

**Table 1s.** Strain descriptions. Abbreviations are as follows: PUB, phycourobilin chromophore; *gvp*, genes for gas vesicle formation; *nif*, genes for nitrogen fixation.

Organisms			Complete annotation July 2005	Genome size (Mb)	Estimated gene number	Strain properties
Marine strains	Unicellular	<i>Crocospaera watsonii</i> WH 8501 ( <i>Cyanothecae. Synechococcus</i> )	No	6.29	6011	Nitrogen fixer Phycoerythrocyanin with PUB
		<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i> MIT9313	Yes	2.41	2326	Isolated from Gulf Stream deep ocean water. Low-light adapted strain. High divinyl-Chlb/a <i>Prochlorococcus</i> clade IV. No phycobilisome. Atypic phycoerythrin
		<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i> MIT9312	No	1.71	1811	High-light adapted strain from Gulf Stream. Low divinyl-Chlb/a <i>Prochlorococcus</i> clade II. No phycobilisome.
		<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i> SS120 (CCMP1375)	Yes	1.75	1926	Low-light adapted strain from Sargasso Sea. High divinyl-Chlb/a <i>Prochlorococcus</i> clade II. No phycobilisome. Atypic phycoerythrin
		<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i> MED4	Yes	1.66	1757	Isolated from surface water of an oligotrophic mediterranean area, High-light adapted strain. Low-divinyl-Chlb/a <i>Prochlorococcus</i> clade I. No phycobilisome.
		<i>Synechococcus</i> sp. CC9902	No	2.23	2373	Coastal (California current)
		<i>Synechococcus</i> sp. CC9605	No	2.51	2747	Isolated from an oligotrophic area (California current)
		<i>Synechococcus</i> sp. WH8102	Yes	2.43	2578	Obligate marine. Marine A <i>Synechococcus</i> clade III from Western Caribbean. Phycoerythrin with PUB, chromophorylated linker polypeptides. Elevated growth requirements for Na+, but also for Cl-, Mg2+, and Ca2+. Swimming motility
	Filamentous	<i>Trichodesmium erythraeum</i> IMS101	No	8.19	4801	Nitrogen fixer. Upper levels of tropical oceans. Synchronous cell divisions within a trichome. Phycoerythrin with PUB. Gas vesicle ( <i>gvp</i> ) genes. Gliding motility
Others	Unicellular	<i>Gloeobacter violaceus</i> PCC 7421	Yes	4.66	4478	No thylakoid membrane. Rod-shaped phycobilisomes directly attached to the cytoplasmic membrane. Phycoerythrin with PUB. Isolated from calcareous rock
		<i>Synechocystis</i> sp. PCC 6803	Yes	3.95	3614	Euryhaline. Facultative heterotroph. Twitching (gliding) motility
		<i>Thermosynechococcus elongatus</i> BP-1	Yes	2.59	2521	Thermophile
		<i>Synechococcus elongatus</i> PCC 7942	No	2.69	2663	Strict photoautotroph. Phycobilisome core with only two cylinders of allophycocyanin
	Filamentous	<i>Anabaena</i> sp. PCC 7120	Yes	7.21	6217	Heterocyst differentiation (hormogonium?). Nitrogen fixer. Phycoerythrocyanin. Gas vesicle ( <i>gvp</i> ) genes
		<i>Anabaena variabilis</i> ATCC 29413 (PCC7937, <i>Anabaena flos-aquae</i> CCAP 1403/13A. UTEX1444)	No	7.11	5809	Heterocyst, hormogonium and akinete differentiation. Nitrogen fixer (3 <i>nif</i> gene sets). Facultative heterotroph. Phycoerythrocyanin. Photosynthetic H <sub>2</sub> production. gas vesicle ( <i>gvp</i> ) genes
		<i>Nostoc punctiforme</i> PCC 73102 (ATCC 29133)	Yes	9.06	7465	Heterocyst, hormogonium and akinete differentiation. Nitrogen fixer. Endosymbiont. Gas vesicle ( <i>gvp</i> ) genes. Facultative photo- and chemoheterotroph. Phycoerythrin. Complementary Chromatic Adaptation type II

Table 2s. Structural domains that may be found in two component regulatory systems cyanobacterial proteins.

<b>Domain acronym</b>	<b>IterProScan identifier</b>	<b>Known properties and/or function</b>
AraC	IPR000005	Related to the arabinose operon regulatory protein AraC, usually positive transcriptional factors, spans roughly 100 residues and comprises two HTH subdomains
Cache	IPR004010	Signaling domain found in a certain class of prokaryotic chemotaxis receptors
CBS	IPR000644	CBS (cystathionine-beta-synthase) are small intracellular modules, mostly found in two or four copies which can act as binding domains for adenosine derivatives and sensors of cellular energy status, may function to form pores in membranes
CHASE	IPR006189	Extracellular domain of 200-230 amino acids found in transmembrane receptors, named from its presence in diverse receptor-like proteins with histidine kinase and nucleotide cyclase domains (Cyclases/Histidine kinases Associated Sensory Extracellular), always N-terminally in extracellular or periplasmic locations, predicted to bind diverse low molecular weight ligands
CHASE2	IPR007890	CHASE2 domains are specifically found in histidine kinases, adenylate cyclases, serine/threonine kinases and predicted diguanylate cyclases/phosphodiesterases.
CHASE3	IPR007891	ibid
CheB	IPR000673	N-terminal domain found in CheB methyltransferase which removes a methyl group in the methyl-accepting chemotaxis proteins (MCP). CheB is regulated through phosphorylation by CheA.
CheR	IPR000780	CheR are methylating enzymes (MCP methyltransferase)
CheW	IPR002545	CheW-like protein, CheW interacts with the methyl accepting chemotaxis proteins (MCPs) and relays signals to the response regulator CheY which affects flagellar rotation
cNMP	IPR000595	Domain of about 120 residues shared by proteins which bind cyclic nucleotides (cAMP or cGMP)
EAL	IPR001633	Called EAL after its conserved residues, good candidate for a diguanylate phosphodiesterase function, often along with PAS. Also known as DUF2.
FHA	IPR000253	Forkhead-associated (FHA) is a phosphopeptide recognition domain, spans approximately 80-100 amino acid residues, present in a diverse range of proteins, from kinases and phosphatases, to transcription factors and metabolic enzymes involved in many different cellular processes
GAF	IPR003018	Present in phytochromes (Phyt_2) and cGMP-specific phosphodiesterases, also found in NifA, a transcriptional activator required for activation of most <i>nif</i> operons

