Haloalkane dehalogenases:

phylogenetics, characterization, modelling, engineering

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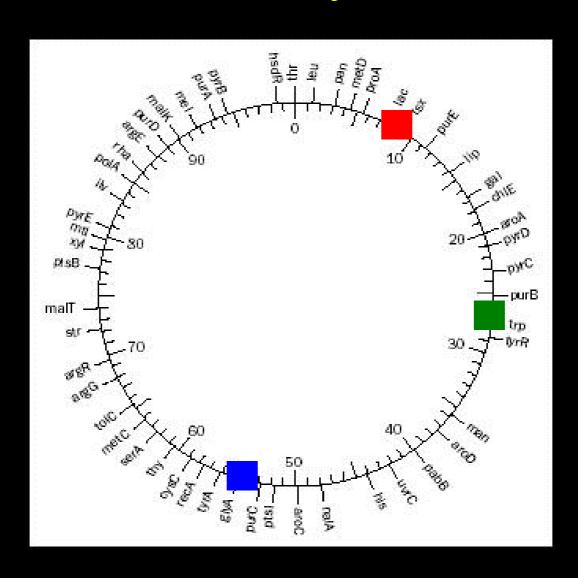
Phylogenetics

- screening of sequences in protein databases
- re-construction of phylogenetic tree
- identification of new family members
- prediction of novel activities, catalytic promiscuity

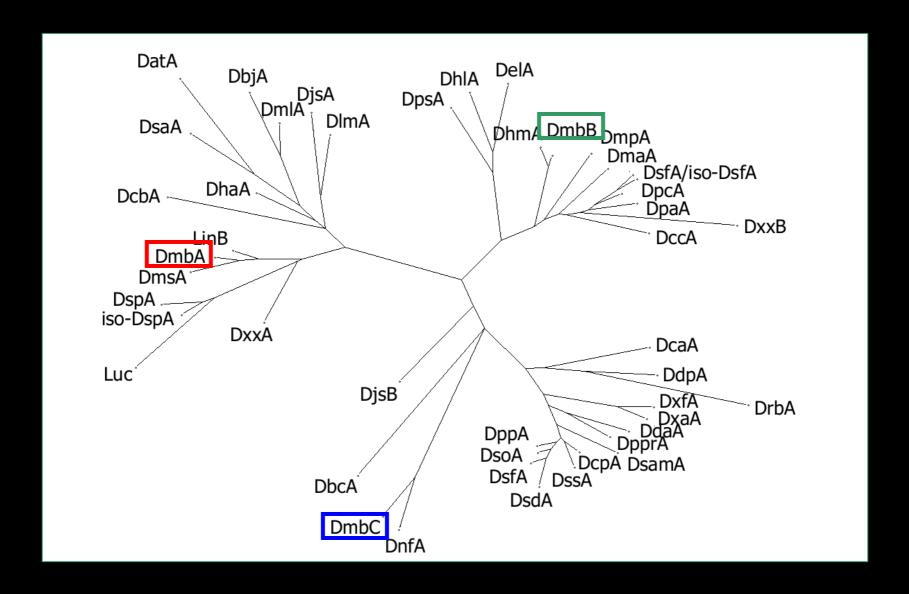
Isolation of novel enzymes

- → DbeA from Bradyrhizobium elkani
- DmbC from Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- DrbA from Rhodopirullela baltica
- purification, biochemical & structural characterization

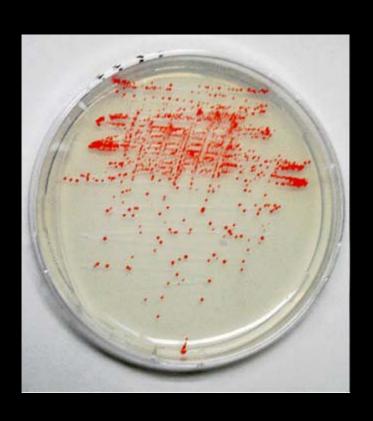
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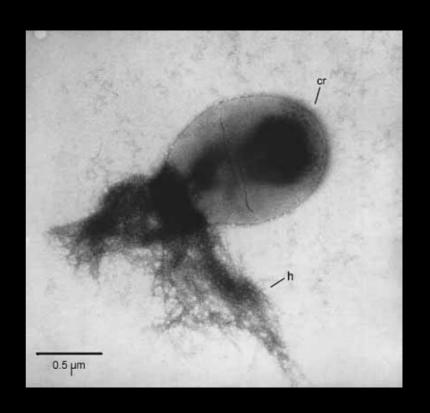


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DrbA from *Rhodopirullela baltica*





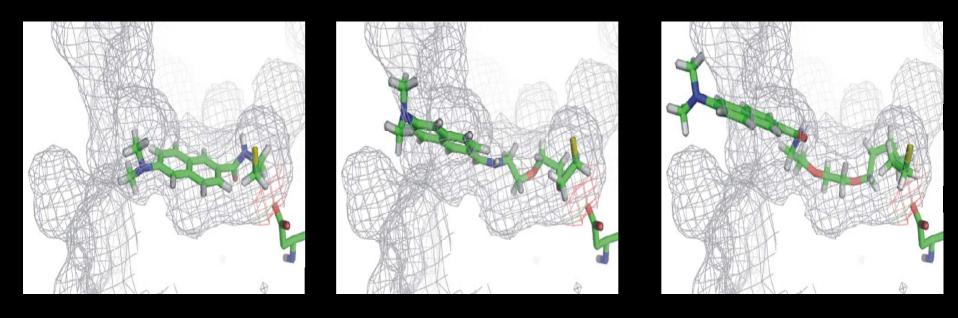
Enantioselectivity

- substrate mapping
- structural analysis of DbjA and its mutant
- site-directed mutagenesis & directed evolution

