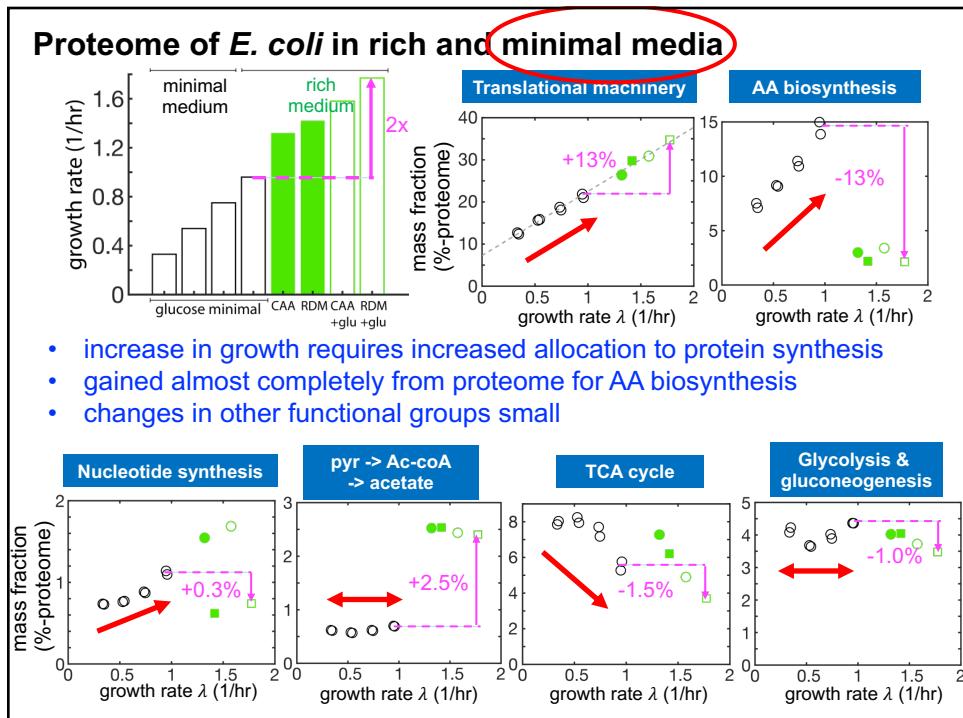


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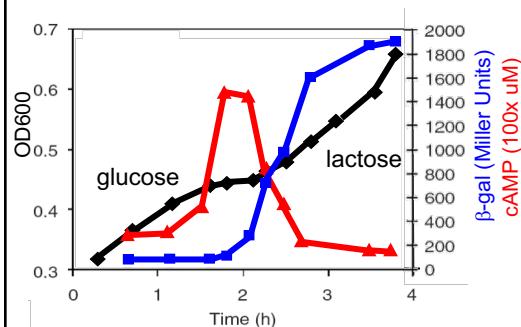
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## Topic 7: Catabolite repression & carbon hierarchy

- glucose effect: ability of glucose to inhibit the synthesis of certain enzymes
  - all glucose-sensitive enzymes can convert their substrates to metabolites which can also be obtained more readily by the metabolism of glucose
- “catabolites” formed rapidly from glucose would accumulate and repress the formation of enzymes whose activity would augment the already large intracellular pools of these compounds [B. Magasanik, 1961]

carbon hierarchy (e.g., glucose-lactose diauxie)

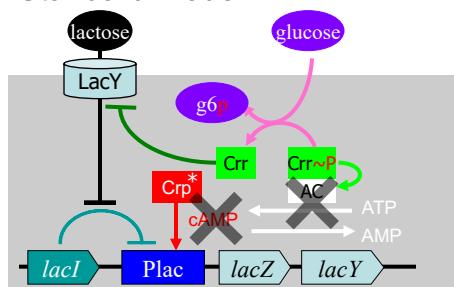
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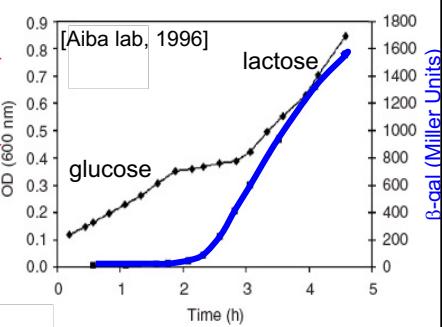
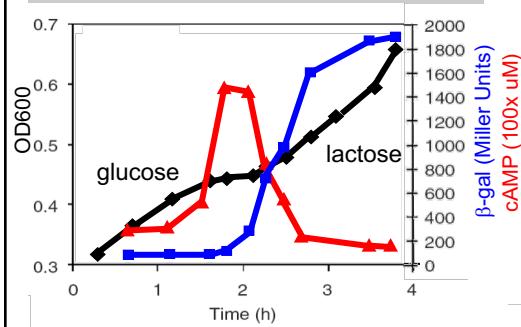
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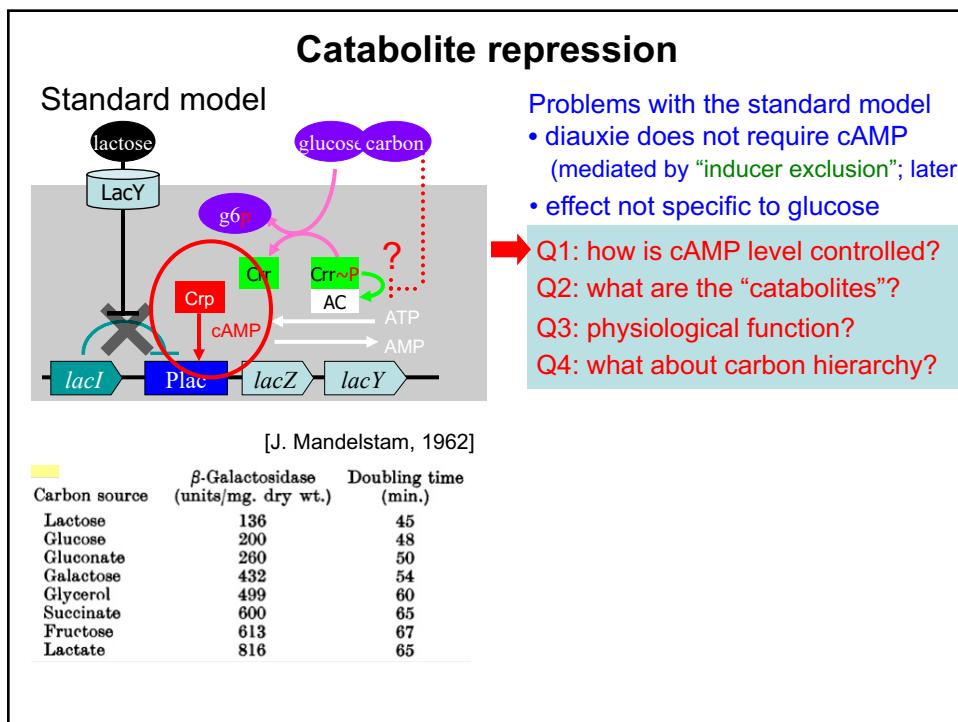


