### DNA & the Vikings



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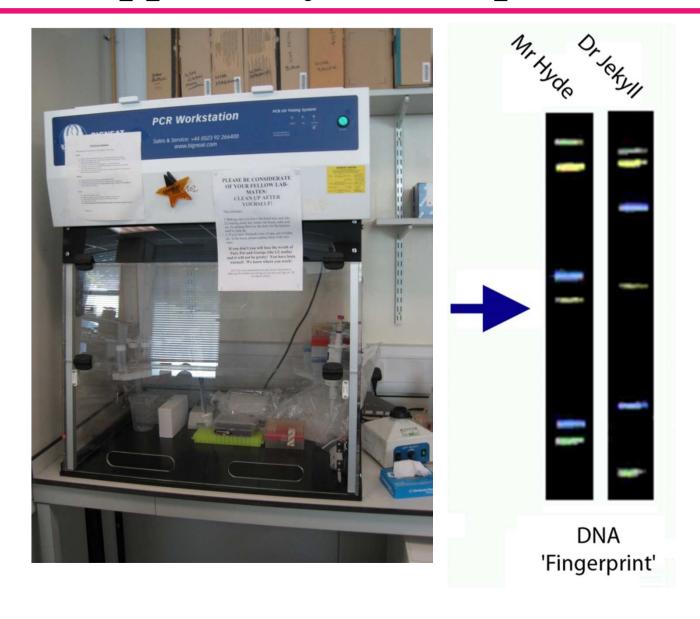
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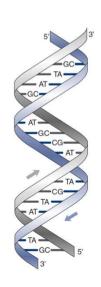
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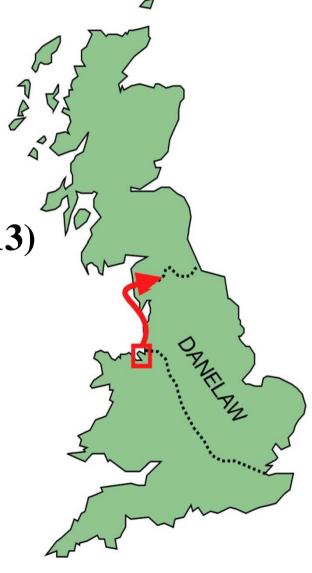


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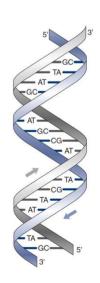


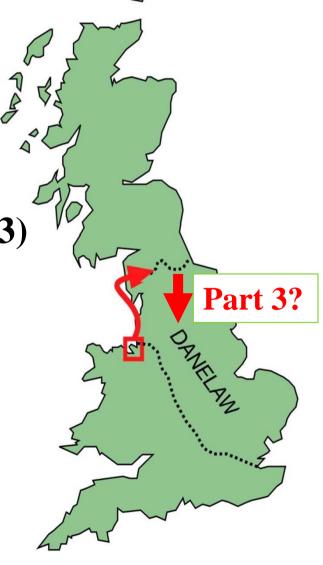


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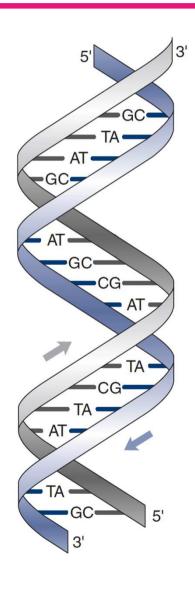
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### **DNA** – Message from our Ancestors



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### **Dupuytren's contracture**



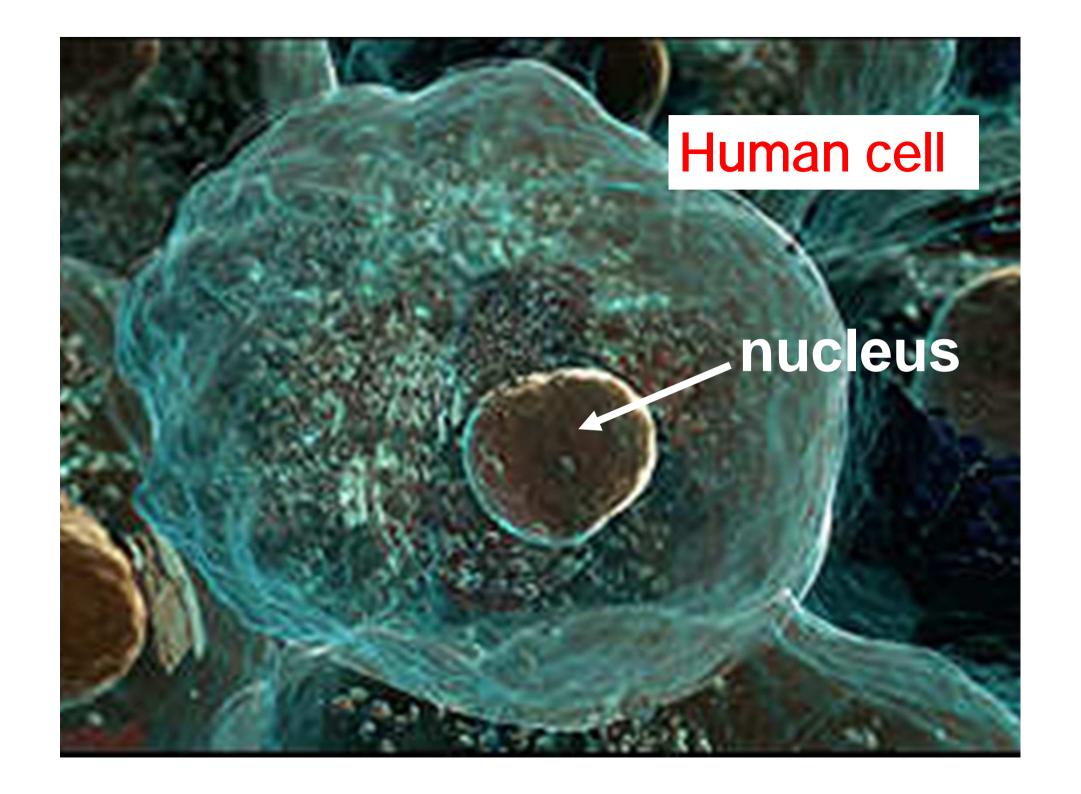
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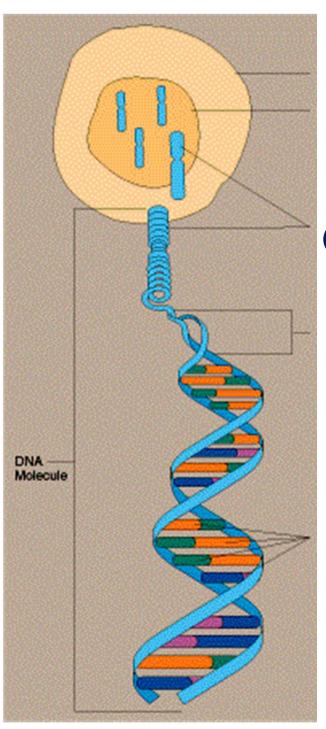


