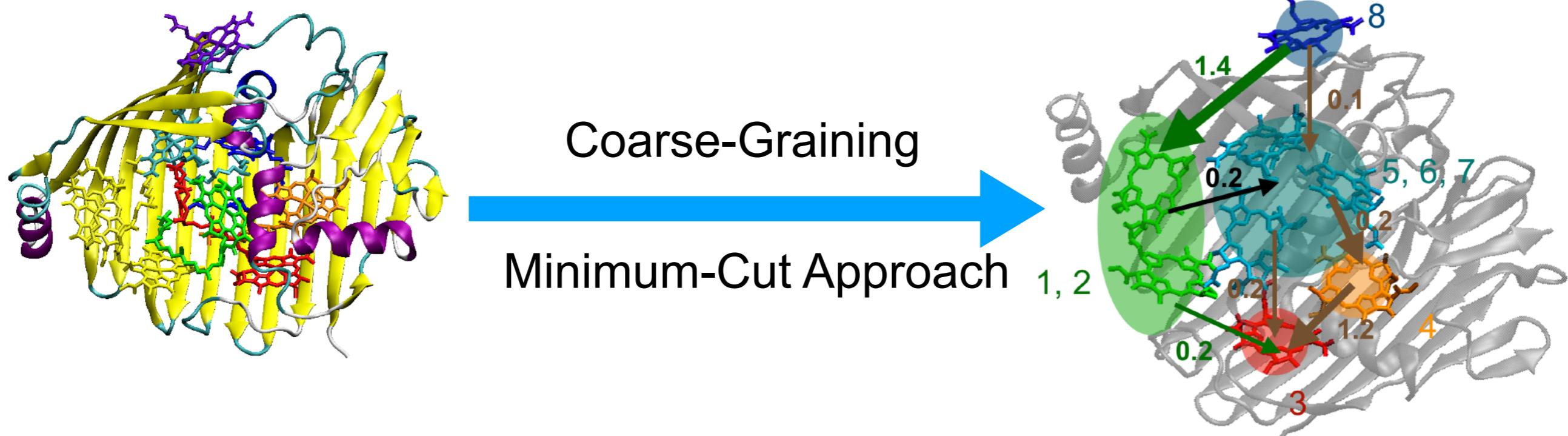


# Towards a Systematic Coarse-Graining Method for Excitation Energy Transfer Networks: A Minimum-Cut Approach



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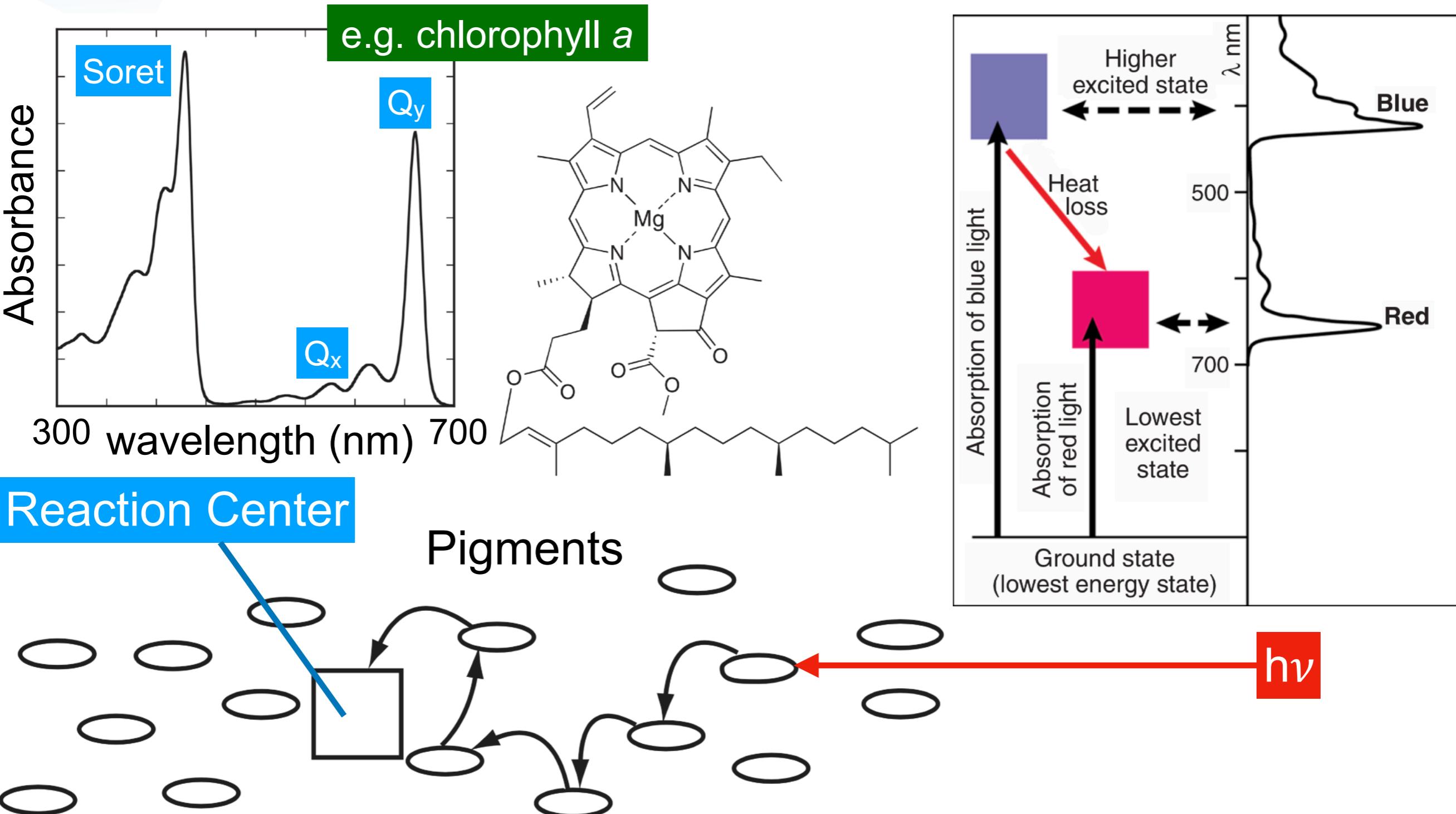


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# Light Harvesting



## Excitation Energy Transfer (EET)

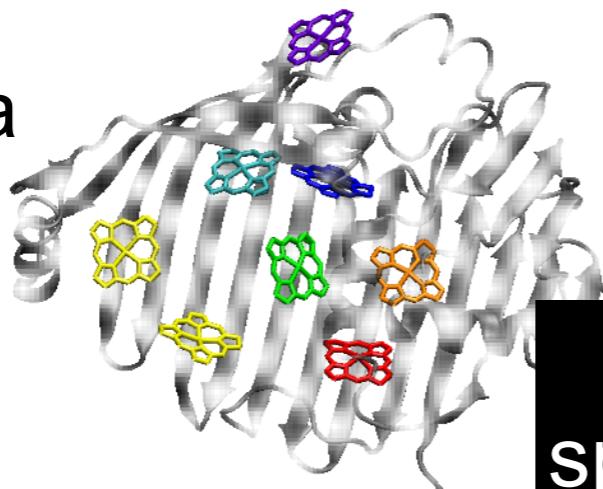
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# Obtaining the Effective Rate Matrix

Structure Data

↓  
Chlorophylls  
(Sites)



Effective Rate matrix

Parameters of  
spectral densities

R

Effective Hamiltonian

Basis transform

Frenkel exciton Hamiltonian

$$H = H_e + H_{ph} + H_{e-ph}$$

$$H_e = \sum_i \varepsilon_i |i\rangle\langle i|$$

Modified Redfield theory

$$H_{e-ph} = \sum_{i,j} |i\rangle\langle j| \cdot (H_{e-ph})_{ij}$$

$$H_{ph} = \sum_v \omega_v b_v^\dagger b_v$$

# Population Transfer Dynamics

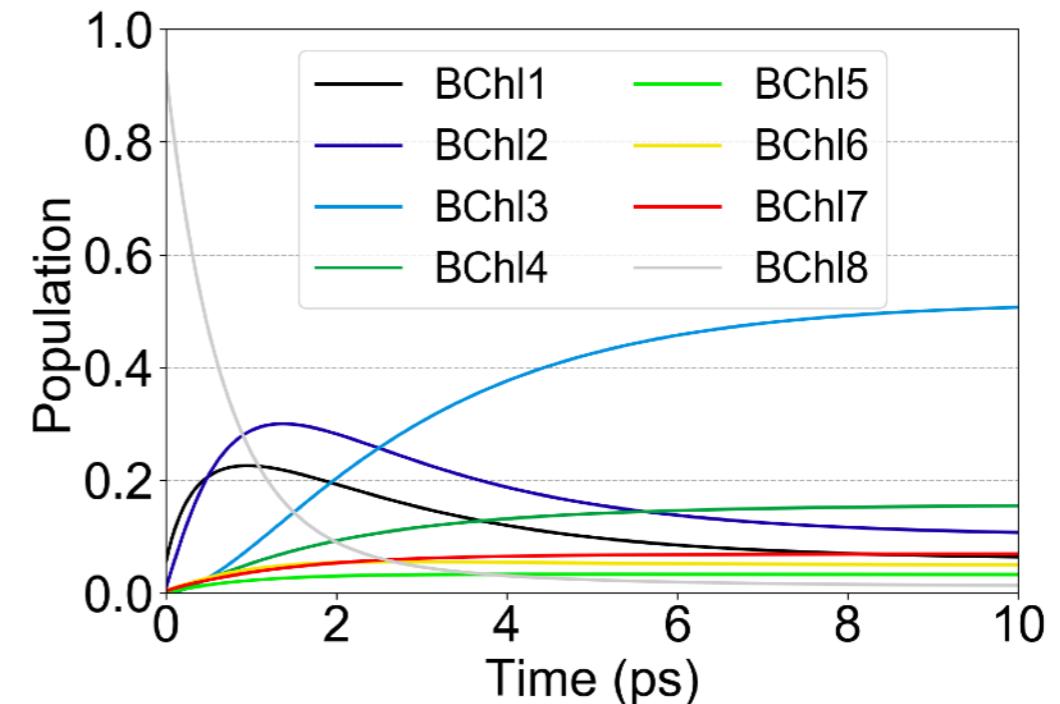
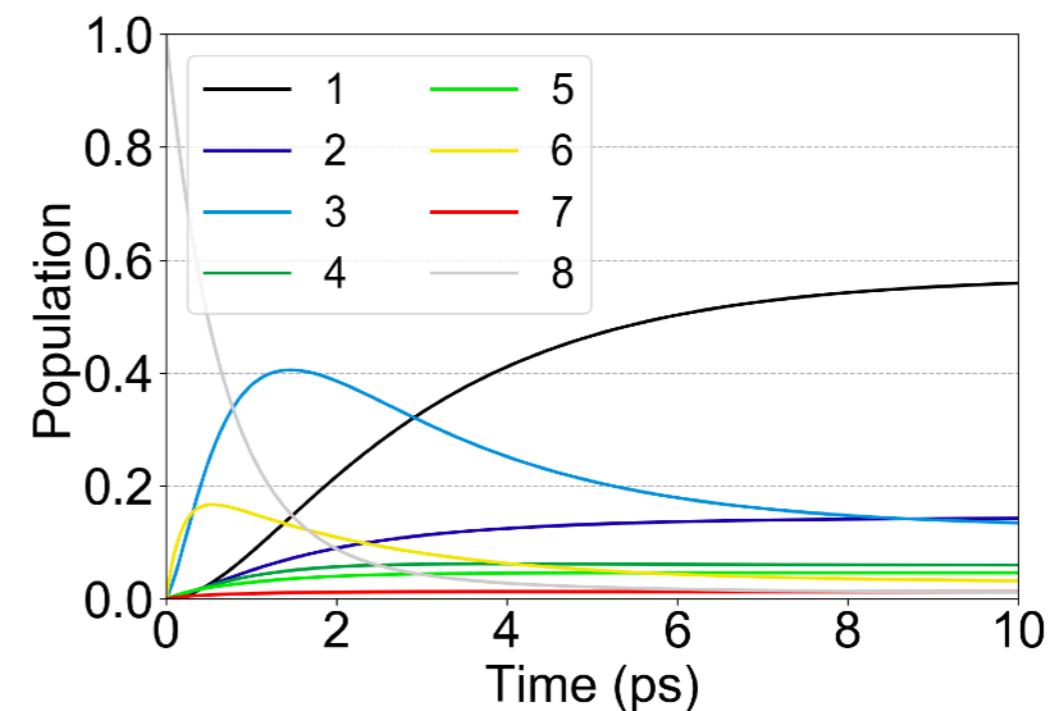
Effective Rate matrix

$\mathbf{R}$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}(t)$$

Coarse graining help us elucidate the complex EET network.

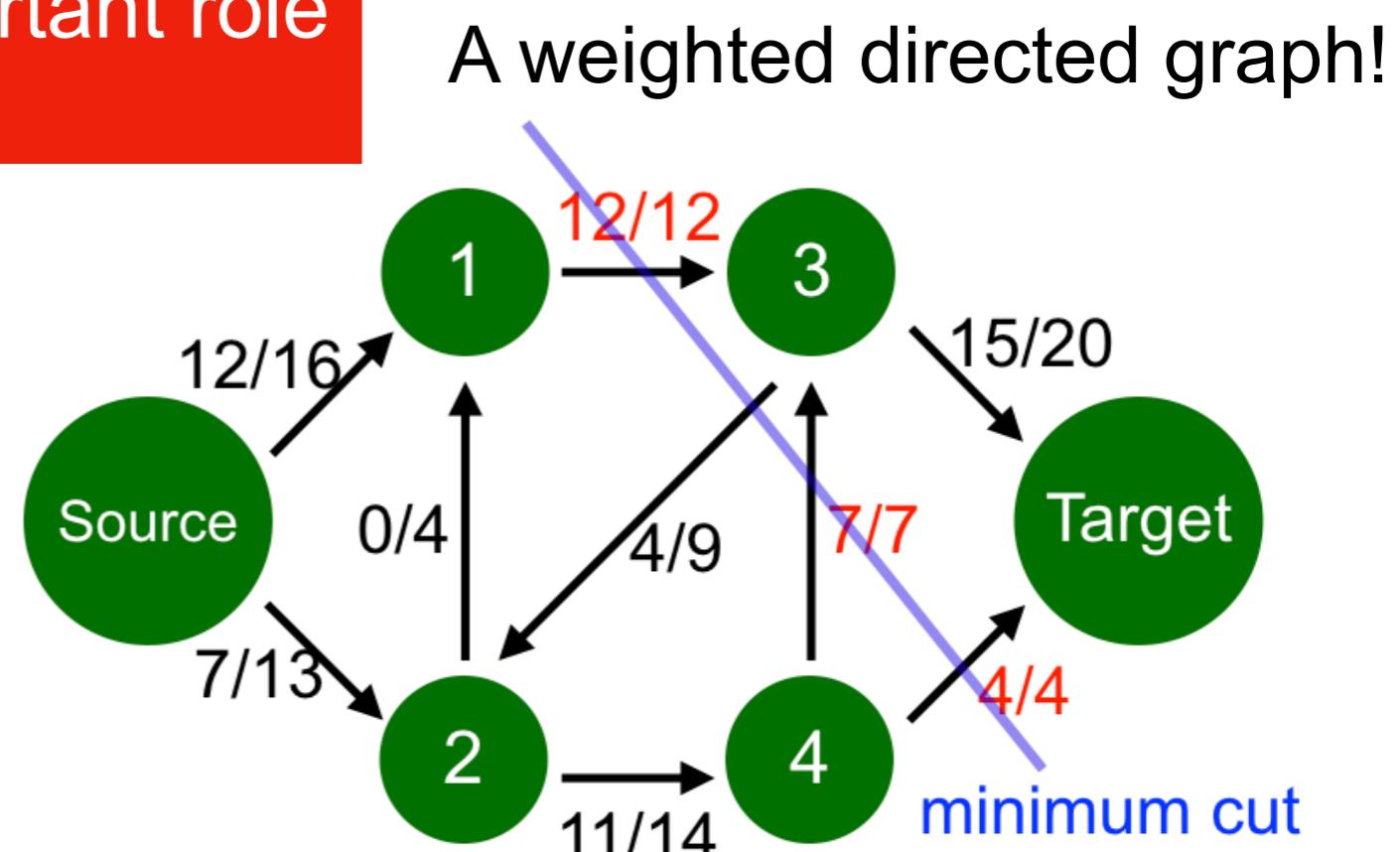
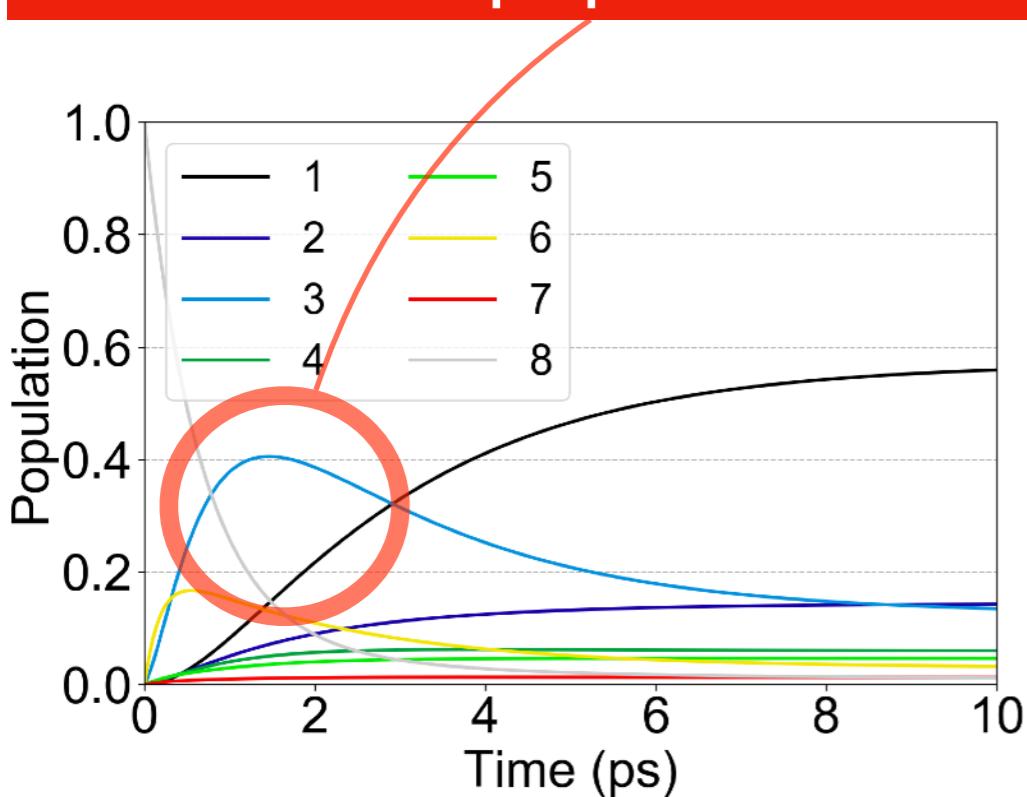
Dynamics



# Minimum-Cut Maximum-Flow Theorem

- In a weighted graph, the total weights (capacities) of the edges in the minimum cut are proved to be equal to the maximum flow from a specific source node to another specific target node.

A long-lived state plays an important role in population transfer!



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# To Buildup a EET Network Model

Effective Rate matrix

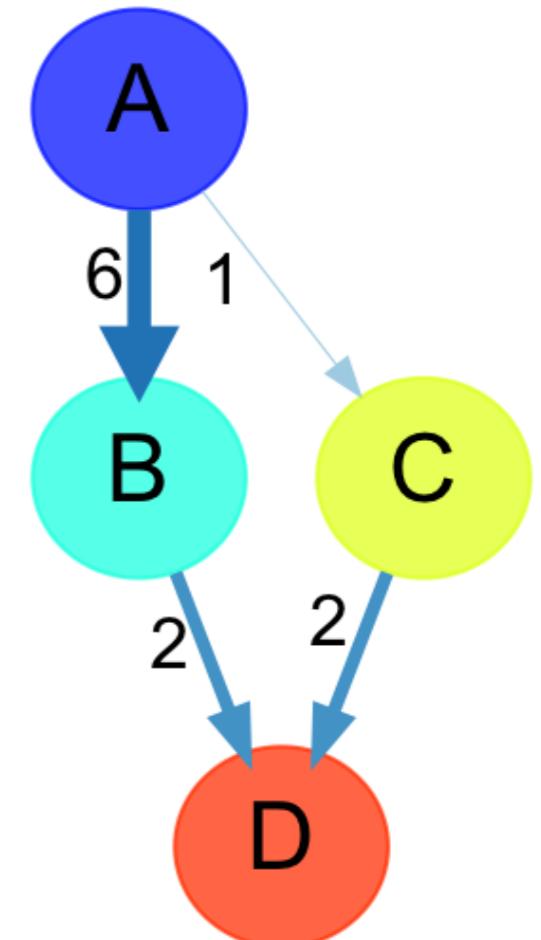
**R**

$R_{ji}$ : rate from state  $i$  to state  $j$

- Node  $i$ : exciton state  $i$
- The capacity  $c(i, j)$  of an edge  $E(i, j)$ :  $R_{ji}$
- e.g.

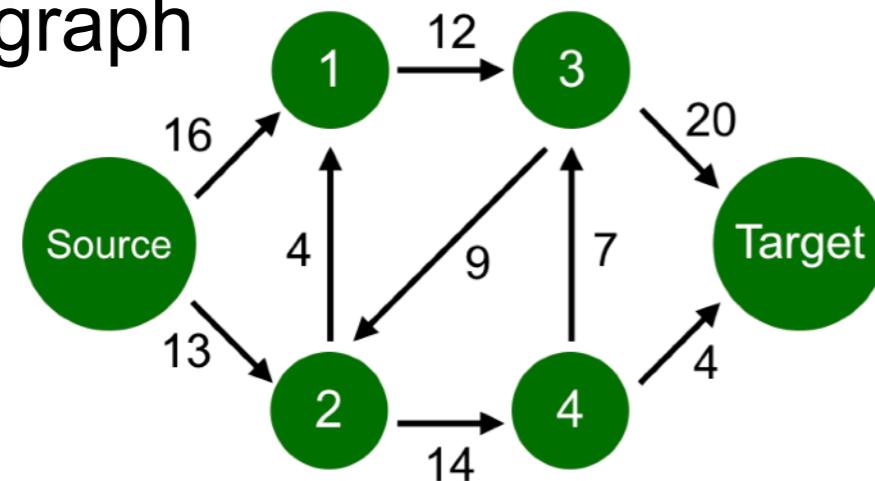
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} & \text{B} & \text{C} & \text{D} \\ \text{A} & -7.4 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ \text{B} & 6.0 & -1.6 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ \text{C} & 1.4 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ \text{D} & 0.0 & 1.6 & 2.0 & 0.0 \end{array}$$

A weighted directed graph!