GGDEF	IPR000160	Ubiquitous in bacteria and often linked to a regulatory domain, such as a phosphorylation receiver or oxygen sensing domain, and in proteins which synthesizes cyclic di-GMP. Also known as DUF1.
GuC	IPR001054	Catalytic domain of class III adenylyl /guanylyl cyclase (AC/GC)
HD	IPR008328	Domain found in a superfamily of enzymes with a predicted or known phosphohydrolase activity (Metal-dependent phosphohydrolase), such as 3',5'-cGMP phosphodiesterase
HATP	IPR003594	HATPase_c domains are found in several ATP-binding proteins such as: histidine kinase, DNA gyrase B, topoisomerases, heat shock protein HSP90, phytochrome-like ATPases and DNA mismatch repair proteins
HisKA	IPR003661	Histidine kinase A (phosphoacceptor) N-terminal domain is a dimerisation and phosphoacceptor domain of histidine kinases
HisKA_2 (HWE)	IPR011495	Dimerisation and phosphoacceptor domain of a subfamily of histidine kinases
HisKA_3	IPR011712	Dimerisation and phosphoacceptor domain of a sub-family of histidine kinases
Hkd	IPR004105	homodimer interface of the signal transducing histidine kinase family
HMP	IPR003660	HAMP region found in front of the HisKA domains in proteins which are usually integral membrane proteins
Hpt	IPR008207	Present, usually at the N terminus, in proteins which undergo autophosphorylation, can mediate phototransfer reactions in multistep phosphorelay two-component systems
HTH	IPR010985	DNA-binding domains found in several bacterial repressors which are usually obligate dimers by interactions of their N-Terminal domains
HNOBA	IPR011645	The HNOBA (HNOBAssociated) domain is found associated with the HNOB ( <u>Heme-Nitric Oxide Binding</u> ) domain and <u>IPR001054</u> in soluble cyclases and signalling proteins. The HNOB domain is predicted to function as a heme-dependent sensor for gaseous ligands, and transduce diverse downstream signals in both bacteria and animals. Function guanylate cyclase activity
KaiB	IPR011649	The cyanobacterial clock proteins KaiA and KaiB are proposed as regulators of the circadian rhythm in cyanobacteria. Mutations in both proteins have been reported to alter or abolish circadian rhythmicity. KaiB adopts an alpha-beta meander motif and is found to be a dimer
LuxR	IPR000792	DNA-binding HTH domain of about 65 amino acids, present in transcription regulators of the LuxR/FixJ/NarL family of response regulators
MASE1	IPR007895	Domain of unknown function found in proteins of unknown function
MHYT	IPR005330	Named after its conserved amino acid motif, methionine, histidine, and tyrosine (~190-residue), consists of six predicted transmembrane (TM) segments, connected by short arginine-rich

		cytoplasmic and periplasmic loops rich in charged residues
PAC	IPR000700	40-45 amino acids usually situated C-terminal to PAS (PAC = PAS-associated, C-terminal), contributes to PAS domain fold
PAS	IPR000014	Sensor domain (~60 aa-long) of many signalling proteins, several detect their signal by way of an associated cofactor, such as heme or flavin, often associated with PAC domains
PHYT	IPR001294	Found in plant phytochromes, senses the red and far-red light conditions through a covalently bound linear tetrapyrrole which is responsible for the reversible photochemical conversion
Pkinase	IPR000719	Conserved catalytic core common with both serine/threonine and tyrosine protein kinases
PP2C_SIG	IPR001932	Protein phosphatase 2C-like domain found in protein phosphatase 2C, pyruvate dehydrogenase (lipoamide)-phosphatase and adenylate cyclase. (SpoIIE sometimes used as it is a Protein phosphatase 2C-like)
RR	IPR001789	CheY-, PatA-, and OmpR-like domains
Treg	IPR001867	C-terminal part of transcriptional regulatory protein
Trk	IPR006037	TrkA-C is often found next to the TrkA-N domain, exact function of this domain is unknown, may bind an unidentified ligand
UPF	IPR005360	Domain with a conserved GRY motif, found in a family of proteins about 80 amino acids-long of unknown function. This family appears to be related to ribbon-helix-helix DNA-binding proteins.

Table 3s. Two-component proteins from the 16 complete cyanobacterial genomes available as of May 205, for which no cyanobacterial orthologue could be retrieved. The *Anabaena* 7120 and *Escherichia coli* K12 sequences used in the searches to retrieve the putative proteins containing histidine kinase (HK) and response regulator (RR) domains were as follows: RR-CheY, 7120 alr0442 and *E. coli* NP\_416396.1; RR-OmpR, 7120 all3822 (aa 7-124) and *E. coli* NP\_417864.1 (aa 5-124); T\_reg, 7120 all3822 (aa 151-233) and *E. coli* NP\_417864.1 (aa 156-232); HisKA-HATPase, 7120 all0330 (aa 429-656) and *E. coli* NP\_417863.1 (aa 234-439); and Hpt, 7120 all1068 (aa 8-111) and *E. coli* NP\_415513.1 (aa 815-896). Analyses performed at the IMG site (Integrated Microbial Genomes, <http://img.jgi.doe.gov/cgi-bin/pub/main.cgi>), and at European Bioinformatics Institute (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/InterProScan/>) and <http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM/> for the domain structure assignments. Whenever a single gene or a member of a group has been assigned a function in the literature and/or an annotation in databases, the gene name is mentioned. (x) indicates proteins that do not have any bacterial orthologues.

