

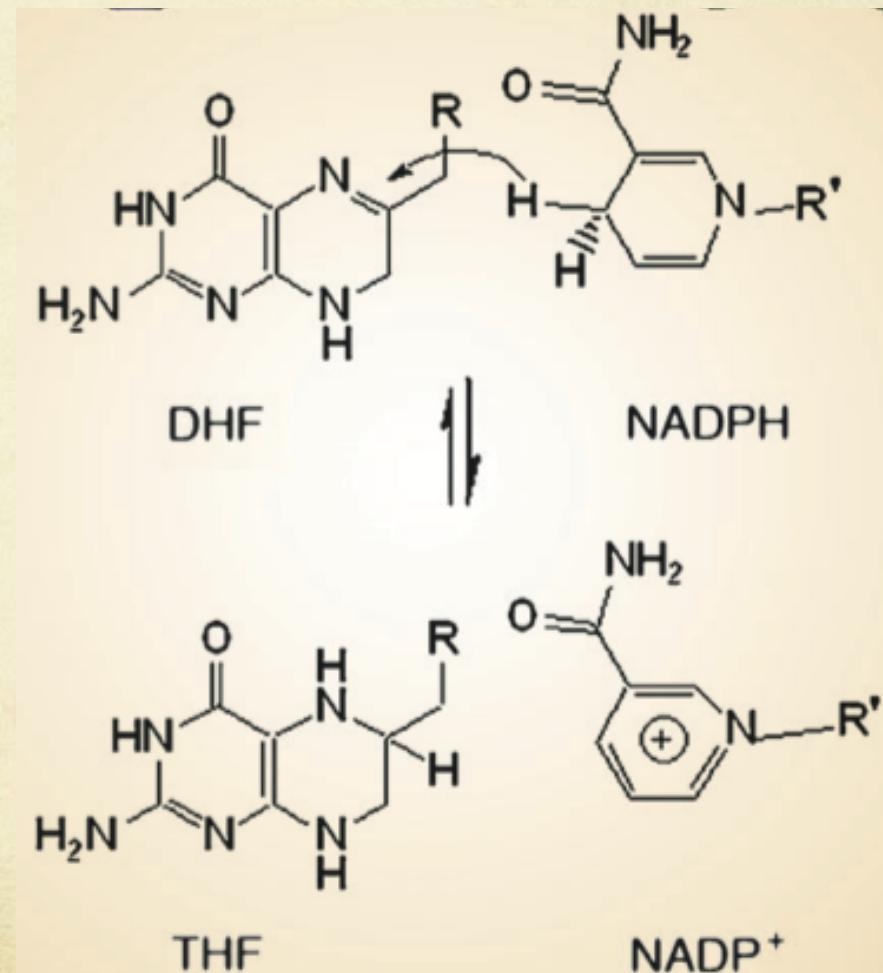
# DHFR

Dihydrofolate reductase

# DHFR katalüüsib redoks reaktsiooni

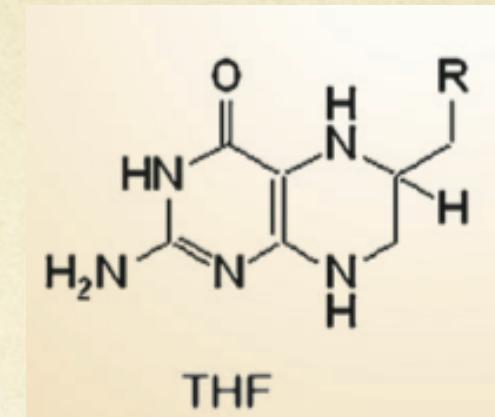
diHüdrofolaat  
DHF

tetraHüdrofolaat  
THF



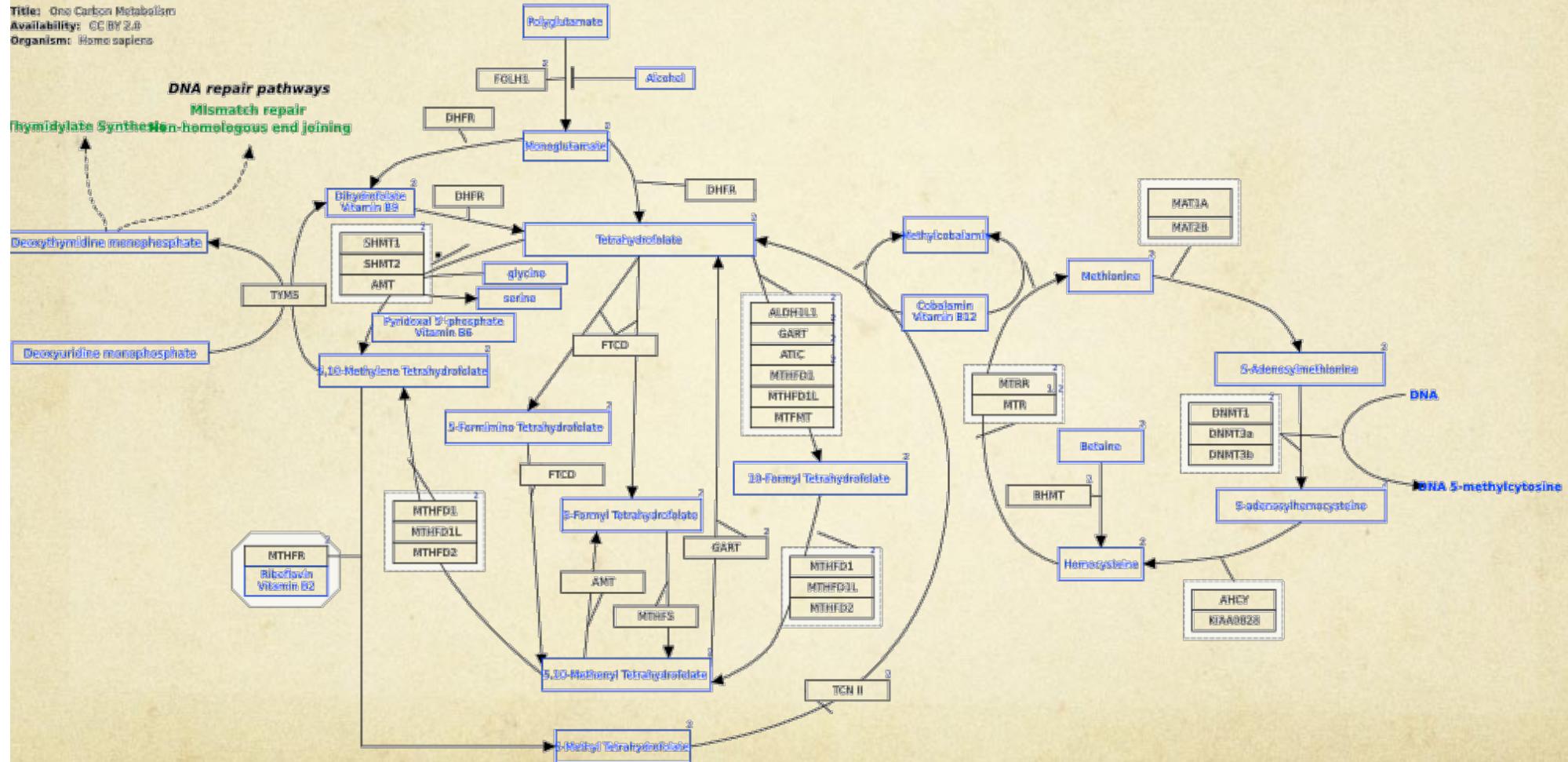
# THF

- THF osaleb folaat-sõltuvate ensüümide töös ja seega on hädavajalik DNA sünteesiks ning metülatesiooniks
- Dihüdrofolaadi reduktaas on raku elutegevuseks hädavajalik ensüüm
- Eelkõige vajatakse rakujagunemisel ja teistel DNA sünteesiga seotud etappidel raku elus



# One Carbon Metabolism (Homo sapiens)

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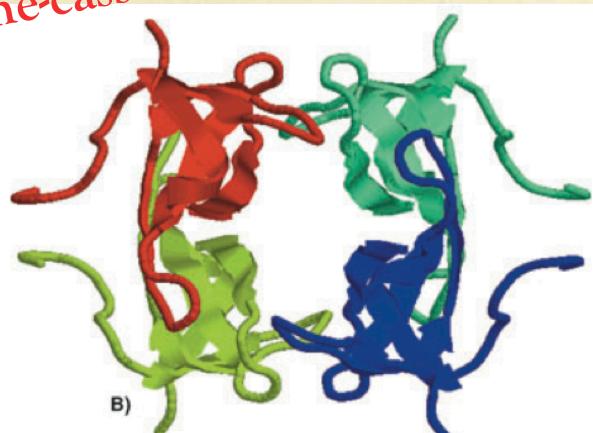
# DHFR - 2 erinevat ensüümi

Chromosome coded



A)

gene-cassettes



B)

OPTIMIZED

- *dfrA* gene family
- monomer
- 152–189 amino acids
- identity levels of 20–90%

NON-OPTIMIZED

- *dfrB* gene family
- homo-tetramer
- 78 amino acids
- identity levels of 75%

# DHFR – *dfrA* rahvamajanduslik tähtsus

- **Vähiravis - N:** acute lymphocytic leukemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, osteosarcoma and choriocarcinoma
  - konkureeriv inhibiitor – MTX methotrexate
- **Rheumatoid artriidi ravis –** Low-dose MTX ‘gold standard’ (SNP ja individuaalne erinevus – erinevus ravis)
- **Seostatakse arenguhäirega -** Spina bifida – selgroo kanal osaliselt avatud
- **Teatud bakteriaalsete, seente ja algloomade infektsioonide mahasurumine**
  - Konkureeriv inhibiitor – TMP trimethoprim (imetaja DHFR resistantne)
  - Peale TMP inhibitsiooni on inimese ja *E. coli* DHFR'i vahel veel teisigi katalüütilisi/kineetilisi erinevusi



# Functional significance of evolving protein sequence in dihydrofolate reductase from bacteria to humans

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- Millised on peamised erinevused inimese (hs) ja *E.coli* (ec) DHFR'i vahel?