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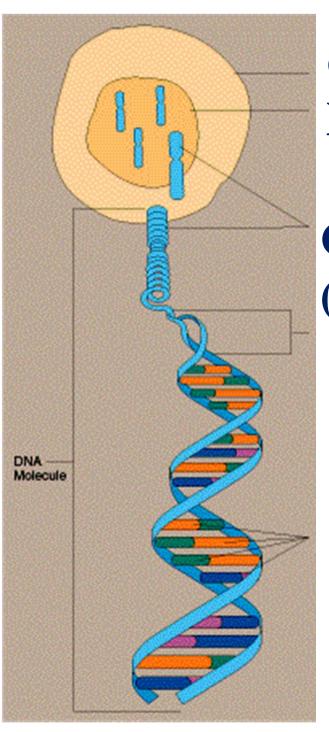




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### **Chromosomes**

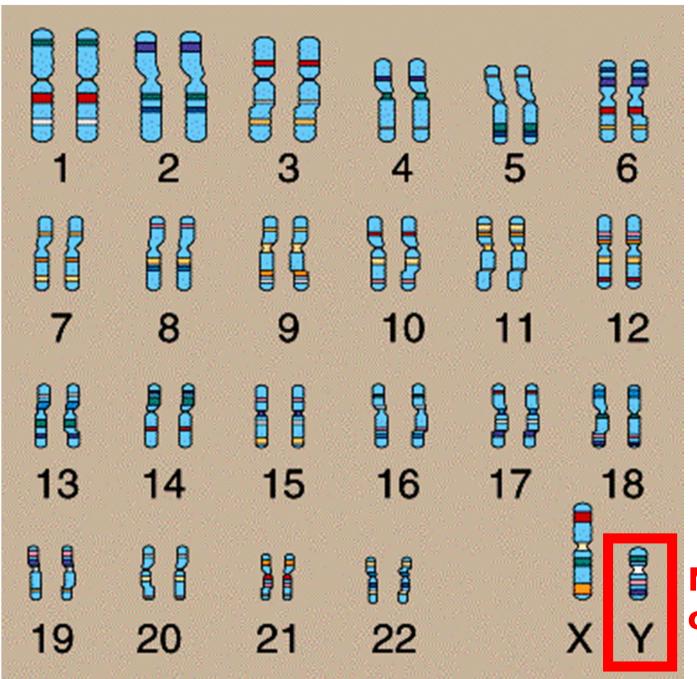
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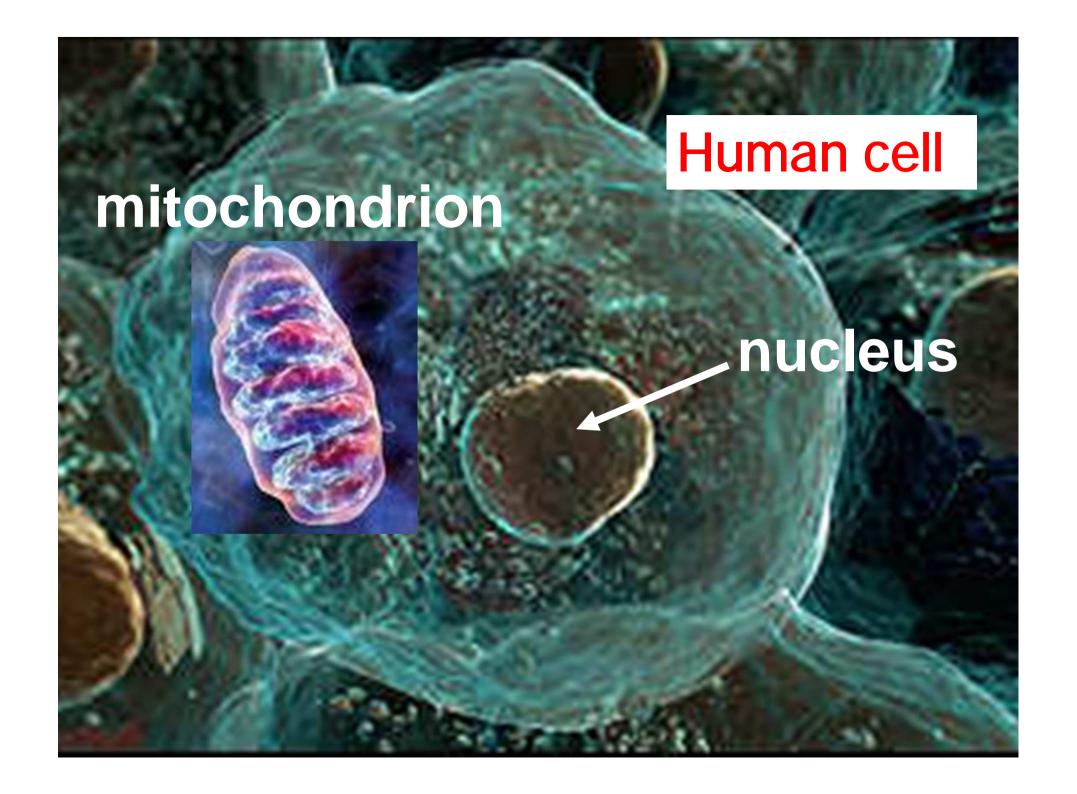
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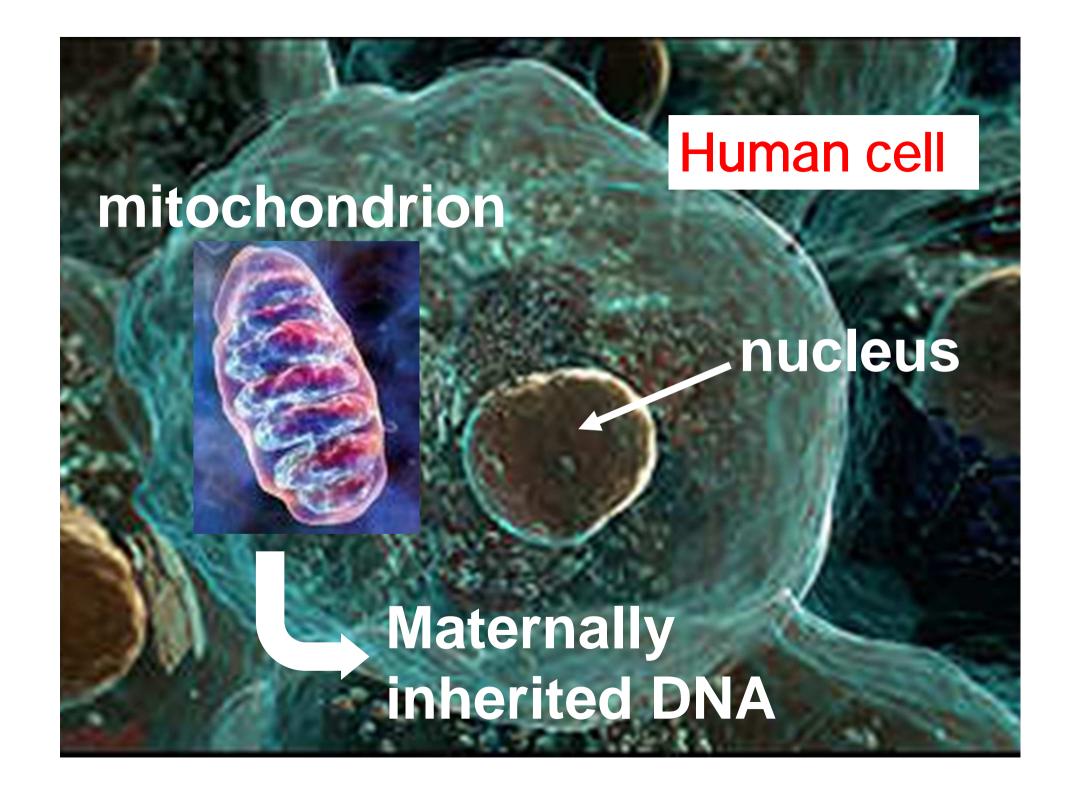
Chromosomes (23 pairs in humans)

