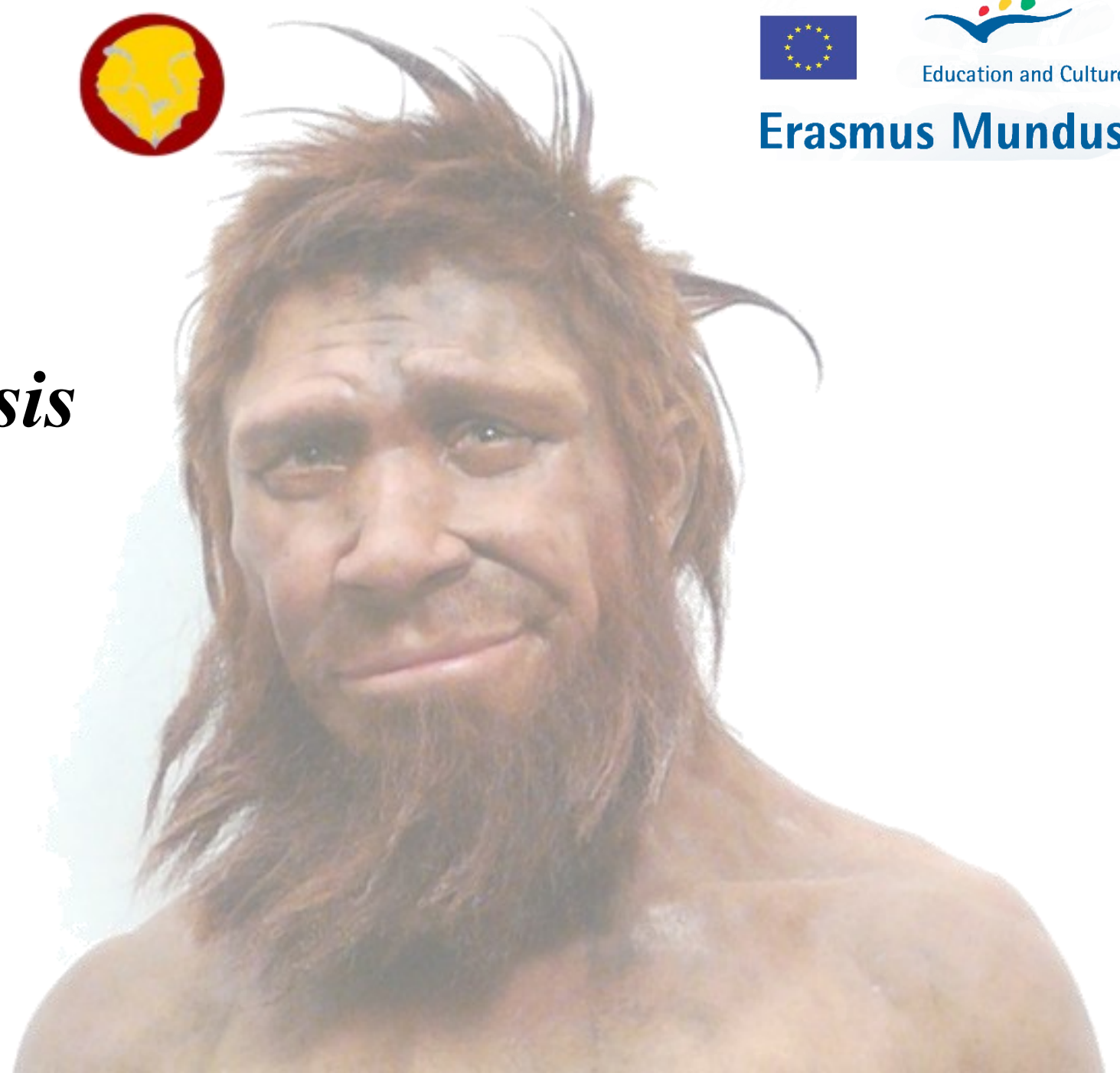




Education and Culture

Erasmus Mundus

Homo neanderthalensis



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Definizione dei Neandertaliani S.S.

L'uomo di Neanderthal si caratterizza per la presenza di:

The Neandertals are characterized by the presence of:

- **Caratteri arcaici / Plesiomorfie** : dei caratteri ancestrali che non si ritrovano in nessun fossile moderno.

Archaic features / Plesiomorphies: These are ancestral features which are not found in the modern fossil.

- **Caratteri condivisi con *Homo sapiens*.**

Feature shared with Homo sapiens

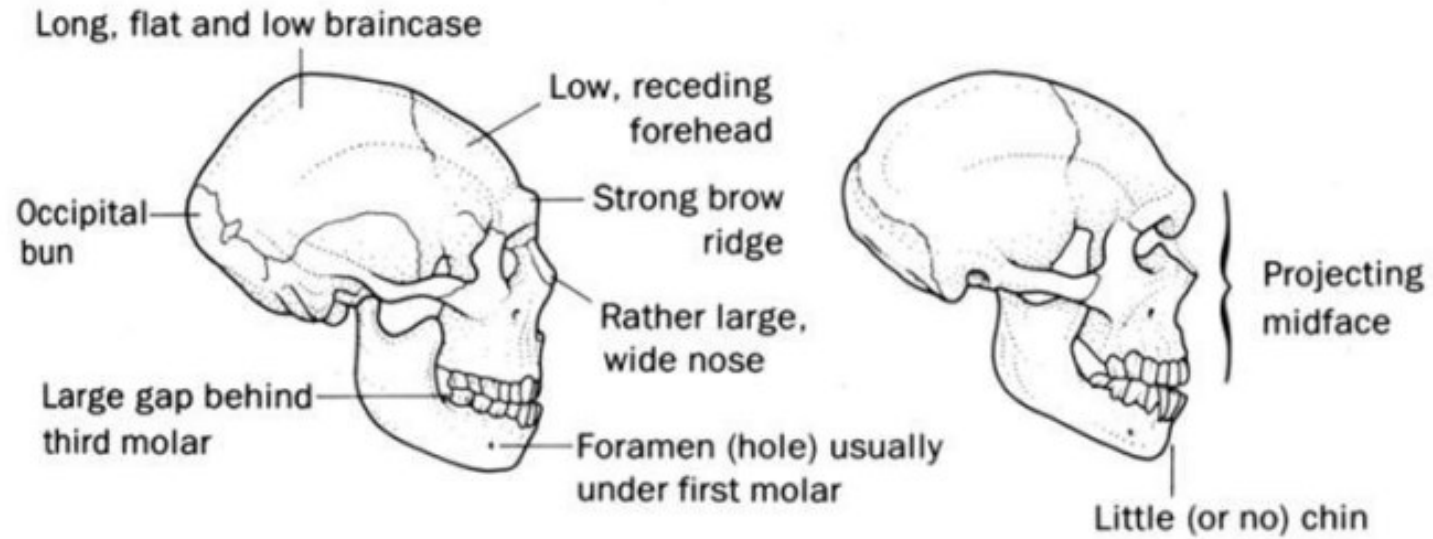
- **Caratteri derivati / Apomorfie** : presenti solo nei Neandertaliani, peculiari ed identificativi di questa specie.

Derivated features / Apomorphies: These are present only in the Neanderthals, and allow to identify this species.

Homo neanderthalensis VS *Homo erectus*

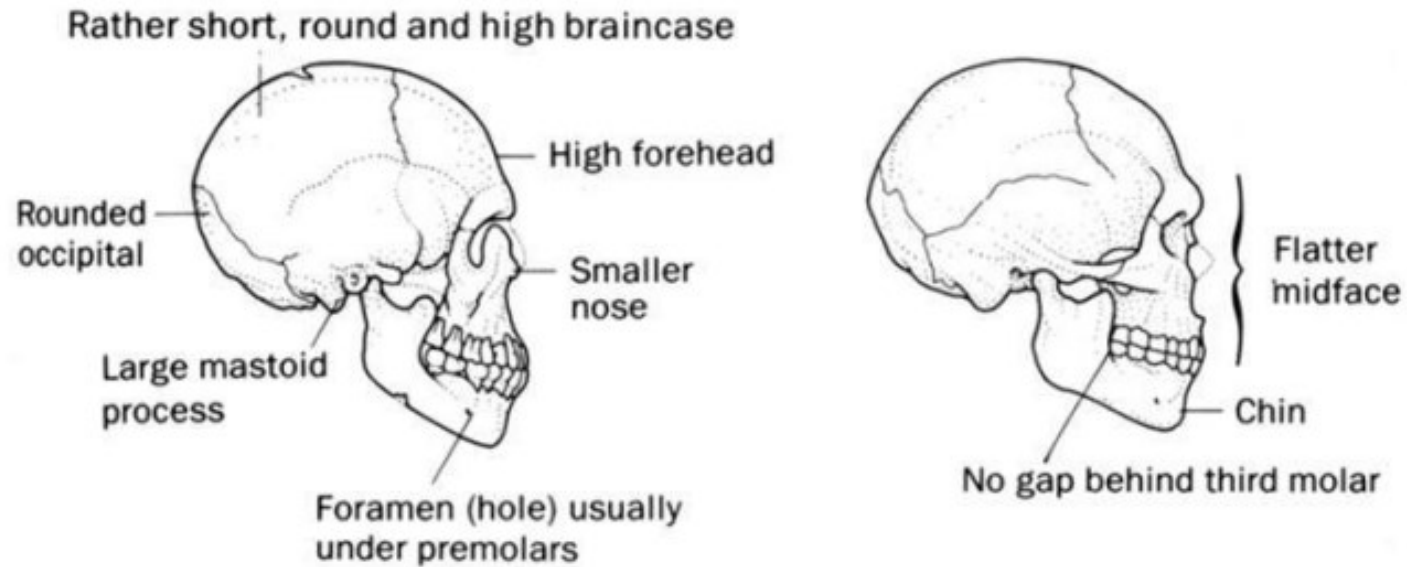


Homo neanderthalensis VS *Homo sapiens*



Shanidar 1

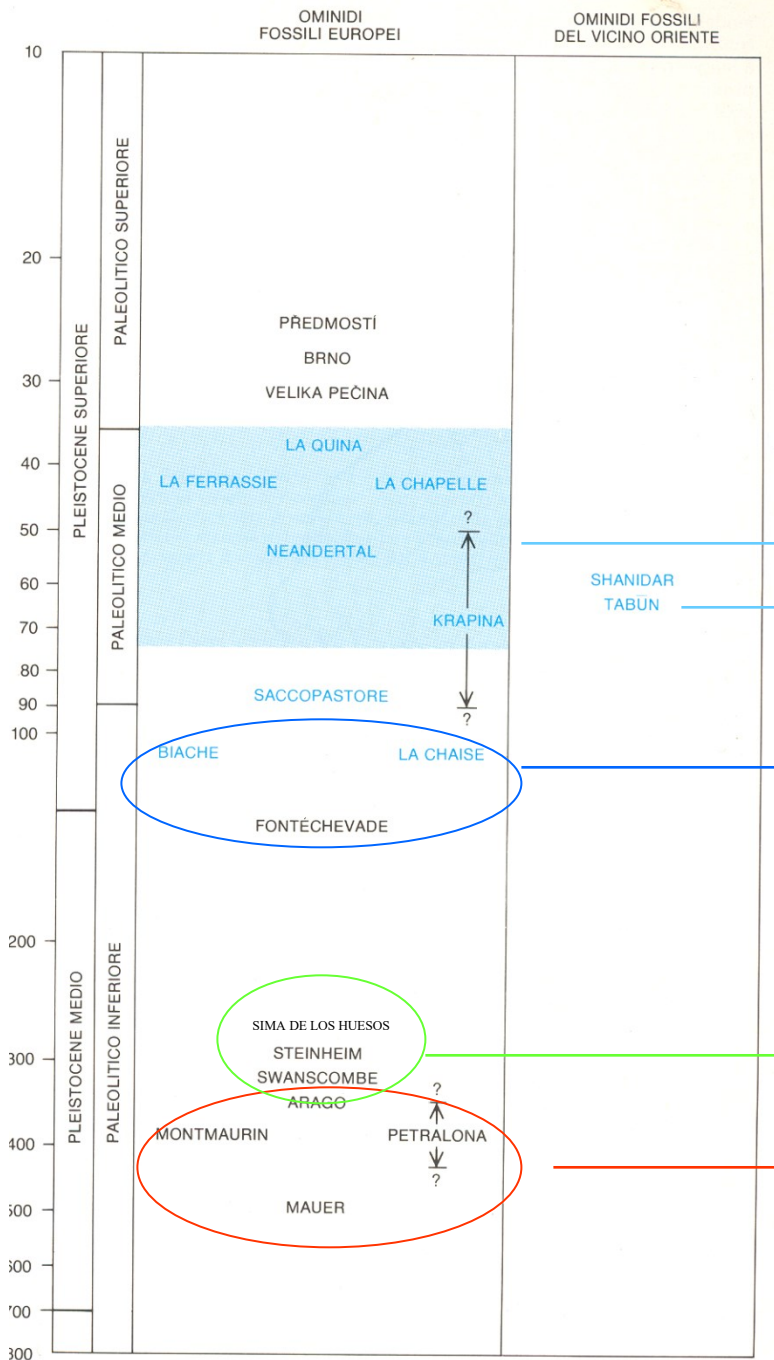
La Ferrassie 1



Qafzeh 9

Předmostí 3

L'evoluzione



Neandertaliani classici

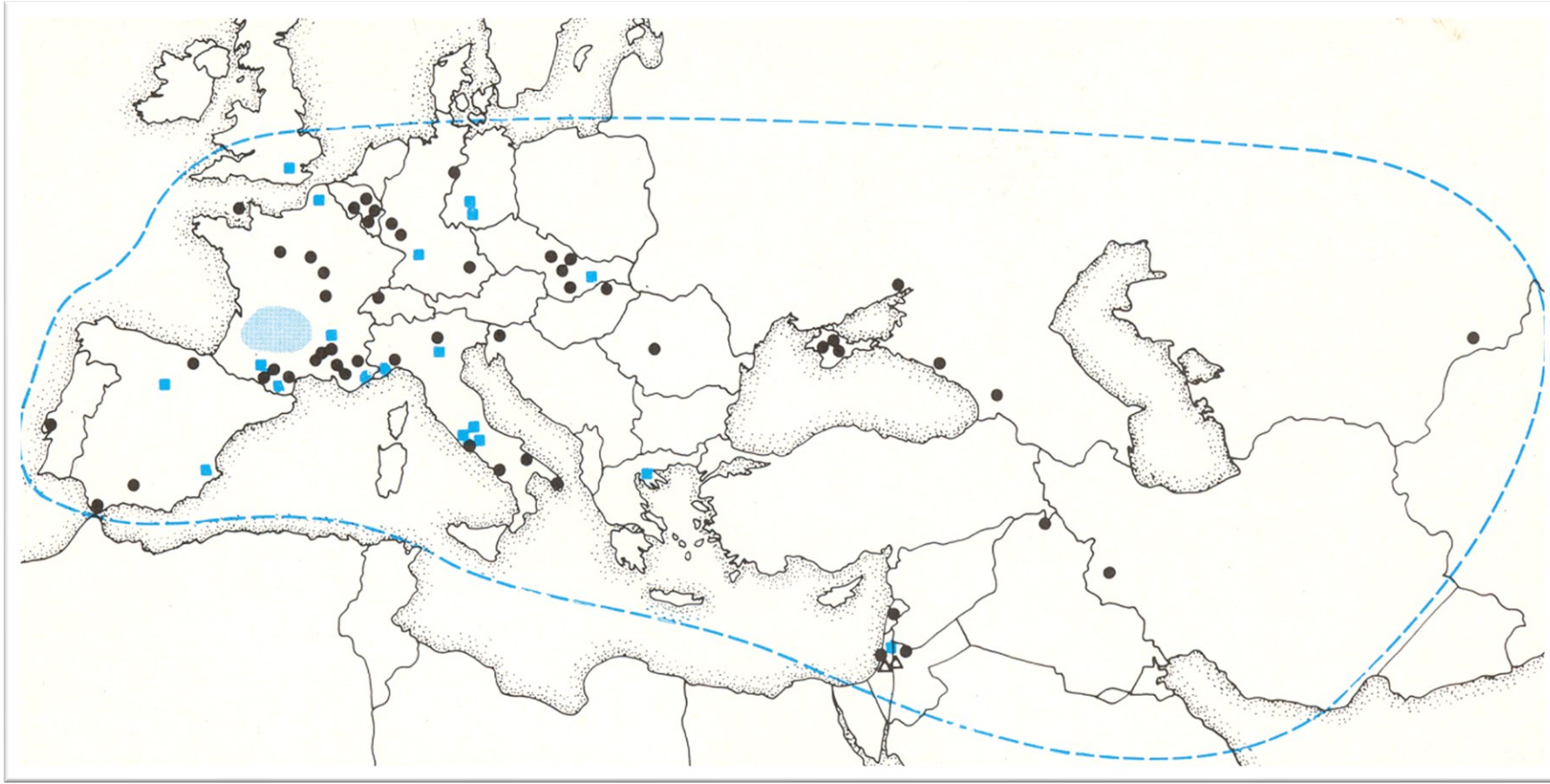
Neandertaliani orientali

III fase (250.000-130.000):
stabilizzazione dei caratteri

II fase (400.000-250.000): regione
nucleare e facciale

I fase (prima di 400.000): regione
infraorbitaria e mandibola

Estensione



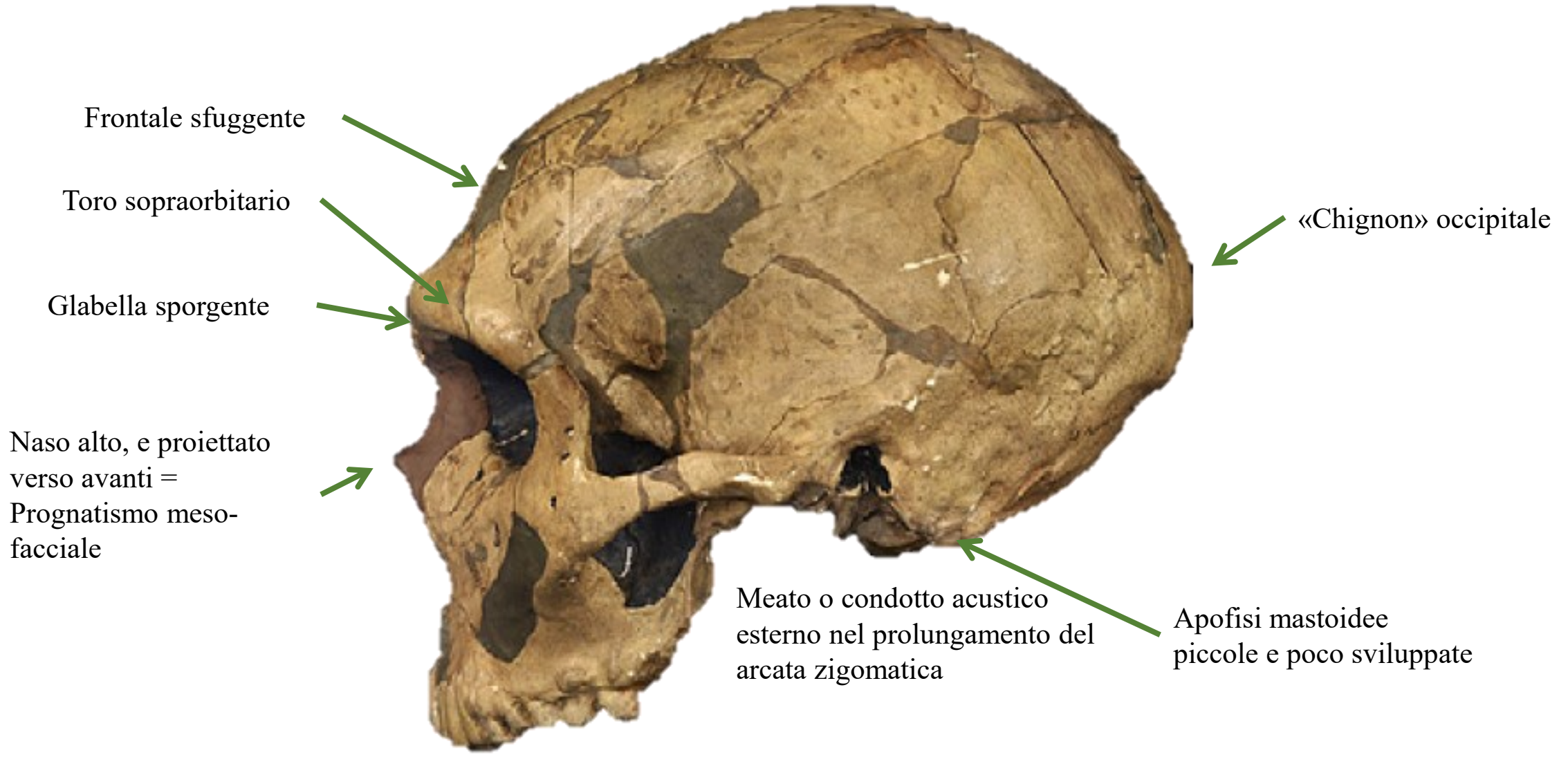
Una speciazione di questi caratteri si osserva nel tempo e nello spazio, infatti i caratteri derivati si mostrano sempre più accentuati man mano che ci si sposta verso Ovest.

→ attorno a 50000 anni in Europa occidentale, gli individui di Neanderthal presentano dei caratteri derivati più pronunciati rispetto agli individui neandertaliani dell'Europa orientale.

A speciation of these features can be observed in time and space. In fact the derived features are more accentuated going toward Western Europe.

→ around 50 000 years in Western Europe, the neandertal present derived features more marked compared to the Neandertal from Eastern Europe.

Grande capacità cranica 1500-1700 cm³



Frontale sfuggente

Toro sopraorbitario

Glabella sporgente

Naso alto, e proiettato verso avanti =
Prognatismo meso-facciale

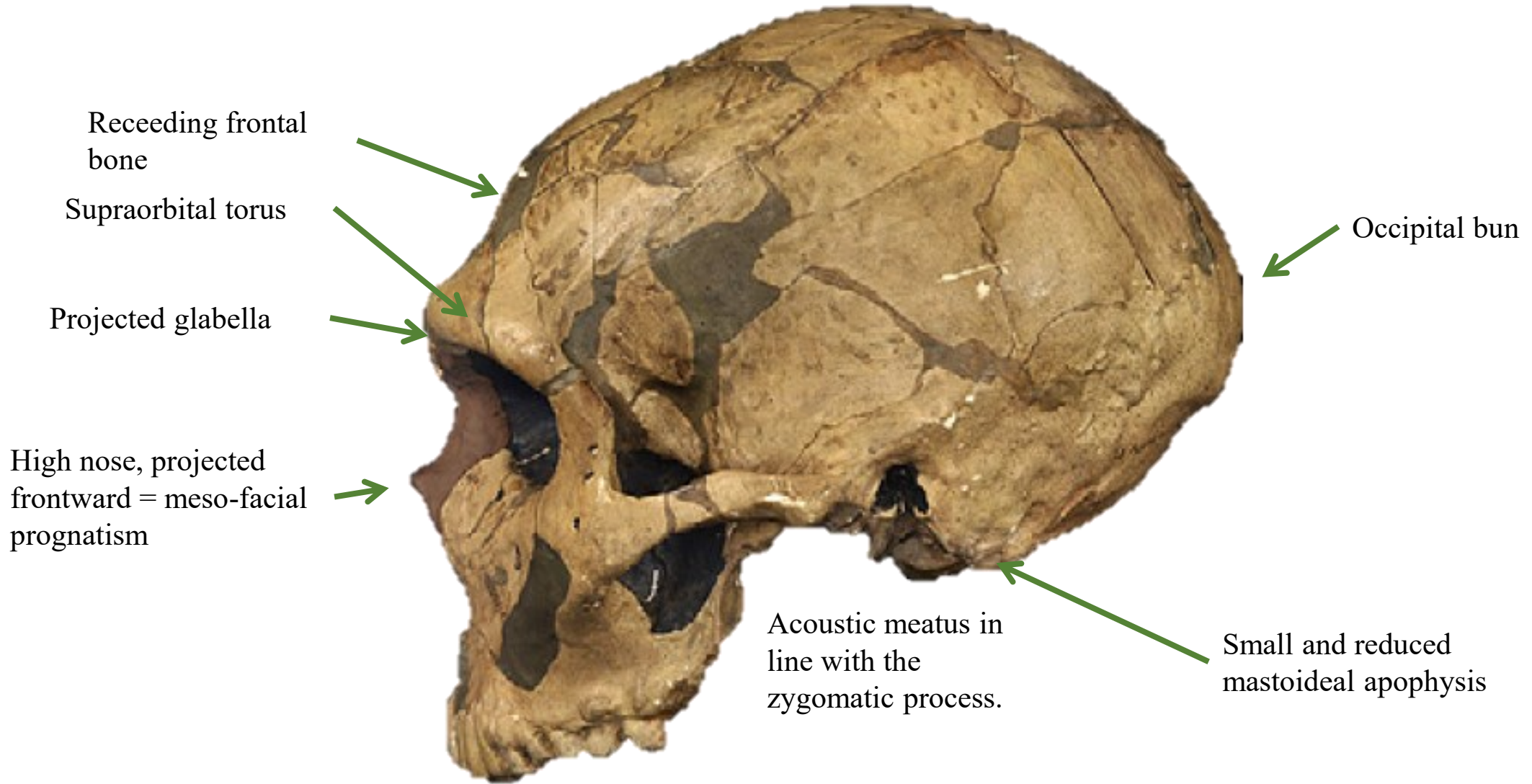
Meato o condotto acustico esterno nel prolungamento dell'arcata zigomatica

Apofisi mastoidee piccole e poco sviluppate

«Chignon» occipitale

Il cranio cerebrale è allungato per compensare la faccia voluminosa

Important cranial capacity 1500-1700 cm³



High nose, projected frontward = meso-facial prognatism

Acoustic meatus in line with the zygomatic process.

