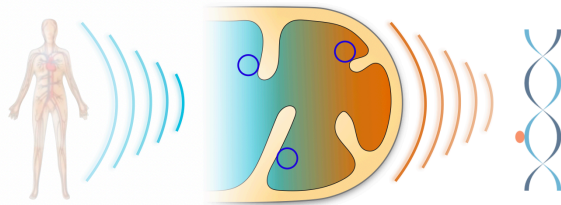


Aging, Mitochondria & the Somato-cognitive Energy Conservation (SEC) theory of aging



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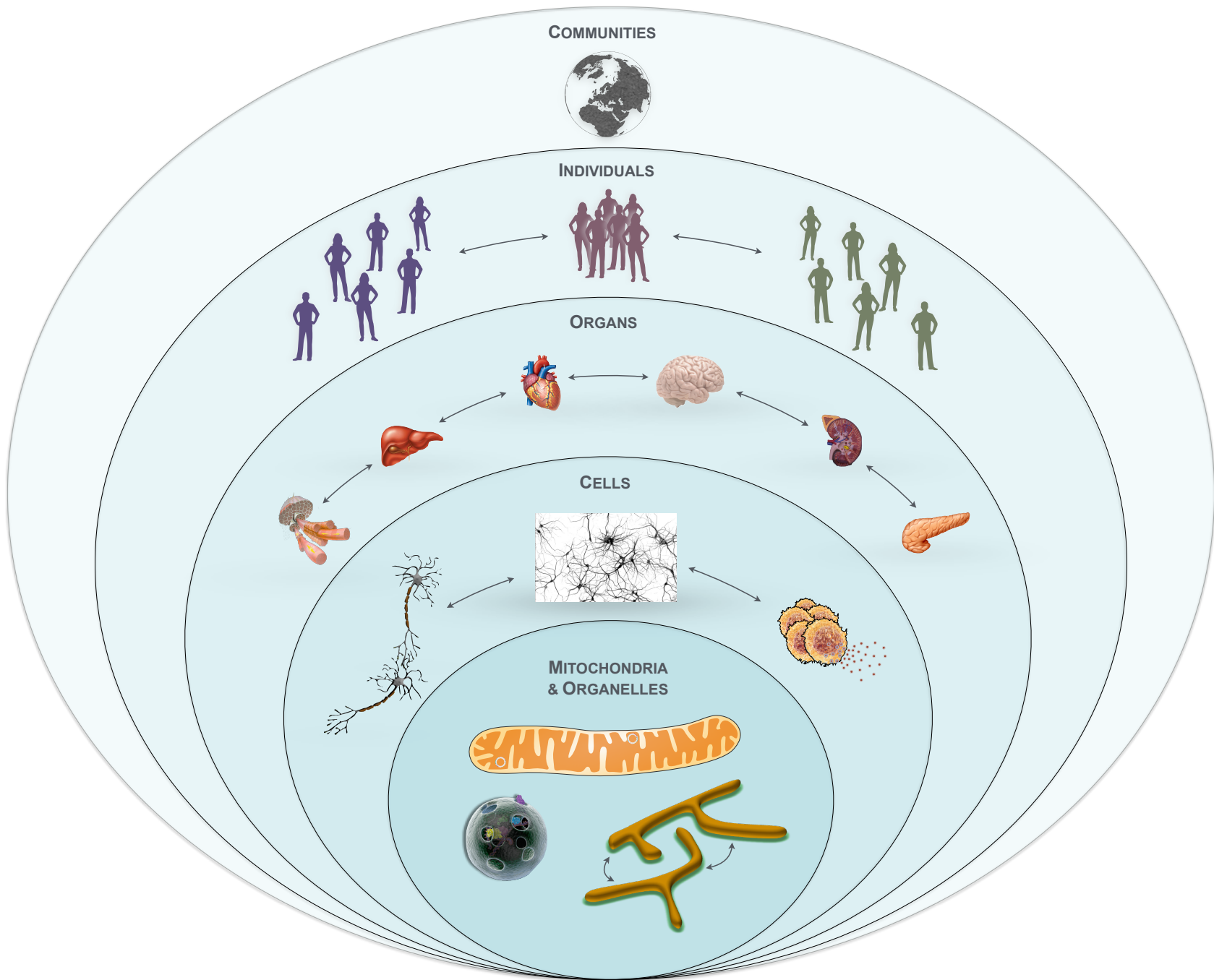
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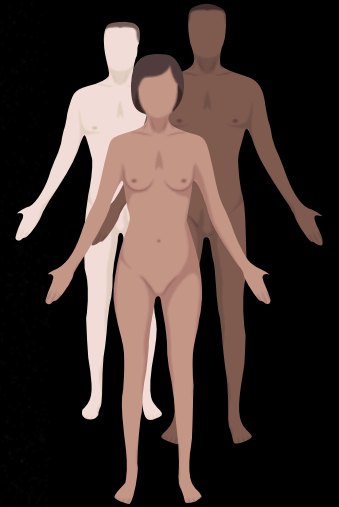
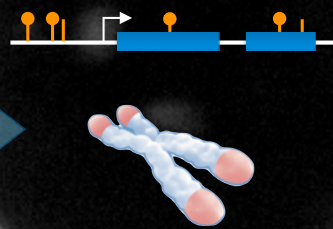
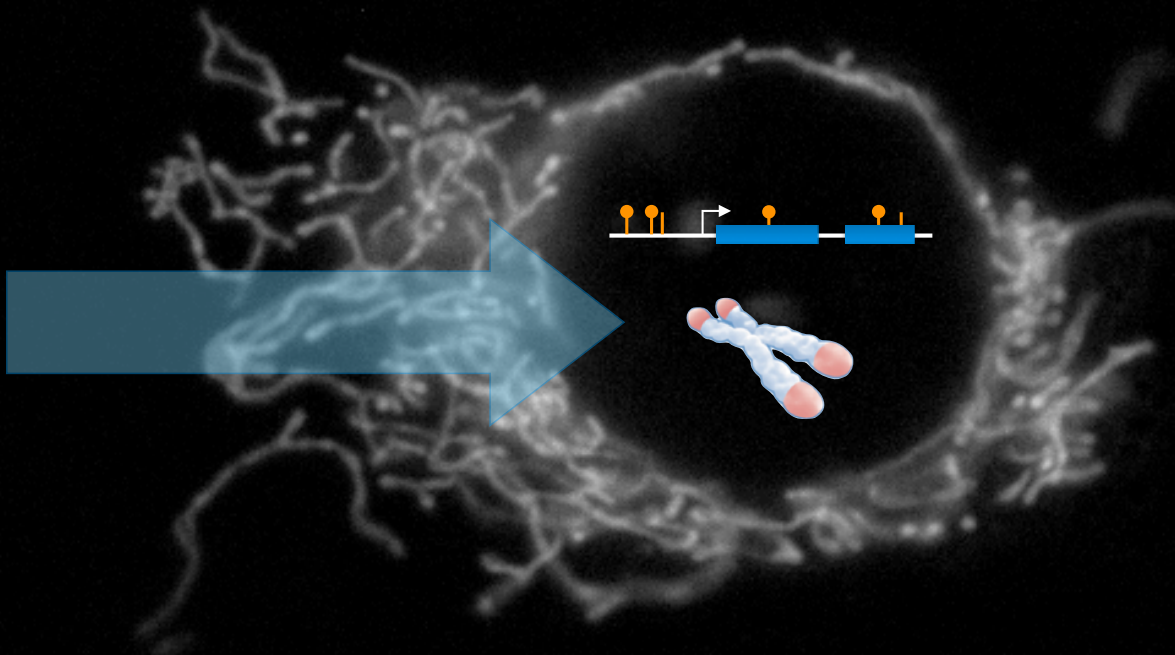
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Energy, OxPhos defects, Hypermetabolism, Aging

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SEC — Somato-cognitive Energy Conservation





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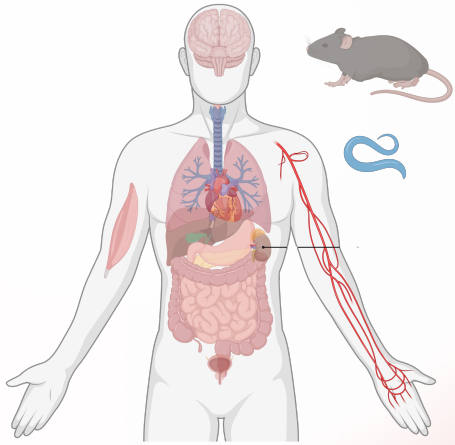
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Health
Lifespan

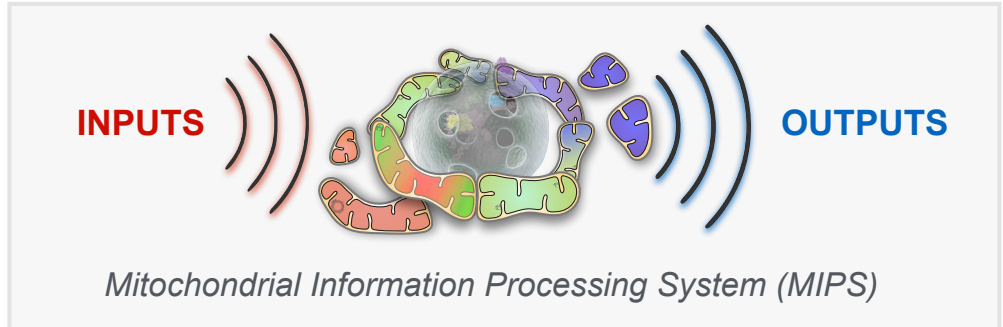
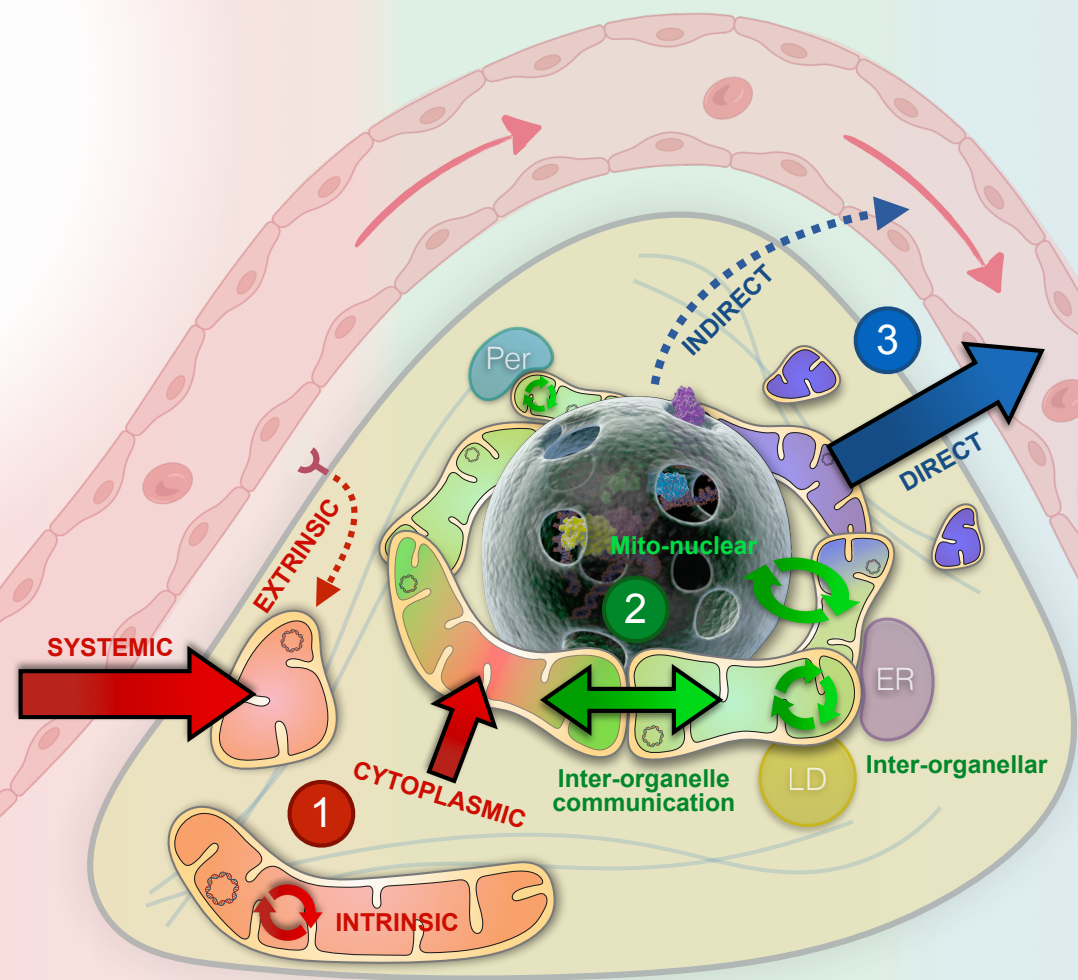
“Are mitochondria the X factor?”

Multicellular organisms

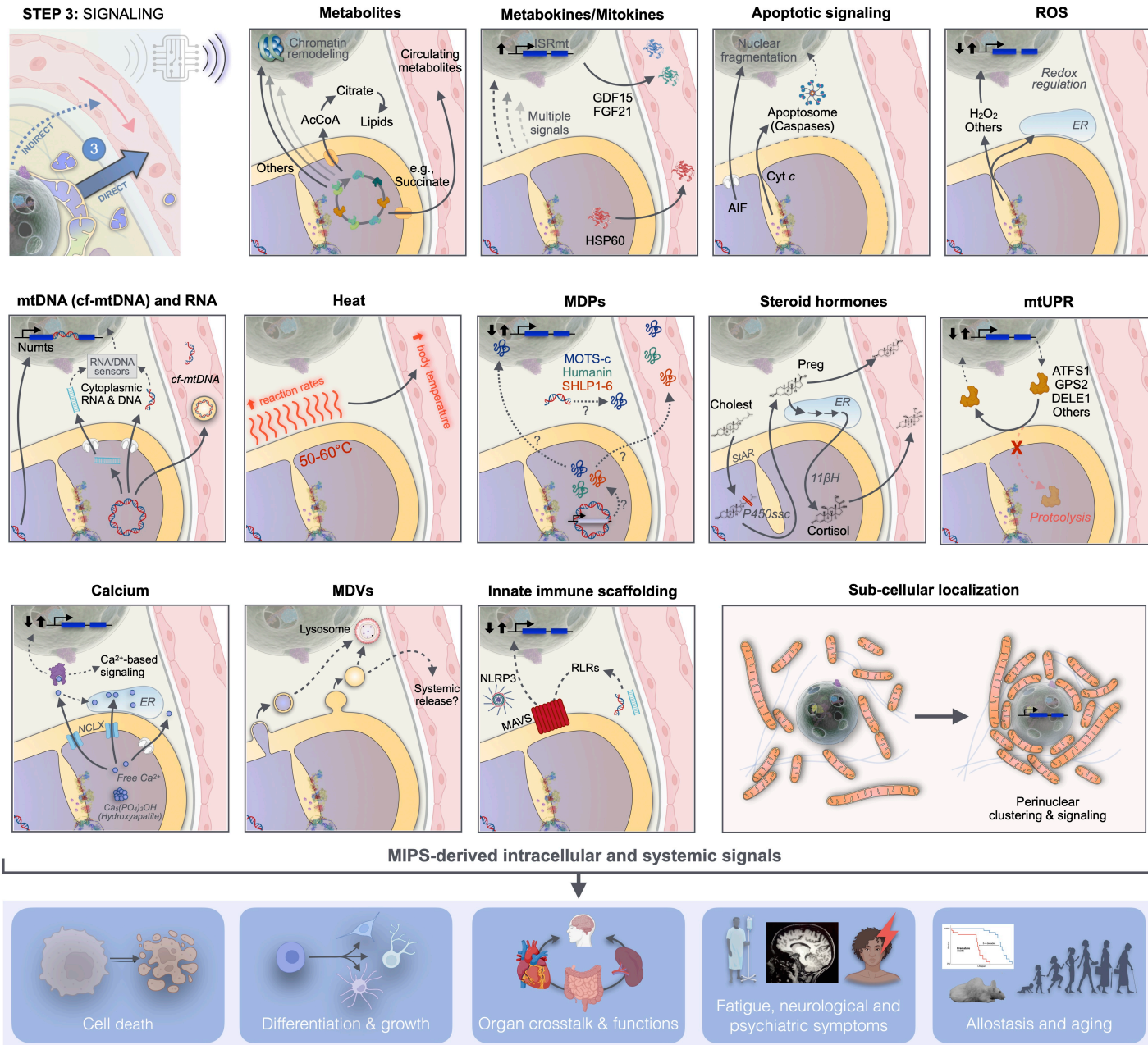


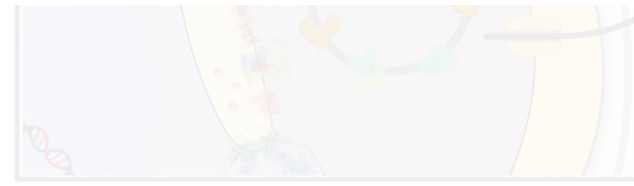
- INPUTS**
- Peptide hormones
 - Steroid & other hormones
 - Nutrients levels
 - Metabolites
 - Ions
 - Gases (e.g., O₂, NO)
 - ATP/ADP (ΔGp)
 - NAD(P)⁺/NAD(P)H ratio
 - mtDNA variations
 - Others

- OUTPUTS (mitochondrial, DIRECT)**
- Metabolites
 - Lipids
 - DNA and RNA
 - cf-mtDNA (whole, fragments)
 - ATP (ΔGp)
 - Ions
 - ROS
 - Gases
 - Heat
 - Steroid hormones
 - Small peptides
 - Others
- OUTPUTS (via nucleus, INDIRECT)**
- Peptide hormones

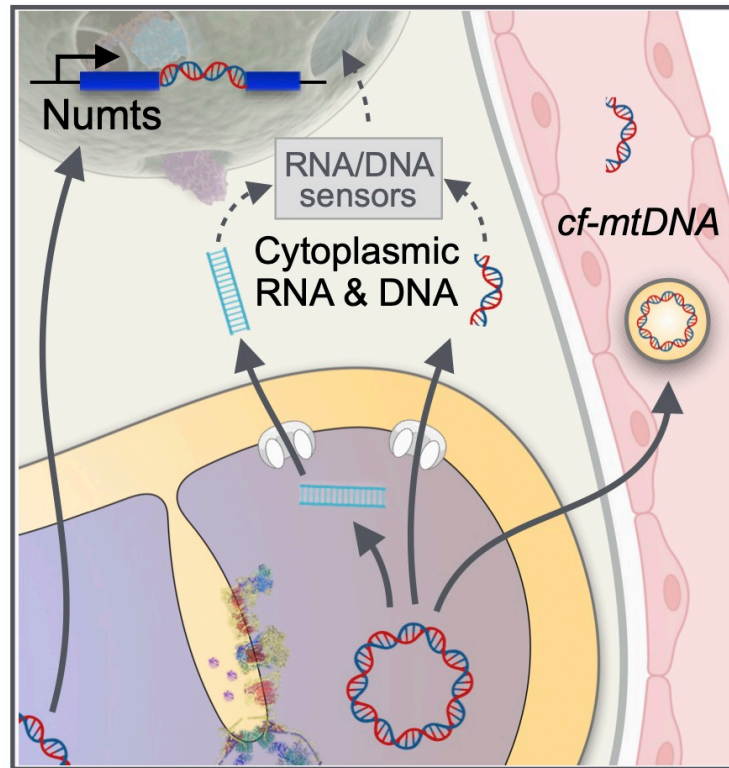


3 | Mitochondrial Signaling





mtDNA (cf-mtDNA) and RNA



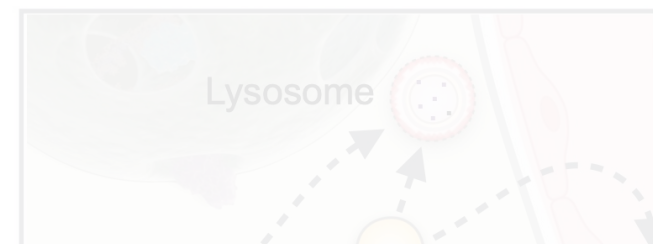
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Calcium



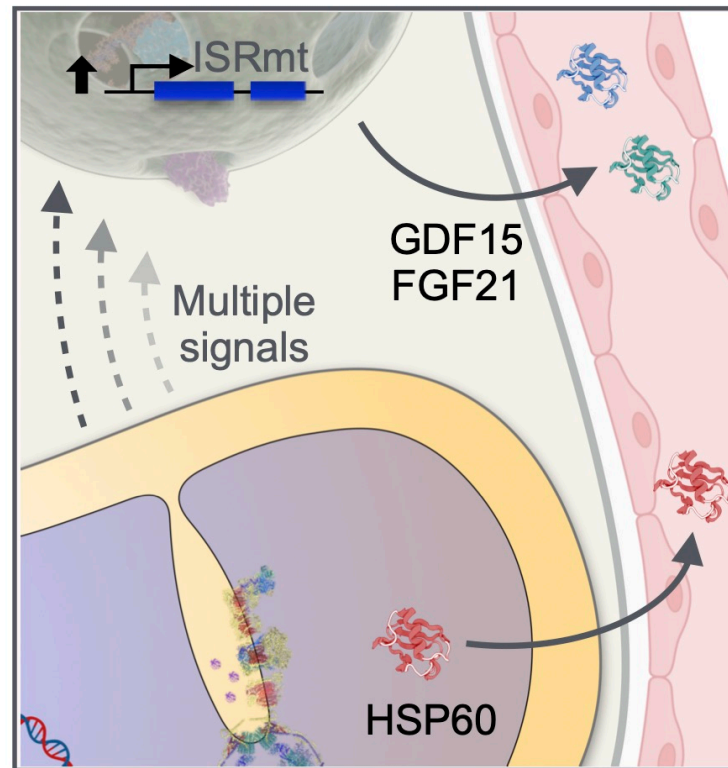
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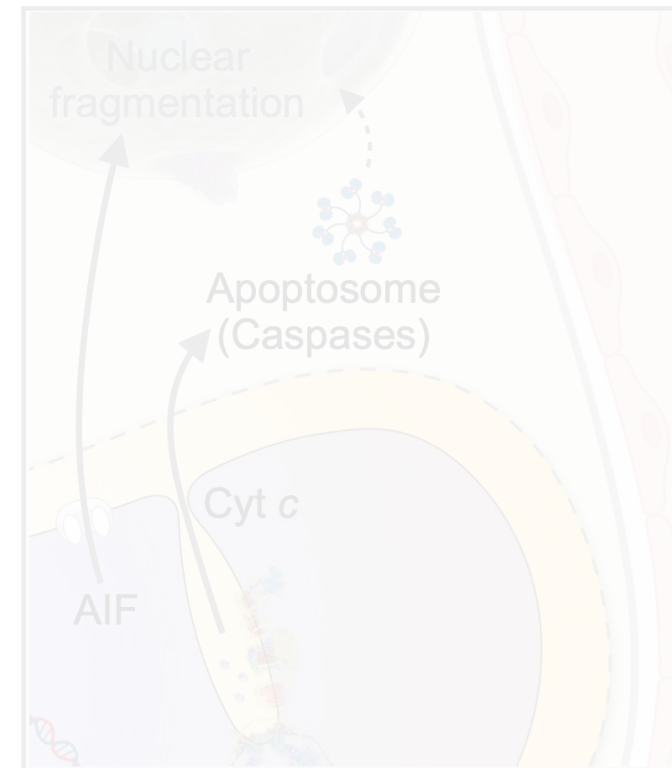
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Metabokines/Mitokines



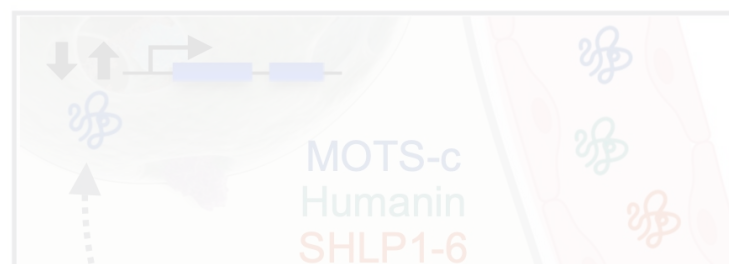
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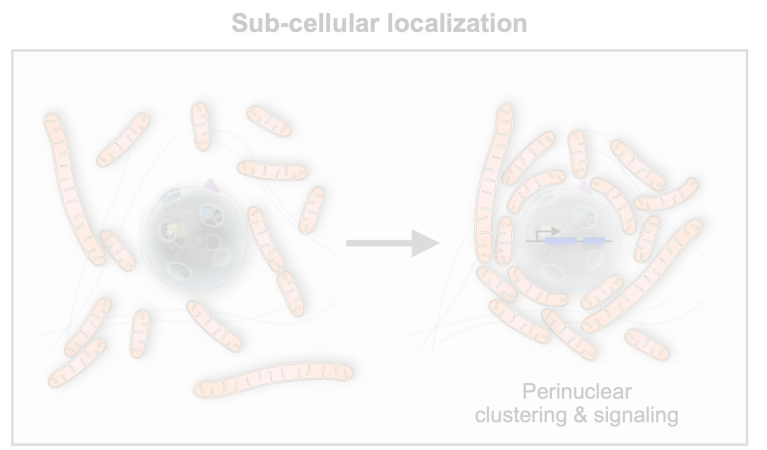
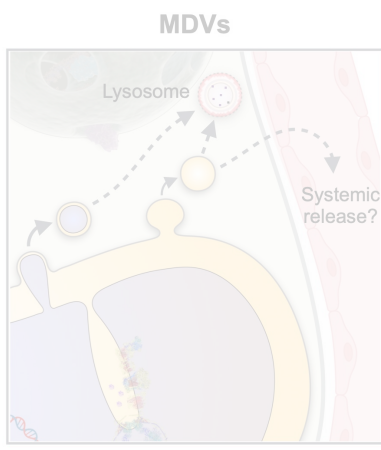
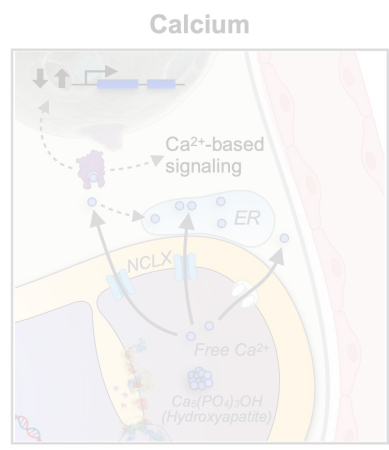


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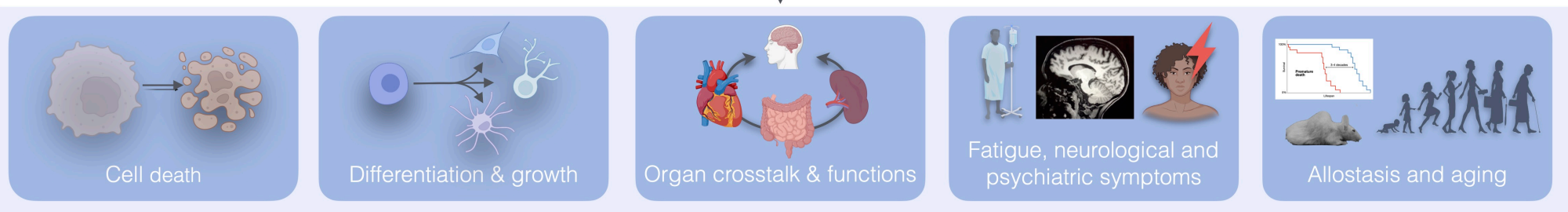


