# Kinetic analysis of yeast-yeast interactions in oenological conditions

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# Abstract (250 words, concisely summarize the basic content of the paper without presenting extensive experimental details)

Fermentation by microorganisms is a key step in the production of traditional food products such as bread, cheese, beer and wine. In these fermentative ecosystems, microorganisms interact in various ways (competition, predation, commensalism and mutualism). Traditional

wine fermentation is a complex microbial process performed by different yeast species which

can be classified in two groups: *Saccharomyces* and non-*Saccharomyces* species. To better

understand the different interactions occurring within wine fermentation, isolated cultures were

compared to cultures involving one reference strain of *S. cerevisiae* species and one strain of

five non-*Saccharomyces* yeast species out of five (*Metschnikowia pulcherrima, Metschnikowia*

*fructicola, Torulaspora delbrueckii, Hanseniaspora opuntiae and Hanseniaspora uvarum*). In

each case, we studied the population dynamics, the resources consumption and the production

of metabolites of central carbon metabolism. This deep phenotyping of competition kinetics

allowed us to identify the main mechanisms of interaction. *T. delbrueckii* and *S. cerevisiae*

compete for resources with comparable fitness in our experimental conditions. *S. cerevisiae*

and *H. uvarum* and *H. opuntiae* are also competing for resources although both *Hanseniaspora*

strains are characterized by a strong mortality in isolated and mixed fermentations. *M.*

*pulcherrima* and *M. fructicola* have a negative interaction with *S. cerevisiae*, provoking a

decrease in viability in co-culture, probably caused by the synthesis of a killer toxin. Overall,

this work highlights the interest of measuring the population and metabolites kinetics in order

to understand yeast-yeast interactions. These results are a first step for ecological engineering

and the intelligent design of optimal multi-starter consortiums using modeling tools.

# Importance (150 words, should provide a nontechnical explanation of the significance

of the study to the field)

Most oenological fermentations are using today fermentation starters composed of a

*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* single species. Recently the interest of other yeast species has

increased in order to diversify the organoleptic qualities of the wine. However, these other

species cannot finish the fermentation and are therefore most often associated with *S. cerevisiae*

strain in multi-species starters. Until now, there is a lack of knowledge on the interaction

mechanisms that support these multi-species starters. The goal of this work is to increase our

knowledge of yeast-yeast interaction in winemaking fermentation. Furthermore, acquired data

will be used in the future to build a mathematical model predicting the production dynamics of

mixed fermentations. This knowledge is of great importance to guide the design of optimized

yeast consortium to increase wine quality and therefore has a great economic potential.

# Introduction

In natural or anthropized environments, microbial species are part of an ecosystem and interact

positively or negatively in a complex network. Until recently, process optimization in

agriculture or food processing was mostly based on the selection of single strains. However,

this paradigm is now being challenged and the scientific community is increasingly seeking to

exploit and optimize consortia consisting of several strains and/or species. Indeed, many studies

have shown that more diverse anthropized environments have many advantages in terms of

resilience, disease resistance or yield of production (1). Efforts are now being made to design

optimal consortia of various species and strains whose interactions will be exploited to

maximize a given criterion.

In oenology which is both an economical and societal important food ecosystem, the addition

of 'starters' composed of selected yeasts at the beginning of the fermentation process is

common. It is estimated that 80% of the oenological fermentations in the world are conducted

with starters (2, 3). Most often, these fermentation starters are composed of a single

*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain selected for its ability to complete the fermentation. Indeed,

numerous experiments have shown that *S. cerevisiae* species, which is rare at the beginning of

the fermentation, most often becomes predominant at the end of the fermentation,

demonstrating their superior fermentation abilities (4–7). However, in recent years, multi-

species starters have emerged with the aim to increase the aromatic complexity of wines. These

new starters most often combine one strain of *S. cerevisiae* allowing to complete the

fermentation and one other species strain, often from a different genus than *Saccharomyces*,

bringing a greater variety of flavors (4, 5, 7, 8).

