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One-shot $^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$ -metabolic flux analysis for simultaneous quantification of carbon and nitrogen flux

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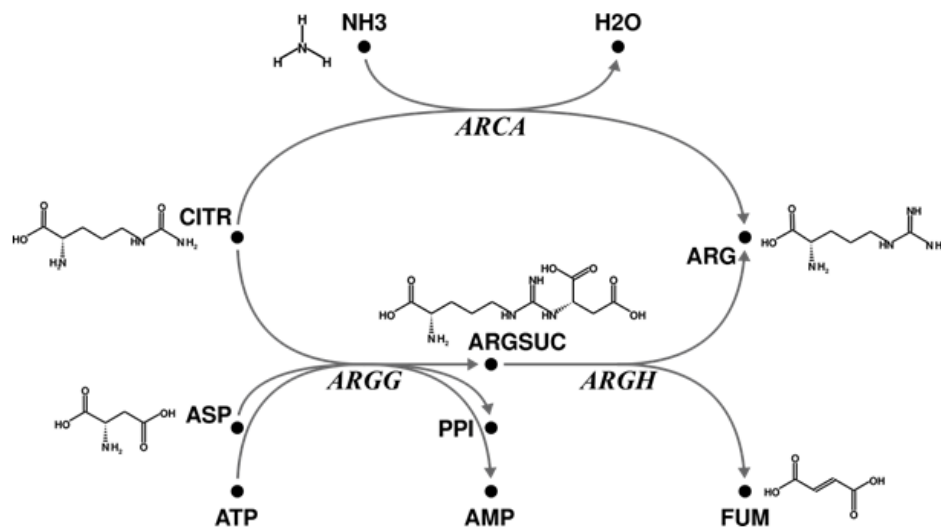
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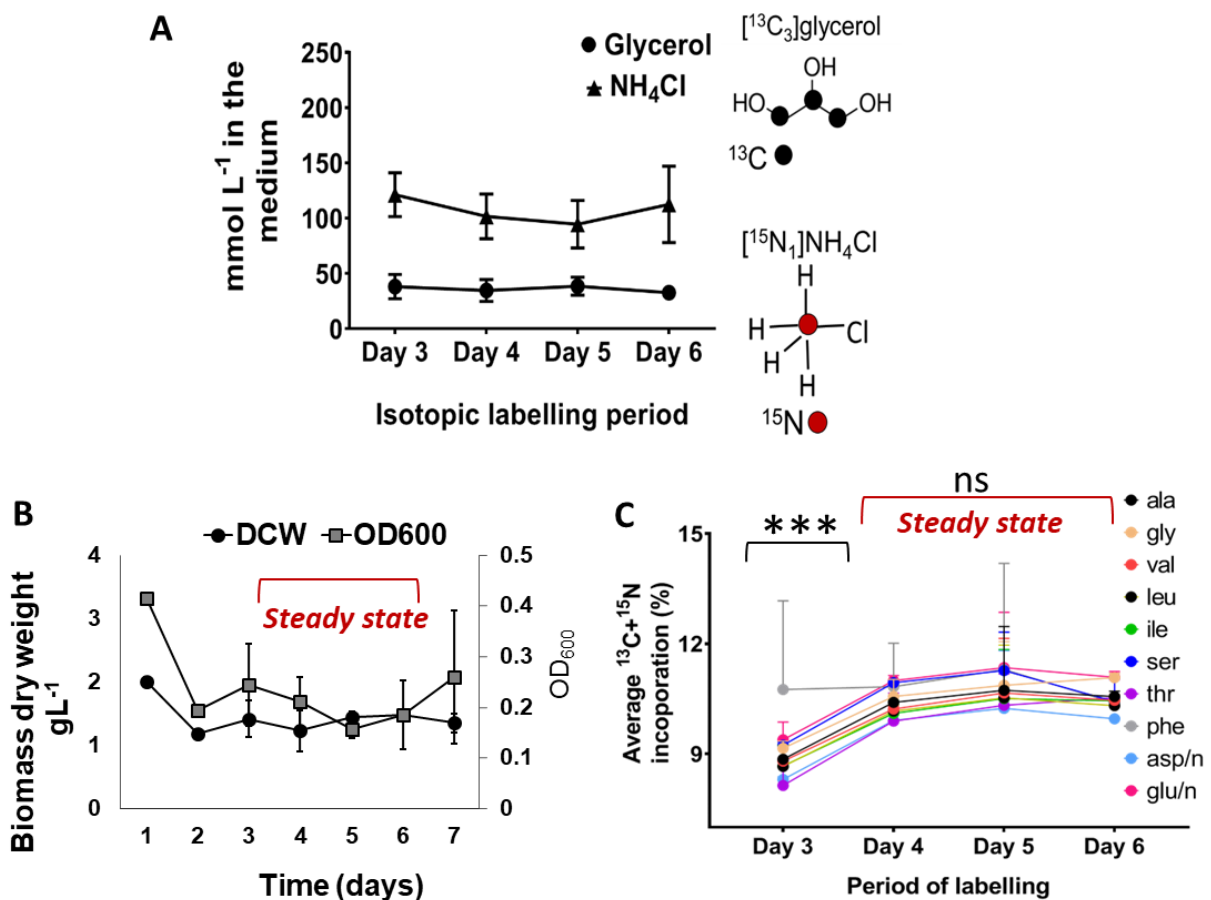
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Appendix Figure S1. Metabolic network showing carbon and nitrogen metabolism.

