

# Cell Death: Many Ways to Die.

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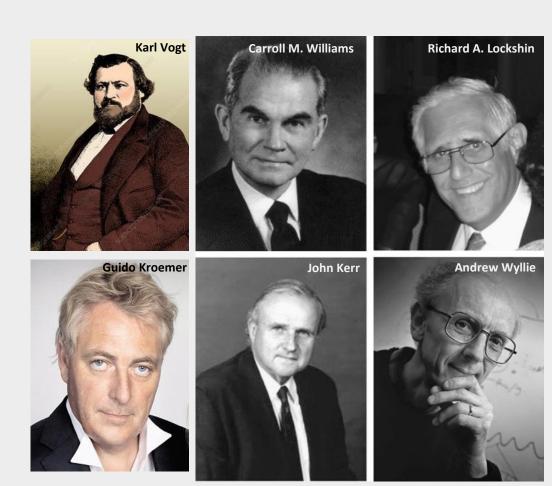
# Brief History of Cell Death Research

**1842** - Karl Vogt noticed dying cells in toads (formation of vertebrae). The first scientific observation of regulated cell death (RCD).

**1965** - Lockshin and Williams - specific cells die during the metamorphosis of the silkworm, this type of cell death is 'programmed' because these cells were destined to die according to a 'construction manual' for the insect.

**1972** - Kerr *et al.* - specific type of cell death in human tissues in which the cells and nuclei became condensed and fragmented, and they called this cell death process 'apoptosis'. They proposed that apoptosis is crucial for regulating cell populations during tissue development and turnover

2005 – present, NCCD (Nomenclature Committee on Cell Death) publication (Guido Kroemer et.al.).

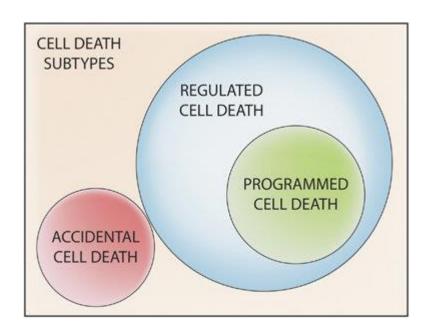


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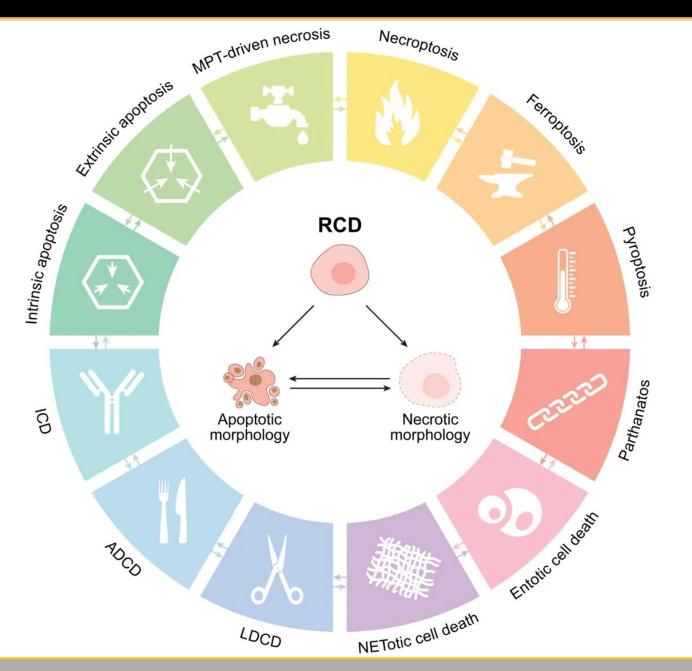
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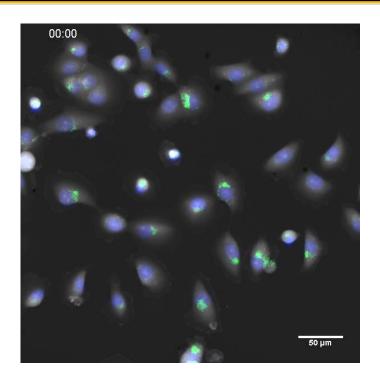
## Accidental vs. Regulated Cell Death

- Cell death plays a central role in all aspects of life. It is involved in the development of multicellular organisms and tissue homeostasis where cell death depletes dispensable cells.
- Cells may die from accidental cell death (ACD) or regulated cell death (RCD).
- ACD is a biologically uncontrolled process, whereas RCD involves tightly structured signaling cascades and molecularly defined effector mechanisms.
- Cell death is critical for fighting off infections and is associated with multiple diseases that are caused by deregulated or dysfunctional cell death signaling.



# Regulated Cell Death





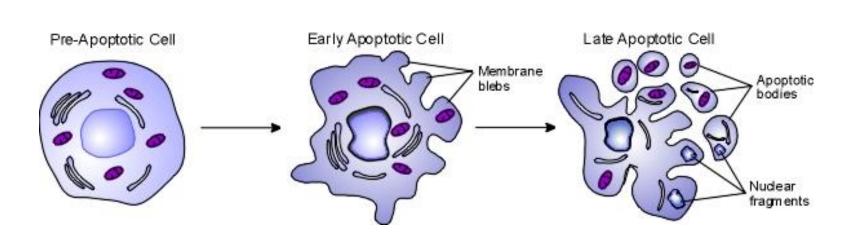
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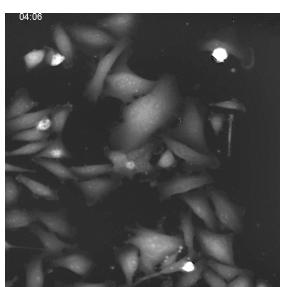
# **Apoptosis**

- Apoptosis is the first described form of programmed cell death, and it plays a critical role in tissue homeostasis.
- It contributes to cell turnover, the proper functioning of the immune system, and embryonic development.
- There are several key characteristics of apoptosis:

cellular, organelle, and DNA fragmentation and formation of apoptotic bodies active, energy consuming process executed by a subset of cellular proteins

Even though, in general, this **process is immunological silent**, apoptosis has been shown to be involved in inflammatory pathologies as well.





There are two (or 3) major pathways that mediate apoptosis: intrinsic and extrinsic pathways.

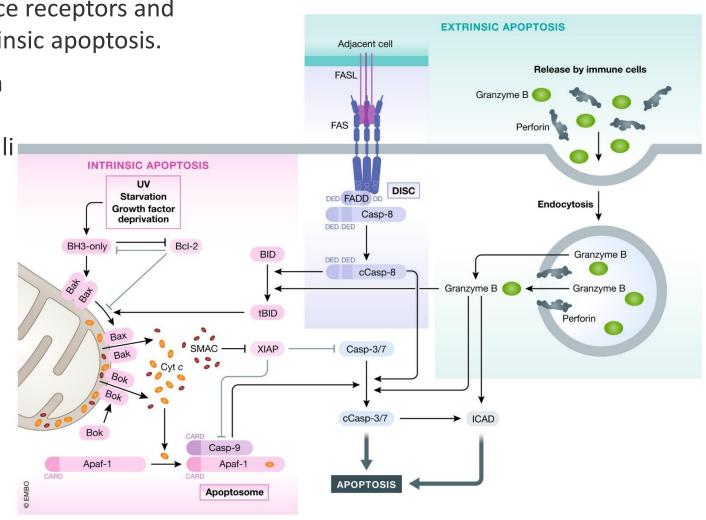
During **extrinsic apoptosis**, **TNF** (tumor necrosis factor) superfamily (TNFSF) can induce cell death by binding to their cell surface receptors and

activating a deathly signaling cascade causing extrinsic apoptosis.

Intrinsic apoptosis is controlled by the equilibrium of the different Bcl-2 (B-cell lymphoma 2) family members which can be disrupted by various stimuli leading to cell death.

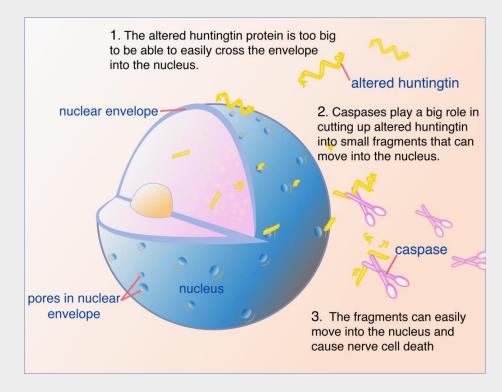
The third modality of apoptosis induction is **cell-based**. **Cytotoxic T cells** can engage cells that present non-self-antigens leading to cell death induction by **proteases called granzymes**.

All apoptotic pathways converge on the central proteases of this pathway: **caspases**, which are either playing a role in transmitting cell death stimulus (**initiator caspases**) or in the execution (**effector caspases**).

