## **Supplementary Information**

## Exciton-vibrational resonance and dynamics of charge separation in photosystem II reaction center

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**Table S1.** The site energies and exciton couplings for the 4-state model of PSII-RC. Unperturbed energies of the zero-phonon transitions for the three excited states and CT are shown together with couplings (all quantities are in  $cm^{-1}$ ).

	P <sub>D1</sub>	P <sub>D2</sub>	$Chl_{D1}$	$P_{D2}^{+}P_{D1}^{-}$	
P <sub>D1</sub>	15020	150	-42	75	
P <sub>D2</sub>	150	15020	-56	-75	
Chl <sub>D1</sub>	-42	-56	14780	0	
$P_{D2}^{+}P_{D1}^{-}$	75	-75	0	14520	

**Table S2.** Energies and intensities of exciton-vibrational components of the absorption corresponding to the three different positions of the CT level (with unperturbed energies of other diabatic states). The values of the CT shift  $E_{CT}$  and other parameters of the model are the same as in Figure 2. Only 7 lowest vibronic eigenstates (b=1-7) are shown. Their energies  $\omega$  are counted from ZPL of Chl<sub>D1</sub>, intensities I are calculated as dipole strengths of the transitions to b-th level from the lowest vibrational sublevel of the ground (the only populated in the low-temperature limit). Participation of the four diabatic states (i.e.  $P_{D1}$ ,  $P_{D2}$ , Chl<sub>D1</sub>, and  $P_{D2}^+P_{D1}^-$ , respectively) in the vibronic eigenstates are shown with highlighting (by bold) of the biggest contributions to the localized and mixed states.

$E_{CT}(cm^{-1})$	b	$\omega(\text{cm}^{-1})$	I(Debye <sup>2</sup> )	$P_{D1}$	P <sub>D2</sub>	Chl <sub>D1</sub>	$P_{D2}^{+}P_{D1}^{-}$
-30	1	307.07	0 565	0.0151	0.0152	0.0000	0.0607
		-307.07	0.303	0.0131	0.0132	0.0000	0.9097
		-11.38	17.032	0.0009	0.0445	0.9222	0.0324
	3	7.35	2.576	0.1386	0.1053	0.0489	0.7072
	4	34.60	0.041	0.0190	0.0195	0.0042	0.9572
	5	35.63	0.023	0.0155	0.0155	0.0001	0.9689
	6	36.09	0.003	0.0152	0.0151	0.0003	0.9695
	7	144.19	13.566	0.3533	0.3434	0.0048	0.2984
+40	1	-239.52	0.804	0.0203	0.0206	0.0001	0.9591
	2	-10.73	15.974	0.0027	0.0277	0.9667	0.0029
	3	50.61	<u>8.582</u>	0.2503	0.2305	0.0088	0.5104
	4	98.38	0.026	0.0287	0.0292	0.0017	0.9403
	5	100.59	0.075	0.0203	0.0206	0.0001	0.9591
	6	100.61	0.001	0.0204	0.0204	0.0001	0.9591
	7	172.34	<u>9.173</u>	0.2357	0.2314	0.0040	0.5289
+140	1	-144.89	1.530	0.0347	0.0356	0.0003	0.9294
	2	-10.55	15.394	0.0040	0.0235	0.9709	0.0015
	3	86.47	14.293	0.3838	0.3643	0.0067	0.2453
	4	189.24	0.114	0.0682	0.0697	0.0038	0.8583
	5	195.21	0.145	0.0348	0.0356	0.0002	0.9293
	6	195.25	0.002	0.0349	0.0353	0.0002	0.9295
	7	240.89	3.478	0.0927	0.0955	0.0050	0.8069

