

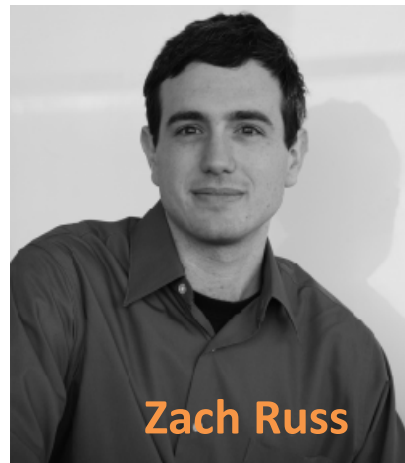
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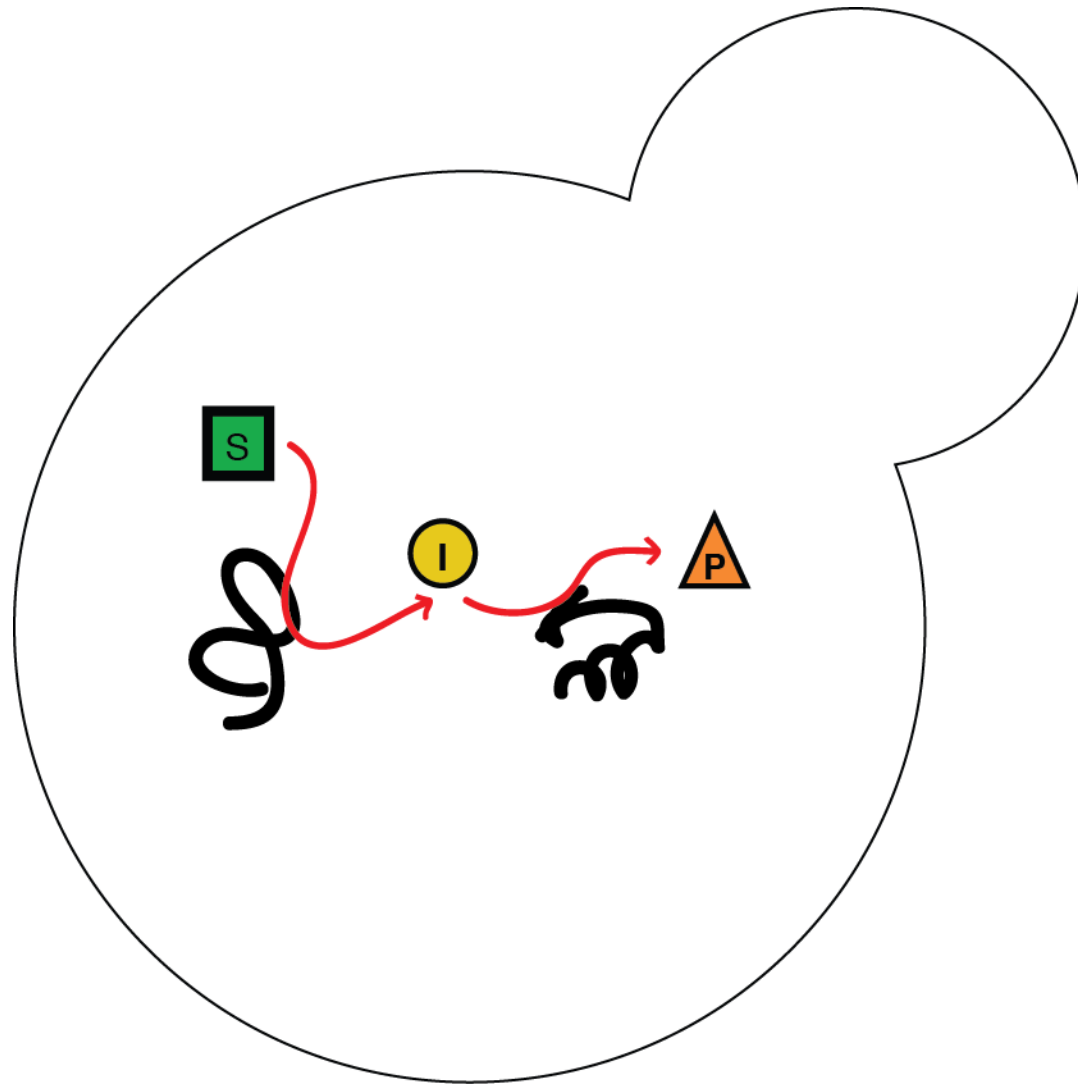
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Repurposing the Yeast Peroxisome for Compartmentalized Metabolic Pathways

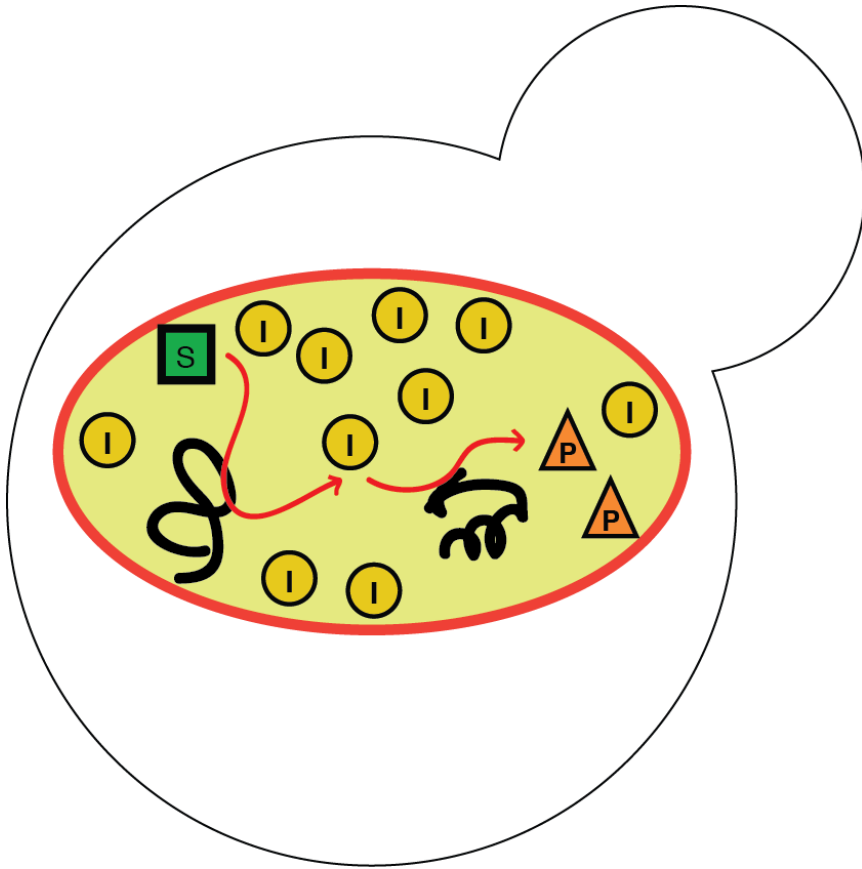
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Metabolic Engineering Motivation



