

# Modeling of Absorption and Steady State Fluorescence Spectra of Full LH2 Complex (B850 - B800 Ring)

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**Abstract**—Computer simulated absorption and steady state fluorescence spectra for the model of peripheral cyclic antenna unit LH2 from purple bacteria are presented. Comparison of the results for more complex system (B850 and B800 ring) with our previous results calculated only for B850 ring is done. Dynamic disorder, interaction with phonon bath, in Markovian approximation simultaneously with uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies are taking into account in our simulations. The cumulant-expansion method of Mukamel et al. is used for the calculation of spectral responses of the system with exciton-phonon coupling. Also localization of exciton states is investigated.

**Keywords**—LH2, B800 ring, B850 ring, absorption and fluorescence spectrum, static and dynamic disorder, exciton states, localization

## I. INTRODUCTION

**I**N the process of photosynthesis (in plants, bacteria, and blue-green algae), solar energy is used to split water and produce oxygen molecules, protons and electrons. Nowadays, the photovoltaic systems are wider used to harvest solar energy and transform it into electricity. But the disadvantage of this form of energy is a problem with its storage. The solution could be to convert solar energy into chemical energy as hydrogen, which is easier to store than electricity. For this purpose, it is necessary to construct an effective artificial photosynthetic system [1]–[4]. Such system is not possible to be constructed without detailed knowledge of natural photosynthetic systems. Contribution to better understanding of the structure, properties and function of these systems can be given also by computer simulations of processes that take place there. Our interest is mainly focused on first (light)

stage of photosynthesis in purple bacteria. Solar photon is absorbed by a complex system of membrane-associated pigment-proteins (light-harvesting (LH) antenna) and absorbed energy is efficiently transferred to a reaction center (RC), where it is converted into a chemical energy [5].

The antenna systems of photosynthetic units from purple bacteria are formed by ring units LH1, LH2, LH3, and LH4. Their geometric structures are known in great detail from X-ray crystallography [6]–[10]. The general organization of above mentioned light-harvesting complexes is the same: identical subunits are repeated cyclically in such a way that a ring-shaped structure is formed. However the symmetries of these rings are different.

The bacteriochlorophyll (BChl) molecules from LH2 complex in purple bacterium *Rhodospseudomonas acidophila* are organized in two concentric rings. One ring features a group of nine well-separated BChl molecules (B800) with absorption band at about 800 nm. The other ring consists of eighteen closely packed BChl molecules (B850) absorbing around 850 nm. As in B850 ring as in B800 ring dipole moments of BChl molecules are oriented approximately tangentially to corresponding ring. While the nearest neighbour dipole moments in B850 ring have antiparallel arrangement, in B800 ring the orientations of the nearest neighbour dipole moments are parallel [11]. LH2 complexes from other purple bacteria have analogous ring structure.

Some bacteria express also other types of complexes such as the B800-820 LH3 complex (*Rhodospseudomonas acidophila* strain 7050) or the LH4 complex (*Rhodospseudomonas palustris*). LH3 complex like LH2 one is usually nonameric but LH4 one is octameric. The other difference is the presence of an additional BChl ring in LH4 complex [8]. Different arrangements manifest themselves in different optical properties. At this article we mainly focus on LH2 complex.

Despite intensive study of bacterial antenna systems, e.g. [6]–[8], [12], the precise role of the protein moiety for governing the dynamics of the excited states is still under debate. At room temperature the solvent and protein environment fluctuates with characteristic time scales ranging from femtoseconds to nanoseconds. The simplest approach is to substitute fast fluctuations by

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dynamic disorder and slow fluctuations by static disorder.

In our previous papers we presented results of simulations for B850 ring from LH2 complex. In several steps we extended the former investigations of static disorder effect on the anisotropy of fluorescence made by Kumble and Hochstrasser [13] and Nagarajan et al. [14]–[16] for LH2 ring. After studying the influence of diagonal dynamic disorder for simple systems (dimer, trimer) [17]–[19], we added this effect into our model of LH2 ring by using a quantum master equation in Markovian and non-Markovian limits [20]–[22]. We also studied influence of four types of uncorrelated static disorder [23], [24] (Gaussian disorder in local excitation energies, Gaussian disorder in transfer integrals, Gaussian disorder in radial positions of BChls and Gaussian disorder in angular positions of BChls on the ring). Influence of correlated static disorder, namely an elliptical deformation of the ring, was also taken into account [20]. We also investigated the time dependence of fluorescence anisotropy for the LH4 ring with different types of uncorrelated static disorder [22], [25].

Recently we have focused on the modeling of absorption and steady state fluorescence spectra. Our results for B8500 ring from LH2 complex and B- $\alpha$ /B- $\beta$  ring from LH4 complex within the nearest neighbour approximation model have been presented in [26]–[31]. The results within full Hamiltonian model were published in [32]–[38].

Main goal of the present paper is the comparison of the results for full LH2 complex (B850 ring and B800 ring) with our previous results calculated only for B850 ring. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the ring model with the static disorder and dynamic disorder (interaction with phonon bath), the cumulant expansion method, which is used for the calculation of spectral responses of the system with exciton-phonon coupling, and also formulas for assessment of exciton states localization. Computational point of view is mentioned in Section 3. The presented results of our simulations, used units and parameters could be found in Section 4, some conclusions are drawn in Section 5.

## II. PHYSICAL MODEL

We assume that only one excitation is present on the ring complex after an impulsive excitation. The hamiltonian of an exciton in the ideal ring complex coupled to a bath of harmonic oscillators reads

$$H = H_{\text{ex}}^0 + H_s + H_{\text{ph}} + H_{\text{ex-ph}}. \quad (1)$$

First term,

$$H_{\text{ex}}^0 = \sum_{m,n(m \neq n)} J_{mn} a_m^\dagger a_n, \quad (2)$$

corresponds to an exciton, e.g. the system without any disorder. The operator  $a_m^\dagger$  ( $a_m$ ) creates (annihilates) an exciton at site  $m$ ,  $J_{mn}$  (for  $m \neq n$ ) is the so-called transfer integral between sites  $m$  and  $n$ .

