Dynamic genome-scale modeling of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* unravels mechanisms for ester

formation during alcoholic fermentation

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SUMMARY

Fermentation employing *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has produced alcoholic beverages and bread for millennia. More recently, *S. cerevisiae* has been used to manufacture specific metabolites for the food, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries. Among the most important of these metabolites are compounds associated with desirable aromas and flavors, including higher alcohols and esters. Although the physiology of yeast has been well-studied, its metabolic modulation leading to aroma production in relevant industrial scenarios such as winemaking is still unclear. Here we ask what are the underlying metabolic mechanisms that explain the conserved and varying behavior of different yeasts regarding aroma formation under enological conditions? We employed dynamic flux balance analysis (dFBA) to answer this key question using the latest genome-scale metabolic model (GEM) of *S. cerevisiae*. The model revealed several conserved mechanisms among wine yeasts, e.g., acetate ester formation is dependent on intracellular metabolic acetyl-CoA/CoA levels, and the formation of ethyl esters facilitates the removal of toxic fatty acids from cells using CoA. Species-specific mechanisms were also found, such as a preference for the shikimate pathway leading to more 2-phenylethanol production in the Opale strain as well as strain behavior varying notably during the carbohydrate accumulation phase and carbohydrate accumulation inducing redox restrictions during a later cell growth phase for strain Uvaferm. In conclusion, our new metabolic model of yeast under enological conditions revealed key metabolic mechanisms in wine yeasts, which will aid future research strategies to optimize their behavior in industrial settings.

KEYWORDS: Dynamic flux balance analysis (dFBA), Metabolic modeling, Wine, Fermentation, Yeast, Systems biology, Esters

1 INTRODUCTION

The genetics and metabolism of the yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, have been studied extensively as a model eukaryotic organism (Botstein et al., 1997, Liti, 2015). However, despite its general use for industrial processes such as winemaking, variability in fermentation performance, especially in growth and aroma production, is not entirely understood (Hirst and Richter, 2016). Since prominent aromas, e.g., higher alcohols and esters, are partially produced during active growth, factors that affect yeast growth simultaneously influence essential aroma formation (Dekoninck, 2012). Furthermore, commercial yeast strains vary by orders of magnitude in their aroma production (Steensels et al., 2014, Gonzalez and Morales, 2017, Pérez et al., 2021). This variation has been associated with a myriad of genetic (Peter et al., 2018) and environmental factors such as nitrogen and micronutrients concentration levels (Su et al., 2021), temperature (Rollero et al., 2015), pH (Lam et al., 2014), ethanol concentration levels (Snoek et al., 2016), and the presence of toxins (Viegas et al., 1989).

Commercial strains of wine yeast respond to these factors differently in poorly understood ways, but their responses appear to be correlated with specific parts of yeast metabolism, such as those involved in lipid formation and membrane composition (Henderson et al., 2013). Moreover, it has been suggested that particular aromas are synthesized because of the detoxification of medium-chain fatty acids. It is also speculated that aroma formation is part of a metabolic process used to balance the acetyl-CoA/CoA ratio (Mason and Dufour, 2000). Understanding the differences in metabolism in yeast strains will lead to a greater ability to control and manipulate aroma-related performance. That greater metabolic understanding will facilitate insight into the specific mechanisms inducing aroma formation.

Several studies have examined the production of volatile organic compounds (VOC) or aroma (Miller et al., 2007, Carrau et al., 2008, Seguinot et al., 2018). Some of these studies have combined

omics approaches, exploring the link between yeast gene expression and metabolomics (Dunn et

al., 2005, Minebois et al., 2020) or analyzing the transcriptome and metabolome profiles of yeast

strains to assess the expressed genes on aroma formation during wine fermentation (Rossouw et

al., 2008). Although there is experimental evidence for differences in the metabolism of various

strains and genes involved in aroma formation, these experimentally-derived large data sets can

be challenging to generate and analyze, especially in terms of finding the most important

differences relevant to the metabolism being studied. As an alternative, mathematical modeling of

yeast metabolism can provide a more comprehensive means to examine how yeast metabolism

changes during the entire course of wine fermentation and which parts of overall metabolism are

interrelated.

Metabolic modeling of yeast under enological conditions has been reported for some time

(Boulton, 1980, Cramer et al., 2002, Sainz et al., 2003, Pizarro et al., 2007). The general approach

has been to use Flux Balance Analysis (FBA) with a subset of metabolites and metabolic reactions

found in yeast during alcoholic fermentation (Quiros et al., 2013), often augmented with dynamic

FBA (dFBA) to account for the time-dependent nature of wine fermentations and their associated

yeast metabolism. More recently, the number of metabolites and reactions included in models of

Saccharomyces cerevisiae has grown to be more comprehensive to the point where they are often

referred to as genome-scale metabolic models (GEMs).

Consensus GEMs for yeast have developed from model *iFF708* (1172 reactions) (Forster et

al., 2003) to increasingly comprehensive models (Nookaew et al., 2008, Aung et al., 2013) (1413

and 3498 reactions, respectively), with the newest consensus model being *Yeast8* (3498 reactions)

(Lu et al., 2019). This recent model has been further curated to include some lipid synthesis

pathways and amino acid degradation pathways to account for the production of higher alcohols,

carboxylic, acids and esters (Scott et al., 2020), which have been proven to be key in imparting

desirable aromas to alcoholic beverages (for more details, see review by (Dzialo et al., 2017)).

Vargas et al. (2011) proposed the application of dFBA to less extensive GEMs for studying

wine fermentations (Vargas et al., 2011); however, that study lacked exploration into intracellular

flux behavior and insight into how kinetic constraints impact prediction performance. Jouhten and

coworkers used dFBA with *Yeast5* (Herrgård et al., 2008) to simulate the dynamic metabolic

response of *S. cerevisiae* exposed to sudden oxygen depletion (Jouhten et al., 2012). Also, Sanchez

and coworkers devised a dFBA framework with *Yeast5* to successfully calibrate different types of

data from aerobic fed-batch and anaerobic batch cultivations (Sánchez et al., 2014). These two

studies nevertheless pertained to *S. cerevisiae* grown under glucose-limited conditions while

nitrogen-limited growth of *S. cerevisiae* is relevant to enological conditions.

Yeast8 has been combined with constraint-based modeling approaches to understand yeast

metabolism in a few studies. However, the use of this yeast GEM has thus far been confined to

glucose-limited, aerobic conditions (Moreno-Paz et al., 2022), nutrient-rich cases (Henriques et

al., 2021b) and/or under non-transient model scenarios (Scott et al., 2021b), thus limiting its scope

and applicability to accurately predict enological conditions.