Steroid hormones



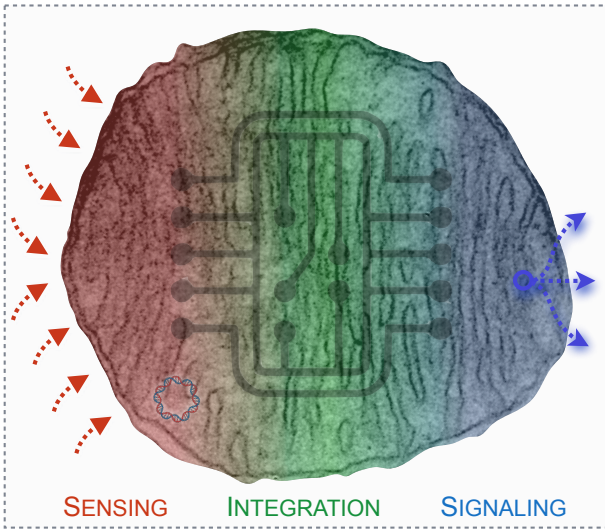


MIPS-derived intracellular and systemic signals

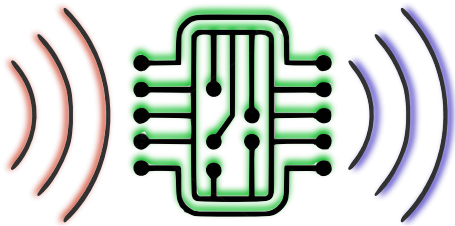


Mitochondrial Information Processing System — MIPS

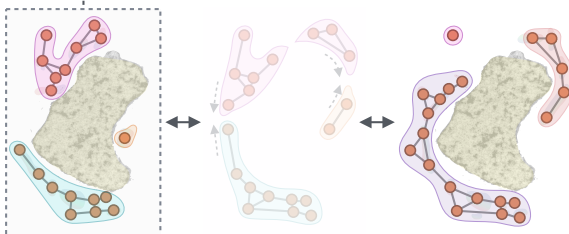
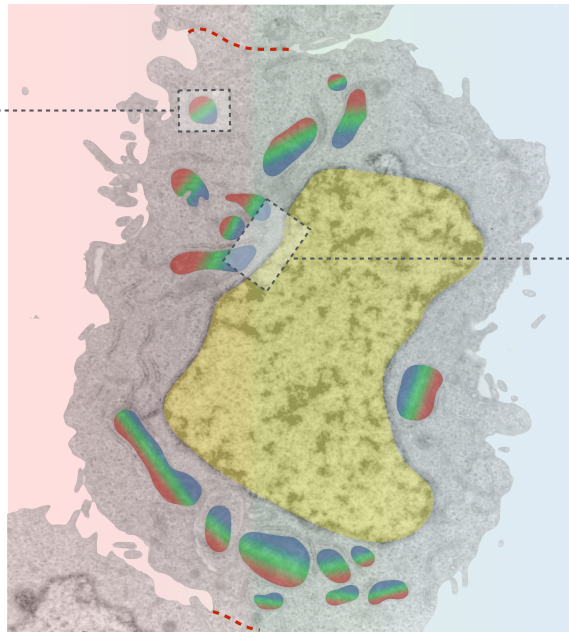
Signal transducing mitochondrion



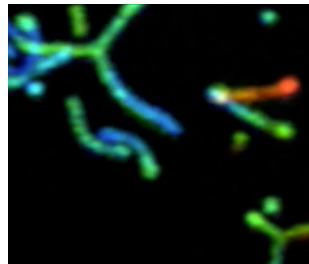
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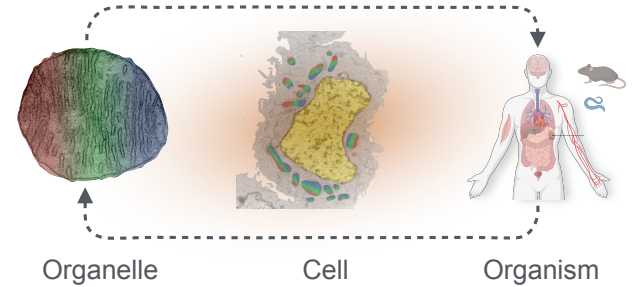
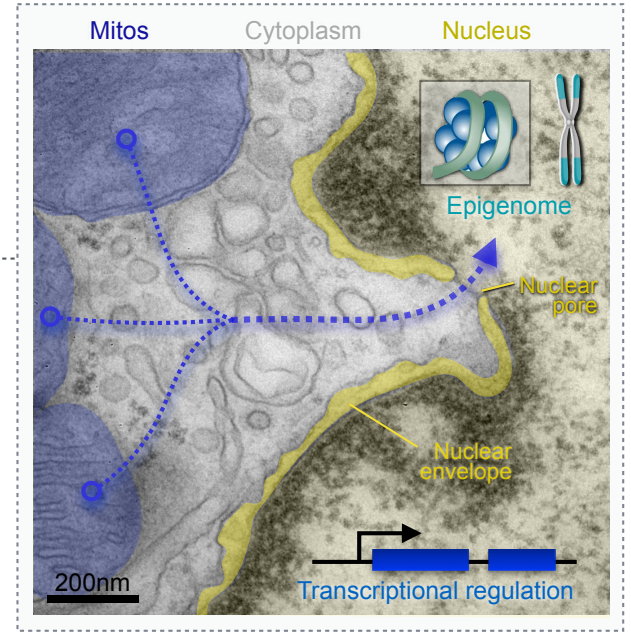
"Mitochondria are the processor of the cell"



Dynamic remodeling of mito networks

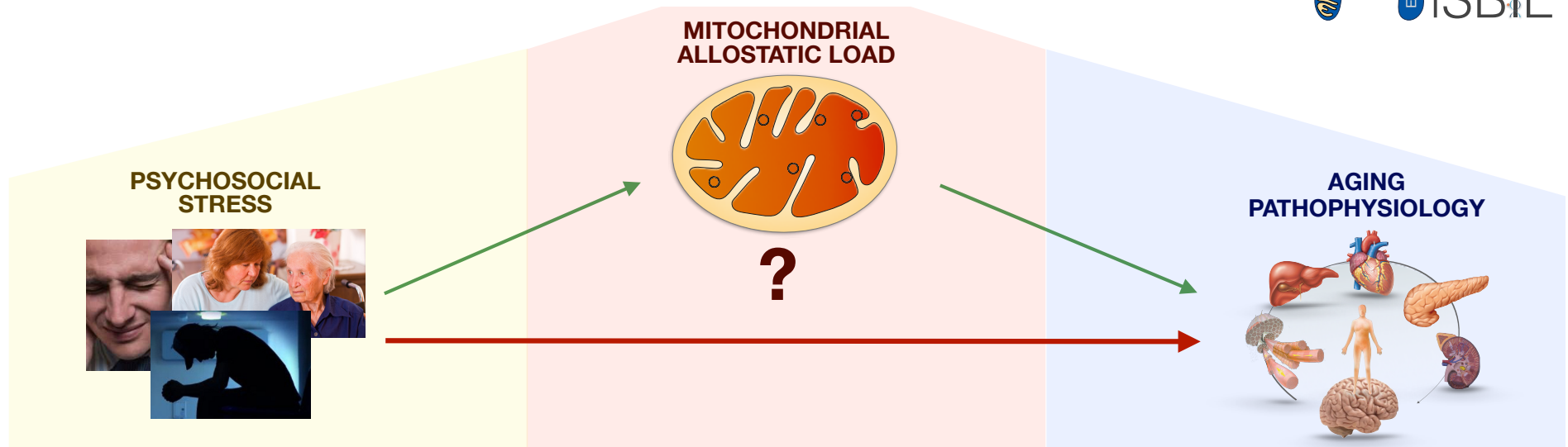
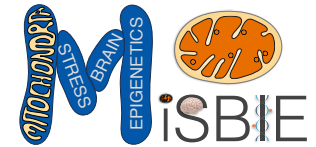


Mito-nuclear unit



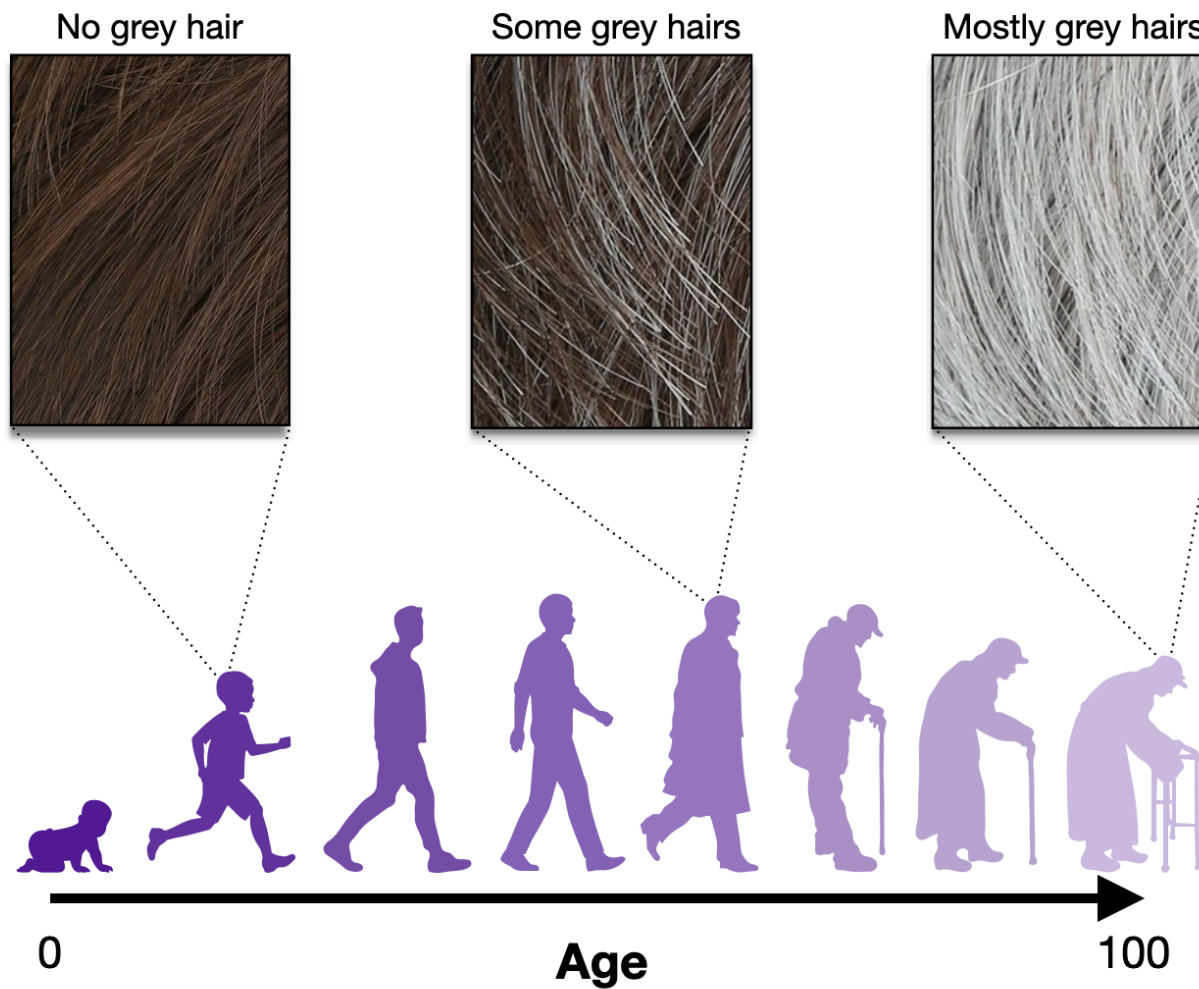
SEC theory of aging

Stress → Mitochondria → Aging



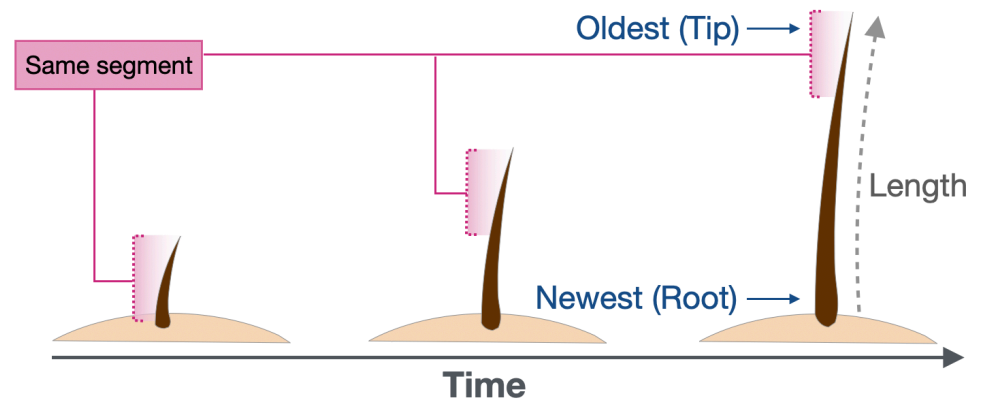
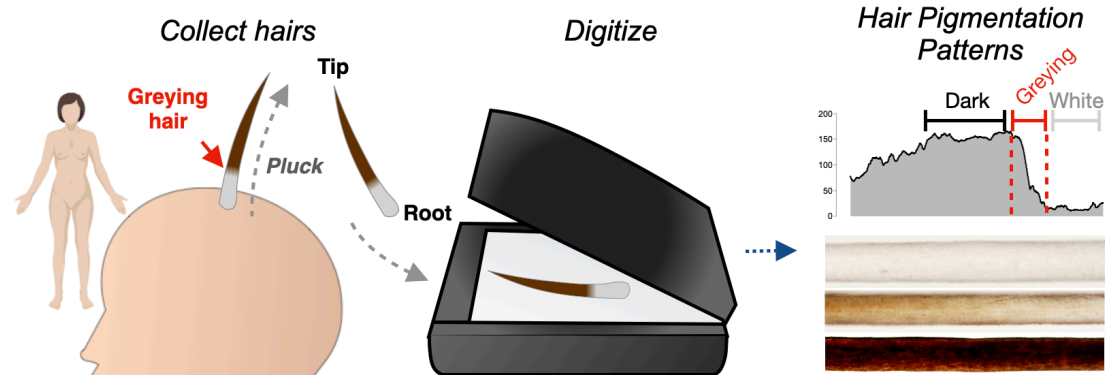
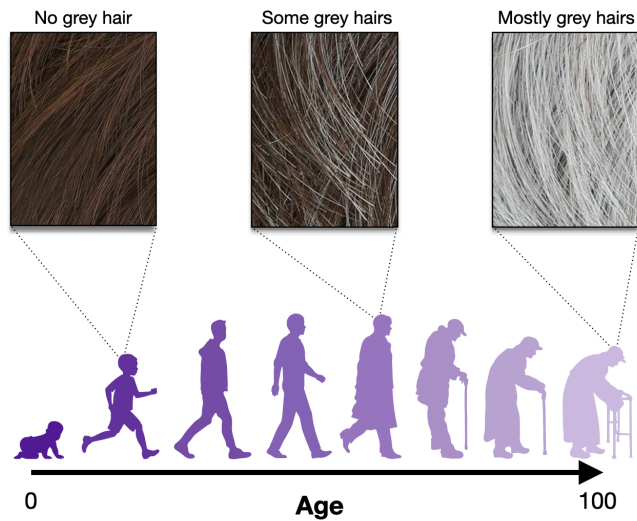
MITOCHONDRIAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY

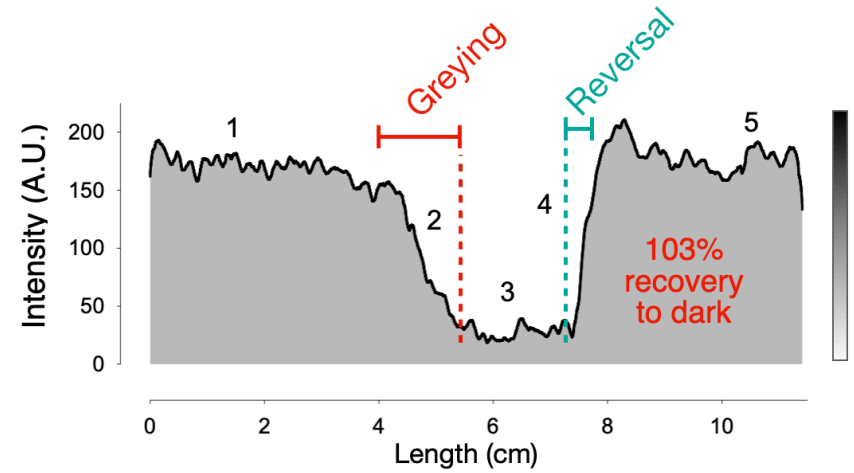
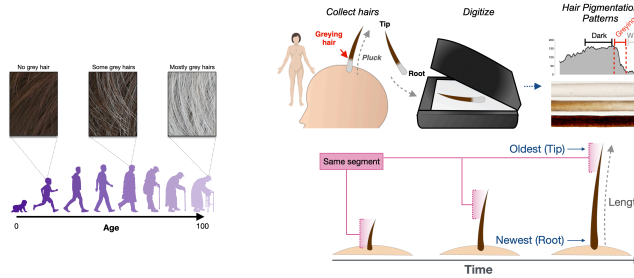
Mitochondrial psychobiology is the study of the interactions between psychological states and the molecular and energetic processes that take place within mitochondria



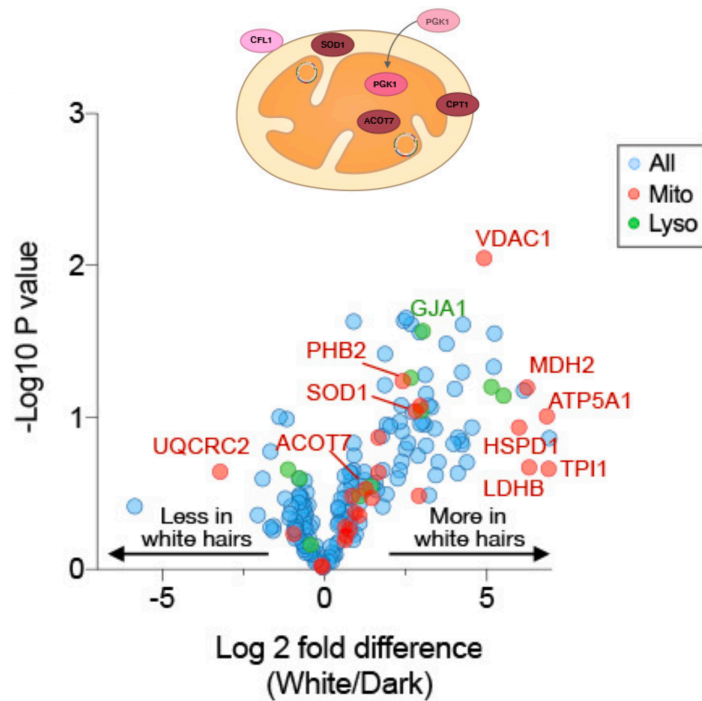
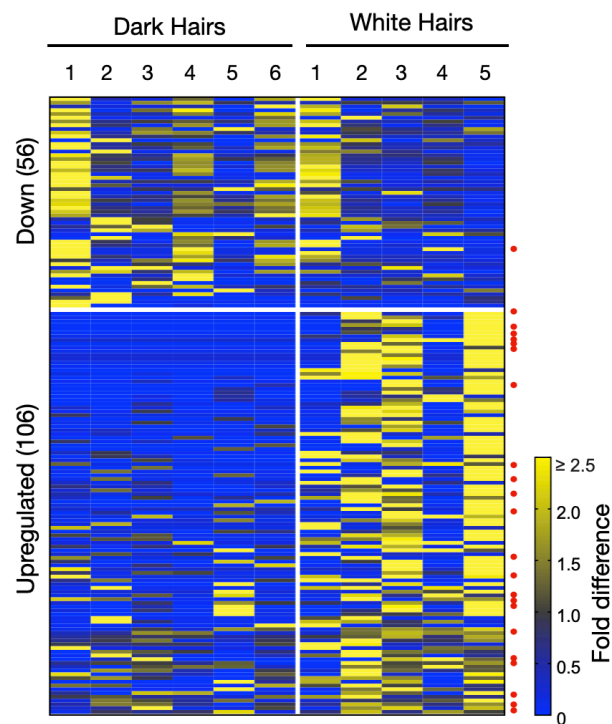
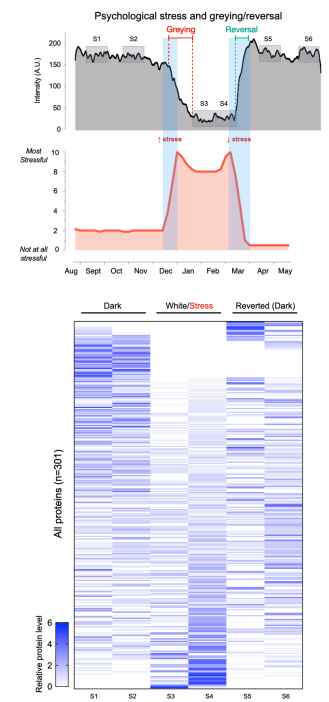
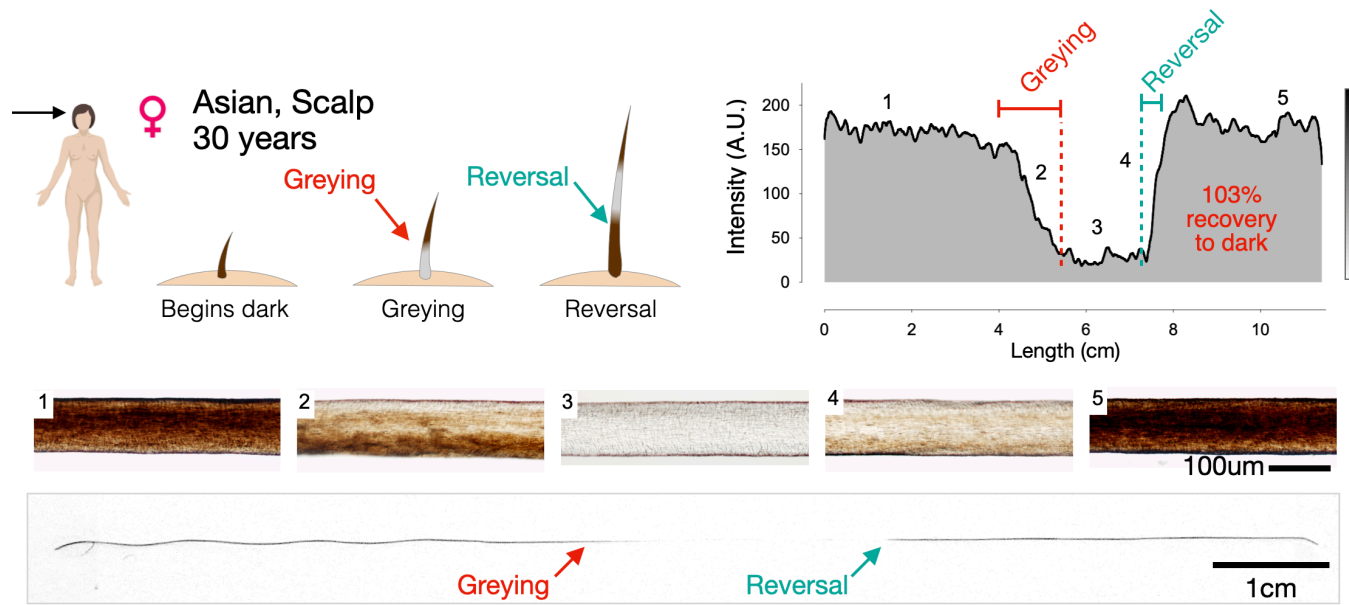
Is life stress linked to hair greying?

Human hair greying as a dynamic marker of aging





Human hair greying is temporarily reversible



Excess mitochondria in greying hairs?

Hypermetabolism in greying hairs

Zhang et al. *Nature* 2020

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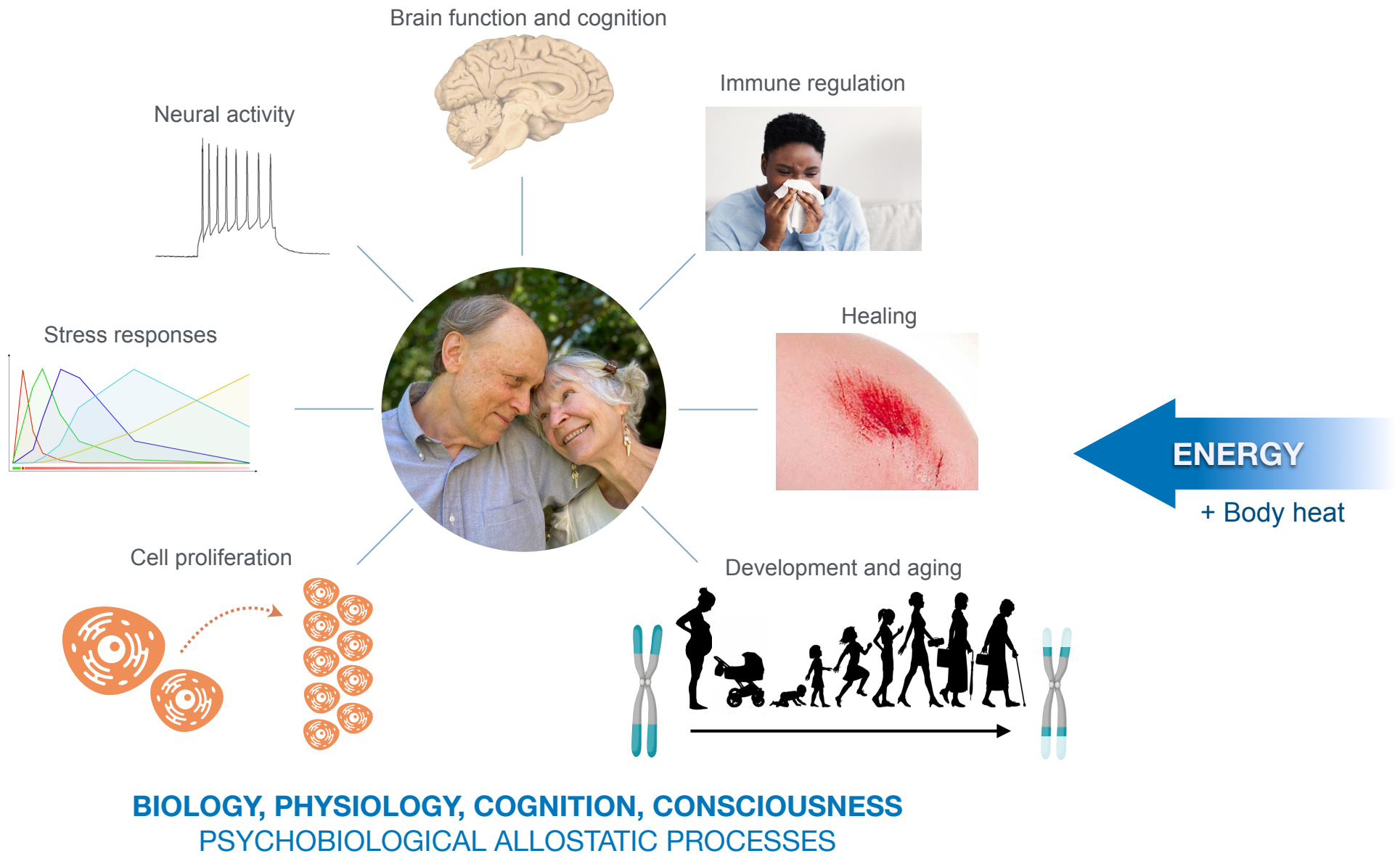
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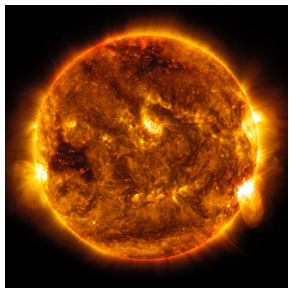
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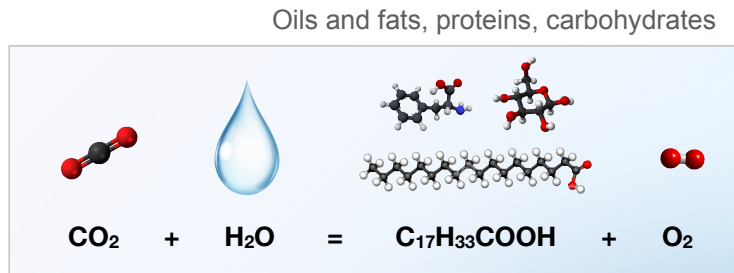
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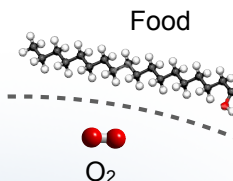
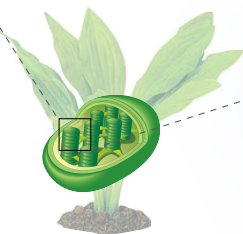


