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25   isoenzymes to channel electrons away from the chloroplast, enhance nitrogen uptake, and

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Abstract

Diatoms are one of the most successful phytoplankton groups in our oceans, being responsible

for over 20% of the Earth's photosynthetic productivity. Their chimeric genomes have genes

derived from red algae, green algae, bacteria and heterotrophs, resulting in multiple isoenzymes

targeted to different cellular compartments with the potential for differential regulation under

nutrient limitation. The resulting interactions between metabolic pathways are not yet fully

understood.

We previously showed how acclimation to Cu limitation enhanced susceptibility to

overreduction of the photosynthetic electron transport chain and its reorganization to favor

photoprotection over light-harvesting in the oceanic diatom *Thalassiosira oceanica* (Hippmann

et al., 2017). In order to gain a better understanding of the overall metabolic changes that help

alleviate the stress of Cu limitation, we have further analyzed the comprehensive proteomic

datasets generated in that study to identify differentially expressed proteins involved in carbon,

nitrogen and oxidative stress-related metabolic pathways.

Metabolic pathway analysis showed integrated responses to Cu limitation. The up-regulation of

ferredoxin (Fdx) was correlated with up-regulation of plastidial Fdx-dependent isoenzymes

involved in nitrogen assimilation as well as enzymes involved in glutathione synthesis, thus

integrating nitrogen uptake and metabolism with photosynthesis and oxidative stress resistance.

The differential expression of glycolytic isoenzymes located in the chloroplast and mitochondria

may enable them to channel both excess electrons and/or ATP between these compartments.

Additional evidence for chloroplast-mitochondrial cross-talk is the increased expression of

chloroplast and mitochondrial proteins involved in the proposed malate shunt under Cu

limitation.

Introduction

Diatoms form an integral part of our oceans, influencing nutrient cycling and productivity of

many marine foodwebs (Armbrust, 2009). Annually, marine diatoms fix as much carbon dioxide

through photosynthesis as all terrestrial rainforests combined (Field et al., 1998; Nelson et al.,

1995), thus having a significant impact on atmospheric CO_2 levels and global climate. One key

to their success may lie in their complex evolutionary history (Moustafa et al., 2009; Oborník

and Green, 2005) which resulted in a mosaic genome with genes derived from the original

heterotrophic eukaryotic host cell, the engulfed green and red algal endosymbionts, and a variety

of associated bacteria (Armbrust et al., 2004; Bowler et al., 2008; Finazzi et al., 2010). As a

result, diatoms possess multiple isoenzymes in many metabolic pathways, especially in carbon

metabolism (Ewe et al., 2018; Gruber et al., 2009; Gruber and Kroth, 2014; Kroth et al., 2008;

Smith et al., 2012).

The presence of multiple isoenzymes with different evolutionary histories also led to

novel locations and interactions among metabolic pathways compared to green algal and animal

ancestors (Allen et al., 2011; Gruber and Kroth, 2017). For example, in animals the complete set

of proteins involved in glycolysis is located in the cytosol, whereas in green algae the first half of

glycolysis (glucose to glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, GAP) is located in the chloroplast and the

second half (GAP to pyruvate) in the cytosol. In diatoms, an almost complete set of glycolytic

proteins is found in both the cytosol and the chloroplast, with an additional set of proteins from

the second half of glycolysis located in the mitochondria (Kroth et al., 2008; Río Bártulos et al.,

2018; Smith et al., 2012). Furthermore, proteins involved in the ancient Entner-Dourodoff

pathway, which is predominantly restricted to prokaryotes and catabolizes glucose to pyruvate,

have also been identified in diatom genomes and are targeted to the mitochondria (Fabris et al.,

2012; Río Bártulos et al., 2018).

A study by Allen et al (2012) illustrates the complexity of isoenzymes in diatoms further:

the genome of *Phaeodactilum tricornutum (P. tricornutum)* encodes five different fructose-

bisphosphate aldolase (FBA) isoenzymes, three targeted to the chloroplast and two to the cytosol

(Allen et al., 2012). Each FBA has its own phylogenetic history. The expression pattern of these

five isoenzymes changes depending on the nutritional status of the cell (Allen et al., 2012).

One of the most surprising discoveries from diatom genome sequencing was a complete

urea cycle (Allen et al., 2011; Armbrust et al., 2004). In contrast to the catabolic nature of the

urea cycle in animals, in diatoms it is an integral part of cellular metabolism and a hub of

nitrogen and carbon redistribution within the cell. It is involved in amino acid synthesis, cell wall

formation, carbon and nitrogen recycling, and it interacts with the citric acid cycle (Allen et al.,

2011; Armbrust et al., 2004).

Most molecular studies on acclimation to nutrient limitation have focused on

macronutrients, or on the essential micronutrient Fe, which limits phytoplankton in over 30% of

the ocean (Moore et al., 2004). Some studies have shown an intricate interaction between Fe and

Cu nutrition in phytoplankton (Annett et al., 2008; Guo et al., 2012; Maldonado et al., 2006,

2002; Peers and Price, 2006), but there are only a handful of studies on physiological adaptations

to Cu limitation alone (Guo et al., 2015, 2012; Kong and M. Price, 2020; Lelong et al., 2013;

Lombardi and Maldonado, 2011; Maldonado et al., 2006; Peers et al., 2005; Peers and Price,

2006).

Our recent comprehensive investigation on the physiological and proteomic changes to the

photosynthetic apparatus of two strains of the open ocean diatom *Thalassiosira oceanica* (*T.*

oceanica) in response to chronic Cu limitation revealed both similar and different strategies

compared to those observed in response to low Fe (Hippmann et al., 2017). Acclimation to low

Cu caused a bottleneck in the photosynthetic electron transport chain that was accompanied by

major increases in the electron acceptors ferredoxin and ferredoxin:NADP+ reductase, which

have major roles in counteracting reactive oxygen species. Along with changes in the

composition of the light-harvesting apparatus, this resulted in a shift from photochemistry to

photoprotection.

In our previous paper (Hippmann et al., 2017) we focussed on the photosynthetic electron

transport chain and light-harvesting antennas as well as a number of physiological parameters

changed in response to Cu limitation, but did not ask how carbon and nitrogen metabolism are

affected and may interact when Cu is limiting. We now expand our proteomics analysis to

include proteins involved in various carbon and nitrogen metabolic pathways (e.g. Calvin-

Benson-Bassham cycle, glycolysis, TCA cycle, nitrogen acquisition and assimilation, urea cycle,

malate shunt, glutathione metabolism), taking into account their predicted cellular compartments.

Although the decrease in Rubisco activase suggests the CBB is down-regulated, there appear to

be complex effects on the three-compartment glycolysis machinery. Increased expression of

enzymes involved in nitrogen acquisition and assimilation could act simultaneously as a sink for

reducing equivalents and as a supplier of compounds needed to support dissipation of reactive

oxygen species. Finally, we present further evidence for cross-talk between chloroplast and

mitochondria in form of an active malate shunt.

