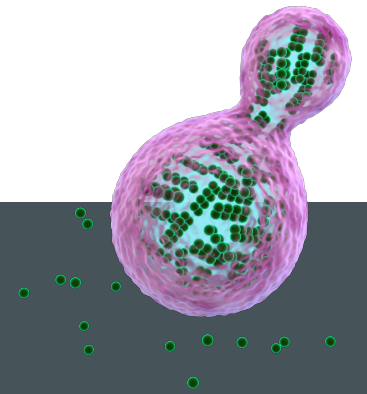


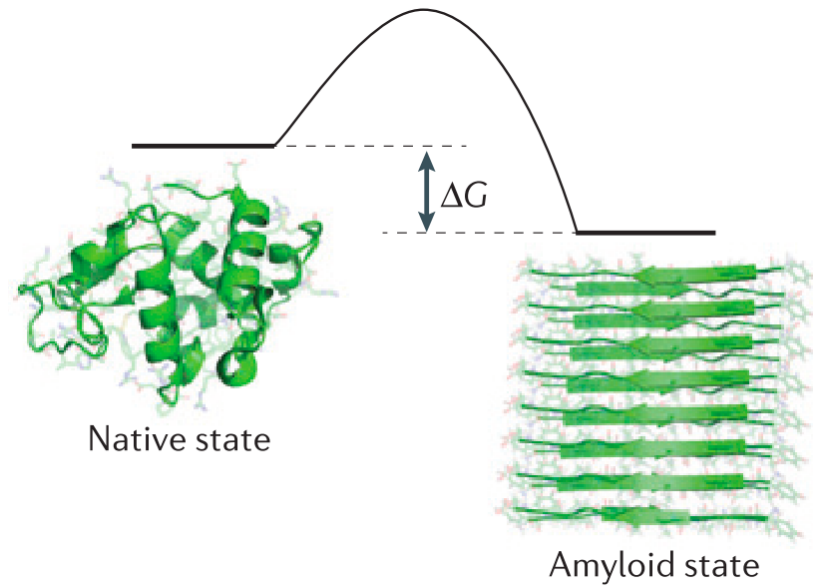
# Novel Yeast-Based Platform for Studying Inborn Error of Metabolism Disorders

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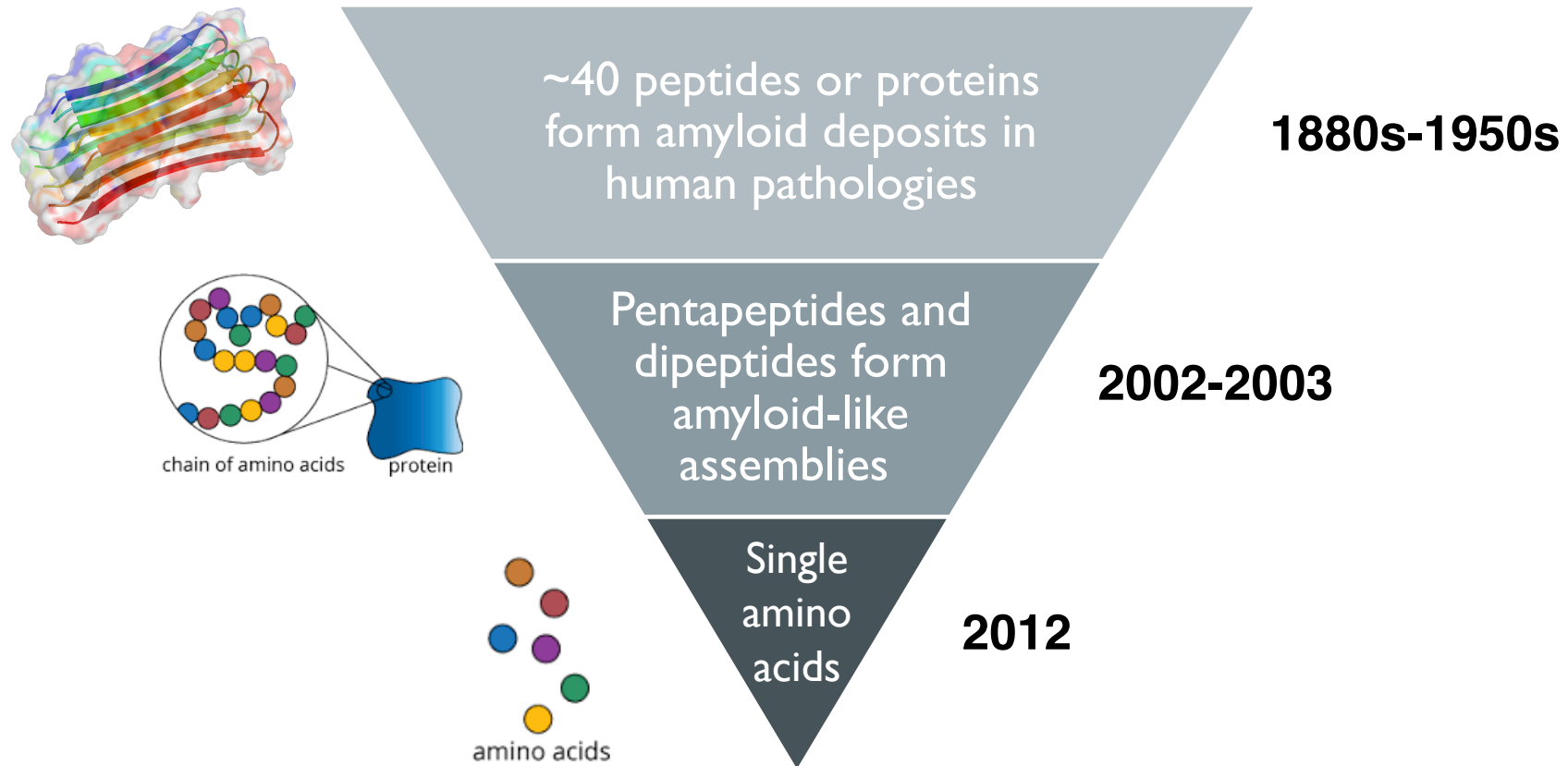
# The amyloid state as an energetic minima and its association with protein misfolding diseases