## **Explicit expressions for the Redfield tensor**

To describe the dynamics of one-exciton populations  $\rho_{b1b2}(T)$  we need the Redfield tensor  $R_{b1b2,b3b4}$ . In the Liouville space the populations are given by vector  $\rho_{\alpha}(T)$ , whereas the one-exciton relaxation tensor is  $R_{\alpha\beta}$ , with  $\alpha$ =b1+(b2-1)N<sub>b</sub> and  $\beta$ =b3+(b4-1)N<sub>b</sub>, where N<sub>b</sub> is the vibronic cutoff, i.e. the number of one-exciton vibronic states included into the modelling of the dynamics. The  $R_{\alpha\beta}$  tensor can be expressed as a product B $\otimes$ A of the tensors B<sub>b2b4</sub> and A<sub>b1b3</sub>. In matrix notations:

$$\begin{split} R &= -\sum_{n,j,s} \overline{(\phi_{n}^{js})^{2}} (B_{n}^{js} \otimes A_{n}^{js} + A_{n}^{js} \otimes B_{n}^{js}) - \sum_{n} \overline{(\Phi_{n})^{2}} (B_{n}^{e} \otimes A_{n}^{e} + A_{n}^{e} \otimes B_{n}^{e}) + \sum_{n} (B_{n} \otimes I + I \otimes B_{n}) \\ B_{n}^{e} &= C_{n}^{+}C_{n}; \quad A_{n}^{e} = B_{n}^{e} * J; \quad C_{n} = \sum_{a,b} |a\rangle C_{na,b}^{e} \langle b| \\ B_{n}^{js} &= C_{n}^{+}Q_{n}^{js}C_{n}; \quad A_{n}^{js} = B_{n}^{js} * J; \quad Q_{n}^{js} = Q_{js} - \Delta_{n}^{js} \\ B_{n} &= \overline{(\Phi_{n})^{2}}C_{n}^{+}C_{n}(C_{n}^{+}C_{n} * J) + \sum_{js} \overline{(\phi_{n}^{js})^{2}}C_{n}^{+}Q_{n}^{js}C_{n}(C_{n}^{+}Q_{n}^{js}C_{n} * J) \end{split}$$
(S1)

where I is a delta-operator,  $C_n$  is a fragment of the C<sup>e</sup> corresponding to a fixed electronic site n (the sum of independent contributions from different sites appears since we use an uncorrelated fluctuation model). In terms like  $C_nQ_nC_n$  we assume a matrix multiply, B\*J denotes an array multiply (product of the elements of the matrices),  $\otimes$  stand for a Kronecker tensor product. Such a form is useful for numerical evaluation of the Redfield tensor. The dynamics of vibronic populations is then given by:

$$\rho_{\alpha} = -i\omega_{\alpha}\rho_{\alpha} - \sum_{\alpha} R_{\alpha\beta}\rho_{\beta} \tag{S2}$$

where  $\omega_{\alpha} = \omega_{b1b2} = \omega_{b1} - \omega_{b2}$ . The ground-state dynamics is purely vibrational and is given by populations  $\rho_{c1c2}(T)$ and the Redfield tensor  $R_{c1c2,c3c4}$ . In the Liouville space we have populations  $\rho_{\gamma}(T)$  and relaxation tensor  $R_{\gamma\delta}$ , with  $\gamma = c1 + (c2-1)N_c$  and  $\delta = c3 + (c4-1)N_c$ , where  $N_c$  is vibrational cutoff for the ground state. In matrix notations:

$$R = -\sum_{j,s} \overline{(\phi_g^{js})^2} (B_g^{js} \otimes A_g^{js} + A_g^{js} \otimes B_g^{js}) + (B_g \otimes I + I \otimes B_g)$$

$$B_g^{js} = C^+ Q_g^{js}C; \quad A_g^{js} = B_g^{js} * J; \quad Q_g^{js} = Q_{js} - \Delta_g^{js}; \quad B_g = \sum_{js} \overline{(\phi_g^{js})^2} C^+ Q_g^{js}C(C^+ Q_g^{js}C * J)$$
(S3)

where C is the same as C<sup>g</sup>. The dynamics of vibrational populations is:

$$\rho_{\gamma} = -i\omega_{\gamma}\rho_{\gamma} - \sum_{\gamma} R_{\gamma\delta}\rho_{\delta}$$
(S4)