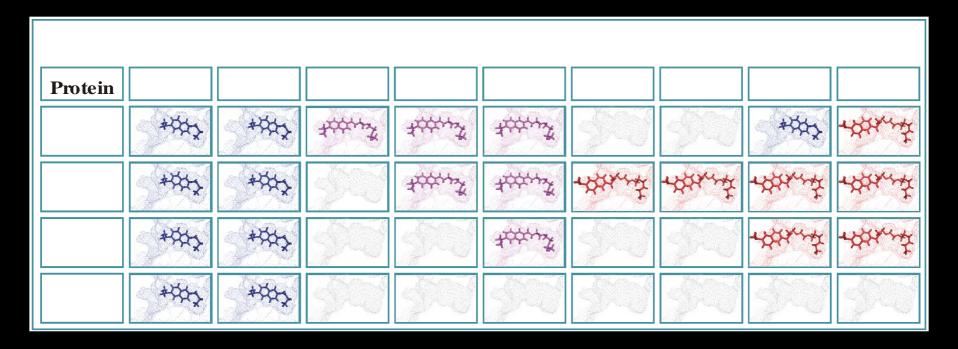
Solvent relaxation

- design of fluorescence probes
- construction of mutants
- chemical synthesis of probes
- femtosecond spectroscopy, molecular dynamics

Fluorescence probes



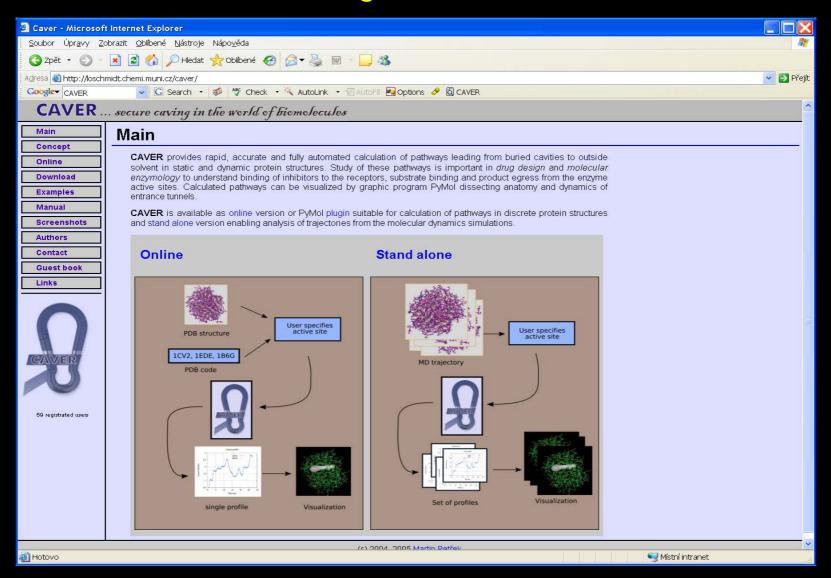
Fluorescence probes



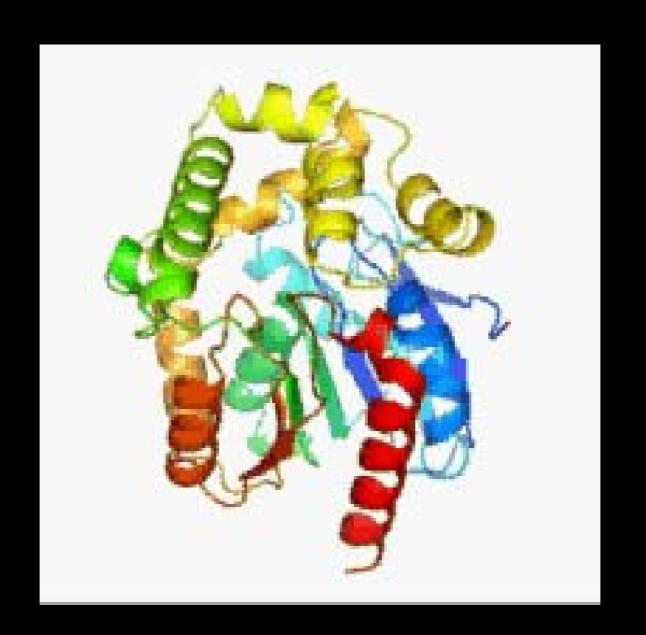
- Engineering for 1,1-dichloromethane
 - design of mutation L263W (Rebecca)
 - COMBINE analysis of L263W protein
 - zonstruction of mutant → negative result
 - plan: directed evolution
- Engineering for 1,2,3-trichloropropane
 - modelling of DhaA mutants
 - dissecting mechanism (access paths)
 - RAMD, identification of hot-spots
 - directed evolution

- Development of COMBINE
 - data matrix prepared for "classical" COMBINE for DhIA and DhaA [data Schindler]
 - data matrix prepared for "ab initio" COMBINE for DhIA and LinB [data Brno]
- Development of virtual reality for proteins
 - development of program CAVER
 - new algorithm based on Voronoi diagram
 - new software for engineering of import/export paths
 - virtual reality

Program CAVER



CAVER Methodology



CAVER Visualisation