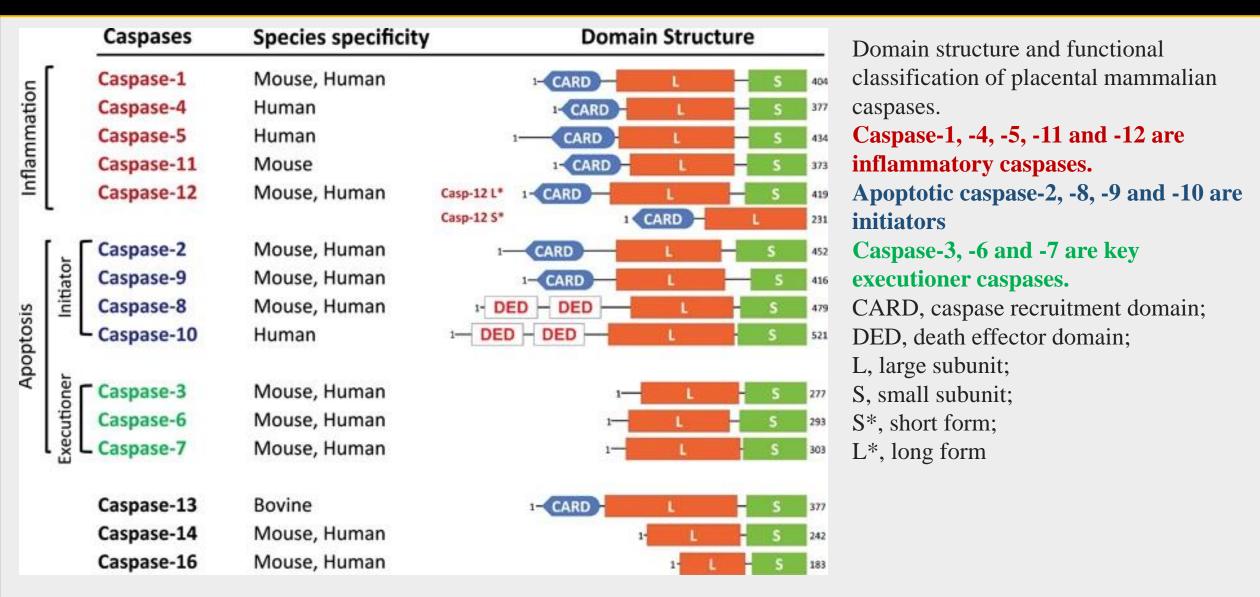


## Caspases

- Caspases (cysteine-aspartate proteases) are proteolytic enzymes generally known for their role in controlling cell death and inflammation.
- Their role in cell death was described more than 20 years ago with the discovery of ced-3 as a trigger for cell death during the development of Caenorhabditis elegans.
- Caspases are involved in cell death by apoptosis, necroptosis and pyroptosis. Caspase function is not just about cell death.
- Non-apoptotic roles of caspases include proliferation, tumor suppression, differentiation, nervous system development and axon navigation, aging and angiogenesis.



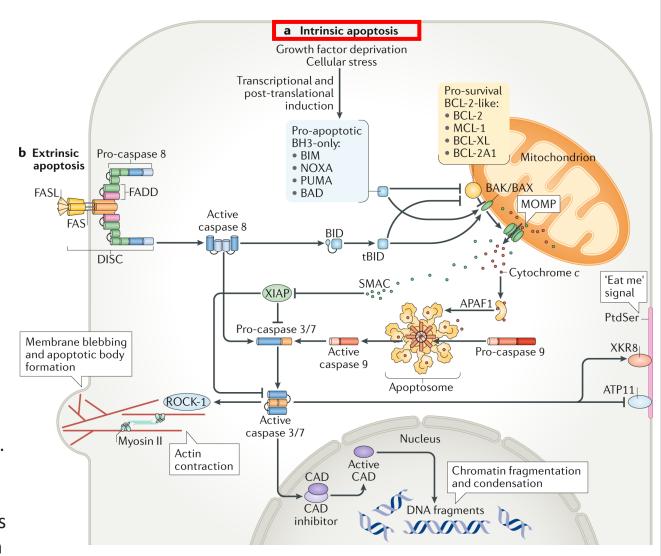
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# **Intrinsic Apoptosis**

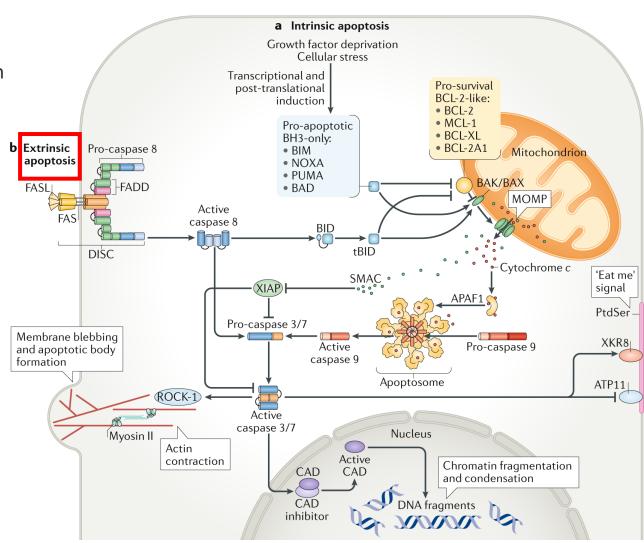
- Involves increases in the expression or activity of proapoptotic <u>BH3-only proteins</u> that bind with high affinity to members of the pro-survival BCL-2 protein family, which in healthy cells keep the effectors of apoptosis, BAX, and BAK, in inactive states.
- When all pro-survival BCL-2 proteins within a cell are functionally neutralized by BH3-only proteins, BAK and BAX are unleashed in order to oligomerize and assemble into structures that cause a breach of the outer mitochondrial membrane, thereby inducing mitochondrial outer membrane permeabilization (MOMP).
- MOMP causes the release of mitochondrial proteins.
- Cytochrome *c* binds to APAF-1 promoting formation of the apoptosome.
- Pro-forms of the initiator caspase 9 are recruited into the apoptosome, resulting in caspase 9 activation promoting the downstream proteolytic activation of the effector caspases 3 and 7.
- Activation of caspase 3 and 7 cascade can be attenuated by XIAP, one of the <u>inhibitor of apoptosis proteins</u> (IAPs). MOMP also causes the release of SMAC (also known as DIABLO) and HTR2, which both can block XIAP and thereby prevent it from inhibiting caspases.



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# **Extrinsic Apoptosis**

- Triggered by **TNF family ligand-receptor interactions**, most prominently by TNF family ligands: TNF, FasL, TRAIL, and TL1A.
- The receptor complexes either recruit FADD (Fas-associated protein with death domain) or TRADD (TNFRSF1A-associated via death domain) to the oligomerized complex.
- FasL binds to its transmembrane receptor Fas, which recruits FADD via death domain (DD) interactions.
- FADD contains a DD and also a death effector domain (DED), which allows the recruitment of caspase-8 forming the death inducing signaling complex—DISC.
- The proximity of multiple caspase-8 molecules induces the transactivation by proteolytic cleavage.
- Cleavage results in the p18 and p10 fragments which activate caspase-3 and caspase-7 (type I apoptosis).
- Insufficient activation of caspase-3 leads to type II apoptosis in which caspase-8 cleaves the BH3-only protein BID to generate its activated form: truncated BID (tBID).
- tBID stimulates intrinsic apoptotic pathway by directly binding to Bax/Bak inducing MOMP (type II apoptosis).
- The two pathways are cell line dependent, and their activation is differentially regulated by XIAP expression.



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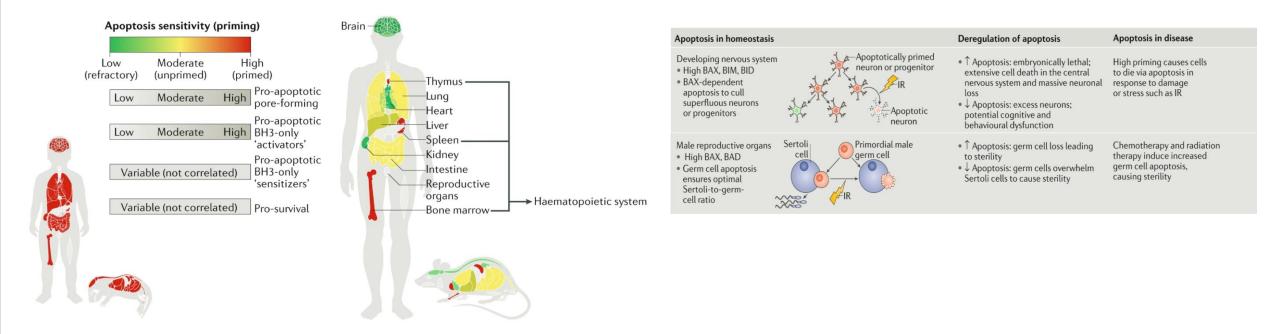
### Apoptosis sensitivity during development

#### Apoptosis is differently and dynamically regulated across the mammalian lifespan.

Tissues that are highly proliferative (developing tissues, adult haematopoietic system) are typically primed for apoptosis (red). High apoptotic priming in these tissues makes them highly sensitive to various insults.