#### A. Two component system proteins (singletons)

Gene Name	Classification	Functional or Temporary gene name
NpunNpF0536	HKA	<i>chk113</i>
NpunNpR3010	HKA	<i>chk114</i>
Cwat_400841320	HKA	<i>chk115</i>
TBP1thr2426	HATPase	<i>chk116</i>
NpunNpF3113, 100% id with NpunNpF2204	HATPase	<i>chk117</i>
NpF2204, 100% id with NpunNpF3113	HATPase	<i>chk118</i>
NpunNpF2205, 100% id with NpunNpF3114	HATPase	<i>chk119</i>
NpunNpF3114, 100% id with NpunNpF2205	HATPase	<i>chk120</i>
Cwat_400841350	HATPase	<i>chk121</i>
Cwat_400874080	HATPase	<i>chk122</i>
NpumpNPBF140	HKI	<i>chk123</i>
7421glr3138	HKI	<i>chk124</i>
7421gll0380	HKI	<i>chk125</i>
6803sll0790	HKI	<i>chk31, hik31</i>
7120all7605	HKI	<i>chk126</i>
7421glr3138	HKI	<i>chk127</i>
NpumpNPBF140	HKI	<i>chk128</i>
SS12Pro1543	HKI (N-ter (TM) <sub>6</sub> )	<i>chk129</i>
Avar_400185180	HKI	<i>chk130</i>
NpunNpF1775	HKI (HisKA_3)	<i>chk131</i>
7421gll1816	HKII + GAF	<i>chk132</i>
NpunNpR2209	HKII + GAF	<i>chk133</i>
7421gll2627	HYII + GAF	<i>chk134</i>
Tery_403225400	HKII +GAF	<i>chk135</i>
Tery_403256460	HKII + GAF	<i>chk136</i>

NpunNpR1759	HKII + 2 GAF	chk137
NpunNpR5313	HKII + 2 GAF	chk138
NpumpNPaf142	HKII + 3 GAF	chk139
NpunNpR5113	HKII + 4 GAF	chk140
Cwat_400862060	HKII + Phytochrome	chk141
Cwat_400870170	HKII + PAC-GAF	chk142
7421glr1239	HKII + PASPAC-GAF	chk143
6803sll1124	HKII + GAF-mPASPAC	chk3, hik3
7120alr2123	HKII + PASPAC	chk144 (✉)
NpunNpR3198	HKII + PASPAC	chk145 (✉)
NpunNpF4953	HKII + PASPAC	chk146
NpunNpR3581	HKII + PASPAC	chk147
NpumpNPAR133	HKII + PASPAC	chk148
Avar_400177700	HKII + (PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	chk149
NpunNpF5383	HKII + PASPAC	chk150
6803sll1003	HKII + (PASPAC) <sub>3</sub>	chk13, hik13
NpunNpF2121	HKII + (PASPAC) <sub>3</sub>	chk151
Tery_403260760	HKII + PAS	chk153
NpunNpR6525	HKII + PAS	chk154
Avar_400193580	HKIII + Cache	chk155
7421glr3675	HKIII + HAMP	chk156
NpunNpR6338	HKIII + HAMP	chk157
NpumpNPAR140	HKIII + HAMP	chk158 (✉)
7421gll0814	HKIII + HAMP-PAC	chk159
NpunNpR0401	HKIII + HAMP-Cache	chk160
NpunNpF3779	HKIII + Cache	chk177
NpunNpF6040	HKIII + HAMP-GAF-Cache	chk161
7120alr0709	HKIV	chk162
7120all1625	HKIV	chk163
7120all2282	HKIV	chk164
Avar_400222710	HKIV	chk165
NpunNpR2272	HKIV	chk166
NpunNpF0342	HKIV	chk167
NpunNpR6545	HKIV	chk168
Tery_403260730	HKV + CheW	chk169
NpunNpR3054	HKV + CHASE	chk170
NpunNpF3675	HKV + CHASE3	chk171
NpunNpR0610	HKV + CHASE3-(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	chk172
7421glr2059	HKV + Trk	chk173
Tery_403252270	HKV + cNMP	chk175
7421gll1661	HKV + cNMP	chk109
Tery_403220860	HKV + CHASE	chk176
TBP1tl2438	RRI CheY	crr103
Cwat_400845910	RRI CheY	crr104
7120all4927	RRI CheY	crr105 (✉)
7421glr1534	RRI CheY	crr106
7421glr2272	RRI CheY	crr107
7421glr2257	RRI CheY	crr108
7421glr1532	RRI CheY	crr109 (✉)
Tery_403244930	RRI CheY	crr110 (✉)
Tery_403262790	RRI CheY	crr111
Tery_403235360	RRI Other (>200aa-long)	crr112
Tery_403235350	RRI CheY	crr113
Avar_400193570	RRI CheY	crr114 (✉)
Avar_400193560	RRI CheY	crr115 (✉)
NpunNpR1758	RRI CheY	crr116 (✉)
NpunNpF3566	RRI CheY	crr117
NpunNpF5044	RRI CheY	crr118
NpunNpF1085	RRI CheY	crr119
NpumpNPBR170	RRI CheY	crr120 (✉)
NpumpNPBR131	RRI CheY	crr121 (✉)
NpunNpF3676	RRI CheY	crr122
7942_403102070	RRI CheY	crr123
Cwat_400880570	RRI CheY	crr124 (✉)

