# **Evolutionary Medicine**

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Isotopic reconstruction and multielemental analysis of ancient diet and health: implications for evolutionary medicine My Researche



## **Analytical chemie**

Analysis of fossil samples using laser ablation

### **Methods**

#### SP and DP LIBS





LA-ICP-MS



#### SP LIBS



1 – ablation laser (Quantel Brilliant B), 2 – ablation chamber with sample holder and fine slides (Tescan s.r.o.), 3 – CCD camera for sample observation/laser pulse focusing, 4 – spectrometer (LOT Oriel 260i), 5 – ICCD camera (Andor Istar DH734i)

#### DP LIBS a LA-ICP-MS

1 – ablation laser (New Wave, MACRO 266 nm), 2 – re-excitation laser (Quantel Brilliant, 1064 nm), 3 – sample holder and displacements, 4 – delay generators (Stanford RS) 5 – spectrometer and ICCD camera (Jobin Yvon, Triax).



LA-ICP-MS



- Ablation system UP 213 (New Wave, USA)
- Ablation chamber SuperCell (New Wave,USA)
- ICP-MS spectrometer Agilent 7500
  CE (Agilent, Japan)

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# The story of the snake





### Natrix natrix



- The fossil material comes from the locality of Mladeč cave, which lies about 4 km WNW from the village of Litovel in Olomouc. The location is located on the Třesín hill (345 m above sea level). It is a hill stretched in the E-W direction, located approximately 1.5 km WNW from the village of Mladeč.
- All of the fossil snake material comes from the cinder cone sediments in the "House of the Dead", the II probe. dug in 1958-1959.
- Fauna of Probe II sediments documents a Lower Pleistocene age (Lower Bihar).Undoubtedly, this is the fauna of one of the interglacials of the Lower Pleistocene, it could probably be the Waal interglacial, or the end of the Waalian interglacial (Ivanov 1993, 2007).

### Natrix natrix



The main component is carbonized hydroxyapatite  $Ca_{10}(CO_3,PO_4)_6(OH)_2$ 

Ca/P ratio 2:1 in healthy bone.



postzygapophysis synapophysis

#### A healthy vertebra:

A vertebra from the middle part of the precaudal section is characterized by a strongly elongated vertebral center, a distinctly arched neural arch with a high spinous process.

#### Pathological vertebra:

Two fused precaudal vertebrae. Bearing signs of an advanced stage of osteitis deformans. Spinal segmentation disorder is accompanied by signs of severe pathological involvement of the periosteal part of the bone. This is characterized by deformations associated with excessive pathological growth of highly porous bone tissue (so-called felt bone).



#### Elaphe guttata



Red snake *(Elaphe guttata)* – captive



#### Healthy vertebra

1 vertebra from the middle part of the trunk compartment. The transverse section is made through the center of the prezygapophyses and zygosphene. The ventro-lateral section is guided by the region of the synapophyses.

#### A pathological vertebra

2 fused vertebrae from the back of the trunk compartment. A transverse incision is made near the caudal edge of the vertebra at the postzygapophyses. Laterally, the pathologically affected prezygapophysis of the following vertebra is captured in the section.

#### Natrix Natrix



Different stages of osteitis deformans (Paget's disease): 1 – resorption phase (osteolytic phase); 3 - mix of osteolytic and osteoblastic phase;

3 – osteosclerotic phase.





### Solution analysis by ICP-MS

	Fossil vertebrae		Recent vertebrae	
Contents [mg/kg]	Pathological	Healthy	Pathological	Healthy
Mg	1226.71	1025.45	3377.94	3539.08
Al	3399.84	1798.90	33.12	64.20
Na	2466.61	2113.27	5533.81	628.10
Si	5287.27	1652.69	137.05	159.68
Р	204503.11	209780.44	171565.84	173914.39
Са	331288.82	338822.36	266298.93	269602.98
Fe	2812.89	1495.51	~	136.29
Zn	1177.80	1212.57	970.82	632.75
Sr	661.72	597.80	139.61	151.67
Ва	319.10	281.74	65.87	44.08

<sup>5</sup> ICP-MS spectrometer - Agilent 7500 CE (Agilent, Japan)



# Measured elements and experimental conditions

Ca (II) 396,85 nm, Ca (I) 452,69 nm, P (I) 253,56 nm

Mg (II) 279,55 nm, 280,27 nm, Mg (I) 285,21 nm

Sr (I) 460,73 nm, Sr (II) 407,77 nm

Fe (I) 302,40 nm, Ba (II) 455,40 nm, Al (I) 396,15 nm, Zn (I) 334,50 nm,

Si (II) 288,75 nm



laser wavelength 266 nm + 1064 nm

- energy 10 mJ/pulse and 90 mJ/pulse
- pulse length 5 ns
- 🤔 grid 2400 vr./mm
- 5 delay 1  $\mu$ s, integration time 10  $\mu$ s, time between pulses 500 nsentrance slit 50  $\mu$ m
  - distance of ablation craters 150 µm (x, y)

