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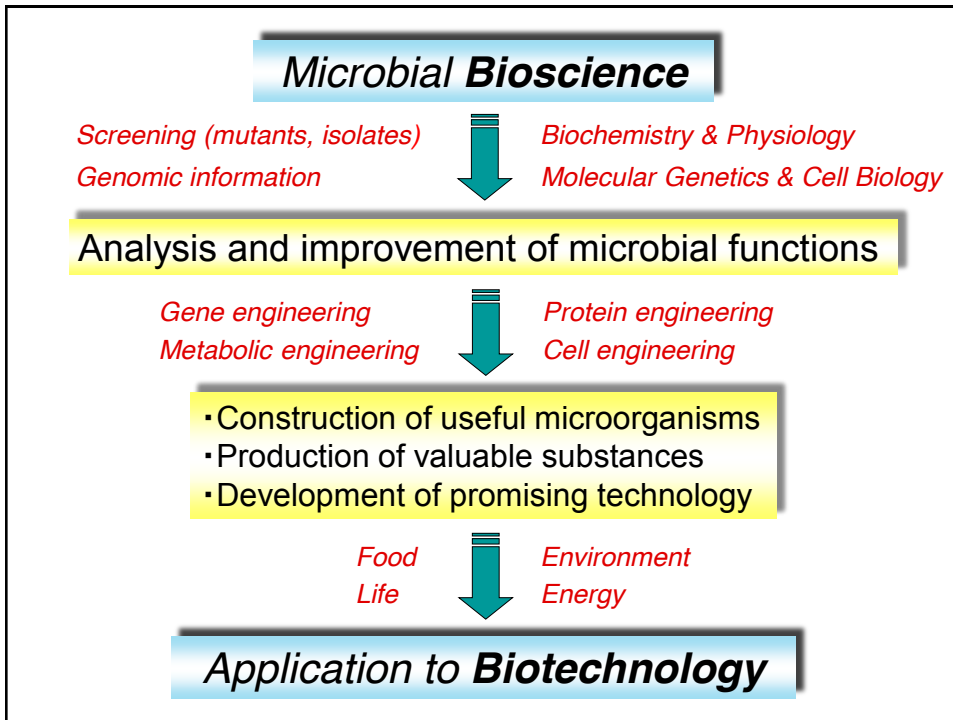
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Microbial Cells


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Stress response and adaptation mechanisms in yeast

1) Proline 2) Mpr1 (Arginine) 3) Nitric oxide 4) Ubiquitin system 5) Rim15

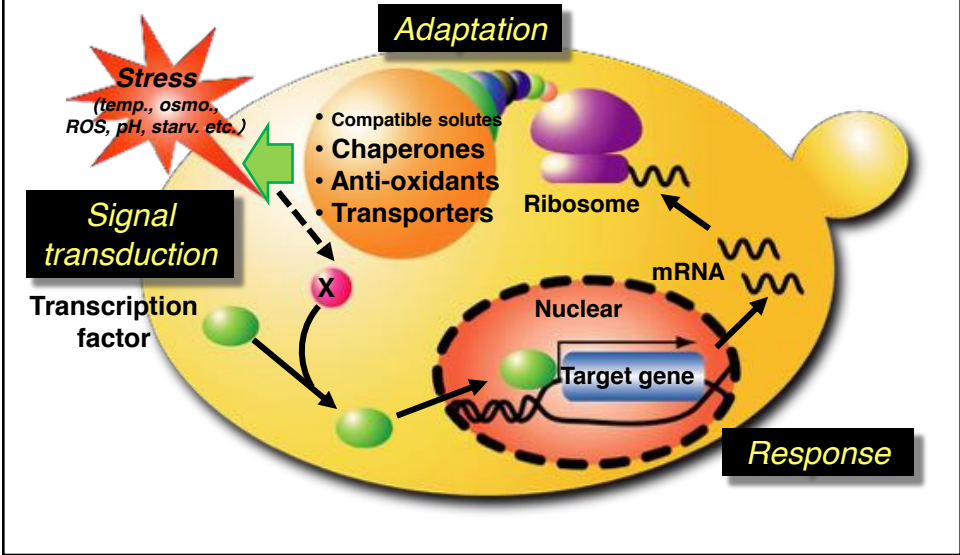
<Keywords> oxidative stress, ROS, proline, transporter, mitochondria, arginine, NO, NO synthase, S-nitrosylation, redox regulation, ubiquitination, permease, phosphorylation, transcription factor (Msn2, Pog1) ion stress, signal transduction *etc.*

