

Supplementary Information Appendix for:

Rewiring yeast sugar transporter preference through modifying a conserved protein motif

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Supplementary Methods Section

Growth rate measurements – All exponential growth rates were measured and calculated according to the method previously described using a Bioscreen C (Growth Curves USA, Piscataway, New Jersey) and a MATLAB script. The Bioscreen C measures online optical density for easy and accurate measurement of the growth curves of up to 200 strains at one time. Error was calculated based on biological triplicate in all cases. In all cases, the Bioscreen C was set to maintain a temperature of 30°C, employ high continuous shaking, and to measure optical density every 10 minutes. A single carbon source per well was used in all experiments save one. Growth on xylose in the presence of increasing concentrations of glucose was measured for *C. intermedia* gxs1 Phe³⁸ Ile³⁹ Met⁴⁰.

It is important to note that the environment of the Bioscreen C does not support cultures reaching high optical density and observed values are below OD₆₀₀ of 2. This does not reflect the optical densities reached in flasks, which typically approach OD₆₀₀ of 10.

Transporter Cloning - Each of these transporters was functionally analyzed for conferred growth rate on xylose and glucose in *S. c. EX.12*. Genomic DNA and PCR were performed as previously described (36). Using this approach, open reading frames from *Scheffersomyces stipitis*, *Debaryomyces hansenii*, *Yarrowia lipolytica*, and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* were cloned using primers listed in **Table S4**. Mutant transporters and saturation library construction is described below and Primers are listed in **Tables S5** (saturation) and **S6** (point).

Saturation mutagenesis and point mutation – The Strategene Multi mutagenesis kit was used to generate saturation mutagenesis libraries at positions 38, 39, and 40 in *C.i.* GXS1. Each codon was replaced with the degenerate NNK sequence recommended for use when creating saturation mutagenesis libraries. It is important to note that the wild type codon was represented in the NNK library for both Val³⁸ and Leu³⁹ thus alternative

primers that did not contain the wild type sequence were designed. This subsequently necessitated the design of specific point mutation primers to access certain residues and the use of the Stratagene Quikchange kit. Some single point mutation primers were ordered to complete the saturation libraries. The Stratagene Quikchange mutagenesis kit was used to generate all rational single, double, and triple mutants. Primers are listed in **Tables S5** (saturation) and **S6** (point).

Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1 - *Maximum exponential growth rates for all cloned native and heterologous transporters.* Bar chart of growth rate (μ) calculated from growth curves of *S. cerevisiae* EX.12 measured on a Bioscreen C. Carbon source profiling on five different sugars allows better functional classification than measuring only glucose and xylose. Error is standard deviation of biological triplicates. **A.** Transporters cloned in the initial study measured for the first time in *S. cerevisiae* EX.12. **B.** Novel transporters identified and characterized in this study. Abbreviations: *Empty* – empty vector control strain. *A.t.* – *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *C.i.* – *Candida intermedia*. *C.n.* – *Cryptococcus neoformans*. *D.h.* – *Debaryomyces hansenii*. *S.c.* – *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *S.s.* – *Scheffersomyces stipitis*. *Y.l.* – *Yarrowia lipolytica*.

Figure S2 - *High cell density cofermentation in S. cerevisiae EX.12.* Cells were inoculated at OD 20 in a mixture of 10 g/L glucose and 10 g/L xylose. Optical density, glucose, xylose, and ethanol concentration was measured over the length of the fermentation. Note that the triple mutant does not consume either xylose or glucose, nor is an appreciable amount of ethanol produced in this multiple knockout strain. **A.** Optical density over time. **B.** Glucose concentration in the media over time. **C.** Xylose concentration in the media over time. **D.** Ethanol concentration in the media over time.

Figure S3 – *High cell density cofermentation in S. cerevisiae YSX3.* Cells were inoculated at OD 20 in a mixture of 10 g/L glucose and 10 g/L xylose. Optical density, glucose, xylose, and ethanol concentration was measured over the length of the fermentation. Note that the triple mutant does not appreciably alter the fermentation dynamics in a strain that is expressing the full suite of transporters. **A.** Optical density over time.

B. Glucose concentration in the media over time. **C.** Xylose concentration in the media over time. **D.** Ethanol concentration in the media over time.

Figure S4 - Growth curves of transporters of interest. Optical density measurements from the Bioscreen C were plotted over time. Each line represents the growth curve for *S. cerevisiae* EX.12 expressing a transporter on a particular carbon source. **A.** *D.h.* 2D01474. **B.** *S.s.* RGT2. **C.** *D.h.* 2E01166. **D.** *D.h.* 2B05060. **E.** *S.c.* STL1. **F.** *S.s.* AUT1.

Figure S5 - Phylogenetic tree and growth rate. Phylogram constructed in TreeView of a ClustalW multiple sequence alignment with the full amino acid sequences of all transporters. To the right of the phylogram is plotted the exponential growth rate of *S. cerevisiae* EX.12 conferred by transporter expression. A blue line and a green line are placed across the chart to mark the upper limit of no growth for glucose and xylose, respectively. Note the most robust glucose growth phenotypes are clustered in the HXT family and related transporters. Some of the more desirable growth phenotypes for xylose growth are clustered in the transporters related to *C.i.* GXS1 and *S.s.* XUT3.