Protein Misfolding → Amyloid aggregation → Apoptosis

| Disease                                      | Aggregating protein or peptide                    |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Neurodegenerative diseases</i>            |                                                   |
| Alzheimer's disease                          | Amyloid- $\beta$ peptide                          |
| Spongiform encephalopathies                  | Prion protein or its fragments                    |
| Parkinson's disease                          | $\alpha$ -synuclein                               |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis                | Superoxide dismutase 1                            |
| Huntington's disease                         | Huntingtin fragments                              |
| Familial amyloidotic polyneuropathy          | Transthyretin mutants                             |
| <i>Non-neuropathic systemic amyloidosis</i>  |                                                   |
| Amyloid light chain (AL) amyloidosis         | Immunoglobulin (Ig) light chains or its fragments |
| Amyloid A (AA) amyloidosis                   | Serum amyloid A1 protein fragments                |
| Senile systemic amyloidosis                  | Wild-type transthyretin                           |
| Haemodialysis-related amyloidosis            | $\beta_2$ -microglobulin                          |
| Lysozyme amyloidosis                         | Lysozyme mutants                                  |
| <i>Non-neuropathic localized amyloidosis</i> |                                                   |
| Apolipoprotein A1 (Apo A-1) amyloidosis      | Apo A-1 fragments                                 |
| Type II diabetes                             | Amylin                                            |

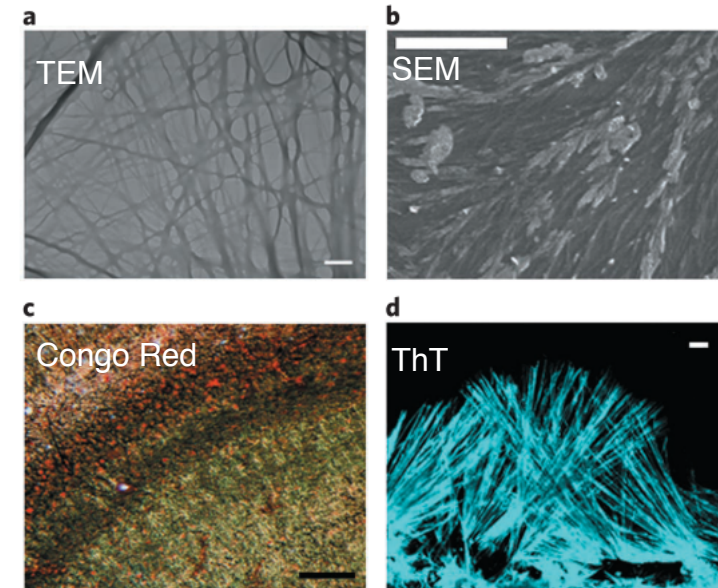
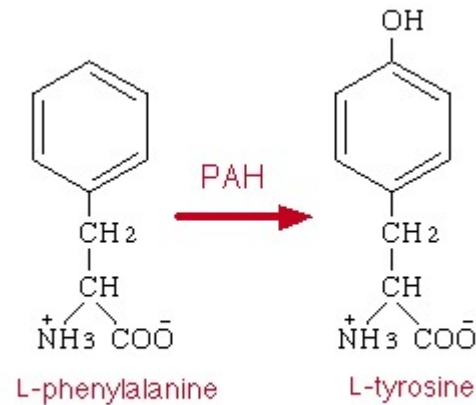
# Reductionist studies on amyloid fibrils



