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2023 Project Peer Review

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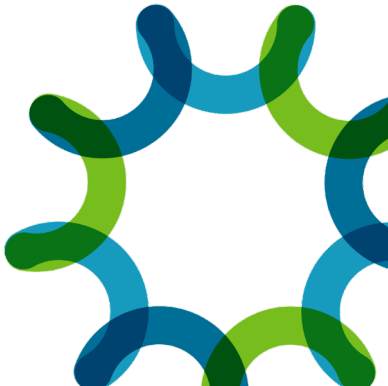
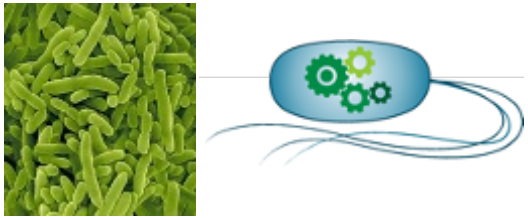
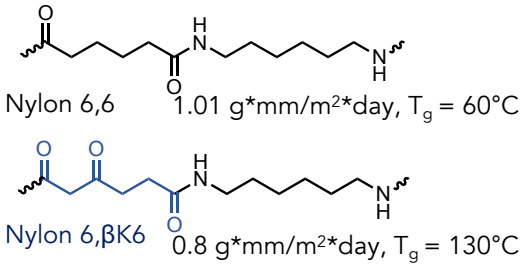


Project overview

- **Goal:** Develop *P. putida* strains to produce β-ketoadipate from hydrolysate at industrially-relevant levels and scale-up with Technology Holding and partners
- **Motivation:** β-Ketoadipate enables performance-advantaged bio-based nylons & polyesters, which are materials of interest to Technology Holding
- Project started in October 2022



Pseudomonas putida KT2440



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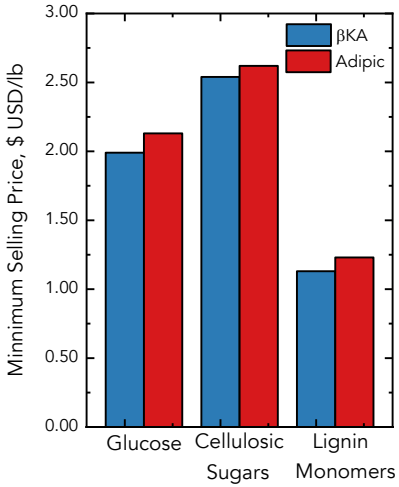

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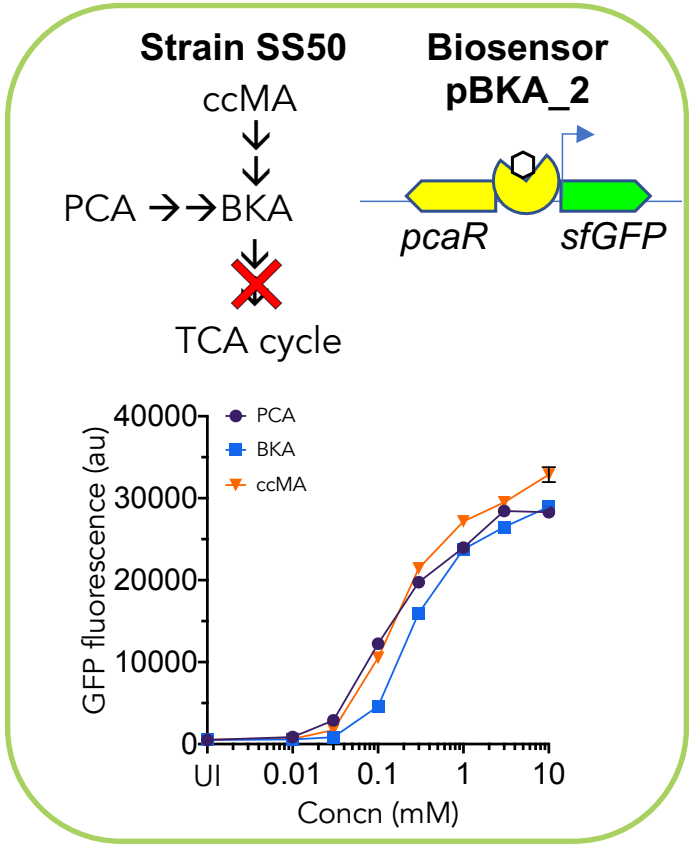
Approach for project

