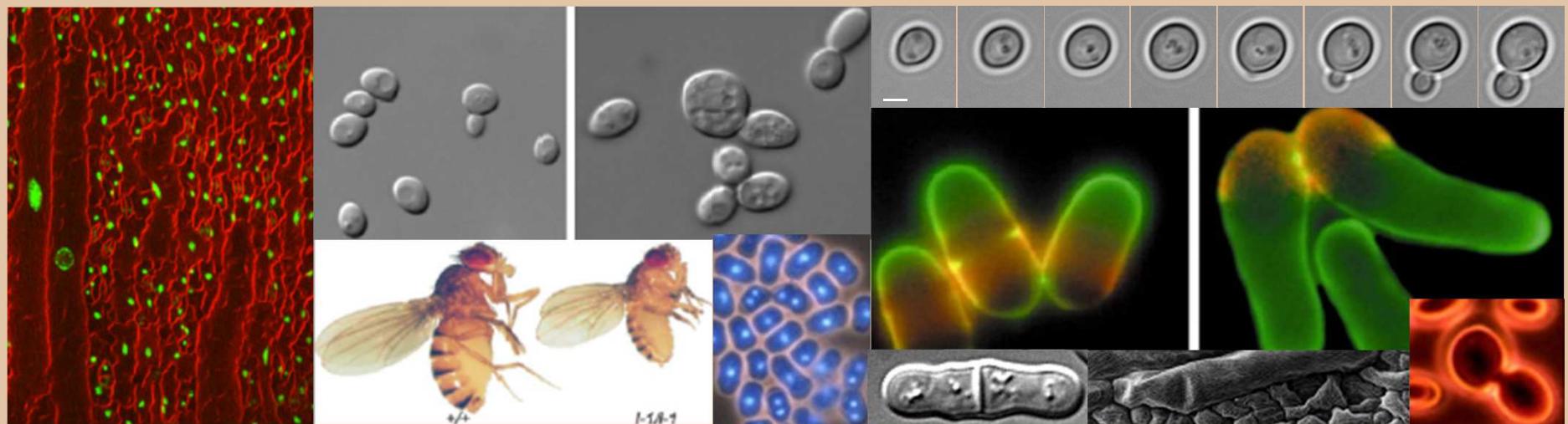


# MODELS AND EXPERIMENTS TO UNDERSTAND CELL SIZE CONTROL



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## How Does a Cell Know Its Size?



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### What determines cell size?

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# Cell size in eukaryotes

Current Biology, Vol. 14, R1014–R1027 December 14, 2004,

## How Cells Coordinate Growth and Division

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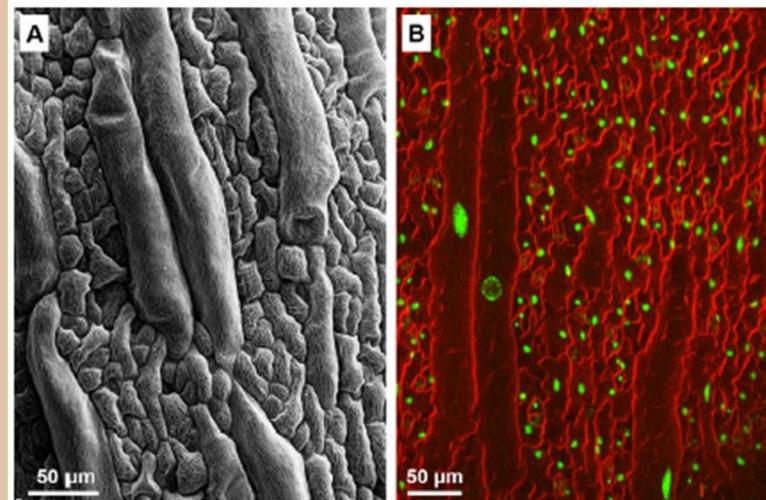
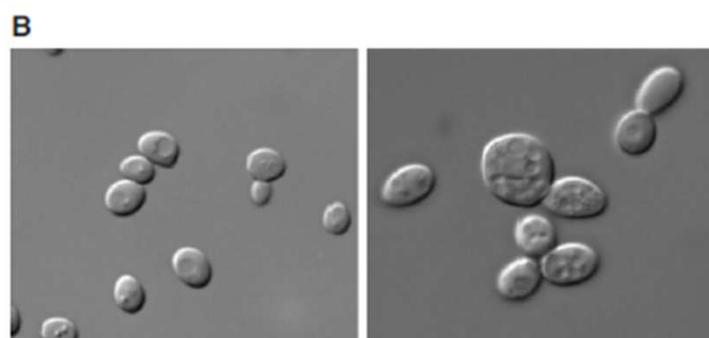
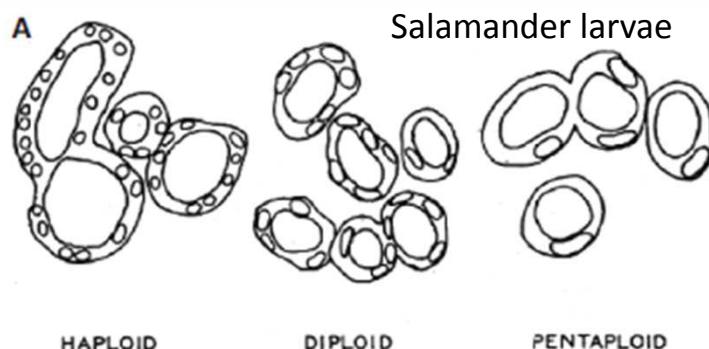
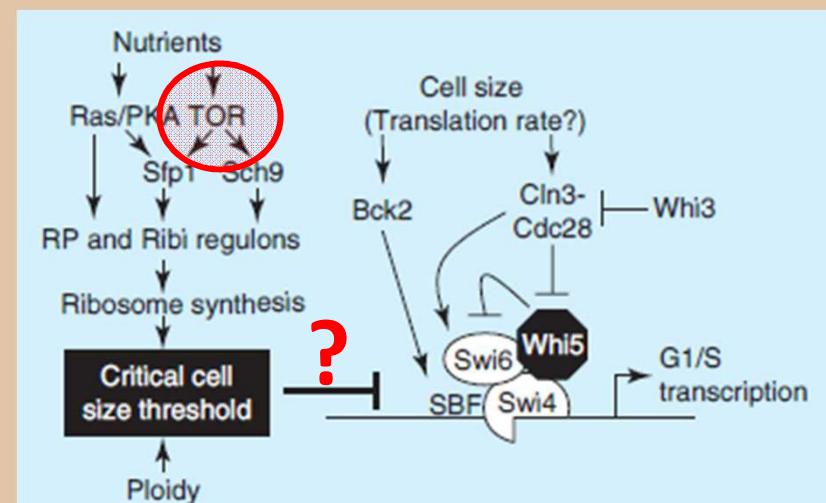