### Problems with the standard model

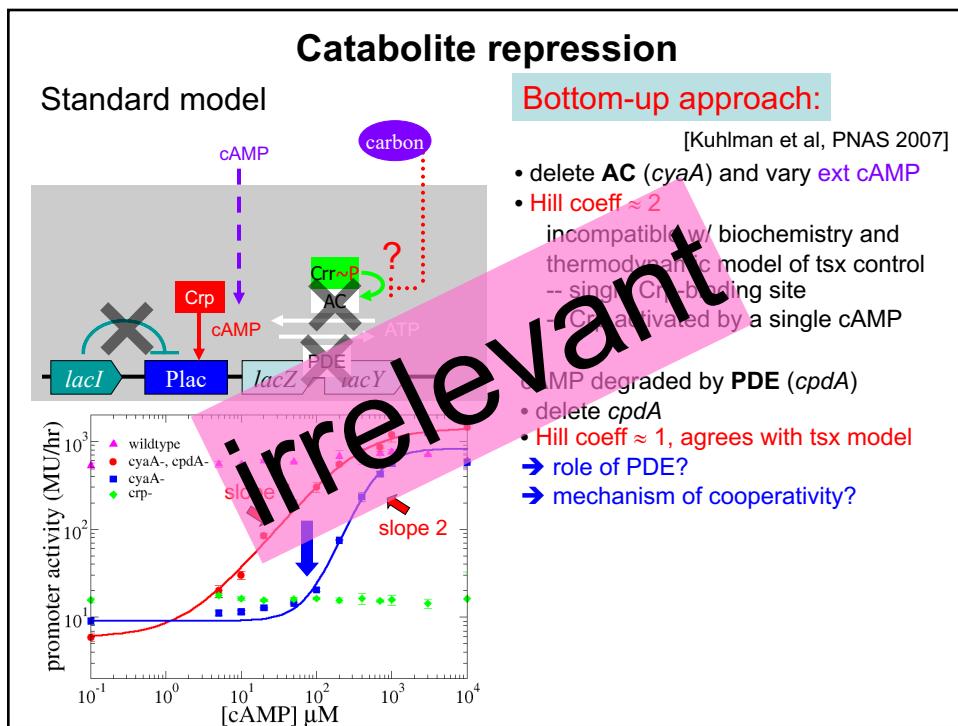
- diauxie does not require cAMP (mediated by “inducer exclusion”; later)



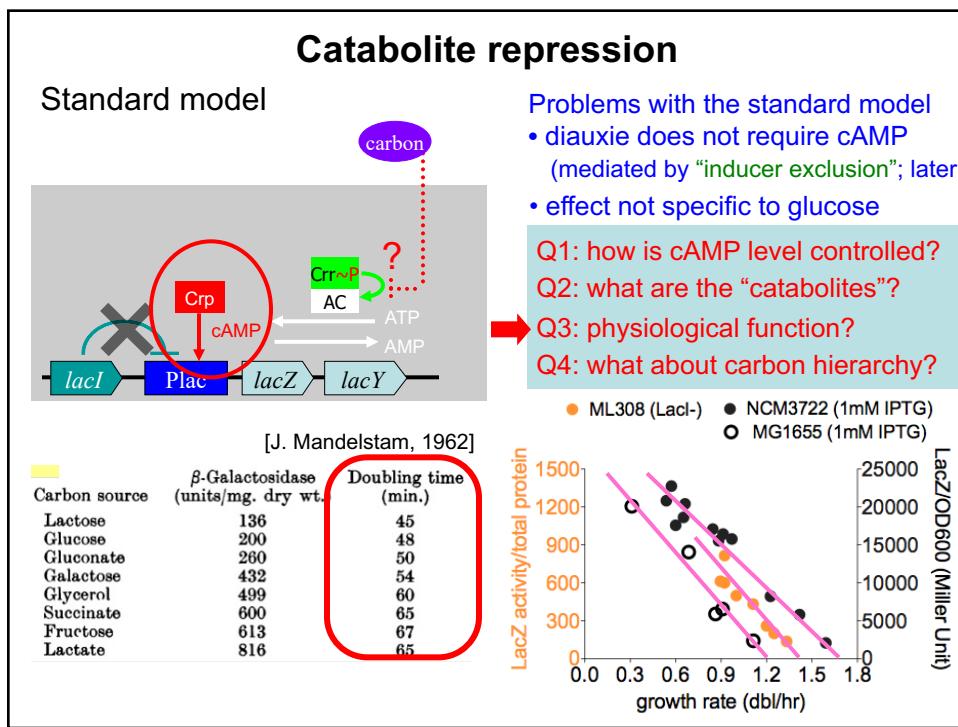
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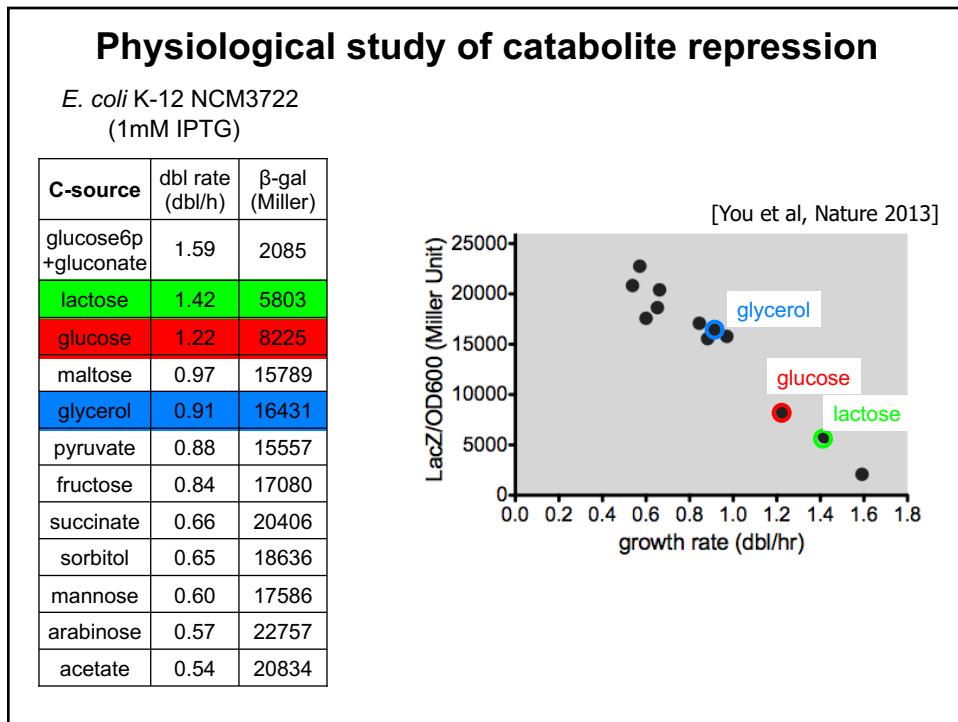
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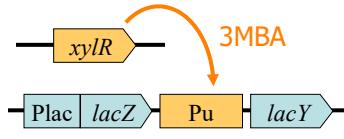


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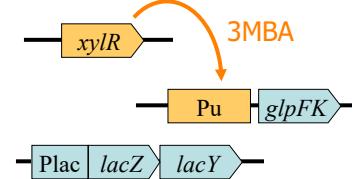
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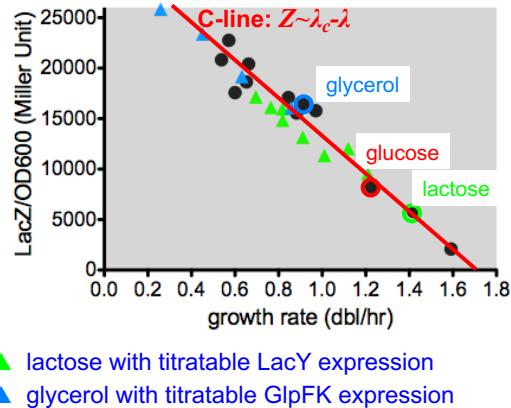


→ Up-regulation in response to reduced C-flux

Q: what about other types of growth limitation?