In this study, the *Yeast8.5.0* GEM (Lu et al., 2019), along with the dFBA framework proposed

by (Henriques et al., 2021b), were employed to predict the metabolic behavior of *Saccharomyces*

cerevisiae commercial strains under enological conditions. The dFBA framework proposed by

Henriques et al. has advantages versus previous dFBA frameworks using yeast GEMs because it

contains a multiphase multiobjective implementation of a parsimonious flux balance analysis

(pFBA) and a method for capturing changes in the biomass equation at different growth phases.

Our model framework was mainly used to model nitrogen-limited, anaerobic growth of *S.*

cerevisiae with appropriate kinetic constraints and utilizing a biomass equation tailored for

enological conditions. After calibrating the model with published experimental data from four

commercial yeast strains (Scott et al., 2021a), the goodness of fit of the model was assessed for

each strain to evaluate the accuracy and quality of the model simulations. We analyzed the

metabolic flux distributions corresponding to the best fit to the experimental data. Our analysis

revealed conserved behavior across strains. However, some strain-specific mechanisms were also

noticed, particularly in the Uvaferm and Opale strains.

2 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

2.1 Experimental data

The experimental data for this study come from a previously described study published by

Scott and coworkers (Scott et al., 2021a). The yeast strains used in experiments were Uvaferm

43[TM](Uvaferm), Lalvin R2[TM] (R2), Lalvin ICV Opale[TM] (Opale), and Vitilevure[TM] Elixir Yseo

(Elixir), which are all commercial strains developed by Lallemand (Lallemand, Montreal,

Quebec). All yeast strains were acquired from the UC Davis Enology Culture Collection.

Fermentations were carried out for each strain in MMM synthetic grape juice medium under

nitrogen-limited conditions (yeast assimilable nitrogen, YAN ~ 120 mg/L). More specifically,

sugar (220 g/liter; ~ 22.0oBrix), as a 1:1 mixture of glucose (110 g/liter) and fructose (110 g/liter),

MMM synthetic grape juice medium was prepared according to the method of Giudici and Kunkee

(1994), as previously reported (Henderson et al. 2011). Regarding YAN, to make one liter of

MMM medium, 0.1g, of ammonium phosphate, 0.1g L-tryptophan, 0.2g L-arginine*HCl, 1.0g L-

proline, and 2 g of vitamin-free Casamino acid were added. From analysis reported in Nolan

(1971), 2g of Vitamin- Casamino acid (Difco) consists of 0.649 mM, lysine, 0.194 mM histidine,

0.709 mM ammonia, 0.227 mM arginine, 0.029 mM cysteic acid, 0.657 mM asprartic acid, 0.417

mM threonine, 0.623 mM serine, 1.604 mM glutamic acid, 1.237 mM proline, 0.311 mM, glycine,

0.440 mM alanine, 0.600 mM valine, 0.225 mM methionine, 0.392 mM isoleucine, 0.877 mM

leucine, 0.007 mM tyrosine, and 0.091 mM phenylalanine (Nolan 1971). The medium also

contained 1000 mg/L of proline which is not commonly used by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* as a

source of YAN under enological conditions. The pH of the MMM medium was adjusted to ~ 3.25

using 3 N KOH. All the experiments were carried out at a constant temperature of 20 °C. These

yeast strains were selected based on their different fermentation and aroma-producing performance

attributes. Furthermore, the manufacturers present qualitative characterizations of these strains,

but publish information that lacks quantitative distinctions (see Table 1). For additional

information pertaining to the media preparation, yeast strains, culture conditions, or fermentation

sampling that were performed to generate the experimental data used in this study, see report from

Scott and coworkers (Scott et al., 2021a).

Table 1. Main enological properties of select yeast strains

Commercial Name	Species	Producer	Wine Attributes
Uvaferm 43™	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae var. bayanus*	Lallemand	Restarts stuck fermentations, neutral sensory impact, low volatile acid production
Lalvin R2™	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae var. bayanus*	Lallemand	Improves secondary aroma which leads to generating fruity and floral aroma precursors and fermentation esters.

| Lalvin ICV Opale™ | *Saccharomyces cerevisiae var. cerevisiae* | Lallemand | Develops more volatile aromatic compounds, resulting in intense and complex fruit aromas |
| Vitilevure™ Elixir Yseo | *Saccharomyces cerevisiae var. cerevisiae* | Lallemand | Spurs a vigorous production of fruity and floral aromas from esters |

2.2 Genome-scale metabolic model (GEM)

The GEM used in this study was *Yeast8.5.0* (Lu et al., 2019), publicly available on GitHub

(see link: https://github.com/SysBioChalmers/yeast-GEM). The GEM contains 2742 metabolites,

4058 reactions, and 1150 genes. The GEM was initially developed for *S. cerevisiae* S288C, a

haploid laboratory strain that is not employed in winemaking. However, since this study was

applied to fermentations under enological conditions, we modified the GEM to appropriately

reflect the anaerobic state of metabolism. In our approach, we proceeded as suggested by Heavner

and coworkers (Heavner et al., 2013), constraining v_{O_2} to zero (LB=UB=0 [mmol/g DW h]),

allowing unrestricted uptake of ergosterol (r_1757), lanosterol (r_1915), zymosterol (r_2106), 14-

demethyllanosterol (r_2134), and ergosta-5,7,22,24(28)-tetraen-3beta-ol (r_2137) and oleate

(r_2189). In addition, pathways including the oxaloacetate-malate shuttle and glycerol

dehydrogenase reaction were unrestricted as described by Sanchez and coworkers (Sánchez et al.,

2017, Sánchez et al., 2019) (in the model, this was achieved by blocking reactions r_0713, r_0714,

and r_0487). Heme A was also removed since it is not used under anaerobic conditions. All the

changes related to anaerobiosis were applied either at the beginning of the fermentation or after

the depletion of the initially dissolved oxygen in the simulated media. Moreover, *Yeast8.5.0*

includes expanded coverage of aroma-associated pathways such as an extended Ehrlich pathway,

more ester formation reactions, and enhanced sulfur reduction pathways as previously performed

and described in the literature (Scott et al., 2020).

The GEM used in this study differs from that used in the (Henriques et al., 2021b) study.

Henriques et al. expanded *Yeast8* (*v.8.3.1*) to include 38 metabolites and 50 reactions to explain

secondary metabolism. Furthermore, 13 aroma-impact molecules were added to GEM (see Table

S1 in (Henriques et al., 2021b) for more details). The GEM used in this work is *Yeast8* (*v.8.5.0*).

