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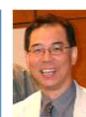
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7 Overseas
students !!

4 Postdocs, 1 Technician, 25 Students (DC 11/MC 14)



Microbial Bioscience

Screening (mutants, isolates)
Genomic information



Biochemistry & Physiology
Molecular Genetics & Cell Biology

Analysis and improvement of microbial functions

Gene engineering
Metabolic engineering



Protein engineering
Cell engineering

- Construction of useful microorganisms
- Production of valuable substances
- Development of promising technology

Food
Life



Environment
Energy

Application to Biotechnology

Yeast is an important microorganism as ...

Model for "Higher Eukaryotes"



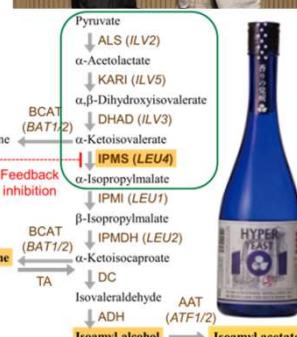
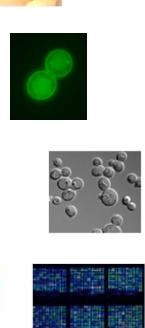
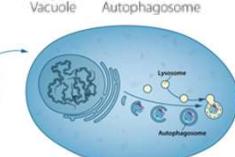
Autophagy

**Novel Prize winner
Dr. Y. Ohsumi**

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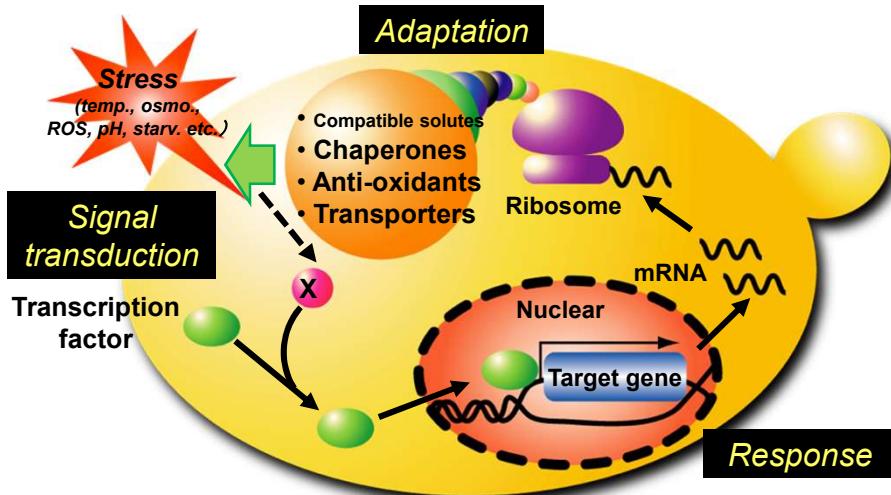
**Alcohol beverage
brewed by my Yeast**

Good "Ethanol Producer"



The budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Cellular response and adaptation to environmental stresses



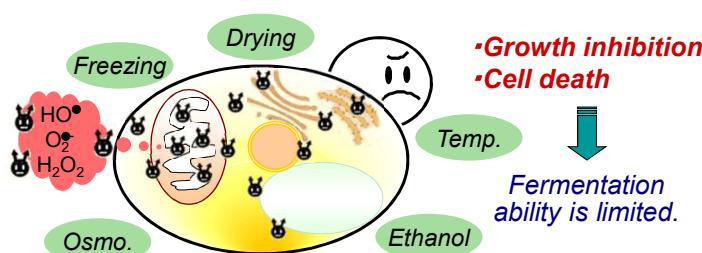
Industrial yeast strains

Breads Alcoholic beverages Bioethanol

Multiple severe stresses

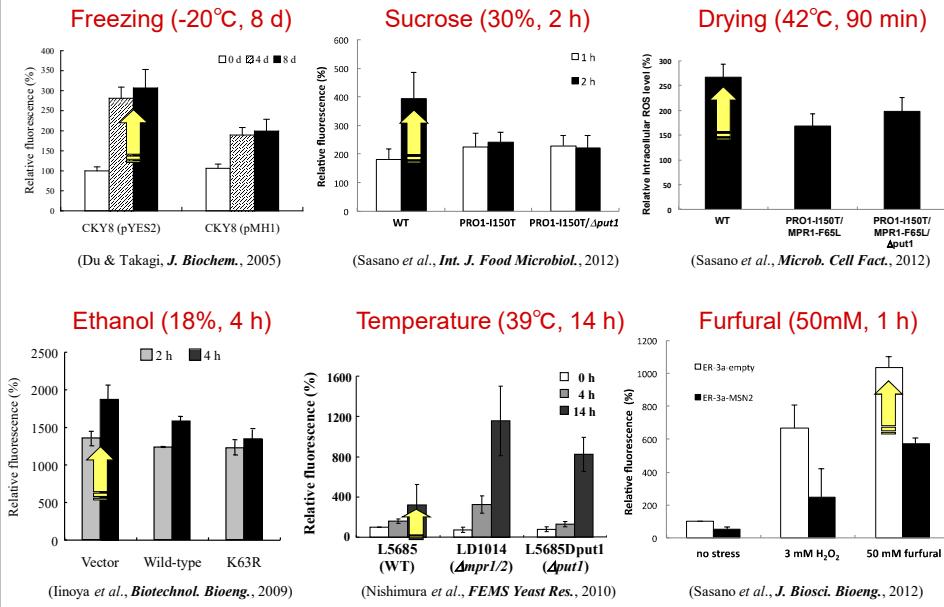


ROS generation

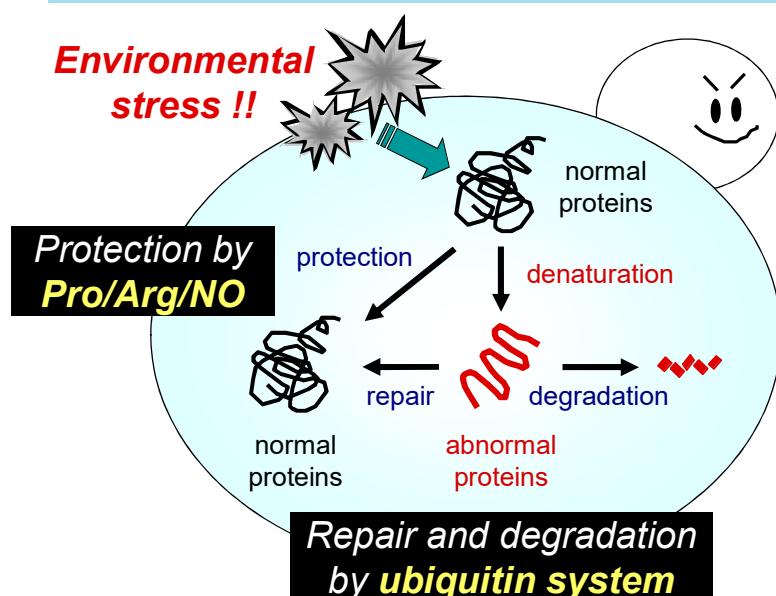


Stress tolerance is the key for yeast cells.

Yeast cells are exposed to oxidative stress.



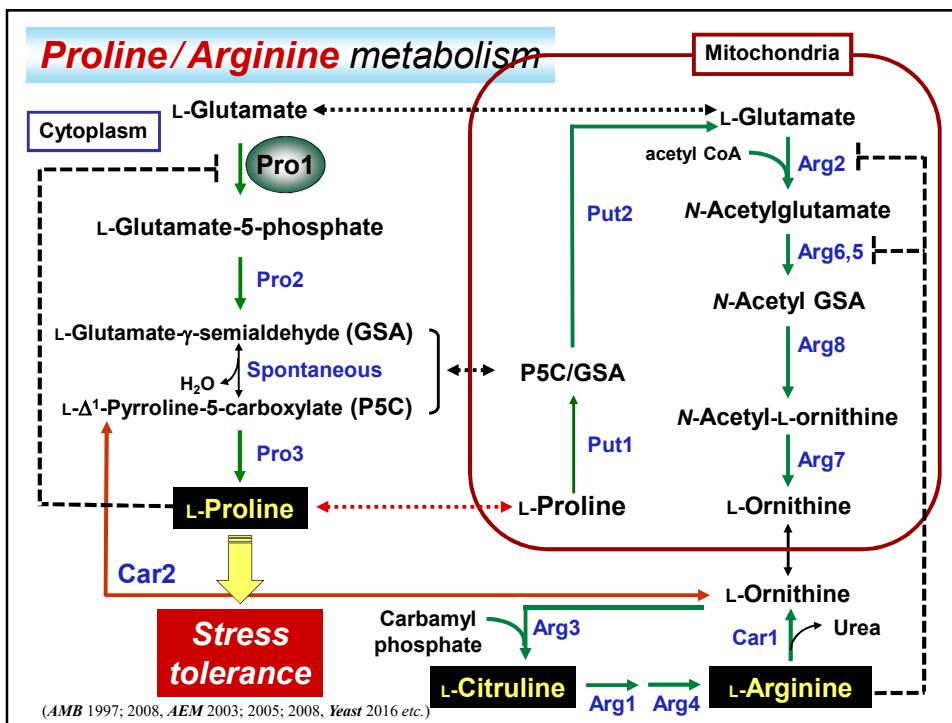
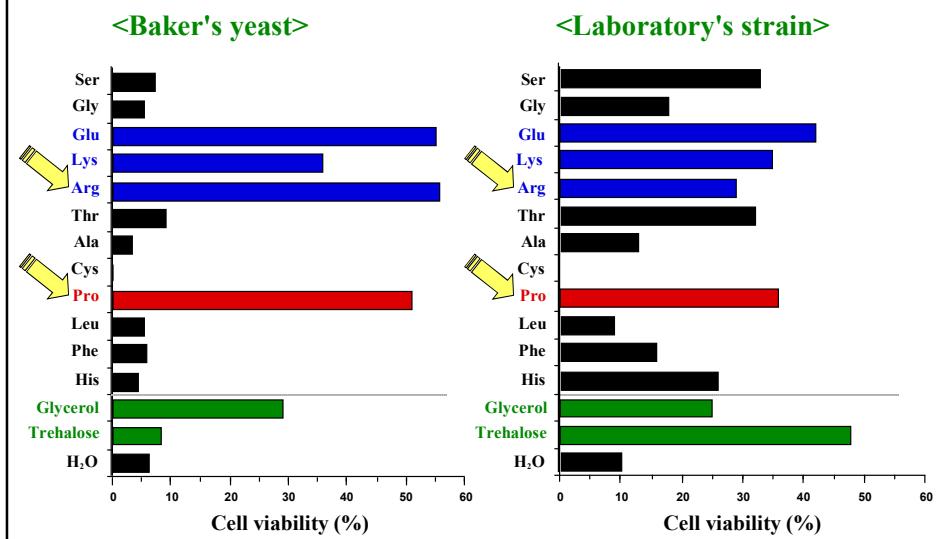
Novel stress-tolerant mechanisms in yeast



