

## Mutagenesis Methods

### Non-recombinant Mutagenesis

#### **Error prone PCR (epPCR):**

Developed by Mullis in 1994.

Random mutations are induced over the entire gene.

Established by varying parameters (e.g.,  $[MgCl_2]$  or  $[dNTPs]$ ), using mutator strain *E. coli* (e.g., XL1-red) and/or using mutagenic polymerases.

$$N = \frac{19^M X!}{(X-M)! M!} \quad \begin{aligned} N &= \# \text{ of variants} \\ M &= \# \text{ of amino acid exchanges per enzyme molecule} \\ X &= \# \text{ of amino acids per enzyme molecule} \end{aligned}$$

**Disadvantage:** Bias towards some amino acids over others due to degeneracy in codons.

<i>M</i>	<i>N</i>
1	5,700
2	16,190,850
3	30,557,530,900

#### **Saturation mutagenesis:**

Introduction of all 20 amino acids at a target sequence.

Can be directed at one codon or a set of codons.

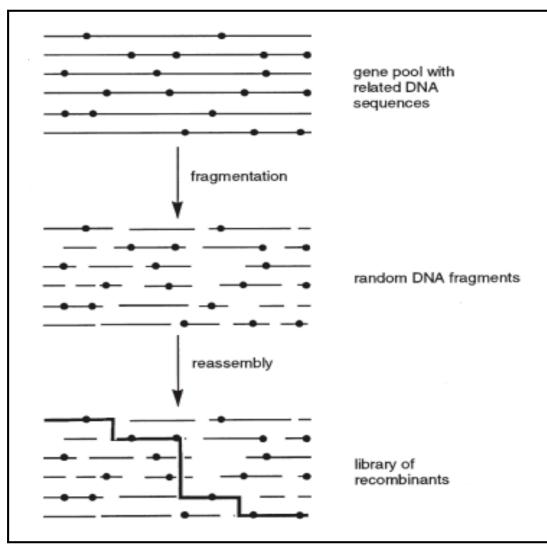
\*Calculated for a model enzyme with 300 amino acids

Arnold, *Chem. Eng. Sci.* 1996, 51, 5091-5102.

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### Recombinant Mutagenesis

#### **Schematic representation of DNA shuffling:**



#### **DNA Recombination:**

Process by which a strand of genetic material (e.g., DNA) is broken and joined to a different DNA molecule.

#### **DNA Shuffling:**

The idea is to generate diversity by recombination by combining beneficial mutations from related genes.

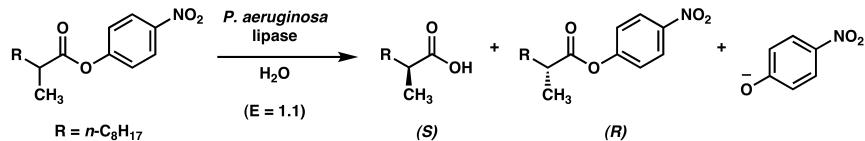
**Advantage:** a large sequence space

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Reetz, *Top. Curr. Chem.* 1999, 200, 31-57.

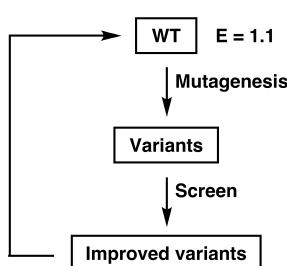
"Genetic recombination". Sep 27, 2009 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/>>

## Pseudomonas aeruginosa Lipase

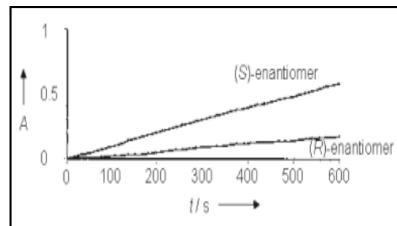
*P. aeruginosa* lipase (PAL): 285 amino acids  
933 bp



Directed evolution of PAL:



Representative Screening Method:



Separate  $A_{410}$  (*p*-nitrophenolate anion) measurements of (S) and (R) enantiomers.

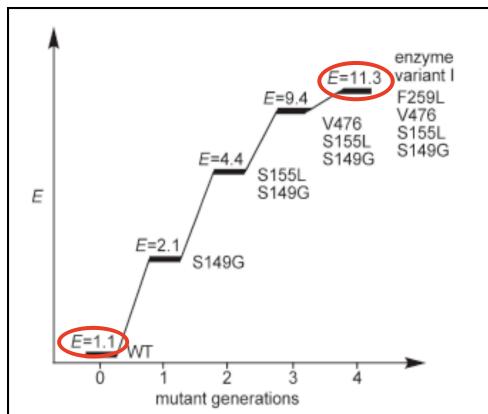
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## Pseudomonas aeruginosa Lipase Error-prone PCR

### Error Prone PCR

- Introduced 1-2 bp mutations per lipase gene (up to 2 amino acid substitutions).
- A total of 4 rounds of epPCR.

Sequential increase of enantioselectivity in PAL  
in the course of the mutagenesis experiments:



Generation	# of clones tested	# of positive clones
1	1,000	12
2	2,200	10
3	2,400	1
4	2,000	6

\* Further rounds of mutations did not result in improvement in enantioselectivity.

$$E = \frac{\ln [(1-c)(1-ee(S))]}{\ln [(1-c)(1+ee(S))]}$$

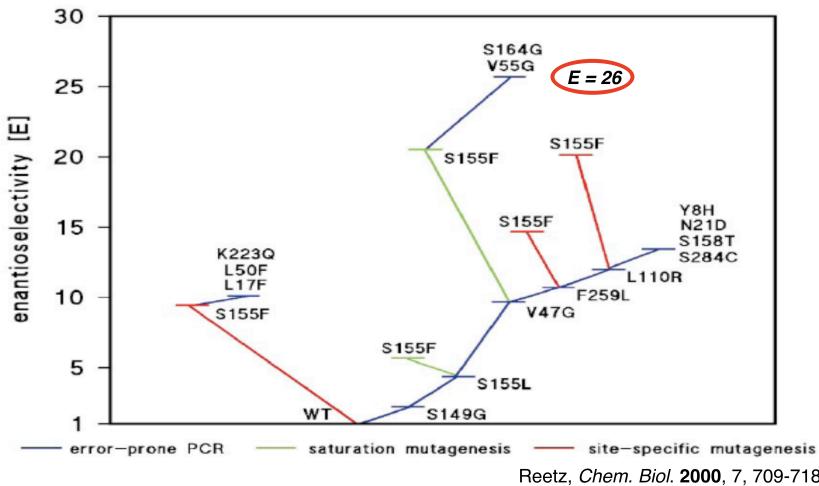
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## *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Lipase Saturation Mutagenesis

### **Saturation Mutagenesis:**

A method used to introduce all 20 amino acids to "hot spots"  
 "Hot spots" for PAL has been identified by epPCR in previous studies.

### **Evolution of PAL enantioselectivity:**



Reetz, *Chem. Biol.* 2000, 7, 709-718.

