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35 Summary

- Diatoms contain a highly flexible capacity to dissipate excessively absorbed light by
 "Non-Photochemical fluorescence Quenching" (NPQ) based on the light induced
 conversion of diadinoxanthin (Dd) into diatoxanthin (Dt) and the presence of Lhcx
 proteins. Their NPQ fine regulation on the molecular level upon a shift to dynamic
 light conditions is unknown.
- We investigated the regulation of Dd+Dt amount, Lhcx gene and protein synthesis and
 NPQ capacity in the diatom *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* after a change from
 continuous low light to three days of sine (SL) or fluctuating (FL) light conditions.
 Four *P. tricornutum* strains with different NPQ capacities due to different expression
 of *Lhcx1* were included.
- All strains responded to dynamic light comparably, independently of initial NPQ capacity. During SL, NPQ capacity was strongly enhanced due to a gradual increase of Lhcx2 and Dd+Dt amount. During FL, cells enhanced their NPQ capacity at the first day due to increased Dd+Dt, Lhcx2 and Lhcx3; already at the second day light acclimation was accomplished. While quenching efficiency of Dt was strongly lowered during SL conditions, it remained high throughout the whole FL exposure.
- Our results highlight a more balanced and cost-effective photoacclimation strategy of
 P. tricornutum under FL than under SL conditions.
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58 Introduction

Diatoms are unicellular microalgae constituting one of the most important phytoplankton 59 groups in terms of biodiversity (Mann & Vanormelingen, 2013) and productivity (about 45 % 60 of marine carbon fixation) (Geider et al., 2001). They strongly participate in the biological 61 carbon pump and the functioning of contemporary aquatic ecosystems (Armbrust, 2009). Due 62 63 to their high productivity and high lipid content, diatoms could potentially replace American fossil oil consumption in the future (Levitan et al., 2014) or be used for production of high 64 quality plastics (Roesle et al., 2014). A peculiar feature of diatoms is their ability to live in 65 turbulent waters, where they can benefit from high nutrient availabilities (Tozzi et al., 2004). 66 In such habitats light intensity changes over several orders of magnitude on the timescale of 67 minutes (Long et al., 1994; MacIntyre et al., 2000; Lavaud, 2007), therefore flexible 68 photosynthesis and efficient photoprotection mechanisms are necessary to avoid over-69 excitation of the photosynthetic apparatus which would lead to the generation of reactive 70 oxygen species (ROS), eventually resulting in cell death (Niyogi & Truong, 2013). Diatoms 71 possess both, an unusual flexibility of photosynthetic productivity (Wilhelm et al., 2006; 72 73 Kroth et al., 2008; Lepetit et al., 2012; Bailleul et al., 2015), and effective photoprotection mechanisms which include: 1) a fast operating PSII electron cycle (Lavaud et al., 2002c; 74 Wagner et al., 2016), 2) a tuneable amount of membrane dissolved xanthophylls 75 diadinoxanthin (Dd) and diatoxanthin (Dt) acting as antioxidants (Lepetit et al., 2010), and 3) 76 a high capacity for dissipation of excess excitation energy, illustrated by non-photochemical 77 fluorescence quenching (NPQ) (Lavaud & Goss, 2014). NPQ in plants and green algae is 78 79 divided into three to four subtypes, which are not similarly well defined in diatoms (Lavaud & Goss, 2014; Goss & Lepetit, 2015). Here we will refer to NPQ as a photoprotective 80 mechanism whose induction depends upon three regulatory components: (1) The proton 81 gradient generated between the thylakoid lumen and the chloroplast stroma during light 82 exposure (ΔpH), (2) a fast operating xanthophyll cycle (XC) through enzymatic conversion of 83 Dd into Dt in the presence of the ΔpH and the back conversion in its absence (i.e. typically in 84 the dark), and (3) chloroplast located, but nuclear encoded antenna proteins of the Light-85 Harvesting Complex (LHC) superfamily. While Lhcf proteins build up the peripheral light 86 harvesting antenna (called "FCP", likely predominantly associated with PSII in vivo) 87 (Grouneva et al., 2011; Gundermann et al., 2013; Nagao et al., 2013; Schaller-Laudel et al., 88 2015), Lhcr proteins form the PSI antenna (Veith et al., 2009; Lepetit et al., 2010; Grouneva 89 90 et al., 2011; Ikeda et al., 2013; Bina et al., 2016). In contrast, Lhcx proteins are involved in NPQ in the pennate diatom Phaeodactylum tricornutum (Bailleul et al., 2010; Lepetit et al., 91

2013) and the centric Thalassiosira pseudonana (Zhu & Green, 2010; Wu et al., 2012; Dong 92 et al., 2015). Involvement of Lhcx proteins in photoprotection in other diatoms is also very 93 likely (Beer et al., 2006; Park et al., 2010; Laviale et al., 2015; Ghazaryan et al., 2016). It is 94 assumed that Lhcx proteins bind Dd and Dt (Beer et al., 2006; Lepetit et al., 2013) and they 95 apparently influence the supramolecular organisation of the antenna complexes (Ghazaryan et 96 al., 2016). The location of Lhcx within thylakoids remains ambiguous as based on contrasting 97 reports of both FCP (Beer et al., 2006; Lepetit et al., 2010; Grouneva et al., 2011; Nagao et 98 al., 2013; Schaller-Laudel et al., 2015) and PSI association (Grouneva et al., 2011). The 99 100 current NPQ model proposes two major quenching sites in diatoms (Miloslavina et al., 2009; Chukhutsina et al., 2014, Lavaud & Goss, 2014; Derks et al., 2015; Goss & Lepetit, 2015): 101 102 Quenching site 1 is mechanistically independent of Dt (Chukhutsina et al., 2014) and is formed rapidly mainly by detached, oligomeric antenna complexes due to the build-up of the 103 104 ΔpH , while quenching site 2 is located close to the PSII reaction centres and is directly dependent on Dt formation. Quenching site 1 also exists in P. tricornutum (Miloslavina et al., 105 106 2009), but in this species NPQ always relies on Dt (Lavaud et al., 2002a; Goss et al., 2006), except under special (i.e. artificial) conditions (Lavaud & Kroth, 2006; Eisenstadt et al., 2008; 107 108 Lepetit et al., 2013). This apparent contradiction could not been fully solved so far, but an 109 indirect influence of Dt also on formation of quenching site 1 has been postulated (Lavaud & Goss, 2014; Goss & Lepetit, 2015). 110

In different diatoms, the NPQ capacity, in relation to the light environment of the respective 111 planktonic and benthic habitat, can be rather variable. Diatoms that cope with sudden light 112 exposures, e.g. coastal planktonic and immotile estuarine sediment-inhabiting diatoms, show 113 a higher NPQ capacity than diatoms living in more stable water bodies (e.g. semi-enclosed 114 bays, open ocean) and the motile and photophobic sediment-inhabiting forms (Lavaud et al., 115 2007; Dimier et al., 2009; Barnett et al., 2015). The same holds true for diatom species 116 adapted to the seasonally successive polar habitats (Petrou et al., 2011). P. tricornutum is 117 cosmopolitan, but prefers habitats where light climate is unstable and reaches punctual but 118 regular high intensities, such as coasts, estuaries, or rocky pools (De Martino et al., 2007). 119 120 Different P. tricornutum ecotypes have different and variable NPQ capacities (Lavaud & Lepetit, 2013) that largely depend on the amount of Lhcx1 (Bailleul et al., 2010). 121 Additionally, there is growing evidence that two other light regulated isoforms, Lhcx2 and 122 Lhcx3, may also participate to NPQ under prolonged light stress (Lepetit et al., 2013; Taddei 123 124 et al., 2016).

