Supplementary Information

Supplementary Methods

Construction of the T. elongatus mutant. The generation of the CupS-TwinStrep-tag (TS) mutant was based on a CupS-StrepII-tag plasmid that was created by PCR amplification of the cupS (tll0220) gene and the corresponding upstream region using genomic DNA of Thermosynechococcus elongatus as template. Thereby at the 3'-end the StrepII-tag coding sequence as well as a SacII restriction site and at the 5'-end a SacI restriction site were fused by primer extensions (primers: P1-for-5'-AAAGAGCTCGGCCATAGCCAGATGTC-3'; P2-rev-5'-GGGCCGCGGTTATTTTCGAACTGCGGGTGG CTCCAAGCGCTGACTTTGTAGGGAATGTTG-3'). The product was ligated into a HincII linearized pUC18 plasmid. The cupS downstream region was amplified by use of PCR primers fusing a 5' PstI and 3' KpnI site (primers: P3-for-5'-GGGCTGCAGGGTATTAGCAGATTT CCC-3'; P4-rev-5'-CCCGGTACCCAATCAGGTCGTAGTTGC-3') and afterwards cloned into the plasmid pBluescriptSK(+)Km^R. The kanamycin resistance cassette and the *cupS* downstream region were then ligated via the restriction sites SacII and KpnI into the pUC18 plasmid containing the cupS upstream region (see above) resulting in pCupS-StrepII-tag construct. To generate the CupS-TS-tag mutant, cupS (tll0220) and the corresponding upstream region were amplified by PCR from pCupS-StrepII-tag, and thereby extended by half the of P5-rev-5'sequence TS-tag the 3'-end (primers: P1; the at GCAGAACCACCAGAACCACCGCCGCTGCCGCCGCCTTTTTCGAACTGCGGGTGGC-3'). The product was used as a template for a second PCR and thus extended with the other half of the TS-tag with the addition of the restriction site NotI to the 3'-end (primers: P1; P6-rev-5'-CCCGCGGCCGCTTACTTCTCAAAT TGCGGATGAGACCACGCAGAACCACCAGAACCACC-3'). Finally, the StrepII-tag was replaced with the TS-tag via the restriction sites NheI and NotI. The resulting plasmid was transformed into T. elongatus according Full segregation of the mutant allele was confirmed by PCR (primers: P7-for-5'to Ref.¹ GGATTAACGGACGCGATTAC-3'; P8-rev-5'-AGGCCGATAAGGCAGAACTA-3'). See Supplementary Table 4 for list of primers. The original strain of Thermosynechococcus elongatus BP1 originates form Ref. 2. Culture conditions: T. elongatus. The CupS-TS-tag mutant was grown in BG-11 liquid medium³ with the

addition of 80 μ g ml⁻¹ of kanamycin, at a temperature of 45°C, and under illumination of increasing intensity of 50-200 μ mol photons (dependent on cell density). The cells were bubbled with 5% CO₂ until an optical density (OD₆₈₀) of 1.5 was reached, and then incubated only with compressed air to start the expression of NDH-1MS complex.

Purification of NDH-1MS complex. NDH-1MS was isolated from *T. elongatus* via TwinStrep(TS)/Streptactin affinity chromatography (IBA LifeSciences) with the TwinStrep-tag fused to the C-terminus of CupS (see above). The solubilisation of the thylakoid membranes and the purification of the complex were described earlier in detail.^{4,5} Within this study, minor modifications were introduced. In brief, thylakoid membranes were prepared according to Ref.⁶ and solubilised with 1% (w/v) glycol-diosgenin (GDN, Anatrace) and buffers for equilibration and elution were prepared with 0.02% (w/v) GDN. Strep-tagged protein complexes were concentrated with a spin concentrator (100 kDa cut off) and stored at -80°C until further analysis. For cryo-EM grid preparation, the sample was polished using size-exclusion chromatography.

Zinc quantification. Zinc quantification was performed by inductively-coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) according to Ref. 6. In brief, the dried samples were dissolved in 1 ml 65% (w/w) HNO₃ at RT overnight, incubated at 60°C, 80°C and 100°C for 1 hr each and cooled down to 50°C before addition of 0.2 ml of 30% (v/v) H₂O₂. Then, the sample was heated again to 60°C and 100°C for 30 min each, cooled down to RT and ultrapure water was added to a final volume of 6 ml. The samples were analysed by ICP-OES with an iCAPDuo 6500 instrument (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreiech, Germany) after calibration with a multi-element standard. Emission specific for zinc was measured at 2025 nm, 2062 nm and 2138 nm.



