

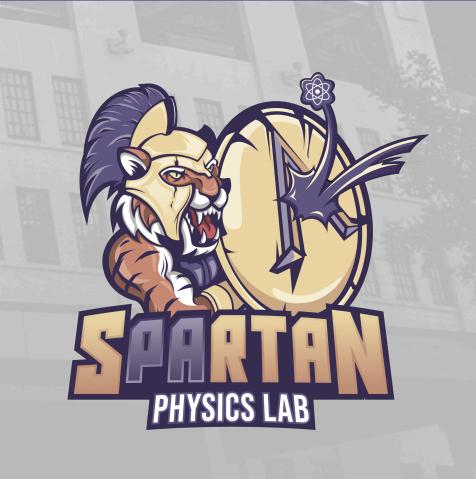
# Research in the Space Radiation Transport & Applied Nuclear Physics Laboratory

SpaRTAN Physics Laboratory

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- 20+ years with or for the manned space flight program conducting nuclear physics research
  - Space vehicle design, shielding analysis, flight hardware
  - Flight Controller in Mission Control
  - Mission Manager STS-118, STS-120, STS-122, and STS-125 (Hubble)
  - Nuclear physicist managing a \$30 MIL radiation biology research program??

Recreational radiobiologist























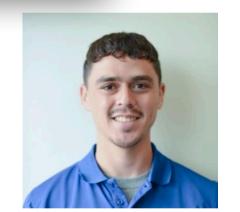


- Multidisciplinary approach to solving real-world problems
- Both theoretical and experimental nuclear physics
- Computational modeling and utilization of supercomputers
- Understanding the interaction of heavy-charged nuclei with both soft and condensed matters

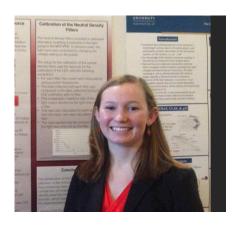


















## Active Grants



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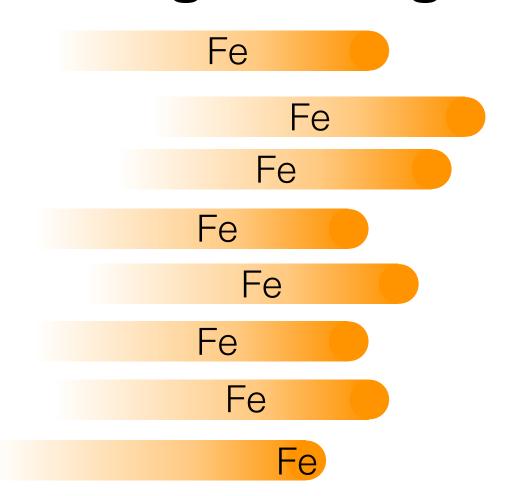
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## Mono-energetic, single ion beam