Proline has a cryoprotective activity.

(Takagi *et al.*, *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, **47**, 405, 1997)

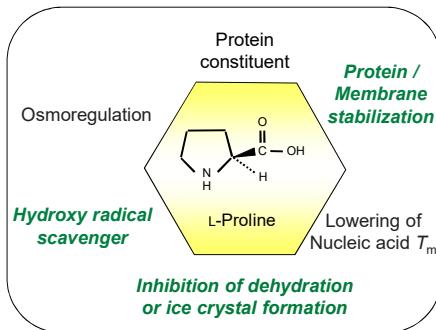
Effect of amino acids on yeast cells exposed to freezing



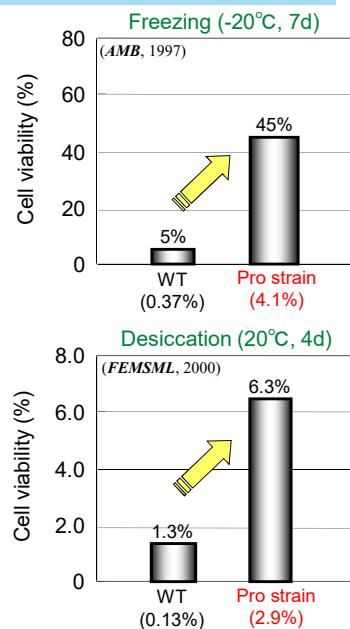
Proline confers stress tolerance on yeast cells.

- 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.

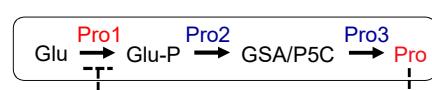


Pro1 variants with enhanced proline-synthetic activity

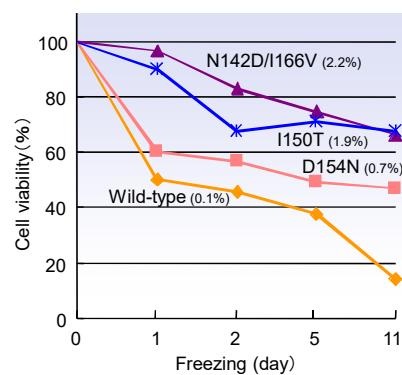
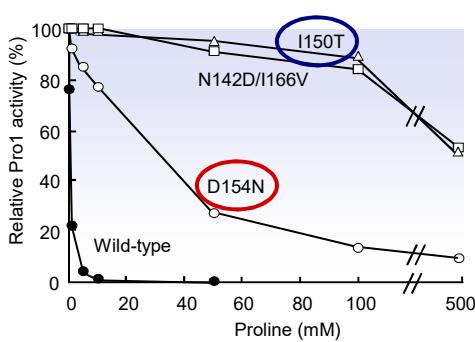
(Sekine et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 73, 4011, 2007)

γ -Glutamyl kinase (Pro1)

the rate-limiting enzyme
in proline synthesis

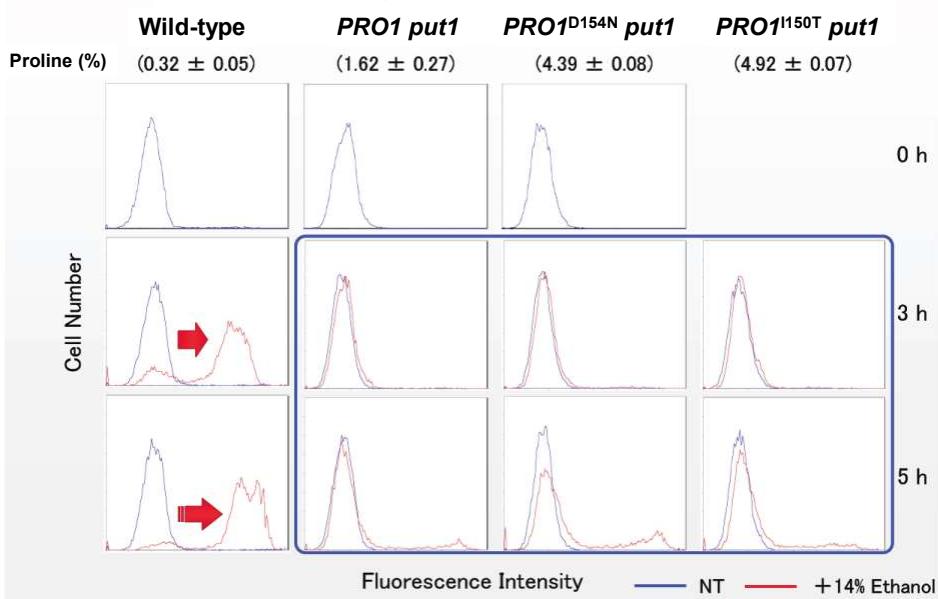


PCR random mutagenesis in *PRO1* → Isolation of AZC-resistant clones



Intracellular proline reduces ROS level.

(Takagi et al., Yeast, 33, 355, 2016)



Baking-associated stresses

Baking industry: 140 Billion JPY
Baker's yeast: 20 Billion JPY

Air-dry stress
(For dried yeast making)



Moisture 4 - 8%

Freezing stress
(For frozen dough baking)



Freezing at -20°C

High-sucrose stress
(For sweet bread baking)



Sucrose conc. 30%

ROS “Oxidative stress” ROS

Decrease fermentation ability

Stress tolerance is important for baker's yeast.

Proline increased fermentation ability in frozen dough.

(Kaino et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 74, 5845, 2008)

bread dough

bread-making flour	100 g
yeast (66% moisture basis)	4 g
sucrose	5 g
NaCl	2 g
water	68 ml

CO₂ gas production

prefermentation (30°C, 120 min)

freezing (-20°C, 9 days)

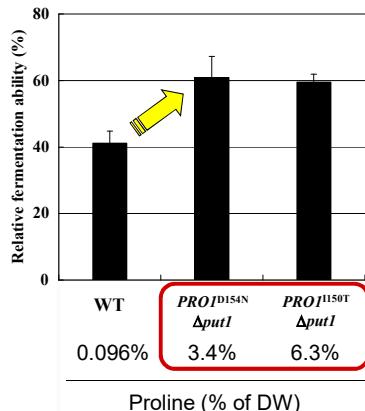
thawing (30°C, 30 min)

CO₂ gas production



with Dr. Shima (NFR)

Freezing stress tolerance test



also in sweet dough and after air-drying.

(Sasano et al., *Int. J. Food Microbiol.*, 138, 181, 2010; 152, 40, 2012)

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 !!

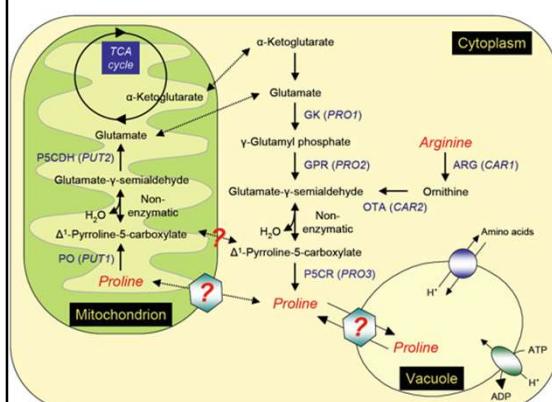
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< Current projects >

- 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



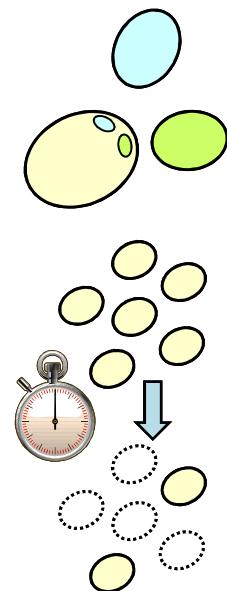
Lifespan of yeast cells

Relicative lifespan

- Is defined as the number of daughter cells produced from a mother cell before dying (Ave. 25).
- Is similar to the aging of mitotically active cells in multicellular organisms.
➤ fibroblast, epithelium etc.