# Phenylalanine assembly into toxic fibrils suggests amyloid etiology in phenylketonuria

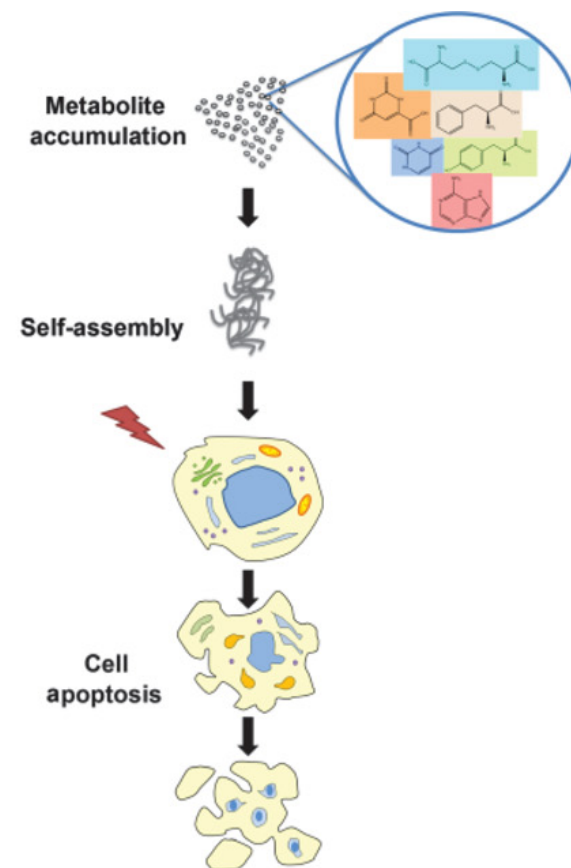
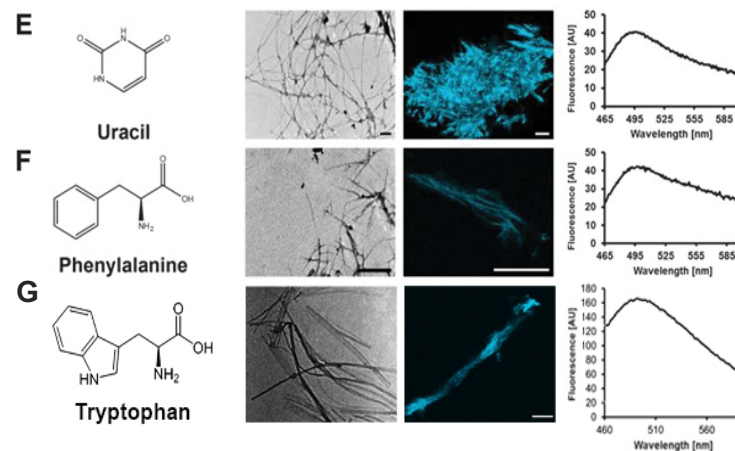
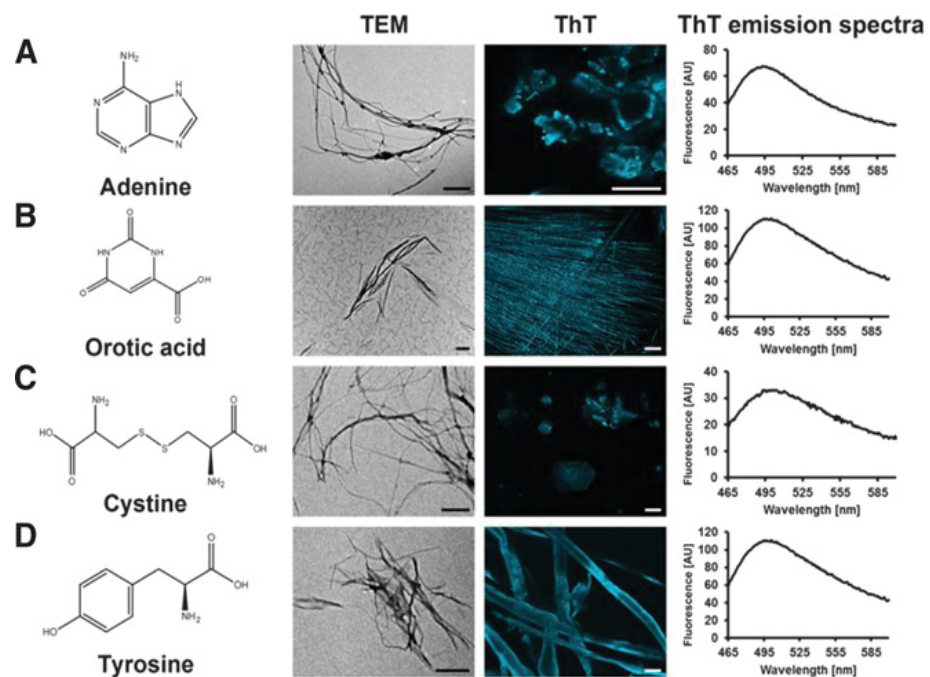
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Phenylketonuria (PKU) is characterized by phenylalanine accumulation and progressive mental retardation caused by an unknown mechanism. We demonstrate that at pathological concentrations, phenylalanine self-assembles into fibrils with amyloid-like morphology and well-ordered electron diffraction. These assemblies are specifically recognized by antibodies, show cytotoxicity that can be neutralized by the antibodies and are present in the hippocampus of model mice and in parietal cortex brain tissue from individuals with PKU. This is, to our knowledge, the first demonstration that a single amino acid can form amyloid-like deposits, suggesting a new amyloidosis-like etiology for PKU.



