

# Protéus - corporate overview



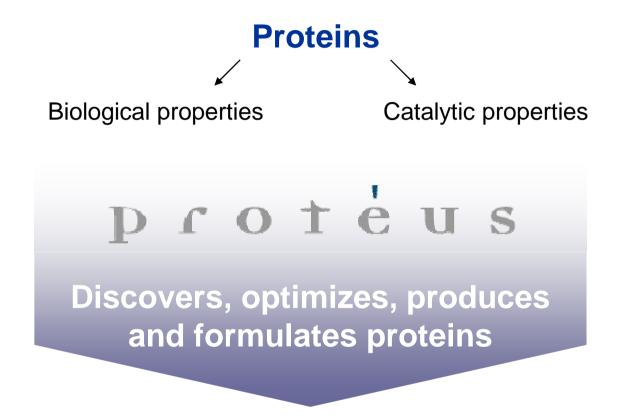
- Founded in 1998
- Based in Nîmes, France
- Highly skilled multidisciplinary team
- In-house IP team
- Over 2000 m² research premises (including clean rooms and a bio-process development facility)







# Protéus, world expert in proteins



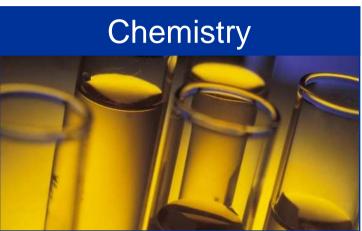
**Products and bioprocesses for industry** 





### Proteins for industrial innovation







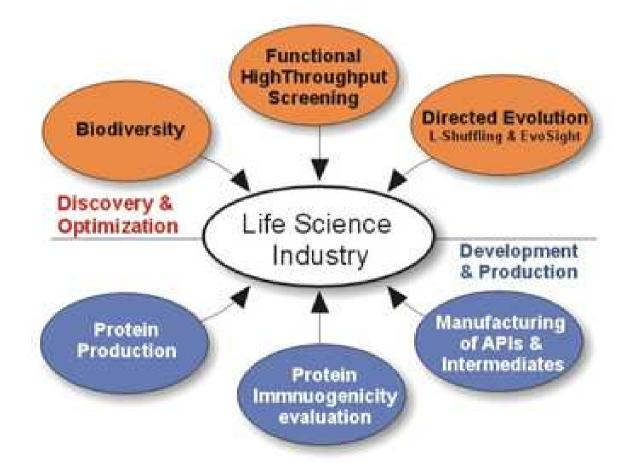




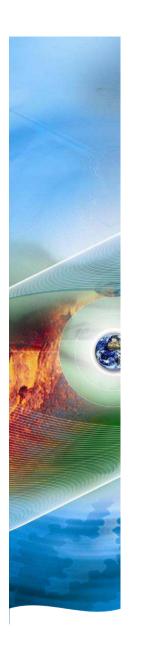
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# Integrated Platform







# Multidisciplinary platform

Microbiology Molecular biology **Bioinformatics** Protein expression **Intellectual Property** Protein engineering Process development Chemistry High throughput screening



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# Industrial partnerships





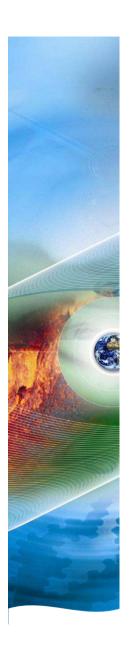




Proteins for industrial innovation



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By entrusting projects to biotech companies, the industrial companies are looking for a set of:

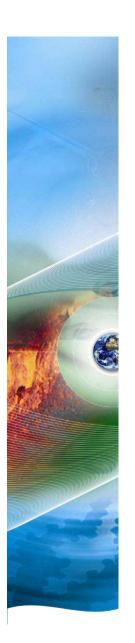
powerful technologies,

know-how

industrial property.





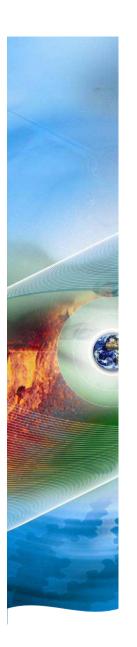


## From concept to industrial products...

How to obtain a protein fulfilling the needs of its target application?