Supplementary Fig. 1 | **Cryo-EM data collection, analysis, and classification scheme. a)** Representative cryo-EM micrograph collected with an FEI Titan Krios microscope, operated at 300 kV and equipped with a K2 Summit camera. Representative reference-free 2D class averages are shown. **b)** 3DFSC (https://3dfsc.salk.edu) and preferred orientation analysis of the dataset with the red line, representing the estimated global FSC of 3.18 Å \pm 1 SD (green dashed lines). A sphericity of 0.984 indicates an isotropic map. **c)** Model vs. map FSC for the final PHENIX real-space refined model. **d)** Angular distribution of the particles used for the final round of refinement. **e)** Representative regions of the photosynthetic complex I (in stick representation, same colours as in Fig. 1) and surrounding electron density maps are shown. Maps are displayed as a mesh using a contour level of up to 2 Å around the atoms. Subunits and residue numbers are specified. **f)** The 526,925 particles selected from the dataset were 3D classified into five classes using as a reference an *ab initio* model generated by the SGD algorithm in RELION. A single class was selected and further sub-classified into three classes. The class consisting of the best aligning particles was subsequently auto-refined in RELION. After Bayesian particle polishing and CTF refinement, the particles were subjected to a final round of 3D refinement in RELION.



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Supplementary Fig. 2 | Subunit composition and mass spectrometry analysis of NDH-1MS from *T. elongatus*. a) The purified NDH-1MS complex was analysed by SDS-PAGE (*probable protein aggregates), b) Blue-native PAGE, and c/e) MALDI-ToF mass spectrometry as described in Ref.⁵ (NdhJ, NdhM and NdnN are present as single and double charged (2+) ions) d) Zinc quantification by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES) according to Ref.⁶ Zinc was detected at three specific wavelengths (2025 nm, 2062 nm and 2138 nm) and quantified in control (buffer only) and NDH-1MS sample after calibration with a zinc standard. Comparison with the protein concentration indicates a protein-to-zinc ratio of ~0.7. f) The CupA protein band (see panel a) was digested by trypsin and analysed by tandem mass spectrometry as described in Ref.⁵ Citrullination of arginine as well as oxidation of methionine and cysteine were allowed as dynamic modifications and only peptides that were identified with high confidence (false discovery rate >0.01) were considered as positive results. The peptide LLHHLWHDR₁₃₅ was the most abundant peptide (40 peptide spectrum matches vs. 1-23 PSMs) in the analysis and we have no indication for citrullination of Arg135.



Supplementary Fig. 3 | **Non-protein cofactors and lipids in the photosynthetic complex I. a)** PQ binding site obtained from MD simulations. PQ in hydrogen-bond interaction with Tyr72 of NdhH subunit (*left*) and in stacking contact with Phe54 of NdhK (*right*). The figures show conserved residues of NdhH, NdhK and NdhA along the PQ-binding cavity. **b**) The PQ-cavity entrance is located in the NdhA subunit at the interface of three α -helices, in the proximity of NdhL (in green), and surrounded by experimentally observed lipid molecules. **c**) Distance of the PQ-headgroup to Tyr72 of NdhH and Phe54 of NdhK during 250 ns MD simulations. **d**, **e**) Experimentally resolved non-protein cofactors at the NdhF3/CupA interface from **e**) the front and **d**) backview. The binding area for the Chl a/β -carotene (ChlA/BCR) motif is magnified. All densities are shown at 3 sigma value and using a contour level of up to 2 Å around the atoms. **f**) Lipid binding next to the PQ entry site. SQD – sulfoquinovosyl diglyceride; DGD - digalactosyl diacylglycerol; PGT – phosphatidylglycerol.



Supplementary Fig. 4 | CupA structure and interactions. a) Electrostatic potential (in kcal/mol e) at the surface of the complete NDH-1MS (left) and closeup of the CupA/NdhF3 interface (right). The negative area at the bottom of CupA (red) electrostatically interacts with the positive area (blue) at the top of NdhF3 (CupA-NdhF3 contact shown by a thick black line). b) CupS undergoes conformational changes from its solution structure (CupS in cyan, PDB ID: 2MXA⁹) upon binding to CupA (CupS in orange). The figure shows how helices $\alpha 1$, $\alpha 2$, and $\alpha 3$ in the N-terminal region, and $\alpha 5$ and $\alpha 6$ in the middle region, close upon the β -sheet.



Supplementary Fig. 5 | **QM**, **QM/MM**, and PBE calculations on CupA and CA. a-c) QM/MM calculations on a CupA/NdhF3 model. **a)** Arg135 (NH2) deprotonates by proton transfer to Glu139. The NH1 group of Arg135 remains coordinated to Zn²⁺. **b)** After *ca.* 1 ps QM/MM MD, the NH2 of Arg135 moves closer to Zn²⁺, further stabilizing the metal centre. **c)** Distance of first coordination sphere ligands to Zn²⁺ during the QM/MM MD simulations. **d, e)** QM/MM calculations of the proton transfer reaction from Zn²⁺.H₂O to Tyr41, showing **d)** the reaction coordinate, *R*, for the pT process and **e)** the pT energetics. **f)** *Top:* Predicted pK_a values of key residues in CupA and the NdhF3 interface during MDFF relaxation obtained from PBE continuum electrostatic models (see Methods). D - deprotonated residue; P - protonated residue; The second set of values correspond to calculations where R135 has been fixed in its deprotonated state (indicated with asterisk). *Bottom:* Distance of protonated Tyr41 (purple) to Zn²⁺ during MD simulations, and in the Cryo-EM structure (dashed grey line). **g-i)**: DFT models of CO₂ hydration in CupA and CA. Optimised DFT models of **g)** CupA with *N*=185 atoms, **h)** α CA with *N*=155 atoms, and **i**) β CA with *N*=132 atoms. **j)** Water count between Zn²⁺ and Tyr41 during two MD trajectories.



