

# **Glycerol metabolism and transport activity regulation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***

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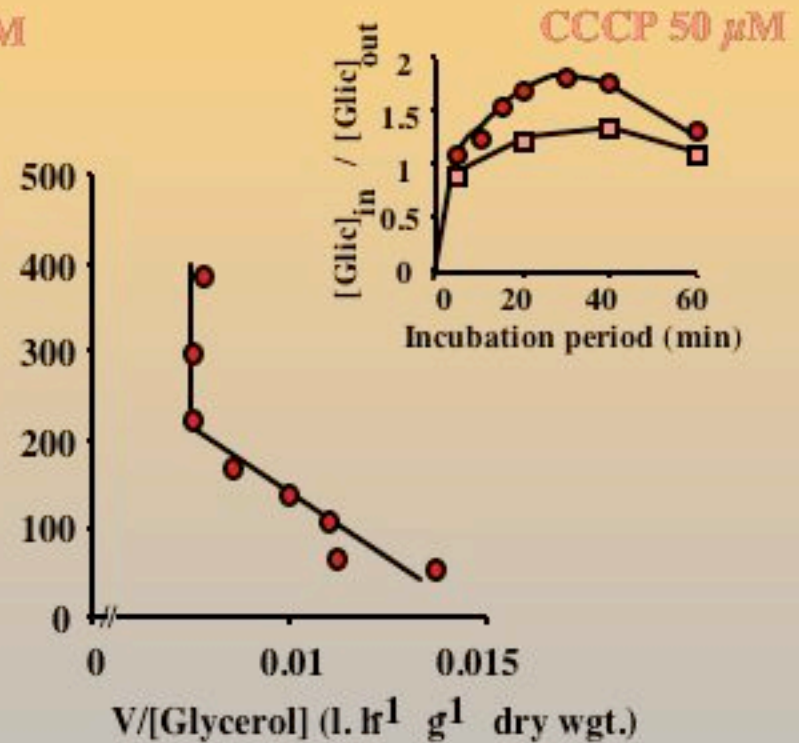
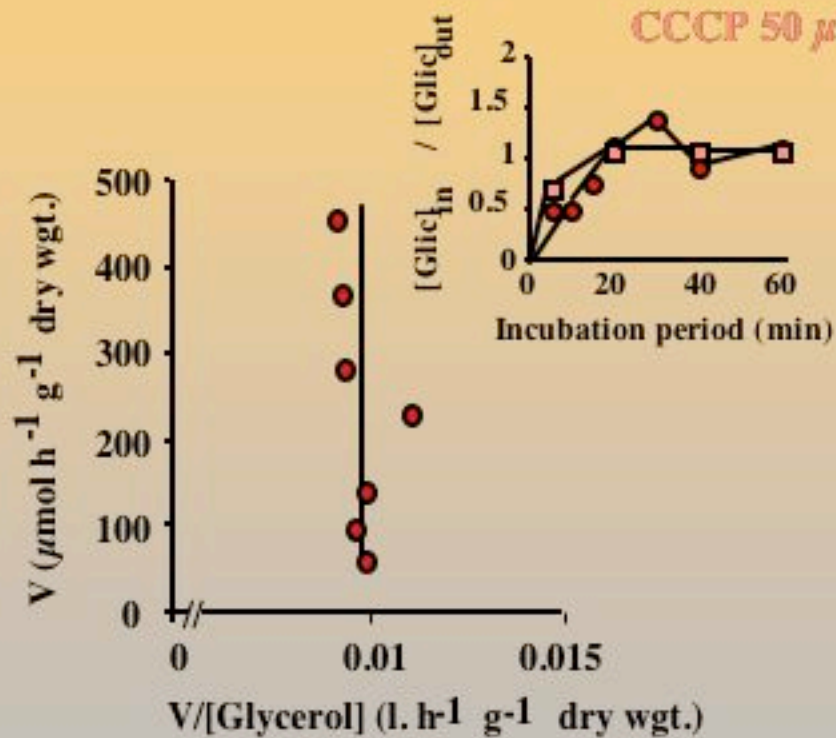


