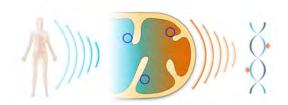


Mitochondrial science beyond function and dysfunction — a discussion



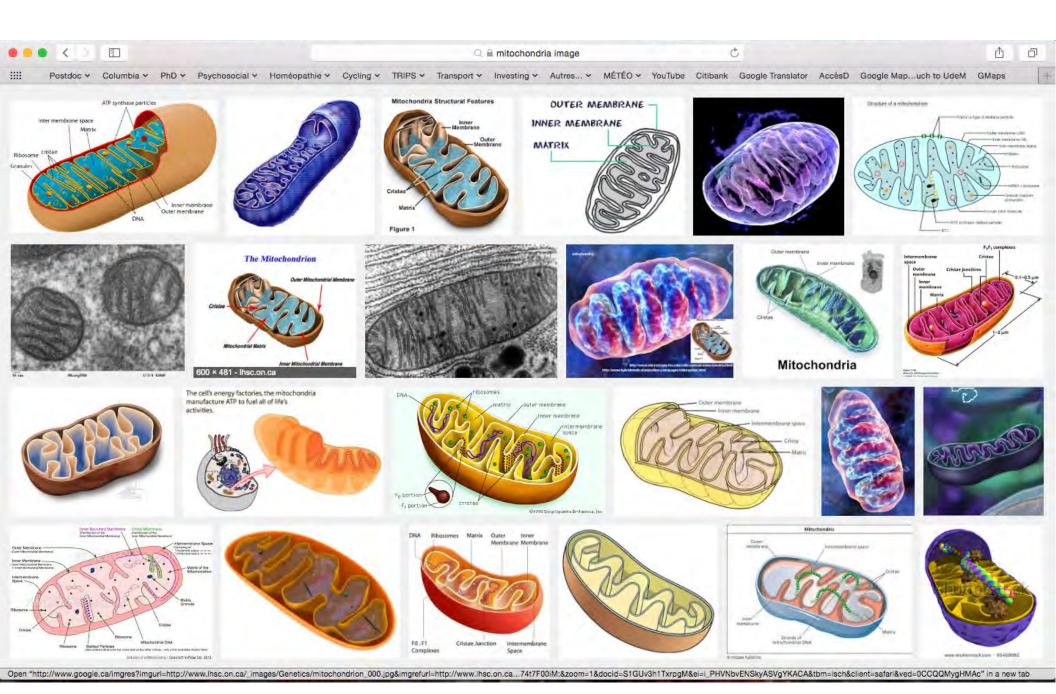
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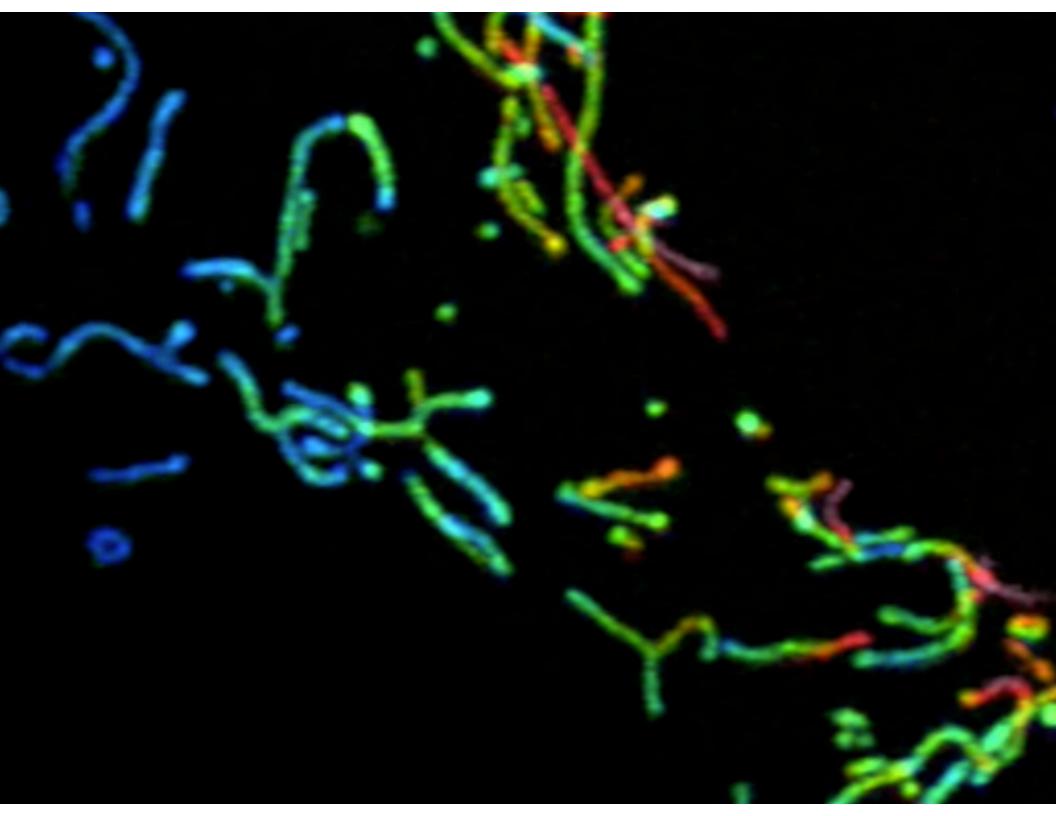
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What do mitochondria look like?





What do mitochondria do?

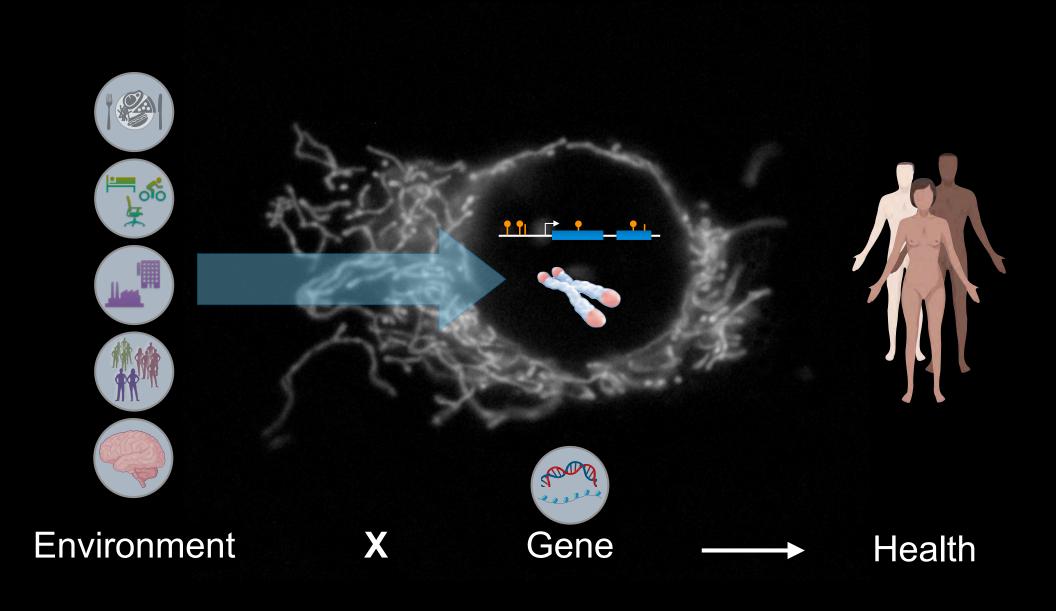
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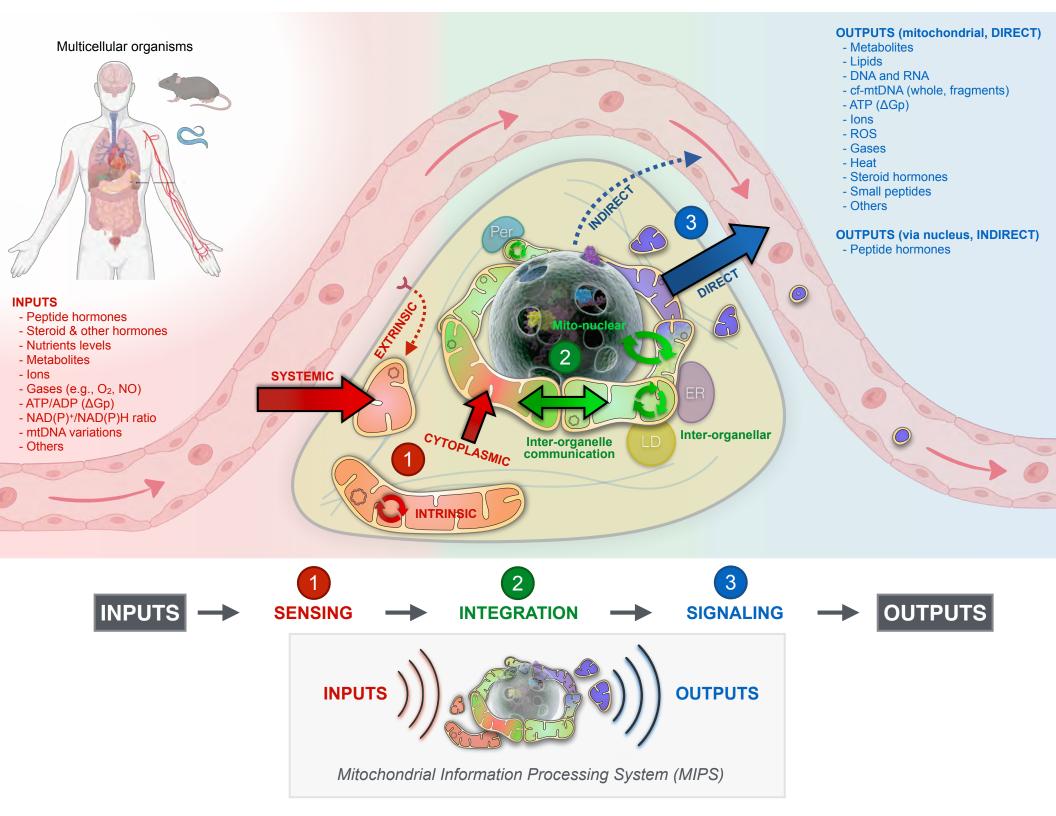
Powerhouse of the Cell

It is the mitochondrion, a small body which appears to play a central role in the oxidation of foodstuff. Its structure, as revealed by the electron microscope, mirrors its function

By Philip Siekevitz on July 1, 1957



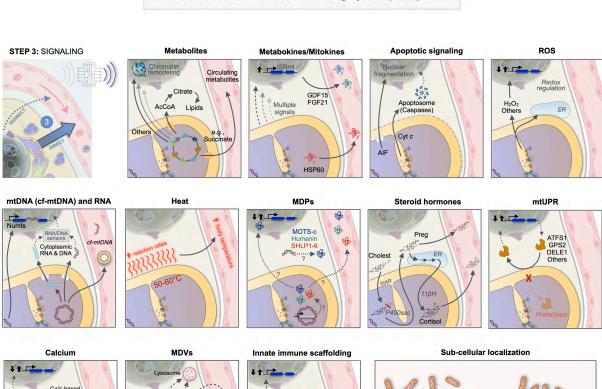
"Are mitochondria the **X** factor?"



