



The Mitochondrion

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Origin

- Endosymbiotic theory
- the Mitochondria (and Chloroplastids) were originally **free-living cells**
- they lived in an endosymbiosis with a hostcell
- organellfreie **anaerobe** Prokaryotes phagocytet **aerobe** Prokaryotes → Mitochondrion.

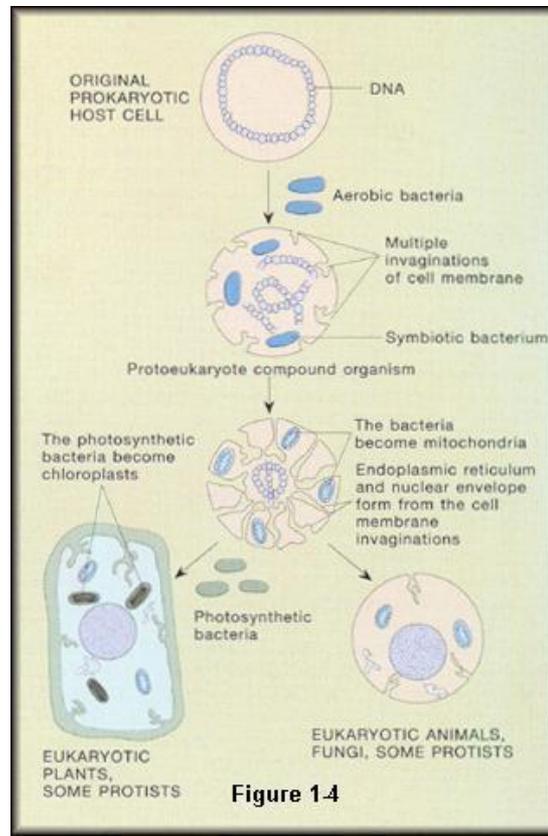
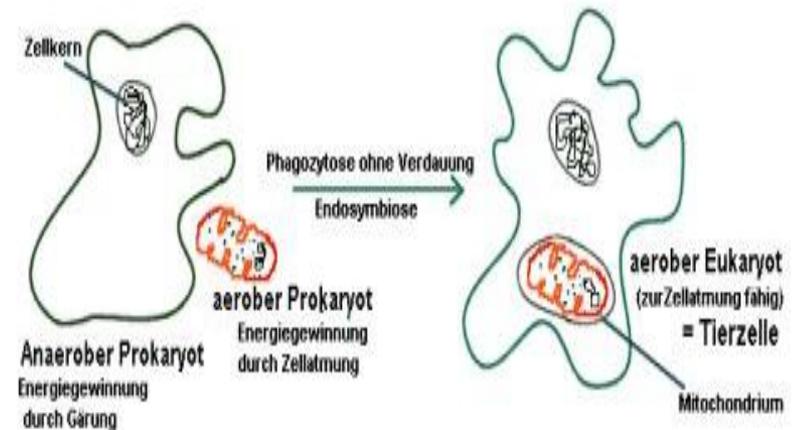
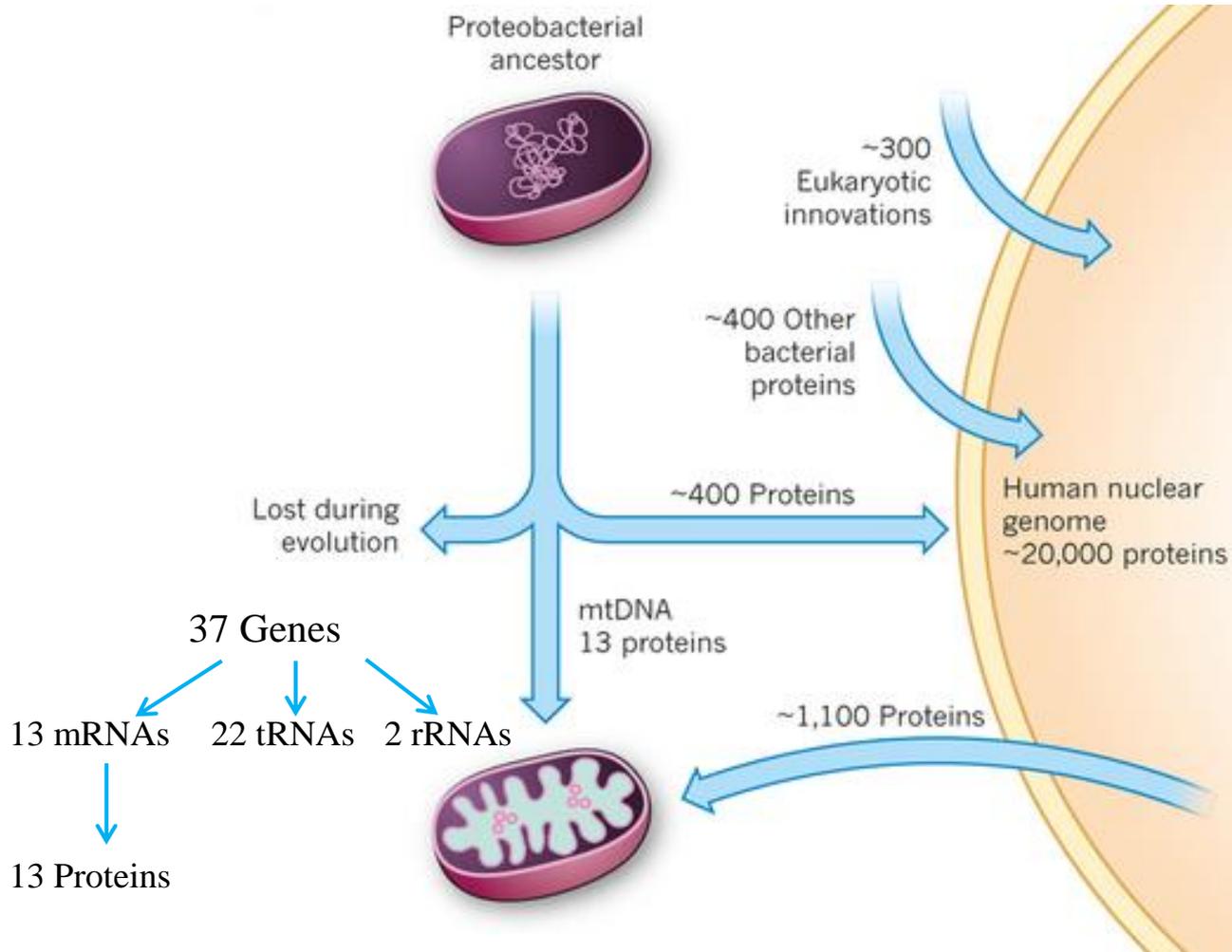


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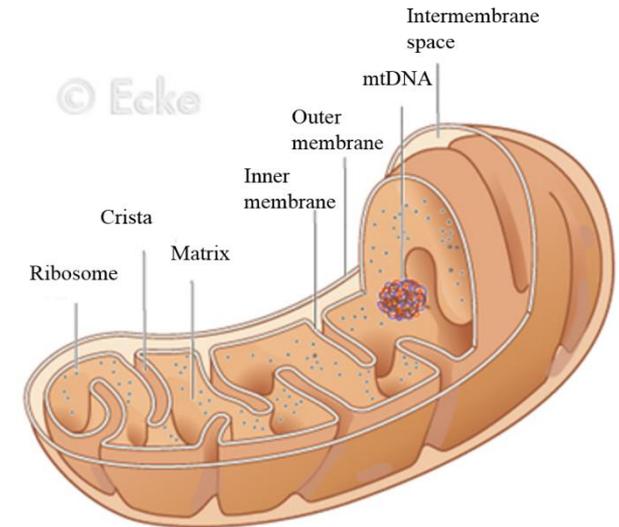
Structure

Outer membrane:

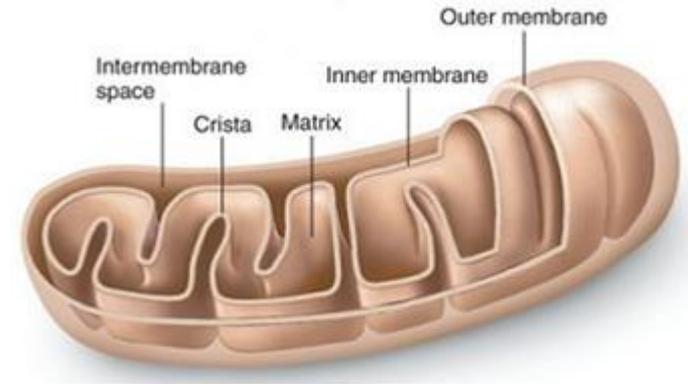
- enclose the whole mitochondrion
- no invaginations
- contains large number of integral proteins
- **Porin**-highly permeable
- Porins form channels → allow the exchange of different Moleküls and Ions
 - small Moleküls pass freely
 - bigger Proteins- signalsequenc

Intermembrane space:

- is the space between the outer membrane and the inner membrane
- composition is similar to that of the cytosol



Structure



Inner membrane:

- enclose the matrix
- is compartmentalized into numerous → **Cristae**
- rich in an unusual phospholipid → **Cardiolipin** → make the inner membrane impermeable
- contains more than 150 proteins → are classified into three functional groups

