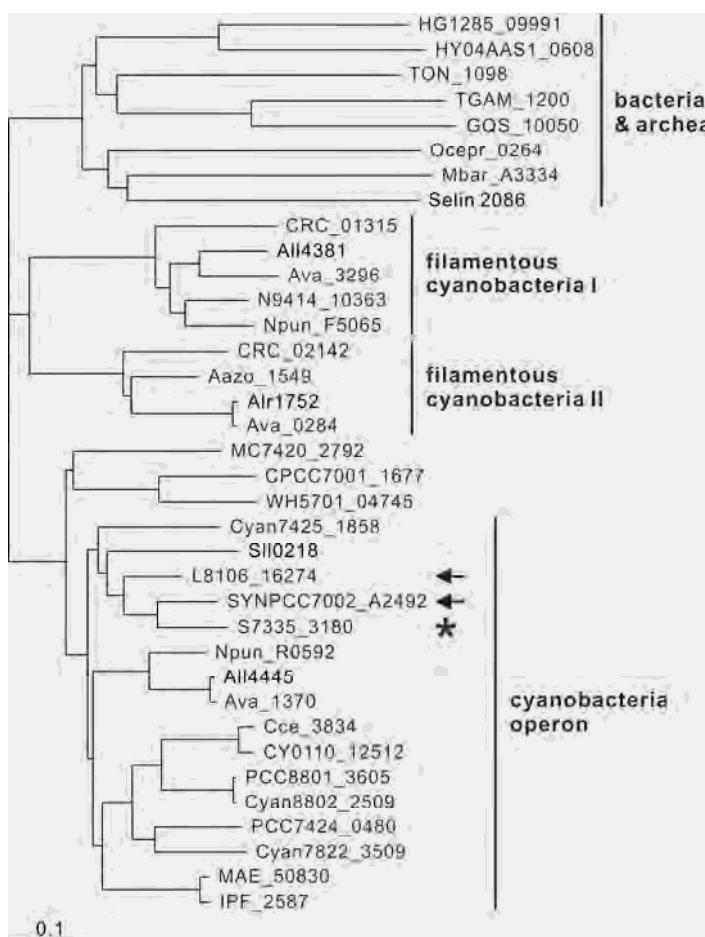
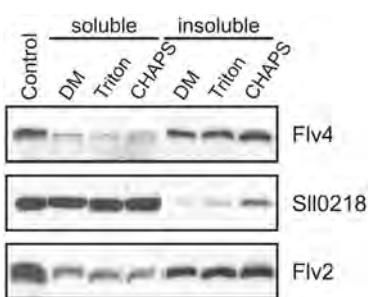


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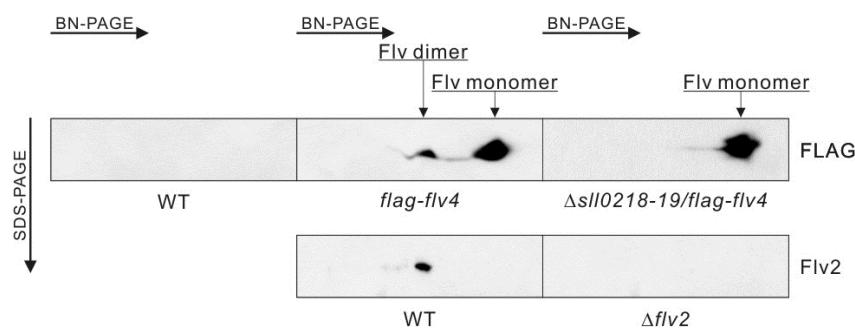
Supplemental Figure 1. Phylogenetic analysis of SII0218 in cyanobacteria, bacteria and archaea.

Amino acid sequences were retrieved from CyanoBase (<http://bacteria.kazusa.or.jp/cyanobase/>) and NCBI (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>), and were named according to their locus tags. The exceptions are indicated. The arrows show the sequences with high identity with SII0218 but are missing the *flv4* and *flv2* genes. The star indicates a SII0218 homolog, which is not located between the *flv4* and the *flv2* genes.