no effect according to known regulation

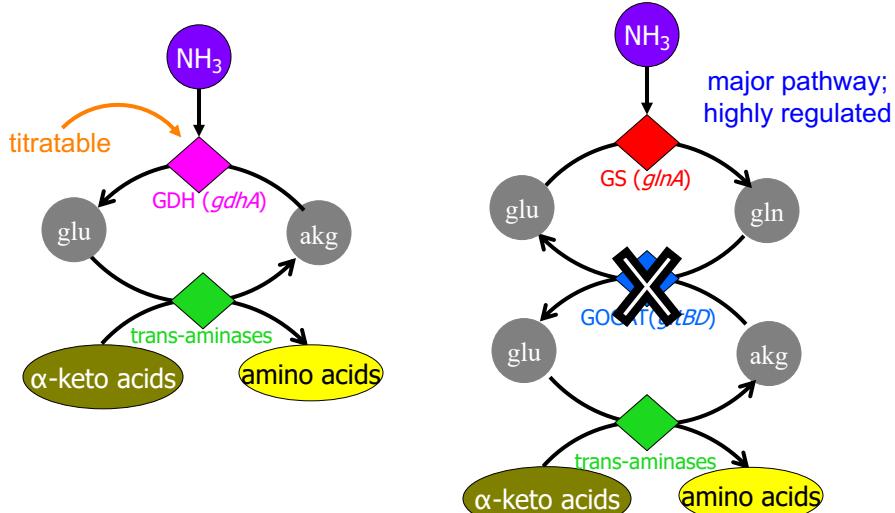
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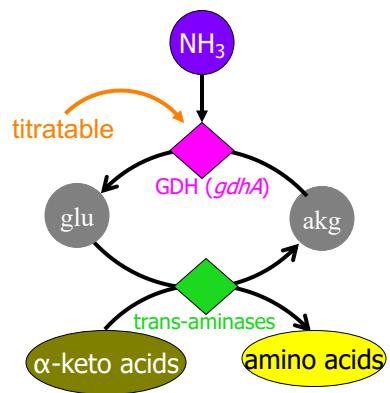
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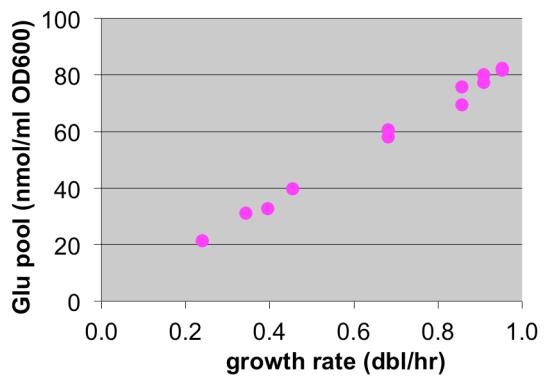
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$\Delta$ GOGAT with titratable GDH: Glu limitation

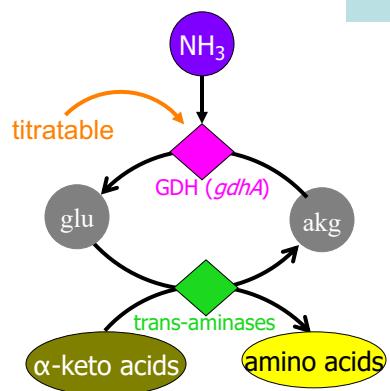


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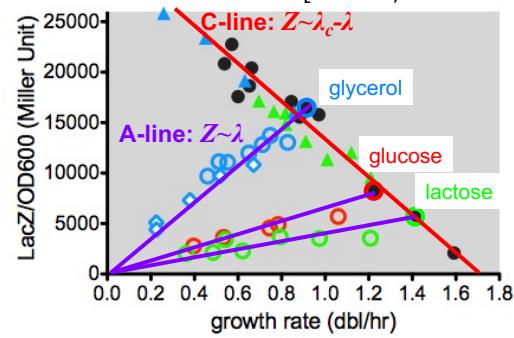
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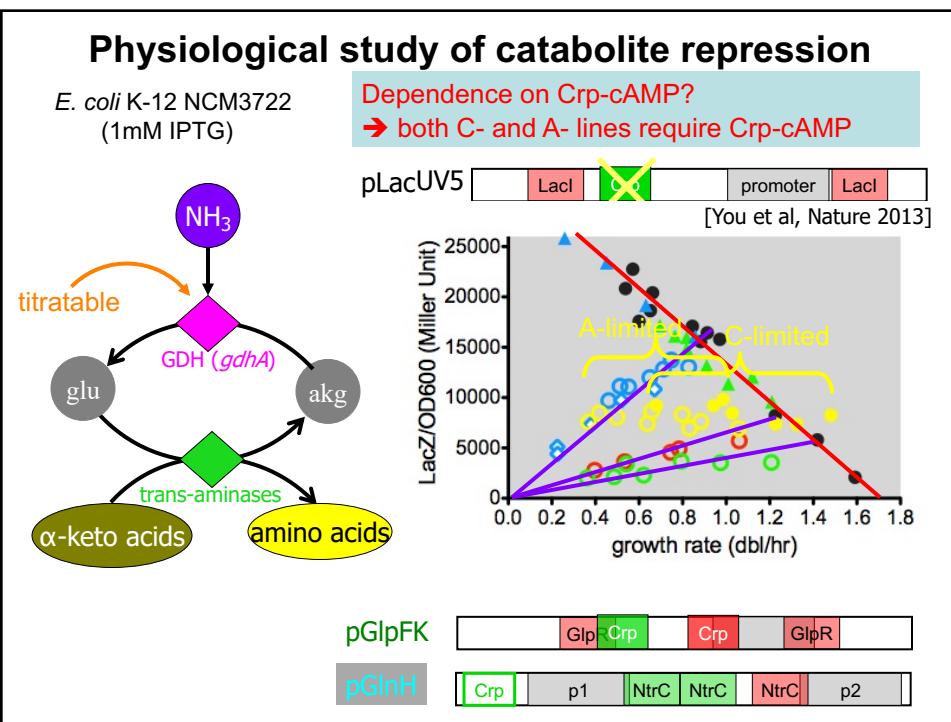


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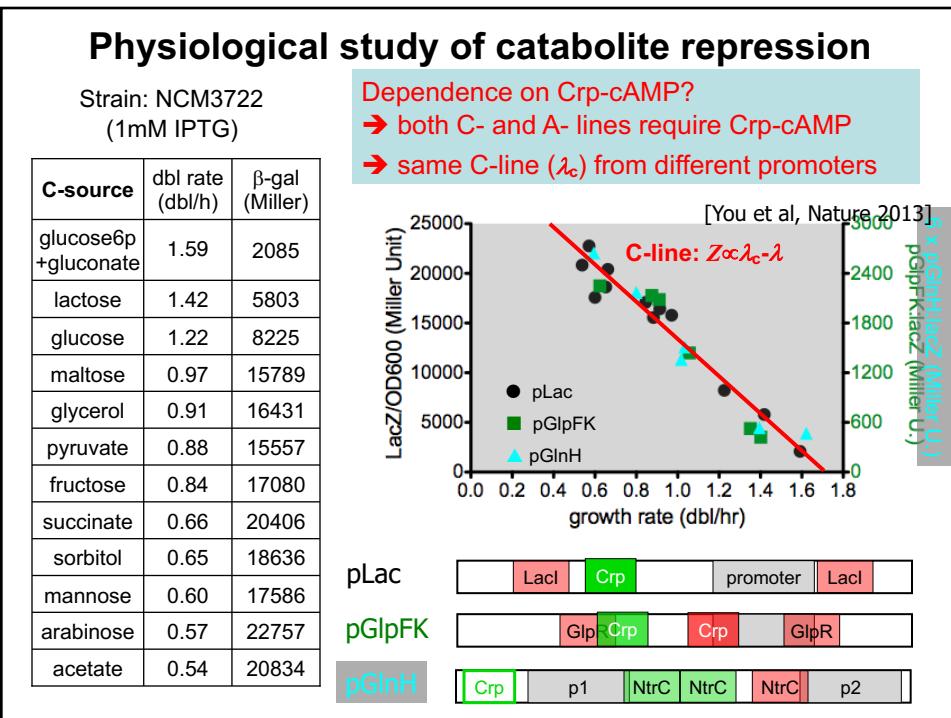


- ▲ lactose with titratable LacY expression
- ▲ glycerol with titratable GlpFK expression
- $\Delta$ gltD; titratable GDH; various C-sources
- ◊ S-limited chemostat; glycerol