L-Cysteine metabolism and its role in Escherichia coli

<Keywords> cysteine, transporter, redox regulation, thiosulfate pathway *etc.*

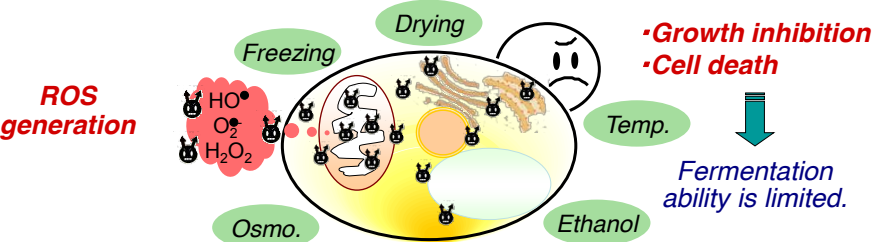
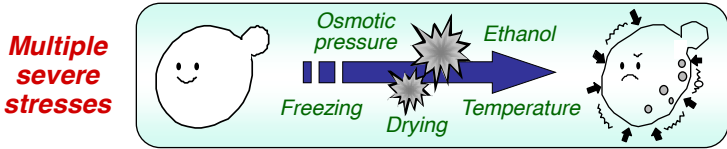
The budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Cellular response and adaptation to environmental stresses