Insulating Engineered Pathways



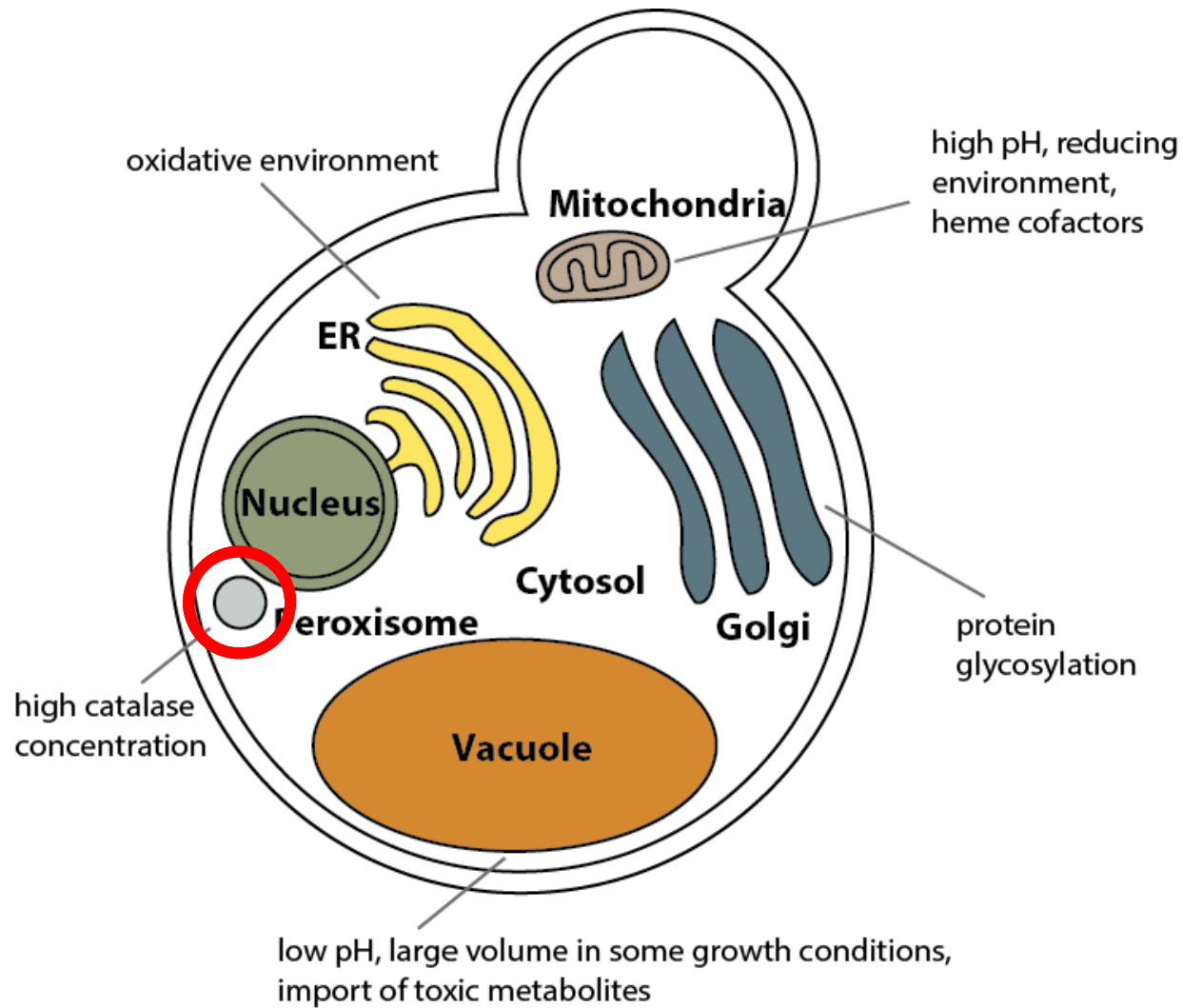
Short-term goals:

Pathway insulation to prevent cross-talk and/or toxicity

Long-term goals:

Alter chemical environment

Organelles are Specialized Compartments



DeLoache. 2013. NBT. Perspective.

Why the Peroxisome?

Not Required by *S. cerevisiae*

Wild-type



Protein Import
Mutant



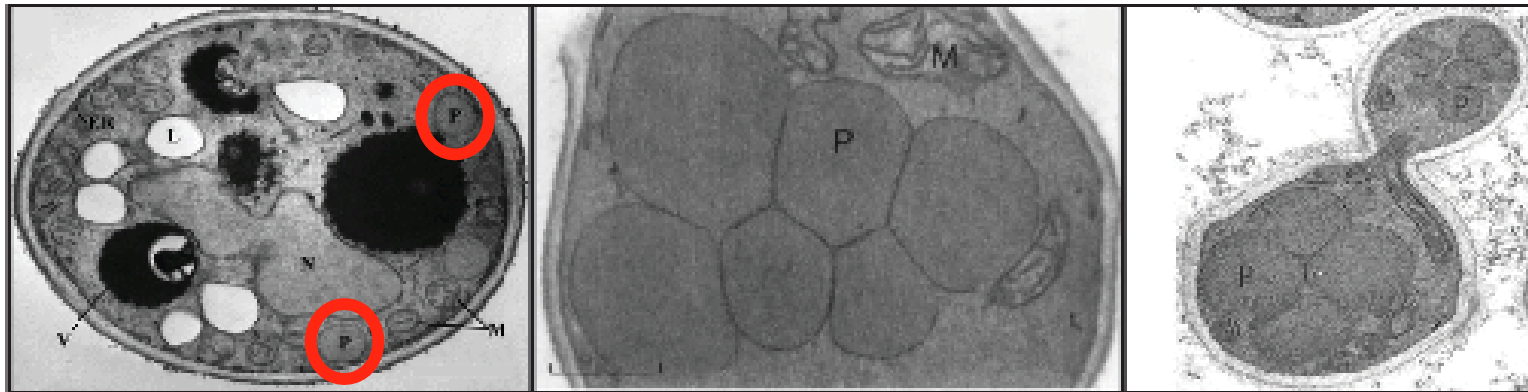
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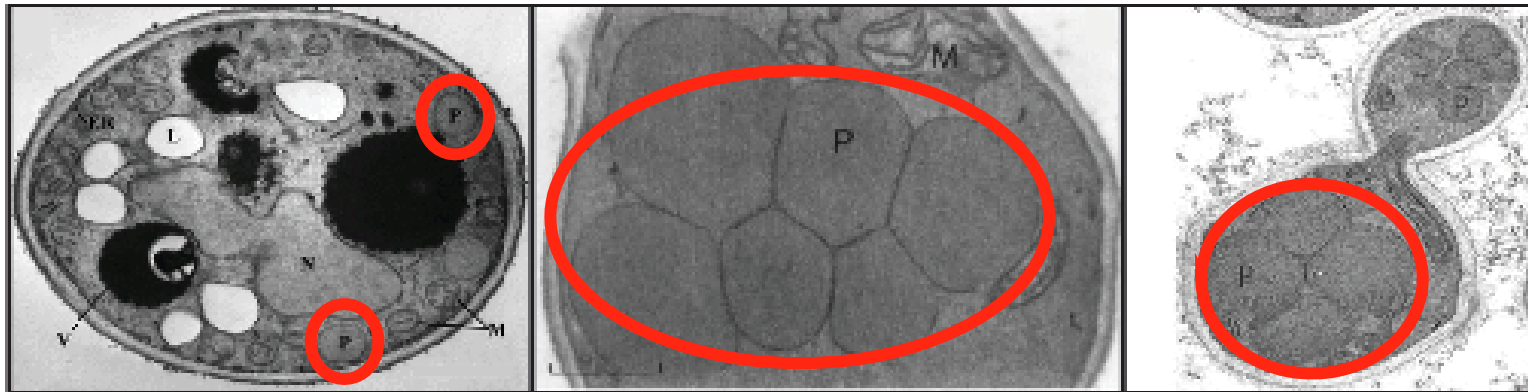
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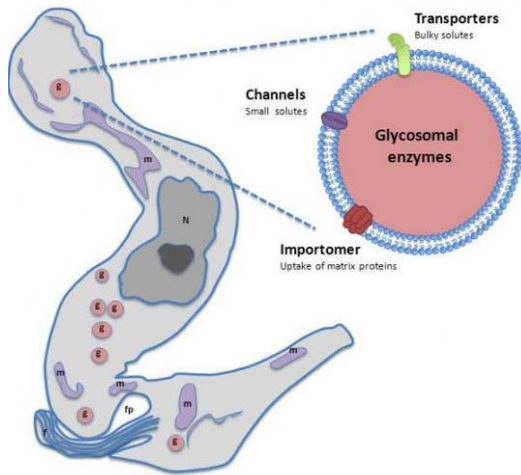
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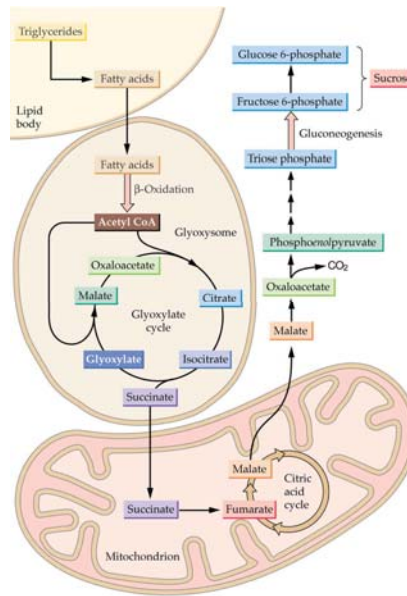
Peroxisome has been Naturally Specialized