As for B850 ring as for B800 ring, it is suitable to use homogeneous model with nonzero transfer matrix elements only for the nearest neighbours,

$$J_{mn}^{\text{B850}} = J_0(\delta_{m,n+1} + \delta_{m,n-1}), \quad m, n = 1, \dots, 18, \quad (3)$$

$$J_{mn}^{\text{B800}} = J_1(\delta_{m,n+1} + \delta_{m,n-1}), \quad m, n = 19, \dots, 27. \quad (4)$$

Due to orientations of dipole moments [11], sign of  $J_0$  is positive and  $J_1$  is negative. Each bacteriochlorophyll from B800 ring is connected by nonzero transfer integrals with two nearest neighbour bacteriochlorophylls from B850 ring. These transfer integrals have opposite signs.

The pure exciton hamiltonian  $H_{\text{ex}}^0$  can be diagonalized using the wave vector representation with corresponding delocalized Bloch states  $\alpha$  and energies  $E_\alpha$ . Using Fourier transformed excitonic operators  $a_\alpha$ , the Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{ex}}^0$  in  $\alpha$ -representation reads

$$H_{\text{ex}}^0 = \sum_{\alpha} E_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha}. \quad (5)$$

If we consider only one ring (B850 or B800) separately, the form of operators  $a_\alpha$  in Eq. (5) is

$$a_{\alpha} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n e^{i\alpha n}, \quad \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{N}l, \quad (6)$$

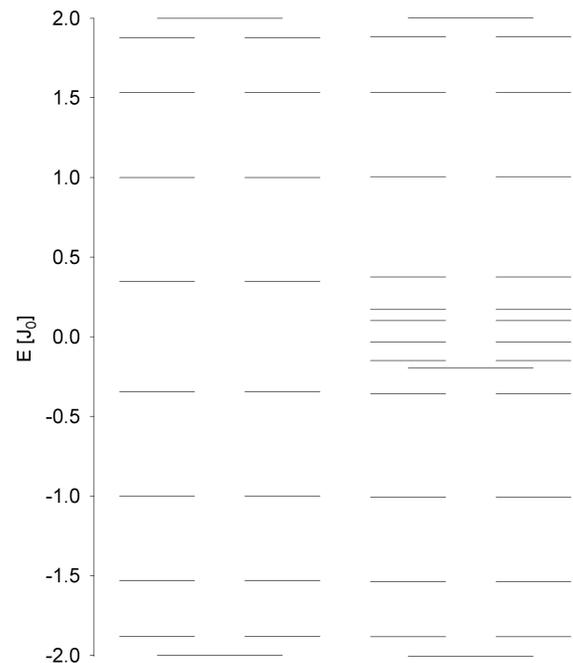


Fig. 1. Energetic band structure for B850 ring from LH2 complex (left column) and for full LH2 complex - B850 ring and B800 ring (right column).

and

$$E_\alpha = -2J_0 \cos \alpha \quad (7)$$

(see Figure 1 - left column). In Eq. (6) we have

$$l = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm \frac{N}{2} \quad (8)$$

in case of B850 ring (i.e. for even number of sites  $N$ ) and

$$l = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm \frac{N-1}{2} \quad (9)$$

in case of B800 ring (i.e. for odd number of sites  $N$ ). If both rings are considered simultaneously, energetic spectrum is more complex (see Figure 1 - right column).

Influence of static disorder (second term in Eq. (1)) is modeled by totally uncorrelated fluctuations of local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  with Gaussian distribution and standard deviation  $\Delta$ . Hamiltonian of static disorder  $H_s$  then reads

$$H_s = \sum_n \delta\varepsilon_n a_n^\dagger a_n. \quad (10)$$

The third term in Eq. (1),

$$H_{\text{ph}} = \sum_q \hbar\omega_q b_q^\dagger b_q, \quad (11)$$

represents phonon bath in harmonic approximation (the phonon creation and annihilation operators are denoted by  $b_q^\dagger$  and  $b_q$ , respectively).

Last term in Eq. (1),

$$H_{\text{ex-ph}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_m \sum_q G_q^m \hbar\omega_q a_m^\dagger a_m (b_q^\dagger + b_q), \quad (12)$$

describes exciton-phonon interaction which is assumed to be site-diagonal and linear in the bath coordinates (the term  $G_q^m$  denotes the exciton-phonon coupling constant).

The cumulant-expansion method of Mukamel et al. [39], [40] is used for the calculation of spectral responses of the system with exciton-phonon coupling. Absorption  $OD(\omega)$  and steady-state fluorescence  $FL(\omega)$  spectrum can be expressed as

$$OD(\omega) = \omega \sum_\alpha d_\alpha^2 \times \text{Re} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i(\omega - \omega_\alpha)t - g_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}(t) - R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}, \quad (13)$$

$$FL(\omega) = \omega \sum_\alpha P_\alpha d_\alpha^2 \times \text{Re} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i(\omega - \omega_\alpha)t + i\lambda_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t - g_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}^*(t) - R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}. \quad (14)$$

Here  $\vec{d}_\alpha = \sum_n c_n^\alpha \vec{d}_n$  is the transition dipole moment of eigenstate  $\alpha$ ,  $c_n^\alpha$  are the expansion coefficients of the eigenstate  $\alpha$  in site representation and  $P_\alpha$  is the steady state population of the eigenstate  $\alpha$ . The inverse lifetime of exciton state  $R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}$  [41] is given by the elements of

Redfield tensor  $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  [42]. It is a sum of the relaxation rates between exciton states,  $R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha} = -\sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} R_{\beta\beta\alpha\alpha}$ . The  $g$ -function and  $\lambda$ -values in Eq. (14) are given by

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi\omega^2} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\omega) \times \left[ \coth \frac{\omega}{2k_B T} (\cos \omega t - 1) - i(\sin \omega t - \omega t) \right], \quad (15)$$

$$\lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dt} \text{Im} \{ g_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(t) \} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi\omega} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\omega). \quad (16)$$

