



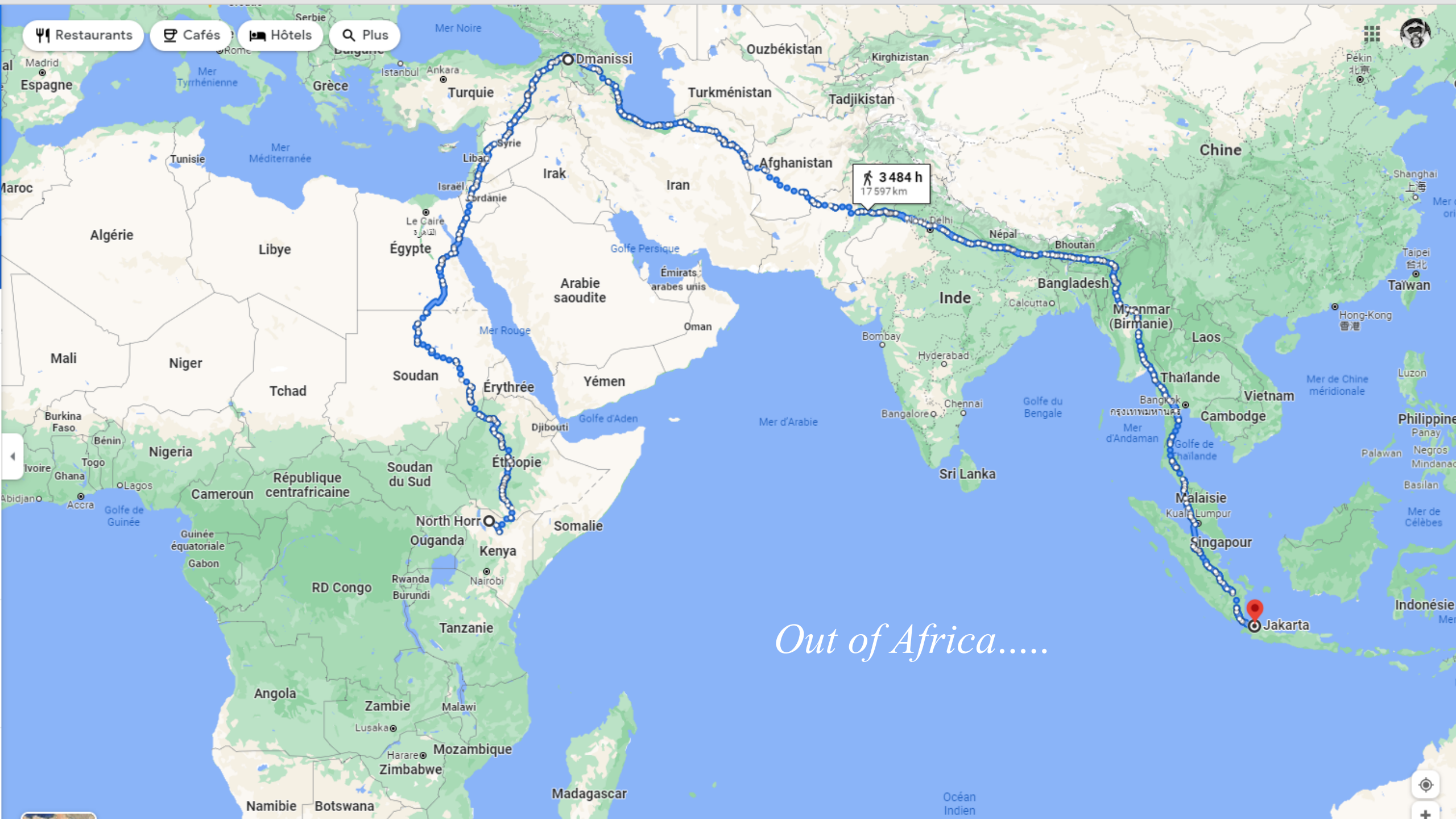
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Out-of-Africa toward Asia

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17597 km

Out of Africa.....



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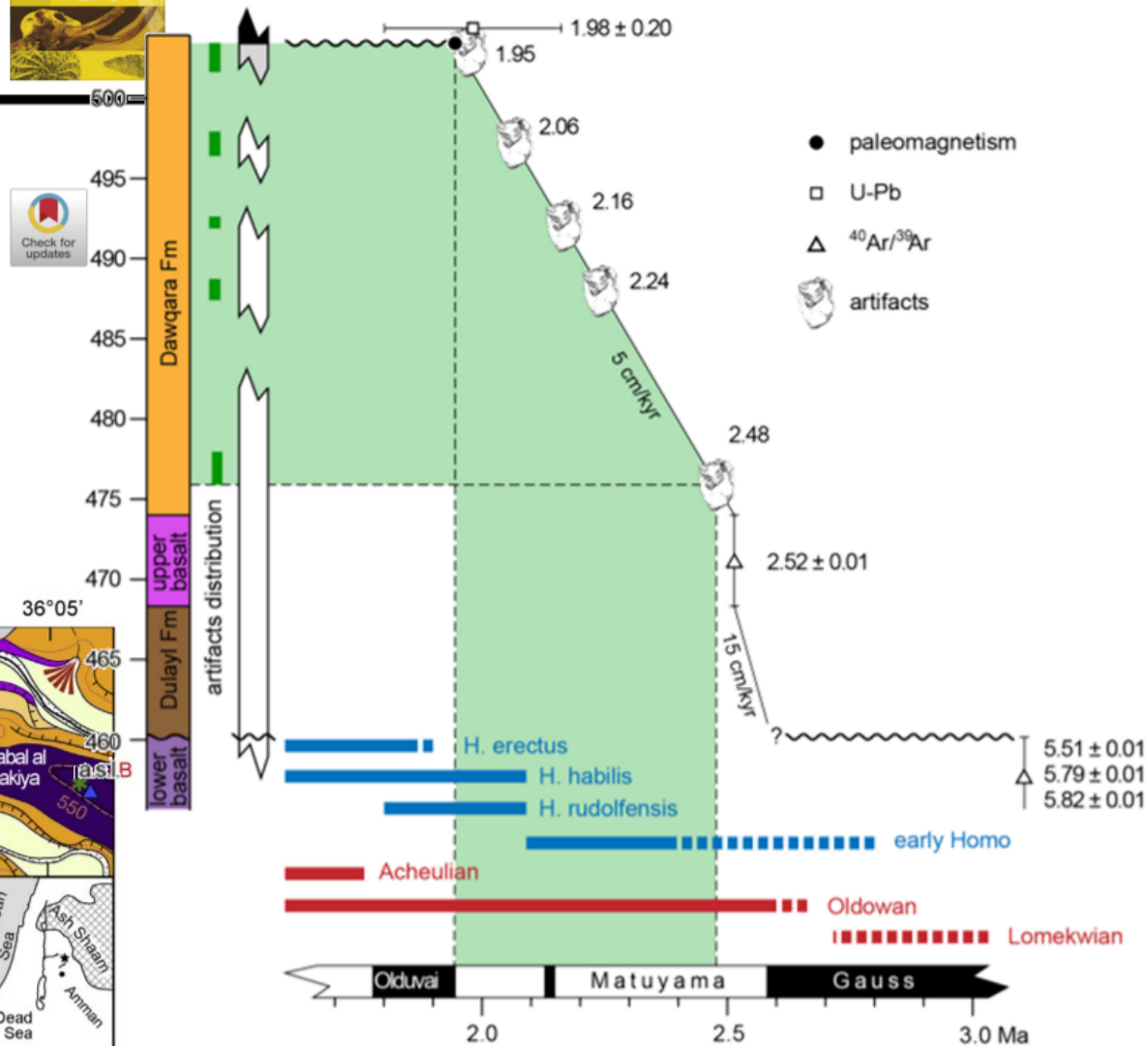
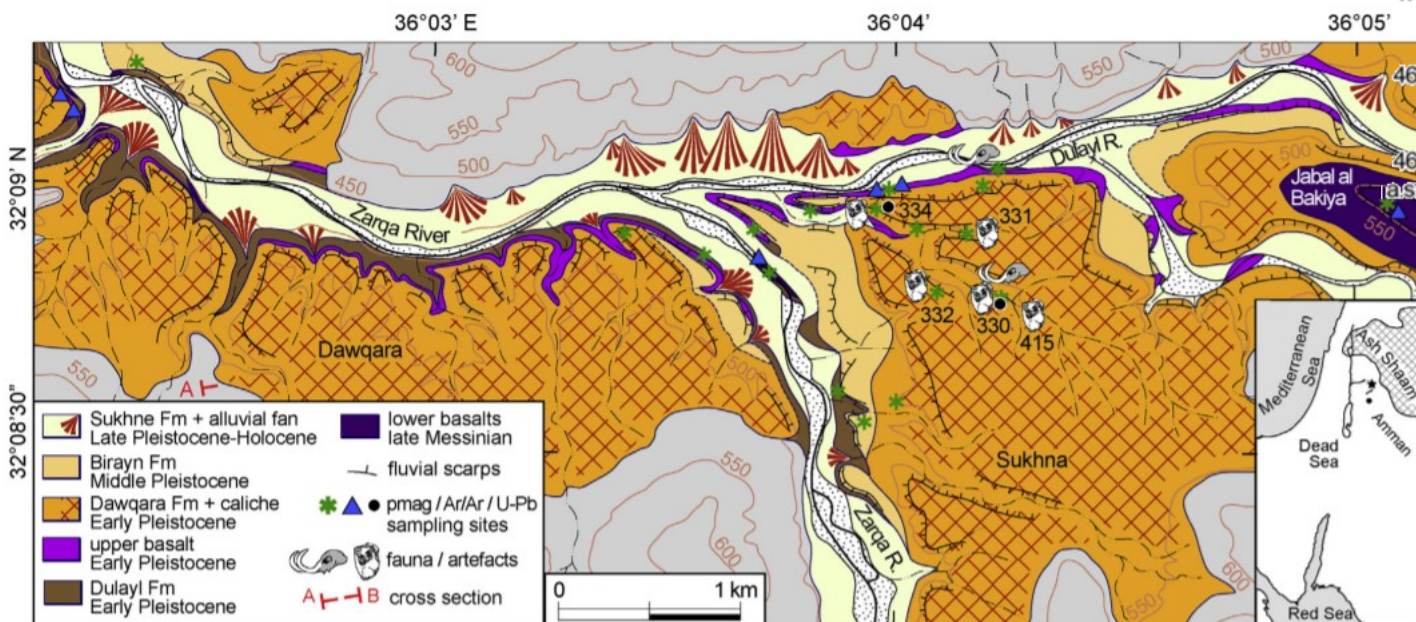


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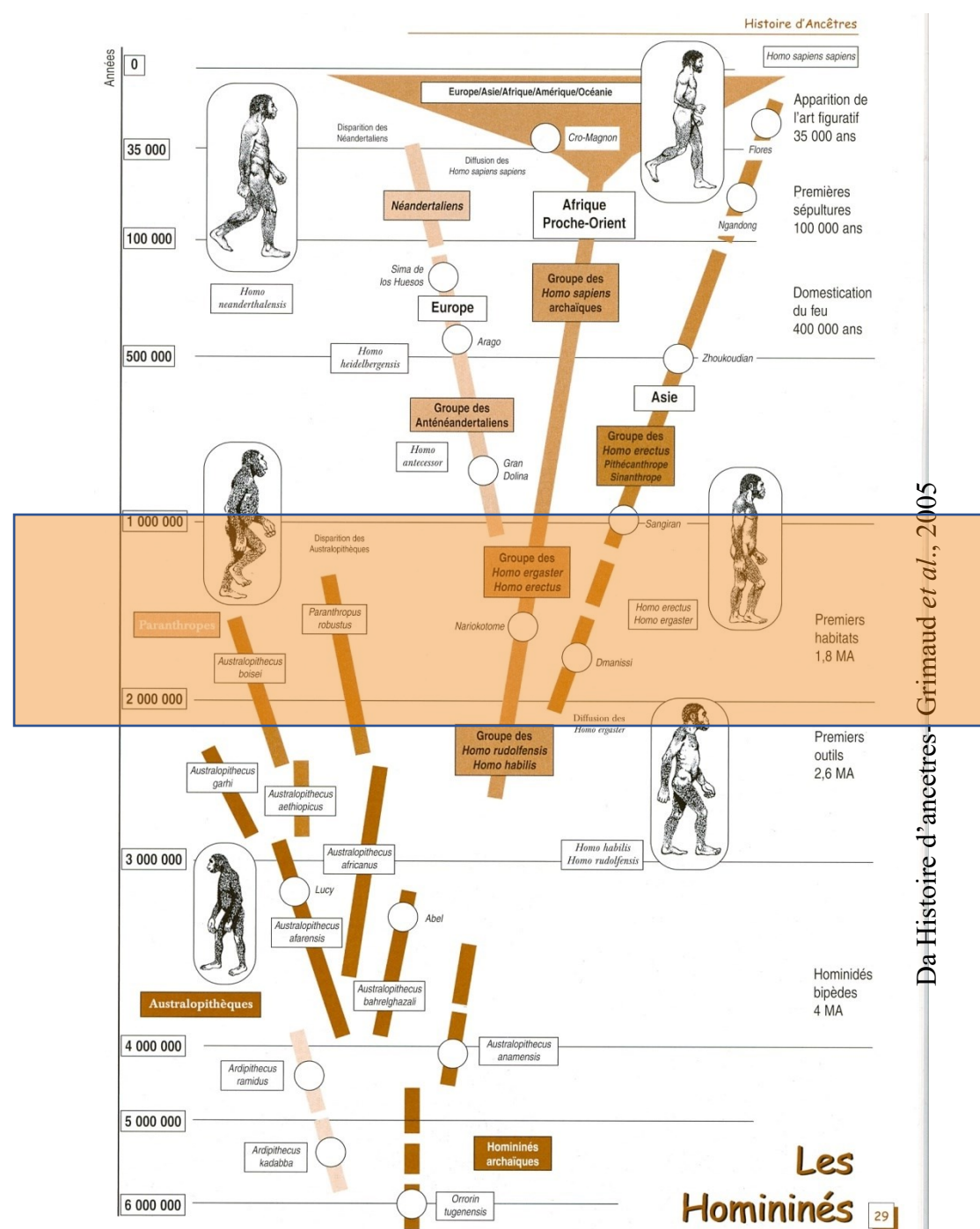
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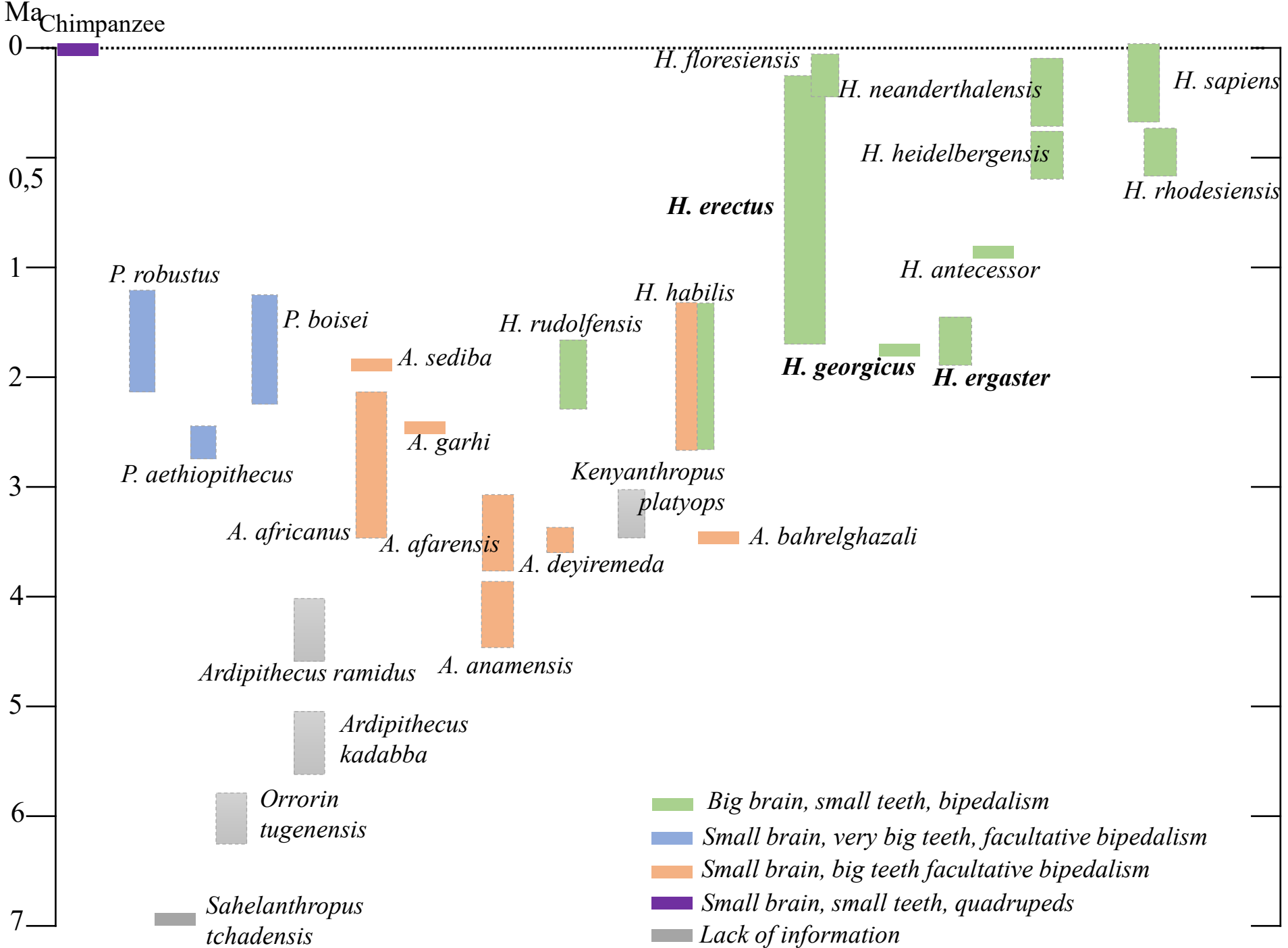
Chronologic constraints on hominin dispersal outside Africa since 2.48 Ma from the Zarqa Valley, Jordan