Pathways show the last bifurcated step of the arginine biosynthesis, according to the genome-scale metabolic model sMTB2.0 (López-Agudelo *et al*, 2020). Citrulline is aminated either by free nitrogen to form arginine (arginine deiminase, ARCA), or aspartate is acting as nitrogen donor and arginine is formed via a two-step reaction with the intermediate argininosuccinate (argininosuccinate synthase (ARGG) and argininosuccinate lyase (ARGH)). Because the carbon backbone is the same for both branches, ¹³C labelling alone is not able to resolve the fluxes of either of these pathways.



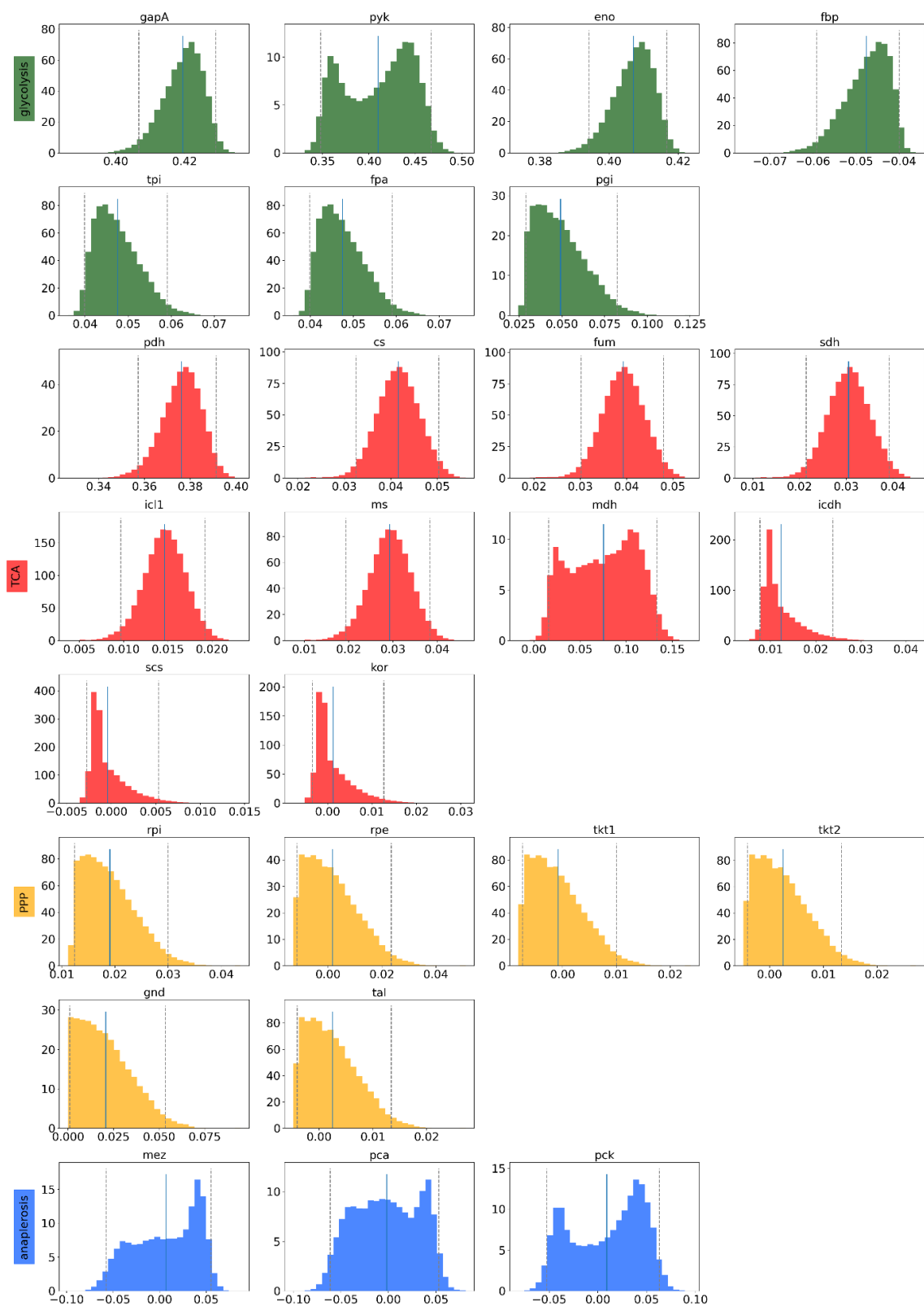
Appendix Figure S2. ¹³C¹⁵N co-labelling of BCG in a chemostat.

(A) Substrate concentration during the steady state growth of BCG.

(B) Metabolic steady state. Cultures were grown in [¹³C₃]glycerol and [¹⁵N₁]NH₄Cl isotopic substrates at a growth rate of 0.03h⁻¹. Cultures were harvested for dry cell weight and OD₆₀₀ measurement over the labelling feed period of 7 days.