Results

Overview of proteomic datasets

In our original study (Hippmann et al., 2017), we investigated two strains, CCMP 1003 and

CCMP 1005, of the centric diatom *T. oceanica* (here referred to as TO03 and TO05,

respectively). On further examining the proteomic datatsets it was clear that Cu limitation had a

stronger and more comprehensive effect on proteins of carbon and nitrogen metabolism in TO03

than T005 (this study), in line with observations for photosynthetic electron transport proteins

Although the proteomic dataset of TO05 contains twice as many distinct proteins as that of T003

(1,431 versus 724), TO03 has three times more significantly up-regulated and ten times more

significantly down-regulated proteins (Fig. 1, overview Fig. S 5 and S 6). For this reason, if not

noted otherwise, we will focus on the TO03 results only (Table 2, Table 3). A short discussion

on the different adaptational strategies of the two strains can be found in Notes S 1. The data for

all relevant proteins in both strains, and both proteomic datasets (main and extended) are given in

the Supplementary Table S 2 – S 9. Expression differences are classed as "highly regulated"

(greater than or equal to 2-fold difference) or "regulated" (1.3 to 2-fold difference, see Methods).

All differential expression data discussed in the text are significantly up- or down-regulated

($p<0.05$), unless otherwise noted.

Of the 724 distinctive proteins in TO03, 525 have associated Kegg Orthology (KO)

identifiers, and 52% of these were related to metabolism (Fig. 2). Furthermore, 77-78% of these

metabolic proteins were particularly affected by Cu limitation, with general trends of down-

regulation of proteins involved in energy metabolism, up-regulation of those in carbohydrate

metabolism, and a modification of those in amino acid metabolism.

Carbon fixation, Glycolysis and the Citrate (TCA) cycle

In diatoms the enzymes of glycolysis are found in all three major compartments: chloroplast

stroma, cytosol and mitochondria (Gruber and Kroth, 2017; Kroth et al., 2008; Río Bártulos et

al., 2018; Smith et al., 2012). Four (or seven, if the 3 triose isomerase isoenzymes are counted)

of the 15 proteins involved in the carbon fixing Calvin-Benson-Bassham (CBB) cycle are part of

the chloroplast glycolytic pathway (Table 2, Fig. 3 (CBB and TCA cycle), Fig. 4 (Glycolysis),

Table S 4). In the initial step of CO_2 fixation, the large and small subunits of Rubisco were not

affected by Cu limitation but the essential Rubisco activator protein cbbX (To24360) was down-

regulated by 2.3-fold. Six proteins were up-regulated: phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK, To07617)

by 6.8-fold, the two fructose-bisphosphate aldolase, class II proteins by 1.4 and 2-fold (FBA II,

To00388 and To12069), and the three triose phosphate isomerase isoenzymes (TPI, To02438,

To35826, To32006) by 3.3-, 1.9- and 1.5-fold, respectively. Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate

dehydrogenase (GAPDH, To13085) and phosphoglycerate mutase (PGAM, To21902, 2.3-fold)

were the only proteins down-regulated, by 4.2- and 2.3-fold, respectively. Of the nine expressed

proteins targeted to the chloroplast, only fructose-bisphosphate aldolase, class I (FBA I,

To02112) was not affected by Cu limitation.

The up-regulation of TPI (Fig. 3, Fig. 4) combined with the down-regulation of GAPDH

and PGAM could lead to an increase in triose-phosphates and their subsequent export from the

chloroplast. Probing the genome for gene models containing the triose-phosphate transporter

Pfam domain identified seven candidate genes (Table S 3) of which only two were expressed.

Neither of them was differentially expressed.

Nine expressed proteins involved in the citrate cycle in the mitochondria were identified

(Fig. 3, Table 2, Table S 5). Malate dehydrogenase (MDH1, To03405) was the only one up-

regulated (1.6-fold). Aconitase hydratase (ACO, To20545) and two isocitrate dehydrogenases

(IDH, To37807, To34595) were all down-regulated by 4.7-, 3.0-, and 1.6-fold, respectively. Of

the proteins considered to be part of mitochondrial glycolysis (Fig. 4), glyceraldehyde-3-

phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH, To33331) and enolase (ENO, To34936) were both up-

regulated by 3.8 and 1.5-fold respectively, while pyruvate kinase (PK, To07097) was down-

regulated by 1.3-fold.

Of the eight expressed cytosolic proteins detected, three were down-regulated:

phosphoglucomutase (PGM, To06412) by 3.2-fold, phosphofructokinase (PFK, To16559) by

1.8-fold, and fructose-bisphosphate aldolase, class I (FBA I, To24978) by 1.6-fold (or 2.7-fold

considering expression of a contig associated with the same gene). The only cytosolic protein

that was up-regulated was pyruvate kinase (PK, To34937, by 1.6-fold).

Nitrogen metabolism

Twenty-two proteins involved in the urea cycle, nitrogen acquisition and assimilation, as well as

four membrane transporters were identified (Table 3, Fig. 5, Table S 6). At the plasma

membrane, the urea (URT, To31656) and nitrate/nitrite (NRT, To04919) transporters were both

significantly up-regulated (6.9 and 11-fold, respectively). However, the expression of the two

transporters putatively located in the chloroplast envelope, the formate/nitrate (NiRT, To00240)

and ammonium (AMT, To07247) transporters were not affected by Cu limitation.

Within the chloroplast, three nitrite reductases were identified. Of these, the NAD(P)H-

dependent isoenzyme was not differentially expressed (NAD(P)H-NiR, To35252), whereas two

ferredoxin-containing nitrite reductases (Fe-NiR, To00016 and To02363) were up-regulated by

1.3- and 2.3-fold, respectively, in concert with the massive 40-fold increase of ferredoxin in the

chloroplast (Table 3; Hippmann et al., 2017). Glutamine (GSII, To31900) and glutamate

synthases (GOGAT, To13288) which both require ferredoxin cofactors were both up-regulated

(1.7- and 1.6-fold, respectively). In contrast, aspartate aminotransferase (AAT, To16827) was the

only chloroplast protein involved in core nitrogen metabolism that was down-regulated (2.3-

fold).

In the mitochondria, the pattern was reversed: the glutamine synthase isoform (GSIII,

To06032) was 5.3-fold down-regulated, while the glutamate synthase isoform (GOGAT,

TO04828) expression did not change, and the mitochondrial aspartate aminotransferase (AAT,

To15049) was up-regulated by 3.6-fold. Glycine decarboxylase t- and p-proteins (GDCT/P,

To17688 and To36273), involved in photorespiration, were not affected. In the urea cycle, six

proteins were identified but only ornithine carbamoyltransferase (OTC, To05385) was up-

regulated by 1.7-fold.

In the cytosol, glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH, To06254) was up-regulated by 2.09-fold

($p = 0.05$) and nitrate reductase (NR, To34460) was up-regulated by 1.5-fold. The only other

cytosolic protein upregulated was spermidine synthase (SRM, To22108; by 2.3-fold), which is

essential for silica deposition.

204 Malate shunt

In plants, malate transfers excess NAD(P)H reducing equivalents from one compartment (i.e. the

chloroplast) to another (i.e. the mitochondria) (reviewed by (Scheibe, 2004)). Metabolite

antiporters and two isoenzymes for malate dehydrogenase (MDH) and amino aspartate

transaminase (AAT) are involved (Table 2, Fig. 6, Table S 8). In diatoms, the malate shunt has

been proposed to connect the chloroplast with the mitochondria (Bailleul et al., 2015; Prihoda et

al., 2012). In *P. tricornutum*, both MDH1 and MDH2 are targeted to the mitochondrion (Ewe et

al., 2018) but in *T. pseudonana* MDH2 is predicted to be targeted to the chloroplast (Smith et al.,

2012). Aligning the *T. oceanica* model with Smith's extended TpMDH2 model (Fig. S 2),

supports the conclusion that ToMDH2 is also targeted to the chloroplast.