For several diatom species the influence of near-natural light conditions on the photosynthetic 125 performance and on growth has been thoroughly investigated (Kromkamp & Limbeek, 1993; 126 Litchman, 2000; Fietz & Nicklisch, 2002; Wagner et al., 2006; Jakob et al., 2007; van de Poll 127 et al., 2007; Kropuenske et al., 2009; Su et al., 2012; Jallet et al., 2016). As P. tricornutum is 128 one of the best characterized diatoms on the molecular level, we investigated its 129 photophysiology during acclimation from stable low light to dynamic and potentially stressful 130 light conditions with respect to the interplay between Dd+Dt synthesis, Lhcx expression and 131 NPQ capacity. Sine light (SL) conditions simulated the rise and decline of the sun during a 132 cloudless day in a stable water body. Fluctuating light conditions (FL) superimposed the 133 effect of vertical cell movement along the water column in an idealized manner with a mixing 134 135 from and to the aphotic zone via the surface within periods of 30 minutes. We also aimed at investigating the influence of the initial photoprotection capacity on the adjustment of NPQ 136 137 capacity to dynamic light. Therefore, we used two P. tricornutum ecotypes with different initial NPQ capacities (i.e. low and high natural NPQ phenotypes, see Bailleul et al., 2010), 138 139 but also strains with silenced or overexpressed *Lhcx1* protein. Our results contribute to the better understanding of the molecular fine-tuning of NPQ capacity during acclimation to 140 dynamic light conditions in pennate diatoms. 141

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143 Materials and Methods

144 Cell culturing and light treatments

145 Experiments were performed in four Phaeodactylum tricornutum strains with different NPQ capacities: (1) P. tricornutum strain 1 (Pt1, CCAP 1055/1); (2) Pt1sil; Pt1 strain which 146 147 contains an antisense construct against the Lhcx1 gene, leading to reduced Lhcx1 protein synthesis (Bailleul et al., 2010); (3) P. tricornutum strain 4 (Pt4, UTEX 646); (4) Pt4ov; Pt4 148 strain which overexpresses the *Lhcx1* gene. The full length cDNA of the *Lhcx1* gene (JGI ID: 149 27278) was cloned downstream of the FcpA (Lhcfl) promoter into the pPha-T1 150 transformation vector (Zaslavskaia et al., 2000). Pt4 cells were biolistically transformed with 151 this construct according to Kroth (2007). Positive clones were selected on ZeocinTM 152 containing solid medium plates. Lhcxl overexpressing clones were screened based on their 153 NPQ capacity and amongst several clones showing increased NPQ capacity the one with the 154 highest NPQ was selected for the present experiments (Pt4ov). This clone has an identical 155 photosynthetic yield as the wildtype under low light conditions (data not shown), but shows 156

strongly increased Lhcx1 gene expression (Fig. S1). All four strains were grown in airlift 157 tubes (4 cm diameter) at 20°C in a 16 h day/8 h night rhythm with a light intensity of 50 µmol 158 photons m⁻² s⁻¹ (onset at 8:00) defined as low light (LL). Light was provided by computer 159 controlled flora LED units (CLF Plant Climatics, Germany) with all LEDs (white, blue, red 160 and far red) switched on. Cells were cultured in sterile Provasoli's enriched F/2 seawater 161 medium. Chlorophyll a (Chl a) concentration was determined as described in Lepetit et al. 162 (2013). Cells in logarithmic phase were adjusted with fresh F/2 medium to a concentration of 163 1.4 µg Chl a mL⁻¹ at 18:00 each day for four consecutive days. The 5th day (day 0), sampling 164 started (see "Sampling" below). The following three days (day 1 to day 3) two different 165 dynamic light treatments were applied during the day phase, provided by the flora LED 166 system: 1) SL with a maximum light intensity of 500 μ mol photons m⁻² s⁻¹ reached at 16:00 167 (18.3 mol photons m⁻² integrated daily light dose), 2) two different FL treatments with 32 light 168 intervals in total, where maximum intensity was either 500 (FL 500, 4.5 mol photons m⁻² 169 integrated daily light dose) or 1000 µmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹ (FL 1000, 8.9 mol photons m⁻² 170 integrated daily light dose) (Fig. 1). Light intensities were measured with a spherical quantum 171 sensor (US-SQS/L, Walz, Germany) in the centre of the airlift tubes. Due to the relatively 172 173 large diameter of the airlift tubes and the relatively dense algal culture, light attenuation was steep, which, together with the bubbling of the cultures, led to a continuous micro-fluctuation 174 superimposed on both SL and FL. The specific light intensities for all dynamic treatments are 175 idealized and were calculated based on the formulas of Kroon et al. (1992) and as described in 176 Wagner et al. (2006), assuming a dense algal culture during FL conditions with exponential 177 light attenuation in the water column. During the whole experiment (day 0 to day 3), Chl a 178 179 concentration was determined daily at 18:00 and cultures were diluted with fresh F/2 medium to a concentration of 1.4 µg Chl a mL⁻¹, in order to prevent nutrient limitation and self-180 shading. 181

182 *Sampling*

Cells were harvested with a sterile syringe via a tube drawn in the airlift flask which was sealed except for sampling. For pigment analyses, 500 μ l of cells were filtered each day at 11:00, 14:00 and 17:00 on an Isopore Polycarbonate filter 1.2 μ m (Millipore, USA) and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen. Cells exposed to FL were additionally harvested during the light maxima directly before the three indicated time points. For gene expression and protein analyses, 15 and 23 mL of cell suspension, respectively, were harvested each day at 14:00 and centrifuged for 4 min at 4°C and 4000 g. The precipitated cells were resolved in 1 mL ice cooled phosphate buffered saline and centrifuged at 14000 g for 1 min. The pellet was
frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until further analysis.

192 *Fluorescence analyses*

Cells harvested each day at 11:00, 14:00 and 17:00 were acclimated to 30 μ mol photons m⁻² s⁻ 193 ¹ for 30 min before measuring the maximum photosynthetic efficiency of PSII as $(F_m-F_o)/F_m$ 194 = F_v/F_m with an Aqua Pen (PSI Instruments, Czech Republic). In order to take into account 195 slower relaxing NPQ processes and to assess the maximum NPQ capacity, rapid light curves, 196 measured with a Water PAM and an Imaging PAM (Walz, Germany), were recorded after 45 197 min acclimation to 30 μ mol photons m⁻² s⁻¹, by applying thirteen steps of increasing light 198 intensity up to 1250 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ with a respective duration of 30 s at 455 nm. Before the 199 onset of the actinic light and during each rapid light curve, an 800 ms pulse of 4000 µmol 200 photons $m^{-2} s^{-1}$ was applied to determine the maximum fluorescence levels F_m and F_m , 201 respectively. Maximum relative electron transport rates (rETR_{max}) and other photosynthetic 202 203 and photoprotective parameters were obtained by fitting the obtained values according to Eilers & Peeters (1988) and Serodio & Lavaud (2011). A description of these parameters can 204 205 be found in Table S1.