The hallmarks of mitochondrial signal transduction



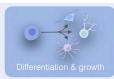






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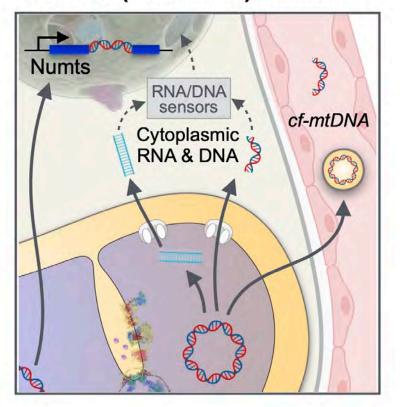






Perinuclear clustering & signaling

mtDNA (cf-mtDNA) and RNA



Heat



Calcium



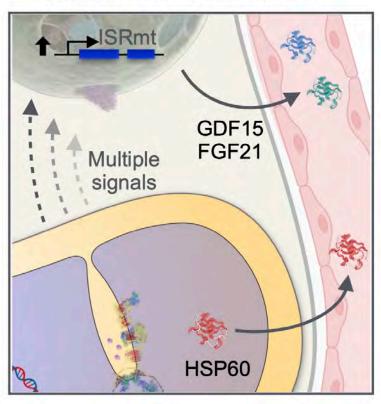
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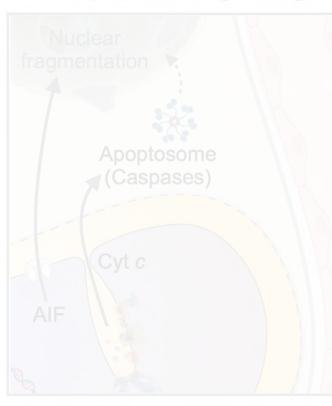
Metabolites

Chromatin remodeling Circulating metabolites Citrate AcCoA Lipids e.g., Succinate

Metabokines/Mitokines



Apoptotic signaling



Heat



MDPs



Steroid hormones









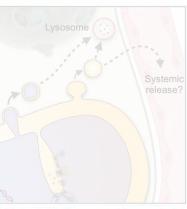




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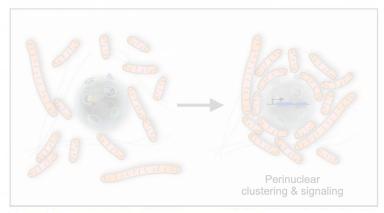
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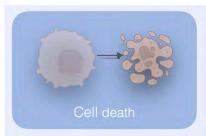
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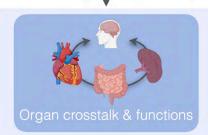
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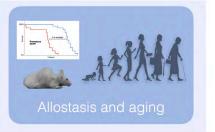
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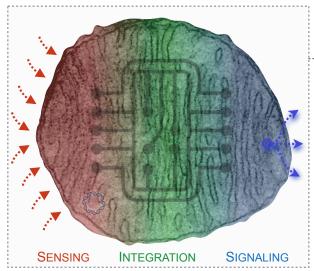




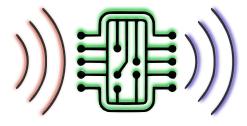




Signal transducing mitochondrion

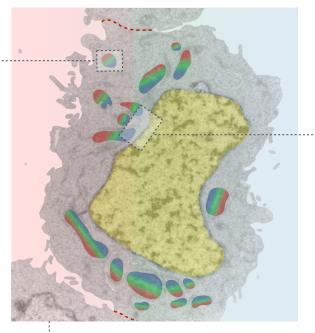


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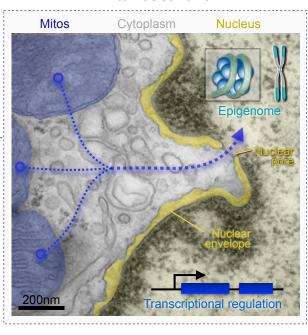


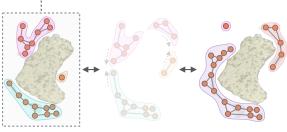
"Mitochondria are the processor of the cell"

Mitochondrial Information Processing System — MIPS

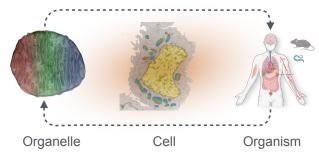


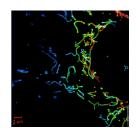
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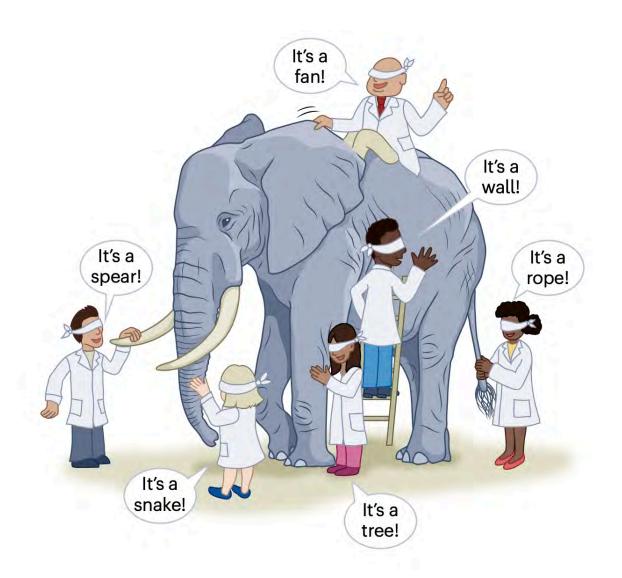


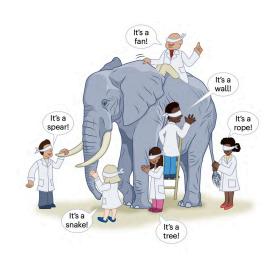
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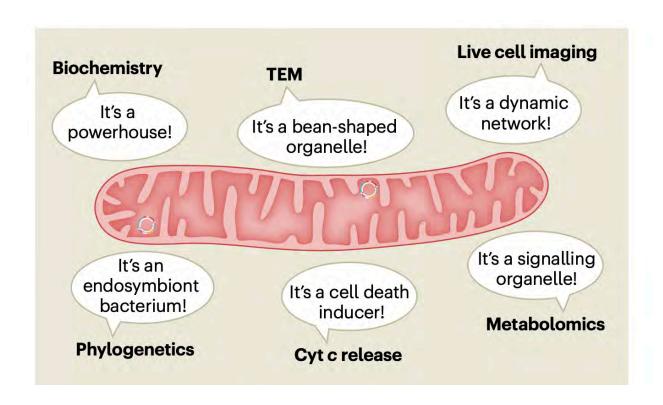




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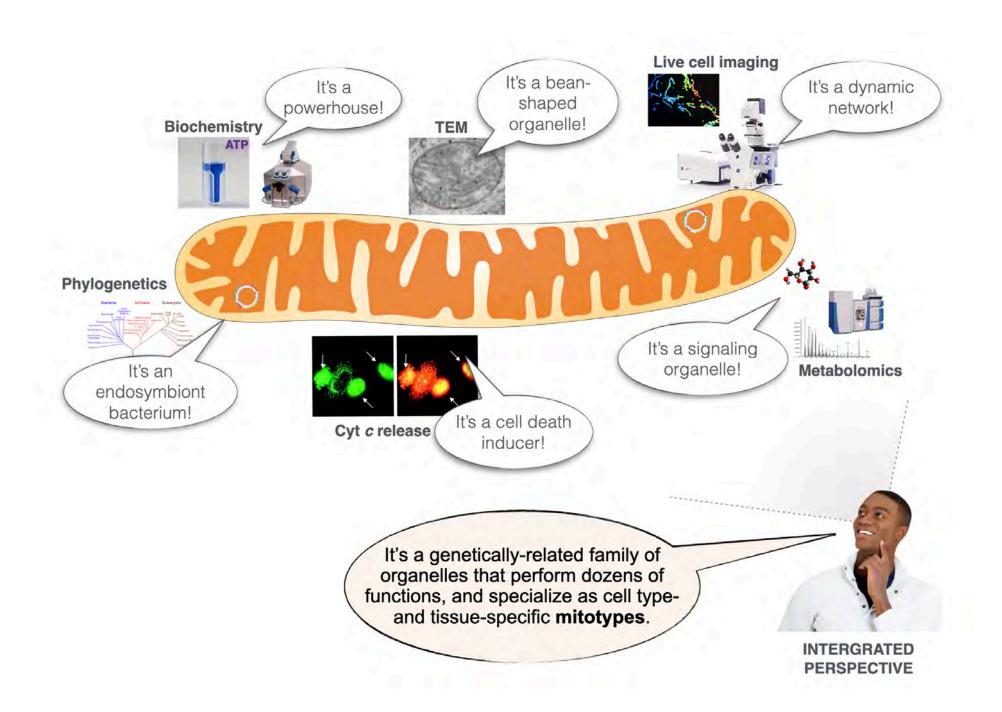






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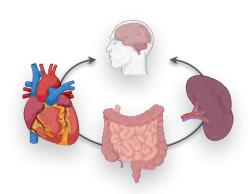
It's a family of organelles that exist as distinct mitochondrial phenotypes, defined by their molecular and morphological features, activities, functions and behaviours



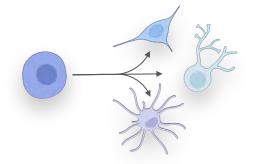
a Domains of human health



- Development and growth
- Physical activity
- Wound healing
- Immunity
- Cardiovascular fitness
- Locomotion
- Digestion
- Sleep
- Cognition
- Learning and memory
- Social interactions
- Others...

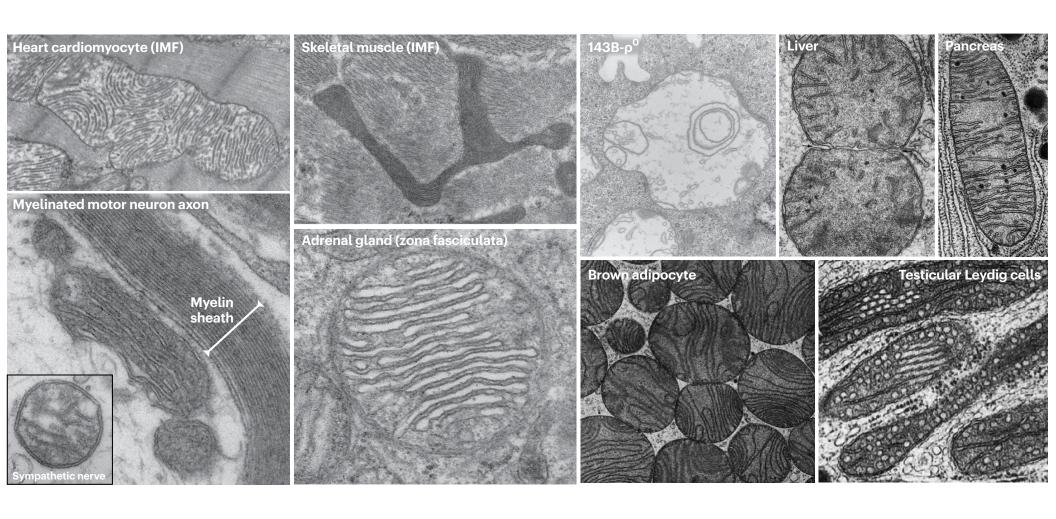


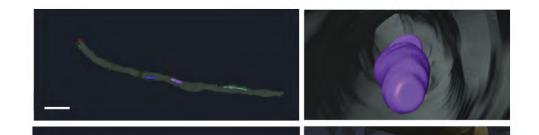
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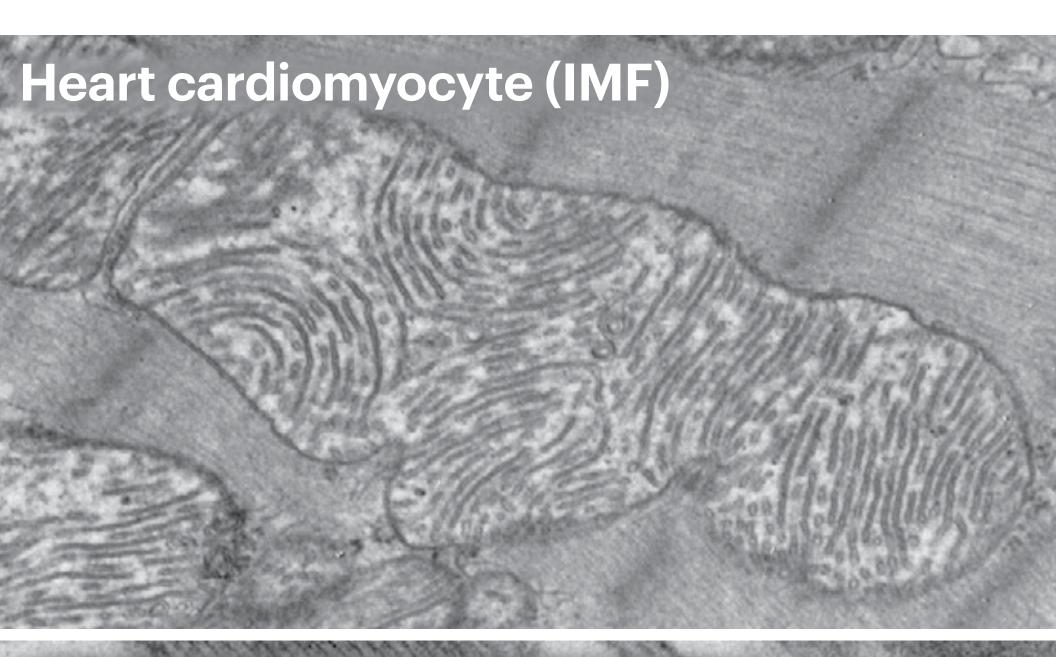