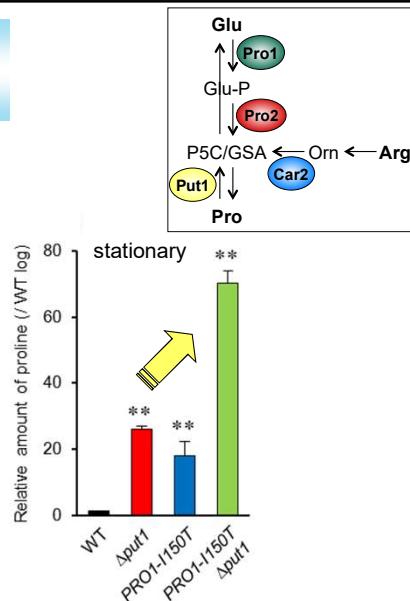
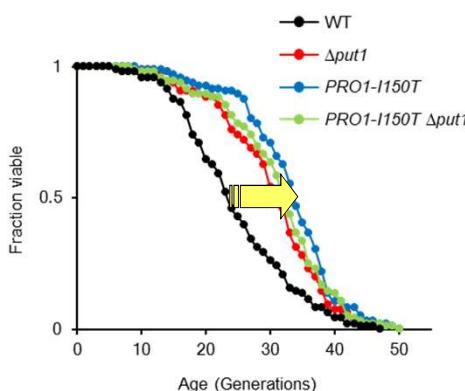
Chronological lifespan

- Is defined as the time non-dividing cells in a stationary phase culture remain viable.
- Is proposed as a model for the aging of post-mitotic tissues in mammals.
➤ nerve cell, myocardial cell etc.



Proline metabolism regulates replicative lifespan.

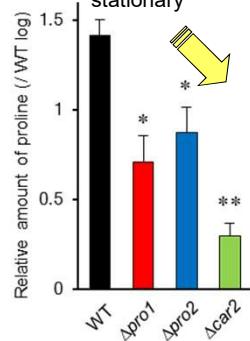
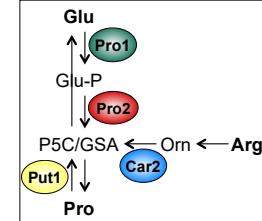
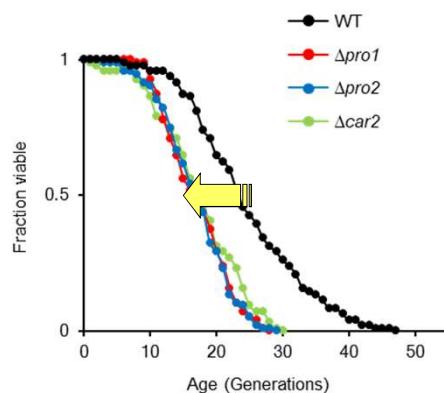
(Mukai et al., *Microbial Cell*, 7, 482, 2019)



Extended replicative lifespan observed in yeast cells with increased proline content

Proline metabolism regulates replicative lifespan.

(Mukai et al., *Microbial Cell*, 7, 482, 2019)



Shortened replicative lifespan observed in yeast cells with reduced proline content

Application to industrial yeasts

Reproductive lifespan



Chronological lifespan

Air-dry stress
(For dried yeast making)

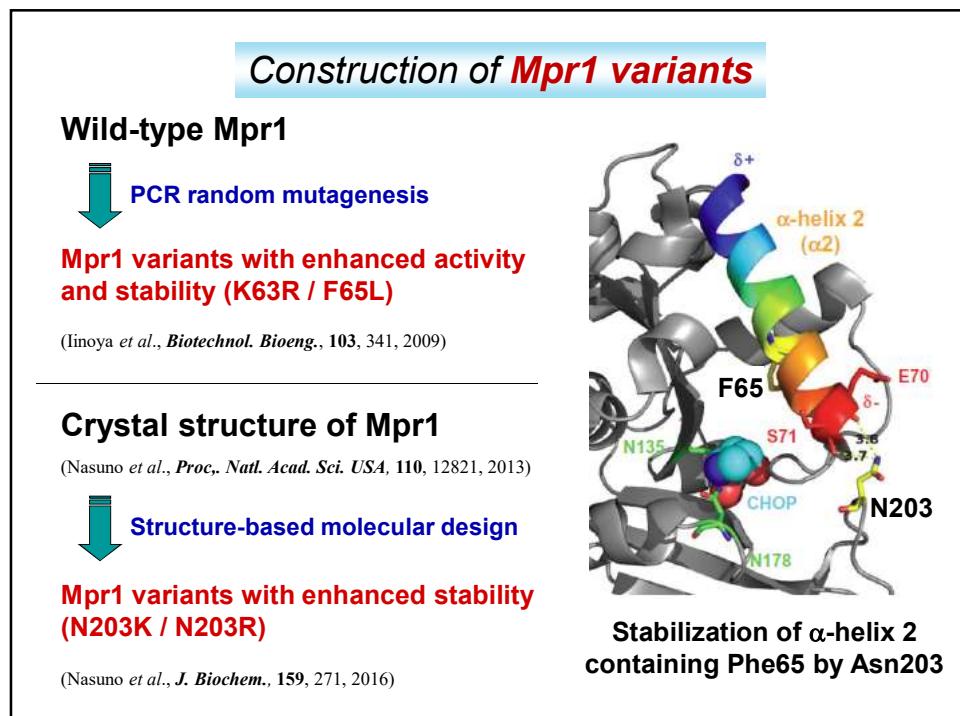
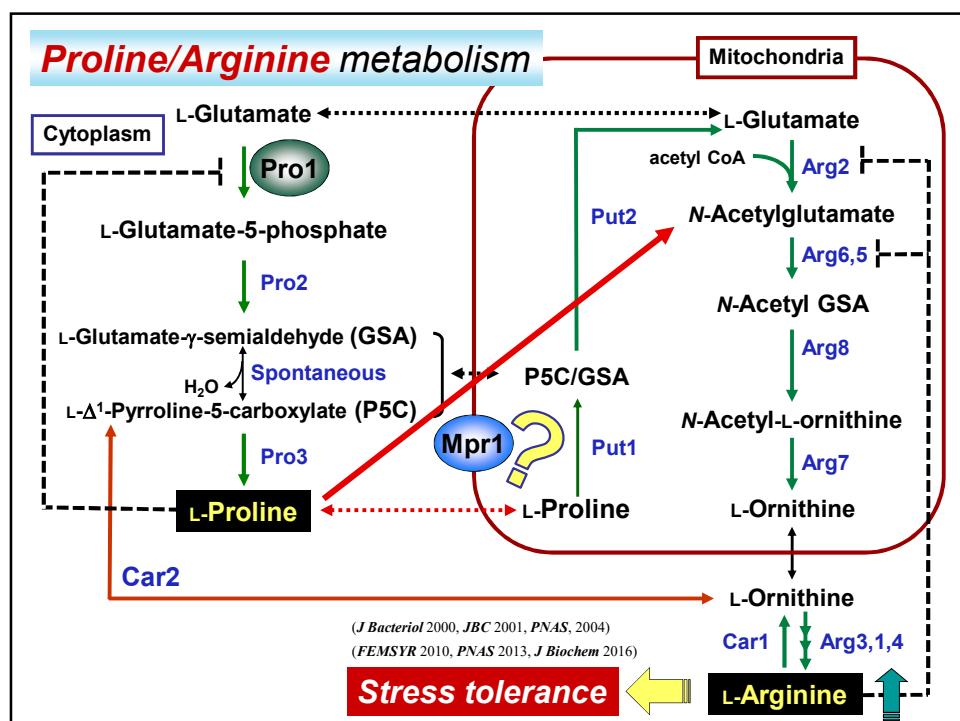


Baker's yeast

Freezing stress
(For frozen dough baking)

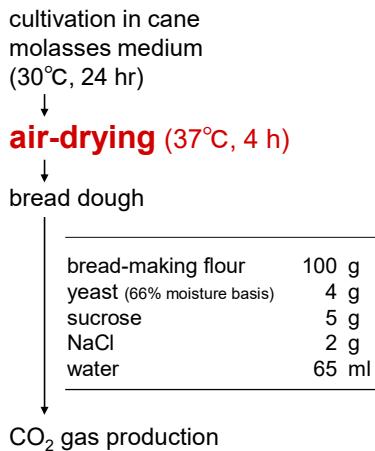


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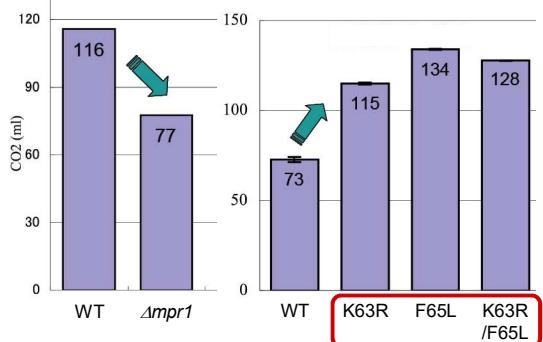


Self-cloning baker's yeasts that express *Mpr1* variant

(Sasano et al., *Int. J. Food Microbiol.*, 138, 181, 2010)



