

## Modern Human Origins

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## For today's lecture:

- ❑ **Hominin taxonomy**  
How do we classify human fossils?
- ❑ **Modern human fossils**  
When and where do we find anatomically modern fossils?
- ❑ **Populations and demes**  
Are population models better than species models?
- ❑ **Models of anthropogeny**  
What model of modern human origins is best supported with the current evidence?



# Hominin taxonomy

How do we classify human fossils?



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- ☐ Linnean hierarchical classification
- ☐ Numerical taxonomy
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- ☐ Phylogenetics



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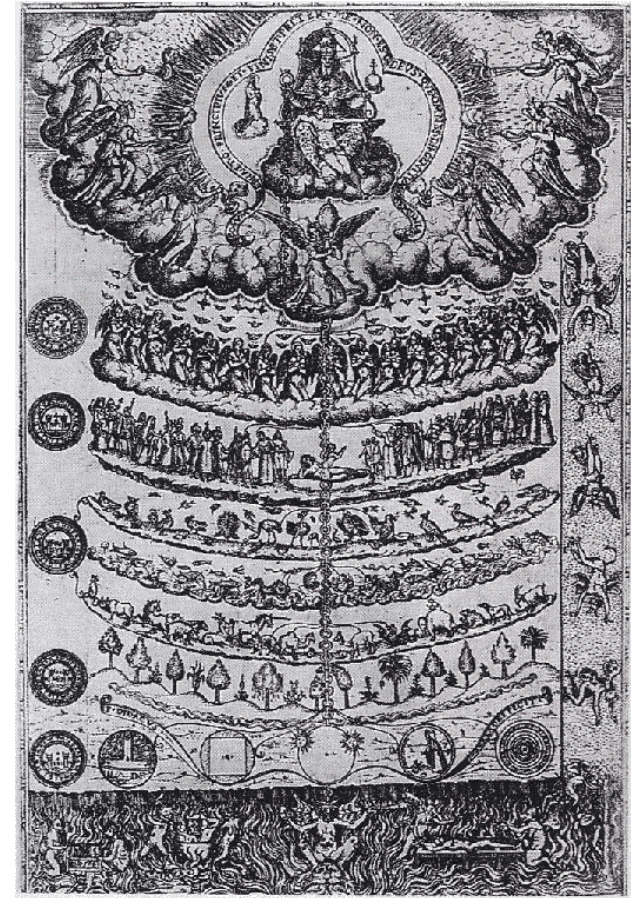
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Aristotle's Great Chain of Being, Plato's Academy, 4th Century Greece



Valades, Didacus. 1579. *Rhetorica Christiana*.

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Khaldun's *Introduction to Universal History*, 14th Century Islam, Tunisia

“...the world of creation...started out from the minerals and progressed, in an ingenious, gradual manner, to plants and animals. ...the last stage of each group is fully prepared to become the first stage of the newest group. The animal world then widens, its species become numerous, and, in a gradual process of creation, it finally leads to man, who is able to think and reflect. ”

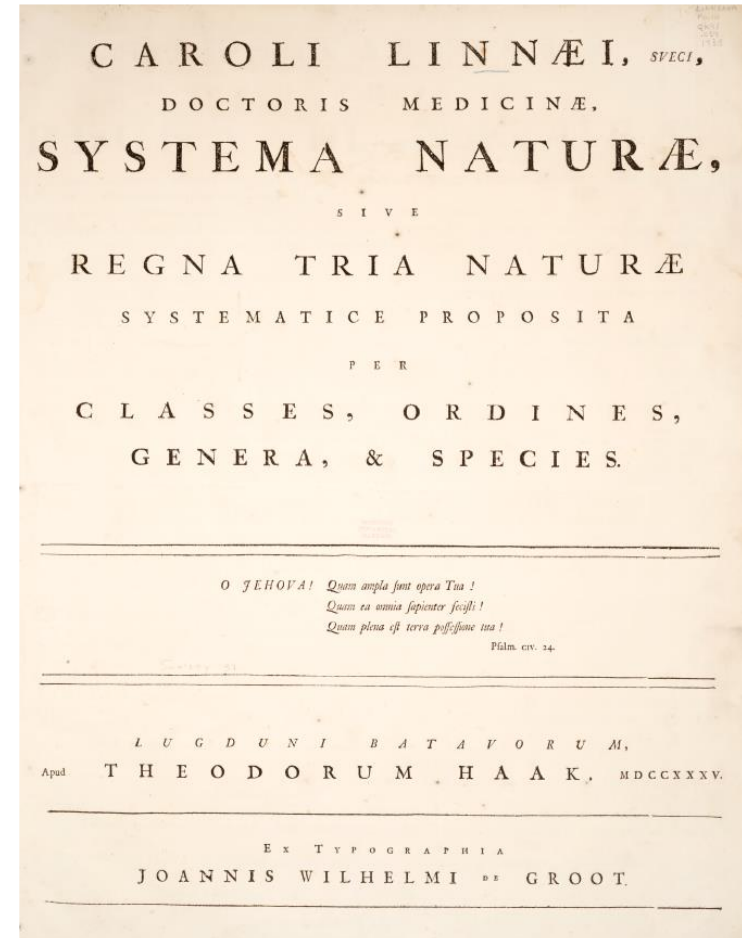


Khaldun, Ibn, 14<sup>th</sup> Century, *The Muqaddimah* (مقدمة)



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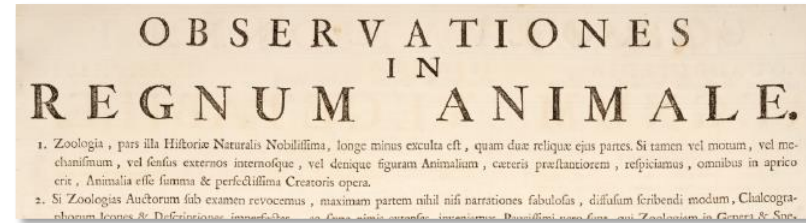


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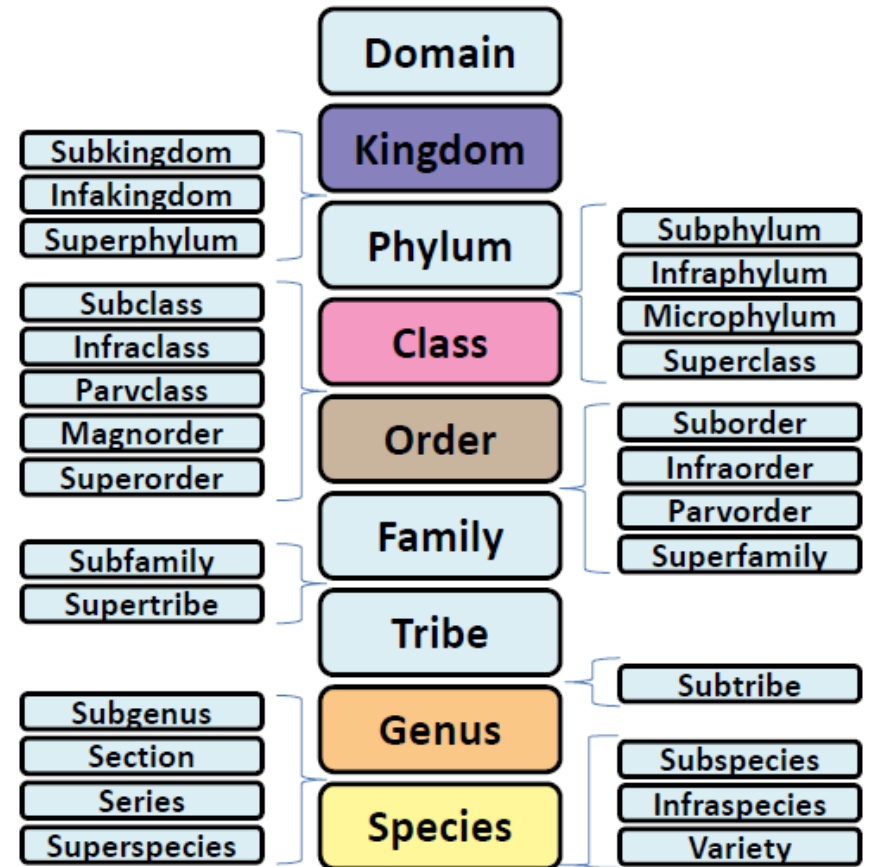


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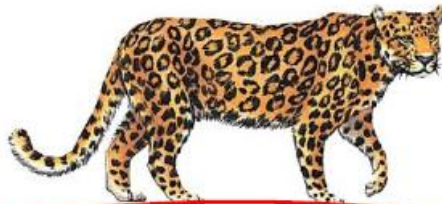
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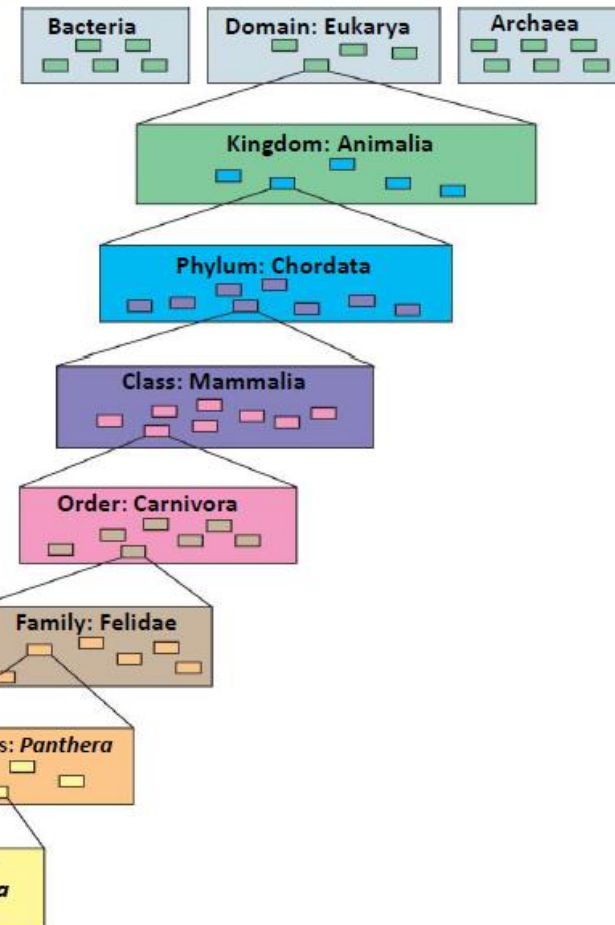
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## Leopard Classification



Species: *Panthera pardus*

Binomial  
Nomenclature



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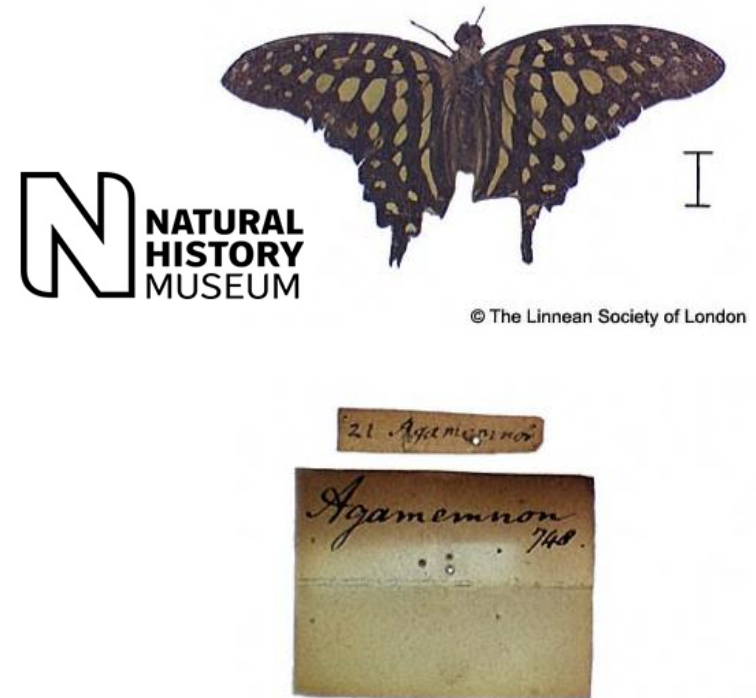
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## *Papilio agamemnon* Linnaeus, 1758

Scalebar = 1 cm



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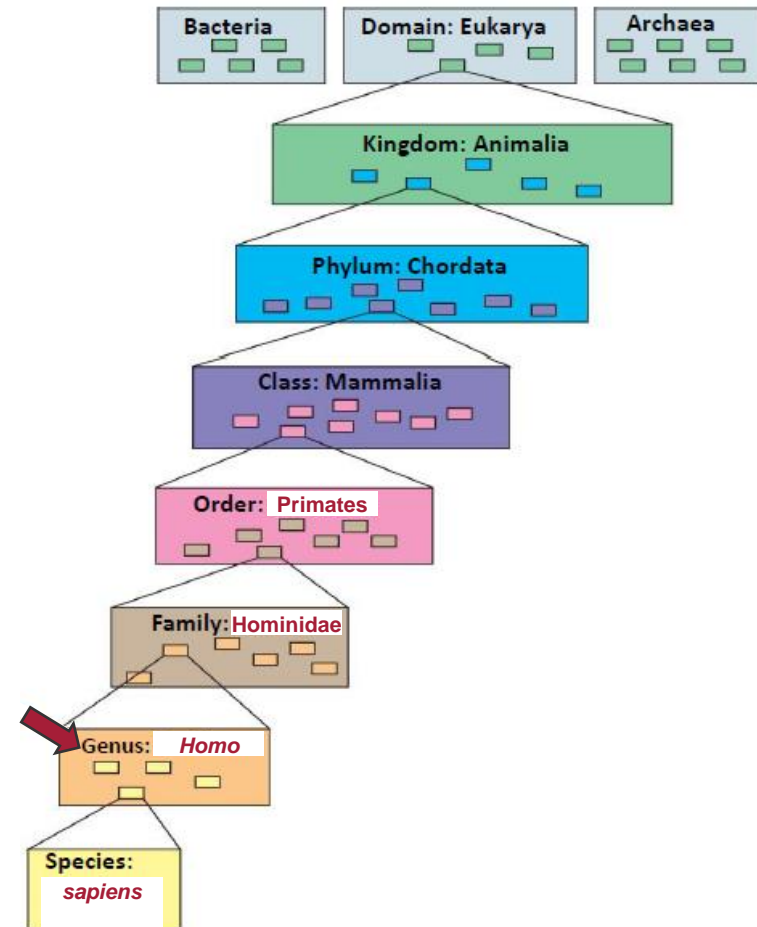
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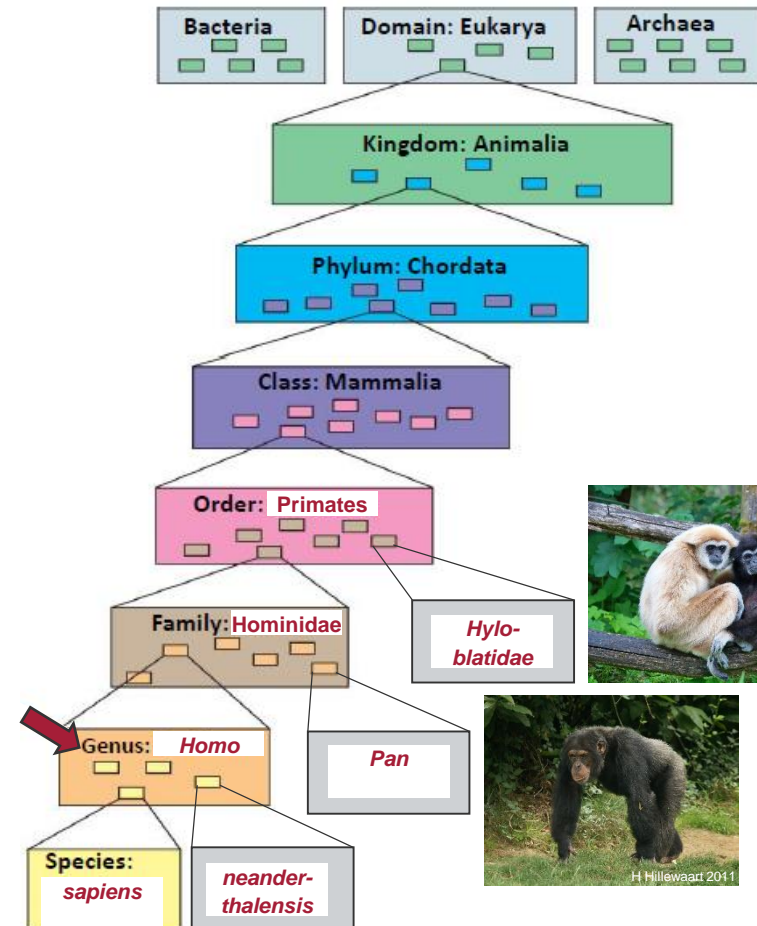


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VI. VERMES.