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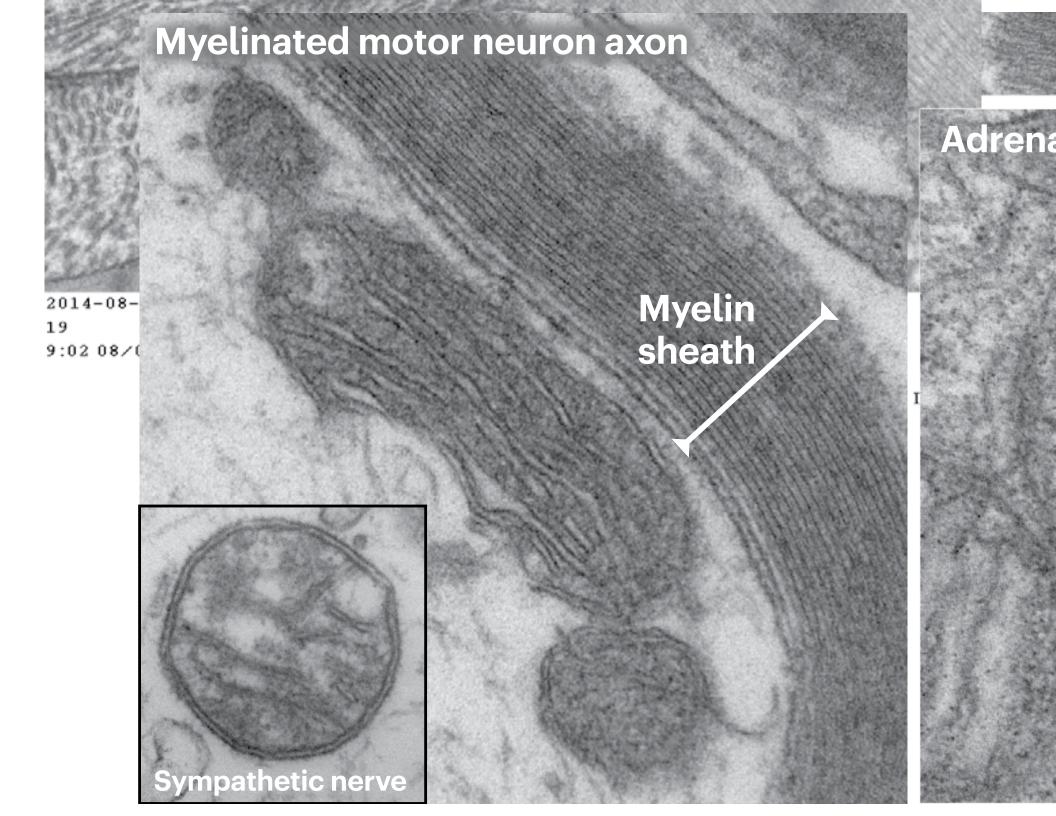
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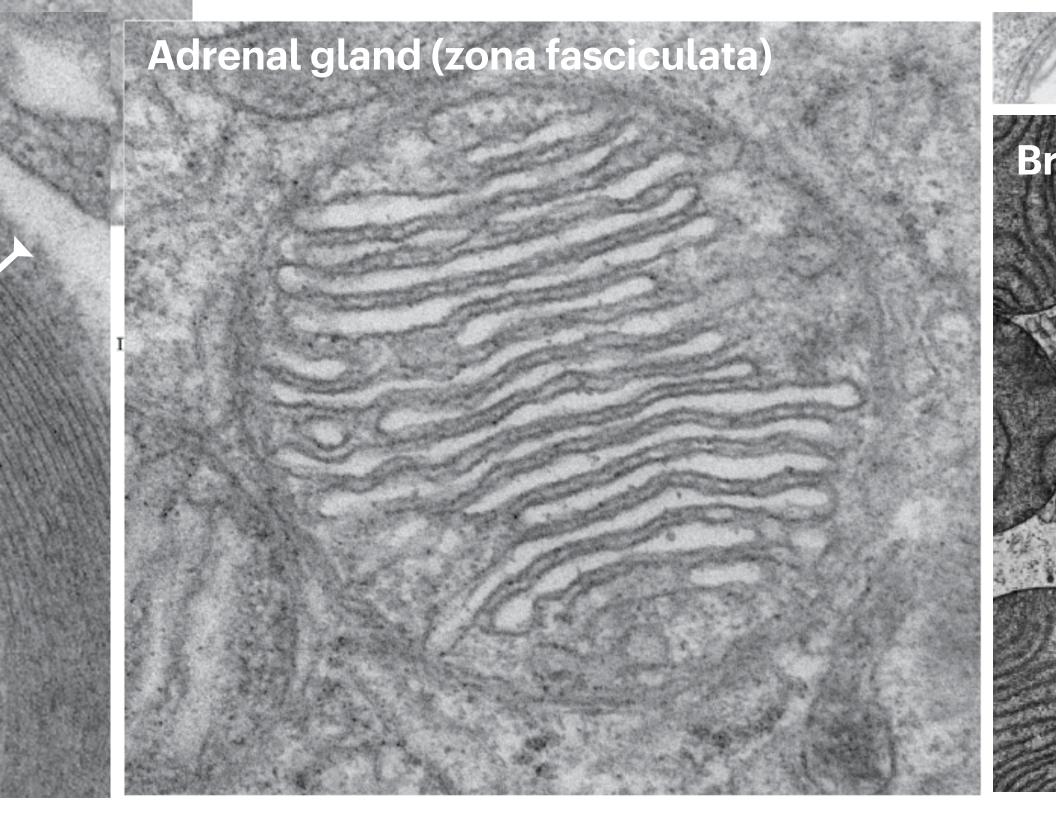


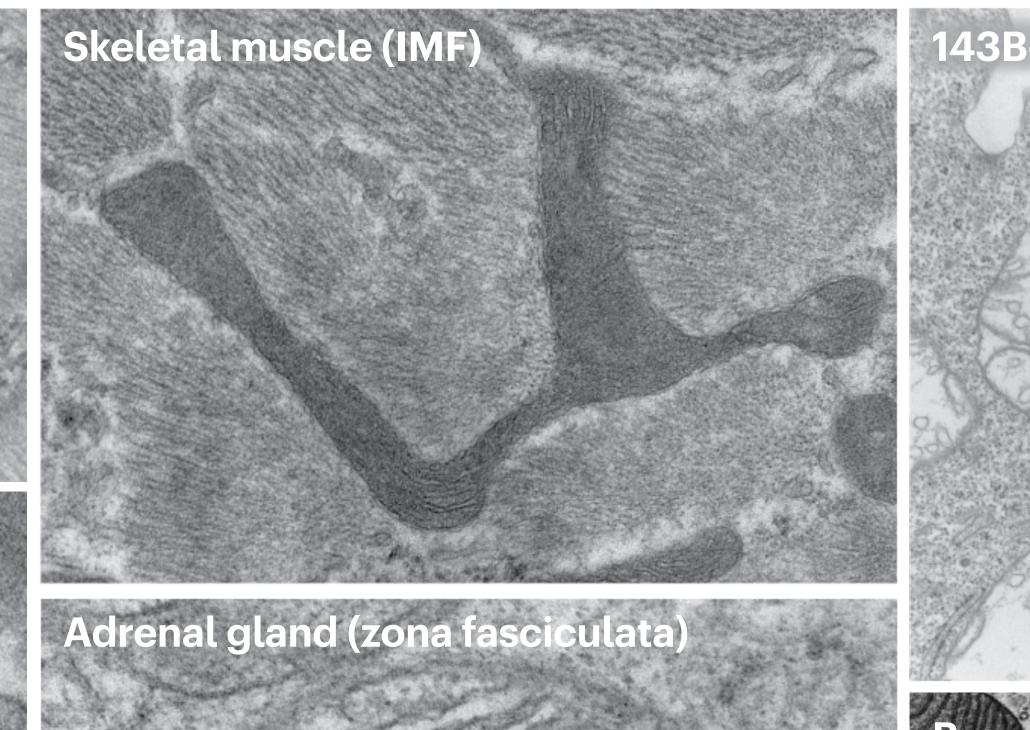




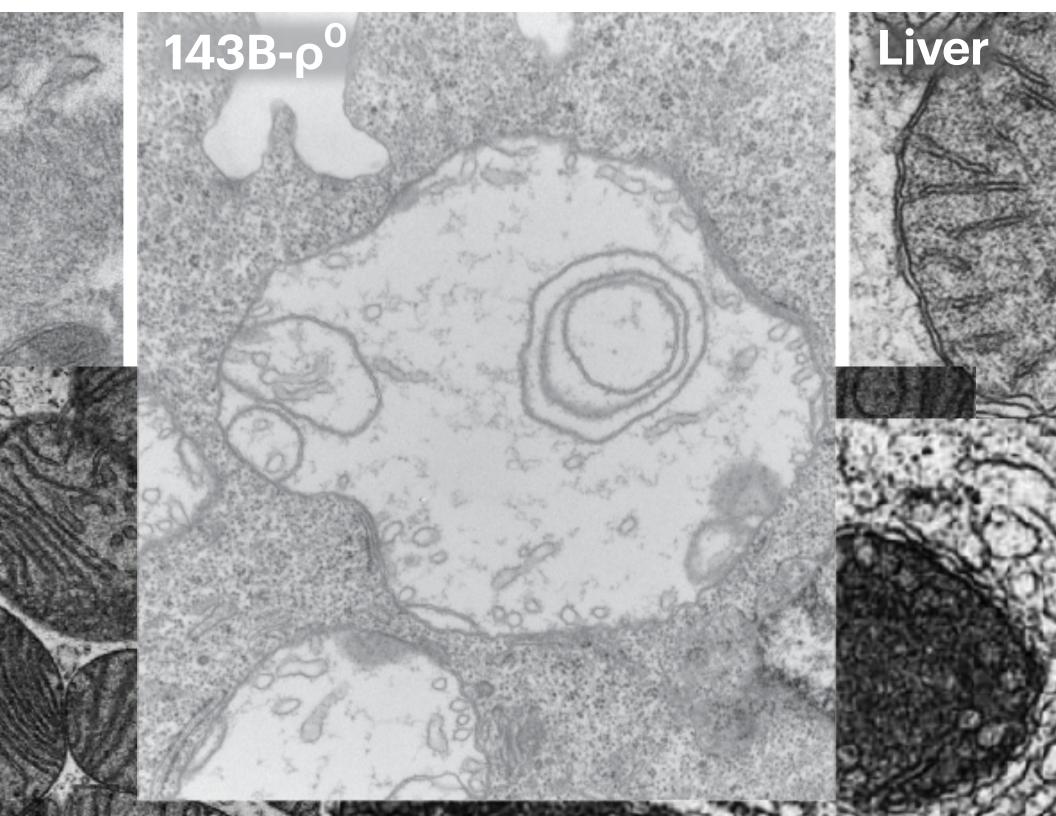
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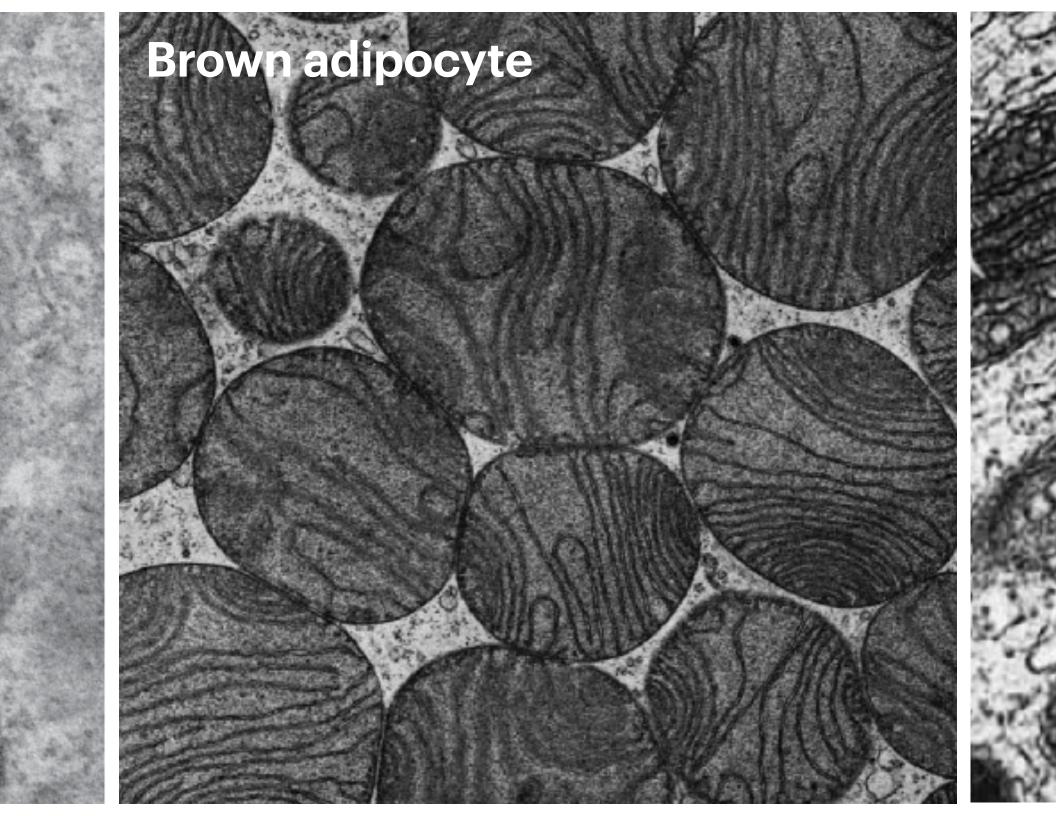