Nuclear fusion
Quantum
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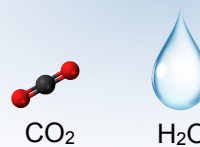
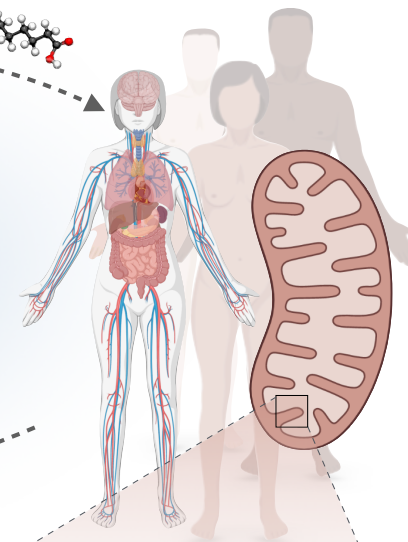
Photons and heat



ENERGY STORED AS CHEMISTRY



EATING and BREATHING

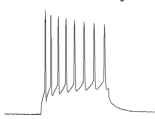


'Waste' products

Brain function and cognition



Neural activity



Immune regulation



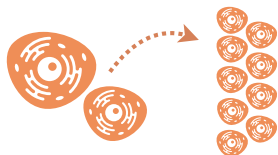
Stress responses



Healing



Cell proliferation



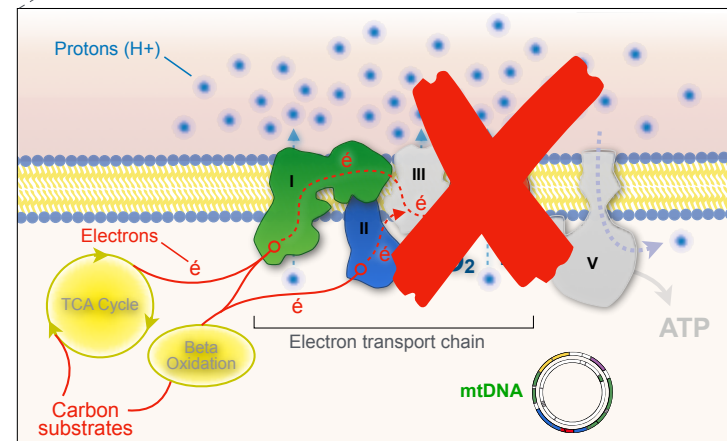
Development and aging



PHYSIOLOGY, COGNITION, CONSCIOUSNESS
PSYCHOBIOLOGICAL ALLOSTATIC PROCESSES

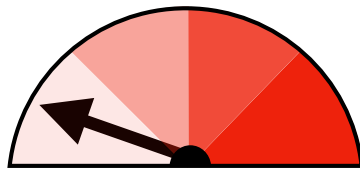
ENERGY
+ Body heat

Electricity and Chemiosmosis
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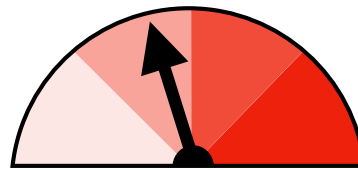


CHEMICAL ENERGY TRANSFORMED INTO
ELECTROCHEMICAL FORCE

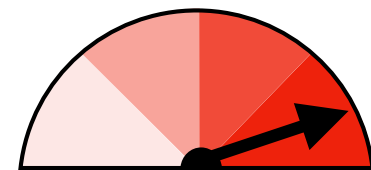
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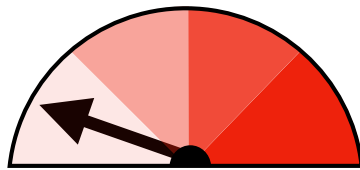


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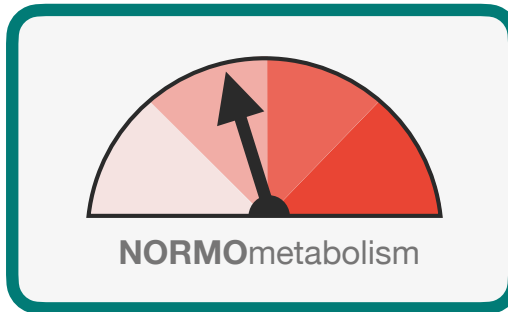


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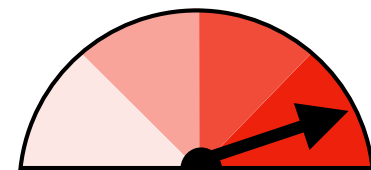
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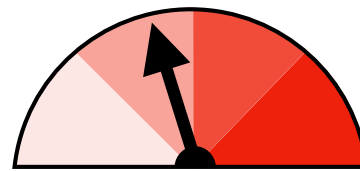
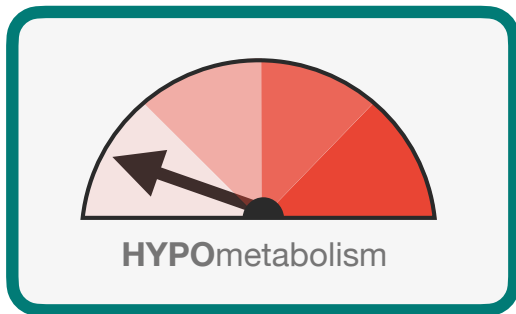


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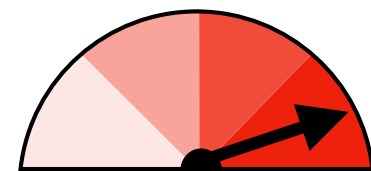


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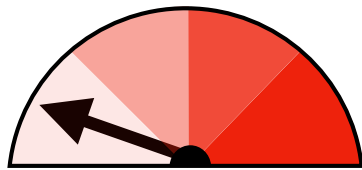


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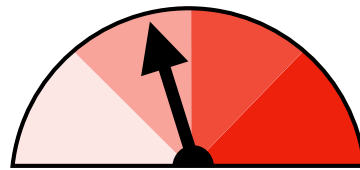


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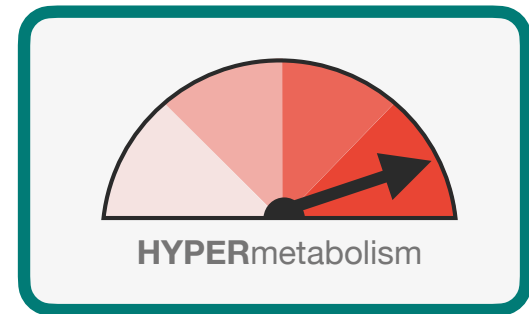
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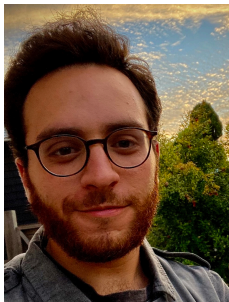
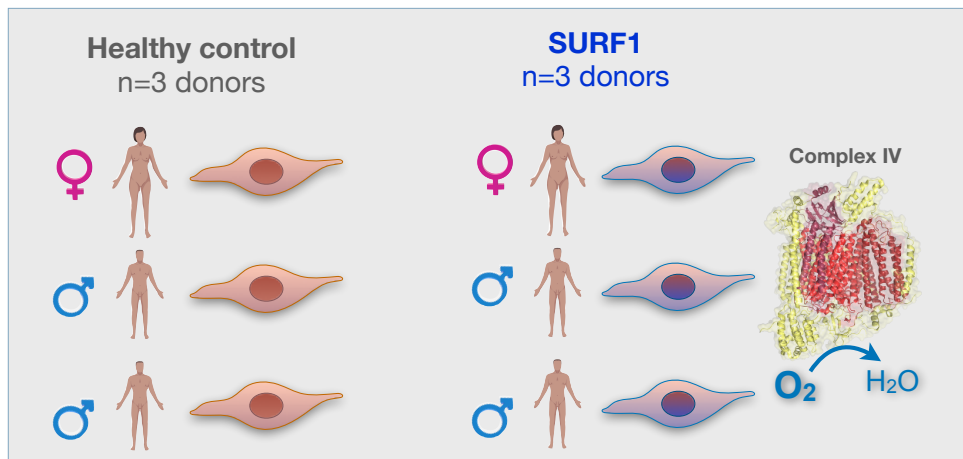
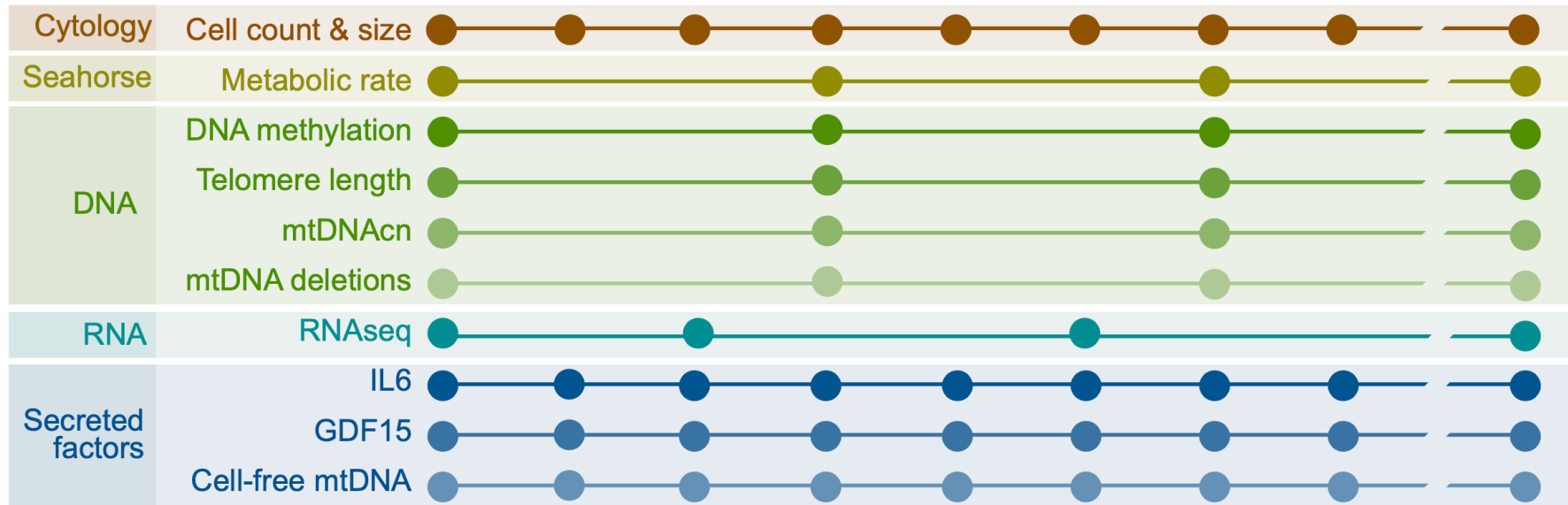
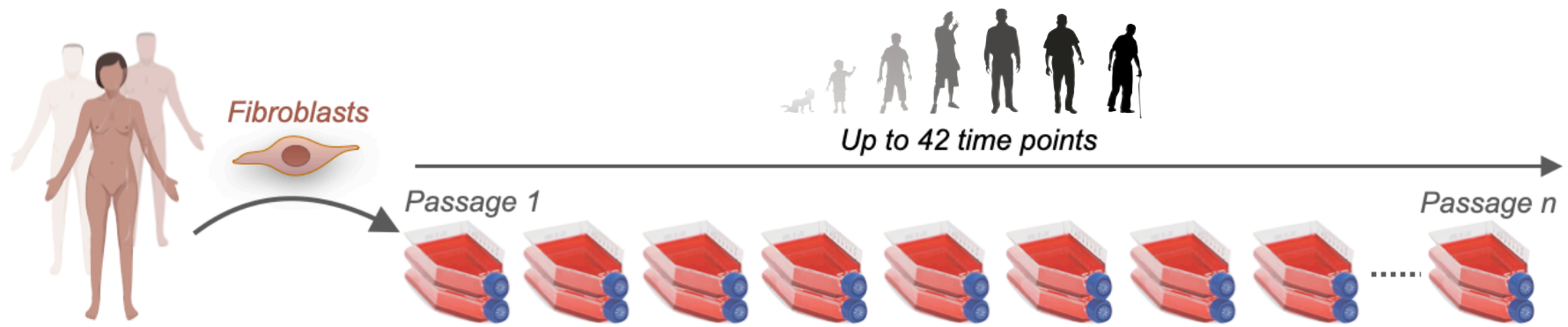
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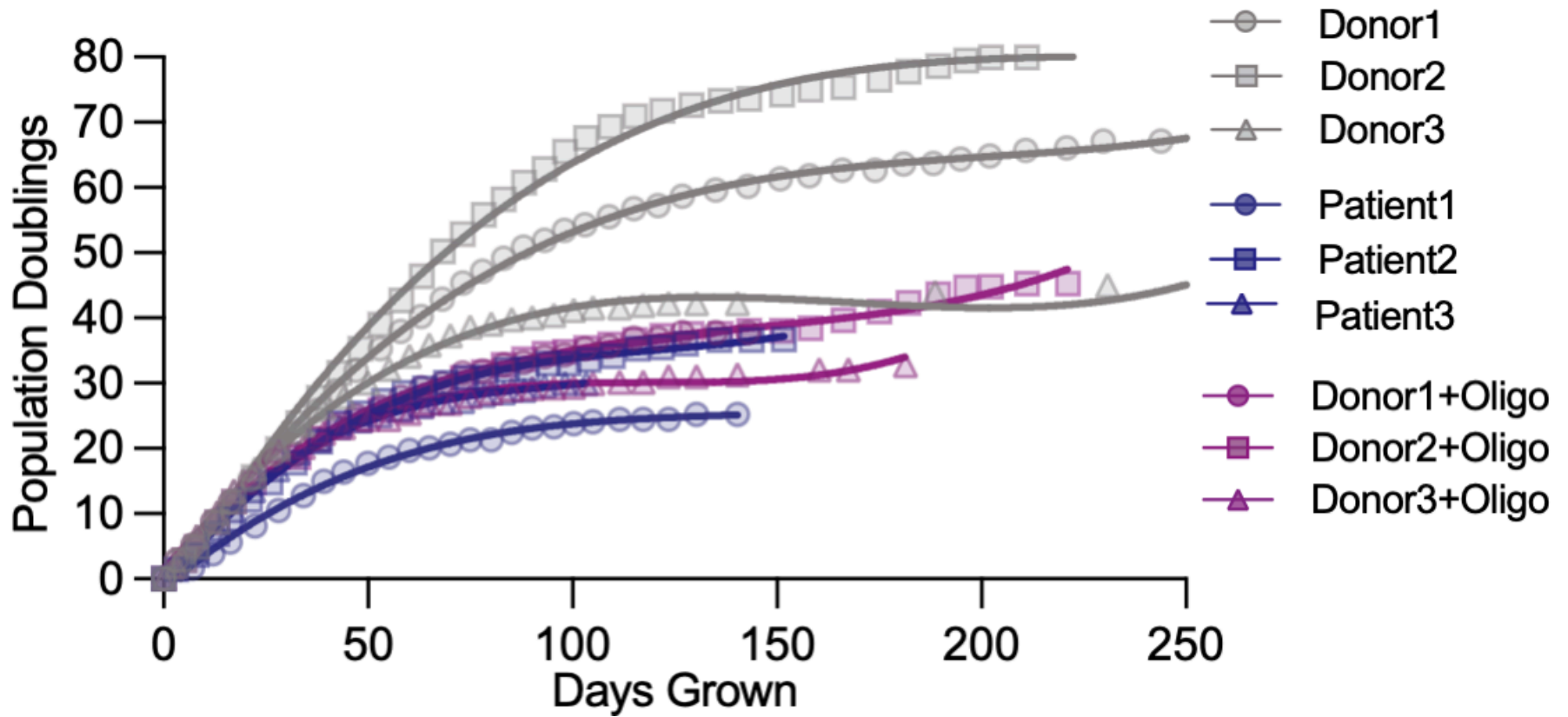


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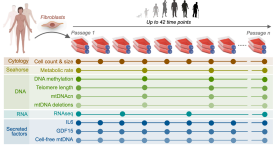
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OxPhos defects **reduce** cell division rate by 32-48%

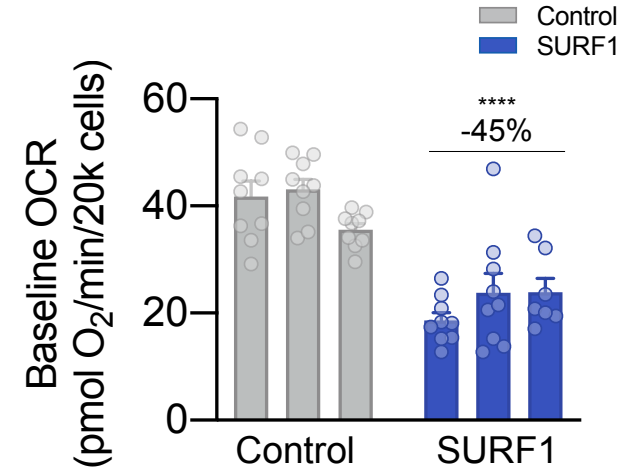
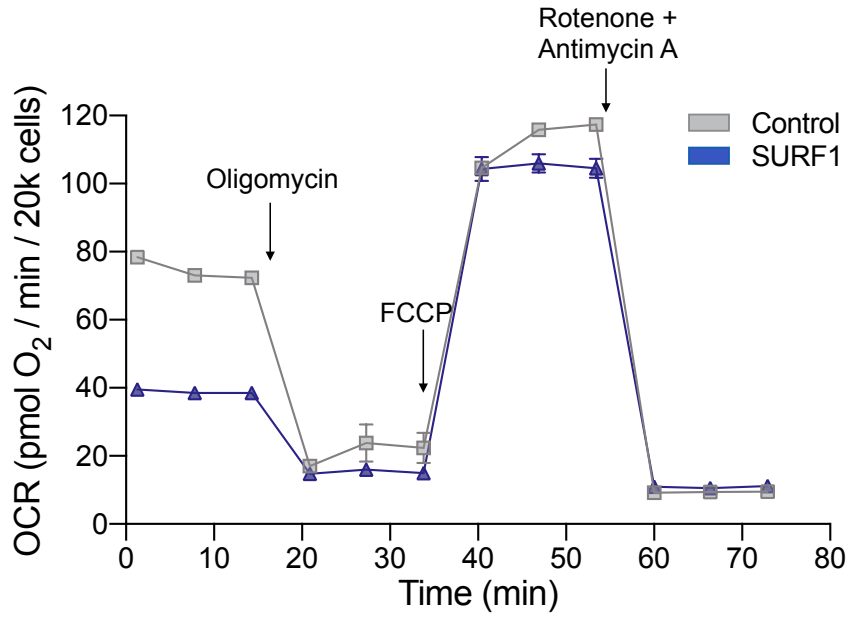


Slower division = less DNA replication, less protein synthesis, less telomerase activity, less mitochondrial biogenesis, ... **ENERGY SAVINGS?**

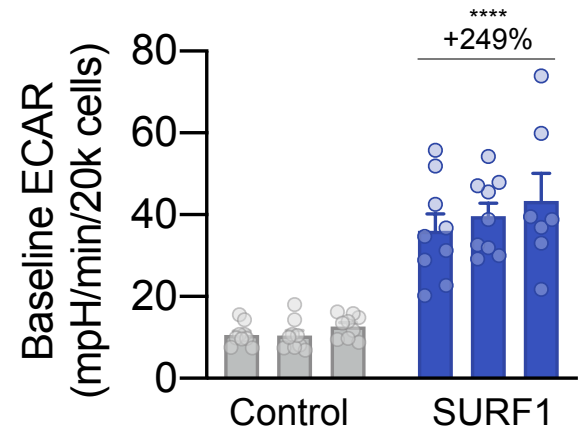
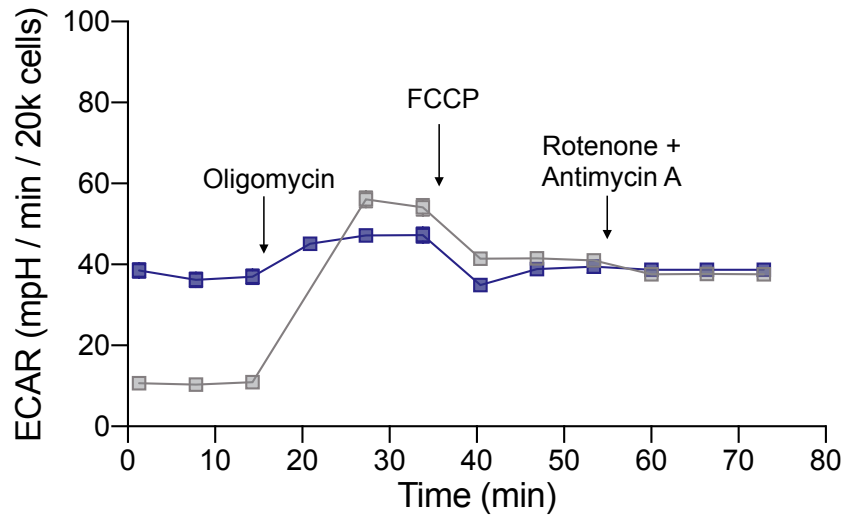
Bioenergetic recalibrations to OxPhos defects



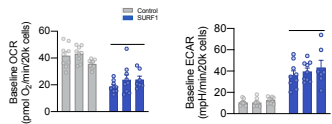
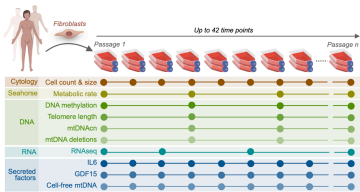
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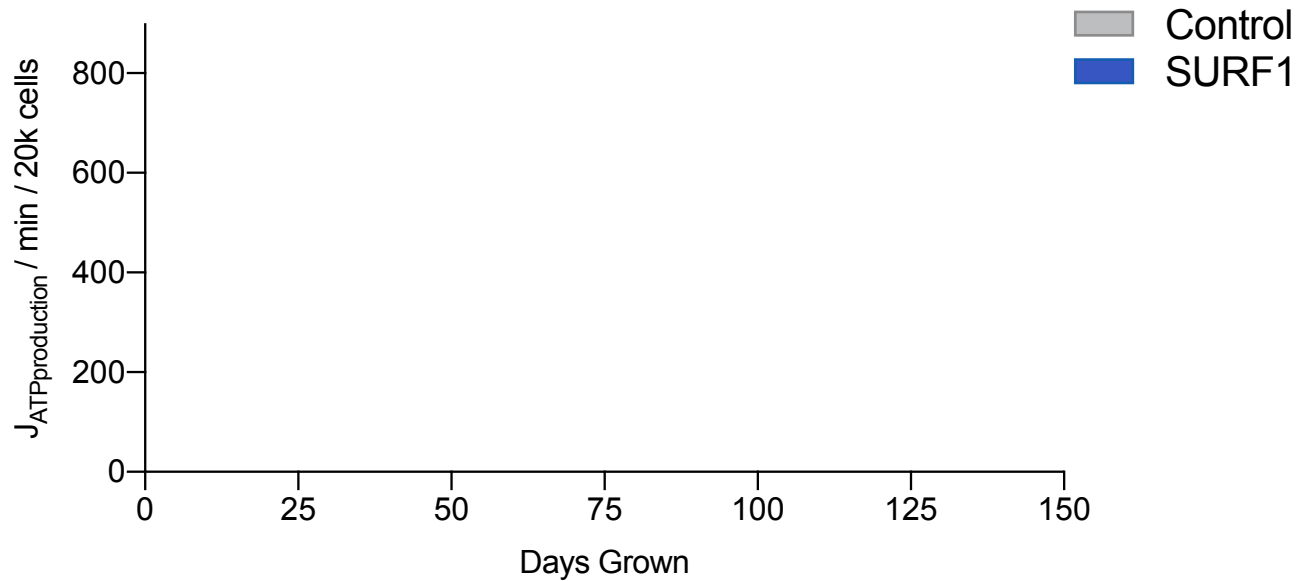
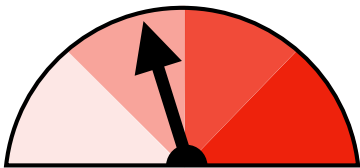
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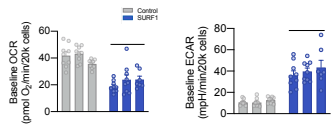
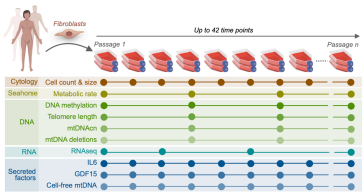
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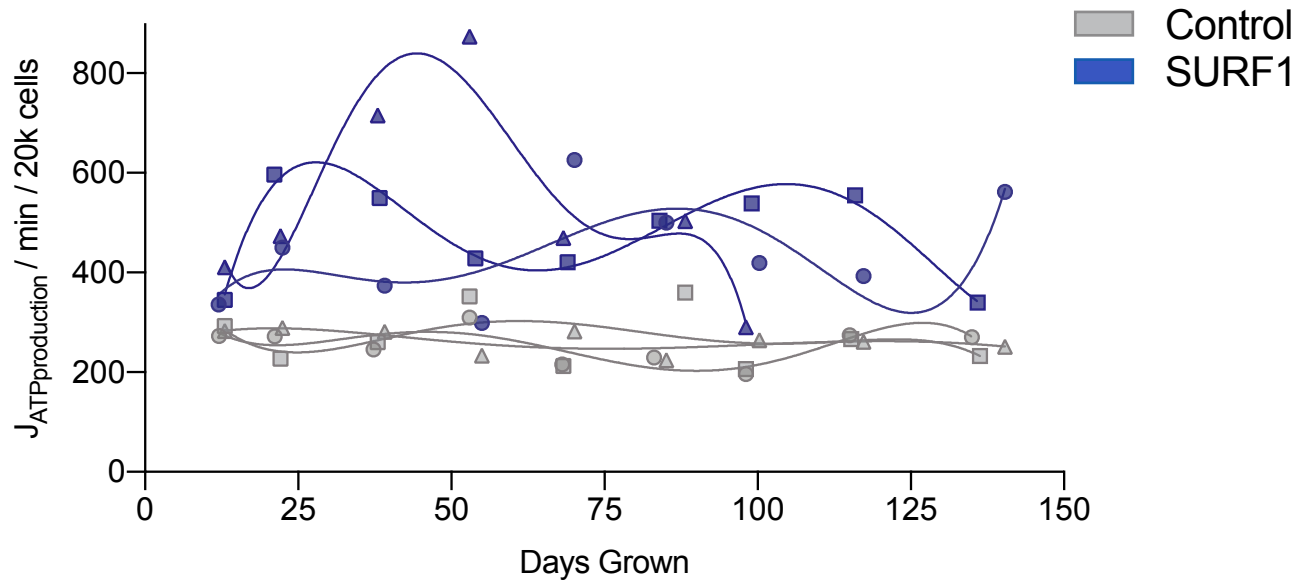
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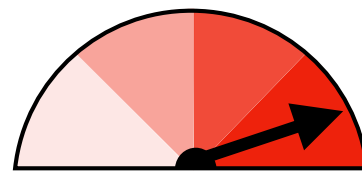
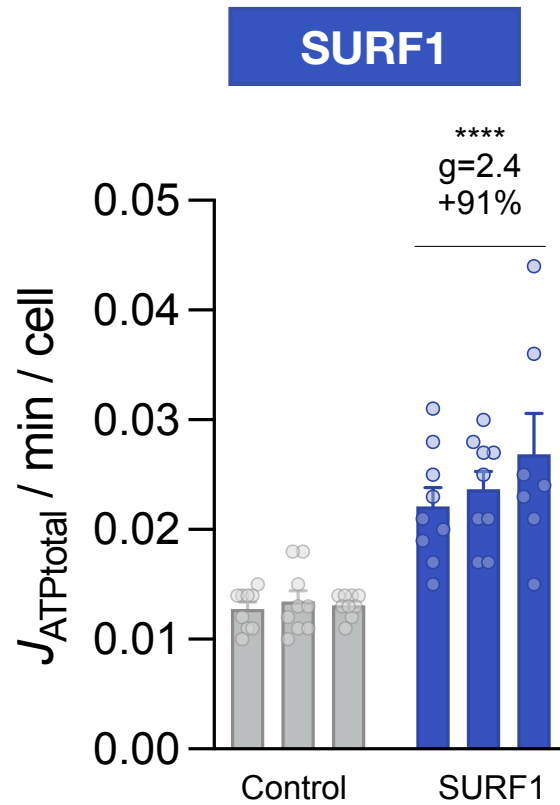
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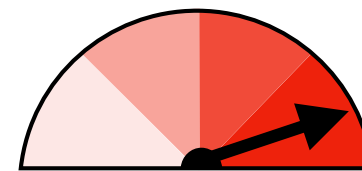
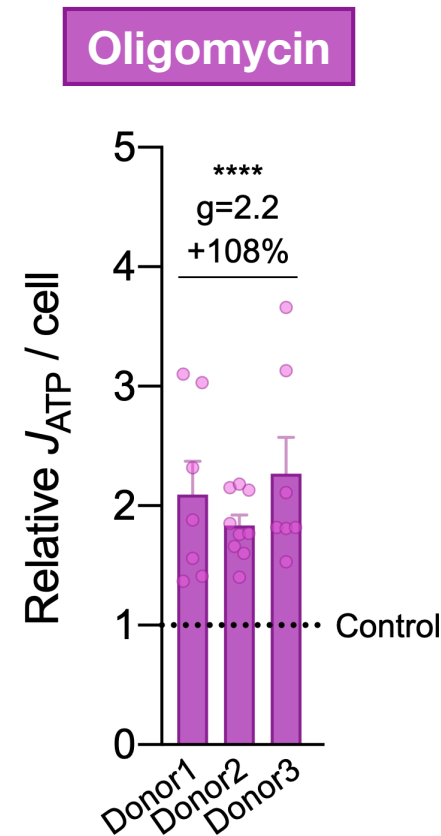
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OxPhos-deficient cells are **hypermetabolic**

