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Genetics and genomics in the study of human evolution and prehistory



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How do we know about the past?

- Fossil remains - paleontology
- Most of evolutionary history
- Fragmentary, require favorable conditions to be preserved



EVOLUTION

THE HUMAN STORY



Sahelanthropus
Tchadensis 7 - 6 mya



Australopithecus
Afarensis 3,7 - 3 mya



Australopithecus
Africanus 3,3 - 2,1 mya



Homo Habilis
2,4 - 1,6 mya



Homo Georgicus
1,8 mya



Homo Ergaster
1,9 - 1,5 mya



Homo Erectus
1,8 mya - 30,000 ya



Homo Antecessor
1,2 mya - 500,000 ya



Homo Heidelbergensis
600,000 - 200,000 ya



Homo Floresiensis
95,000 - 12,000 ya



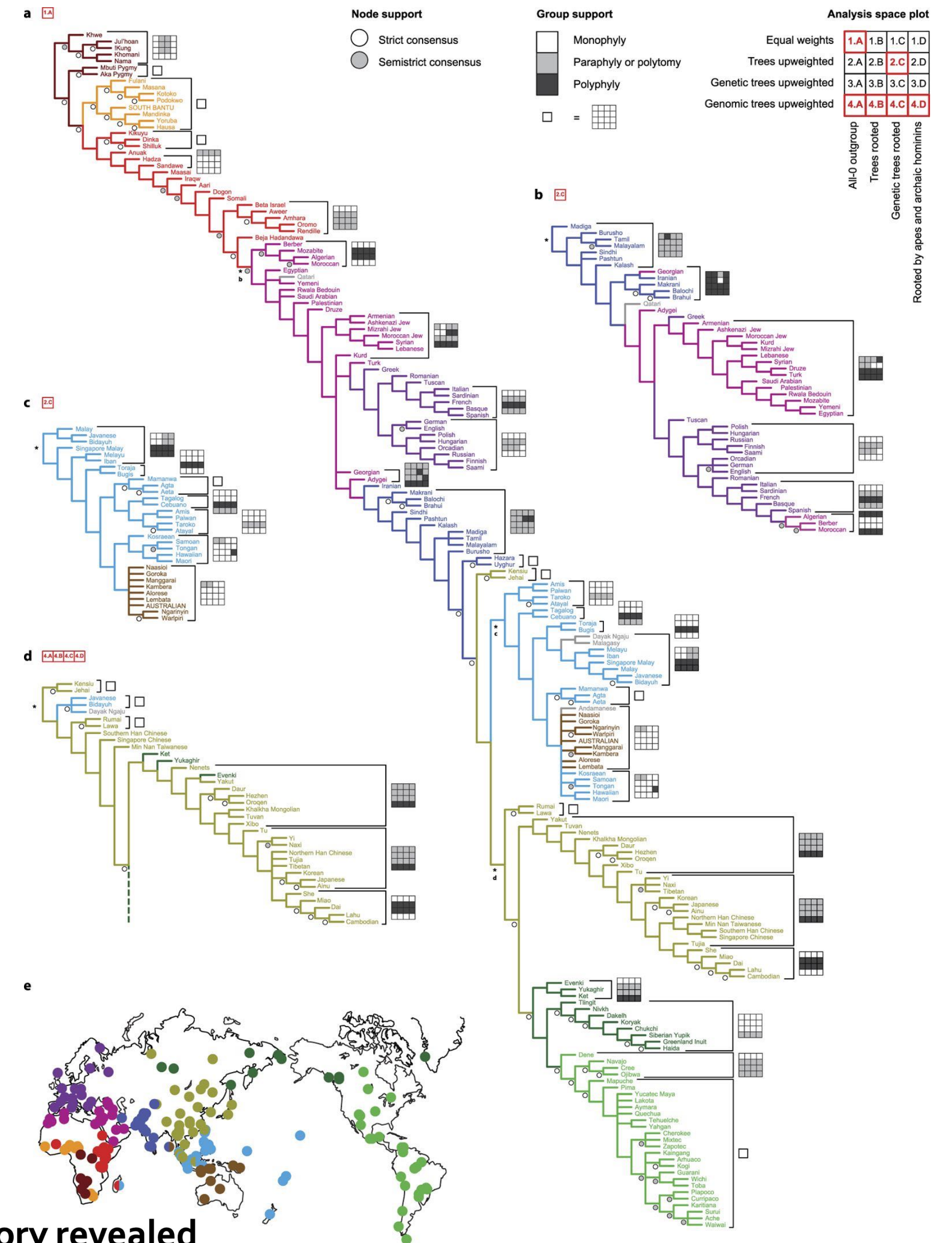
Homo Neanderthalensis
350,000 - 28,000 ya



Homo Sapiens
200,000 ya - Present
(Human)

DNA as the source of information

- Comparative analysis of contemporary sequences
- phylogenetic inference
- population analysis (admixture, coalescence)



Human population history revealed by a supertree approach

Pavel Duda^{1,2} & Jan Zrzavý¹
 SCIENTIFIC REPORTS | 6:29890 | DOI: 10.1038/srep29890

DNA as the source of information

- Ancient DNA (aDNA)
 - partial and complete sequences
 - limits in hominids: ~400 kYA (thousands of years) (partial, mtDNA)
 - oldest complete hominin genome ~ 120 kYA (neanderthal)
 - oldest *H. sapiens* genome - 45 kYA (Ust'-Ishim, Siberia)
 - oldest complete genome - > 700 kYA years (a horse species) - preserved in permafrost

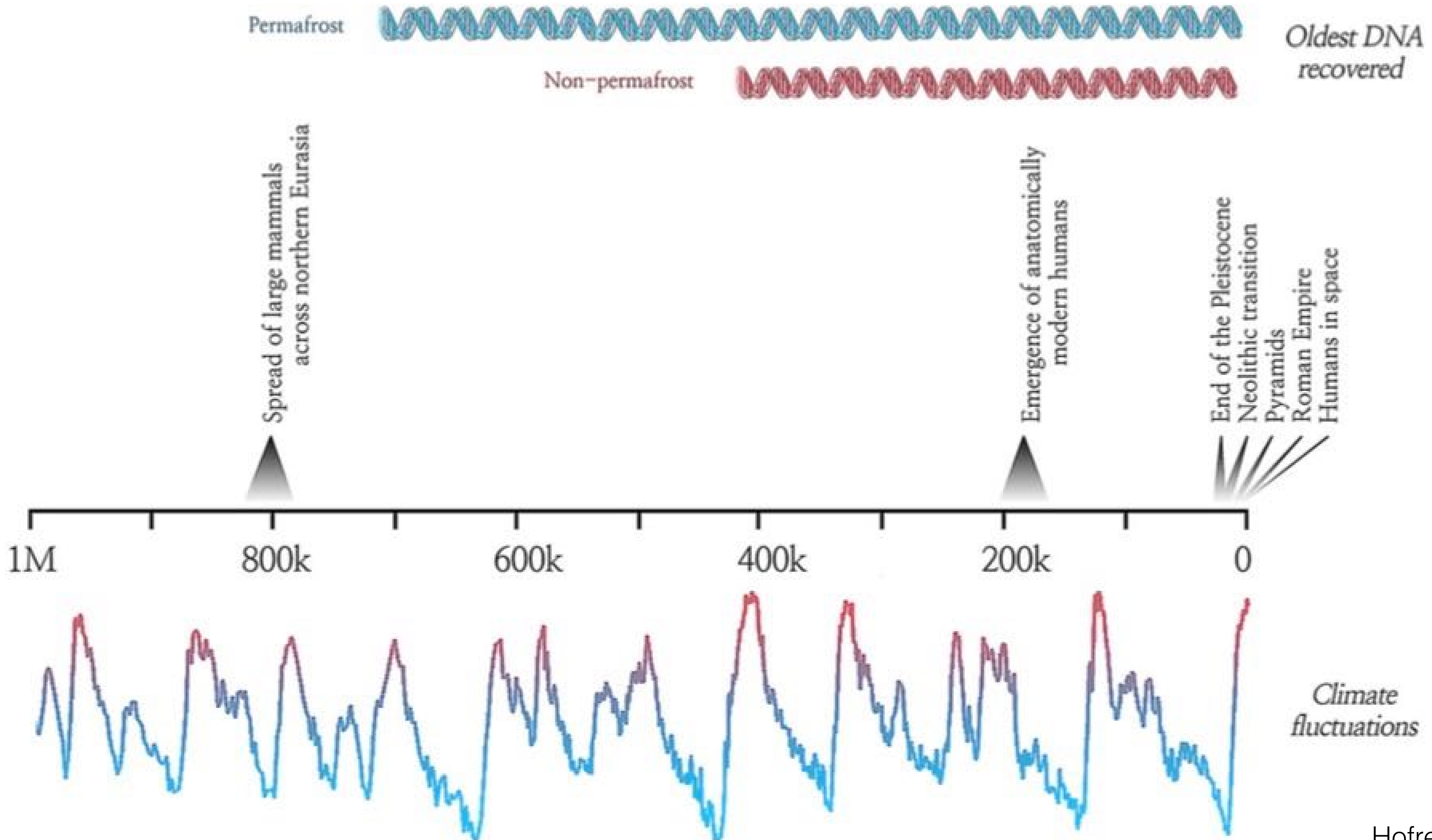


DNA pulled from this Neanderthal jawbone found in Belgium revealed fresh details about when these ancient human relatives moved across Europe and into Asia.

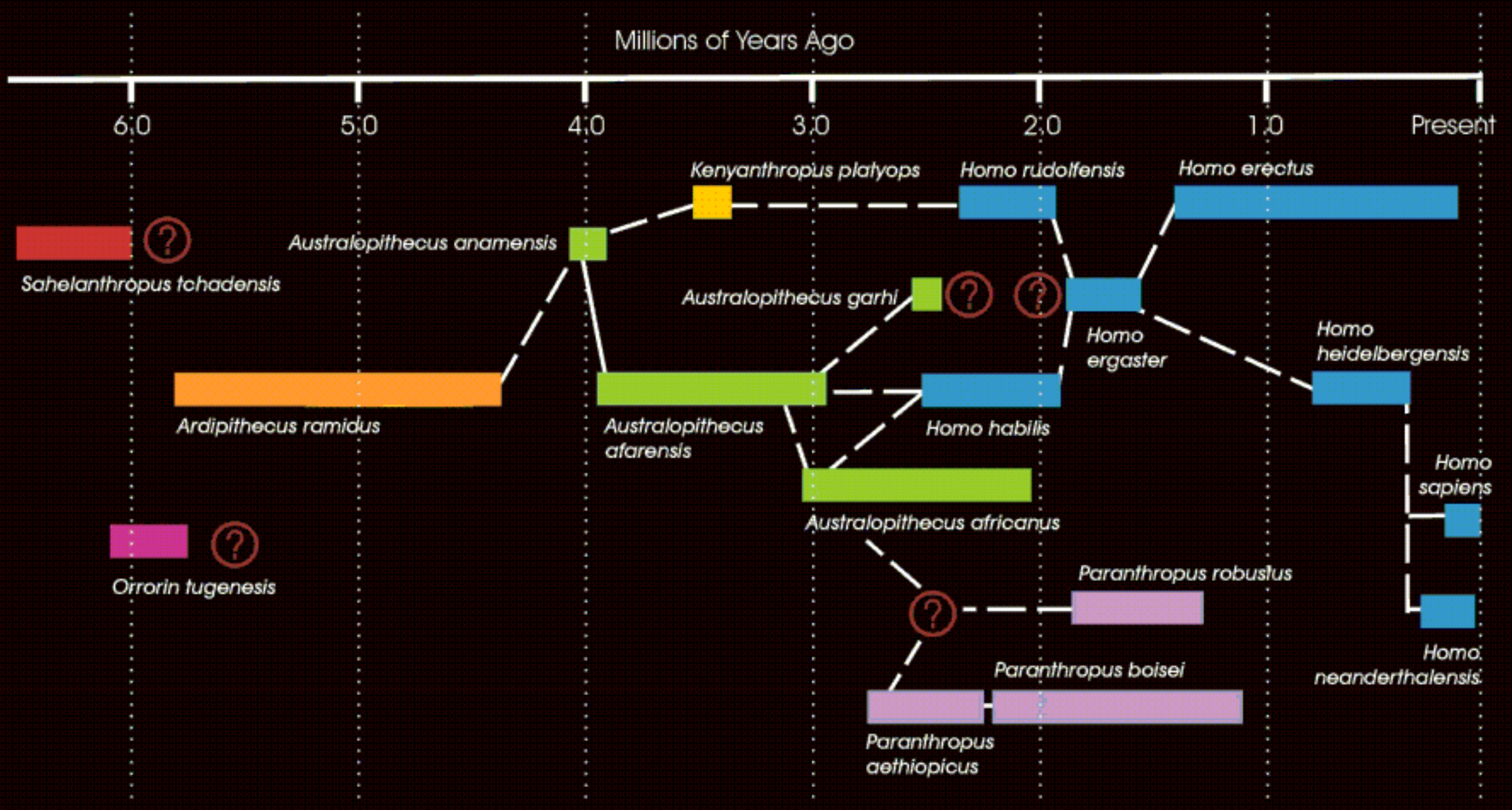
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aDNA



Ancestors?

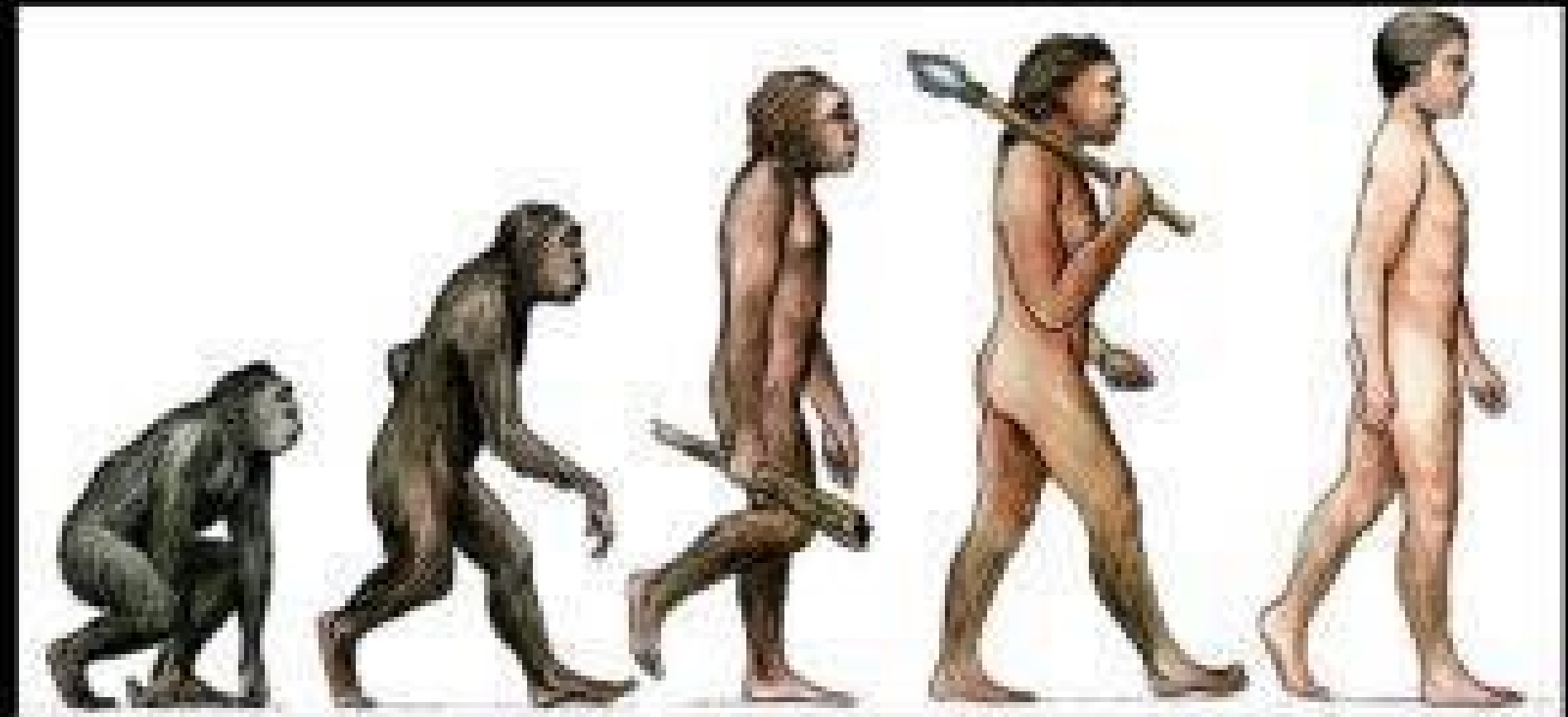


Multiple hominid fossils found. The relations are uncertain: ancestors or cousins?

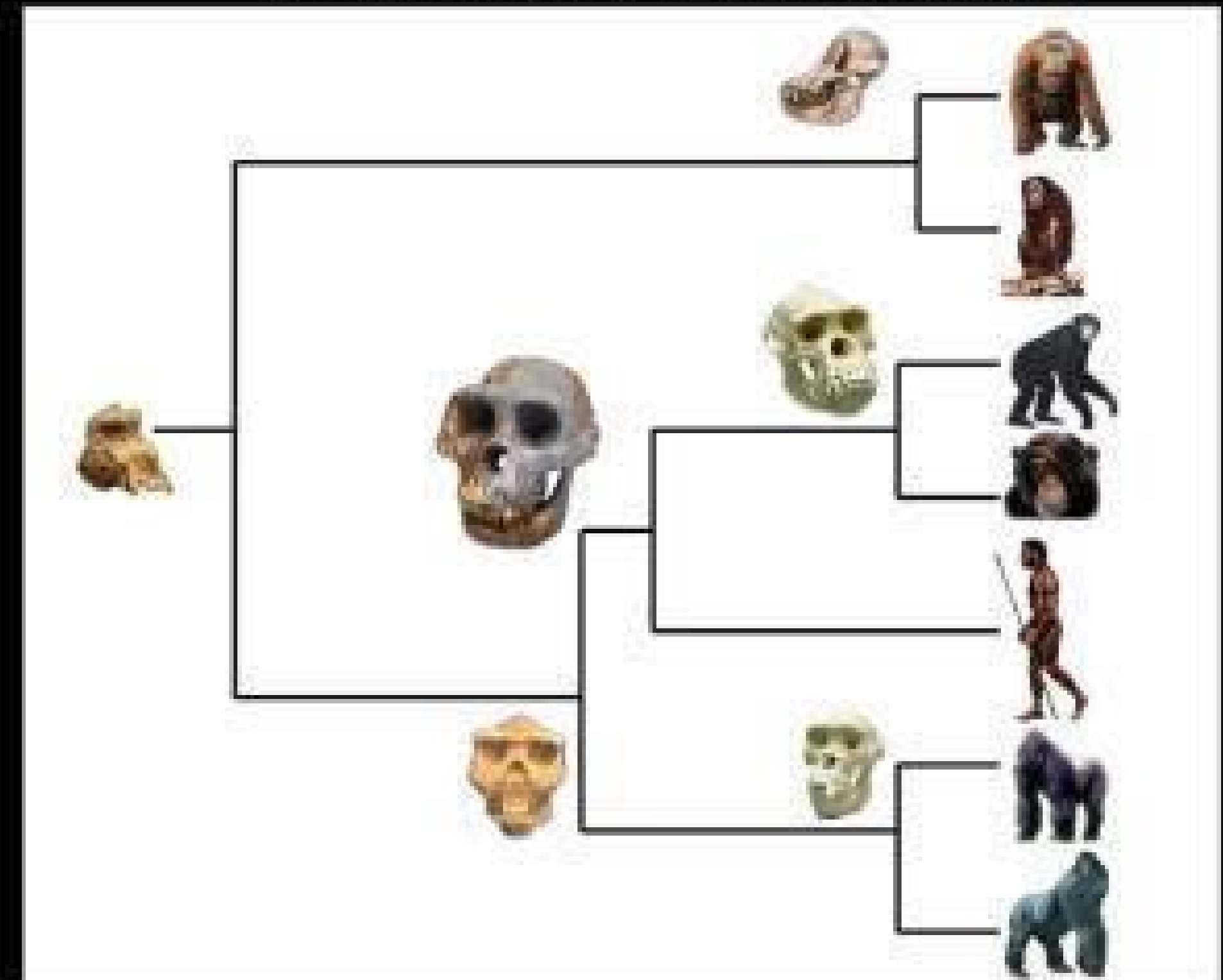
The tree

- Evolution is not linear
- The status of many fossils often unclear - cannot be assigned to a particular branch
- There is no “missing link” - current paleontology has many fossils of transitory forms from ape-like to human-like

WHAT CREATIONISTS THINK EVOLUTION MEANS



WHAT IT ACTUALLY MEANS

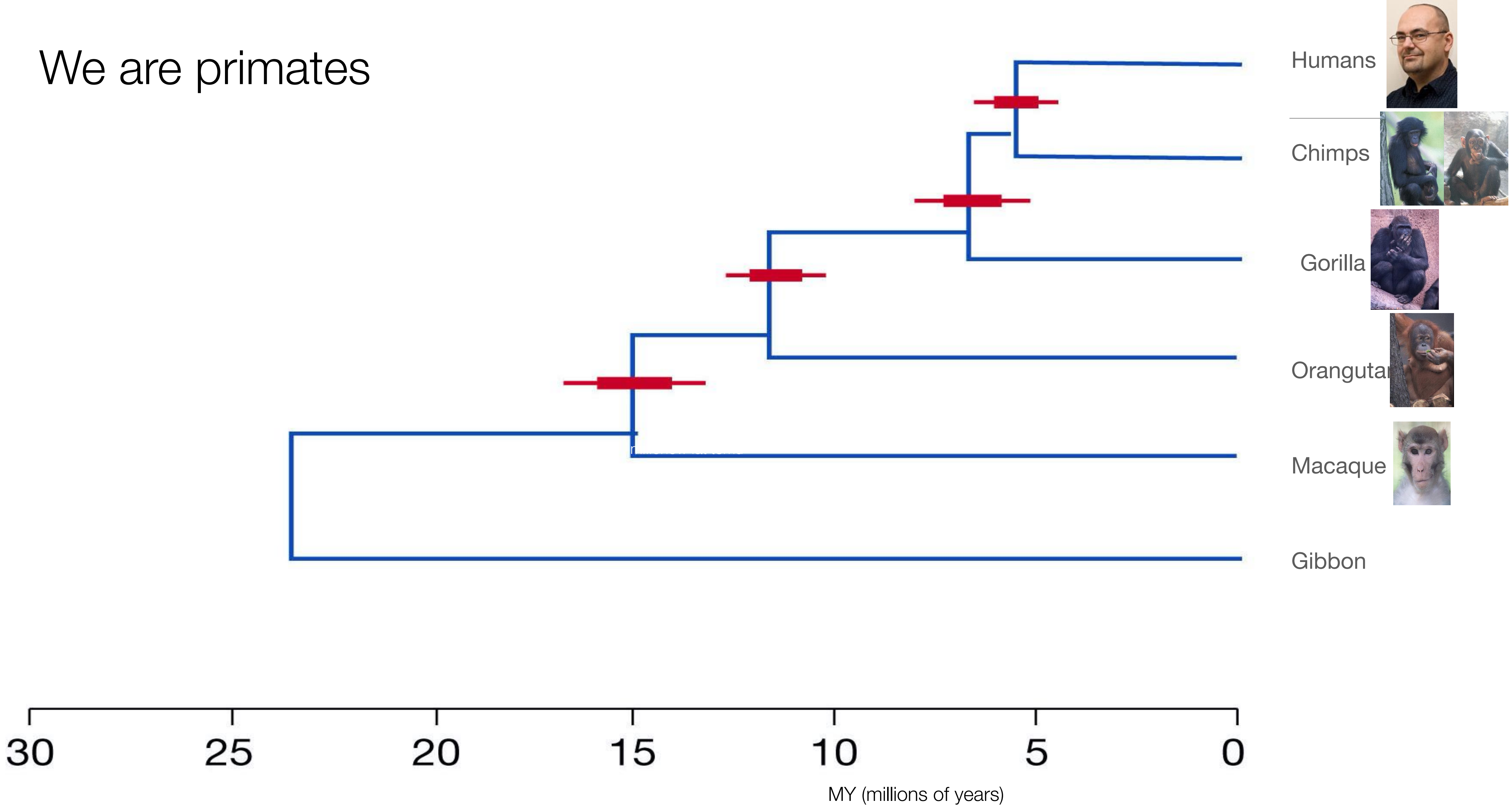


We are animals!