# Extension of the generic amyloid hypothesis to nonproteinaceous metabolite assemblies

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→ A new paradigm for the etiology of inborn error of metabolism disorders

# INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

The Croonian Lectures delivered before  
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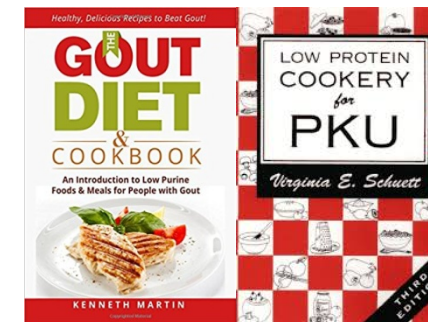
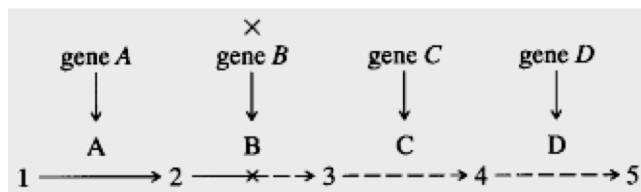
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"ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς φυσικοῖς ἐστὶ τι θαυμαστόν."  
Aristotle, Περὶ ζῴων μορίων, I. 5.

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| Metabolite         | Disorder                                                                             |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adenine            | Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase deficiency                                         |
| Arginine           | Argininemia                                                                          |
| Cystine            | Cystinuria, Cystinosis                                                               |
| Glycine            | Non-ketotic hyperglycinemia,<br>D-Glyceric academia, Iminoglycinuria                 |
| Homogentisic acid  | Alkaptonuria                                                                         |
| Isoleucine         | Maple syrup urine disease                                                            |
| Leucine            | Maple syrup urine disease                                                            |
| Lysine             | Saccharopinuria                                                                      |
| Methionine         | Hypermethioninemia                                                                   |
| N-acetyl aspartate | Canavan disease                                                                      |
| Orotic acid        | Ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency                                                |
| Phenylalanine      | Phenylketonuria                                                                      |
| Proline            | Hyperprolinemia, Iminoglycinuria                                                     |
| Tryptophan         | Hypertryptophanemia, Hartnup disease                                                 |
| Tyrosine           | Tyrosinemia                                                                          |
| Uracil             | Ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency,<br>Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase deficiency |
| Uric acid          | Gout, Lesch-Nyhan syndrome                                                           |
| Valine             | Isobutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency,<br>Maple syrup urine disease                |