Small and reduced mastoideal apophysis

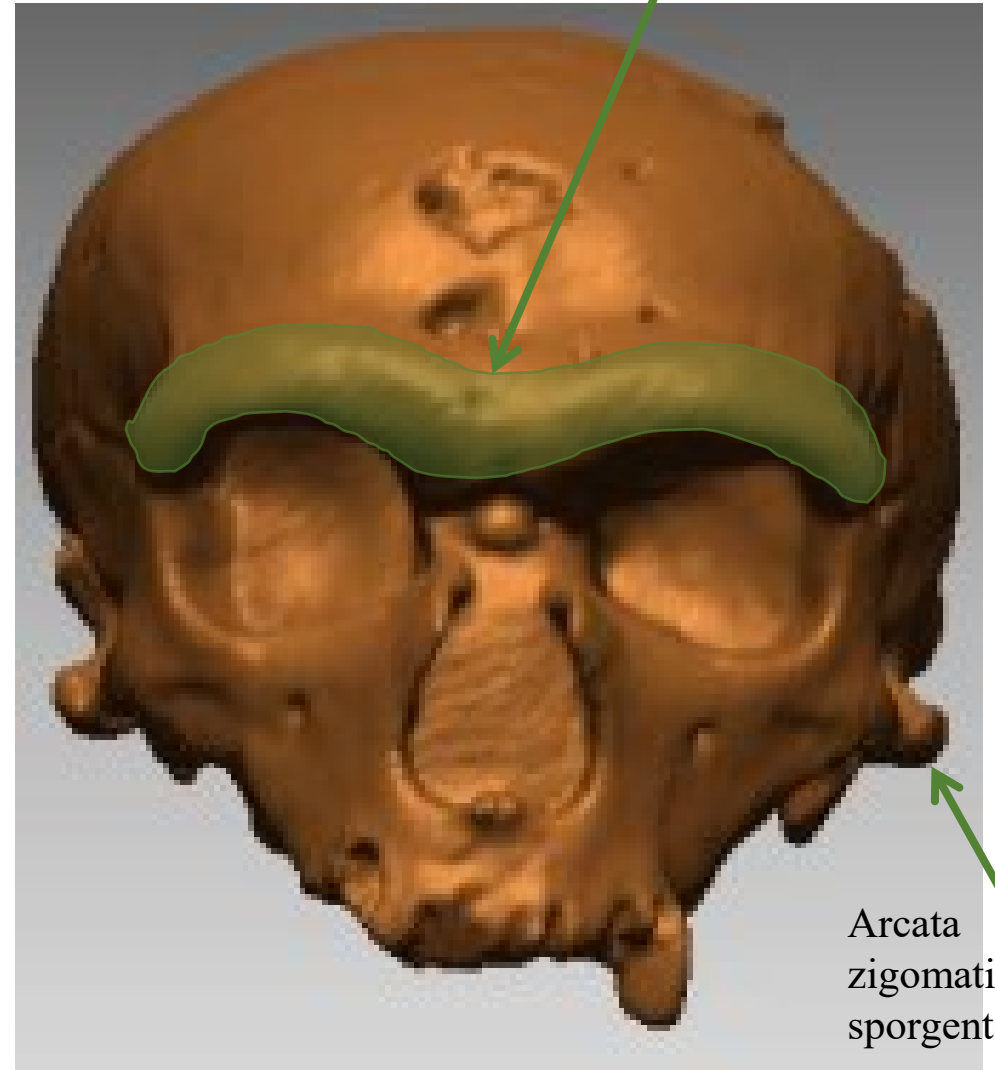
Elongated cranium anteroposteriorly to compensate the large face

Orbite più large che alte,
arrotondate e grandi



La Ferrassie 1

Cavità nasale alta e
voluminosa



La Chapelle-aux-Saints 1

Assenza di
fossa canina



Toro supraorbitario
continuo

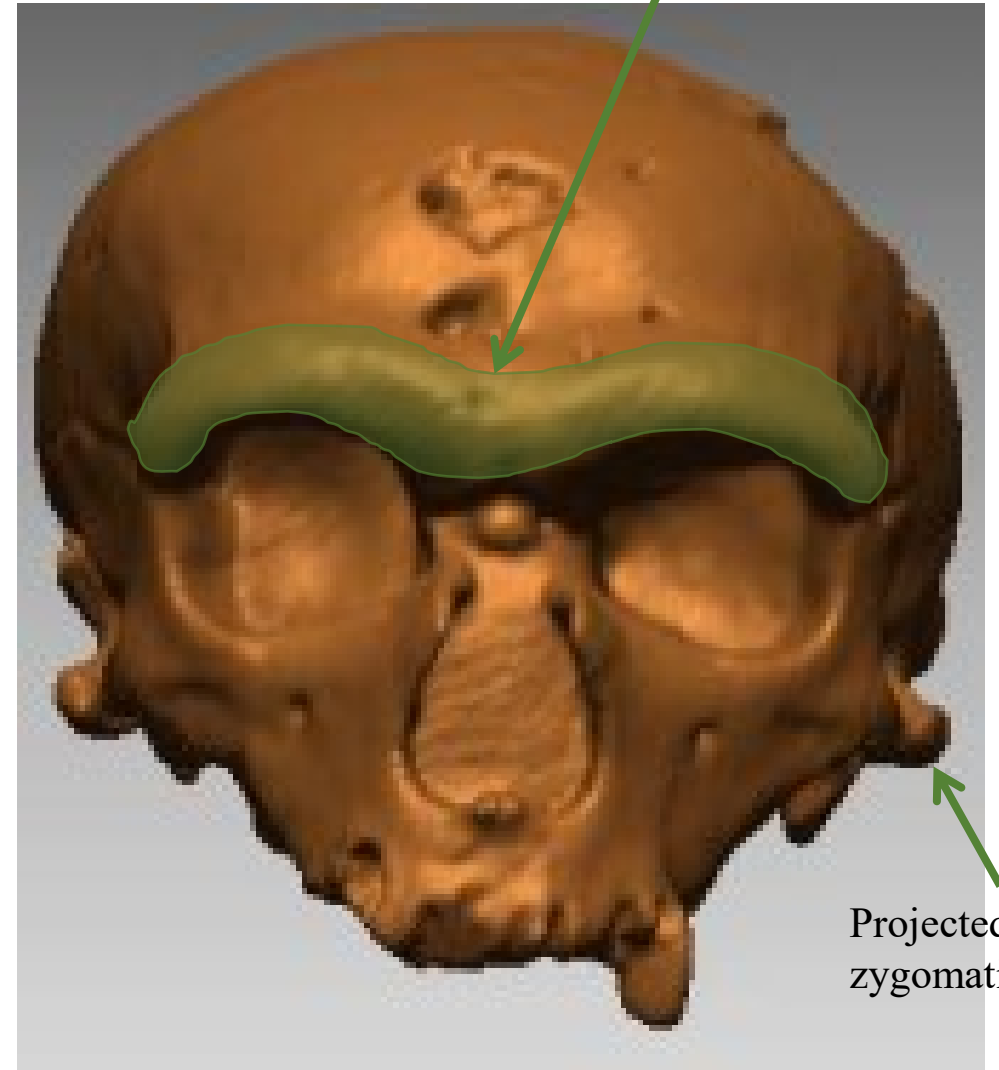
Arcata
zigomatica
sporgente

Rounded orbit, larger than wide



La Ferrassie 1

Large nasal cavity



Continuous supraorbital torus

Projected zygomatics

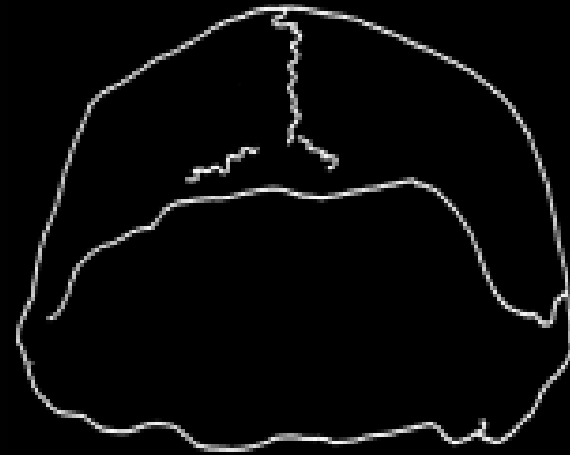
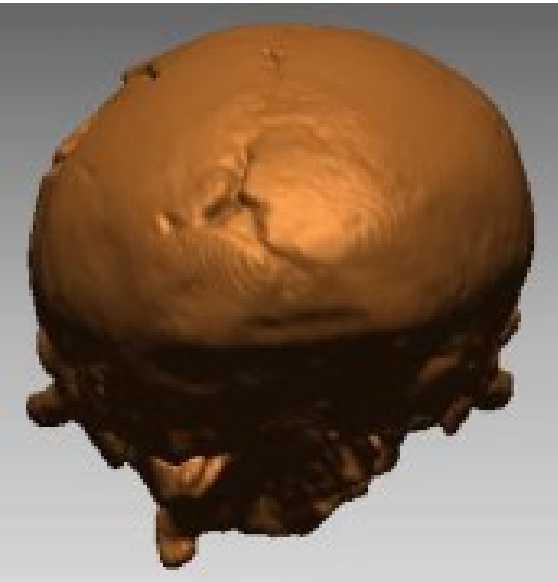
La Chapelle-aux-Saints 1

No canine fossa

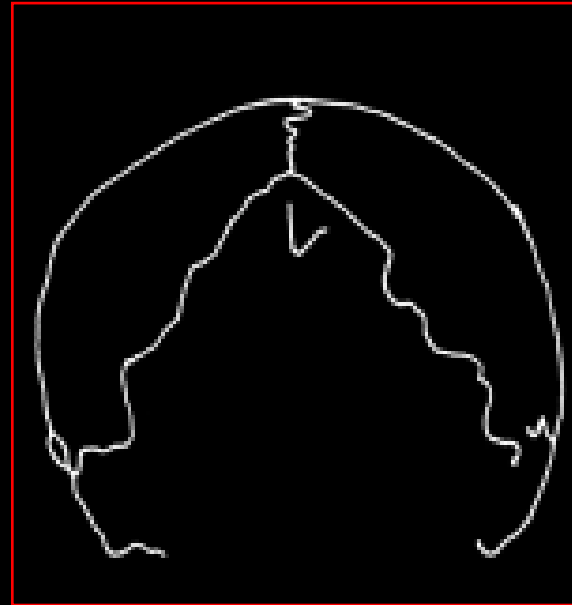


Forma circolare del cranio in vista posteriore
Circular shape of the cranium in posterior view

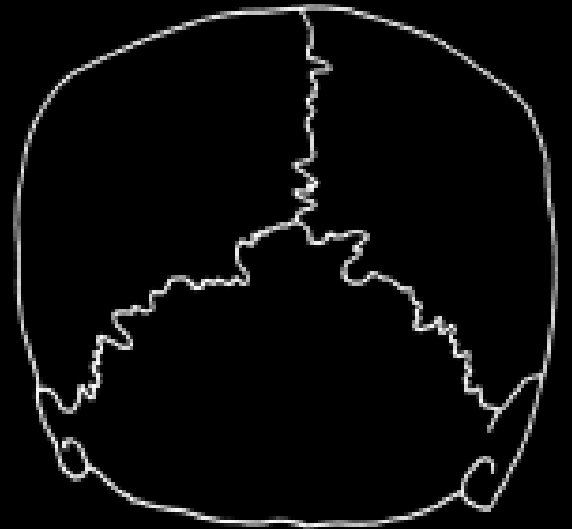
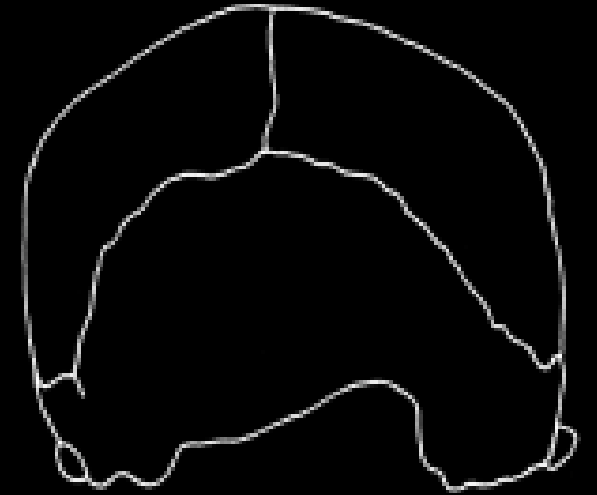
Chignon occipitale



Pentagonale à parois
convergentes vers le
haut

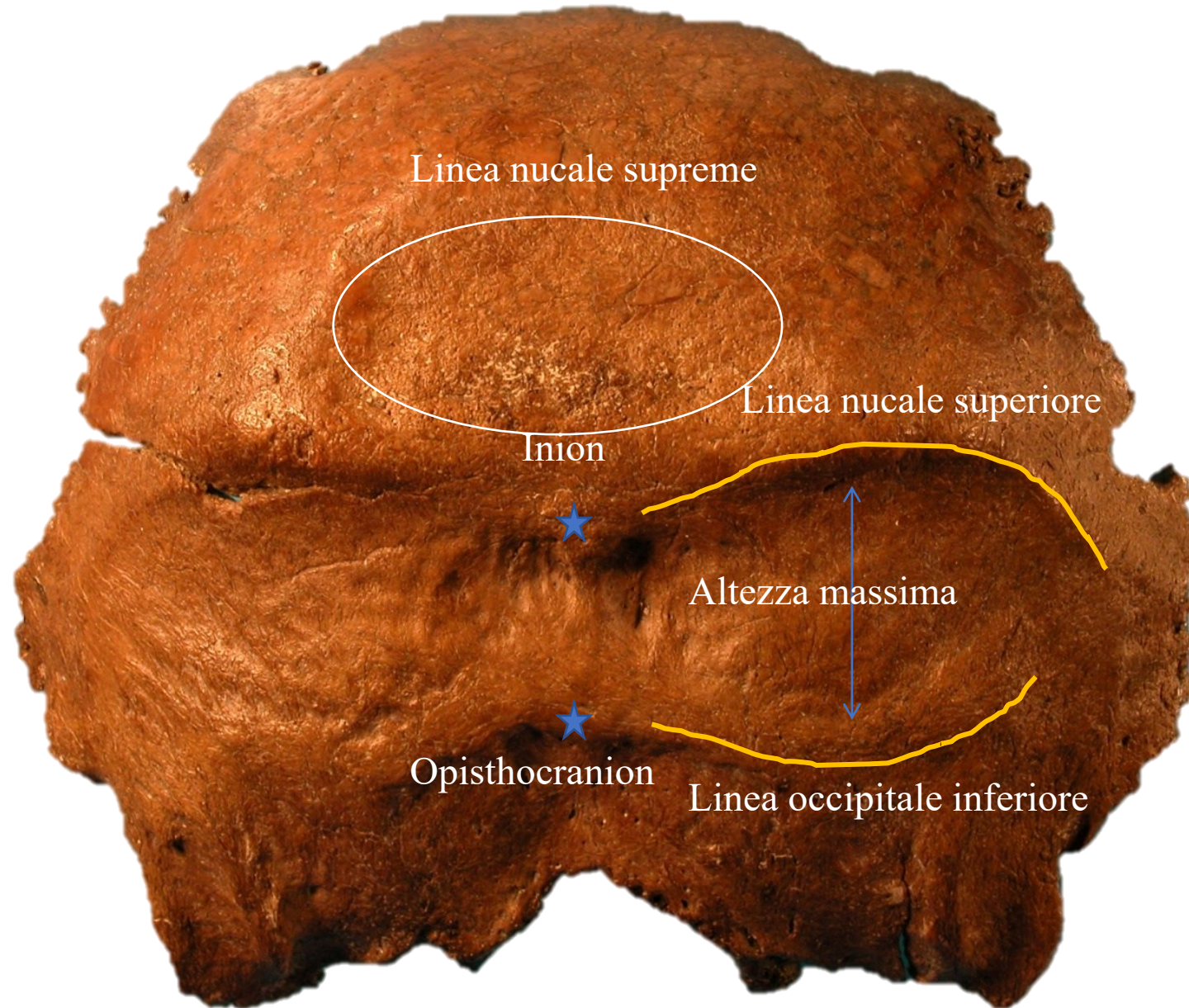


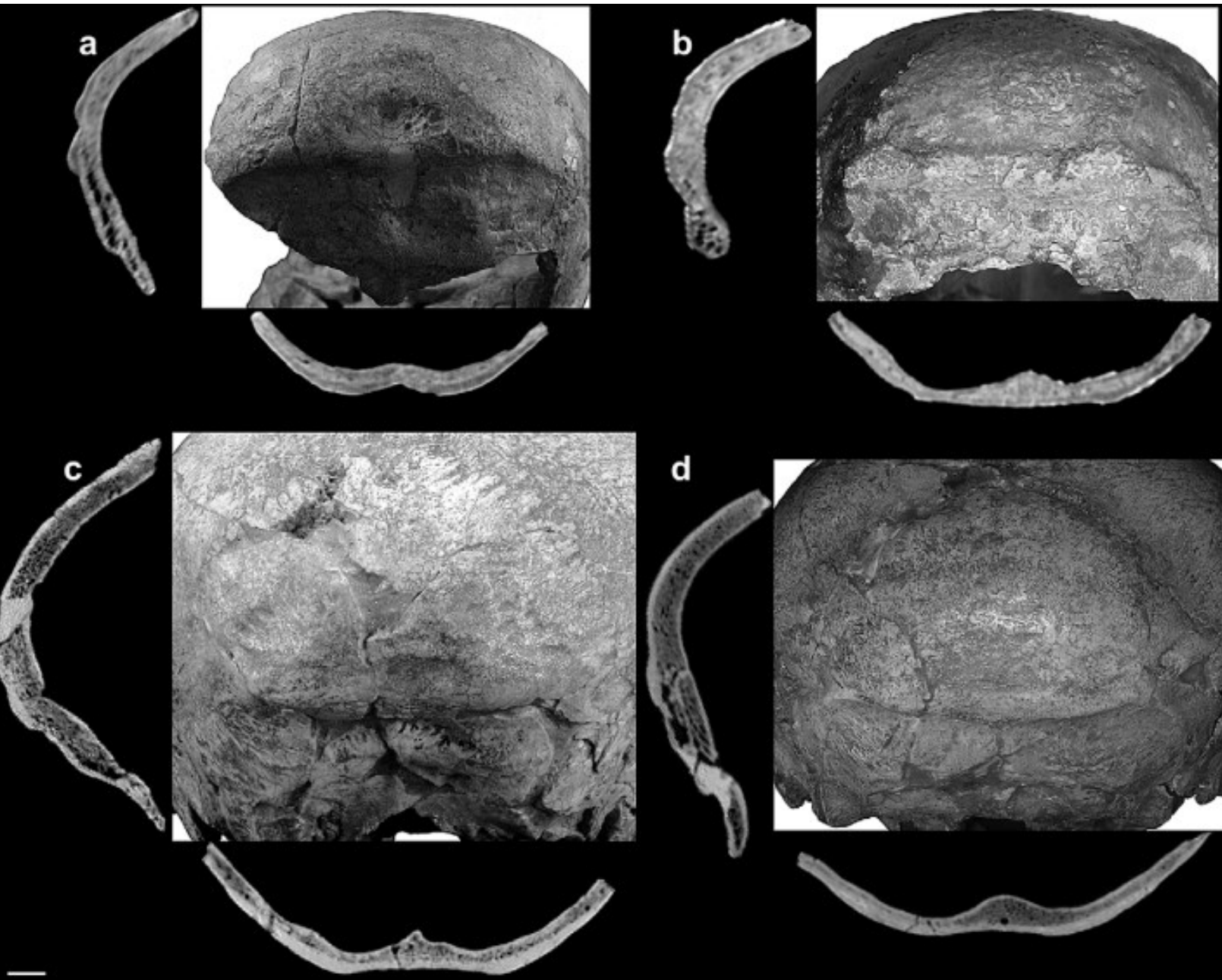
Circulaire
(cas particulier des
Néandertaliens)



En « maison »
(*Homo sapiens*)

Fossa soprainiaca / *suprainiac fossa*





- a: Gibraltar 1
- b: Guattari 1
- c: La Chapelle-aux Saints 1
- d: La Ferrassie 1

La fossa soprainiac è un carattere derivato dei neandertaliani che si ritrova in tutti i campioni, si individua già durante i primi stadi di sviluppo ed è presente presto nella differenziazione della linea.

Corrisponde ad un assottigliamento della diploe.

The suprainiac is a Neandertal derived feature find in all the sample, it can be individualized early in the individual growth and is present early in the differentiation of the lineage.



Homo neanderthalensis
(La Chapelle-aux-Saints
1)

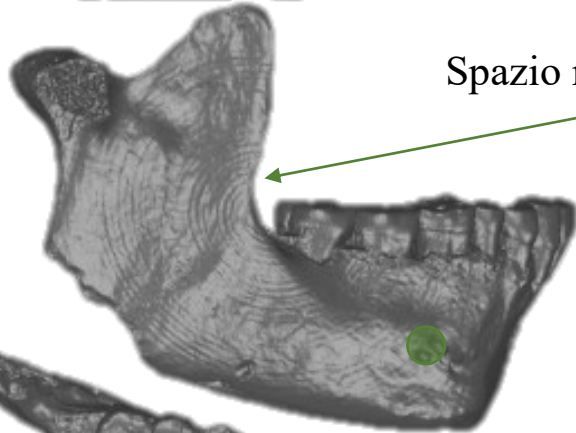
Cranio allungato / *elongated cranium*

Zigomi sporgenti / *prominent zygomatic*

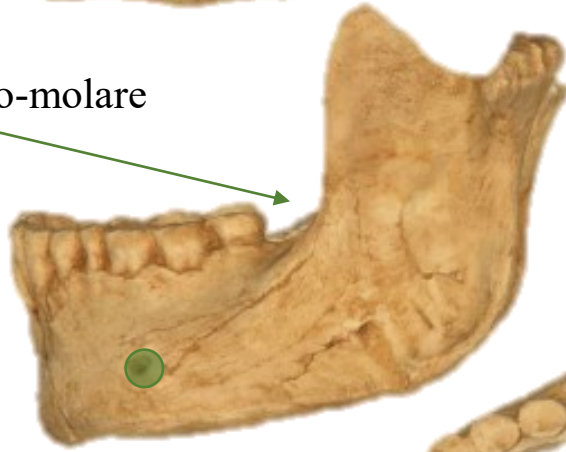
Larghezza massima in posizione bassa /
maximum width in a low position



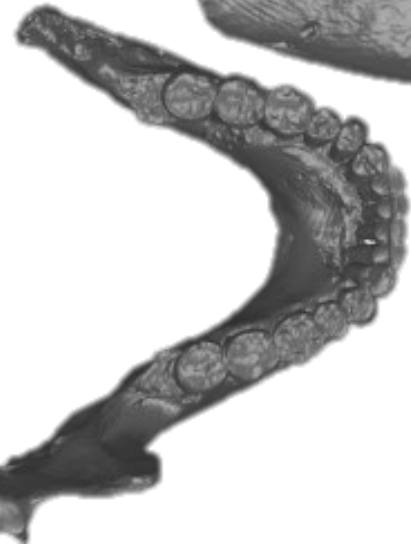
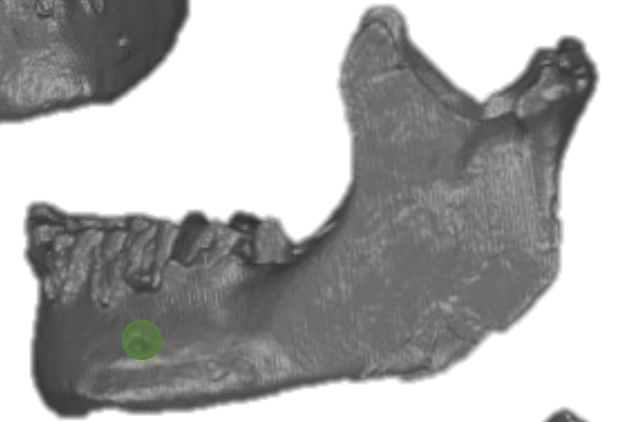
Ramo largo e divergente



Spazio retro-molare



Assenza di mento



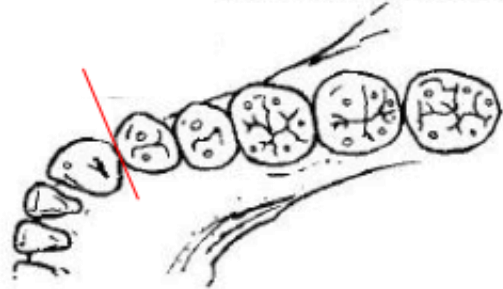
Denti voluminosi



● Foramen mentoniero spostato indietro

Australopithecus africanus

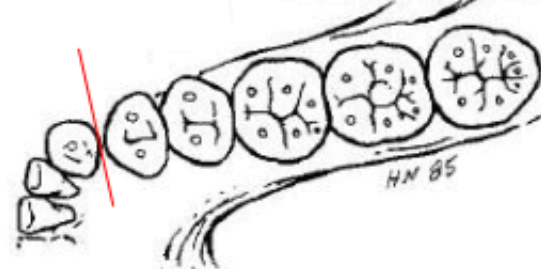
Less Robust Mandible



Relatively Larger Incisors and Canines
Relatively Smaller Premolars and Molars

Paranthropus

More Robust Mandible



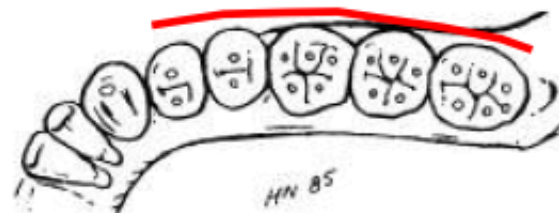
Relatively Smaller Incisors and Canines
Relatively Larger Premolars and Molars