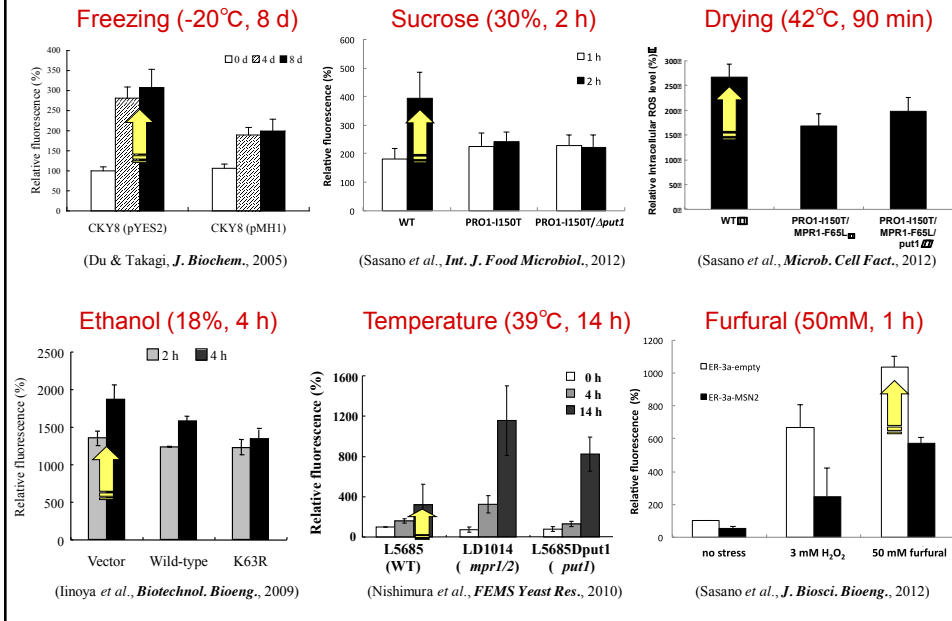
Industrial yeast strains

Breads Alcoholic beverages Bioethanol

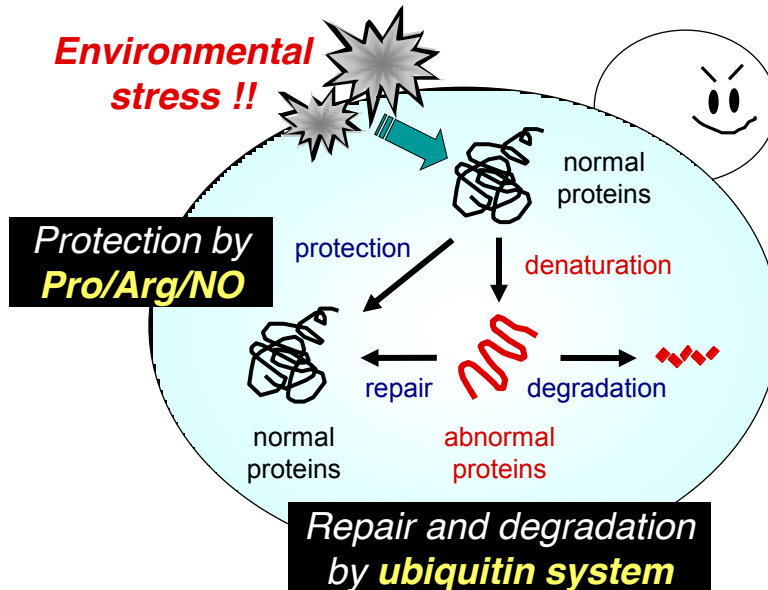


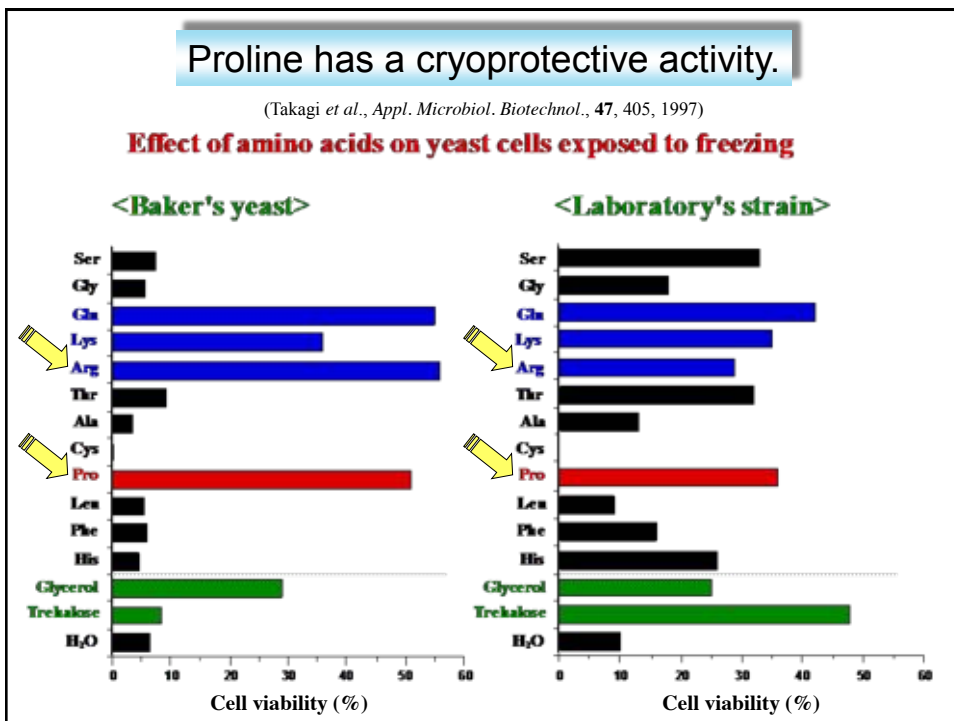
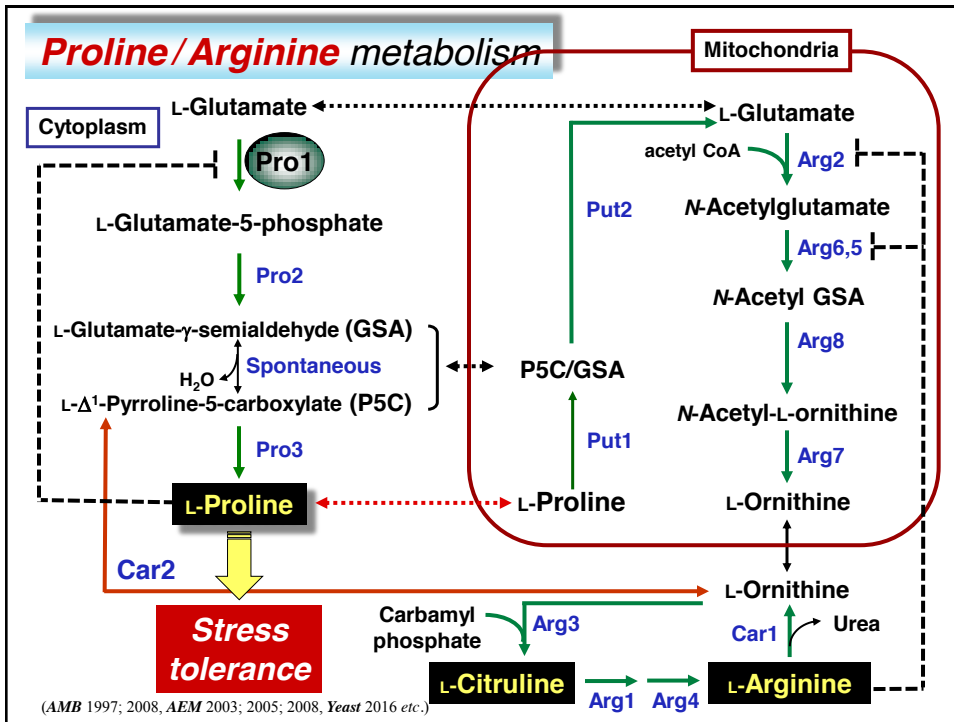
Stress tolerance is the key for yeast cells.