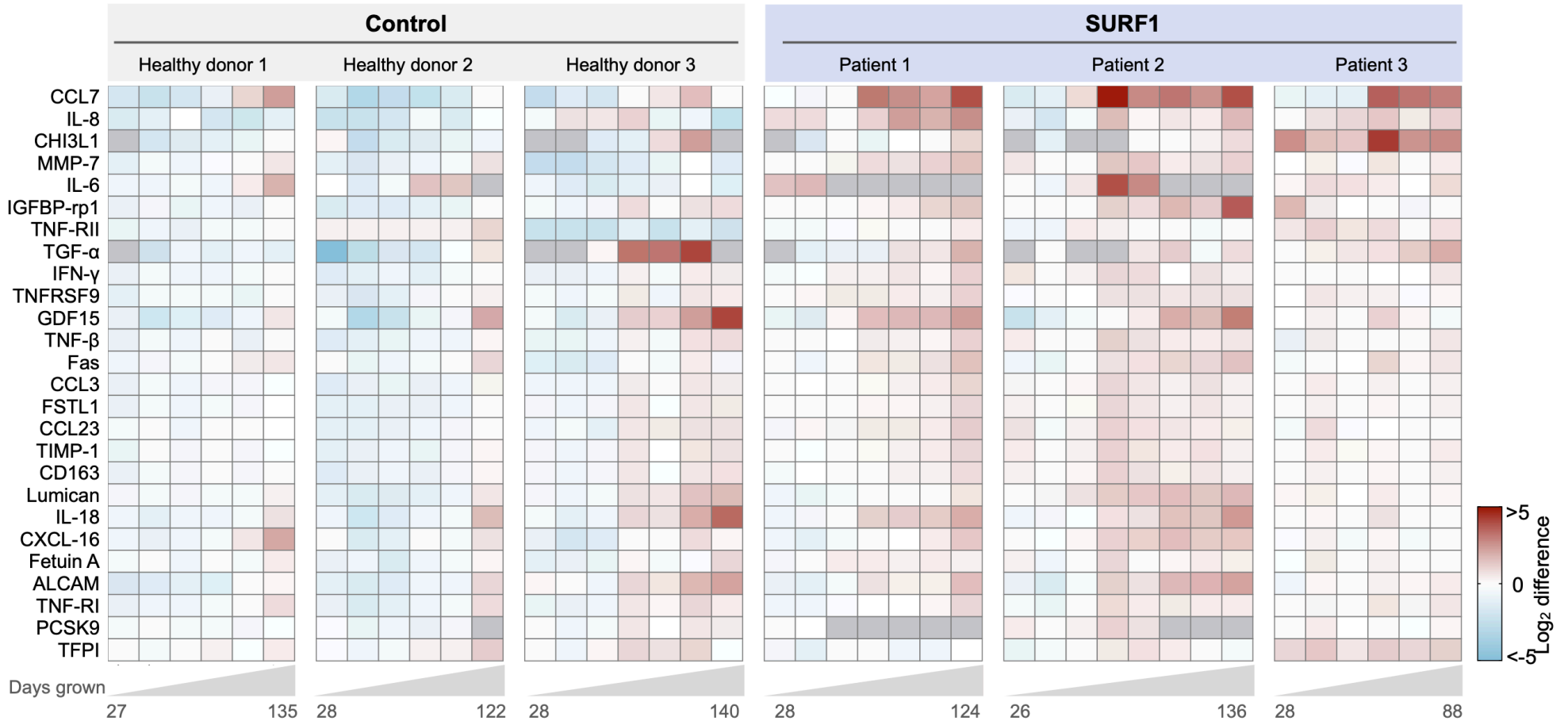


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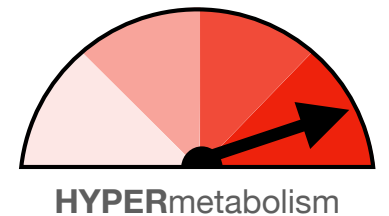
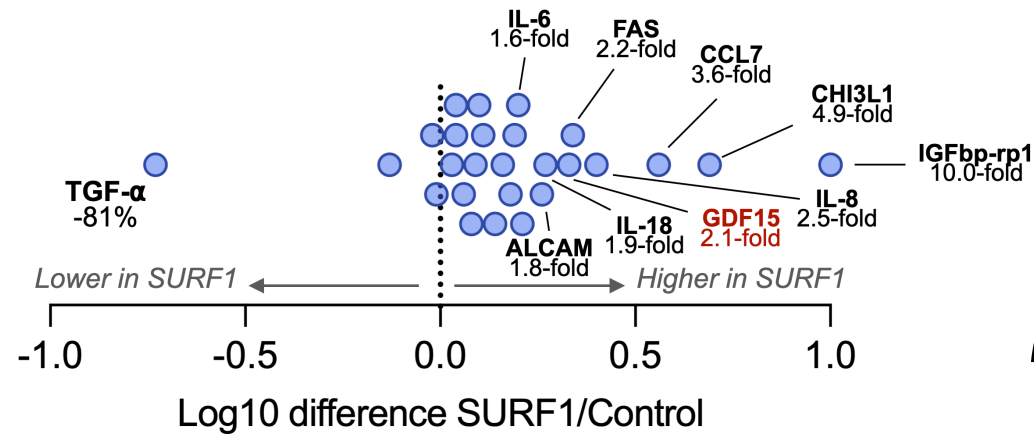


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OxPhos defects increase **cytokine release**

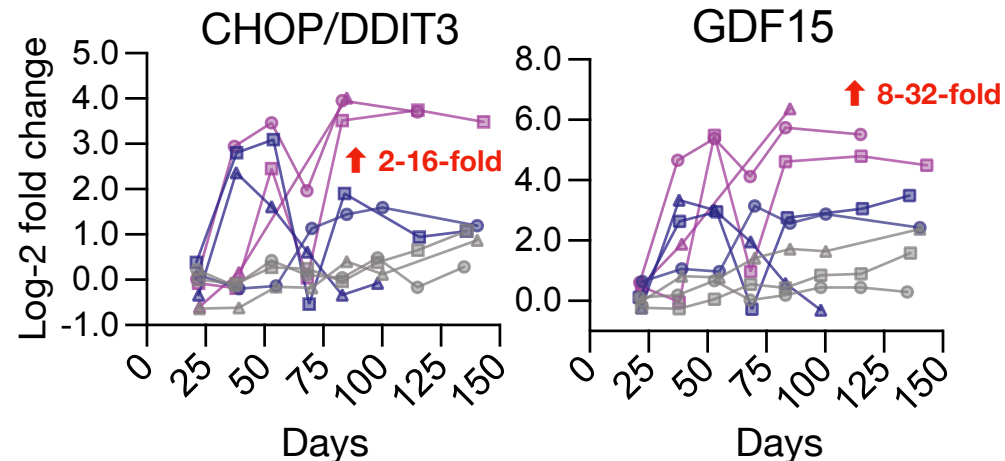
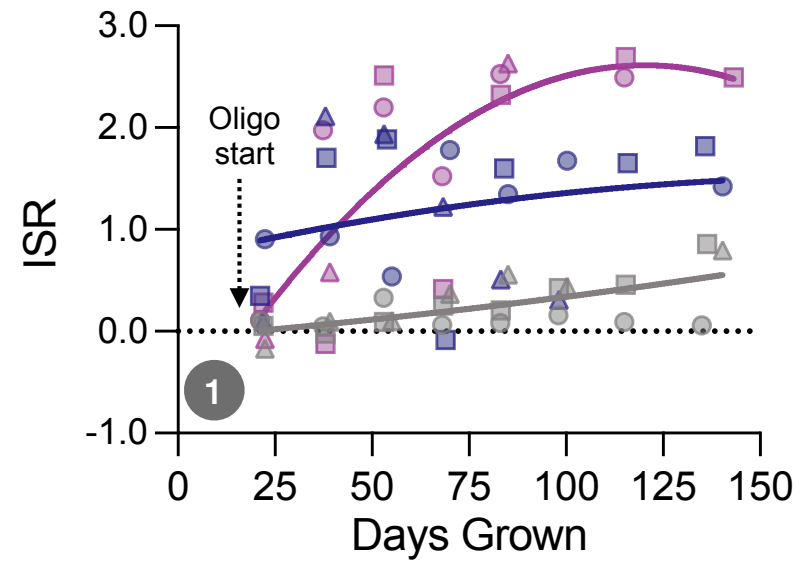
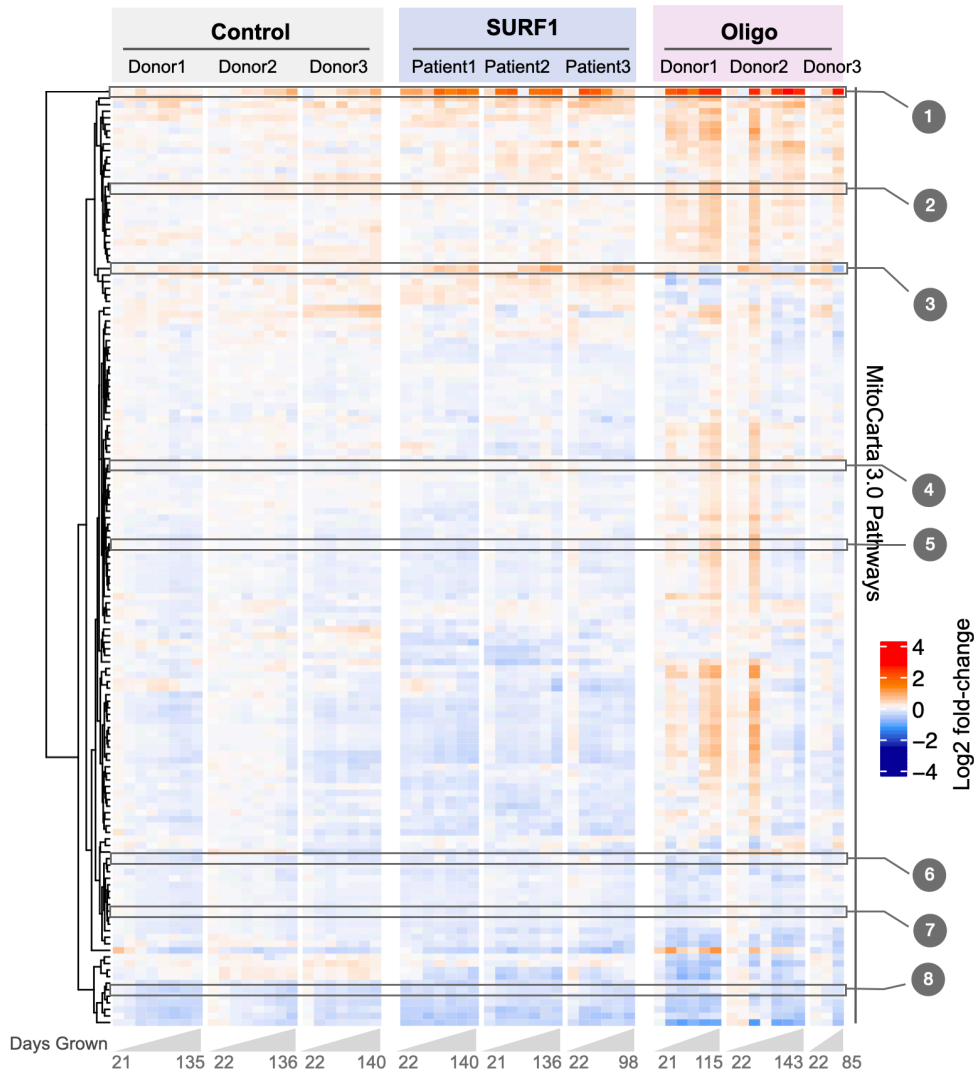


Maximum cytokine levels across the lifespan

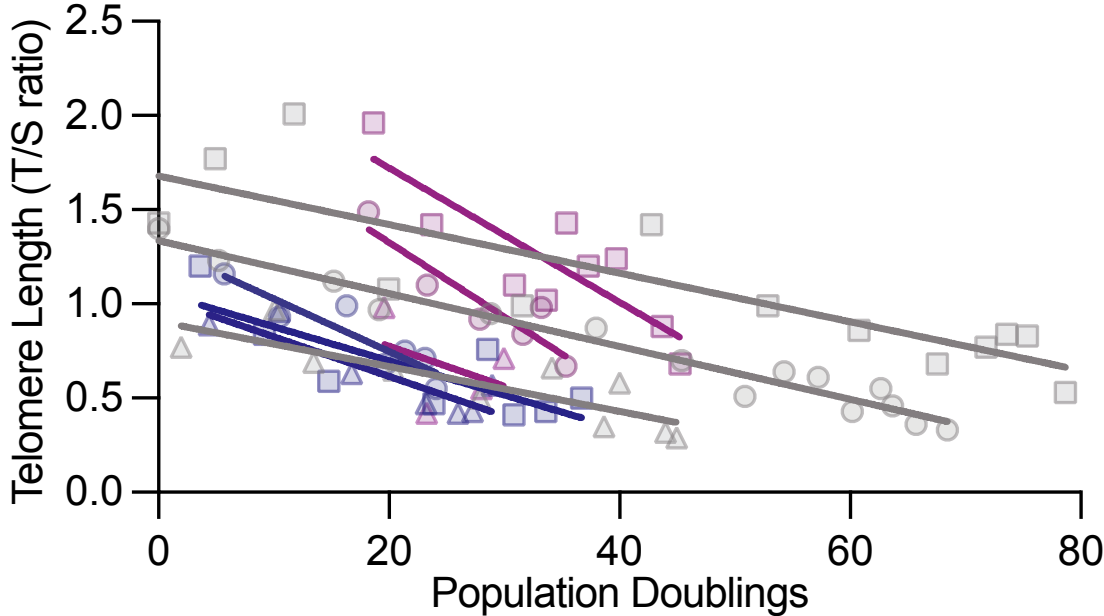
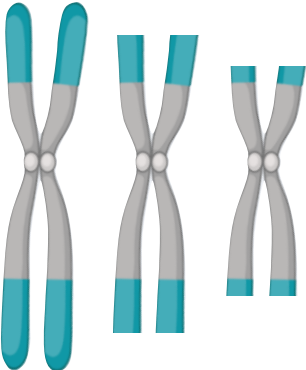


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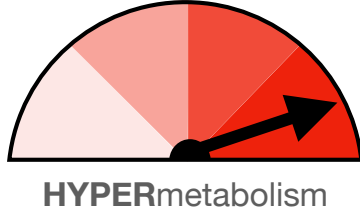
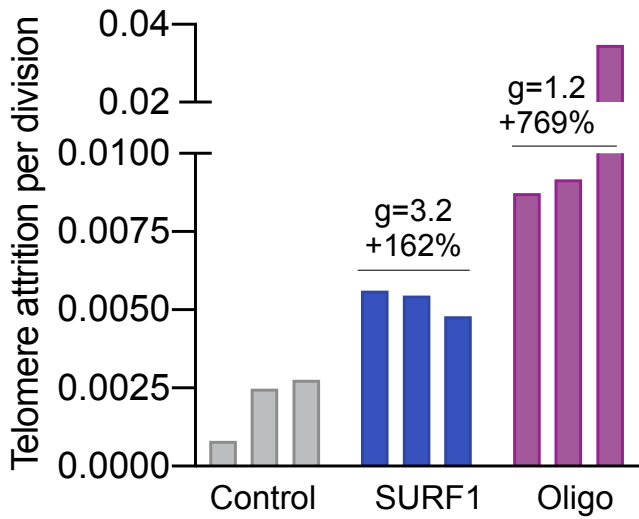
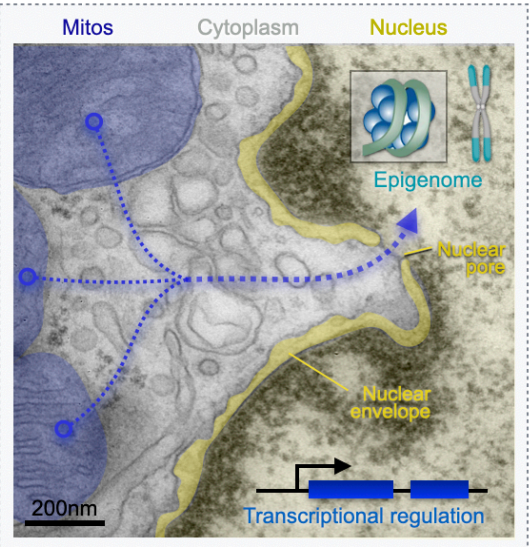
Mitochondrial gene expression



OxPhos defects accelerate telomere shortening rate

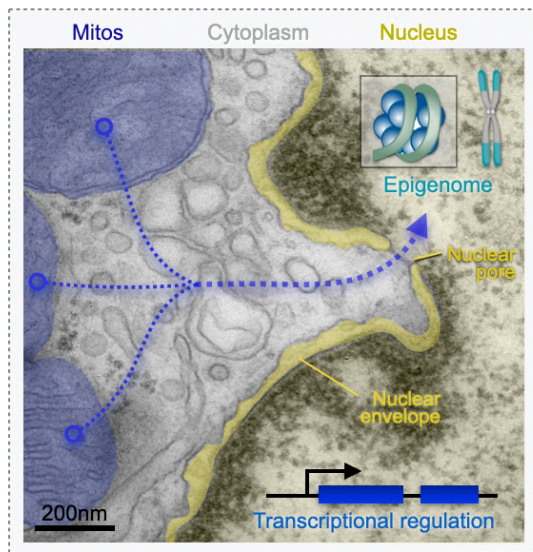
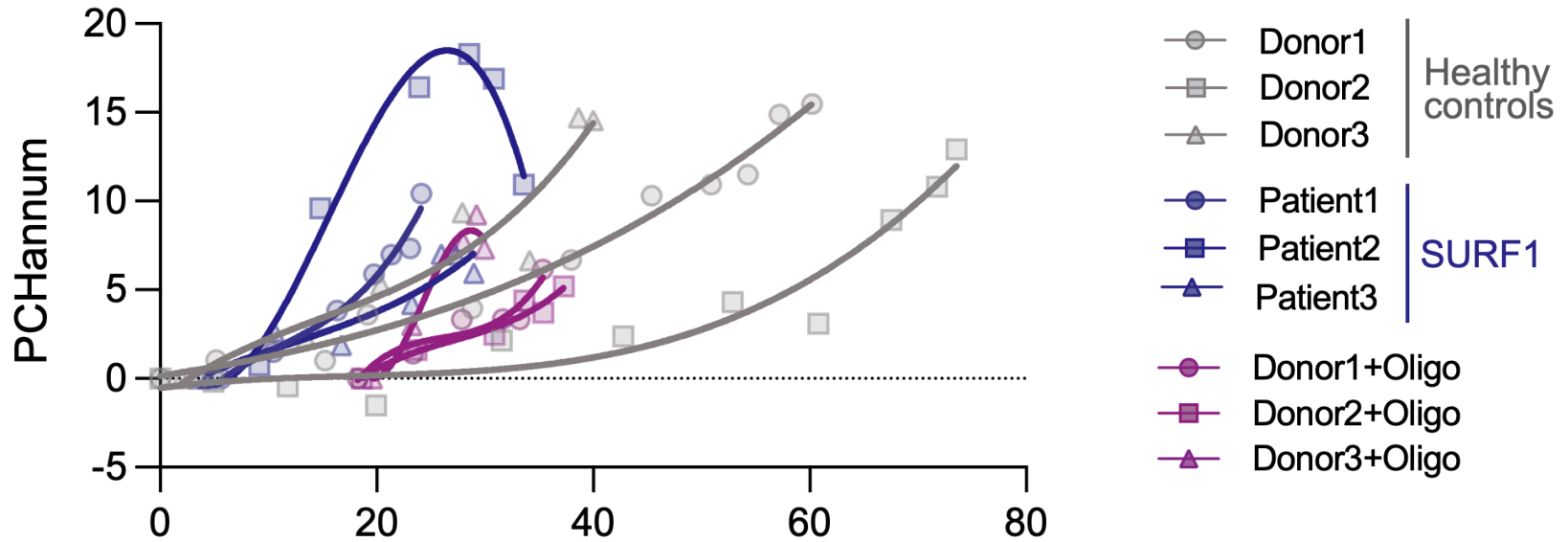


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- Healthy controls
- SURF1

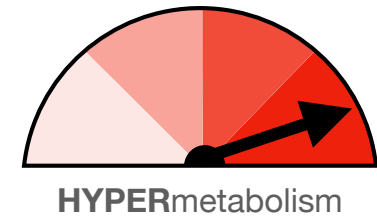
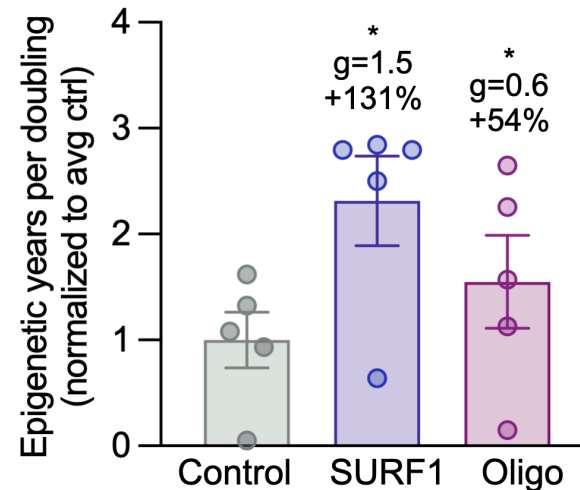


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OxPhos defects accelerate epigenetic aging DNA methylation clocks

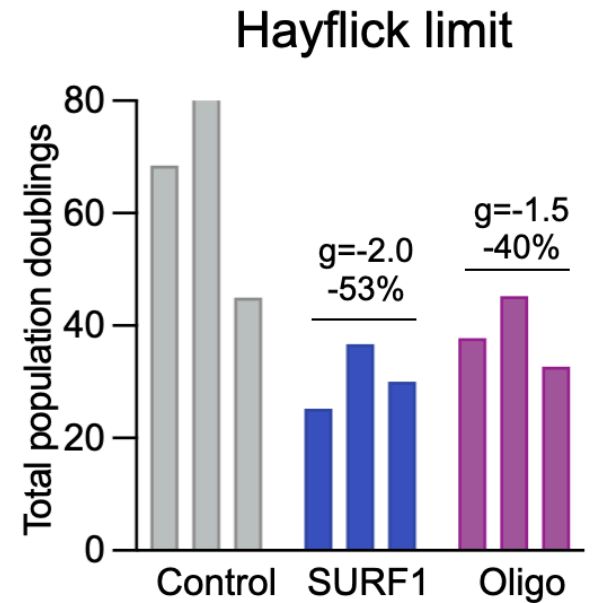
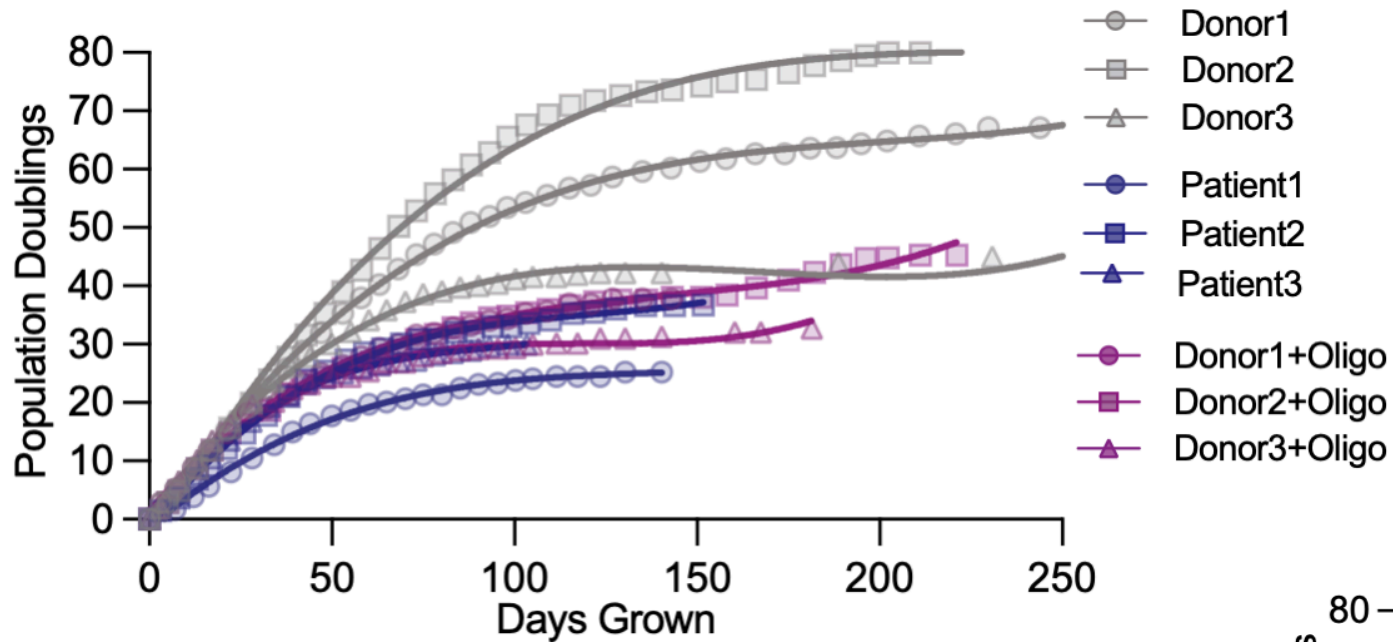


Average rate of epigenetic aging



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Hypermetabolic cells have a reduced Hayflick limit



