

# Engineering of enzymes for biotechnological applications

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# Outline

- Enzymes
- Models
- Software tool
- Engineering activity
- Engineering stability
- Conclusions





# Enzymes

#### Food

#### Medicine



#### Household







#### Textile



#### Chemistry



#### Environment



#### Agriculture



# Model lock and key



"To use a picture, I would like to say that enzyme and glucoside have to fit to each other like a lock and key in order to exert a chemical effect on each other."

E. Fischer, 1894

# Model lock and key



Isorna *et al.*, J. Mol. Biol. 371: 1204 2007

# Model induced fit



"The interaction of an enzyme with its substrate resembles the fit of a hand in a glove, with a moderately flexible enzyme (the glove) fitting a moderately flexible substrate (the hand)."

D. Koshland, 1959

## Model induced fit



Mulichak et al., Nat. Struct. Biol. 5: 555 1998

# Model lock and key



## Model keyhole, lock and key



"Size, shape, physico chemical properties and dynamics of access tunnels (keyholes) are as important for catalytic function of enzymes with buried active sites as the match between the substrate and the active site."

- calculation of tunnels and channels in proteins and nucleic acids
- algorithm based on Voronoi diagram
- fully automated
- 4.650 registered users
- 11.507 downloads

## Software CAVER



## Software CAVER 3.0



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Chovancova *et al.* Plos Comp. Biol. 8: e1002708 2012

- haloalkane dehalogenase with enhanced activity towards 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP)
- design of sites for mutagenesis by CAVER
- site-directed and saturated mutagenesis
- transient kinetics and molecular dynamics
- engineering of tunnels provided 32x more active and 26x more efficient enzyme

#### **Directed** evolution



<sup>1</sup>Bosma *et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 68: 3582 2002 <sup>2</sup>Gray *et al. Adv. Synth. Catal.* 343: 607 2001

## Analysis by CAVER



Banas P. et al., J. Comp. Aid.-Mol. Des. 20: 375 2006

## Rational design of tunnels

# Main tunnel: C176Y

#### Side tunnel:

- W141X
- I135X
- L245X
- V246X



#### Focused directed evolution of side tunnel

- Site-directed mutagenesis
- Saturated mutagenesis



#### Catalytic efficiency of constructs



**Protein variant** 

#### Catalytic efficiency of constructs



**Protein variant** 

#### Solvation of active site by molecular dynamics



Wt



## DhaA31

Pavlova et al., Nat. Chem. Biol. 5: 727 2009

#### Proposed biodegradation pathway



#### Optimization enzyme stochiometry



### Laboratory scale biodegradation experiment



8 liters 10 mM TCP 90% efficiency >7 weeks

- haloalkane dehalogenase stable in DMSO
- random and site-directed mutagenesis
- activity with 1,2-dibromoethane in 40% DMSO
- modification of tunnel provided enzyme with 270x higher residual activity, 4000x
   longer half-life, thermostability 19°C higher

### Directed evolution towards stability in DMSO



#### before optimization

#### after optimization

### Directed evolution towards stability in DMSO



#### before optimization

#### after optimization

## Variants with increased stability in DMSO



## A172 located in tunnel



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### Termostability of variants with increased stability in DMSO





Gray K. and co-workers Adv. Synth. Catal. 343, 2001

Gene Site Saturation Mutagen.  $T_{1/2}$  (55°C) = 35 h -> 639 h

G3D, D78G, F80S, T148L, G171Q, A172V, C176F, N227T, W240Y, P291G, A292G











#### Koudelakova et al., Angewandte Chemie 52: 1959 2013



- New model emphasizes importance of tunnels in enzymes with buried active sites.
- CAVER is useful tool for analysis and design of tunnels in proteins.
- Engineering of tunnels provides enzymes with modified activities and stabilities.

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