

Paleoindian Occupations in Eastern North America



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Fluted Points

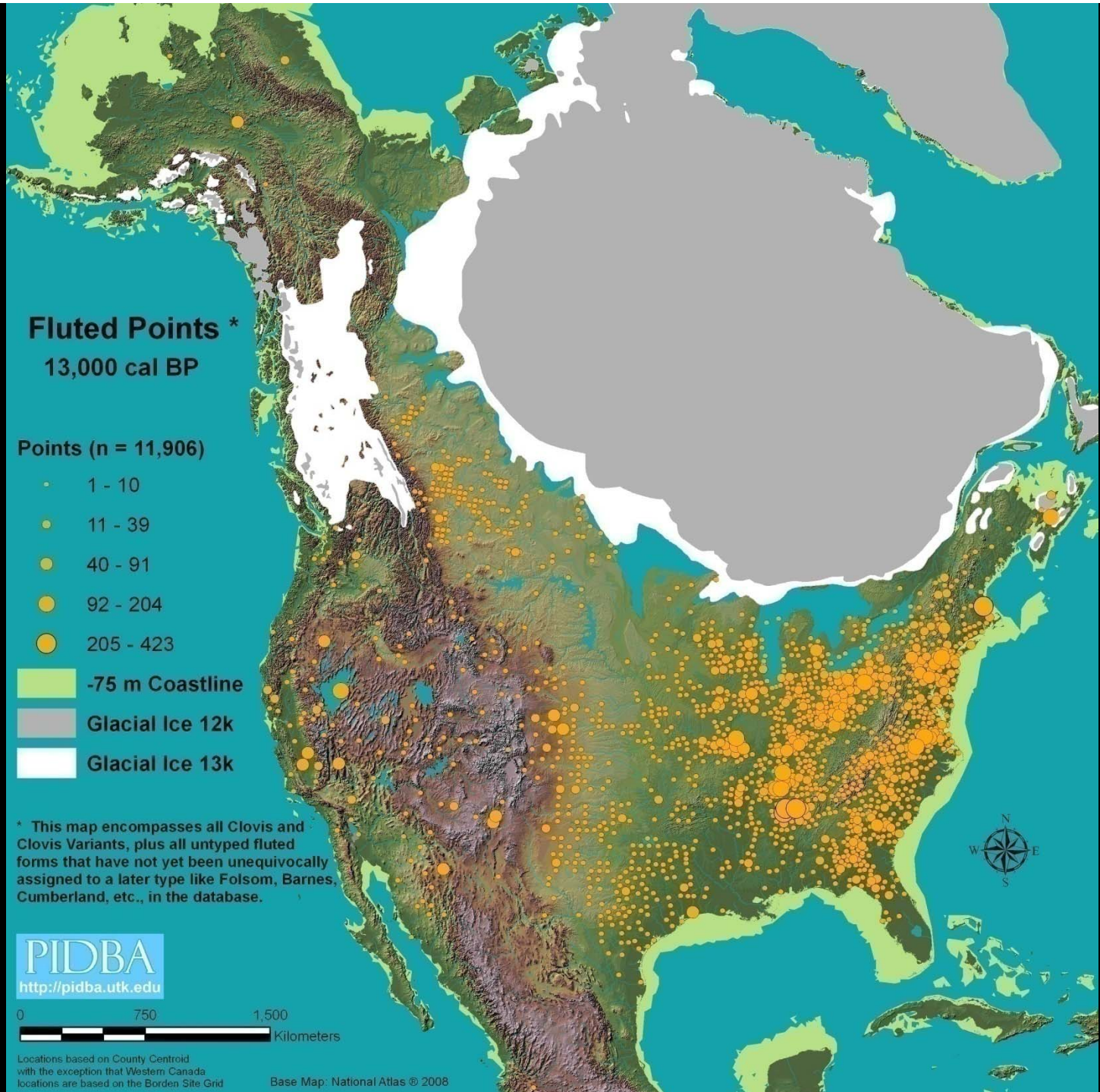
(including Clovis, excluding later fluted types)



13,000 - 12,000 cal BP

n=11,906 points

>1500 locations.



Eastern North American Fluted Points



Image courtesy Albert C. Goodyear

Clovis Technology/Lifeways



Stages in the manufacture of a Clovis point, illustrated on materials from the Lincoln-Hills site in southern Illinois.

Image and text (modified somewhat) courtesy of Jess Ready and Pete Bostrom collection

Clovis Blades/Blade Cores



Blade cores and blades of presumed Clovis age from Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, and Texas.

Image and text (modified somewhat) courtesy of Carl Yahng, Texas Archaeology Research Laboratory and Pete Bostrom, Lithic Casting Lab.

Clovis flake/blade, graving, and scraping tools



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Clovis Ivory Points



Three views of a large (ca. 30 cm) ivory point found in the Aucilla River in northern Florida

Image and text courtesy Hugh Lilliot Collection and Pete Bostrom, Lithic Casting Lab

When Did People First Arrive in Eastern North America?

We Don't Know!

Definitely upwards of 13,000 cal yr BP,
Perhaps as far back as 20,000 to 25,000 cal
yr BP.

Miller Lanceolate, Meadowcroft Rockshelter, Pennsylvania



Early triangular point from the Cactus Hill Site (44SX202), Virginia

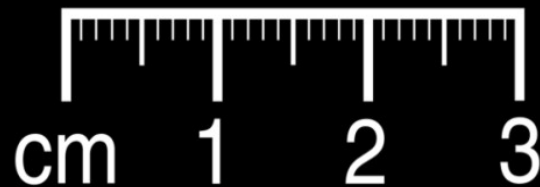
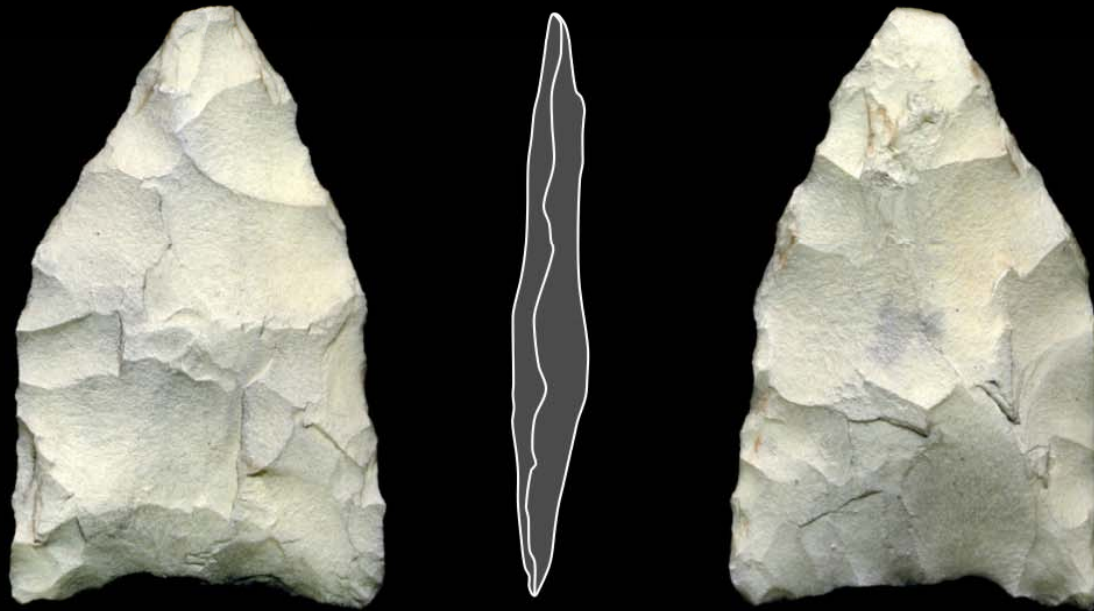


Image courtesy Jim Dunbar

Page-Ladson Points



Wakulla Spring
Lodge Site, FL



Page-Ladson
Site, FL



Page-Ladson
Site, FL



CENTIMETERS

Image courtesy Jim Dunbar

Possible entry routes, pre-Clovis sites, and the location of the Blackwater Draw Clovis type site near Clovis, New Mexico.

(Newsweek Magazine 26 April 1999)



The Post-Clovis "Full fluted" Horizon

Western North America
Folsom



Eastern North America

Folsom Redstone Cumberland Barnes



After 12,900 cal yr BP

Clovis



13,150-12,850 cal yr BP



Folsom –
Blackwater Draw,



Clovis –
Blackwater Draw, NM³

East

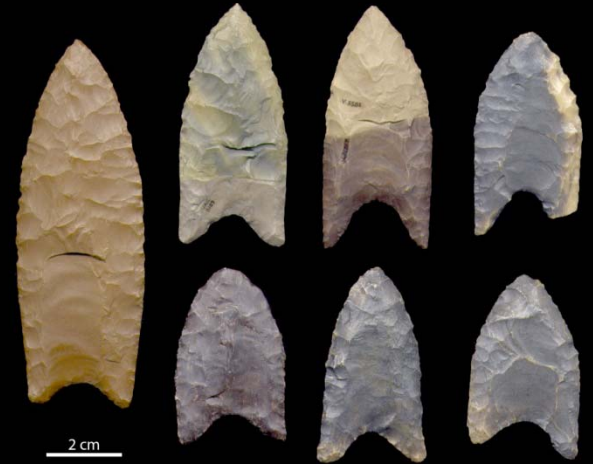
West



Barnes¹



Cumberland¹



Vail, ME³



Redstone
(GA Fluted
Point Survey²)



Clovis-
Shawnee-Minisink, PA¹

Image courtesy D. Shane Miller

1 Lithics Castng Lab - <http://lithiccastinglab.com>

2 Georgia Fluted Point Survey - <http://pidba.utk.edu/georgia.htm>

3 C. Vance Haynes Cast Collection - <http://www.argonaut.arizona.edu/projects/castcollection.htm>

Clovis

A

B

C

PreClovis?



Unfluted Post-Clovis?

D

E

F

G

A. Page-Ladson Lanceolate

B. Clovis

C. Lake Jackson Lanceolate

D. Simpson "Fishtailed"

E. Clovis Waisted

F. Suwannee Waisted

G. Suwannee, Greenbriar-like

Paleoindian points in Florida

Image courtesy Jim Dunbar

Dalton Culture



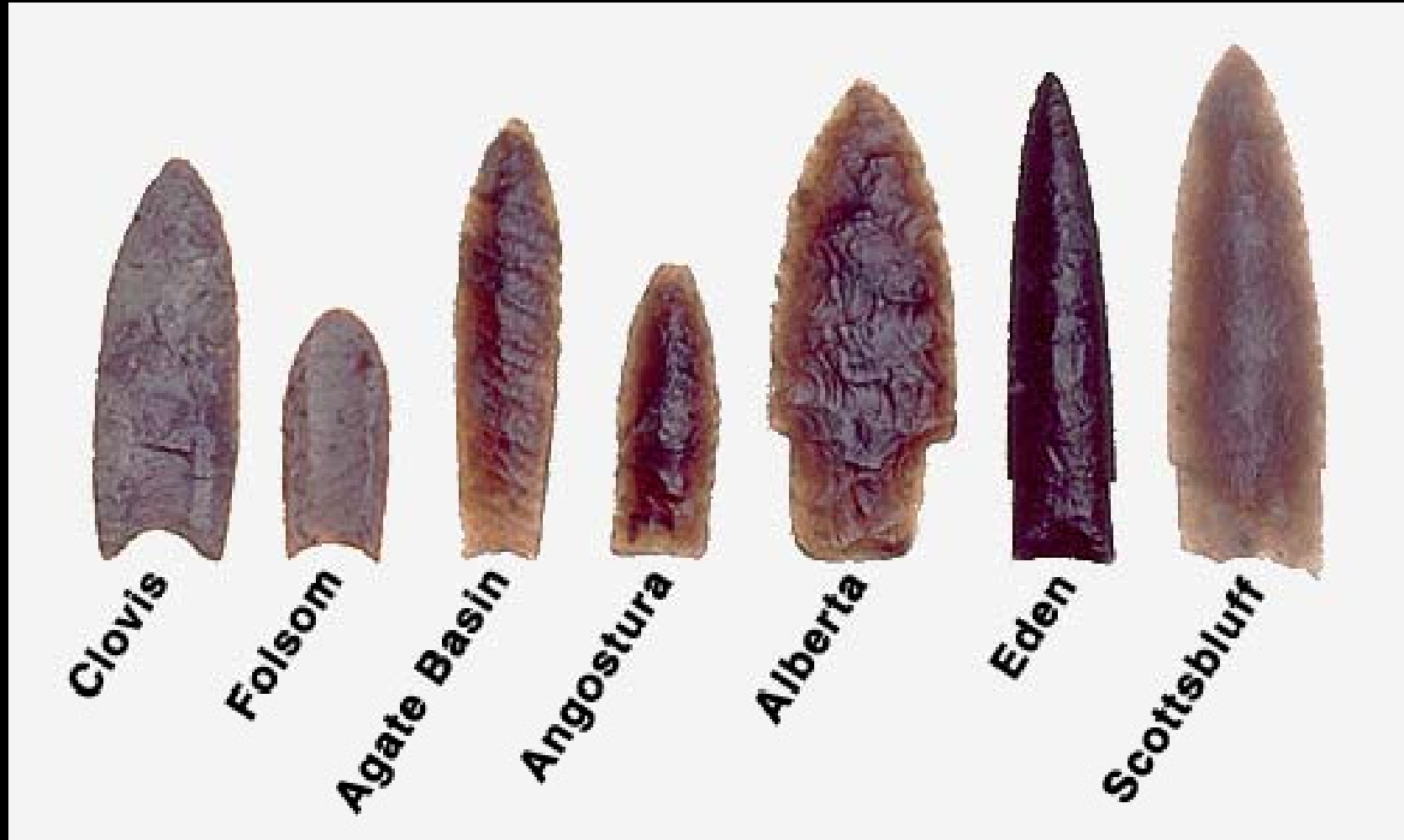
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**Dalton Points were resharpened, probably
to process numerous small animals.**

Images: <http://users.stlcc.edu/mfuller/montgomery/MontgomeryDaltons.jpg>;
<http://www.learnnc.org/learnnc/resources/anthro2.nsf/0/a717eff74c970bb48525663c004cf0bd?OpenDocument>

'Plains' Projectile Points



**Plains Paleoindian and Archaic points, from 8,000 to 11,500 years old.
Similar forms are found in parts of Eastern North America.**

Meadowcroft Rockshelter, Pennsylvania



View looking across Cross
Creek at the rockshelter.

Photo by Mark McConaughy
<http://people.delphiforums.com/MCCONAUGHY/meadowcroft/meadcr07.htm>

Meadowcroft Rockshelter, Pennsylvania



Archaeologist James Adovasio showing the stratigraphy in the shelter.

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/ohc/archaeol/p_indian/pictures/meadowin.shtml



View of profile wall in the "Deep Hole". Paleoindian materials came from the lowest levels shown.

August 1974 photograph by Mark McConaughy
<http://people.delphiforums.com/MCCONAUGHY/meadowcroft/meadcr05.htm>

Topper



Pre-Clovis
microblade-

Topper Site, South Carolina

- Contains a few, small stone “tools” (microliths) from excavated context below Clovis occupation
- Problem: very sandy soil, possible movement of artifacts downward

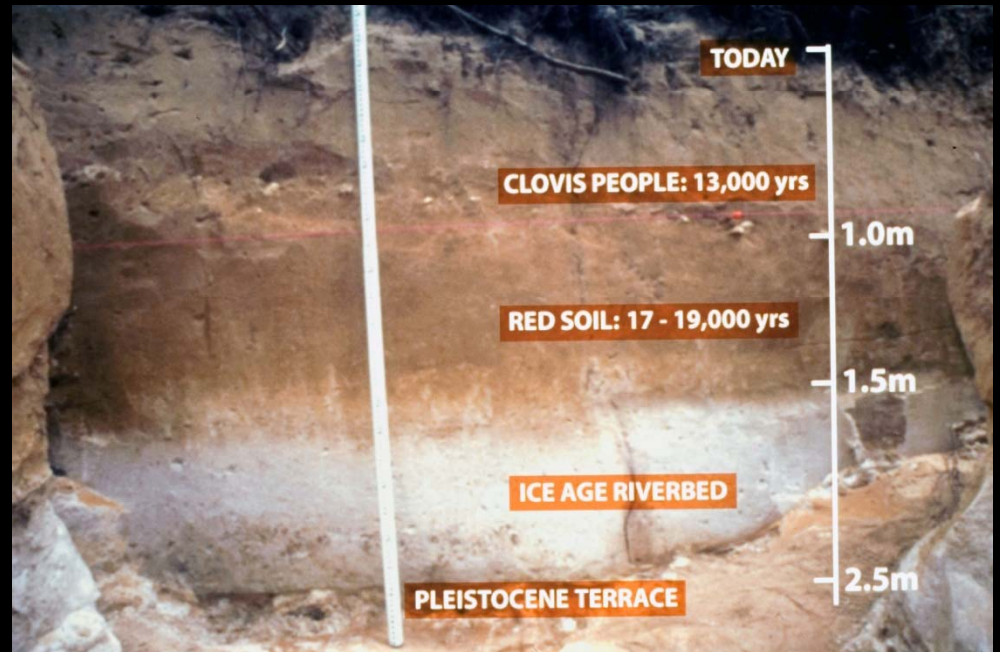


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Luminescence Dating

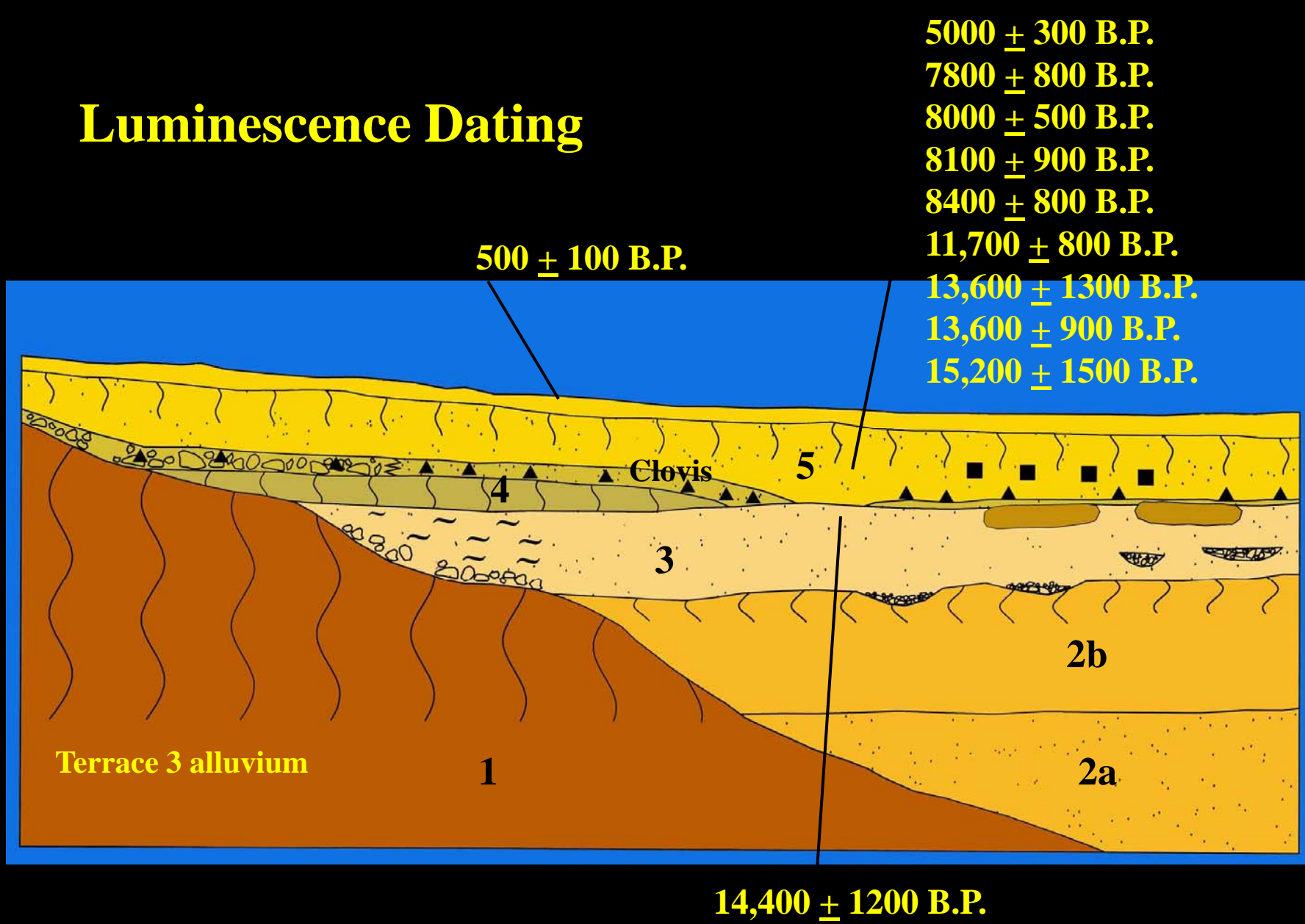


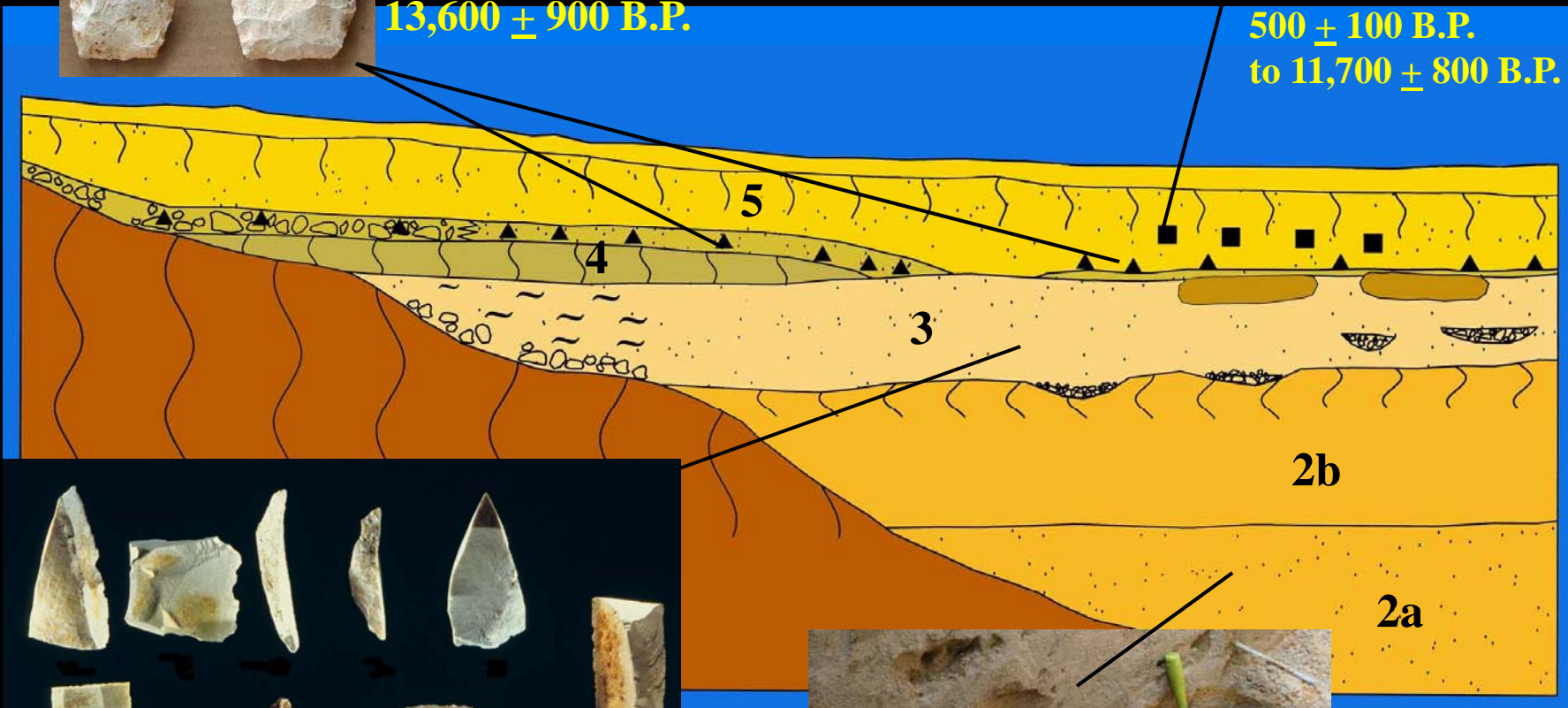
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Chronometric Context



13,600 ± 1300 B.P.
13,600 ± 900 B.P.

