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SI Materials and Methods

Strains and Media. Strains and plasmids used in this work are listed in Tables S2 and S3.

Saccharomyces cerevisiae was grown in yeast extract peptone (YEP) medium (10 g/L yeast extract, 20 g/L bacteriological peptone), synthetic complete (SC) medium (1.7 g/L yeast nitrogen base without amino acids and ammonium sulfate, 5 g/L ammonium sulfate, amino acid supplements), or synthetic minimal (SM) medium (same as SC, but without amino acid supplements and with 20 mM monopotassium phosphate) at 30 °C. Synthetic media were adjusted to pH 6.3 with potassium hydroxide and were supplemented with uracil, L-leucine, L-tryptophan, and L-histidine as needed for selection of auxotrophic plasmid markers (1). G418 (200 μg/mL), hygromycin B (200 μg/mL), and clonNAT/nourseothricin (100 μg/mL) were added for selection of kanMX, hphNT1, and natNT2 markers, respectively. If not stated otherwise, carbon sources were added to concentrations of 20 g/L [glucose (D), ethanol (E), galactose (G)] or 10 g/L [xylose (X), maltose (M)]. EBY.VW4000 was cultured on maltose or ethanol, AFY10 and AFY10X on ethanol.

Plasmids were amplified in Escherichia coli strains DH5α (Gibco BRL) and SURE (Stratagene). E. coli was grown in lysogeny broth (LB) at 37 °C or 30 °C (for HXT7 plasmids) with 100 μ g/mL ampicillin or 50 μg/mL kanamycin for plasmid selection.

Transformation and DNA Preparation. E. coli transformations were performed via electroporation according to the method of Dower et al. (2). Plasmids were isolated from E. coli using the GeneJET Plasmid Miniprep Kit (Fisher Scientific). S. cerevisiae was transformed according to protocols by Gietz et al. (3, 4). DNA from S. cerevisiae for plasmid recovery, PCR analysis of mutant transporter ORFs, or verification of genomic gene deletions/integrations was isolated as described in ref. 5.

Plasmid Construction. Plasmids were constructed in vivo by homologous recombination in S. cerevisiae as described in ref. 6. Suitable DNA fragments were generated by PCR using primers with a 5′ sequence homologous to the integration region in the vector backbone (Table S4). Plasmids were linearized by restriction digestion. Assembled plasmids were recovered from yeast DNA preparations by E. coli transformation, clone selection, and plasmid isolation. Constructs were verified by restriction digestion analysis and DNA sequencing of the ORF. HXT7 and GAL2 were amplified from CEN.PK2-1c genomic DNA (sequences identical to CEN.PK113-7D).

For easy separation of transporter-coding plasmids and the xylose isomerase (XI)-coding plasmid, the ORF of the ampicillin resistance in YEp181_pHXT7-optXI_Clos (7) was replaced by the kanamycin resistance gene from pDONR222 (Invitrogen).

The integrative plasmid pAF-HD8.3 was generated from pHD8 (8) by successive excision of HXT7 and opt.xylA, and the 2μ origin by restriction digestion, religation of the vector, amplification in E. coli, and confirmation by restriction digestion analysis.

Strain Construction. Genes were targeted by the homologous regions flanking the deletion cassettes. For HXK1 and YLR446W, hphNT1 cassettes were amplified from plasmid pZC1 using primers containing the homologous sequence in their 5' part. KanMX cassettes for deletion of GLK1 and HXK2 were amplified from genomic DNA of preexisting deletion strains (7), resulting in cassettes with extended homologous regions (200–300 bp), which increases target efficiency. All genome integrations and deletions were confirmed by PCR analysis. For cassette removal, we relied on the low basal expression of cre recombinase from plasmid pSH47 on maltose or ethanol medium because full induction by galactose is lethal to EBY.VW4000 due to multiple loxP sites across the genome. Removal of cassettes was confirmed by PCR. The $h x k^0$ -phenotype in the $h x l^0$ background was verified on maltose media. Maltose is transported by specific transporters that are still present in the hxt^0 strain (Mal21, Mal31) and is then cleaved into two glucose monomers. Disruption of the hexo- and glucokinase genes prevents maltose utilization. Codon optimization is described in ref. 9. Primers are listed in Table S4.

epPCR Mutagenesis. The GeneMorph II Random Mutagenesis Kit (Agilent Technologies) was used for error-prone PCR (epPCR) mutagenesis of GAL2 and HXT7 with low (0–4.5 mutations per kb), medium (4.5–9 mutations per kb), and high (9–16 mutations per kb) mutation frequencies. epPCR was performed with primer pairs Amp_GAL2_F/R and Amp_HXT7_F/R, with p426_GAL2 and p426_HXT7 as templates, respectively. The epPCR fragments were purified by agarose-gel electrophoresis and gel extraction (NucleoSpin Extract II; Macherey-Nagel) and used as templates for a PCR with primer pairs Clon GAL2 F/R and Clon HXT7 F/R to prepare fragments for recombinational cloning. AFY10X was transformed with linearized p426H7 and the PCR products and then screened as described in Clone Selection and Analysis in the Materials and Methods section of the main text.