Cwat_400836210	RRI CheY	crr125
NpunNpR1757	RRI CheY	crr175
6803slr1214	RRI PatA	crr15, rre15 (¤)
6803slr1594	RRI PatA	crr5, rre5 (¤)
6803slr1693	RRI PatA	crr24, rre24 (¤)
7120all3348	RRI other (>200aa-long)	crr126
Cwat_400874090	RRI other (>200aa-long)	crr127
Cwat_400841340	RRI other (>200aa-long)	crr128
7120all2281	RRI other (>200aa-long)	crr174
6803sl10797	RRI OmpR	crr33, rre33, nrsR, rppA
6803sl10789	RRI OmpR	crr34, rre34, copR
7120alr1170	RRI OmpR	crr129
7120all7606	RRI OmpR	crr130
7421glr0281	RRI OmpR	crr131
7421glr3139	RRI OmpR	crr132
NpunNpR3241	RRI OmpR	crr133
NpunNpR1903	RRI OmpR	crr134
NpunNpF3064	RRI OmpR	crr135
NpunNpR6204	RRI OmpR	crr136
NpunNpF6321	RRI OmpR	crr137
NpumpNPBF139	RRI OmpR	crr138
Avar_400216090	RRII NarL	crr139
7421gll0379	RRII NarL	crr140
NpunNpF1800	RRII NarL	crr141
NpunNpF1776	RRII NarL	crr142
7120alr9013	RRII NarL	crr143
7120alr8531	RRII NarL	crr144
7421glr0273	RRII NarL	crr145
7421glr0773	RRII NarL	crr146
7421gll2210	RRII NarL	crr147
7421glr0244	RRII NarL	crr148
7421gll0062	RRII NarL	crr149
SS12Pro1542	RRII NarL	crr150
NpunNpR0956	RRII NarL	crr151
6803slr1213	RRII AraC	crr14, rre14
7120alr0429	RRII AraC	crr152
NpunNpF1278	RRII AraC	crr153
NpunNpR3197	RRII AraC	crr154
NpumpNPAF075	RRII AraC	crr155
NpunNpR2091	RRII AraC	crr156
6803slr0687	RRIV + GGDEF	crr4, rre4
Tery_403260660	RRIV +GGDEF	crr157
7421gll4160	RRIV + GGDEF	crr158
Cwat_400861080	RRIV + GGDEF	crr159
7942_403103420	RRIV + PASPAC-GGDEF	crr160
6803slr1305	RRIV + PASPAC-EAL-GGDEF	crr41, rre41
NpunNpR3564	RRIV + PAC-EAL-GGDEF	crr161
NpunNpF3678	RRIV + PASPAC-EAL-GGDEF	crr162
6803slr2100	RRIV + HD	crr20, rre20
Cwat_400840880	RRIV + PACPAS	crr163
Tery_403262700	RRIV + GuC	crr164
7120alr2280	RRIV + PP2C_SIG	crr165
NpunNpR0244	RRIV + CheB	crr166
Tery_403260700	RRIV + CheB	crr167
Tery_403260740	RRIV + CheC	crr168
NpunNpF5527	RRIV + IF2	crr169
Cwat_400887000	RRIV + CheW	crr170
7421glr1768	RRIV + cNMP	crr171
6803slr2099	HYI	chy40, hik40
7120all0637	HYI	chy95
NpunNpF5480	HYI	chy96
7942_403108060	HYI	chy97
Tery_403232010	HYI	chy98
NpunNpF0957	HYI	chy99

Tery_403234400	HYI	<i>chy100</i>
NpunpNPAR130	HYI	<i>chy101</i>
NpunNpF1601	HYI	<i>chy102</i>
NpunNpR2271	HYI	<i>chy103</i>
NpunNpF5043	HYI + PAS	<i>chy104</i>
7421gll1533	HYI + PASPAC	<i>chy105</i>
6803slr0222	HYI + (PAS) <sub>6</sub> (PAC) <sub>5</sub>	<i>chy25, hik25</i>
NpunNpF1185	HYI + GAF	<i>chy106</i>
NpunNpR2903	HYI + GAF-PASPAC	<i>chy107</i>
NpunNpF3677	HYI (HKA_2)	<i>chy108</i>
NpunNpF1799	HYI (HKA_3)	<i>chy109</i>
NpunNpF5092	HYII (PASPAC) <sub>3</sub> -GAF	<i>chy110</i>
NpunNpR1760	HYII + GAF	<i>chy111</i>
NpunNpR2268	HYII + (PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	<i>chy112</i>
Avar_400190700	HYII + PASPAC	<i>chy113</i>
7421gll4411	HYII + (PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	<i>chy114</i>
NpunpNPAR131	HYII + PASPAC	<i>chy115</i>
7120all4097	HYII + (PASPAC) <sub>3</sub>	<i>chy116</i>
NpunNpF1600	HYII	<i>chy117</i>
NpunNpR2035	HYII + PAS-(PASPAC) <sub>3</sub>	<i>chy118</i>
NpunNpR3591	HYII + PAS-PAC-(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	<i>chy119</i>
NpunNpR4211	HYII + PAS-(PASPAC) <sub>4</sub>	<i>chy120</i>
NpunNpF4131	HYII + GAF	<i>chy121</i>
NpunNpR6464	HYII + PAS-GAF	<i>chy122</i>
TBP1tl11282	HYIII + GAF-(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub> -(GAF) <sub>2</sub> -HK-(CheY) <sub>2</sub>	<i>chy123</i>
Avar_400176240	HYII + GAF-PASPAC	<i>chy124</i>
7421gll0099	HYII + PASPAC-GAF	<i>chy125</i>
NpunpNPDR038	HYII + GAF <sub>2</sub> -(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub> -GAF-PASPAC	<i>chy126</i>
NpunNpF5035	HYII + PAS-PASPAC-PAS-(PASPAC) <sub>4</sub> -GAF-PASPAC-GAF	<i>chy127</i>
NpunNpF5360	HYII + Cache-HAMP-PAC	<i>chy128</i>
Tery_403234780	HYII + GuC-HAMP	<i>chy129</i>
Tery_403234790	HYII + GuC-HAMP	<i>chy130</i>
Tery_403245090	HYII + GuC-HAMP	<i>chy131</i>
NpunNpR2263	HYIII	<i>chy132</i>
6803slr2098	HYIII + Hpt-MHYT-(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>	<i>chy21, hik21</i>
7120alr2279	HYIII + PACPAS-GAF-Hpt (N-ter HNOBA)	<i>chy133</i>
6803slr1759	HYIII + PACPAS-GAF-Hpt	<i>chy14, hik14</i>
7421gll1016	HYIII + HAMP-GAF-CHASE3-PACPAS-2RR	<i>chy134</i>
Avar_400173090	HYIV	<i>chy135</i>
NpunNpR2262	HYIV PASPAC	<i>chy136</i>
NpunNpR5611	HYIV PASPAC	<i>chy137</i>
NpunNpR3572	HYIV + GAF-(PAS) <sub>6</sub> (PAC) <sub>5</sub>	<i>chy138</i>
6803slr11905	HYIV + PAS-Hpt	<i>chy19, hik19</i>
NpunNpF2346	HYV + RHH_2	<i>chy139</i>
6803slr1983	HYVII (HisKA) + PP2C_SIG	<i>chy180, rre22, ppcE</i>
Cwat_400862070	HYVII (HATPase C)	<i>chy140</i>
Cwat_400866330	HYVI + CheW (no Hkd)	<i>chy141 (¤)</i>
NpunNpR0245	HYVI + CheW-Hpt	<i>chy142</i>
Cwat_400841330	HYVII (HATPase C)	<i>chy143</i>