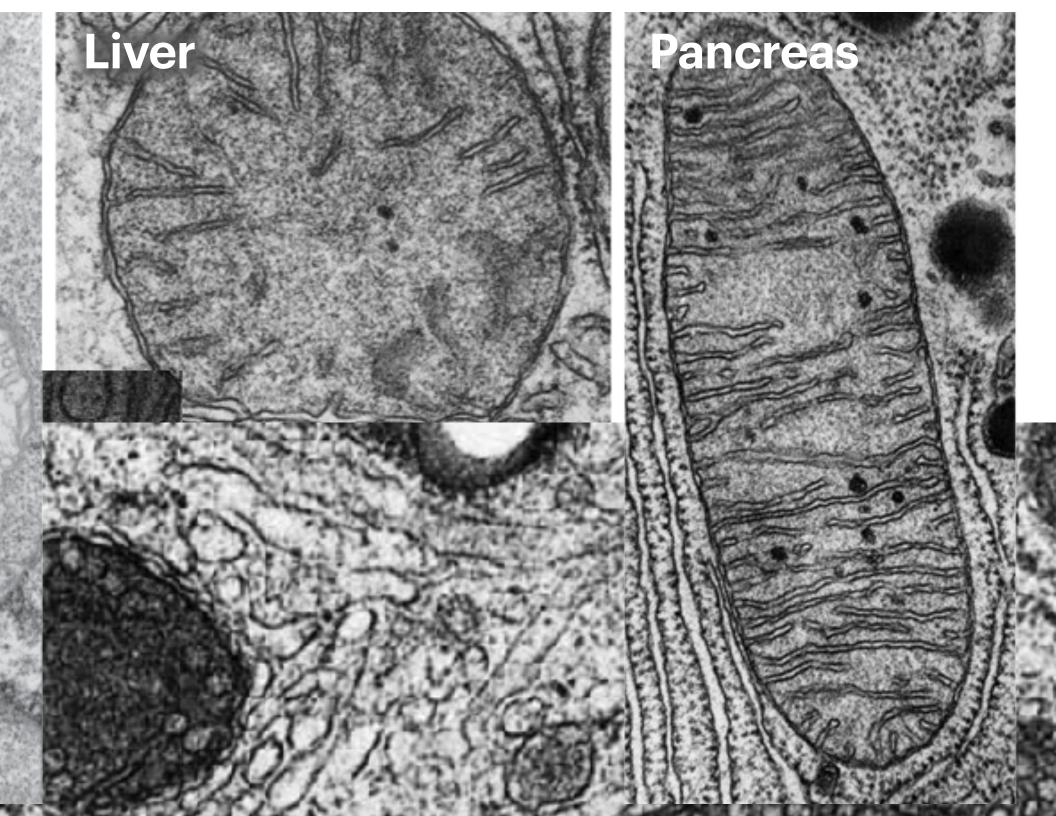


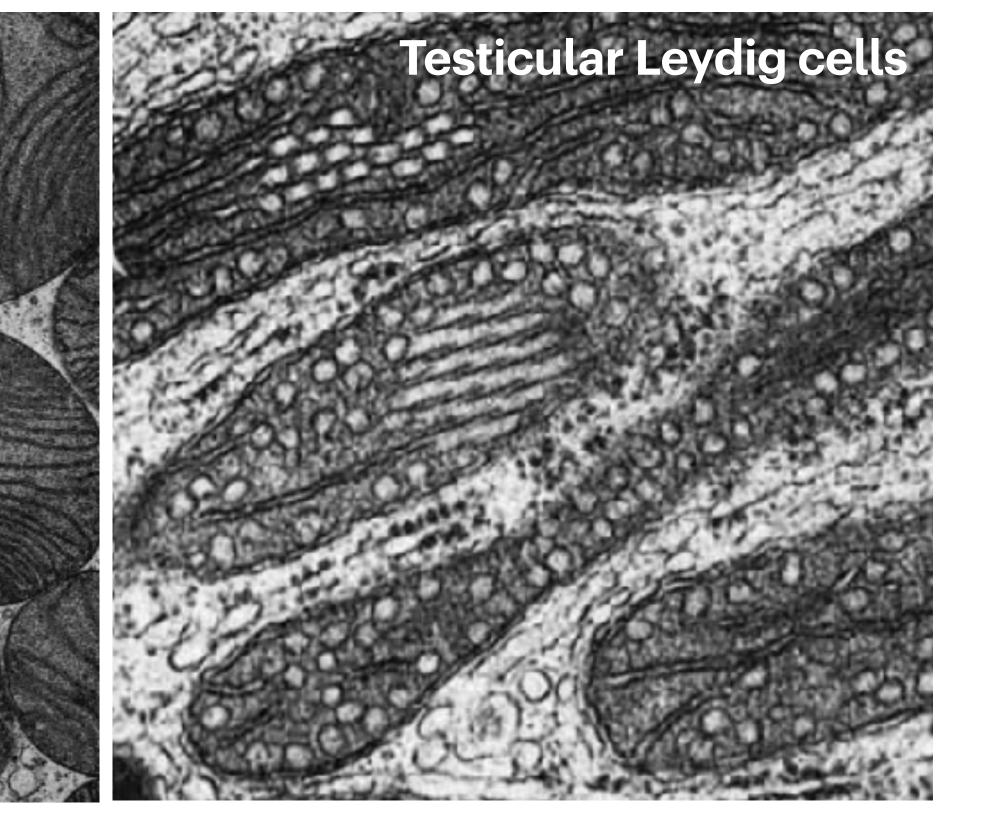


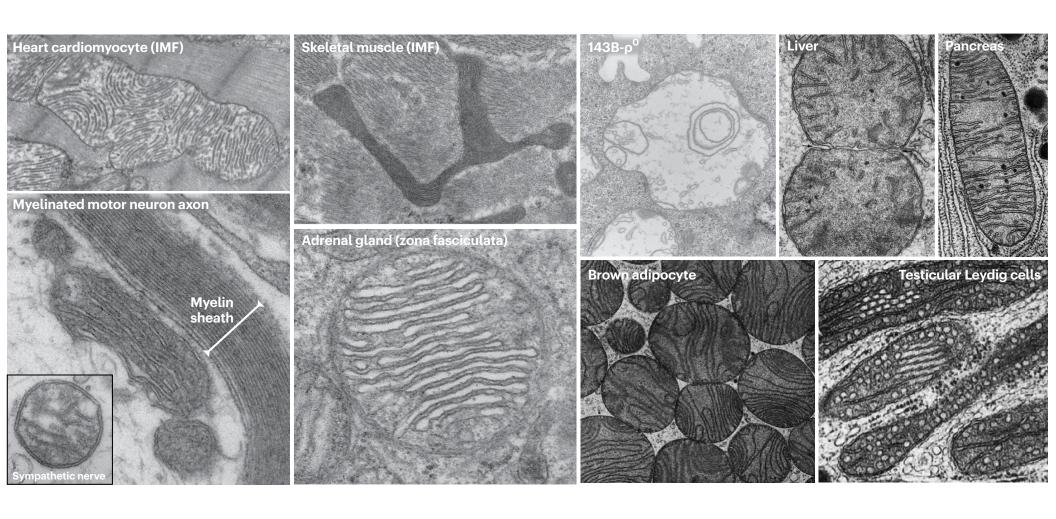
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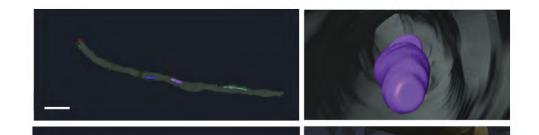


