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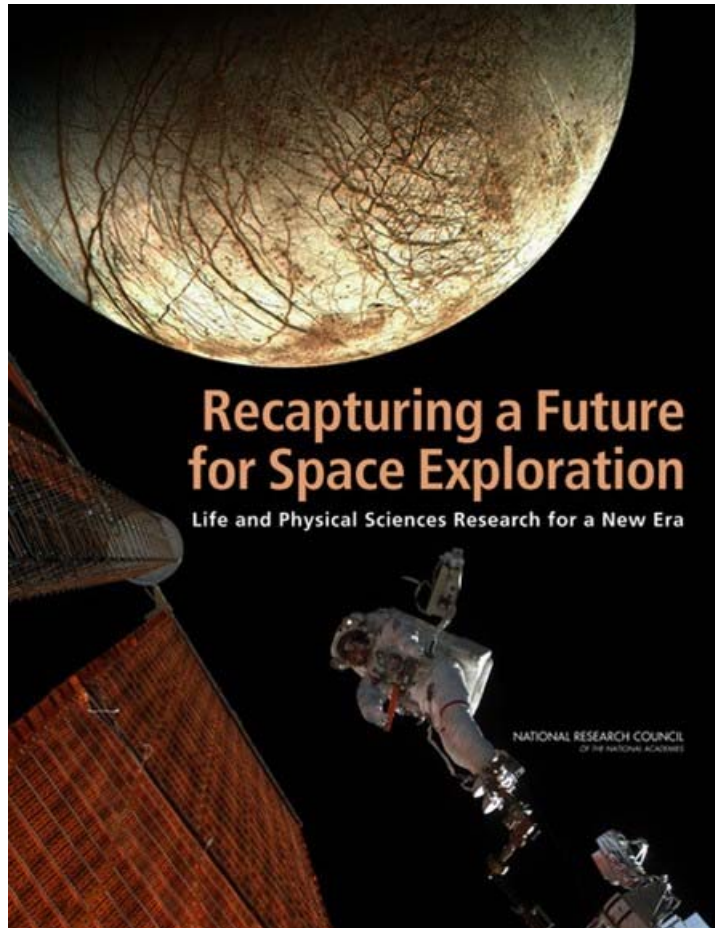




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NRC Decadal Survey



*“...**genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics** offer an immense opportunity to understand the effects of spaceflight on biological systems...”*

*“...Such techniques generate considerable amounts of **data that can be mined and analyzed** for information by multiple researchers...”*

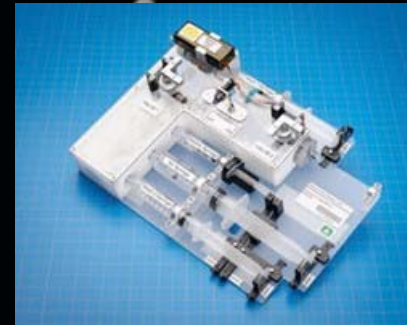


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Omics Acquisition in Space is Now a Reality



This is truly an exciting time for cellular and molecular biology, omics and biomedicine research on ISS with these amazing additions to the suite of ISS Laboratory capabilities.



**Sample Preparation
Module**



**Oxford Nanopore MinION
Gene Sequencer**

**Cepheid Smart Cycler
qRT-PCR**



Reaction tube
containing
lyophilized
chemical assay
bead
(proprietary)



Mini-PCR



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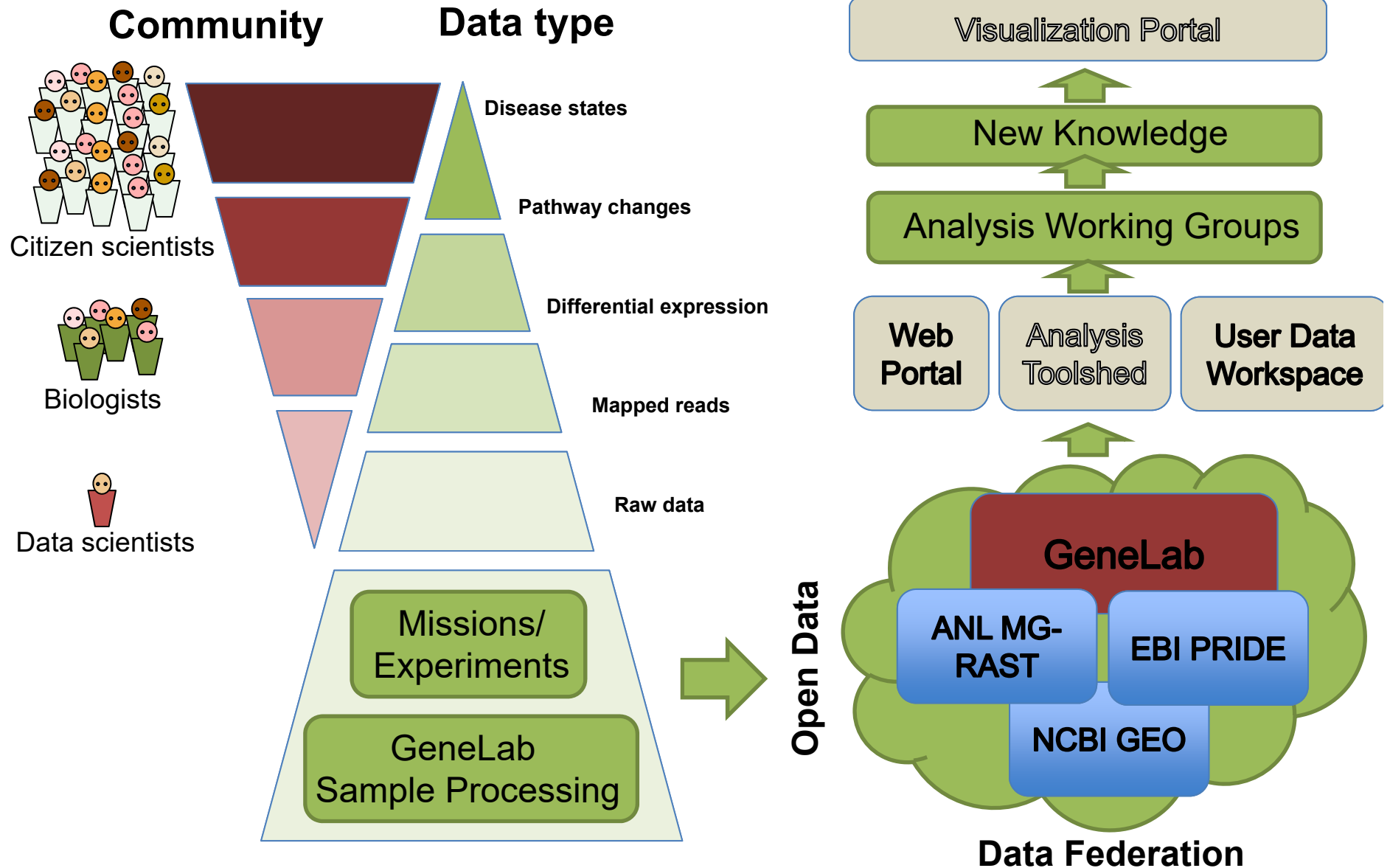
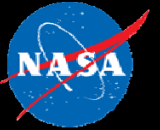
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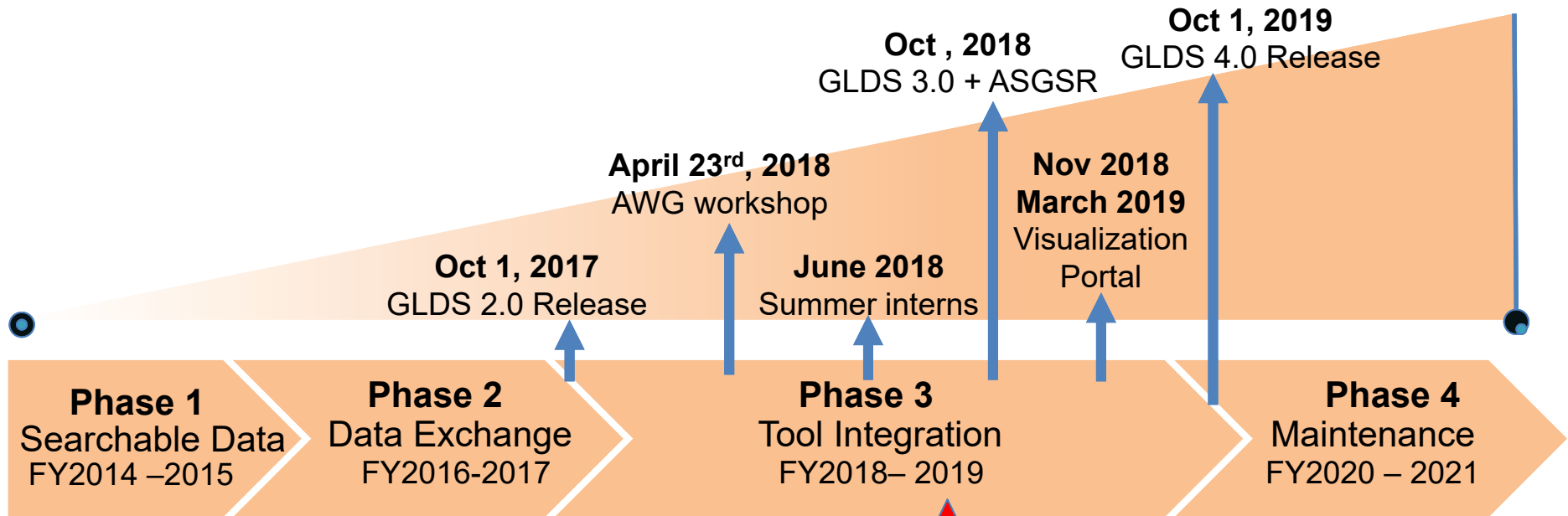


GeneLab Data Democratization





Phased Implementation



- Data System**
- ✓ Public Website
 - ✓ Searchable Data Repository
 - ✓ Top Level Requirements
 - ✓ New Data and Legacy Data

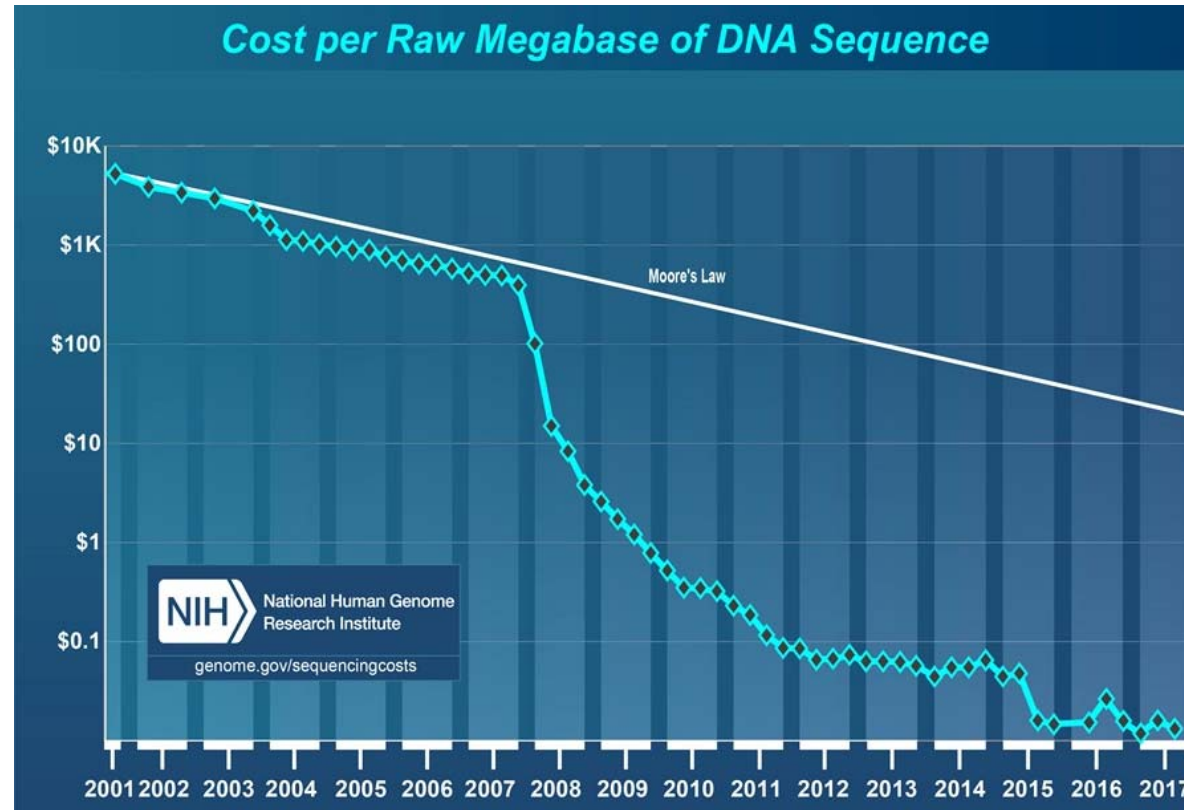
- Data System**
- ✓ Link to Public Databases via Data Federation
 - ✓ Integrated Search (e.g., data mashup)

- Data System**
- Integrated Platform across model organisms
 - Build Community via AWG
 - Provide access to biocomputational tools for omics analysis
 - Provide collaboration framework and tools

- Open Source Maintenance**
- User community becomes primary provider of new tools/knowledge
 - Maintain integrity of data, and data system



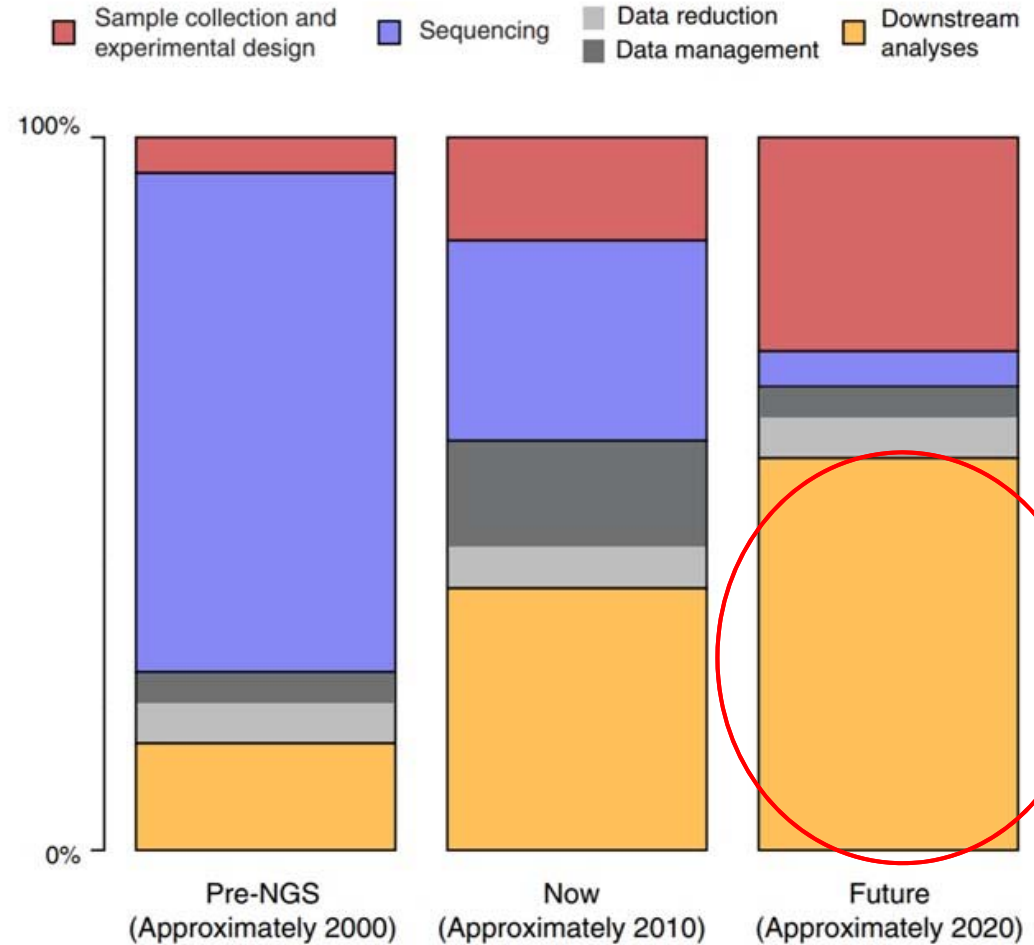
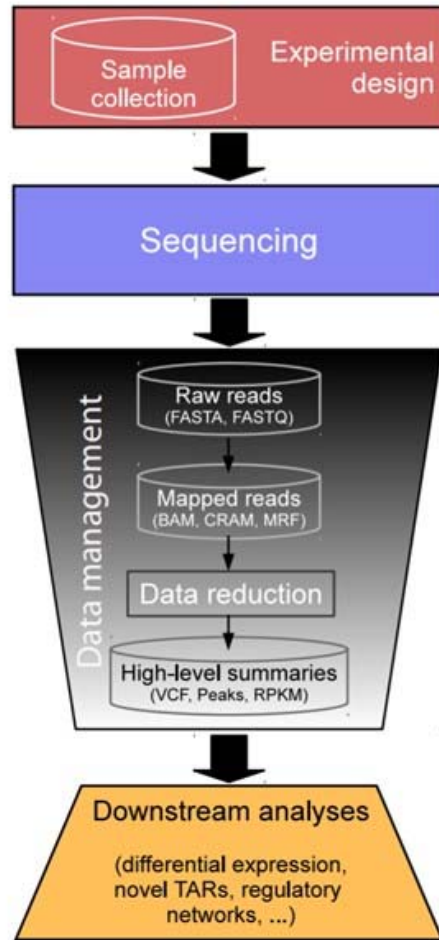
Sequencing cost in 2017



- Labor, administration, management, utilities, reagents, and consumables
- Sequencing instruments and other large equipment (amortized over three years)
- Informatics activities directly related to sequence production (e.g., laboratory information management systems and initial data processing)
- Submission of data to a public database
- Indirect Costs (<http://oamp.od.nih.gov/dfas/faq/indirect-costs#difference>) as they relate to the above items