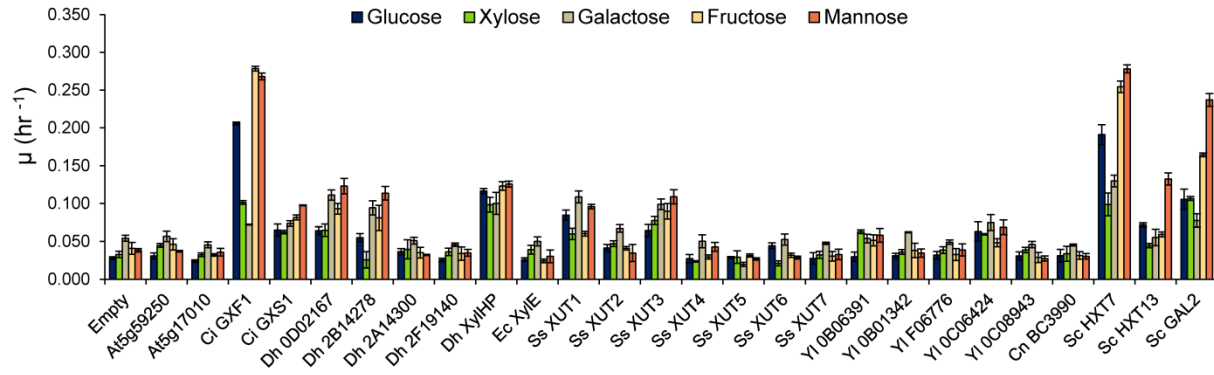
Figure S6 - Relatedness based on G-G/F-XXXG motif and growth rate data. Phylogram constructed in TreeView of a ClustalW multiple sequence alignment of the G-G/F-XXG motif of each transporter. To the right of the phylogram is plotted the exponential growth rate of *S. cerevisiae* EX.12 conferred by transporter expression. A blue line and a green line are placed across the chart to mark the upper limit of no growth for glucose and xylose, respectively. Arranging the transporters in this fashion remarkably clusters conferred phenotype better than basing the alignment on the whole amino acid sequence. This is further evidence of the influence the G-G/F-XXG motif has over monosaccharide uptake.

Figure S7 – *Carbon source profile comparison*. **A.** *C.i. GXS1* and mutants. **B.** *S.s. RGT2* and mutants. **C.** *S.c. HXT7* and mutants. Note that these values are maximum exponential growth rates, and therefore may produce different comparisons than the late-stage linear exponential portions of the growth curves.