Figure 8. The diversity of cell sizes in the *Arabidopsis* sepal epidermis. (a) A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of the sepal

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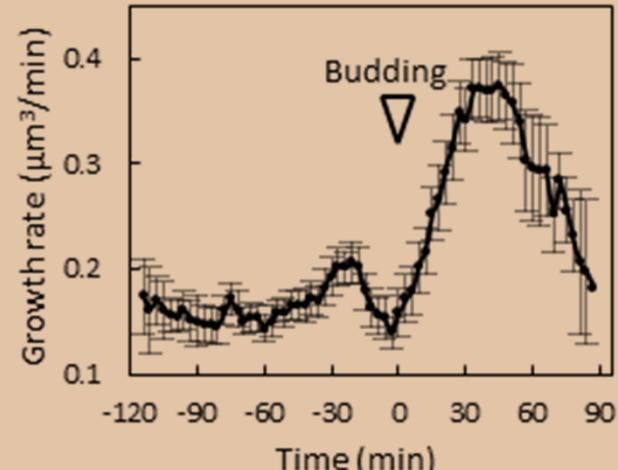
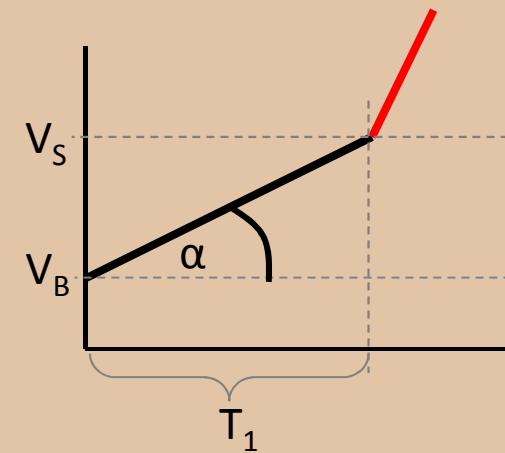
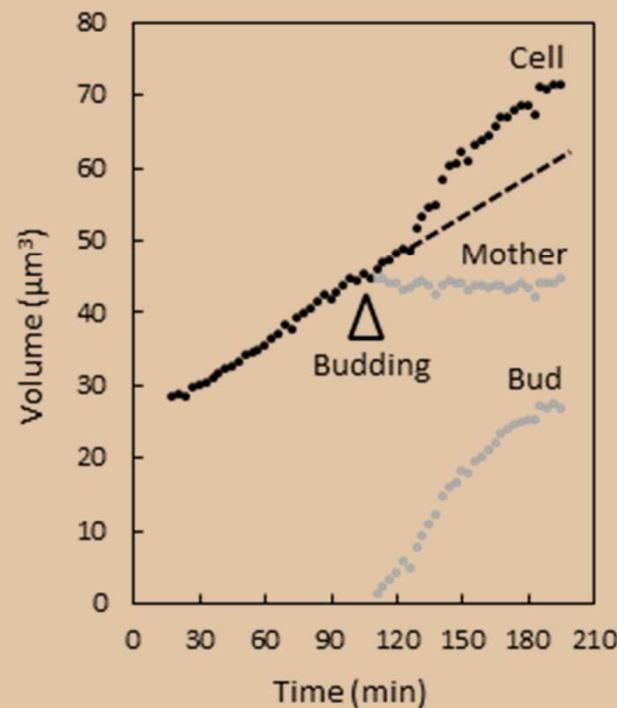
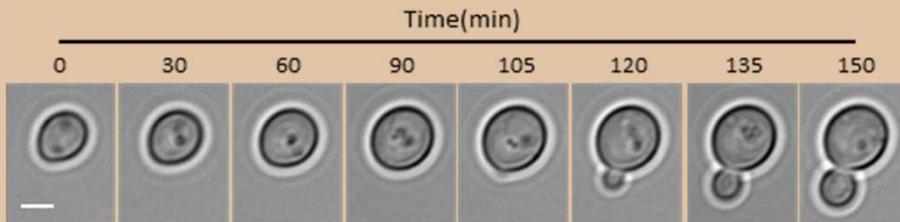
# Size control in budding yeast

The critical size is set at a single-cell level by growth rate to attain homeostasis and adaptation