The real cost of OMICS

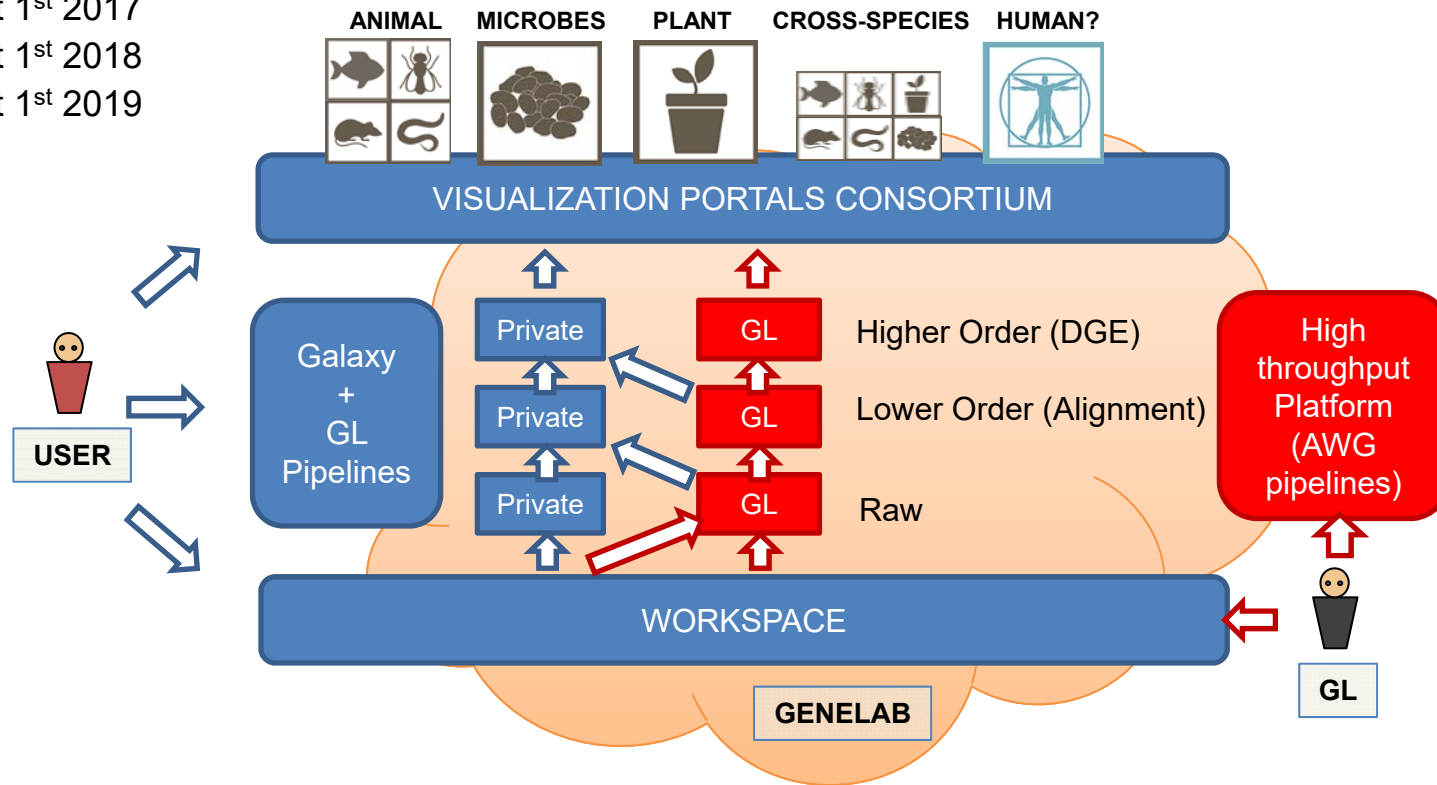




From GLDS 2.0 to GLDS 4.0

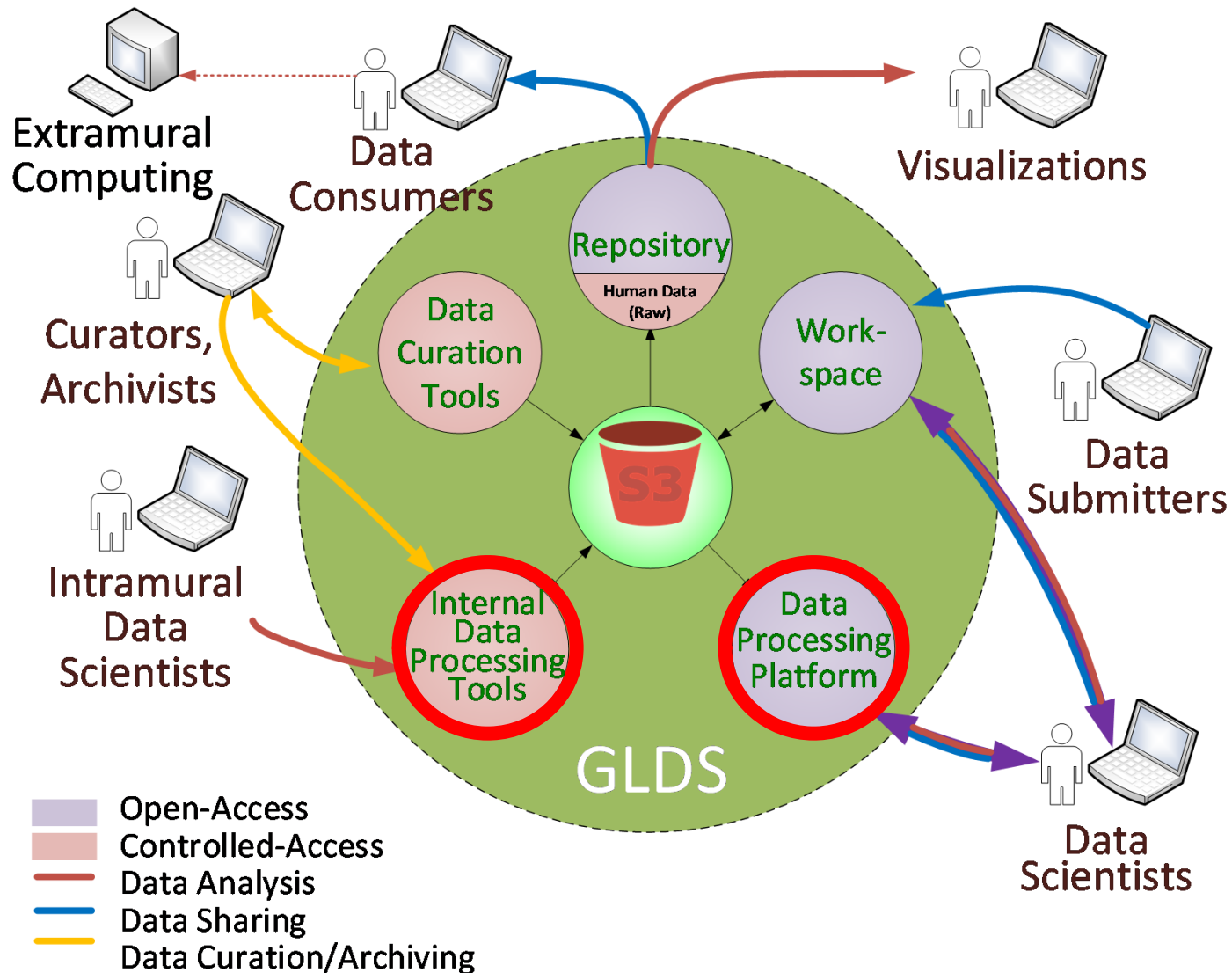


GLDS 2.0 – Oct 1st 2017
GLDS 3.0 – Oct 1st 2018
GLDS 4.0 – Oct 1st 2019



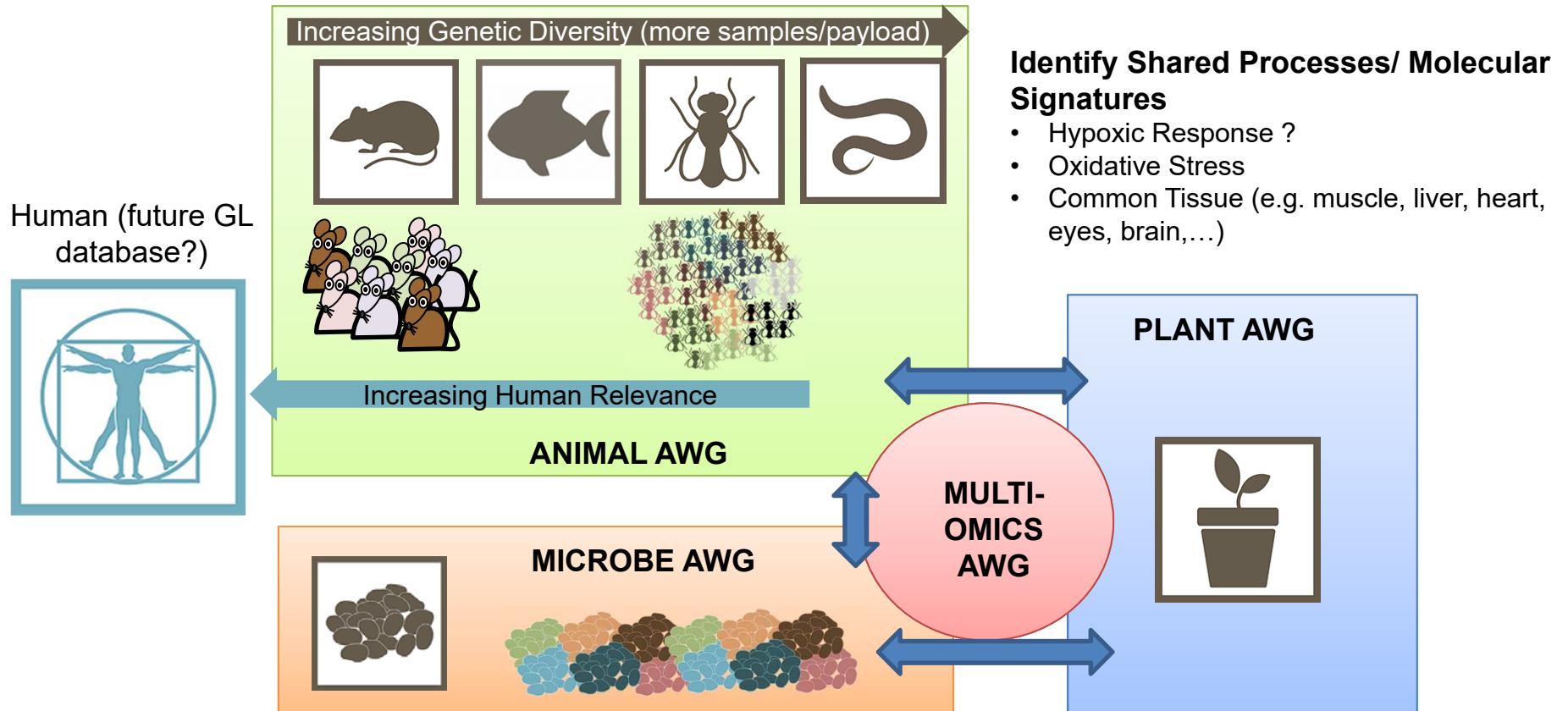


GLDS Systems Architecture Phase III





Guiding principles to look at GeneLab data

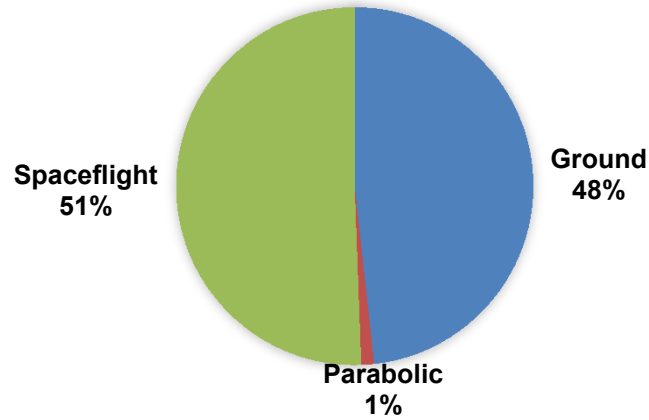




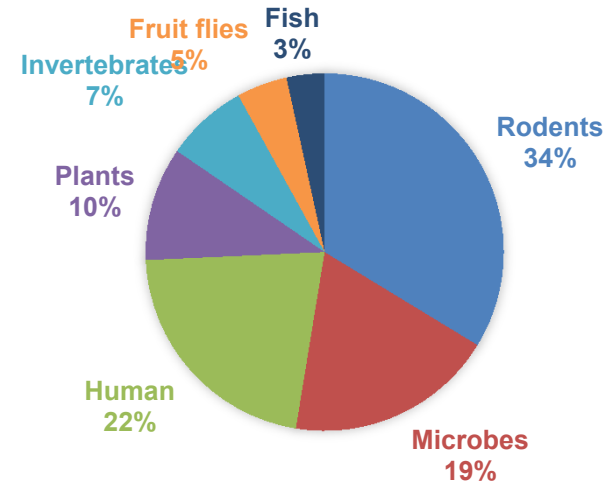
Overview: Database content



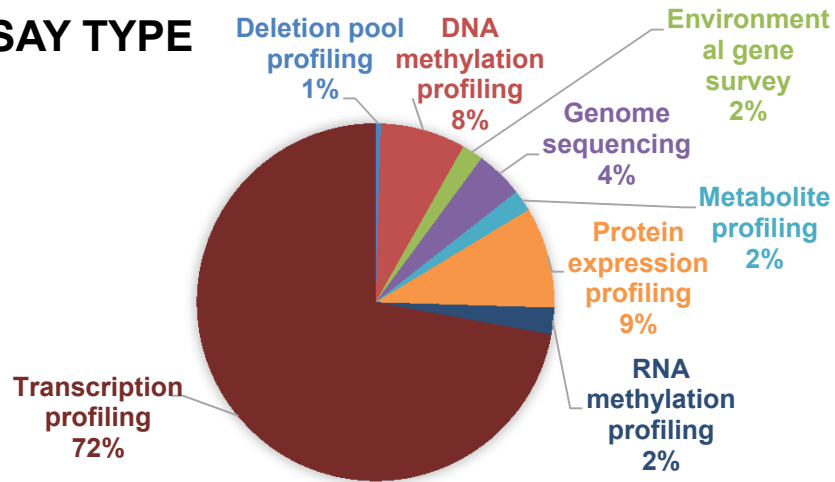
STUDY TYPE



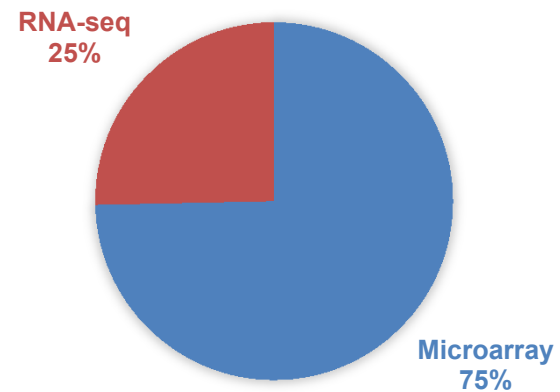
ORGANISM



ASSAY TYPE



TRANSCRIPTION PROFILING



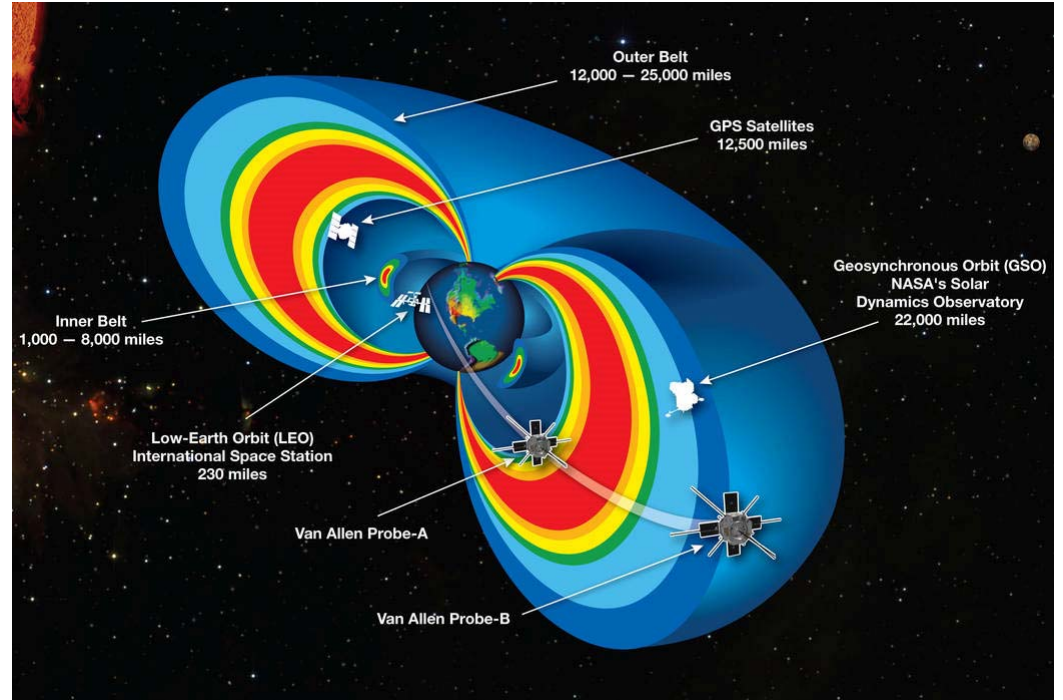
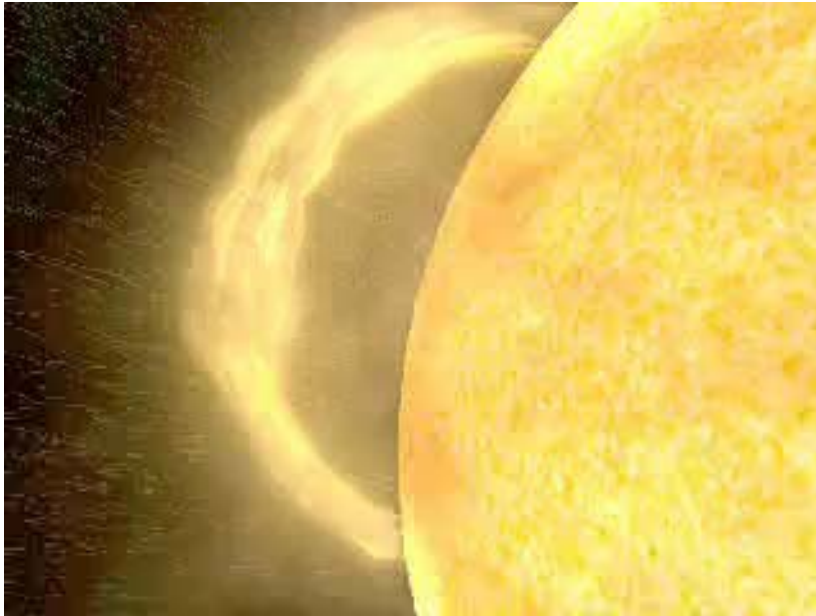
Total # of studies: 172



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The Radiation Factor

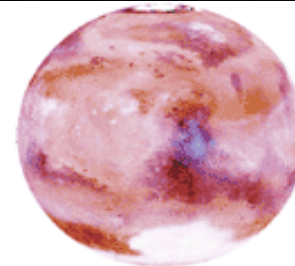


	MILLIREM:
CHEST X-RAY	8 to 50
AVG. YEARLY RADON DOSE	200
U.S. AVG. YEARLY DOSE	350
PET SCAN	1,000
1 YEAR IN KERALA, INDIA	1,300
U.S. NUCLEAR WORKER LIMIT PER YEAR	5,000
APOLLO 14 (9 DAYS)	1,140
SHUTTLE 41-C (18 DAYS)	5,600
SKYLAB 4 (84 DAYS)	17,800
MARS MISSION TOTAL	130,000

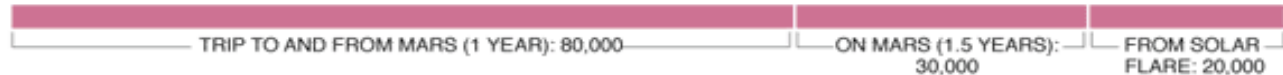
2½ Years, 2,600 X-Rays

Americans on average absorb the radiation equivalent of at least 7 chest X-rays each year.

Space missions, outside of Earth's protective atmosphere and magnetic field, expose astronauts to many times more.



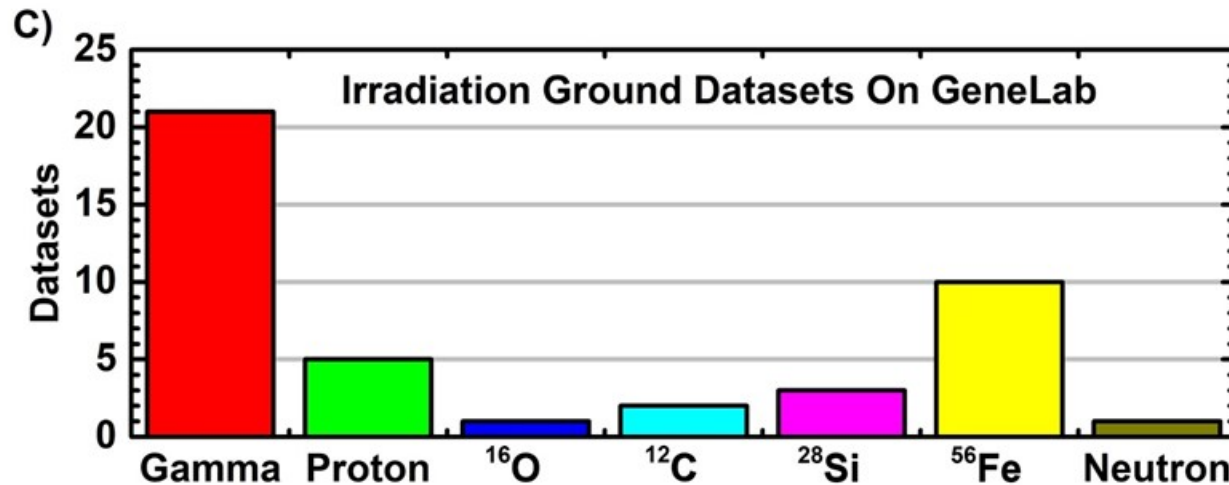
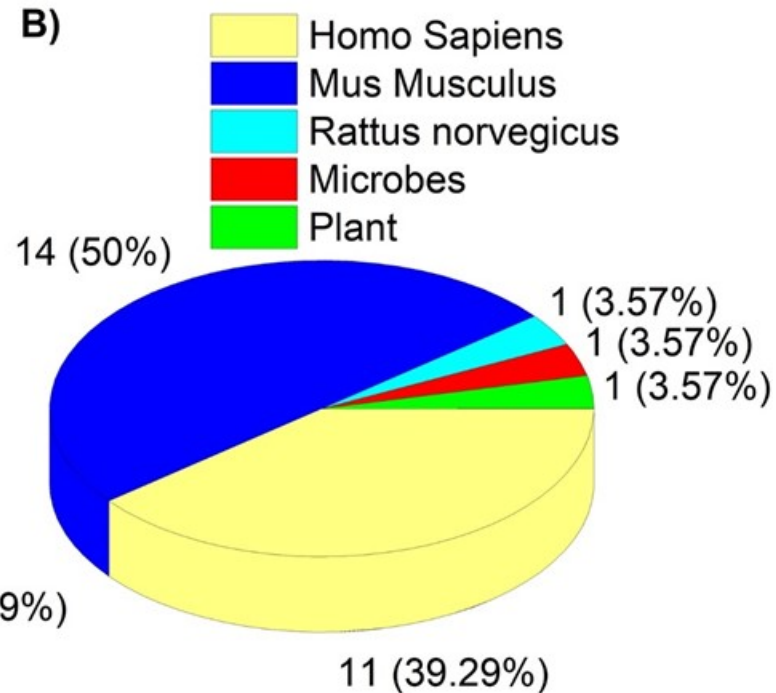
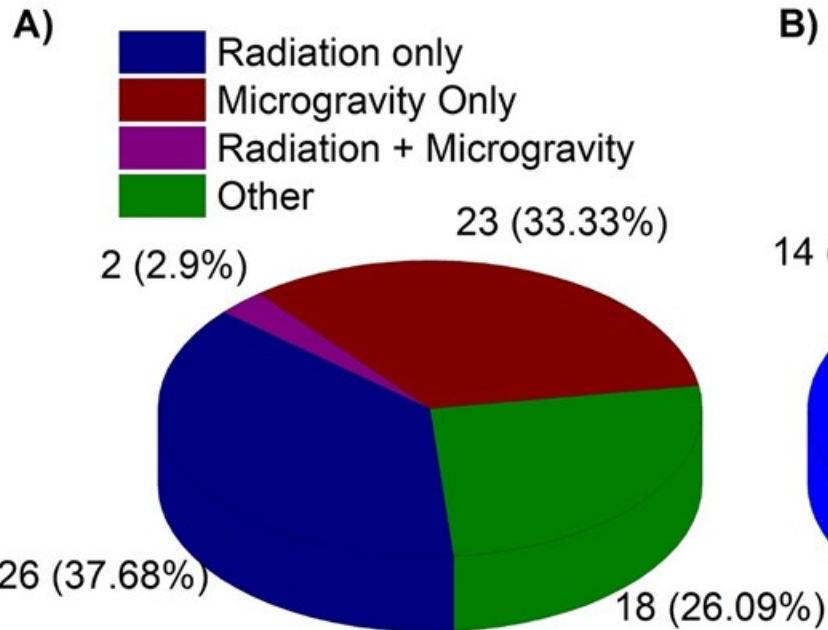
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Source: Brookhaven National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy

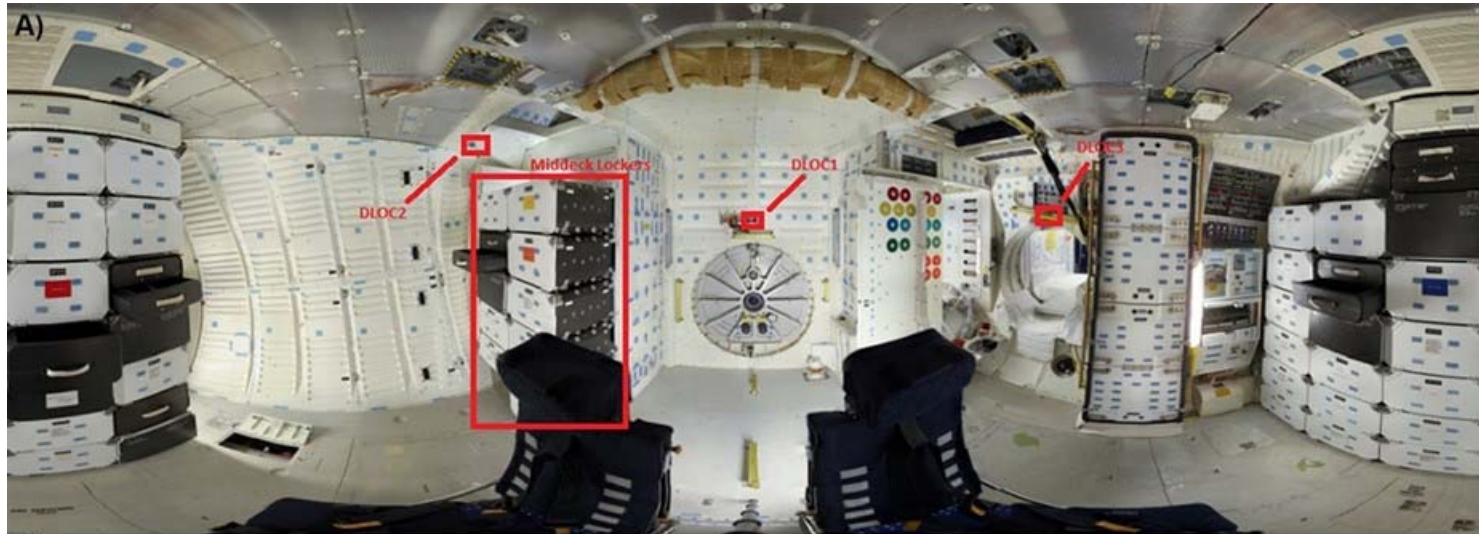


69 Ground Data Sets: Radiation and simulated microgravity

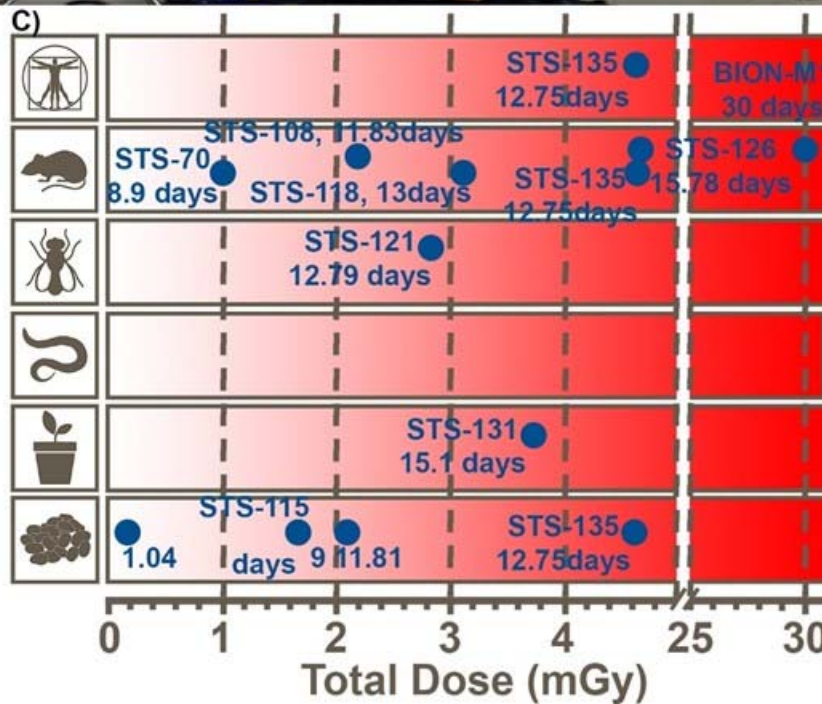
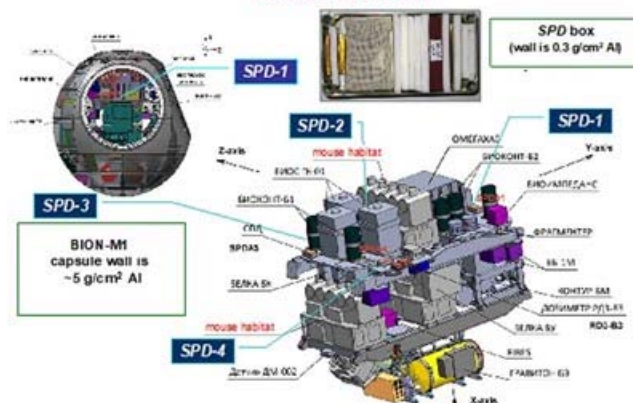




Radiation Dosimetry for STS samples (ISS to follow)



B) Locations of Radiation Detectors and Animal Holders inside BION-M1





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GeneLab Analysis Working Groups: Letting the scientific community take the lead



Map created with <https://www.zeemaps.com/>

Total AWG Members: 114

AWG Members Per Group:

Animal	47
Multi-Omics/System Biology	33
Plants	24
Microbes	21

**Some members are in multiple groups*



Annual Workshop (April 2018)



**2018 Summer Internship:
Generate all higher order data**

- **Monthly meetings + “Homework”**
- **Deliverables:**
 - Consensus pipelines for primary analysis of data (Microarray, RNASeq, Bisulfite sequencing, Proteomics, 16S metagenomics, Whole genome metagenomics)
 - Recommendations for visualization of data



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Publications using GeneLab

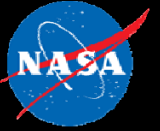


Year	Title	Journal	Authors	Status
2017	Validation of Methods to Assess the Immunoglobulin Gene Repertoire in Tissues Obtained from Mice on the International Space Station.	Gravit Space Res.	Rettig TA, Ward C, Pecaut MJ, Chapes SK	Published
2018	A microRNA signature and TGF- β 1 response were identified as the key master regulators for spaceflight response	PLoS One	Beheshti A, Ray S, Fogle H, Berrios D, Costes SV	Published
2018	NASA GeneLab Project: Bridging Space Radiation Omics with Ground Studies Project: Bridging Space Radiation Omics with Ground Studies	Radiation Research	Beheshti A, Miller J, Kidane Y, Berrios D, Gebre SG, Costes SV	Published
2018	Global transcriptomic analysis suggests carbon dioxide as an environmental stressor in spaceflight: A GeneLab case study	Scientific Reports	Beheshti A, Cekanaviciute E, Smith DJ, Costes SV	Published
2018	Exploring the Effects of Spaceflight on Mouse Physiology using the Open Access NASA GeneLab Platform	JoVE	A Beheshti, Y Shirazi-Fard, S Choi, D Berrios, SG Gebre, JM Galazka, SV Costes	Undergoing revision
2018	GeneLab: Omics database for spaceflight experiments	Bioinformatics	S Ray, S Gebre, H Fogle, D Berrios, PB Tran , JM Galazka, S V Costes	Submitted



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Cage Effects with rodent experiments: Carbon Dioxide as an Environmental Stressor in Spaceflight

Beheshti A, Cekanaviciute E, Smith DJ, Costes SV. Global transcriptomic analysis suggests carbon dioxide as an environmental stressor in spaceflight: A systems biology GeneLab case study. *Sci Rep.* 2018;8(1):4191. doi: 10.1038/s41598-018-22613-1. PubMed PMID: 29520055; PMCID: PMC5843582.



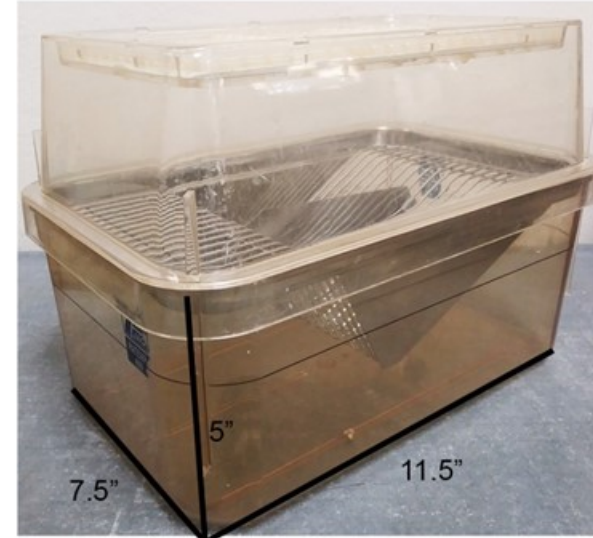
Carbon Dioxide as an Environmental Stressor in Spaceflight



A) Cage Types



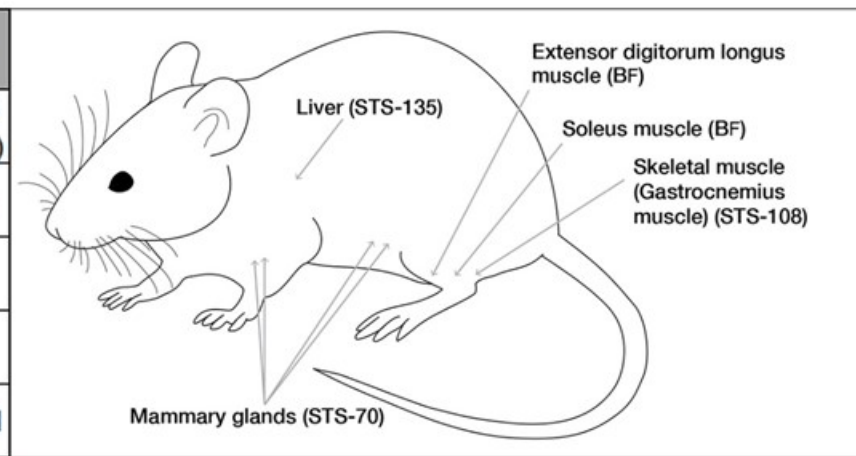
Animal Enclosure Module (AEM)



Sample vivarium cage

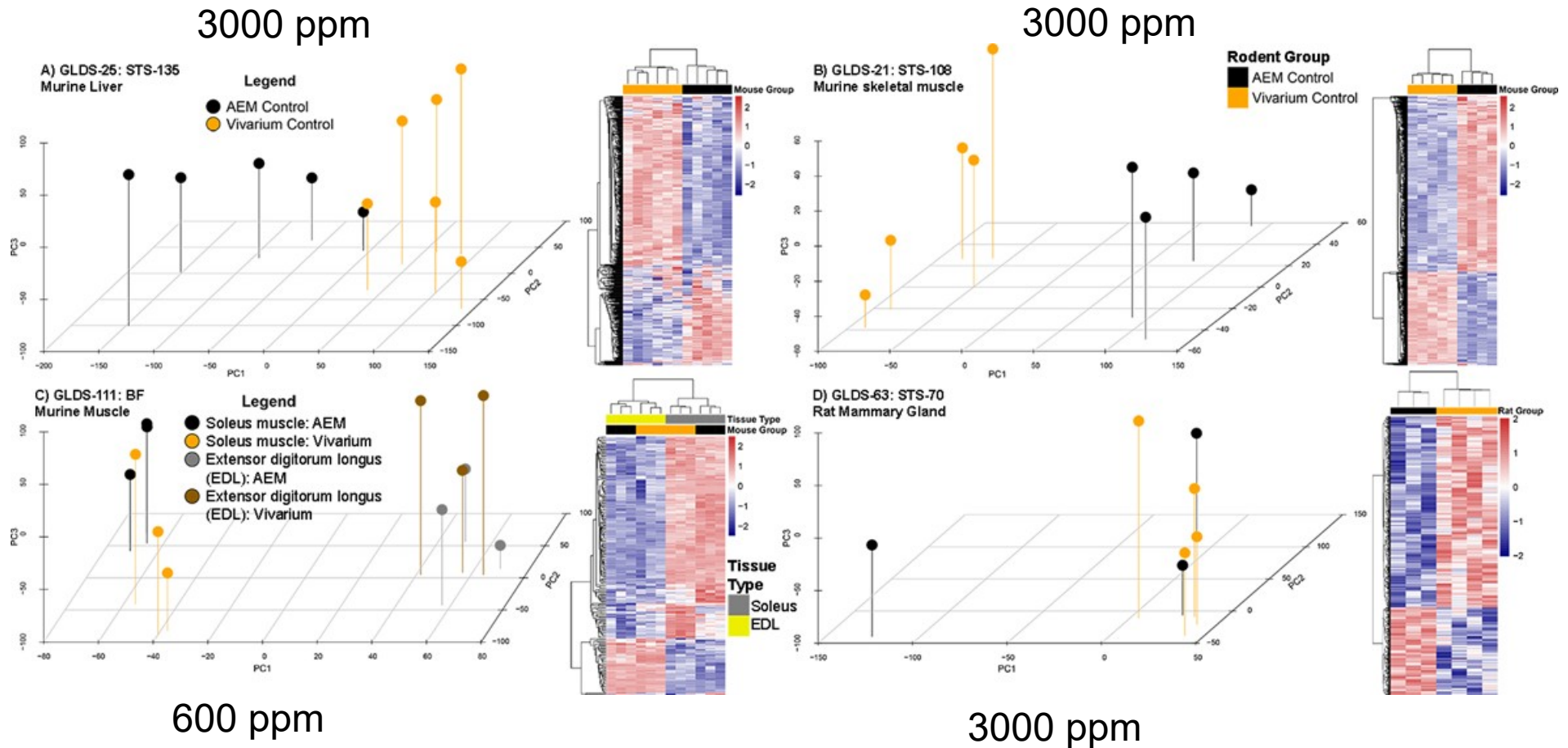
B)

GeneLab Study	Mission	Species	CO ₂ (ppm)	Duration (days)	Tissue Type
GLDS-21	STS-108	mouse	~3000	11.8	skeletal muscle (gastrocnemius)
GLDS-111	BF	mouse	~600	30	soleus muscle
GLDS-111	BF	mouse	~600	30	extensor digitorum
GLDS-25	STS-135	mouse	~3000	13	liver
GLDS-63	STS-70	rat	~3000 (est)	9	mammary gland





PCA Plots Suggest Strong Cage Effect



AEM = Animal Enclosure Modules (now referred to as Rodent Habitats)
Vivarium = normal ground based rodent cages

Beheshti, et al., Scientific Reports, 2018



Differential Gene Expression: Cage or CO2 Effect?



A) Venn Diagram of all significant genes

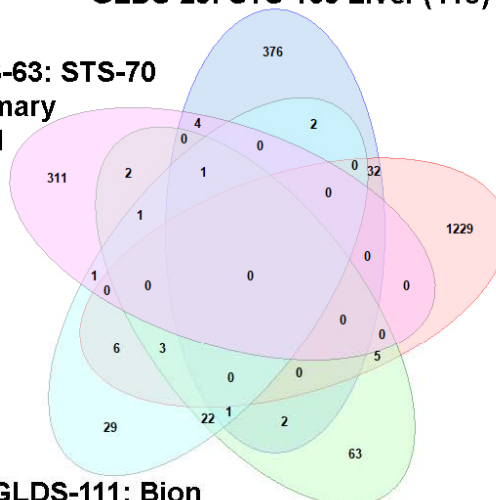
GLDS-25: STS-135 Liver (418)

GLDS-63: STS-70
Mammary
Gland
(348)

GLDS-21: STS-108
Skeletal Muscle
(1303)

GLDS-111: Bion
Extensor Digitorum
Longus (66)

GLDS-111: Bion
Soleus Muscle
(100)



An increase in aldosterone is associated with metabolic syndrome, which is characterized by chronic inflammation; aldosterone secretion can be triggered by hypoxia.

Beheshti, et al., Scientific Reports, 2018



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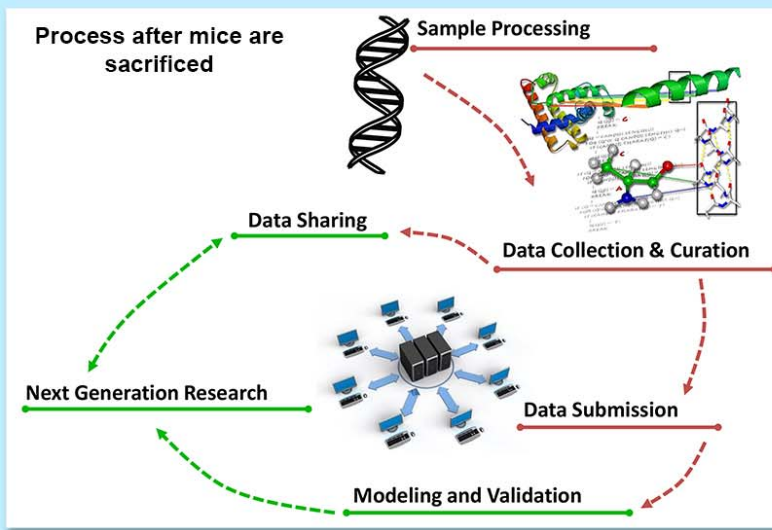
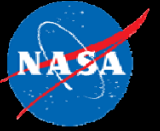


Systems Biology analysis reveals biological spaceflight master regulators

Beheshti, et al., PLOS One, 2018



GeneLab Data Used to Generate Results

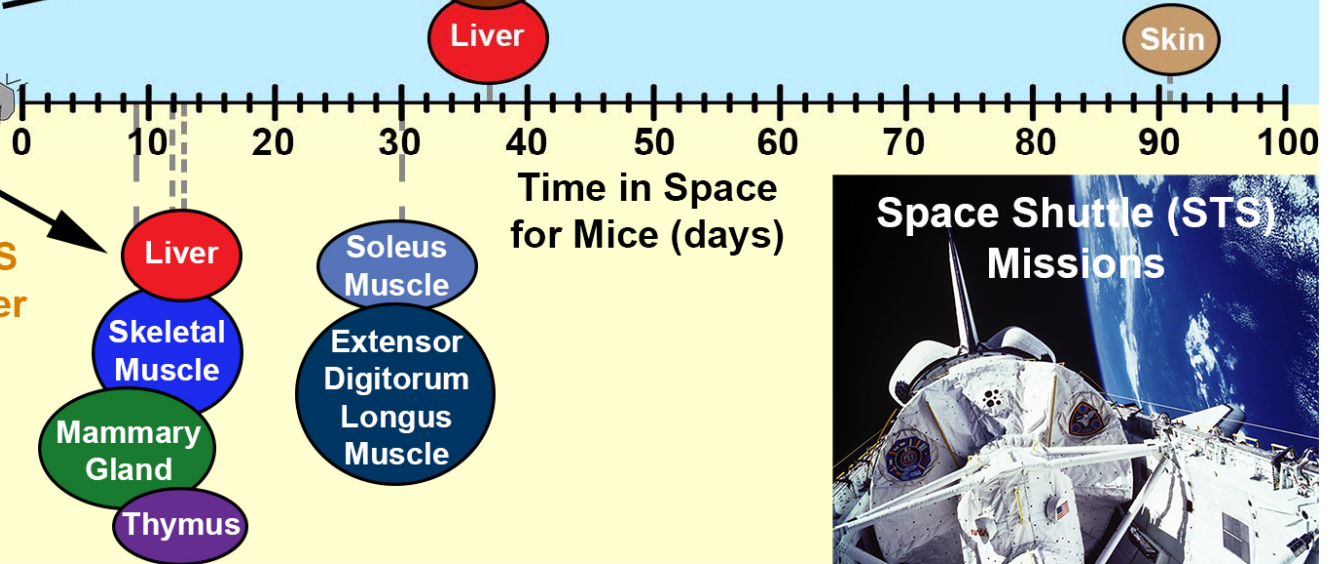


- Extensor Digitorum Longus Muscle
- Soleus Muscle
- Gastrocnemius Muscle
- Quadriceps
- Tibialis Anterior Muscle
- Adrenal Glands
- Kidney
- Liver



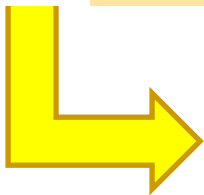
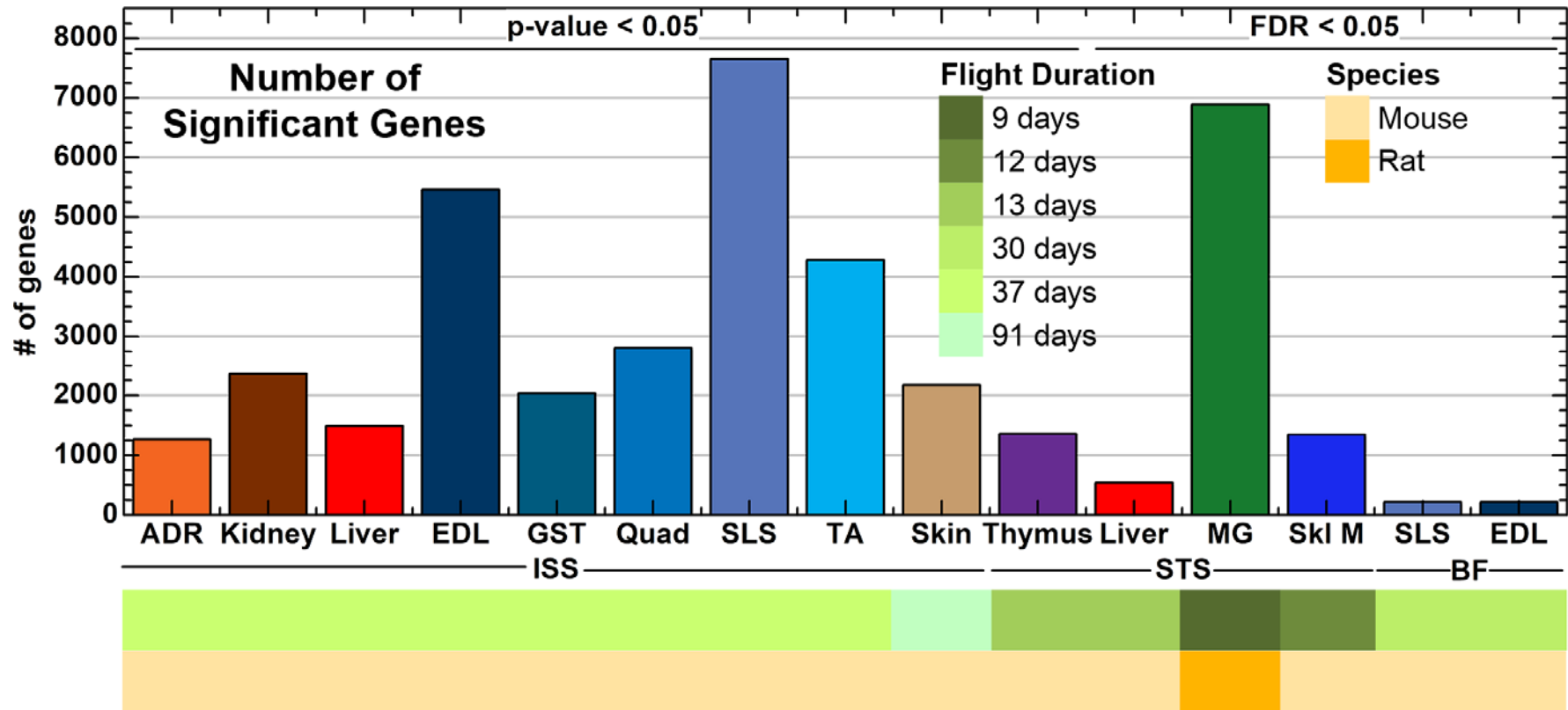
Mice Sacrificed on ISS