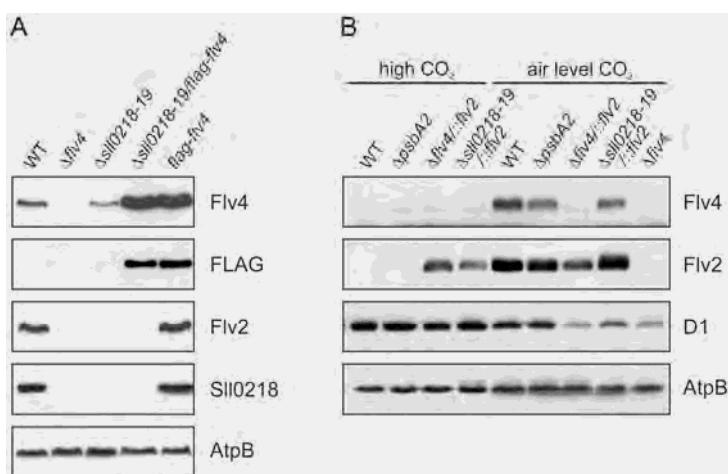
Supplemental Figure 2. Solubility of the Flv4, Sll0218 and Flv2 proteins by nonionic and zwitterionic detergents.

Total membrane of the air level CO₂ grown WT cells was isolated in Buffer B and solubilized by 2% DM, 1% Triton X-100 or 2% CHAPS according to BN PAGE protocol in Methods. The soluble and insoluble proteins were separated by centrifugation. The pellet was resuspended in water. Both soluble and insoluble materials were solubilized by Laemmli sample buffer with 6 M urea, and subjected to SDS-PAGE. Control represents the total membrane directly solubilized with the Laemmli solubilization buffer. The Flv4, Sll0218 and Flv2 proteins were detected by Western blot.



Supplemental Figure 3. BN/SDS-PAGE demonstrating the heterodimer formation by Flv2 and Flv4.

Soluble fractions were isolated from WT, $\Delta flv2$, *flag-flv4* and $\Delta sll0218-19/\text{flag-flv4}$ cells, and the protein complexes were separated by BN gel. The 2D BN/SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting with the FLAG and the Flv2 antibody were subsequently performed. Only the sections of the SDS-PAGE gels corresponding to the molecular masses of the Flv2 and Flv4 proteins are shown.

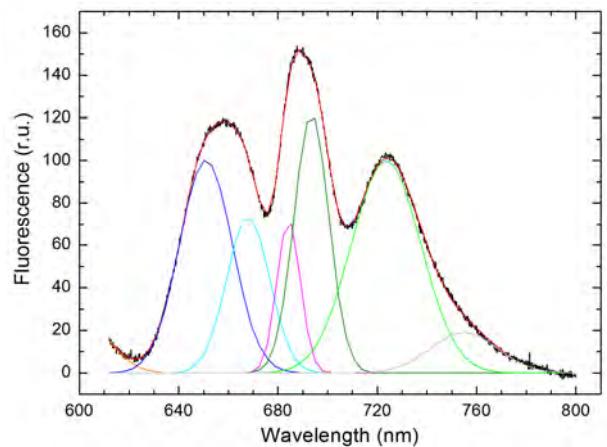


Supplemental Figure 4. Expression of Flv4, Sll0218 and Flv2 proteins in WT, *flv* mutants, the *flag-flv4* strains and the *flv2* complemented strains.