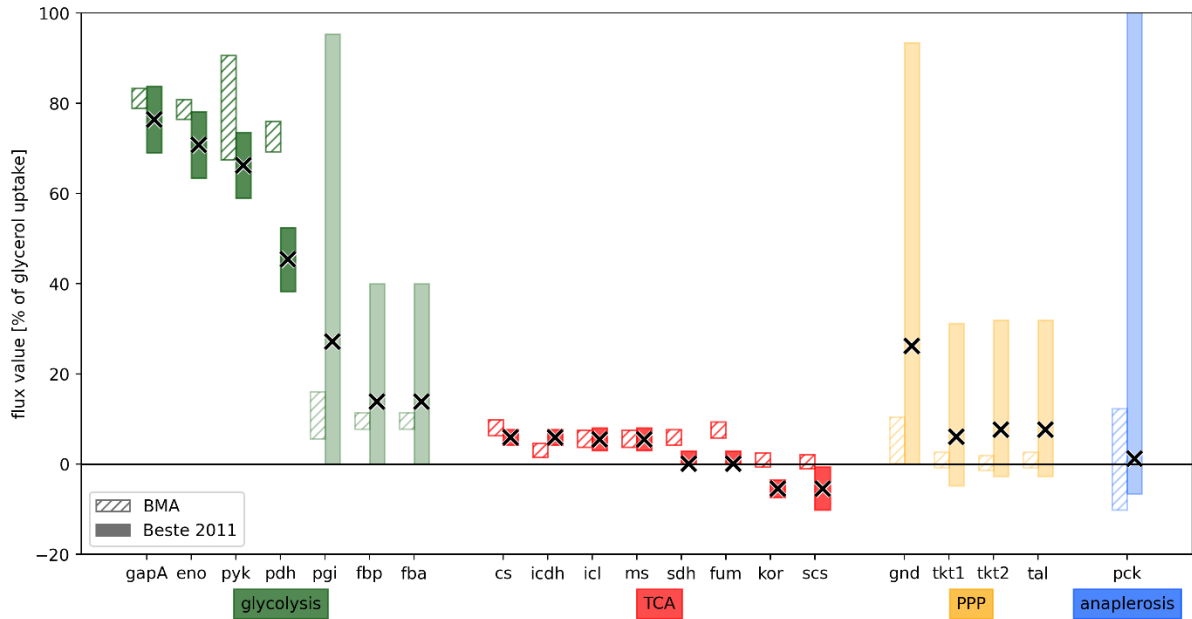
(C) Isotopic steady state. Average ¹³C+¹⁵N incorporation (%) in 10 amino acids was measured using GC-MS and was compared between the combinations of (Day 3, Day 4), (Day 4, Day 5), (Day 5, Day 6) using unpaired, parametric two-tailed t test with Welch's correction; ***, p < 0.0005; ns, not significant. Multiple t-tests comparing the CN % in each amino acids over four day labelling period showed significantly different measurements of ala (alanine), gly (glycine), ser (serine), thr (threonine), val (valine), leu (leucine), ile (isoleucine), asp/n (aspartate/asparagine), glu/n (glutamate/glutamine) and phe (phenylalanine) in day 3 vs. Day 4. Measurements in Day 3 were significantly different to Day 4, indicating non-steady state isotopic labelling period. Measurements from Day 4 through to Day 6 were no significantly different, indicating steady-state isotopic labelling.

Data information: Values are mean ± s.d. of two independent chemostat cultures and 3-8 replicate measurements.



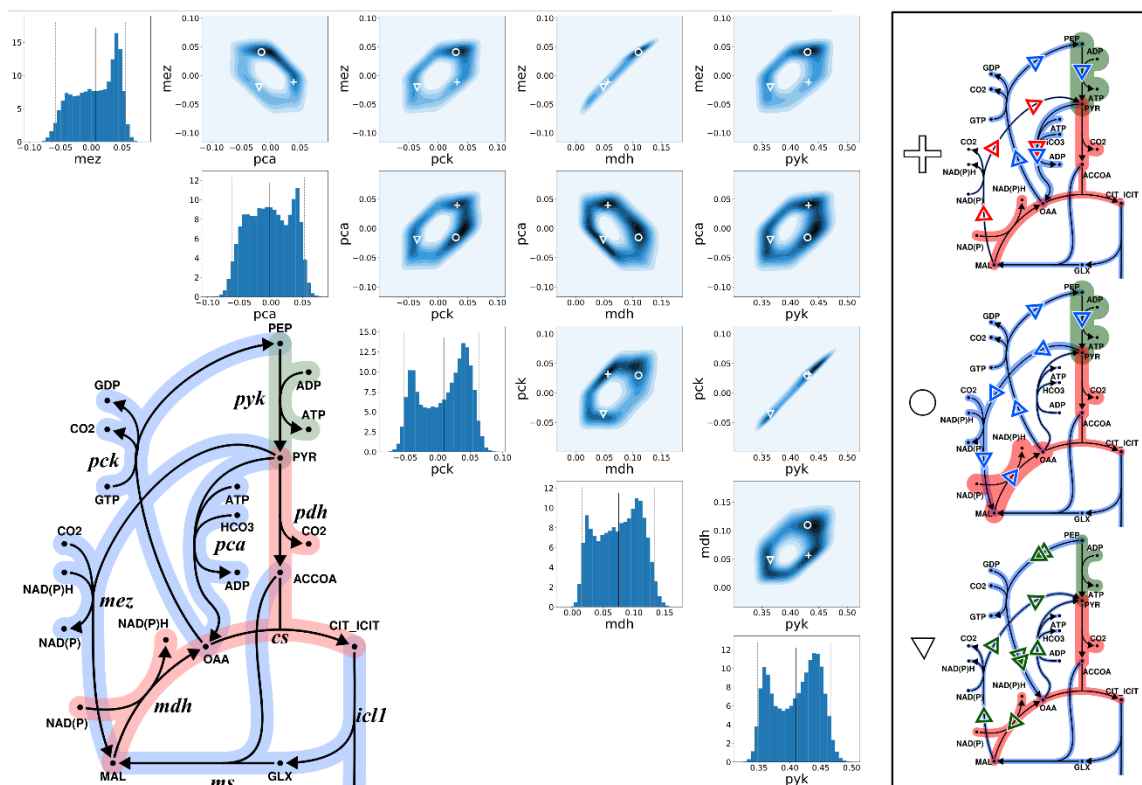
Appendix Figure S3. **Marginal posterior probability density distributions of intracellular net fluxes.**

Dashed lines indicate upper and lower bounds of the 95% credible intervals, and the vertical solid line the expected value. Flux values are given in $\text{mmol g biomass}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. Colors are chosen according to the pathway colorings in Figures 1, 3 and 4 in the main text.