Mice flown on STS and Sacrificed after Re-entry



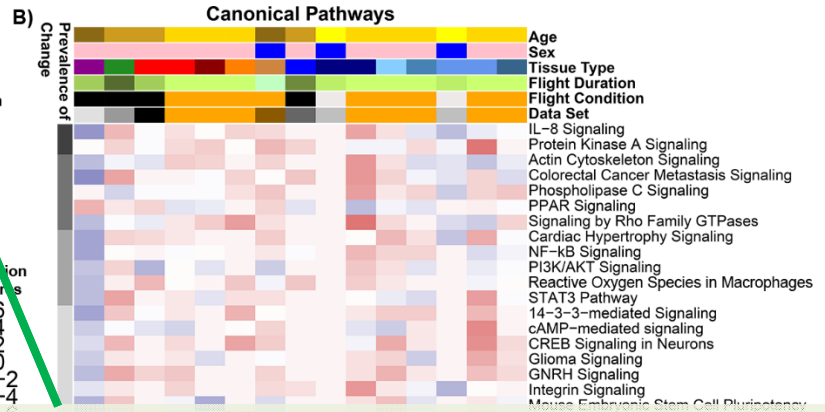
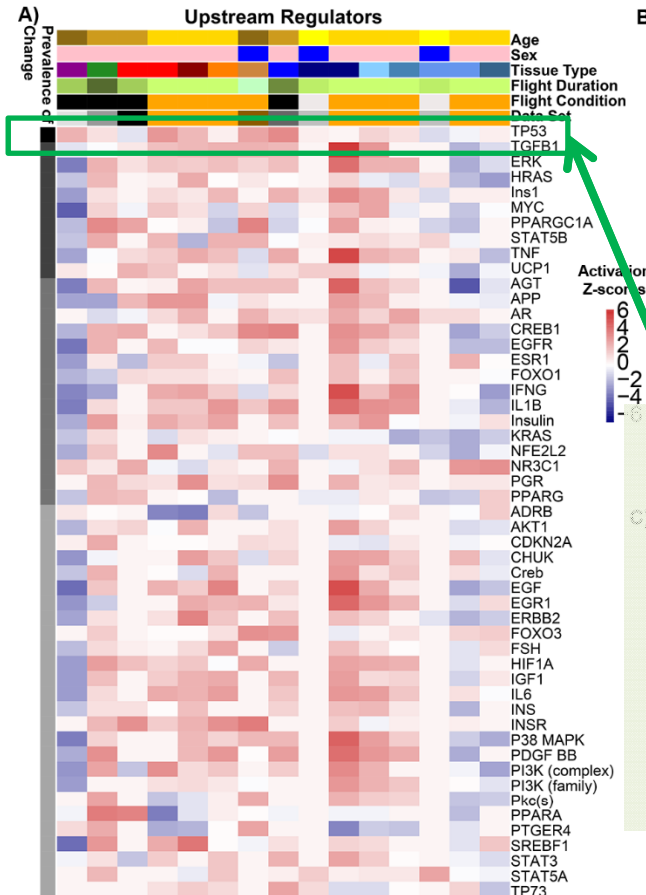


Number of Significant Genes from Each Dataset

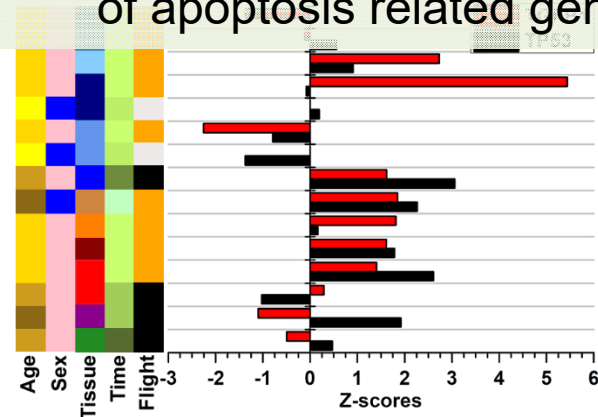
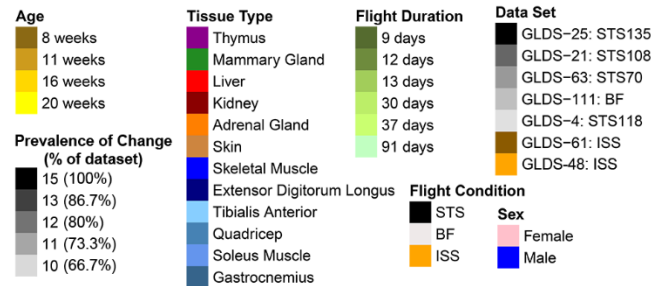




Predicted Master Regulators

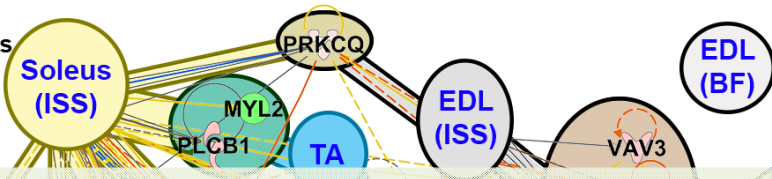


- **p53 found in all tissues**
 - p53 is a transcription factor and in response to genotoxic stress, DNA damage, oncogene activation, and hypoxia, it is recruited to sites in chromatin, thus promoting transcription of apoptosis related genes

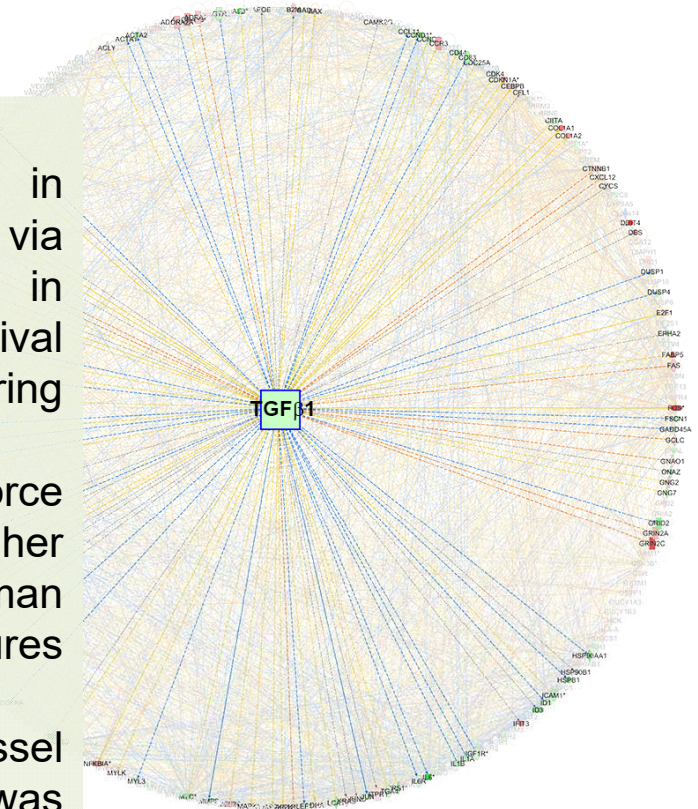




A) Direct Connections for Key Genes for Flight vs AEM

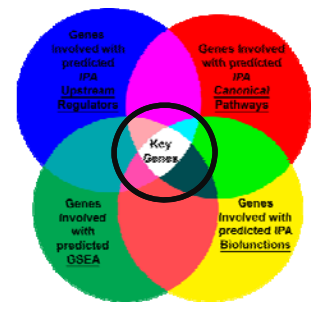


B) Connections Between all Key Genes for all Datasets (Flight vs AEM): Radial Plot with the most Connected Gene in the Middle



- **TGFβ1 found to be central regulator of key genes**
- TGFβ is known to play a context specific role in sustaining tissue homeostasis predominantly via transcriptional regulation of genes involved in differentiation, cell motility, proliferation, cell survival along with regulating immune responses during homeostasis and infection.
- Previous Studies found reduction in gravitational force to diminish TGF-β expression and apoptosis with higher carcinoembryonic antigen expression in 3D human colorectal carcinoma cells, as compared to 3D cultures in unit gravity.
- In another study, differential regulation of blood vessel growth using basic fibroblast growth factor was identified in modeled microgravity with induction early and late apoptosis, extracellular matrix proteins, endothelin-1 and TGFb1 expression

- GLDS-48: ISS, Quad
- GLDS-61: ISS, Skin
- GLDS-48: ISS, Tibialis Anterior (TA)
- GLDS-48: ISS, Liver
- GLDS-25: STS135, Liver
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- GLDS-111: BF, Extensor Digitorum Longus (EDL)
- GLDS-108: ISS, Longus (RDL)
- GLDS-109: ISS, Kidney
- GLDS-110: ISS, Soleus





Selected miRNAs Involved with Microgravity Effects

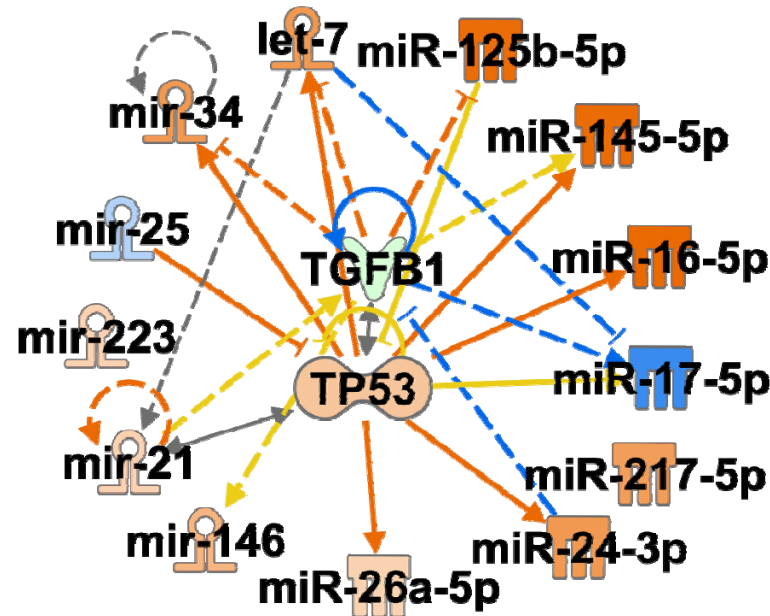


Health Risk Due to miRNAs



- A recent report showed that inactivation of p53 altered TGF- β signaling, which ironically displayed both tumor-suppressive and pro-oncogenic functions. p53 functions to integrate crosstalk between Ras/MAPK and TGF- β signaling via binding to Smad3, dislocating the Smad3/Smad4 complex formation and differentially regulating subsets of TGF- β target genes

Biological Health Risk Increased





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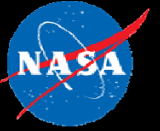


Analysis Working Group (AWG) Member related work determines novel systemic biological factors causing damage due to spaceflight

Work in progress



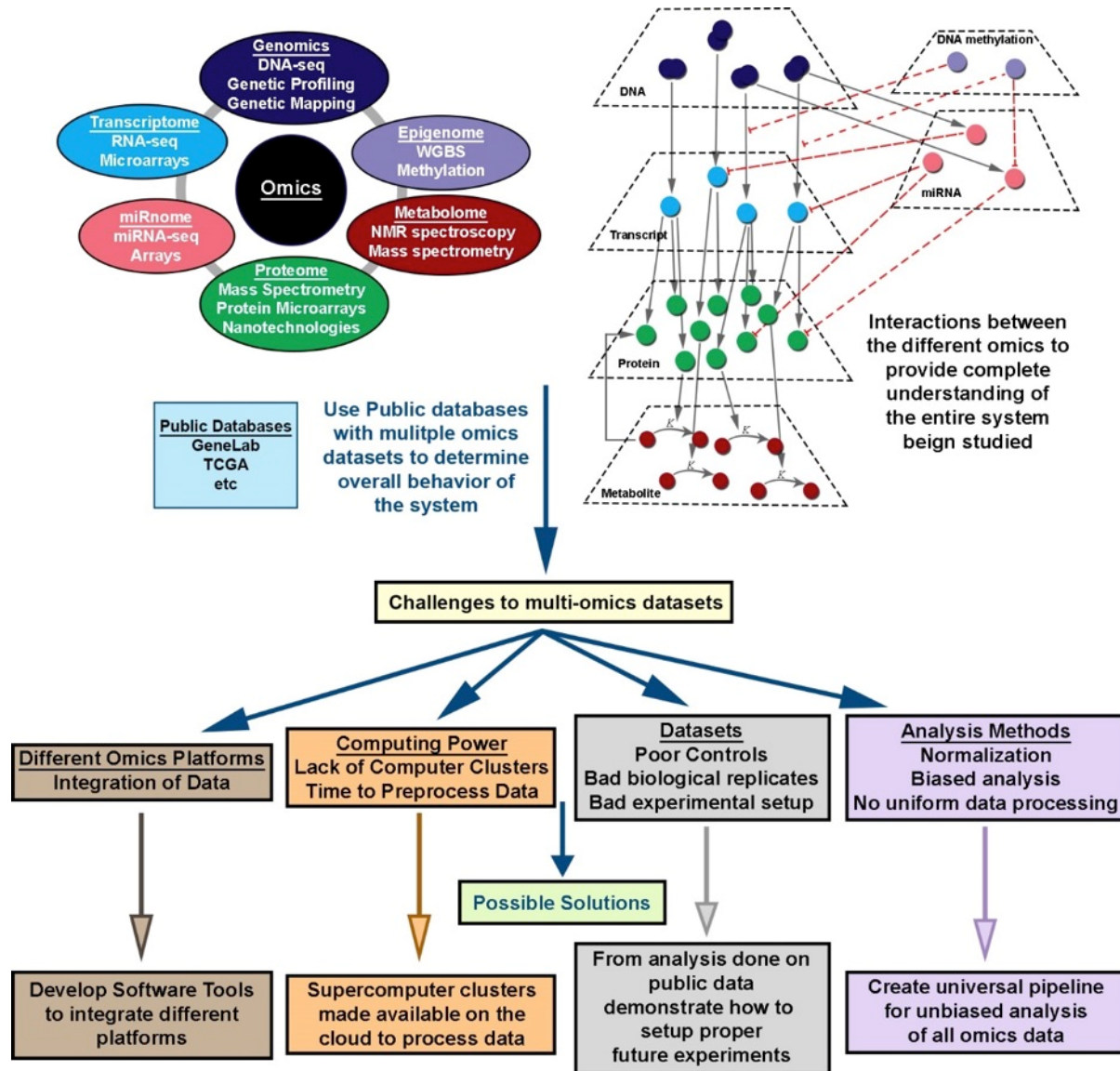
Goals of Multi- Omics/Systems Biology AWG



- **Primary Goal:** To determine the best pipelines, workflow, and tools to analyze relationships between multiple omics platforms (including: transcriptomic, proteomic, genomics, epigenetic, methylation, miRnome, and metabolomics).
 - Develop pipelines/workflows
 - Develop the optimal visualization tools to implement on GeneLab
- **Secondary Goal:** To provide the most biological significant data impacting space biology based on the existing GeneLab data from multiple platforms and species. This will be done through an unbiased Systems Biology approach with the optimal tools decided from the Primary Goal to determine the “master switch or regulator” that is affected due to space flight.



Omics Available on GeneLab and Challenges to Overcome



- 1) Determine, and get consensus for best tools to use for each type of omics and species.**
 - a) Specific R and python packages
 - b) Other platforms (i.e. GenePattern, Galaxy, homemade, etc)
- 2) Determine best approach to correlate cross-platform/omics comparisons.**
 - a) Use tools available
 - b) Create own possible tools between collaborations from the AWG members labs and people
- 3) Use newly created pipeline and tools to analyze existing GeneLab data and develop optimal visualization tools**
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 - I. First determine individual master regulators for each omic (i.e. Transcriptome, proteins, miRNAs, metabolites, methylated factors, and DNA mutations).
 - II. Then determine through the tools created through cross platform/omics the overall master regulators.
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- 5) Each step will produce at least one to two papers for publication headed by various members of the AWG**



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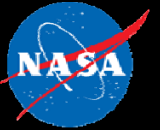
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AWG Members Involved



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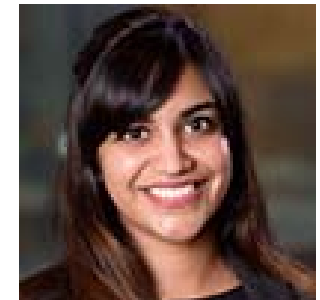
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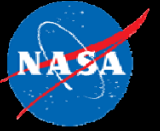
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Health Risks On Astronauts in Space



FEMALE ASTRONAUT



Women suffer less from hearing loss with advancing age, and do not display a bias towards loss of hearing in the left ear



Women demonstrate a slight bias towards accuracy versus speed in response to an alertness test



Women mount more potent immune responses



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Female astronauts, (to date) do not exhibit clinically significant visual impairment



Female astronauts are more susceptible to orthostatic intolerance



Urinary tract infections are more common in female astronauts



Large individual variability to muscle and bone loss in women



Health effect observed on Earth

MALE ASTRONAUT



Men suffer more from hearing loss with advancing age, and display a bias towards loss of hearing in the left ear



Men demonstrate a slight bias towards speed versus accuracy in response to an alertness test



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Calcium oxalate kidney stones more common in men



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Male astronauts less susceptible to orthostatic intolerance



Urinary tract infections less common in male astronauts



Large individual variability to muscle and bone loss in men



Health effect observed in space

EFFECTS OF SPACE ON THE HUMAN BODY

SENSORIMOTOR

Sensorimotor disturbances can impair a person's movement control.

SPINE

A body gets a little taller in space due to the expansion of the vertebrae. Could cause back pain on return to Earth.

BONES

Prolonged exposure to space can cause loss of bone mass and bone minerals.

CARDIOVASCULAR

Decreases in vascular function may reduce oxygen intake, which could lead to poor performance of physically demanding tasks.

MUSCLE

Lack of gravity causes muscle fibers to shrink, leaving a person weaker.

RADIATION

The body is at risk for radiation sickness and cancer.

SLEEP

Loss of sleep can lead to fatigue and psychological problems.

