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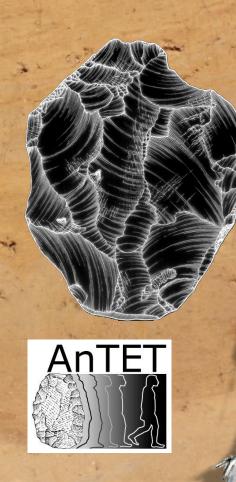
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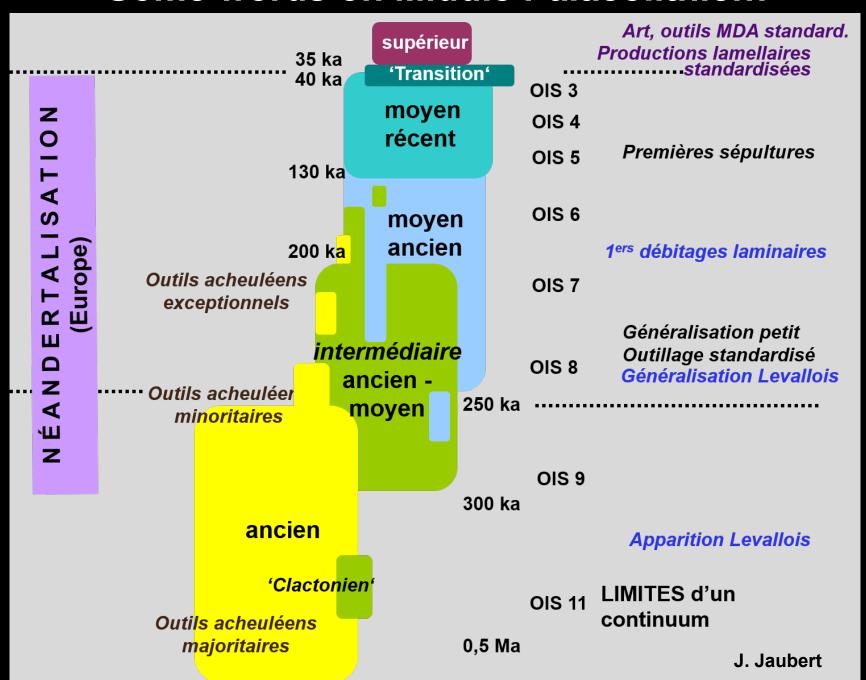




Some words on Middle Palaeolithic...



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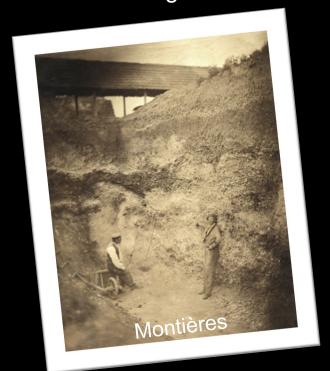


Before 1872 : pionneers' time

- 1808 : Les Peyrards, E. Requiem
 - 1815-16 : Combe-Grenal, Pech de l'Azé F. Jouannet
 - 1827 : grotte Tournal, BizeF. Tournal
 - 1831 : terrasses de la Somme
 J. Boucher de Perthes
 - 1865 : grottes de La Chaise abbés Bourgeois et Delaunay

1861 - 1872 : the time of recognition

- 1863-64 : É. Lartet fouille au Moustier :
 âge de Saint-Acheul et du Moustier
 - 1867 : chronologie relative de
 G. de Mortillet (M.A.N.)
 - 1872 : Classification des diverses périodes de l'Âge de la Pierre : Mo(u)stérien





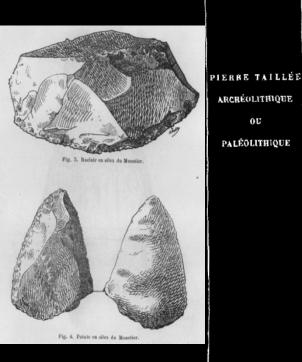
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DIVERSES PÉRIODES DE L'AGE DE LA PIERRE

2° Epoque du Moustier, caractérisée par des pointes de pierre retaillées d'un seul côté (fig. 4) et par de grands racloirs (fig. 3). Le véritable grattoir fait défaut. L'industrie de cette époque se rencontre dans les alluvions quaternaires des bas niveaux, dans des brèches, des stations en plein air et des grottes;



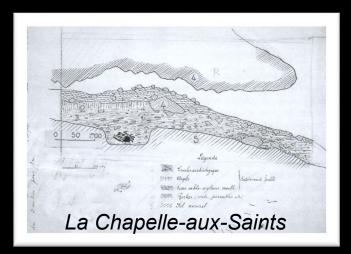
PIERR

ein air	ein air et des grottes;									
		Stations à l'air libre, abris et grottes :Solutré [Saône- et-Loire] ; Laugerie-Haute , Badegols, Saint-Martin d'Excideuil [Dordogne].	CLIMAT FROID ET SEC	Homme brach céphale et mésa céphale, se rapp chant de nos rac actuelles. La Lesse, Cr Magnon, Laugeri Basse, Baouss Roussé, Solui (partie).						
QUEMENT	Pointes de silex retaillées d'un seul côté et racloirs.	Grottes et stations en plein air: Moustier [Dordogne]; Chcz-Pouré [Corrèze]; la Martimère et l'Ermitage [Vienne]; la Mère-Grand [Saône-et-Loire]; Buoux [Vaucluse]; Néron [Ardèche]; Goudenans-les-Moulins:[Doubs]; Cœuvres [Aisne]; Brèches de Genay et Ménétreux-le-Pitois [Côte-d'Or]; Alluvions des bas niveaux: Grenelle, Levallois, Clichy [Seine]; le Pecq [Seine-et-Oise]; Montguillain [Oise].	GLACIAIRE : CLIMAT FROID ET HUMIDE	Grand développe ment de l'ours d cavernes. Rhinocéros, Homme dolichoc phale, type asse inférieur. Engis, l'Olmo						
	ACHEULÉEN Epoque de Saint- Acheul. TYPES: Grands instruments de pierre en forme d'amande. Fig. 1.	Alluvions des hauts niveaux: Saint-Acheul, Abbeville, Thenne [Somme]; Sotteville-les-Rouen [Seine-Inférieure]; Vaudricourt [Pas-de-Calais]; San-Isidro [Madrid]. Plateaux: Beaumont [Vienne]; Tilly [Allier]; La Ganterie [Côtes-du-Nord]; vallées de la Sausse et de la Ceillonne [Haute-Garonne].	PRÉGLACIAIRE:	Hippopotame. Eléphant antiqu Homme, typele p inférieur. Néanderthal, Egu heim, la Naulett Denise.						

1880 - 1915: the time of the glorious years

Multiplication of excavations and important discoveries:

- 1880 Külna (Tch.)
- 1895 Krapina (Croatie)
- 1905 Le Moustier (M. Bourlon)
- 1908 La Chapelle-aux-Saints
- 1908-14 abri inf du Moustier
- 1909 Pech de *l'Azé l*
- 1909 et suivantes La Ferrassie
- 1909 Abri Romaní (Esp) Tata (H)
- 1910-14 *El Castillo* (Esp)
- 1911 et suivantes La Quina
- 1913 Somme (V. Commont)
- 1916 « Micoquien » O. Hauser





Between the two WW:

Emergence of new fieldworks

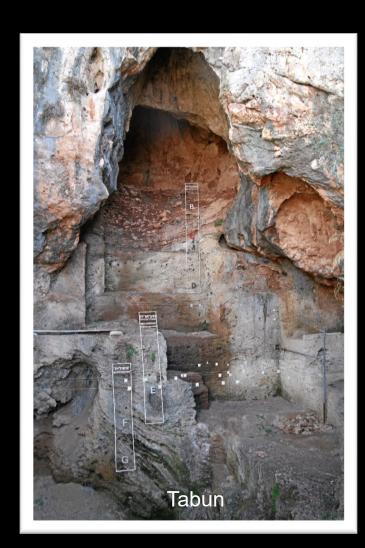
- ☐ Russie, Caucase, Asie Centrale
- Kiik Koba (Crimée) Bonch-Osmolovski
- Teshik-Tash (Uzb.) A.P. Okladnikov
- Moyen-Orient
- El Tabun D. Garrod
- Es-Skhul T.D. Mc Cown
- Qafzeh R. Neuville et M. Stékélis

Excavation of numerous reference sites:

- Mas-Viel (46), Mont-Dol (35), La Chaise (16)
- Pech de l'Azé (R.Vaufrey), La Micoque (D.Peyrony), abri Chadourne...
- Publications D. Peyrony: *Le Moustier* (1930), *La Micoque* (1938)
- => Moustérien de tradition acheuléenne, Moustérien typique

New sites, eponym regions:

• Szélétien, 1937 (I.L. Cervinka), Pontinien, 1939 (A. Blanc, Italie)

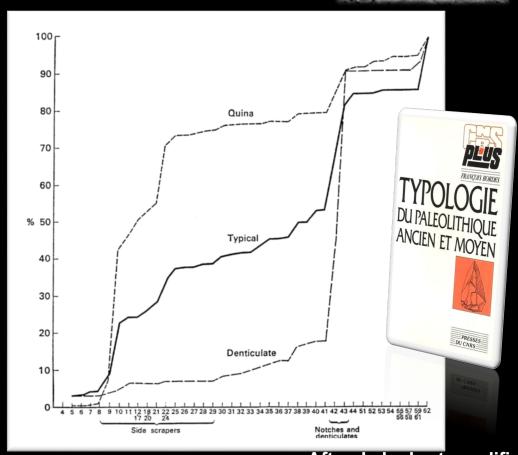


50-60's: « méthode Bordes »

François Bordes (1919-1981)



- L'Anthropologie, Société préhistorique française
- 1949 diagrammes cumulatifs
 Bordes
- 1950 : Évolution buissonnante du Moustérien
- => Charentien Quina, Ferrassie, Moustérien à denticulés
- 1950-52 Pech Azé
- 1953-65 *Combe-Grenal*
- 1953-65 *La Quina* (Henri-Martin)
- 1946-63 Grottes d'Arcy
- 1957 Sites méditerranéens H. de Lumley (*Les Peyrards, Hortus...*)



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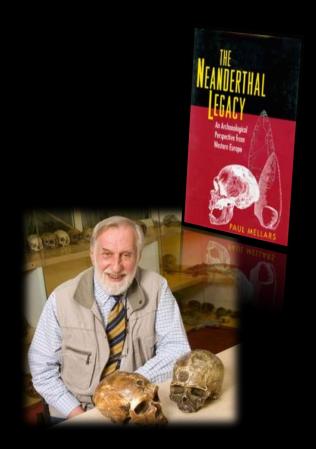
60's: theories and polemics' time

