

# Lecture 18. Ancient and Modern Humans

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# Preliminary Project Report

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Assignment Date: March 30, 2019

Due Date: Monday, April 13, 2019 @ 11:59pm

Each team should submit a PDF of your preliminary project proposal (2 to 3 pages) to GradeScope by 11:59pm on Monday April 13.

The preliminary report should have at least:

- Title of your project
- List of team members and email addresses
- 1 paragraph abstract summarizing the project
- 1+ paragraph of Introduction
- 1+ paragraph of Methods that you are using
- 1+ paragraph of Results, describing the data evaluated and any preliminary results
- 1+ paragraph of Discussion (what you have seen or expect to see)
- 1+ figure showing a preliminary result
- 5+ References to relevant papers and data

The preliminary report should use the Bioinformatics style template. Word and LaTeX templates are available at [https://academic.oup.com/bioinformatics/pages/submission\\_online](https://academic.oup.com/bioinformatics/pages/submission_online). [Overleaf](#) is recommended for LaTeX submissions. [Google Docs](#) is recommended for non-latex submissions, especially group projects. [Paperpile](#) is recommended for citation management.

Later, you will present your project in class starting the week of April 22. You will also submit your final written report (5-7 pages) of your project by May 13

Please use Piazza if you have any general questions!

# 2020 Applied Genomics Midterm Exam

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Exam Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Submission Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2020 by 11:59 pm (no late days allowed)

## Instructions:

- Submit your solutions to GradeScope as a single PDF file.
- You are allowed to use class notes but you should not discuss the exam with other students.
- Please post to Piazza if you have any questions about the exam. Please submit your questions privately, and then we can adjust the visibility if others should see the information.

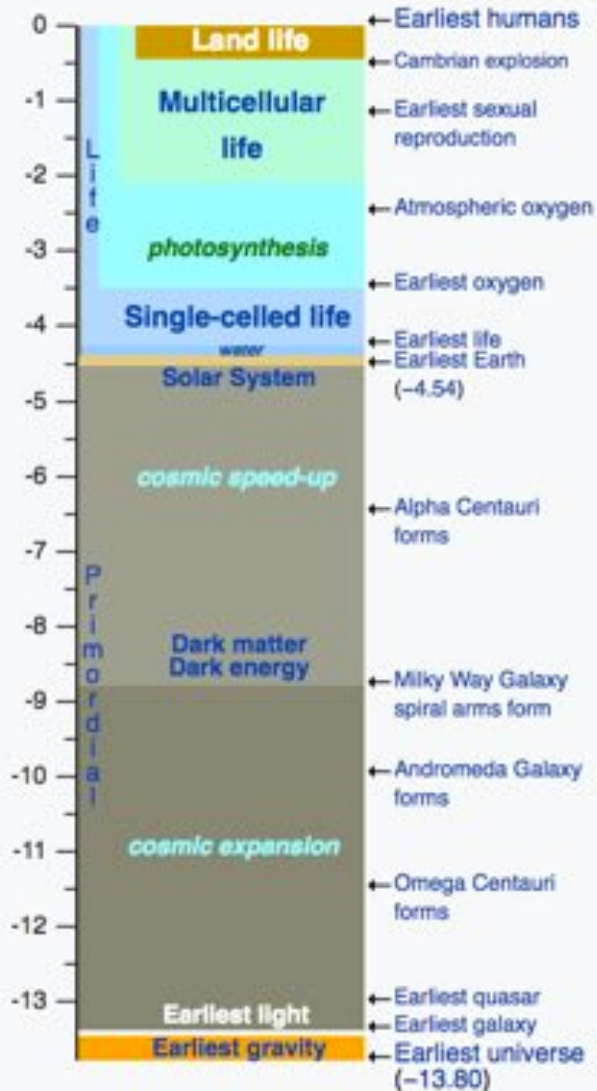


# Part I: Ancient Hominds

# Our Origins

## Nature timeline

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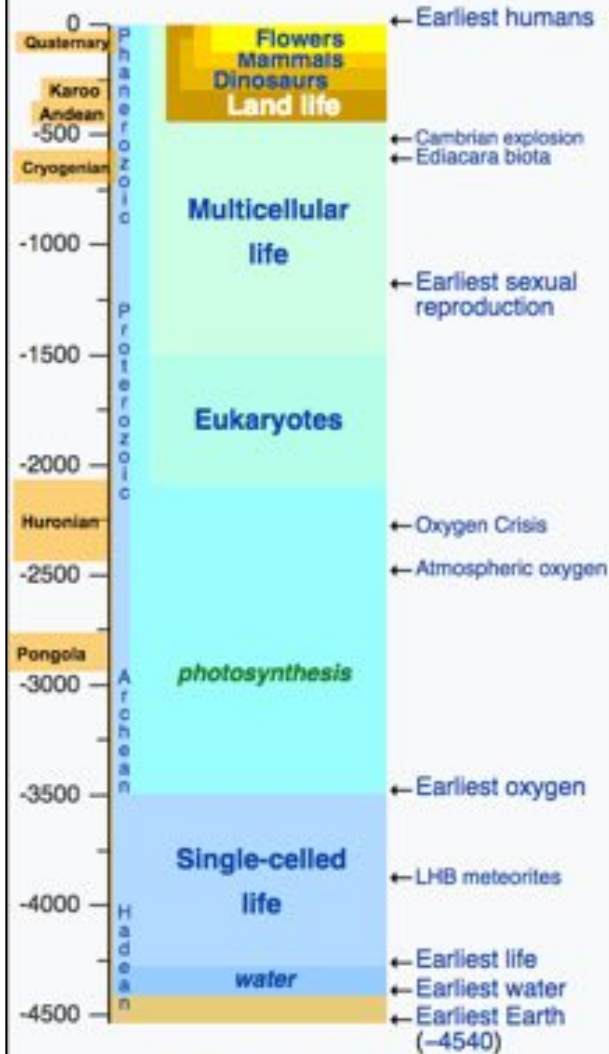


Axis scale: billions of years.

Also see: [Human timeline](#) and [Life timeline](#)

## Life timeline

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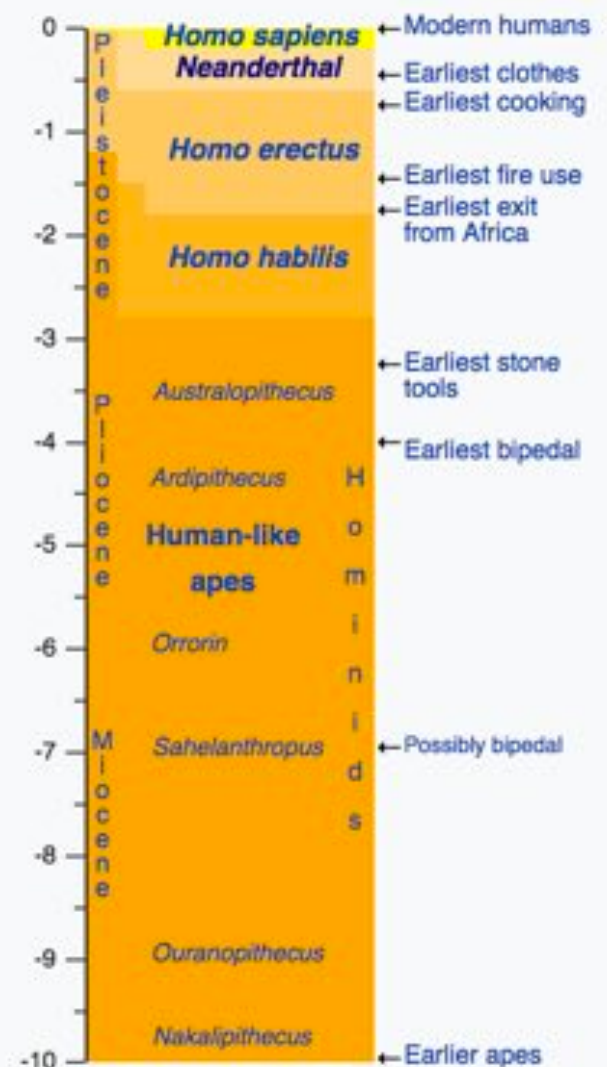
Axis scale: millions of years.

Orange labels: known ice ages.

Also see: [Human timeline](#) and [Nature timeline](#)

## Human timeline

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# Sequencing ancient genomes

Janet Kelso

Max-Planck Institute





## ***Homo neanderthalensis***

- Proto-Neanderthals emerge around 600k years ago
- “True” Neanderthals emerge around 200k years ago
- Died out approximately 40,000 years ago
- Known for their robust physique
- Made advanced tools, probably had a language (the nature of which is debated and likely unknowable) and lived in complex social groups



## ***Homo sapiens sapiens***

- Apparently emerged from earlier hominids in Africa around 50k years ago
- Capable of amazing intellectual and social behaviors
- Mostly Harmless ☺