I. QUADRUPEDIA.			
<i>Corpus hirsutum. Pedes quatuor. Femine viviparæ, lactiferæ.</i>			
ANTHROPO- MORPHA. <i>Dentes primarios 4. U- trinq; vel nulli.</i>	Homo.	<i>Nosce te ipsum.</i>	H { <i>Europæus albesc. Americanus rubesc. Asiaticus fuscus. Africanus nigr.</i>
	Simia.	ANTERIORES. POSTERIORES. <i>Digni 5. 5. Posteriores anterioribus similes.</i>	<i>Simia cauda carens. Papio. Satyrus. Cercopithecus. Cynocephalus.</i>
	Bradypus.	<i>Digni 3. vel 2. . . . 3.</i>	<i>Ai. Iguana. Tardigradus.</i>

Linnaeus, 1735 *Systema Naturae*

We are primates



Taxonomy

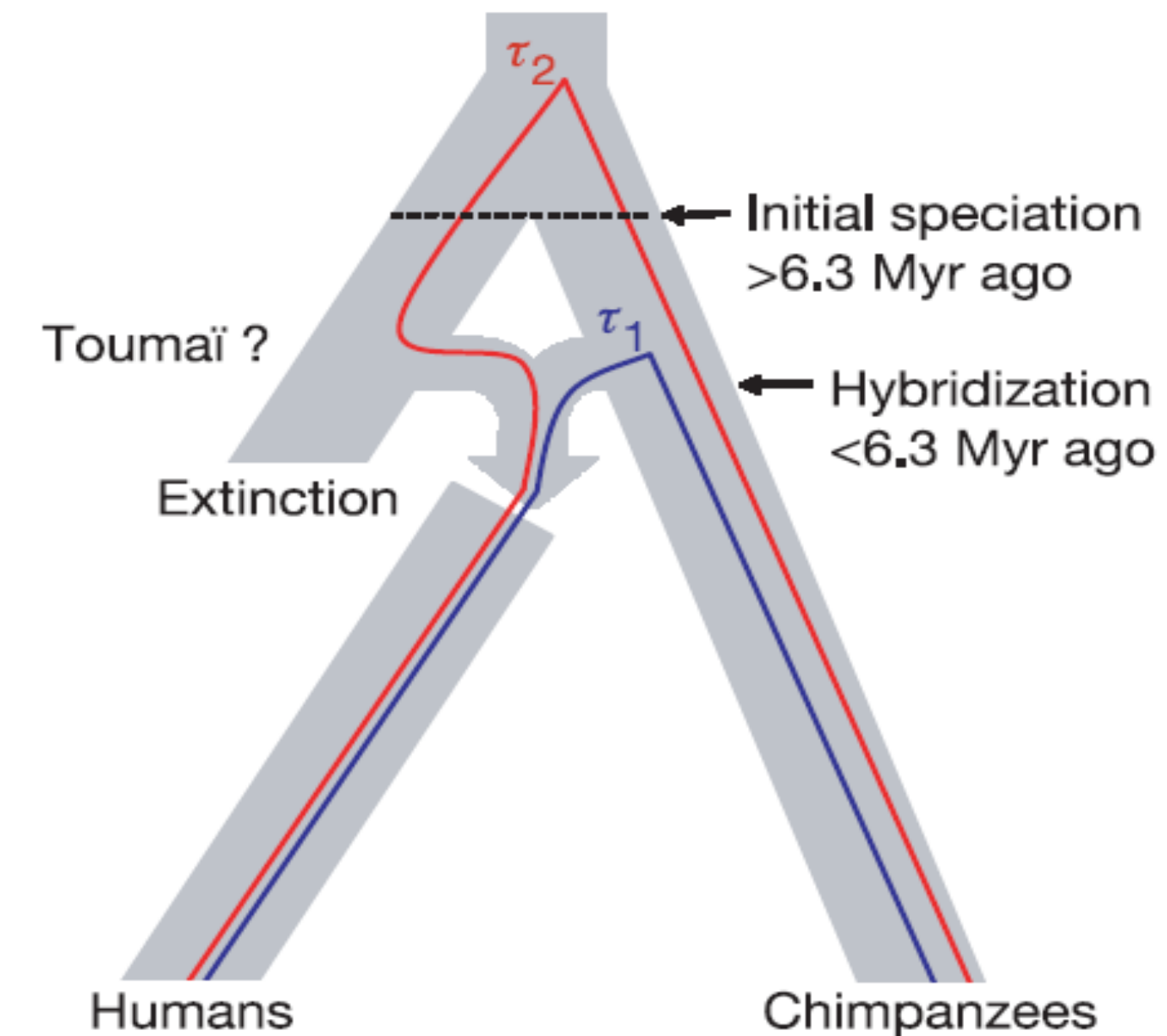
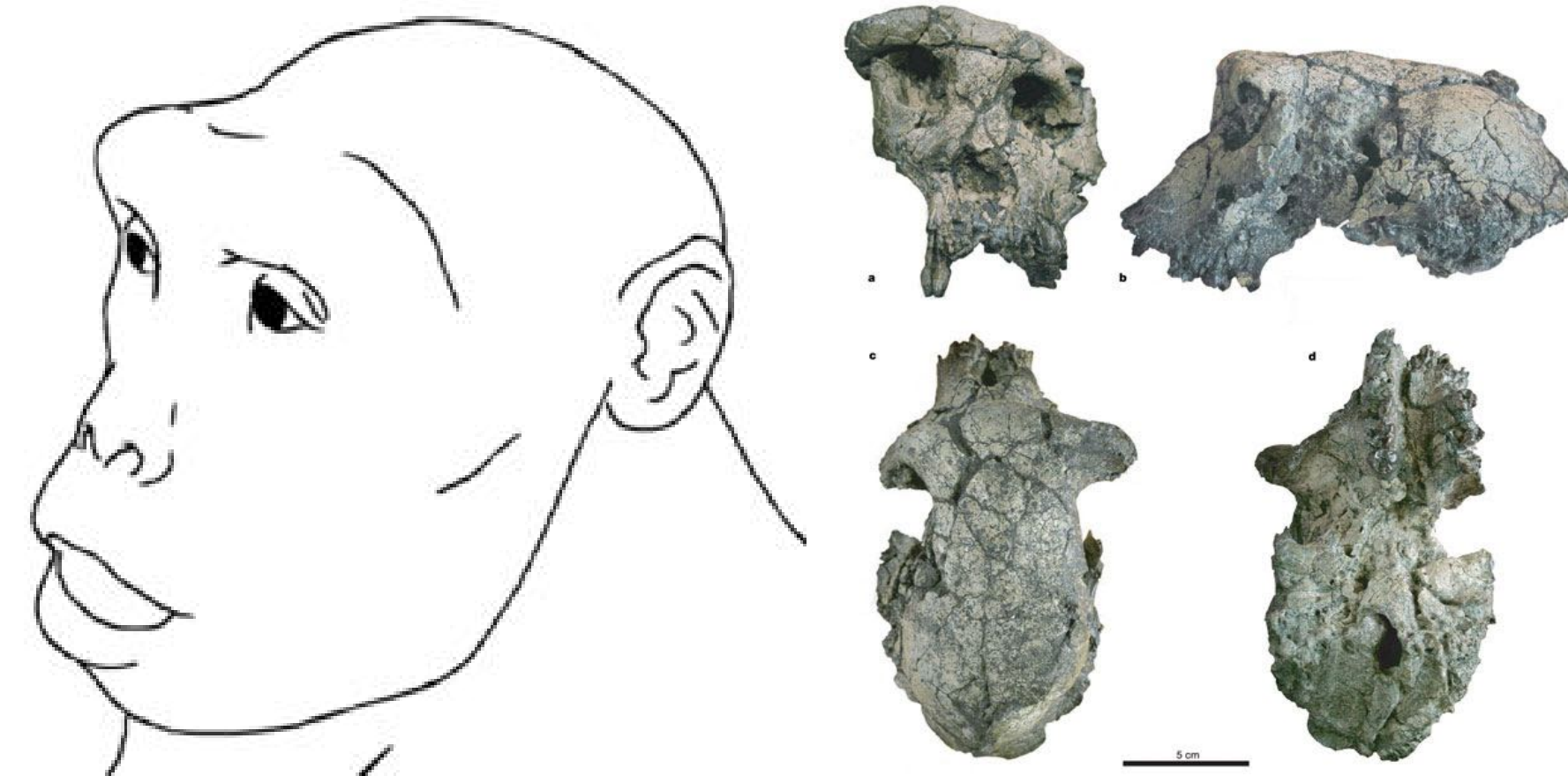
- **Hominids** - the family *Hominidae*:
 - currently: humans, chimpanzees (and bonobos), gorillas, orangutans
 - oldest traces: ~14-18 MYA (million years ago) - branching from the gibbon lineage
 - subfamily *Homininae* - african hominids (minus orangutans)
- **Hominins** - humans and human ancestors, after separation from the chimpanzee lineage
 - In some taxonomies *Hominini* includes humans and chimpanzees

The last common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees

- 6 – 8 MYA – fossil record
 - Assignment of the fossils to a lineage often difficult
- 6 - 7 MYA – sequence analysis
 - Depends on the estimated mutation rates, underestimated until recently
- As distant from modern humans, as from modern chimpanzees!

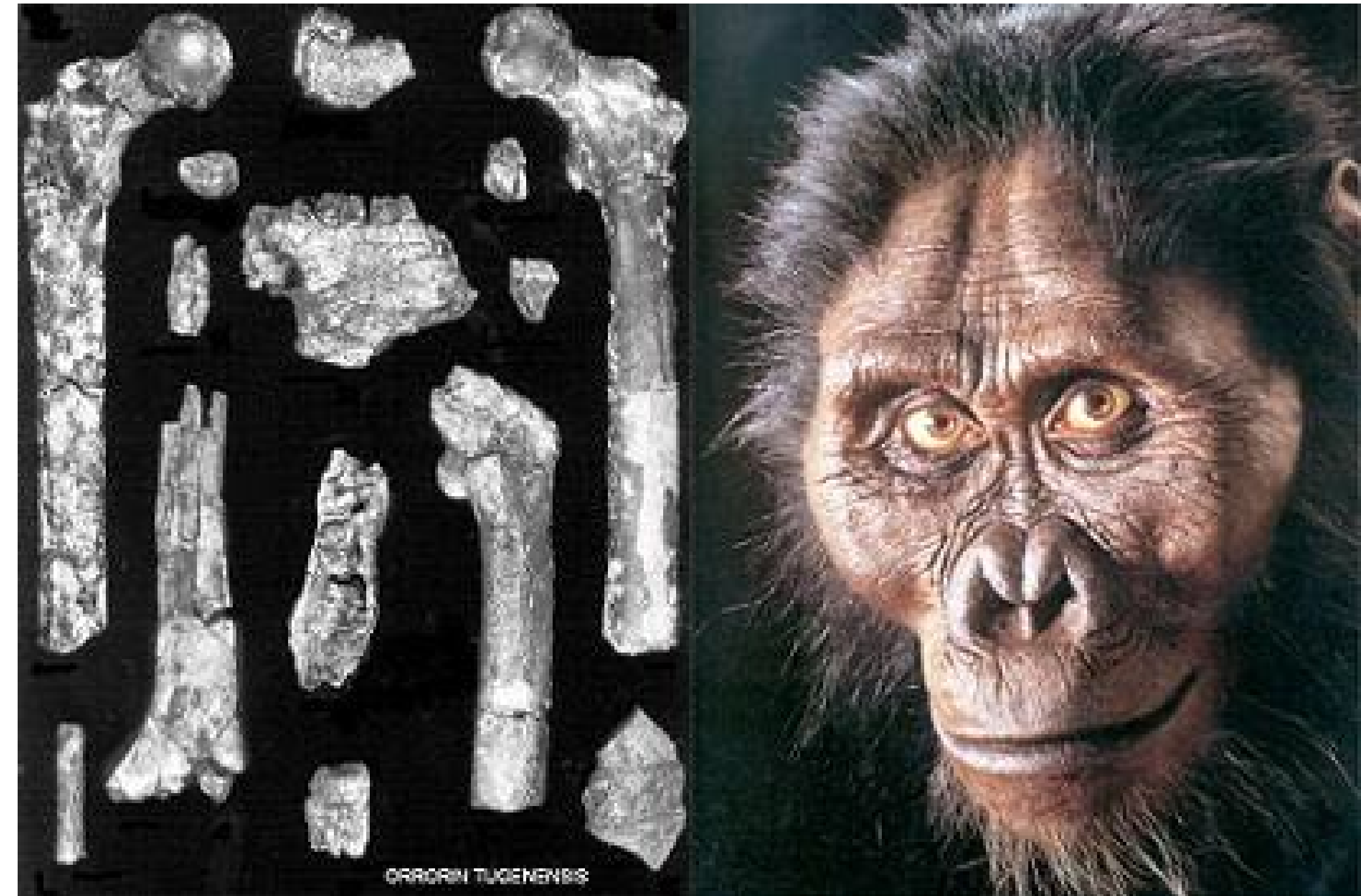
Sahelanthropus tchadensis - Toumaï

- Skull fragment
- Dating: ~ 6-7 MYA
- Close to a last common ancestor (LCA) of humans and chimps?
- Around the same time as the LCA
- Some traits more chimp-like (cranial proportions), some more hominin-like



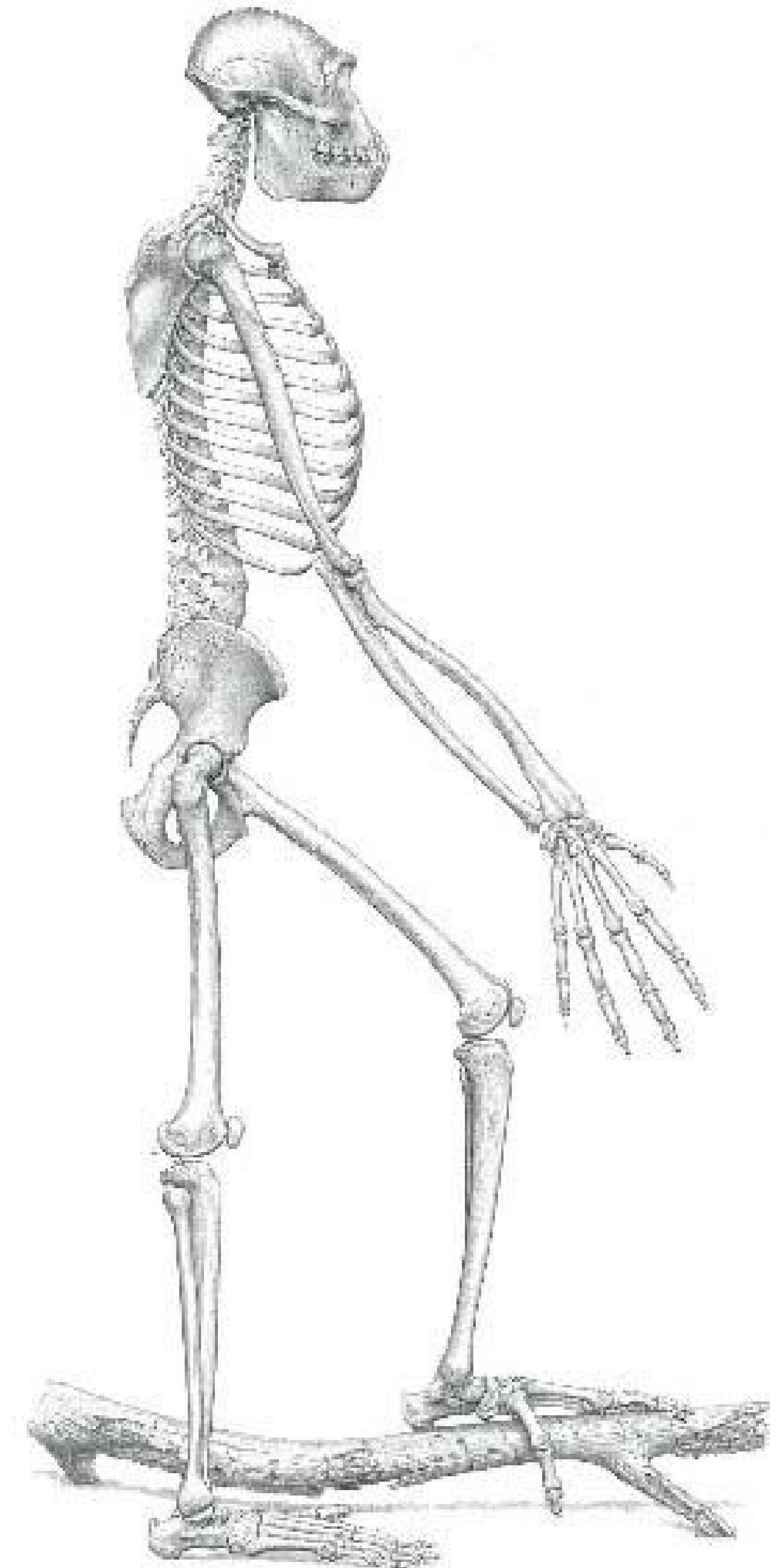
Orrorin tugenensis

- Discovered in 2001 (“the millenium man”)
- ~5-6 MYA
- Was it a real hominin?
 - Some traits even more “human like” than in *Australopithecus*
 - still could be a parallel lineage
- Partially bipedal
- Habitat - forests and forest border

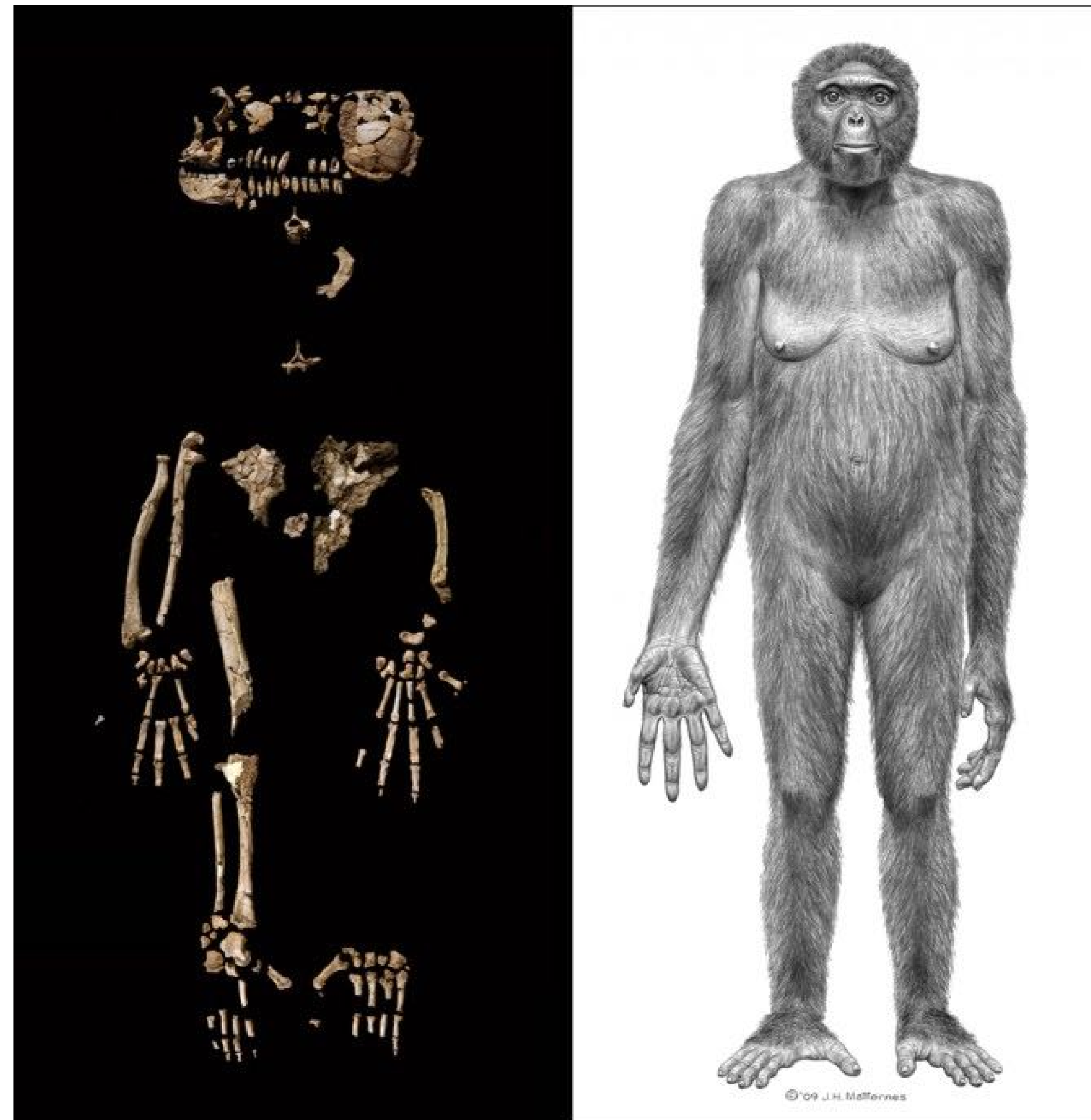


Ardipithecus ramidus - Ardi

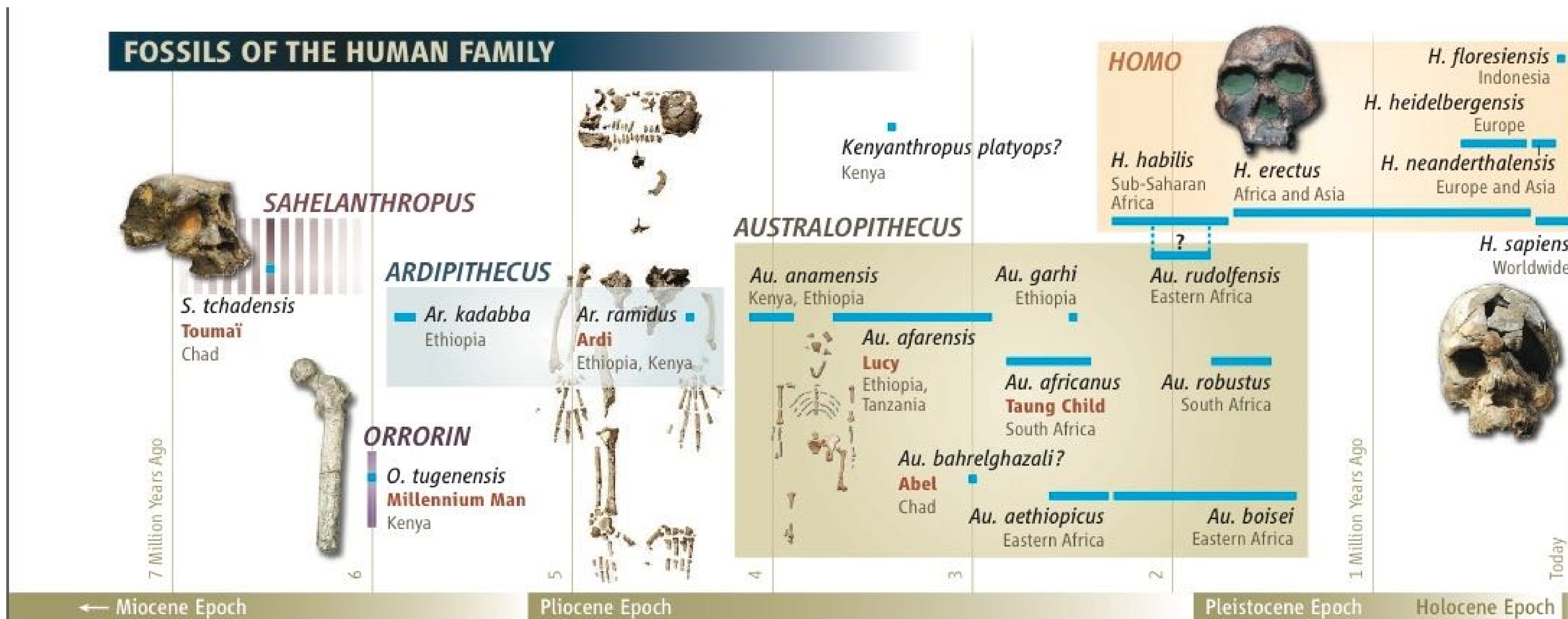
- Discovered 1994, published 2009
- 4.4 MYA
- Oldest true hominin
- Partially bipedal
- Ancestor of *Australopithecus* (?)



Ardipithecus ramidus - Ardi



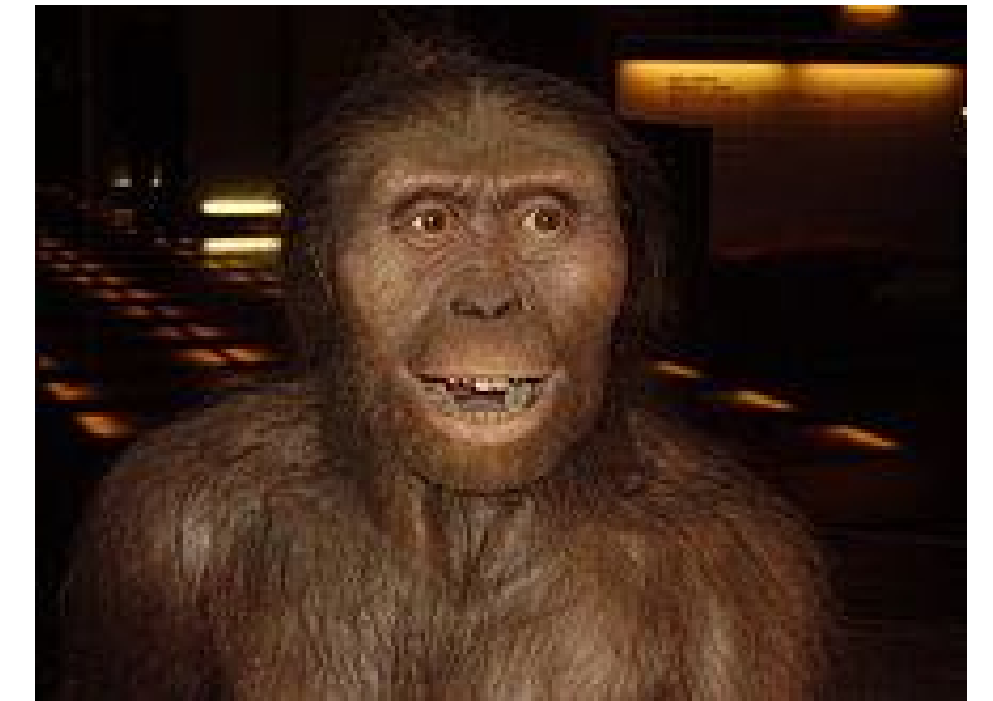
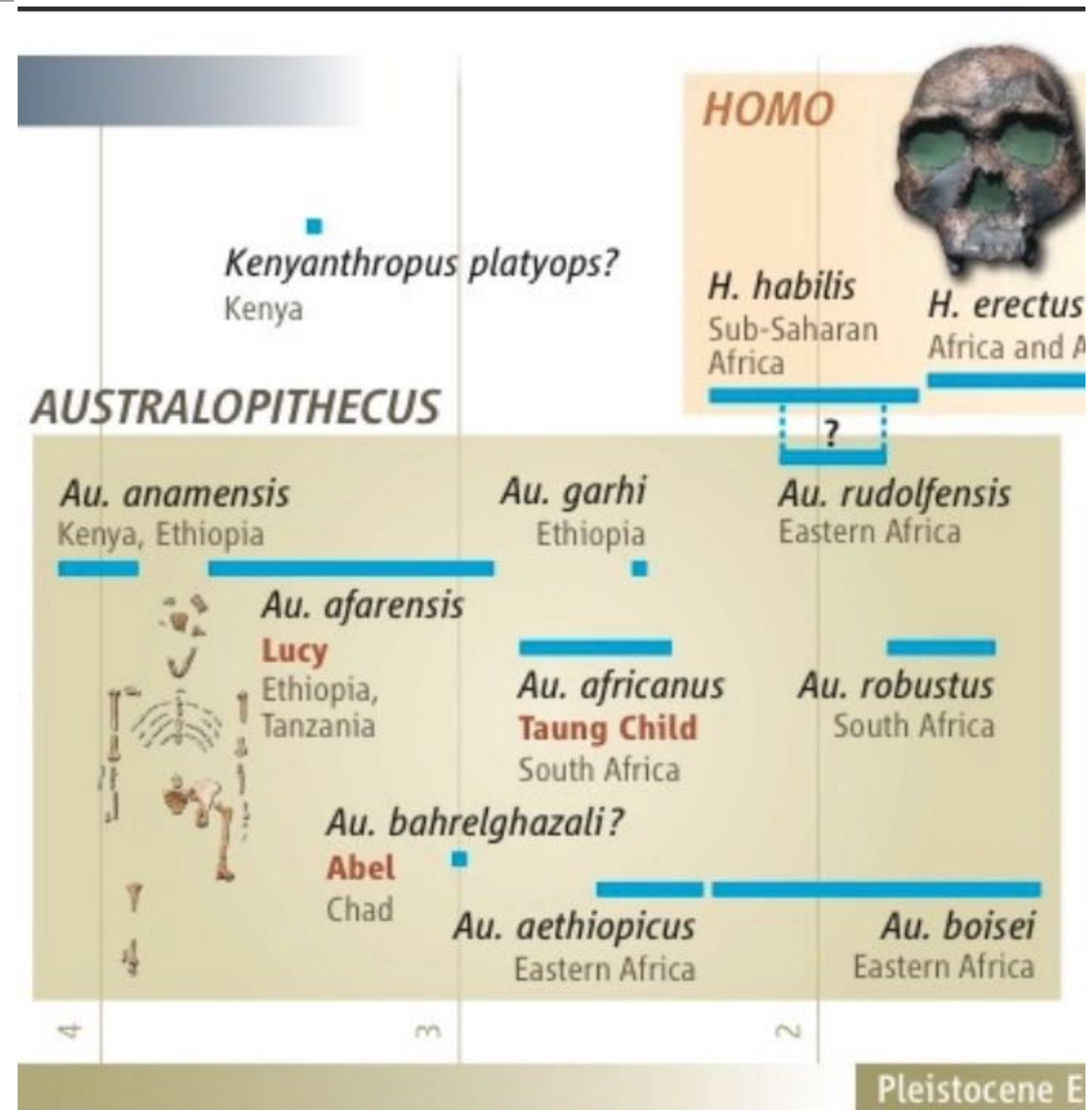
Ardipithecus et al.



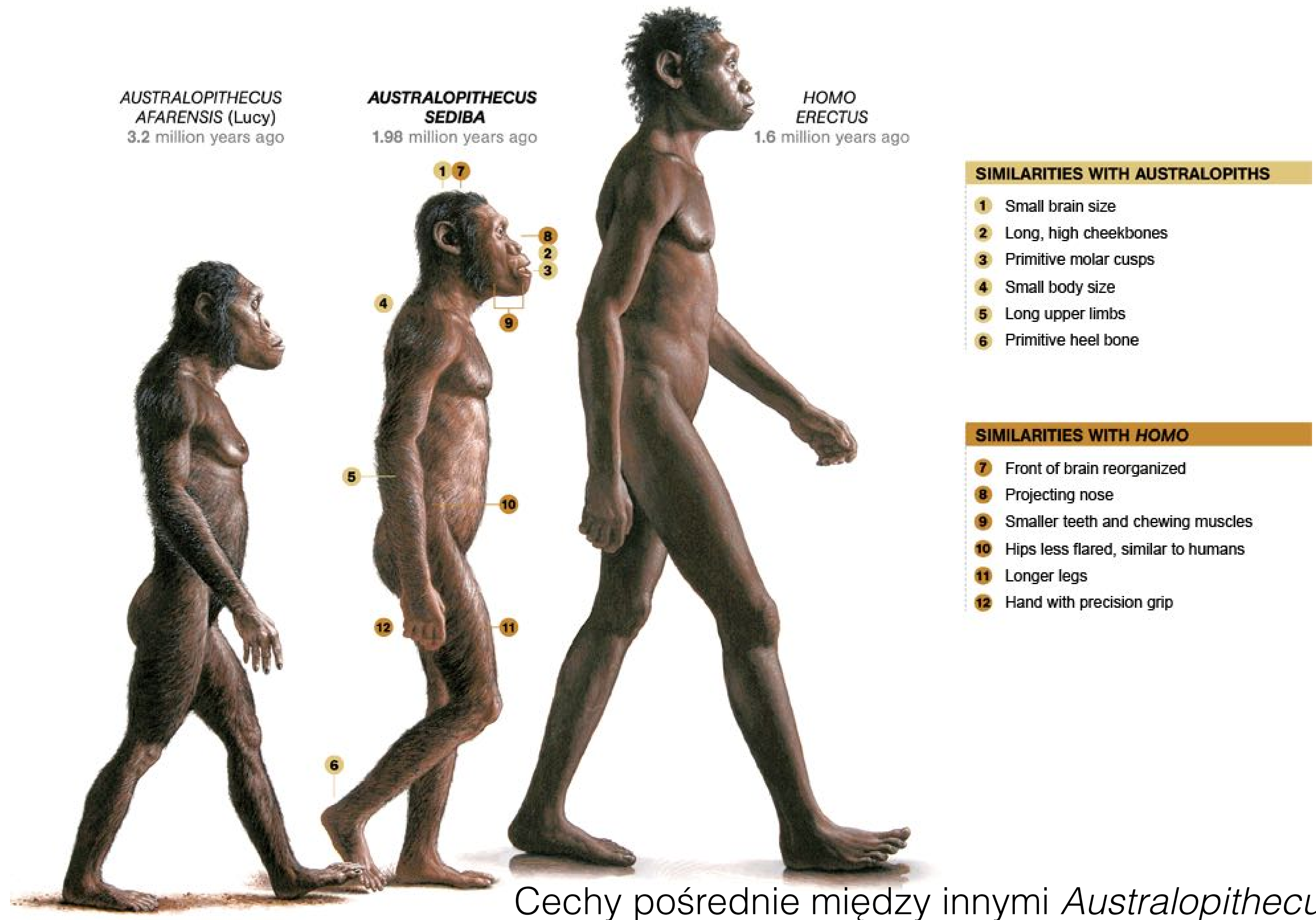
Filling a gap. *Ardipithecus* provides a link between earlier and later hominins, as seen in this timeline showing important hominin fossils and taxa.