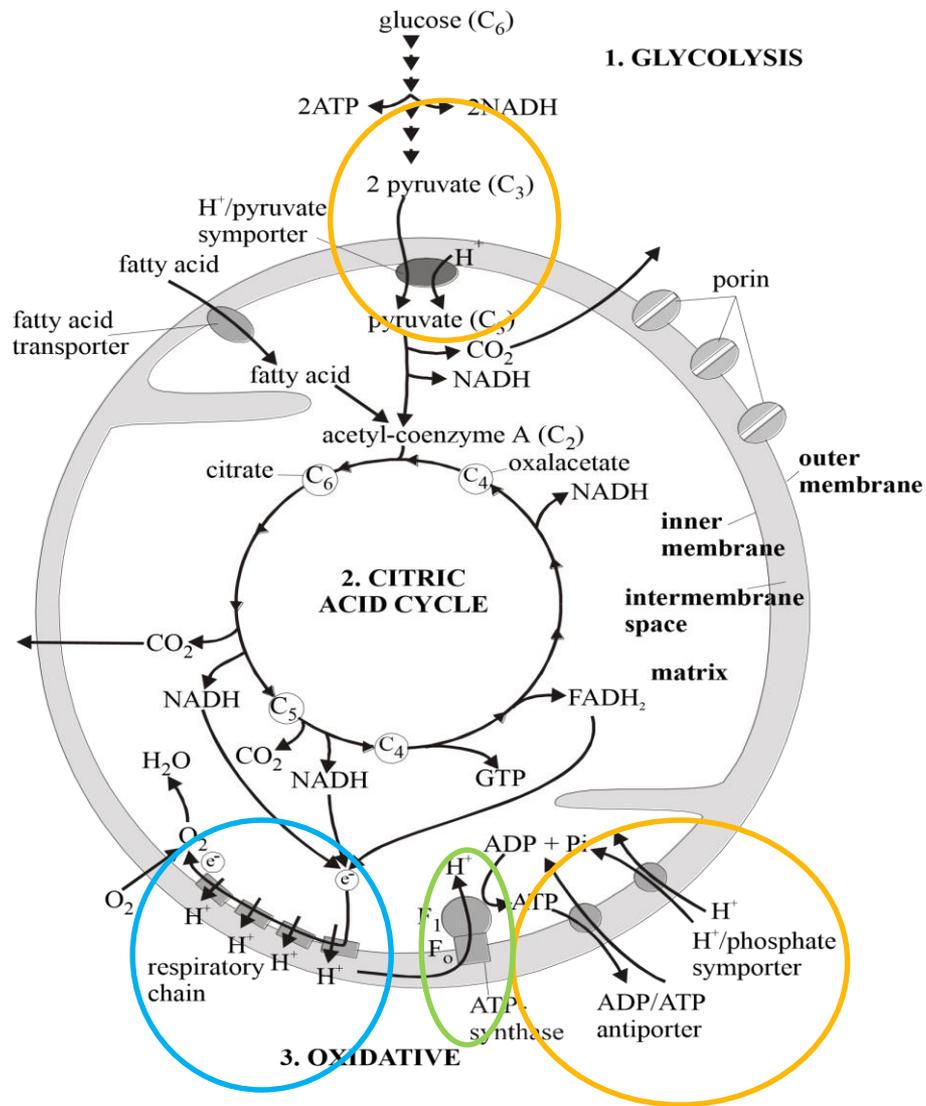
Transportproteines: - **H⁺ /Pyruvate-Symporter**

- **H⁺ /Phosphate-Symporter**

- **ADP/ATP-Antiporter**

Respiratory-chain Proteins: **Electrontransport Proteins**

ATP-Synthase: **Fo/F1 complex**



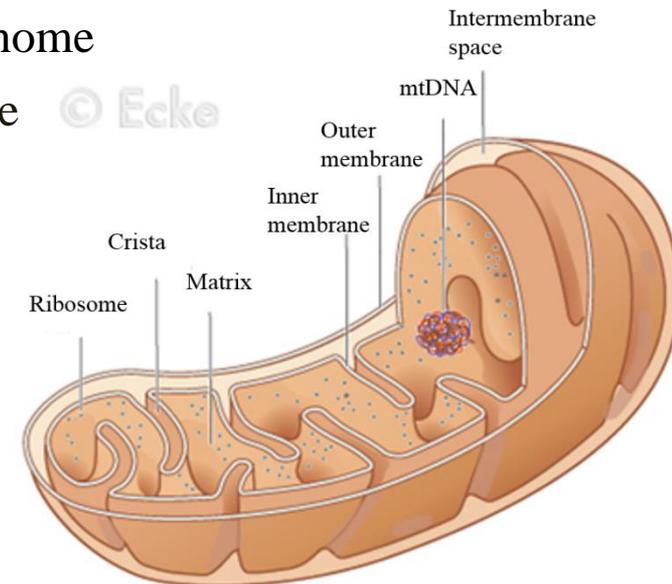
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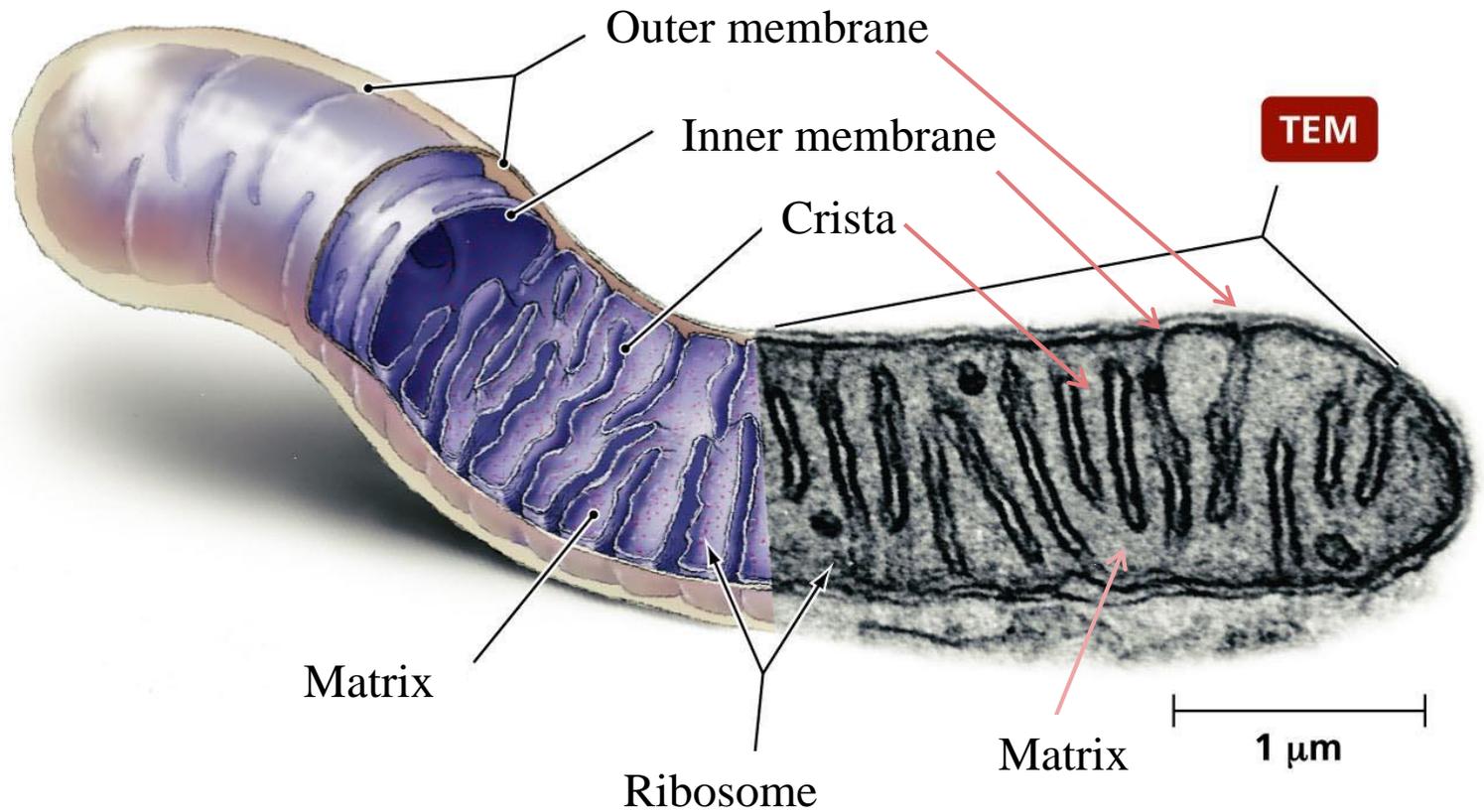
- inner membrane invaginations → expand the surface → enhancing the ATP synthesis

Matrix:

- is the space enclosed by the inner membrane
- contains - Proteins (Enzymes)
 - mitochondrial ribosomes and tRNAs
 - several copies of the mitochondrial genome
 - intermediates from the citric acid cycle