Woodland
Late Archaic
Middle Archaic
Early Archaic
500 ± 100 B.P.
to 11,700 ± 800 B.P.



> 15,000 B.P. cm

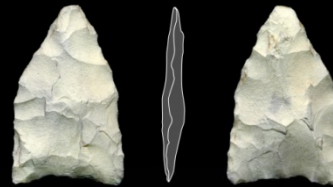


Cactus Hill, Virginia

- Contains numerous small stone “tools” (microliths) from excavated context below Clovis occupation
- Has unfluted “Clovis-like” bifaces, possibly precursor to the Clovis point
- Problem: very sandy soil, possible movement of artifacts downward



Early triangular point from the Cactus Hill Site (44SX202), Virginia



Cactus Hill



Image courtesy Scott Meeks

Location of Page-Ladson and Wakulla Spring Lodge sites depicted on a digital elevation model of the Coastal Southeast as it appeared during the late glacial maximum

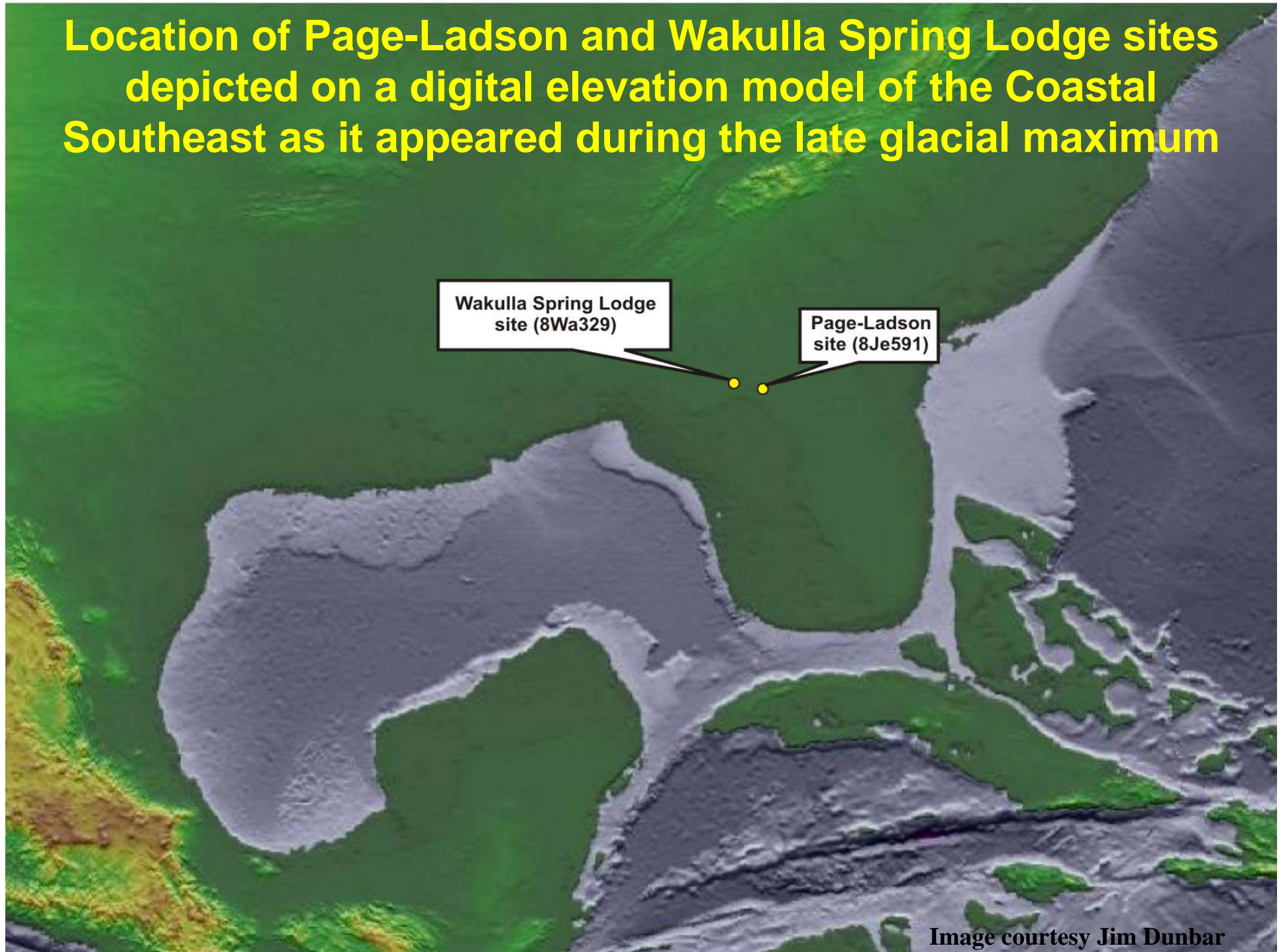


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ALVEOLUS LINE ON TUSK

CUT-MARKS

**Close-up of Cut-Marks
on Unit 3 Mastodon Tusk**

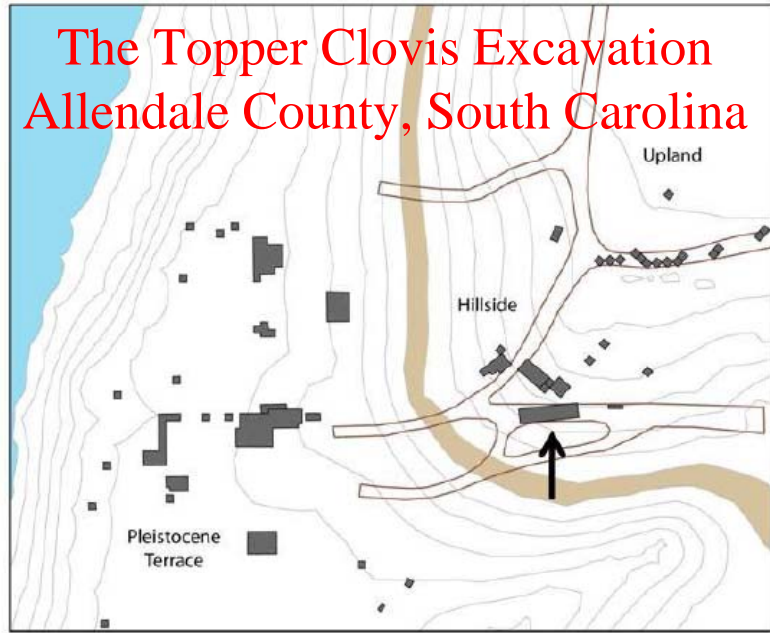
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Lithic Artifacts from Unit 3, Page-Ladson Site



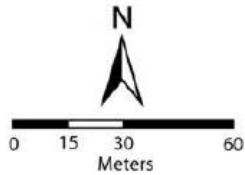
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The Topper Clovis Excavation Allendale County, South Carolina



Legend

- Excavation Units
- Firebreak/Road
- Contour Intervals (1m)
- Savannah River
- Flint River Formation



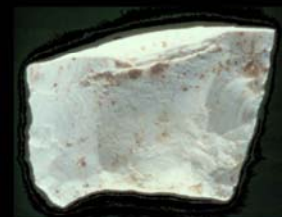
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Large Clovis Preform Refit (Side A)



Clovis Base (found in situ)



Paleo Point Base (possibly Clovis, found in situ)



Cactus Hill, Virginia

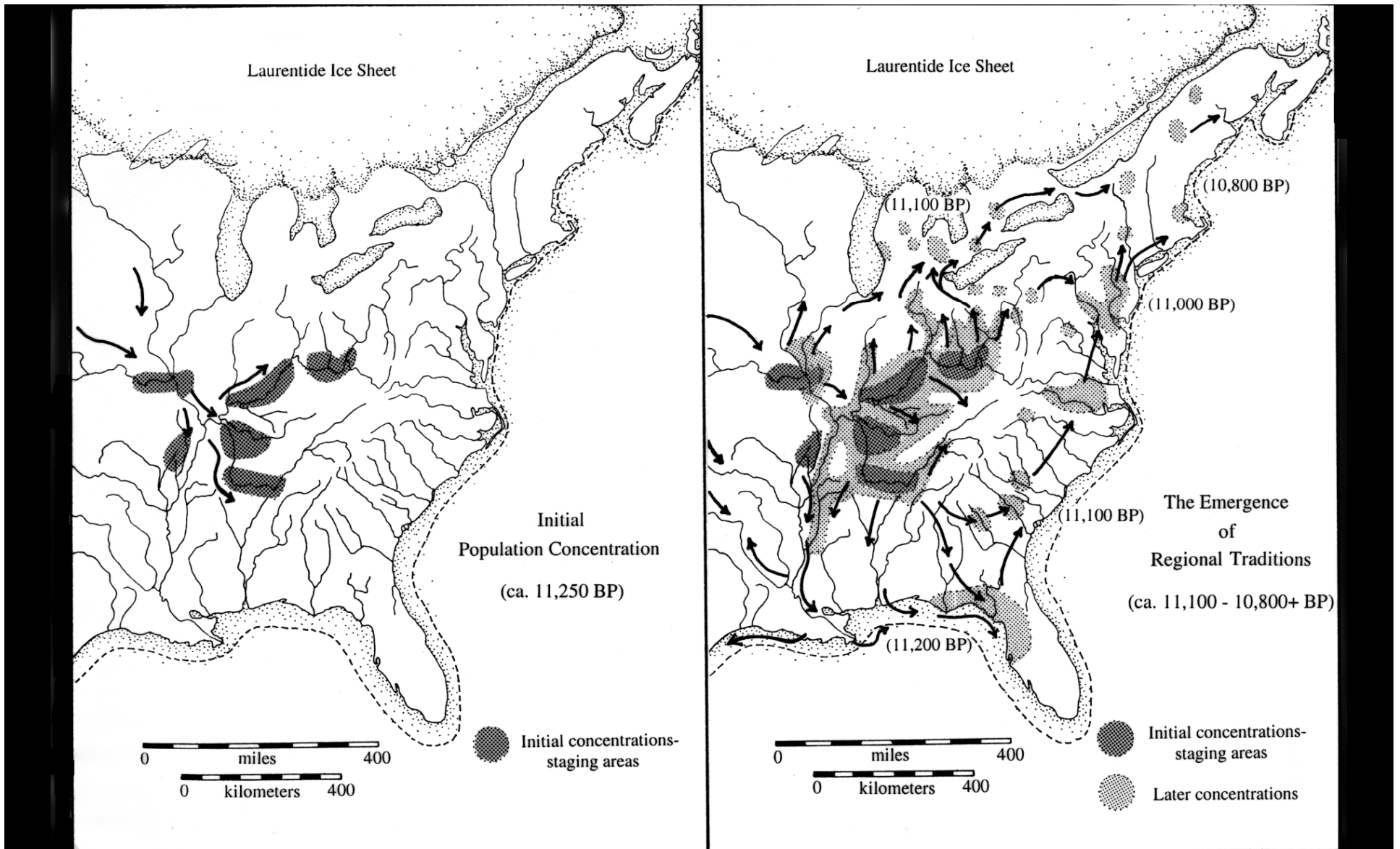


Tools grouped on the sand at Cactus Hill in Virginia may be perhaps 18,000 years old.



Carson-Conn-Short.
Tennessee

Images courtesy:
John Broster and Mark Norton

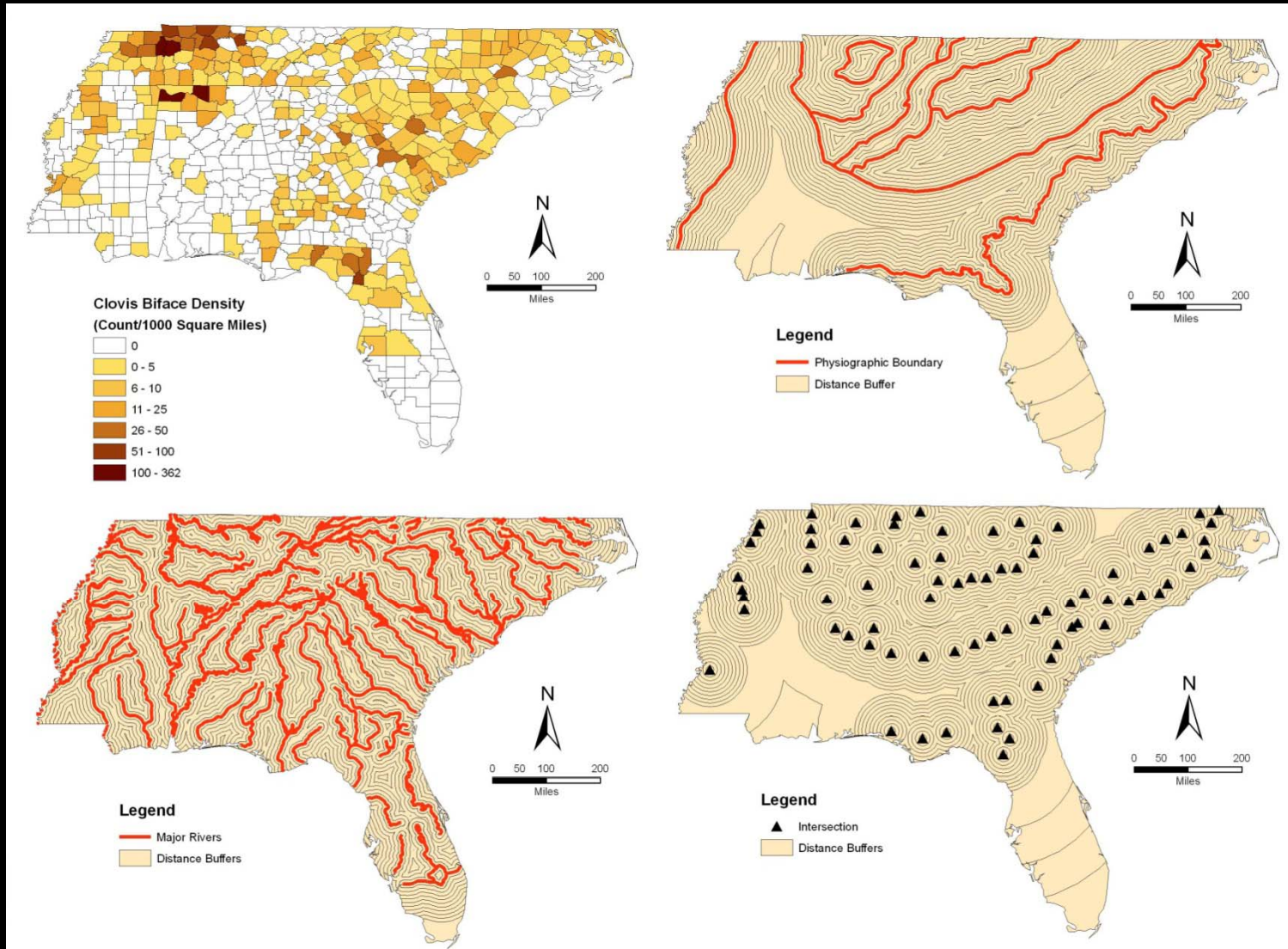


The settlement of the larger region (or radiation of fluting technology) from 'staging' areas.

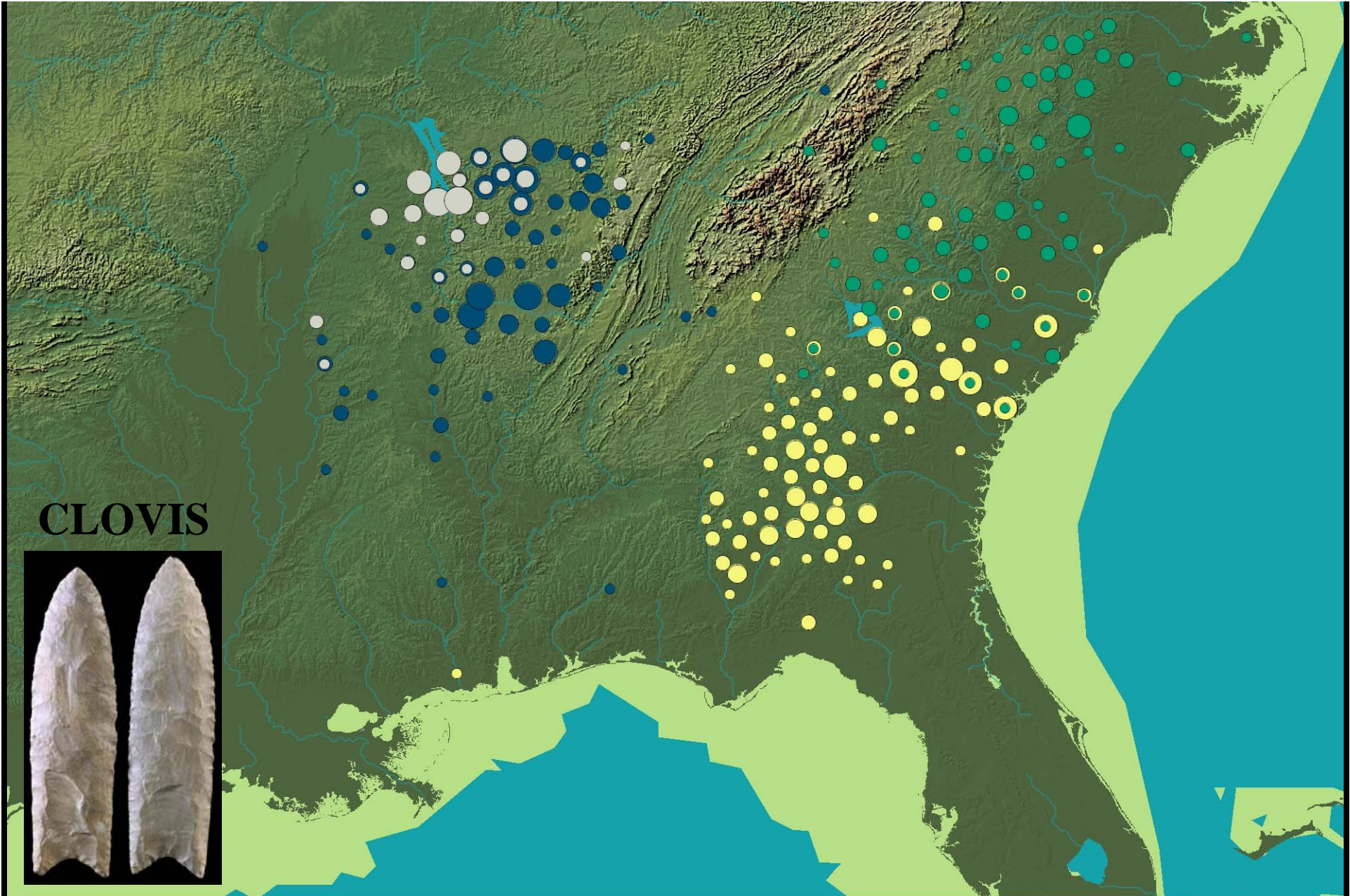
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Miller-Smallwood Paleoindian Aggregation Model



Large Clovis sites occur at the intersection of major rivers, macro-ecotones, and sources of toolstone.