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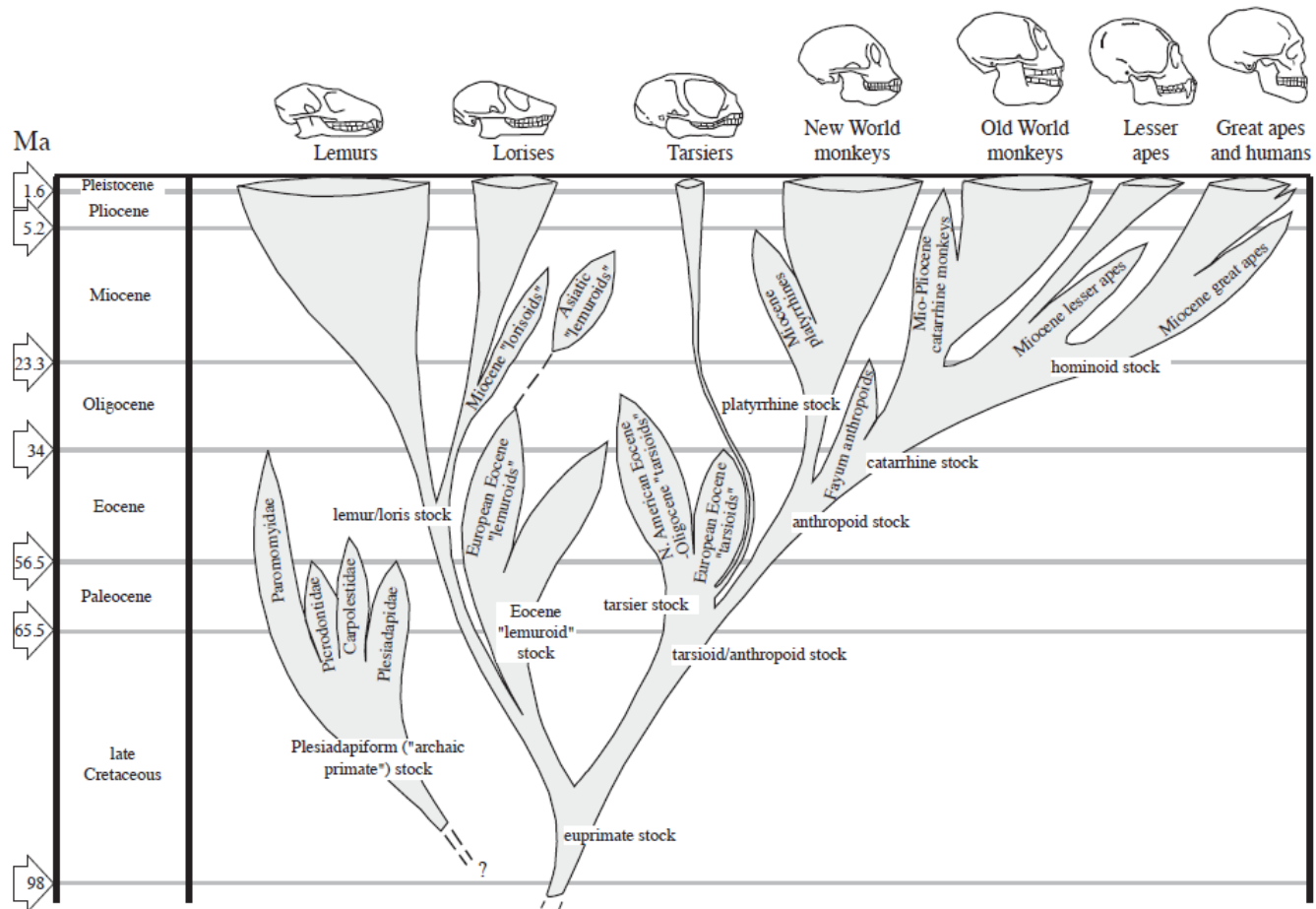
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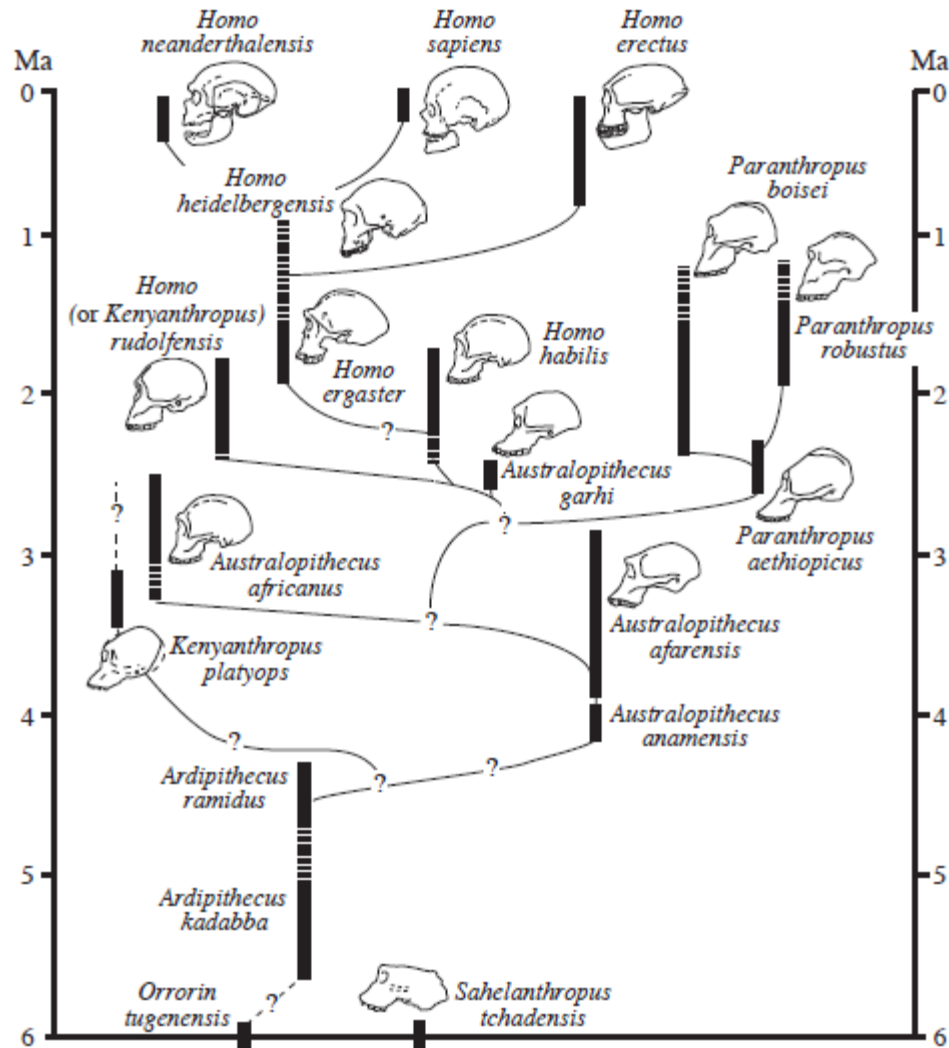
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## articles

### New hominin genus from eastern Africa shows diverse middle Pliocene lineages

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Most interpretations of early hominin phylogeny recognize a single early to middle Pliocene ancestral lineage, best represented by *Australopithecus afarensis*, which gave rise to a radiation of taxa in the late Pliocene. Here we report on new fossils discovered west of Lake Turkana, Kenya, which differ markedly from those of contemporary *A. afarensis*, indicating that hominin taxonomic diversity extended back, well into the middle Pliocene. A 3.5 Myr-old cranium, showing a unique combination of derived facial and primitive neurocranial features, is assigned to a new genus of hominin. These findings point to an early diet-driven adaptive radiation, provide new insight on the association of hominin craniodental features, and have implications for our understanding of Plio-Pleistocene hominin phylogeny.

The eastern African hominin record between 4 and 3 Myr is represented exclusively by a single species, *A. afarensis*, and its possible ancestor, *Australopithecus anamensis*, which are commonly thought to belong to the lineage ancestral to all later hominins<sup>1,2</sup>. This apparent lack of diversity in the middle Pliocene contrasts markedly with the increasingly bushy phylogeny evident in the later hominin fossil record. To study further the time interval between 4 and 3 Myr, fieldwork in 1998 and 1999 focused on sites of this age at Lomekwi in the Nachukui Formation, west of Lake Turkana. New hominin discoveries from Lomekwi, as well as two mandibles and isolated molars recovered previously<sup>3</sup> (Table 1), indicate that multiple species existed between 3.5 and 3.0 Myr. The new finds include a well-preserved temporal bone, two partial maxillae, isolated teeth, and most importantly a largely complete, although distorted, cranium. We assign the latter specimen to a new hominin genus on the basis of its unique combination of primitive and derived features.

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bone with a more cylindrical articular eminence and deeper mandibular fossa. It differs from *A. afarensis*, *A. africanus*, and *A. garhi* in the derived morphology of the lower face, particularly the moderate subnasal prognathism, sagittally and transversely flat nasolabial clivus, anteriorly positioned maxillary zygomatic process, similarly sized I<sup>1</sup> and I<sup>2</sup> roots, and small M<sup>1</sup> and M<sup>2</sup> crowns. From *A. afarensis* it also differs by a transversely flat midface, a small, external acoustic foramen, and the absence of an occipital/marginal venous sinus system, and from *A. africanus* by a tall malar region, a low and curved zygomaticoalveolar crest, a narrow nasal aperture, the absence of anterior facial pillars, a tubular, long and crestless tympanic element, and a small, external acoustic foramen. *Kenyanthropus* lacks the suite of derived dental and cranial features found in *Paranthropus aethiopicus*, *P. boisei* and *P. robustus* (Table 2), and the derived cranial features of species indisputably assigned to *Homo* (For example, *H. erectus* s.l. and *H. sapiens*, but not *H. rudolfensis* and *H. habilis*).<sup>4</sup>