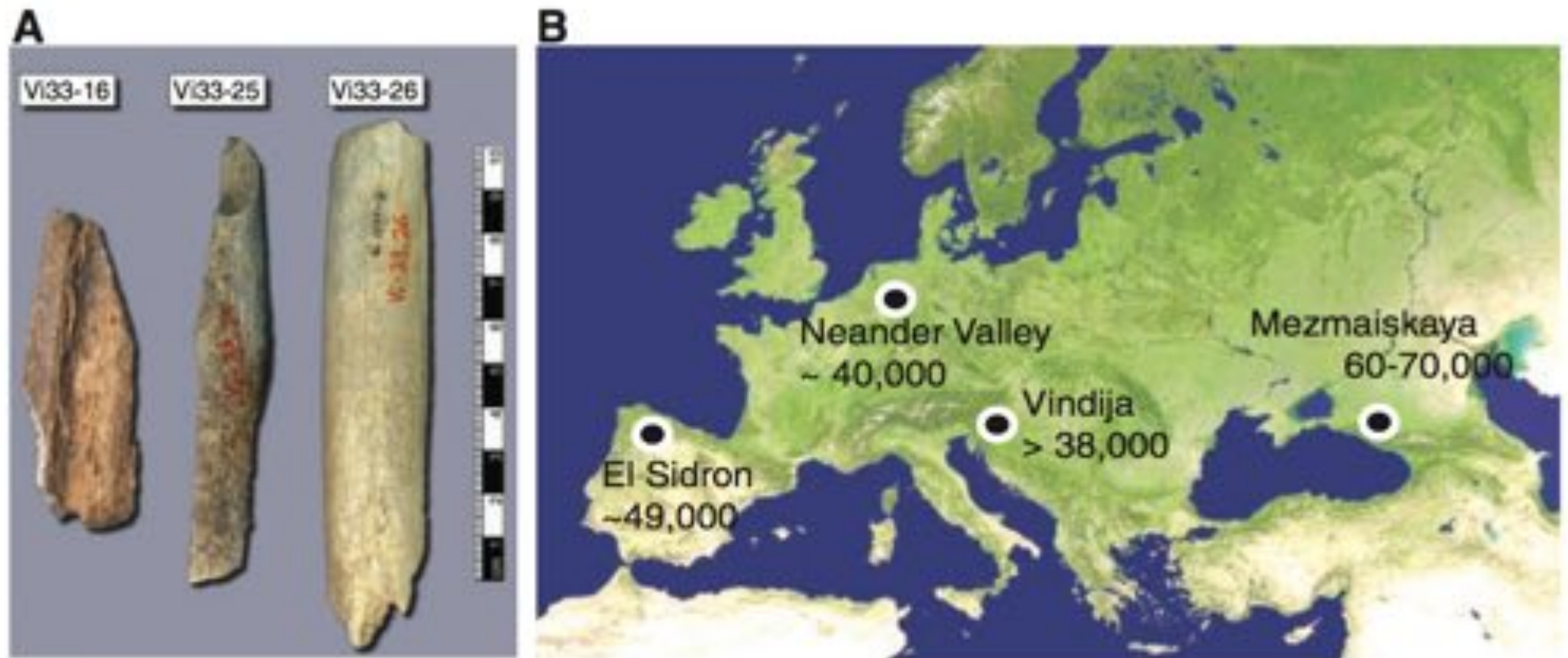


## A Draft Sequence of the Neandertal Genome

Richard E. Green, *et al.*

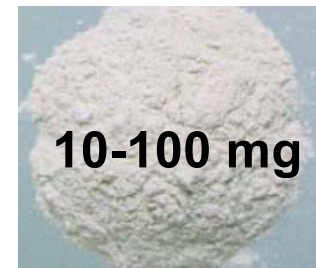
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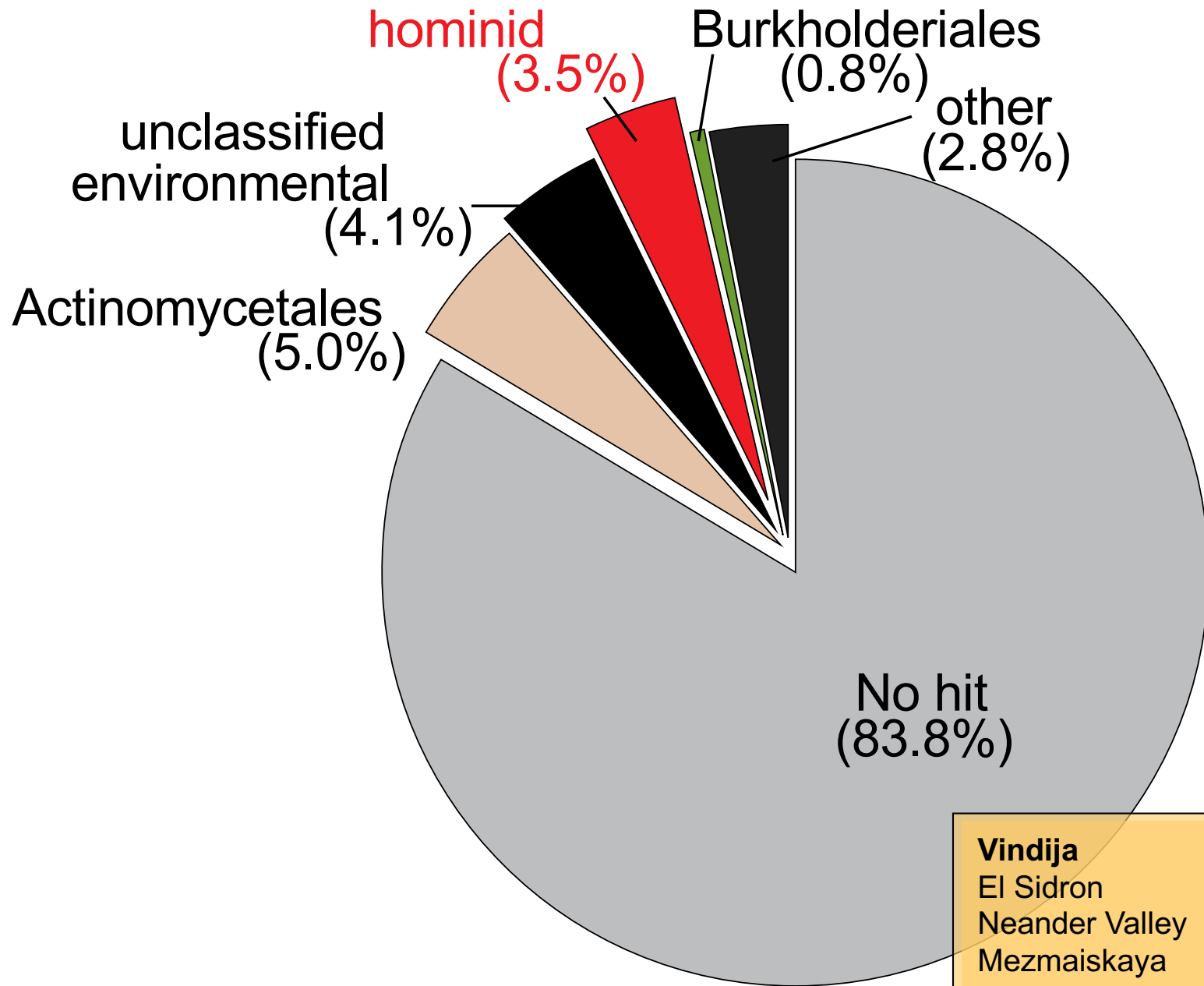


**Fig. 1.** Samples and sites from which DNA was retrieved. **(A)** The three bones from Vindija from which Neandertal DNA was sequenced. **(B)** Map showing the four archaeological sites from which bones were used and their approximate dates (years B.P.).