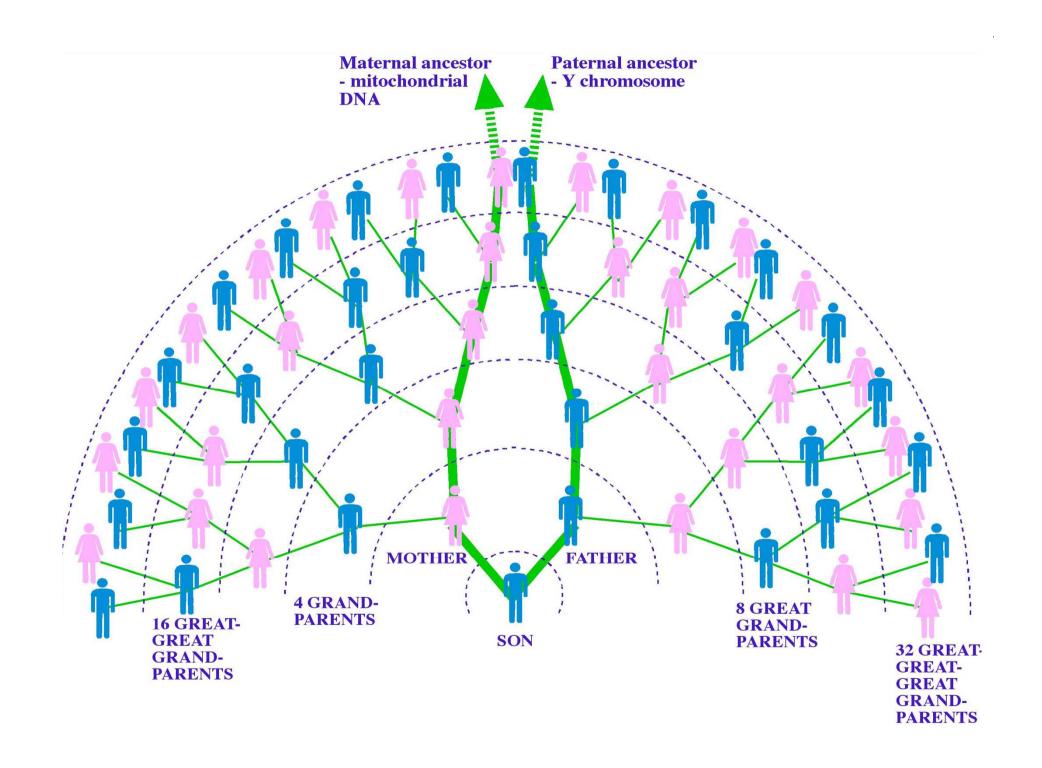
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Male Ychromosome













