

1 Genome-scale Model Constrained by
2 Proteomics Reveals Metabolic Changes in
3 *Streptomyces coelicolor* M1152
4 Compared to M145
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26 Abstract

27 Many biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) in the genomes of environmental microorganisms
28 require heterologous expression in order to realize their genetic potential, including cryptic
29 and metagenomic BGCs. *Streptomyces coelicolor* M1152 is a widely used host strain for the
30 heterologous expression of BGCs, as it has been genetically engineered for this purpose via
31 the deletion of four of its native biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) and the introduction of a
32 point mutation in the *rpoB* gene that encodes the beta subunit of RNA polymerase. This
33 latter mutation was shown to have a strong positive impact on antibiotic biosynthesis via
34 processes that remain poorly understood. Therefore, a systemic understanding of the
35 consequences on cellular metabolism of the genomic changes of M1152 could greatly
36 contribute to this understanding. Here we carried out a comparative analysis of M1152 and
37 its ancestor strain M145, connecting observed phenotypic differences to changes in
38 transcript and protein abundance. Measured protein abundance was used to constrain an
39 amended genome-scale model (GEM) and to predict metabolic fluxes. This approach
40 connects observed differences in growth rate and glucose consumption to changes in central
41 carbon metabolism, accompanied by differential expression of important regulons. Our
42 results suggest that precursor availability is not limiting the biosynthesis of secondary
43 metabolites. This implies that alternative strategies could be beneficial for further
44 development of *S. coelicolor* for heterologous production of novel compounds.

45 Importance

46 This study provides the first systems description of *S. coelicolor* M1152, an engineered host
47 widely used for the heterologous expression of BGCs directing the synthesis of natural
48 products. By combining time-series proteomics and transcriptomics, batch fermentation

49 data and genome-scale modelling, we can connect observed phenotypes to known genetic
50 modifications and find extensive metabolic rewiring in the M1152 strain compared to the
51 wild-type strain M145. Our study indicates that the deletion of secondary metabolite
52 biosynthetic pathways thought to enhance precursor availability, only has a minor impact on
53 the ability of the modified strain to produce heterologous molecules. In contrast, the *rpoB*
54 mutation is likely responsible for the most dramatic changes in regulatory features and
55 precursor availability. The amended genome-scale model, reconstructed in an open-science
56 framework, allowed us to contextualize the transcriptional changes. This framework
57 facilitates further development by the research community in an organized manner,
58 including version control, continuous integration and quality control and tracking of
59 individual contributions.

60 Introduction

61 The bacterium *Streptomyces coelicolor* has been the *de facto* model actinomycete for the
62 production and regulation of antibiotics (1). Being known for over 100 years, the interest in
63 this organism predates the golden age of antibiotic research. With its complex life cycle,
64 featuring mycelial growth and differentiation, spore formation, programmed cell death and
65 the ability to produce multiple secondary metabolites, including calcium-dependent
66 antibiotic (CDA) and the conveniently coloured actinorhodin (Act, blue) and
67 undecylprodigiosin (Red, red), it has assisted greatly in our understanding how
68 streptomycetes sense their surroundings (2–6), activate their developmental cycle (7) and
69 regulate the production of antibiotics (8, 9). Further aided by the publication of its genome
70 sequence (10), the antibiotic coelimycin P1 (yellow), produced from the formerly cryptic
71 polyketide gene cluster known as *cpk*, was added to this list (11). Today, the widespread use

72 of *S. coelicolor* continues as a host for heterologous production of biosynthetic gene clusters
73 (BGCs) (12–17). Heterologous expression is a powerful strategy for novel compound
74 discovery from BGCs that are either natively silent or originate from an unculturable source
75 (18). Both are large untapped resources of microbial biodiversity, nowadays made evident
76 and accessible due to recent advances within the fields of metagenomics, molecular biology
77 and bioinformatics (19).

78 The efficiency of *S. coelicolor* as a heterologous production host relies on a metabolism that
79 has evolved to provide the necessary precursors to produce a broad range of complex
80 molecules. Many of these molecules are produced when the strain is experiencing nutrient-
81 limiting conditions that lead to growth cessation and complex re-modelling of its metabolism
82 (20). Metabolic switching in *S. coelicolor* M145 in response to phosphate and glutamate
83 depletion has previously been studied in detail at a wide variety of metabolic levels (1–3),
84 unravelling a complex sequence of switching events that ultimately lead to the biosynthesis
85 of the antibiotics CDA, Red and Act. The biosynthesis of coelimycin P1 occurs earlier than the
86 three other compounds in the growth cycle and appears to be independent of the major
87 metabolic switch (8).

88 To improve *S. coelicolor* M145 as a host for heterologous BGCs expression, strain M1146 was
89 created by the sequential deletion of its four major BGCs (*act*, *red*, *cda* and *cpk*) (13). This
90 should increase precursor availability for the production of a whole range of heterologous
91 products and provides a cleaner chromatographic background to easier identify novel
92 compounds. *S. coelicolor* M1152 is a derivative of M1146, that besides the deletion of the
93 four main BGCs bears the C1298T point mutation in the *rpoB* gene that encodes the beta
94 subunit of RNA polymerase. This mutation was shown to have strong positive effects on the

95 production of various antibiotics (13, 22). Up to now, M1152 is a preferred general
96 'superhost' for heterologous BGC expression (12, 16, 23–25) and is the starting point for
97 further strain development.

98 A hurdle in further development of *S. coelicolor* as a 'superhost' is the limited knowledge of
99 M1152 metabolism and its regulatory systems, even if some insight can be gained from
100 analysing snapshots of gene expression levels during regular time intervals of a batch
101 fermentation (26–30). Since enzymes are catalysing most metabolic transformations,
102 assessing protein abundance or gene expression contributes to the elucidation of metabolic
103 behaviour. Here, we therefore apply proteomics data as constraints (31) on a genome-scale
104 metabolic model (GEM) of *S. coelicolor* to reveal how proteome changes affect the
105 metabolic fluxes during the different stages of growth and development, and how the
106 metabolism of *S. coelicolor* M1152 differs from its parent strain, M145.

107 GEMs are both valuable resources of strain-specific knowledge, mathematical models able to
108 predict steady-state flux distributions, and frameworks for interpretation and integration of
109 different 'omics' data, e.g. transcriptomics and proteomics (32). The increased interest in
110 using genome-scale models of *S. coelicolor* is conspicuous. Since the first reconstruction in
111 2005 (33), five GEMs have been published (15, 34–37), including three in 2018: iKS1317 (15),
112 Sco4 (37) and iAA1259 (35). Additionally, as a model organism for the *Actinomycetes*, the
113 GEMs of *S. coelicolor* are frequently used as template for model development of closely
114 related strains (38), such as *S. clavuligerus* (39), *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* (40) and *S.*
115 *lividans* (41). The recent updates of the *S. coelicolor* GEM were developed in parallel by
116 different research groups: while all groups share the common interest of utilizing a high-
117 quality model for predictions and data analysis, the prevailing approach of independent

118 parallel development is inefficient. Additional to duplicating a considerable amount of work,
119 lack of common standards for documentation of progress and issues, evaluation of model
120 performance, as well as the use of different annotations makes it cumbersome to compare
121 and merge models.

122 To increase the rate and quality of model reconstruction, in this study two research groups
123 of the Sco-GEM community, responsible for two of the latest model updates (15, 37), have
124 joined forces to merge existing GEMs of *S. coelicolor* into one consensus-model that is
125 publicly hosted on GitHub and can be continuously updated and improved by all members of
126 the community. Hosting the model on GitHub has many advantages: (i) open access and
127 contribution; (ii) version control; (iii) continuous development and integrated quality control
128 with memote (42); (iv) new improvements released instantly (no publication lag time); and
129 (v) complete documentation of model reconstruction. Such an approach has historic
130 precedents: model reconstruction as a community effort has been a success for the human
131 GEM (43), baker's yeast (44–49) and Chinese Hamster Ovary cells (50). The recent
132 developments in *S. coelicolor* model and strain improvements in different research groups
133 prove that it is an opportune time now to join forces in the *Streptomyces* modelling efforts
134 as well.

135 Results

136 Improvement of Sco-GEM

137 We conducted a stepwise reconstruction of Sco-GEM, the consensus genome-scale
138 metabolic model of *S. coelicolor*, while tracking development using Git for version control
139 (**Figure 1A; Data Set S1, Tab 1**). Sco-GEM is the most comprehensive and highest quality
140 GEM of this organism (**Figure 1B**), comprising 1777 genes, 2612 reactions, 2073 metabolites

141 and a memote score of 77%, which is indicative of the overall model quality (42). Sco-GEM
142 features accuracy of 96.5% and 74.5% (**Figure 1C**) in predicting correct phenotypes for
143 growth environments and knockout mutants, respectively.

144 Sco-GEM has been reconstructed by curating the recently published iKS1317 model (15) to
145 include genes, reactions and metabolites from the equally recently published models
146 iAA1259 (35) and Sco4 (37). While the curations from iAA1259 were primarily related to
147 coelimycin P1, butyrolactone, xylan and cellulose pathways, the 377 reactions added to Sco-
148 GEM from Sco4 were scattered across a large range of different subsystems, covering both
149 primary and secondary metabolism (**Figure S1**).

150 Subsequent to merging the existing *S. coelicolor* GEMs, we performed a number of further
151 curations of the model: including improvement of annotations, both in terms of coverage
152 and number of different databases, e.g. KEGG (51, 52), BioCyC (53), ChEBI (54) and
153 MetaNetX (55). All reactions and metabolites have been given identifiers according to the
154 BiGG namespace (56), and all reactions are categorized into 15 different subsystems,
155 covering 128 different pathways.

156 The biomass composition was curated to reflect estimated levels of prosthetic groups that
157 are associated to cellular proteins. Proteomics data, as discussed below, were used to
158 estimate protein levels, while UniProt (57) provided annotations of proteins with prosthetic
159 groups, which was used to estimate overall prosthetic group levels (**Data Set S1, Tab 2**).

160 Reaction reversibility updated for almost a third of queried reactions

161 The determination of reaction directionality and reversibility is an important step in a GEM
162 reconstruction (58). However, the thermodynamic consistency of reactions was not
163 considered in previous *S. coelicolor* models. We calculated Gibbs free energy changes for 770

164 of the 2612 model reactions (**Data Set S1, Tab 3**) using eQuilibrator (59), and inconsistencies
165 in assigned reaction bounds transpired from a significant overlap of the range of Gibbs free
166 energies between reversible and irreversible reactions (**Figure 1D**). A relatively lenient
167 threshold of -30 kJ/mol was defined to classify a reaction as irreversible; with the intent not
168 to over-constrain the model (**Figure 1E**). The proposed changes in reversibility were
169 evaluated against growth and knockout data (15), discarding 59 of 770 of the proposed
170 reactions. Consequentially, the flux bounds of 273 reactions were modified, while all ATP-
171 driven reactions were manually curated and generally assumed irreversible, unless they had
172 an estimated positive change in Gibbs free energy or were known to be reversible. Examples
173 of this include nucleoside diphosphate kinase (60) and ATP synthase (61).

174 Curation of transport reactions

175 As transport reactions have previously not been extensively curated in *S. coelicolor* models,
176 we performed a thorough curation of transporters by querying various databases and BLAST
177 analysis as detailed in Materials and Methods. This culminated in adding 43 new transport
178 reactions and updating 39 of the 262 existing reactions in Sco-GEM (**Figure 1F; Data Set S1,**
179 **Tab 4**). The majority of the transporters comprises primary active transport proteins and
180 secondary carriers (46%), in accordance with previous work (62). Most primary active
181 transporters are ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters (30%), while proton symports
182 (30%) dominate the secondary carriers.