Homo habilis



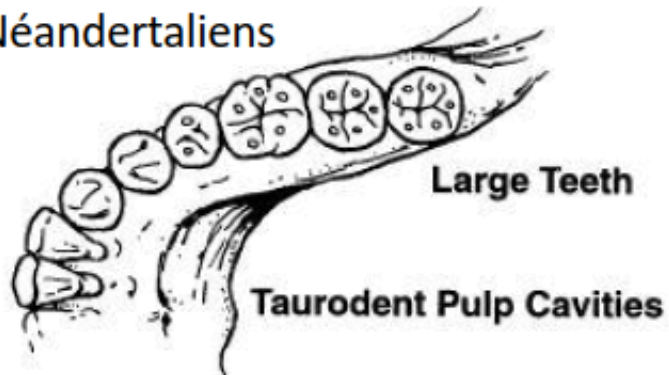
Larger Premolars and Molars

Homo erectus

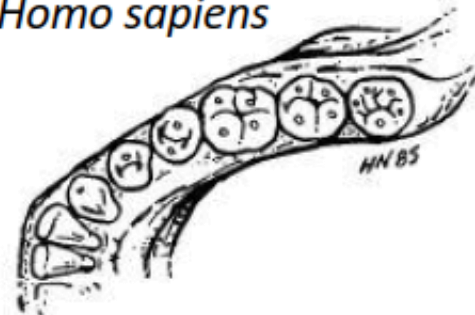


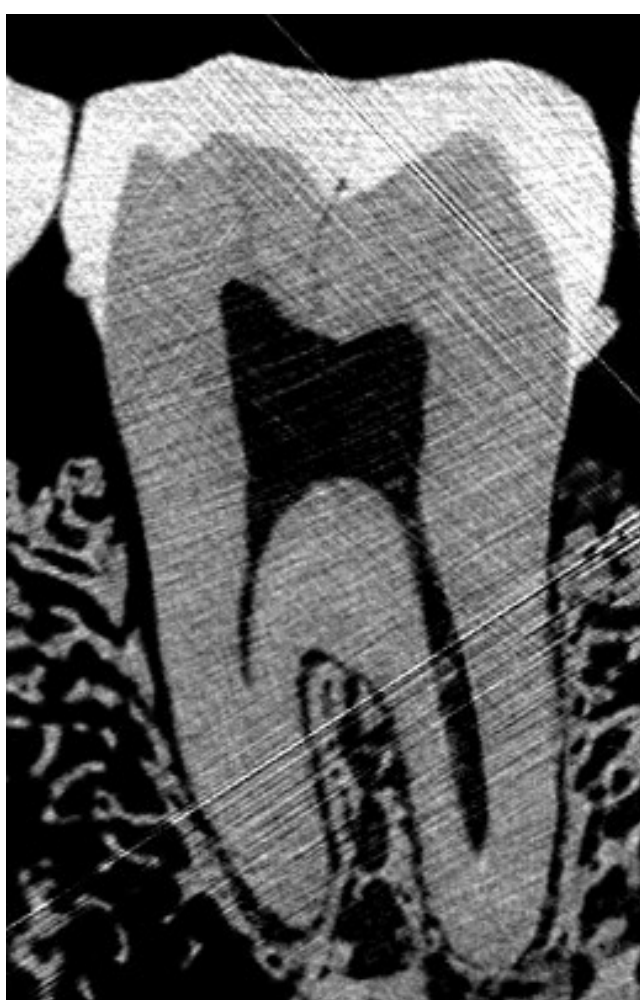
Smaller Premolars and Molars

Néandertaliens

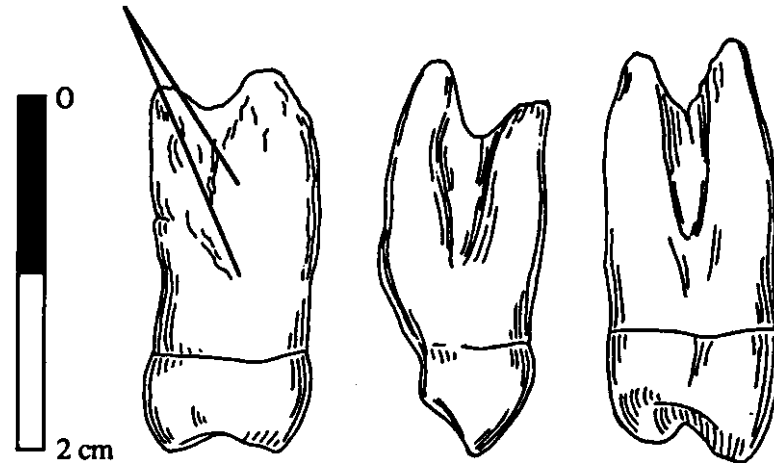


Homo sapiens

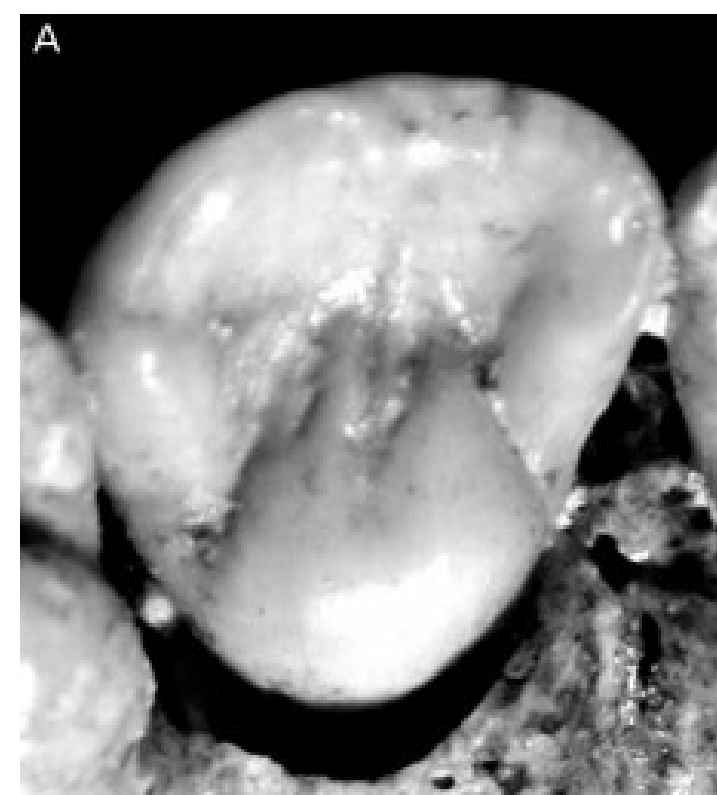




radici fuse
e cavità pulpare
ingrandita



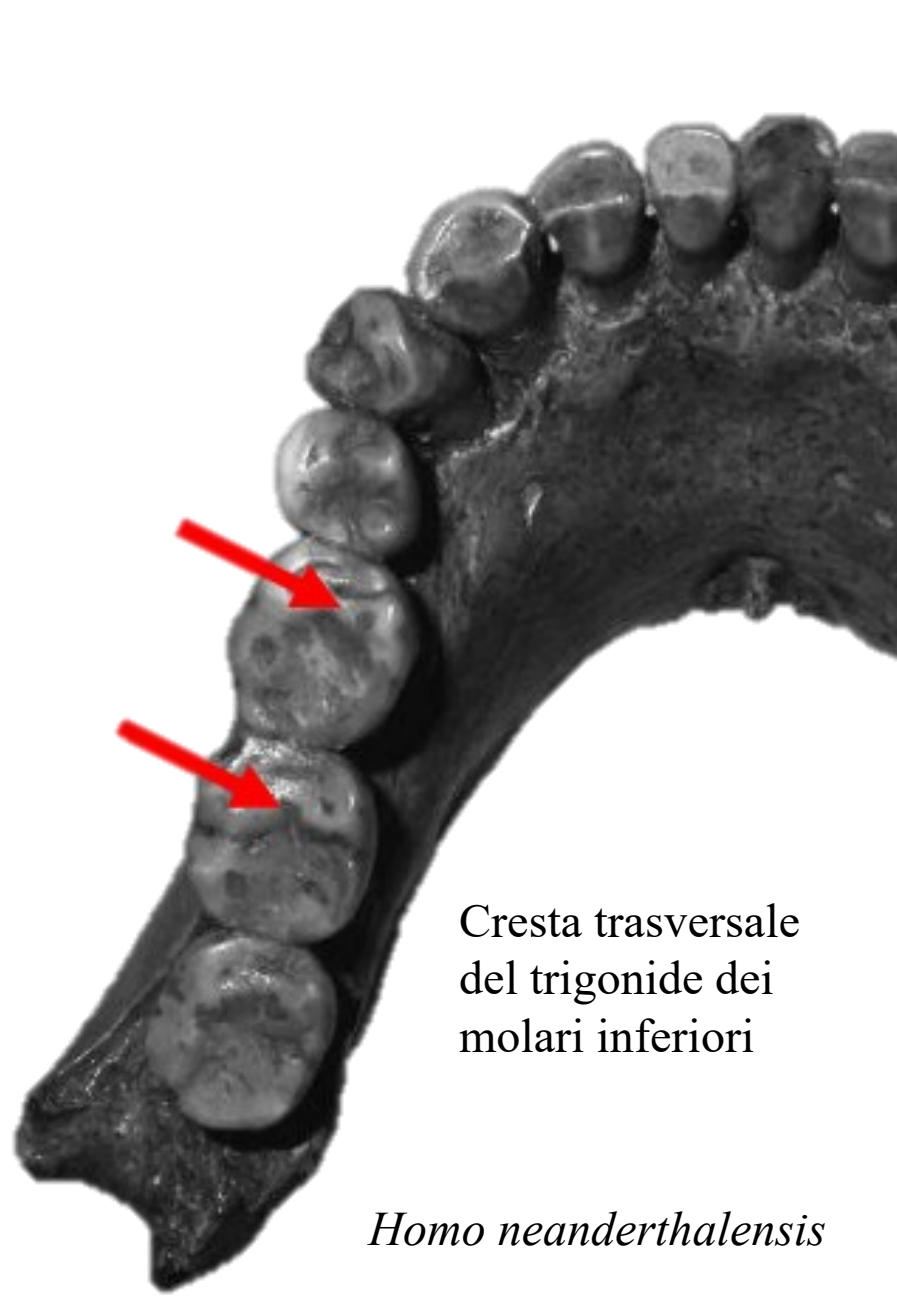
Denti premolari e molari taurodonti di Krapina



Incisivo con una forma di spatola e con una convessità labiale e un tubercolo linguale

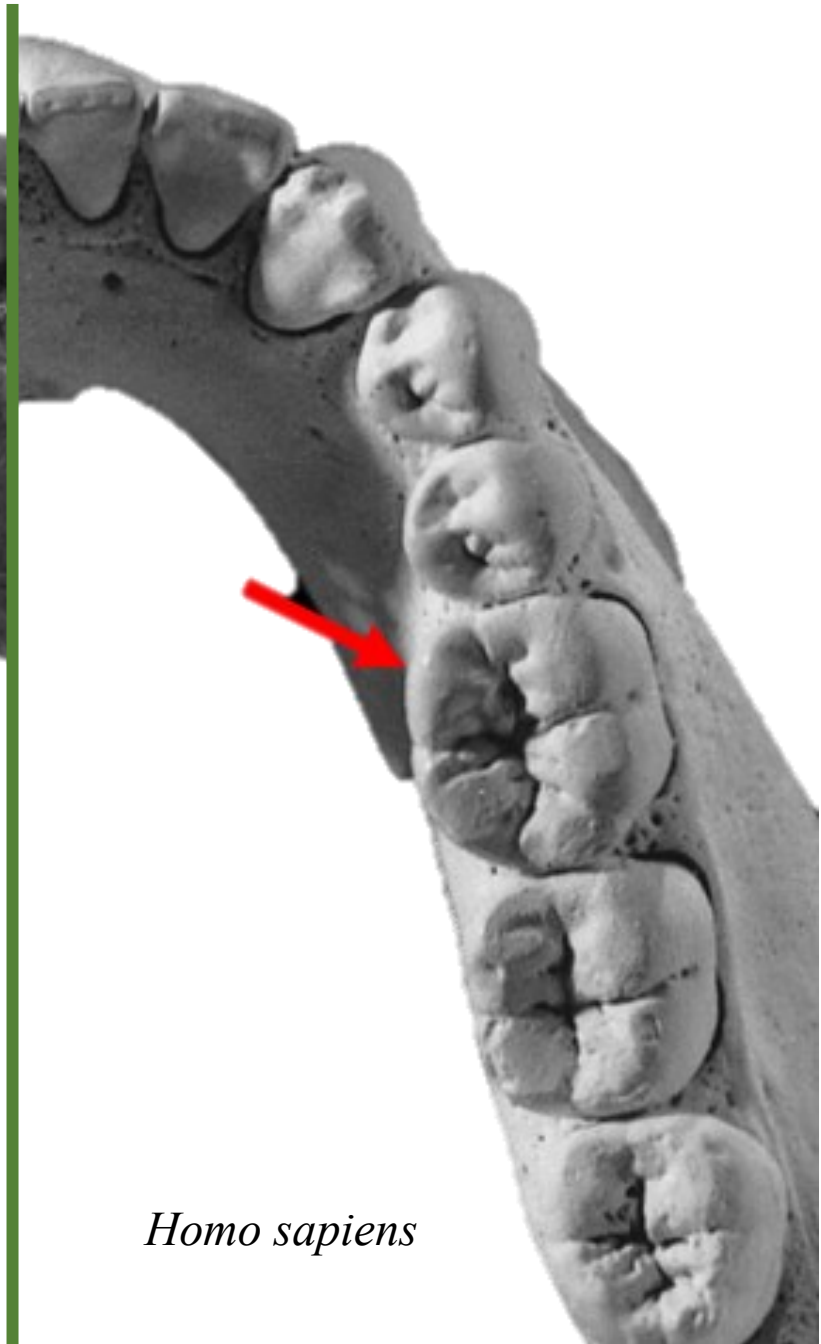
Taurodontismo: Grande cavità pulpare

- Dimensione: *Homo* più antico > Neanderthal > *Homo sapiens*
- Incisivi di grandi dimensioni
- Incisivi superiori a forma di spatola
- Usura importante dei incisivi
- Spessore ridotto dello smalto
- Taurodontismo

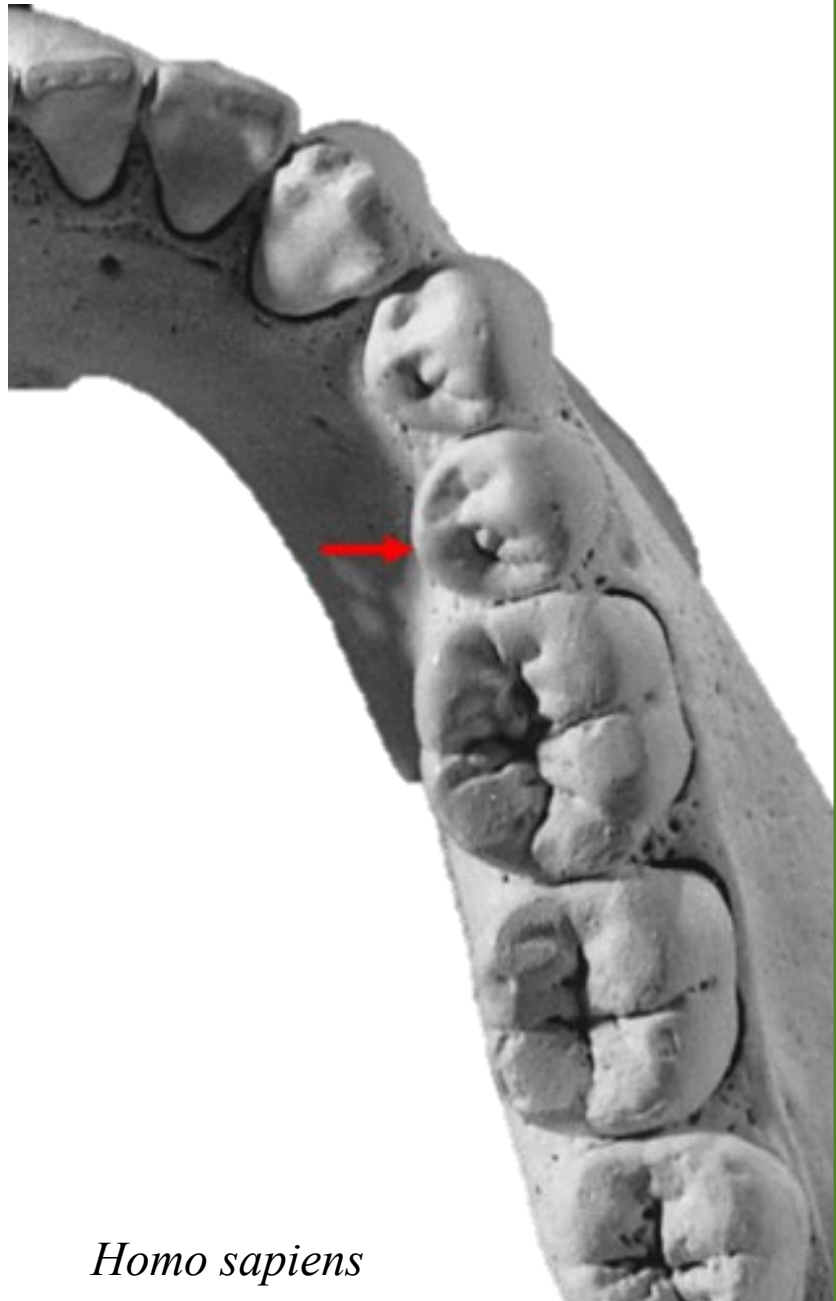


Cresta trasversale
del trigonide dei
molari inferiori

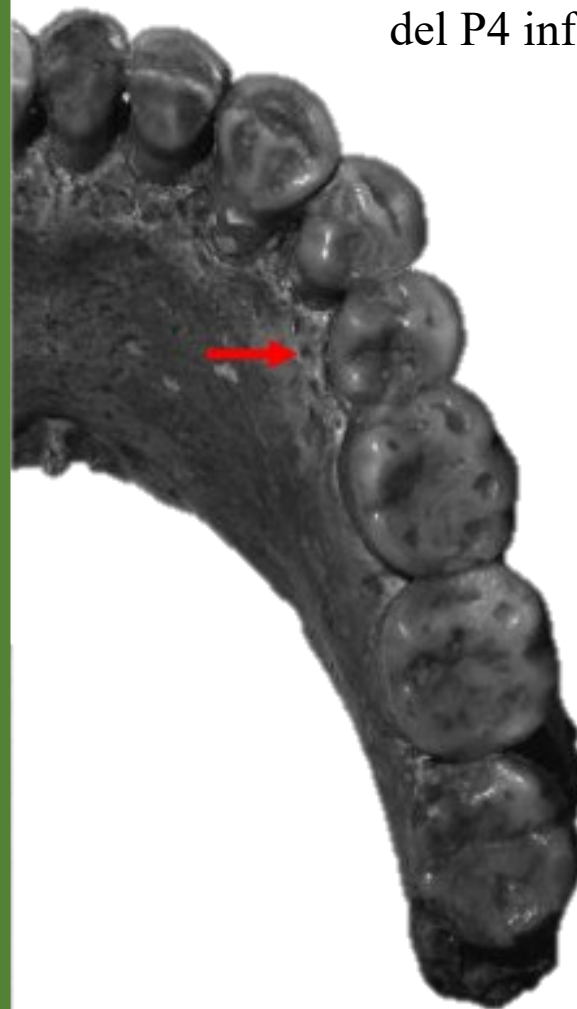
Homo neanderthalensis



Homo sapiens

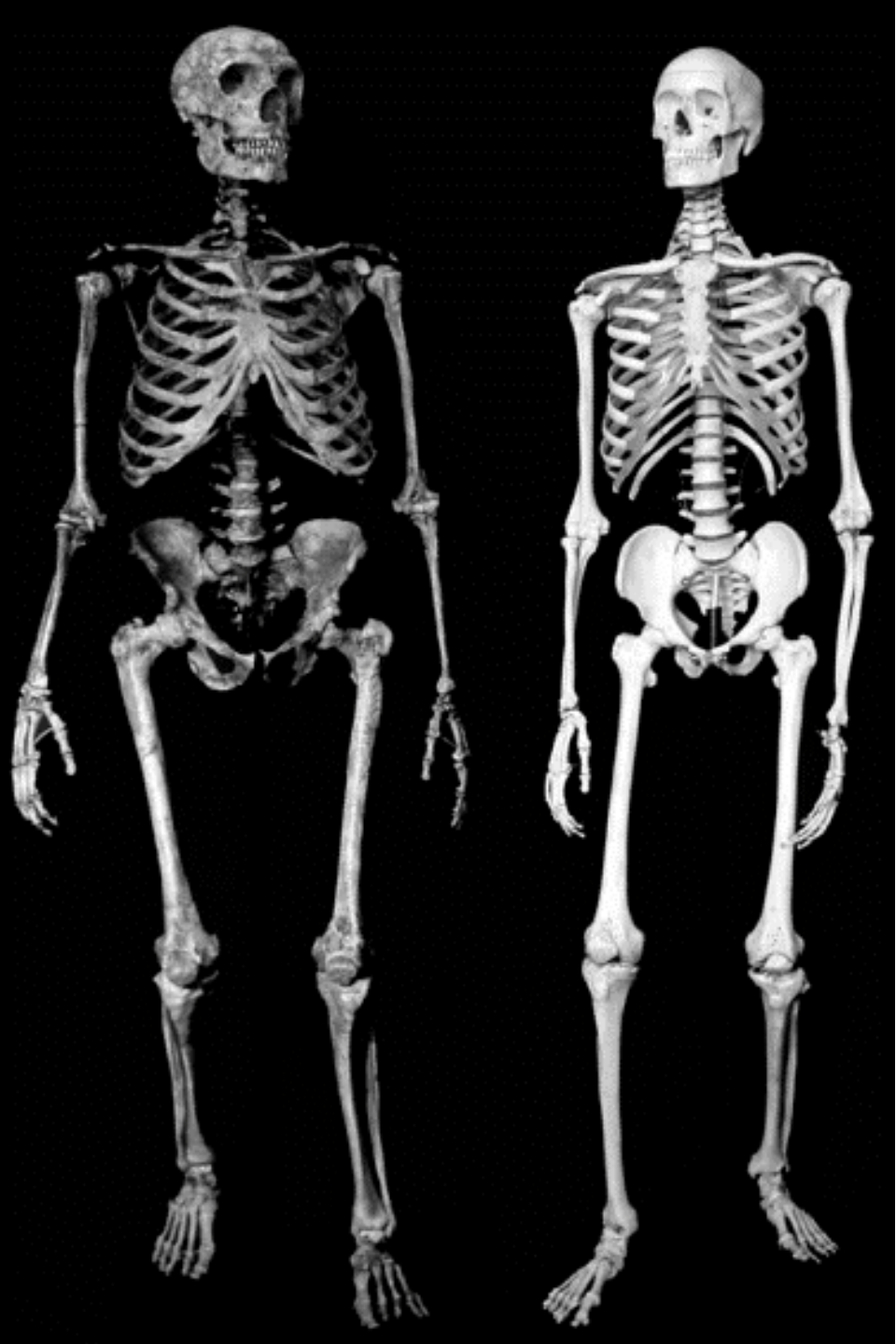


Homo sapiens



Homo neanderthalensis

Asimmetria della
superficie linguale
del P4 inferiore



1,65m – 1,55m

Scheletro robusto con inserzioni muscolari robuste.
Robust skeleton with powerful muscular insertion

Vertebre cervicali che denotano un collo corto e tozzo
Cervical vertebra induce a short and squat neck

Muscolatura dorsale molto sviluppata
Dorsal musculature well developed

Torace largo, sviluppato lateralmente e verso l'avanti
Large thorax, laterally and frontward developed

Il radio presenta una curvatura che denota una grande capacità di movimento.
The radius is curved which indicate an importante mouvement capacity.

Clavicola grande e gracile
Large and gracile clavicle

Mani grandi ma con dita corte: presa potente ed efficace
Large hand with short finger: powerful and effective handle

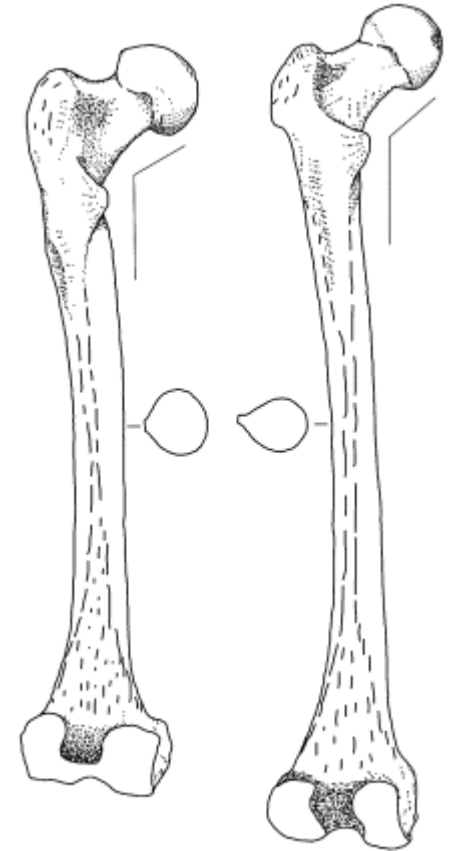


Fig. 1. Distinctive features of the Neandertal femur. (Left) The Neandertal 1 (Feldhofer Cave Neandertal) femur. (Right) The Skhul IV near-modern human femur. Relative to near-modern humans, the Neandertal femur has larger articulations (head and distal end), a thicker and rounder shaft, and a lower neck-shaft angle. Adapted from McCown and Keith (9).

(Weaver, 2003)

Evoluzione della linea neandertaliana

Il modello di evoluzione dei Neanderthal è detto ad accrezione: questo gruppo di ominidi si è sviluppato in un parziale o completo isolamento dal resto dell'umanità.

Questo sviluppo è il risultato di un accumulazione graduale di tratti morfologici distintivi delle popolazioni Europee.