**glycosome
(glycolysis)**



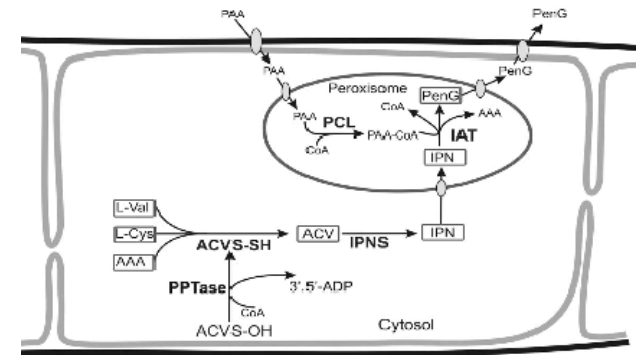
T. brucei

**glyoxysome
(fat to sugar)**



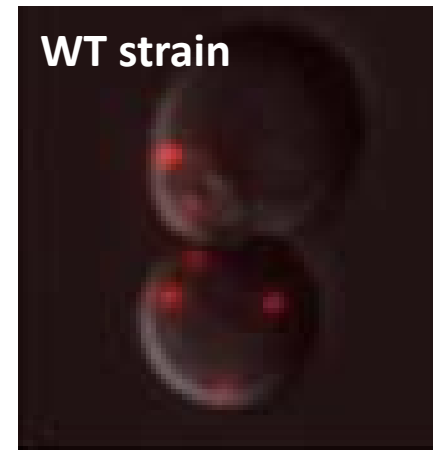
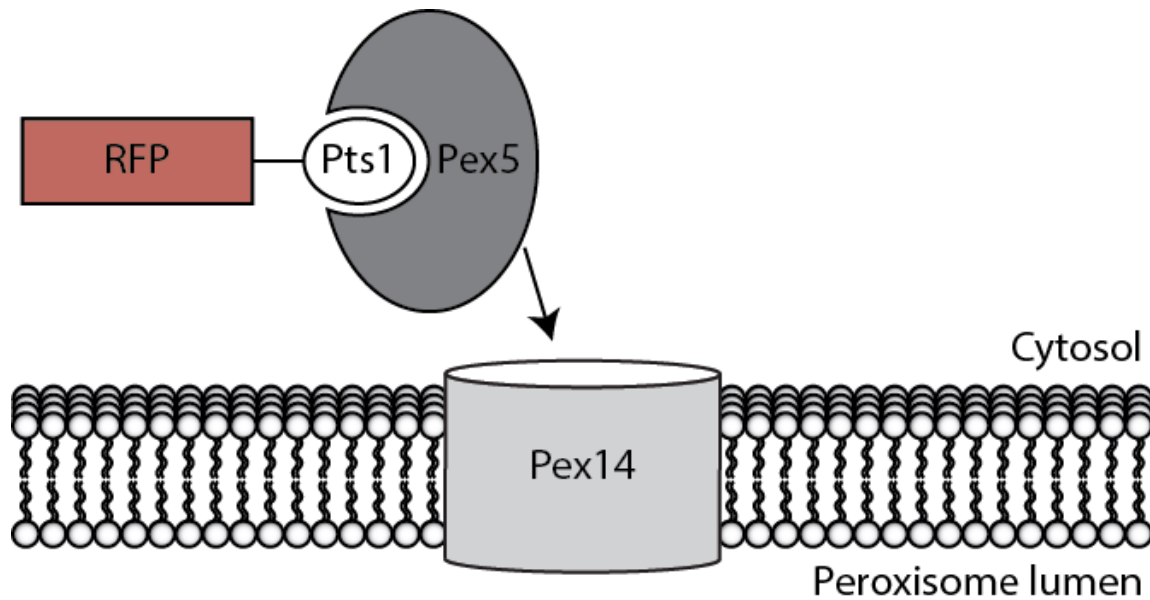
plants and filamentous fungi

**pencillin
(2 enzymes)**

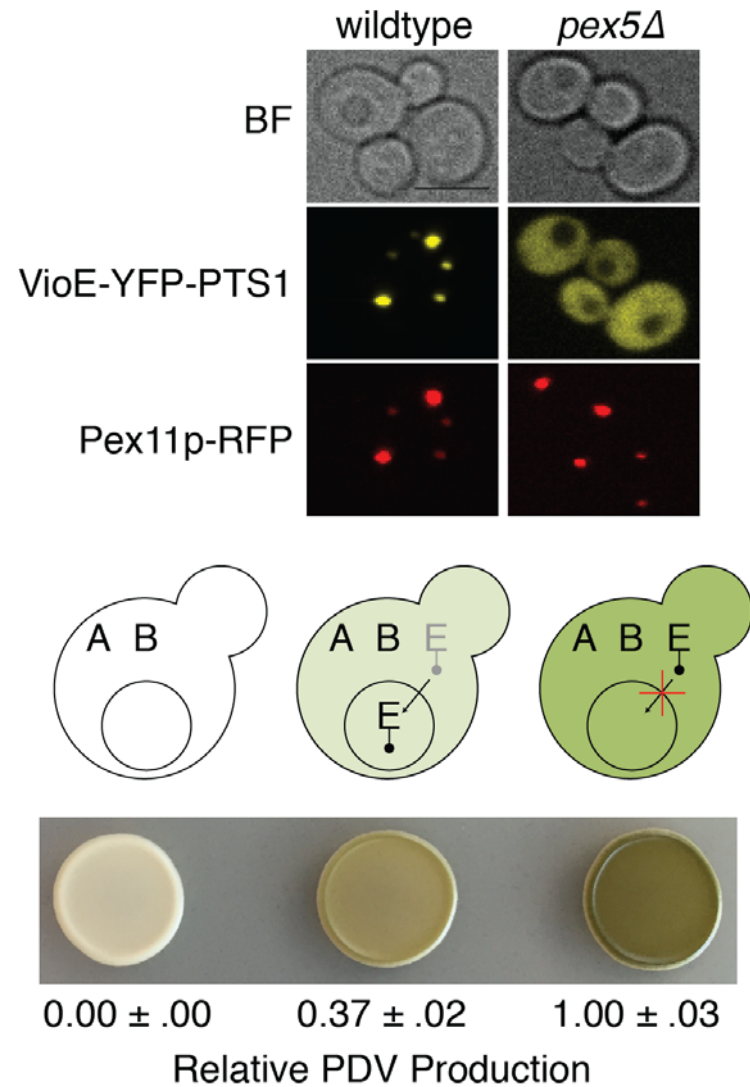
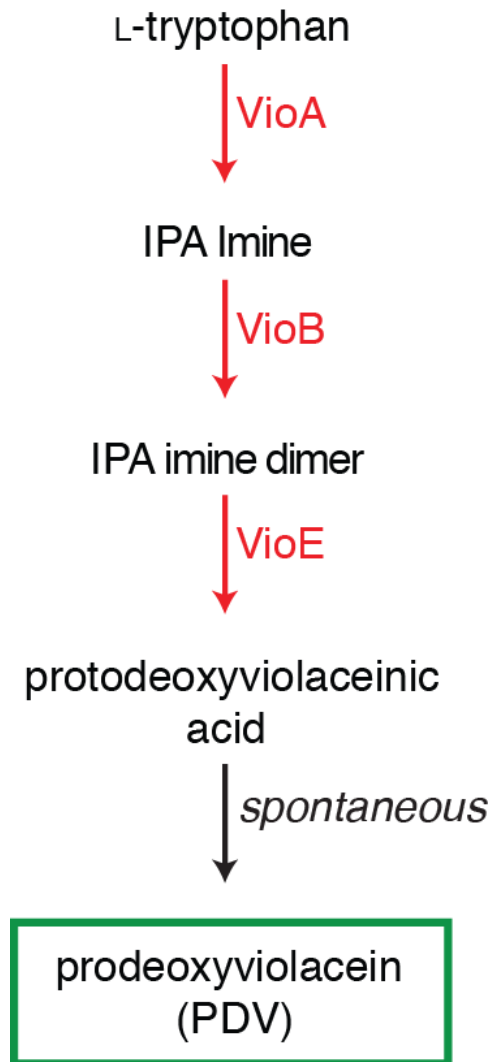