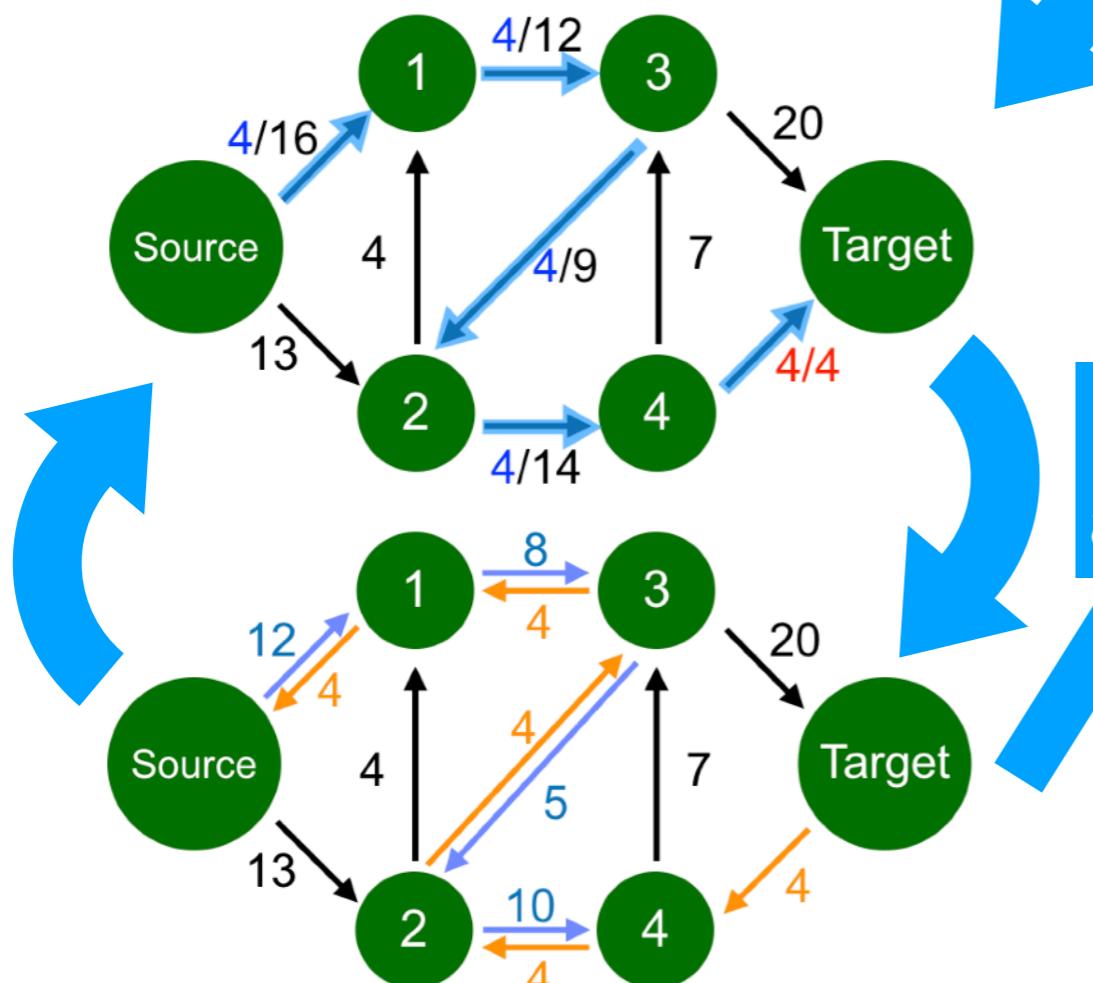
# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm

Original graph

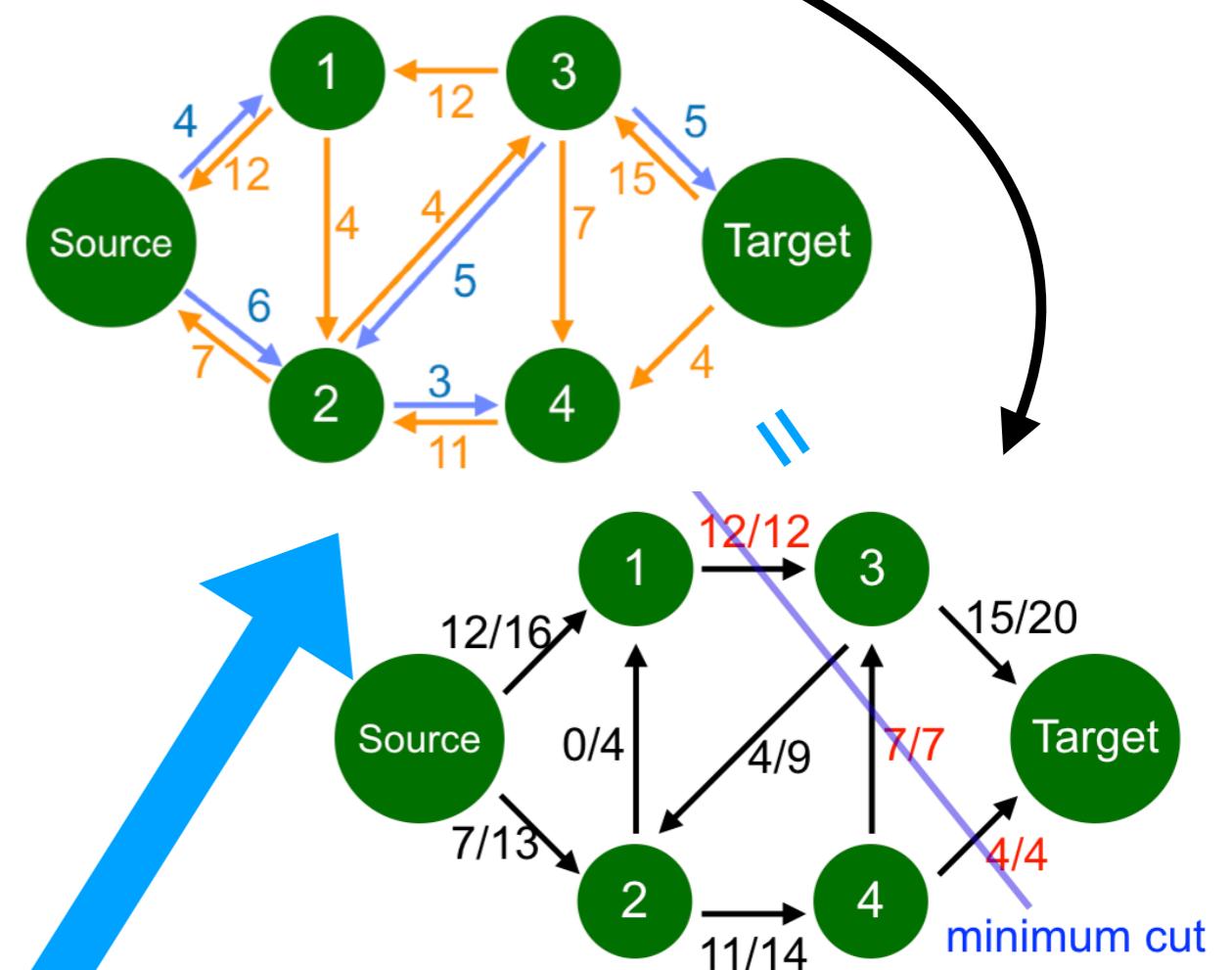


Maximum flow = **12 + 7 + 4**

Find an argument path and add flow



Until no  
argument path



Cut into 2 subgraphs

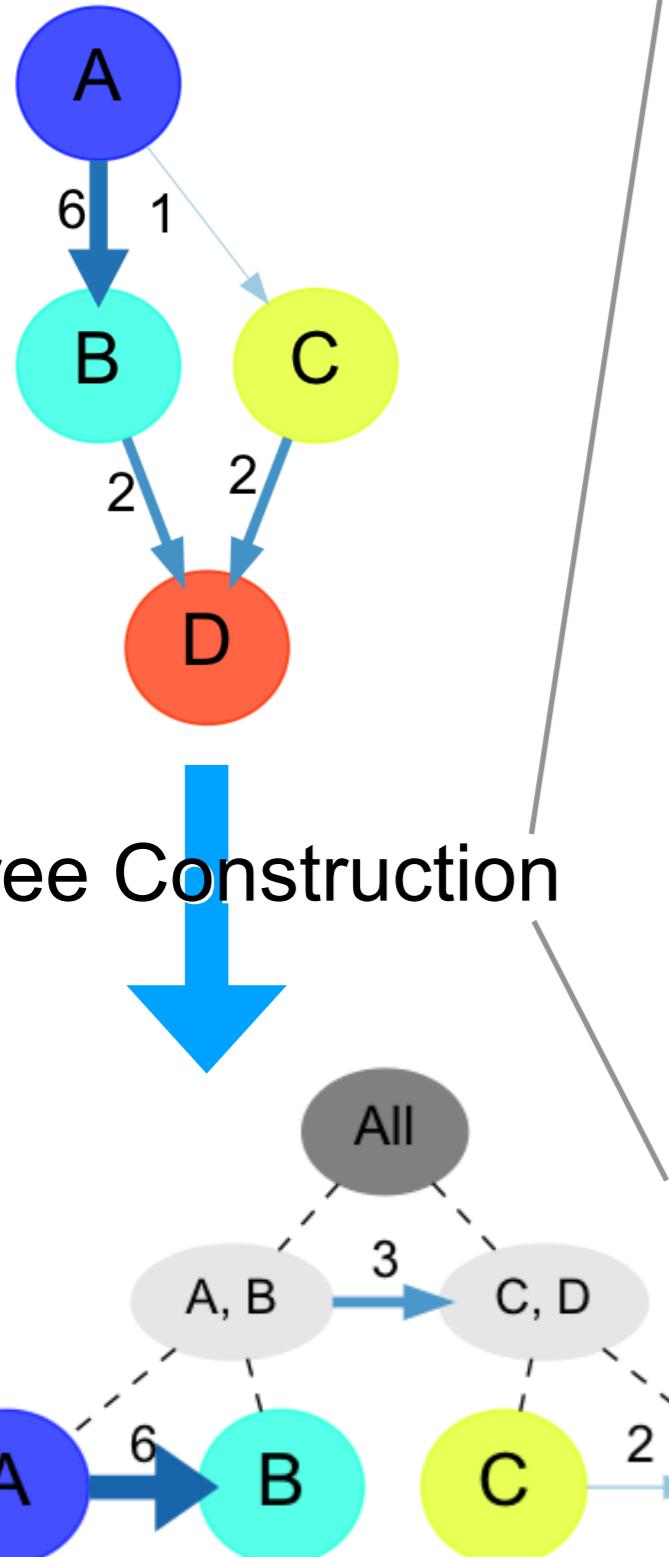
The residual graph

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# A Directed Minimum-Cut Tree



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## Algorithm 2: Construction of the Directed Minimum-Cut Tree

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**Input:** an EET network  $G$

**Output:** a directed minimum-cut tree  $T$  of  $G$

**Function Build( $G$ ):**

$T = \text{an empty root}$  // Initialize  $T$

$T.\text{top} = G$

**if**  $G.\text{size} > 1$  **then**

$s = \text{argmax}(\text{energies of states } \in G)$

$t = \text{argmin}(\text{energies of states } \in G)$

$T.\text{maxflow}, G_r = \text{FFA}(G, s, t)$

// use Breadth-First-Search(BFS) to determine  
the subgraph

subgraph  $G_s = \text{BFS}(G_r, s)$

subgraph  $G_t = G - G_s$

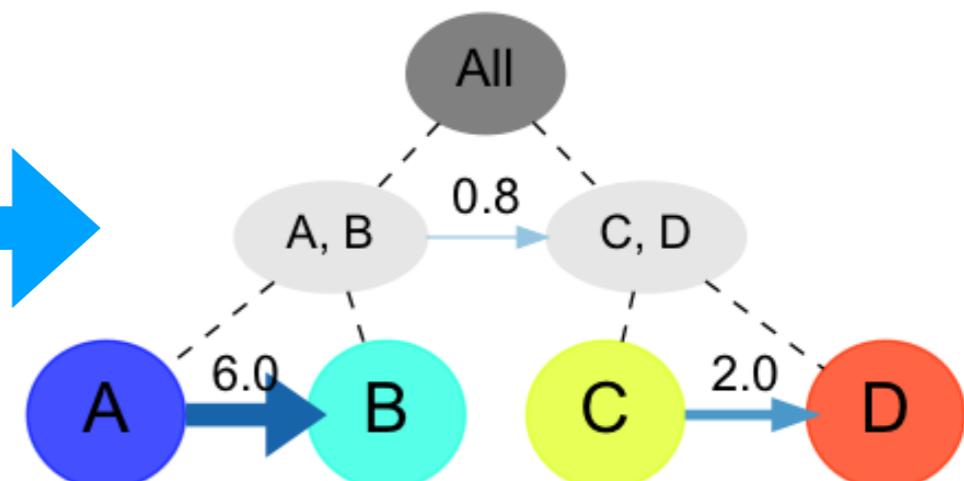
$T.\text{left\_root} = \text{Build}(G_s)$

$T.\text{right\_root} = \text{Build}(G_t)$

**return**  $T$

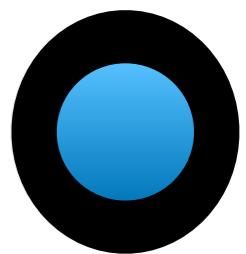
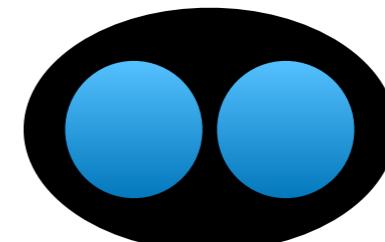
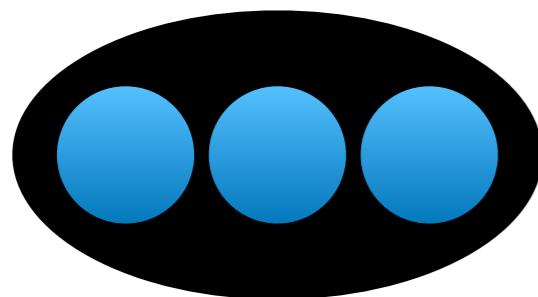
**Normalized**

$$f_{\text{norm}} = \frac{f}{N(S) \times N(T)}$$

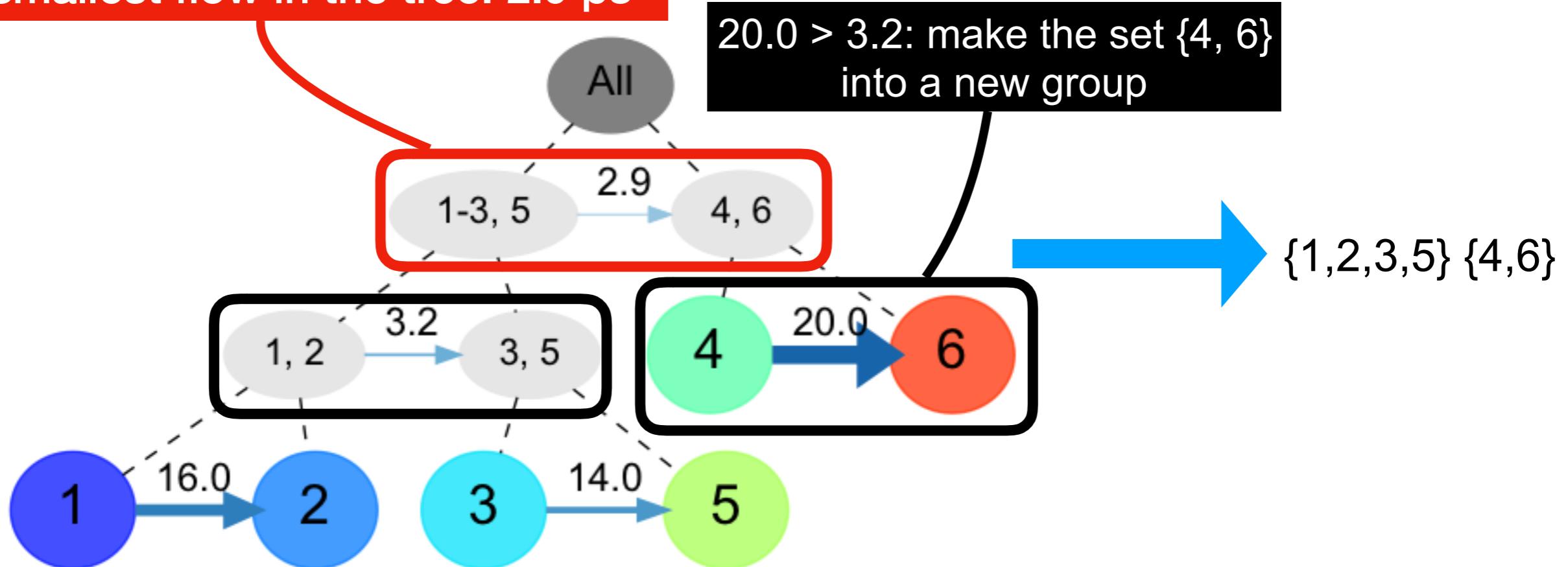


# Top-Down Clustering (TDC) Method

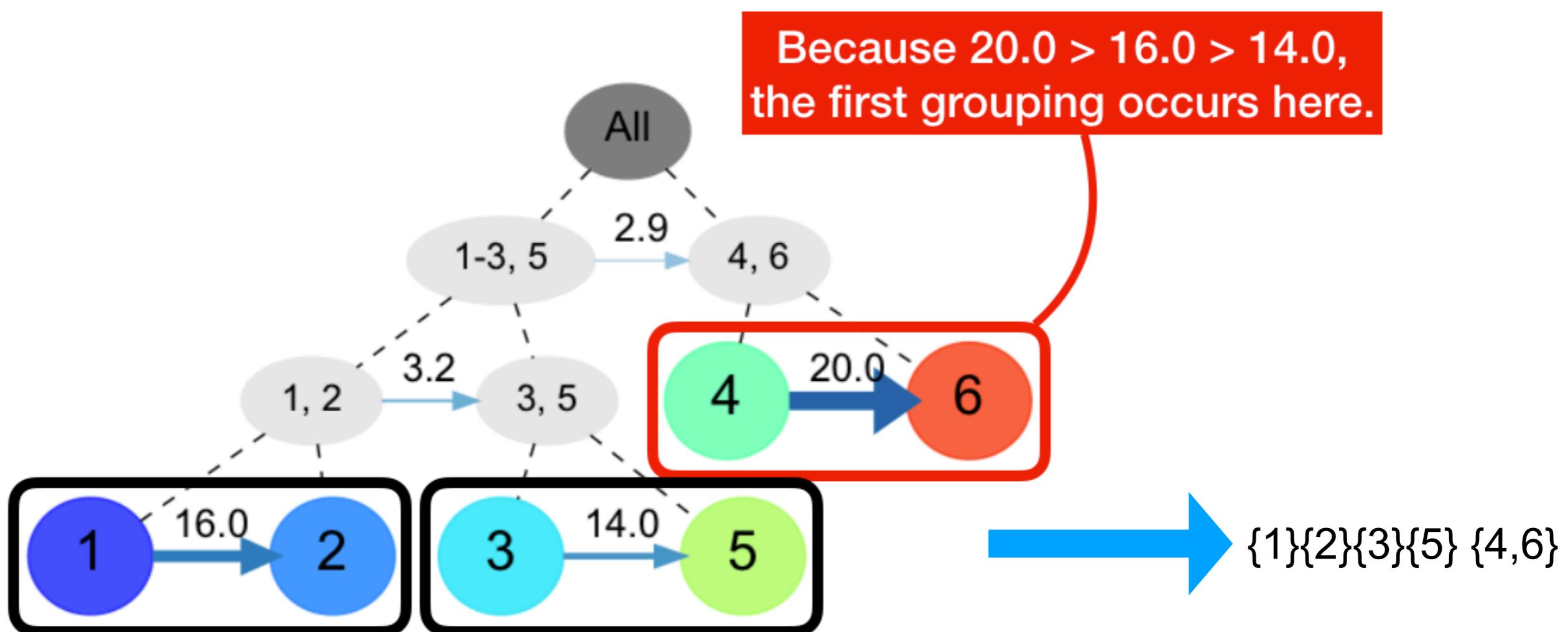
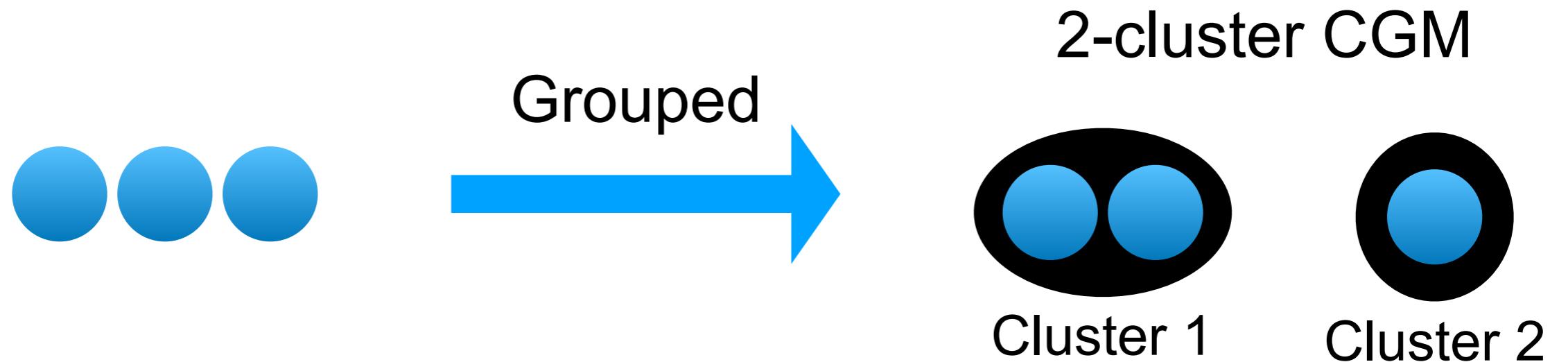
2-cluster CGM



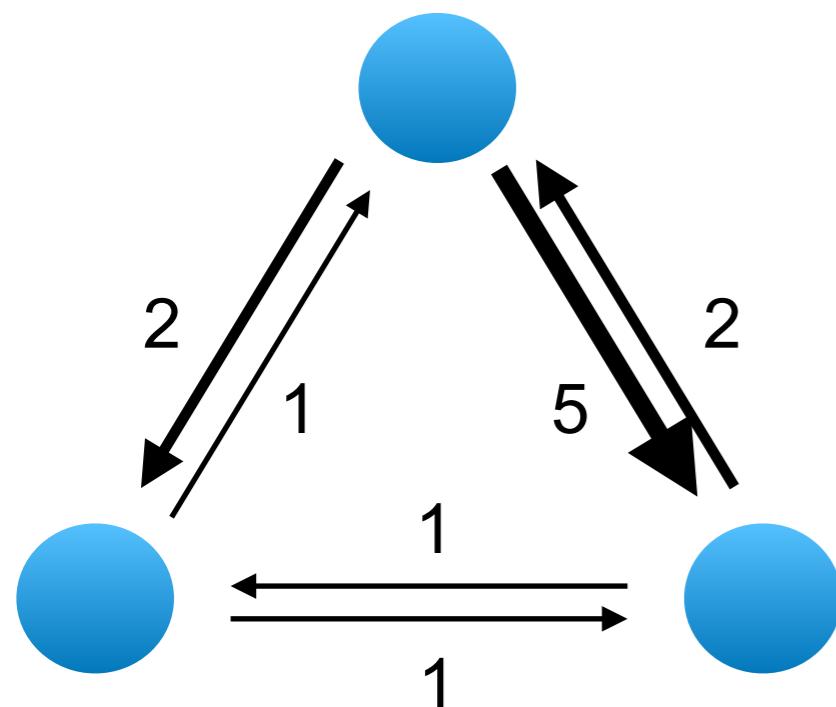
The smallest flow in the tree:  $2.9 \text{ ps}^{-1}$