Alcuni studiosi hanno ipotizzato che i tratti neandertaliani si siano sviluppati seguendo a un adattamento a delle condizioni climatiche fredde :

Larga cavità nasale

Robustezza

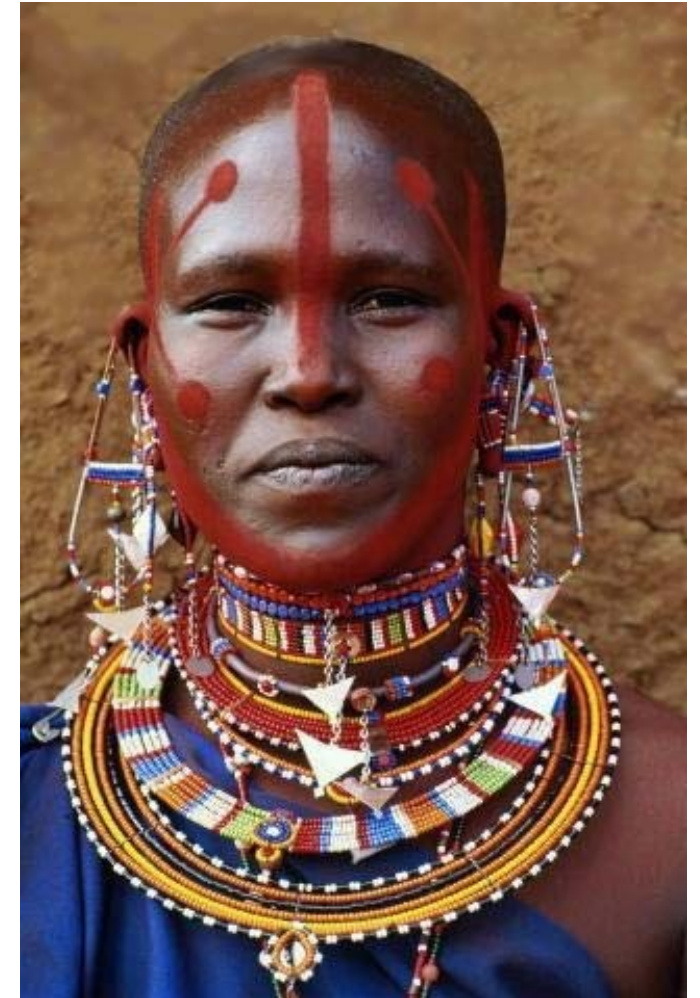
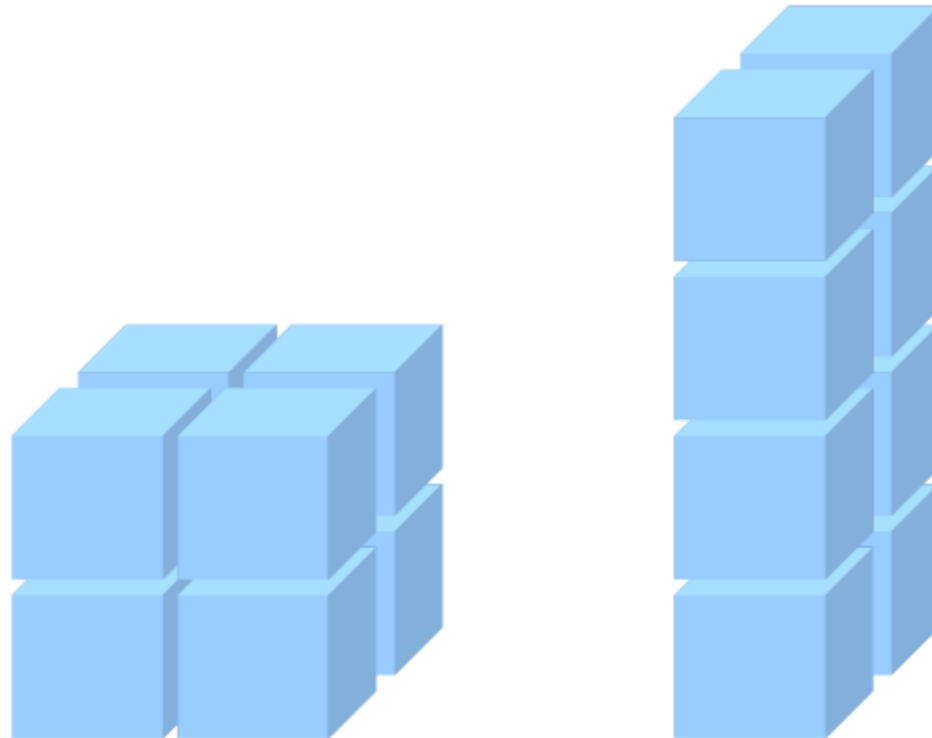
Morfologia tarchiata

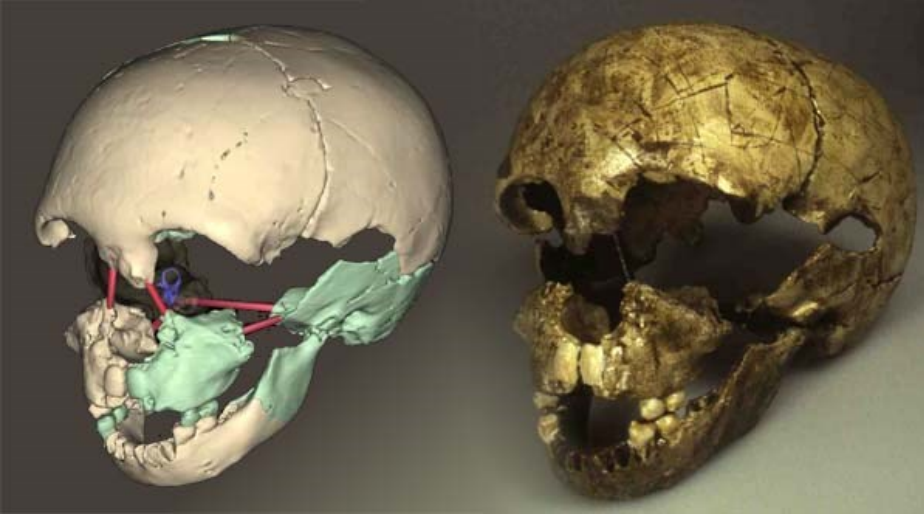


Adattamento al freddo

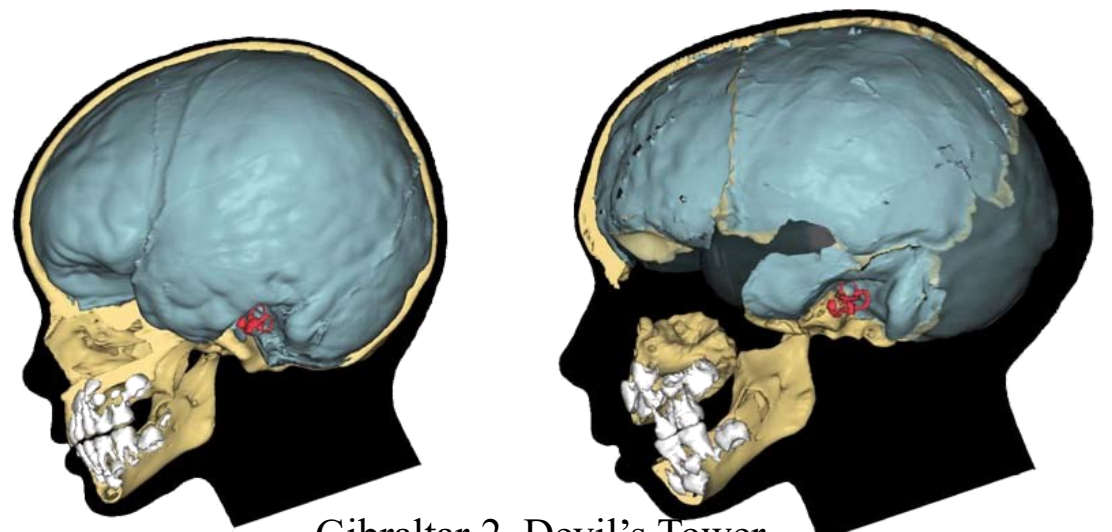
Regola di Allen : In un clima freddo, gli individui tendono ad essere più larghi e ad avere degli arti più corti rispetto a quelli che vivono in un clima temperato, poiché in questo modo la ritenzione del calore è più efficace (rapporto massa corporea/superficie esposta)

In cold climat, individuals tends to have shorter limbs than the one from warmer climates, in this way the heat rentention is more effective (ratio corporeal mass/exposed surface)

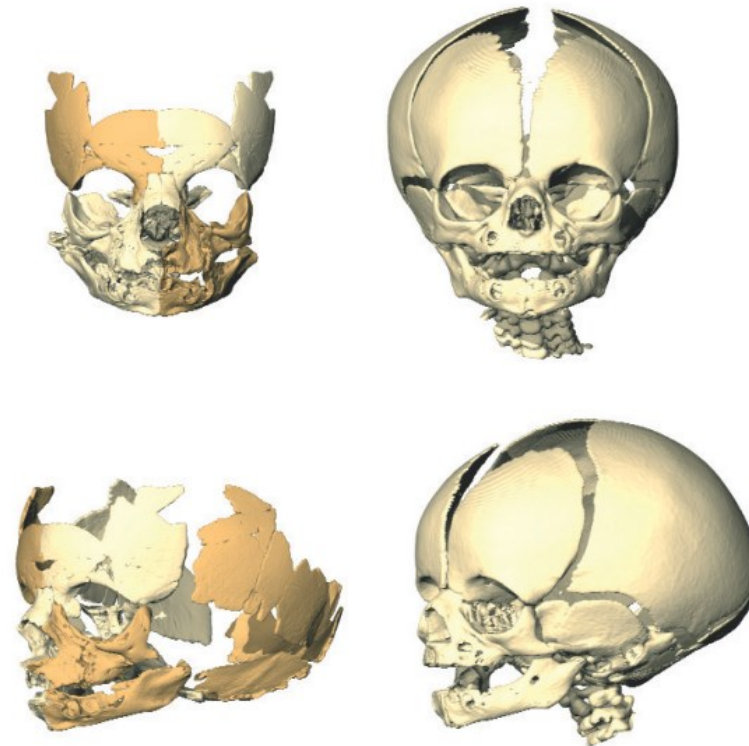




Dederiyeh, Syria



Gibraltar 2, Devil's Tower

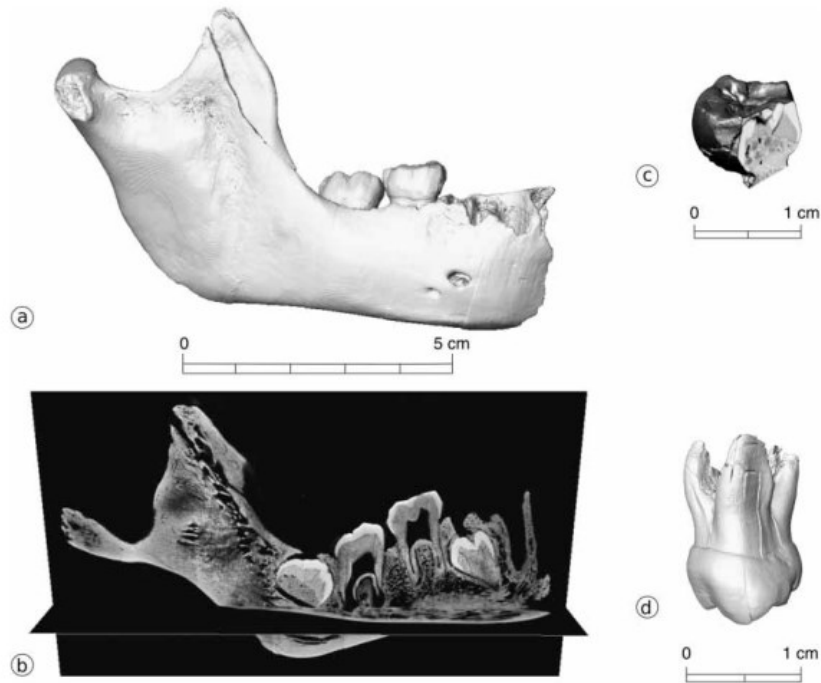


Le Moustier 2 is larger and more projected than in the modern human. Orbital, nasal shape and infraorbital surface of Le Moustier 2 are characteristic for Neanderthals

(Gunz *et al.*, 2011)

Ontogenesi

Eruzione dei denti in *Homo sapiens*



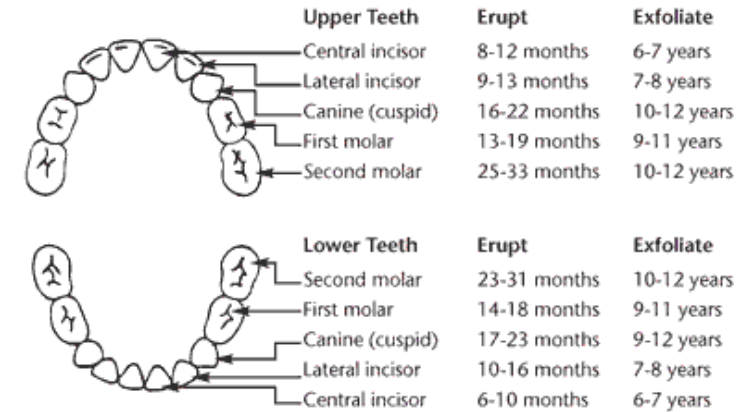
(a and b) Right hemi-mandible from Scladina (Scla 4A-1).
 (c) Probable Neandertal deciduous molar from Couvin. (d)
 deciduous second upper molar from Engis 2

Sequenze d'eruzione dei denti permanenti: differenze
 tra *sapiens* e *Neanderthal*

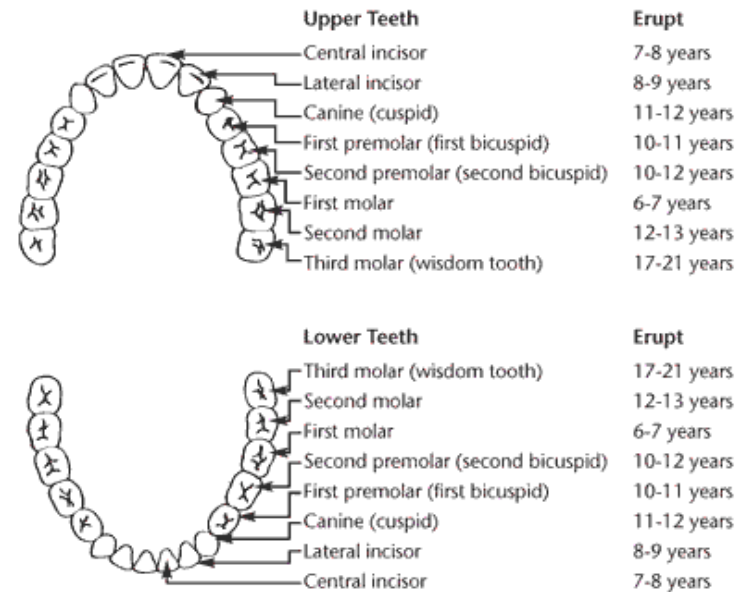
Homo sapiens: M1 – I1- I2 – P1 – C-P2-M2-M3

Homo neanderthalensis: M1-I1-I2-C-M2-P1-P2-M3

PRIMARY DENTITION



PERMANENT DENTITION

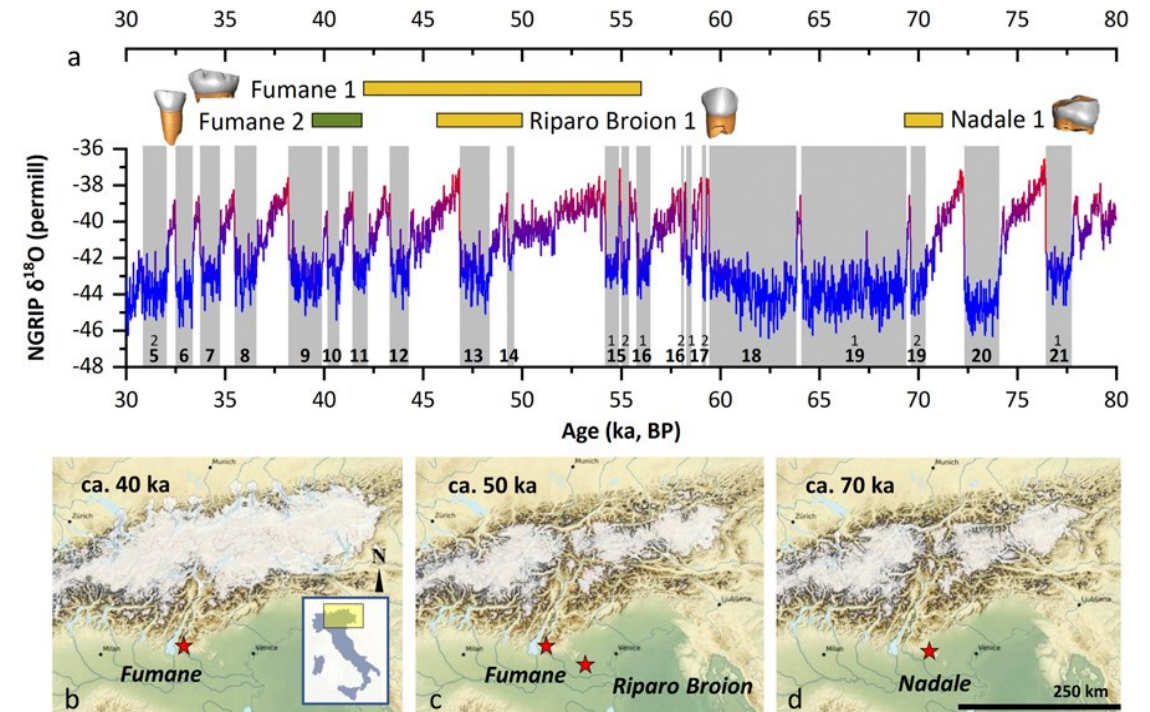




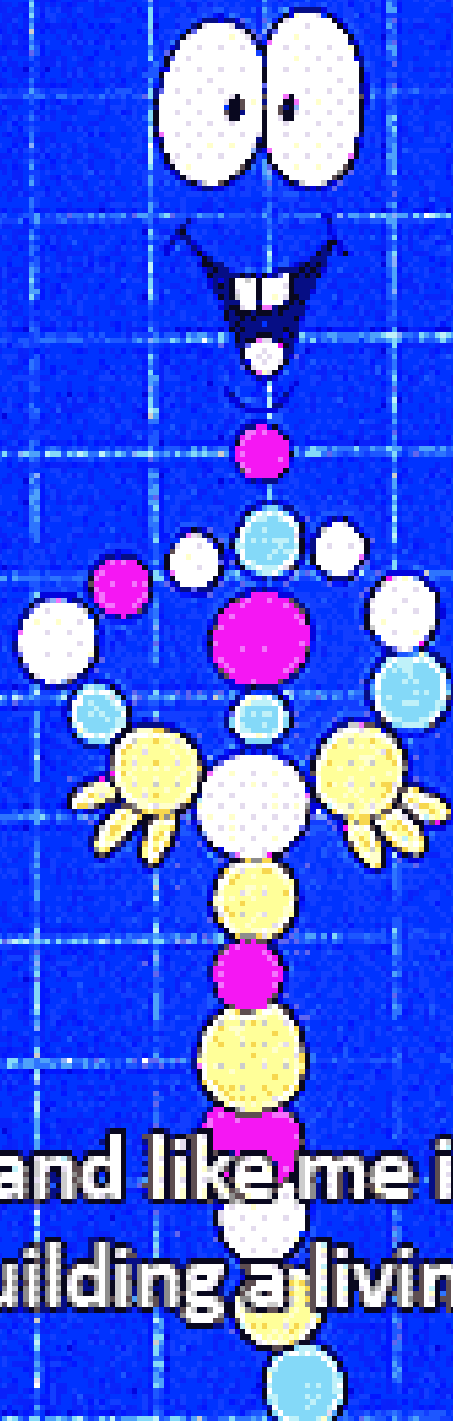
Early life of Neanderthals

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The early onset of **weaning** in modern humans has been linked to the high nutritional demand of brain development that is intimately connected with infant physiology and growth rate. **In Neanderthals, ontogenetic patterns in early life are still debated, with some studies suggesting an accelerated development and others indicating only subtle differences vs. modern humans.** Here we report the onset of weaning and rates of enamel growth using an unprecedented sample set of three late (~70 to 50 ka) Neanderthals and one Upper Paleolithic modern human from northeast- ern Italy via spatially resolved **chemical/isotopic analyses** and histomorphometry of deciduous teeth. Our results reveal that **the modern human nursing strategy, with onset of weaning at 5 to 6 mo, was present among these Neanderthals.** This evidence, combined with dental development akin to modern humans, highlights their **similar metabolic constraints during early life** and excludes late weaning as a factor contributing to Neanderthals' demise.



Genetica

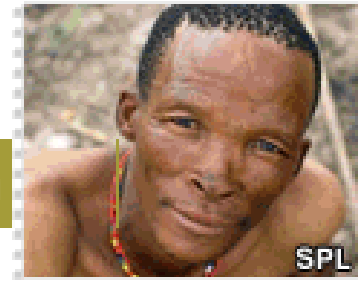
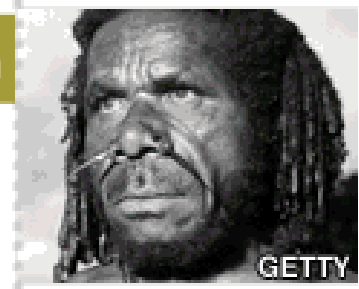


**A DNA strand like me is a blueprint
for building a living thing!**

Ancestors evolve into Neanderthals and first modern humans

Neanderthals die out

Researchers looked at five groups of modern humans



Common ancestor with Neanderthal

Neanderthal

Some Neanderthal and *Homo sapiens* interbreeding

Some modern humans leave Africa

Homo sapiens

French

Han-Chinese

Papuan

Yoruba

San



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Note: Time periods not to scale

- Quando le popolazioni ancestrali Neandertaliane e umane moderne hanno subito una divergenza evolutiva?

Divergence time between the ancestral Neandertal population and the modern human :

tra 270,000 e 440,000 anni fa

- Da 1 a 4 % del genoma della popolazione Euroasiatica è derivato dai Neandertaliani. Il flusso genetico tra uomini moderni e Neandertaliani è avvenuto prima della divergenza tra gli europei , gli asiatici, e i papuani, tra 50,000 e 80,000 anni fa, in concordanza con i ritrovamenti archeologici.

From 1 to 4 % of the Eurasian population's genome derives from the Neandertal. The genetic flow between modern human and Neandertal occurred before the divergence between European, Asiatic and Papuan populations, between 50,000 and 80,000 years, in correspondence with the archeological discoveries.

- L'incontro è stato puntuale da un punto di visto cronologico e localizzato solo nel Vicino Oriente.

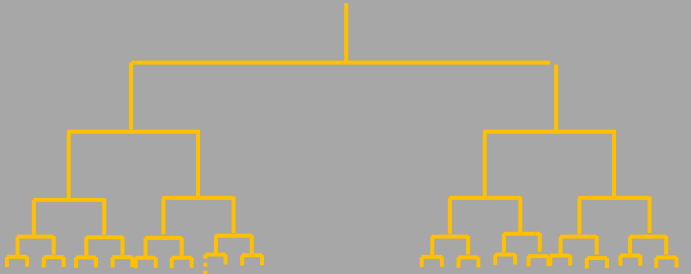
The encounter was punctual in a chronological point of view and localized only in a the Nearest.



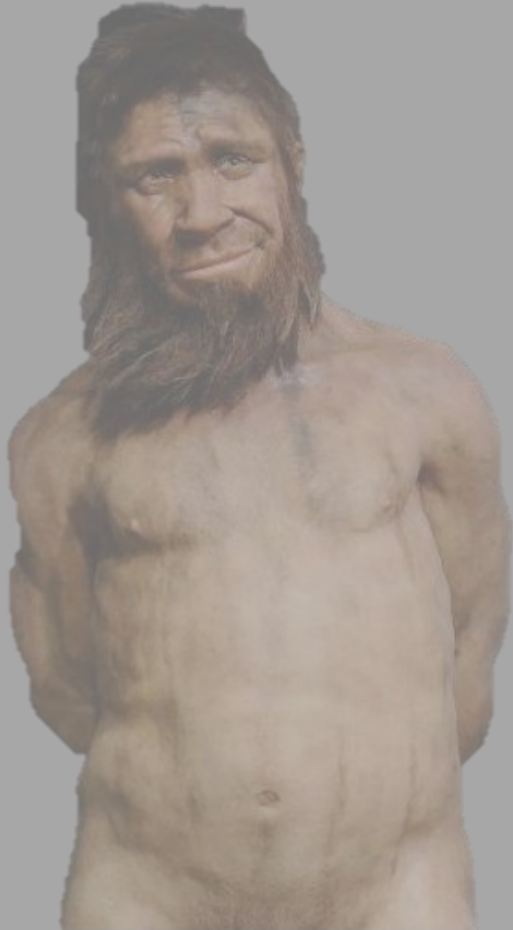
L'incontro in Europa



Peștera cu Oase, Romania
40 000 anni BP

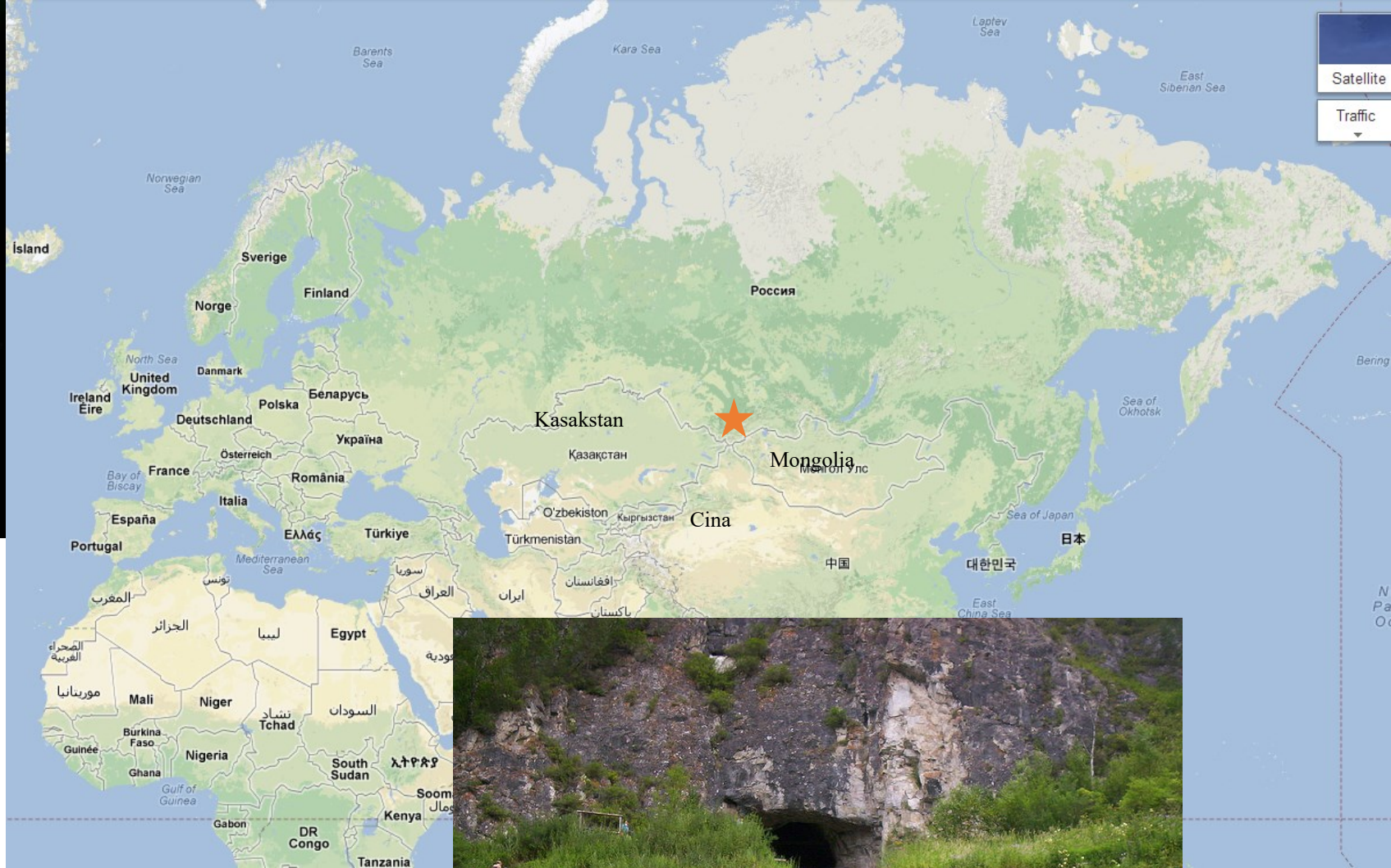


(Fu et al., 2015)



