

Supplementary Information

Metabolic engineering of *Zymomonas mobilis* for high-gravity fermentation to co-produce bioethanol and fatty acids

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Table S1. CCD experiment to find the optimum fermentation conditions.

| Experiment No. | Coded setting values | | | Actual values | | | Experimental values for ethanol production (g/kg) |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|---|----------------------|---|
| | Hexose concentration (X_1) | Temperature (X_2) | Initial pH (X_3) | Hexose concentration ($X_1, \text{g/L}$) | Temperature ($X_2, {}^\circ\text{C}$) | Initial pH (X_3) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | -1.68 | 305 | 33 | 5.0 | 126.1 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 340 | 36 | 5.6 | 129.1 |
| 3 | 1.68 | 0 | 0 | 364 | 33 | 6.5 | 126.1 |
| 4 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 340 | 30 | 5.6 | 124.2 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 33 | 6.5 | 141.6 |
| 6 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 340 | 30 | 7.4 | 127.9 |
| 7 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 270 | 30 | 7.4 | 119.6 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.68 | 305 | 33 | 8.0 | 135.5 |
| 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 340 | 36 | 7.4 | 132.3 |
| 10 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 270 | 36 | 7.4 | 125.1 |
| 11 | 0 | -1.68 | 0 | 305 | 28 | 6.5 | 122.6 |
| 12 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 270 | 36 | 5.6 | 121.4 |
| 13 | 0 | 1.68 | 0 | 305 | 38 | 6.5 | 131.4 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 33 | 6.5 | 142.1 |
| 15 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 270 | 30 | 5.6 | 115.5 |
| 16 | -1.68 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 33 | 6.5 | 112.9 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 33 | 6.5 | 141.3 |

Results represent the mean of three experiments.

Table S2. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the CCD experiment on optimum fermentation conditions

| Source | Sum of squares | Degree of freedom | Mean square | F-value | P-value |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Model | 1201.76 | 9 | 133.53 | 237.98 | < 0.0001 (significant) |
| •Hexose concentration (X_1) | 214.31 | 1 | 214.31 | 381.95 | < 0.0001 |
| •Temperature (X_2) | 92.28 | 1 | 92.28 | 164.46 | < 0.0001 |
| •Initial pH (X_3) | 68.16 | 1 | 68.16 | 121.47 | < 0.0001 |
| • X_1^2 | 708.78 | 1 | 708.78 | 1263.2 | < 0.0001 |
| • X_2^2 | 313.99 | 1 | 313.99 | 559.6 | < 0.0001 |
| • X_3^2 | 174.47 | 1 | 174.47 | 310.95 | < 0.0001 |
| • $X_1 X_2$ | 0.55 | 1 | 0.55 | 0.98 | 0.3546 |
| • $X_1 X_3$ | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.18 | 0.6837 |
| • $X_2 X_3$ | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.18 | 0.6837 |
| Lack of fit | 3.6 | 5 | 0.72 | 4.41 | 0.1951 (not significant) |
| R ² | | | | 0.9967 | |
| R ² Adjusted | | | | 0.9926 | |

Table S3. CCD experiment of hexose-xylose coupled fermentation at 33.5 °C and initial pH 6.75.

| Experiment No. | Coded setting values | | Actual values | | Experimental values for ethanol production (g/kg) |
|----------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | Total sugar concentration (X ₄) | Xylose concentration (X ₅) | Total sugar concentration on (X ₄ , g/L) | Xylose concentration on (X ₅ , g/L) | |
| 1 | 0 | -1.41 | 305 | 1 | 143.1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 100 | 137.9 |
| 3 | -1.41 | 0 | 255.5 | 100 | 115.2 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 100 | 137.6 |
| 5 | 0 | 1.41 | 305 | 199 | 111.9 |
| 6 | 1 | -1 | 340 | 30 | 134.8 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 100 | 138.2 |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 340 | 170 | 115.3 |
| 9 | -1 | -1 | 270 | 30 | 131.2 |
| 10 | 1.41 | 0 | 355 | 100 | 122.3 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | 270 | 170 | 109.9 |

Results represent the mean of three experiments.

