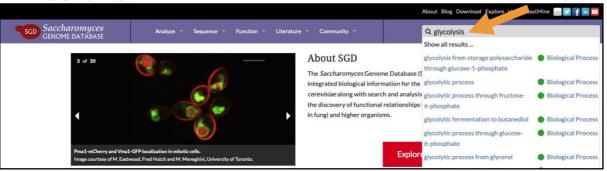
Using SPELL to Analyze Expression Datasets & Co-expressed Genes at SGD

SPELL (Serial Pattern of Expression Levels Locator) is a query-driven search engine for large gene expression microarray compendia. Given a small set of query genes, SPELL identifies which datasets are most informative for these genes, then within those datasets additional genes are identified with expression profiles most similar to the query set.

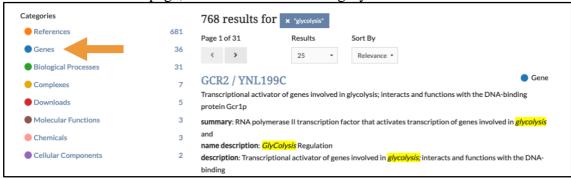
Use SPELL to find out which genes are co-expressed with genes involved in glycolysis.

Compile a list of genes involved in glycolysis.

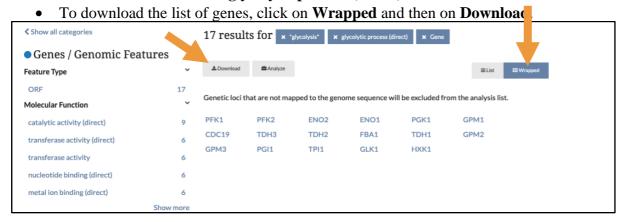
• On the SGD home page (<u>www.yeastgenome.org</u>), enter glycolysis into the search box and hit Enter.



• On the Results page, click on the **Genes** category.



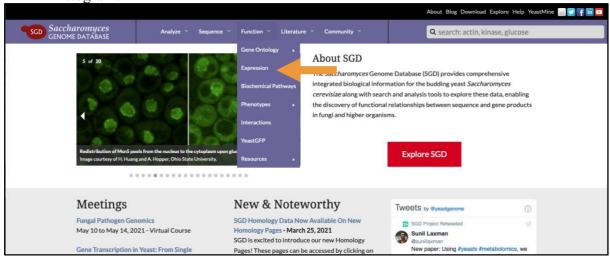
• Scroll down the page and find the **Biological Process** category on the left hand menu. Hit Show more and select **glycolytic process** (**direct**).



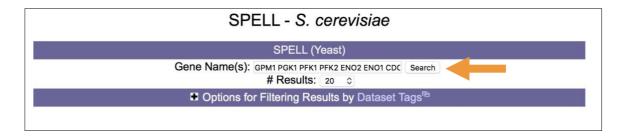
 The Analyze button, directly to the right of Download, enables you to import your search results directly into SPELL (among other tools at SGD). However, for the sake of demonstration, in this exercise we are instead going to enter our gene list into SPELL manually.

Import your gene list into SPELL and run a query:

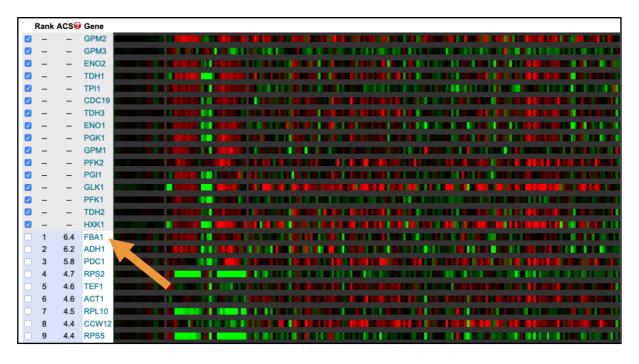
• To access SPELL, go to the SGD home page at www.yeastgenome.org, open the Function tab on top of the page and click on Expression. Or, if you are already on a Locus Summary page, open the Expression tab and click on the SPELL link under the histogram.