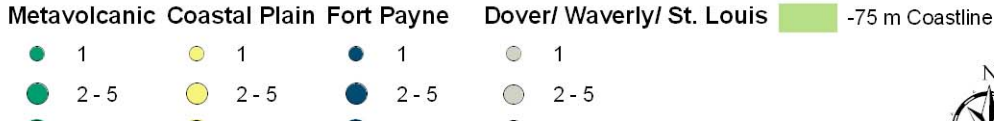


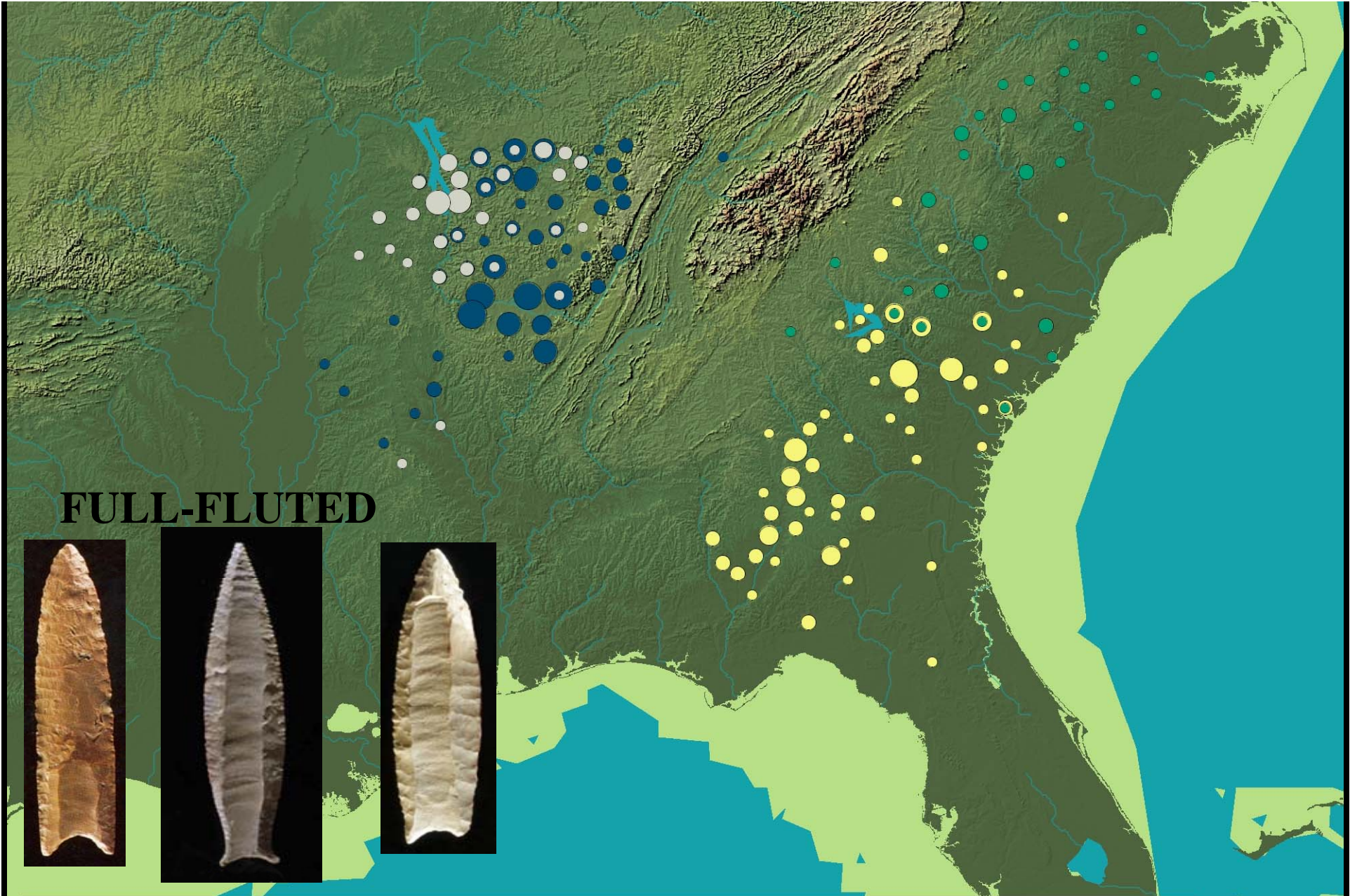
CLOVIS



13,000 cal BP

**Clovis Sample
bv Raw Material Type**





FULL-FLUTED



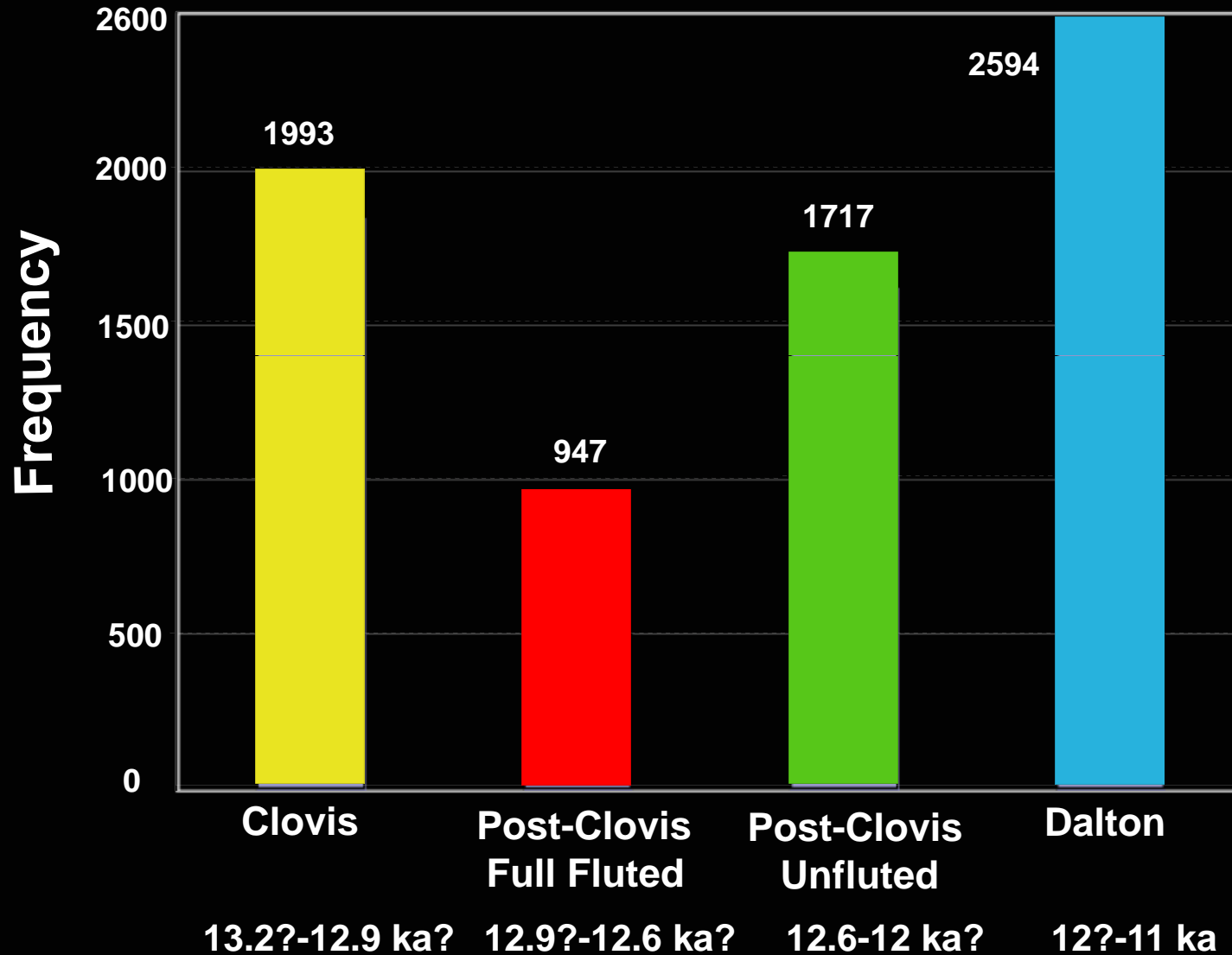
12,000 cal BP

**Middle Paleoindian Sample
by Raw Material Type**

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● 2-5	● 2-5	● 2-5	● 2-5	

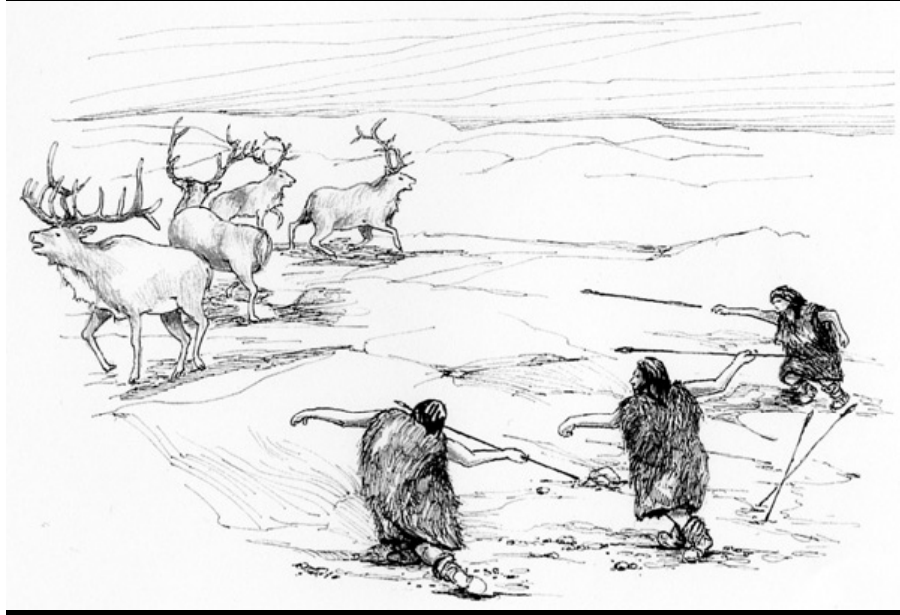
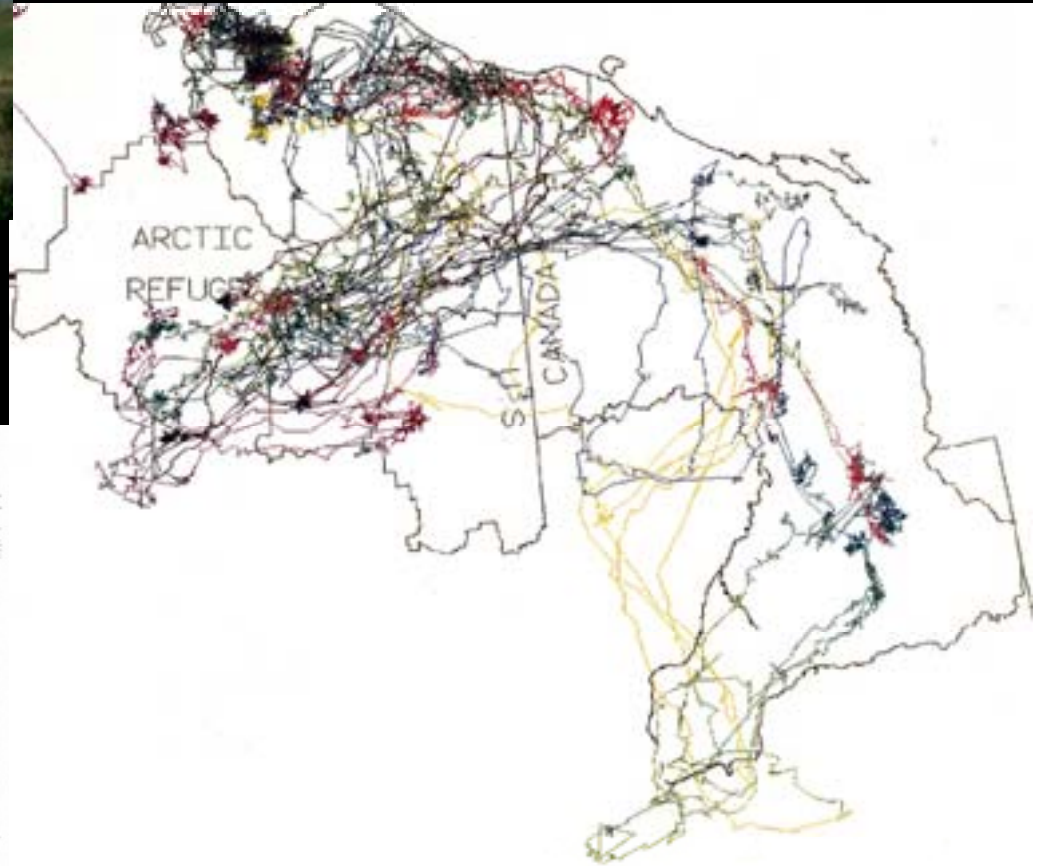


Southeastern North America





The Upper Midwest and the Northeast Caribou Migration Routes: A Predictable Resource



Northeastern Hunters



Debart, Nova Scotia



East Wenatchee, Washington



The East Wenatchee or Richey/Roberts site was discovered in 1987 by workers excavating an irrigation ditch in an apple orchard. Shown *in situ* here are two fluted point preforms, a bifacial knife, a side-scraper, a large blank and five beveled bone rods.

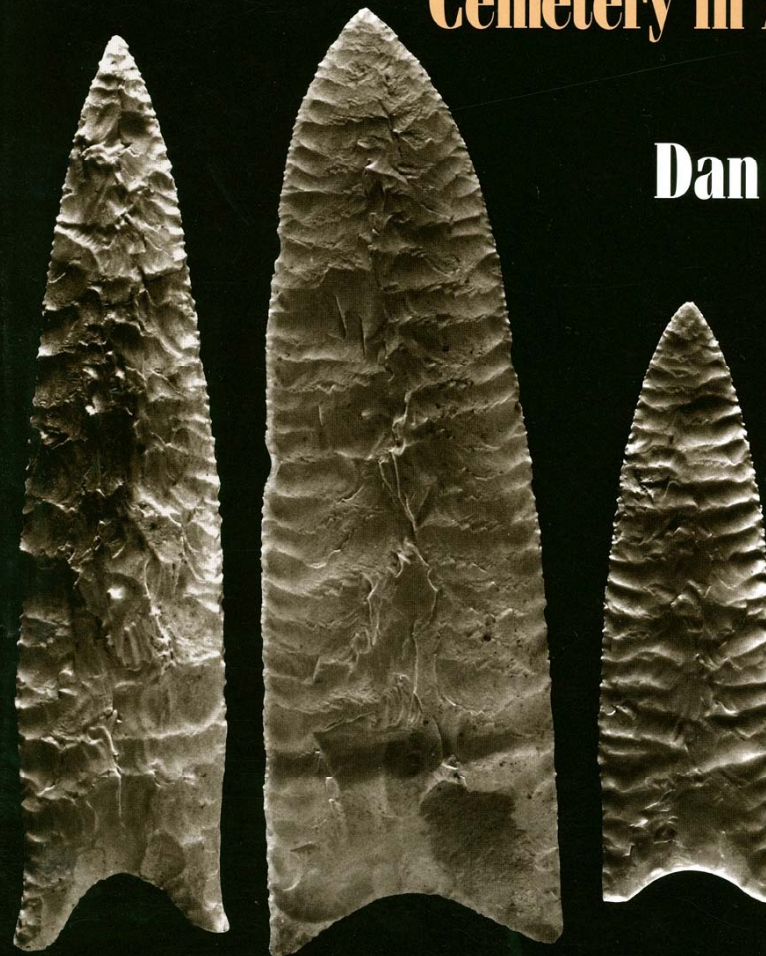
Sloan

**A Paleoindian Dalton
Cemetery in Arkansas**

Dan F. Morse

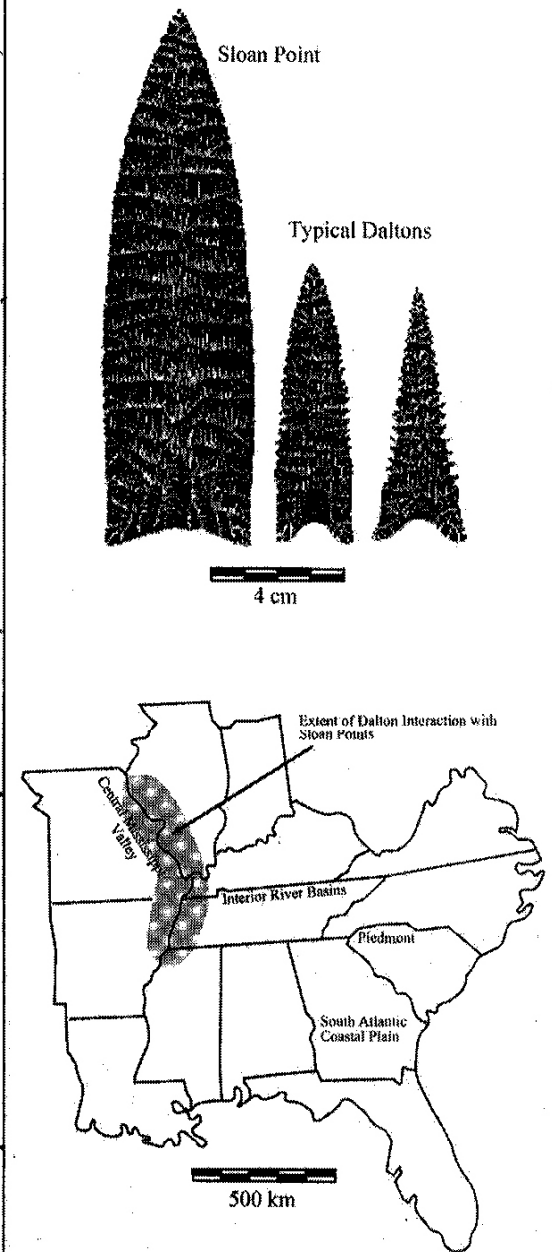
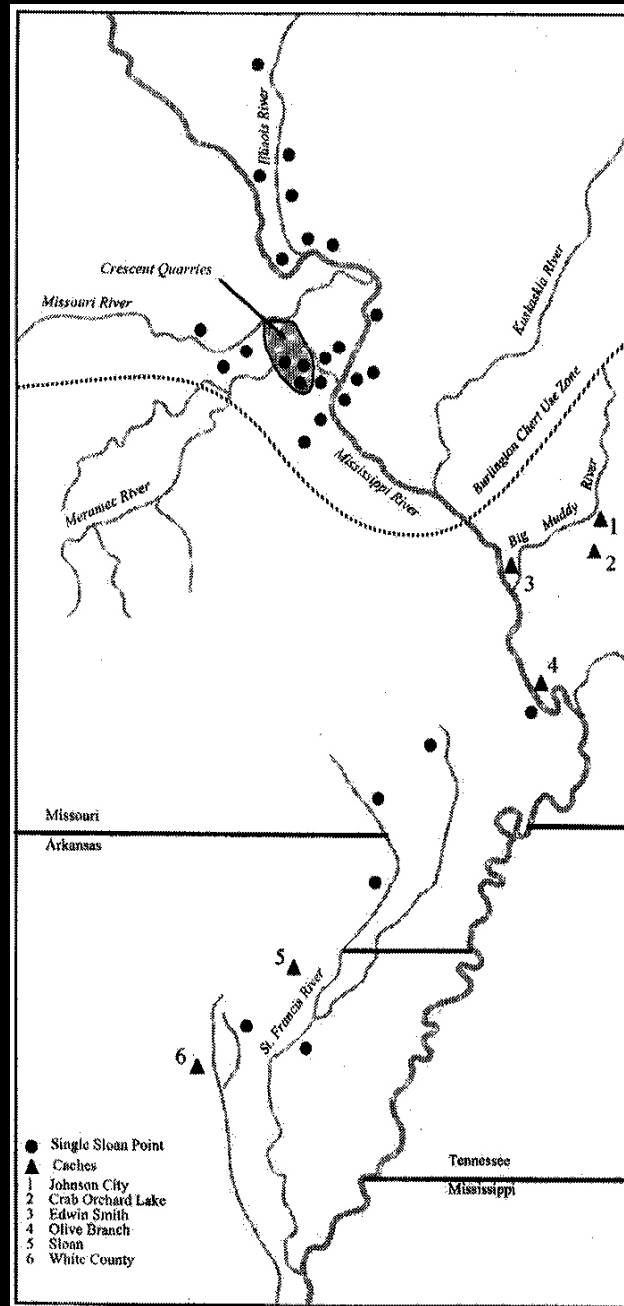
**Sloan Points, some up
to ten inches long, were
identified as burial
goods at a cemetery site
in northeast Arkansas.
It is the oldest cemetery
in the Americas.**

(Morse 1997).



**Sloan Point occurrence
has been used to infer
the existence of an
elaborate
culture or interaction
network in the central
Mississippi Valley at
ca. 12000 BP**

(Images adapted from Walthall and Koldehoff 1998:260–261).



The Dalton Culture

ca. 12,900 – 11,250 cal BP

ca. 10,800? -9,900 rcbp

- The Dalton culture of ancient Native American hunter-gatherers made a distinctive set of stone tools that are today found at sites across the eastern United States.
- The name “Dalton” was first used in 1948 to refer to a style of chipped stone projectile point/knife.

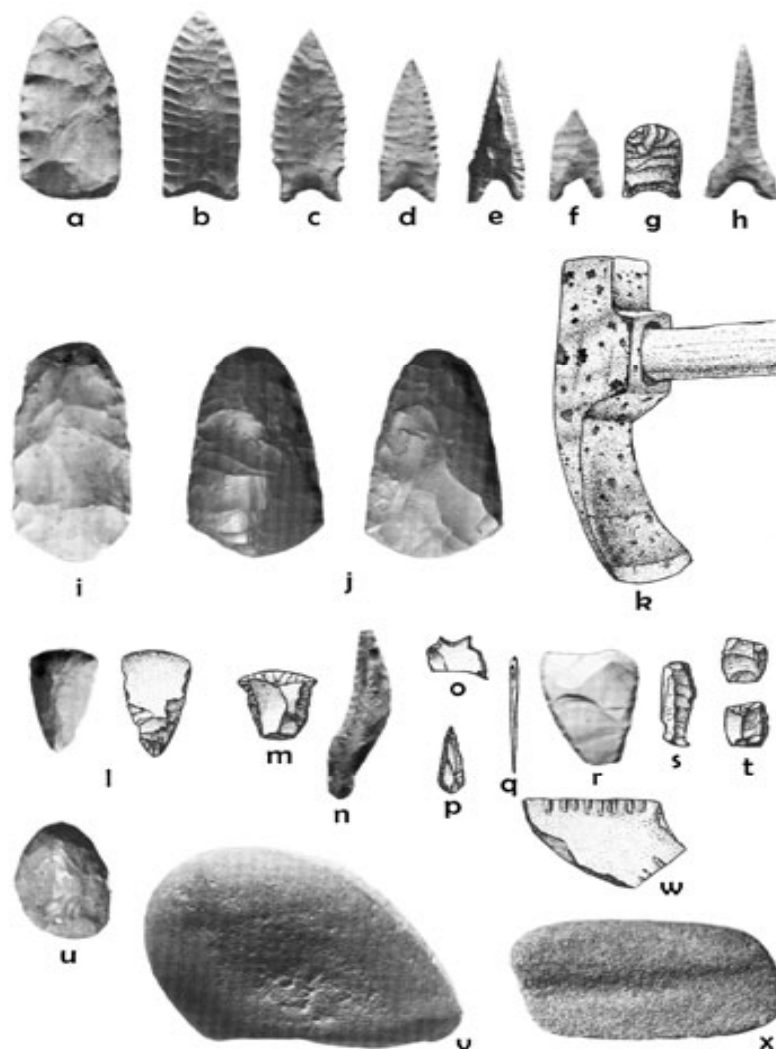


FIGURE 1 Typical Dalton artifacts. (a)–(b) Point preforms. (c) Unresharpened point. (d)–(e) Resharpened points. (f) Burin. (g) End scraper. (h) Awl. (i) Adz preform. (j) Adz. (k) Nineteenth-century English hand adz for comparison. (l) End scraper. (m) End scraper with “graver spurs.” (n) Baked uniface. (o) Graver. (p) Microlith. (q) Bone needle found at Graham Cave in Missouri. (r) Retouched scraper. (s) Unretouched blade. (t) Pièce esquillée. (u) Discoid hammer. (v) Edge-abraded cobble. (w) Notched abradar. (x) Grooved abradar. [Courtesy of the Arkansas Archeological Survey.]

Repeated decadal scale or longer temperature fluctuations characterized the Younger Dryas (YD), likely heightening subsistence stress and uncertainty.

(Graftenstein et al. 1999)

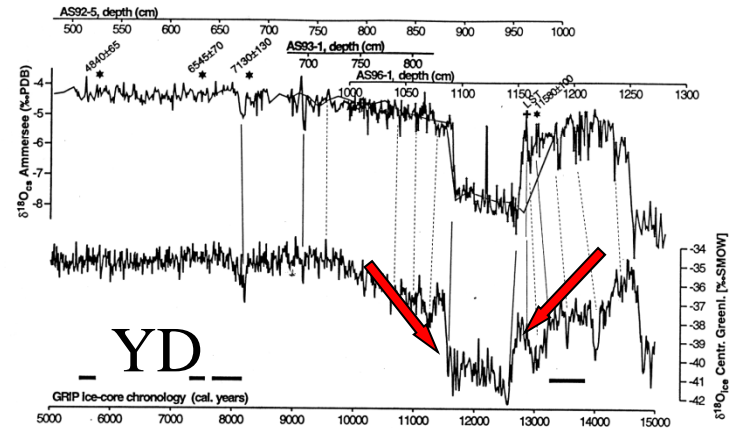


Fig. 1. (Top graphs) Oxygen isotope values of calcite shells of *Candona* sp. (juveniles of *Fabaeformiscandona levanderi* and *Fabaeformiscandona tricatricosa*) from sediment cores AS92-5 (green) (15), AS93-1 (blue), and AS96-1 (red); see (33) for further sampling details and isotope measurements. Asterisks and tilted labels indicate available ^{14}C dates; black bars denote the possible range of respective calendar years. (Lower graph) $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ice record from Summit Greenland (GRIP) in a 10-year resolution based on the age model ss08c. Solid and dashed lines point to correlative events in both records.