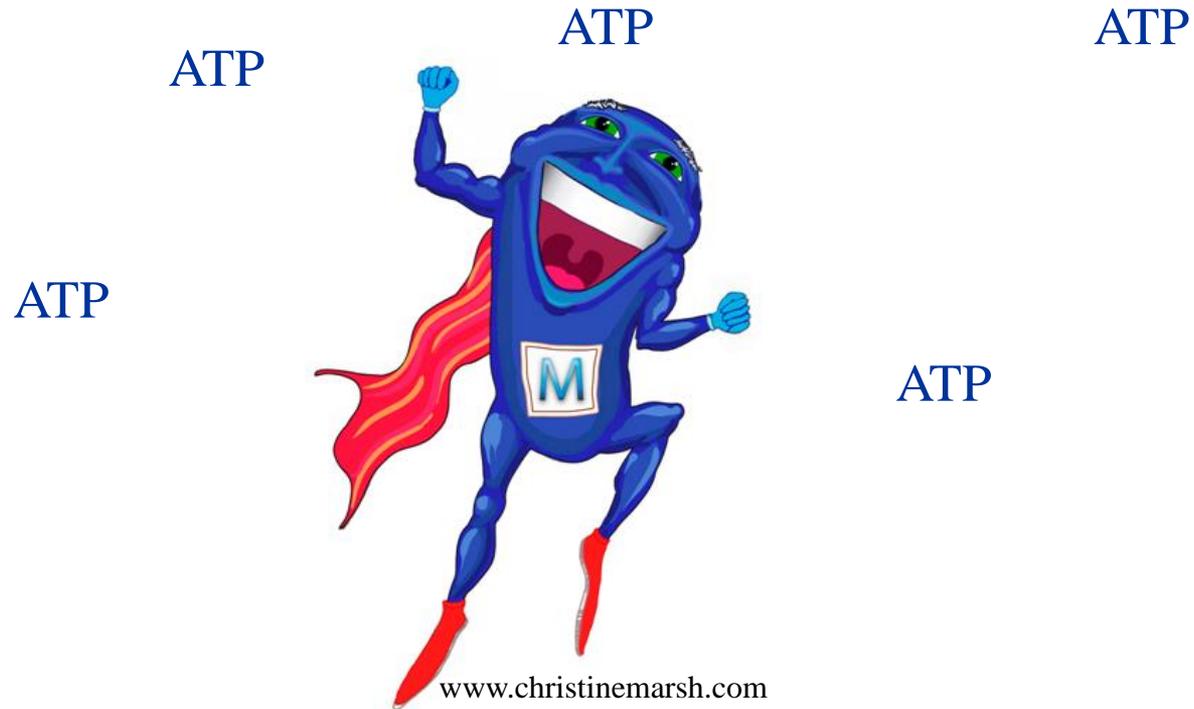


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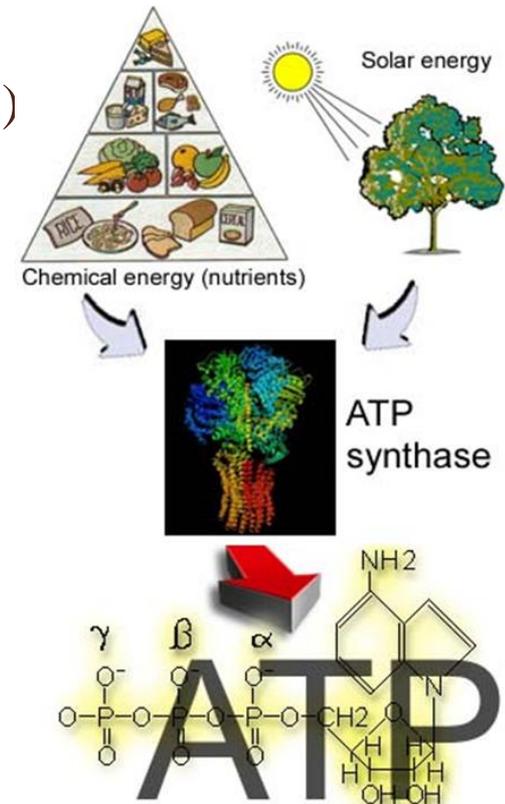
Function-Energy metabolism



Energy metabolism in mitochondria

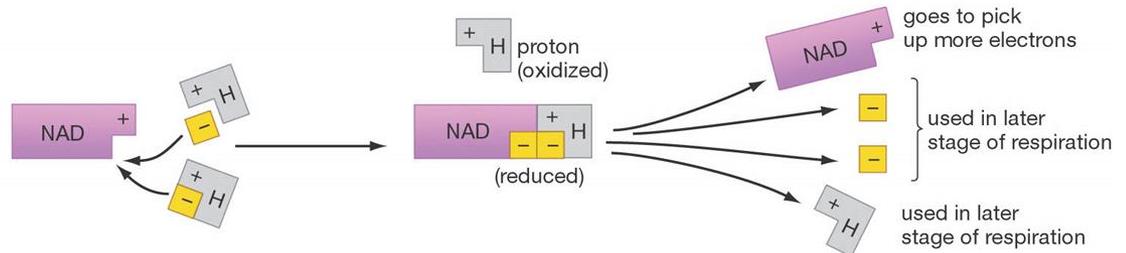
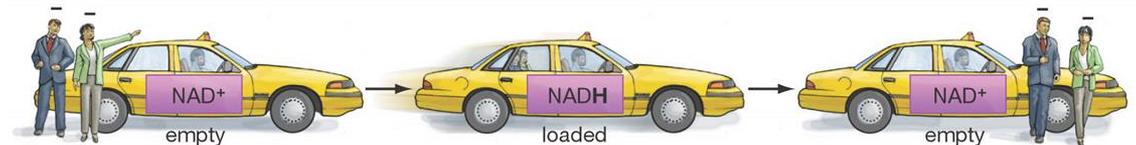
- Breakdown of glucose (aerobic eukaryotes):

1. glycolysis
2. citric acid cycle (Szent-Györgyi-Krebs)
3. oxidative phosphorylation



NAD(Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide)

- Coenzyme
- transports electrons from one reaction to another
- $\text{NAD}^+ \rightarrow$ accepts electrons from other molecules and becomes reduced $\rightarrow \text{NADH}$
- $\text{NADH} \rightarrow$ donate electrons and becomes oxidized to its original form $\rightarrow \text{NAD}^+$



1. NAD^+ within a cell, along with two hydrogen atoms that are part of the food that is supplying energy for the body.

2. NAD^+ is reduced to NAD by accepting an electron from a hydrogen atom. It also picks up another hydrogen atom to become NADH.

3. NADH carries the electrons to a later stage of respiration then drops them off, becoming oxidized to its original form, NAD^+ .

Energy metabolism in mitochondria – Glycolysis, citric acid cycle

- Glycolysis:

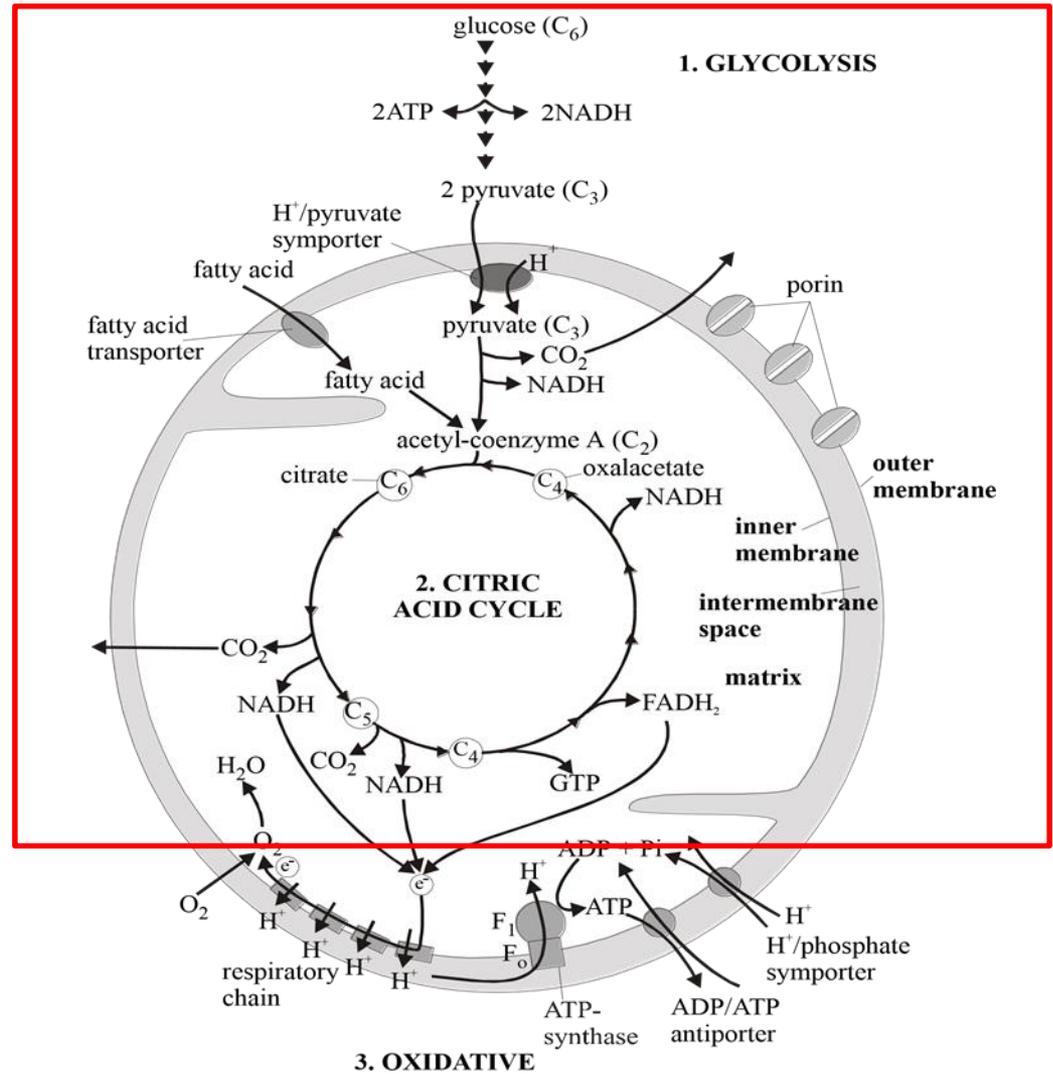
- in the cytosol
- glucose (C₆) converted into → 2 pyruvate (C₃) molecules
- 2 ATP and 2 NADH molecules are produced