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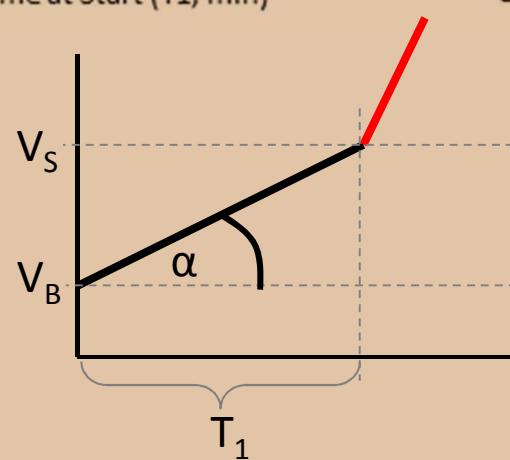
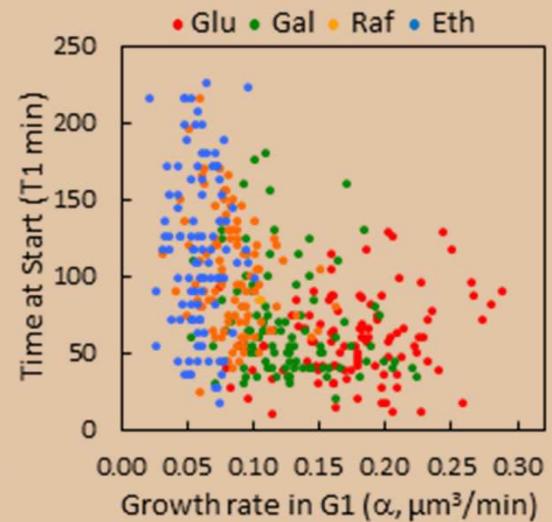
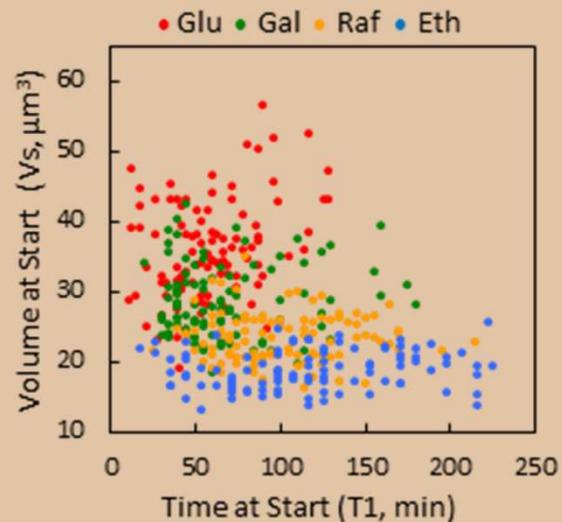
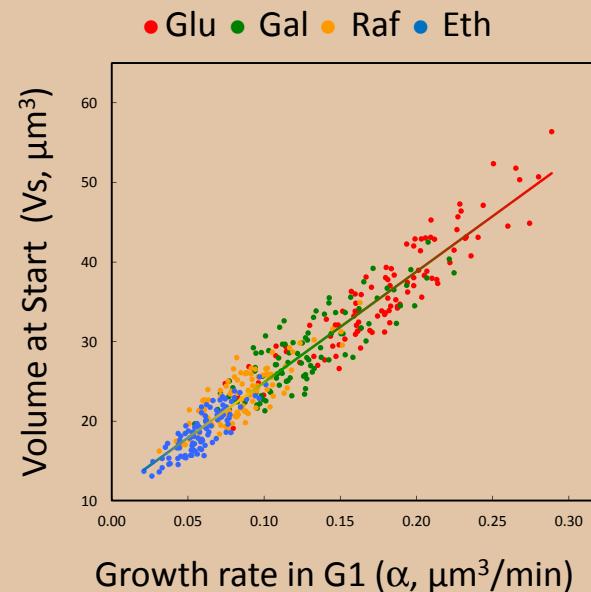


# Critical size depends on growth rate

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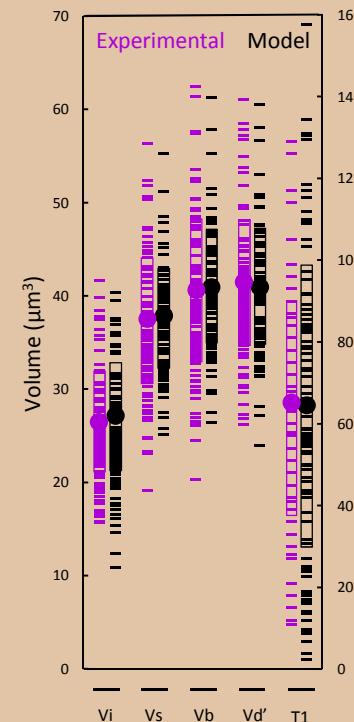
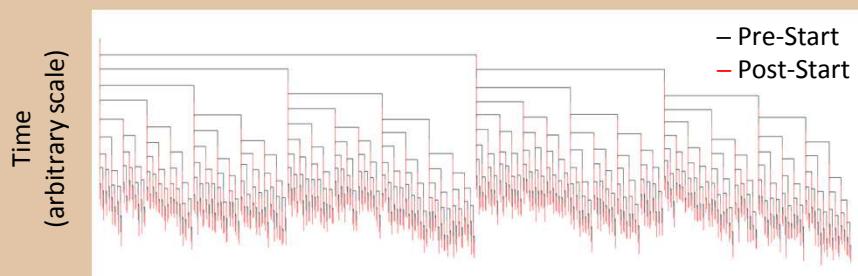
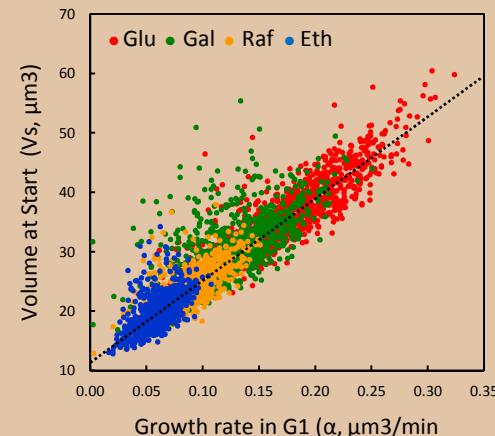
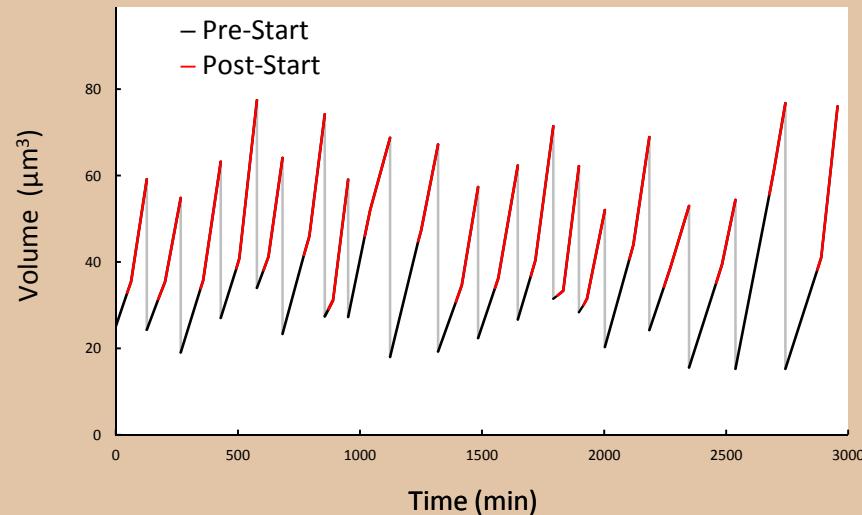
# Computational model matches experimental results