Australopithecus

- Many different species
- gracile
- massive (*Paranthropus*)
- 4 – 2 MYA



Australopithecus sediba - a late australopithecus

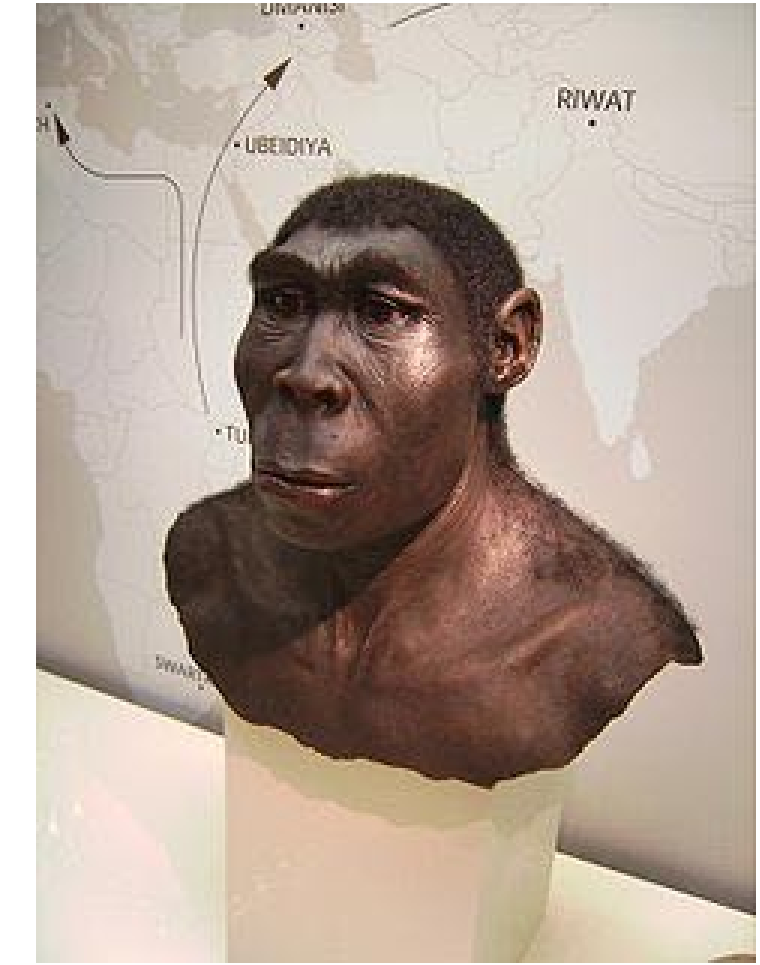


Opisany w 2010,
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Cechy pośrednie między innymi *Australopithecus* a *Homo*

The genus *Homo*

- Origin ~2.3 MY
- The Olduvai culture, stone tools (1.9 MYA) – *Homo habilis*
- *Homo erectus*, *H. ergaster* (“pithecanthropus”) – 1.5 MYA, extinct only ~ 70 kYA (thousand years ago)
 - **First to leave Africa**
 - Used fire
 - Hunters (weapons - javelins)
 - Social groups
 - Only one species survived: *H. sapiens*



Olduvai tools
British Museum

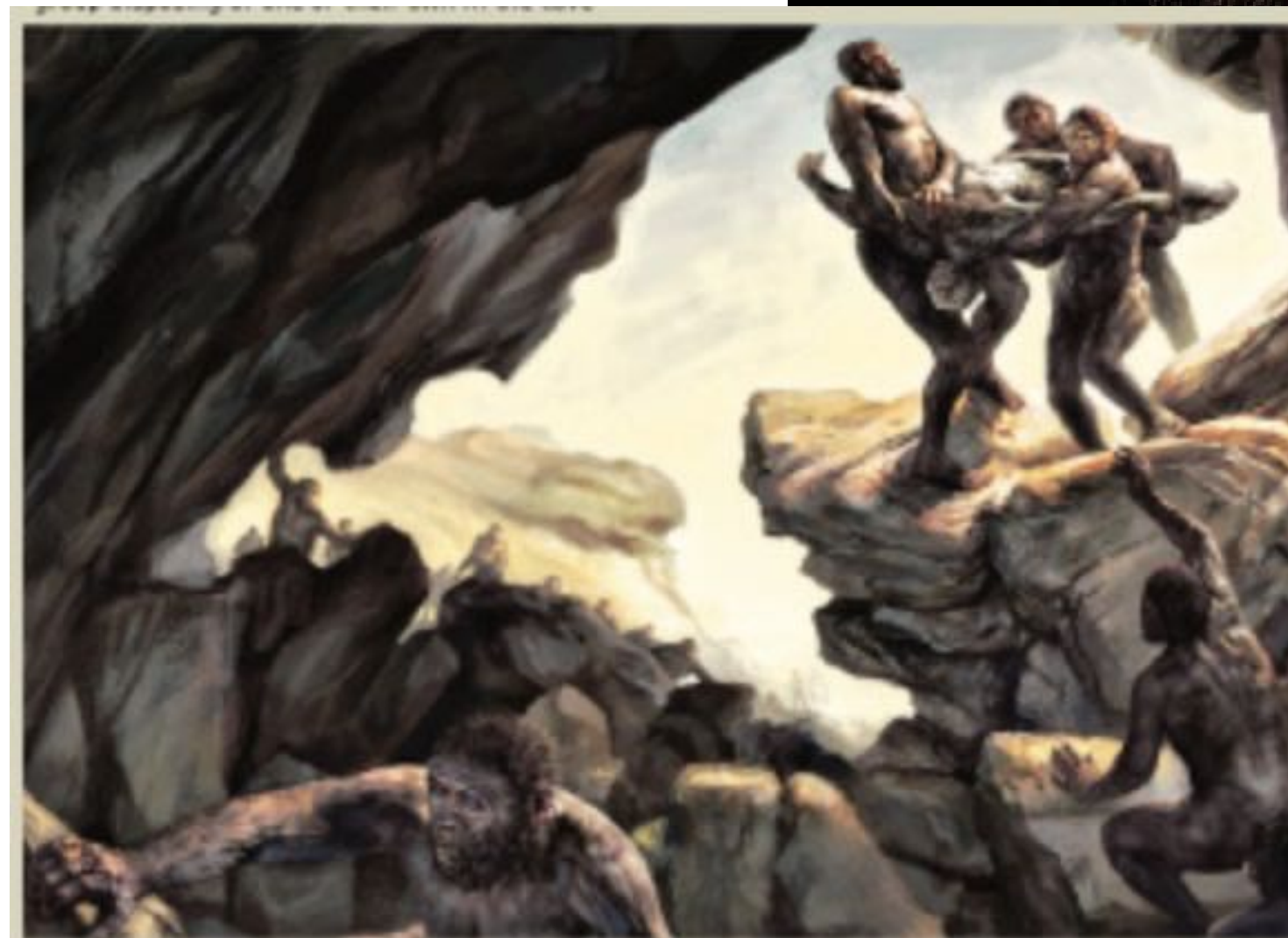
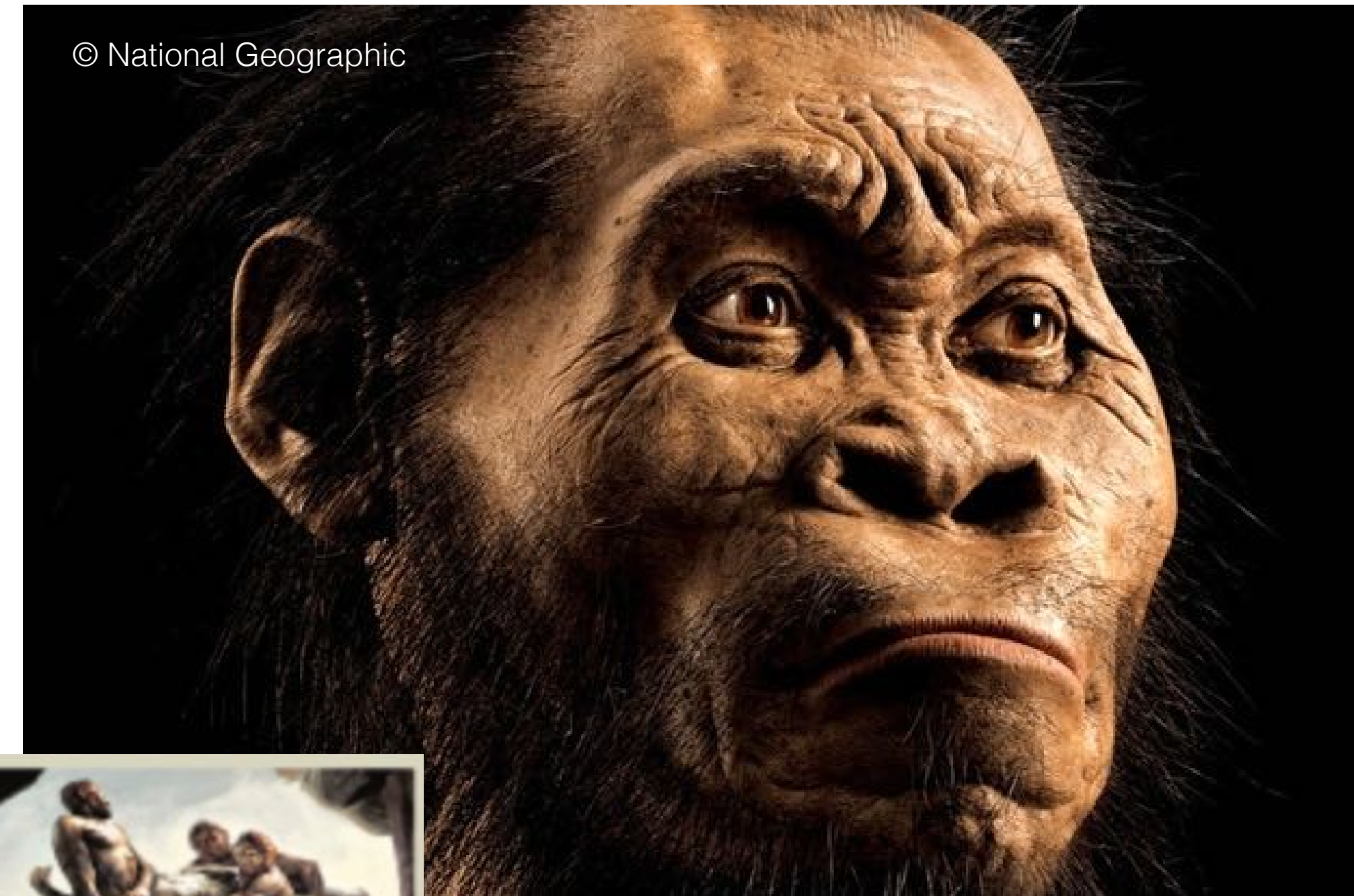
Homo - how many species

- Fossils found in Georgia (Dmanisi) (~1.8 MYA) *H. habilis*, *H. ergaster* and *H. rudolfensis* together
- Were they simply different morphs of *H. erectus*?
- No genetic data (too old)



Homo naledi

- Described in 2015, Dinaledi Cave, South Africa
- Likely a burial site
- At first believed to be old, but recent dating suggests not older than 600-300 kYA
- No DNA
- Did it mix with *H. sapiens*?



We are all African



Australopithecus afarensis (Lucy)
oldest *Homo* (a jawbone ~ 2.3 MYA)

Australopithecus, *Homo habilis*, *H. erectus*, *H. sapiens*

Australopithecus africanus
A. sediba

The first *H. sapiens*

- About 500-400 kYA - divergence of human and neanderthal lineages
- ~ 190 kYA - anatomically modern *H. sapiens* - Ethiopia
- ~ 300 kYA - oldest *H. sapiens* (anatomically primitive) - Morocco.
- *H. sapiens* had a wide distribution in Africa!

New fossils from Jebel Irhoud, Morocco and the pan-African origin of *Homo sapiens*

Jean-Jacques Hublin^{1,2}, Abdelouahed Ben-Ncer³, Shara E. Bailey⁴, Sarah E. Freidline¹, Simon Neubauer¹, Matthew M. Skinner⁵, Inga Bergmann¹, Adeline Le Cabec¹, Stefano Benazzi⁶, Katerina Harvati⁷ & Philipp Gunz¹

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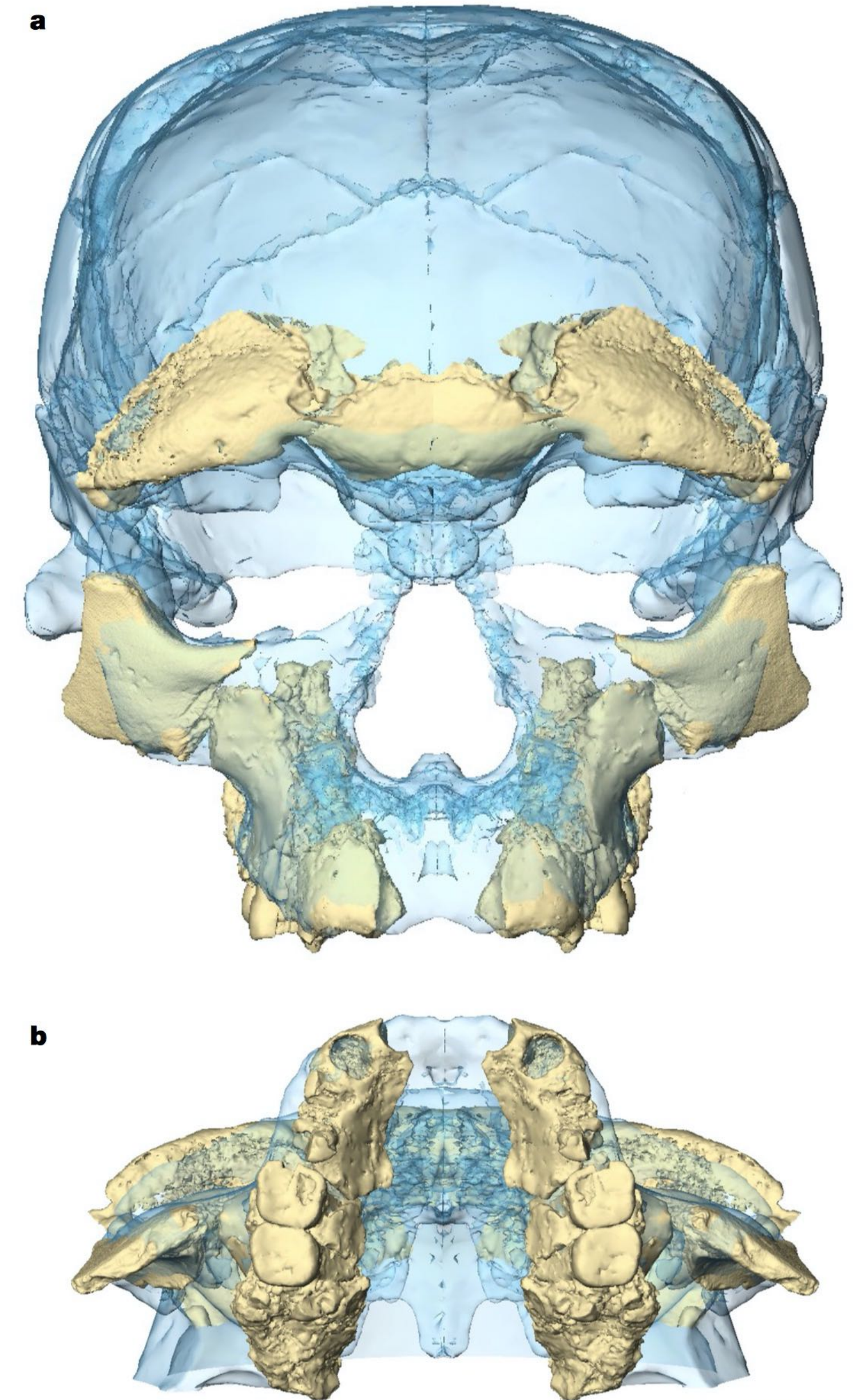
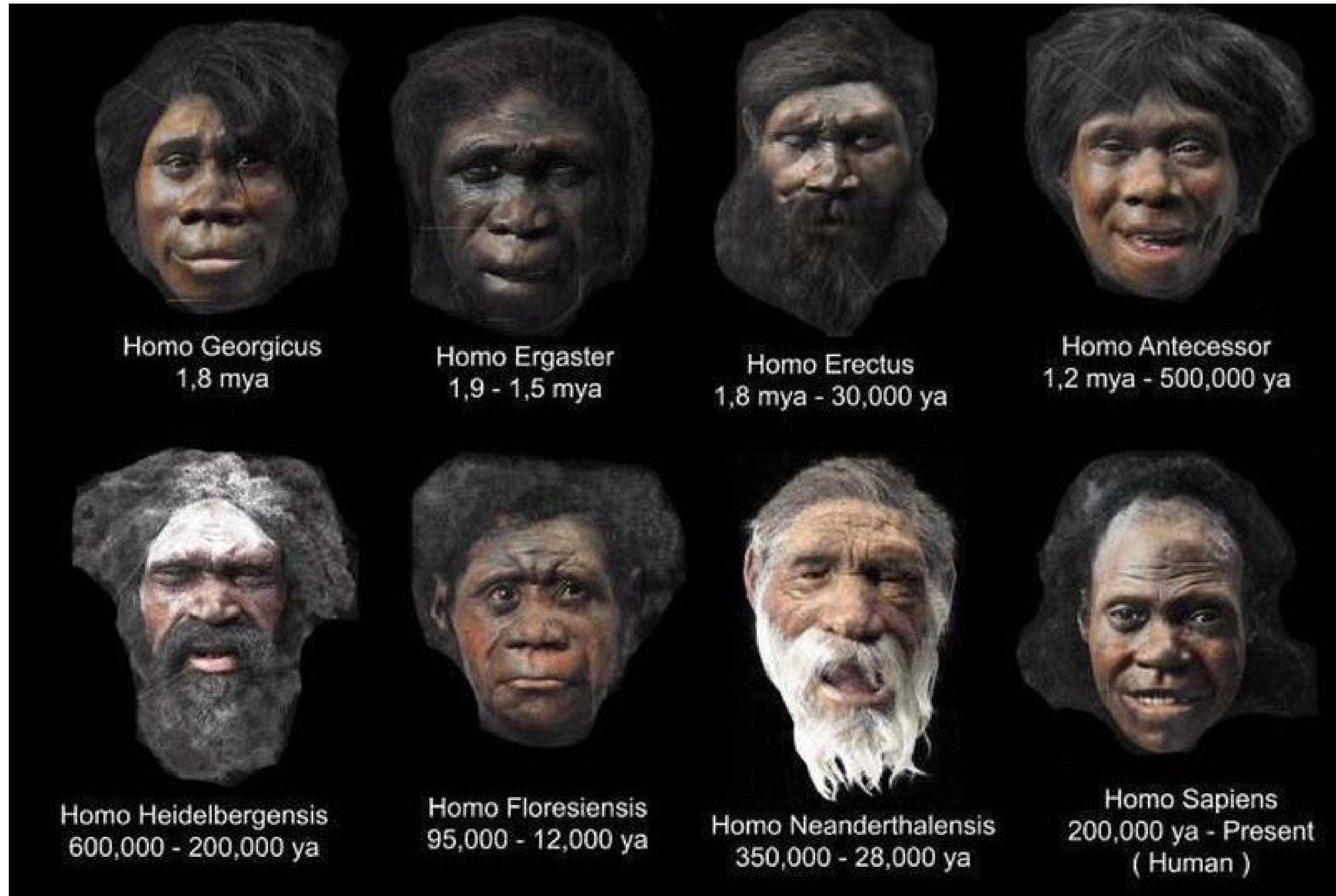


Figure 1 | Facial reconstruction of Irhoud 10. a, b, Frontal (a) and basal (b) views. This superimposition of Irhoud 10 (beige) and Irhoud 1 (light blue) represents one possible alignment of the facial bones of Irhoud 10.

The first migrations ~2 MYA



Ancestors or cousins?



The questions

- Who were the ancestors of modern human populations
- Do we come from the first hominids that left Africa?
 - Eg. *H. antecessor* - 800 kYA in western Europe (Spain)

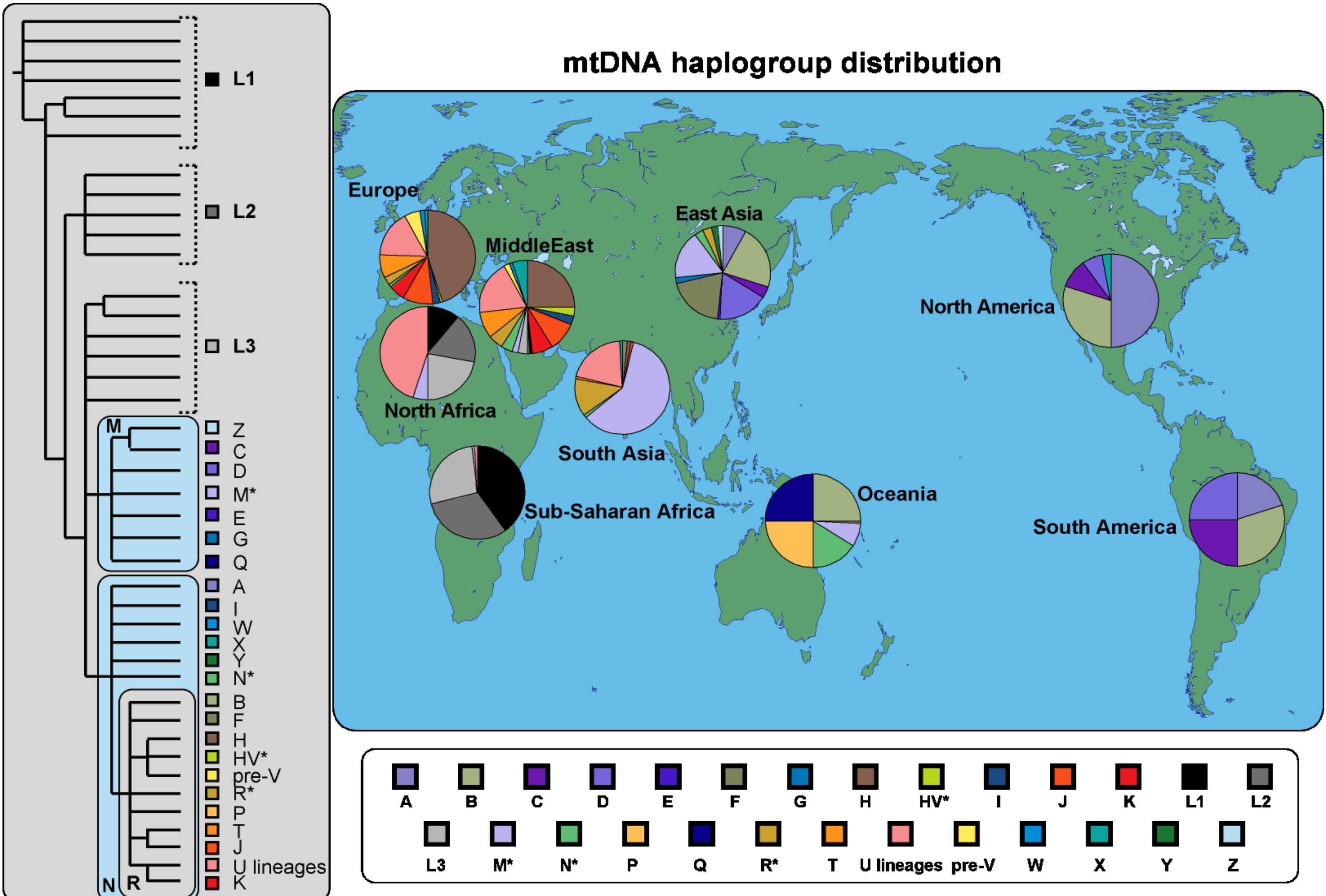
The multiregional model

- The human ancestors that left Africa more than 1.5 MYA evolved separately on different continents
- Constant genetic flow between the regions

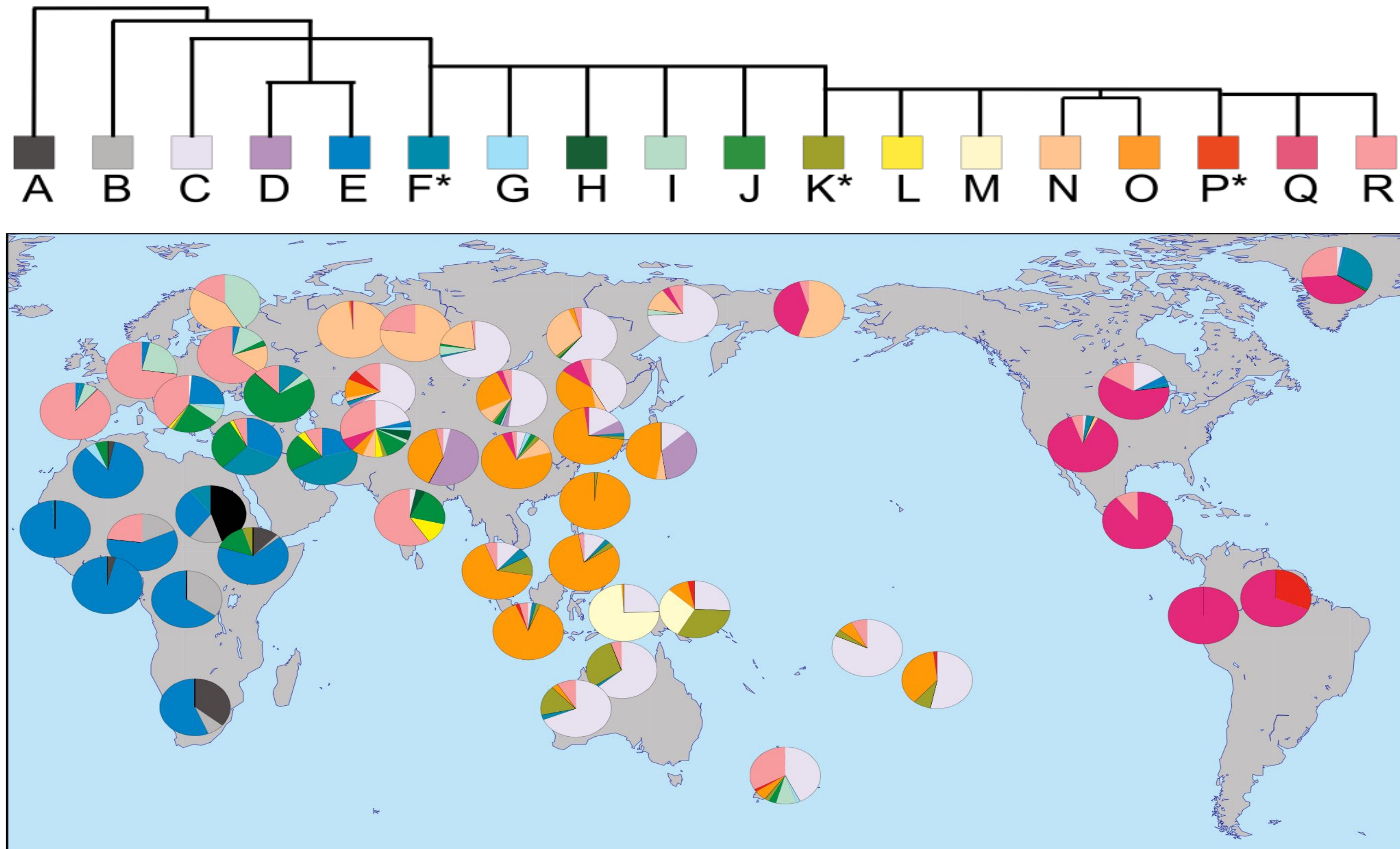
The first genetic studies - mtDNA

- A small DNA molecule (13 genes, 16.5kb)
- Maternally inherited - easy to follow evolutionary changes
 - Variants evolve linked together as haplotypes that form larger haplogroups
 - No recombination in every generation
- Multicopy - easy to isolate