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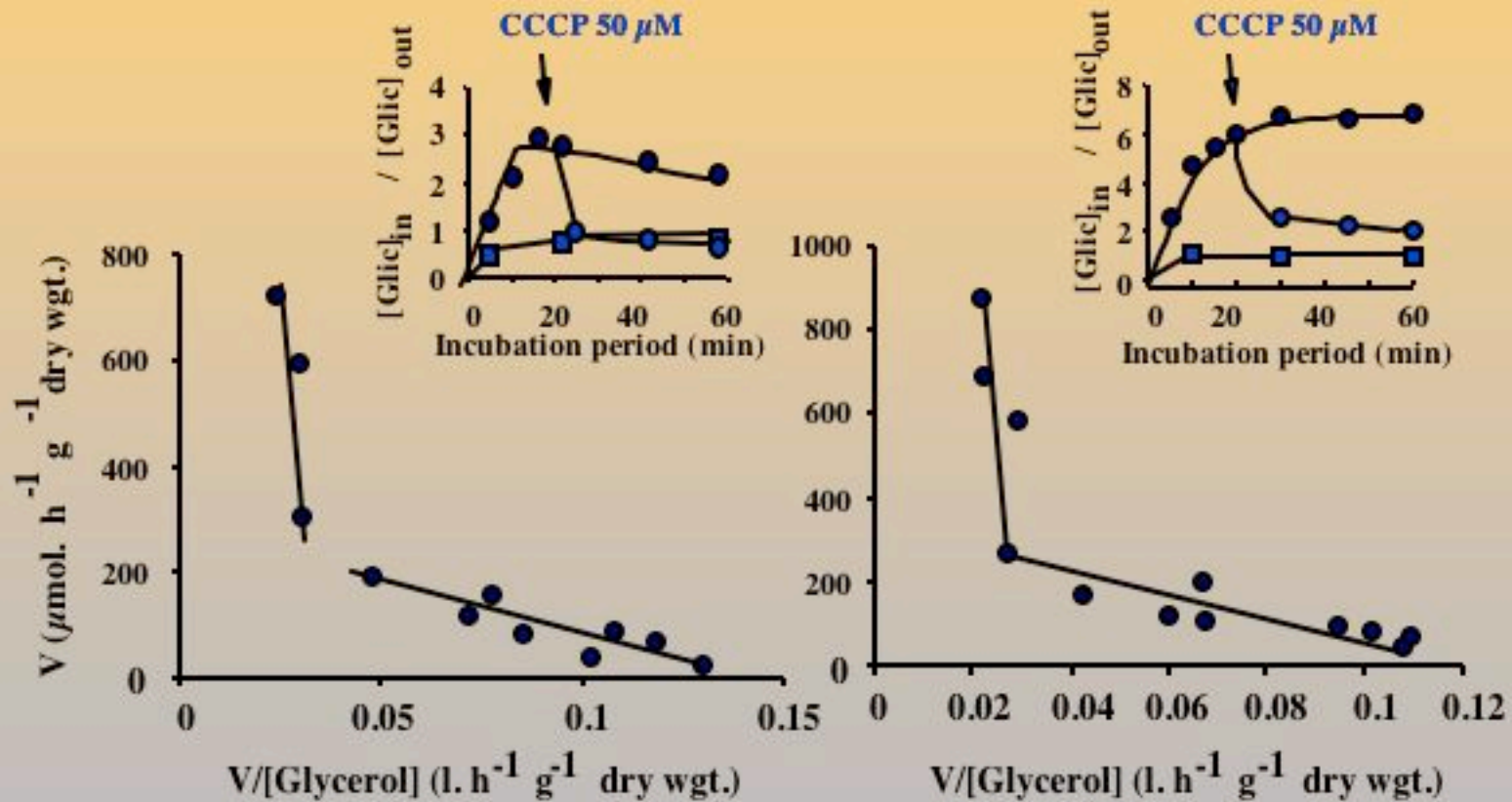
Glucose grown cells



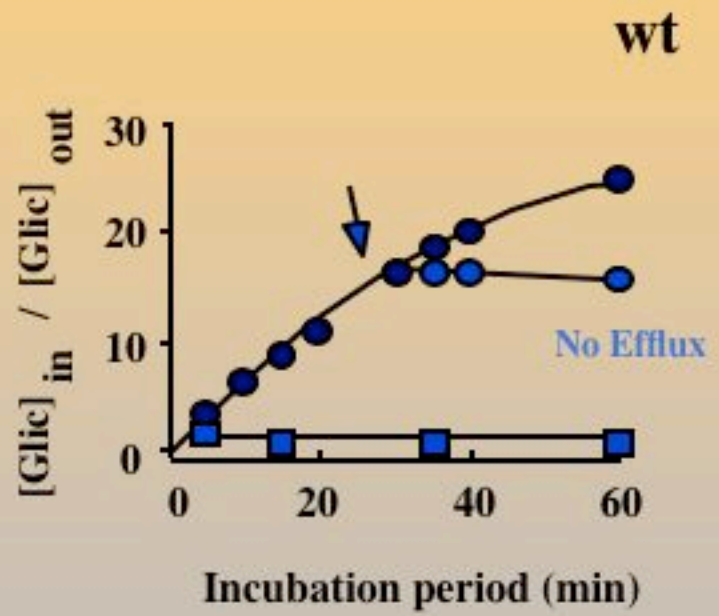
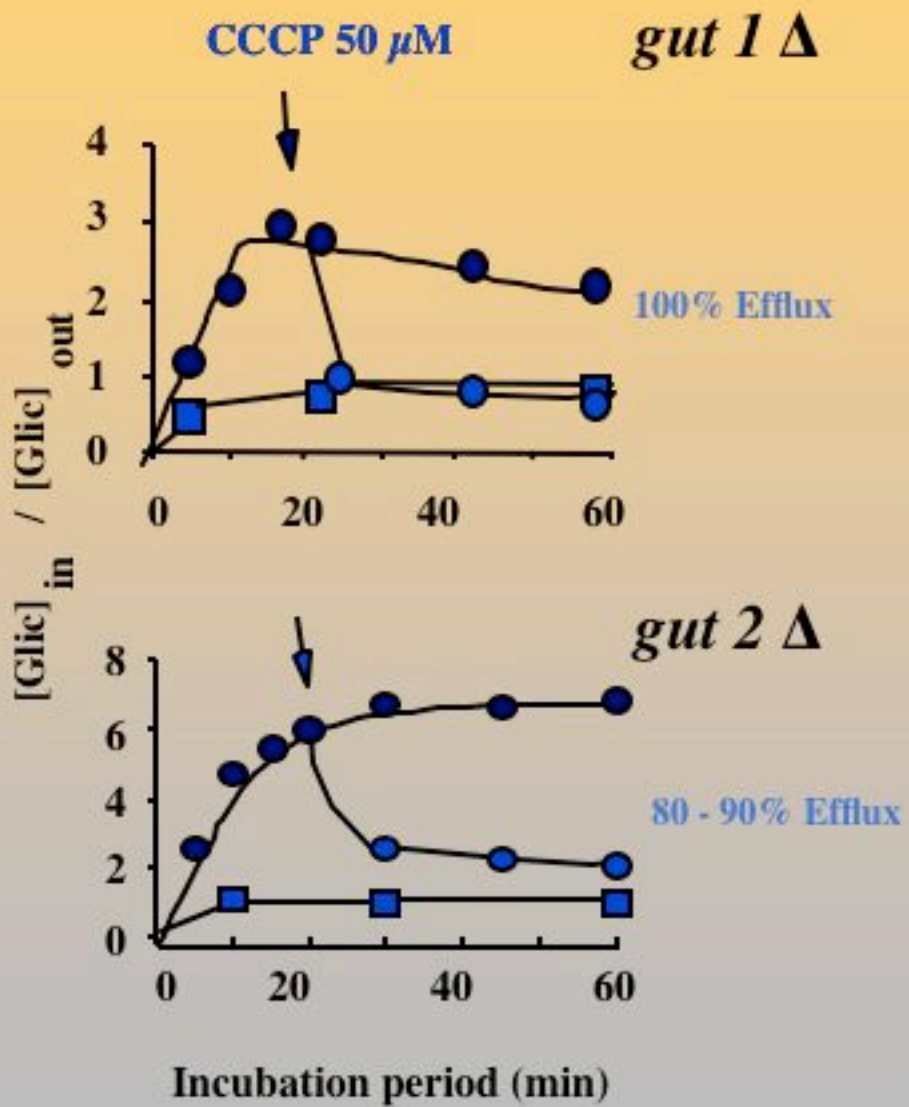
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Ethanol grown cells