## From the idea to the product

Strategic studies for industrial and pharmaceutical proteins

Protein discovery and development

Protein engineering and optimisation

Protein- or cell-based process development

Biocatalysts formulation

Protein immunogenicity assessment

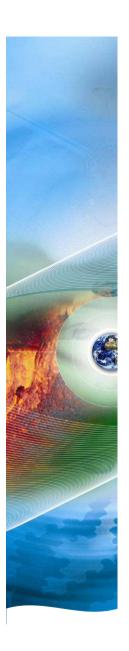
Protein production and biomanufacturing

Marketing

Sales







#### **Proteus Business Chain**

Bibliographic, Strategic and Feasibility Studies

**Biodiversity screening** 

**Protein engineering** 

**Protein expression** 

**Bioprocess Scale up** 

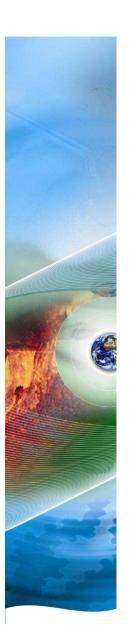
Manufacturing

**Marketing & Sales** 



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# A vast collection of biodiversity for sourcing new genes and proteins

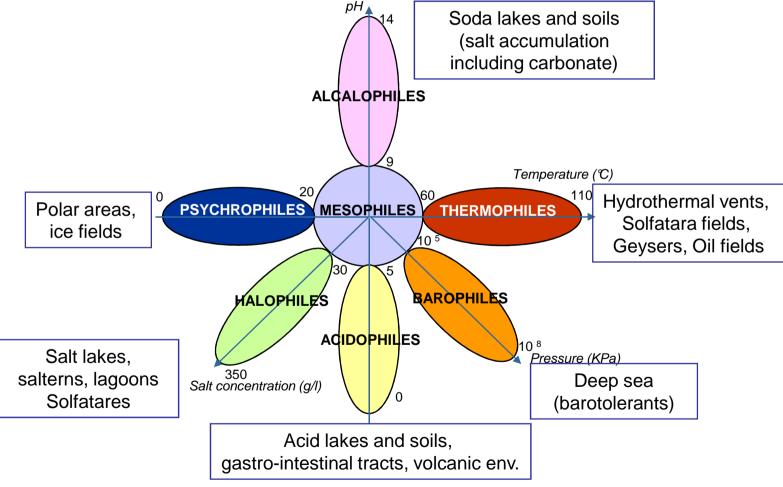






# Protéus biodiversity

#### Very large diversity collection including extremophile





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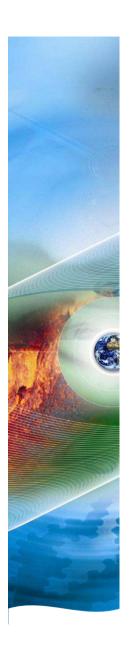


#### Protéus biodiversity - a unique international network

Prominent members of the network	Biodiversity from:
IFREMER	Deep sea hydrothermal vents
IRD (former ORSTOM)	Anaerobic environments and tropical fermentation
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	(hyper)saline environments (e.g. Dead Sea)
Griffith University, Australia	Hot non volcanic environments (Great Artesian Basin)
Total-Fina-Elf	Oil fields
Degussa Ferm. Aromatisation	Food ingredients
BIODEEP (EC-funded program)	Hypersaline deep sea basins (Mediterranean Sea)
University of Buenos Aires	Cold environments (Antartica)
University of Moscow	(Hyper)-Thermophiles
HERMES (EC-funded program)	Europe's deep-ocean margin

Access to strains, samples and knowledge





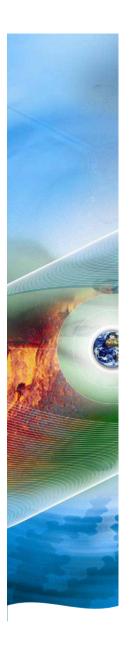
## What does screening result into?



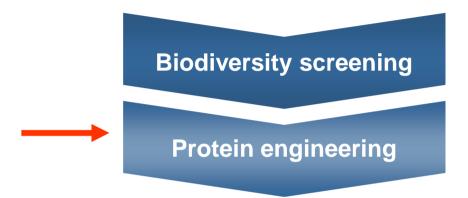
Selection of strains and/or gene libraries