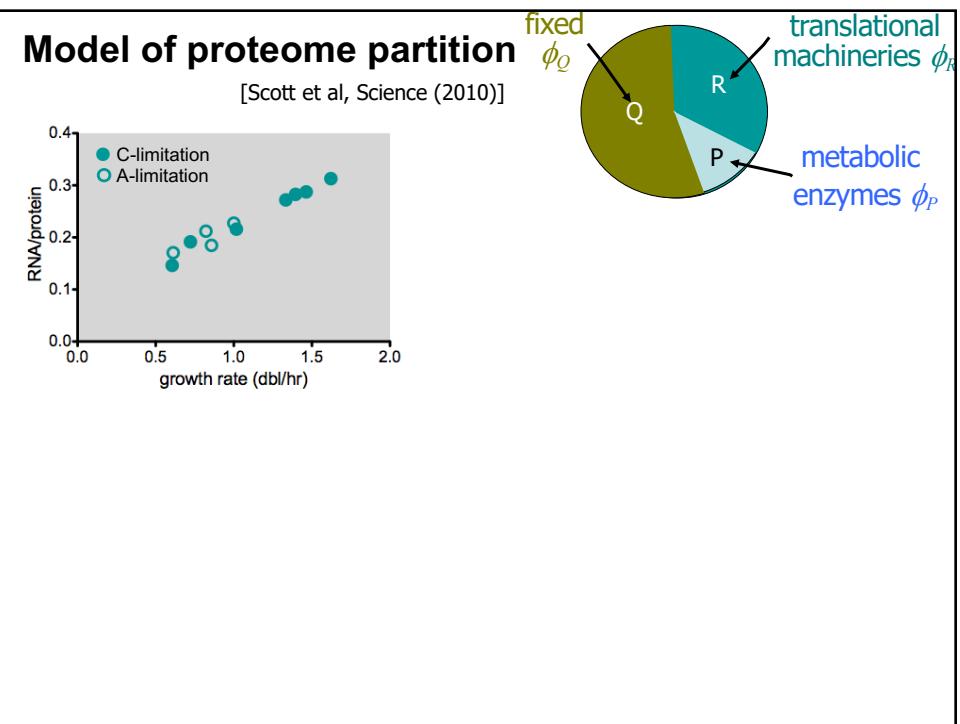
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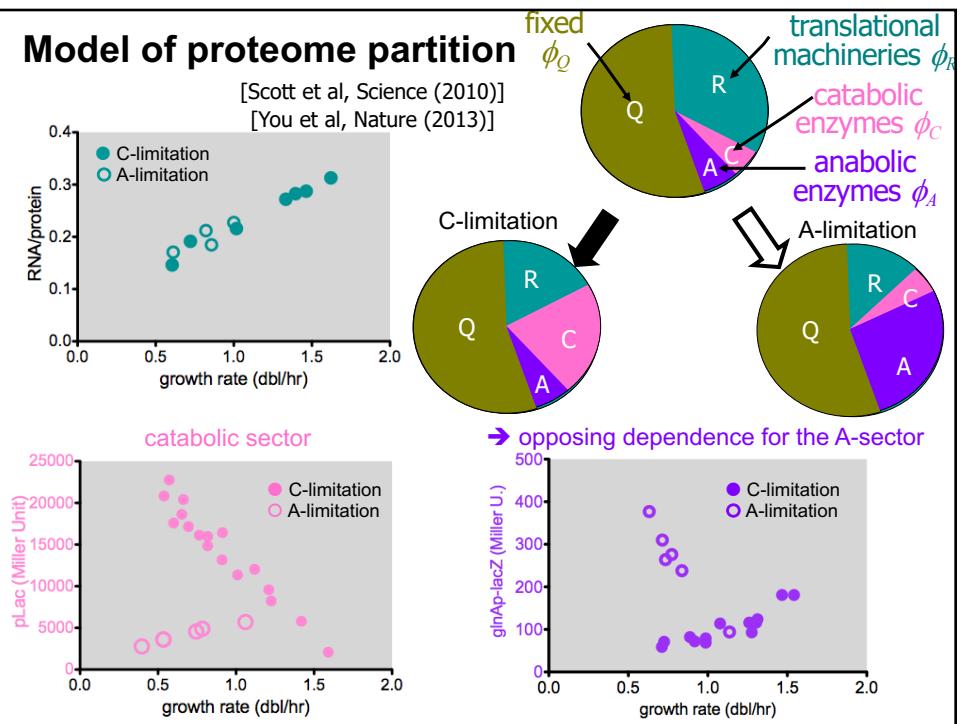
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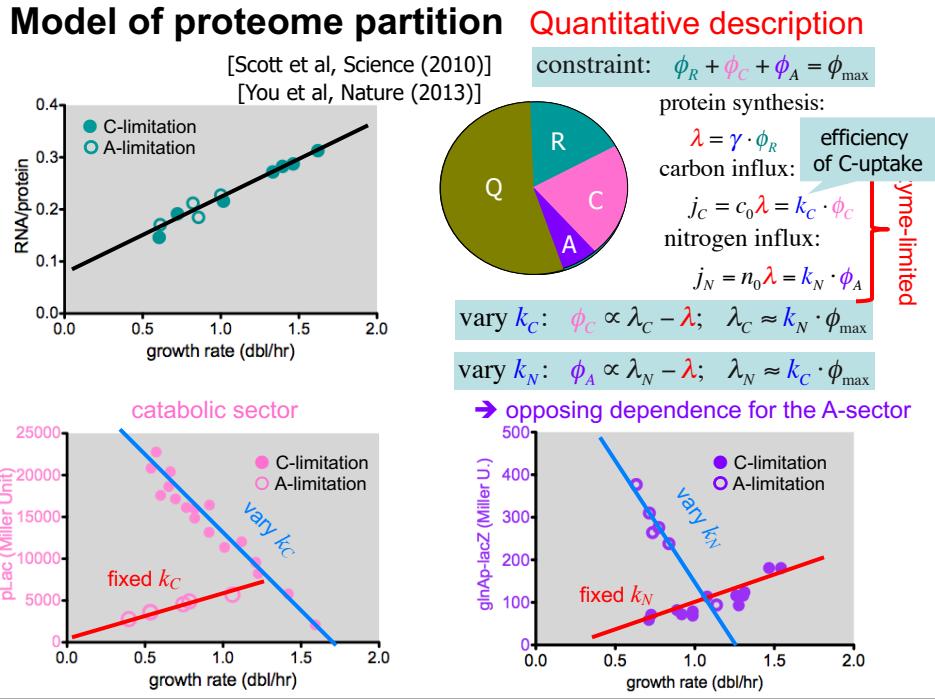
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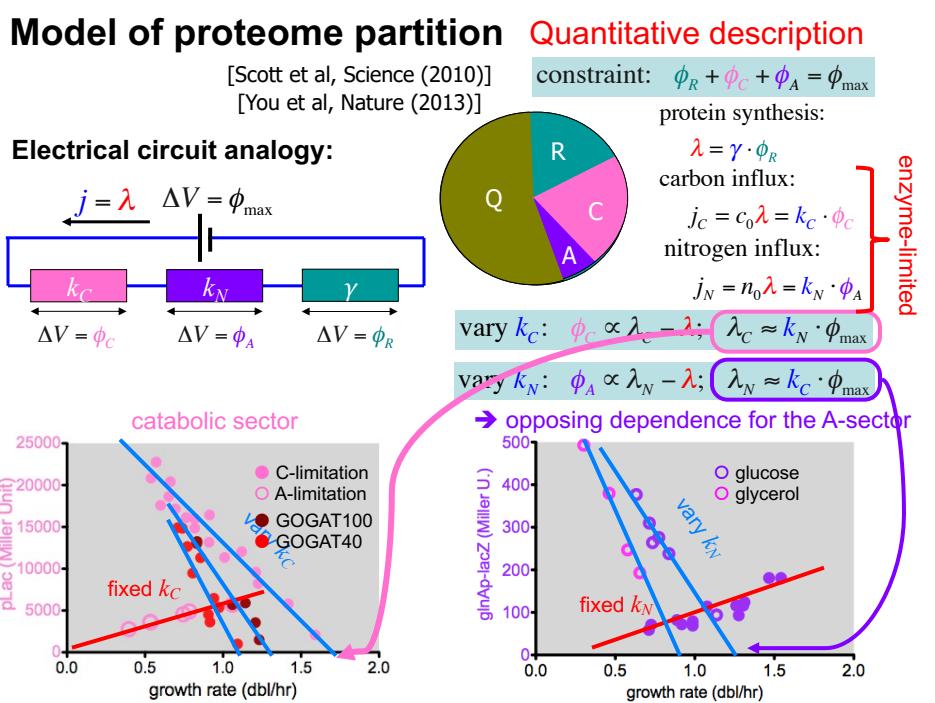
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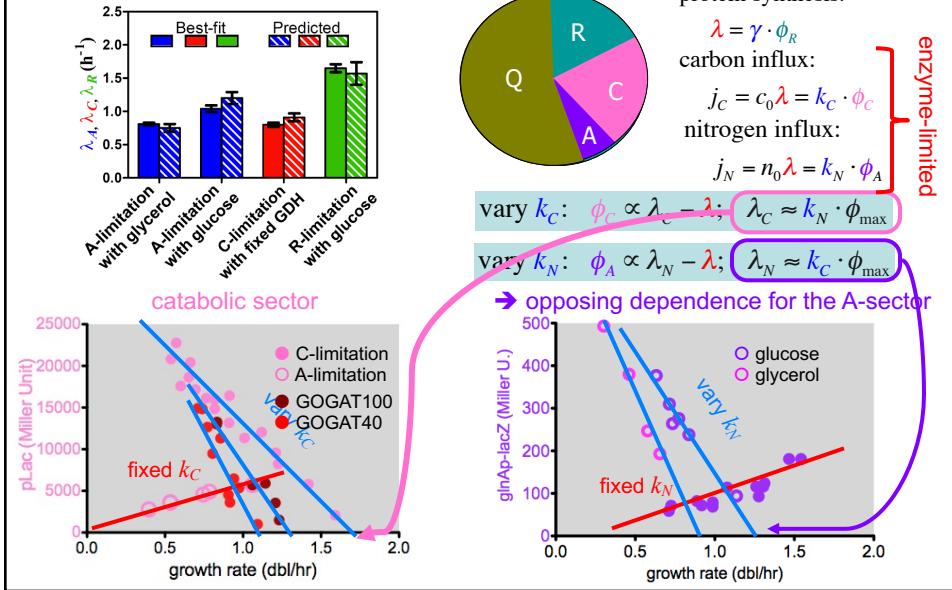
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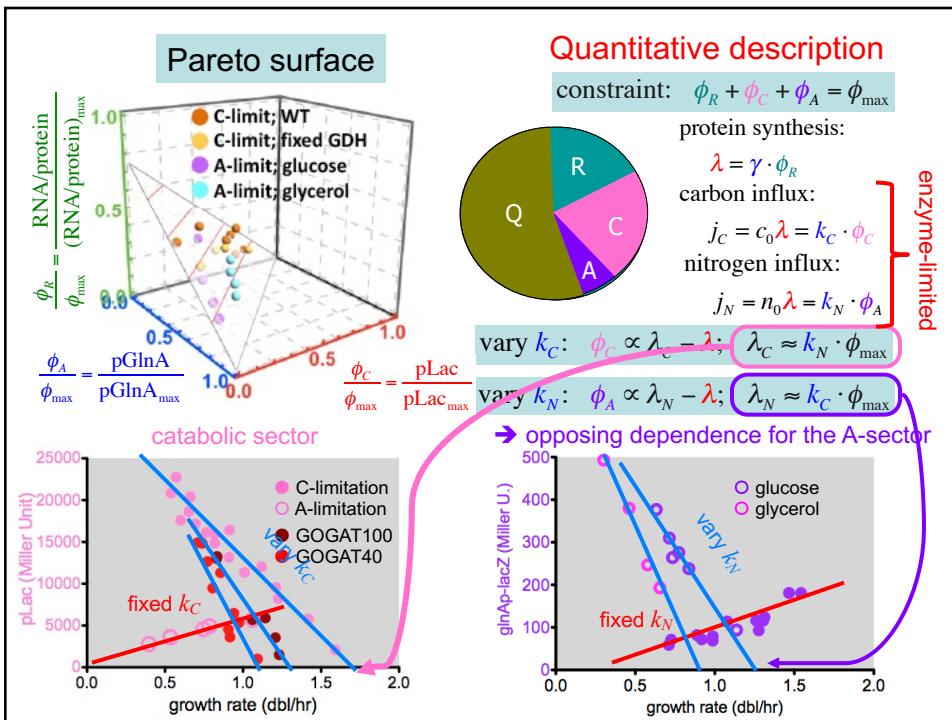
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## Model of proteome partition Quantitative description