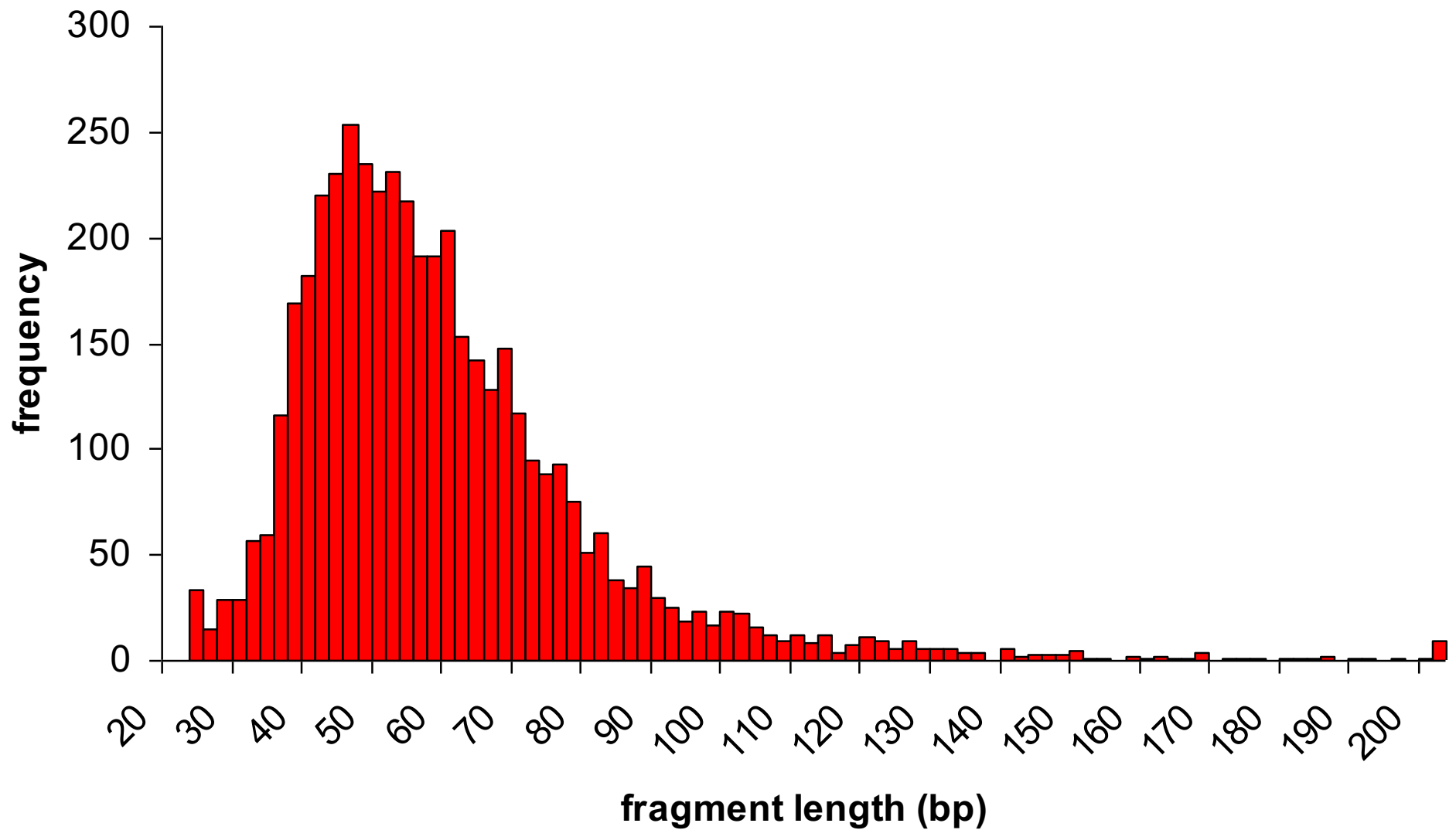
# Extracting Ancient DNA



# DNA is from mixed sources

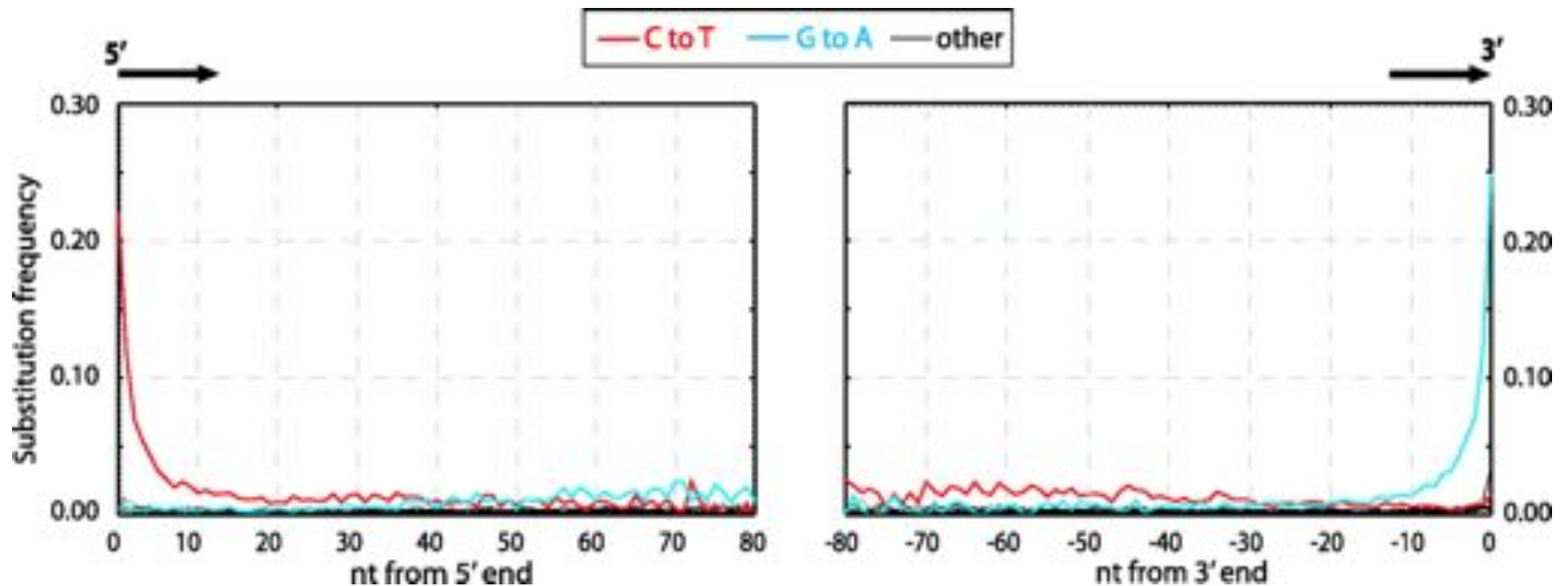
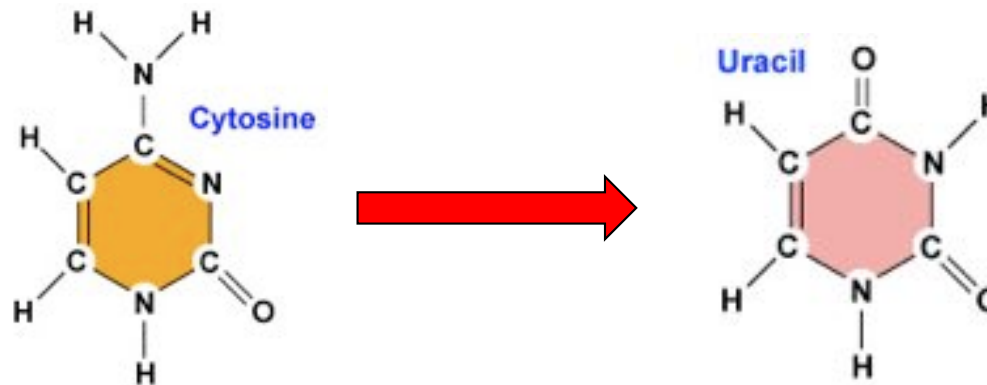