206 Pigment, transcript and protein analyses

Pigment extraction and HPLC analysis were performed as described in Lepetit *et al.* (2013). The de-epoxidation state was calculated as DES = Dt/(Dd+Dt).

RNA extraction, cDNA synthesis, qPCR and quantification followed the protocol in Lepetit et 209 al. (2013), except that RPS (ribosomal protein S1, JGI ID: 44451) was used as the reference 210 gene instead of 18s due to a more stable transcript amount under our dynamic light 211 conditions. The primer sequences for *Lhcx1*, *Lhcx2* and *Lhcx3* are listed in Lepetit *et al.* 212 5'-AATTCCTCGAAGTCAACCAGG-3' 5'-(2013). For RPS we used and 213 GTGCAAGAGACCGGACATAC-3' as forward and reverse primer, respectively, and for 214 Lhcf2 the forward and reverse primer were 5'-GCCGATATCCCCAATGGATTT-3' and 5'-215 CTTGGTCGAAGGAGTCCCATC-3', respectively. 216

Protein extraction and Western blot analysis followed the protocol described in Coesel *et al.*(2009), but using a 14% Lithiumdodecylsulfate PAGE for protein separation. Samples
corresponding to an amount of 1 µg Chl a were loaded on the gel. Anti-FCP6 (Westermann &
Rhiel, 2005) was kindly provided by Dr. Erhard Rhiel (University of Oldenburg, Germany).
This antibody detects all Lhcx isoforms in *P. tricornutum* (Laviale *et al.*, 2015; Taddei *et al.*,
2016), but based on its sequence it has the highest affinity for Lhcx3 and the lowest affinity

for Lhcx2. Anti-FCP6 was applied in a 1:5000 dilution overnight. Accurate loading and 223 blotting was verified by correct transfer of pre-stained protein markers (Roti-Mark 224 BICOLOR, Roth, Germany) on the PVDF membrane (Amersham Hybond-P, GE Healthcare, 225 USA), by staining gels with the Coomassie R-250 Pierce Imperial Protein stain (Thermo 226 Fisher Scientific, USA) and by incubating the blot membrane with Anti-PsbB (CP47, 227 Agrisera, Sweden). Anti-PsbB detection was only used as a proxy for correct loading and 228 blotting, as the amount of CP47 has a high turnover under light stress conditions (Wu et al., 229 2011). Antibody signals were detected using the ECL Plus chemiluminescence system (GE 230 Healthcare, USA) followed by x-ray film exposure. In order to compare relative Lhcx protein 231 expression within the time-course of the experiments, protein samples of each P. tricornutum 232 strain of either the SL or the FL 1000 experiment were loaded on a single gel. Antibody signal 233 intensities were quantified using ImageJ (http://imagej.nih.gov/ij/). For each blot several films 234 235 with different exposure and development times were produced, in order to avoid the saturation of the immunodetection signal for Lhcx1 (due to its high abundance) and Lhcx3 236 237 (due to its highest affinity to the anti-FCP6), while also obtaining a signal for the weakly visible Lhcx2 protein (due to its lowest affinity to anti-FCP6). Relative quantification of 238 Lhcx1 and Lhcx3 referred on the corresponding signal at unstressed conditions (day 0). As 239 Lhcx2 could not be detected at day 0, relative quantification was performed based on 240 comparison of Lhcx2 to the Lhcx3 value at day 0. For each experimental point (SL and FL 241 1000), the mean of all strains was calculated except that Pt4ov was omitted from the analysis 242 of Lhcx1 expression due to its artificial regulation by the overexpressing *Lhcf1* promoter (see 243 "Cell culturing and light treatments"). 244

245 *Statistics*

Significance with a P value ≤ 0.05 was determined with Student's t-test calculated with SigmaPlot, but for gene expression we used the Pairwise Fixed Reallocation Randomization Test performed by REST according to Pfaffl *et al.* (2002).

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250 **Results**

251 NPQ capacity and photosynthetic parameters during SL and FL conditions

Before exposing cells to dynamic light conditions, we analysed their NPQ capacity under stable low light growth conditions. NPQ capacity was highest in the Lhcx1 overexpressing strain Pt4ov with values between 4 and 5 (Fig. 2, day 0). Pt1 showed an NPQ capacity of ~ 255 2.5, Pt1sil of ~2 and Pt4 of ~1.8 (Fig. 2). These different NPQ capacities were mainly due to
256 different expression of the *Lhcx1* gene (Fig. S1), as already shown in Bailleul *et al.* (2010).
257 The very high NPQ capacity of the Pt4ov strain was achieved by driving *Lhcx1* gene
258 expression by the *Lhcf1* promoter, resulting in a more than 10 fold higher *Lhcx1* transcript
259 level (Fig. S1).

The rationale of working with P. tricornutum strains showing naturally or genetically-260 manipulated differential NPQ capacities was to investigate whether these differences would 261 influence their acclimation to dynamic light conditions. There was a strong continuous rise of 262 263 NPQ capacity during the SL treatment (except in Pt4ov, see below), while under FL conditions NPQ increased at the first day similarly as under SL conditions, but then slowed 264 265 down (Fig. 2). Importantly, the high NPQ strains (Pt1 and Pt4ov) still exhibited the highest NPQ at the end of both dynamic light treatments. Pt4 eventually reached a higher or similar 266 267 NPQ as Pt1sil under SL and FL conditions, respectively. The Pt4ov strain behaved somewhat differently, as there was no increase of NPQ on day 1 under SL. This is most likely due to the 268 269 pronounced decrease of *Lhcx1* gene expression (Fig. S1), as its overexpressing *Lhcf1* promoter is repressed under light stress (Nymark et al., 2009). However, from day 2 on Pt4ov 270 271 also started to increase NPQ capacity. Interestingly, although under stable LL conditions (i.e. day 0) Pt4ov had already higher NPQ values than the other strains at the end of FL treatment, 272 it further increased NPQ during FL exposure (Fig. 2). All these results did not indicate a 273 strong influence of initial NPQ capacity on the NPQ adjustment to dynamic light; instead, all 274 strains responded in a similar manner by increasing their NPQ capacity. As the standard errors 275 were rather high due to the dynamic nature of the experiment, in the following we combined 276 results of the different strains in order to better reveal the specific response of P. tricornutum 277 to the very distinct dynamic light conditions. This way, it became directly apparent that the 278 doubling of light intensity under FL 1000 conditions led to no further increase of NPQ 279 compared to FL 500 conditions. Actually, with a final value of ~ 3.2 the NPQ was almost 280 identical at both FL conditions, while it was 5.8 under SL conditions (Fig. 3). 281

The maximum photosynthetic yield of PSII gradually decreased during SL conditions, especially during day 3, to 0.55 (20 % decrease), illustrating the appearance of photoinhibition (Fig. 4a). In contrast, F_v/F_m was maintained high (~ 0.65) during FL conditions. Again, no differences between FL 500 and FL 1000 conditions were observed (data not shown, but can be seen from the minimal error bars in Fig. 4a). Because also no major differences between FL 500 and FL 1000 conditions could be observed during the follow-up experiments, data were combined (unless otherwise noted), in order to highlight
significant differences compared to SL.