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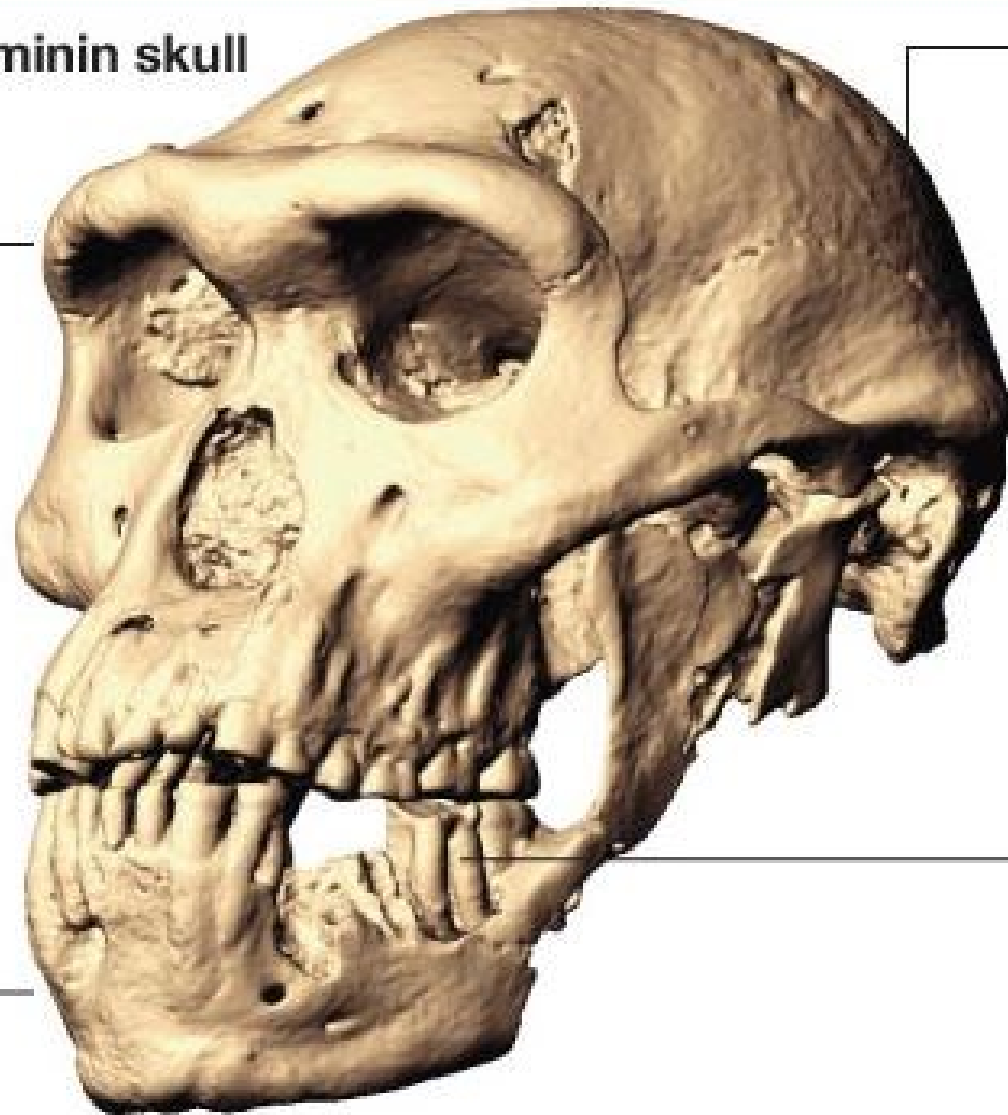


DMANISI
Una nuova rivoluzione
1.750.000 anni fa

1.8-million-year-old hominin skull

These features had not been observed together in an early Homo fossil until now.

Long face
similar to the more recent *Homo erectus*



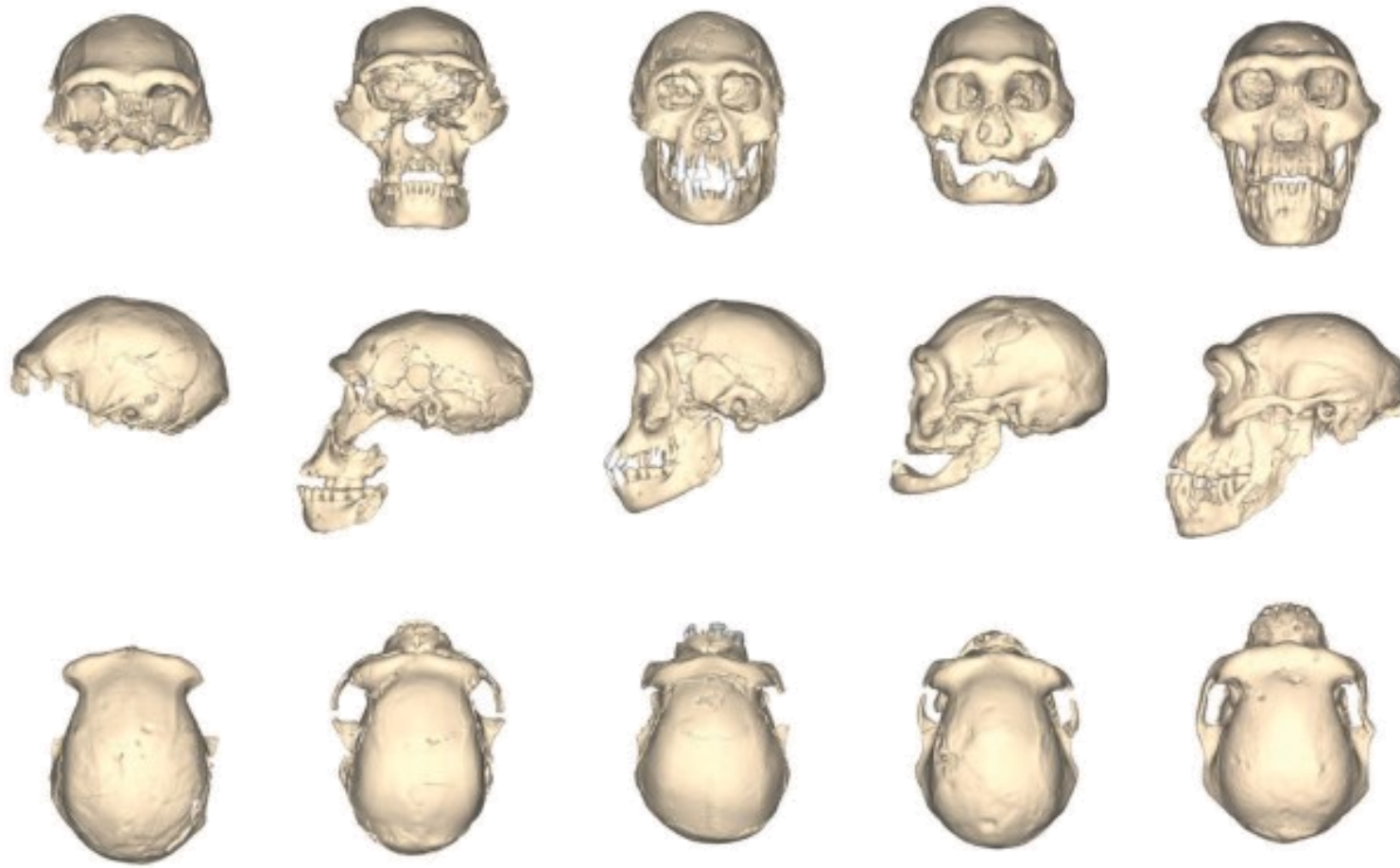
A small brain
similar to the older *Homo habilis*

Large teeth
similar to older *Homo rudolfensis*

The blend of features suggests early humans were one species that had diverse facial and cranial characteristics.

A Complete Skull from Dmanisi, Georgia, and the Evolutionary Biology of Early *Homo*

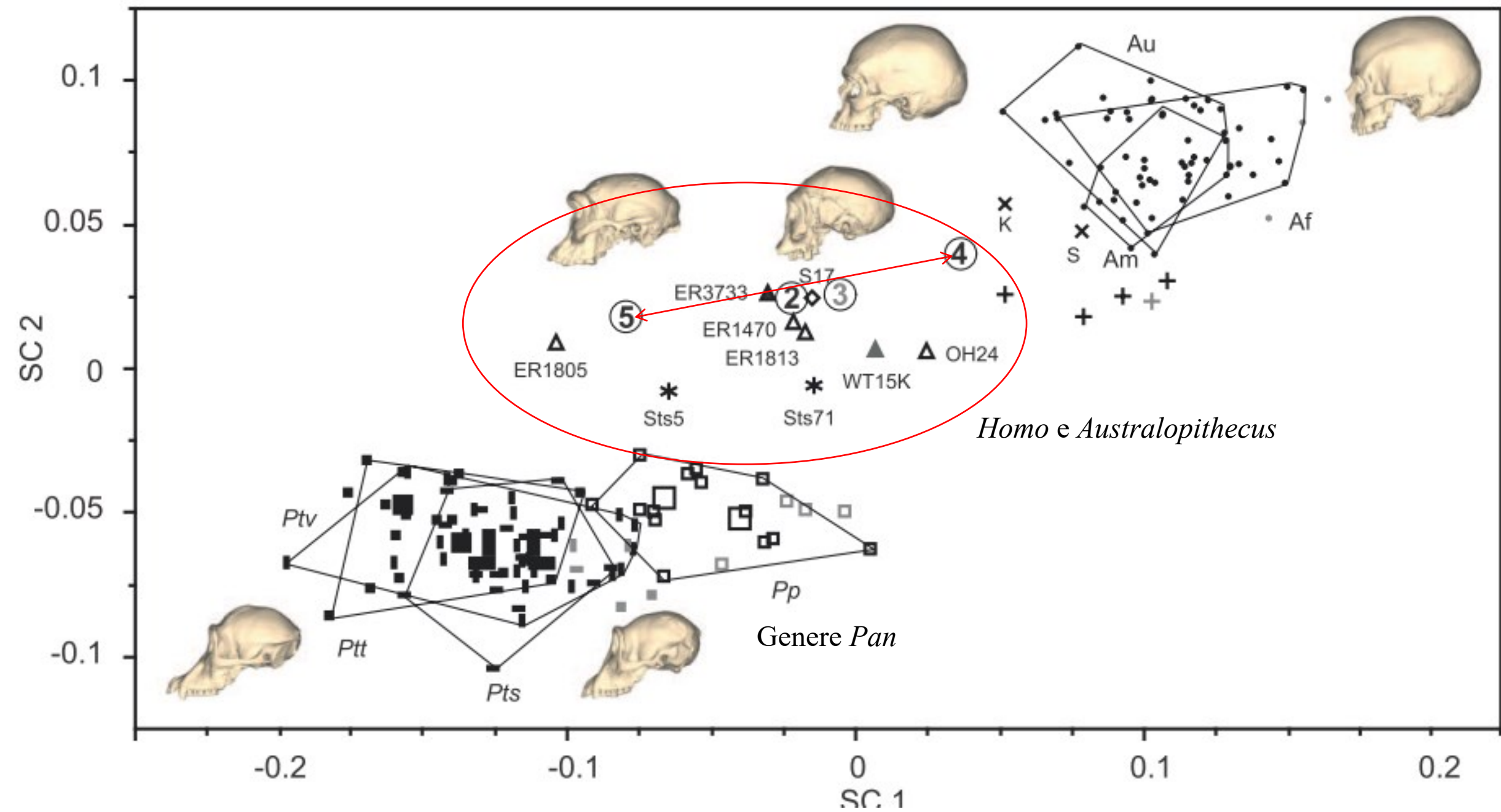
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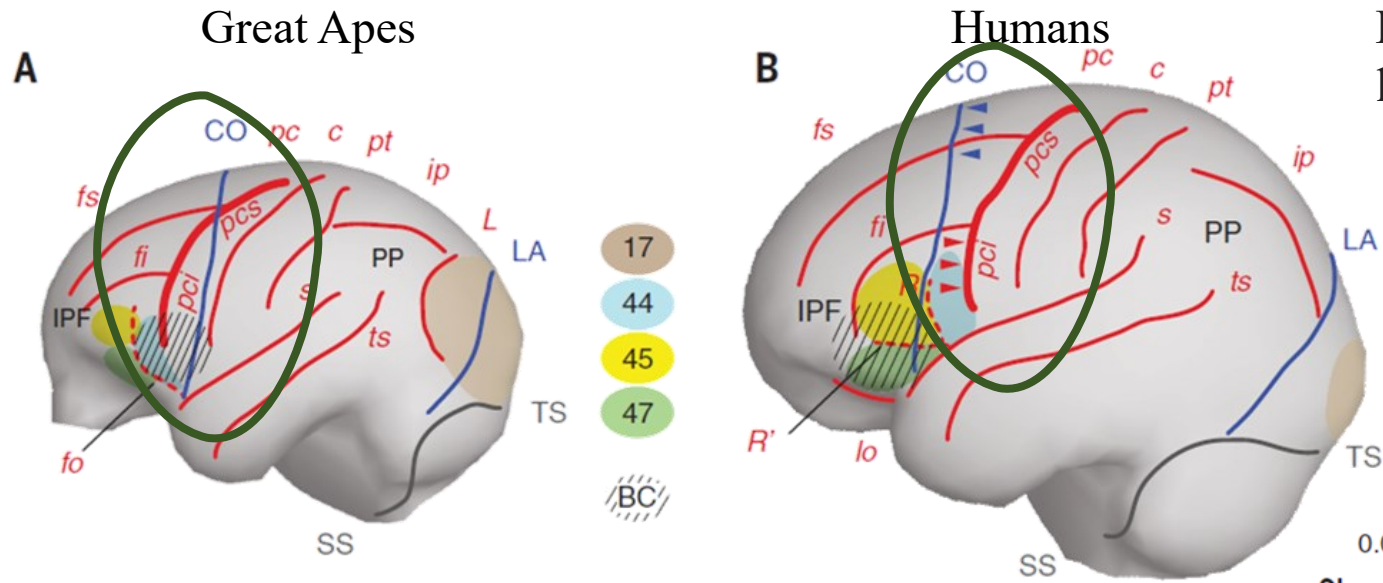


Il campione di Dmanisi, che comprende ad oggi 5 crani, fornisce delle evidenze dirette di una variazione morfologica ampia all'interno e tra i primi *Homo*.

Questo suggerisce l'esistenza di una linea evolutiva unica dei primi *Homo*, con una continuità filogeografica attraverso i continenti.

The Dmanisi sample, which now comprises five crania, provides direct evidence for wide morphological variation within and among early Homo paleodemes. This implies the existence of a single evolving lineage of early Homo, with phylogeographic continuity across continents.

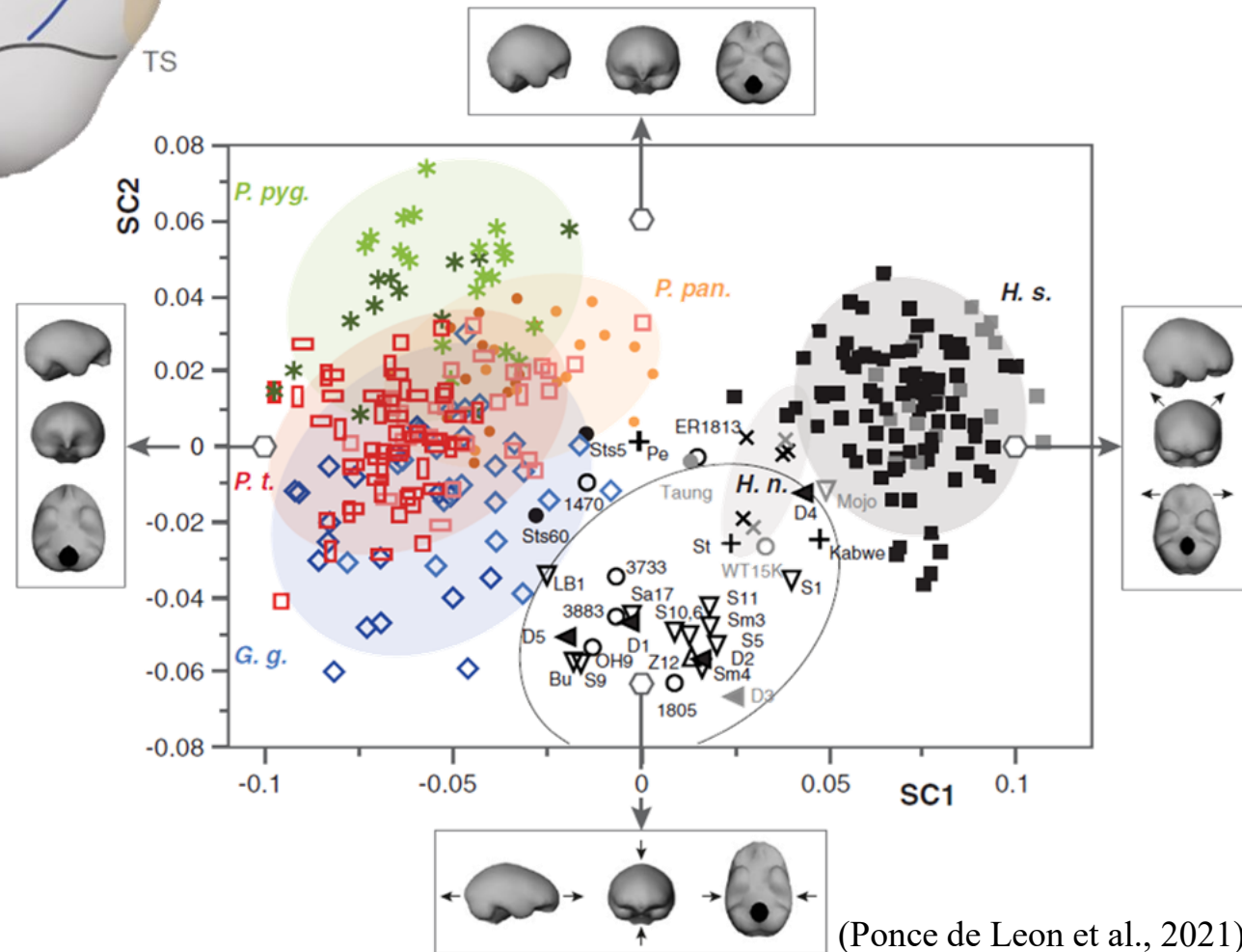




BC, Broca's cap; CO, coronal suture; LA, lambdoid suture.