There are numerous experiments and even industrial products that mix *Saccharomyces* and non-

*Saccharomyces* strains to improve the organoleptic qualities of wine (5, 9, 10). Non-

*Saccharomyces* strains used in these experiments are very diverse with more than 23 different

species (5) including among others *Torulaspora delbrueckii*, *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*,

*Metschnikowia fructicola*, *Hanseniaspora opuntiae* and *Hanseniaspora uvarum*. *T. delbrueckii*

is one of the few species that is capable to finish the fermentation and has shown to increase

wine quality in mixed cultures with *S. cerevisiae* (9, 11, 12). Bely et al (11) have shown that a

mixed culture *S. cerevisiae* and *T. delbrueckii* improves the analytical profile of sweet wines

notably by decreasing volatile acidity and acetaldehyde production (with 53% less in volatile

acidity and 60% less acetaldehyde than a pure culture of *S. cerevisiae*) (11). On the opposite,

species from the *Metschnikowia* genus ferments poorly in oenological conditions but also can

have interesting attributes (4). In conjunction with *S. cerevisiae*, the presence of *M. pulcherrima*

can reduce ethanol concentrations (4, 13), can increase 'citrus/grape fruit' and 'pear' attributes

(14), as well as the persistence of 'smocky' and 'flowery' attributes (15). *M. pulcherrima* also

has an amensalism effect on *S. cerevisiae* by depletion of iron via the production of

pulcherriminic acid (16). *M. fructiola* has been less studied and never in conjunction with *S.*

*cerevisiae* but still presents an interesting capacity to inhibit *Botrytis* growth (17).  At last, the

*Hanseniaspora* genus also has also been studied in sequential or simultaneous fermentation

with *S. cerevisiae* and has shown to increase volatile compound production during winemaking (4). It has been shown to increase 'tropical fruit', 'berry', 'floral', and 'nut aroma' character (18) linked to higher concentrations of acetate esters, esters of MCFAs, isoamyl alcohol, 2-phenylethanol and α-terpineol (19).

Despite these diverse studies, the composition and the protocol of inoculation of these multi-strains starters are still very empirical and only based on input/output balance without considering the dynamics of the microbial populations and their interactions. This lack of knowledge about the yeast-yeast interactions prevents improving a rationale design of multi-strain starters (20). To address this problem, we precisely followed population dynamics and metabolite productions during oenological fermentations realized in unique or mixed cultures of yeasts. This detailed analysis of the fermentation dynamics will enhance our understanding of the interaction mechanisms and of the influence of yeasts-yeasts interactions on the composition of the final product.

# Results

In this work we compared the performances in winemaking conditions of isolated cultures of six different yeast species (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Torulaspora delbrueckii, Metschnikowia pulcherrima, Metschnikowia fructicola, Hanseniaspora opuntiae* and *Hanseniaspora uvarum,* one strain by species) with paired co-cultures mixing each of the five non-*Saccharomyces* strains with one GFP marked *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain. Obtained results will make it possible to evaluate the intensity of yeast-yeast interactions. By comparing the output of

isolated and mixed cultures, we evaluated the intensity of yeast-yeast interactions and/or its consequences on ecosystem services production.

We first investigated the consequences of co-culture onthe dynamic of $CO_2$ production which is a good indicator of the fermentation progress. The values of the maximum rate of $CO_2$ production ($Vmax$, Fig. 1a, Table. 1) and of the maximum $CO_2$ produced were estimated ($CO_2max$, Fig. 1b, Table. 1). The $Vmax$ was highly dependent on the species (p.value < 0.001). *S. cerevisiae* cultures ($Sc$) displayed the maximum $Vmax$ ($0.99 \pm 0.02$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$) followed by *T. delbrueckii* ($Td$, $0.51 \pm 0.05$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$), followed by *Hanseniaspora* species ($Hu$ $0.33 \pm 0.04$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$, and $Ho$ $0.42 \pm 0.02$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$) and finally *Metschnikowia* species ($Mp$ $0.165 \pm 0.02$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$ and $Mf$ $0.17 \pm 0.04$ g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$). The five mixed cultures had an intermediate $Vmax$ values between those of $Sc$ and $Td$ isolated cultures (Fig. 1a). Mixed culture containing $Mp$, $Td$ or $Mf$ species had significantly higher $Vmax$ than those containing $Hu$ or $Ho$ species.  we considered two types of cultures, those where the fermentation was finished within xx hours ($CO2max$ > 80g.L$^{-1}$) and those where it was not (Fig. 1b). All mixed cultures and the Sc cultures were able to finish the fermentation while all non-*Saccharomyces* isolated cultures did not. $Td$ isolated cultures had the highest $CO_2max$ among non-*Saccharomyces* species ($65 \pm 4$ g.L$^{-1}$), followed by *Hanseniaspora* species ($Hu$ $30 \pm 0.4$ g.L$^{-1}$, and $Ho$ $46 \pm 0.6$ g.L$^{-1}$) and finally *Metschnikowia* species ($Mp$ $22 \pm 0.4$ g.L$^{-1}$ and $Mf$ $20 \pm 1$ g.L$^{-1}$). For these two parameters, the mixed cultures can be grouped with the $Sc$ indicating a prevalent impact of the *S. cerevisiae* species on the fermentation kinetics.