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1

A



B

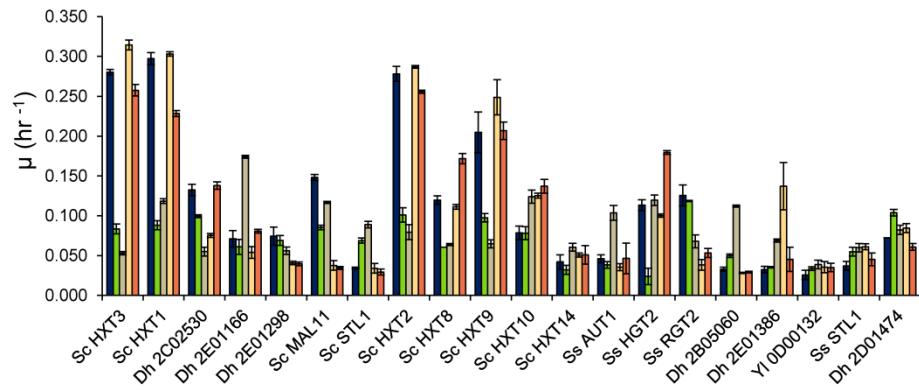


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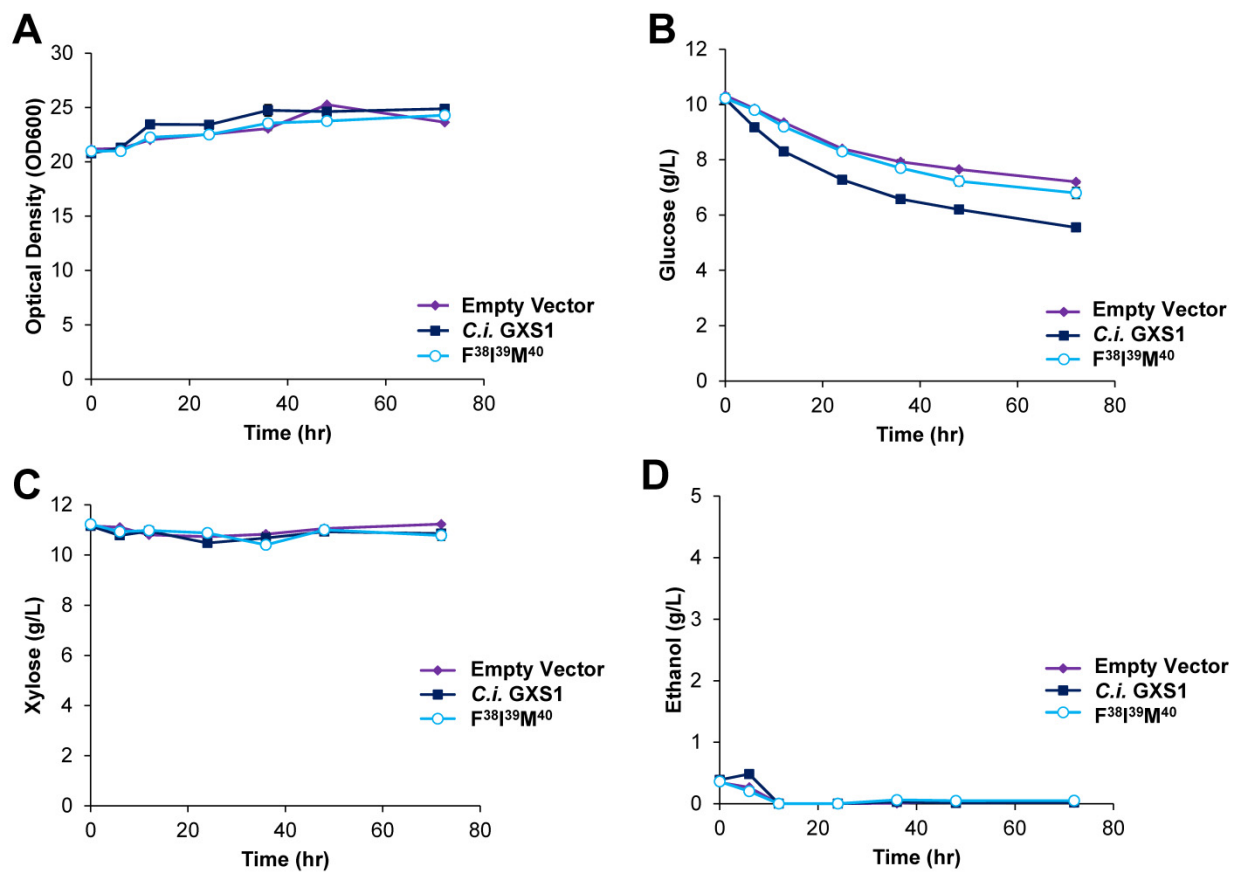


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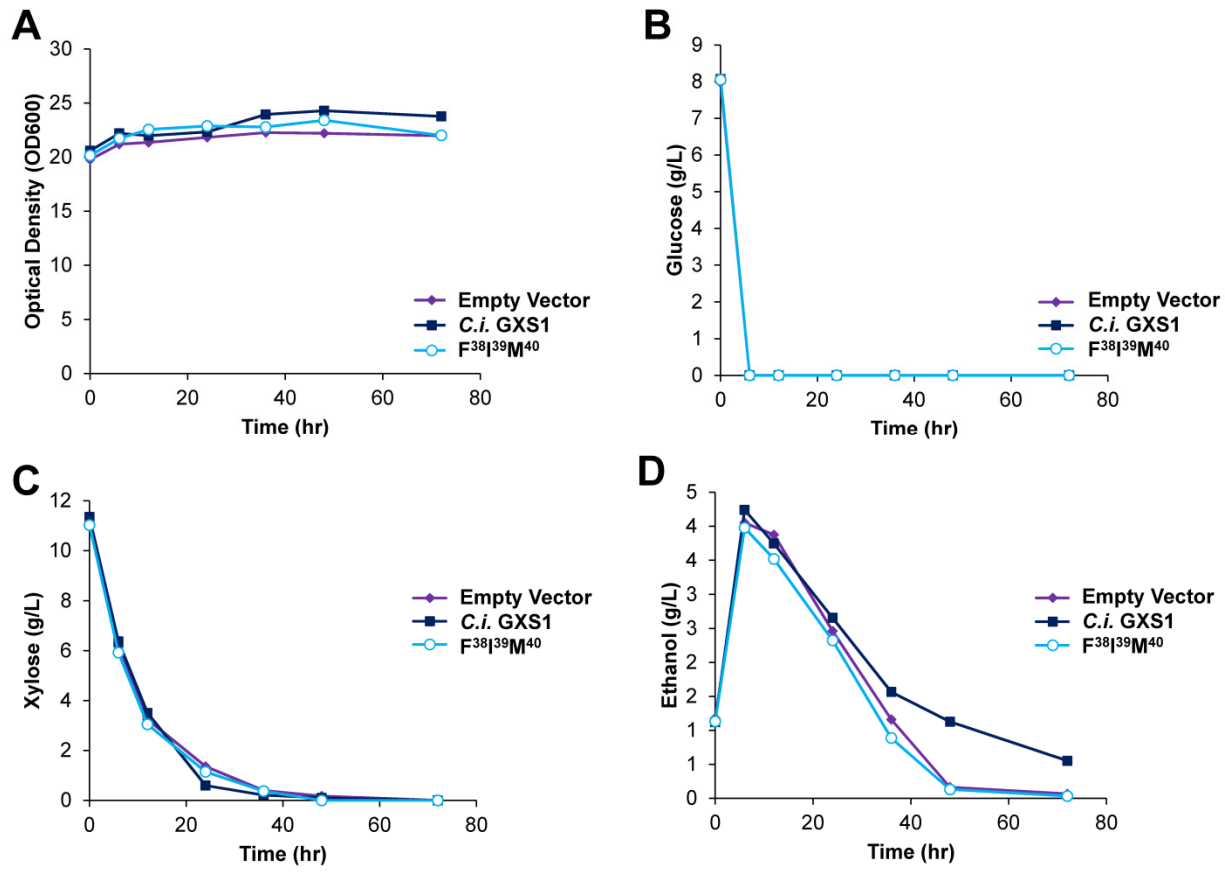