- Leverage learnings from muconic acid to produce β-ketoadipic acid from hydrolysate
- Biosensors to detect β-ketoadipic acid production in genome-scale libraries
- Biosensors with RB-TnSeq and overexpression libraries
- ALE with growth-restored β-ketoadipic acid strains
- Metabolomics to identify and eliminate production of off-target compounds
- Bioprocess development, TEA, and LCA to increase β-ketoadipic acid TRY and scale



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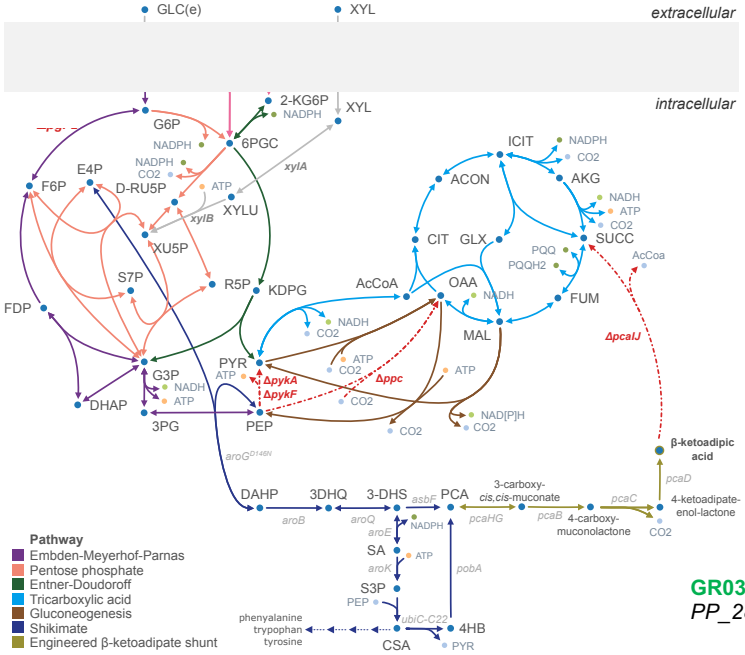
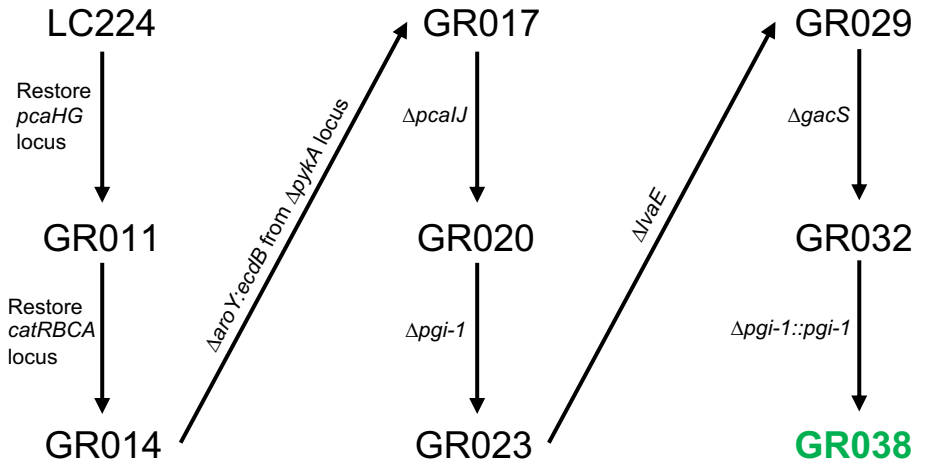
Progress and outcomes: Strain engineering

Rubinstein, Mokwatlo *et al. in preparation*





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- An ABF muconic acid production strain (LC224) was repurposed to produce β-ketoadipic acid from glucose and xylose
- 8 engineering steps to generate the best-performing strain

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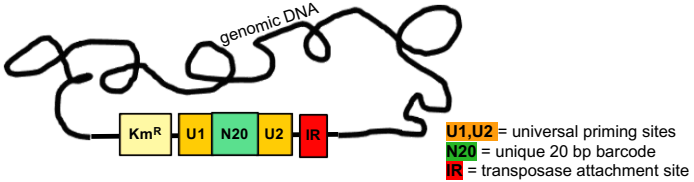
Library generation