P. chrysogenum

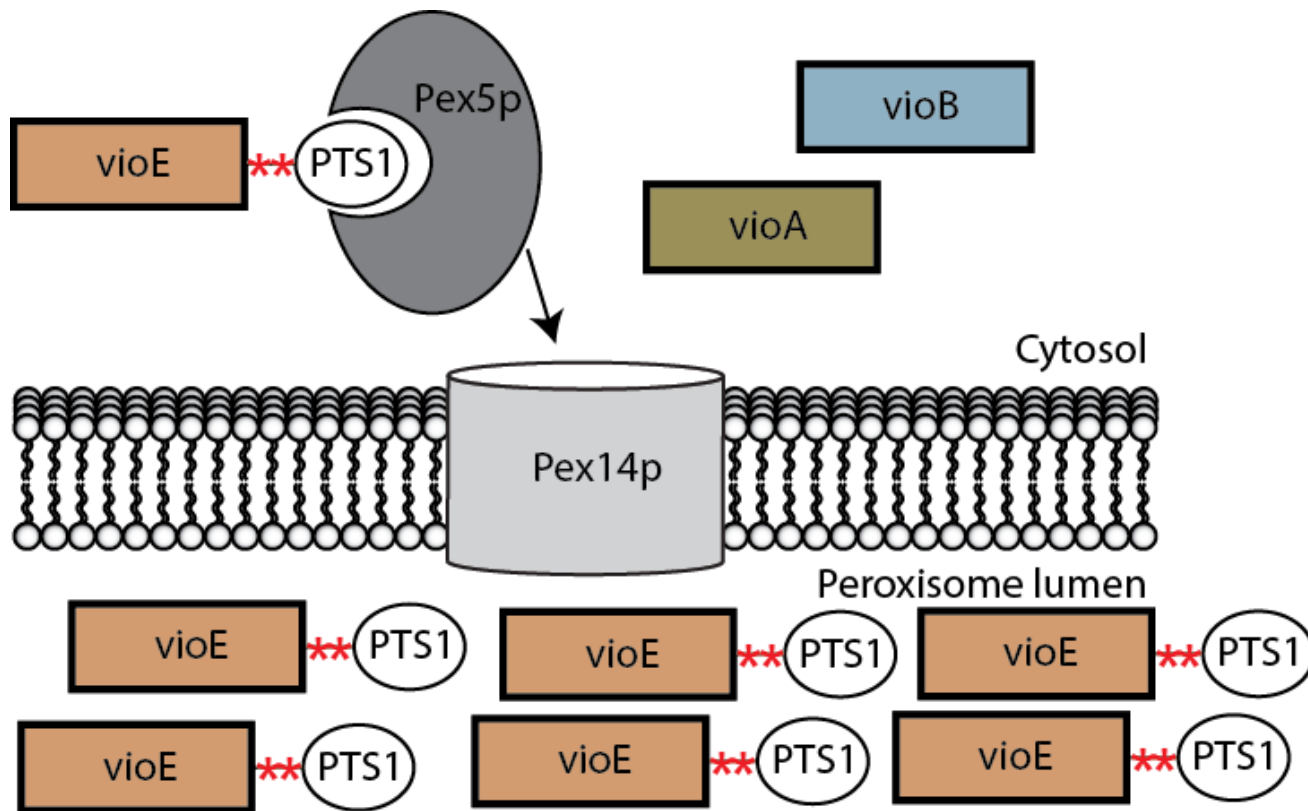
Control of Folded Protein Transport



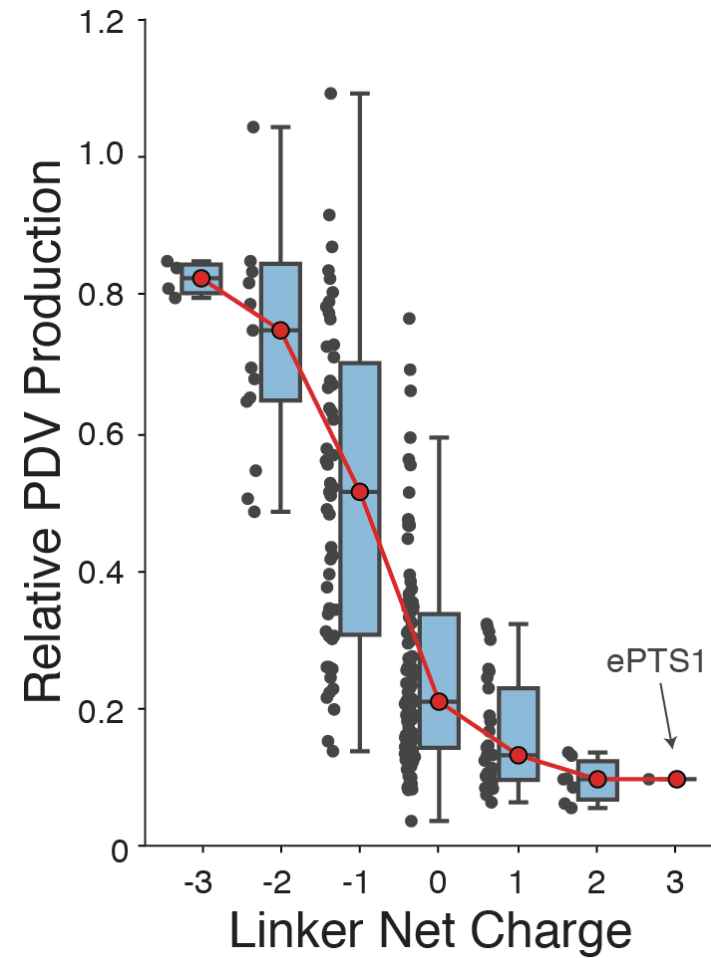
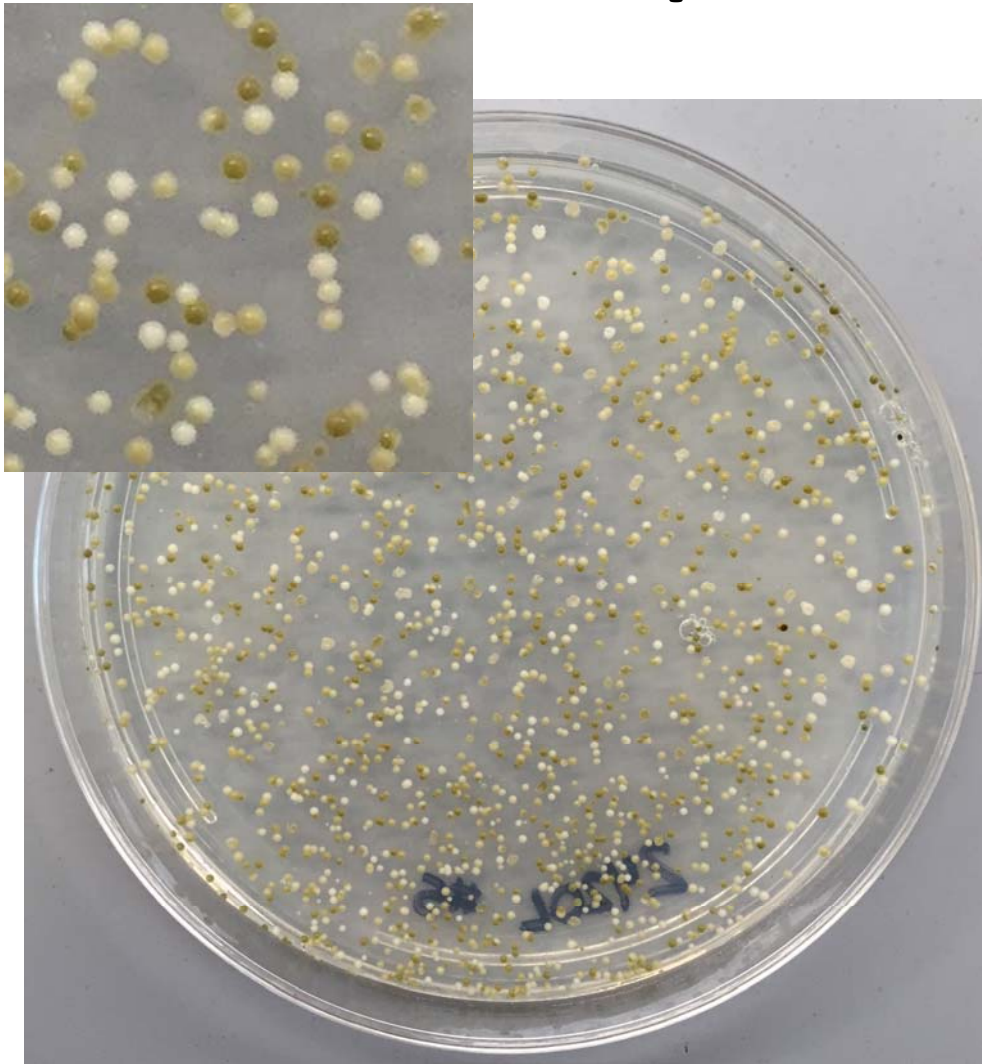
Metabolic Enzyme Sequestration Assay