Under SL conditions, rETR_{max} (see Table S1 for the definition of the parameters) dropped 290 291 during the first day and slightly increased over the next two days compared to LL (Fig. 4b). In 292 contrast, rETR_{max} did not change during the first day of FL, but strongly increased during day 293 2 and 3. a decreased by roughly 20 % already during the first day of SL and then stabilized (Fig. 4c). It didn't remarkably change under FL conditions. Interestingly, there was no major 294 change in E_k between SL and FL conditions (Fig. 4d). It increased by ~ 50 % during day 2 295 and stabilized over day 3. The apparent low Ek values were likely due to the blue light of the 296 Imaging-PAM excitation beam and are in line with previous E_k values obtained the same way 297 (Serodio & Lavaud, 2011). Huge differences were observed in NPQ_{Ek}/NPQ_{max}. It increased 298 from ~7 % in LL to almost 20 % under SL conditions, while under FL it even decreased (Fig. 299 4e). In line with this, also E50_{NPO} behaved differently: At first it decreased, but then increased 300 under both conditions. However, while the final E50_{NPO} value under SL conditions was 301 similar as under LL, it was more than 1.5 fold higher under FL conditions (Fig. 4f). 302

303 *Pigment stoichiometry during SL and FL*

The Chl a increase per day per culture volume (μ_{Chla}) strongly differed under both dynamic conditions. Under SL conditions, μ_{Chla} dramatically decreased by 50 % on day 1 (compared to LL) and by 80 % over the rest of the experiment (Fig. 5). In contrast, under FL conditions a slight decrease of μ_{Chla} occurred during the first day, while already from the second day on the cultures produced as much Chl a per day as during LL conditions. For both, the Chl c to Chl a and the Fx to Chl a ratio, no remarkable differences between SL and FL conditions could be observed (Fig. S2).

In general, changes of the NPQ capacity were well reflected by changes in the amount of XC pigments. Dd+Dt increased 3.4 fold during SL treatment, reaching its maximum on the last day (Fig. 6). Although most of the increase already occurred during day 1, the XC pool size steadily increased during day 2 and 3 with repeated drops at night. In contrast, under FL conditions the increase of XC pigments was only 1.7 fold, and the largest part of XC pigments was also synthesized on day 1. The observed trend was identical in all strains under both light conditions, although Pt1 strains synthesized more Dd+Dt than Pt4 strains (Fig. S3).

The DES (Dt/(Dd+Dt)) reached values of around 50 % during the first day of SL at 14:00 (6 hours after light onset) and 17:00 (9 hours after light onset) (Fig. S4). During the following

- 320 SL days and during all three days of FL conditions DES was lowest in the morning (11:00, 3
- hours after light onset) and highest in the afternoon (17:00), in line with the respective light
- 322 intensities). During the light intervals of FL conditions, DES reached similar values as under
- 323 SL conditions, but always decreased below 10 % during the subsequent low light/dark phases,
- 324 indicating that Dt epoxidation took place rapidly during the decline of light intensity.

325 *NPQ versus Dd+Dt relationship*

The ratio of NPQ versus Dd+Dt is a robust indicator for the efficiency of the XC pigments to 326 confer NPQ (Lavaud & Lepetit, 2013; Lepetit et al., 2013). NPQ/(Dd+Dt) strongly decreased 327 during the first day of SL treatment and recovered during the following days (Fig. 7). At the 328 329 last time point (day 3-17:00), it became statistically indistinguishable from day 0, indicating that eventually Dt quenching efficiency reached the levels of LL acclimated cells. In contrast, 330 331 NPQ/(Dd+Dt) remained high under FL conditions, highlighting a high quenching efficiency of Dt. During the second and third day it was statistically supported even higher at some time 332 333 points than under LL conditions.

334 *Lhcx gene expression and protein synthesis*

In agreement with previous analyses for low light to high light shifts (Nymark et al., 2009; 335 336 Lepetit et al., 2013), cells of all P. tricornutum strains strongly increased the transcript amounts of *Lhcx2* and *Lhcx3* under both SL and FL conditions, while *Lhcx1* was only slightly 337 338 more transcribed (Fig. S1; note that *Lhcx1* transcription in Pt4ov reacted differentially due to the regulation of the *Lhcx1* gene by the *Lhcf1* promoter). This became even more obvious, 339 when comparing the mean values of all strains (Fig. 8a-c). Intriguingly, there was a strong 340 difference in *Lhcx2* and *Lhcx3* transcript amounts depending on the light climate: Under SL 341 conditions, *Lhcx2* transcription was much more pronounced than under FL. In contrast, *Lhcx3* 342 transcript level was higher under FL conditions. Transcription of Lhcx2 and Lhcx3 increased 343 throughout SL treatment, while under FL conditions the maximum transcript level was 344 already reached on day 1 (but note the decrease of *Lhcx3* transcription on day 2 and 3). Lhcf2 345 is one of the major classical light harvesting antenna proteins of the FCP under low light 346 conditions (Lepetit et al., 2010; Grouneva et al., 2011; Gundermann et al., 2013), hence under 347 stressful light conditions an expression pattern opposite to *Lhcx* genes was expected. Indeed, 348 349 there was a strong *Lhcf2* transcript reduction throughout the whole SL treatment (Fig. 8d). In contrast, under FL conditions Lhcf2 transcript levels dropped only during day 1, but reached 350 351 almost initial levels already by day 2.

In order to investigate whether the differences in Lhcx transcription between SL and FL 352 conditions were also reflected by the protein level, the Lhcx proteins were quantified. No 353 significant changes could be observed for Lhcx1 compared to LL conditions neither in SL nor 354 in FL (Fig. 9a). There was a gradual increase of Lhcx2 protein synthesis throughout the whole 355 SL experiment (Fig. 9b and Fig. S5 for an example of the Western blots obtained for Pt4), 356 357 while under FL conditions its level reached maximum values already on the second day and was much lower compared to SL conditions on day 2 and day 3. In contrast, Lhcx3 content 358 similarly increased during day 1 under SL and FL, and declined during the following days 359 360 (Fig. 9c). Hence, only the Lhcx2 protein content correlated with the respective amounts of transcripts, and both paralleled the increase in NPQ capacity under SL exposure (see Fig. 3). 361 362 This is better illustrated by plotting the mean relative amount of Lhcx2 versus the mean increase of NPQ capacity under SL conditions of all strains (but Pt4ov due to its unusual NPQ 363 364 behaviour caused by the Lhcx1 overexpressing Lhcf1 promoter), yielding a linear correlation with an R^2 of 0.997 (Fig. 10). 365

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367 **Discussion**

368 Up-regulation of NPQ capacity is independent of initial NPQ capacity during acclimation to 369 dynamic light conditions