Yeast cells are exposed to oxidative stress.



Novel stress-tolerant mechanisms in yeast

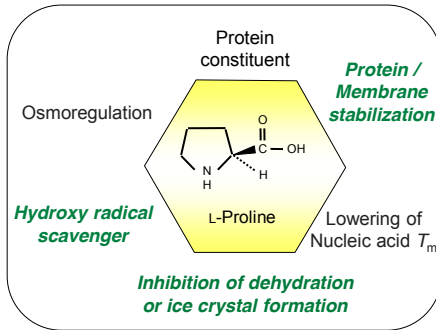




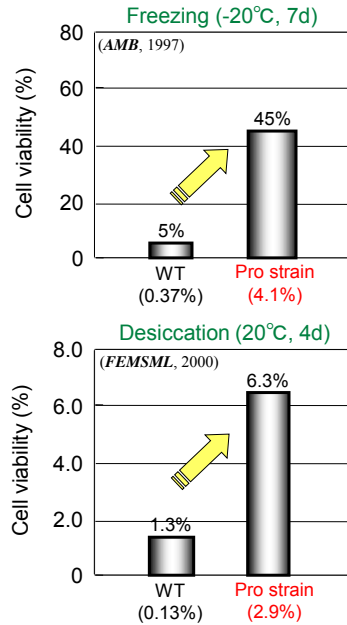
Proline confers stress tolerance on yeast cells.

- ◆ In response to osmotic stresses, many bacterial and plant cells accumulate proline.
- ◆ Yeast cells induce glycerol or trehalose synthesis, but do NOT increase proline level.

Physiological functions



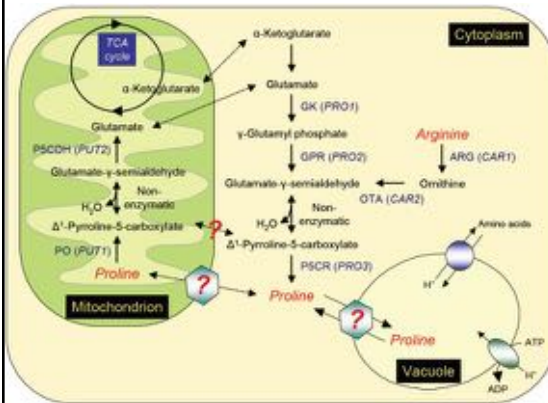
Proline-accumulating mutants were isolated among proline analogue-resistant mutants.



① Proline

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- ★ Proline protects yeast cells from various stresses as a ROS scavenger !!
- ★ Desensitization of feedback inhibition of γ -glutamyl kinase (Pro1) enhances proline accumulation and stress tolerance !!