In our proteomic datasets, we found evidence for reciprocal regulation of both isonzyme

sets in the putative malate shunt (MDH1, MDH2, AAT, AAT2), as well as two isoenzymes of

pyruvate carboxylase (PC) that could be feeding into this metabolic pathway (Fig. 6). Of these 6

enzymes, 4 were up-regulated: both, plastidial pyruvate carboxylase (PC, To31413) and malate

dehydrogenase (MDH2, To30817) by 2.6- fold and mitochondrial MDH1 (To03405) and AAT2

(To15049) by 1.6- and 3.6-fold, respectively. Only the plastidial AAT (To16827) was down-

regulated (by 2.3-fold).

Glutathione and antioxidant metabolism strongly upregulated

Glutathione is a small tripeptide (Glu-Cys-Gly) that is involved in redox sensing and

counteracting ROS. Twenty-one expressed proteins involved in glutathione metabolism and

other antioxidant agents (eg. three thioredoxins, three glutaredoxins, and three superoxide

dismutases) were identified (Table 3, Fig. 7, Table S 7). Nine proteins are predicted to be

targeted to the chloroplast. Six of these were up-regulated: two isoenzymes for cysteine synthase

(CYS, To27524 by 2.5-fold, To10442 by 1.5-fold), glutamate synthase (GOGAT, To13288 by

1.6-fold), glutathione reductase (GR, To07268, by 2.5-fold), thioredoxin (TXN, To31425, by

1.5-fold), and the Mn-containing SOD (MnSOD, To02860, by 1.8-fold). Two glutaredoxin

isoenzymes (GRX; To07269, To18234) were only mildly down-regulated proteins (both by 1.3-

fold).

Of the nine cytosolic proteins, glutathione-S-transferase (GST, To09062) and TXN

(To05213) were highly up-regulated (by 7.3- and 4.2-fold, respectively), while one of the two

Ni-dependent SOD isoenzymes was moderately up-regulated (NiSOD, To10112, by 1.4-fold).

Glutamate-cysteine ligase (GCL/GCS, To23355) was only identified in one of the biological

triplicates, but with a 4.5-fold increase in expression. In contrast to the chloroplast CYS

isoenzymes, the expression of cytosolic CYS (To05931) did not change. The TO03 GST

(To09062) has its closest homologs in the polyp *Hydravulgaris,* the anemone *Nematostella,* and

the brachiopod *Lingula,* and not in other diatoms (Table S 7).

Only 2 of the expressed proteins involved in glutathione metabolism are predicted to be

targeted to the mitochondria; TXN (To13864) was up-regulated by 1.8-fold, whereas

glutaredoxin (GRX, To02323) was not differentially expressed in Cu-limited TO03.

Discussion

In response to low Cu, *T. oceanica* (CCMP1003) restructures the photosynthetic electron

transport proteins, resulting in a decrease in carbon assimilation (mg C mg Chla^{-1} h^{-1}), and

increased susceptibility to overreduction of the photosynthetic electron transport chain

(Hippmann et al., 2017). Susceptibility to over-reduction of the photosynthetic electron transport

chain at saturating light intensities was suggested by a) the 17% reduction in photochemical

quenching (Fq'/Fv'), and b) the light response curves which indicated that the light saturation

point decreased well below the actual growth light of 155 umol quanta m^{-2} s^{-1}. Growth at

saturating light conditions could therefore lead to an increase in reactive oxygen species (ROS).

Consequently, there would be an increased need to safely dissipate excess energy, for example

through additional electron sinks (Niyogi, 2000). Our findings of a ~40-fold increase in

ferredoxin (Fd, petF) and a 2.5-fold increase in ferredoxin : NAD(P)H oxidoreductase (FNR)

under Cu limitation (Hippmann et al. 2017) suggested that there is indeed a surplus of reduced

ferredoxin (Fd^{red}) and NAD(P)H in the chloroplast.

Here, based on our now expanded proteomic analysis, we hypothesize how the

interaction between various metabolic pathways (e.g. nitrogen assimilation, glycolysis, citrate

and the urea cycle) and the sophisticated coordination between the chloroplast and the

mitochondria may facilitate the re-oxidation of Fd^{red} and NAD(P)H in the chloroplast. Protein

abundance alone is not always indicative of protein activity. and where known, we have included

information on posttranslational activity modulation. We discuss our results with this in mind

while suggesting a plausible restructuring of key metabolic pathways in *T. oceanica* in response

to copper limitation.

Carbon metabolism – the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle is down-regulated via its activase,

and glycolysis is used to redistribute ATP and NAD(P)H within the cell

The three most thoroughly annotated diatom genomes [*T. pseudonana*, Armbrust et al,

2004; *P. tricornutum*, Bowler et al, 2008; *F. cylindricus*, Mock et al, 2017] revealed many

isoenzymes, particularly those involved in C metabolism. Indeed, homologous C metabolism

isoenzymes exist among and between these diatoms (Gruber and Kroth, 2017; Kroth et al., 2008;

Smith et al., 2012), and their differential expression is thought to manage cellular carbon flow.

Furthermore, given that within the chloroplast more than 50% of the proteins involved in

glycolysis are also part of the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle (Smith et al., 2012), to regulate C

flow, some isoenzymes might be preferentially involved in glycolysis over carbon fixation. For

example, in *P. tricornutum*, the three plastidial fructose-bisphosphate aldolases (FBAs) are

differently targeted and regulated under low *vs.* high Fe conditions (Allen et al., 2012)). Here, we

hypothesize that to overcome Cu limitation, *T. oceanica* down-regulates the Calvin-Benson-

Bassham cycle, while modulating glycolysis to promote the redistribution of ATP and NAD(P)H

reducing equivalents among cellular compartments.

Similarly to *P. tricornutum* under Fe limitation, Cu-limited *T. oceanica* also regulates the

expression of FBA homologs (Table 4), albeit in a different way. While the chloroplast FBA

(FbaC2 homolog, To12069) is up-regulated, one of the pyrenoid-associated FBAs is only mildly

up-regulated (FbaC1 homolog, To00388). This suggests that FbaC2 is preferentially involved in

glycolysis over C assimilation, for the following reasons: (1) C assimilation decreased by 66%

in Cu-limited cultures compared to the control (Hippmann et al, 2017), suggesting it is less likely

for the C fixation proteins to be up-regulated; (2) the three significantly up-regulated proteins

involved in the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle can also be part of glycolysis (i.e. PGK, TPI, and

FBA, Table 2); (3) none of the distinct Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle proteins (i.e. Rubisco,

RPI, and RPE) were differentially expressed; (4) the red algal-type Rubisco activase (cbbX) was

down-regulated by 2.25-fold. The down-regulation of cbbX results in slower carbon fixation and

activity of Rubisco although Rubisco levels remain unchanged (Mueller-Cajar et al., 2011).

Since RPI and RPE abundance remain constant, ribulose-bisphosphate would be bound to

Rubisco. Consequently, once nutrient conditions are favorable, only the cbbX would need up-

regulation for C fixation to proceed. This strategy might be advantageous in nutrient limited

environments with short-lived nutrient-rich conditions.