We could not observe major differences in adjustment of NPQ capacity during dynamic light 370 conditions in the low NPQ strains (Pt1sil and Pt4) compared to the high NPQ strains (Pt1 and 371 Pt4ov). In line with this result, there was also no correlation between initial NPQ capacity and 372 XC pigment synthesis, the latter being strain dependent: Pt1 and Pt1sil showed a stronger 373 increase of Dd+Dt pool size than Pt4ov and Pt4 (Fig. S3). Furthermore, the Pt4ov strain, 374 375 which under LL already possessed an NPQ capacity as high as Pt1sil at the end of the SL treatment (Fig. 2), similarly increased *Lhcx2* and *Lhcx3* gene expression as well as the Dd+Dt 376 377 pool size (Fig. S1 and Fig. S3). The apparently low influence of the initial NPQ capacity on the subsequent NPQ adjustment during dynamic light conditions may be due to the fact that 378 379 initial NPQ capacity under stable LL conditions is first determined by Lhcx1 and Dd+Dt amount (Bailleul et al., 2010). As reported here for dynamic light and before for prolonged 380 381 high light conditions (Lepetit et al., 2013), a higher NPQ capacity is obtained by the combined increase of Dd+Dt pool size and primarily Lhcx2 expression. 382

Insights into the regulation of NPQ actors in diatoms have been gained recently, and clearly photoreceptor mediated processes influence NPQ capacity (Schellenberger Costa *et al.*, 2013; Brunet *et al.*, 2014). In line with this, the *Lhcx1* gene promoter has a binding motif for a blue light receptor, aureochrome 1a (Schellenberger Costa *et al.*, 2013). The cryptochromes CPF (Coesel *et al.*, 2009) and CryP (Juhas *et al.*, 2014) regulate expression of *Lhcx* genes. Interestingly, in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* the cryptochrome aCRY, which is related to CryP, seems to react rather on light intensity than on light quality (Beel *et al.*, 2012), hence CryP could modulate NPQ capacity in diatoms in response to different light intensities.

Besides the influence of photoreceptors on NPQ adjustment, we previously demonstrated that 391 Dd+Dt increase and Lhcx2 expression rates are controlled by changes in the redox state of the 392 393 PQ-pool, while Lhcx3 expression may be regulated via ROS (Lepetit et al., 2013; Lepetit & Dietzel, 2015). In the present study *Lhcx2* expression and Dd+Dt content correlated well 394 395 under both dynamic light conditions, indicating the presence of a common trigger. Clearly, the expression of *Lhcx2* and *Lhcx3* differed under SL and FL, suggesting that both light 396 397 conditions elicit two different regulation pathways, which is likely due to the different characteristics of SL and FL in combination with their different total light doses. The PQ-pool 398 399 redox state responsive *Lhcx2* and Dd+Dt reacted rather gradually to long lasting light stimuli under SL, which generated a higher cumulative photon amount per day. In contrast, Lhcx3 400 401 expression was regulated by short but intense light intervals, conditions which are expected to generate pronounced amounts of ROS. Because the NPQ capacity has an influence on energy 402 flow into the electron transport chain and thus on the redox state of the PQ-pool and on ROS 403 generation (Triantaphylidès et al., 2008; Kruk & Szymańska, 2012), the concentration of the 404 reduced PQ-pool and ROS should be different in the four P. tricornutum strains under 405 dynamic light conditions. Still, the four strains adjusted their NPQ capacity in a similar way 406 under dynamic light conditions. The fact that NPQ capacity increases even in the highest NPQ 407 strain (Pt4ov) illustrates that initial NPQ capacity was not sufficient to avoid partial over-408 reduction of the electron transport chain. Sensitive PQ-pool redox state and ROS responding 409 promoter elements may already react to a partly reduced PQ-pool and small amounts of ROS, 410 so that minor differences in these triggers would hardly differentially affect the expression of 411 412 *Lhcx* genes and the synthesis of Dd+Dt pigments. Moreover, the redox state of the PQ-pool can be influenced by changes of the metabolome (Jungandreas et al., 2014; Wilhelm et al., 413 2014; Levitan et al., 2015). Such influences would be fairly independent of the NPQ capacity 414 and could also explain the similar NPQ response in the four *P. tricornutum* strains. 415

417 *Lhcx2 in combination with the amount of XC pigments likely increases NPQ capacity under*418 *dynamic light*

In diatoms, the increase of XC pigments does not necessarily lead to a higher NPQ 419 (Schumann *et al.*, 2007). Specific proteins must be synthesized to bind these pigments for an 420 effective involvement in NPQ (Lepetit et al., 2013). Lhcx1 does not increase significantly 421 during dynamic light conditions (Fig. 9a), and hence confers only basal NPQ capacity. In 422 423 Lhcx2 or Lhcx3 overexpression lines, both proteins provide additional NPQ capacity (Taddei et al., 2016). Lhcx2 content similarly increased on day 1 in SL and FL conditions, and 424 remained stable during the following days in FL, while it increased in SL. These features were 425 426 paralleled by the NPQ capacity. In fact, Lhcx2 amount was linearly correlated to the NPQ capacity increase under SL conditions (Fig. 10). Although this correlation is based only on a 427 few data points, it suggests Lhcx2 being a major actor in modelling NPQ capacity under 428 dynamic light conditions, together with the size of the XC pigment pool and the degree of de-429 epoxidation. 430

- The impact of Lhcx3 on NPQ capacity enhancement is difficult to deduce. Our data suggest 431 that Lhcx3 was less responsible for NPQ increase during day 2 and 3 in SL and FL, as its 432 protein content was rather decreasing (Fig. 9c). Instead, the prompt increase of Lhcx3 on day 433 1 under both dynamic conditions may provide a fast increase of photoprotection capacity, 434 while Lhcx2 continues to add up during prolonged light stress conditions like under SL 435 treatment. Interestingly, there was a significant difference in *Lhcx3* transcript levels between 436 437 FL and SL on day 1, which was not reflected by the protein level. This suggests that posttranscriptional control mechanisms, that specifically respond to fast light intensity 438 439 fluctuations, partially prevent Lhcx3 protein synthesis. In line with this, it was recently shown 440 in A. thaliana that high light regulation of several high light responsive target proteins often 441 occurs differentially on the transcriptional and translational level (Oelze et al., 2014). An additional control point at the *Lhcx3* translational level might be a strategy to acclimate the 442 443 NPQ system to an average light intensity delivered by light fluctuations, while keeping a high Lhcx3 transcript reservoir in case of prolonged light stress. This would avoid a too strong 444 down-regulation of photochemistry during low light periods, while ensuring sufficient excess 445 energy dissipation during high light regular peak exposures, a feature in line with the fast 446 on/off switch of the NPQ system (Lavaud et al., 2007) and the fine regulation of Dd+Dt 447 synthesis versus the velocity of light fluctuations (Giovagnetti et al., 2014) in diatoms. 448
- Besides Lhcx2, and to some extent Lhcx3, other proteins could contribute to additional NPQ
 capacity under dynamic light, especially to the slight increase of NPQ during FL on day 2 and

day 3. The *Lhcr* gene family contains a phylogenetically separated subclade (Nymark et al., 451 2013), which genes are transcriptionally up-regulated during high light stress (Nymark et al., 452 2009). The corresponding proteins may be at least partially involved in modulating NPQ 453 capacity. Another possible candidate is Lhcf15, which is the only Lhcf gene showing up-454 regulation during short term light stress (Nymark et al., 2009), but which especially responds 455 to red light (Schellenberger Costa et al., 2013; Valle et al., 2014; Herbstová et al., 2015). 456 Lhcf15 can build up specific antennae complexes with a red-shifted fluorescence emission 457 (Herbstová et al., 2015), that could be correlated to the NPQ capacity (Lavaud & Lepetit, 458 459 2013).

