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Fungal Genetics, Development and Cell Biology:

From single cells to multicellular filaments

From filaments to complex structures + sec. metabolites

Fungi as human and plant pathogens

Fungi as models for neurodegenerative diseases



Protein degradation and translational control and Proteomics/Mass Spectroscopy:
Readout: yeast (single cell) → filament **Oliver Valerius**

Clearing of protein aggregates:
Readout: Parkinson aggregates in fungi **Blaga Popova**

Protein degradation: CSN: **Elena Beckmann; and LID (Proteasome): **Mirit Gulko****

Protein degradation and tissue formation:
Readout: Fungal development:
Signal transduction: from the fungal eye to the coordination of fungal development and secondary metabolism: **Özgür Bayram**

Human fungal pathogens: How does a vegetarian survive blood? **Henriette Irmer**
Fungal resistance mechanism: **Christoph Sasse**

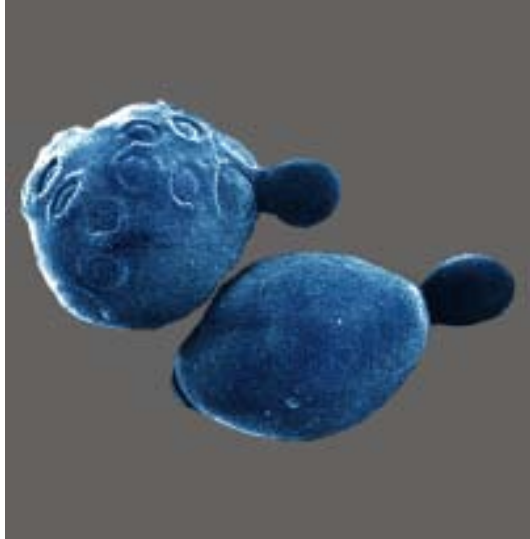
Plant pathogens: How does a fungus grow in the plant xylem (water support system)? **Susanna Braus-Stromeier, Harald Kusch, Tuan Tran**

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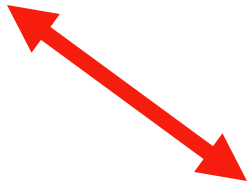
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Yeast vs. Filamentous growth of *S. cerevisiae*: Pseudohyphae



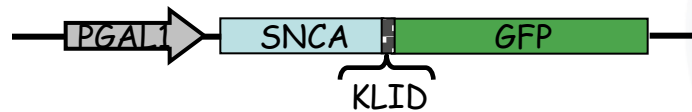
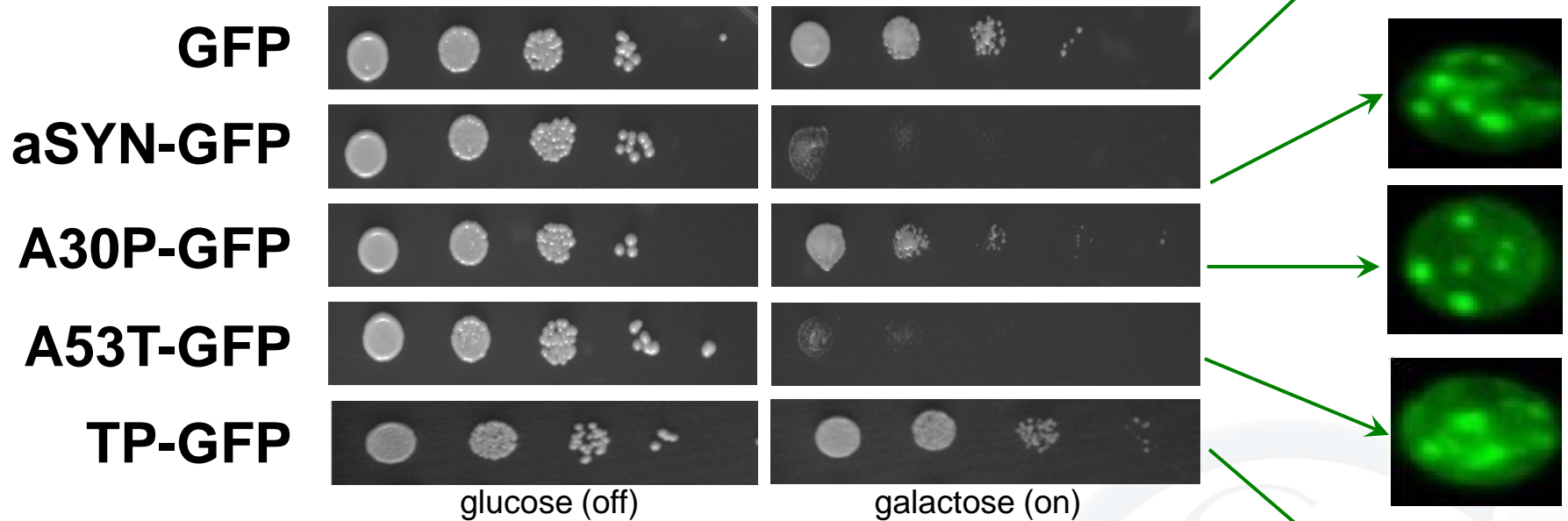
Dr. Oliver Valerius