We then looked at the population dynamics for each fermentation (Fig. 2) and determined the maximum growth rate of the population ($mu$), the maximum population size, also called the carrying capacity ($K$) and the relative frequency of each species at the end of mixed cultures

(Table. 1). The fermentations conducted by *S. cerevisiae* alone goes through an exponential

growth rate ($mu_{Sc}$ = 5.6 ± 0.8 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$) and reaches a maximum population around 1.5

$10^8$cells.mL$^{-1}$ ($K_{Sc}$ = 1.56 ± 0.16 $10^8$cells.mL$^{-1}$) that remains constant until the end of the

fermentation. *Td* fermentations have dynamics comparable to those of *Sc* with a similar growth

rate but a smaller carrying capacity ($K_{Td}$ = 1.23 ± 0.05 $10^8$cells.mL$^{-1}$). The fermentations

mediated by *Hanseniaspora* species alone had as similar growth dynamics similar to *Sc* at the

beginning of the fermentation with though a higher growth rate ($mu_{Ho}$ = 7.7 ± 2.3 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-}$

$^1$.h$^{-1}$, $mu_{Hu}$ = 13.4 ± 4.3 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$). On the opposite, their stationary phase is quite

different from that of *Sc*; characterized by a higher cell mortality with a population drop of

about 70% by the end of the fermentation. The fermentation mediated by *Metschnikowia*

species have growth dynamics globally similar to *Sc* fermentations: a similar growth rate ($mu_{mp}$

= 2.3 ± 0.4 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$, $mu_{Mf}$ = 3.4 ± 0.7 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$), a much smaller carrying

capacity ($K_{Mp}$ = 0.6 ± 0.01 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$, $K_{Mf}$ = 0.8 ± 0.05 $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$) and no mortality

during the stationary phase. In most cases, the mixed cultures display an intermediated pattern

between the two corresponding isolated cultures (Fig. 2). However, the mixed cultures with

*Metschnikowia* species harbor a cell mortality during the stationary phase contrary to their

respective isolated cultures. In the case of *ScvsMp* fermentation, only *S. cerevisiae* population

decreases significantly during the stationary phase, while in *ScvsMf* fermentation; both sub

populations significantly diminish. As a measure of fitness, we can also follow the variations

of *S. cerevisiae* frequency along the fermentation. In all mixed cultures, *S. cerevisiae*

significantly increased during the fermentation from 10% initially to frequencies varying

between 32% and 96% at the end of the culture depending on species (Table. 1). In all cases,

except the mix with the *T. delbrueckii* ($prop_{ScvsTd}$ = 0.32 ± 0.02)*,* *S. cerevisiae* finishes by

dominating the mixed cultures (Table. 1).

We then looked at resources consumption (glucose, fructose and sources of assimilable

nitrogen) and estimated the final concentration of sugars (fructose and glucose) and amino-

acids (Fig. 3, Table 1). The *Sc* fermentations consumed all sugars leaving less than 0.1% of the

initial concentration (Fig. 3a). Among isolated non-sacc, *Td* fermentations was the one

consuming the highest fraction of the initial sugars leaving around 31% of sugars followed by

*Ho* (45%), *Hu* (67%), *Mf* (68%) and *Mp* (71%). Furthermore, all species but *Hanseniaspora*

*opuntiae* have consumed more glucose than fructose. The mixed cultures consumed more

sugars than all isolated non-*Saccharomyces* fermentations but less than *Sc* fermentations with

a preference for glucose, indicating the major impact of the *S. cerevisiae* strain in sugar

consumption (consistent with the $CO_2$ production).

The consumption of nitrogen assimilable sources (NAS, amino-acids and ammonium) harbours

the same pattern (Fig. 3b). NAS was consumed almost entirely in *Sc* isolated culture and in all

mixed populations whereas the fraction of NAS consumed varied between 84% and 94% in

non-*saccharomyces* isolated culture. However, the preference for the different sources of

nitrogen are different for each species (Fig. 3c). Glycine and histidine are the least consumed

by *Td*. *Ho* and *Hu* have similar behaviors: they both consume only half of the ammonium, 90%

of histidine and 89% and 79% of arginine respectively. In the same way, both *Metschnikowia*

species present a similar pattern; the non-exhausted NAS are identical for the two species:

ammonium, glycine, aspartate, arginine tyrosine, phenylalanine and alanine. Therefore, we can

classify NAS in function of their global preference by all tested yeasts. The obtained ranking

by order of preference is: glutamine, methionine, glutamate, valine, threonine, serine,

tryptophan, alanine, histidine, arginine, aspartate, glycine and surprisingly ammonium.