**Biokeemialt -> järjestusele**

- Kuidas need erinevused kajastuvad järjestuses?
- Kuna need erinevused on tekkinud? – evolutsiooniline aspekt
- Erinevuste funktsionaalne interpretatsioon kaasates struktuuri
- Katseline kinnitus/valideerimine

# ecDHFR → hsDHFR

## mõned eeldused ja faktid

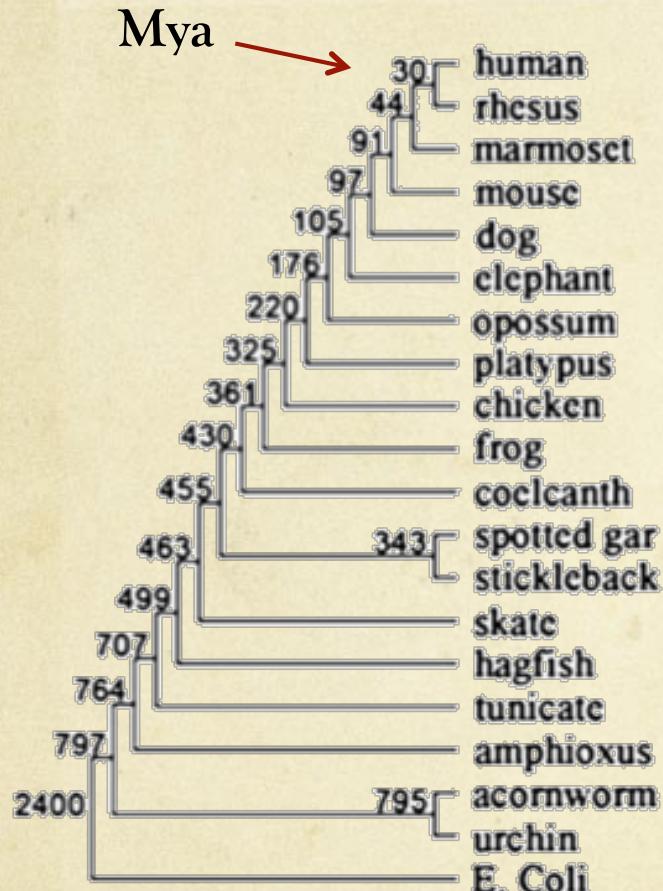
- Inimese ja *E. coli* DHFR vahel on järjestuste identsus 26%
- Nende struktuurid on praktiliselt identsed
- => 26% identsust on piisav toetamaks sama struktuuri püsimist peale lahknemist ühisest eellastest
- Samuti onolemas järjestused, mis katavad evolutsionilise vahemaa inimesest bakterini
- See võimaldab rekonstrueerida ensüümi muutumisega seotud olulised sündmused