Supplementary Fig. 6 | **Proton and CO₂ channels formed during MD simulation.** The figure shows water molecules (red sphere) averaged over 250 ns MD simulations in **a**) NdhC/E/G, **b**) NdhB, and **c**) NdhD3. **d**) Proton channel in NdhA/E/G and comparison to TM3 rotation in mouse complex I.¹⁰ e) TM3 of NdhG in NDH-1MS (grey, *left*). TM3 helix of ND6 of complex I from *Mus musculus* (*right*) in the deactive (grey) and active (purple) states. **f**) Hydration dynamics in the putative proton channels in subunits NdhB, NdhD3, and NdhA/C/E/G during MD simulations. **g**) The putative CO₂ gas channel (purple) is surrounded by hydrophobic and bulky residues, and connects to the Zn^{2+} -binding site by conserved Tyr41, Arg37 and Glu114 of NdhF3 subunit.



Supplementary Fig. 7 | Dynamics of NDH-1MS inferred from the local resolution of the cryo-EM map and from MD simulations. a) The resolution was estimated using the local resolution function in RELION with default parameters and plotted using UCSF Chimera. Units are in (Å). b) Root-mean-square-fluctuations (RMSF, in Å) obtained from 250 ns MD simulations of NDH-1MS.

Supplementary Table 1 | Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.

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NdhB	tl10045	55.1	14	59.88	7.57
NdhC	tlr1429	15.0	3	4.67	15.91
NdhD	tlr0905	53.8	14	20.74	5.59
NdhE	tlr0670	11.1	3	20.05	14.85
NdhF	tlr0904	66.2	16	69.12	7.86
NdhG	tlr0669	21.6	5	5.35	16.50
NdhH	tlr1288	45.2	-	302.11	49.24
NdhI	tlr0668	22.4	-	151.24	57.14
NdhJ	tlr1430	19.3	-	142.17	59.52
NdhK	tlr0705	25.7	-	129.30	29.11
NdhL	tsr0706	8.6	2	5.42	11.84
NdhM	tl10447	12.6	-	133.40	49.55
NdhN	tlr1130	16.6	-	59.28	55.33
NdhO	ts10017	7.9	-	27.22	57.14
NdhS	tlr0636	8.2	-	18.51	62.16
NdhV	tlr0472	13.7	-	10.34	19.20
CupA	tlr0906	50.9	-	268.37	49.24
CupS-TS	tl10220	18.8	-	109.15	55.31

Supplementary Table 2 | Tandem-LC-MS analysis of NDH-1MS. For BN-PAGE, see Supplementary Fig. 2b.

^a results were filtered for known NDH-1MS subunits ^b calculated molecular weight ^c number of transmembrane helices

^{*d*} sequest protein score ^{*e*} sequence coverage (percent)

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Supplementary Table 3 | Multiple sequence alignment (MSA). of the CupA (top) and NdhF (bottom). Colouring conservation threshold: 50%. Colouring method: clustal. Colouring conservation threshold: 90%. The MSAs were performed with ClustalW.⁸

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Primer Name	DNA Sequence (5' to 3')	Description	PCR ^a
P1-for	AAAGAGCTCGGCCATAGCCAGAT GTC	<i>cupS</i> (<i>tll0220</i>), US region and StrepII- tag incl_5'-end SacI and 3'-end SacII	1 975
P2-rev	GGGCCGCGGTTATTTTTCGAACTG CGGGTGGCTCCAAGCGCTGACTTT GTAGGGAATGTTG	restriction site, amplified from genomic DNA	1,770
P3-for	GGGCTGCAGGGTATTAGCAGATTT CCC	<i>cupS (tll0220)</i> and DS region incl. 5'-end	1,512
P4-rev	CCCGGTACCCAATCAGGTCGTAGT TGC	amplified from genomic DNA	
P5-rev	GCAGAACCACCAGAACCACCGCCG CTGCCGCCGCCTTTTTCGAACTGCG GGTGGC	<i>cupS</i> (<i>tll0220</i>), US region and 1/2 TS- tag incl. 5'-end SacI and 3'-end SacII restriction site, amplified from pCupS- StrepII-tag (with P1- <i>for</i>)	1,998
P6-rev	CCCGCGGCCGCTTACTTCTCAAATT GCGGATGAGACCACGCAGAACCAC CAGAACCACC	<i>cupS</i> (<i>tll0220</i>), US region and TS-tag incl. 3'-end NotI restriction site, amplified from product P1/P5 (with P1- <i>for</i>)	2,037
P7-for	GGATTAACGGACGCGATTAC	Segregation check	2,148
P8-rev	AGGCCGATAAGGCAGAACTA	Segregation check	(WT 842)

^{*a*} PCR product length in basepair, US = Upstream, DS = Downstream

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