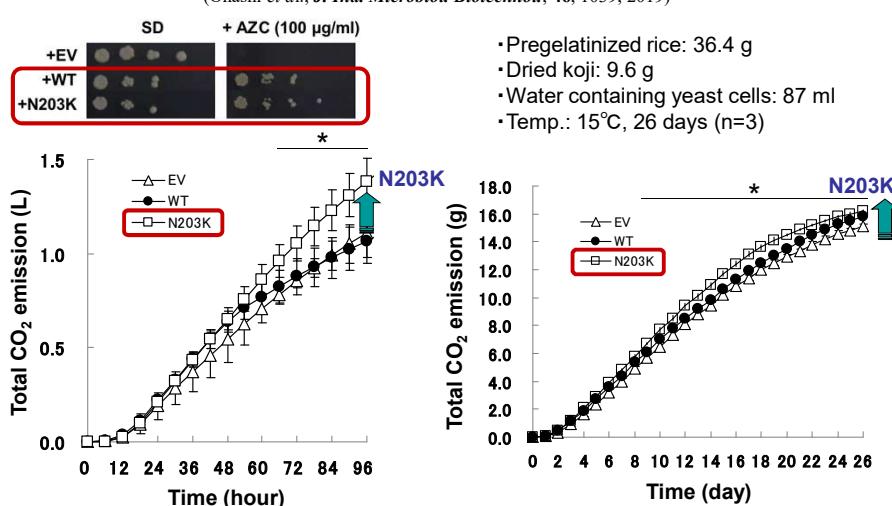
Air-drying tolerance test



Increased fermentation ability after air-drying stress

Sake yeasts that express *Mpr1* variant

(Ohashi et al., *J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, 46, 1039, 2019)



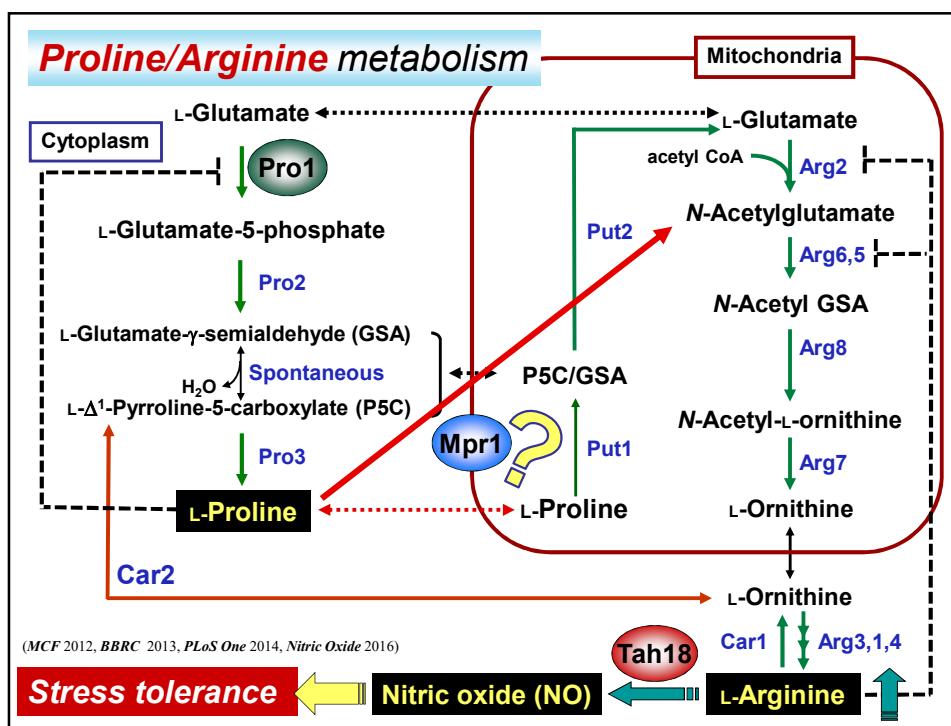
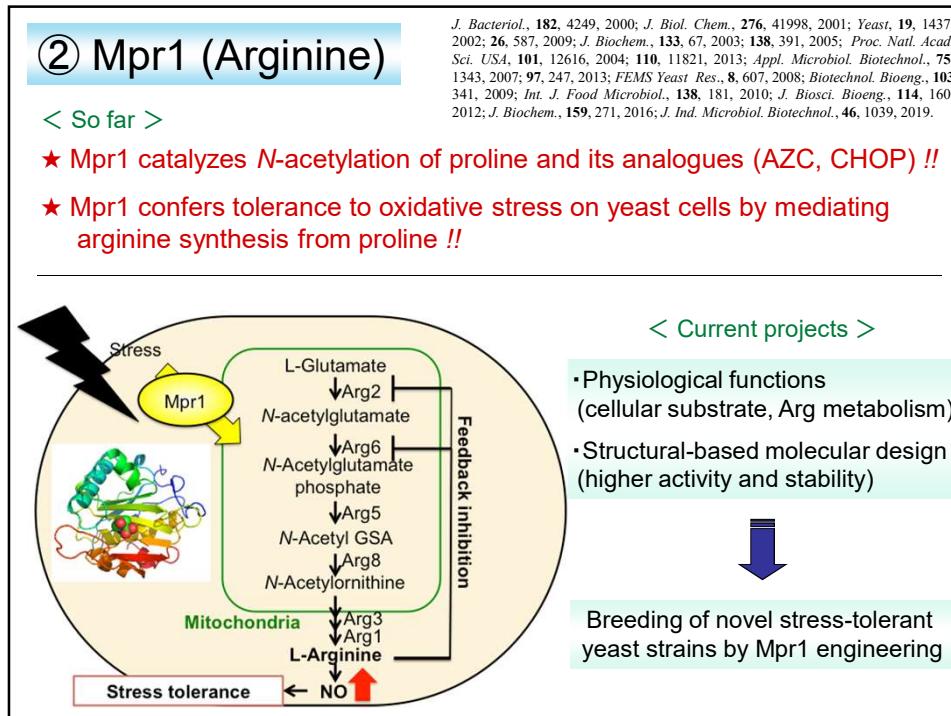
② Mpr1 (Arginine)

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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 !!

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; *J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, **46**, 1039, 2019.



Role and synthesis of NO in organisms

1992: Science
“Molecule of the Year”
1998: Nobel Prize
Drs. Murad, Ignarro, Furchtgott



Toxic air pollutant (exhaust gas, photochemical smog, greenhouse gas, acid rain)

Mammals: blood pressure regulation, neural transmission, infection, inflammation etc. **NOS**

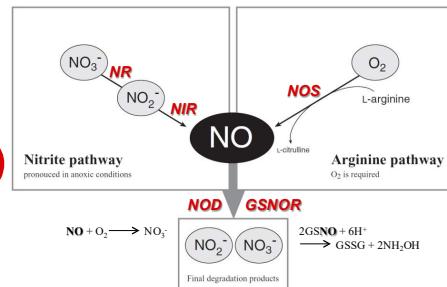
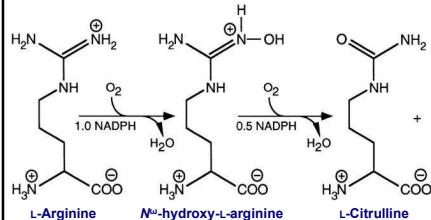
Plants, Algae: germination, stomata regulation, pathogen response, drought tolerance etc. **NR**

Bacteria: biofilm formation, antibiotic resistance, radiation resistance, antioxidation etc. **NR/NOS**

Fungi: nitrate respiration, conidiation, infection etc. **NIR**

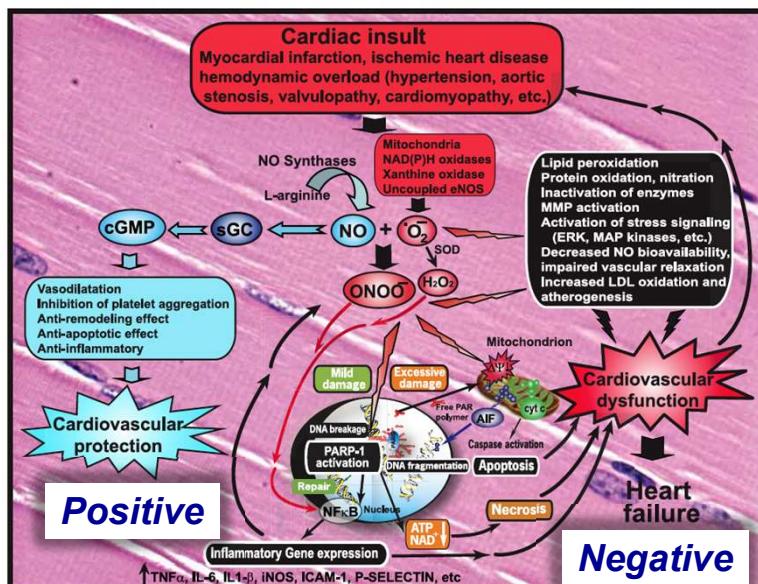
Yeasts: high hydrostatic pressure resistance, copper resistance etc. **?**

NO Synthase (NOS)



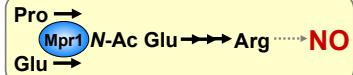
(Yamasaki, *Plant Cell Environ.*, 2005)

Dual effects of NO in organisms

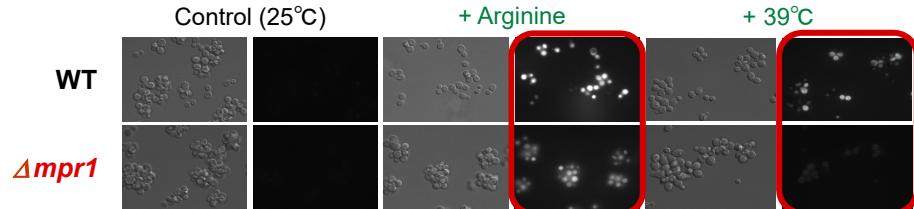


(Pacher et al., *Physiol. Rev.*, 2007)

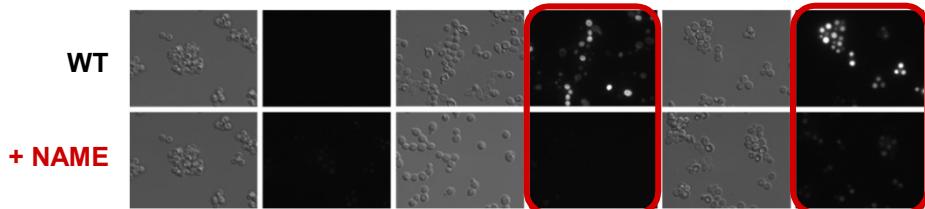
High-temp. stress induces NOS activity-dependent NO synthesis.