1950-60 F. Bordes 'cultural' thesis

1965-69 P. Mellars 'chronological' thesis

1966 : S. & L.R. Binford 'functional' thesis







70's: regional synthesis, monographs

Regional synthesis

J. Combier (Ardèche),

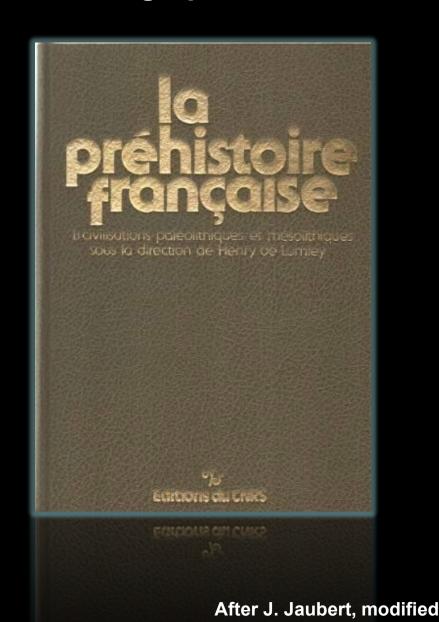
J.-M. Le Tensorer (Agenais),

A. Debénath (Charente),

A. Tuffreau (Nord),

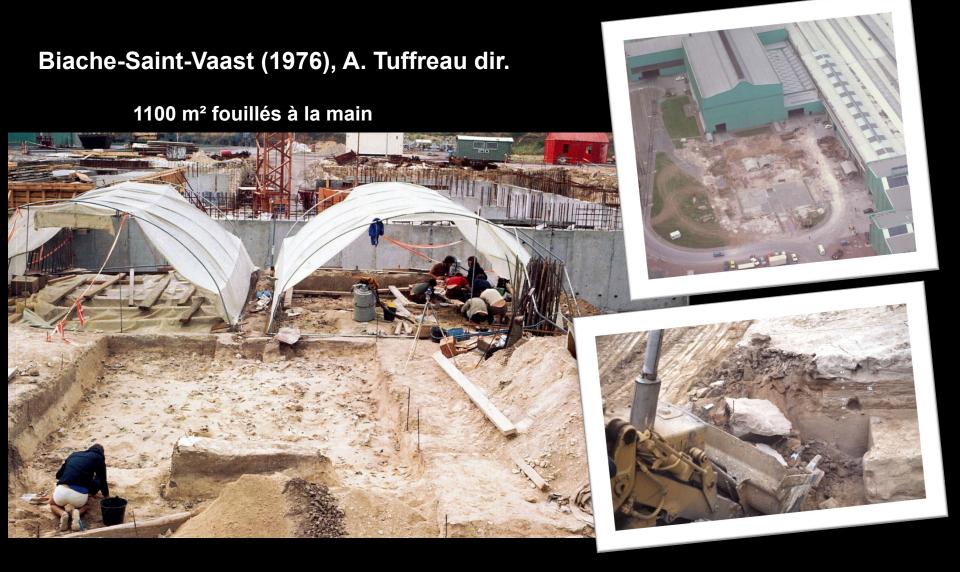
J.-L. Monnier (Bretagne)...

- Monographs
- Le Lazaret, 1969
- Hortus 1972
- **UISPP Nice 1976**
- New interpretations (USA)
- N. Rolland 1977
- H. Dibble 1984



From 70's: methodological turning points...

...emergence of rescue archaeology...



From 70's: methodological turning points...

... palaeodosimetric datings ...

Martin Aitken (1922-2017)



Yuji Yokoyama



Hélène Valladas



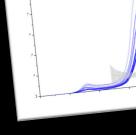


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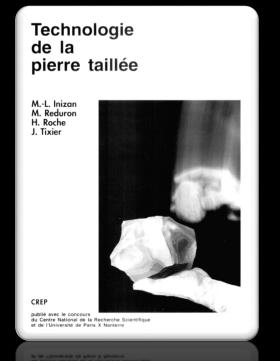
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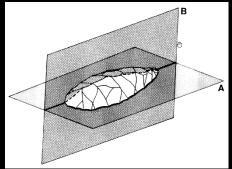


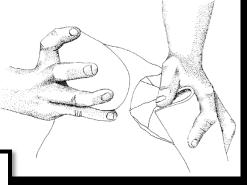
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From 70's: methodological turning points...

...emergence of lithic technological approach

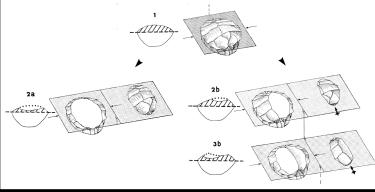








Jacques Tixier (1925-2018) & al.



E. Boëda. *Le concept Levallois : variabilité des méthodes,* 1994.

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Chapter 5

Diversity of Lithic Production Systems During the Middle Paleolithic in France

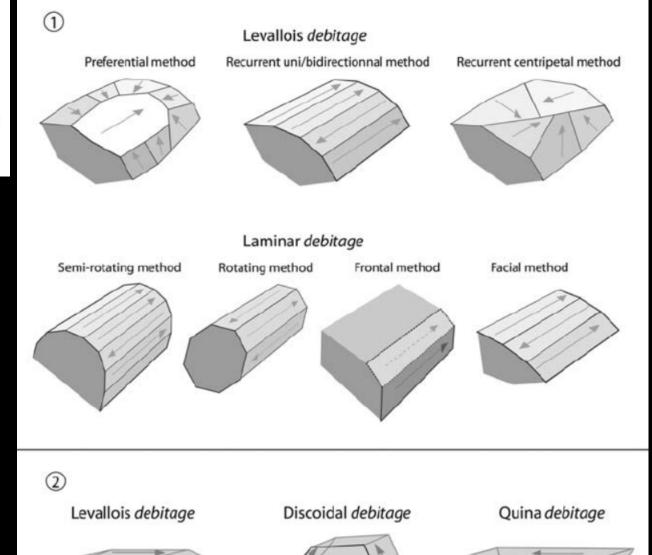
Are There Any Chronological Trends?

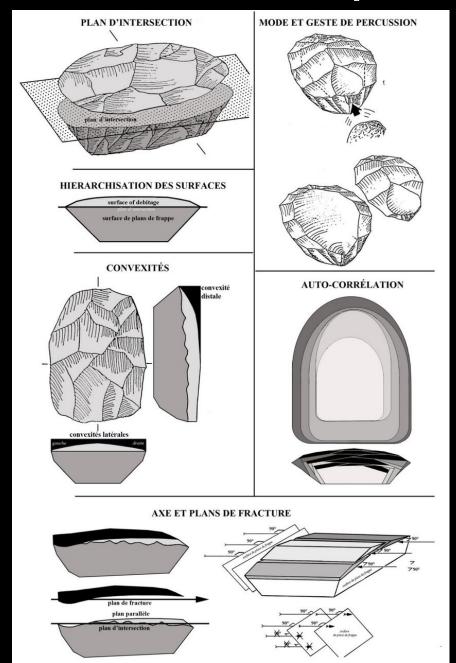
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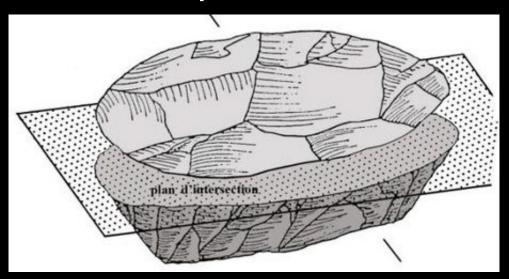
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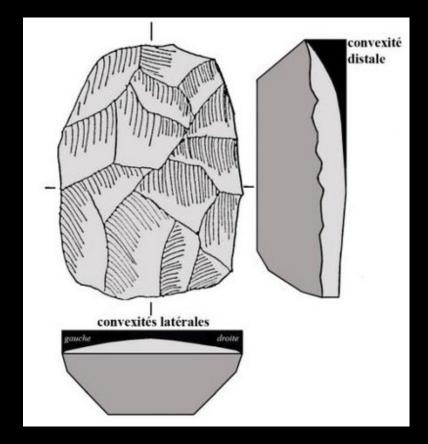
Criterion 1: plane of intersection



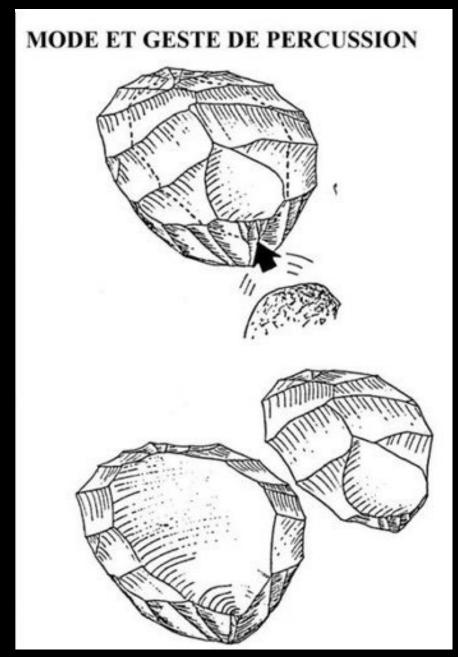
Criterion 2: hierarchically related surfaces



Criterion 3: predetermination with lateral and distal convexities



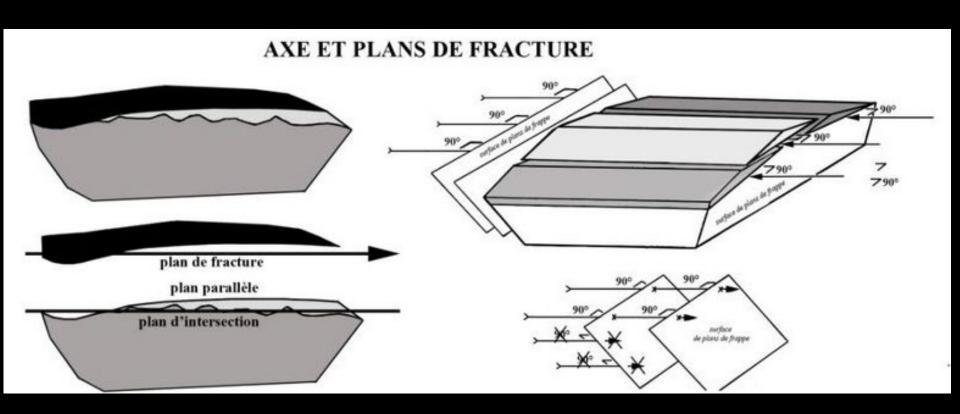
Boëda, 1994, Boëda, 2013



Criterion 4: direct, hard hammer percussion

Boëda, 1994, Boëda, 2013

Criterion 5: axes of percussion are perpendicular to the hinge





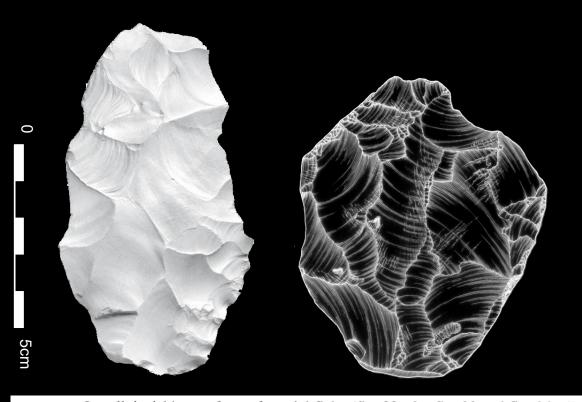
Criterion 6: auto-correlation

allows to:

- correct the accidents during the production phase
- maintain the predetermination criteria

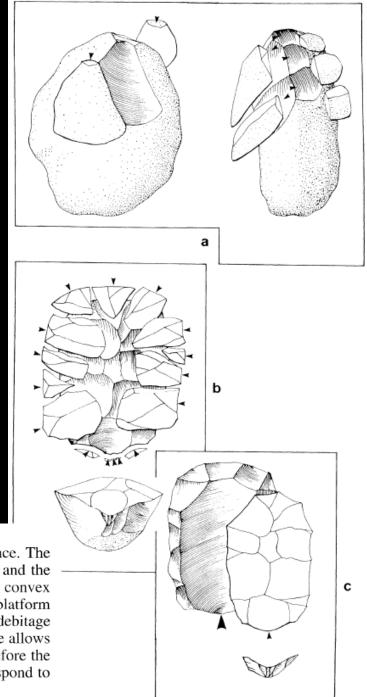
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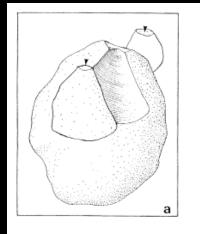
Method of initialisation: centripetal Method of production: preferential

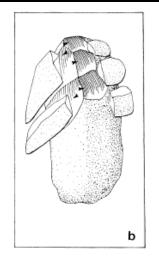


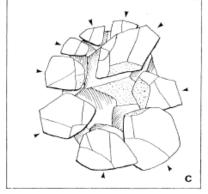
• Levallois debitage of a preferential flake (fig. 22 : 2a, fig. 23 and fig. 26 : 1)

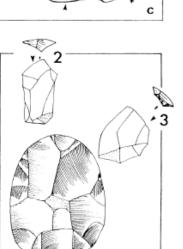
The aim is the manufacture of a single flake from each prepared debitage surface. The butt of the flake is small relative to the total surface that is in principle planned for it, and the flake spans most of the debitage surface. Figure 23a shows the creation of the two convex surfaces by means of centripetal removals, 23b showing the preparation of the striking platform (also carried out by means of centripetal removals) and the final shaping out of the debitage surface. In 23c, the Levallois flake removal operation is shown. If the volume of the core allows the manufacture of another flake, the entire process must be gone through once again before the second flake is removed. When within a single assemblage the products obtained correspond to a single flake for each prepared suface, the method is referred to as "lineal".

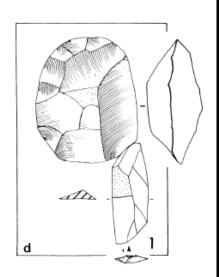




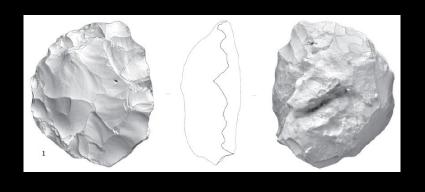








Method of initialisation: centripetal Method of production: recurrent centripetal





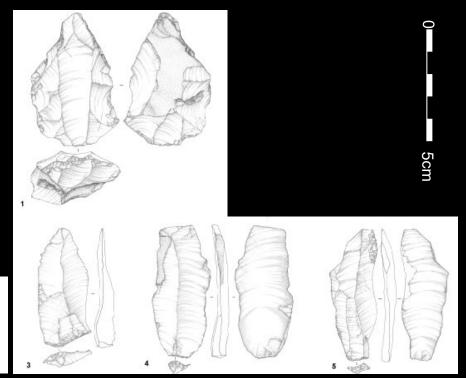
3. Recurrent centripetal Levallois method (fig. 24)

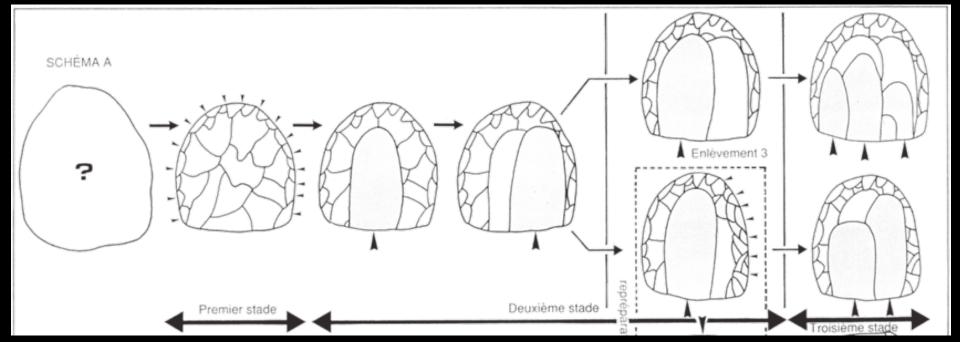
The margin of the entire surface selected as the striking platform can be used, but confusion must be avoided with discoidal debitage: the specifically Levallois character of the method lies in the debitage surface being exploited in such a way as to ensure that it remains always in the same debitage plane.

Method of initialisation: centripetal Method of production: recurrent unipolar

1. Recurrent unipolar Levallois method

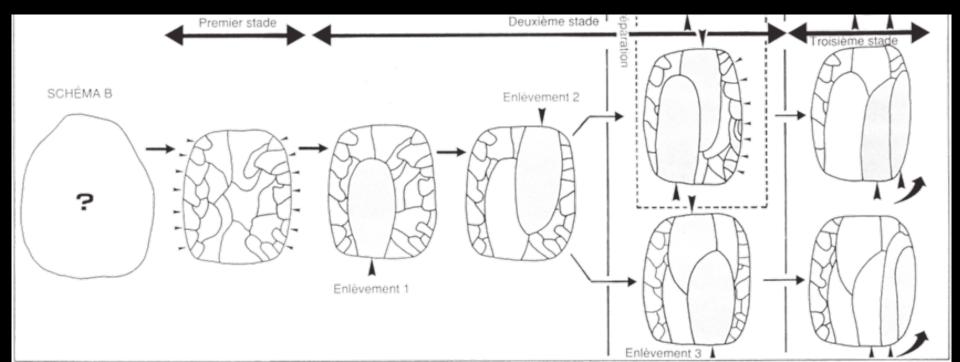
The flakes have a single direction of removal, and tend to be elongated. The striking platform is small. If the directions of the removals converge slightly, the flakes will be triangular in shape. Levallois points often proceed from this type of knapping scheme, and more rarely from bipolar preparation. Such a method is documented in the Sudano-Egyptian region 64 and in the Near East 65 for instance (fig. 26 : 2).





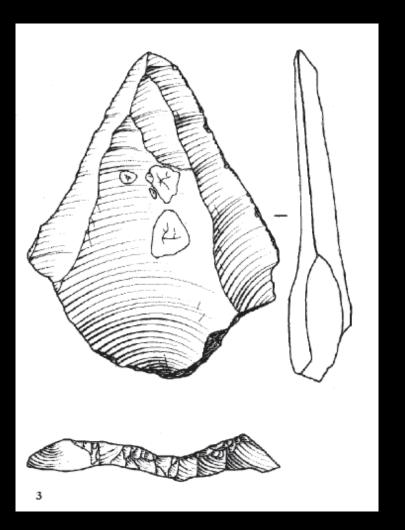
2. Recurrent bipolar Levallois method (fig. 22: 4b)

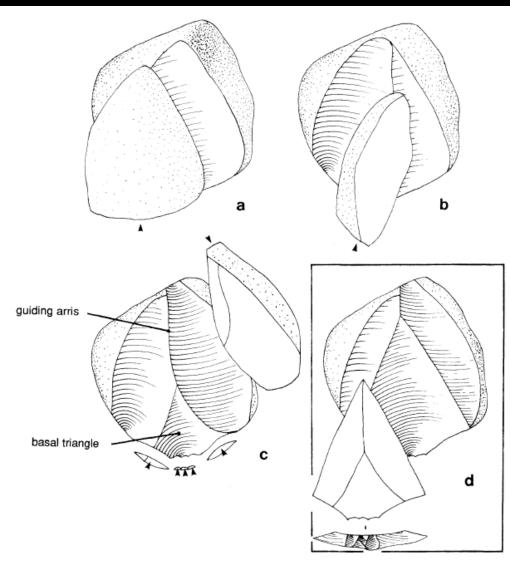
Flakes that originate from two opposed preferential striking platforms can be observed, the direction of removal being visible on the upper faces of the flakes. Levallois blades are traditionally achieved by means of such a method: it can be noted that in Levallois blade debitage, the ridges created by the intersection of the two convex surfaces do not serve as a crested blade (see under: blade debitage).





Method of initialisation: unipolar convergent Method of production: preferential



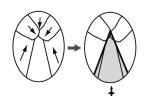


"Classical points"

PREPARATION PHASE

PRODUCTION PHASE

Modality B1



"Constructed points"

PRODUCTION PHASE

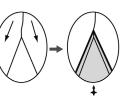
PREPARATION PHASE

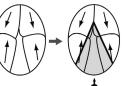
Modality B3

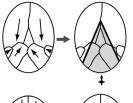
opposed unipolar preparation removals

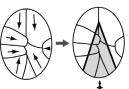
convergent unipolar preparation removals