Tissues that are largely postmitotic are apoptosis refractory (green), whereas tissues that are characterized as unprimed (yellow) contain highly heterogeneous cell types that differ in apoptosis sensitivity.

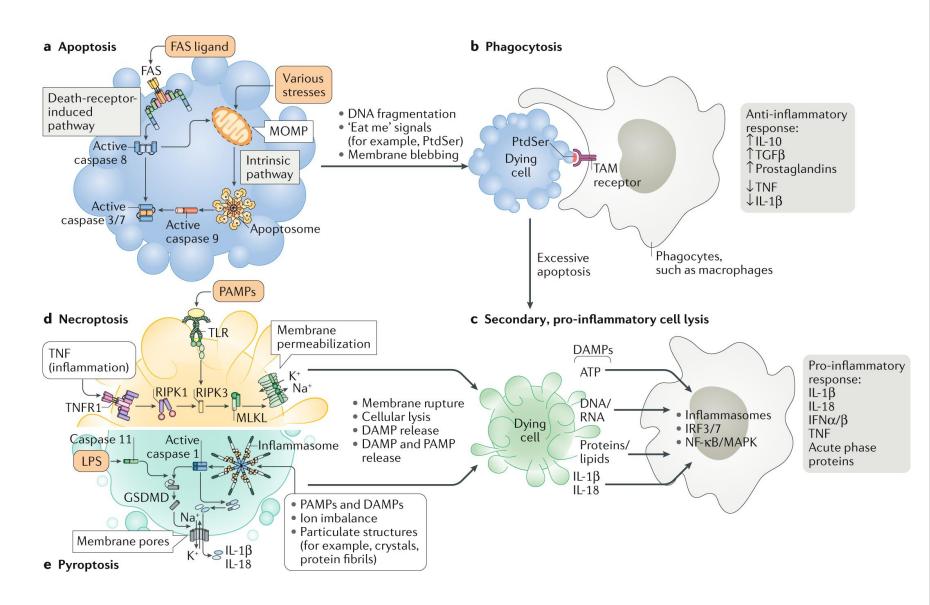
The level of priming within cells or tissues is dependent on the expression of BCL-2 family proteins BAX and/or BAK.



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 Non-lytic cell death, apoptosis (the integrity of plasma membrane is sustained).

- Plasma membrane rupture (PMR) is the final cataclysmic event in lytic cell death (regulated or accidental necrosis).
- PMR releases intracellular molecules known as damageassociated molecular patterns (DAMPs) that propagate the inflammatory response.



# **Pyroptosis**

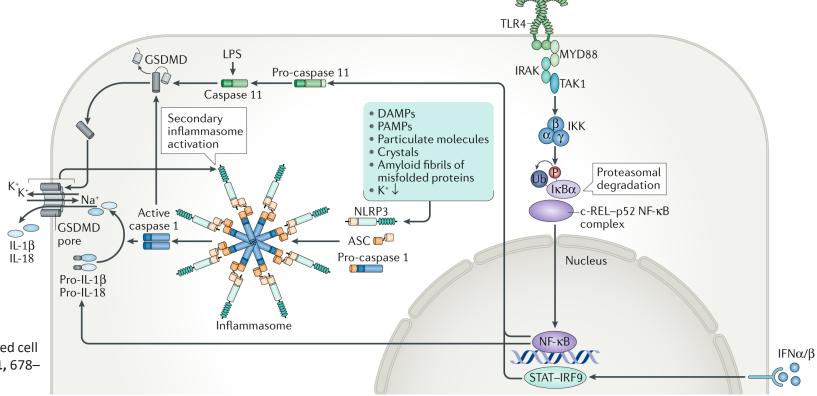
Pyroptosis is a potent inflammatory mode of lytic cell death triggered by diverse infectious and sterile insults. It is driven by the pore-forming fragment of gasdermin D (GSDMD) and releases two exemplar proteins: pro-inflammatory cytokine IL-1β, and LDH, a standard marker of PMR and lytic cell death.

Two sequential steps for pyroptosis:

• initial formation of a small plasma membrane pore that causes the release of IL-1β and non-selective ionic fluxes

subsequent PMR attributable to oncotic cell swelling with final PMR by NINJ1 protein.

Caspase 1 and caspase 11 (caspase 4 and caspase 5 are the human homologues of mouse caspase 11) have important roles in pyroptosis, that is widely considered to be involved in defending the organism against pathogens



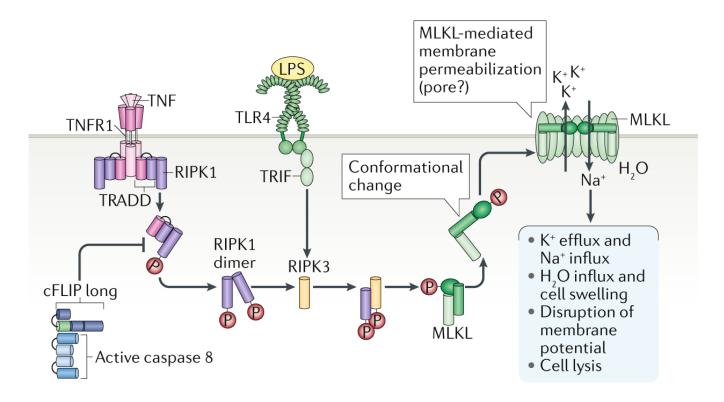
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# Necroptosis

**Necroptosis** is a pathway for genetically **programmed lytic cell death** that is thought to have a role in the killing of pathogen-infected cells and/or damaged cells during certain degenerative or inflammatory disorders.

Necroptosis can be induced by multiple innate immune signaling pathways.

These pathways all lead to the phosphorylation and activation of the necroptotic kinase RIPK3, which in the case of death-receptor-induced necroptosis also requires RIPK1 activity. RIPK3 activates MLKL through phosphorylation and allows trafficking of MLKL to the plasma membrane, where it induces membrane permeabilization.

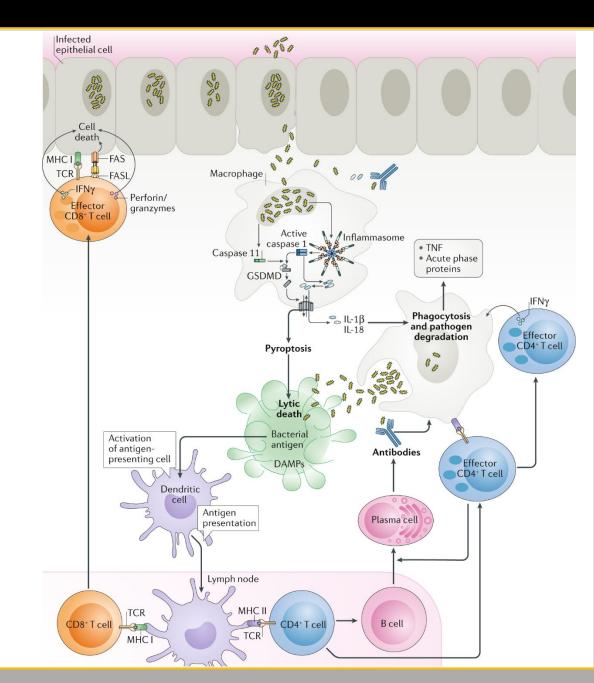


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# The role of cell death in host responses to infection.

Intracellular pathogens released from dying cells can be engulfed by nearby macrophages and neutrophils whose subsequent activation results in the secretion of cytokines and chemokines that support the immune response (for example, via recruitment of cells involved in adaptive immunity).