Denisova

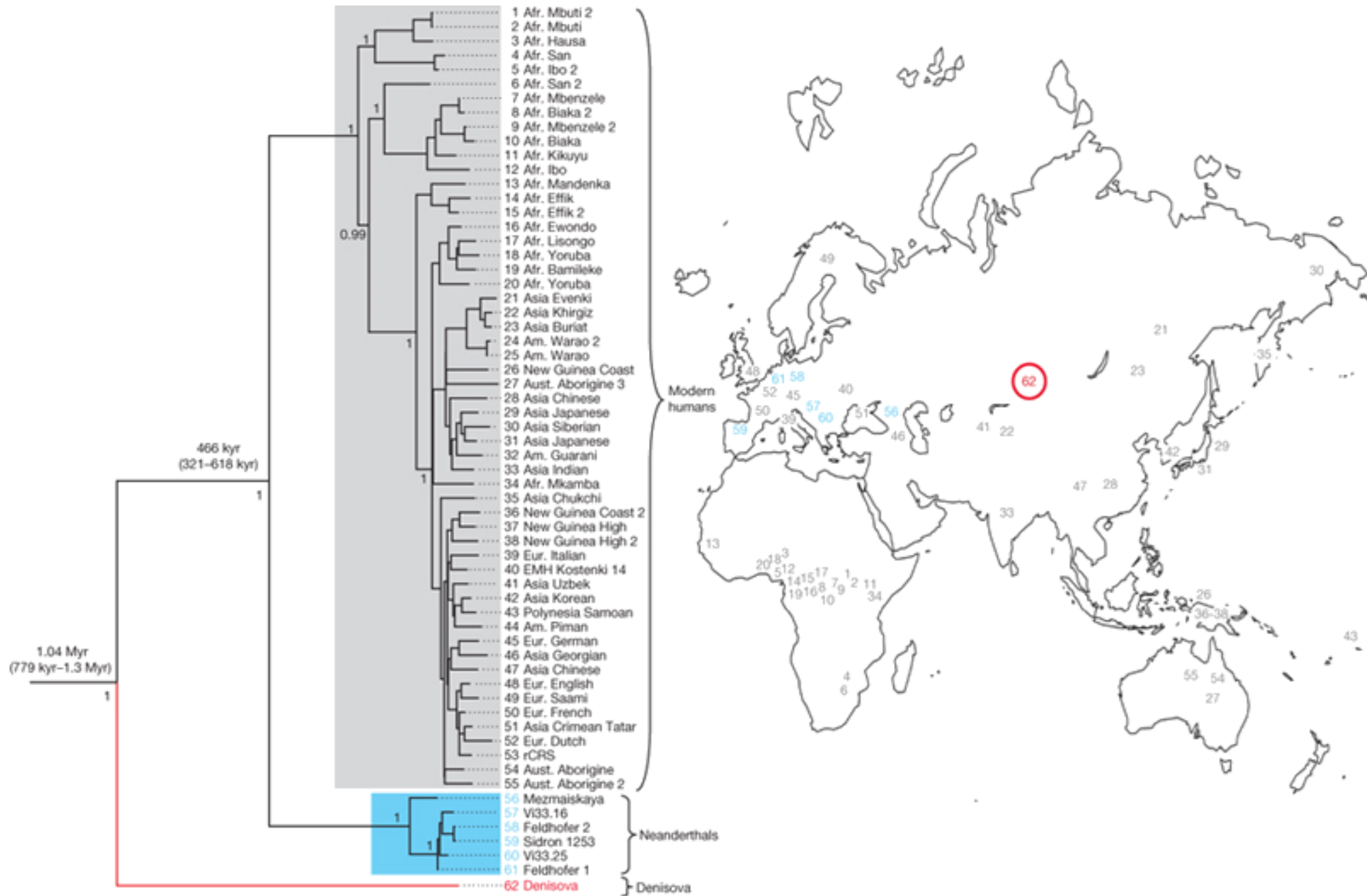




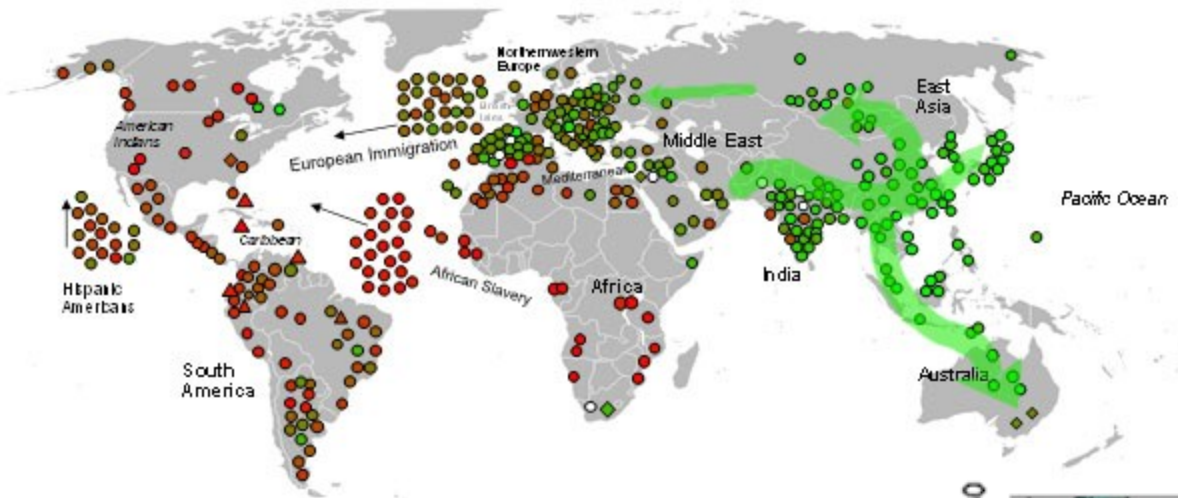
Replica of the finger bone fragment from the ancient Denisovan human who lived about 30-50 000 years ago. Scientists have obtained its complete genome. © Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology



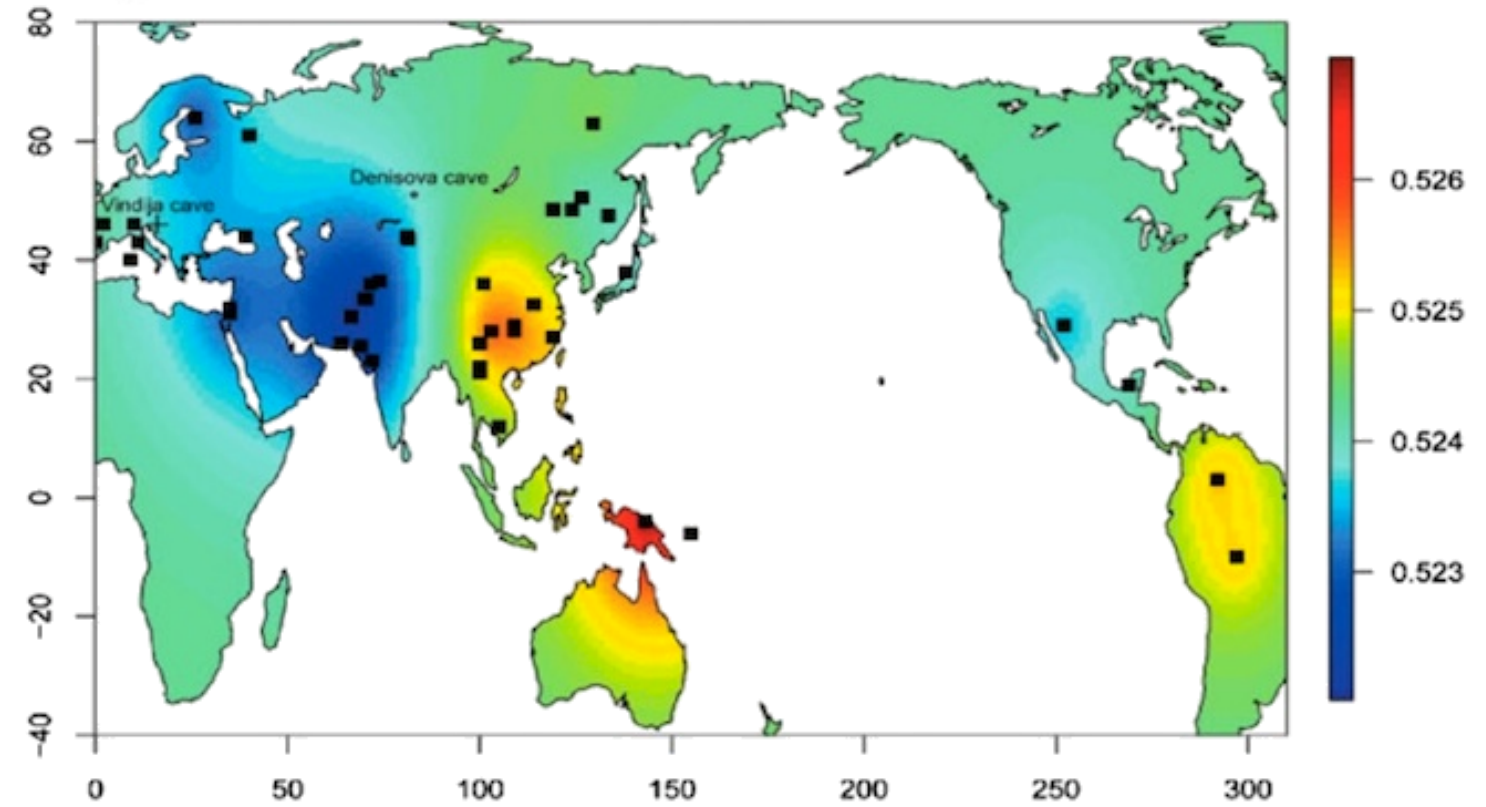
Phylogenetic tree of complete mtDNAs.

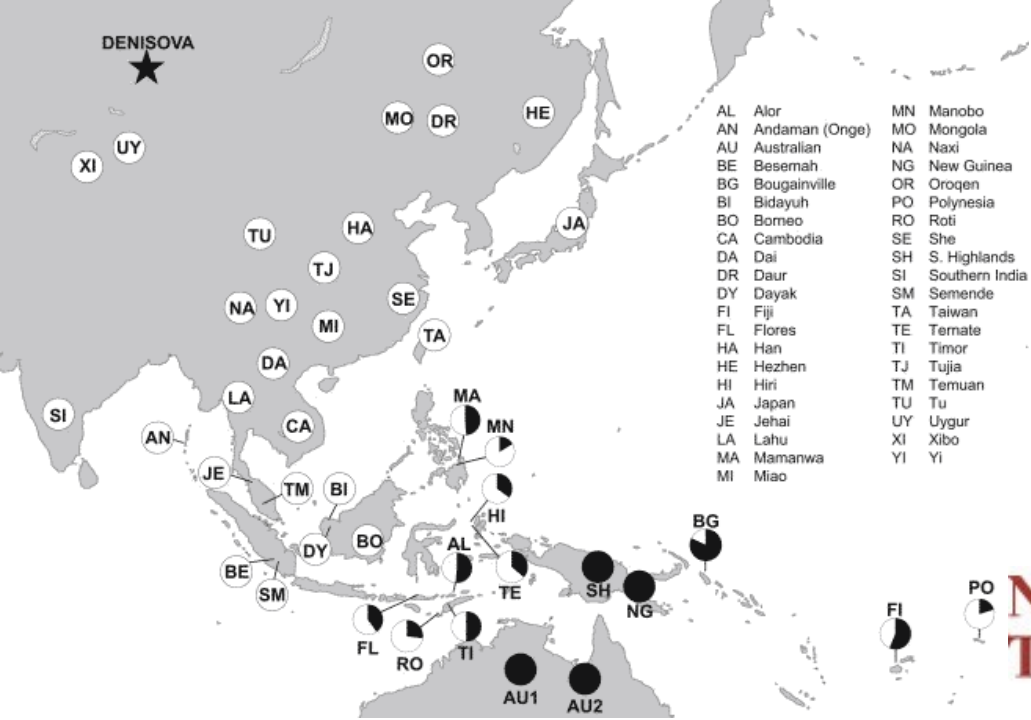


World Ancestry of the Denisovan Gene

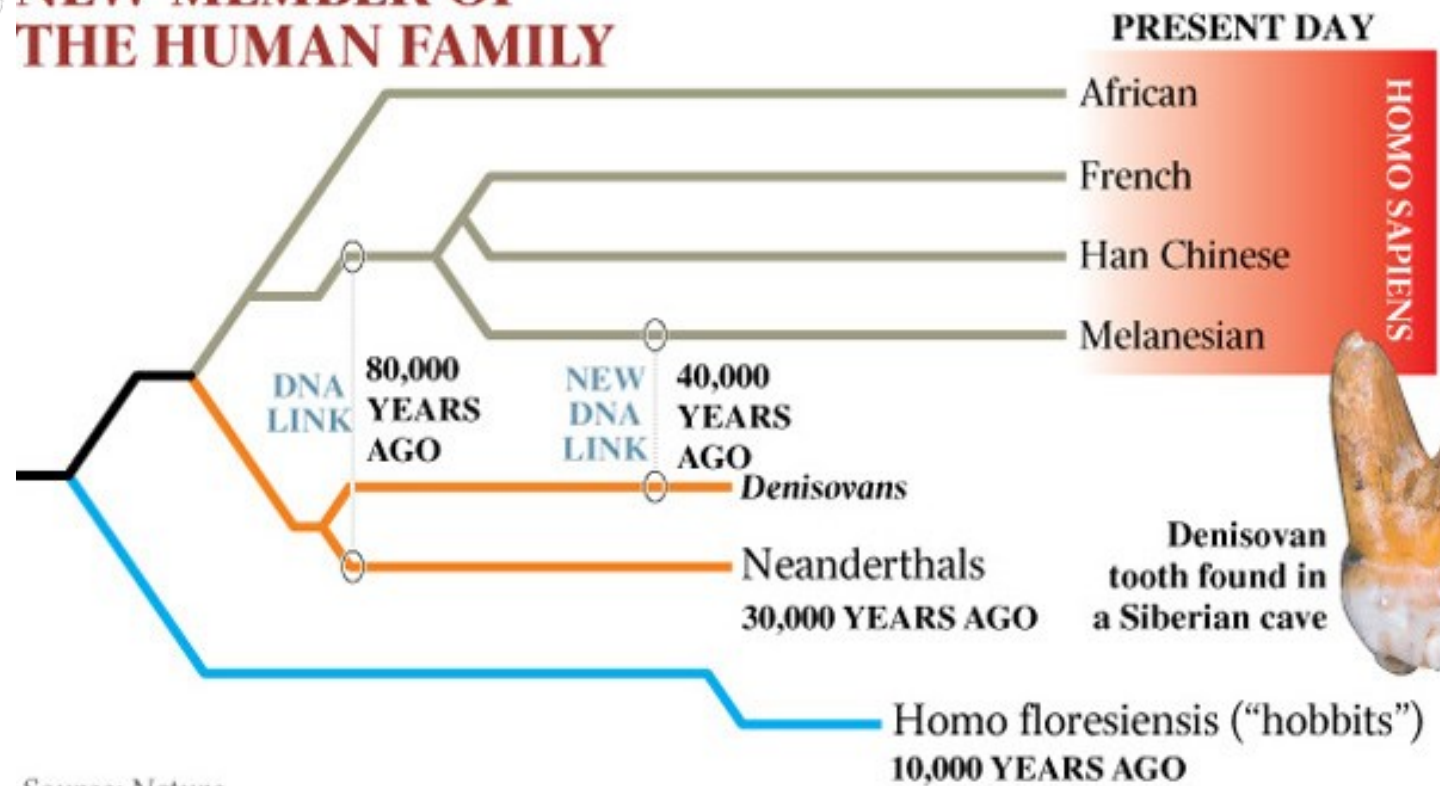


Denisova allele frequency





NEW MEMBER OF THE HUMAN FAMILY



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Denisova vs Sima de los Huesos