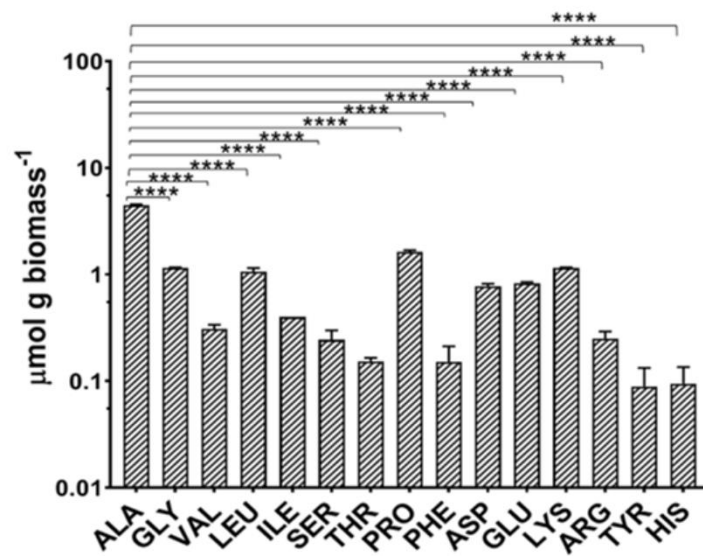
Appendix Figure S4. **Comparison of net carbon fluxes derived with $^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$ -MFA (BMA, this work) and ^{13}C -MFA (Beste *et al.*, 2011).**

95% credible intervals (CrI) derived using $^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$ -MFA of central carbon fluxes are shown in shaded bars. Best-fit carbon fluxes derived using ^{13}C -MFA (indicated by the symbol “x”) and their associated 95% confidence intervals (CoI, Fisherian standard deviations) are shown in solid bars. Notice that in the study of Beste *et al.* (2011) several fluxes were either fixed to their best-fit value prior statistical analysis, therewith lacking CoIs, or were lumped, making a direct comparison impossible. For the previously fixed fluxes the stoichiometric bounds are shown in lighter shade (*pgi*, *fbp*, *fba*, *gnd*, *tkt1*, *tkt2*, *tal*, *pck*). Colors are chosen according to the pathway colorings in Figures 1, 3, and 4 in the main text. Differences in profiles occur in fluxes of lower glycolysis (*gapA*, *eno*, *pyk*, *pdh*). Differences in fluxes of *pdh* are explained by the uptake of oleic acid in Beste *et al.* (2011).