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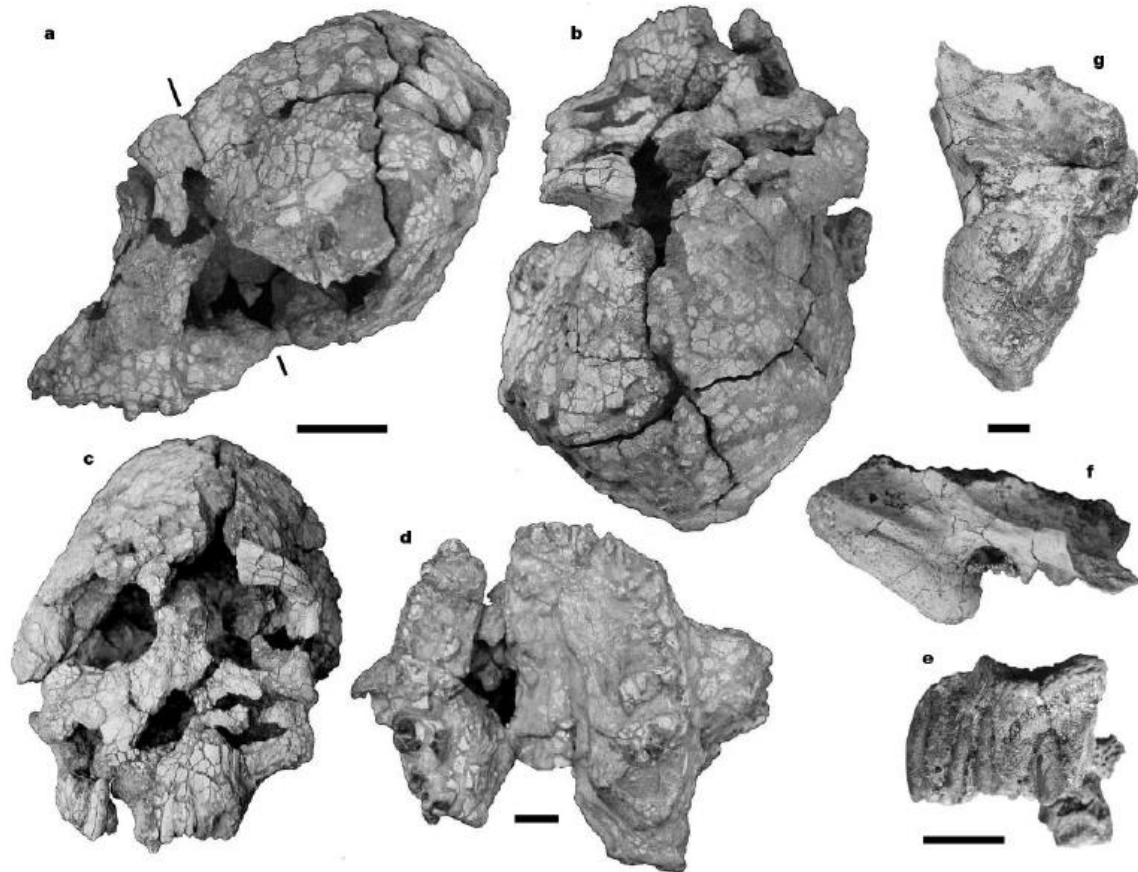
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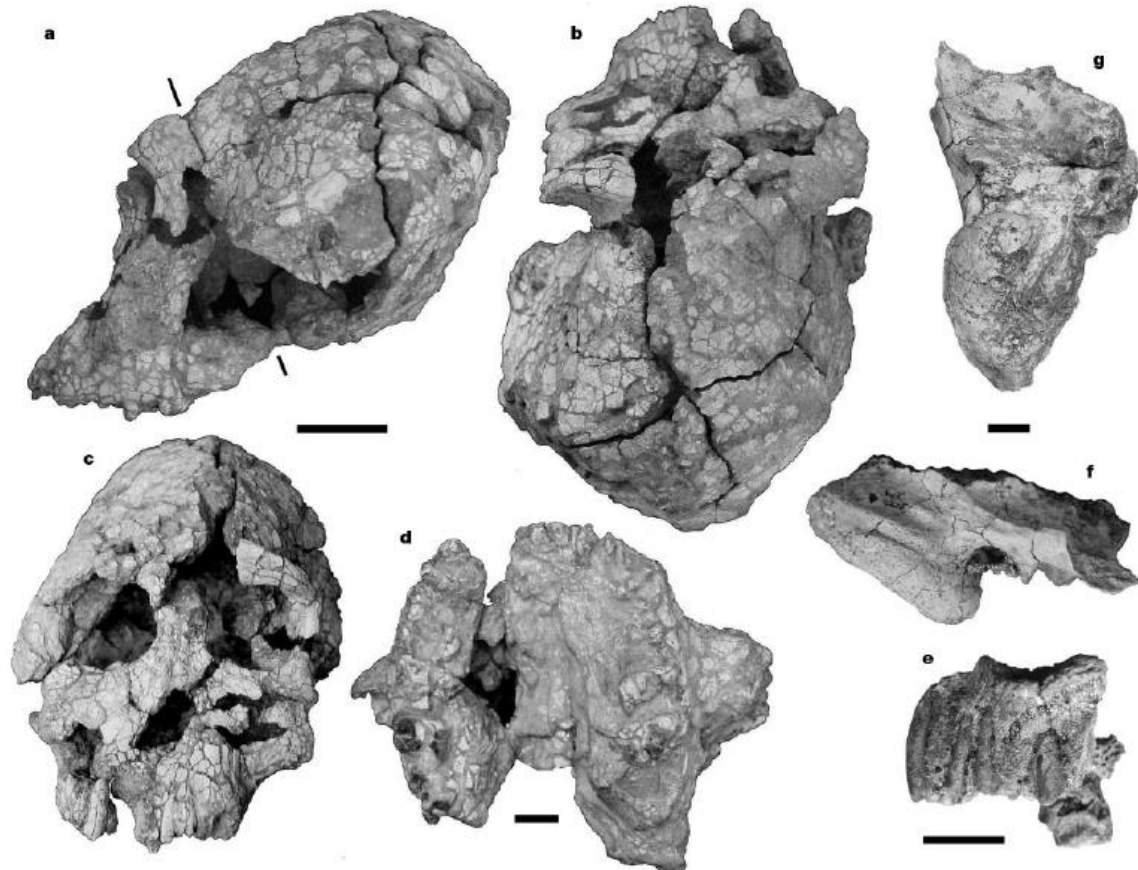
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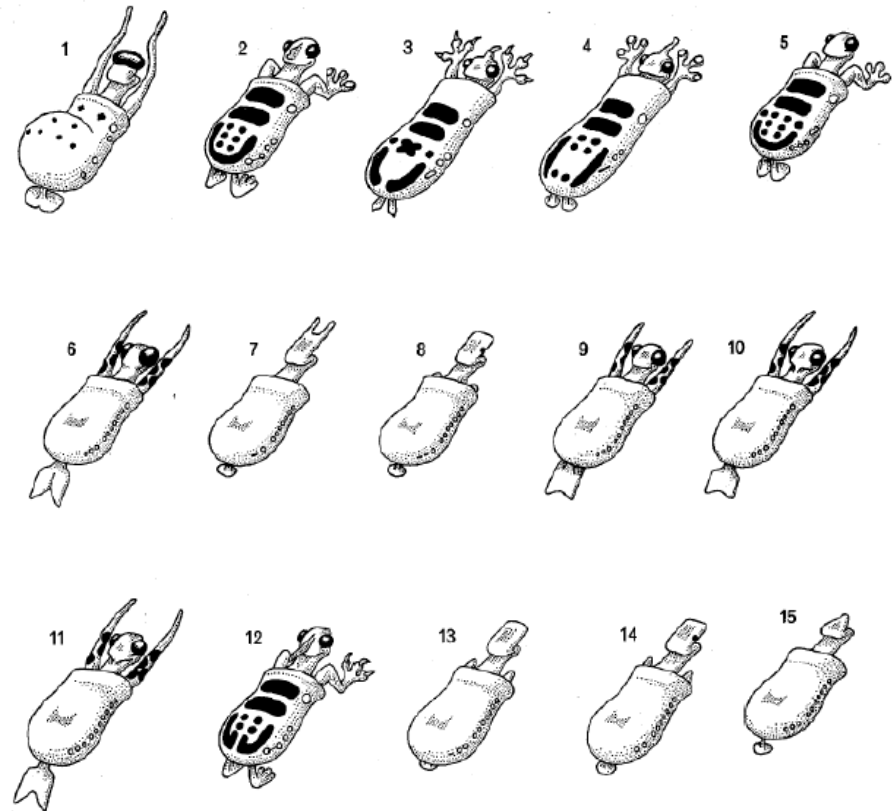
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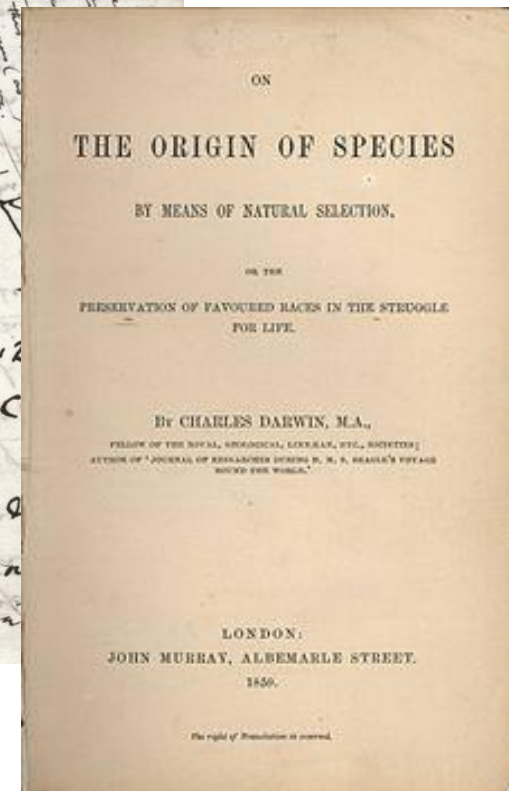
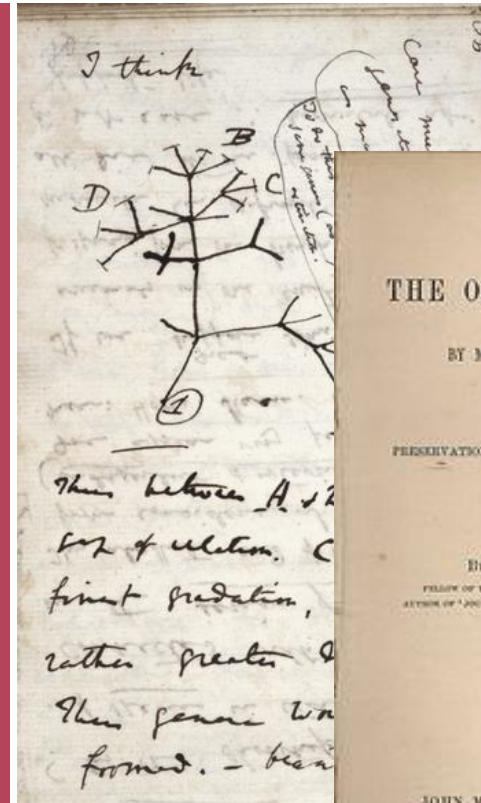
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- A quantitative comparative method: a multivariate approach to assess operational taxonomic units (OTUs)
- In general, quantifying more characters is better since there is often correlation between characters



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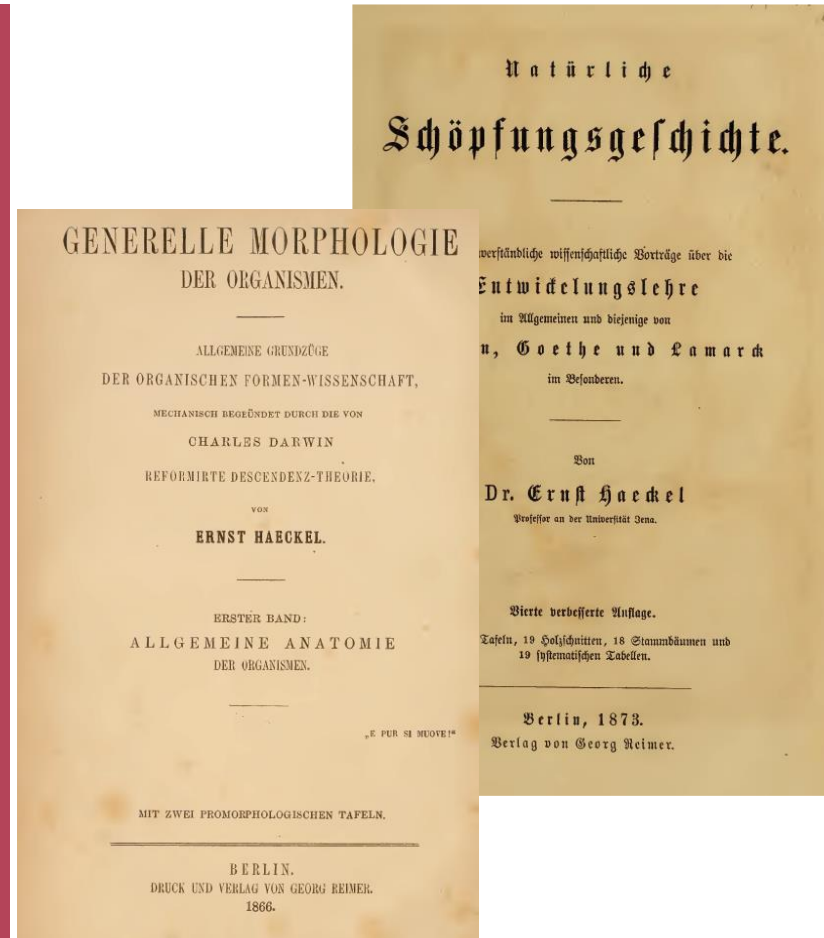
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  - Phylogenetic methods rely on specific evolutionary models (e.g. rate of change)





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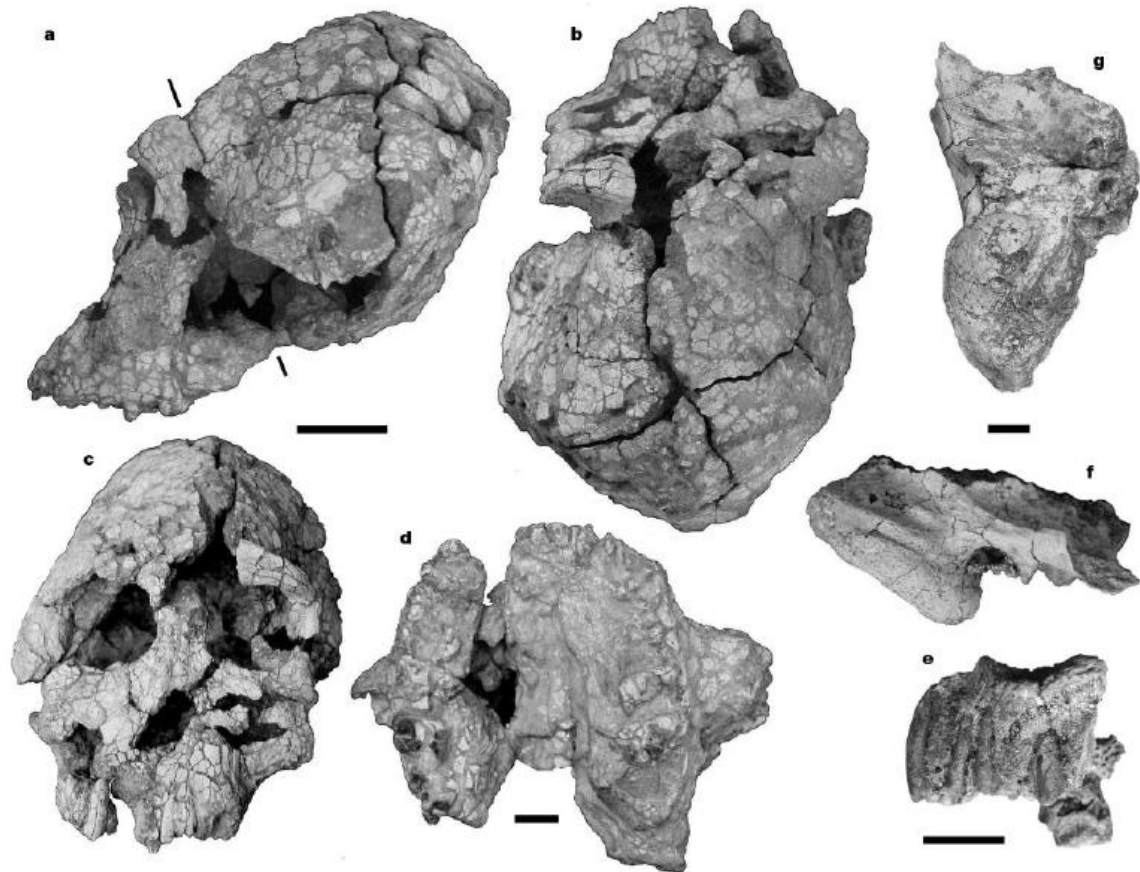


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*Dentes Primores superiores IV, paralleli.*  
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### I. HOMO nosce Te ipsum (\*)

Sapient. I. H. diutius; *Varians cultura, loco.*  
Ferus. tetrapus, mutus, hirsutus.  
*Juvenis Urfinus lithuanus. 1661.*  
*Juvenis Lupinus hessensis 1334.*  
*Juvenis Ovulus hibernus. Tulp. obs. II. 9.*  
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*Pueri 2 Pyrenaici. 1719.*  
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America-2. rufus, cholericus, rectus.  
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*ceteris imperatum; cui scire nihil sine doctrina; non firi, non ingre-*  
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*Homo: know thyself\**

*\*know your wisdom, as told  
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sapiens: culture, light



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*sapiens americanus:* red,  
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*penſ.* *Pilis flavelcentibus prolixis. Oculis cæruleis.*  
*Levis, acutiſſimus, inventor.*  
*Tegitur Veſtimentis arcis.*  
*Regitur Ritibus.*

*Aſiati-* γ. luridus, melancholicus, rigidus.  
*cus.* *Pilis nigricantibus Oculis fuſcis.*  
*Severus, ſaltuoſus, avarus.*  
*Tegitur Indumentis laxis.*  
*Regitur Opinionibus.*

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*Naturaliter:* Te audacis naturæ miraculum, Animalium Principem, cujus  
cauſa cuncta genuit natura, eſſe animal ſens, ridens, melodum, loquens,  
docile, judicans, admirans, ſapienſiſſimum; ſed fragile, nudum, ſuapte  
natura inerme, ad omnem fortunæ contumeliam projectum, alienæ opīs  
indigens, anxie mentis ſollicitæque rutilæ, precari ſpiritus, pertinacis  
ſpei, querule viæ, tardæ ſapientiæ. Temporis annihilati æmulator in vita  
volueri, præſentis vividæ diſtinctorem, futuri dubii æſtimatorem in vita  
talibus ævi prima fugit; alium ad quotidianum opus laborioſa Egeitas  
vocat; alium Luxus incarecerit. Altitemque ſuffocet; alium Ambitio num-  
quam quæta ſollicitat; alius Divitiis, quas optaverat, meruit, & voto la-  
boræ ſuo; alium Solitudo, alium ſemper veſtibulum obſidens turba.  
Hic ſe habere dicit Liberos, hic ſe perdidit; Lacrymæ nobis deerunt  
antequam cauſæ dolendi. Sed quousque nos malos noſtra mala rapere:  
circumferre porcuſa, tu te in ignotos, iratos ſine injuria, ſerarum more  
occidere quem non oderimus, ſecundos oprate ventros, quorum felicitas  
eſt ad bella p. rittere; pauſa videlicet ad mortes noſtras terra late pater,  
*Senec. Cætera animantia congregari contra diſſimilia, at Homini plurima ex ho-*  
*mine mala Plin.*

*Politice:* Te recti loco tenere errorem publicum ſactum, qui te vix exitum  
conſuetudinis larva induit, nutrit, educat, alit, regit, ſecundum quem  
honestus, fortis, ſapiens, moratus, pius exitimaris; Cum gubernatus Opī-  
one vivas ad Conſuetudinem, nec ad Rationem. Te, inter perituros  
conſtitutum, cum nulli centigit impune naſci, beneficii loco petere, ut  
ultimus cervicem præbeas, dum interim, dulci fortuna ebrius, colligen-  
do in craſtinum Lapillos fortunæ certos, verbis in furorem ageris, aliter  
theoreticæ pios odio perſequeris, quonſque tumultus excitas, non ut ſer-  
vies, ſed cui; nugis irrevocabile tempus conſumis; immortalia æternæque  
animo voluſas, de ſeris nepotibus pronepotibusque diſponis, novas ſpes  
oblitus conditionis Tue ponis, cum interea longa conantem mors op-  
primit, at in agone oculis ſperiens (ἀνδραγαθός) ſomnium primo  
obſervas; Sic vivimus ut immortales & morimur ut mortales. *Senec.*

*Moraliter:* Te ſub rudi larva Ineptum, Læcivum, Imitatorem, Ambitioſum,  
Prodigum, Sollicitum, Aſtutum, Auſterum, Invidum, Avarum, transforma-  
ri in Attentum, Caſtum, Conſideratum, Modeſtum, Sobrium, Tranquil-  
lum, Sincerrum, Mitem, Beneficum, ſuis Contentum. *Uni animantium*

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# What do people living today look like?