# Evolutsiooniline analüüs

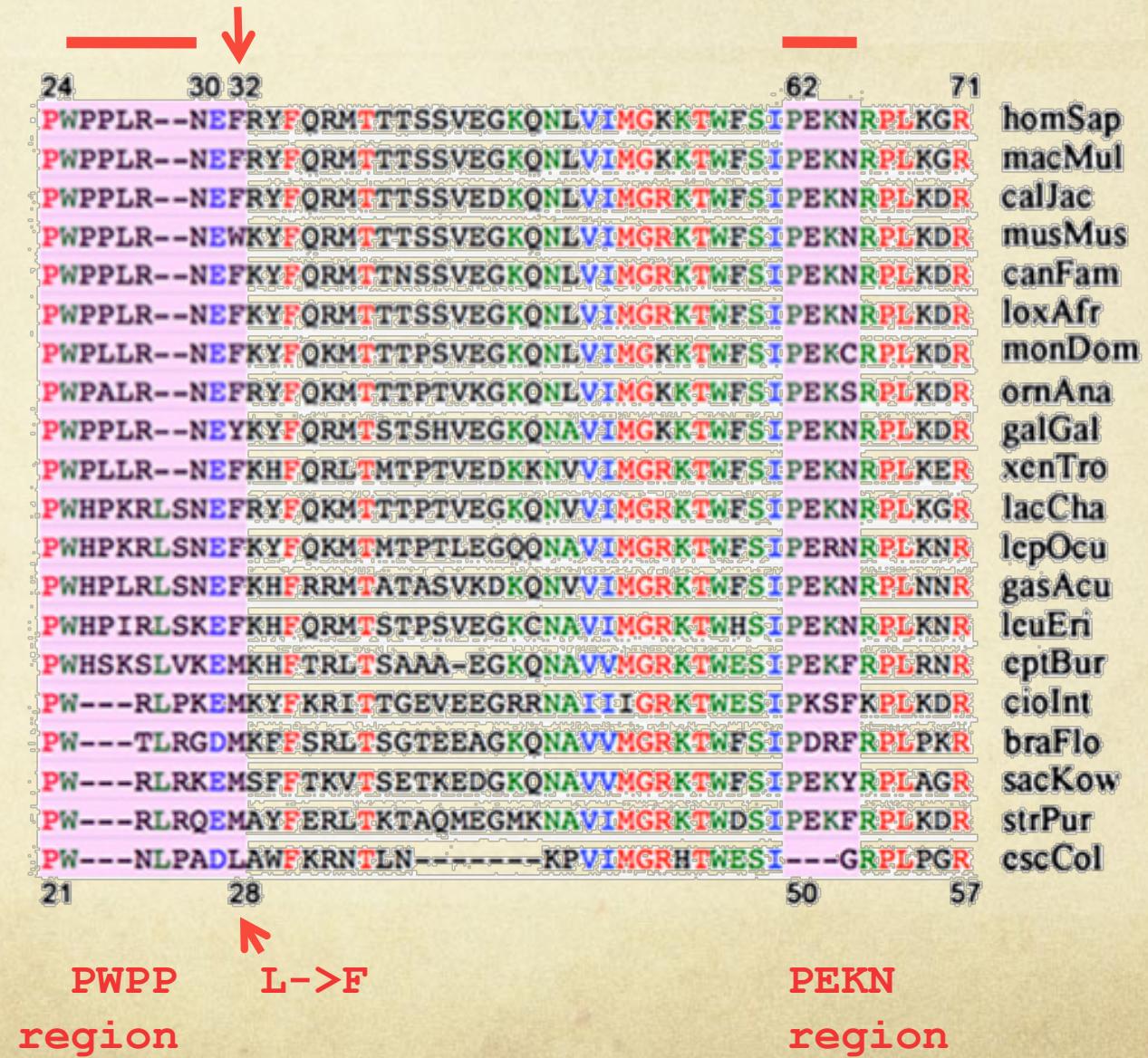
- Analüüsiti 233 järjestust, mille hulgas oli 99 selgroogse ja 14 bakteri järjestust
- kogu komplekt saadaval  
[http://genomewiki.ucsc.edu/index.php/DHFR\\_dihydrofolate](http://genomewiki.ucsc.edu/index.php/DHFR_dihydrofolate)
- The ancestral sequence at each divergence node (Fig.1) can be reconstructed using a parsimony principle, in which **conservation** at an amino acid position **is observed** at a site over two or more consecutive divergence nodes, as is the case here for significant events in DHFR evolution.
- **Phylogenetically coherent** events (PCEs) are defined as changes at an amino acid position **at which both the newly “altered site” and the unaltered long-conserved “ancestral site” remained fixed** for a significant amount of subsequent geological time.

# Evolutionary Analysis: Phylogenetically Coherent Events (PCE)

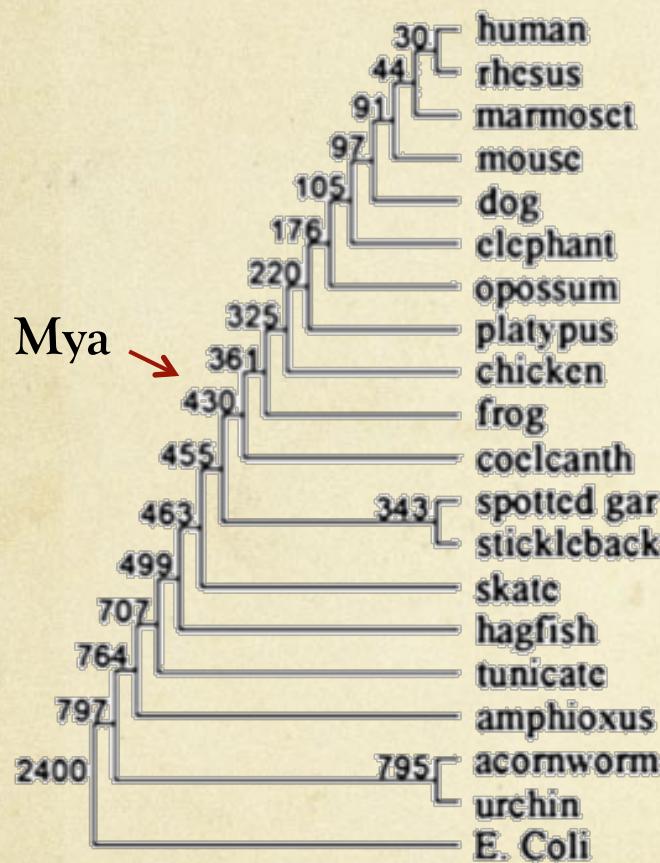
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Liigipuu (ei ole skaalas)