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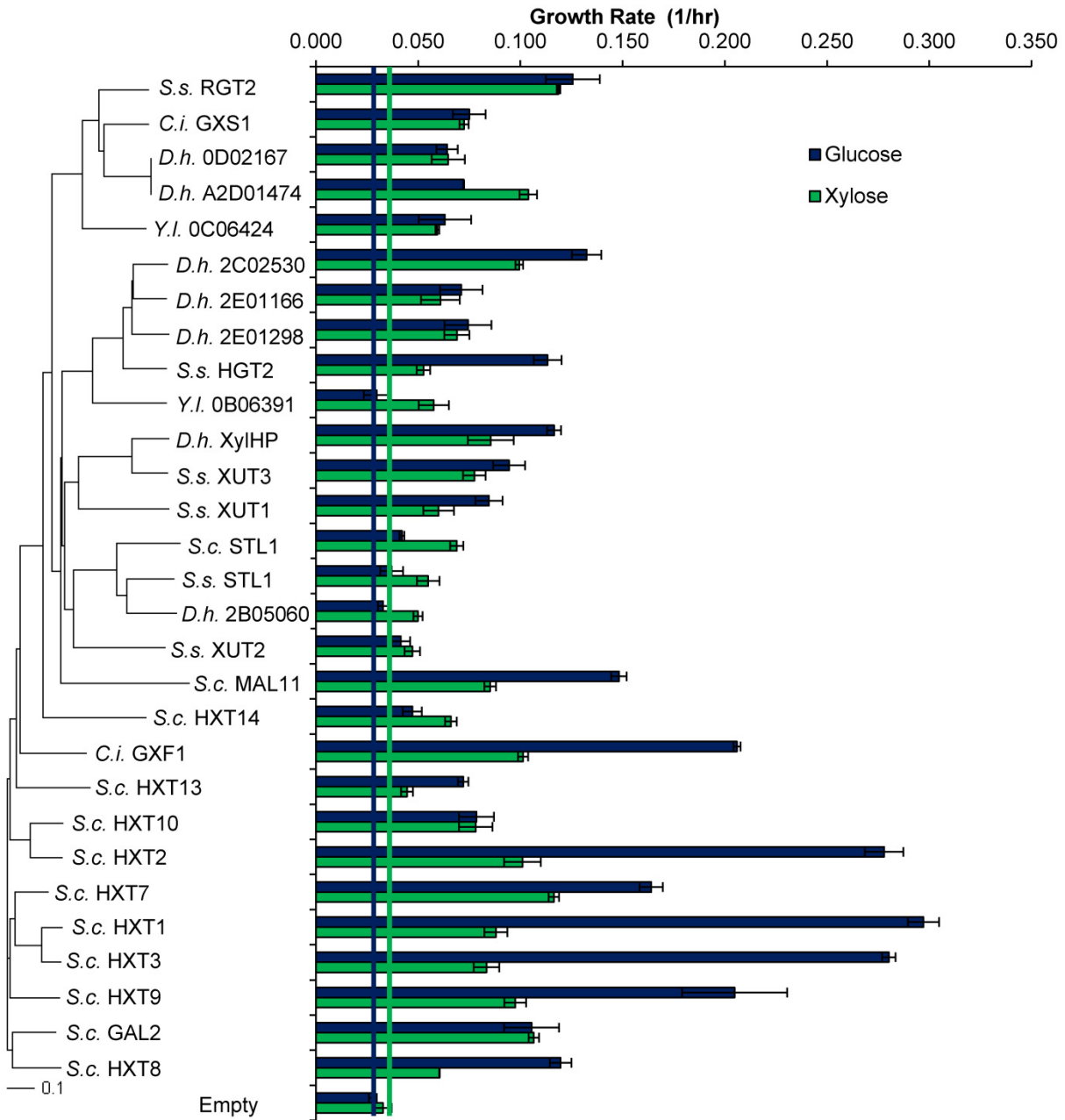