SOURCE: NASA
Janet Loehrke, USA TODAY

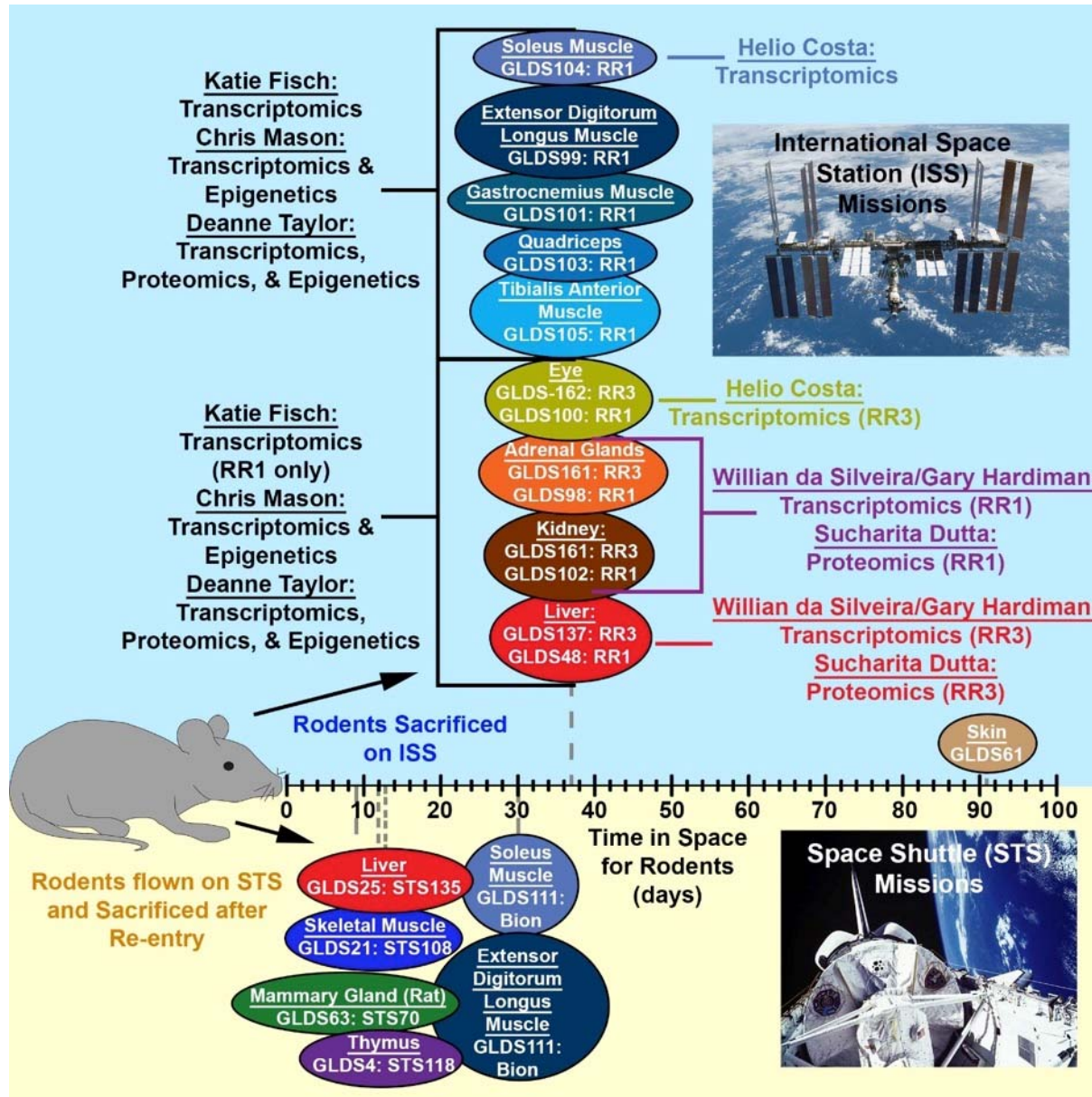




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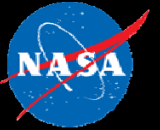
Specific Datasets and Tissues AWG Members Analyzed



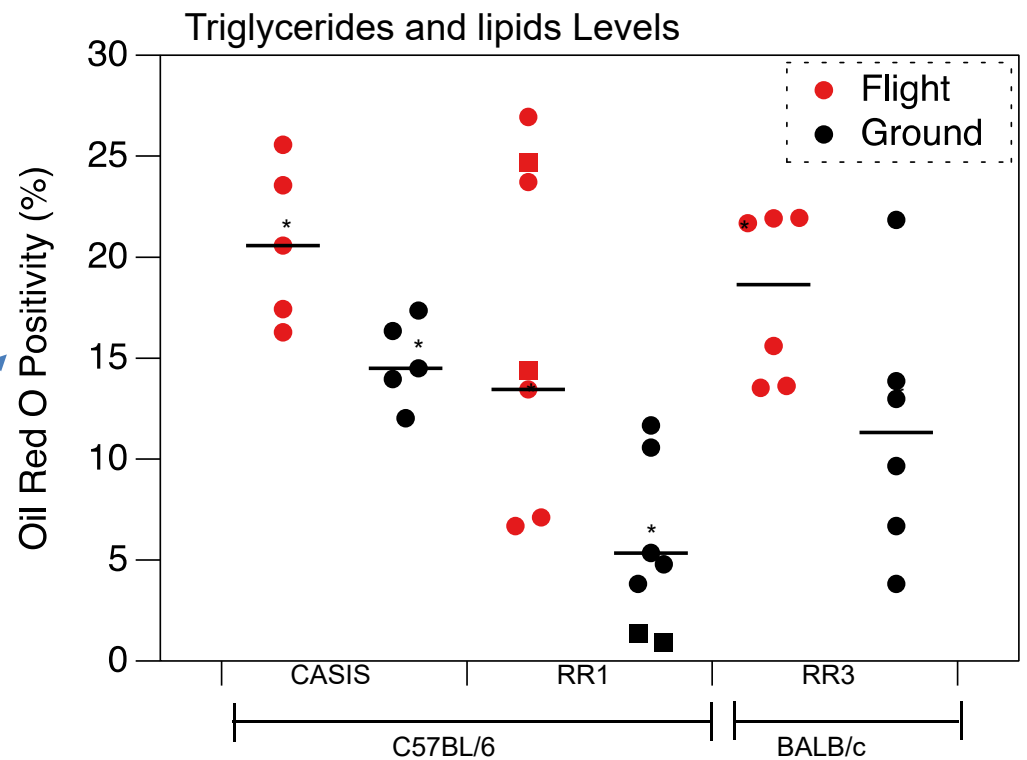
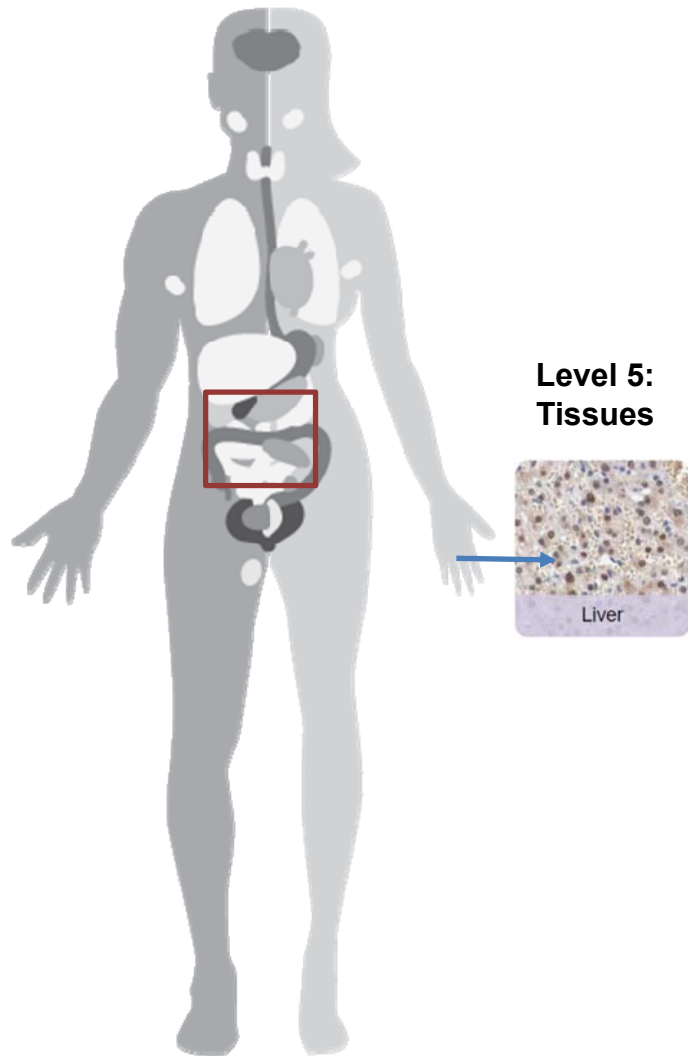
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Lipid Accumulation in the Liver



Level 7: The Body
Level 6: Organs



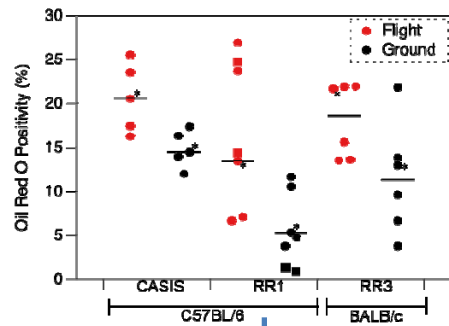


Lipid Accumulation in the Liver And Ion Diffusion

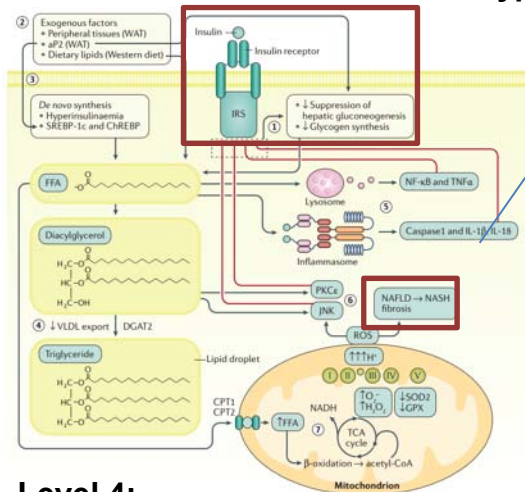


Level 5: Tissues

Triglycerides and lipids Levels

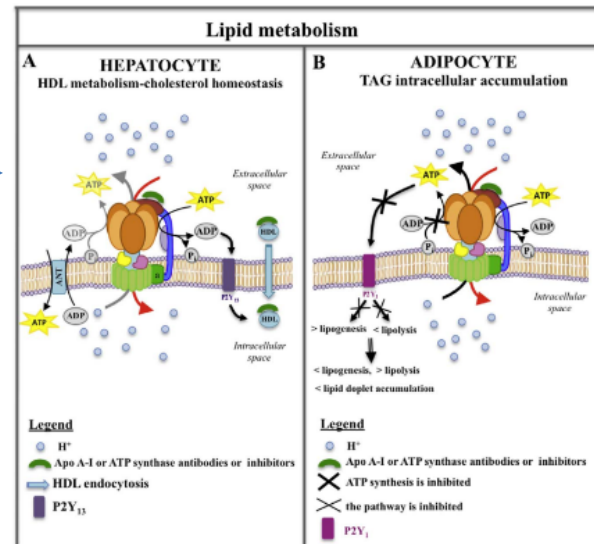


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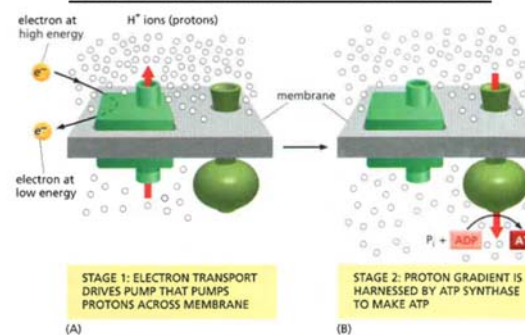
Inflammation

Level 1: Monomeric Units



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Mitochondria – All Cells



Mitochondrial Stress



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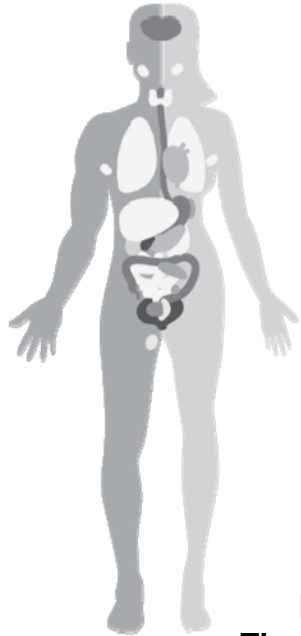
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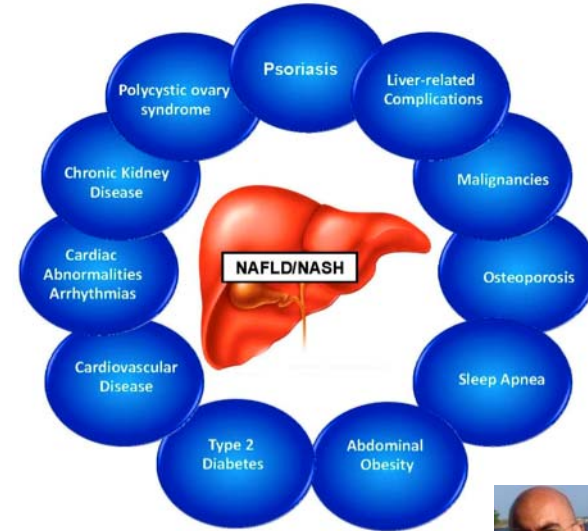
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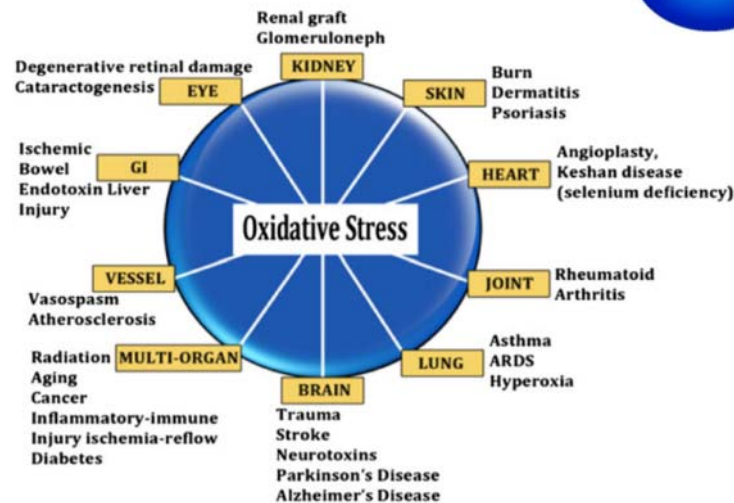
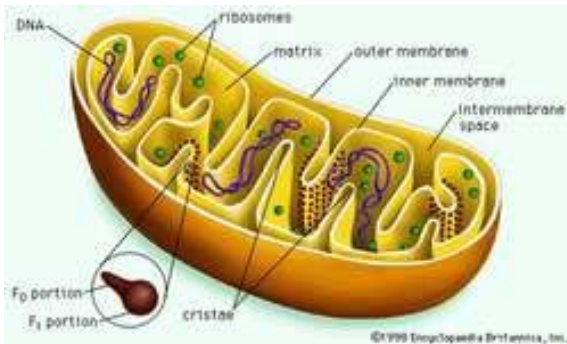
Diabetes
Complications



Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
Complications



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Schmidt & Goodwin, *Metabolomics* (2013).
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RR1 and RR3 Mice



RR1: C57BL/6
mice strain
(female)



Diabetes Type 2 induced by High Fat Diet Model:

- Th1 Immune Response (more inflammatory),
- More susceptible to adiposity, liver inflammation, and liver fibrosis

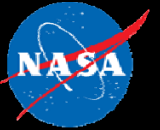
RR3: BALB/c
mice strain
(female)



- Th2 Immune Response (more tolerogenic),
- More susceptible to liver steatosis
- Radiosensitive



RR1 and RR3 Experimental Detail



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Exposition time: ≈ 40 days

RR1 -
C57BL/6



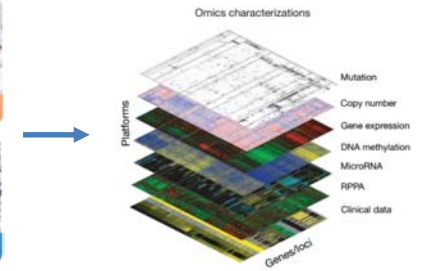
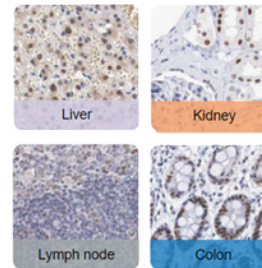
RR3 -
BALB/c



RR1
Space Flight n = 6
Ground Control n = 6

RR3
Space Flight n = 6
Basal Control* n = 6
Ground Control n = 6

**Level 5:
Tissues**



Earth



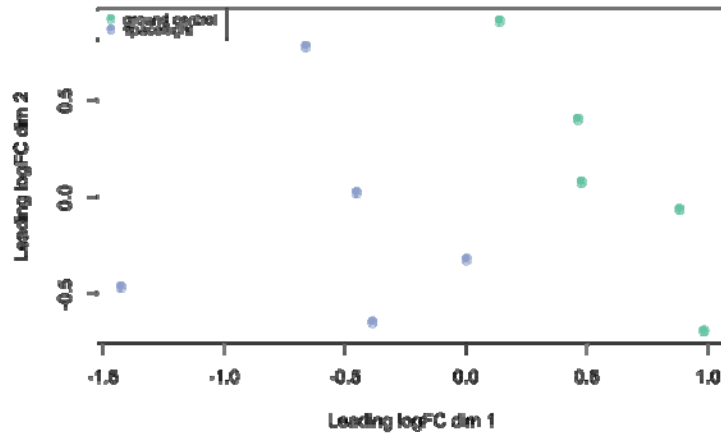


RR1 and RR3: Liver Transcriptomics



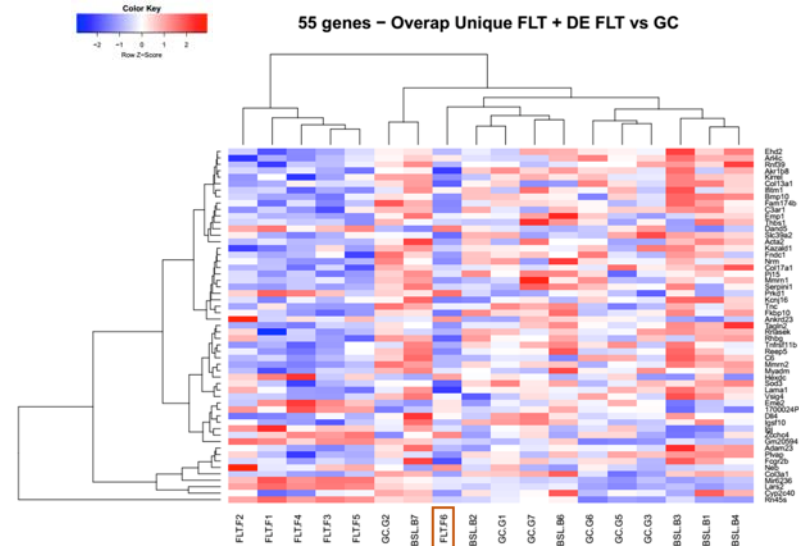
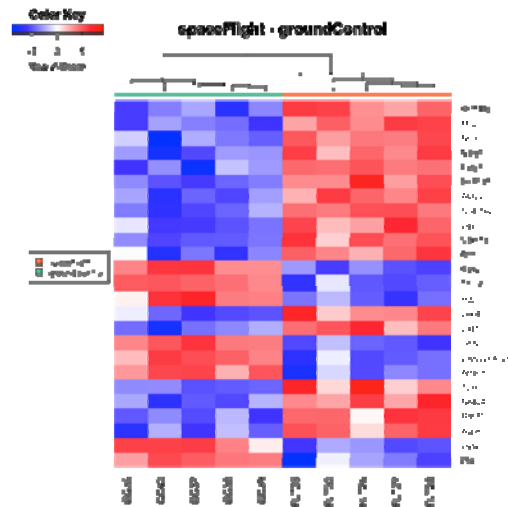
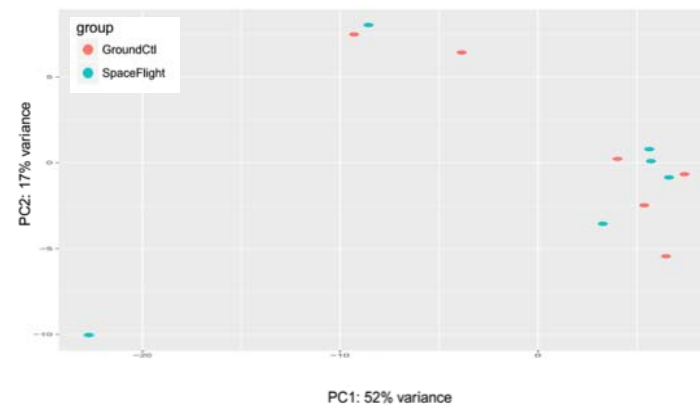
RR1 Liver (C57BL/6)

181 DE genes adj.P < 0.05



RR3 Liver (BALB/c)

0 DE genes adj.P < 0.05



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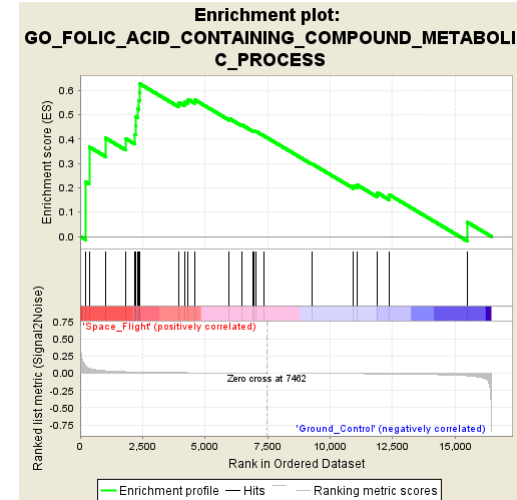
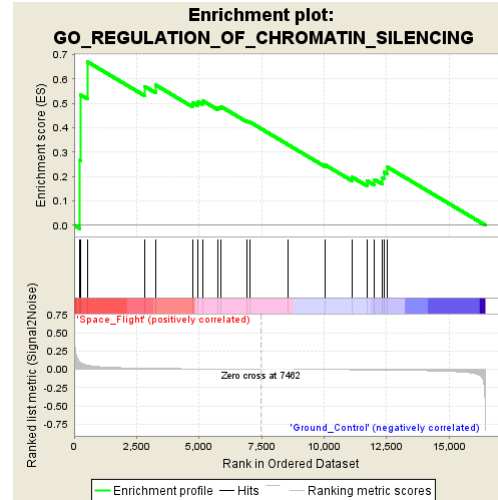
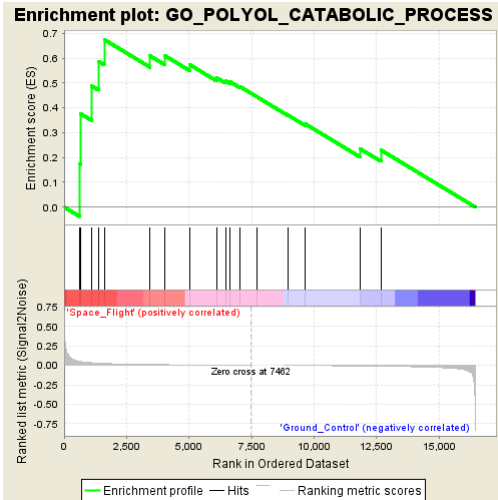
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RR3 (BALB/c) System Level Analysis



GSEA - G.O Biological Process:

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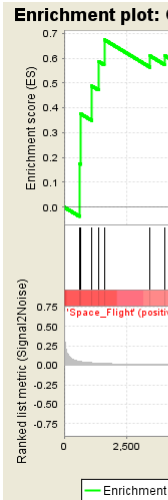
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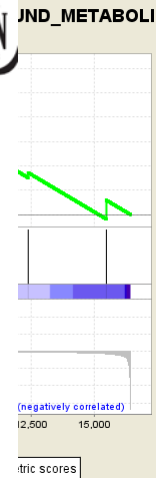


Vision Changes after Spaceflight Are Related to Alterations in Folate- and Vitamin B-12-Dependent One-Carbon Metabolism^{1,2}