NO-sensitive probe: Diaminofluorescein (DAF)-FM diacetate



NOS inhibitor: *N*^G-Nitro-L-arginine methyl ester (NAME)

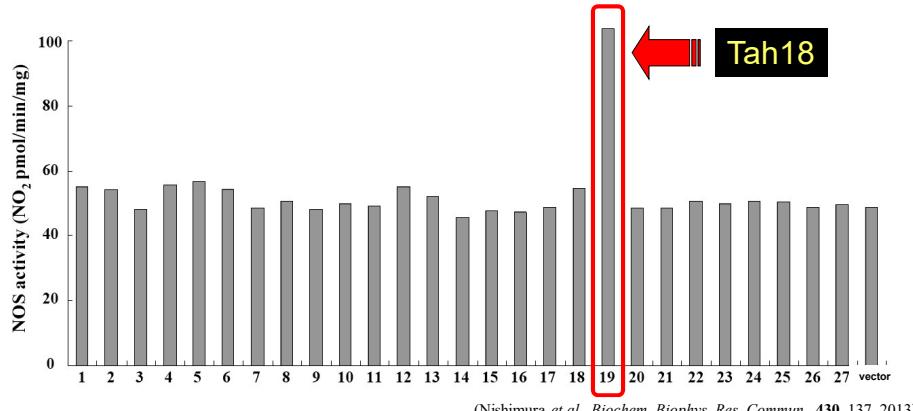


What is the NOS-like protein in yeast ??

No mammalian NOS orthologues in the genome

Oxidoreductase genes: 275 → Unknown genes 27

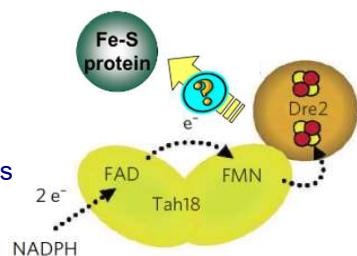
Gene expression in *E. coli* → NO₂⁻ production in crude extract



Tah18 is an essential flavoprotein.

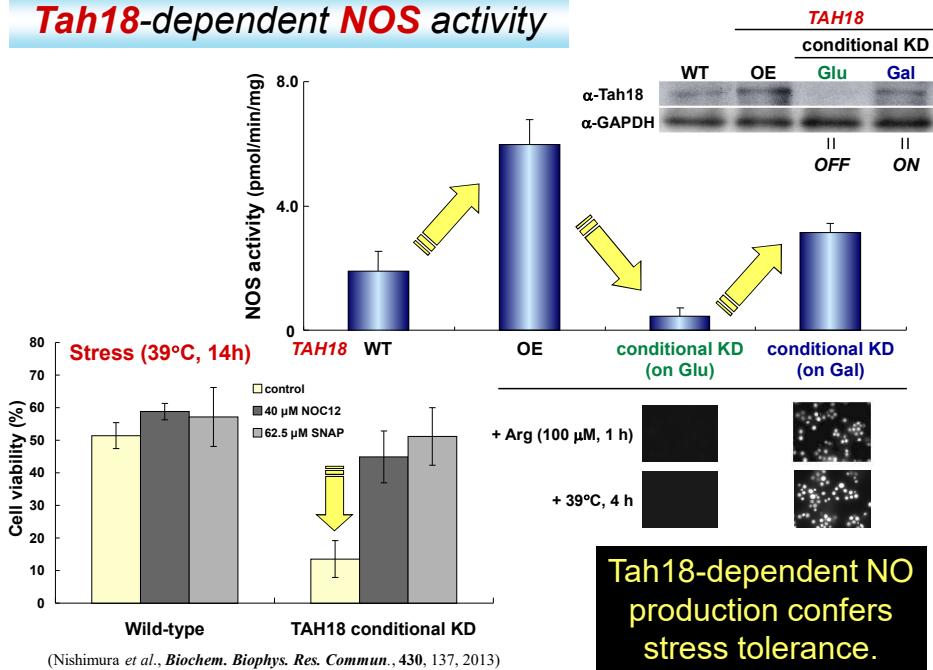
Tah18

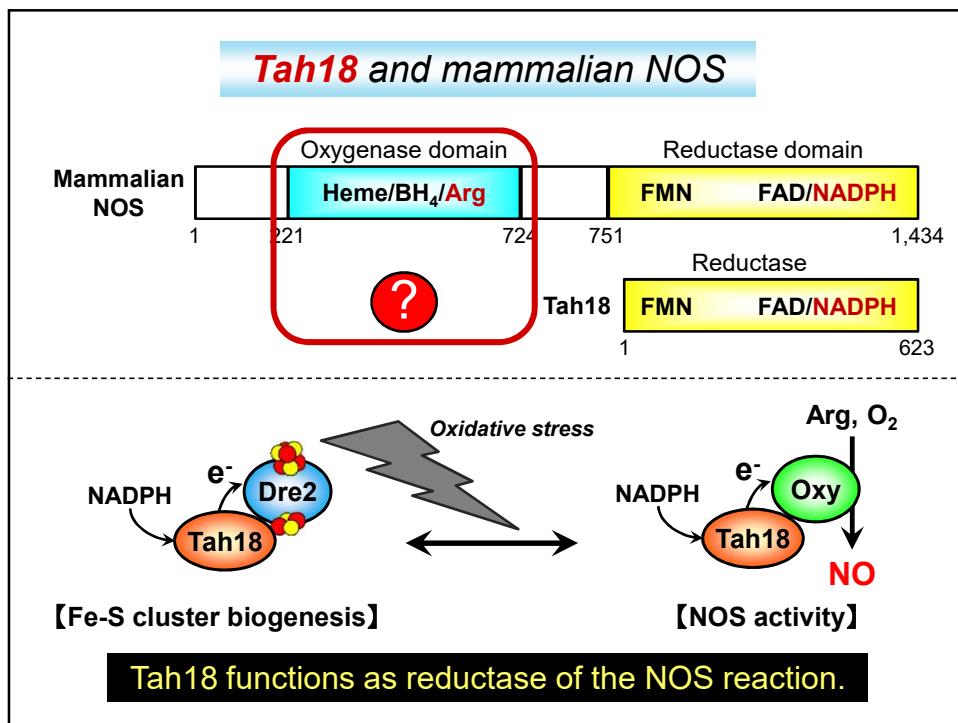
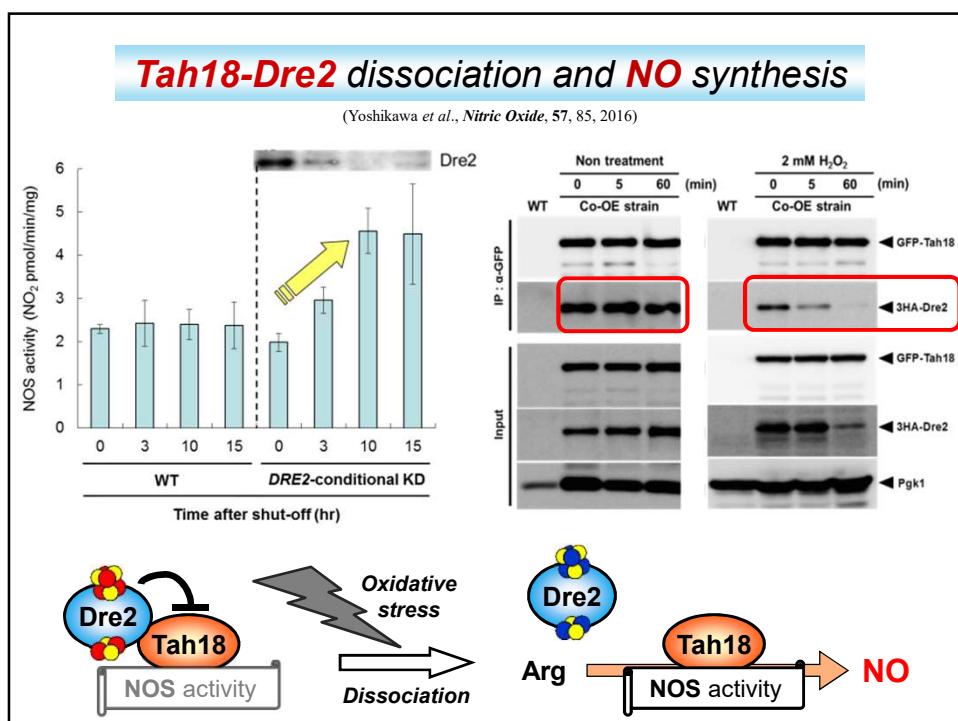
- { promotes oxidative stress-induced cell death
(Vernis et al., *PLoS ONE*, **4**, e4376, 2009)
- { is involved in cytosolic Fe-S protein biogenesis
(Netz et al., *Nat. Chem. Biol.*, **6**, 758, 2010)