Figure S5

G-G/F-XXXG
Motif
Distance Tree

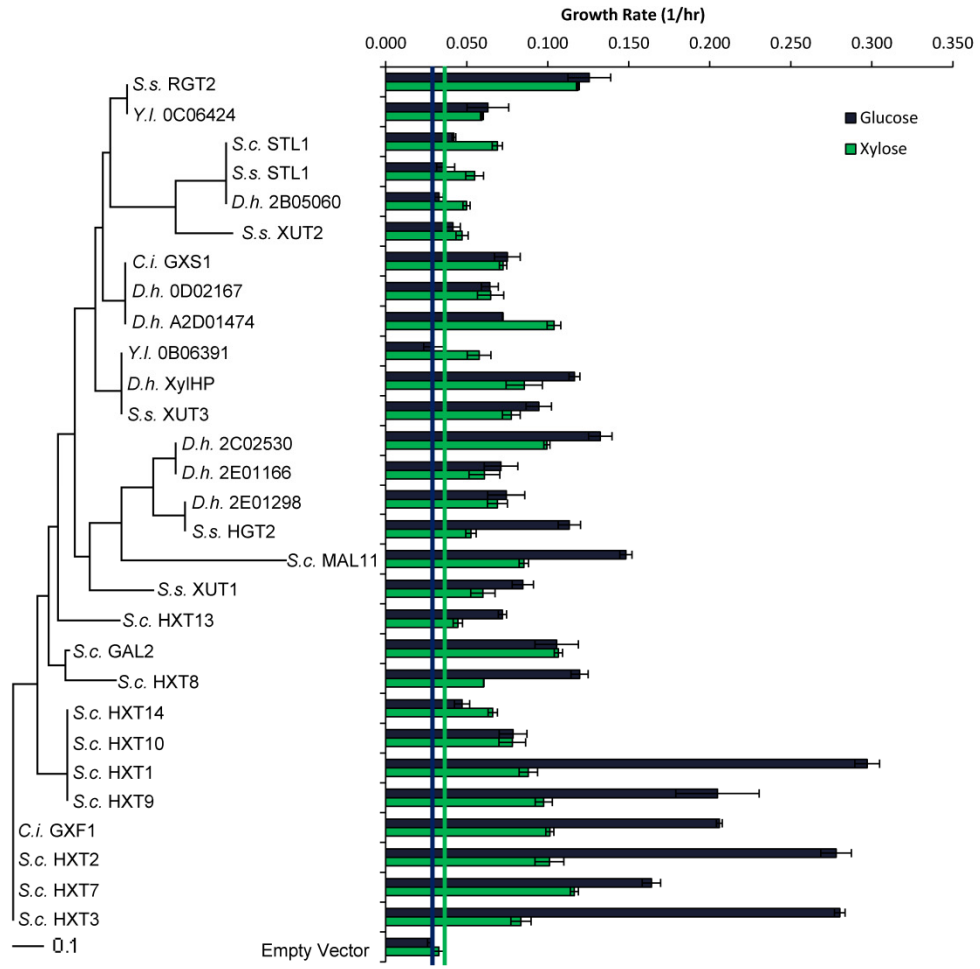


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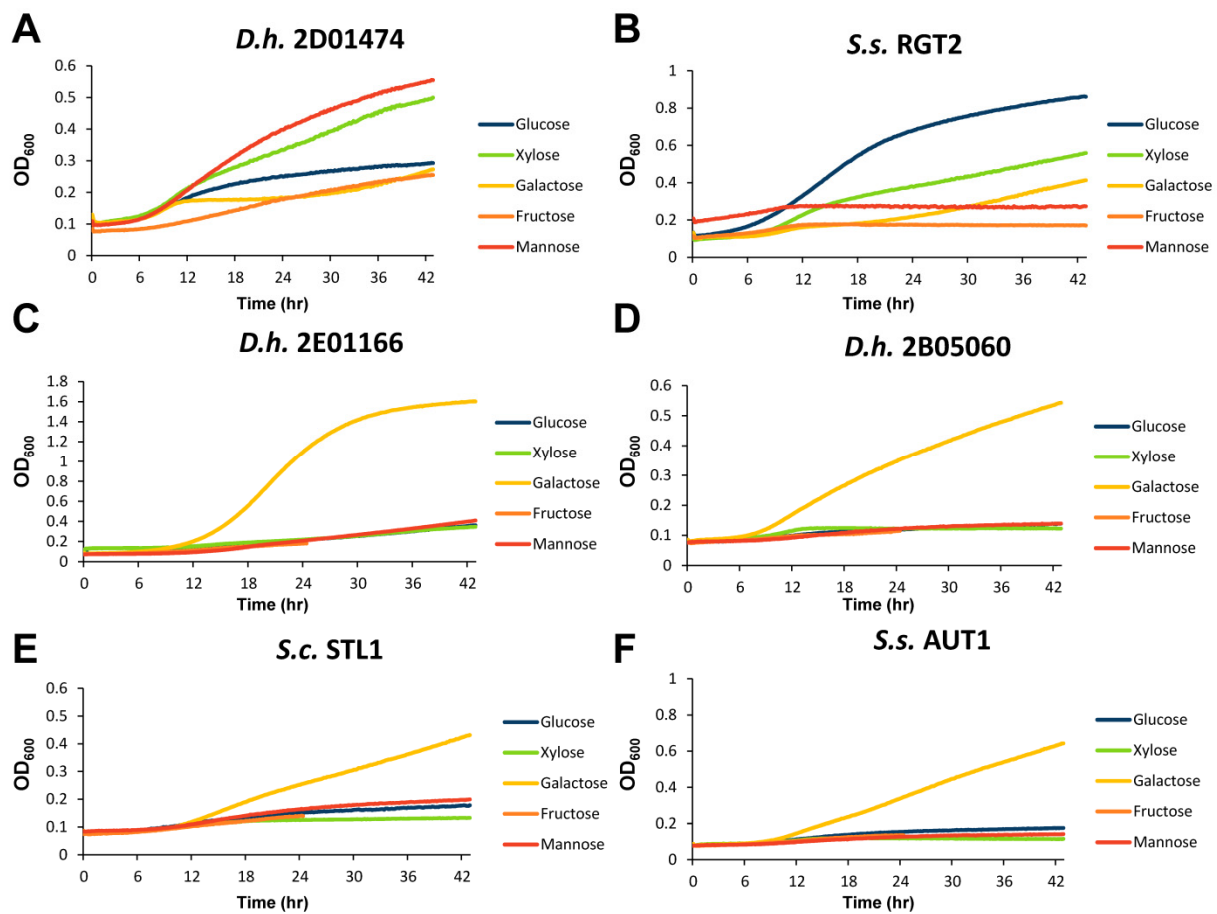