183 Development of the enzyme-constrained model EcSco-GEM

184 To include explicit constraints regarding enzymes catalysing metabolic reactions, the GECKO
185 formalism (31) was applied to introduce enzyme turnover rates (k_{cat}) and prepare the model
186 for integration of proteome data. The flux variability of the resulting enzyme-constrained

187 model (EcSco-GEM) is strongly reduced compared to the classic genome-scale model (**Figure**
188 **1G**), as infeasible solutions due to limitation in protein allocation are discarded, significantly
189 improving model predictions. From this, 17 time- and strain-specific EcSco-GEM models
190 were generated by incorporation of estimated growth-, secretion- and uptake rates, as well
191 as proteome data from cultivations that are detailed and analysed below.

192 [Framework for further development of Sco-GEM by the community](#)

193 The Sco-GEM model is hosted as an open repository as suggested by memote, a recently
194 developed tool for transparent and collaborative model development (42). The memote tool
195 is incorporated in the repository through Travis CI and tracks the model development on
196 every change of the model. Sco-GEM v1.2.0 achieved a memote-score of 77%, which is
197 superior to any previous model of *S. coelicolor* (**Figure 1B; Supplemental Information**).

198 Hosting Sco-GEM on GitHub with memote integration ensures continuous quality control
199 and enables public insight into all aspects of model reconstruction and curation: any user
200 can report errors or suggest changes through issues and pull requests. As contributions to
201 the model development are fully trackable and can therefore be credited fairly, Sco-GEM is
202 positioned as a community model that we envision to be continuously updated and widely
203 used by the *S. coelicolor* research community.

204 In the remaining parts of the Results section, we have applied Sco-GEM along with
205 transcriptome and proteome data, to study and compare the responses of *S. coelicolor*
206 M145 and M1152 to phosphate depletion on a systems level and for the first time provide
207 detailed insight into the distinct physiological features of engineered 'superhost' strain
208 M1152, which will be of value for its further development.

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210 The enzyme-constrained model connects regulatory changes in *S. coelicolor* M145 in
211 response to phosphate depletion with the production of the major secondary
212 metabolites.

213 To evaluate whether the (Ec)Sco-GEM models can simulate behaviours of *S. coelicolor*
214 metabolism, we performed and analysed time-course sampled cultivations of secondary
215 metabolite producing strain M145 in the context of the generated models. For that purpose,
216 *S. coelicolor* M145 was cultivated in batch fermentations using standardized protocols
217 reported earlier (20). Cultures were sampled for 'omics data, as well as substrate utilization
218 and secondary metabolite measurements to identify regulatory, proteomic and metabolic
219 changes during the metabolic switch. The online and offline measurements showed that
220 phosphate depletion in the cultivation medium was reached approximately 35 hours after
221 inoculation. Shortly after, the culture growth ceased, and first Red and subsequently Act
222 were detected in the culture medium (**Figure 2A and 2B**). Both D-glucose and L-glutamate
223 were consumed concomitantly, and their consumption continued after phosphate depletion,
224 while both remained in excess until the end of cultivation. Note that *Streptomyces* can utilize
225 intracellular phosphate storages after the medium is phosphate depleted (63). The RNA-seq
226 and untargeted proteomic data were analysed in the light of previous studies (8, 9) and were
227 in good agreement with data previously obtained from microarrays or targeted proteomics
228 (8, 34) (**Figure 2C and S2**). This confirmed the high reproducibility of the experiments across
229 independent cultivations and high reliability of the chosen cultivation and analytic
230 procedures (**Figure 2**).

231 The proteome data were incorporated into EcSco-GEM to yield time-specific metabolic
232 models of M145, giving insight on the changes occurring in the metabolic activity of different

233 pathways during batch cultivation. Metabolic fluxes were estimated using an unbiased
234 approach of random sampling, as alternative to optimization of a well-defined cellular
235 objective used in flux balance analysis (64). It is possible that *S. coelicolor* is wired to
236 maximize its growth rate prior to phosphate depletion, but after the metabolic switch, it is
237 difficult to define a clear cellular objective. We applied an approach that samples the
238 vertices of the solution space (65), and used their mean values to compare the metabolic
239 fluxes between the two strains and between different time points. The general overview
240 from **Figure 2D** is an initial validation of the model. It shows that the metabolic switch
241 induces a large shift in global gene expression (8) and predicts that the most drastic changes
242 in fluxes occur in response to phosphate depletion.

243 The response to phosphate depletion from the medium is achieved by a set of genes,
244 positively regulated by PhoP, that are involved in phosphate scavenging, uptake and saving
245 (66–68). The metabolic switch can be readily identified by the rapid upregulation of this
246 regulon after 35 hours of cultivation in M145 and 47 hours in M1152 (**Figure 2C**). PhoP also
247 negatively regulates nitrogen assimilation (69), which can partly explain the change in amino
248 acids metabolism after phosphate depletion. Indeed, from the RNA-seq data we find that
249 glutamate import, the glutamate sensing system *gluR-gluK* (70), *glnR* (71) and *glnA* are
250 downregulated immediately subsequent to phosphate depletion (**Figure S3**). Since PhoP is
251 also known to regulate negatively the biosynthesis of secondary metabolites, the switching
252 of its expression likely delays these pathways (69, 72). However, after 37 hours of cultivation
253 the upregulation of the *cda* and *red* genes was observed, whereas that of the *act* genes was
254 initiated at 41 hours (**Figure 2F**). Production of Red and Act was measurable in the culture
255 medium after 41 and 49 hours of cultivation, respectively (**Figure 2B**). The enzyme-
256 constrained models predict an immediate increase in fluxes through the biosynthetic

257 pathways for the four main compounds Act, Red, CDA and coelimycin P1 after the metabolic
258 switch (**Figure 2D**).

259 The onset of secondary metabolism is strongly correlated with an increase in oxidative
260 phosphorylation and a decrease in fatty acid biosynthesis in M145.

261 The metabolic switch was shown to be correlated with an enhanced degradation of
262 branched-chain amino acids (valine, leucine and isoleucine), an increase in oxidative
263 phosphorylation and a decrease in fatty acid biosynthesis (**Figure 2D and S4**). An active
264 oxidative phosphorylation relies on an active TCA cycle that generates reduced co-factors
265 whose re-oxidation by the respiratory chain generates a proton gradient that drives ATP
266 synthesis by the ATP synthase. The feeding of the TCA cycle requires acetyl-CoA, as well as
267 nitrogen. Nitrogen likely originates from degradation of glutamate and branched-chain
268 amino acids, whereas acetyl-CoA likely originates from glycolysis, as well as from the
269 degradation of these amino acids as previously demonstrated (73). Indeed, the model
270 predicts an increased flux through citrate synthase feeding acetyl-CoA into the TCA cycle
271 (**Figure S5A**). The predicted increase in oxidative phosphorylation is supported by the RNA-
272 seq data showing upregulation of enzymes belonging to the respiratory chain (**Figure S5B**).
273 This is consistent with the clear correlation previously reported between high ATP/ADP ratio,
274 resulting from an active oxidative phosphorylation, and actinorhodin production (74).
275 Furthermore, the consumption of acetyl-CoA by the TCA cycle to support the oxidative
276 metabolism logically impairs fatty acids biosynthesis (74).

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278 The pentose phosphate pathway provides the main redox cofactor NADPH for polyketide
279 biosynthesis, as well as to combat oxidative stress, and its model-predicted flux increase

280 upon initiation of polyketide synthesis is in agreement with previous studies (75, 76). A clear
281 positive correlation was also noticed between the biosynthesis of alanine, aspartate and
282 glutamate, which are precursors for CDA and/or coelimycin P1 (**Figure 2D**) and the
283 biosynthesis of these antibiotics. Similar observations were made in the antibiotic-producing
284 *Amycolatopsis sp.* (77). Our EcSco-GEM model proved to be in good agreement with
285 previously reported findings, indicating that it is able to capture *S. coelicolor* metabolic
286 behaviour.

287 [Model-assisted characterization of engineered *S. coelicolor* M1152 and its responses](#)
288 [to phosphate depletion](#).

289 As detailed above, EcSco-GEM shed a new light on the metabolic switch in secondary
290 metabolite producing strain M145. *S. coelicolor* M1152 (13) is a M145 derivative devoid of
291 the four major BGCs and bearing a point mutation in the *rpoB* gene. A better systemic
292 understanding of M1152 metabolism would benefit to its further development as a
293 performing host. To do so, a comparative analysis of gene expression levels and metabolic
294 fluxes was carried out in the strains M145 and M1152.

295 Batch cultivations of M1152 were performed using identical conditions and comparable
296 sampling regimes as for M145 reported above. This enabled a direct comparison of the two
297 strains at a systems level, revealing both expected and unexpected effects of the strains'
298 genetic differences (**Figure 3**). As anticipated, the products of the Cpk, CDA, Red, and Act
299 biosynthetic pathways were undetectable in M1152 (**Figure 3A**). As previously observed
300 (13), the growth rate of M1152 is reduced compared to M145 (0.15 h^{-1} vs 0.21 h^{-1} in the
301 initial exponential growth phase), delaying phosphate depletion by M1152 to 47 hours after
302 inoculation (**Figure 3A**).

303 The sampling time points for proteome and transcriptome were adjusted accordingly (**Figure**
304 **3B**), enabling pairwise comparison of measurements between the two strains. Genes
305 responsive to phosphate depletion, members of the PhoP regulon (8), were used to align the
306 different sample datasets for M145 or M1152 (**Figure 3C**). Interestingly, most of the
307 responses of M145 to phosphate depletion were retained in M1152 (**Figure 3D**). Principle
308 component analysis of the proteome data confirms high consistency between corresponding
309 biological replicates and incremental changes between sample points for both M145 and
310 M1152 (mainly explained by PC1: 18.6% variance, **Figure 3E**). A clear strain dependent
311 clustering of the data (PC2: 15.5% variance) indicates global significant differences at the
312 protein level. EcSco-GEM was subsequently used to predict metabolic changes in M1152
313 (**Figure 3E**).

314 The different glutamate and glucose consumption rates of M145 and M1152 (**Figure 4A and**
315 **4B**) resulted in substantial metabolic differences between the two strains prior to phosphate
316 depletion. During cultivation on SSBM-P medium, where glutamate is the sole nitrogen
317 source, glucose and glutamate are co-consumed. M1152, as M1146 (74), has a reduced
318 specific glucose uptake rate compared to M145. It thus obtains a larger share of its carbon
319 from glutamate (**Figure 4A and 4B**) and has consequently also a higher nitrogen availability
320 than M145. A reduced flux through glycolysis has also been reported previously for strain
321 M1146 (78). This might be an effect of the predicted increased concentration of ATP in
322 M1146 compared to M145, which inhibits glucose uptake and phosphofructokinase (74, 78).
323 Since Act was proposed to act as an electron acceptor reducing the efficiency of the
324 oxidative phosphorylation, it is suggested that the lack of Act in M1146 causes the elevated
325 ATP levels (74). However, we find the largest difference in glycolytic flux at early time points,

326 prior to phosphate depletion and Act production in M145, proving that Act itself cannot
327 explain this observation.

328 The EcSco-GEM predicts the consequences of the reduced glucose uptake of M1152 on its
329 central carbon metabolism (**Figure 4C**). A less active glycolysis in M1152 than in M145 leads
330 to a lower carbon flow towards acetyl-CoA and thus lower excretion of acetate compared to
331 M145 (**Figure 4B**). Furthermore, EcSco-GEM reveals an increased flux from glutamate to
332 alpha-ketoglutarate. Indeed, a fraction of the pool of oxaloacetate might be converted into
333 alpha-ketoglutarate by aspartate transaminase to feed the TCA cycle. The rest might be
334 converted into phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) by PEP carboxykinase for gluconeogenesis, since
335 PEP carboxykinase was shown to carry higher fluxes in M1152 than in M145 (**Figure 4C**).