DAMPs, PAMPs and antigens released from dying cells are also sensed and engulfed by dendritic cells, and this allows these potent <u>antigen-presenting cells</u> to prime naive T lymphocytes, which enables them to find and destroy additional infected cells, as well as aiding in the differentiation of B cells into plasma cells that produce pathogen-specific antibodies



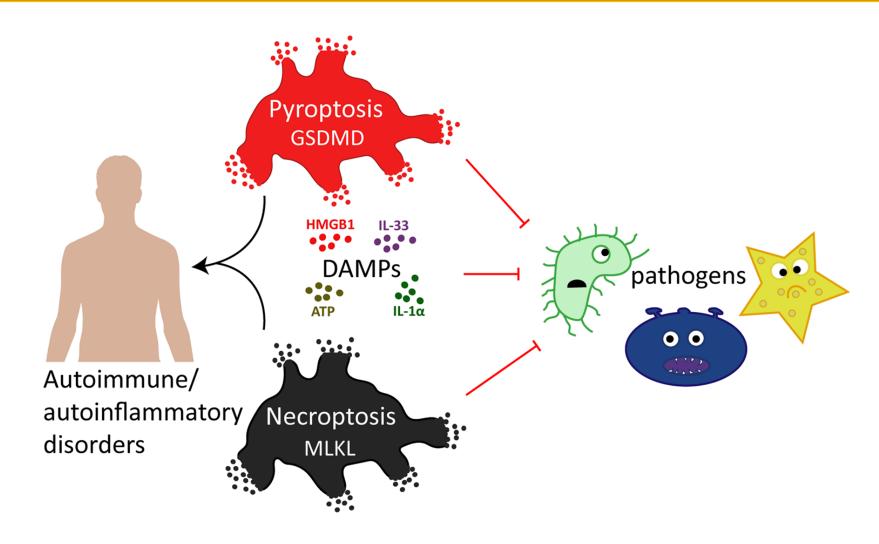
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Pathogen	Disease	Characteristics	Host cell death	Experimental condition	on	Pathogen strategy Recognition by host	Cell death outcome	Ref				
Chlamydiae spp.	Chlamydia STD	OI, G-, cocci, non-motile	↓ Apoptosis		J937 cells. Chlamydiae protecte different apoptotic stimuli	d Inhibition at the level of cytochrome c	Pathogen survival	13				
R. rickettsii	Rocky Mountain spotted fever	OI, G-, α-proteobacteria, cocci and bacilli,	↓ Apoptosis	Infection of endothelial of NF-kB was inhibited	cells. Cells survived unless	release † NF-κB	Pathogen survival	12				
B. pertussis	whooping cough coccobacilli, motile fragmentation and no			fragmentation and nucle	d alveolar macrophages. DNA ear condensation observed	?	Pathogen survival	14				
B. pseudomallei	Melioidosis	FI, G-, β-proteobacteria, bacilli, motile	Pyroptosis	Caspase1 PEMs are low MOIs	s. Oncosis phenotype observed e resistant to cytotoxicity at	1	1	8 49 84				
L. pneumophila	Legionnaires' disease	FI, G-, g-proteobacteria, bacilli, motile	Pyroptosis	sis Ipaf-f- and caspase-1-f- mice are susceptible t infection <sup>a</sup>		by the IPAF inflammasome. Role of Naip5 in restriction of bacterial	Pathogen clearance <sup>a</sup>	108				
			Autophagy			growth.	Pathogen survival					
P. aeruginosa		FI, G-, y-proteobacteria, bacilli, motile	Apoptosis		signaling were more inosa-induced sepsis. In WT ng epithelial cell apoptosis	?	Pathogen clearance	20				
	patients)		Pyroptosis	In response to strains n lpaf-/- mice are suscep	ns not expressing ExoU Recognished to infection Indicate	Recognition by the lpaf inflammasome, not completely dependent on flagellin	Pathogen de clearance <sup>a</sup>	6,81,86				
			Caspase-1- independent	In response to strains e	expressing ExoU	ExoU induces cell death and caspase-1- dependent inflammation	Pathogen survival	46				
S. typhimurium	Samonellosis gastroenteritis	FI, G-, 7-proteobacteria, bacilli, motile	Pyroptosis	mode since caspase-1		Flagellin recognition by the IPAF inflammasome	Pathogen clearance <sup>a</sup>	19-44, 76-79				
			Apoptosis	to infection <sup>a</sup> Infection of HeLa cells. Annexin V staining	1 - mice are susceptible Apoptosis detected by	AvrA ↓ NF-κB	?	21				
Y. pestis oseudotu		Bubo	nic pl	ague	FI, G-, 7-proteobacteria, bacilli, motility is temperature-dependent			Apoptosis	Infection of macrophages inhibit NF-kB and MAPK signaling in a YopJ-dependent manner	YopJ NF-kB and MAPK signaling	Pathogen survival	22,23
								Pyroptosis	TLR stimulation switches the death mode from apoptosis to pyroptosis	YopJ-independent	Pathogen clearance	50
H. pylori		Gastr gastr	ric ulc ic can		E, G-, ε-proteobacteria, helical, motile		ia,	Gastric EC apoptosis	Infection of Fas-deficient mice resulted in a more severe disease. In WT mice, infection led to gastric epithelial cell apoptosis	?	Milder disease	27
S. pneun	noniae				E, G+, capsulated, cocci, non-motile		occi,	Apoptosis	Macrophages expressing McI-1 as a transgene exhibit a delay in apoptosis and bacterial killing	Induction of a BH3-only McI-1 splice variant	Pathogen clearance	25
L. monoc	monocytogenes		riosis oente		FI, G+, bacilli, motile at lower temperatures		at	Pyroptosis	Bacterial killing was delayed in caspase-1-deficient mice. Caspase-1 mice are susceptible to infection	Listeria is detected by the Nalp3 inflammasome	Pathogen clearance*	45,76
								Autophagy			Pathogen clearance	104
B. anthra	3. anthracis		ax		FI, G+, capsulated, bacilli, form endospores			Apoptosis	Treatment of LPS-activated BMDM or J774A.1 with LF induces apoptosis	LF processes MKK6 and p38 signaling	?	24
							375	Pyroptosis	mar ar moved apoprodio	LT recognition by the Nalp1b inflammasome	?	80

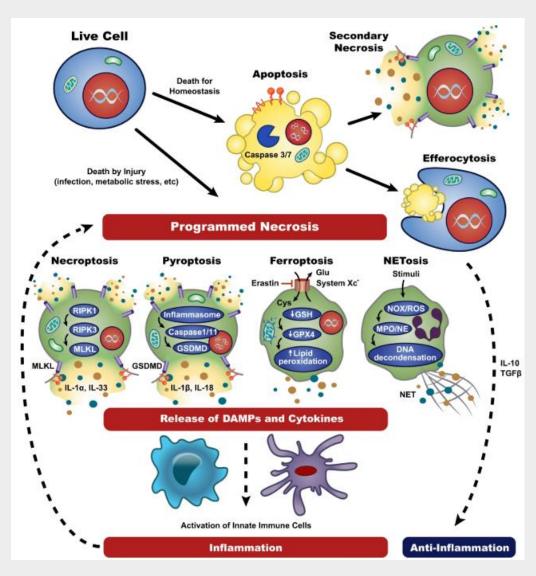
Oi, obligate intracellular; G-F-, gram negative/positive; FI, facultative intracellular; PEM, peritoneal exudates macrophage; EC, epithelial celt; BMDM, bone marrow-derived macrophage; BCG, Bacillus Calmette-Guerin; MTB, mycobacterium tubercuciosis; TLR, tol-like receptor; RNA, ribroruleise acid; LPS, lipopolysaccharide, "However it is difficult to conclude that cell death in this case is required for pathogen clearance since caspase-1 in need for production, in certain infections, administration of recordinant L-18 reversed the phenotype, enhanced pathogen clearance and rendered caspase-1-deficient mice more resistant to the infection. The question is then whether pryciptosis is required for cytokine release?"

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Although necrosis and pyroptosis are important barriers against microbial pathogens, disruption of their regulation causes numerous autoimmune and inflammatory conditions leading to various diseases.

# Regulated Cell Death



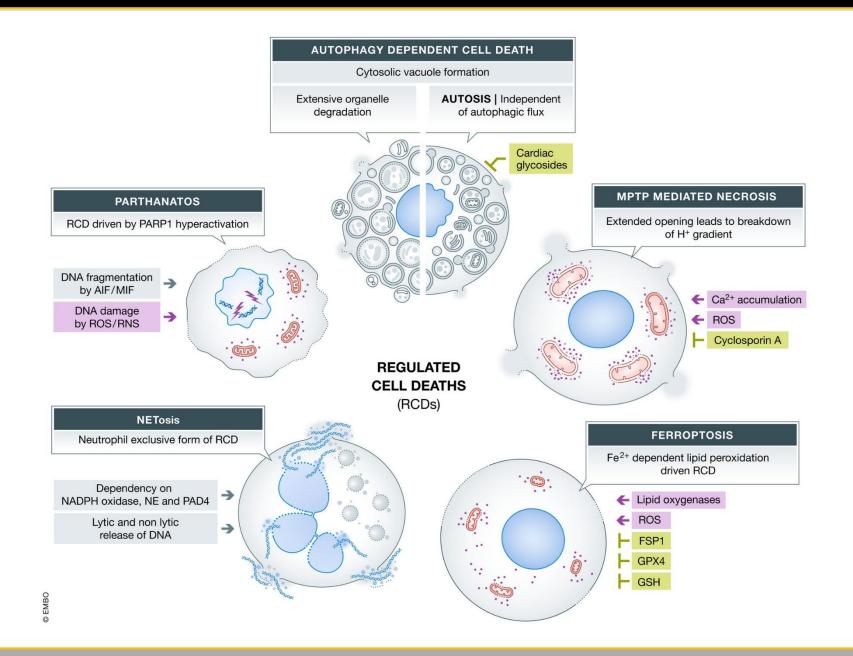
Necroptosis, pyroptosis, ferroptosis, and NETosis are types of programmed necrosis where lytic cell death is mediated by an activatable genetic program.