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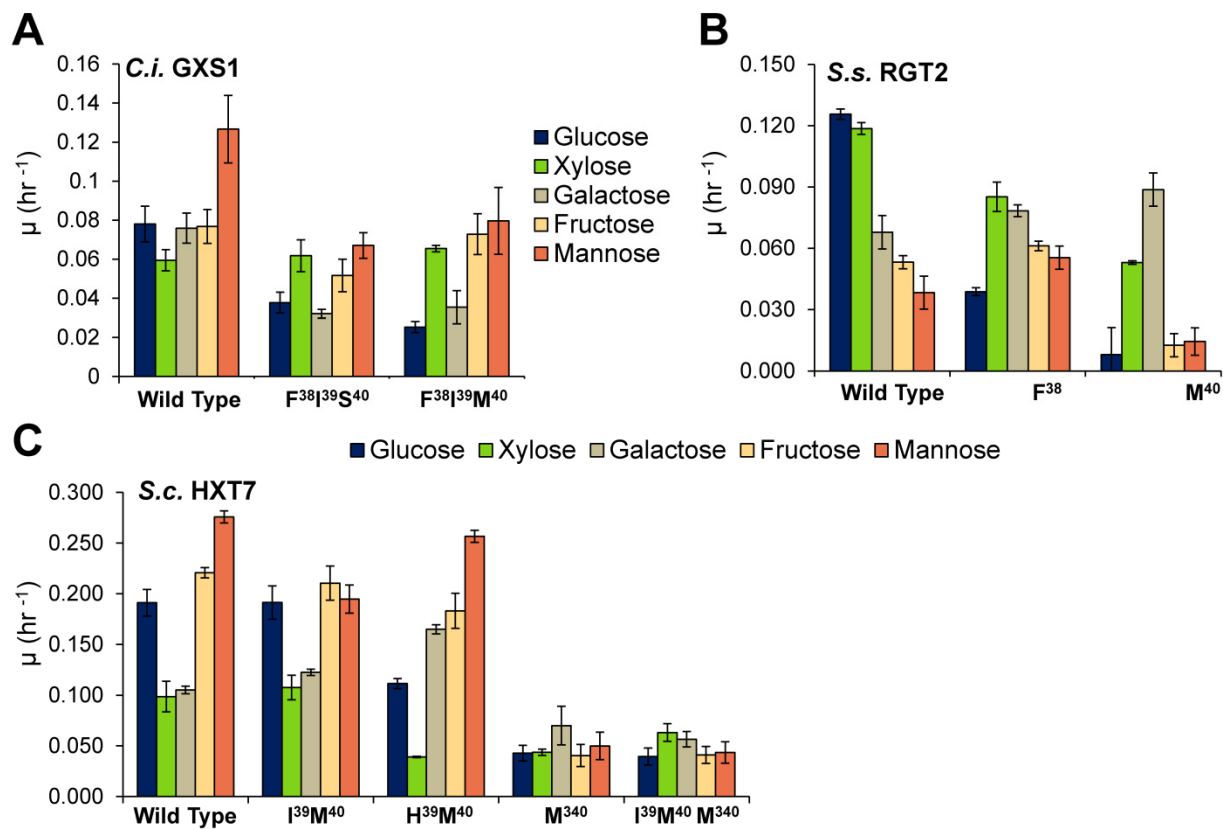


