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*Homo sapiens*

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## Definizione della specie *Homo sapiens* basata sui criteri morfologici (Definizione paleontologica della specie)



Day & Stringer (1982)

- Volta cranica corta ed elevata
- Ossa parietali nel piano sagittale lunghi e curvi
- Volta parietale nel piano coronale alta e larga
- Osso occipitale lungo e stretto, senza proiezione
- Osso frontale elevato
- Complesso sopra-orbitale non continuo
- Presenza di una fossa canina

Vandermeersch (1981, 2005)

- Forma arrotondata del cranio
- Capacità cranica elevata
- Diminuzione della robustezza (riduzione / scomparsa delle superstrutture)
- Volta cranica elevata, con le pareti laterali paralleli o divergenti (verso l'alto)
- Osso occipitale regolarmente arrotondato
- Faccia corta
- Tendenza ad una riduzione delle dimensione dentarie

## Definition of the species *Homo sapiens* based on morphological criteria (palaeontological definition of the species)

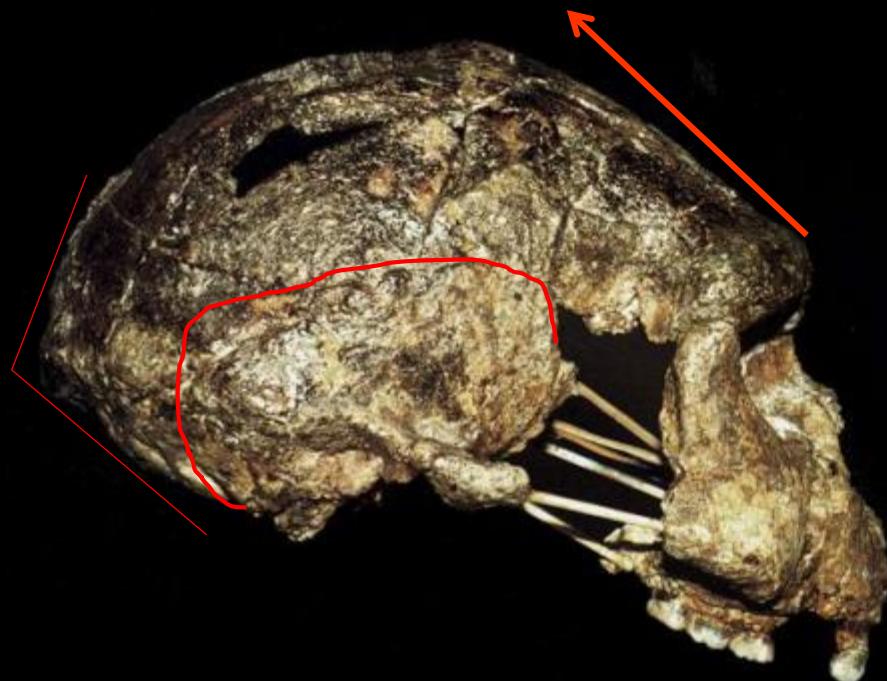


Day & Stringer (1982)

- Short and elevated cranial vault
- Long and curved parietal bones in the sagittal plan
- High and wide biparietal vault in the coronal plan
- Long and narrow occipital bone, without projection
- Elevated frontal bone
- Non-continuous supra-orbital complex
- Presence of a canine fossa

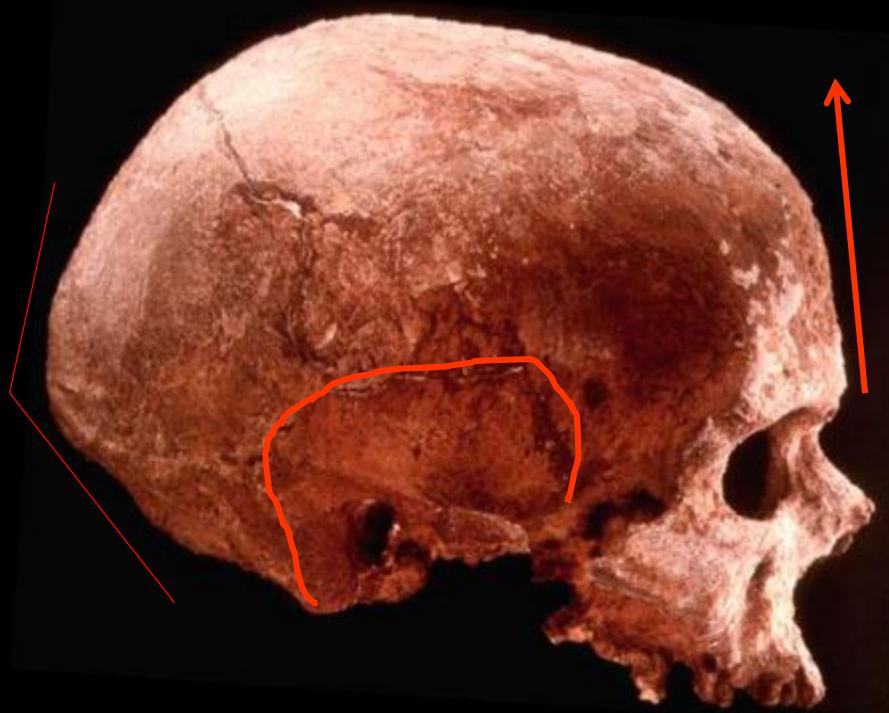
Vandermeersch (1981, 2005)

- rounded cranial shape
- large cranial capacity
- decreased robustness (reduction/disappearance of superstructures)
- elevated cranial vault, with parallel or divergent (upward) lateral walls
- regularly rounded occipital bone
- short face
- teeth-size reduction tendency

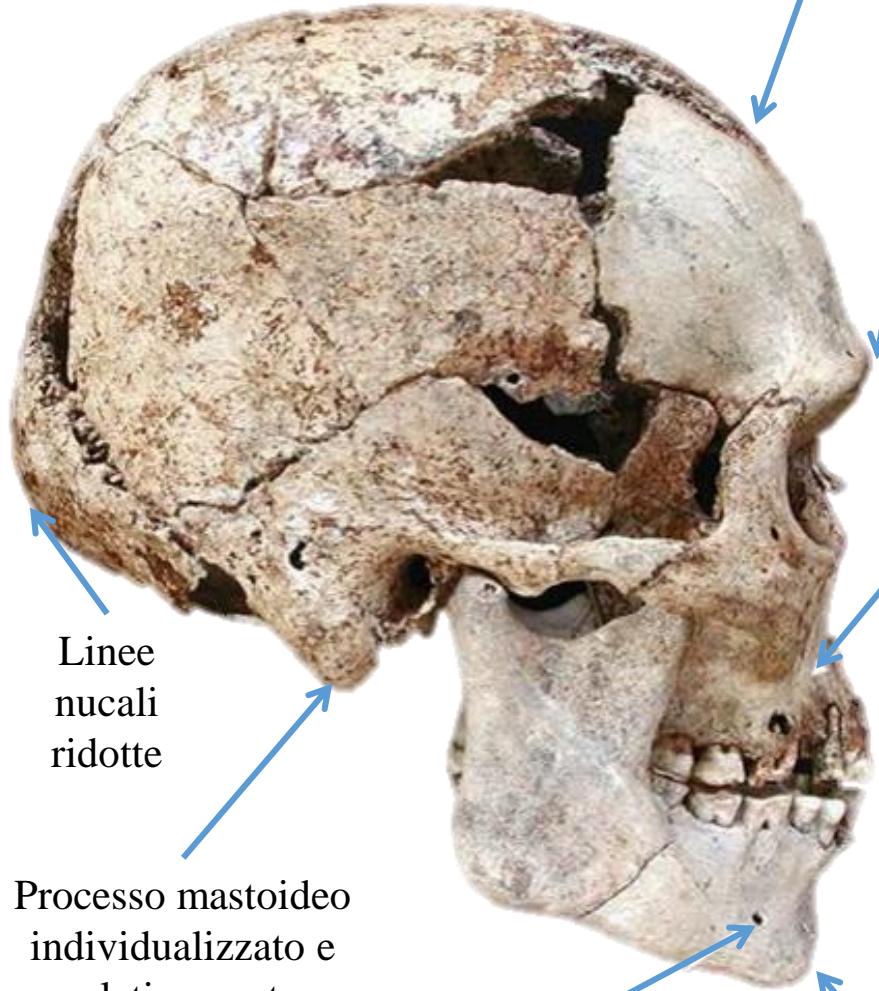


1. Short & rounded vault
2. Elevated frontal & convexity of the scala
3. Rounded ("open") occipital bone
4. Reduced face, placed under the braincase

1. Volta cranica corta e arrotondata
2. Frontale elevato & squama convessa
3. Occipitale arrotondato (« aperto »)
4. Faccia ridotta, situata sotto la scatola cranica



## Riduzione globale della robustezza



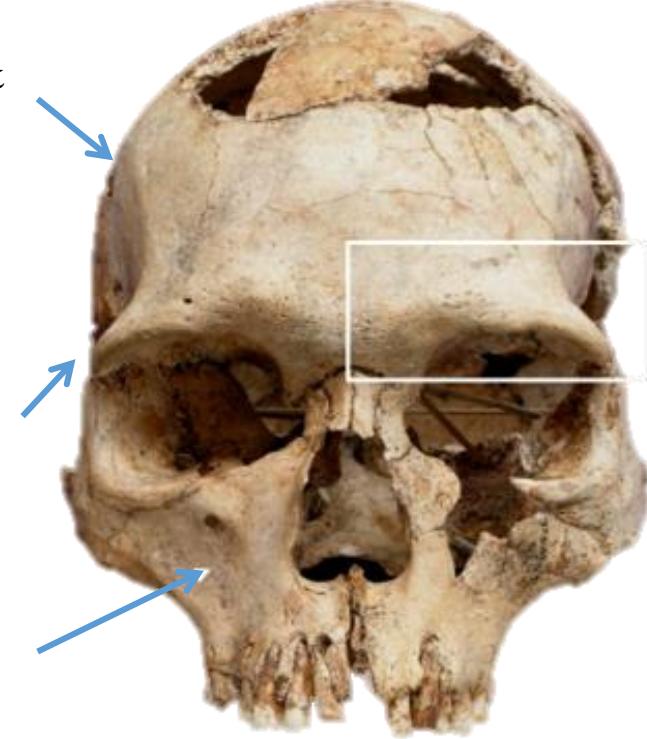
Frontale raddrizzato &  
squama curva

Rilievi sopra-  
orbitali ridotti  
(elementi separati)

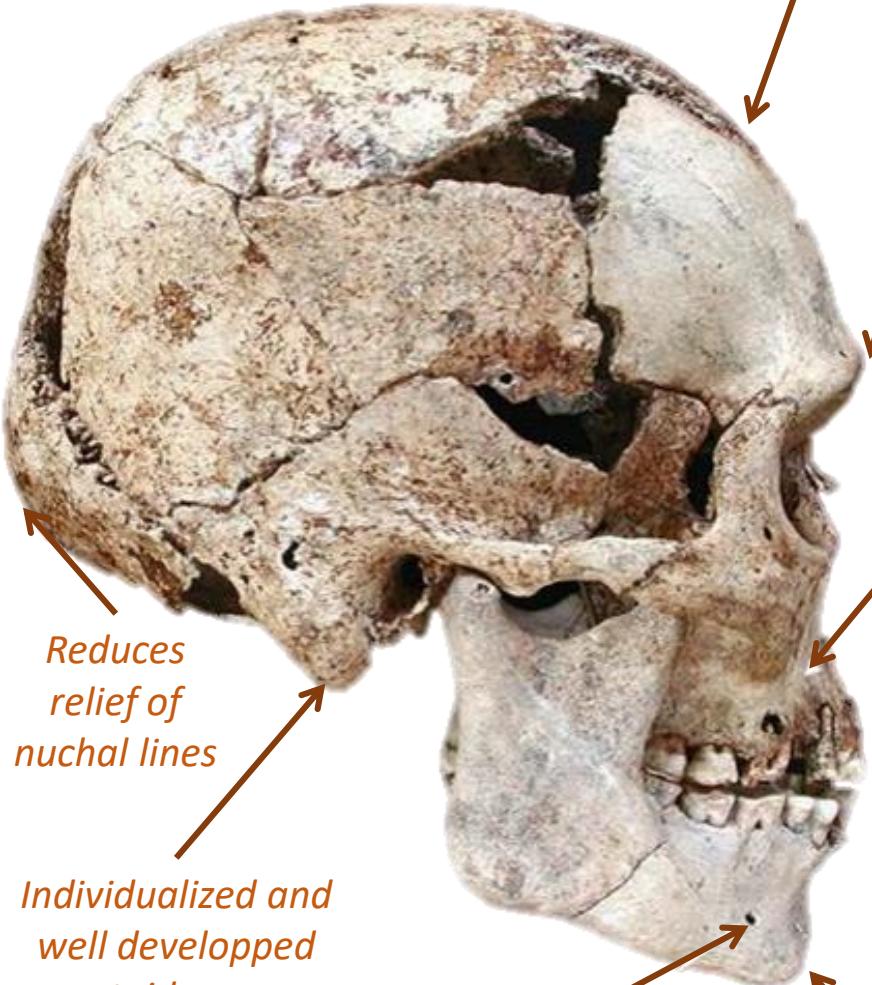
Fossa canina

Corona dentaria di  
dimensione ridotta  
(particolarmente nei  
denti anteriori)

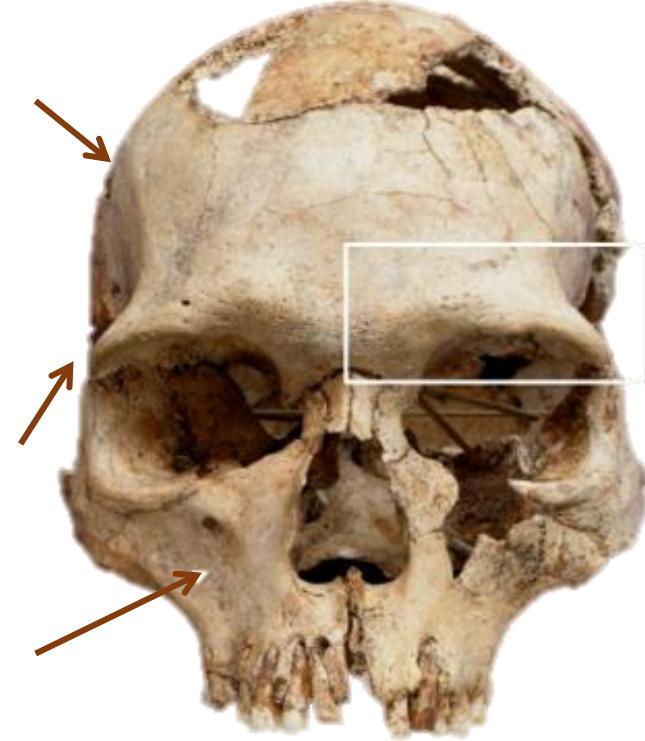
Mento marcato  
(trigono  
mentoniero)

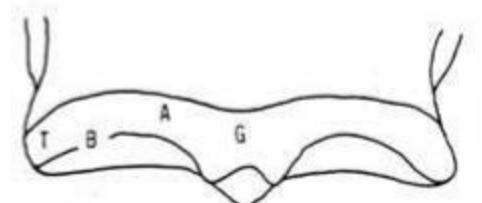
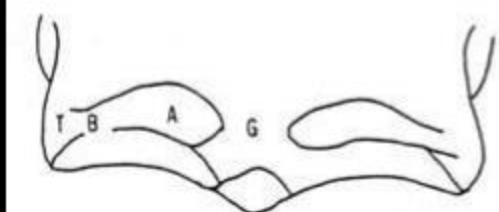
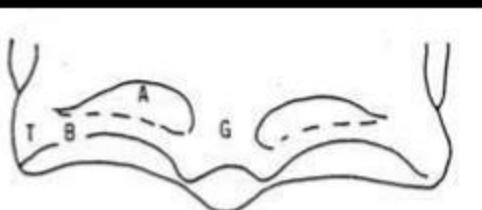
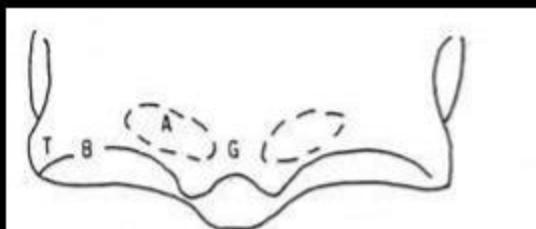
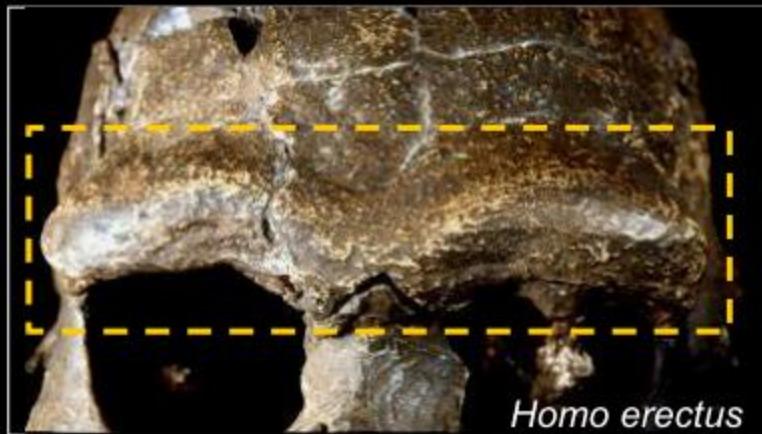
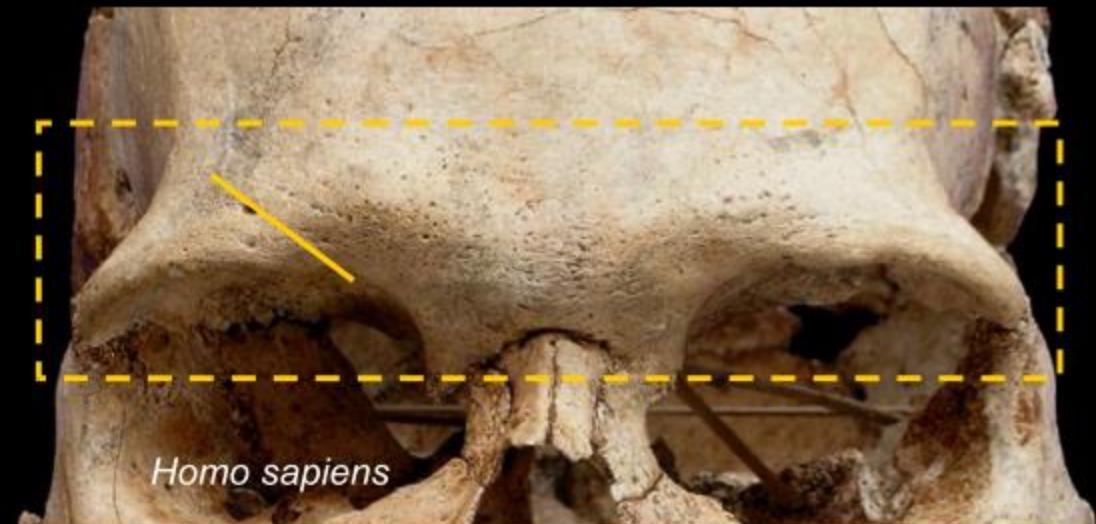


## Global decrease of robustness



Elevated and convex frontal bone  
Reduced supra-orbital relief (separated elements)  
Canine fossa  
Dental crowns reduced in size (particularly anterior teeth)  
Marked chin (mental trigone)