- Citric acid cycle:

- in the mitochondrial matrix
- pyruvate → acetyl-coenzyme A (C₂)
- acetyl-coenzyme A + oxalacetate (C₄) → citric acid (C₆) → cycle → oxalacetate
- production of GTP, CO₂, reduced coenzymes (NADH, FADH₂)

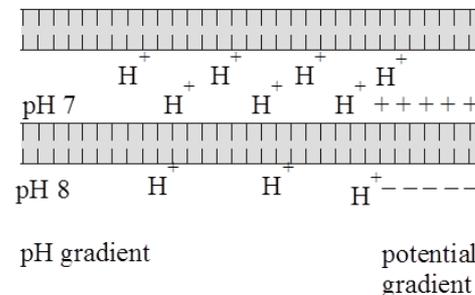
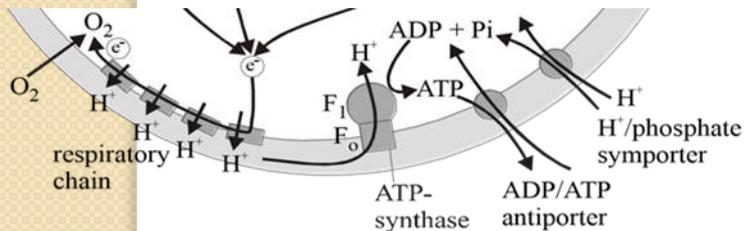
formation of:
2 ATP
2 NADH

formation of:
2 CO₂
3 NADH
1 FADH₂
1 GTP



Energy metabolism in mitochondria – Oxidative phosphorylation

- Oxidative phosphorylation:
 - in the inner membrane
 - electrons: reduced coenzymes → respiratory chain (electron transport system) → $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$
 - generation of electrochemical proton gradient (chemiosmosis mechanism)
 - ATP synthase: ATP-production ($ADP + P_i \rightarrow ATP$)
 - The final electron acceptor is molecular oxygen → is reduced to water (harmful intermediates are generated =ROS)



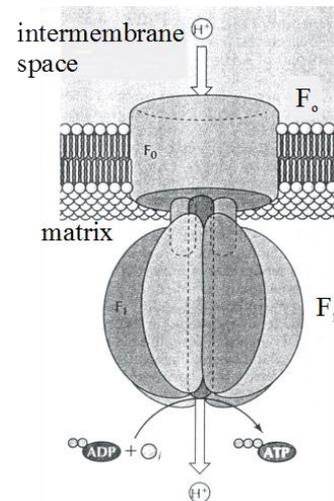
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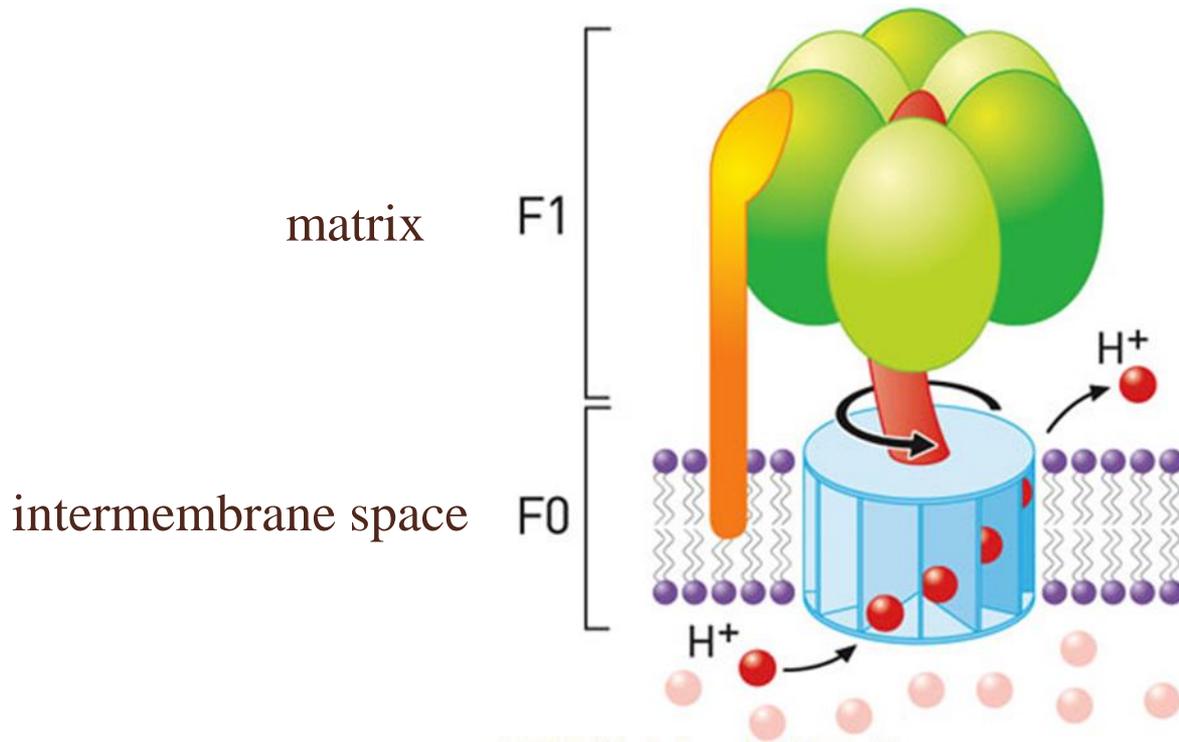
outer membrane

intermembrane space

inner membrane

matrix





1 Proton- 30°
 1ATP- 4 Protons- 120°
 360° - 3ATP

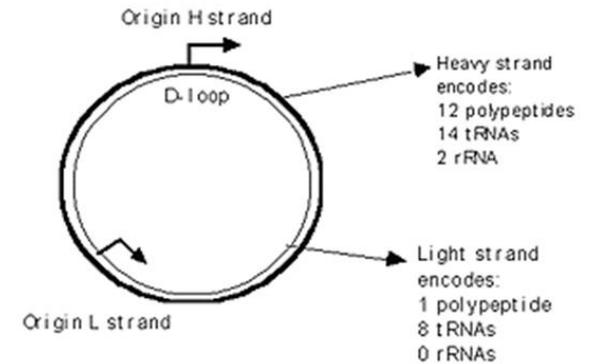
Fully oxidation of 1 glucose molecule

- Glycolysis:
 - Production of 4 ATP but 2 are consumed → 2 ATP
 - Citric acid cycle:
 - 2 ATP (indirectly)
 - Oxidative phosphorylation:
 - 30 or 32 ATP
- 34 or 36 ATP molecules

The human mitochondrial genetic apparatus

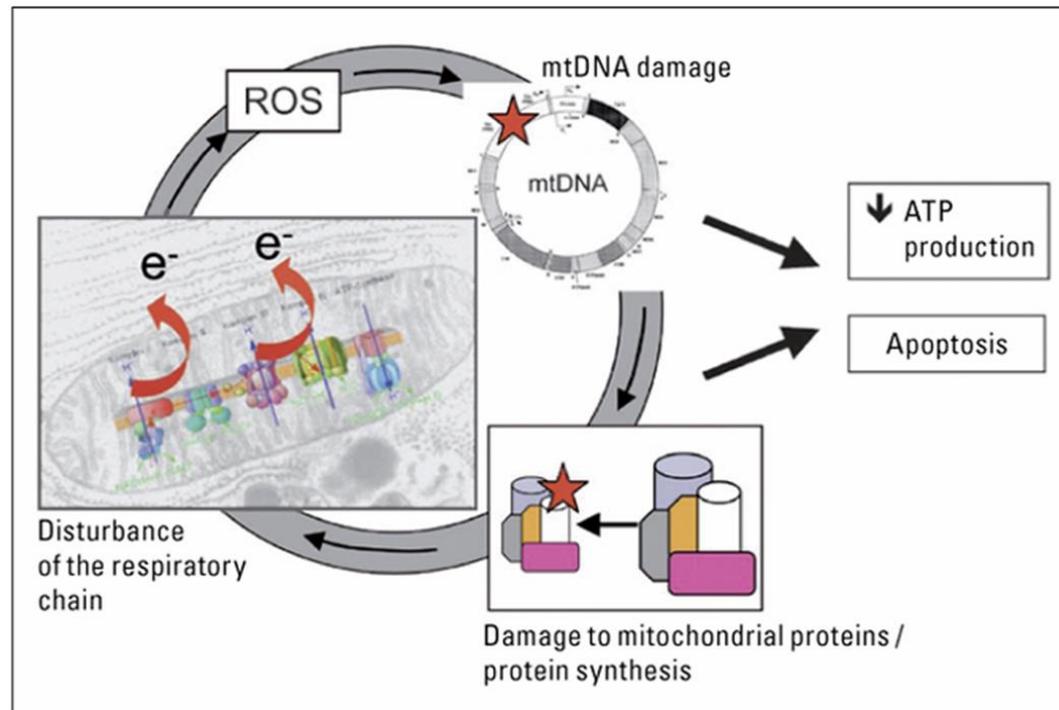
- Mitochondrial DNA:

- small
- circular
- double-stranded → heavy (H) and light (L) chain
- 2-10 copies/mitochondrion
- in the mitochondrial matrix
- mostly coding regions → rRNAs, tRNAs, mRNAs
- symmetrical transcription
- no RNA import or export
- no protein export
- protein import
- high mutation rate