The mtDNA haplogroup tree



The Y chromosome haplogroup tree - another uniparental genome segment



The OoA (OAR) modell

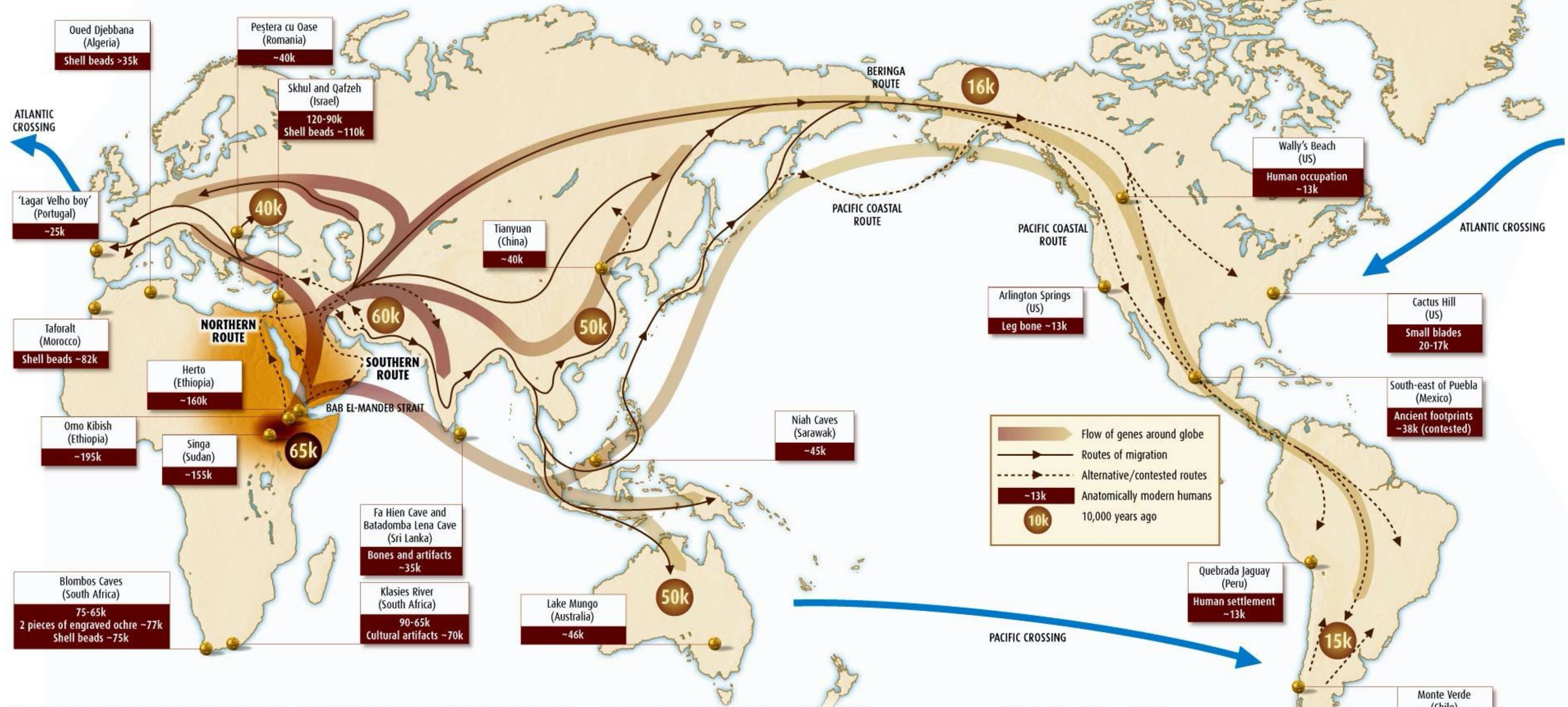
- “Out of Africa (replacement)”
- Modern humans descend from a population that ~ 200 kYA still lived in Africa, and started migrating ~100 kYA to other continent
- That was already modern *H. sapiens*
- The new migrants replaced the previous hominins
- All modern humans come from the last migration wave, not from the earlier migrants

What is OAR about

- Not the African origin
 - all models, based on fossil evidence place human origins in Africa
- We don't come from a single woman ("the mitochondrial Eve")
 - we come from one population, mtDNA is not the only lineage, requires unbroken female-to-female lineage
 - modern genomic techniques estimate the effective size of this population at ~30 000 individuals
- **The ancestral population of modern humans lived in Africa recently (~200-300 kYA) they were already modern *H. sapiens***
 - Earlier migrating hominins were not our ancestors

THE MIGRATION OF ANATOMICALLY MODERN HUMANS

Evidence from fossils, ancient artefacts and genetic analyses combine to tell a compelling story

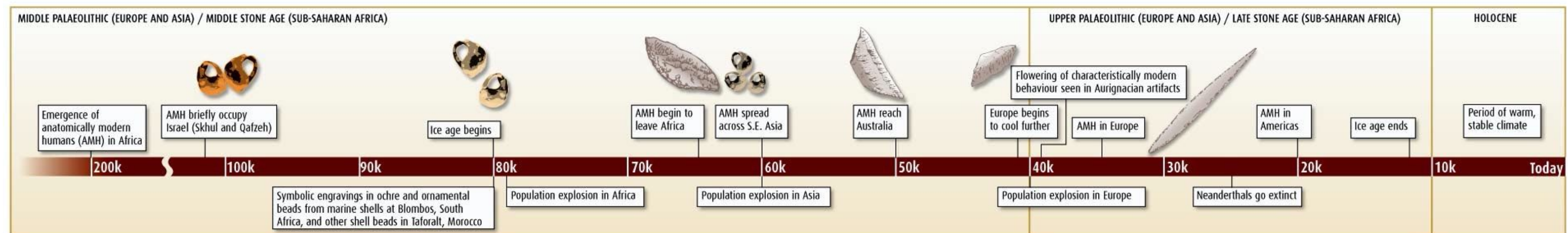


Two routes jump out as prime candidates for the human exodus out of Africa. A northern route would have taken our ancestors from their base in eastern sub-Saharan Africa across the Sahara desert, then through Sinai and into the Levant. An alternative southern route may have charted a path from Djibouti or Eritrea in the Horn of Africa across the Bab el-Mandeb strait and into Yemen and around the Arabian peninsula. The plausibility of these two routes as gateways out of Africa has been studied as part of the UK's Natural Environment Research Council's

programme "Environmental Factors in the Chronology of Human Evolution & Dispersal" (EFCHED). During the last ice age, from about 80,000 to 11,000 years ago, sea levels dropped as the ice sheets grew, exposing large swathes of land now submerged under water and connecting regions now separated by the sea. By reconstructing ancient shorelines, the EFCHED team found that the Bab el-Mandeb strait, now around 30 kilometres wide and one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, was then a narrow, shallow channel.

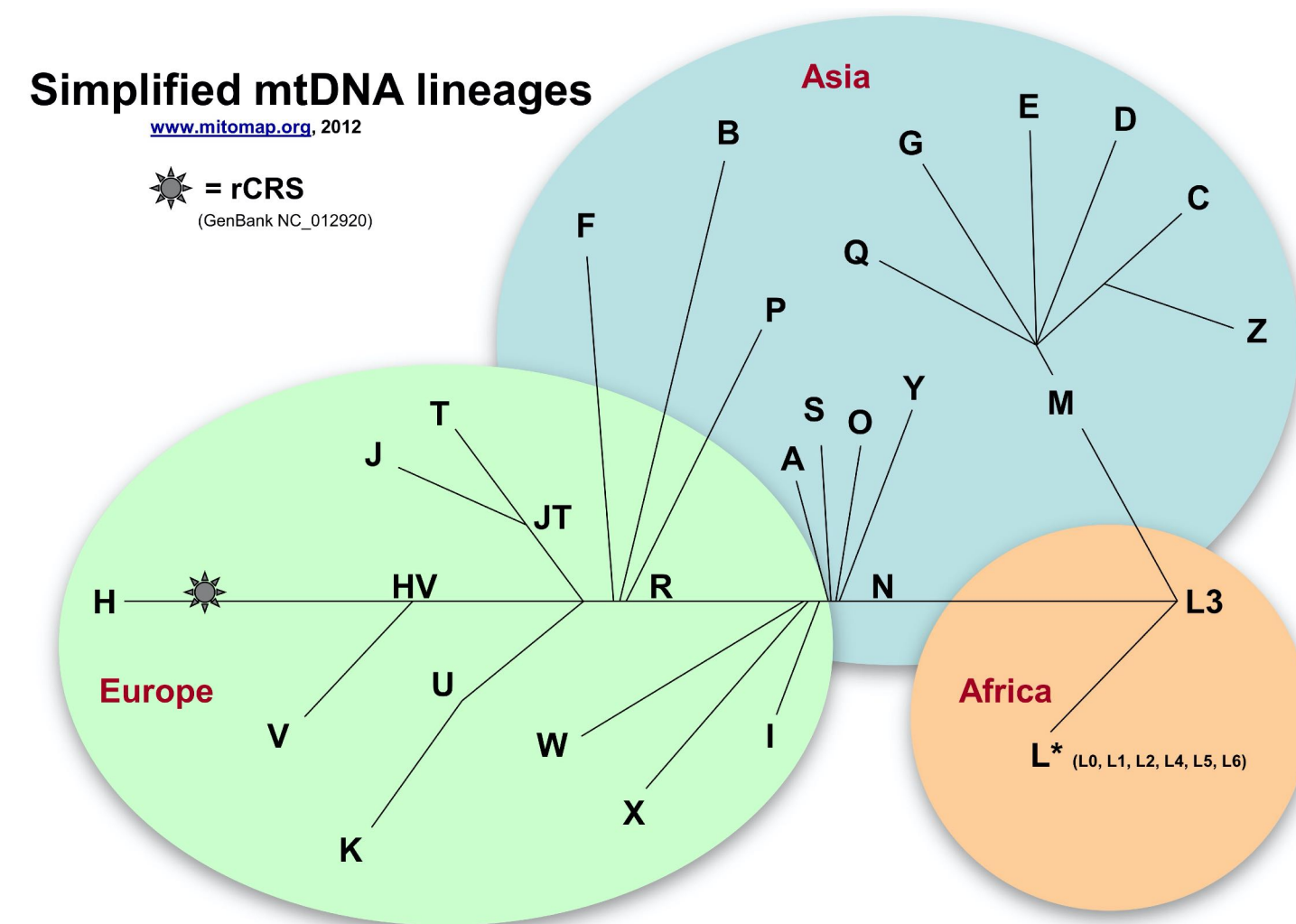
Early humans may have taken this southern route out of Africa. The northern route appears easier, especially given the team's finding that the Suez basin was dry during the last ice age. But crossing the Sahara desert is no small matter. EFCHED scientist Simon Armitage of the Royal Holloway University of London has found some clues as to how this might have been possible. During the past 150,000 years, North Africa has experienced abrupt switches between dry, arid conditions and a humid climate. During the longer wetter periods huge lakes existed in both Chad and Libya, which would have

provided a "humid corridor" across the Sahara. Armitage has discovered that these lakes were present around 10,000 years ago, when there is abundant evidence for human occupation of the Sahara, as well as around 115,000 years ago, when our ancestors first made forays into Israel. It is unknown whether another humid corridor appeared between about 65,000 and 50,000 years ago, the most likely time frame for the human exodus. Moreover, accumulating evidence is pointing to the southern route as the most likely jumping-off point.

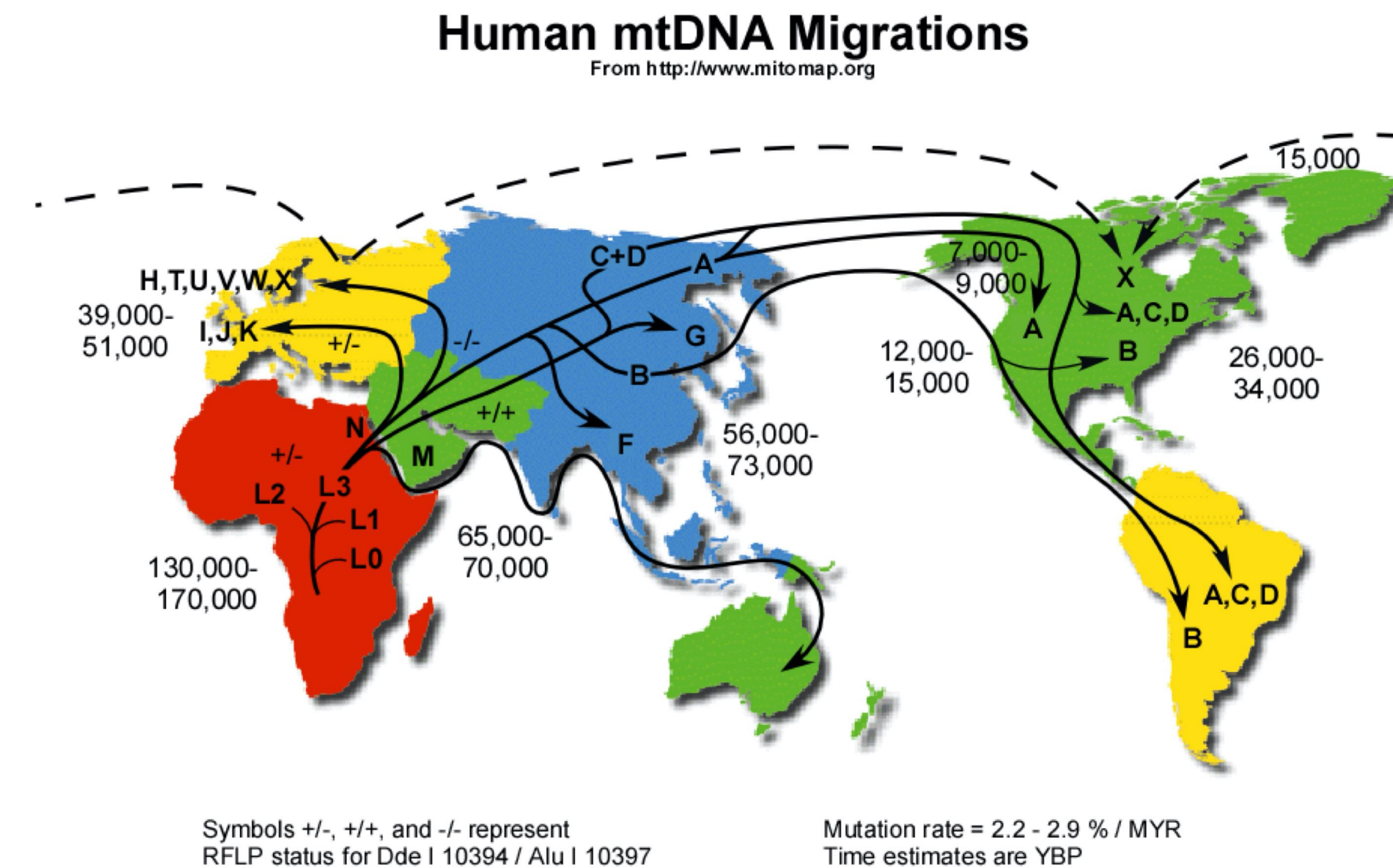


The view based on mtDNA and chr Y, ca. 2000

- The story of out of Africa migrations
- Branching into separate lineages



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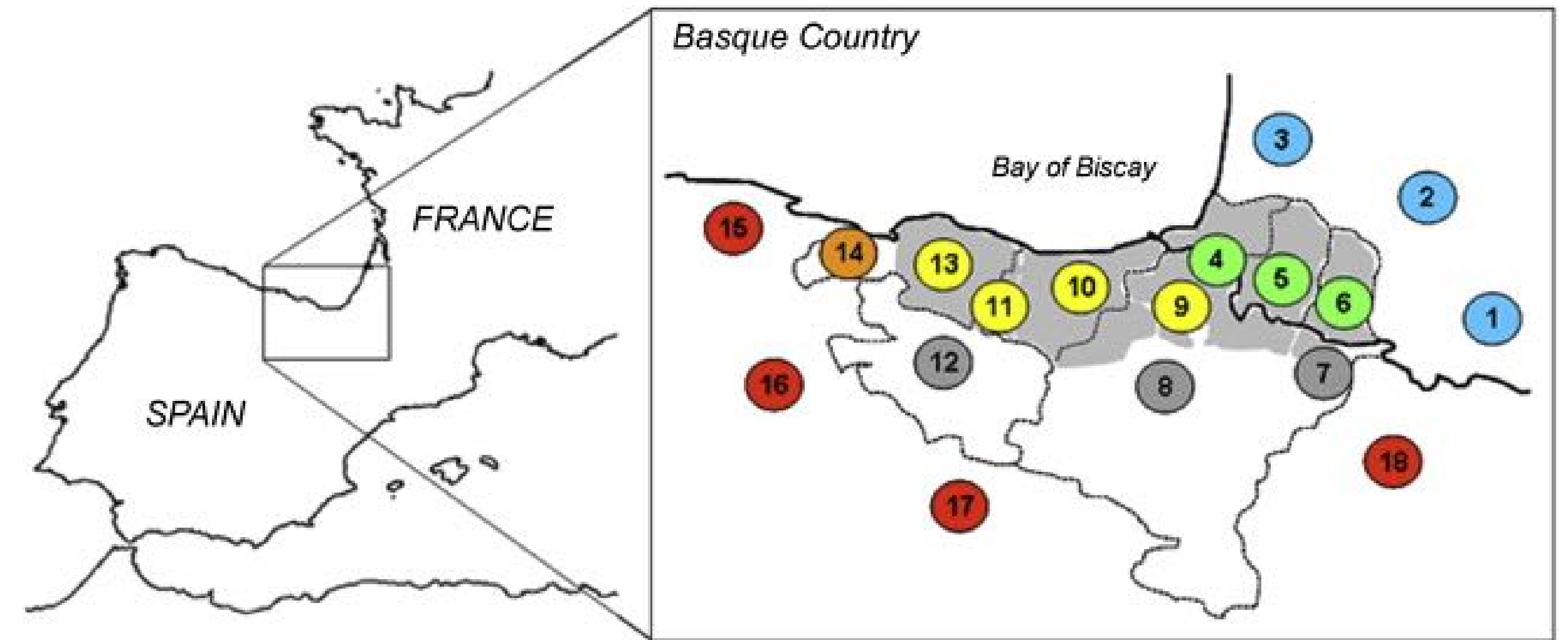
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The prehistory of Europe

- First humans arrived ~ 45-50 kYA from Africa via the basal Eurasian population
 - hunter-gatherers, Cro-Magnon humans
- Glacial periods - migrations to southern refugia (18-10 kYA)
- The neolithic farmer migration from the Middle East (10 - 7 kYA)
 - how did it spread - replacement or cultural diffusion?
- Later migrations
 - indoeuropean groups ~5-3 kYA

The only descendants of first Europeans?

- The only traces of pre-neolithic mtDNAs in Basques
- The Basque language - an isolate, not indoeuropean




AJHG

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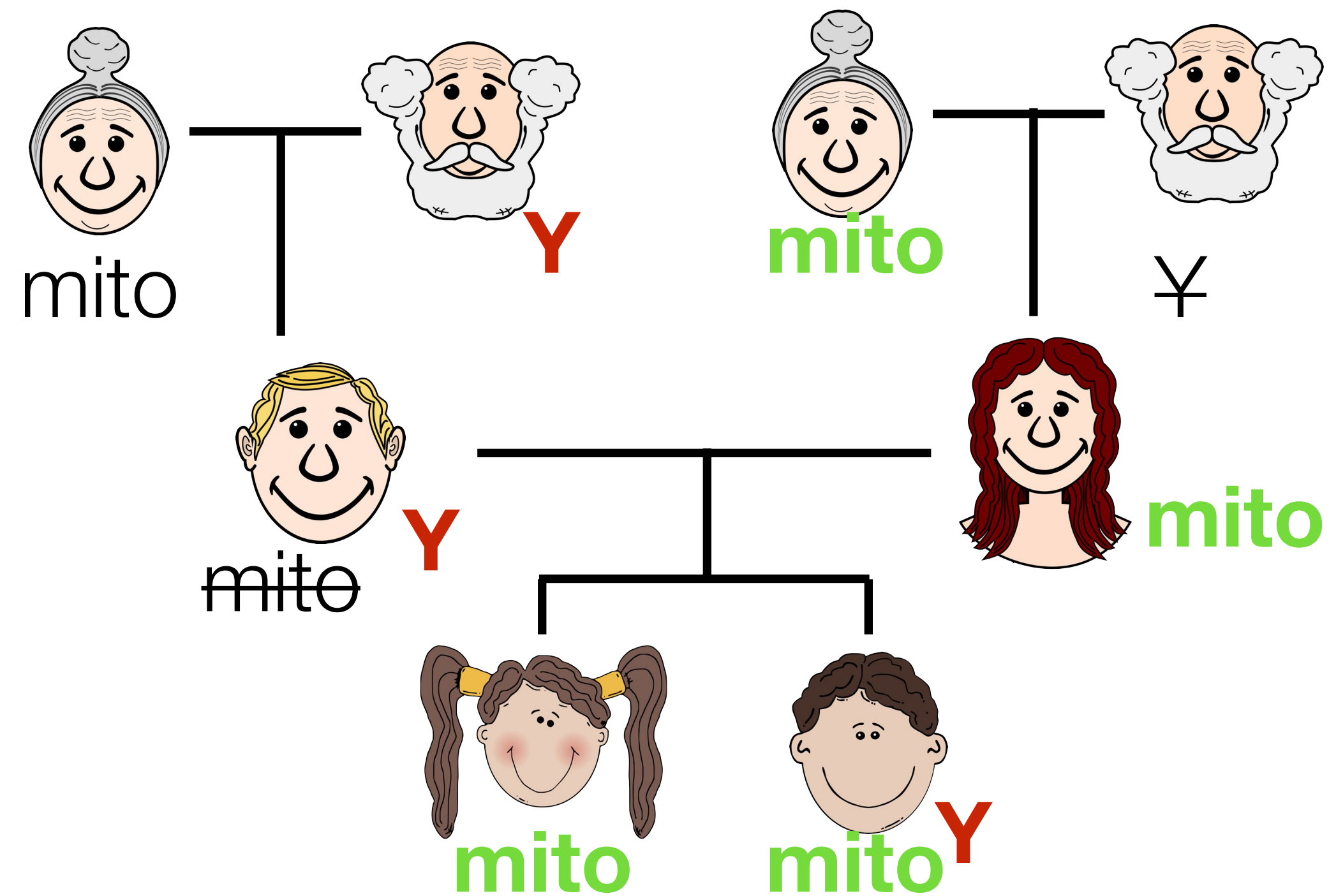
Report

The Basque Paradigm: Genetic Evidence of a Maternal Continuity in the Franco-Cantabrian Region since Pre-Neolithic Times

Doron M. Behar^{1, 2}, Christine Harmant^{1, 3}, Jeremy Manry^{1, 3}, Mannis van Oven⁴, Wolfgang Haak⁵, Begoña Martínez-Cruz⁶, Jasone Salaberria⁷, Bernard Oyharçabal⁷, Frédéric Bauduer⁸, David Comas⁶, Lluís Quintana-Murci^{1, 3},  The Genographic Consortium⁹

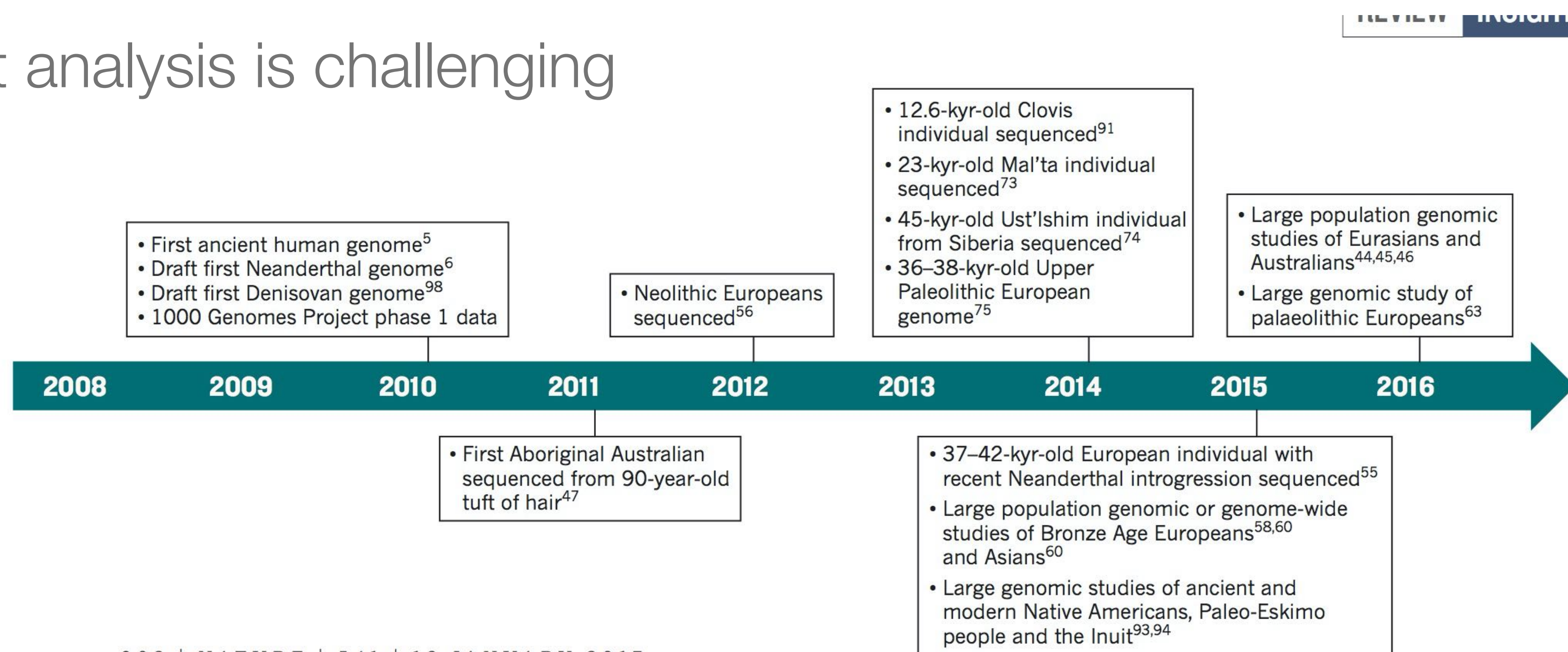
mtDNA and chr. Y - the whole story?