336 Since recent studies have demonstrated a reverse correlation between antibiotic and
337 triacylglycerol biosynthesis in *S. lividans* and *S. coelicolor* (74, 79), one can speculate that the
338 acetyl-CoA/malonyl-CoA units yielded by glycolysis for the biosynthesis of antibiotics in
339 M145 are being used for enhanced growth and/or fatty acids and TAG biosynthesis in
340 M1152. However, this is likely not the case, as M1152 has rather a reduced growth rate
341 compared to M145, and fatty acid biosynthesis remains downregulated after the switch
342 (**Figure 5**). It is noteworthy that the flux toward this acetyl-CoA/malonyl-CoA sink is still 3- to
343 6-fold larger than the total flux going into secondary metabolite biosynthesis. We thus
344 propose that together with enhanced nitrogen availability, acetyl-CoA made available from
345 the deletion of these BGCs is used to feed the TCA cycle to support the oxidative metabolism
346 in M1152. This would generate oxidative stress whose toxic effects might be responsible for
347 the growth delay of this strain.

348 Transcriptome analysis reveal differential expression of global regulators

349 While the proteome data are an integral part of the EcSco-GEM models, RNA-seq data were
350 used to both verify the trends and to gain further insights in the regulatory changes that are
351 not captured by the metabolic models. As the proteomic data, the RNA-seq data showed
352 large global differences between M1152 and M145, revealing 499 differentially expressed
353 genes with a significance threshold of $p < 0.01$.

354 Unsupervised clustering of the significantly changed genes reveal differences in regulatory
355 systems related to redox regulation, signalling and secondary metabolism. The significantly
356 changed genes were clustered into 7 groups with K-means clustering, with clusters 1-3
357 containing genes that are upregulated in M1152 compared to M145 and clusters 4-7 vice
358 versa (**Figure S6A and Data Set S1, Tab 5**). A Gene Ontology (80, 81) enrichment analysis of
359 the seven clusters was conducted to identify upregulated processes in each of the two
360 strains (**Figure S7, cf. Figure S6A**).

361 The enriched processes upregulated in M1152 point to increased oxidative stress (**Figure S7**):
362 antioxidant and peroxidase activity (SCO2633 [sodF]; SCO4834-35) in addition to
363 biosynthesis of carotenoid (SCO0185–SCO0188), a known antioxidant (82, 83). The putative
364 proteins within the cytochrome-P450 family (SCO7416–SCO7422) found in cluster 1 might
365 also be linked to increased oxidative stress (84), but also to oxidation of precursors used for
366 the synthesis of macrolides (85). Indeed, by comparing the time series expression levels for
367 genes related to oxidative stress we observe that the majority of genes related to oxidative
368 stress are upregulated in M1152 (**Figure 6**). These changes correlate to a more active
369 oxidative metabolism and TCA cycle as predicted by Ec-ScoGEM (**Figure 4**).

370 In cluster 2 we find *scbA* (SCO6266) and its downstream gene *scbC* (SCO6267), which stands
371 out by being almost 6-fold upregulated in M1152. This high expression level is likely due to
372 the deletion of *scbR2* (SCO6286), the last gene selected to be part of the *cpk* BGC (86).
373 Besides regulation of the *cpk* cluster, ScbR2 binds upstream of several global regulators of
374 development and secondary metabolism, including AfsK, SigR, NagE2, AtrA, AdpA and ArgR
375 (87). It also acts together with ScbR to regulate ScbA, which produces the γ -butyrolactone
376 SCB1. However, when looking at the genes regulated by ScbR (87), we only observe a clear
377 difference in expression for genes regulated by AfsR (phosphorylated by AfsK) (88, 89), while
378 this is not the case for genes regulated by ArgR, AdpA or ScbR itself (**Figure S5C-F**).

379 Amongst the genes upregulated in M145, in cluster 4 we find genes related to the redox
380 regulated transcription factor SoxR (90), and a similar pattern is observed for the entire SoxR
381 regulon (**Figure S6B**). SoxR is known to react directly to the presence of actinorhodin (91,
382 92), and indeed, in M145 this group of genes follows the production profile of actinorhodin,
383 while their expression remains low in M1152 since Act is not produced. The benzoquinone
384 Act, as electron acceptor, is thought to reduce respiration efficiency and thus energy charge
385 as well as to combat oxidative stress (74). Consistently, the RNA-seq data revealed that the
386 ATP-synthase gene cluster (SCO5366–SCO5374) was upregulated almost 2-fold in M1152
387 compared to M145, most prominently in the stationary phase during Act production (**Figure**
388 **S6C**). This agrees with observations in the M1146 strain (78). Cluster 4 also contains the
389 genes directly up- and downstream of the deleted actinorhodin BGC in M1152 (SCO5071–
390 SCO5072, encoding 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and SCO5091–SCO5092, encoding a
391 two-component flavin-dependent monooxygenase system) (93). In clusters 5, 6 and 7 we
392 find genes with reduced expression in M1152, and the enriched processes are related to

393 cellular and iron ion homeostasis, development, signalling and morphology. This

394 corresponds to the delayed sporulation observed for M1152 (13).

395 Elevated expression of ribosomal proteins in M1152 after phosphate depletion

396 An increased transcription of genes encoding ribosomal proteins could be observed in

397 M1152 after phosphate depletion (**Figure S6D**). The *rpoB* mutation of the RNA polymerase

398 present in M1152 is thought to induce a conformational change mimicking the binding of

399 guanosine tetraphosphate (ppGpp) to this enzyme (22). ppGpp is synthesized in response to

400 nutritional stress and reduces the transcription of genes related to active growth, such as

401 genes encoding ribosomal RNAs and ribosomal proteins (94), whereas it up-regulates those

402 involved in development/differentiation and antibiotic production (95, 96). In consequence

403 the up-regulation of ribosomal proteins was unexpected in M1152, especially since the

404 expression of the ppGpp regulon was not found to be significantly changed in M1152 (**Figure**

405 **S5G and S5H**). However, since high nucleoside triphosphate levels are known to have a

406 positive impact on ribosome synthesis (97), we hypothesize that the higher ATP content of

407 M1152 compared to M145, after phosphate depletion, may be responsible for the

408 differences in expression of ribosomal proteins. Such difference in ribosomal protein

409 expression is mainly seen in the antibiotic production phase and correlated with production

410 of Act in M145, which has a negative impact on the energetic state of the cell (74).

411 Reduced production of the polyketide germicidin in M1152

412 It is usually thought that removal of sinks consuming valuable precursors improves the

413 ability of a strain to produce heterologous metabolites requiring these precursors for their

414 biosynthesis. It was therefore unexpected that the production rate (in $\text{ng ml}^{-1} \text{ hour}^{-1}$) of the

415 polyketides germicidin A and B (98), autologous to both M145 and M1152, was reduced by

416 92% and 82% for germicidin A and B in M1152, respectively (**Figure 7**). This could be
417 explained by the more active oxidative metabolism of M1152 compared to M145. In M1152
418 the pool of acetyl-CoA would thus be used to feed the TCA cycle rather than be used for
419 germicidin biosynthesis.

420 To further understand the cause of the reduced production in M1152, we also measured the
421 production of germicidin in the intermediate strain M1146 (**Figure 7, Figure S6E**), which does
422 not feature the *rpoB* mutation but is missing the 4 BGCs also deleted in M1152 (13). The
423 production rate of germicidin A and B in M1146 was found to be reduced by 27% and 25%,
424 respectively, compared to M145. This demonstrates that, while the removal of BGCs may
425 influence polyketide production, a strong reduction appears to be assignable to the *rpoB*
426 mutation in M1152.

427 Discussion

428 In this work, we carried out a multi-omics study to compare the metabolic changes of
429 *Streptomyces coelicolor* M145 and the BGC-deletion mutant M1152 during batch
430 fermentation. The defined cultivation medium used in this work was chosen because it
431 supports sufficient growth and a delayed, well-defined onset of secondary metabolism,
432 necessary to study the metabolic switch (20). We aimed at defining the metabolic features
433 differing between the two strains, both during exponential growth and stationary phase
434 after phosphate depletion.

435 To achieve this from a systems biology perspective, we combined time-course sampled
436 cultivation and transcriptome analysis with enzyme-constrained genome-scale models
437 generated with proteome data. Such genome-scale models are extensively used to connect
438 transcriptome- and proteome data to metabolic fluxes. Leveraging metabolic simulations to

439 contextualize transcriptional changes is mainly impacted by the quality of the computational
440 model used. Here, two teams joined efforts to improve a consensus model of *S. coelicolor*,
441 yielding a comprehensive model useful for the scientific community.

442 [Genome-scale models provide hypothesis for slow growth of M1152](#)

443 The reduced growth rate of M1152 is correlated with reduced glucose uptake and enhanced
444 glutamate uptake compared to M145. This is expected to lead to a less active glycolysis but a
445 more active TCA cycle, and thus, a more active oxidative metabolism in M1152 compared to
446 M145. An active oxidative metabolism is known to generate oxidative stress, and indeed, the
447 *in vivo* data, as well as the genome-scale model, predict an increased oxidative stress in
448 M1152. The toxicity of oxidative stress might, at least in part, be responsible for the growth
449 delay of M1152, while the *rpoB* mutation may add to this phenotype, since one of the
450 functions of the ppGpp-associated RNA polymerase is to promote a growth arrest in
451 conditions of nutritional stress.

452 [Further development may improve M1152 as host for heterologous expression](#)

453 The strain M1152 has several advantages as a host for heterologous production of secondary
454 metabolites. The deletion of the 4 major BGCs not only removes presumed competing sinks
455 for valuable precursors, but also generates a clean background to ease the identification of
456 novel products by mass spectrometry. M1152 was already proven to be more efficient than
457 M145 and M1146 in heterologous production of the nitrogen-containing antibiotics
458 chloramphenicol and congocidine, as well as Act production from reintroduction of its BGC
459 (13). Strains M1146 and M1152 produce, respectively, 3- to 5-, and 20- to 40-fold more
460 chloramphenicol and congocidine from respective heterologous clusters than M145.
461 Furthermore, in strain M1317, derived from M1152 by additional removal of three Type III

462 PKS genes (16), the (re-)introduction of germicidin synthase gave a 10.7 and 7.8-fold increase
463 in the total germicidin production by M1317 and M1152, respectively. This demonstrated
464 that the *rpoB* mutation, earlier shown to have a positive impact on the biosynthesis of
465 secondary metabolites (13), has a higher impact on the production of these compounds than
466 the deletion of competing precursor sinks, even while it cannot be excluded that
467 unintended and unknown genetic differences introduced during strain development are
468 underlying some of the observed behaviours. Nonetheless, the comparative analysis of
469 M145 and M1152 provides valuable insight to the impact of the *rpoB* mutation on cellular
470 metabolism and its relationships with antibiotic production, while a dedicated, systematic
471 comparative analysis of M1152, M1146 (13) and M145 will be necessary to in detail dissect
472 the overlapping influences of BGC deletion and the *rpoB* mutation (99).

473 As earlier work has suggested a competition for common precursors (acetyl-CoA/malonyl-
474 CoA) between fatty acids and secondary metabolites biosynthesis (100), it could be
475 anticipated that the deletion of BGCs would have a positive effect on fatty acids, and thus
476 TAG biosynthesis, but our data indicate that this is not the case (**Figure 5**).

477

478 **Materials and Methods**

479 **Sco-GEM consensus model reconstruction and development**

480 A brief description of the model reconstruction process is given in the following section,
481 while all details are described in the **Supplemental Information**. and in the community
482 model's GitHub repository (<https://github.com/SysBioChalmers/sco-GEM>). The model is
483 hosted on GitHub to facilitate further development by the community, and we've also

484 created a channel on Gitter dedicated to Sco-GEM questions and discussions

485 (<https://gitter.im/SysBioChalmers/Sco-GEM>).

