



Out of Africa, into Siberia

After modern humans split from Neanderthals and other now-extinct human cousins, did we ever look back? A new study from Siepel lab and collaborators is making waves around the world because it suggests we did more than look. It reveals that early modern humans & Neanderthals mated 100,000 years ago.

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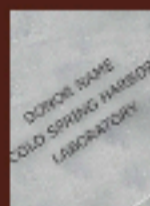
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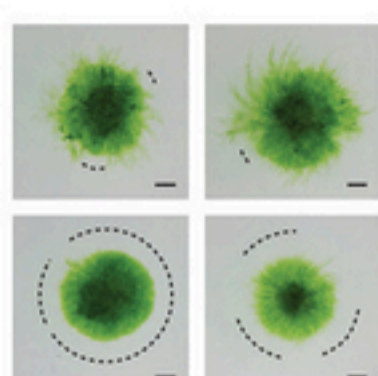
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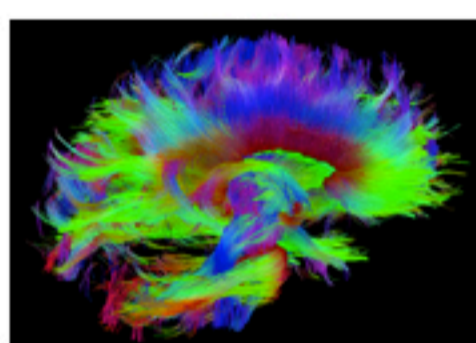
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In the poker game of plant development--in which 'playing' a hand means allowing versatile stem cells to specialize--moss plays tight. Dealt a certain number of stem cells, moss will play only the few that are most likely to help it win, according to work from Timmermans lab. [More](#)



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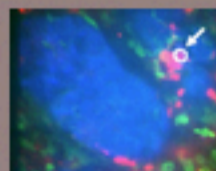
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