This version of *Yeast8* contains at least 72 reactions and 50 metabolites related to amino acid

degradation and ester synthesis, which induce the formation of some aroma compounds. Moreover,

Yeast 8.5.0 expanded coverage is based on the work of (Scott et al., 2020) (see version release

details for the complete list of updates here: https://github.com/SysBioChalmers/yeast-

GEM/releases).

2.3 Flux balance analysis

Flux balance analysis (FBA) (Varma and Palsson, 1994, Orth et al., 2010) is a modeling

framework based on knowledge of reaction stoichiometry and mass/charge balances. The

framework relies on the pseudo-steady-state assumption (no intracellular accumulation of

metabolites occurs). The well-known expression captures FBA:

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

where $\mathbf{S}$ is the stoichiometric matrix of (n metabolites by m reactions), and $\mathbf{b}$ is a vector of

metabolic fluxes. The number of unknown fluxes is higher than the number of equations; thus, the

system is undetermined. Still, it is possible to find a unique solution under the assumption that cell

metabolism evolves to pursue a predetermined goal which is defined as the maximization (or

minimization) of a particular objective function (J):

$$\max J$$
$$s.t.:$$
$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\mathbf{LB} < \mathbf{v} < \mathbf{UB}$$

where **LB** and **UB** correspond to the lower and upper bounds on the estimated fluxes. Examples

of objective functions J include growth rate, ATP, or the negative of nutrient consumption, etc.

The solution to an FBA problem is often not unique, i.e., several different combinations

of fluxes may lead to the same optimum. A common approach to finding a single solution is to

further constrain the problem with prior knowledge or biological intuitions. Often, the so-called

parsimonious FBA (pFBA) is used. The underlying idea is to find the solution that minimizes

overall flux through the metabolic network (a proxy for minimizing the total necessary enzyme

mass to implement the optimal solution). (Lewis et al., 2010, Machado et al., 2014).

2.4 Parameter estimation.

Parameter estimation aims to compute the unknown parameters - growth-related constants

and kinetic parameters - that minimize some measure of the distance between the data and the

model predictions. The maximum-likelihood principle yields an appropriate measure of such a

distance (Walter and Pronzato, 1997):

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$$J_{mc}(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{exp}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{obs}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{st}} \left(\frac{y_{k,j,i}(\theta) - y_{k,j,i}^{m}}{\sigma_{k,j,i}} \right)^2,$$

where n_{exp}, n_{obs} and n_{st} $\sigma_{k,j,i}$, $y_{k,j,i}^{m}$, $y_{k,j,i}^{m}$ and $C^{m}y_{k,j,i}(\theta)$ corresponds to model predicted values,

X and C. Observation functions were included for CFUs and OD_{600} to scale viable cell mass (X_V)

and active cell mass (X_A), respectively.

Parameters are estimated by solving a nonlinear optimization problem where the aim is to

find the unknown parameter values (θ) to minimize $J_{mc}(\theta)$ subject to the system dynamics - the

model- and parameter bounds (Balsa-Canto et al., 2010).

To assess the confidence in the parameter estimates we estimated the covariance matrix

from the Fisher Information Matrix:

$$\left| F = E_{y_{m|\theta^*|}} \left\{ \left[\frac{dJ_{mc}(\theta)}{d\theta}\right] \left[\frac{dJ_{mc}(\theta)}{d\theta}\right]^T \right\} \right|$$

227   where E represents expected value and θ* is the optimal parameter value. Remark that the

228   evaluation of the derivatives of the log-likelihood function (J_{mc}) with respect to the parameters,

229   requires the computation of the sensitivities of the measured states with respect to the parameters.

230   The Cramèr-Rao inequality provides a lower bound on the covariance of the estimators:

$$C \geq F^{-1}(\theta^*)$$

The confidence interval for a given parameter is then given by:

$t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}^{\gamma \sqrt{C_{ii}}}$

where $t^{\gamma}_{\alpha/2}$ is given by the Students t-distribution, γ regards the number of degrees of freedom and

α is the (1-α) 100% confidence interval.

2.5 The Multi-Phase Multi-Objective Flux Balance Analysis Framework

In this work, we have adapted the model described in (Henriques et al., 2021b) that accounts

for the dynamic nature of batch fermentation and divides the process into five phases: the lag

phase, exponential growth, growth under nitrogen limitation, stationary phase, and decay. Each

phase is characterized by a cellular objective and a set of constraints. Their duration is imposed by

the estimated parameters TL, TCA, TS, and TD. Interested readers can find a detailed description

of the model equations for the different phases (Henriques et al., 2021b). Here we summarize some

of the most relevant characteristics for each phase:

• Lag phase: The objective is to maximize ATPase expenditure (equivalent to maximizing

ATP production).

• Exponential growth phase (until the nitrogen sources were nearly exhausted): The objective

is to maximize the growth rate.

• Carbohydrate accumulation phase: The objective is to maximize protein production with

constrained carbohydrate accumulation.

• Stationary and decay phases: The objective is to maximize ATP and protein production.

These objectives were chosen assuming that cells behave optimally throughout the process.

Typically, the cellullar objective is assumed to be maximizing biomass. However, in batch

conditions, it is observed that growth is not possible in specific phases. In those phases we assume

that cells will behave efficiently to conserve existing biomass. In particular, we chose protein and

ATP maximization objectives during the carbohydrate, stationary, and decay phases. The rationale

behind is that yeast cells are subject to protein turnover and when it is not possible to sustain

growth, yeast cells will try to retain as much nitrogen as possible. Further, enforcing maximum

ATP production, we assume that metabolism will be as energy efficient as possible.

Constraints on the external fluxes were modeled using kinetic models in ordinary differential

equations. The transport of hexoses was described using Michaelis-Menten-type kinetics subject

to non-competitive inhibition of ethanol (Hjersted et al., 2007). The production of ethanol, the

highest alcohols, carboxylic acids, and esters, was proportional to the amount of hexoses

transported. The transport of nitrogen sources was encoded with Michaelis-Menten-type kinetics

for the case of ammonia and mass action for the amino acids.

During the exponential phase, the protein content on the biomass was assumed to be 50%. The

level of mRNA is assumed to be proportional to the protein content. Maintenance of growth-

associated ATP (GAM) was also updated to account for the polymerization costs of the different

macromolecules (proteins, RNA, DNA, and carbohydrates):

$GAM = GAM_F + GAM_{Prot} + GAM_{RNA} + GAM_{Carbs} + GAM_{DNA}$

where GAM_F is a species or strain-dependent parameter estimated from the data, and the rest are

the polymerization costs of the different biomass precursors (adapted from (Lu et al., 2019)). All

scripts   necessary   to   reproduce   the   results   are   distributed

(https://sites.google.com/site/amigo2toolbox/examples).