# The awesome power of yeast: modeling protein misfolding disorders

## Aggregation of huntingtin in yeast varies with the length of the polyglutamine expansion and the expression of chaperone proteins

Sylvia Krobitch and Susan Lindquist\* *PNAS*, 2000

## Functional Links Between A $\beta$ Toxicity, Endocytic Trafficking, and Alzheimer's Disease Risk Factors in Yeast

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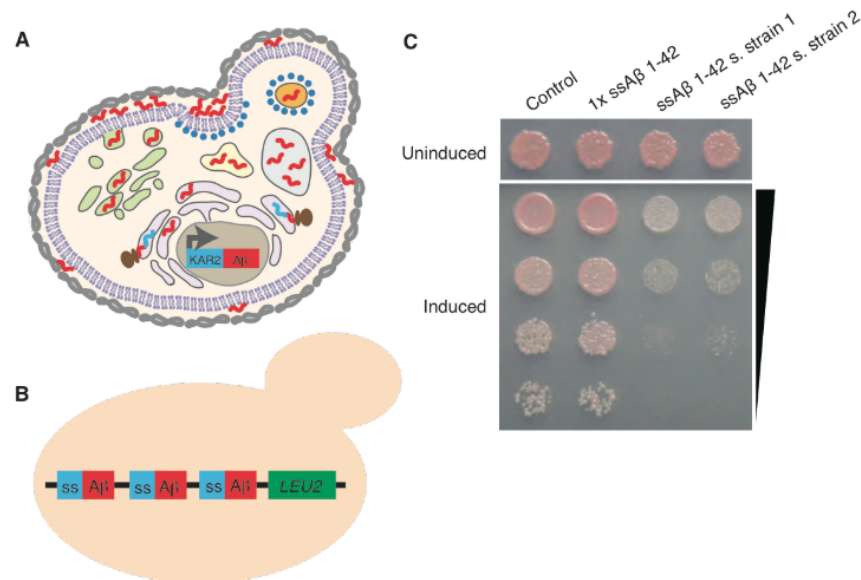
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## Translocon Declogger Ste24 Protects against IAPP Oligomer-Induced Proteotoxicity

