## **Experimental section:**

All measurements performed with a Bruker AV-750 spectrometer equipped with a double channel CP-MAS probe head and using a <sup>13</sup>C radio frequency of 188 MHz, a MAS rate of 12 kHz and sample temperatures of 253K. 2D CHHC/CP<sup>3</sup> spectra were recorded at <sup>1</sup>H diffusion times of 200 μs and 325 μs for the U-LH2 sample and at 250 μs and 325 μs for the 2.3-LH2 sample. <sup>1,2</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H π/2 pulse was set to 3.1μs, corresponding with a nutation frequency of 80.6 kHz. The initial CP contact time was set to 256μs. Short CP contact times of 128μs enclosing the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H spin diffusion step were used in order to ensure that the polarization transfer was restricted to directly bonded <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C spin pairs. Two-pulse phase modulation (TPPM) proton decoupling was applied during the evolution and detection periods. <sup>3</sup> The total acquisition time for each 2D dataset was between 20-24 h. All spectra were processed using QSINE window functions in F1 and F2 and analyzed using the program SPARKY (T. D. Goddard & D. G. Kneller, University of California).

## 1D CHHC/CP<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the U-LH2 sample

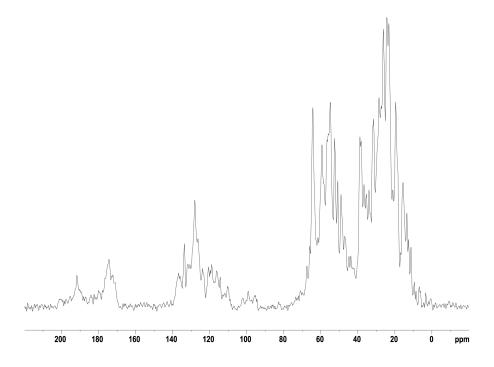


Figure S1: 1D CHHC/CP<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the U-LH2 sample recorded at  $\omega_r/2\pi$ =12000 Hz in 512 scans.

## 2D CHHC/CP<sup>3</sup> dataset of the 2.3-LH2 sample

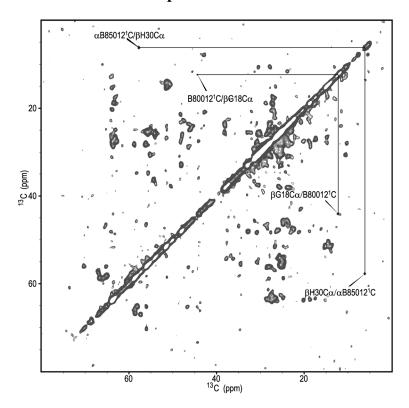


Figure S2. Aliphatic region of a CHHC/CP<sup>3</sup> dataset collected from the 2.3-LH2 sample at  $\omega_r/2\pi$ =12000 Hz and with 250 $\mu$ s  $^1$ H- $^1$ H spin diffusion mixing time. The solid lines indicate correlations between cofactors and protein side chains indicated with orange arrows in Figure 1.

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