## *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Lipase Combinatorial Multiple Cassette Mutagenesis (CMCM)

### **Combinatorial Multiple Cassette Mutagenesis (CMCM):**

CMCM is a special type of DNA shuffling that allows for the generation of mutant-gene libraries in which the WT gene and cassettes composed of defined sequences are randomized.



#### **Simplified CMCM 1 → Mutant G**

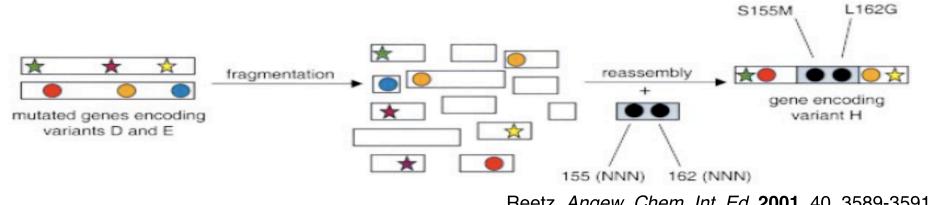
Targeted amino acids 160-163 (epPCR)  
 Yielded mutant G (E160A, S161D, L162G; E = 30)

#### **Simplified CMCM 2 → Mutants H and I**

Targeted amino acids 155 and 162 (from previous studies)  
 Yielded mutants H (S155S, L162G; E = 34) and I (S155V, L162G; E = 30)

#### **Modified CMCM → Mutant J**

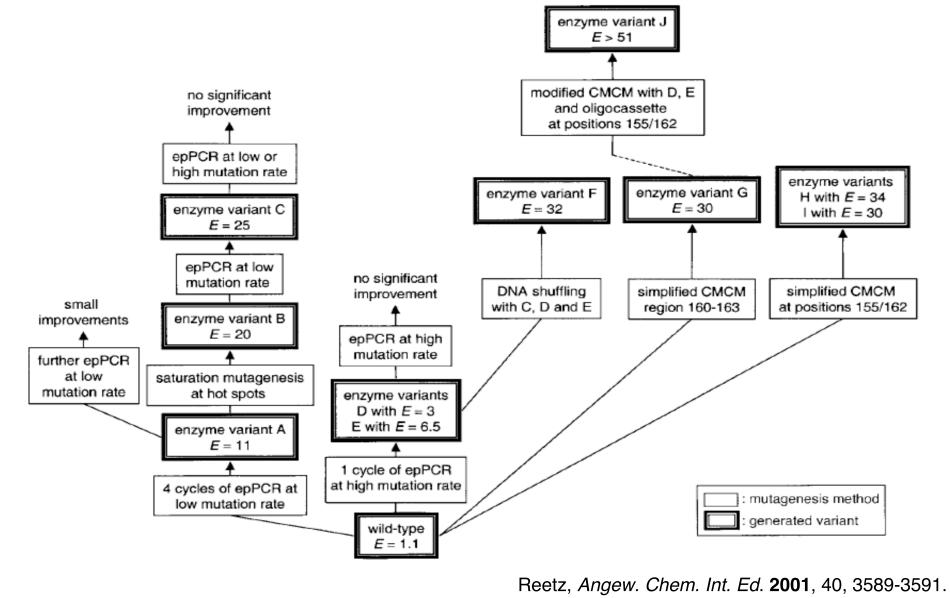
DNA shuffling with mutants D, E (from epPCR) and oligocassette at positions at 155 and 162.  
 Yielded mutant J (D20N, S53P, S155M, L162G, T180I and T234S; E = 51)



Reetz, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2001, 40, 3589-3591.

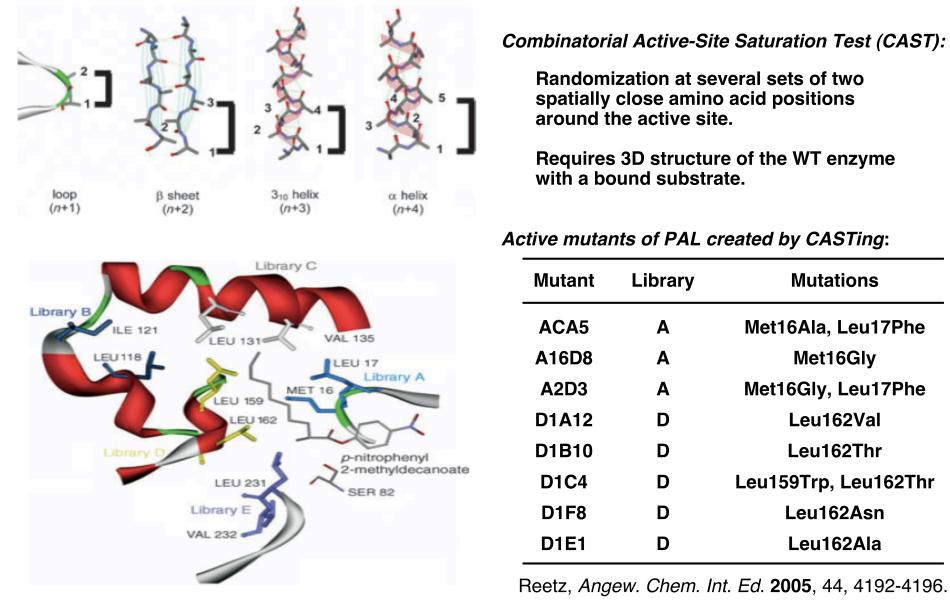
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### Summary