- Using uniparentally inherited genome segments makes analysis simple
- But a lot of information is lost



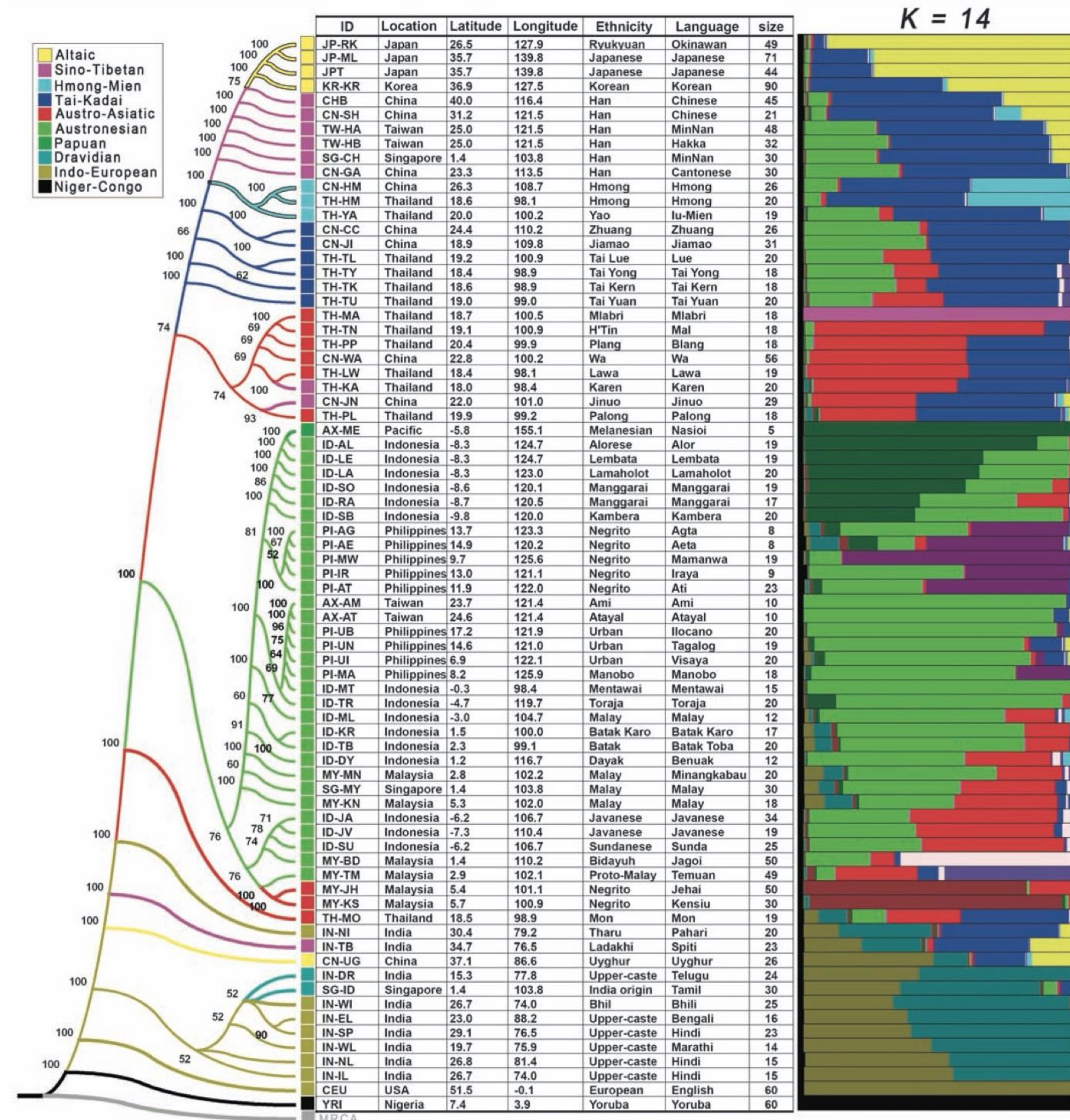
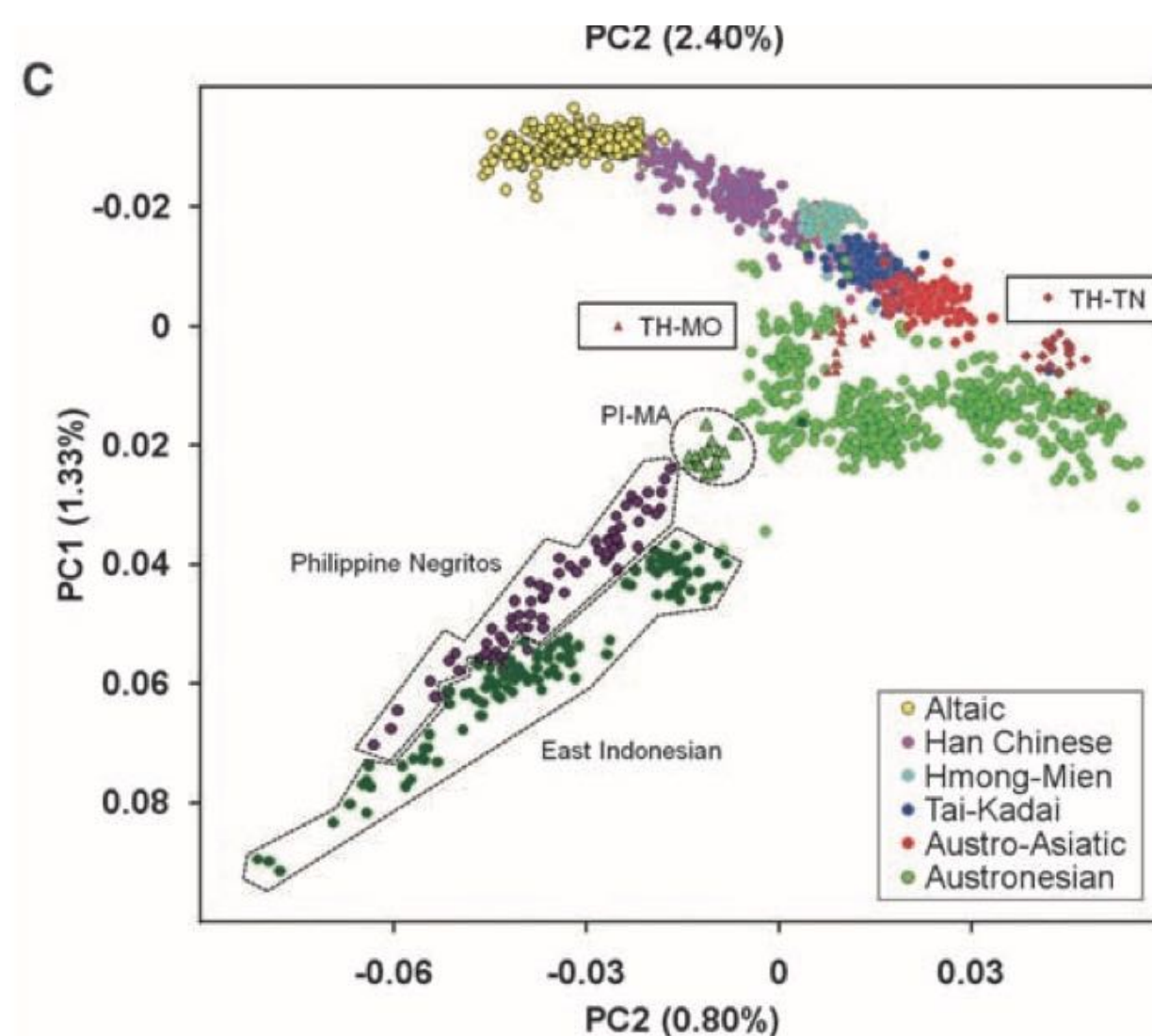
The genome era

- In the 21st century NGS genomic sequencing allowed to gather information on the whole genome diversity of modern humans
- Advances in aDNA - whole-genome data on samples up to 100 kYA
- Lots of new data, but analysis is challenging



Analysis methods

- Admixture analysis: presents the contribution of K source populations to each individual in the sample (programs: ADMIXTURE, STRUCTURE)
- Clustering methods: PCA and MDS
- Data - whole genome sequencing or SNP arrays



Mapping Human Genetic Diversity in Asia

The HUGO Pan-Asian SNP Consortium

Ancient genomes

- First complete ancient human genome: 2010
- Currently - hundreds of sequences from humans and other hominins

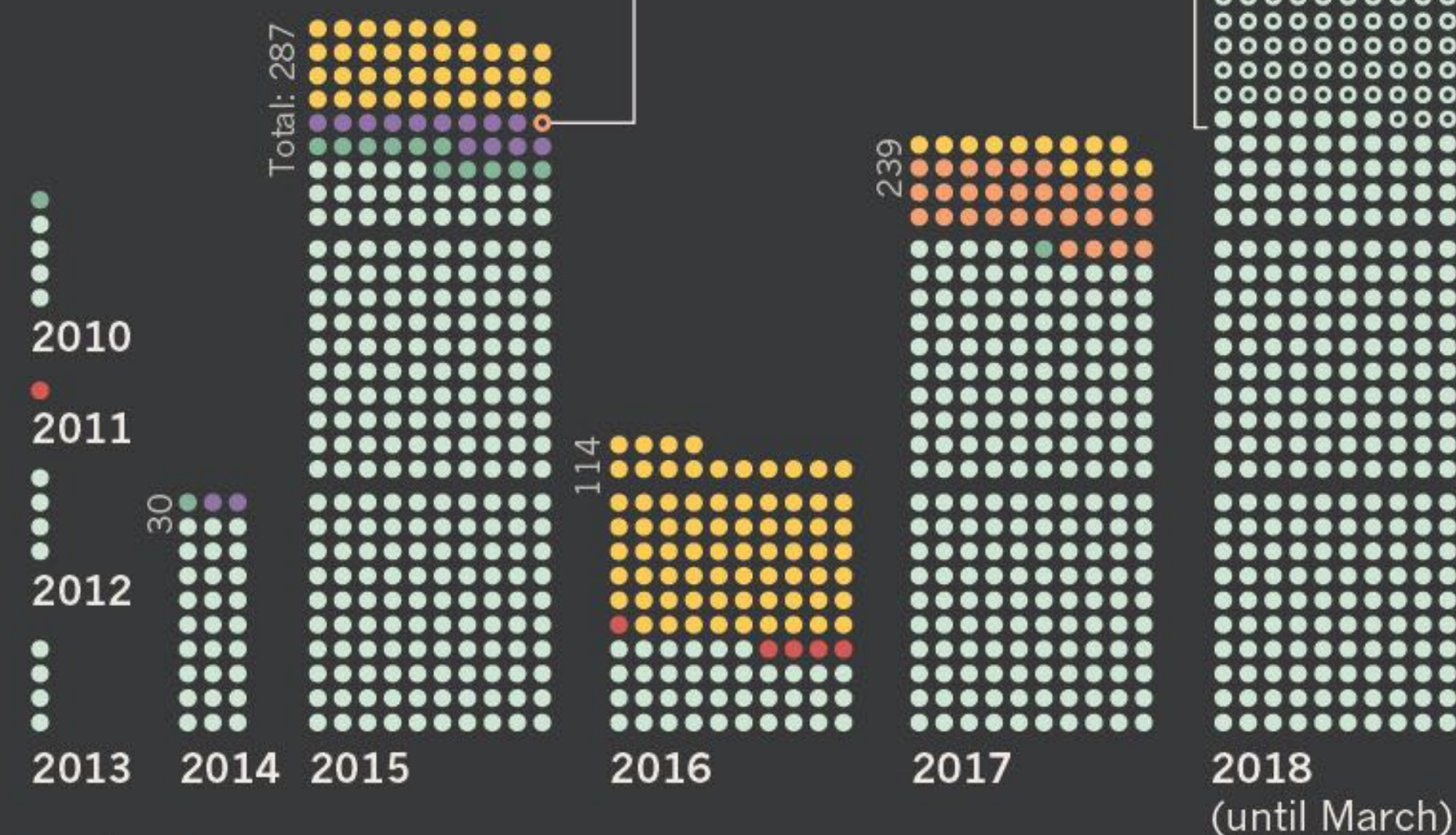
ANCIENT GENOMES

More than 1,300 genome sequences have been produced from the remains of ancient humans, sometimes challenging the historical narratives derived from artefacts.

● Europe ● North ● South ● Oceania ● Africa ● Asia
America America

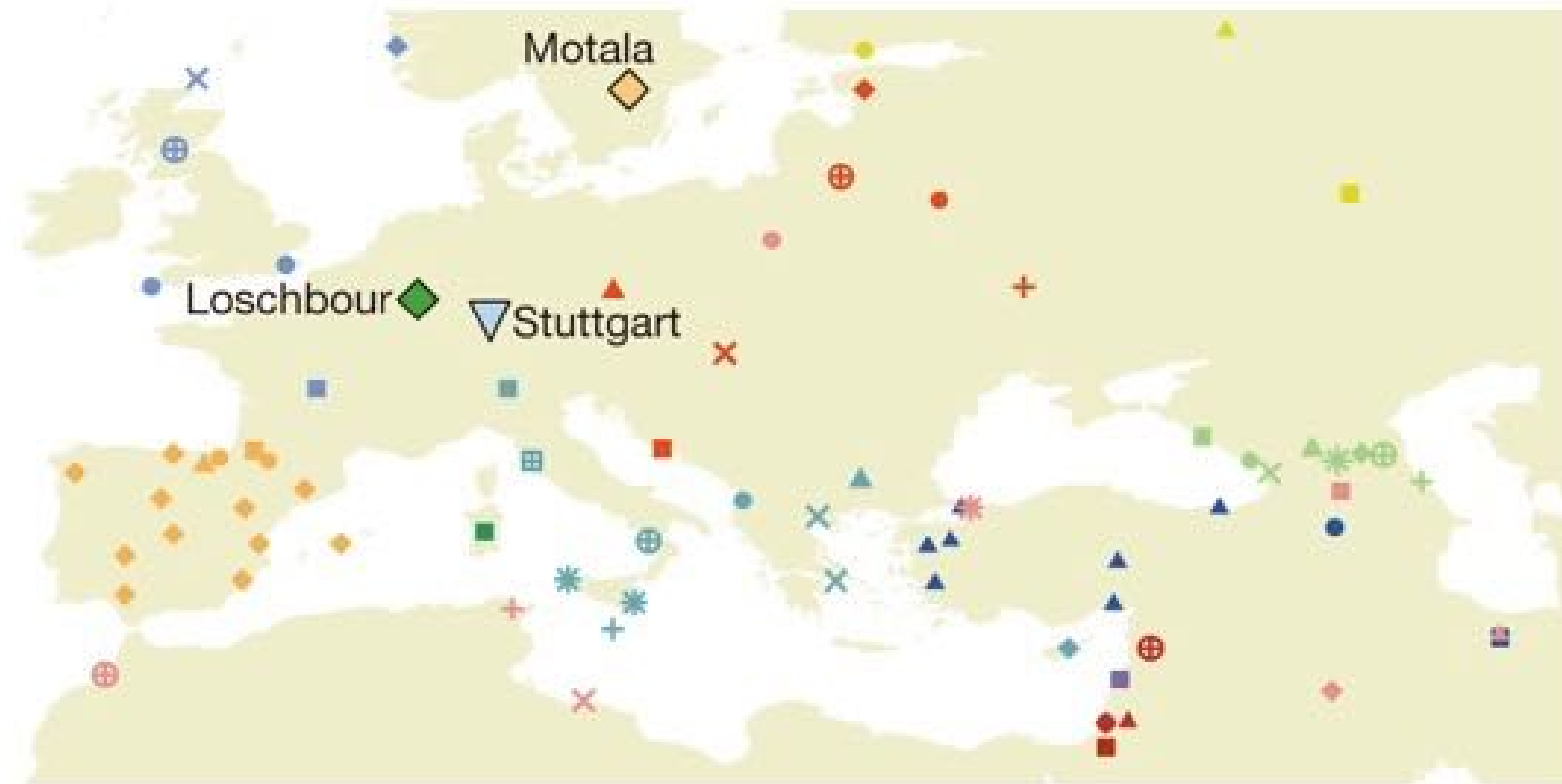
In the largest ancient-DNA study to date, scientists sequenced the remains of 400 Neolithic, Copper-Age and Bronze-Age Europeans, including 226 associated with Bell Beaker artefacts.

A 4,500-year-old skeleton from a cave in Ethiopia provided the first ancient-human genome sequence from Africa, providing context on movements back from Eurasia. Scientists expect many more examples from Africa this year.



The european mosaic

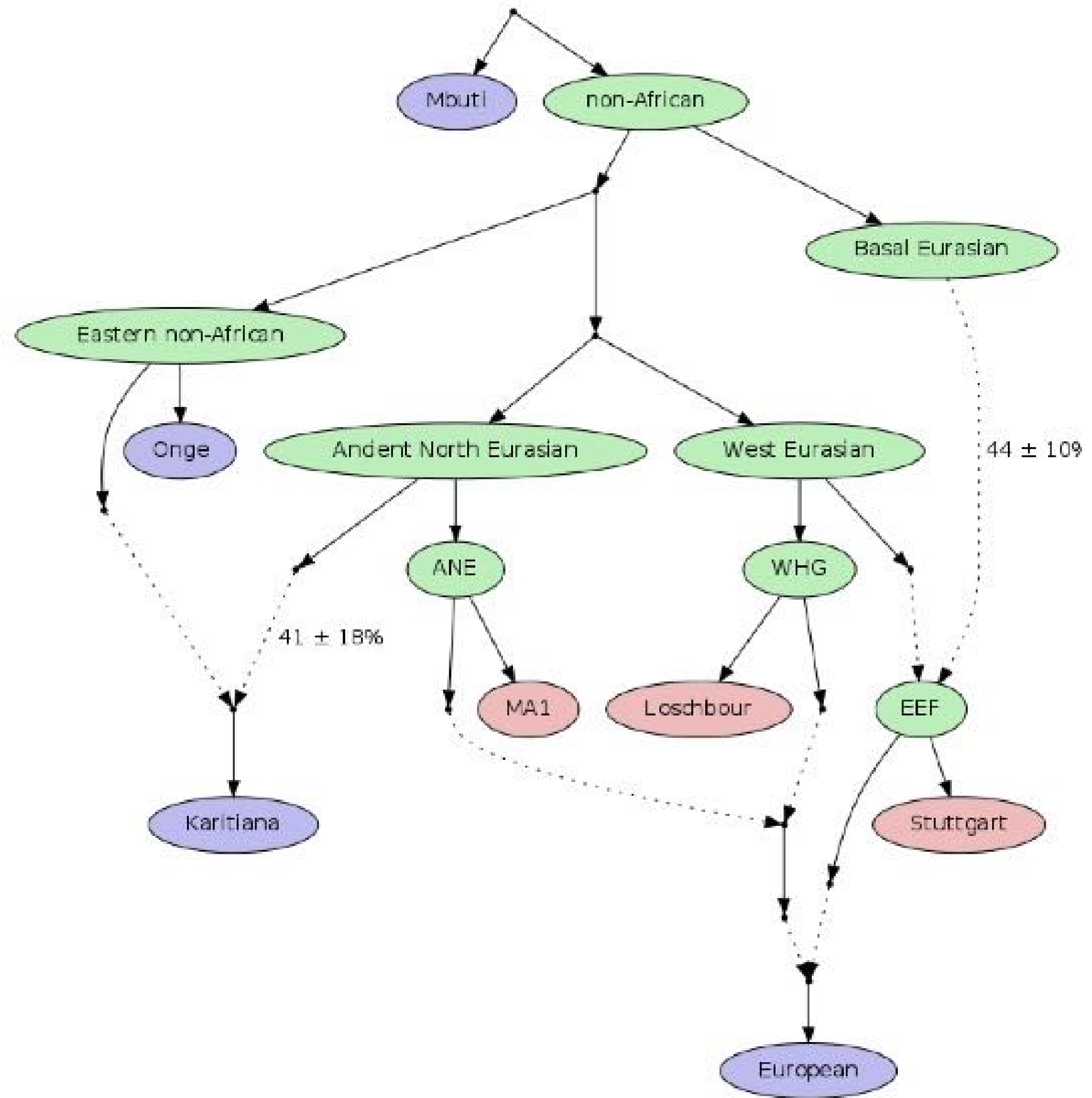
Map of west Eurasian populations.



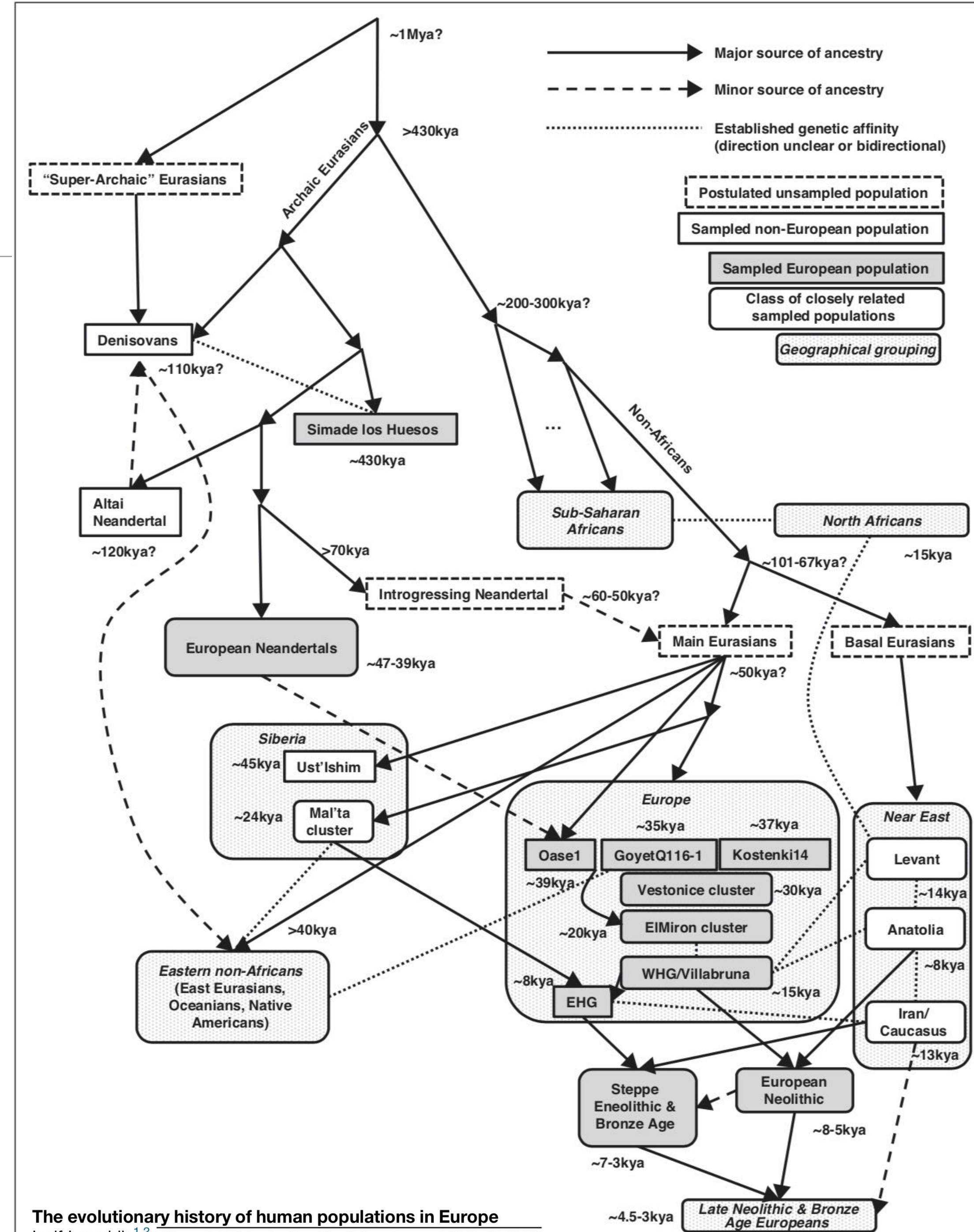
I Lazaridis *et al. Nature* **513**, 409-413 (2014) doi:10.1038/nature13673

The european mosaic

- 2015: at least three source populations for modern European genomes
 - **WHG - western hunter-gatherers**
 - the first to arrive from Africa, dark skinned, Cro-Magnon man
 - **EEF - early eastern farmers**, neolithic farmer migration from the fertile crescent through Anatolia
 - fair skin
 - **ANE - ancient north eurasia** (central Siberia), also contributed to genomes in modern Siberia and Native Americans, Mal'ta–Buret' culture

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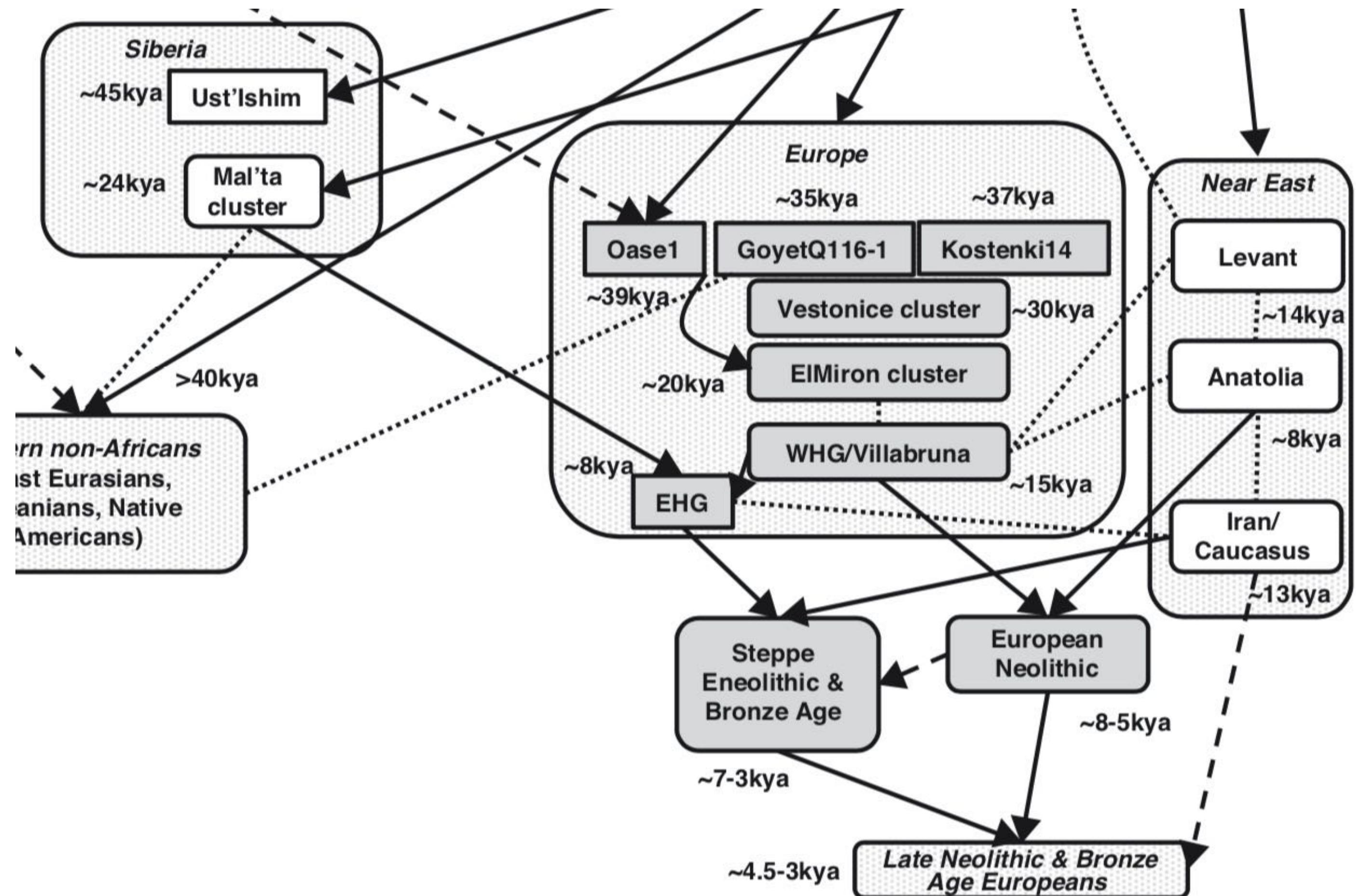
European prehistory, current view



The evolutionary history of human populations in Europe
 Iosif Lazaridis^{1,2} *Current Opinion in Genetics & Development* 2018, 53:21-27

European prehistory, current view

- In Europe: palaeolithic WHG + EEF from Anatolia gave European neolithic population
- In the steppes and Caucasus eurAsian hunter-gatherers mixed with ANE to give EHG (eastern hunter-gatherers)
- EHG people mixed with EEF from the Caucasus and Iran to give the steppe population (Yamnaya)
- The steppe people invaded Europe mixing (or displacing) neolithic Europeans



Ötzi - a neolithic european

- Body found in the glacier in Austria (South Tirol)
- ~5.3 kYA
- Had WHG and EEF ancestry, but no ANE (which came with the steppe migration)



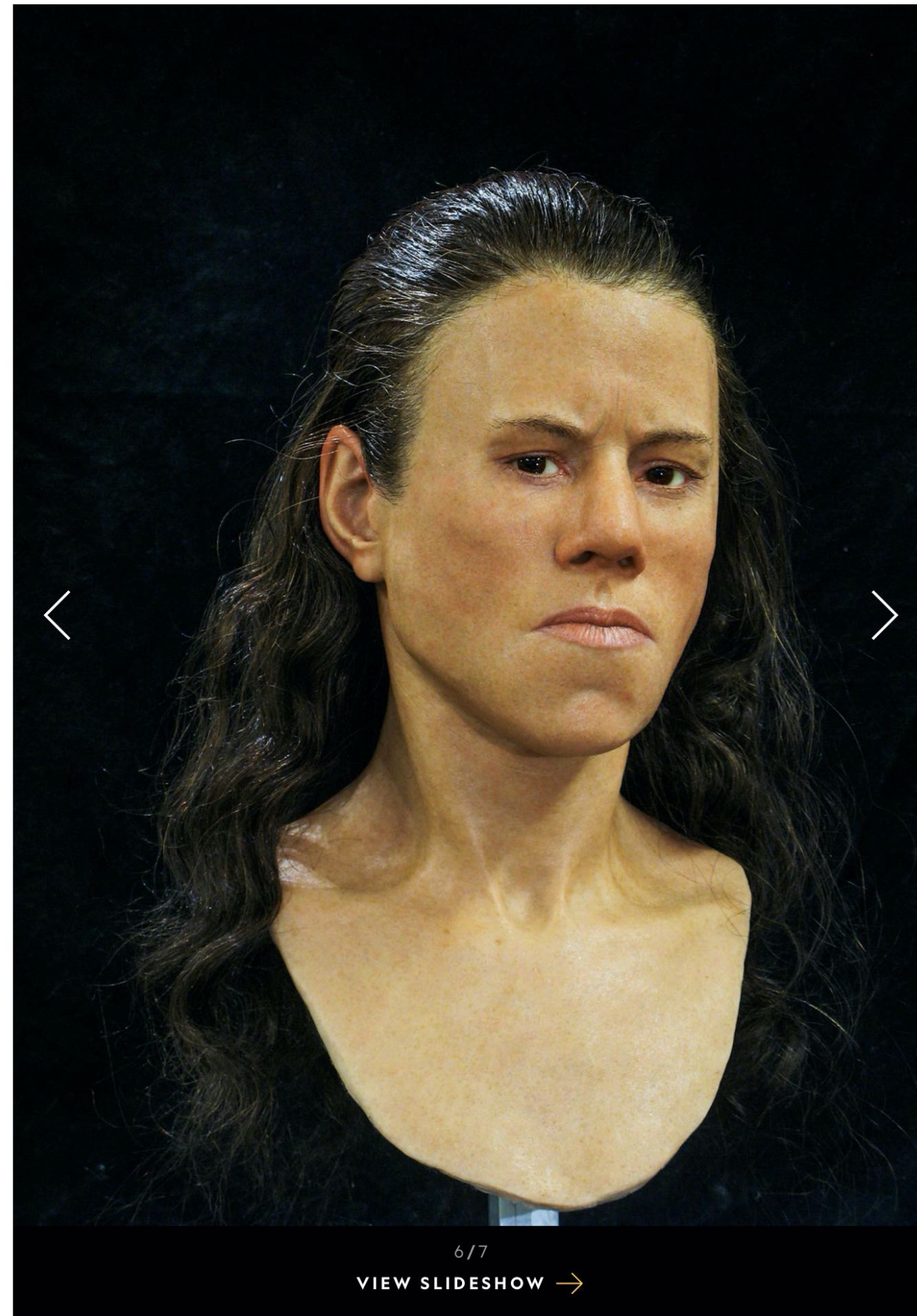
A hunter-gatherer woman, Sweden, ~7 kYA



Researchers used skeletal remains and ancient DNA to reconstruct the burial of a woman who lived in what is now southern Sweden 7,000 years ago.