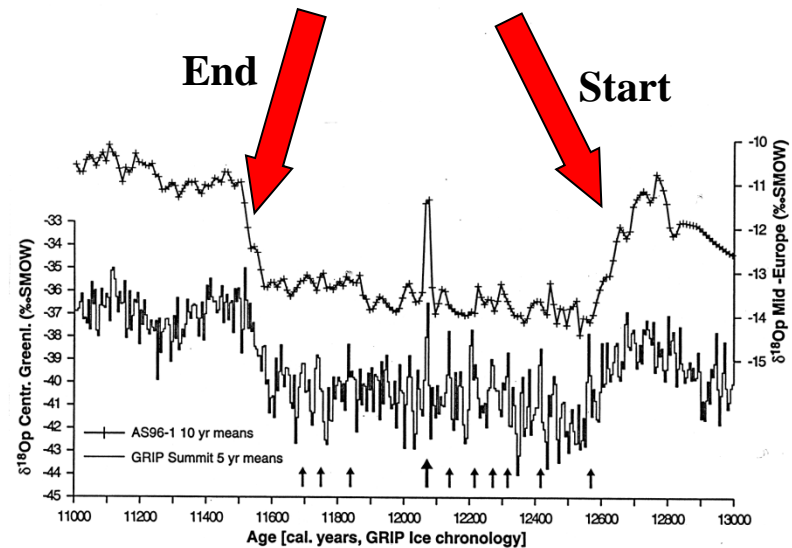


Fig. 4. The 5-year $\delta^{18}\text{O}_p$ record from Summit (lower graph) shows significantly higher variability during Younger Dryas than during Allerød and Preboreal. Short subdecadal positive excursions reach almost Holocene levels (arrows). In the European record (upper graph), only the highest and longest of these warm spikes is preserved, most likely as a result of high accumulation of detrital material, induced by the warm event itself by destabilizing frozen soils.

A Mid-European Decadal Isotope-Climature Record from 15,500 to 5000 Years B.P.

Ulrich von Grafenstein,^{1*} Helmut Erlenkeuser,² Achim Brauer,³ Jean Jouzel,¹ Sigfus J. Johnsen⁴

The Big Unanswered Questions: Research Directions for the Future



Critical Needs.

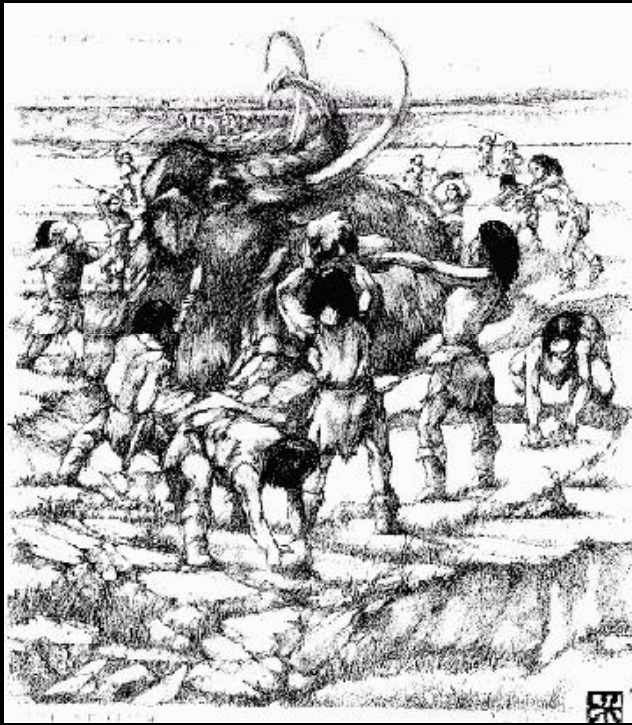
What Did Paleoindian Peoples Eat?

**Large animals?
(Specialized adaptation)**

**A Wide Range of Animal and Plant Foods?
(Generalized adaptation)**

Answer: Probably both, depending upon circumstances.

Earlier Paleoindians may have been more generalized than Clovis, which exhibits characteristics of a specialized big game hunting adaptation. Post-Clovis peoples were again more generalized.



Innumerable pictures in popular textbooks show Paleoindian people, typically men, hunting large game animals.

These people unquestionably ate a much greater array of foods.

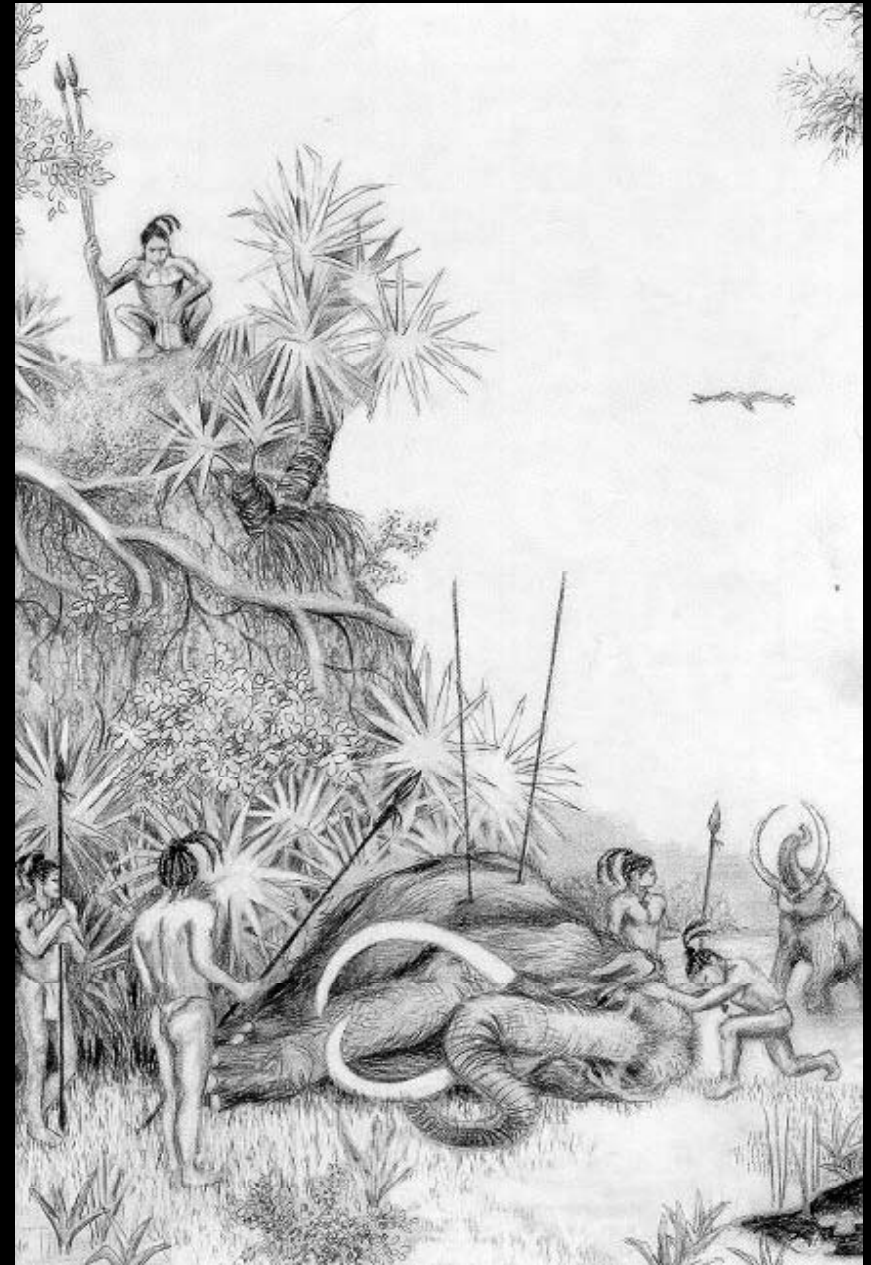
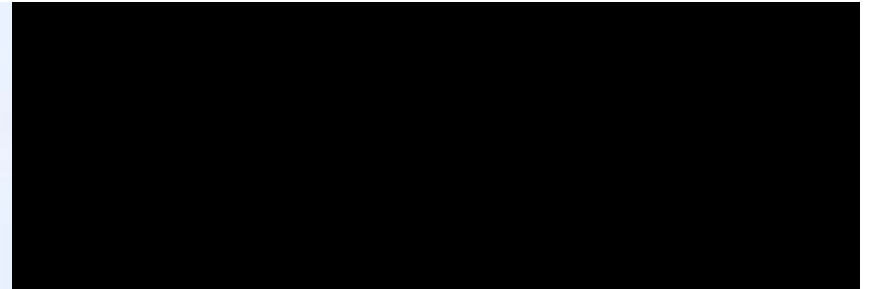


Image "Showing Reverence. Florida's first people." courtesy Marisa Renz. . <http://www.fossilexpeditions.com/history1.htm>



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**Wacissa River
Bison antiquus
with projectile
point fragment
embedded in
skull.**

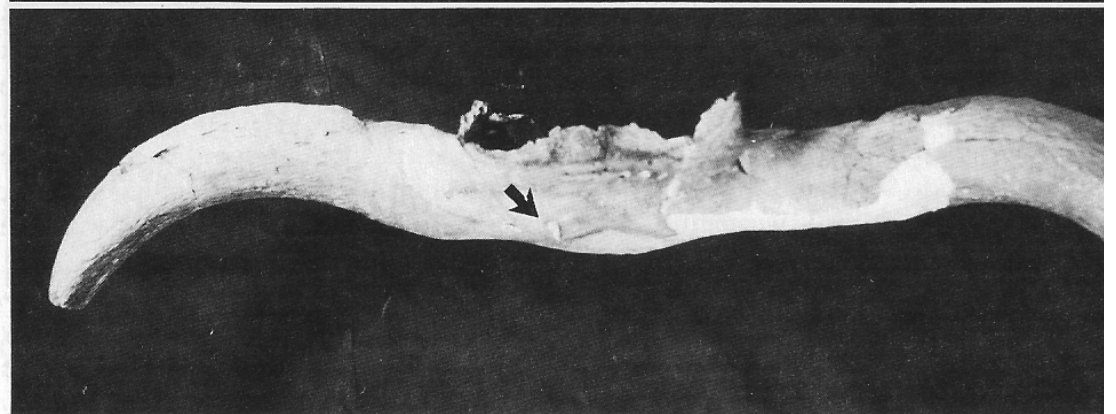
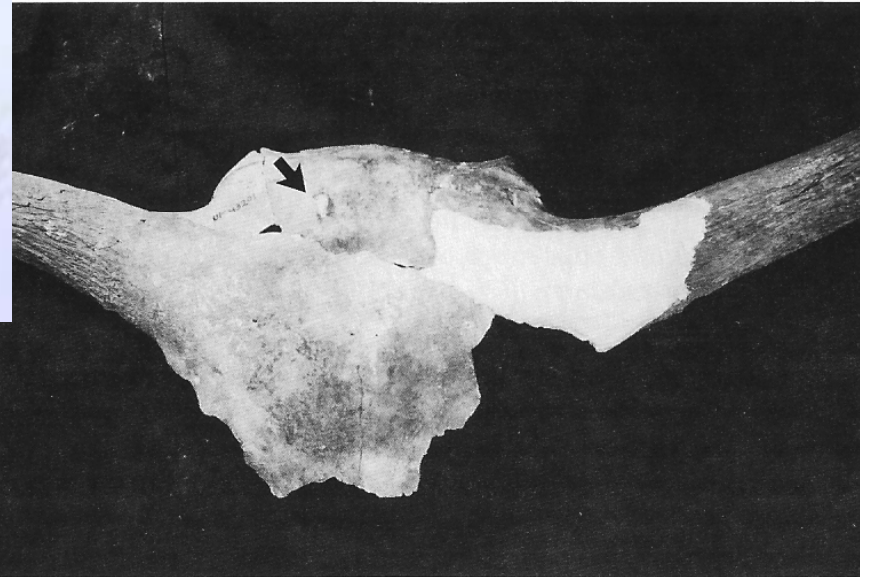


Figure 3. Above, dorsal view of reconstructed *Bison* skull roof and horn cores; below, occipital view.

Image from S. David Webb, Jerald T. Milanich, Roger Alexon, and Jan 1984 "A Bison *Antiquus* Kill Site, Wacissa River, Jefferson County, FL

Coats-Hines Site, Tennessee

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Identified Species Used for Clovis Tool Manufacture in North America

- *Canis dirus*- dire wolf
- *Paleolama mirifica*
- *Odocoileus virginianus*- white tailed deer.
- *Equus sp.*- horse
- *Mammut americanum*- mastodon
- *Mammuthus columbi*- mammoth

Critical Needs

EXPLORING THE EASTERN
CONTINENTAL SHELF

Exploring the Paleo Aucilla River in the eastern Gulf of Mexico

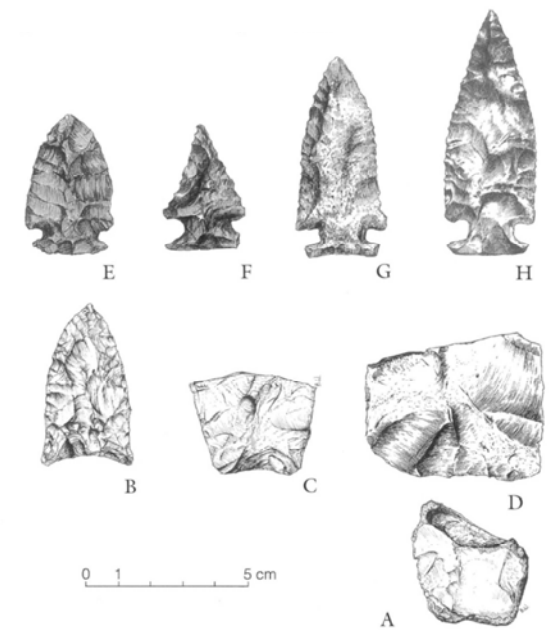
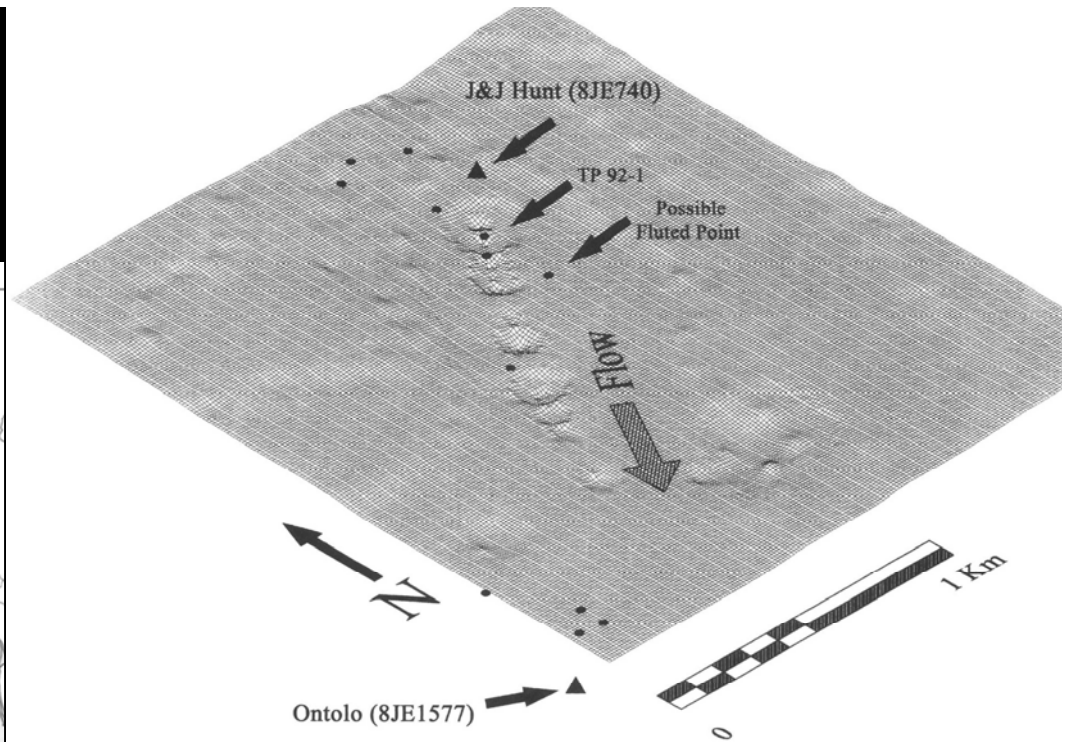
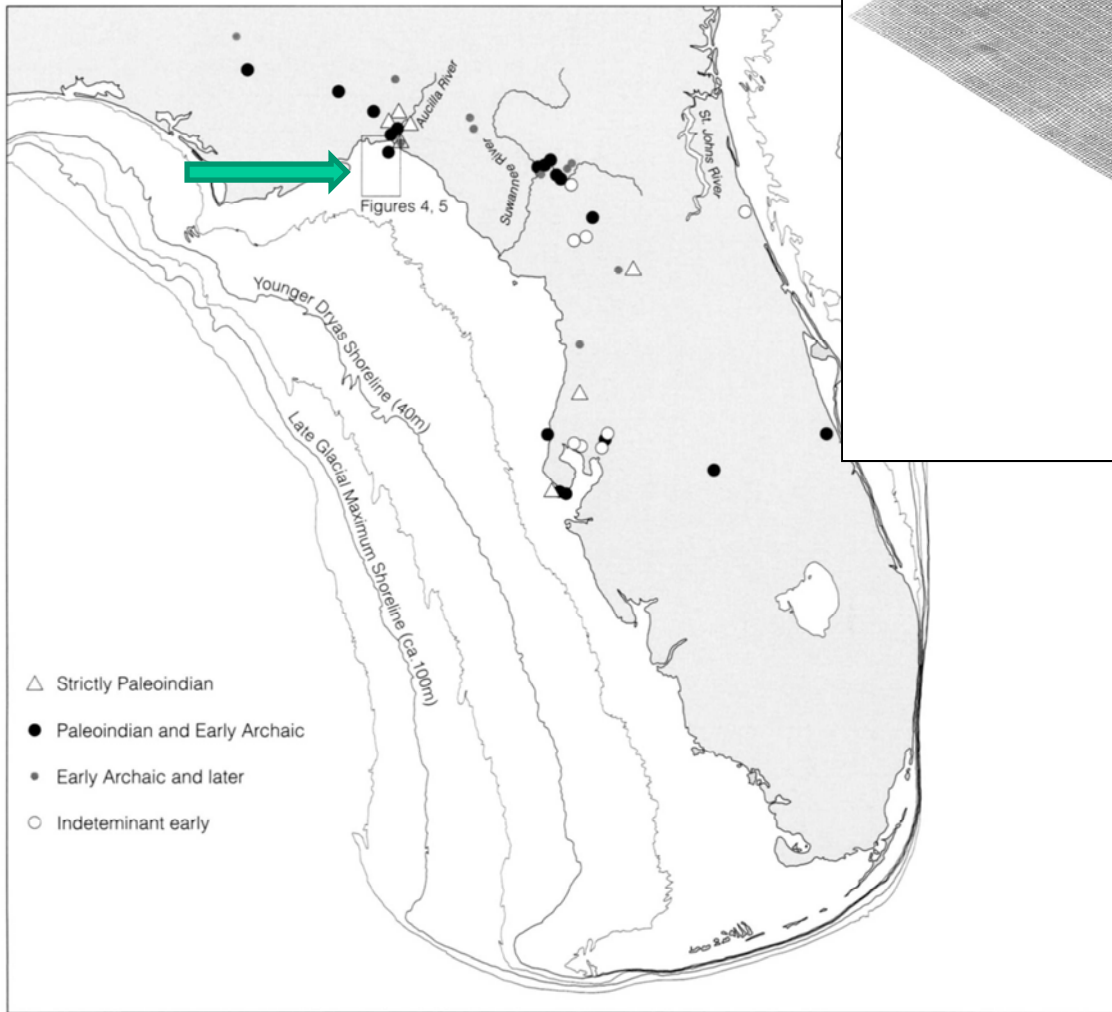
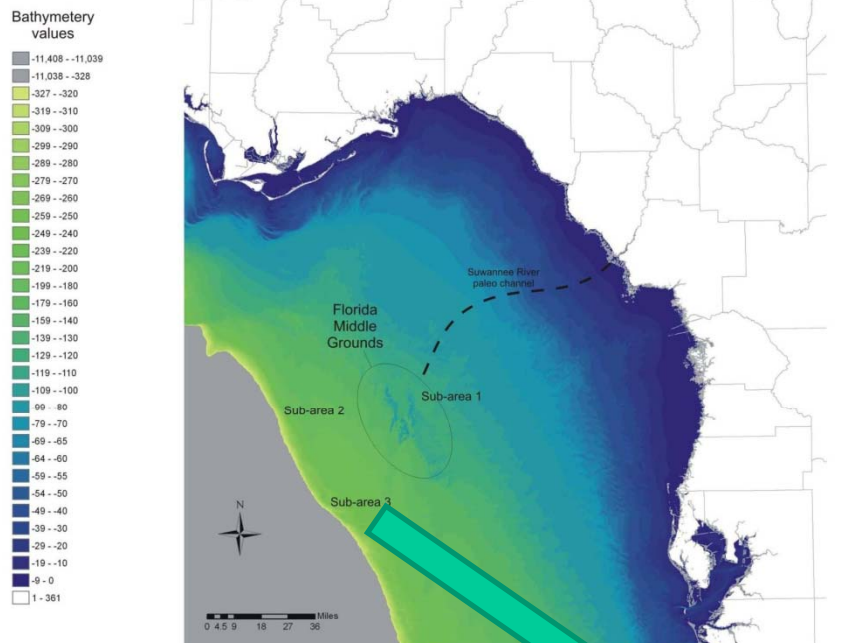


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Bathymetric map of survey area.

Exploring submerged shorelines back to the Late Glacial Maximum

Images courtesy James M. Adovasio and C. Andrew Hemmings

Sonar imaging of presumed Late Glacial Maximum beach features ca. 21,000 years ago.