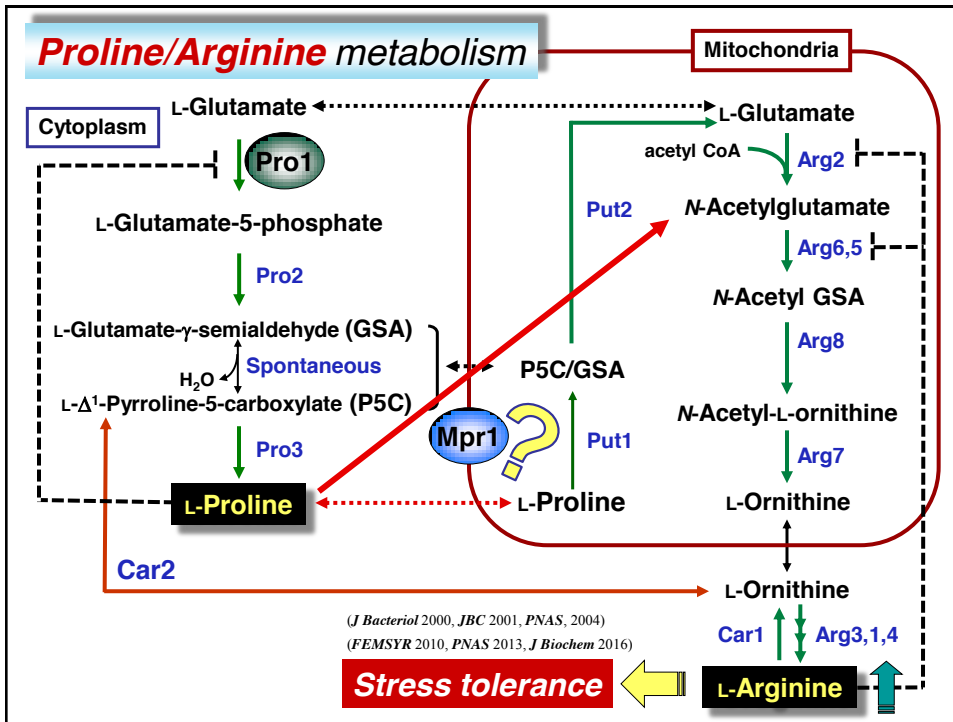
< Current projects >

- Novel physiological functions (ribosomal autophagy, life span)
- Transport to mitochondria/vacuole
- Functional analysis of GK and PO



Breeding of novel stress-tolerant yeast strains with Pro engineering

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② Mpr1 (Arginine)

J. Bacteriol., **182**, 4249, 2000; *J. Biol. Chem.*, **276**, 41998, 2001; *Yeast*, **19**, 1437, 2002; **26**, 587, 2009; *J. Biochem.*, **133**, 67, 2003; **138**, 391, 2005; *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **101**, 12616, 2004; **110**, 11821, 2013; *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, **75**, 1343, 2007; **97**, 247, 2013; *FEMS Yeast Res.*, **8**, 607, 2008; *Biotechnol. Bioeng.*, **103**, 341, 2009; *Int. J. Food Microbiol.*, **138**, 181, 2010; *J. Biosci. Bioeng.*, **114**, 160, 2012; *J. Biochem.*, **159**, 271, 2016 etc.

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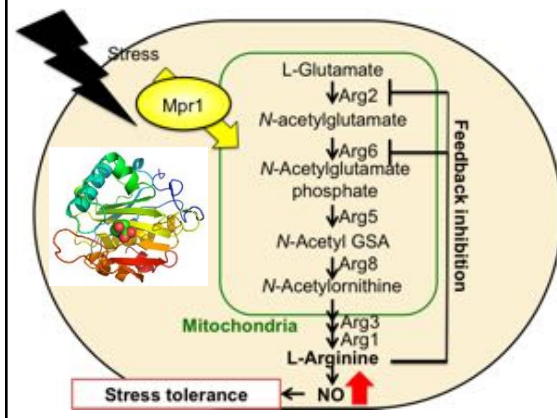
- ★ Mpr1 catalyzes N-acetylation of proline and its analogues (AZC, CHOP) !!
- ★ Mpr1 confers tolerance to oxidative stress on yeast cells by mediating arginine synthesis from proline !!