Accidental and programmed necrosis share morphological features: Swelling of the cell and permeabilization of the cell membrane associated with the release of potentially dangerous contents of the dying cell (DAMPs) - induction of inflammation.

Inflammation associated with necrosis is caused by inflammatory cytokines and DAMPs (cell molecules released into the environment with loss of membrane integrity) from cells subject to necrotic cell death.

Defects in programmed necrosis and efferocytosis are associated with the development of inflammation and autoimmune diseases.

# Other forms of regulated cell death



# Autophagy

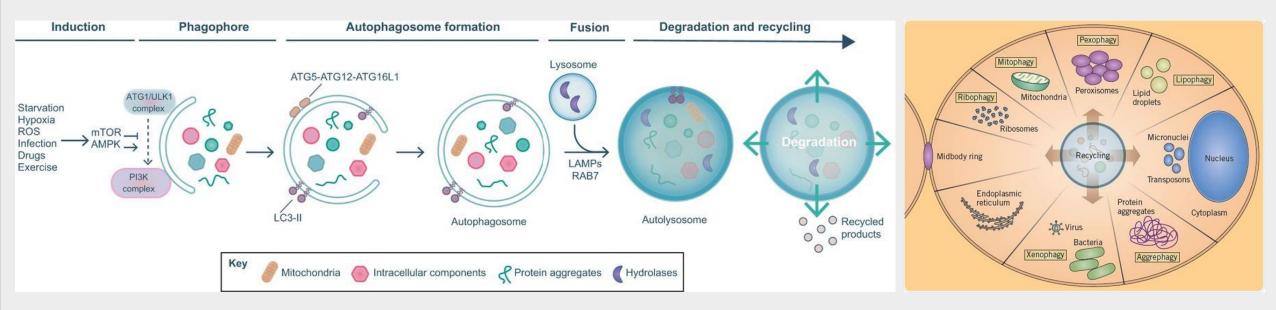
The process of recycling cellular material, adaptation and maintenance of homeostasis of the internal environment of the cell.

Under physiological conditions, it contributes to genome stability by regulating damaged proteins and organelles.

An important process in the differentiation of cells of the immune system and other tissues.

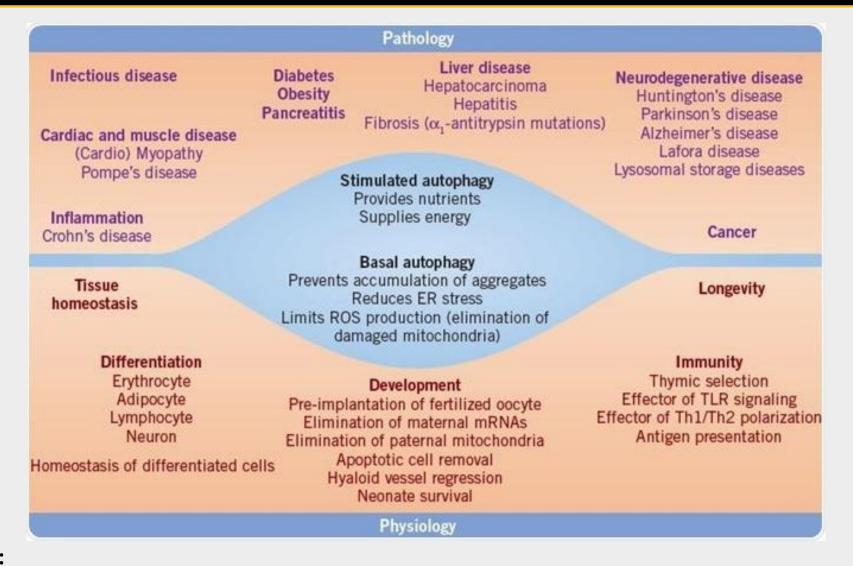
An important role in the adaptation of the newborn to oral food.

Disruption of this process is associated with many human pathologies: Neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer, Parkinson,...) - insufficient degradation of proteins by autophagy (eg. beta amyloid in the plaques of NS cells) is the cause of these diseases.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hqs1WzTwBEU&ab channel=WallStreetJournal

# Autophagy – patho-physiological roles



#### **Cancer disease:**

An important mechanism of resistance (including MDR) and tumor cell metastasis (testing of inhibitors and inducers of autophagy in clinical trials).

# **Autophagy-dependent cell death (ADCD)**

Autophagy-dependent cell death (ADCD) relies exclusively on the autophagic pathway components, which is an important distinction given that autophagy can also coincide with other forms of cell death.

ADCD can proceed by two different pathways:

- Cell death induced by extensive degradation of organelles which is dependent on the autophagic flux.
- Autosis, does not depend on the fusion of autophagosomes and lysosomes.

In both cases, vacuole formation in the cytoplasm can be detected. Treatment of cancer cells with resveratrol triggers the autophagic flux-dependent ADCD, without activating apoptosis or necroptosis.

The massive degradation by lysosome fusion leads to a breakdown of the cytoplasmic organization with loss of organelles such as endoplasmic reticulum or mitochondria.

# Other forms of regulated cell death

#### Mitochondrial permeability transition pore (MPTP)-mediated necrosis

MPTP can mediate necrosis based on changes in the intracellular microenvironment. Two factors that can induce opening of the pores are oxidative stress and cytosolic/ mitochondrial Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulation. The pores allow the flux of molecules leading to breakdown of the H<sup>+</sup> gradient and subsequently halting the ATP synthesis.

#### **Parthanatos**

Parthanatos is a form of regulated cell death dependent on poly(ADP) ribose polymerase 1 (PARP1). PARP1 is part of the DNA repair machinery which binds DNA. Severe DNA damage by prolonged generation of reactive oxygen species or reactive nitrogen species (RNS) induces recruitment and activation of PARP1 to the leading to the formation of PAR polymers and depletion of NAD<sup>+</sup> and ATP, which might be fatal for the cell.

#### **NETosis**

Neutrophils are part of the innate immune system, and their main task is to neutralize pathogens by phagocytosis or degranulation. Another form of host defense is the formation of NET (neutrophil extracellular traps). NETosis describes the process of neutrophil DNA release into the extracellular space. The release of neutrophil DNA containing different proteins with anti-pathogenic activity can be associated with cell death but can be independent of it as well.

#### **Ferroptosis**

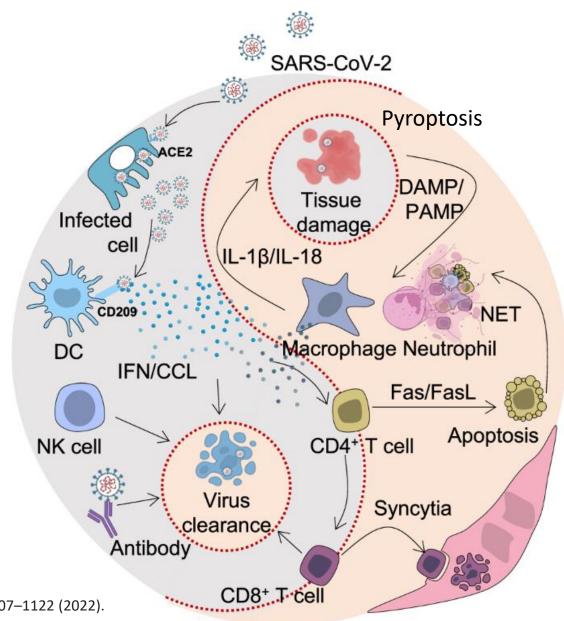
Ferroptosis is a form of regulated cell death that depends on iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>)-mediated lipid peroxidation induced by ROS.

#### **Entosis and Cannibalism**

Digestion of engulfed homotypic or heterotypic cell.

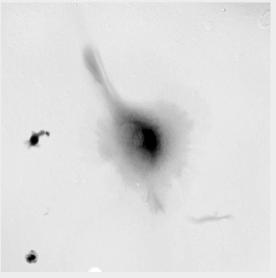
# Regulated Necrosis vs Apoptosis - Lytic vs Non-lytic cell death

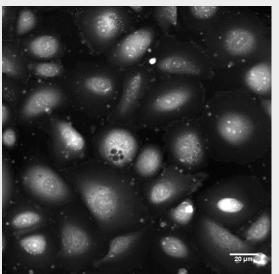
- SARS-CoV-2 infection-associated immune responses are central to the pathogenesis of COVID-19.
- Innate immune systems sense viral RNA through TLR3, TLR7, and RIG-1 and hyperactivate innate immune responses.
- Dysregulated neutrophil extracellular traps (NET) formations induce immune-thrombosis and exacerbate inflammation in the lungs of patients with COVID-19.
- Lymphocytopenia induced by apoptosis and syncytia formation promotes the COVID-19 progression.
- SARS-CoV-2 vaccines often could not block infection but provide immunity to reduce disease severity.
- Pro-inflammatory macrophages are the major immune cell type that expresses high levels of ACE2. Upon SARS-CoV-2 infection, these macrophages release inflammatory cytokines and chemokines including C-C motif chemokine ligand 7 (CCL7), CCL8 and CCL13 to recruit and activate T cells. In turn, T cells produce IFN-γ and other cytokines to further activate macrophages. This positive feedback loop drives the elevation and continuation of the pathological inflammation.

