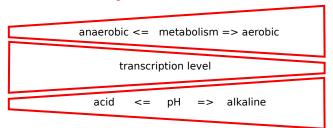


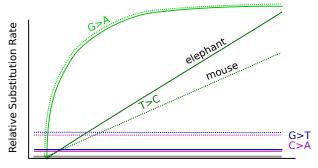
short-lived animals fast-dividing tissues

chemical damage, associated with cell division rate:



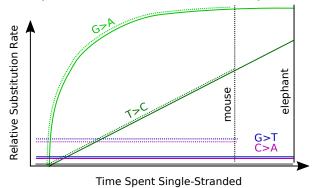
long-lived animals slow-dividing tissues

B: more mutagenic environment for single-stranded DNA in longlived mammals (low Ne => less efficient POLG,)



Time Spent Single-Stranded

A: replication is slower in longlived mammals (high GC, many non standard DNA structures (KG); slow cell cycle)



C: efficiency of reparation differs between species