# The most recent PCE



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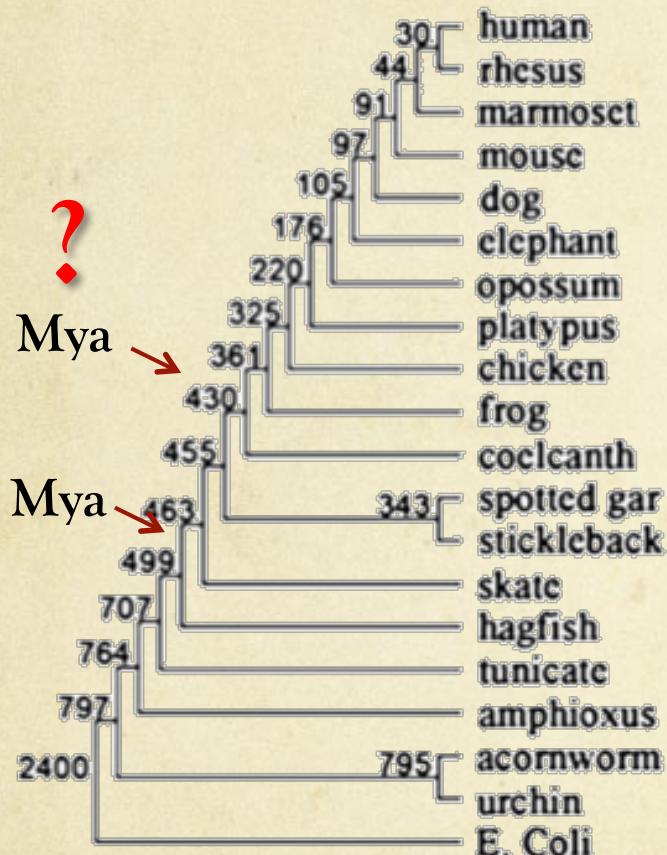
**PWPP**  
**region**

## Proline-rich region of the Met20 loop - 24-PWPPLRNEF-32 in hsDHFR

# A unique evolutionary hotspot with a well-defined deletional/insertional history

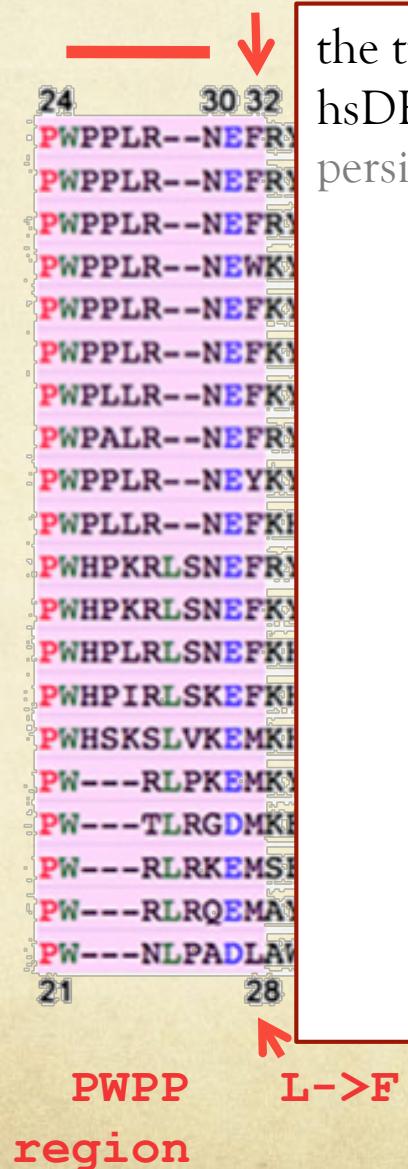
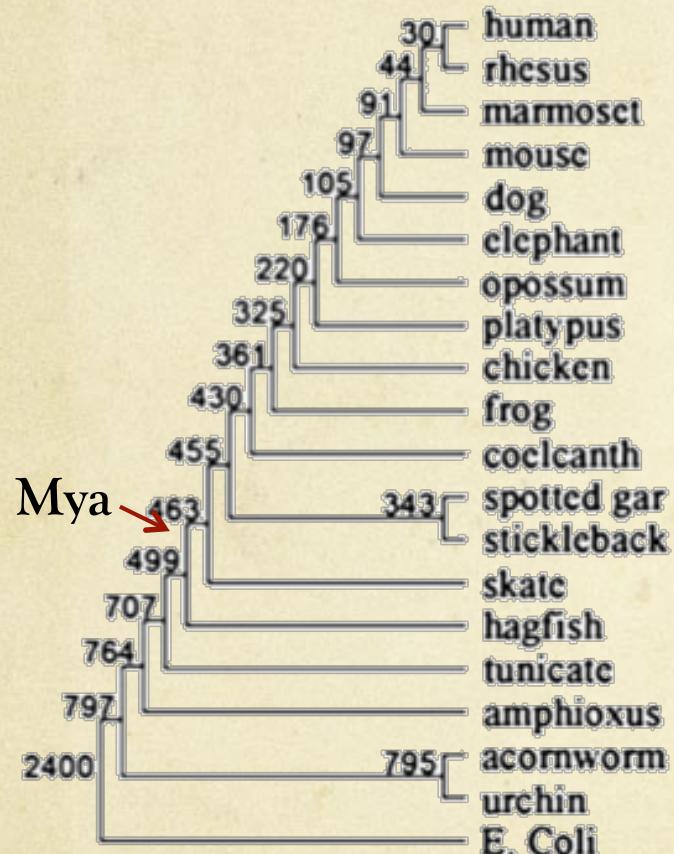
The timing for the development of the PWPP region in hsDHFR is very clear: after fish and before amphibians; early to mid-Devonian, ~415-385 Mya