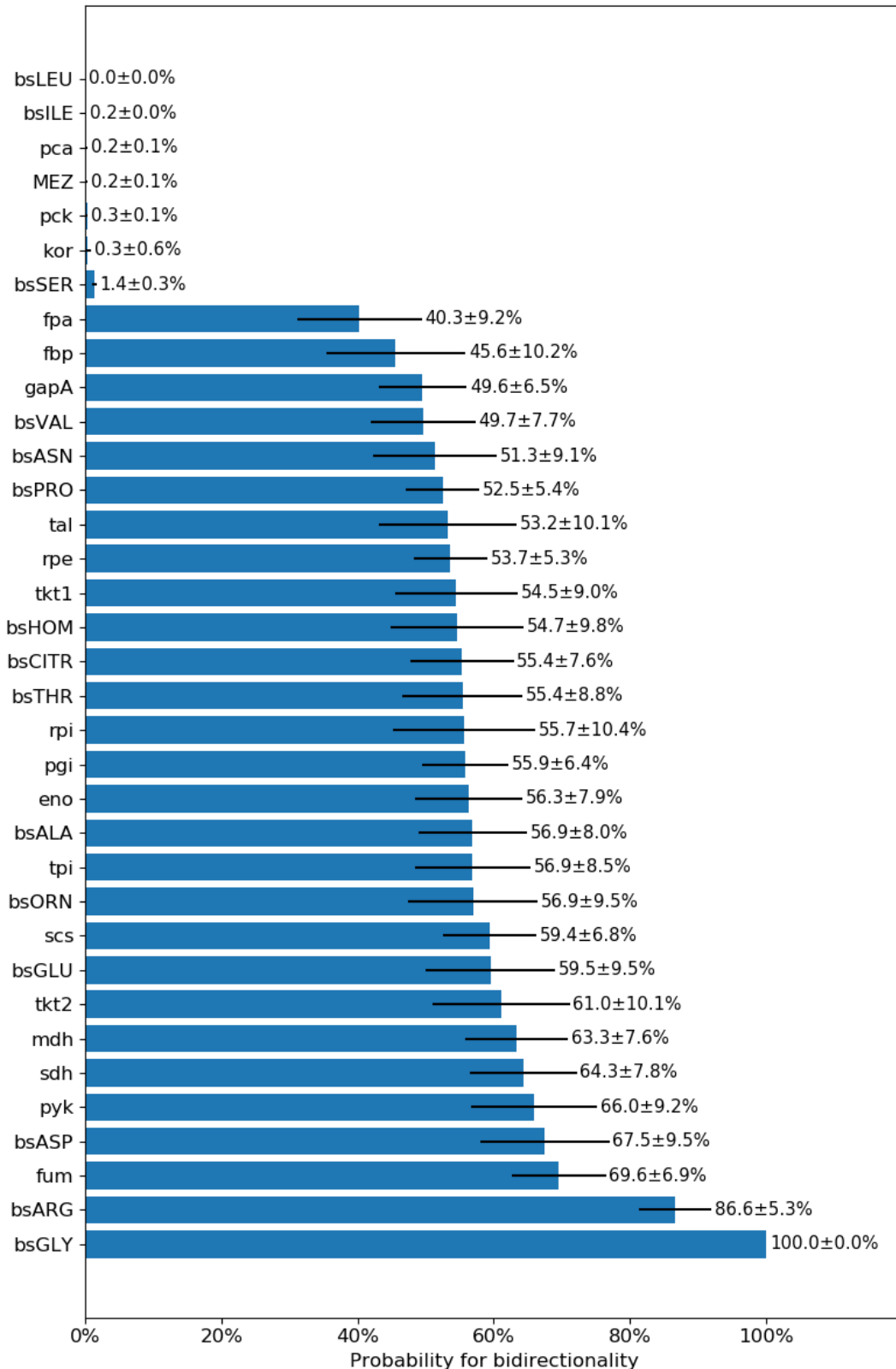


Appendix Figure S5. Marginal 1D and 2D posterior probabilities and modes of fluxes of the anaplerotic node.

Metabolic network of the anaplerotic node. Diagonal entries represent 1D posterior probability distributions, off-diagonal entries represent pairwise 2D posterior probability distributions. The 2D posterior distributions can be grouped into three categories: (1) strong linear correlation for *mez* vs *mdh* and *pck* vs *pyk*; (2) a dual positive coupling for the flux pairs *mez* vs *pck*, *mez* vs *pyk*, *pca* vs *pck*, *pca* vs *pyk*, *pck* vs *mdh* and *mdh* vs *pyk*; and (3) a dual negative coupling for *mez* vs *pca* and *pca* vs *mdh*. Fluxes are given in $\text{mmol g biomass}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. To better understand the complex coupling of the anaplerotic fluxes, we picked three different likely operational modes, indicated by the symbols (+, □, △). The corresponding flux maps are shown on the right. Roughly, case “+” consists of two parts: the blue arrows show a futile cycle involving *pyk*, *pca* and *pck*, whereas the red arrows show a bypass of *mdh* via *mez* (against the nominal direction) and *pca*. Case “□” represents a futile cycle consisting of *pyk*, *mez*, *mdh* and *pck* as indicated by the blue arrows. Finally, case “△” as indicated by the green arrows consists of two parts, both bypassing *pyk*, either by *pca* and *pck* (both against their nominal direction), or via *pca*, *mdh* and *mez* (all against their nominal direction).

