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Description Discourses



# Why do we age?

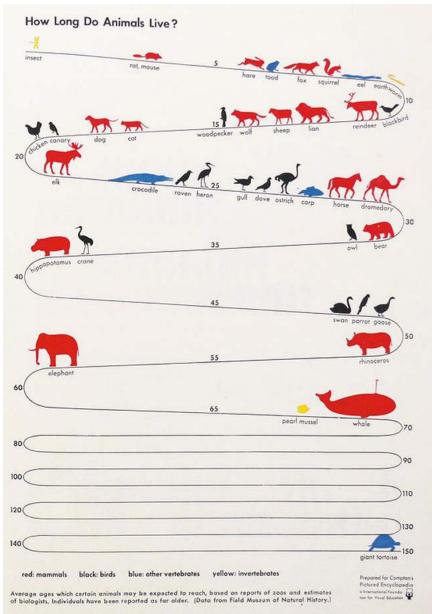
What governs longevity?

How do we assess the efficacy of anti-ageing medicine?

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#### **Animal longevity**



#### **Animal record breakers**

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#### 200-Year-Old Fish Caught Off Alaska

A centuries-old Shortraker Rock-fish may be the oldest of its species ever landed





Bowhead whales typically live 130-190 years





A 405 Year-old Clam plucked from Icelandic waters in October 2007

#### And the animal winner is...



2000 year brain coral off the coast of Tobago

Source: www.rachelsussman.com

#### **Flora**



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#### And the flora winner is...



80,000 year-old quaking Aspens, Fish Lake, Utah

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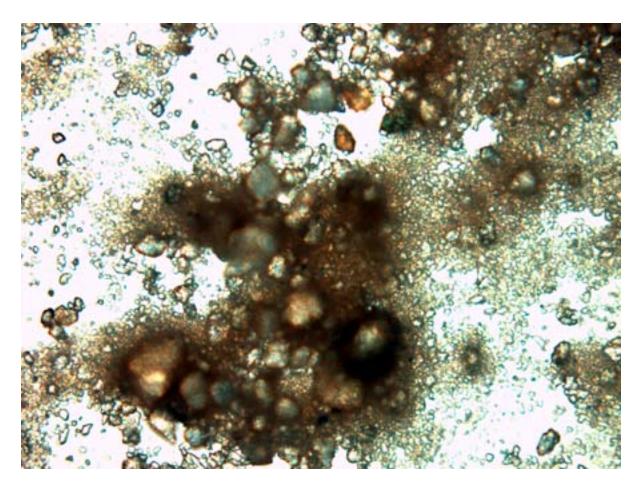
Seeds

31,800 year-old seeds from Siberian permafrost germinate!



2000 year-old date seed germinates in Israel

#### But the longest lived thing is...

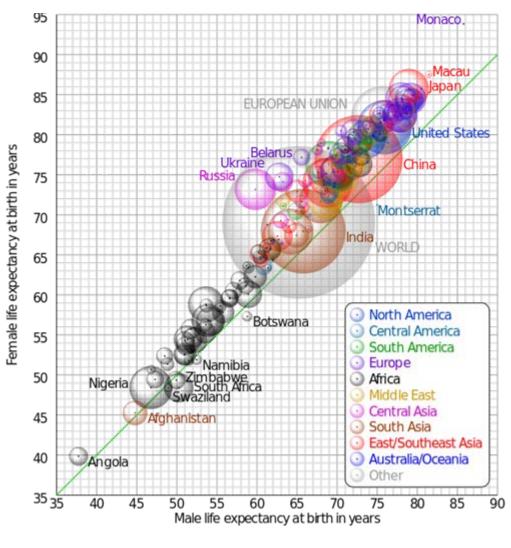


Siberian Actino-bacteria 400-600,000 years old!

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Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen

#### Human longevity



Central Intelligence Agency Fact Book 2011

#### 125-year old Bolivian?

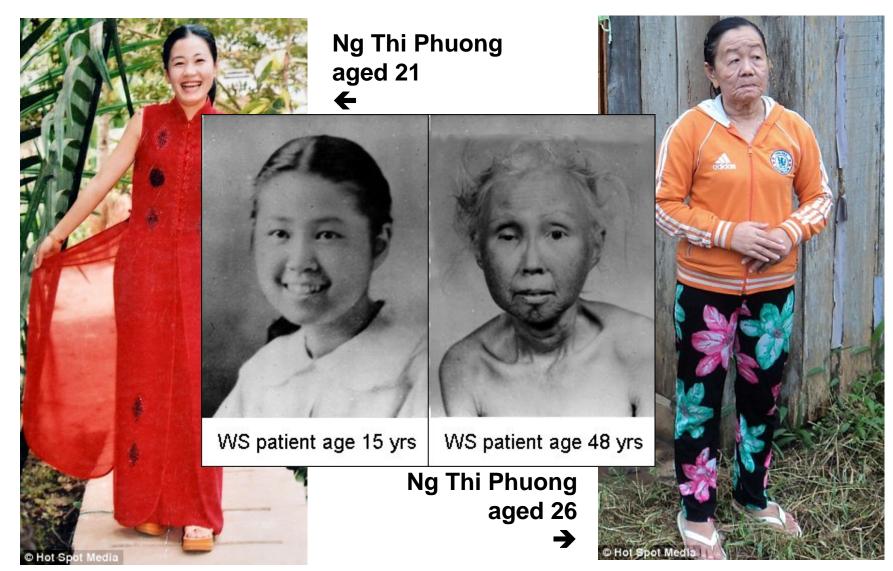




#### So what is it?



### **Rapid** ageing



#### Progeria



Progeria: Premature aging. Usually die at 10-15 yrs.of heart failure. SS Gellis, M Feingold. Atlas of Mental Retardation Syndromes. 1968.

#### Syndrome 'X'



Brooke Greenberg- LEFT- born January 8, 1993, (shown here with her 17 year old sister) is an American from Reisterstown, Maryland, who has remained physically and cognitively similar to a toddler, despite her increasing age. She is about 30 inches (76 cm) tall, weighs about 16 pounds (7.3 kg), and has an estimated mental age of nine months to one year. Brooke's doctors have termed her condition 'Syndrome X'.

## Glycation (cross linking)



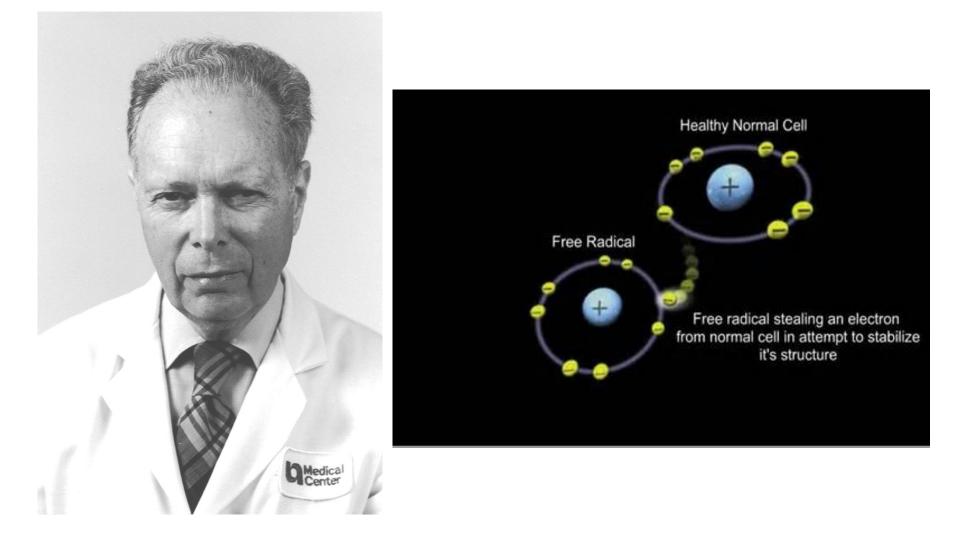
Fig. 1. Bjorksten illustrated the effect of inter- and intra-molecular crosslinks with his drawing of factory workers (cells) hampered by handcuffs (crosslinks).



A cut apple exposed to air starts to harden and discolour due to glycation. 30 minutes time shown here within 3 seconds.

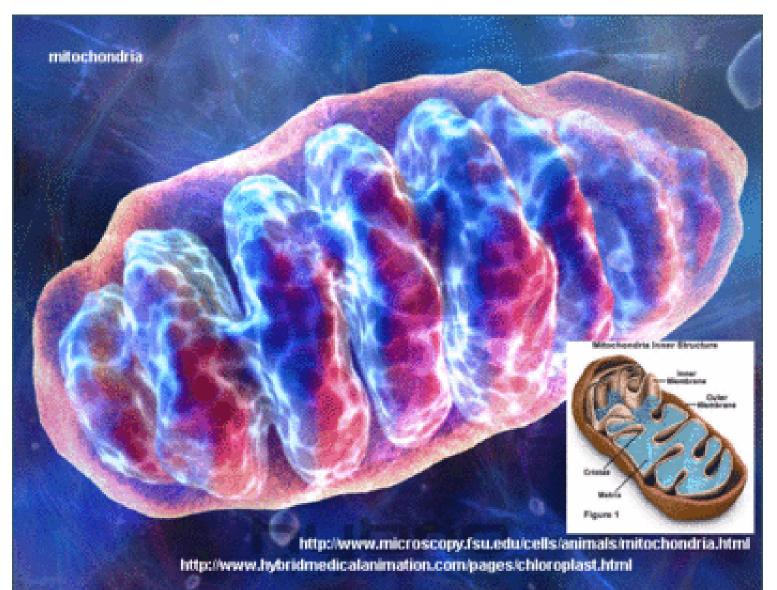
Johan Bjorksten, the cross-linking theory of ageing, 1942

