The core regulation module of stress-responsive regulatory networks in yeast

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Supplementary Material 1

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1. Data acquisition

Experimental data

We downloaded seven different mRNA expression profiles from Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database (1) and Stanford Microarray Database (SMD) (2). The seven different stresses are Adenine dropout (3), DNA damage (gamma radiation) (4), Glycerol (5), H_2O_2 (6), Heat shock (3), NaCl (7) and Sorbitol treatments (3). We neglected all the ORFs that have at least one missing value in their time-series data. Then, we have converted the time-series data into one dimensional data using principle component analysis (PCA) (8). We also downloaded growth fitness defect score data from (9). The growth fitness score indicates the ratio of the mean control intensity to the chemical (stress) treatment intensity of yeast homozygous deletion (9). Sensitivity and specificity of mRNA and growth fitness defect score data were compared to those of our score (see Computation section and Fig. S1).

Network data

We have constructed the yeast regulatory network from BioGRID (10) (http://www.thebiogrid.org/downloads.php). We downloaded BioGRID Version 3.0.64 and collected the information on molecular interactions based on biochemical activity. Then, we have incorporated the phosphorylation/dephosphorylation network acquired from the literature (11). In the next, we have integrated the transcriptional networks acquired from high-throughput ChIP-chip experiments (12) (http://fraenkel.mit.edu/improved_map/latest_maps.html, orfs by factor p0.001 cons0.txt). Then, we have also integrated the network from Science Signaling database (13-15) (http://stke.sciencemag.org/cgi/collection/specific_pathways), and other molecular regulation based on manual curation (16). Finally, we have constructed the whole regulatory network composed of 9,438 links and 3,170 nodes.

Gold standards

We downloaded Gene Ontology terms from Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) (17). We assumed that those ORFs containing only GO: 0003674 (molecular function) or GO: 0008150 (biological process) (or containing no GO term) are functionally 'unknown'. 5,412 ORFs in total were found to be related to specific biological processes. We also found several stress-regulated pathways or stress-related functions from literature (Table S1). From these, we have identified the gold standards of positives that have stress-specific GO terms (Table S1). The rest of genes are considered as gold standards of negatives that are not responding to any specific stress. The list of gold standards of positives is in Supplementary file 2.

YeastNet score

We can have better inference results about hidden functional characteristics by using multiple genomic data sources than single data (18-19). Because most of the genomic data are noisy and, moreover, each genomic data have its own biological features, Jansen *et al*. showed that protein interactions can be more accurately predicted when mixed multiple genomic data are used than only single experimental measurement is used (18). There are many genome-wide experimental data of yeast, but most experiments are not performed in a specific stress condition. Thus, those genome-wide experimental data cannot be directly used to extract stress-specific information. To resolve this problem, we have employed functional linkage data integrated with multiple genomic data (20). The functional linkage data provides us with the information about a network composed of genes (nodes) and the functional similarity (link) of each pair of genes. The link strength indicates the degree of functional similarity between genes. To calculate the 'activation level' of an ORF in a specific stress condition, we have assigned the sum of link strengths to the ORF where only those links having gold standards of positives with the ORF are considered. Thus, an ORF having more strong functional linkages with gold standards of positives will have a larger stress-specific score.

 In this study, our goal is to understand how a cell processes information through complex molecular interactions against various stresses. One might imagine that something similar to the CRM can be obtained using the YeastNet, but that is very different from our CRM and the goal of our study cannot be achieved with this since the YeastNet is a functional network and therefore does not include the information on molecular regulatory interactions. This is the reason why we integrated several types of molecular regulatory networks and reconstructed a global regulatory network.

