
31	4500 ± 2300	106 ± 90	6.97 ± 0.39	2.64 ± 2.23
32		200 ± 200	6.10 ± 0.66	3.65 ± 3.61
36		120 ± 94	5.28 ± 0.20	2.81 ± 2.19
37		240 ± 190	5.75 ± 0.40	3.93 ± 3.23
38		180 ± 140	4.95 ± 0.21	3.48 ± 2.66
39		760 ± 630	5.90 ± 0.59	7.07 ± 5.83
40		118 ± 84	6.18 ± 0.27	2.78 ± 1.98
60		200 ± 170	11.67 ± 0.78	3.65 ± 3.11
61		290 ± 230	3.51 ± 0.27	4.35 ± 3.54
62		141 ± 95	5.79 ± 0.28	3.05 ± 2.03
63		111 ± 89	3.69 ± 0.13	2.70 ± 2.17
65		81 ± 61	5.21 ± 0.14	2.31 ± 1.72
67		93 ± 65	4.29 ± 0.12	2.47 ± 1.72
114		150 ± 120	8.43 ± 0.52	3.11 ± 2.57
115		196 ± 15	8.26 ± 0.24	3.59 ± 2.91
116		340 ± 260	4.37 ± 0.22	4.70 ± 3.57
117		180 ± 130	4.11 ± 0.19	3.44 ± 2.55
118		240 ± 160	3.74 ± 0.22	3.93 ± 2.60
119		150 ± 130	3.41 ± 0.19	3.18 ± 2.72
120		270 ± 210	4.02 ± 0.24	4.20 ± 3.24
121		130 ± 110	11,11 ± 0.39	2.94 ± 2.41
127		180 ± 120	6.19 ± 0.48	3.41 ± 2.27
128		53 ± 44	3.55 ± 0.14	1.86 ± 1.54
130		82 ± 60	6.13 ± 0.24	2.32 ± 1.70
131		270 ± 200	5.02 ± 0.22	4.17 ± 3.19
132		120 ± 100	7.30 ± 0.23	2.79 ± 2.38

Table S8. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics

	EMD-10792, PDB ID 6YEG
Data collection and processing	
Magnification	110,000
Voltage (kV)	200
Total dose (e ⁻ /Å ²)	70
Exposure time (s)	3
Movie frames (no.)	120
Defocus range (μm)	-0.2 to -1.7
Pixel size (Å)	0.935
No. Micrographs	855
Symmetry imposed	
Helical rise (Å)	C6, helical 38.46
Helical twist (°)	21.89
Final fibril images (no.)	1866
Final particle images (no.)	5965
Map resolution (Å)	4.3
FSC threshold	0.143
Refinement	
Initial density model used	sphere model based on estimated helical symmetry
Model composition	
Non-hydrogen atoms	15768
Protein residues	2064
Chains	12
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.0063
Bond angles (°)	1.32
Validation	
MolProbity score	2.24
Clashscore	11.2
Poor rotamers (%)	0.8
Ramachandran plot	
Favored (%)	84.4
Disallowed (%)	0.3

Table S9. Overview of long-range distance restraints from solid-state NMR. The numbers of spectrally unambiguous (chemical shift cutoffs ¹⁵N ~0.15 ppm, ¹³C ~0.15 ppm, ¹HN ~0.05 ppm, ¹Hmethyl ~0.03 ppm) restraints are shown in brackets.

Categories	Sequence separation
intra-residue	0
sequential	1
medium-range	2-4
long-range	>4
NMR inter (only between subunits)	
intra-residue	0
sequential	0
medium-range	0
long-range	17
total (spectrally unambiguous)	17 (9)
NMR ambiguous (within and between subunits)	
intra-residue	12
sequential	120
medium-range	75
long-range	480
total (spectrally unambiguous)	687 (406)
Hydrogen bonds (within subunit)	
intra-residue	0
sequential	0
medium-range	16
long-range	80
Hydrogen bonds (between subunits)	
intra-residue	0
sequential	0
medium-range	0
long-range	12

Table S10. Violations of solid-state NMR long-range distance restraints.

NMR inter (only between subunits)	Number
total number of restraints	17
violations 7.0 – 8.0 Å	1
violations 8.0 – 9.0 Å	1
violations 9.0 – 10.0 Å	0
violations > 10 Å	0

NMR ambiguous (within and between subunits)	Number
total number of restraints	687
violations 7.0 – 8.0 Å	63
violations 8.0 – 9.0 Å	35
violations 9.0 – 10.0 Å	18
violations > 10 Å	9

Table S11. Ensemble RMSDs after hybrid structure calculation (PDB ID 6YQ5). For each pair from the ensemble the RMSD between coordinates of an atom selection was computed using the Kabsch algorithm. These values were then averaged over all combinations and the standard deviation of these was computed. There is significant difference between the RMSDs within a single subunit and the corresponding RMSD values computed for the entire assembly.

Subunit	RMSD
C-alpha atoms	1.1 ± 0.5 Å
Backbone atoms	1.1 ± 0.5 Å
Heavy atoms	1.8 ± 0.9 Å

Full assembly (12-mer)	RMSD
C-alpha atoms	1.1 ± 0.5 Å
Backbone atoms	1.1 ± 0.5 Å
Heavy atoms	1.8 ± 0.9 Å

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