The matrix of spectral densities  $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\omega)$  in the eigenstate (exciton) representation reflects one-exciton states coupling to the manifold of nuclear modes. In what follows only a diagonal exciton phonon interaction in site representation is used (see Eq. (1)), i.e., only fluctuations of the pigment site energies are assumed and the restriction to the completely uncorrelated dynamical disorder is applied. In such case each site (i.e. each chromophore) has its own bath completely uncoupled from the baths of the other sites. Furthermore it is assumed that these baths have identical properties [21], [43], [44]

$$C_{mnm'n'}(\omega) = \delta_{mn} \delta_{mm'} \delta_{nn'} C(\omega). \quad (17)$$

After transformation to the exciton representation we have

$$C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\omega) = \sum_n c_n^\alpha c_n^\beta c_n^\gamma c_n^\delta C(\omega). \quad (18)$$

Various models of spectral density of the bath are used in literature [41], [45], [46]. In our present investigation we have used the model of Kühn and May [45]

$$C(\omega) = \Theta(\omega) j_0 \frac{\omega^2}{2\omega_c^3} e^{-\omega/\omega_c} \quad (19)$$

which has its maximum at  $2\omega_c$ .

Localization of the exciton states contributing to the steady state fluorescence spectrum can be characterized by the thermally averaged participation ratio  $\langle PR \rangle$ , which is given by

$$\langle PR \rangle = \frac{\sum_\alpha PR_\alpha e^{-\frac{E_\alpha}{k_B T}}}{\sum_\alpha e^{-\frac{E_\alpha}{k_B T}}}, \quad (20)$$

where

$$PR_\alpha = \sum_{n=1}^N |c_n^\alpha|^4. \quad (21)$$

### III. COMPUTATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

To obtain absorption and steady state fluorescence spectra it is necessary to calculate single ring  $OD(\omega)$  and  $FL(\omega)$  spectra for large number of different static disorder realizations created by random number generator. Finally these results have to be averaged over all realizations of static disorder.

For calculations of spectral responses a procedure created by us in Fortran was used. Integrated functions are oscillating and damped (see Eq. (13) and Eq. (14)) and function  $\text{Re } g_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}(t)$  is non-negative. Therefore absolute values of them (for individual  $\alpha$ ) satisfy inequalities [38]

$$\left| \text{Re} \left\{ e^{i(\omega - \omega_\alpha)t - g_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}(t) - R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t} \right\} \right| \leq e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}, \quad (22)$$

$$\left| \text{Re} \left\{ e^{i(\omega - \omega_\alpha)t + i\lambda_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t - g_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}^*(t) - R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t} \right\} \right| \leq e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}. \quad (23)$$

The whole  $OD(\omega)$  and  $FL(\omega)$  then satisfy

$$OD(\omega) \leq \omega \sum_{\alpha} d_{\alpha}^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}, \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} FL(\omega) &\leq \omega \sum_{\alpha} P_{\alpha} d_{\alpha}^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t} \\ &\leq \omega \sum_{\alpha} d_{\alpha}^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Predetermined accuracy could be achieved by integration over finite time interval  $t \in \langle 0, t_0 \rangle$  (instead of  $\langle 0, \infty \rangle$ ). If

$$t_0 \geq \max \{t_{\alpha}\}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, 27, \quad (26)$$

