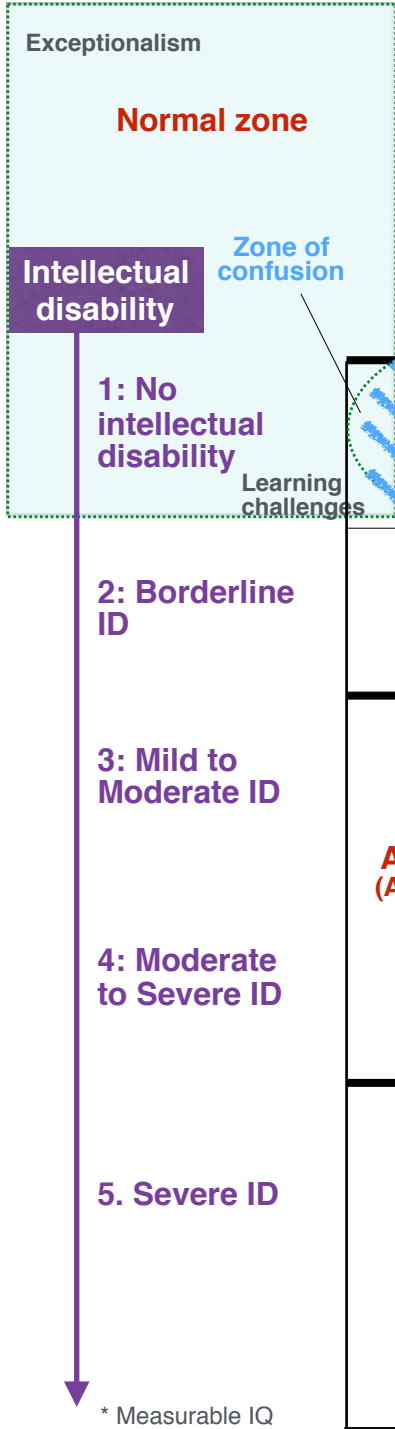


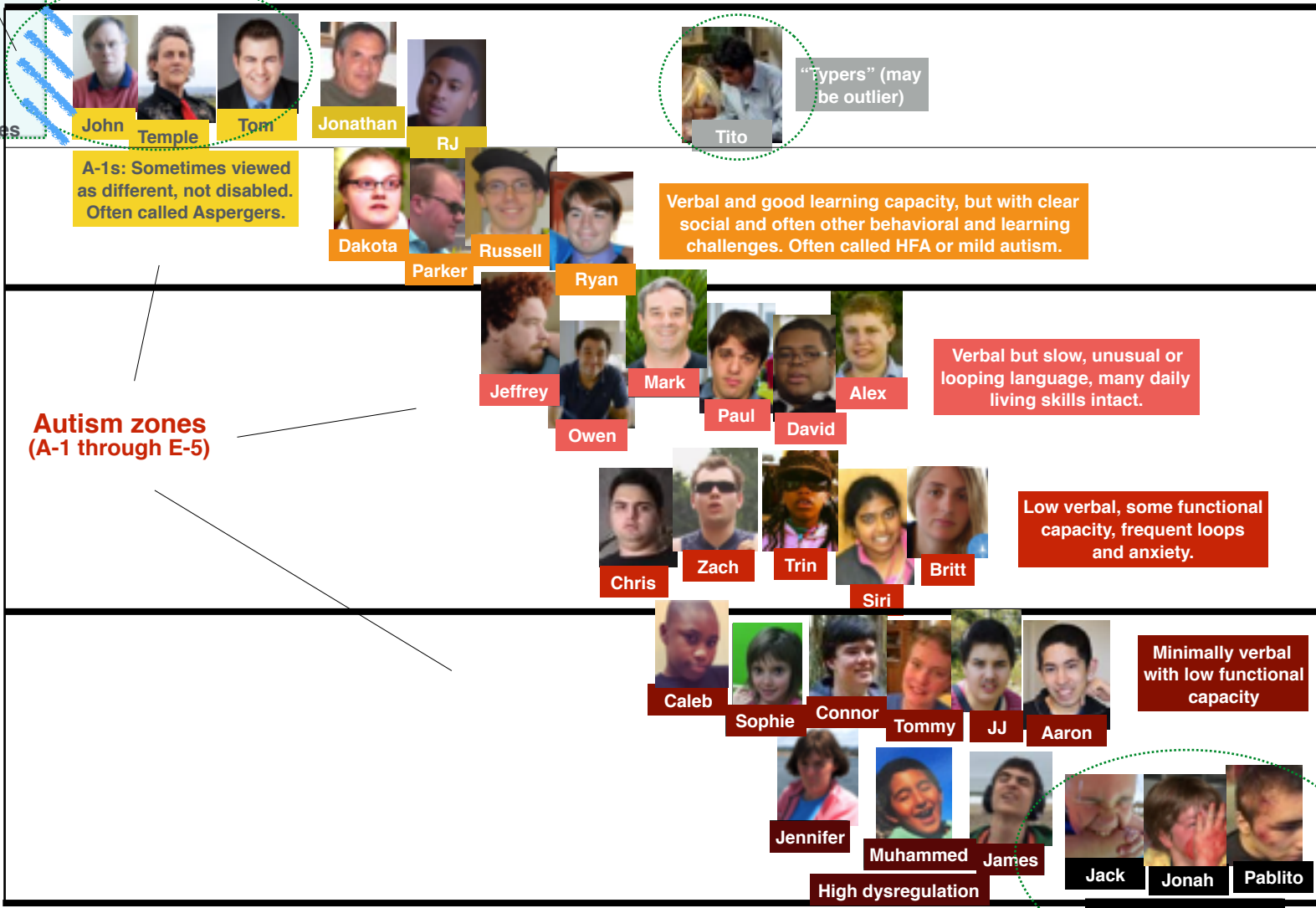
The Autism Matrix

A pragmatic representation of social-adaptive-intellectual functioning levels in older children, adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, by **zones** A-1 to E-5, and general **tiers** of functioning.



Deficits in social-adaptive functioning →

A: Borderline **B: Mild deficits** **C: Moderate deficits** **D: Severe deficits** **E: Profound deficits**



Tier 1:
Solid language with mild to moderate functional impairments and social and/or sensory challenges. Mostly independent with ongoing supervision/coaching.

Tier 2:
Mildly to moderately verbal with moderate to substantial functional impairments. Usually can function in small supervised groups without 1:1 care.

Tier 3:
Minimally verbal with often incapacitating functional impairments, often or usually requiring 1:1 care and often requiring intensive lifelong supports.

Please refer to Autism Matrix Narrative for further background and explanation. The examples are taken from popular websites or videos, are public figures, or are used with permission.