# Ethanol grown cells



## Glycerol transport kinetic parameters

### Glucose grown cells

Growth phase	Exponential			Pre-stationary			
	Strain	Km (mM)	Vmax ( $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g dwt}^{-1}$ )	Kd ( $\text{h}^{-1} \text{g d wt}^{-1}$ )	Km (mM)	Vmax ( $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g dwt}^{-1}$ )	Kd ( $\text{h}^{-1} \text{g d wt}^{-1}$ )
	<i>wt IGC 3507</i>	—	—	$0.005 \pm 0.001(5)$	$7.8 \pm 2.2(3)$	$91 \pm 31(3)$	$0.006 \pm 0.001(5)$
	<i>gut1</i> $\Delta$	—	—	$0.010 \pm 0.002(2)$	—	—	$0.009 \pm 0(2)$
	<i>gut2</i> $\Delta$	Nd	Nd	Nd	$7.0 \pm 7.5(3)$	$94 \pm 29(3)$	$0.005(3)$

**In red** - Lages and Lucas 1997

— Absence of saturation kinetics





**Kinetic parameters from glycerol transport**  
**Mutants from glycerol metabolic pathway**  
**Ethanol grown cells**

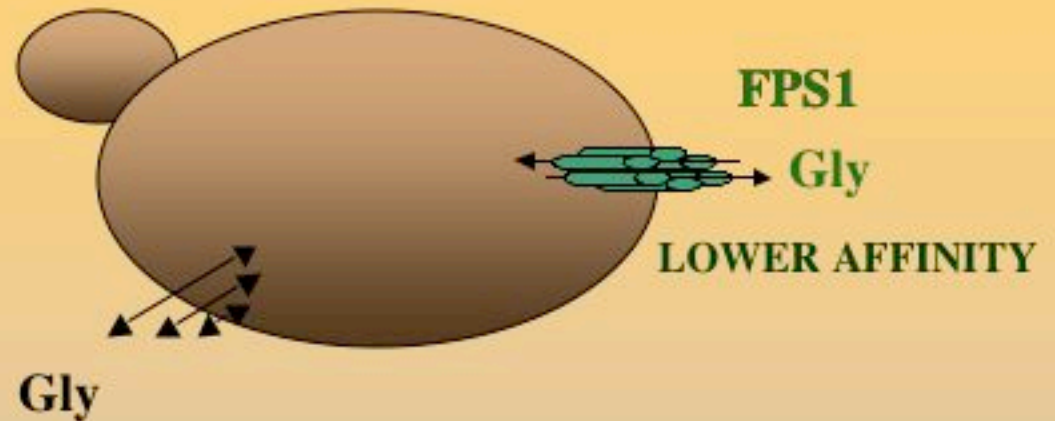
Strain	Km (mM)	Vmax ( $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{g dwt}^{-1}$ )	Kd ( $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{g dwt}^{-1}$ )
wt 3507	1.1 ± 0.3(5)	310 ± 92(5)	N.d.
wt W303	2.0 ± 0.4 (3)	253 ± 46(3)	0.006 (2)
	1.0 ± 0.4(3)	242 ± 50(3)	0.017 ± 0.003 (3)
<b><i>gut1</i> Δ</b>	<b>1.0 ± 0.3(3)</b>	<b>±50% 165 ± 25(3)</b>	<b>0.019 ± 0.001(3)</b>
<i>gut2</i> Δ	1.5 ± 0.7(3)	212 ± 48(3)	0.008 ± 0.002(3)
<i>gpp1</i> Δ	1.6 ± 0.7(3)	326 ± 62(3)	0.011 ± 0.002(3)
<i>gpp2</i> Δ	1.9 ± 0.2(2)	318 ± 20(2)	0.009 ± 0.001(2)
<i>gpp1</i> Δ <i>gpp2</i> Δ	1.3 ± 0.3(3)	226 ± 27(3)	0.009 ± 0.001(3)
<i>gpd1</i> Δ	1.3 ± 0.3(2)	256 ± 27(2)	0.008 ± 0.001(2)
<i>gpd2</i> Δ	1.2 (1)	252 (1)	0.009(1)
<i>gpd1</i> Δ <i>gpd2</i> Δ	1.6 ± 0.4(3)	237 ± 30(3)	0.013 ± 0.001(3)
<b>Mean values</b>	<b>1.4 ± 0.4* (22)</b>	<b>267 ± 73* (19)</b>	<b>0.012 ± 0.004* (22)</b>