# The second strong PCE



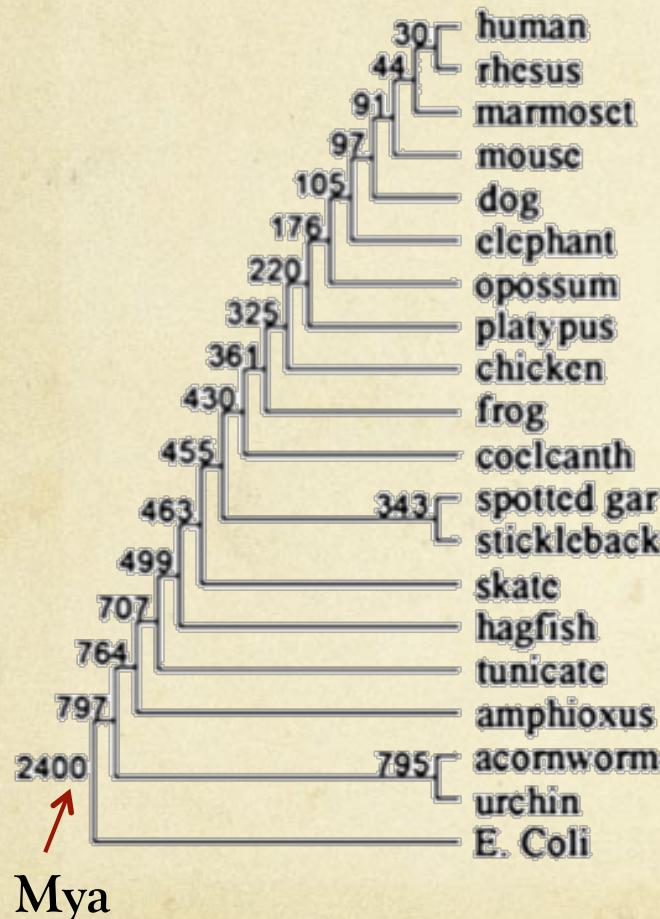
the transition from L28 in ecDHFR to F32 in hsDHFR, which occurred around the same time (~415–385 Mya) and has persisted as phenylalanine ever since

# The second strong PCE



the transition from L28 in ecDHFR to F32 in hsDHFR occurred ~490–460 Mya and has persisted as phenylalanine ever since

# The most ancient PCE



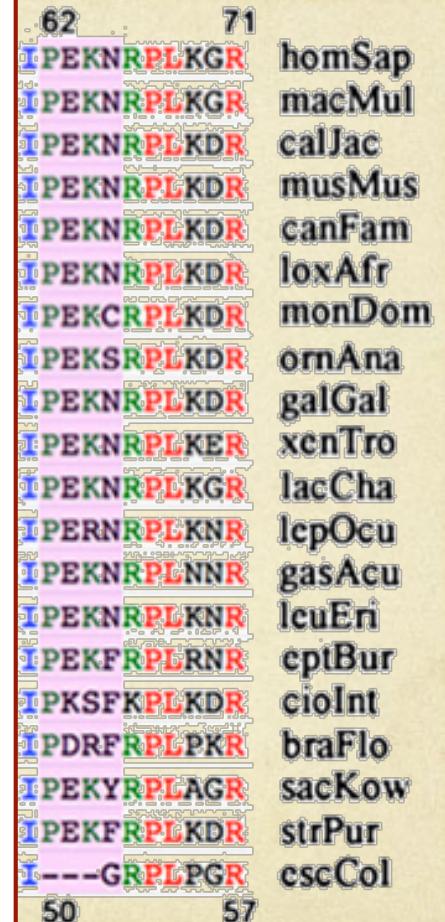
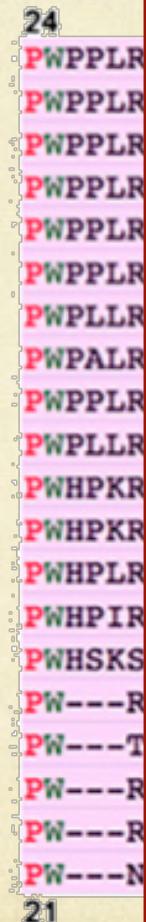
Liigipuu (ei ole skaalas)

around G51 in ecDHFR and  
PEKN 62–65 in hsDHFR

the PEKN region

The PEKN segment forms a  
flexible lid-like portion of the  
folate-binding site.

This is also the region of the  
enzyme where TMP binds.