Yeast as model for Morbus Parkinson

Expressing α -synuclein or mutant versions results in reduced growth



Dr. Blaga Popova

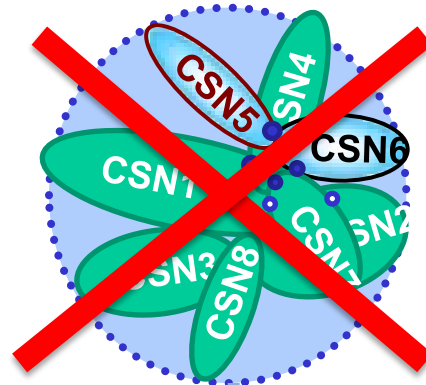
Lewy body pathology in yeast



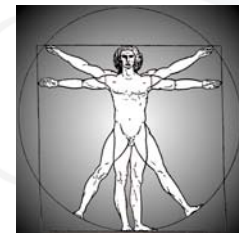
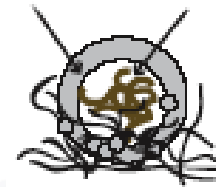
COP9 signalosome CSN and LID of the proteasome

Dr. Elena Beckmann

primordium



μ-cleistothecium



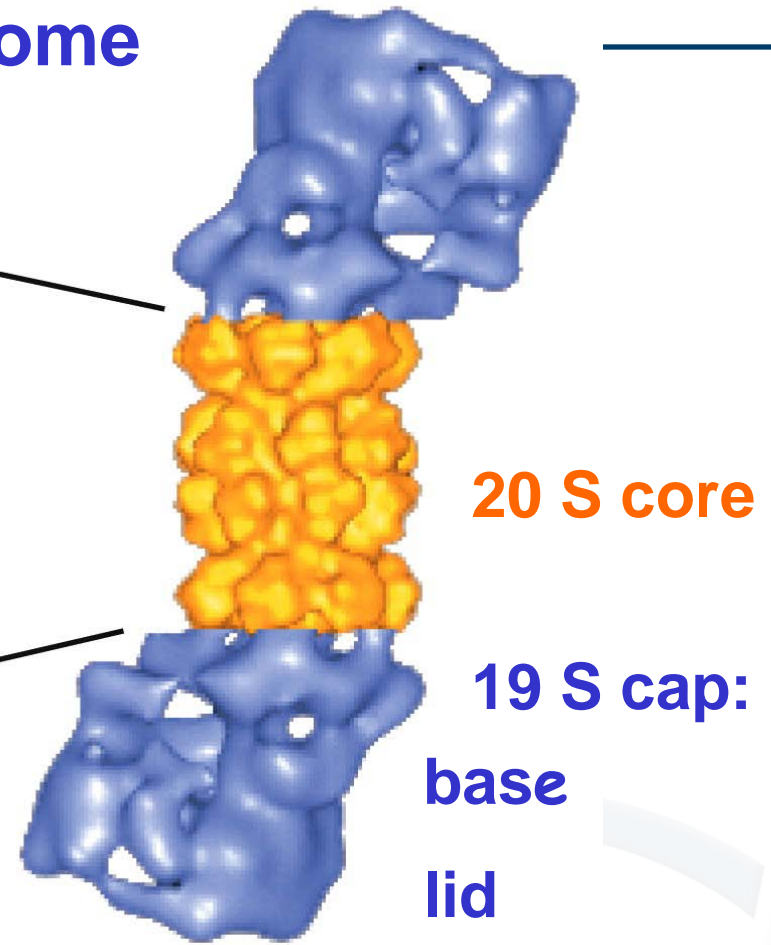