486 Protocol for model merging

487 Using iKS1317 (15) as a starting point, additional reactions, metabolites and genes were

488 added from Sco4 (37) and iAA1259 (35). These three models are all based on the preceding

489 model iMK1208. To facilitate model comparison, modified or added reactions and

490 metabolites in Sco4 and iAA1259 were mapped to the iKS1317 namespace by using reaction

491 and metabolite database annotations, reaction equations and metabolite names and

492 formulas. The full list of reactions and metabolites added or modified according to Sco4 and

493 iAA1259 is given in **Data Set S1, Tab 6 - 10**.

494 The next step of the reconstruction process involved mainly manual curations: known flaws

495 and missing gene annotations in iKS1317 and Sco4 were fixed; reactions and metabolites

496 added from Sco4 were given IDs according to the BiGG namespace (56); all reactions,

497 metabolites and genes were given SBO annotations (101) (**Data Set S1, Tab 11**); all possible

498 reactions and metabolites were given MetaNetX (55) and chebi (54) (metabolites only)

499 annotations; the extensive annotation of genes from iAA1259 were expanded to cover 1591

500 of the 1777 genes in Sco-GEM. We also created pseudo-metabolites for the redox cofactors

501 NADH/NADPH and NAD⁺/NADP⁺ and introduced them into reactions where the cofactor

502 usage is uncertain.

503 The biomass equation was curated with the following main improvements: 1) Adopting the

504 curation of 2-demethylmenaquinol and menaquinol from iAA1259; 2) Separating the

505 biomass reaction into the pseudometabolites lipid, protein, dna, rna, carbohydrate, cell wall

506 and misc; 3) Updating the coefficients for prosthetic groups based on the proteomics data

507 and information about prosthetic groups for individual proteins from UniProt. Additional
508 details are given in the **Supplemental Information**.

509 Model reversibility

510 By using python-API (<https://gitlab.com/elad.noor/equilibrador-api>) of eEquilibrator (59) we
511 calculated the change in Gibbs free energy for 770 reactions (**Data Set S1, Tab 3**).
512 eEquilibrator can only calculate the change in Gibbs free energy for intracellular reactions (i.e.
513 not transport and exchange reactions) where all metabolites are mapped to KEGG (51, 52).
514 The calculations are based on the component contribution method (102). The change in
515 Gibbs free energy was calculated at standard conditions (25 °C, 1 bar), pH7 and 1mM
516 concentration of reactants, denoted ΔG^m in eEquilibrator. This did not cover any transport or
517 exchange reactions nor reactions with metabolites lacking KEGG annotation. We then
518 applied a threshold of -30 kJ/mol to define a reaction as irreversible (103, 104). Using the set
519 of growth data and knockout data, we evaluated the effect of these changes in reaction
520 reversibility: by randomly applying these changes to 10 reactions at the time, we identified
521 single, pair and triplets of reactions that reduced model accuracy when the reversibility was
522 changed based on the change in Gibbs free energy (**Data Set S1, Tab 12; Supplemental**
523 **Information**).

524 Analysis and annotation of transport reactions

525 Gene annotations, substrate and transport class information were mostly extracted from
526 Transport DB 2.0 (105) and TCDB (106). Then, transport proteins were extracted from
527 IUBMB-approved Transporter Classification (TC) System and categorized into 9 main classes
528 (**Figure 1F**): 1) ABC transporter; 2) PTS transporter; 3) Proton symporter; 4) Sodium
529 symporter; 5) Other symporter; 6) Proton antiport; 7) Other antiport; 8) Facilitated diffusion;

530 9) Simple diffusion. For those transport proteins with an ambiguous substrate annotation in
531 TCDB, the specific substrate annotation was obtain by extracting annotations from KEGG (51,
532 52), UniProt (57) or through BLAST homology search (107) using a similarity threshold of 90%
533 **(Supplemental Information; Data Set S1, Tab 4).**

534 [Development of enzymatically constrained \(EcSco-GEM\) model](#)

535 An enzyme-constrained version of the Sco-GEM model (denoted EcSco-GEM) was generated
536 using GECKO (31). The GECKO method enhances an existing GEM by explicitly constraining
537 the maximum flux through each reaction by the maximum capacity of the corresponding
538 enzyme, given by the product of the enzyme abundance and catalytic coefficient. This is
539 facilitated by splitting both, reactions catalysed by isoenzymes and reversible reactions. The
540 Sco-GEM v1.1 model was modified using GECKO version 1.3.4. Kinetic data, in the form of
541 k_{cat} values (s^{-1}), were automatically collected from BRENDA (108). If BRENDA did not report a
542 k_{cat} value for an enzyme, GECKO searched for alternative k_{cat} values by reducing specificity,
543 on the level of substrate, enzymatic activity (EC number) and organism. While 4178 out of
544 4753 queried enzyme activities could be matched to the full EC code, 306 of the matched
545 activities reported in BRENDA were from *S. coelicolor*. Additionally, six k_{cat} values were
546 manually curated, and a thorough explanation and reasoning behind these modifications are
547 given in the **Supplemental Information**. The NAD(H)/NAD(P)H pseudo-reactions were
548 blocked to avoid infeasible loops.

549 Then, separate models were created for each strain (the gene clusters for actinorhodin,
550 undecylprodigiosin, CDA and coelimycin P1 were removed to create M1152) and for each
551 time point by using estimated growth, uptake rates of glutamate and glucose, secretion
552 rates of undecylprodigiosin, germicidin A and B and proteome measurements (**Supplemental**

553 **Information**). These time point specific models (9 time points for M145, 8 time points for
554 M1152) were used to analyse the activity in individual metabolic pathways through random
555 sampling (65). We also created one EcSco-GEM model for each strain with a global
556 constraint on the protein usage instead of specific protein usage, which were used for model
557 quality control.

558 [Continuous integration and quality control with memote](#)

559 Validation and quality assessment of Sco-GEM is carried out using the test-suite in memote
560 (42). Memote provides by default a large range of tests, which we have used to identify
561 issues and possible improvements. The test suite reports descriptive model statistics such as
562 the number of genes, reactions and metabolites, and also checks the presence of SBO terms
563 and annotations, the charge and mass balance of all reactions, the network topology and
564 find energy-generating cycles (109). Additionally, we incorporated custom tests into the
565 memote test-suite to automatically compare predicted phenotypes with experimental data
566 in different growth media and for different knockout mutants. The experimental growth and
567 knockout data are extracted from (15). Memote version 0.9.12 was used in this work, and
568 the full memote report for Sco-GEM is given in the **Supplemental Information**. As a separate
569 evaluation, we applied the method for identifying internal and unrealistic energy-generating
570 cycles by (110) , and no such cycles were found in Sco-GEM.

571 The simplest use of memote is generating snapshot reports showing the current state of the
572 model. However, by integrating Travis CI [<https://travis-ci.com/>] into the gitHub repository,
573 memote can be used to create a continuous report displaying how each commit affects the
574 model quality.

575 Random sampling, normalization and pathway analysis

576 Because of the huge number of reactions in the EcSco-GEM, it is challenging to sample the
577 solution space appropriately: we have chosen to use the method provided in the Raven
578 Toolbox 2 (37, 65), which samples the vertices of the solution space. The drawback of this
579 method is that it will not result in a uniform sampling of the solution space. However, it is
580 more likely to span the entire solution space and also not prone to get stuck in extremely
581 narrow parts of the solution space, which may happen with variants of the hit-and-run
582 algorithm (111–113). For each of the time points for each strain (17 different conditions in
583 total) we generated 5000 random flux distributions with Gurobi as the solver. The reactions
584 catalysed by isoenzymes were combined into the set of reactions in Sco-GEM and the
585 reactions providing protein for each reaction. The mean of the 5000 flux distributions for
586 each metabolic reaction was used in the following analysis.

587 Finally, for each of the 17 conditions, the mean fluxes were normalized by the CO₂
588 production rate. Then, the normalized mean fluxes were summarized for each metabolic
589 pathway by using the curated pathway annotations, and we consider this a measure of the
590 metabolic activity in each pathway.

591 Since glucose and glutamate uptake rates, as well as growth rates were significantly different
592 in the two strains and at different time points, normalization of the data was necessary to
593 compare flux distributions. We tested various proxies as indicators of overall metabolic
594 activity for normalization, namely CO₂ production; the total carbon uptake from glucose and
595 glutamate; growth rate and mean flux value. As golden standard, we compared the fluxes
596 through individual reactions that are well documented to change in M145 in response to the
597 phosphate depletion (**Figure S8**). Normalization based on CO₂ production was tested and

598 gave similar results than the data normalized on total carbon uptake from glucose and
599 glutamate (**Figure S8A and S8B**). The data normalized by the sum of fluxes showed similar
600 patterns as those achieved by glucose/glutamate and CO₂-normalized data but was noisier
601 (**Figure S8C**). Considering the huge differences in growth rate, the growth-normalized data
602 masked any other flux patterns (**Figure S8D**). The fact that different normalizations provided
603 similar differences in metabolic fluxes proved that the inferred changes in metabolism were
604 not artefacts of the normalization method but represent true metabolic activity of each
605 strain.

606 [Strains, cultivation conditions, sampling procedures, and analyses of media](#)
607 [components and antibiotics box](#)

608 Experiments were performed using strain M145 of *S. coelicolor* A3(2) and its derivatives
609 M1146 and M1152. The latter two are lacking the 4 major BGCs for actinorhodin (Act),
610 undecylprodigiosin (Red), coelimycin P1 (Cpk), and calcium-dependent antibiotic (CDA),
611 while M1152 is also carrying the pleiotropic, previously described antibiotic production
612 enhancing mutation *rpoB* [S433L] (13, 22). All strains were kindly provided by Mervyn Bibb at
613 John-Innes-Centre, Norwich, UK.

614 Triplicate cultivations of the strains were performed based on germinated spore inoculum
615 on 1.8 L phosphate-limited medium SSBM-P, applying all routines of the optimized
616 submerged batch fermentation strategy for *S. coelicolor* established and described before
617 (20). All media were based on ion-free water, and all chemicals used were of analytical
618 grade. In brief, spore batches of M145, M1146 and M1152 were generated by cultivation on
619 soy flour-mannitol (SFM) agar plates (114), harvesting by scraping off spores and suspension
620 in 20% (v/v) glycerol, and storage in aliquots at -80 °C. 10⁹ CFU of spores of each strain were

621 germinated for 5 hours at 30 °C and 250 rpm in 250 mL baffled shake-flasks with 2 g of 3 mm
622 glass beads and 50 mL 2x YT medium (115). The germinated spores were harvested by
623 centrifugation (3200 x g, 15 °C, 5 min) and re-suspended in 5 mL ion-free water. An even
624 dispersion of the germinated spores was achieved by vortex mixing (30 s), ensuring
625 comparable inocula among biological replicas. Each bioreactor (1.8 liter starting volume
626 culture medium in a 3-liter Applikon stirred tank reactor) was inoculated with 4.5 mL
627 germinated spore suspension (corresponding to 9×10^8 CFU). Phosphate-limited medium
628 SSBM-P (8) consisted of Na-glutamate, 55.2 g/L; D-glucose, 40 g/L; $MgSO_4$, 2.0 mM;
629 phosphate, 4.6 mM; supplemented minimal medium trace element solution SMM-TE (115),
630 8 mL/L and TMS1, 5.6 mL/L. TMS1 consisted of $FeSO_4 \times 7 H_2O$, 5 g/L; $CuSO_4 \times 5 H_2O$, 390
631 mg/L; $ZnSO_4 \times 7 H_2O$, 440 mg/L; $MnSO_4 \times H_2O$, 150 mg/L; $Na_2MoO_4 \times 2 H_2O$, 10 mg/L; $CoCl_2 \times$
632 $6 H_2O$, 20 mg/L, and HCl, 50 mL/L. Clerol FBA 622 fermentation defoamer (Diamond
633 Shamrock Scandinavia) was added to the growth medium before inoculation. Throughout
634 fermentations, pH 7.0 was maintained constant by automatic addition of 2 M HCl. Dissolved
635 oxygen levels were maintained at a minimum of 50% by automatic adjustment of the stirrer
636 speed (minimal agitation 325 rpm). The aeration rate was constant 0.5 L/(L x min) sterile air.
637 Dissolved oxygen, agitation speed and carbon dioxide evolution rate were measured and
638 logged on-line, while samples for the determination of cell dry weight, levels of growth
639 medium components and secondary metabolites concentrations, as well as for
640 transcriptome and proteome analysis were withdrawn throughout the fermentation trials as
641 indicated in **Figure 2B**. For transcriptome analysis, 3 × 4 ml culture sample were applied in
642 parallel onto three 0.45 µm nitrocellulose filters (Millipore) connected to vacuum. The
643 biomass on each filter was immediately washed twice with 4 ml double-autoclaved ion-free
644 water pre-heated to 30 °C, before the filters were collected in a 50 ml plastic tube, frozen in

645 liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until RNA isolation. For proteome analysis, 5 ml samples
646 were taken and centrifuged (3200 x g, 5 min, 4 °C), and the resulting cell pellets frozen
647 rapidly at -80 °C until further processing.