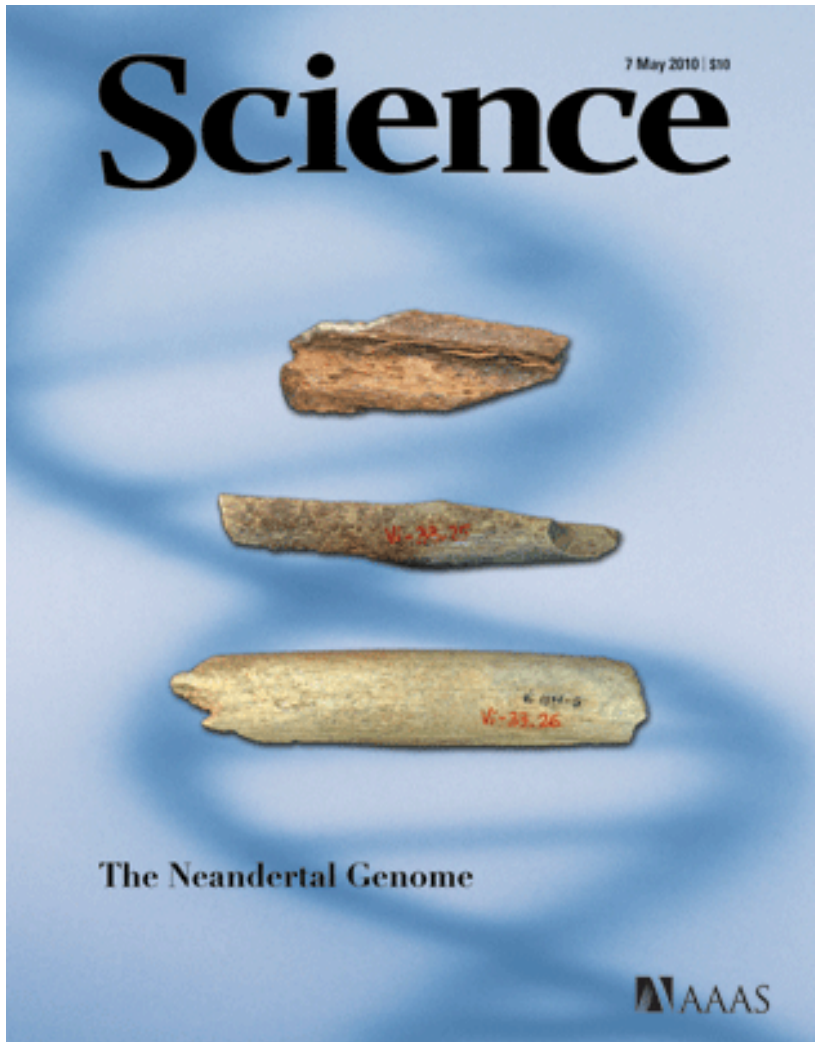
# DNA is degraded





# DNA is chemically damaged





*Green et al. 2010*

Vindija 33.16 ~1.2 Gb

33.25 ~1.3 Gb

33.26 ~1.5 Gb

El Sidron (1253) ~2.2 Mb

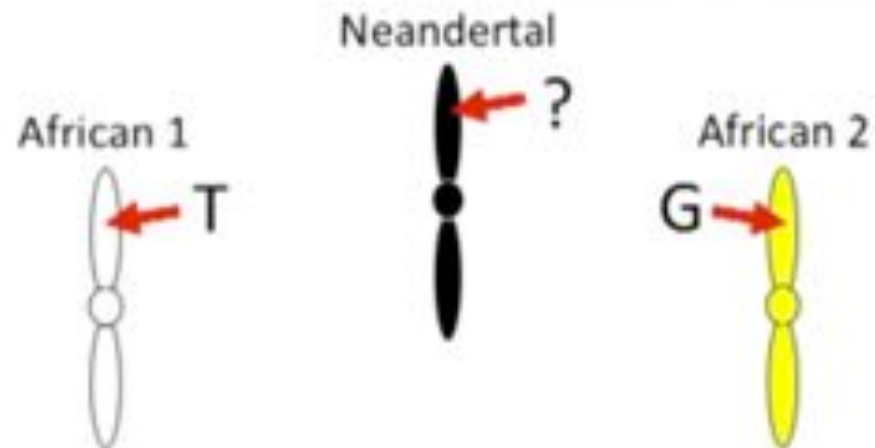
Feldhofer 1 ~2.2 Mb

Mezmaiskaya 1 ~56.4 Mb

~35 Illumina flow cells

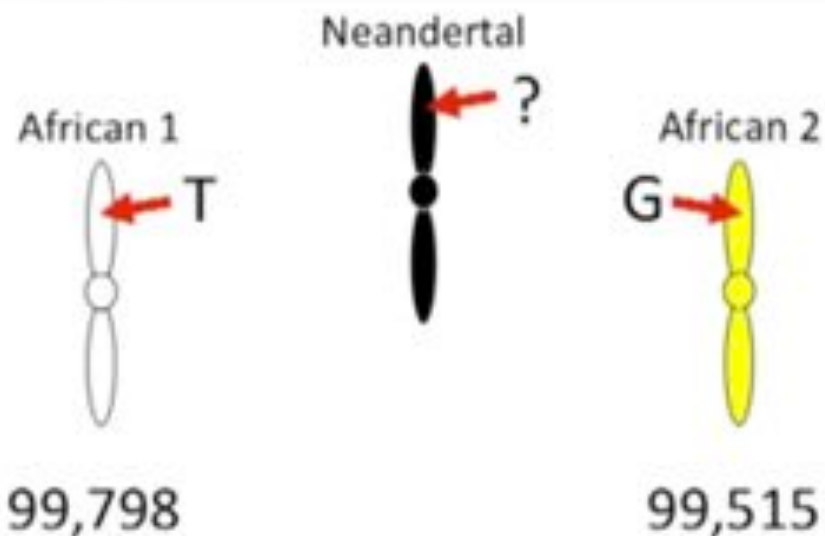
**Genome coverage ~1.3 X**

# Did we mix?



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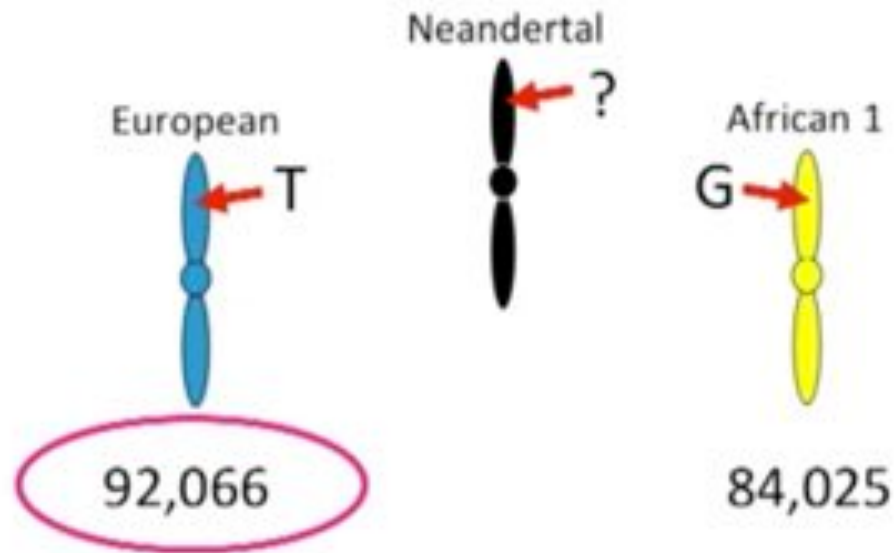
As far as we know, Neanderthals were never in Africa, and do not see Neanderthal alleles to be more common in one African population over another





# Did we mix?

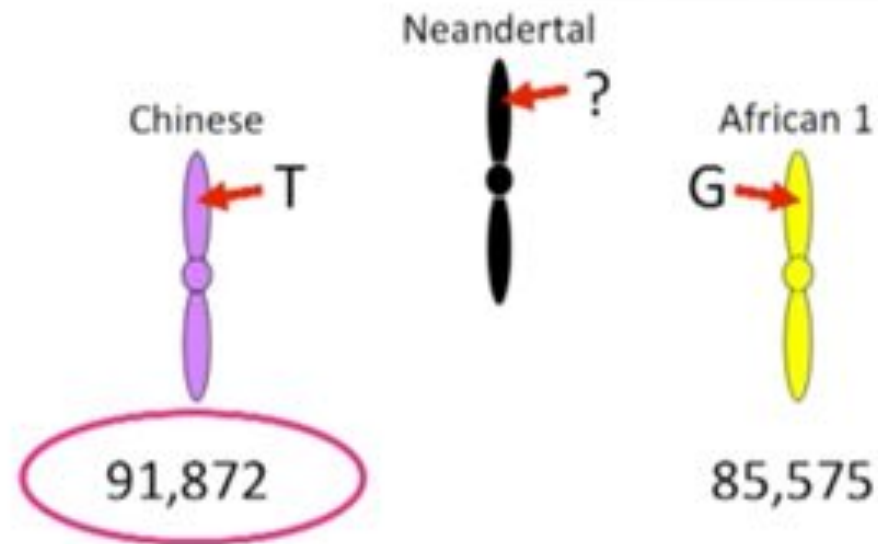
In contrast, we do see Neanderthals match Europeans significantly more frequently than Africans



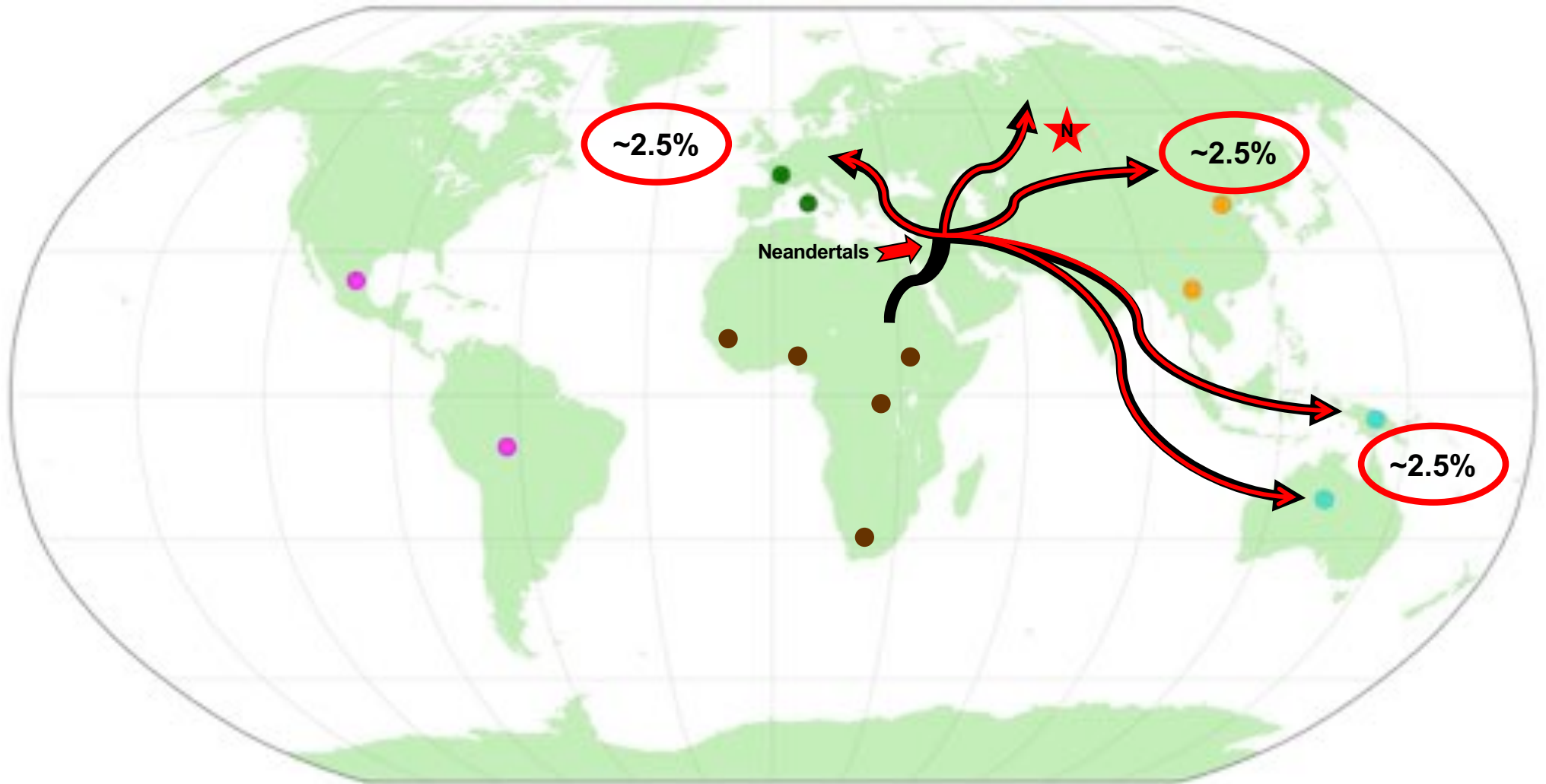
# Did we mix?

Also see Neanderthals  
match Chinese  
significantly more  
often...

... but Neanderthals  
never lived in China!



# Neanderthal Interbreeding



As modern humans migrated out of Africa, they apparently interbred with Neanderthals so we see their alleles across the rest of the world and carry about 2.5% of their genome with us!

