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Lithic provisioning and circulation







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Connection between sites and raw material sources in western France





Connection between sites and raw material sources in Central Europe



Distribution of raw material transfers in the Aquitaine basin during the Middle Palaeolithic



Distribution of raw material transfers in the central Europe during the Middle Palaeolithic



Distribution of raw material transfers during the early Middle Palaeolithic and the Late Middle Palaeolithic



Neanderthal technocomplexes

MIDDLE PALAEOLITHIC: Mousterian (300.000-40.000 B.P) Curated techniques of stone flaking



Levallois Method





Scraper



Variability of flaking methods



SAN BERNARDINO .' Difference in the degree of exploitation of flint:

San Bernardino : «long term» and differentiated frequentations → intense exploitation
Monte Versa : "short term" and specialised frequentations
→ middle exploitation

Source: Porraz & Peresani, 2005

Use, reuse and discard of scrapers





Rate of retouched tools and magnitude of retouch: -San Bernardino cave: «long term» and differentiated frequentations, *in situ* production -Broion : short term" and specialised frequentations, importation of artifacts



Quina Mousterian industries



Middle Palaeolithic blade industries



Figure 2. Lames d'Etouville (Normandie) ; dessins M. Reduron-Ballinger



Mousterian Points from the Near East



The Mousterian technocomplexes

LEVALLOIS FACIES NON LEVALLOIS La Ferrassie C e D Le Moustier B e J	IL >20 FACIES LEVALLOISIANA IL ty > 30 Oissel Houppeville	NON LEVALLO TALLONI A FACCETTE IF>45; IFs>30 Pech de l'Aze II b - 4C	DIS IL<20 TALLONI LISCI IF<45; IF ₅ <30 La Quina Combe Grenal B,C La Chapelle a. S.
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Le Moustier B e J	Oissel	Pech de l'Azé	Combe Grenal B,C La Chapelle a. S.
Le Moustier BeJ	Oissel	Pech de l'Azé	La Chapelle a. S.
Le Moustier B e J	Oissel Houppeville	Pech de l'Azé	
	Troupporting		
	(= Levalloisiano VII di Breuil)		
Le Moustier G	Bihorel	Pech de l'Aze	
Gare de Couze			
Combe - Capelle Fontmaure 1	(= Levalloisiano V di Breuil)	La Chaise 3 e 4	
Belcayre ?	Goderville	Pech de l'Azé I sup.	
Belcayre ?	Evreux II	Pech de l'Azé a 4 Combe GrenalD	
	e Moustier G aare de Couze combe - Capelle contmaure 1 Belcayre ?	Houppeville (= Levalloisiano VII di Breuil) e Moustier G Bihorel iare de Couze combe - Capelle (= Levalloisiano V di Breuil) Belcayre ? Goderville Belcayre ? Evreux II	Houppeville (= Levalloisiano VII di Breuil) e Moustier G Bihorel Pech de l'Azé iare de Couze combe - Capelle (= Levalloisiano V di Breuil) Belcayre ? Goderville Pech de l'Azé I sup. Belcayre ? Evreux II Pech de l'Azé a 4 Combe Grenal D

From Keilmesser to Handaxes: Macro-Regional Variability among Western European Late Middle Palaeolithic Bifacial Tools.



Archaeological evidence for two separate dispersals of Neanderthals into southern Siberia

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Chagyrskaya Cave





Use of Callista chione shells as tools













Use of Callista chione shells as tools



Neanderthal dietary habits

Traditional view on Neandertal's diet

C Oxford Archaeology



Methodological limitations

Faunal remains do not represent the bulk diet

Stable isotope analysis is limited to bone preservation (most specimens analyzed are from northern and central European sites)

Large changes in protein sources may be indicated by only small changes in the isotopic ratio

Carbon and nitrogen stable isotopes: "You are what you eat"



Isotopic paleoecology in the Late Pleistocene



Indirect evidence of plant consumption: remains

Journal of Archaeological Science (2002) 29, 703–719

The Exploitation of Plant Resources by Neanderthals in Amud Cave (Israel): The Evidence from Phytolith Studies

Marco Madella, Martin K. Jones, Paul Goldberg, Yuval Goren, Erella Hovers

Journal of Archaeological Science (2000) 27, 931–947

Phytoliths in the Middle Palaeolithic Deposits of Kebara Cave, Mt Carmel, Israel: Study of the Plant Materials used for Fuel and Other Purposes

Rosa M. Albert* and Steve Weiner;

Journal of Archaeological Science 32 (2005) 475-484

Mousterian vegetal food in Kebara Cave, Mt. Carmel

Efraim Lev^{a,*}, Mordechai E. Kislev^b, Ofer Bar-Yosef^c

Indirect evidence of plant consumption: dental affections

Journal of Human Evolution (1995) 29, 189-192

Middle Palaeolithic dental caries : new evidence from Kebara (Mount Carmel, Israel)

Anne-marie Tillier, Baruch Arensburg, Yoel Rak, Bernard Vandermeersch

Journal of Archaeological Science (2002) 28, 555–557

A Carious Neandertal Molar from the Bau de l'Aubesier, Vaucluse, France

Serge Lebel, Erik Trinkaus

J Dent Res 90(4):428-432, 2011

New Evidence of Dental Pathology in 40,000-year-old Neandertals

M.J. Walker¹, J. Zapata¹, A.V. Lombardi², and E. Trinkaus³*

Wide eco-geographic range







New evidences on Neandertal's diet



Stone tool function (residues on lithics)



Dental calculus (phytoliths)











Residues on lithics and use-wear analyses

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Neanderthal Use of Fish, Mammals, Birds, Starchy Plants and Wood 125-250,000 Years Ago

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In addition to large terrestrial herbivores, Neandertals at Payre, Ardèche (France) also exploited starchy plants, birds, and fish.



Starchy plant processing tool

Fish processing tool

Microfossils in dental calculus

PNAS 486-491 | PNAS | January 11, 2011 | vol. 108 | no. 2 Microfossils in calculus demonstrate consumption of plants and cooked foods in Neanderthal diets (Shanidar III, Iraq; Spy I and II, Belgium)

Amanda G. Henry^{a,b,1}, Alison S. Brooks^a, and Dolores R. Piperno^{b,c,1}

Hordeum spp. starch grain from Shanidar tooth 4 under bright field and cross-polarized light.



Cooked *Hordeum spp.* starch from Shanidar tooth 5

Biomarkers in dental calculus

Naturwissenschaften (2012) 99:617-626

Neanderthal medics? Evidence for food, cooking, and medicinal plants entrapped in dental calculus

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Group of starch granules still embedded in dental calculus matrix (SD 1427b) Damaged starch granule (17 um diameter) viewed under polarized light (SD 1327i) Filamentous and cocci bacteria (sample SD 1427c)