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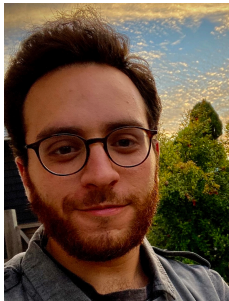
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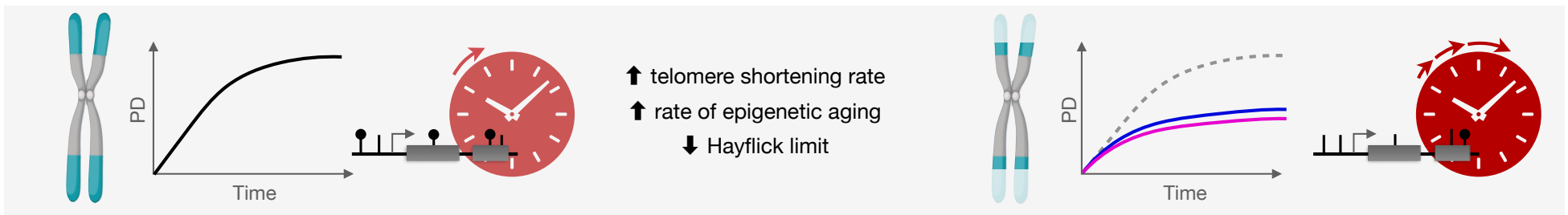
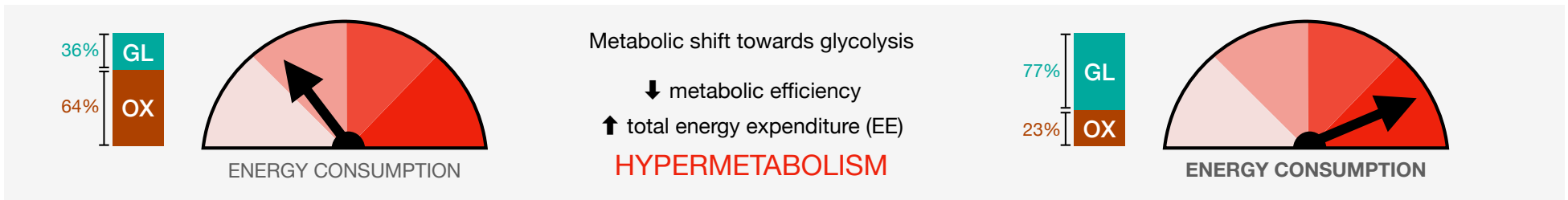
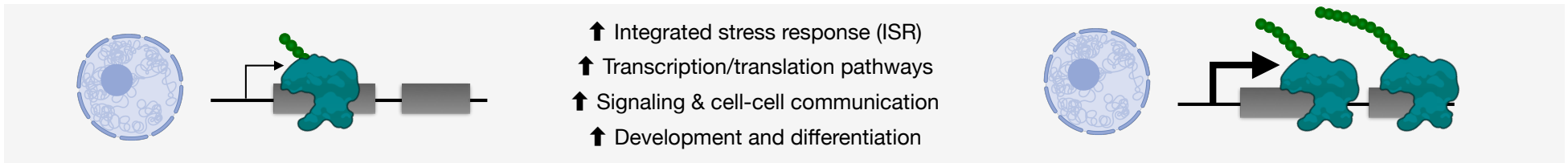
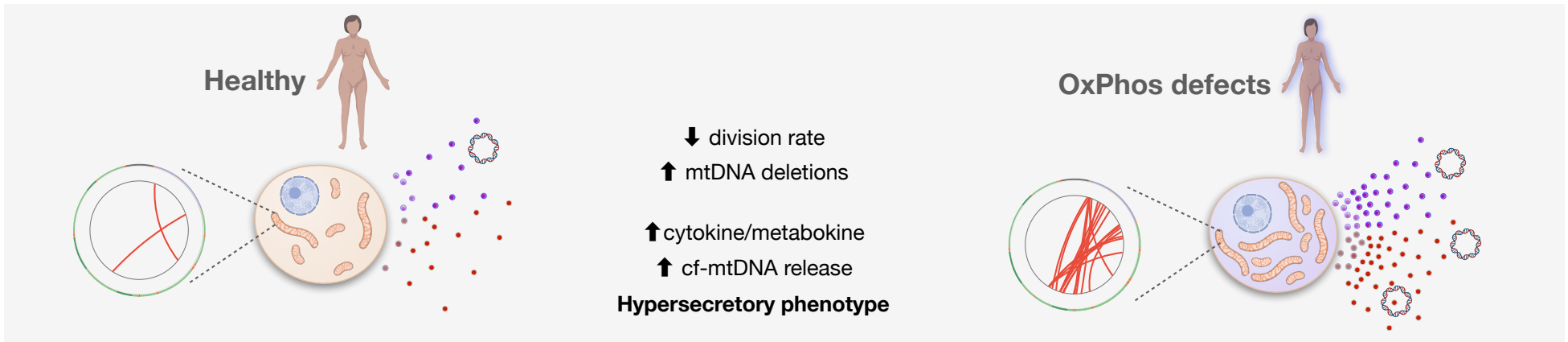
A multi-omics longitudinal aging dataset in primary human fibroblasts with mitochondrial perturbations

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Aging is a process of progressive change. To develop biological models of aging, longitudinal datasets with high temporal resolution are needed. Here we report a multi-omics longitudinal dataset for cultured primary human fibroblasts measured across their replicative lifespans. Fibroblasts were sourced from both healthy donors (n = 6) and individuals with lifespan-shortening mitochondrial disease (n = 3). The dataset includes cytological, bioenergetic, DNA methylation, gene expression, secreted proteins, mitochondrial DNA copy number and mutations, cell-free DNA, telomere length, and whole-genome sequencing data. This dataset enables the bridging of mechanistic processes of aging as outlined by the “hallmarks of aging”, with the descriptive characterization of aging such as epigenetic age clocks. Here we focus on bridging the gap for the hallmark mitochondrial metabolism. Our dataset includes measurement of healthy cells, and cells subjected to over a dozen experimental manipulations targeting oxidative phosphorylation (OxPhos), glycolysis, and glucocorticoid signaling, among others. These experiments provide opportunities to test how cellular energetics affect the biology of cellular aging. All data are publicly available at our webtool: https://columbia-picard.shinyapps.io/shinyapp-Lifespan_Study/



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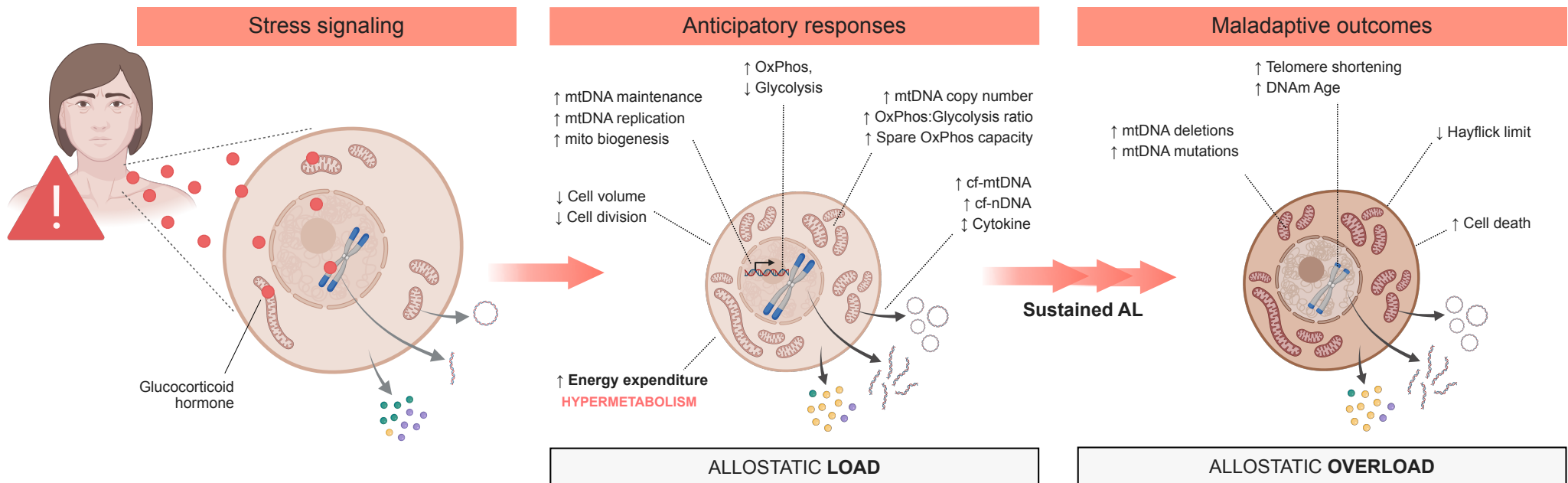




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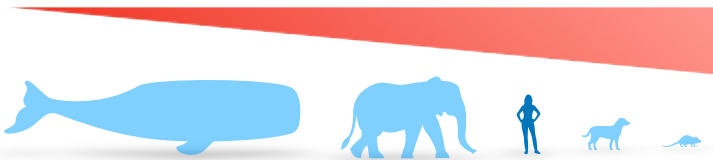
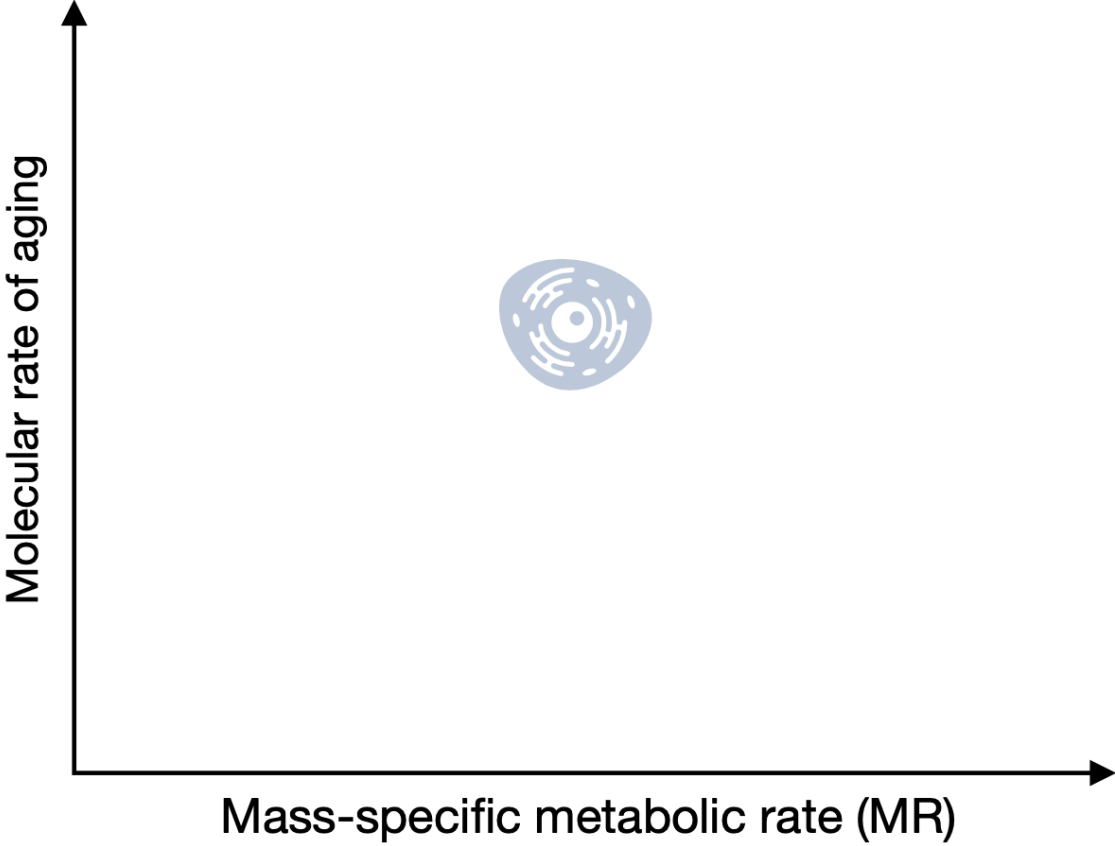
Cellular allostatic load is linked to increased energy expenditure and accelerated biological aging



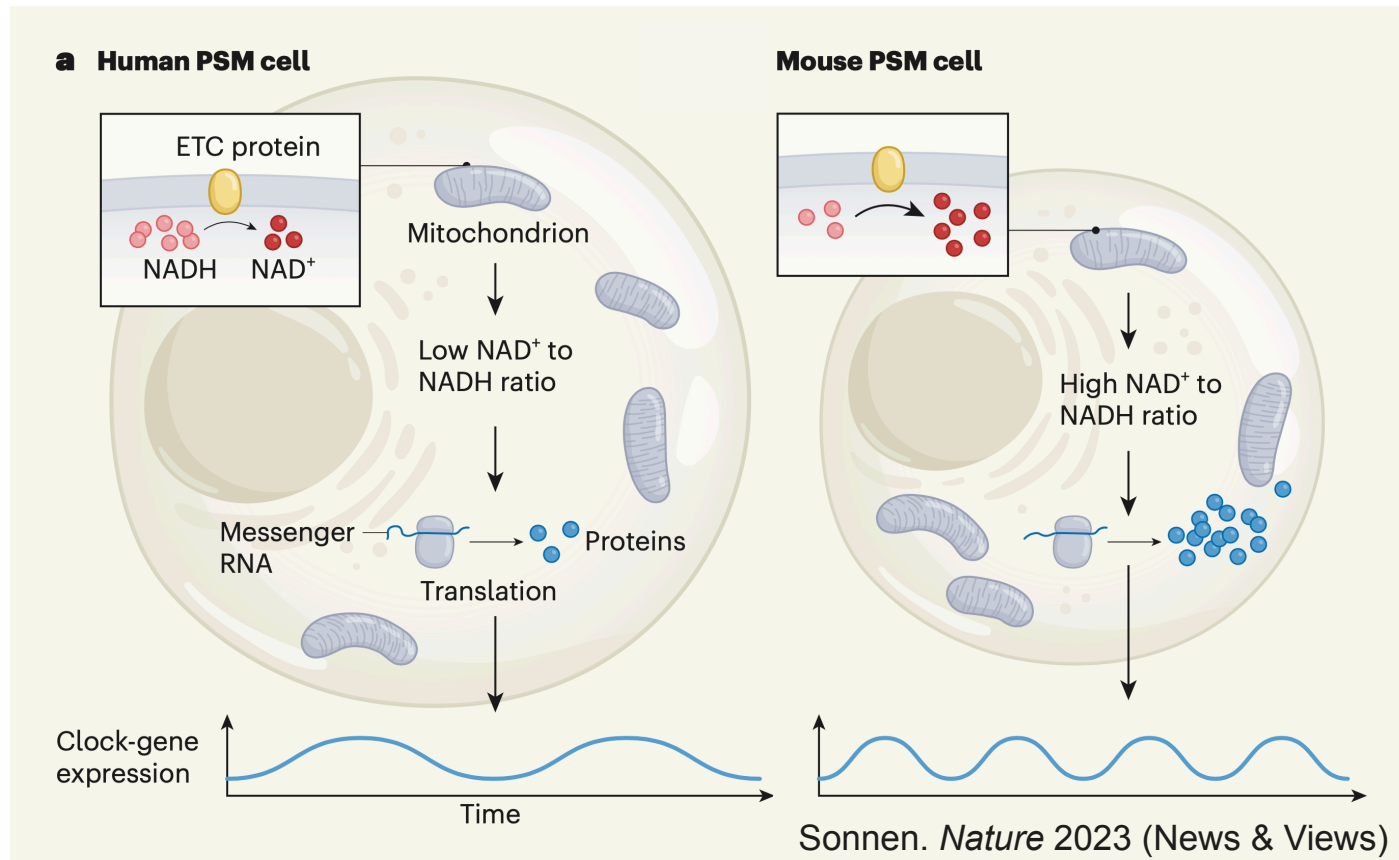
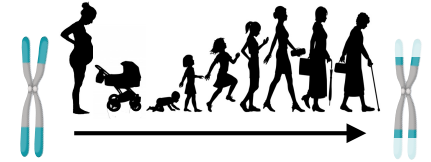
Glucocorticoid signaling increases energy expenditure by **60%**

And accelerates cellular aging by **10-40%**

Scaling of metabolic rate (MR) & rate of aging



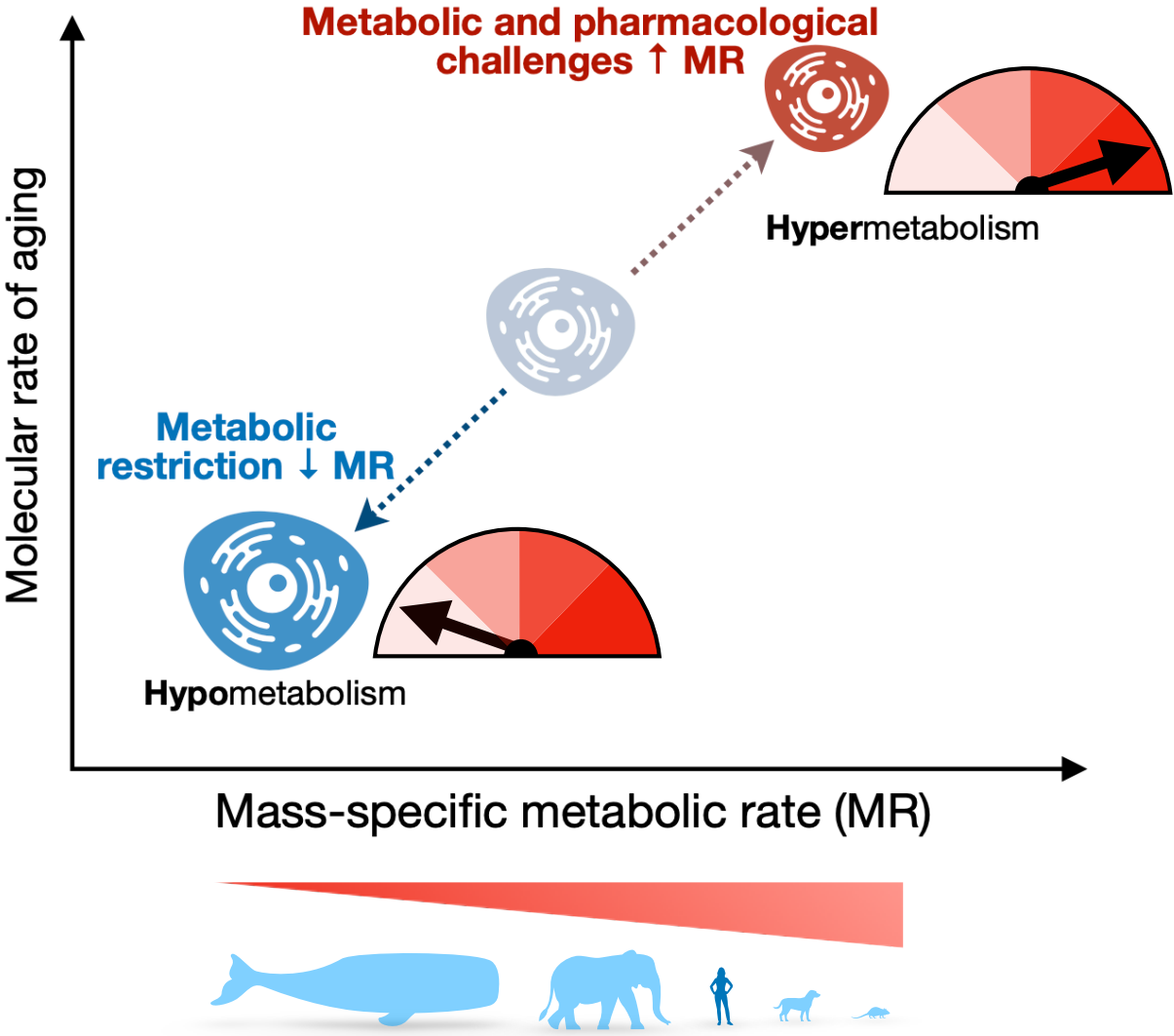
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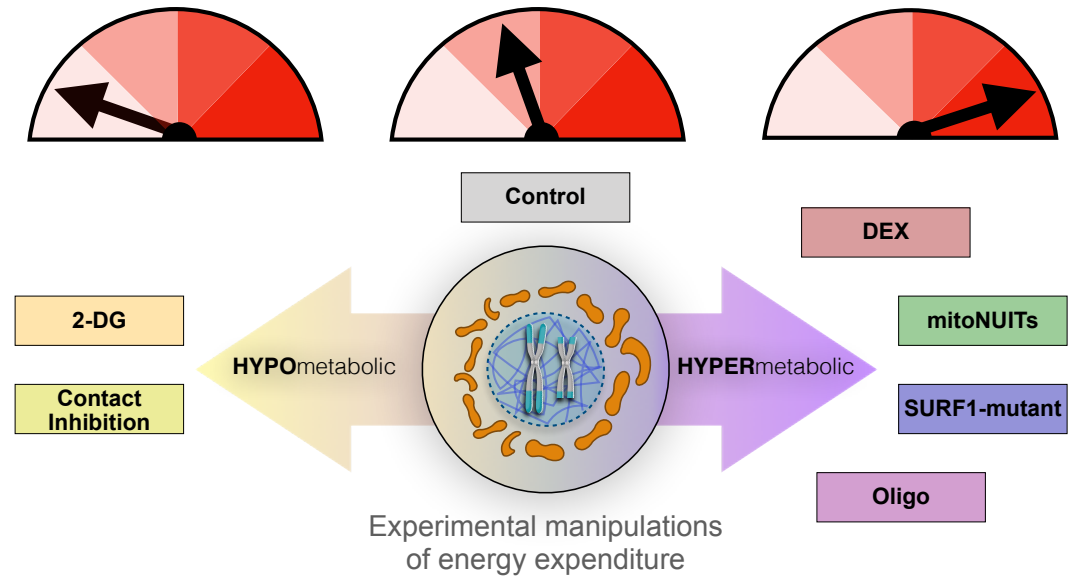
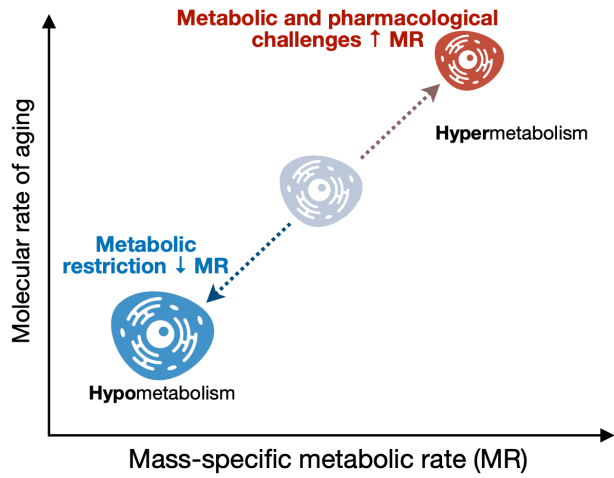


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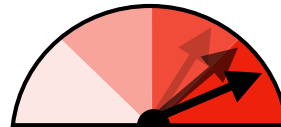
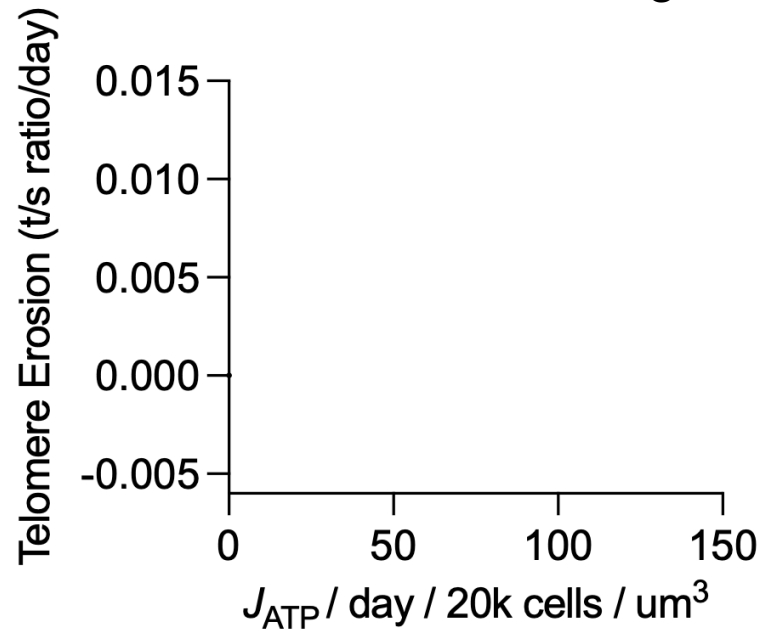
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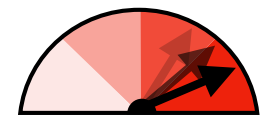
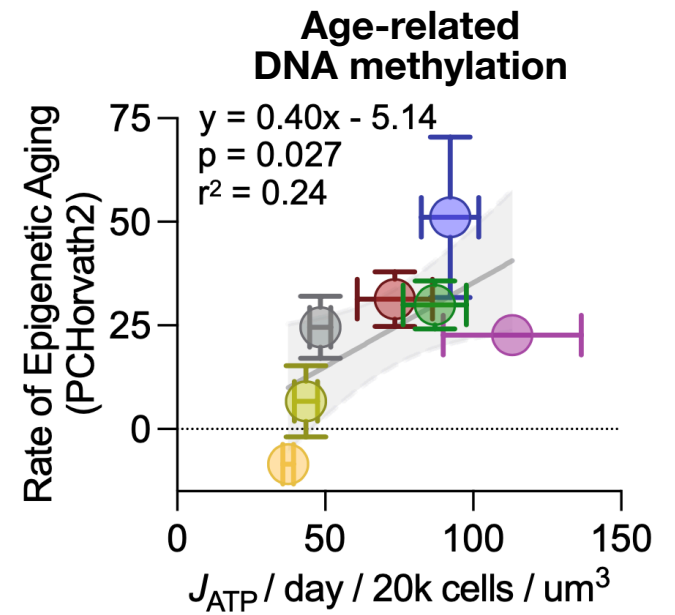
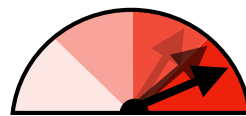
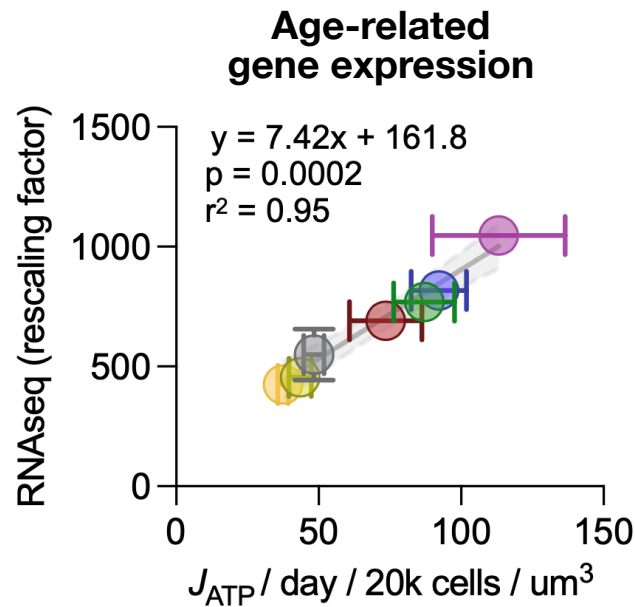
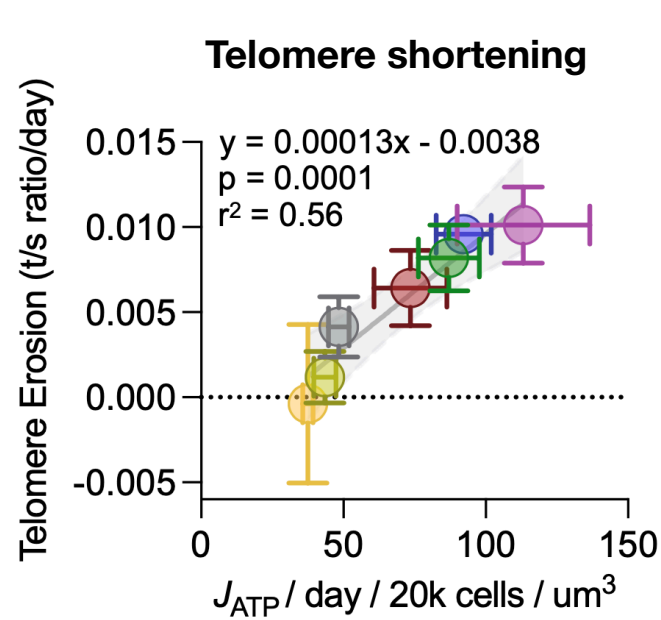
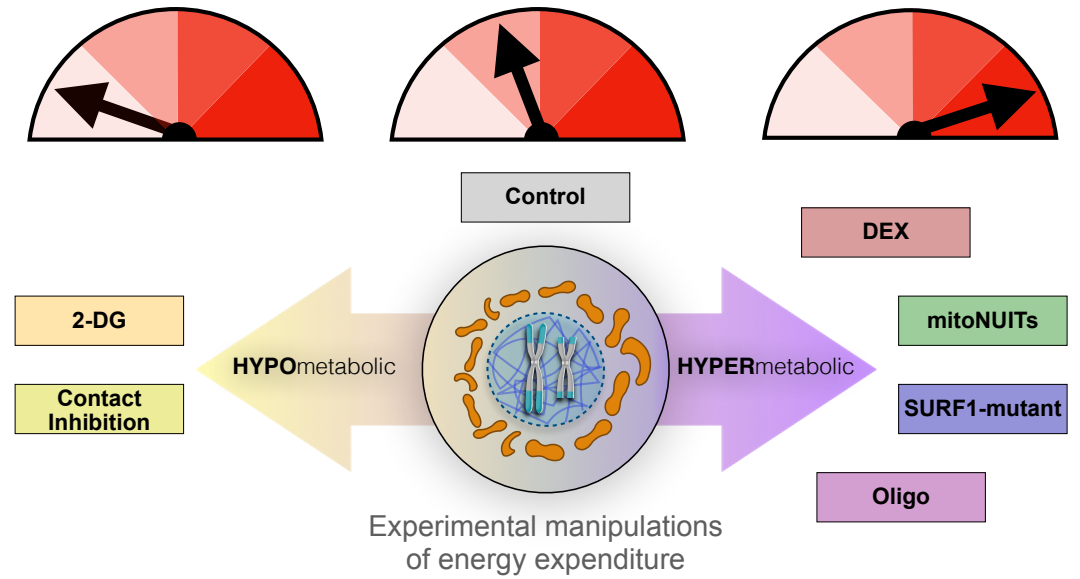
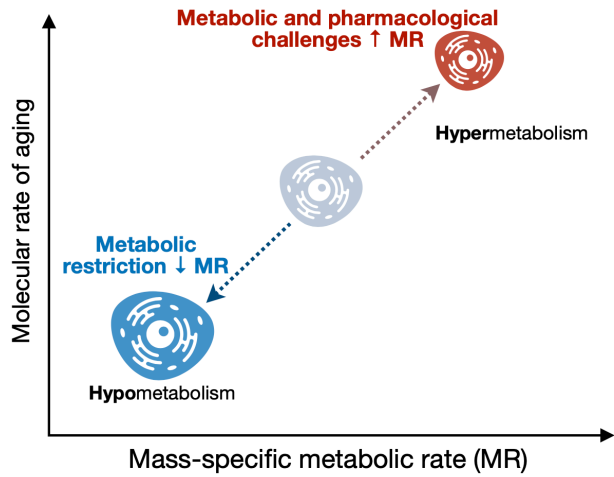
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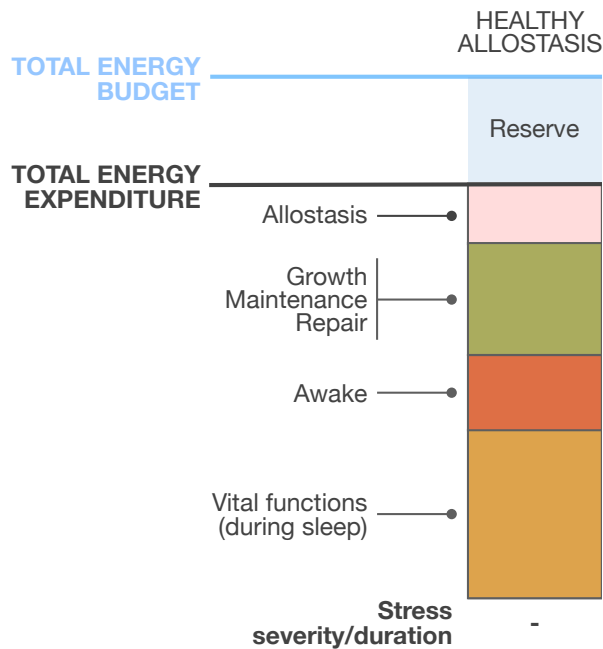