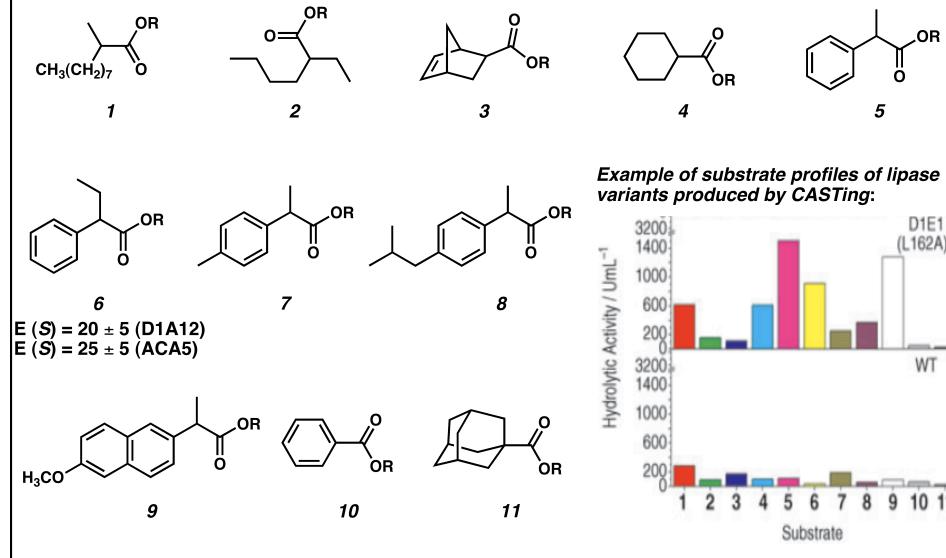


## Pseudomonas aeruginosa Lipase

### Expansion of Substrate Scope - CAST

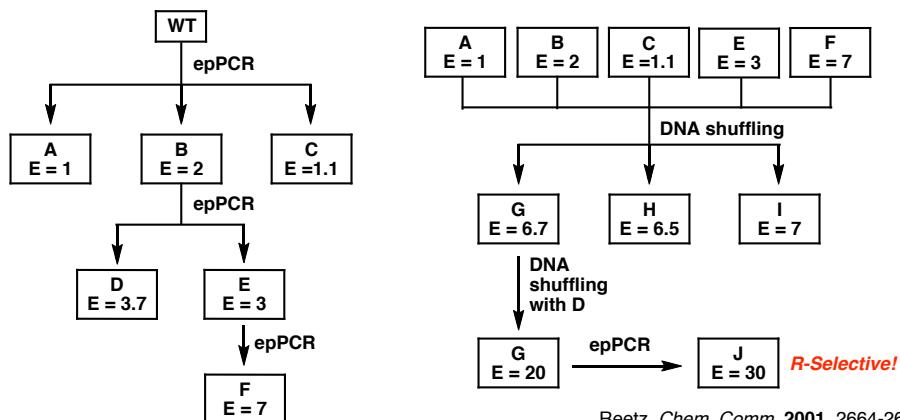
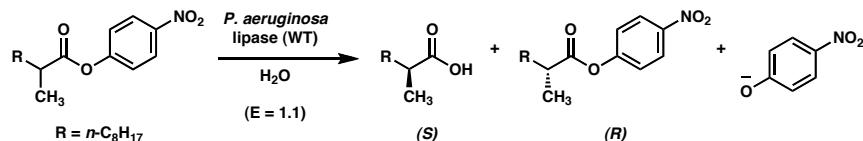


*P. aeruginosa* Lipase  
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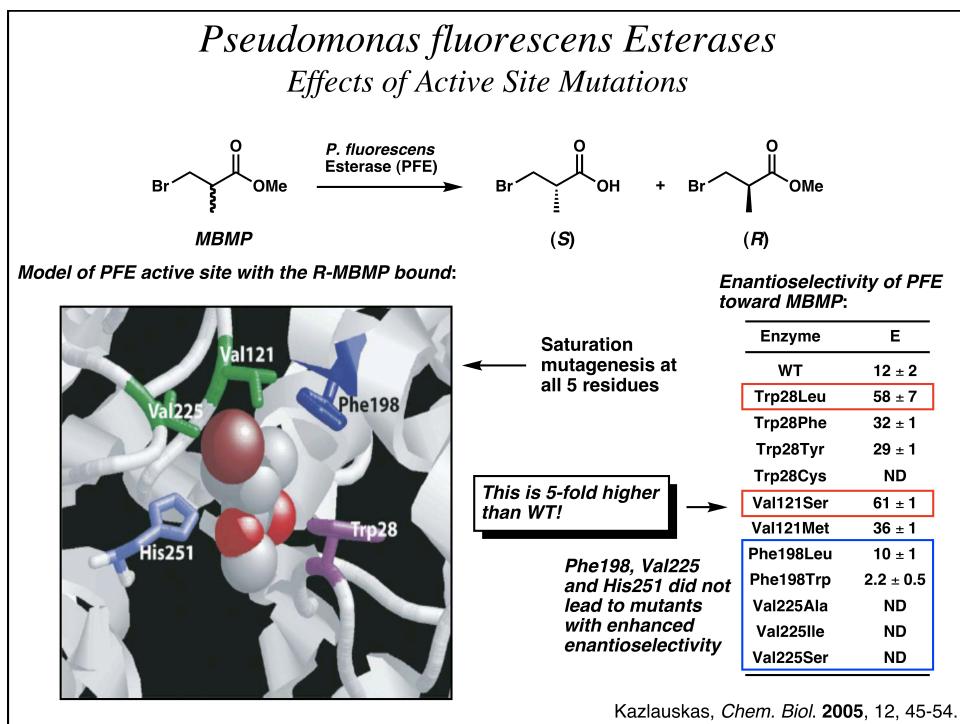
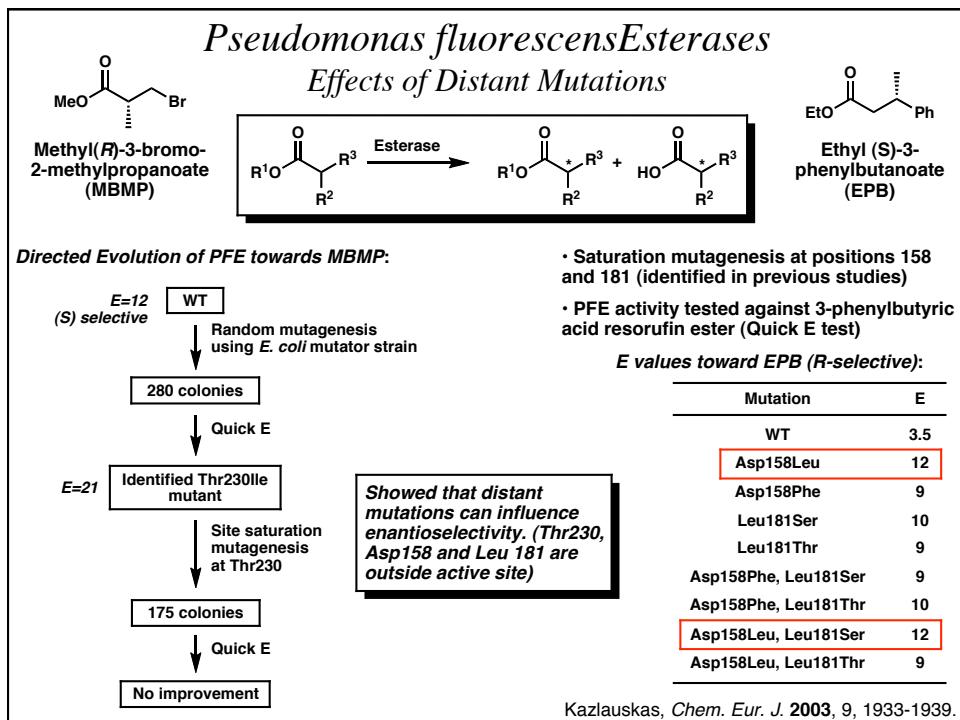


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*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Lipase  
Reversal of Enantioselectivity



Reetz, *Chem. Comm.* **2001**, 2664-2665.



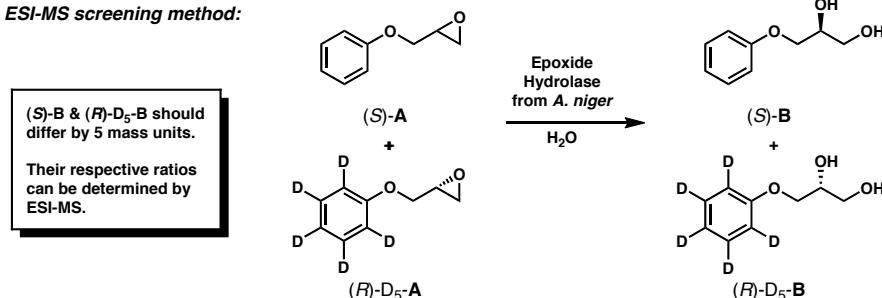
# *Aspergillus niger* Epoxide Hydrolases Error-prone PCR



#### **Mutagenesis Method: epPCR**

**Pretest:** Epoxide hydrolase activity was tested by reaction of an epoxide with 4-*p*-nitrobenzyl pyridine, causing a formation of a blue dye.