# Muudetud ensüümid

- Muudetud ensüümide aluseks oli *E. coli* DHFR
- Konstruktid:
  - N23PP PWPP region
  - N23PP/L28F + L-> F
  - N23PP/G51PKEN + PKEN region
  - N23PP/L28F/G51PEKN
- 3D struktuur määrati konstruktile N23PP/G51PEKN (PDB ID 4GH8)

# 1. Kinetic Implications of PCEs

- Kuidas mõjutavad PCE regioonide ülekandmine inimese DHFR'ilt *E. coli* DHFR'le uue mutantse ensüümi omadusi?
- Singel mutant **N23PP**
  - võrreldes ecDHFR'a **väheneb** reaktsiooni efektiivsus ~30X
  - Pro rikas ala vähendab Met20 luubi liikuvust ja hoiab seda suletud konfirmatsioonis (oman hsDHFR'e)

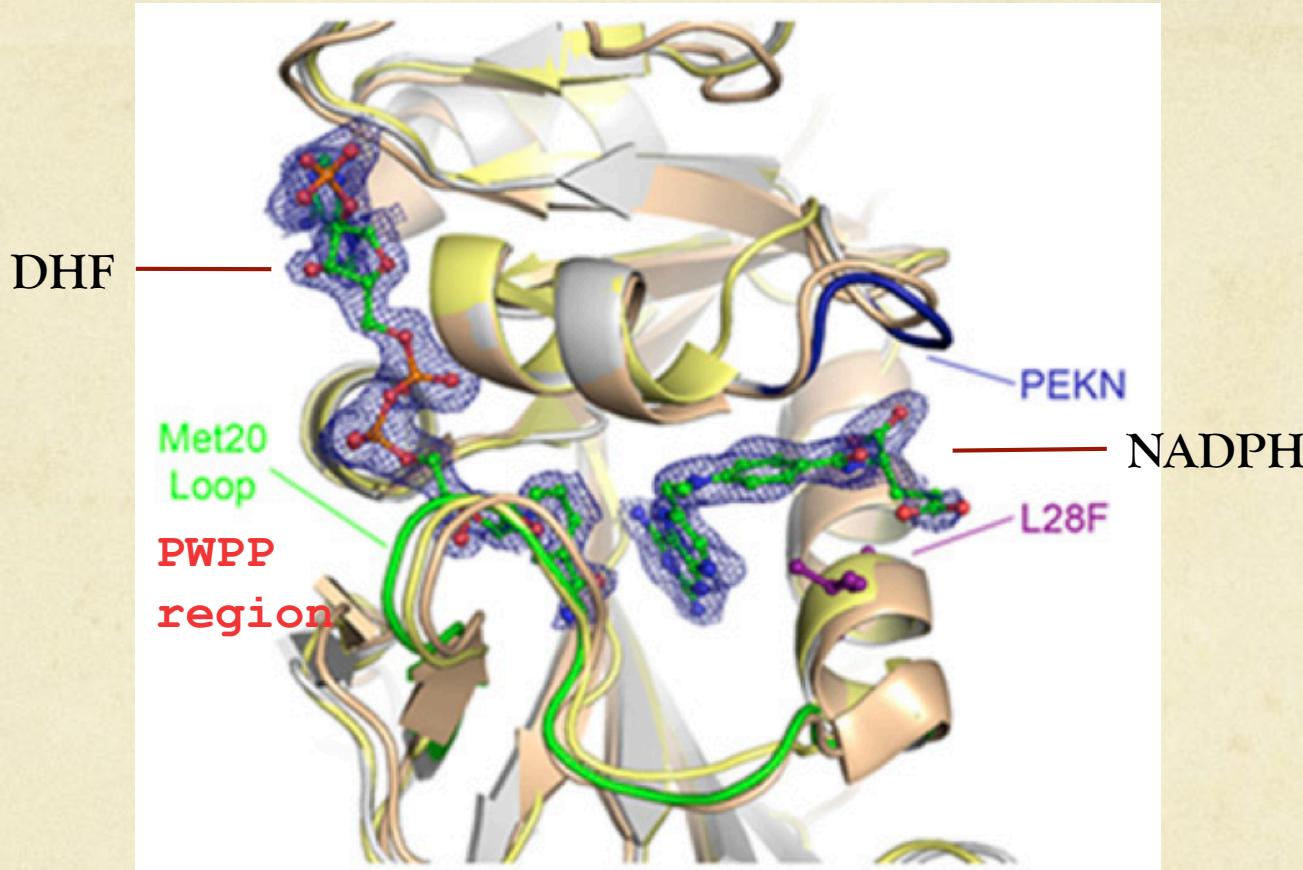
## 2. Kinetic Implications of PCEs

- double mutant: N23PP/L28F
  - was **unable to recover** the WT catalytic rate
- double mutant: N23PP/G51PKEN
  - the addition of the PEKN lid-domain into WT ecDHFR **completely negates** the negative catalytic influence of the PWPP element
  - By itself, the G51PEKN ecDHFR mutant exhibited a hydride transfer rate that are essentially identical to WT ecDHFR
- hsDHFR is more catalytically efficient than both WT ecDHFR and the N23PP ecDHFR mutant.