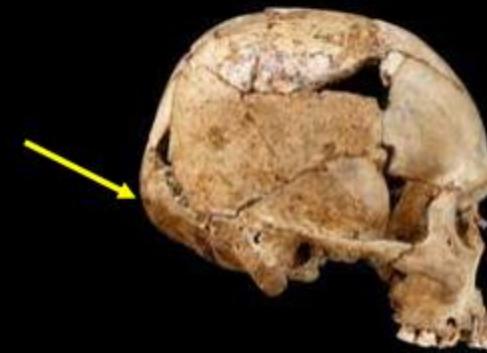
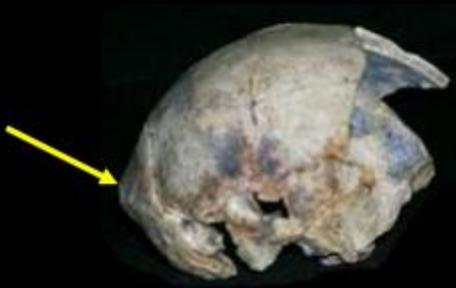
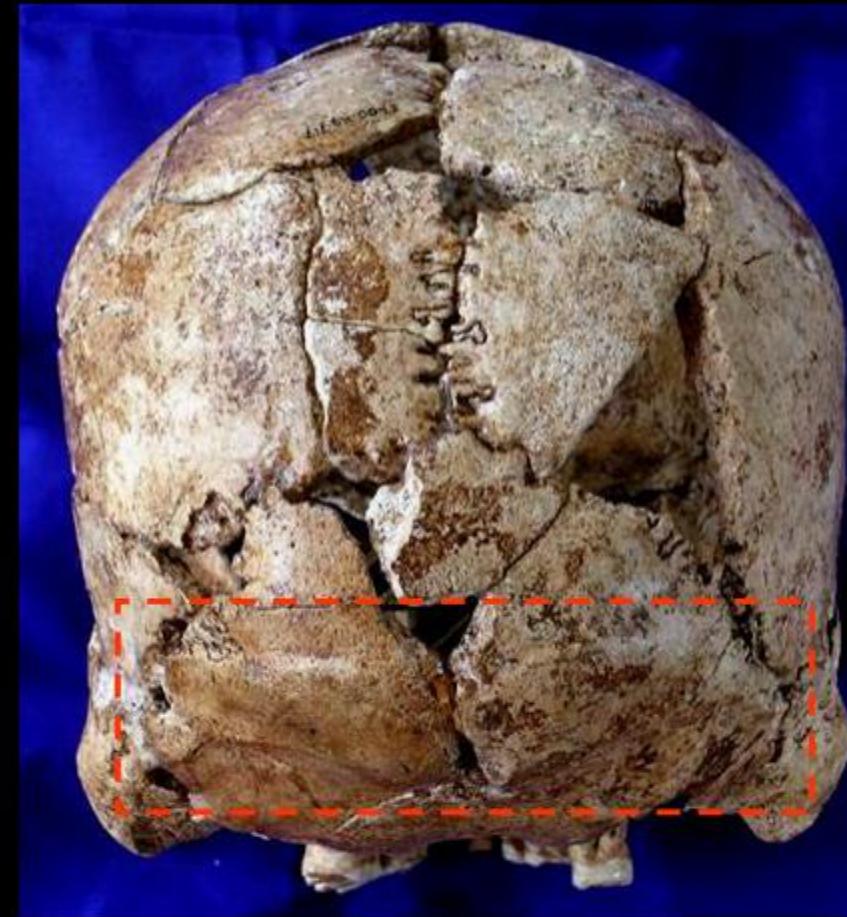
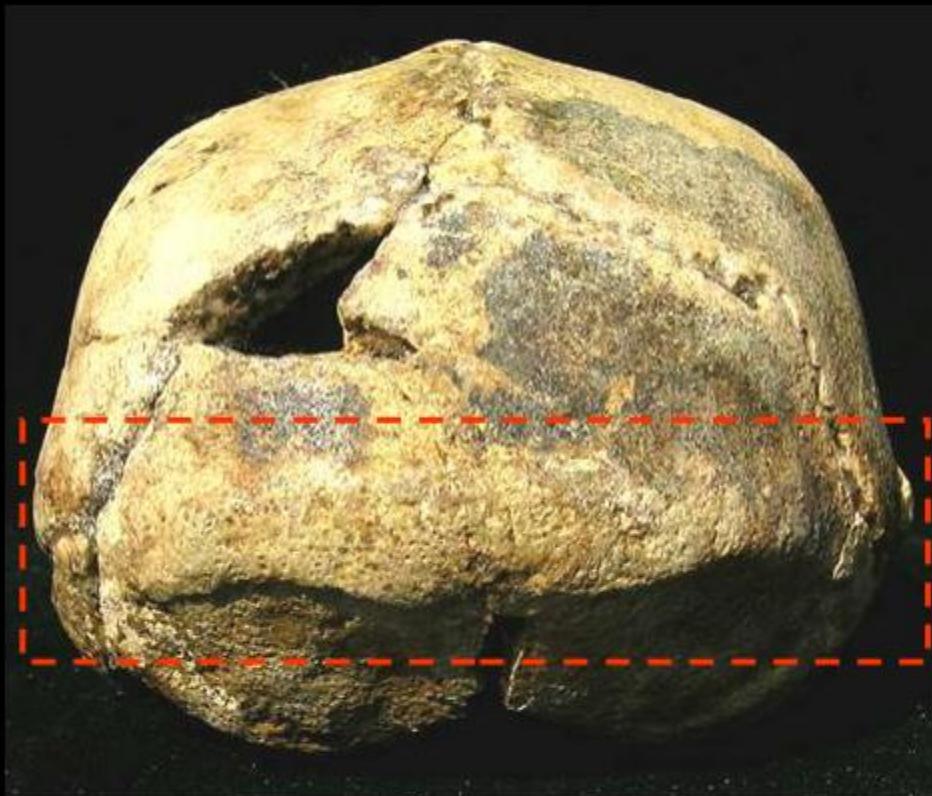




G : Glabella  
A : superciliary arch  
B : upper border of the orbit  
T : lateral trigone

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A: Arcata sopracciliare  
B: Bordo orbitale superiore  
T: Trigone

Transverse occipital torus



- narrow trunk and pelvis
- low body mass compared to stature
- center of gravity at the level of the 2° sacral vertebra
- vertebral column with marked secondary convexities
- long limbs compared to trunk
- robust and lengthened lower limbs
- lengthening of the distal segments of the limbs
- reduced thickness of cortical bone and large medullar cavity (compared to *Homo erectus*)

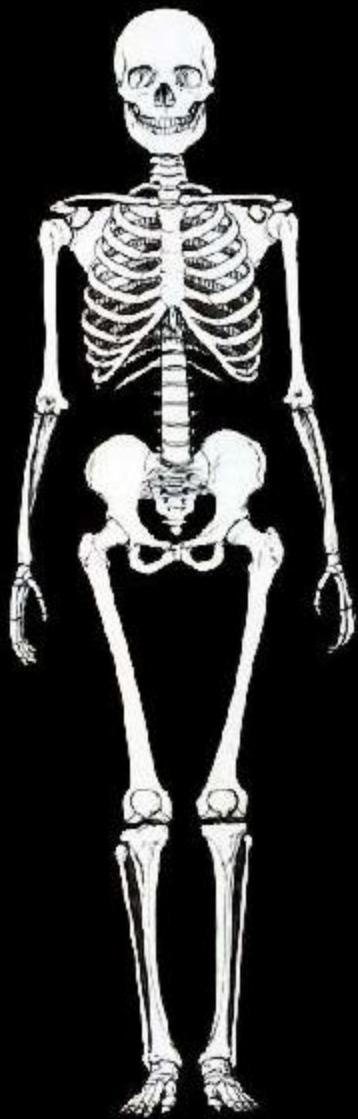


- Tronco e bacino stretti
- Massa corporea poco elevata in confronto alla statura
- Centro di gravità situato al livello della seconda vertebra sacra
- Colonna vertebrale a convessità secondarie (verso l'avanti) marcate
- Arti lunghi in confronto al tronco
- Arti inferiori robusti ed allungati
- Allungamento delle porzione distale dei arti
- Spessore ridotta dell'osso corticale ed allargamento delle cavità midollare in confronto a *Homo erectus*

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*Homo neanderthalensis*



*Homo sapiens*

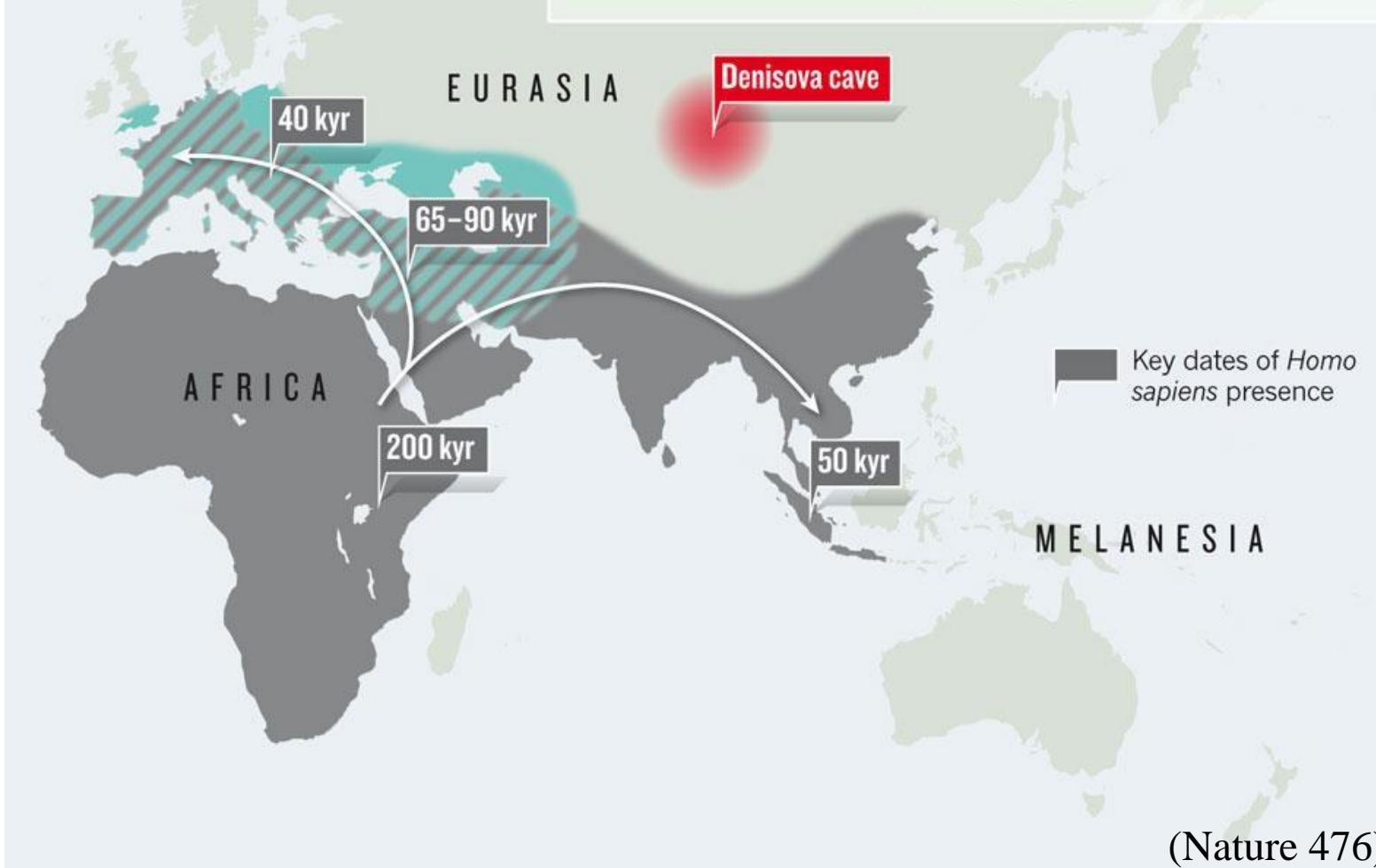
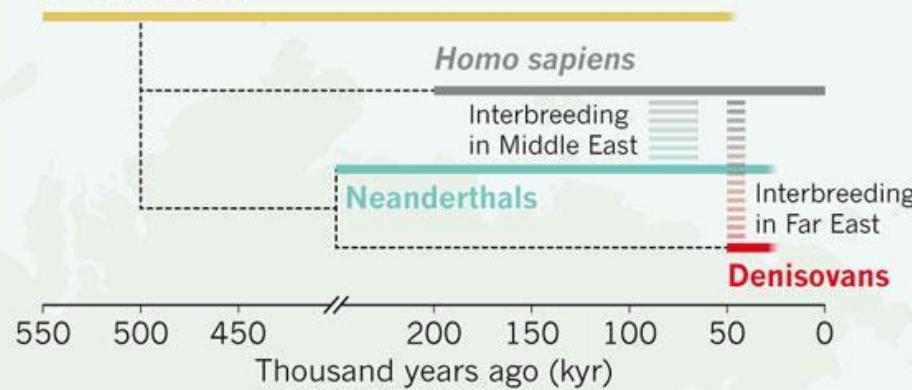


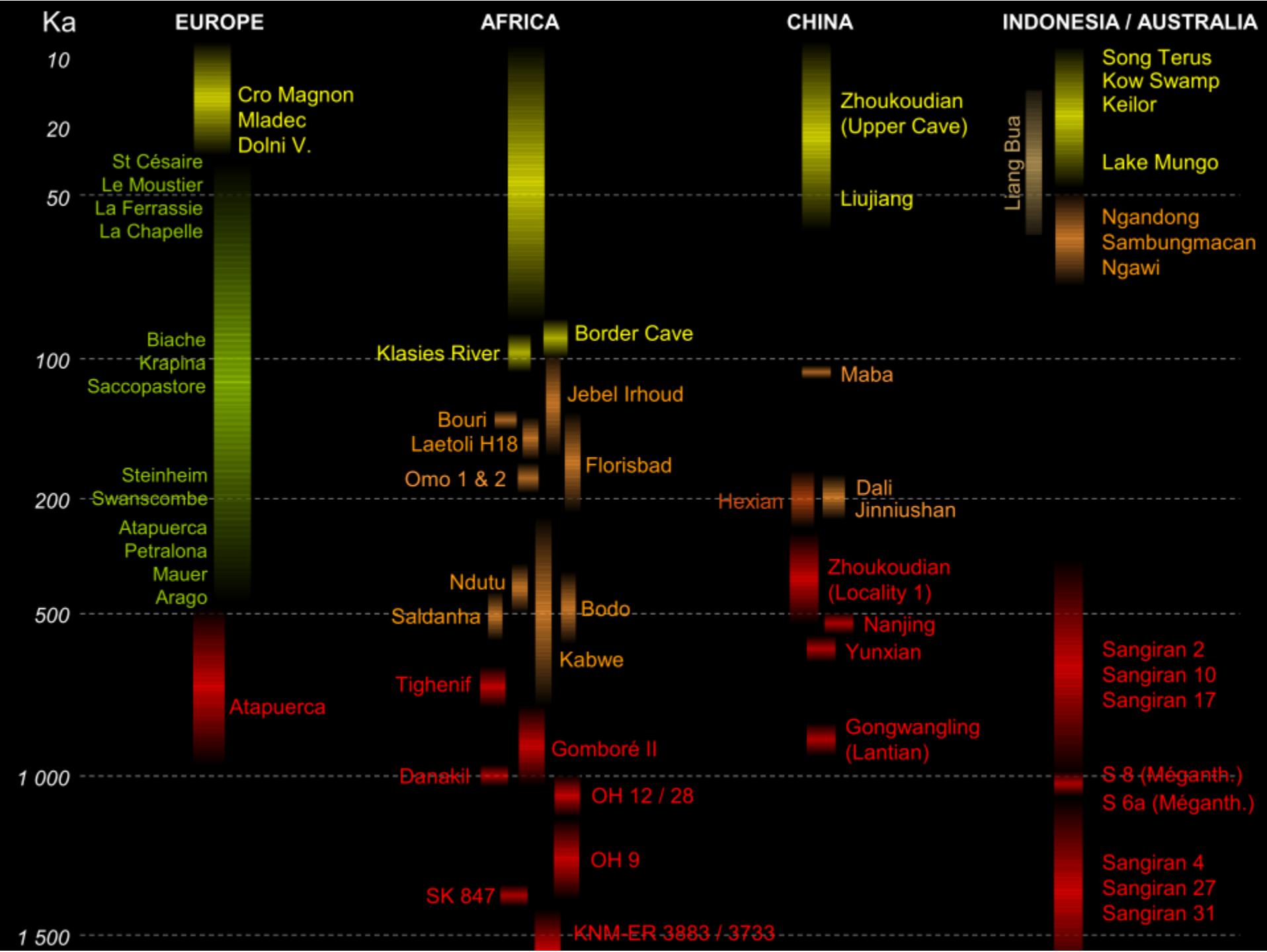
*Homo ergaster*

# THE HUMAN STRAIN

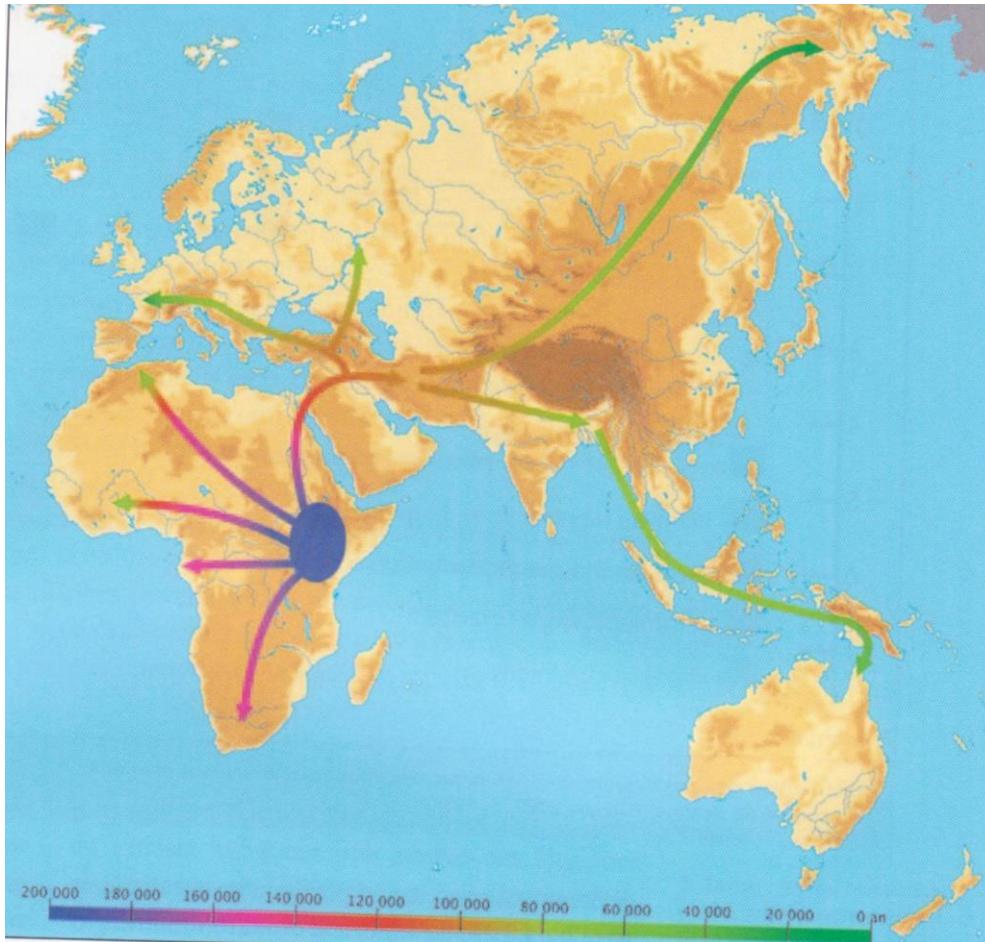
As *Homo sapiens* evolved and migrated across the world, they apparently interbred with archaic humans such as Neanderthals and Denisovans.

## *Homo erectus*





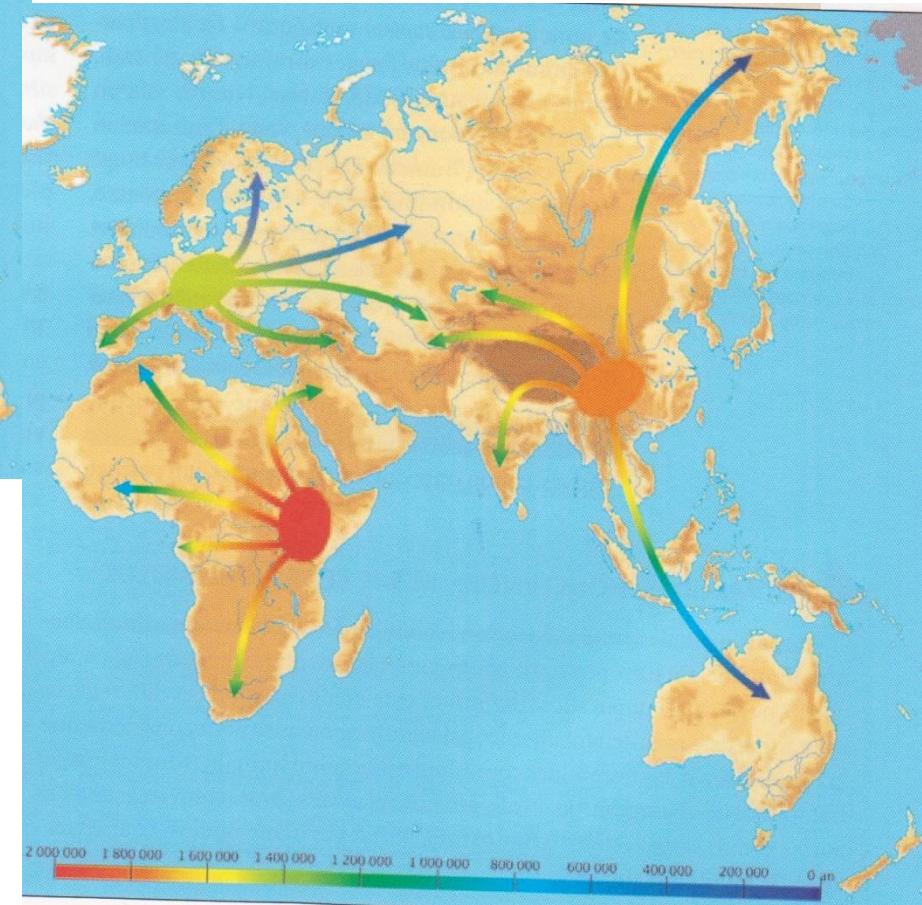
# Origine



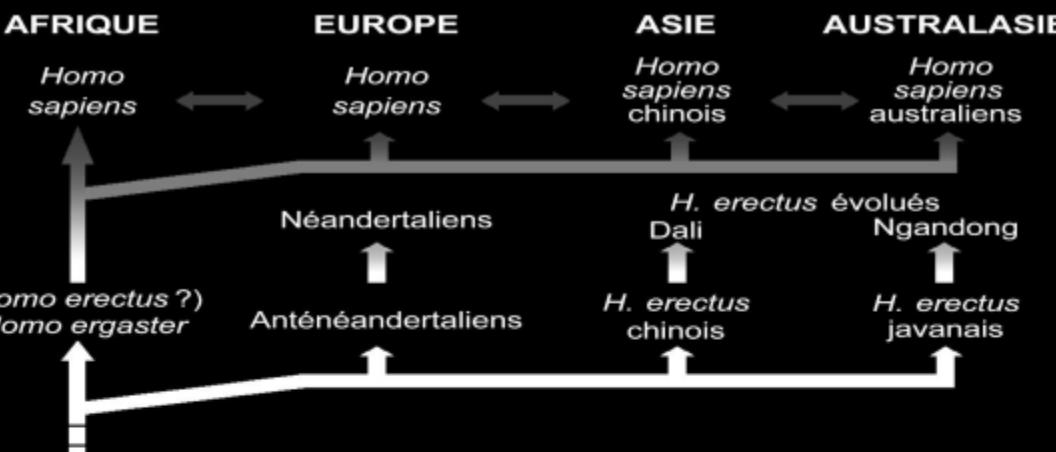
Modello « Out of Africa » o modello di sostituzione

« *Out of Africa* » model or replacement model

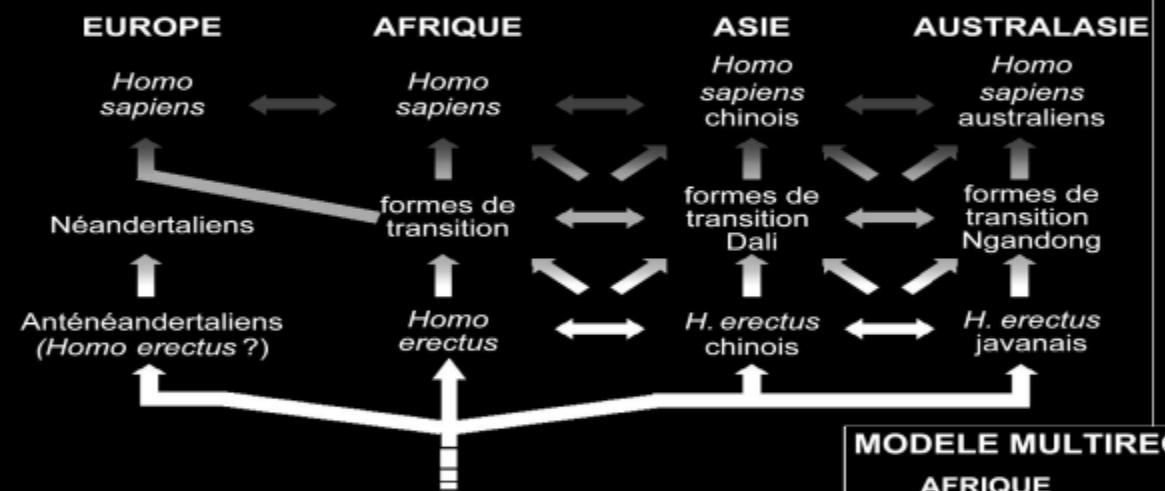
Modello multiregionale  
*Multiregional model*