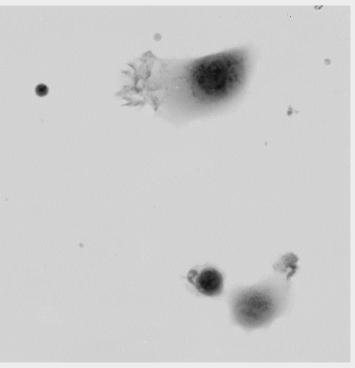


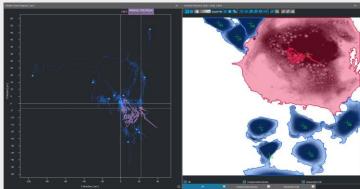
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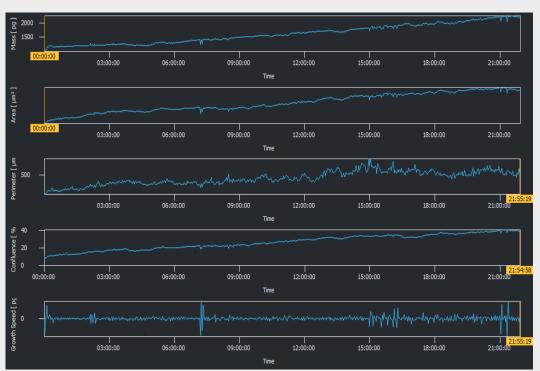
# Holographic Microscopy and Quantitative Phase Imaging (QPI)





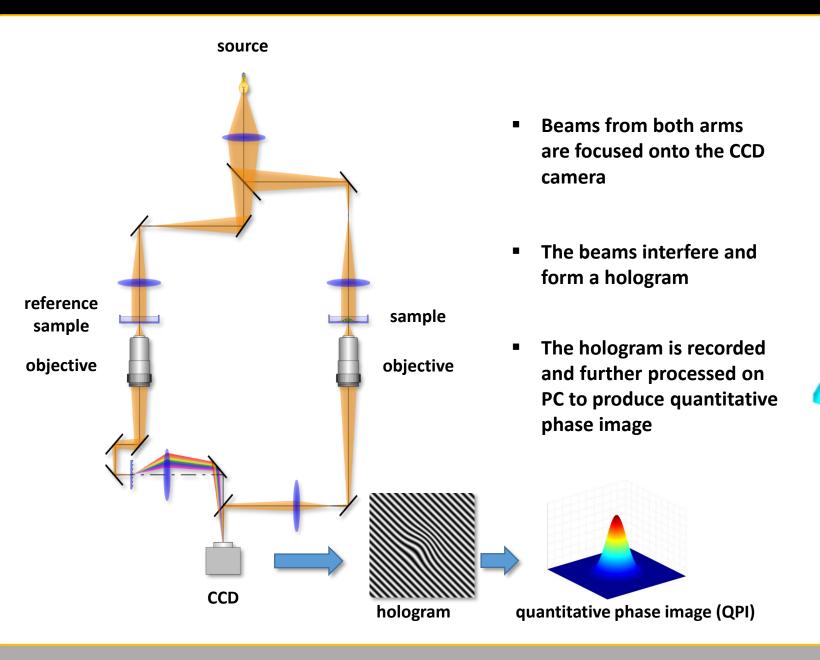


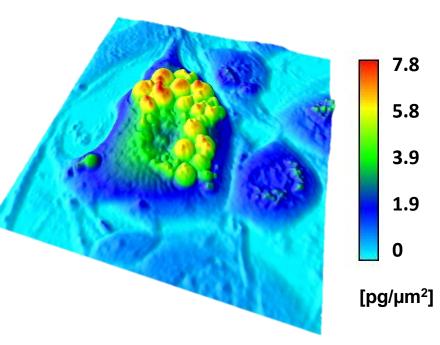


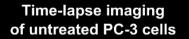


- Long-term monitoring of the cell population
- Analysis of morphological and dynamic parameters in time

# Holographic Microscopy and Quantitative Phase Imaging (QPI)







PC-3 metastatic prostate cancer cell line

Time-lapse quantitative phase imaging

using Tescan Q-PHASE microscope with objectives 10x/0.30

Used grayscale:

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# Time-lapse imaging of cannibalism with cell fusion (digestion of engulfed cell)

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# Time-lapse imaging of reverse oncosis

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# Cell death detection using QPI

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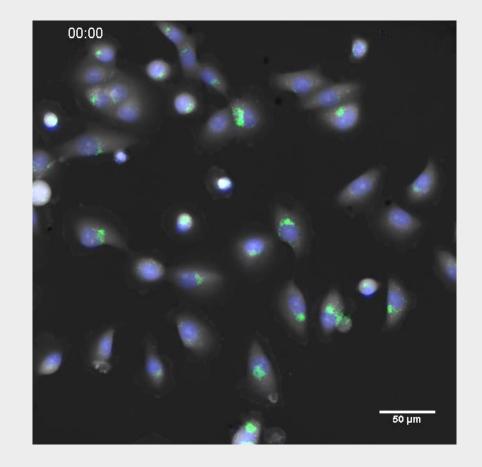
Cell whose membrane has lost its barrier function.

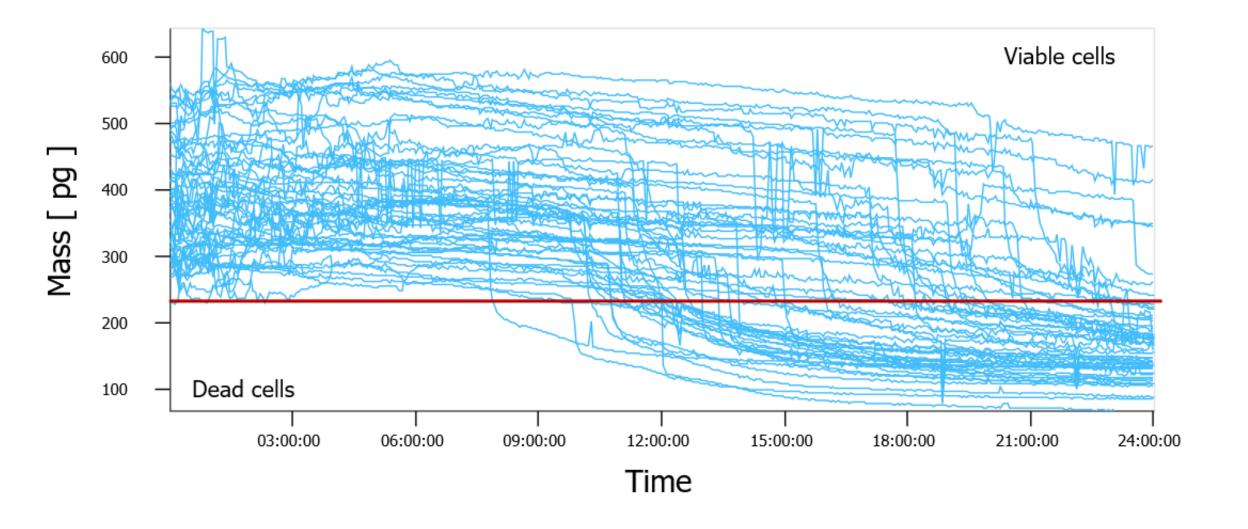
Cell which has disintegrated into separate bodies, often referred to as apoptotic bodies.

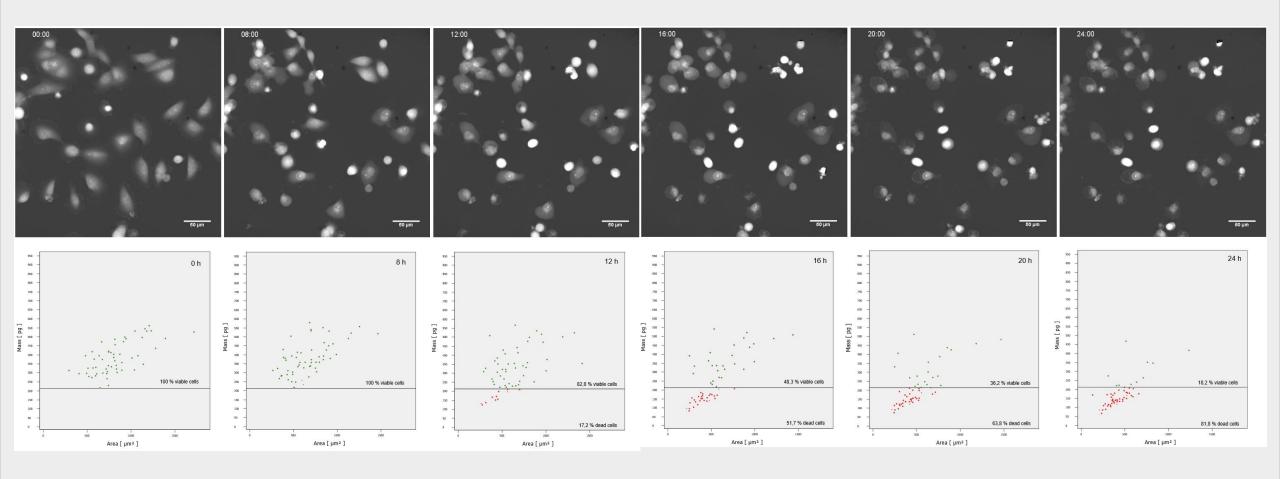
Cell which was engulfed by professional phagocytes or surrounding cells.