### 3. Kinetic Implications of PCEs

- The N23PP/L28F/G51PEKN ecDHFR triple mutant exhibits an **enhanced catalytic efficiency** that is commonly found in human and other vertebrate DHFRs
- hsDHFR is catalytically more efficient than WT ecDHFR

# Struktuur



Superposition of N23PP/G51PEKN *E. coli* DHFR double mutant with human and *E. coli* DHFRs. The ecDHFR double mutant (silver, PDB ID 4GH8) is shown superimposed onto native human DHFR (bronze, PDB ID 1U72) (27) and native *E. coli* DHFR (gold, PDB ID 1RH3)

# Computational Investigation of Enzyme Reaction

- Further mechanistic insights they provide EVB MD simulations
- The calculated relative free energy barriers agree with the experimental values

**Table 1.** Summary of experimental pre-steady-state  $k_{hyd}$ ,  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ,  $pK_a$  values, and  $k_{cat}$  for various DHFR species at 298 K

	$k_{hyd}$ max, $s^{-1}$	Expt $k_{hyd}$ $\Delta G^\ddagger$ , kcal/mol	Theoretical $\Delta G^\ddagger$ for $k_{hyd}$ , kcal/mol	Kinetic $pK_a$	$k_{cat}$ , $s^{-1}$
WT ecDHFR (5)	$950 \pm 50$	13.4	13.4	$6.5 \pm 0.1$	12
N ecDHFR (19)	$\sim 35$	15.3	14.7	$6.6 \pm 0.1$	$2.5 \pm 1$
G ecDHFR	$1,100 \pm 80$	13.3	NA	$6.77 \pm 0.07$	$8.9 \pm 0.4$
NG ecDHFR	$1,100 \pm 100$	13.3	13.2	$6.20 \pm 0.06$	$26.9 \pm 1.6$
NLG ecDHFR	$5,100 \pm 1200$	12.4	NA	$5.9 \pm 0.1$	$17.6 \pm 5.1$
WT mouse (22)	$\sim 2,400\text{--}9,000$	12.1–12.8	NA	$6.40 \pm 0.05$	$17 \pm 2$
WT human (20)	3,000	12.7	13.1	5.9–6.2	12.5

N – N23PP;

L – L28F;

G – G51PEKN;

# G51PEKN Alters Cofactor Bindings

- Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC)
- Hinnatakse dissotsatsiooni konstandid ( $K_d$ )
  - $E:\text{NADPH} \leftrightarrow E \leftrightarrow E:\text{NADP}^+$   
ning  $K_p = K_d(E:\text{NADPH})/K_d(E:\text{NADP}^+)$
- The ratio has dramatically shifted from  
 $K_p \sim 0.0075$  (favors NADPH) in WT ecDHFR  
to a more “human-like” value ( $K_p \sim 11.6$ ; favors NADP<sup>+</sup>)
- $K_p$  value shifts ~100-fold toward hsDHFR, other amino acid sequence divergence(s) is (are) responsible for the other 20-fold differences
- **NB!** Eukarüootses rakus  $[\text{NADP}^+] \ll [\text{NADPH}]$  (100x madalam kons)
  - Prokarüoodis  $[\text{NADP}^+] \approx [\text{NADPH}]$

# G51PEKN Alters Inhibitor Bindings

- TMP is an antibiotic that is a million times more selective for bacterial DHFRs; E:TMP has  $K_d = 6 \text{ pM}$  over mammalian DHFRs  
 $K_d \sim 1-10 \text{ mM}$
- The binding constant between ecDHFR and TMP is greatly weakened because of the G51PEKN mutation

Table 2. Dissociation constants ( $K_d$ ; reciprocal of the binding constants) of binary DHFR complexes of E:TMP, E:NADPH, and E:NADP<sup>+</sup> in aqueous medium at pH 7.0 and 298 K

	TMP $K_d$ , M	NADPH $K_d$ , M	NADP <sup>+</sup> $K_d$ , M	$K_p = K_d(\text{NADPH})/K_d(\text{NADP}^+)$
WT ecDHFR (5, 7)	<u><math>6 \times 10^{-9}</math></u>	$1.75 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0076
G ecDHFR	<u><math>(1.65 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}</math></u>	$(9.2 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$	0.88
NG ecDHFR	$(1.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$	$(2.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$	$(4.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6}$	0.67
NLG ecDHFR	$(5.0 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$	$(3.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$	$(7 \pm 1) \times 10^{-6}$	0.45
WT human (9, 23)	$10^{-6}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-6}$	11.6

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L — L28F;

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# Kokkuvõte

- Kasutades evolutsioonilist lähenemist, leidsid Liu et al. kolm (3) fülogeneetiliselt koherentset sündmust (PCEs), mis eristasid *E. coli* ja inimese DHFR'i
- Nendest 2 jäi Met20 luupi (PWPP regioon ja L>F) ning kõige vanem PEKN, jäi koofaktori seondumis domääni
- Viies need 3 regiooni ecDHFR'i oli võimalik konstrueerida inimese DHFR'le sarnaste omadustega ensüüm
- Muudetud ensüümi 3D struktuur oli väga sarnane teadaolevate DHFR'i struktuuridega