Blue: Cranial sutures
Red: cerebral sulci

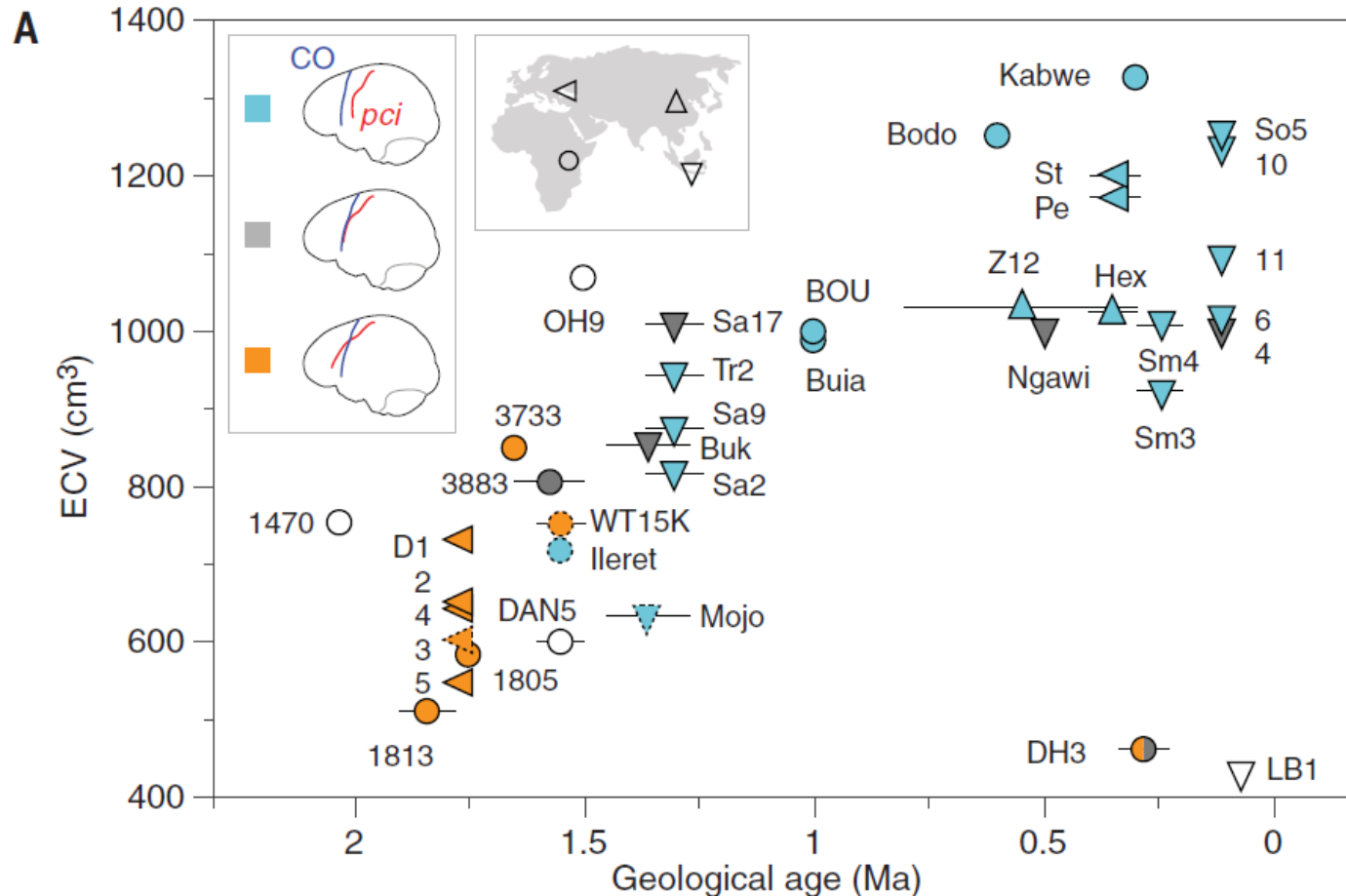
- A) In great apes, the precentral sulcus (pc) crosses the coronal suture (CO), such that its inferior portion (pci) is located anterior to CO. The lunate sulcus (L) marks the anterior border of the primary visual cortex (Brodmann area 17).
- B) In humans, evolutionary expansion of the inferior prefrontal cortex (IPF) resulted in a shift of the pci toward the posterior side of CO (red arrowheads). Concomitant expansion of the parietal bone resulted in anterior shift (blue arrowheads) of the apical portion of CO. Expansion of the posterior parietal cortex (PP) resulted in fragmentation and eventual disappearance of L. Numbers indicate Brodmann areas. Neurocranial structures:



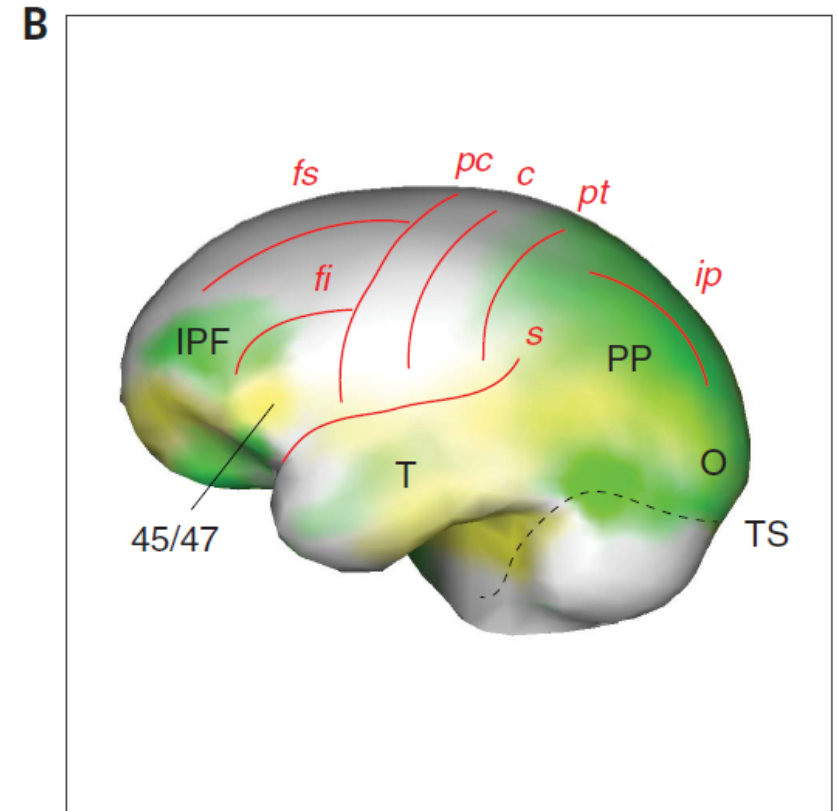
(Ponce de Leon et al., 2021)

The brains of early *Homo* from Africa and Western Asia (Dmanisi) retained a primitive, great ape–like organization of the frontal lobe. By contrast, African *Homo* younger than 1.5 million years ago, as well as all Southeast Asian *Homo erectus*, exhibited a more derived, humanlike brain organization.

Changes in ECV (mean endocranial volume) and craniocerebral topography over the past 2 Ma.

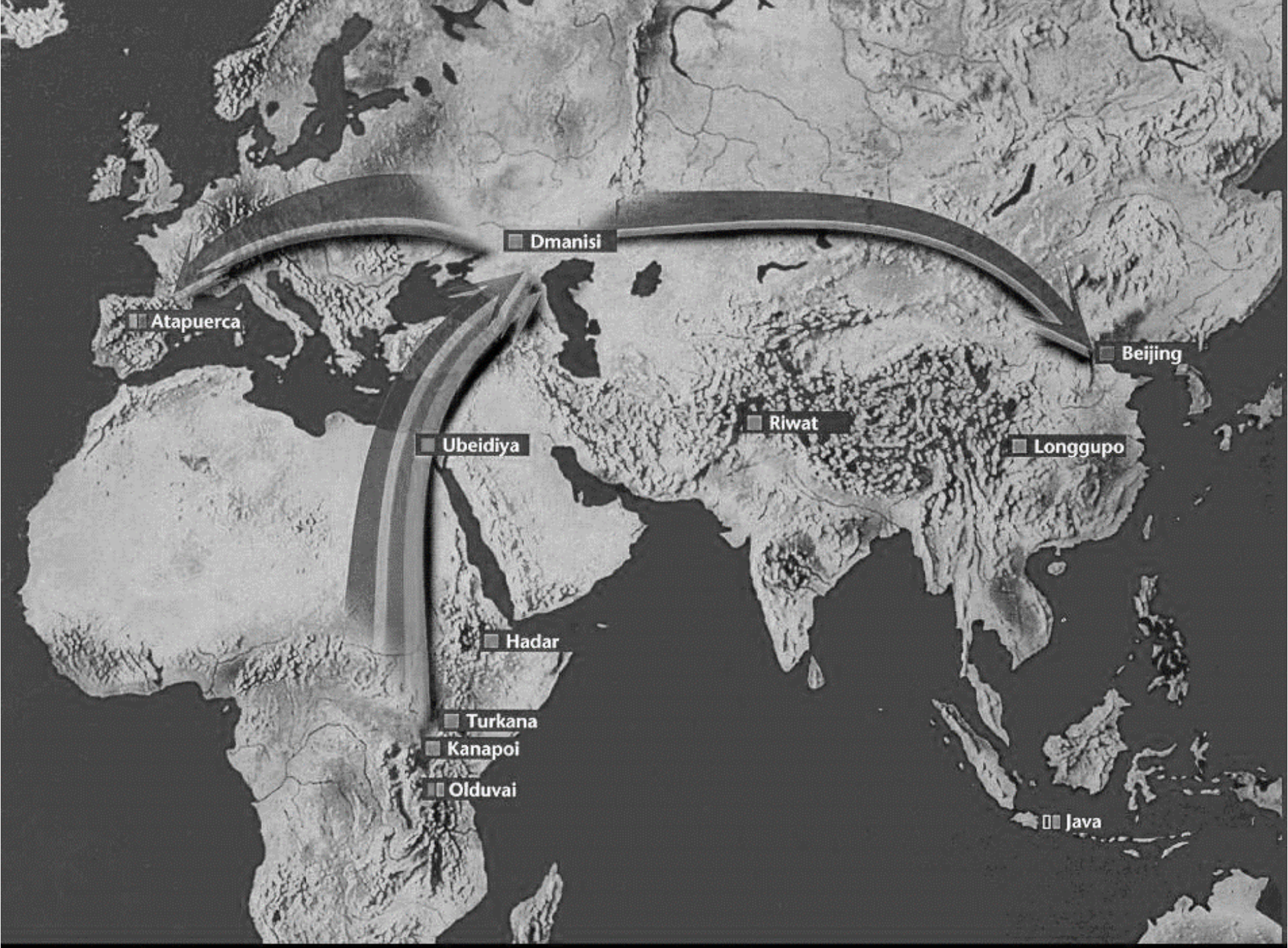


Endocranial shape change associated with frontal lobe reorganization (left lateral view). Colors denote above average expansion (green) and bulging (yellow) of the endocranial surface, indicating differential enlargement of labeled brain regions

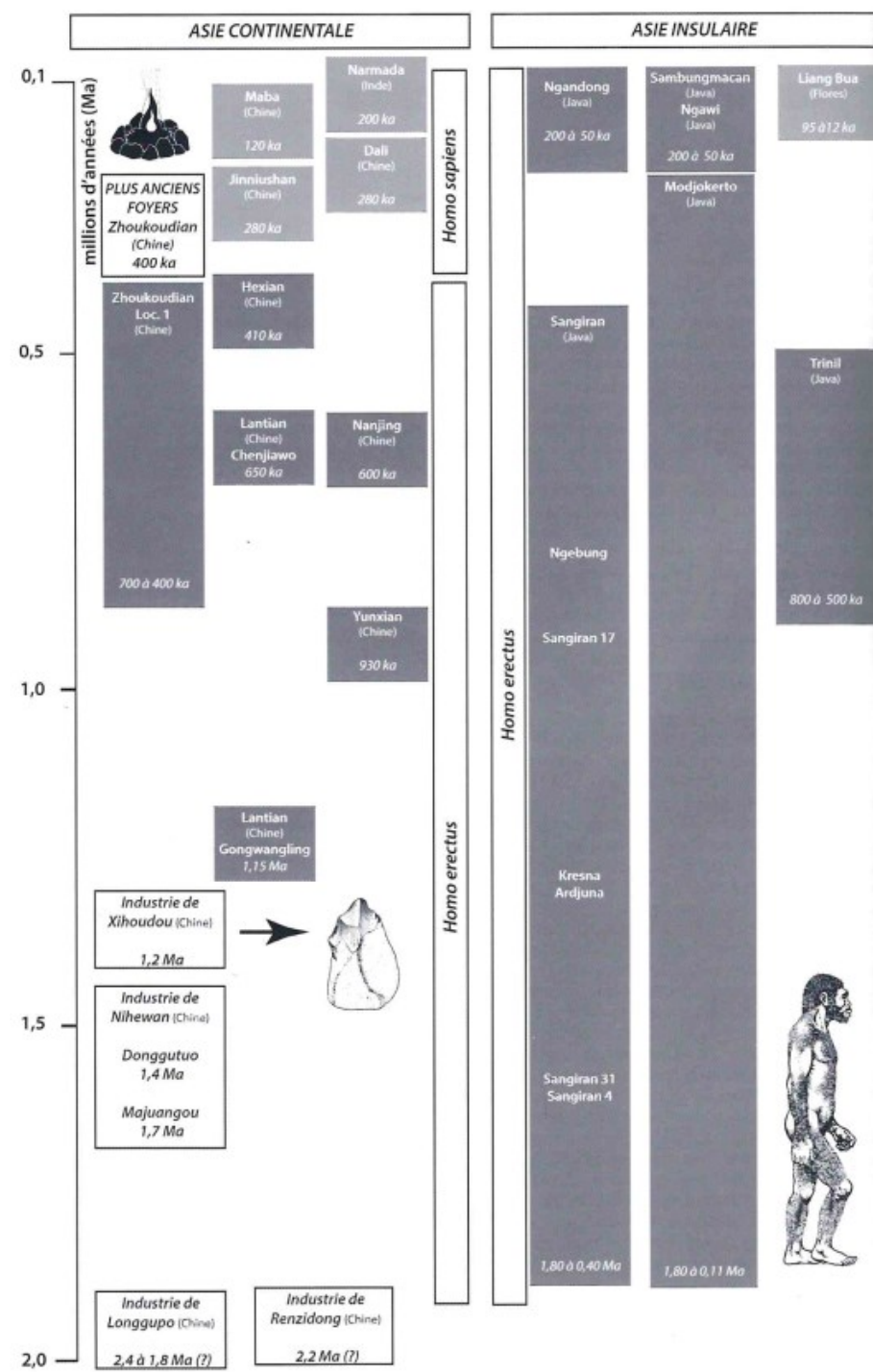


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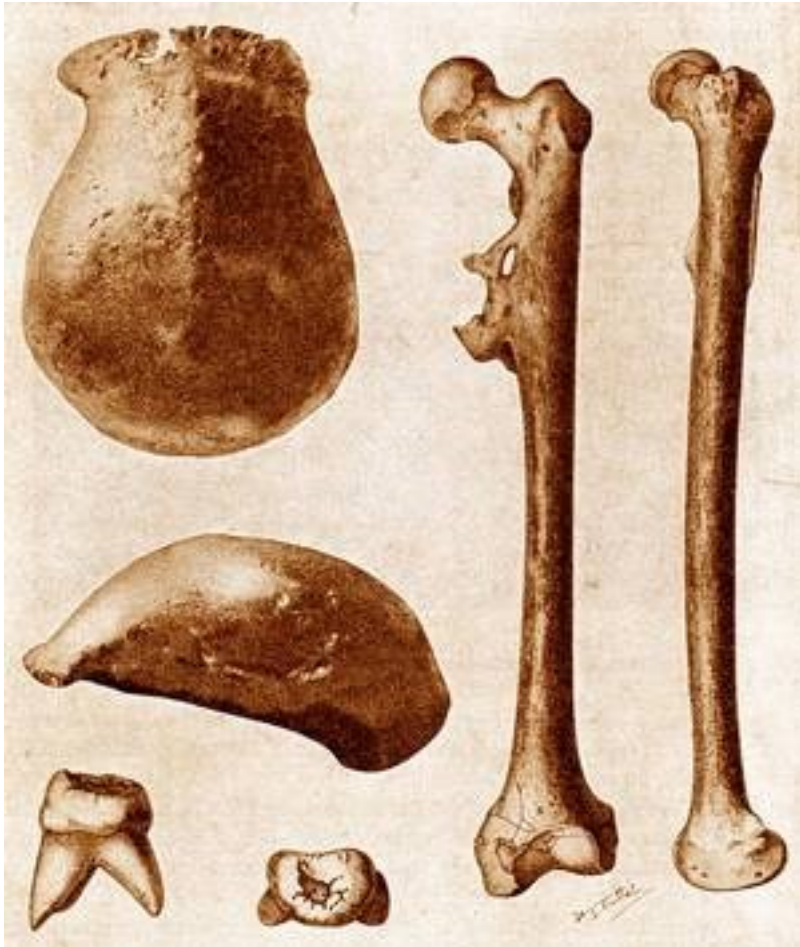


Out of Africa.....toward Asia



Out of Africa.....who?

- ⦿ The holotype of *Homo erectus* is the Trinil skull (Java)
- ⦿ The skull from Zhoukoudian (China), Sangiran and Ngandong belongs to the same species
- ⦿ ... and the African one?