In general, most reactions facilitated by proteins in glycolysis can proceed in either

direction, i.e. glycolysis or gluconeogenesis. Smith *et al.* (2012) suggest that gluconeogenesis

prevails in the mitochondria. However, assuming that the required metabolite transporters are

present in the mitochondria (e.g. aspartate/glutamate shuttle, malate/2–oxoglutarate shuttle,

citrate/malate shuttle, and fumarate/succinate shuttle), modelling flux balances in *P. tricornutum*

predict that glycolysis would indeed be more favorable than gluconeogenesis in the mitochondria

(Kim et al., 2016).

In *T. oceanica*, in each cellular compartment, different subsets of glycolytic proteins were

up- or down-regulated under Cu limitation (Fig. 4, Table S 4, overview Fig. S 5). Focusing on

the up-regulated proteins (Fig. S 3), a pattern emerges relating the possibility of increased ATP

formation in the chloroplast and cytosol with NAD(P)H consumption in the chloroplast and its

coupled formation in the mitochondria. By reducing chloroplast GAPDH (To13085) and

increasing mitochondrial GAPDH (To33331), NAD(P)H reducing equivalents would be

generated in the mitochondria, whereas increasing PGK (To07617) in the chloroplast would

increase ATP in this compartment. Therefore, an increased ATP/NAD(P)H ratio in the plastid

would be predicted under Cu limitation.

The contrasting differential expression of GAPDH in plastid and mitochondrial

compartments suggest the possibility of a key role for triose-phosphate transporters. Several of

them have been identified in *T. pseudonana* and shown to be located in the chloroplast or its

bounding membranes (Moog et al. 2015). A search of our *T. oceanica* proteome showed one

potential mitochondrial transporter, but so far, there is no experimental evidence that any of these

is located in the mitochondrial outer membrane.

Interestingly, Hockin et al (2012) postulated that *T. pseudonana* increases glycolytic

activity when nitrogen starved. However, when we mapped the involved proteins in *T.*

pseudonana to their cellular target compartments, a regulation of isoenzymes similar to the

response of Cu-limited *T. oceanica* emerged (i.e. PK down-regulated in mitochondria and up-

regulated in the cytosol, Fig. S 3, Table S 4). Thus, the coordinated regulation of particular

glycolytic isoenzymes to distribute NAD(P)H reducing equivalents and/or ATP production might

be a general trait in diatoms.

Nitrogen metabolism is essential for Fd^{red} oxidation

Another striking feature in the response to Cu limitation in *T. oceanica* was the up-regulation of

nitrogen acquisition and assimilation as seen in the increased expression of 6 out of 8 proteins

involved as well as the electron donor/acceptor ferredoxin (Fig. 5, Table S 6, overview Fig. S 5).

In plants, nitrogen assimilation is an important sink for excess NAD(P)H (Hoefnagel et al.,

1998). In *T. oceanica*, the increased expression may alleviate the stress incurred by low Cu,

namely by re-oxidizing Fd^{red} in the chloroplast. This could be achieved via up-regulation of only

those NiR isoenzymes that use Fd^{red} as their cofactor (To00016, To02363). Glutamine synthase

(GSII, To31900) and the Fd^{red}-dependent glutamate synthase (GOGAT, To13288) were also up-

regulated, thereby potentially easing the chloroplast electron pressure. The importance of this

proposed strategy for Cu-limited cells is highlighted by the fact that both the membrane-bound

urea (To31656) and nitrate (To04919) transporters are among the 15 highest up-regulated

proteins in our dataset.

Counteracting reactive oxygen species – glutathione, thioredoxin, and superoxide

dismutases

An enhanced nitrogen assimilation increases glutamate, which can be incorporated into (or be a

precursor of) glutathione (GSH, γ-L-glutamyl-L-cysteine-glycine) to detoxify ROS via either

direct scavenging or the ascorbate-glutathione cycle (Foyer and Noctor, 2011). Glutathione

biosynthesis involves: (1) the cytosolic glutamate cysteine ligase (GCL, also known as γ-

glutamylcysteine synthase, GCS) which combines glutamate and cysteine to γ-glutamyl-L-

cysteine and (2) the plastid glutathione synthase (GSS) which adds glycine. Strikingly, both

proteins were up-regulated in Cu-limited *T. oceanica*. However, in plants, the rate-limiting step

in glutathione production is cysteine biosynthesis (Zechmann, 2014). Under Cu limitation, two

chloroplast cysteine synthase isoenzymes were up-regulated (CS, To27524 and To10442; Fig. 7,

Table 3, Table S 7) suggesting an increase in glutathione production. Furthermore, glutathione-

S-transferase was one of the most highly up-regulated proteins (GST, To09062), which would be

able to add glutathione to nucleophilic groups to detoxify oxidative stress (Gallogly and Mieyal,

2007). The up-regulation of glutathione reductase (GR, To07268), which oxidizes the over-

abundant NAD(P)H in the chloroplast further supports our hypothesis that in *T. oceanica*

glutathione counteracts ROS.

Thioredoxins (TXN) are important redox regulators in plants, especially in the

chloroplast (Balmer et al., 2003), although their role in diatoms is unclear (Weber et al., 2009).

In *T. oceanica*, the levels of three thioredoxins were increased, and each one was targeted to a

different compartment: the chloroplast (TXN, To31425), the cytosol (To05213), and the

mitochondria (To31425).

Another defence mechanism against ROS is the production of superoxide dismutases

(SOD), which catalyze the conversion of superoxide radicals into hydrogen peroxide and

oxygen. Of the three SODs identified in Cu-limited cultures, two were up-regulated: chloroplast

Mn/Fe-SOD (To02860) and cytosolic Ni-SOD (To10112). Thus, under Cu limitation, cells may

be able to control ROS levels by increasing the expression of both glutathione and SODs. The

increase of thioredoxin isoenzymes in all three major cellular compartments (i.e. cytosol,

chloroplast, mitochondria) points to their involvement in sensing the cellular redox state and

regulating excess NAD(P)H.

The malate shunt drains NAD(P)H reducing equivalents from the chloroplast to the

mitochondria, thus integrating the nitrogen and carbon metabolisms

The efficiency of photosynthesis (both electron transport and carbon fixation) depends on an

adequate supply of ATP/ADP and NAD(P)H/NAD(P)$^+$ (Allen, 2002). In plants, the malate shunt

can channel excess NAD(P)H reducing equivalents from the chloroplast to other cellular

compartments, via the differential regulation of malate dehydrogenase (MDH) isoenzymes

(Heineke et al., 1991; Scheibe, 2004). In this process, NAD(P)H in the chloroplast reduces

oxaloacetate to malate, a compound that can be transported across membranes and re-oxidized,

resulting in the production of NAD(P)H in the target compartment. NAD(P)H can then be used

in reactions such as nitrate reduction in the cytosol or ATP production in the mitochondria.

In diatoms, the interaction between the chloroplast and mitochondria is expected to be

multifaceted, possibly with direct exchange of ATP/ADP (Bailleul et al., 2015) and indirect

exchange of NAD(P)H via the ornithine/glutamate shunt (Broddrick et al., 2019; Levering et al.,

2016) and the malate/aspartate shunt (Bailleul et al., 2015; Prihoda et al., 2012). Some support

for the spatial interconnectedness between chloroplast and mitochondria in diatoms has been

reported recently (Flori et al., 2017). However, the location of the potential transporters needed

(e.g. malate/2-oxoglutarate antiporter, glutamate/aspartate antiporter) have yet to be proven

(Bailleul et al., 2015; Kim et al., 2016).