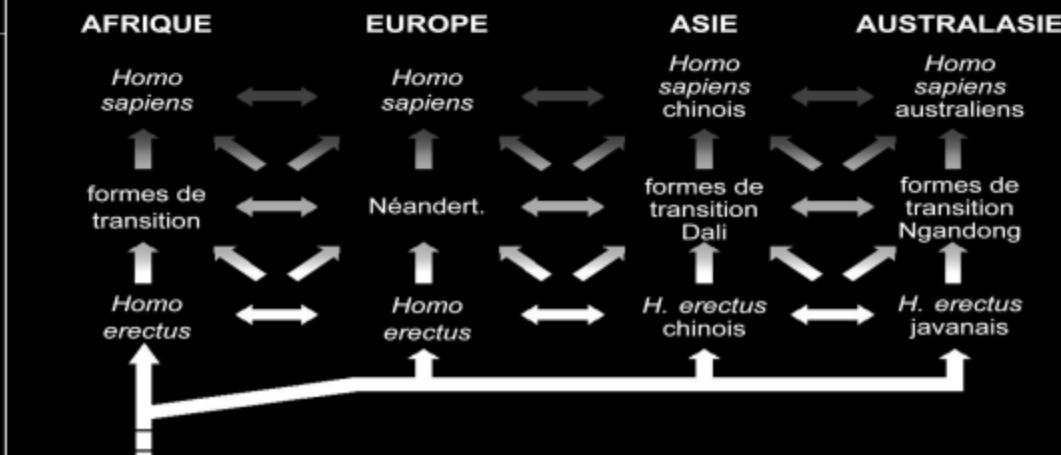
## MODELE AVEC REMPLACEMENT



## MODELE INTERMEDIAIRE



## MODELE MULTIREGIONAL



# Modello del Multiregionalismo

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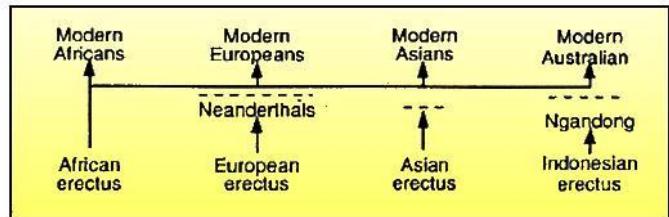
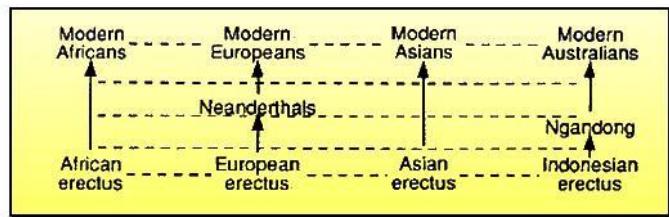
- Specifiche similitudini regionali tra le forme arcaiche di *Homo sapiens* e quelle moderne;

Le principali critiche al multiregionalismo sono:

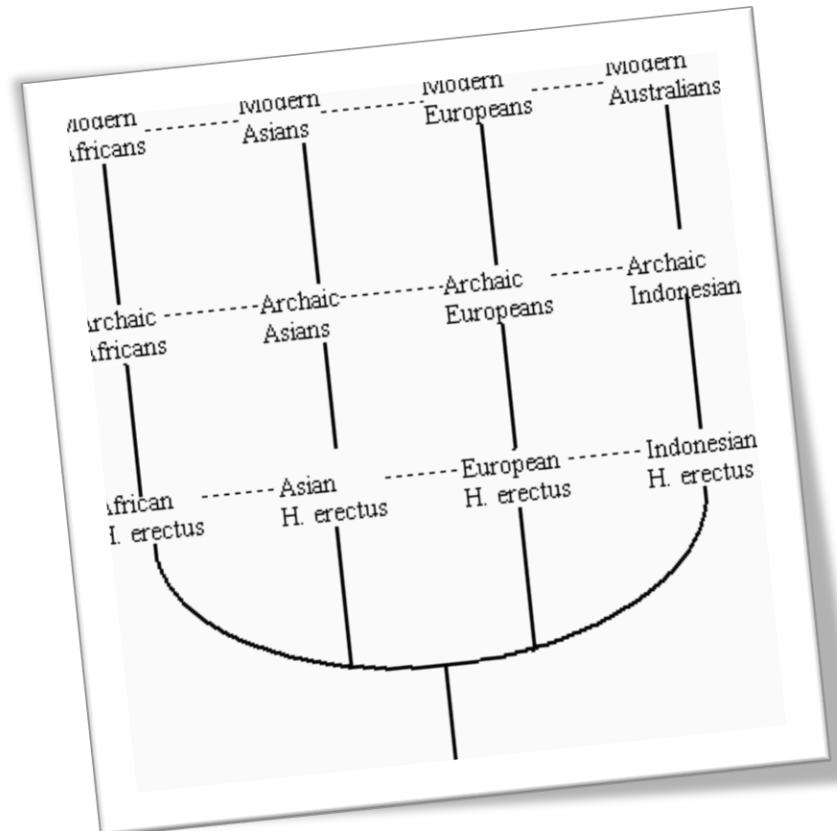
- Assenza di forme di transizione in Asia e Europa

- Prove genetiche

- La teoria richiede un continuo *gene flow* tra le popolazioni regionali



Two views of the origins of modern humans: the multiregional model (top) and the "Out of Africa" model. Each interprets the same fossil evidence in a radically different way



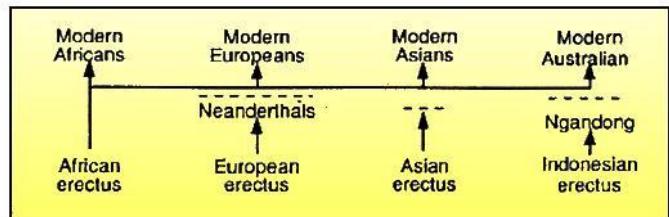
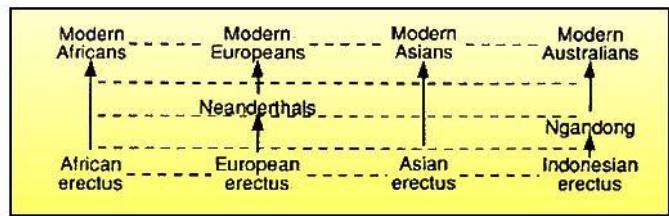
# Multiregionalism model

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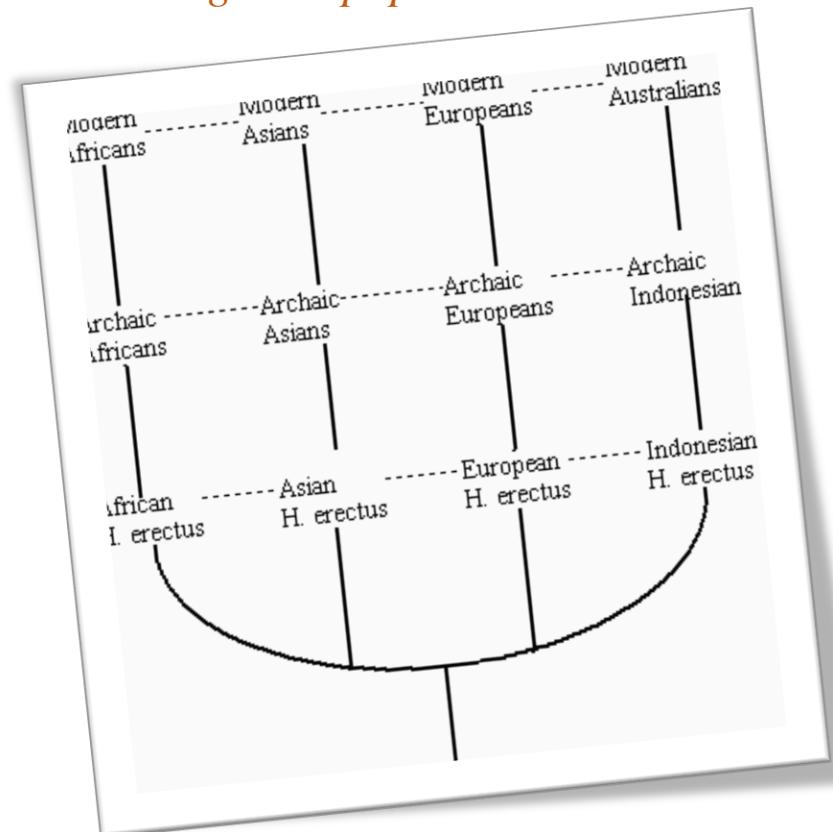
- Specific regional similarity between archaic *Homo sapiens* and modern one;

Principal criticism :

- Lack of transitional shape in Asia and Europe
- Genetical proof
- This theory request a continuous gene flow between the regional population



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# Modello della “sostituzione parziale”

**Teoria dell'assimilazione (Smith 1987) o del parziale rimpiazzo:** assimilazione da parte delle popolazioni europee del patrimonio genetico dell'uomo moderno, per flusso genico\*. Prove paleontologiche: fossili dell'Europa orientale (Vindija)

**Teoria dell'ibridazione** (Trinkaus): incrocio nelle varie aree geografiche dell'umanità moderna con le popolazioni preesistenti.

\*Il **flusso genico** è la diffusione dei geni fra popolazioni, per migrazioni di individui in età riproduttiva. Il flusso genico può introdurre in una popolazione nuovi alleli o può cambiare le frequenze alleliche. L'effetto globale del flusso genico è quello di ridurre le differenze genetiche medie tra le popolazioni e quindi di limitarne l'evoluzione. D'altra parte, il flusso genico può aumentare la variabilità interna di una popolazione, aumentandone il polimorfismo.

## *Partial substitution model*

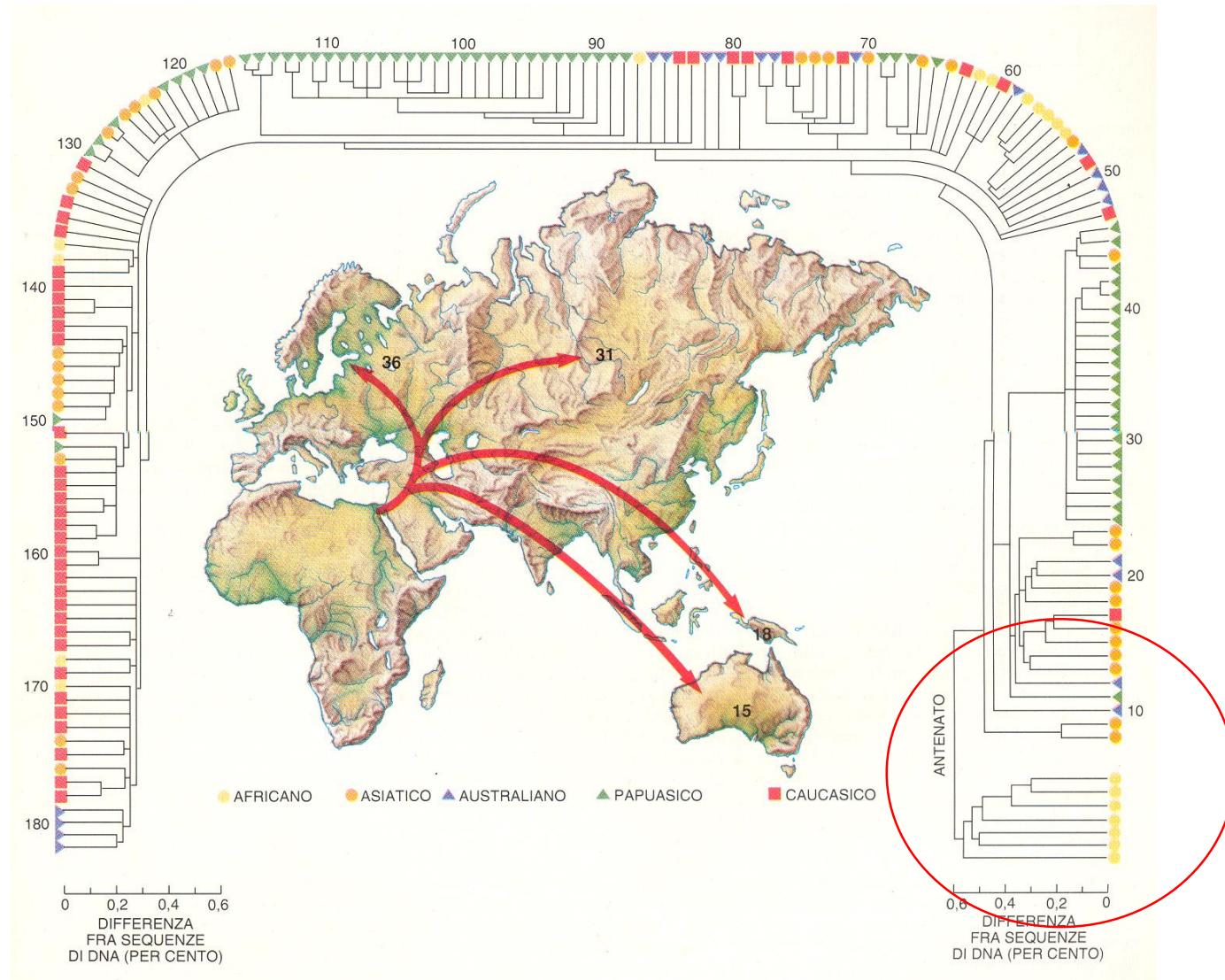
**Theory of integration (Smith, 1987) or partial replace:**

*Integration from european population of the genetic patrimoni of modern human, bu genetic flow\*. Paleontological proof: fossils from eastern Europe (Vindija)*

**Hybridation theory (Trinkaus): Interbreeding in the various geographic area of modern human and preexisting population**

\***Genetic flow** is the diffusion of gene between population, by migration of individual in reproductive aige. The genetic flow can introduce in a population new allel and can change the allelic frequence. The global genetic effect is the reduction of genetic differences between population and then limit the evolution. In another hand, genetic flow can increase the internal variabilità of a population, increasing the polymorphism.

## Le prove genetiche / *Genetic evidence*

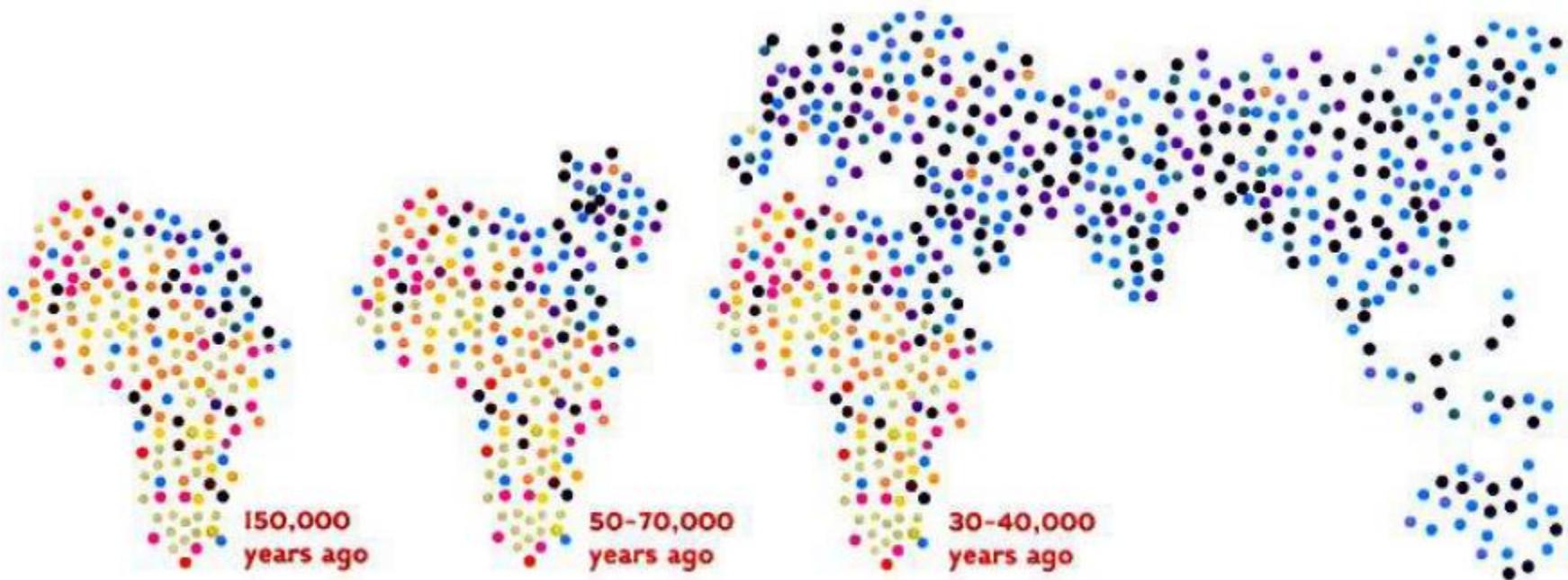


L'origine africana dell'uomo moderno desunta dalla studio del DNA mitocondriale attuale

*The african origin of modern human evidenced by the study of actual mitochondrial DNA*

## Variabilità del mtDNA attuale

« Tutta la variabilità del mtDNA umano attuale e mondiale è anche presente in Africa (Africa dell'Est), quindi sarebbe il posto più probabile dell'origine della specie *Homo sapiens*. »

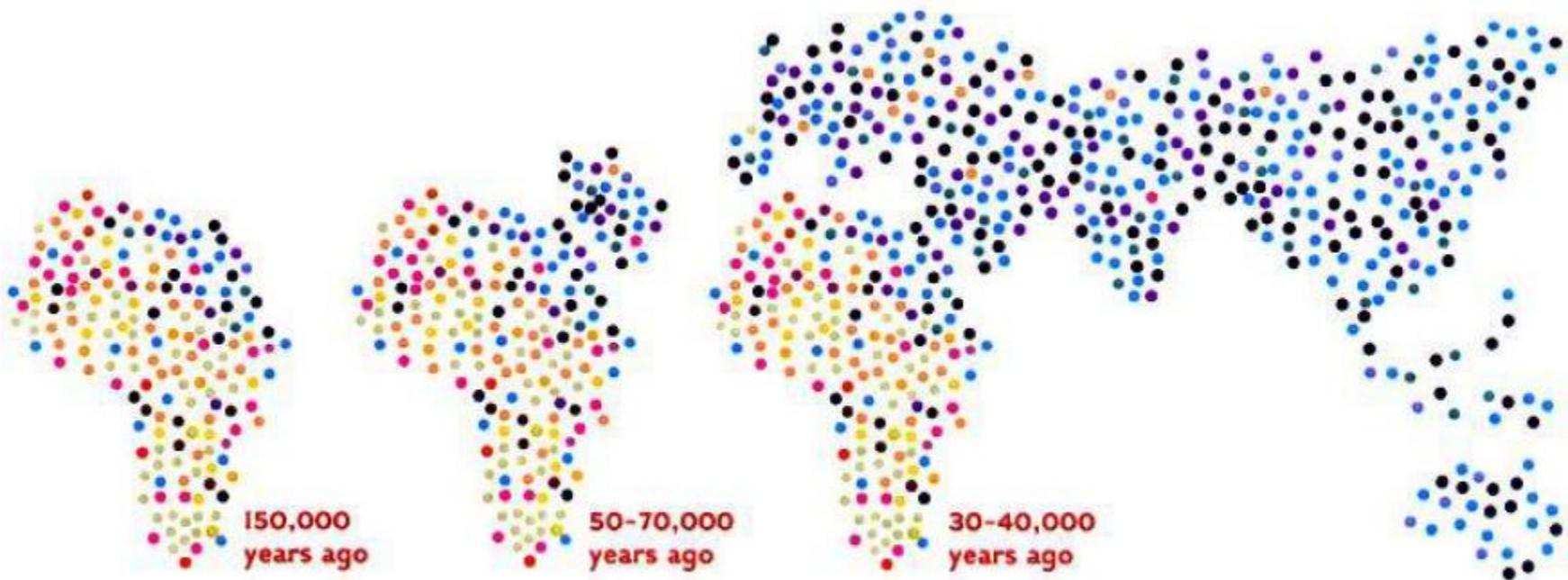


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Diversità di un segnale genetico immaginario (schema)

## Present variability mtDNA

« all the contemporary and worldwide human mtDNA variability is also present in Africa (East Africa), thus it is the most probable place of origin of the species *Homo sapiens*. »



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Diversity of one imaginary mitochondrial genetic marker (schematic picture)