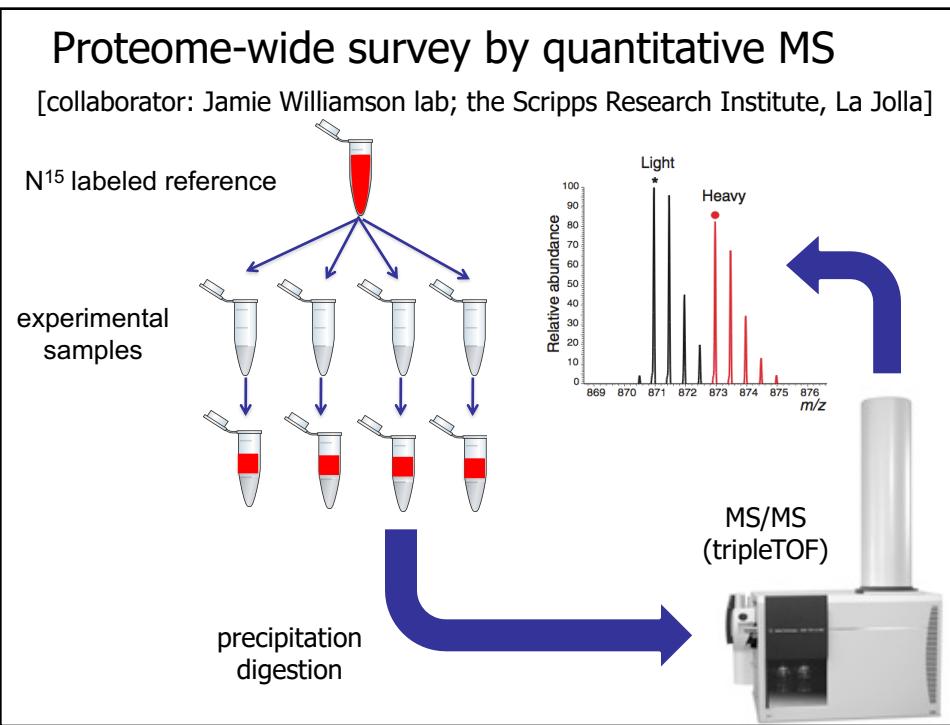
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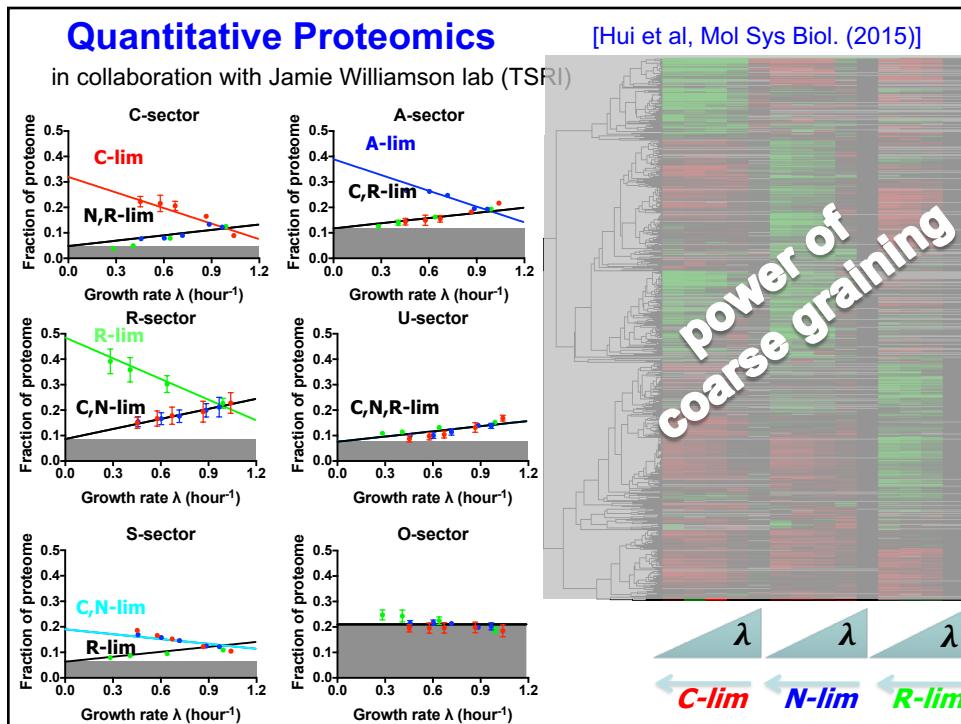
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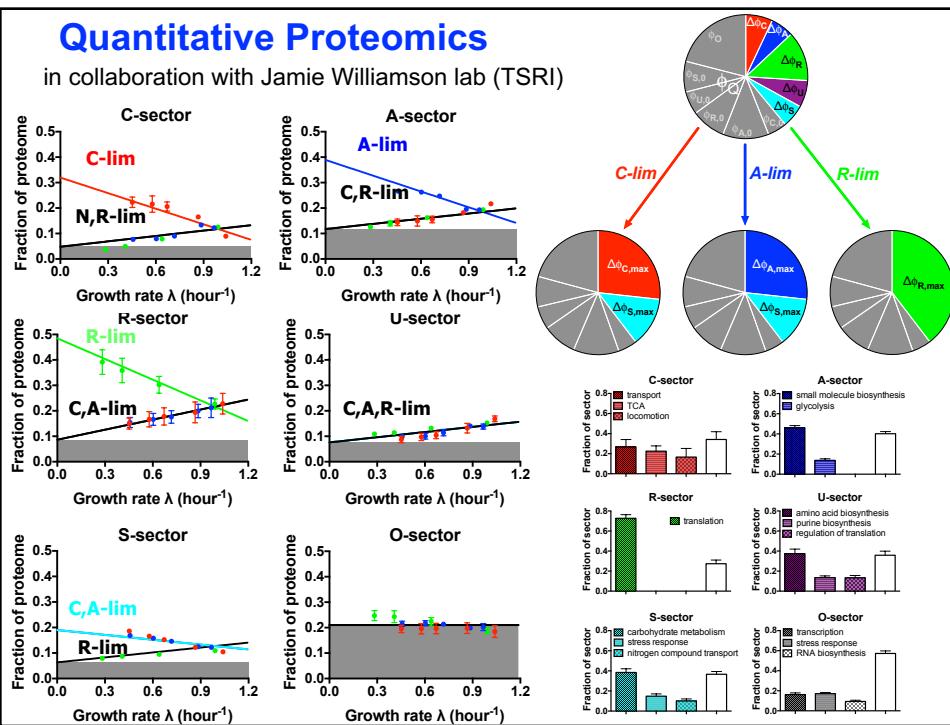
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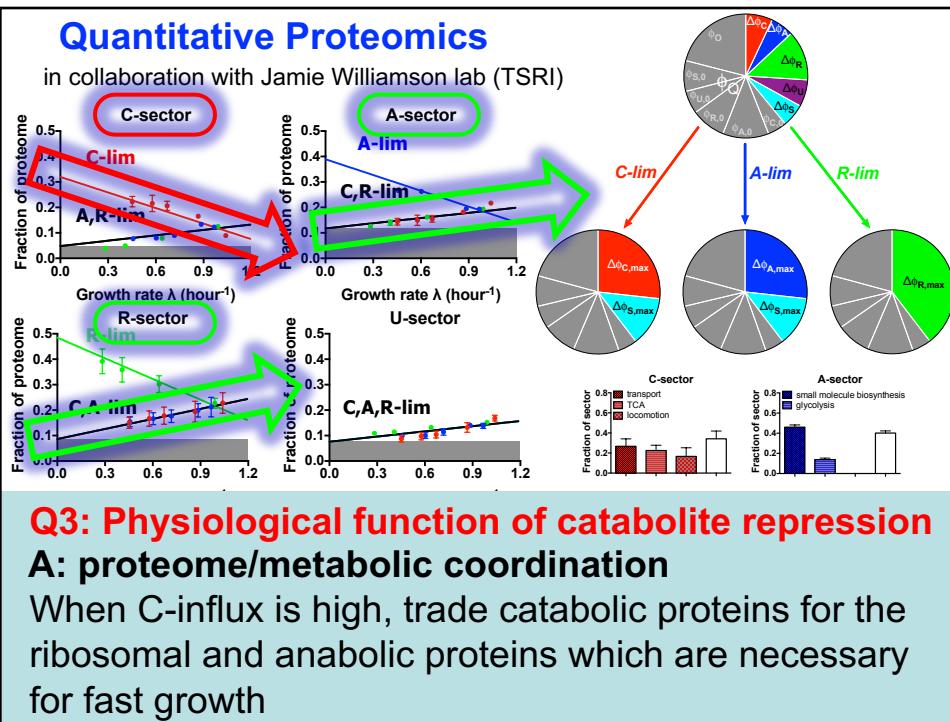
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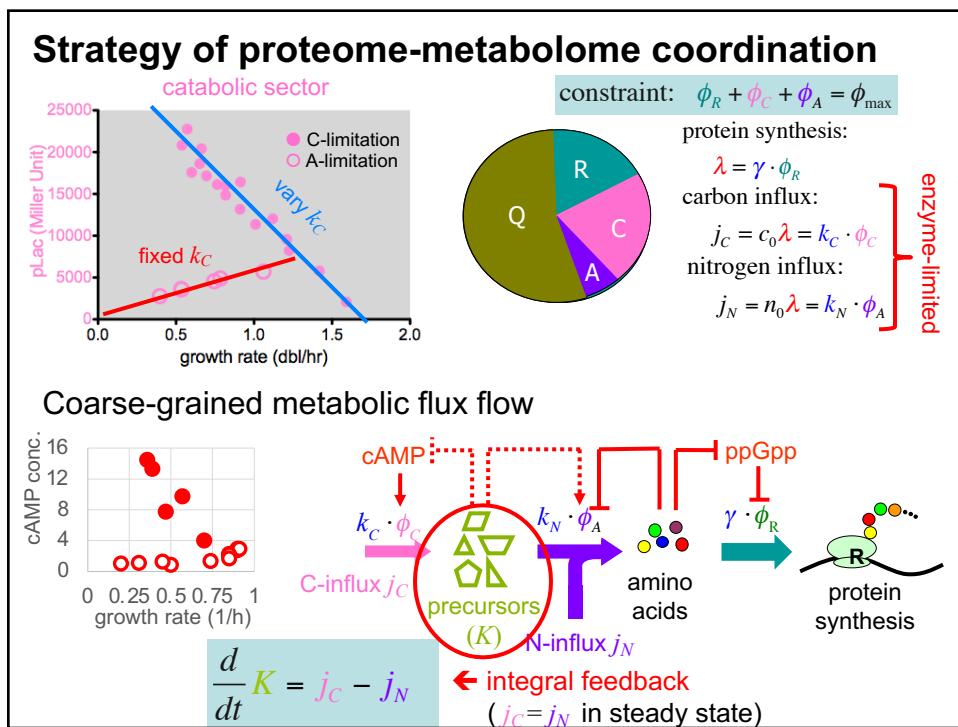
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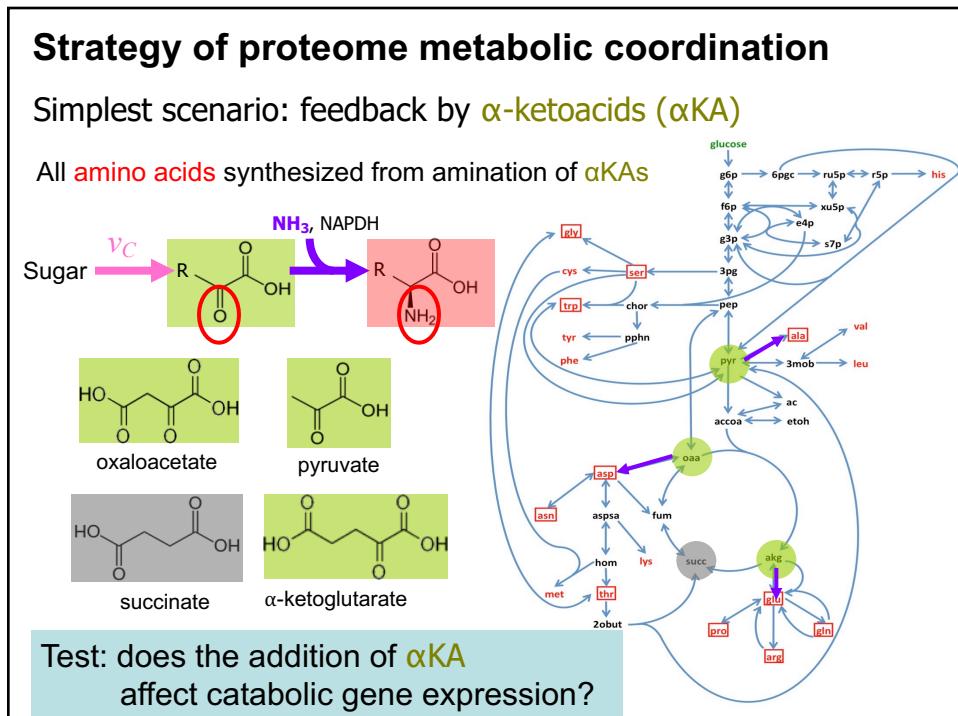