### *Natrix natrix* – distribution of Al

Pathological



#### *Natrix natrix* – distribution of Fe

Pathological



#### Pathological



1 mm

- High content of trace elements (Al, Fe, Si) observed in free places of bone tissue. Their presence does not contribute to the structure of the pathological vertebra.
- Increased contents caused due to migration of elements during diagenesis.

# *Natrix natrix* – distribution of matrix elements(Ca, P)



# *Natrix natrix* – distribution of matrix elements(Ca, P)

Pathological



*Elaphe guttata* – distribution of matrix elements(Ca, P)

Healthy



*Elaphe guttata* – distribution of matrix elements(Ca, P)



A high Ca/P ratio in both healthy and diseased vertebra indicates the initial phase (resorption) of the disease.

### *Elaphe guttata* – distribution of Na



The increased Na content in the pathological vertebra is <u>due to increased K-Na channel</u> <u>activation</u> as a result of inflammation.

### **Archaeogenetics**

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it first focused on human DNA, in recent years she became interested in animal and plant archaeological material,

- >breeds, sexes, crosses with wild species,
- > the movement of domestic and wild animals can be determined from population genetics,

From DNA analysis it is possible to determine the migrations of individual pieces of animals and thereby determine the trade and migration routes of animals and people



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DNAThe story of the greyhound from Chotěbuz-Podobora

- It transmits hereditary information
- Unchangeable throughout life
- Relatively stable
- In all nucleated cells



## **DNA SOURCE**

- Nuclear DNA (nDNA)
- double chain (ds)linear
- Chromosome
- 2 copies in a cell from father and mother
- protected by nuclear membrane (? sufficiency)

- Mitochondrial DNA (mt DNA)
- double-strandedcircular
- in the mitochondria organelles inherited through the maternal line
- many copies
- smaller and more stable structure

## mt DNA

- passed from mother to offspring
- 2 strings: light (L) and heavy (H)hypervariable region, the so-called D-loop
- single point mutations (single nucleotide polymorphisms SNP)
- specific for individual breeds of dogs
- length: 16727 bp (NC\_002008)in the range 15458..16727 D-loop



## PROCEDURE

- MATERIAL EXAMINED
- part of the bone
- COMPARATIVE MATERIAL
- recent greyhound imported from Great Britain racing greyhound
- verifiable ancestor from 1840
- Buccal (mouth) swab taken



## Bone

- mechanical and chemical cleaning
- Finesandpaper
- ethanolcutting
- bone oscillating
- sawcrushing the cut slices
- hydraulic press













## Bone

- Grind
- Retsch grinder and agate balls in a roller
- Final weight of bone meal 2.47 g





## Bone

- Removal of excess calcium
- EDTA solution (pH 8) with a volume of 40 ml
- Incubate at 4 °C for at least 24 hours
- After the specified time, the Exchange centrifugation
- EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)+SARCO (pH 8)
- Final pellet at the bottom of the 50 ml test tube



## COMPARATIVE SAMPLE

- buccal smear of oral cavity cells
- insulation with a 5% Chelex solution
- separation of two phases:
- aqueous with DNA chelex with cellular debris
- final volume of isolate 200  $\mu l$



## PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)

- used to multiply DNA
- Primers definition of the multiplied section
- reaction optimization gradient
- 2 primer pairs for the region in the D-loop:
- F15719 + R16114
- F16431 + R42
- Publication: <u>Rebekah L. Gundry et all</u>., Mitochondrial DNA Analysis of the Domestic Dog: Control Region Variation Within and Among Breeds, J Forensic Sci, May 2007, Vol. 52, No. 3



## PCR products

 Reaction success verified using electrophoresis (agarose gel)





## SEQUENCE

- reading the amplified section written letter by letter (nucleotide by nucleotide)
- Registration:




### FINÁLNÍ SEKVENCE

### • F 157<u>19 + R16114</u>

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## "Stories"

### Seasonality, paleoenvironment and animal migration in the Gravettian period

### **Season of death**



**Principle of dental cementum increment analysis** 





### Mammoth migration







### **Reindeer migration**







### **Animal nutrition**







### Palaeocology





Figure 1 Range of herbivore collagen δ<sup>13</sup>C values measured in modern arctic, temperate and steppic areas, with possible causes of carbon isotopic variations in plants and herbivores. Values are compiled from Nelson *et al.* (1986), Bocherens *et al.* (1994, 1996, 2000), Rodière *et al.* (1996).