\* Except wt 3507 and **W303 *gut1* Δ**

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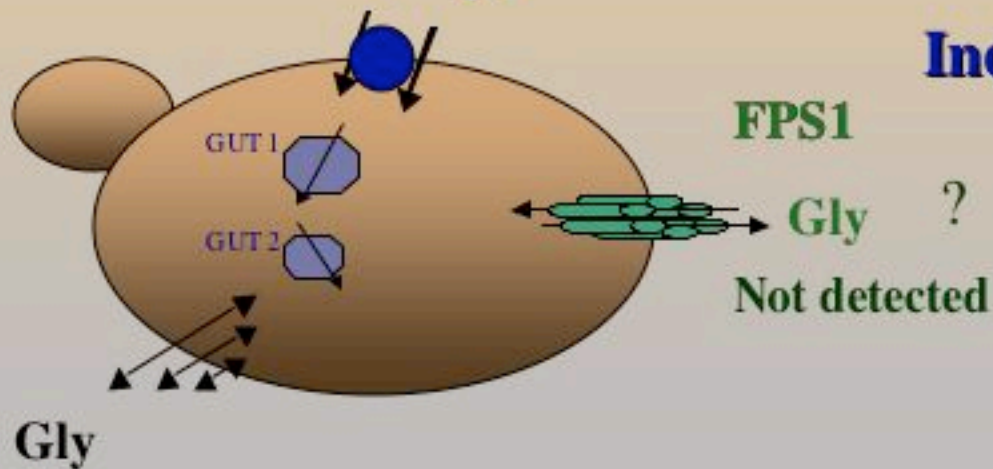
## Non-induced cells - Glucose



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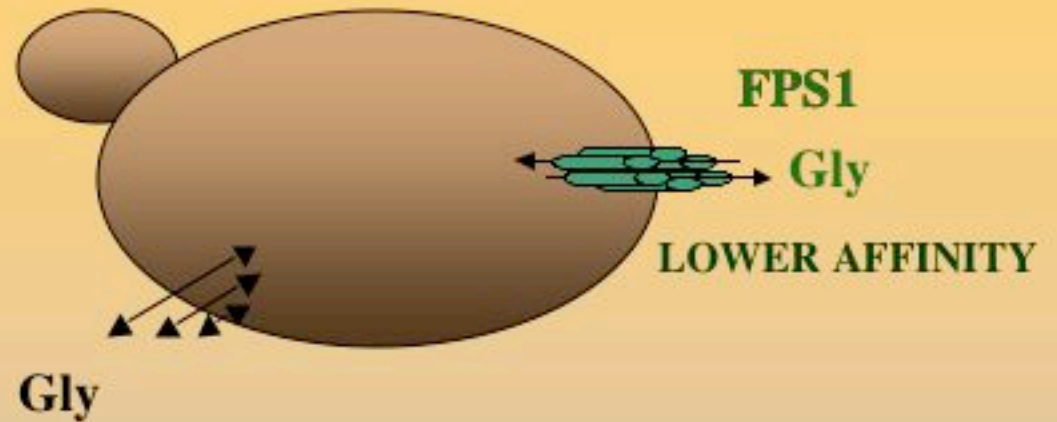
**Gly**  
**H<sup>+</sup>**



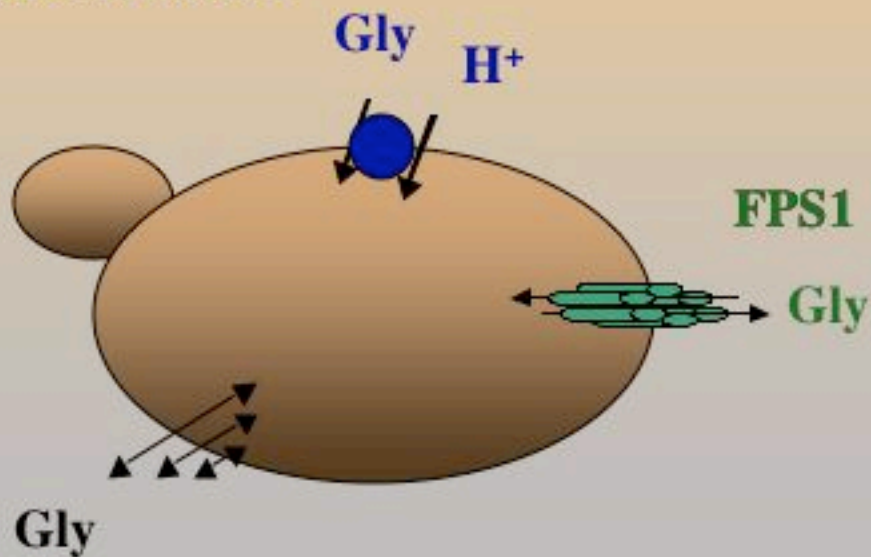
**Induced cells - Ethanol**  
**Glycerol**