Table S4. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the CCD experiment on hexose-xylose coupled fermentation.

| Source | Sum of squares | Degree of freedom | Mean square | F-value | P-value |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Model | 1511.02 | 5 | 302.2 | 792.2 | < 0.0001 (significant) |
| •Total sugar concentration (X_4) | 45.32 | 1 | 45.32 | 118.8 | 0.0001 |
| •Xylose concentration (X_5) | 901.5 | 1 | 901.5 | 2363.21 | < 0.0001 |
| • X_4^2 | 526.55 | 1 | 526.55 | 1380.31 | < 0.0001 |
| • X_5^2 | 157.51 | 1 | 157.51 | 412.89 | < 0.0001 |
| • $X_4 X_5$ | 0.81 | 1 | 0.81 | 2.12 | 0.2049 |
| Lack of fit | 1.73 | 3 | 0.58 | 6.4 | 0.1382 (not significant) |
| R ² | | | | 0.9987 | |
| R ² Adjusted | | | | 0.9975 | |

Table S5. Ethanol fermentation results of *Z. mobilis* CP4, *Zm*-PMXFWTY and angel yeast (Corresponding to Figs 3C,D, Figs 4B,C, Fig. 5A, Figs 6B,C,D, and Figs 7F,G in the text).

| Fermentation parameters | | | Measurement items | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | <i>Zm</i> -PMXFWTY | <i>Z. mobilis</i> CP4 | Angel yeast (<i>S. cerevisiae</i> S288C) |
| 1.0 g/L urea, 0.5 g/L MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O, 1.0 g/L KH ₂ PO ₄ , 100 rpm | | | | | |
| 10 g/L yeast extract, initial pH 6.5, 33 °C, 72 hours | Initial glucose (g/L) | 100 150 200 230 250 280 300 310 320 330 350 370 | 48.8 ^a 72.5 96.9 110.7 119.6 132.1 140.4 144.9 144.5 148.8 122.1 109.8 | 48.7 72.9 91.8 100.4 106.1 113.9 104.8 95.3 80.5 — — | 47.5 70.8 89.8 98 101 89.7 78 — — |
| 250 g/L initial glucose, 10 g/L yeast extract, 33 °C, 72 hours | Initial pH | 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5 7.0 7.5 8.0 8.5 | 92.7 107.4 114.8 119.2 118.8 119.6 119.1 115.5 105.8 | 65.3 80.0 93.3 102.2 106.2 106.1 105.9 102 93.6 | 82.5 92.2 97.7 101.3 101.5 101.0 101.3 92.9 75.1 |

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| | | 9.0 | 74 | 75.3 | 56.8 |
| 250 g/L initial glucose, 10 g/L yeast extract, initial pH 7.0, 72 hours | Temperature (°C) | 25 | 110.8 | 99.7 | 96.6 |
| | | 28 | 118.8 | 104.8 | 100.6 |
| | | 30 | 119.0 | 105.1 | 99.7 |
| | | 33 | 120.8 | 107.1 | 102.0 |
| | | 35 | 120.0 | 102.8 | 100.5 |
| | | 38 | 110.3 | 96.3 | 92.8 |
| | | 40 | 103.8 | 80.6 | 86.6 |
| | | 43 | 83.2 | 56.9 | 77.4 |
| 100 g total medium (250 g/L initial glucose, 10 g/L yeast extract, 33 °C, initial pH 7.0) | Time (hours) | 8 | 6.9 g/kg EtOH (pH 5.7; 233.2 g/L residual glucose; 0.64 g CO ₂ weight loss) | 5 (pH 5.81; 237.2 g/L residual glucose; 0.46 g CO ₂ weight loss) | 7.4 (pH 5.6; 230.5 g/L residual glucose; 0.46 g CO ₂ weight loss) |
| | | 16 | 19.8 (4.1; 205.9; 1.82) | 13.2 (4.6; 220; 1.19) | 23.2 (3.64; 197.9; 2.12) |
| | | 24 | 40.2 (3.19; 163.5; 3.62) | 22.9 (3.63; 200; 2.05) | 43.4 (3.22; 154.6; 3.9) |
| | | 32 | 74.2 (2.91; 97.8; 6.48) | 34.5 (3.26; 176.2; 3.06) | 71.7 (2.99; 98.8; 6.28) |
| | | 40 | 97.9 (2.82; 54.8; 8.38) | 58 (3.15; 131.7; 5.04) | 88.5 (2.89; 67.7; 7.64) |
| | | 48 | 111.9 (2.75; 30.2; 9.46) | 79.2 (3.07; 93.3; 6.76) | 96.3 (2.83; 53.7; 8.26) |
| | | 56 | 118.1 (2.68; 18.9; 9.94) | 97.3 (3.02; 61.2; 8.18) | 99.7 (2.79; 47.8; 8.52) |
| | | 64 | 120.8 (2.63; 14.1; 10.14) | 107.1 (2.99; 44.3; 8.93) | 102 (2.8; 43.4; 8.7) |
| | | 72 | 122.1 (2.61; 12.1; 10.26) | 109.8 (2.92; 36.4; 9.21) | 103.2 (2.76; 40.1; 8.8) |
| | | 80 | 121.9 (2.6; 11.7; 10.28) | 110 (2.93; 36; 9.25) | 103.4 (2.77; 39.7; 8.83) |
| 250 g/L initial glucose, 10 g/L yeast extract, 33 °C, initial pH 7.0 | Time (hours) | 0 | Biomass (g/kg) | 0.25 | 0.30 |
| | | 4 | | 0.32 | 0.39 |
| | | 8 | | 0.53 | 0.83 |
| | | 12 | | 0.91 | 1.47 |
| | | 16 | | 1.41 | 2.33 |