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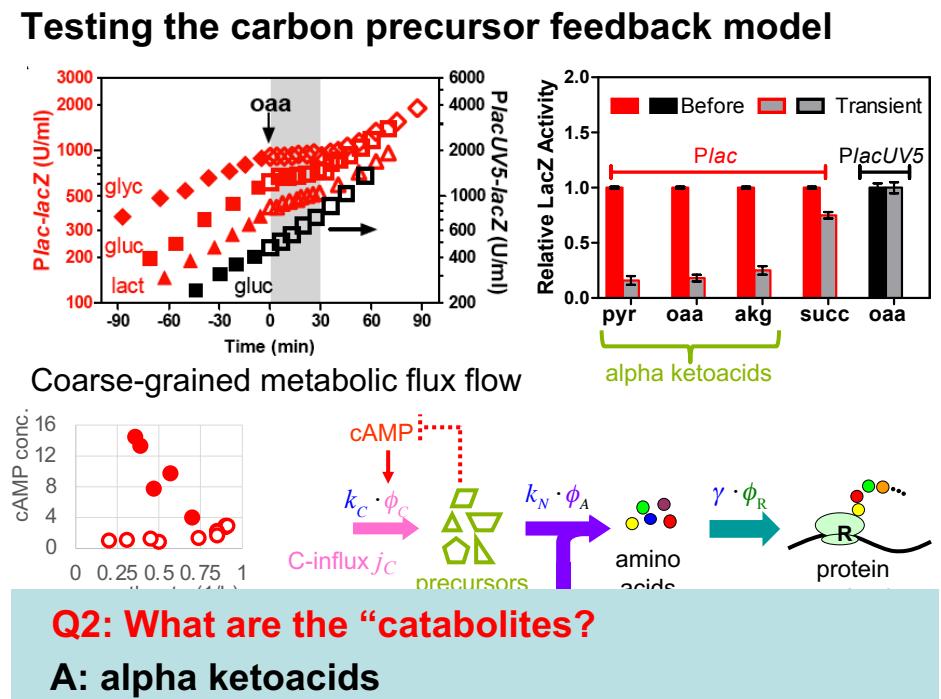
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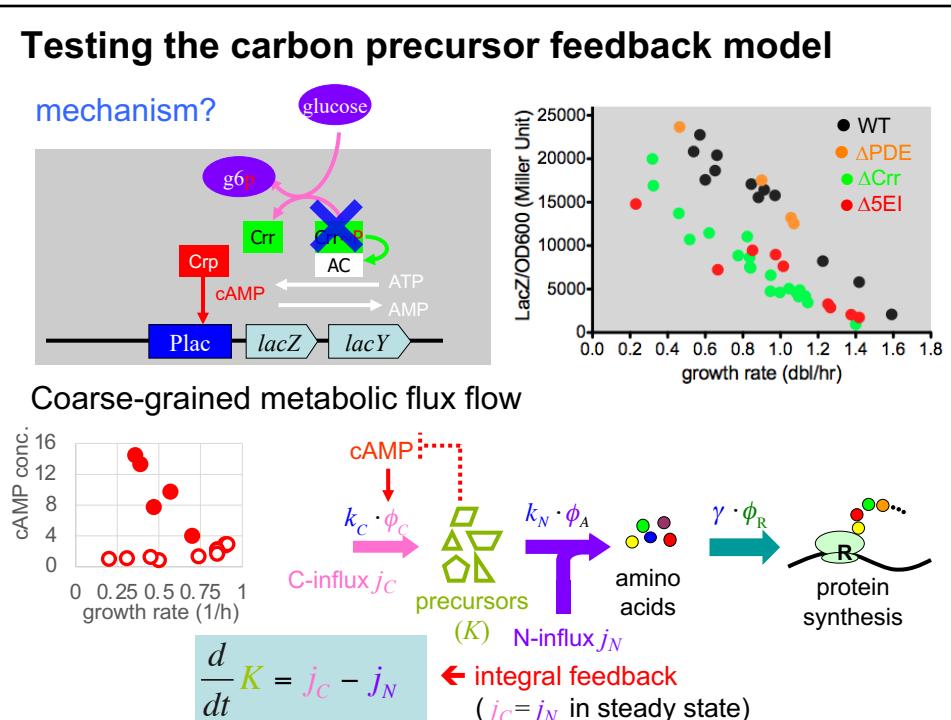
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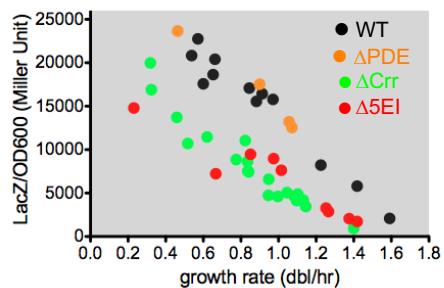
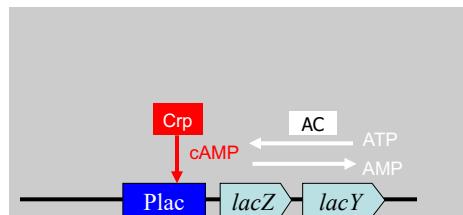
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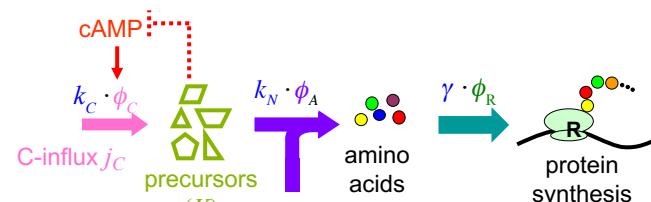
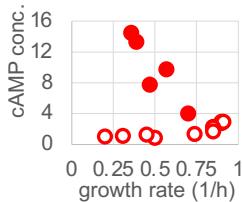
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mechanism? PTS not necessary