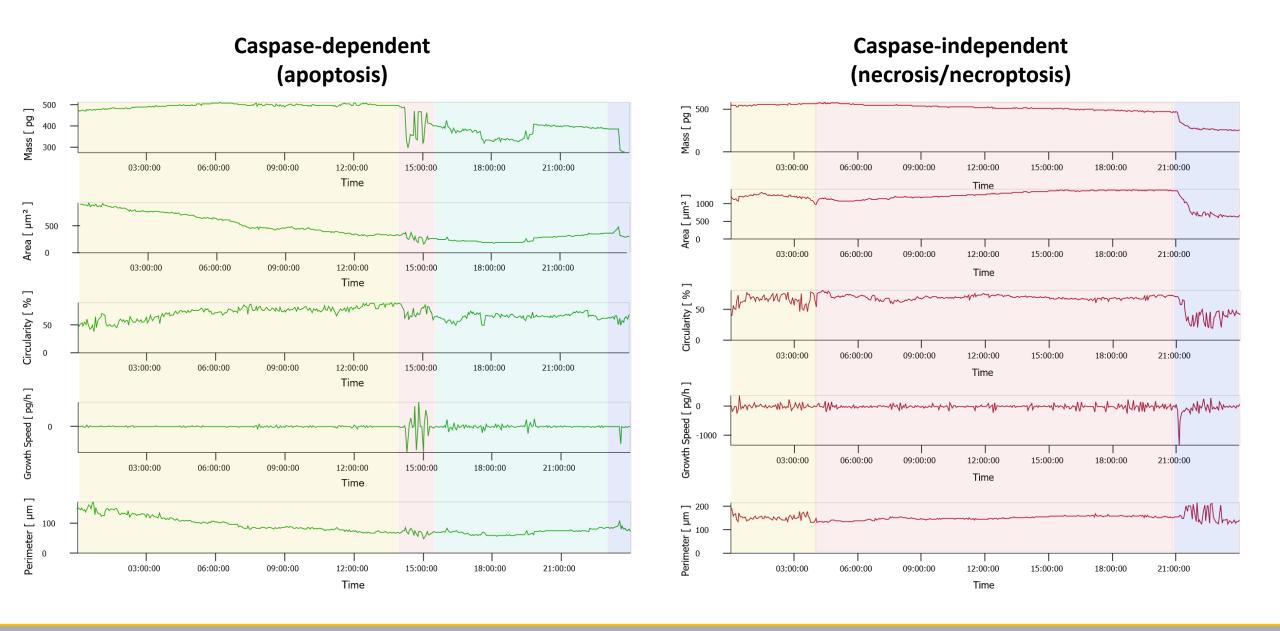
## All these processes are associated with changes in cell mass!

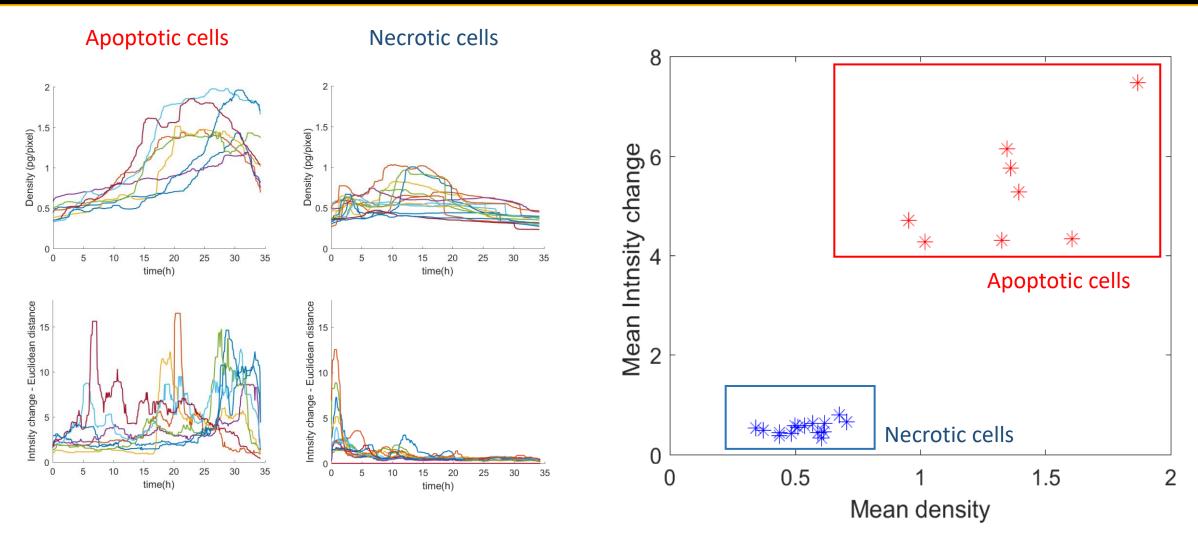




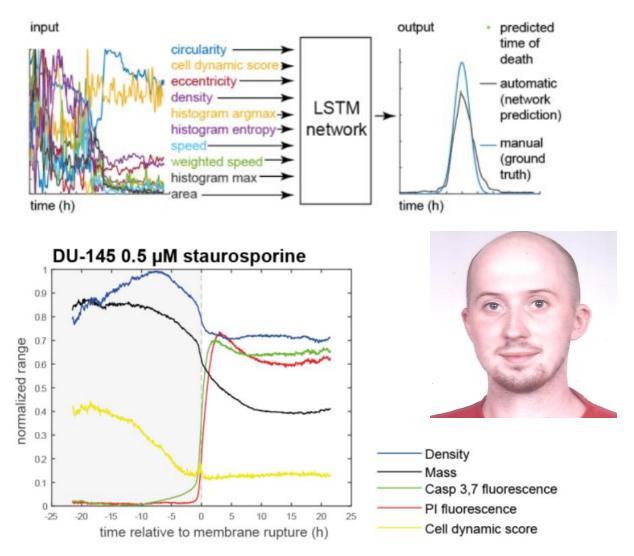


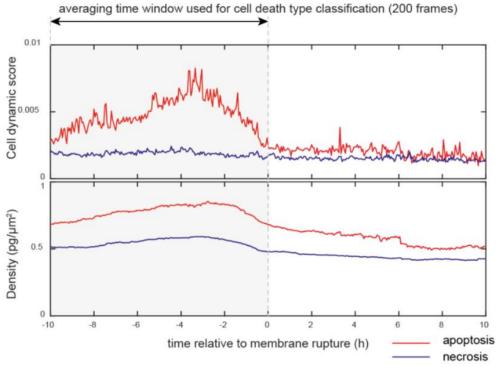


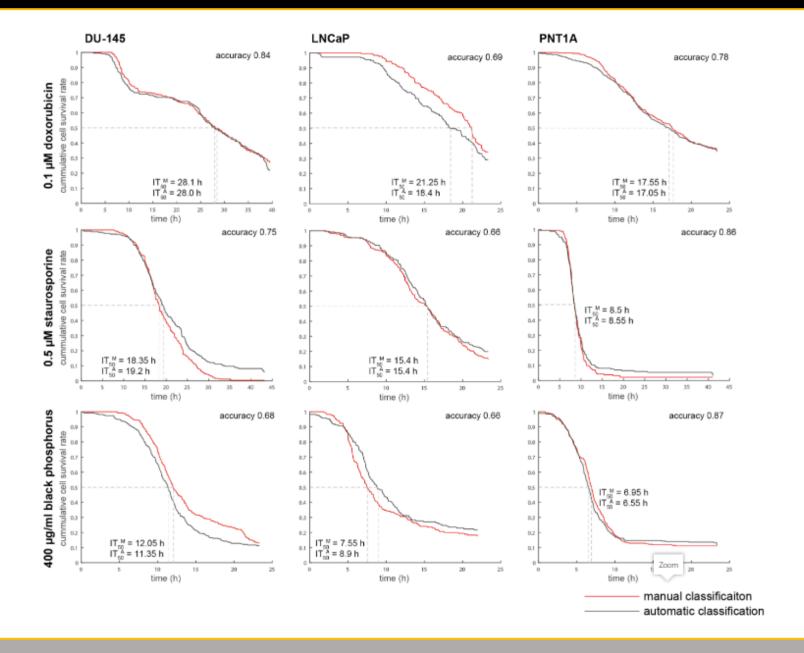




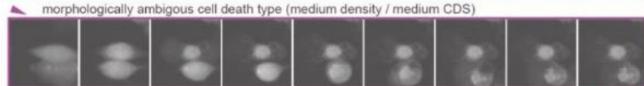
Based on morphological and dynamic parameters, we are able to automatically distinguish two distinct populations of cells. Without the use of dyes, only on the basis of a light microscopic method.