Linker Mutagenesis Assay for an Enhanced PTS1 Tag

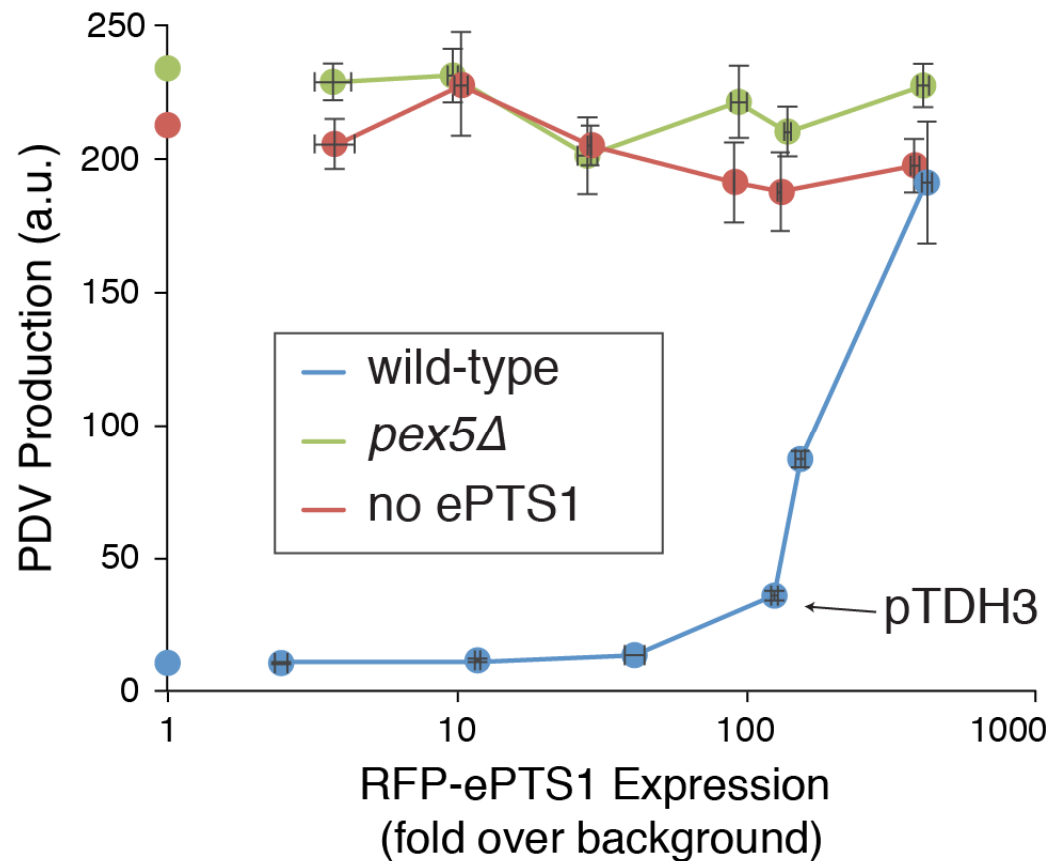
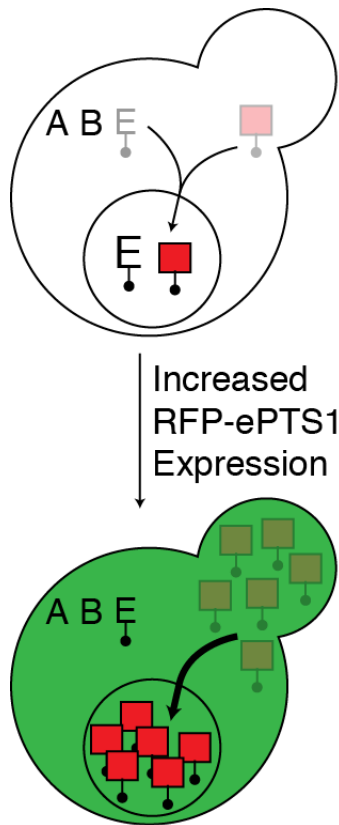