bipolar preparation removals





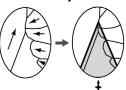


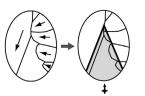


Modality B4

unipolar preparation removals + orthogonal removals

opposed unipolar preparation removals + orthogonal removals

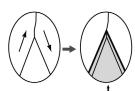


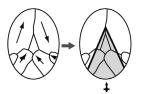


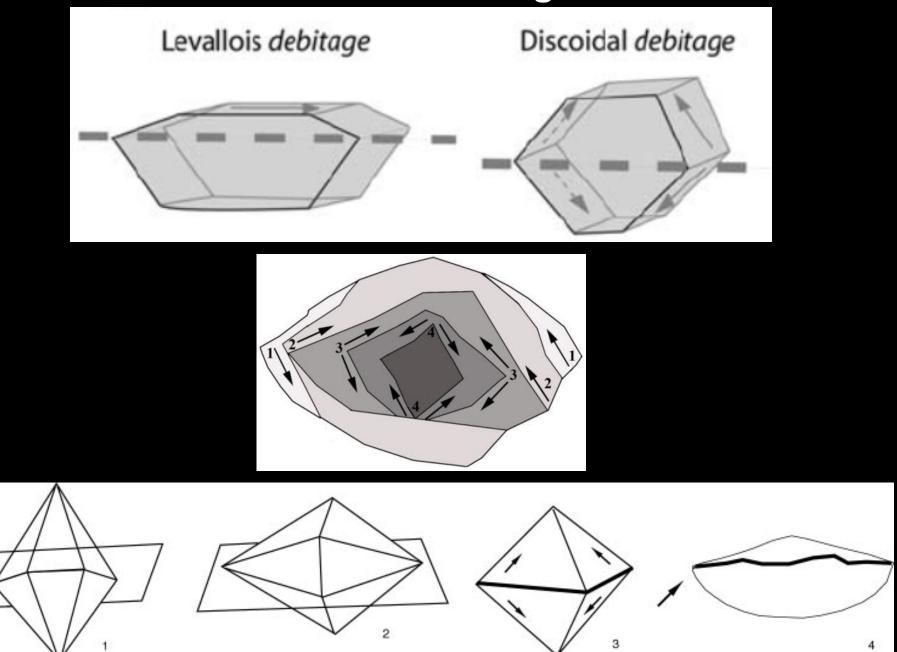
Rémy Crassard, Céline Thiébaut 2011

Modality B5

bidirectionnal preparation removals







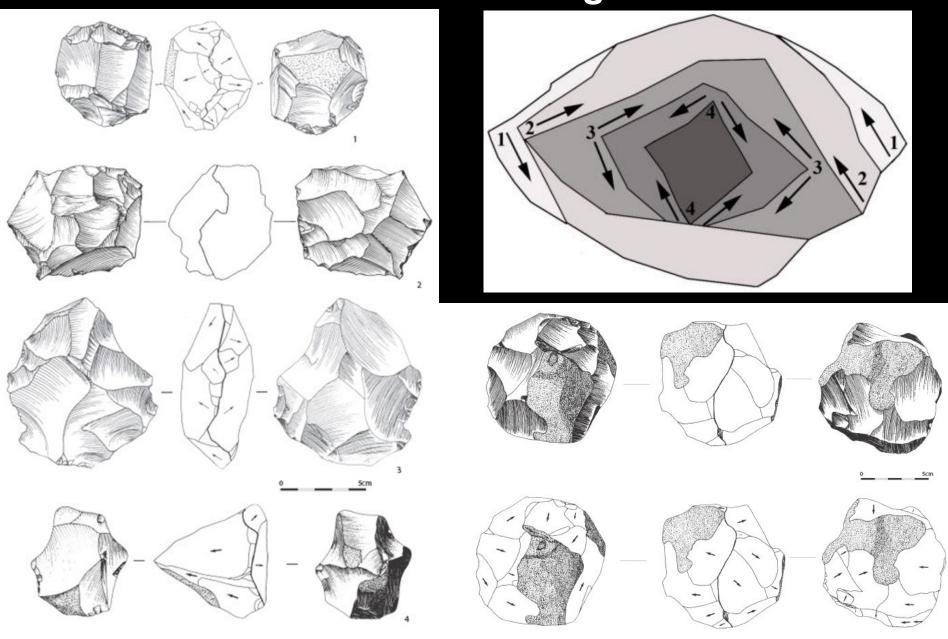
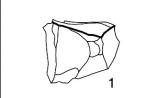


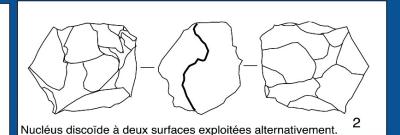
Planche 44: 1, à 3. Nudéus discoïde à deux surfaces convexes.

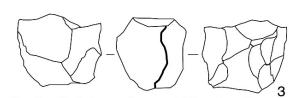
4. Nudéus discoïde présentant une surface assez plane ; la seconde est pyramidale.

Planche 45 : nucléus discoïde à deux surfaces convexes exploitées alternativement. Les plages corticales présentes sur les deux surface productives permettent d'estimer la morphologie initiale du bloc de sil ex.

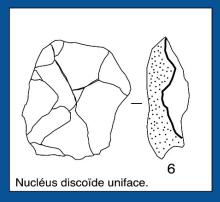


Nucléus discoïds à deux surfaces perpendiculaires.

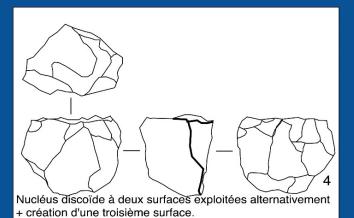




Nucléus discoïde à deux surfaces exploitées alternativement de forme pyramidale.

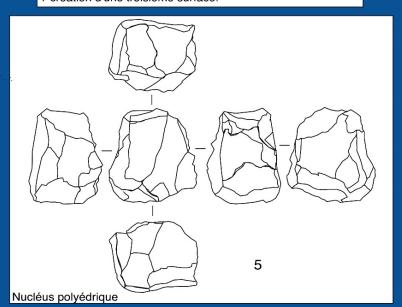




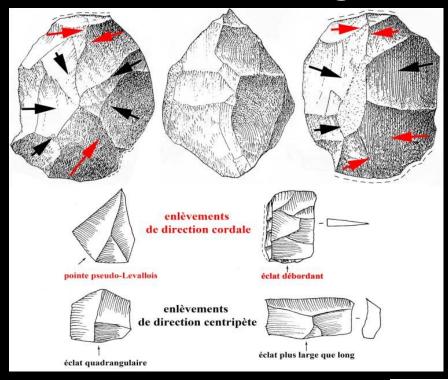




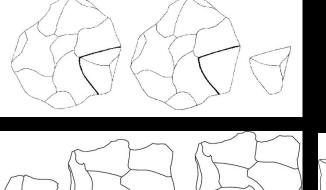
- 11 et 12. Eclats à dos.
- 13. Eclat à profil brisé.
- 14. Eclat régulier.
- 15. Eclat allongé.
- 16. Eclat large.

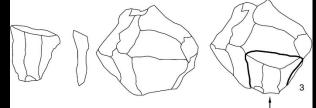


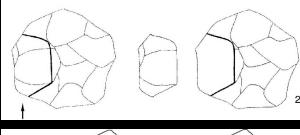
Locht 2004 Thèse

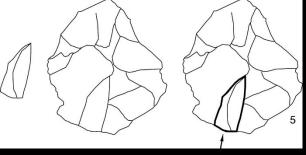


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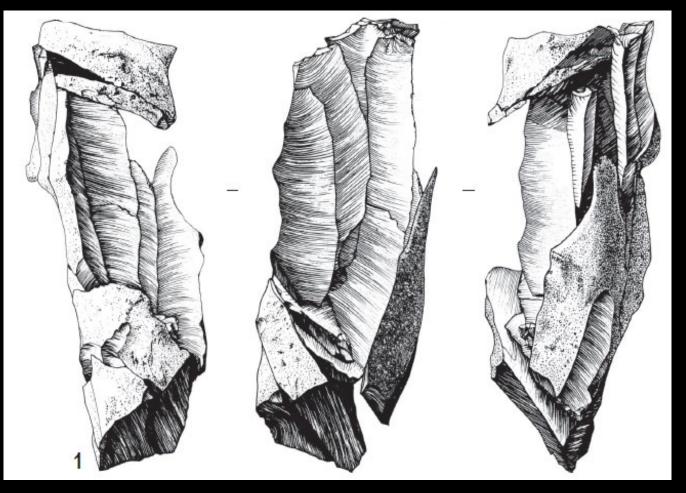


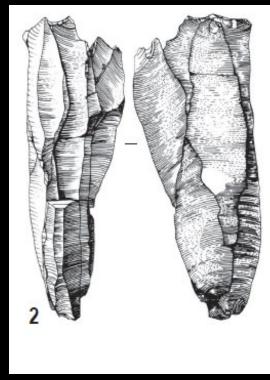


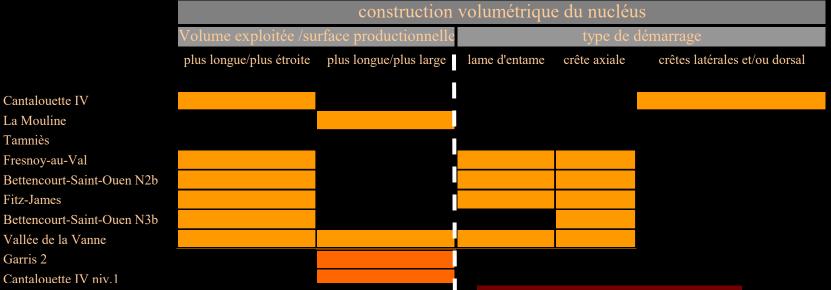


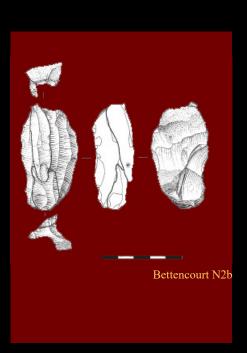
Blade debitage

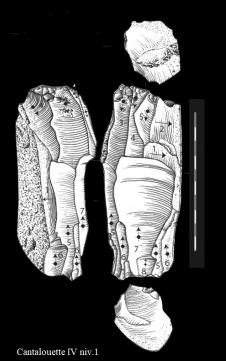
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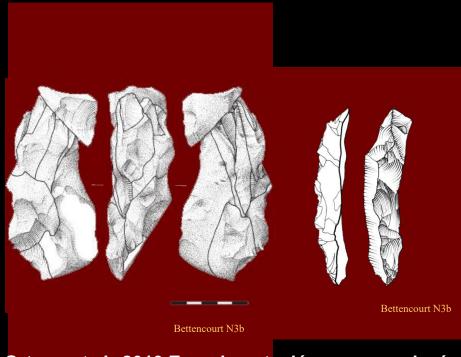






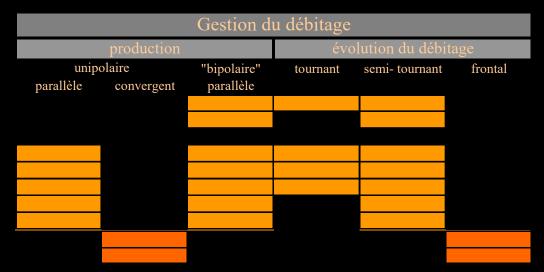


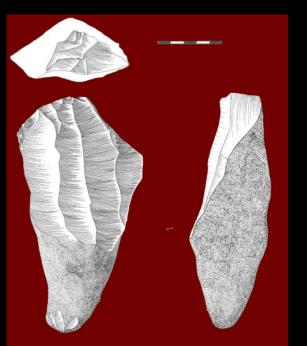


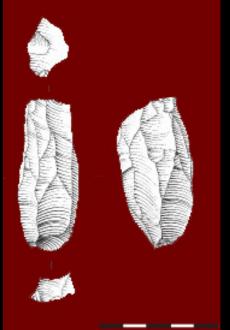


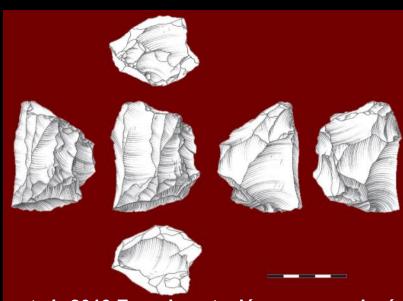
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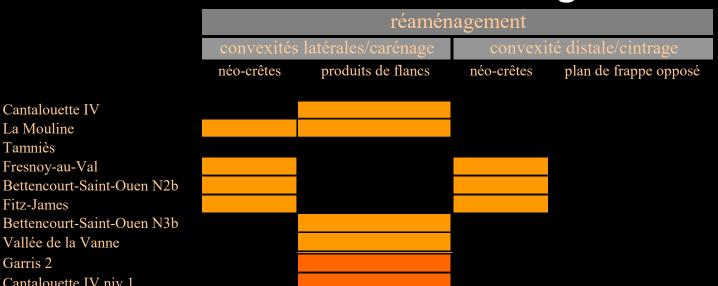