where  $t_{\alpha}$  satisfy condition ( $Q$  is arbitrary real positive

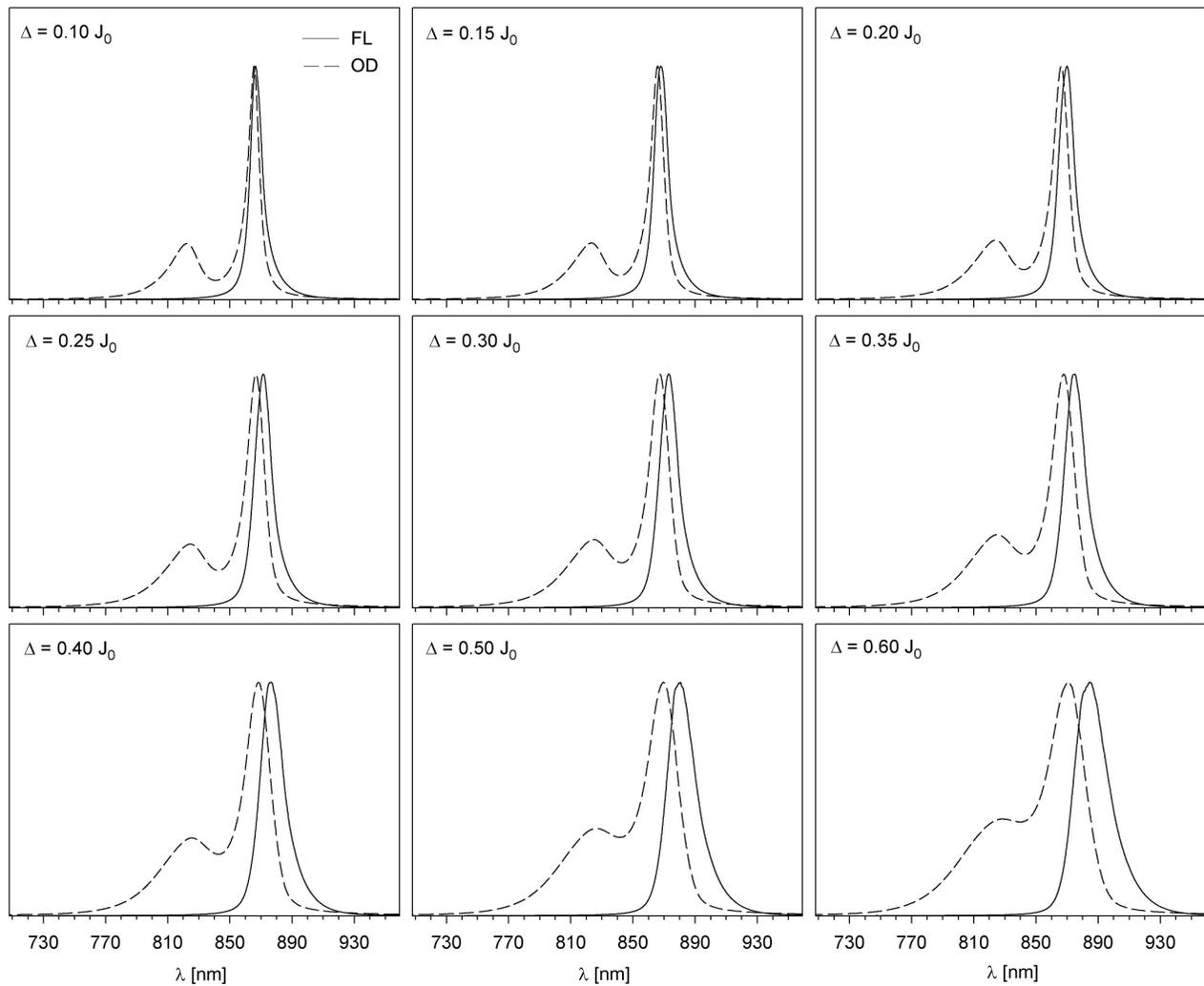


Fig. 2. Calculated  $FL(\omega)$  and  $OD(\omega)$  spectral profiles (arbitrary units) for full LH2 complex (B850 ring and B800 ring) at low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  averaged over 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (nine strengths  $\Delta = 0.10, \dots, 0.60 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model).

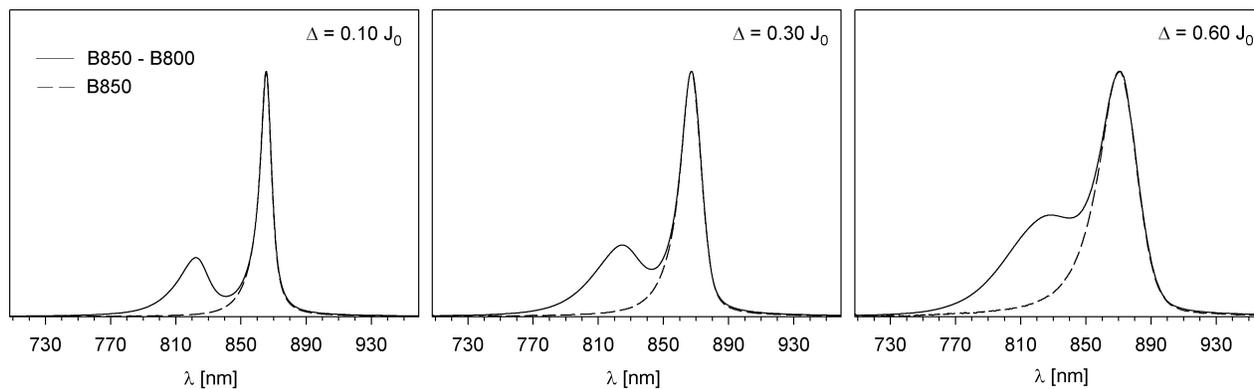


Fig. 3. Comparison of  $OD(\omega)$  spectral profiles (arbitrary units) for full LH2 complex (solid lines) and for single B850 ring (dashed lines) at low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  (three strength  $\Delta$  of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$ ,  $\Delta = 0.10, 0.30, 0.60 J_0$ ).