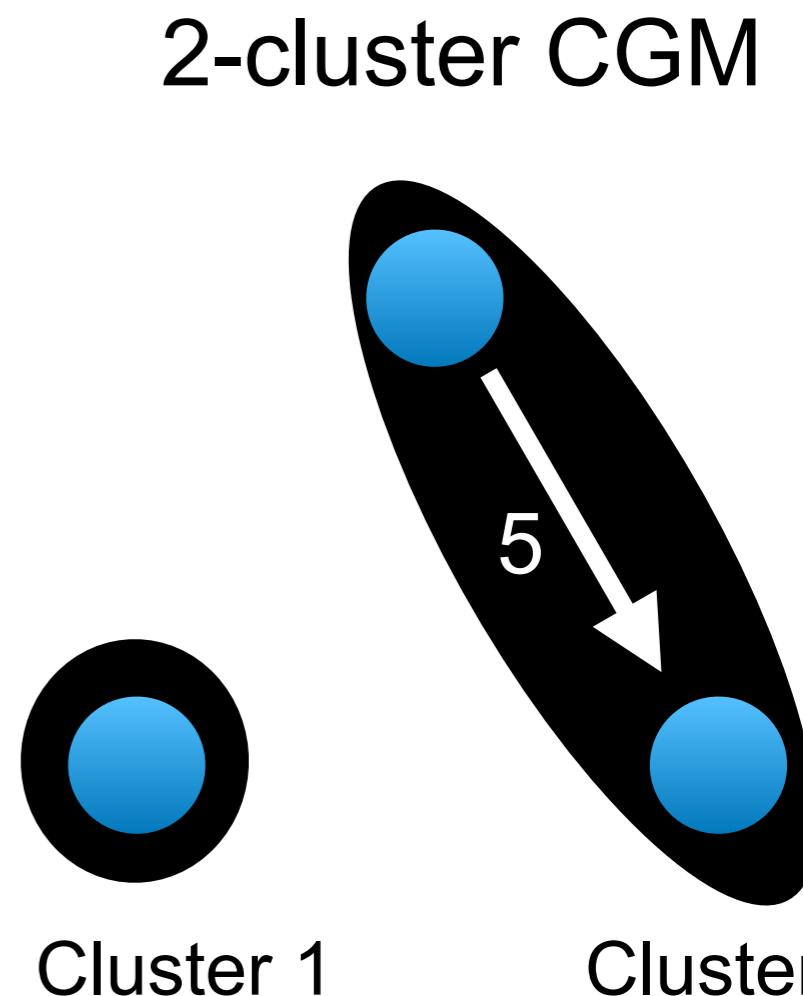
# Bottom-Up Clustering (BUC) Method



# Directly Cut-off (DC) Method

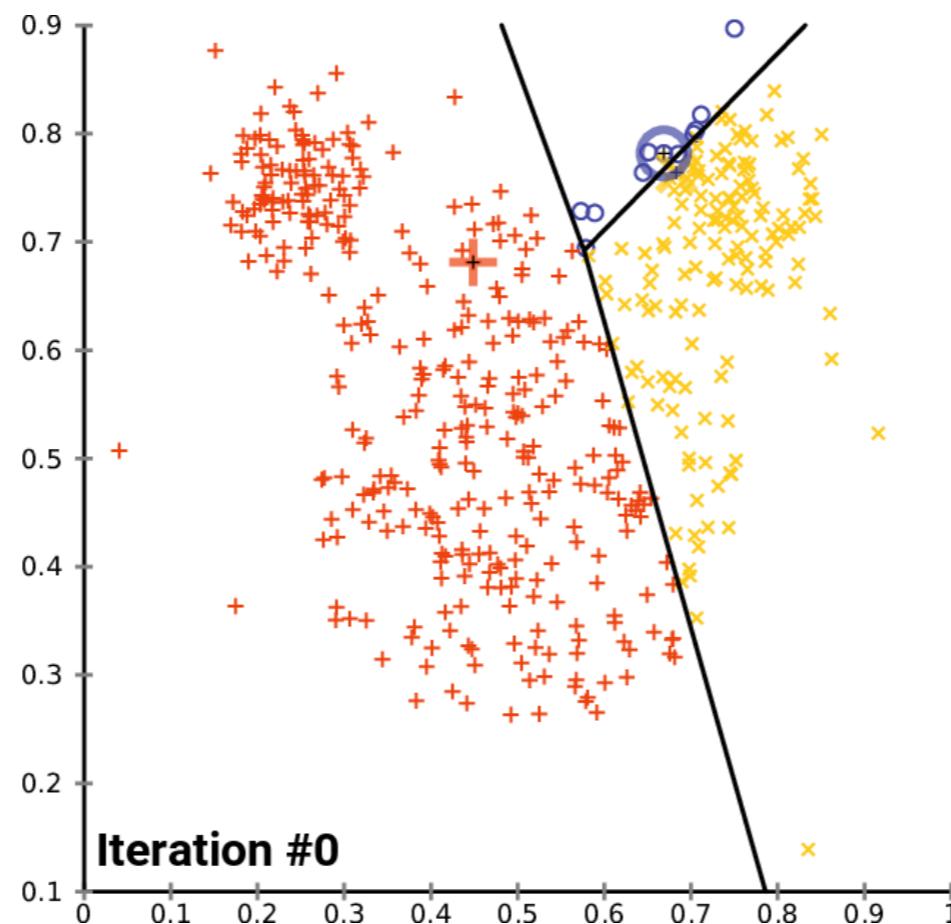


Cut-off = 3



# K-Means-like (KM) Method

K-Means:



- K-Means-like method:

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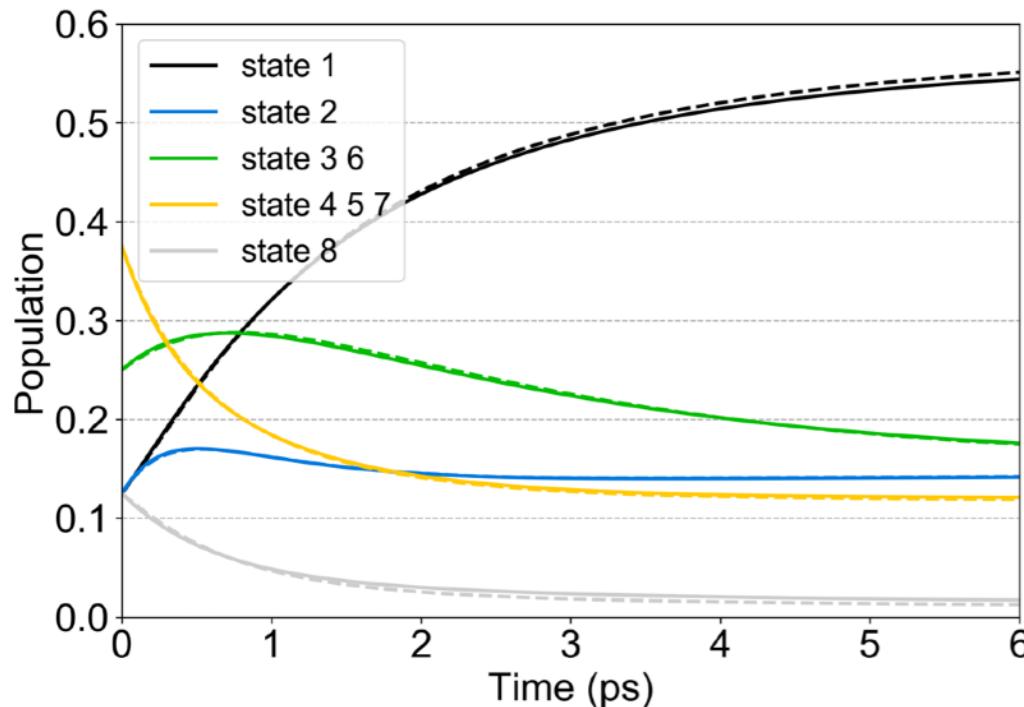
- Minimize the variance in each cluster:

$$\text{distance } d_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{\max(r_{ji}, r_{ij})}$$

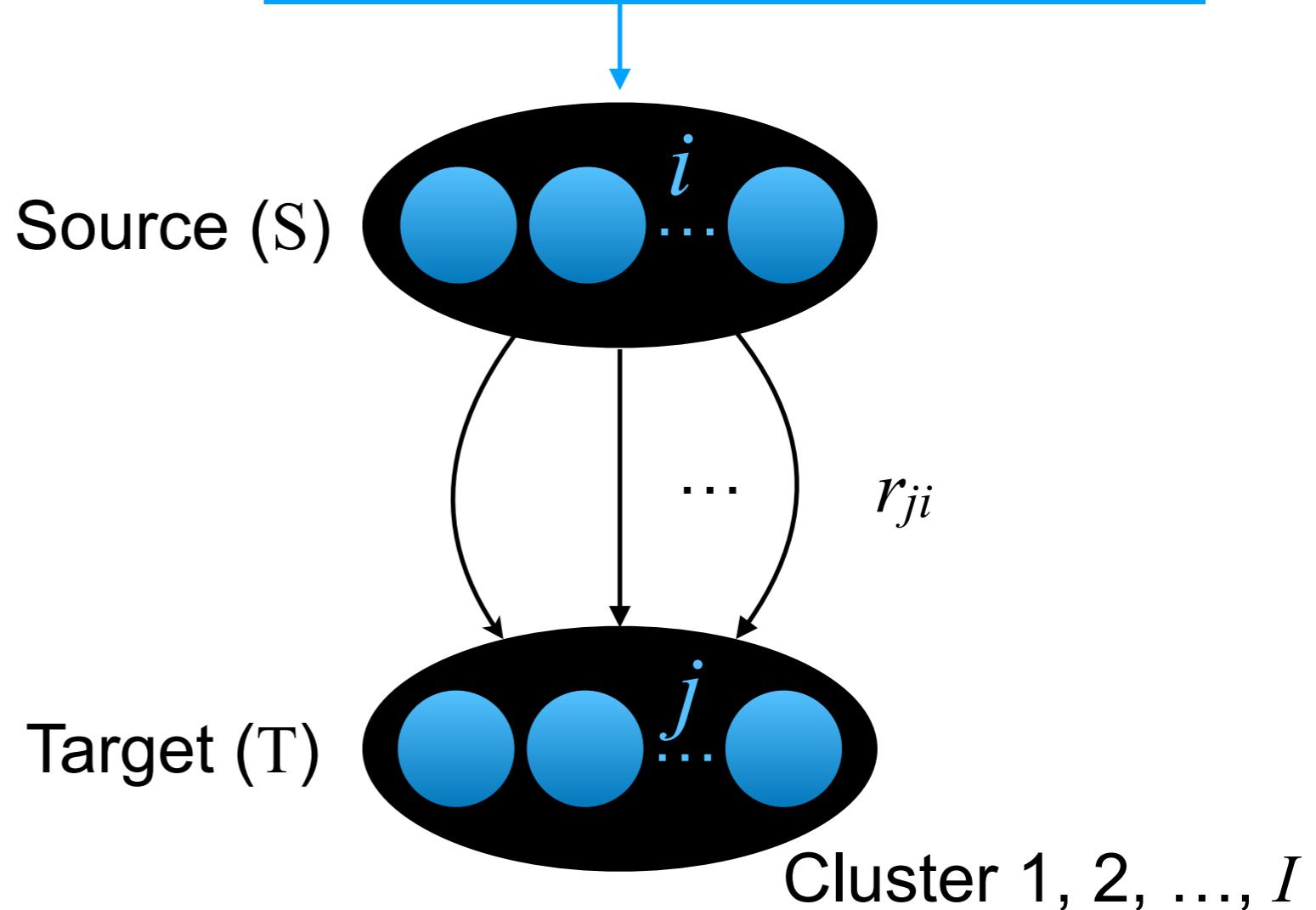
$$\text{variance} \equiv \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{ij \in S_I} d_{ij}^2$$

# Reduced Dynamics

$$r_{TS} = \sum_{j \in T} \sum_{i \in S} r_{ji} \frac{\exp(-\epsilon_i/k_B T)}{Z_S}$$



Quasi-thermal equilibrium approximation



With  
Min-Cut  
Tree

Top-Down Clustering Method TDC

Bottom-Up Clustering Method BUC

Without  
Min-Cut  
Tree

Directly Cut-off Method DC

K-Means-like Method KM



Coarse-Grained Model (CGM)

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# Studying the EET Pathways

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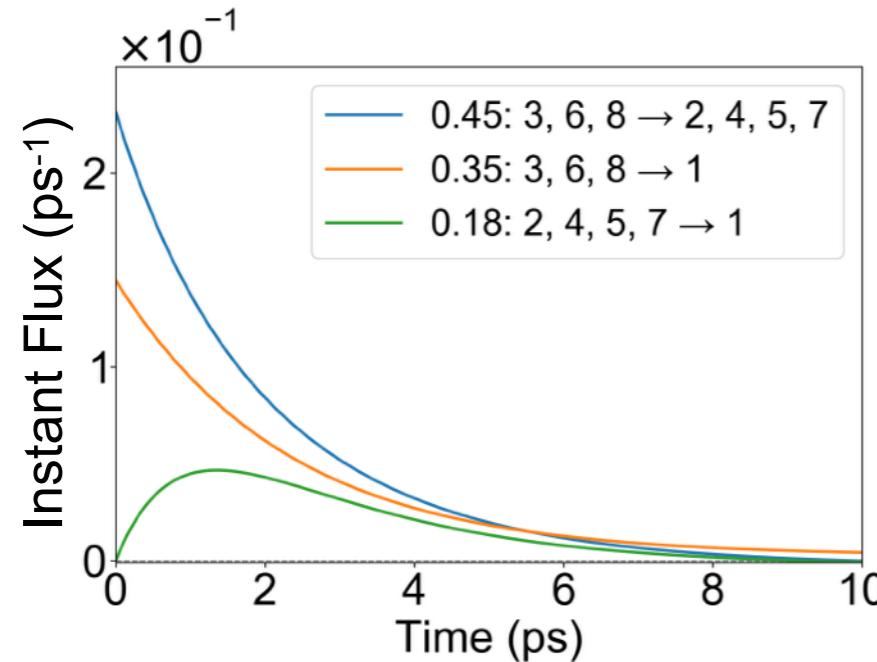
- Pathway decompositions
- Normalized by maximum flow

Maximum flow = **23**  $\rightarrow$  **12/23**

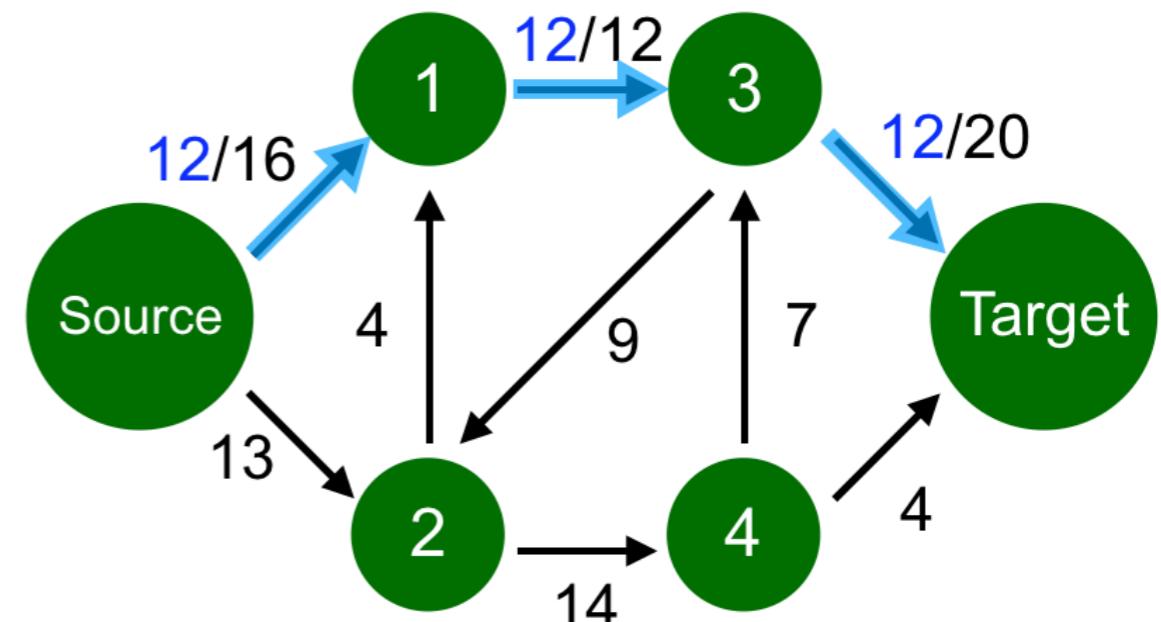
- Markovian dynamics:

- Time-integrated flux

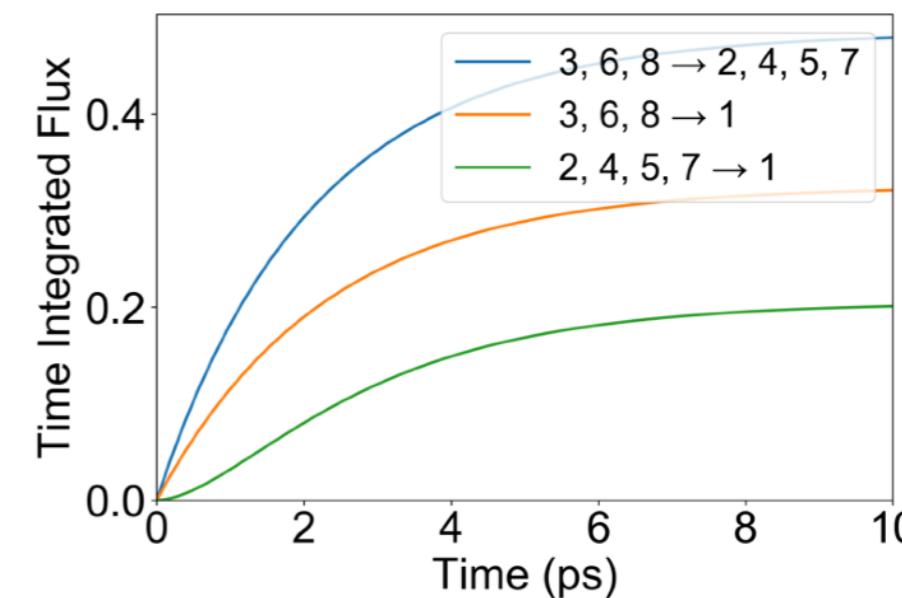
$$f_{ji}(t) = R_{ji}P_i(t) - R_{ij}P_j(t)$$



A shortest argument path: a pathway



$$F_{ji}^{\text{Markovian}}(t) = \int_0^t d\tau f_{ji}(\tau) - f_{ji}(\infty)$$



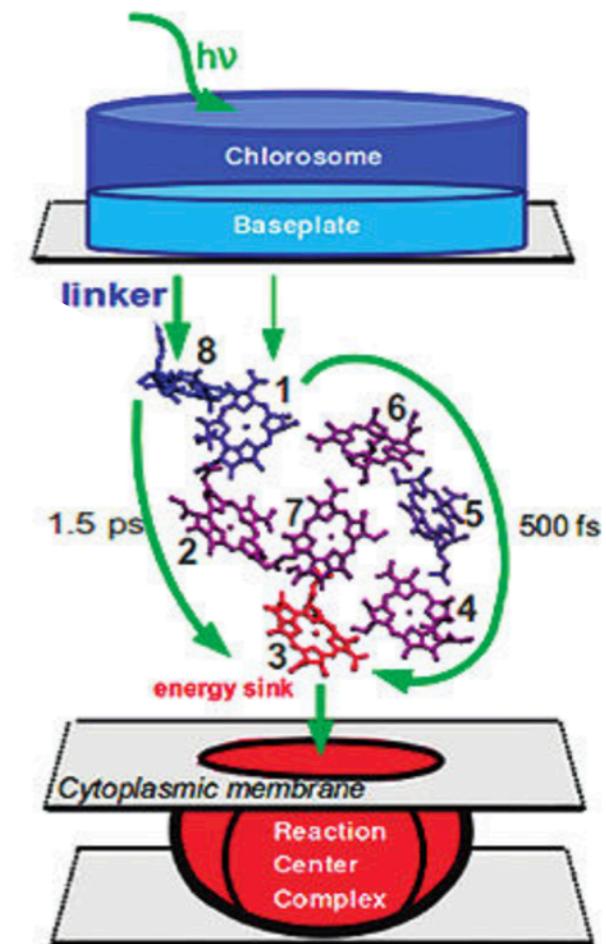
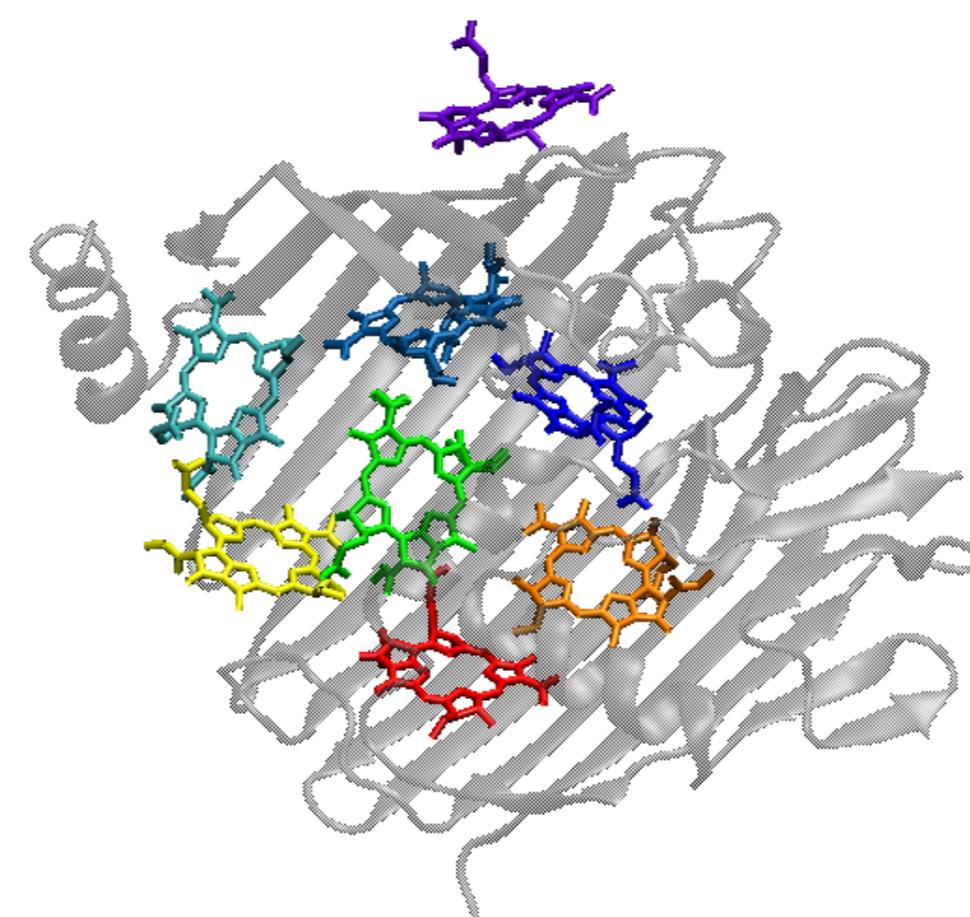
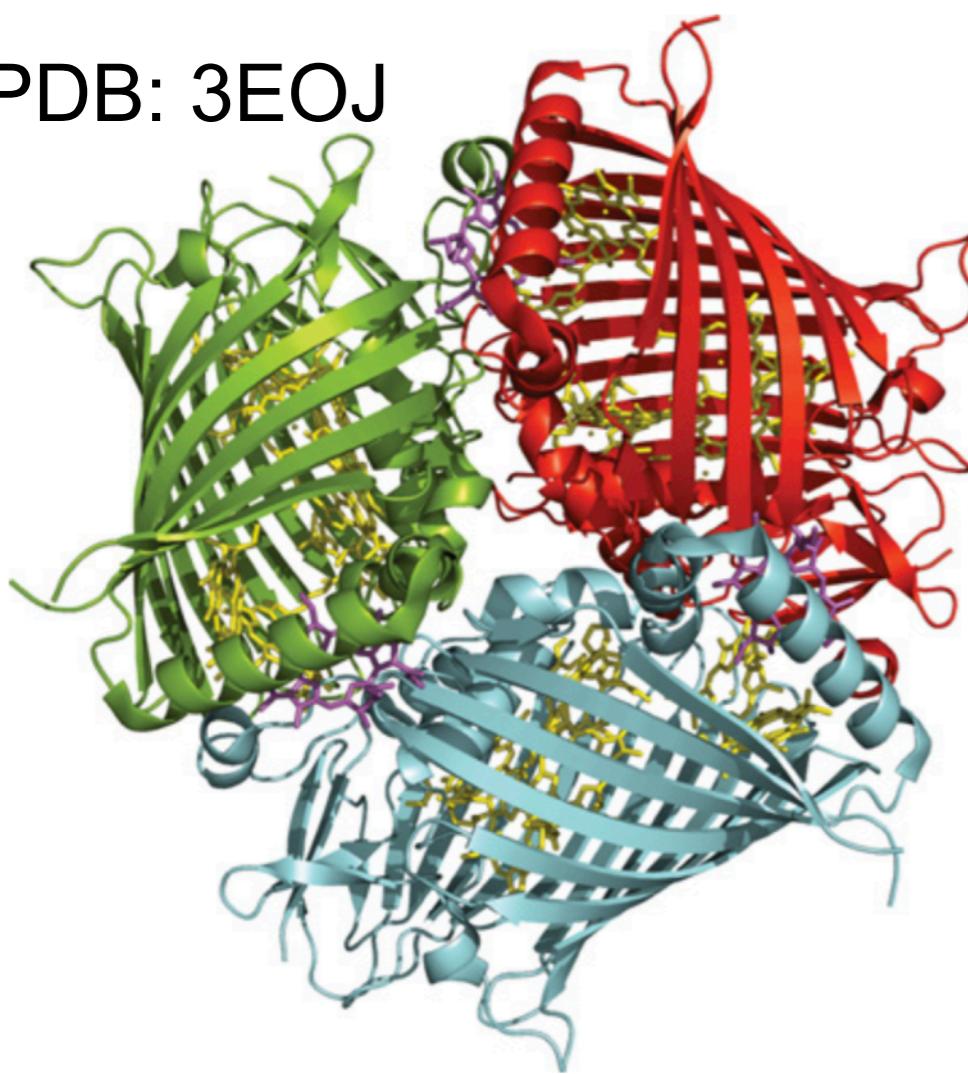
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# 8-Site Fenna-Matthews-Olson (FMO) Complex