# An early modern human from Romania with a recent Neanderthal ancestor

Putative recent Neanderthal ancestry

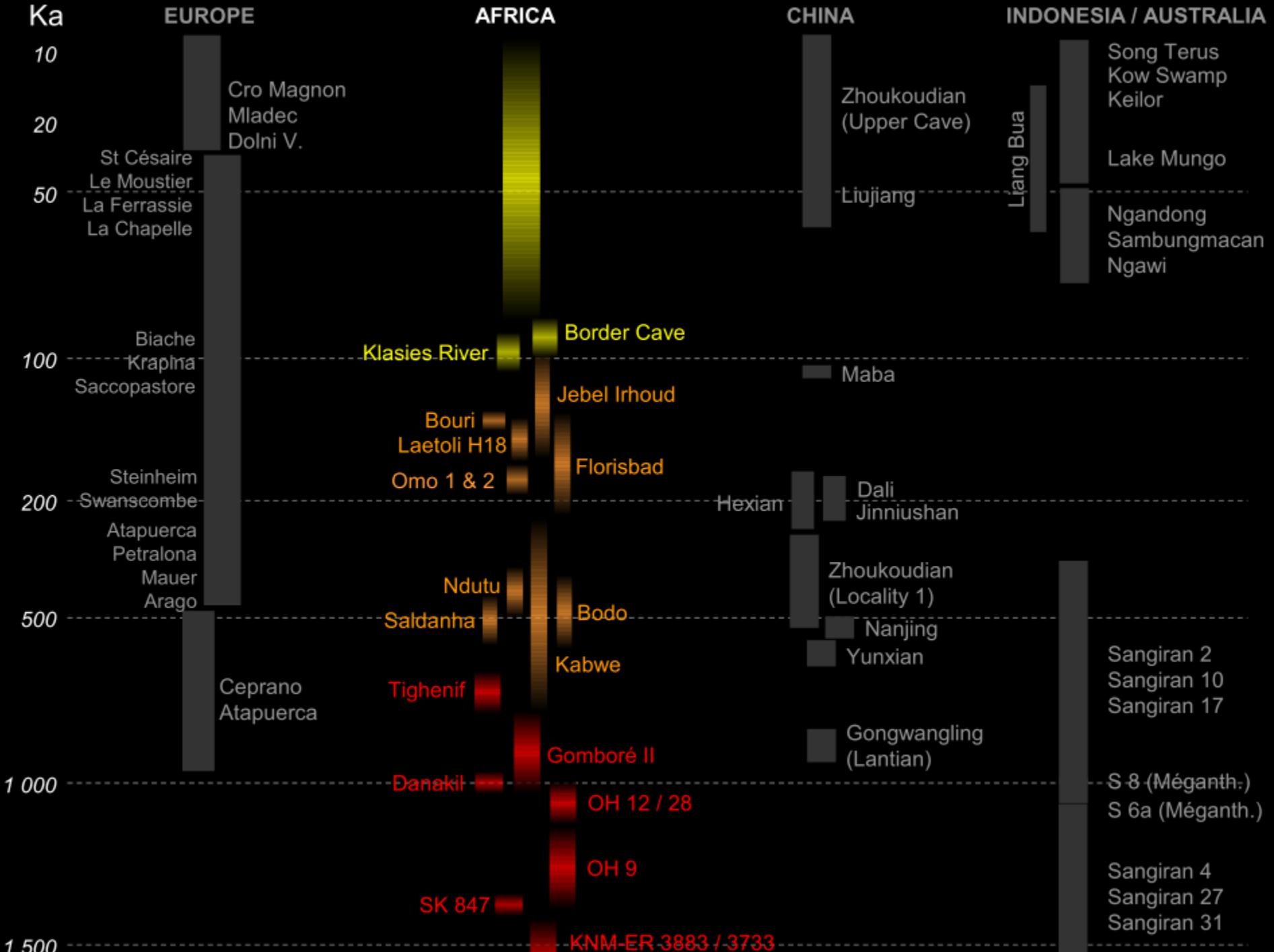
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Neanderthals are thought to have disappeared in Europe approximately 39,000–41,000 years ago but they have contributed 1–3% of the DNA of present-day people in Eurasia<sup>1</sup>. Here we analyse DNA from a 37,000–42,000-year-old<sup>2</sup> modern human from Peştera cu Oase, Romania. Although the specimen contains small amounts of human DNA, we use an enrichment strategy to isolate sites that are informative about its relationship to Neanderthals and present-day humans. We find that on the order of 6–9% of the genome of the Oase individual is derived from Neanderthals, more than any other modern human sequenced to date. Three chromosomal segments of Neanderthal ancestry are over 50 centimorgans in size, indicating that this individual had a Neanderthal ancestor as recently as four to six generations back. However, the Oase individual does not share more alleles with later Europeans than with East Asians, suggesting that the Oase population did not contribute substantially to later humans in Europe.

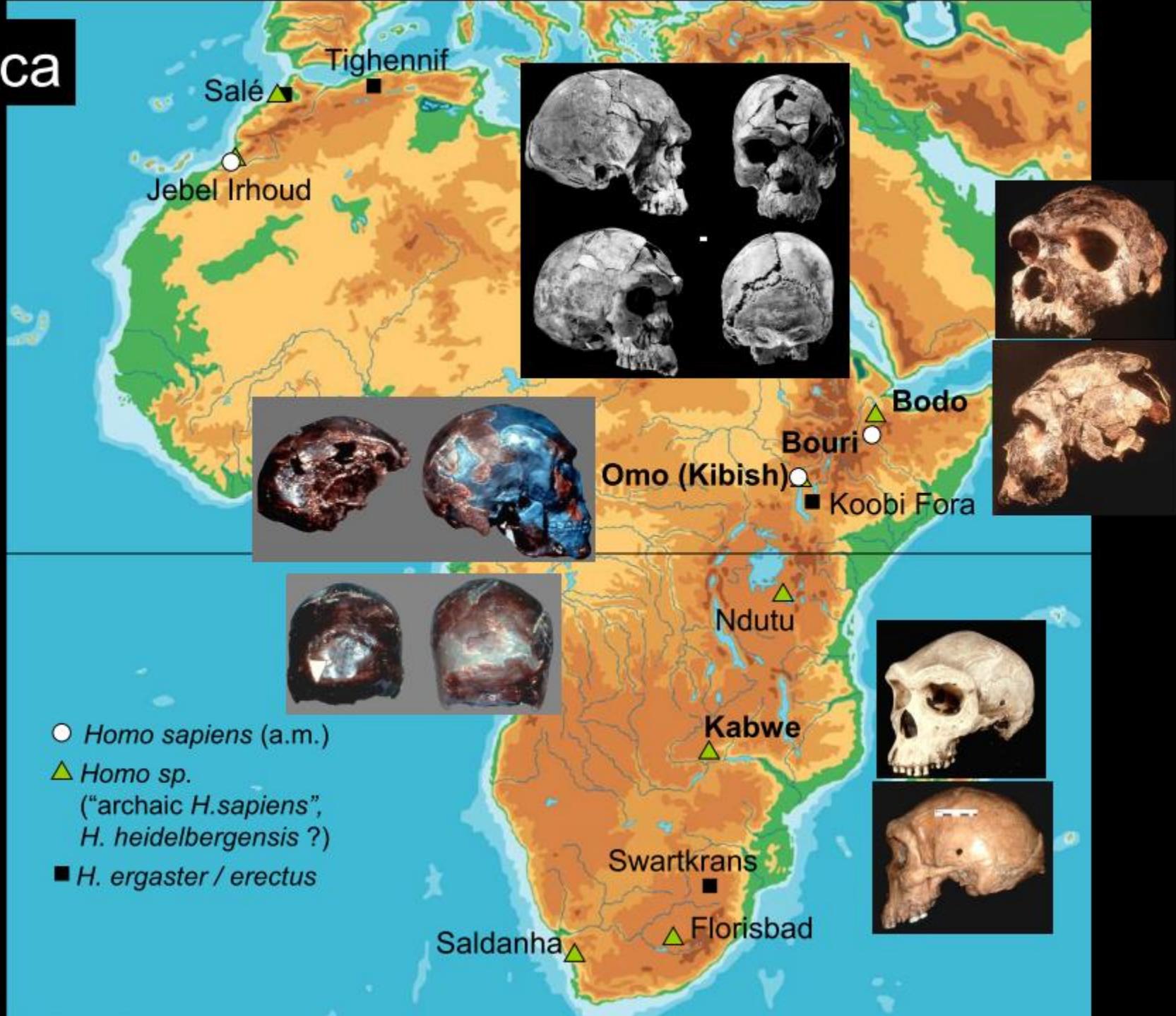




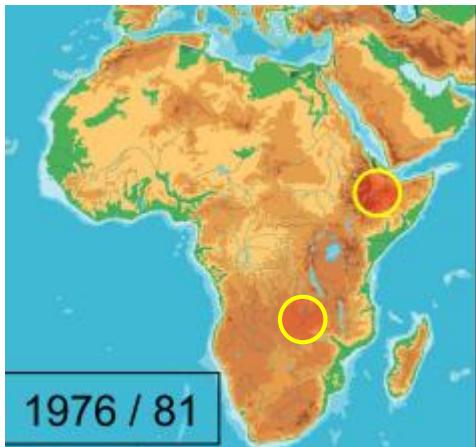
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Omo 1	195,000
Laetoli	120,000
<b>South Africa:</b>	
Border Cave	115,000-90,000
Klasies River Mouth	90,000
<b>Israel:</b>	
Skhul and Qafzeh	92,000-90,000
<b>Australia:</b>	
Lake Mungo	60,000-46,000
<b>Asia:</b>	
Ordos (Mongolia)	40,000-20,000 ?
Liujiang (China)	139,000-111,000 ?
Zhoukoudian upper cave (China)	27,000
<b>Europe:</b>	
Peștera cu Oase (Romania)	36,000-34,000
Combe Capelle (France)	35,000-30,000
Mladeč and Předmosti (Czech Republic)	35,000-25,000
Cro-Magnon (France)	27,000-23,000



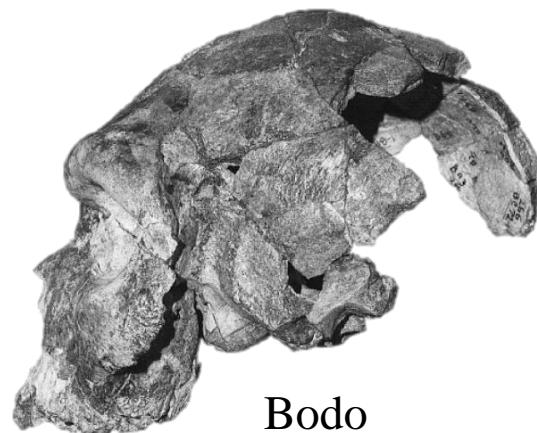
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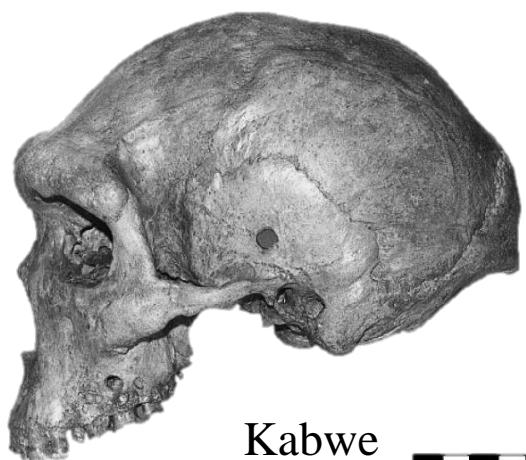
Bodo, Ethiopia and Kabwe (Broken Hill, Zambia) 600 000 y B.P.?



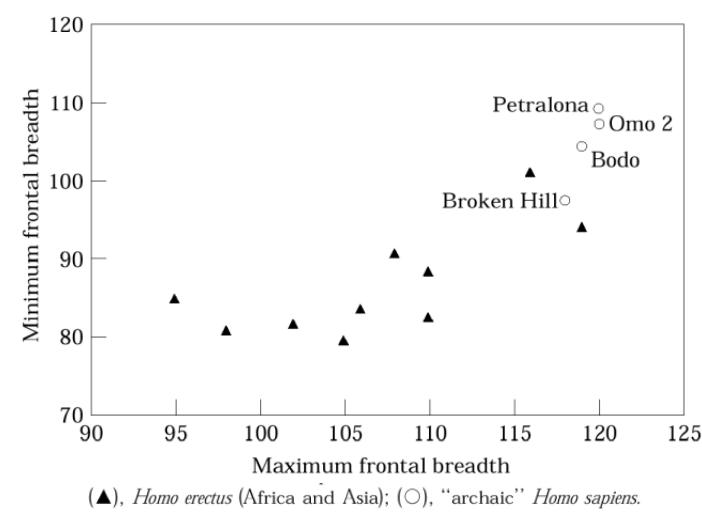
Bodo (Rightmire, 1995)



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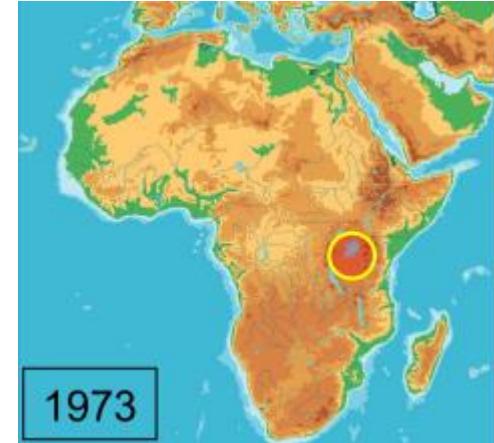


Kabwe





Ndutu, Tanzania  
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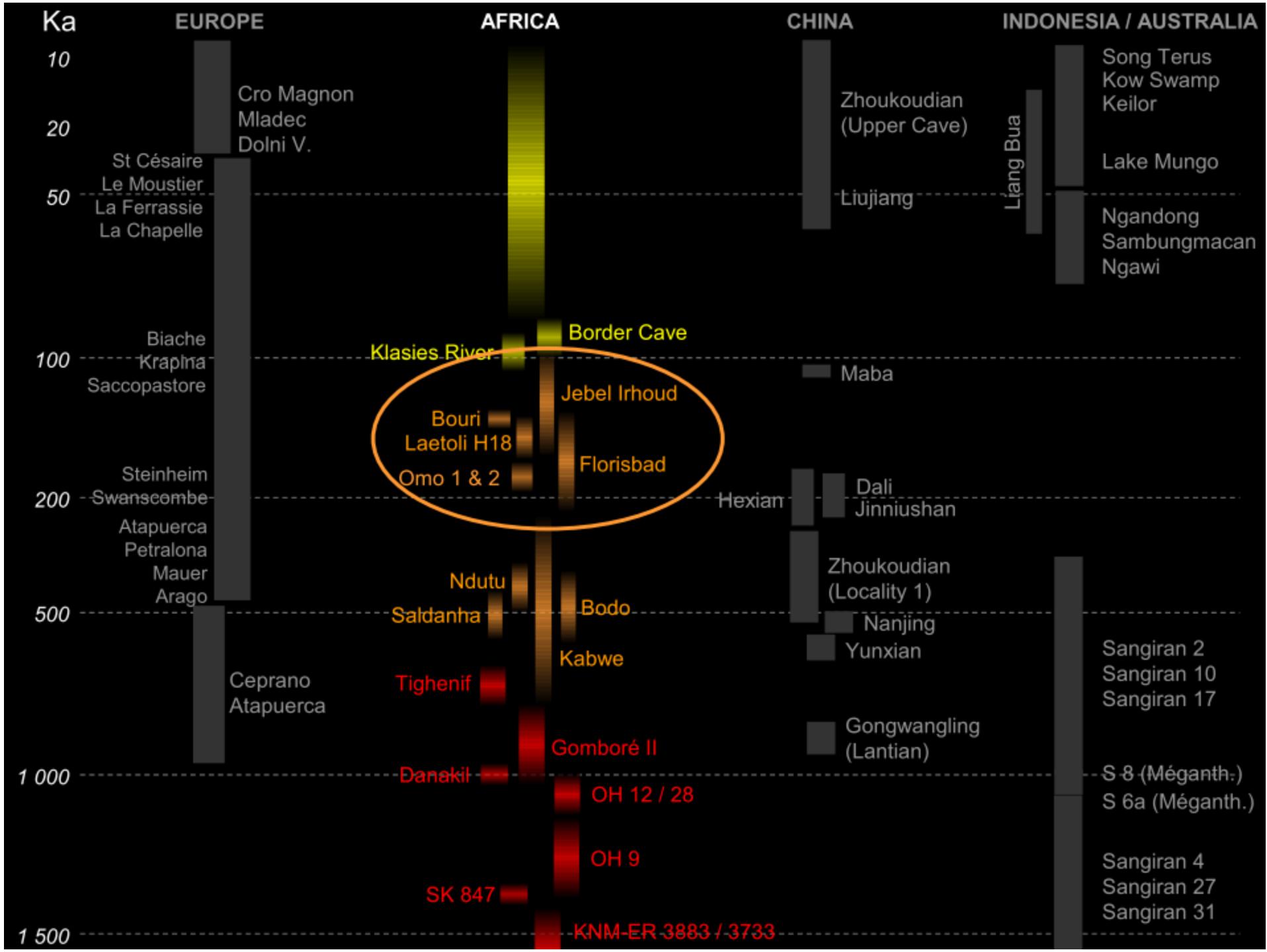


*H. erectus*: Dimensions of the cranium, thickness of the vault bones.

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Archaic *H. sapiens*: Occipital and mastoid morphology

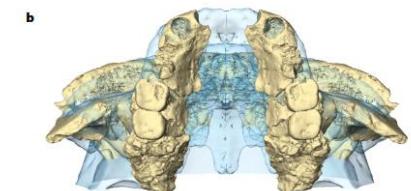
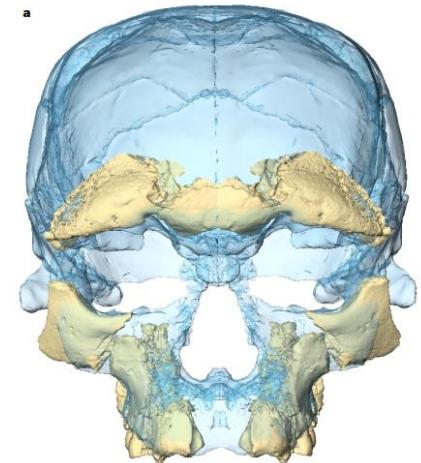
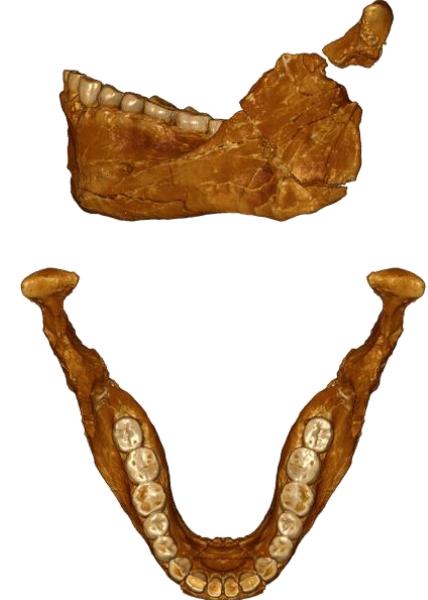
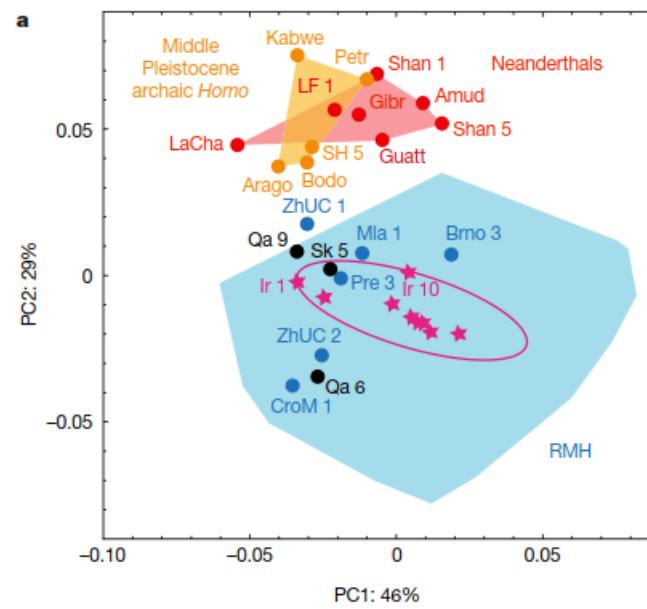




# New fossils from Jebel Irhoud, Morocco and the pan-African origin of *Homo sapiens*

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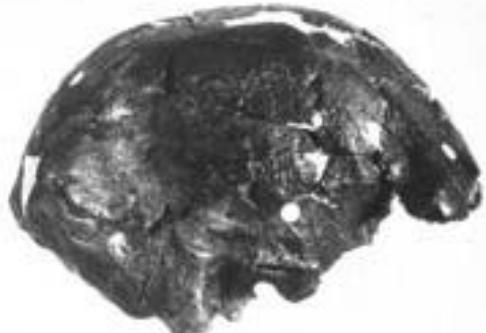
Fossil evidence points to an African origin of *Homo sapiens* from a group called either *H. heidelbergensis* or *H. rhodesiensis*. However, the exact place and time of emergence of *H. sapiens* remain obscure because the fossil record is scarce and the chronological age of many key specimens remains uncertain. In particular, it is unclear whether the present day ‘modern’ morphology rapidly emerged approximately 200 thousand years ago (ka) among earlier representatives of *H. sapiens*<sup>1</sup> or evolved gradually over the last 400 thousand years<sup>2</sup>. Here we report newly discovered human fossils from Jebel Irhoud, Morocco, and interpret the affinities of the hominins from this site with other archaic and recent human groups. We identified a mosaic of features including facial, mandibular and dental morphology that aligns the Jebel Irhoud material with early or recent anatomically modern humans and more primitive neurocranial and endocranial morphology. In combination with an age of  $315 \pm 34$  thousand years (as determined by thermoluminescence dating)<sup>3</sup>, this evidence makes Jebel Irhoud the oldest and richest African Middle Stone Age hominin site that documents early stages of the *H. sapiens* clade in which key features of modern morphology were established. Furthermore, it shows that the evolutionary processes behind the emergence of *H. sapiens* involved the whole African continent.