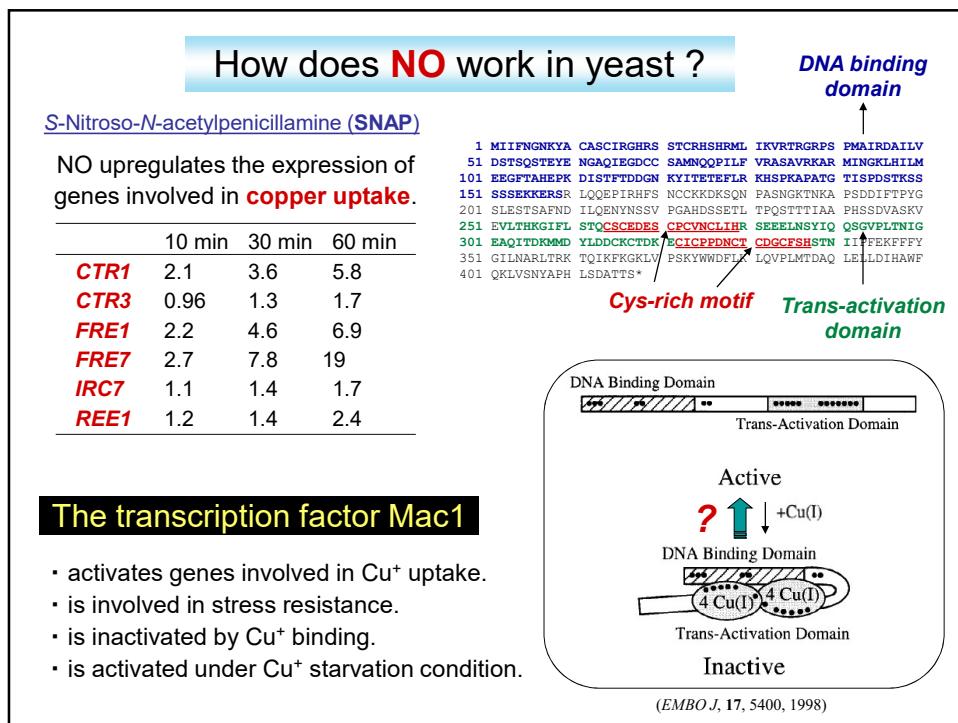
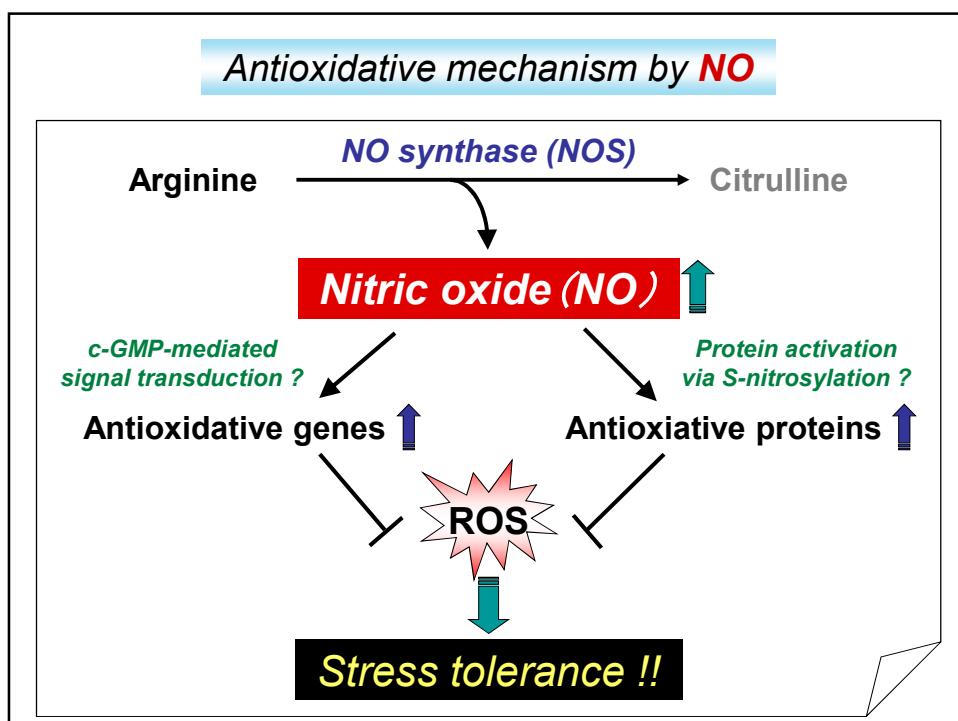


Redox center(s)	Electron acceptor	Reductase
[2Fe-2S]/[4Fe-4S]	Dre2 [FMN] [FAD]	Tah18 623 aa
Heme	CYP450 [FMN] [FAD]	CPR 677 aa
Co ²⁺	Cobalamin MS [FMN] [FAD]	MSR 698 aa
Heme	NOS1 [FMN] [FAD]	NOS1 1,434 aa

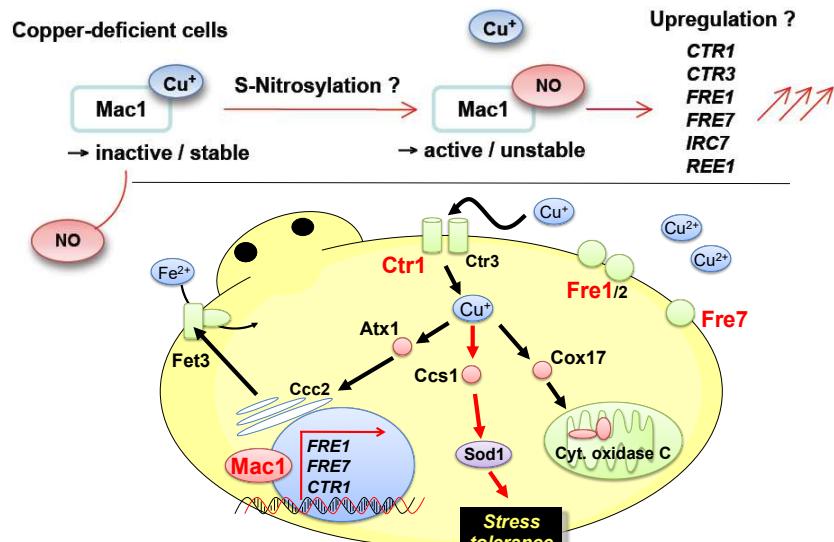
Tah18-dependent NOS activity







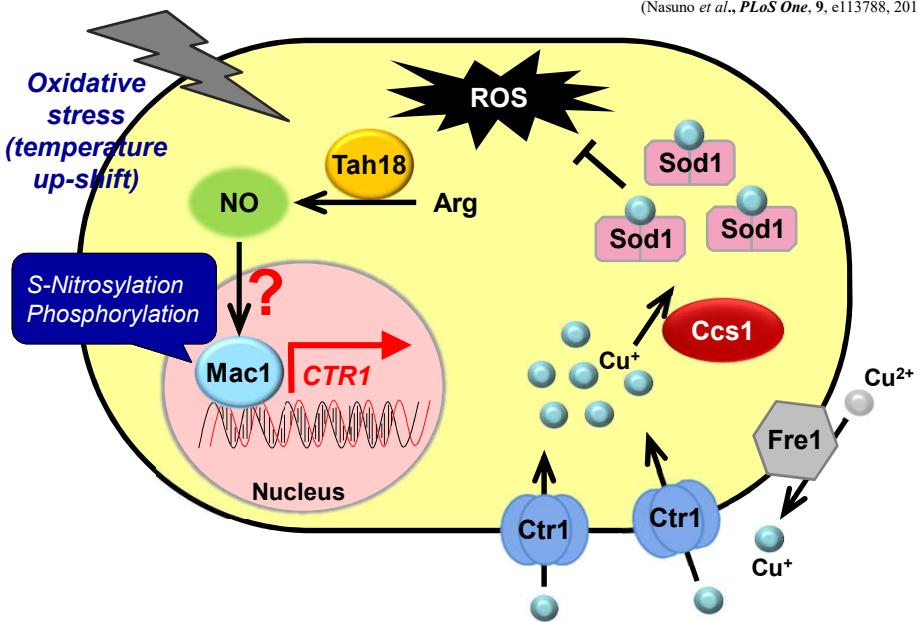
Proposed model for NO-mediated Mac1 activation



Can NO directly modify Cys in Mac1 via S-nitrosylation ?