Coarse-grained metabolic flux flow

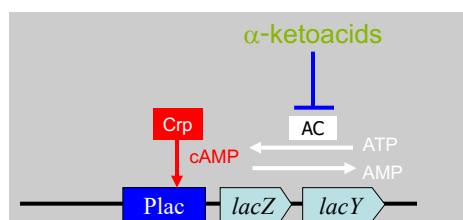


$$\frac{d}{dt} K = j_C - j_N \quad \text{← integral feedback} \quad (j_C = j_N \text{ in steady state})$$

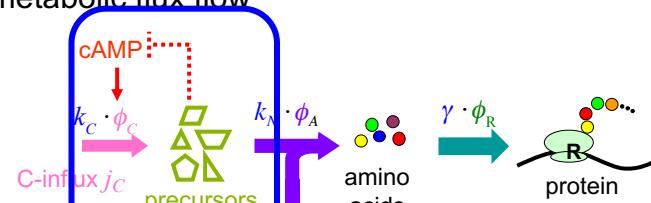
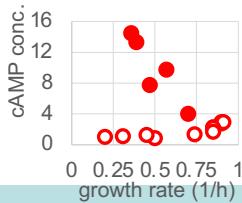
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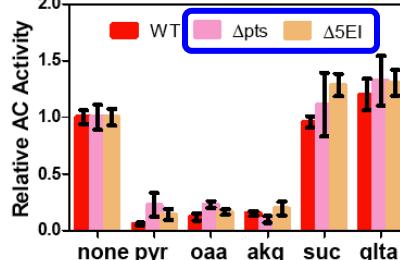
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in vitro AC assay