Most ancient african fossil: *Homo ergaster*
Most recent: *Homo erectus*

Larghezza cranica massima
Maximum cranial breadth



*Australopithecus
africanus*



Homo erectus



Homo sapiens

Forma sferoide: larghezza massima in posizione arretrata / *Sphenoid shape: Maximum breadth backward*
Restringimento dietro il toro sopra-orbitale / *Shrinkage retro orbital*

Parete convergente verso l'avanti: forma sfenoide
Wall convergente forward: sphenoidal shape

Parete convergente quasi-parallele: forma ovoidea
Wall almost parallel: ovoidal shape



*Australopithecus
africanus*



Homo erectus



Homo sapiens

Prognatismo faciale

Facial prognatism



*Australopithecus
africanus*



Homo erectus

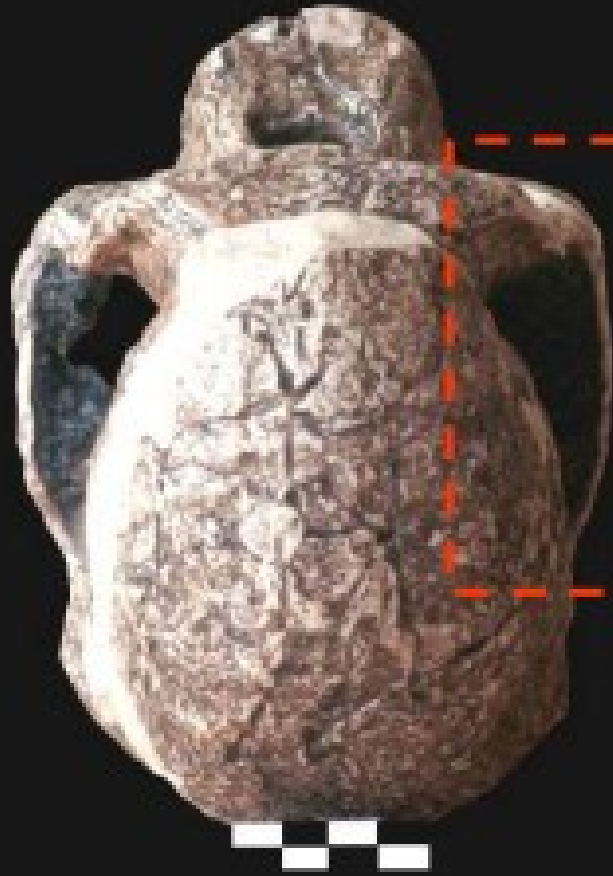


Homo sapiens

Prognatismo alveolare

Alveolare prognathism

Proiezione laterale dei zigomatici
Lateral projection of the zygomatics



*Australopithecus
africanus*

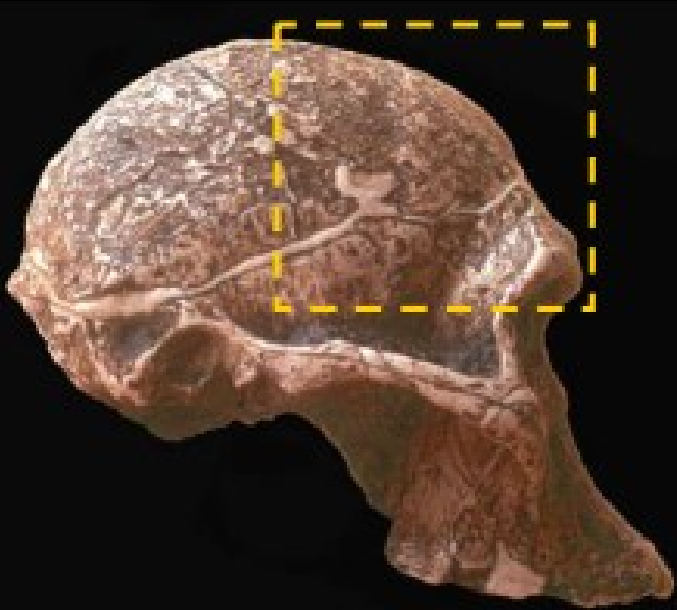


Homo erectus

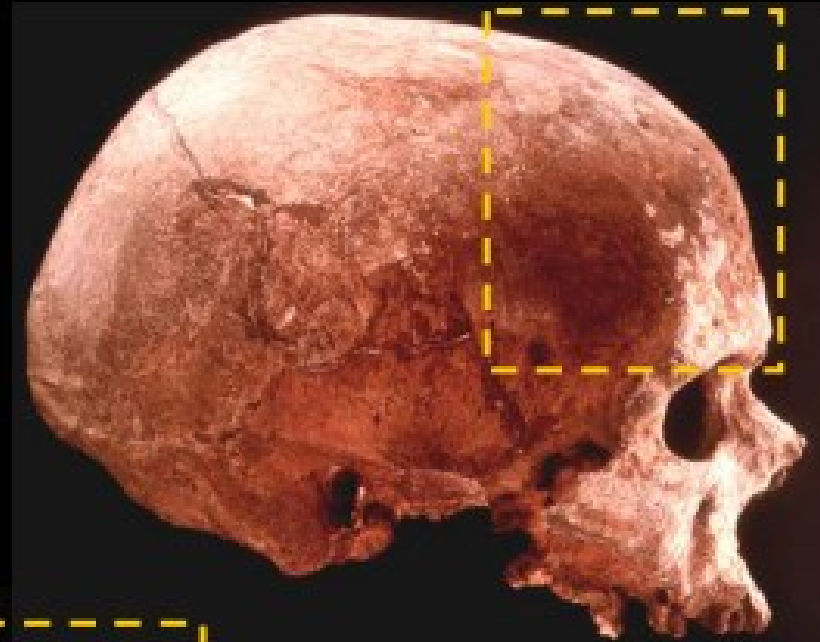


Homo sapiens

Osso frontale sfuggente
Receding frontal bone



*Australopithecus
africanus*



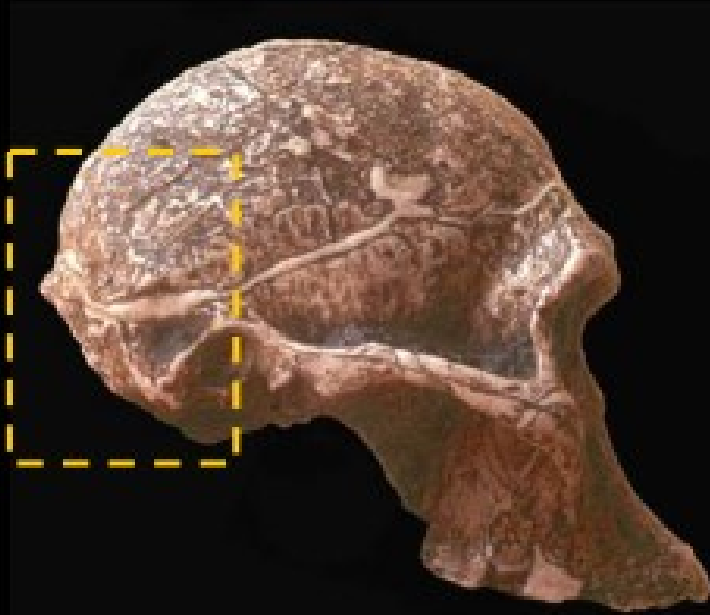
Homo sapiens



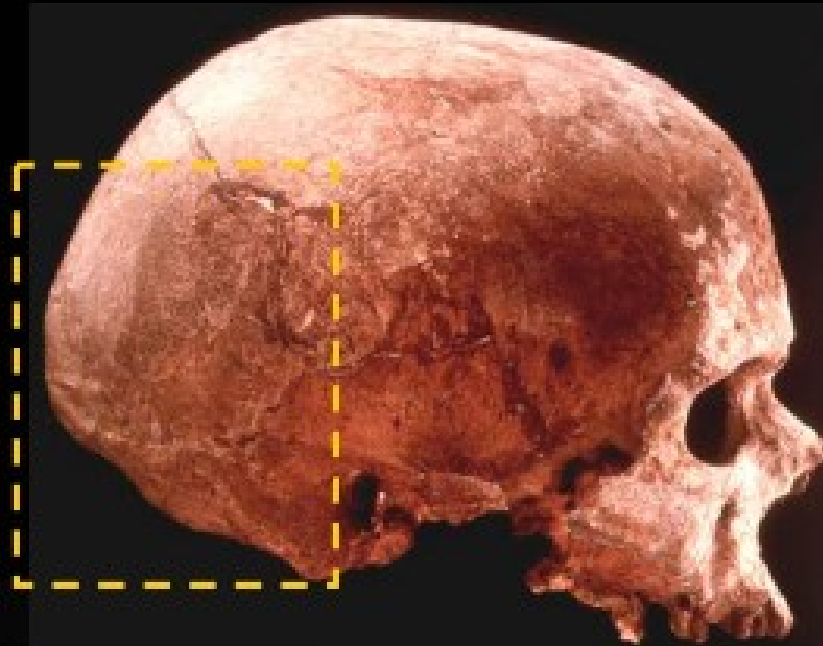
Homo erectus

Forma dell'osso occipitale

Occipital shape



Australopithecus africanus



Homo sapiens

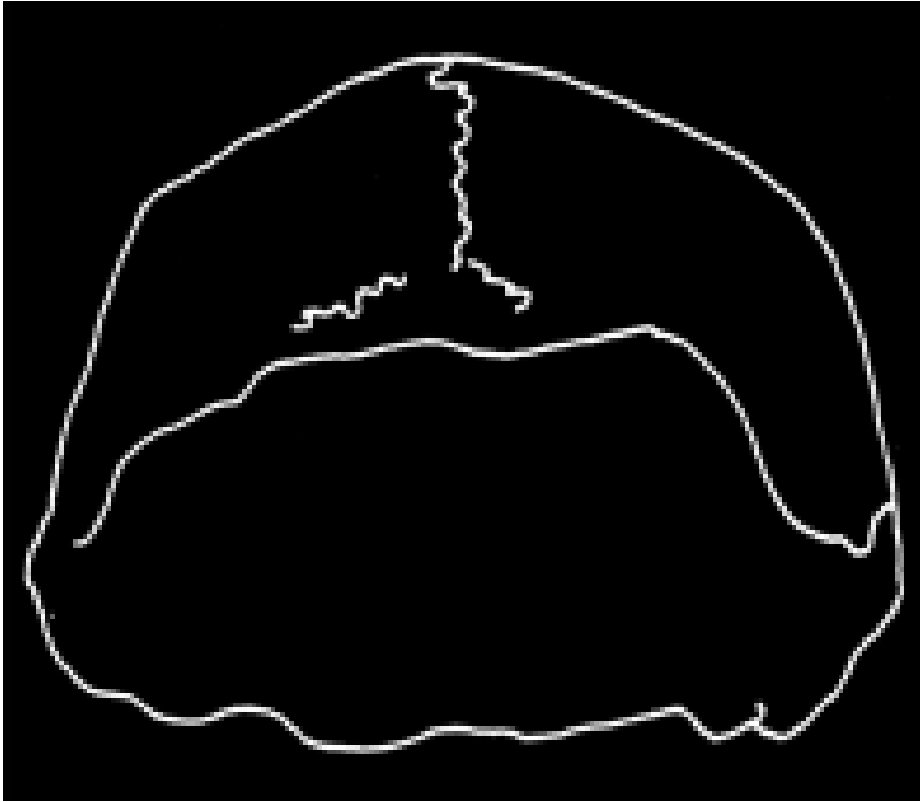
Long nuchal plan and small occipital squama (opposite of sapiens) = stronger muscle but smaller brain



Homo erectus

Forma del cranio in vista posteriore

Cranial shape in posterior view

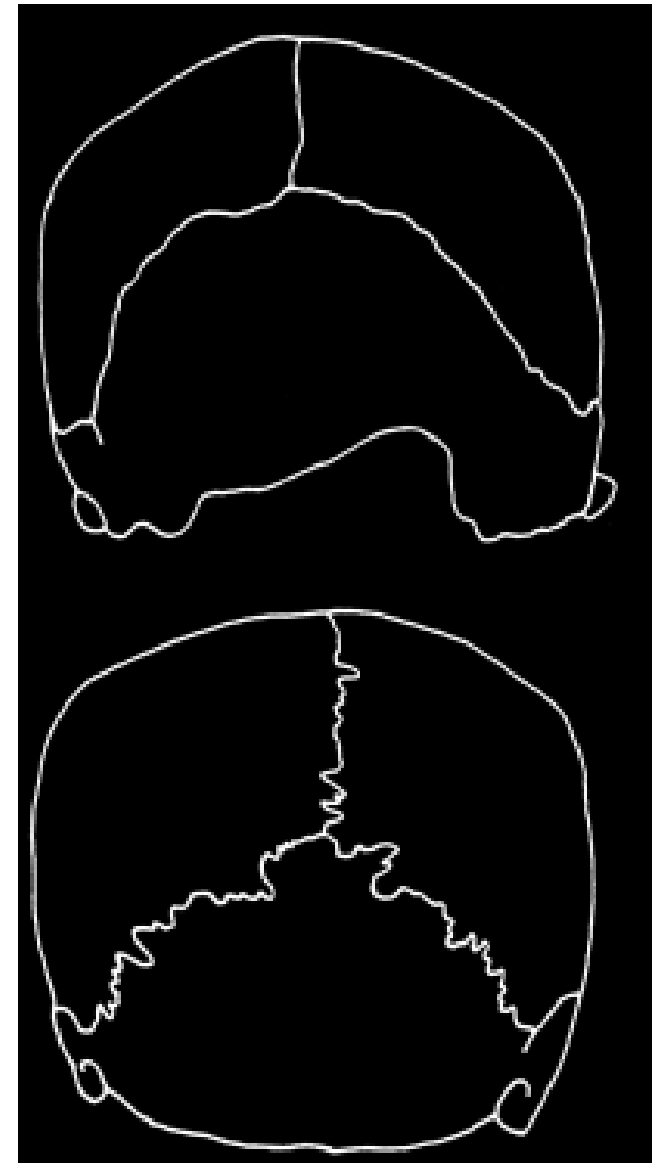


Pentagonale a parete
convergente verso l'alto

*Pentagonal with the wall
convergent upward*

Bozze parietale non sviluppate

Undeveloped parietal bump



A « tetto di casa »
(*Homo sapiens*)

*In « House roof »
(Homo sapiens)*

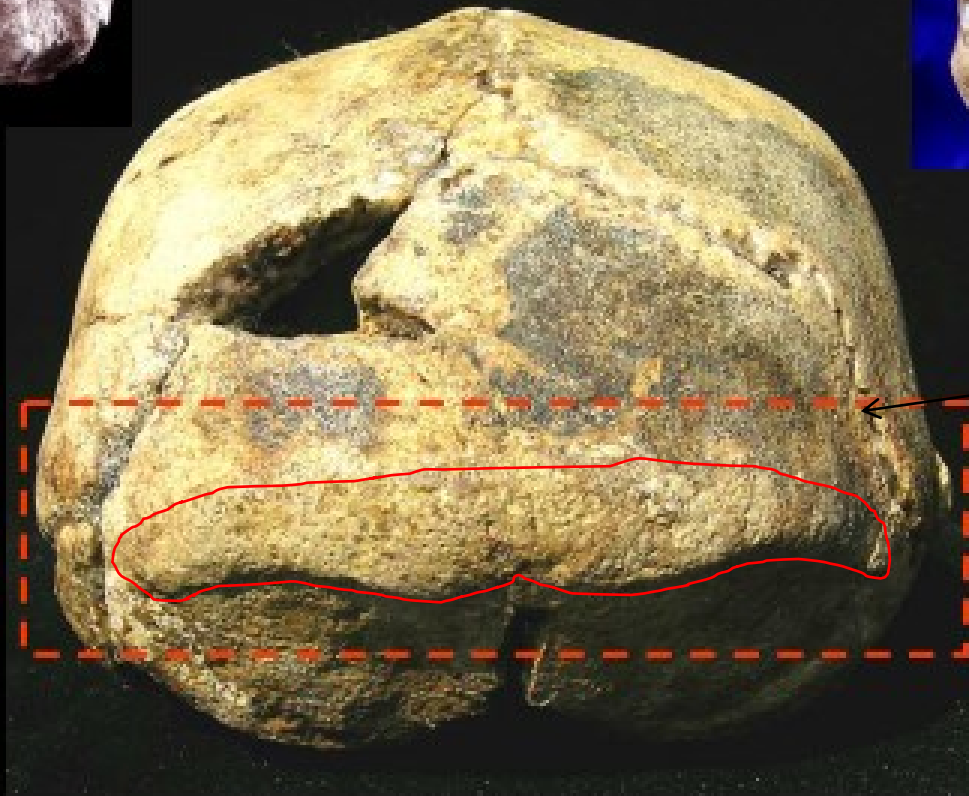
Toro occipital transverso
Occipital transverse torus



*Australopithecus
africanus*



Homo sapiens



Toro occipitale
trasverso

Homo erectus

Complexe supra-orbitaire



Australopithecus africanus



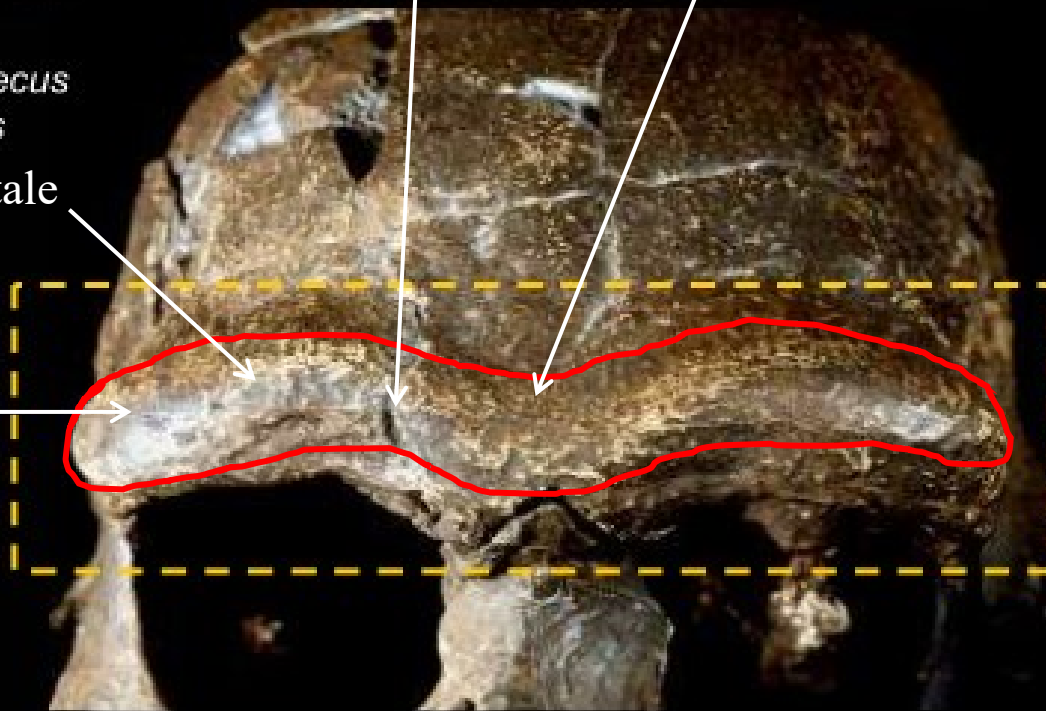
Homo sapiens

Arcata
sopraccigliare

Glabella

Solco sopra-orbitale

Trigone sopra-
orbitale



torus supra-orbitaire: tous
les éléments sont fusionnés

Homo erectus

Spazio interorbitale largo = becco encefalico / *large interorbital space = encephalic beak*



LONGGUPO (2 Ma BP)