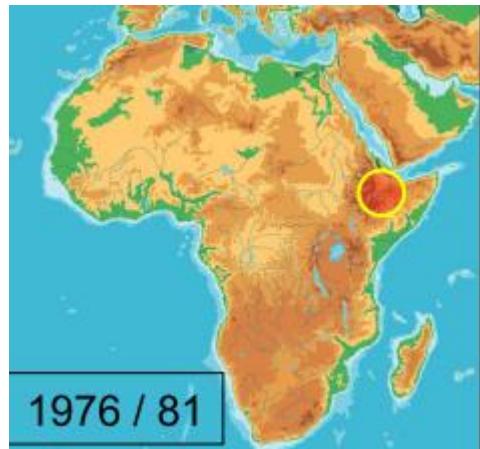
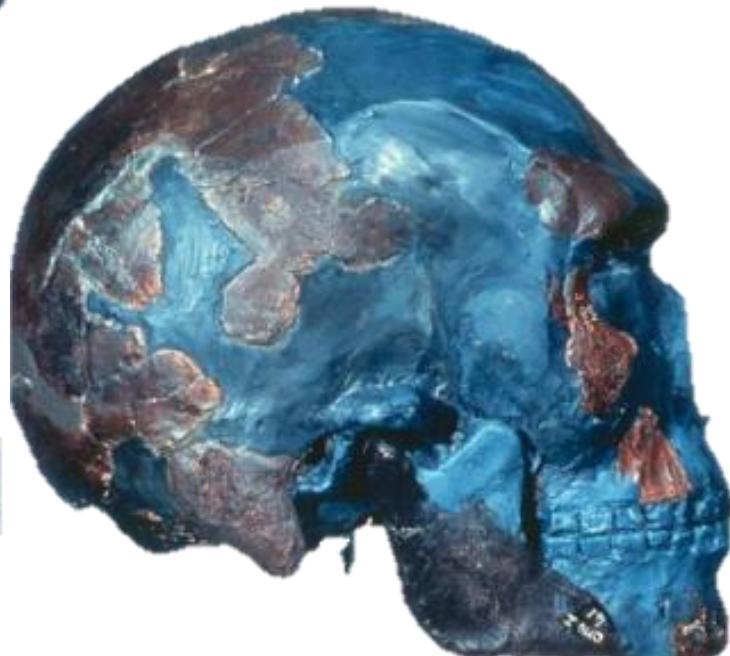
Omo Kibish, Ethiopia  
195 000 - 130 000 y BP



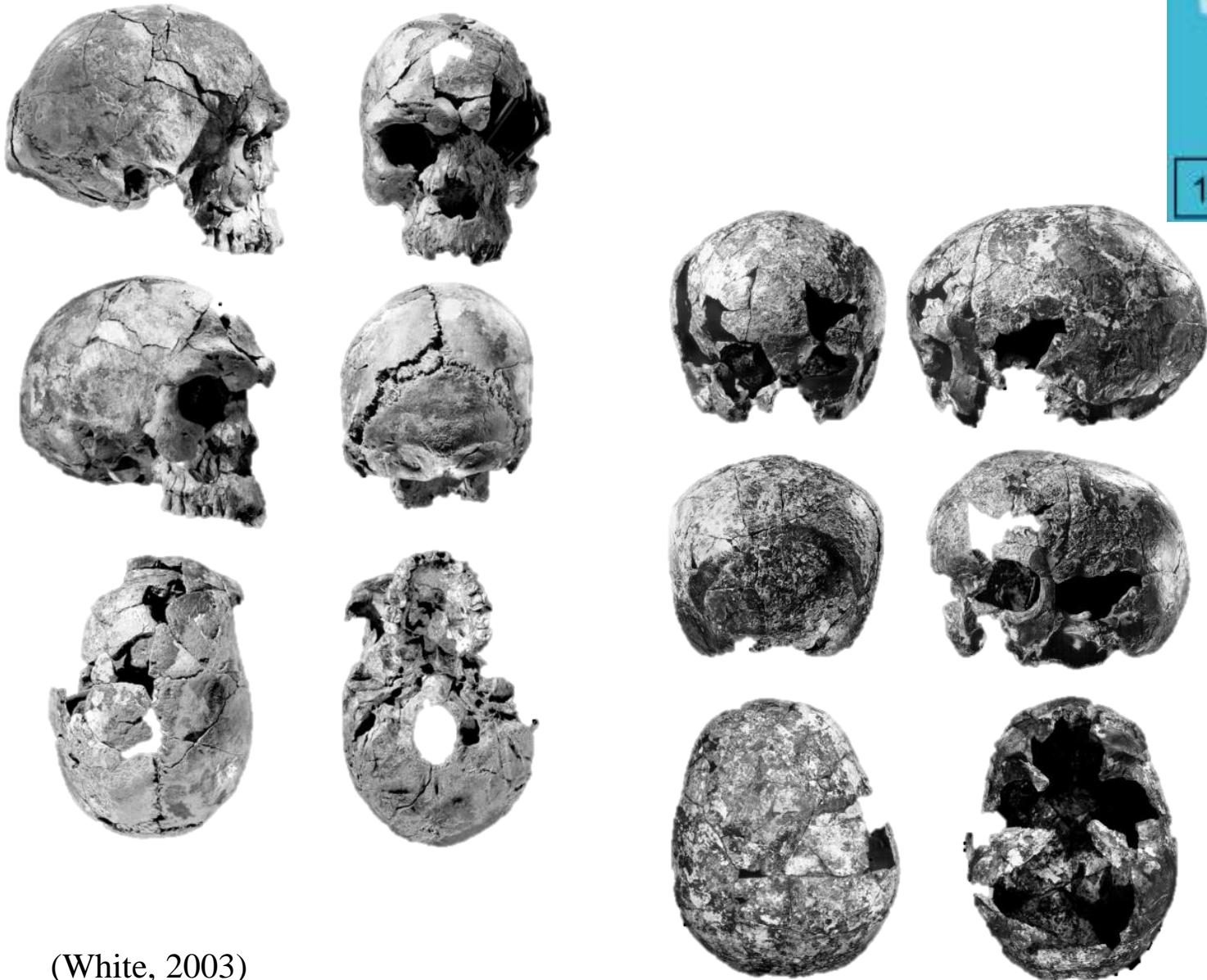
Omo 1



Omo 2



Herto Bouri, Middle Awash, Ethiopia  
154-160 000 y BP



(White, 2003)

# *Homo sapiens idaltu*

I resti sono stati scoperti per la prima volta nel sito di Herto Bouri (Etiopia) e sono datati a circa 160 ka anni BP.

*The remains were discovered for the first time in the site of Herto Bouri (Ethiopia) and have been dated to 160 ka BP.*



Herto (Afar, Etiopia),  
160.000 anni (White, 2003)

“Perché i ominidi di Herto sono morfologicamente appena sotto la variabilità dei AMHS [Anatomically Modern *Homo sapiens*] e perché sono differenti degli altri ominidi fossili conosciuti, le riconosciamo come *Homo sapiens idaltu*, una nuova paleosubspecie di *Homo sapiens*.”

*“Because the Herto hominids are morphologically just beyond the range of variation seen in AMHS [anatomically modern *Homo sapiens*], and because they differ from all other known fossil hominids, we recognize them here as *Homo sapiens idaltu*, a new palaeosubspecies of *Homo sapiens*.”*

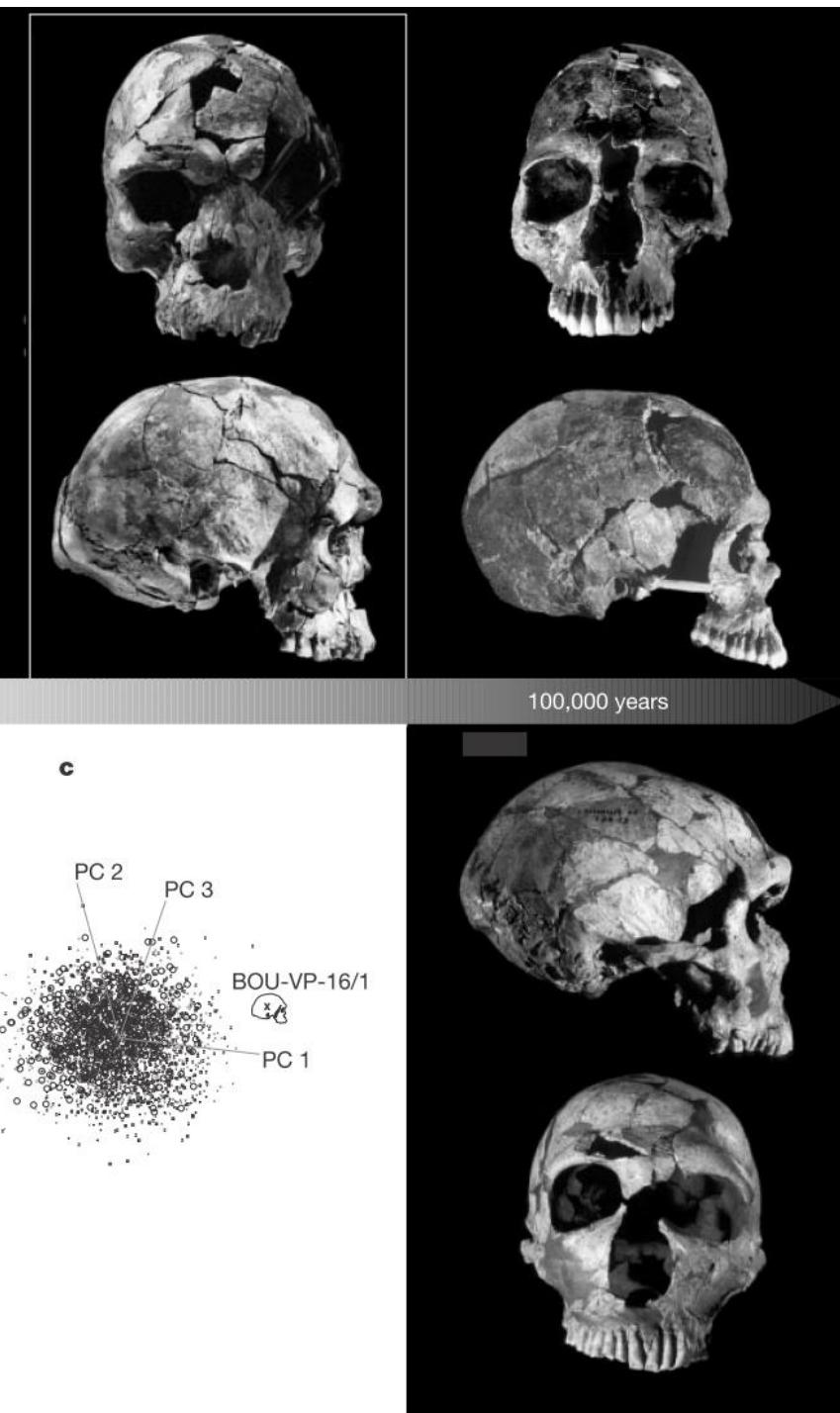
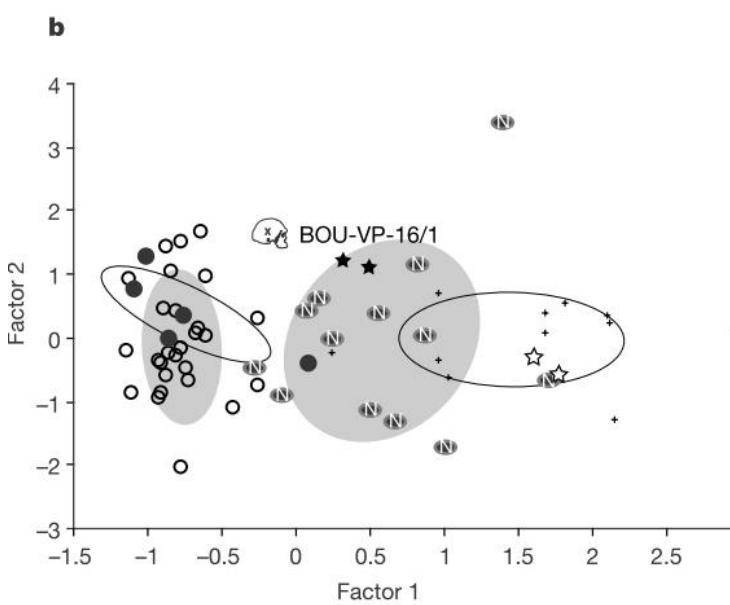
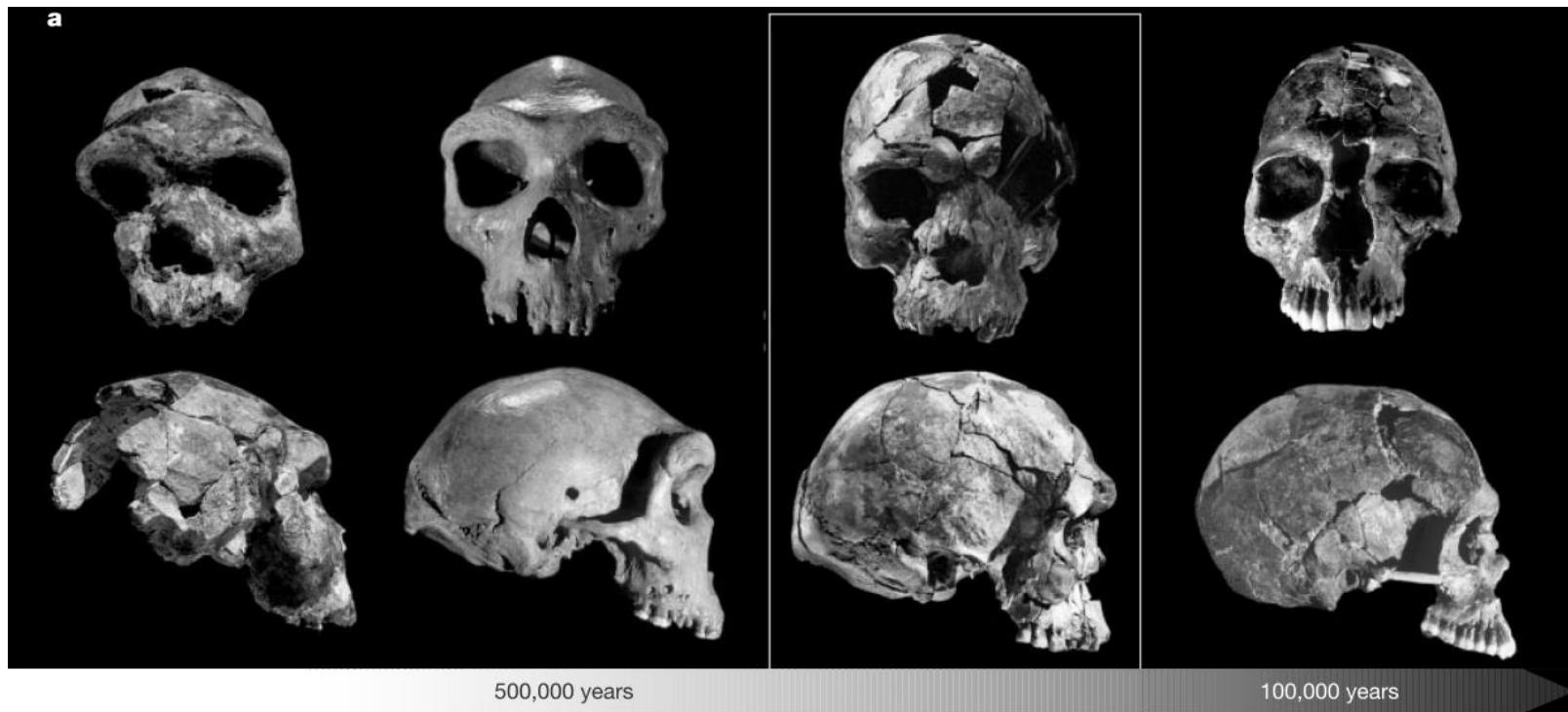
Order Primates L., 1758  
Suborder Anthropoidea Mivart, 1864  
Superfamily Hominoidea Gray, 1825  
Family Hominidae Gray, 1825  
*Homo sapiens idaltu* subsp. nov.

**Etymology.** The subspecies name ‘idàltu’ is taken from the Afar language. It means ‘elder’. **Holotype.** BOU-VP-16/1 (Fig. 1), an adult cranium with partial dentition. Holotype and referred material are housed at the National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Holotype from Bouri Vertebrate Paleontology Locality 16 (BOU-VP 16); differentially corrected GPS coordinates: 10° 15.5484' N and 40° 33.3834' E.

**Referred material.** BOU-VP-16/2 cranial fragments; BOU-VP-16/3 parietal fragment; BOU-VP-16/4 parietal fragment; BOU-VP-16/5 child's cranium; BOU-VP-16/6 R. upper molar; BOU-VP-16/7 parietal fragment, BOU-VP-16/18 parietal fragments; BOU-VP-16/42 upper premolar, BOU-VP-16/43 parietal fragment.

**Stratigraphy and age.** Bouri Formation, Upper Herto Member. Dated by  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  to between 160,000 and 154,000 years ago (ref. 6).

**Diagnosis.** On the limited available evidence, a subspecies of *Homo sapiens* distinguished from Holocene anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens sapiens*) by greater craniofacial robusticity, greater anterior-posterior cranial length, and large glenoid-to-occlusal plane distance. *Homo sapiens idaltu* is distinguished from the holotype of *Homo rhodesiensis* (Woodward, 1921) by a larger cranial capacity, a more vertical frontal with smaller face, and more marked midfacial topography (for example, canine fossa). We consider the holotypes of *H. helmei* and *H. njarasensis* too fragmentary for appropriate comparisons.



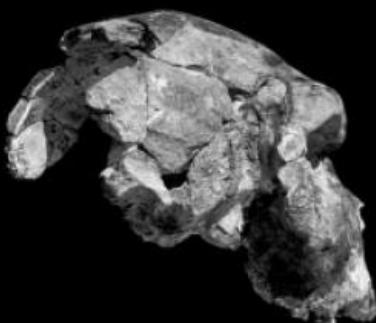
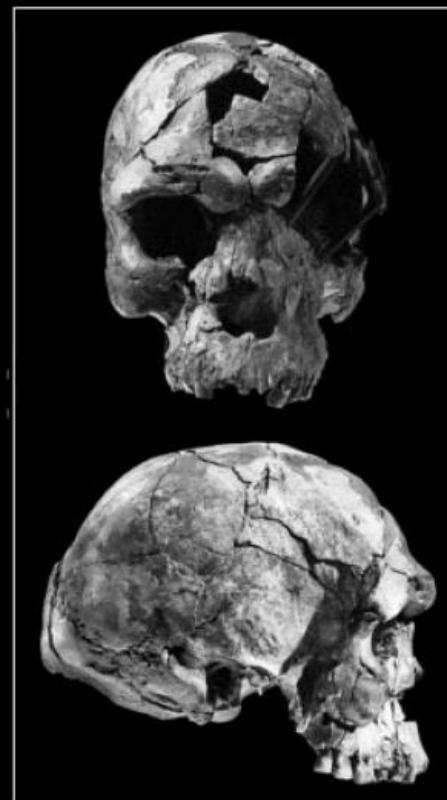
## The african « evolutionary sequence » for *Homo sapiens*

Archaic *Homo sapiens*  
*Homo rhodesiensis*?  
*Homo heidelbergensis*?



Anat. modern  
*Homo sapiens*

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500,000 years

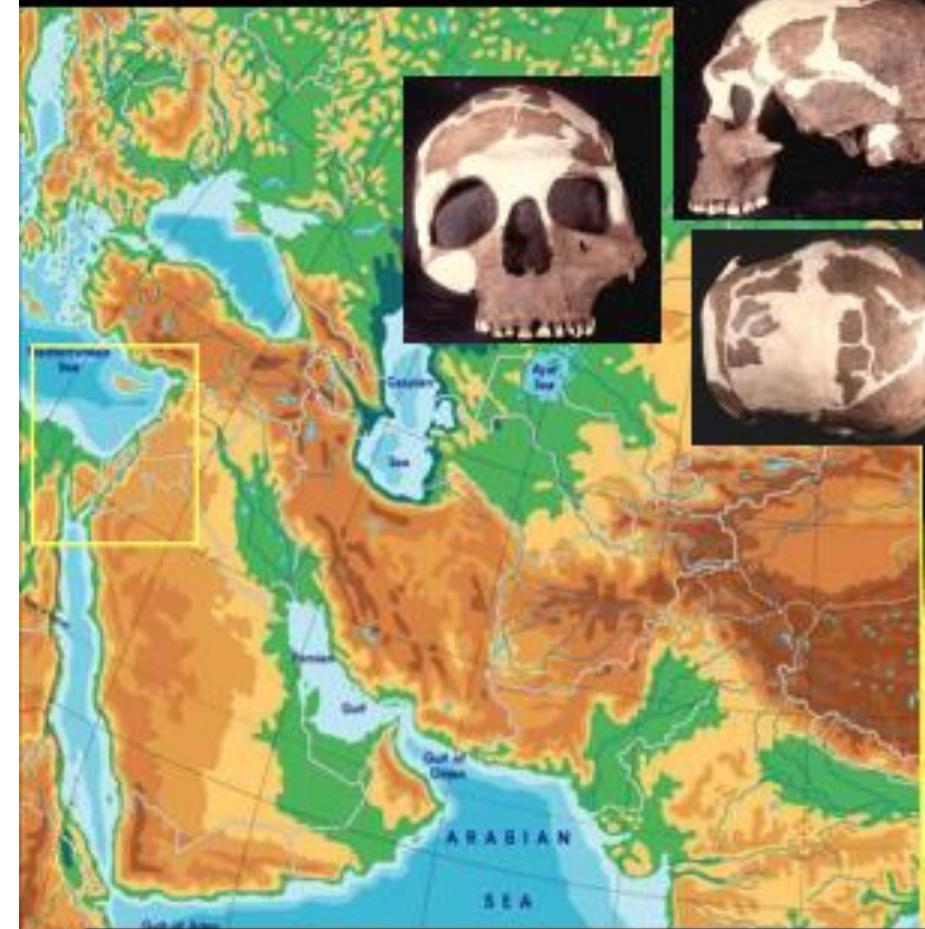
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# Near-East



- Oldest anatomically modern *Homo sapiens* outside Africa
- Oldest human burials

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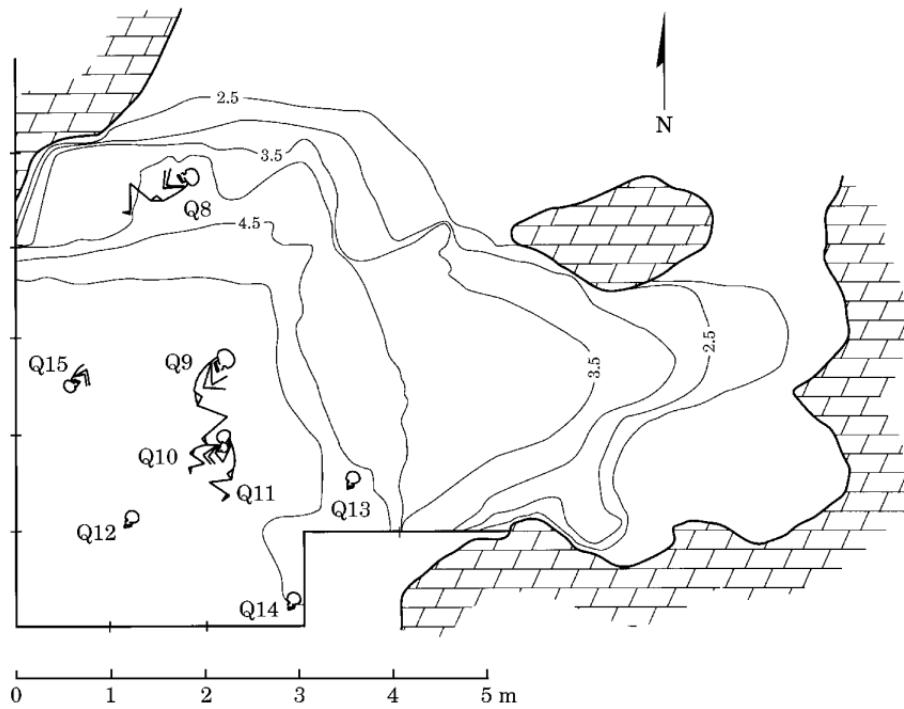
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Qafzeh, Israel