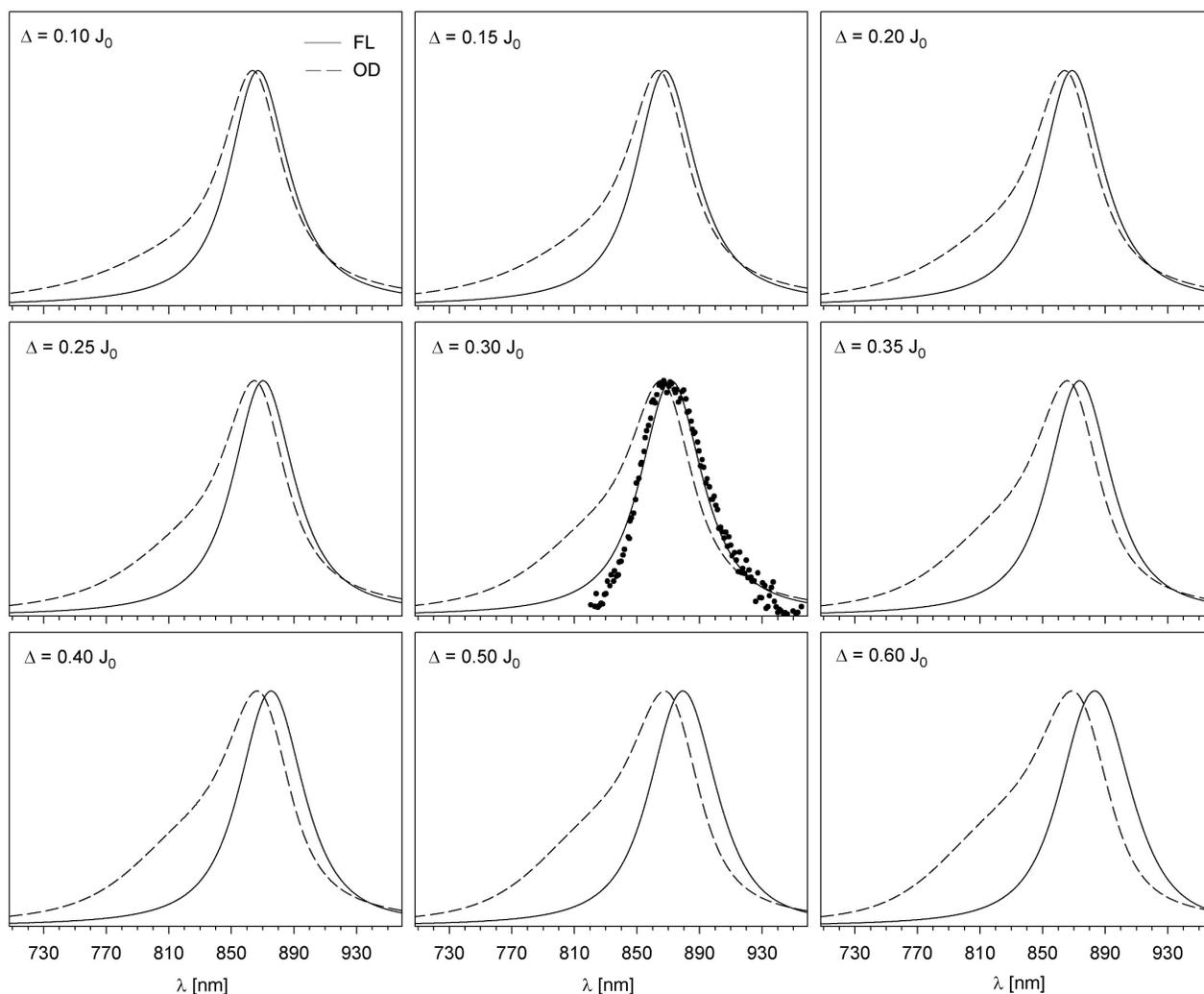


Fig. 4. Calculated  $FL(\omega)$  and  $OD(\omega)$  spectral profiles (arbitrary units) for full LH2 complex (B850 ring and B800 ring) at room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  averaged over 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (nine strengths  $\Delta = 0.10, \dots, 0.60 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model) and the comparison with experimental data [41] ( $\Delta = 0.30 J_0$ ).

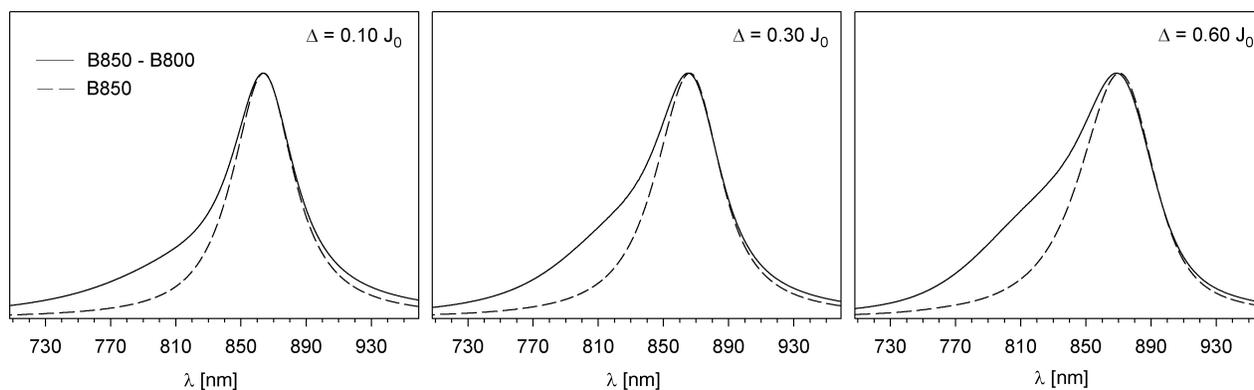


Fig. 5. Comparison of  $OD(\omega)$  spectral profiles (arbitrary units) for full LH2 complex (solid lines) and for single B850 ring (dashed lines) at room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  (three strength  $\Delta$  of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$ ,  $\Delta = 0.10, 0.30, 0.60 J_0$ ).