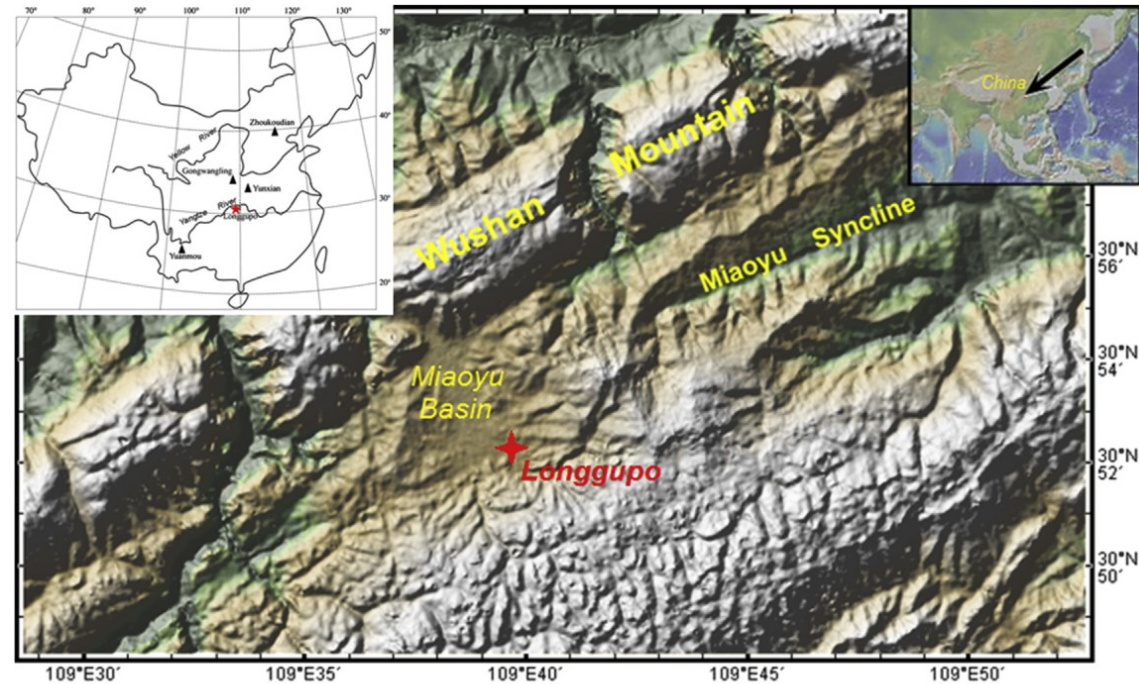
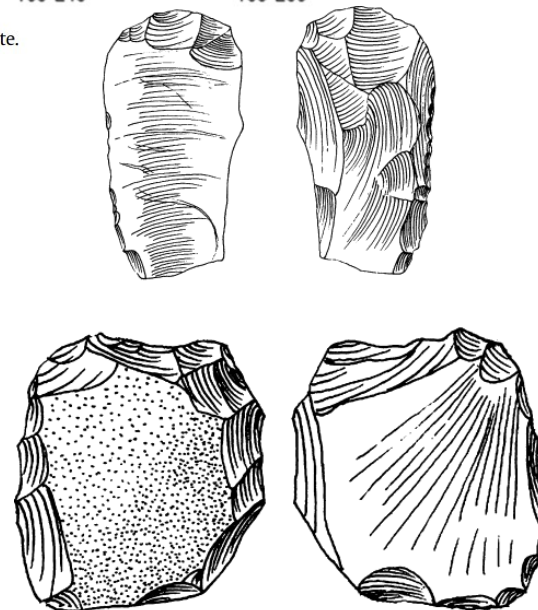


Fig. 1. Location of Longgupo site.



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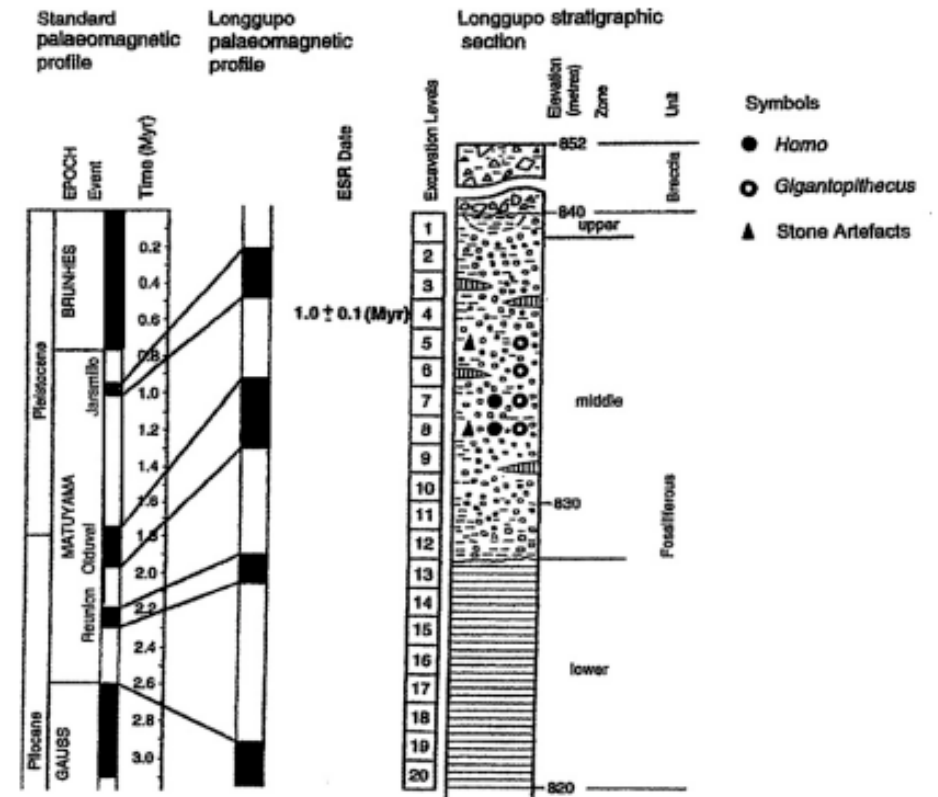


Fig. 6. Stratigraphie de la grotte Longgupo et hypothèses de datation (d'après Huang et al., 1995).
 Fig. 6. Stratigraphy of the Longgupo cave and hypotheses for datation (after Huang et al., 1995).

The earliest evidence of hominid settlement in China: Combined electron spin resonance and uranium series (ESR/U-series) dating of mammalian fossil teeth from Longgupo cave

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RIWAT 1,9 Ma BP



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Les premiers peuplements d'Asie du Sud : vestiges culturels

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ISAMPUR 1 Ma BP

Java

Modjokerto 1,8-0,4 Ma

Sangiran 1,8-0,4 Ma

(Sangiran 4, 31, Ardjuna, Kresna, Sangiran17, Ngebung)

Trinil 0,8-0,5 Ma



China

Lantian - Gongwangling 1,15 Ma

Yunxian 0,93 Ma

Zhoukoudian loc. 1 0,7-0,4 Ma

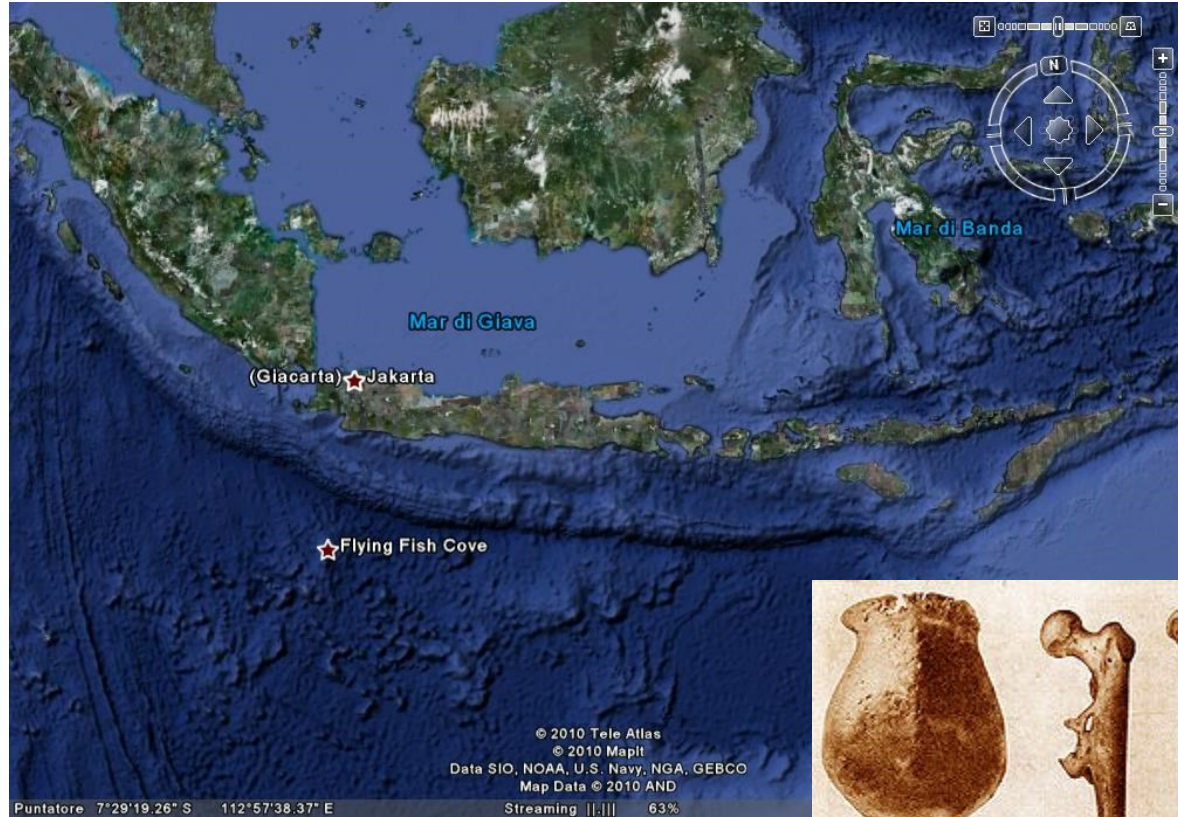
Lantian – Chenjiawo 0,65 Ma

Nanjing 0,6 Ma

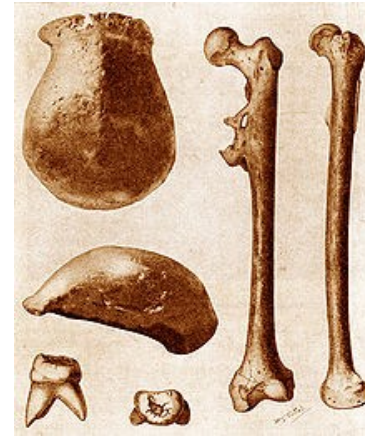
Hexian 0,41 Ma



Homo erectus à Java (*Pithecanthropus*)



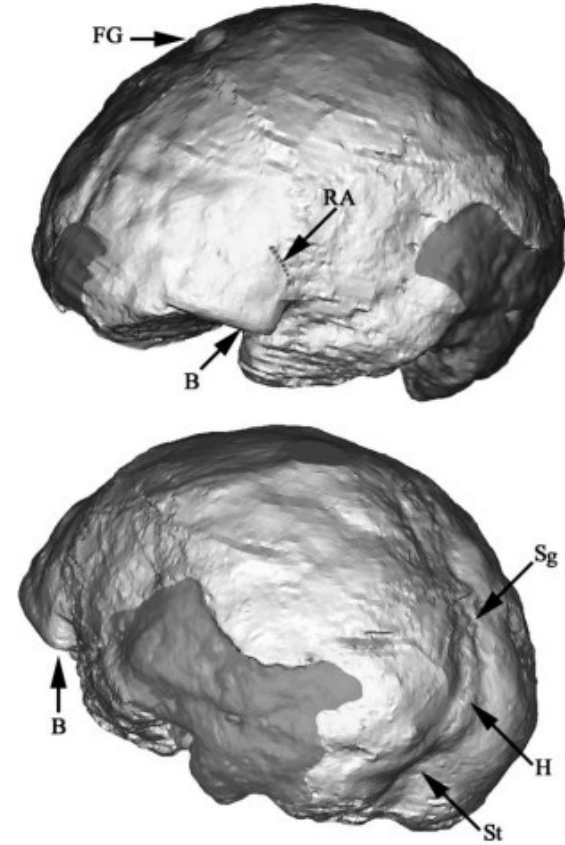
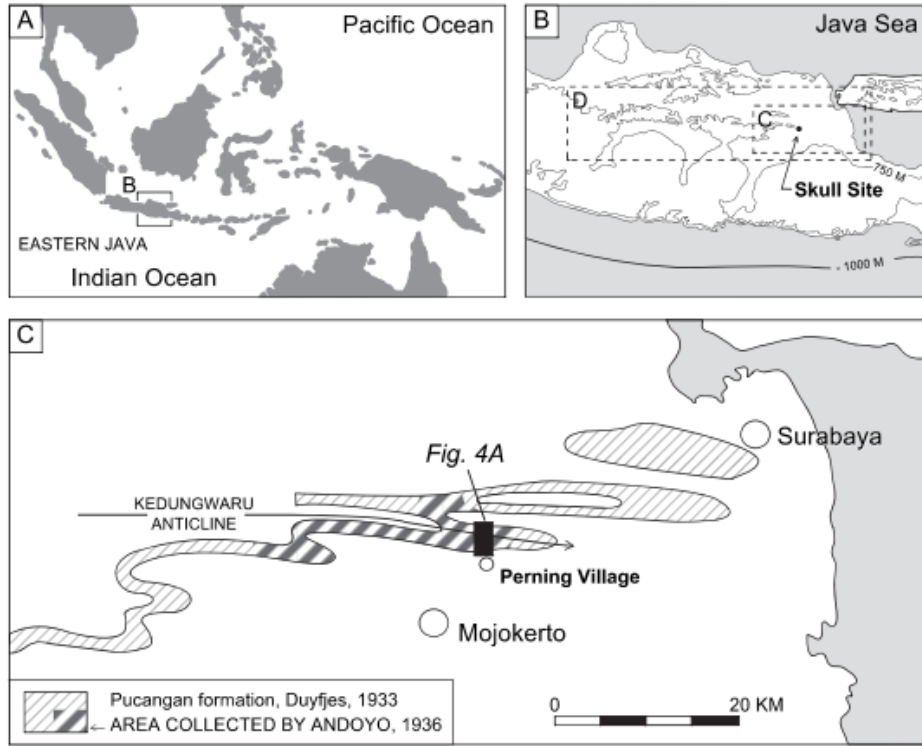
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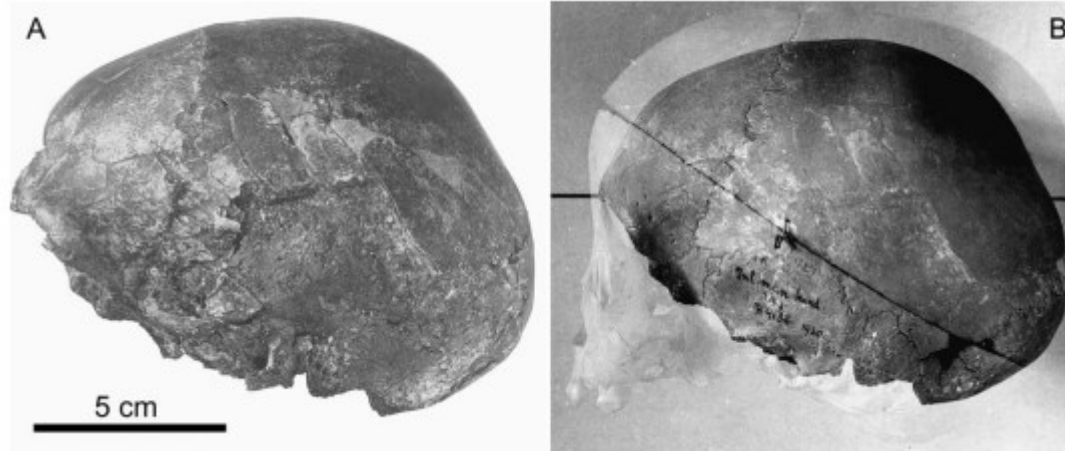
1.6 ± 0.04 mya (Jacob & Curtis 1971)
1.66 ± 0.04 mya (Swisher *et al* 1994)
1.64-1.67 mya: Kalibeng-Pucangan (Sémah 2000)
1.66 ± 0.04 mya: Lowest Pucangan: (Widiasmoro 2001).

1.9 ± 0.5 mya (Jacob & Curtis 1971)
1.81 ± 0.04 mya (Swisher *et al* 1994).