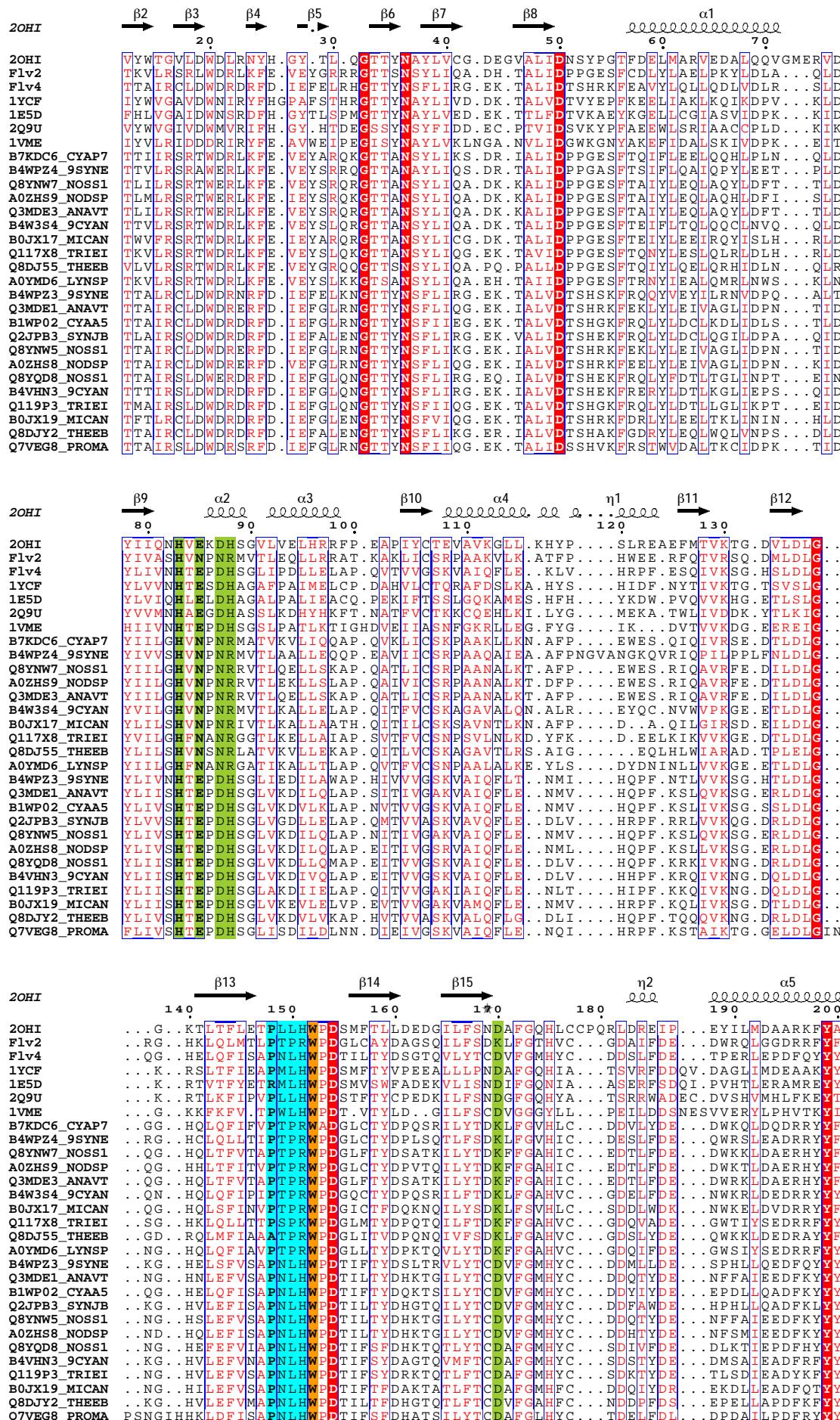
(A) Expression of the Flv4, FLAG-Flv4, Sll0218 and Flv2 proteins in WT, *flv* mutants and the *flag-flv4* strains.