In parallel of the monitoring of the must resources consumption, we also investigated the

production of metabolites from the CCM (Central Carbon Metabolism): ethanol, glycerol,

succinate, pyruvate, acetate and alpha-ketoglutarate (Table 1). Theses productions has been

measured at the end of the cultures where sugar consumption being quite different from one

fermentation to another. Therefore, it appears more appropriate to first compare the production

yields (total production / sugar consumption) instead of the total productions. Moreover, we

decide to compare yields of production relatively to the *Sc* yield that is our reference (Fig. 4).

In the case of ethanol, only *Mf* fermentations has a yield of production statistically than the *Sc*

inferior (-32%). For glycerol, all non-*saccharomyces* grown alone but *Td* had a greater yield

than *Sc*. The mixed fermentations glycerol yield was not significantly different from the Sc one.

Regarding acetate, only *Hanseniaspora* species grown alone or in mixed culture harbored a

greater yield than Sc (Fig. 4). For succinate, there could be a negative interaction between *Sc*

and *Hanseniaspora* or *Sc* and *Metschnikowia*, as yields in mixed culture were inferior than in

the corresponding isolated cultures. However, these differences were not significant after the

correction for multiple tests. At last, we did not observe any significant variation of alpha-

ketoglutarate yield of production, linked to its lower concentration and difficulty to be precisely

measured.

The total production of each fermentation is the result of the combination of species yields,

total sugar consumption and respective population dynamics during the fermentation.

Therefore, differences observed in the total productions of mixed cultures result from additive

or subtractive effects between these 3 parameters. Regarding ethanol, the total production is

directly linked to the consumption of resources and all mixed cultures are equivalent to *Sc*

fermentation. The case of glycerol is more interesting. Indeed, even if the sugar consumption

for *ScvsHu* and *ScvsMp* mixed cultures are lower than *Sc* isolated culture, the total production

of glycerol is superior to the corresponding isolated cultures ($\text{Glycerol}_{SCvsMp} = 6.1\pm0.1$ g.L$^{-1}$,

$\text{Glycerol}_{Sc} = 5.3\pm0.4$ g.L$^{-1}$, $\text{Glycerol}_{Mp} = 3.7\pm0.2$ g.L$^{-1}$). This result comes from the positive

combination of the superior yield of glycerol production of *Hanseniaspora* and *Metschnikowia*

*cells* and the population dynamics. In all other cases, even if the total production does not lie

between the production bonds of the corresponding isolated cultures for some mixed cultures,

these differences are never statistically significant.

# Discussion

This manuscript presents one of the first works focusing on the kinetics of yeast-yeast

interactions between two species during the fermentative process in oenology. Indeed, so far,

most of the work presented in the literature focus on input-output balances (4, 21).

First, this work provides additional information about the population dynamics in winemaking

conditions of non-saccharomyces yeasts that are still poorly known. In agreement with previous

results (12, 22, 23), we found that *T. delbrueckii* has a very similar dynamic than *S. cerevisiae*

and is able to finish the fermentation on its own, while not being as efficient or as fit as *S.*

*cerevisiae*. However, other studies suggest that this result is not constant and depends on strains

and environmental conditions. The *T. delbrueckii* strain used in Belda et al (14) was less

performant than their *S. cerevisiae* strain. Our results also show that *T. delbrueckii* contrary to

*S. cerevisiae* does not consume all NAS (the limiting nutrient, (23), leaving half of the glycine

unconsumed. This difference in the consumption of nitrogen sources may explain the ability of

*S. cerevisiae* to invade mixed culture (12) despite its low inoculation rate. Despite differences

of carbon metabolites production between the isolated cultures of *T. delbrueckii* and *S.*

*cerevisiae* (linked to the differences in resources consumption), the yields are not statistically

different. The mixed cultures are identical to *S. cerevisiae* pure cultures because of *S. cerevisiae*

invasion. Globally the interaction mechanism between these two species seems to be a simple

competition for resources without much potential for optimization.

The two species, *H. uvarum* and *H. opuntiae* both present a very different pattern in

fermentation from *S. cerevisiae*. Their population dynamics are characterized by a faster growth

rate (reaching a maximum population similar to *S. cerevisiae*), followed by a long phase of

mortality where viability drops to 30% (24). Consequently, these two strains are not able to

finish the fermentation and leave most of the sugars (24). Nitrogen consumption is also specific

to this genus; only half of available ammonium is used. Unlike with *T. delbrueckii*, the yield of

production of carbon metabolites are very different than with *S. cerevisiae* and moreover the

mixed fermentations display cases of transgressive interactions: their glycerol production is

higher than both isolated cultures, despite a lower sugar consumption. These overproductions

of glycerol can be explained by the conjunction of the population dynamics, resource

consumptions (the **Ho** and **Hu** fermentation leaving ⅔ of sugars) and the individual species

yields of glycerol production which are from two to three times greater than that of *S. cerevisiae*.