### What does protein engineering result into?



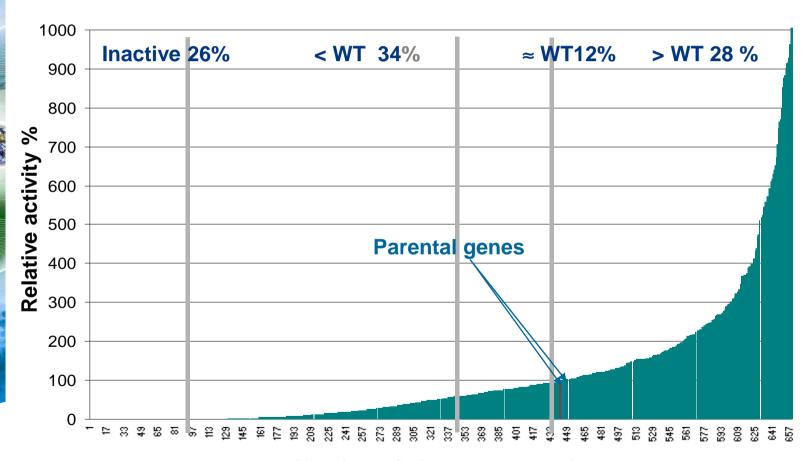
Optimized genes and proteins





## Case study: improving industrial enzyme

#### Results after L-Shuffling™ and HTS

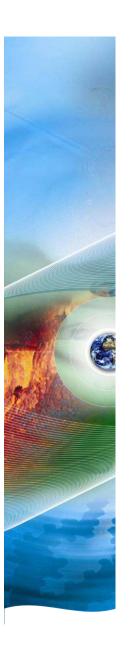






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## Other case study

#### Improve specific activity

- 2 L-Shuffling rounds using three homologous genes (70%)
- Set up of the HTS assay (colorimetric assay)
- Screening of 25 000 clones per round



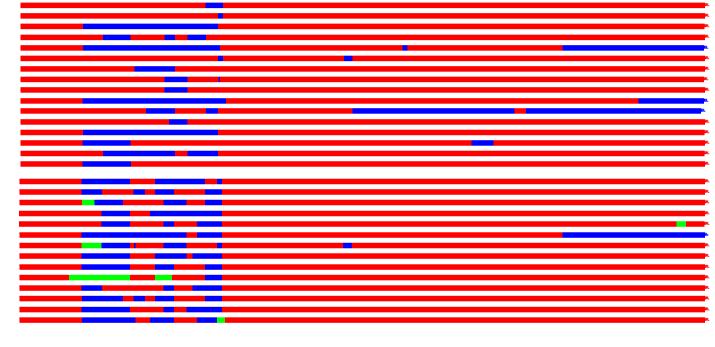


#### Results

#### Genetic diversity



SH2: Best SH1 X parental protein C



Reference protein; parental protein A; parental protein C

- **⇒** Large sequence diversity
- → Among the best performers, up to 11 recombination events per gene were observed Eurobio 2009 Lille

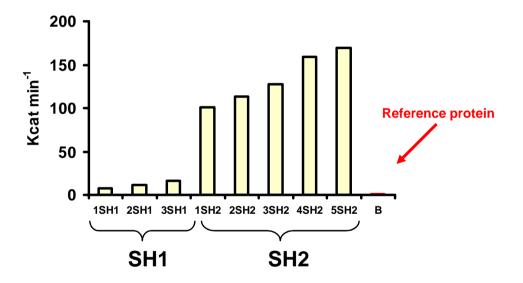
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#### Result

#### Specific activity measurement

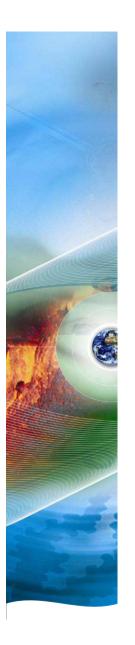
Towards synthetic substrate (used for HTS)



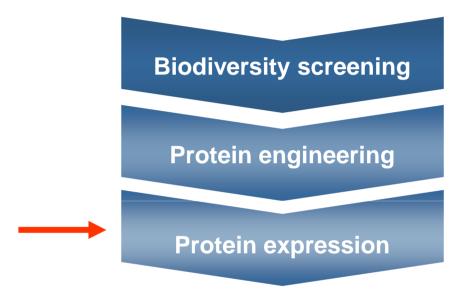
⇒ Strong improvement in term of specific activity (X230 compared to the reference protein) towards both synthetic and natural substrates





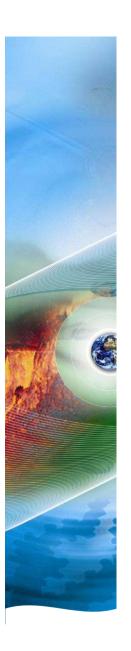


### What does protein expression result into?



Milligrams or grams of optimized protein, formulated as appropriate for the application





