

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Multiscale QM/MM Molecular Dynamics Simulations of the Trimeric Major Light-Harvesting Complex II

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S1 Site Energy Distributions for the Individual Chl-a Pigments

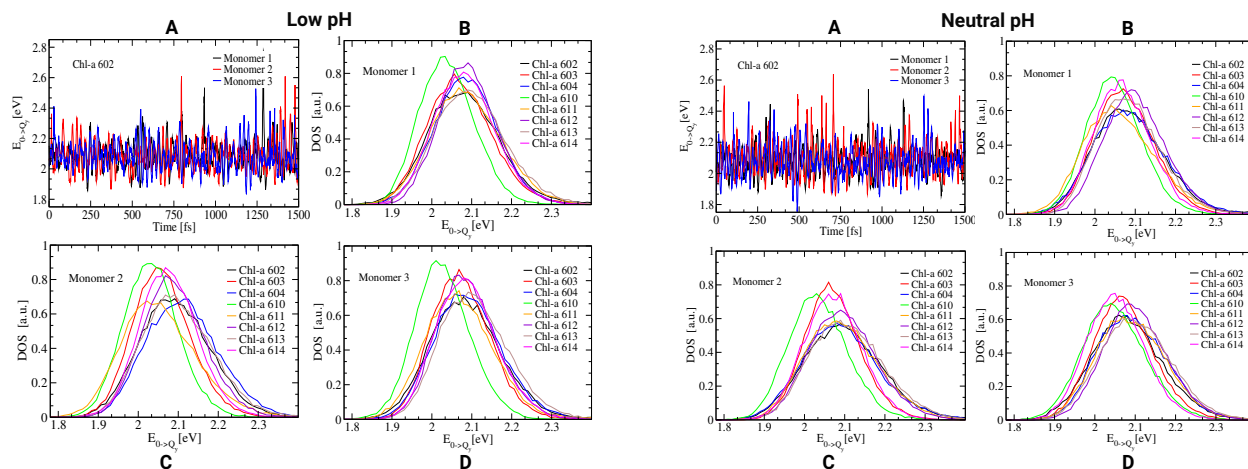


Figure S1: Calculations at low and neutral luminal pH values are shown in the left and right panels, respectively. A) Excited state calculation based on the TD-LC-DFTB approach along a piece of a QM/MM MD trajectory. B-D) Density of states for the individual Chl-a molecules in different monomers. Here the first set of the 40 ps QM/MM MD trajectories is shown.

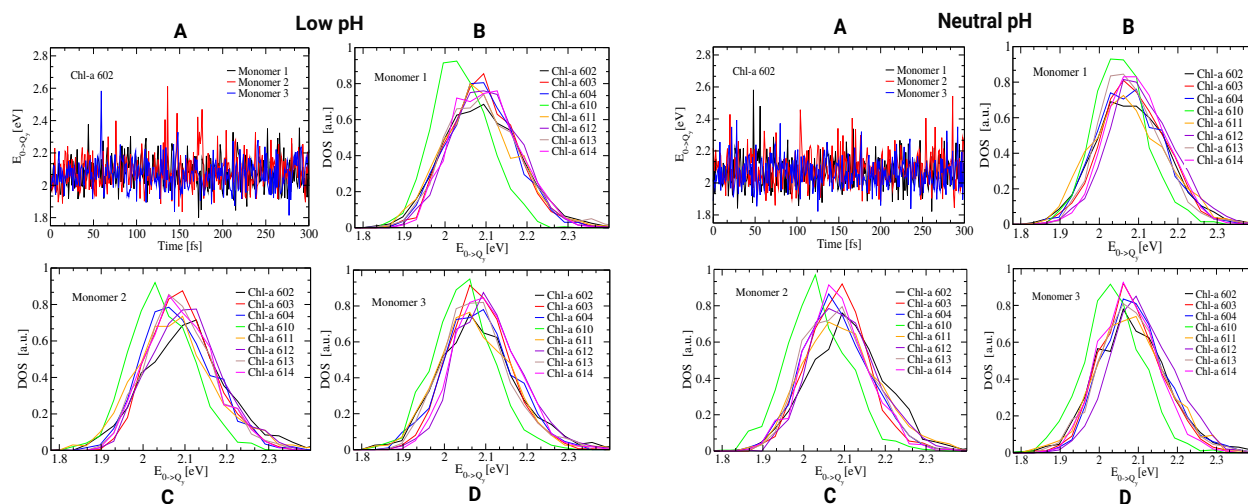


Figure S2: Same as Fig. S1 but based on 1 ns QM/MM MD trajectories.