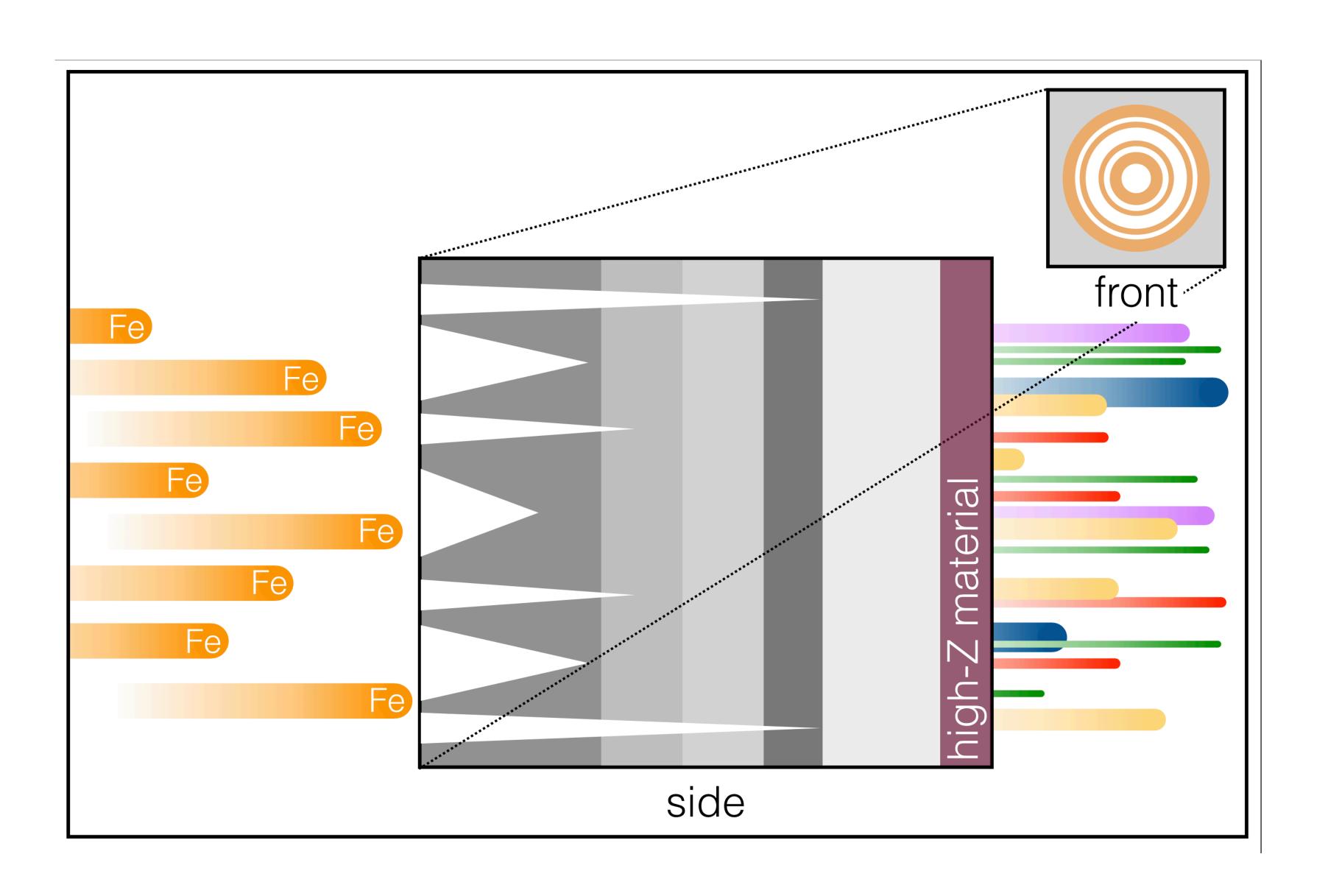




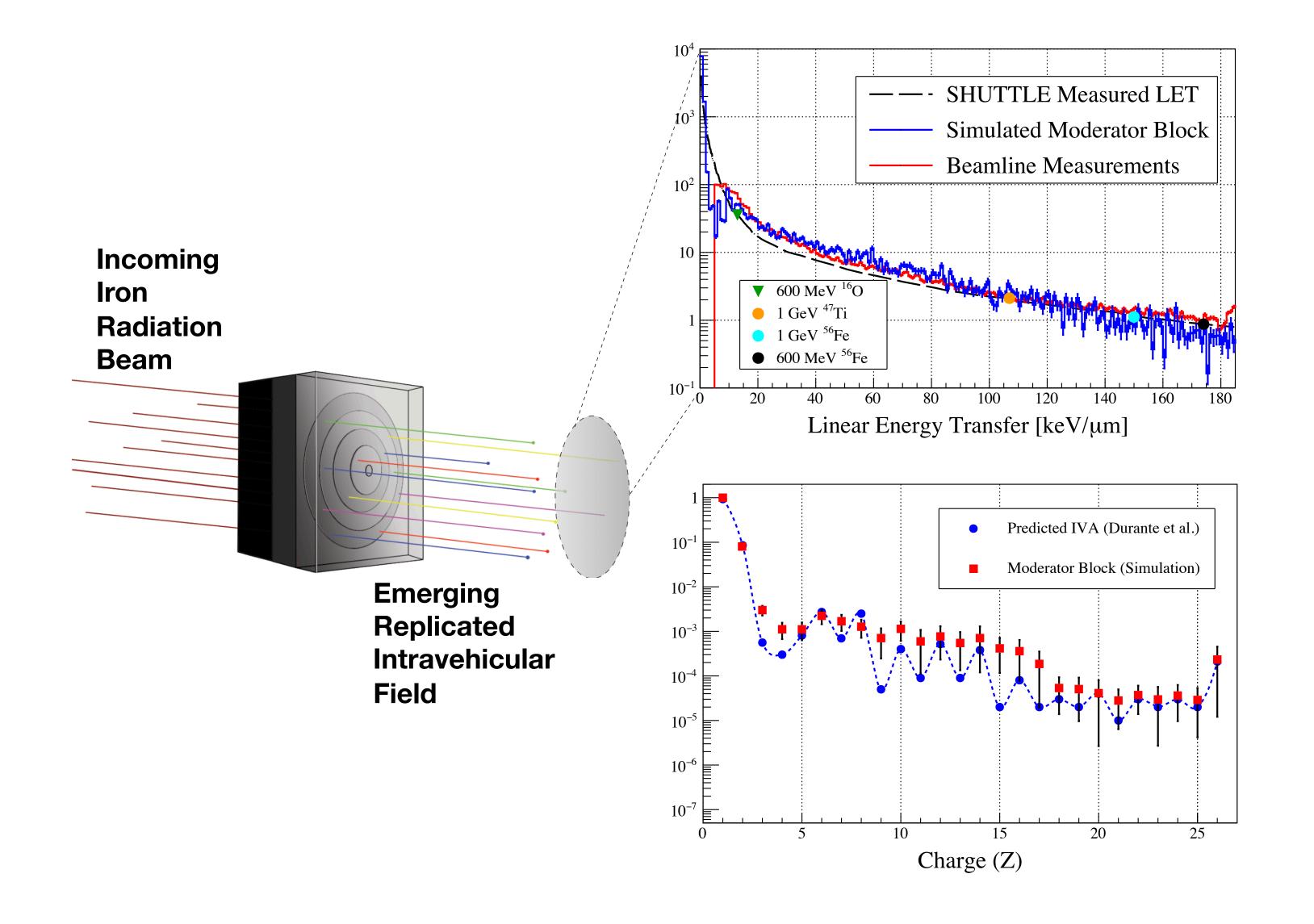


- biological analog does NOT resemble the physiology of humans
- environmental analog does NOT mimic the multi-ion, multi-energy space radiation spectrum.







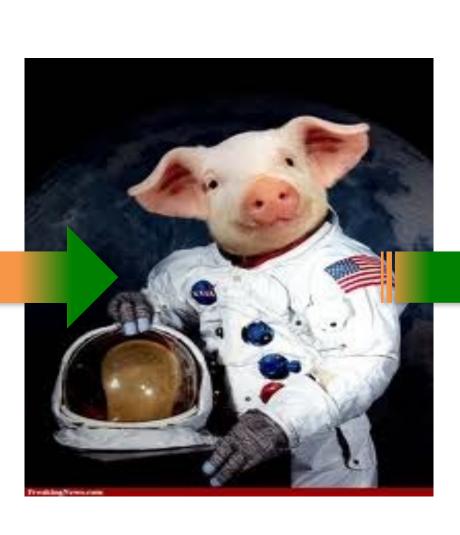


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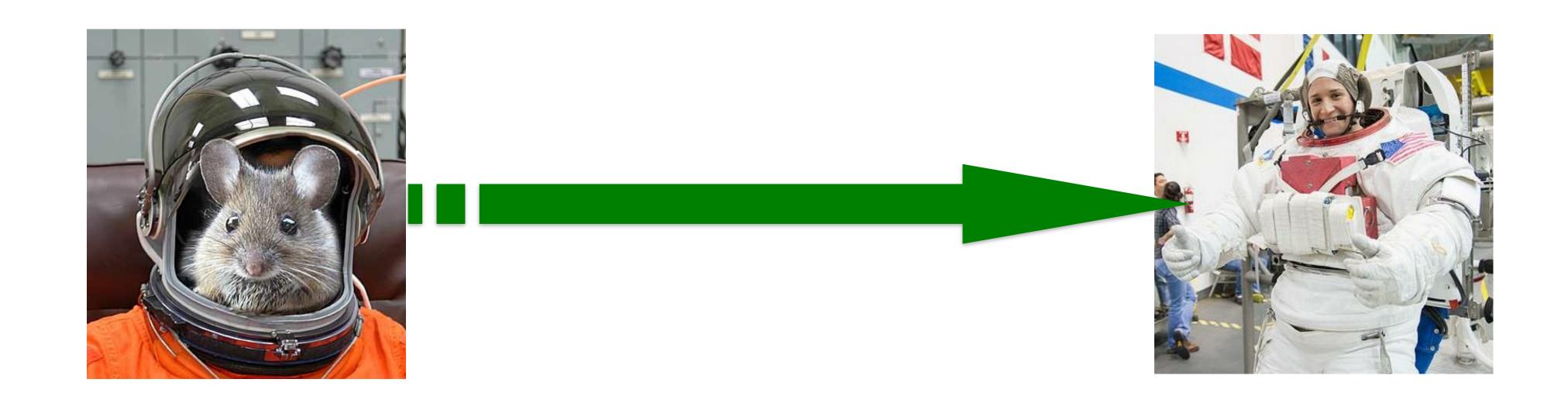






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## Tiger Eye 1 Spaceflight Mission



- Tiger Eye 1 mission is a multi-disciplinary, university-industry collaboration between LSU Physics & Astronomy, Geocent Inc., Advacam, and Intuitive Machines to measure the cosmic ray spectrum on the lunar surface
- Student run, cross-campus collaboration project from five different LSU colleges: Science, Engineering, Honors, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine
- Tiger Eye 1 detector is manifested on the Intuitive Machine's Nova-C lunar lander that will be launched in 2021 from a SpaceX Falcon 9; operating on battery power for two weeks.
- Tiger Eye 1 detector will reside on the outer limb of the Nova-C lander and measure the cosmic ray energy spectrum – the very first instance of these measurements performed on the lunar surface by a U.S. Intuition.
- Data collected can be used to validate current space environment models, provide insight on shielding requirements for protecting human health and spaceflight hardware.
- A successful mission will help facilitate NASA's goal of using the lunar surface to demonstrate and test capabilities that will enable a continued human presence on the Moon, Mars, and beyond



Tiger Eye 1 mission logo designed by Katie Hostetler from the LSU School of Art+Design





2021 LaSpace Undergraduate Research Assistantship Characterization of Radiation Environment During SpaceX Inspiration 4 Mission.