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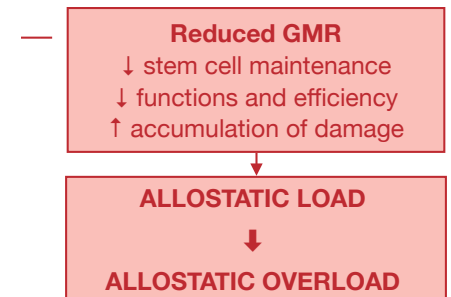
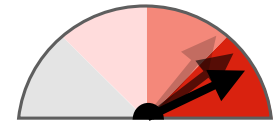




Partitioning of limited energetic resources in humans as a regulator of aging and lifespan



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Mitochondrial Signal Transduction, Hair greying

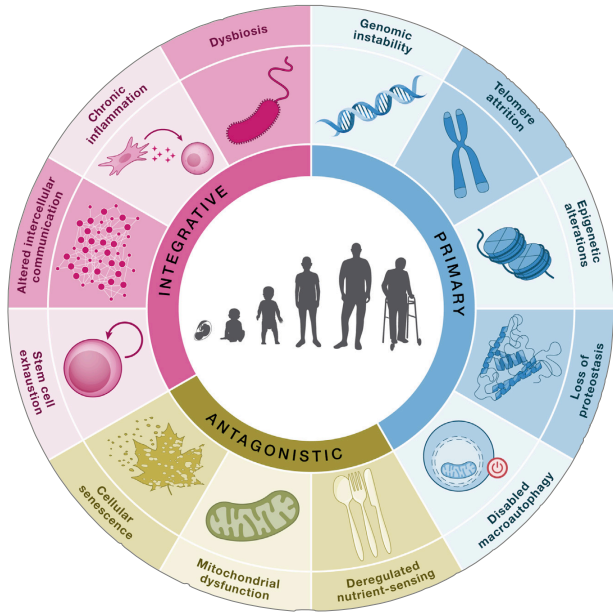
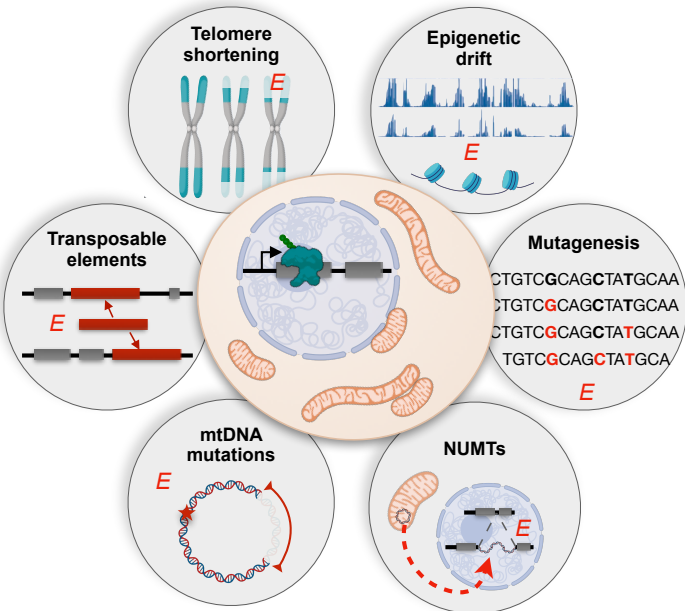
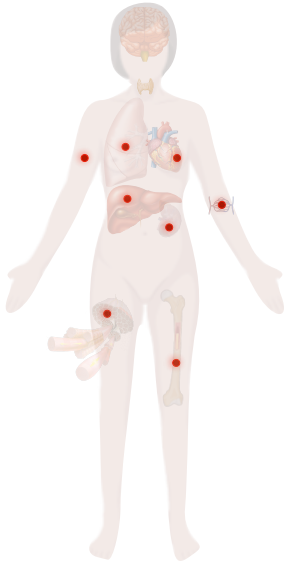
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Energy, OxPhos defects, Hypermetabolism, Aging

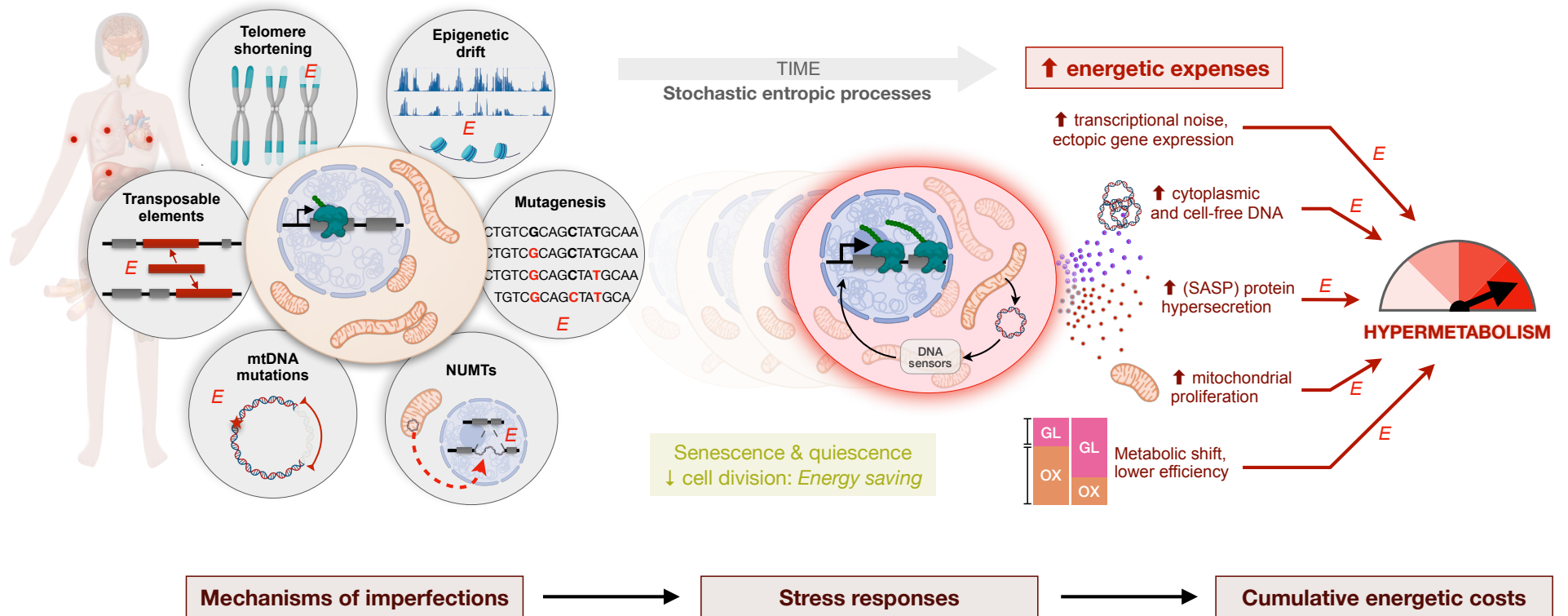
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SEC — Somato-cognitive Energy Conservation

The imperfection of life as (costly) driver of cellular aging



Mechanisms of imperfections

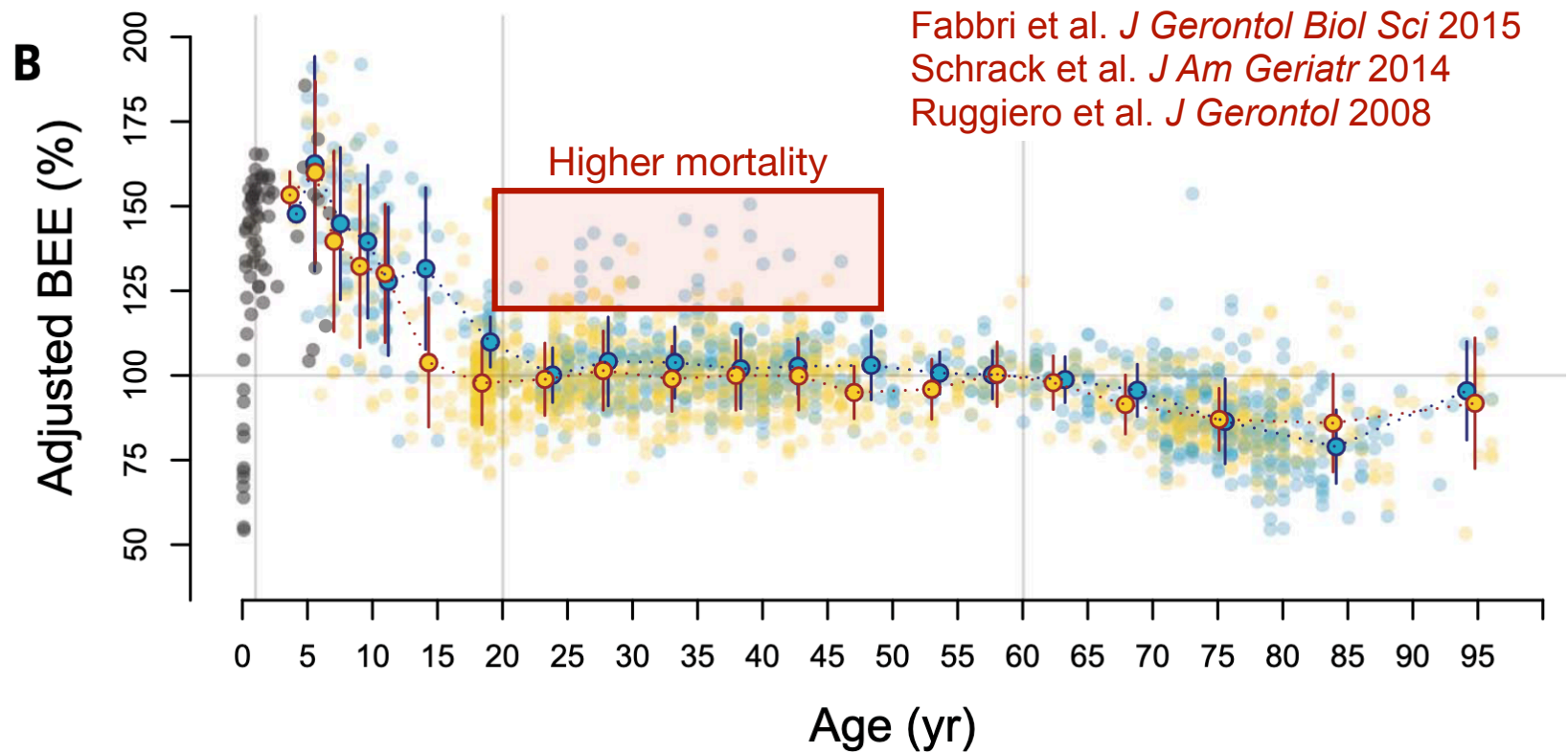


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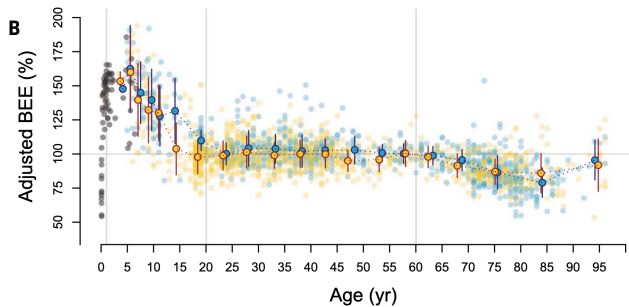
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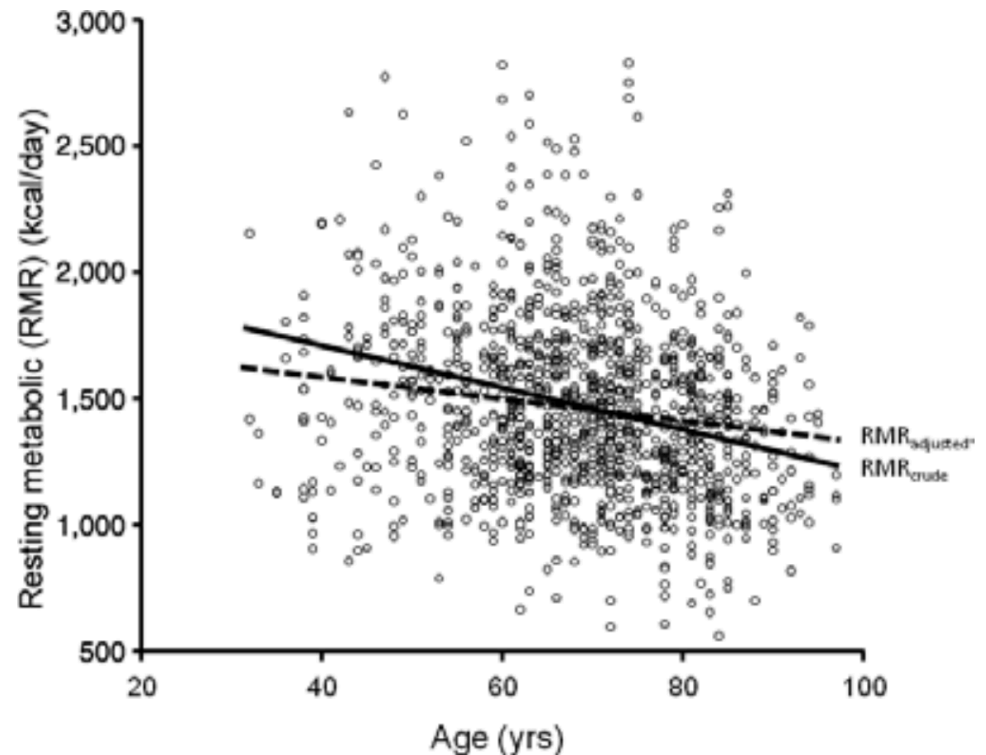
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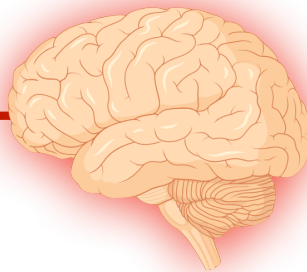
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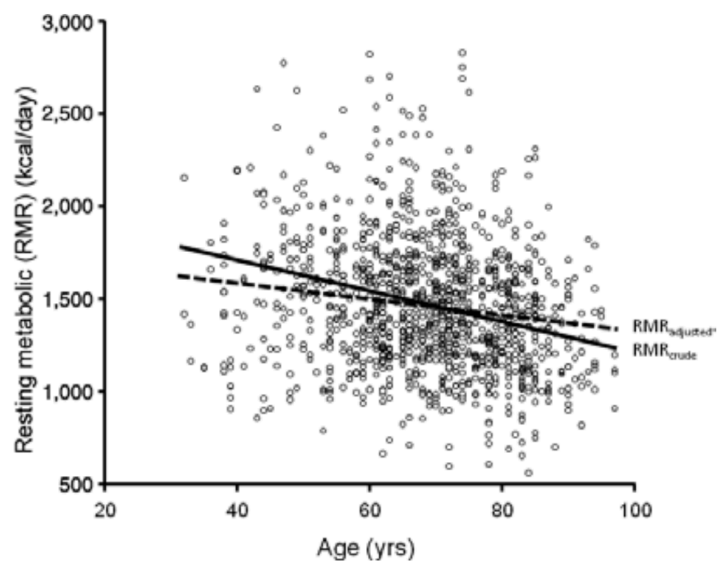
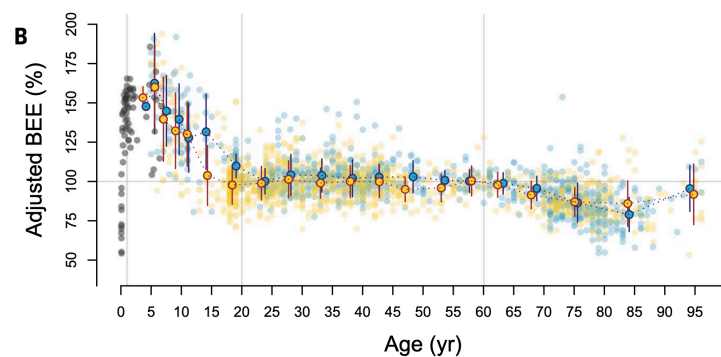
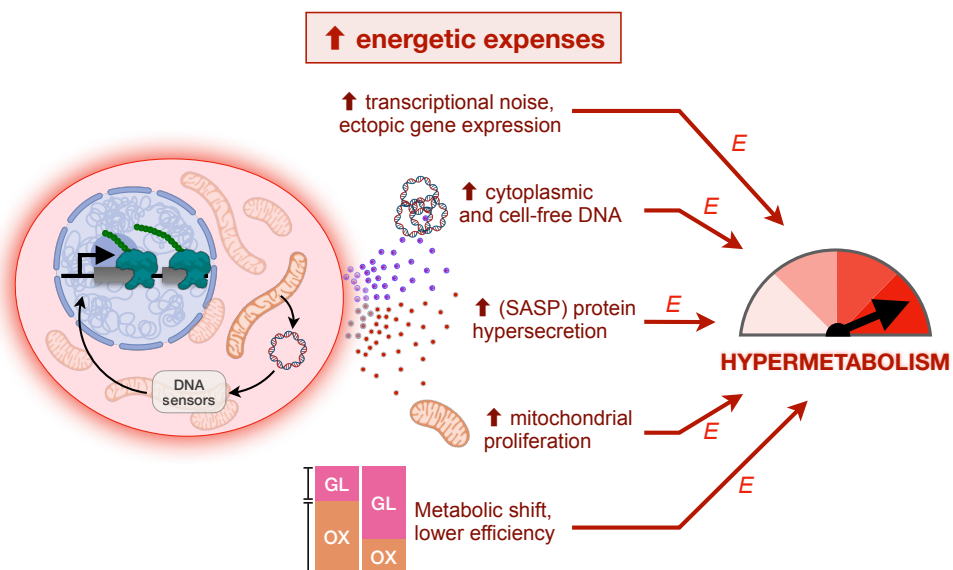
“Rethinking how “energy for life” changes with aging may be a fruitful investment. In the end, the flow of energy that actively maintains the “operative system” is a prerequisite to any physiological function and as such has probably been prioritized by evolution.”