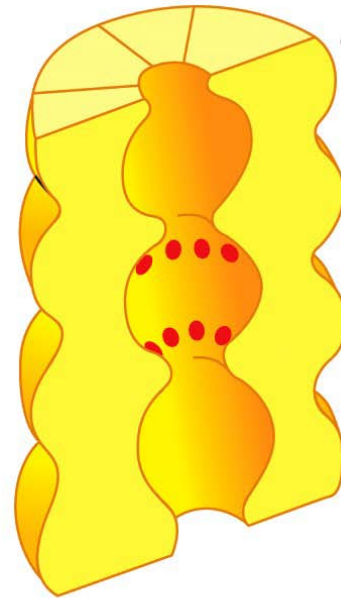
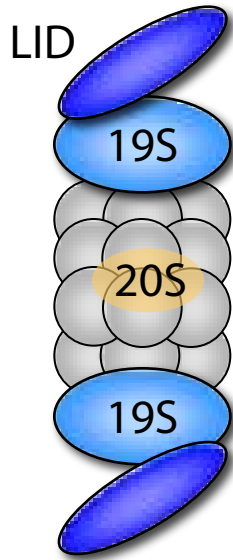
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defects in CSN:
embryonic death
in plants and mammals,
block in fruit body
formation in fungi

CSN overexpression: cancer



26S Proteasome



PCI subunits are conserved in:

P: proteasome lid

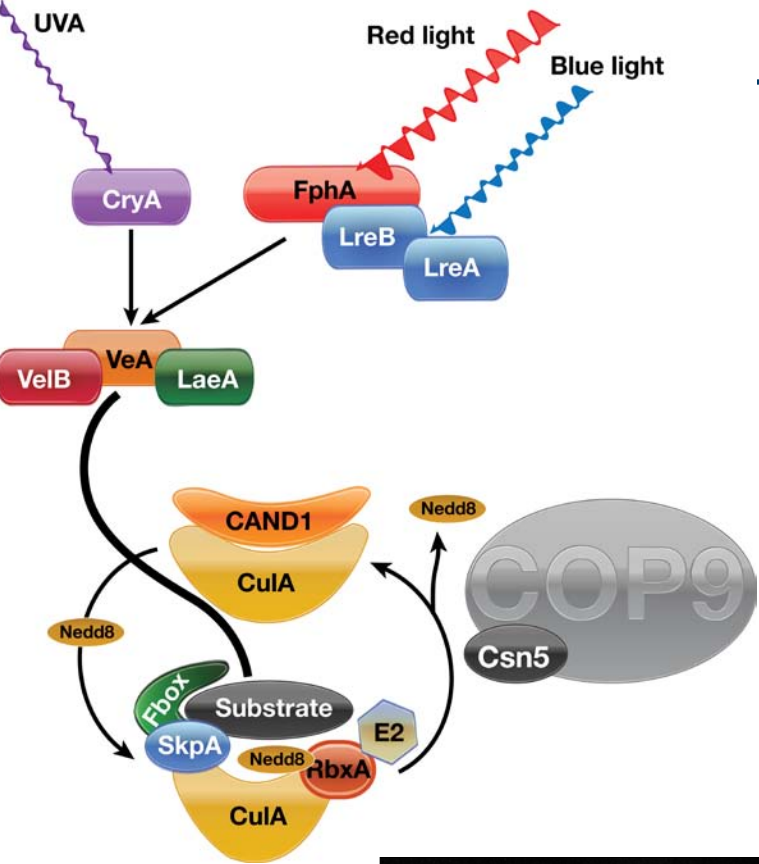
C: COP9 signalosome CSN

I: initiation factor of translation eIF3

ZOMES:

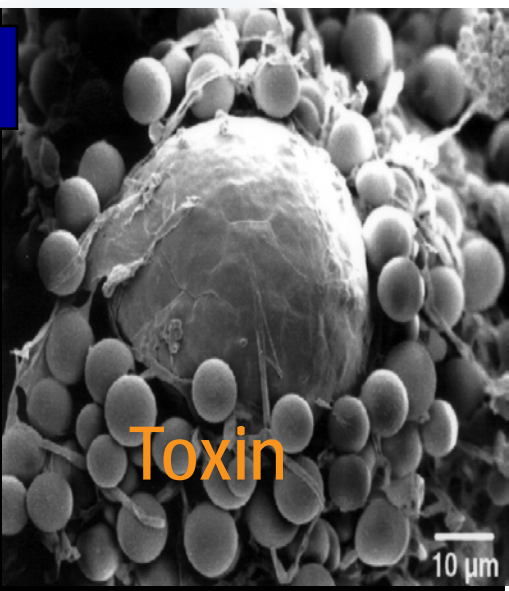
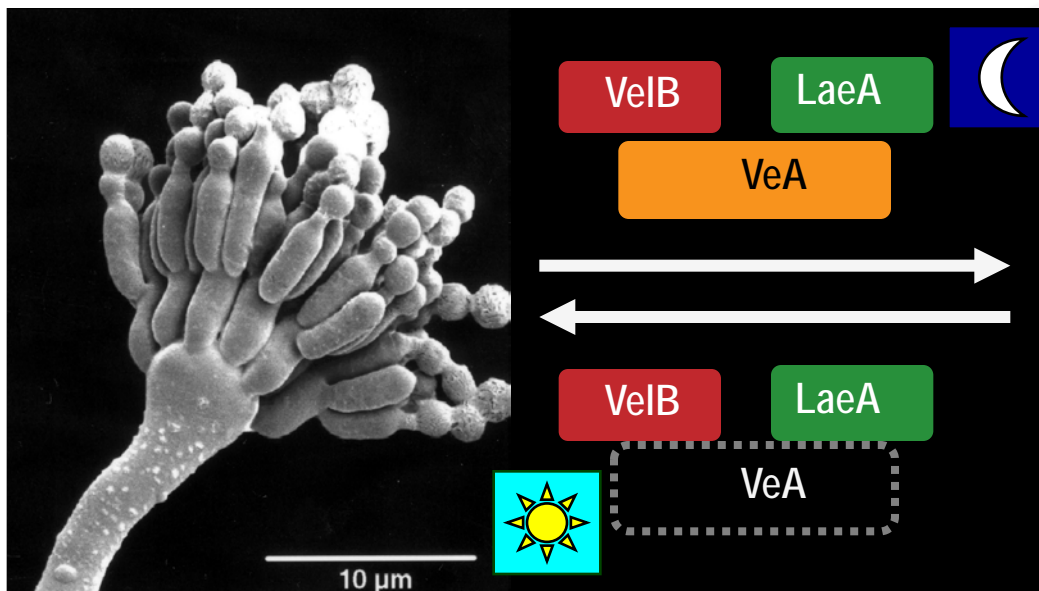
control protein life span

Dr. Mirit Gulko



Coordination of development and secondary metabolism, the fungal eye, the velvet domain family and LaeA

Dr. Özgür Bayram





A. fumigatus as opportunistic pathogen

Dr. Henriette Irmer:

***A. fumigatus* in blood**

Dr. Christoph Sasse:

***A. fumigatus* drug resistance**

world-wide, saprophyte, filamentous fungus,

causes **aspergillosis**

(HIV, transplantation)