## Non-induced cells - Glucose



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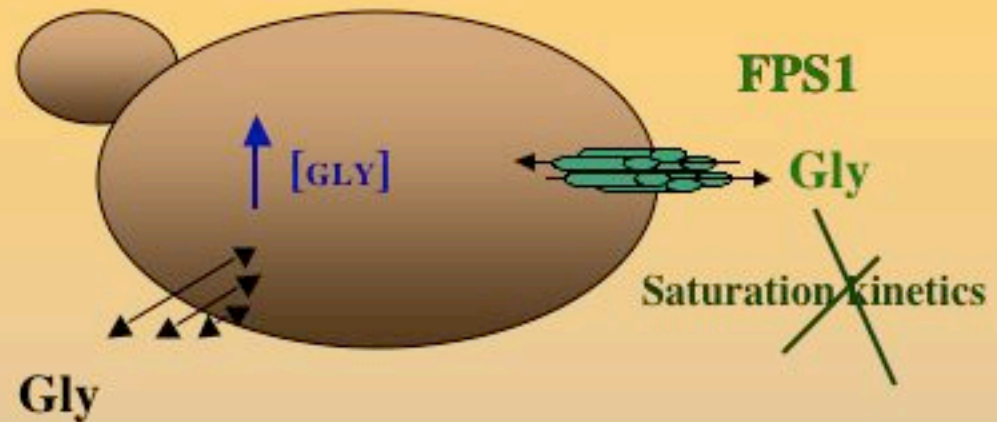


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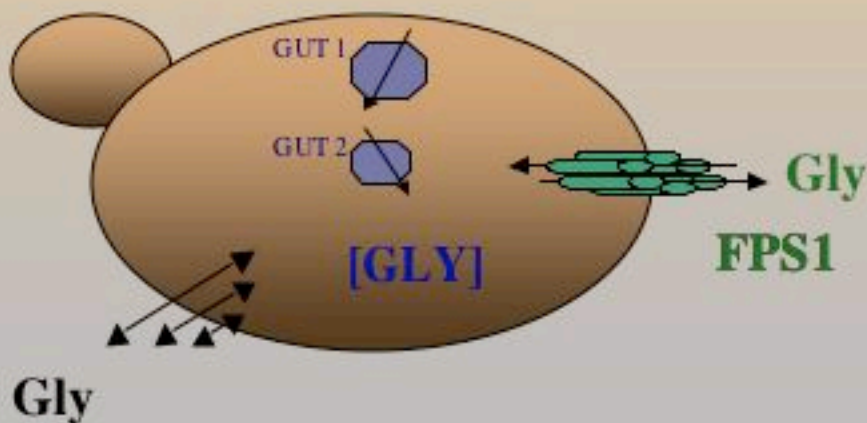
Exponentially growing

Glucose present

Catabolic repression



Saturation kinetics



## Non-induced cells

Pre-stacionary

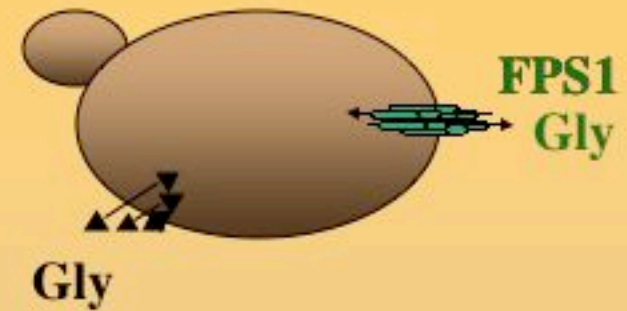
Glucose exhausted

Ethanol present

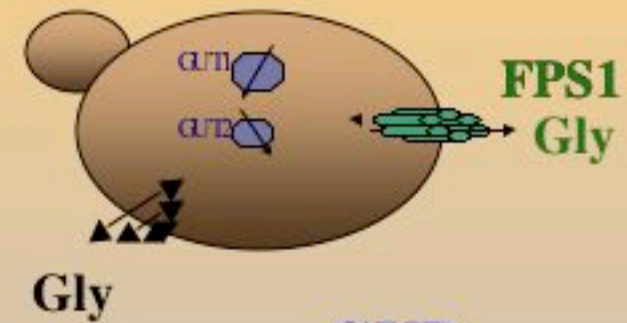
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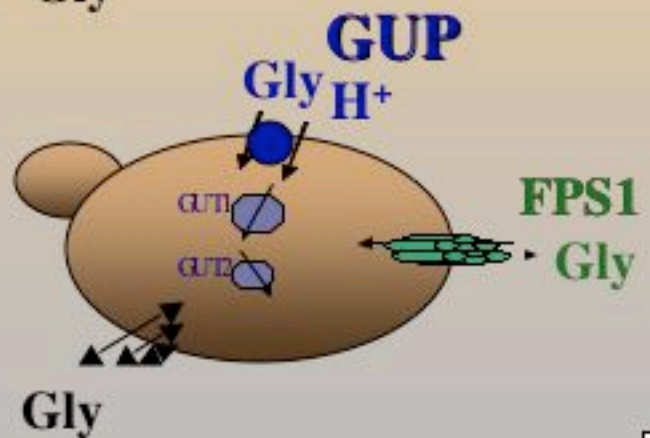
**Cells under glucose repression**