Artificial Neural Network framework and topology optimization for spacecraft shielding design





# Cislunar Space Radiation Modeling and Shielding Design for Advanced Electronics

Topic Number: AF21B-TCSO1

Focus Areas: #14919 Cis-Lunar Domain Awareness; #14924 Persistent

Space-based ISR; #6465 Space Asset Resiliency

Proposal Number: FX21B-TCSO1-0238

CAGE: 8VNC7



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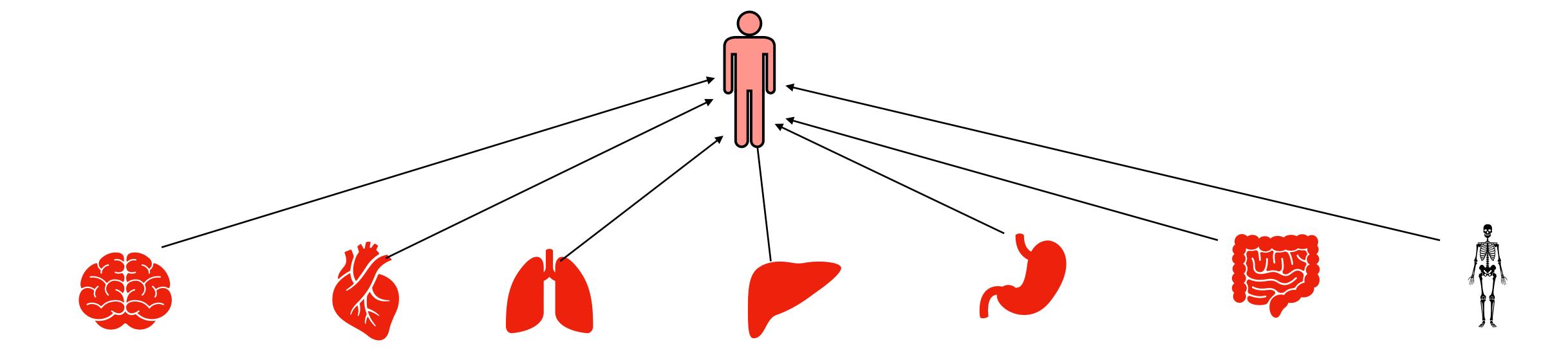
An STTR Proposal in Partnership with Department of Physics & Astronomy, Louisiana State University (Research Institution)