PHOTOGRAPH BY GERT GERMERAAD, TRELLEBORGS MUSEUM

A neolithic farmer, Greece ~ 9 kYA



Facial features have "smoothed out" over millennia, and humans look less masculine today, says reconstructor Oscar Nilsson, who recreated this face of a teenager who lived in Greece 9,000 years ago.

PHOTOGRAPH BY OSCAR NILSSON

The bell beaker invasion

- Bell beaker culture spread westwards between 2750 and 2500 BCE (4.7-4.5 kYA)
- Analysis of 400 human aDNA samples, including 226 from the bell beaker culture (02.2018)

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The Beaker phenomenon and the genomic transformation of northwest Europe

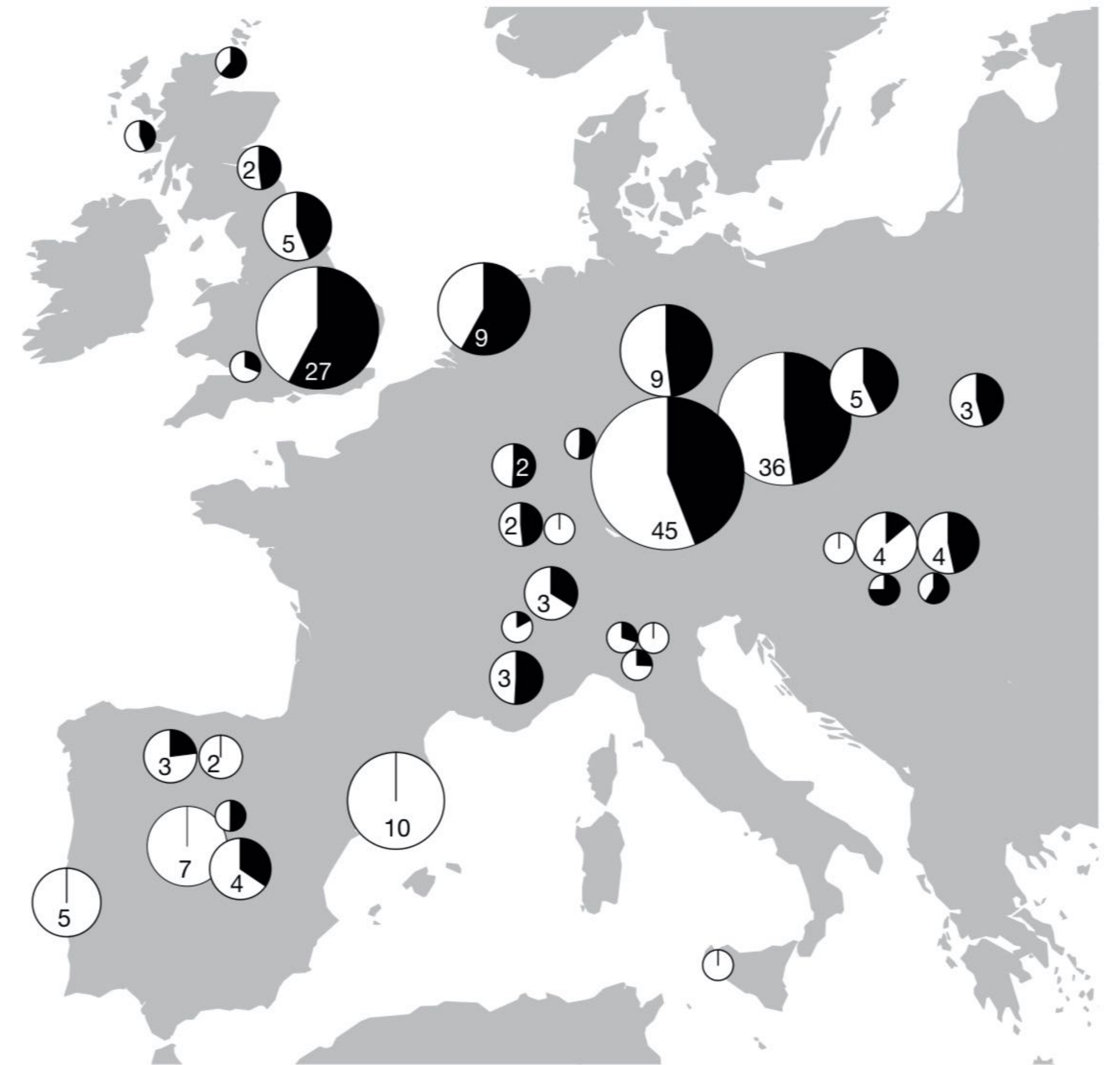


Ashmolean Museum/Univ. Oxford/Bridgeman

The bell beaker story

- In central and eastern Europe the bell beaker people mixed with the previous populations, replacing some of their genes
- In southern Europe the genetic composition of the inhabitants remained unchanged - culture spread without demographic replacement

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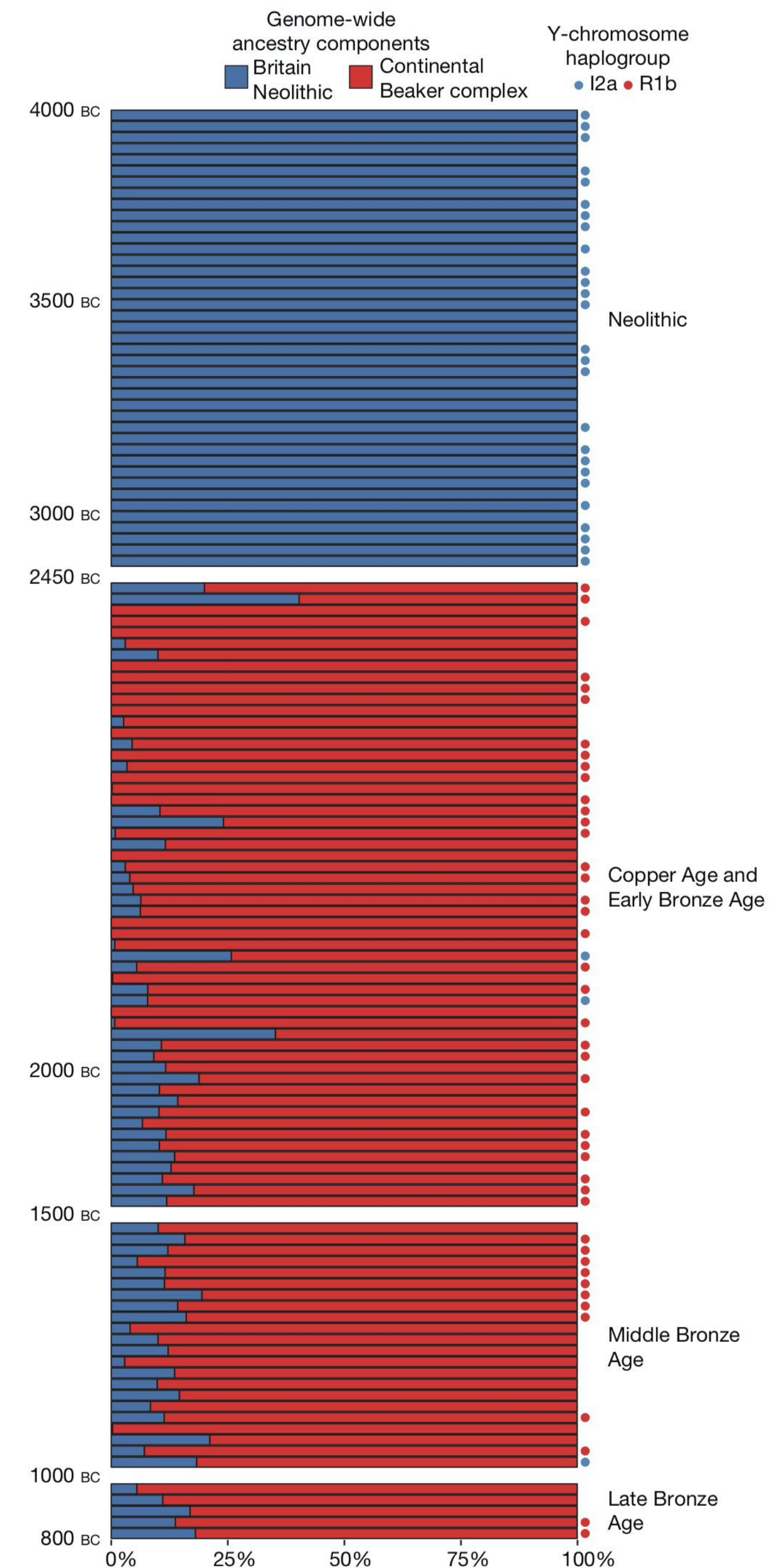
The bell beaker invasion in British Isles

- In the British Isles the bell beaker people completely replaced the earlier neolithic inhabitants with genomes similar to the continental peoples

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A beaker culture man, England, ~4.4 kYA



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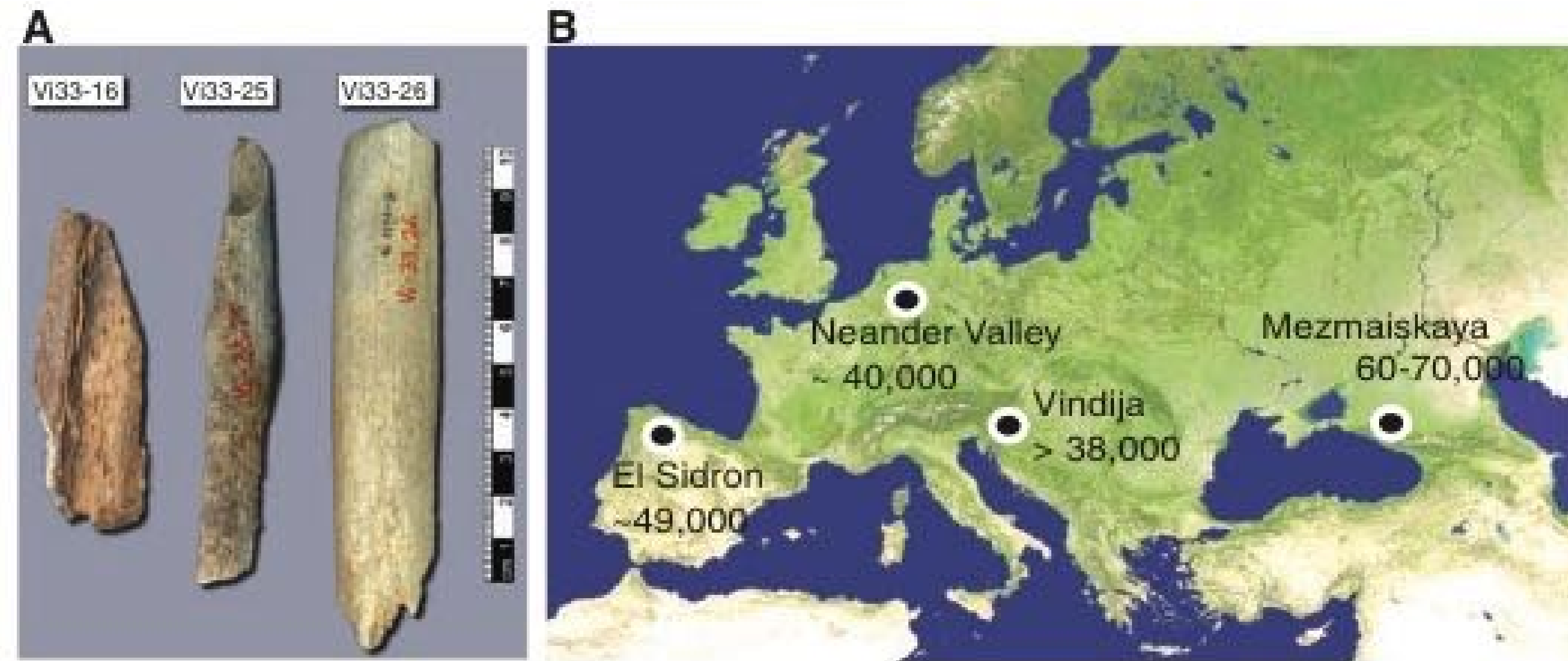
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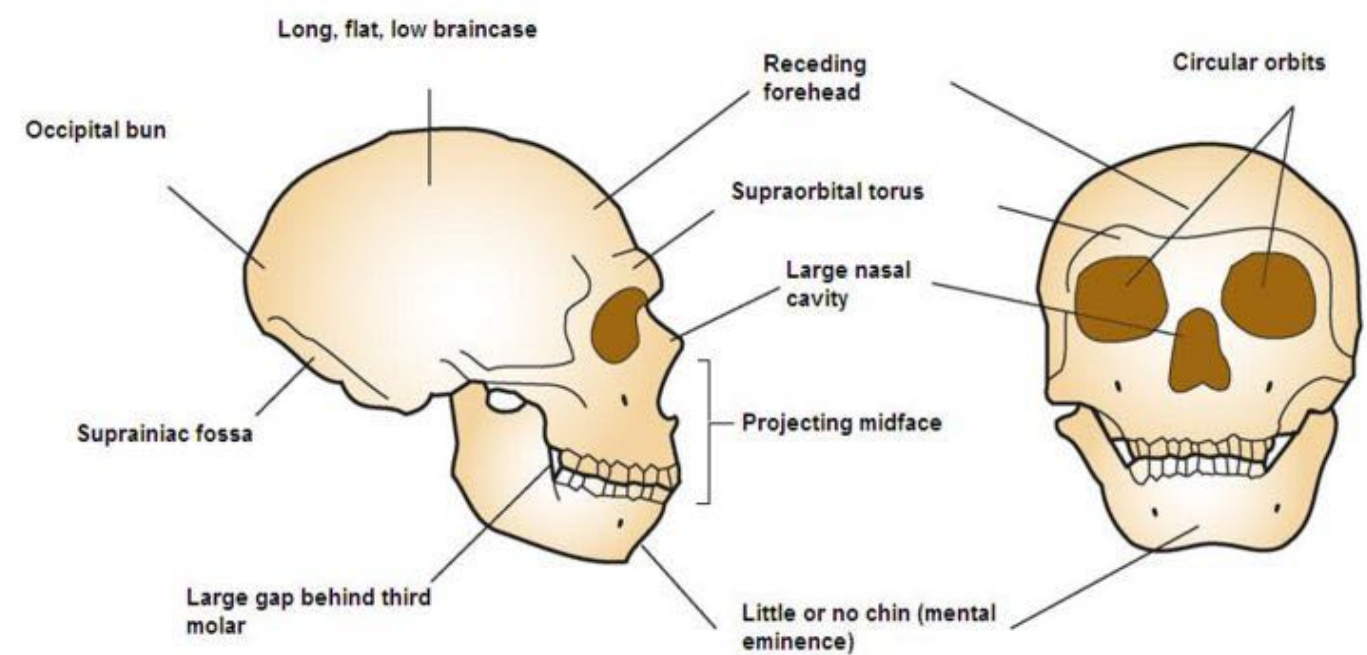
Ditchling Road Man, named for the road-widening project that revealed his remains in 1921, was part of the first wave of farmers from continental Europe that arrived in Britain with their distinctive [Beaker pottery](#) around 2,400 B.C. His remains show that he suffered several periods of malnutrition while growing up, which may have slightly stunted his growth. Ditchling Road Man died between the ages of 25 and 35 and was buried with a Beaker vessel by his feet and a small number of snail shells next to his mouth.

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The neanderthals

- Earliest neanderthal fossils found in Asia, ~ 400 kYA
- Lived in Europe until ~30 kYA
- First humans came to Europe 50-45 kYA
- Neanderthals and humans lived in Europe together. Did they mix?
- mtDNA did not indicate any admixture





A reconstruction of a Neanderthal is standing at the Neanderthal Museum. The Neanderthal Museum, which is located between Mettmann and Düsseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, contains the pre- and early history of human beings and of the Neanderthals, who were named after the place of discovery of the fossil Neanderthal 1. Picture from 23 August 2013.

A neanderthal woman, England, ~40 kYA

- Note the fair skin and reddish hair
- All *H. sapiens* at that time had black skin and hair
- Skin and hair color can be deduced from genomic sequence (analysis of ~12-20 loci)



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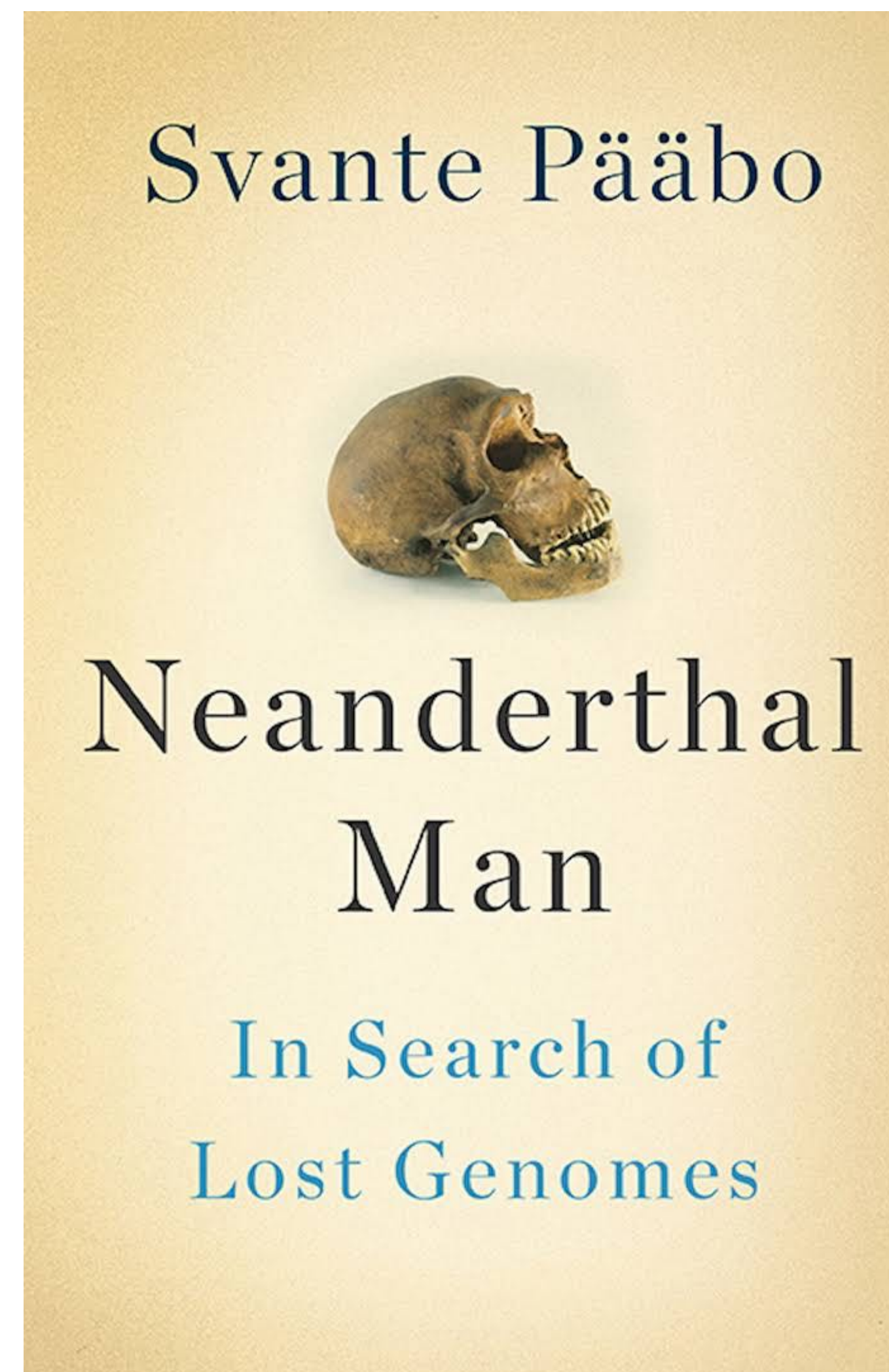
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Artifacts from southern England show that both Neanderthals, such as this woman, and modern humans were residents of what is now southern England some 40,000 years ago.

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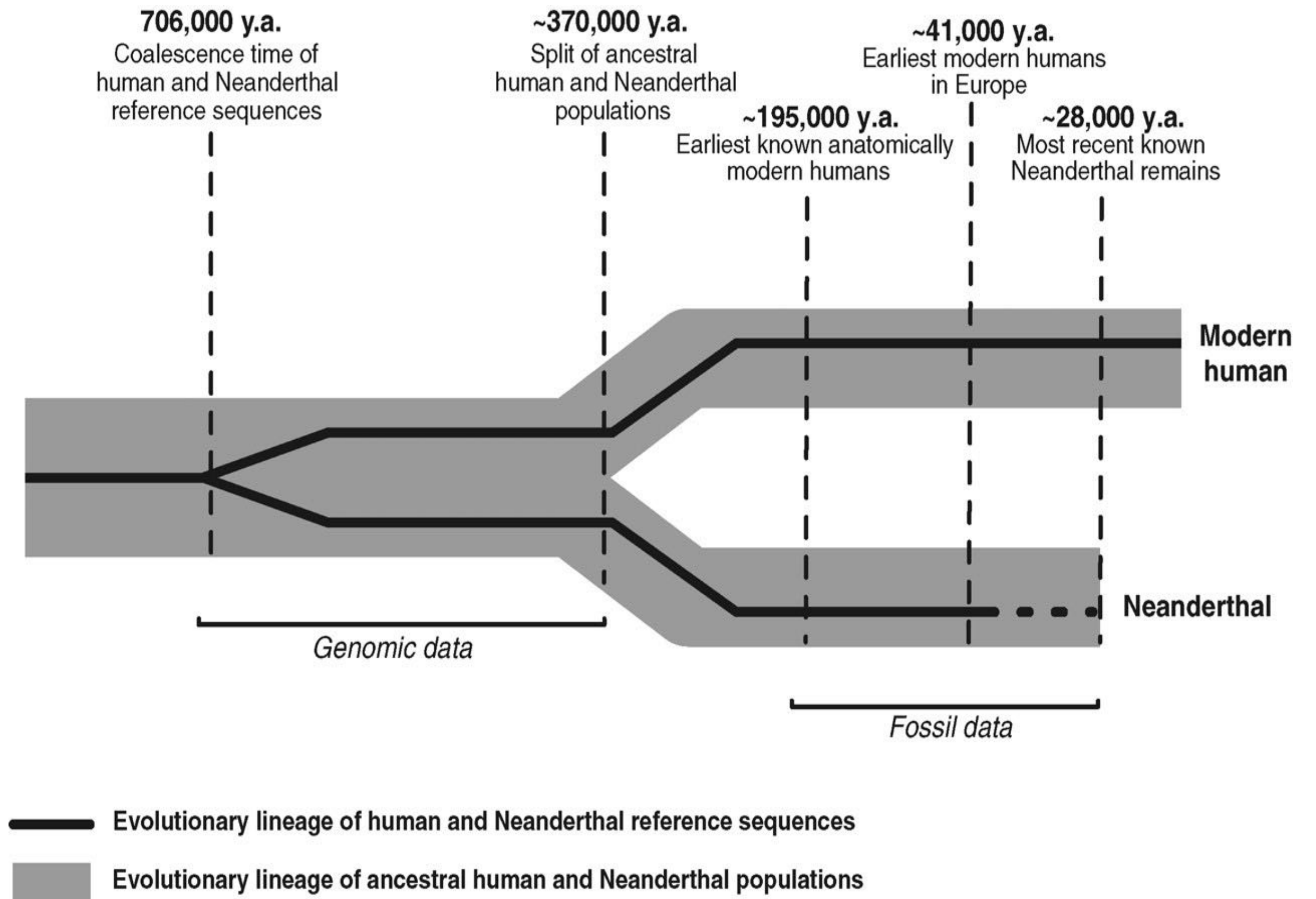
The neanderthal genome

- ~ 10^6 bp of nuclear DNA (2006)
- 60% of genome (2010)
- Currently up to 99% of genome with 50x coverage from multiple individuals (starting material ~40 mg of bone!)



Results of the nDNA analysis

- The lineages were completely separated long before human out of Africa migration
- Traces of mixing between neanderthals and *Homo sapiens*



Human-neanderthal crosses

- Traces of neanderthal alleles in all populations, except Africa
- ~ 2-4% of Eurasian genomes
 - not the same 4% in different individuals, ~40% of introgressing population genome reconstructed
- Eurasians mixed with neanderthals after leaving Africa
- The admixed DNA amount decreased from the palaeolithic - negative selection
- Some regions in human genome devoid of neanderthal DNA - incompatibility (eg. on chromosome X) - nascent genetic barrier

Can different species interbreed

- Yes (the definition is not complete)
- Example brown and polar bears (distance similar to human-neanderthal)

A hybrid of brown and polar bear
Rothschild Museum, Tring
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Neanderthals and us

- Humans and neanderthals continued interbreeding in Europe ~ 40 kYA - the second wave of admixture
- In modern populations we see traces of the first admixture wave, but not the second
- Neanderthal genomes also show traces of human admixture



DNA taken from a 40,000-year-old modern human jawbone from the cave Pesteira cu Oase in Romania reveals that this man had a Neanderthal ancestor as recently as four to six generations back.