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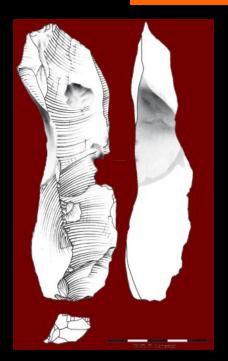
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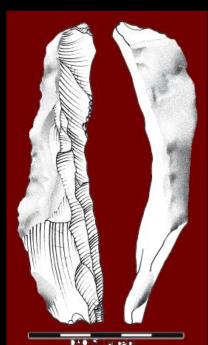
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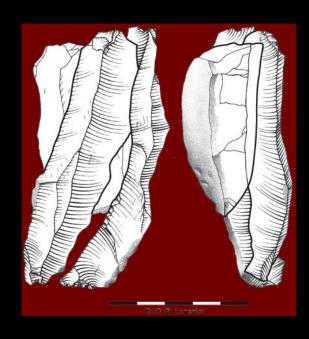
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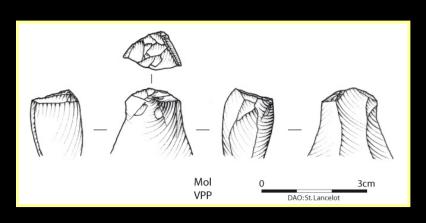




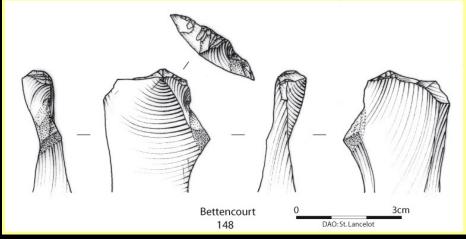


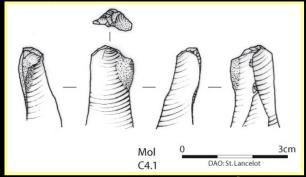
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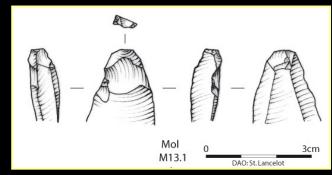
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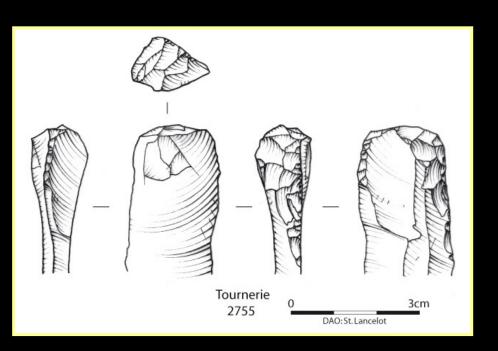




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Point de contacte recherché par le tailleur



Cantalouette IV La Mouline Tamniès Fresnoy-au-Val

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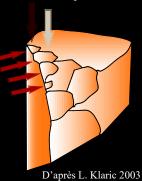
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Ajout d'un facettage latéralisé oblique Pour déplacer le futur point de contact Vers le centre de la table et/ou Renforcer la zone d'impact



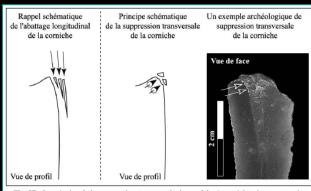
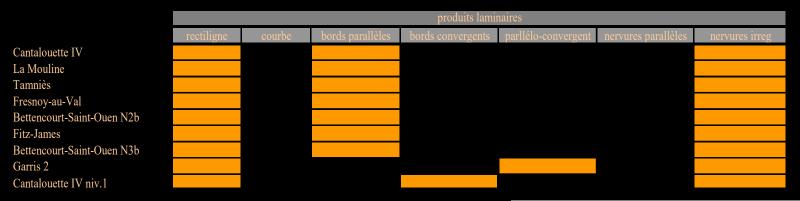
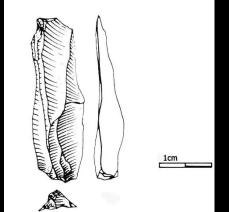
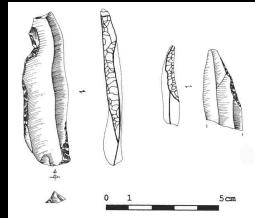


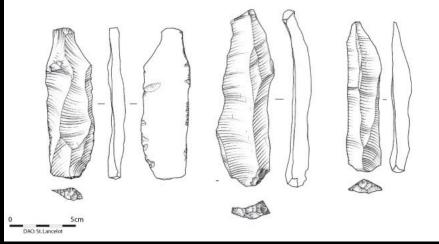
Fig. 37 - Le principe de la suppression transversale de corniche (peut s'obtenir par extraction de petits éclats et/ou abrasion transversale de la nervure)

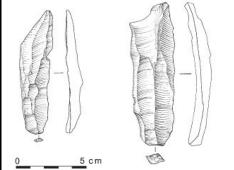
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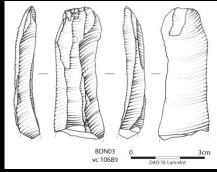












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Phénomène de réduction de la chaîne opératoire laminaire

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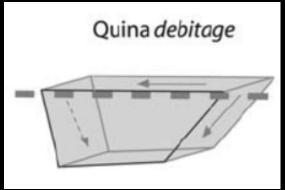


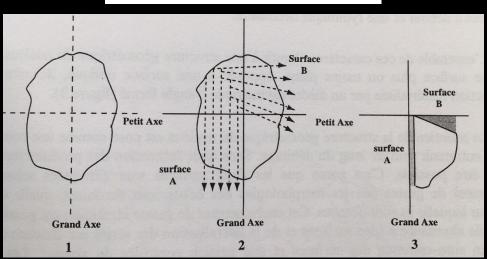


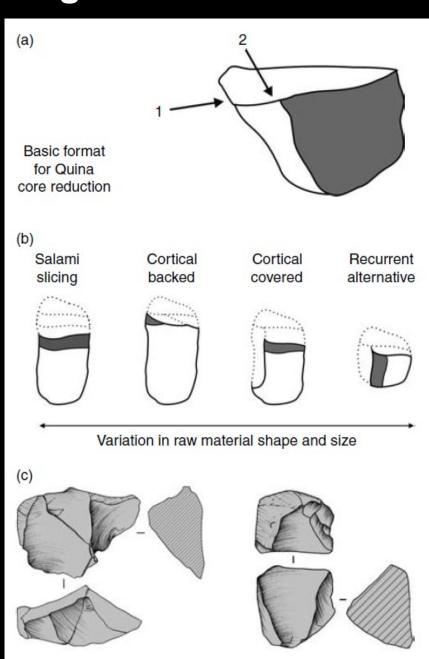
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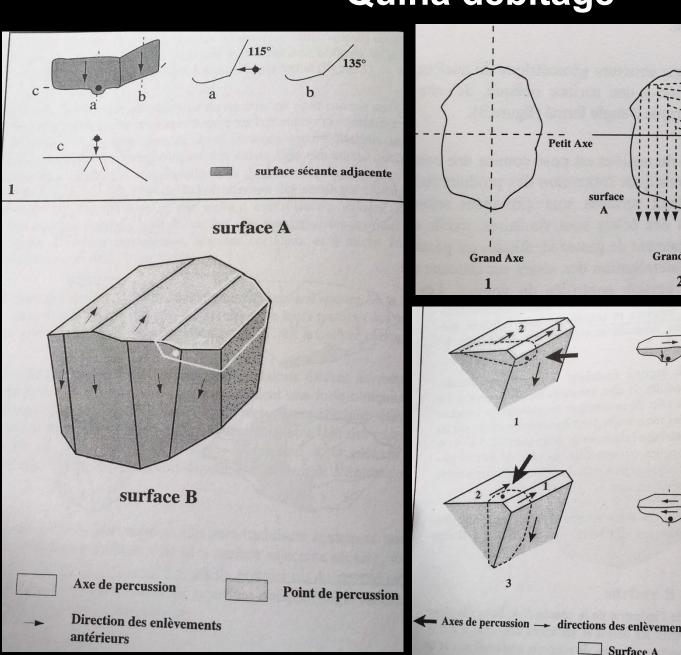
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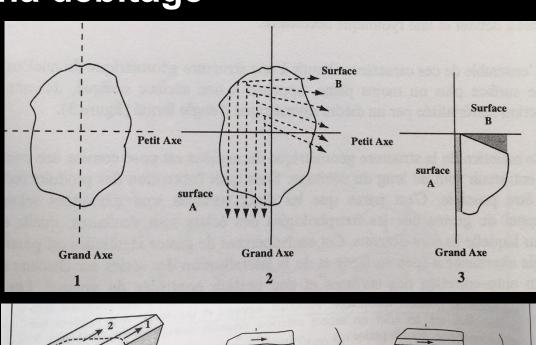
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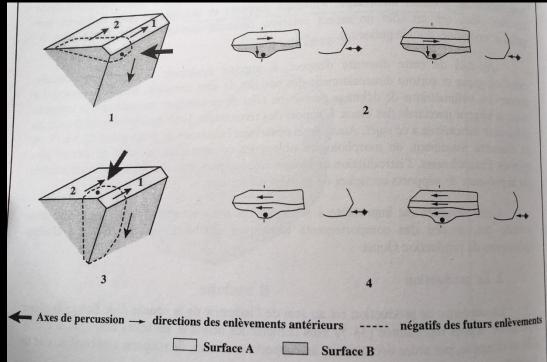