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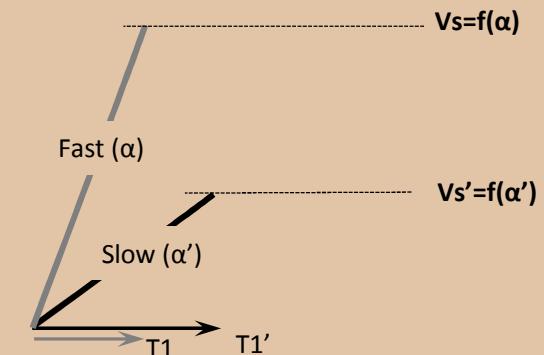
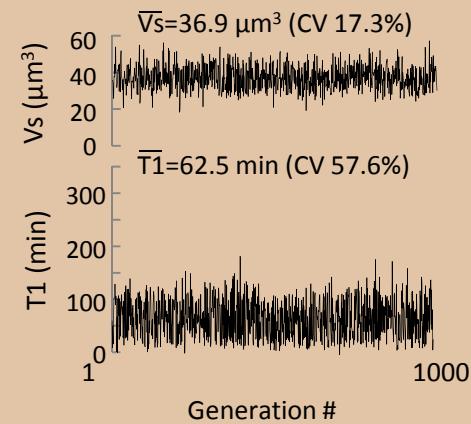
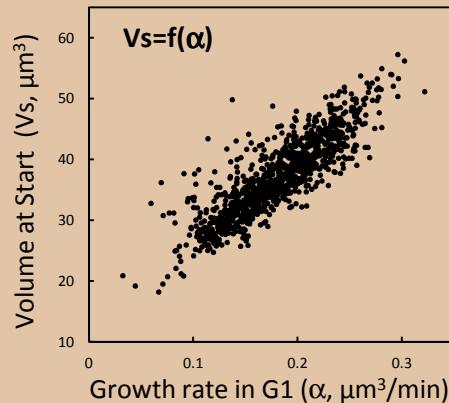
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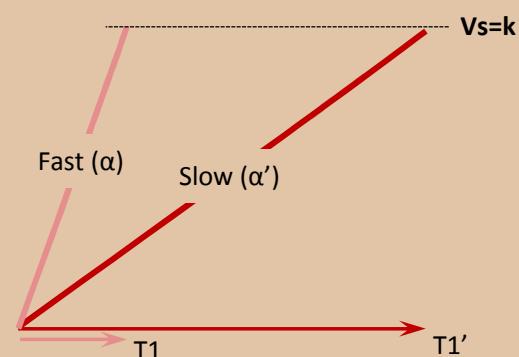
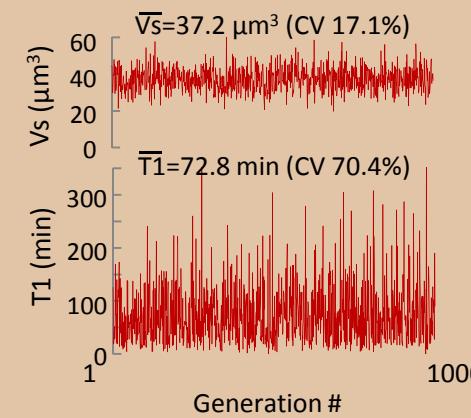
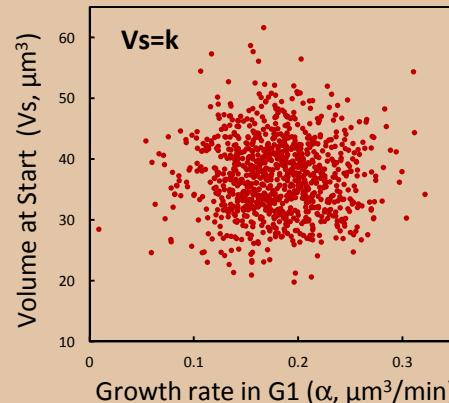


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## Growth rate dependent critical size