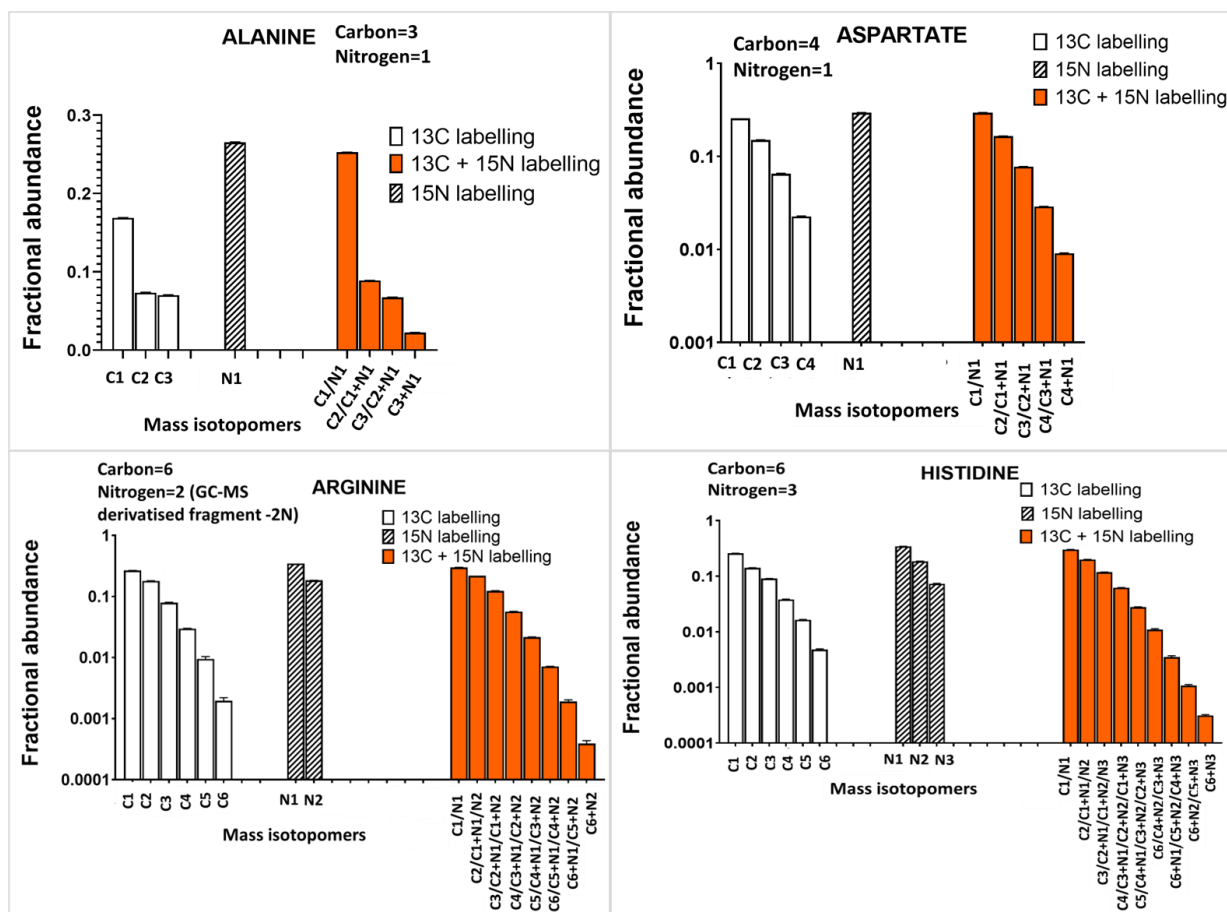


Appendix Figure S6. **Pool sizes of protein-derived amino acids in BCG chemostat cultures.** Values are \pm s.d. (n=12 measurements; 4 biological replicates, 3 technical replicate each). Statistical differences were identified using one way ANOVA and tukey's multiple comparisons test with $\alpha \leq 0.05$; ****, $p \leq 0.0001$.



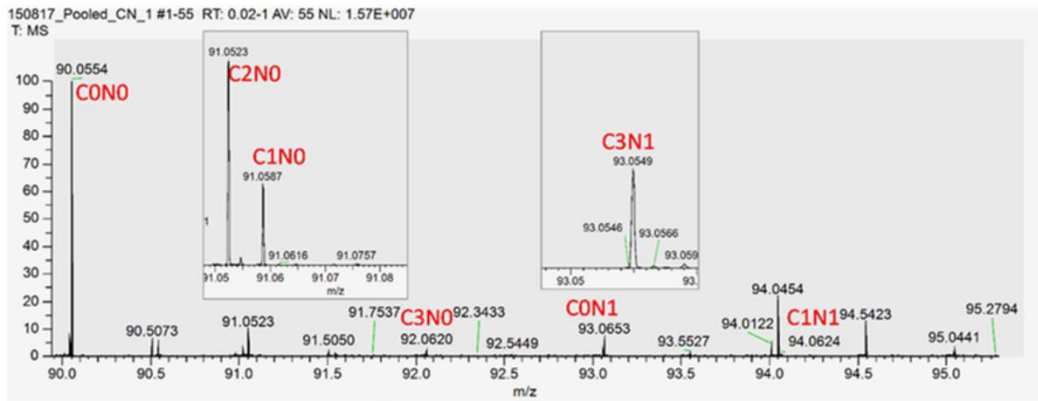
Appendix Figure S7. **Probability of reactions to be bidirectional.**

Bars represent the mean value of 10 independent chains. Standard deviations were derived from 10 replicate chains.



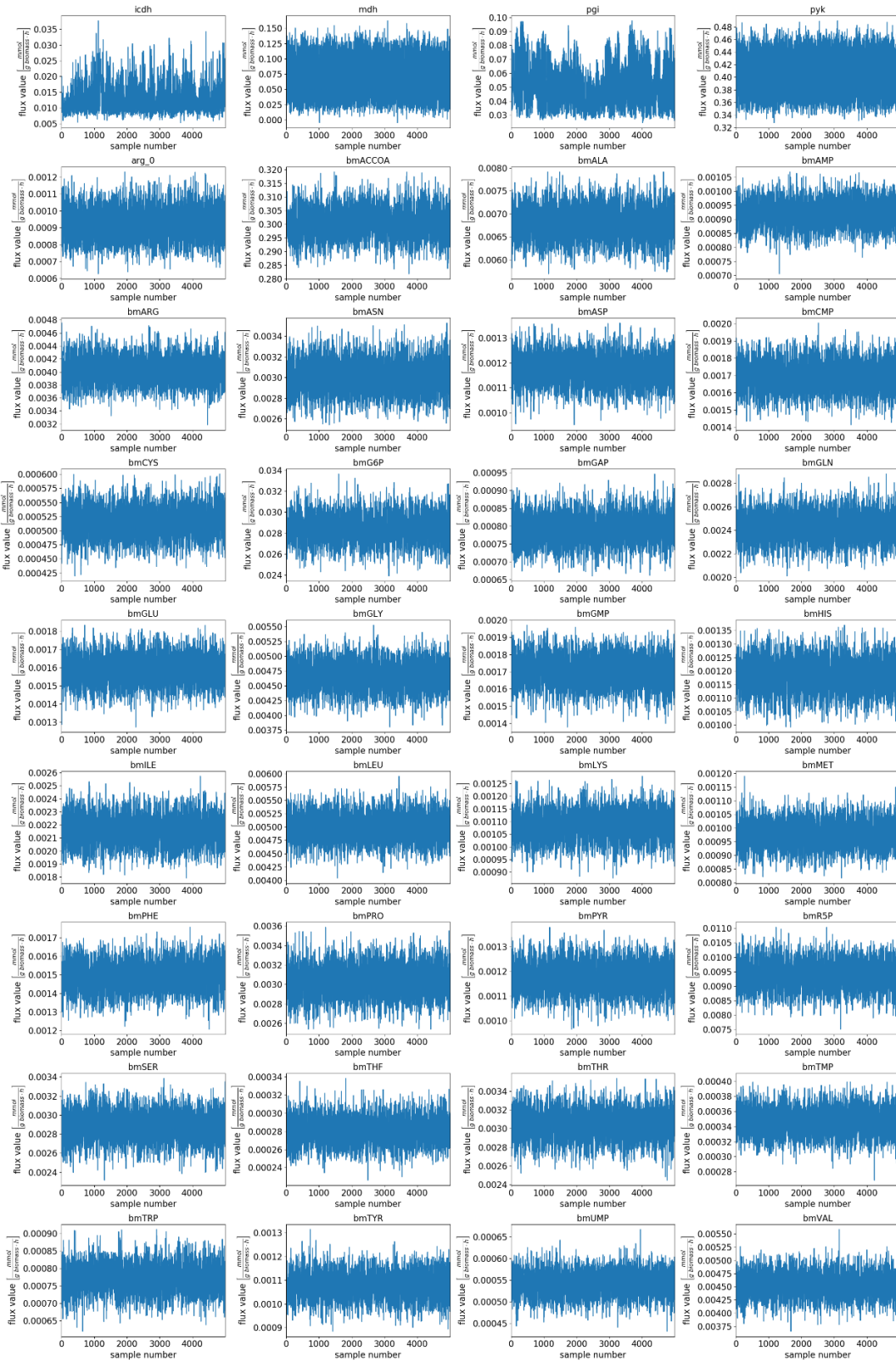
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Alanine C₃H₇NO₂