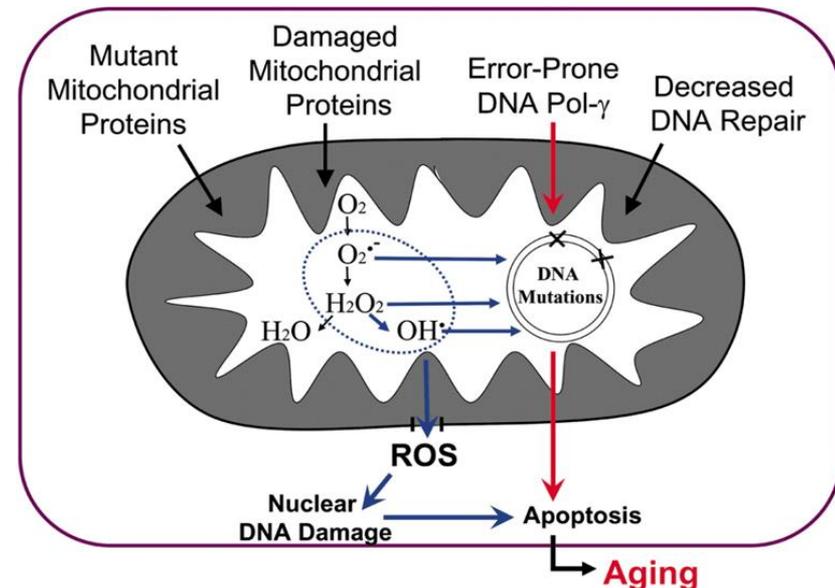
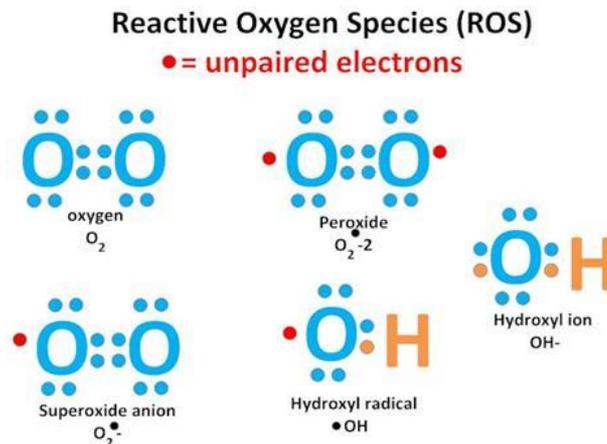
Mutation of mtDNA

- Free radicals
- No histon proteins
- Proofreading and repair are weak



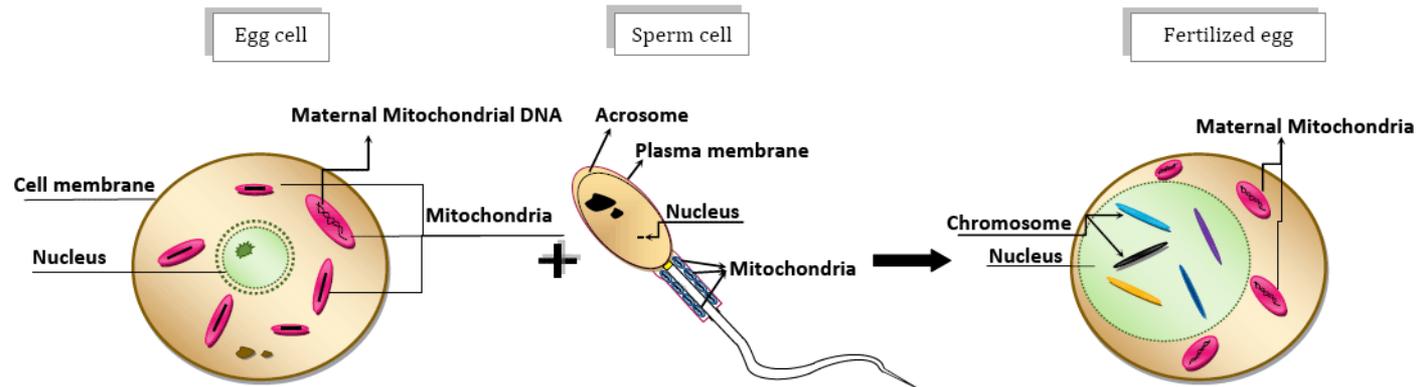
Reactive oxygen species (ROS)

- During reduction of oxygen → harmful, instable intermediates are produced (superoxide or peroxide anions)
- These are called reactive oxygen species (ROS):
 - are very harmful to cells
 - oxidize proteins, destroy the membrane and cause mutations in DNA
 - cause diseases and is proposed as one cause of aging

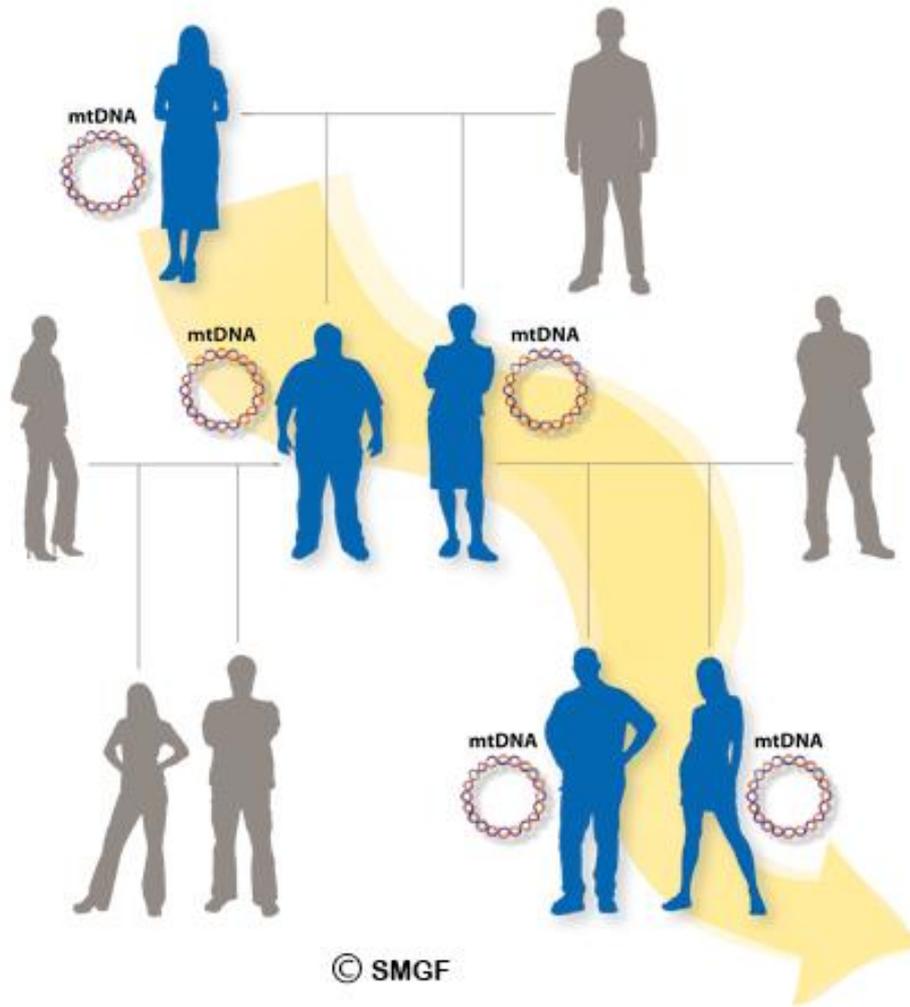


Inheritance

Maternal: mitochondria are inherited only from mothers
non- mendelian inheritance