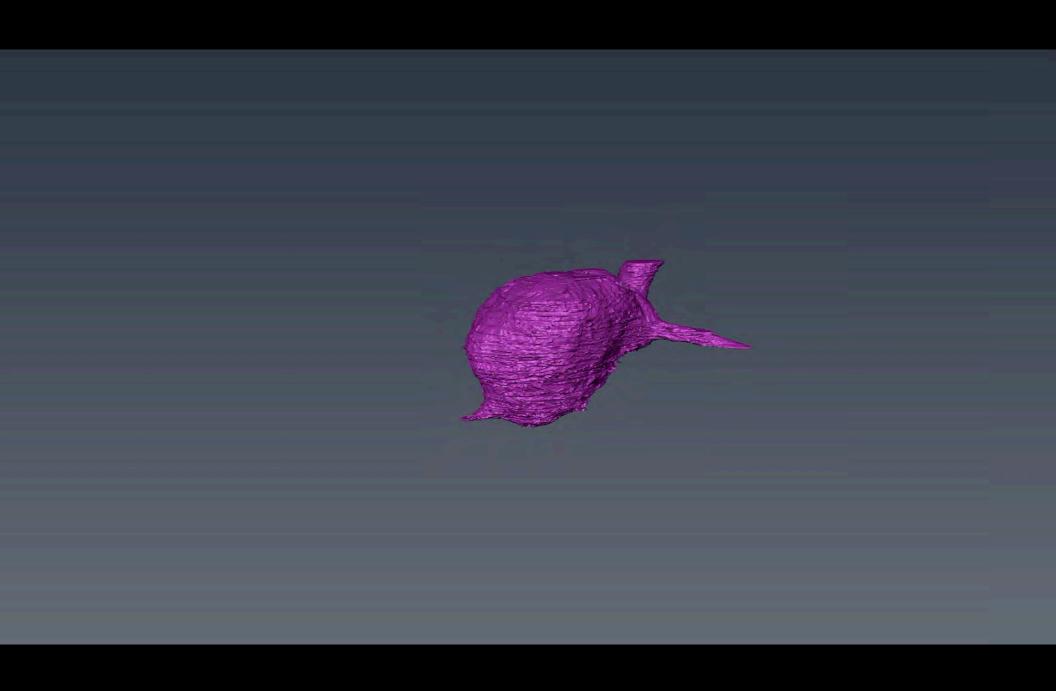




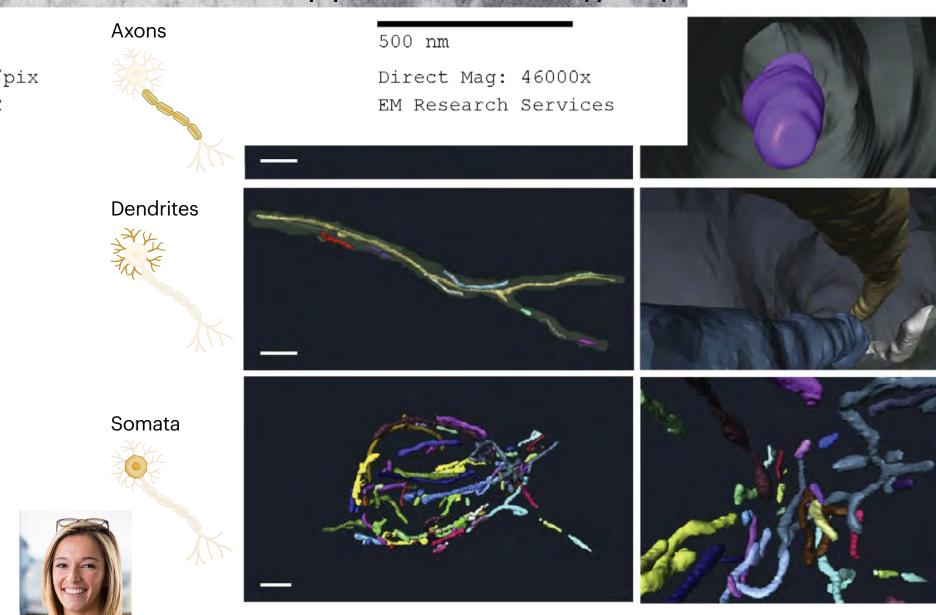


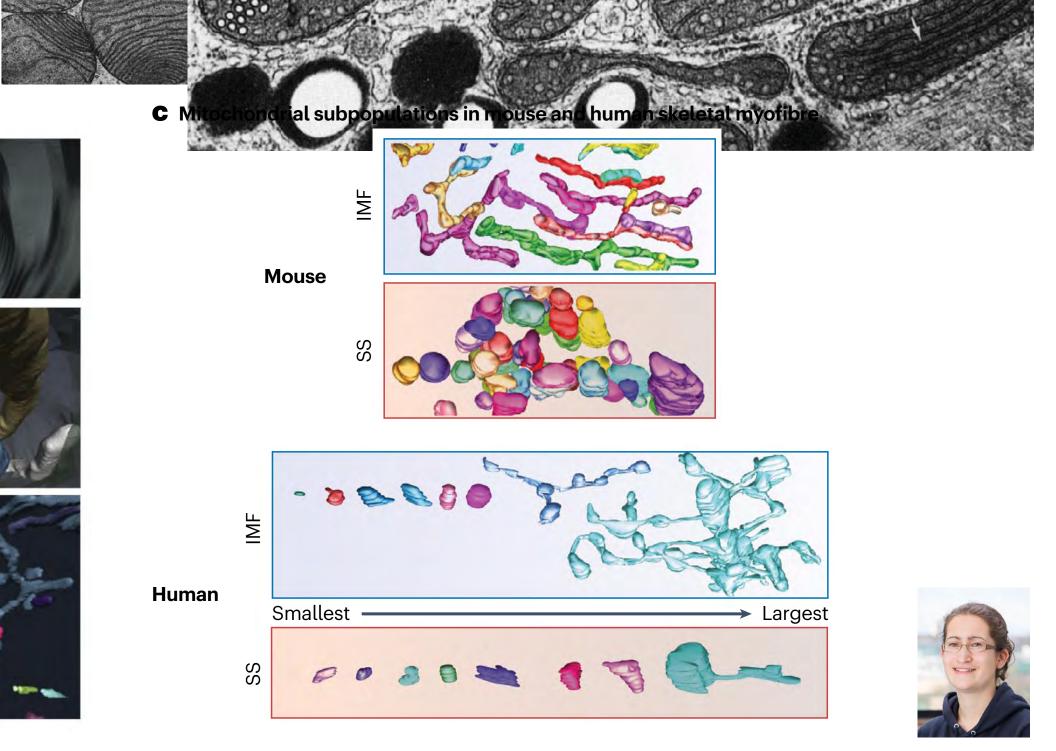






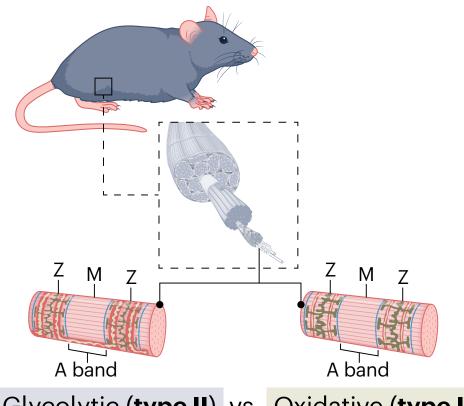
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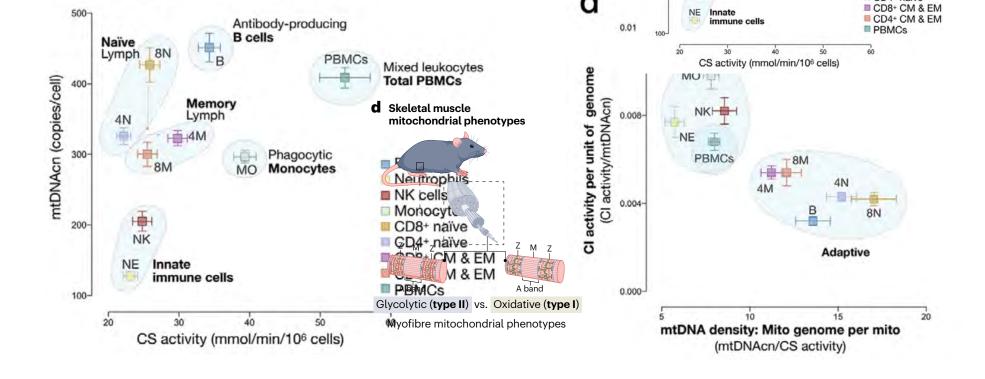
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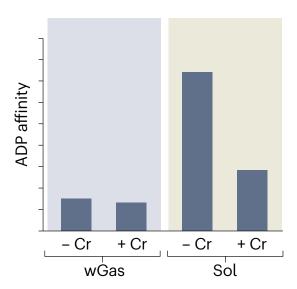


Glycolytic (type II) vs. Oxidative (type I)

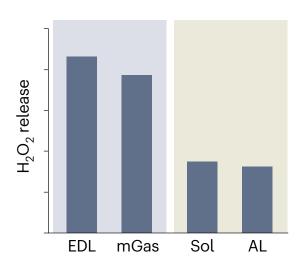
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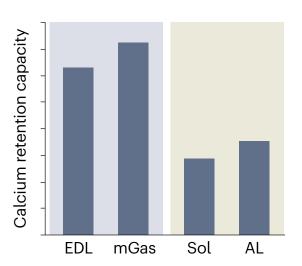


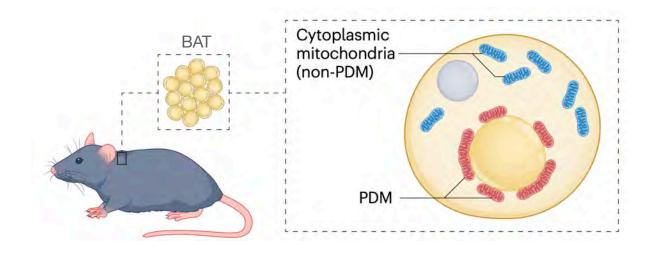


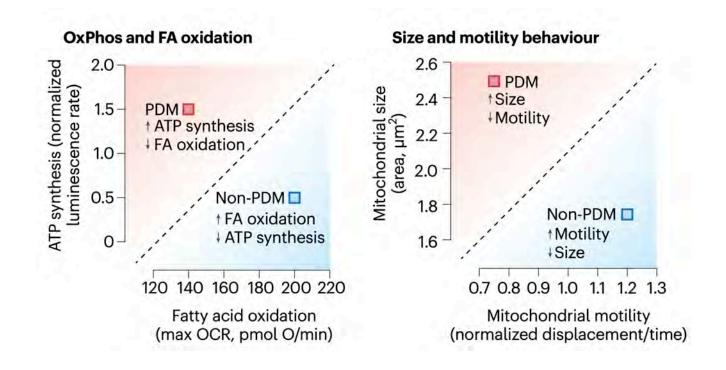
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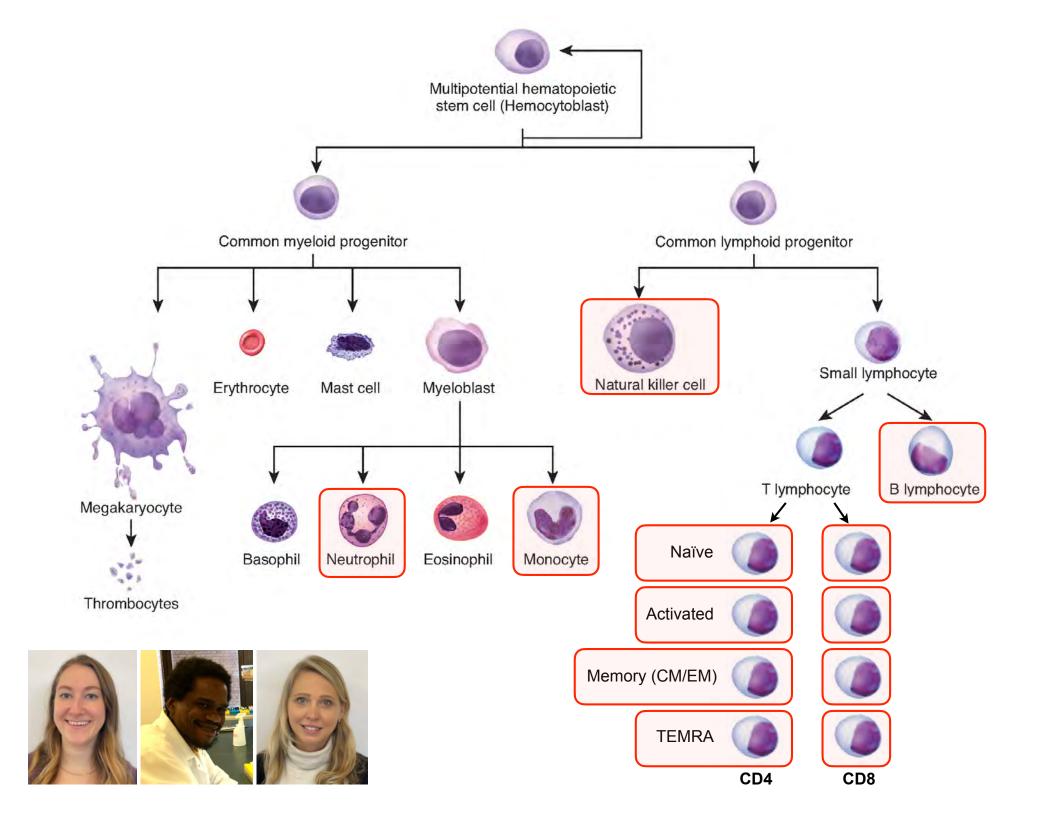


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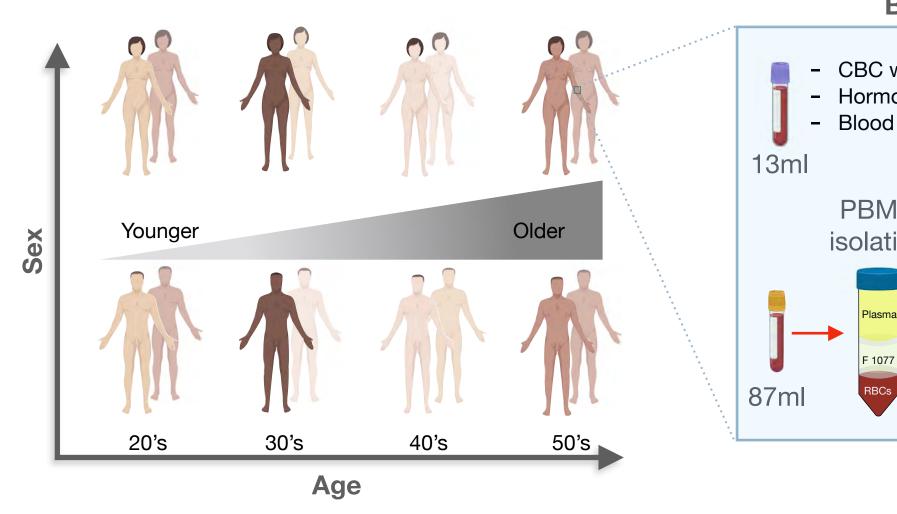




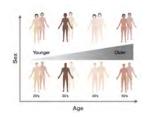




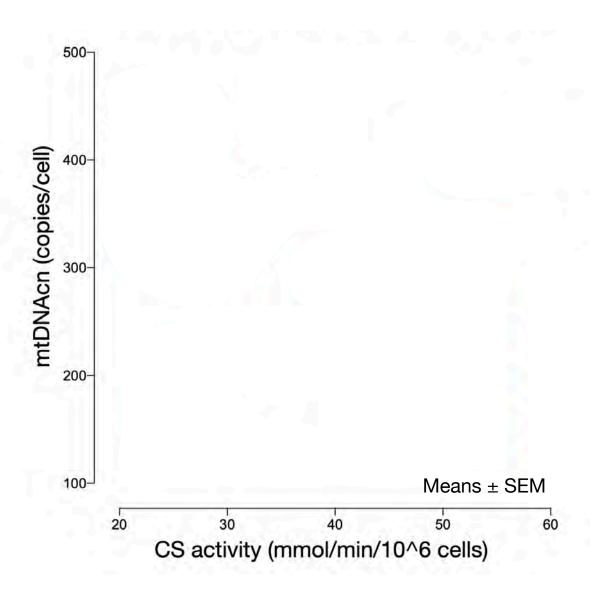
Study design (PART 1)



n=21 (11 Women, 10 Men) (2 African American, 7 Asian, 12 Caucasian)



Mitochondrial phenotypes (mitotypes)

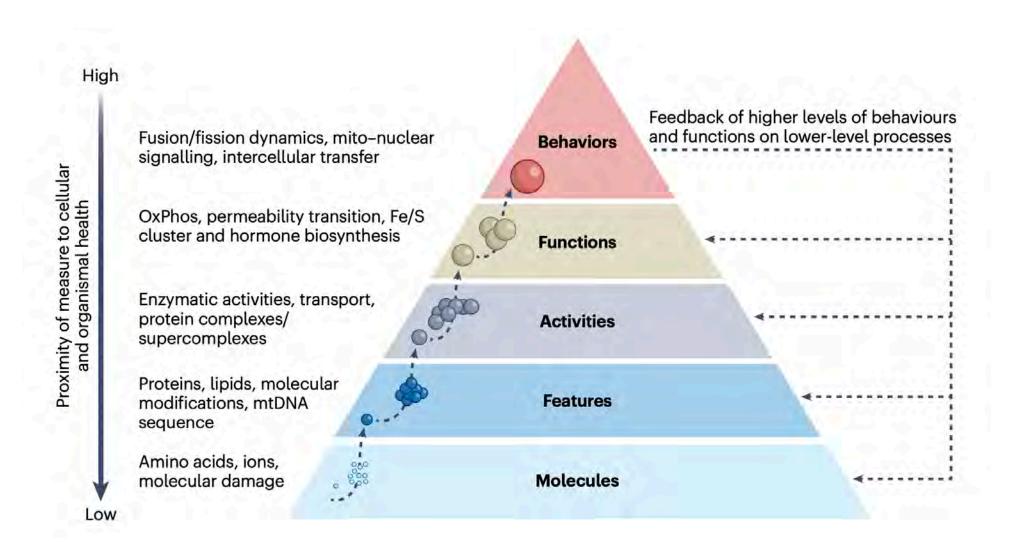


Morphological diversity

Topological diversity

Functional diversity

Hierarchy of mitochondrial biology

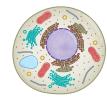




Features	Body characteristics Height, body mass index, hydration level, muscle mass, biological sex
Activities	Organ-level processes Skeletal muscle contraction, insulin secretion, cardiac output, peristalsis
Functions	Physiological processes Glycemic control, blood pressure, digestion, wound healing, circadian rhythms, sleep
Behaviours	Goal-directed complex set of functions Social behaviours, reproduction, thinking and feeling, walking and running, ageing
Context-dependent phenotypes	Physiological states driven by social and environmental demands Homeostasis, allostasis and allostatic load