Linker Library Yielded Varying Import Efficiencies

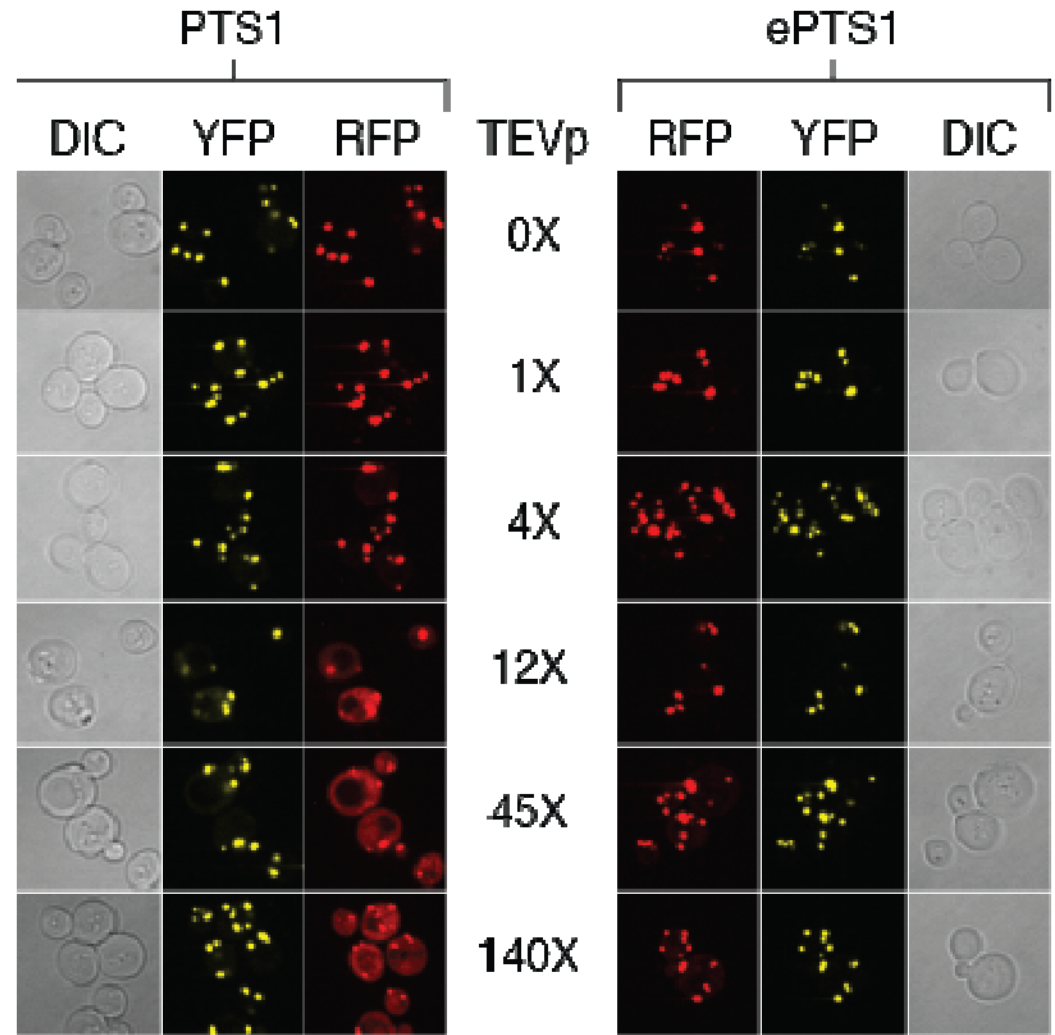
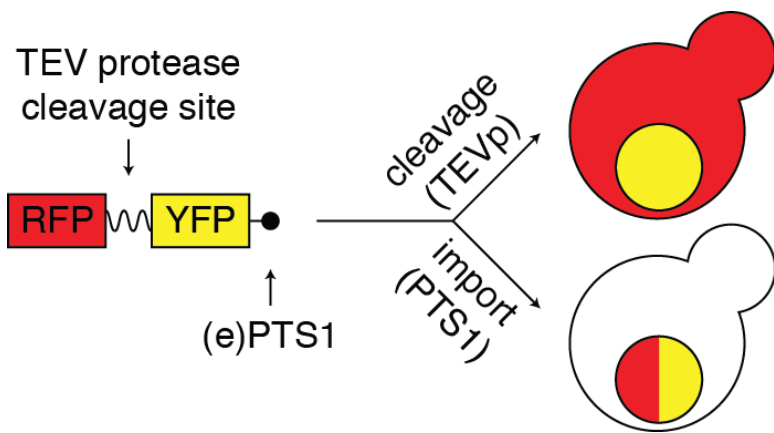


Peroxisomes Naturally have High Capacity

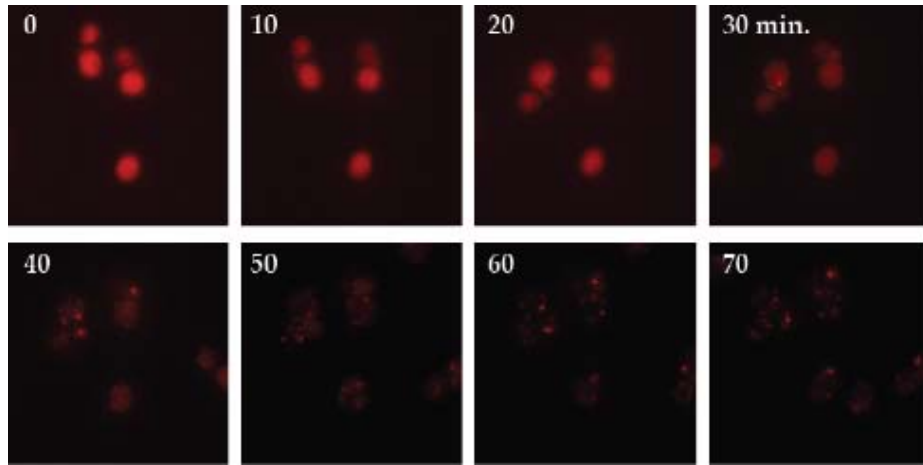
Express constant amount of VioE-ePTS1 and vary levels of RFP-ePTS1



Improved Cargo Import Rate

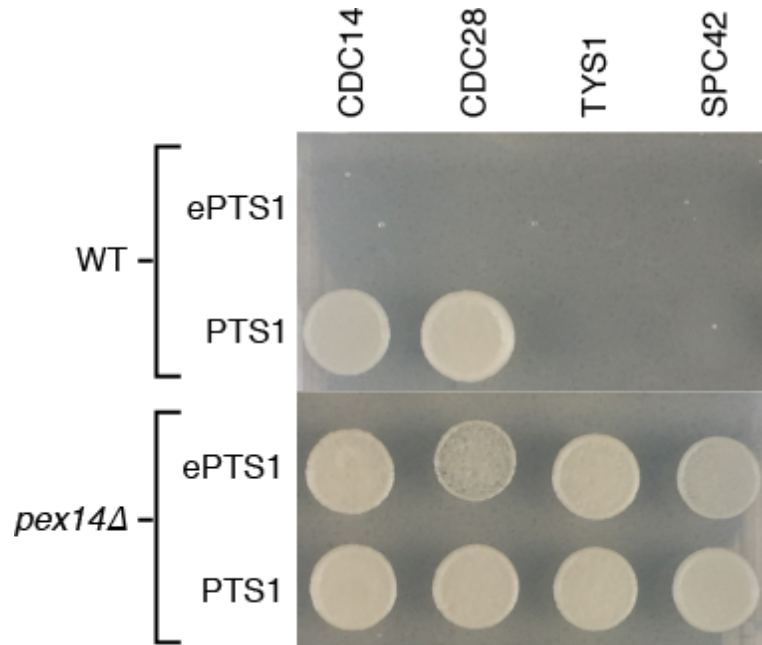


Pex5 Induction of Cargo Sequestration



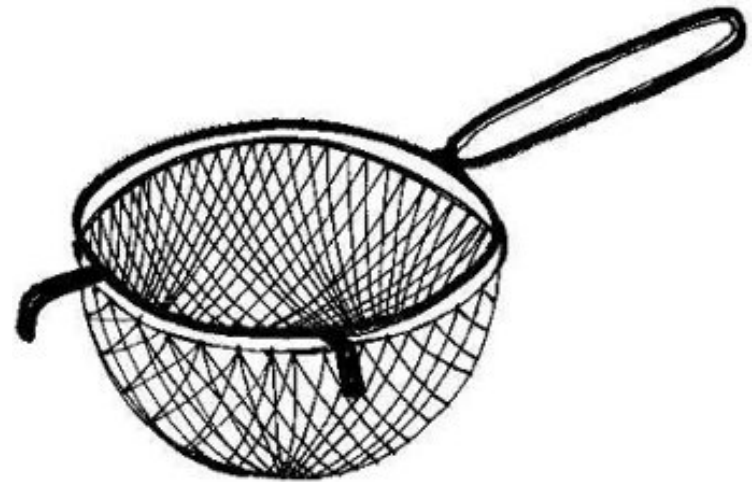
**The Enhanced
Peroxisome
Targeting Tag
Appears to be
Modular**