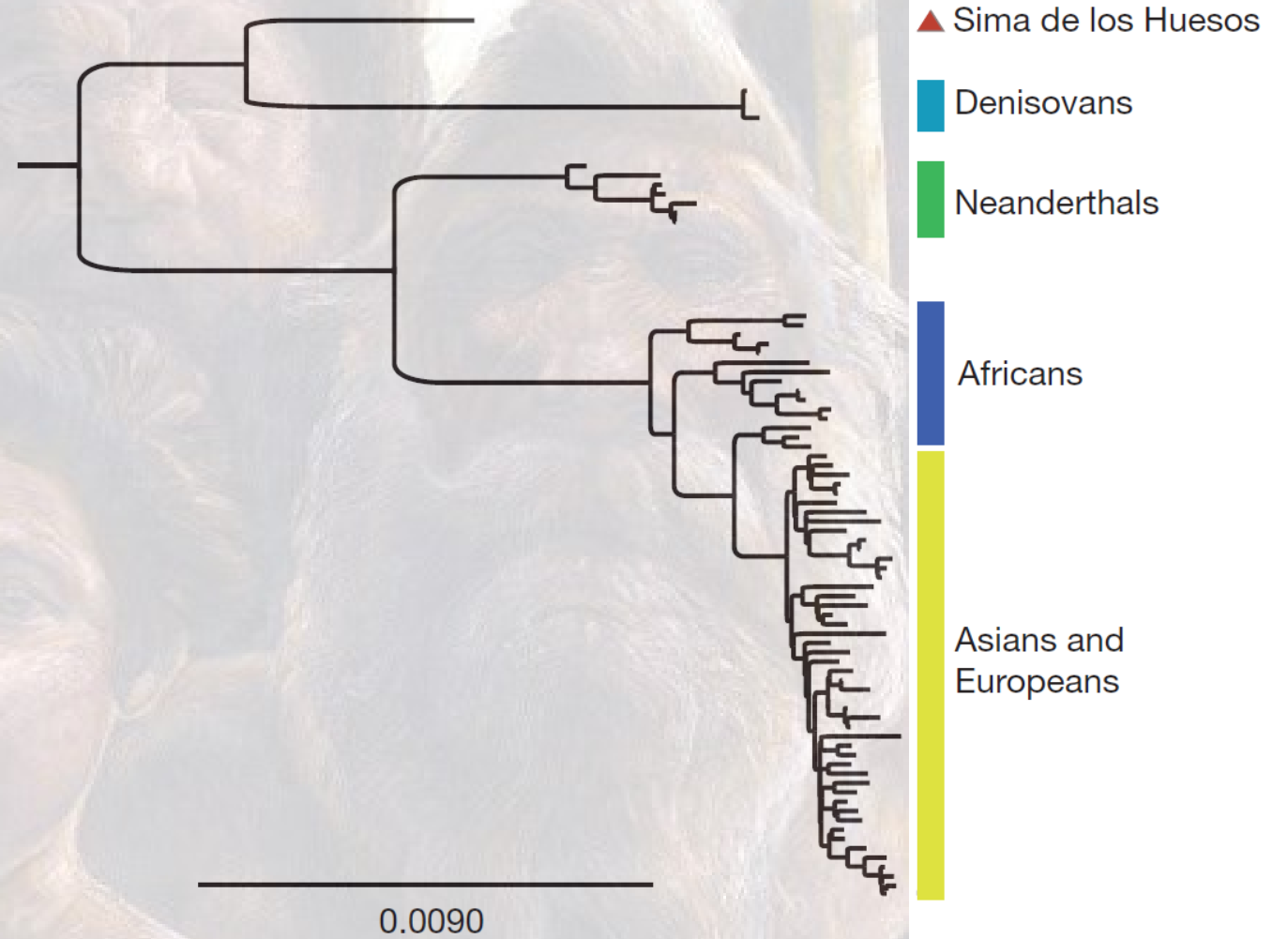


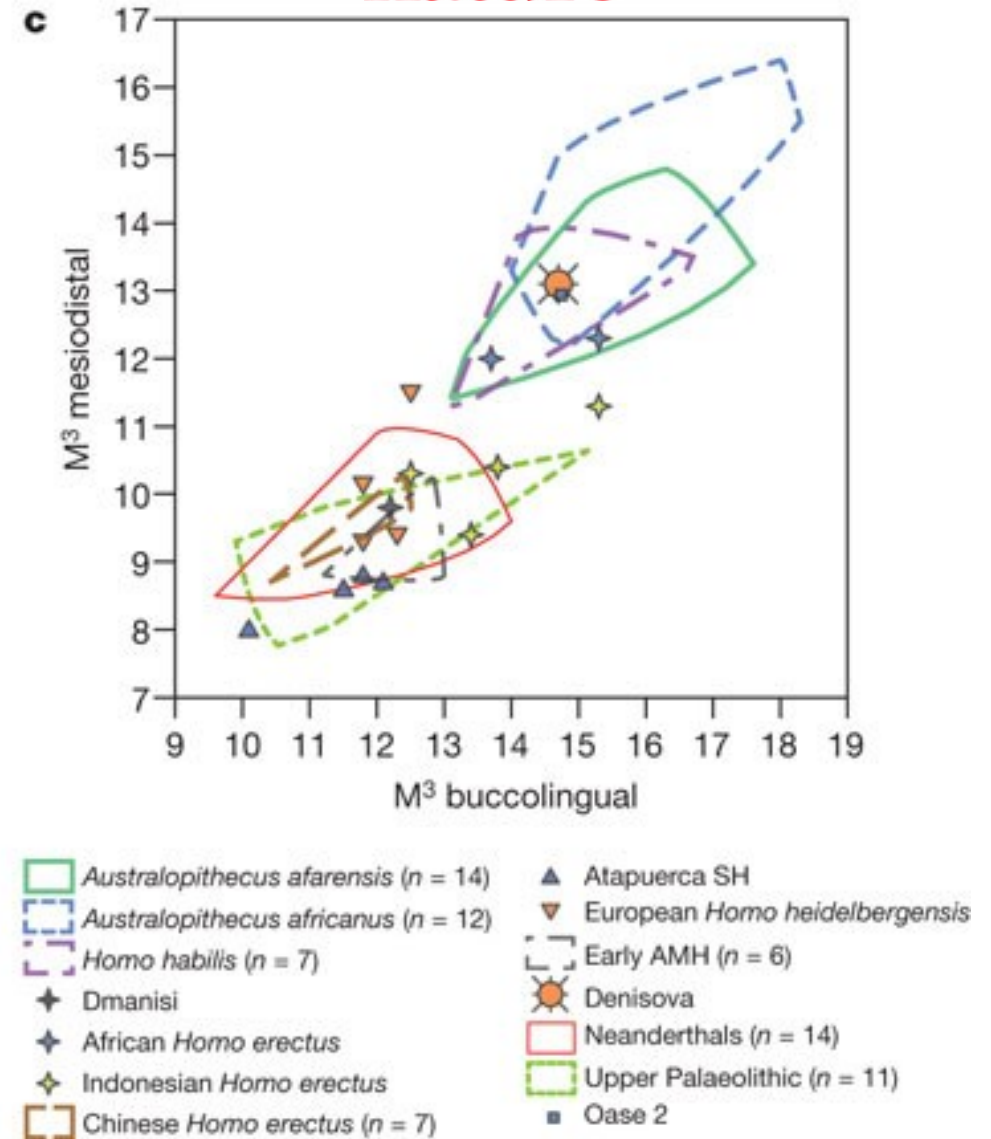
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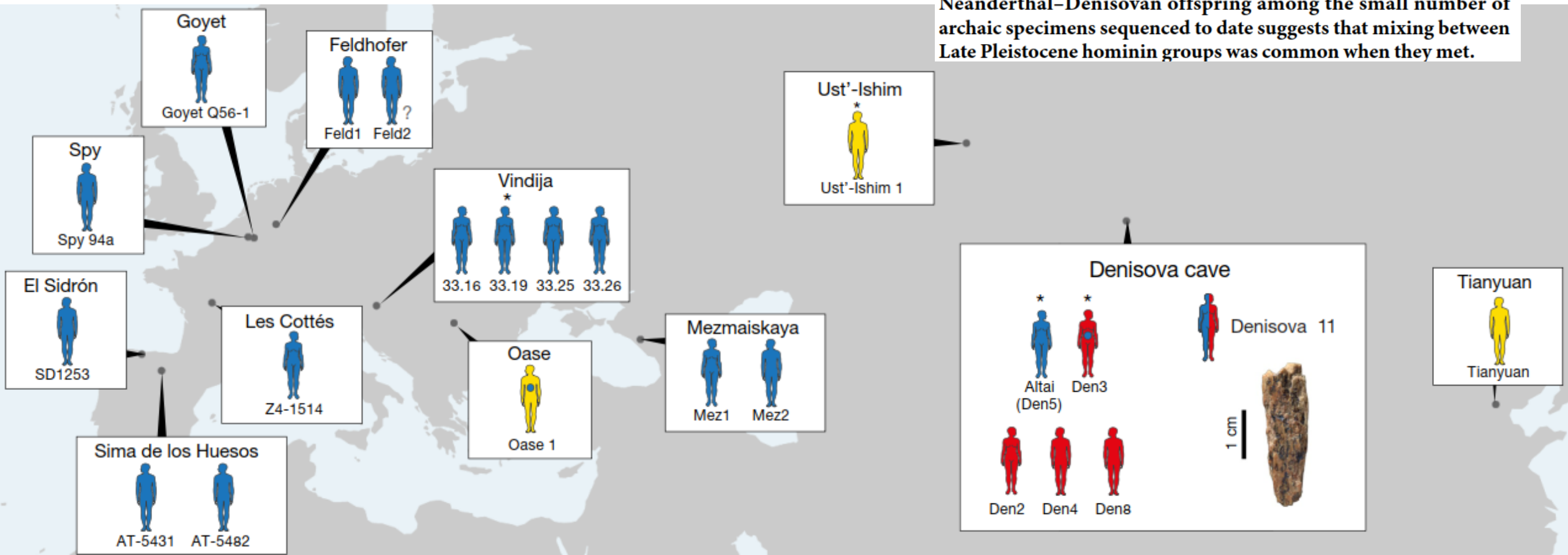
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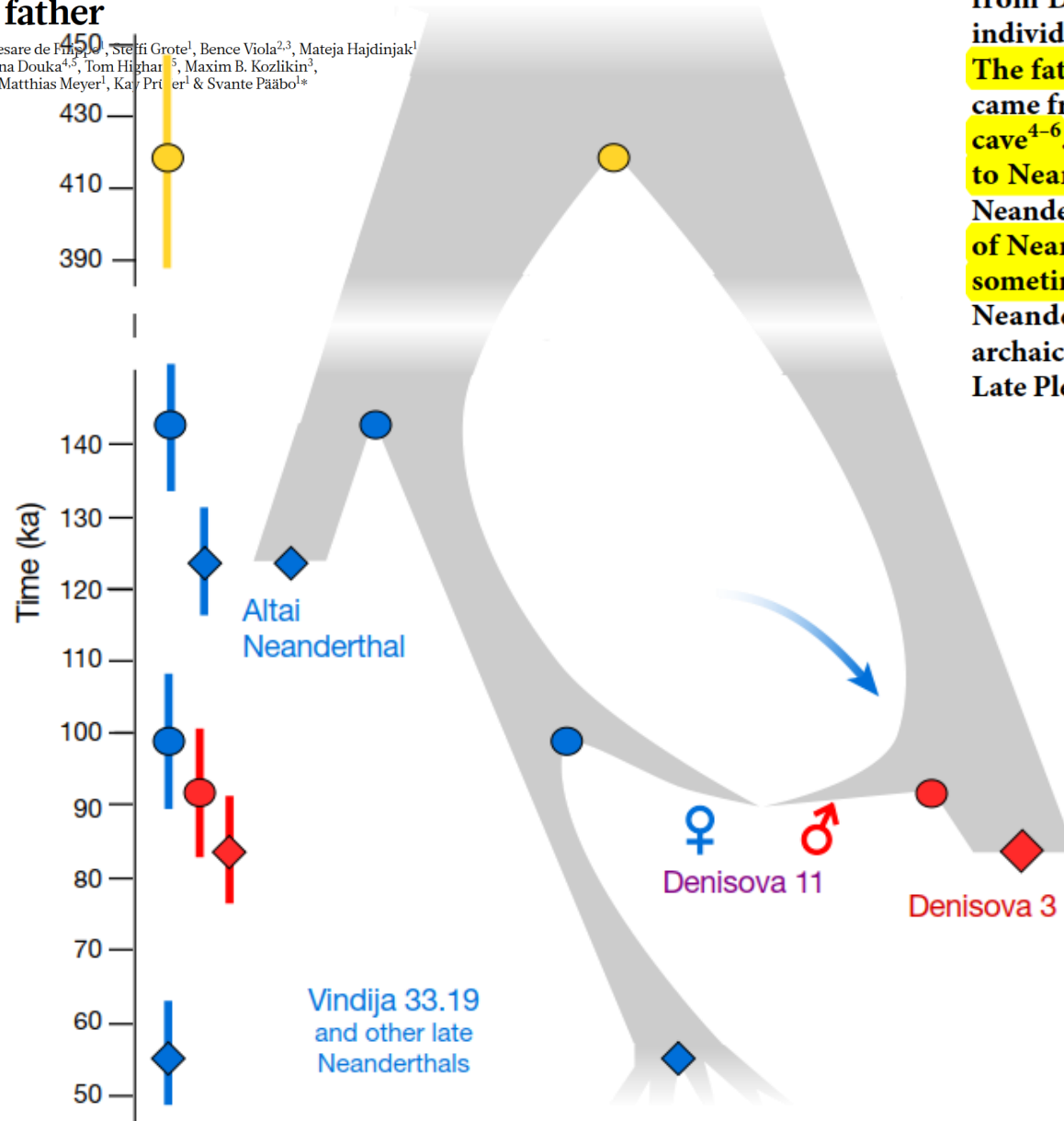
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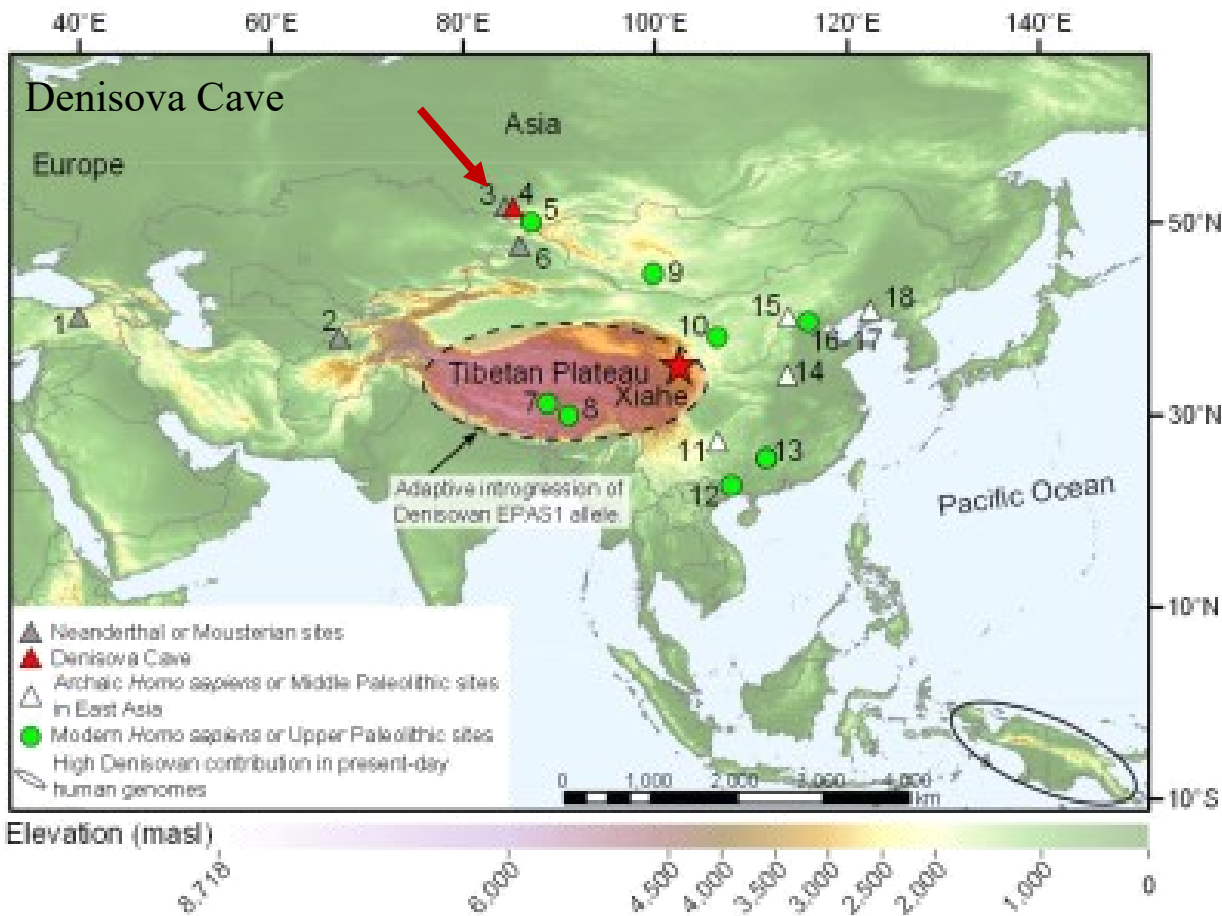


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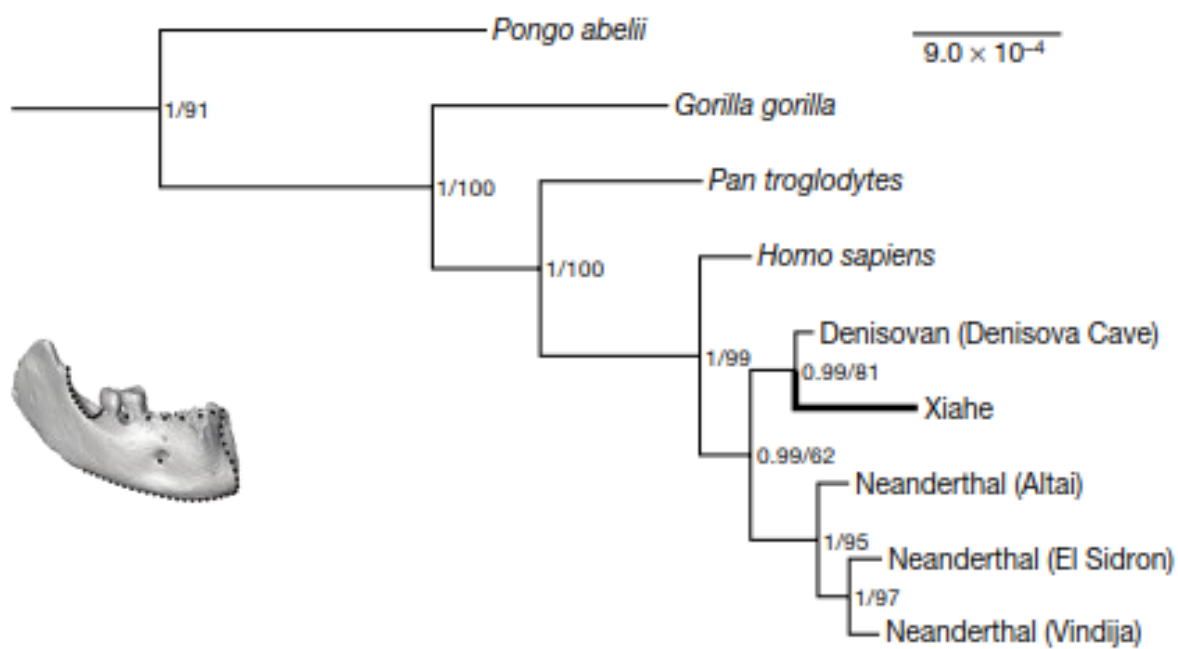
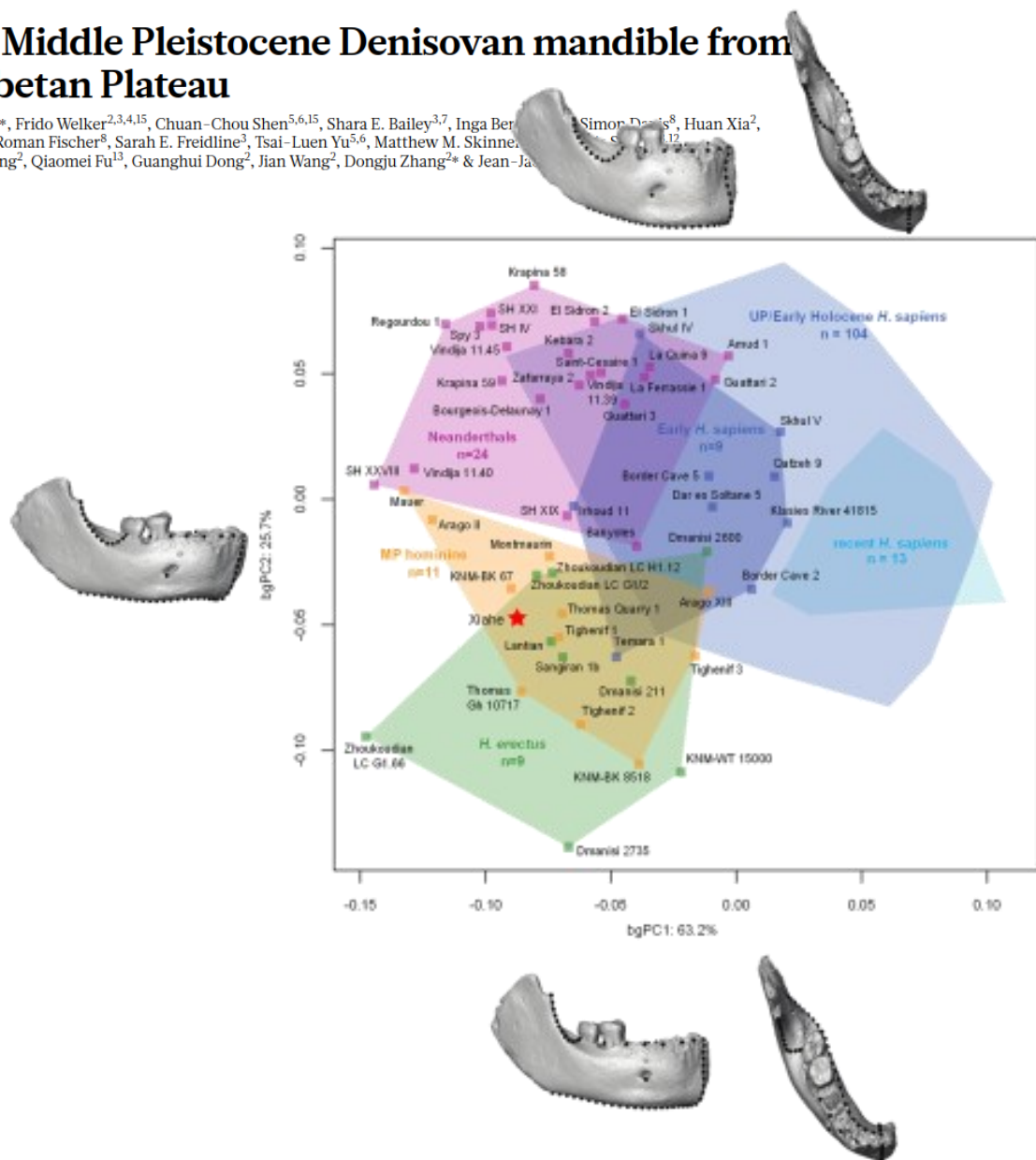


Fig. 2 | Phylogenetic position of the Xiahe proteome within Hominidae. Node values indicate Bayesian probability (0–1)/RAxML maximum likelihood (0–100%), respectively. *Macaca mulatta* and *Nomascus leucogenys* are used as outgroups (data not shown).



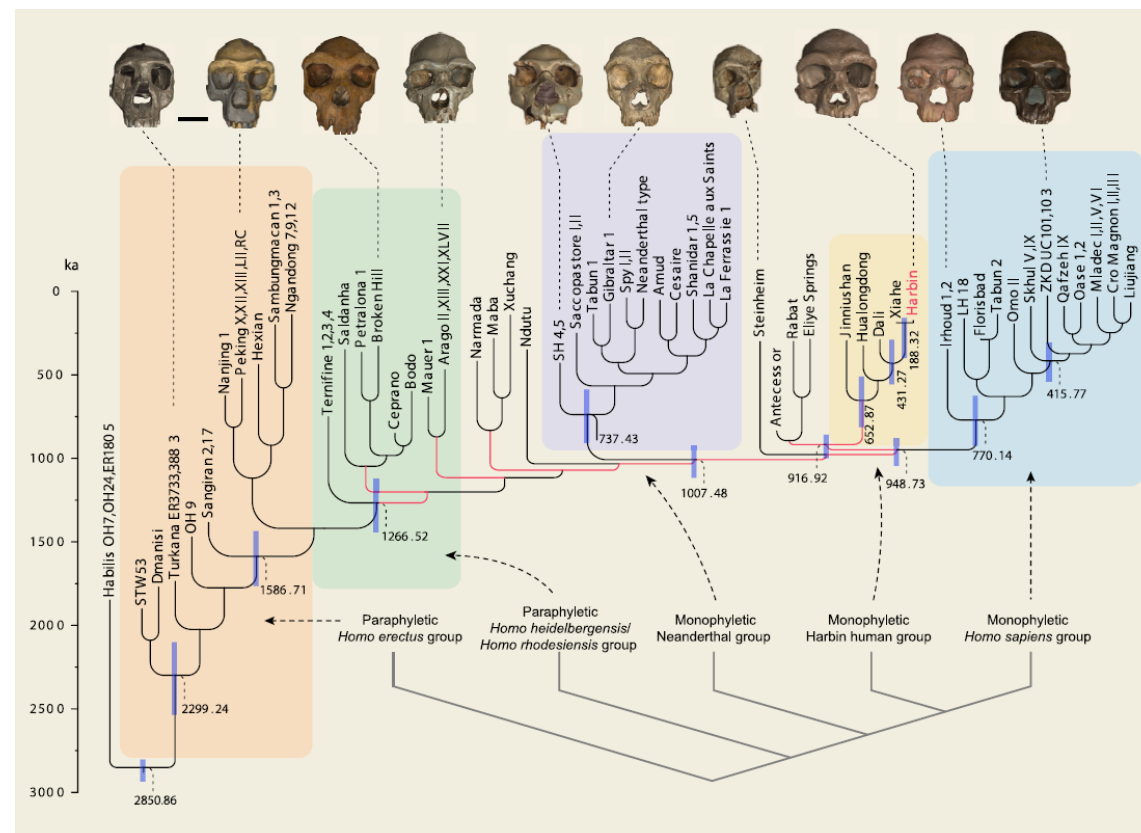
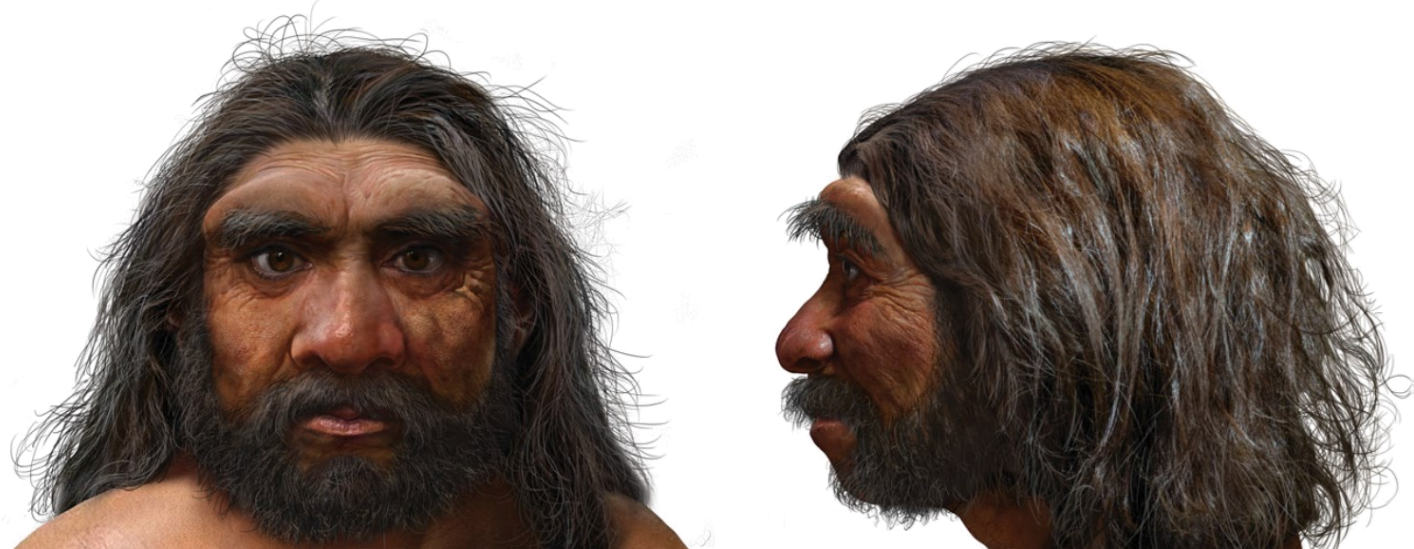
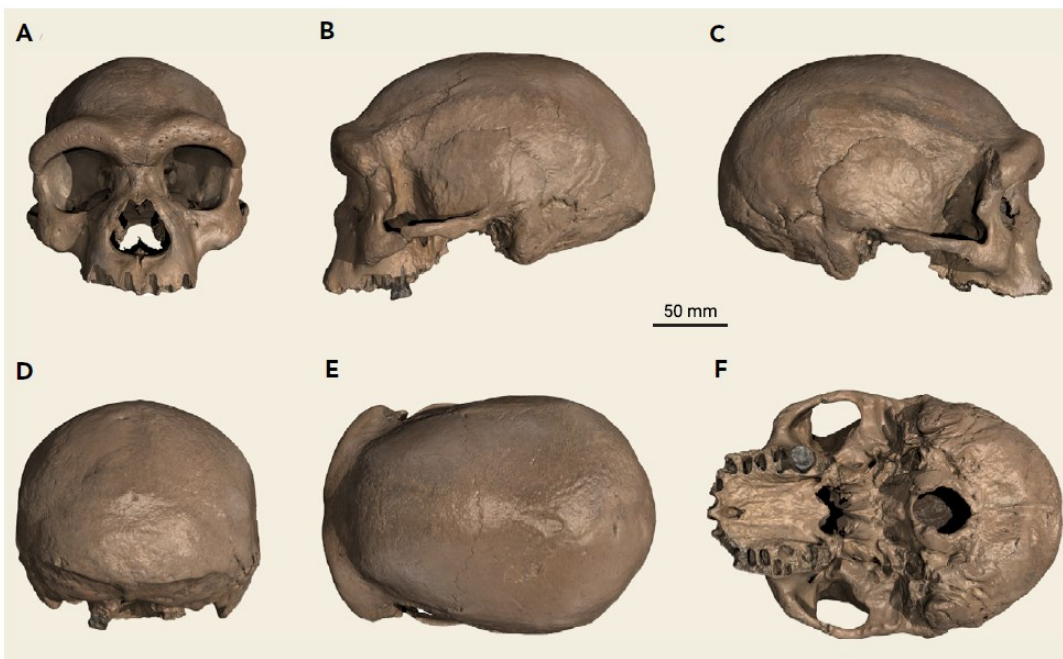
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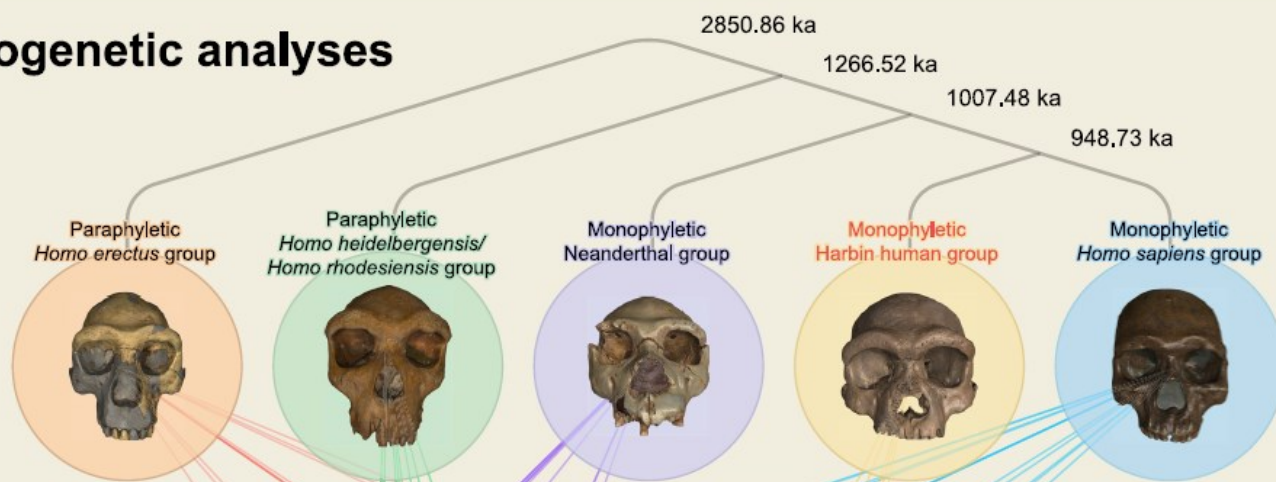
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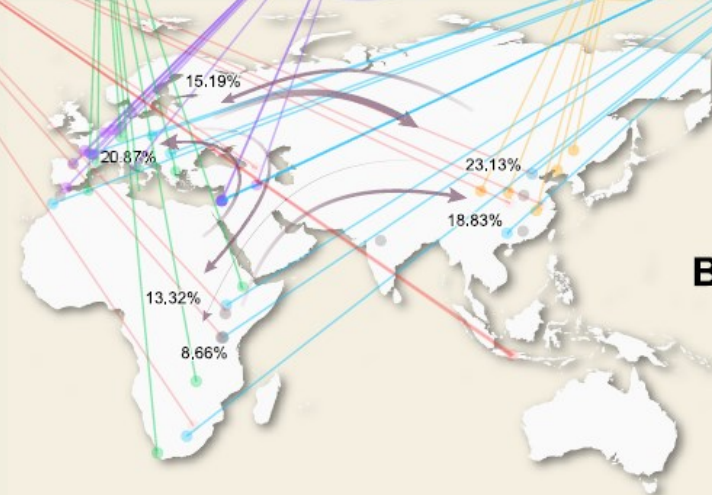
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Graphical abstract

Phylogenetic analyses



Biogeographic analyses



The results of the Bayesian tip-dating analyses suggest that the Harbin and Xiahe fossils shared a common ancestor 188 ka (397–155 ka), and the clade, including the Harbin cranium and *H. sapiens* shared a common ancestor at 949 ka (1,041.41–875.25 ka).