The proteomic patterns we present here support the existence and activation of the malate

shunt in *T. oceanica* in response to low Cu. We observe the increased expression of chloroplast

and mitochondrial MDH (MDH2, To30817; MDH1, To03405), as well as mitochondrial

aspartate aminotransferase (AAT2, To15049, Fig. 6). As described by Kim et al (2016) in *P.*

tricornutum, chloroplast oxaloacetate (OAA) is reduced to malate via MDH2. Malate is then

transported into the mitochondria via a putative malate/2-oxoglutarate antiporter. NAD(P)H

reducing equivalents are released in the mitochondria via the re-oxidation of malate to OAA by

mitochondrial MDH1. In turn, mitochondrial AAT2 transfers an amine group from glutamate to

OAA, thereby releasing aspartate and 2-oxoglutarate into the mitochondria. To close the cycle,

aspartate is transported back, via a glutamate/aspartate antiporter, into the chloroplast where the

plastidial AAT isoenzyme would resupply OAA (Kim et al., 2016). However, in *T. oceanica,*

chloroplast AAT was significantly down-regulated. We suggest that chloroplast OAA, the

substrate for MDH2, would be resupplied in the chloroplast via the ATP-dependent

carboxylation of pyruvate due to the significant up-regulation of pyruvate carboxylase (PC). This

would lead to a net decrease of NAD(P)H in the chloroplast and a net increase of NAD(P)H in

the mitochondria. Furthermore, the channeling of NAD(P)H reducing equivalents towards

respiration, instead of the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle, is supported by a 66% decreased in C

fixation, while respiration rates remained constant (Hippmann et al, 2017).

The expected increase in 2-oxoglutarate and aspartate in the mitochondria, due to an up-

regulation of mitochondrial AAT2, could be helpful for the cell. If the putative malate/2-

oxoglutarate antiporter is indeed involved in the malate shunt, 2-oxoglutarate would be

transported back into the chloroplast. As chloroplast AAT is down-regulated, 2-oxoglutarate

could be used as a substrate for the up-regulated Fd-dependent glutamate synthase (GOGAT) in

nitrogen assimilation. Any surplus 2-oxoglutarate in the mitochondria could feed into the citrate

cycle. Fittingly, aconitase (To20545) and isocitrate dehydrogenase (To34595), the two proteins

involved in the citrate cycle immediately before 2-oxoglutarate, were both significantly down-

regulated (Fig. 3).

Mitochondrial aspartate can be channelled into the urea cycle, where it will produce

argininosuccinate, which can then be diverted back into the mitochondrial citrate cycle as

fumarate via the aspartate/fumarate shunt (Allen et al., 2011). Thus, even though two of the first

three steps in the citrate cycle were down-regulated, we hypothesize that the malate shunt in

combination with the urea cycle would ensure the continuation of this vital metabolic pathway

by supplying it with essential carbon skeletons, i.e. 2-oxoglutarate and fumarate.

In addition to the malate shunt, other pathways have been proposed to alleviate electron

pressure in diatoms. In *P. tricornutum*, modelling experiments suggest the prevalence of the

glutamine-ornithine shunt over the malate shunt (Broddrick et al., 2019). However, none of the

homologs involved in this shunt were identified in Cu-limited *T. oceanica* (e.g. n-acetyl-γ-

glutamyl-phosphate reductase; n-acetylornithine aminotransferase). Furthermore, the activation

of alternative oxidase (AOX) in Fe-limited *P. tricornutum* to alleviate electron stress in the

impaired mitochondrial respiration (Allen et al., 2008) was not observed in Cu-limited *T.*

oceanica (Hippmann et al., 2017). Future research is needed to elucidate the regulation of shuttle

system/compartmental cross talks in diatoms.

Conclusions

The success of diatoms in the modern ocean is thought to be due to their complex genomic

makeup, and their successful integration and versatility of metabolic pathways. This was

exemplified in the present study, where our proteomic data suggest how interaction among

metabolic pathways act to maximize growth in *T. oceanica* (CCMP 1003) acclimated to severe

Cu-limiting conditions. The differential expression of glycolytic isoenzymes located in the

chloroplast and mitochondria may enable them to channel both excess electrons and/or ATP

between these compartments. We found additional evidence for chloroplast-mitochondrial cross-

talk in the reciprocal expression of chloroplast and mitochondrial isozymes involved in the

proposed malate shunt, which could result in transferring both NAD(P)H reducing equivalents

and carbon skeletons from the chloroplast to the mitochondria. The up-regulation of ferredoxin

(Fdx) was correlated with up-regulation of plastidial Fdx-dependent isoenzymes involved in

nitrogen assimilation as well as enzymes involved in glutathione synthesis, thus integrating

nitrogen uptake and metabolism with photosynthesis and oxidative stress resistance.

Methods

Cultures of the centric diatom *T. oceanica* strains CCMP 1003 and CCMP 1005 (here referred to

as TO03 and TO05, respectively) were grown under Cu-replete and Cu-limited conditions.

Proteins were extracted, purified, and analyzed by LC-MS/MS as detailed in Hippmann *et al.*

(2017). The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange

Consortium via the PRIDE (Vizcaíno et al., 2016) partner repository with the dataset identifier

PXD006237.

Statistical analysis of differential protein expression

As described in Hippmann et al (2017), peptides were labelled with different isotopologues of

formaldehyde depending on their nutrient regime (i.e. control, lowCu, lowFeCu), then mixed in a

1:1:1 ratio and analyzed by LC-MS/MS. Differential expression is then derived from the ratio of

the intensities (area under the curve) of the light and heavy peaks for each peptide (see schematic

in Fig. S 1). All three nutrient regimes (control, lowCu, lowFeCu) were processed together to be

as consistent as possible and to decrease the number of false positives. However, in the present

study we discuss the lowCu data only.

We defined two levels of statistically significant difference in expression: 1) greater than

or equal to 2-fold (highly regulated), or 2) between 1.3- and 2-fold (regulated). In addition, the

result must be found in at least two of the three biological replicates and result in a *p*-value of

<0.05 for the z test, determining significant difference of the average ratios between treatments,

taking the variance into account. Additionally, any protein that had a differential expression ratio

of >10 (up-regulated) or <0.1 (down-regulated) in at least one biological replicate was

considered to be an all-or-nothing response and was included in the 'significantly changed' set.

Protein annotation and targeting prediction

Predicted proteins from both the publicly available genome of TO05 (CCMP1005) and our

transcriptome of TO03 (CCMP 1003) were searched against a comprehensive sequence database,

PhyloDB for functional annotation using BlastP. PhyloDB version 1.076 consists of 24,509,327

peptides from 19,962 viral, 230 archaeal, 4,910 bacterial, and 894 eukaryotic taxa. It includes

peptides from the 410 taxa of the Marine Microbial Eukaryotic Transcriptome Sequencing

Project (http://marinemicroeukaryotes.org/), as well as peptides from KEGG, GenBank, JGI,

ENSEMBL, CAMERA, and various other repositories. To predict gene localization for proteins

involved in carbon and nitrogen metabolism, four *in silico* strategies were followed: 1) sequences

of candidate genes were compared to the publicly available chloroplast genomes of *T. oceanica*

(CCMP 1005) (Lommer et al., 2010) and *T. pseudonana* (Armbrust et al., 2004; Oudot-Le Secq

et al., 2007), 2) the diatom-specific chloroplast targeting sequence software ASAFind (Gruber et

al., 2015) was used in conjunction with SignalP 3.0 (Petersen et al., 2011) to find nuclear

encoded, chloroplast targeted proteins, 3) SignalP and TargetP (Emanuelsson et al., 2007) were

used for mitochondrial targeting, and 4) comparison with curated subcellular locations of the

closest homologs in *T. pseudonana*, *P. tricornutum*, and *Fragilariopsis cylindricus* genomes. We

acknowledge that deducing cellular targeting via comparison to predicted or experimentally

verified proteins in other diatoms can be challenging, as homologs can be found in different

compartments depending on species (Gruber et al., 2015; Gruber and Kroth, 2017; Schober et al.,

2019). The corresponding names of all protein abbreviations used throughout the present study

(text and figures) are given in Table 1.