S2 Autocorrelation Functions and Spectral Densities for the Individual Chl-a Pigments

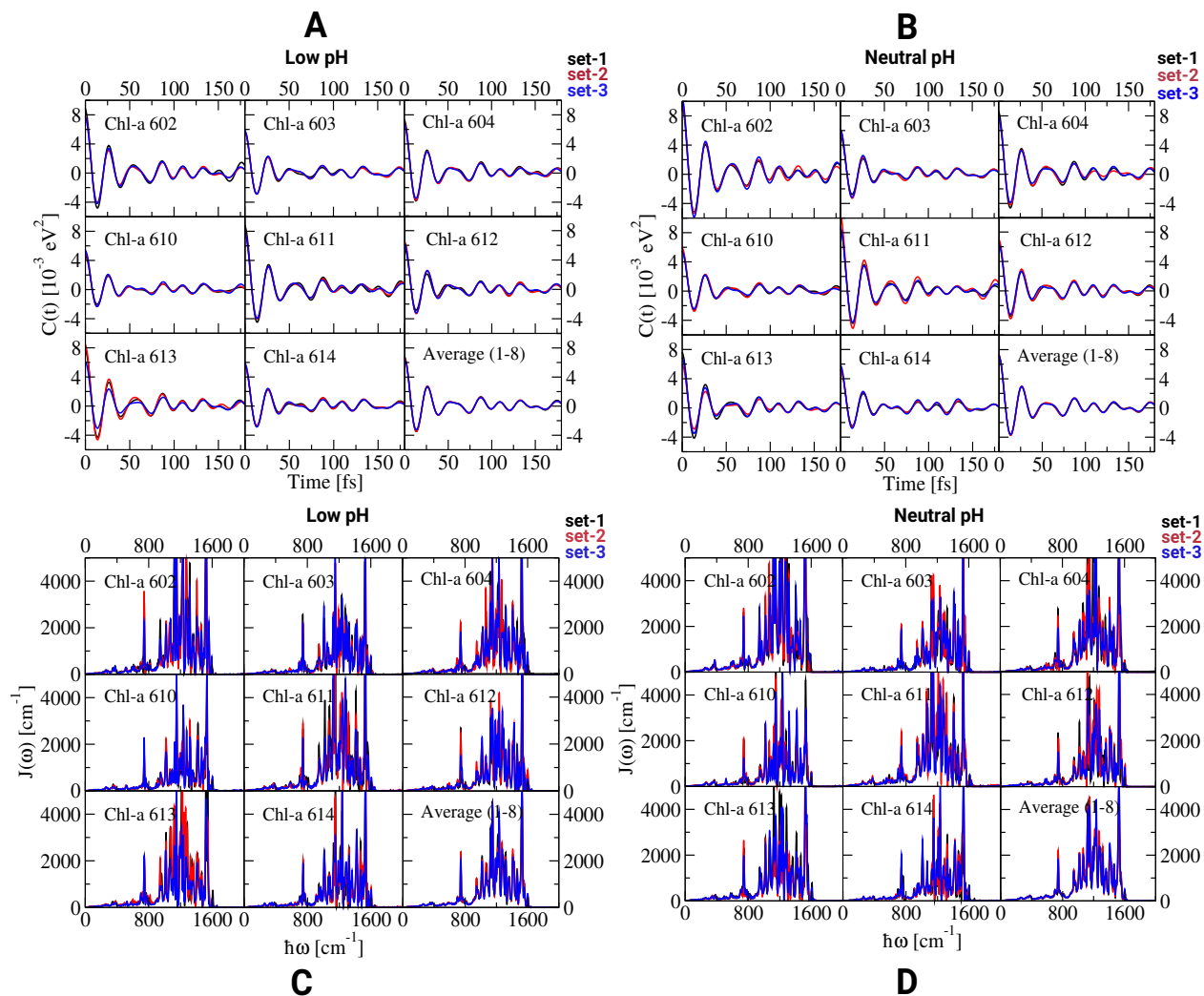


Figure S3: A, B) Average autocorrelation functions for the individual Chl-a pigments from different starting geometries at low and neutral luminal pH. C,D) The respective spectral densities based on the autocorrelation functions.