90-100 000 y BP

Human remains (MNI 25 individuals)

Mousterian industries



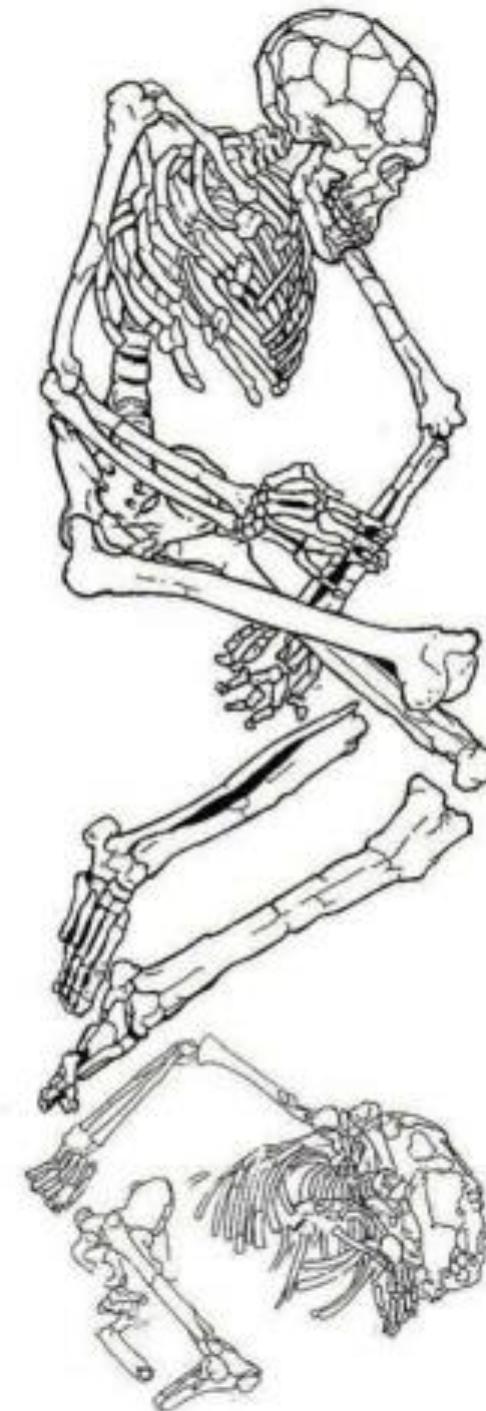
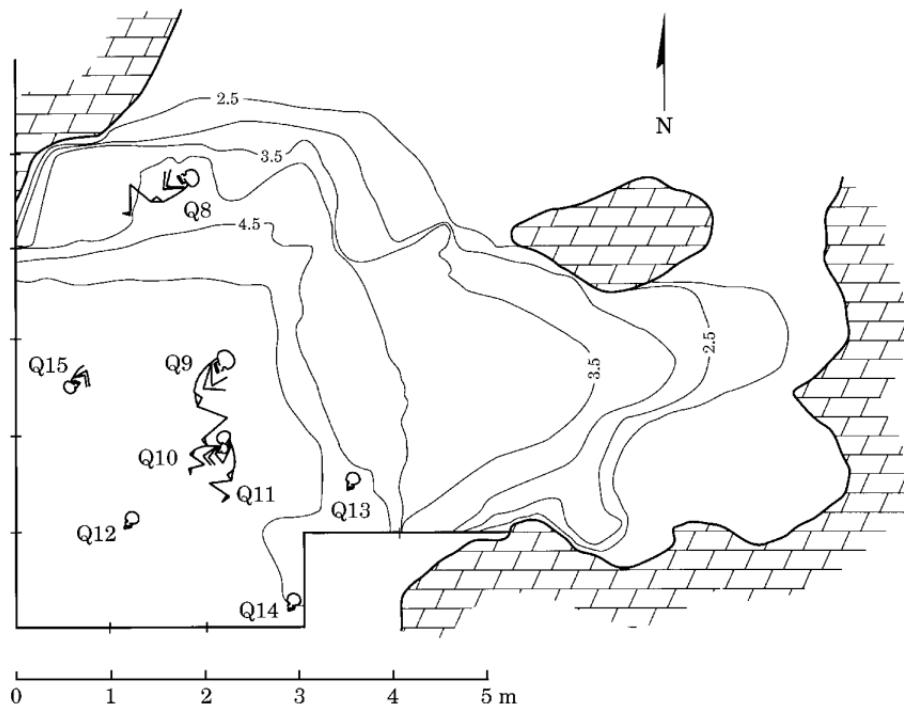
Qafzeh 9



(Vandermeersch, 1981)

Qafzeh, Israel  
90-100 000 y BP

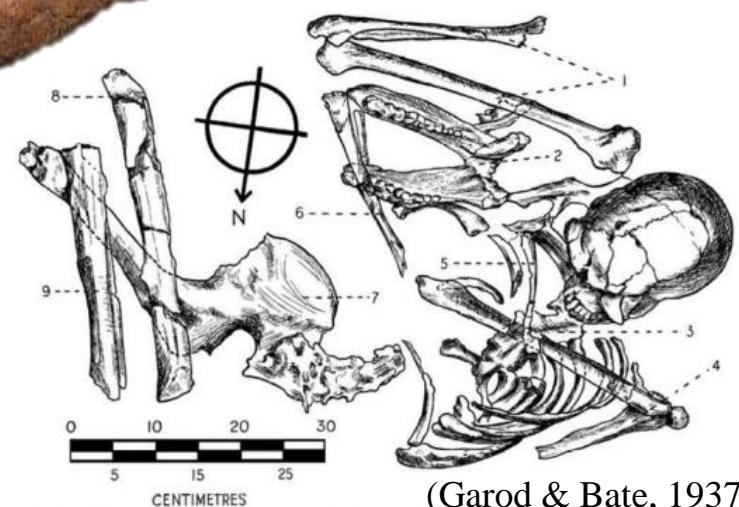
Double burial



(Vandermeersch, 1981)



Skhul V, Israel  
100 000 y BP



(Garod & Bate, 1937)

2. Plan of the contracted burial of a tall male, Skhul V. 1, right arm; 2, Pig's mandible; 3, dorsal vertebrae; 4, left scapula and humerus; 5, left clavicle; 6, left radius; 7, right ilium; 8, left femur; 9, left tibia and fibula.

I primi *Homo sapiens* nel Vicino Oriente  
*First Homo sapiens in the Near-East*

**Skhul - Israele (100.000 BP)**

- Industria musteriana / *Mousterian industries*
- 10 scheletri completi / *10 complete skeleton*
- morfologia arcaica (inizialmente attribuiti a *Homo neanderthalensis*) / *Archaic morphology (attributed at the beginning to Homo neanderthalensis)*



Skhul IV

## I primi *Homo sapiens* nel Vicino Oriente

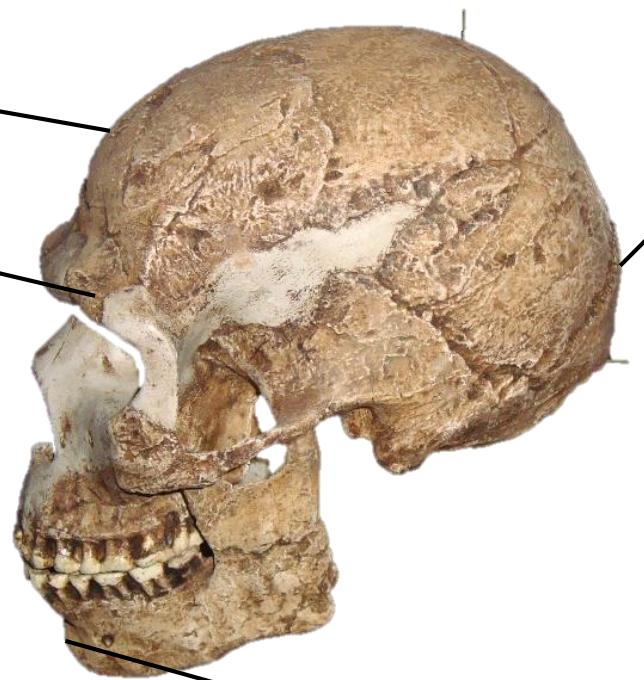
*First Homo sapiens in the Near-East*

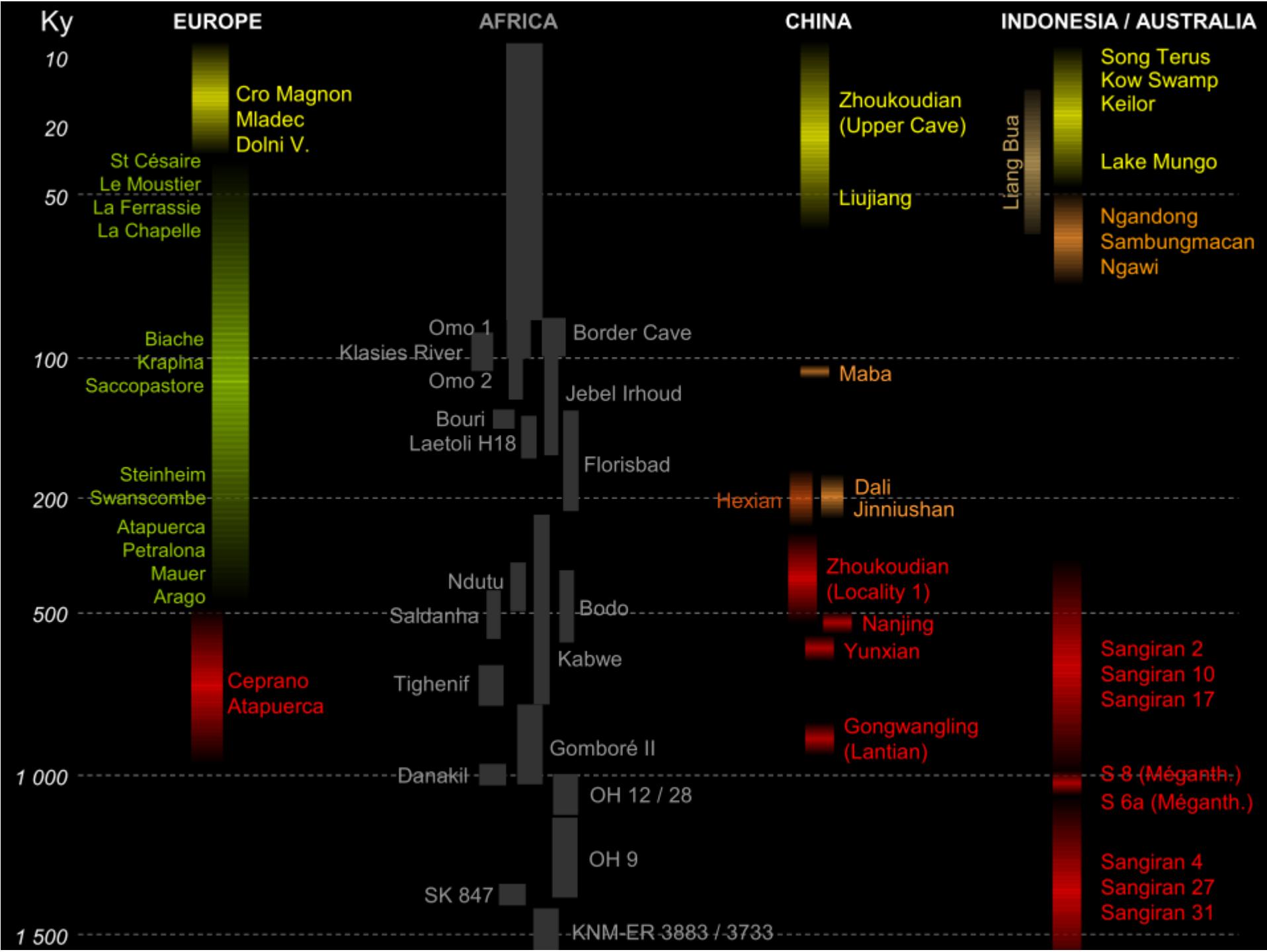
Fronte convessa /  
*Convexe fronthead*

Occipitale arrotondato /  
*Rounded occipital*

Assenza del toro sopra  
orbitario /  
*Lack of supra-orbital torus*

Mento / *Chin*





# Fossil record

*Homo erectus*

East Asia (China)

Southeast Asia  
mainland  
insular (Java)

*H. erectus/archaic H. sapiens*

East Asia (China)

Southeast Asia  
insular (Java)

fossil *Homo sapiens*

East Asia

Southeast Asia

Australia

Pacific



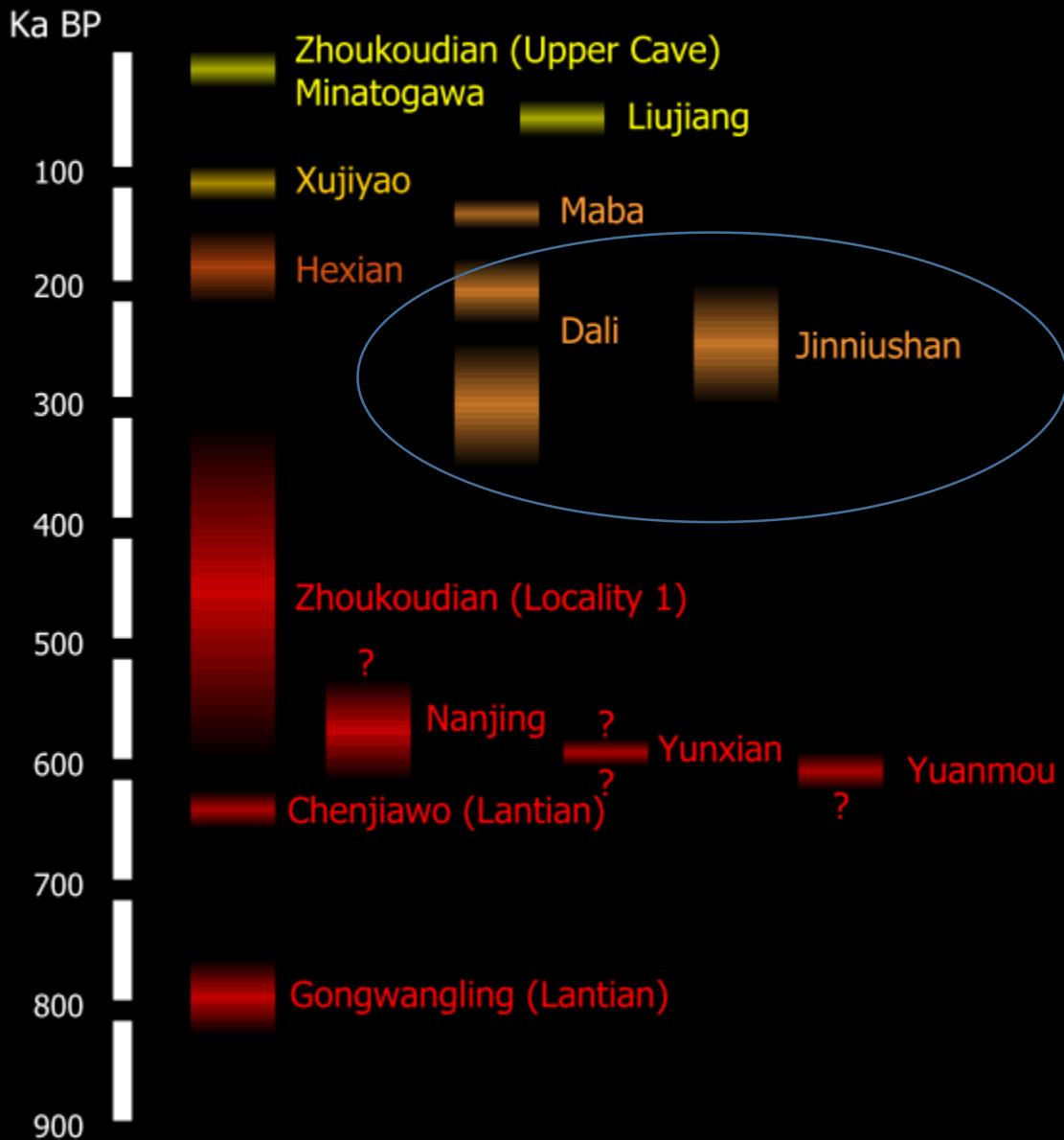
Song Terus

# Chronology of Chinese human fossils

Anatomically modern  
*Homo sapiens*

“Archaic” *Homo sapiens*  
transition forms?

*Homo erectus*



# South Asia: India, Narmada valley

Middle Pleistocene

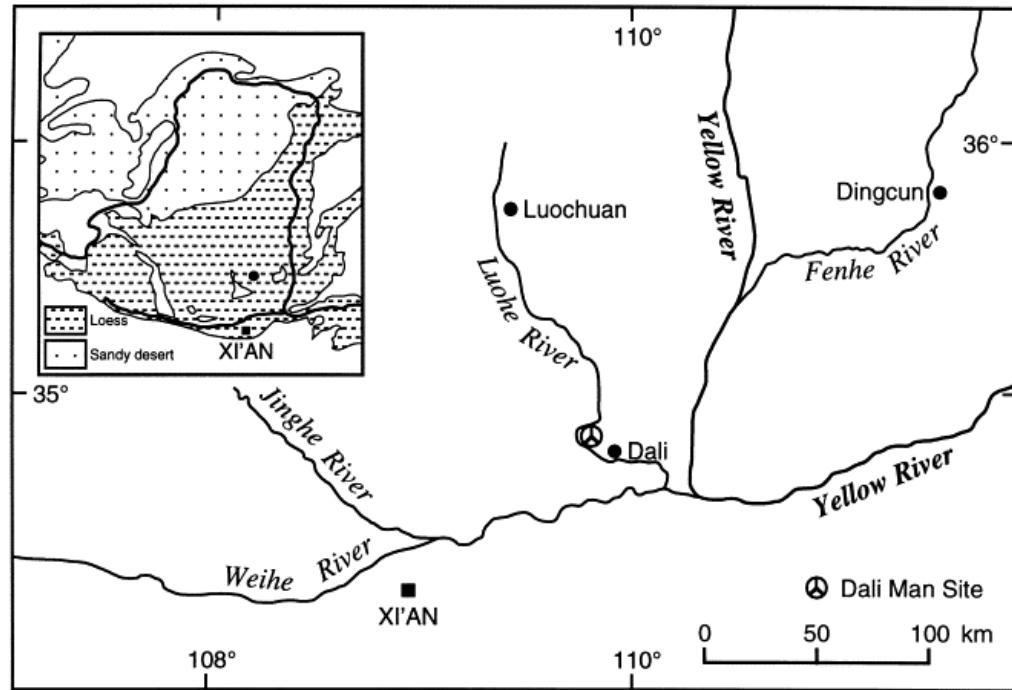
(U series from a Bovid scapula:  
Minimal age ~ 236 000 y ?)



# Dali, China

180 – 230 ky BP (U-Th on tooth)

250-350 ky BP (ESR – U-Th on tooth)



Mosaic of *H. erectus* and *H. sapiens* features  
« archaic » *H. sapiens* = *H. rhodesiensis*, *H. heidelbergensis*?

Jinniushan, China  
260 000 y B.P.



