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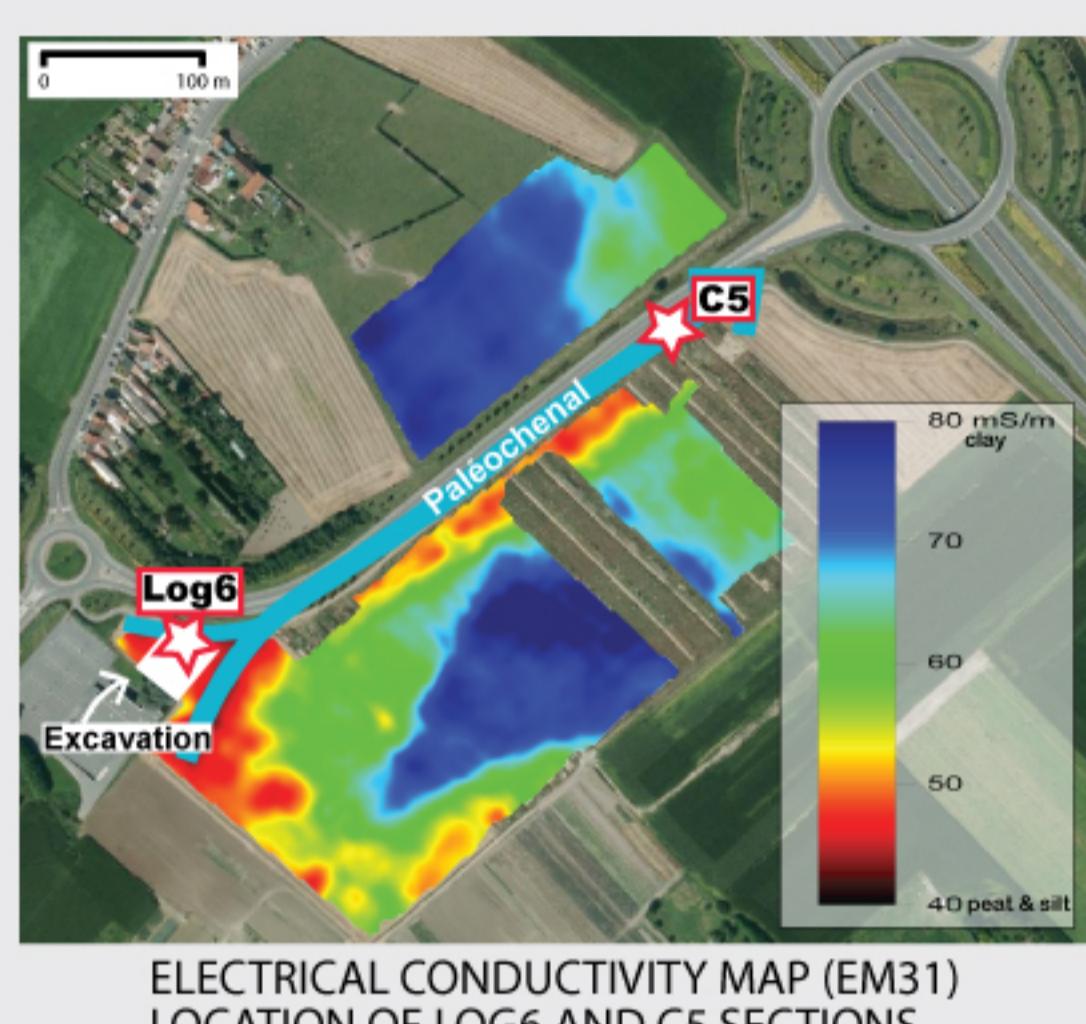
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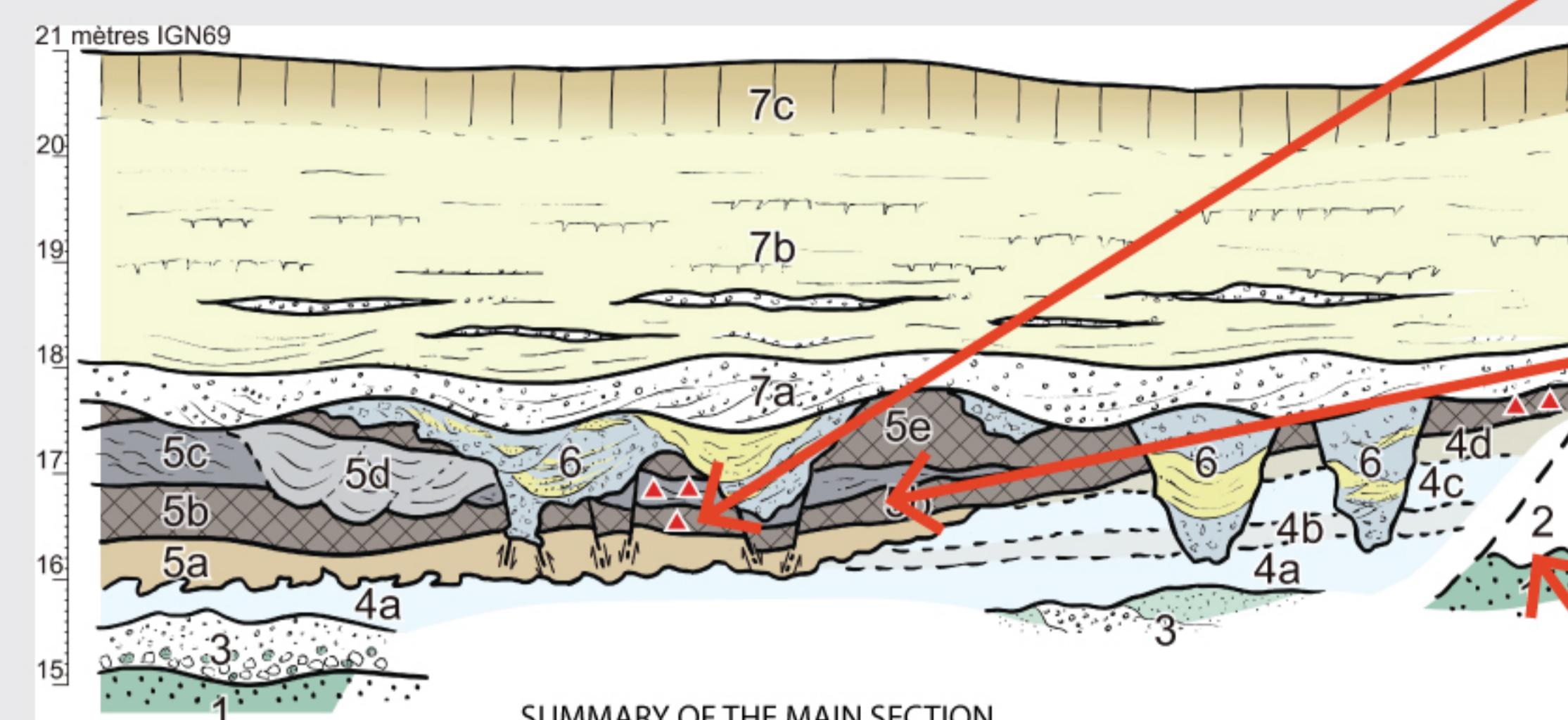
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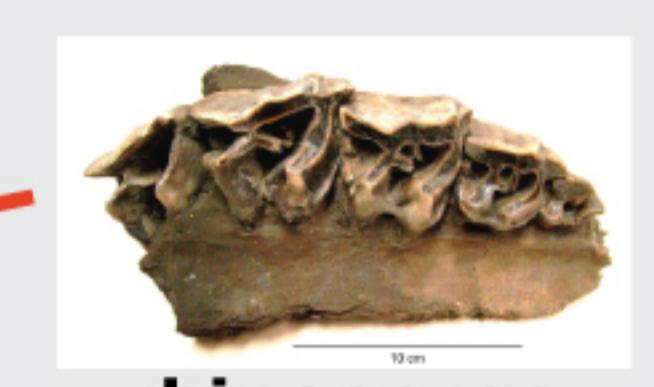