2.6 Analysis of dynamic metabolic fluxes.

Here, we evaluated metabolic pathways using a flux ratio, which measures net flux over time

during growth and stationary phases. In particular, we computed the integral of each flux

multiplied by the biomass (mmol . h $^{-1}$) over time and normalized its value with the accumulated

flux of consumed hexoses (glucose and fructose):

$$S_{i.G} = \frac{\int_{T_L}^{T_S} v_i(t).DW(t)}{\int_{T_L}^{T_S} v_{Glx}(t).DW(t) + \int_{T_L}^{T_S} v_F(t).DW(t)}$$

$$282 \qquad S_{i.CA} = \frac{\int_{T_E}^{T_S} v_i(t) . DW(t)}{\int_{T_E}^{T_S} v_{Glx}(t) . DW(t) + \int_{T_E}^{T_S} v_F(t) . DW(t)}$$

$$283 \qquad S_{i.D} = \frac{\int_{T_S}^{T_D} v_i(t) . DW(t)}{\int_{T_S}^{T_D} v_{Glx}(t) . DW(t) + \int_{T_S}^{T_D} v_F(t) . DW(t)}$$

where $S_{i,G}$ corresponds to the flux score i during growth, $S_{i,CA}$ corresponds to the score during

stationary and $S_{i,D}$ decay phases, $v_i(t)$ (mmol . h^{-1} . DW^{-1}) is the flux under scrutiny, $v_{Glx(t)}$ (mmol

. h^{-1} . DW^{-1}) is the glucose flux, $v_{Fr(t)}$ (mmol . h^{-1} . DW^{-1}) is the flux of fructose and DW is the

predicted dry weight biomass (g). The results correspond to the mmol of compound produced per

mmol of hexose consumed x 100 (denoted mmol / mmolH). Score values indicate the overall

impact of each reaction in the net oxidation or reduction of electron carriers during the given phase

of fermentation.

2.7 Computing Environment

The modeling was performed in MATLAB® 2020b (The MathWorks, Inc., Cambridge, MA,

USA) using Cobra Toolbox 3.0 (Heirendt et al., 2019) and implemented on a Windows 10

(Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA, USA) Intel® (Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA, USA)

Core™ i7-7500 CPU @ 2.70 GHz–2.90 GHz processor. The GEM was imported into MATLAB

as an SBML file and curated using Cobra Toolbox. Git version 2.3.0 was installed before cloning

COBRA with GitHub and initializing COBRA in MATLAB.

The multi-phase multi-objective genome-scale model framework was implemented as a script

for AMIGO2 toolbox (Balsa-Canto et al., 2016) to facilitate parameter estimation, simulation, and

quality of fit analyses. From the possibilities available in AMIGO2, we selected to solve the model

using the initial value problem solver CVODES (Hindmarsh et al., 2005) and a Nelder-Mead

method (fminsearch, in MATLAB) to optimize parameter values in reasonable computational

time. In addition, the tool automatically computes the FIM-based confidence intervals for the

optimal parameter values.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Multi-phase multi-objective dynamic flux balance analysis framework

We adapted the model reported earlier (Henriques, et al., 2021) to describe the intracellular

fluxes. Here, we divided the process into five phases in which cellular objectives and flux

constraints must be adapted: lag, exponential growth, carbohydrate accumulation, stationary, and

decay (see Fig. 1). The duration of the phases was determined by the parameters t_L, t_E, t_s, and t_D.

In its original version, the model relied on a dynamic biomass equation dependent on the

amount of YAN in the medium. Nevertheless, this equation required estimating several parameters

without information about biomass composition (protein, mRNA, carbohydrates). In addition, the

model could not accurately explain the observed behavior of the non-*cerevisiae* species (Uvaferm).

This strain showed a long growth period with virtually no nitrogen sources available. To address

this, we replaced the phase regarded as growth under nitrogen limitation with a phase characterized

by carbohydrate accumulation (see (Henriques et al., 2021a) for further details).

Most nitrogen sources, except glycine, were consumed primarily during the exponential

growth phase. In this period, the cellular objective was the maximization of biomass. In contrast

to the previous model, during carbohydrate accumulation, we assumed cells maximize protein and

activated the procedure to simulate protein turnover (described in (Henriques et al., 2021b)) . Also,

to simulate carbohydrate accumulation during this period, an exchange flux for this compound

(s_3717[c]) was added to the stoichiometric network determined by the equation:

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$$v_{carb} = \tau_{Carb} \cdot \left(\theta_{Carb} - \frac{X_{Carb}}{X} \right),$$

where X_{Carb}(g/L) is the carbohydrate quantity present in the biomass, X is the biomass (g/L), θ_{Carb}

is the final carbohydrate content and τ_{Carb} is the parameter controlling the convergence rate

towards θ_{Carb} (see supplementary code example (dynamic genome-scale modeling of yeast

fermentation): https://sites.google.com/site/amigo2toolbox/examples).

Higher alcohol production can occur due to the assimilation/catabolism of amino acids or

due to *de novo* synthesis. In its previous version, the model considered that higher alcohol

production started during growth under nitrogen limitation and was prolonged through the

stationary phase. The experiments considered in that work included ammonium diphosphate

supplementation, and the final concentrations of higher alcohols were higher than those found in

the present work. Here, the relative contributions of higher alcohols produced during the first hours

of growth were relevant. Thus, to account for this effect, during exponential growth, we set the

production of isoamyl alcohol, 2-phenyl ethanol, and isobutanol at the same flux as the

consumption of the corresponding amino acids (leucine, phenylalanine, and isoleucine).

3.2 Goodness of fit of the model against enological fermentation data

This study employed data from experimental fermentations carried out under enological

conditions (see (Scott et al., 2021a)) to calibrate model parameters. The final model contained 50

ODEs, consisting of 60 parameters determined from time-course data for all measured

extracellular metabolites and biomass. The best fit to the data for glucose and fructose uptake, and

the secretion of ethanol, acetate, malate, succinate, and glycerol, are shown in Fig. 2 for the four

strains. For the primary metabolites, glucose in the medium was consumed first, followed by

fructose since hexose transporters in the cytoplasm have a higher affinity for the former (Fig. 2).