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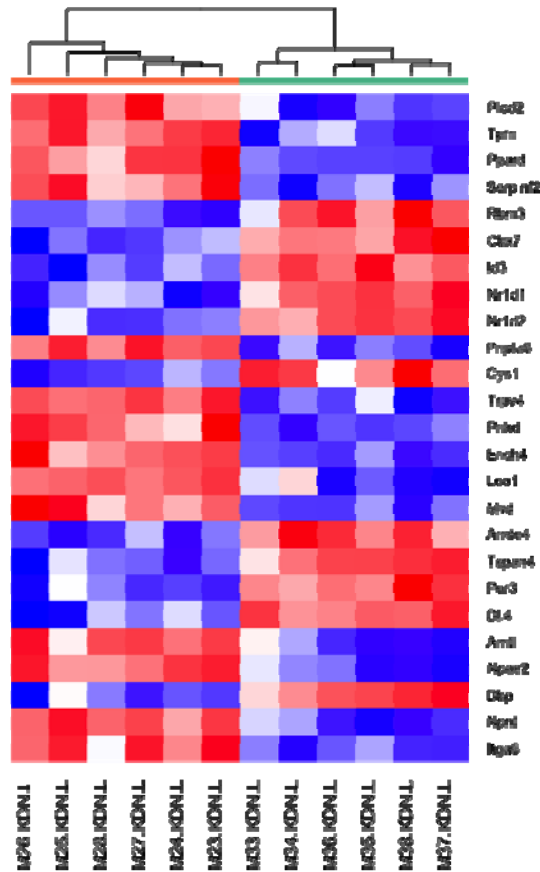
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RR1 Differentially Expressed Genes : Space Flight vs Ground Control

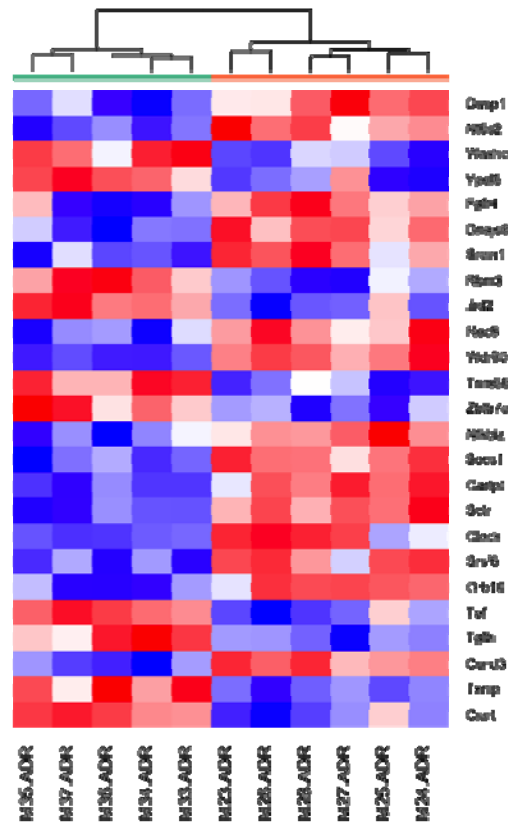


RR1 Kidney Spaceflight - Ground_control

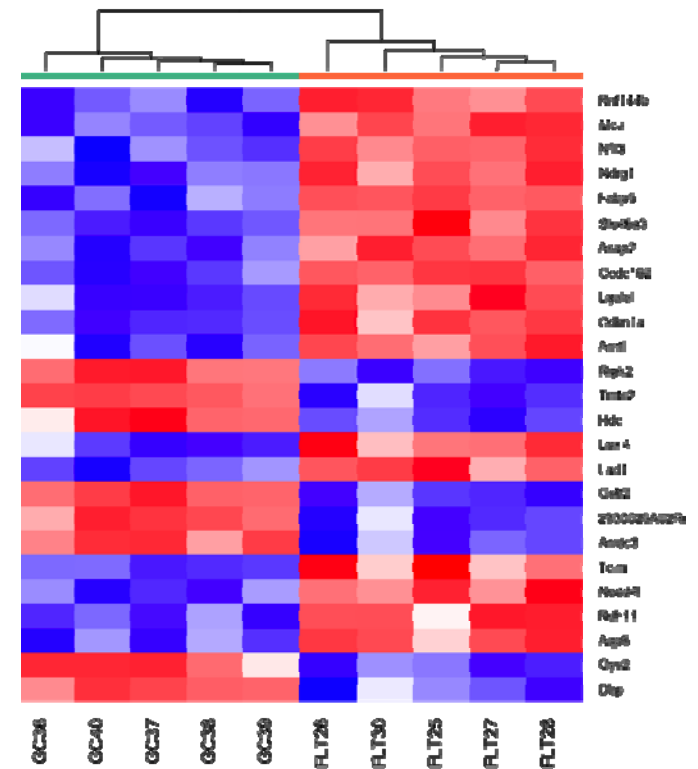


RR1 Adrenal

Spaceflight - Ground_control



RR1 Liver spaceFlight - groundControl



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RR1 Shared DE Genes



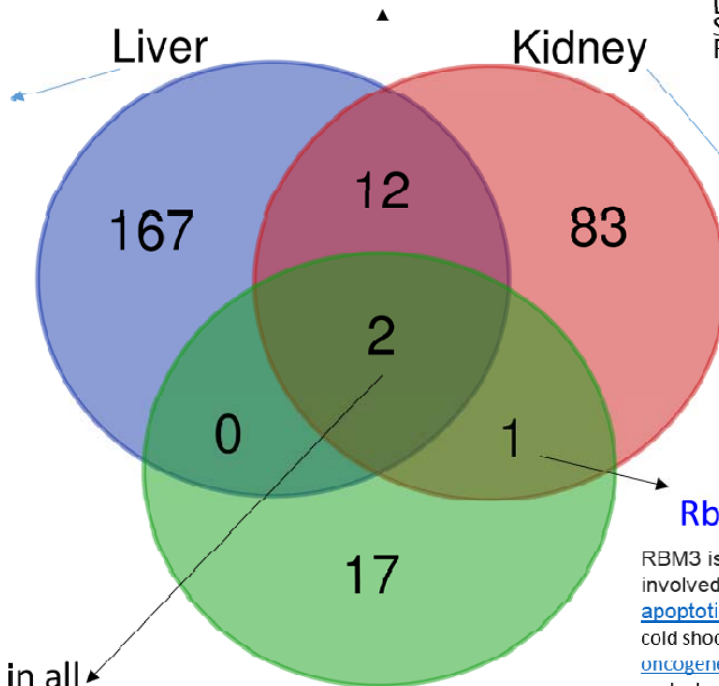
Cbx7 Arntl Cdkn1a Gale Per3 Nfil3 Npas2
Pnkd Loxl4 Bhlhe41 Dbp Leo1

Toppgene

Circadian Rhythm
TF activity
DNA binding
Stress induced premature senescence
Response to redox state

GSEA

Zinc Transporters (Reactome)
Apoptosis by TGFB1 via MAPK1...
Alpha Linolenic Acid Metabolism (KEGG)
PARK2_Hepatocyte_Proliferation...
LGI1_Targets_Up
Amplification hot spot...
FGFR ligand binding... (Reactome)
Response to TGFB1...
Breast Cancer...
Apoptosis by CDKN1A not via TP53...
EGFR signaling...
Systemic lupus erythematosus...



GSEA

Core Duplicon Genes
Signal Attenuation (Reactome)
Post Chaperonin Tubulin (Reactome)

Downregulated in all three conditions

Tef
Txnip

Rbm3 -- downregulated

RBM3 is cold-induced RNA binding protein and is involved in mRNA biogenesis exerts anti-apoptotic effects.^[2] Expression of this gene is induced by cold shock and low oxygen tension. RBM3 is a proto-oncogene that is associated with tumor progression and metastasis and is a potential cancer biomarker.^[2] Based on patient survival data, high levels of RBM3 protein in tumor cells is a favourable prognostic biomarker in colorectal cancer.^[2]



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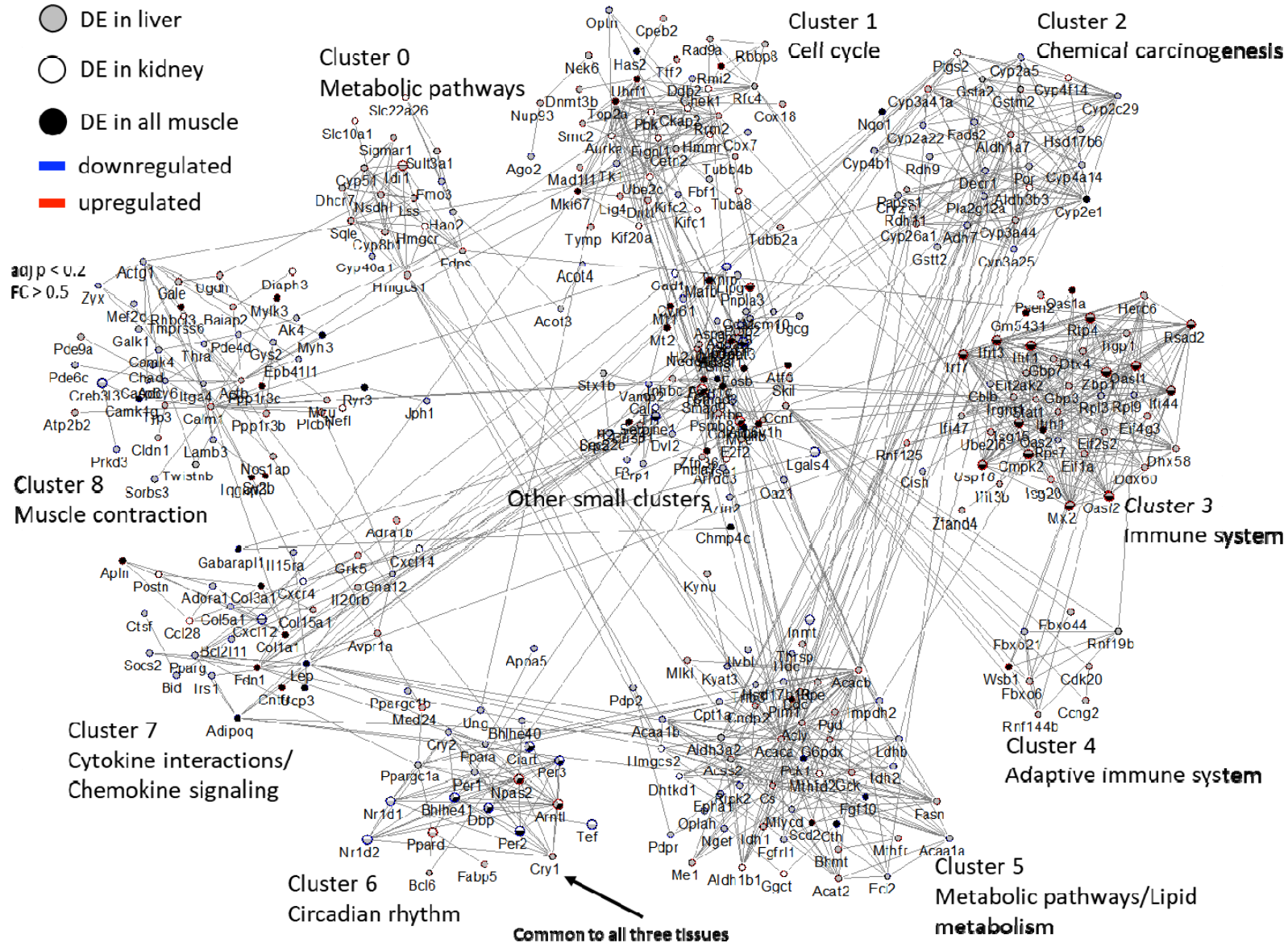
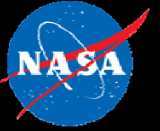
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RR1 (C57BL/6) All Tissues Network Analysis



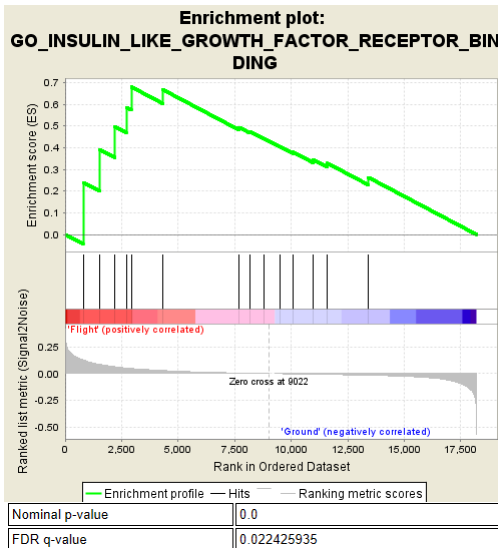
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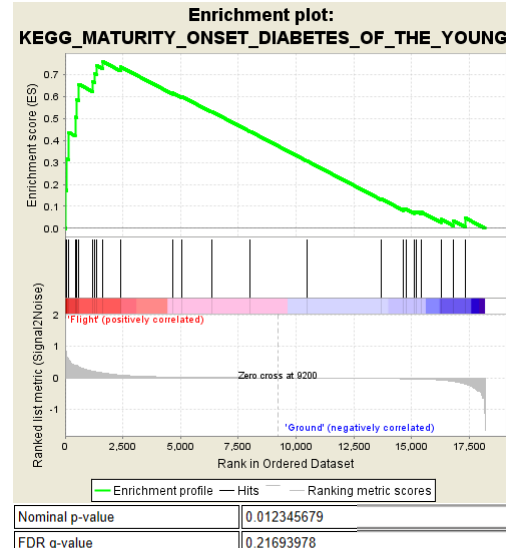
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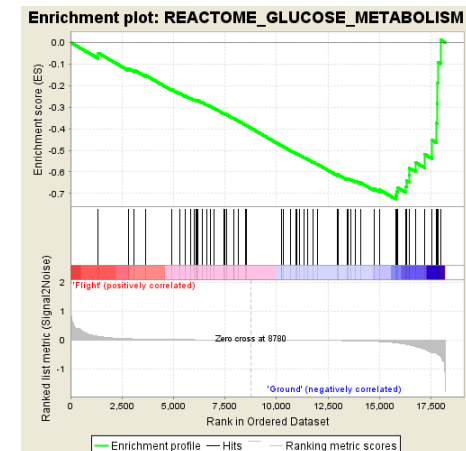
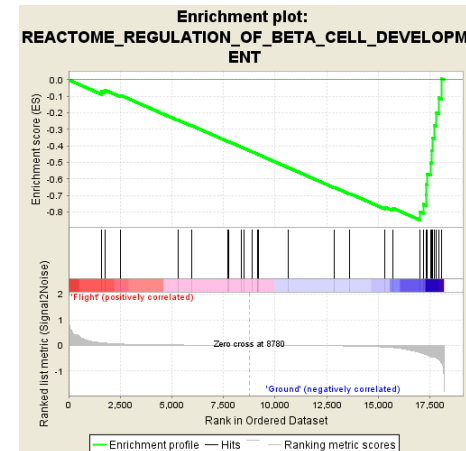
RR1 – ALL Tissues



RR1 – Kidney



RR1 – Adrenal Gland



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Vitamin D Role in Space - Literature



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Dietary vitamin D alters the response of the skin to UVB-irradiation depending on the genetic background of the micet

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	BALB/c	
	D+	D-
Male	112 ± 14 (n = 14)	21 ± 3 (n = 17)
Female	110 ± 24 (n = 12)	20 ± 5 (n = 23)
	C57BL/6	
	D+	D-
Male	137 ± 32 ^a (n = 14)	17 ± 5 ^b (n = 24)
Female	129 ± 34 ^a (n = 18)	15 ± 5 ^b (n = 24)

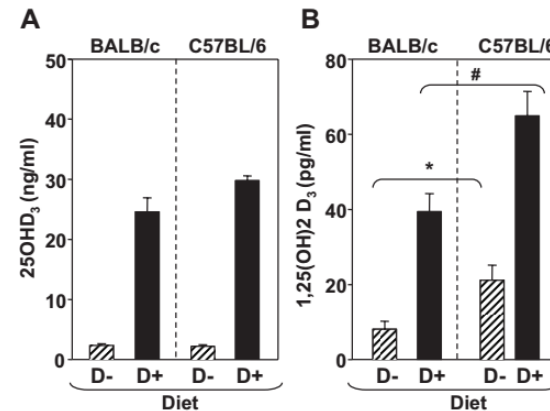
Mean ± SD, nmol L⁻¹

Strains of mice differ in their ability to be suppressed by UVB irradiation: **BALB/c** mice are considered “**sensitive**” and **C57BL/6** “**resistant**”. (The) results indicate that dietary vitamin D3 can reduce UVB-induced suppression of the contact hypersensitivity response depending on the genetic background of the mice.

(*Endocrinology* 150: 1051–1060, 2009)

Vitamin D Deficiency Modulates Graves' Hyperthyroidism Induced in BALB/c Mice by Thyrotropin Receptor Immunization

Alexander Misharin, Martin Hewison, Chun-Rong Chen, Venu Lagishetty, Holly A. Aliesky, Yumiko Mizutori, Basil Rapoport, and Sandra M. McLachlan



In conclusion, we found a strain-specific difference in handling vitamin D, with BALB/c mice having reduced ability (compared with C57BL/6 mice) to generate the active metabolite.



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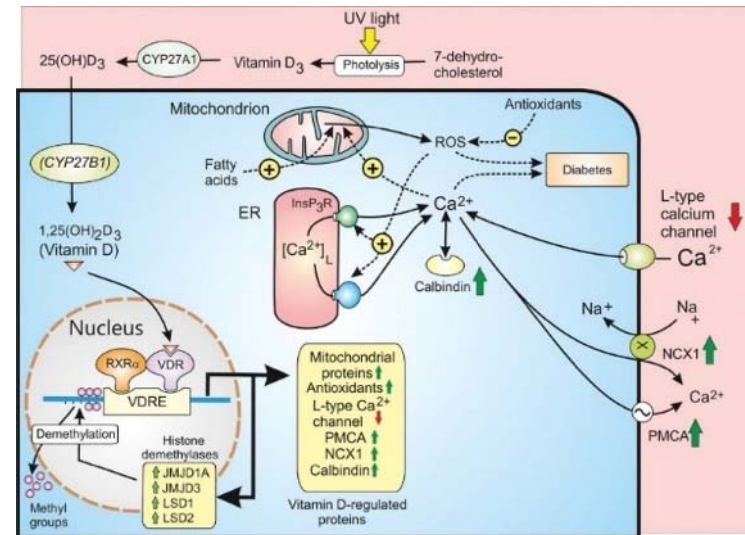
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The Nutritional Status of Astronauts Is Altered after Long-Term Space Flight Aboard the International Space Station¹

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Despite vitamin D supplement use during flight, serum 25-hydroxycholecalciferol was decreased after flight (P < 0.01).



Vitamin D acts to prevent diabetes by maintaining low levels of Ca²⁺ and ROS.
Berridge, 2017

Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology 450 (2017) 24–31

Spotlight on vitamin D receptor, lipid metabolism and mitochondria:
Some preliminary emerging issues

Francesca Silvagno^{*}, Gianpiero Pescarmona

Vitamin D Receptor has been defined a gatekeeper of mitochondrial respiratory chain activity.



Review

Vitamin D Supplementation and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Present and Future

Ilaria Barchetta, Flavia Agata Cimini and Maria Gisella Cavallo^{*}



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Epidemiological studies point towards an association between hypovitaminosis D and the presence of NAFLD and steatohepatitis (NASH), independently of confounders such as obesity and insulin resistance.



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Circadian Rhythm, Vitamin D, and Mitochondria



[Antioxid Redox Signal](#). 2014 Jun 20; 20(18): 2982–2996.
doi: [10.1089/ars.2013.5645](#)

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Skin, Reactive Oxygen Species, and Circadian Clocks

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Abstract

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Significance: Skin, a complex organ and the body's first line of defense against environmental insults, plays a critical role in maintaining homeostasis in an organism. This balance is maintained through a complex network of cellular machinery and signaling events, including those regulating oxidative stress and circadian rhythms. These regulatory mechanisms have developed integral systems to protect skin cells and to signal to the rest of the body in the event of internal and environmental stresses. **Recent Advances:** Interestingly, several signaling pathways and many bioactive molecules have been found to be involved and even important in the regulation of oxidative stress and circadian rhythms, especially in the skin. It is becoming increasingly evident that these two regulatory systems may, in fact, be interconnected in the regulation of homeostasis. Important examples of molecules that connect the two systems include serotonin, melatonin, vitamin D, and vitamin A. **Critical Issues:** Excessive reactive oxygen species and/or dysregulation of antioxidant system and circadian rhythms can cause critical errors in maintaining proper barrier function and skin health, as well as overall homeostasis. Unfortunately, the modern lifestyle seems to contribute to increasing alterations in redox balance and circadian rhythms, thereby posing a critical problem for normal functioning of the living system. **Future Directions:** Since the oxidative stress and circadian rhythm systems seem to have areas of overlap, future research needs to be focused on defining the interactions between these two important systems. This may be especially important in the skin where both systems play critical roles in protecting the whole body. *Antioxid. Redox Signal.* 20, 2982–2996.