460 *FL triggers a very effective photoprotective response*

Under SL conditions, the cells first synthesized much more Dd+Dt than could be used for 461 NPQ. Eventually, the ratio NPQ/(Dd+Dt) was better adjusted towards a higher quenching 462 efficiency of Dt due to a slowdown of Dd+Dt synthesis and a concomitant catch-up of Lhcx2 463 464 synthesis. Despite a strongly increased NPQ capacity as well as a massive reduction of Chl a synthesis and *Lhcf2* transcription, decrease in photosynthetic efficiency could not be 465 466 completely prevented. In contrast, cells under FL conditions kept the NPQ/(Dd+Dt) efficiency rather comparable to that of LL conditions, i.e. they synthesized only as many Dd+Dt as 467 actually could be used for providing an optimal effective involvement of Dt in NPQ. Parallel 468 to enhancing NPQ capacity, FL cells adjusted the reactivity of NPQ activation. The light 469 intensity, for which 50 % of the maximum NPQ capacity was reached, was shifted to much 470 higher values (Fig. 4f). Simultaneously, despite increasing Ek, FL cells kept the level of NPQ 471 activation at E_k very low (i.e. a few % of NPQ_{max}, Fig. 4e). This is noteworthy, because 472 although Ek increased similarly, SL cells were unable to adjust the threshold for NPQ onset 473 and activated a pronounced NPQ already at Ek. Ultimately, FL cells strongly increased 474 rETR_{max}, but kept a high as in LL cells, in line with previous results in Skeletonema costatum 475 (Kromkamp & Limbeek, 1993). All these changes enabled FL cells to use absorbed light 476 efficiently until Ek was reached and even beyond due to the moderate switch-on of NPQ. 477 Hence, they exploited as much light as possible for photochemistry during the short light 478 479 periods thanks to the adjustment of NPQ capacity and kinetics. Consequently, after one day of acclimation, μ_{Chla} and *Lhcf2* transcription reached similar values as under LL conditions. As 480 FL cells developed a much higher NPQ capacity than LL cells, altogether FL acclimation 481 does not correspond to either a low or high light type strategy, but shows peculiar 482

characteristics. Such special fluctuating light acclimation strategy has also been observed in
the diatom *Stephanodiscus neoastraea* (Fietz & Nicklisch, 2002).

We have to note that the fine-acclimation to FL conditions with different intensity maximums 485 may be limited. Although FL 1000 cells faced much higher light intensities, steeper light 486 gradients and the double daily photon dose, NPQ capacity increased similarly as in FL 500 487 cells. On the one hand, this very similar NPQ pattern may be co-initiated by an internal 488 trigger such as the circadian clock. The influence of the circadian clock on the regulation of 489 the XC pigments in *P. tricornutum* has already been demonstrated (Ragni & d'Alcalà, 2007). 490 491 On the other hand, Giovagnetti et al. (2014) showed that light acclimation response in Pseudonitzschia multistriata is triggered by light intensity, but also by the velocity of the light 492 493 increase. Moreover, in Skeletonema marinoi, NPQ capacity is not directly correlated to the total daily photon dose (Orefice et al., 2016). Our results suggest that, below a certain 494 495 duration threshold of regular light periods, different high light intensities only trigger an efficient on/off reaction of NPQ capacity adjustment, but no fine-tuned response. This is 496 497 possibly due to the lack of the gradual PQ-pool signal. Interestingly, when the light intervals become even shorter than the dark intervals in a fluctuating light regime, P. tricornutum is 498 499 able to generate a very high NPQ (Lavaud et al., 2002b; Ruban et al., 2004), which may not 500 be triggered by light, but may be elicited by darkness instead. As only the transcription of the Lhcx4 isoform is stimulated in the dark (Lepetit et al., 2013; Nymark et al., 2013) and the 501 respective protein can induce NPQ (Taddei et al., 2016), Lhcx4, together with the increased 502 Dd+Dt content (Lavaud et al., 2002b), may be responsible for this particular increased NPQ 503 504 capacity.

505 Conclusion

Our study highlights the importance of investigating the influence of dynamic light conditions 506 on NPQ in diatoms. Recently, it was shown that P. tricornutum is coping well with 507 fluctuating light conditions by possessing a low-cost PSII repair cycle compared to diatoms 508 509 living in the open ocean in more stable light conditions (Lavaud et al., 2016). A comprehensive study by Wagner et al. (2006) demonstrated that in P. tricornutum absorbed 510 511 photons are converted to a much higher extent into biomass in FL than in SL conditions, which is due to a strongly decreased amount of alternative electrons and a lowered quantum 512 requirement per molecule oxygen evolved. The finely adjusted regulation of NPQ capacity by 513 balanced Lhcx2/Lhcx3 and Dd+Dt synthesis under FL has three consequences which support 514 the observations of Wagner et al. (2006): (1) Investment costs for photoprotection 515

mechanisms are lower than in SL; (2) Photodamage is reduced, keeping costs for repair 516 processes low; (3) Too much photoprotection, leading to a poor light energy to chemical 517 energy conversion rate and hence to a high quantum requirement for carbon fixation, is 518 prevented. This latter feature has been recently demonstrated to be of global importance in the 519 upper ocean (Lin et al., 2016). The better balanced photoacclimation strategy under FL 520 compared to SL conditions may be one reason why diatoms dominate in habitats where the 521 light climate is regularly punctuated with high intensity exposure periods, such as coastal 522 waters and estuarine intertidal sediments (Strzepek & Harrison, 2004; Lavaud et al., 2007; 523 524 Dimier et al., 2009; Petrou et al., 2011; Barnett et al., 2015).

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900 Figure legends

Figure 1: Dynamic light conditions used in the experiments. One sine light (SL) and two
fluctuating light (FL) conditions with different intensities were applied during the daily
phases of the light exposure and light intensity was measured every minute.

Figure 2: Comparison of NPQ capacity in the four different *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* strains (Pt1, Pt1sil, Pt4, Pt4ov) under SL (**a**) and FL (**b**) conditions. Time is indicated as experimental day (0 to 3, separated with vertical bars/arrow) and the respective time of sampling. Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). FL values combine data from the FL 500 and FL 1000 treatment. Values represent the means \pm SE of three to four different experiments.

Figure 3: Mean NPQ values of *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* strains Pt1, Pt1sil and Pt4 under SL and FL conditions. Pt4ov was not included in the mean due to its much higher NPQ and its partly unusual characteristics (cf. Fig. 2); this is exemplified by its SL 500 trace (dashed line). Time is indicated as experimental day (0 to 3, separated with vertical bars/arrow) and the respective time of sampling. Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). Values represent the means \pm SE of at least six biological replicates (except Pt4ov-SL 500: three biological replicates).