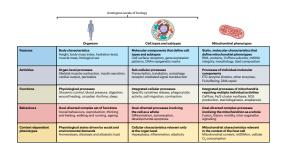
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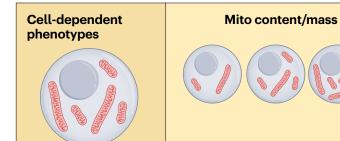




Cell types and subtypes

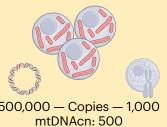
Features	Body characteristics Height, body mass index, hydration level, muscle mass, biological sex	Molecular components that define cell types and subtypes Cell surface receptors, gene expression patterns, DNAm epigenetic marks
Activities	Organ-level processes Skeletal muscle contraction, insulin secretion, cardiac output, peristalsis	Sub-cellular processes Transcription, translation, autophagy, receptor-mediated signal transduction
Functions	Physiological processes Glycemic control, blood pressure, digestion, wound healing, circadian rhythms, sleep	Integrated cellular processes Specific cytokines release, phagocytotic activity, cell migration, contraction
Behaviours	Goal-directed complex set of functions Social behaviours, reproduction, thinking and feeling, walking and running, ageing	Goal-directed processes involving the cell as a whole Differentiation, extravasation, developmental apoptosis
Context-dependent phenotypes	Physiological states driven by social and environmental demands Homeostasis, allostasis and allostatic load	Cellular characteristics relevant only at the organ level Hyperplasia, inflammation, elasticity



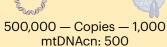


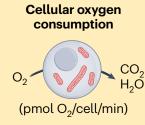






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Energy expenditure

Cellular topology

Peripheral Perinuclear

































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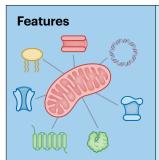
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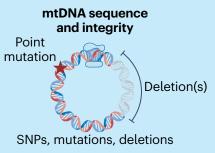
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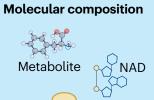
(pmol O₂/cell/min)

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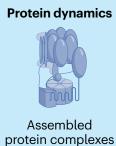


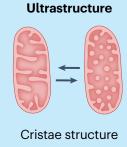


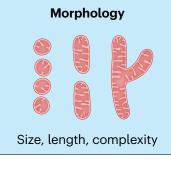


































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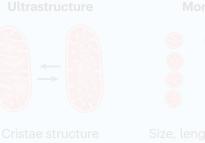




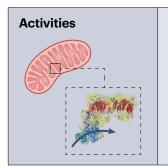




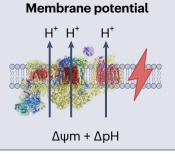


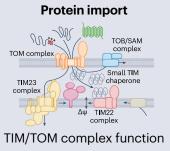


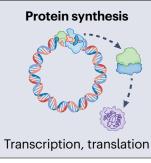


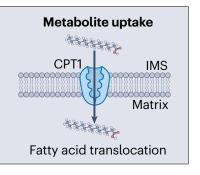






















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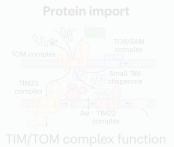






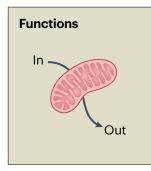


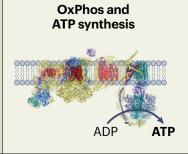


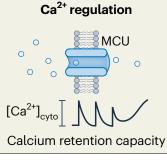


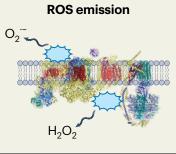


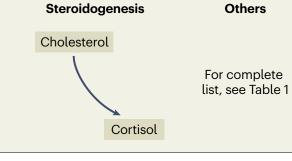


































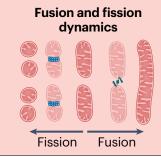


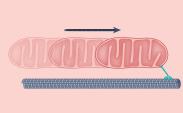




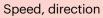


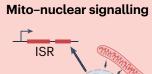


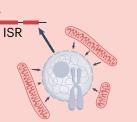


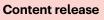


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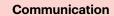






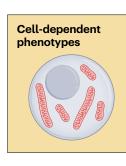














Mito content/mass



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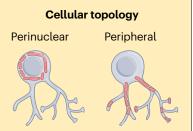
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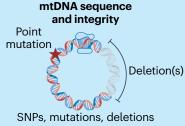
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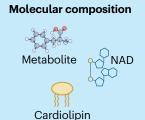


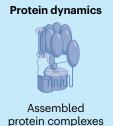
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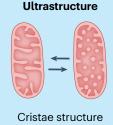




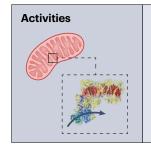


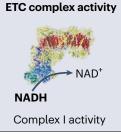


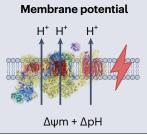


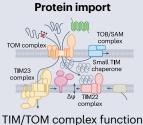


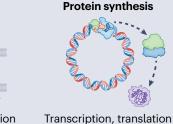


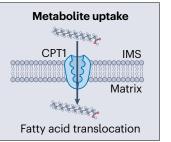


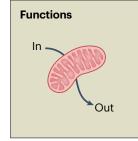


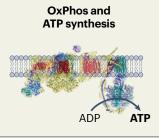




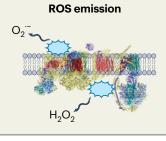


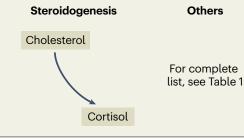




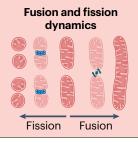


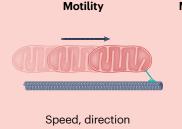


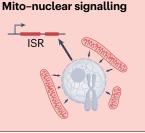


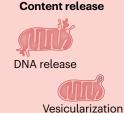












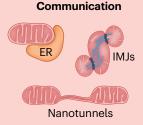


Table 1 | Mitochondrial functions and behaviours

	Description	Reviewed in ref(s).	Methods described in ref(s).
Functions			
^a Membrane potential generation	Formation of the electrochemical gradient ($\Delta\Psi m + \Delta pH$) across the IMM, usually by the electron pumping capacity of the respiratory complexes I, III and IV, but also by other processes including through ATP hydrolysis by the F _o F ₁ ATP synthase (complex V).	104	105,106
Amino acid metabolism	Lysine metabolism (lysine-a-ketoglutarate reductase, encoded by AASS). Electrogenic malate-aspartate shuttle system, which is important for balancing pyridine dinucleotide redox states across subcellular compartments. Branched-chain keto and amino acids. Choline and derivatives as structural precursors for lipoproteins, membrane lipids and the neurotransmitter acetylcholine. Betaine as osmoregulator and an intermediate in the cytosolic transulfuration pathway.	107–111	112–119
Ascorbate metabolism	L-ascorbate (vitamin C) biosynthesis in many plants and animals, but not in primates, which serves as osmoregulator and antioxidant. Mitochondria may recycle oxidized (dehydro)ascorbic acid.	120	121,122
Bicarbonate metabolism	Production of bicarbonate (HCO_3^-) by mitochondrial carbonic anhydrase V (encoded by CA5A), used as a cofactor for anaplerotic reactions (for example, ureagenesis and gluconeogenesis) and acid-base balance. The TCA cycle is an important contributor to cellular/extracellular acidification due to CO_2 production.	123	-
Calcium uptake and extrusion	Uptake of cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} via the mitochondrial calcium uniporter in a $\Delta\Psi$ m-dependent manner; extrusion by the sodium/calcium exchanger NCLX (encoded by <i>SLC8B1</i>).	124-126	127,128
Hydrogen sulfide detoxification	Mitochondrial sulfide quinone oxidoreductase (encoded by <i>SQOR</i>) oxidizes hydrogen sulfide to glutathione persulfide by reducing CoQ.	129–132	133
Heat production	Heat generation is stimulated by uncoupling $\Delta\Psi m + \Delta pH$ from ATP synthesis (thereby increasing electron flux and respiration) by UCP1 (encoded by <i>UCP1</i>), the ADP/ATP carrier (<i>AAC</i> , also <i>ANT1</i>), or by creatine-dependent substrate cycling and other futile cycles.	134-137	138
Intermediate metabolism	Enzymatic interconversion of metabolic intermediates to enable the synthesis of specific macromolecules, including five major anapterotic ones. This includes the conversion of pyruvate into oxaloacetate by pyruvate carboxylase (encoded by <i>PC</i>), a critical step for de novo glucose synthesis (gluconeogenesis); citrate export to the cytoplasm where it is used for lipid synthesis or converted to acetyl-CoA for acetylation reactions; synthesis of itaconate, a derivative of <i>cis</i> -aconitate; succinate, α-ketoglutarate and others that participate in a variety of signalling	25,139,140	141,142

Lipid oxidation	Beta-oxidation of long-chain, medium-chain and short-chain fatty acids into acetyl-CoA.	145	146
Lipid synthesis	Synthesis of cardiolipin and phosphatidylethanolamine from ER precursors in the IMM.	147–150	-
mtDNA maintenance and expression	mtDNA replication, transcription, protein synthesis and assembly of the OxPhos system.	151,152	153,154
Na⁺import/export	Sodium (Na ⁺) uptake and release against cytoplasmic Ca ²⁺ by the sodium/calcium exchanger protein NCLX (encoded by <i>SLC8B1</i>) or by Na ⁺ /H ⁺ antiporter (molecular identity pending).	124,155	156
Neurotransmitter synthesis and degradation	Synthesis of the cofactor BH4 (tetrahydrobiopterin), used by hydrolase enzymes to synthesize catecholamines and neurotransmitters (serotonin, melatonin, norepinephrine and epinephrine) and nitric oxide. Mitochondria with OMM-anchored monoamine oxidases (encoded by MAOA and MAOB, donate electrons and contribute to electron flow in the ETC) also degrade catecholamines. Mitochondria also participate in GABA metabolism.	9,157	158,159
One-carbon metabolism and pyrimidine synthesis	The one-carbon metabolism connects the synthesis of nucleotides (purine and pyrimidine), amino acids (methionine, serine and glycine), S-adenosyl-methionine and folate. Ubiquinone-mediated oxidation of dihydroorotate to orotate by dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (encoded by <i>DHODH</i>) is a key step in pyrimidine synthesis.	160–163	164
OxPhos	Transduction of $\Delta\Psi m + \Delta pH$ generated by the electron transport chain (ETC, also 'respiratory chain') into ATP synthesis by the F_oF_1 ATP synthase (complex V), abbreviated as OxPhos.	165	166
Oxygen sensing	The electron transport and free-radical generation by ETC complexes I and III is modulated by the partial pressure of oxygen, which can limit respiration at very low partial pressures of $\rm O_2$.	167–170	-
Permeability transition	Opening of the high-conductance permeability transition pore (PTP), which dissipates membrane potential and promotes the release of intracristae and matrix-located components into the cytoplasm.	171,172	173–175
Protein import	Import, processing and folding of nuclear-encoded polypeptides from the cytoplasm by the translocator of the inner membrane (TIM) and outer membrane (TOM) complexes and associated proteins.	176	-
Redox homeostasis	Re-oxidation of enzymes and/or their redox cofactors (involved in anabolic and catabolic reactions) by the electron acceptors CoQ and cytochrome c (encoded by CYTC) within the mitochondrial respiratory chain, and production of NADPH by NNT.	177,178	-
Respiration	Electrons stored in reducing equivalents NADH and $FADH_2$, or derived from diverse redox reactions are sequentially delivered to respiratory complex I and CoQ, or cytochrome c, respectively, to promote the reduction of molecular oxygen at cytochrome c oxidase (complex IV).	179,180	181
ROS production	Production and release of ROS (H_2O_2 , O_2 , others) mainly at respiratory chain complexes I and III.	182,183	184
Steroidogenesis	Production of pregnanolone from cholesterol imported via IMM steroidogenic	33,34,185,186	187

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Behaviours			
Antiviral signalling	Assembly of the mitochondrial antiviral signal (encoded by MAVS) adaptor protein on the OMM to potentiate downstream signalling, and activation of nuclear interferon pathways in the nucleus by mtDNA release.	39,188	_
Apoptotic signalling	Release of cytochrome c (encoded by CYCS), apoptosis-inducing factor (encoded by AIF), and other proteins that trigger different forms of cell death by acting on cytoplasmic and nuclear effectors.	189,190	-
Cristae remodelling	Dynamic remodelling of IMM cristae junctions, cristae shape and distribution via the combined action of optic atrophy 1 (encoded by <i>OPA1</i>) and mitochondrial contact site and cristae organizing system (MICOS) proteins.	103,191	95
DNA signalling	mtDNA extrusion in the cytoplasm, particularly in the form of oxidized mtDNA fragments via proteinaceous pores forming across the IMM and OMM, which trigger inflammasome activation.	189,190,192,193	175
Epigenetic remodelling	Transduction of mitochondrial states into changes in epigenome via several functions including metabolic intermediates, DNA release, ROS production and others.	30,194	_
Inter-organelle communication	Exchange of information between mitochondria and other organelles, particular the ER, where mitofusin 2 (encoded by <i>MFN2</i>) plays a key role in tethering organelles.	195,196	197,198
Mitochondrial dynamics	Mitochondrial fusion and fission through OMM-anchored and IMM-anchored GTPase proteins capable of merging or constricting mitochondrial membranes to enact fragmentation of larger organelles into smaller ones.	191,199–201	202
Mito-mito communication	Exchange of information between mitochondria by soluble signals (for example, ROS-induced ROS release, RIRR), by complete membrane fusion, or by physical extensions of thin protein-carrying OMM and IMM membrane protrusions (that is, nanotunnels) and trans-mitochondrial cristae alignment between energized mitochondria.	203-206	207–209

accessory proteins acting on the OMM and IMM.