Growth Assay with Induced Pex5



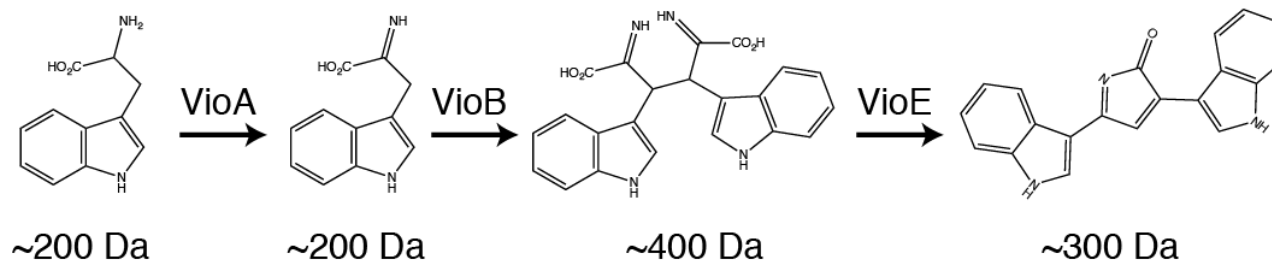
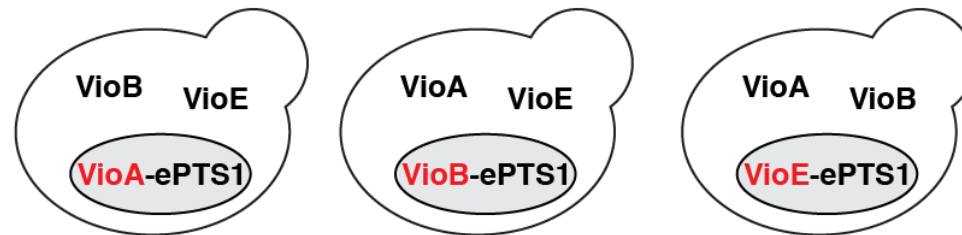
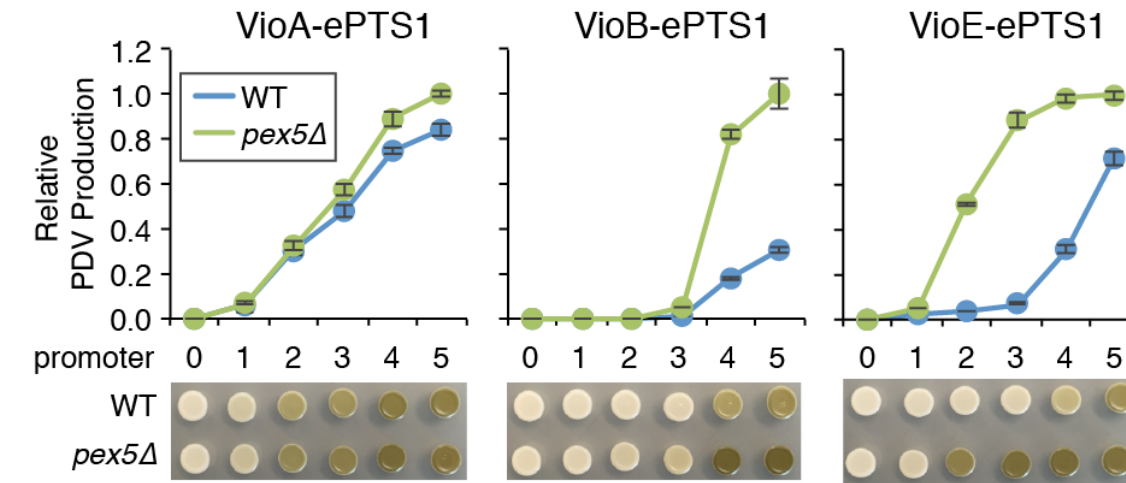
Peroxisome Membrane Permeability: a 50-Year Debate

Camp 1: Peroxisomes are permeable up to ~ 700 Da (cutoff just below NADH cofactors that have transport shuttles)

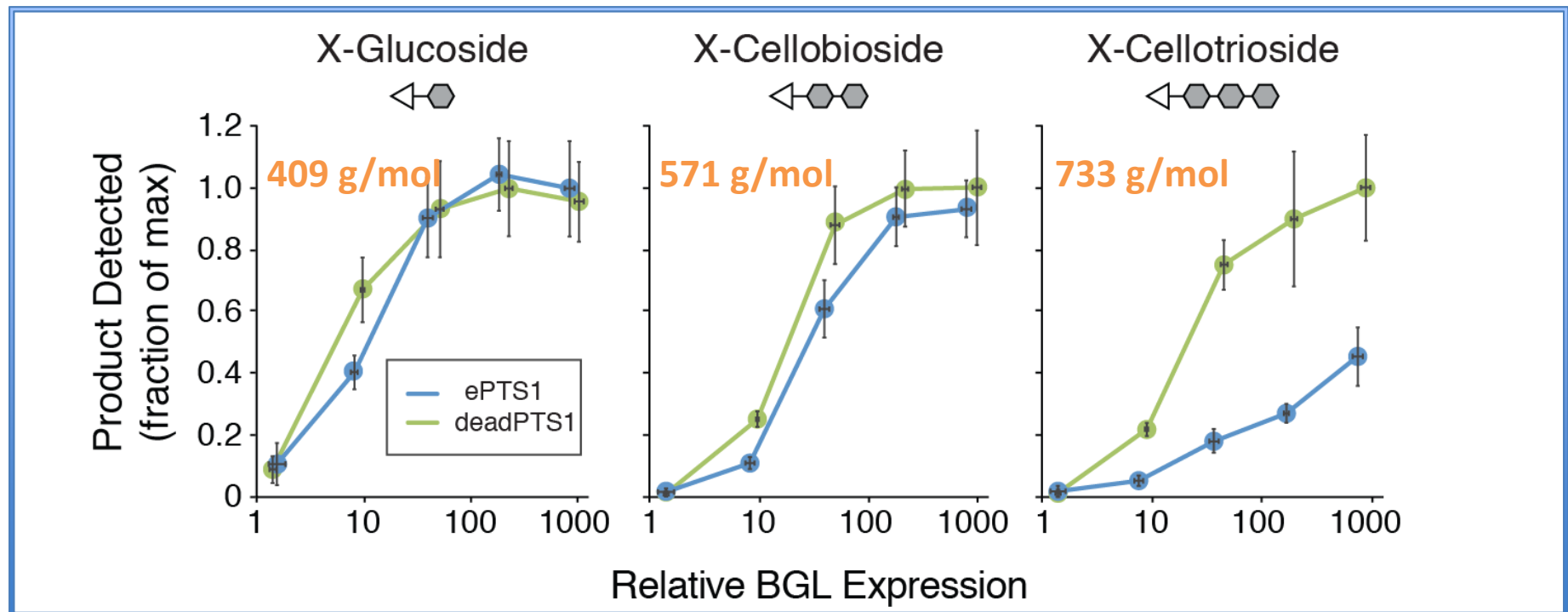
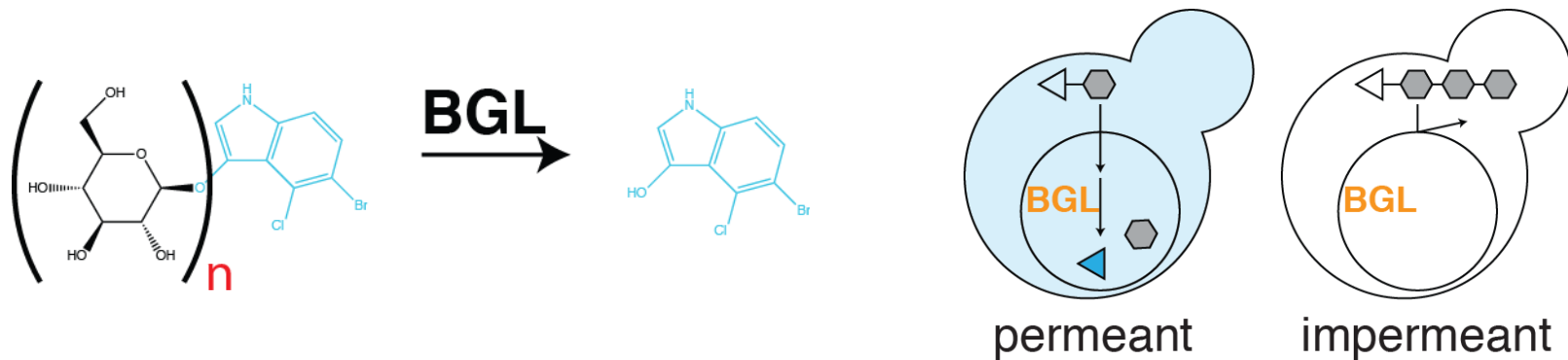


Camp 2: Camp 1 unintentionally lyses their peroxisomes during the purification process.