Figure 4: Mean photosynthetic and photoprotective parameters of all four Phaeodactylum 917 tricornutum strains under SL and FL (500 and 1000 combined) conditions. a) Fv/Fm; b) the 918 maximum relative electron transport rate (rETR_{max}); c) α , the slope of the relative electron 919 transport rate versus light intensity under non-saturating light conditions; d) E_k , the 920 interception point between α and ETR_{max}, a measure for the minimal light intensity to saturate 921 922 photosynthesis; e) NPQ_{Ek}/NPQ_{max}, indicates the relative amount of NPQ at E_k ; f) E_{50} , the light intensity, at which half of NPQ_{max} capacity is reached. Time is indicated as experimental day 923 (0 to 3, separated with vertical bars/arrow) and the respective time of sampling. Dynamic light 924 conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). Values represent the means \pm SE of at 925 least eight biological replicates. Meaning of statistical significance letters: a, values are 926 significantly different compared to day 0 (p < 0.05); b, values from cells exposed to FL are 927 928 significantly different compared to cells exposed to SL for the same time point (p < 0.05).

Figure 5: Chl a increase rate per day per culture volume (μ_{Chla}) of all four *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* strains under SL and FL 1000 conditions. Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). μ_{Chla} (in day⁻¹) was calculated as $\mu_{Chla} = \ln$ (Chl t_n/1.4), where

Chl t_n refers to the Chl a content measured at 18:00 during the four days of experiment (day 0 932 to day 3) and 1.4 is the Chl a content (in μ g mL⁻¹) at which the cultures were adjusted to each 933 day after Chl a determination. Because data for FL 500 conditions were not complete they 934 were omitted, but, similarly to FL 1000 cells, FL 500 cells showed a higher μ_{Chla} than SL 500 935 cells. Values represent the means \pm SE of at least four biological replicates. Meaning of 936 significance letters: a, μ_{Chla} is significantly different compared to day 0 (p < 0.05); b, μ_{Chla} is 937 significantly different in cells exposed to FL 1000 conditions compared to cells exposed to SL 938 conditions for the same day (p < 0.05). 939

Figure 6: Mean diadinoxanthin and diatoxanthin (Dd+Dt) pool size (in mol (100 mol Chl a)⁻¹) 940 of all four Phaeodactylum tricornutum strains under SL and FL (500 and 1000 combined) 941 conditions. Time is indicated as experimental day (0 to 3, separated with vertical bars/arrow) 942 and the respective time of sampling. Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with 943 an arrow). For SL conditions, data for each strain are available in Fig. S4. Values represent 944 945 the means \pm SE of eight biological replicates. Meaning of statistical significance letters: a, Dd+Dt pool size is significantly different compared to day 0 at 17:00 (p < 0.05); b, Dd+Dt 946 pool size from cells exposed to the respective FL light treatment is significantly different 947 compared to cells exposed to SL for the same time point (p < 0.05). 948

Figure 7: Correlation of NPQ capacity versus Dd+Dt (in mol (100 mol Chl a)⁻¹) under SL and 949 FL (500 and 1000 combined) conditions. Values are taken from all Phaeodactylum 950 951 tricornutum strains except Pt4ov due to its different characteristics in NPQ (cf. Fig. 2). Time is indicated as experimental day (0 to 3, separated with vertical bars/arrow) and the respective 952 time of sampling. Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). 953 954 Values represent the means \pm SE of six biological replicates. Meaning of statistical 955 significance letters: a, NPQ/(Dd+Dt) is significantly different compared to day 0 at 17:00 (p < p0.05); b, NPQ/(Dd+Dt) from cells exposed to FL is significantly different compared to cells 956 exposed to SL for the same time point (p < 0.05). 957

Figure 8: Relative transcript amounts of *Lhcx1* (**a**), *Lhcx2* (**b**), *Lhcx3* (**c**) and *Lhcf2* (**d**) under SL and FL (500 and 1000 combined) conditions. Gene expression was normalized on transcript amount of the *RPS* gene. For each gene, the expression was calculated as the mean transcript amount of all *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* strains at the specific time points and light conditions except for *Lhcx1* where the values of Pt4ov were omitted due to the artificial *Lhcf1* promoter in this strain (c.f. Fig. S1). Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an arrow). Values represent the means \pm SE of eight biological replicates 965 (except for Lhcx1 with six biological replicates), and each biological replicate was measured 966 in technical triplicates. Meaning of significance letters: a, Gene is significantly differentially 967 expressed compared to day 0 (p < 0.05); b, Gene from cells exposed to FL is significantly 968 differentially expressed compared to cells at the corresponding time point exposed to SL (p < 0.05).

Figure 9: Mean of relative protein expression of Lhcx1 (a), Lhcx2 (b) and Lhcx3 (c) of all 970 Phaeodactylum tricornutum strains under SL and FL 1000 conditions, respectively. For 971 Lhcx1, protein expression data of Pt4ov were omitted due to the artificial regulation by the 972 Lhcfl promoter (c.f. Fig. S1). Dynamic light conditions started on day 1 (indicated with an 973 arrow). Values represent the means \pm SE of at least four biological replicates (except for 974 Lhcx1 with at least three biological replicates). Meaning of significance letters: a, protein is 975 significantly differentially expressed compared to day 0 (p < 0.05); b, protein from cells 976 exposed to FL is significantly differentially expressed compared to cells at the corresponding 977 time point exposed to SL (p < 0.05). 978

Figure 10: Correlation of relative Lhcx2 protein content *versus* NPQ increase under SL conditions. NPQ was calculated as NPQ_{day1,2,3} – NPQ_{day0}, always measured at the 14:00 time point. The three data points correspond to the Lhcx2 protein amount *versus* NPQ on day 1, day 2 and day 3. Values for NPQ and Lhcx2 protein content are the means \pm SE of all *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* strains except Pt4ov.

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988 Table S1: Photophysiological parameters used in this study

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Fig. S1: Transcript levels of *Lhcx1 - Lhcx3* and *Lhcf2* genes under SL and FL conditions in all
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^{986 &}lt;u>Supporting information (SI)</u> can be found in a separate sheet. It contains:

Fig. S2: Fx/Chl a and Chl c/Chl a content of all four *P. tricornutum* strains under SL and FLconditions