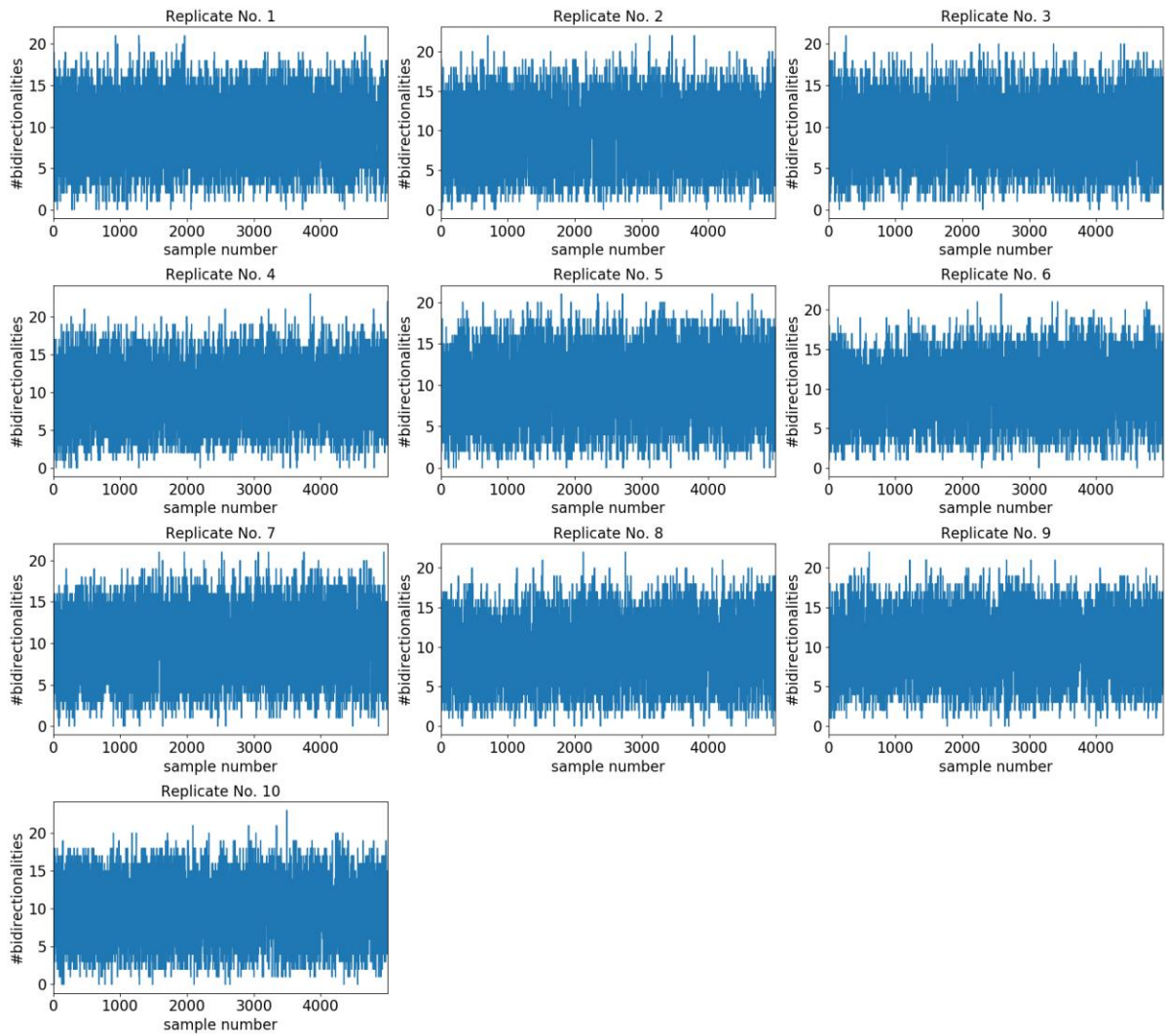


Appendix Figure S9. ¹³C¹⁵N labelling of alanine in *M. bovis* BCG chemostat cultures measured using orbitrap MS.

Seven mass isotopomers marked in the spectrum shows ¹³C and ¹⁵N incorporation in alanine. Mass isotopomers m/z 90.0554: C0N0 (unlabelled carbon and nitrogen); m/z 91.0587: C1N0 (one ¹³C and unlabelled nitrogen); m/z 91.0523: C2N0 (two ¹³C and unlabelled nitrogen); m/z 92.060: C3N0 (three ¹³C and unlabelled nitrogen); m/z 93.0653: C0N1 (unlabelled carbon and one ¹⁵N); m/z 94.0624: C1N1 (one ¹³C and one ¹⁵N); m/z 93.0549: C3N1 (three ¹³C and one ¹⁵N). Values are ± s.d. (n=3-4 measurements each from two independent chemostats).