Mojokerto, 1.9 Myr

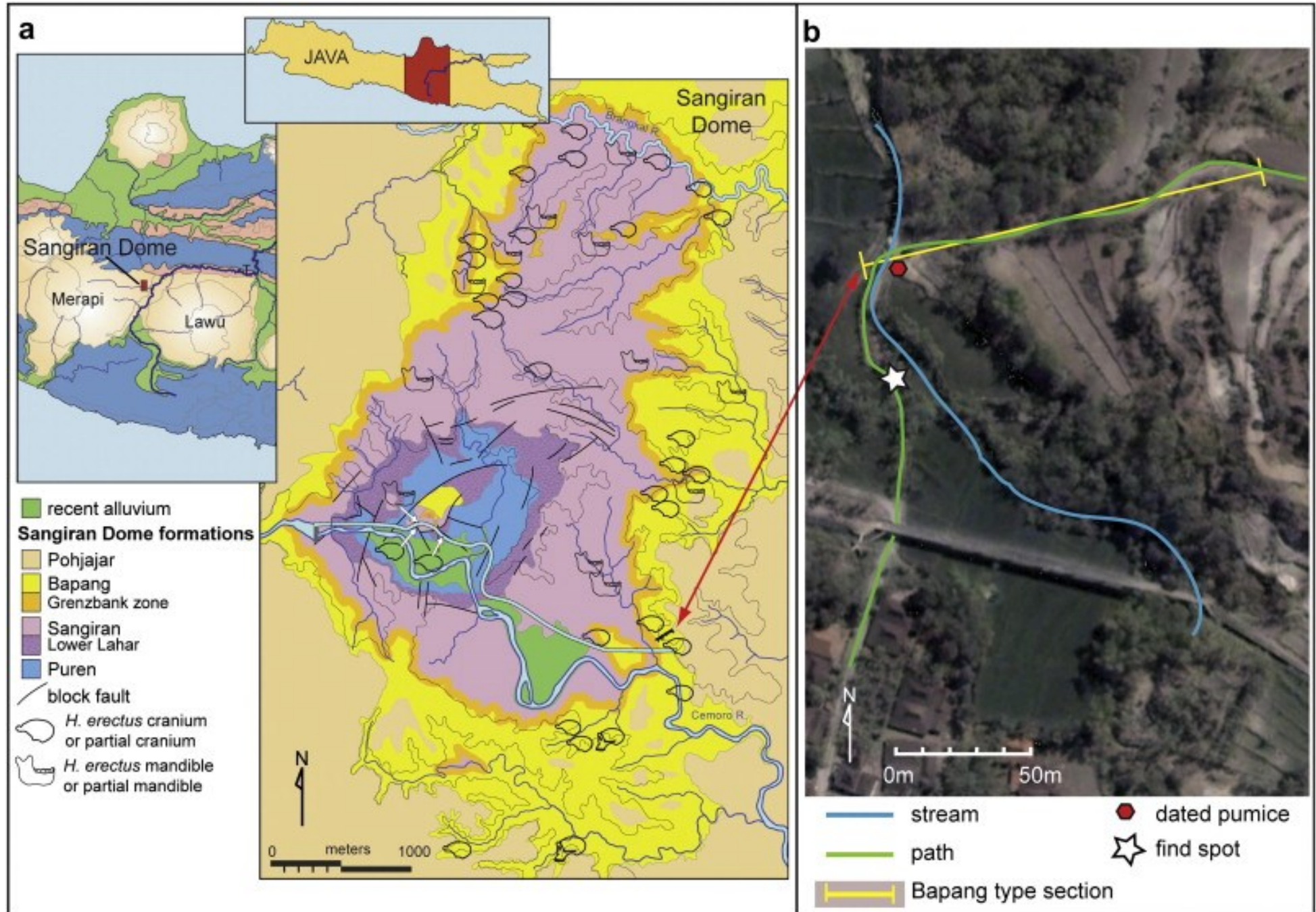


Visualization of Mojokerto endocast (Balzeau, 2005)



Photographs of Mojokerto child skull. A) left lateral view B) compared with 1,5 years old modern-child skull

Sangiran, Java, Indonesia



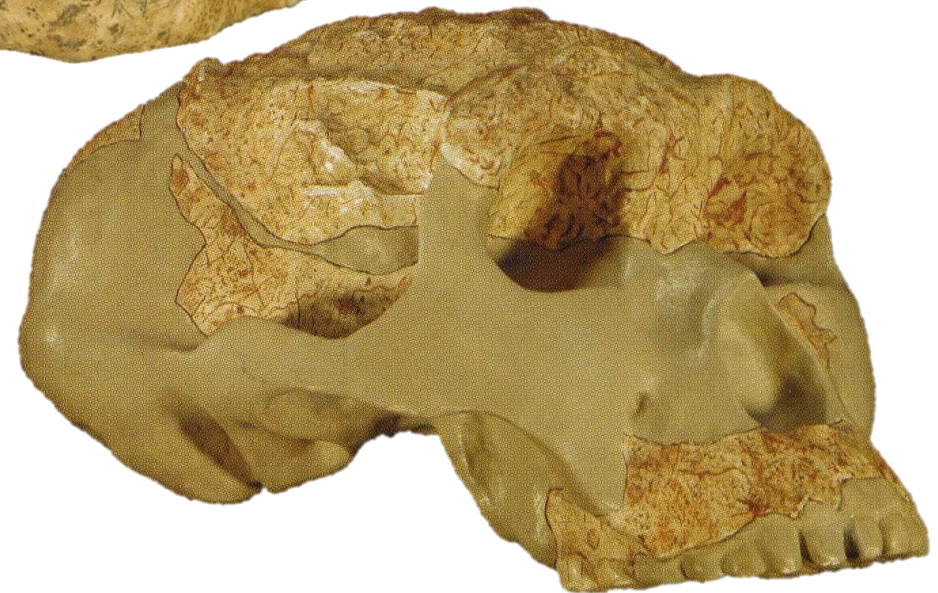
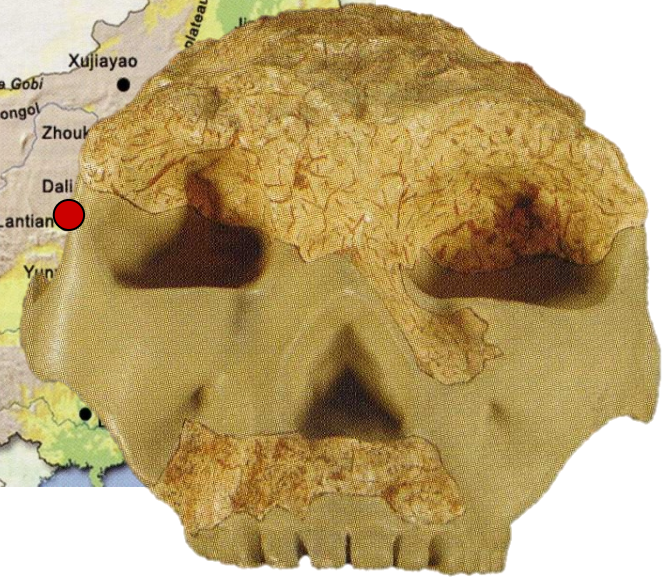


Sangiran 2

Sangiran 38

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LANTIAN

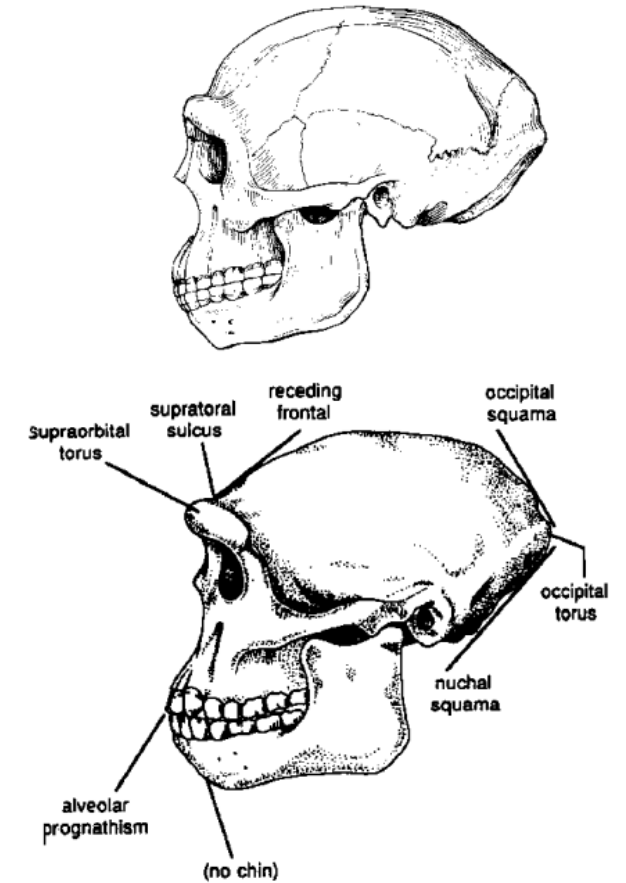


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ZHOUKOUDIAN

La località 1 è stata datata tra 600.000 e 200.000 anni BP. Si tratta di un insediamento in grotta.



Confronto tra Sangiran 4 (basso) e Zhoukoudian)



A geometric morphometric study of a Middle Pleistocene cranium from Hexian, China

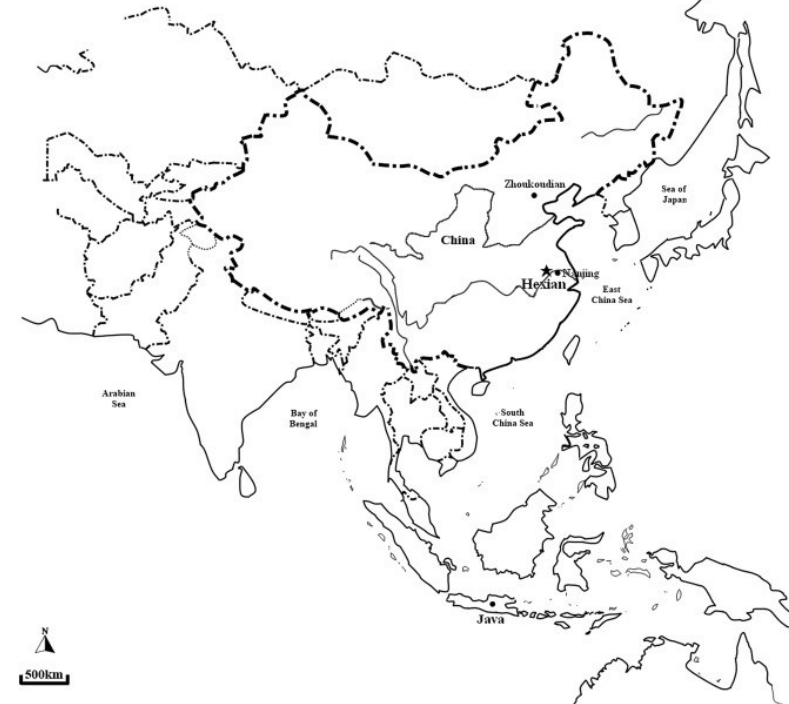
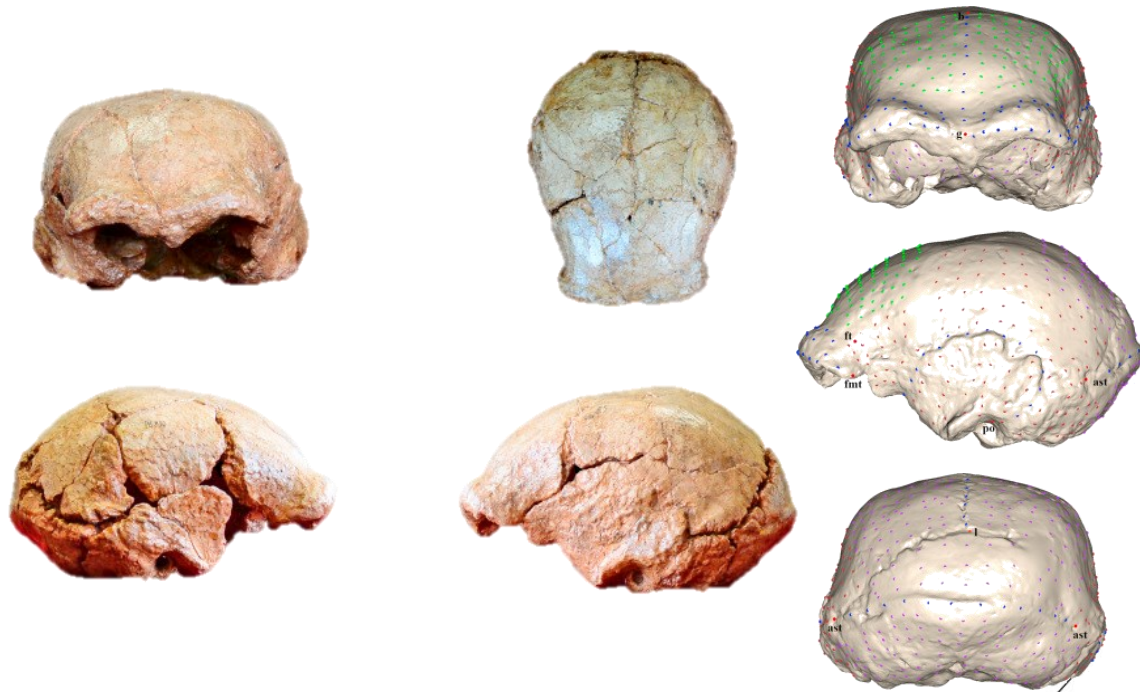
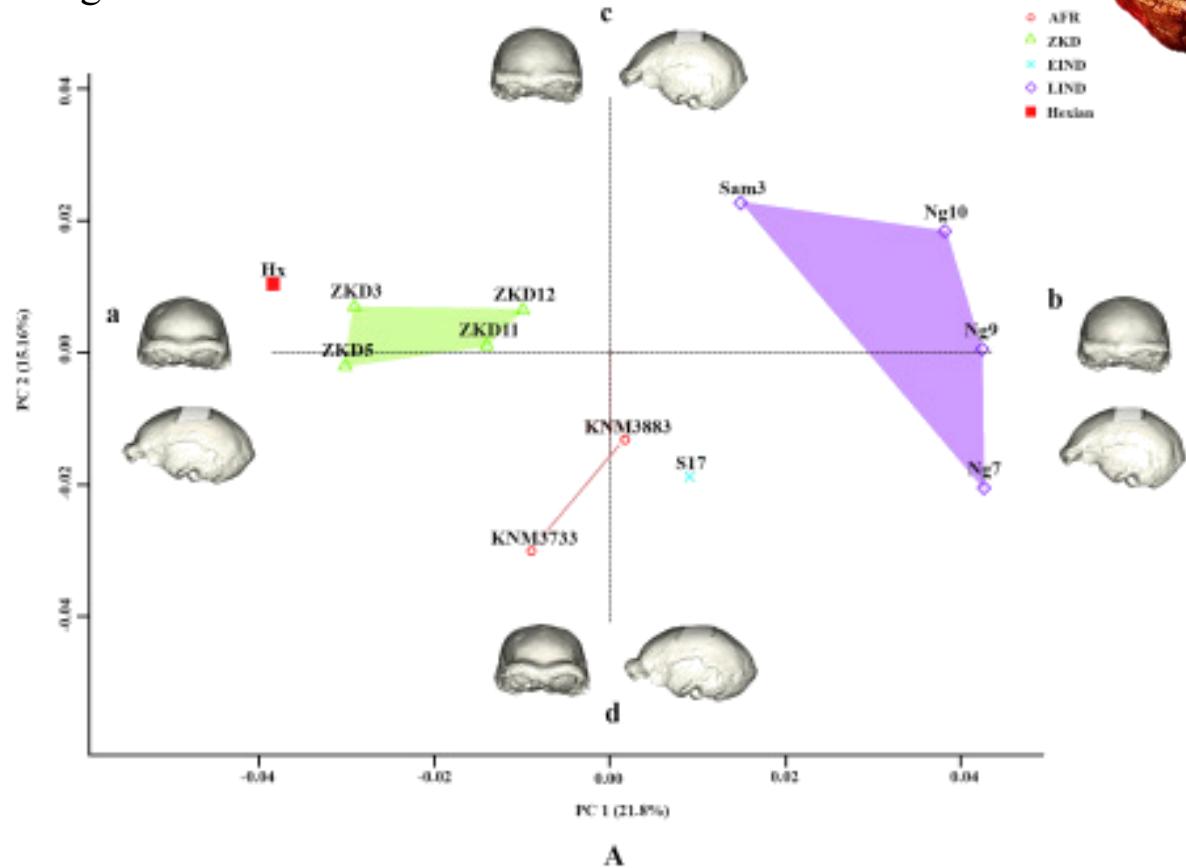
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150 and 412 ka

Regional variation in Asian *H. erectus*



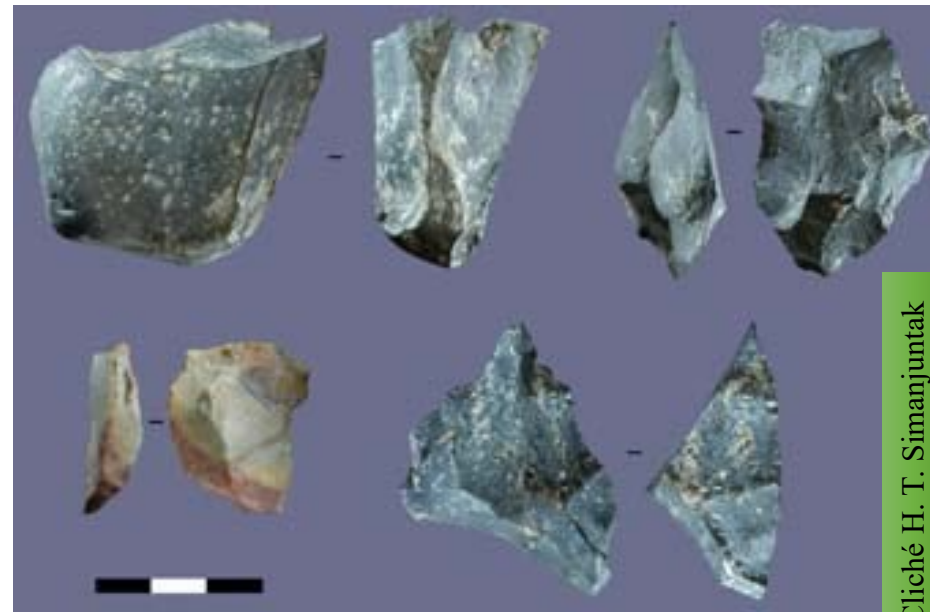
Soa Bassin, Flores



Lithic artifacts discovery at the open sites of Mata menge, Tangitallo, etc associated with Stegodon, komodo dragon, rat and various other taxa from layers dated to c.800,000 BP (Morwood *et al.* 1997-1999).