**Derepressed cells**

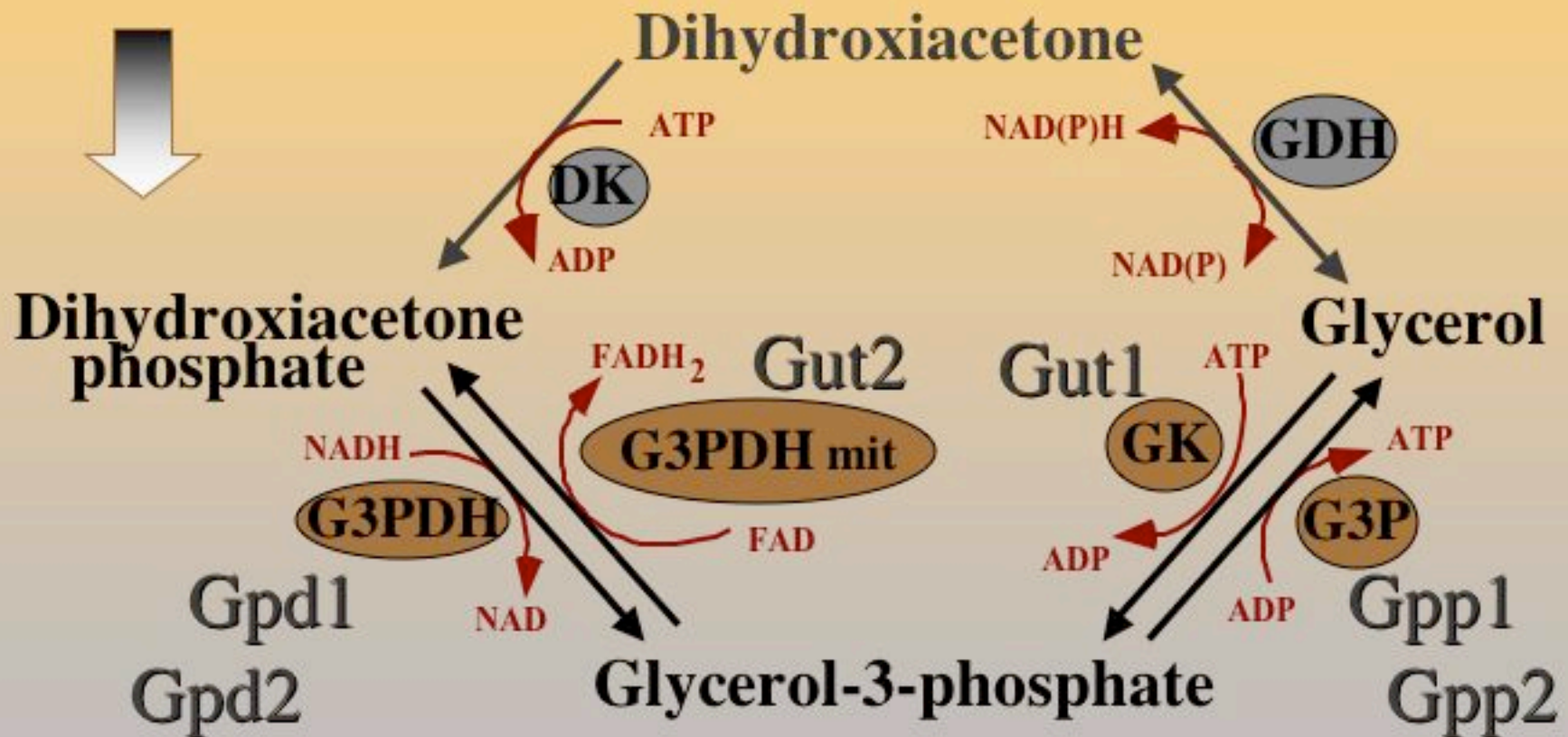


**Induced cells**



# Glycerol metabolic pathway in *S. cerevisiae*

Fructose 1,6 biphosphate

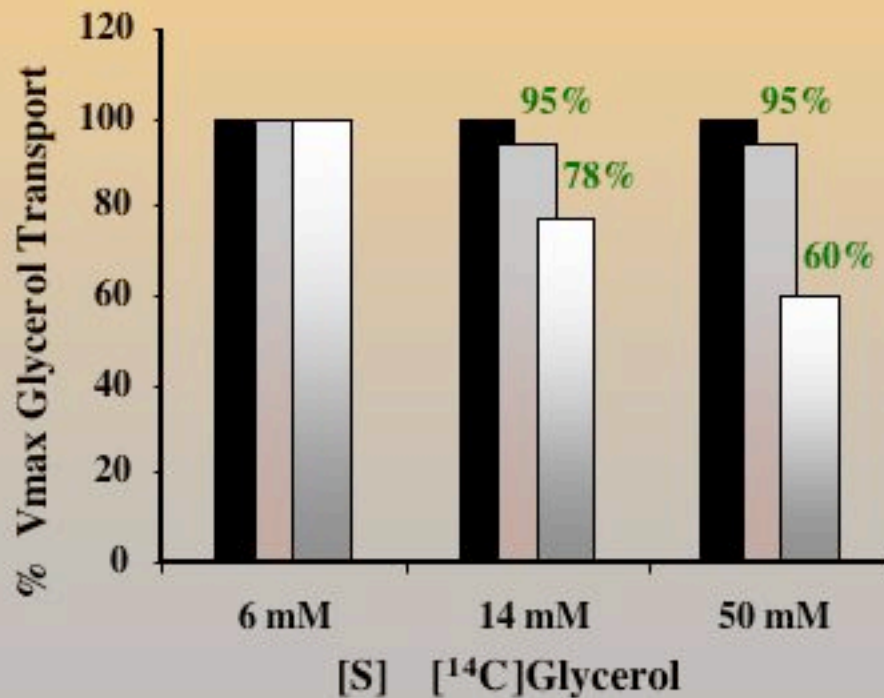
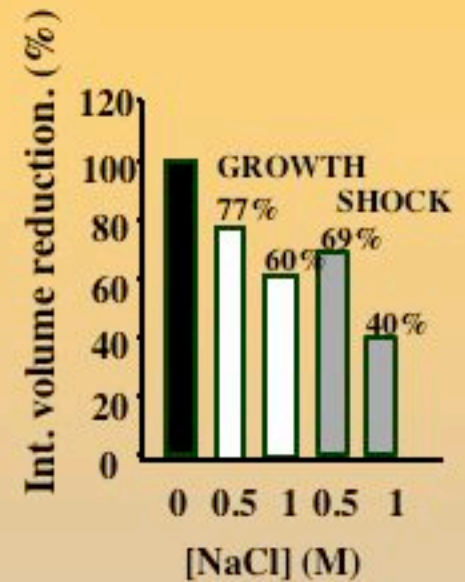