However, this interaction it is not found in previous works (24) and, in this present work, seems

to be related to competition for resources without any change in the population dynamic and

metabolism of each strain between the mixed and pure cultures.

At last, the two *Metschnikowia* strains have unexpected fermentation dynamics. The **Mp** and

**Mf** isolated cultures are characterized by a short growth phase reaching a small carrying

capacity and followed by a long stationary phase without mortality. Nevertheless, in spite of

this very high viability, the measured resources (sugars and nitrogen) are not entirely consumed.

Why the cells stop growing remains unclear. A possible explanation could be linked to

unmeasured resources. The third most important resource of the medium is the lipids that are

present in the medium under the form of phytosterols. It has also been shown that some *Metschnikowia* species are unable to consume lipids from the medium and therefore are limited to their own production (see Fig S1). For all yeast species, lipid synthesis requires oxygen and is therefore impossible in anaerobic conditions. From these elements, one can hypothesize that *Metschnikowia* cells are producing their own lipids from oxygen at the beginning of the fermentation and once the oxygen is exhausted they stop growing. Interestingly, despite the fact that isolated cultures of *S. cerevisiae, M. pulcherrima* and *M. fructicola* did not present any mortality, their corresponding mixed cultures (**ScvsMp** and **ScvsMf**) present 30% mortality. Moreover, this mortality seems to impact differently both species. In the mixed **ScvsMp** fermentation only the *S. cerevisiae* cells are dying; in **ScvsMf** both species are impacted. To explain the survival of *M. pulcherrima* cells compared to *S. cerevisiae* cells, it can be hypothesized that *Metschnikowia* cells produce toxins (a ferric salt of pulcherriminic acid, (25) that kill *S. cerevisiae* cells (16, 26, 27). In **ScvsMf** cultures, the mortality of both species suggests an interaction mechanism different from the one observed between *M. pulcherrima* and *S. cerevisiae*. A two-phase interaction could explain such pattern : *M. fructicola* synthesizes a toxin that kills only *S. cerevisiae* cells and thereafter *M. fructicola* cells dies for another reason, like ethanol sensibility. Indeed, the production of ethanol is almost four time greater in mixed cultures than in isolated *Metschnikowia* fermentations. The reason why no loss of viability is observed for *M. pulcherrima* when placed in mixed culture with *S. cerevisiae* is probably a better tolerance to ethanol stress compared to *M. fructicola*. As a conclusion, the interaction mechanism between the *Metschnikowia* species and *S. cerevisiae* appears to be very different from that between *S. cerevisiae* and the other studied non-saccharomyces species. It is not a competition for resources in sugars or nitrogen but rather the possibility of a killer toxin synthesized by the *Metschnikowia* strains or a competition for a non-measured resource (lipids, vitamins, minerals).

If we look globally, we can first note that all mixed cultures finished the fermentation. No major

antagonistic phenomena were identified between the *S. cerevisiae* strain chosen and the "non-

Saccharomyces" yeasts studied. Moreover, despite the presence of differences in yield and

interactions between strains, the rapid dominance of *S. cerevisiae* (representing however only

10% of the population at t0) results at mixed cultures that are overall little different from *S.*

*cerevisiae* pure cultures. This result confirms the good adaptation of *S. cerevisiae* to the

winemaking conditions (4–6, 21). Nevertheless, interesting data appear in our research work.

Indeed, despite the pre-eminence of *S. cerevisiae*, we have already highlighted transgressive

interactions between *S. cerevisiae* and *H. uvarum* and *M. pulcherrima* leading to the

overproduction of glycerol in mixed cultures. This observation opens the door for potential

more interesting results: when *S. cerevisiae* is inoculated at lower frequencies (0.01, 0.001), the

fact that production yields are different between the species can lead to more important

transgressive interactions (lower ethanol production for example) in mixed cultures.

Furthermore, most of detected interactions can be explained by competition for resources or the

production of toxins without indication of an alteration of individual cell behavior linked to the

presence of other species in the same medium. This observation linked to our deep phenotyping

of population dynamics could allow the modeling of mixed oenological fermentations. Using

such model, transgressive interactions linked to consumption of resources could be investigated

and inform the choice of couple of species and the protocol of inoculations (specifically by

changing the *S. cerevisiae* starting frequency). It could be used to predict mixed cultures

dynamics from data on isolated cultures, potentially saving a lot of time and money and open

the possibility of ecological engineering. The development of such mathematical model will

only be possible thanks to a deep tracking of population dynamics to understand underlying

mechanisms of growth and mortality. Therefore, to better identify and understand yeast-yeast

interaction mechanisms, we should extend our deep phenotyping of mixed population dynamics

to additional species and investigate intra-specific variability as well as interactions with culture

environments.