Dozu Dhalu, Soa gorga 07



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LETTERS

Hominins on Flores, Indonesia, by one million years ago

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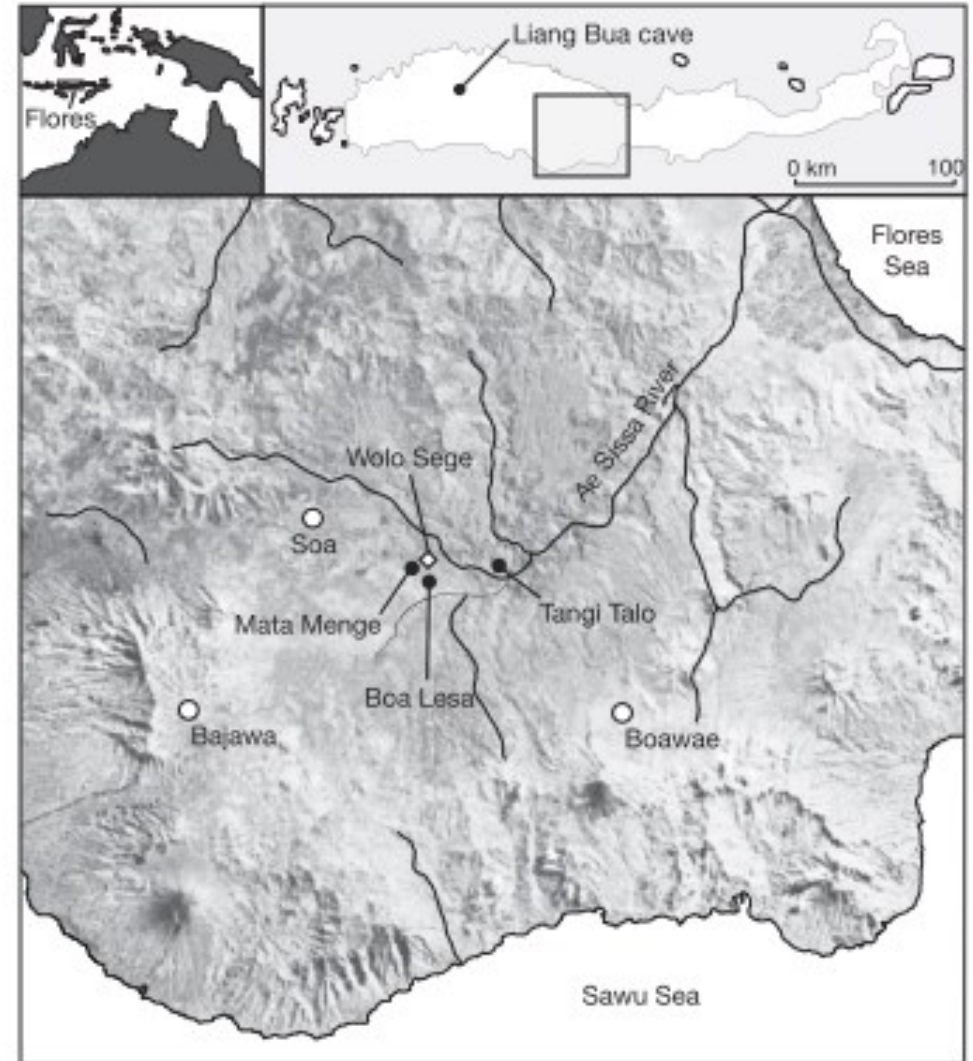
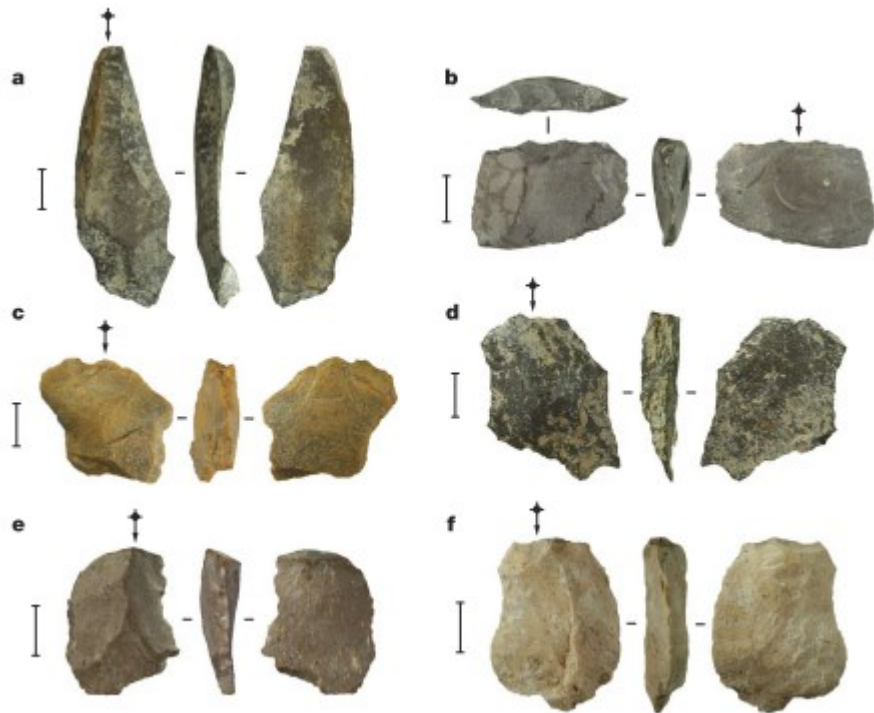
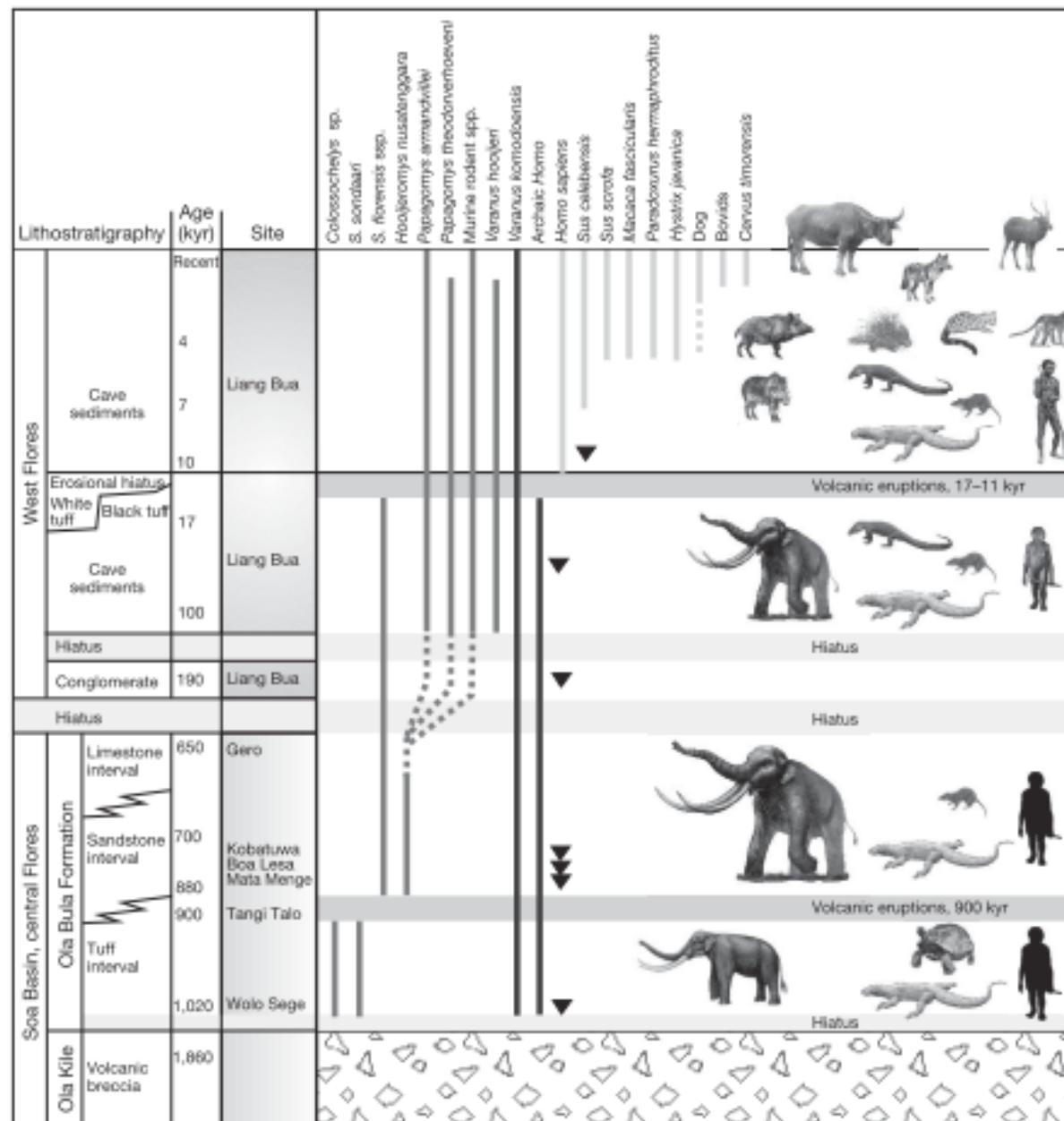


Figure 1 | Map of Flores showing the location of Wolo Sege. Also shown are other key early- or middle-Pleistocene archaeological and palaeontological localities in the Soa Basin mentioned in the text, and the late-Pleistocene Liang Bua cave in western Flores. (Base maps courtesy of D. Hobbs.)



A new small-bodied hominin from the Late Pleistocene of Flores, Indonesia

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Currently, it is widely accepted that only one hominin genus, *Homo*, was present in Pleistocene Asia, represented by two species, *Homo erectus* and *Homo sapiens*. Both species are characterized by greater brain size, increased body height and smaller teeth relative to Pliocene *Australopithecus* in Africa. Here we report the discovery, from the Late Pleistocene of Flores, Indonesia, of an adult hominin with stature and endocranial volume approximating 1 m and 380 cm³, respectively—equal to the smallest-known australopithecines. The combination of primitive and derived features assigns this hominin to a new species, *Homo floresiensis*. The most likely explanation for its existence on Flores is long-term isolation, with subsequent endemic dwarfing, of an ancestral *H. erectus* population. Importantly, *H. floresiensis* shows that the genus *Homo* is morphologically more varied and flexible in its adaptive responses than previously thought.

Description of *Homo floresiensis*

Order Primates Linnaeus, 1758
 Suborder Anthroidea Mivart, 1864
 Superfamily Hominoidea Gray, 1825
 Family Hominidae Gray, 1825
 Tribe Hominini Gray, 1825
 Genus *Homo* Linnaeus, 1758
Homo floresiensis sp. nov.

Horizon. The type specimen LB1 was found at a depth of 5.9 m in Sector VII of the excavation at Liang Bua. It is associated with calibrated accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) dates of approximately 18 kyr and bracketed by luminescence dates of 35 ± 4 kyr and 14 ± 2 kyr. The referred isolated left P₃ (LB2) was recovered just below a disconformity at 4.7 m in Sector IV, and bracketed by a U-series date of 37.7 ± 0.2 kyr on flowstone, and 20 cm above an electron-spin resonance (ESR)/U-series date of 74^{+14}_{-12} kyr on a *Stegodon* molar.



Kaifu, 2011

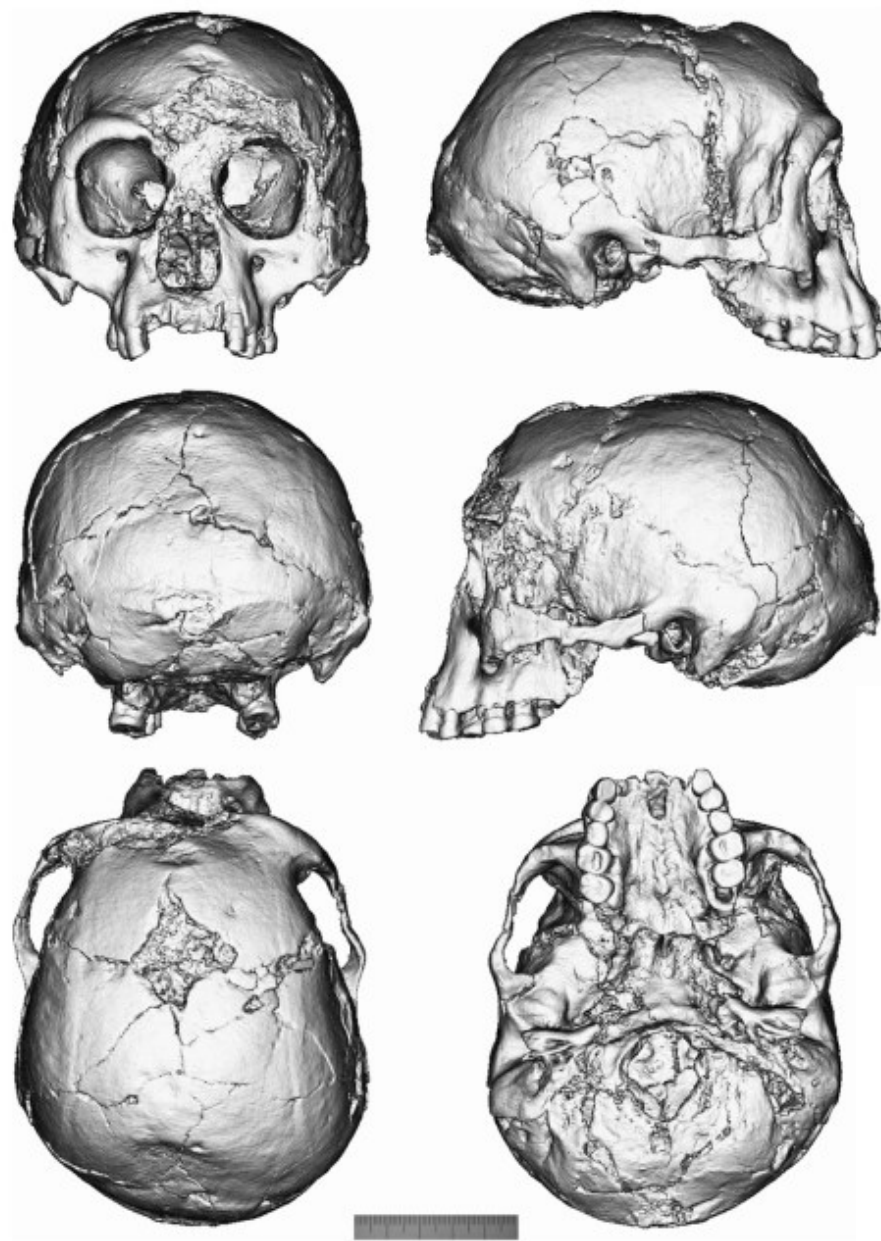


Figure 2. Surface rendered CT images of LB1/1. The orientations and scale same as in Fig. 1.

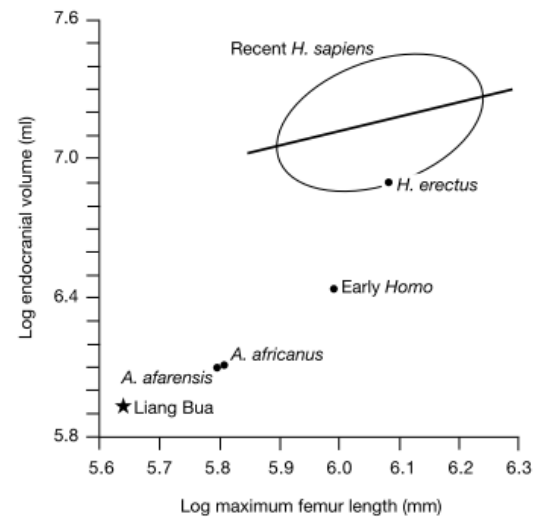


Figure 3 Relationship between endocranial volume and femur length in LB1, *A. afarensis*, *A. africanus*, early *Homo* sp., *H. erectus* and modern *H. sapiens*. Modern human data, with least squares regression line and 95% confidence ellipse, from a global sample of 155 individuals collected by P.B. Details of the hominin samples are in the Supplementary Information.

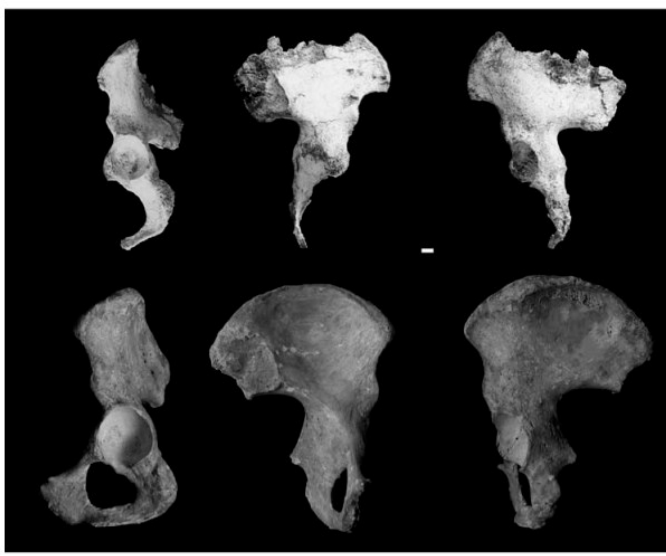


Figure 6 Comparison of the left innominate from LB1 with a modern adult female *H. sapiens*. Lateral (external), and medial and lateral views of maximum iliac breadth. The pubic region of LB1 is not preserved and the iliac crest is incomplete. Scale bar, 1 cm.



Figure 7 Anterior and posterior views of the LB1 right femur and tibia, with cross-sections of the femur neck and midshaft, and tibia midshaft. The anterior surfaces of the medial and lateral condyles of the femur are not preserved. With the exception of the medial malleolus, the tibia is complete and undistorted. Scale bar, 1 cm.

LB1: Mosaica di caratteri primitivi, unici e derivati mai visti in altri ominidi: volume endocranico piccolo e stature = australopitecini

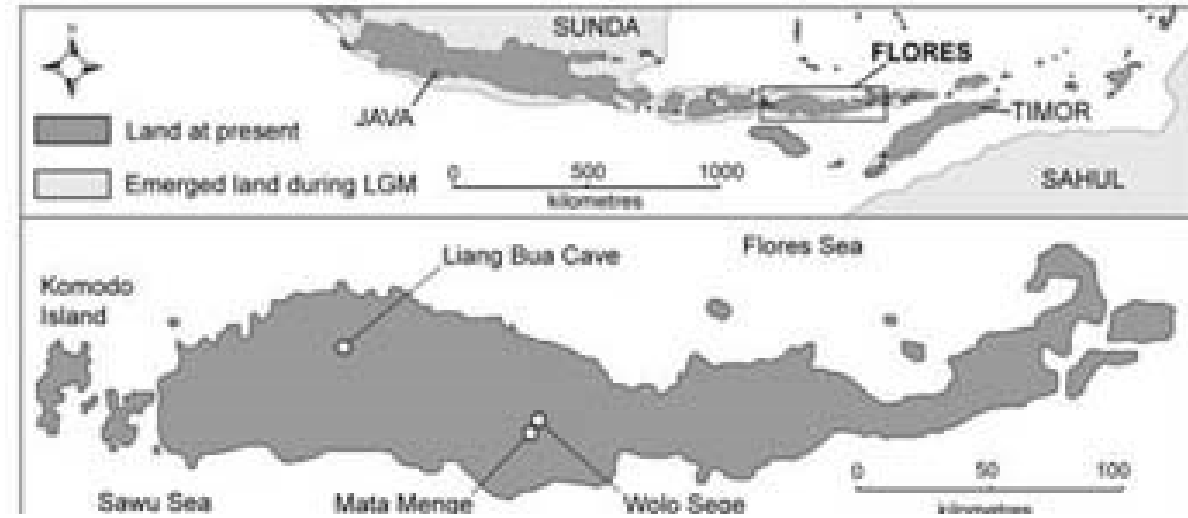
Ma non condivide con questo genere altri caratteri come le dimensione dentale, il prognatismo facciale accentuato che sono piu simili ad altre specie del genere *Homo*

LB1 has the small endocranial volume and stature evident in early australopithecines, it does not have the great postcanine tooth size, deep prognathic facial skeleton and masticatory adaptations common to members of this genus. Instead, the facial and dental proportions, postcranial anatomy consistent with human-like obligate bipedalism.