## Fixed critical size



# Size control perturbation in mutants

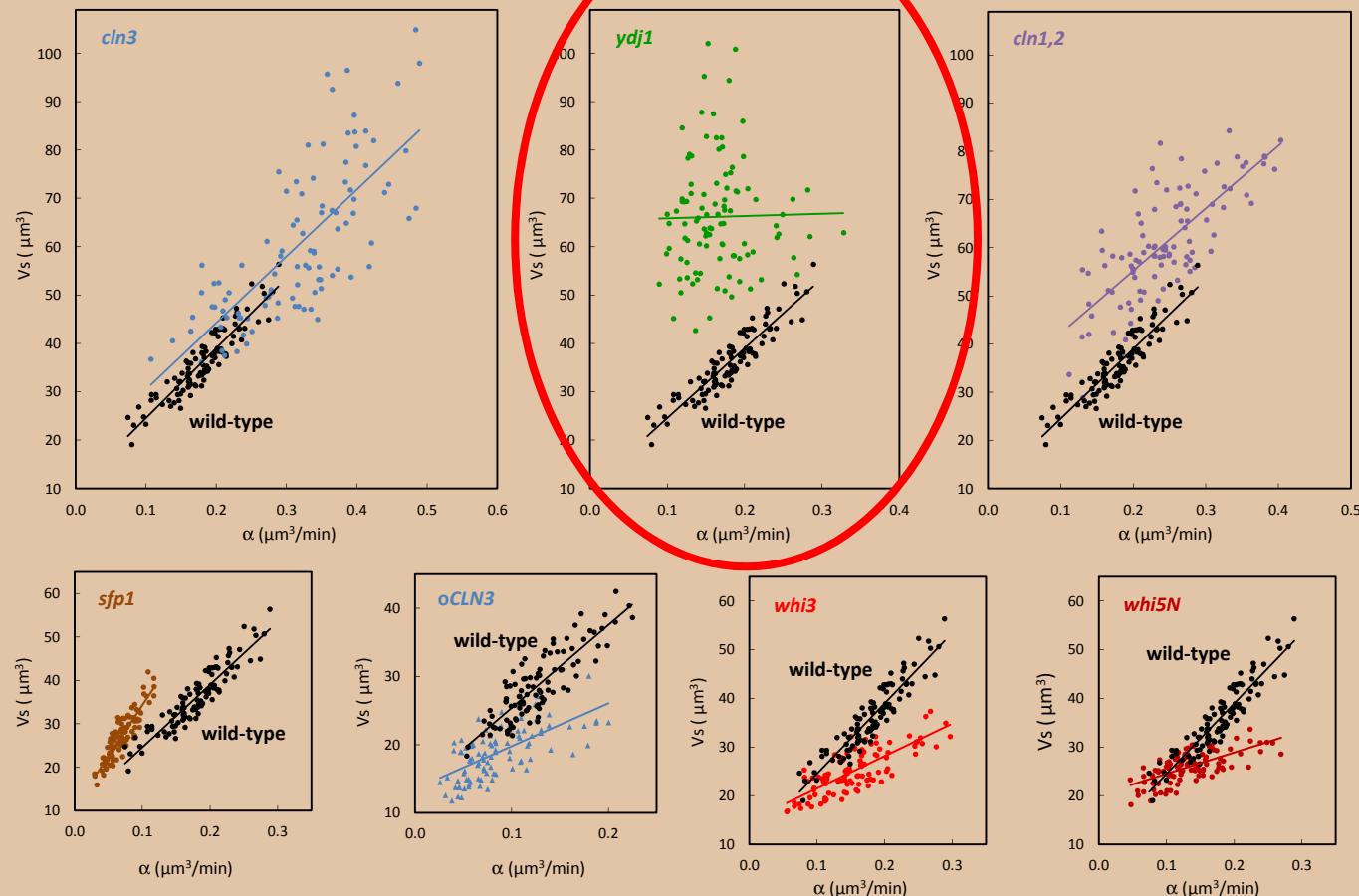
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chaperon