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In this work, we used one strain of 6 different species (one strain by species): *Saccharomyces*

*cerevisiae* (**Sc**), *Torulaspora delbrueckii* (**Td**), *Metschnikowia pulcherrima* (**Mp**),

*Metschnikowia fructicola* (**Mf**), *Hanseniaspora uvarum* (**Hu**) and *Hanseniaspora opuntiae*

(**Ho**). The *S. cerevisiae* strain is a haploid strain marked with GFP (59A-GFP, (2)). The 5 non-

*Saccharomyces* strains are natural strains isolated from viognier and sauvignon must in

different regions of France. For each species, 3 replicates of isolated cultures were performed

(except for *S. cerevisiae* that have a total of 8 replicates in different blocks). In addition, for

each non-*Saccharomyces*, 3 replicates of a mixed culture with the Sc strain was performed. In

all mixed fermentations, the starting proportion of *S.cerevisiae* cells was 10%. In this text, the

fermentations are referred by the species that perform them. The isolated cultures are referred

as: **Sc**, **Td**, **Mp**, **Mf**, **Hu** and **Ho** and the mixed cultures as **ScvsTd**, **ScvsMp**, **ScvsMf**, **ScvsHu**

and **ScvsHo**.

Initial cultures (12 h, in 50 ml YPD medium, 28 °C) were used to inoculate fermentation at a

density of $10^6$ cells/ml therefore for mixed culture the density of *S. cerevisiae* cells was $0.1 \times 10^6$

cells/mL and the density of non-sacc cells was $0.9 \times 10^6$ cells/mL. Fermentations were carried

out in synthetic medium (SM) mimicking standard grape juice (28). The SM used in this study

contained 200 g/L of sugar (100 g/L of glucose and 100 g/L of fructose) and 200 mg/L of

assimilable nitrogen (as a mixed of ammonium chloride and amino acids). The concentrations

of weak acids, salts and vitamins were identical to those described by Seguinot et al. (29). The

pH of the medium was adjusted to 3.3 with 10M of NaOH. The SM medium was first saturated

with bubbling air during 40 minutes, then it was supplemented with 5 mg/L of phytosterols

(85451, Sigma Aldrich) to satisfy the lipid requirements of yeast cells during anaerobic growth.

Fermentation took place in 1.1-liter fermentors equipped with fermentation locks to maintain

anaerobiosis, at 20 °C, with continuous magnetic stirring (500 rpm) during approximately 200h.

$CO_2$ release was followed by automatic measurements of fermentor weight loss every 20 min.

The amount of $CO_2$ released allowed us to monitor the progress of the fermentation and evaluate

the maximum of released $CO_2$ (***CO2max***) as well as the maximum rate of $CO_2$ released (***Vmax***).

Samples were harvested after 6h, 12h and 24h, then every 12h during the first week and every

24h during the second week of fermentation. At each sample, the population density, the

viability and the proportion of *S. cerevisiae* cells were determined using a flow cytometer BD

Accuri™ C6 Plus as described in Delobel et al. (30). From these population data and by fitting

a growth population model (with the grofit package of R, (31), the carrying capacity (***K***) and

the maximum growth rate (***mu***) for each fermentation were estimated.

The final concentration of carbon metabolites in the medium (acetate, succinate, glycerol,

alpha-ketoglutarate, pyruvate, ethanol, glucose and fructose) with high-pressure liquid

chromatography (32). From these metabolite concentrations, we first calculated the consumed

sugar concentration as the difference between the final and the initial concentration of either

glucose or fructose. Then we calculated the yield of metabolite production by dividing the final

concentration by the corresponding consumed sugar concentration. Finally, we report these

yields to the yield of *S. cerevisiae* isolated cultures that we consider as our reference.

At last, the ammonium concentration after 100h of fermentation was determined enzymatically

with R-Biopharm (Darmstadt, Germany) and the free amino acid content of the must was

estimated with cation exchange chromatography with post-column ninhydrin derivatization

(33).