(Rosenberg et al., 2006)



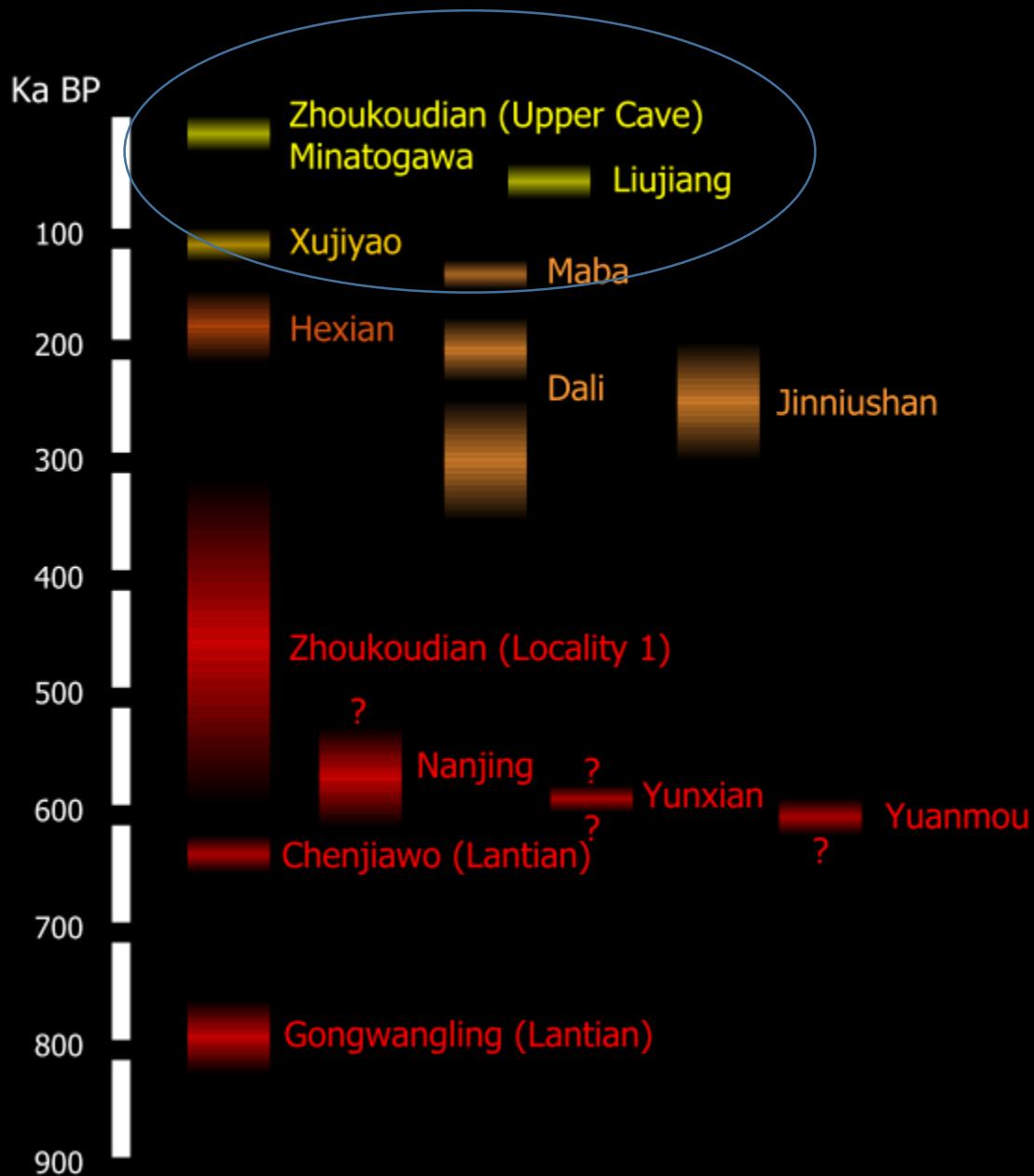
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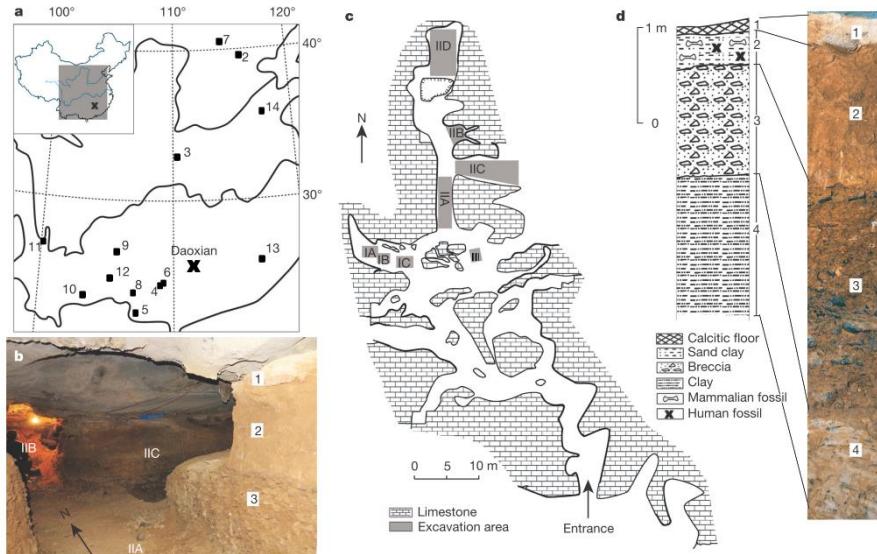
### Fuyan Cave in Daoxian

47 denti umane

**80 – 120 000 y BP**

Più derivati che tutti i altri umani anatomicamente moderni, similarità con il umani del Pleistocene medio, superiore e anche di tempi moderni.

“I risultati sono rilevanti per l’indagine sulle ragioni della relativamente tardiva entrata di *H. sapiens* in Europa. Degli umani moderni “completi” erano già presenti in Cina almeno 80.000 anni fa, non ci sono però evidenze dell’entrata in Europa prima di 45.000 anni fa. Questo potrebbe indicare che *H. neanderthalensis* fosse stato un’ulteriore **barriera ecologica** per gli uomini moderni, che sono potuti entrare in Europa solo quando la scomparsa dei Neanderthals era già iniziata”.



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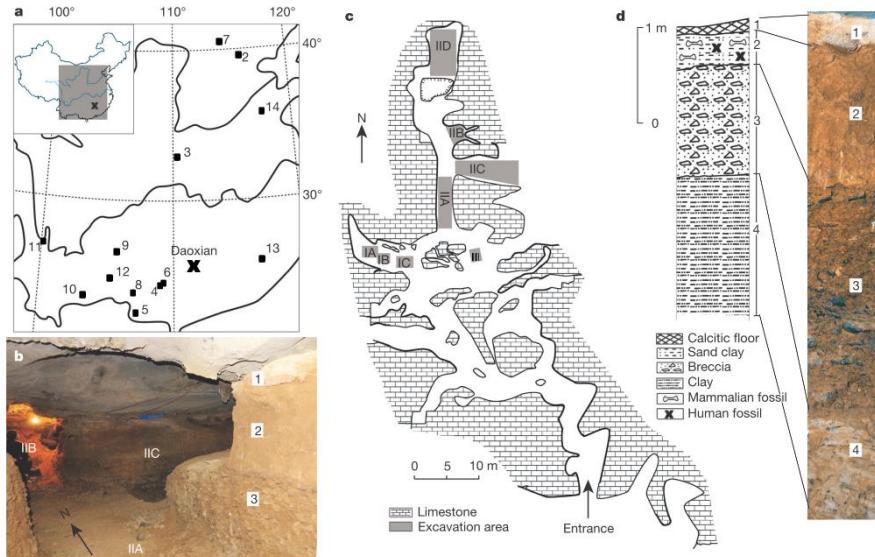
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47 human teeth

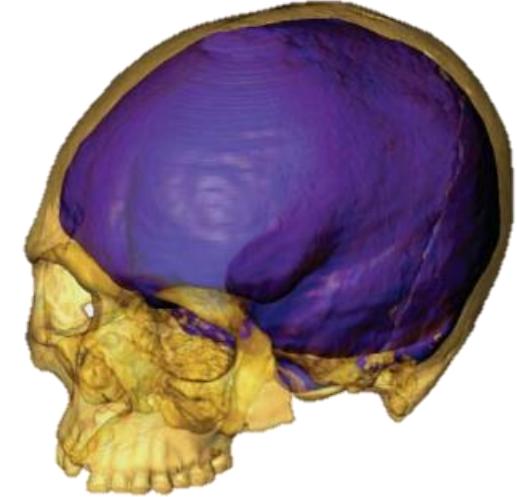
**80 – 120 000 y BP**

More derived than any other anatomically modern human, similarity with middle to late Late Pleistocene and contemporary humans.

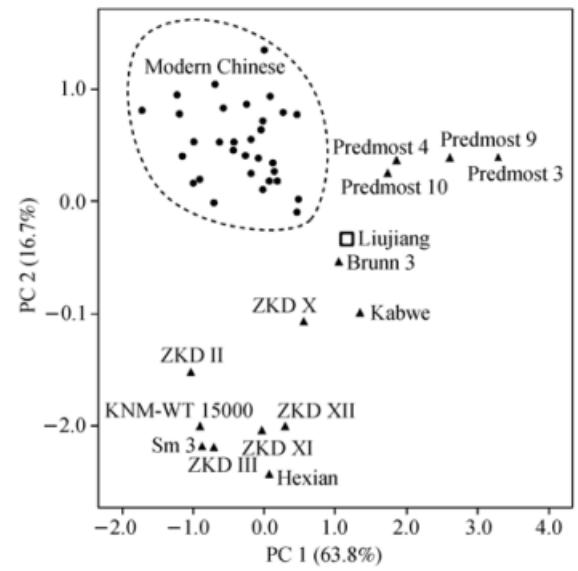
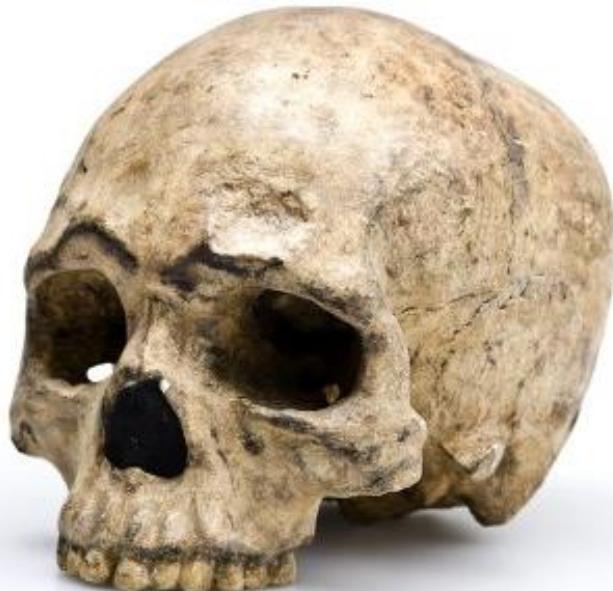
“our results are relevant to exploring the reasons for the relatively late entry of *H. sapiens* into Europe. Fully modern humans were already present in southern China at least as early as 80,000 years ago, there is no evidence that they entered Europe before 45,000 years ago. This could indicate that *H. neanderthalensis* was indeed an **additional ecological barrier** for modern humans, who could only enter Europe when the demise of Neanderthals had already started.”



Liujiang, China  
60 – 100 000 y BP?



(Wu et al., 2008)



Zhoukoudian Upper Cave, China  
20 – 30 000 y BP

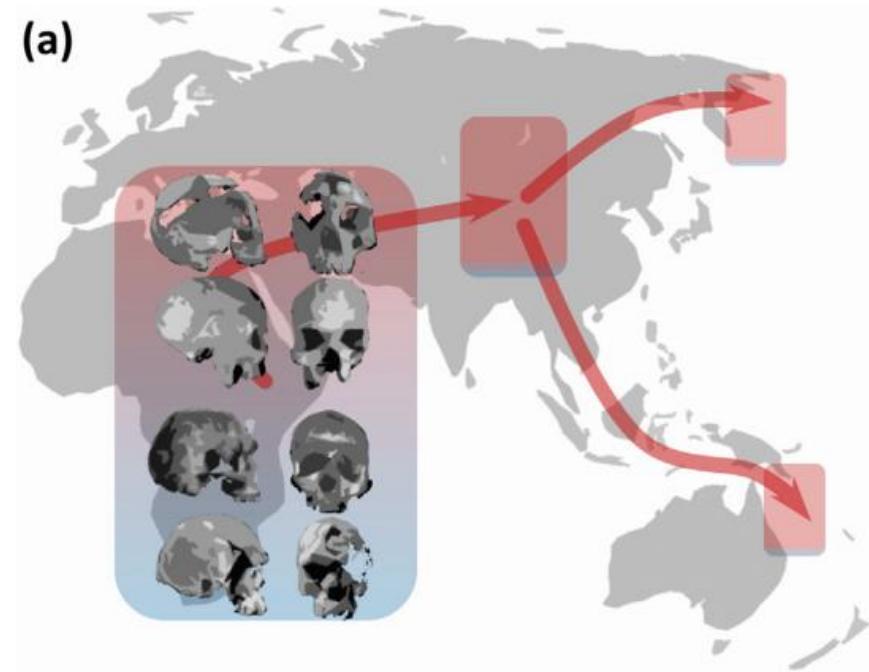




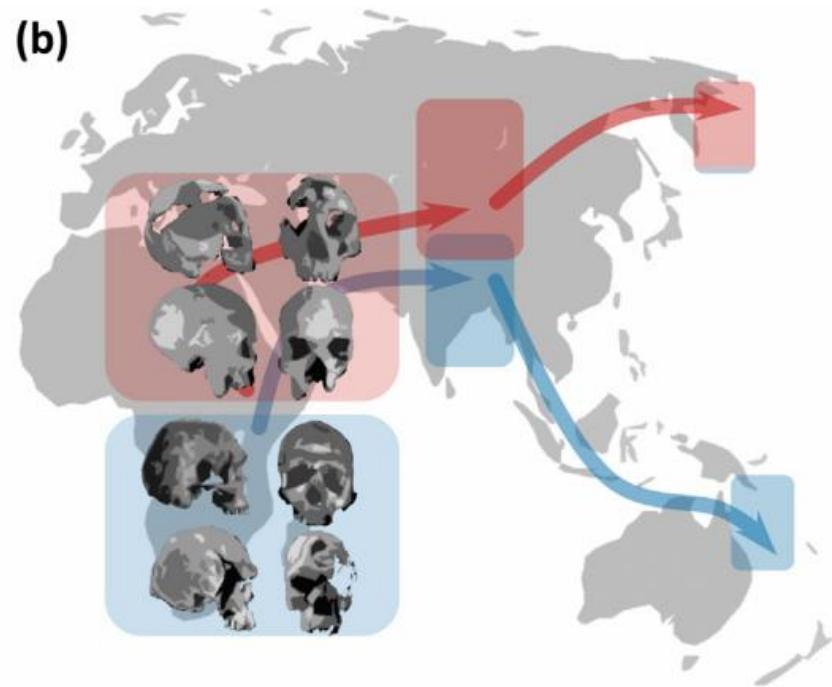
# Toward Southeast Asia and Australia



(a)



(b)



(Reyes-Centeno et al., 2014)

2 scenarios:

- a) Single dispersal
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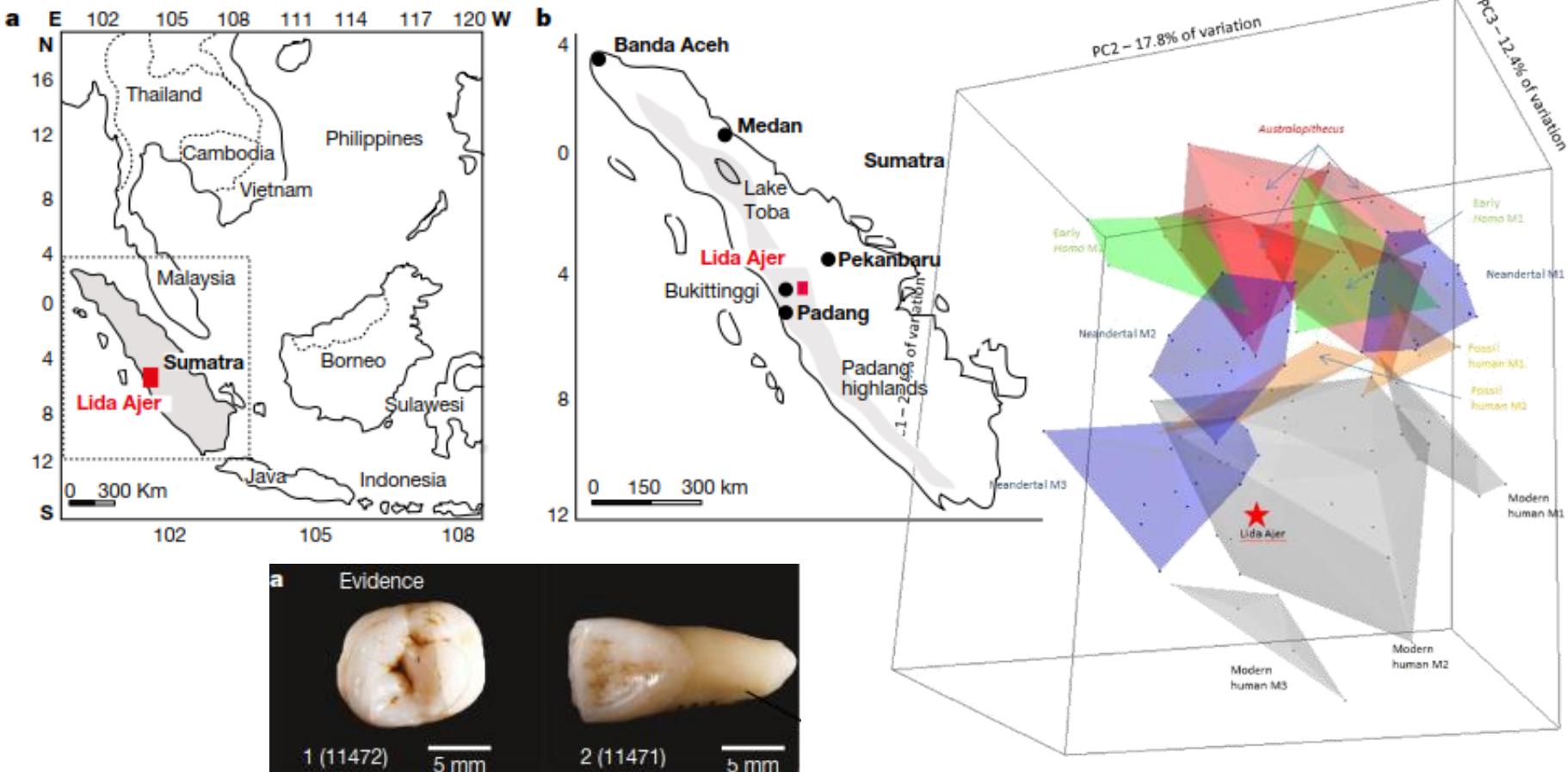
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Recent genetic studies and accumulating archaeological and paleontological evidence suggest a « southern route » dispersal into Asia in the late Middle Pleistocene, followed by a separate dispersal into northern Eurasia.

Australo-Melanesian populations are descendants of an early dispersal whereas other Asian populations are descended from, or highly admixed with, members of a subsequent migration event.

# An early modern human presence in Sumatra 73,000–63,000 years ago

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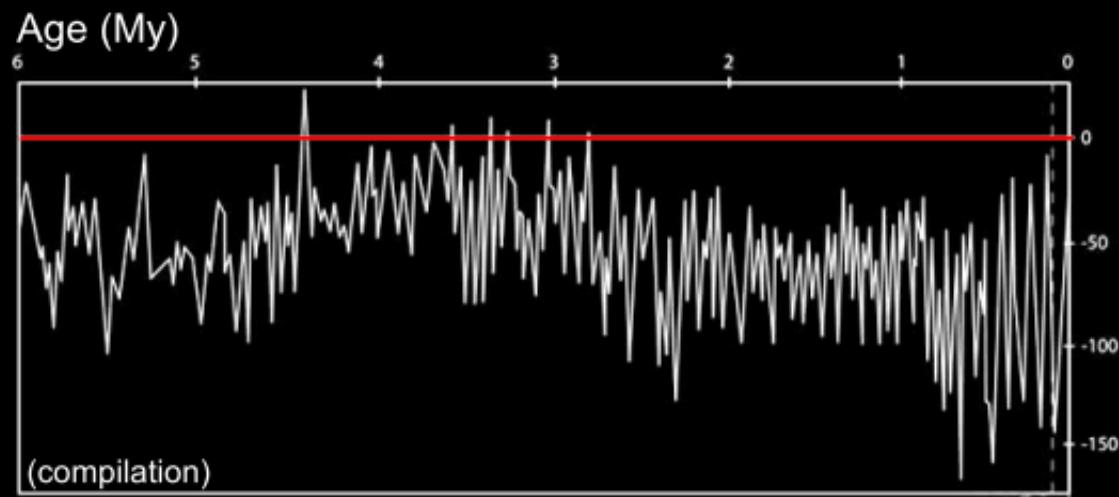
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## *Homo erectus*

**Glacial / interglacial**

=> Sea level changes

- insular periods

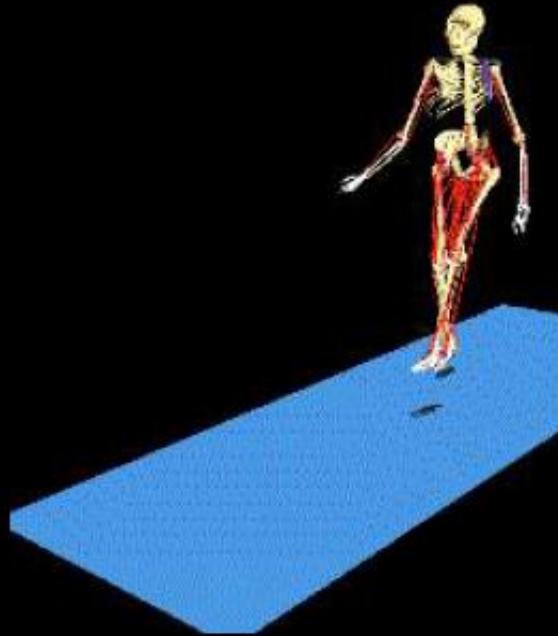
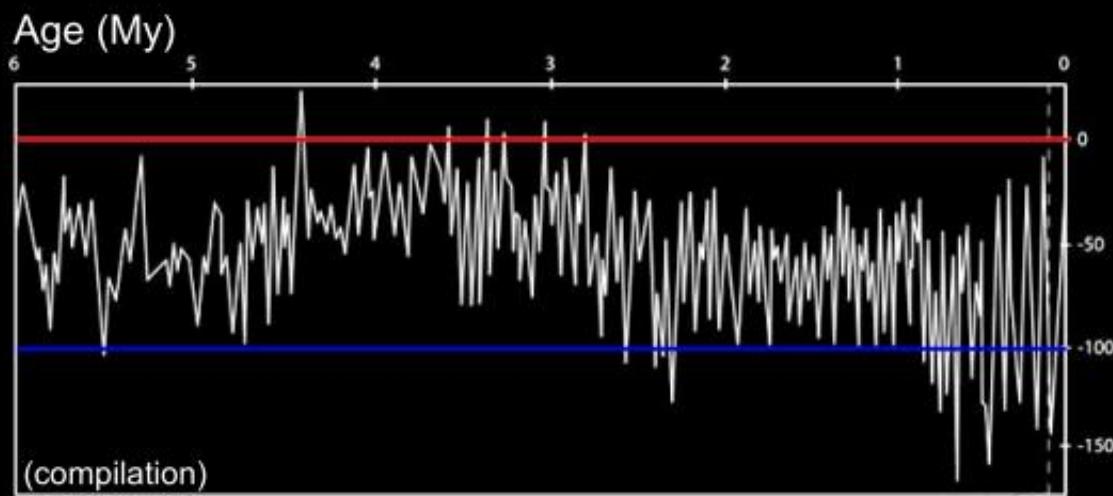


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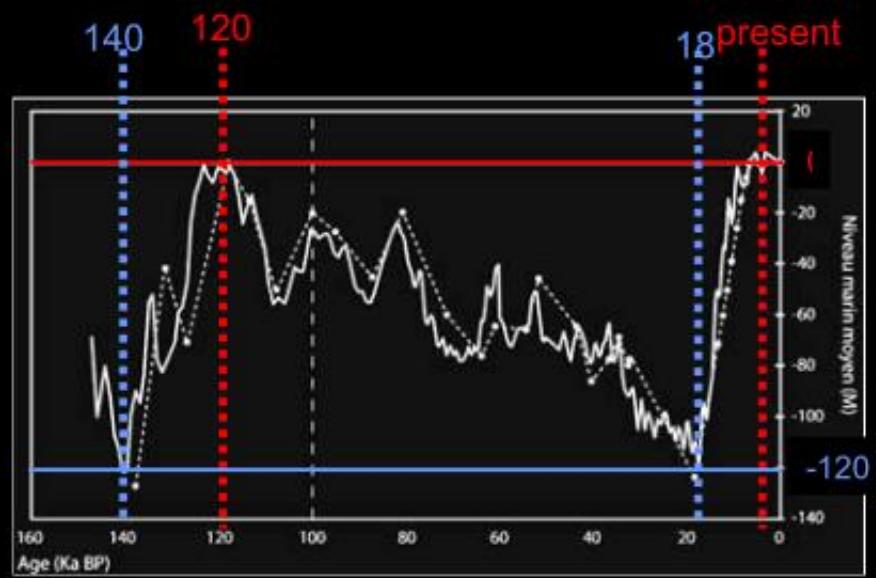
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=> Sea level changes