Table S1*Exponential growth rate values for each cloned transporter.*

	GeneID	GenBank	Glucose		Xylose		Galactose		Fructose		Mannose	
			μ (1/hr)	st. dev	μ (1/hr)	st. dev	μ (1/hr)	st. dev	μ (1/hr)	st. dev	μ (1/hr)	st. dev
Empty	-	-	0.028	0.002	0.033	0.004	0.054	0.004	0.041	0.008	0.038	0.002
At5g59250	836043		0.031	0.004	0.045	0.003	0.057	0.007	0.046	0.008	0.037	0.001
At5g17010	831564		0.024	0.002	0.032	0.002	0.046	0.004	0.032	0.002	0.036	0.005
Ci GFX1		AJ937350.1	0.206	0.002	0.101	0.003	0.072	0.000	0.278	0.003	0.268	0.004
Ci GXS1		AJ875406.1	0.065	0.008	0.062	0.002	0.074	0.004	0.082	0.003	0.098	0.000
Dh 0D02167	2901237		0.064	0.005	0.065	0.008	0.111	0.007	0.093	0.007	0.123	0.010
Dh 2B14278	2913528		0.055	0.005	0.026	0.011	0.094	0.009	0.081	0.017	0.114	0.009
Dh 2A14300	8998057		0.036	0.004	0.040	0.013	0.051	0.004	0.035	0.007	0.032	0.001
Dh 2F19140	8999011		0.026	0.002	0.036	0.005	0.046	0.002	0.034	0.009	0.035	0.004
Dh XylHP	50419288		0.116	0.003	0.098	0.010	0.100	0.014	0.123	0.006	0.126	0.004
Ec XylE	948529		0.026	0.002	0.039	0.006	0.050	0.006	0.024	0.002	0.030	0.009
Ss XUT1	4839826		0.085	0.007	0.060	0.007	0.109	0.008	0.060	0.003	0.096	0.003
Ss XUT2	4852047		0.042	0.005	0.047	0.004	0.067	0.005	0.041	0.002	0.035	0.011
Ss XUT3	4851844		0.064	0.008	0.078	0.005	0.099	0.007	0.090	0.010	0.109	0.009
Ss XUT4	4840896		0.027	0.005	0.024	0.001	0.050	0.009	0.029	0.003	0.043	0.006
Ss XUT5	4840252		0.029	0.001	0.029	0.008	0.020	0.003	0.031	0.002	0.027	0.002
Ss XUT6	4841106		0.044	0.004	0.021	0.003	0.053	0.007	0.032	0.003	0.029	0.002
Ss XUT7	4851701		0.028	0.008	0.032	0.005	0.048	0.001	0.030	0.006	0.033	0.007
Yi 0B06391	2907283		0.030	0.006	0.063	0.002	0.054	0.006	0.051	0.007	0.058	0.009
Yi 0B01342	2906708		0.031	0.003	0.036	0.003	0.062	0.001	0.038	0.010	0.035	0.005
Yi F06776	2908504		0.032	0.005	0.039	0.004	0.049	0.003	0.033	0.008	0.039	0.008
Yi 0C06424	2909312		0.063	0.013	0.059	0.001	0.075	0.010	0.048	0.005	0.069	0.010
Yi 0C08943	2909701		0.031	0.005	0.039	0.003	0.046	0.004	0.029	0.007	0.027	0.003
Cn BC3990	4935064		0.031	0.008	0.034	0.010	0.045	0.001	0.032	0.005	0.030	0.004
Sc HXT7	851943		0.191	0.013	0.099	0.015	0.130	0.008	0.254	0.008	0.278	0.005
Sc HXT13	856640		0.072	0.003	0.045	0.003	0.055	0.011	0.059	0.003	0.132	0.008
Sc GAL2	856640		0.105	0.013	0.107	0.003	0.078	0.009	0.164	0.003	0.237	0.008
Sc HXT3	851946		0.280	0.003	0.083	0.006	0.053	0.002	0.314	0.006	0.258	0.007
Sc HXT1	856494		0.297	0.008	0.088	0.006	0.118	0.003	0.303	0.003	0.229	0.004
Dh 2C02530	8998297		0.132	0.007	0.099	0.002	0.055	0.006	0.075	0.002	0.138	0.005
Dh 2E01166	2902950		0.071	0.010	0.061	0.010	0.174	0.002	0.054	0.007	0.081	0.002
Dh 2E01298	2902912		0.074	0.011	0.069	0.006	0.056	0.005	0.041	0.002	0.040	0.002
Sc MAL11	853207		0.148	0.004	0.085	0.003	0.117	0.001	0.038	0.006	0.034	0.002
Sc STL1	852149		0.034	0.001	0.069	0.003	0.089	0.004	0.034	0.006	0.029	0.004
Sc HXT2	855023		0.278	0.009	0.101	0.009	0.079	0.009	0.287	0.002	0.256	0.002
Sc HXT8	853216		0.120	0.005	0.060	0.000	0.064	0.001	0.111	0.003	0.172	0.007
Sc HXT9	853236		0.205	0.026	0.098	0.005	0.065	0.005	0.249	0.022	0.207	0.011
Sc HXT10	850536		0.079	0.009	0.078	0.008	0.124	0.008	0.125	0.003	0.137	0.009
Sc HXT14	855398		0.042	0.009	0.032	0.006	0.061	0.005	0.051	0.003	0.051	0.012
Ss AUT1	4836720		0.046	0.005	0.038	0.004	0.104	0.009	0.036	0.004	0.046	0.019
Ss HGT2	4836632		0.113	0.007	0.024	0.010	0.120	0.007	0.100	0.002	0.179	0.002
Ss RGT2	4840859		0.126	0.013	0.119	0.001	0.068	0.008	0.038	0.007	0.053	0.006
Dh 2B05060	2913215		0.033	0.003	0.050	0.002	0.112	0.001	0.028	0.001	0.029	0.001
Dh 2E01386	2902914		0.032	0.004	0.035	0.001	0.069	0.002	0.137	0.030	0.045	0.015
Yi 0D00132	2910370		0.026	0.006	0.034	0.002	0.039	0.005	0.035	0.007	0.035	0.005
Ss STL1	4838168		0.037	0.006	0.055	0.006	0.060	0.005	0.061	0.004	0.045	0.008
Dh 2D01474	2901237		0.072	0.000	0.104	0.004	0.082	0.006	0.085	0.006	0.061	0.004

Table S2

Kinetics values calculated from radiolabeled xylose uptake.

