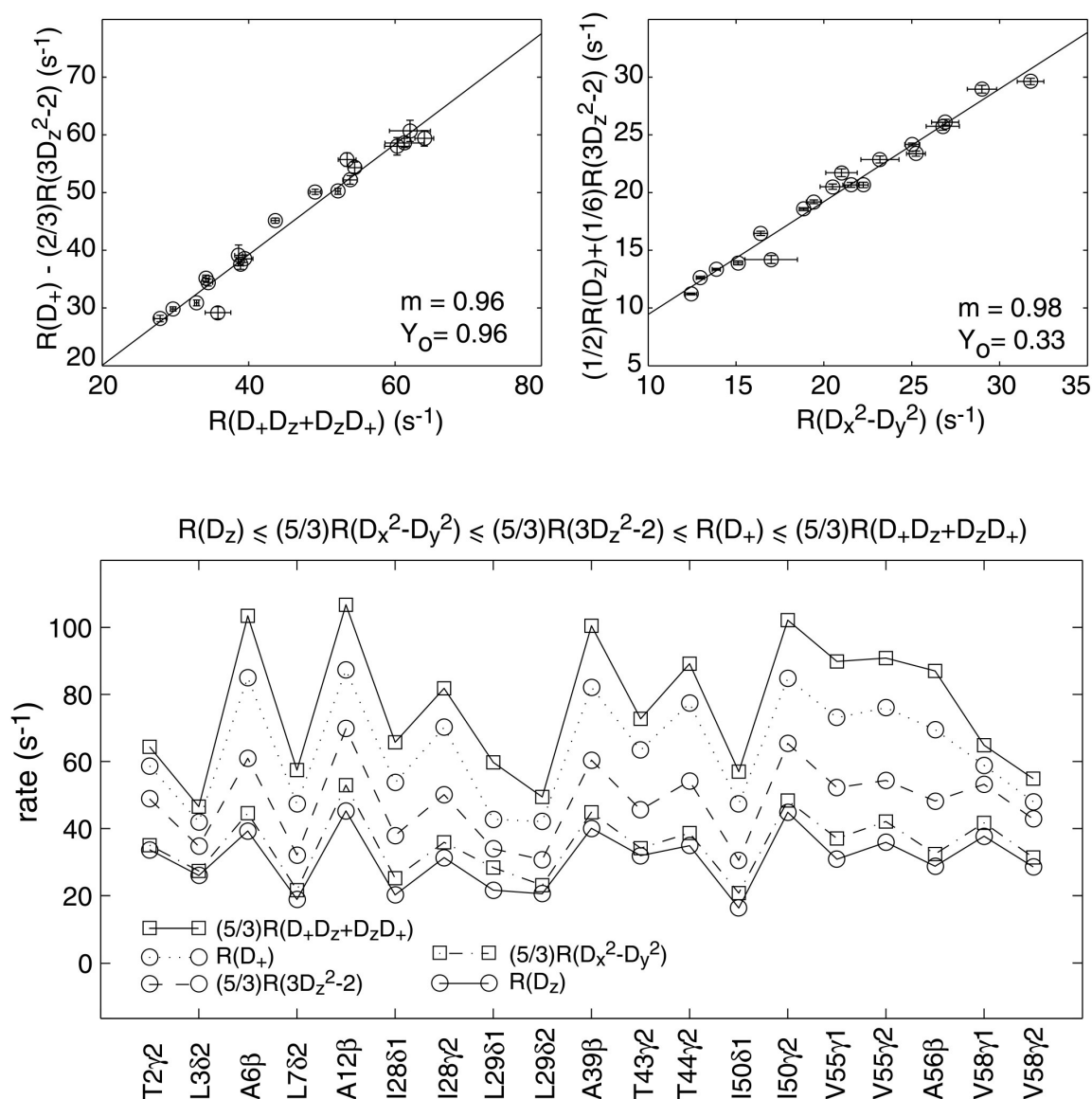


Supplemental Figure 1. Plots of peak volume as a function of relaxation delay for five deuterium spin operators from $^{13}\text{CH}_2\text{D}$ methyl groups in the SH3 domain of the Fyn tyrosine kinase (chicken isoform), isotopically labeled with ^{15}N , ^{13}C and $\approx 50\%$ ^2H .



Supplemental Figure 2. Graphical verification of equality relationships that exist within the set of five deuterium relaxation rates, top panels, establishing the consistency of the experimental data. The experimental relaxation rates of a given spin operator are designated by $R(\text{spin operator})$. For any given deuterium nucleus, the experimentally determined rate indicated on the X axis should be equal to the linear combination of experimental rates indicated on the Y axis. Straight lines were fit to the data by linear regression and follow the equation $Y = Y_0 + mX$. Graphical verification of inequality relationships between experimental deuterium relaxation rates, bottom panel. The inequalities are listed at the top of the panel. Consistency is verified when the five lines do not to cross.

Supplemental Table 1. Methyl axis order parameters and normalized order parameters for the SH3 domain from Fyn tyrosine kinase.

methyl	$S^2_{axis}^a$	$\delta S^2_{axis}^b$	$S^2_{norm}^c$
T2 C γ 2	0.45	0.02	-1.90
L3 C δ 2	0.31	0.01	-0.77
A6 C β	0.91	0.03	
L7 C δ 2	0.56	0.01	0.47
A12 C β	0.85	0.02	
I28 C δ 1	0.66	0.01	1.08
I28 C γ 2	0.76	0.01	0.39
L29 C δ 1	0.43	0.02	-0.18
L29 C δ 2	0.42	0.01	-0.23
A39 C β	0.85	0.02	
T43 C γ 2	0.61	0.01	-0.73
T44 C γ 2	0.82	0.02	0.78
I50 C δ 1	0.60	0.01	0.77
I50 C γ 2	0.79	0.02	0.68
V55 C γ 1	0.82	0.01	1.07
V55 C γ 2	0.79	0.01	0.90
A56 C β	0.83	0.01	
V58 C γ 1	0.42	0.01	-1.17
V58 C γ 2	0.39	0.01	-1.34

^aMethyl axis order parameters calculated from five deuterium relaxation rates using the simplest Lipari-Szabo model¹ and a global correlation time obtained from backbone ¹⁵N relaxation data (3.35 ns).

^bExperimental uncertainties in methyl axis order parameter values determined by Monte Carlo propagation of uncertainties in experimentally determined relaxation rates.

^cNormalized methyl axis order parameters calculated using Equation 2 in the text. Alanine residues have not been included since they reflect motions of the backbone.

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Supplemental Table 2. Means and standard deviations of S^2_{axis} values

methyl	μ_{meth} ^a	σ_{meth} ^b	sample ^c
Ala C β	0.81	0.10	46
Thr C γ 2	0.72	0.14	22
Val C γ 1,2	0.63	0.18	52
Ile C γ 2	0.71	0.11	30
Ile C δ 1	0.47	0.20	33
Leu C δ 1,2	0.47	0.20	92
Met C ϵ	0.22	0.12	17

^aMean of S^2_{axis} values for a given methyl type in a database of eight proteins².

^bStandard deviation of S^2_{axis} values for a given methyl type.

^cNumber of methyl groups used.

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