Simple colonization

local enrichment, non-invasive

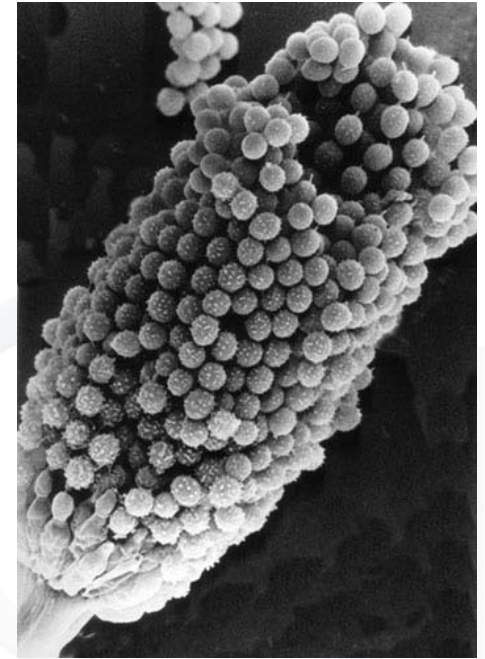
ABPA (allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis)

local invasion

chronic progressive

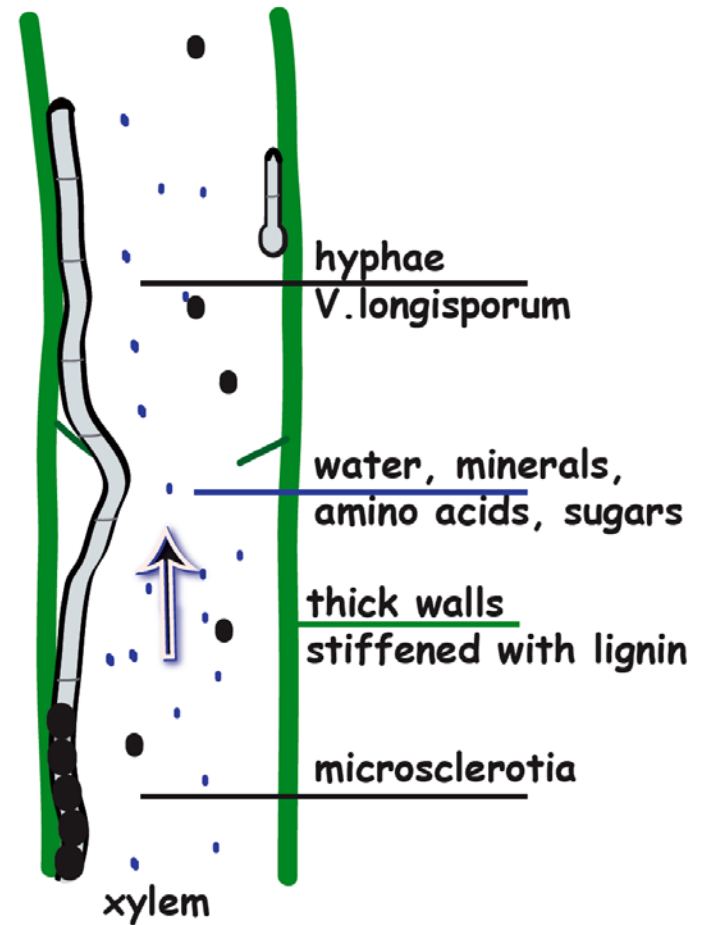
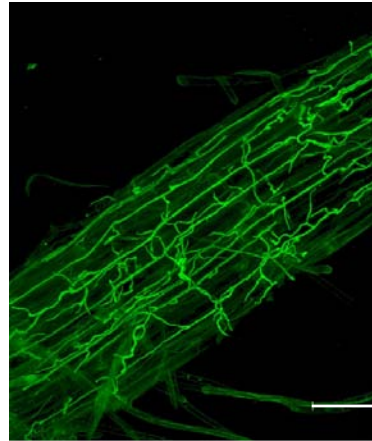
acute fulminant

in blood:: 80% mortality!!!!



• **Small air-borne conidia
(2-3 μm)**

infected rape



Dr. Susanna Braus-Stromeyer

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Verticillium longisporum infects rape
and grows within the plant

non-infected rape