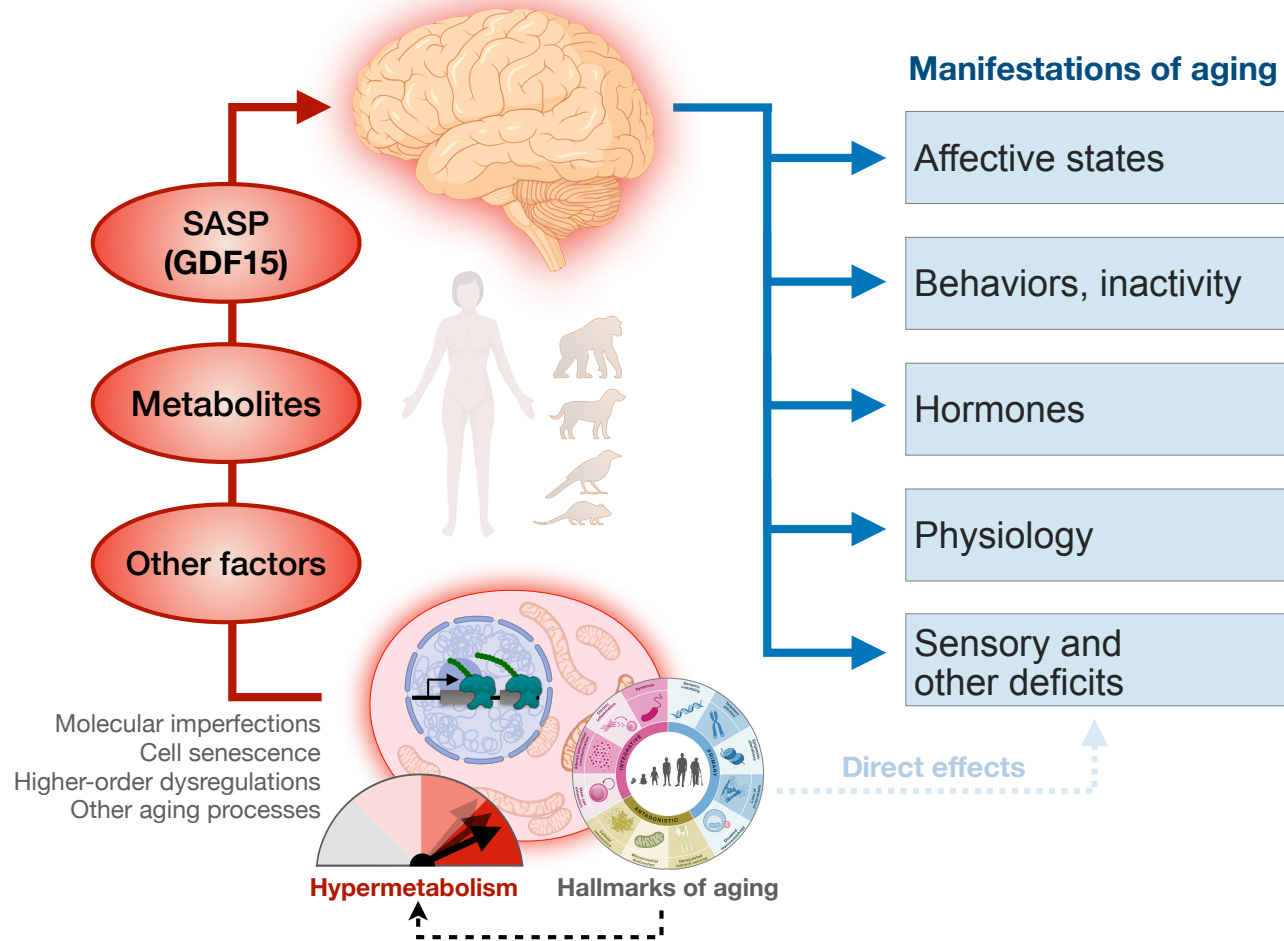


CELLULAR HYPERMETABOLISM

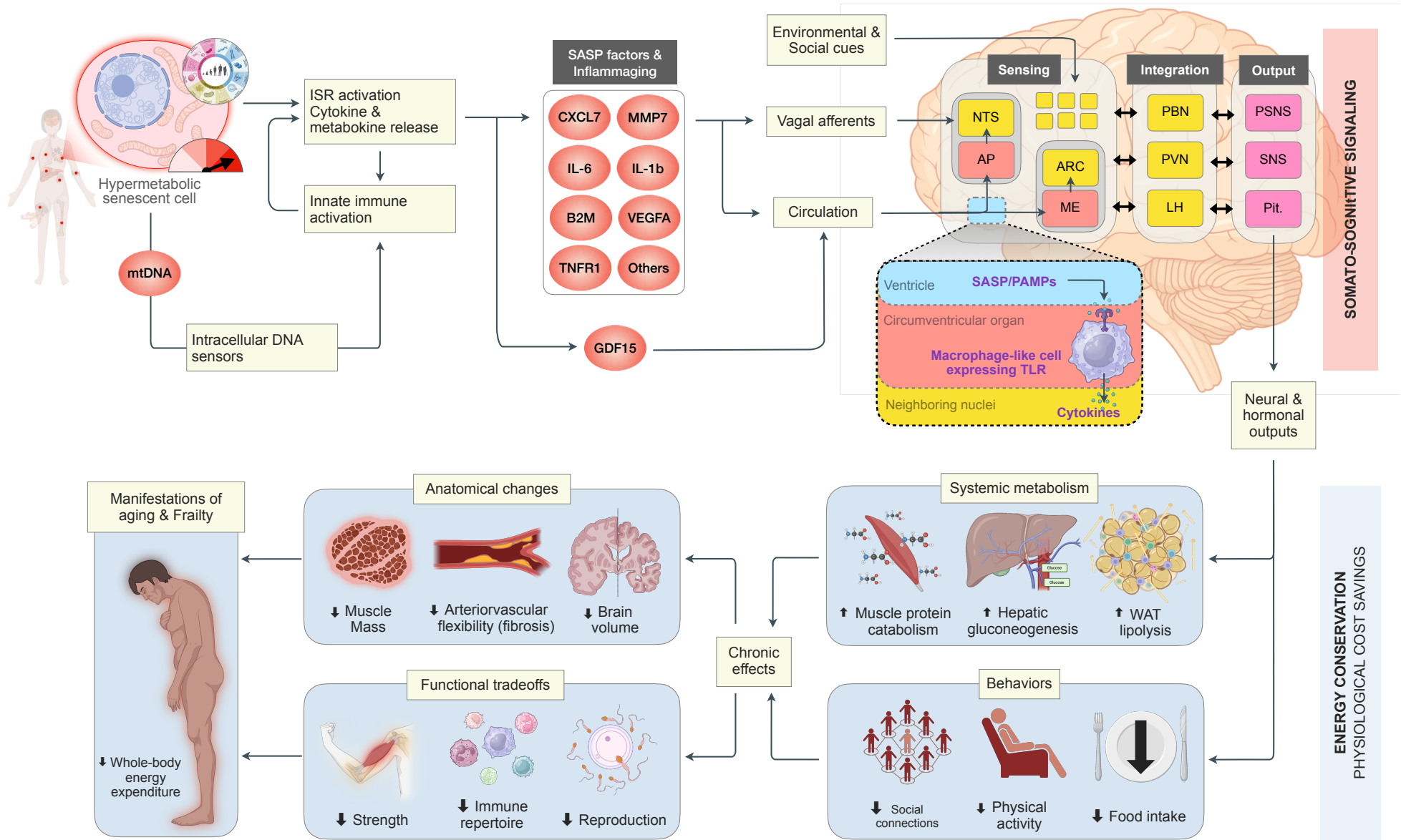
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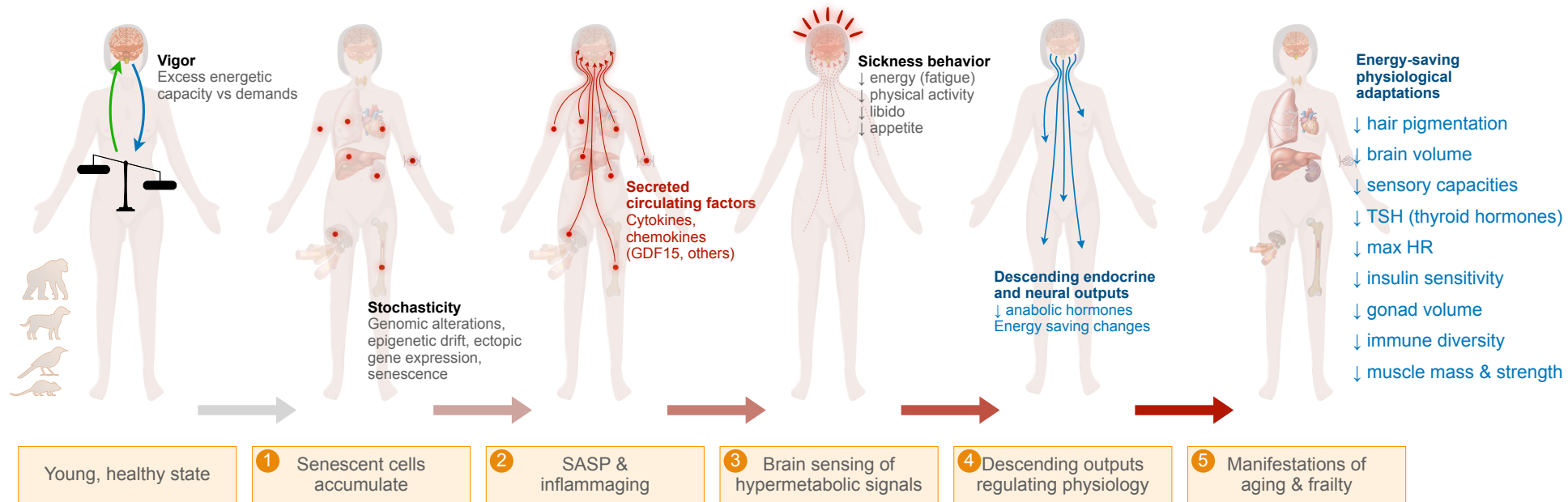
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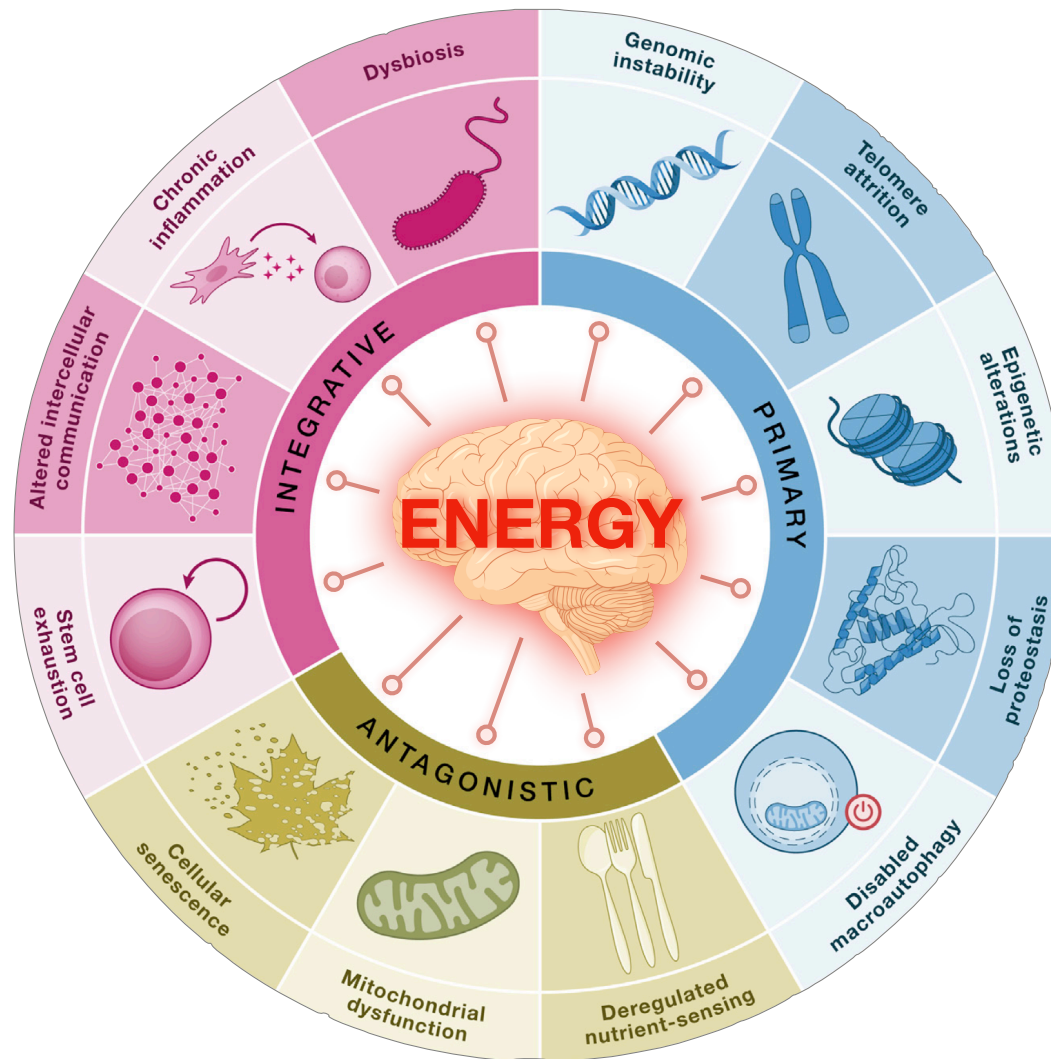


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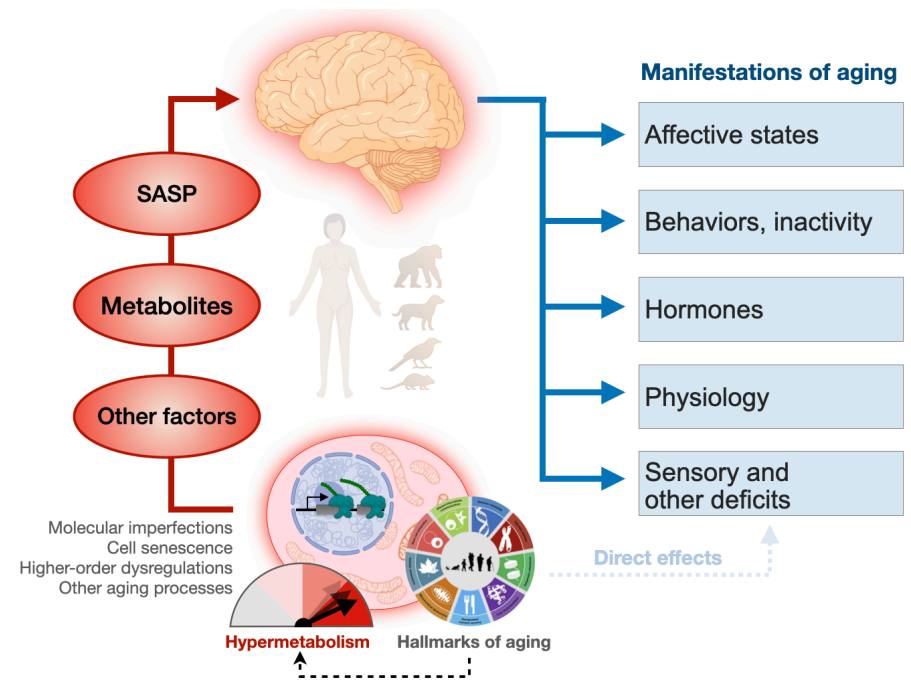
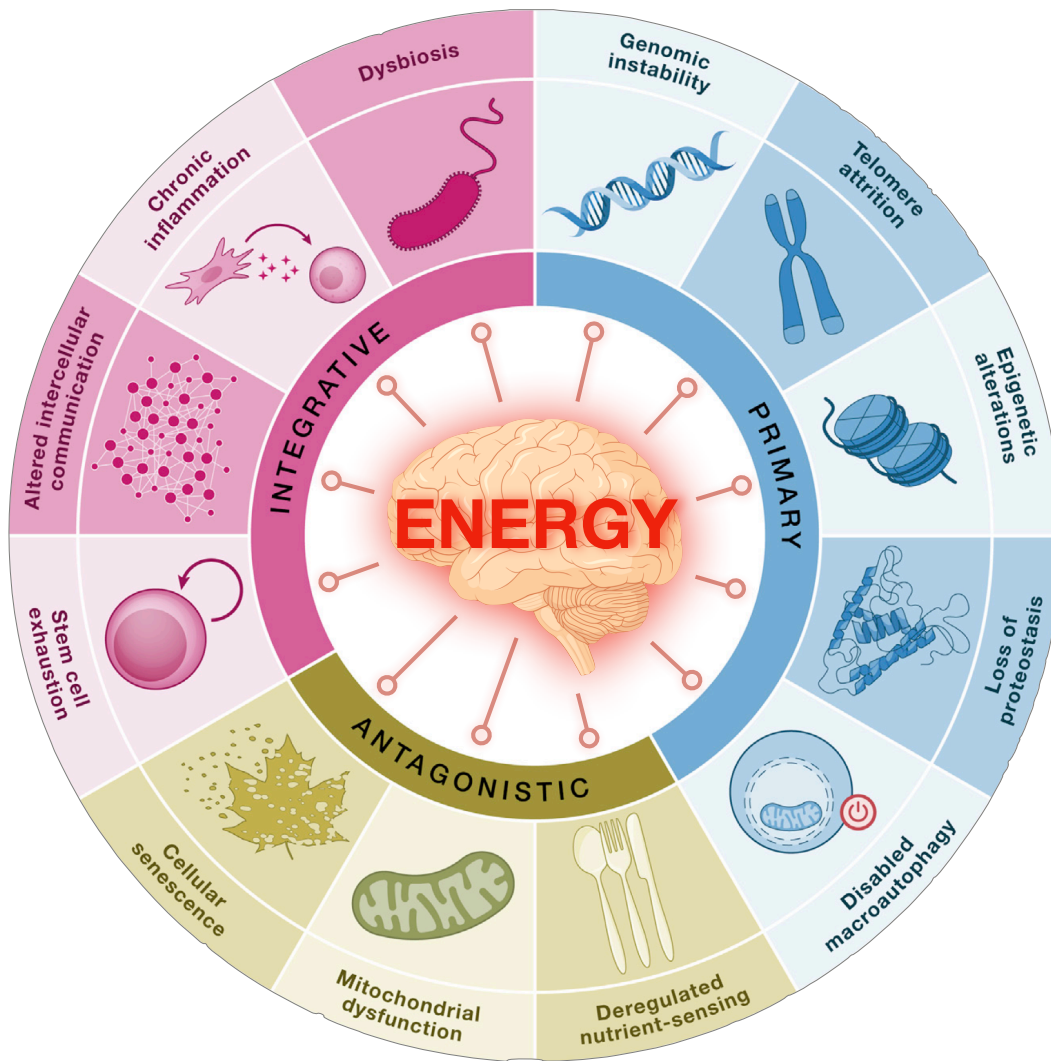


Is the common factor or intersection point **ENERGY** ?

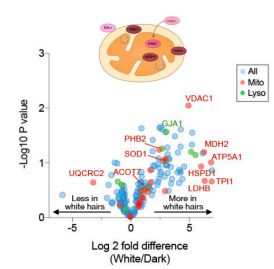
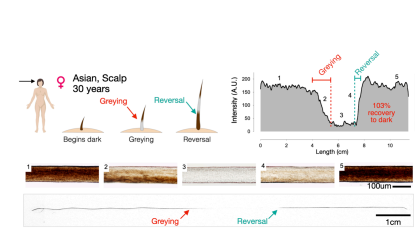
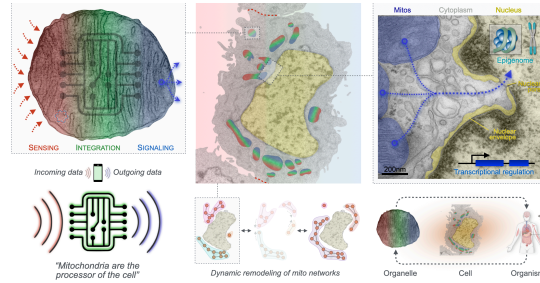
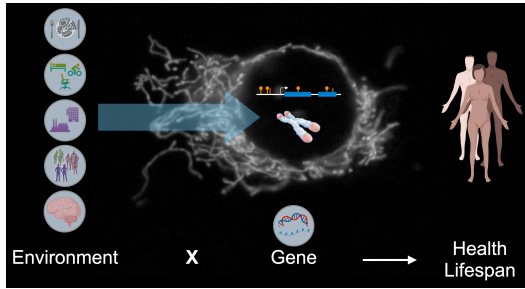
Do the hallmarks intersect in the **BRAIN** ?



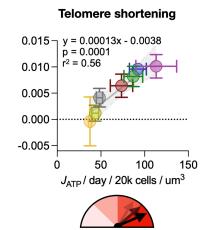
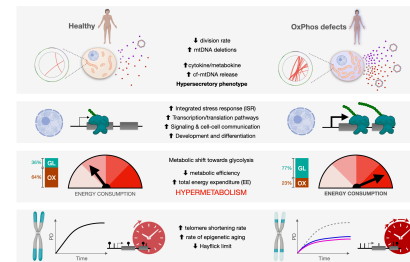
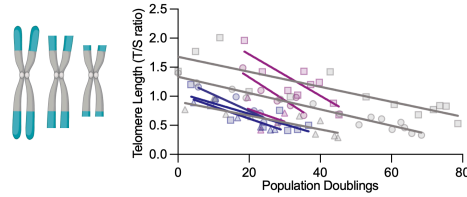
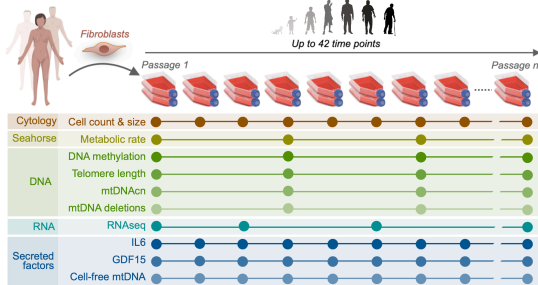
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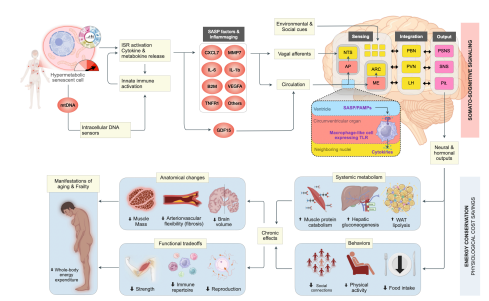
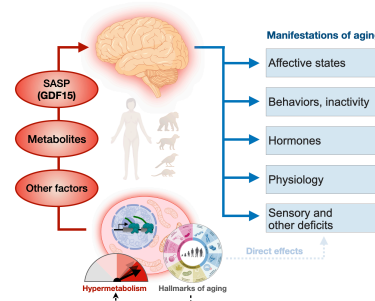
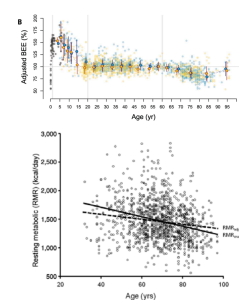
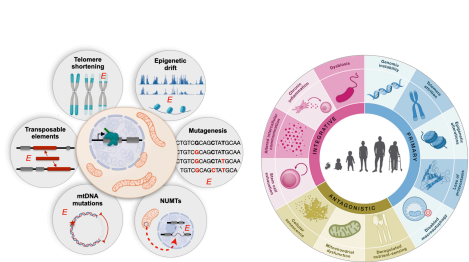
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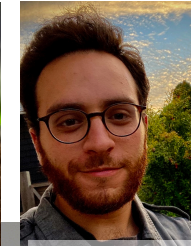
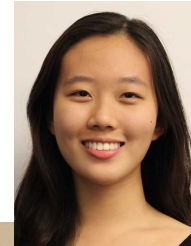
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Linking molecular processes within mitochondria with the human experience

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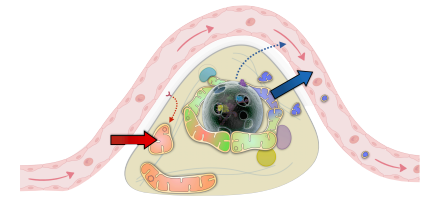
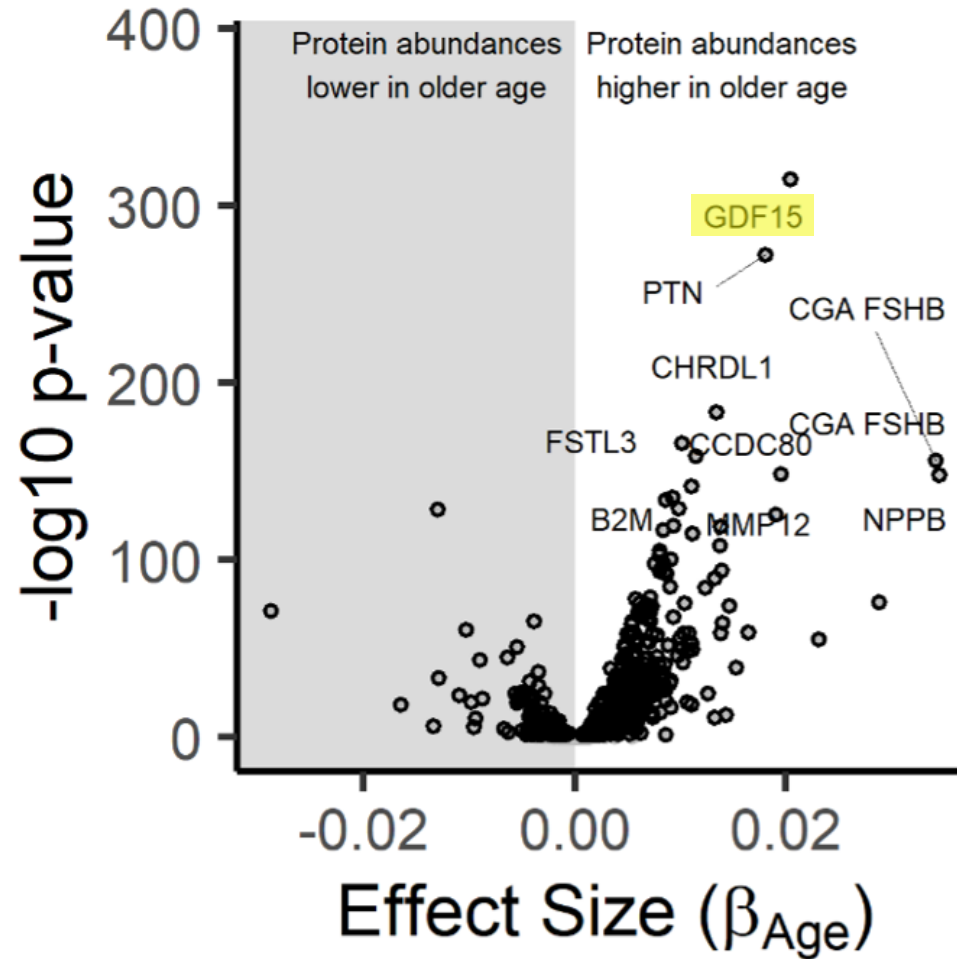
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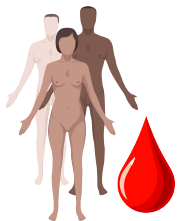


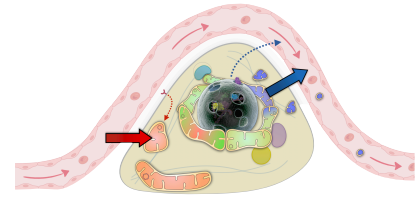
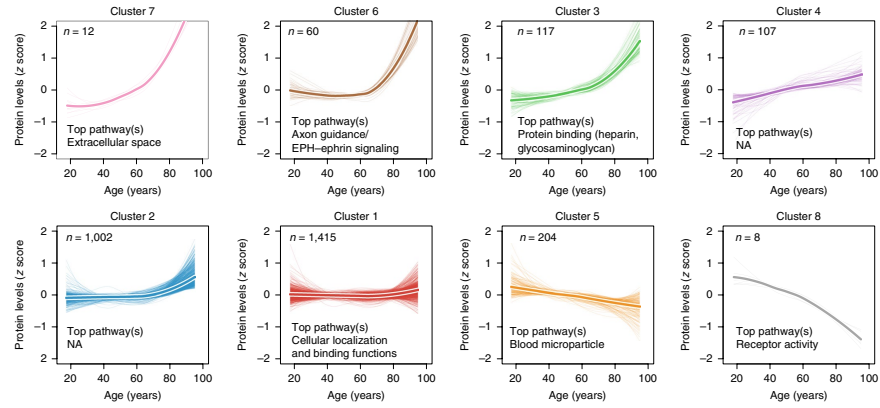
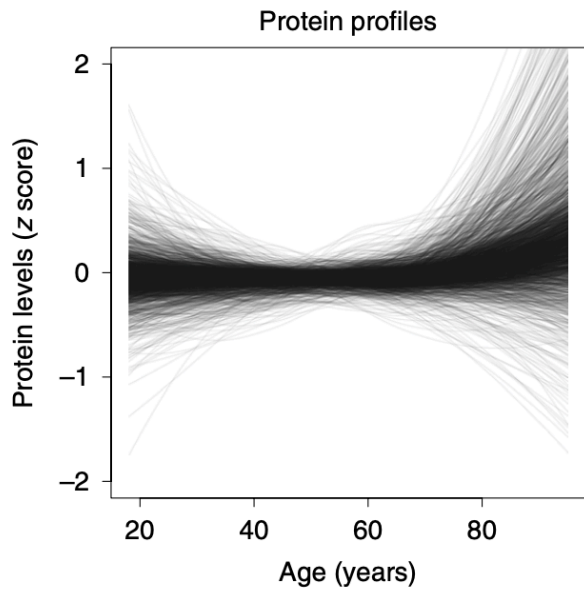


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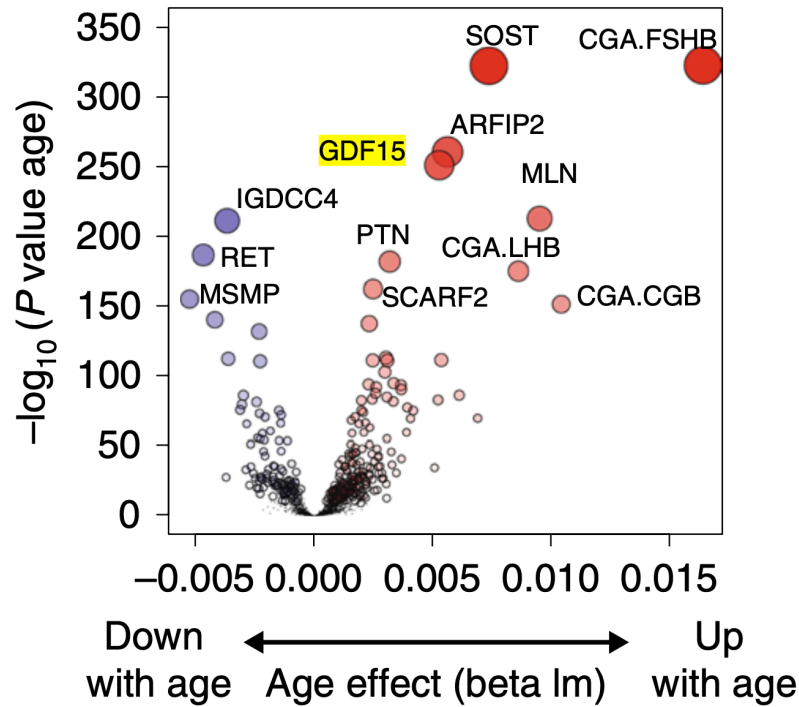


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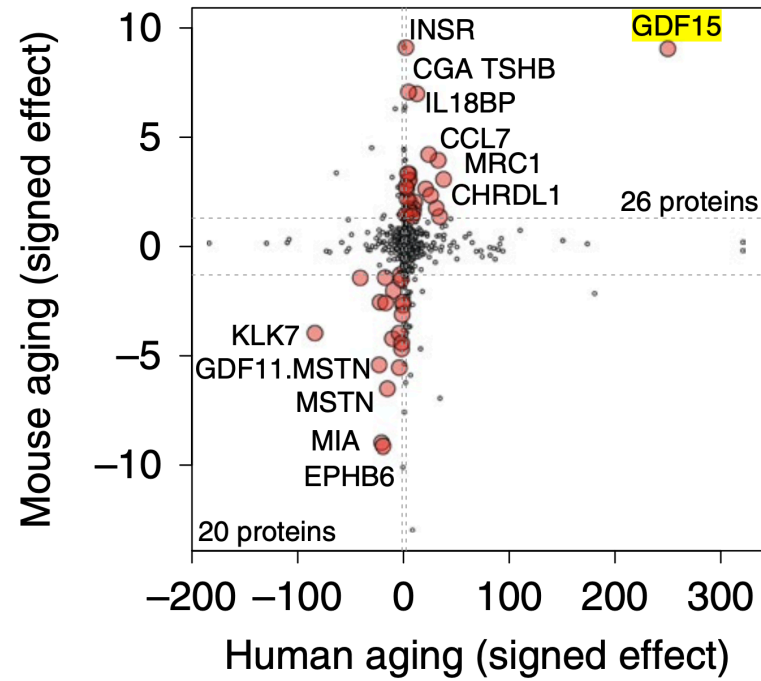