## General anatomy:

- ❑ Globular head
- ❑ Long limbs
- ❑ Narrow thorax

However, variation across world populations due to drift and adaptations.

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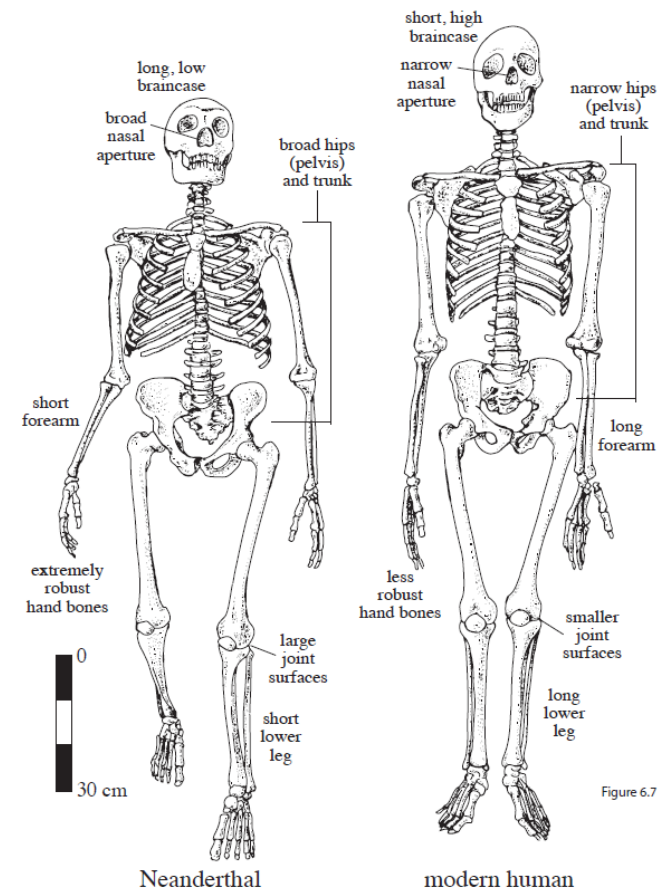
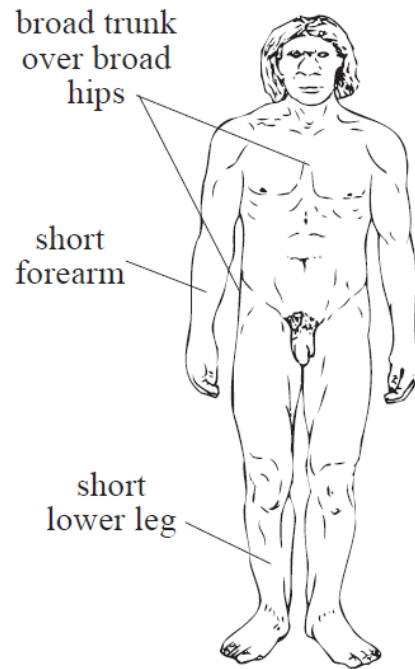


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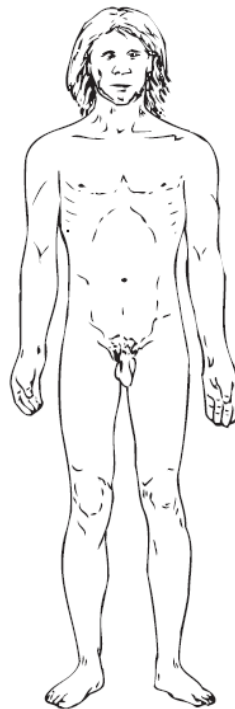
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Neanderthal



early modern European  
(Cro-Magnon)

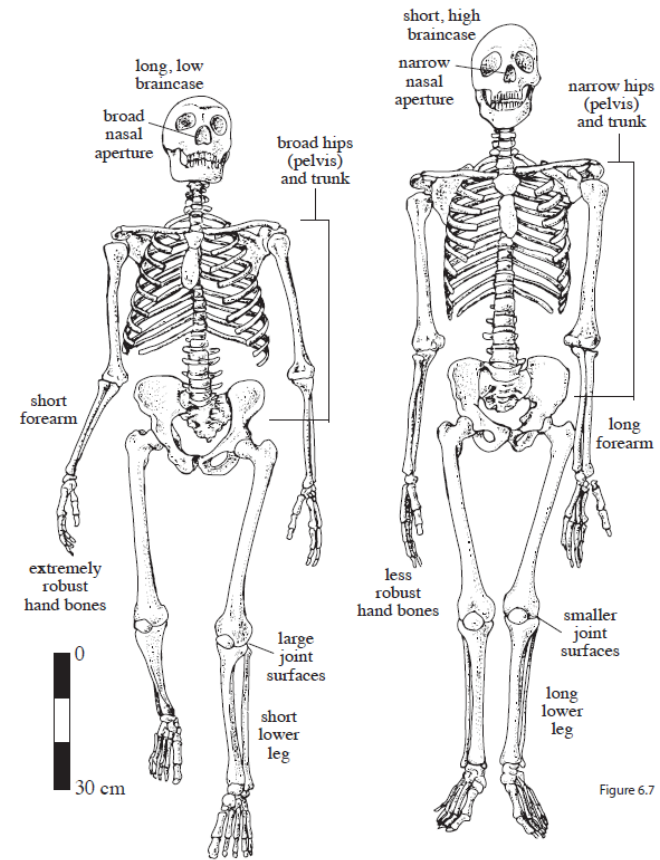


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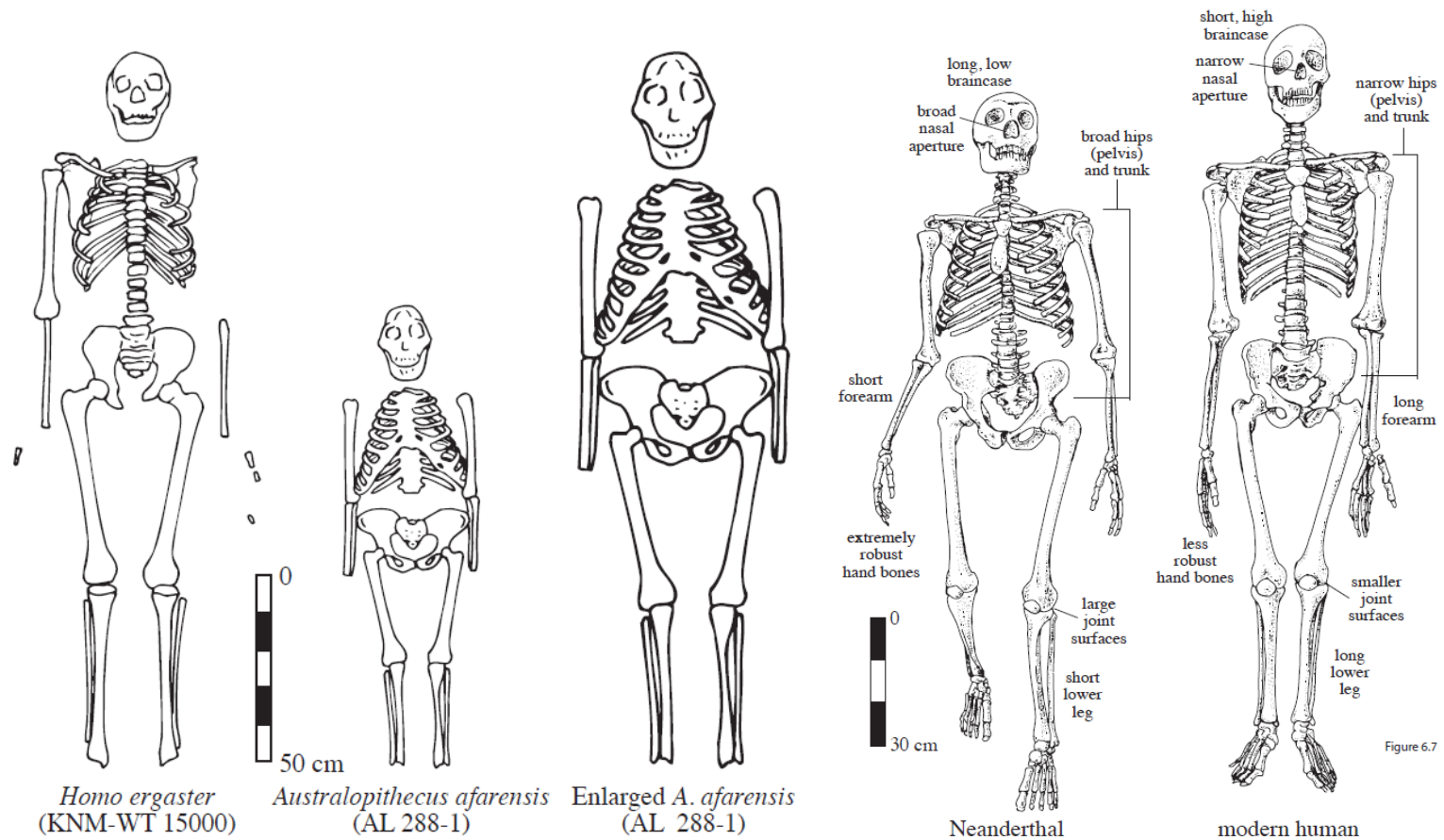


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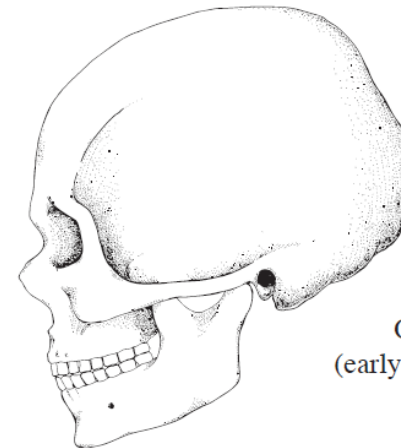
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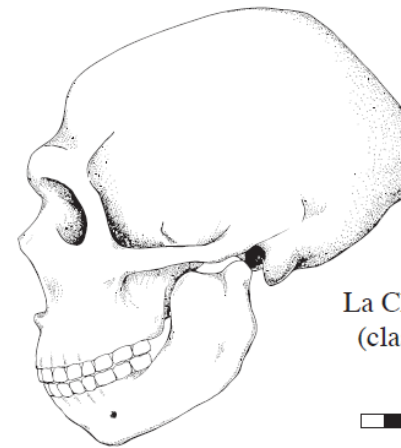
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Cro-Magnon 1  
(early modern European)



La Chapelle-aux-Saints  
(classic Neanderthal)



Figure 7.1

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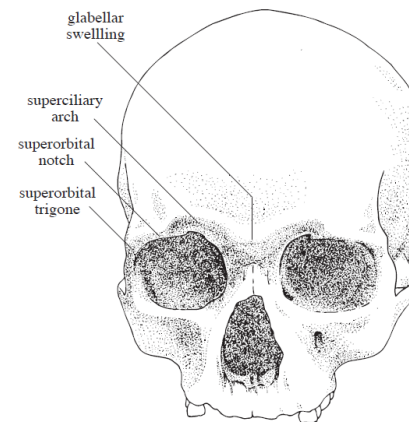
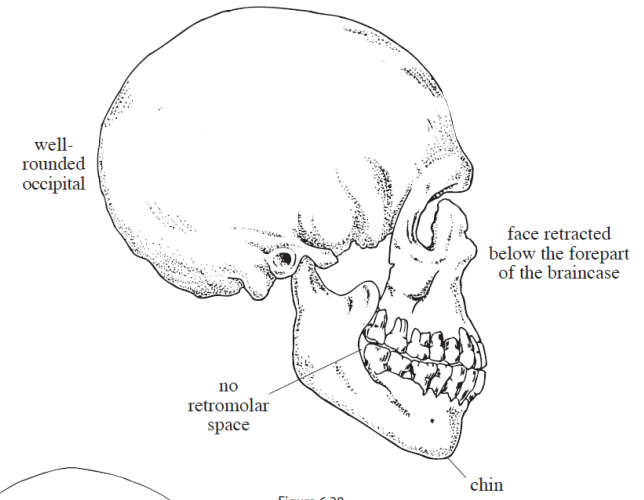
## Cranial anatomy:

### ❑ Globular neurocranium

- Rounded occipital bone
- Elongated parietal bones
- Bossed frontal bone
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- Mandibular chin

### ❑ Orthognathic face

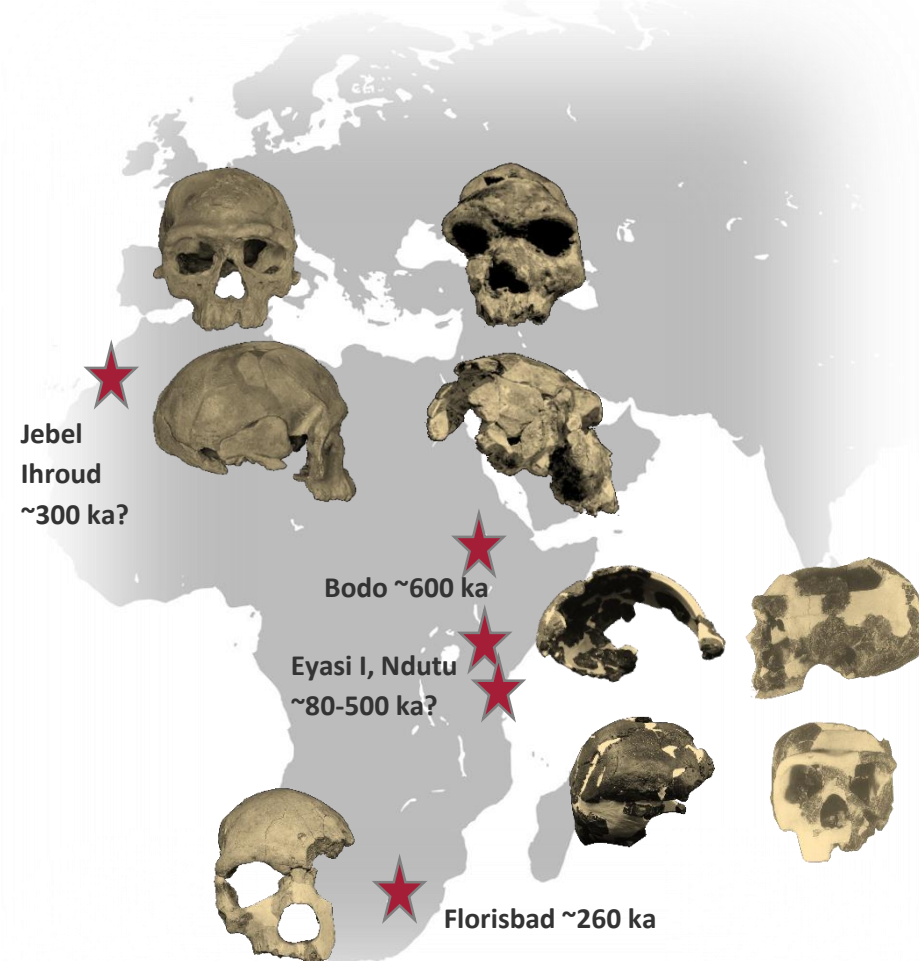
**Note: some anatomical variation due to sexual dimorphism**