IMAGE, SVANTE PAABO, MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY

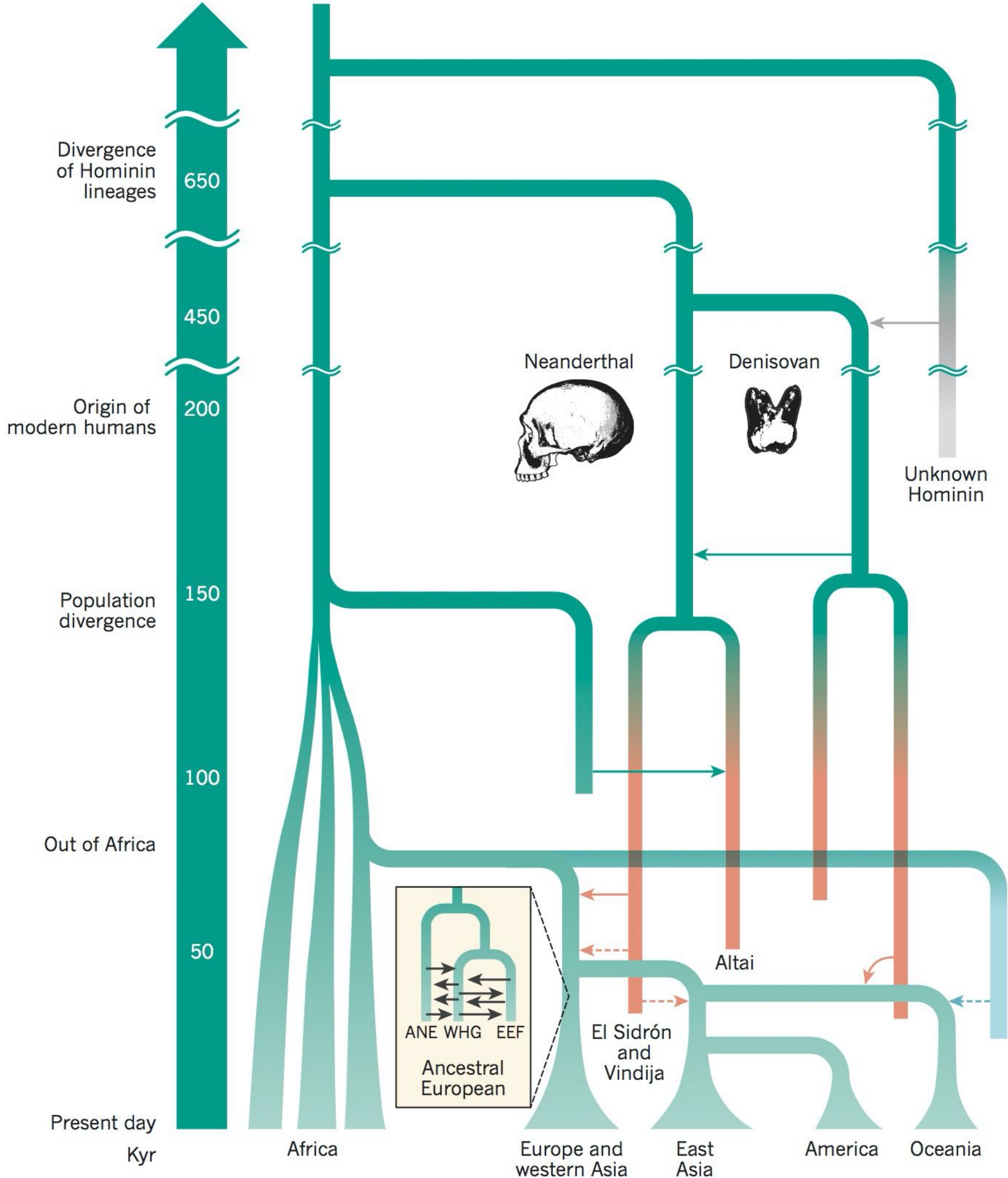
Not only neanderthals

- Bones from the Denisova Cave (Altai mountains)
- Contemporary with neanderthals, probably a sister species
- Traces of intermixing with humans in south-east Asia and Oceania

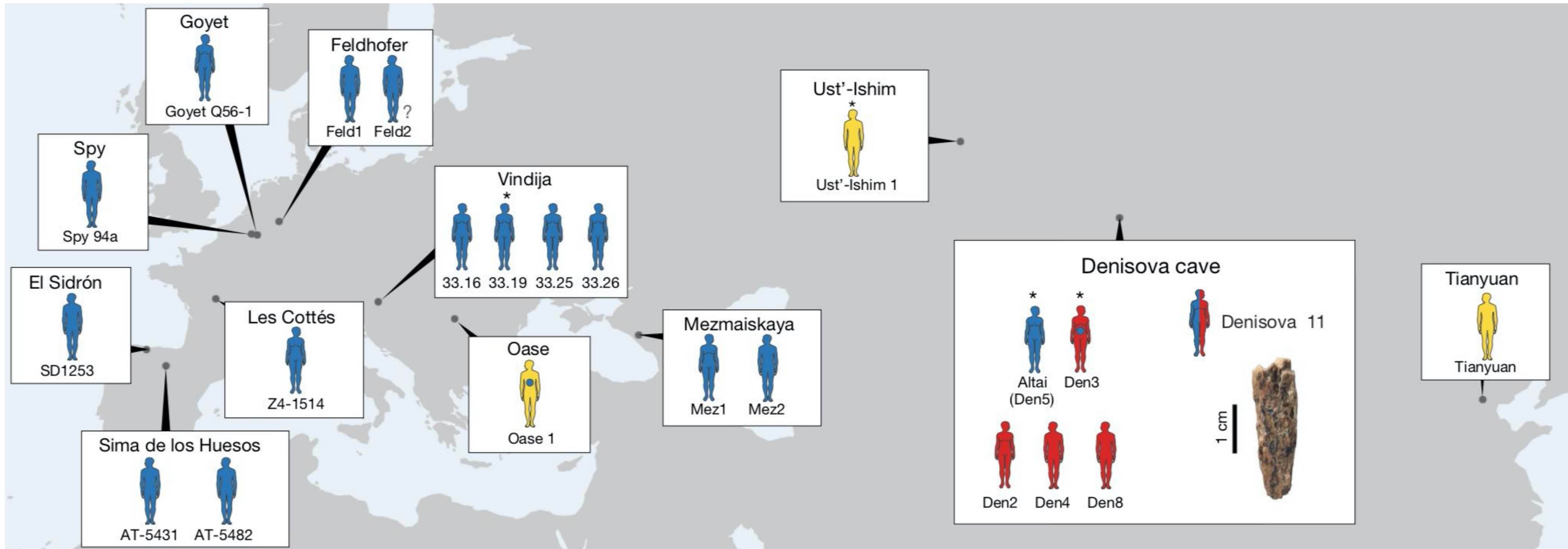





What happened in the Denisova Cave

- A complete Denisovan genome (2013) suggests gene flow between *H. sapiens*, *H. neanderthalensis* and probably a third, unidentified hominid



Eurasia, 40 000 kYA



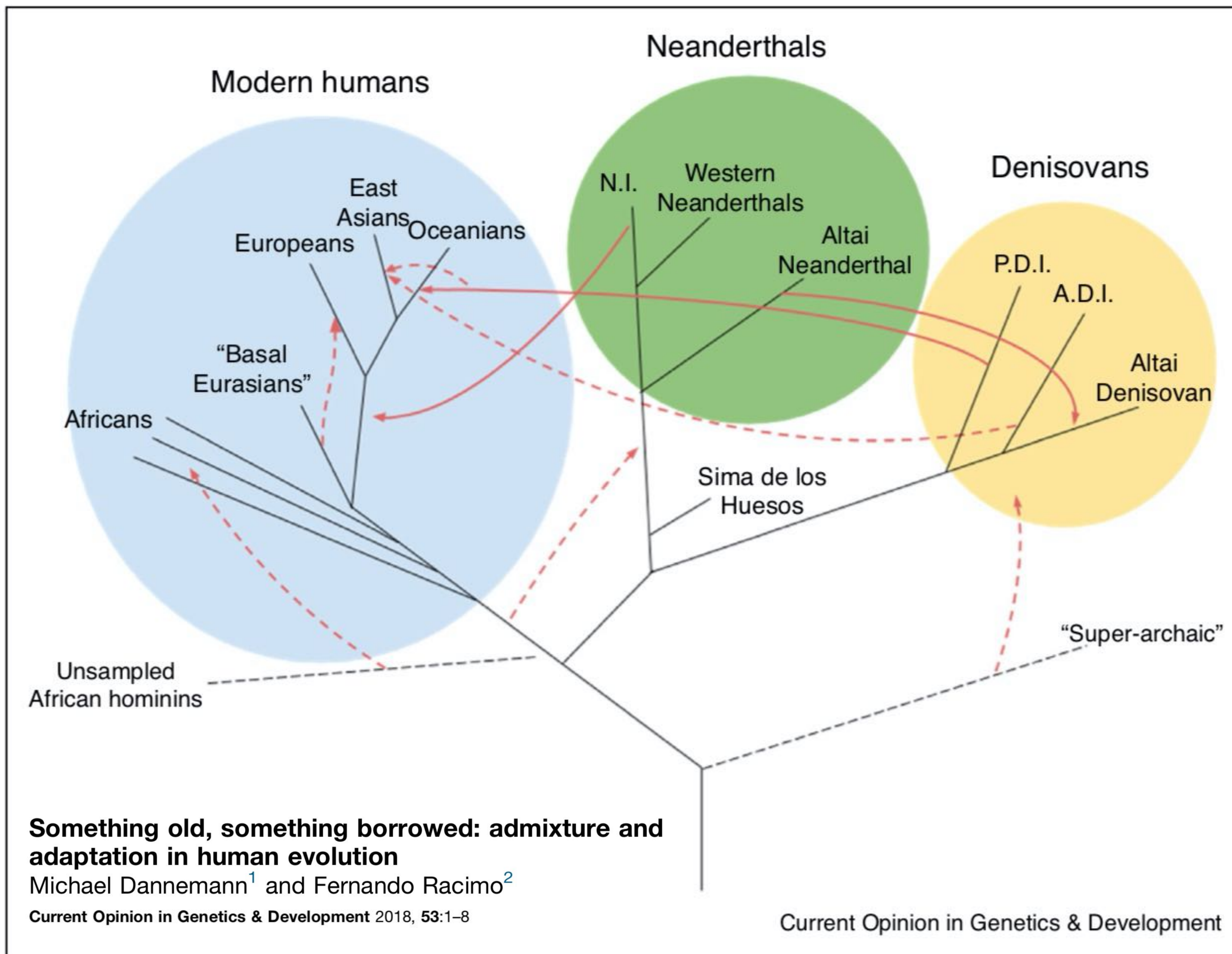
-  Neandertalczycy
-  Denisowianie
-  *H. sapiens*

The genome of the offspring of a Neanderthal mother and a Denisovan father

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The admixture

- N.I.: Introgressing Neanderthal population
- P.D.I.: Papuan-Introgressing Denisovan population
- A.D.I.: Asian- Introgressing Denisovan population



The adaptations from admixture

- Adaptation to altitude in Tibetans - allele of the *EPAS1* gene (in the hypoxia response pathway)
- This *EPAS1* haplotype is frequent in Tibetans, but absent in their close relatives - Han Chinese
- This haplotype is found in the Denisovan genome

Altitude adaptation in Tibetans caused by introgression of Denisovan-like DNA

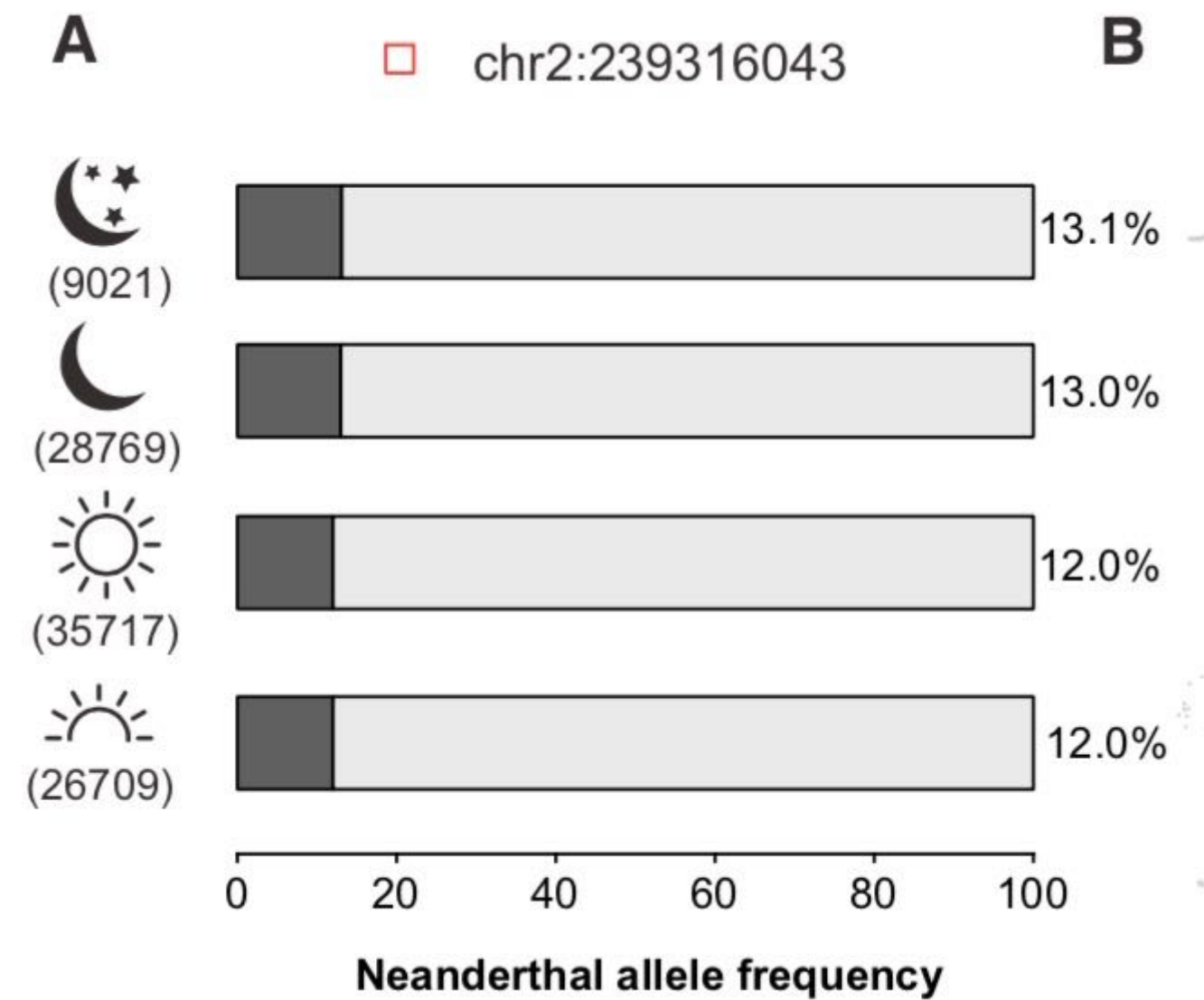
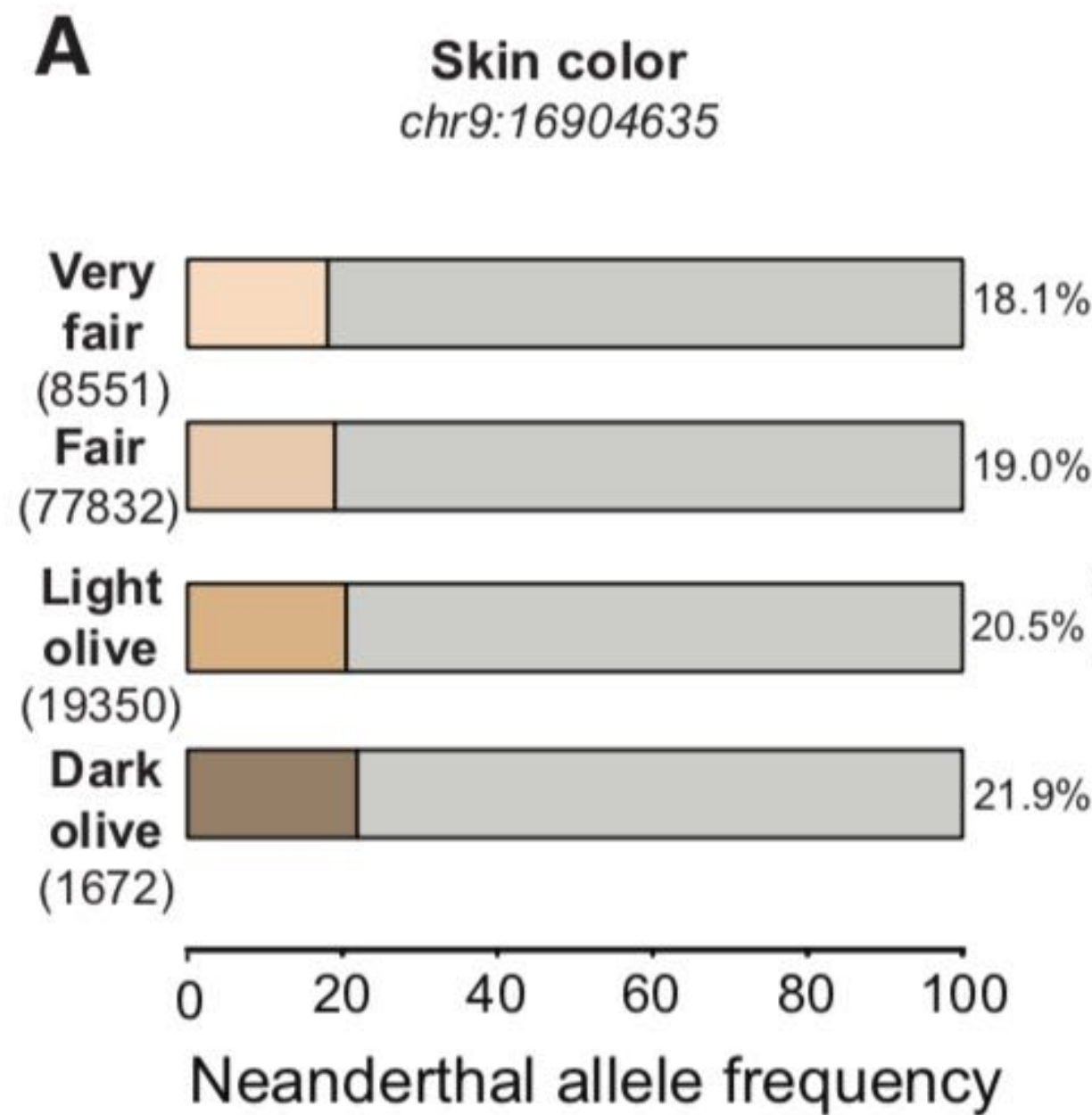
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Figure 2 | Haplotype pattern in a region defined by SNPs that are at high frequency in Tibetans and at low frequency in Han Chinese. Each column is a polymorphic genomic location (95 in total), each row is a phased haplotype (80 Han and 80 Tibetan haplotypes), and the coloured column on the left denotes the population identity of the individuals. Haplotypes of the Denisovan individual are shown in the top two rows (green). The black cells represent the presence of the derived allele and the grey space represents the presence of the ancestral allele (see Methods). The first and last columns correspond to the

What did neanderthals leave us?

- The neanderthal population was diverse with regard to skin color, eye and hair color, etc.
- Some (but not all) of these alleles may contribute to human variation
- Immune system alleles - adaptation to non-African pathogens, but also autoimmune disease
- Chronotype variation, circadian rhythms, mood. Could be linked to depression
- Neanderthals were longer adapting to lower sun exposure



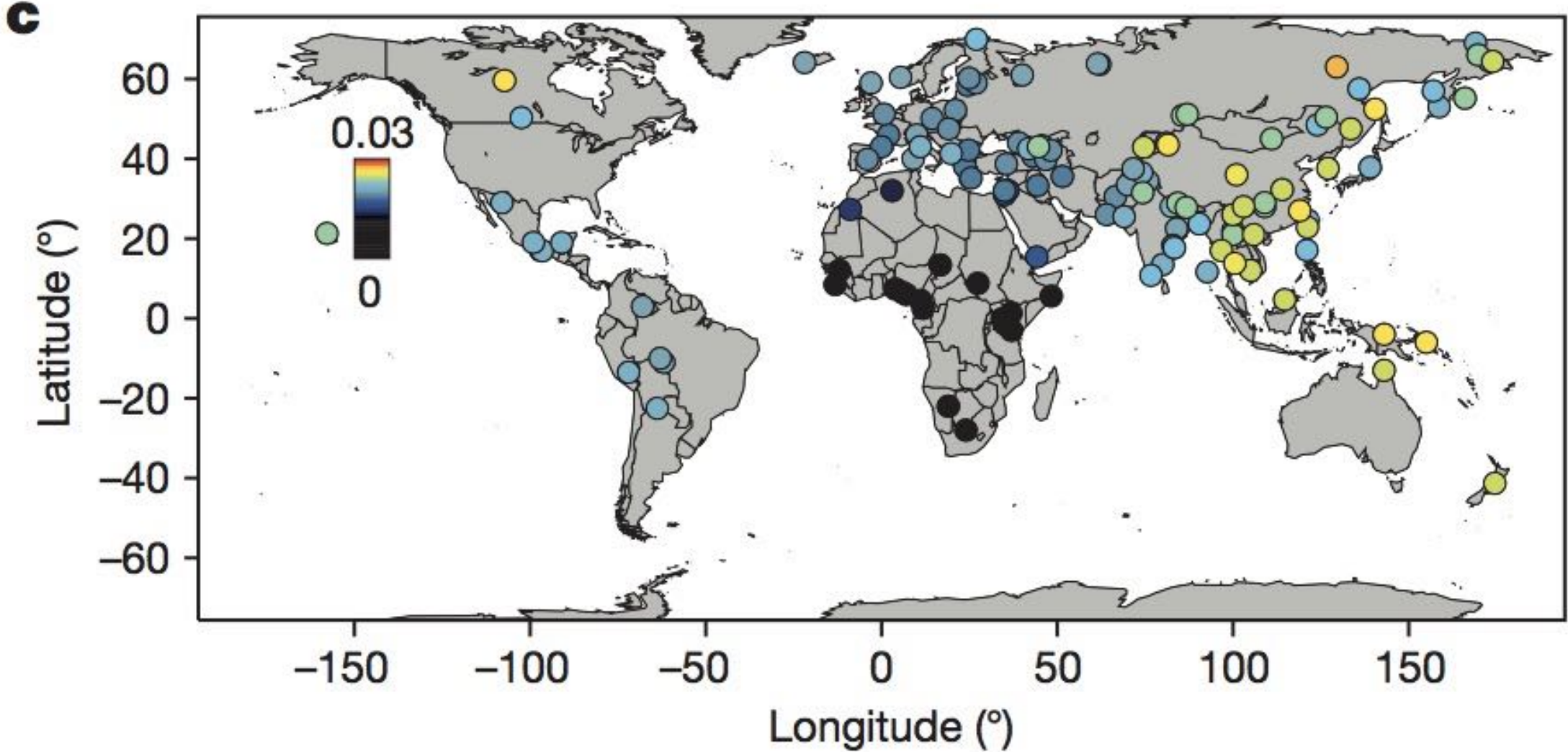
The Contribution of Neanderthals to Phenotypic Variation in Modern Humans

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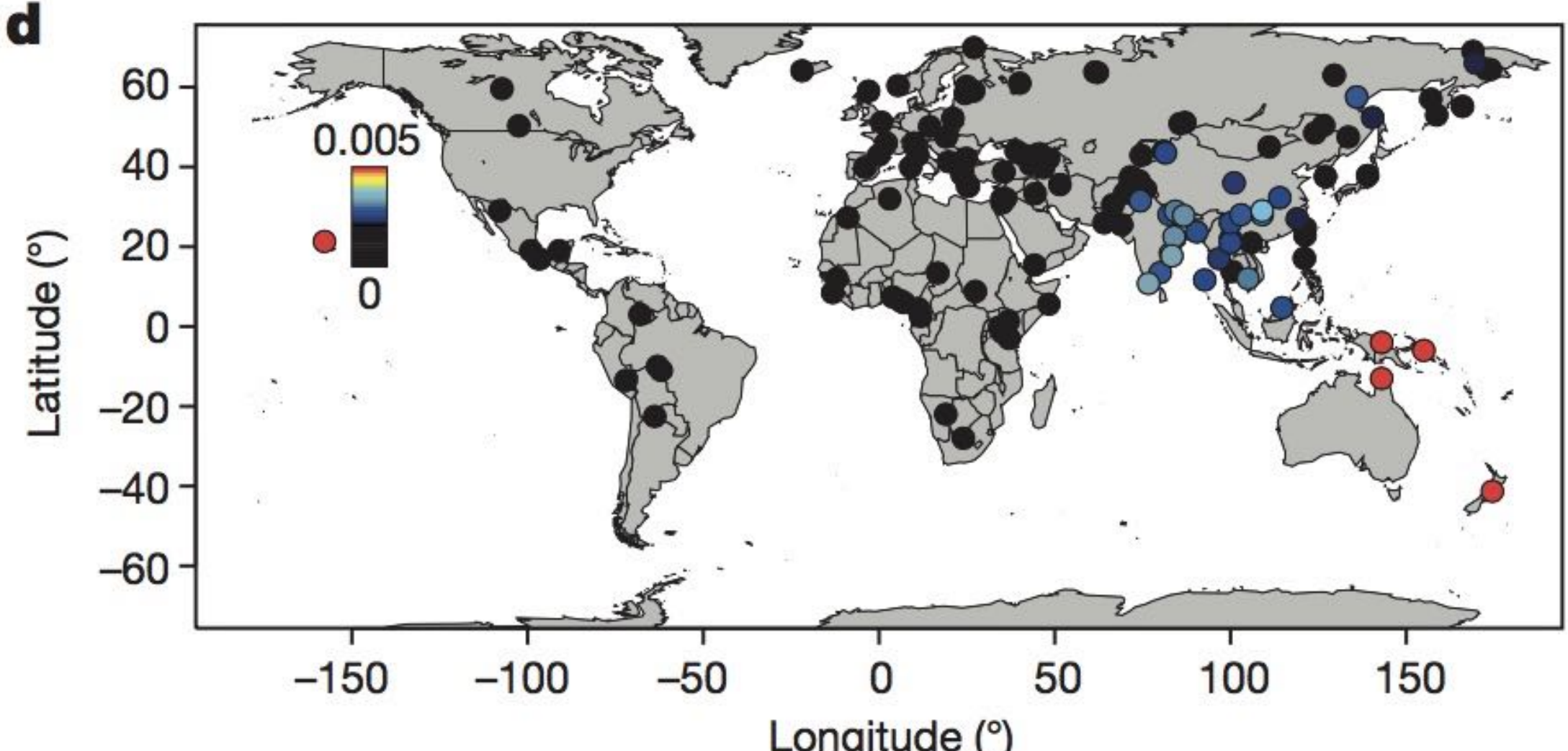
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The neanderthal and denisovian contribution