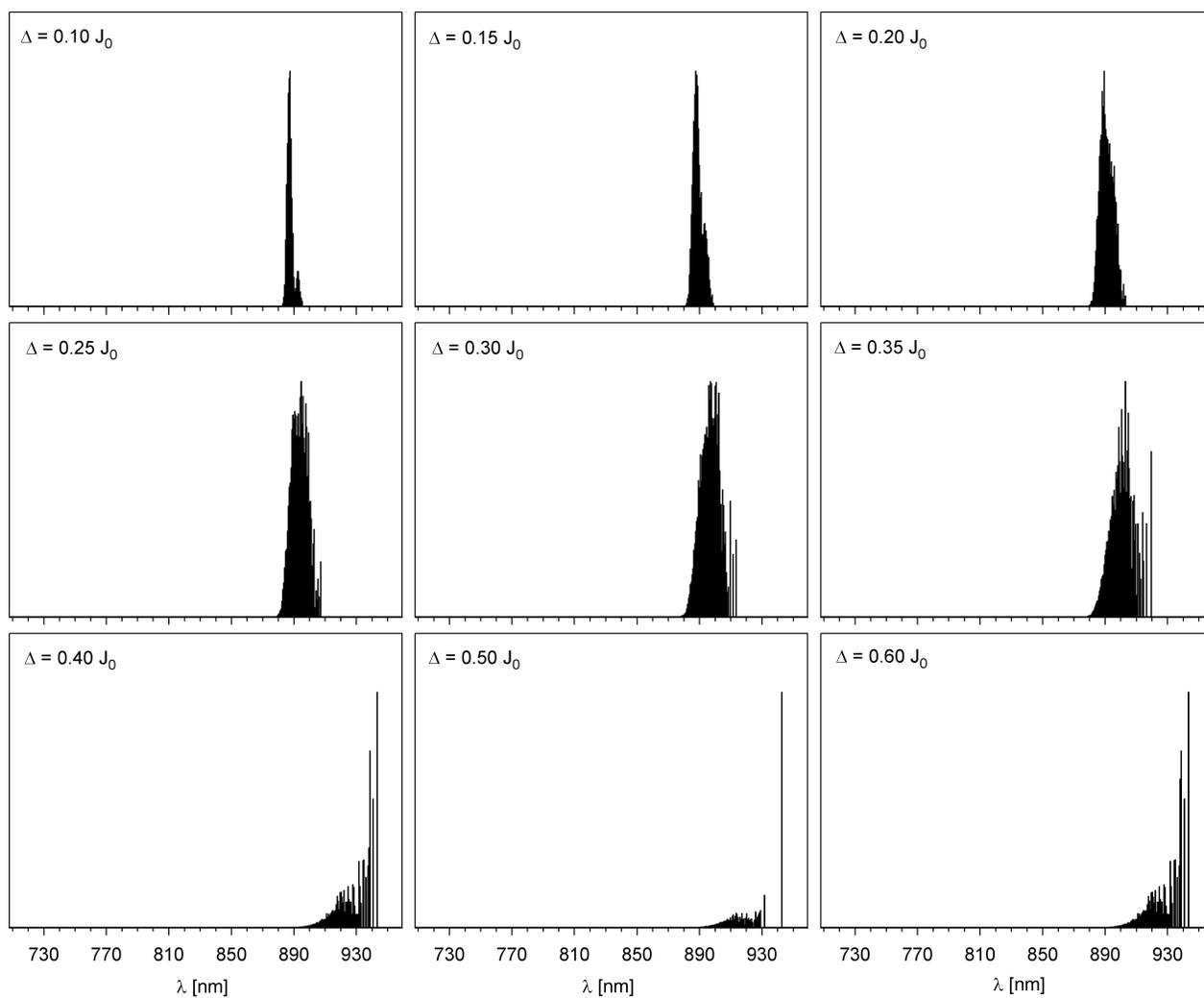


Fig. 6. The distributions of the quantity  $P_\alpha d_\alpha^2$  (arbitrary units) at low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  as a function of wavelength  $\lambda$  for 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (nine strengths  $\Delta = 0.10, \dots, 0.60 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model).

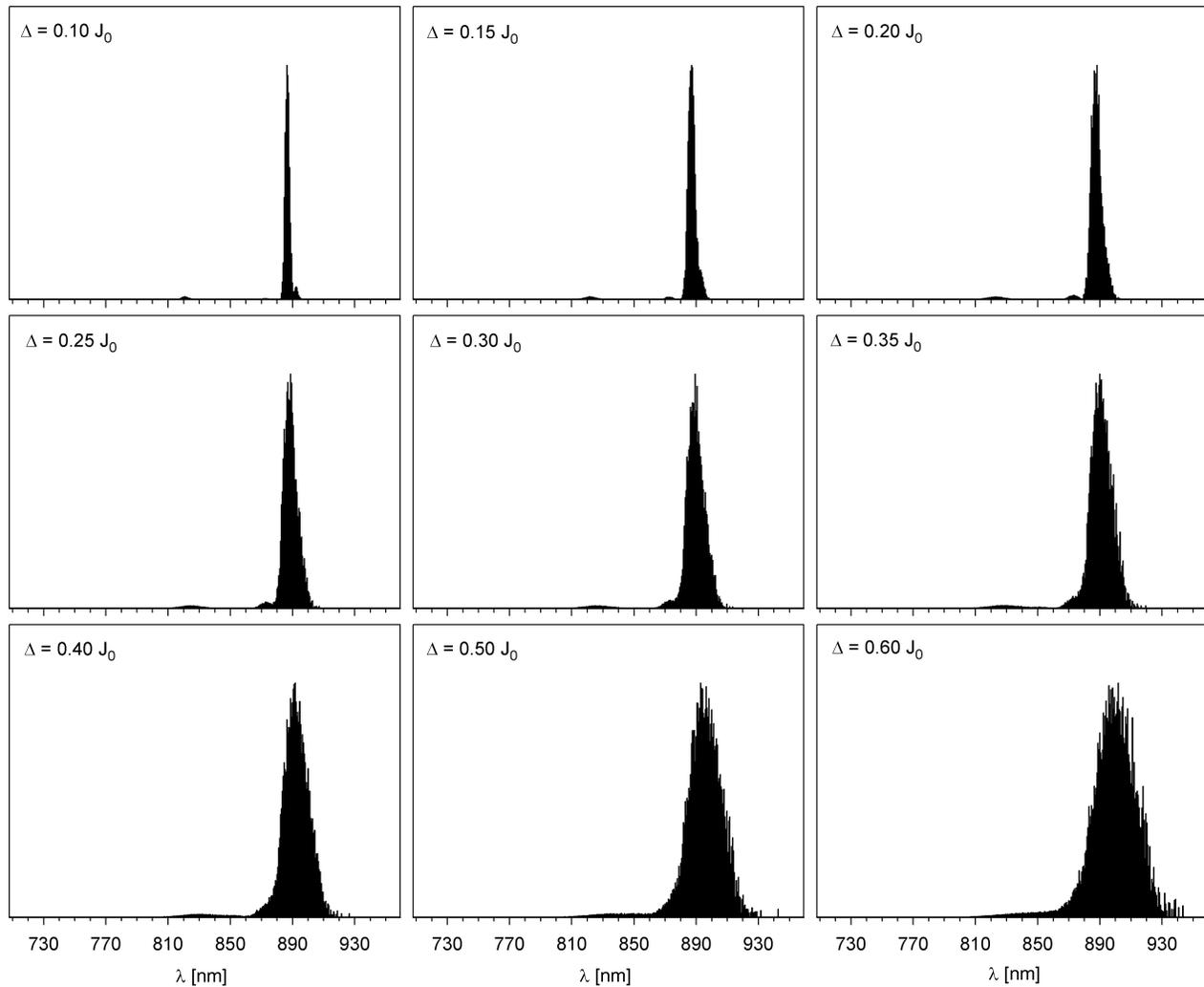


Fig. 7. The distributions of the quantity  $P_\alpha d_\alpha^2$  (arbitrary units) at room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  as a function of wavelength  $\lambda$  for 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (nine strengths  $\Delta = 0.10, \dots, 0.60 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model).

number)

$$\begin{aligned} d_\alpha^2 \left[ \int_0^\infty dt e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t} - \int_0^{t_\alpha} dt e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t} \right] &= \\ &= d_\alpha^2 \frac{e^{-R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}t_\alpha}}{R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}} \leq \frac{Q}{27\omega}, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

i.e.

$$t_\alpha \geq \frac{1}{R_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}} \ln \left( \frac{27\omega d_\alpha^2}{QR_{\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha}} \right), \quad (28)$$

then deviations of  $OD(\omega)$  and  $FL(\omega)$  from precise values are not larger than  $Q$ .  $OD(\omega)$  and  $FL(\omega)$  are therefore integrated as sums of contributions from individual cycles of oscillation. These contributions are added until upper limit of integration exceeds  $t_0$ .