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# The Middle Pleistocene fossil record of Africa

- ❑ Genomics: divergence of modern humans and Neanderthals ~400-800 ka
- ❑ Human paleontology: “Muddle in the Middle [Pleistocene]”
  - Mix of plesiomorphic (primitive) and apomorphic (derived) features
  - “Archaic” *Homo sapiens*





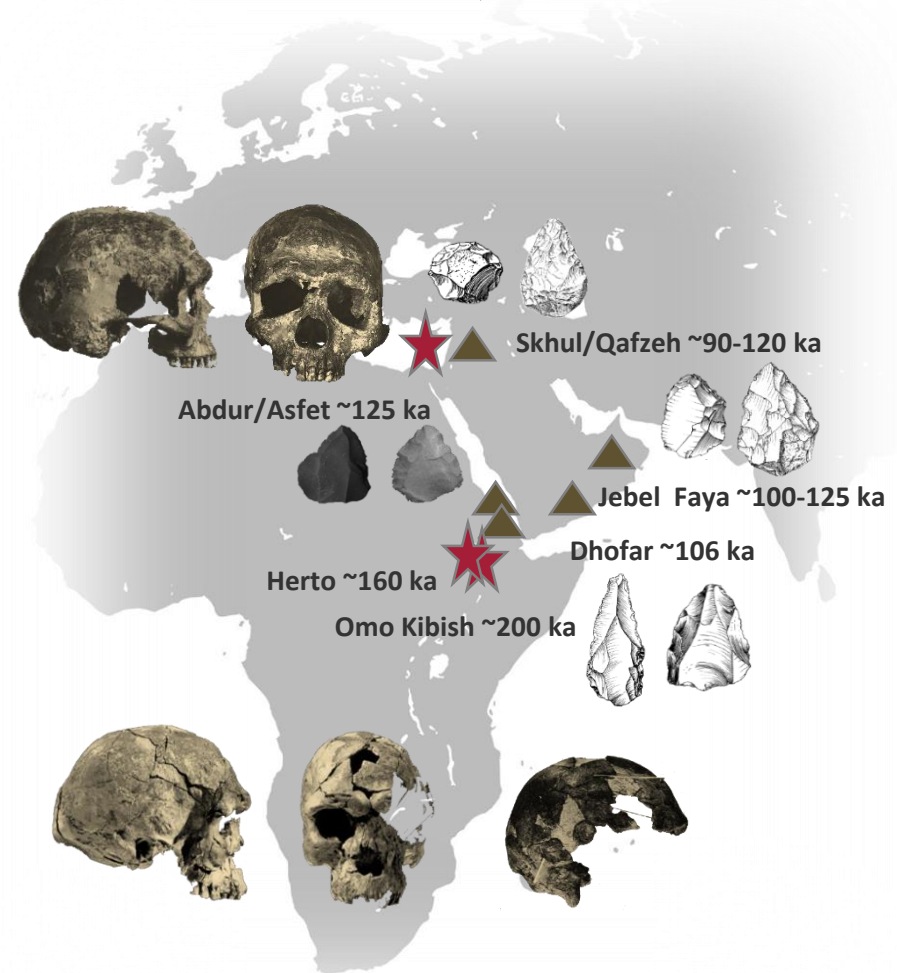
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Omo Kibish 1



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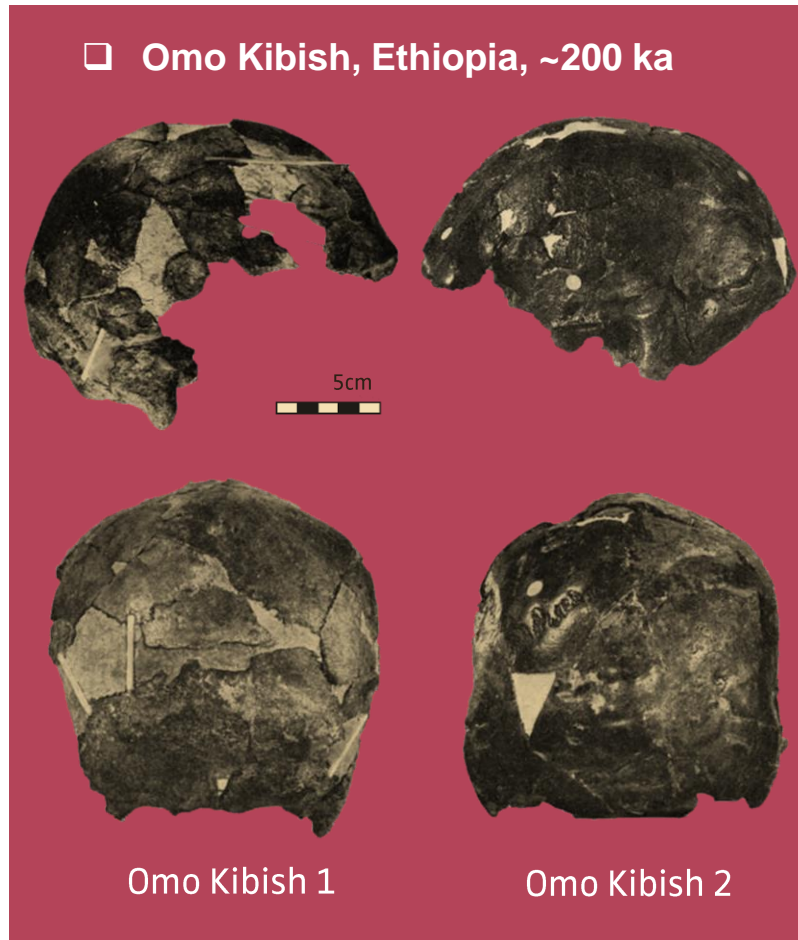


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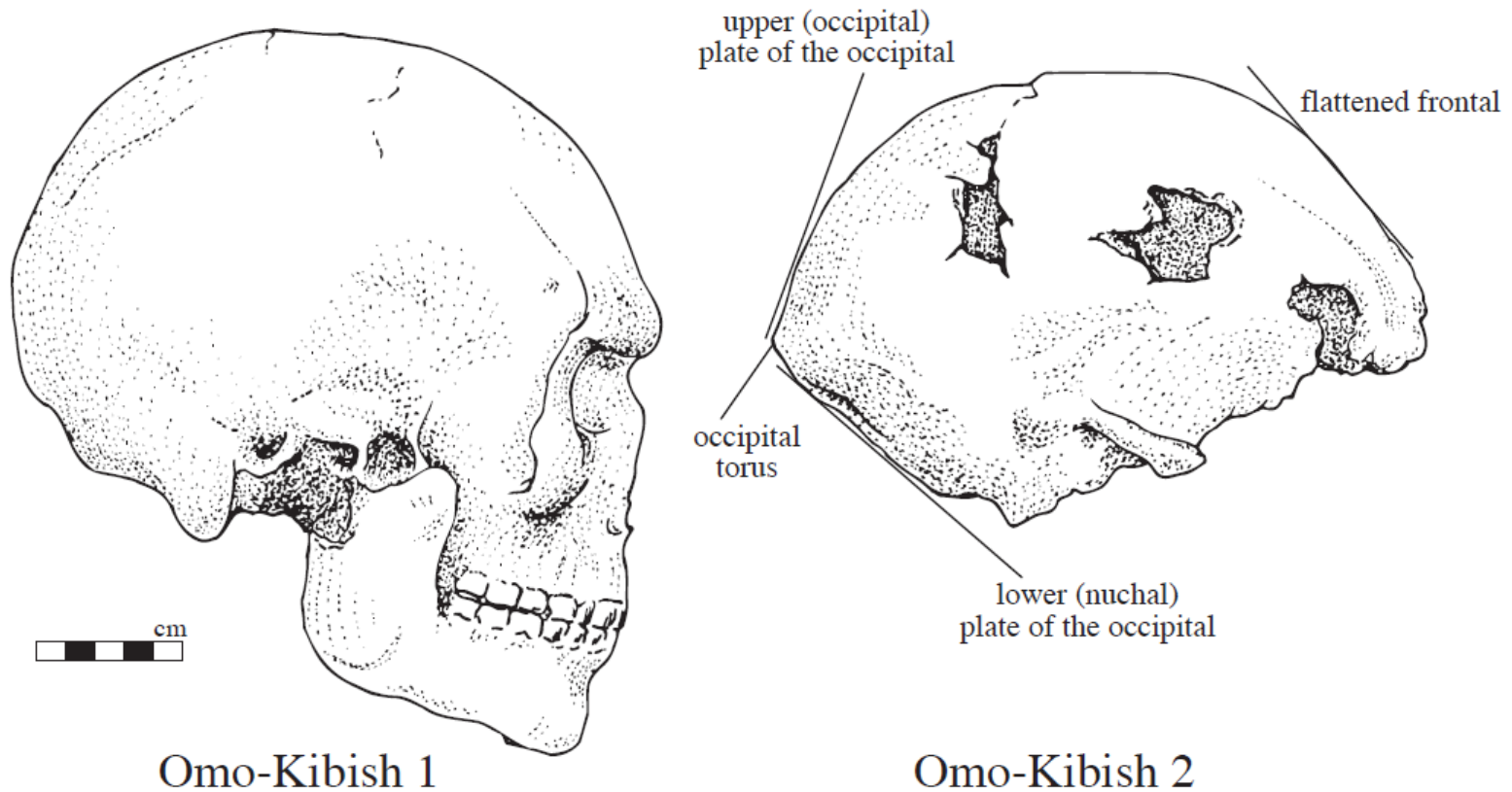
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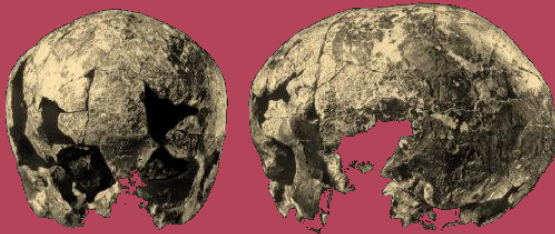
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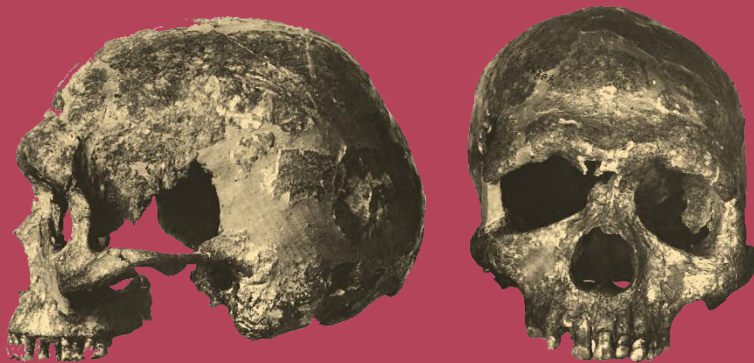
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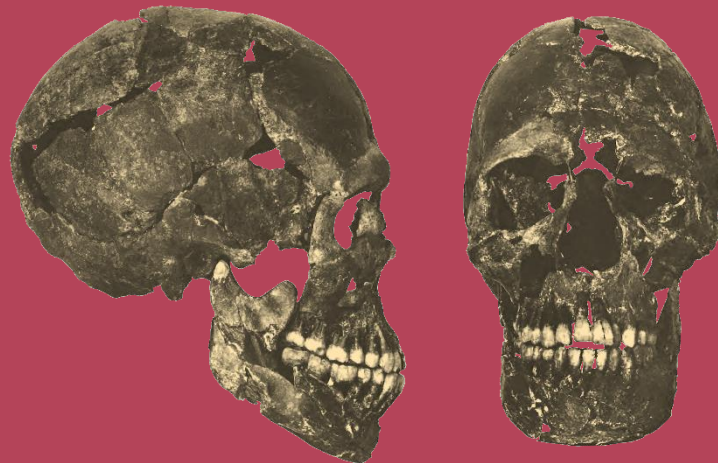