Homo floresiensis-like fossils from the early Middle Pleistocene of Flores

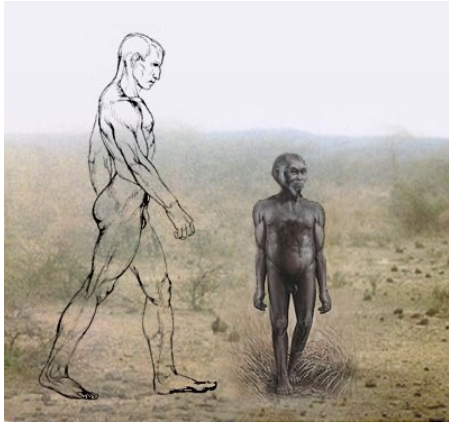
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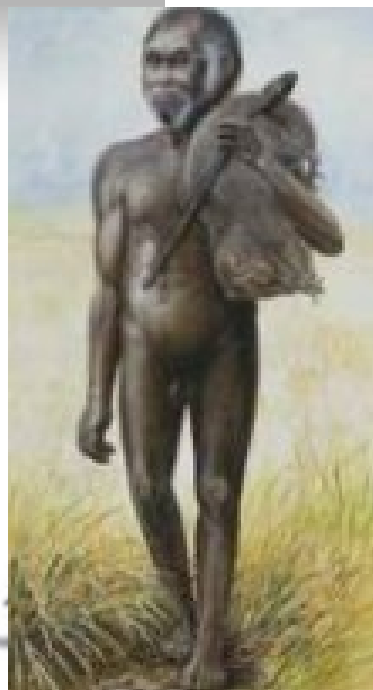
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The Mata Menge are derived compared with *Australopithecus* and *H. habilis*, and so tend to support the view that *H. floresiensis* is a dwarfed descendent of early Asian *H. erectus*.

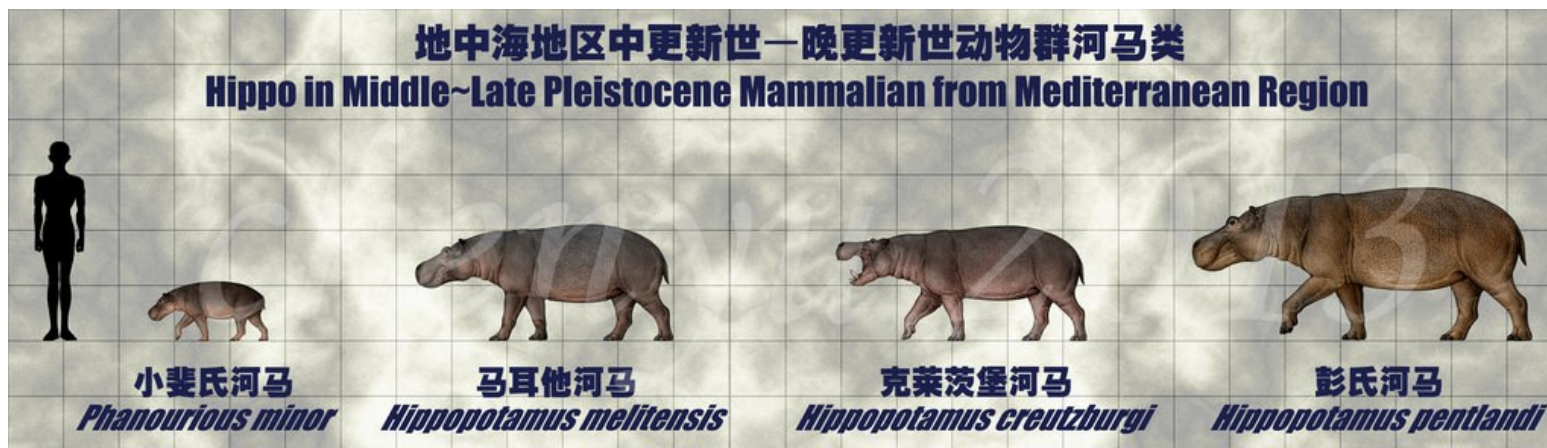
Hominins on Flores has acquired extremely small body size and other morphological traits specific to *H. floresiensis* at an unexpectedly early time





Insular endemism:
 Limited resources
 Absence of large predators
 Genetic drift

« the smallest become large and the largest become small »



A new species of *Homo* from the Late Pleistocene of the Philippines

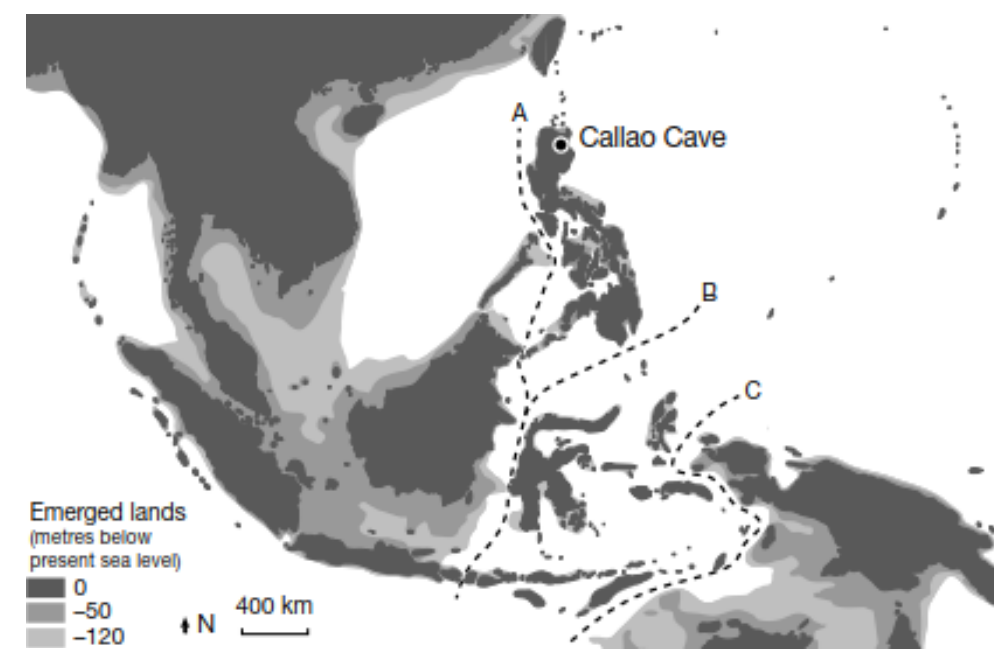
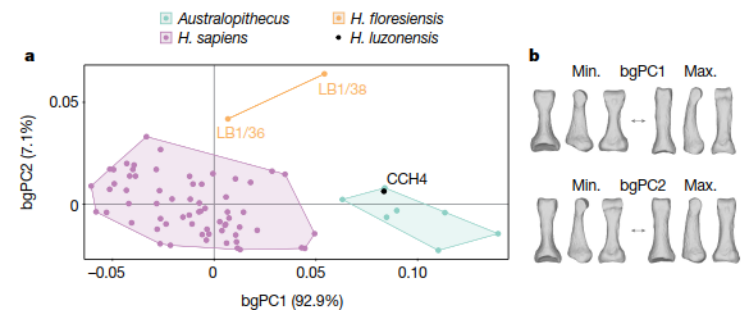
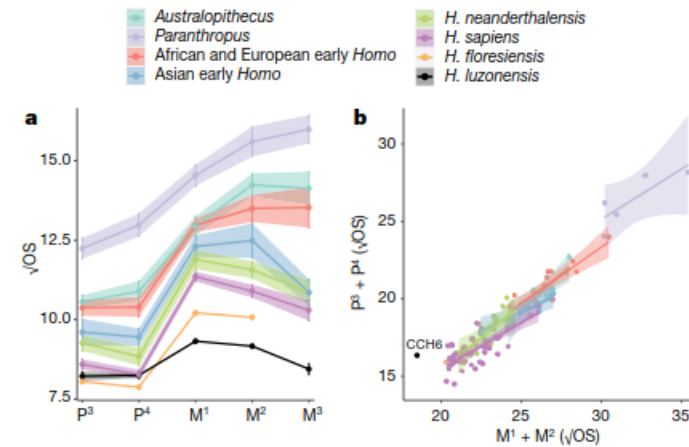
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A hominin third metatarsal discovered in 2007 in Callao Cave (Northern Luzon, the Philippines) and dated to 67 thousand years ago provided the earliest direct evidence of a human presence in the Philippines. Analysis of this foot bone suggested that it belonged to the genus *Homo*, but to which species was unclear. Here we report the discovery of twelve additional hominin elements that represent at least three individuals that were found in the same stratigraphic layer of Callao Cave as the previously discovered metatarsal. These specimens display a combination of primitive and derived morphological features that is different from the combination of features found in other species in the genus *Homo* (including *Homo floresiensis* and *Homo sapiens*) and warrants their attribution to a new species, which we name *Homo luzonensis*. The presence of another and previously unknown hominin species east of the Wallace Line during the Late Pleistocene epoch underscores the importance of island Southeast Asia in the evolution of the genus *Homo*.



Fig. 2 | Fossil remains of *H. luzonensis* from Late Pleistocene sediments at Callao Cave. a, Holotype CCH6: postcanine maxillary teeth in occlusal (left) and buccal (right) aspects, with three-dimensional rendering of enamel (dark blue), dentine and cement (light brown), and pulp cavity (dark grey) for CCH6-b–CCH6-e. **b**, Intermediate manual phalanx CCH2 (dorsal, lateral and palmar aspects). **c**, Distal manual phalanx CCH5 (dorsal, lateral/medial and palmar aspects). **d**, Proximal pedal phalanx

CCH4 (dorsal, lateral and plantar aspects). **e**, Intermediate pedal phalanx CCH3 (dorsal, medial and plantar aspects). **f**, Left P³ or P⁴ CCH8: occlusal (top) and buccal (bottom) aspects, with three-dimensional rendering of enamel, dentine and cement, and pulp cavity. **g**, Right M³ CCH9: occlusal (top) and buccal (bottom) aspects. **h**, Juvenile femoral shaft CCH7 (anterior, lateral and posterior aspects). Scale bars, 10 mm (**a–g**) and 20 mm (**h**); additional views are shown in Extended Data Figs. 1, 5, 7–10.



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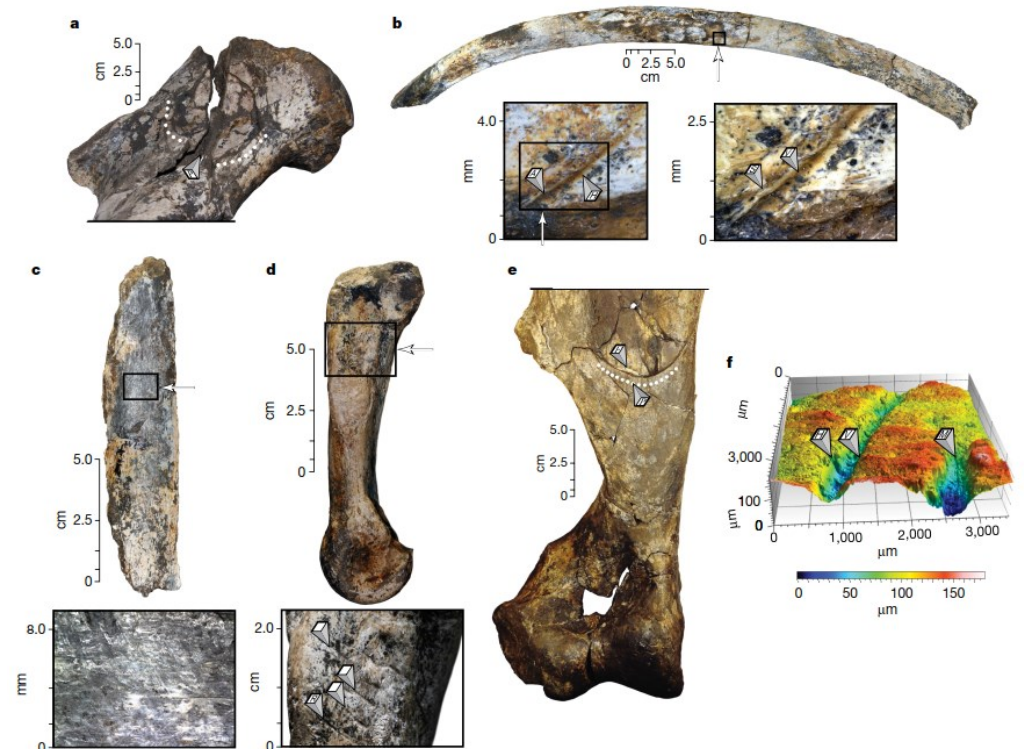
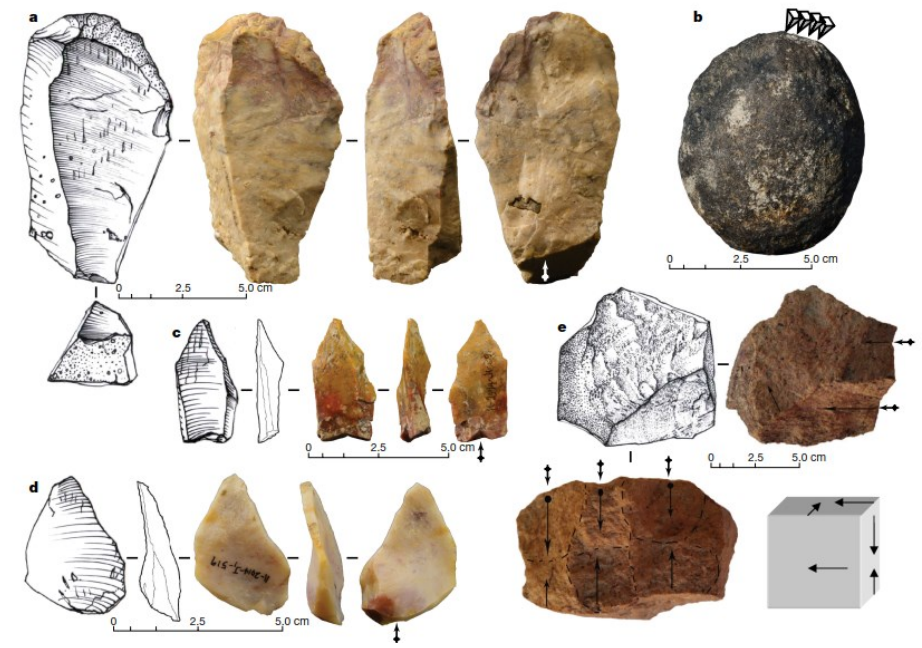
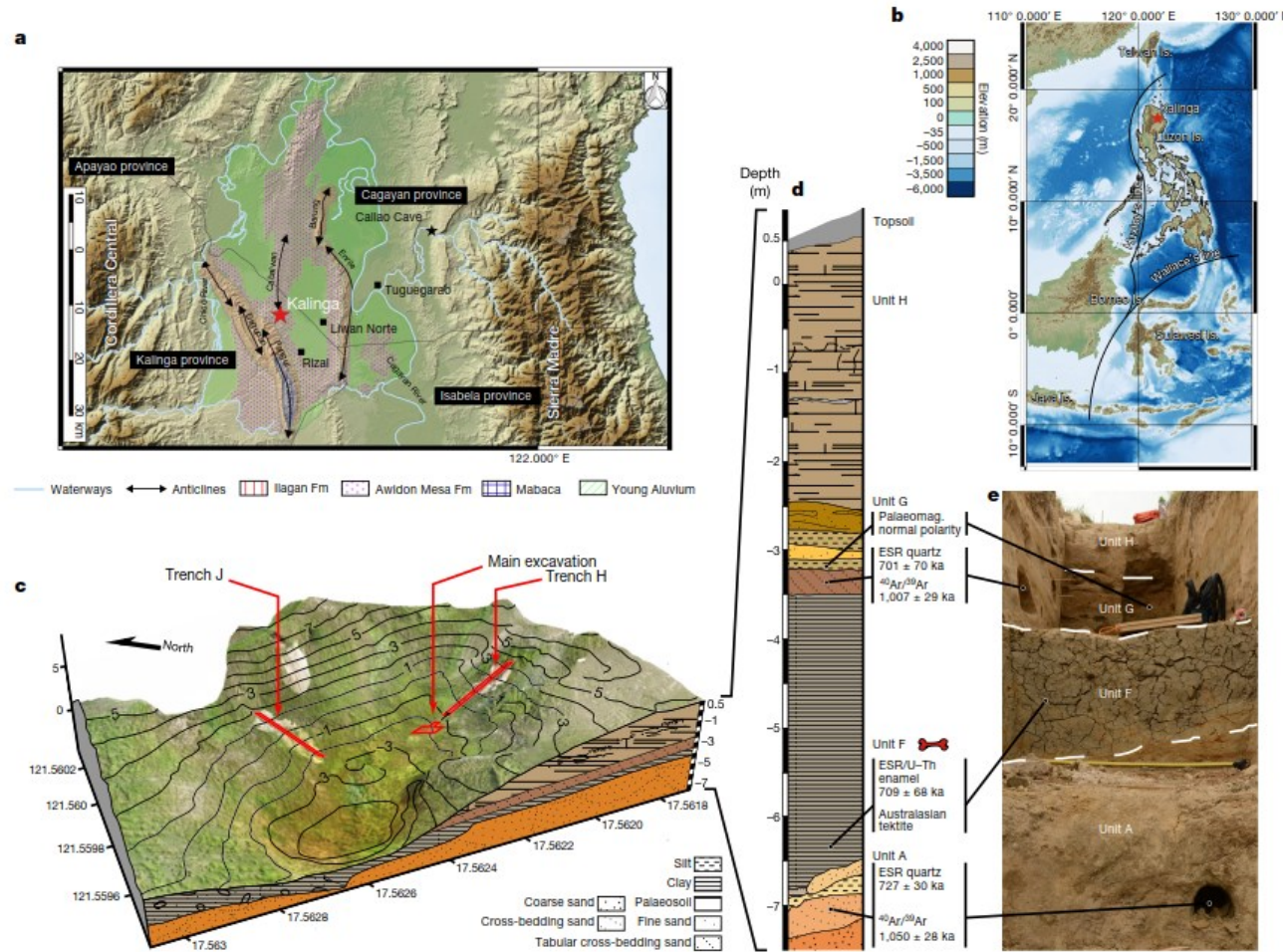
- Australopithecus
- Paranthropus
- African and European early *Homo*
- Asian early *Homo*
- H. neanderthalensis*
- H. sapiens*
- H. floresiensis*
- H. luzonensis*

Legend for Figure 4:

- Australopithecus
- H. floresiensis*
- H. sapiens*
- H. luzonensis*

Earliest known hominin activity in the Philippines by 709 thousand years ago

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Chronologic constraints on hominin dispersal outside Africa since 2.48 Ma from the Zarqa Valley, Jordan

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What kind of hominin first left Africa?

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Abstract

Recent discoveries of stone tools from Jordan (2.5 Ma) and China (2.1 Ma) document hominin presence in Asia at the beginning of the Pleistocene, well before the conventional Dmanisi datum at 1.8 Ma. Although no fossil hominins documenting this earliest Out of Africa phase have been found, on chronological grounds a pre-*Homo erectus* hominin must be considered the most likely maker of those artifacts. If so, this sheds new light on at least two disputed subjects in paleoanthropology, namely the remarkable variation among the five Dmanisi skulls, and the ancestry of *Homo floresiensis*.