Table 4s. Closely linked two-component genes and probable operons that contain two or more two-component genes in the nine complete annotated genomes. This was constructed from the Chromosome map images at Cyanobase (<http://www.kazusa.or.jp/cyano/>) and IMG (<http://img.jgi.doe.gov/cgi-bin/pub/main.cgi>) sites. Genes are identified by their locus tags.

### *Synechocystis* 6803

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number	Additional information
sll0038 <i>rre36</i>	RRI PatA		<i>crr36</i>	
sll0039 <i>rre35</i>	RRI CheY		<i>crr35</i>	
sll0043 <i>hik18</i>	HYVI+CheW	<i>pixL, taxAYI</i>	<i>chy18</i>	
sll0789 <i>rre34</i>	RRII OmpR		<i>crr34</i>	
sll0790 <i>hik31</i>	HKI	<i>copR</i>	<i>chk31</i>	
sll0797 <i>rre33</i>	RRII OmpR	<i>rppA, nrsR</i>	<i>crr33</i>	
sll0798 <i>hik30</i>	HKI	<i>rppB, nrsS</i>	<i>chk30</i>	
sll1228 <i>hik4</i>	HYII+GAF		<i>chy4</i>	
sll1229 <i>hik41</i>	HYI		<i>chy41</i>	
sll1291 <i>rre12</i>	RRI PatA		<i>crr12</i>	
sll1292 <i>rre11</i>	RRI CheY		<i>crr11</i>	
sll1296 <i>hik39</i>	HYVI+CheW		<i>chy39</i>	
sll1590 <i>hik20</i>	HKI		<i>chk2</i>	
sll1592 <i>rre19</i>	RRII NarL		<i>crr23</i>	
sll1672 <i>hik12</i>	HYII+PAS-MASE1		<i>chy12</i>	
sll1673 <i>rre2</i>	RRIV+GGDEF		<i>crr2</i>	
sll5059	RRI Other (>200aa)		<i>crr43</i>	
sll5060	HYIII+PACPAS-GAF-Hpt		<i>chy44</i>	Plasmid encoded (pSYSM)
slr0311 <i>hik29</i>	HKIII		<i>chk29</i>	
slr0312 <i>rre32</i>	RRII NarL		<i>crr32</i>	
slr0473 <i>hik35</i>	HKII+Phytochrome	<i>cph1, apha</i>	<i>chk35</i>	
slr0474 <i>rre27</i>	RRI CheY	<i>rcp1</i>	<i>crr27</i>	
slr1041 <i>rre6</i>	RRI PatA		<i>rre6</i>	
slr1042 <i>rre7</i>	RRI CheY		<i>crr7</i>	
slr1213 <i>rre14</i>	RRII AraC		<i>rre14</i>	
slr1214 <i>rre15</i>	RRI PatA		<i>rre15</i>	
slr1759 <i>hik14</i>	HYIII+PACPAS-GAF-Hpt		<i>chy14</i>	
slr1760 <i>rre8</i>	RRIV+GGDEF		<i>crr8</i>	
slr1982 <i>rre21</i>	RRI CheY		<i>crr21</i>	
slr1983 <i>rre22</i>	HYVI-HisKA C		<i>chy180</i>	
slr2098 <i>hik21</i>	HYIII+Hpt-MHYT		<i>chy21</i>	
slr2099 <i>hik40</i>	HYI		<i>chy40</i>	
slr2100 <i>rre20</i>	RRIV+HD		<i>crr20</i>	
slr2104 <i>hik22</i>	HYII+GAF-PAC-Hpt		<i>chy22</i>	
slr6040	RRII OmpR		<i>crr44</i>	
slr6041	HKI		<i>chk70</i>	Plasmid encoded (pSYSX)