- insular periods
- continental periods

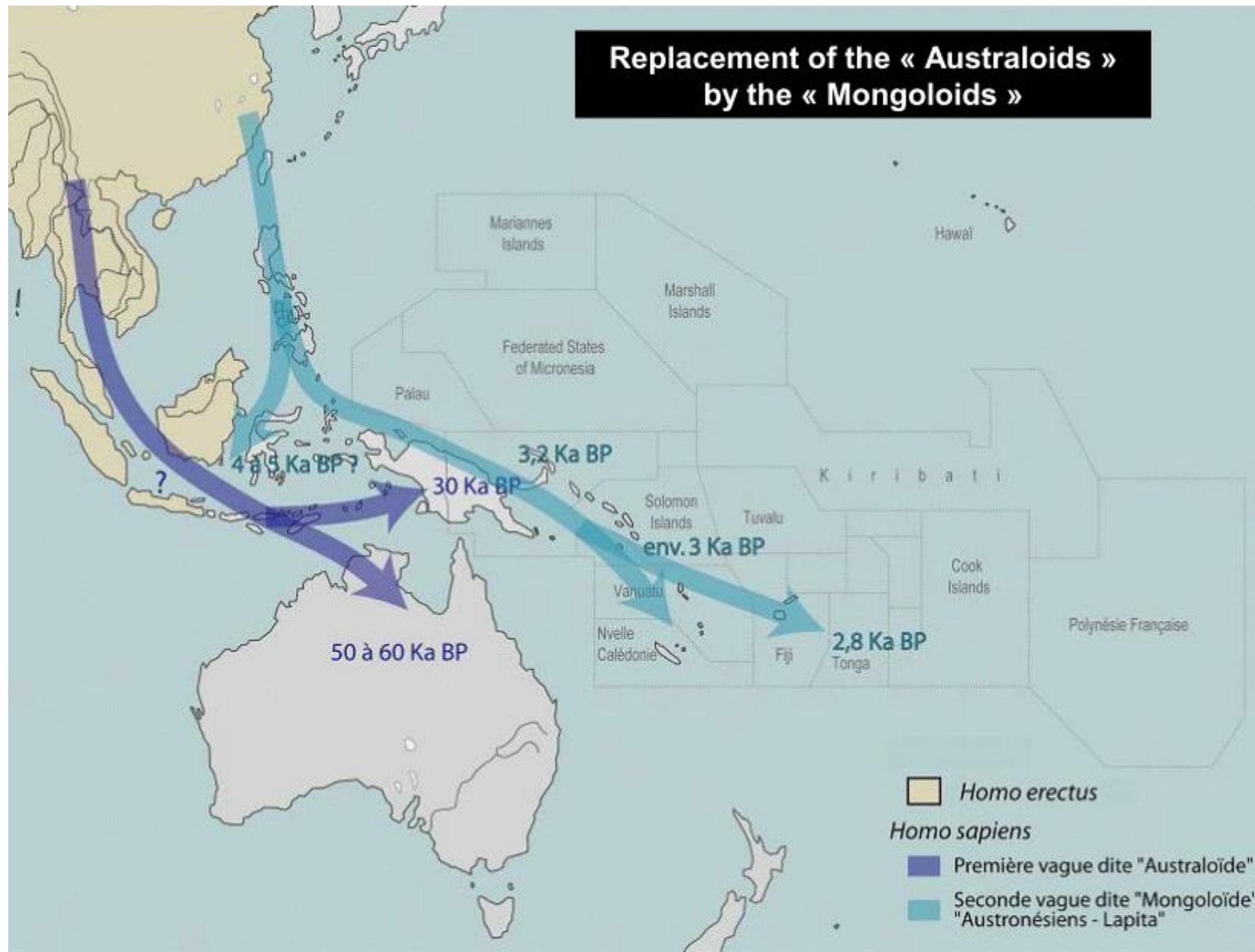


*Homo sapiens* is able to navigate for at least 60 000 years



d'après Chappell *et al.* (1996) ; Pillans *et al.* (1998) et Voris (2002)

## Replacement of the « Australoids » by the « Mongoloids »



Ka

EUROPE

AFRICA

CHINA

INDONESIA / AUSTRALIA

10

20

50

100

200

500

1 000

1 500

Cro Magnon  
Mladeč  
Dolni V.

St Césaire  
Le Moustier  
La Ferrassie  
La Chapelle

Biache  
Krapina  
Saccopastore

Steinheim  
Swanscombe  
Atapuerca  
Petalona  
Mauer  
Arago

Ceprano  
Atapuerca

Klasies River  
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Omo 2  
Bouri  
Laetoli H18

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Gomboré II

Zhoukoudian  
(Upper Cave)

Liujiang

Maba

Hexian  
Dali  
Jinniushan

Zhoukoudian  
(Locality 1)

Nanjing  
Yunxian

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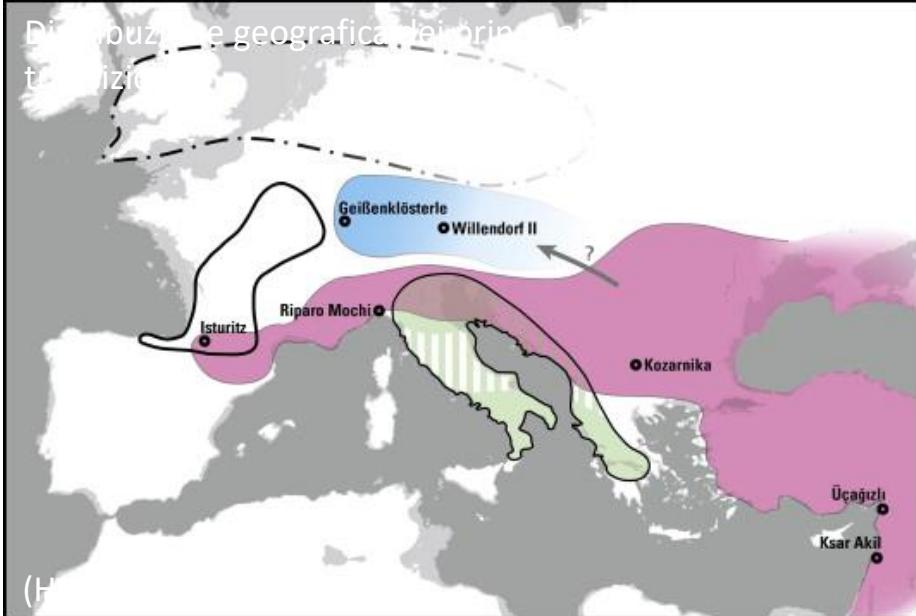
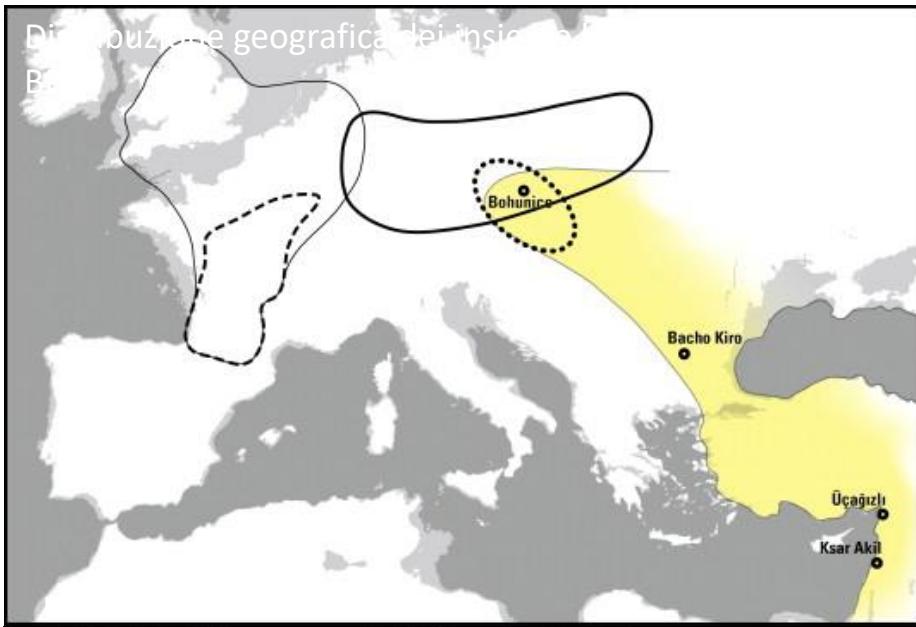
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Ngawi

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Sangiran 4  
Sangiran 27  
Sangiran 31

# I primi uomini moderni in Europa



Bacho Kiro (Bulgaria) (Aurignaziano antico),  
43.000 anni

Grotta del Cavallo (Italia) (Uluzziano),  
45.000-43.000 anni

El Castillo (Spagna) (Aurignaziano antico)  
37.000- 34.000 anni

Mladec (Repubblica Ceca) (32.000 anni)

Dolni Vestonice, Pavlov (Repubblica Ceca)  
(25.000 anni)

Cro Magnon (Francia) (30.000 anni)

Pestera cu Oase (Grotta degli orsi, Romania)  
34-36.000 anni

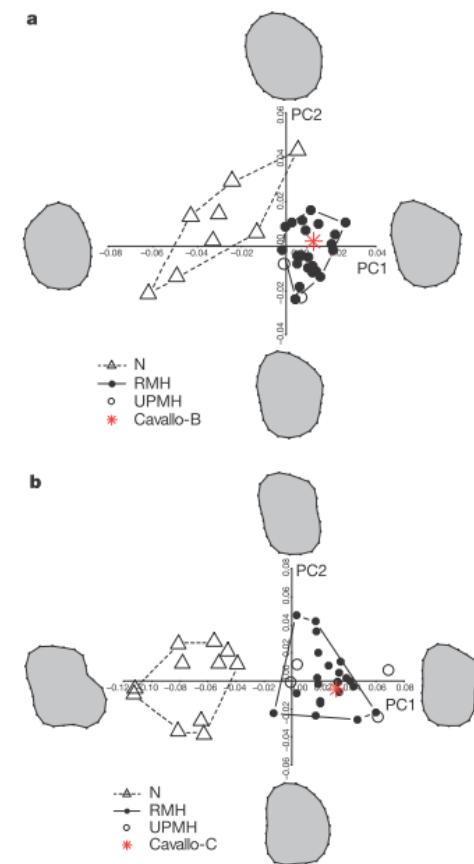
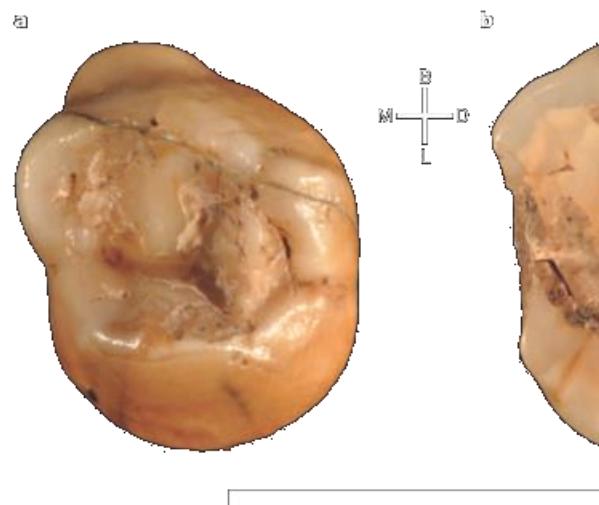


# LETTER

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## Early dispersal of modern humans in Europe and implications for Neanderthal behaviour

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Cro-Magnon, Francia

27 680 +/- 270 BP (Henry-Gambier et al, 2002)



Cro-Magnon 1



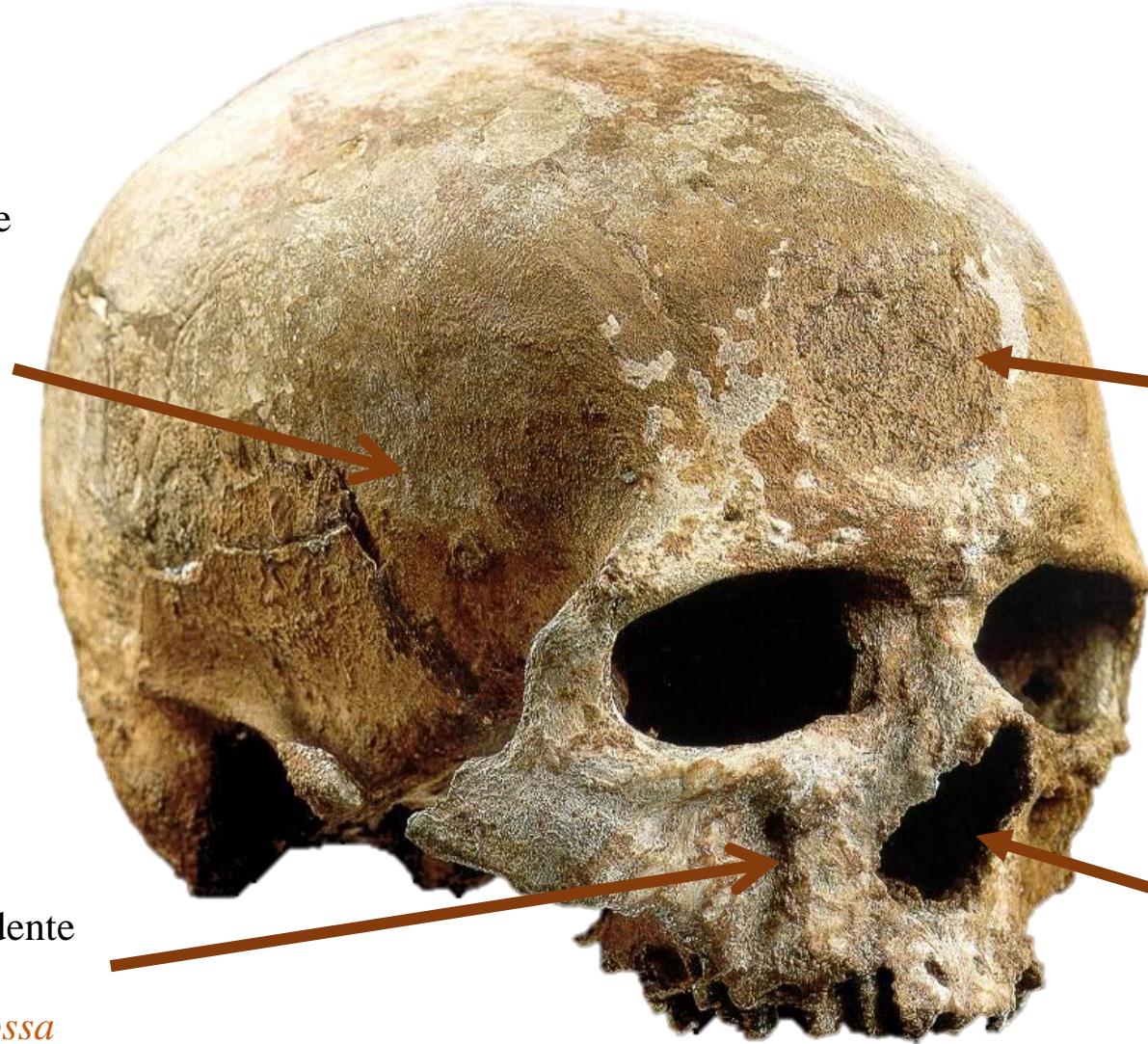
Cro-Magnon 2



Parietali espansi e  
occipitale  
arrotondato /

*Parietals  
expanded and  
rounded  
occipitals*

Fossa canina evidente  
/  
*Evident canine fossa*



*H. sapiens, Cro-Magnon*

Fronte verticale /  
*Vertical frontal  
bone*

Faccia piccola e  
piatta / *Short and flat  
face*



Mladec V, Czech Republic  
34-35 000 y BP?



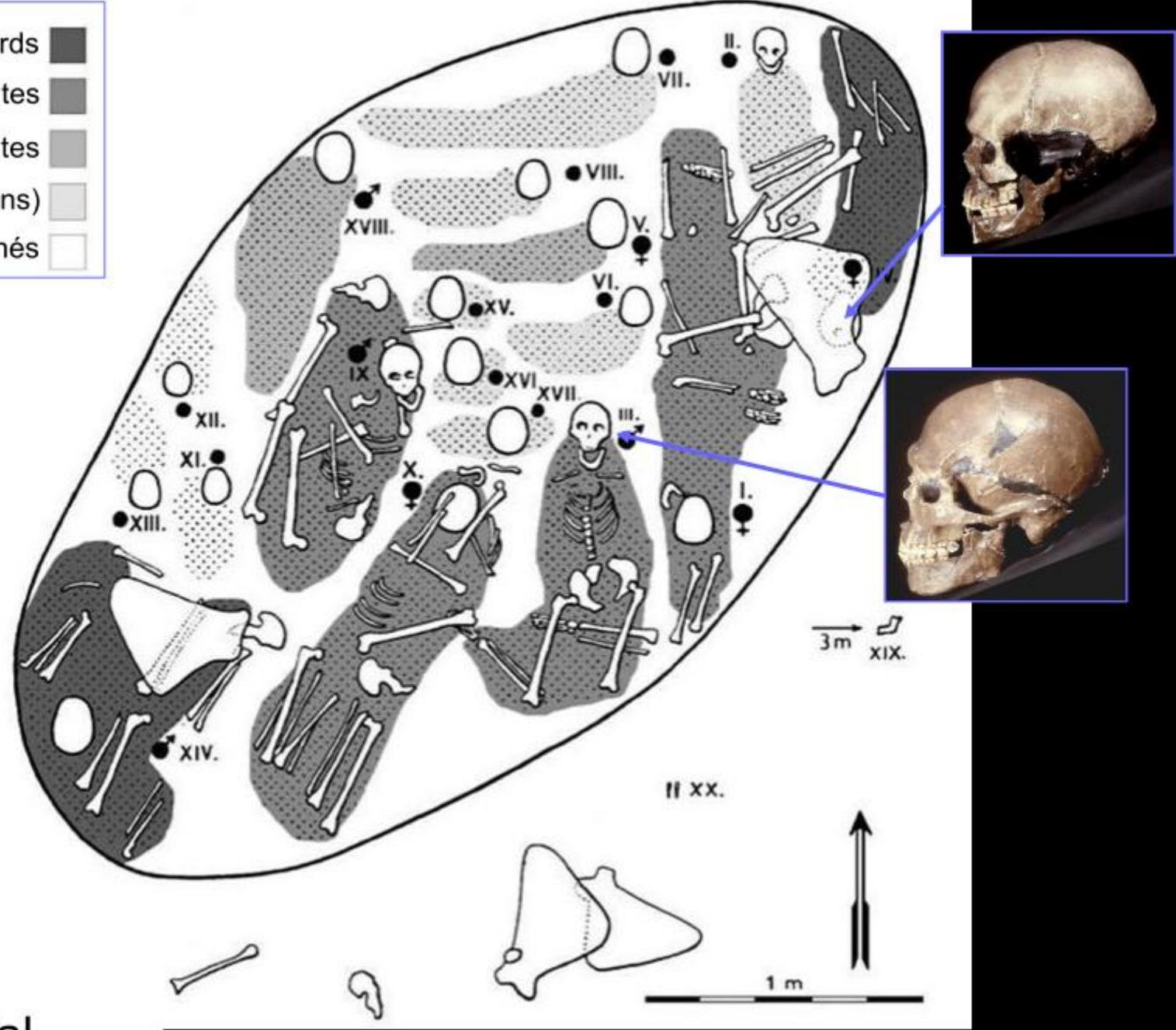
Triple burial (Mladec 5, 6 and 46)

Predmost III, Czech Republic

28 – 20 000 y BP



- 2 vieillards
- 2 "couples" adultes
- 2 jeunes adultes
- 7 enfants (2-14 ans)
- 3 nouveaux nés



**Predmost**  
Multiple burial

(d'après Klima, 1991; *in* Trinkaus & Zilhao, 2002)





## News and Views

### Early modern human cranial remains from the Peștera cu Oase, Romania

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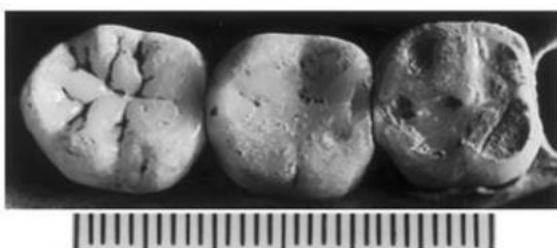
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*Keywords:* Human paleontology; Early modern humans; Europe; Late Pleistocene

## Conclusion

The 2002 discovery of a human mandible at the Peștera cu Oase in southwestern Romania indicates that the earliest “modern” Europeans combined a variety of archaic *Homo*, derived early modern human, and possibly Neandertal features in their craniofacial skeletal and dental morphology. Although compatible with some degree of admixture between regional Neandertal populations and in-dispersing early modern humans, the Oase 1 mandible is particularly relevant for emphasizing the degree to which early modern humans were not particularly modern.

(Trinkaus, 2003)





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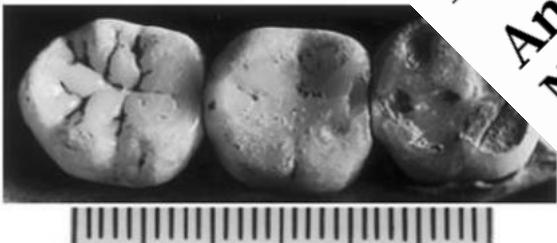
## Conclusion

The 2002 discovery of a human mandible in southwestern Romania indicates that Europeans combined a variety of modern human, and possibly Neanderthal, facial skeletal and dental traits with some degree of admixture. The populations and individuals from which early modern human mandible is particularly

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# An early modern human from Romania with a recent Neanderthal ancestor

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Out of Africa “archaic” *H. sapiens*

*H. heidelbergensis?*



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