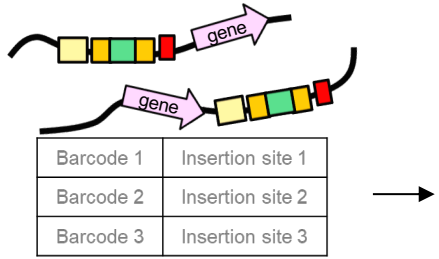
Amendola, Bleem *et al. ongoing*

RB-TnSeq Library

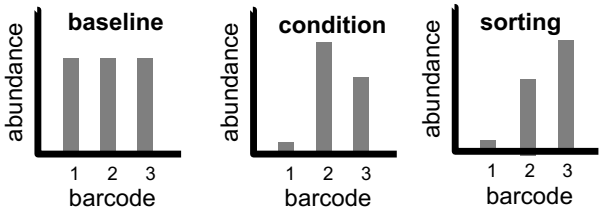
Generate mariner insertions in *P. putida* genome with randomly barcoded vector library



Fragment and map the location of barcodes

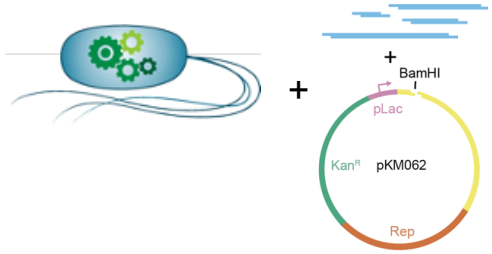


Perform fitness and sorting assays



Fragment overexpression Library

Transform *P. putida* with overexpression library



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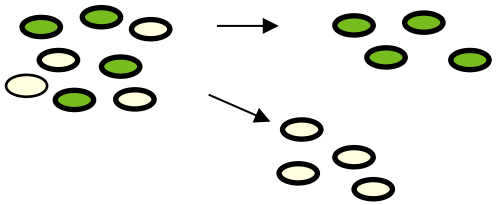
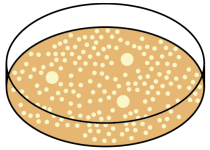


Pick single colonies and sequence fragment containing plasmid



Generating libraries will enable the identification of non-intuitive targets for improved production of β-ketoadipate

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Bioprocess development

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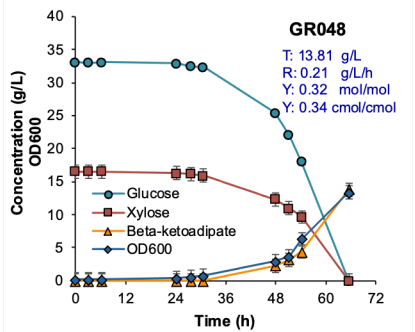
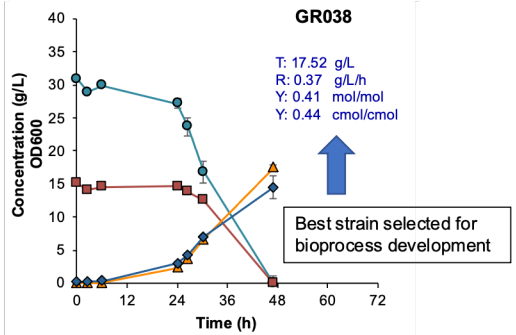
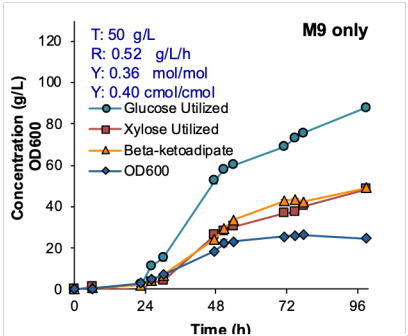
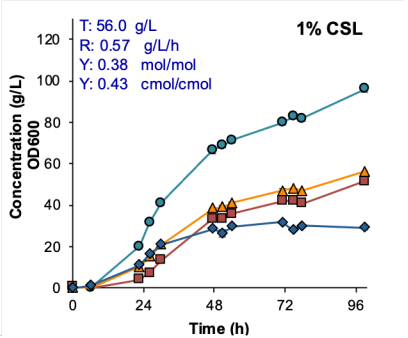
Strain Evaluation in Bioreactors