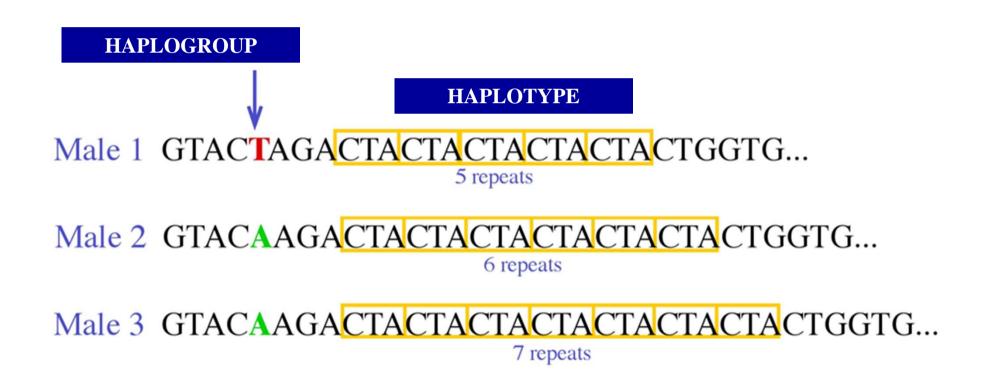
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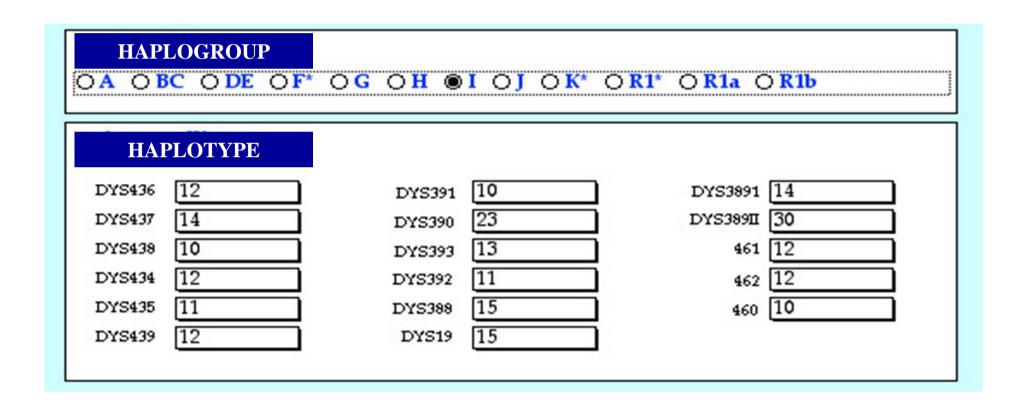
Male 2 GTACAAGACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTGGTG...

Male 3 GTACAAGACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTGGTG...
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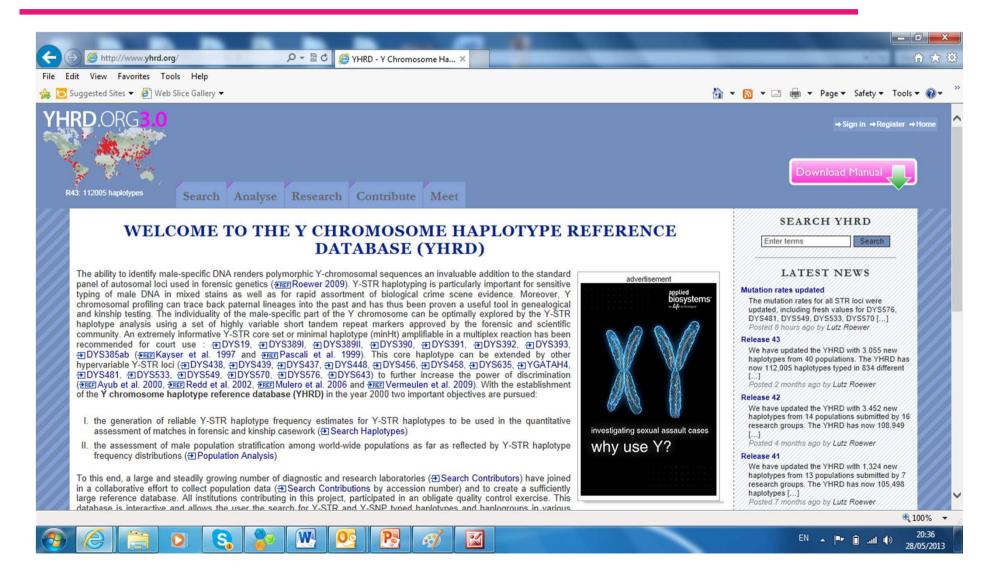
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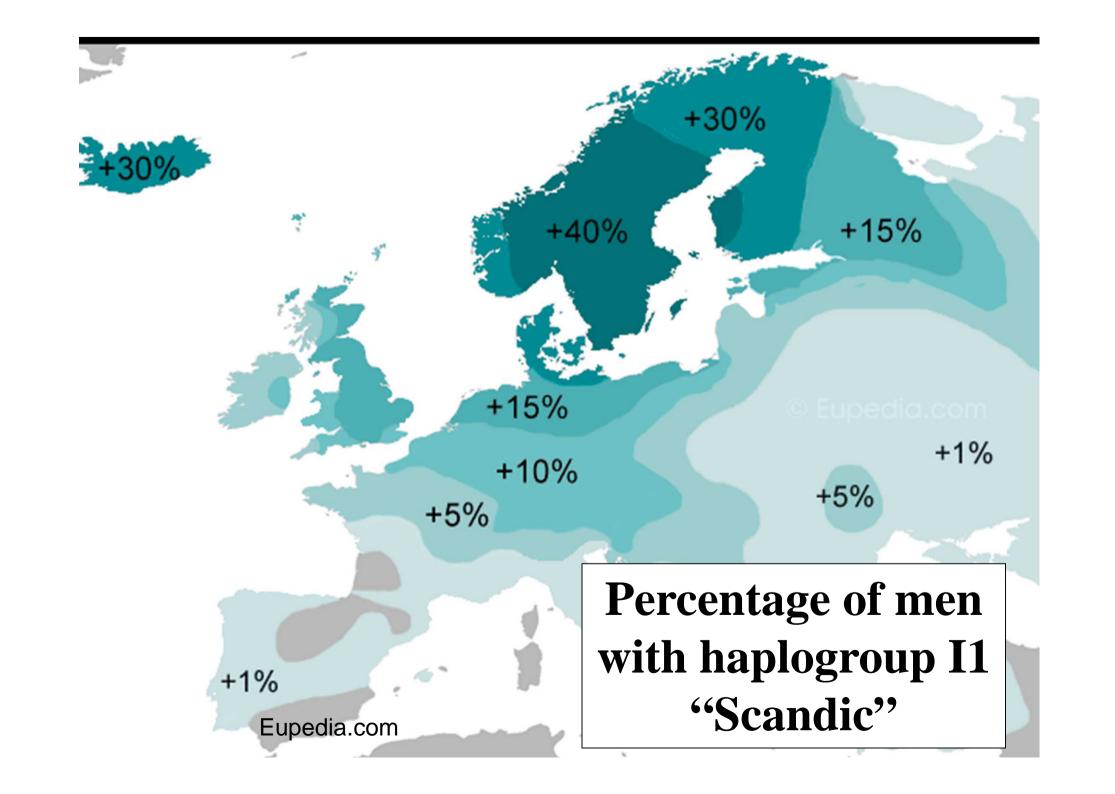