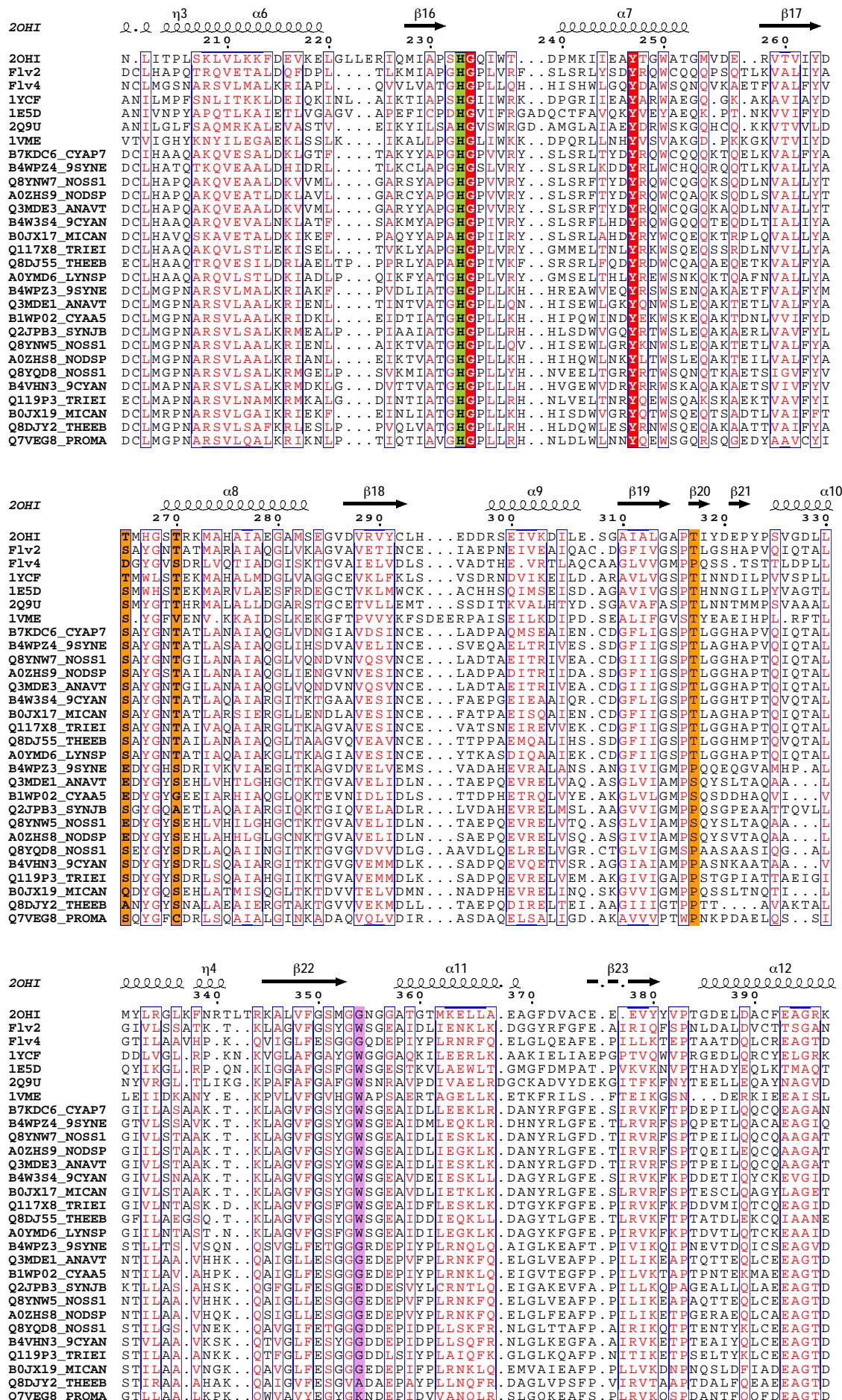
(B) Expression of the Flv4, Flv2 and D1 proteins in WT, *ΔpsbA2*, *Δflv4::flv2* and *Δsll0218-19::flv2* strains.