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Fig. S 1: **Overview of Proteomic Method**. **A) Workflow**, **B) Table of preparation and mixing of samples**

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and acute N limitation.: A) *T. oceanica* (CCMP1003) under chronic Cu limitation (present study); B) *T. oceanica*

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(CCMP1003 and CCMP1005).

Tables

Table 1: Abbreviations of proteins discussed in this paper.

Abbreviation	Name	Abbreviation	Name
AAT	aspartate aminotransferase	GSS	glutathion synthetase
ACAS	acetyl-CoA Synthase	GST	glutathione-S-transferase
ACC	acetyl-CoA carboxylase	IDH	isocitrate dehydrogenase
ACO	aconitasehydratase	LDH	L-lactate dehydrogenase
Agm	agmatinase	MDH	malate dehydrogenase
AMT	ammonium transporter	ME	malic enzyme
APX	ascorbate peroxidase	NAD(P)H-NiR	nitrite reductase (NAD(P)H-dependend)
Arg	arginase	NR	nitrate reductase
argD	n-acetylornithine aminotransferase	NRT	nitrate/nitrite transporter
AsL	argininosuccinatelyase	OCD	ornithine cyclodeaminase
AsuS	argininosuccinate synthase	OdC	ornithine decarboxylase
ATCase	aspartate carbamoyltransferase	OGD	2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase
cbbX	rubisco expression protein	OTC	ornithine carbamoyltransferase
CS	citrate synthase	PC	pyruvate carboxylase
CYS	cysteine synthase	PDH	pyruvate dehydrogenase
CYS2	cysteine synthase	PDH-E1	pyruvate dehydrogenase-E1 component
DHAR	dehydroascorbate reductase	PDH-E2	pyruvatedehydrogenase- E2 component (dihydrolipoamideacetyltransferase)
DLDH	dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase	PEPC	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase
EDA	2-keto-3-deoxy phosphogluconate aldolase	PEPCK	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
EDD	6-phosphogluconate dehydratase	PEPS	phosphoenolpyruvate synthase
ENO	enolase	PFK	phosphofructokinase
F2BP	fructose-1-6-bisphosphatase	PGAM	phosphoglycerate mutase
FBA I	fructose-bisphosphate aldolaseclass-I	pgCPSII	carbamoyl-phosphate synthase
FBA II	fructose-bisphosphate aldolaseclass-II	PGK	phosphoglycerate kinase
Fd	ferredoxin	PGM	phosphoglucomutase
Fe-NiR	nitrite reductase (ferredoxin dependend)	PK	pyruvate kinase
FH	fumarate hydratase	PPDK	pyruvate
GAPDH	glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	rbcL	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase
GCS	glutamate-cysteine ligase	rbcS	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase
GDCP	glycine decarboxylasep-protein	RPE	ribulose-5-phosphate epimerase
GDCT	glycine decarboxylaset-protein	RPI	ribose-5-phosphate-isomerase
GDH	glutmatae dehydrogenase	RuBisCO	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase
GDH	glutmatae dehydrogenase	SRM	spermidine synthase
GOGAT	glutamate synthase	SUCLA	succinate CoA synthetase

GPI	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase	TP	triosephosphate
GR	glutathione reductase	TPI	triosephosphate isomerase
GRX	glutaredoxin	TXN	thioredoxin
GSI	glutamine synthase	unCPS (CPSaseIII)	carbamoyl-phosphate synthase
GSII	glutamine synthetase	Ure	urease
GSIII	glutamine synthetase	URT	Na/urea-polyamine transporter

557 Table 2: Proteins involved in carbon metabolism that are significantly up- or down- regulated in *T. oceanica* (CCMP

558 1003) under chronic Cu limitation.

Gene name[a]	Protein name	Fold change expression under low Cu[b]	Pathway[c]	Compart-ment[d]
cbbX, THAOC_24360	cbbX, rubisco expression protein	**-2.3**	CBB	Chl
THAOC_00388	FBA II, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-II	1.4	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_12069	FBA II, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-II	**2.0**	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_13085	GAPDH, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	**-4.2**	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_07617	PGK, phosphoglycerate kinase	**6.9**	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_35826	TPI1, triose-phosphate isomerase	1.9	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_02438	TPI2, triose-phosphate isomerase	**3.3**	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_32006	TPI3, triose-phosphate isomerase	1.5	CBB, G	Chl
THAOC_34936	ENO, Enolase	1.5	G	M
THAOC_24978	FBA I, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-I	-1.6	G	Cyt
THAOC_24977	FBA II, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-II	-1.2	G	Cyt
THAOC_33331	GAPDH, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	**3.8**	G	M
THAOC_16559	PFK, phosphofructokinase	-1.8	G	Cyt
THAOC_21902	PGAM2, phosphoglycerate mutase	**-2.3**	G	Chl
THAOC_06412	PGM, phosphoglucomutase	**-3.2**	G	Cyt
THAOC_34937	PK, pyruvate kinase	1.6	G	Cyt
THAOC_07097	PK, pyruvate kinase	-1.3	G	M
THAOC_20545	ACO, aconitase hydratase	**-4.7**	TCA	M
THAOC_37807	IDH, isocitrate/ isopropylmalate dehydrogenase	-1.6	TCA	M
THAOC_34595	IDH1, isocitrate dehydrogenase (monomeric)	**-3.0**	TCA	M
THAOC_03405	MDH1, malate dehydrogenase	1.6	TCA, Mal	M
THAOC_16827	AAT, aspartate aminotransferase	**-2.3**	Mal	Chl
THAOC_15049	AAT, aspartate aminotransferase	**3.6**	Mal	M
THAOC_30817	MDH2, malate dehydrogenase,	**2.6**	Mal	Chl
THAOC_31413	PC(2), pyruvate carboxylase	**2.6**	Mal	Chl

[a]gene name as per Lommer *et al*, 2012

[b]average fold-change in Cu-limited compared to control cultures, bold indicates highly differentially expressed ($> \pm$

2-fold, $p<0.05$), otherwise differential expression ratio of ±1.3- to 2-fold ($p<0.05$)

[c]metabolic pathway in which the protein is involved: CBB, Calvin-Benson-Bassham Cycle; G, glycolysis; Mal,

malate shunt; TCA, tricarboxylic acid cycle

[d]predicted cellular localization of protein: Chl, chloroplast; Cyt, cytoplasm; M, mitochondrion

Table 3: Proteins involved in nitrogen and stress response metabolism that are significantly up- or down- regulated

in *T. oceanica* (CCMP 1003) under chronic Cu limitation.