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all0637	HYI		<i>chy95</i>	
all0638	HYII		<i>chy71</i>	
all0825	HKII+GAF		<i>chk61</i>	
all0824	HYII+PAS(PAC) <sub>3</sub>		<i>chy66</i>	
all0823	RRI CheY		<i>crr10</i>	
all0930	RRI PatA		<i>crr6</i>	
all0929	RRI CheY		<i>crr7</i>	
all0926	HYVI+CheW	<i>pilH</i>	<i>chy43</i>	(all928 CheW, all927 – methyl accepting protein)
all1072	RRI PatA		<i>crr36</i>	
all1071	RRI CheY		<i>crr35</i>	
all1068	HYVI+CheW	<i>cheA</i>	<i>chy92</i>	
all1178	HYII+CHASE2		<i>chy77</i>	
all1177	HYI		<i>chy52</i>	
all1281	RRI Other (>200aa)		<i>crr13</i>	
all1280	HKII+GAF-PAS-HWE		<i>chk45</i>	
all1279	HYI+PAS		<i>chy55</i>	
all1389	HYII+Cache		<i>chy69</i>	
all1388	HYI		<i>chy45</i>	
all1704	RRII NarL		<i>crr25</i>	
all1703	RRIV+GAF		<i>crr100</i>	
all2095	HKVI+CBS-HWE-mPASPAC		<i>chk108</i>	
all2094	HYI+PASPAC		<i>chy57</i>	
all2165	RRI PatA		<i>crr64</i>	
all2164	RRI CheY		<i>crr51</i>	
all2161	HYVI+CheW	<i>cheA</i>	<i>chy94</i>	
all2282	HKV		<i>chk164</i>	
all2281	RRI Other (>200aa)		<i>crr174</i>	
all2875	HYIII+PACPAS-GAF-Hpt		<i>chy44</i>	
all2874	RRIV+GGDEF		<i>crr8</i>	
all2899	HKII+Phytochrome		<i>aphB</i>	<i>chk73</i>
al2898	RRI CheY			<i>crr46</i>
all2897	HYI+PAS(PAC) <sub>2</sub>			<i>chy56</i>
all2956	HKI			<i>chk59</i>
all2955	RRI CheY			<i>crr79</i>
all3564	HKII			<i>chk16</i>
all3563	HKIII+PAC			<i>chk74</i>
all3767	HKII			<i>chk77</i>
all3766	RRI CheY			<i>crr54</i>
all3765	HYI			<i>chy54</i>
all3764	HYI			<i>chy51</i>
all4097	HYII+(PAC) <sub>3</sub> PAS			<i>chy116</i>
all4096	HYI			<i>chy38</i>
all4503	RRII OmpR		<i>phoB</i>	<i>crr29</i>
all4502	HKI		<i>sphS, phoR</i>	<i>chk7</i>
all4727	RRII OmpR			<i>crr3</i>
all4726	HKIV+HAMP			<i>chk10</i>
all5174	RRIII+Hpt-GGDEF			<i>crr91</i>
all5173	HYIII+mPASPAC			<i>chy80</i>
all5172	RRI CheY			<i>crr59</i>
all5309	HYII+CHASE2			<i>chy76</i>
all5308	HYI			<i>chy146</i>
all7584	RRII OmpR		<i>copR</i>	<i>crr44</i>
all7583	HKI			<i>chk70</i>
all7606	RRII OmpR			Plasmid encoded
all7605	HKI			(Beta)
				Plasmid encoded
				(Beta)

alr0354	HKIV S/Tkin-GAF		<i>chk97</i>	
alr0356	RRI Other (>200aa)		<i>crr70</i>	
alr0428	HKII+(PAS) <sub>3</sub>		<i>chk79</i>	
alr0429	RRII AraC		<i>crr152</i>	
alr0709	HKIV		<i>chk162</i>	
alr0710	HKV+ S/Tkin-GAF		<i>chk107</i>	
alr1170	RRII OmpR		<i>crr129</i>	
alr1171	HKI		<i>chk55</i>	
alr1229	HKII+ GAF-mPASPAC		<i>chk32</i>	
alr1230	RRIV+EAL		<i>crr39</i>	
alr1231	HYI		<i>chy42</i>	
alr1966	HKII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chk71</i>	
alr1967	RRI CheY		<i>crr53</i>	
alr1968	HYIV+PACPAS		<i>chy88</i>	
alr2137	HKIII+GAF-(PACPAS)-GAF		<i>chk29</i>	
alr2138	RRII NarL		<i>crr32</i>	
alr2240	RRI CheY		<i>crr47</i>	
alr2241	HYI		<i>chy48</i>	
alr2279	HYIII+PACPAS-GAF-Hpt		<i>chy133</i>	
alr2280	RRIV+ PP2C_SIG		<i>crr165</i>	
alr2306	RRIV+EAL-GGDEF		<i>crr98</i>	
alr2307	HYI		<i>chy81</i>	
alr2428	HYIV Polydomain		<i>chy90</i>	
alr2429	RRI CheY		<i>crr56</i>	
alr3120	HYII+CBS-GAF-PAC		<i>chy28</i>	possibly a single protein (alr3120-1)
alr3121	HYI		<i>chy49</i>	
alr3155	HKI		<i>chk47</i>	
alr3156	RRII NarL		<i>crr19</i>	
alr3157	HKII+Phytochrome		<i>chk35</i>	
alr3158	RRI CheY		<i>rccp1</i>	
alr3159	HYI		<i>chy23</i>	
alr4878	HYII+HAMP-Cache		<i>chy145</i>	
alr4879	HYI		<i>chy47</i>	
alr4880	HYI		<i>chy50</i>	
alr4882	HKI		<i>chk51</i>	
alr5188	RRII OmpR		<i>crr78</i>	
alr5189	HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk87</i>	

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Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number	Additional information
NpF0020	HKII+Phytochrome	<i>cph1, aphaA</i>	<i>chk35</i>	
NpF0021	RRI CheY	<i>rccp1</i>	<i>crr27</i>	
NpF0022	HYI		<i>chy23</i>	
NpF0303	HKI		<i>chk20</i>	
NpF0304	RRII NarL		<i>crr19</i>	
NpF1084	RRI PatA		<i>crr66</i>	
NpF1085	RRI CheY		<i>crr119</i>	
NpF1183	HKII+Phytochrome	<i>aphB</i>	<i>chk73</i>	
NpF1184	RRI CheY		<i>crr46</i>	
NpF1185	HYI+GAF		<i>chy106</i>	
NpF1211	HYIII+HAMP		<i>chy71</i>	NpF1210
NpF1212	HYI		<i>chy146</i>	