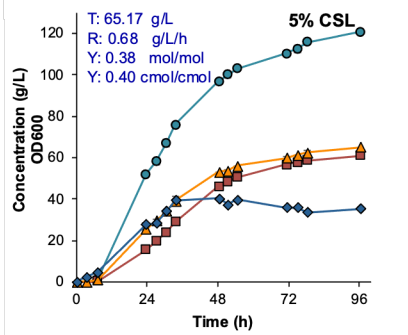


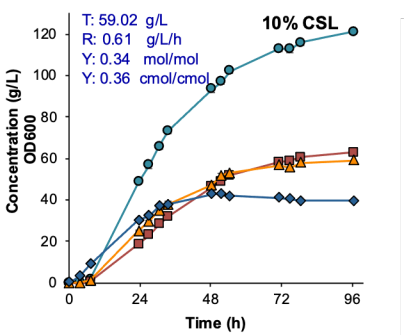


Fed batch bioreactor profiles: rich media optimization









Bioprocess optimization improved TRY for the best strain (65.17 g/L at a rate of 0.68 g/L/h and yield of 0.40 C-mol/C-mol)

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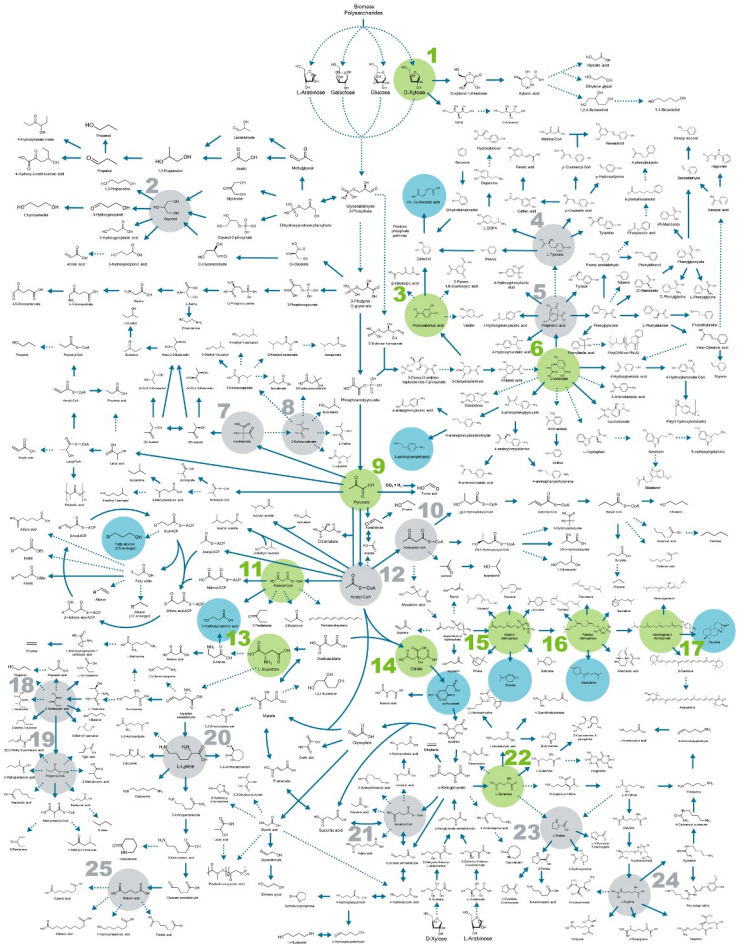
Impact

Scientific

- Peer-reviewed manuscripts and patent applications to manufacture a performance-advantaged C6 diacid, β-ketoadipic acid

Industry

- Working with Technology Holding and partners to scale-up
- Have sent 100 grams of β-ketoadipic acid for testing so far, plan for 1 kg by project end



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Quad chart overview

Timeline

- Project Start: 10/1/2022
- Project End: 9/30/2024

	FY22 costed	Total Award (FY23-24)
DOE Funding	$0	$ 1,400,000 LANL - $360k PNNL - $300k NREL – $740k
Cost Share		

Project Partners

ABF Labs: LANL, PNNL, NREL

Industry Partner: Technology Holding, LLC

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End of Project Milestone

Conduct 10-L bioreactor cultivations in triplicate to be able to produce > 1 kg of βKA to deliver to Technology Holding for separation, purification, and polymerization into βKA-nylons.

Funding Mechanism

FY21 ABF Directed Funding Opportunity

TRL at Project Start: 3

TRL at Project End: 4

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Additional Slides

Publications

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