#### *ESI-MS screening method:*

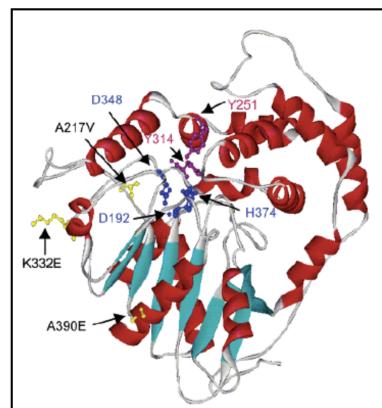


Reetz, *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6 (2), 177-180.  
Schmid, *Anal. Chim. Acta* **1999**, 391, 345-351.

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#### ***After one round of epPCR:***

Mutant	ee <sub>p</sub> (S) (%)	conversion (%)	E	Amino acid exchanges
WT	56	33	4.6	N.A.
1	74	39	10.8	A217V, K332E, A390E
2	73	24	8.1	N.D.
3	69	35	7.7	N.D.
4	69	31	7.4	R219G
5	66	38	7.2	F84L M245L
6	64	38	6.8	N.D.
7	65	34	6.4	A327V
8	67	23	6.2	A327V
9	62	30	5.5	P222S



## ***Crystal structure of the wild type ANEH monomer***

- Blue - catalytic triad
  - Purple - 2 tyrosines that activate the epoxide by hydrogen bonding
  - Yellow - Amino acid substitutions

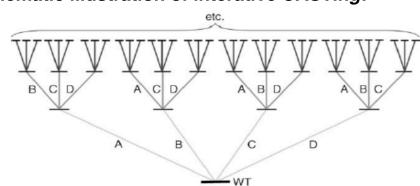
Molecular modeling of the WT enzyme suggests that the side chain of residue 217 is in van der Waals contact with the aromatic ring of the substrate.

The roles of remote substitutions are unclear.

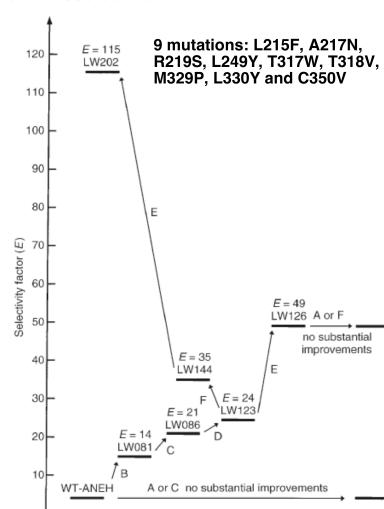
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## *Aspergillus niger* Epoxide Hydrolases Improved Enantioselectivity – CAST

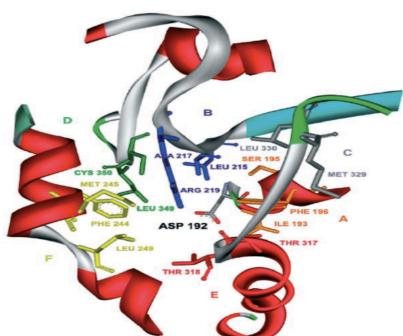
### Schematic illustration of iterative CASTing:



### Iterative CASTing in the evolution of enantioselective ANEH:

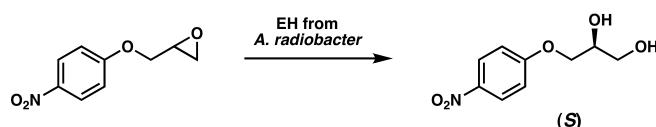


### Defined radomization sites:



Reetz, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 1236-1241.

## *Agrobacterium radiobacter* Epoxide Hydrolase Error-prone PCR and DNA shuffling



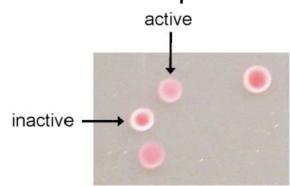
**1st Round Mutagenesis:** Error-prone PCR: 5-7 bp substitutions per gene (2-3 amino acid substitutions per mutant)

**2nd Round Mutagenesis:** DNA shuffling (among mutants with enhanced selectivity)

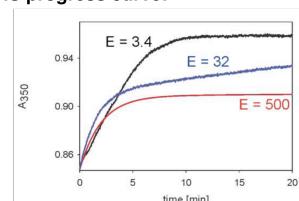
**Selection Method:** Activity toward 1,2-epoxybutane using an agar plate assay with safranin O as an indicator.

**Screening Method:** UV/VIS progress curve monitoring A<sub>350</sub> (pNPGE)

**Activity screening of colonies using safranin O indicator plates:**

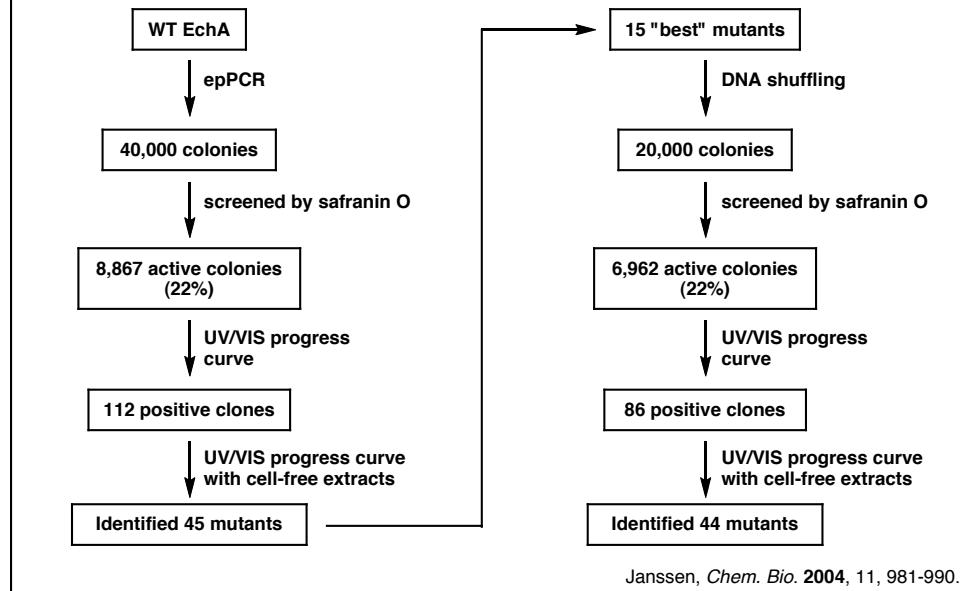


**UV/VIS progress curve:**

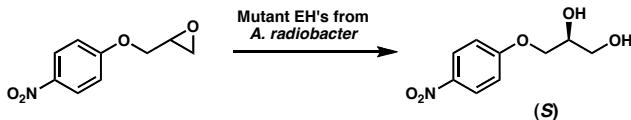


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*Agrobacterium radiobacter* Epoxide Hydrolase  
Error-prone PCR and DNA shuffling