Gene name[a]	Protein name	fold change expression under low Cu[b]	Pathway[c]	Compart-ment[d]
THAOC_15049	AAT, aspartate aminotransferase	**3.6**	N	M
THAOC_16827	AAT, aspartate aminotransferase	**-2.3**	N	Chl
THAOC_02363	Fe-NiR, nitrite/sulfite reductase ferredoxin-like half-domain	**2.3**	N	Chl
THAOC_00016	Fe-NiR, nitrite/sulfite reductase ferredoxin-like half-domain	**1.3**	N	Chl
THAOC_31900	GSII, glutamine synthetase	1.7	N	Chl
THAOC_06032	GSIII, glutamine synthetase	**-5.3**	N	M
THAOC_34460	NR, nitrate reductase	1.5	N	Cyt
THAOC_00016	NR, nitrite reductase	1.3	N	Chl
THAOC_04919	NRT, nitrate/nitrite transporter	**11.0**	N	Trans
THAOC_04380	OCD, ornithine cyclodeaminase	1.2	N	Cyt
THAOC_05385	OTC, ornithine carbamoyltransferase	1.7	N	M
THAOC_22108	SRM, spermidine synthase	**2.3**	N	Cyt
THAOC_31656	URT, Na/urea-polyamine transporter	**6.9**	N	Trans
THAOC_13288	GOGAT, glutamate synthase	1.6	N, ROS	Chl
THAOC_37364	APX, ascorbate peroxidase	1.4	ROS	Cyt
THAOC_27524	CYS, cysteine synthase	**2.5**	ROS	Chl
THAOC_10442	CYS2, cysteine synthase	1.5	ROS	Chl
THAOC_07268	GR, glutathione reductase	**2.5**	ROS	Chl
THAOC_07269	GRX, glutaredoxin	-1.3	ROS	Chl
THAOC_18234	GRX, glutaredoxin	-1.3	ROS	Chl
THAOC_09062	GST, glutathione-S-transferase	**7.3**	ROS	Cyt
THAOC_02860	MnSOD, Mn/Fe binding superoxide dismutase	1.8	ROS	Chl
THAOC_10112	NiSOD, nickel-dependent superoxide dismutase	1.4	ROS	Cyt
THAOC_05213	TXN, thioredoxin	**4.2**	ROS	Cyt
THAOC_13865	TXN, thioredoxin	1.8	ROS	M
THAOC_31425	TXN, thioredoxin	1.5	ROS	Chl
THAOC_25559	Fdx, ferredoxin	**43.79**	---	Chl

[a]gene name as per Lommer *et al*, 2012

[b]average fold-change in Cu-limited compared to control cultures, bold indicates highly differentially expressed (> ±

2-fold, $p<0.05$), otherwise differential expression ratio of ±1.3- to 2-fold ($p<0.05$)

[c]metabolic pathway in which the protein is involved: N, nitrogen metabolism; ROS, reactive oxygen species

metabolism; M, multiple

[d]predicted cellular localization of protein: Chl, chloroplast; Cyt, cytoplasm; M, mitochondrion; TRANS,

transmembrane

Table 4: Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase (FBA) isoenzymes in *P. tricornutum* (Pt) and homologs in *T. oceanica* (To,

CCMP 1003). Information on *P. tricornutum* as per Allen *et al* (2012).

Gene name (Pt)[a]	FBA class[b]	Phylogenetic ancestry[c]	Location in Pt[d]	Pt id[e]	Pt mRNA lowFe[f]	To homolog[g]	protein ratio lowCu[h]
FbaC1	Class II	Chromalveolate specific gene duplication of FbaC2 prior to diversification	Chloroplast, Pyrenoid	Bd825	↑ >25	To00388	↑ (1.4)
FbaC2	Class II	Endosymbiotic gene transfer from prasinophyte-like green algal ancestor	Chloroplast, diffuse	Pt22993	↓ <20	To12069	↑ (2.0)
Fba3	Class II	Heterokont host of secondary endosymbiosis	Cytosol	Pt29014	↑ >10	To24977	±
Fba4	Class I	Bacterial like (unknown in non-diatom eukaryotes)	Cytosol, putative cytoskeletal interaction	Pt42447	~1	To24978	↓ (-2.8)
FbaC5	Class I	Endosymbiotic gene transfer from red algal ancestor (with selective gene loss in some centric diatoms)	Chloroplast, Pyrenoid	Pt51289	↑ >80	To02112	±

[a]as per Allen et al (2012)
[b]Class I uses a metal co-factor, Class II uses a Schiff base
[c]as per Allen et al (2012)
[d]as per Allen et al (2012) using GFP-fusion proteins
[e]NCBI identifier
[f]fold-change of mRNA transcript levels in acute Fe limited *vs*. Fe replete cultures; arrows indicating up- and down-
regulation
[g]as per blastP search
[h]fold change of protein levels in chronic Cu limited vs. Cu replete cultures
FBA, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase; Pt, *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*; To, *Thalassiosira oceanica*

Figure Legends

Fig. 1: **Overview of proteomics data for *T. oceanica* CCMP 1003 (TO03) and 1005 (TO05) grown in Cu-limiting conditions. A-C Venn diagrams of distinct identified proteins in the original datasets of TO03 and TO05**: A) All proteins; B) significantly up-regulated proteins; C) significantly down-regulated proteins. Note that even though only 50% of the proteins identified in TO05 were identified in TO03, in TO03 there were three times more significantly up-regulated proteins and five times more significantly down-regulated proteins than in TO05.

Fig. 2: **Bar charts of second level Kegg Orthology (KO) identifiers associated with proteins of original TO03 dataset comparing proportions between all proteins and those that are significantly up- or down-regulated.** Numbers in brackets indicate absolute protein numbers in each set. Note that certain aspects of metabolism are most highly affected: energy, amino acid and carbohydrate metabolism

Fig. 3: **Relative expression of proteins involved in the Calvin Benson Bassham and citrate (TCA) cycle.** Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.
Metabolites: 1,3- bisPG, 1,3-bisphosphateglycerate; G3P, glucose-3-phosphate; Ery-4-P, erythrose 4 phosphate; Sedo-1,7-bisP, sedoheptulose 1 7-bisphosphate; Rib-1,5-bisP, ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate; DHAP, dihydroxyacetone phosphate; Fru-1,6-bis-P, fructose 1,6-bisphosphate; Fru-6-P, fructose 6-phosphate; GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; HCO_3^-, bicarbonate; OAA, oxaloacetate; TP, triose phosphate. For other abbreviations, see Table 1.

Fig. 4: **Relative expression of proteins involved in glycolysis in the three compartments (chloroplast, mitochondrion, cytosol), including Entner-Dourdoroff pathway**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. Colors and shading as in Fig. 3.
Metabolites: 1,3- bisPG, 1,3-bisphosphateglycerate; 2K3D-PG, 2-keto-3-deoxyphosphogluconate; 2PG, 2-phosphoglycerate; 3PG, 3-phosphoglycerate; 6PG, 6-phosphogluconate; DHAP, dihydroxyacetone phosphate; Fru-1,6-bis-P, fructose 1,6-bisphosphate; Fru-6P, fructose 6-phosphate; GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; Glu 6-P, glucose 6-phosphate; HCO_3^-, bicarbonate; OAA, oxaloacetate; PEP, phosphoenolpyruvate. Other abbreviations in Table 1.