648 Levels of phosphate were measured spectrophotometrically by using the SpectroQuant
649 Phosphate test kit (Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany) following the manufacturer's
650 instructions after downscaling to 96-well plate format. D-glucose and L-glutamate
651 concentrations were determined by LC-MS using suitable standards, and measured
652 concentrations were used to estimate specific uptake and excretion rates.

653 Undecylprodigiosin (Red) levels were determined spectrophotometrically at 530 nm after
654 acidified methanol extraction from the mycelium (116). To determine relative amounts of
655 actinorhodins (determined as total blue pigments, TBP), cell culture samples were treated
656 with KOH (final concentration 1 M) and centrifuged, and the absorbance of the supernatants
657 at 640 nm was determined (116). Quantification of germicidin A and B was performed using
658 targeted LC-MS analytics.

659 [Proteomics](#)

660 [Sample preparation and NanoUPLC-MS analysis](#)

661 Quantitative proteomics were performed using pipeline previously described (117).

662 Mycelium pellets for proteome analysis were thawed and resuspended in the remaining
663 liquid. 50 µL re-suspended mycelium was withdrawn and pelleted by centrifugation. 100 µL
664 lysis buffer (4% SDS, 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.6, 50 mM EDTA) was added, and samples were
665 sonicated in a water bath sonicator (Biorupter Plus, Diagenode) for 5 cycles of 30 s high
666 power and 30 s off in ice water. Cell debris was pelleted and removed by centrifugation.

667 Total protein was precipitated using the chloroform-methanol method described before

668 (118). The pellet was dried in a vacuum centrifuge before dissolving in 0.1% RapiGest SF
669 surfactant (Waters) at 95 °C. The protein concentration was measured at this stage using
670 BCA method. Protein samples were then reduced by adding 5 mM DTT, followed by
671 alkylation using 21.6 mM iodoacetamide. Then trypsin (recombinant, proteomics grade,
672 Roche) was added at 0.1 µg per 10 µg protein. Samples were digested at 37 °C overnight.
673 After digestion, trifluoroacetic acid was added to 0.5% followed by incubation at 37 °C for 30
674 min and centrifugation to remove MS interfering part of RapiGest SF. Peptide solution
675 containing 8 µg peptide was then cleaned and desalted using STAGE-Tipping technique
676 (119). Final peptide concentration was adjusted to 40 ng/µL using sample solution (3%
677 acetonitrile, 0.5% formic acid) for analysis.

678 200 ng (5 µL) digested peptide was injected and analysed by reversed-phase liquid
679 chromatography on a nanoAcquity UPLC system (Waters) equipped with HSS-T3 C18 1.8 µm,
680 75 µm X 250 mm column (Waters). A gradient from 1% to 40% acetonitrile in 110 min
681 (ending with a brief regeneration step to 90% for 3 min) was applied. [Glu¹]-fibrinopeptide B
682 was used as lock mass compound and sampled every 30 s. Online MS/MS analysis was done
683 using Synapt G2-Si HDMS mass spectrometer (Waters) with an UDMS^E method set up as
684 described in (120).

685 Data processing and label-free quantification

686 Raw data from all samples were first analysed using the vendor software ProteinLynx Global
687 SERVER (PLGS) version 3.0.3. Generally, mass spectrum data were generated using an MS^E
688 processing parameter with charge 2 lock mass 785.8426, and default energy thresholds. For
689 protein identification, default workflow parameters except an additional acetyl in N-terminal
690 variable modification were used. Reference protein database was downloaded from

691 GenBank with the accession number NC_003888.3. The resulted dataset was imported to
692 ISOQuant version 1.8 (120) for label-free quantification. Default high identification
693 parameters were used in the quantification process. TOP3 result was converted to PPM
694 (protein weight) and send to the modelers and others involved in interpreting the data (**Data**
695 **Set S1, Tab 13**).

696 TOP3 quantification was filtered to remove identifications meet these two criteria: 1.
697 identified in lower than 70% of samples of each strain and 2. sum of TOP3 value less than $1 \times$
698 10^5 . Cleaned quantification data was further subjected to DESeq2 package version 1.22.2
699 (29) and PCA was conducted after variance stabilizing transformation (vst) of normalized
700 data.

701 [Transcriptomics](#)

702 RNA extraction and quality control

703 Bacteria were lysed using RNeasy Protect Bacteria (Qiagen) and following the manufacturer's
704 instruction. Briefly, filters containing bacteria were incubated with 4 ml of RNeasy Protect
705 Bacteria reagent. After centrifugation, resulting samples were lysed using 500 μ l of TE buffer
706 (10 mM Tris-Cl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) containing 15 mg/ml lysozyme using 150-600 μ m
707 diameter glass beads (Sigma) agitated at 30 Hz for 5 minutes in the TissueLyser II (Qiagen).
708 Total RNA was extracted using RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) and 700 μ l of the resulting lysate
709 complemented with 470 μ l of absolute ethanol. RNAase-free DNase set (Qiagen) and
710 centrifugation steps were performed to prevent DNA and ethanol contamination. Elution
711 was performed using 30 μ l of RNase-free water and by reloading the eluate on the column to
712 improve the RNA yield. The RNA concentration was measured using Qubit RNA BR Assay Kit
713 (ThermoFisher Scientific), RNA purity was assessed using A260/A280 and A260/A230 ratio

714 using the Nano Drop ND-1000 Spectrophotometer (PEQLAB). RNA Integrity Number was
715 estimated using RNA 6000 Nano Kit (Agilent) and the Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent).

716 Library preparation and sequencing

717 A total of 1 µg of total RNA was subjected to rRNA depletion using Ribo-Zero rRNA Removal
718 Kit Bacteria (Illumina). The cDNA libraries were constructed using the resulting tRNA and the
719 NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit (NEB). Libraries were sequenced as single-
720 reads (75 bp read length) on an Illumina NextSeq500 platform at a depth of 8–10 million
721 reads each.

722 RNA-seq data assessment and analysis

723 Sequencing statistics including the quality per base and adapter content assessment of
724 resulting transcriptome sequencing data were conducted with FastQC v0.11.5 (121). All
725 reads mappings were performed against the reference strain of *Streptomyces coelicolor*
726 A3(2) (RefSeq ID NC_003888.3). The mappings of all samples were conducted with HISAT2
727 v2.1.0 (122). As parameters, spliced alignment of reads was disabled, and strand-specific
728 information was set to reverse complemented (HISAT2 parameter --no-spliced-alignment
729 and --rna-strandness "R"). The resulting mapping files in SAM format were converted to BAM
730 format using SAMtools v1.6 (123). Mapping statistics, including strand specificity estimation,
731 percentage of mapped reads and fraction exonic region coverage, were conducted with the
732 RNA-seq module of QualiMap2 v2.2.2-dev (124). Gene counts for all samples were
733 computed with featureCounts v1.6.0 (28) based on the annotation of the respective
734 reference genome, where the selected feature type was set to transcript records
735 (featureCounts parameter -t transcript).

736 Normalization and differential gene expression

737 Raw count files were imported into Mayday SeaSight (125) for common, time-series-wide
738 normalization. For this, the raw counts of all biological replicates of one strain across the
739 time-series were log₂-transformed (with pseudocount of +1 for the genes with zero counts)
740 and then quantile-normalized. To make the two normalized time-series data of M154 and
741 M1152 comparable, they were again quantile-normalized against each other. The
742 normalized RNA-seq data are provided in **Data Set S1, Tab 14**.

743 Differentially expressed genes were identified by ANOVA using Orange (v3.2) and the
744 bioinformatic toolkit (v), with FDR of <0.01 and a minimal fold enrichment >1 for at least one
745 aligned time point. Genes with low expression (log₂ < 5 for both strains and time points)
746 were not considered for further analysis. The differentially expressed genes were
747 subsequently scaled to the expression average and clustered by K-means. Visualization of
748 genes and clusters were performed in python (v3.7) with matplotlib (v3.1.1). For this, the
749 time-series of M145 and M1152 were aligned such that in the visual representation, the
750 expression profiles of the two strains are aligned relative to the time point of phosphate
751 depletion. Both DAVID (126, 127) and the string database (128) was used to evaluate the
752 function of each cluster, identifying overrepresentation of function groups based on GO
753 annotation or text mining. Identified differential clusters or regulons were extracted from
754 literature and plotted (**Data Set S1, Tab 5; Figure S7**).

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756 Data and Software Availability

757 Model repository

758 The model is hosted and developed in an open repository on GitHub:

759 <https://github.com/SysBioChalmers/Sco-GEM>. Here, the latest version of the Sco-GEM is

760 available in both YAML and SBML level 3 Version 1. Additionally, users can see all details of

761 the model reconstruction and contribute to further model development by posting issues or

762 suggest changes. This should encourage further, incremental development of Sco-GEM by

763 the community.

764 Proteome data

765 The proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the

766 PRIDE (129) partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD013178 and

767 10.6019/PXD013178. Normalized proteome data is also available in **Data Set S1, Tab 13**.

768 Transcriptomics data

769 All high-throughput sequencing data have been deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression

770 Omnibus and are accessible under accession number GSE132487 (M145) and GSE132488

771 (M1152). Normalized counts are also found in **Data Set S1, Tab 14**.