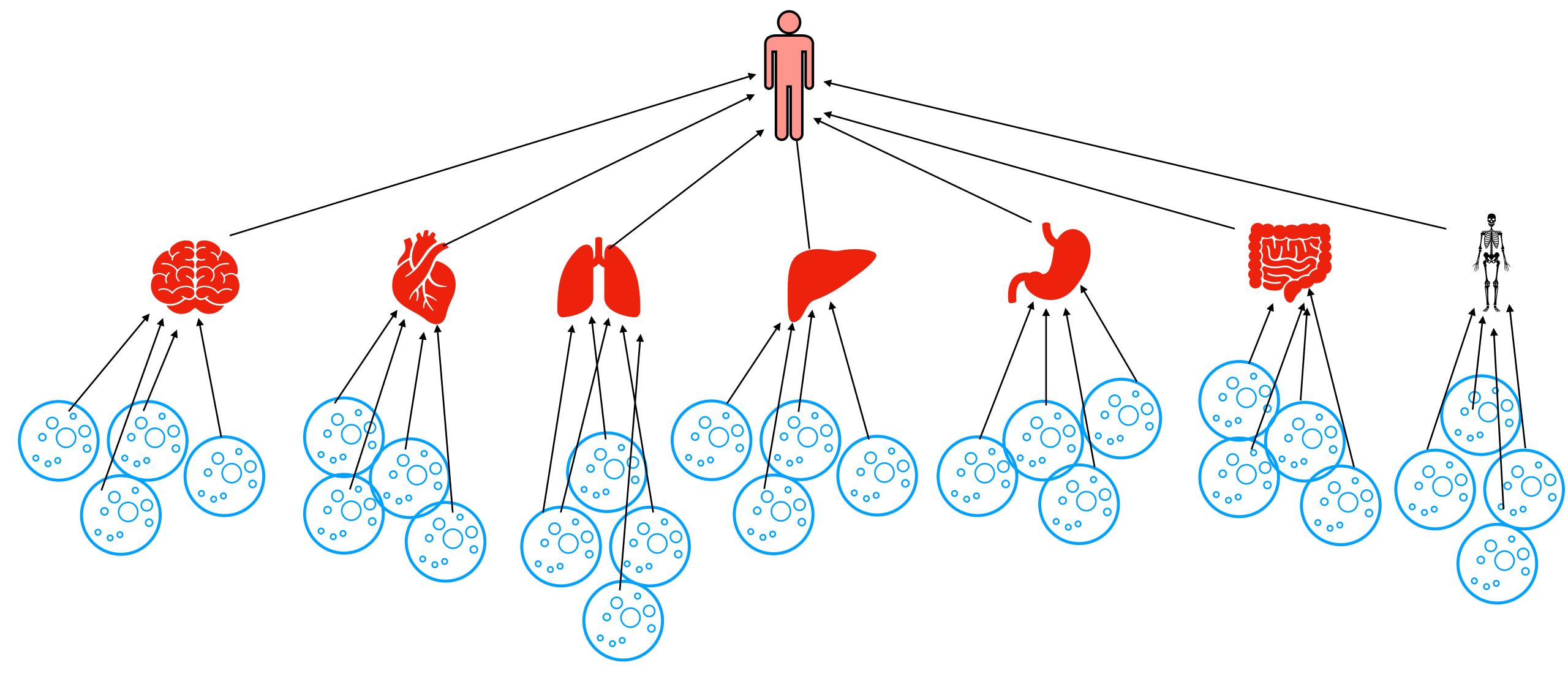


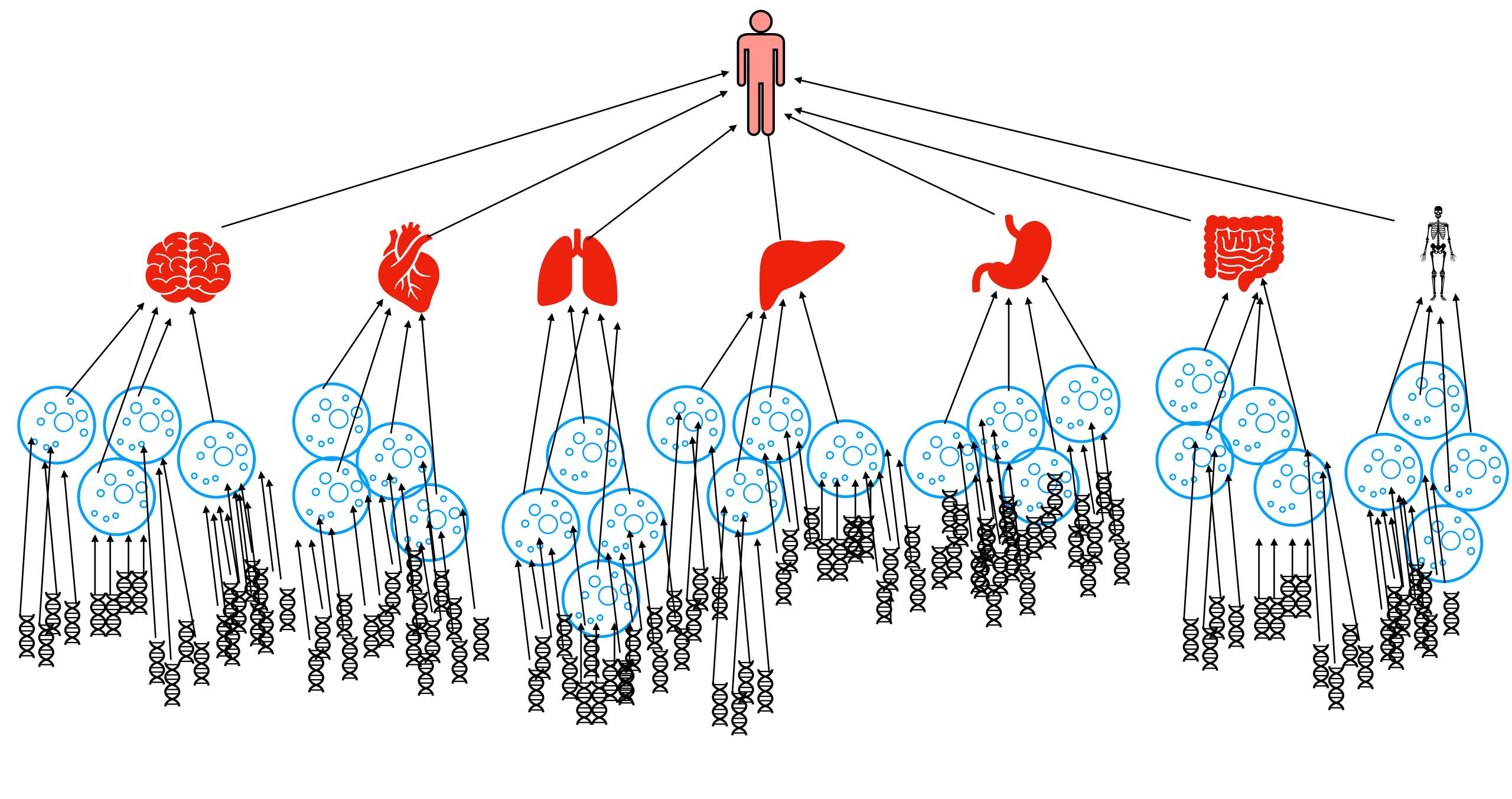
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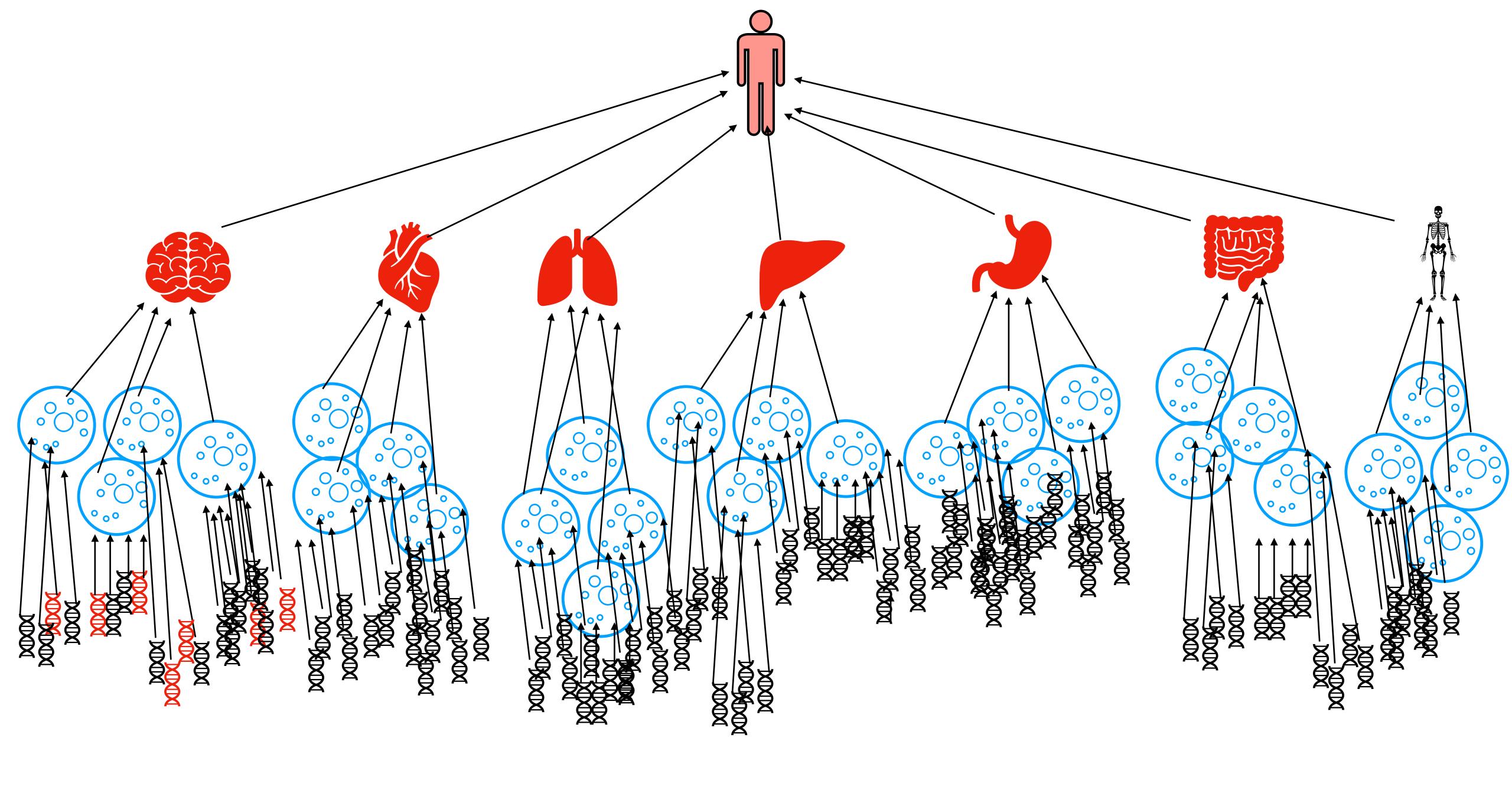