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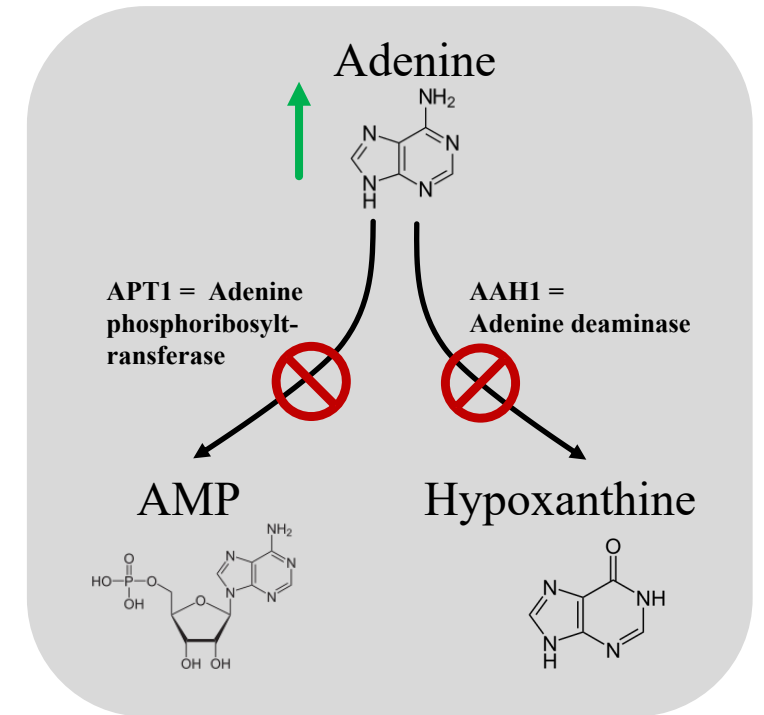
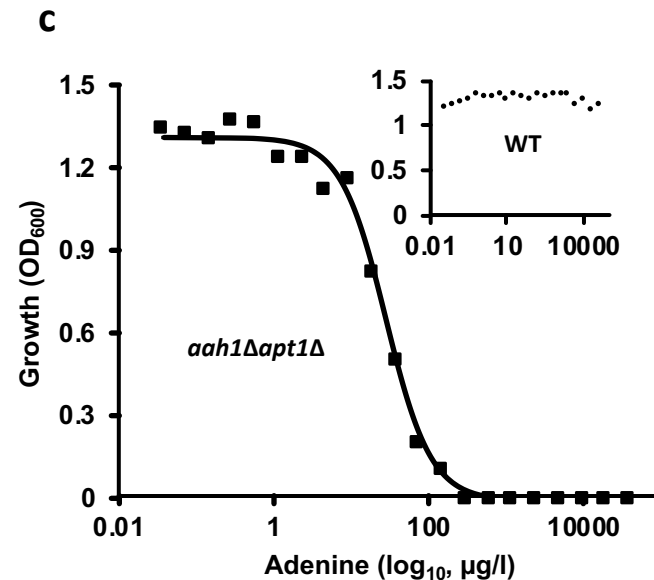
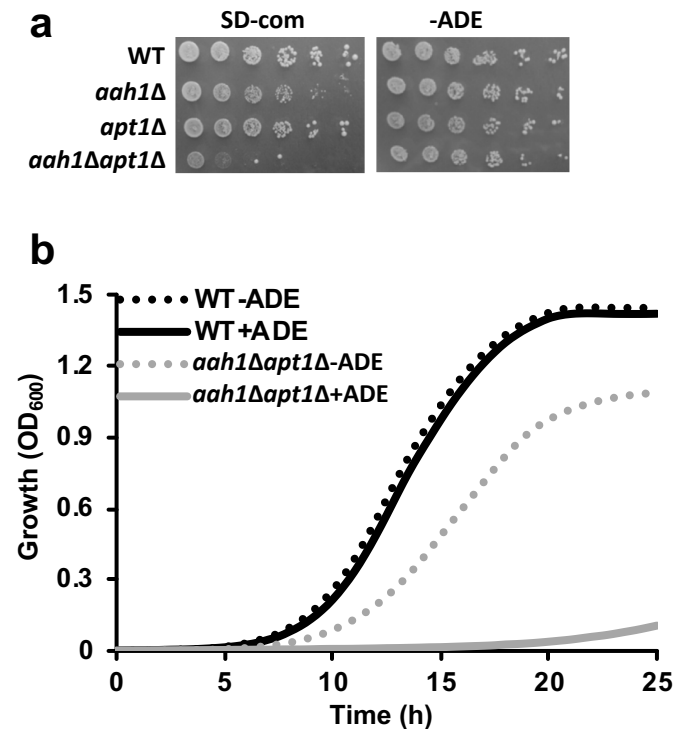
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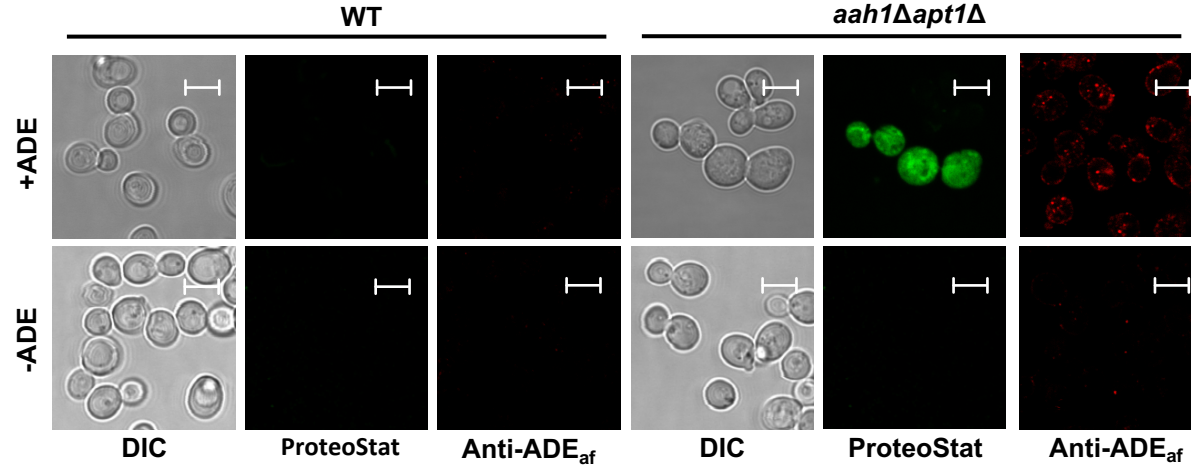