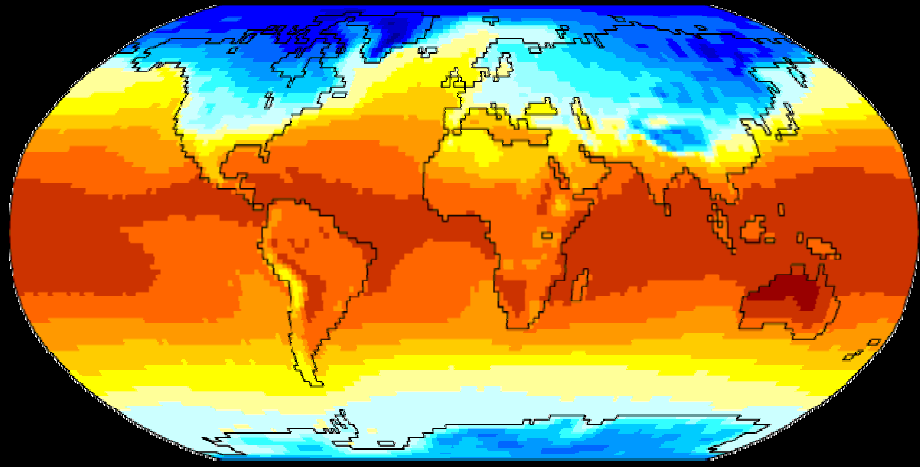
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Air Temperature

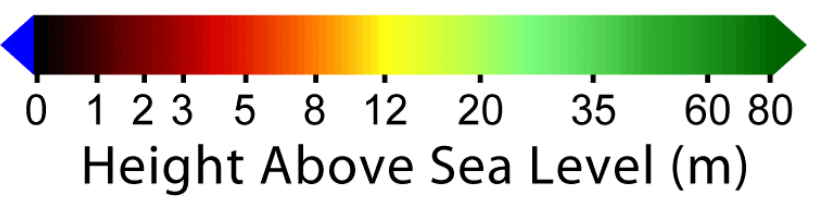
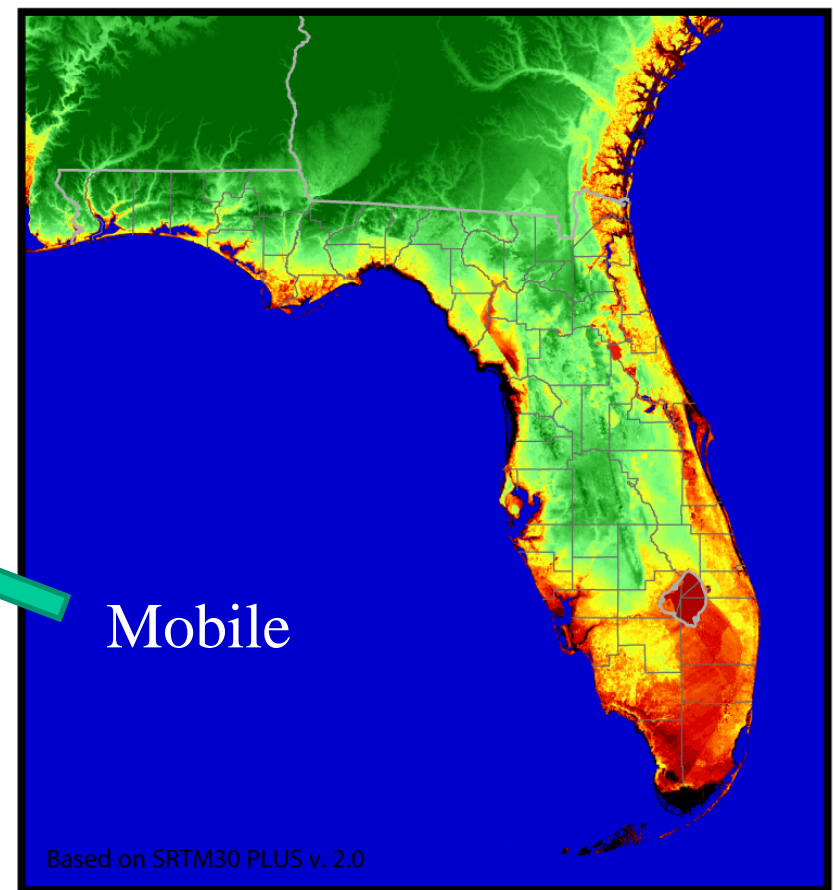
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Date: 2/27/2008, Reynolds Project, 0355-1 037 Climate Atlas
 Author: Department of Geography, University of Oregon, E-mail: 2008

Areas at risk from Sea Level Rise

Sea Level Risks - Florida



Sea Level Risks - Louisiana

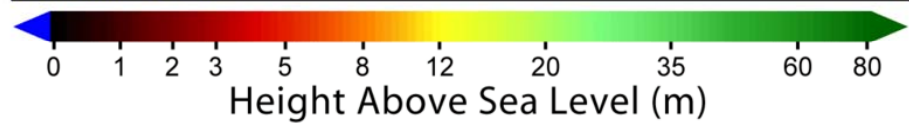
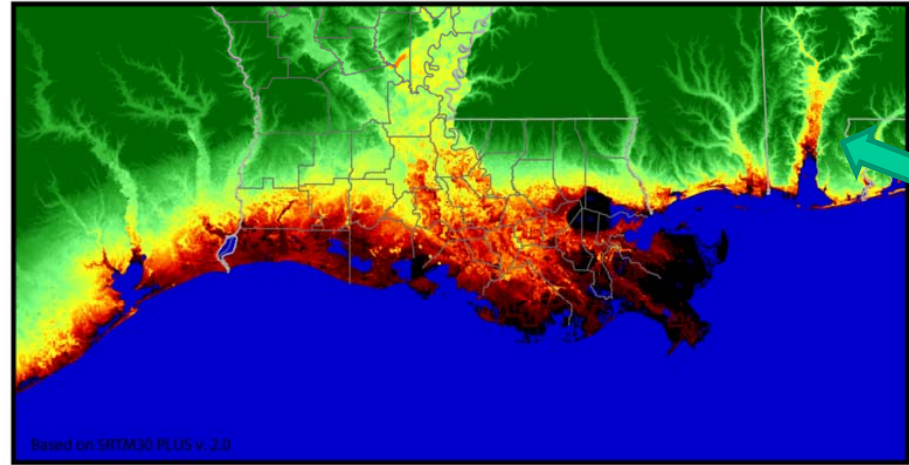


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Critical Needs:

More Work on Clovis Occupation Sites and
Settlement Modeling

Southeastern Paleoindian Points with Detailed Attribute Data Recorded

November 2009

Total Sample n= 10,798 Points
(includes ca. 3500 Dalton and Early Side Notched Forms)

• State	# Points	Source
• ALABAMA	618	Futato et al. pers. com. 2005
• ARKANSAS	91	Morse and Gillam, pers. com. 2005
• FLORIDA	134	Dunbar pers. com. 2005
• GEORGIA	1445	Ledbetter pers. com. 2005
• MISSISSIPPI	2146	McGahey pers. com. 2005
• NORTH CAROLINA	ca. 500*	Perkinson 1971, 1973 (n=83), Peck 1988 (n=444), Daniel 2005, pers. com. (n=253)
• SOUTH CAROLINA	472	Michie 1977, Goodyear and Charles 2005: pers. com.
• TENNESSEE	4376	Broster and Norton: pers. com. 2005
• VIRGINIA	1016	Hranicky and Johnson 2005

MISSING STATES: LOUISIANA, KENTUCKY

*OVERLAP BETWEEN DIFFERING SURVEYS NOT FULLY RESOLVED.

Clovis Blade and Fluted Point Technology



Blades and Blade Cores



Clovis points and early stage preforms

Specimen # 2

GEORGIA PALEOINDIAN RECORDATION PROJECTS
FLUTED AND LANCEOLATE POINT DATA SHEET

Owner Name U.S.C. Inv. of Arch. Type Name Clovis Institutional Number _____
 County Burke Negative Number _____
 Location of Site or Find SHK (formerly SHUR-3), The Theriault Site, Burke County, Georgia, Hiker Creek

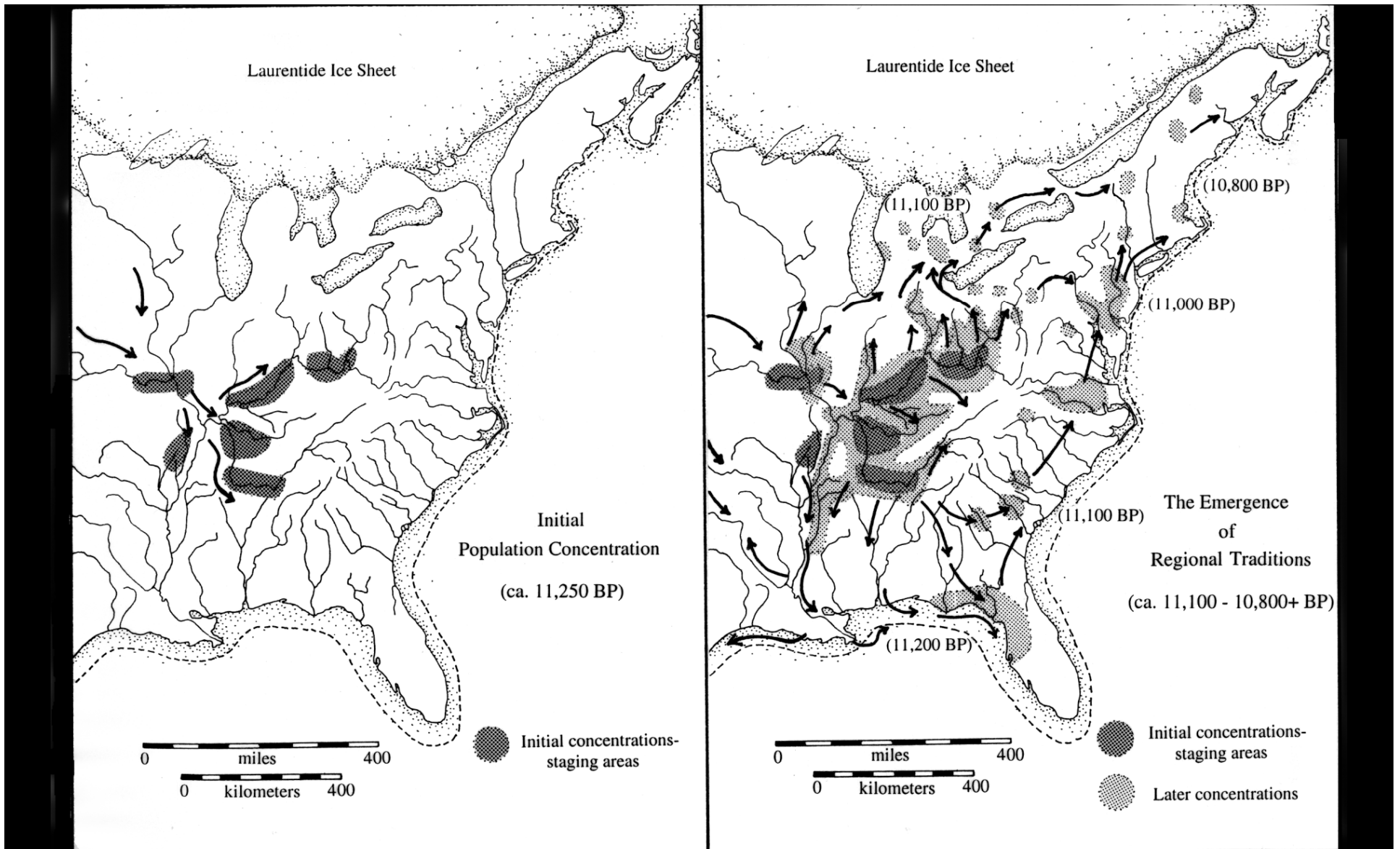
METRIC ATTRIBUTES (mm)		NON-METRIC ATTRIBUTES	
Maximum Length	118 mm	Raw Material	Cornal Plain chert
Estimated Complete Length	30.4 mm	Color	yellow-tan, mottled with small tan and cream specks throughout
Maximum Width	39.3 mm in front of break	Patination	moderate
Basal Width	7.4 mm	Edge Shape	straight side, convex blade
Maximum Thickness	11.4 mm	Edge Retouch	slight
Depth of Basal Concavity	47.2 mm	Basal Grinding	yes
Length of Fluting: Obverse	30.4 mm	Fluting Technique	single flake removed both sides
or Basal Fluting Reverse	30.4 mm	Manufacturing Technique	alternate retouch
Length of Edge Grinding: (L) _____	39.3 mm to break	Reworking	appears resharpened at least once
(R) _____	52.4 mm		
Other			

Remarks: One of the best paleo point I have seen in this area. Chert of good quality. Slight break on left lateral edge at proximal end (DGA). Excavated by Dr. Fagan's students. (U.S.C. Inv. number 01909 at depth of 30.34 inches, just above sterile clay matrix. Reference: Bouslogian 1971 Preliminary investigations of an Early Knaping Site in Southeastern Georgia, Notebook 33 page 34. Drawing by Darby. Not used courtesy of the Southeastern Paleoamerican Survey (SEPA).

SGA 2 Burke County (Theriault Site)

Recorder D.G. Anderson Date June 25, 1986

Attribute Recording form

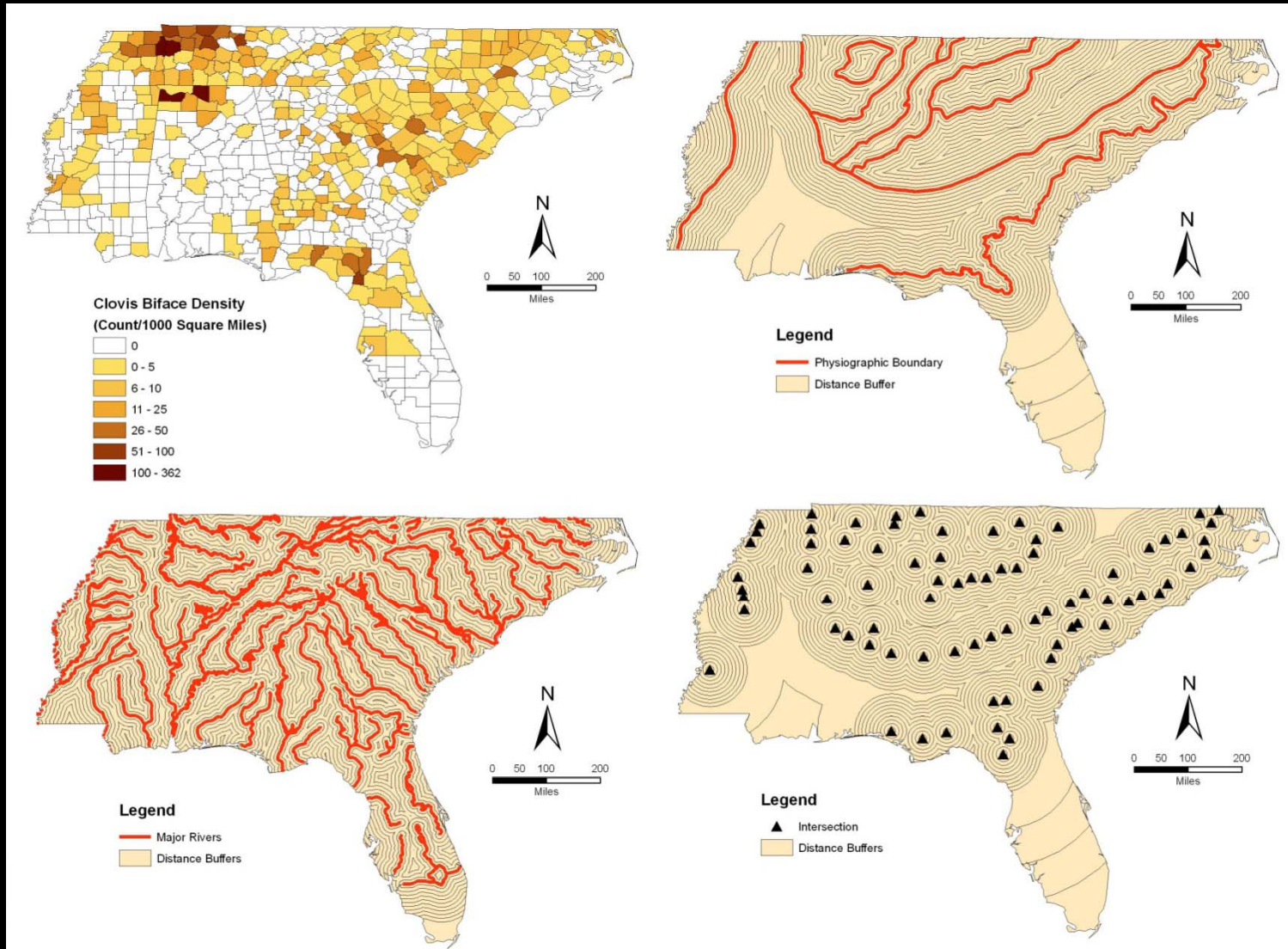


The settlement of the larger region (or radiation of fluting technology) from 'staging' areas.

Anderson, David G.

1990 The Paleoindian Colonization of Eastern North America: A View from the Southeastern United States. In *Early Paleoindian Economies of Eastern North America*, edited by Kenneth Tankersley and Barry Isaac, pp. 163–216. Research in Economic Anthropology Supplement 5.

Miller-Smallwood Paleoindian Aggregation Model



Large Clovis sites occur at the intersection of major rivers, macro-ecotones, and sources of toolstone.

Image courtesy of D. Shane Miller and Ashley Smallwood.



Carson-Conn-Short.
Tennessee

Images courtesy:
John Broster and Mark Norton

The Topper Clovis Excavation Allendale County, South Carolina



Large Clovis Preform Refit (Side A)



Clovis Base (found in situ)

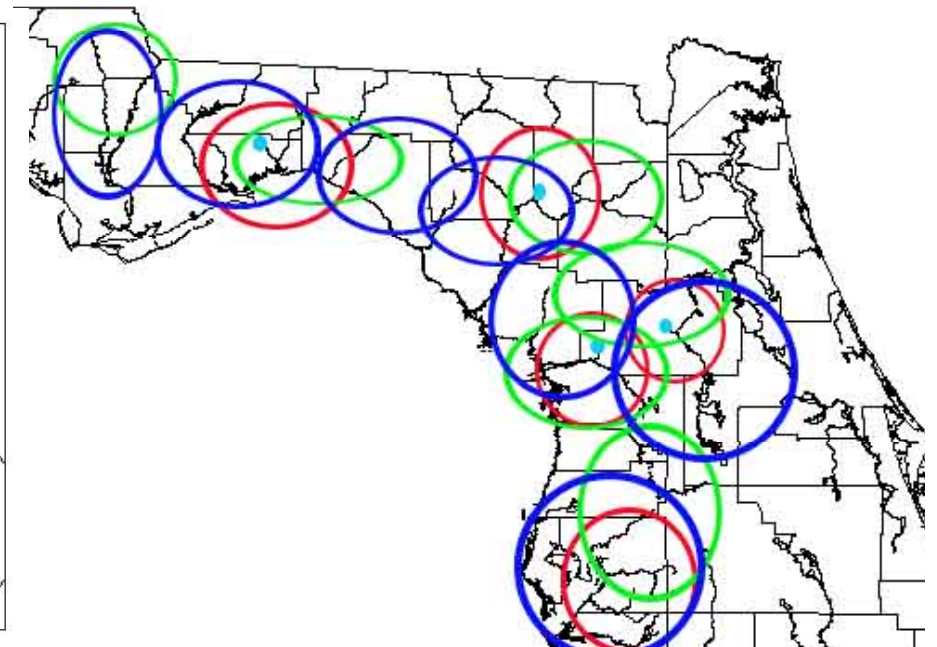
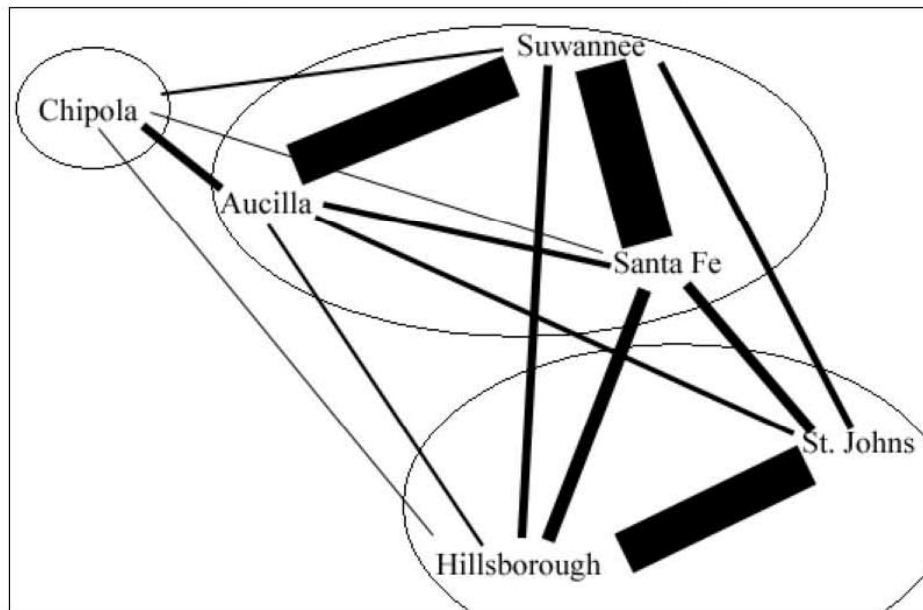
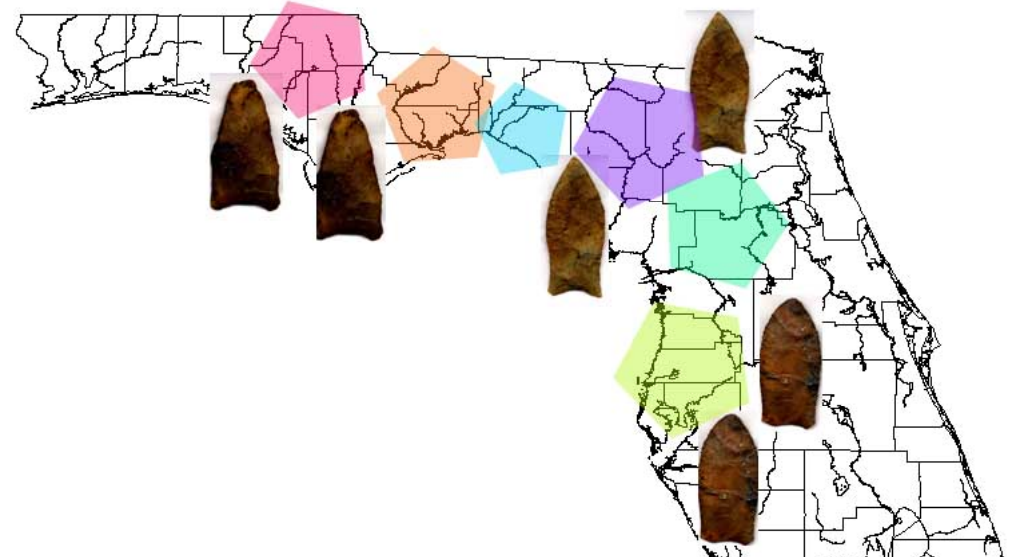
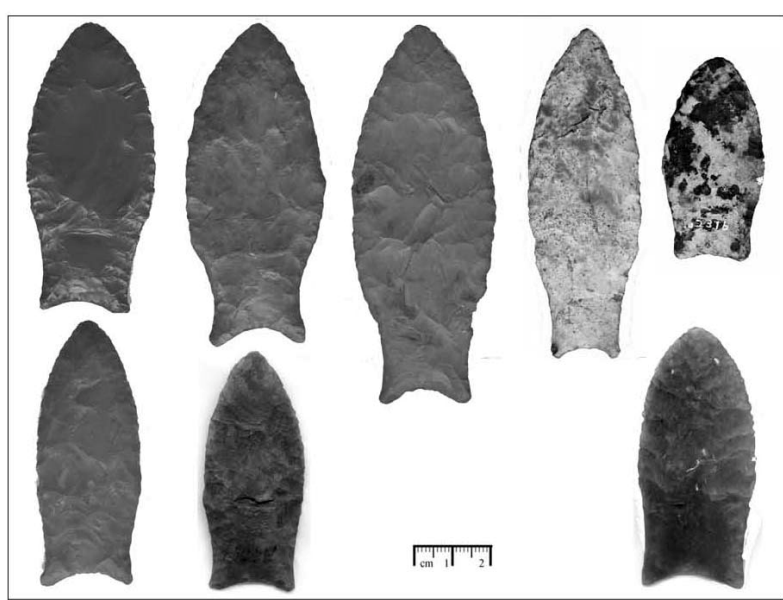


Paleo Point Base (possibly Clovis, found in situ)



Morphological Variability in Florida Paleoindian Point

Images courtesy David K. Thulman (PhD FSU 2006)

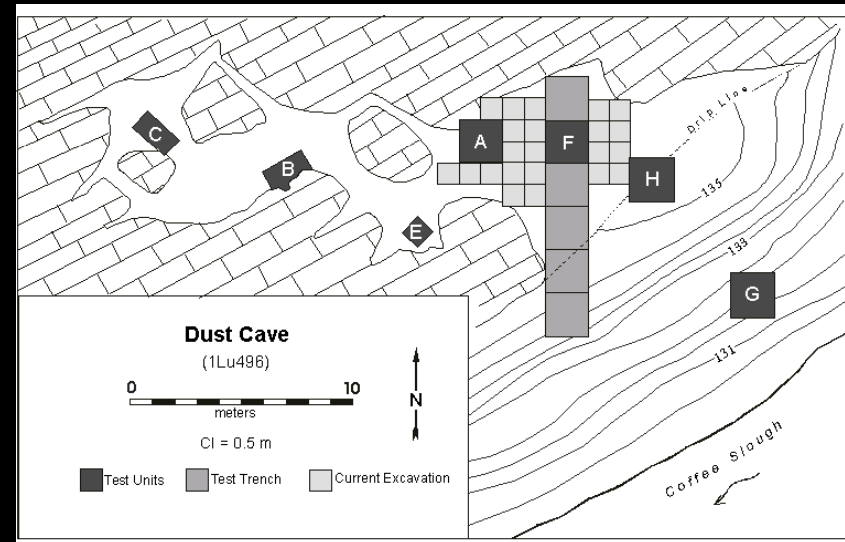


Critical Needs:

What Happened in the Terminal
Pleistocene/Early Holocene

May Help Us Understand Much Earlier
Occupations!