A stoichiometrically accurate yield of ethanol (~101 g/L) was predicted for the strains, reaching

an average simulated concentration of 100 g/L with the initial starting concentration of total sugar

used in this study (~220 g/L) (Fig. 2). Moreover, the values were within the range of similar

enological fermentations (Ribéreau-Gayon et al., 2000). Various other essential extracellular

metabolites are also measured and predicted throughout fermentation (Fig. 2), including glycerol,

malate, succinate, and acetate, with average yields among strains of ~7 g/L, ~3.2 g/L, ~1.4 g/L,

and ~0.5 g/L, respectively.

Consumption of glucose and fructose, and production of ethanol simulations were

representative of the enological conditions achieving excellent fits against the experimental

dynamic profiles (with median R^2 values of 0.98, 0.96, and 0.98 among the strains) (see Fig. 2 and

Table S1). YAN and biomass (dry cell weight) curves were also successfully predicted for all the

strains, where the median R^2 values among the strains are 0.92 and 0.96, respectively (see Table

S1). In addition, the production of some essential by-products of wine fermentation, including

glycerol, succinate, and acetate, were successfully simulated by the model achieving moderately

good fits among the strains with median R^2 values of 0.89, 0.81, and 0.77 (Fig. 2 and Table S1).

Maximum glycerol (~6.9 g/L) and succinate (~1.3 g/L) produced during the fermentation were

quantitatively well predicted using the model, while acetate (~0.5 g/L) prediction was reasonably

good (Fig. 2).

The nitrogen consumed by the yeast was in the form of amino acids and ammonium in the

MMM synthetic grape medium, and the model profiles for the nitrogen sources for the four strains

are shown (Fig. 3). As expected, since it has been well documented that wine fermentations are

nitrogen-limited as suggested in several studies (Ingledew and Kunkee, 1985, Cramer et al., 2002,

Varela et al., 2004), the yeast assimilable nitrogen (YAN) (a measure of the concentration of all

nitrogen in the free amino acids and ammonium) was consumed very rapidly. At that point, the

maximum cell density was reached. Figures 2, 3, and 4 showed a mixture of AA and NH_3. The

dFBA also accurately simulated the profiles of several important VOCs for the four strains (Fig.

4).

For the consumption of nitrogenous compounds, the model simulations obtained excellent

fits against experimental data with each of the amino acid dynamic profiles containing a median

$R^2 > 0.92$ except for histidine (0.83), lysine (0.80), and asparagine (0.79). The model also

simulated kinetic curves that were in reasonably good agreement with experimental data for the

VOCs for most strains that have $R^2 > 0.85$ (see Table S1). However, the VOCs of some strains

(Opale and R2) e.g., ethyl hexanoate were predicted with an $R^2 = 0.22$ and 0.16, respectively (Table

S1 and Fig. S2). There was only a slight underprediction of propanol for the Uvaferm strain (see

Fig. 3).

When examining the dynamic concentration profiles, the most apparent differences among

the strains correspond to extracellular metabolites associated with core carbon, nitrogen, and lipid

metabolism. These notable differences are evident when observing the secretion dynamics of

acetate, glycerol, and succinate (Fig. 2) as well as the overall production of many VOCs, e.g.,

propanol, isoamylol, isobutanol, isoamyl acetate, phenylethyl acetate, and ethyl butanoate (Fig. 3

and Fig. 4).

3.3 Key flux predictions across various cell phases suggest the most distinct strain behavior

occurs during the carbohydrate accumulation phase

The model framework was employed to elucidate the metabolic mechanisms adopted by

the strains to achieve different compound concentration levels. Using the *Yeast 8.5.0* combined

with the dFBA model framework, it is possible to predict the change of the entire set of fluxes

throughout the simulated fermentation. The dynamic flux ratios were determined using the

aforementioned equations (see Section 2.5 in Materials and Methods). Their values for some of

the key intracellular fluxes between 6- and 40-hours during fermentation (carbohydrate

accumulation phase) are presented in Supplementary Figure S1.

Essential fluxes concerning an anaerobic nitrogen-limited yeast phenotype were observed

in all growth phases (see supplementary data files). . These fluxes pertained to specific pathways

of the central carbon, nitrogen, and lipid metabolism. This key set of fluxes suggests the role of

NAD-dependent acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (r_2115) to restoring redox balance and allow

anaerobic growth at differing levels among the strains as suggested previously (Vargas et al., 2011,

Scott et al., 2021b). The model predictions for growth were similar among the strains except for

the Uvaferm strain, which experienced a later onset of stationary phase (150 h) compared to other

strains (80 h) (Table S1). This distinction could be related to dissimilarity in protein turnover and

synthesis especially pertaining to the Uvaferm strain.

The dynamic flux ratios pointed to aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase ($\tilde{s} = 6.33$ x 10^{-}

^{4}, 1.05 x 10^{-3}, 1.22 x 10^{-4}, and 9.36 x 10^{-4} mmol/mmolH for Opale, R2, Elixir, and Uvaferm

respectively), homoserine dehydrogenase ($\tilde{s} = 6.33$ x 10^{-4}, 1.05 x 10^{-3}, 1.22 x 10^{-4}, and 9.36 x 10^{-}

^{4} mmol/mmolH for Opale, R2, Elixir, and Uvaferm respectively) , and glycerol-3-phosphate

dehydrogenase ($\tilde{s} = 7.10$ x 10^{-2}, 8.00 x 10^{-2}, 6.31 x 10^{-2}, and 7.95 x 10^{-2} mmol/mmolH for Opale,

R2, Elixir, and Uvaferm, respectively) (where mmolH is millimoles of consumed hexose) (shown

as r_0219, r_0547, and r_0492 in Fig. 2) as the responsible for strain-dependent behavior. These

differences relate to the variation in extracellular productions of glycerol and succinate (Fig. 2 a,

d) The homoserine dehydrogenase enzyme is involved withing the aspartate where it regulates the

NAD(P)-dependent reduction of aspartate beta-semialdehyde into homoserine which subsequently

leads the biosynthesis of methionine, threonine, and isoleucine. In addition, the glycerol-3-

phosphate dehydrogenase enzyme is responsible for catalyzing the NADH-aided reduction of

dihydroxyacetone phosphate to glycerol 3-phosphate which leads to the biosynthesis of

phospholipids.

As nitrogen limitation conditions arise, yeast metabolism circulates more sugar flux into

the fermentation. As such, there is a decline in cell growth, and what is not spent (sugar, nitrogen,

etc., flux) on biomass synthesis is directed to other routes. Overall, for Uvaferm, the decline in

protein synthesis and lipid production lowered the demand for NADPH (see fluxes Table S2). At

the onset of carbohydrate accumulation due to nitrogen limitation, restriction of NAD+ occurred.