#### Results from a man's Y-chromosome test



### Haplotype (& haplogroup) database

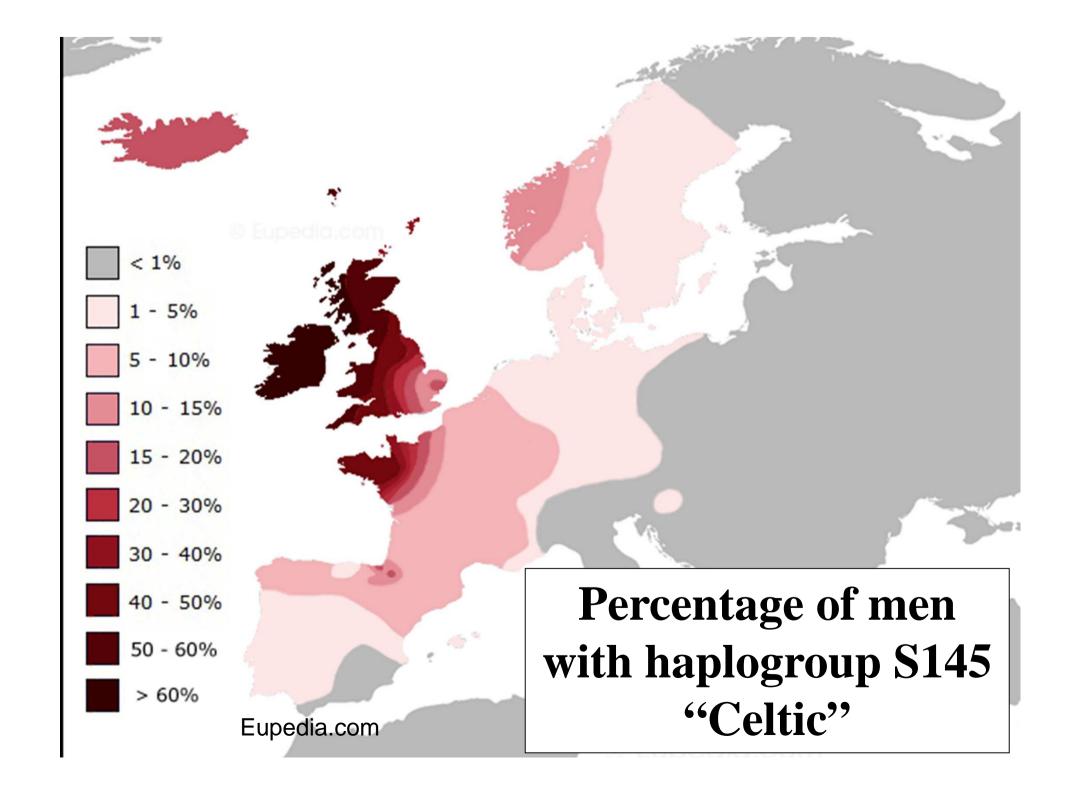


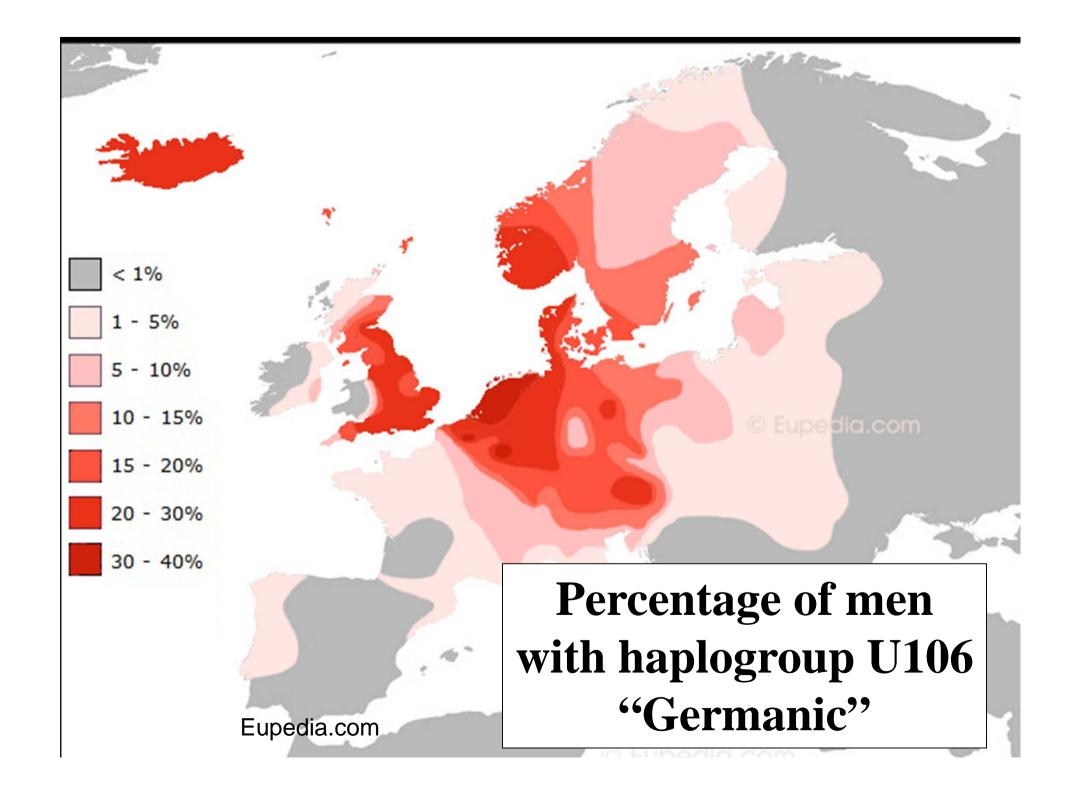


### Percentage of men with haplogroup L11\*

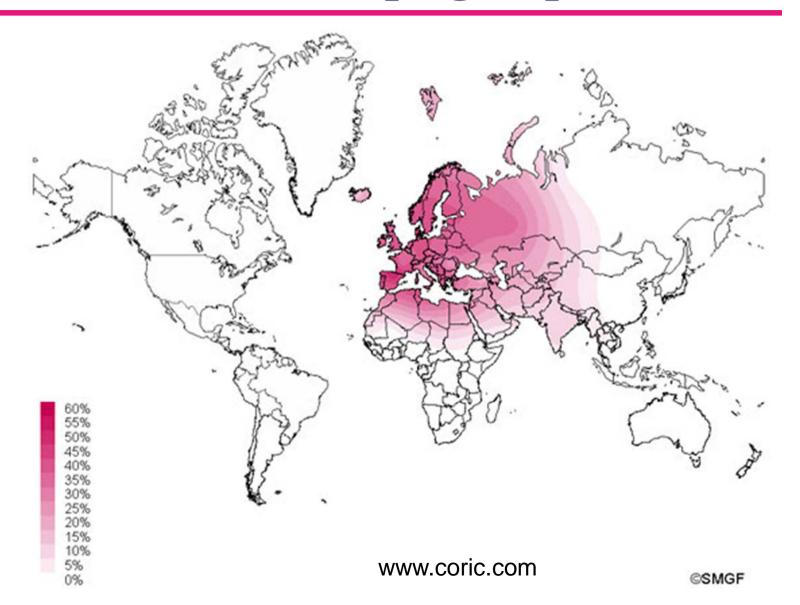


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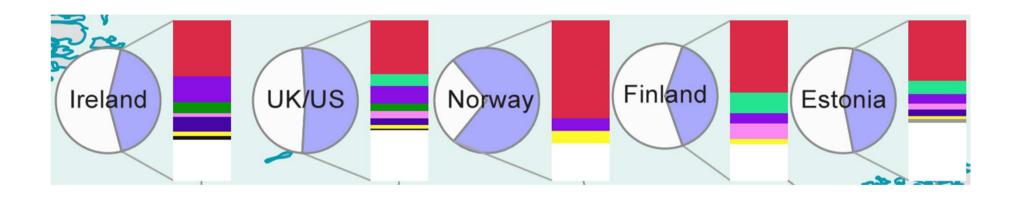