Dust Cave, Alabama



Micromorphology:
reworked hearth material
(charcoal, burned clay soil
pellets and some ash).



Late Paleoindian/Early Archaic Settlement Models

The Band-Macroband, Uwharrie-Allendale, and Dust Cave Models

Probably useful for earlier Paleoindian and PreClovis as well

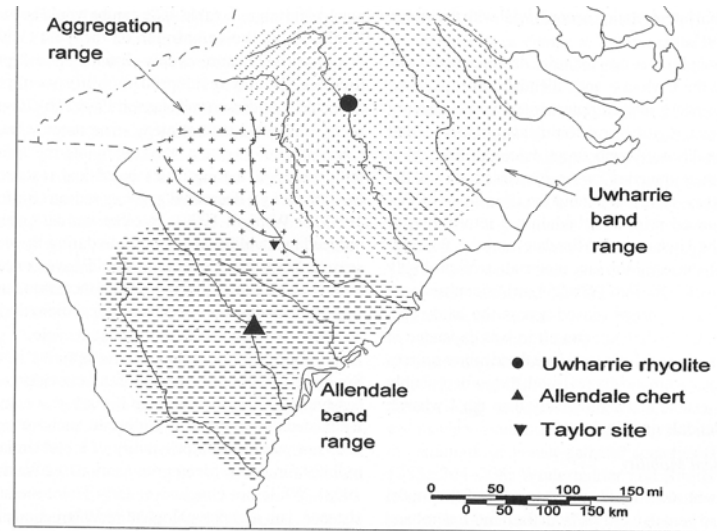
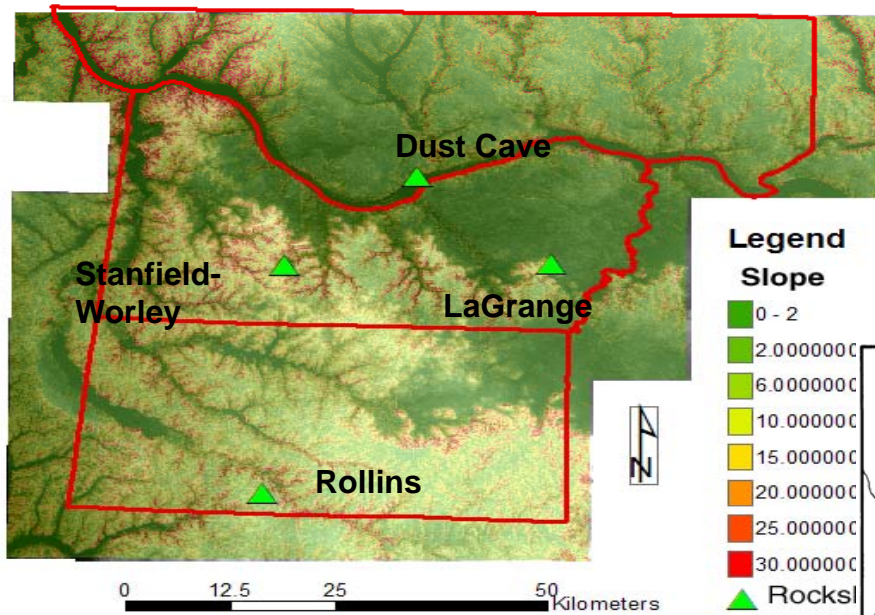
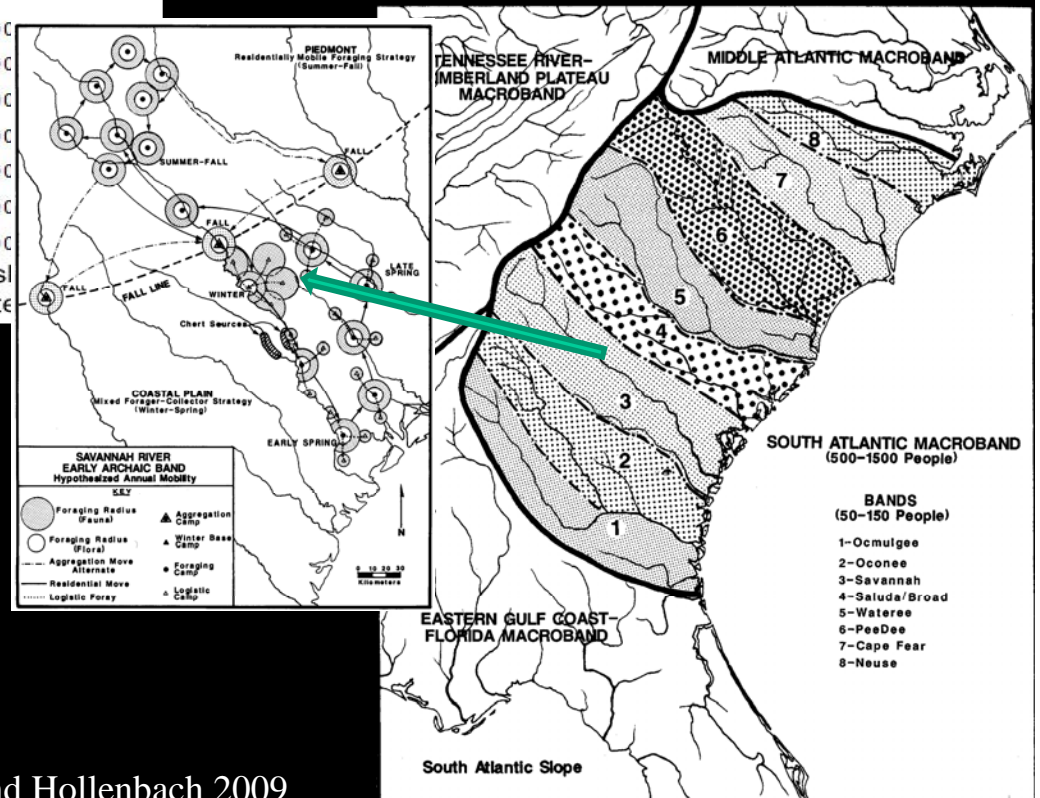


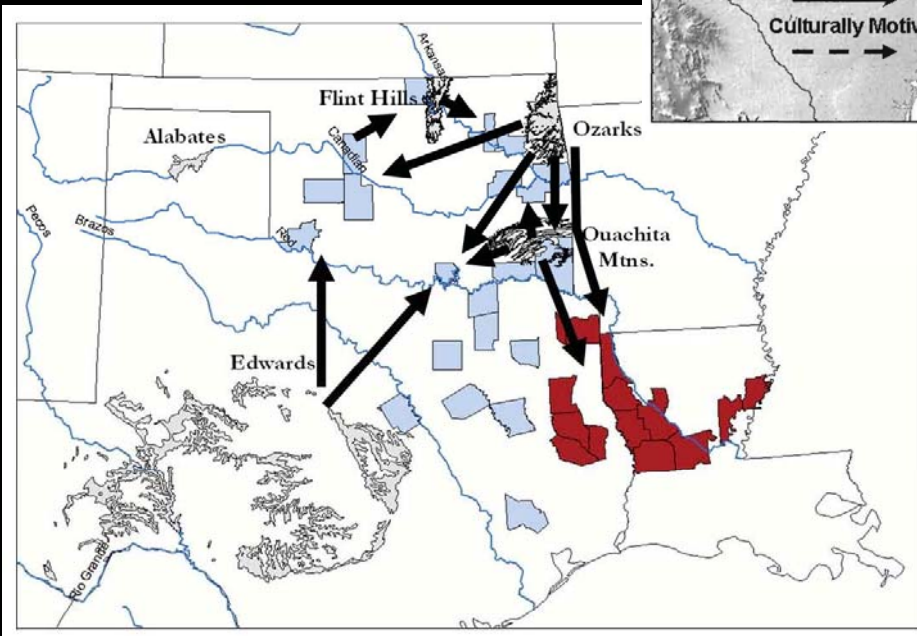
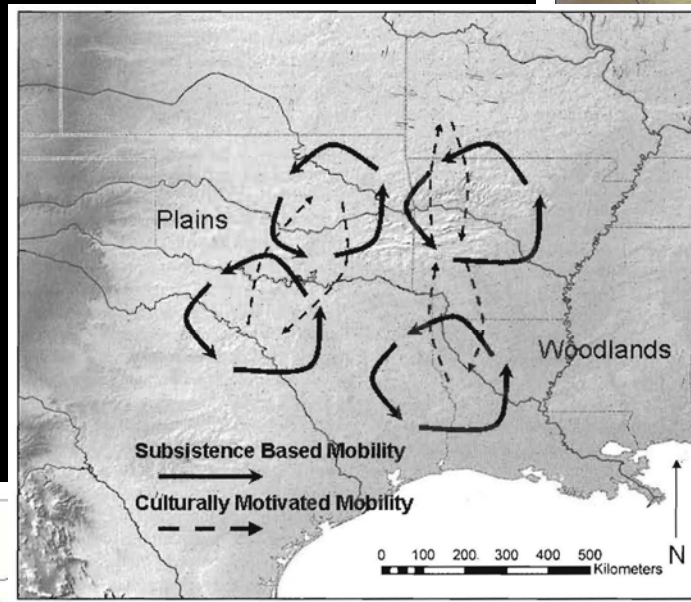
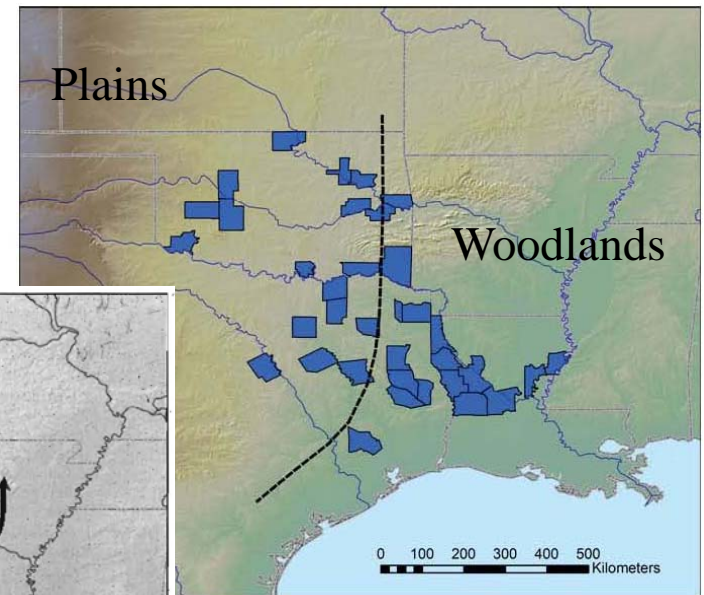
Figure 7. The Uwharrie-Allendale settlement ranges. From *Hardaway Revisited: Early Archaic Settlement in the Southeast* by I. Randolph Daniel, Jr. (1998, University of Alabama Press). Used by permission.



Dust Cave Seasonal foraging model



Images from Anderson and Hanson 1988, Daniel 1998, and Hollenbach 2009



San Patrice Settlement: A Useful Model of Early Plains— Eastern Woodlands Interaction

Images courtesy Tom Jennings (from
Jennings 2007:554)

Critical Needs:

Where are the Women and Children?

Were all stone tools made by men?

Almost certainly not!

What about perishables like wood, bone and fiber?



Critical Needs:

**More Primary Data Collection and
Analysis**

Sinclair Site, West Tennessee

July 2009



Sinclair Site, West Tennessee July 2009

Clovis Blade Cores!



Contributions from the Avocational Archaeological Field Community
Delaware Flint Gun Point



Clovis Type Points



Barnes-Parkhill Type Points

Crowfield Type Points

Hardaway-Dalton Type Points

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Isolated Fluted Point Findspots and Regionally Significant Paleoindian Sites

Delmarva Peninsula Paleoindian Site Inventory

-Over 100 Site Locations

Site Data Generated
by the Avocational Community
and Focused Research

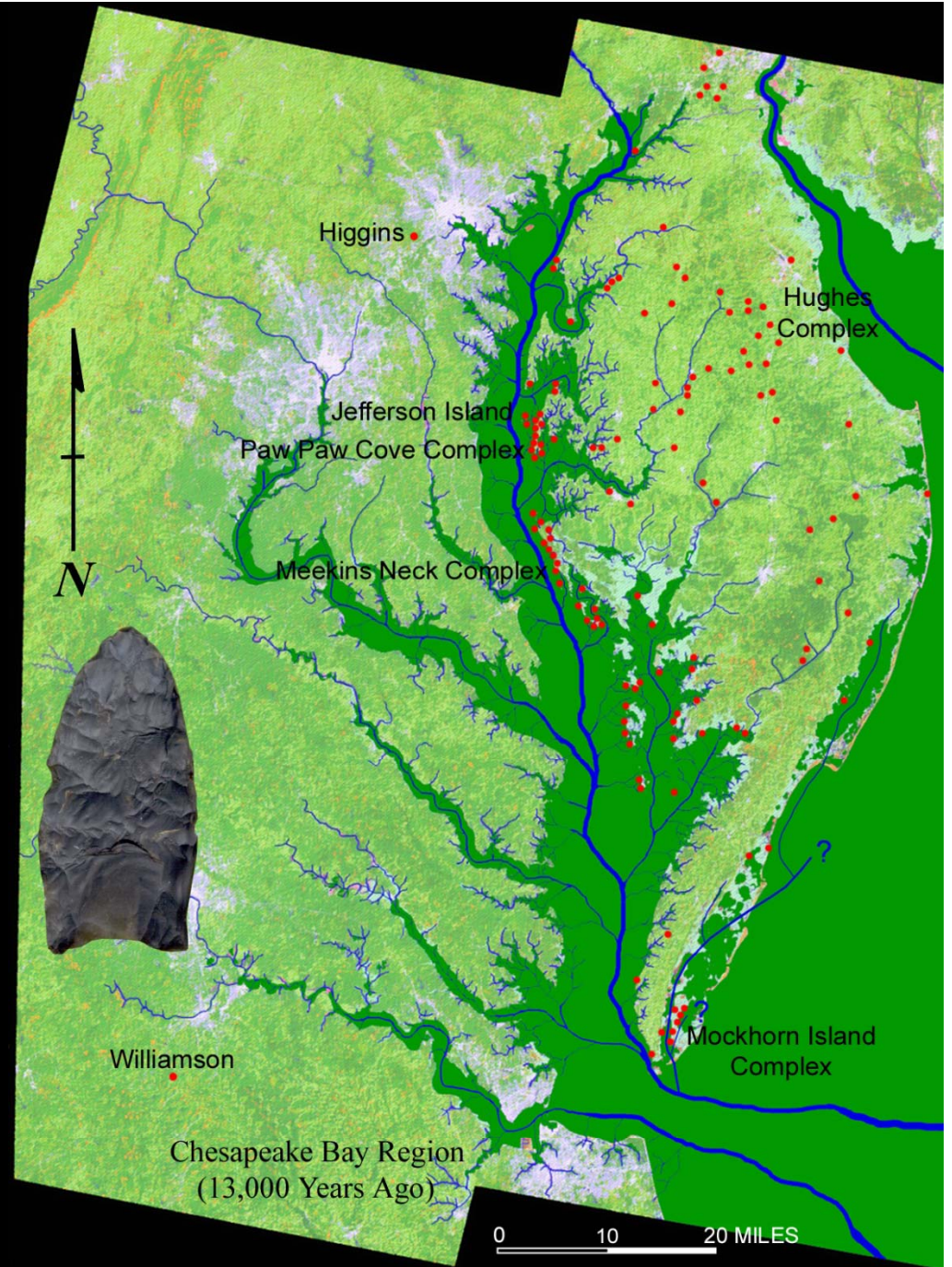
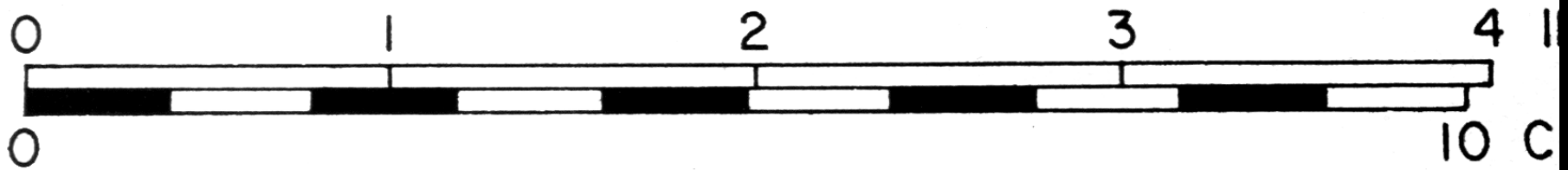


Image courtesy Darrin L. Lowery



Many people are compiling Paleoindian site and artifact data at progressively larger geographic scales.

(Photograph courtesy: Tommy Charles, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology)

GEORGIA PALEOINDIAN RECORDATION PROJECTS
FLUTED AND LANCEOLATE POINT DATA SHEET

Specimen # 1

Owner Name NPS Type Name Clovis Institutional Number _____
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Location of Site of Find Macon Plateau (Ocmulgee National Monument)

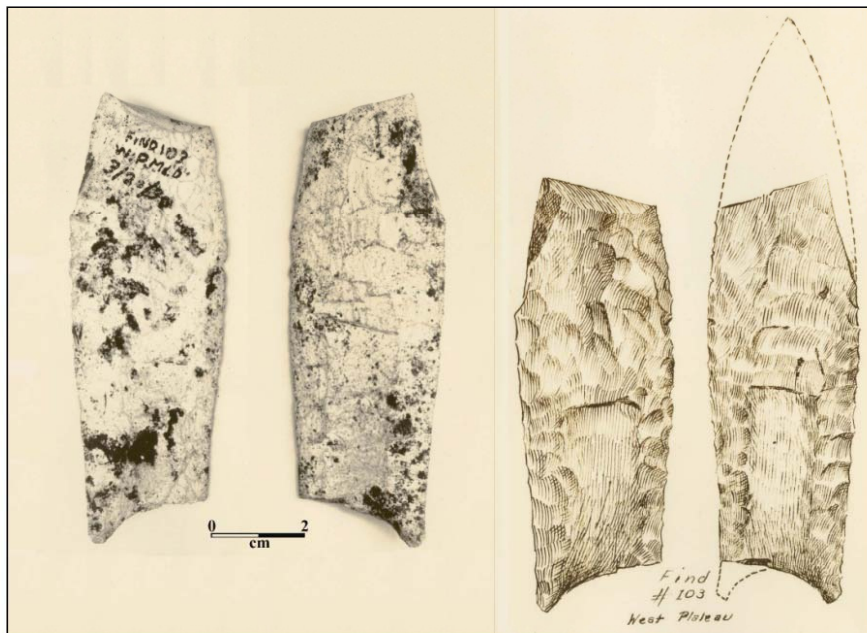
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Maximum Length 91 mm
Estimated Complete Length 115 mm
Maximum Width 30 mm
Basal Width 25 mm
Maximum Thickness N/A
Depth of Basal Concavity 5 mm
Length of Fluting: Obverse 40 mm
or Basal Thinning Reverse 37 mm
Length of Edge Grinding: (L) N/A
(R) N/A
Other _____

NON-METRIC ATTRIBUTES

Raw Material Coastal Plain chert
Color white
Patination heavy
Edge Shape straight
Edge Retouch fine serrations
Facial Retouch present
Basal Grinding single long flute
Fluting Technique _____
Manufacturing Technique _____
Reworking _____

Remarks: _____
References: Kelly 1938; Anderson et al 1990:Figure 17a, also A.R. Kelly n.d. Discovery of a Folsom Projectile Pint at Macon, Georgia (UGA Manuscript 428). Illustrations from UGA Macon Plateau photo files

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GEORGIA PALEOINDIAN RECORDATION PROJECTS
FLUTED AND LANCEOLATE POINT DATA SHEET

Owner Name U.S.C. Ins. of Arch. Type Name Clovis Institutional Number _____
County Burke Negative Number _____
Location of Site of Find 9BK2 (formerly 9BUR-2), The Theriault Site, Burke County, Georgia, Brier Creek

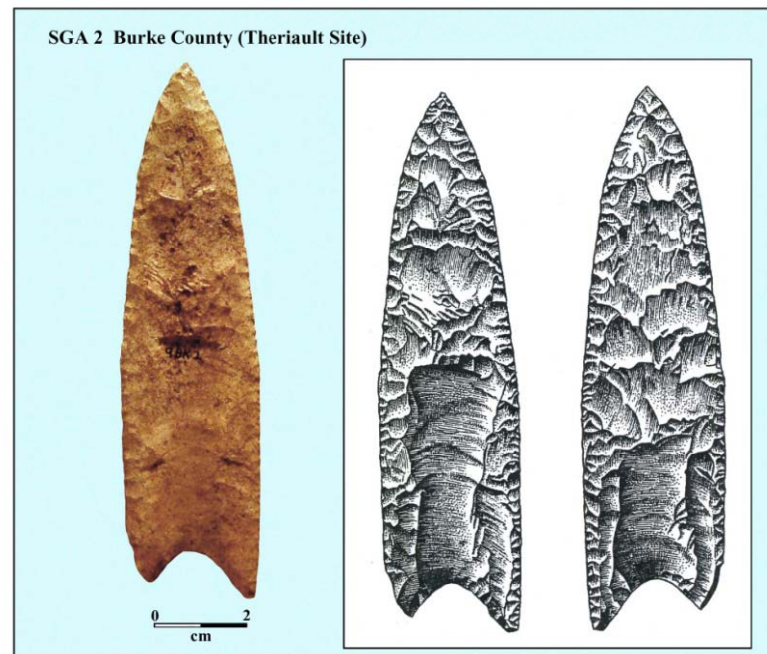
METRIC ATTRIBUTES (mm)

Maximum Length 118 mm
Estimated Complete Length _____
Maximum Width 30.4 mm
Basal Width 29.3 mm in front of break
Maximum Thickness 7.8 mm
Depth of Basal Concavity 11.2 mm
Length of Fluting: Obverse 47.2 mm
or Basal Thinning Reverse 30.4 mm
Length of Edge Grinding: (L) 39.2 mm to break
(by side) (R) 52.4 mm
Other _____

NON-METRIC ATTRIBUTES

Raw Material Coastal Plain chert
Color yellow-tan, mottled with small tan and cream specks throughout
Patination moderate
Edge Shape straight side, convex blade
Edge Retouch yes
Facial Retouch slight
Basal Grinding yes
Fluting Technique single flake removed both sides
Manufacturing Technique pressure retouch
Reworking appears resharpened at least once.