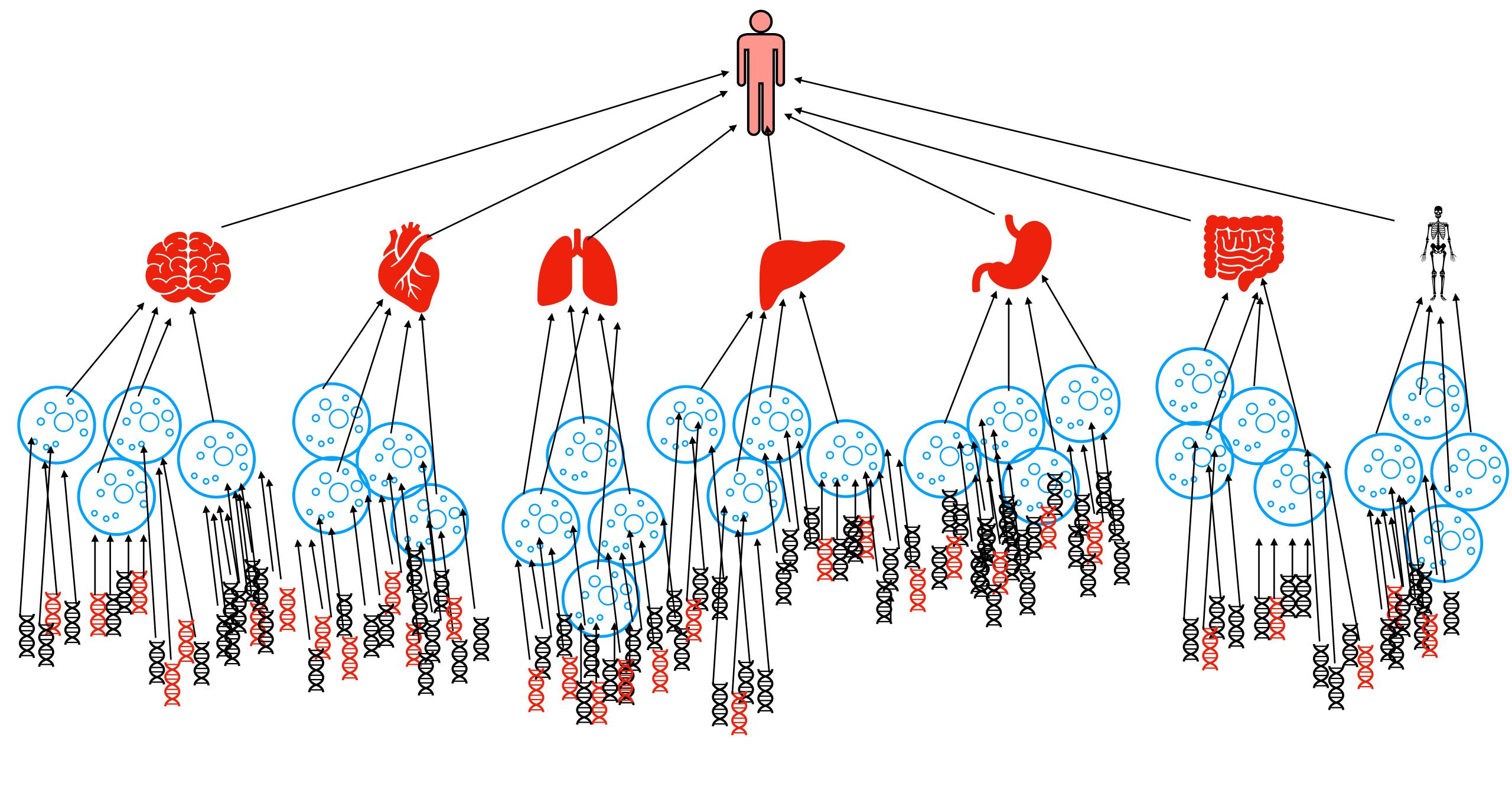


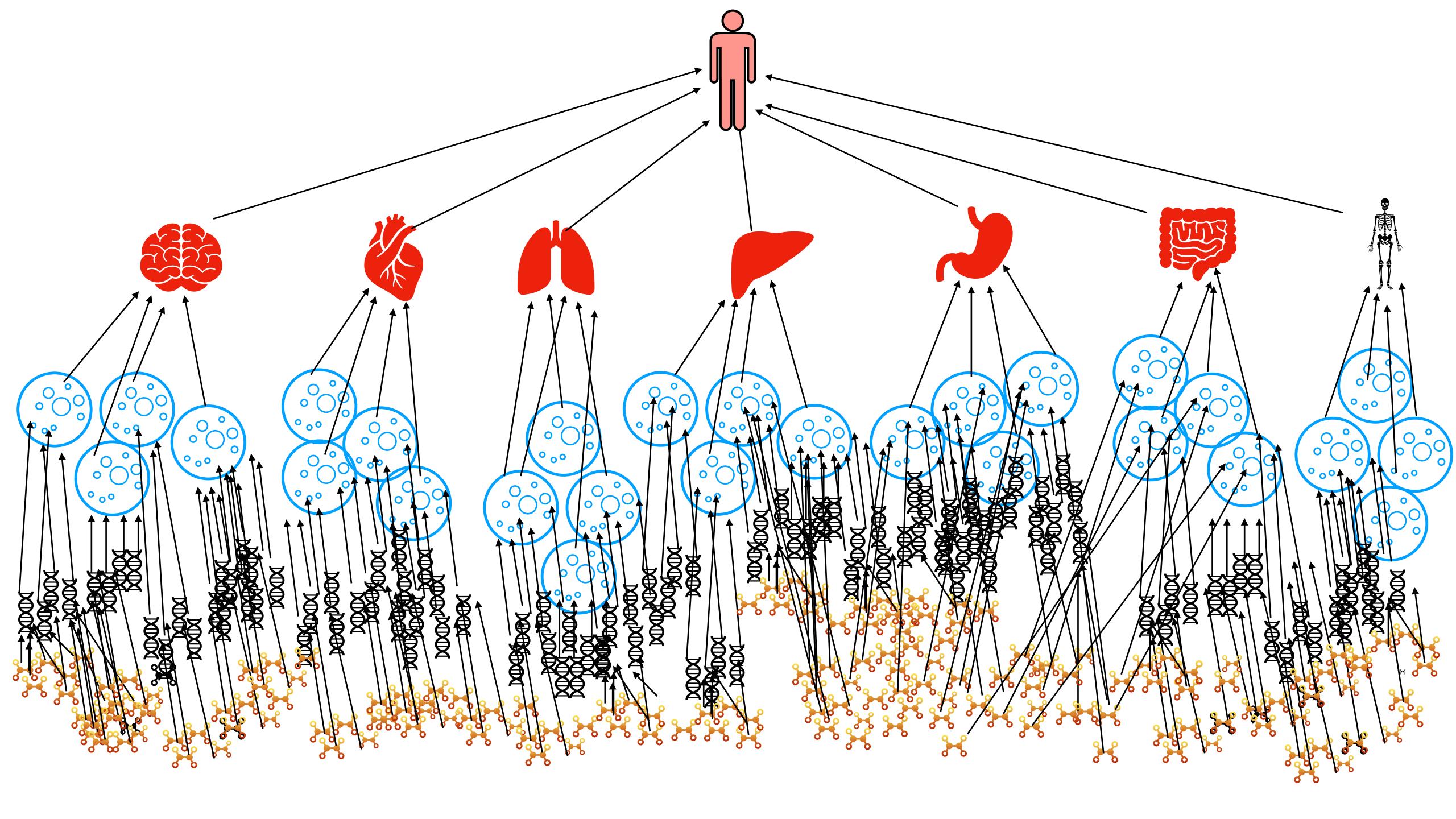