### Percentage of people with Mitochondrial haplogroup H



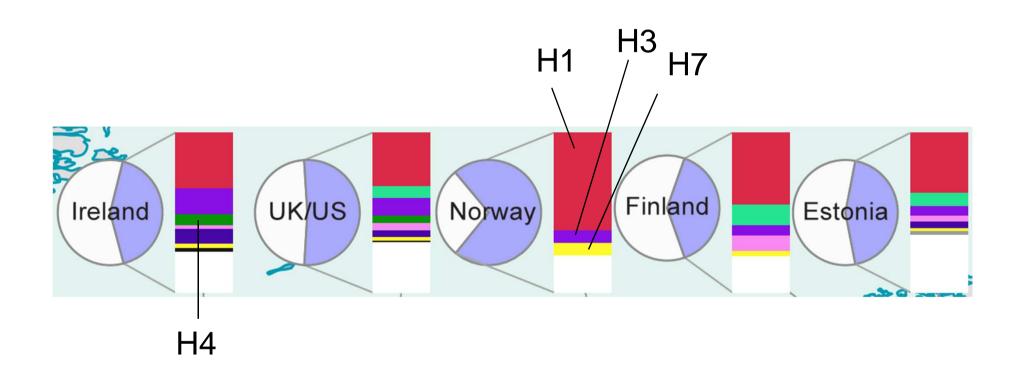
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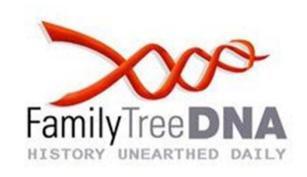
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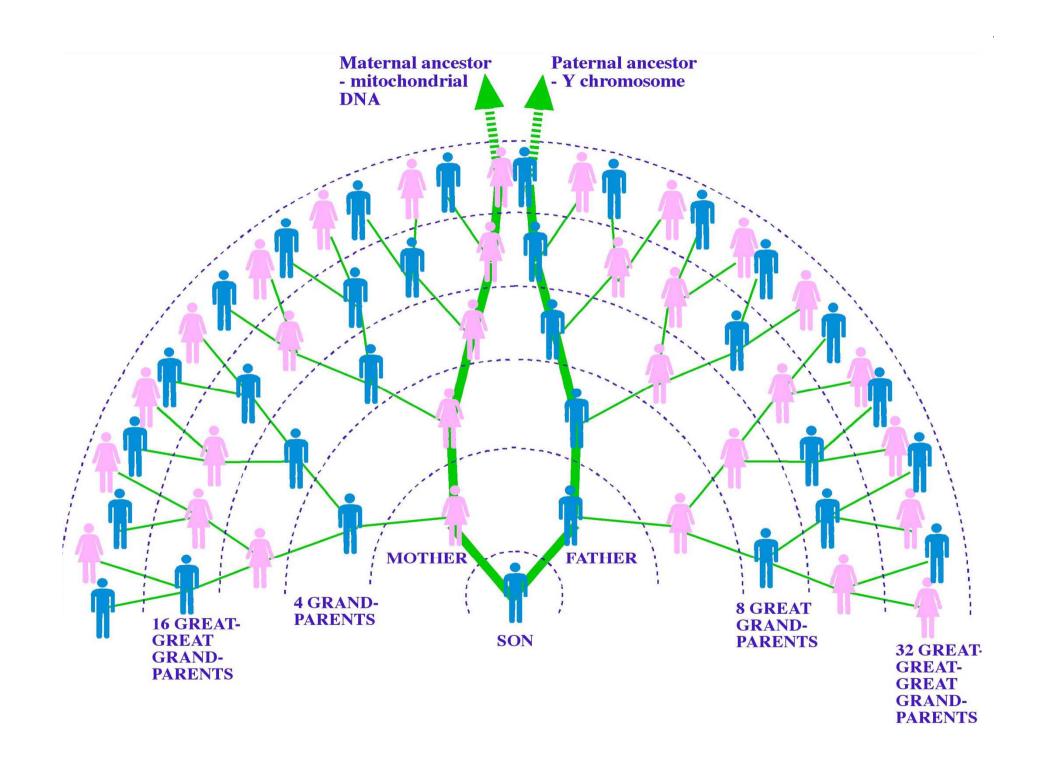
#### **Commercial DNA testers**