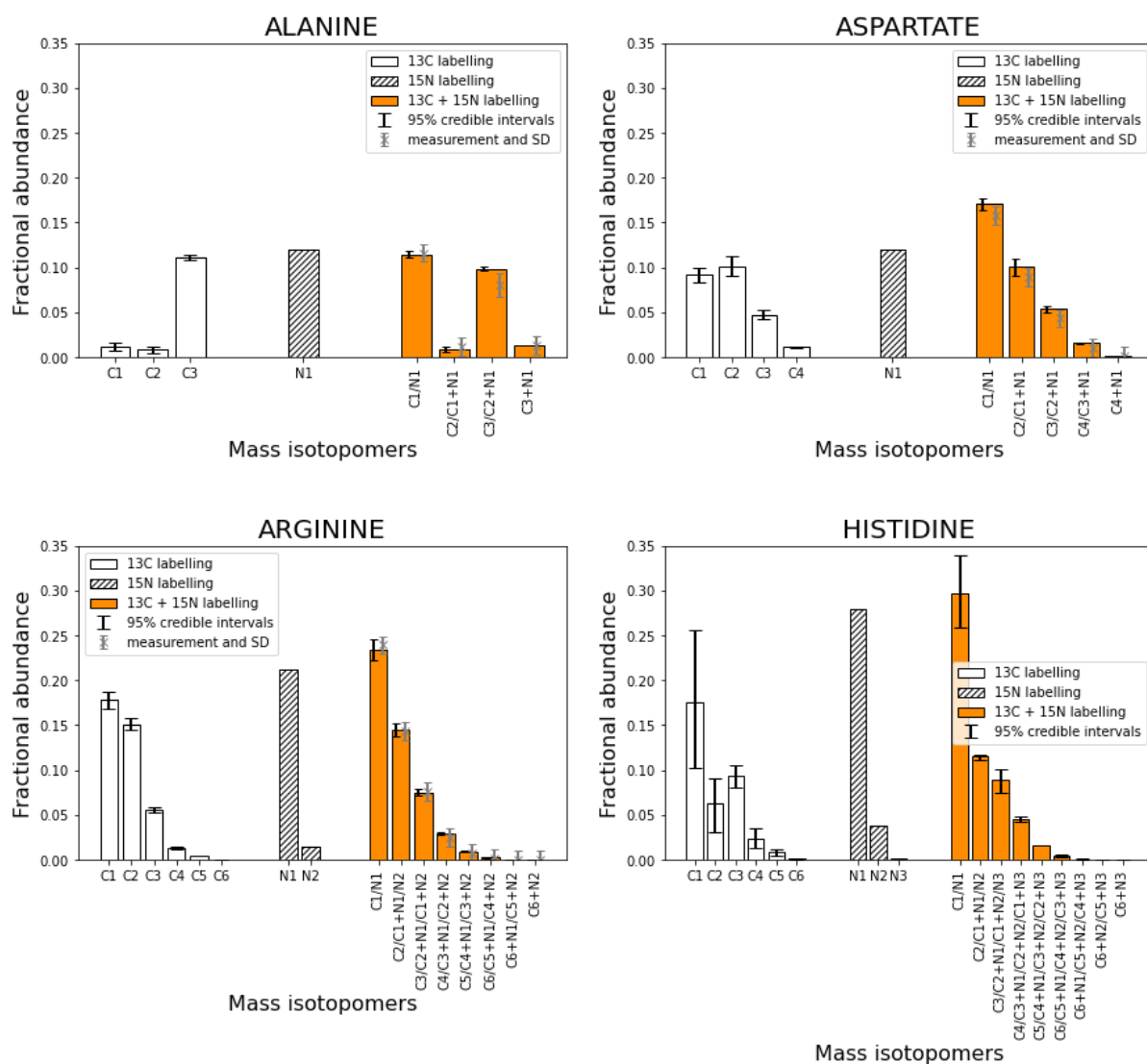


Appendix Figure S10. **Mixing plots of the free net fluxes (one representative replicate).** The MCMC algorithm is run for $1.5 \cdot 10^7$ iterations. The first $5 \cdot 10^6$ samples were treated as burn-in and were, therefore, discarded. Of the following 10^7 samples, each 2,000th sample was saved (thinning). This leads to 5,000 samples per MCMC replicate. The trace plots indicate proper mixing of the Markov chain in the flux space.



Appendix Figure S11. **Mixing plots in model space (all replicates).**

To certify that the replicates did not get stuck in different regions of model space, all replicates are shown. Per replicate, the number of bidirectionalities was quantified. Each subplot represents one independent MCMC run. The plots show that the sampler mixes well in the model space and that the mixing is very reproducible for all 10 replicate chains.



Appendix Figure S12. **Simulated mass isotopomer distributions.**

Mass isotopomers were simulated for amino acids alanine, serine, arginine and histidine obtained by sampling posterior distributions obtained from BMA-based $^{13}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$ -MFA at metabolic and isotopic stationarity for conditions (a) 12% [$^{13}\text{C}_3$] glycerol + 0% [$^{15}\text{N}_1$] ammonium chloride, (b) 0% [$^{13}\text{C}_3$] glycerol + 12% [$^{15}\text{N}_1$] ammonium chloride, and (c) 12% [$^{13}\text{C}_3$] glycerol + 12% [$^{15}\text{N}_1$] ammonium chloride. The value given represents the expected fractional enrichment, the error bars represent the 95% credible intervals. For the co-labelling strategy, observed data are given in addition.