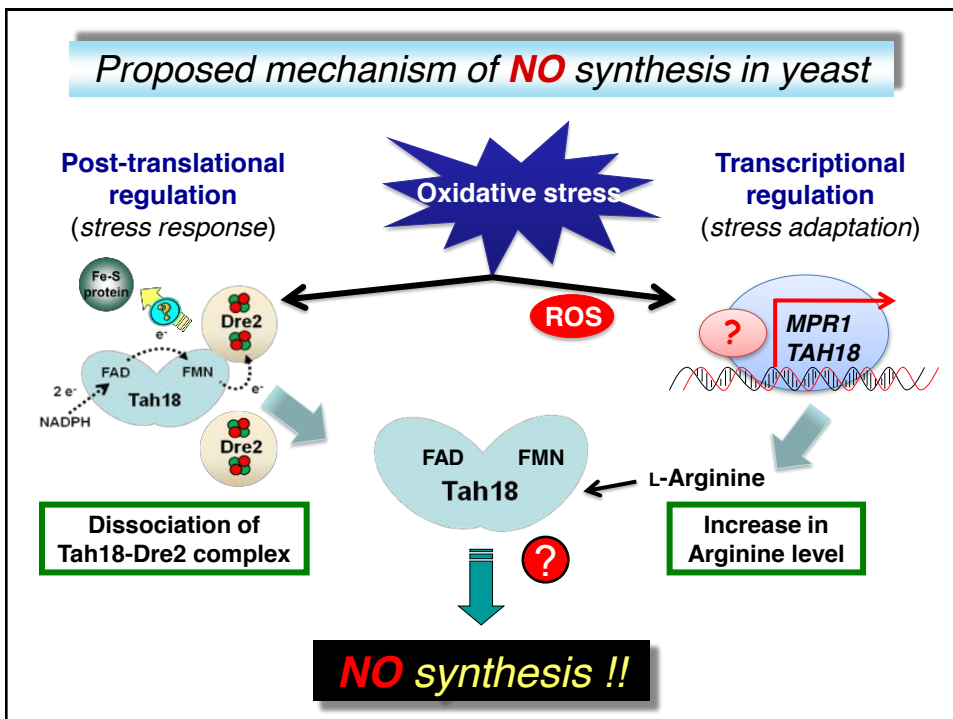
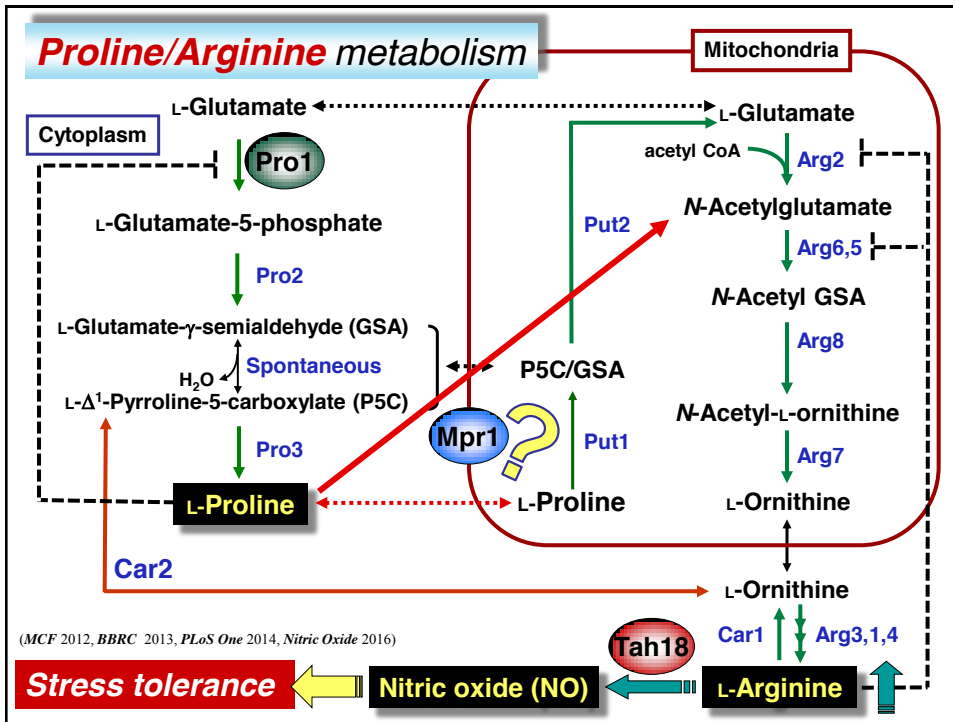
< Current projects >

- Physiological functions (cellular substrate, Arg metabolism)
- Structural-based molecular design (higher activity and stability)

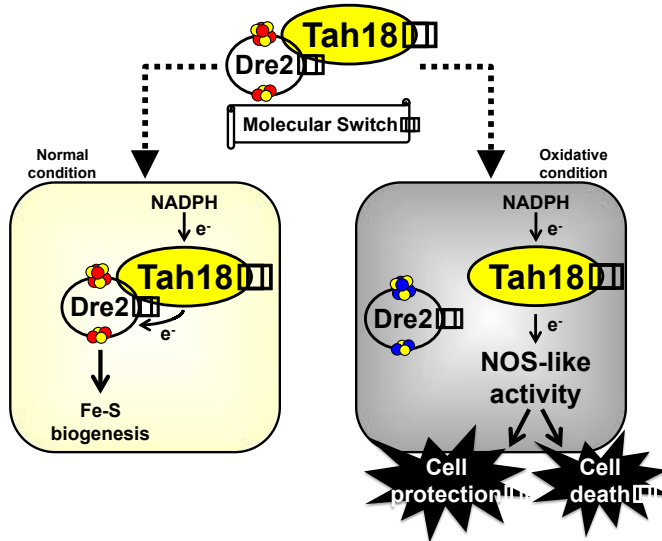


Breeding of novel stress-tolerant yeast strains by Mpr1 engineering





Tah18-Dre2 complex functions as a “Molecular Switch” in the regulation of NO production.