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| | | 20 | | 2.15 | 1.46 | 3.58 |
| | | 24 | | 2.88 | 1.98 | 4.78 |
| | | 28 | | 3.41 | 2.36 | 5.99 |
| | | 32 | | 3.8 | 2.63 | 6.55 |
| | | 36 | | 4.02 | 2.89 | 6.80 |
| | | 40 | | 4.06 | 3.13 | 6.87 |
| | | 48 | | 4.09 | 3.15 | 6.91 |
| | | 56 | | 4.12 | 3.18 | 6.92 |
| | | 64 | | 4.14 | 3.21 | 6.93 |
| | | 72 | | 4.16 | 3.24 | 6.96 |
| | | 80 | | 4.16 | 3.23 | 6.95 |
| 10 g/L yeast extract, 33 °C, initial pH 7.0, 24 hours | Initial glucose (g/L) | 230 250 280 300 310 320 350 370 Initial xylose (g/L) | Colony-forming units (CFU, × 10^9 /mL, total/survival) | 16.2/15.1 17.3/16.1 19.3/17.8 20.5/18.7 21.6/19.0 21.7/19.1 16.3/13.5 15.4/12.3 11.6/10.7 12.8/11.7 14.2/12.3 11.3/9.2 10.1/7.9 | — — | — — |
| 312 g/L initial glucose, 10 g/L | Time (hours) | 0 8 | 0.25 g/kg biomass 9 g/kg EtOH (291.6 g/L residual glucose; | — | — | — |

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|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| yeast extract, 33.5 °C, initial pH 6.75 | Time (hours) | 0 | 0.6 g/kg biomass | | | |
| | | 16 | 26 (258.4; 1.68) | | | |
| | | 24 | 51.7 (206.7; 3.47) | | | |
| | | 32 | 92.6 (126.8; 4.61) | | | |
| | | 40 | 119.7 (74.4; 4.93) | | | |
| | | 48 | 135.1 (44.4; 4.97) | | | |
| | | 56 | 142 (30.7; 5) | | | |
| | | 64 | 144.9 (25.3; 5.03) | | | |
| | | 72 | 146.7 (21.9; 5.05) | | | |
| | | 80 | 146.8 (21.6; 5.05) | | | |
| 180 g/L initial glucose, 90 g/L initial xylose, 42 g/L initial mannose, 10 g/L yeast extract, 33.5 °C, initial pH 6.75 | Time (hours) | 8 | 0.25 g/kg biomass 8.8 g/kg EtOH (168.7 g/L residual glucose; 84.4 g/L residual xylose; 39.3 g/L residual mannose; 0.59 g/kg biomass) | | | |
| | | 16 | 25.3 (150.2; 75; 35; 1.64) | | | |
| | | 24 | 50.3 (121.4; 60.6; 28.3; 3.39) | | | |
| | | 32 | 90.1 (76.9; 38.5; 17.9; 4.49) | | | |
| | | 40 | 116.4 (47.8; 23.9; 11.2; 4.8) | | | |
| | | 48 | 131.5 (31.1; 15.5; 7.3; 4.84) | | | |
| | | 56 | 138.2 (23.4; 11.7; 5.5; 4.87) | | | |
| | | 64 | 141 (20.4; 10.2; 4.7; 4.9) | | | |
| | | 72 | 142.8 (18.5; 9.3; 4.3; 4.92) | | | |
| | | 80 | 142.9 (18.3; 9.2; 4.2; 4.92) | | | |
| 10 g/L yeast extract, initial pH 6.5, 33 °C, 72 | Initial mannose (g/L) | 150 200 230 | 72.2 96.6 110 | Initial xylose (g/L) | 150 200 230 | 51.2 68.3 77.2 |

| hours | 250 | 119.5 | | |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| | 280 | 132.5 | 250 | 83.9 |
| | 300 | 140.3 | | |
| | 310 | 144.7 | 280 | 88.7 |
| | 320 | 144.1 | | |
| | 330 | 143.8 | 300 | 75.4 |
| | 350 | 131.5 | | |
| | 370 | 117.1 | 310 | 70.3 |

^aUnless otherwise specified, the data tested defaults to ethanol production (g/kg), all results represent the mean of three experiments.