Gene in p414-TEF	K_M (mM)	V_{MAX} (nmol min ⁻¹ gDCW ⁻¹)
<i>C.i. GXS1</i>	0.0256 ± 0.0659	7.23 ± 0.6
<i>C.i. GXS1</i> F ³⁸ I ³⁹ M ⁴⁰	0.721 ± 0.116	15.01 ± 2.38

Table S3*Form of the G-G/F-XXXG motif for all cloned transporters.*

	GG?	X1	X2	X3
At5g59250	Yes	L	L	F
At5g17010	Yes	L	L	Y
Ci GXF1	Yes	F	V	F
Ci GXS1	Yes	V	L	F
Dh 0D02167	Yes	V	L	F
Dh 2B14278	Yes	F	L	Y
Dh 2A14300	SG	M	M	F
Dh 2F19140	No	-	-	-
Dh XylHP	Yes	L	L	F
Ec XylE	Yes	L	I	F
Ss XUT1	Yes	L	V	Y
Ss XUT2	AF	I	L	F
Ss XUT3	Yes	L	L	F
Ss XUT4	No	-	-	-
Ss XUT5	HP	T	I	M
Ss XUT6	GF	L	L	F
Ss XUT7	No	-	-	-
YI 0B06391	Yes	L	L	F
YI 0B01342	Yes	M	L	F
YI F06776	GV	F	L	F
YI 0C06424	Yes	I	L	F
YI 0C08943	Yes	L	L	Y
Cn BC3990	GV	W	L	F
Sc HXT7	Yes	F	V	F
Sc HXT13	Yes	F	L	P
Sc GAL2	Yes	F	M	F
Sc HXT3	Yes	F	V	F
Sc HXT1	Yes	F	I	F
Dh 2C02530	SG	L	M	F
Dh 2E01166	SG	L	M	F
Dh 2E01298	SG	M	M	F
Sc MAL11	TL	V	M	E
Sc STL1	GF	S	L	F
Sc HXT2	Yes	F	V	F
Sc HXT8	Yes	F	M	S
Sc HXT9	Yes	F	I	F
Sc HXT10	Yes	F	I	F
Sc HXT14	Yes	F	I	F
Ss AUT1	No	-	-	-

Ss HGT2	SG	M	M	F
Ss RGT2	Yes	I	L	F
Dh 2B05060	GF	S	L	F
Dh 2E01386	GF	S	L	F
YI 0D00132	N	-	-	-
Ss STL1	GF	S	L	F
Dh 2D01474	Y	V	L	F

Table S4*Primers used for cloning putative transporters.*

Name	Target ORF	Orientation	Tm	R. Enz.	Sequence
EY194	ScHXT3	F	55	XmaI	TATCCCCCGGGatgaattcaactccagatttaatatctcc
EY208	ScHXT3	R	64	Clal	CGGTATCCATCGATttatttcttgccgaacatttctt
EY265	HXT1	F	64	XmaI	TATCCCCCGGGatgaattcaactcccgatctaatac
EY266	HXT1	R	64	Clal	CGGTATCCATCGATttatttcttgctaaacaaactcttg
EY554	SsHGT2	F	60	SpeI	GGACTAGTatgagctacgaagataaactcg
EY555	SsHGT2	R	60	Sall	TATCCGTCGACttaaaggcttttctcagaact
EY558	Dh2C02530	F	60	SpeI	GGACTAGTatgggttacgaagataaattagtg
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EY581	HXT10	R	60	XhoI	TATCCCTCGAGttattactatcaacaataactaattggtac
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EY700	DhA2D01474	F	55	XmaI	TATCCCCCGGGatgggtttagaagataatgc
EY701	DhA2D01474	R	56	XhoI	TATCCCTCGAGttagactgaaggtgttcaat

Table S5*Primers used for saturation mutagenesis of C. intermedia GX51.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Target A.A.</i>	<i>Orientation</i>	<i>Tm</i>	<i>Kit Used</i>	<i>Sequence</i>
EY630	GXS1Sat40	F	79	Sat Multi	tttgctgcttctgggtggtgccttNNKggatacgaactggacta
EY675	GXS1 39LSat	F	79	Sat Multi	tttgctgcttctgggtggtcnnkttcggatacgaactggact
EY676	GXS1 38VSat	R	79	Sat Multi	gtcttttgctgcttctgggtggnnkctttcggatacgaactggact
EY711	GXS1 38Sat	F	79	Sat Multi	gtcttttgctgcttctgggtggyrktttcggatacgaactggact
EY712	GXS1 39LSat	F	79	Sat Multi	tttgctgcttctgggtggtcvtcggatacgaactggact
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EY727	GXS1 38Y	F	78	Quik	gctgcttctgggtgtatctttcggatacgaact
EY728	GXS1 38Y	R	78	Quik	gtatcgtatccgaaaagataaccaccagaagcagc
EY729	GXS1 38C	F	78	Quik	gctgcttctgggtgtatctttcggatacgaact
EY730	GXS1 38C	R	78	Quik	gtatcgtatccgaaaagacaaccaccagaagcagc
EY731	GXS1 38H	F	78	Quik	gctgcttctgggtgtatctttcggatacgaact
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EY735	GXS1 39M	F	78	Quik	gctgcttctgggtgtatctttcggatacgaactgg
EY736	GXS1 39M	R	78	Quik	accagtatcgtatccgaacatgacaccaccagaagcagc

Table S6*Primers used for point mutations.*

Name	Target A.A.	Orientation	Tm	Sequence
EY702	SsRGT2-F40M	F	78	cagccttcggtggatccttatgggtatgacactggt
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EY737	GXS1 FLS	F	78	ttttgctgcttctgggtgttcctttctggatacg
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