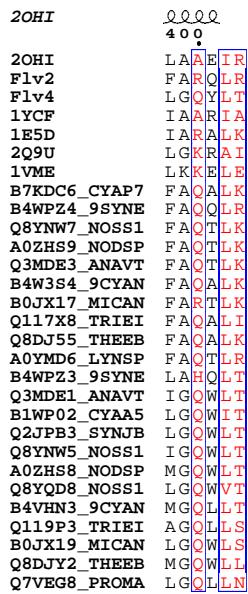
Total membranes were isolated from the WT and various *flv* mutants, and proteins separated by SDS-PAGE. The expression of the Flv4, FLAG-Flv4, Flv2, Sll0218, D1, PsaB proteins was detected by specific antibodies. ATPase β subunit represents a loading control.



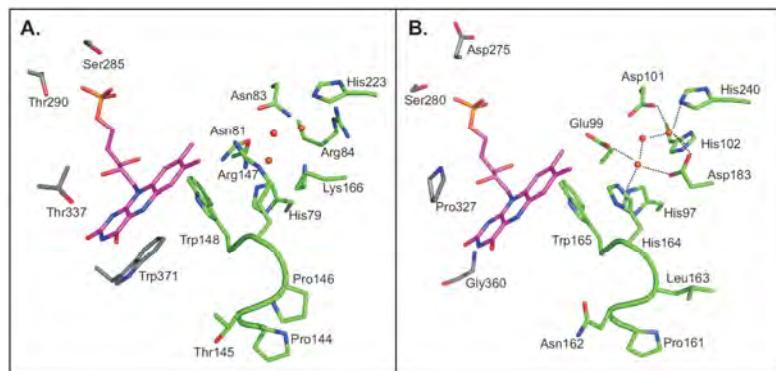
Supplemental Figure 5. An example of the Gaussian sub-band deconvolution of 77K fluorescence emission spectra exited at 580 nm in *Synechocystis* WT cells. The black line shows the original spectrum, the red line shows the fitted spectrum by the Gaussian deconvolution. The other color lines are the Gaussian deconvolution sub-bands from the original spectrum.







Supplemental Figure 6. Multiple structure-based alignment of *Methanothermobacter marburgensis* F420H₂ oxidase (PDB ID: 2OHI), *Synechocystis* Flv2, *Synechocystis* Flv4, *Moorella thermoacetica* FprA (PDB ID: 1YCF), *Desulfovibrio gigas* rubredoxin oxygen:oxidoreductase (PDB ID: 1E5D), *Giardia intestinalis* flavoprotein (PDB ID: 2Q9U), *Thermotoga maritima* flavoprotein (PDB ID: 1VME). The amino acid numbering is according to Flv2. The cyanobacterial sequences are included with UniProt Knowledgebase accession codes. The secondary structure above the alignment is according to 2OHI. The switch loop is colored cyan, the iron-binding residues are green, and Trp corresponding to Trp371 in Flv2 is pink.



Supplemental Figure 7. The FMN and diiron binding sites of Flv2 and Flv4 homodimers.

(A) *Synechocystis* Flv2/Flv2 homodimer in closed formation.

(B) *Synechocystis* Flv4/Flv4 homodimer in closed formation.

Supplemental Table 1. Ratios of low temperature (77K) fluorescence yields of PBS, PSI and PSII ($F_{685} + F_{695}$) of WT and various *flv* mutants excited at 580 nm light

Strain	$F_{\text{PBS}}/F_{\text{PSII}}$	$F_{\text{PBS}}/F_{\text{PSI}}$	F_{685}/F_{695}	F_{695}/F_{PSI}	F_{PBS}/F_{695}
WT	1.50 ± 0.03	1.24 ± 0.02	0.38 ± 0.03	0.60 ± 0.02	2.06 ± 0.04
$\Delta flv2$	1.30 ± 0.04	1.24 ± 0.03	0.85 ± 0.05	0.51 ± 0.02	2.45 ± 0.09
$\Delta sll0218-19$	1.12 ± 0.03	1.25 ± 0.03	0.96 ± 0.04	0.57 ± 0.01	2.18 ± 0.06
$\Delta flv4$	1.12 ± 0.04	1.26 ± 0.05	1.02 ± 0.07	0.57 ± 0.02	2.22 ± 0.13
$\Delta sll0218-19/flag-flv4$	1.18 ± 0.03	1.24 ± 0.04	0.83 ± 0.01	0.58 ± 0.01	2.15 ± 0.04
<i>flag-flv4</i>	1.68 ± 0.10	1.19 ± 0.08	0.44 ± 0.05	0.49 ± 0.02	2.42 ± 0.13

The quantification was performed from four independent measurements. The results are shown as mean value \pm SD. Peaks are indicated in Supplemental Figure 4.