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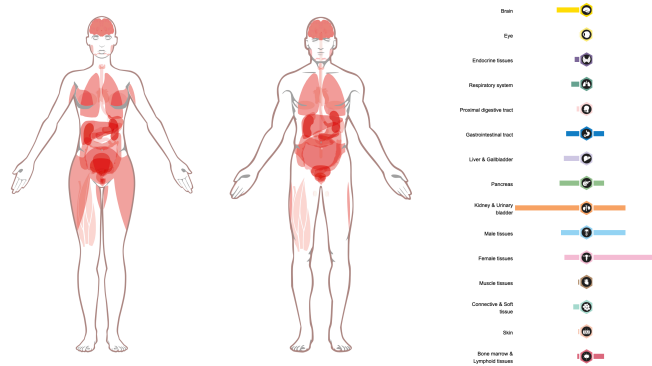


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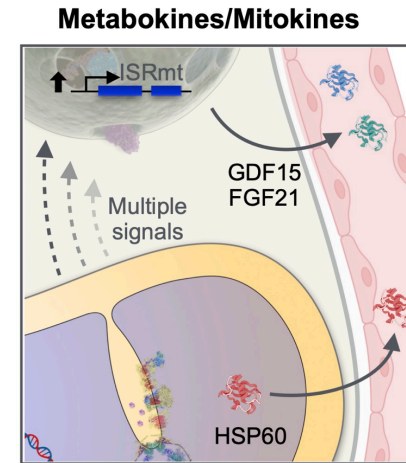


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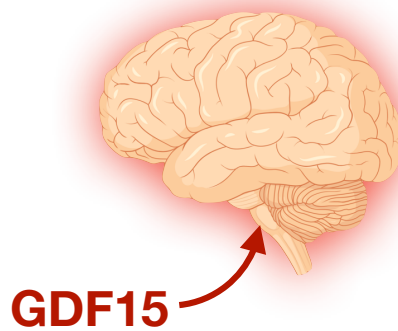
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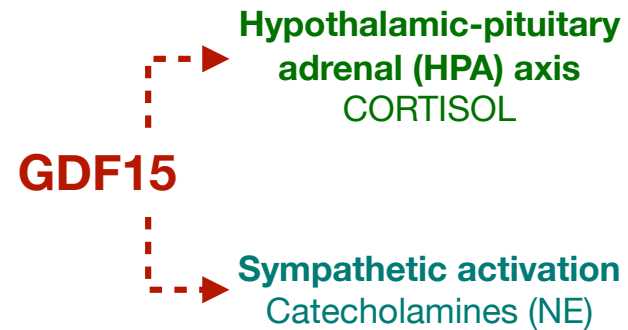
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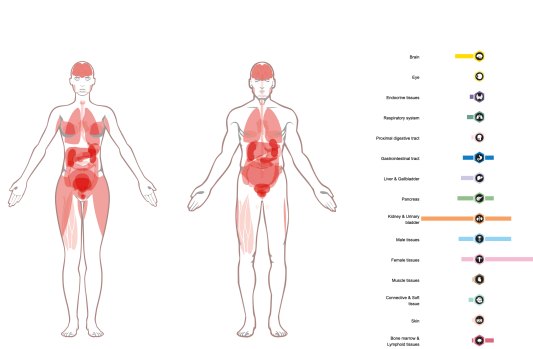


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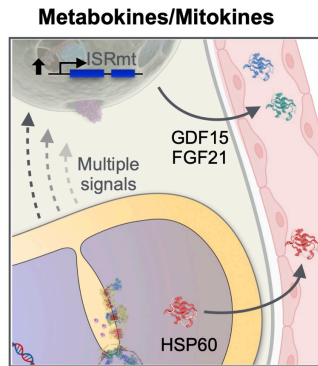


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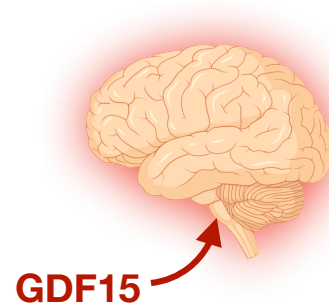
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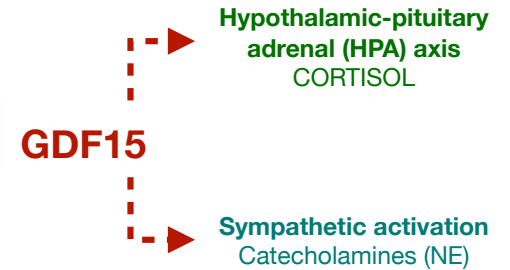
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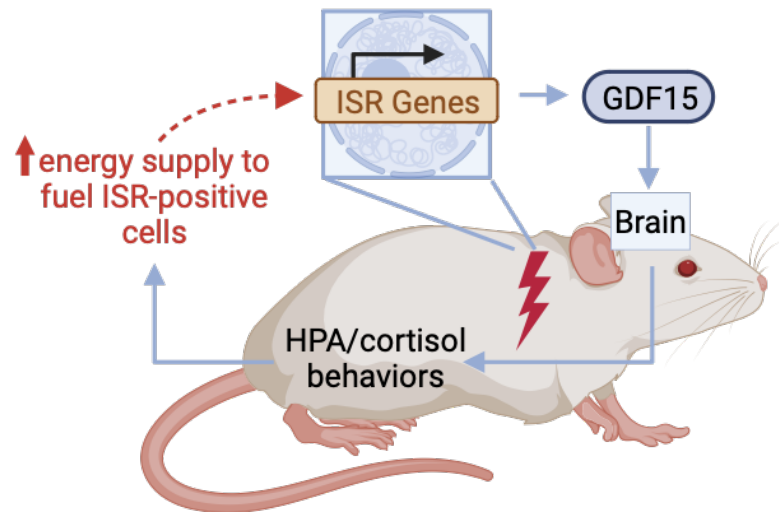


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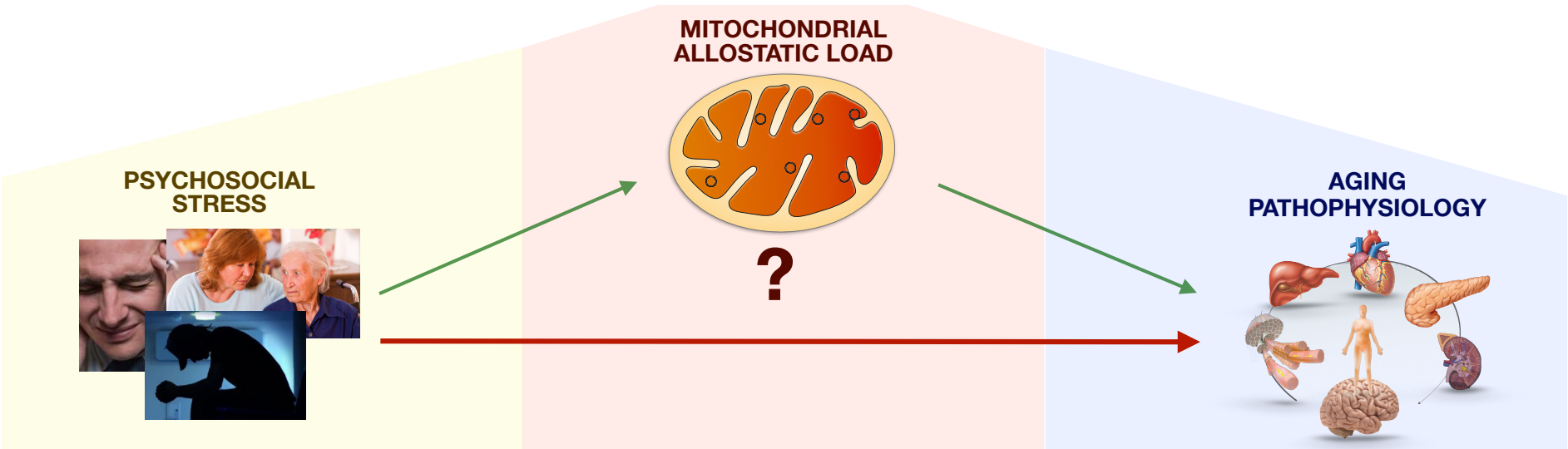
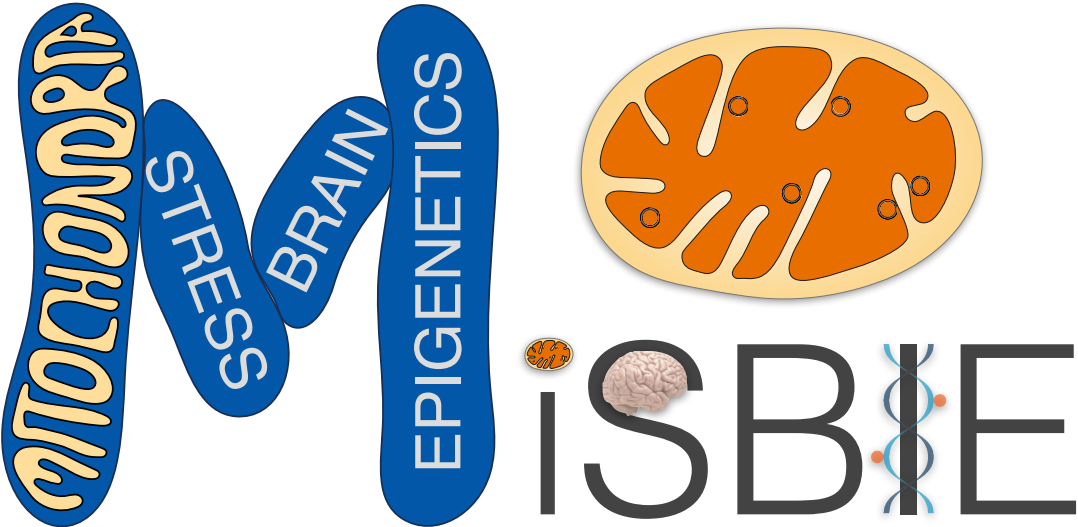


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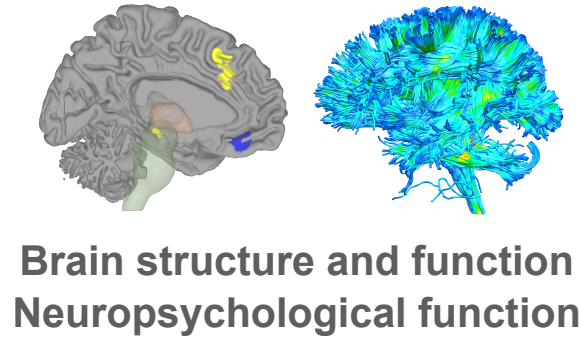
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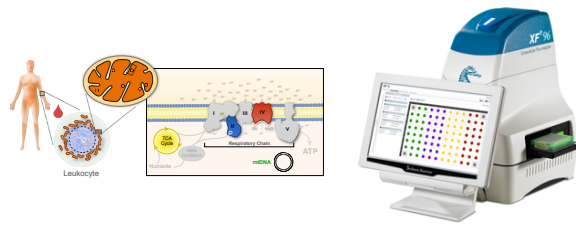
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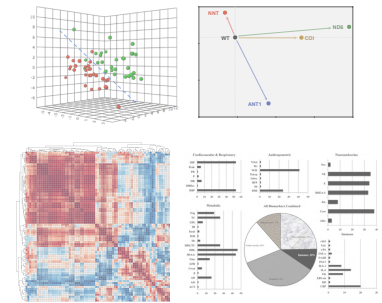
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mtDNA heteroplasmy
Mitochondrial OxPhos
Lymphocytes, Monocytes,
Neutrophils, Platelets

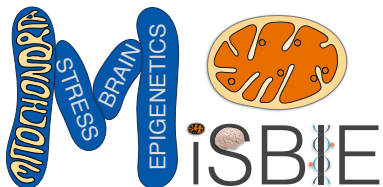


Disease biomarkers
Stress reactivity
Energy expenditure
e.g., GDF15, Lactate,
Pyruvate, Alanine, etc.



Total N = 110

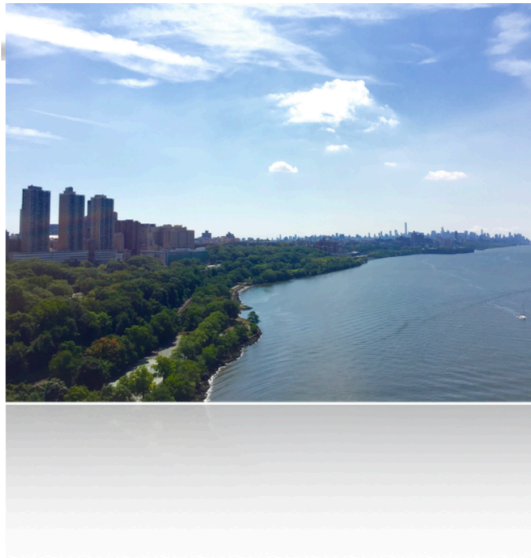
- **Healthy controls** (n = 70)
- **mtDNA defects**
 - 3243A>G (group A) (n = 20)
 - 3243A>G (group B) (n = 5)
 - Single deletion** (n = 15)



The MiSBIE Study

Mitochondrial Stress Brain Imaging and Epigenetics

Investigating the link between the mind and the body



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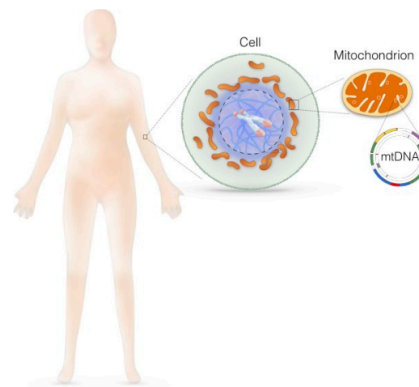
Understanding Mitochondrial Disease

Researchers are just starting to understand the factors that influence aging and the progression of various diseases. Life stress can change the function of the body and influence the development of certain age-related diseases, such as cardiovascular disease and neurodegeneration.

The goal of the MiSBIE study is to understand how an individual's life experience and emotions affect physical health, psychological functioning, and disease risk.

Each cell of the body contains hundreds of mitochondria, which have their own DNA: mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA). Mitochondria produce energy and signals enabling cells to function normally. The MiSBIE study investigates the link between mitochondria, brain function, and different organs to understand their interaction, and *the person as a whole*.

This study also aims to understand the behavior of genes, whether they are turned “on” or “off”. This is called “epigenetics” and is measured in DNA from different cells.



Columbia University Medical Center

The MiSBIE study is a research study taking place at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at the **Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC)**, a leading medical institution of care and research.

The partnering Department of Neurology and Department of Psychiatry have a long history of clinical care and research in studying the effects of stress on the body and in mitochondrial disease.

CUMC is located at 168th Street and Broadway in Upper Manhattan, by the Hudson River in New York City, NY.



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The MiSBIE Study

A two-day visit

This research includes two visits of about 8 hours each. Participants stay overnight at a nearby hotel.

Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Transport

Would you need to travel to NYC? If so, the MiSBIE Team will arrange your travel and reimburse your expenses associated with the study.

Confidentiality

All results and biological samples are kept **strictly confidential**.

Compensation

Participants who complete the study receive a compensation of \$599.

Eligibility

You are eligible if you are a woman or man between the ages of 18 and 60, and willing to visit Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) for a two-day visit.

We are recruiting individuals with the following mtDNA mutations:

- m.3243A>G (MELAS)
- Single, large scale deletion (CPEO)



Study tests

On Day 1, participants undergo a laboratory evaluation. Saliva and blood samples, and a small clip of hair are collected. Heart rate and blood pressure are monitored. Participants also complete a medical exam with a doctor.

On Day 2, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI, *picture above*) is used to safely measure brain activity, participants complete questionnaires on an iPad, and meet with a neuropsychologist.

Participants also collect saliva at home.

The MiSBIE Team

The MiSBIE team is a group of caring clinicians and researchers from academic disciplines including mitochondrial medicine, physiology, neuroscience, epigenetics, and psychology.

For more information about the study, please contact the clinical coordinator (see contact information on the back).

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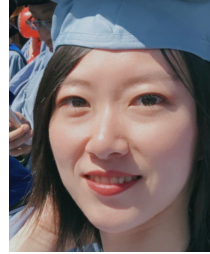
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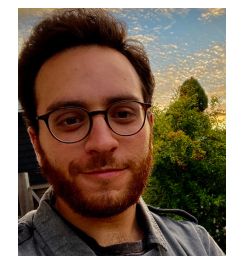
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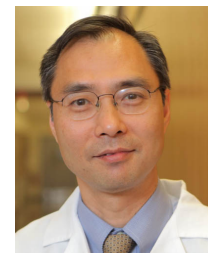
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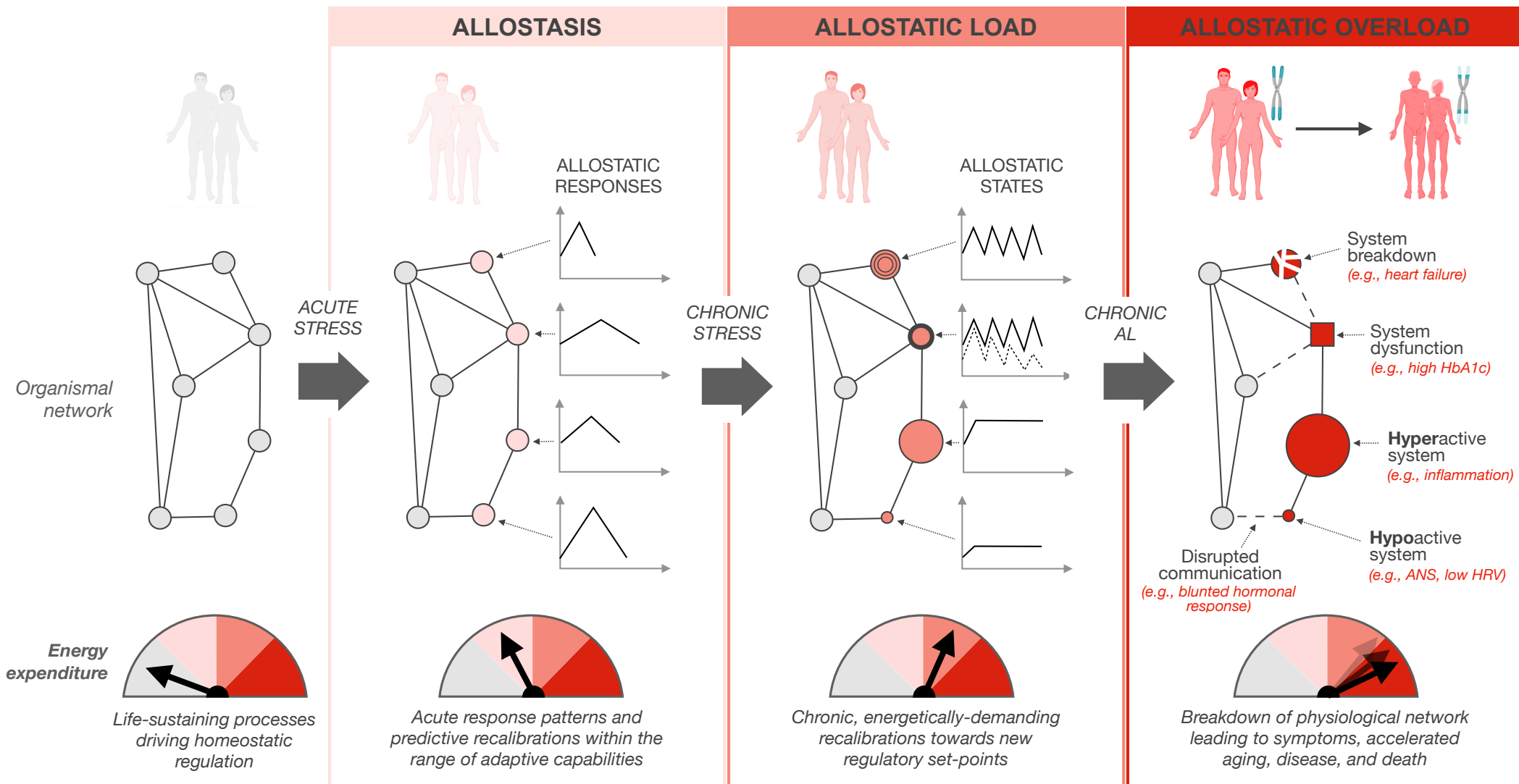
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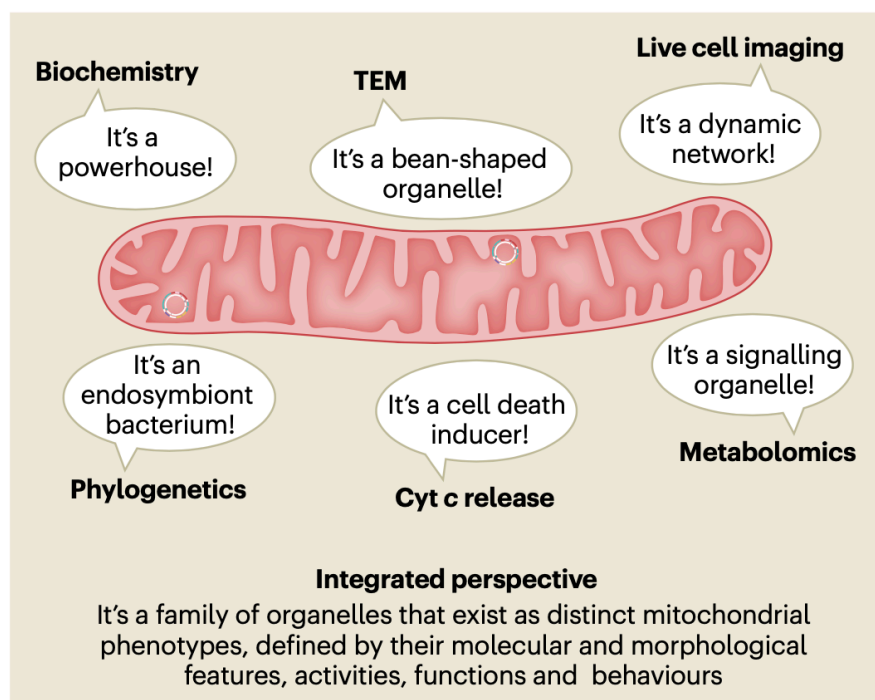
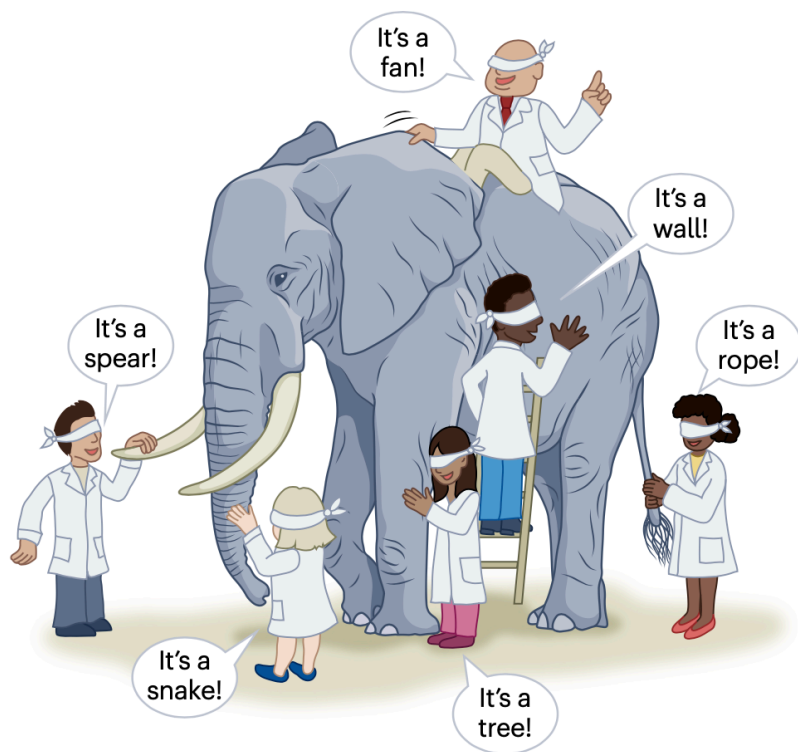
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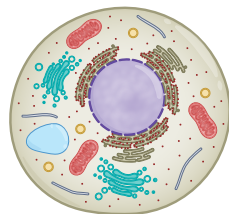
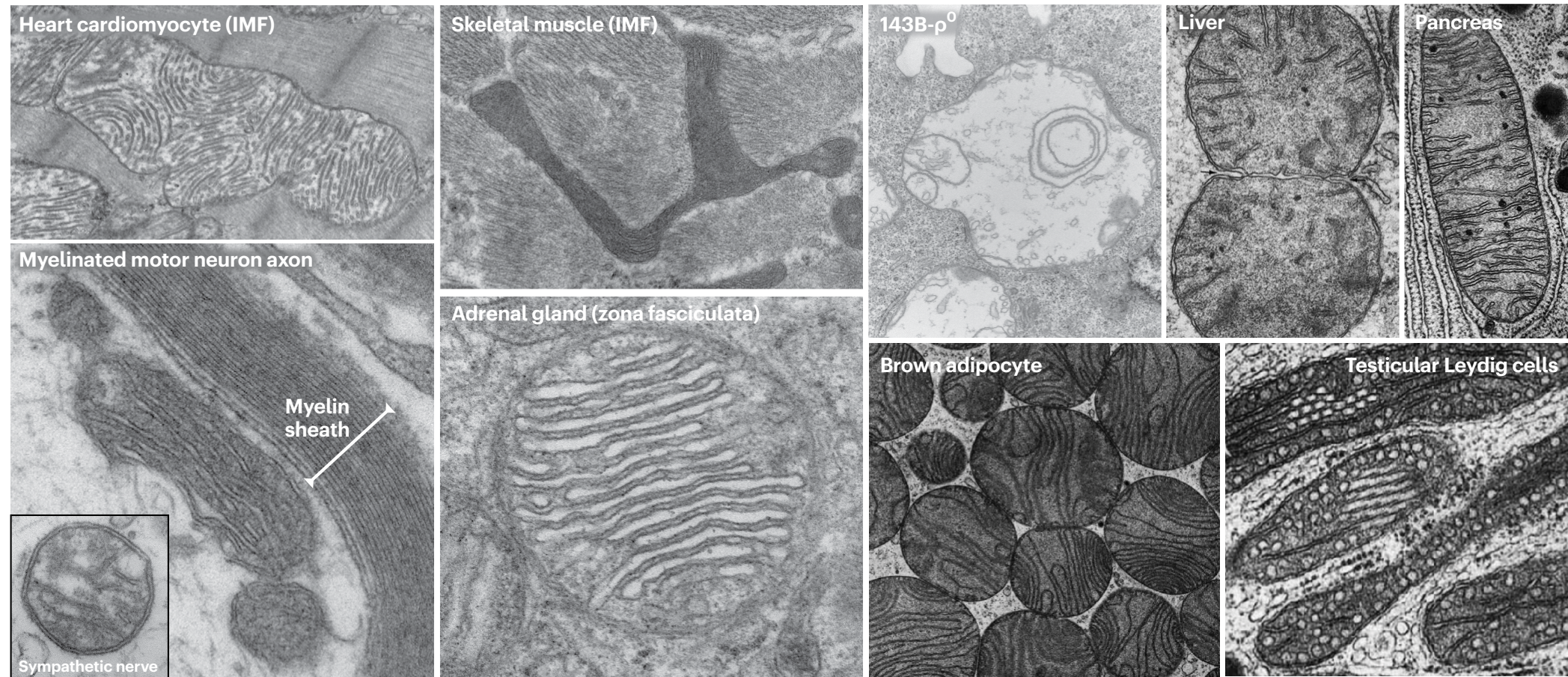


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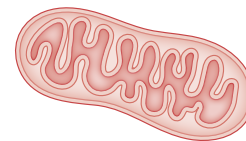


A catalogue of mitochondrial *functions*

Different mitochondria types (mitotypes)



Cell types and subtypes



Mitochondrial phenotypes