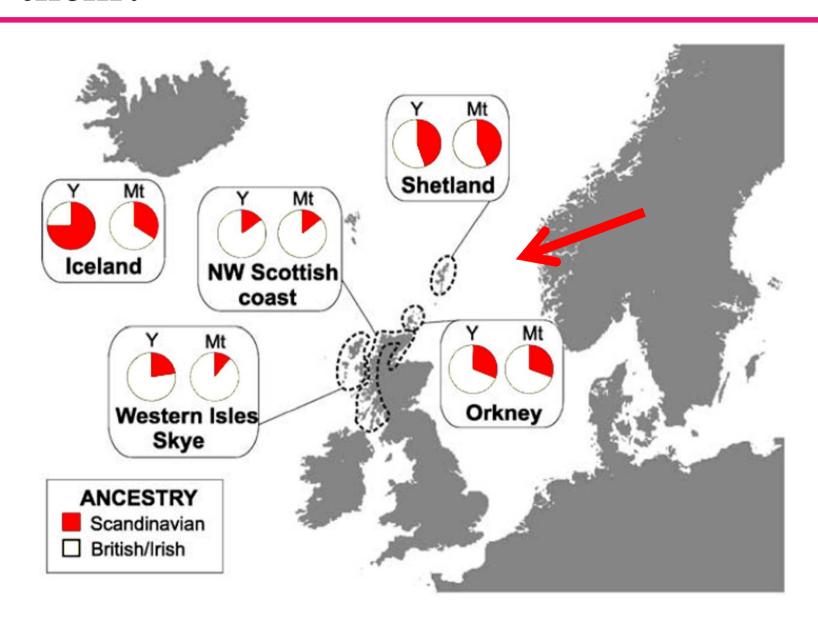




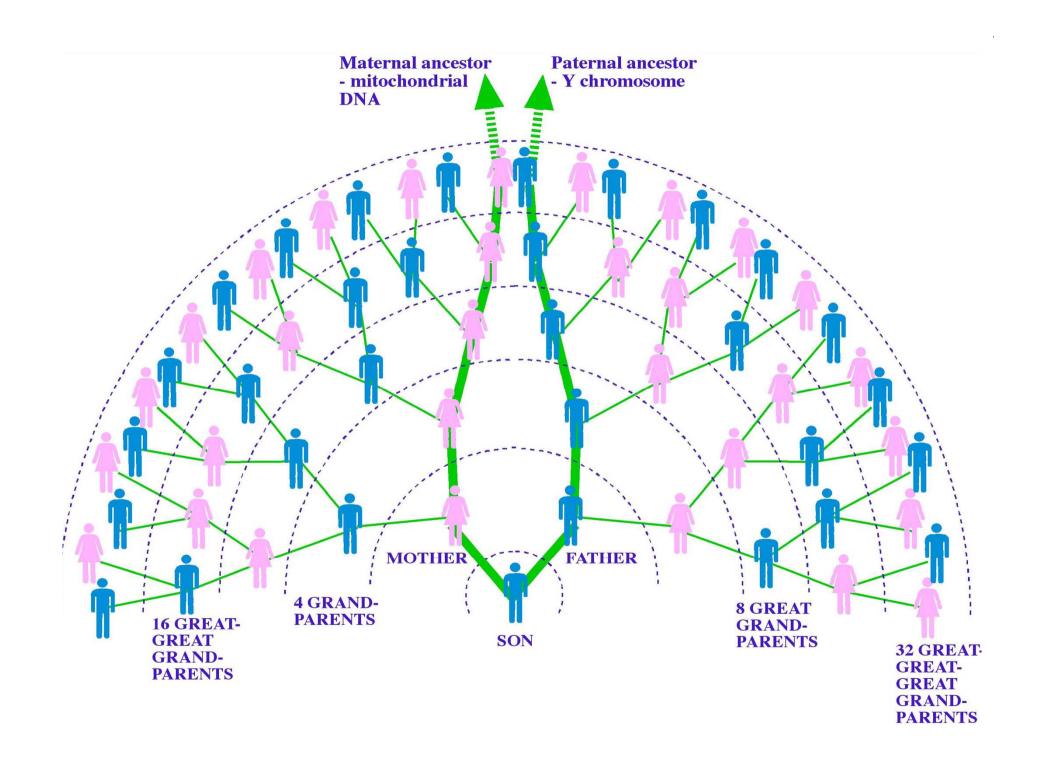


- As an individual test gives an idea of one (or two) lines of ancestry
- Much more powerful for telling us about <u>population</u> ancestry

# Did the Vikings take their families with them?



Goodacre, Helgason et al, 2005



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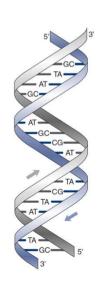


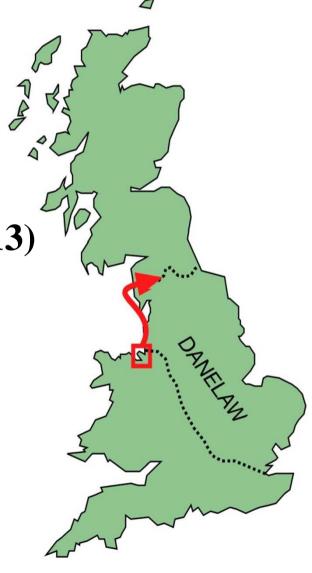


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#### Old Wirral surnames present in area before 1600

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#### Research Paper in Molecular Biology & Evolution, 2008