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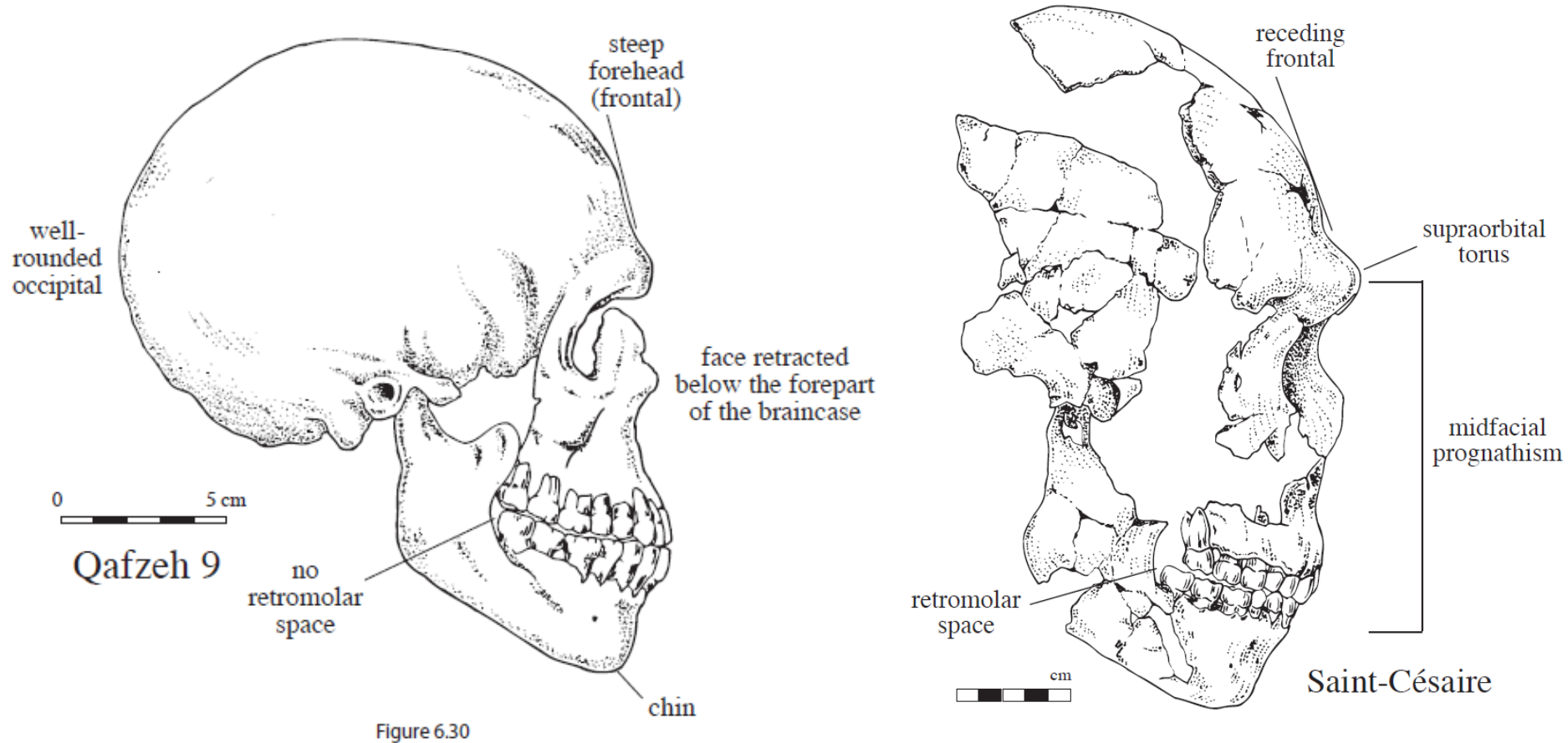
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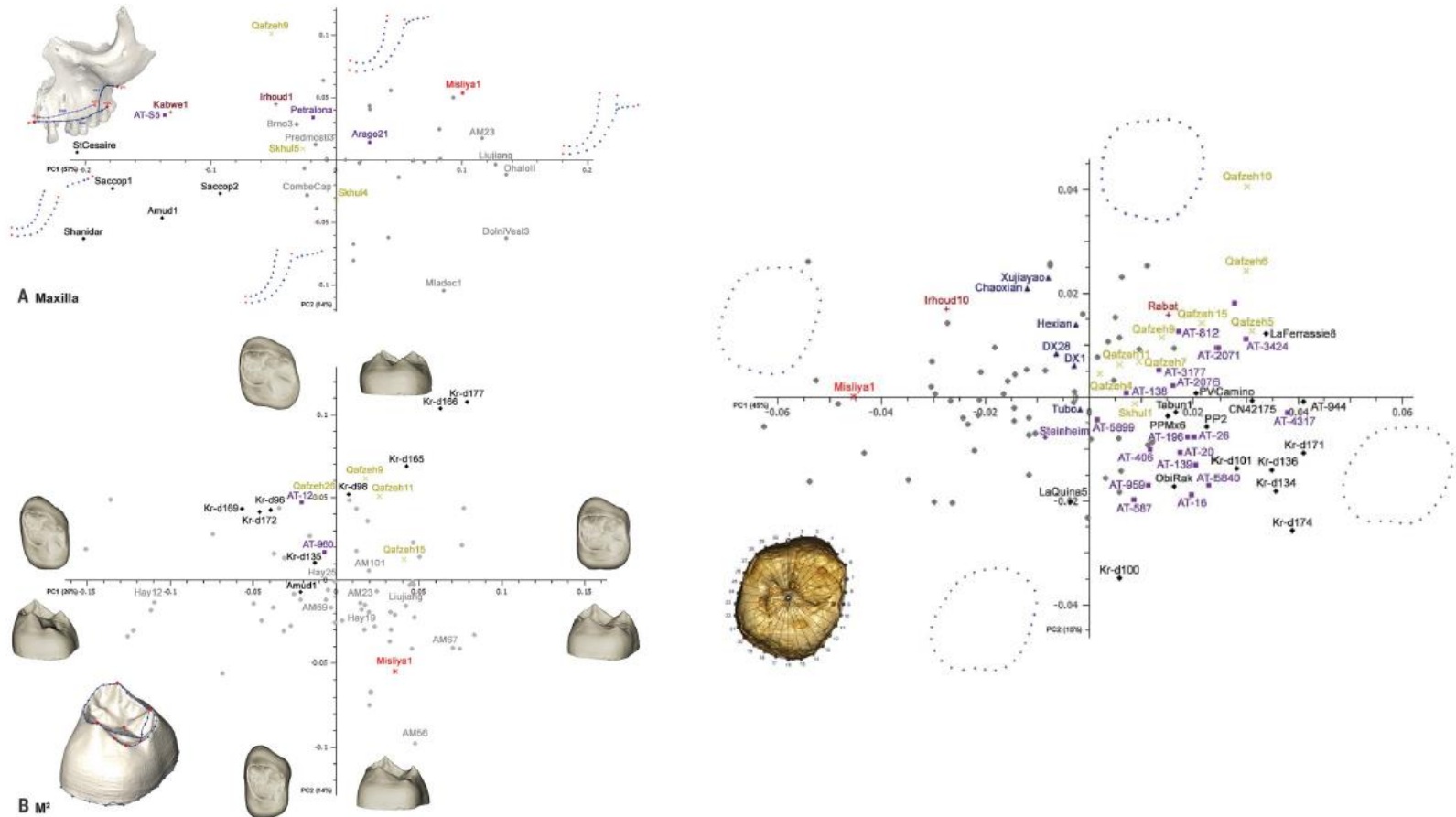
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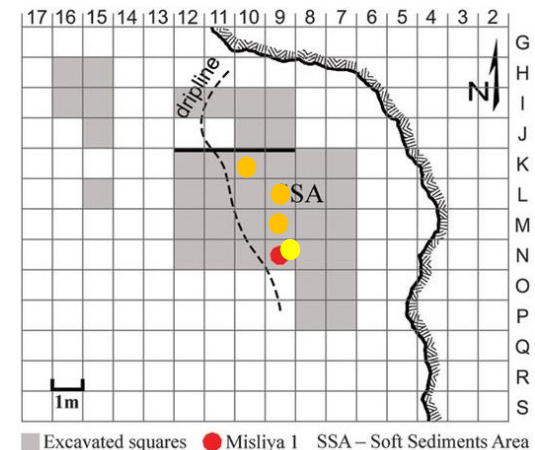
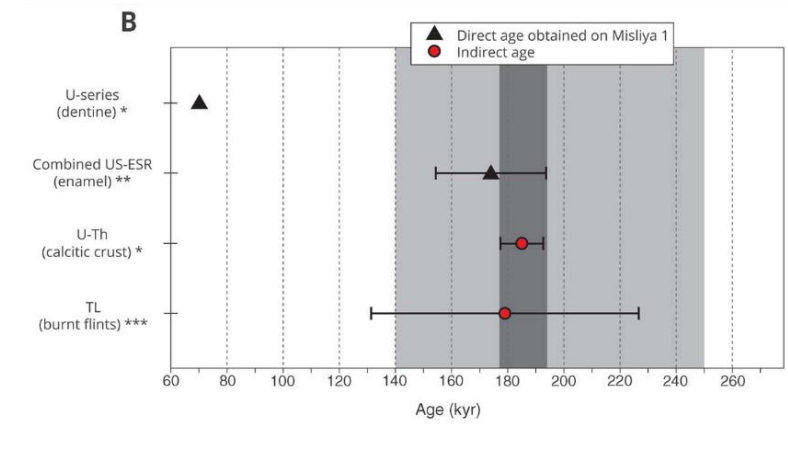


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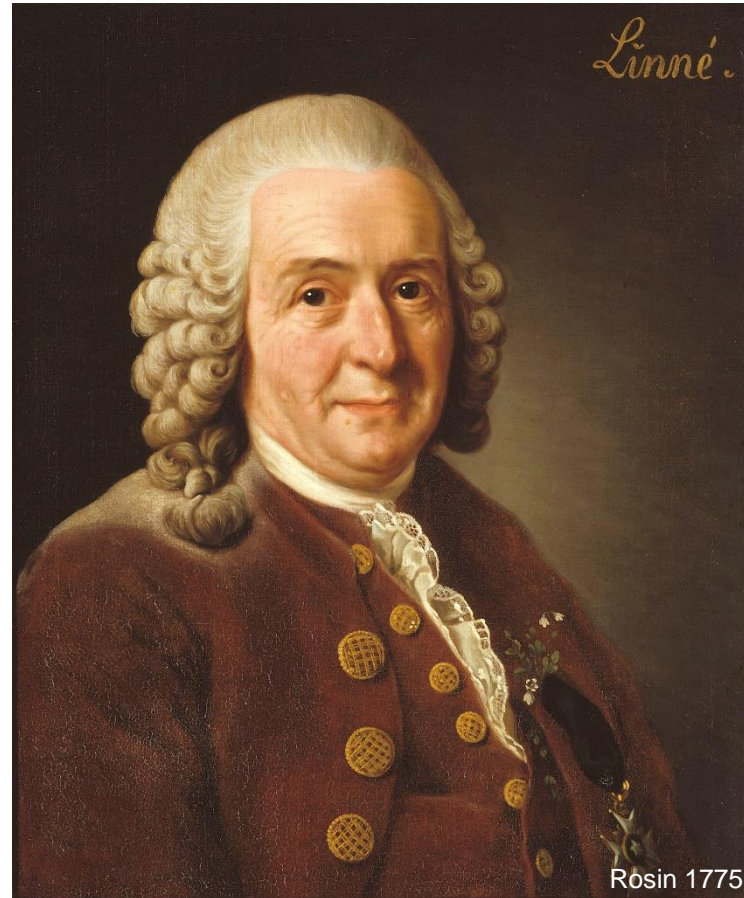
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7	Maxilla 7	58
8	Maxilla 8	61
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15	Sq=L9b; Ht=128-133 (b)	114
16	Sq=N9b; Ht=113-118 (b)	23
17	Sq=L9b; Ht=105-116 (b)	14
18	Sq=M9b; Ht=108-115 (b)	59
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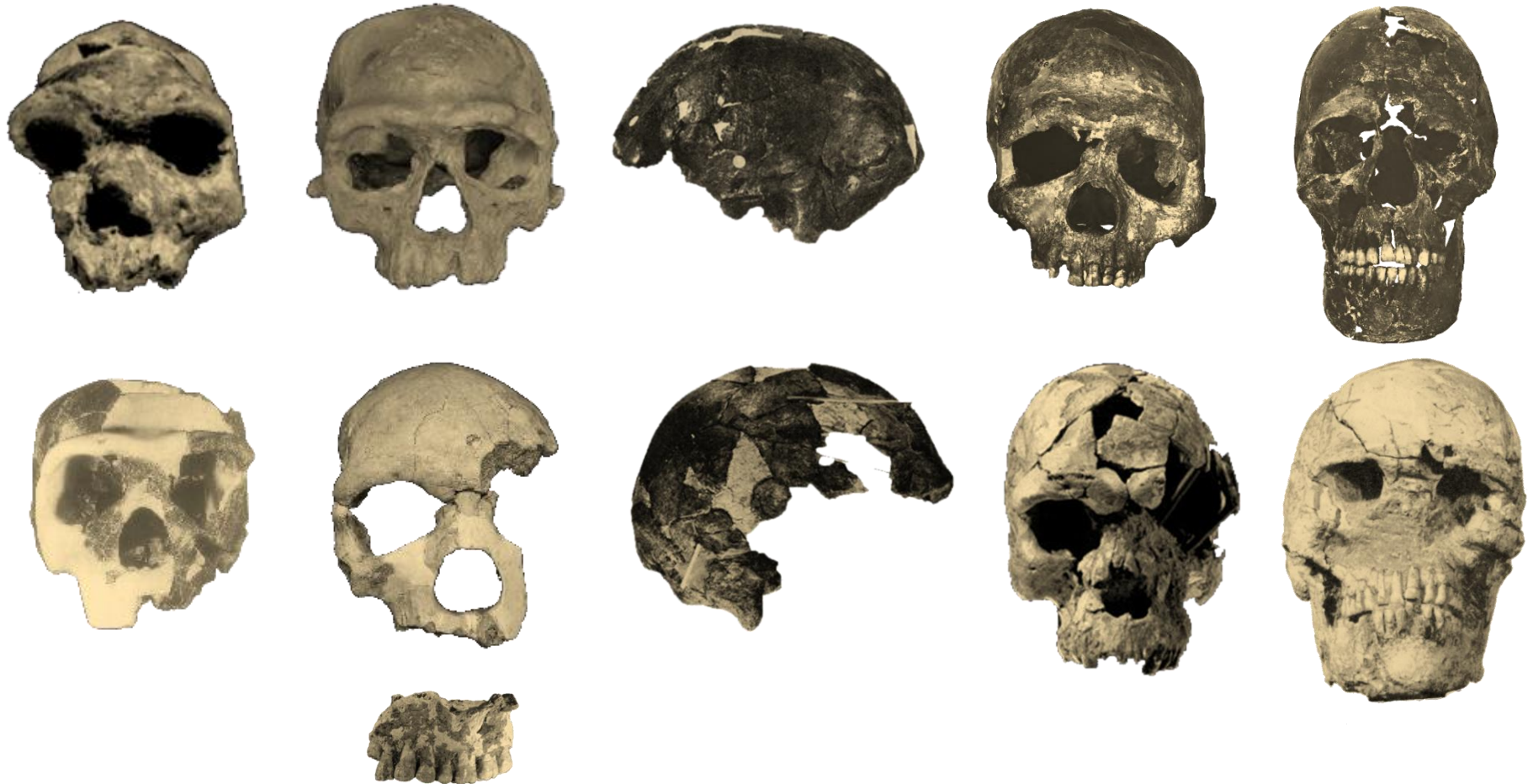
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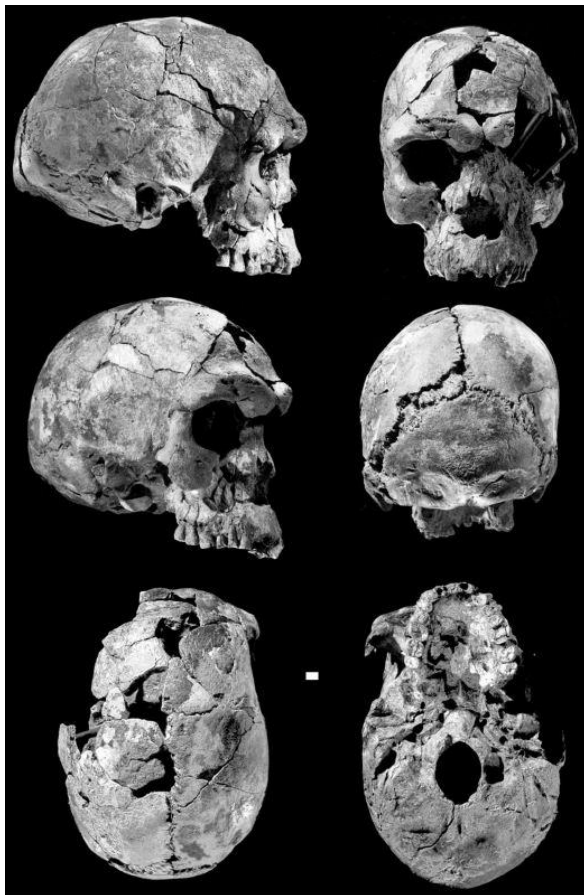




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## Methods

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Superfamily Hominoidea Gray, 1825  
Family Hominidae Gray, 1825  
*Homo sapiens idaltu* subsp. nov.

**Etymology.** The subspecies name 'idaltu' 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.

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*Conſuetis* indurandum; polyphagum Culina inſtrutiſſima, per errores gra-  
tiſſima, igne vinoque horrenda. *Parvo* famis conſtat, *magno* ſoſtidiū.  
*Seneca.*

*Pathologie*: Te tumidam uſque dum crepueris bullam, piloque pendulam in puncto fugientis temporis, Nihil enim homine imbecillius terra alit. *Hom.*  
Nulli vita fragilior; nulli tot Morki, tot Cava, tot Pericula. Breve univerſum  
utique ævi tempus: *Pars æqua* morti ſimilis exigitur; nec reputantur Infantis  
anni, qui ſenſu carent; nec *Senectæ* in penam vivaces: behebant ſenſus, tor-  
pent Membra, præmoriuntur Viſus, Auditus, Inceſſus, Dentis, Ciborum in-  
ſtrumenta. *Plin.* Sic magna pars mortis jam præterit, quidquid ætatis retro  
eſt idolor tenet. Totum denique hunc, quem vides populum, quonſque cogitas  
eſſe; cito natura revocavit & condet; *Mors omnes æque vocat; iratis Diis*  
*proptiusque moriendum.* *Senec. II: 19.*

MAMMALIA PRIMATES. Homo.