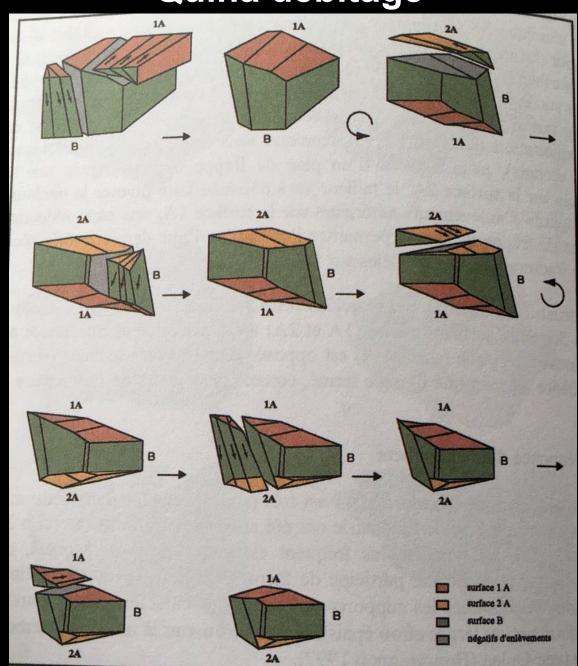












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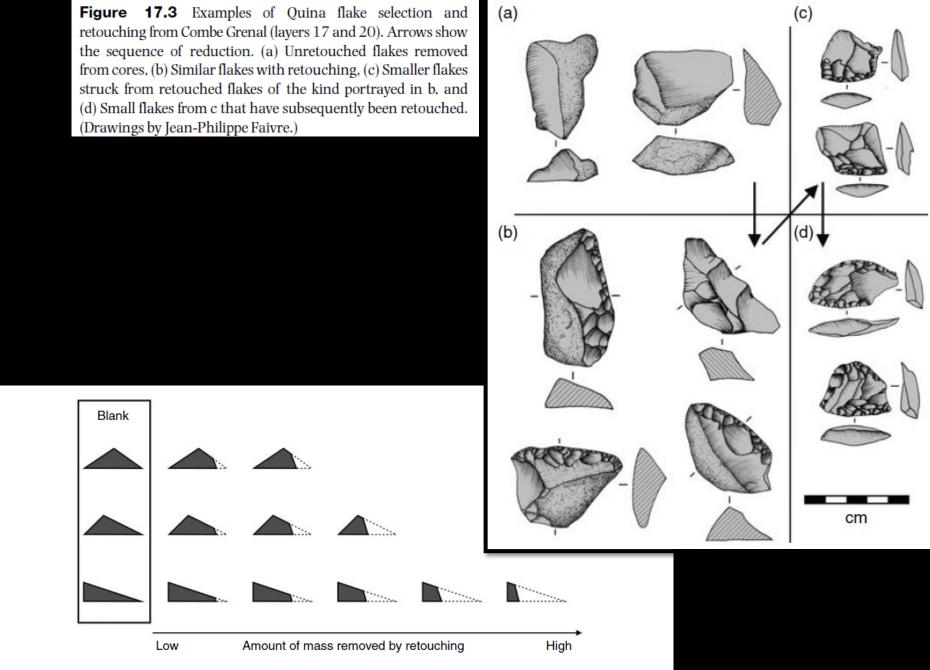


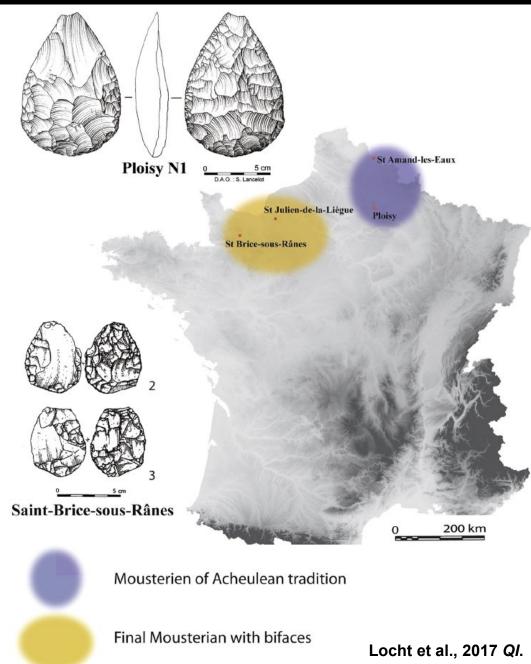
Figure 17.6 Notional illustration of the relationship of blank cross-section and extent of reduction for dorsally retouched Quina scrapers (after Turq 1992: Figure 6.2).

Saint-Amand-les-Eaux MIS 3 – 49 ka Ph. Feray dir.



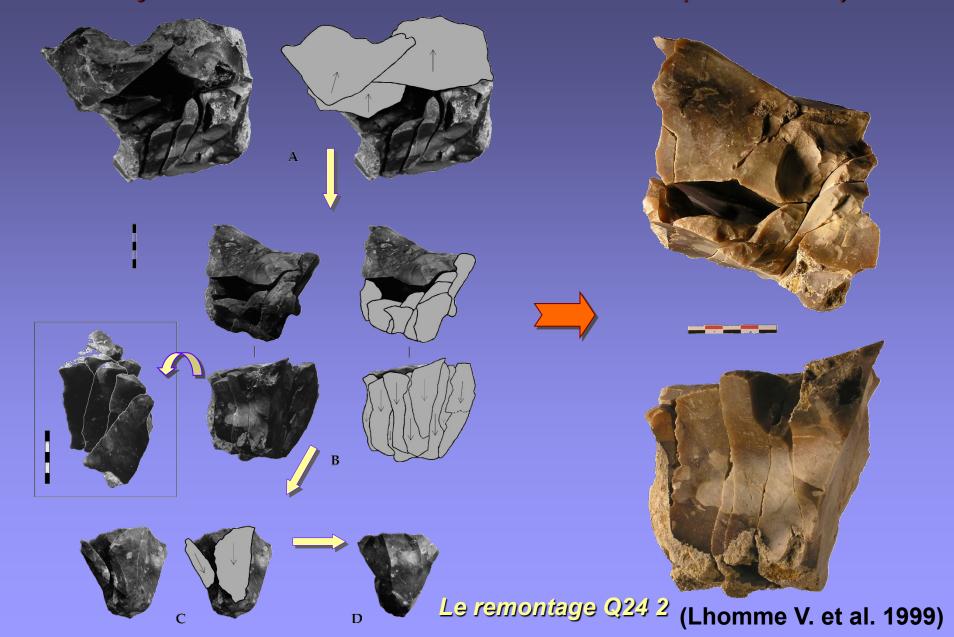


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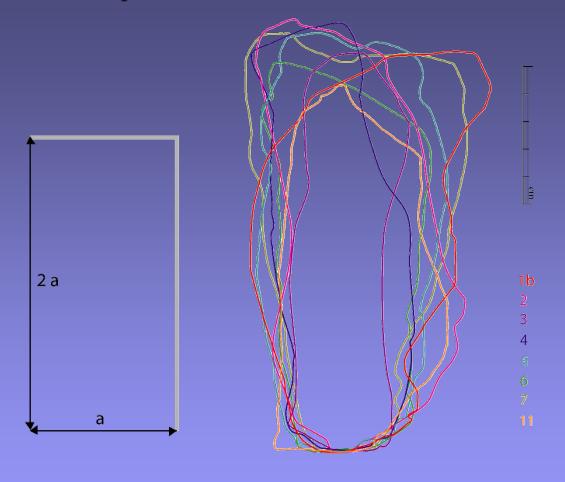


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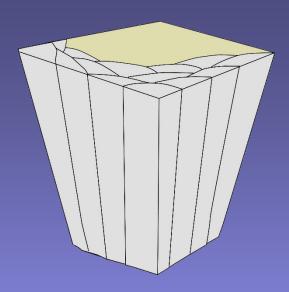
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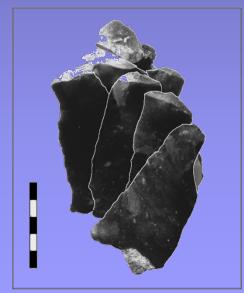


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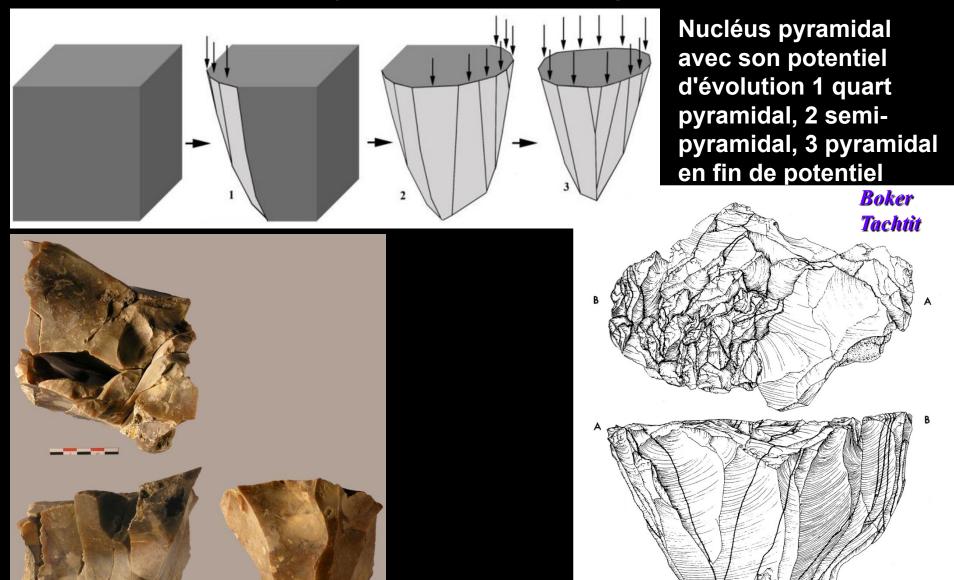
Production du nucléus Q24 2





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Pyramidal debitage



Marks, 1988

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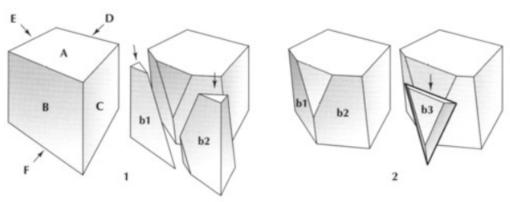


Fig. 48 – Débitage unipolaire convergent simple sur une surface (dessin P. Raymond).

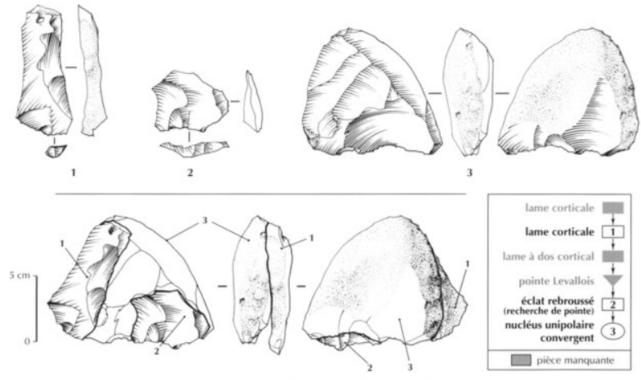


Fig. 49 - Remontage 11 (dessin P. Raymond).

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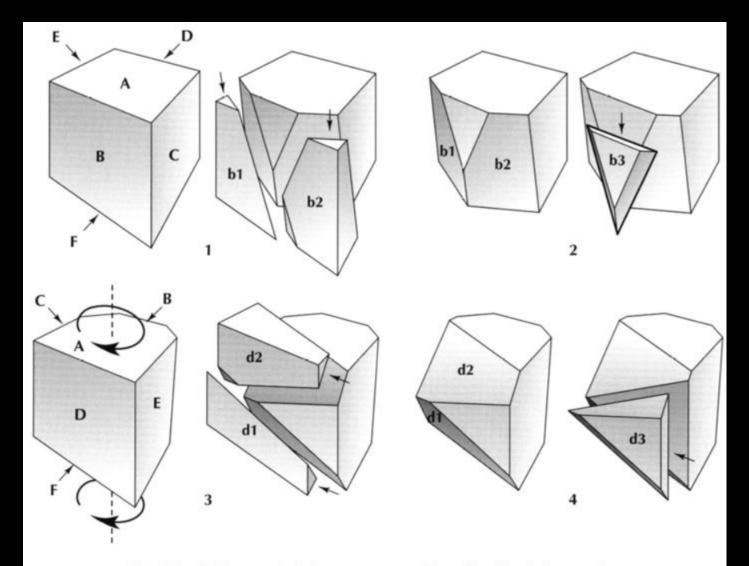


Fig. 54 – Débitage unipolaire convergent : schéma d'un bloc à deux surfaces s'inscrivant dans des plans parallèles (dessin P. Raymond).