#### **Free radicals**

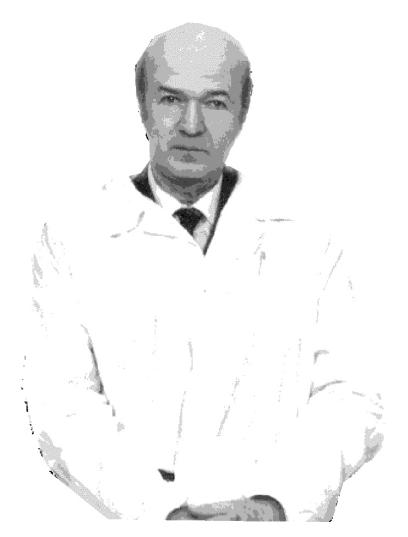


Denham Harman, the free radical theory of ageing, 1954

#### **Mitochondrial**



#### Neuroendocrine



The Neuroendocrine Theory of Aging and Degenerative Disease

> Vladimir M. Dilman, M.D., Ph.D., D.M.Sc. Ward Dean, M.D.

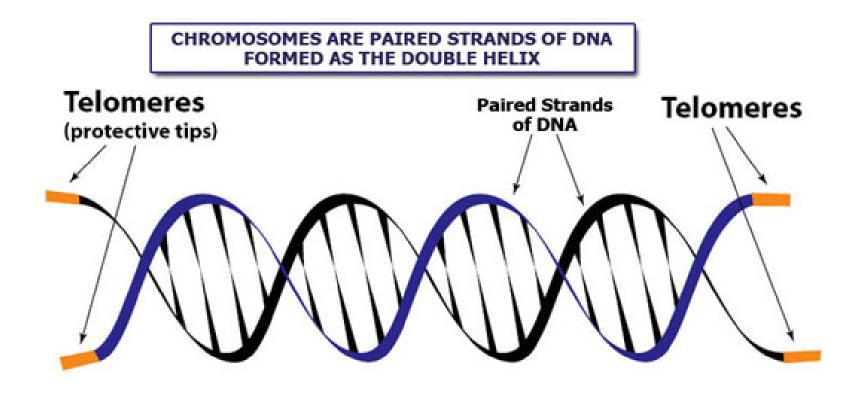


#### Hayflick limit

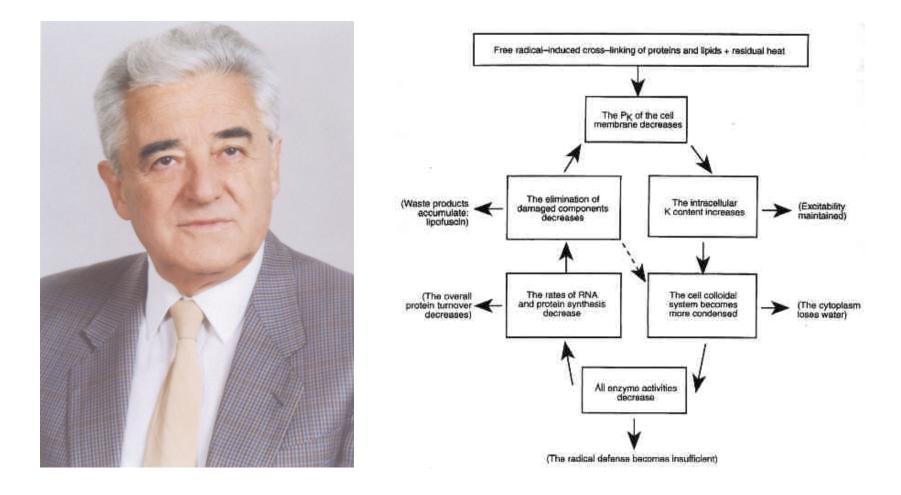


Leonard Hayflick, the cell division limit, 1961

#### Telomeres

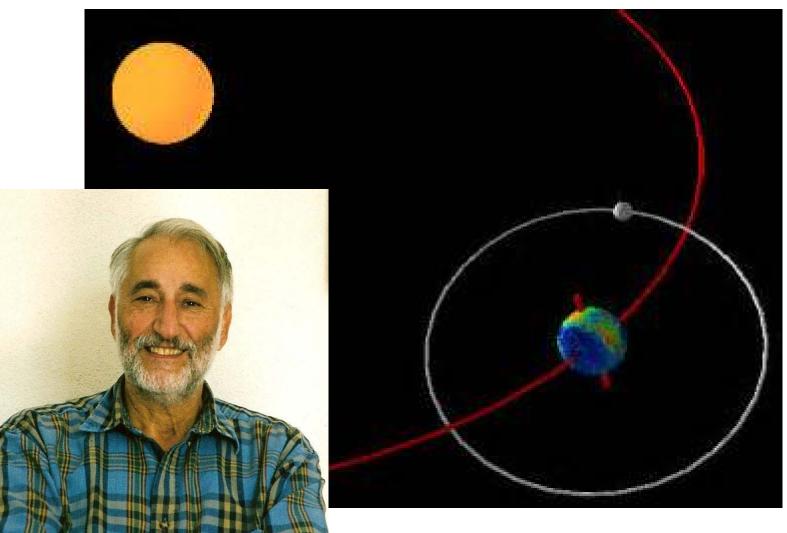


#### Membrane



Imre Zs-Nagy, the membrane hypothesis of ageing, 1993