# Modeling Inborn Errors of Metabolism in yeast

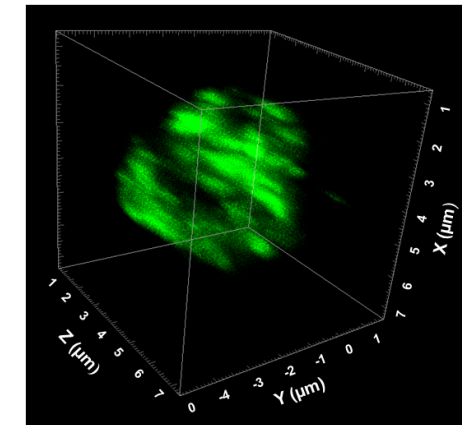
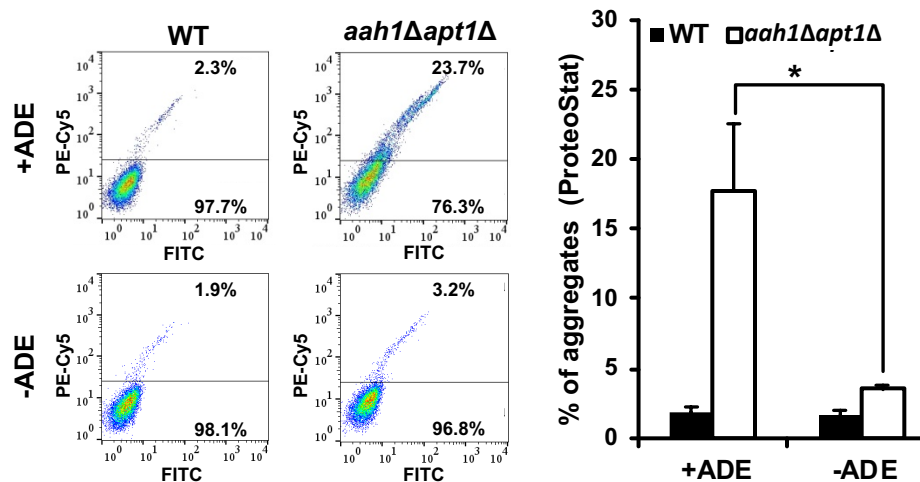
## Fibril formation and therapeutic targeting of amyloid-like structures in a yeast model of adenine accumulation

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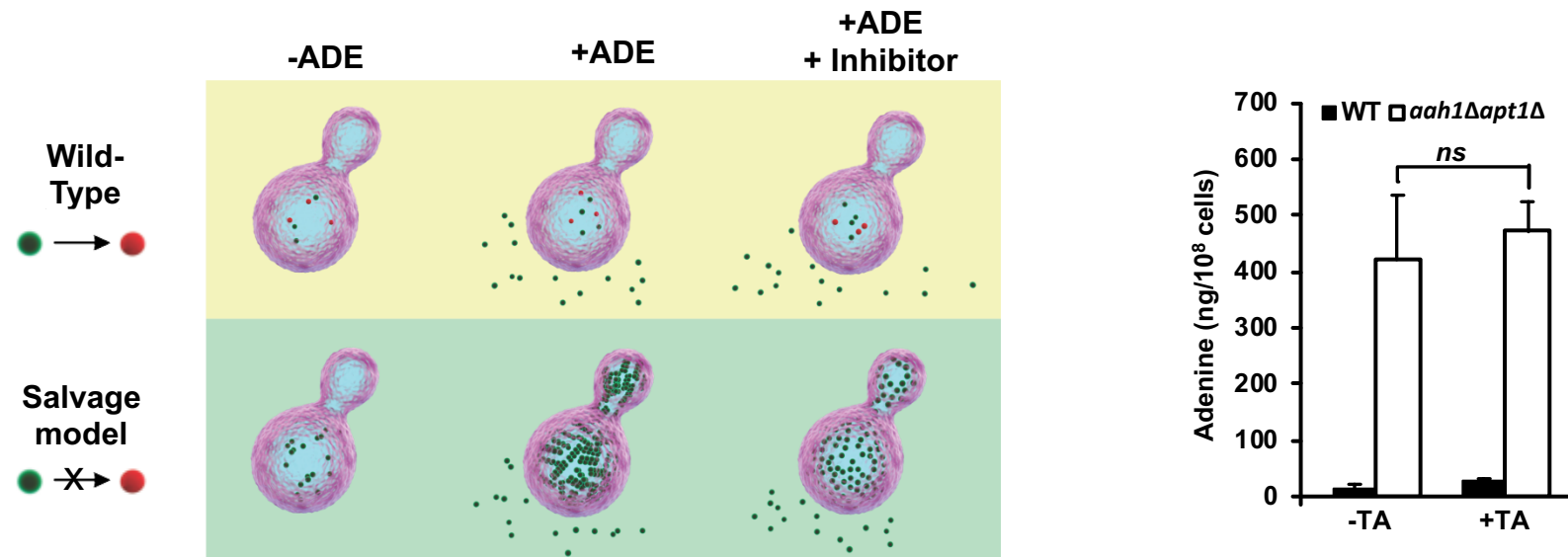