# What about other ancient hominids?

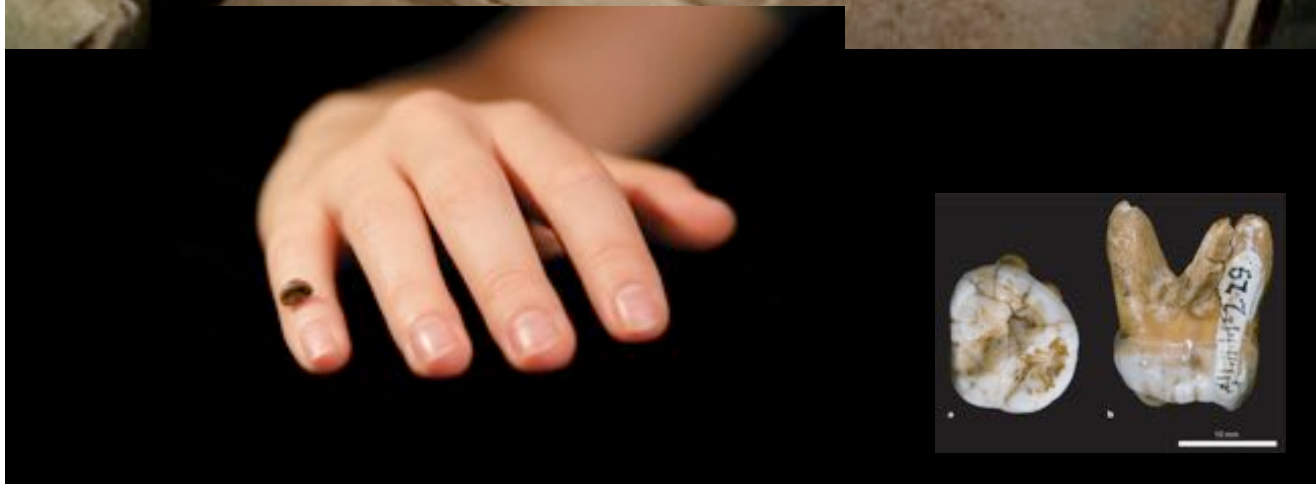




# Denisova cave Altai mountains Russia



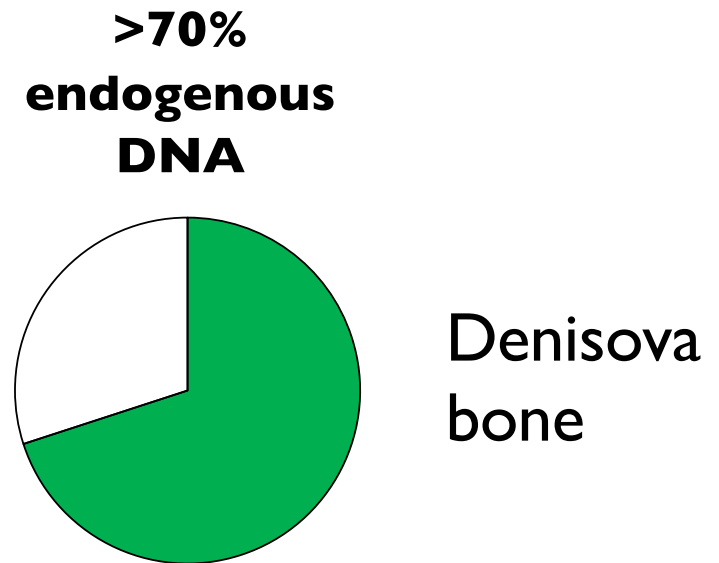
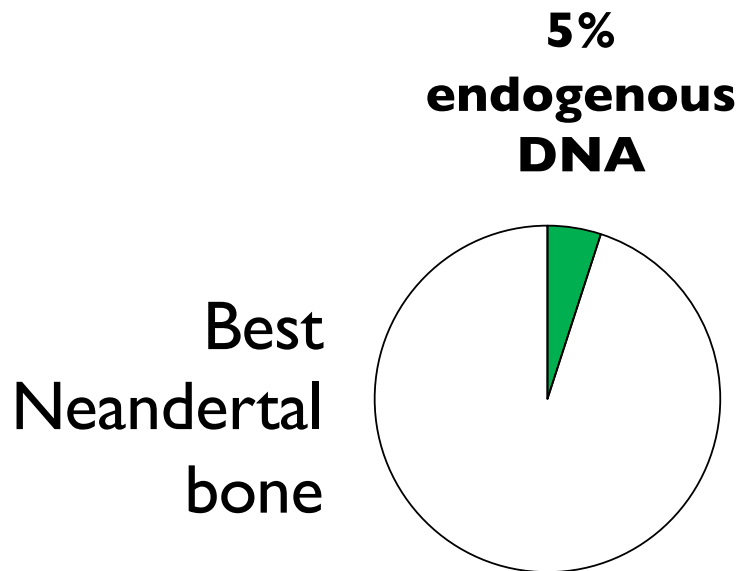
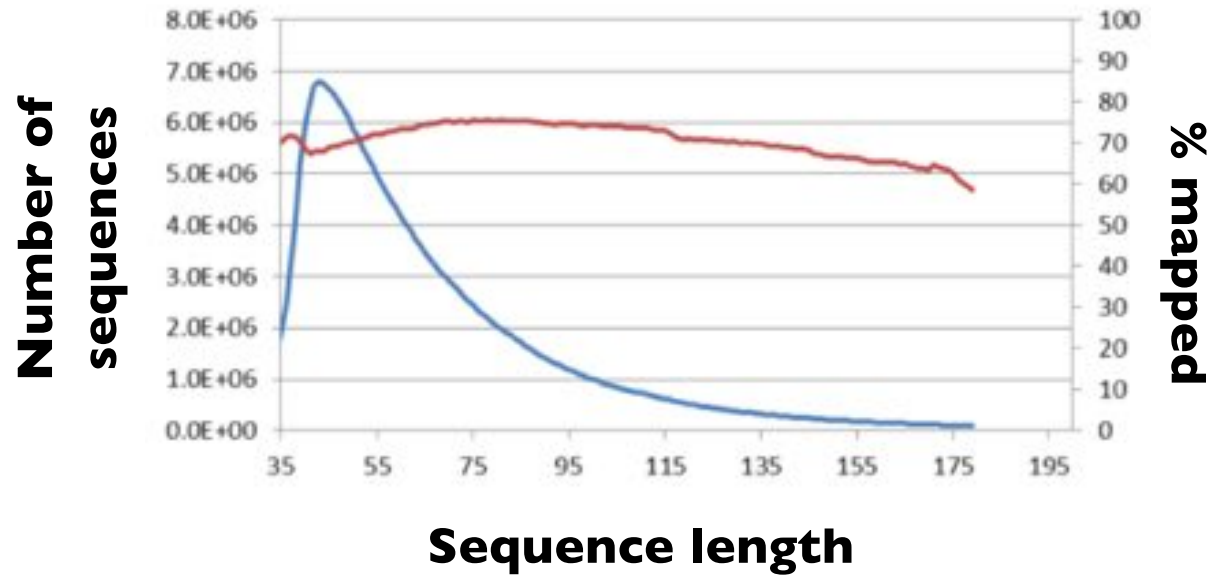
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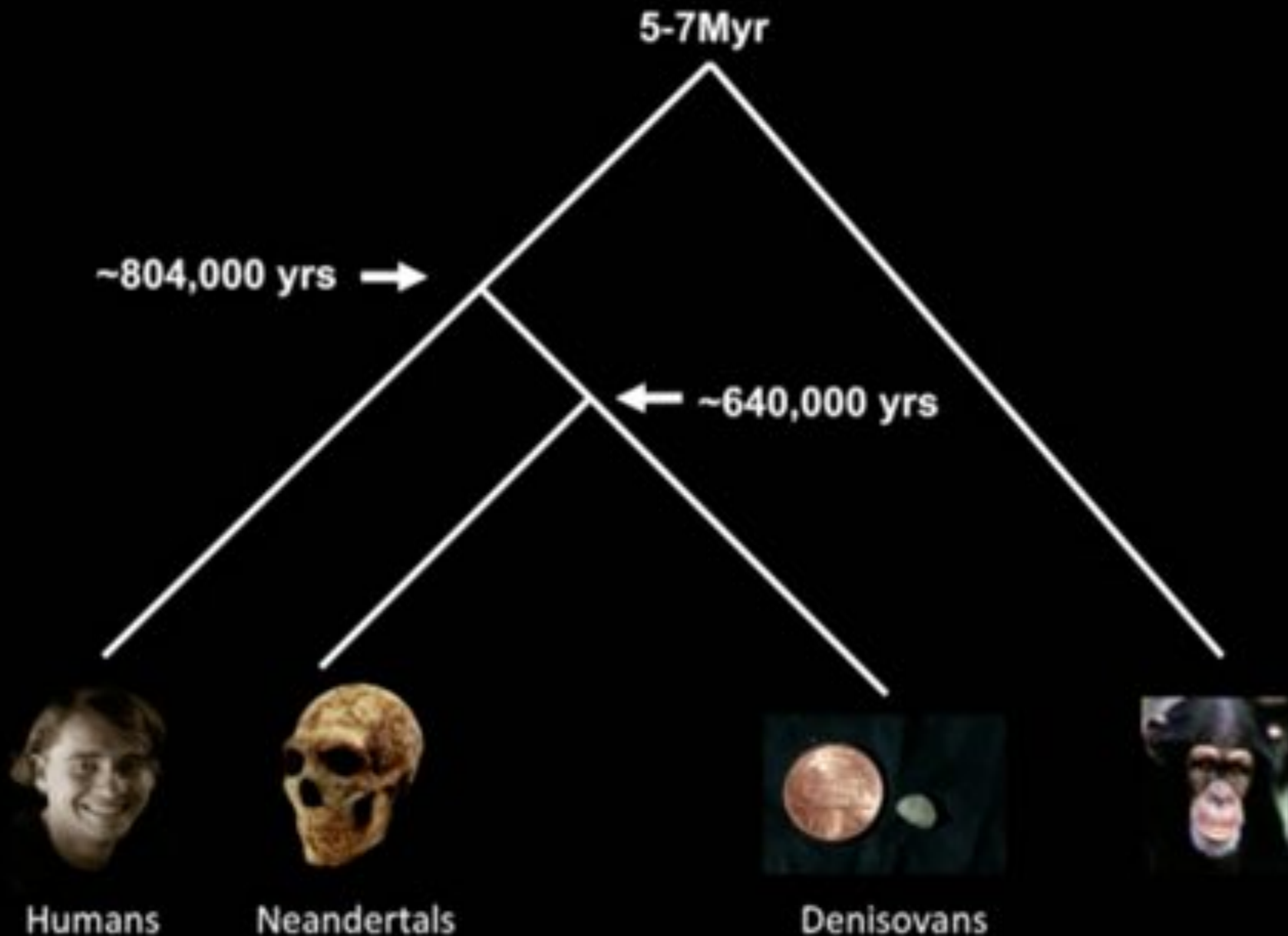