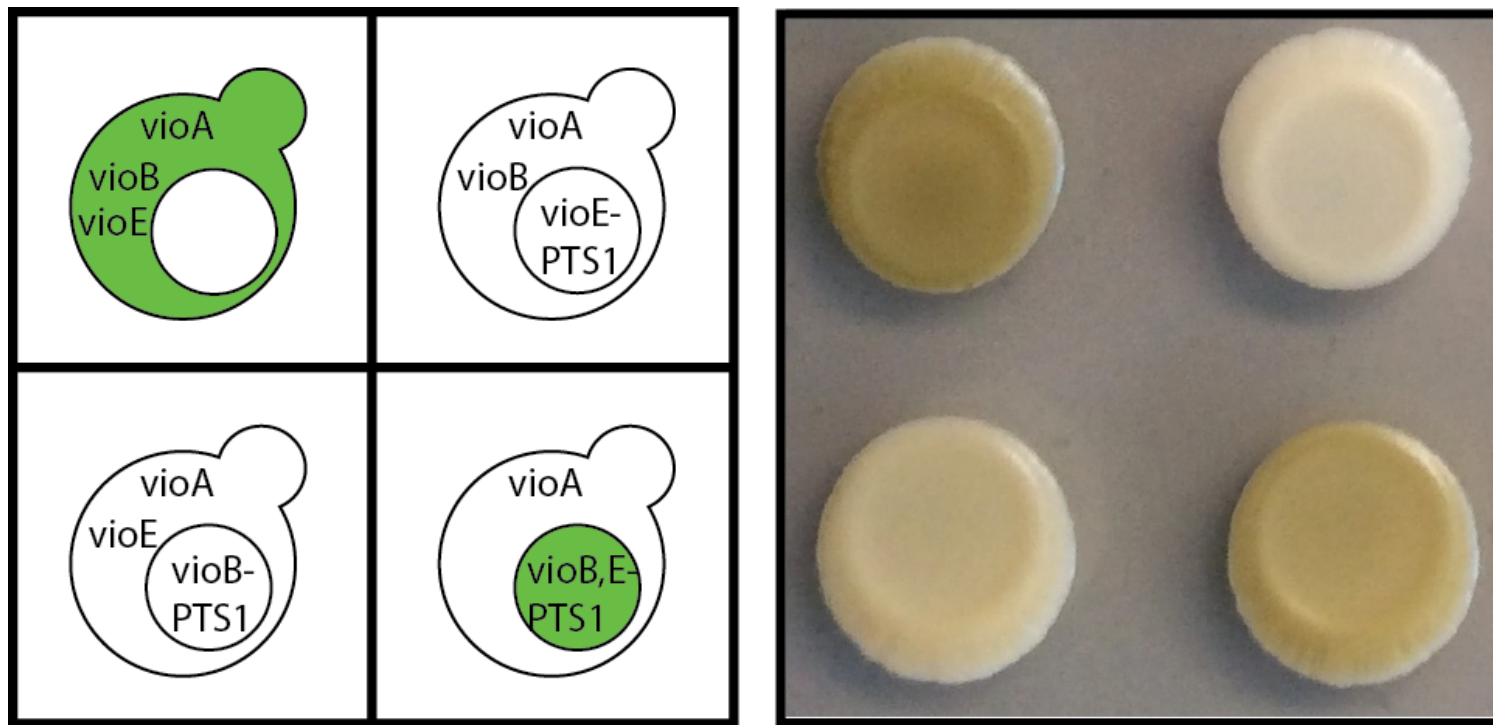
Peroxisome Membrane Appears to have a Permeability Size Cutoff



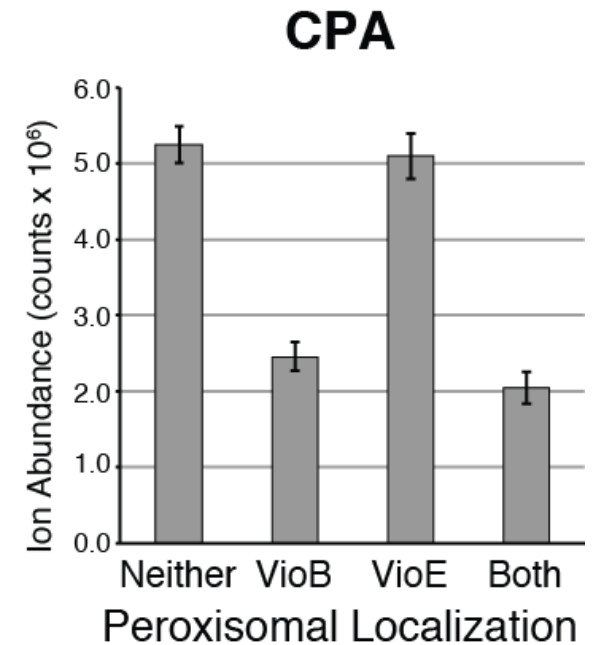
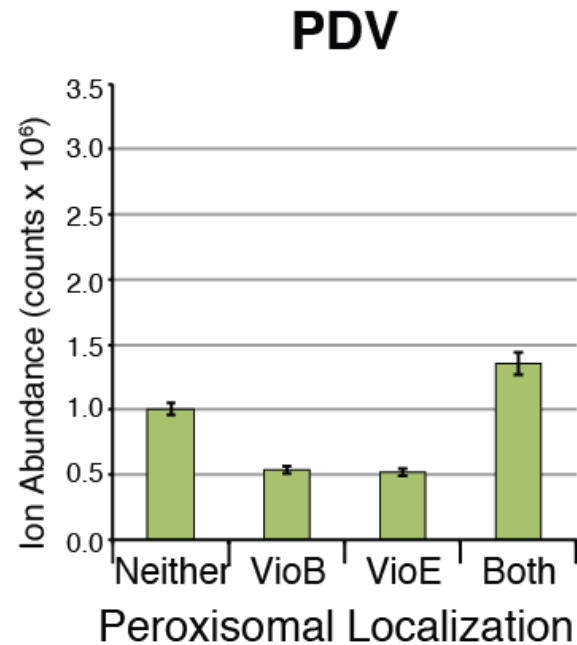
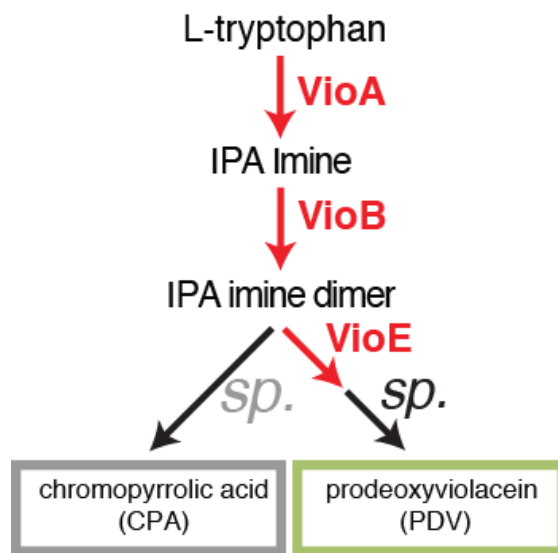
Further Evidence for a Size Limit to Membrane Permeability



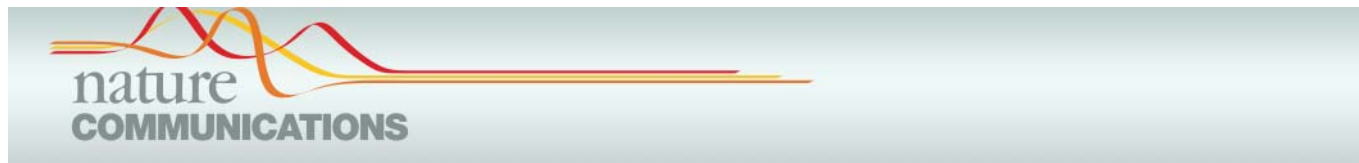
PDV Pathway Enzymes Can be Functionally Compartmentalized



Compartmentalization of VioE-limited Pathway May Substrate Channel



Early Career Award – Multiplier Effect



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