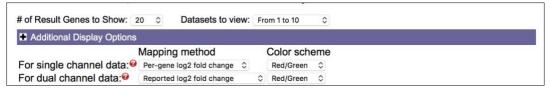
• On the SPELL page, copy and paste the list of glycolysis genes you downloaded in step 1 into the Gene Name(s) box. For the sake of demonstration, remove **FBA1** from your list before hitting Search. This is to test if SPELL can properly identify missing members of glycolysis based on coexpression.



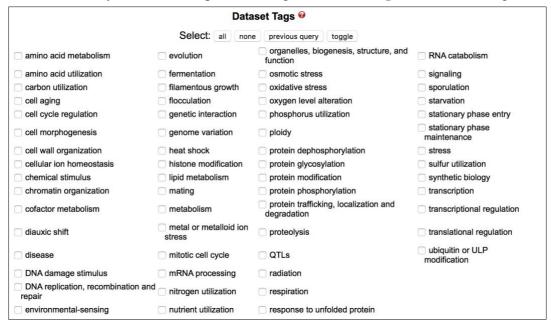
• Scroll down the list of genes on the left. Genes with checked boxes are from our query; the remaining genes are "hits", ordered from top to bottom according to their ranks. The rank reflects the correlation of expression of that gene with the query gene(s), given the relevance weight of that expression dataset. Thus, genes that show the highest degree of coexpression with the query genes in the most relevant datasets receive the highest rank.



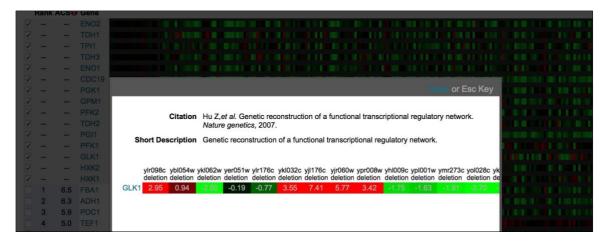
- Notice that the glycolysis gene we deleted earlier, FBA1, is indeed the highest-ranking gene!
- Examine other genes enriched for this query set. You can click on their names to be taken to their respective summary pages at SGD. Does it make sense for any of these genes to be highly co-expressed with members of glycolysis?
- Click on + Additional Display Options to change the default mapping method and
 color scheme to blue/yellow. Directly above this section are options to change the
 number of genes and datasets shown in your results.



• To select only datasets with particular tags, click on + **Options** for Filtering Results.



• Click on any patch in the heat map to open a page with information about its parent dataset.



• SPELL also runs a **Gene Ontology** (**GO**) **enrichment** for the results of your query. GO enrichments can tell you which gene ontology terms (in this case, biological process terms) are significantly associated with your set of genes. You can scroll down to the bottom of the page to view it.

GOTerm	P-val	% query	% genome	Annotated Genes
vruvate metabolic process (biological_process)	1.50e-32	19 of 36	38 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, PDC5, GLK1, PDC1
lycolytic process (biological_process)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
ohosphopyruvate hydratase activity (molecular_function)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
ATP generation from ADP (biological_process)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
phosphoglycerate mutase activity (molecular_function)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (NAD(P)+).(phosphorylating) activity (molecular_function)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
phosphoglycerate kinase activity (molecular_function)	2.65e-30	17 of 36	29 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
ADP metabolic process (biological_process)	6.10e-30	17 of 36	30 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
nucleoside diphosphate phosphorylation (biological_process)	6.10e-30	17 of 36	30 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
<u>purine ribonucleoside diphosphate metabolic process</u> (biological_process)	1.35e-29	17 of 36	31 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
ribonucleoside diphosphate metabolic process (biological_process)	1.35e-29	17 of 36	31 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
purine nucleoside diphosphate metabolic process (biological_process)	1.35e-29	17 of 36	31 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
nucleotide phosphorylation (biological_process)	5.90e-29	17 of 36	33 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1
phosphotransferase activity, carboxyl group as acceptor (molecular_function)	5.90e-29	17 of 36	33 of 6381	PGI1, TDH2, CDC19, GPM1, TDH1, PFK1, HXK1, PFK2, ENO1, TDH3, GPM3, PGK1, GPM2, TPI1, FBA1, ENO2, GLK1