RR3 - EYE (BALB/c) : Up-regulated: Functional Annotation Clustering

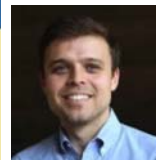


- **Most up-regulated Gene:**
Gene: Defb7 (ENSMUSG00000037790.3)
Role: Beta-defensin 7 has bactericidal activity and is involved in defense response to bacteria
Log₂ fold-change: 22
Adjusted p-value: 2.94e-7

Annotation Cluster 1				Enrichment Score: 8.69	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
RM_BP_FAT	fatty acid metabolic process	RT				17	1.9E-10	2.1E-7	
Q_KEYWORDS	lipid metabolism	RT				15	2.0E-10	1.7E-8	
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Q_PATHWAY	PPAR signaling pathway	RT				12	2.9E-8	2.5E-6	
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Q_FEATURE	short sequence motif:Microbody targeting signal	RT				6	1.5E-4	3.8E-2	
RM_BP_FAT	peroxisome organization	RT				4	1.5E-3	6.0E-2	
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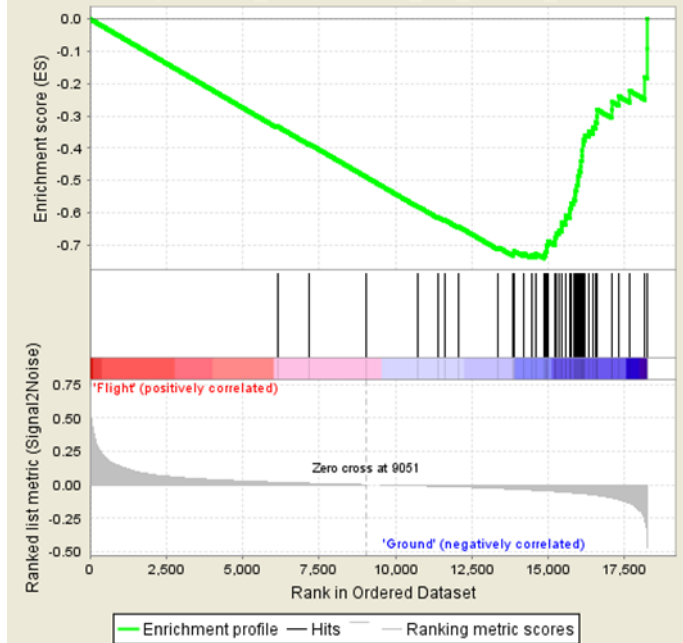
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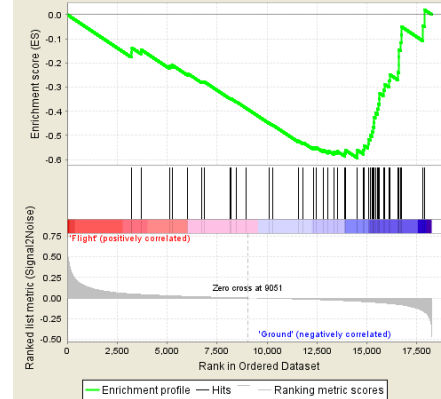
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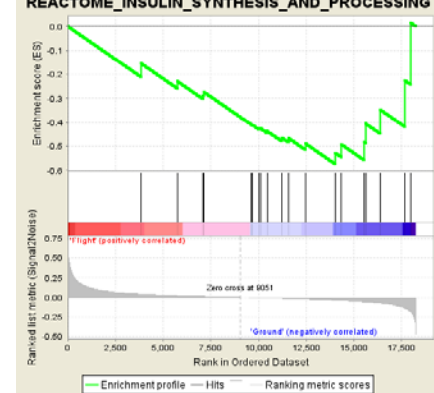
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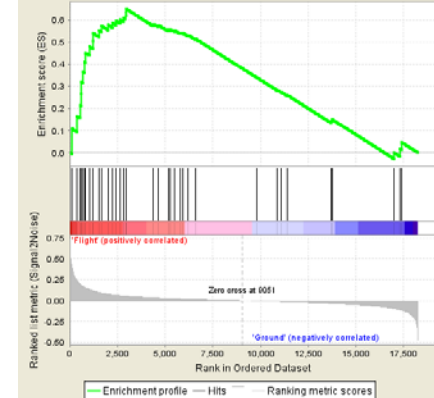
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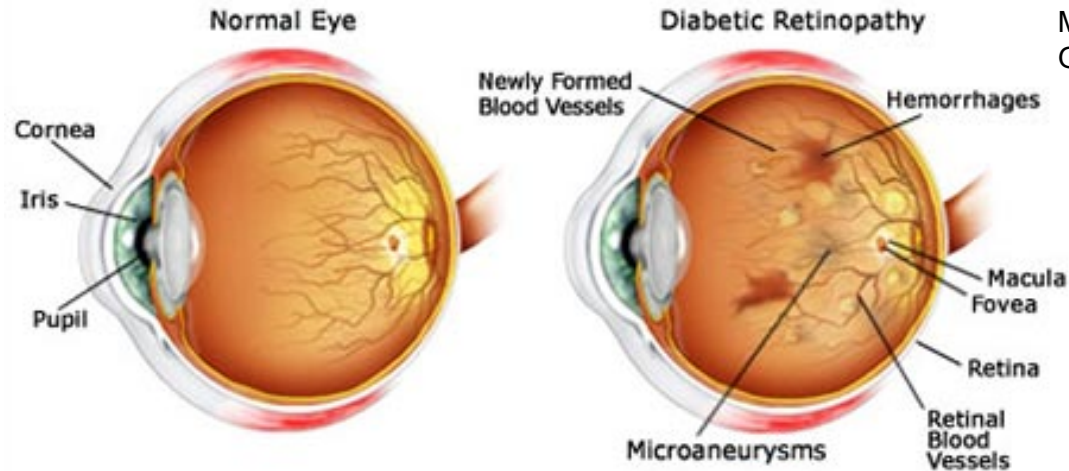
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Analysis Relating Liver to the Eye



Diabetic Retinopathy



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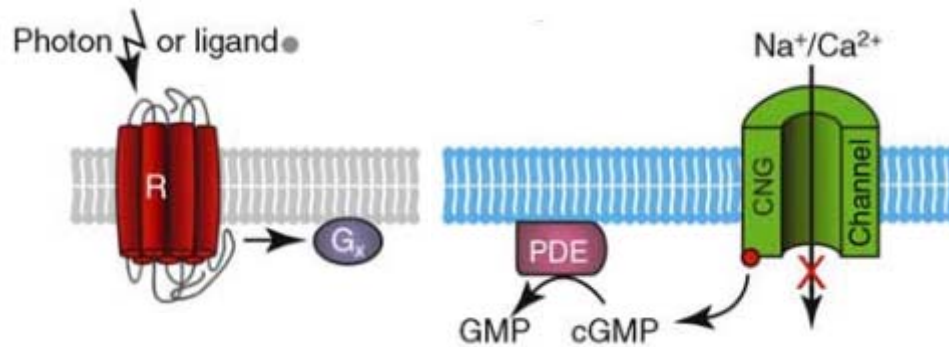
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Cone Cells - Eye

1st Amplification 2nd Amplification 3rd Amplification



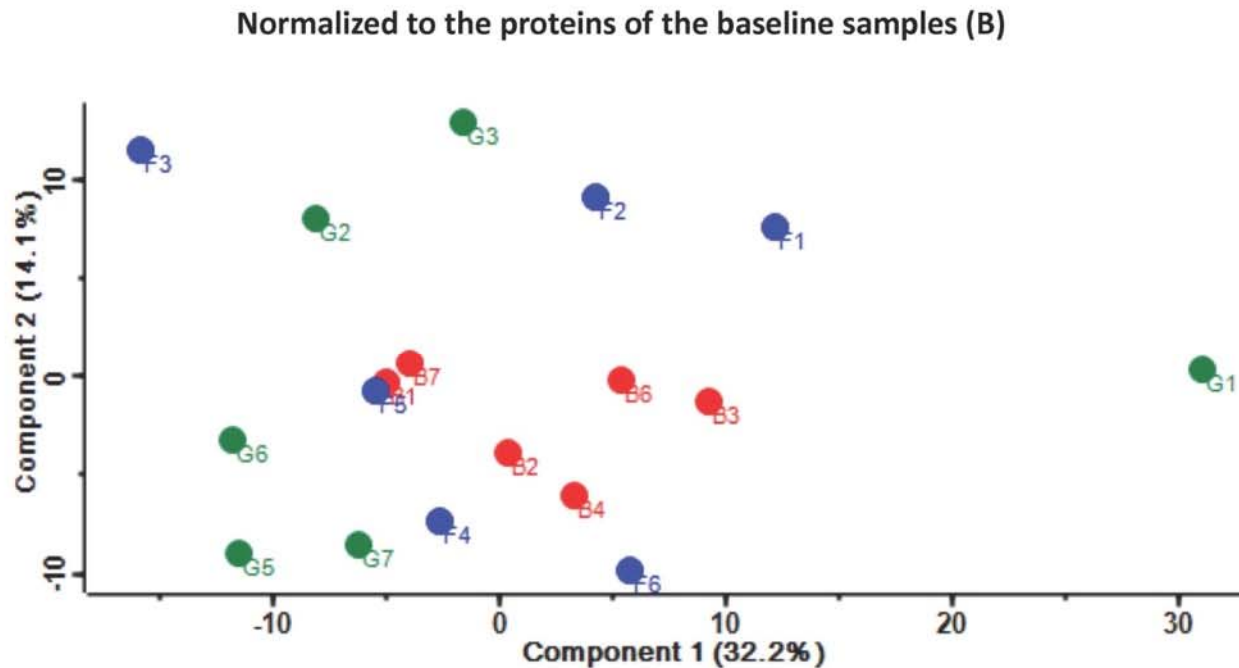
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Data processing: PCA plot of normalized & ComBat treated data



G1 and F3 seem to be outliers. I removed these two samples for the further analysis.



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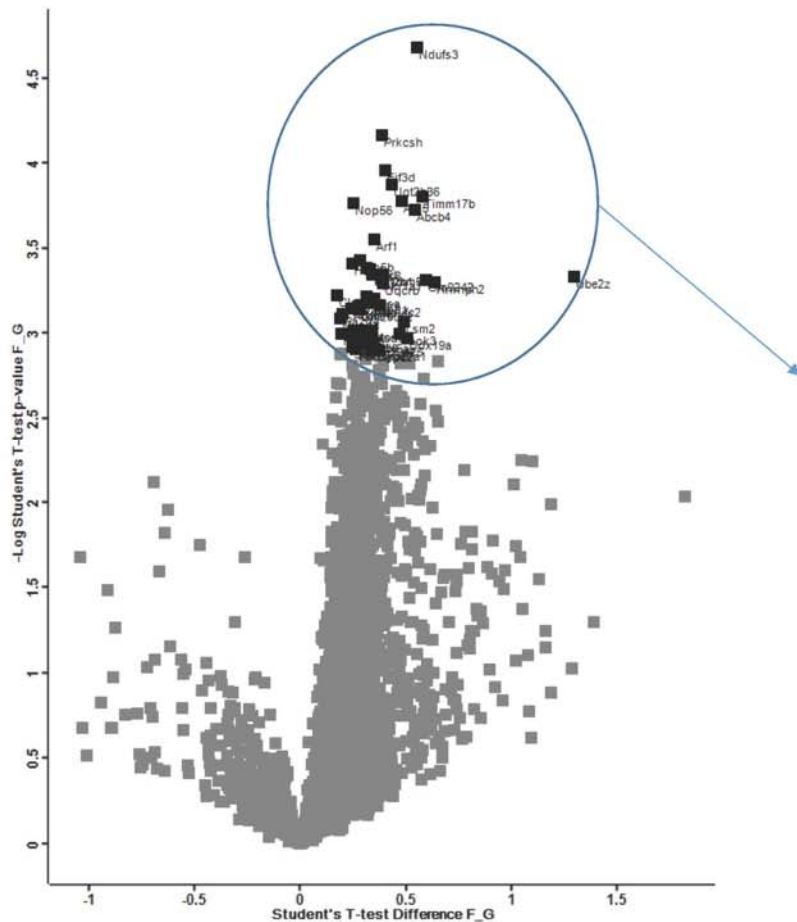
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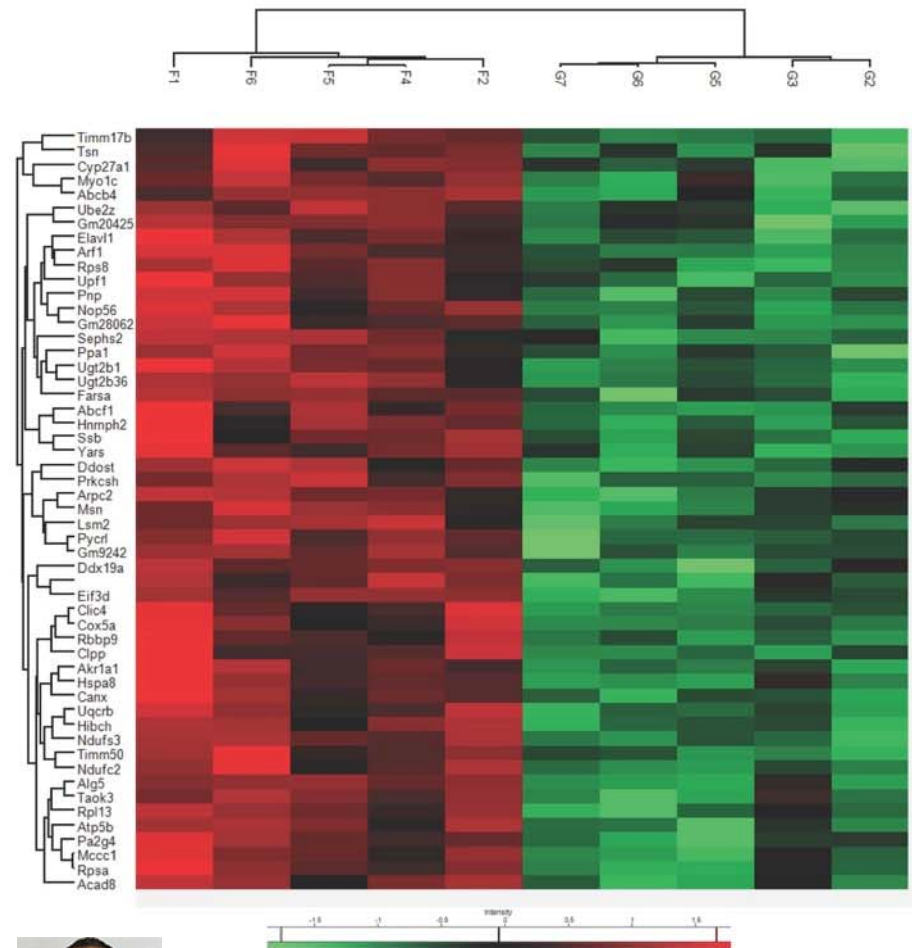
Significantly Expressed Protein RR3 – Liver: Proteomics



T-test analysis with %5 FDR



Heat map of significantly changed proteins



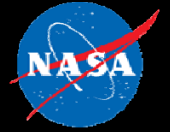
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Protein Pathway Analysis RR3 – Liver: Proteomics



Data processing: GO term analysis for significant proteins

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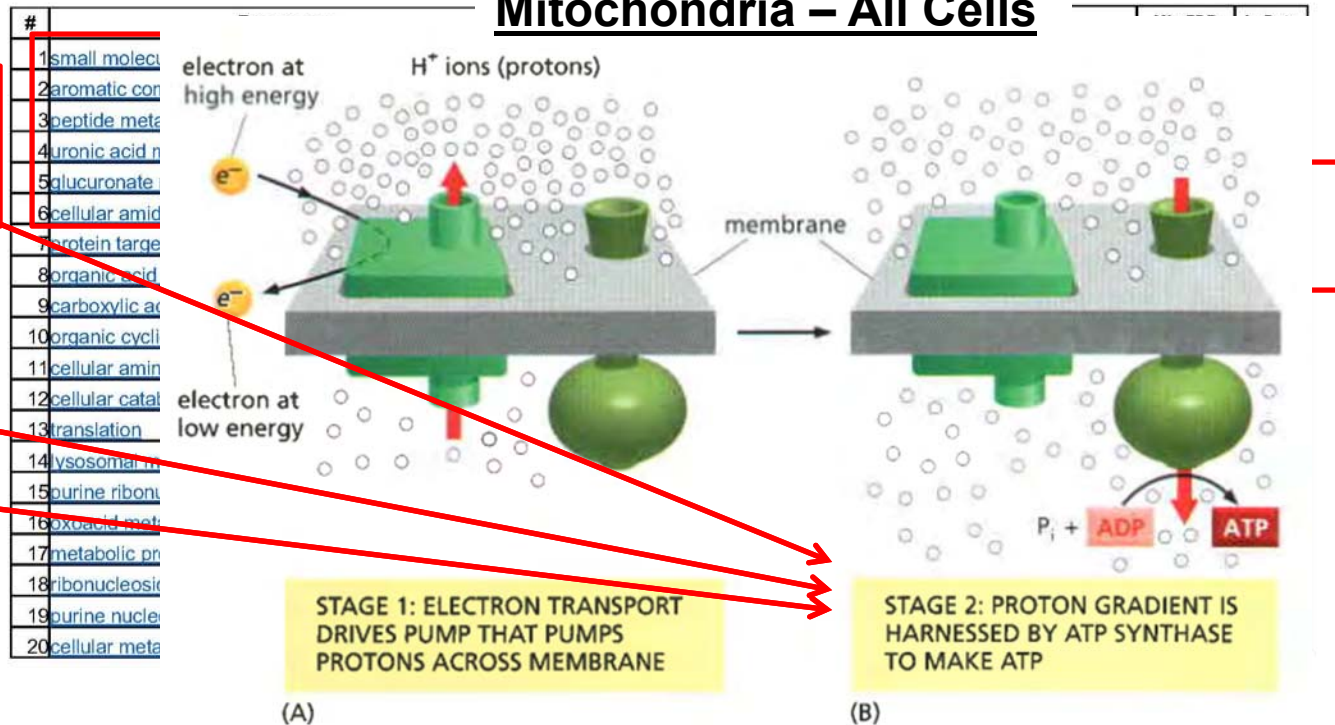
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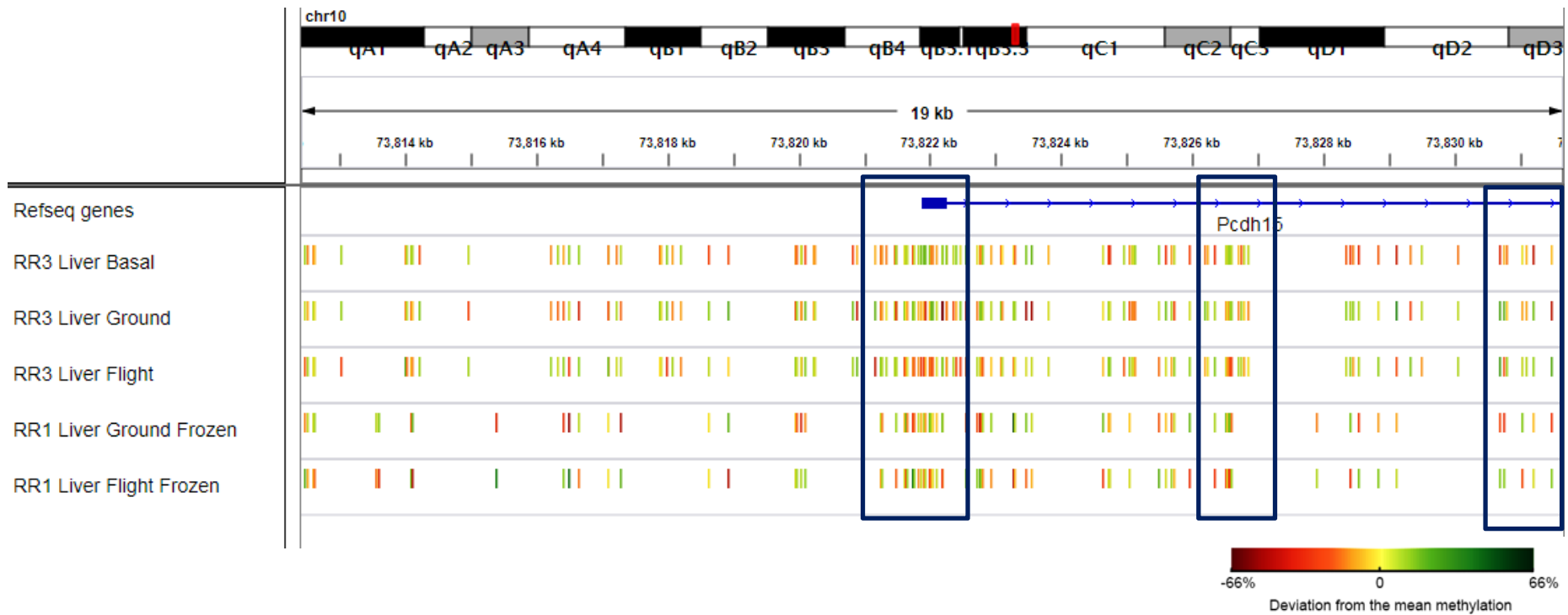
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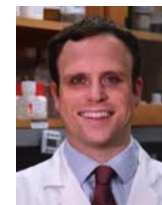
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Preliminary Methylation Data for RR1 and RR3 datasets



Deviation from mean
separate for each experiment



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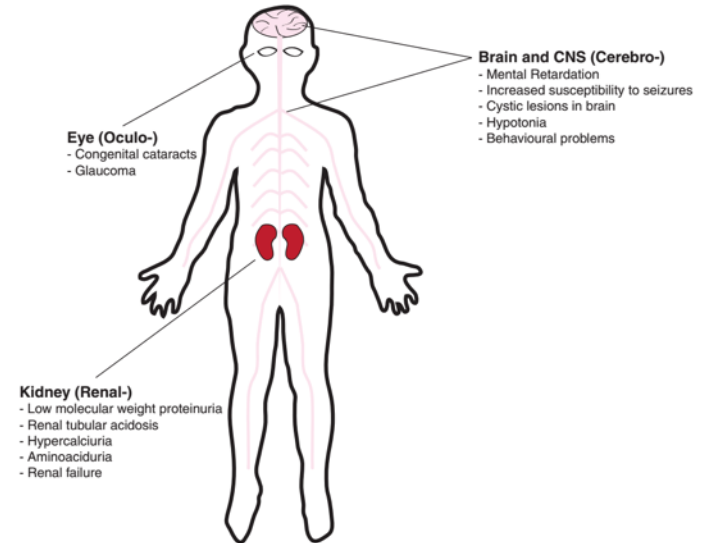
Hypothesis Developed and Being Worked On



- **Spaceflight changes the physical properties of the cell components impacting from the molecular to the whole body level.**
- **The Mitochondria are the principal cellular component affect.**
- **The Liver is the principal organ affected in issues related to the metabolism.**
- **Overall circadian rhythm pathways are being disrupted**
- Possible disease that can be associated with liver damage and pathways is: Oculocerebrorenal Syndrome of Lowe

- “Extensive research has demonstrated that OCRL-1 is involved in multiple intracellular processes involving endocytic trafficking and actin skeleton dynamics. This explains the multi-organ manifestations of the disease.”
- “The classic form of the oculocerebrorenal syndrome of Lowe (OMIM #309000), first described by Lowe et al. in 1952 [1], is characterized by the triad of congenital cataracts, severe intellectual impairment, and renal tubular dysfunction with slowly progressive renal failure”
- Patients with this disease manifest Cataract, Glaucoma and Muscle hypotonia.

Schematic diagram showing the organs affected in Lowe syndrome



Mehta, Zenobia B et al. “The Cellular and Physiological Functions of the Lowe Syndrome Protein OCRL1.” *Traffic* (2014).