#### IV. RESULTS

Above mentioned type of uncorrelated static disorder, e.g. fluctuations of local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$ , has been

taken into account in our simulations simultaneously with dynamic disorder in Markovian approximation. Resulting absorption and steady state fluorescence spectra for full LH2 complex (B850 ring and B800 ring) are presented and compared with our previous results for LH2 complex with only B850 ring taken into account. All presented results were calculated within the nearest neighbour approximation model.

Dimensionless energies normalized to  $J_0$  (the transfer integral between the nearest neighbour bacteriochlorophylls in B850 ring from LH2 complex - see Eq. (3)) have been used. Estimation of  $J_0$  varies in literature between  $250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The value of  $J_1$  (the nearest neighbour transfer integral in B800 ring - see Eq. (4)) is approximately

$$J_1 \doteq -0.1J_0. \quad (29)$$

The nearest neighbour transfer integrals connecting

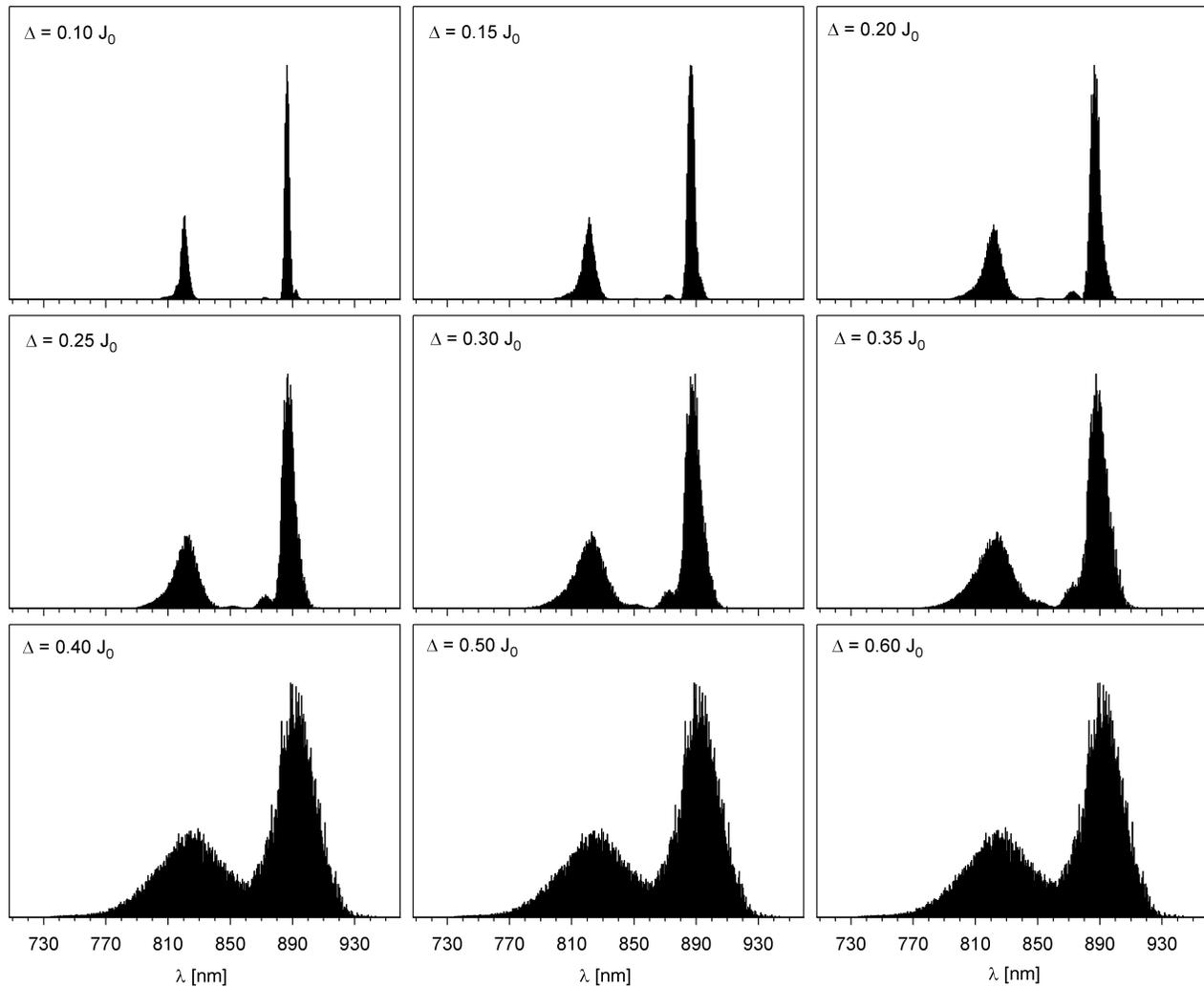


Fig. 8. The distributions of the quantity  $d_{\alpha}^2$  (arbitrary units) as a function of wavelength  $\lambda$  for 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (nine strengths  $\Delta = 0.10, \dots, 0.60 J_0$ ).

BChls from B850 ring with BChls from B800 ring have following values:

$$J_{1,19} = J_{3,20} = \dots = J_{17,27} \doteq 0.1J_0, \quad (30)$$

$$J_{2,19} = J_{4,20} = \dots = J_{18,27} \doteq -0.03J_0. \quad (31)$$

All our simulations of LH2 spectra have been done with the same values of  $J_0$  and unperturbed transition energy from the ground state  $E_0$ ,

$$J_0 = 370 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \quad E_0 = 12280 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \quad (32)$$

that we found for B850 ring from LH2 complex for this type of static disorder [27]. Nine strengths  $\Delta$  of static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  have been chosen in our calculations,

$$\Delta \in \langle 0.10 J_0, 0.60 J_0 \rangle \quad (33)$$

(in agreement with [47]). The model of spectral density of Kühn and May [45] has been used in our simulations.

In agreement with our previous results [23], [48] we have used the strength of dynamic disorder  $j_0 = 0.4 J_0$  and cut-off frequency  $\omega_c = 0.212 J_0$  (see Eq. (19)).