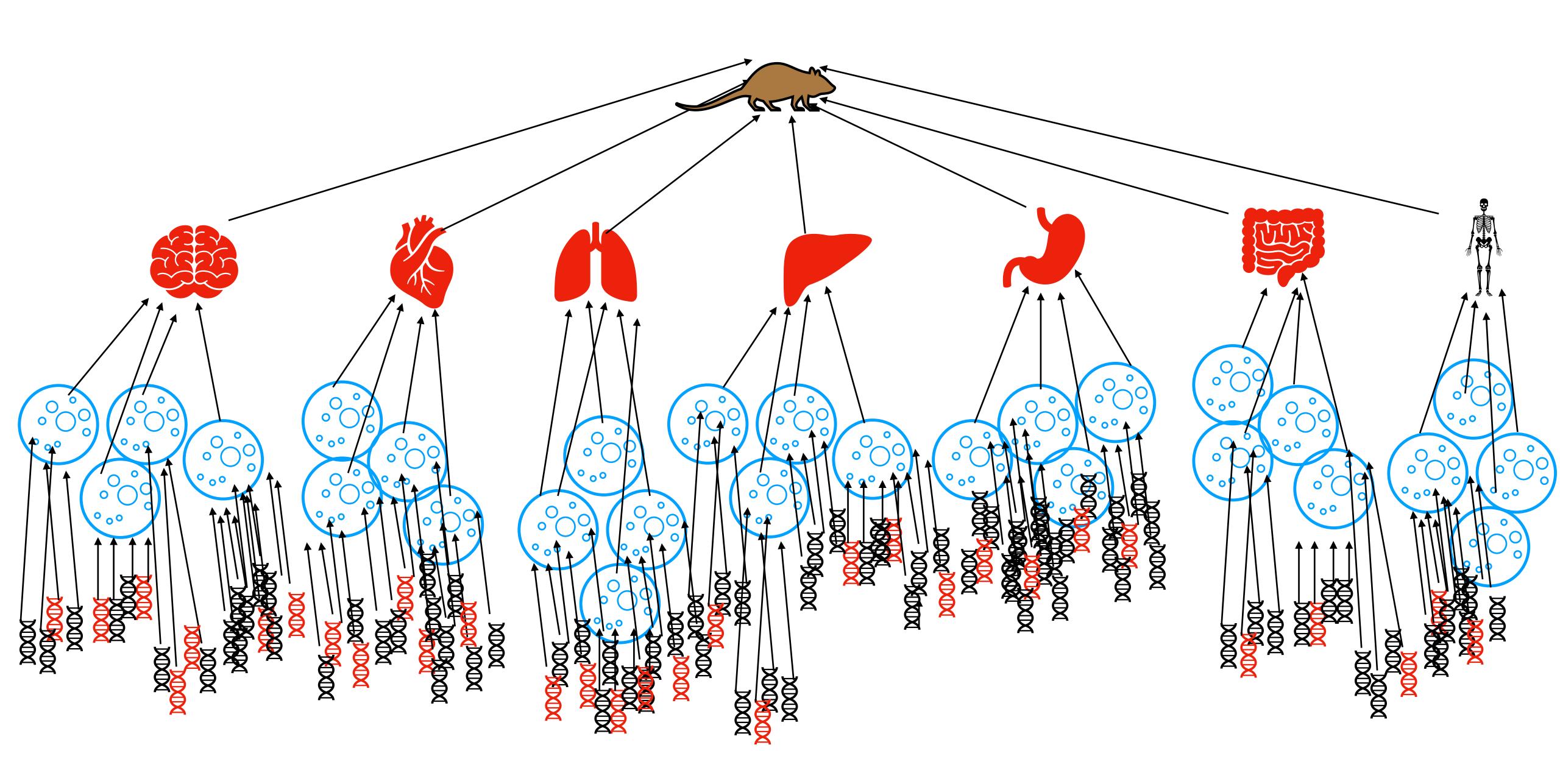
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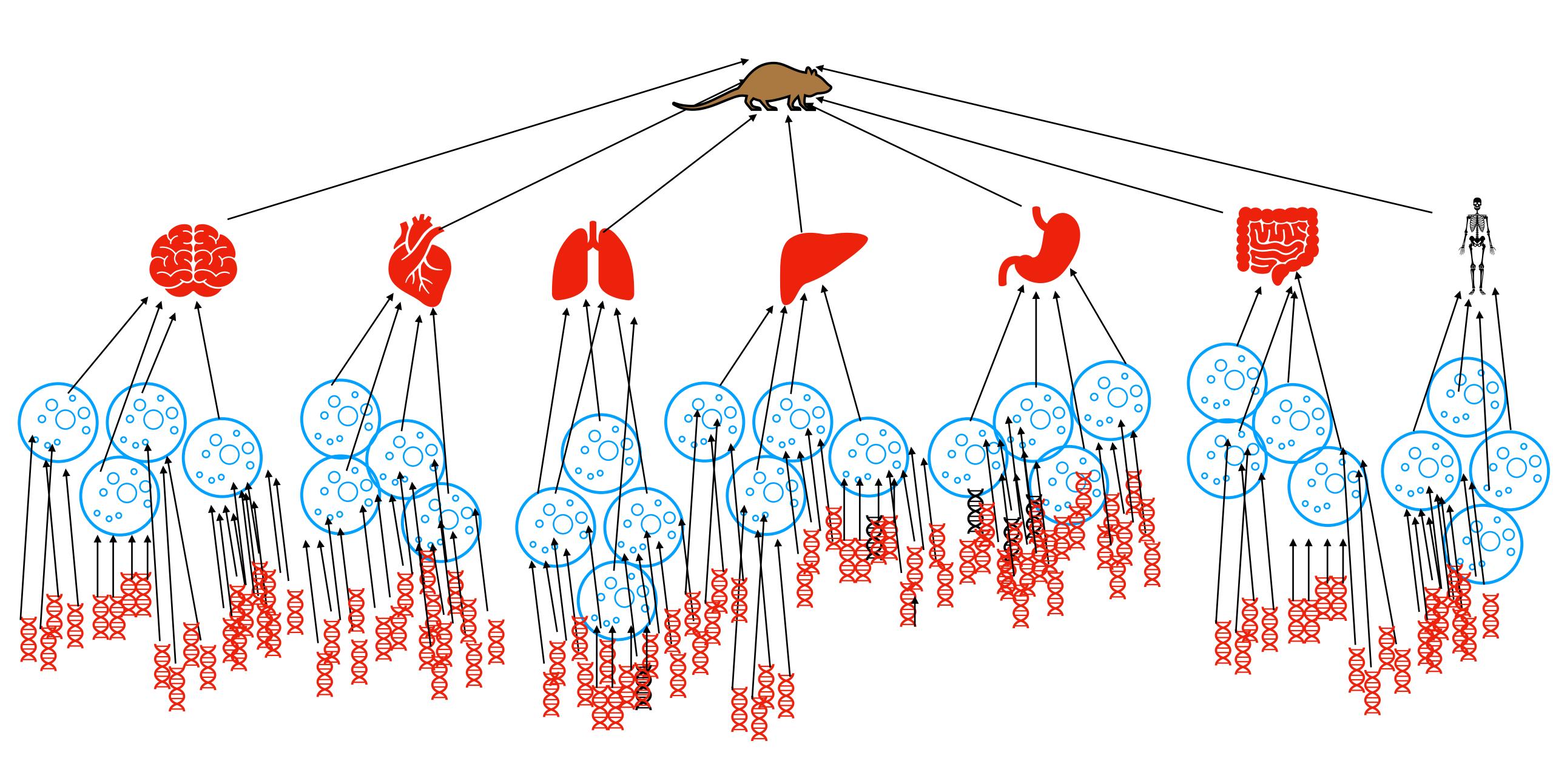