### Host library - Prokaryotes

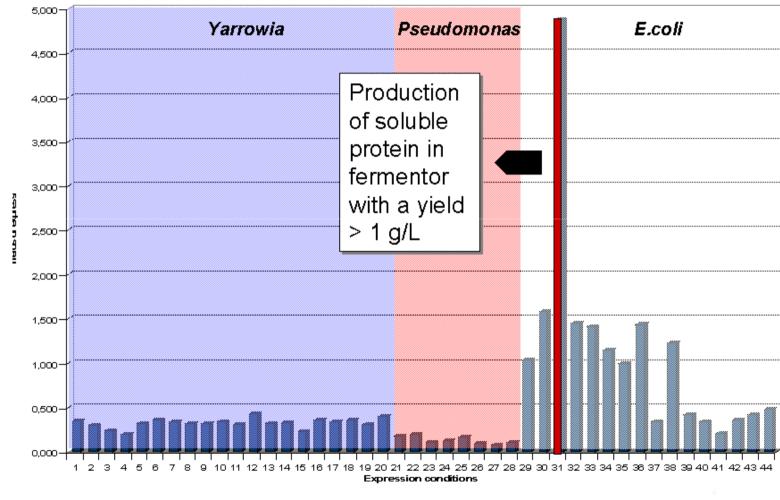
- Multiparallel expression profiling strategy to enhance success
- An unmet panel of expression systems and conditions, allowing for expression of most proteins
- Hosts:
  - Bacteria (E. coli, Bacillus, Pseudomonas)
  - Yeast (Yarrowia)
  - Baculovirus / insect cells





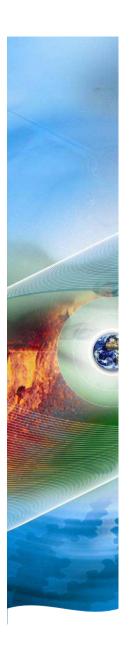
### Example of expression profiling

#### protein (55 kDa)

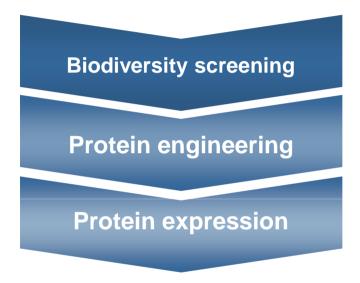




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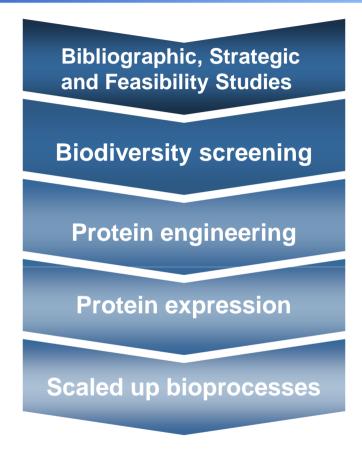
## Key deliverable from Protéus



Protein ready to be industrialized



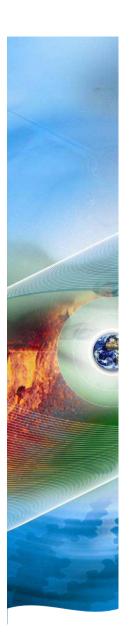




Product and process resulting from a combination of in house and outsourced R&D







Next step





Protéus or R&D partners Bibliographic, Strategic and Feasibility Studies

**Biodiversity screening** 

**Protein engineering** 

**Protein expression** 

**Bioprocess Scale up** 

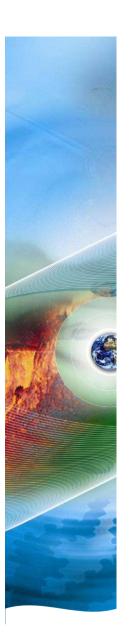
Manufacturing

**Marketing & Sales** 

Customers or industrial partners

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#### Relationship Between Owners of Technologies, Protéus & Industrial Partners

#### The Deal:

#### Owner of technologies, Know How, IPRs

creates value from its technologies, Know How and Industrial Property Rights

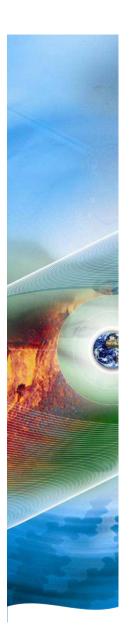
#### **Protéus**

combines complementary outsourced technologies, know-how and IP with in house R&D to develop new products and processes for industrial applications

#### **Industrial Partners**

make money by implementing processes and selling products.

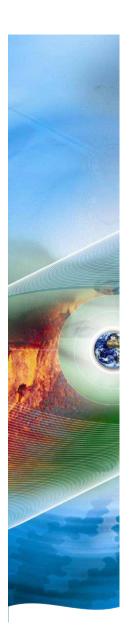




#### Clauses to be discussed

- Definitions
- Research Funding
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Scope
- Confidentiality.
- Term and Termination
- Applicable Law
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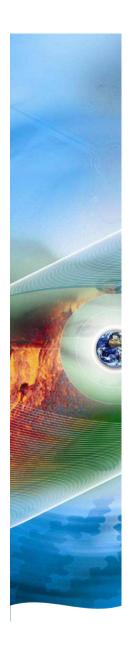


#### The Take Away Message

No single biotech is able to build such a comprehensive offering unless it teams up with a network of academic and industrial third parties to acquire complementary expertise and industrial property.







### Thank you for your attention

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