As nitrogen limits the rate of glucose and fructose uptake in conjunction with growth, the model

opted to employ the glyoxylate cycle to reduce NADH production while still producing necessary

tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle intermediates (Fig. 2). Overall, in this regard, the model simulations

underscore the tight link between glycolysis, the TCA cycle, lipid, and amino acid metabolism

under nitrogen-limited conditions.

Under nitrogen-limited fermentation conditions, sluggish fermentation can occur due to

lower relative protein turnover, resulting in higher relative amounts of RNA and storage

carbohydrates, e.g., trehalose (Varela et al., 2004). Furthermore, the release of C6 sugars from

trehalose and glycogen mainly occurs during the onset of the stationary phase (Schulze et al.,

1996). For the strains in this study excluding the Uvaferm, this release was predicted to occur at

the carb. accumulation phase Uvaferm showed comparably lower flux values for both the

carbohydrate pseudo-reaction (r_4048: $\tilde{s} = 8.51 \times 10^{-3}$ mmol/mmolH) and trehalose-phosphatase

(r_1051: $\tilde{s} = 1.18 \times 10^{-3}$ mmol/mmolH). However, Uvaferm was the only strain to have predicted

flux for both reactions during the stationary phase. This particularity suggests intracellular

mechanisms bring about carbohydrate storage or accumulation for the other strains or later for

Uvaferm. Furthermore, a later carbohydrate accumulation could affect the fermentative

performance and capacity of the yeast strain (François and Parrou, 2001, Pérez-Torrado and

Matallana, 2015).

Yeast cells produced most of the succinate during the carbon accumulation phase, where

the Uvaferm strain contained a higher dynamic flux ratio than the other strains (Table S3, e.g.,

r_1000). This higher succinate concentration in Uvaferm is caused by cells taking up a preferred

nitrogen source, i.e., glutamate via the GABA shunt which becomes deaminated by NAD+

dependent glutamate dehydrogenase to discharge α-ketoglutarate and ammonium (Fig. 2, r_0471).

Consequently, the increase in the intracellular α- ketoglutarate concentration increases enzyme

activities of the oxidative branch of the TCA cycle, causing succinate production. Previous works

have alluded to the fact that carbon skeletons derived from deaminated glutamate are easily

facilitated into the TCA cycle and, hence, transformed into succinate (Tesnière et al., 2015). This

premise is supported by the model, which uses an aspartate transaminase-associated reaction

(r_0216) to link glutamate and thus steer succinate formation (Fig. 3).

Although Uvaferm strain experienced substantial flux ($\tilde{s} > 1\text{x}10^{-6}$ mmol/mmolH) in many

reactions associated with redox balance and acetyl CoA (e.g., r_2242, r_2266, r_2274, and r_2278,

r_2279 as shown in Fig. 4) during the stationary phase while the other strains did not show any

flux, the intracellular behavior differs among the strains with higher standard deviations (see

supplementary data) most significantly during the carbohydrate accumulation phase. The

exponential and carbohydrate accumulation phases also coincide with the vigorous production of

higher alcohols and esters, desirable in fermented beverages such as wine and beer and

commercially crucial for fragrances (for more info see Fig. S1 and S2). For instance, isoamyl

acetate known for producing fruity aromas, experienced predicted $\tilde{s} = 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$, 5.3×10^{-5}, $6.5 \times$

10^{-5}, and 6.8×10^{-5} mmol/mmolH during the exponential and carbohydrate acc. phases whereas

during the stationary phase the Uvaferm strain was the only strain to experience a flux which was

6.8×10^{-5} mmol/mmolH.

3.4 The role of acetate and ethyl esters in the transitions from growth to the stationary phase

470   Esters are a class of compounds that imbue a range of desirable fruity and floral aromas to

wines and beer (Hirst and Richter, 2016). These esters are produced by a condensation reaction

between acetyl or acyl-CoA and an alcohol (Saerens et al., 2010). Two types of esters are

synthesized, acetate esters and fatty acid ethyl esters, respectively, based on whether acetyl- CoA

or acyl-CoA is employed when forming them (Dzialo et al., 2017). More specifically, acetate esters

are synthesized via the condensation of higher alcohols with acetyl-CoA, catalyzed by alcohol

acetyltransferase enzymes (AATs) (Mason and Dufour, 2000). Acetate esters, primarily ethyl

acetate, isoamyl acetate, isobutyl acetate, and 2-phenylethyl acetate, are quantitatively the most

abundant type of esters formed during fermentation.

479   Our modeling analysis illustrated that acetate ester production was predominately

modulated by the shifting of the acetyl-CoA/CoA ratios as the yeast cells transitioned from the

exponential to the carbohydrate accumulation phase. This reflection was seen most strikingly from

examining reactions associated with acetyl-CoA synthetase, alcohol acetyltransferase, malate

synthase, and serine O-acetyltransferase (*ACS*s, *ATF*s, *MS*, and *SAT* related to reactions: r_0112,

r_0113, r_0158 - r_0162, r_0716, and r_0992) where the strains that maintained the highest flux

ratios between phases, produced the most acetate esters.

For instance, during the exponential phase, the model predicted a significant flux from

isoamylol to isoamyl acetate inside the cytoplasm ($\tilde{s} = 6.5$ x 10^{-5}, 5.3 x 10^{-5}, 6.5 x 10^{-5}, and 6.8 x

10^{-5} mmol/mmolH for Opale, R2, Elixir, and Uvaferm respectively; Fig. 4.; r_0160). This reaction

sustained the same fluxes for all the strains during the carbohydrate accumulation phase. The same

behavior was also observed in other ATF-associated reactions. In this reaction (r_0160), acetyl-

CoA is consumed to form CoA, thereby illustrating that strains with higher flux ratios of acetyl-

CoA/CoA were superior in producing higher acetate ester fluxes. This simulation result has been

previously explored experimentally by Hong and co-workers (Hong et al., 2019). They showed

that acetate ester formation in yeast is modulated by changing the CoA and acetyl-CoA levels by

deleting and overexpressing the *BAP2* and *ATF1*genes, respectively (Hong et al., 2019).

Furthermore, it has been shown that commercial yeast strains differ in the production of acetate

esters, by orders of magnitude, even under identical fermentation conditions (Steensels et al.,

2014). Our model and those previous results suggest that optimizing the activity of genes

responsible for regulating acetyl-CoA/CoA could be beneficial in obtaining the appropriate acetate

ester yield. For example, a researcher could adapt a platform tuning the enzyme expression of

acetyl-CoA carboxylases for acetate esters, similar to a recent study for improving supplies of

acetyl CoA and NADPH and eventual production of 3-hydroxypropionicacid (Qin et al., 2020).