# Glucose growing cells

## Exponential growth phase

### Simple diffusion

No salt      Kd  $0.005 \pm 0.001$  l. h<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> dry wgt. (5)      **100%**  
 1M NaCl    Kd  $0.002 \pm 0.0004$  l. h<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> dry wgt. (3)      **40%**



## Pre-stationary phase

Low affinity saturation kinetics  
 ( $K_m \approx 5\text{mM}$ ) Fps1...?  
 and  
 Simple diffusion

Control w/o salt      500mM NaCl      1M NaCl





## Ethanol grown cells

Incubation in	Transport of [ <sup>14</sup> C]glycerol		Transport of H <sup>+</sup> upon glycerol addition	
	Km (mM)	Vmax (μmol.h <sup>-1</sup> g d.wt. <sup>-1</sup> )	Km (mM)	Vmax (μmol.h <sup>-1</sup> g d.wt. <sup>-1</sup> )
No salt	1.14 ± 0.34	435.8 ± 21.6	1.82 ± 0.84	435.7 ± 162.7
1M NaCl	1.49 ± 0.78	428.9 ± 73.4	1.61 ± 0.30	550.2 ± 61.2

Lages and Lucas, 1997

### It does not induce the transporter:

- To grow in MM glucose with 1M NaCl
- To grow in MM glucose and transfer to MM glucose + 1M NaCl

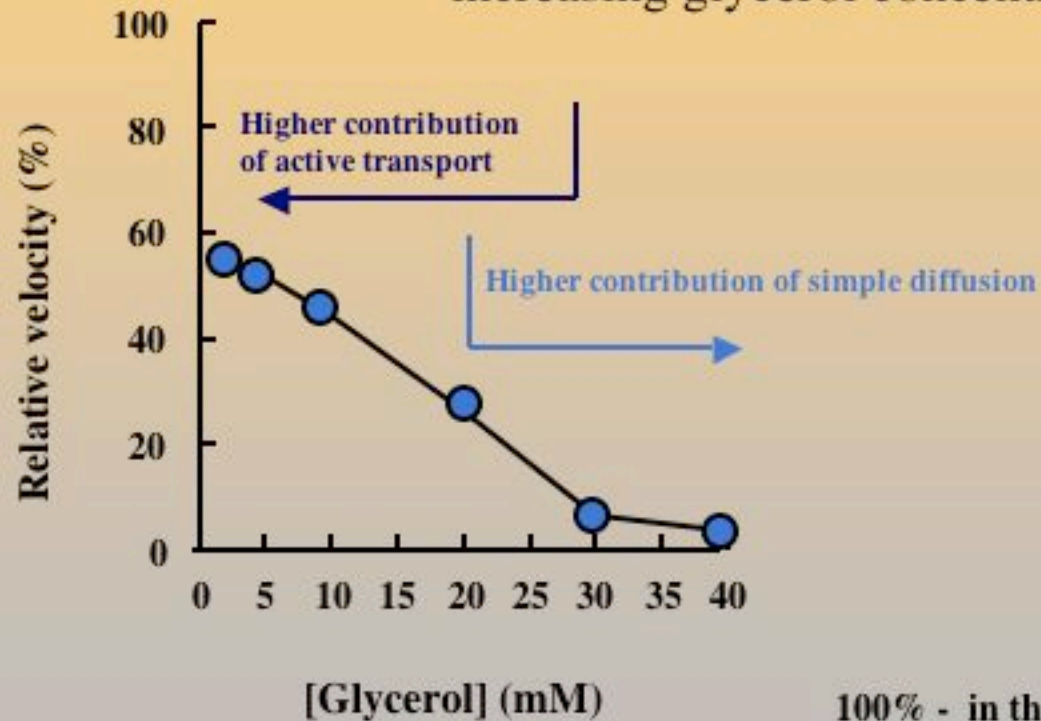
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*S. cerevisiae*  
wt W303

Effect of the protonophore CCCP  
over the initial uptake rates of  
increasing glycerol concentrations