# Extraordinary preservation



# Denisovans & Neandertals

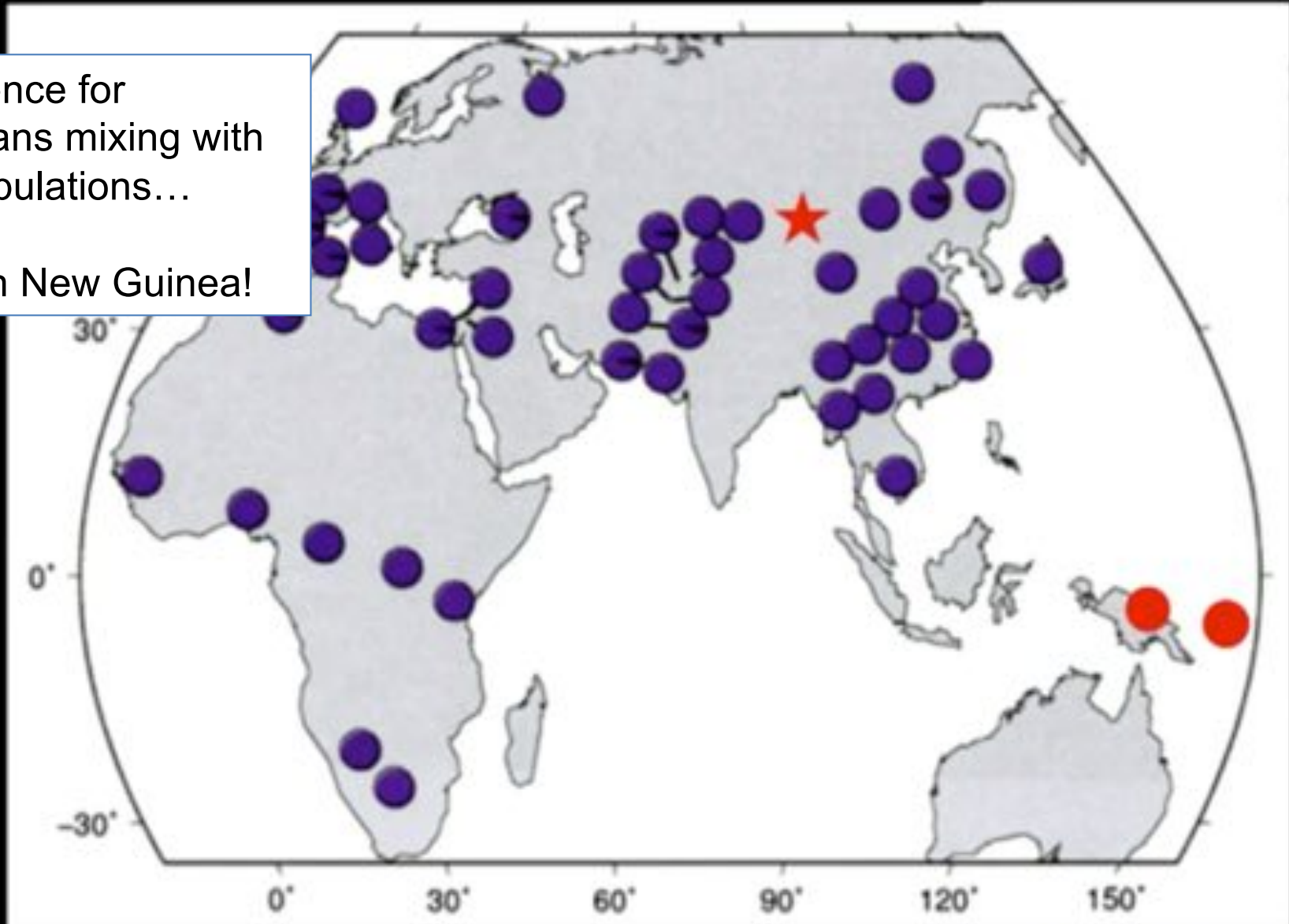




# Did we mix?

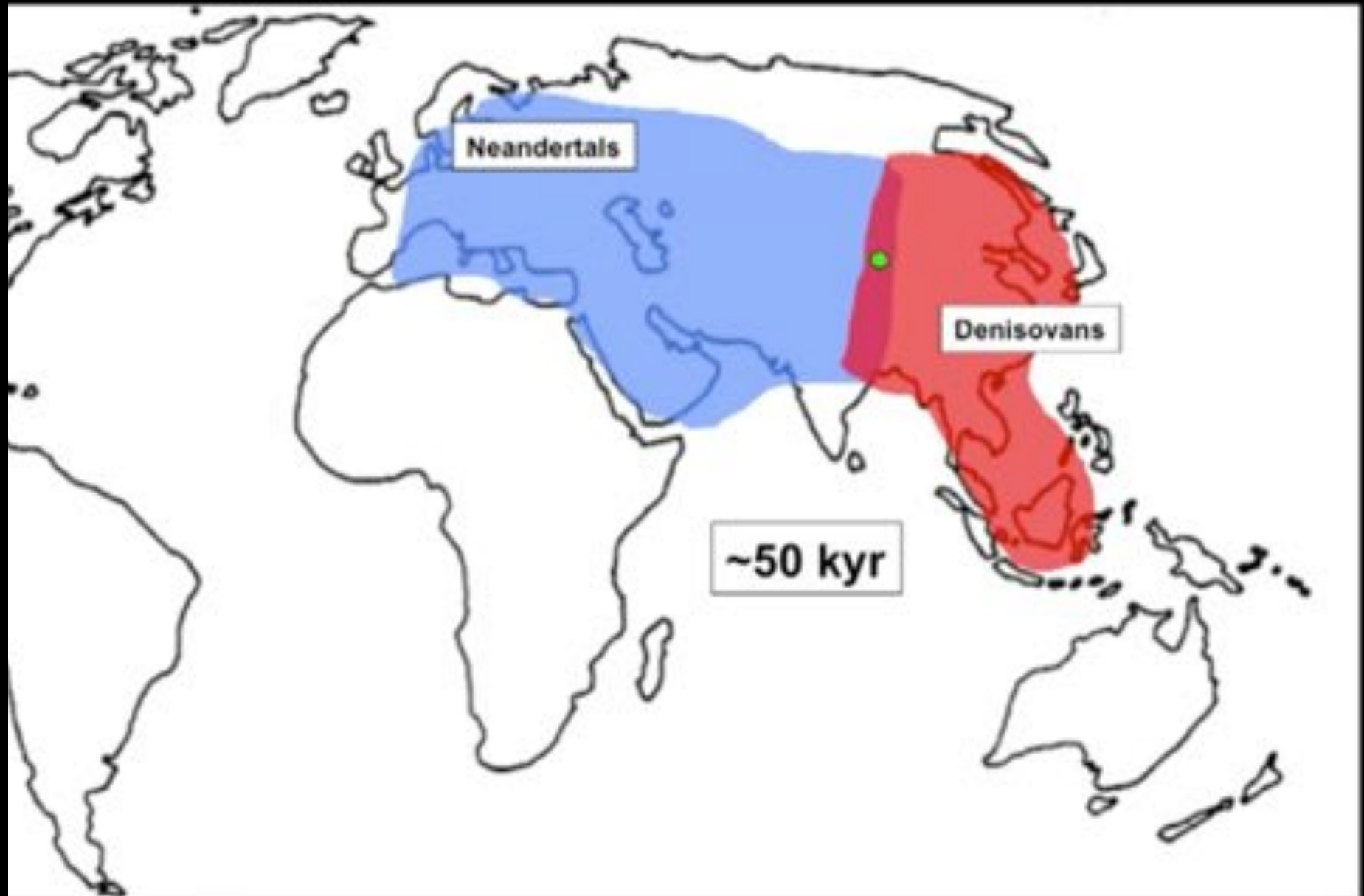
No evidence for  
Denisovans mixing with  
other populations...

Except in New Guinea!