The experimental work was performed in 5 different blocks. Each block was composed of three

replicates of non-*Saccharomyces* fermentations (for example **Td**), three replicates of the

corresponding mixed fermentations with *S. cerevisiae* (for example **ScvsTd**) and one or two

fermentations of isolated *S. cerevisiae* cells (**Sc**). The block effect was evaluated on the

parameters of the **Sc** fermentation. For most of the studied parameters the block effect was not

significant. For the parameters where there was a block effect (mu and K), a statistical

correction for the block effect did not modify our results. Therefore, for simplification, we

consider that there was no block effect and compare all fermentations without any correction

for block effect. For each measured parameters, an anova was performed to evaluated the type

of fermentation (**Sc**, **Td**, **Mp**, **Mf**, **Hu**, **Ho**, **ScvsTd**, **ScvsMp**, **ScvsMf**, **ScvsHu** and **ScvsHo**)

effect and then a Tukey-test was performed to determine statistical groups and two by two

statistical differences. All statistical analyses were performed using R (34) and Rstudio (35).

All data, analysis and figures scripts can be found in this github adresse: XXX.

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# Tables

**Table 1**

Parameter values (mean ± standard deviation) for each type of fermentation.

| | Mu | K | prop | Vmax | MaxCO2 | Sugar | NAS | Ethanol | Glycerol | Succinate | Acetate | Pyruvate | Alpha |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Sc* | 5.6±0.8^bcd | 1.6±0.2^bcd | NA | 0.99±0.03^a | 88.2±2.2^a | 0.2±0.2^a | 10.4±8.6 | 95.2±8.4^a | 5.3±0.4^c | 1.05±0.28^a | 0.63±0.06^d | 0.12±0.08^b | 0.08±0.04^ab |
| *Ho* | 7.7±2.3^bc | 1.6±0.1^bc | NA | 0.42±0.02^d | 46.4±0.6^d | 92.3±1.4^e | 122.2±3.5 | 50.1±0.2^c | 5.2±0.0^c | 0.35±0.00^b | 0.99±0.02^b | 0.13±0.05^ab | 0.09±0.1^ab |
| *ScvsHo* | 5.7±0.3^bcd | **2.3±0.1^a** | 0.83±0.02 | 0.57±0.01^c | 82.7±0.6^b | 23.3±1.3^bc | **6.4±1.4** | 87.2±0.8^ab | **6.0±0.0^abc** | 0.42±0.04^b | 0.84±0.01^c | **0.08±0.00^b** | **0.03±0.0^b** |
| *Hu* | 13.4±4.3^a | 1.5±0.2^bcde | NA | 0.34±0.04^d | 30.7±0.5^e | 134.3±11.2^f | 173.3±24.8 | 34.9±1.1^d | 5.5±0.2^bc | 0.66±0.03^b | 1.15±0.03^a | 0.17±0.04^ab | 0.14±0.09^ab |
| *ScvsHu* | 8.7±0.6^b | **1.7±0.1^b** | 0.76±0.01 | 0.53±0.04^c | 82.1±1.5^b | 16.5±6.5^b | **4.6±2.4** | 89.5±3.8^ab | **6.6±0.3^a** | **0.60±0.06^b** | 0.86±0.07^bc | 0.16±0.04^ab | 0.09±0.06^ab |
| *Mf* | 3.7±0.8^d | 0.8±0.05^f | NA | 0.17±0.04^e | 20.6±1.2^f | 135.8±9.7^f | 256.6±2.9 | 20.6±0.3^d | 2.8±0.1^e | 0.29±0.01^b | 0.13±0.01^g | 0.10±0.01^b | 0.10±0.00^ab |
| *ScvsMf* | **3.1±0.2^d** | 1.3±0.03^cde | 0.96±0.02 | 0.76±0.03^b | 86.8±0.7^ab | 9.9±2.1^ab | **1.8±0.1** | 92.1±3.2^a | **6.0±0.1^abc** | 0.58±0.02^b | 0.46±0.02^e | 0.12±0.01^b | 0.08±0.01^ab |
| *Mp* | 2.4±0.4^d | 0.6±0.01^f | NA | 0.17±0.02^e | 21.8±0.4^f | 142±3.7^f | 305.5±5.9 | 23.4±1.8^d | 3.7±0.2^d | 0.26±0.03^b | 0.07±0.06^g | 0.29±0.04^ab | 0.13±0.01^ab |
| *ScvsMp* | 2.8±0.1^d | 1.3±0.01^de | 0.50±0.02 | 0.68±0.04^b | 83.3±2.2^b | 20.8±6.0^bc | **2.1±0.2** | 86.5±3.4^ab | **6.1±0.1^abc** | 0.52±0.04^b | 0.46±0.02^e | 0.24±0.01^ab | **0.19±0.01^ab** |
| *Td* | 5.3±1.0^bcd | 1.2±0.05^e | NA | 0.51±0.06^c | 65.7±4.0^c | 63.5±11.5^d | 112.6±21.1 | 56±5.3^c | 4.0±0.3^d | 0.42±0.04^b | 0.17±0.03^fg | 0.14±0.06^ab | 0.02±0.01^b |
| *ScvsTd* | **4.2±0.6^cd** | 1.5±0.01^bcde | 0.32±0.02 | 0.72±0.02^d | 83.9±3.2^ab | 35.8±5.2^c | **1.8±0.1** | 76.8±3.7^b | 5.2±0.2^c | 0.63±0.06^b | 0.27±0.06^f | **0.20±0.11^ab** | 0.05±0.03^b |