2. Computation

Computing the log likelihood ratio

Log likelihood ratio, *L* is defined as follows:

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L = \ln\left(\frac{P(f|positive)}{P(f|negative)}\right)
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where *f*, *positive*, and *negative* indicate the target dataset, gold standards of positives, and gold standards of negatives, respectively. P(f|positive) is the probability with which an ORF included in the gold standards of positives (positive) has a certain feature (f). In practice, we can discretize the continuous feature space (e.g., log-ratio of mRNA expression levels) for this

purpose. In this paper, we divided the log-ratio of mRNA expression levels into five bins. For instance, if there are 100 gold standards of positives (positive) and 10 of them are included in a certain bin, P(f|positive) of the ORFs in this bin will be 0.1. P(f|negative) can be computed similarly. In our study, we have randomly divided the feature space into five bins and computed the probabilities 100 times iteratively. Then, we assigned the average P(f|positive) (or P(f|negative)) value to each ORF. Finally, the log likelihood ratio is calculated using these P(f|positive) and P(f|negative).

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Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. The sensitivity and specificity of three different scores of log likelihood ratio. We plotted ROC curves using the scores of the log likelihood ratio based on each dataset for DNA damage stress. For all the other stress conditions, those based on YeastNet showed always the best performance (data not shown).

Figure S2. A schematic diagram illustrating the algorithm for identification of a CRM. (1) As a first step, we computed the stress-specific ORF scores by transforming the functional linkage score between ORFs of the "YeastNet". In this example, the node score of C for stress 1 is 2.1 since C has functional linkage with the gold standard of positives A and B, for stress 1, and the linkage scores of C with A and B are 1.2 and 0.9, respectively. (2) In the second step, we computed the stress-specific ORF scores based on log likelihood ratios. (3) Then, we found SRN for each stress by solving the MWCS problem based on the global regulatory network (523 nodes and 2,093 links where all nodes are regulatory molecules and links are directed molecular regulatory interactions) and the stress-specific ORF scores obtained by utilizing the "YeastNet". (4) Finally, the CRM is obtained by investigating the common subset of seven SRNs. The key concept of this procedure is to find biologically active regulatory molecules from various stresses based on a priori knowledge from a network perspective.

Figure S3. An illustrative example of computing the hierarchy destruction score. (A) Diagrams showing an original network and a perturbed network where node '2' is removed. (B) A list of hierarchical orders of each node in the original network and the perturbed network. In this example, the hierarchy destruction score for node 2 is 1.5.

Figure S4. Variance of gene expression profiles between CRs and NCRs. Gene expression profiles were employed from (21). A box plot show a five-number summary of data: the 25th, 50th, 75th percentiles of the samples, and the two most extreme values within 1.5 times of the interquartile range (distance between 25th and 75th percentiles). P-values were computed using Wilcoxon's rank-sum test.

Figure S5. Variance of gene expression profiles between CRs and NCRs. Gene expression profiles were employed from (22) and T1-6 indicate each time point described therein. Each box plot shows a five-number summary of data: the 25th, 50th, 75th percentiles of the samples, and the two most extreme values within 1.5 times of the interquartile range (distance between 25th and 75th percentiles). P-values were computed using Wilcoxon's rank-sum test. NS indicates 'not significant at P<0.05.'

Figure S6. The ratio of MDR genes from all genes, CRs, and NCRs. The MDR gene lists were employed from (9). We computed the 'All' fixing 6,000 genes in total. *P*-values were computed using Hypergeometric test. NS indicates 'not significant at P<0.05.'

Table S1. Gold standards of positives and negatives for a particular stress condition. Abbreviations: Adenosine monophosphate; AMP, Ribonucleotide-diphosphate reductase; RNR, High osmolarity glycerol; HOG, Glutathione; GSH, Target of rapamycin; TOR, Protein kinase C; PKC, Protein kinase A; PKA

Table S2. GO term enrichment analysis of the CRM. CRM is computed according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). N= \pm 5 (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10) % of links. Sample frequency is defined as the genes in the CRM and background frequency is denoted with respect to the 523 regulators. *P*-values were computed using Hypergeometric test and all the *P*-values were Bonferroni corrected. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface.