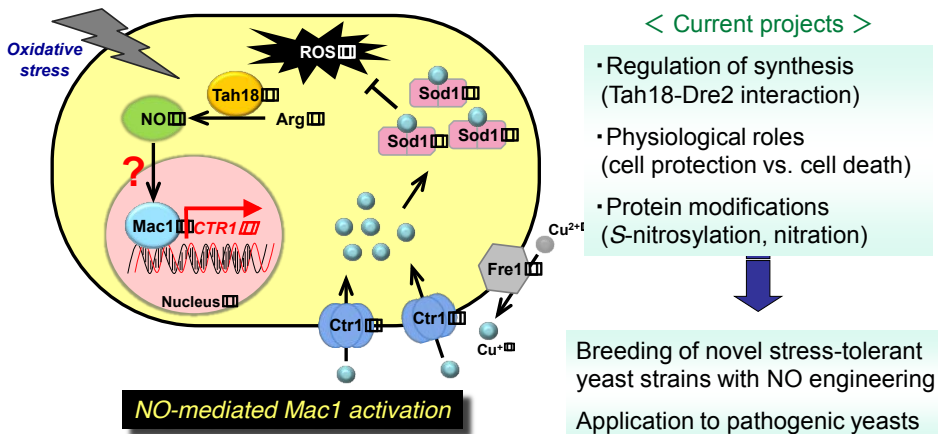
(Astuti *et al.*, *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, **100**, 9483, 2016)

③ Nitric oxide

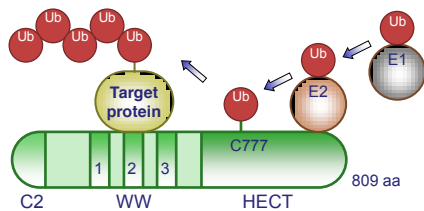
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- ★ NO is produced from Arg through the Tah18-dependent activity !!
- ★ NO confers oxidative stress tolerance on yeast cells by enhancing Sod1 activity through the activation of Mac1 !!

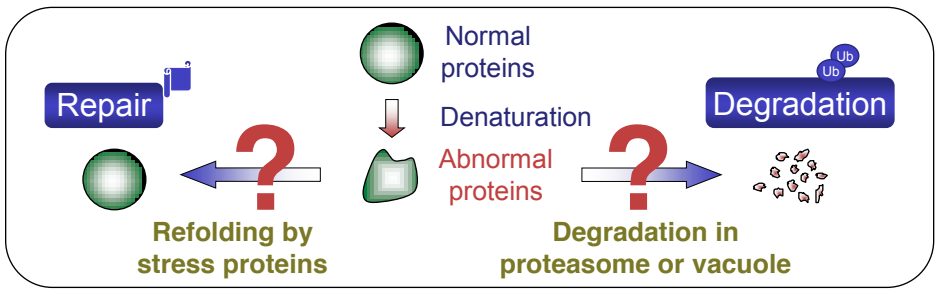


Rsp5 is an essential E3 ubiquitin ligase.



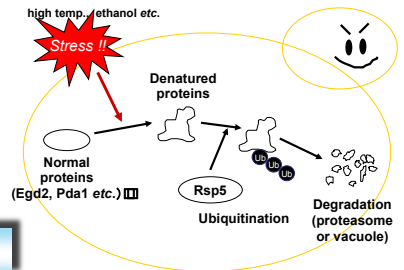
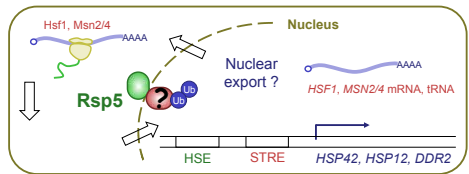
Rsp5 participates in many events through ubiquitination of target proteins;

endocytosis of plasma membrane permeases, mitochondrial inheritance, degradation of the large subunit of RNA pol. II, biosynthesis of unsaturated fatty acids, actin cytoskeleton organization, sporulation, ER-associated degradation etc.