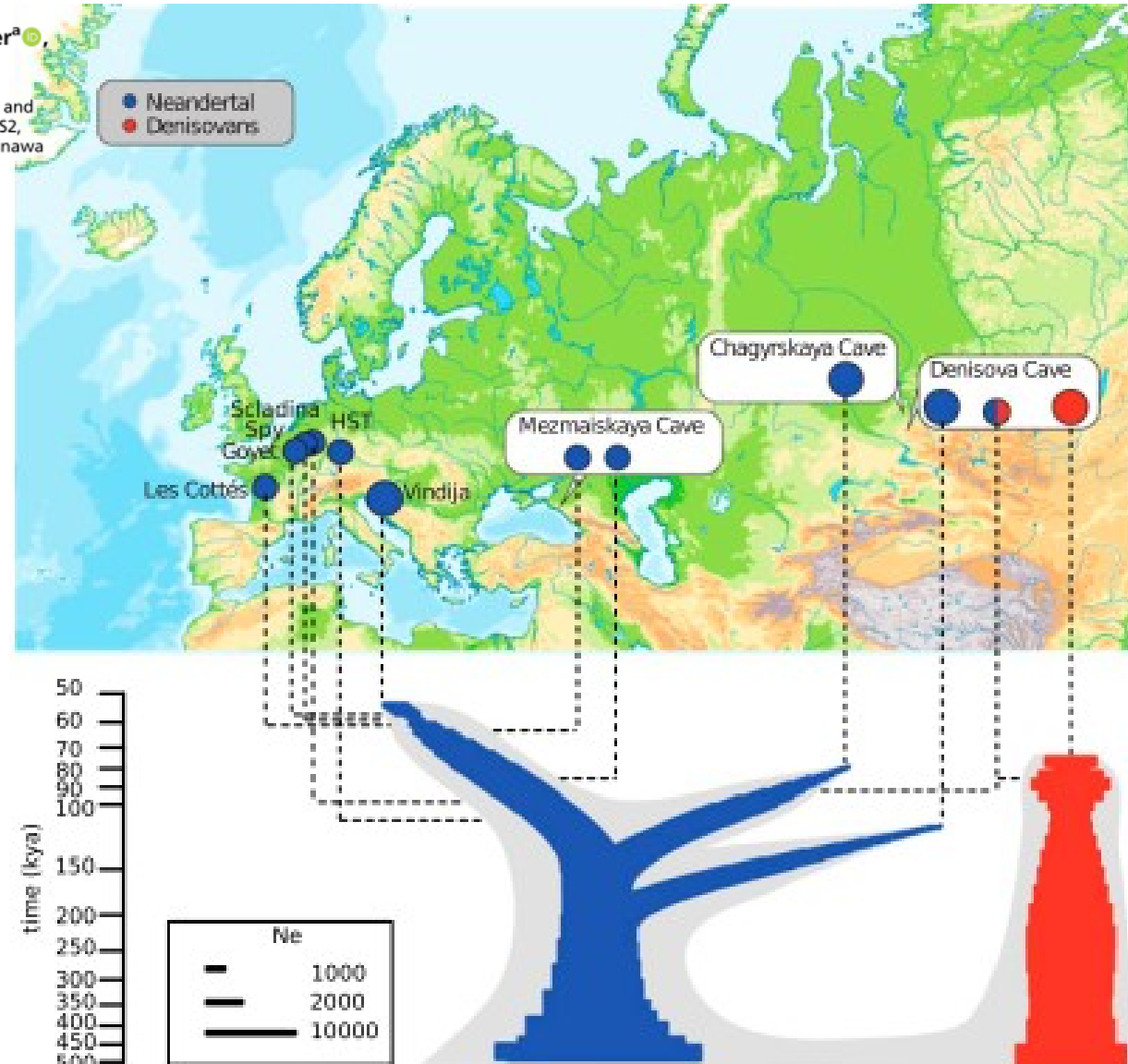
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Chagyrskaya 8 is more closely related to Vindija 33.19 and other late Neandertals in western Eurasia than to the Denisova 5 Neandertal who lived earlier in the Altai Mountains (Fig. 2). Chagyrskaya 8 is thus related to Neandertal populations that moved east sometime between 120 and 80 kya (13).

Some of these incoming Neandertals encountered local Denisovan populations, as shown by Denisova 11, who had a Denisovan father and a Neandertal mother related to the population in which Chagyrskaya 8 lived.



Siti attribuiti
a Neandertal



La scoperta



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Al momento della scoperta gli operai trovarono sul suolo un cranio robusto, delle ossa lunghe, delle coste, un frammento di bacino e di scapola. Queste ossa, considerate dagli operai come i resti ossei di un orso delle caverne, furono portate a J.C. Fuhlrott, il maestro della regione appassionato naturalista. Fin dall'inizio Fuhlrott considerò queste ossa come quelle di un « nuovo » uomo.

When the site was discovered, the workers found a robust skull and some bones. First these bones was considered as bears bones. Later, J.C.Fuhlrott did some study and found that they were bones from a « new » Homo.



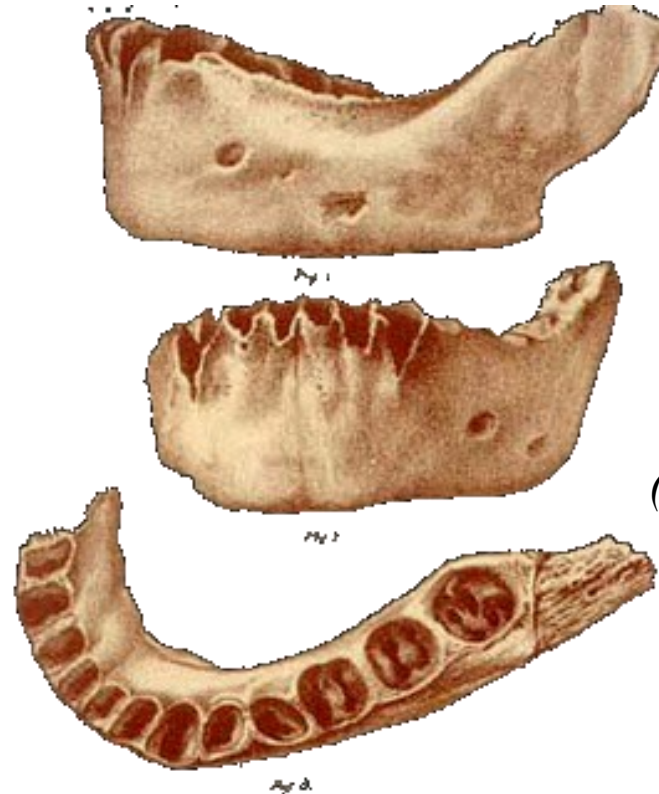
Questo fossile non fu il primo Neandertaliano portato alla luce. Altri due fossili erano già stati trovati : uno a Engis in Belgio in 1929 e uno in Spagna a Gibraltar in 1848. Ma il fossile scoperto nella valle di Neander ha confermato l'esistenza di un Uomo fossile.

This fossil weren't the first Neanderthal highlight. Two other fossil were already found: One in Engis (Belgium) in 1929 and one at Gibraltar (Spain) in 1848. But with the discovery of the Neander Valle, the existance of a human fossil was confirmed.

Altre scoperte di altri fossili in Belgio a la Naulette e a Spy nel 1966 e 1886 confermarono la presenza dei Neandertaliani in Europa.

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H. neandertalensis
(Spy, Belgio)



Mandibola
H. neandertalensis
(La naulette, Belgio)

Biache-Saint-Vaast (Francia) 250 ka BP

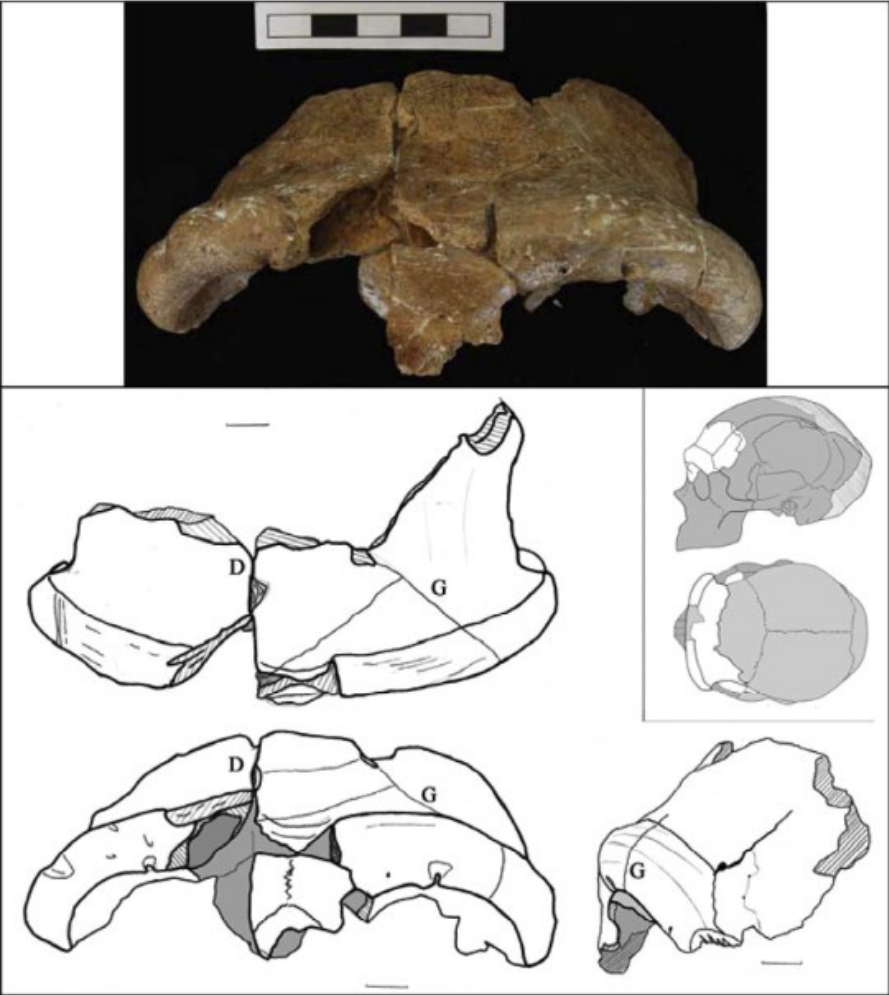


Fig. 1. Frontal bone of the Biache-Saint-Vaast 2 skull. Scale bar is 1 cm.

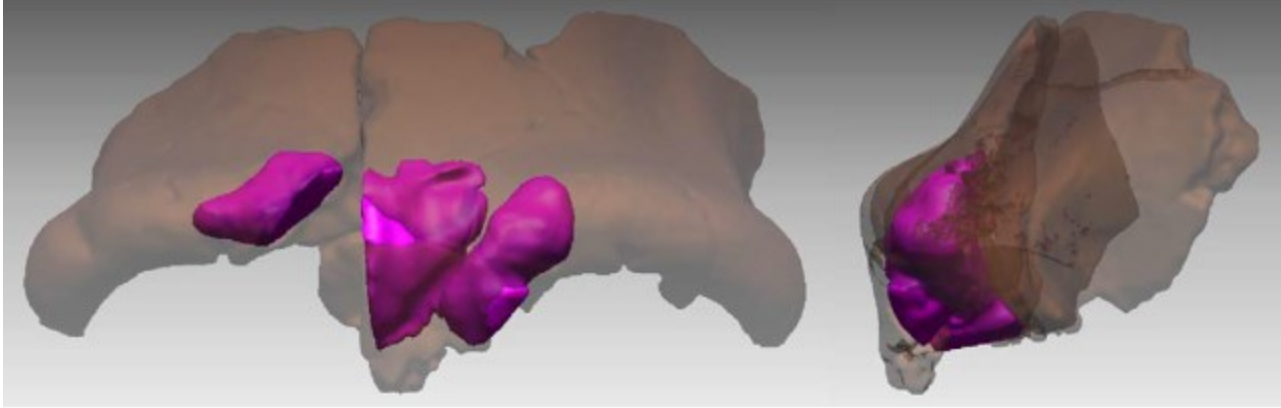
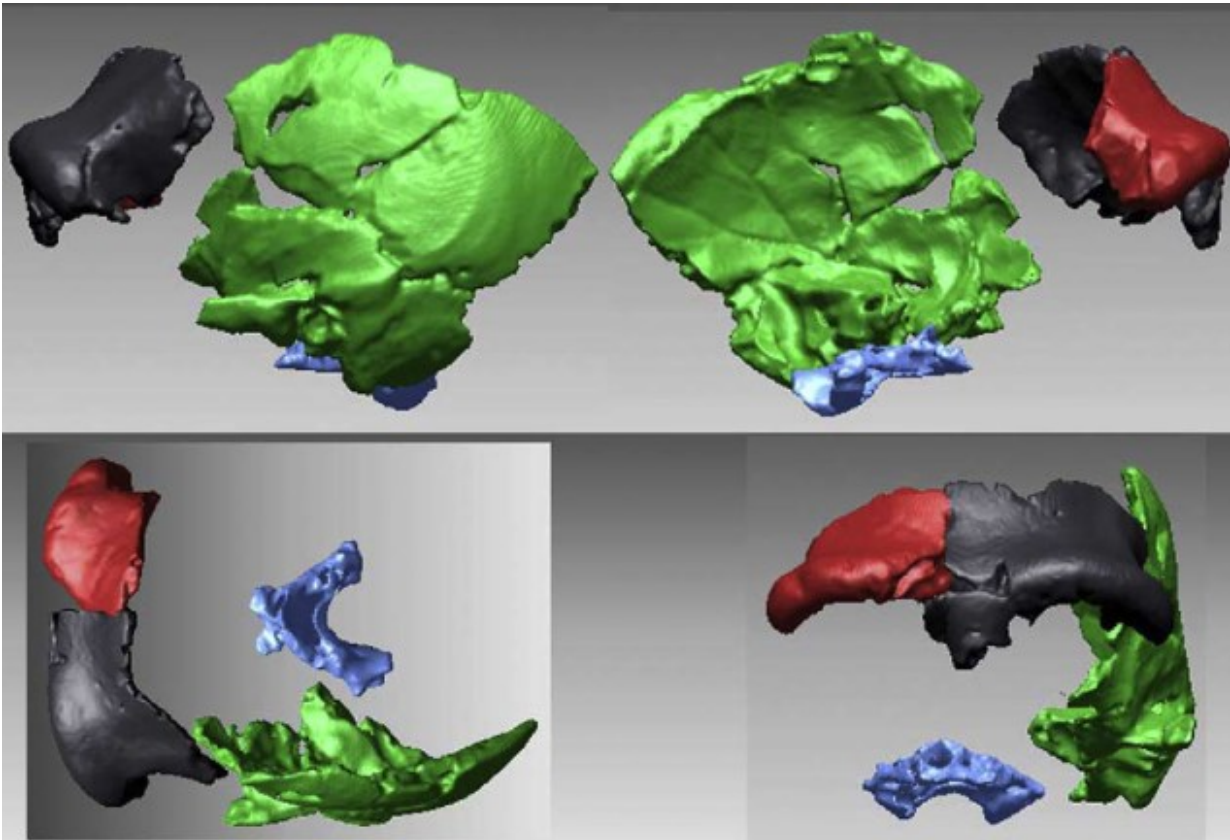


Fig. 4. Frontal sinuses of Biache-Saint-Vaast 2 after virtual reconstruction.

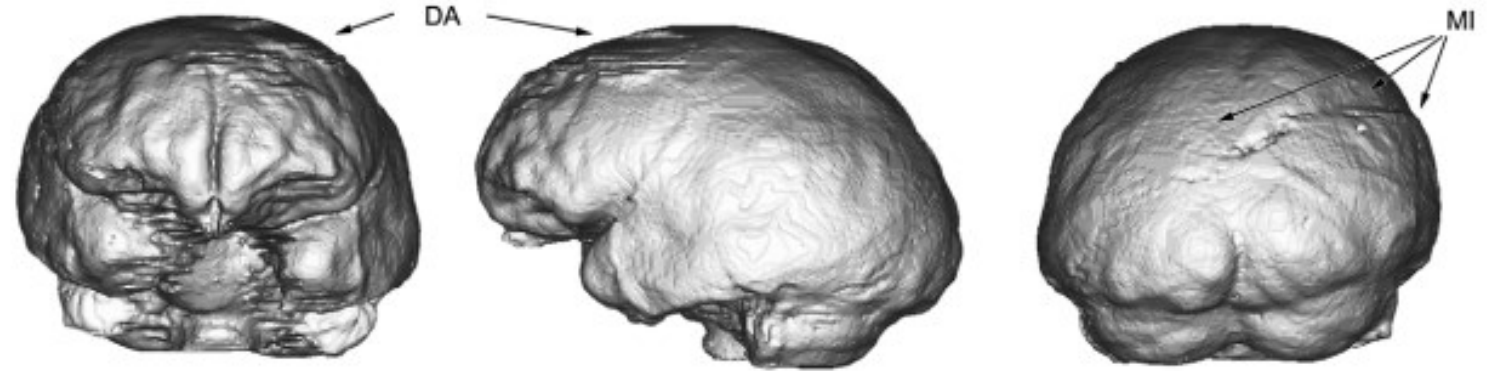


(Guipert et al. 2011)

Italia : Saccopastore 250 ka BP



Saccopastore 1 e 2

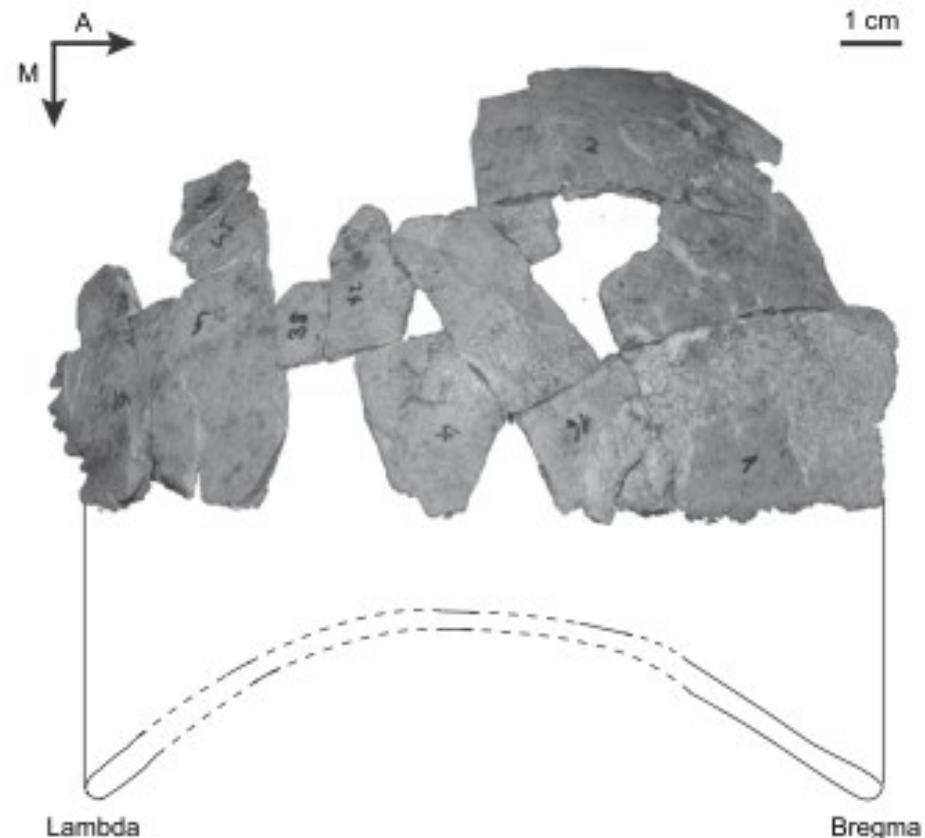


Replica digitale dell'endocranio di SCP1

Uzbekistan: Grotta Obi-Rakhmat 60-90 ka BP

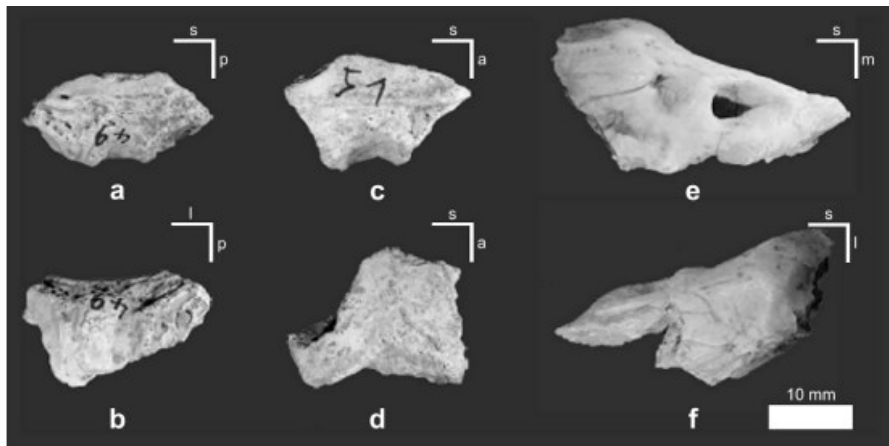


OR 1 : Denti permanenti superiori sinistri



Lambda — Parts preserved in the mediansagittal plane
 Bregma - - - Reconstructed parts of the sagittal profile

Ricostruzione del parietale di OR 1.



Frammenti di temporale

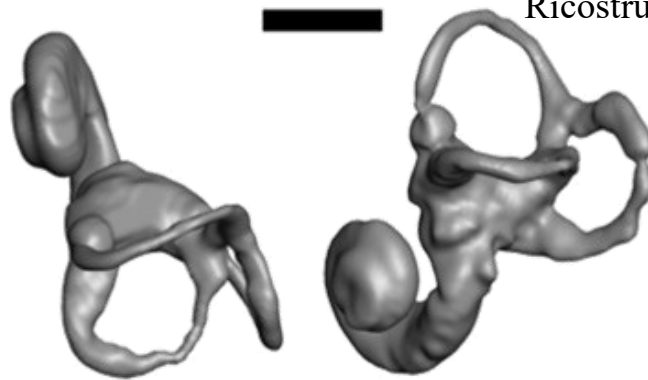
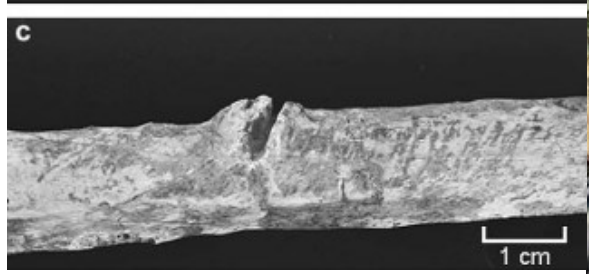
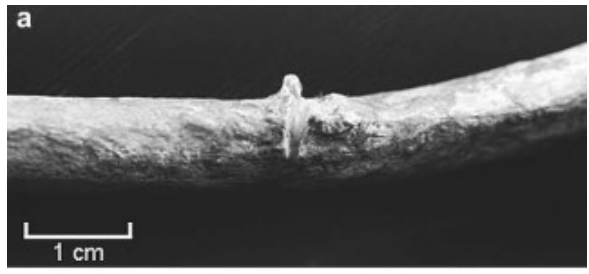


Fig. 9. Left semicircular canal of OR-1.

Uzbekistan: Teshik Tash 70 ka



Iraq : Shanidar 50 ka BP



Shanidar 3: Lesione sulla 9 costa.

Syria : Dederyheh 50-60 ka BP



Prima sepoltura di bambini



Ricostruzione dello scheletro immaturo di 2 anni.

Israël: Kebara 48-60 ka BP



Sepulture Kebara II *Moshe*



Ricostruzione dello
scheletro di Kebara II



Osso ioide di Kebara II

Israël: Amud 47 ka BP



Amud 1 circa 47.000 anni, il Neandertaliano più alto (174 cm) e con maggiore cc (1640 cm³)

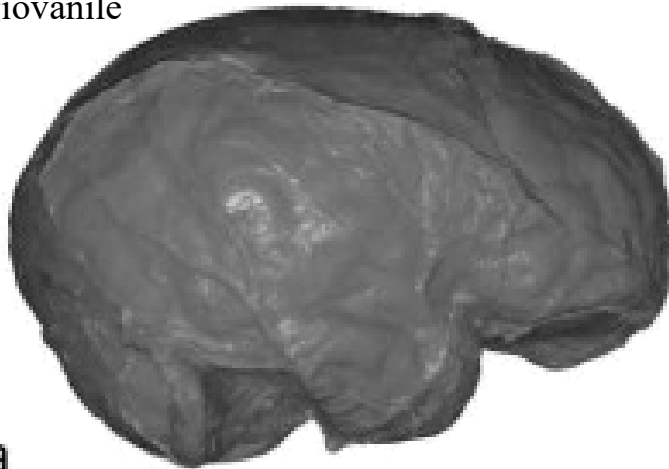
Croazia: Krapina 130 ka BP



Krapina 12 : Frammento di osso occipitale giovanile

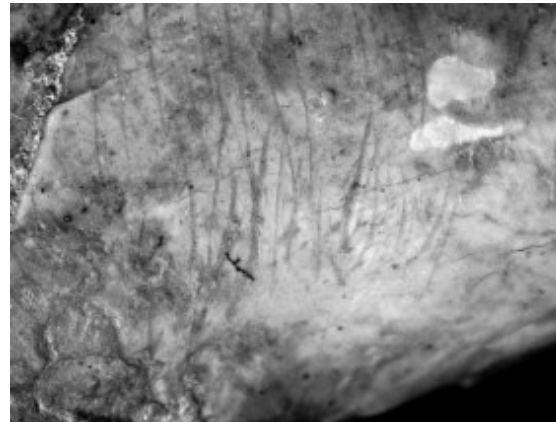


Krapina 59 : Mandibola

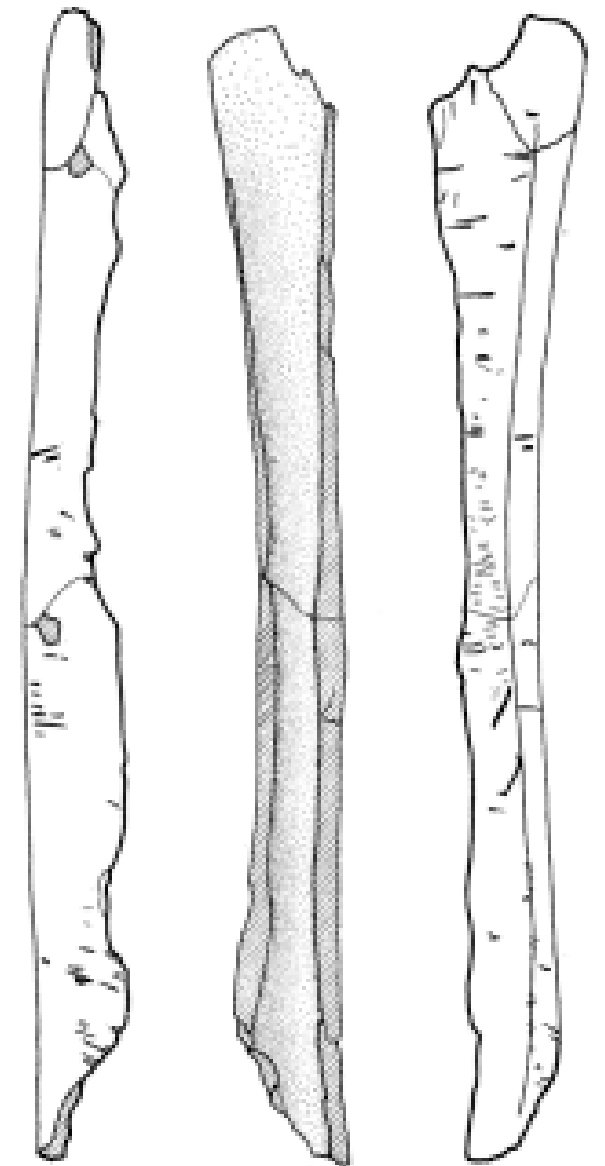


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emi-endocranio destro di Krapina 3



Cut marks nella sinfisi interna di K53.



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Tibia spaccata in 2 con tante cut marks.

