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Figure S1. Effect of 10 mM  $HCO_3^-$  on Fv/Fm in *Synechocystis* PCC 6803 cells measured by laser-based fast repetition rate fluorometer (laser-FRRF) at 100Hz flash rate using single turnover flashes.

A - Measurements were done in BG-11 medium (pH 8.0);

B - Measurements were done in 50 mM MES-NaOH buffer (pH 6.0), 35 mM NaCl and 300 mM sucrose.



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Figure S2. Basis for measurements of  $Q_A^-$  reoxidation lifetime in *Synechocystis* WT (**A**) cells by FRR laser fluorometer in "pump and probe" mode. Strong laser pump pulses reduced  $Q_A$  to  $Q_A^-$  during 2 ms. After that weak probe pulses monitored  $Q_A^-$  decay from 2 to 10 ms. Ratio of time duration pump/probe pulses is equal to 300/1. Decay kinetics (**B**) was integrated (circles) and fitted to exponential decay equation (red solid line) for obtaining  $Q_A^-$  reoxidation lifetime. Data in Table 1 (article) presents average results of 3200 consecutive measurements with a dark time between measurements of 10 s.