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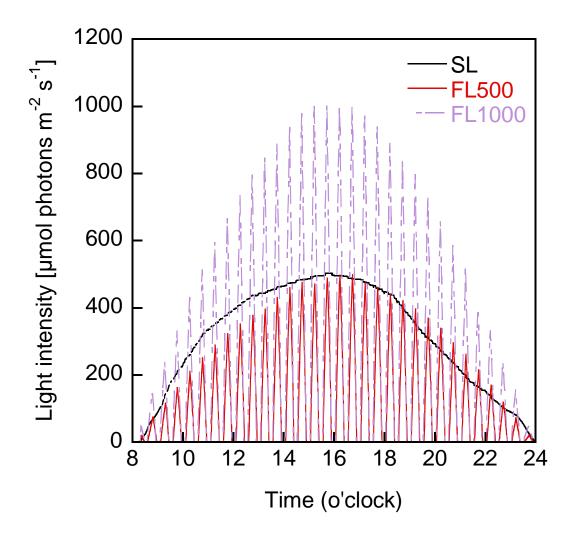
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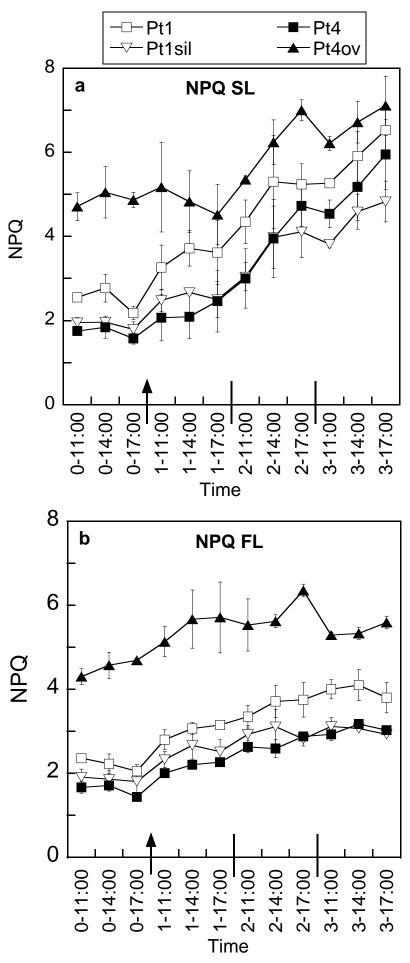
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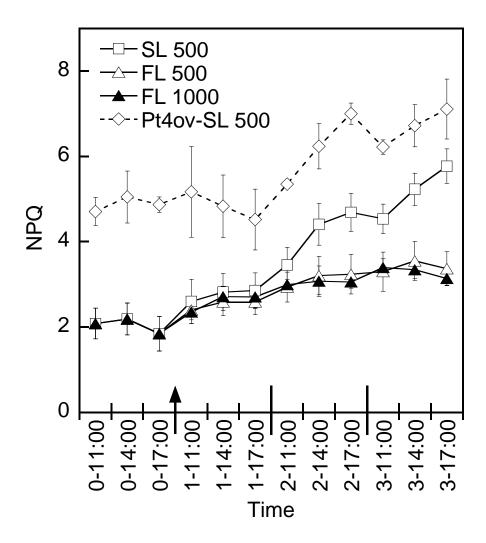
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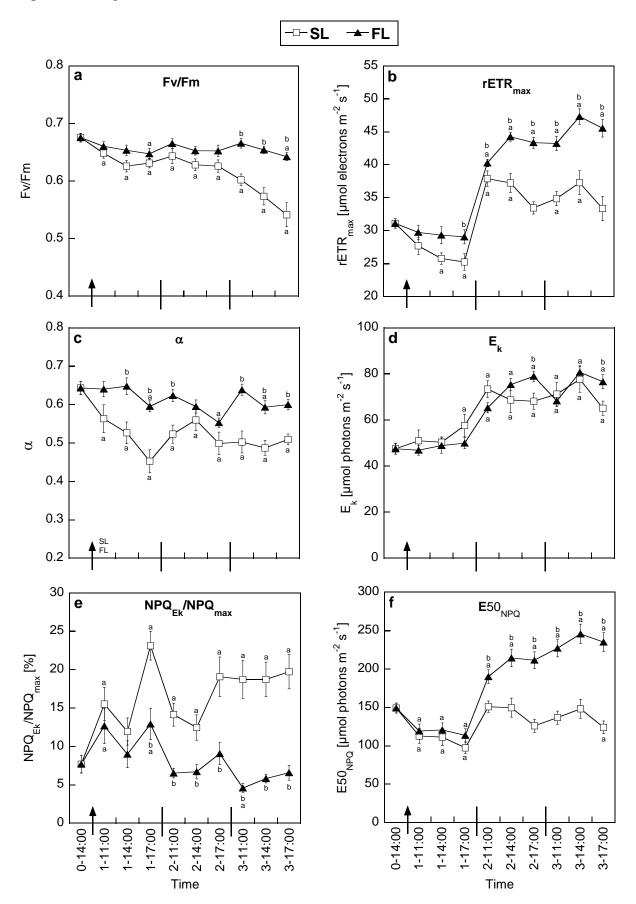
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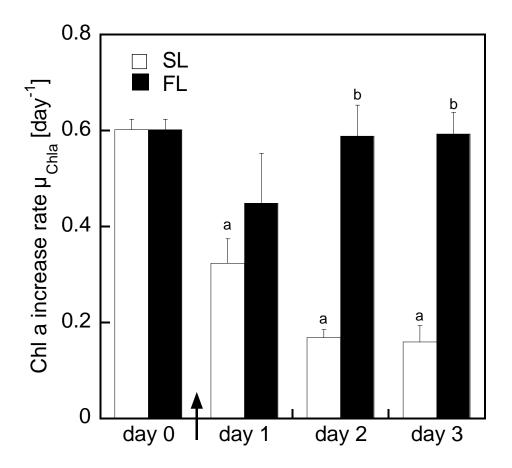


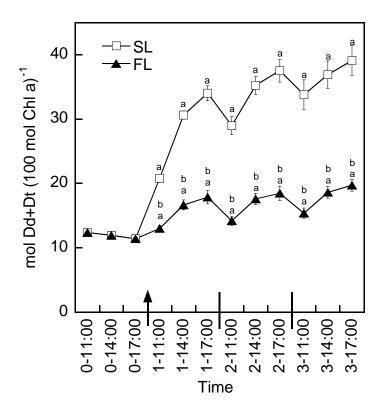
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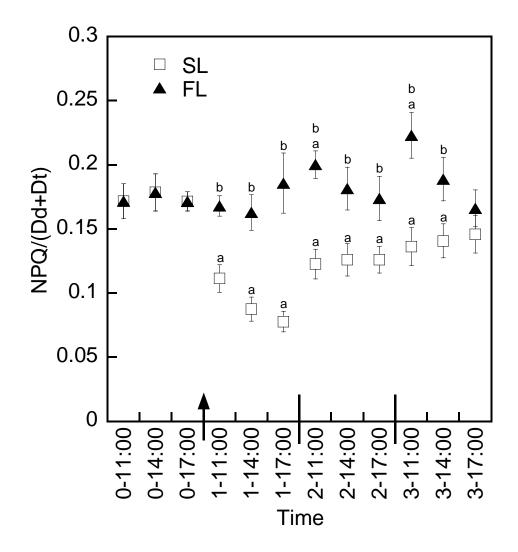


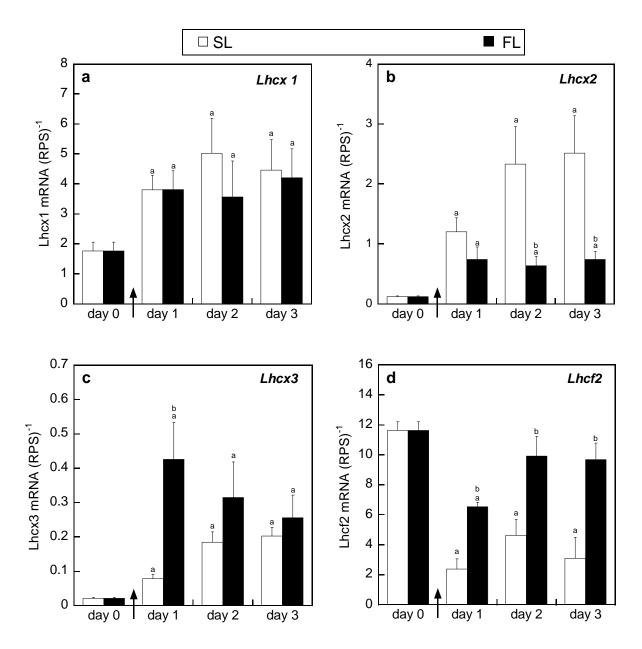












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