Hypothesis Developed and Being Worked On (Ion Diffusion)

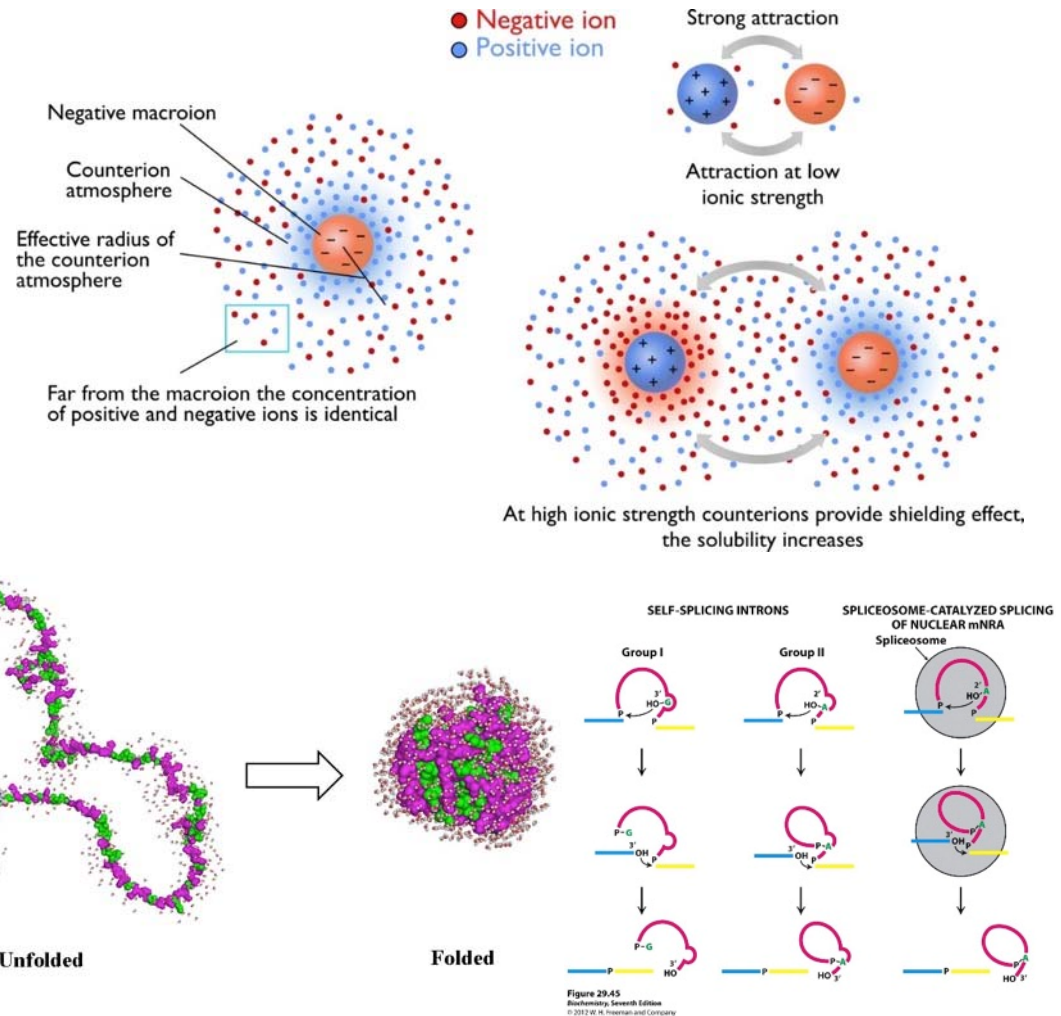


Assumptions:

- Gravity is a physical property.
- Alteration in Gravity must have a primary impact in physical properties of a cell, like ion diffusion.
- Electrostatics properties of proteins influence protein-protein interaction and/or protein folding, the same can happen with RNA structures.
- Ions are critical for Electrostatics properties of the proteins, RNAs and etc.

Hypotheses:

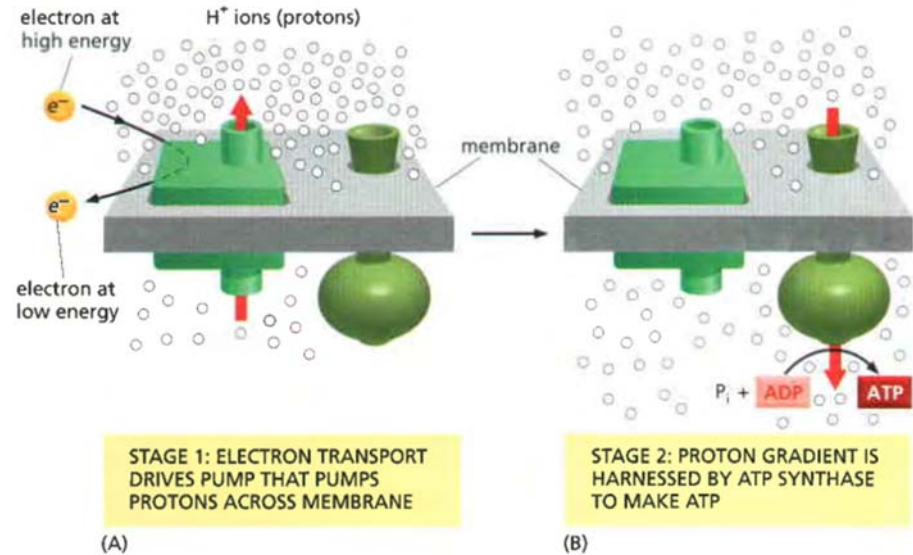
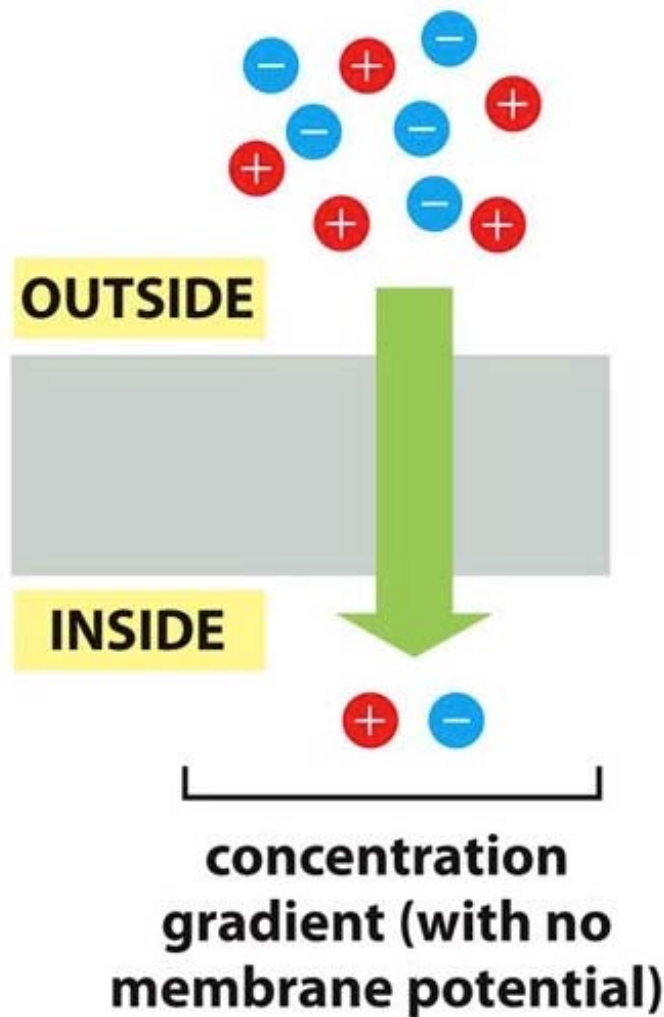
- By altering Ion Diffusion, microgravity can influence cellular events by altering Protein-Protein Interaction and "Binding", Protein folding and RNA structures what would influence RNA splicing.
- Is expected that other Physiological properties dependent of Ion diffusion will be impacted too.



<http://elte.prompt.hu/sites/default/files/tananyagok/IntroductionToPracticalBiochemistry/ch05s04.html>
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Mitochondria – All Cells



Cone Cells - Eye

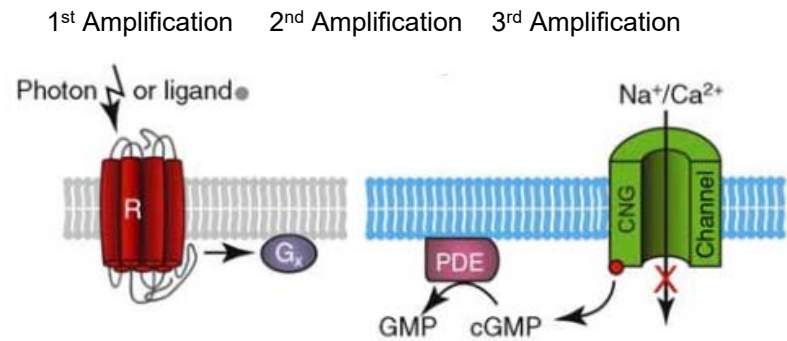


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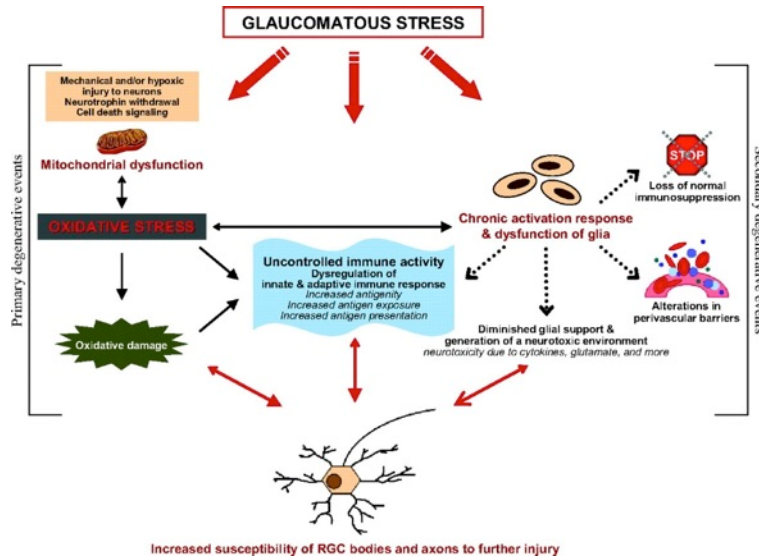
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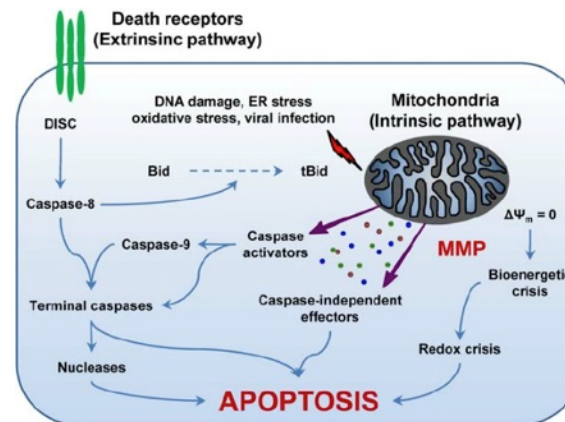
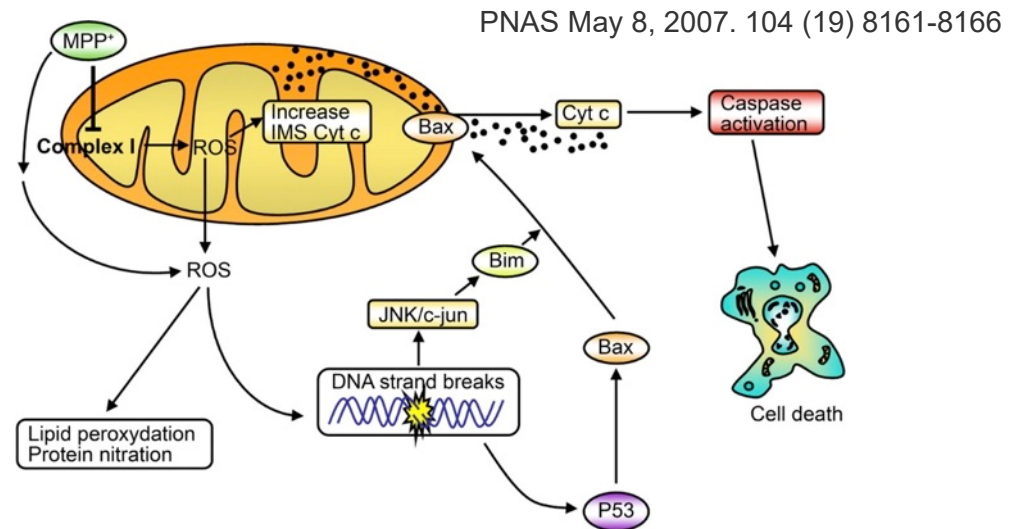
Alternative Hypothesis being Considered (Ions and Mitochondria)



- Mitochondria can be disrupted by one single particle traversal in one single mitochondria and create a cascade of event, including oxidative stress lasting several days in the exposed cell



Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science March 2009, Vol.50, 1001-1012.
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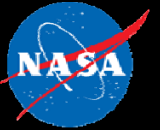
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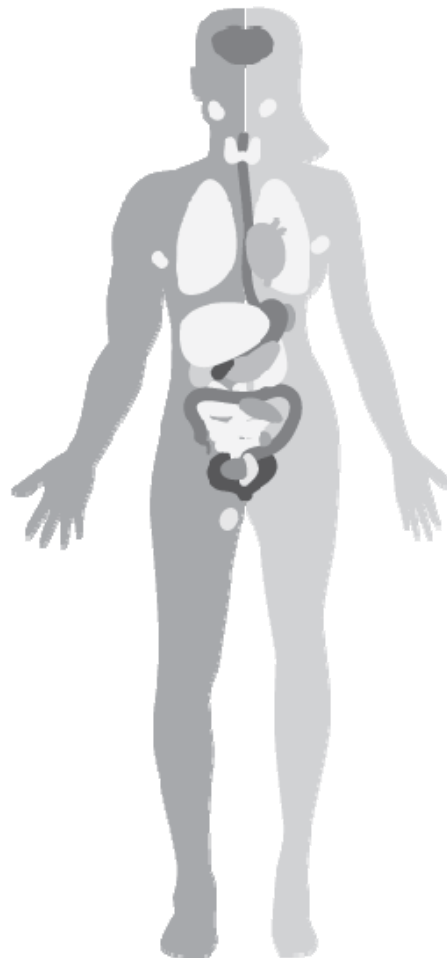
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Level 7: The Body
Level 6: Organs

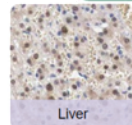


Inflammation, Lipid Accumulation, alteration of cell migration and etc.

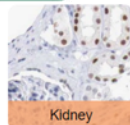
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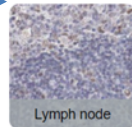
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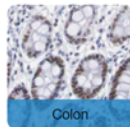
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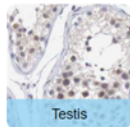
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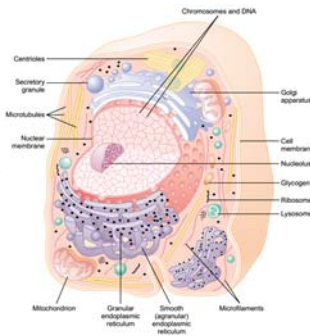


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Mitochondrial Stress And Cytoskeleton alteration
Level 4:
The Cell and its Organelles



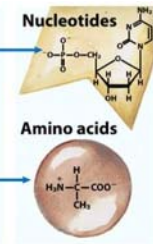
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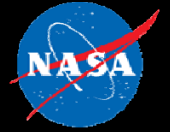
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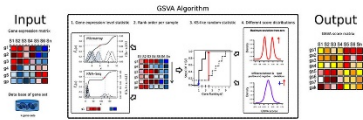
Visualization Tools to Implement on GeneLab Platform



Visualization Tools

Top Picks from AWG

GSVA/GSEA



Webgestalt

WEB-based GSEA Analysis Toolkit
 Analysis: Identify genes in the top/bottom of the ranked list.

G-Tex

GTEx Portal
 Data: Gene expression and enrichment analysis results.

cBioPortal

cBioPortal
 Data: Multi-omic data visualization and analysis.

Other Open Source Tools

REVIGO

REVIGO
 Data: Visualization of enriched GO terms.

Toppfun

Toppfun
 Data: Top enriched GO terms analysis.

GORilla

GORilla
 Data: Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis.

Cytoscape

Cytoscape
 Data: Network visualization software.

VisJS2Jupyter

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 Data: Visualization of networks created with vis.js and Jupyter notebook.

MetaSub

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 Data: Molecular structure visualization.

Proprietary Software

IPA

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iPathwayGuide

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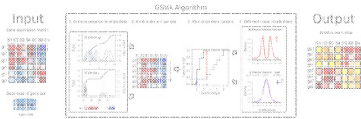
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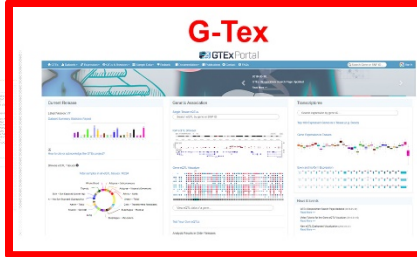
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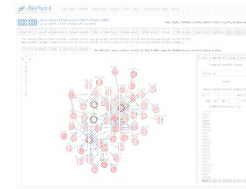
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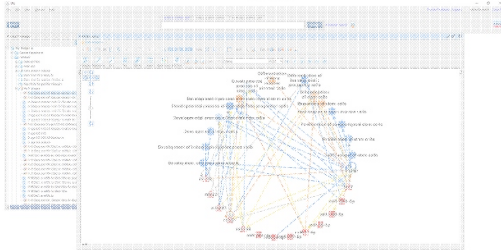
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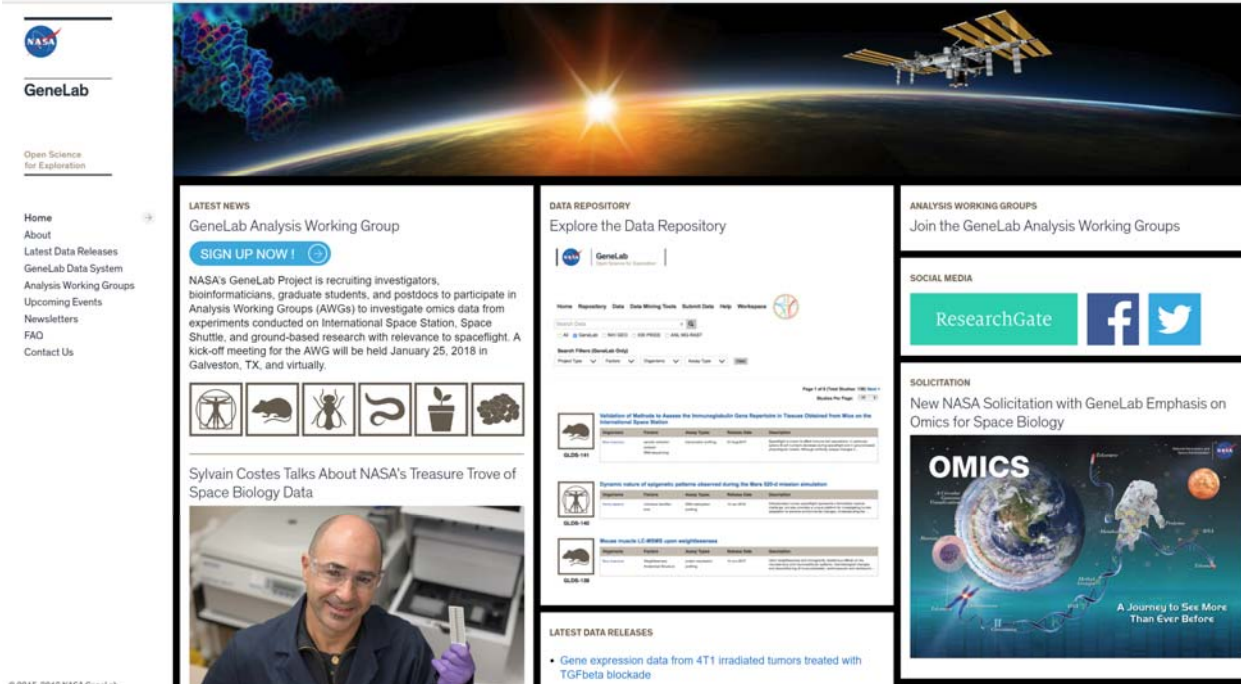


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- GeneLab database listed in science journals:
 - *Scientific Data*, *Oxford e-Research*
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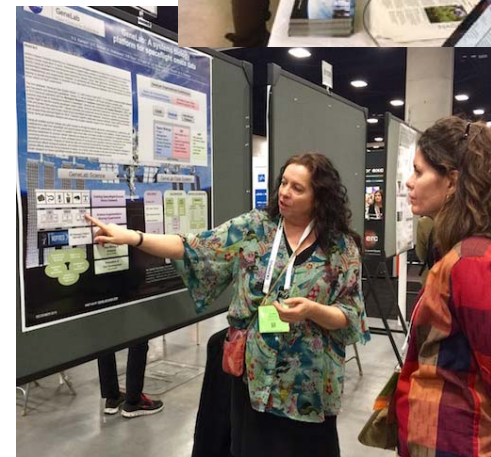
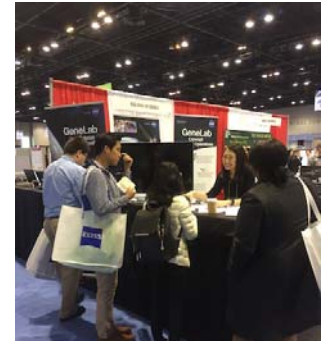


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- AMIA: Learning Showcase – Spotlight on GeneLab
- AAAS: Session - NASA's GeneLab Project and the Systems Biology of Spaceflight
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- GeneLab User Training videos (Oct. 31)





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– Internship

- GeneLab for High Schools
 - Space biology training initiative for high school students on teaching the importance of omics studies and space biology. Students analyze GeneLab datasets and develop research proposals.