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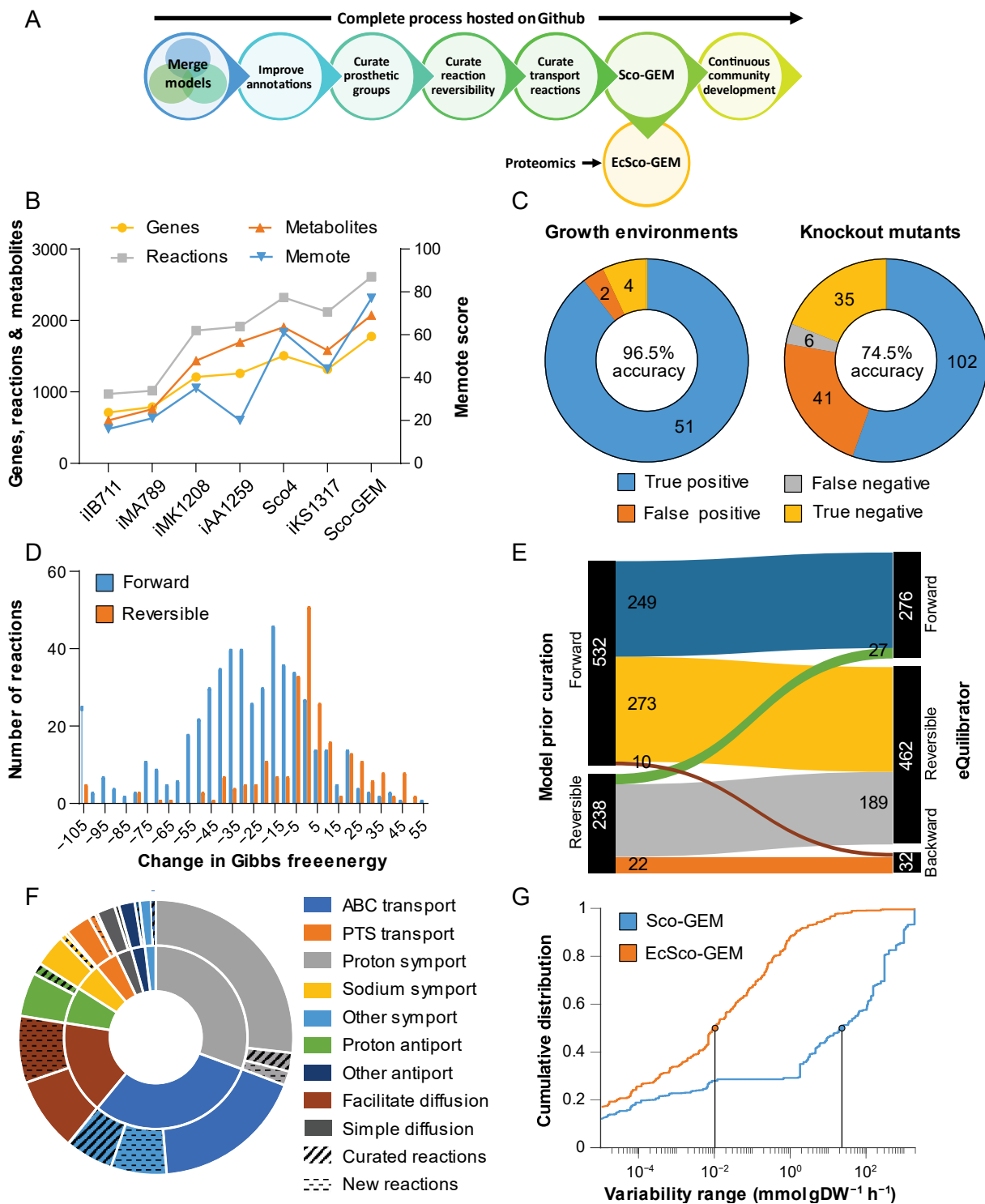
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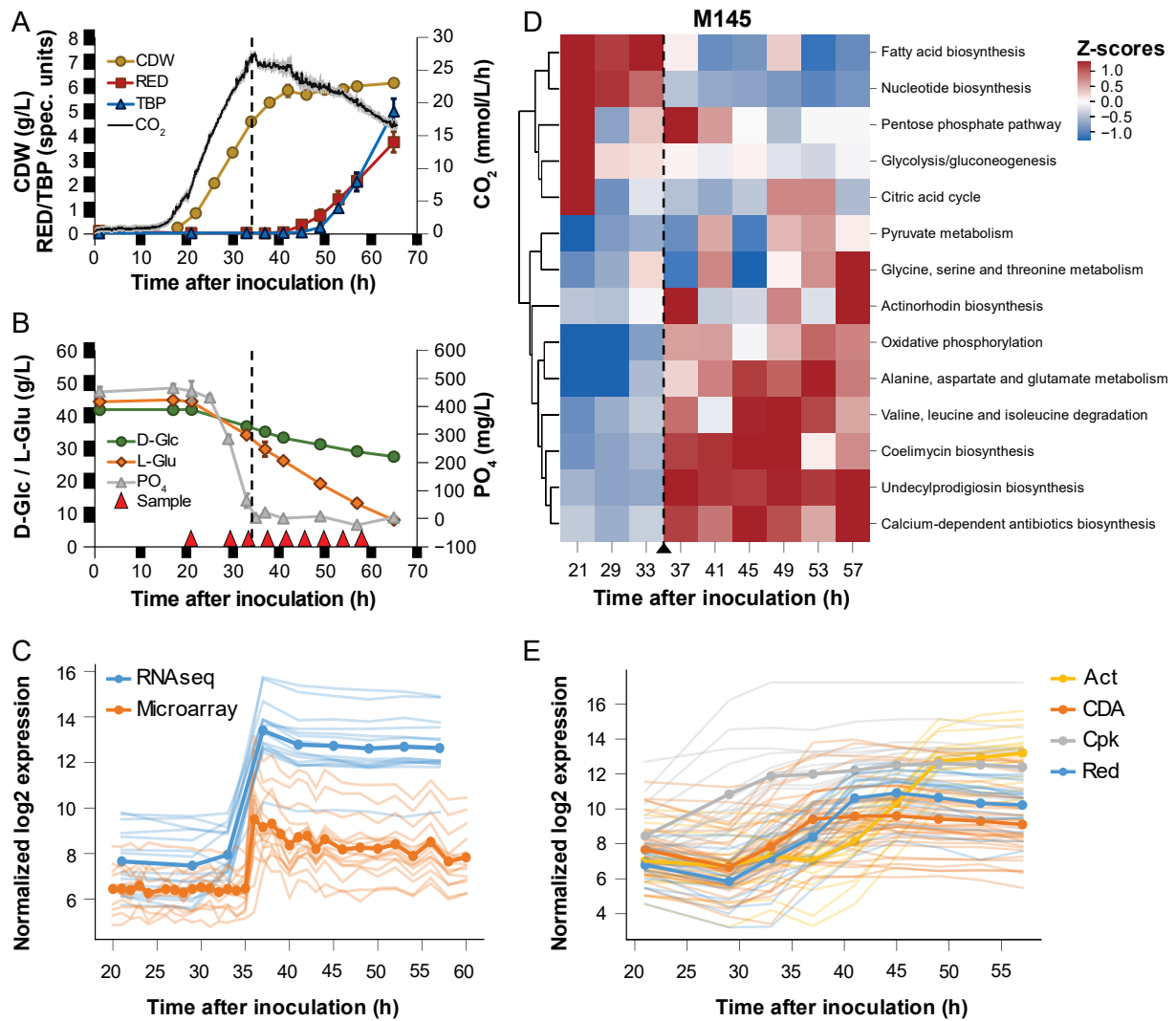
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793 **Figure 1: Sco-GEM development and analysis.** A) Schematic overview of the various steps in

794 the Sco-GEM reconstruction process. B) The overall memote score and number of genes,

795 reactions and metabolites for the 7 published *S. coelicolor* GEMs. C) Assessment of the model

796 quality by comparing *in vivo* observations with *in silico* predictions. D) The change in Gibbs
797 free energy for 770 reactions that were annotated as either reversible or forward irreversible
798 in the model prior curation of reaction reversibility. The histogram is truncated at -105 kJ/mol,
799 and more negative values are assigned to the leftmost bin. E) Analysis and comparison of the
800 directionality and reversibility of reactions prior curation and the direction inferred from the
801 change in Gibbs free energy as estimated by eQuilibrator. F) Overview of the 369 transport
802 reactions included in Sco-GEM, whereof 42 were curated and 65 added during this work. The
803 inner ring categorizes the reactions into 9 different subgroups, while the outer ring displays
804 the amount of curated and added reactions within each category. G) Comparison of
805 cumulative flux variability distributions, demonstrating that the incorporation of kinetic
806 coefficients in EcSco-GEM greatly constrains the solution space.



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808 **Figure 2: Batch cultivation of *S. coelicolor* M145 and the effect of phosphate depletion.**

809 Compounds produced (A) and consumed (B) during batch fermentation of *S. coelicolor* M145.

810 Time points for sampling for transcriptome and proteome analysis are indicated with red

811 triangles. The dashed vertical line indicates when phosphate in the medium has been

812 depleted. Error bars are standard deviations of three biological replicates. CDW, Cell Dry

813 Weight; Red, undecylprodigiosin; TBP, Total Blue Pigments/actinorhodins; CO₂ volume

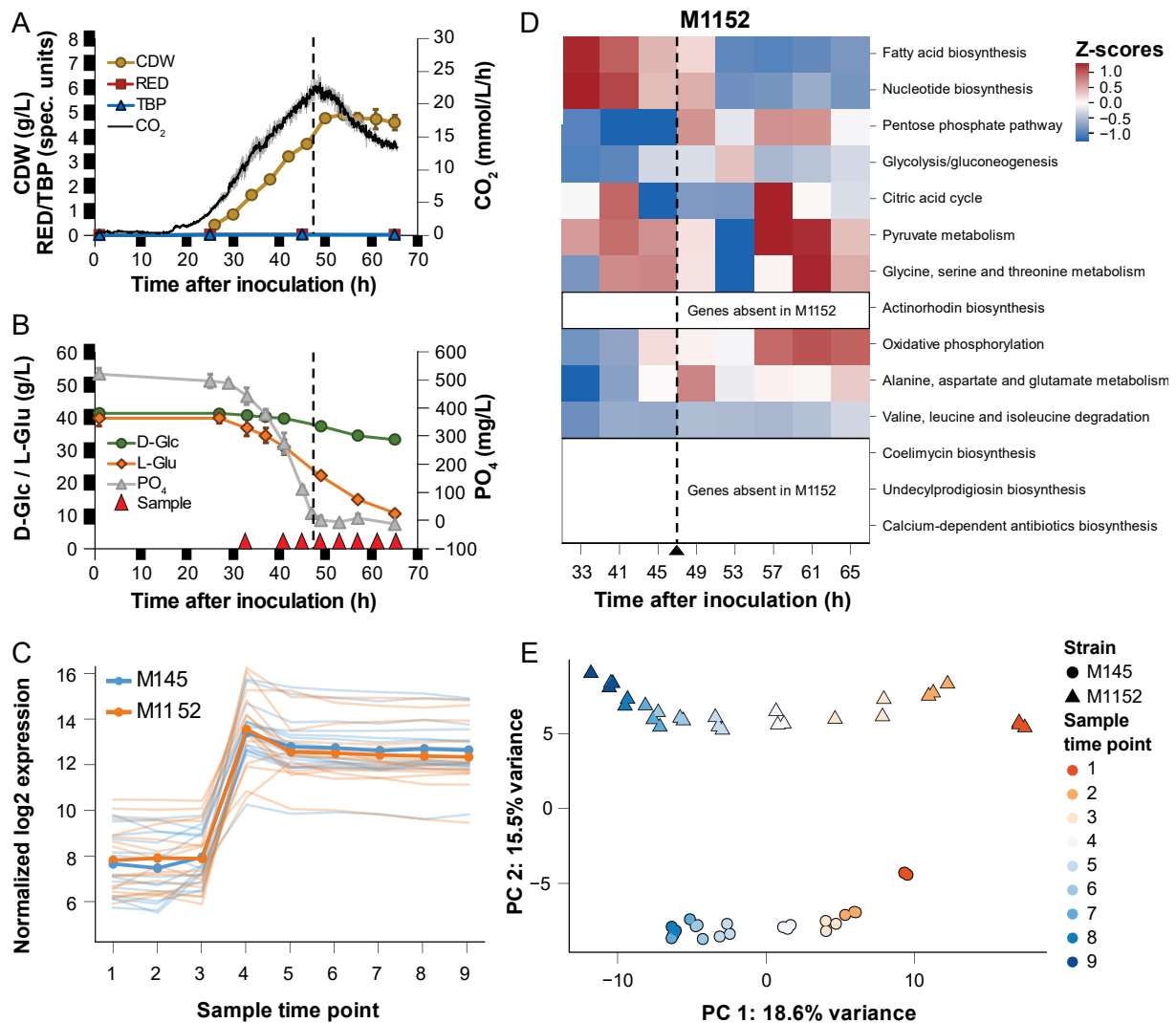
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815 previously published microarray data (8) and RNA-seq data (this study) for genes previously

