

# *HISTONE DEUBIQUITINATION IN MITOCHONDRIAL STRESS AND LONGEVITY*



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# The importance of understanding ageing

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## Ageing associated diseases

- Alzheimer
- Parkinson
- Huntington
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Cancer

# The genetics of ageing

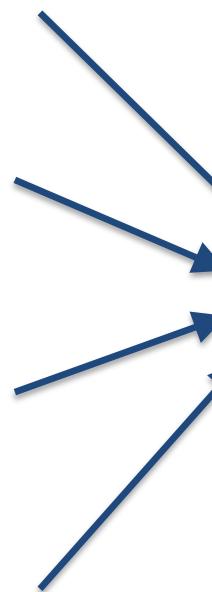
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*Insulin/IGF-1  
signalling (IIS)*

*TOR signalling*

*Dietary  
restriction*

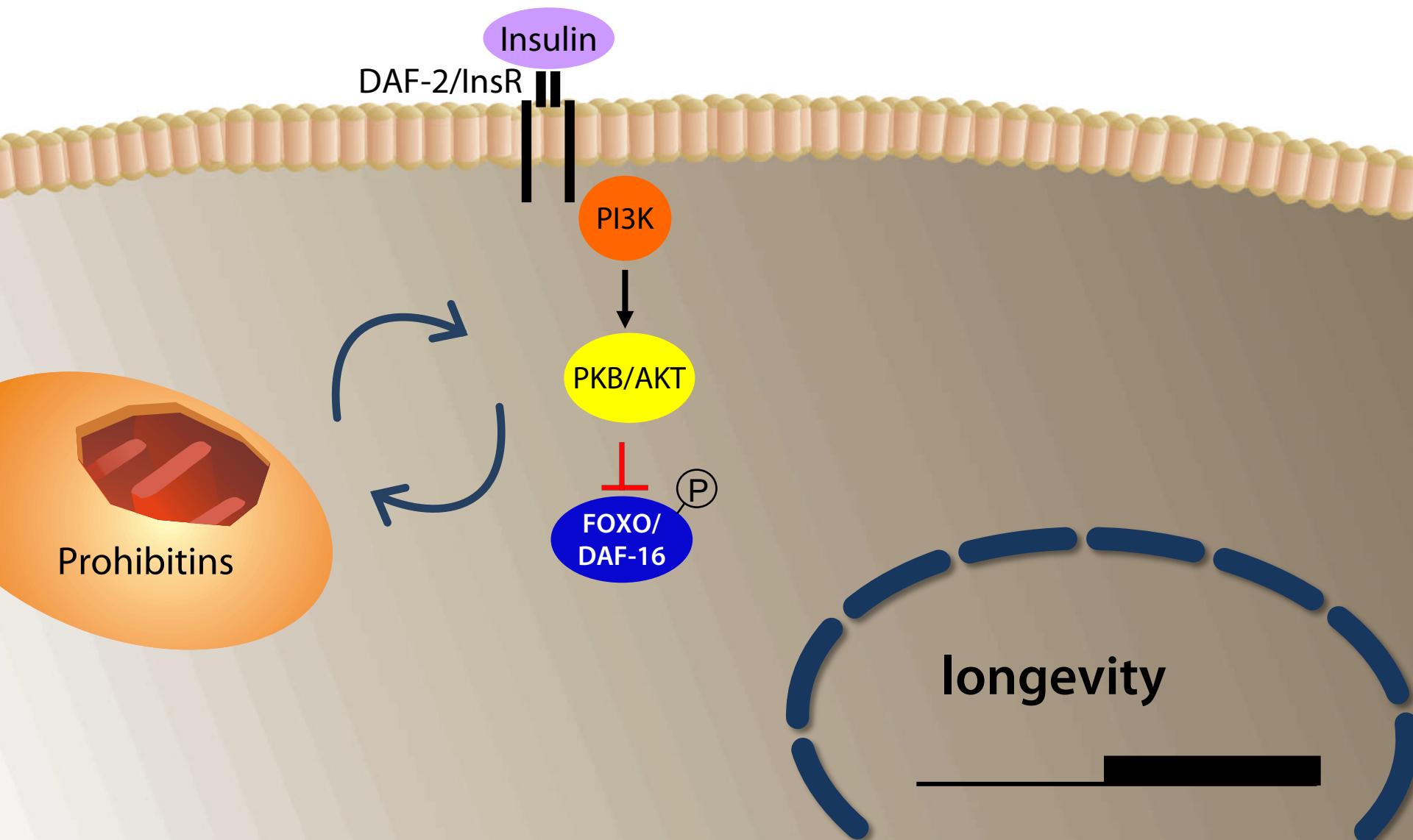
*Mitochondrial  
function*



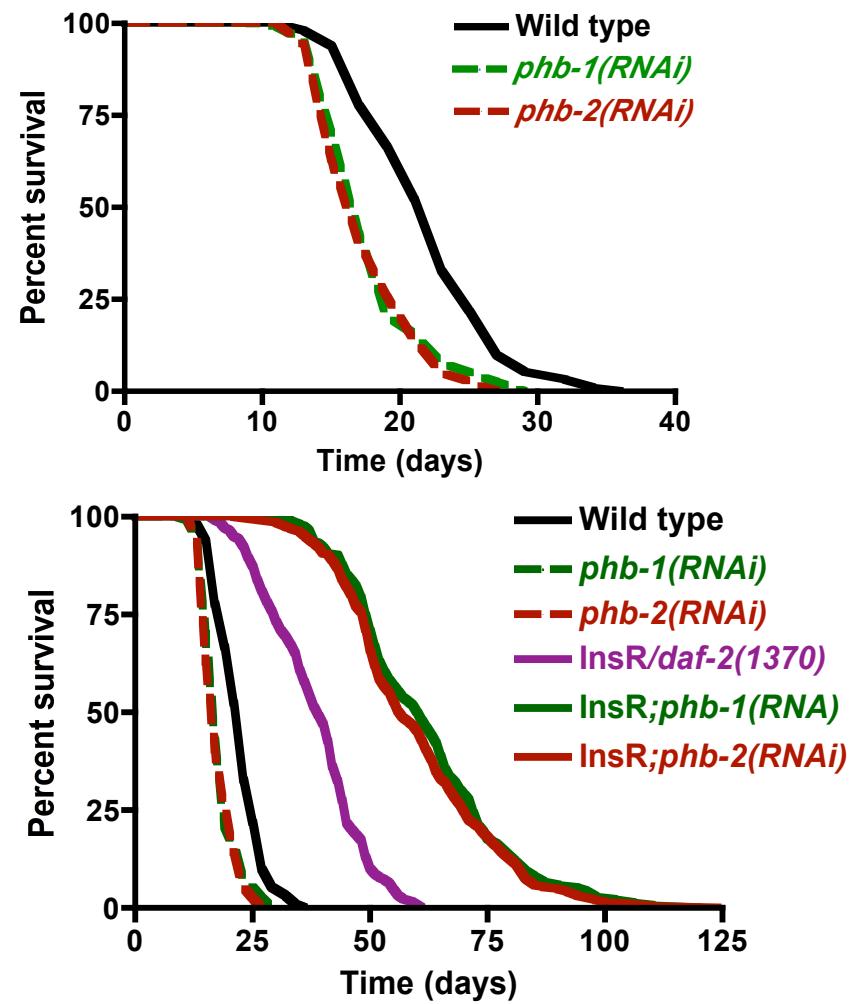
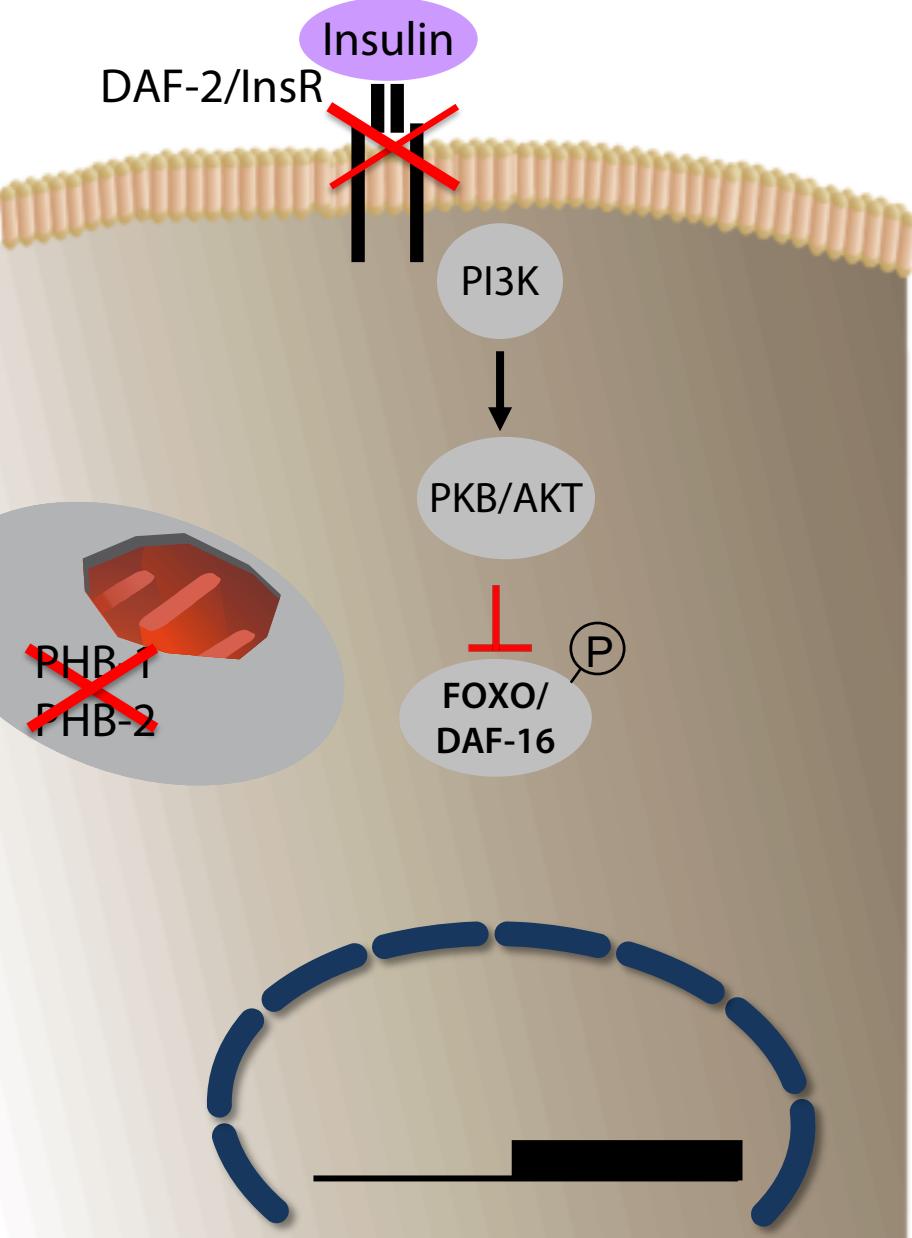
**AGEING**