Site-Directed Mutagenesis. Mutations were inserted into HXT7 or GAL2 by site-directed PCR mutagenesis in combination with in vivo recombinational cloning. Two fragments of the ORF, overlapping at the target site, were amplified from the wild-typeplasmids. Two mutagenesis primers covered the target codon and the neighboring 15–20 nucleotides and were directed in opposing directions (forward and reverse). They were combined with the respective reverse and forward cloning primers (as used for the wild type) in separate PCRs. Mutant constructs were assembled from the two fragments and a pRS62N vector backbone by homologous recombination directly in the screening strain AFY10X. The screening procedure is described in Clone Selection and Analysis in the Materials and Methods section of the main text. Single amino acid mutations were done accordingly, but in EBY.VW4000.

Primers for (semi)random mutagenesis were used as equal mixtures of oligonucleotides with variations at one or more positions of the target codon (expressed in ambiguity code in the primer sequence). The threonine 219/213 codon in both ORFs was altered in three separate sets (defined by three sets of mutagenesis primers), grouping amino acid changes from threonine to alanine/glycine/valine (codon gbt), serine/cysteine (codon tst), and asparagine/aspartic (codon rac). The asparagine 376/370 residue was randomly changed to the 20 proteinogenic amino acids (codon nnn). All primers are listed in Table S4.

Uptake Assays. EBY.VW4000 containing the respective plasmid was grown in selective yeast extract peptone ethanol (YEPE) to an OD_{600} of 1.1–1.6, harvested by centrifugation, and washed twice in ice-cold uptake buffer (100 mM potassium phosphate, pH 6.5). Cell suspensions of 60 mg_{wetweight}/mL were prepared in uptake buffer, aliquotted, and stored on ice. For each measurement, 50 μL of 3× concentrated sugar solution and 100 μL of cell suspension were equilibrated to 30 °C for 4–5 min and then mixed. After 5 s (glucose) or 20 s (xylose), 100 μL of the mixture

were pipetted into 10 mL of ice-cold quenching buffer (100 mM potassium phosphate, 500 mM glucose, pH 6.5) to stop the reaction. Cells were filtered through a Durapore membrane filter with a 0.22-μm pore size (Millipore) and washed twice with 10 mL of ice-cold quenching buffer. The filter was transferred to a scintillation vial containing 4 mL of Rotiszint eco plus (Roth). Then, 10 μL of each reaction were transferred directly to a scintillation vial with 4 mL of scintillation mixture for determination of the total counts in each reaction. To determine a value for sugar that is unspecifically bound to the cell surface or the filter, samples of 33.3 μL of sugar solution and 66.6 μL of cell suspension were mixed in 10 mL of ice-cold quenching buffer and then treated as

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described for the other samples. Radioactivity was analyzed in a Wallac 1409 liquid scintillation counter.

Uptake was measured at sugar concentrations 0.2, 1, 5, 25, and 100 mM for glucose and 1, 5, 25, 66, 100, 200, and 500 mM for xylose. Inhibition of xylose uptake by glucose was measured at 25, 66, and 100 mM xylose with additional 25 and 100 mM unlabeled glucose. Sugar solutions contained $0.135-0.608 \mu$ Ci of D-[U-¹⁴C]glucose (290-300 mCi/mmol) or $D - [1 - {}^{14}C]$ -xylose (55 mCi/mmol) (American Radiolabeled Chemicals). Calculation of K_m (Michaelis constant), V_{max} (maximal initial uptake velocity), and K_i (inhibitor constant for competitive inhibition) was done by nonlinear regression analysis and global curve fitting in Prism 5 (GraphPad Software) with values of three independent measurements.

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Fig. S1. (A) Growth analysis of the screening strain AFY10X and its ancestors. All strains were pregrown in liquid selective synthetic complete ethanol (SCE) medium. Serial dilutions of washed cells were dropped on solid SC media with the indicated carbon sources. Cells were grown at 30 °C for 3 d (glucose, maltose) or 6 d (ethanol, xylose). AFY10 was transformed with empty plasmid pRS62N. EBY. VW4000 and CEN.PK2-1c did not grow on xylose, AFY10 and AFY10X did not grow on glucose. (B) Functional characterization of Hxt7 wild type and mutants. Growth assay of AFY10X (xylose and xylose–glucose mixtures) and EBY. VW4000 (glucose) overexpressing the indicated transporters. Cells were pregrown in liquid selective SCE or YEPE medium, respectively. Serial dilutions of washed cells were dropped on solid SC media with the indicated carbon sources. Cells were grown at 30 °C for 3 d (glucose) or 6 d (xylose and mixtures). (C) Functional characterization of Gal2 and Hxt7 wild type and mutants regarding hexose transport. Growth assay of EBY.VW4000 overexpressing the indicated transporters. Cells were pregrown in liquid selective YEPE medium. Serial dilutions of washed cells were dropped on solid SC media with the indicated carbon sources. Cells were grown at 30 °C for 3 d. CEN.PK2-1c and EBY.VW4000 contain empty plasmid pRS62N.