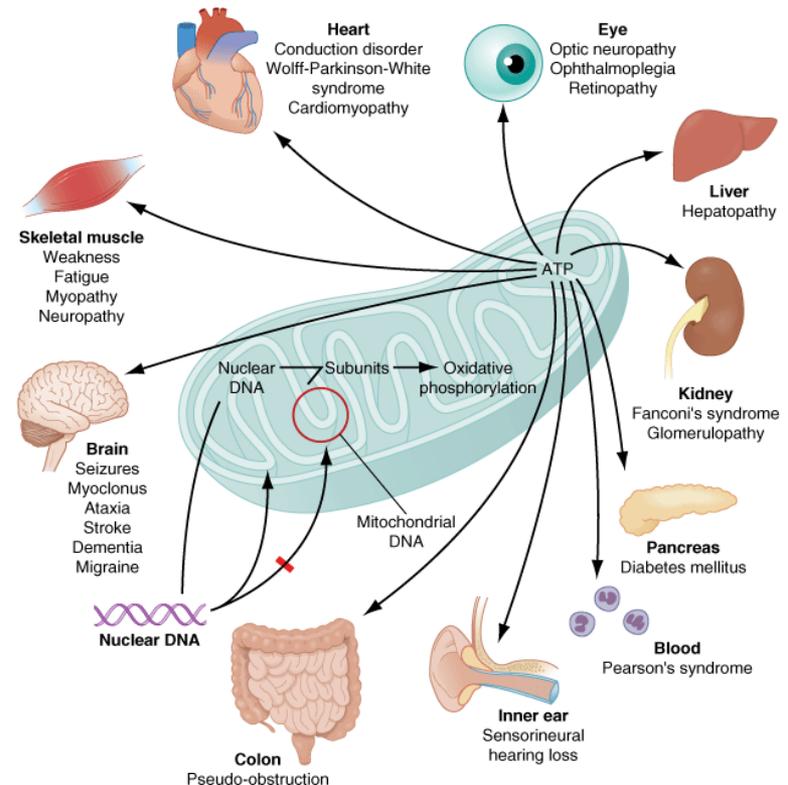


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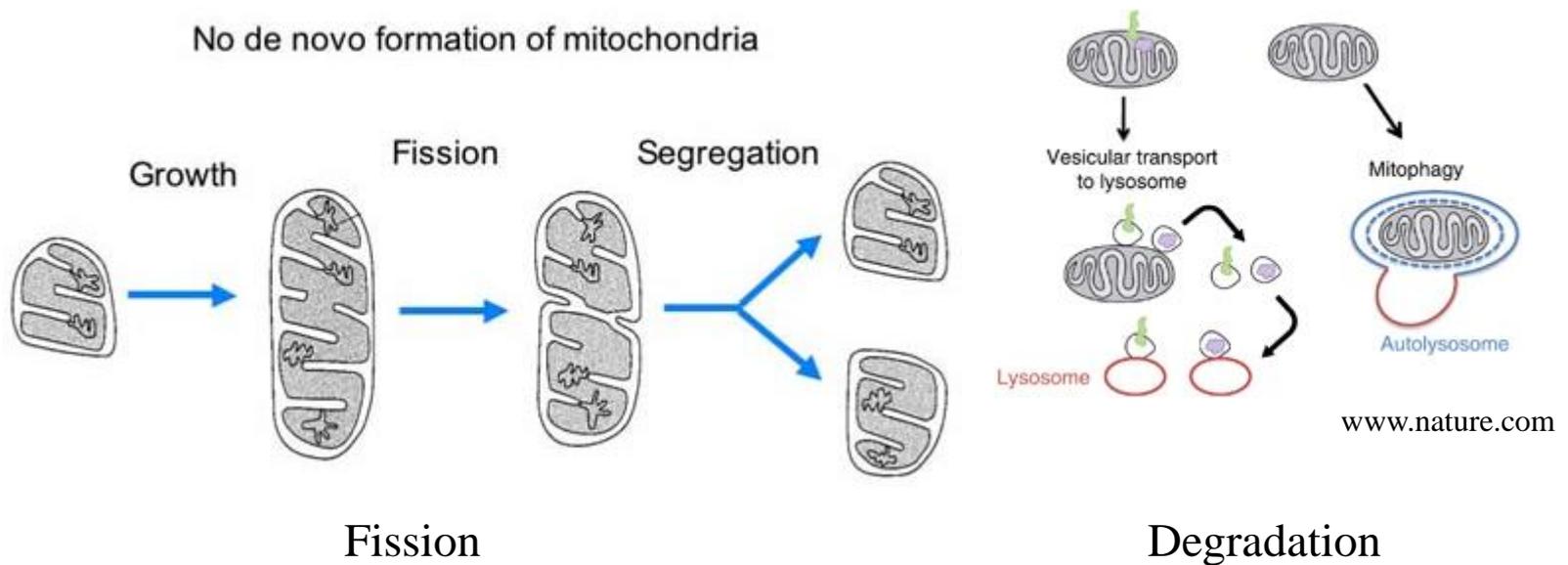
Mitochondrial diseases

- mutations in the mitochondrial DNA → decrease in ATP production
- those tissues/organs are affected, which require lots of energy
- Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
- Parkinson disease
- Alzheimer disease
- diabetes mellitus
- physiological aging

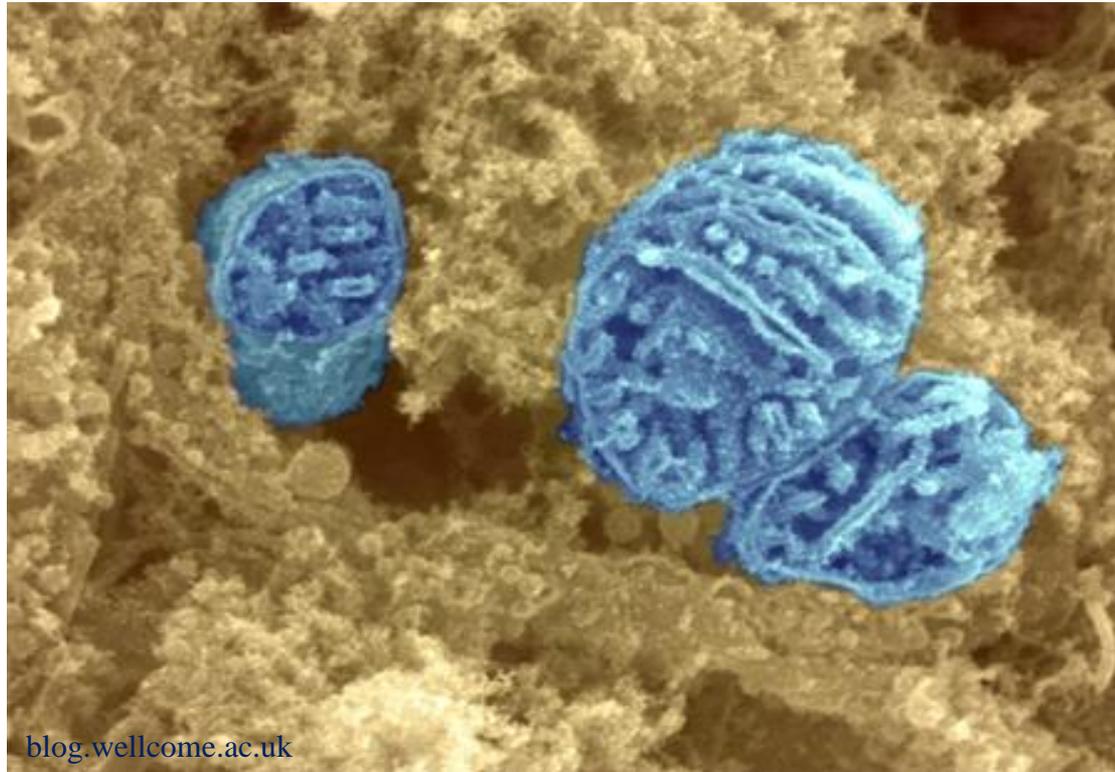


Formation and degradation

- no de novo formation
- are generated through growth and binary fission
- lysosomal degradation

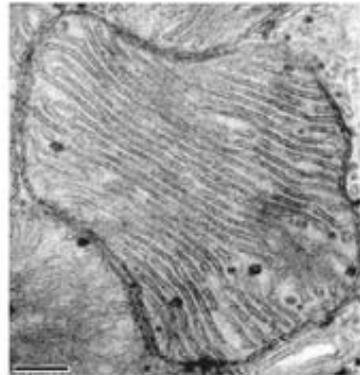


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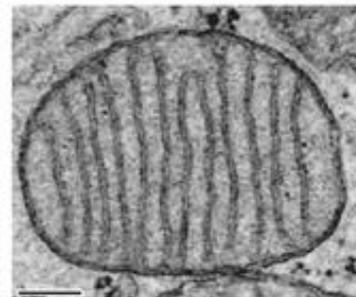


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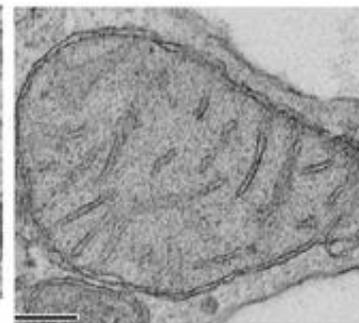
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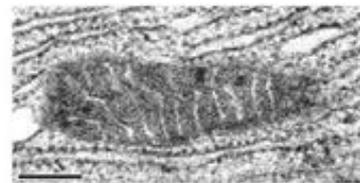
Heart