NpF1277	HKIII+PAS		<i>chk79</i>	NpF1279
NpF1278	RRI AraC		<i>crr153</i>	
NpF1600	HYII		<i>chy117</i>	
NpF1601	HYI		<i>chy102</i>	
NpF1775	HKI-HKA3		<i>chk131</i>	
NpF1776	RRII NarL		<i>crr142</i>	
NpF1799	HYI+HKA3		<i>chy109</i>	
NpF1800	RRII+NarL		<i>crr141</i>	
NpF2161	RRI >200		<i>crr67</i>	NpF2163 CheW
NpF2162	RRI CheY		<i>crr103</i>	NpF2164 MCP-GAF
NpF2165	HYVI + Hpt-CheW		<i>chy93</i>	NpF2166 CheW
NpF2168	HATPase+CheW			NpF2167 MCP-GAF
NpF2204	HisKA		<i>chk118</i>	
NpF2205	HATPase		<i>chk119</i>	10bp apart, possible frameshift
NpF2363	HYIII+PACPAS-GAF-Hpt		<i>chy44</i>	
NpF2364	RRIV+GGDEF		<i>crr8</i>	
NpF3113	HisKA		<i>chk118</i>	
NpF3114	HATPase		<i>chk119</i>	10bp apart, possible frameshift
NpF3565	HKV+GAF		<i>chk105</i>	
NpF3566	RRI CheY		<i>crr117</i>	
NpF3675	HKV+CHASE3		<i>chk171</i>	
NpF3676	RRI CheY		<i>crr122</i>	
NpF3677	HYI HKA_2		<i>chy108</i>	
NpF3678	RRIV+PACPAS-EAL-GGDEF		<i>crr162</i>	
NpF3778	HKIV S/Tkin-GAF-PASPAC		<i>chk103</i>	
NpF3779	HKIII+Cache		<i>chk177</i>	
NpF3833	HYI		<i>chy50</i>	
NpF3835	HKI		<i>chk51</i>	
NpF3837	HKII		<i>chk78</i>	
NpF4214	RRII OmpR		<i>phoB, sphR</i>	NpF4216 PhoU
NpF4215	HKIII+PAS		<i>sphS, phoR</i>	<i>chk7</i>
NpF5034	RRIV+Hpt-GGDEF		<i>crr93</i>	
NpF5035	HYII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chy127</i>	
NpF5043	HYI+PASPAC		<i>chy104</i>	
NpF5044	RRI CheY		<i>crr118</i>	
NpF5360	HYII+HAMP-Cache		<i>chy128</i>	
NpF5361	RRIV+EAL-GGDEF		<i>crr98</i>	
NpF5362	HYI		<i>chy81</i>	
NpF5479	HYII+HAMP-Cache		<i>chy145</i>	
NpF5480	HYI		<i>chy96</i>	
NpF5636	RRI PatA		<i>crr64</i>	NpF5638 CheW
NpF5637	RRI CheY		<i>crr51</i>	NpF5639 MCP-GAF
NpF5640	HYVI+CheW		<i>chy94</i>	
NpF5960	RRI PatA		<i>crr6</i>	NpF5962 CheW
NpF5961	RRI CheY		<i>crr7</i>	NpF5963 MCP
NpF5964	HYVI+CheW	<i>pilH</i>	<i>chy43</i>	
NpF6001	HKII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chy45</i>	
NpF6002	HYI+PASPAC		<i>chy55</i>	
NpF6362	HKII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chk71</i>	
NpF6363	RRI CheY		<i>crr53</i>	
NpF6364	HYIV+PASPAC	NtrY	<i>chy88</i>	
NpR0244	RRIV+CheB		<i>crr166</i>	NpR0246 CheW
NpR0245	HYVI+CheW		<i>chy143</i>	NpR0247 MCP NpR0248 CheR NpR0249 MCP

				NpR0250 CheW
NpR0564 NpR0565	HisKA HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk34</i> <i>chk85</i>	
NpR1109 NpR1110	RRII NarL HKI		<i>crr89</i> <i>chk174</i>	
NpR1448 NpR1449	HYI HYI		<i>chy51</i> <i>chy54</i>	
NpR1757 NpR1758 NpR1759 NpR1760	RRI CheY RRI CheY HKII HYII+GAF		<i>crr175</i> <i>crr116</i> <i>chk137</i> <i>chy111</i>	
NpR1778 NpR1779	HKI RRII OmpR		<i>chk70</i> <i>crr44</i>	
NpR2262 NpR2263 NpR2268	HYIV HYIII HYII+PASPAC		<i>chy136</i> <i>chy132</i> <i>chy112</i>	NpR2266/7 STAS NpR2264-PP2C NpR2265-ATPase
NpR2271 NpR2272	HYI HKIV		<i>chy103</i> <i>chk166</i>	
NpR2407 NpR2408	RRII NarL HKIV+HAMP-Cache-(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub> HisKA3		<i>crr32</i> <i>chk29</i>	
NpR2420 NpR2421	RRII NarL HKI-HKA3		<i>crr84</i> <i>chk58</i>	
NpR2901 NpR2902 NpR2903	HYIV+PASPAC RRI CheY HYI+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chy87</i> <i>crr49</i> <i>chy107</i>	
NpR3052 NpR3053 NpR3054	HKIII+HAMP RRI CheY HKV+CHASE		<i>chk82</i> <i>crr50</i> <i>chk170</i>	
NpR3197 NpR3198	RRII AraC HKIII+PASPAC		<i>crr154</i> <i>chk145</i>	
NpR3562 NpR3564	HYII++ (PASPAC) <sub>2</sub> -(GAF) <sub>2</sub> RRIV+PACPAS-EAL-GGDEF		<i>chy64</i> <i>crr161</i>	NpR3563 GAF-PASPAC, overlaps with NpR3562
NpR4743 NpR4744 NpR4745	RRI CheY HYII+PASPAC HKII+GAF		<i>crr10</i> <i>chy66</i> <i>chk61</i>	
NpR4768 NpR4769	RRI CheY HYIV Polydomain		<i>crr56</i> <i>chy90</i>	
NpR5315 NpR5316	HKIII+HAMP RRII OmpR		<i>chk92</i> <i>crr77</i>	
NpR5896 NpR5897	RRIV+PACPAS HYII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>crr68</i> <i>chy4</i>	
NpR6010 NpR6014 NpR6015	HYVI+CheW RRI CheY RRI PatA	<i>pixH, pisH</i> <i>pixG, pisG</i>	<i>chy92</i> <i>crr35</i> <i>crr36</i>	NpR6012 MCP-GAF NpR6013 CheW
NpR6148 NpR6149	HKII HKII		<i>chk74</i> <i>chk16</i>	
NpR6203 NpR6204	HKI RRII OmpR		<i>chk55</i> <i>crr136</i>	
NpR6227 NpR6228	HKIII+HAMP RRII OmpR		<i>chk10</i> <i>crr3</i>	
NpR6346 NpR6347	HYI HYII+Cache		<i>chy45</i> <i>chy69</i>	NpR6348 Ser/Thr kinase
pNPAR130	HYI		<i>chy101</i>	Plasmid encoded