Supplemental Table 2. Conserved metal binding sites on the Flv2/Flv4 heterodimer surface

Metal binding site	Conserved residues in Flv2/Flv4 heterodimer	Template	Corresponding residues in template
Ca ²⁺	Asp404, Glu400 in Flv4	<i>Synechococcus sp.</i> flavodoxin-like domain	Asp 397, Glu393
Zn ²⁺	Glu80, Asp84 in Flv2 Glu148 in Flv2 Asp289 in Flv4	<i>M. thermoacetica</i> FprA	Glu55, Glu59 Asp120 His271, Asp275
putative	His246, His247, His 250 in Flv4 His27, His153, Asp173 in Flv4 His143, Glu145 in Flv2	-	-

Supplemental Table 3. Kinetic data of flash induced fluorescence relaxation components of $\Delta psbA2$ and two $flv2$ complemented strains grown at high and air level of CO₂.

	Fast		Middle		Slow	
	T1 (ms)	A1 (%)	T2 (ms)	A2 (%)	T3 (s)	A3 (%)
High CO₂						No addition
$\Delta psbA2$	0.443 ± 0.009	56 ± 0.8	3.4 ± 0.17	28 ± 1.0	17.3 ± 1.0	16 ± 0.3
$\Delta flv4/::flv2$	0.450 ± 0.025	57 ± 1.8	3.1 ± 0.22	28 ± 1.4	14.0 ± 0.4	15 ± 1.0
$\Delta sll0218-19/::flv2$	0.394 ± 0.006	57 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 0.19	27 ± 1.1	17.1 ± 1.6	16 ± 0.7
+ DBMIB						
$\Delta psbA2$	1.059 ± 0.094	46 ± 0.4	31.9 ± 1.3	36 ± 0.7	3.4 ± 0.4	18 ± 0.6
$\Delta flv4/::flv2$	1.135 ± 0.082	49 ± 1.3	34.9 ± 0.4	32 ± 2.0	4.7 ± 0.8	19 ± 0.7
$\Delta sll0218-19/::flv2$	1.129 ± 0.131	51 ± 1.0	32.5 ± 1.2	30 ± 1.5	4.5 ± 0.4	19 ± 0.5
Air level of CO₂						No addition
$\Delta psbA2$	0.634 ± 0.010	67 ± 1.3	9.3 ± 1.7	17 ± 1.6	5.0 ± 0.5	16 ± 0.4
$\Delta flv4/::flv2$	0.762 ± 0.042	54 ± 2.1	8.7 ± 0.7	19 ± 1.1	4.1 ± 0.8	27 ± 1.3
$\Delta sll0218-19/::flv2$	0.482 ± 0.032	67 ± 0.3	7.2 ± 1.0	18 ± 1.2	2.4 ± 0.4	15 ± 1.0
+ DBMIB						
$\Delta psbA2$	0.757 ± 0.016	53 ± 1.4	29.1 ± 1.3	29 ± 1.0	1.3 ± 0.1	18 ± 0.4
$\Delta flv4/::flv2$	0.995 ± 0.025	39 ± 1.2	27.1 ± 0.3	29 ± 1.3	0.7 ± 0.1	32 ± 2.0
$\Delta sll0218-19/::flv2$	0.637 ± 0.007	48 ± 1.2	23.4 ± 1.0	30 ± 1.8	0.5 ± 0.1	22 ± 1.4