816 found to respond to phosphate depletion (8). D) Clustered heatmap of CO₂-normalized Z-

817 scores for each of the top 10 varying pathways plus the pathways for the 4 major BGCs in

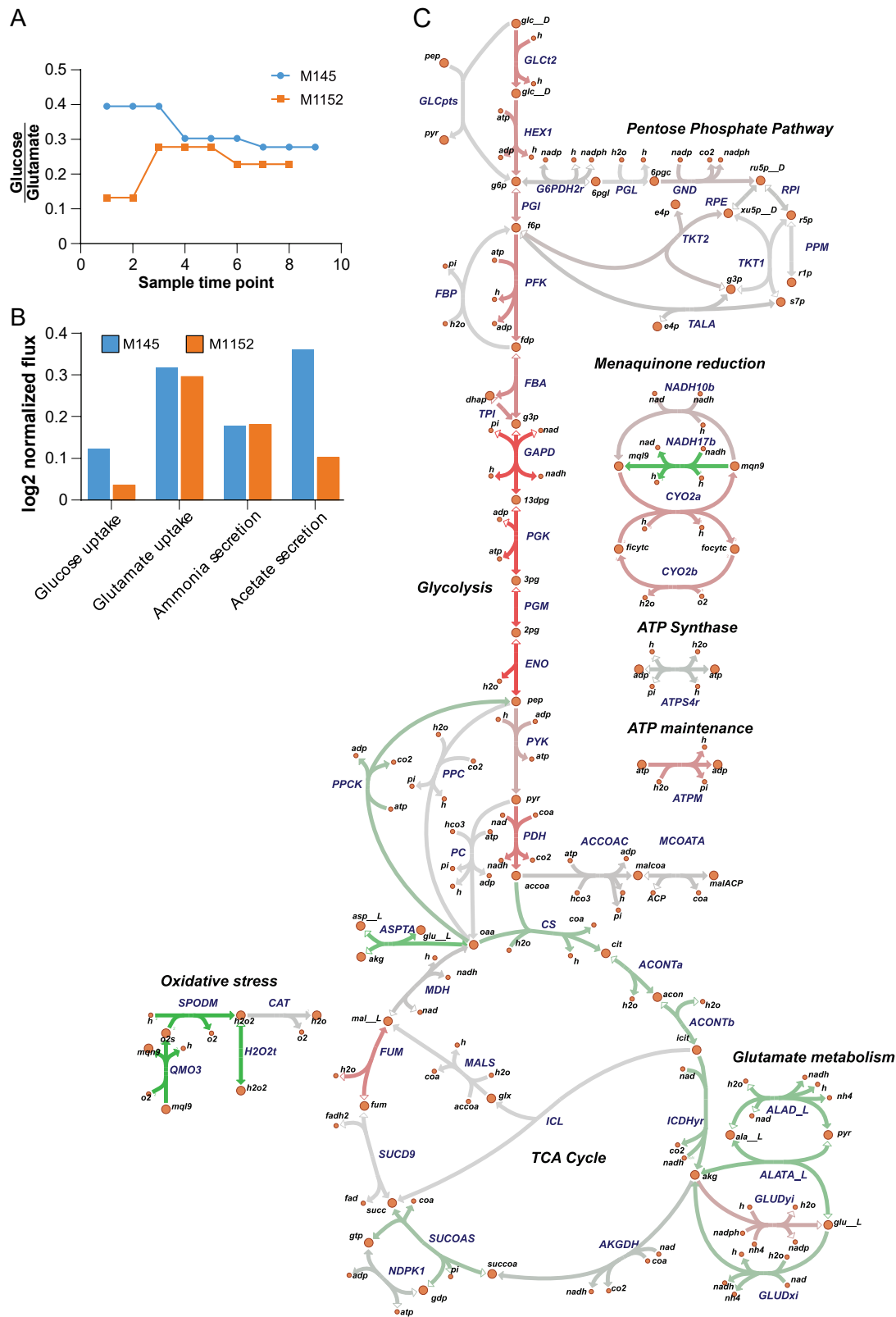
818 M145, as revealed by simulations with the proteomics-integrated EcSco-GEM model. The
 819 dashed vertical line indicates the time point of the metabolic switch. E) RNA-seq data of the 4
 820 major BGCs show the onset of biosynthesis of actinorhodin (Act), calcium-dependent
 821 antibiotic (CDA), coelimycin P1 (Cpk) and undecylprodigiosin (Red) at different time points
 822 during the batch fermentations of M145.



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824 **Figure 3: Batch cultivation of *S. coelicolor* M1152.** Compounds produced (A) and consumed
 825 (B) during batch fermentation of *S. coelicolor* M1152. Time points for sampling for
 826 transcriptome and proteome analysis are indicated with red triangles. The dashed vertical line
 827 indicates when phosphate in the medium has been depleted. Error bars are standard

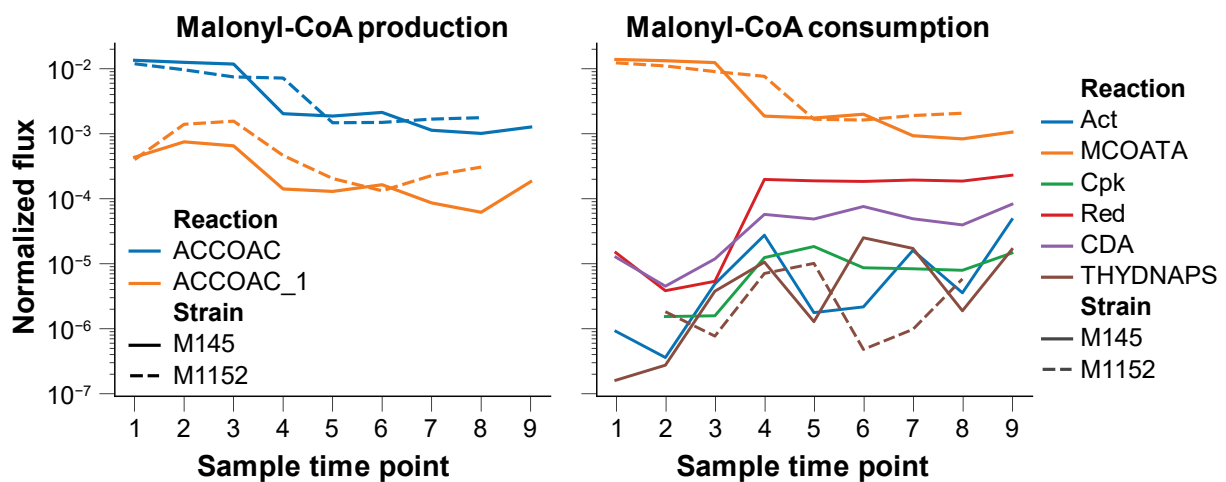
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829 Total Blue Pigments/actinorhodins; CO₂, volume corrected respiration; D-Glc, D-glucose; L-
830 Glu, L-glutamate; PO₄, phosphate. C) Alignment of sample time points of M145 and M1152
831 cultivations based on the expression profiles of genes that were earlier found to respond to
832 phosphate depletion in respect to the metabolic switch (8). D) Clustered heatmap of
833 proteomics data for M145 (triangles) and M1152 (circles), for each time-point and culture.
834 The first principal component separates the time points, while the second principal
835 component separates the two strains. E) CO₂-normalized Z-scores of pathway fluxes predicted
836 by EcSco-GEM for 10 of the most varying pathways in M145 and M1152. The data for M145
837 **(Figure 2D)** and M1152 are standardized together to make values and colours comparable. E)
838 Principle component analysis of the proteomics data for M145 (triangles) and M1152 (circles),
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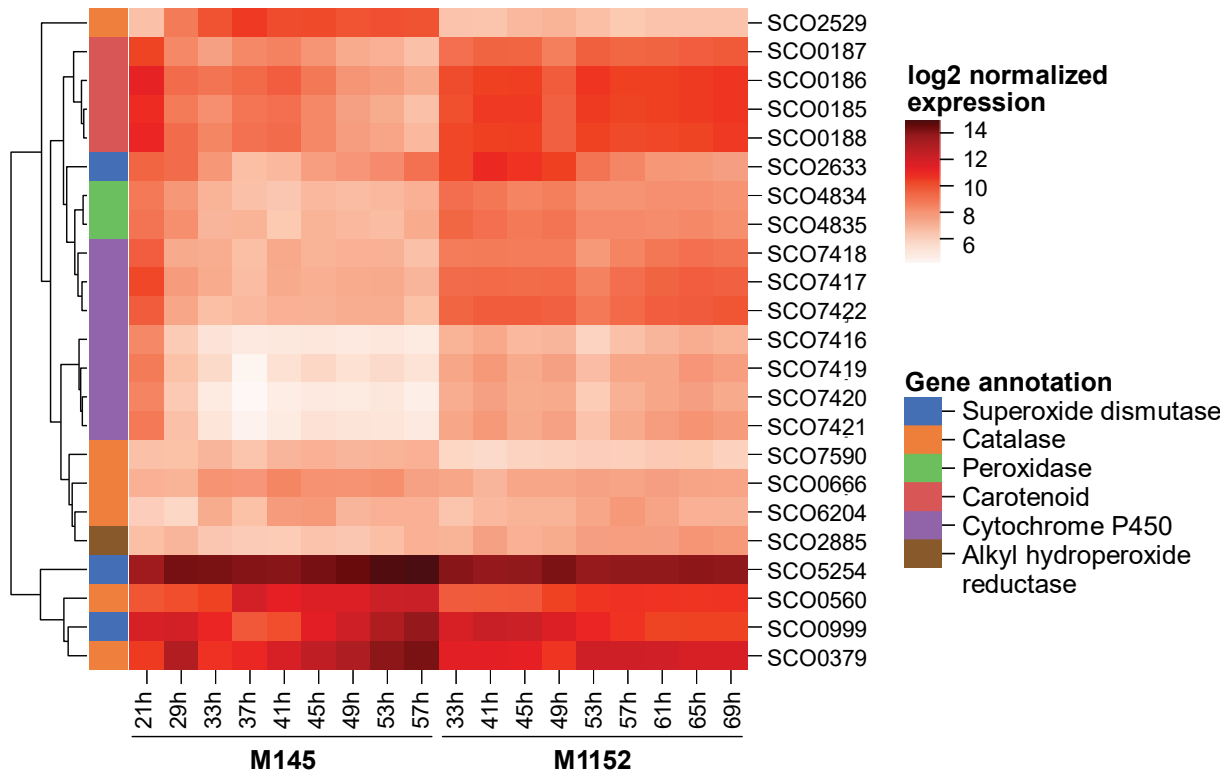
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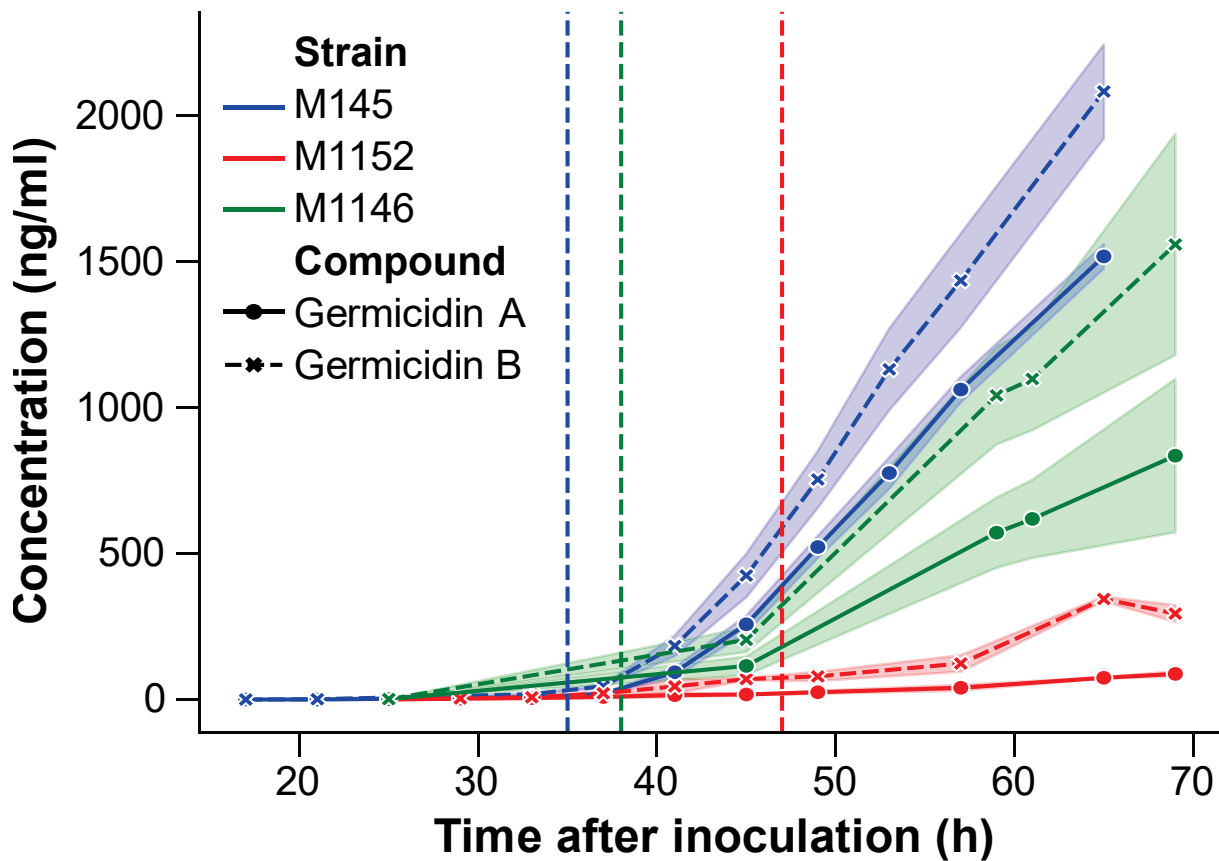
842 **Figure 4: Predicted carbon fluxes in M145 and M1152.** A) The ratio between estimated uptake
 843 rates of glucose and glutamate showing that M1152 acquires a smaller part of its carbon from
 844 glucose compared to M145. B) Roughly half of the nitrogen from glutamate is excreted as