pNPAR131 pNPAR133	HYII+PASPAC HKII		<i>chy115</i> <i>chk148</i>	pNPAR132 ModA molydate binding sensor protein
pNPBF139 pNPBF140	RRI OmpR HKI		<i>crr138</i> <i>chk123</i>	Plasmid encoded
pNPBF145 pNPBF146	HKI-HKA_3 RRII NarL		<i>chk57</i> <i>crr82</i>	Plasmid encoded

*T. elongatus*

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tll0572	RRI PatA		<i>crr66</i>	
tll0571	RRI CheY		<i>crr51</i>	
tll0568	HYVI+CheW	<i>cheA</i>	<i>chy94</i>	tll0569 GAF-MCP
tll1025	RRI PatA		<i>crr12</i>	
tll1024	RRI CheY		<i>crr11</i>	tll1022 MCP
tll1021	HYVI+CheW		<i>chy142</i>	
tll1049	RRIV+GGDEF-(RR) <sub>2</sub>		<i>crr173</i>	
tll1048	RRII NarL		<i>crr9</i>	
tll1910	RRII OmpR		<i>crr38</i>	
tll1909	HKI		<i>chk55</i>	
tlr0345	RRI PatA		<i>crr6</i>	
tlr0346	RRI CheY		<i>crr7</i>	tlr0347 CheW
tlr0349	HYVI+CheW	<i>pilH</i> <i>taxAY3</i>	<i>chy43</i>	tlr0348 MCP

*G. violaceus*

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number
gll0023	HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk87</i>
gll0022	RRII OmpR		<i>crr78</i>
gll0572	HKI		<i>chk20</i>
gll0571	RRII NarL		<i>crr19</i>
gll0570	KdpD		<i>ctc1</i>
gll0635	HYIII+GAF-mHAMP		<i>chy83</i>
gll0634	HYIV+PACPAS		<i>chy86</i>
gll0814	HKIII+HAMP-PAC		<i>chk159</i>
gll0813	RRII NarL		<i>crr17</i>
gll1662	HKV (cNMP-HK)		<i>chk59</i>
gll1661	HKVI (cNMP-HK)		<i>chk109</i>
gll4098	HKI		<i>chk174</i>
gll4097	RRII NarL		<i>crr89</i>
gll4162	RRII OmpR		<i>crr31</i>
gll4161	HKIII+PAS		<i>chk84</i>
gll4160	RRIV+GGDEF		<i>crr158</i>
glr0281	RRII OmpR		<i>crr131</i>
glr0282	HKI		<i>chk55</i>
glr0347	HATPase		<i>chk57</i>
glr0348	RRII NarL		<i>crr82</i>
glr0860	RRII OmpR		<i>crr3</i>
glr0861	HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk10</i>

glr1586	HisKA		<i>chk34</i>
glr1587	HKI		<i>chk2</i>
glr1588	RRII NarL	<i>ycf29</i>	<i>crr1</i>
glr1767	HKV+GAF-PAS-HWE		<i>chk108</i>
glr1768	RRIV+ cNMP		<i>crr171</i>
glr2257	RRI CheY		<i>crr108</i>
glr2258	HKI		<i>chk48</i>
glr2272	RRI CheY		<i>crr107</i>
glr2274	RRII OmpR		<i>crr37</i>
glr3138	HKI		<i>chk124</i>
glr3139	RRII OmpR		<i>crr132</i>
glr3432	HKII+GAF-PASPAC		<i>chk71</i>
glr3433	RRI CheY		<i>crr53</i>
glr3434	HYIV+PACPAS		<i>chy88</i>
glr3562	HKII		<i>chk32</i>
glr3563	RRIV-EAL		<i>crr39</i>
glr4211	RRIII+Hptm-RR		<i>crr93</i>
glr4212	HYII+(PASPAC) <sub>2</sub>		<i>chy90</i>
glr4213	RRI CheY		<i>crr56</i>

#### *P. marinus* SS120

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number
Pro1542	RRII NarL		<i>crr150</i>
Pro1543	HATPase		<i>chk129</i>

#### *P. marinus* MED4

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number
PMM0705	RRII OmpR	<i>phoB, sphR</i>	<i>crr29</i>
PMM0706	HKI	<i>sphS, phoR</i>	<i>chk7</i>

#### *P. marinus* MIT9313

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number
PMT0805	RRII OmpR		<i>crr72</i>
PMT0804	HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk91</i>
PMT1356	RRI CheY		<i>crr48</i>
PMT1357	RRII OmpR		<i>crr28</i>

#### *Synechococcus* WH8102

Assigned gene number	Classification	Functional name	Orthologue number
SYNW0808	RRII OmpR		<i>crr72</i>
SYNW0807	HKIII+HAMP		<i>chk91</i>
SYNW0947	RRII OmpR	<i>phoB, sphR</i>	<i>crr29</i>
SYNW0948	HKI	<i>sphS, phoR</i>	<i>chk7</i>