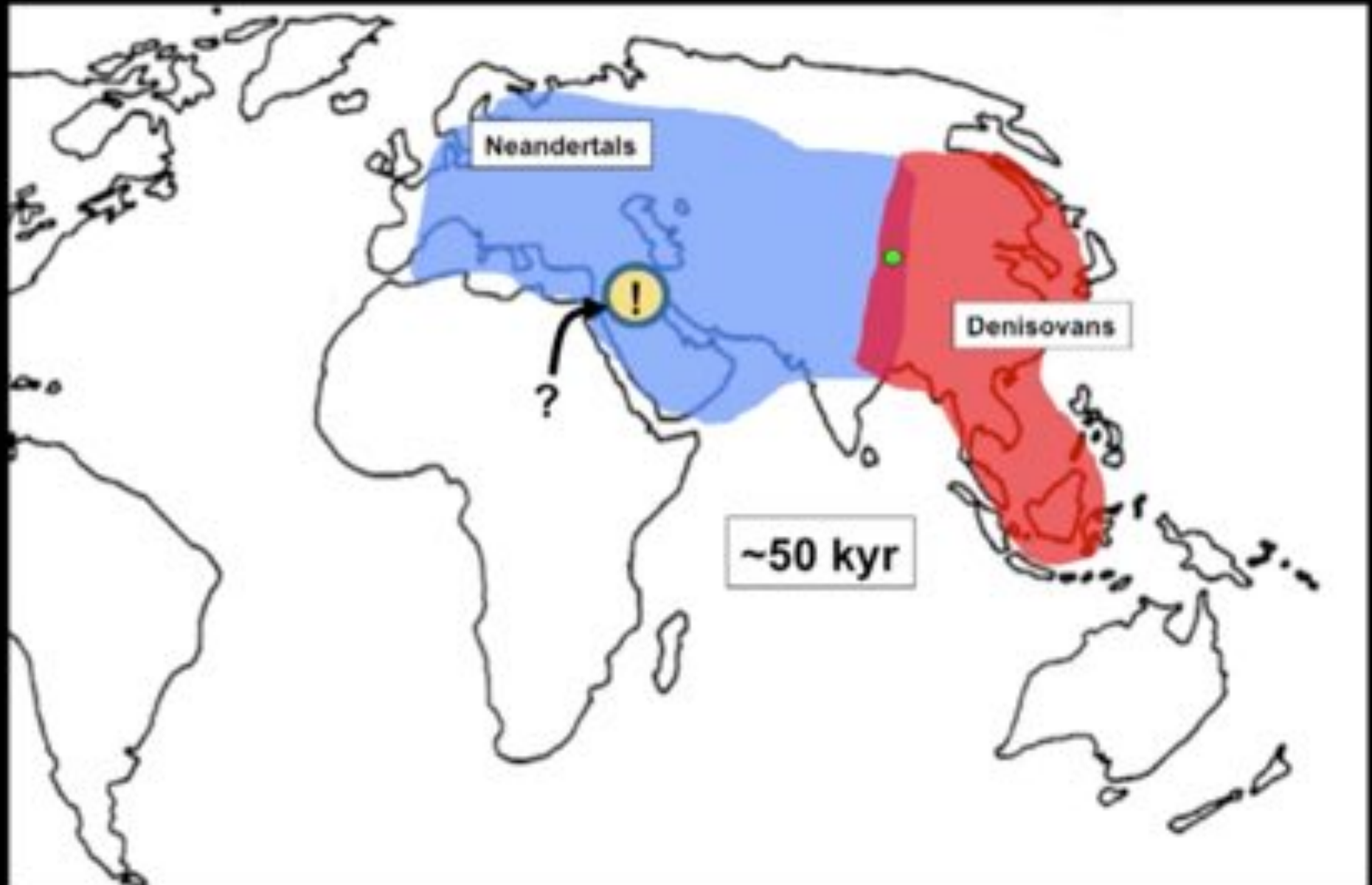


Map after Pickrell et al., 2009

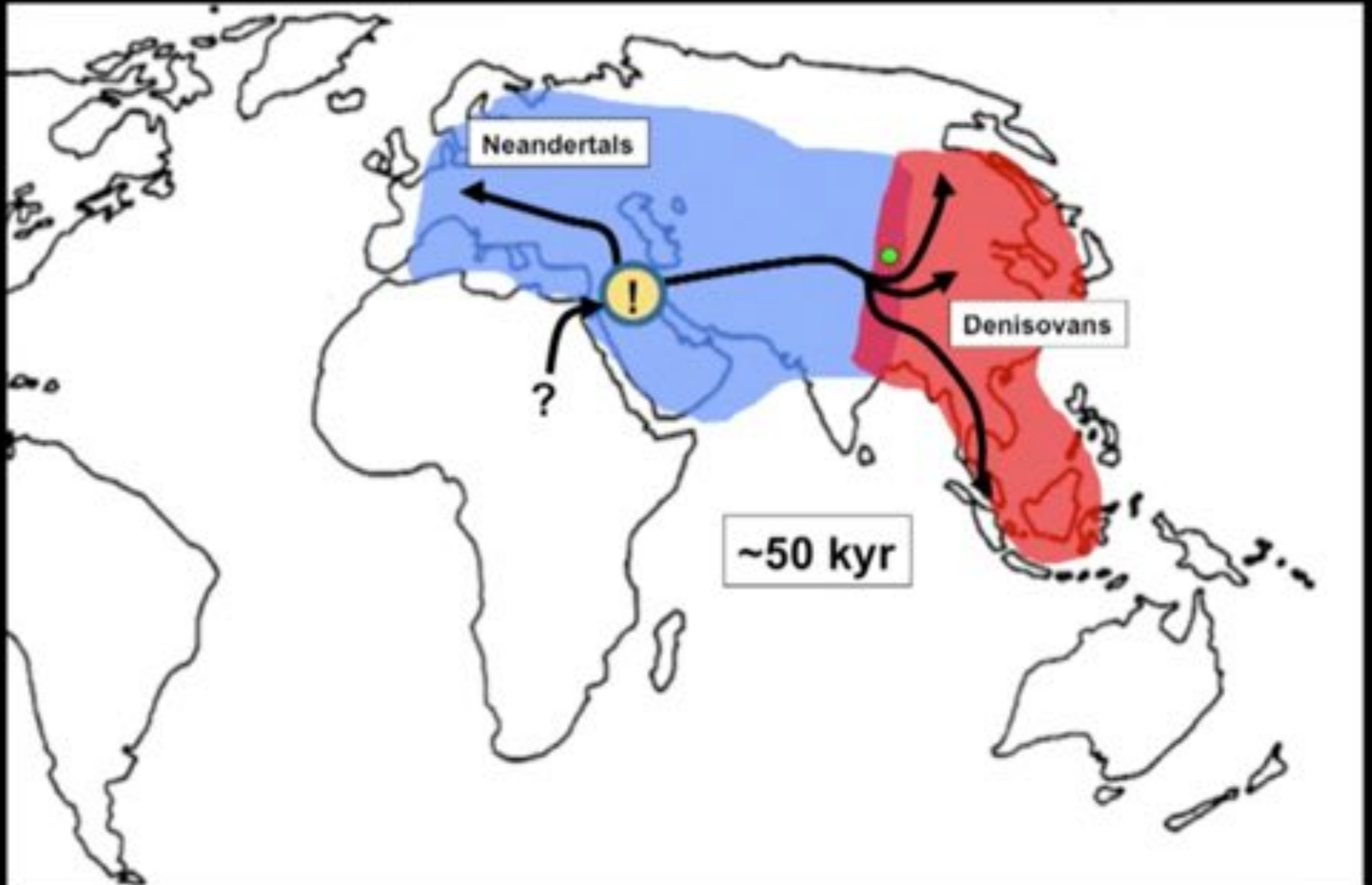
# Timeline of ancient hominids



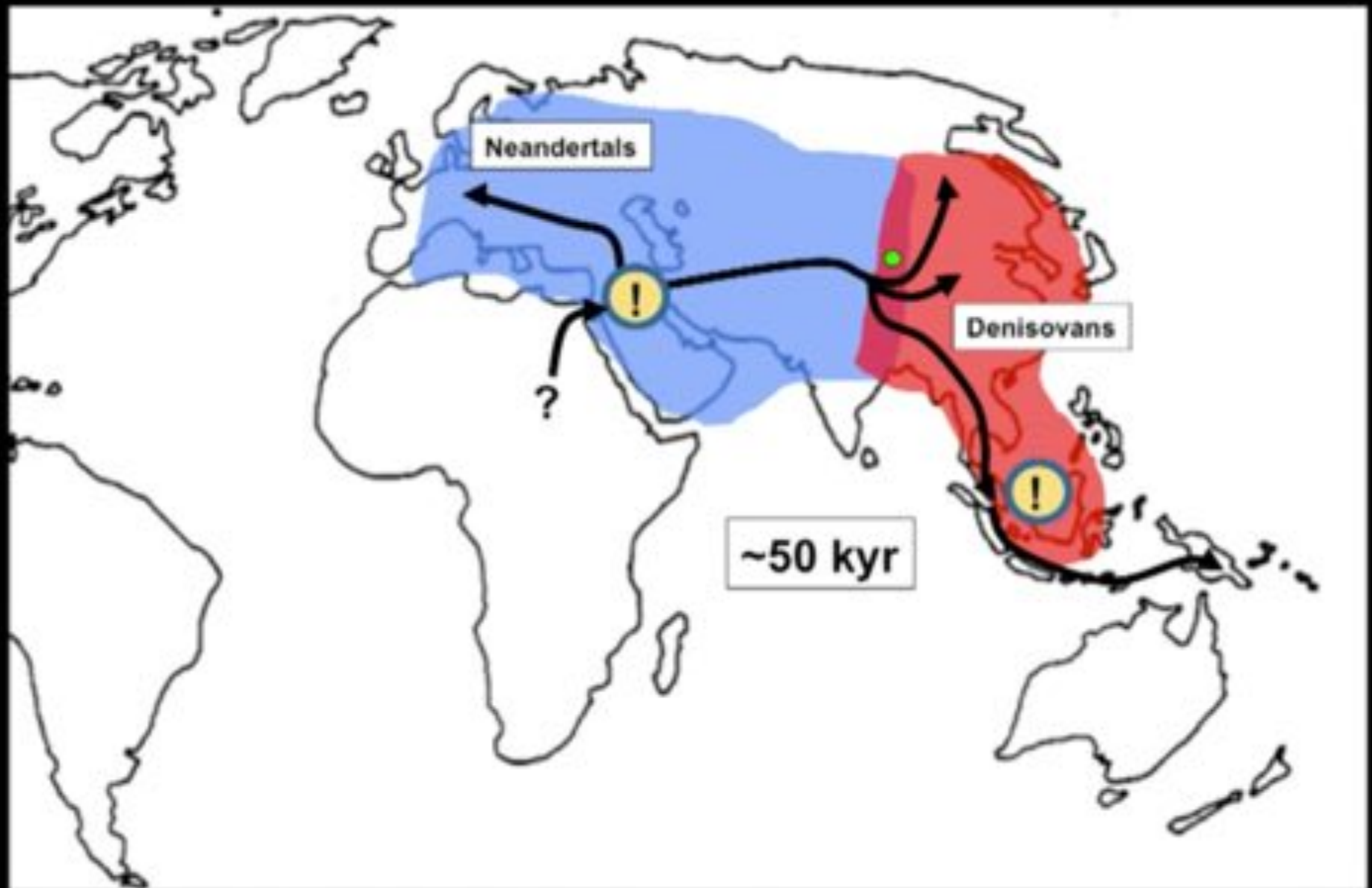
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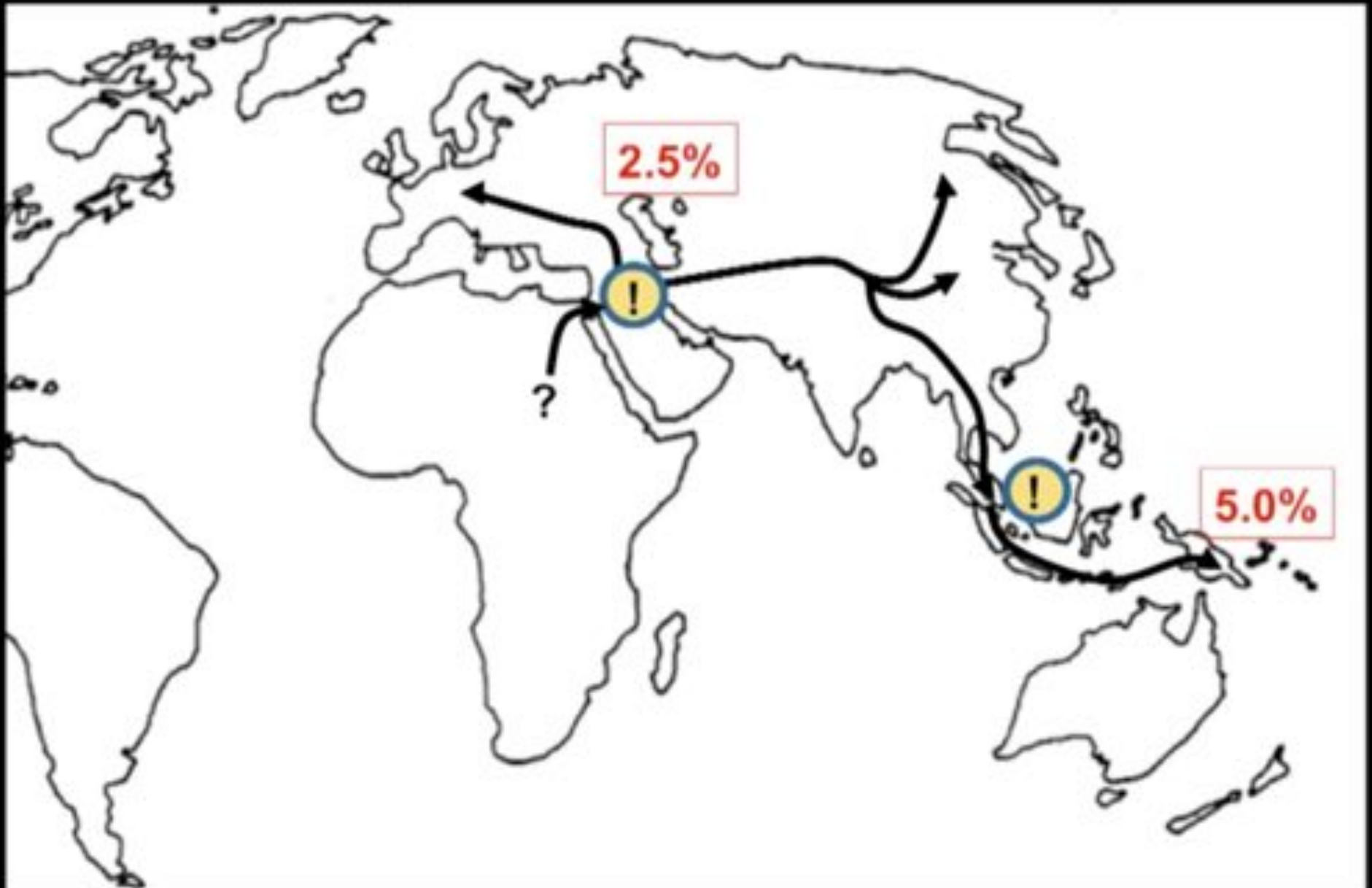