Brown fat



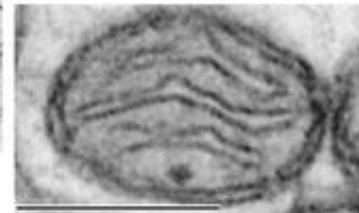
Liver



Pancreas



White fat



Brain



Skeletal muscle



Retina



Peripheral nerve



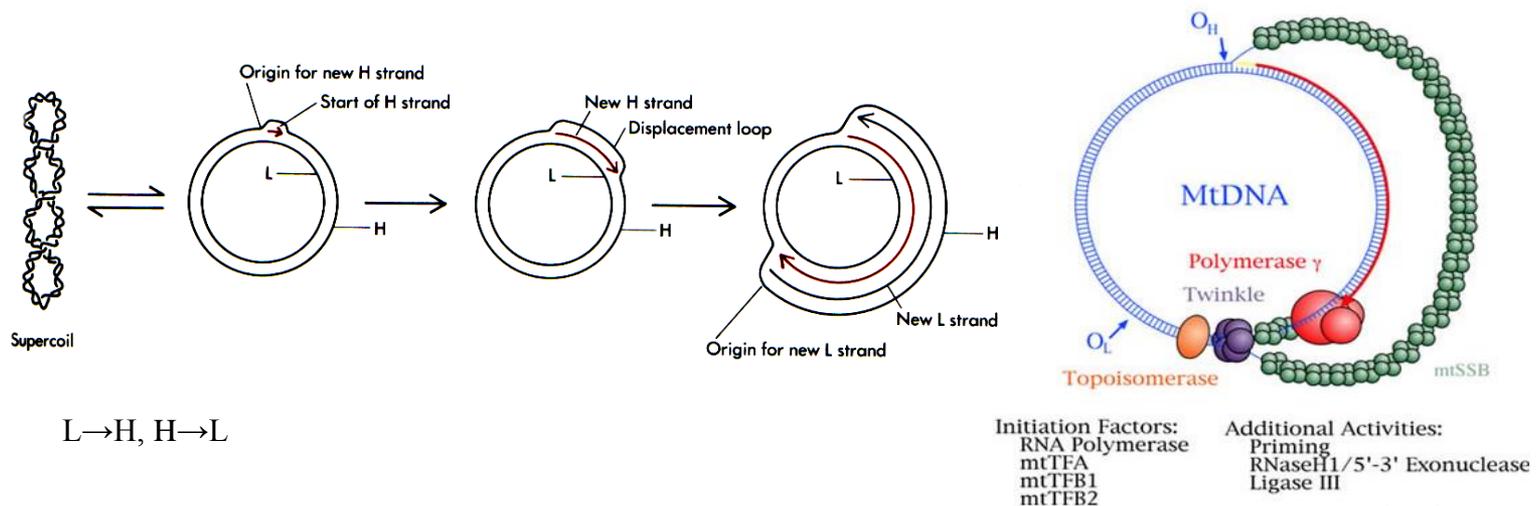
Kidney

Genome

Characteristic	Nuclear Genome	Mitochondrial Genome
Size	~ 3.3x10 ⁹ bp	16,569bp
Form of DNA	linear, doublestranded	circular, doublestranded H-strand, L-strand
Number of DNA- molecules per cell	23 (haploid) 46 (diploid)	tausende Kopien pro Zelle 2-10 Kopien pro Mitochondrium
Percentage of coding DNA	~ 3% vorwiegend nichtkodierend	~ 93% vorwiegend kodierend
Number of Genes encoded	~20.000-30.000	37 13mRNAs, 22tRNAs, 2rRNAs
Associated proteins	Histone and non-Histone- Proteins	no Histones (Nucleoid)
Mutations-rate	< 20 %	no Histones weak Proofreading free radicals (ROS)

mtDNA Synthesis

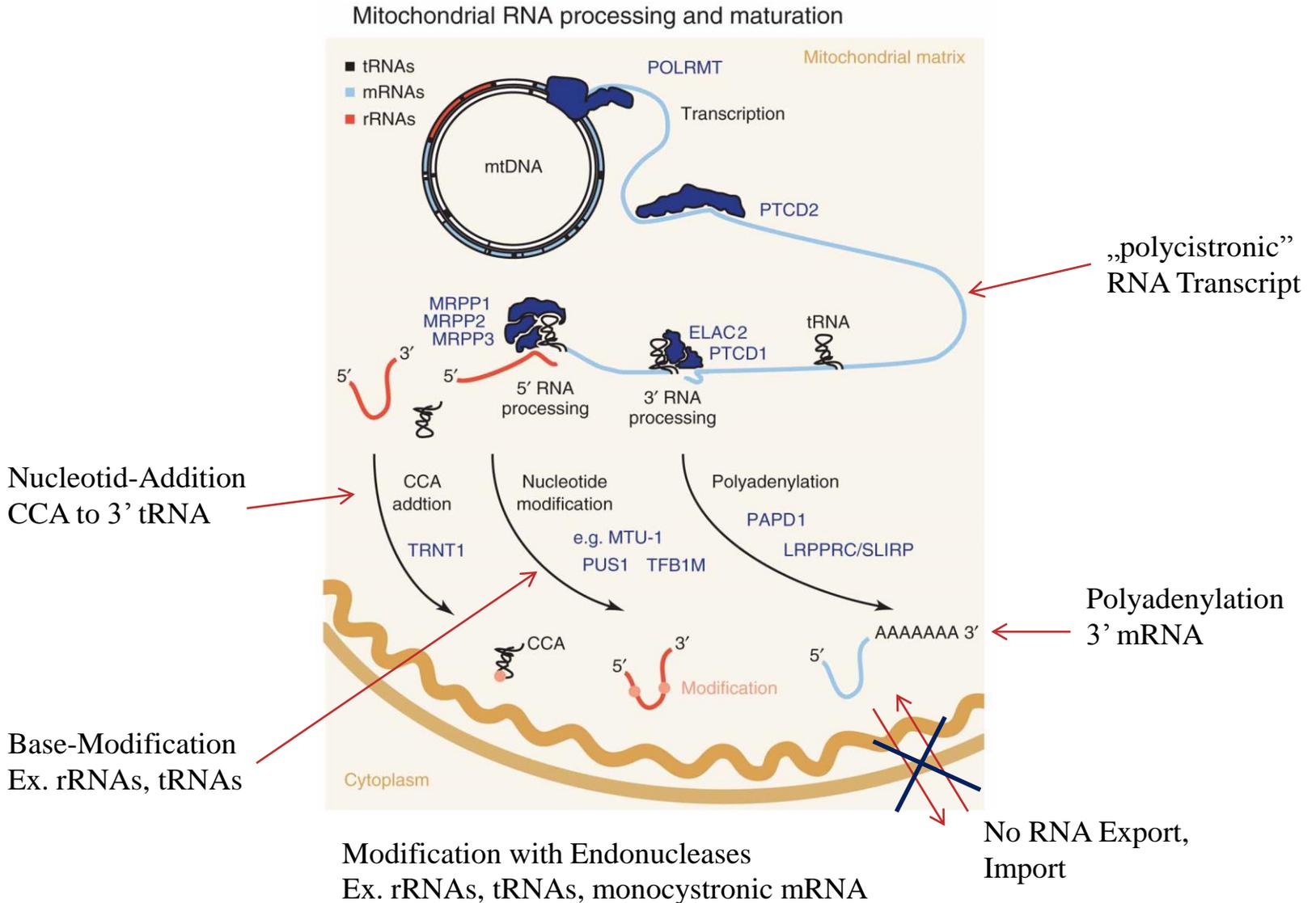
Characteristic	Nuclear Genome	Mitochondrial Genome
DNA Replication	symmetric	asymmetric
Replication enzymes	in nuclear genome encoded DNA-Polymerase α, δ, ϵ	in nuclear genome encoded DNA-Polymerase γ
Proofreading	normal	weak



Transcription

Characteristic	Nuclear Genome	Mitochondrial Genome
Transcription	asymmetric	symmetric
RNA Polymerase	in nuclear genome encoded	in nuclear genome encoded
Introns	highly repeated	no
Splicing	✓	—
5' Cap	✓	—
Poly A tail	✓	✓

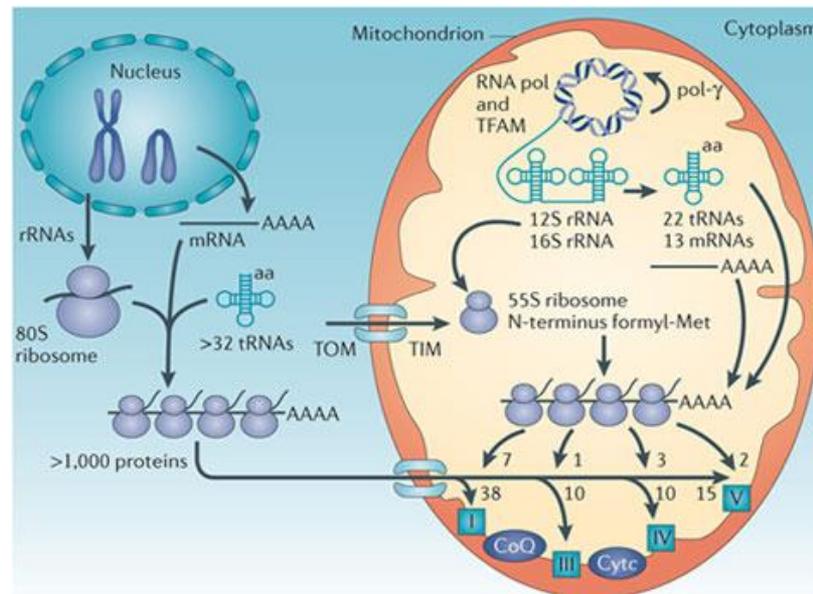
Posttranscriptional Modifications of mtRNAs



Translation

Characteristic	Nuclear Genome	Mitochondrial Genome
Proteins	All in cytoplasm translated	1% in Mitochondrion 99% at free Ribosomes in cytoplasm
Genetic Code	Universal	unique codes