Fig. 5: **Relative expression of proteins involved in nitrogen metabolism**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. Colors and shading as in Fig. 3. **Metabolite abbreviations as in Fig. 3 or Table 1.**:

Fig. 6: **Relative expression of proteins involved in the malate shunt**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. Colors and shading as in Fig. 3. **Abbreviations:** AAT, aspartate aminotransferase; MDH, malate dehydrogenase; ME, malic enzyme; OAA, oxaloacetate; PC, pyruvate carboxylase; PK, pyruvate kinase. Other abbreviations in **Table 1**:

Fig. 7**: Relative expression of proteins involved in glutathione metabolism and response to reactive oxygen species (ROS).** Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. Colors and shading as in Fig. 3.
Protein and metabolite abbreviations: as in Table 1.

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Fig. 2: **Bar charts of second level Kegg Orthology (KO) identifiers associated with proteins of original TO03 dataset comparing proportions between all proteins and those that are significantly up- or down-regulated.** Numbers in brackets indicate absolute protein numbers in each set. Note that certain aspects of metabolism are most highly affected: energy, amino acid and carbohydrate metabolism

Fig. 3: **Relative expression of proteins involved in the Calvin Benson Bassham and citrate (TCA) cycle.** Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.

Protein abbreviations: ACO, aconitase hydratase; cbbX, rubisco expression protein; CS, citrate synthase; DLDH, dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase; FBA I, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-I; FBA II, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-II; FH, fumarate hydratase; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; GPI, glucose-6-phosphate isomerase; IDH, isocitrate dehydrogenase; MDH, malate dehydrogenase; OGD, 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase; PC, pyruvate carboxylase; PDH, pyruvate dehydrogenase; PFK, phosphofructokinase; PGAM, phosphoglycerate mutase; PGK, phosphoglycerate kinase; PGM, phosphoglucomutasePK, pyruvate kinase; rbcL, ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase large chain; rbcS, ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase small chain; RPE, ribulose-5-phosphate epimerase; RPI, ribose-5-Phosphate-isomerase; SUCLA, succinate CoA synthetase; TPI, triose-phosphate isomerase

Compound abbreviations: 1,3- bisPG, 1,3-bisphosphateglycerate; G3P, glucose-3-phosphate; Ery-4-P, erythrose 4 phosphate; Sedo-1,7-bisP, sedoheptulose 1 7-bisphosphate; Rib-1,5-bisP, ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate; DHAP, dihydroxyacetone phosphate; Fru-1,6-bis-P, fructose 1,6-bisphosphate; Fru-6-P, fructose 6-phosphate; GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; HCO_3^-, bicarbonate; OAA, oxaloacetate; TP, triose phosphate

Fig. 4: **Relative expression of proteins involved in glycolysis in the three compartments (chloroplast, mitochondrion, cytosol), including Entner-Dourdoroff pathway**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, *p*<0.05); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold (*p*<0.05); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, *p*<0.05); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold (*p*<0.05); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.

Protein abbreviations: CBB cycle, Calvin Benson Bassham cycle, EDA, 2-keto-3-deoxy phosphogluconate aldolase; EDD, 6-phosphogluconate dehydratase; ENO, enolase; F2BP, fructose-1-6-bisphosphatase; FBA I, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-I; FBA II, fructose-bisphosphate aldolase class-II; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; GPI, glucose-6-phosphate isomerase; PC, pyruvate carboxylase; PDH, pyruvate dehydrogenase; PFK, phosphofructokinase; PGAM, phosphoglycerate mutase; PGK, phosphoglycerate kinase; PGM, phosphoglucomutase; PK, pyruvate kinase; TCA, tricarboxylic acid cycle;TP, triose phosphate; TPI, triose-phosphate isomerase, TPT, triose phosphate transporter

Compound abbreviations: 1,3- bisPG, 1,3-bisphosphateglycerate; 2K3D-PG, 2-keto-3-deoxyphosphogluconate; 2PG, 2-phosphoglycerate; 3PG, 3-phosphoglycerate; 6PG, 6-phosphogluconate; DHAP, dihydroxyacetone phosphate; Fru-1,6-bis-P, fructose 1,6-bisphosphate; Fru-6P, fructose 6-phosphate; GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; Glu 6-P, glucose 6-phosphate; HCO_3^-, bicarbonate; OAA, oxaloacetate; PEP, phosphoenolpyruvate

Fig. 5: **Relative expression of proteins involved in nitrogen metabolism**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.

Protein abbreviations: AAT, aspartate aminotransferase; Agm, agmatinase; AMT, ammonium transporter; Arg, arginase; argD, n-acetylornithine aminotransferase; AsL, argininosuccinate lyase; AsuS, argininosuccinate synthase; ATCase, aspartate carbamoyltransferase; Fe-NiR, nitrite reductase (ferredoxin-dependent); GDCP, glycine decarboxylase p-protein; GDCT, glycine decarboxylase t-protein; GDH, glutamate dehydrogenase; GOGAT, glutamate synthase; GSI, glutamine synthase; GSII, glutamine synthetase; GSIII, glutamine synthetase; NAD(P)H-NiR, nitrite reductase (NAD(P)H dependent); NiRT, formate/nitrite transporter; NR, nitrate reductase; NRT, nitrate/nitrite transporter; OCD, ornithine cyclodeaminase; OdC, ornithine decarboxylase; OTC, ornithine carbamoyltransferase; pgCPSII, carbamoyl-phosphate synthase II; SRM, spermidine synthase; unCPS (CPSase III), carbamoyl-phosphate synthase; Ure, urease; URT, Na/urea-polyamine transporter.

Fig. 6: **Relative expression of proteins involved in the malate shunt**. Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.

Abbreviations: AAT, aspartate aminotransferase; MDH, malate dehydrogenase; ME, malic enzyme; OAA, oxaloacetate; PC, pyruvate carboxylase; PK, pyruvate kinase

Fig. 7**: Relative expression of proteins involved in glutathione metabolism and response to reactive oxygen species (ROS).** Boxes indicate proteins with their abbreviated name and known *T. pseudonana* (Tp) and *T. oceanica* (To) homologs. The colors of the boxes indicate expression in *T oceanica* TO03 under low Cu: dark red, highly up-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light pink, up-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); dark blue, highly down-regulated (>2-fold, $p<0.05$); light blue, down-regulated by 1.3 to 2-fold ($p<0.05$); white, expressed in TO03; grey border around box, found in *T. oceanica* T005 genome but not expressed in TO03 proteomic data; grey, dashed border around box, no putative homologs in the *T. oceanica* genome.

Protein and compound abbreviations: APX, ascorbate peroxidase; Cys, cysteine; CYS, cysteine synthase; DHAR, dehydroascorbate reductase; γ-glu-cys, γ-glutamylcysteine; GCL, glutamate cysteine ligase; GDH, glutamate dehydrogenase, glu, glutamate; NADP dependent; GOGAT, glutamate synthase; GR, glutathione reductase; GRX, glutaredoxin; GSS, glutathione synthetase; GTR, glutathione transporter; TXN, thioredoxin

Fig. 1: **Overview of proteomics data for *T. oceanica* CCMP 1003 (TO03) and 1005 (TO05) grown in Cu-limiting conditions. A-C Venn diagrams of distinct identified proteins in the original datasets of TO03 and TO05**: A) All proteins; B) significantly up-regulated proteins; C) significantly down-regulated proteins. Note that even though only 50% of the proteins identified in TO05 were identified in TO03, in TO03 there were three times more significantly up-regulated proteins and five times more significantly down-regulated proteins than in TO05.