#### Rotational



Walter Pierpaoli, the rotational theory of ageing, 2003

#### Or is there nothing at all?!

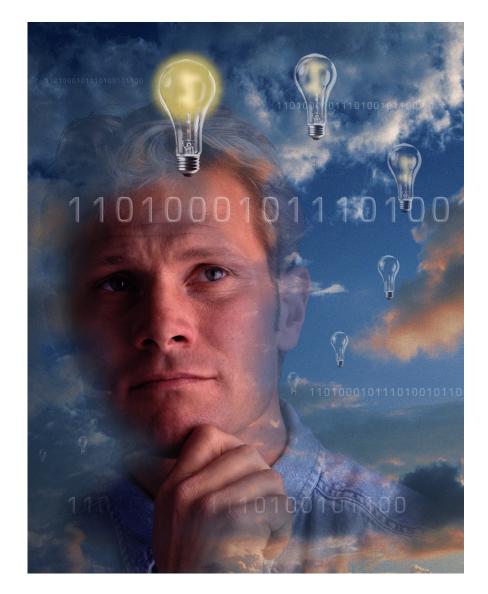


Is ageing exempt from Charles Darwin's evolution of the species? Is nothing planned after growth to attain puberty- is it just chaotic sensequence afterward?

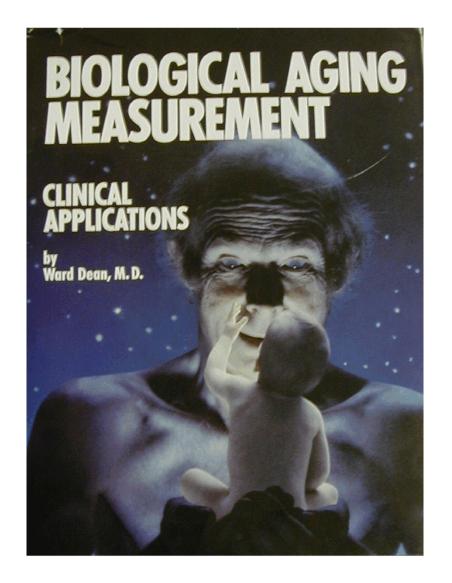
#### Slow, stop & reverse ageing



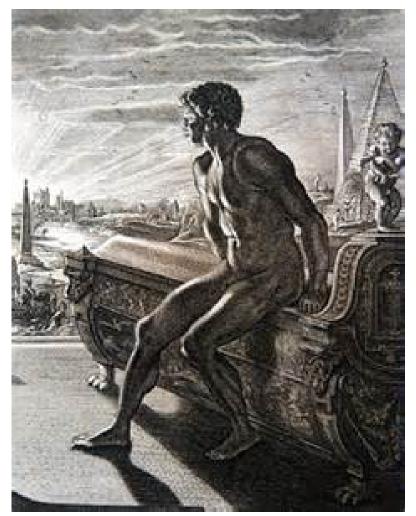
#### Cause = Cure



#### **Biomarkers**



### Greek mythology



Tithonus the immortal



