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Supplemental Figure S1. A) Endogenous PGDH activity determined in *N. benthamiana* leaves injected with a stromal targeted YFP construct. B) EFP browser gene expression comparison between *PGDH1* and *PGDH3* and C) comparison between *PGDH2* and *PGDH3*.

Supplemental Figure S2. Generating an immunoglobulin against AtPGDH3 that recognizes all three *A. thaliana* PGDH isoforms. A) Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE of samples taken during antigen purification from E. coli lysate. Input, cell lysate before mixing with Ni-NTA; Flow, unbound proteins after incubation with Ni-NTA. B) Immunoblots of samples with anti-GFP (α-GFP), preimmune serum and antiserum (α-AtPGDH3) from the inoculated rabbit. Samples include the purified antigen from A and leaf extracts from *N. benthamiana* after transient expression of stromal localized AEQUORIN-YFP, AtPGDH2-YFP, and AtPGDH3-YFP. C) Immunoblots of leaf extracts from *N. benthamiana* after transient expression of AtPGDH1-YFP, AtPGDH2-YFP, AtPGDH3-YFP, and stromal localized AEQUORIN-YFP. Region of ponceau stained membrane occupied by the large subunit of rubisco (RbcL). Asterisks (*) indicate bands corresponding in size to the PGDH-YFP fusionprotein.

pgdh3-1pUBQ::PGDH1-YFP **overlay with Chl** *a*

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and PSI composition. B) Isolation of stable PGDH1-YFP and PGDH3-YFP overexpressor lines in the *pgdh3-1* mutant background. Asterisks (*) indicate bands corresponding in size to the PGDH1-YFP and PGDH3-YFP fusion proteins. C) Confocal microscopy images of leaf tissue from PGDH1-YFP (top) and PGDH3-YFP (bottom) overexpressor lines. YFP signal (yellow) is shown on its own (left) and overlaid with chlorophyll a fluorescence (red) (right). The white scale bar corresponds to 20 µm. D) PGDH activity in extracts from WT, PGDH1-YFP, and PGDH3-YFP overexpressor lines in the *pgdh3-1* mutant background. Black columns represent activity against NAD while red columns indicate activity against NADP. Activity is shown as µmol cofactor reduced per µL reaction volume per second. Extracts were normalized based on plant tissue fresh weight.

Supplemental Figure S4. A) Recoding of transient NPQ at different light intensities. While under non-saturating light (110 μmol photons m−2 s−1) NPQ was strongly elevated in *pgdh3* mutant lines, saturating light conditions (925 µmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹) abolished these differences. Data represent mean values (± SE) of 6 independent plants per genotype. B) Dark adapted wild type (WT) and *pgdh3* leaves were exposed for 15 min at a light intensity of 900 μmol photons m−2 s−1) followed by a 30 min dark period. While no change in de-epoxidation was seen during the light phase, after the light was turned off, both *pgdh3* mutant lines remained in a prolonged de-epoxidation state (DEPS) with Vx level below WT. Data represent mean values (± SD) of 4 independent samples. Exemplary dark interval relaxation kinetics of the ECS signal measured for the wild type and both independent *pgdh3* lines at three different light intensities. At time point zero, the actinic light was switched off, and steady-state photosynthesis was interrupted. The rapid decay of the ECS signal during the first approximately 100 ms in darkness is mainly determined by chloroplast ATP synthase activity, and therefore, the inverse of the lifetime can be used as a measure of ATP synthase activity. The maximum amplitude of the decay is called ECS_T and a measure for the total light-induced pmf across the thylakoid membrane. During the slow inverted phase of the decay kinetics (between several 100 and approximately 10 000 ms in darkness), counter ion movements occur. The amplitude of this inverted phase of the ECS signal (ECS_{inv}) is proportional to the fraction of the pmf stored as ∆pH. Please note the strong decrease of the ECS_{inv} in the *pgdh3* mutants especially under limiting light intensities, indicating that most of the pmf is stored as $\Delta \Psi$.

Supplemental Figure S5.A) Two month old short day grown *pgdh3-1* and *pgdh3-2* plants are indistinguishable from WT. B-C) Independent gas exchange measurements on WT and *pgdh3-1* and *pgdh3-2* plants show similar trend

Supplemental Figure S6. Transitory starch level in *pgdh3* mutants are elevated compared to WT at the beginning and the end of the light period.

Supplemental Figure S7. Cellular and subcellular activity of malate dehydrogenase enzymes. The cellular and subcellular activity of (A) NAD-dependent malate dehydrogenase and (B) NADP-dependent malate dehydrogenase is shown in wild type (WT) and *pgdh3* mutant plants. The activity of NADP-dependent malate dehydrogenase was determined in non-reduced (non-activated) and reduced (activated) state. Data presented are means \pm SE of $n = 4$. ND = not detectable

Supplemental Figure S 8. Coexpression network of *PGDH3***,** *PGDH1***, and** *PGDH2***.** Coexpression network of *PGDH3, PGDH1,* and *PGDH2* are strikingly different with only *PGDH3* showing co-expression with components of the light reactions (PSI, NDH) and CO₂ fixation.

Supplemental Table S1. Settings for the MRM transitions