WAZIERS : exceptional site in northern France

a new Eemian sequence and a new middle Paleolithic site



lithic artefacts
(unit 5b)



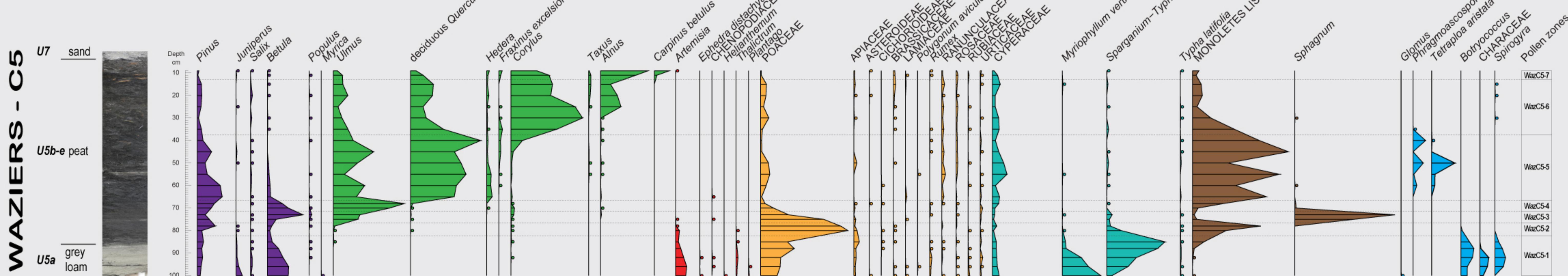
* located in the Scarpe river valley

* thick alluvial sequence deposited in a large palaeo-meander

- unit 4: mineral fluvial deposits (loam)
- unit 5: organic fluvial deposits (peat)
- units 6 & 7: reworked fluvial deposits & sand and loess

* correlation to the Eemian: minimum age of 103 + 3.5/-3.4 ka for unit 5c (U/Th date on Characeae oogen)
occurrence of the typical Weichselian loess sequence overlying fluvial organic deposits.

pollen analysis from Log6 and C5 sections



a classic succession of vegetation from glacial to interglacial conditions

a typical development of forests associated with the Eemian in Northern Europe

→ document Neanderthal landscape