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Fig. S2. (A and B) Glucose (A) and xylose (B) transport of wild-type and mutant transporters measured in zero-trans influx experiments. EBY.VW4000 overexpressing GAL2 (solid lines and filled symbols) or HXT7 (dashed lines and open symbols) variants were grown in selective YEPE. Shown are Gal2 wild type (filled triangle), Gal2-N376F (filled circle), Gal2-N376V (filled square), Hxt7 wild type (open triangle), and Hxt7-N376S (open circle). Curve fitting for Michaelis– Menten kinetics was applied to data of three independent measurements at each concentration. Error bars are given as SEM. Notice the different scales for glucose and xylose concentration. (C and D) Inhibitory effect of glucose on xylose transport of wild-type and mutant Hxt7. Zero-trans influx of xylose was measured in the absence of glucose (solid line, filled circle) and in the presence of 25 mM (dashed line, open square) or 100 mM glucose (dotted line, open triangle). EBY.VW4000 overexpressing Hxt7 wild type (C) or Hxt7-N370S (D) was grown in selective YEPE. Global curve fitting for Michaelis–Menten kinetics with competitive inhibition was applied to data of three independent measurements at each concentration. Error bars are given as SEM but are often smaller than the respective symbol. v, initial rate of uptake.

Fig. S3. Homology model of the Gal2 structure generated using the SWISS-MODEL software (1). The model is based on the outward-facing partly occluded structure of E. coli XylE with bound glucose (PDB ID code 4GBZ). The N-terminal (amino acids 1–70) and C-terminal (amino acids 536–574) cytosolic tails could not be modeled due to the absence of corresponding sequences in XylE. The side view, with the extracellular side at the top, shows the subdomains N (orange) and C (cyan) and all residues contributing to glucose binding in stick representation. Glucose is shown in space filling model (black and red), and the C6 is oriented to the back. The 3D images were created with PyMOL (2).

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Fig. S4. Protein sequence alignment of different sugar transporters. Transporters mentioned in the main text and additionally further xylose transporters found to be functional in S. cerevisiae (1) were aligned using the PRALINE multiple sequence alignment server (2). Transporters aligned are Saccharomyces cerevisiae Gal2, Hxt7, and Hxt5, Escherichia coli XylE, Staphylococcus epidermidis GlcP_{SE}, Homo sapiens GLUT1 and GLUT2, Candida intermedia Gxs1 and Gxf1, Scheffersomyces stipitis Xut1 and Xut3, and Debaryomyces hansenii xylHP. Transporters not able to transport xylose are marked by asterisks. Transmembrane helices refer to XylE (as adapted from the supporting information of ref. 3). The numbering above refers to the Gal2 sequence. Important residues are boxed, and black symbols indicate their contribution to binding of xylose and glucose (triangle) or glucose only (square), referring to Sun et al. (3). Contribution of F350 (diamond) to glucose binding was inferred from the Gal2 homology model. Green squares indicate the two identified amino acid positions T219/213 and N370/376 in Gal2 and Hxt7, respectively. Similarities of residues are indicated in blue. The figure was created with ALINE software (4).

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Fig. S5. Sugar coordination of XylE and Gal2. (A) Schematic map of glucose coordination in XylE. The residues of the XylE crystal structure (PDB ID code 4GBZ) forming hydrogen bonds (blue) or hydrophobic contacts (red) with β-D-glucose are shown, and the corresponding amino acids of Gal2 are indicated below. The water molecules are omitted for clarity. Conserved residues are indicated in bold. The Gal2 positions that were subjected to site-directed mutagenesis are marked by asterisks. (B) A 3D model of the coordination of glucose in the XylE crystal structure (Left) and the Gal2 homology model (Right). Only TM2, which does not contribute to sugar binding, is omitted for better view of the binding pocket. Residues participating in xylose and glucose binding are indicated in cyan, and residues that exclusively bind to glucose are indicated in salmon. The two identified amino acid positions T219 and N376 in Gal2 and their homologs in XylE (I172 and N325, respectively) are shown in green. The Gal2 positions that were subjected to site-directed mutagenesis are marked by asterisks.

Table S1. Growth of EBY.VW4000 (glucose) and AFY10X (xylose and xylose–glucose mixtures) overexpressing individual Gal2 mutants

Growth was compared with the Gal2 wild type. Growth comparable with the wild type is denoted as $(+++)$, weaker growth with $(+)$ or $(+)$, and no growth as (—).

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Table S4. Primers used in this work

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*Sequences that are homologous to target sequences (for recombinatorial cloning or genomic deletion/integration) are printed in bold; the mutated codon in primers for site-directed mutagenesis is underlined.

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