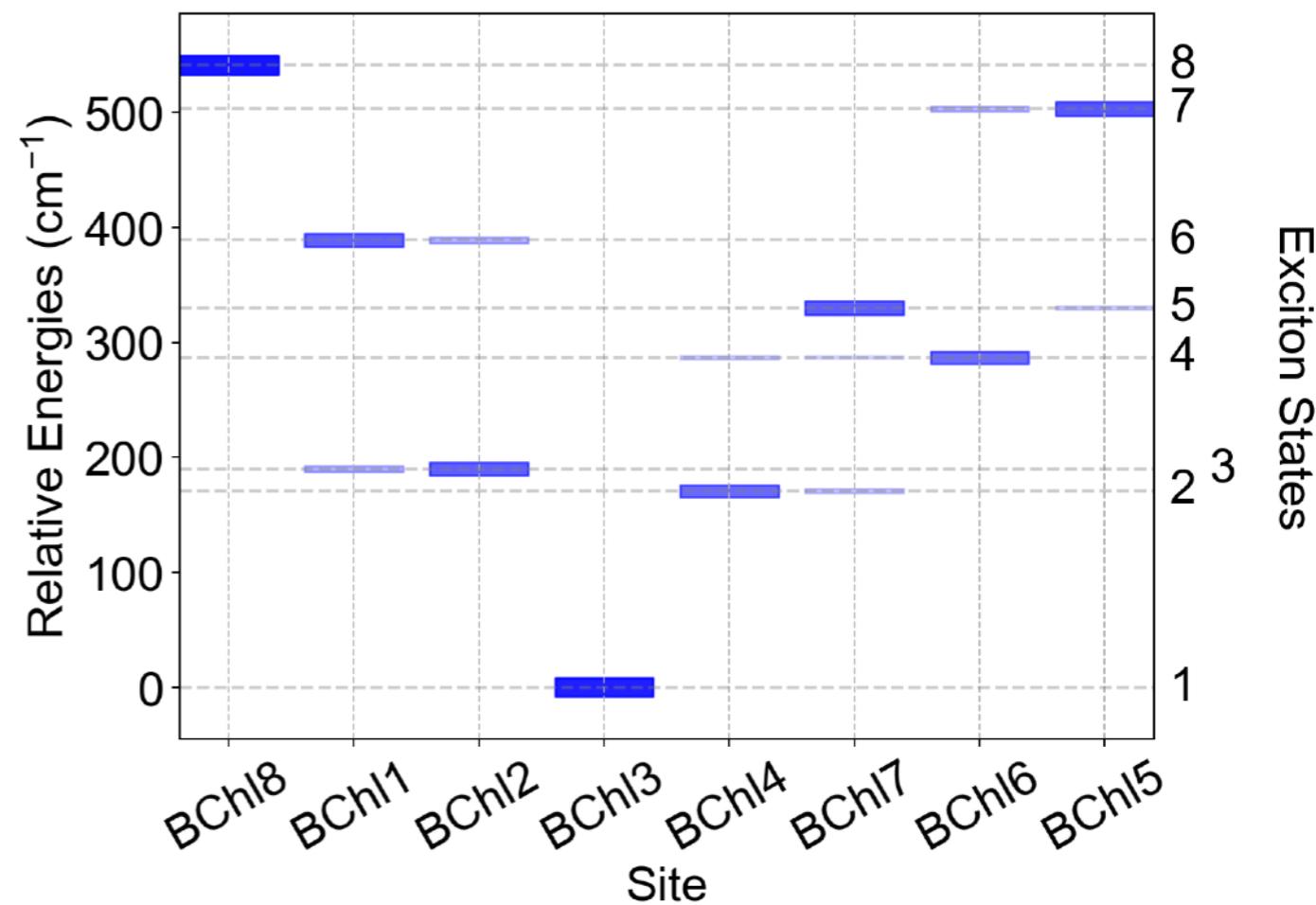
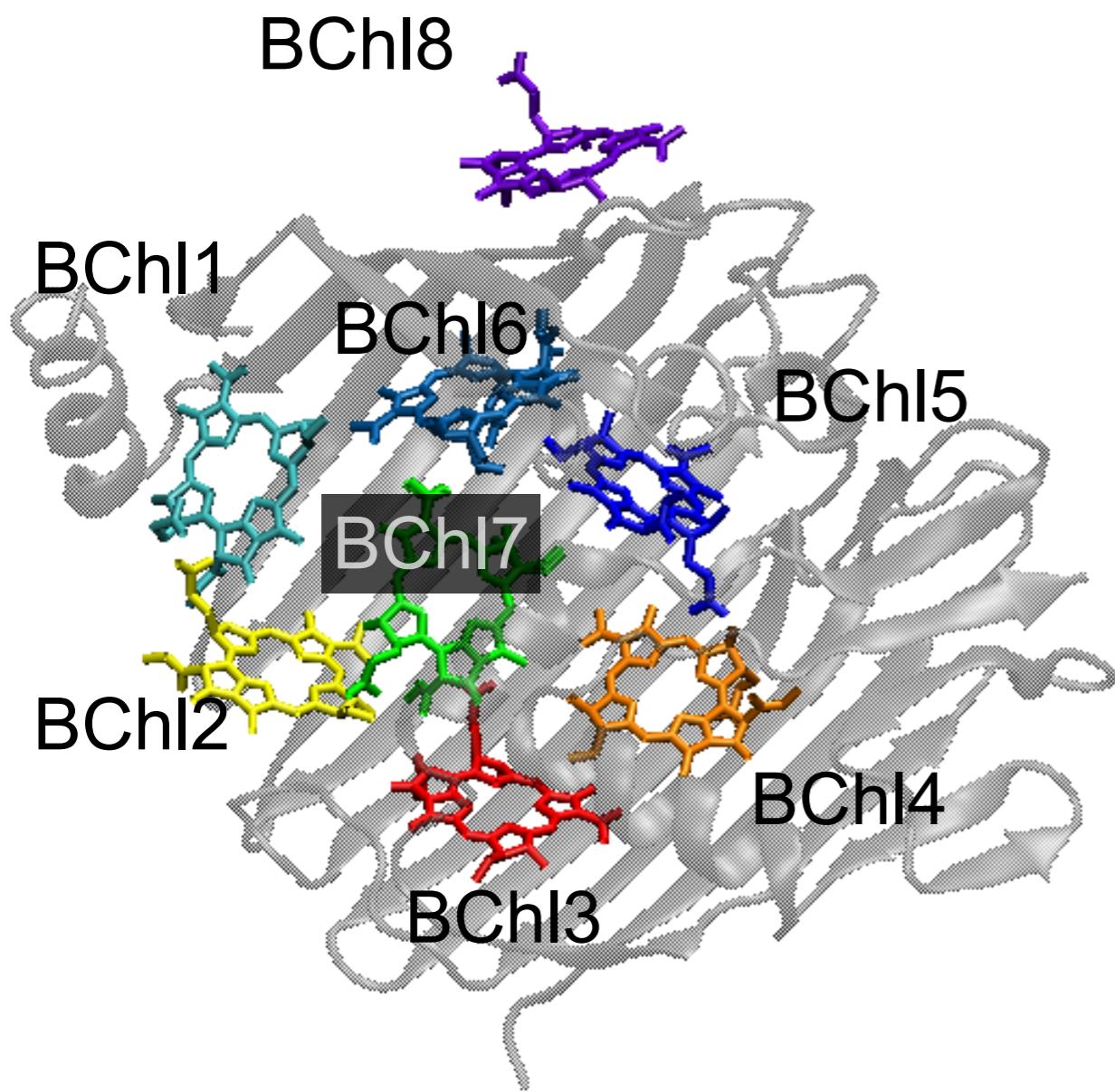
- A “funnel” between the reaction center and the antenna system in green sulfur bacteria
- Sites: 8 BChl *a*

PDB: 3EOJ



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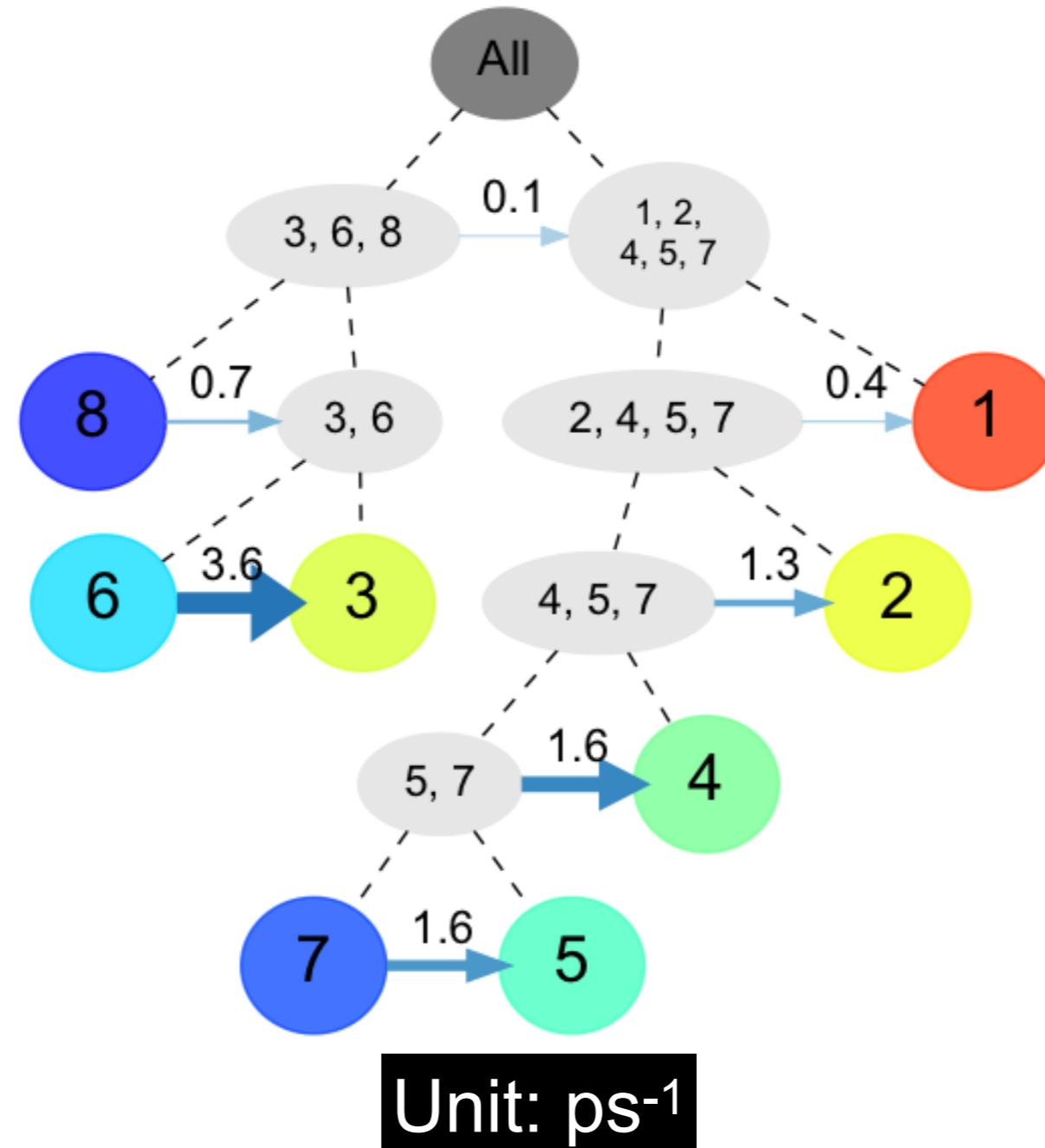
# Exciton Structures of the FMO Complex



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# FMO Complex: Tree

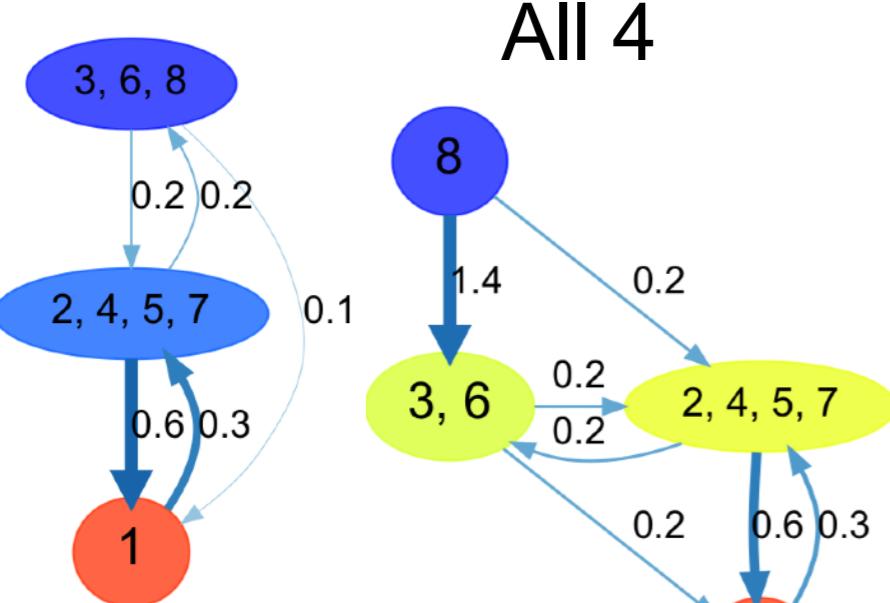
- Highest exciton state to lowest exciton state



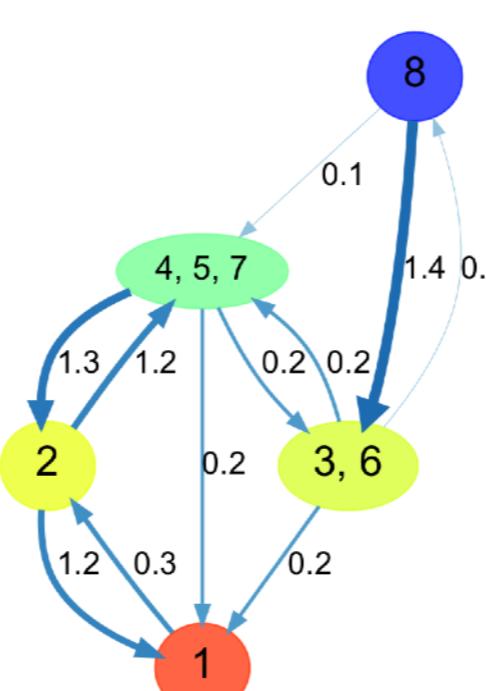
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# FMO Complex: CGM's and Costs

TDC, BUC 3



TDC, BUC 5

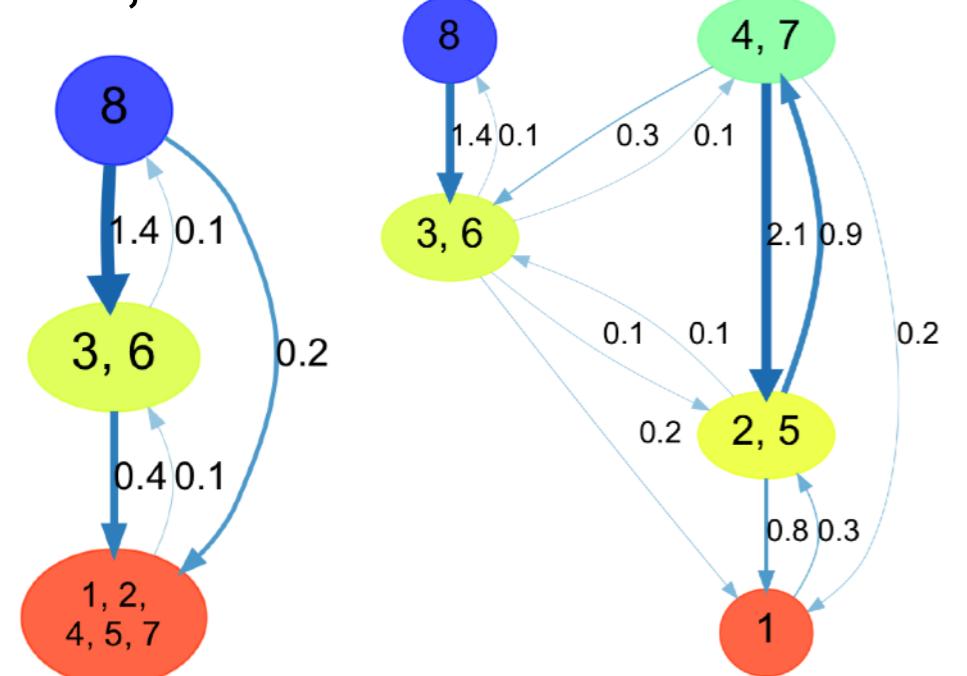


Label: rate ( $\text{ps}^{-1}$ )

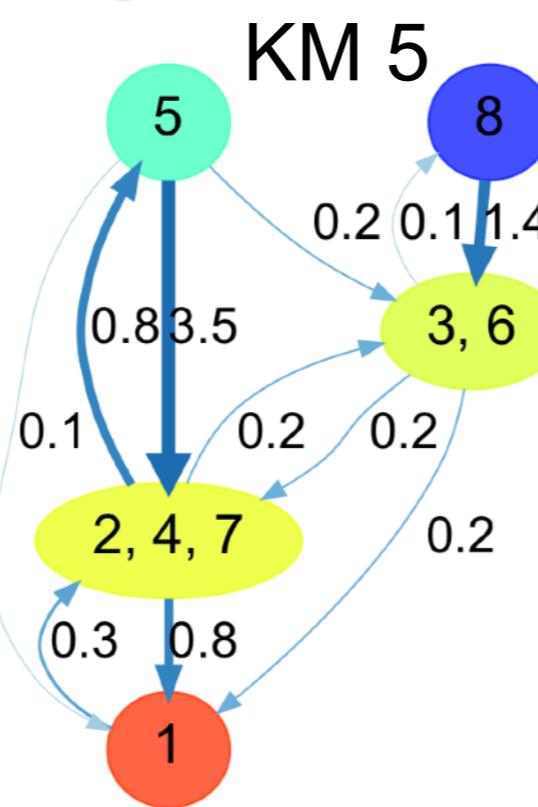
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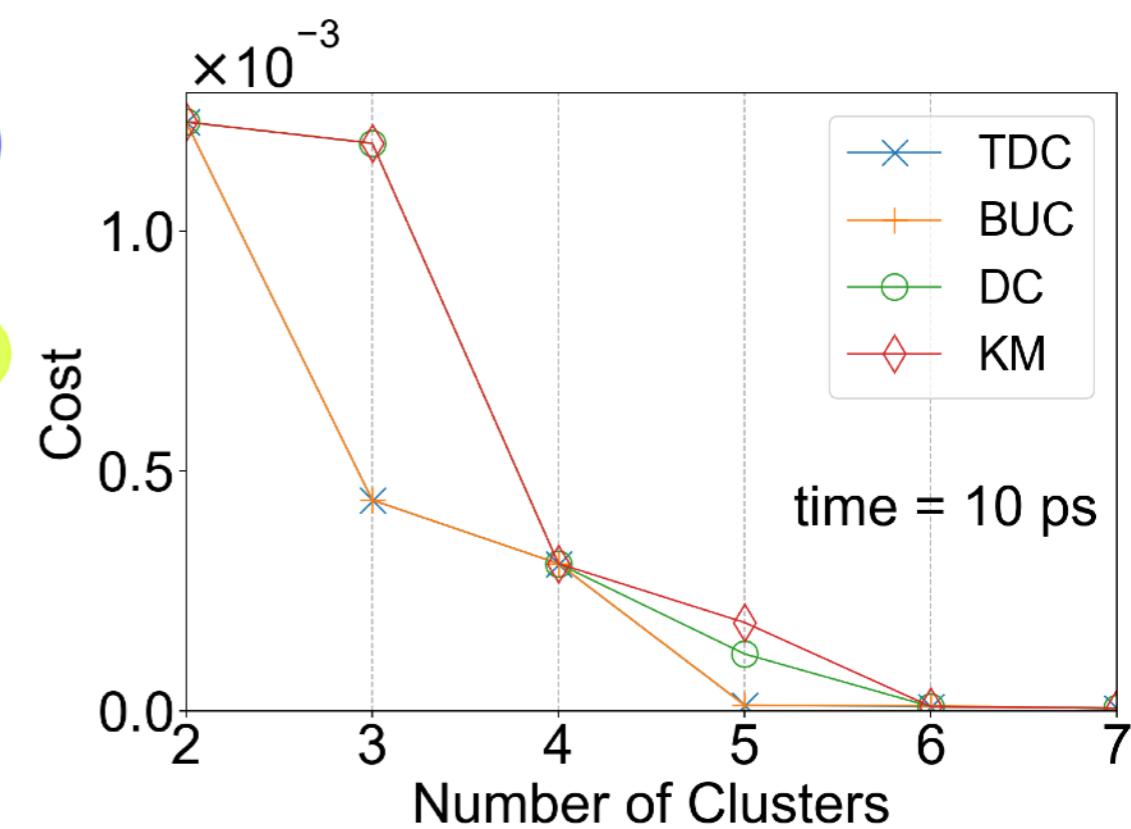
KM, DC 3



DC 5

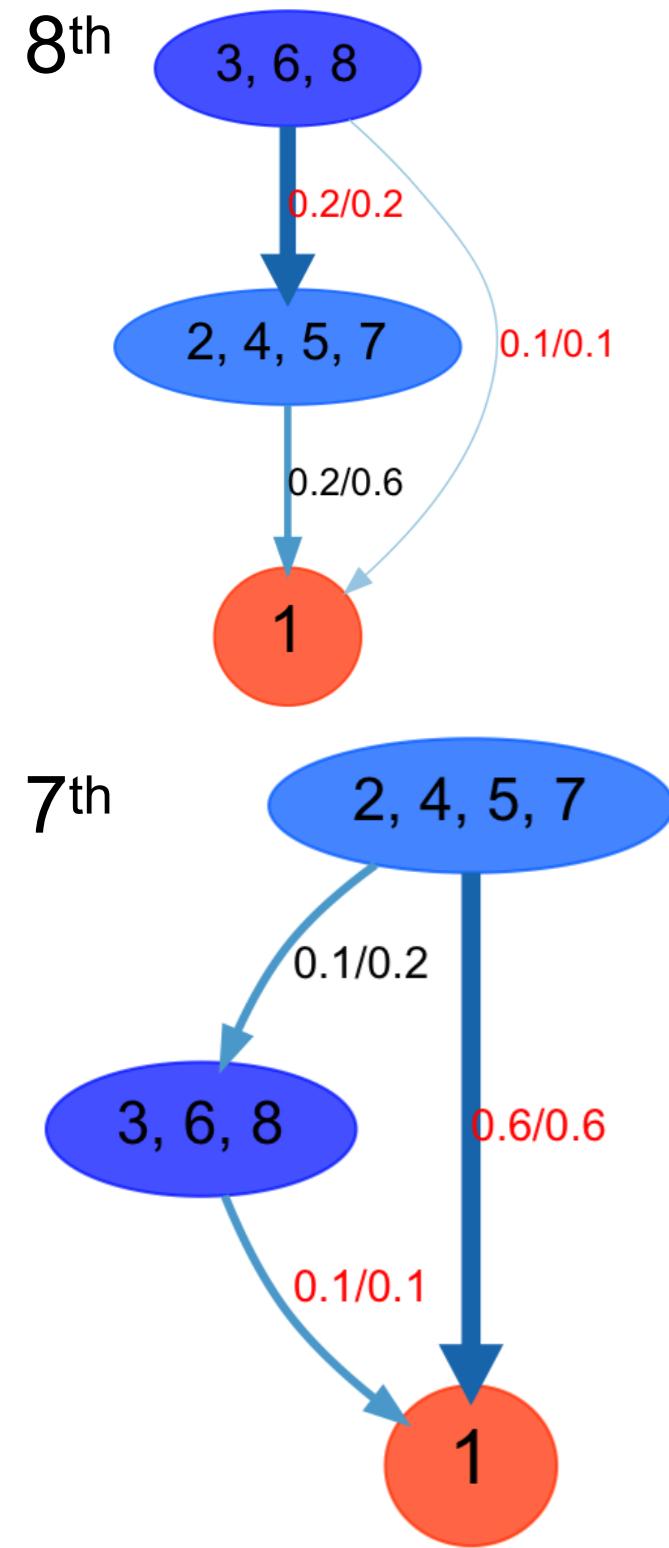


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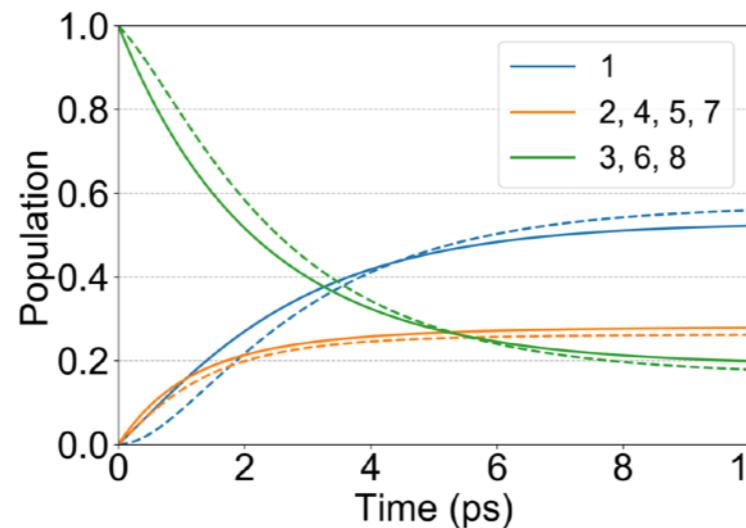