Although there is much certainty regarding the mechanisms that form acetate esters during

fermentation, the mechanisms, including genetics and regulation of fatty acid ester formation, are

still less clear. However, medium-chain fatty acids (MCFA) intermediates are prematurely

released from the cytoplasmic fatty acid synthase (FAS) complex during the late exponential

growth phase. This release triggers ester synthesis as pointed out by (Taylor and Kirsop, 1977).

Subsequently, CoA can activate an MCFA in combination with ATP and ethanol to enzymatically

form an MCFA-ethyl ester (Saerens et al., 2010). This mechanism can be observed in our

predictions in Fig. 4 (e.g., r_4631). Additionally, transitions in fluxes were noticed in FAS

reactions (r_2140 and r_2141, fatty-acyl-CoA synthase) from the exponential growth phase to the

carbohydrate accumulation phase. For instance, these shifts in flux values among the strain

between growth phases could correspond to the activity in CoA with MCFA. This elaborate

relationship causes the levels of fatty acid esters to depend significantly on lipid metabolism and

acetyl-CoA.

Several investigations indicate at least three modulating routes for the flow of MCFAs to

produce ethyl esters. Firstly, the upregulation of fatty acid synthases (*FAS1* and *FAS2*) and

acyltransferases (*EEB1* and *EHT1*) (Saerens et al., 2010). Secondly, reduced acetyl-CoA

carboxylase activity has been shown to play a role where the inhibition of acetyl-CoA carboxylase

facilitates the discharge of MCFAs from the *FAS* complex (Hirst and Richter, 2016). Thirdly, an

increase in MCFA concentrations induces higher concentrations of ethyl esters in wine (Saerens

et al., 2008).

Here, it was inferred the model is in line with the hypothesis that these three routes play a

significant factor in producing MCFA ethyl esters. Higher fluxes during the exponential and

carbohydrate accumulation phases in reactions associated with fatty-acyl-CoA synthase (n-

C16:0CoA), fatty-acyl-CoA synthase (n-C18:0CoA), alcohol acyltransferase (butyryl-CoA), and

alcohol acyltransferase (hexanoyl-CoA) (r_2140, r_2141, r_4631, and r_4629) resulted in the

higher overall production of ethyl butanoate and ethyl hexanoate – essential MCFA ethyl esters

found in wines - for the Uvaferm and Opale strains (Fig. 4 and 5). For instance, Uvaferm and Opale

experienced 71.1% and 12.6%, respectively, more flux than the Elixir strain for the reaction

associated with fatty-acyl-CoA synthase (n-C16:0CoA), which resulted in 14.4% and 8.2% more

overall production for Uvaferm and Opale, respectively, than the Elixir strain. Conversely, when

examining the effect of acetyl-CoA carboxylase, the strain (R2) that experienced the lowest flux

value for an acetyl-CoA carboxylase-associated reaction (r_0109) during the exponential phase

showed the highest flux for the formation of ethyl butanoate during the carbohydrate accumulation

phase ($\tilde{s} = 6 \times 10^{-6}$ mmol/mmolH, r_4646).

Lastly, a relationship was deduced by observing the intracellular fluxes related to the

production and consumption of CoA (Fig, 5). For instance, we could see an uptick or higher flux

in ethyl esters for the strains that experienced more significant imbalances of CoA and acetyl-CoA

(based on greater flux values in the direction of acetyl-CoA consumption). After evaluating the

difference in CoA and acetyl-CoA producing/consuming reactions, it was determined that the

Uvaferm strain had the most significant disparity. This result aligns with the prediction of the

Uvaferm strain producing the most ethyl butanoate (Fig. 4). This detected mechanism for yeast to

produce MCFA ethyl esters to correct imbalances of CoA and acetyl-CoA has been hypothesized

before (Lambrechts and Pretorius, 2000). However, here we show that metabolic modeling

supports this view. Also, since MCFAs are toxic to yeast and, at sufficient concentrations, can lead

to stuck or sluggish fermentations (Viegas et al., 1989), strains better at producing ethyl esters

from CoA are predicted to achieve a fitness advantage.

Taken together, we report a model able to predict the main routes of ester formation over

the course of wine fermentation for different commercial yeast strains. Our results reveal that that

ester formation depends on intracellular acetyl-CoA/CoA levels. In addition, we gained novel

insights about metabolic routes taken to form key esters which pave the way for future metabolic

engineering strategies to manage ester content in alcoholic fermentations. For instance, one can

genetically modify an available GEM to delete, add, sub-express, or over-express, for a metabolite

of interest (Copeland et al., 2012). Then, appropriately calibrate the model using experimental

data, especially from sugar and nitrogenous substrates. Finally, one can examine the effect of

genetic modification and/or varying the substrate composition on the predictions of certain aroma

profiles.

4 CONCLUSION

As yeast becomes increasingly utilized by the food, biotechnology, and cosmetic sectors

to produce desirable aroma compounds organically, it is crucial to understand how the most

prominent of these alluring aromas are produced under industrially-related settings. By applying

an adapted dynamic flux balance analysis framework, this study was able to predict many aspects

of an experimental enological fermentation conducted using commercial wine strains, including

the production of primary metabolites and biomass, as well as key aromas, e.g., esters. By

observing from simulations that pivotal intracellular flux routes varied among the strains chiefly

during the carbohydrate accumulation phase, underlying mechanisms related to redox balance and

the utilization of acetyl-CoA were understood to be responsible for observed phenotypic behavior.

Moreover, the dynamic genome-scale modeling approach allowed the study of individual fatty

acid fluxes over time, supporting the potential role that certain ethyl esters form to remove toxic

fatty acids from the cell by previous experimental work. Future research should look further into

the genes regulating the acetyl-CoA, as mentioned above, with other commercial strains. This type

of research could establish a clearer, more general picture of how various types of aromas are

produced during yeast fermentation. Overall, the predictions agreed with previous experimental

findings and illustrated which metabolic pathways play a role in aroma production, making this a

promising approach for future use in studies related to individual fluxes of important metabolites

in oenological conditions and for comparing metabolic differences between commercial wine yeast

strains.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. Details on the implementation of the multi-phase and multi-objective dynamic genome-

scale model to simulate batch fermentation. Multi-phase and multi-objective dynamic FBA and

methodology to compute dynamic flux rates. The process starts at $t_0 = 0$ and ends at t_F; the timing

of each phase t_L, t_E, t_S, and t_D is computed through parameter estimation.