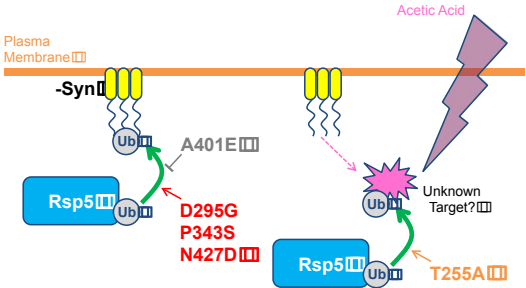
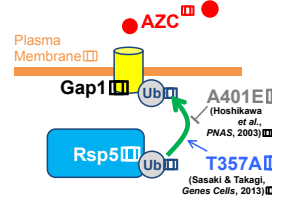
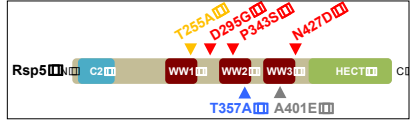


Rsp5 may be involved in repair / degradation of abnormal proteins.

Rsp5 Involved in repair / degradation of abnormal proteins



Required for degradation of Gap1



④ Ubiquitin system

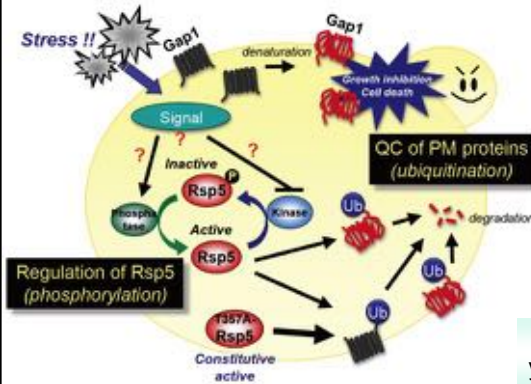
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★ Rsp5 is involved in quality control of plasma membrane proteins !!

★ Rsp5 activity is regulated by phosphorylation of a conserved Thr357 !!

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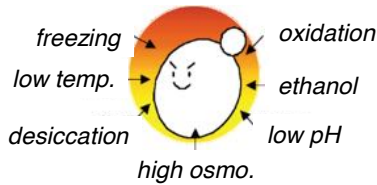


- Recognition and degradation of abnormal proteins by Rsp5
- Functional improvement of Ub-system (Rsp5)
- Regulation of the Rsp5 activity via phosphorylation



Breeding of novel stress-tolerant yeast strains with improved Ub-system

Contribution to biotechnology



Stress-tolerant industrial yeasts

< Expansion of yeast-related industry >

- Improvement of fermentation ability

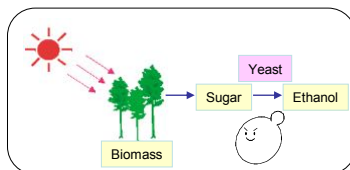
Efficient production of alcoholic beverages and breads



< Creation of yeast-based new industry >

- Improvement of compound productivity

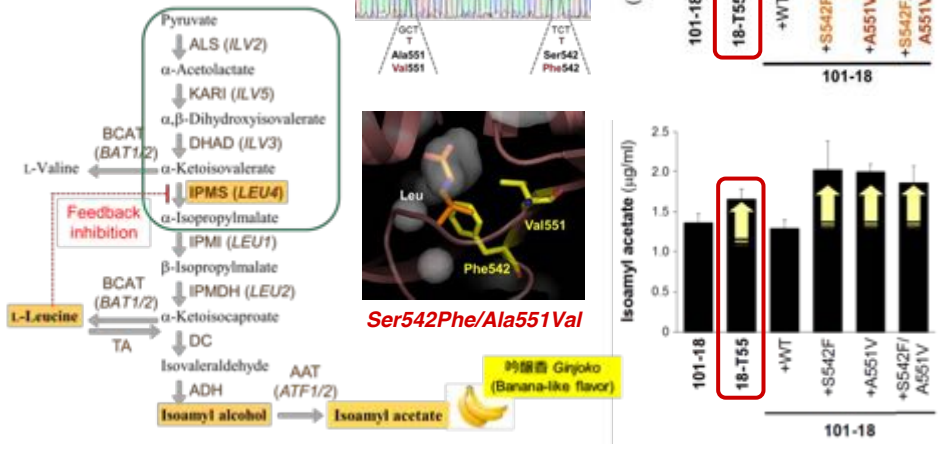
High production of bioethanol, amino acid and protein



Awamori yeasts that overproduce *leucine/isoamyl acetate*

(Takagi *et al.*, *J. Biosci. Bioeng.*, 119, 140, 2015)

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