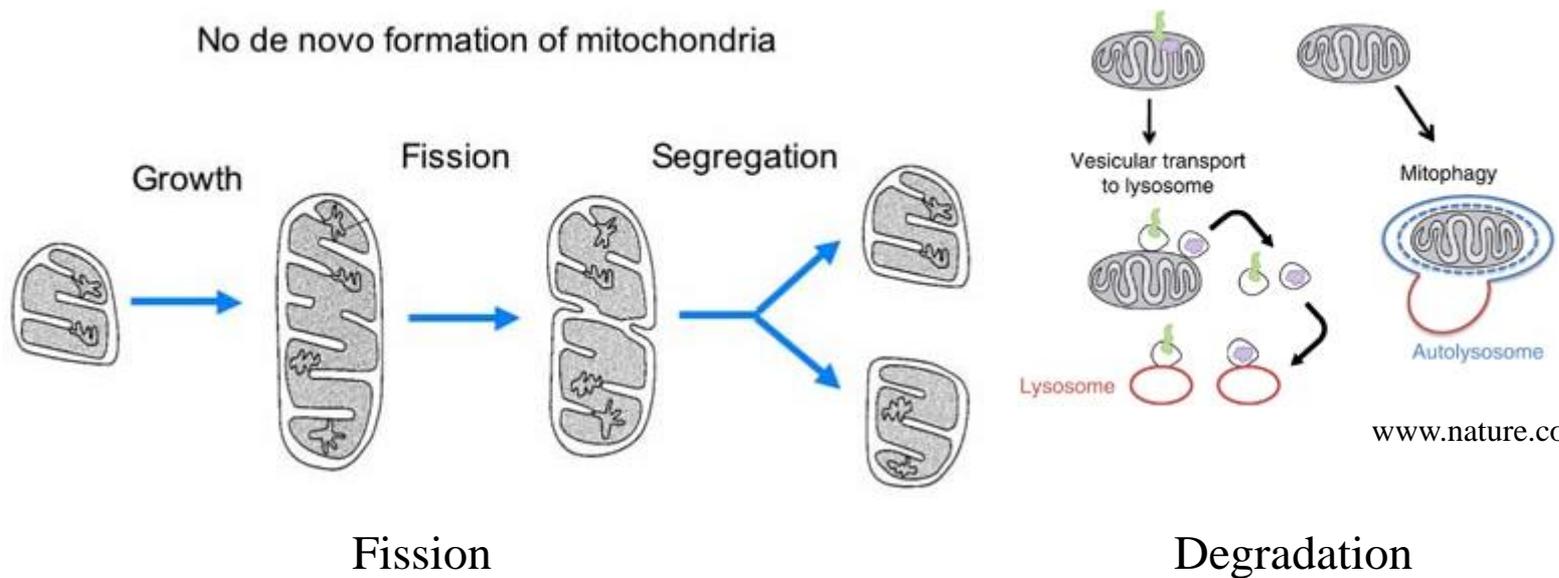
99 %
All other Proteins
(Functional)



1%
Subunits of respiratory
chain proteins

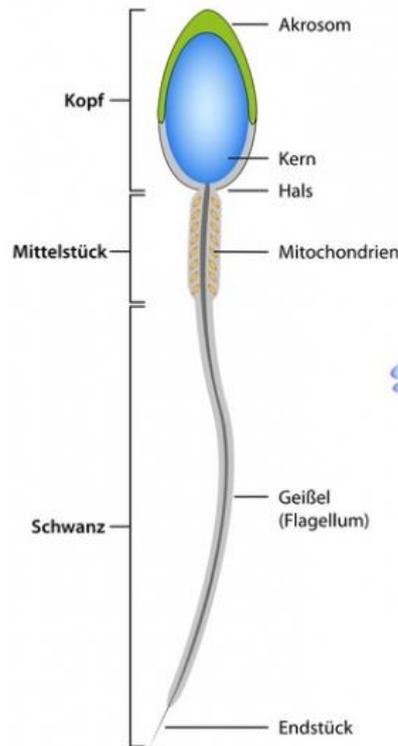
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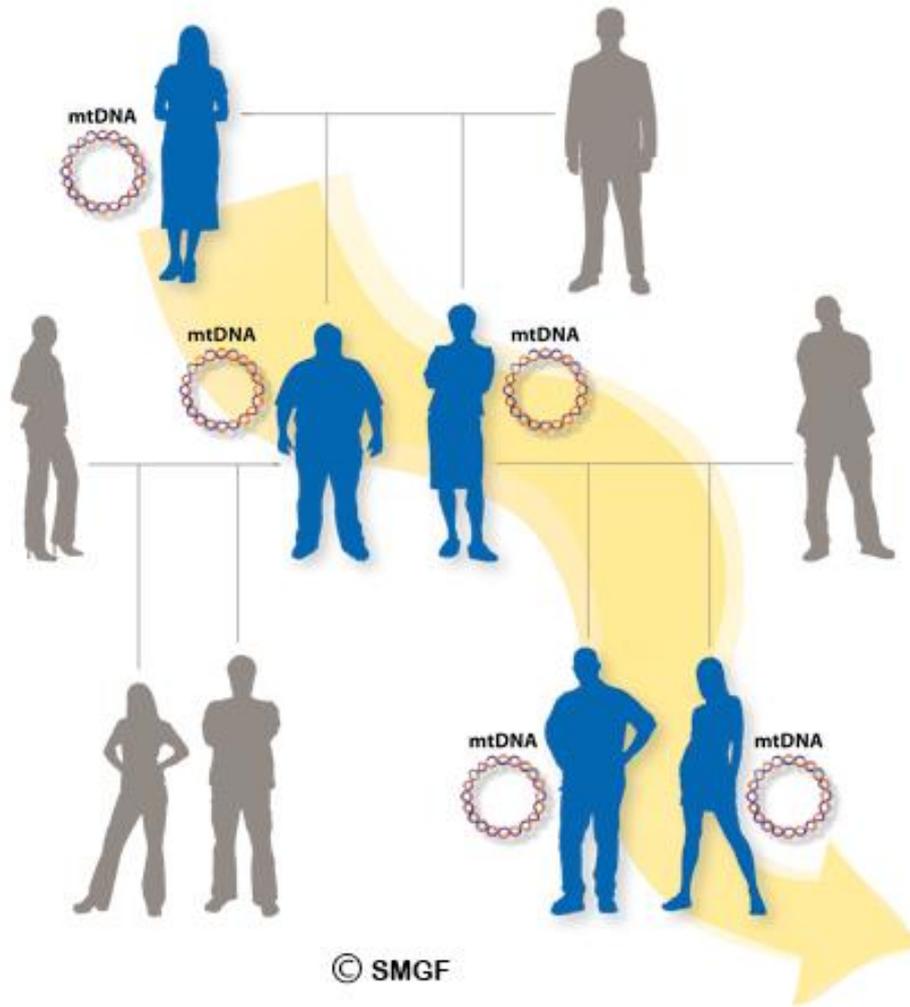
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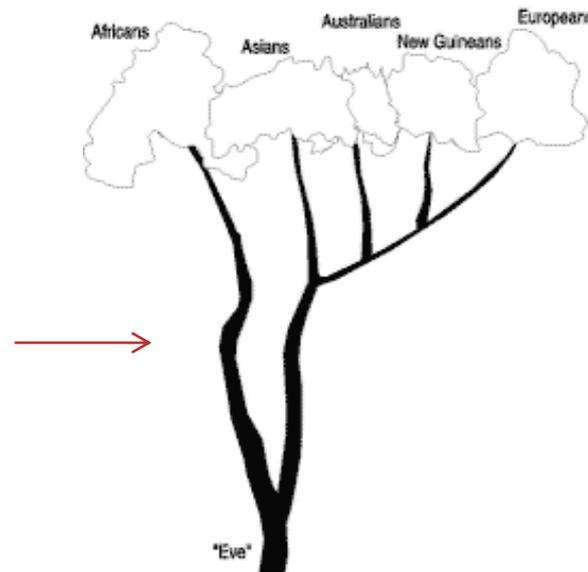


Eva Hypothesis

she is the woman from whom all living humans today descend on their mother's side

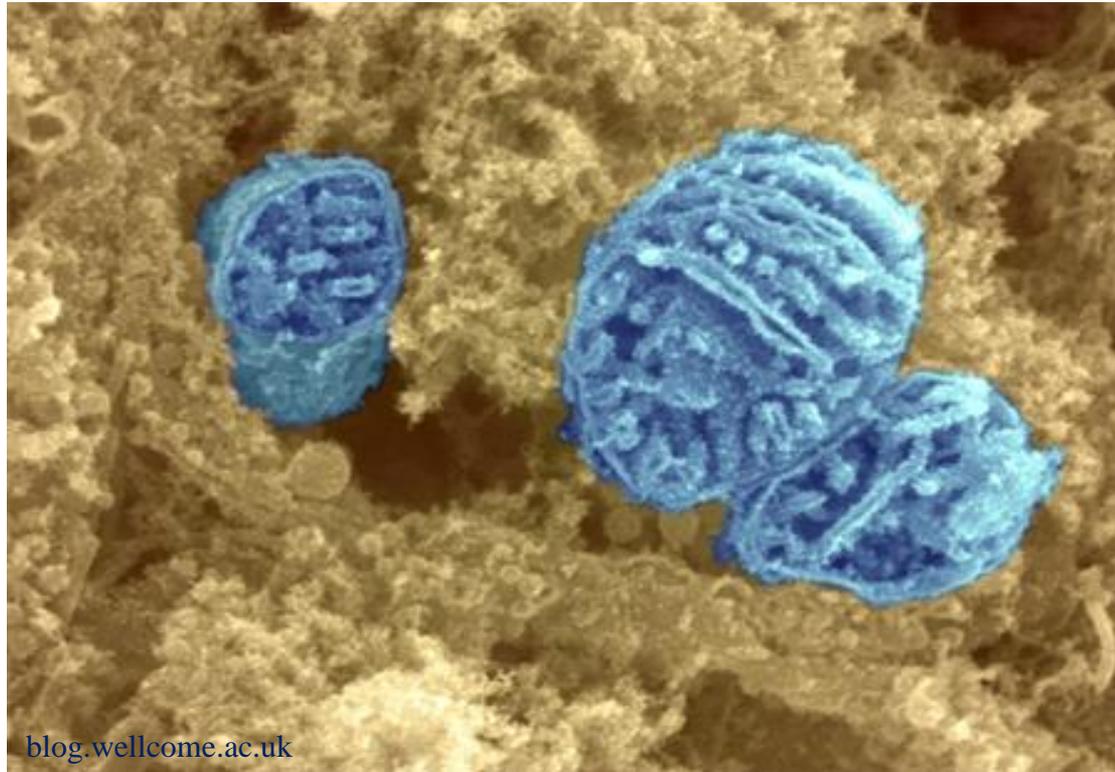


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Family tree of recent human evolution as proposed by Cann, et al. (1987).

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