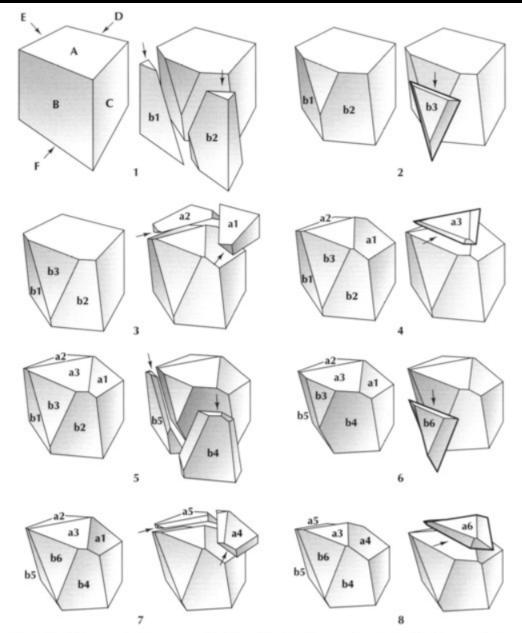
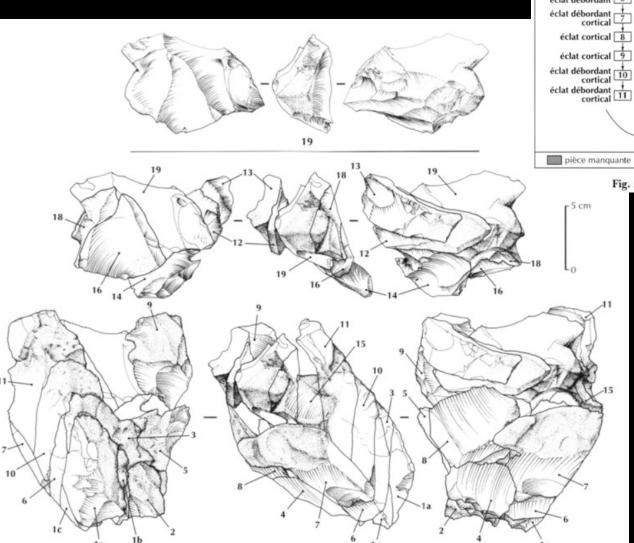


Fig. 57 – Débitage unipolaire convergent : schéma d'un bloc à deux surfaces perpendiculaires ou sécantes exploitées de façon alternative (dessin P. Raymond).



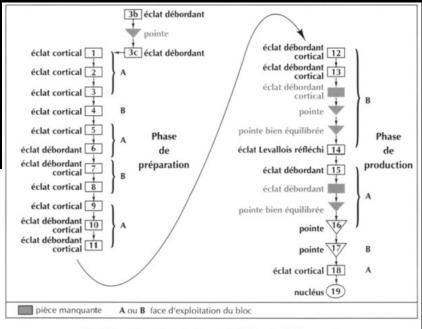


Fig. 59 – Remontage de l'ensemble 5 (dessin P. Raymond).

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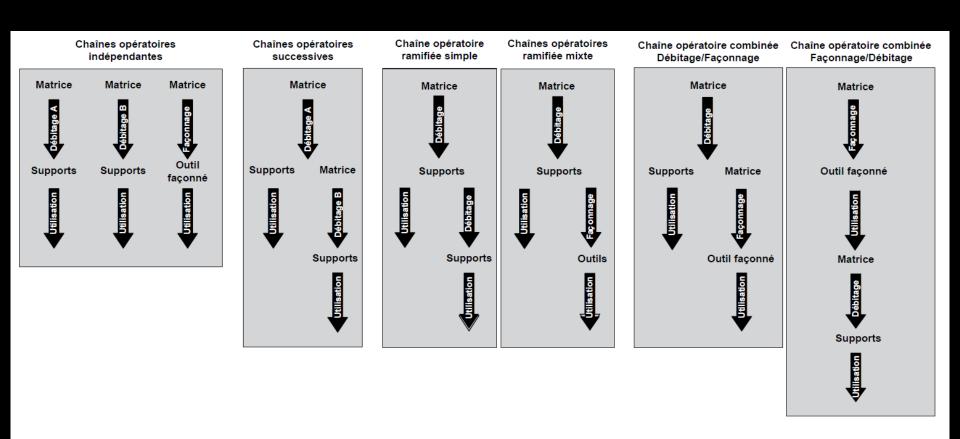
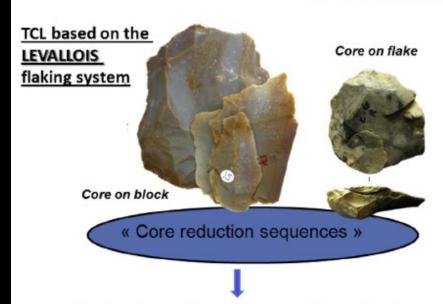


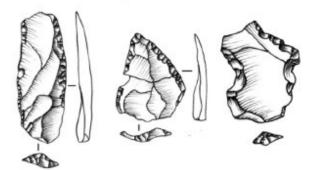
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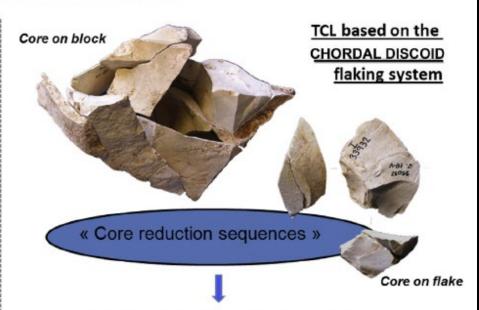


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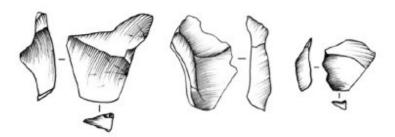


A wide range of retouched tools

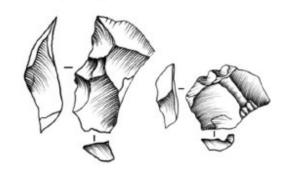


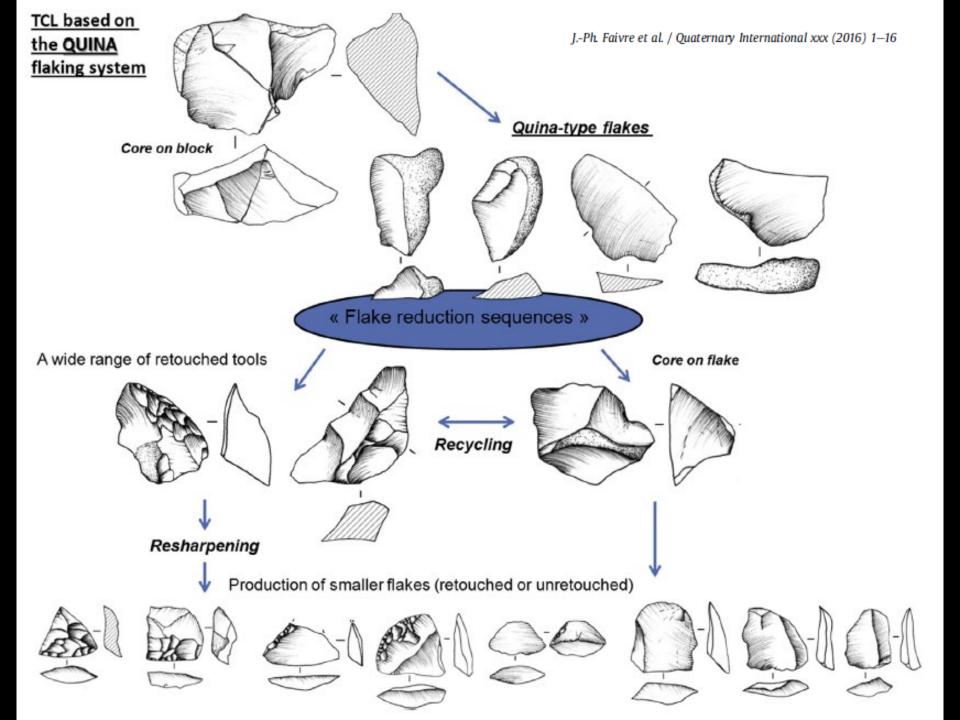


End-products with the same determined functional aspects



Few and poorly diversified retouched tools





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Champ Bossuet

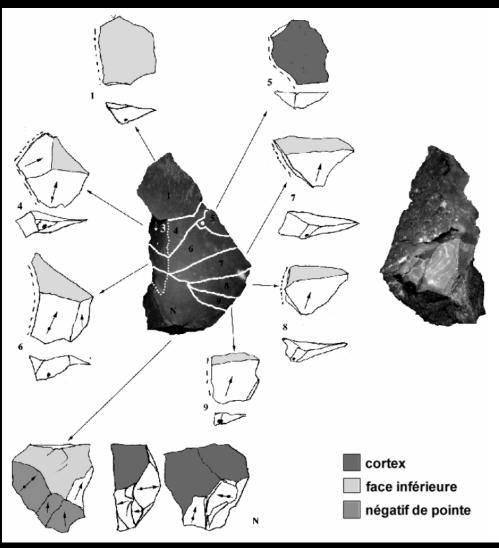
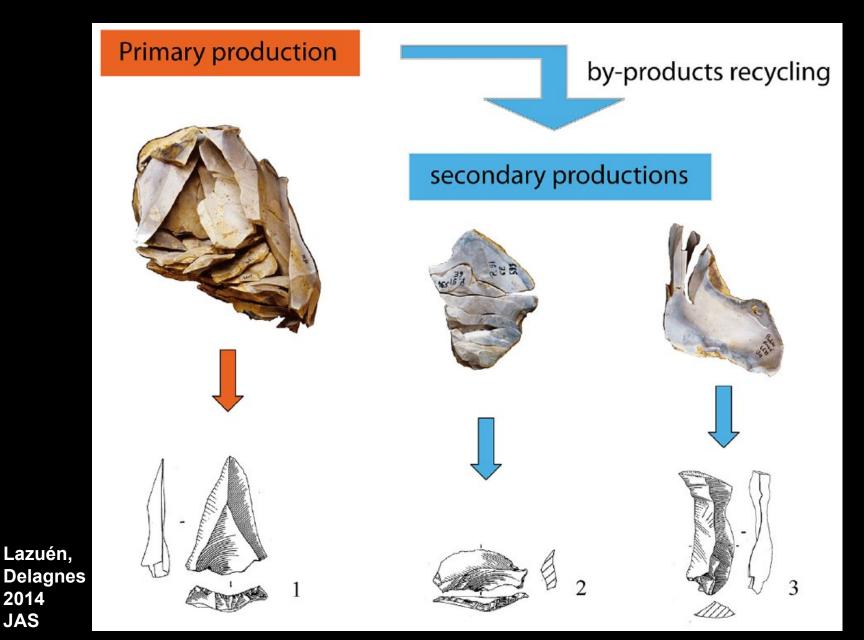


Figure 10 : Champ Bossuet (fouilles L. Bourguignon et I. Ortega) : pointes pseudo-Levallois de type Kombewa. En gris plage résiduelle de la face inférieure de l'éclat-nucléus (dessins M. Jarry).