## Excavating Past Population Structures by Surname-Based Sampling: The Genetic Legacy of the Vikings in Northwest England

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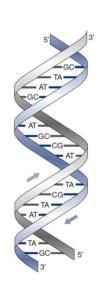
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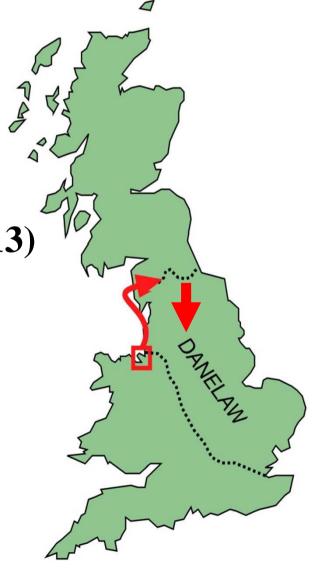
# → Up to 50% of the DNA in old Wirral & West Lancashire families is Norse

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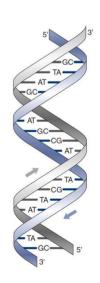


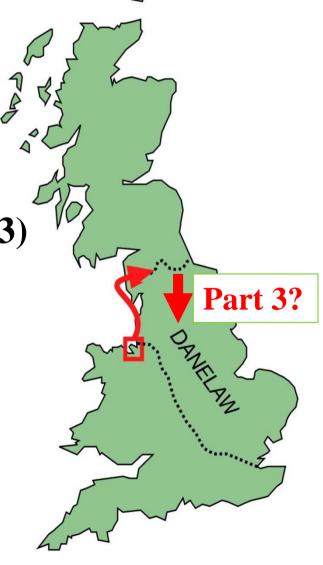


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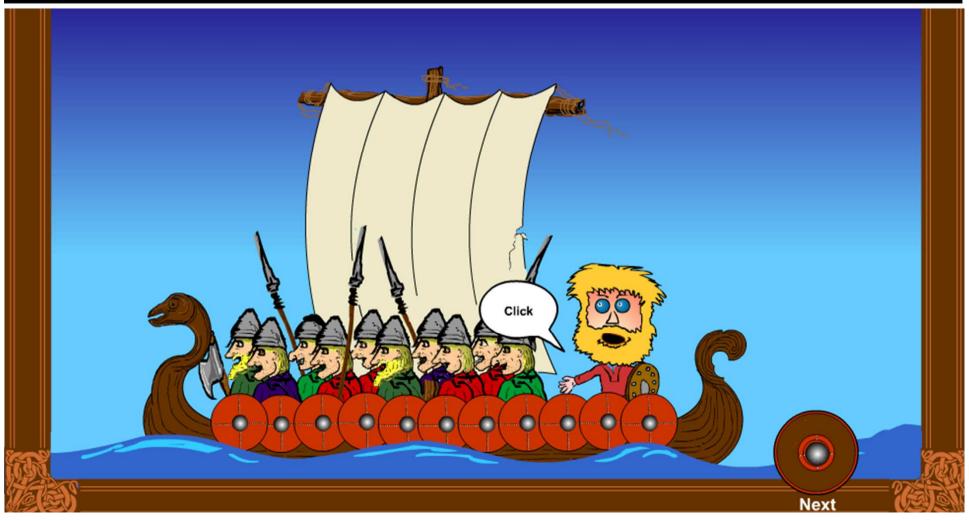
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