**Q1: How is cAMP level controlled?**

**A: direct inhibition of AC activity by alpha ketoacids**

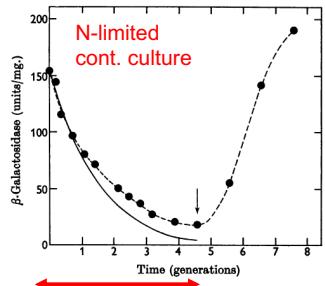
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(physiological repression and derepression/ $\beta$ -galactosidase/adenosine 3':5'-cyclic monophosphate)

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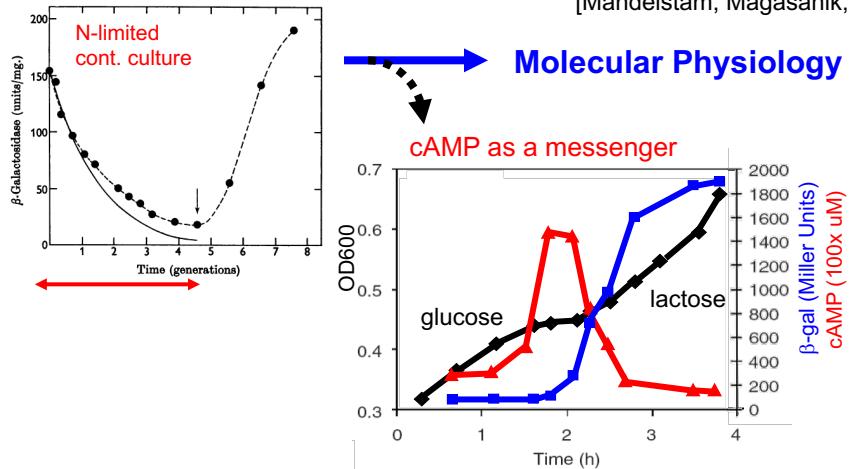
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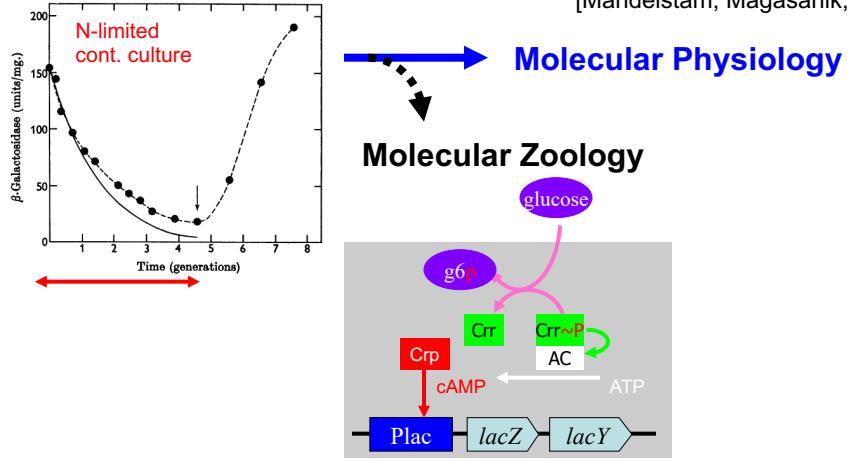
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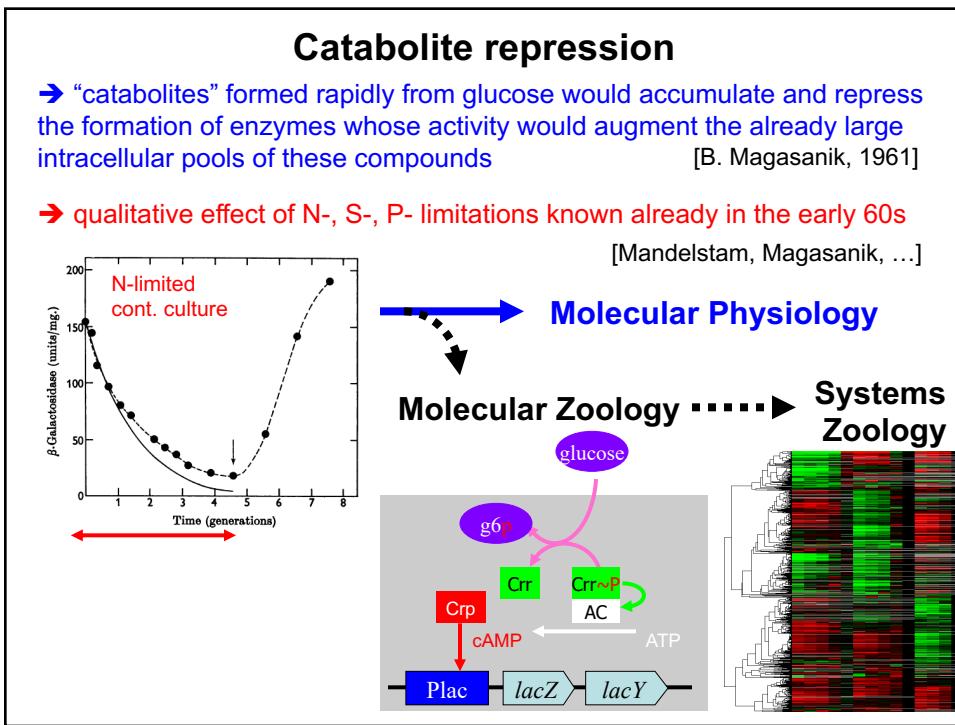
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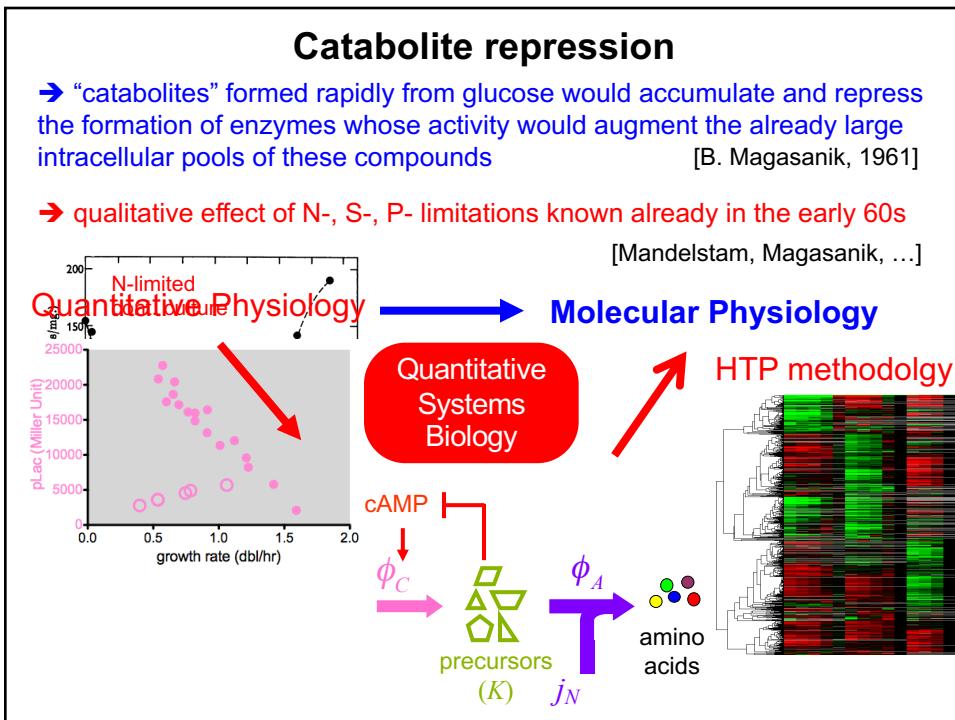
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