845 ammonium (both strains), while higher uptake of glucose in M145 leads to more excretion of
846 acetate. C) Comparison of predicted fluxes for the second sampling time points for M145 and
847 M1152, i.e. after 29 and 41 hours, respectively. The second time point for each strain was
848 chosen because the estimated uptake rates are more reliable than the first time point. The
849 strength of the colour of the lines correspond to the flux difference between the strains; green
850 reactions have higher flux in M1152, and red reactions have higher flux in M145. Note the
851 reduced biomass-specific uptake rate of glucose and increased oxidative stress in M1152.



853 **Figure 5: Production and consumption of malonyl-CoA as the branching point between fatty**
854 **acid biosynthesis and production of polyketides.** From EcSco-GEM predictions, a reduced
855 malonyl-CoA production (left panel) by both acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACCOAT; blue) and
856 acetyl-CoA carboxytransferase (ACCOAT_1; orange) is observed in both strains. Most of the
857 malonyl-CoA is consumed by fatty acid biosynthesis through malonyl-CoA-ACP transacylase
858 (MCOATA), even after metabolic switching, and this consumption balances the malonyl-CoA
859 production. The other main sinks for malonylmalonyl-CoA are the pathways encoded by the 4
860 major BGCs (Act, Cpk, Red and CDA) in addition to biflavin synthesis (THYDNAPS).





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867 **Figure 7: Concentrations of germicidin A and B produced by M145, M1146 and M1152.** The
868 shaded regions display the uncertainty range (± 1 standard deviation) based on three replicate
869 cultivations. Germicidin production rates after the metabolic switch (in $\text{ng ml}^{-1} \text{ hour}^{-1}$) are:
870 41.4 (A) and 75.5 (B) for M145; 30.2 (A) and 56.4 (B) for M1146; 3.3 (A) and 13.3 (B) for M1152.
871 Note that the growth rate is different between the strains, displayed by the vertical lines
872 representing phosphate depletion at 35, 38 and 47 hours for M145, M1146 and M1152,
873 respectively.

874 [Supplemental Figures](#)

875 **Figure S1: Reaction subsystems and origin.** The number of reactions in Sco-GEM in each of
876 the 15 subsystems, and from which model they originate from. The other reactions (orange)
877 are added during reconstruction of Sco-GEM.

878 **Figure S2: Gene clusters associated with metabolic switch.** RNA-seq (left column) and
879 proteomics (right column) from M145 of the 8 gene clusters associated with the metabolic
880 switch as previously identified (8). The 8 clusters are: A) genes related to ribosomal proteins;
881 B) genes related to nitrogen metabolism; C) Cpk gene cluster; D) genes related to
882 development; E) genes upregulated in response to phosphate depletion; F) genes involved in
883 synthesis of phosphate-free polymers; G) Act gene cluster; H) Red gene cluster

884 **Figure S3: Log-transformed expression levels of genes related to nitrogen metabolism.** The
885 glutamate import (SCO5774-5777), the glutamate sensing system *gluR-gluK* (SCO5778 and
886 SCO57779), *glnR* (SCO4159) and *glnA* (SCO2198) are downregulated subsequent to phosphate
887 depletion. We also observe that the first time point in M145 is very different from all other
888 samples.

889 **Figure S4: Clustered heatmaps of Z-score based on CO₂-normalized sum of fluxes of all**
890 **pathways standardized within each pathway and separated into different subsystems /**
891 **parts of the metabolism.** A) Central carbon metabolism. B) Amino acid metabolism. C)
892 Metabolism of vitamins and cofactors. D) Pathways of Biosynthetic gene clusters. E) Lipid
893 metabolism. F) Oxidative stress. G) Degradation of toxic compounds. H) All other pathways.
894 For all panels only pathway with a minimum flux of $1e-8$ mmol (g DW)⁻¹ h⁻¹ were included.

895 **Figure S5: RNA-seq, proteome and flux prediction of specific gene clusters and reactions.** A)
896 EcSco-GEM predicts that the flux through citrate synthase (CS) and isocitrate dehydrogenase
897 (ICDHyr) increases at later time points in M145, effectively increasing the shuttling of acetyl-
898 CoA into the TCA cycle. B) Log₂ normalized expression data of genes involved in oxidative
899 phosphorylation indicate an increasing expression at later time points, while overall
900 expression in M1152 is higher than in M145. C-H) Comparison of log₂ normalized expression

901 data as calculated with $(\log_2 M145) - \log_2(M1152)$, where positive values indicate upregulation
902 in M145 relative to M1152, and vice versa for negative values. C) Increased expression of
903 genes of the *afsR* regulon in M145, while no significant difference in expression is observed
904 for (D) *scbR* regulon; (E) *adpA* regulon; (F) *argR* regulon; (G) genes induced by ppGPP; and (H)
905 genes repressed by ppGpp.

906 **Figure S6: Analysis of transcriptome data of genes.** A) Unsupervised clustering (k-means) of
907 significantly changed genes into 7 clusters: the first three (clusters 1-3) are upregulated in
908 M1152, while the last four (clusters 4-7) are upregulated from the beginning or at later time
909 points in M145. B-D) Comparison of \log_2 normalized expression data as calculated with $(\log_2$
910 $M145) - \log_2(M1152)$, where positive values indicate upregulation in M145 relative to M1152,
911 and vice versa for negative values. B) Genes in the SoxR regulon are reducing expression in
912 M1152 at later time points. C) Almost all genes in the ATP-synthase cluster are up-regulated
913 in M1152 after the first time point. D) Also, the transcription of ribosomal protein genes after
914 the metabolic switch is increased in M1152 compared to M145. E) Batch cultivation of *S.*
915 *coelicolor* M1146. Error bars are standard deviations of three biological replicates. CDW, Cell
916 Dry Weight; CO₂ volume corrected respiration; PO₄, phosphate.

917 **Figure S7: Gene Ontology enrichment analysis of the 7 clusters identified in the 499**
918 **differentially expressed genes, categorized by function into four clustered heatmaps.**

919 Each heatmap shows the p-value for the enrichment of each GO-process. A) Genes related to
920 reactive oxygen species, the ribosome or development process and cell wall formation. B)
921 Oxireductase and iron / metal ion homeostasis. C) Regulation, biosynthesis and metabolism
922 related to RNA and DNA. D) All other GO-annotations. E) This color palette is the legend for
923 the column colors on top of each heatmap which displays which of the seven clusters each

924 gene belongs to. The red palette covers cluster 1-3 (upregulated in M1152), while the blue
925 palette covers cluster 4-7 (upregulated in M145). Note that no GO-processes were enriched
926 for the genes in cluster 2.

927 **Figure S8: Comparison of normalization methods of randomly sampled fluxes.** Heatmap
928 showing mean flux values normalized by A) total carbon uptake from glucose and glutamate,
929 B) CO₂ production, C) sum of all fluxes and D) growth rate. Because the mean flux values in
930 these reactions are different by several orders of magnitude, we display the data as
931 standardized values (for each reaction).

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933 Other Supplemental material

934 **Supplemental Information:** The Memote report of Sco-GEM, the protocols for Sco-GEM and
935 EcSco-GEM development and a detailed description of estimation of rates from batch
936 fermentation data.

937 **Data Set S1**

938 **Tab 1:** Detailed overview of the script performing the reconstruction of Sco-GEM.

939 **Tab 2:** Comparison of the new biomass reaction in Sco-GEM with the biomass reaction in
940 iAA1259.

941 **Tab 3:** Reversibility prior update, calculated change in Gibbs free energy and standard
942 deviation of the calculated change in Gibbs free energy of 770 reactions in Sco-GEM.

943 **Tab 4:** Overview of all transport reactions added or curated during the process of Sco-GEM
944 model development, and the metabolites added along with the new transport reactions.

945 **Tab 5:** Genes present in the 7 clusters identified with K-Means clustering of the
946 differentially expressed genes.

947 **Tab 6:** Sco4 ID, name and Sco-GEM ID of the reactions added from Sco4 to Sco-GEM.

948 **Tab 7:** Sco4 ID, name and Sco-GEM ID of the metabolites added from Sco4 to Sco-GEM

949 **Tab 8:** Reaction ID, name and gene annotation of reactions added from iAA1259 to Sco-
950 GEM.

951 **Tab 9:** List of reactions modified according to iAA1259.

952 **Tab 10:** Metabolite ID and name of metabolites added from Sco4 to Sco-GEM.

953 **Tab 11:** List of SBO terms used in Sco-GEM

954 **Tab 12:** Single, pair and triplets of reactions which reduced model accuracy, in total 56
955 different reactions. The reversibility of these reactions was not changed according to the
956 predicted change in Gibbs free energy.

957 **Tab 13:** Normalized proteome data for M145 and M1152.

958 **Tab 14:** Normalized RNA-seq data for all six fermenters. M145 is cultivated in F516-F518,
959 while M1152 is cultivated in F519, F521, F522. Re-index IDs corresponds to sampling time
960 point (1-9) and strain.

961 **Tab 15:** List of genes within each cluster known to be associated with the metabolic switch.

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