Mu : $10^6$cells.mL$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$;K : $10^8$ cells.mL$^{-1}$, prop : no unity, Vmax : g.L$^{-1}$.h$^{-1}$,MaxCO2 : g.L$^{-1}$, Final Sugar : g.L$^{-1}$, Final NAS : mg.L$^{-1}$, Ethanol : g.L$^{-1}$,Glycerol : g.L$^{-1}$, Succinate : g.L$^{-1}$,
Acetate : g.L$^{-1}$, Pyruvate : g.L$^{-1}$, Alpha : g.L$^{-1}$

**Bold** : values of mixed culture, that are not between the two values of corresponding isolated cultures, sign of transgressive interactions.

Superscript : Statistical groups obtain from a Tukey test

# Figures

**FIG 1**

Boxplot representation of a) the maximum rate of $CO_2$ production (***Vmax***) and b) the total $CO_2$

produced in function of the species driving each fermentation. The small letters indicate the

statistical groups from a Tukey analysis.

**FIG2**

**Global monitoring of the kinetics of the total living population (left), and sub-population**

**in the mixed cultures (right) across the fermentation**. All points represent a sample (average

± standard error). The full lines are for total population and the dashed lines for the two sub

populations into mixed cultures. At the end of dashed lines, the final proportion of both sub-

populations in mixed cultures is indicated. The light colors represent pure culture of 'non-

*Saccharomyces*' strains and the darker to the corresponding culture in competition with *S.*

*cerevisiae*. The isolated cultures of *S. cerevisiae* are represented in black. **Sc, Mp, Mf, Ho, Hu,**

**Td, ScvsMp, ScvsMf, ScvsHo, ScvsHu, ScvsTd** correspond respectively to cultures with:

isolated *S. cerevisiae*, isolated *M. pulcherrima*, isolated *M. fructicola*, isolated *H. opuntiae*,

isolated *H.uvarum*, isolated *T. delbrueckii*, *M. pulcherrima* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *M.*

*fructicola* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. opuntiae* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. uvarum* mixed

with *S. cerevisiae* and *T. delbrueckii* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*.

**FIG3**

**Consumption of sugars and nitrogen assimilable sources (NAS) for each type of fermentation.** A) Final concentration of sugar (average ± standard error). B) Final concentration of NAS (average ± standard error). C) Percentage of consumption of each NAS in each type of fermentation represented as a color gradient from green (<75 %) to red (> 75%). *Sc, Mp, Mf, Ho, Hu, Td, ScvsMp, ScvsMf, ScvsHo, ScvsHu, ScvsTd* correspond respectively to cultures with: isolated *S. cerevisiae*, isolated *M. pulcherrima*, isolated *M. fructicola*, isolated *H. opuntiae*, isolated *H.uvarum*, isolated *T. delbrueckii*, *M. pulcherrima* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *M. fructicola* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. opuntiae* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. uvarum* mixed with *S. cerevisiae* and *T. delbrueckii* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*.

**FIG4**

Yield (average ± standard error) of carbon metabolite production relative to the yield of production of isolated *S. cerevisiae* cultures for acetate, alpha-ketoglutarate, ethanol, glycerol, pyruvate and succinate and each type of fermentation. ***Sc, Mp, Mf, Ho, Hu, Td, ScvsMp, ScvsMf, ScvsHo, ScvsHu, ScvsTd*** correspond respectively to cultures with: isolated *S. cerevisiae*, isolated *M. pulcherrima*, isolated *M. fructicola*, isolated *H. opuntiae*, isolated *H.uvarum*, isolated *T. delbrueckii*, *M. pulcherrima* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *M. fructicola* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. opuntiae* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*, *H. uvarum* mixed with *S. cerevisiae* and *T. delbrueckii* mixed with *S. cerevisiae*.

# Supplementary informations

**FIG S1**

Serial tenfold dilutions of two *Metschnikovia pulcherrima* strains (A and B) spotted onto various synthetic standard agar media (SM425, 425 mg/l assimilable nitrogen) with Tween 80, (Tw, 0.06%), supplemented or not with phytosterol (Phyto, 20 mg/L), in the presence or not of

552　fluconazole (FLC, 256 µg/mL). Plates were incubated at 28°C for five days in air or in

553　anaerobiosis.