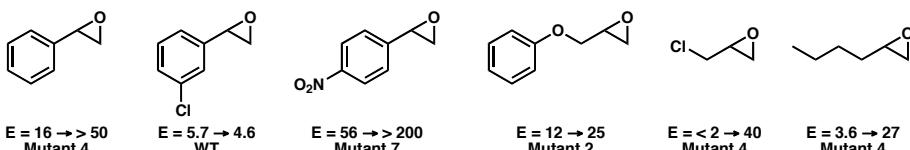


*Agrobacterium radiobacter* Epoxide Hydrolase



Mutant	E	Mutations
WT	3.4	None
1	44	F108I, S217C, L277S
2	20	Y152F, E170G, E271V, D287E
3	22	F108I, S121C, D200E, Y215F
4	32	F108I, P205H, Y215H, E271V
5	26	F108I, V112I, D159E, E170G, S184A, Y215F
6	27	D131G, Q134L, Y152F, T227S, Y251C
7	19	A119G, Y152F, Y251C
8	21	Y152F, D159E, E271V

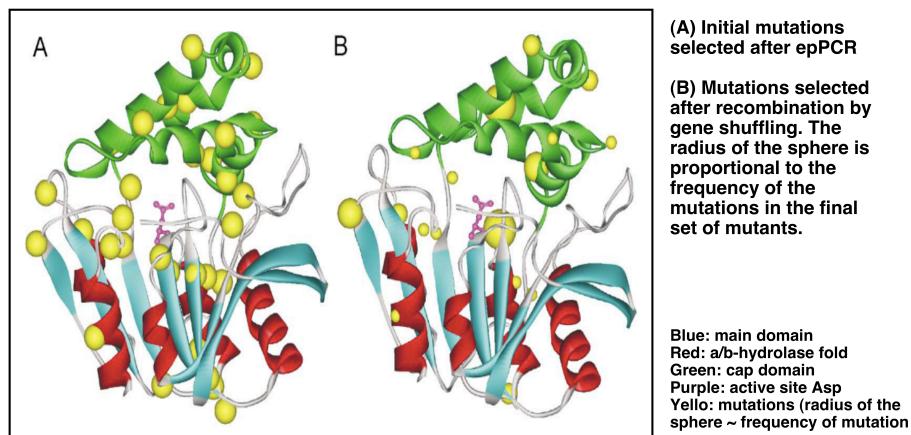
*Substrate Scope:*



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## *Agrobacterium radiobacter Epoxide Hydrolase*

Positions of the selected mutations in the X-ray structure of EchA:

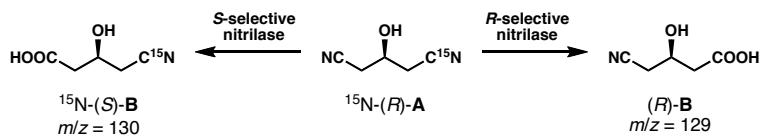


- Sequence analysis showed that 16 of the 34 positions that were present in the EchA mutants after epPCR were present in the final 8 mutants.

- All recombinants contained at least one mutation of a residue that is part of the active site.

Janssen, *Chem. Bio.* 2004, 11, 981-990.

## Nitrilase



GSSM library:

Nitrilase	100mM ee (%)	2.25M ee (%)	time (h)
WT	94.5	87.8	24
Ala55Gly	96.5	nd	>160
Ile60Glu	96.5	nd	>160
Ala190His	97.9	98.1	15
Ala190Ser	96.8	95.5	40
Ala190Thr	96.5	96.6	40
Asn111Ser	95.8	96.1	>160
Phe191Leu	97.9	nd	>160
Phe191Thr	97.9	nd	>160
Phe191Met	97.9	nd	>160
Phe191Val	97.9	nd	>160
Met199Glu	97.9	nd	>160
Met199Leu	97.9	95.4	160

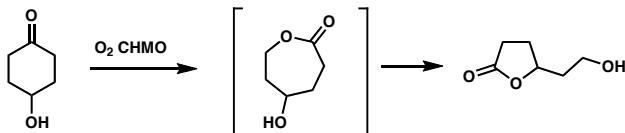
Gene Site Saturation Mutagenesis (GSSM):

Each amino acid of a protein is replaced with each of the other 19 naturally occurring amino acids.

Advantage of the GSSM method is that introduction of ALL 20 amino acids at every position is possible. It is impossible to do so with epPCR due to degeneracy in codons.

Burk, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2003, 125, 11476-11477.

## *Cyclohexanone Monooxygenase* *Baeyer-Villiger*



### **1<sup>st</sup> Round Mutagenesis: epPCR at different rates**

**Screening Method:** High throughput GC assay

#### **Altered CHMO mutants after first round of epPCR:**

Mutant	AA exchange	R/S	ee (%)	
WT	-	R	9	
1	F432Y, K500R	R	34	
2	L143F	R	40	
3	F432I	R	49	
4	L426P, A541V	R	54	
5	L220Q, P428S, T433A	S	18	
6	D41N, F505Y	S	46	
7	K78E, R432S	S	78	
8	F432S	S	79	

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*Opposite to the usual S selectivity generally observed for 4-substituted cyclohexanone derivates*

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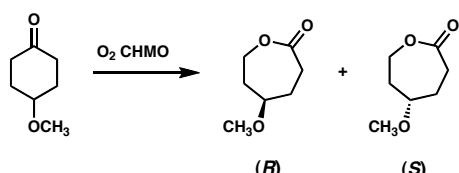
### ***Evolution toward R selectivity:***

## 2<sup>nd</sup> round of epPCR with *R*-selective mutants

**1,600 mutants screened**

"Best" mutant (mutant 9): Evolved from mutant 2  
90% ee

### Oxidation of 4-methoxy cyclohexanone:



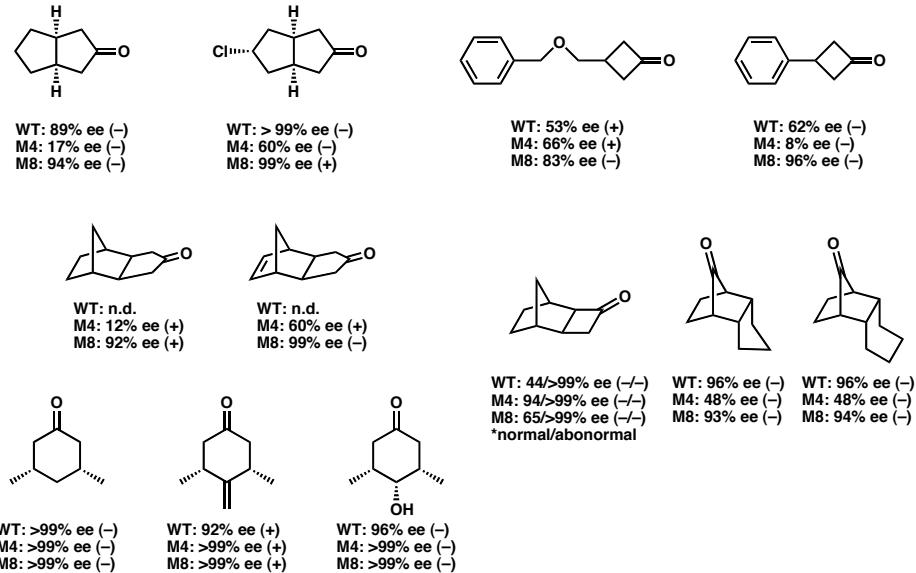
### **Enantioselectivities of CHMO toward 4-methoxy cyclohexanone**