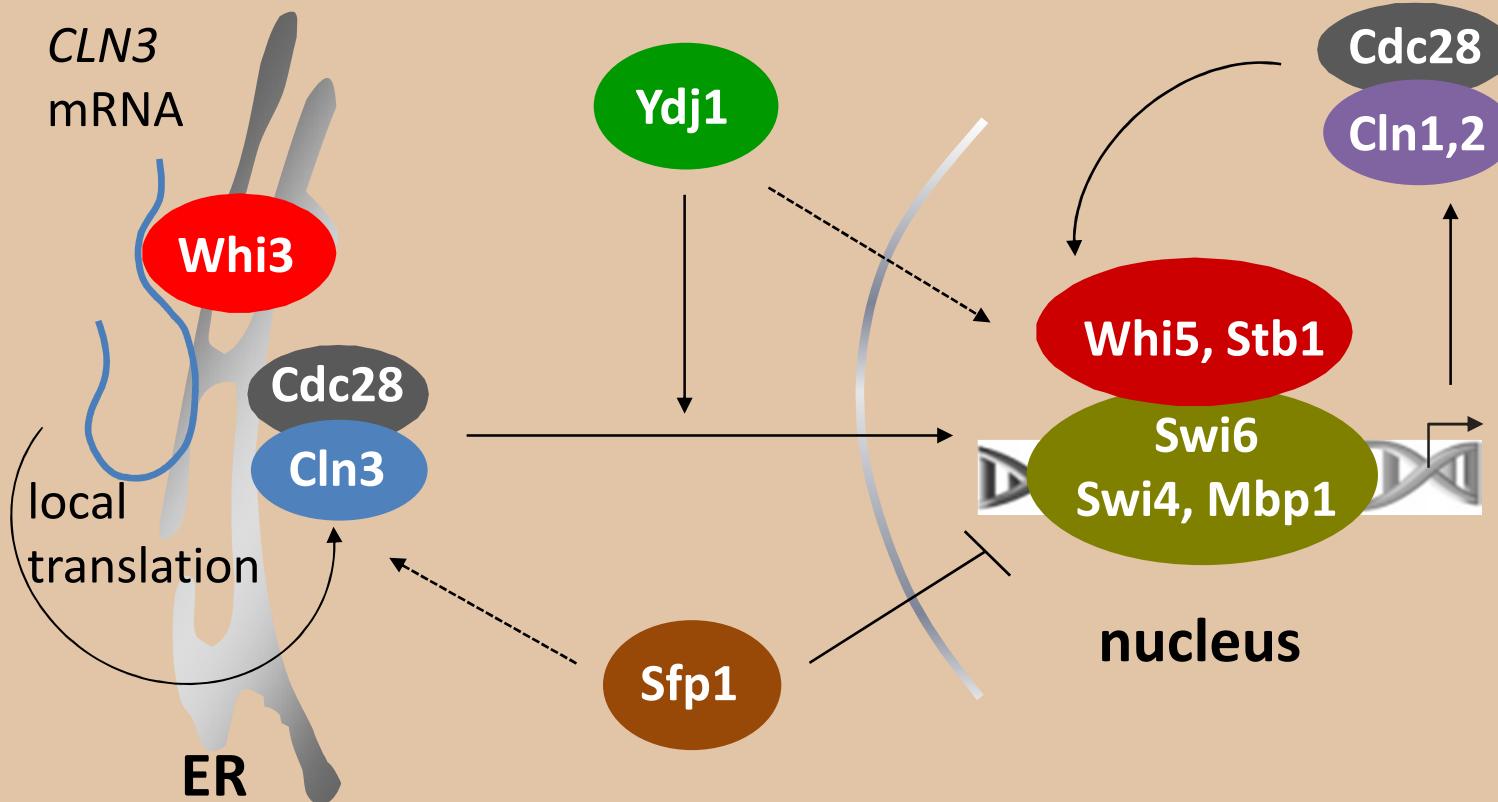


# Chaperons connects growth to cell size?

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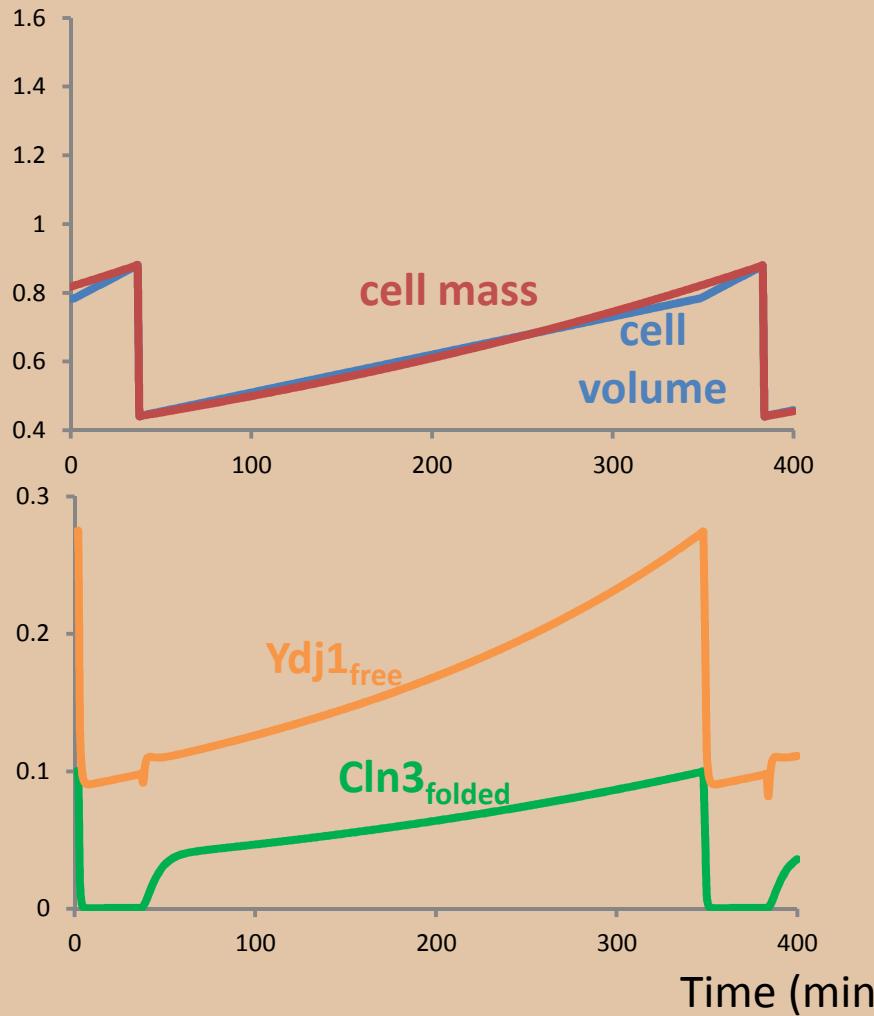
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# The 'speedometer' model