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*Eura-* β. albus, ſanguineus, toroſus.  
*penſ.* *Pilis* flavelcentibus prolixis. *Oculis* cæruleis.  
*Levis*, acutiſſimus, inventor.  
*Tegitur* Veſtimentis arctis.  
*Regitur* Ritibus.

*Aſiati-* γ. luridus, melancholicus, rigidus.  
*cus.* *Pilis* nigricantibus *Oculis* fulcis.  
*Severus*, ſaltuoſus, avarus.  
*Tegitur* Indumentis laxis.  
*Regitur* Opinionibus.

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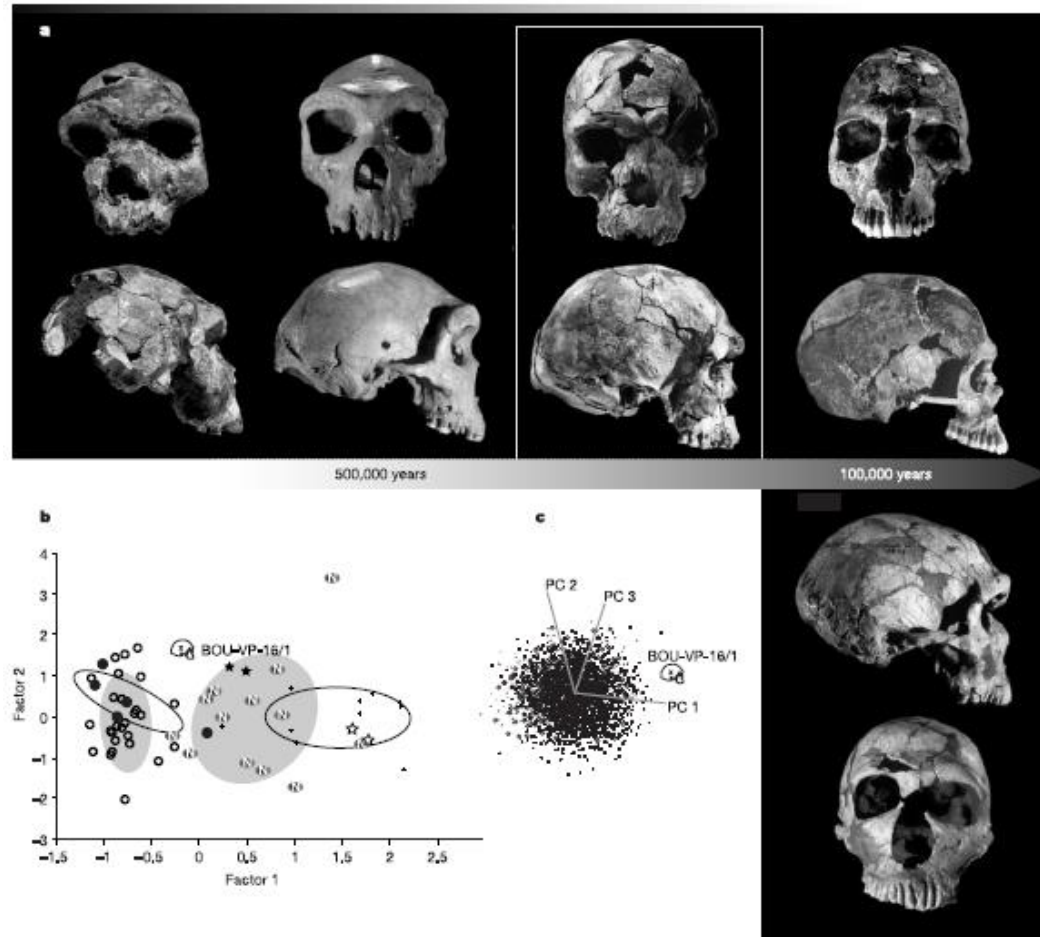
*Naturaliter*: Te audacis naturæ miraculum, Animalium Principem, cujus  
cauſa cuncta genuit natura, eſſe animal ſens, ridens, melodum, loquens,  
docile, judicans, admirans, ſapientiſſimum; ſed fragile, nudum, ſuapte  
natura inerme, ad omnem fortunæ contumeliam projectum, alienæ opīs  
indigens, anxie mentis ſollicitæque rutilæ, precari ſpiritus, pertinacis  
ſpei, querule viæ, tardæ ſapientie. Temporis annihilari æmulum in vita  
volueri, præſentis vividæ diſtinctorem, futuri dubii æſtimatorem in vita  
talibus ævi prima fugit; alium ad quotidianum opus laborioſa Egeitas  
vocat; alium Luxus incarecet. Altitemque ſuffocet; alium Ambitio num-  
quam quieſca ſollicitat; alius Divitiis, quas optaverat, meruit, & voto la-  
boræ ſuo; alium Solitudo, alium ſemper veſtibulum obſidens turba.  
Hic ſe habere dicit Liberos, hic ſe perdidit; Lacrymæ nobis deerunt  
antequam cauſa dolendi. Sed quonſque nos malos noſtra mala rapere:  
circumferre porcuia, tu te in ignotos, iratos ſine injuria, ſerarum more  
occidere quem non oderimus, ſecundos oprate ventros, quorum felicitas  
eſt ad bella p rittere; pauum videlicet ad mortes noſtras terra late pater,  
*Senec. Cætera* animantia congregari contra diſſimilia, *at Homini* plurima ex bo-  
mine mala *Plin.*

*Politice*: Te recti loco tenere errorem publicum ſactum, qui te vix exitum  
conſuetudinis larva induit, nutrit, educat, alit, regit, ſecundum quem  
honestus, fortis, ſapiens, moratus, pius exitimaris; Cum gubernatus Op-  
tione vivas ad Conſuetudinem, nec ad Rationem. Te, inter perituros  
conſtitutum, cum nulli centigit impune naſci, beneficii loco petere, ut  
ultimus cervicem præbeas, dum interim, dulci fortuna ebrius, colligen-  
do in craſtinum Lapillos fortunæ certos, verbis in furorem ageris, aliter  
theoreticæ pios odio perſequeris, quonſque tumultus excitas, non ut ſer-  
vies, ſed cui; nugis irrevocabile tempus conſumis; immortalia æternæque  
animo voluſas, de ſeris nepotibus pronepotibusque diſponis, novas ſpes  
oblitus conditionis Tue ponis, cum interea longa conantem mors op-  
primit, at in agone oculis ſperiens (ἀνδραγός) ſomnium primo  
obſervas; Sic vivimus ut immortales & morimur ut mortales. *Senec.*

*Moraliter*: Te ſub rudi larva Ineptum, Læcivum, Imitatorem, Ambitioſum,  
Prodigum, Sollicitum, Aſtutum, Auſterum, Invidum, Avarum, transforma-  
ri in Attentum, Caſtum, Conſideratum, Modeſtum, Sobrium, Tranquil-  
lum, Sincrum, Mitem, Beneficum, ſuis Contentum. *Uni animantium*

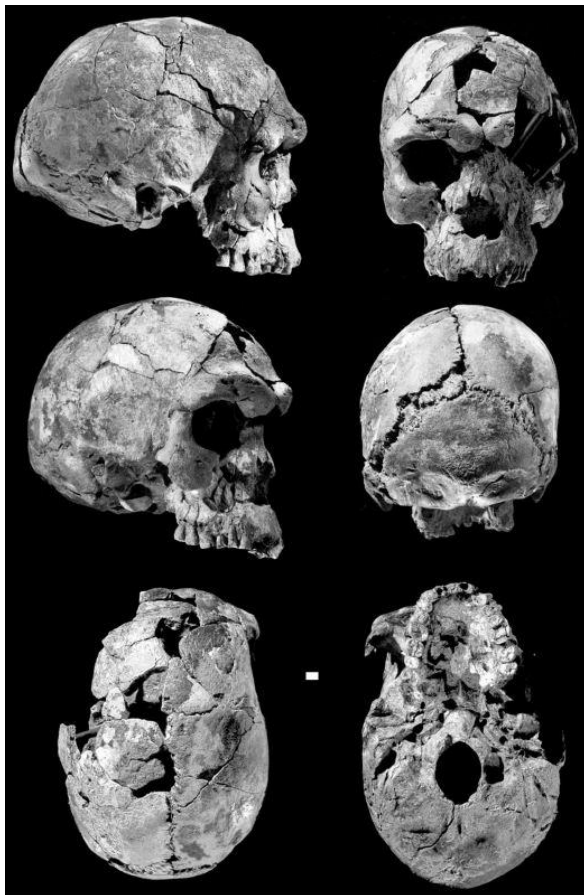


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## Methods

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

**Etymology.** The subspecies name 'idaltu' 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).

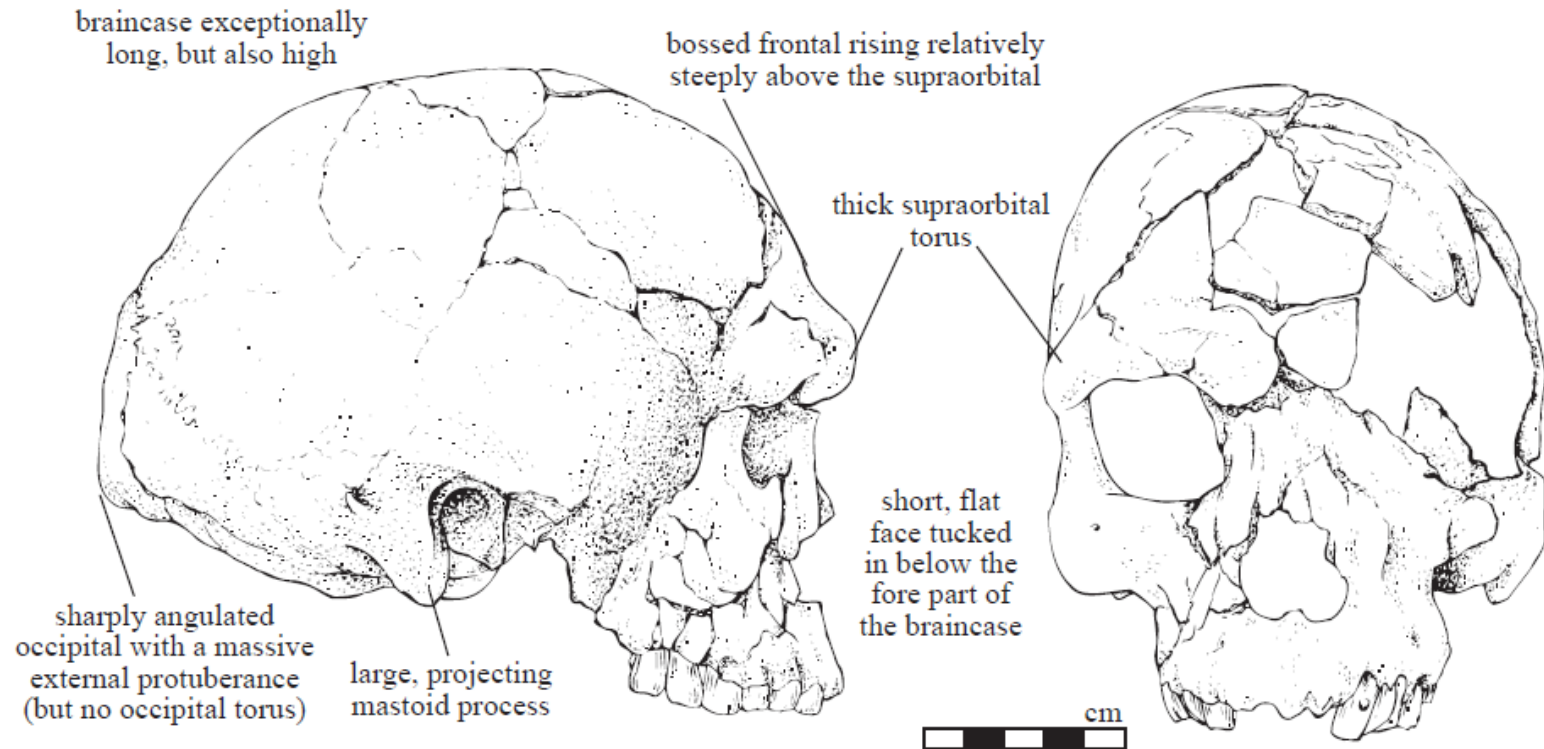
**Diagnosis.** On the limited available evidence, a subspecies of *Homo sapiens* distinguished from Holocene anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens sapiens*) by greater craniofacial robusticity, greater anterior-posterior cranial length, and large glenoid-to-occlusal plane distance. *Homo sapiens 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.

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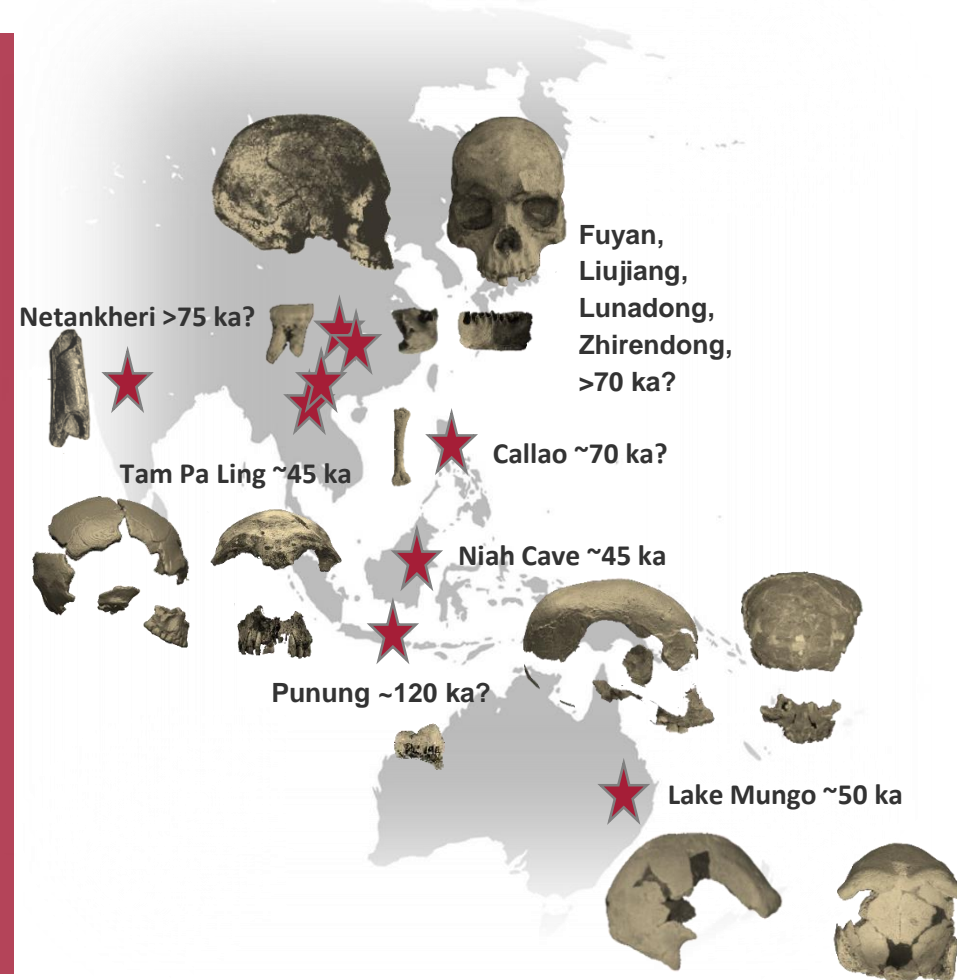