Mutant	R/S	ee
WT	S	78%
Mutant 9	R	25%
Mutant 8	S	98.6%

## ***Enantiodivergent!***

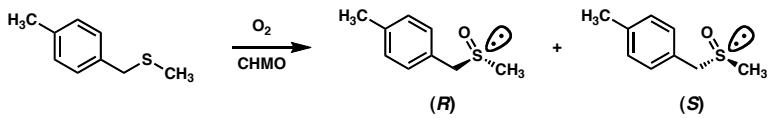
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*Cyclohexanone Monooxygenase*  
*Bayer-Villiger – Expansion of Substrate Scope*



Reetz, *Org. Lett.* 2006, 8, 1221-1224.

*Cyclohexanone Monooxygenase*  
*Oxidation of Thioesters*



Using the 1<sup>st</sup> round epPCR mutant library from  
Bayer Villiger reaction:

Over-oxidation to achiral sulfone is a known process in other microbial oxidation of prochiral thioesters. However, it is only a minor process due to low rate of over-oxidation.

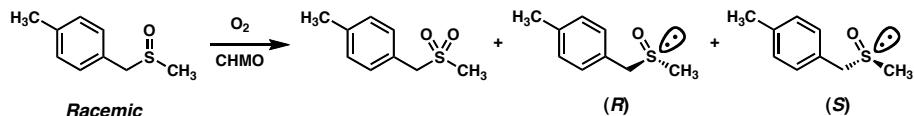
Mutant	AA exchanges	Yield (%)	R/S	ee (%)	Sulfone yield (%)
WT	–	75	R	14	<1
1	D384H	75	R	98.9	7.9
2	F432S	55	R	98.7	20.0
3	K229I, L248P	77	S	98.1	5.6
4	Y132C, F246I V361A, T415A	52	S	99.7	26.6
5	F16L, F277S	84	S	95.2	5.6

Previously identified as a highly enantioselective biocatalyst in asymmetric Bayer-Villiger reaction of 4-substituted cyclohexanones

Reetz, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2004, 43, 4078-4081.

## *Cyclohexanone Monooxygenase* *Oxidation of Thioesters*

## **Oxidative Kinetic Resolution of Racemic Sulfoxide:**



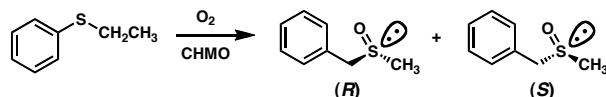
### Oxidation of racemic sulfoxide:

Mutant	Sulfone Yield	R/S	Sulfoxide ee
Mutant 1	43%	R	98.7%
Mutant 4	62%	S	98.9%

## *Directed evolution to reduce sulfonye formation:*

- epPCR using mutant 4
  - Discovered a new mutant (with three new mutations) that leads to **99.8% ee** in favor of (S)- sulfoxide, with the amount of undesired sulfone being almost negligible (< 5%).

### **Testing Mutants 3 and 5 with a different substrate:**

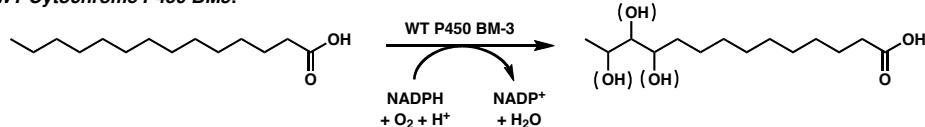


Mutant	R/S	ee
WT	R	47%
Mutant 3	S	98.9%
Mutant 5	R	88%

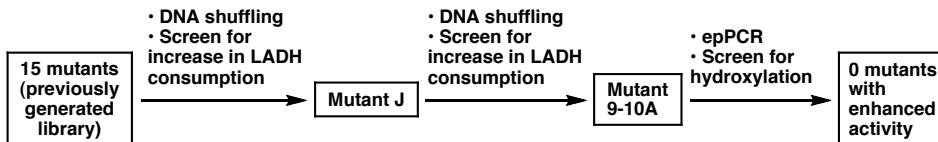
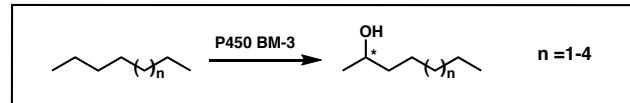
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# *Bacillus megaterium* Cytochrome P450 BM3 Hydroxylation

### **WT Cytochrome P450 BM3:**

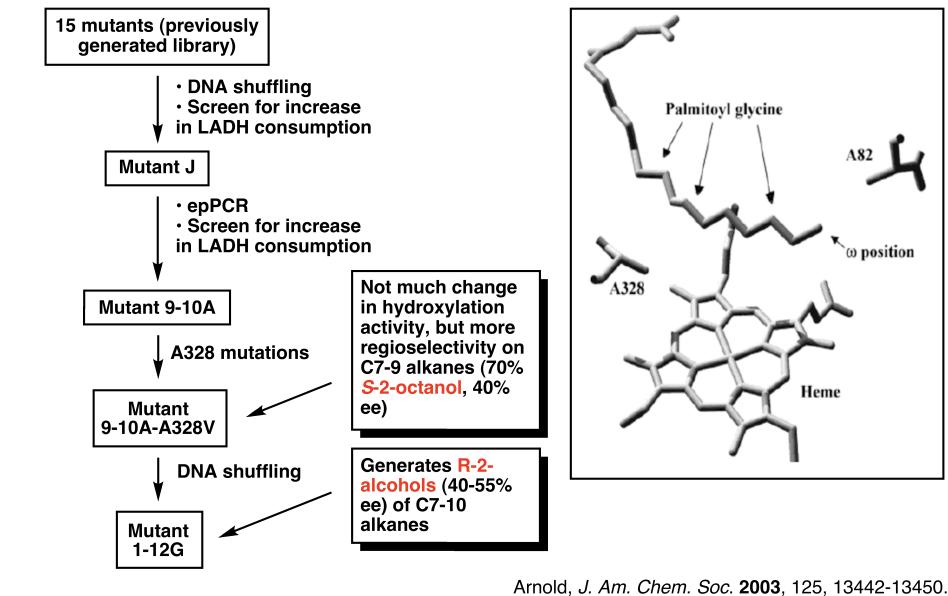


#### *Desired Reactivity:*

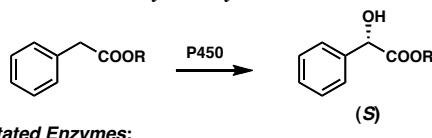


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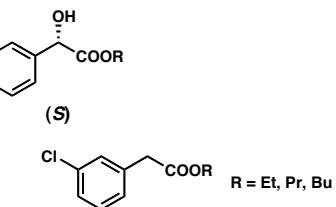