Italia : Guattari 51-57 ka BP



Guattari 1
(@Pigorini)



Guattari 2



Guattari 3

Belgio : Spy 40 ka BP

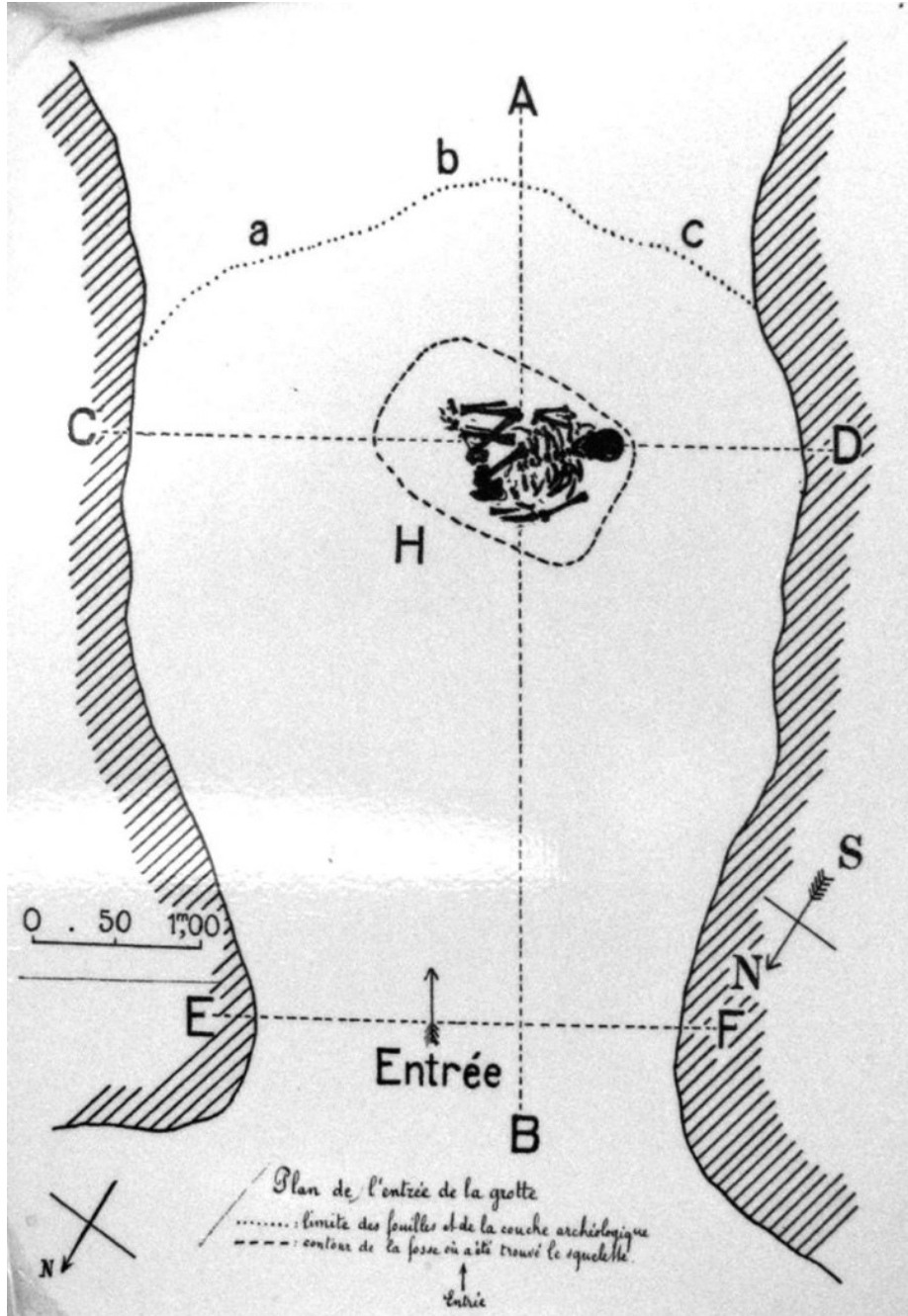
Engis 70 ka BP



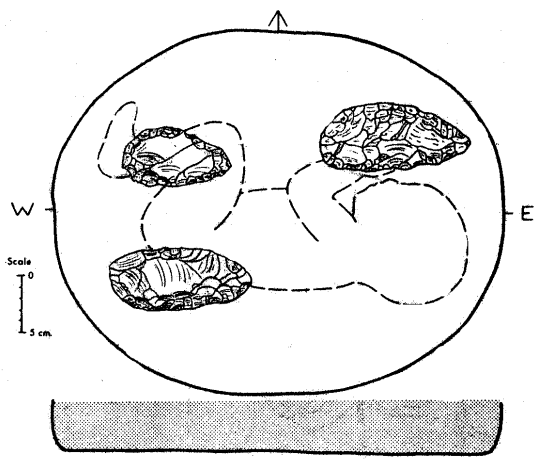
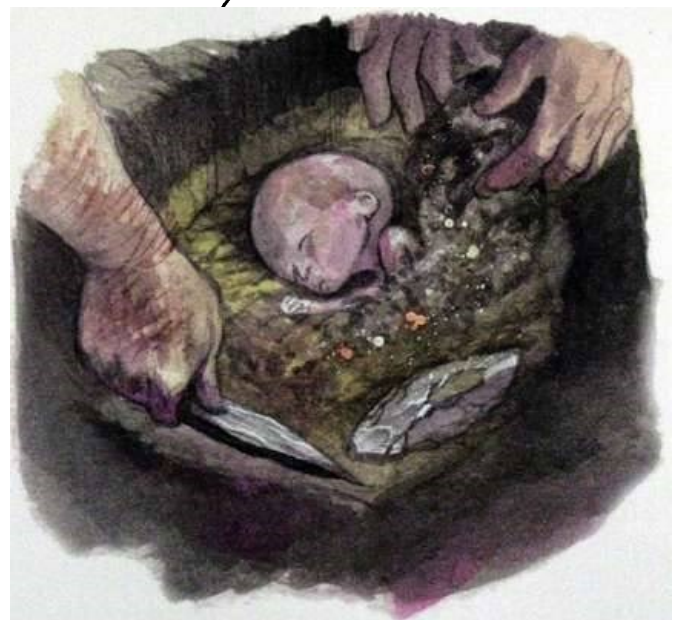
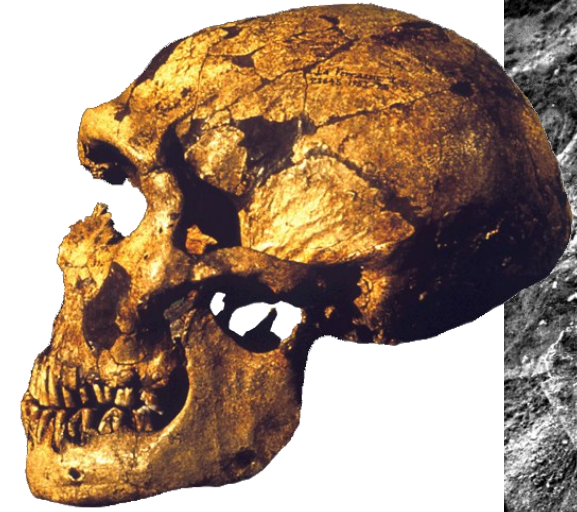
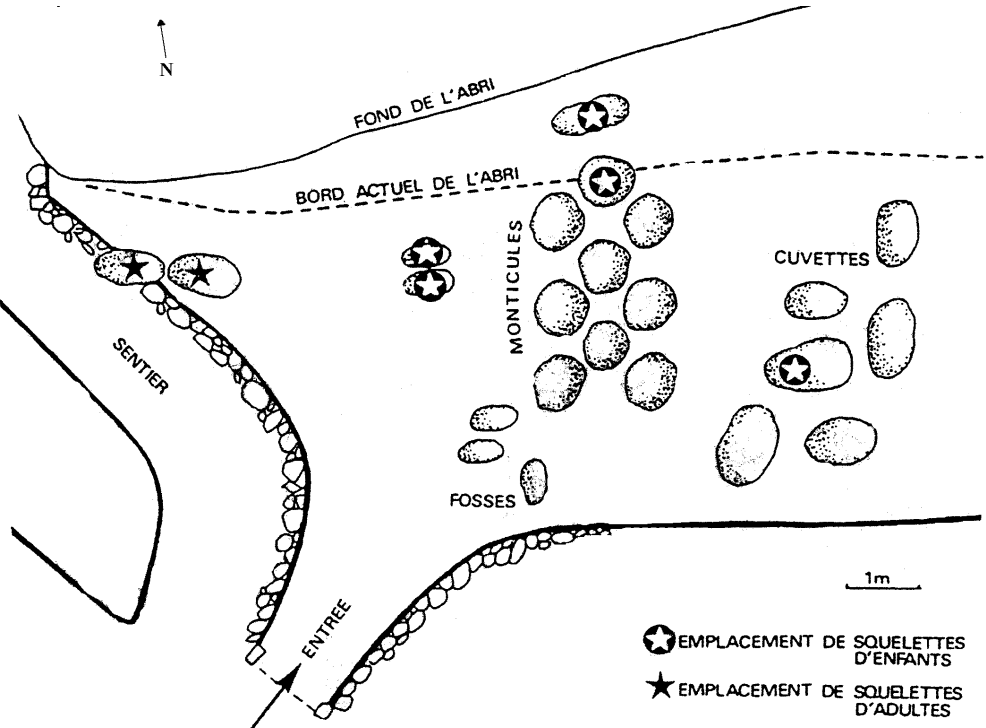
Engis 2



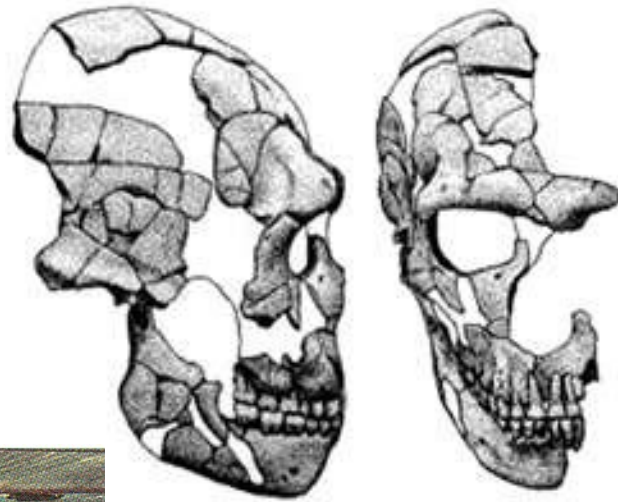
La Chapelle-aux-Saints (50 ka BP, Francia)



La Ferrassie (55 ka anni, Francia) – « Necropoli » di 8 schelettri



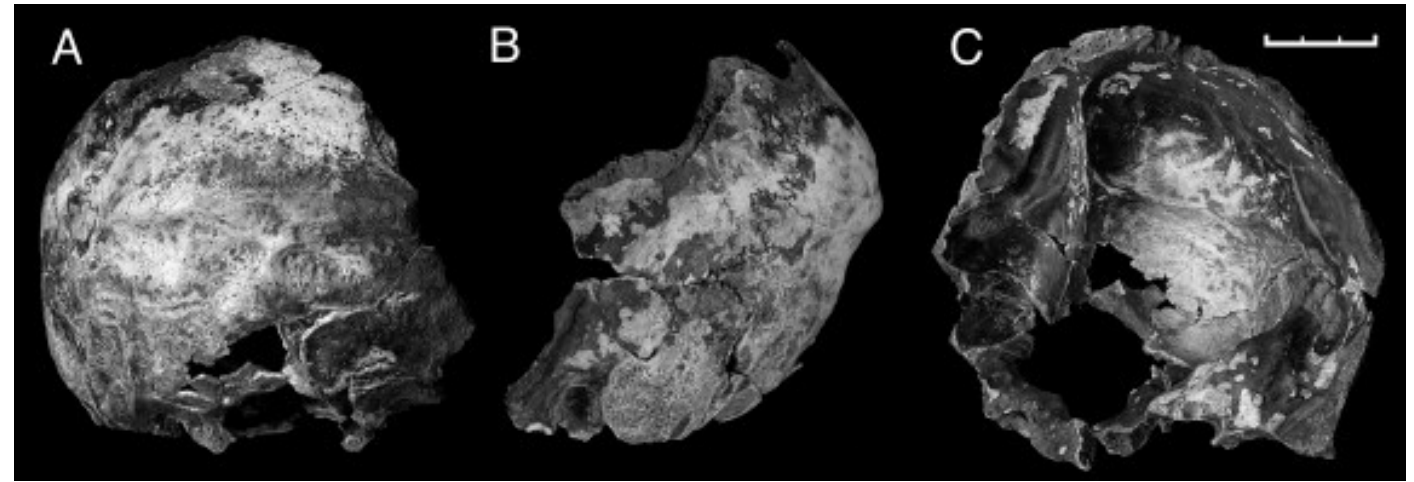
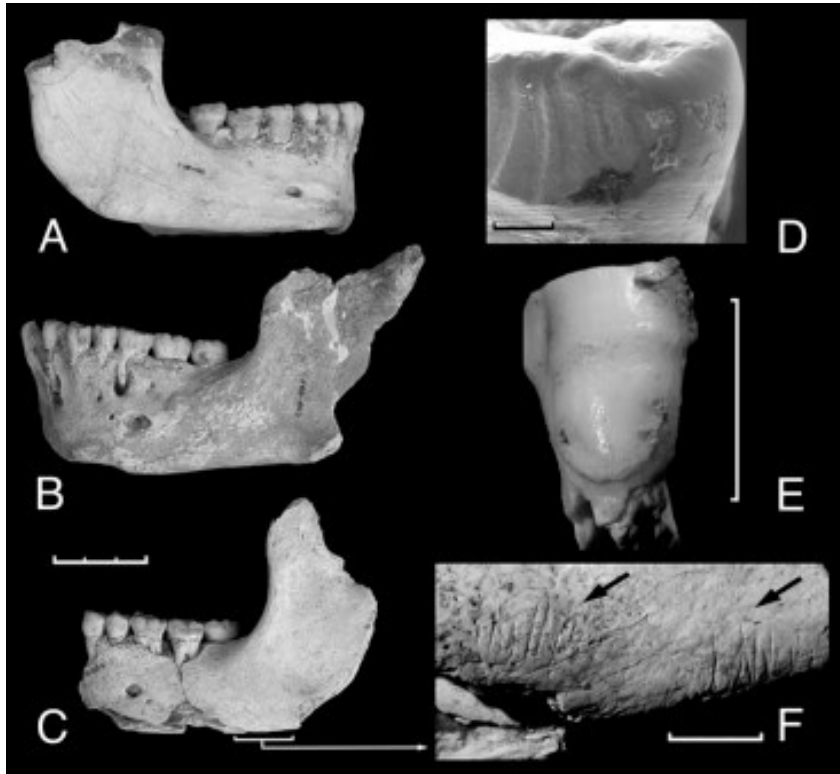
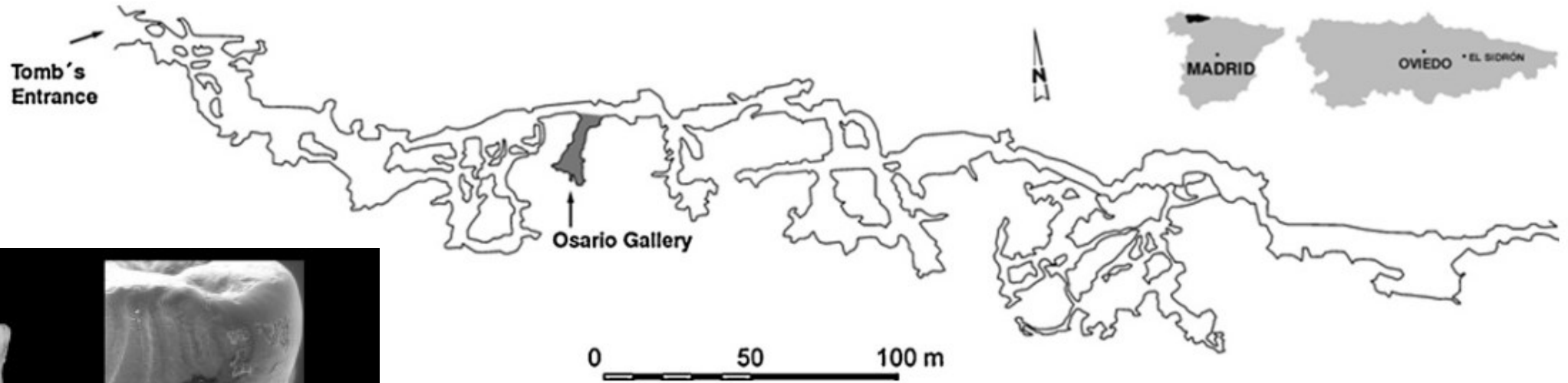
Francia : Saint-Césaire 36 ka BP



Cranio di Saint-Césaire 1



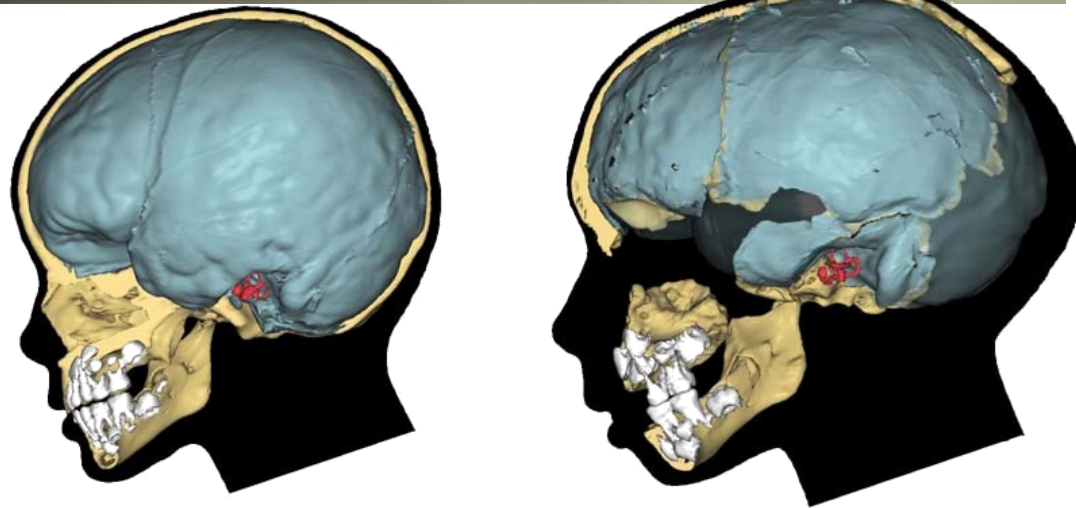
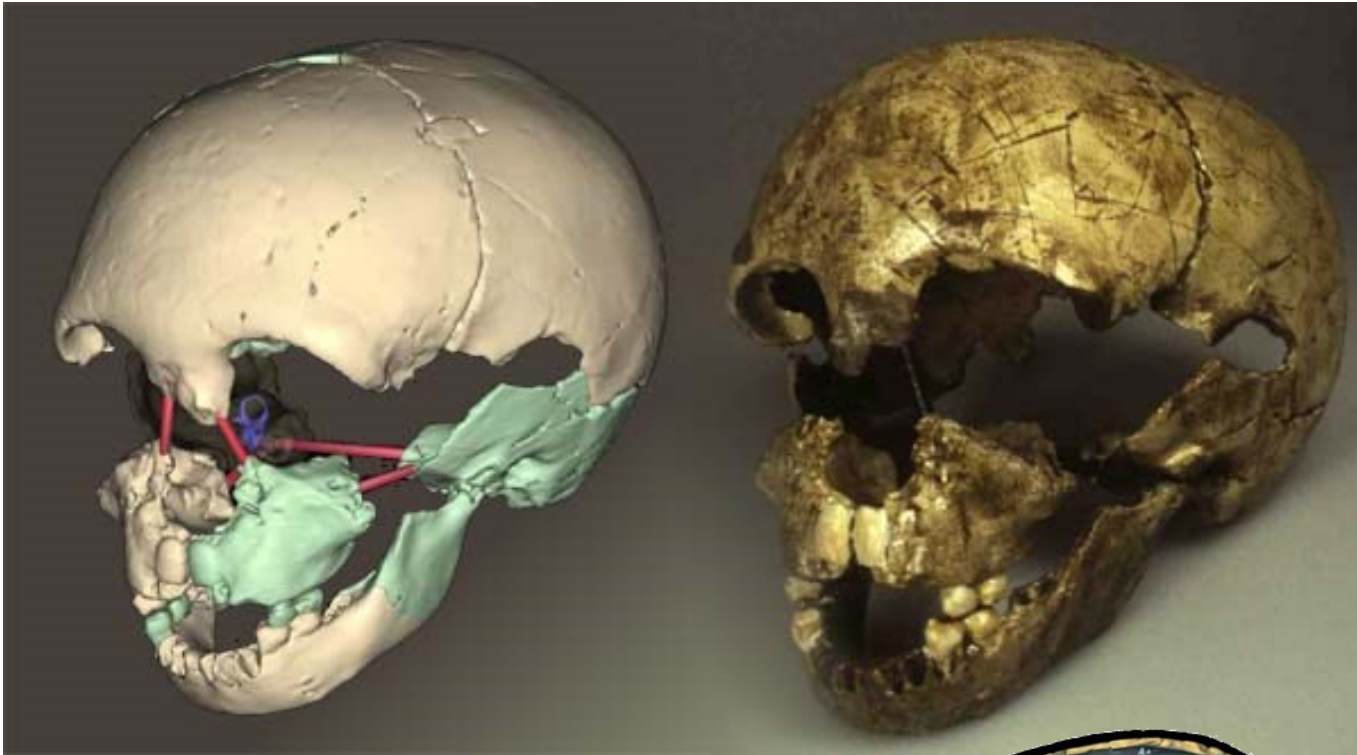
Spagna : El Sidron 43 ka BP



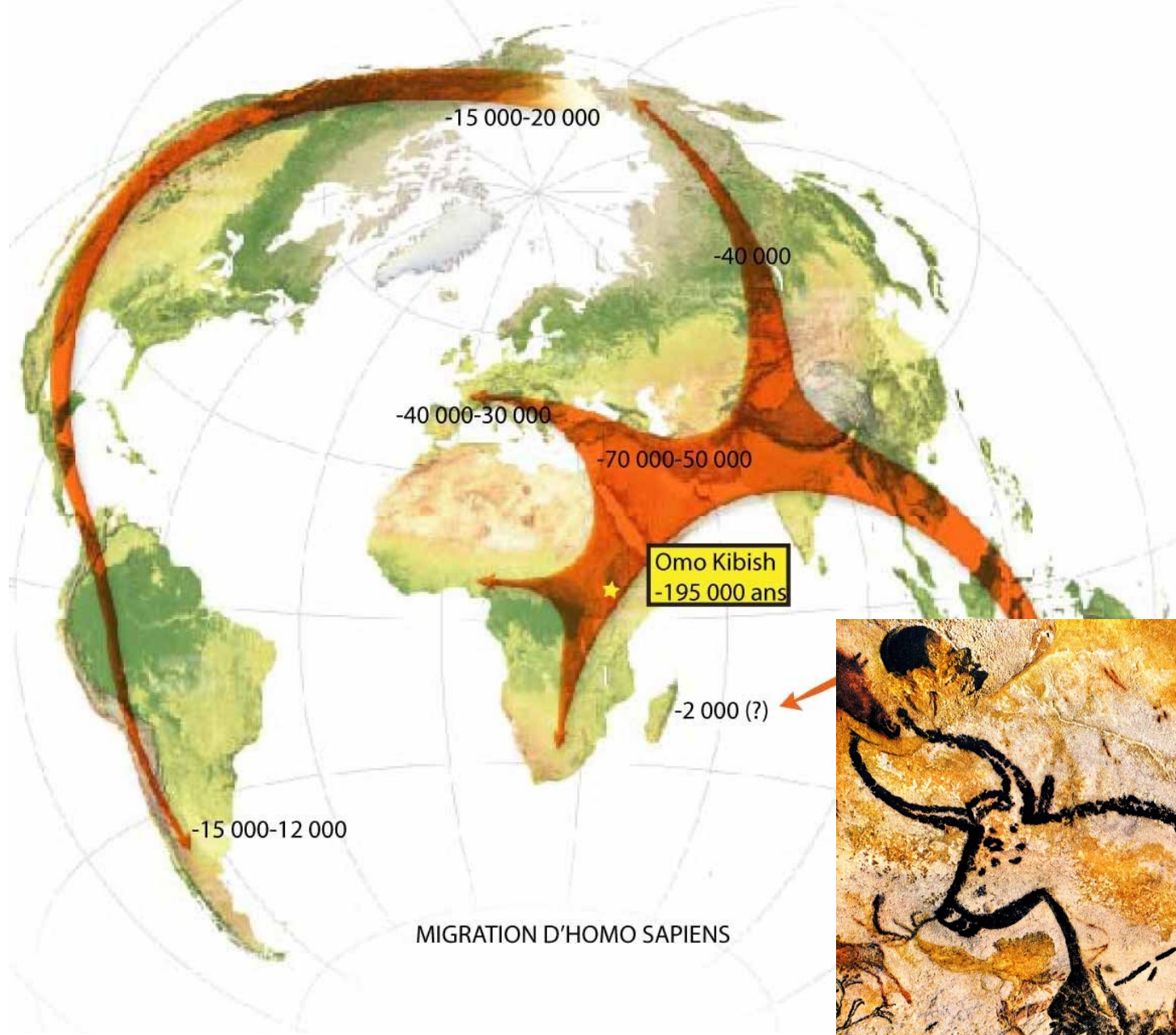
SD-1219. Regione Occipitomastoide

Mandibole con un'ipoplasia dello smalto e delle cut marks sul bordo basale (F)

Spagna : Gibraltar Devil's Tower 30 ka BP



Gibraltar 2 : Cranio e ricostruzione



Neandertal demise theories

Concorrenza con *Homo sapiens* che ha conquistato tutte le nicchie ecologiche.
The competition with Homo sapiens who has colonized all the ecological niche.

Homo sapiens è riuscito a estendere la caccia a vari tipi di prede
Homo sapiens was able to extend the hunting to various types of prey..

Combattimento tra *H.sapiens* e *H.neandertalensis* che si indeboliva.
Fight between H. sapiens and H.neanderthalensis who get weaker.

Genocidi dei Neandertaliani da parte dei *sapiens*.
Genocide of the Neandertal from the sapiens.

Fuga dei Neandertaliani che rifiutavano il confronto con i Cro-Magnon. Questa cultura pacifica e la mortalità infantile elevata sarebbe all'origine della loro scomparsa.
Escape of the Neandertal who refused the confrontation with the Cro-Magnon. This pacific culture and the child mortality could have been the reason to their extinction.

Malattie *Diseases*