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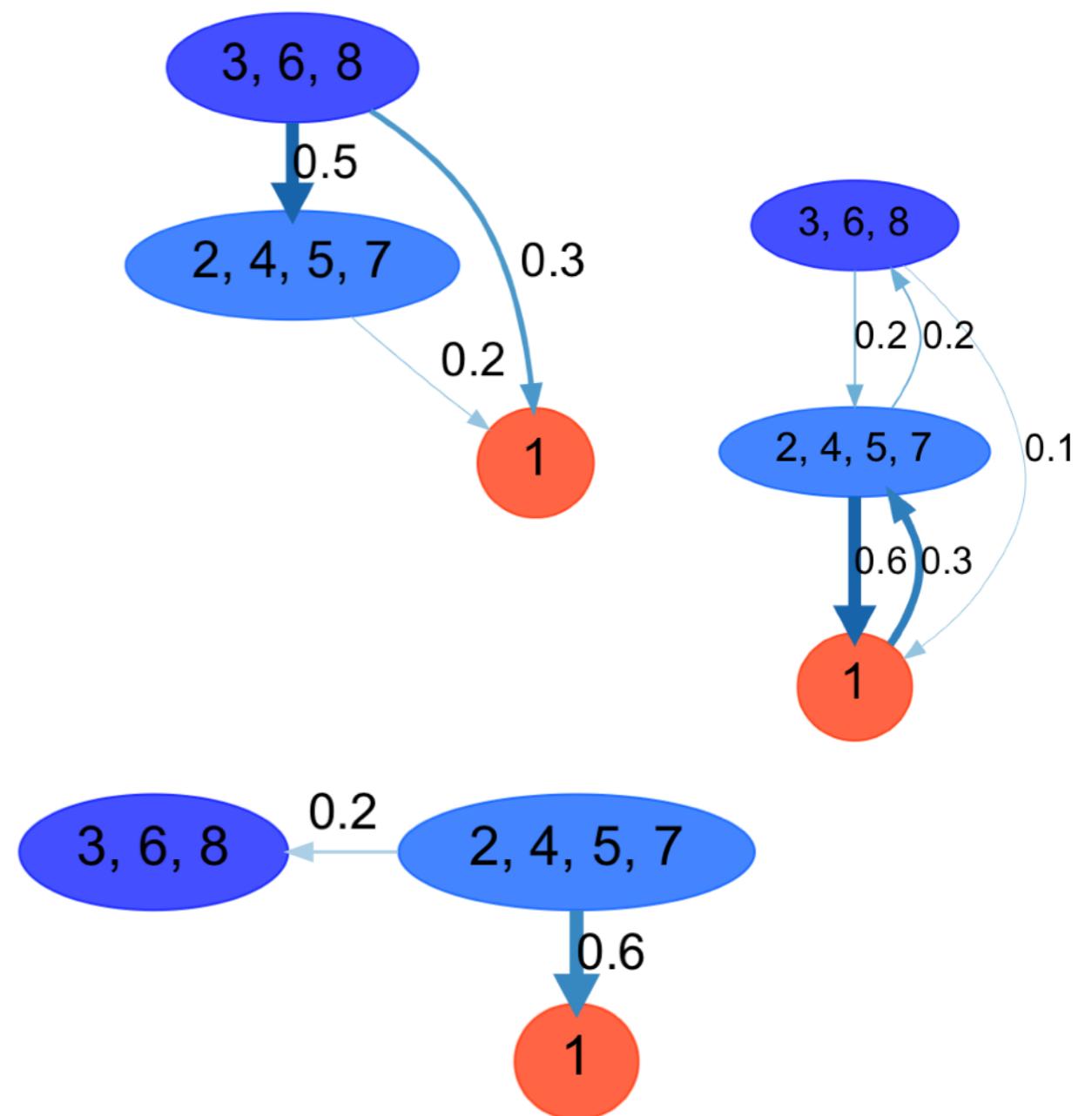
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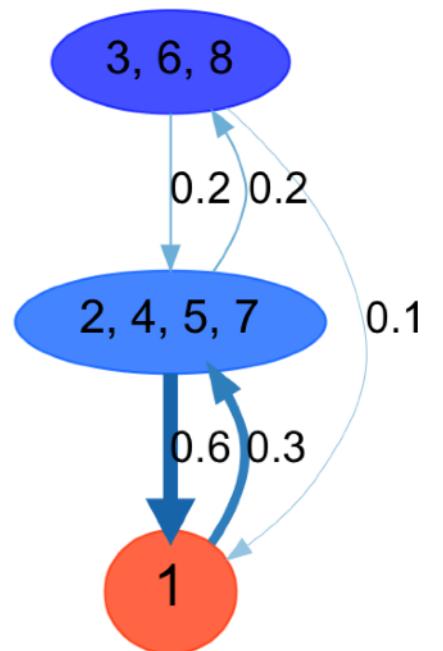
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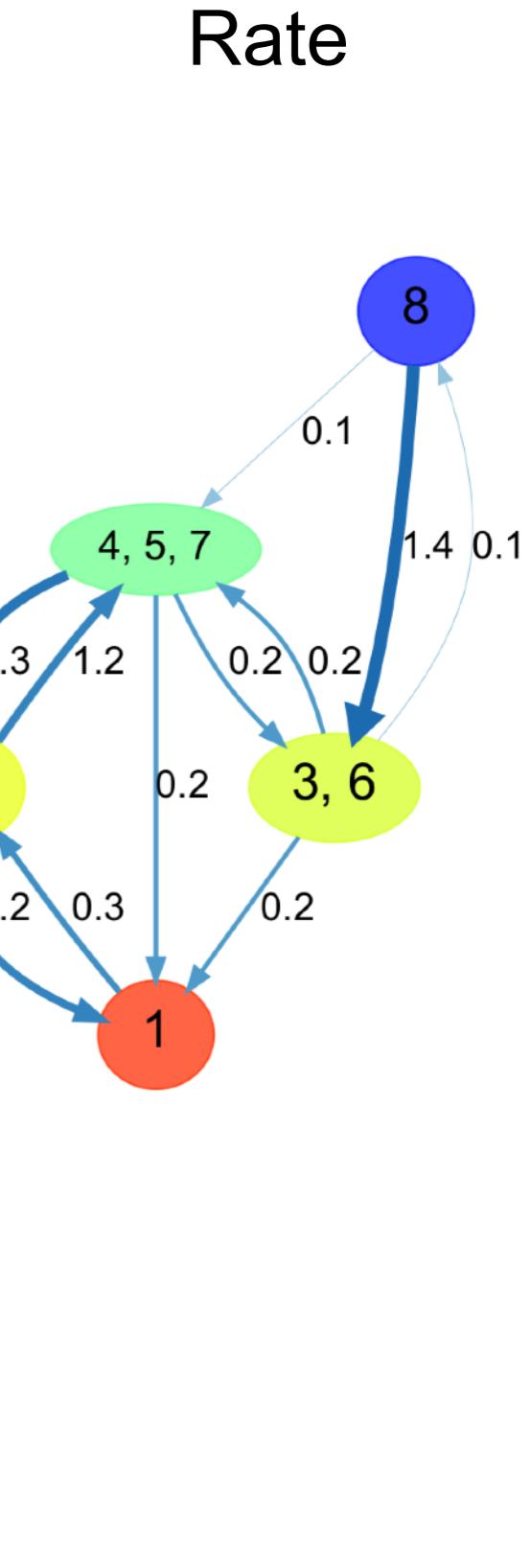
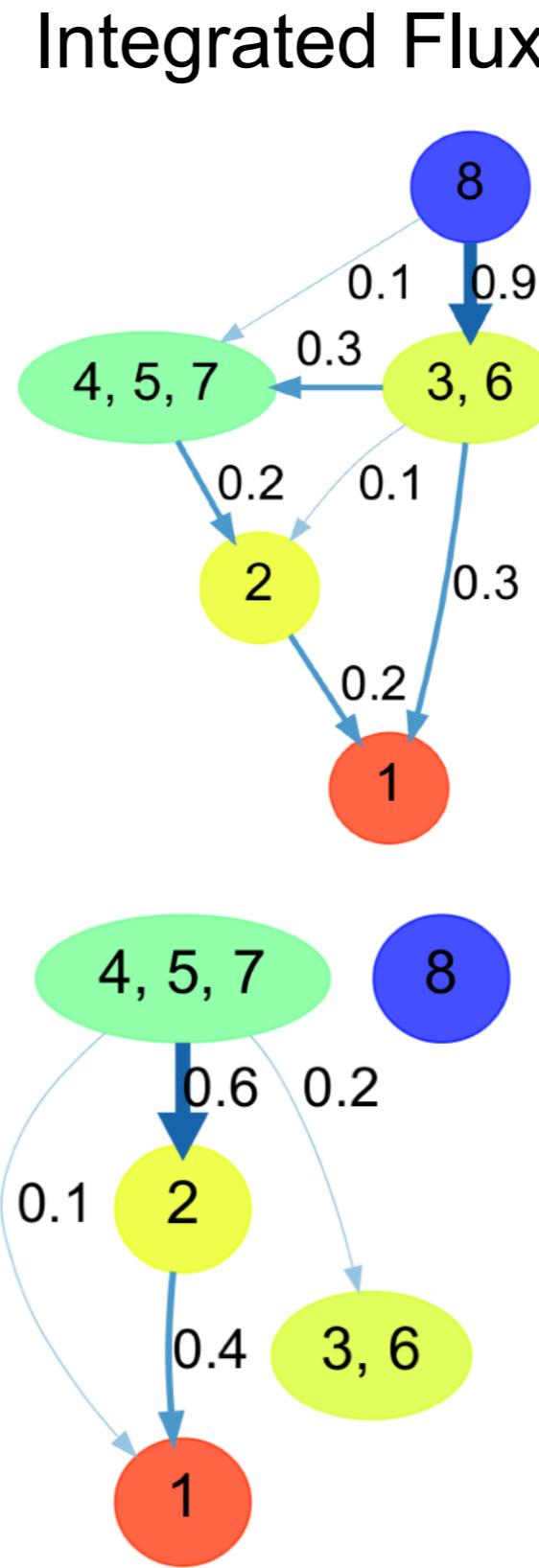
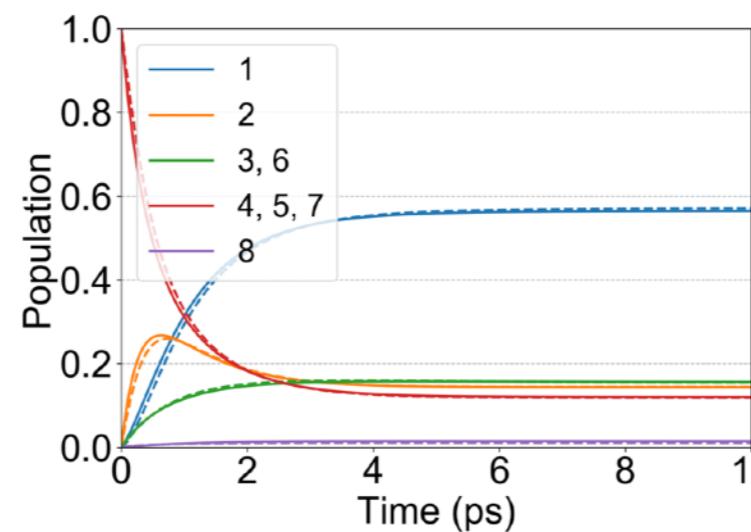
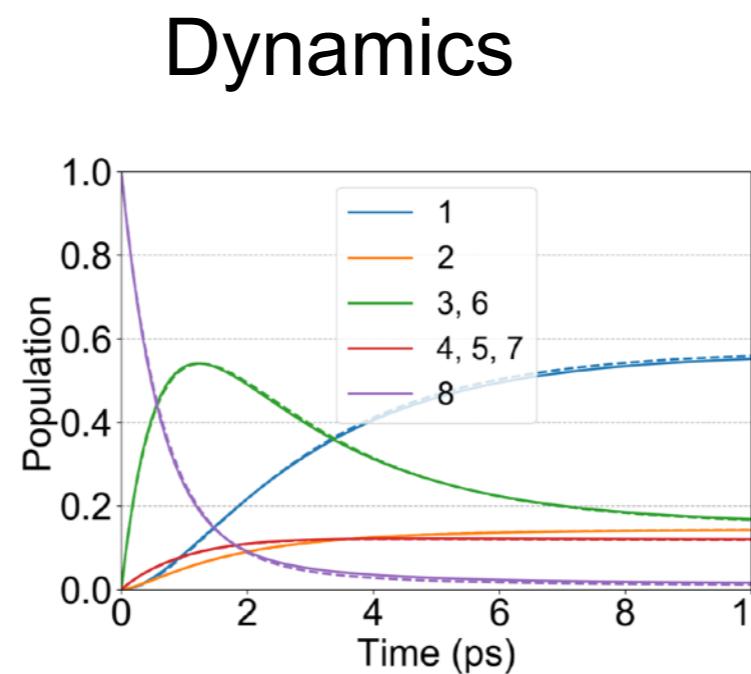
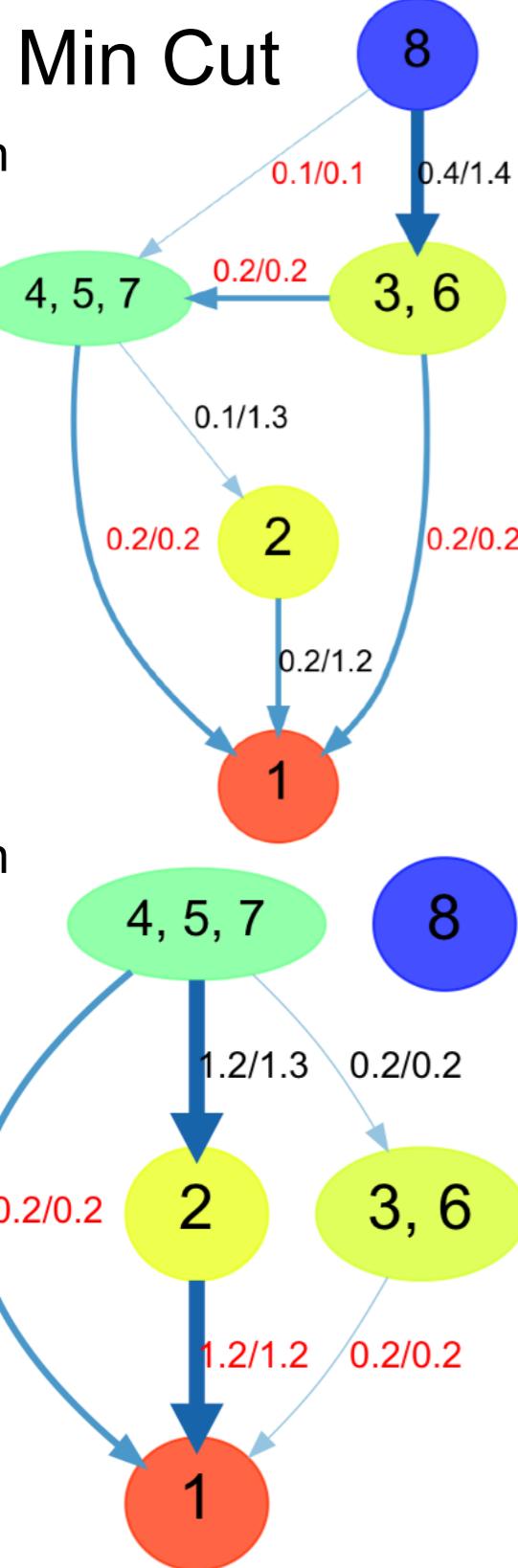
Integrated Flux



Rate



# 5-Cluster CGM

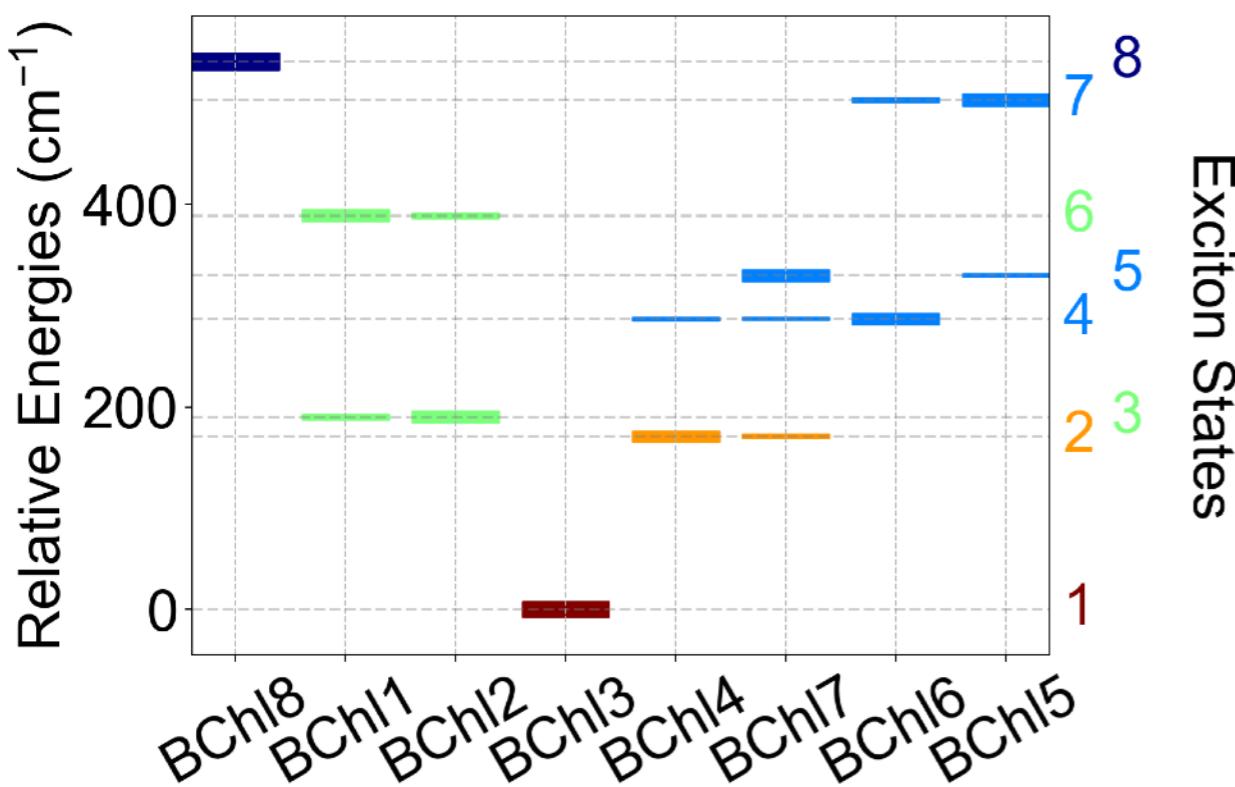


# 5-Cluster CGM

FFA pathway decomposition:

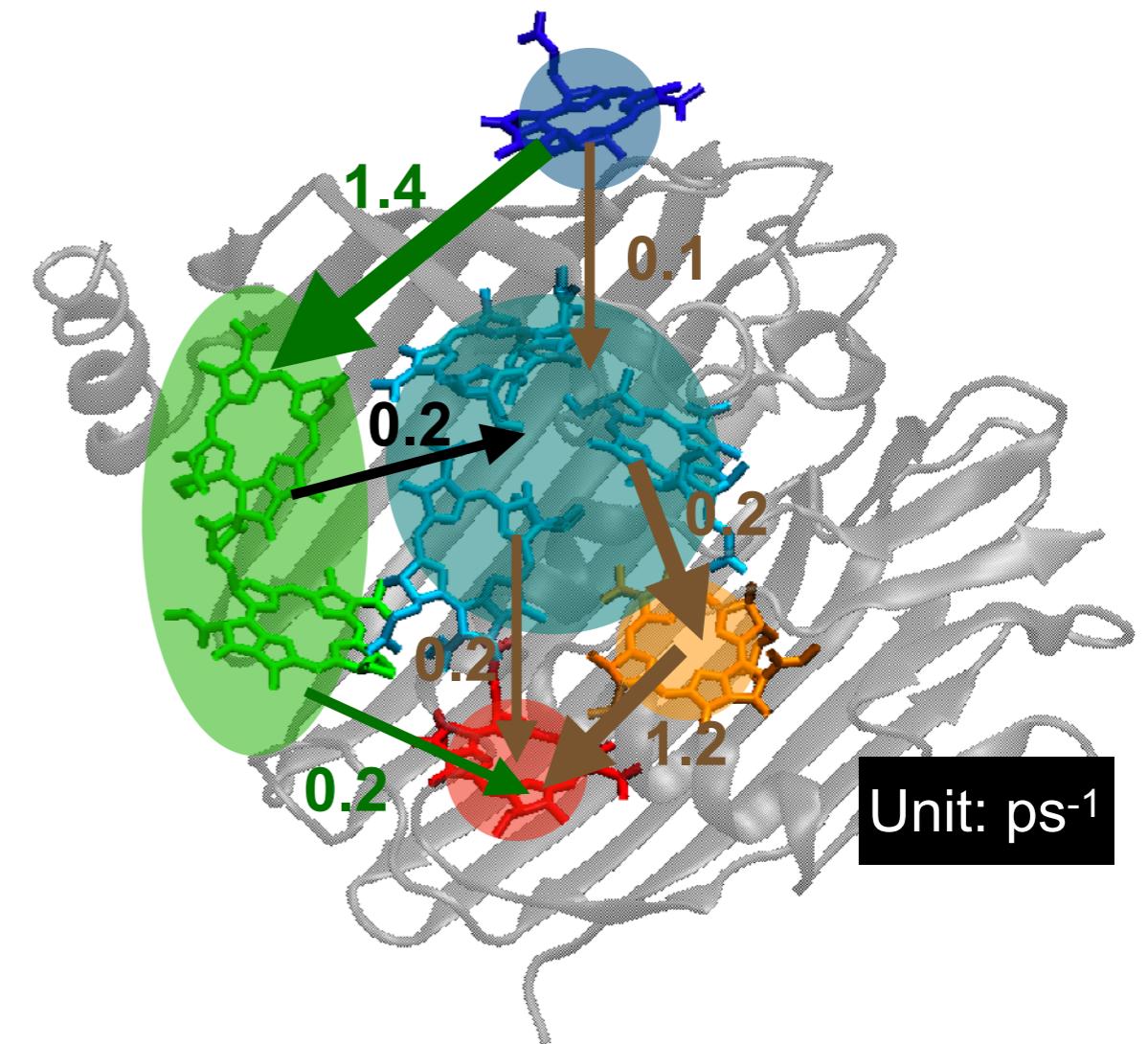
**From 8 to 1:**

- 29%: 8  $\rightarrow$  3,6  $\rightarrow$  1
- 24%: 8  $\rightarrow$  4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  1
- 20%: 8  $\rightarrow$  3,6  $\rightarrow$  4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  1
- 12%: 8  $\rightarrow$  3,6  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  1
- 11%: 8  $\rightarrow$  3,6  $\rightarrow$  4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  1