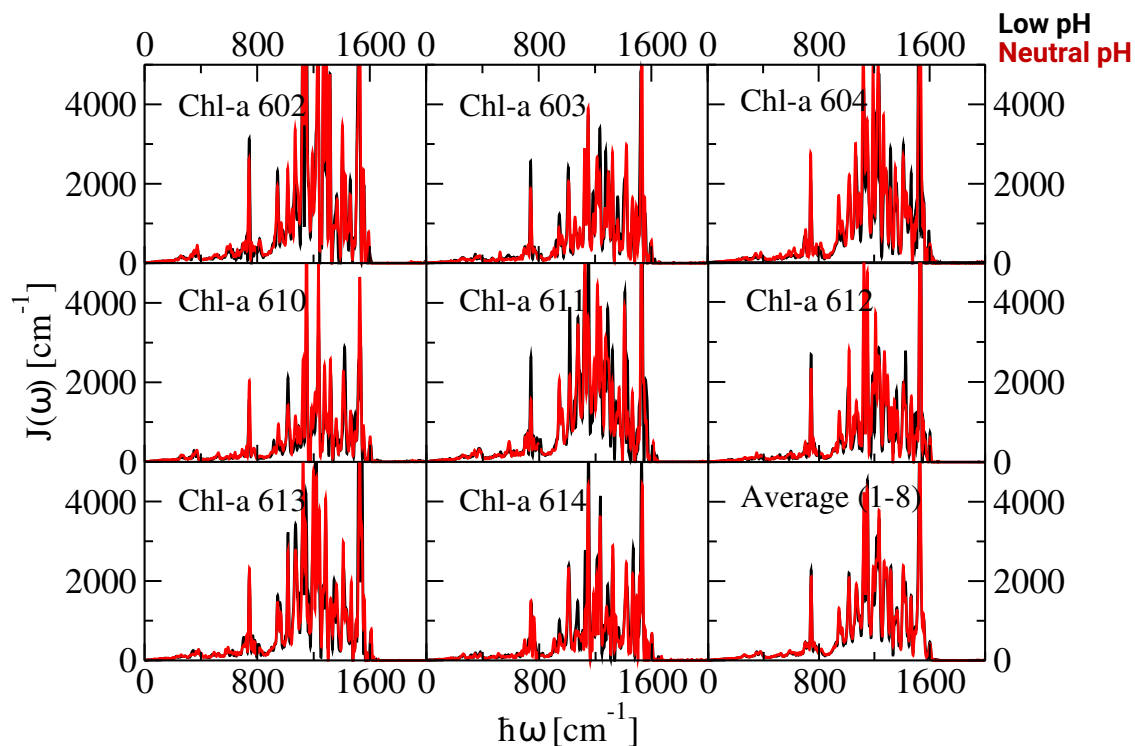


Figure S4: Spectral density comparison for each Chl-a at low and neutral pH state based on the first set of 40 ps QM/MM MD trajectory.

Table S1: Reorganization energies corresponding to the individual Chl-a pigments averaged over all three sets of QM/MM MD trajectories at both pH states.

Pigment	Low pH (cm^{-1})	Neutral pH (cm^{-1})
Chl-a 602	1266	1568
Chl-a 603	910	927
Chl-a 604	1110	1271
Chl-a 610	787	879
Chl-a 611	1264	1427
Chl-a 612	972	1046
Chl-a 613	1167	1079
Chl-a 614	895	856

S3 Comparison of Experimental Spectral Density with Different Broadening Parameter