# Mitochondrial crosstalk in ageing

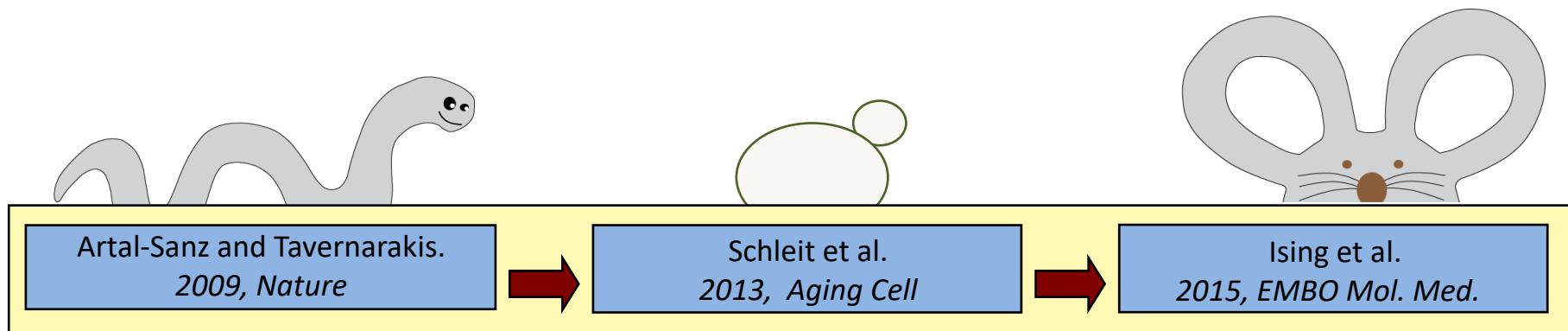


# Mitochondrial prohibitins in ageing

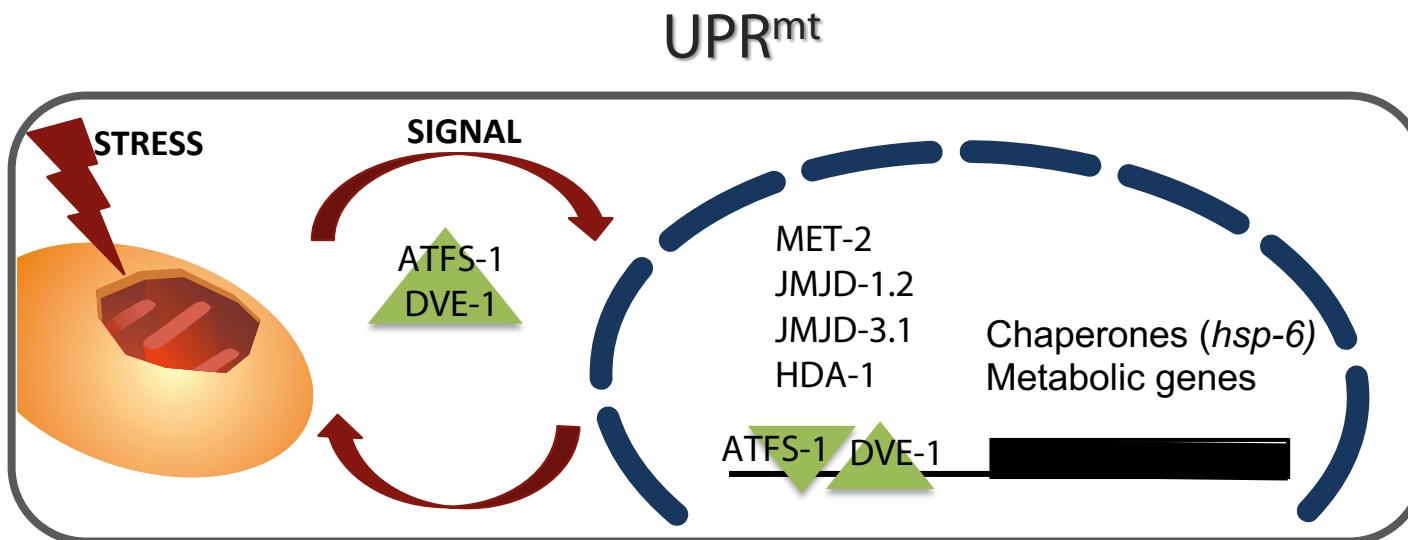


Artal-Sanz and Tavernarakis (2009) *Nature*

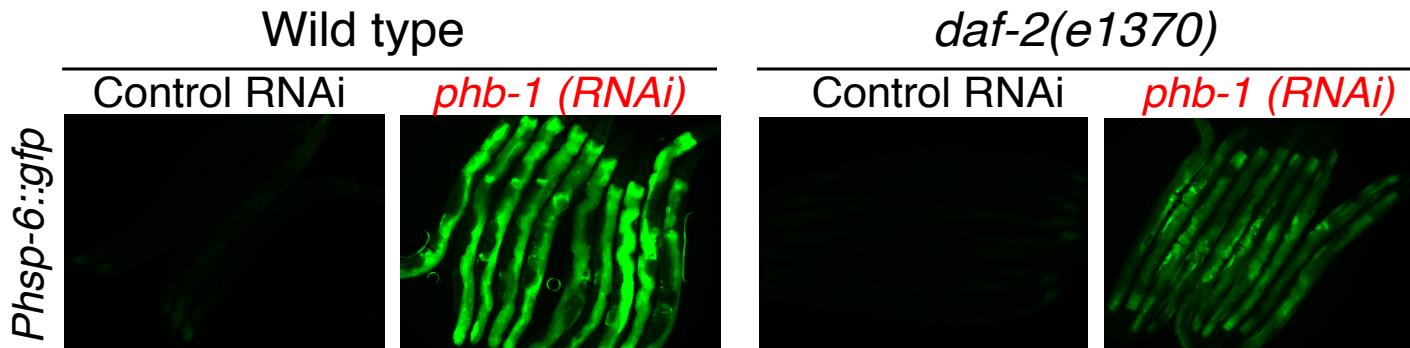
# A conserved role for prohibitins in ageing