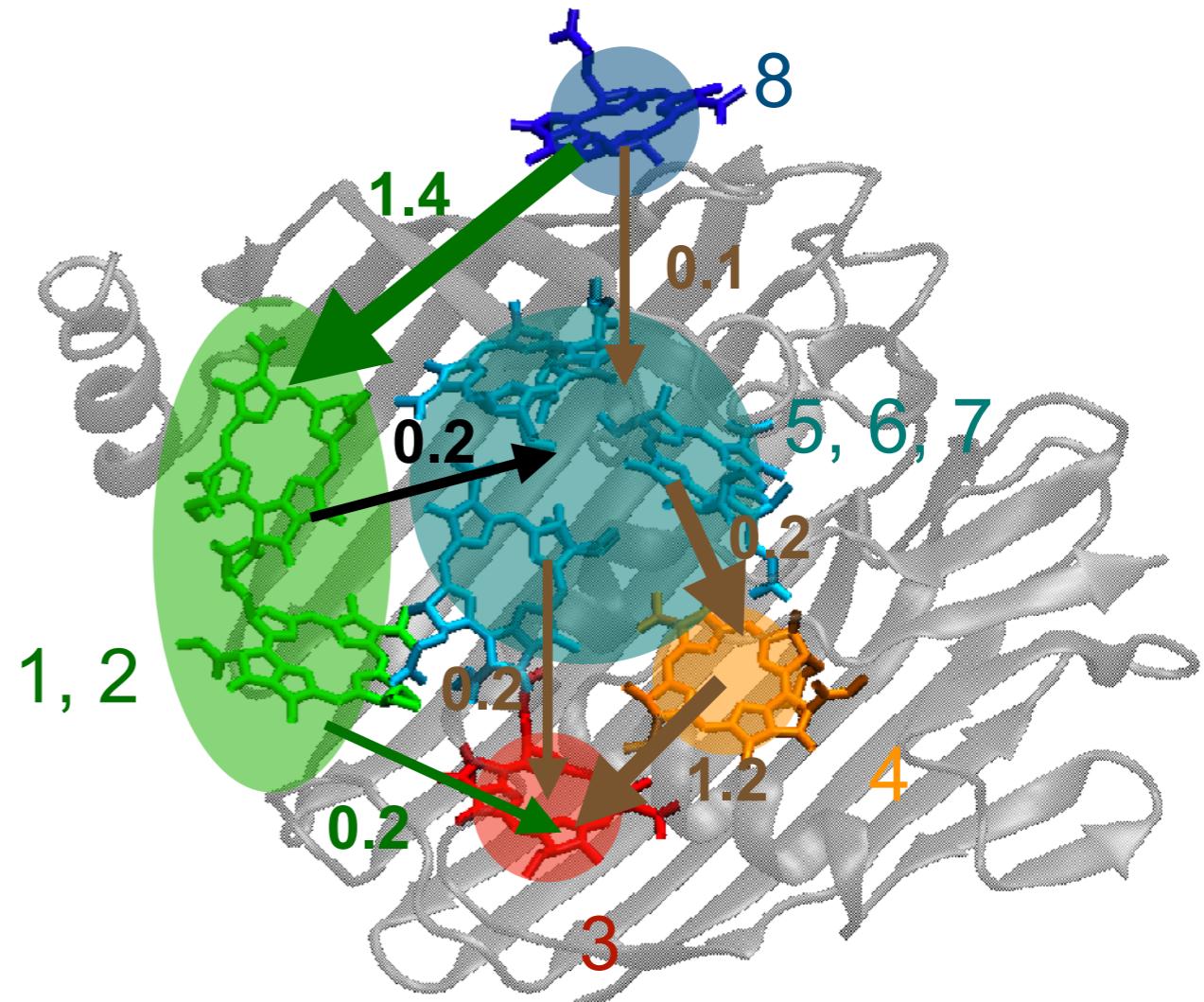
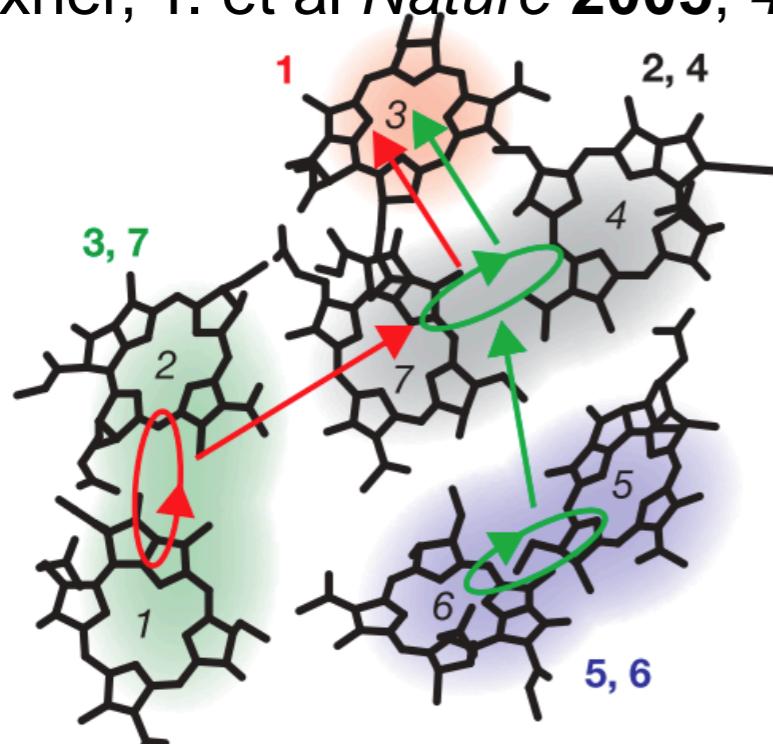
**From 7 to 1:**

- 76%: 4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  1
- 13%: 4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  1
- 11%: 4,5,7  $\rightarrow$  3,6  $\rightarrow$  1

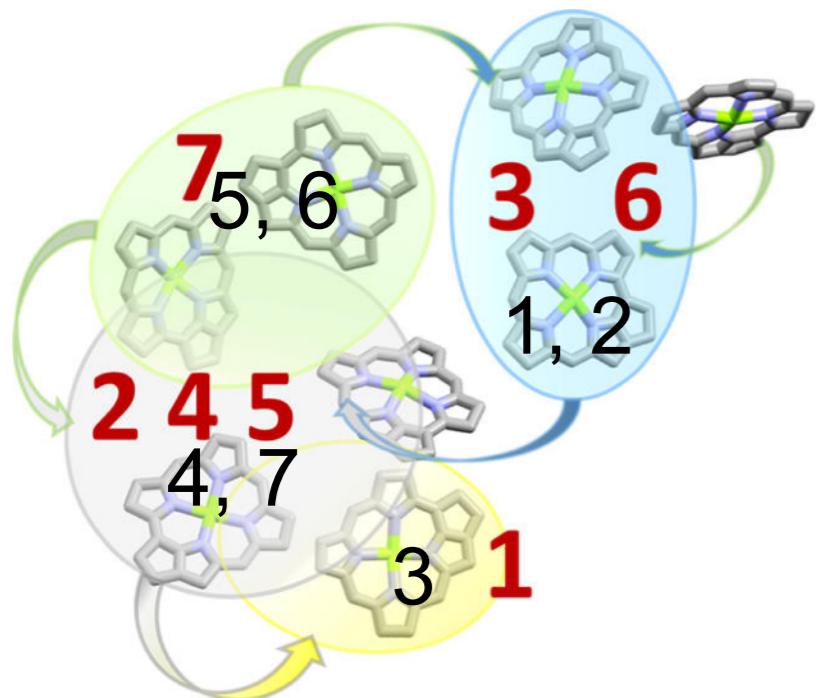


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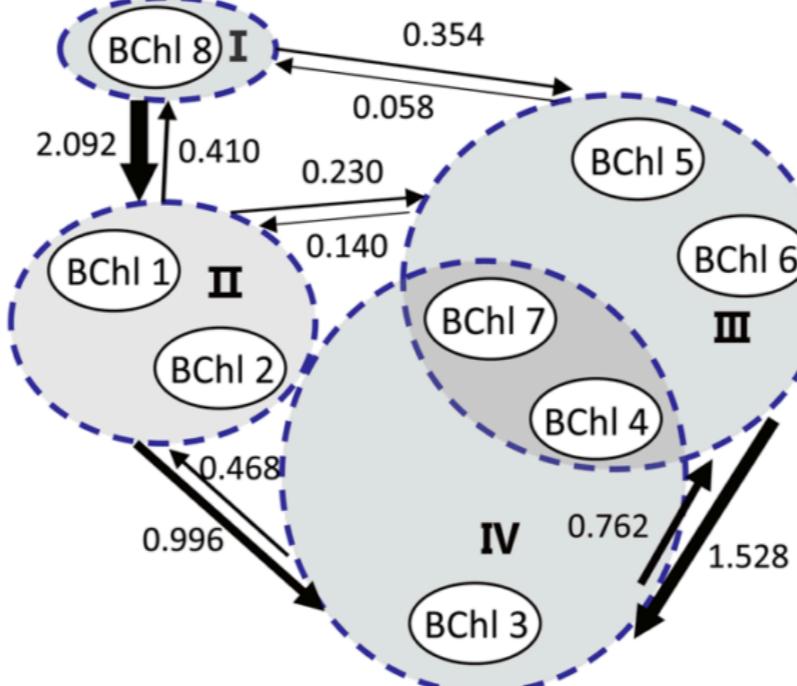
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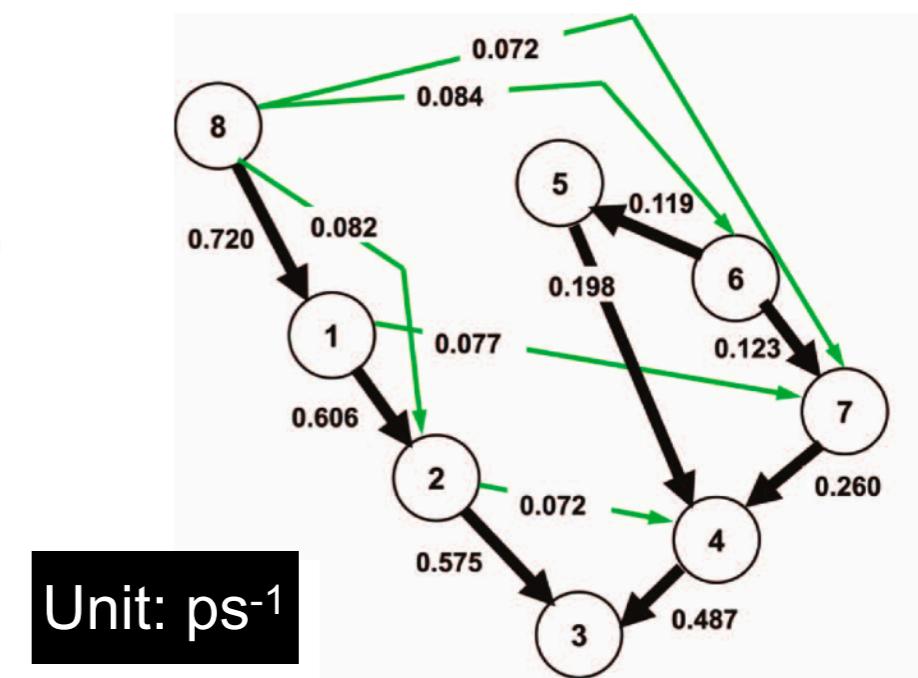
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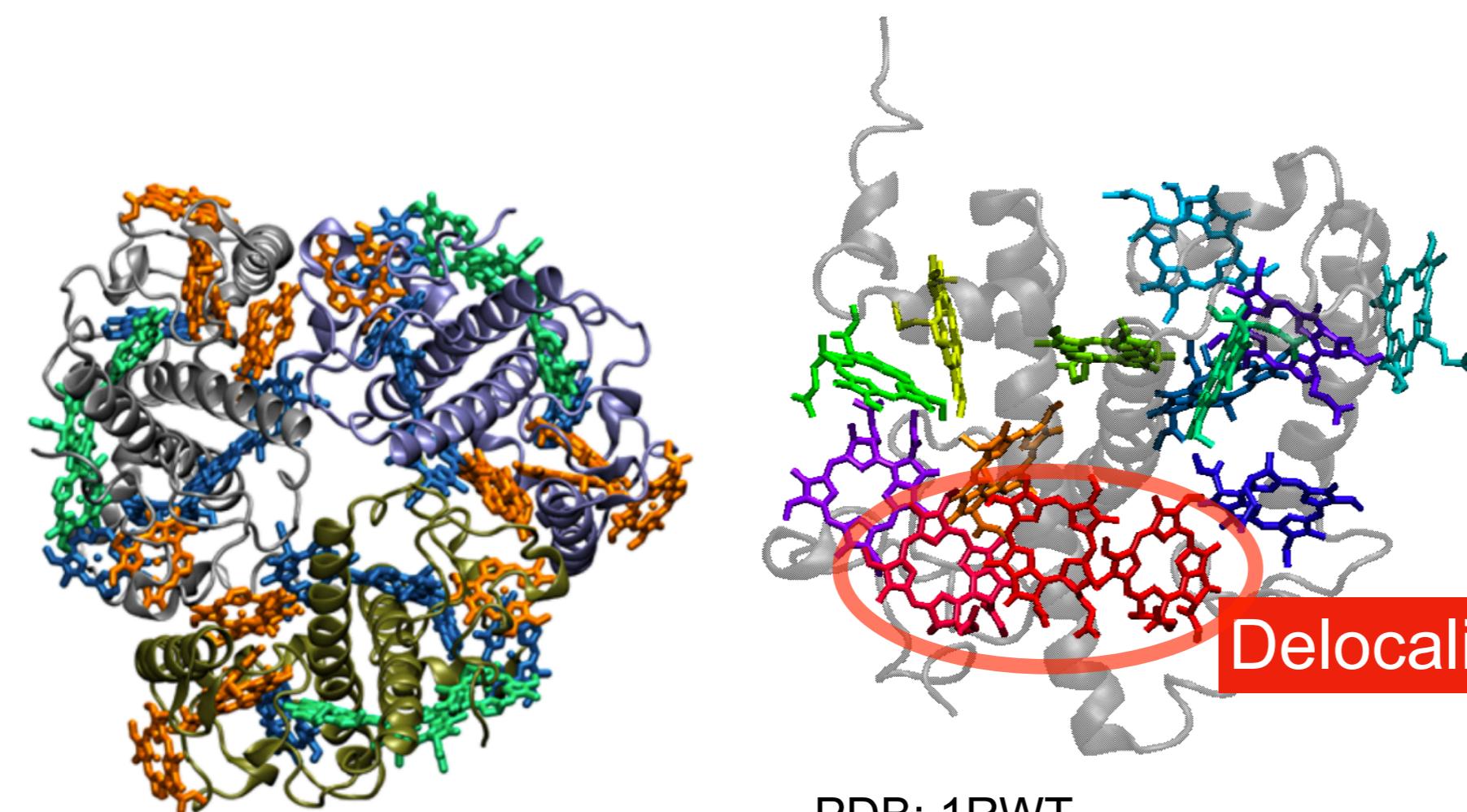


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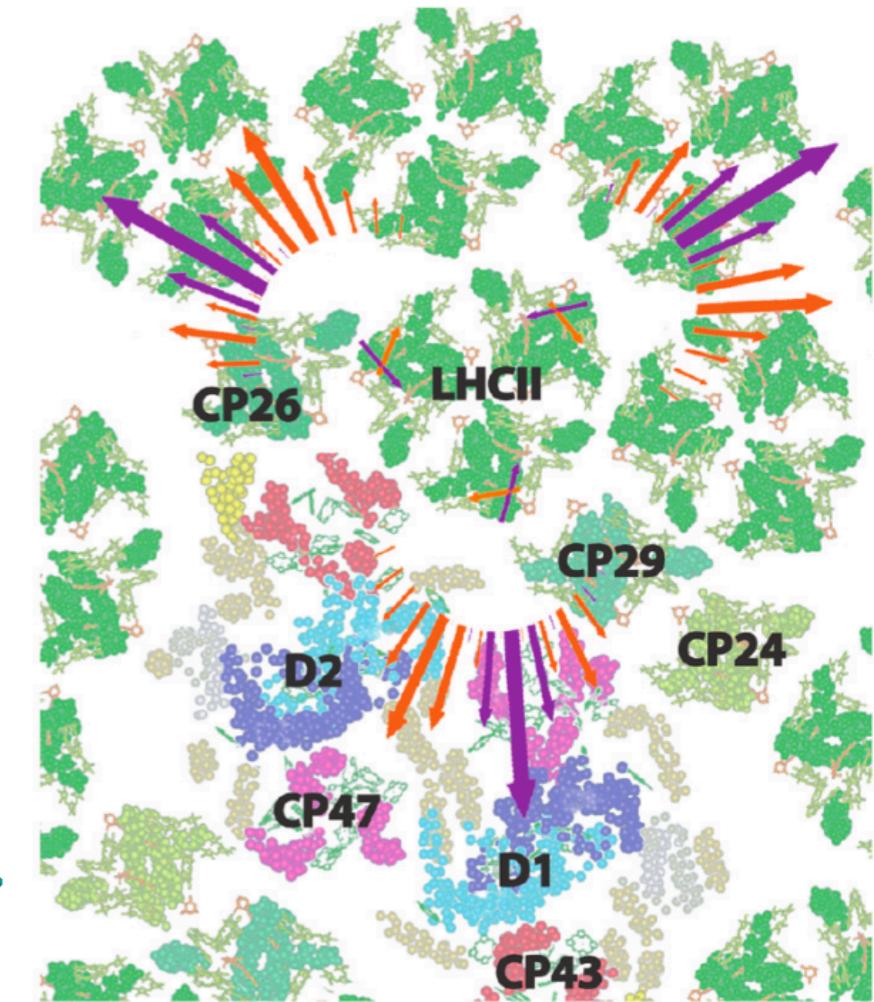


# 14-Site Light Harvesting Complex II (LHCII) Monomer

- Found in plants and many algae
- Mainly in trimer form
- 14 sites = 8 Chl *a* + 6 Chl *b*



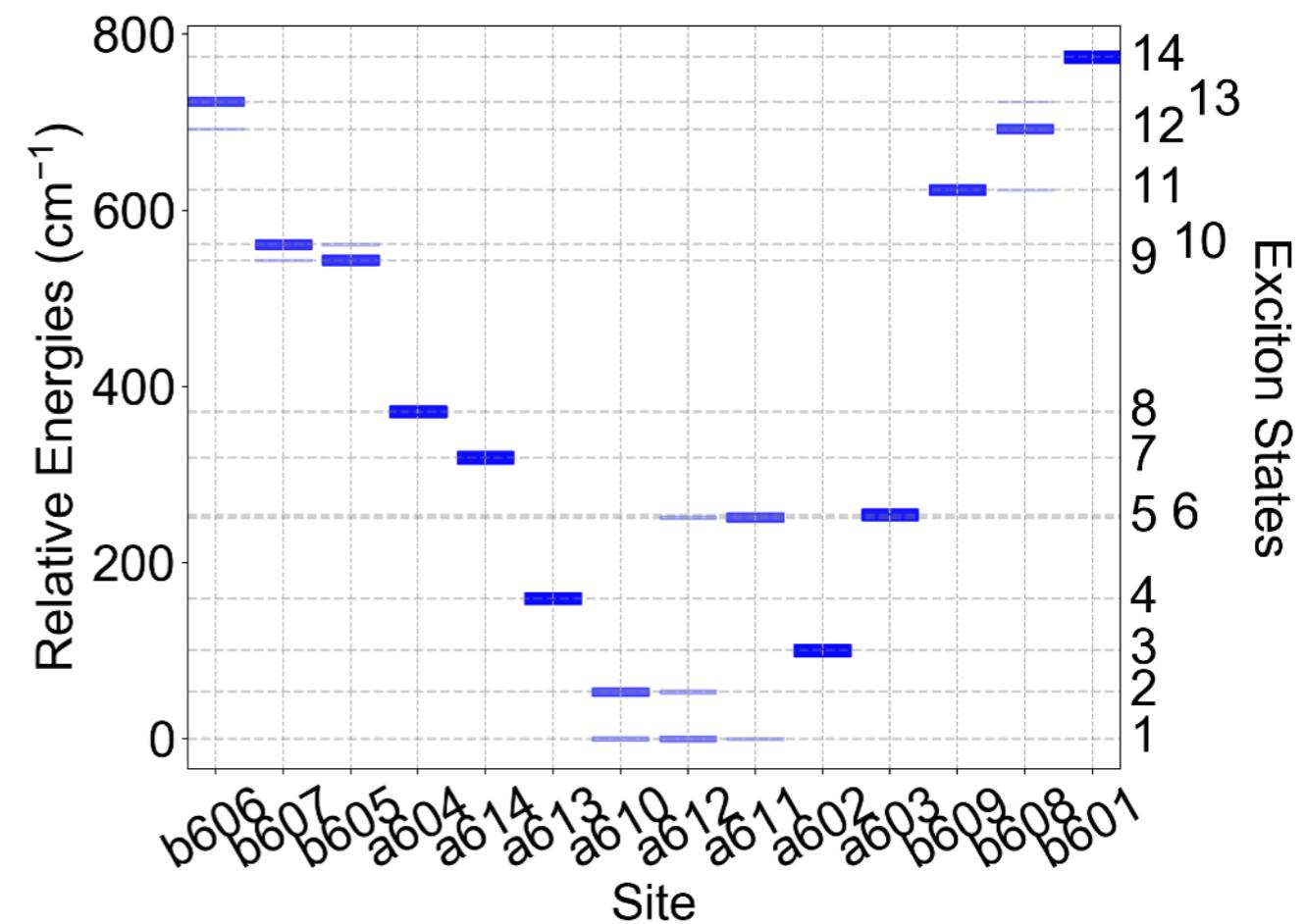
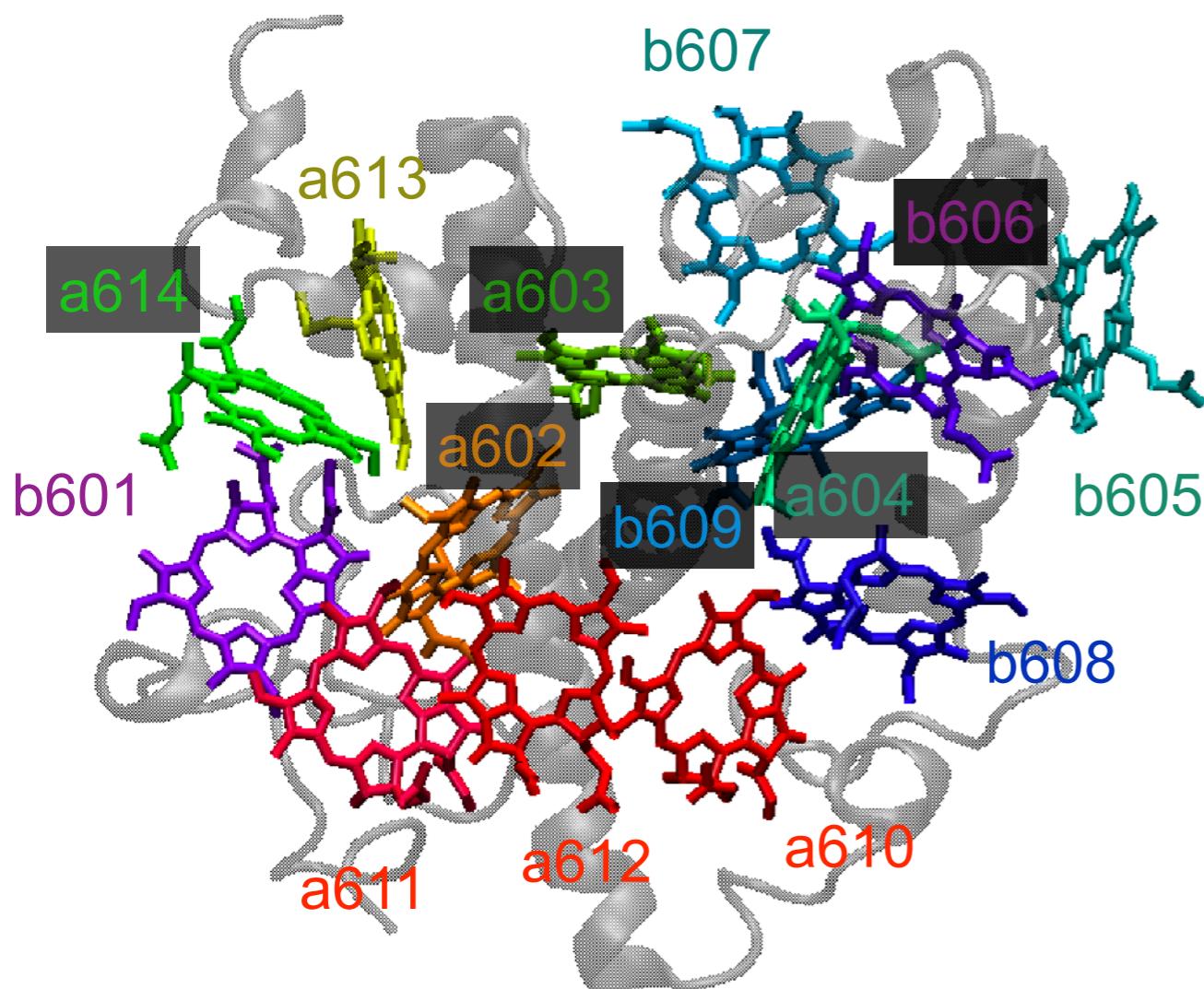
Delocalized lowest exciton state