Movement of energized mitochondria across the cytoplasm via the combined

Release of MDVs destined to different cellular fates by the action of motor and

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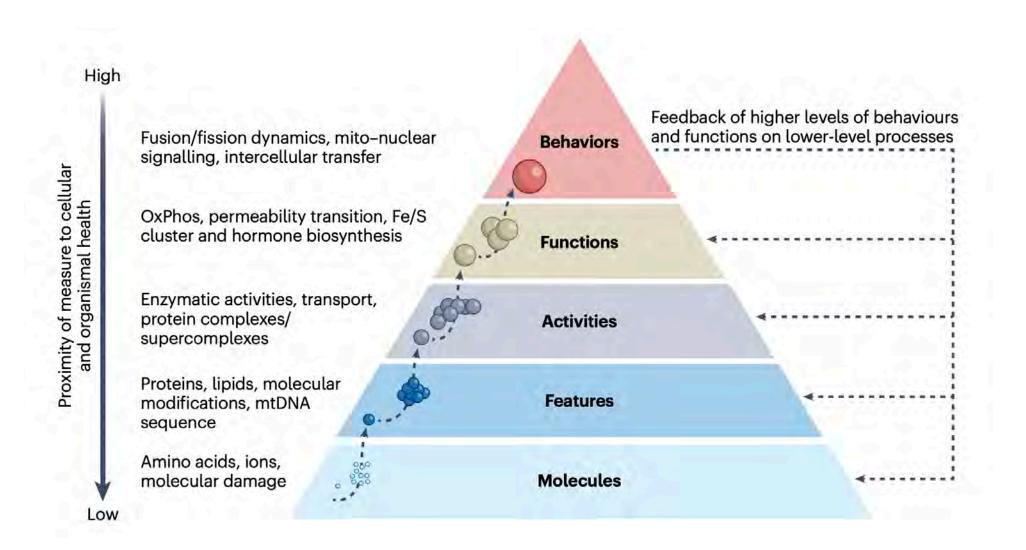
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Motility

Vesicle formation

^aGeneration of mitochondrial membrane potential is the 'mother' of many other functions and behaviours, providing the driving force for the movement of ions, solutes and proteins across the IMM, the driving force for key enzymes and processes, including the phosphorylation of ADP into ATP (OxPhos). Mitochondrial features (that is, molecular components) and activities (individual enzyme and non-enzymatic activities) are too numerous to be comprehensively listed, so only functions and behaviours are included. CoQ, coenzyme Q.

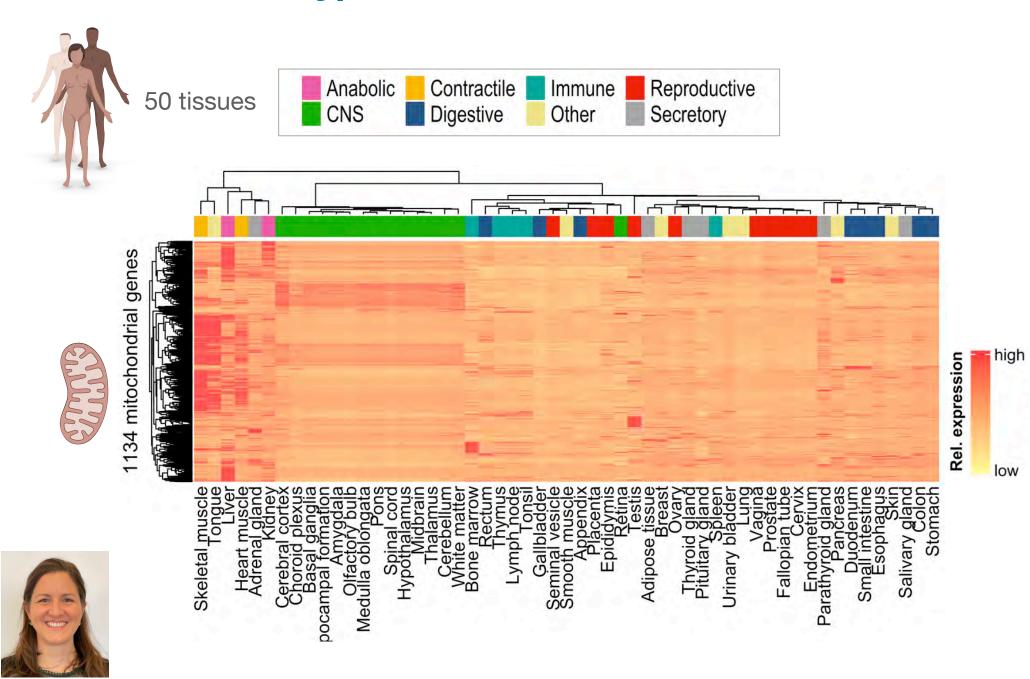
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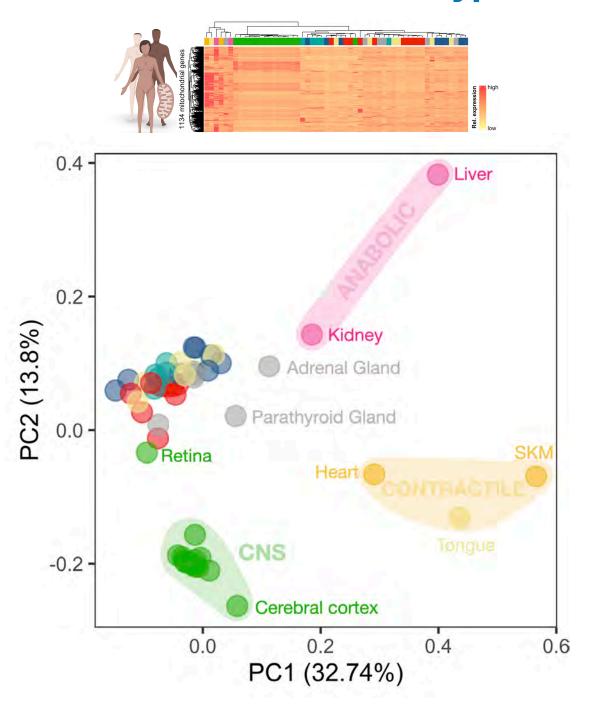
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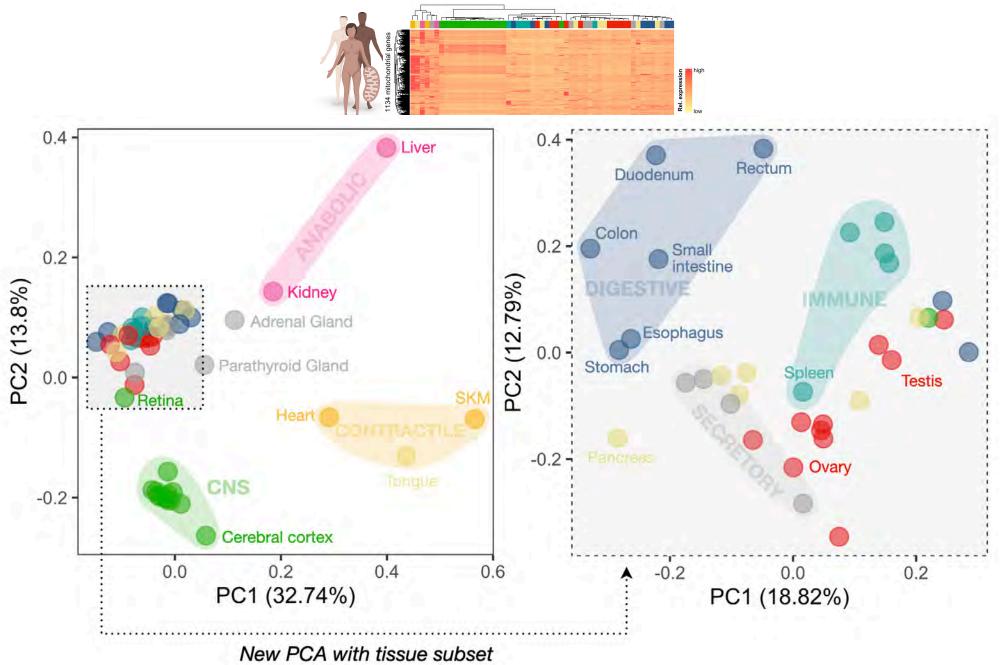
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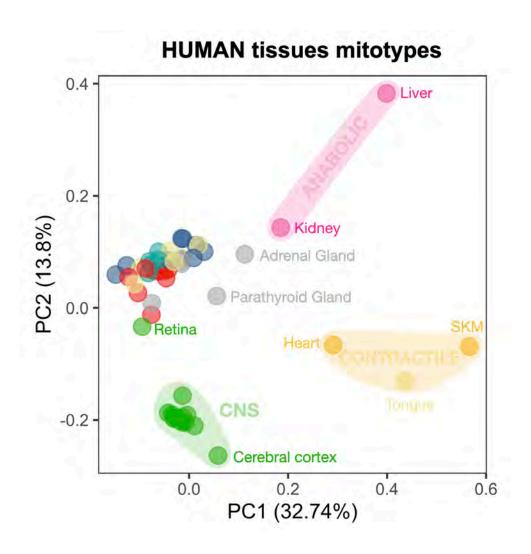


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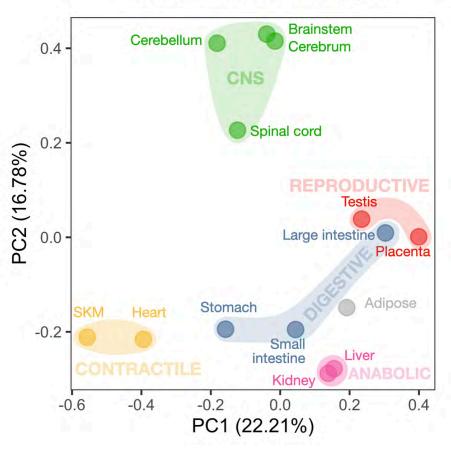
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Conserved mitotype signatures in human and mouse tissues



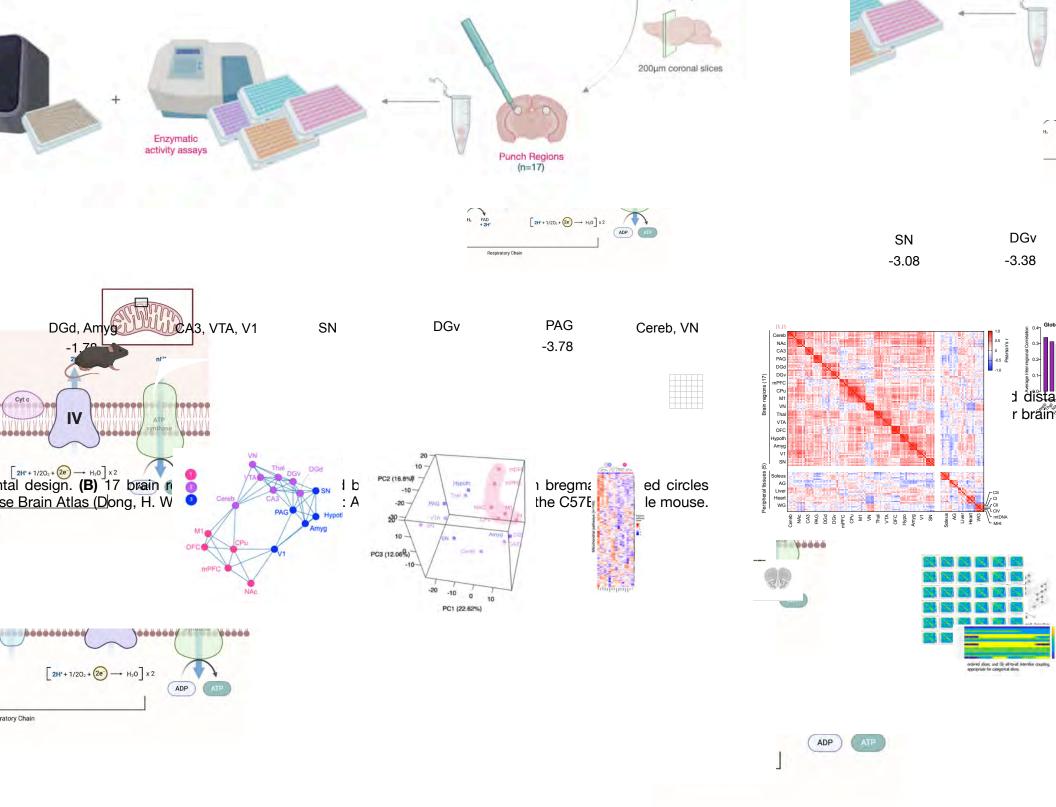
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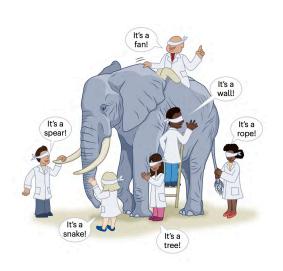