- Neanderthal admixture

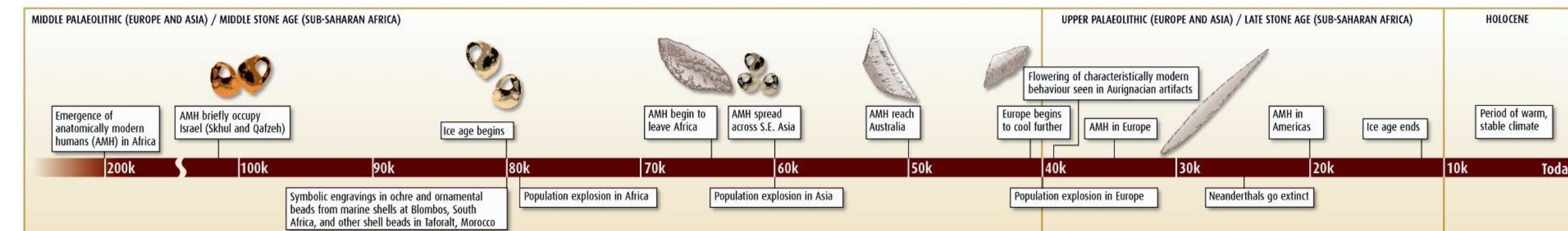
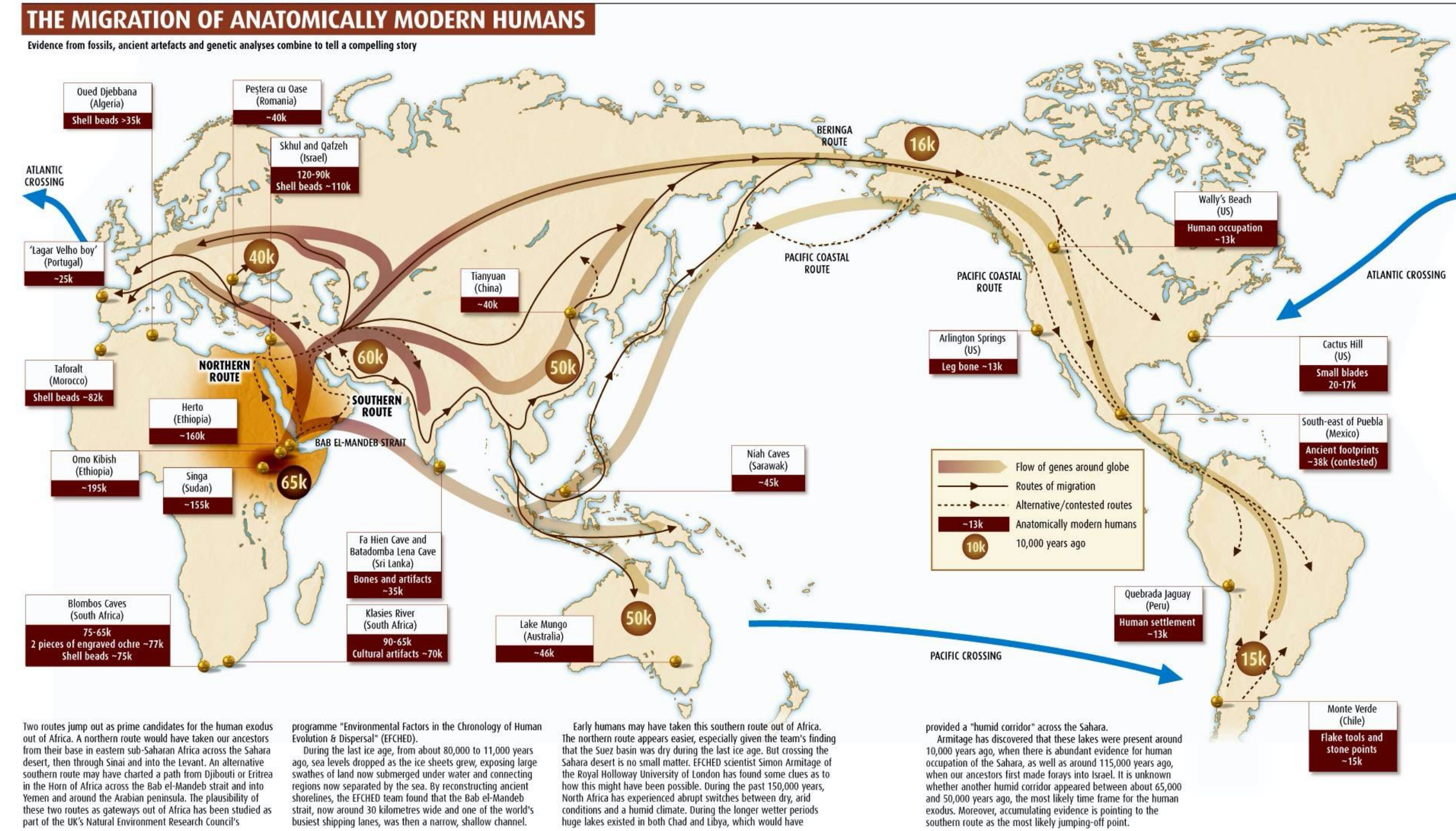


- Denisovian admixture



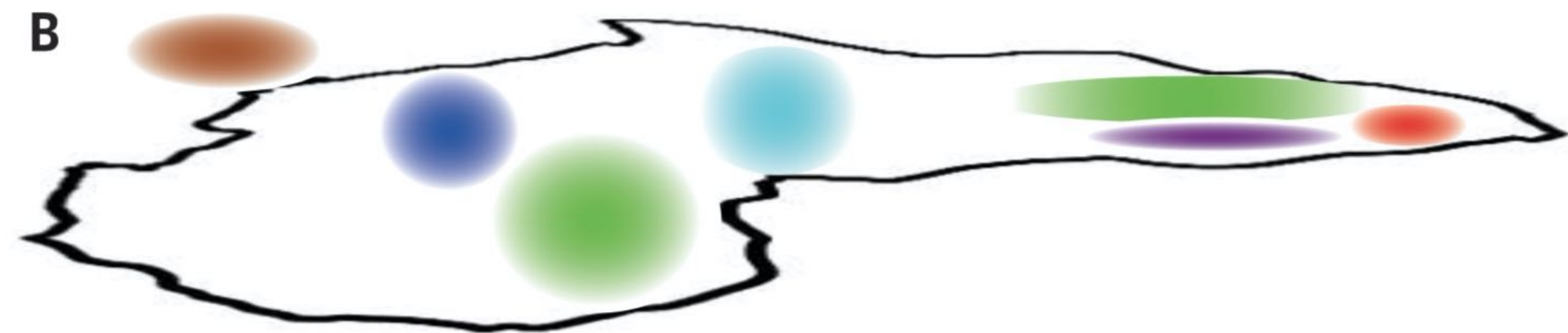
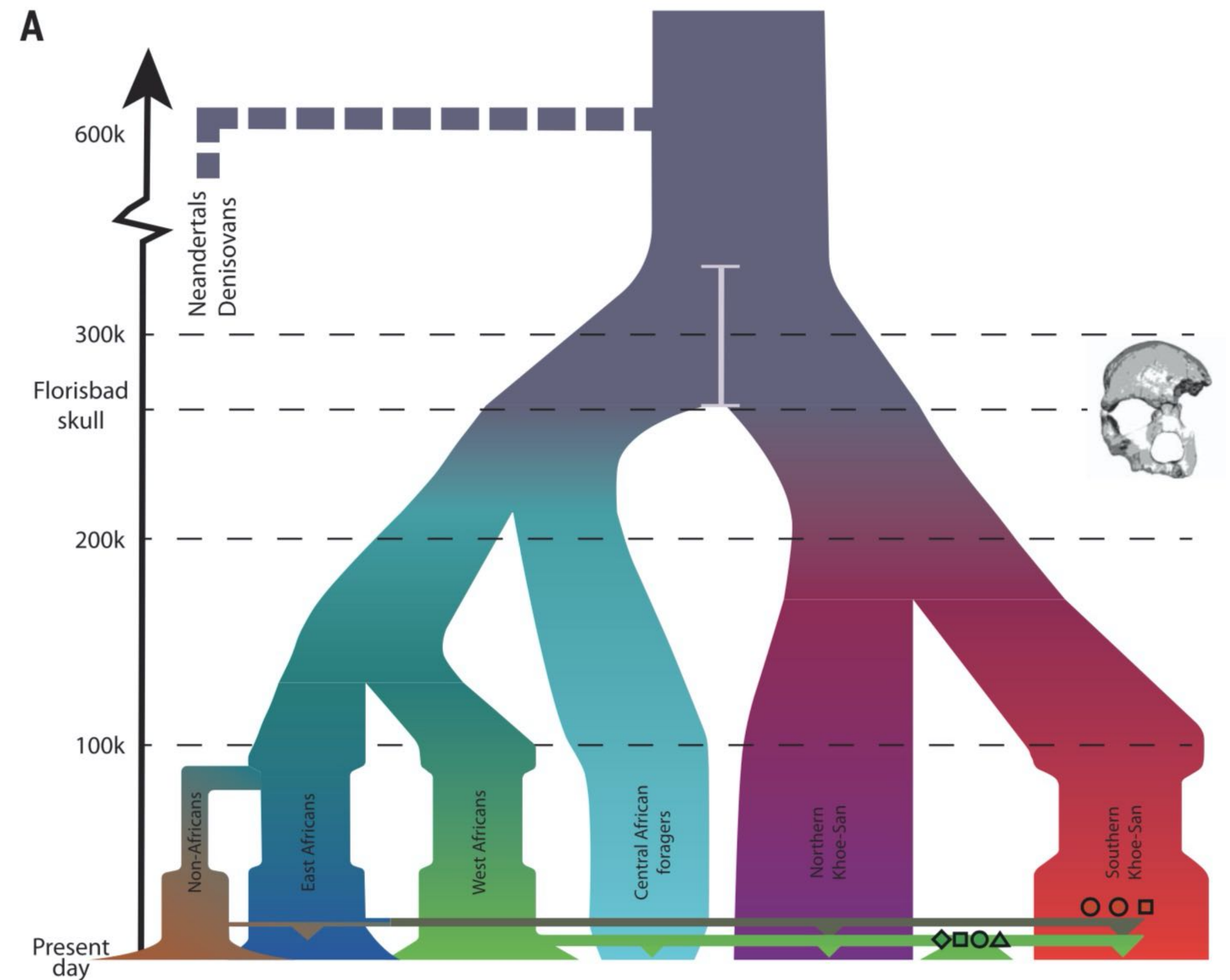
How many human migrations

- *H. sapiens* remains ~80-100 kYA found in China - before the migrations
- The first wave ~120 kYA - to Australia and Oceania
- The second wave ~ 80 kYA - Eurasia
- But the modern genomes indicate a single migration wave?



“Out of Africa”? Not really.

- Most earlier studies underestimated the diversity in Africa
- *H. sapiens* was widespread in Africa when anatomically modern humans evolved
- aDNA studies in Africa only beginning (2017-18)



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Split method	Human-Neandertal (Nean-BBayA)	Human-Neandertal (Nean-San)	Human-Neandertal (Nean-Dinka)	Deep Human (Dinka-BBayA)	Deep Human (Dinka-San)	Deep Human (Mandenka-BBayA)	Deep Human (Mandenka-San)	NKSP-SKSP (San-BBayA)	Out of AFR (Dinka-Sardinian)
G-PhoCS	545 ± 9	534 ± 8	535 ± 9	336 ± 7	282 ± 7	356 ± 7	298 ± 7	185 ± 6	115 ± 6
TT-method	660 ± 33	639 ± 26	632 ± 28	265 ± 5	255 ± 5	256 ± 6	261 ± 5	156 ± 5	76 ± 6

Southern African ancient genomes estimate modern human divergence to 350,000 to 260,000 years ago

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The diversity of modern humans is low

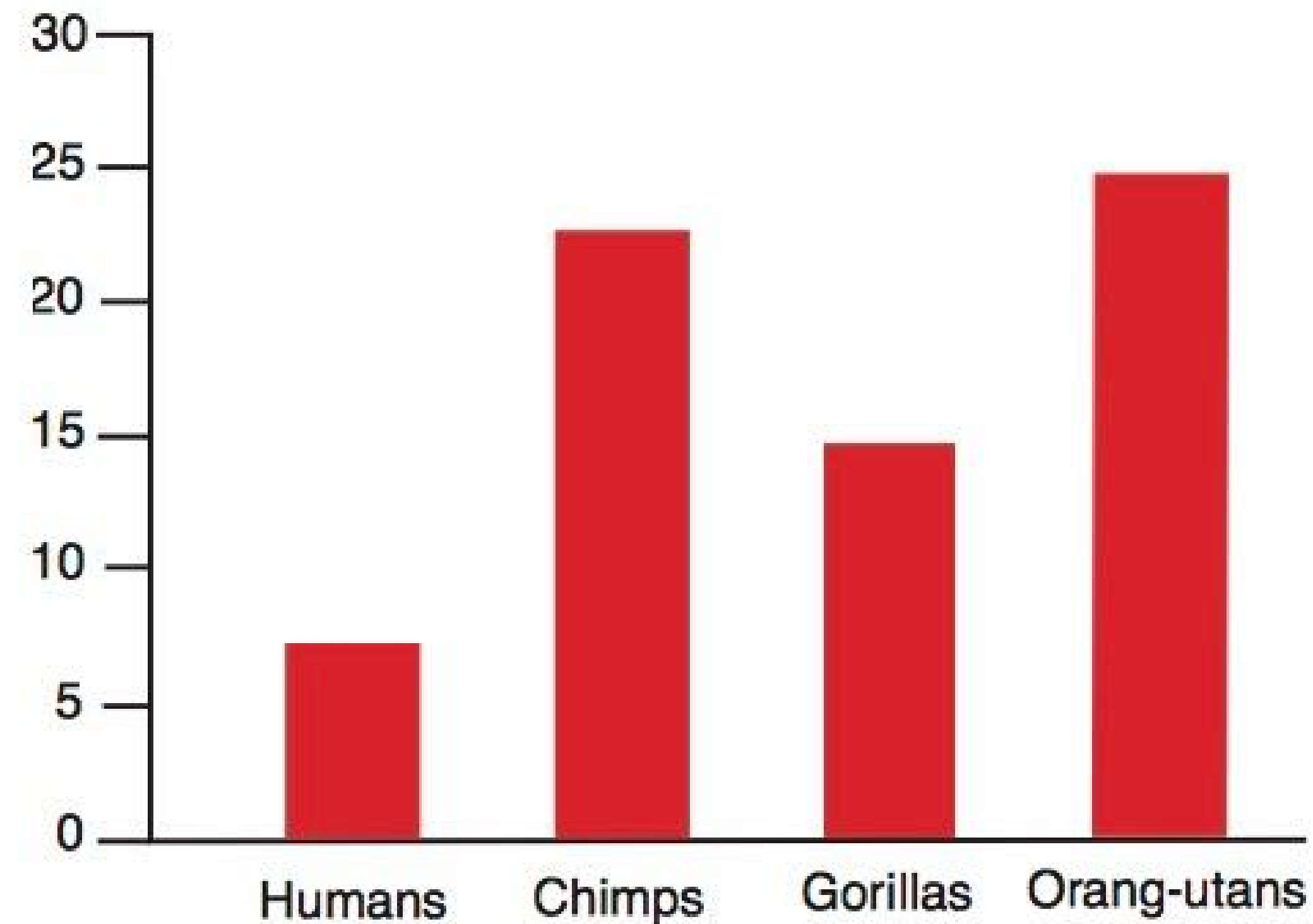
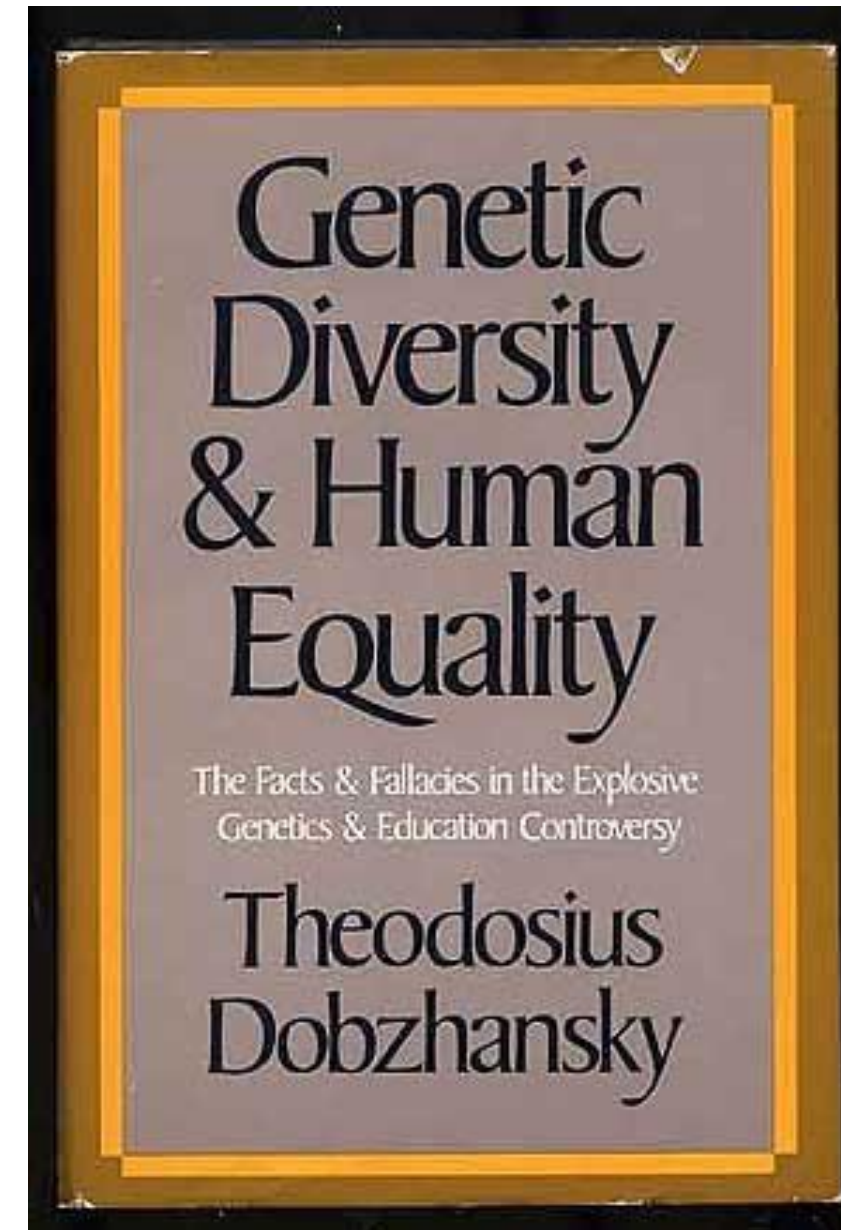


Fig. 11 DNA sequence diversity within humans and great apes. Values are based on the number of variable positions within each species taking the number of sequences determined into account (Watterson's diversity estimator, θ_w).

Diversity, equality, racism

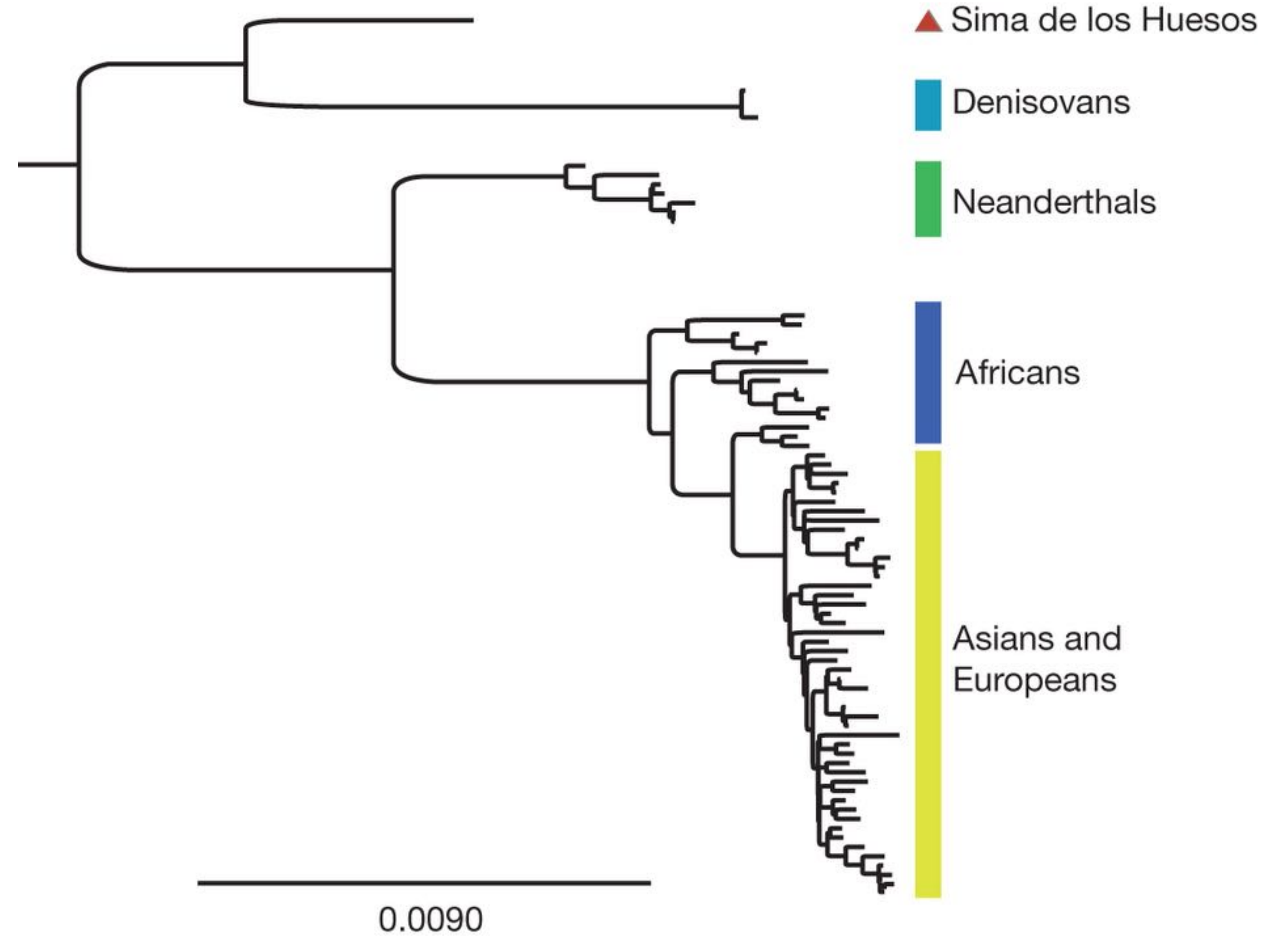
- Genetic diversity among humans is a fact (even though it is low)
- It does not correspond to traditional notion of continental races
 - it can show history of particular ethnic groups
 - most, if not all populations show traces of mixing and migration
- Equality is about embracing diversity, not negating its existence



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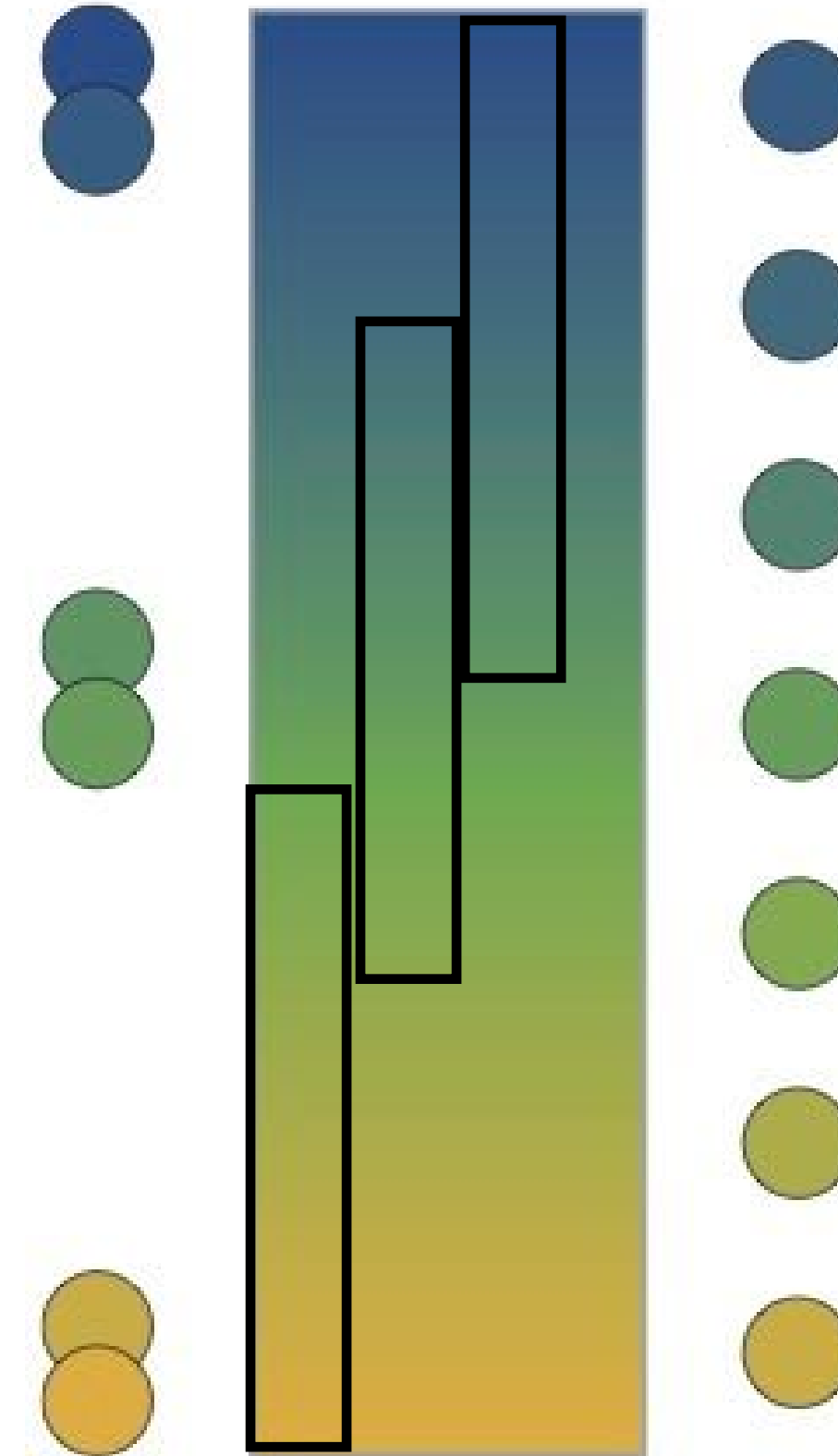
Taxonomy

- Taxonomically we are all African
- Greatest diversity within Africa
- Two Africans can differ more than one of them from a non-African



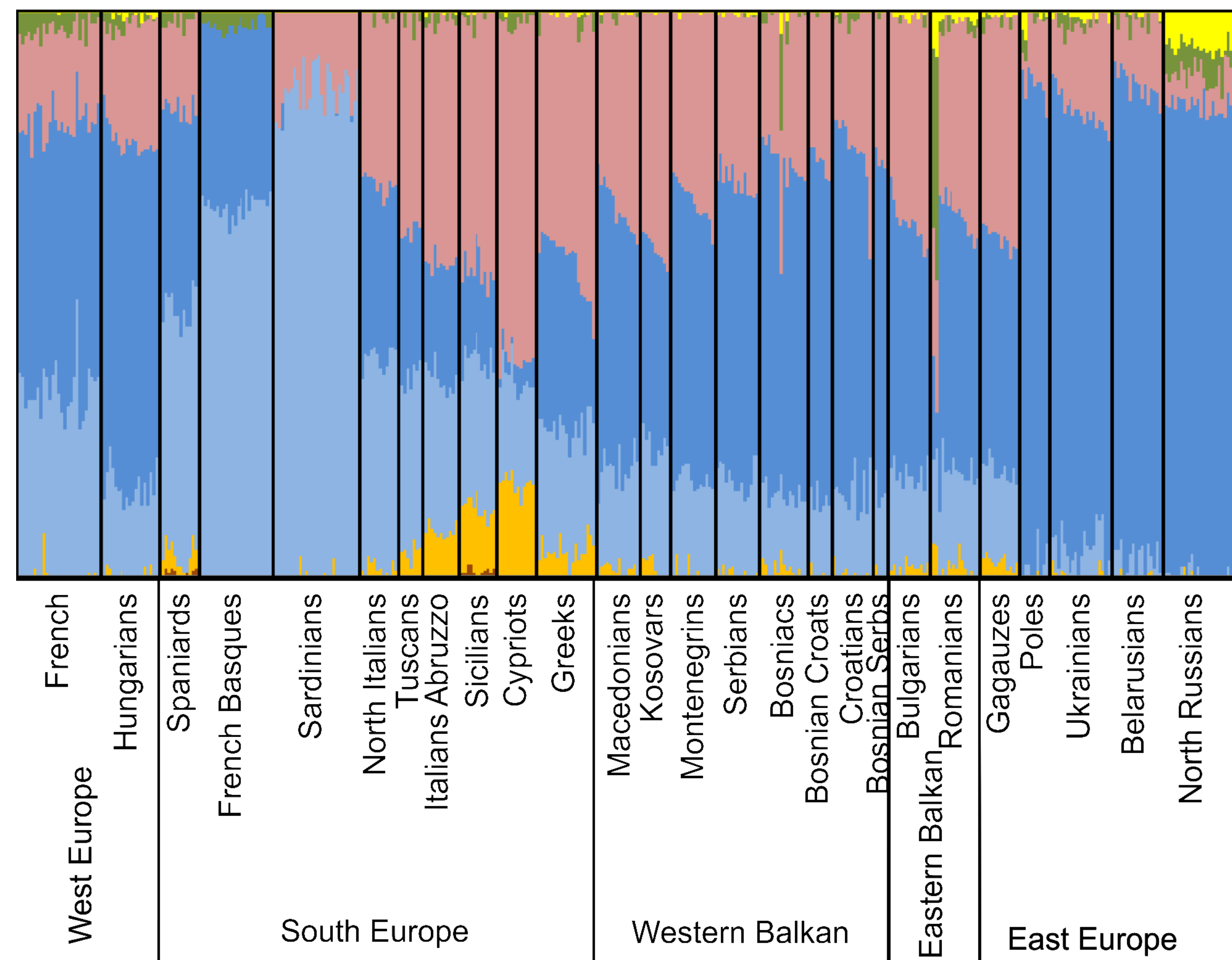
Diversity and “races”

- There are genetic markers that can distinguish ethnic groups
 - they form gradients, not distinct clusters
 - they do not correspond to traditional races
 - different genes and analyses tell different stories
- Division of this continuous diversity into separate groups is a cultural phenomenon
 - two individuals from the same group can be more different, than two individuals from different groups



Pure identity?

- Closely related groups are indistinguishable
- But that's where the conflict often occurs



Standing at the Gateway to Europe - The Genetic Structure of Western Balkan Populations Based on Autosomal and Haploid Markers

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