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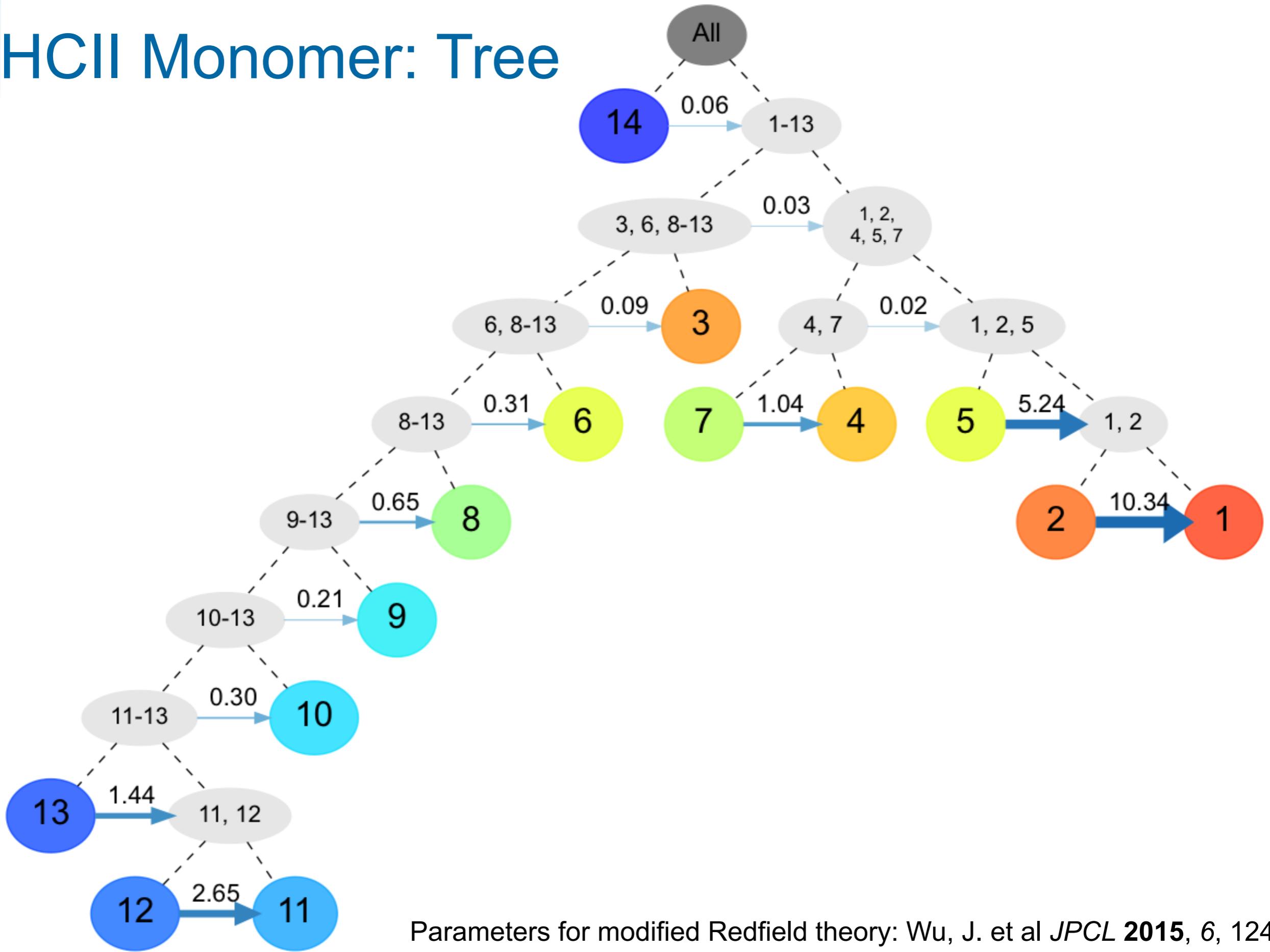
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# Exciton Structures of the LHCII Monomer



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# LHCII Monomer: Tree

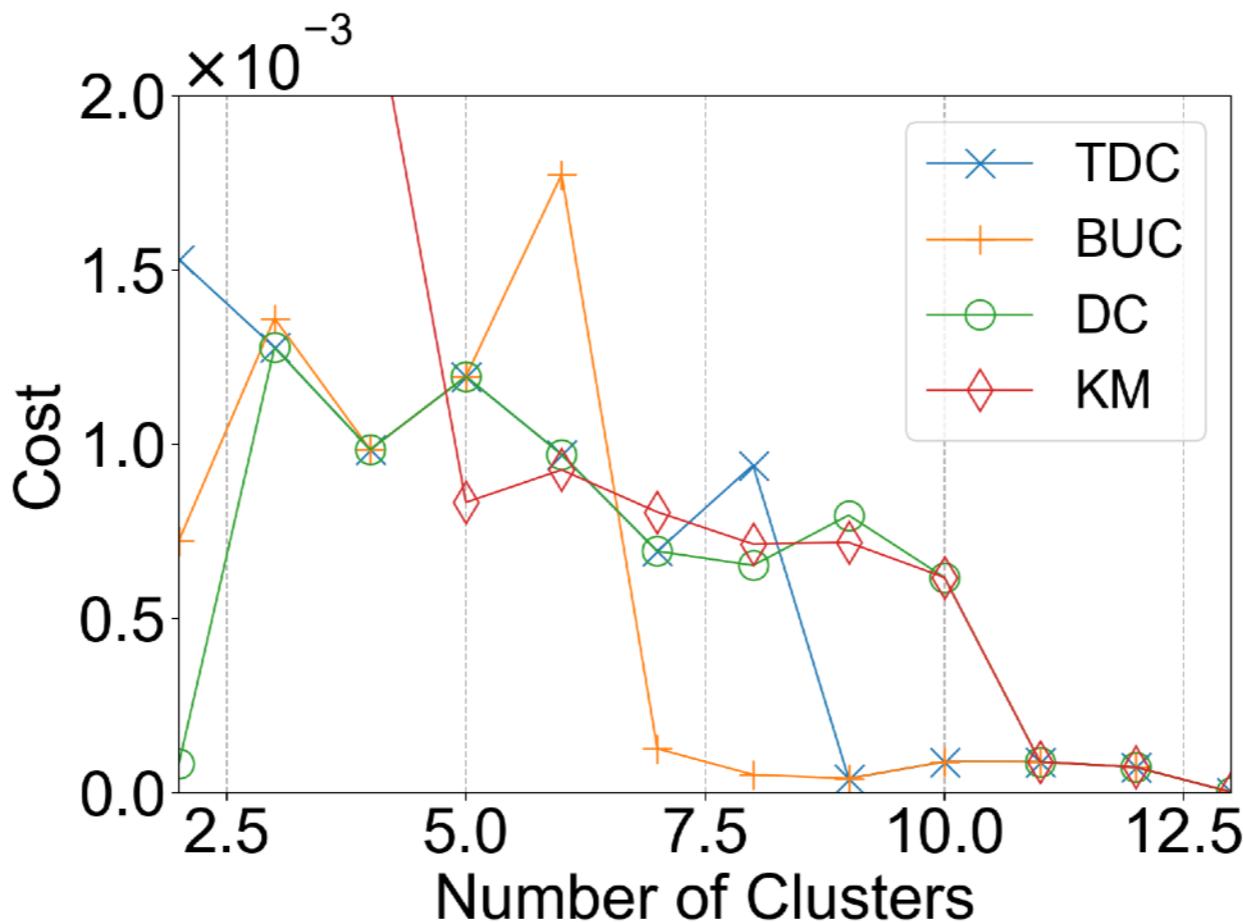


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# LHCII Monomer: Costs

- Sharp decreases in  $\text{Cost}(N_c)$  are observed when  $N_c$  increases from 6 to 7 for BUC, from 8 to 9 for TDC and from 10 to 11 for KM and DC.

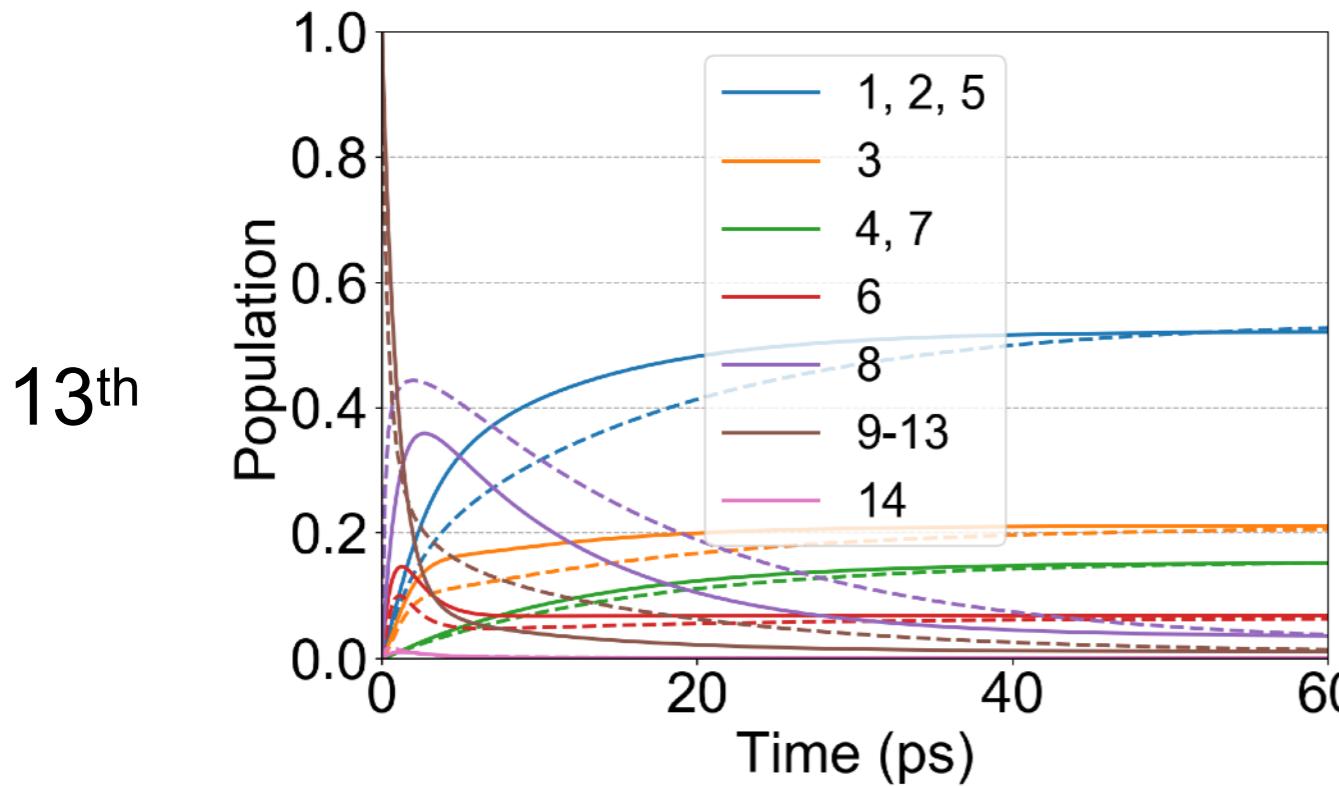
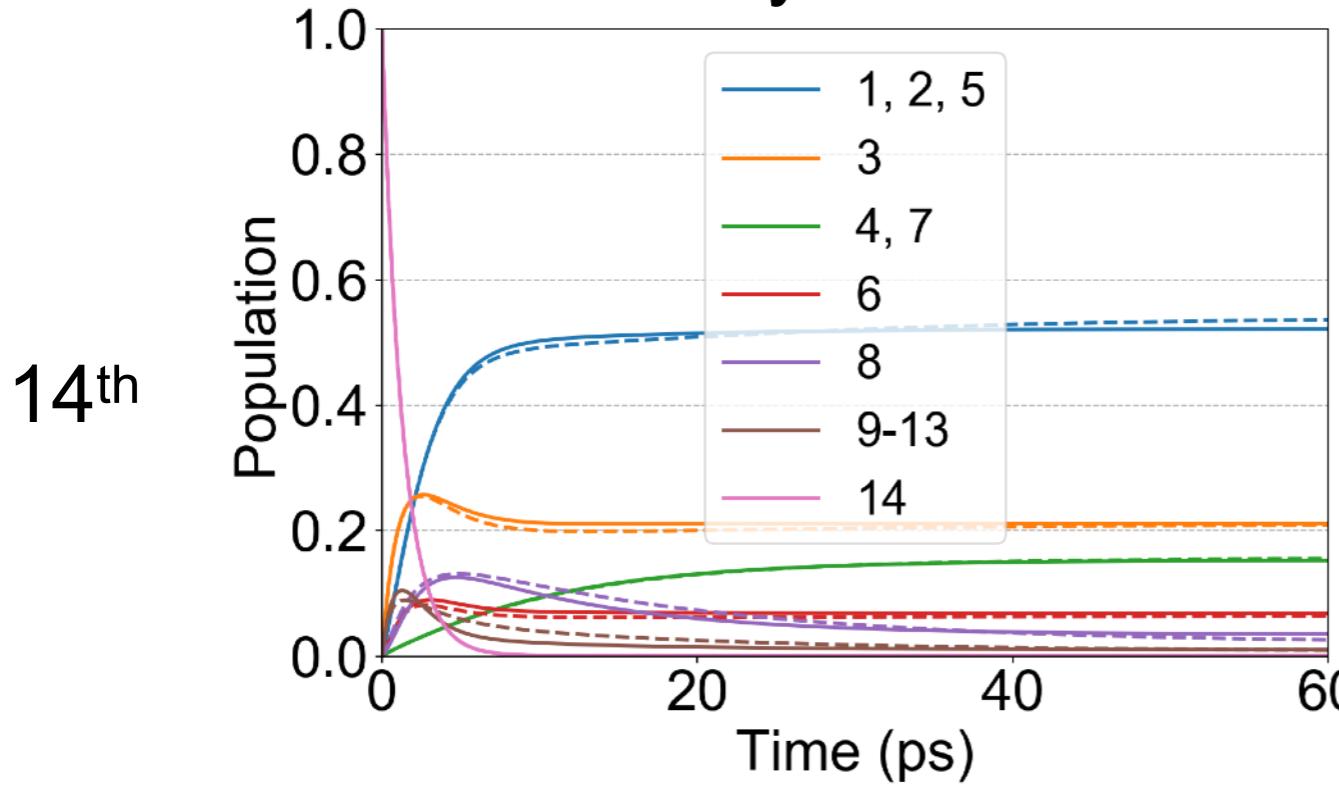
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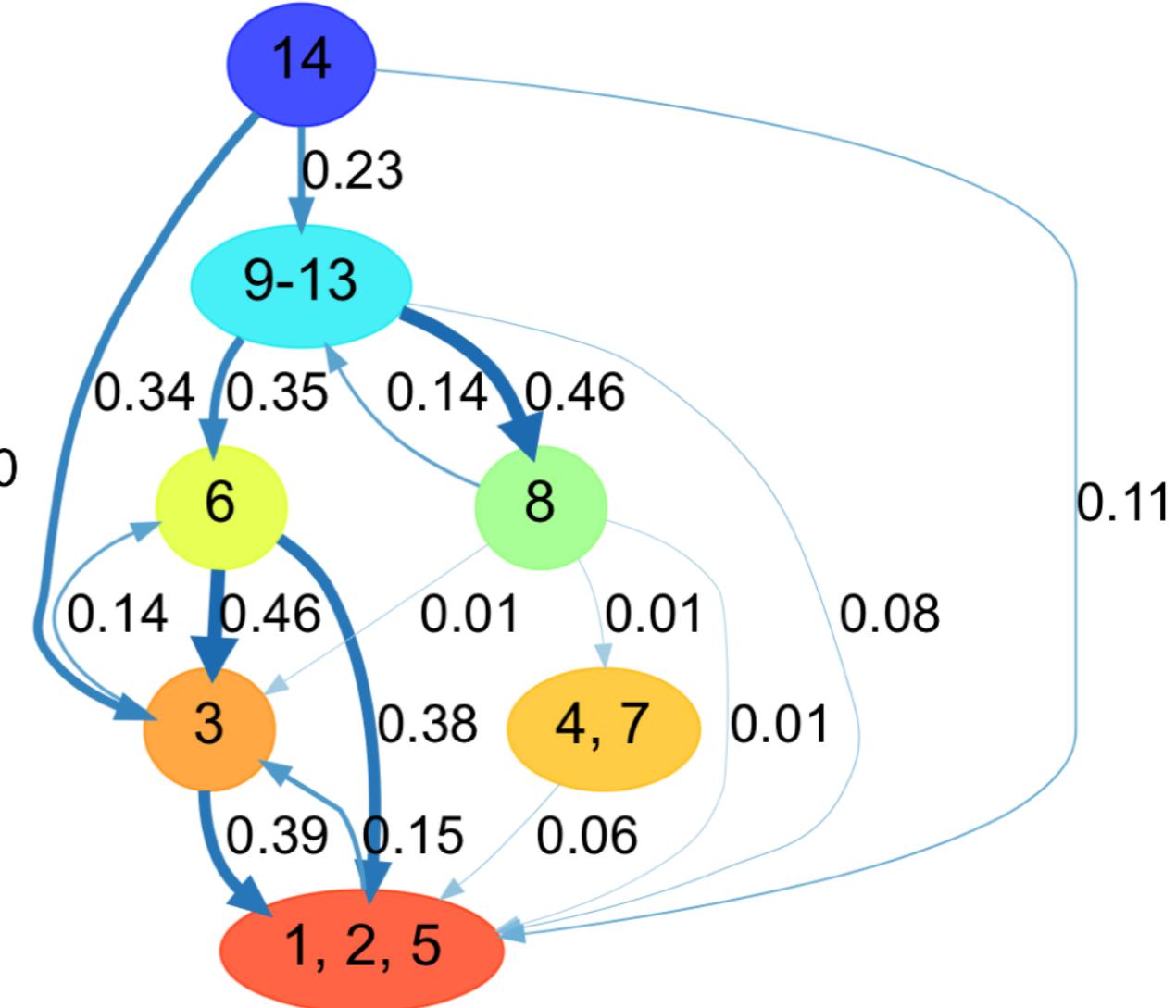
Isolation of 8th state (a604) is crucial!

# 7-cluster BUC CGM

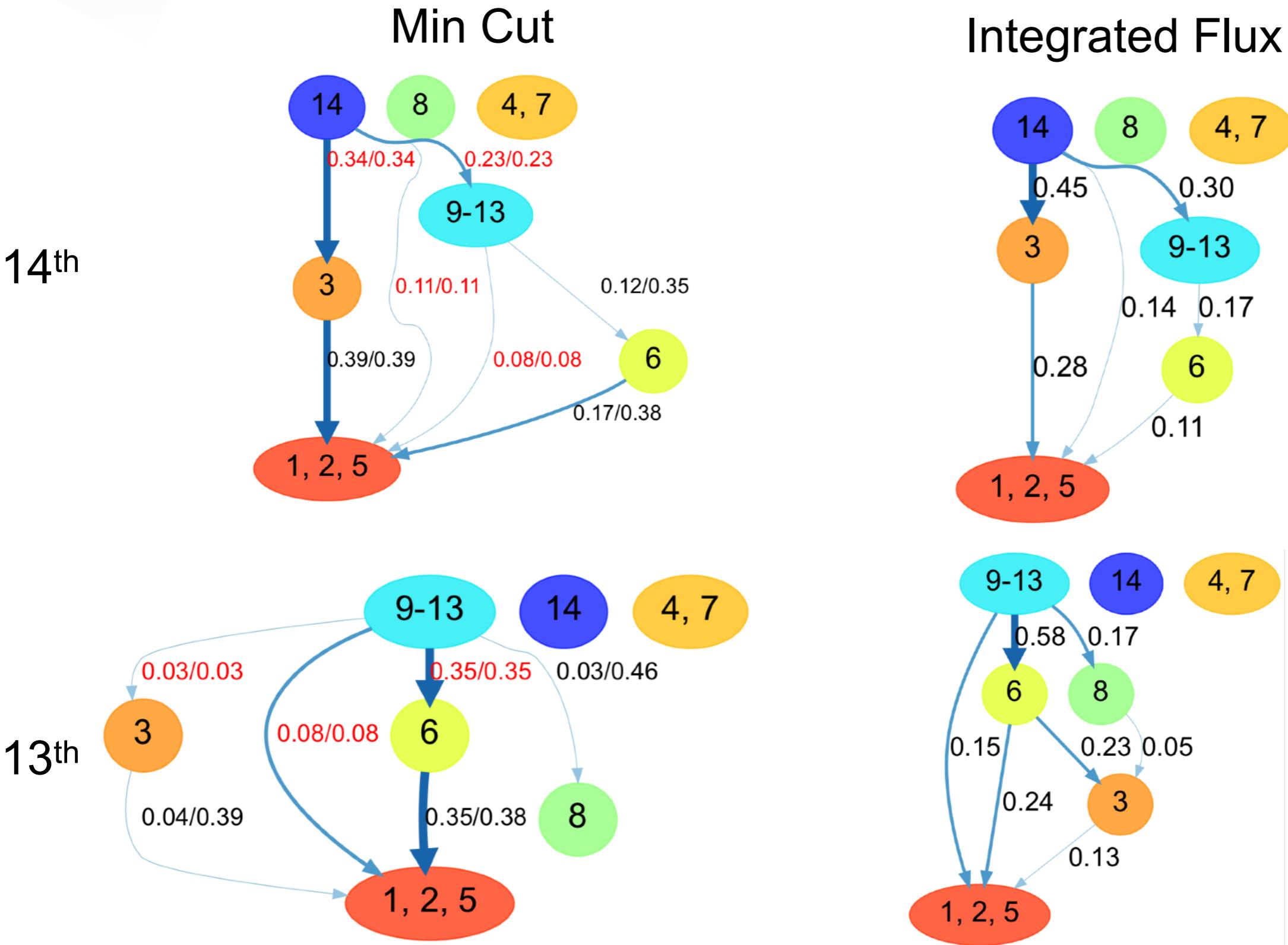
## Dynamics



## Rate



# 7-cluster BUC CGM

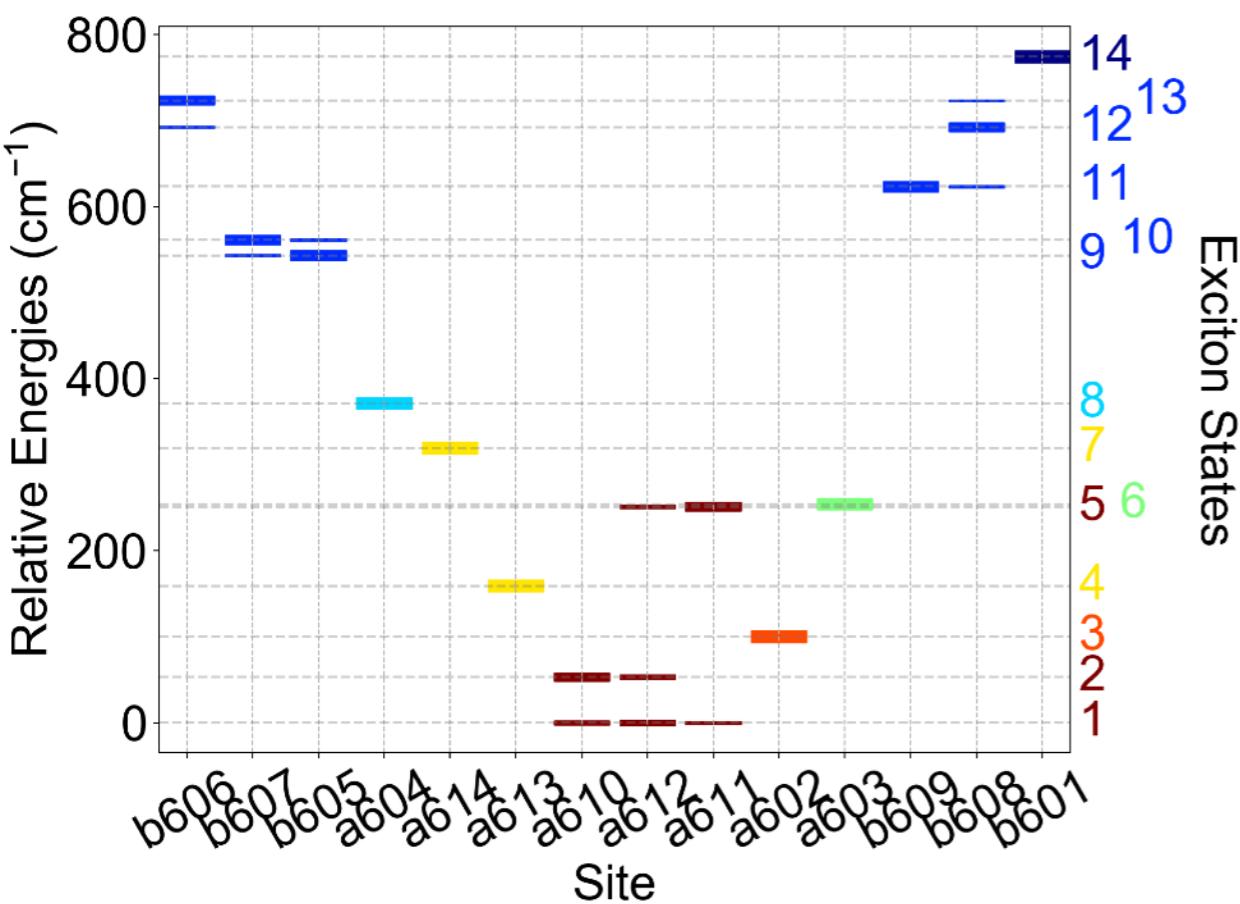


# 7-cluster BUC CGM

FFA pathway decomposition:

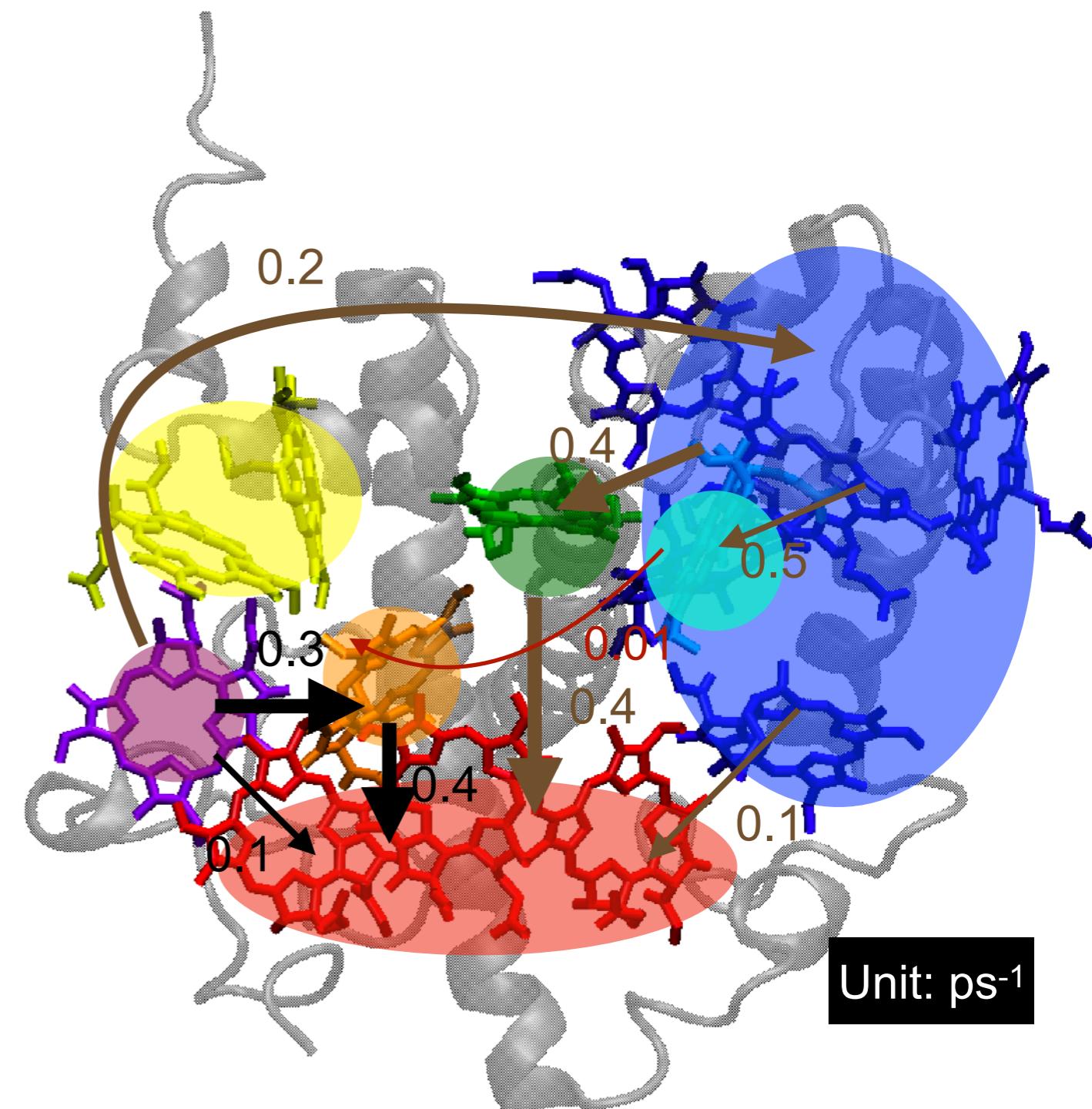
**From 14 to 1:**

- 44%: 14  $\rightarrow$  3  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5
- 15%: 14  $\rightarrow$  9,10,11,12,13  $\rightarrow$  6  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5
- 14%: 14  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5
- 11%: 14  $\rightarrow$  9,10,11,12,13  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5



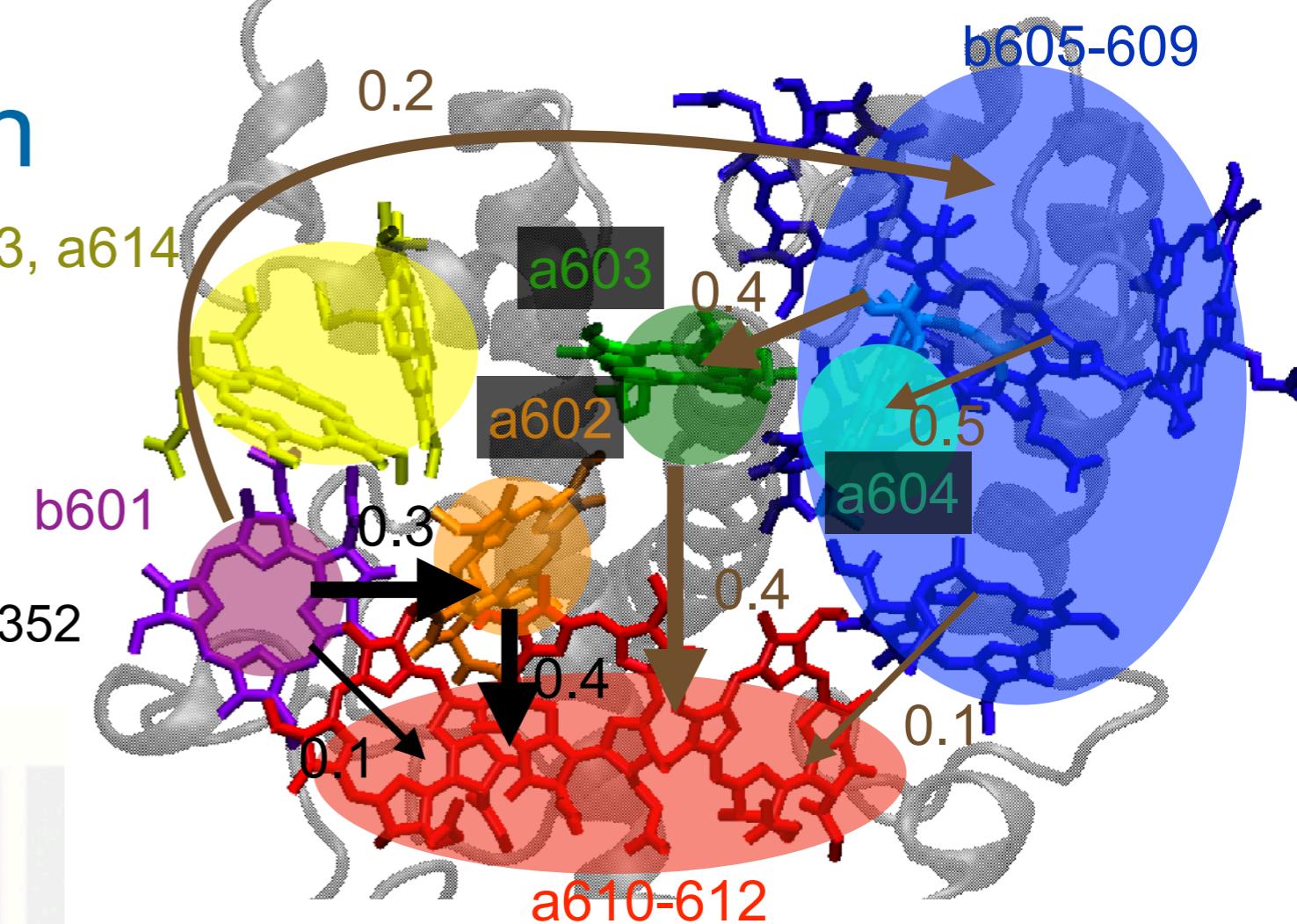
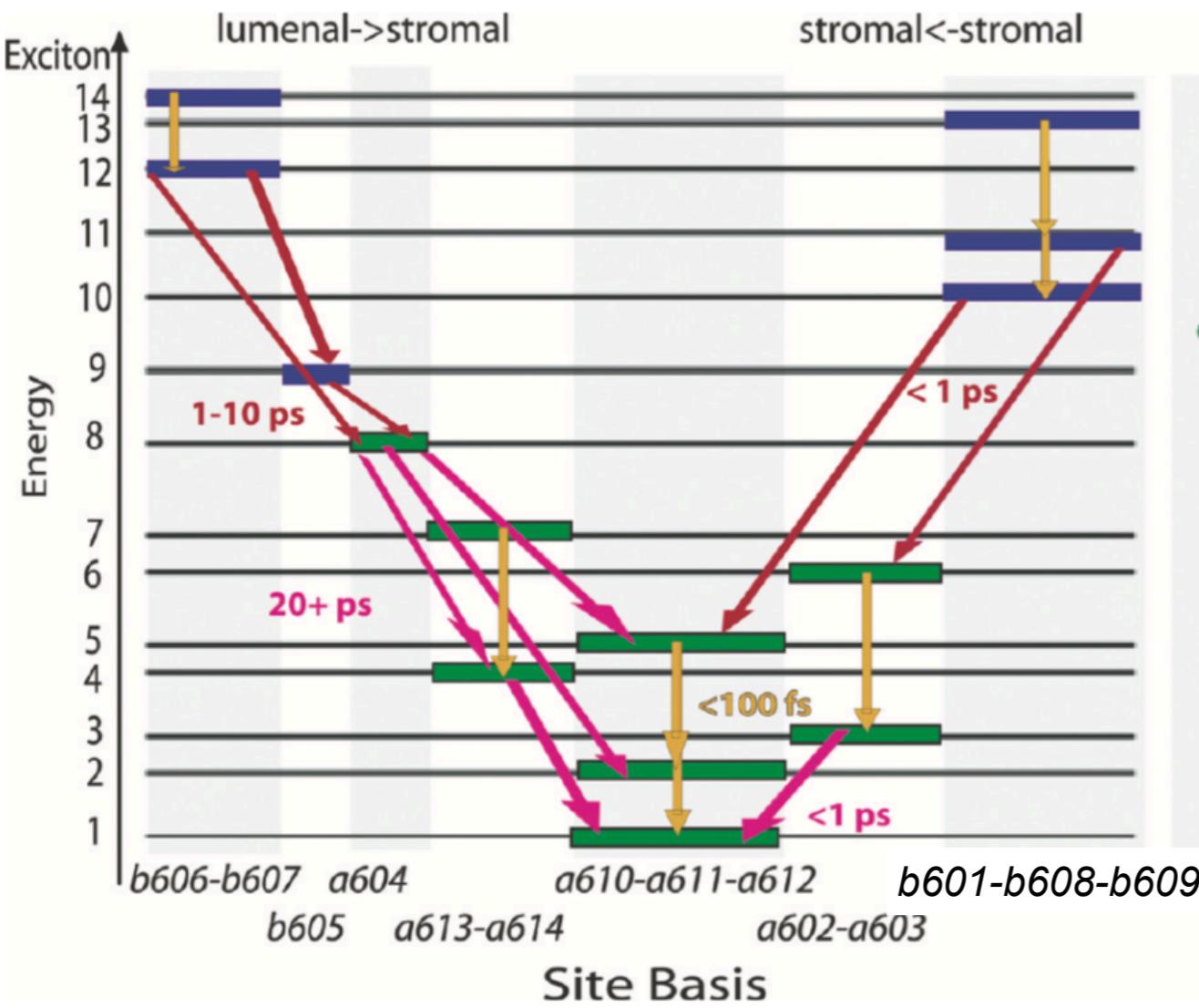
**From 13 to 1:**

- 67%: 9,10,11,12,13  $\rightarrow$  6  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5
- 16%: 9,10,11,12,13  $\rightarrow$  1,2,5

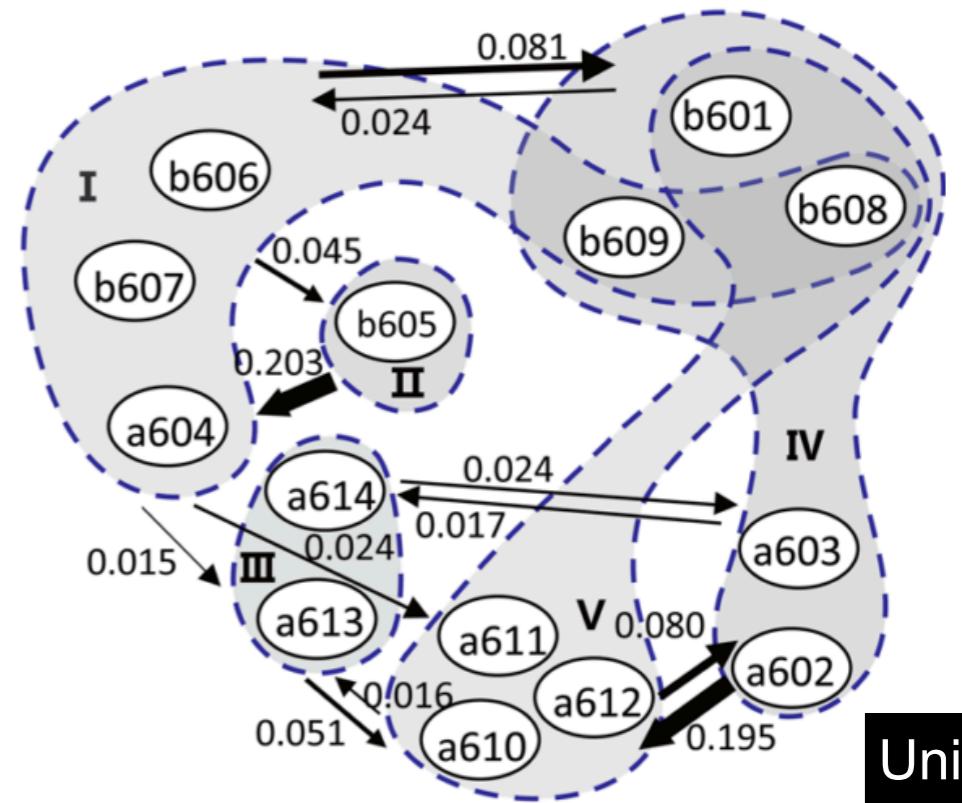


# Pathways Comparison

Schlau-Cohen, G. S. et al *JPC B* 2009, 113, 15352



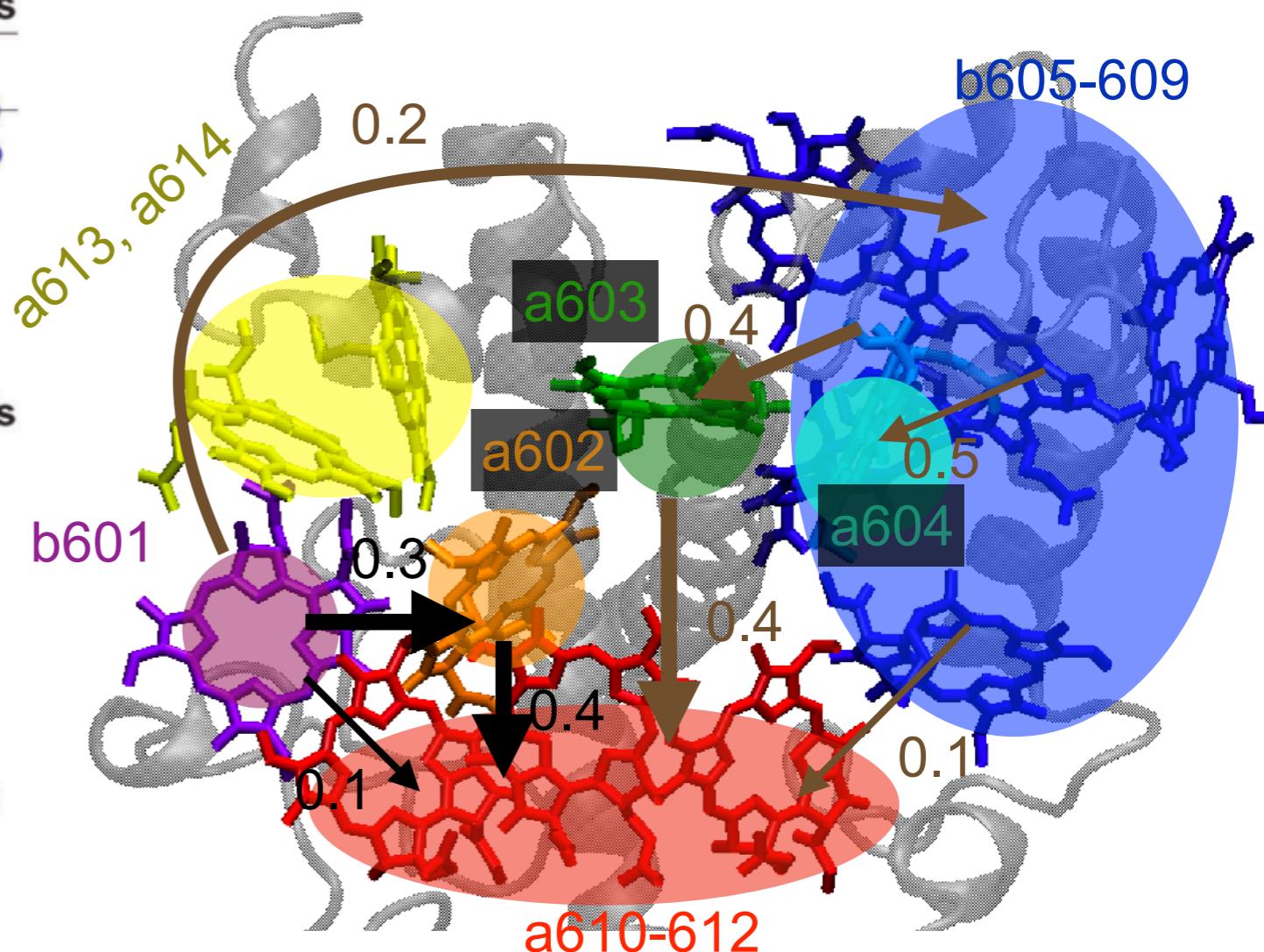
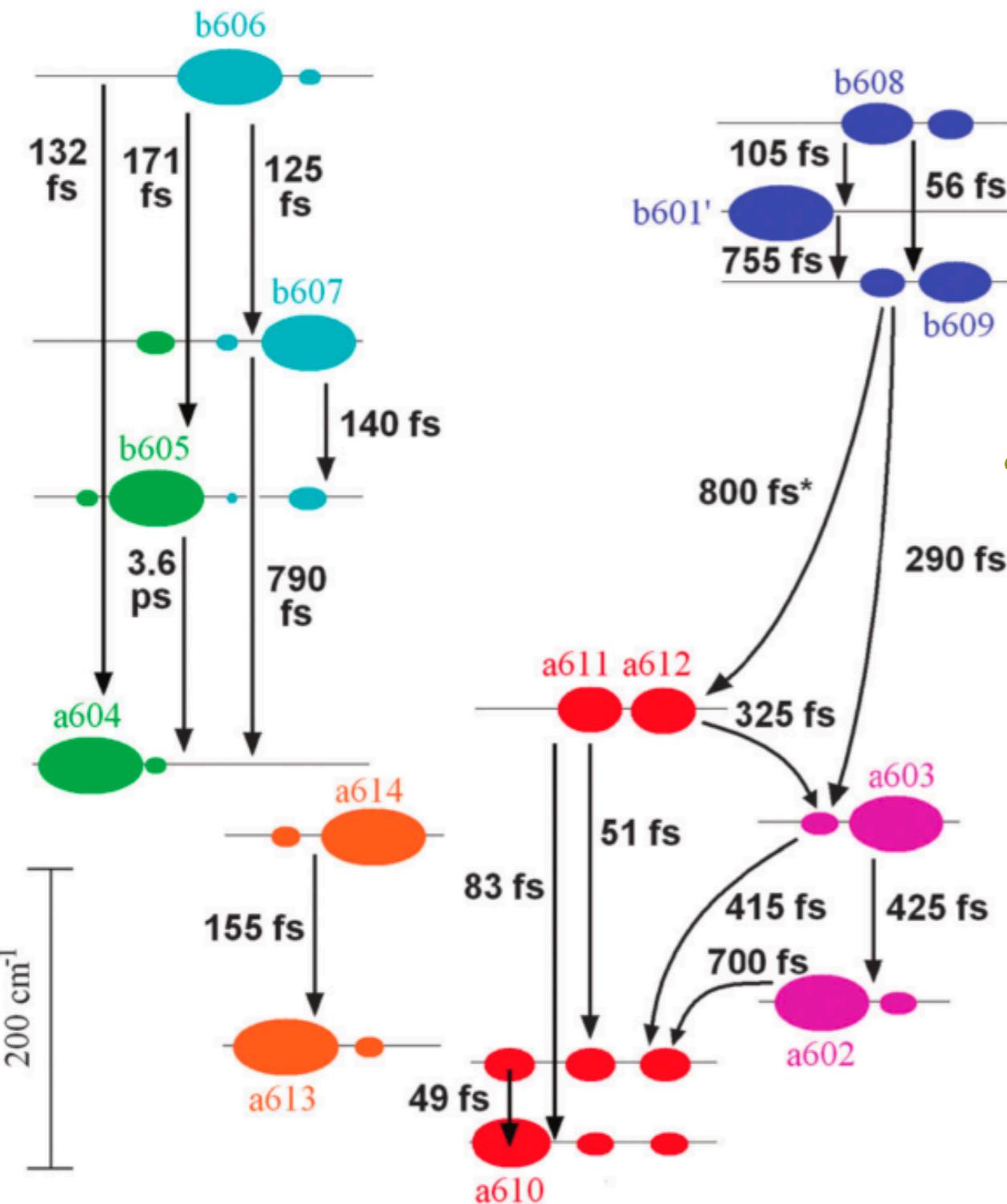
Wu, J. et al *JPCL* 2015, 6, 1240



Unit: ps<sup>-1</sup>

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Wells, K. L. et al *PCCP* 2014, 16, 11640



# Summary

- The systematic coarse-graining approach utilizing the directed minimum-cut tree provides an effective tool to elucidate the dynamics of energy-transfer networks in light harvesting systems.
- We use the above-mentioned method to build up the coarse-grained models of the FMO complex and the LHCII monomer, and the energy pathways in the models are revealed by the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm.

**Thanks for Your Listening**