Remarks: One of the best paleo point I have seen in this area. Chert of good quality. Slight break on left lateral edge at proximal end (DGA). Excavated by Dr. Edwards students, (U.S.C.) in summer of 1969 at depth of 30-34 inches, just above sterile clay matrix. Reference: Brockington 1971 (Preliminary Investigation of an Early Knapping Site in Southeastern Georgia, Notebook III page 34. Drawing by Darby Erd used courtesy of the Southeastern Paleoamerican Survey (SCIAA))


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THE IMPORTANCE OF
DEVELOPING AND
INTEGRATING LARGE
DATASETS...

A CHALLENGE FOR THE 21st
CENTURY

Data's shameful neglect

Research cannot flourish if data are not preserved and made accessible. All concerned must act accordingly.



More and more often these days, a research project's success is measured not just by the publications it produces, but also by the data it makes available to the wider community. Pioneering archives such as GenBank have demonstrated just how powerful such legacy data sets can be for generating new discoveries — especially when data are combined from many laboratories and analysed in ways that the original researchers could not have anticipated.

All but a handful of disciplines still lack the technical, institutional and cultural frameworks required to support such open data access (see pages 168 and 171) — leading to a scandalous shortfall in the sharing of data by researchers (see page 160). This deficiency urgently needs to be addressed by funders, universities and the researchers themselves.

Research funding agencies need to recognize that preservation of and access to digital data are central to their mission, and need to be supported accordingly. Organizations in the United Kingdom, for instance, have made a good start. The Joint Information Systems Committee, established by the seven UK research councils in 1993, has made data-sharing a priority, and has helped to establish a Digital Curation Centre, headquartered at the University of Edinburgh, to be a national focus for research and development into data issues. Other European agencies have also pursued initiatives.

The United States, by contrast, is playing catch-up. Since 2005, a 29-member Interagency Working Group on Digital Data has been trying to get US funding agencies to develop plans for how they will support data archiving — and just as importantly, to develop policies on what data should and should not be preserved, and what exceptions should be made for reasons such as patient privacy. Some agencies have taken the lead in doing so; many more are hanging back. They should all be moving forwards vigorously.

What is more, funding agencies and researchers alike must ensure that they support not only the hardware needed to store the data, but

also the software that will help investigators to do this. One important facet is metadata management software: tools that streamline the tedious process of annotating data with a description of what the bits mean, which instrument collected them, which algorithms have been used to process them and so on — information that is essential if other scientists are to reuse the data effectively.

Also necessary, especially in an era when data can be mixed and combined in unanticipated ways, is software that can keep track of which pieces of data came from whom. Such systems are essential if tenure and promotion committees are ever to give credit — as they should — to candidates' track-record of data contribution.

Who should host these data? Agencies and the research community together need to create the digital equivalent of libraries: institutions that can take responsibility for preserving digital data and making them accessible over the long term. The university research libraries themselves are obvious candidates to assume this role. But whoever takes it on, data preservation will require robust, long-term funding. One potentially helpful initiative is the US National Science Foundation's DataNet programme, in which researchers are exploring financial mechanisms such as subscription services and membership fees.

Finally, universities and individual disciplines need to undertake a vigorous programme of education and outreach about data. Consider, for example, that most university science students get a reasonably good grounding in statistics. But their studies rarely include anything about information management — a discipline that encompasses the entire life cycle of data, from how they are acquired and stored to how they are organized, retrieved and maintained over time. That needs to change: data management should be woven into every course in science, as one of the foundations of knowledge. ■


"Data management should be woven into every course in science."



OPINION

Prepublication data sharing

Rapid release of prepublication data has served the field of genomics well. Attendees at a workshop in Toronto recommend extending the practice to other biological data sets.

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OPINION

Post-publication sharing of data and tools

Despite existing guidelines on access to data and bioresources, good practice is not widespread. A meeting of mouse researchers in Rome proposes ways to promote a culture of sharing.

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Coming Soon...

Kentucky

Paleoindian Database of the Americas



Primary Data Is Available Online at:

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It Takes Collaboration... thanks for the help!

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1937!

People have been talking about Paleoindian
Site and Artifact Distributions for
Decades....

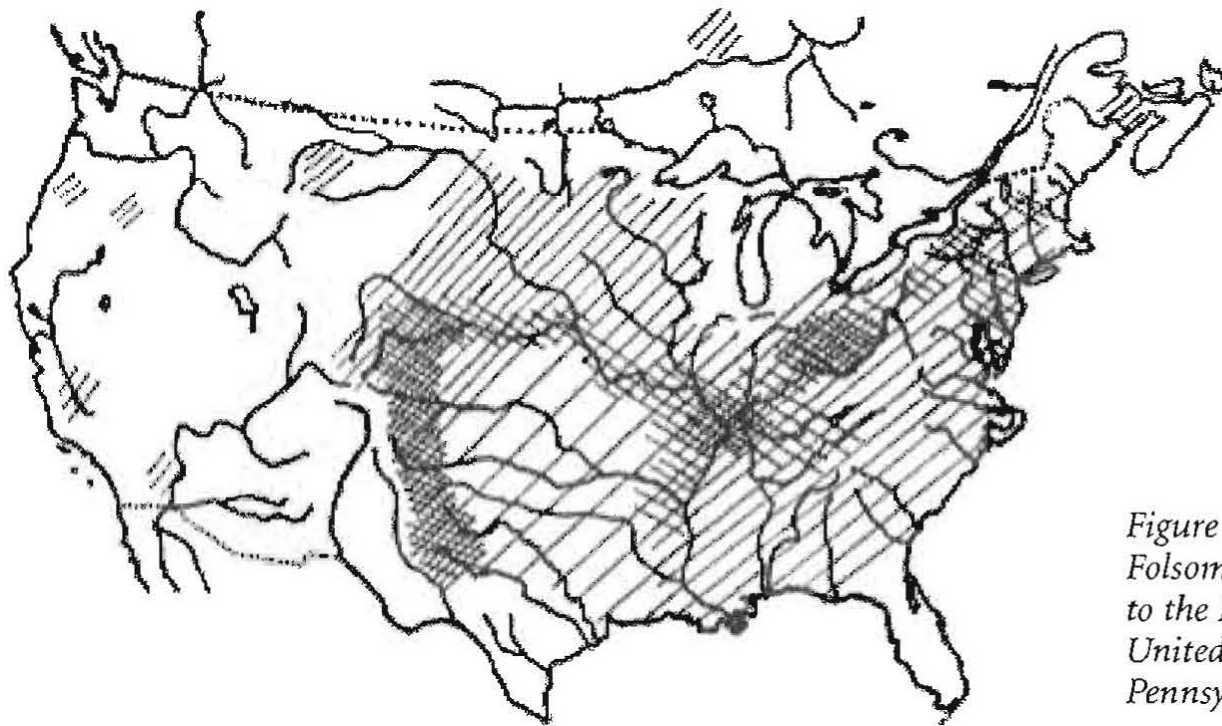
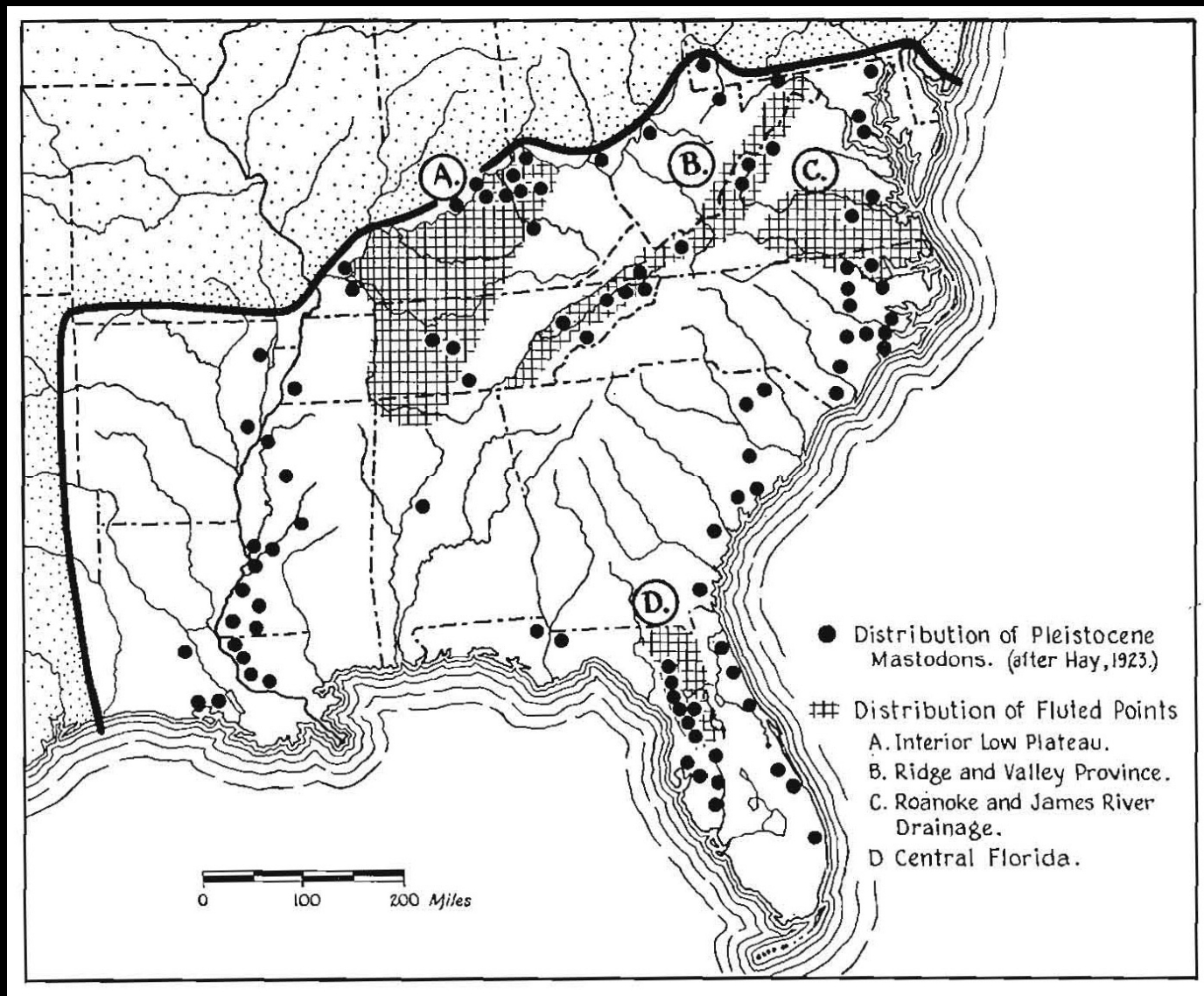


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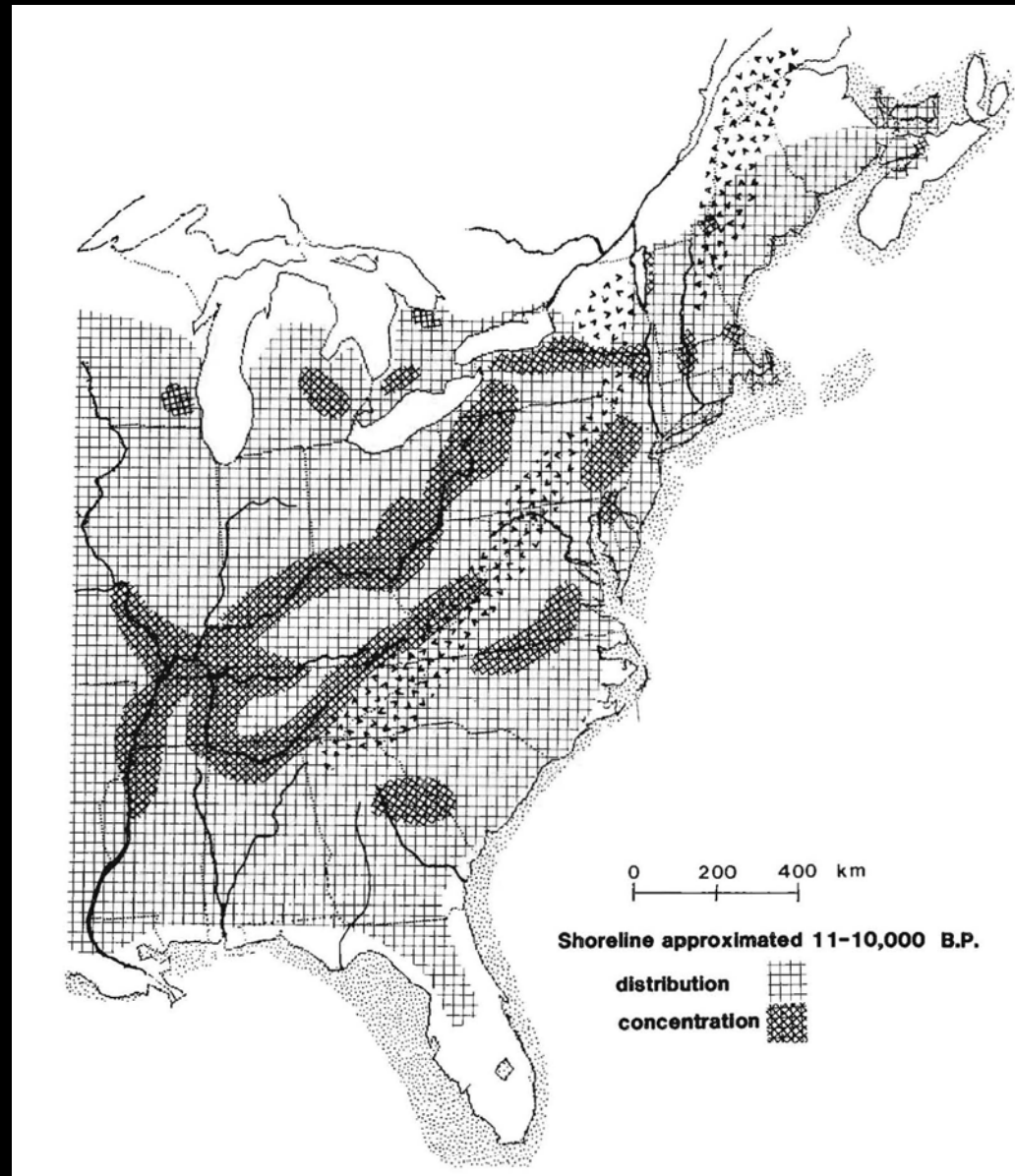
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1965!



Williams, Stephen, and James B. Stoltman. 1965. An Outline of Southeastern United States Prehistory with Particular Emphasis on the Paleoindian Era. In *The Quaternary of the United States*, edited by H. E. Wright and D. G. Frey, pp. 669–83. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Image from page 677.

1993!



Dincauze, Dena F. 1993. Fluted Points in the Eastern Forests. In *From Kostenki to Clovis: Upper Paleolithic Paleo-Indian Adaptations*, edited by Olga Soffer and N. D. Praslov, pp. 279-92. Plenum, New York. Image from page 282.

Fluted Points

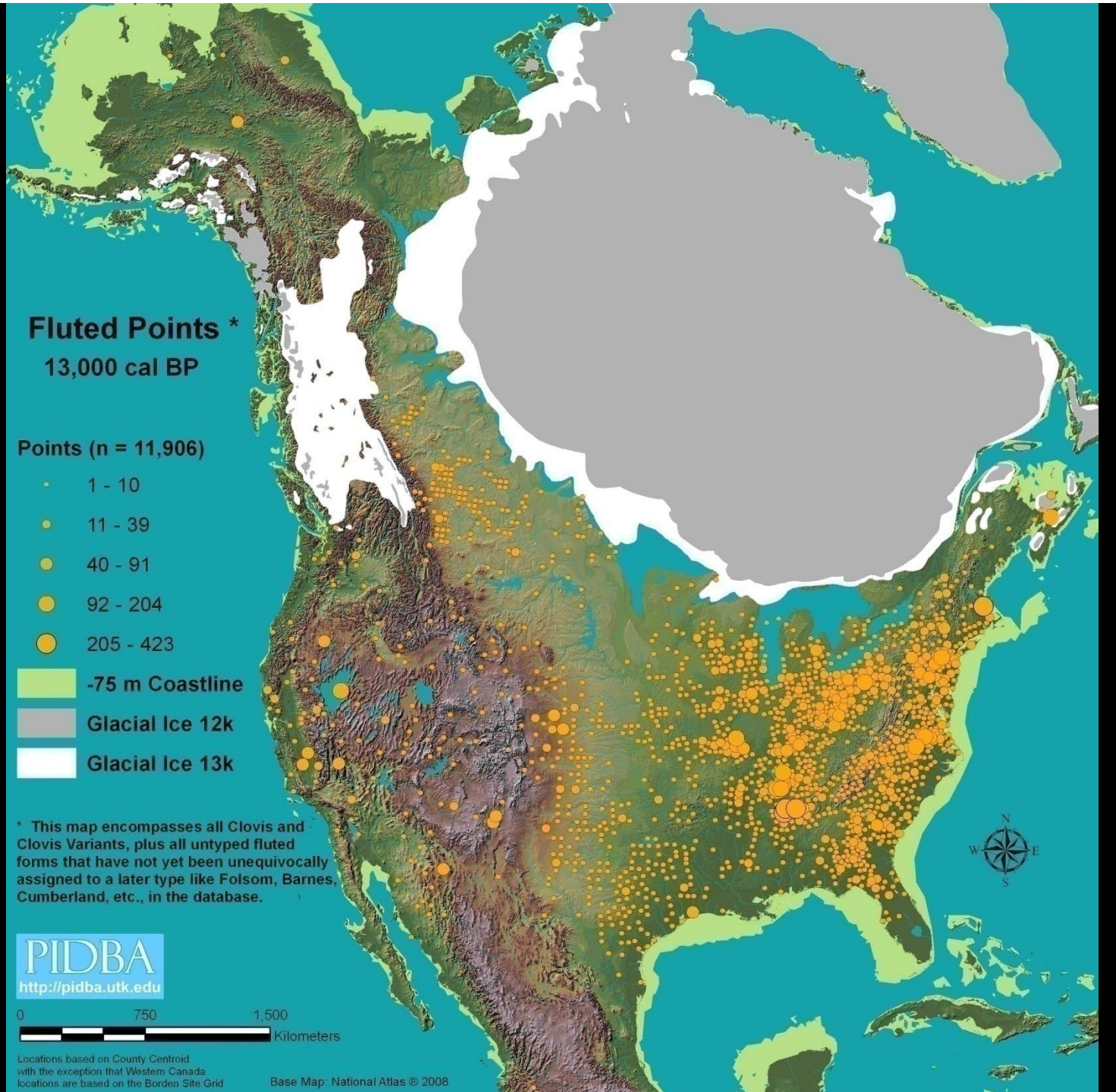
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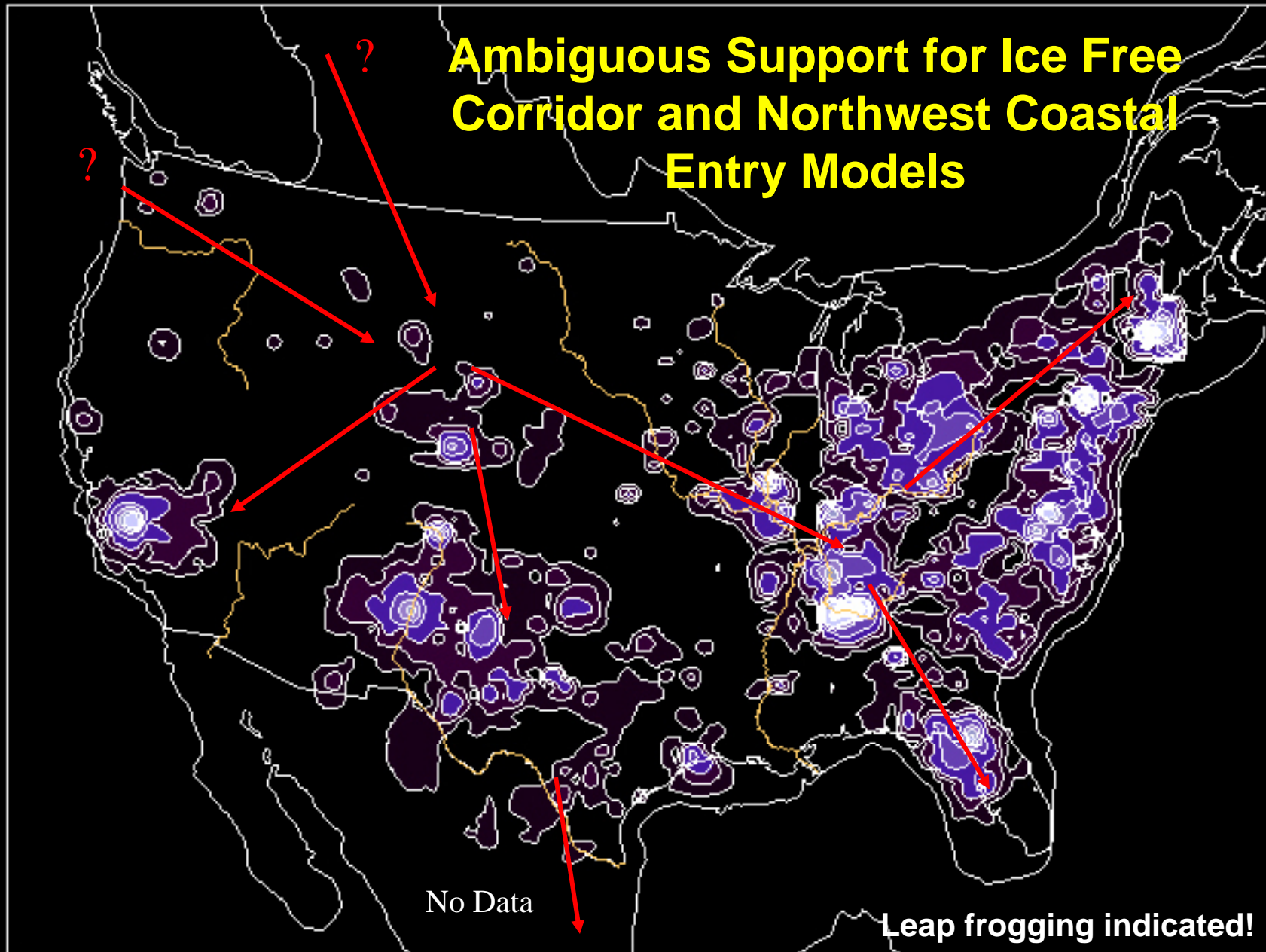
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n=11,906 points

>1500 locations.