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**We have always mixed!**

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10.1126/science.1254166 (2016).

# Excavating Neandertal and Denisovan DNA from the genomes of Melanesian individuals

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Although Neandertal sequences that persist in the genomes of modern humans have been identified in Eurasians, comparable studies in people whose ancestors hybridized with both Neandertals and Denisovans are lacking. We developed an approach to identify DNA inherited from multiple archaic hominin ancestors and applied it to whole-genome sequences from 1523 geographically diverse individuals, including 35 new Island Melanesian genomes. In aggregate, we recovered 1.34 Gb and 303 Mb of the Neandertal and Denisovan genome, respectively. We leverage these maps of archaic sequence to show that Neandertal admixture occurred multiple times in different non-African populations, characterize genomic regions that are significantly depleted of archaic sequence, and identify signatures of adaptive introgression.

# Recipe for a modern human

**109,295**      single nucleotide changes (SNCs)  
**7,944**        insertions and deletions

## Changes in protein coding genes

**277**            cause fixed amino acid substitutions  
**87**             affect splice sites

## Changes in Non-coding & regulatory sequences

**26**            affect well-defined motifs inside  
                  regulatory regions

# Enrichment analysis

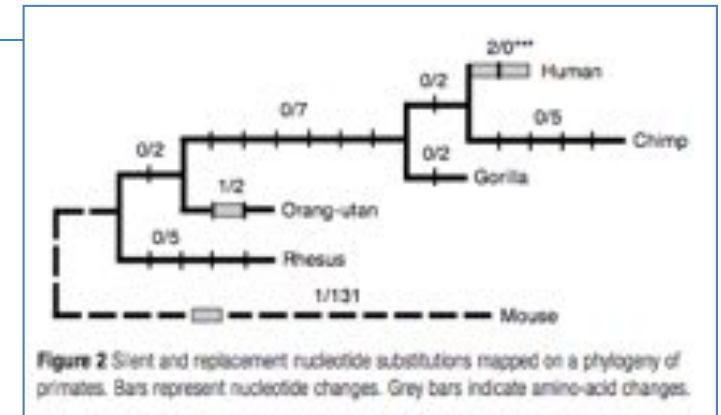
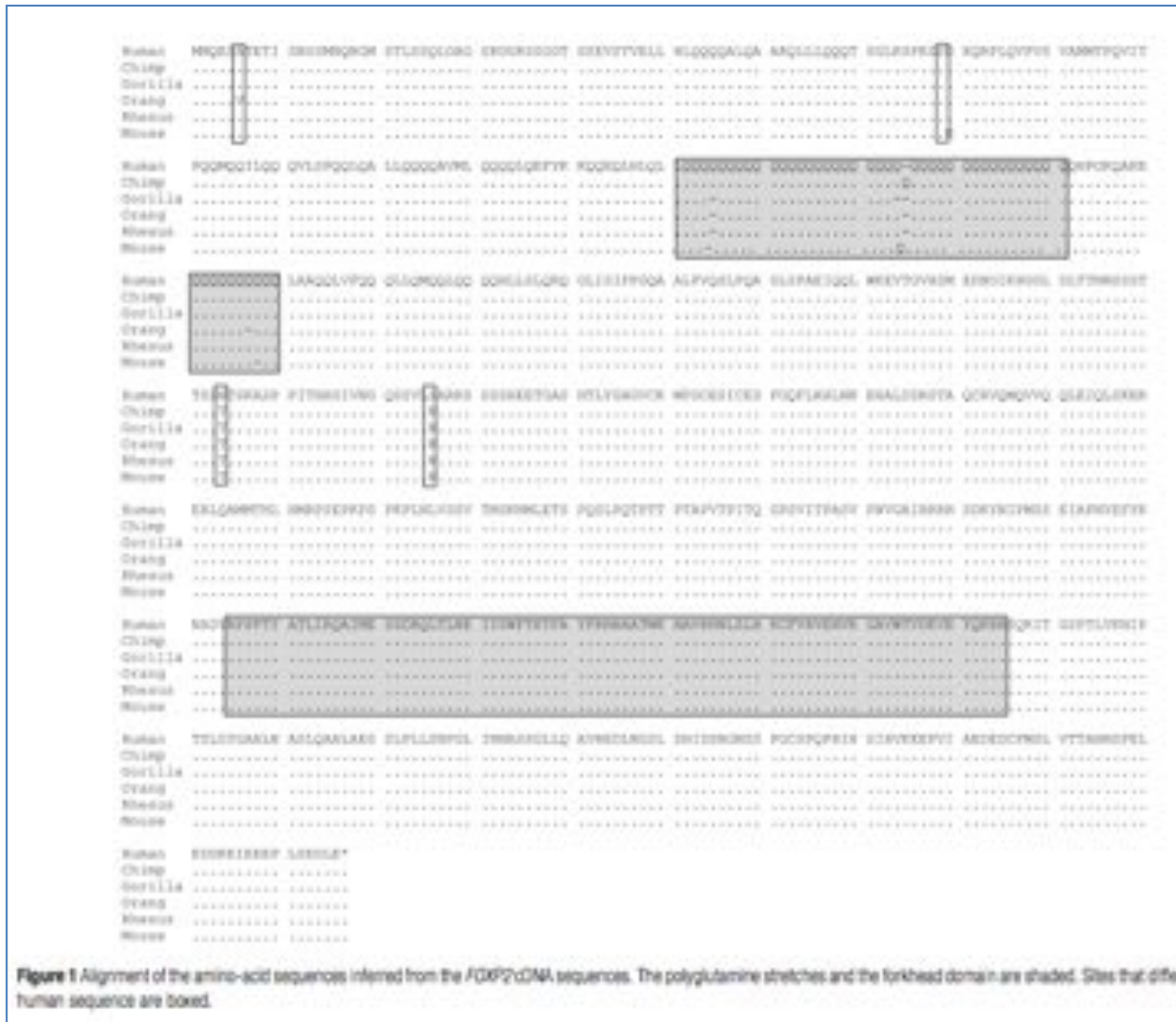
Nonsynonymous	None	- Giant melanosomes in melanocytes (p=6.77e-6; FWER=0.091;
Splice sites	skin pigmentation	
3' UTR	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-3 toe syndactyly (p=1.34288e-05; FWER=0.538; FDR=0.0887928)</li> <li>- 1-5 toe syndactyly (p=1.34288e-05; FWER=0.538; FDR=0.0887928)</li> <li>- Aplasia/Hypoplasia of the distal phalanx of the thumb (p=1.34288e-05; FWER=0.538; FDR=0.0887928)</li> <li>- Bifid or hypoplastic epiglottis (p=1.34288e-05; FWER=0.538; FDR=0.0887928)</li> <li>- Central polydactyly (feet) (p=1.34288e-05; FWER=0.538; FDR=0.0887928)</li> </ul>
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skeletal morphologies (limb length, digit development)

morphologies of the larynx and the epiglottis



# FOXP2 Analysis



- Mutations of FOXP2 cause a severe speech and language disorder in people
- Versions of FOXP2 exist in similar forms in distantly related vertebrates; functional studies of the gene in mice and in songbirds indicate that it is important for modulating plasticity of neural circuits.
- Outside the brain FOXP2 has also been implicated in development of other tissues such as the lung and gut.

## Molecular evolution of FOXP2, a gene involved in speech and language

Enard et al (2002) *Nature*. doi:10.1038/nature01025