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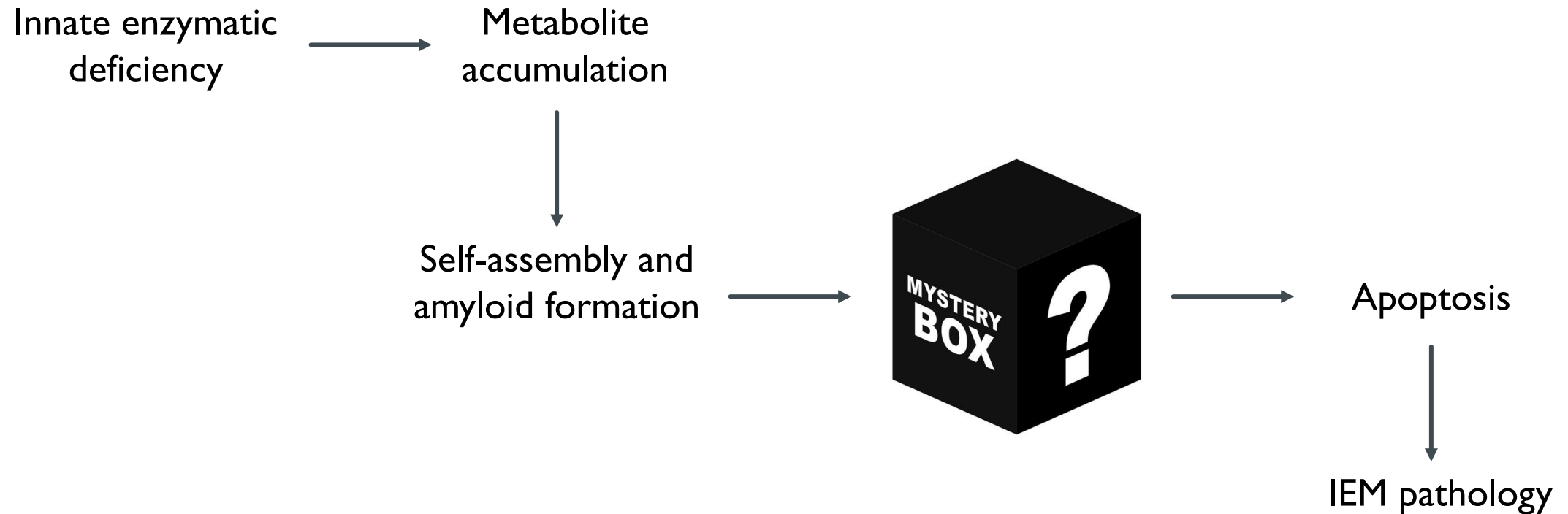


Z-stack 3D reconstruction

# Polyphenol amyloid inhibitor rescues phenotype without changing intracellular adenine concentration



# The mysterious pathophysiology of IEMs: how do metabolite amyloids lead to apoptosis?



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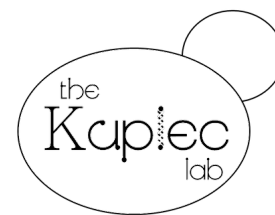
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