# PHB depletion induces the mitochondrial unfolded protein response (UPR<sup>mt</sup>)

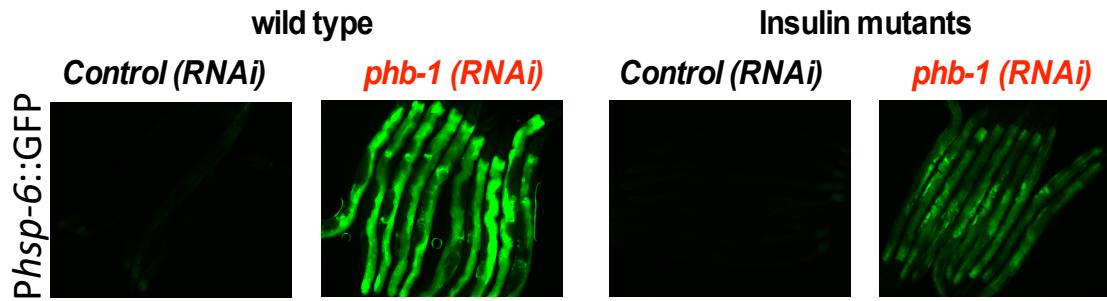


Adapted from Merkwirth et al. 2016.

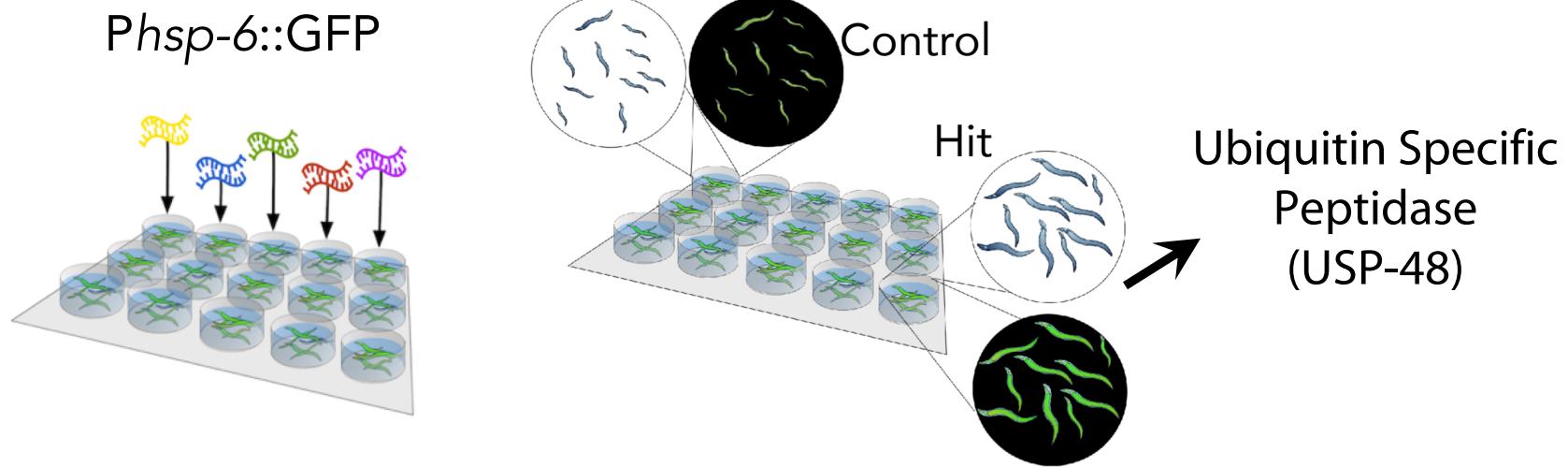


Gatsi et al. 2014. PLoS One

# An RNAi screen uncovers USP-48 as a new UPR<sup>mt</sup> regulator

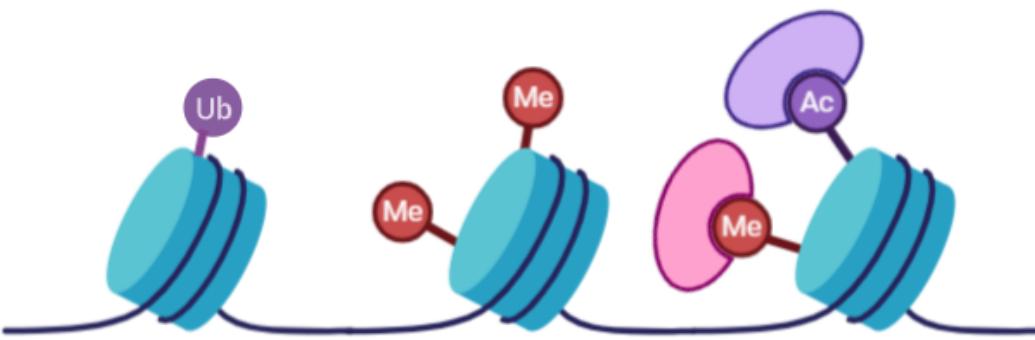


## Genome-wide *RNAi* screen



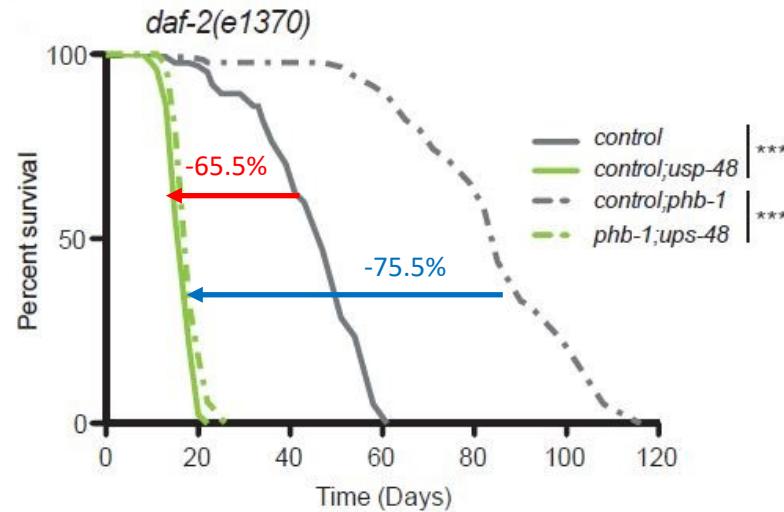
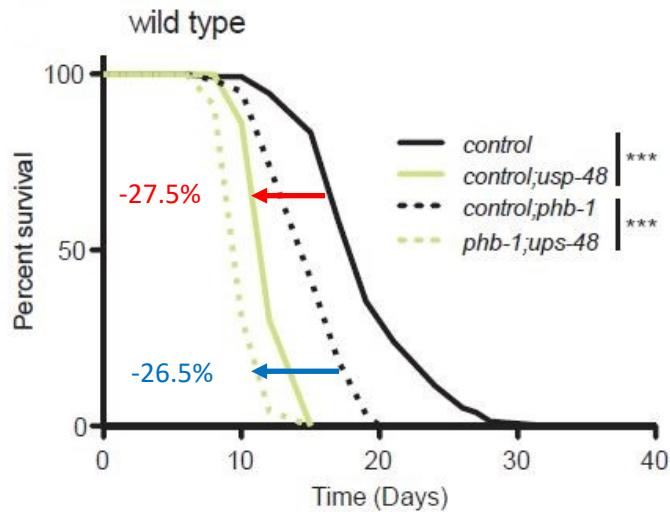
# Histone deubiquitination in mitochondrial stress and longevity

## Histone ubiquitination



**USP-48** reduces histone ubiquitination levels and affects gene expression

- USP-48 depletion suppresses lifespan extension conferred by *daf-2* loss of function



# What will you do?

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## Worm physiology

Analyse the mitochondrial functionality of *usp-48* mutants.

## Microscopy

Using endogenously (CRISPR) tagged USP-48, analyse USP-48 expression

Determine the role of H2A and H2B ubiquitin ligases in the UPRmt.

## Molecular Biology

Western blot analysis of Histone Ubiquitination levels under different stress conditions

CRISPR tag USP-48 for biochemical applications. Cloning and injection