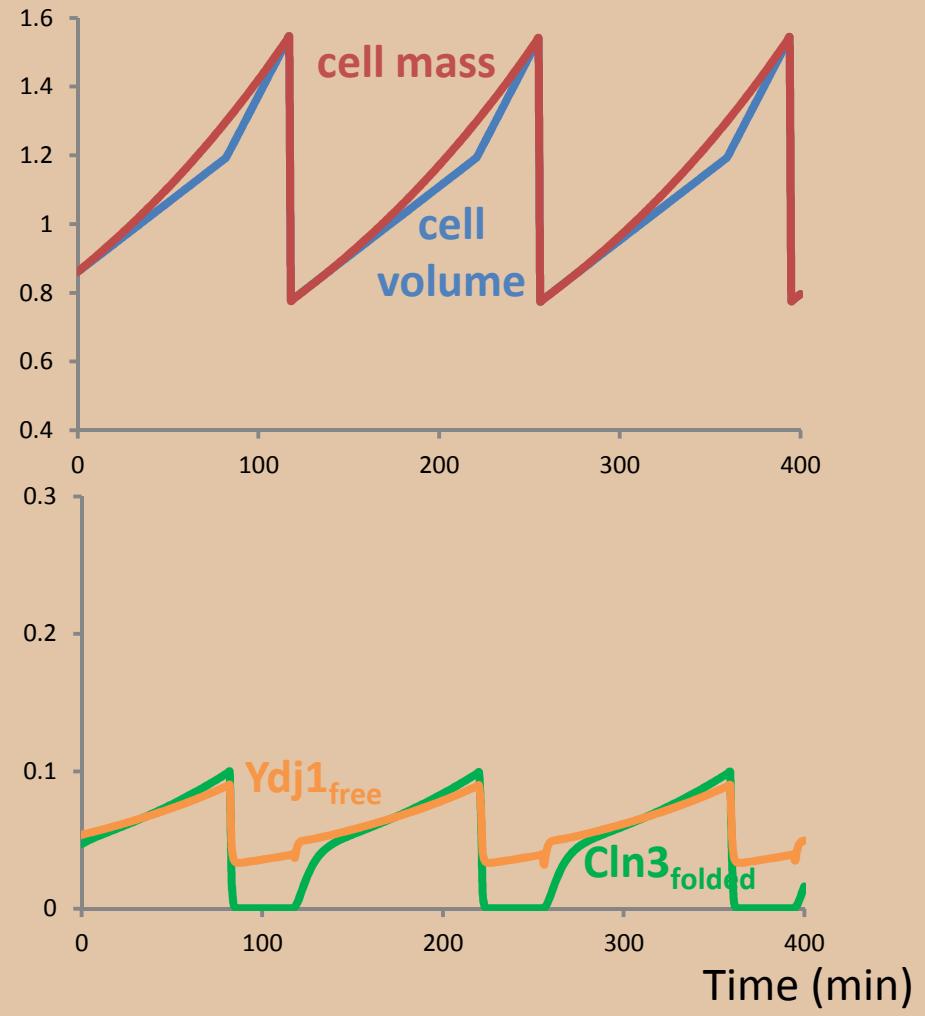
Mass doubling time: 350 min

$$\alpha = 0.0027$$

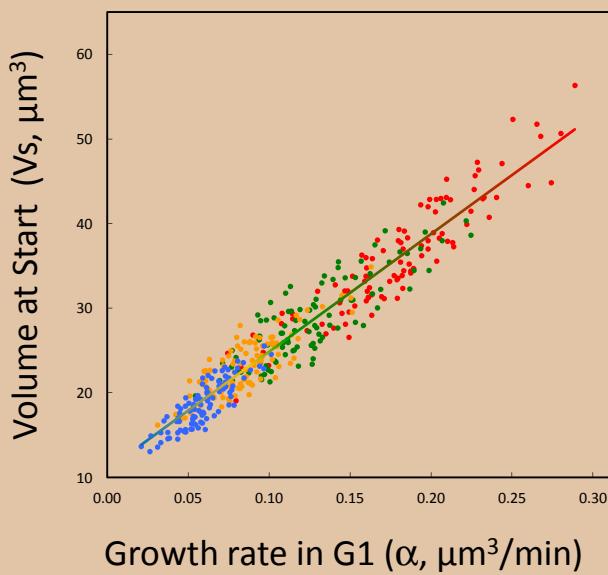
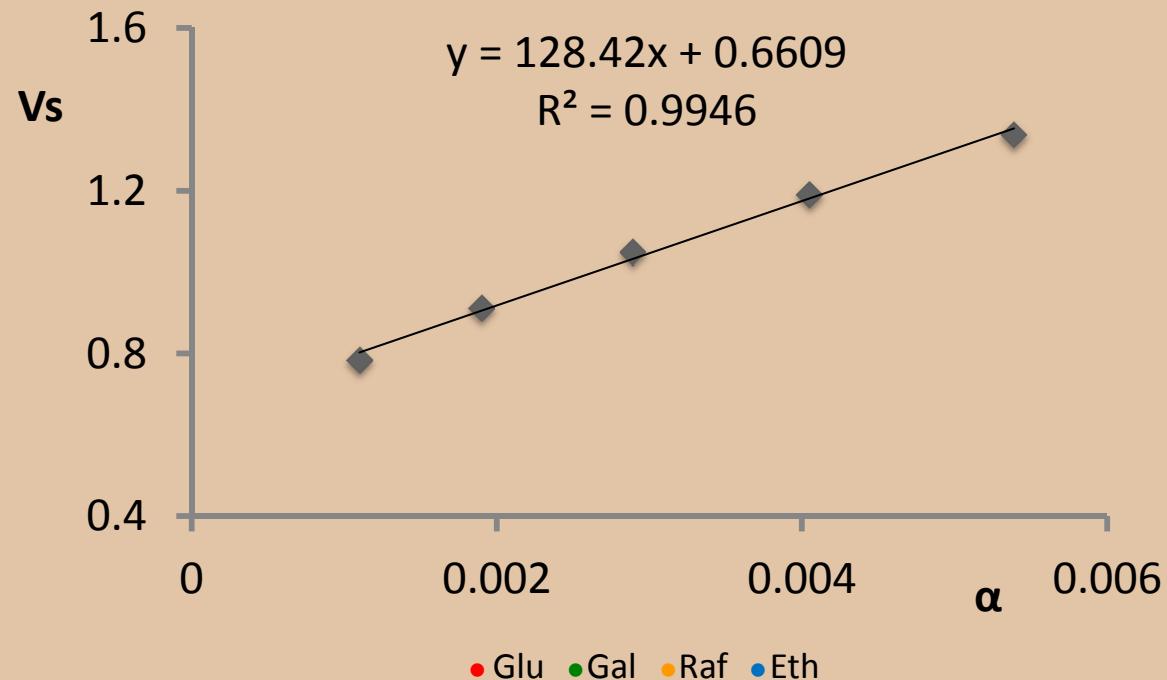


Mass doubling time: 140 min

$$\alpha = 0.004$$



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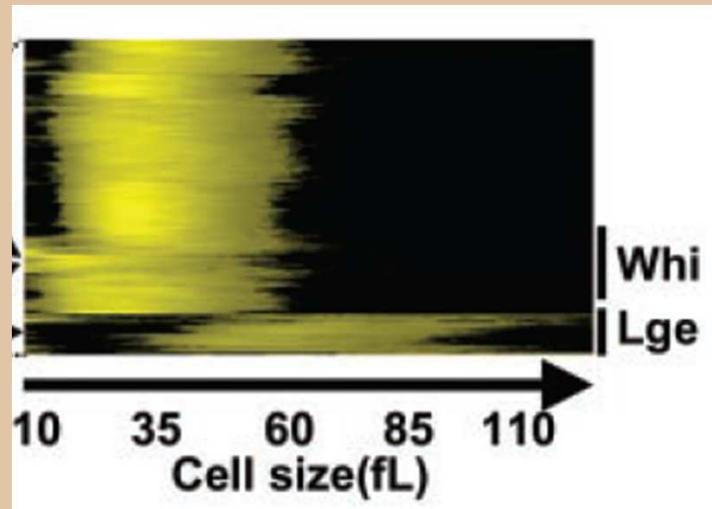
# Finding the conserved cell size regulatory pathways