Table S3. GO term enrichment analysis of the regulated genes by the CRM. CRM is computed according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). $N=\pm 5$ (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10)% of links. Sample frequency is defined as the ratio of genes regulated by the CRM and background frequency is denoted as the ratio of genes regulated by all 523 regulators. *P*-values were computed using Hypergeometric test and all the *P*-values were Bonferroni corrected. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface.

Table S4. Topological properties of the CRM compared to random CRs/NCRs classifications. *P*-values of the topological properties of the CRM according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). N= \pm 5 (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10)% of links. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface. For hierarchy destruction score, *P*-values were computed using Wilcoxon's Rank-sum test and, for the others, *P*-values were computed based on randomly selected sub-networks with the same number of nodes (1,000 times).

Table S5. Number of feedback loops in the CRM. *P*-values of the topological properties of the CRM according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). $N=\pm 5$ (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10)% of links. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface. *P*-values were computed based on randomly selected sub-networks with the same number of nodes (1,000 times).

Table S6. Genetic properties of the CRM compared with random CRs/NCRs classifications. *P*-values of the genetic properties of the CRM according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). N= \pm 5 (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10)% of links. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface. For the ratio of synthetic lethal pairs, *P*-values were computed using Fisher's exact test and, for the others, *P*-values were computed based on Wilcoxon's Rank-sum test.

Noise level	Evolutionary rate	Interstrain	Ratio of synthetic	Growth rate defect
	(Rank)	variance	lethal pairs	
$\sigma=0.00$	6E-08	0.008	$< 2E - 16$	0.002
$\sigma=0.05$	4E-07	0.009	$< 2E - 16$	0.002
$\sigma=0.10$	$1E-0.5$	0.026	$< 2E - 16$	0.003
$\sigma = 0.15$	$1E-06$	0.023	$< 2E - 16$	0.004
$\sigma=0.20$	9E-07	0.009	$< 2E - 16$	0.002
$\sigma = 0.25$	7E-07	0.021	$< 2E - 16$	6E-04
$\sigma = 0.30$	5E-07	0.043	$< 2E - 16$	0.007
$\sigma = 0.35$	2E-06	0.034	$< 2E - 16$	0.008
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=+5%	8E-09	0.020	$< 2E - 16$	0.009
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=-5%	3E-07	0.005	$2E-16$	0.003
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=+10%	1E-07	0.014	$2E-16$	0.019
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=-10%	$2E-07$	0.021	$< 2E - 16$	0.004

Table S7. Genetic properties of the CRM compared with random CRs/NCRs classifications. *P*-values of the genetic properties of the CRM according to various CRs/NCRs classifications based on different noise levels (σ). N= \pm 5 (10)% indicates the networks obtained by randomly adding (or removing) 5 (10)% of links. *P*-values smaller than 0.05 are shown in boldface. For the ratio of MDR genes in CRs, *P*-values were computed using Hypergeometric test and, for the others, *P*-values were computed based on Wilcoxon's Rank-sum test.

Noise level	Ratio of MDR	Expression	Expression	Expression
	genes in CRs	variance $(T5)$ (22)	variance $(T6)$ (22)	variance (21)
$\sigma=0.00$	0.026	0.269	0.007	0.017
$\sigma=0.05$	0.021	0.278	0.012	0.021
$\sigma=0.10$	0.023	0.253	0.020	0.018
$\sigma = 0.15$	0.021	0.212	0.026	0.015
$\sigma=0.20$	0.012	0.099	0.025	0.010
$\sigma=0.25$	0.010	0.069	0.012	0.005
$\sigma=0.30$	0.034	0.010	0.005	0.018
$\sigma=0.35$	0.090	0.188	0.003	0.106
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=+5%	0.007	0.071	0.006	0.014
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=-5%	0.030	0.035	6E-04	0.024
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=+10%	0.028	0.068	0.002	0.042
$\sigma = 0.30$, N=-10%	0.030	0.072	0.013	0.103