Herto BOU-VP-16/1

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## The fossil record of Eurasia and Australia

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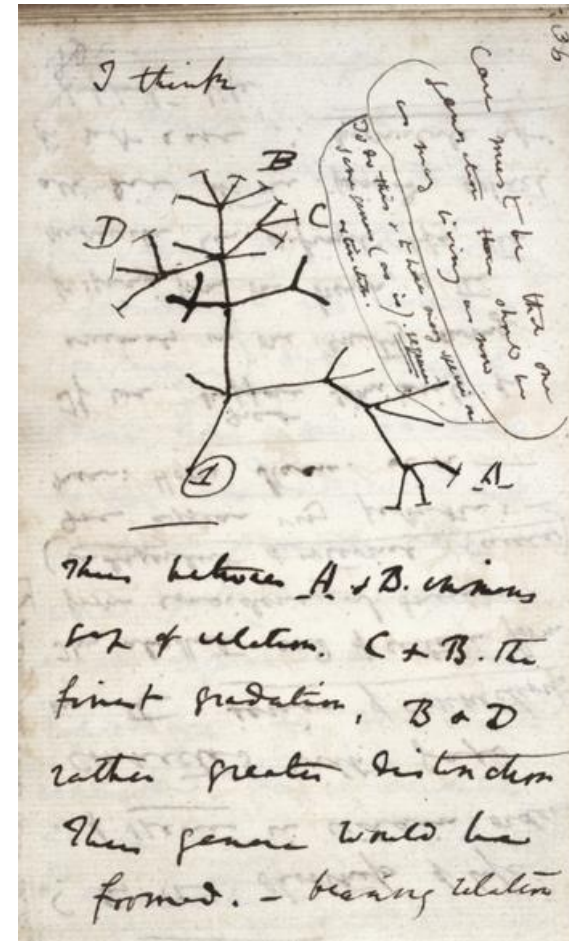
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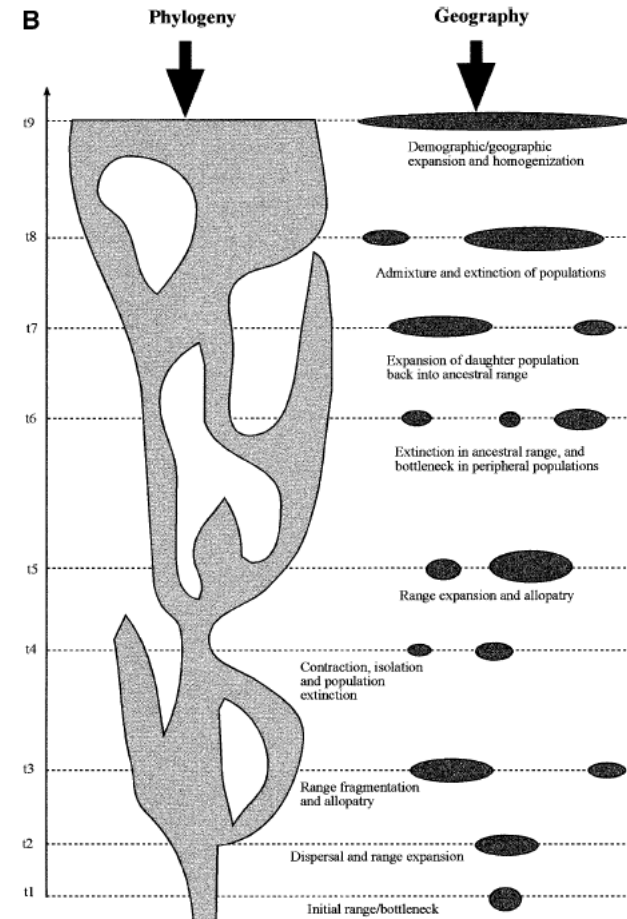






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- ❑ A population is bound by common external characters (ecological niche, behavior) that retain internal similarities
- ❑ A deme generally refers to a local population of a polytypic species that can interbreed with one another but retain a distinct gene pool
- ❑ When demes are isolated for a long time, they can become distinct subspecies
- ❑ Geographical constraints are implicit

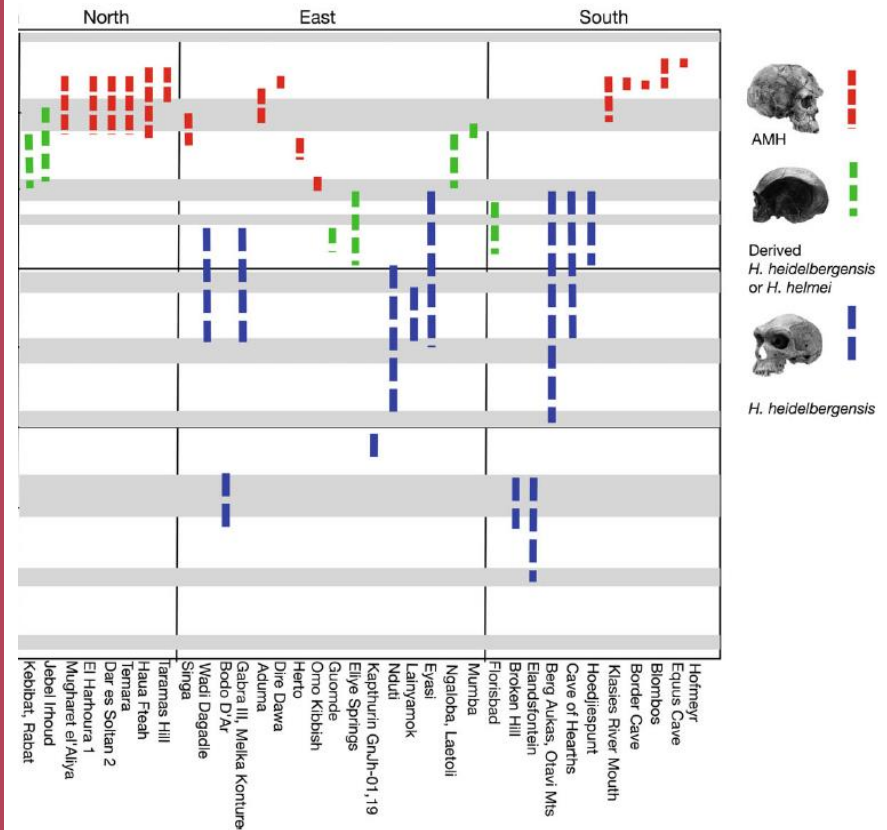


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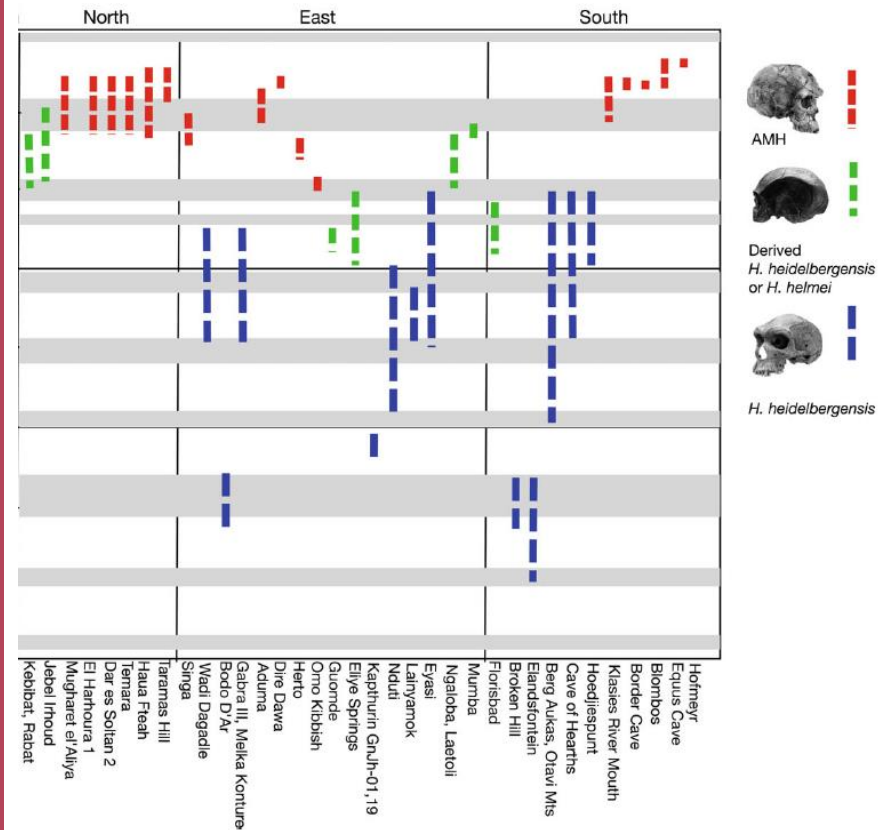


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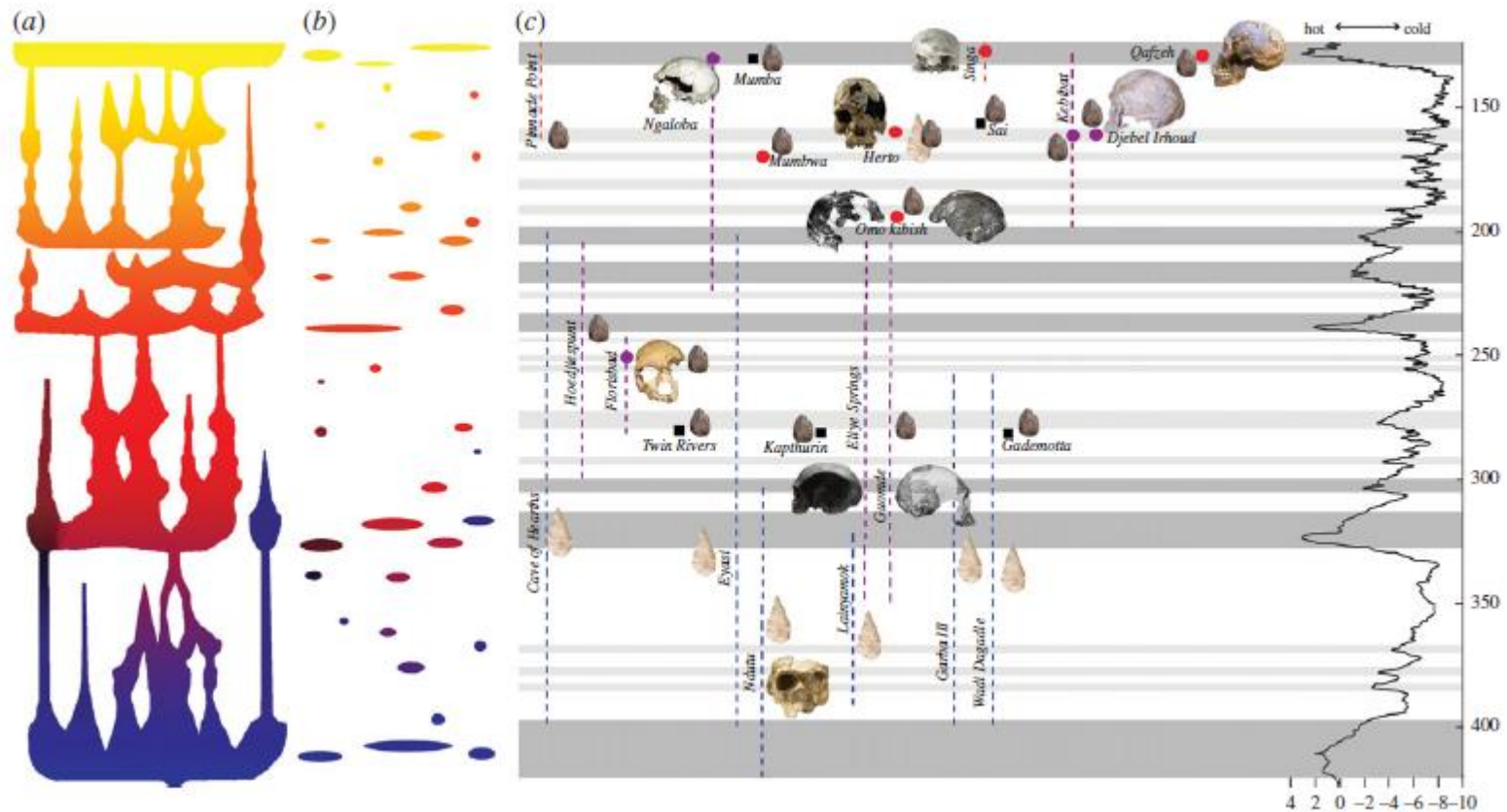
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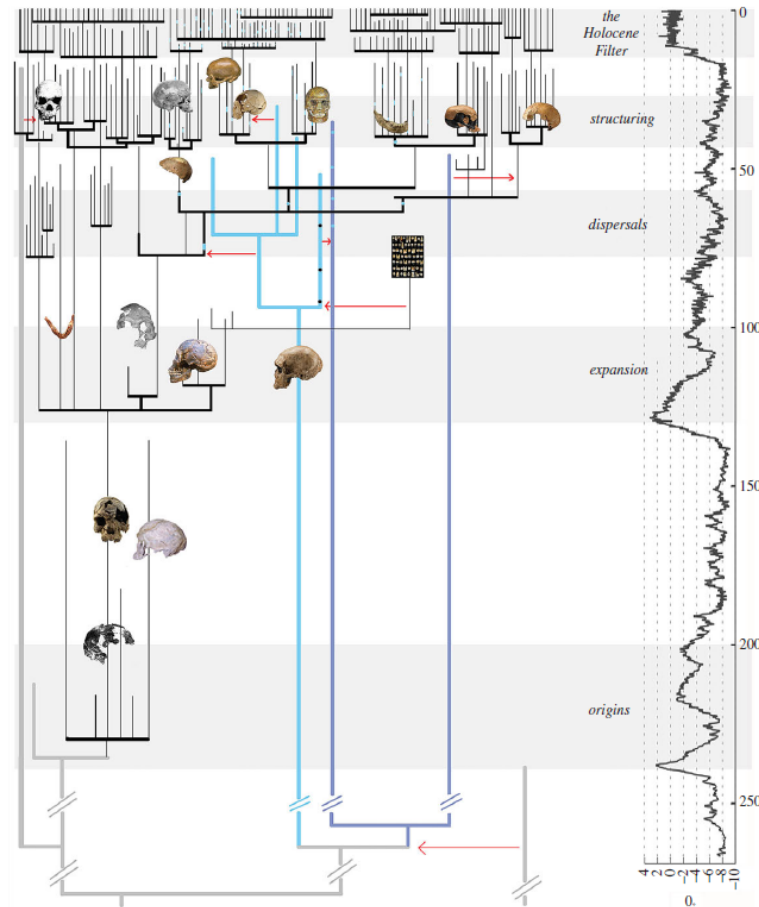
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## For next week's lecture:

- ❑ **Genomics of modern human origins**  
How does (ancient) DNA inform the debates on modern human origins?
- ❑ **Models of anthropogeny**  
What model of modern human origins is best supported with the current fossil and genomic evidence?
- ❑ **Modern human dispersals**  
When, how, and why did anatomically modern humans disperse out of Africa?



## DFG Center Colloquium TOMORROW

12:30-13:30

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University of Ferrara

**A new Approximate Bayesian Computation framework to  
distinguish among complex evolutionary models using  
complete genomes data**