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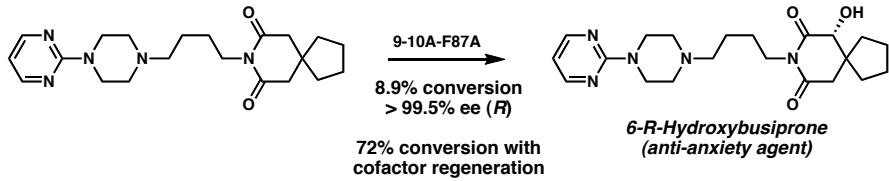
Enzymatic Acitivity of Mutated Enzymes:

Enzyme	Substrate	TTN	% selectivity	% ee (S)
BM-3	Pr	63	17	82
	Bu	20	6	71
BM-3-F87A	Pr	623	99	85
	Bu	396	88	75
9-10A	Pr	77	41	85
	Bu	86	25	95
9-10A-F87A	Pr	1640	88	93
	Bu	660	76	89



Activity of Enzyme 9-10A-F87A toward m-chlorophenylacetic acid:

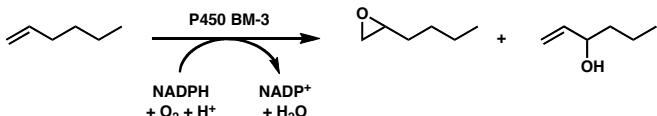
Substrate	TTN	% selectivity	% ee (S)
Et	86	25	95
Pr	1640	88	93
Bu	660	76	89



Arnold, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 6058-6059.

*Bacillus megaterium Cytochrome P450 BM3*  
Epoxidation of Terminal Alkenes to (R)- and (S)-Epoxides

Desired reaction:



Selected from saturation mutagenesis at residues (11) closest to the heme:

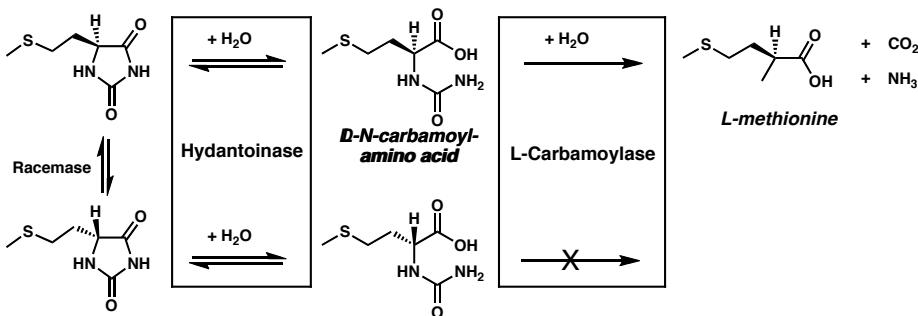
Mutation in 9-10A	TTN	Selectivity (%)	ee (%)
none	140	25	4 (R)
L75S	220	45	19 (S)
A82F	210	64	2 (R)
A82L	220	49	16 (R)
F87I	450	67	45 (S)
F87L	350	76	79 (S)
F87V	670	73	73 (S)
I263A	300	68	11 (R)
A328V	280	81	63 (R)

DNA shuffling between the selected mutations:

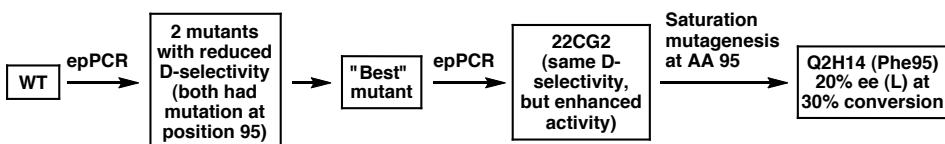
Variant	Substrate	TTN	Selectivity (%)	ee (%)
SH-44	1-pentene	1370	93	73 (S)
	1-hexene	1090	88	71 (S)
	1-heptene	500	85	65 (S)
	1-octene	200	84	55 (S)
RH-47	1-pentene	570	94	60 (R)
	1-hexene	610	93	60 (R)
	1-heptene	550	95	76 (R)
	1-octene	560	92	83 (R)

Arnold, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2006, 12, 1216-1220.

### Hydantoinases

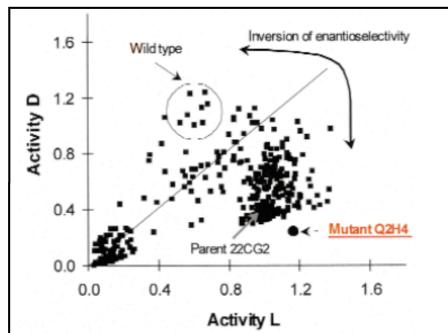


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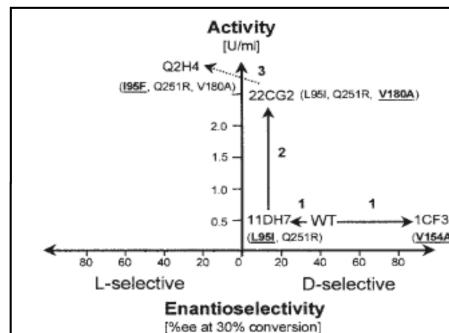


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## Hydantoinases



Screening was achieved by monitoring activities toward D and L-MTEH using pH indicator assay with cresol red ( $A_{580}$ )



Schematic diagram of evolutionary progression of hydantoinase activity and enantioselectivity through two generations of epPCR and saturation mutagenesis.

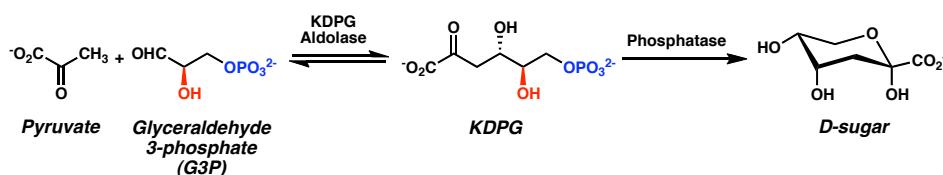
**L-Methionine production with a recombinant whole-cell catalyst:**

- ~91mM of L-Met produced from 100mM D,L-MTEH in 2 h (WT = ~66mM)
- >90% conversion achieved in less than 2 h (WT = 10 h)
- Accumulated D-C-Met intermediate concentration was reduced more than fourfold

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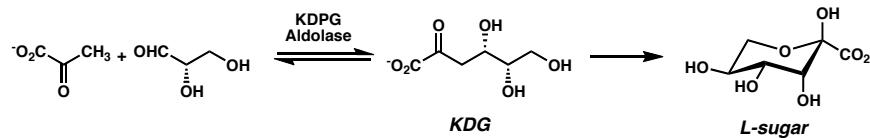
## 2-Keto-3-deoxy-6-phosphogluconate Aldolase Synthesis of D & L-Sugars

**WT 2-Keto-3-deoxy-6-phosphogluconate (KDPG) Aldolase:**



Optimization for the acceptance of: D and L aldehydes  
Non-phosphorylated aldehydes