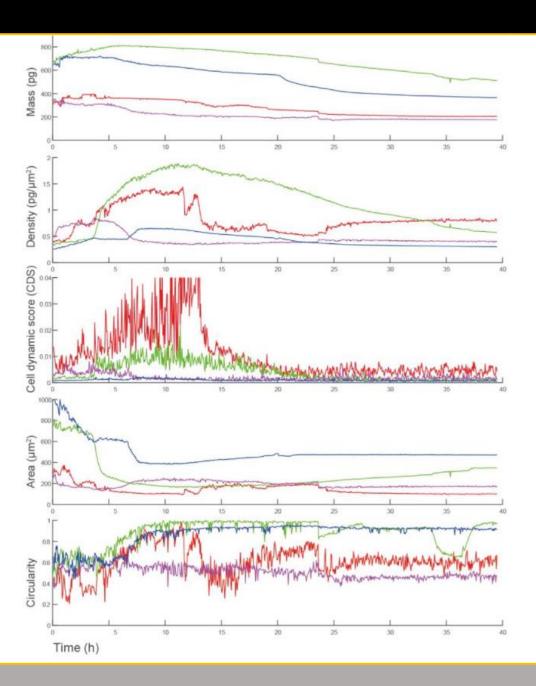


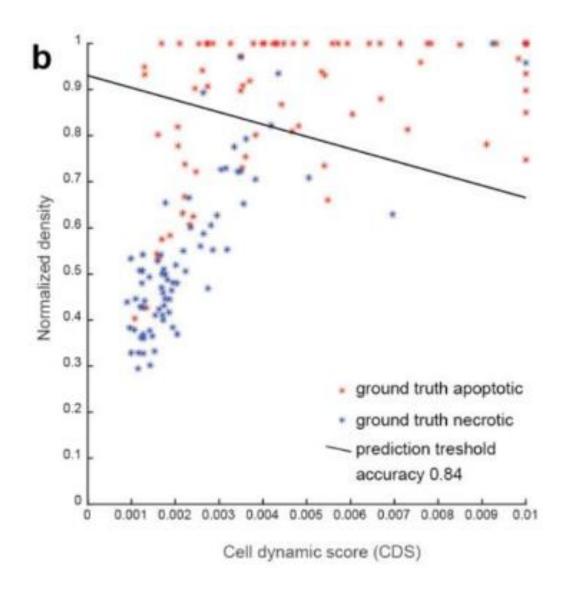


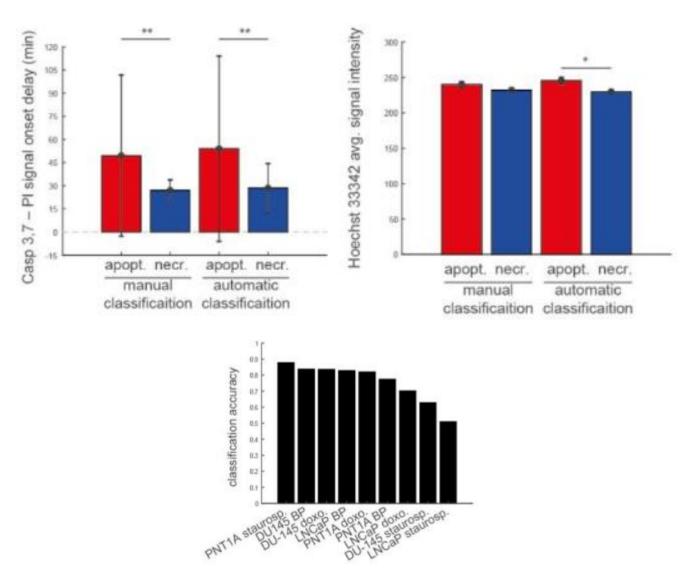
# DU-145 0.1 μM doxorubicin apoptosis, morphologically cannonical (high density / high CDS) apoptosis, morphologically non-cannonical (high density / low CDS)

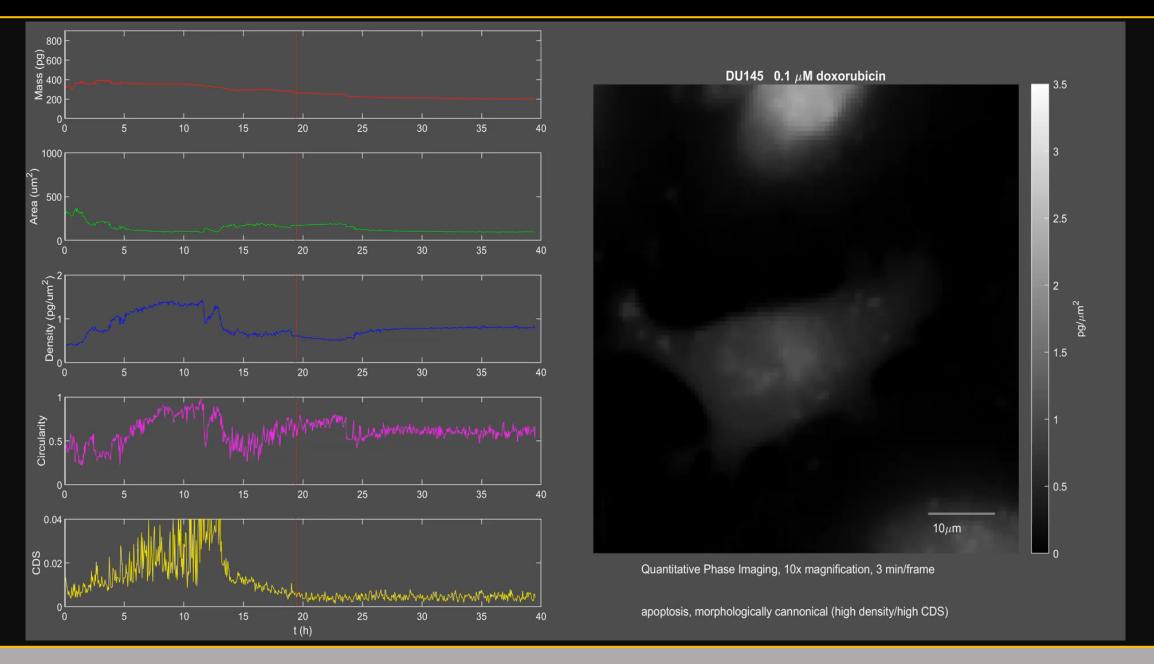








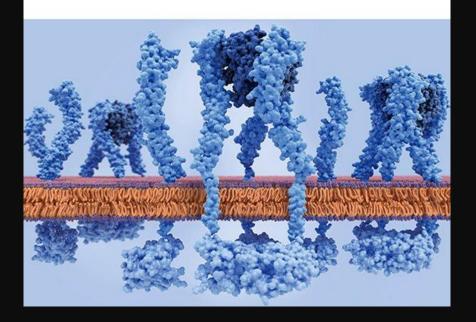




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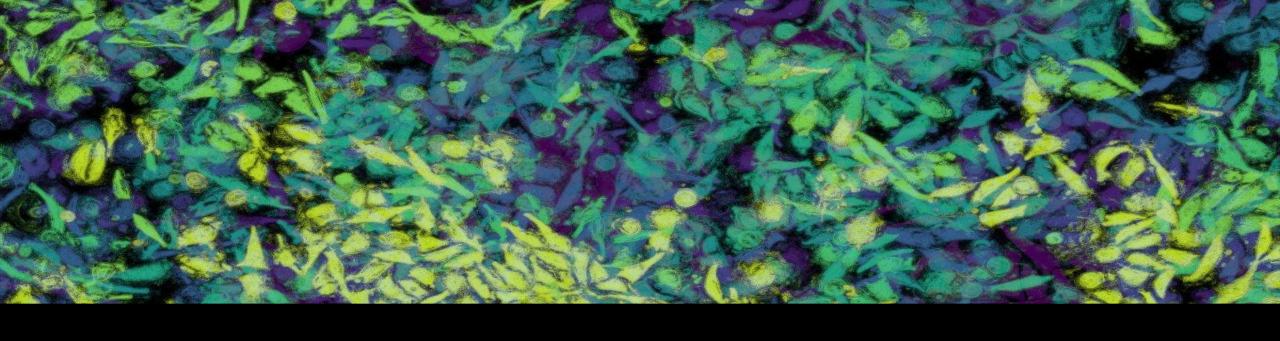




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# Thanks for your attention.