### Nutrition, migration and human paleoekology from Chotěbuz locality (Hallstatt)



**Localities Chotebuz-Podobora** 

Chotěbuz – Podobora is located near the border with Poland near Český Těšín.









14<u>C dating</u> 929 ± 68 BC 568 ± 155 BC 583 ± 166 BC



### Hallstatt

### The discovery of human remains that were not properly stored



### ?man - age 30- 40 years

















### **Geochemical Analysis**

### **Strontium analyses**

#### <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr

Human jaw: 0.7116 (2σ - 0.000013) Human molar: 0.710947 (2σ - 0.000011) Domestic pig: 0.7102 (2σ - 0.000017)







### Women from Krumlovský les





### Season of death





#### **Archeology**

One of Europe's largest prehistoric mining areas is located on the southeastern slopes of the Krumlovský les (Oliva 2005). The skeleton of a woman aged 25-30 was discovered in shaft No. 4 at a depth of 6 m. The skeleton was lying in a horizontal, strictly crouched position, either on the right side or on the back with the legs curled under the pelvis. The human bone yielded a GrA-22839 date: 5380 ±50 BP uncalibrated. Another skeleton of a woman in an anatomical position was discovered about 60 cm deeper. The body of a woman (age 35-40 years) was lying on her back with her hands clasped behind her head, her head looking slightly to the left. On her chest lay the skeleton of a newborn. Above the first skeleton in the backfill lay a Lengyel bowl on a foot with a missing rim. Charcoal in the vicinity gave a date of 5490±50BP uncalib. The rearranged bones of a small dog were placed above the head of the second woman, and above her palms were bones from the leg of a frog, probably a frog (Oliva 2008).



#### Nutrition of women from the Krumlov Forest



H1



	H1	H	12	
D3S1358			11	
TH01				
D21S11				
D18S51				
Penta_E				
D5S818	11			11
D13S317	14		14	
D7S820			7	
D16S539	8	14	14	
CSF1PO	8	14	8	
Penta_D	376,8	9	376,3	9
AMEL	Х		Х	
vWA	12		12	
D8S1179			11	
TPOX				
FGA			26	



#### Genetics

# Paleodiet and paleoenvironment of people from Blučina locality



#### Geographical and topographical location



Výhon: geomorphological district, isolated elevation between Blučina and Židlochovice, 354 m above sea level - the highest point of the Dyjsko-Svratecký valley geomorphological unit

Cezavy: oval hill (20 ha) on the NW edge of Výhon

#### Blučina (district Brno-venkov), 20 km south of Brno





#### Geographical and topographical location



#### Cezavy:

- on the W side from Výhon separated by a saddle, originally with a periodic lake

- on the N and W sides of the Litava (confluence of the Svratka and Litava) with the Svratka valley floodplain (asl. 260 m, elevation 70 m)

### Settlement of Cezav in the Younger Bronze Age

 older (velatic) phase of KSPP - early velatic stage - Blučina horizon (approx. 1300-1250 BC)

### **Specifics of the early Velatic horizon in Cezava:**

- absence of fortifications
- absence of settlement pits
- specific finding situations area accumulations: including human skeletal remains, bronze depots; documents of metallurgical production

Blučina - Cezavy: site plan



areas investigated in 1983-2001

### Findings

#### ARTIFACTS:

- ceramics (ceramic vessels)
- other ceramic artifacts (weights, whorls, wheels, casting molds)
- metal (bronze, copper) industry,
- bronze depots bone and antler industry
- stone chipped industry
- other stone industry, including stone hulls glass and amber beads grease gun

#### NATURAL FACTS:

- animal bones
- Malacofauna
- archaeobotanical material (carbons, plant macroremains)
- anthropological material (human skeletal remains in non-standard mostly "non-ritual", i.e. non-funeral storage: whole skeletons, their parts and individual bones)
- rough stones
#### Find accumulation K7 (area 2.85 m2)

D17w, D16w SV/230 cm



### Zooarchaeological analysis

The remains of only two types of domestic animals were found in the building, namely the domestic deer and the domestic horse. bones of the autopodium and scapula were preserved from the tur the horse's lower jaw was preserved



### **Zooarchaeological analysis**

> the most abundant animal in the Younger Bronze Age was the sheep and the goat,

> followed by the domestic pig and less is the turn of the domestic pig,

>domestic dog and horse are represented at least,

> wild animals as well, from which we can judge a small share of hunting,

# Anthropology (Dr. M. Dočkalová a dr. I. Jarošová)

A total of 5 human skeletons were found in the object Skeleton S9/90 – male, age 40 - 55 years Skeleton S10/90 – male, age 35 - 45 years Skeleton S11/90 – male 19 - 22 years Skeleton S12/90 – male 20-30 years Skeleton S 13/90 – male 26-29 years







# Paleobotany (Kočár)



- From the legumes, the remains of lentils and peas were discovered
- Acorns were found from other plants.