Figure 2. Overview of central carbon metabolism. Panels a to f depict model predictions versus

the experimental data on extracellular metabolite concentrations associated with glycolysis and

central carbon metabolism for the four strains. Panel g illustrates the predicted intracellular

dynamic flux ratios during the carbohydrate accumulation phase, showing how the four

commercial strains employ different redox balance strategies. These differences result in the

differential production of relevant external metabolites such as succinate (a), glycerol (d), ethanol

(e), and acetate (f).

Figure 3. Overview of higher-alcohol production. Panel a depicts the predicted intracellular flux

dynamic flux ratios related to higher alcohols: propanol, 2-phenylethanol (PEA), isobutanol, and

isoamylol during the carbohydrate accumulation phase and their related effect on the redox balance

of cofactors. Panels b to f represent a comparison between model predictions and experimental

values of PEA, threonine, propanol, isobutanol, and isoamylol, respectively.

Figure 4. Overview of acetate and fatty acid ethyl ester production. Panel a shows the predicted

intracellular dynamic flux ratios corresponding to the production of esters: 2-phenylethyl acetate,

isoamyl acetate, ethyl acetate, and ethyl butanoate during the carbohydrate accumulation phase

and their respective impact on the cofactor balance. Panels b to i correspond to the comparison

between model predictions and experimental data of 2-phenylethyl acetate, isoamyl acetate, ethyl

acetate, ethyl butanoate, respectively.

Figure 5. Comparative illustration of the fluxes through the reactions consuming and producing

acetyl-CoA during the carbohydrate accumulation phase, illustrating how acetyl-CoA/CoA ratios

modulate cellular phenotype.

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Phases, objectives and dynamic flux ratios

Production of higher alcohols

a) Flux ratios

Lalvin ICV Opale™
Lalvin R2™
Vitilevure™ Elixir Yseo
Uvaferm 43™

Extracellular medium

Cytoplasm

Fructose — r_1134
Glucose — r_1166

F6P
G6P
r_0467
G3P
r_0091
r_0889
NADPH
NADPH

Rbl5P
r_0984
r_0982
X5P
R5P
r_1050
r_0990
r_1049
E4P
SH7P
r_2034
r_0042
DHA7P
PEP
Pyruvate
r_0040
r_0039
r_0996
r_0065
NADPH
Shikimate
EPSP
r_0279
Chorismate
r_0278
r_0938
r_0854
PAL
r_0171
NADPH
PEA
r_1590
PEA

→ Produces NADH
→ Consumes NADH
→ Produces NADPH
→ Consumes NADPH
Shuttle
* Stoichiometry 2x

Mitochondrion

Pyruvate
r_0097
r_0961
2-AcetyllacticA
NADH
Carnitine shuttle
r_1120
r_0096
NADPH
A-CoA
r_0025
3-m-2-o
2-IPM
r_1088
Valine
r_2093
2-IPM
r_0023
r_0060
Valine
3-IPM
r_1087
r_0062
r_0029
r_0061
NADH
Isobutanal
Ketoleucine
r_0184
r_0072
NADPH
3-methylbutanal
Isobutanol
r_0181
NADPH
r_1868
Isoamylol
r_1863
Isobutanol
Isoamylol

2-oxobutanoate
r_1041
r_4651
r_0692
Propanal
r_4654
NADPH
Threonine
Propanol
r_1218
Propanol
Threonine
Propanol

Dynamic
flux ratio (mmol/mmolH)
Line thickness =flux ratio
Except:
⩽ 0.03
- - - ⩽ 0.1
—— ⩽ 0.3

b) PEA (g/L)

0.04
0.02
0
0   200   400
Time (h)

c) Threonine (g/L)

0.04
0.02
0
0   200   400
Time (h)

d) Propanol(g/L)

0.1
0.05
0
0   200   400
Time (h)

e) Isobutanol (g/L)

0.05
0
0   200   400
Time (h)

f) Isoamylol(g/L)

0.2
0.1
0
0   200   400
Time (h)

Production of esters

a) Flux ratios

Lalvin ICV Opale™
Lalvin R2™
Vitilevure™ Elixir Yseo
Uvaferm 43™

Extracellular medium

Cytoplasm

Glucose / Fructose

NADPH / NADPH — NADH / NADH

PPP — Glycolysis

Mitochondrion

E4P — PEP

r_0959

Pyruvate — r_0961 / NADH — Carnitine shuttle r_1120

DHA7P

NADPH

Pyruvate — r_1746 — A-CoA

Phenylalanine — Acetaldehyde — Acetaldehyde — r_0165 / NADH — Butanoyl-CoA — 2-IPM

Chorismate — r_2117 — r_2115 / NADH — Ethanol

Alanine — Ethanol — r_4631

Keto-phenylpyruvate — r_2116 / NADH — Ethanol — r_1763 — Ethyl butanoate

r_0854 — Acetate — Ethyl butanoate

PAL — Acetaldehyde — 2-IPM / NADH

NADPH

r_0171 — r_0159 — r_0072 / NADH

PEA — r_0162 — Butanoyl-CoA

A-CoA — Ethyl acetate — r_2274 / NADH / r_2237 / Oxygen / r_2273 / NADH / r_2238 / Oxygen — Ketoleucine — Glutamate

Octanol-CoA — r_2266 / NADH / r_2279 / NADH / r_2244 / Oxygen / r_2278 / NADH / r_2243 / Oxygen / r_2277 / NADH / r_2242 / Oxygen — r_0699 — Leucine — 2-oxoglutarate

2-phenethyl acetate — r_0181

3-methylbutanal

Palmitoleate — Palmitoleate — **Perixosome** — NADPH — r_1863

Isoamylol

Dynamic
flux ratio (mmol/mmolH)
Line thickness =flux ratio
Except:
⋯⋯ ⩽ 0.03
--- ⩽ 0.1
— ⩽ 0.3

Isoamyl acetate

⟶ Produces NADH,NADPH, oxygen
⤸ Consumes NADH, NADPH

b) 2-phenethyl acetate (g/L) #10⁻⁴

c) Isoamyl acetate (g/L)

d) Ethyl acetate(g/L)

e) Ethyl butanoate (g/L) #10⁻³

Time (h)

f) Phenylalanine(g/L) #10⁻³

g) Alanine(g/L)

h) Glutamate(g/L)

i) Leucine(g/L)

Time (h)

Dynamic flux ratios that contribute to cofactor (acetyl-CoA/CoA) balance