100% - in the absence of CCCP

Sutherland *et al.*, 1997

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# *S. cerevisiae*

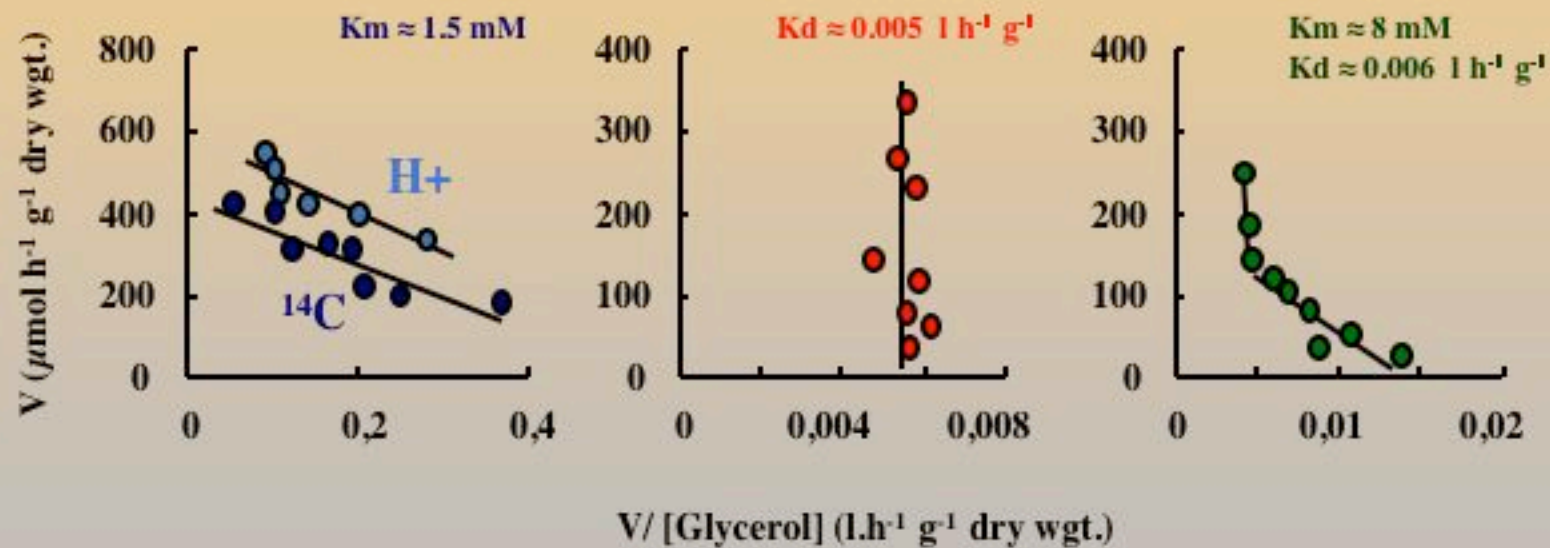
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wt IGC 3507

Exponentially growing cells on ethanol

Exponentially growing cells on glucose

Glucose pre-stationary phase culture

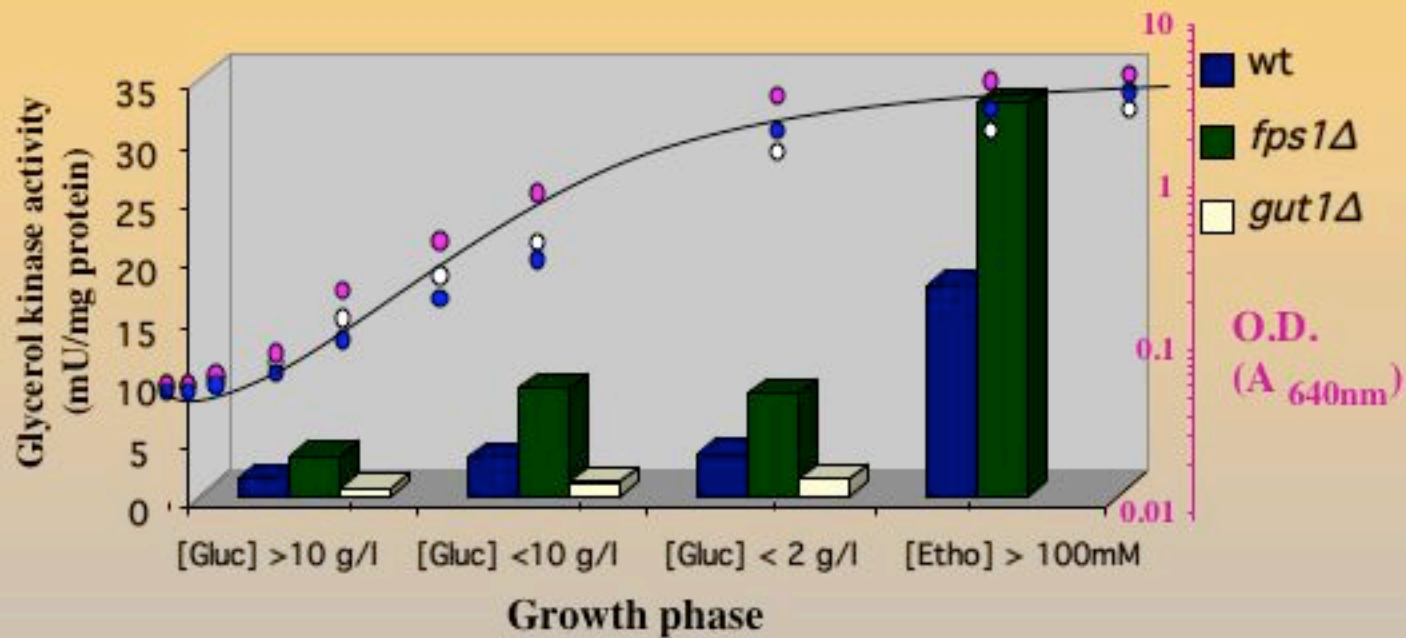


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## Glucose growing cells



Glycerol kinase activity

wt cells grown on ethanol  
wt cells grown on glycerol

61 (mU/mg protein)  
68 (mU/mg protein)





## Comparing glycerol uptake V<sub>max</sub> Ethanol grown cells

Strain	(operating)	V <sub>max</sub> ( $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1} \text{d.wt.}$ )	%
wt	(carrier + channel + glycerol kinase)	267±73 (19)	100
<i>gup</i> Δ	(channel + glycerol kinase)	181±12 (3)*	±67
<i>gup</i> Δ <i>fps1</i> Δ	(glycerol kinase)	137±10 (3)*	±51
<i>gut1</i> Δ	(carrier + channel)	165±25 (3)	±62
<i>gup</i> Δ <i>gut1</i> Δ	(channel)	<u>No uptake*</u>	0



GUP - Glycerol Uptake Permease putative gene

\* Results obtained by B. Hölst - Carlsberg Laboratory, Denmark



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