### Reconstruction of men's dietbased on tooth microabsorption I. Jarošová)

Using this method, food can be found during the last six months of life



Males S12 and S13 ate mostly meaty food

Male S9 - fleshy food

S10 and S11 – mainly plant food

### Isotope analyzes of C, N



# Paleocology



# **Greyhound from Chotěbuz**

### Local Elite

According to Kouřil (2007), the local elite lived in the fort in the second half of the 8th century. to the fourth quarter of the 9th century AD The people at the fort controlled the northern exit from the Moravian Gate and mining at the local iron ore deposits. The elite was mainly concentrated on the acropolis, where they lived in log structures with heating devices. A large number of artifacts (weapons, spurs, stirrups, bits and jewelry) have been found on the acropolis, which indicate the presence of a local ruling elite and free men and warriors gathered around the local ruler. Some of the found artefacts indicate relations to the north and north-west, i.e. to today's Polish territory.









### **Greyhound find**

• two spindle bones from a greyhound were found in object S 44 on the acropolis,

•this is the first finding of such a dog in the Slavic period in our country,

•the greyhound could come from the Normans (who had greyhounds),who traded in the Baltic region at this time. Chotěbuz







### Height of faucet: 70 cm



#### **Geochemical analysis**

an analysis of the 86Sr/87Sr ratio was performed

•dog bone samples were taken to determine local or foreign originand domestic pig (domestic pig is assumed to be of local origin),

•sediment samples were taken to determine the subsoil signal

<sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr

Dog – 0.7116 ( $2\sigma$  - 0.000009) Domestic pig– 0.7102 ( $2\sigma$  - 0.000017) loess clays– 0, 7298 - 0,7354 ( $2\sigma$  - 0,000009)





The subsoil consists of loessclays and glacifluvial clays and gravels

# The story of the bear



### Ursus arctos





- Bear (Ursus arctos) canine found in Dolní Věstonice
- ✓ age of the site 26,640 ± 110 years uncalibrated.



- Age and seasonality determined on the basis of the study of microstructures of dental cement deposits on the root part of the tooth.
- The bear died at the age of 14. On the basis of the unfinished summer increment and the missing winter increment, the period between summer and autumn (August - October) was determined.

## Ursus arctos – measured elements and experimental conditions

- Ca (I) (452,69 nm), Sr (I) (460,73 nm), Ba (II) (455,40 nm)
- laser wavelength 532 nm
- 🛎 grid 2400 vr./mm
- energy 30 mJ/pulse
- detection parameters: delay 1 μs, integration time 10 μs
- entrance slit 3 μm

### **DP LIBS**

SP LIBS

- Ca (I) (452,69 nm), Sr (I) (460,73 nm), Ba (II) (455,40 nm)
- laser wavelengths 266 nm + 1064 nm
- 🛎 grid 2400 vr./mm
- time between pulses 500 ns
- energy 10 mJ/pulse + 90 mJ/pulse
- detection parameters: delay 1 μs, integration time 10 μs
- entrance slit 50 μm

### Ursus arctos – mapping Ca distribution using SP and DP LIBS (root)



Ca

Comparison of Ca distribution in a section of the root part of a bear tooth.

SP LIBS







Ursus arctos – Ca distribution mapping using SP and DP LIBS (crown)



Comparison of Ca distribution in a cross section of a bear's tooth crown.



Са







### Ursus arctos – Ba, Sr distribution mapping using SP and DP LIBS (crown)







### *Ursus arctos* – etology (root)



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Using DP LIBS and LA-ICP-MS techniques, seasonal fluctuations of Sr/Ca and Sr/Ba were detected, indicating the migration of the animal between the place where the sample was found and the place of hibernation.



### *Ursus arctos* – etology (root)



Dark areas on the bear canine root sample correspond to areas with lower intensity of Sr/Ca and Sr/Ba ratios in the maps shown. These areas represent narrow winter increments lines.



### Ursus arctos – comparison DP LIBS a LA-ICP-MS



### *Ursus arctos* – LA-ICP-MS



# Thank you for your attencion!