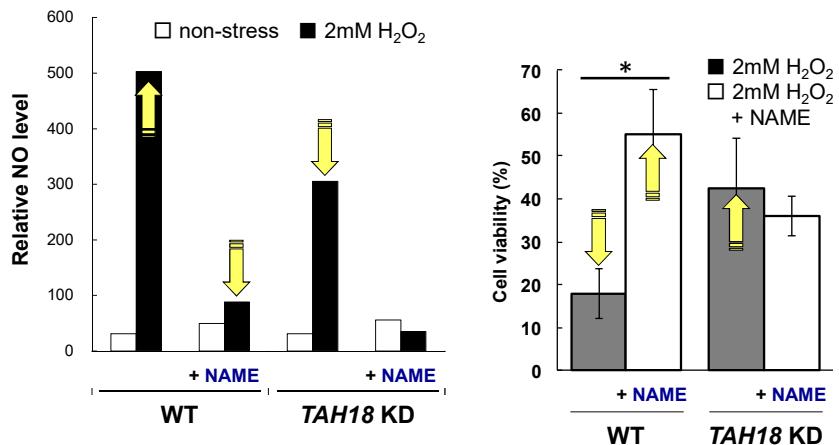
NO-mediated antioxidative mechanism in yeast

(Nasuno et al., *PLoS One*, 9, e113788, 2014)



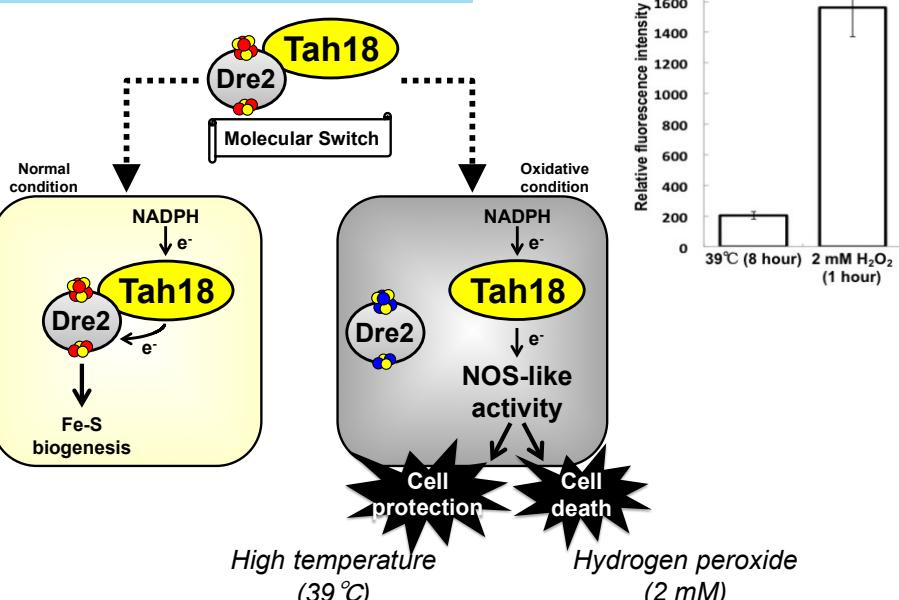
NO induces cell death at high level of H_2O_2

NOS inhibitor: N^G -Nitro-L-arginine methyl ester (NAME)



(Yoshikawa *et al.*, *Nitric Oxide*, 57, 85, 2016)

Dual effects of NO in yeast



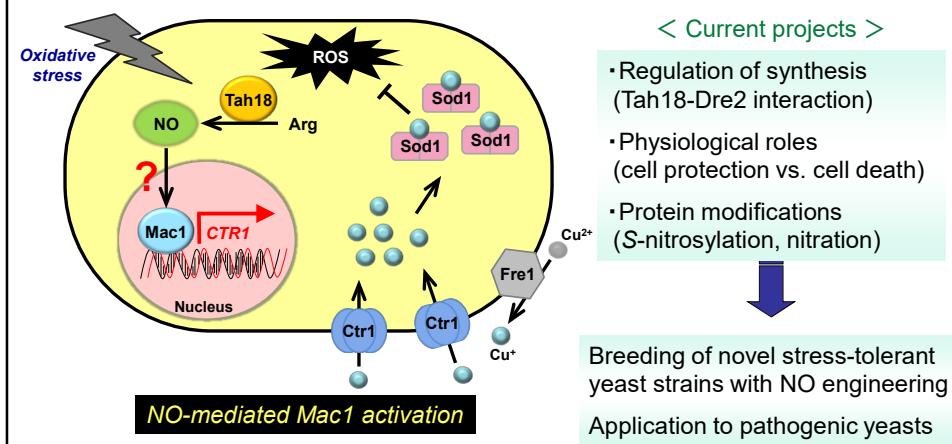
(Astuti *et al.*, *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, 100, 9483, 2016)

③ Nitric oxide

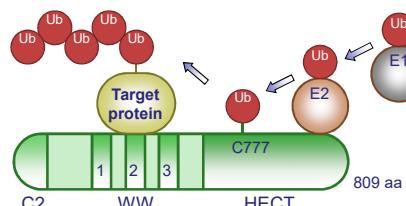
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★ NO is produced from Arg through the Tah18-dependent activity !!

★ NO confers oxidative stress tolerance on yeast cells by enhancing Sod1 activity through the activation of Mac1 !!

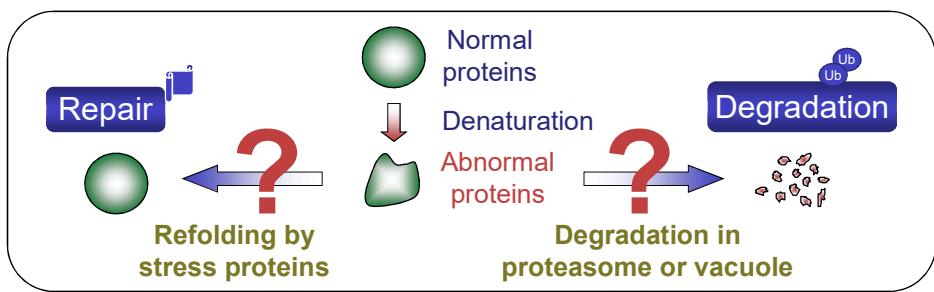


Rsp5 is an essential E3 ubiquitin ligase.



Rsp5 participates in many events through ubiquitination of target proteins;

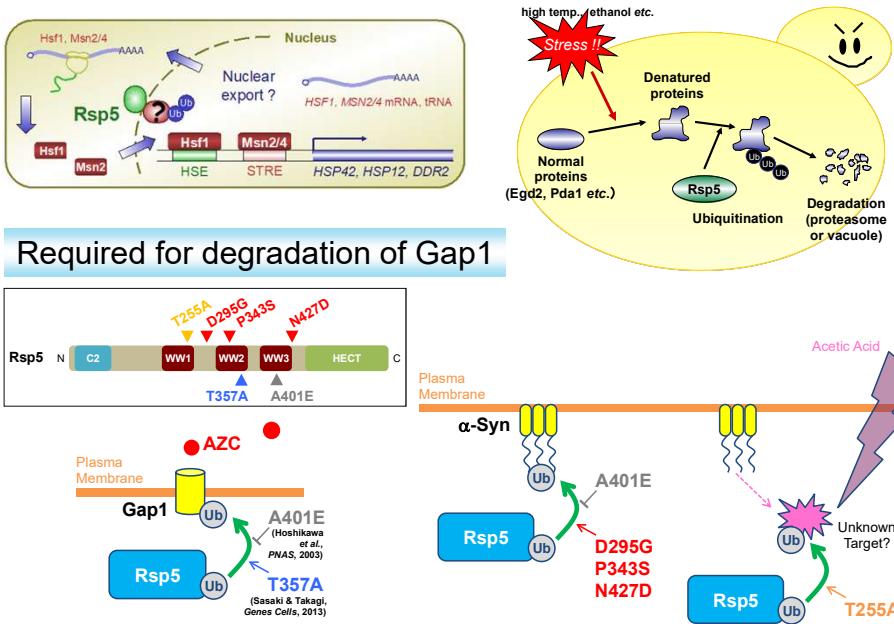
endocytosis of plasma membrane permeases, mitochondrial inheritance, degradation of the large subunit of RNA pol. II, biosynthesis of unsaturated fatty acids, actin cytoskeleton organization, sporulation, ER-associated degradation etc.



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

Rsp5

Involved in repair / degradation of abnormal proteins



④ Ubiquitin system

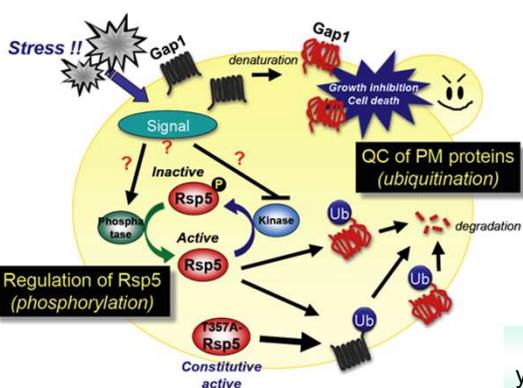
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- ★ Rsp5 is involved in quality control of plasma membrane proteins !!
- ★ Rsp5 activity is regulated by phosphorylation of a conserved Thr357 !!

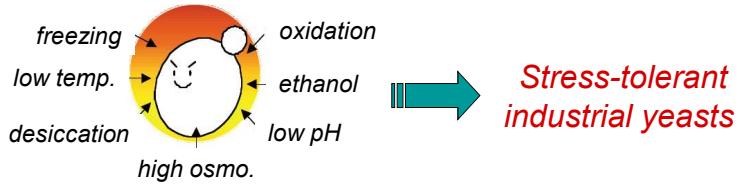
< Current projects >

- 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



<Expansion of yeast-related industry>

- Improvement of fermentation ability

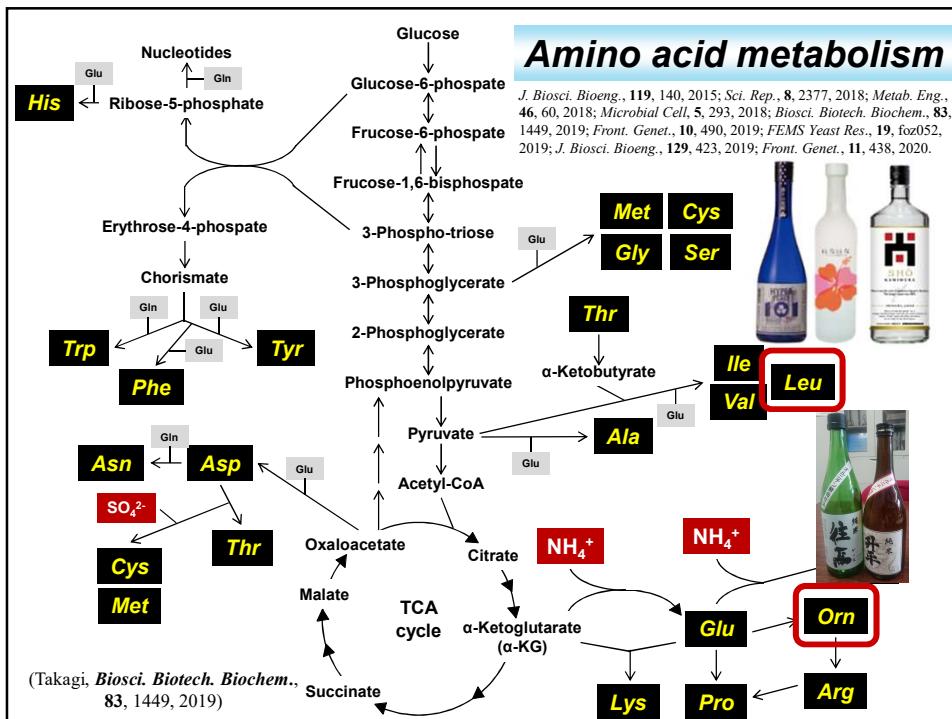
Efficient production of alcoholic beverages and breads