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## Systematic Identification of Pathways That Couple Cell Growth and Division in Yeast

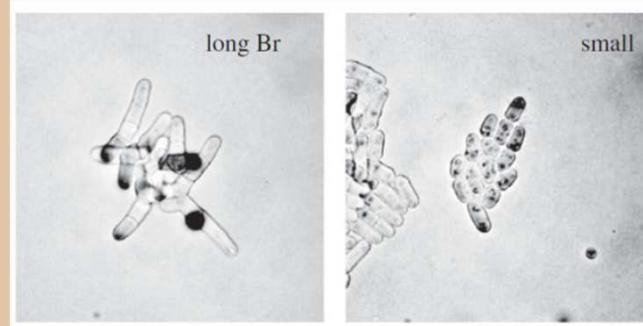
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## A genome-wide resource of cell cycle and cell shape genes of fission yeast

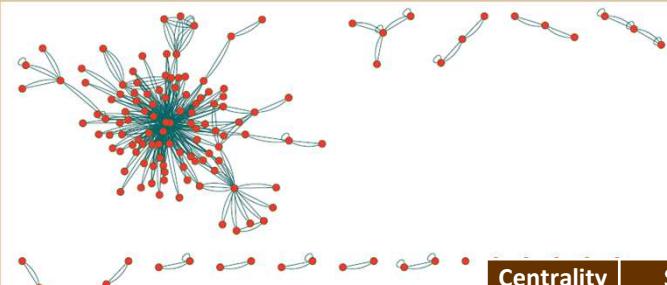
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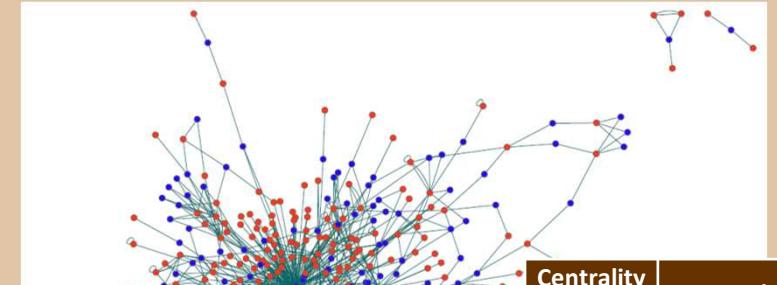
# Building and analyzing a network of size regulators

## *S. pombe* size mutants



Centrality rank	Size mutants
1	prp17
2	scd1
3	cbp1
4	slx8
5	spi1
6	wee1
7	bdf2
8	tea1
9	paa1
10	cid14
11	act1
12	rpb7
13	ssr3
14	cdc22
15	fib1
16	mto1
17	rpt5
18	adh1
19	cpc2
20	rpn11

## *S. pombe* size mutants + first neighbours



Centrality rank	Merged
1	lsk6
2	ter1
3	bdf2
4	hln4
5	tea1
6	hkv3
7	erm0
8	paa1
9	cbi11
10	cid14
11	ssr3
12	skv3
13	lcf2
14	prp17
15	cdc22
16	act1
17	hsq13
18	rpb5
19	cmh6
20	rpt5

## Linkers of Cell Polarity and Cell Cycle Regulation in the Fission Yeast Protein Interaction Network

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# Translating yeast data to other organisms

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YCR009C	RVC1C1	larger: Actin cytoskeleton	SPBC725.09c	hob3	long	PIN3	At4g17270
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YDL136W	RPL35B	smaller: Ribosomal subunits	SPCC613.05c	rpl35	spores	RPL35	At2g09990
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YOL004W	SIN3	larger: RNA Pol II complex	SPBC12C2.10c	pst1	long	SIN3A	At5g10960
YPL031C	PHO85	smaller: DNG Glycerol	SPCC16C4.11	pef1	misshapen	CDK5	At5g39840
YPR135W	POB1	larger: Cell cycle regulator	SPAPB1E7.02c	mcl1	long	WDHD1	At3g42660
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# Size control in *Arabidopsis* and apple



## Measuring at various time points:

- Size of leaves
- Size of floral ramp
- Root length
- Root diameter
- Size of siliques
- Number of seeds
- Size of seeds



Checking the expression of candidate genes in different size apple varieties to identify control on fruit size.

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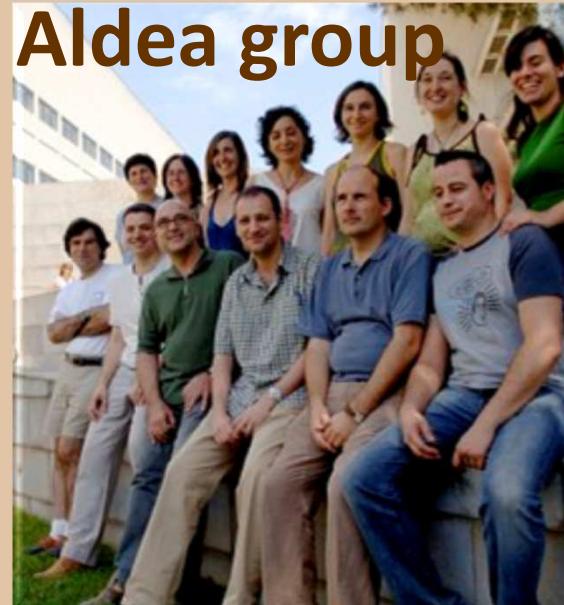
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