Resulting absorption  $OD(\omega)$  and steady state fluorescence  $FL(\omega)$  spectral profiles for full LH2 complex averaged over 2000 realizations of static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  can be seen in Figure 2 for low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  and in Figure 4 for room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$ . In addition, the comparison with experimental data [41] is done in Figure 4. Real type and strength of static disorder is not entirely clear. But, it follows from our previous simulations that the most suitable strength of static disorder in local excitation energies is about  $\Delta = 0.30 J_0$  [47]. That is why the comparison with experimental data is done for this strength.

In Figure 3 and Figure 5 the comparison of absorption spectra for single B850 ring and full LH2 complex (B850

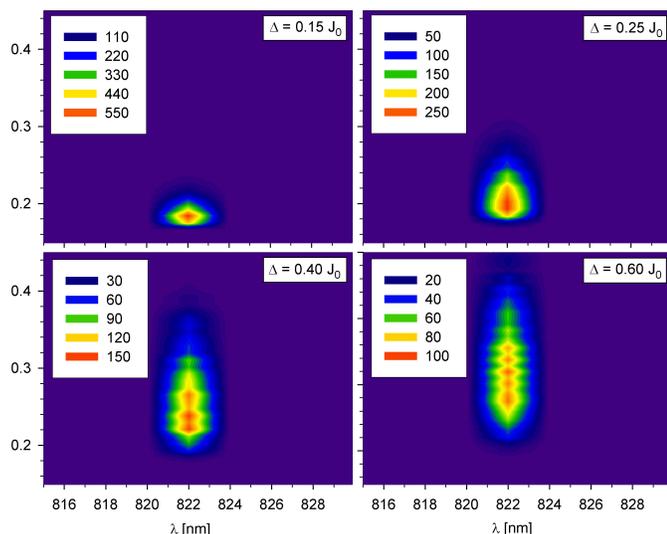


Fig. 9. The distributions of the quantity  $\langle PR \rangle$  as a function of fluorescence peak position wavelength at low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  for 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (four strengths  $\Delta = 0.15, 0.25, 0.4, 0.6 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model).

ring and B800 ring) can be seen for three strengths of static disorder  $\Delta = 0.10, 0.30, 0.60 J_0$  again for low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  (Figure 3) and room one  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  (Figure 5).

The distributions of the quantity  $P_\alpha d_\alpha^2$  (see Eq. 14) are shown in Figure 6 (low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$ ) and in Figure 7 (room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$ ). For clarification of absorption spectra line splitting, the distribution of the quantity  $d_\alpha^2$  (see Eq. 13) is drawn in Figure 8.

In addition, the localization of exciton states is investigated in our paper. The distributions of thermally averaged participation ratio  $\langle PR \rangle$  (see Eq. 20) are presented in Figure 9 (low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$ ) and in Figure 10 (room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$ ).

## V. CONCLUSIONS

From our new results for full LH2 complex and comparison with our previous results for single B850 ring one we can make following conclusions.

Substantial differences between the results for full LH2 complex and single B850 ring are visible only in absorption spectra. At low temperature ( $kT = 0.1 J_0$ ) two strong peaks of absorption spectral profiles are visible in case of full LH2 complex (see Figure 2). It corresponds to the distributions of dipole strengths  $d_\alpha^2$  (see Figure 8). On the other hand absorption spectral profile of single B850 ring has only one peak which corresponds to the stronger peak of full LH2 complex (see Figure 3). Therefore presence of the second weaker peak in absorption spectrum of full LH2 complex is

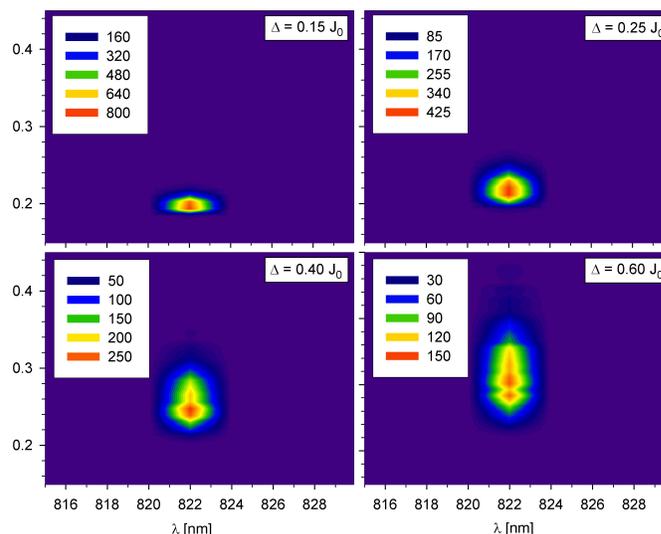


Fig. 10. The distributions of the quantity  $\langle PR \rangle$  as a function of fluorescence peak position wavelength at room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  for 2000 realizations of uncorrelated static disorder in local excitation energies  $\delta\varepsilon_n$  (four strengths  $\Delta = 0.15, 0.25, 0.4, 0.6 J_0$ , the nearest neighbour approximation model).

caused by addition of B800 ring. At room temperature ( $kT = 0.5 J_0$ ) absorption spectral profile is not split (see Figure 4), but for full LH2 complex it is wider in comparison with the spectrum of single B850 ring (see Figure 5). Absence of the splitting is caused by more significant spectral line widening due to dynamic disorder in case of room temperature.

Contrary to absorption spectrum, addition of B800 ring does not cause any substantial difference in fluorescence spectrum as at low temperature ( $kT = 0.1 J_0$ ), as at room temperature ( $kT = 0.5 J_0$ ). It again corresponds to the distributions of the quantity  $P_\alpha d_\alpha^2$  (see Figure 6 and Figure 7). That is why calculated steady state fluorescence spectrum is in good agreement with experimental data as for full LH2 complex (see Figure 4) as for single B850 ring [26], [27],  $\Delta = 0.30 J_0$ .

As concerns localization of exciton states, in case of low temperature  $kT = 0.1 J_0$  the localization is substantially higher (distributions of  $\langle PR \rangle$  reach higher values - see Figure 9) in comparison with room temperature  $kT = 0.5 J_0$  (see Figure 10). Only lowest exciton states, that correspond to B850 ring (see Figure 1), are occupied at low temperature. On the other hand higher exciton states, that correspond B800 ring, are also occupied at room temperature. It causes lower localization.

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