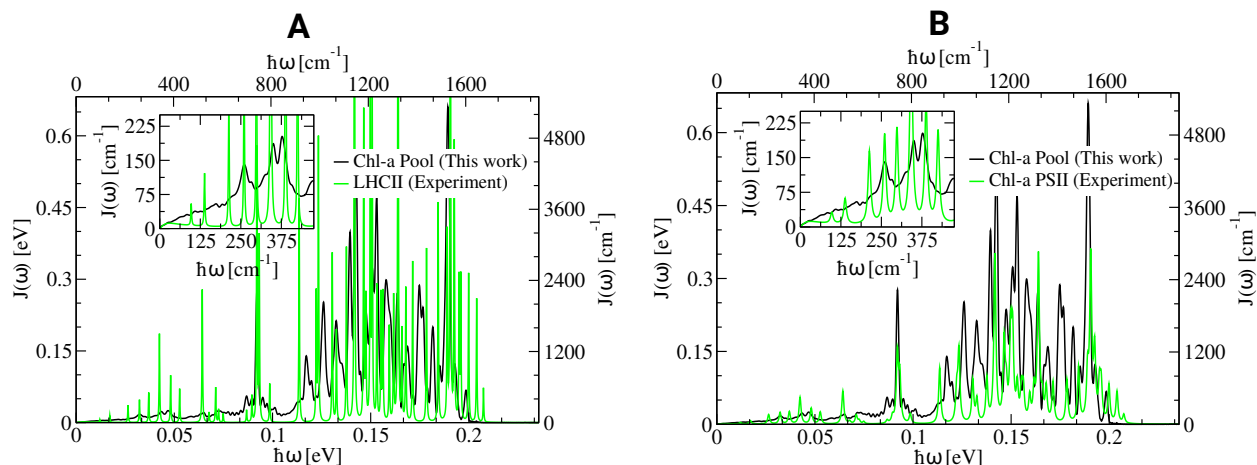


Figure S5: A) Comparison between the computed and the experimental spectral density as shown in the main text with the broadening parameter set to 3 cm^{-1} as given in the Ref. 1. B) Same as panel A but now the experimental spectral density is measured for the PSII complex² with a broadening parameter of 10 cm^{-1} as given in Refs. 3,4.

S4 Excitonic Coupling between Chl-a 612/Lut-1 Pair

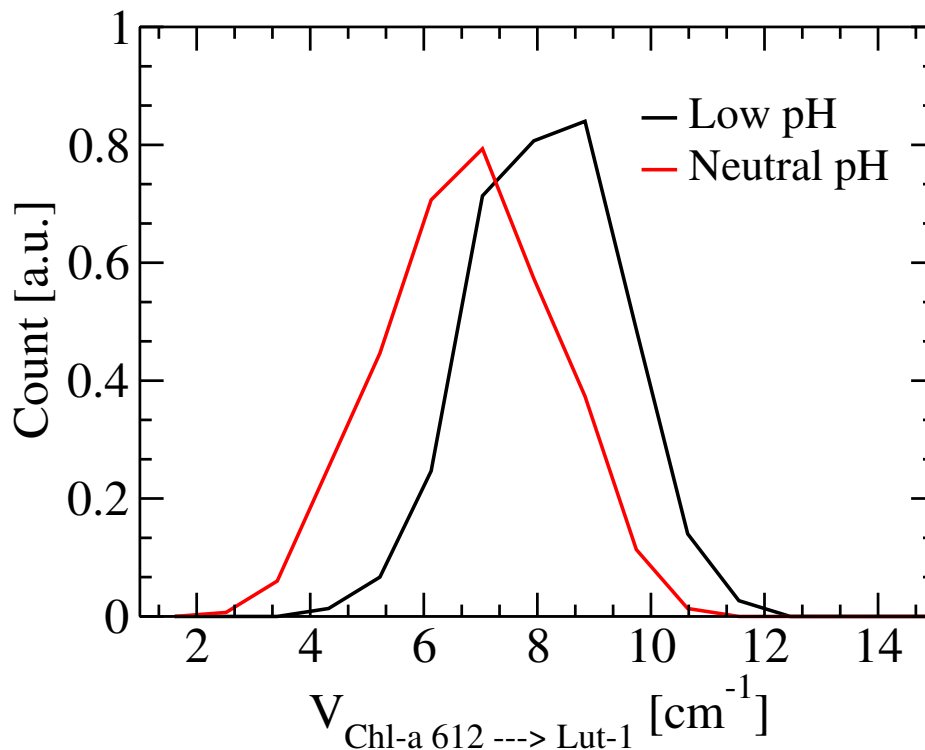


Figure S6: Excitonic coupling distribution between Chl-a 612/Lut-1 pair at low and neutral pH states. These data are extracted from our previous study based on a 500 ns classical MD trajectory⁵ but here they are scaled with a screening factor as explained in the main text.

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