Megan Chesal awarded LaSpace Graduate Fellowship in both 2020 and 2021 for her thesis work on this project.

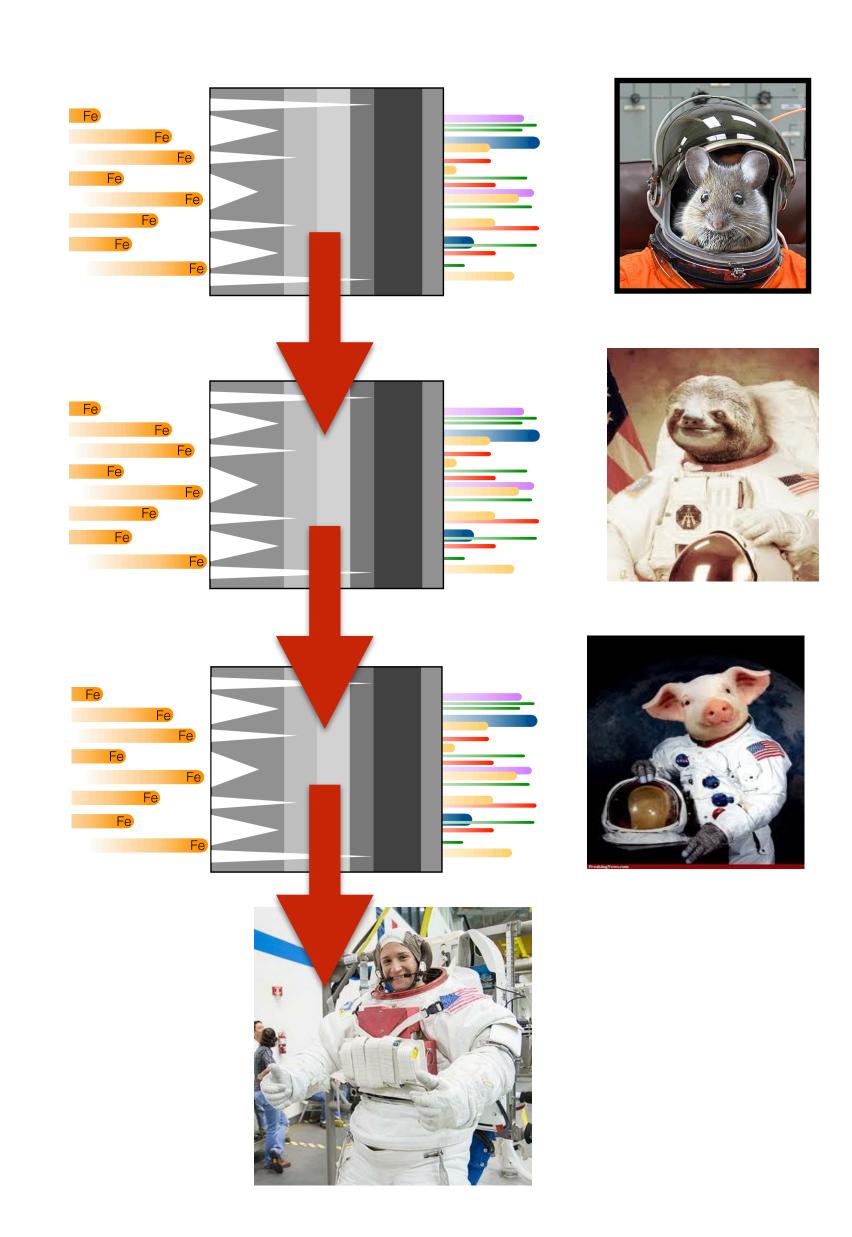
Provisional Patent Recently filed by LSU Technology and Commercialization