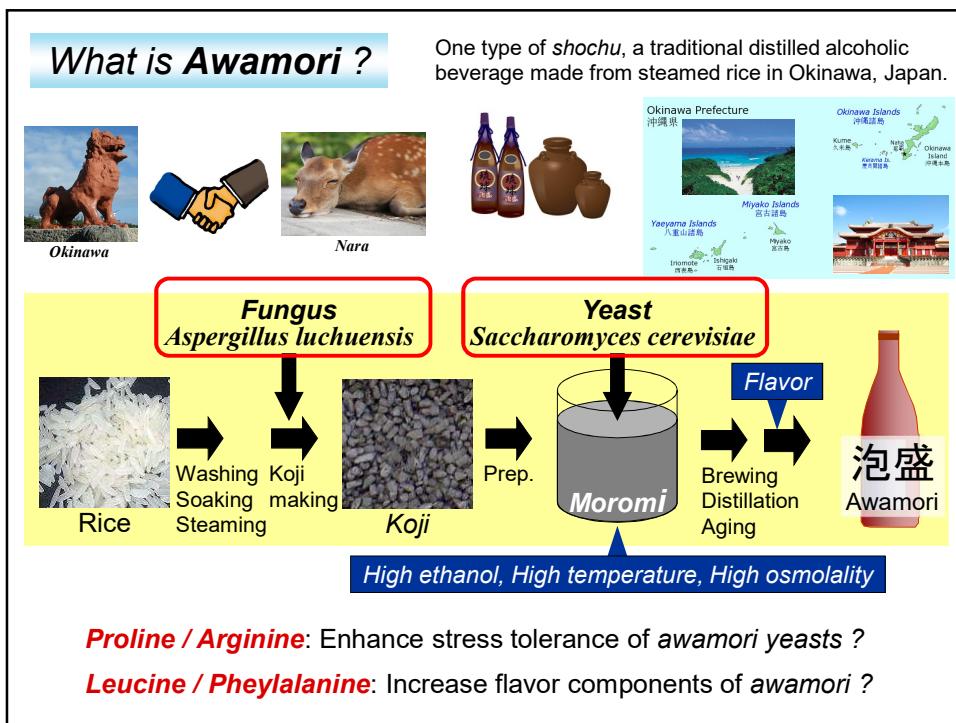
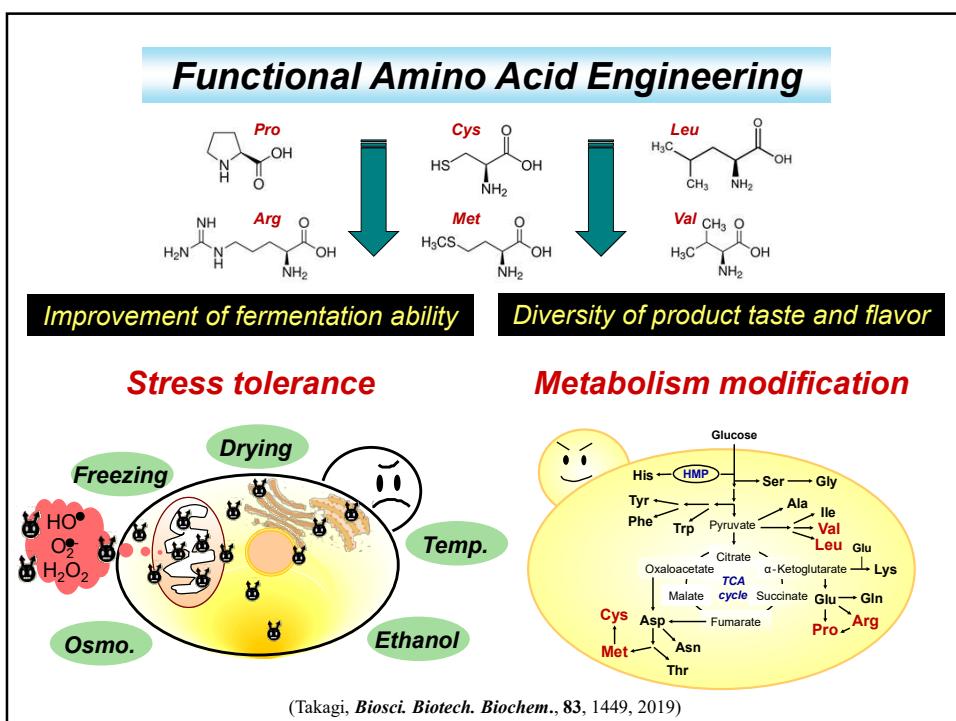


<Creation of yeast-based new industry>

- Improvement of compound productivity

High production of bioethanol, amino acid and protein

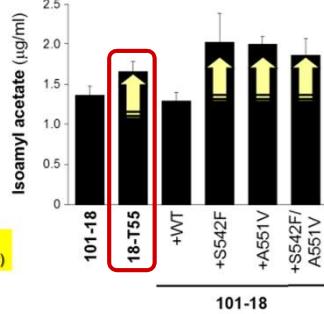
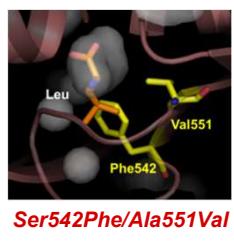
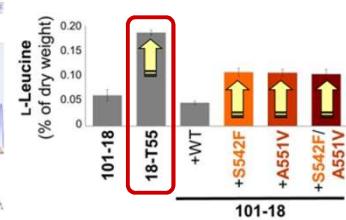
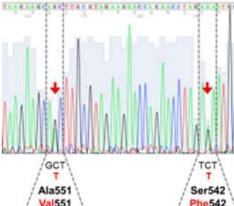
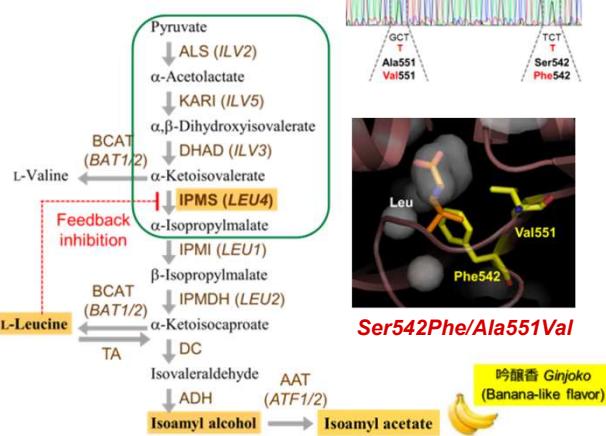




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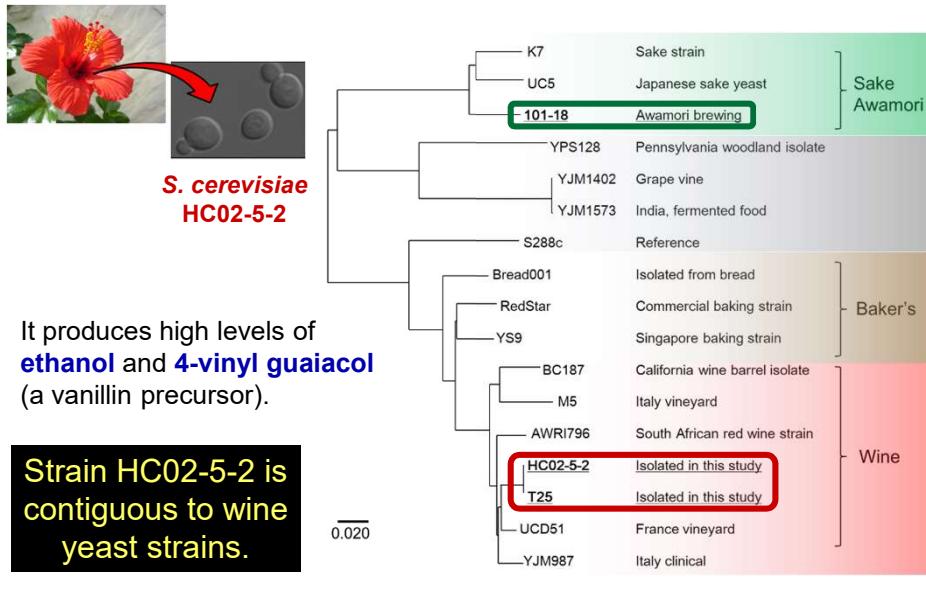
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