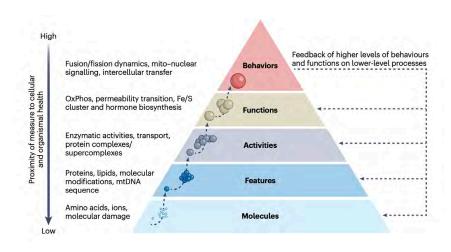


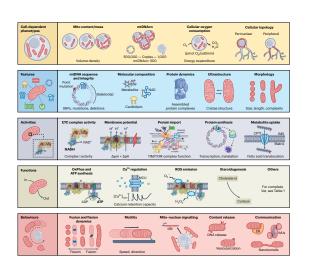
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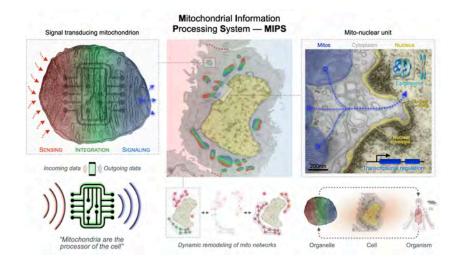
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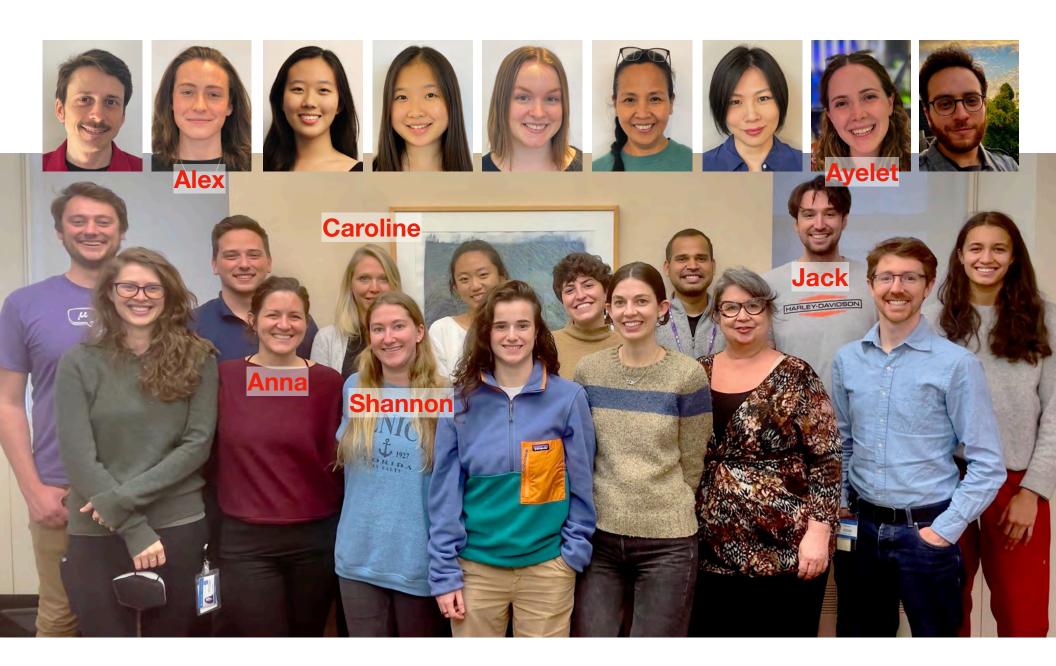












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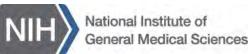
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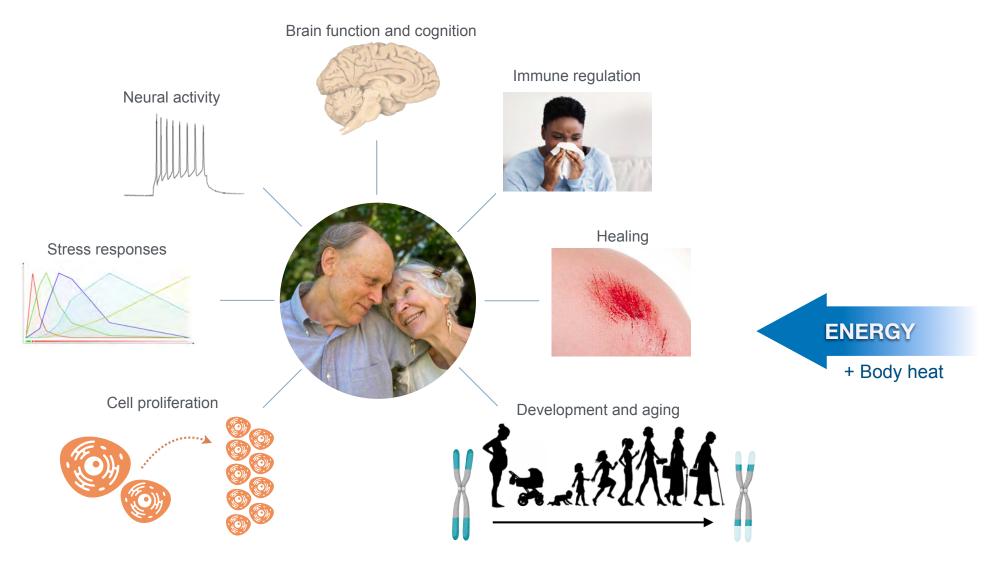
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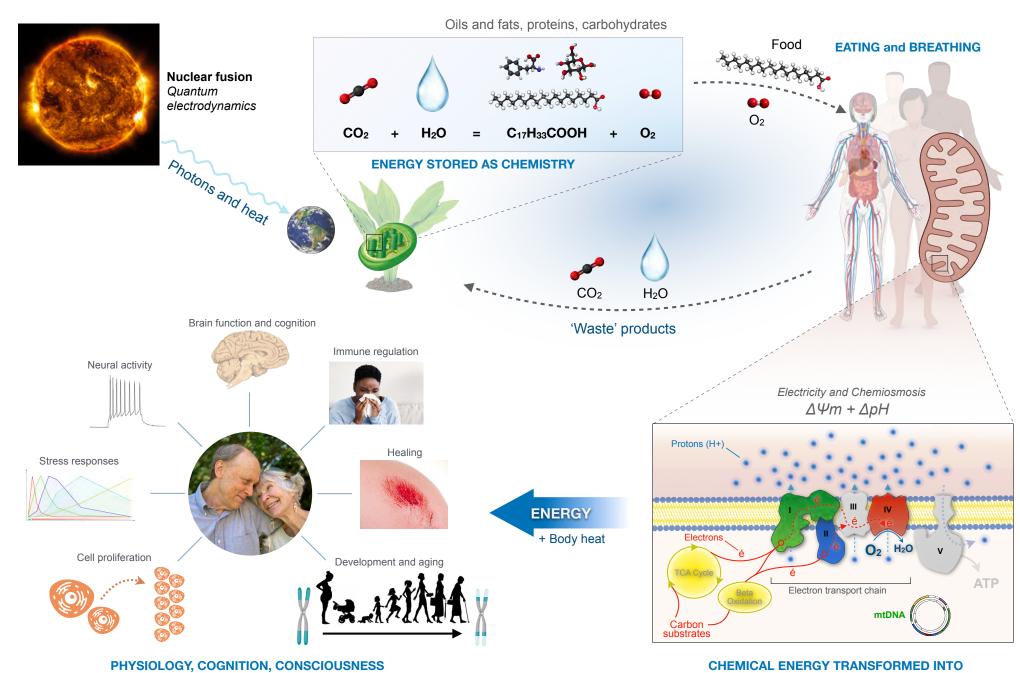








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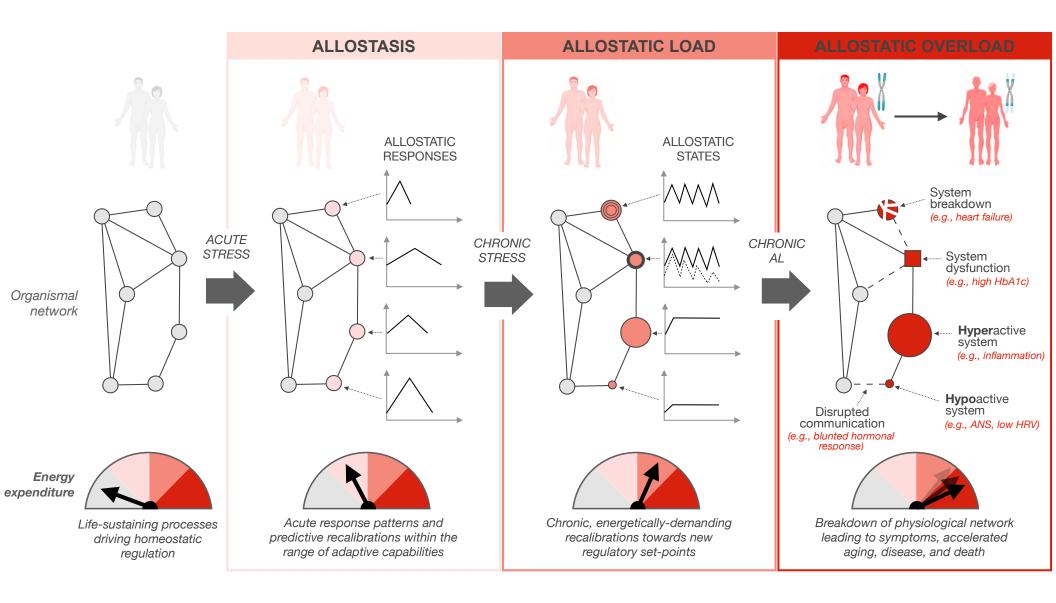


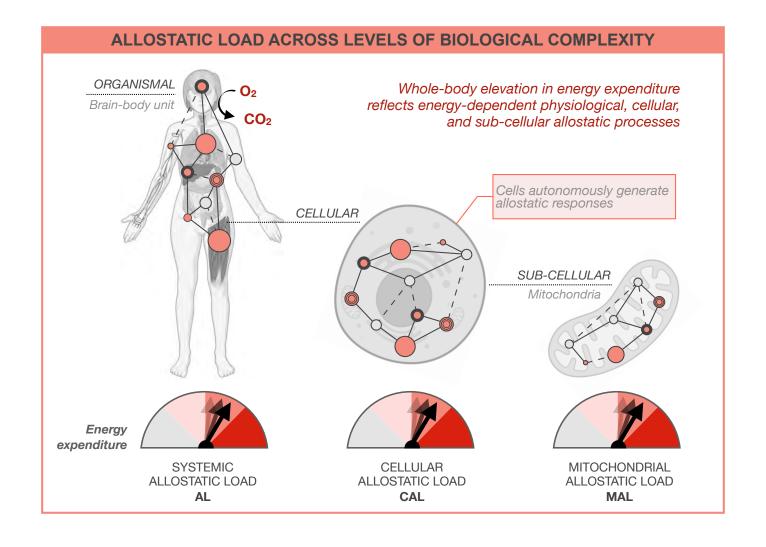
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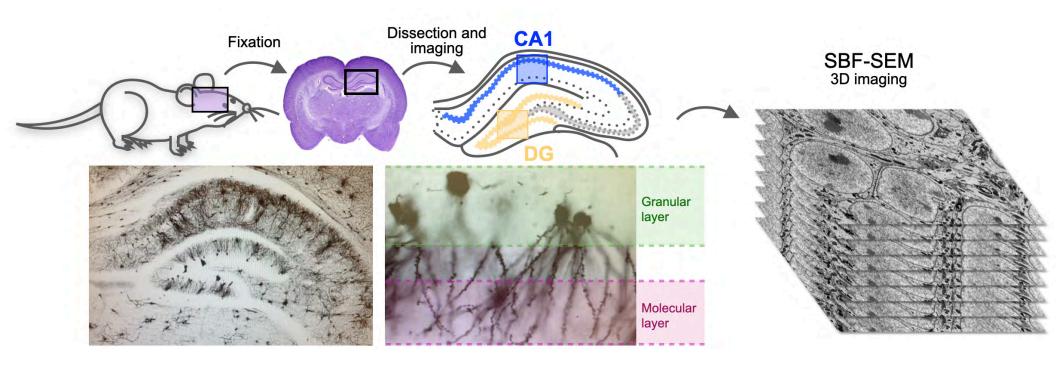
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