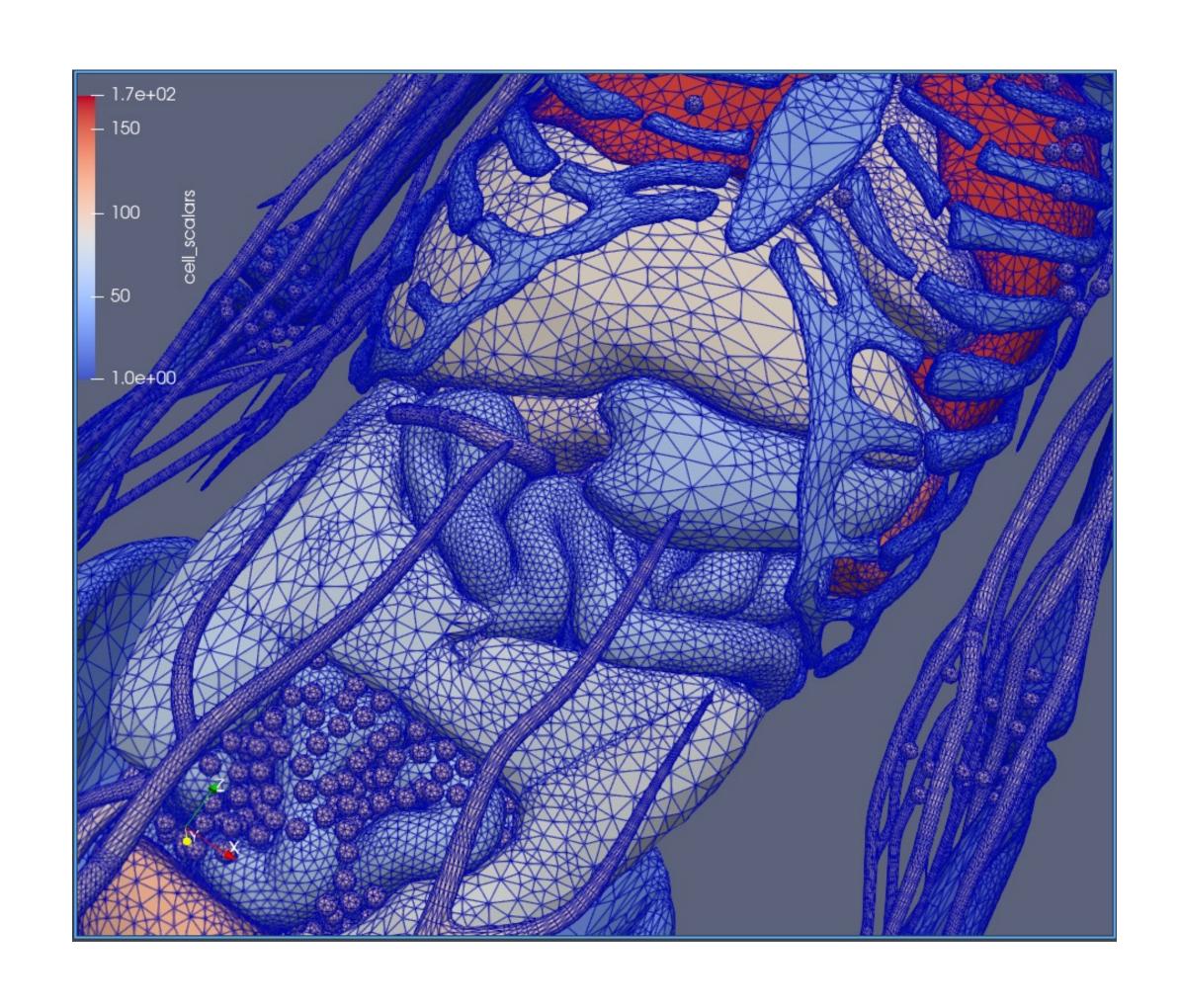


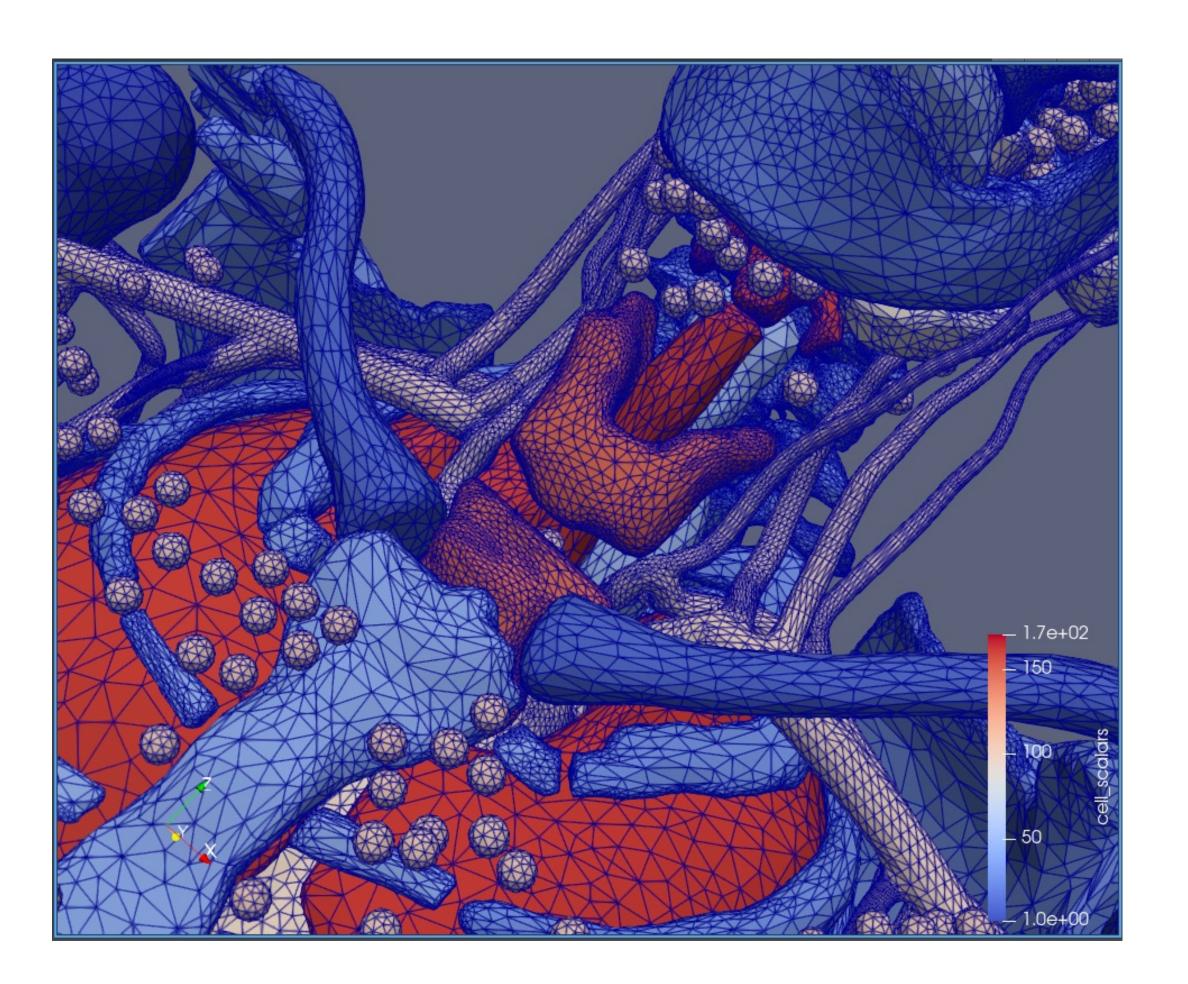


A physiological scalable analog that can simulate the non-homogenous space radiation environment in a laboratory setting.









# Questions?



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