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DEER spectroscopy of channelrhodopsin-2 helix B movements in trapped photocycle intermediates

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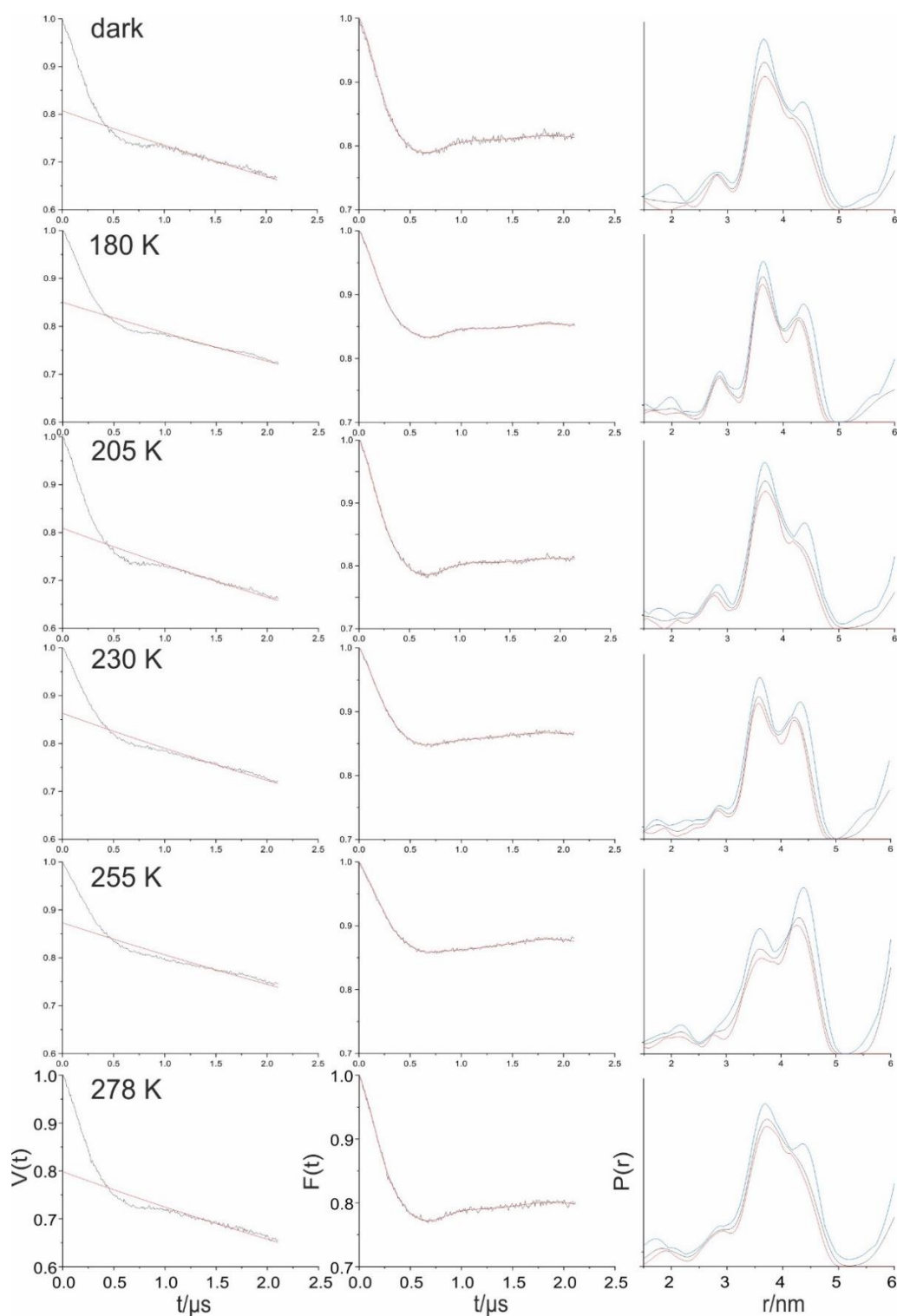


Fig. S1 Monitoring the interspin distance between helix B sites, C79R1 and C79R1', of solubilized ChR2 in the dark state and in trapped light activated intermediates relaxed at the given temperatures. (Left column) Dipolar evolution function, $V(t)$, (black) with background fit (red) (background start at 232 ns). (Middle column) Form factor, $F(t)$, (black) with fits using the model-free Tikhonov regularization (red). Modulation depths vary due to different degree of inversion by the pump pulse. The corresponding distance distributions, $P(r)$, are shown in Fig. 4C. (Right column) DEER data validation: Optimal distance distribution, $P(r)$, (black) with maximum error estimates corresponding to plus/minus two times the standard deviations (blue, red). Calculations were performed with the validation tool of DeerAnalysis [1] with variable background start (range: 232 ns - 1232 ns) and density (range: 0.3 - 1.2), and upon addition of noise ($L_{\text{noise}} = 1.5$). The optimal regularization parameters varied between 100 (for 180 K) and 316 (for 278 K).