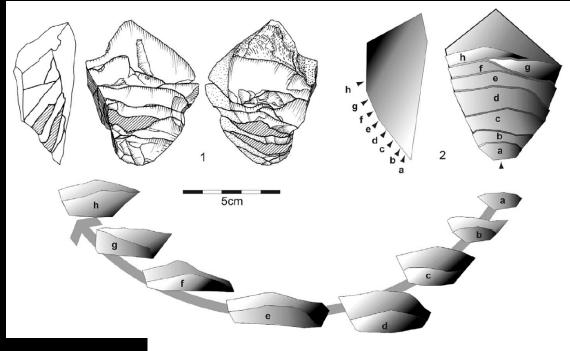
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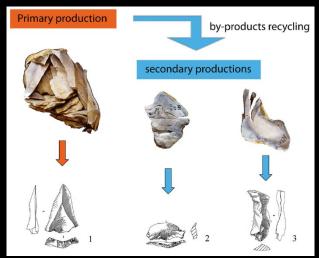
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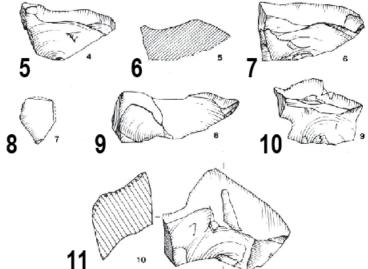


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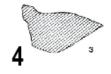




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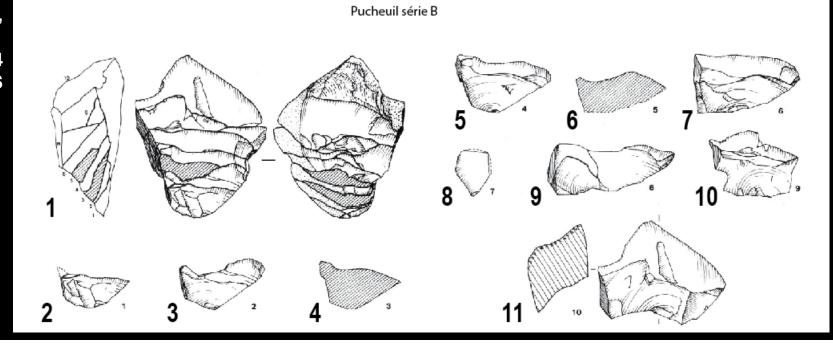


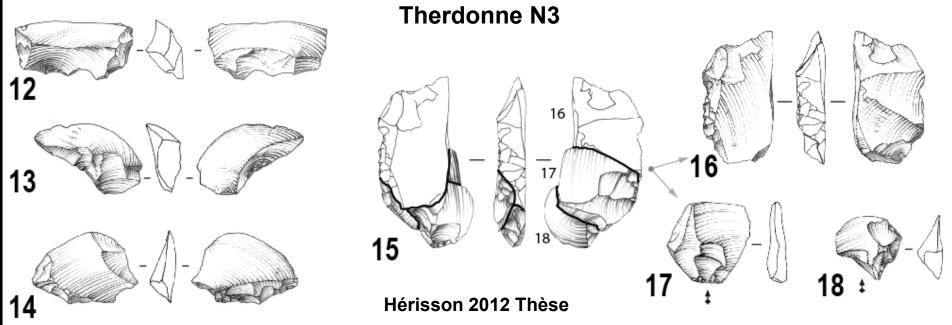




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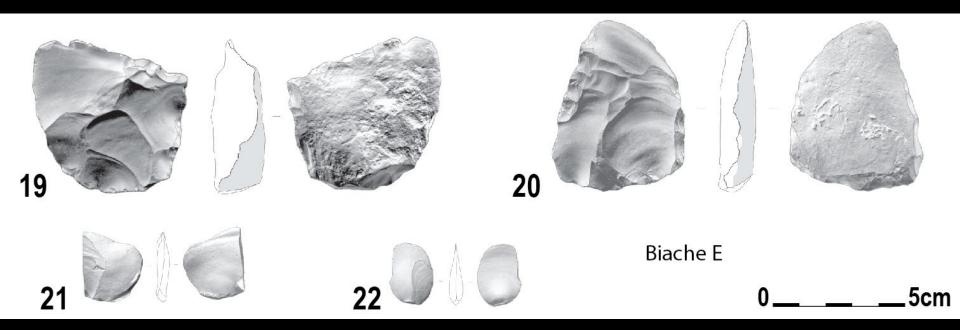


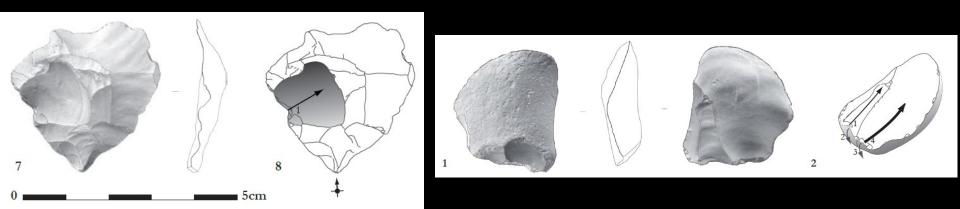




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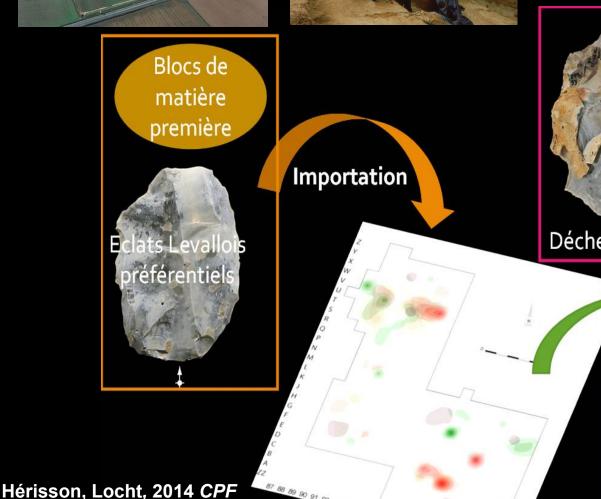
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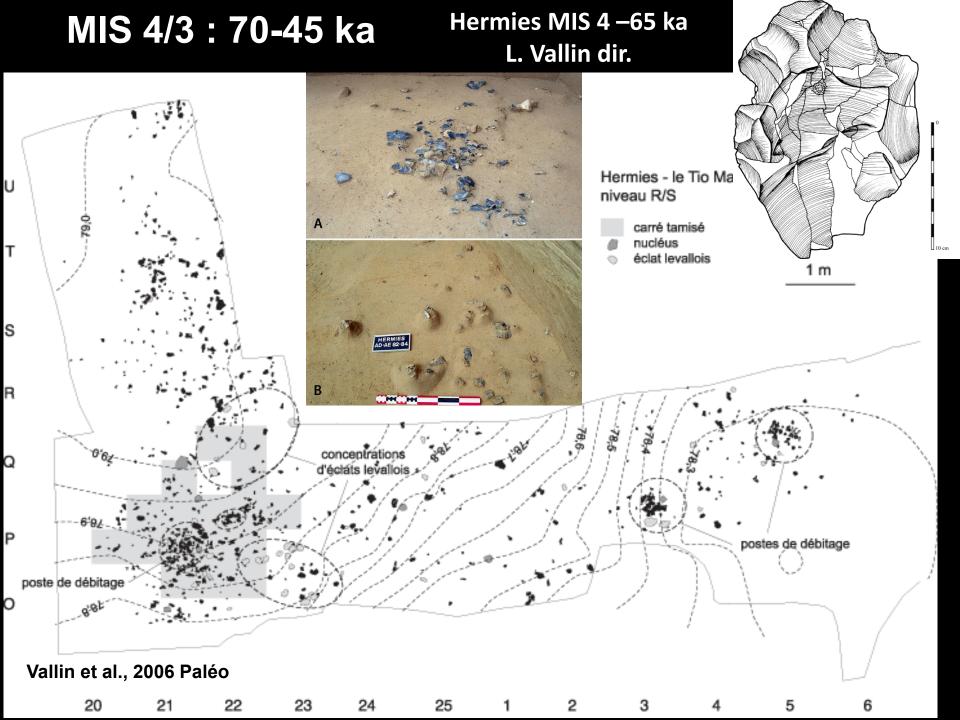


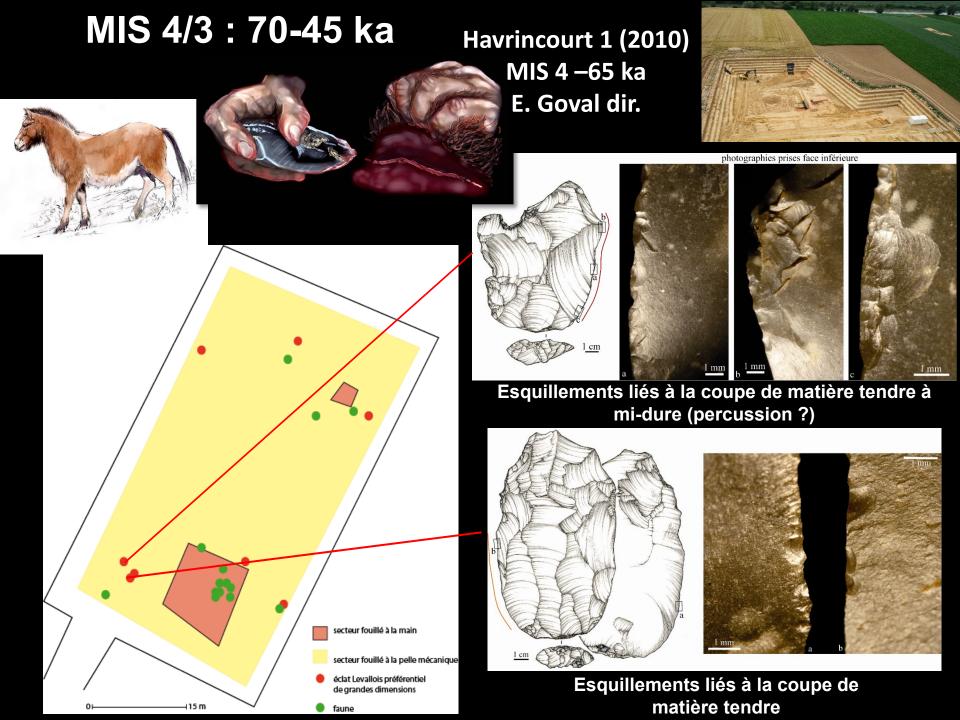
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