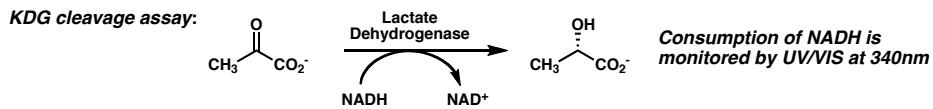
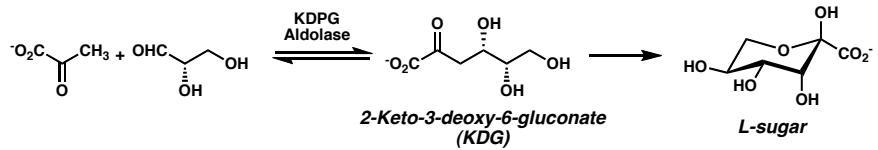
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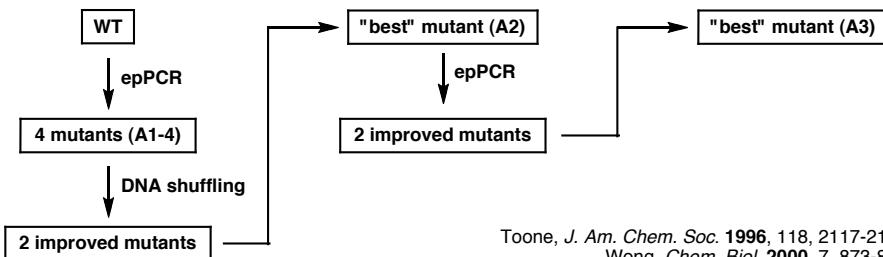
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### Synthesis of D & L-Sugars



**Directed Evolution of KDPG Aldolase:**

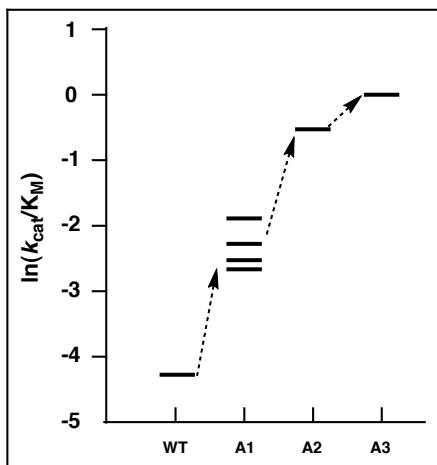


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**Evolution of KDPG aldolase for KDG cleavage:**

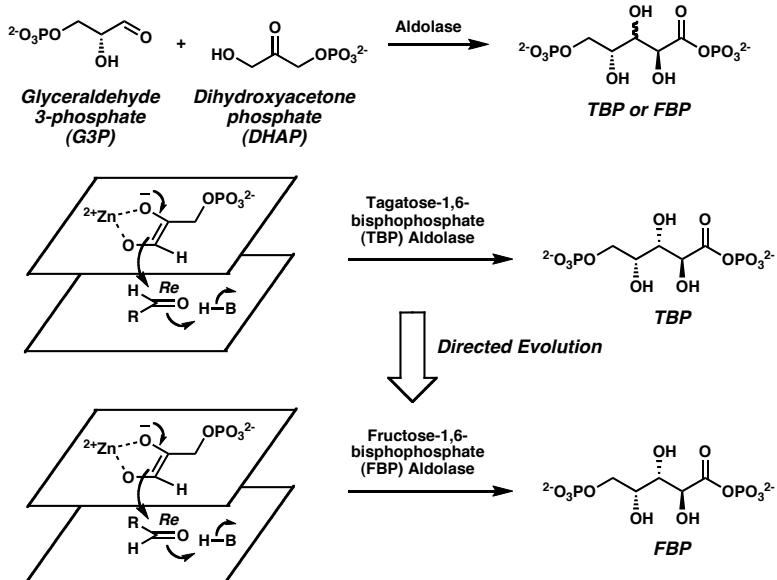


**Relative activity of KDPG aldolase variants for aldol addition reactions with pyruvate as the donor substrate:**

Acceptor Substrate	WT	A3
D-Glyceraldehyde	100	181
L-Glyceraldehyde	too slow	26
D-Lactaldehyde	32	104
L-Lactaldehyde	-	-
DL-3-Fluoro-2-hydroxypropanal	45	95
D-Threose	-	-
D-Erythrose	-	-
DL-Glyceraldehyde-3-P	$2.6 \times 10^4$	$3.2 \times 10^3$
Glyoxylate	60	700
Glycolaldehyde	10	23
Chloroacetaldehyde	too slow	19

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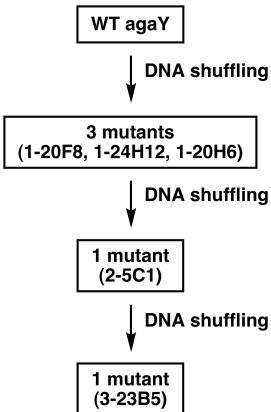
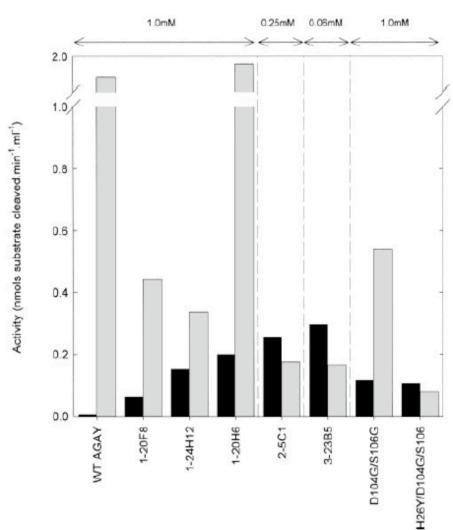
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**Aldolase activities toward FBP (black) and TBP (gray):**

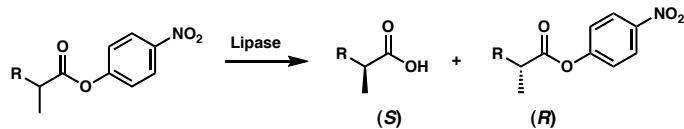


Residues identified from this study are either completely conserved (D104, S106 and P256) or semiconserved (H26) across all members of the FBP and TBP aldolases.

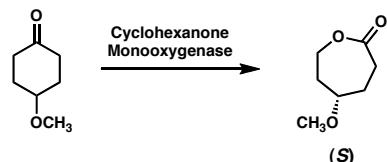
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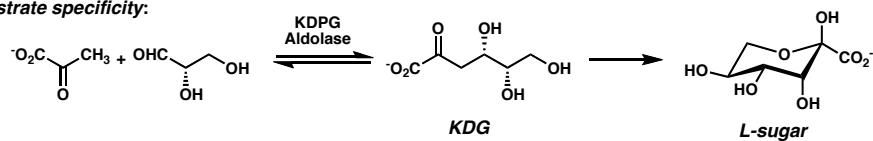
### ***Enhancement of enantioselectivity:***



### *Reversal of enantioselectivity:*



### ***Modification of substrate specificity:***



## *Modification of diastereoselectivity:*