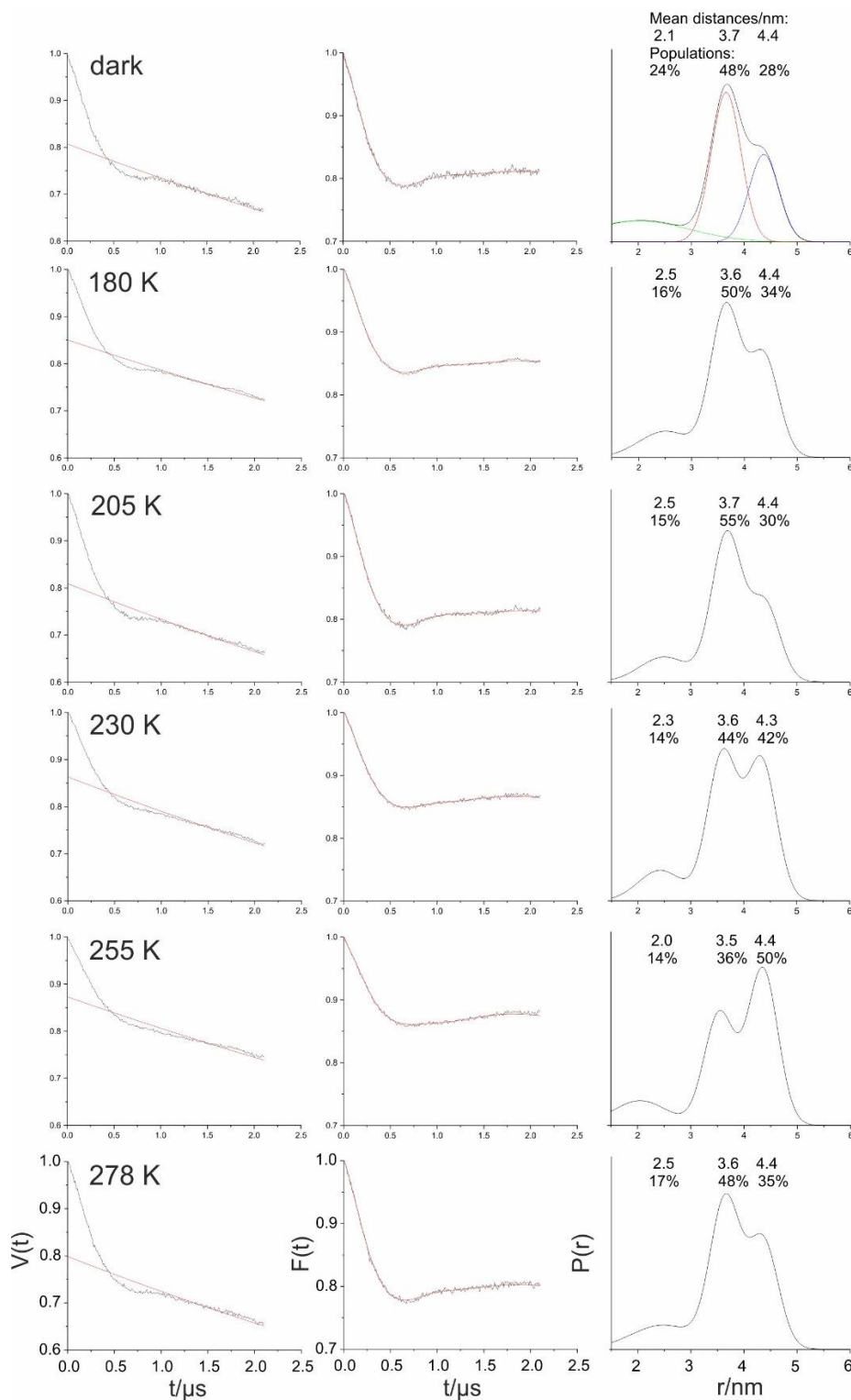


Fig. S2 Analysis of the DEER data shown in Fig. S1 using a distance distribution modeled by the sum of three Gaussians. (Left column) Dipolar evolution function, $V(t)$, (black) with background fit (red). (Middle column) Form factor, $F(t)$, (black) with fits using the sum of three Gaussians (red). (Right column) Distance distribution, $P(r)$, (black) determined from the fits with mean distances and populations of the individual Gaussians depicted above their maxima. The FWHM of the Gaussian below 3 nm varied between 1.9 and 2.5 nm, for the two other Gaussians the FWHM was fixed at 0.67 nm. The calculations were performed with DeerAnalysis [1].

[1] G. Jeschke, V. Chechik, P. Ionita, A. Godt, H. Zimmermann, J. Banham, C. Timmel, D. Hilger, and H. Jung, *Applied Magnetic Resonance* 30, 473 (2006)