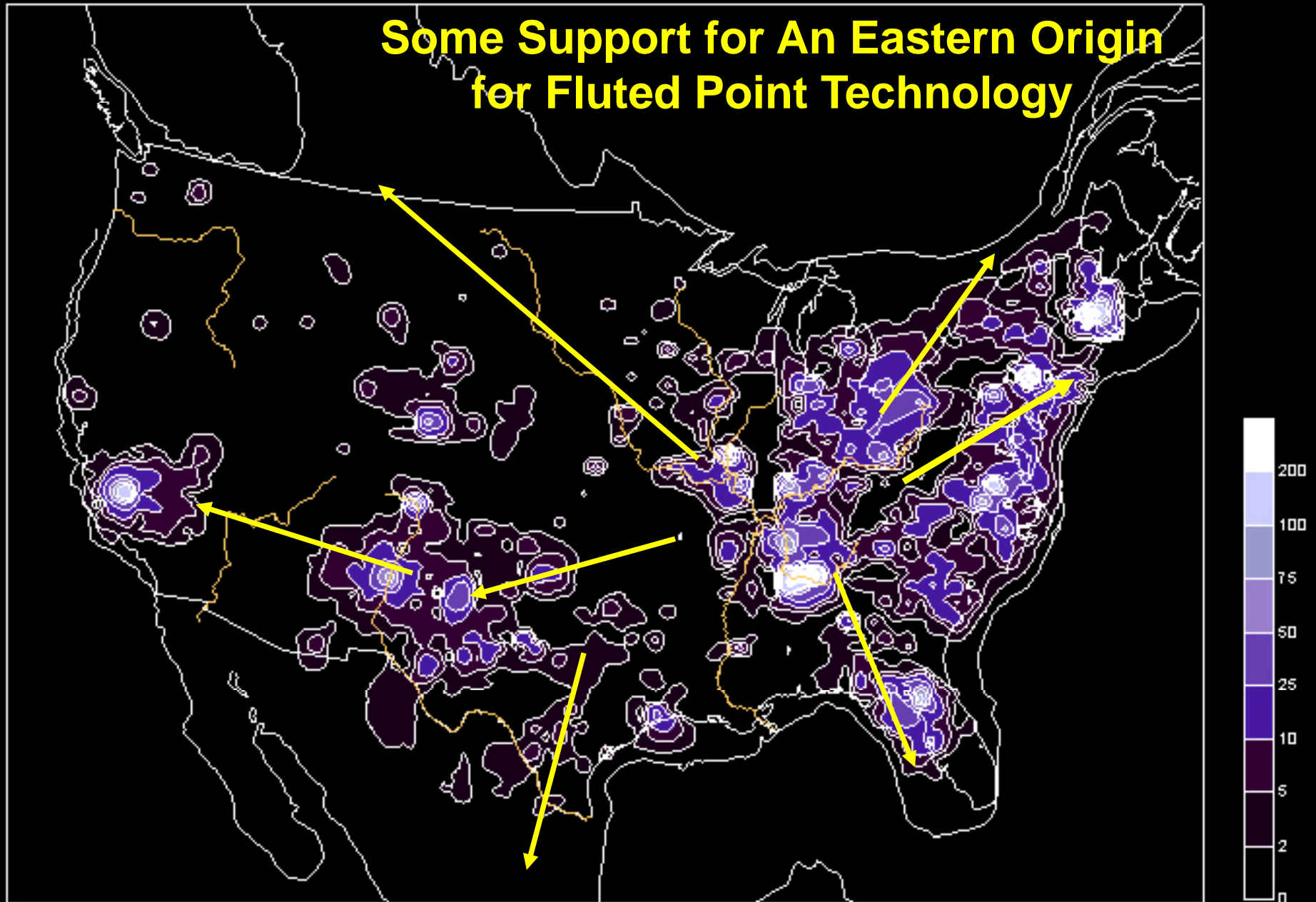
Ambiguous Support for Ice Free Corridor and Northwest Coastal Entry Models



ALL FLUTED PALEO INDIAN POINTS
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Some Support for An Eastern Origin for Fluted Point Technology



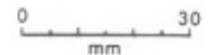
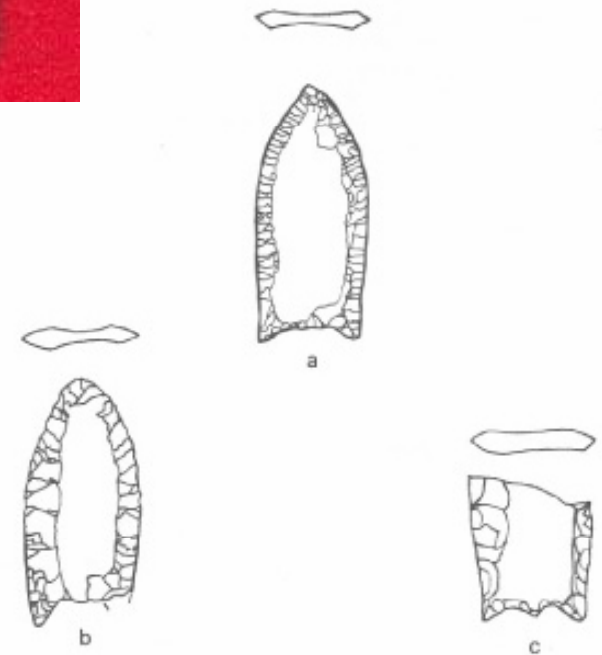
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Folsom Cluster



Map 7: Folsom—Distribution and Important Sites



Justice, Noel D.
1987 *Stone Age Spear and Arrow Points of the Midcontinental and Eastern United States*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Images from pp. 28, 29, Plate 1.

Middle Paleoindian Points

12,000 cal BP
sample = 4,420

Folsom* (n = 2,141)


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- 40 - 91
- 92 - 204
- 205 - 423

Redstone/Cumberland/Barnes** (n = 1587)

- 1 - 10
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- 92 - 204
- 205 - 423

Suwannee/Simpson (n = 692)

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 -68 m Coastline

 Glacial Ice 12k

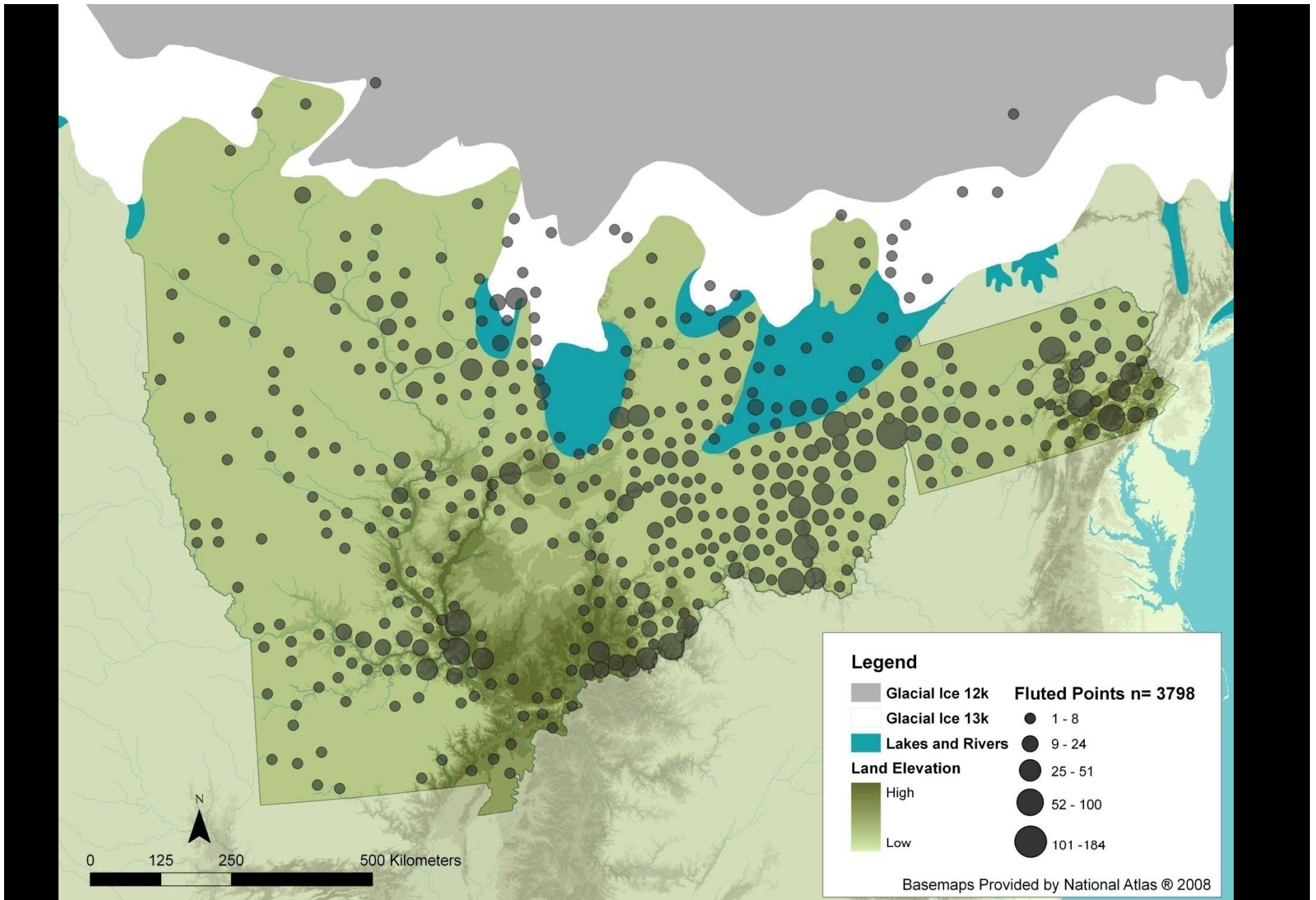
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** Includes Holcombe and Vail

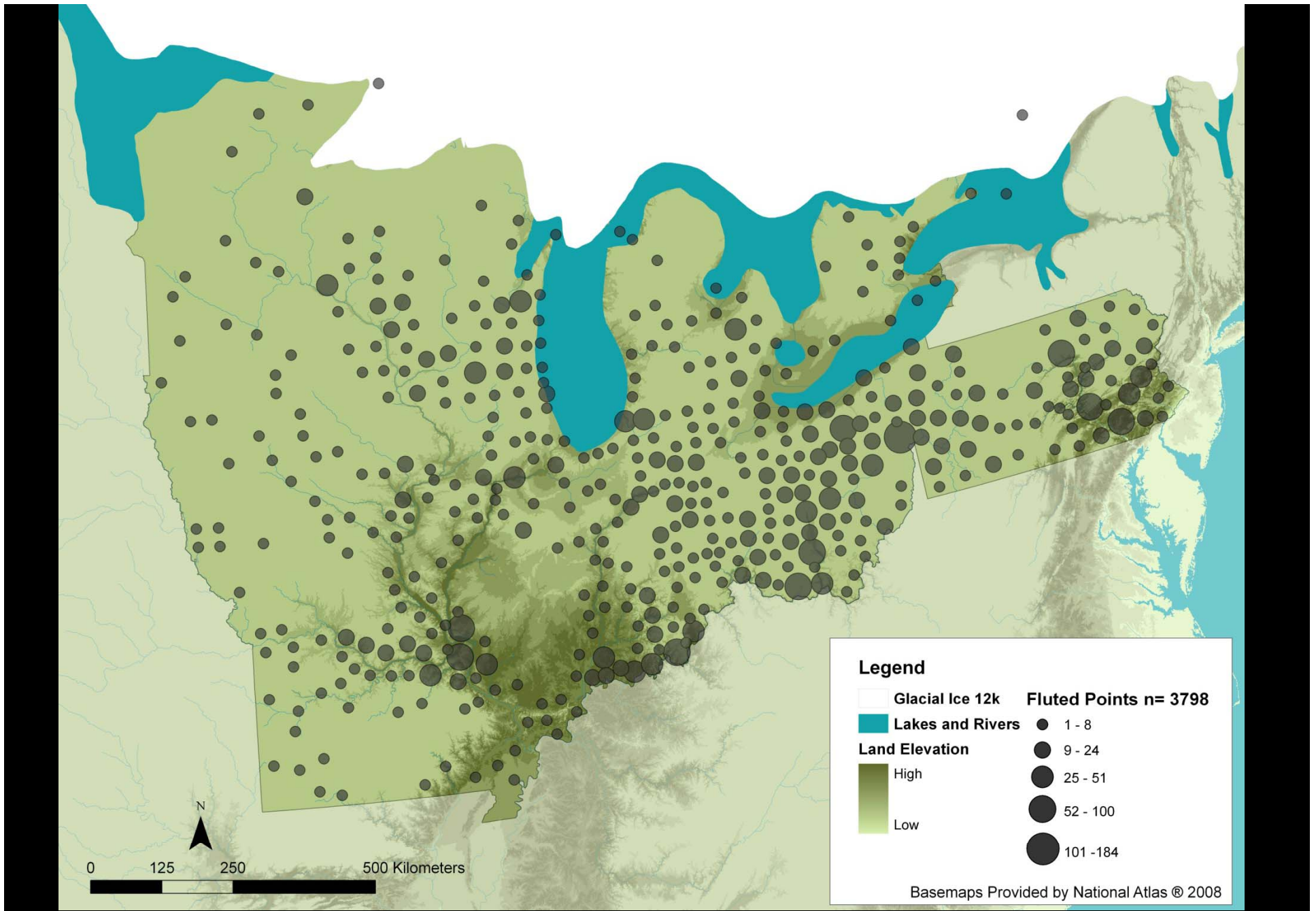
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Base Map: National Atlas © 2008
Locations based on County Centroids
with the exception that Western Canada
locations are based on the Borden Site Grid

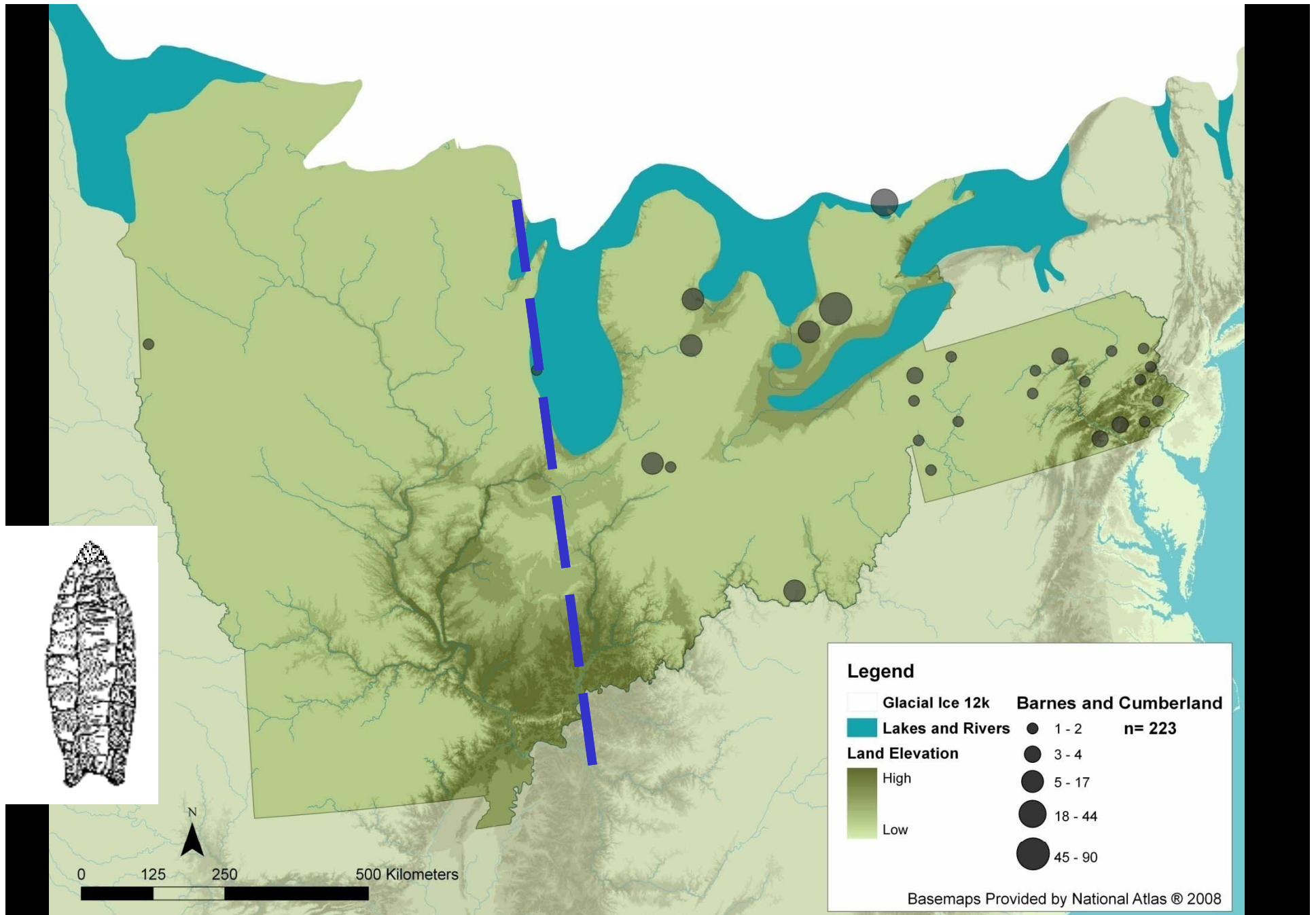
Presumed Post-Clovis,
Paleoindian Projectile
Point Types: Folsom,
Redstone/Cumberland/
Barnes/Holcombe/Vail
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Suwannee/Simpson
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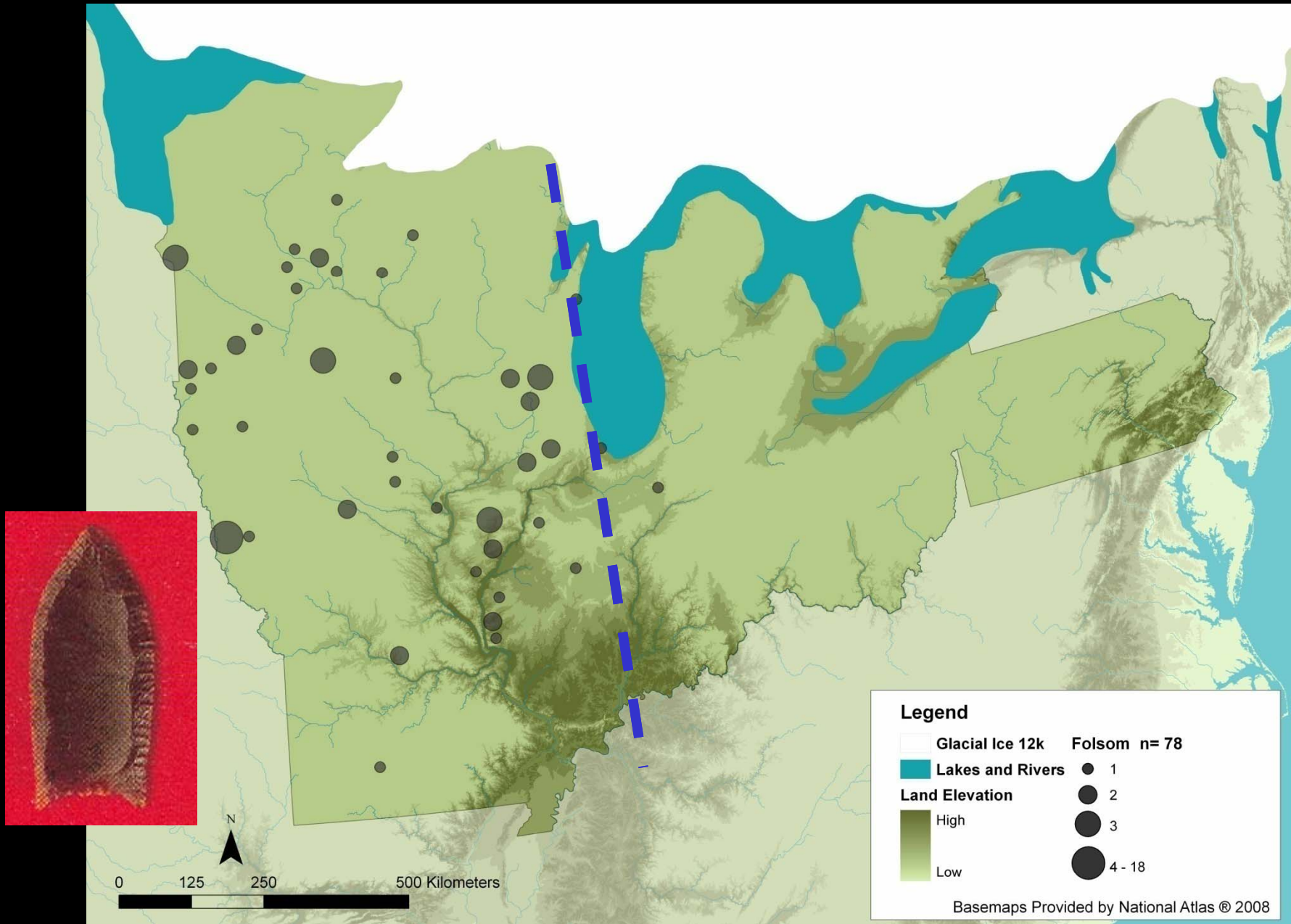
All Fluted Points, Ice and Lakes at 12, 13 k cal yr BP



All Fluted Points, Ice and Lakes at 12,000 cal yr BP



Barnes and Cumberland Points, Ice and Lakes at 12,000 cal yr BP



Folsom Points, Ice and Lakes at 12,000 cal yr BP

Critical Needs:

**More
Stratified Sites!**



**Ice House Bottom,
TN**

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Koster, IL

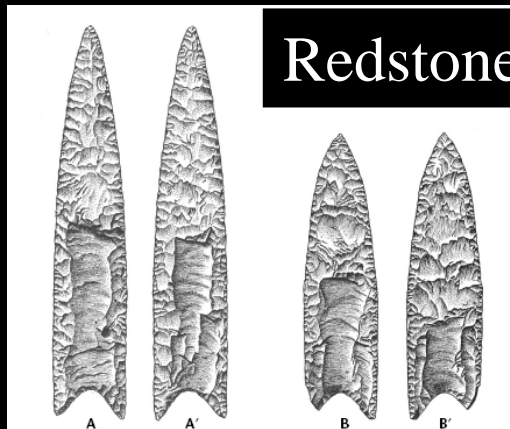
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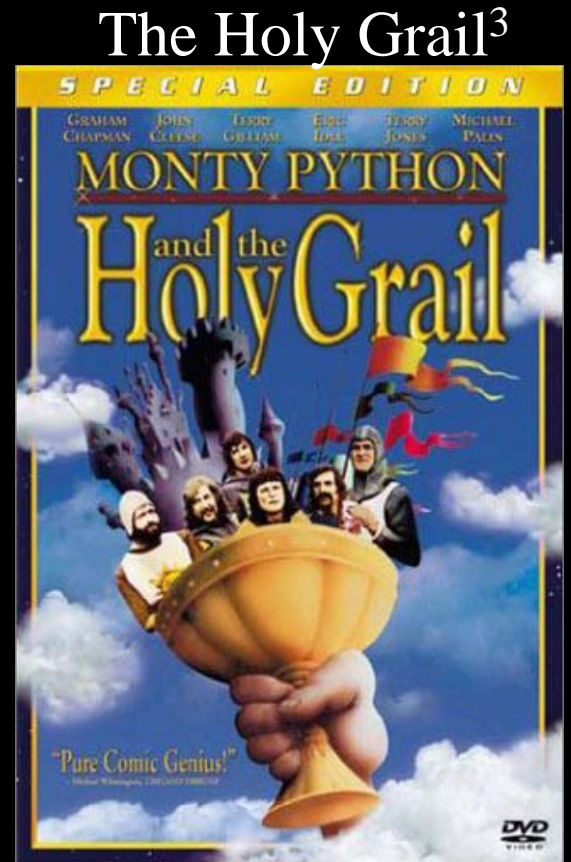
Barnes¹



Cumberland¹



Redstone²



The Holy Grail³

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2 Goodyear 2006

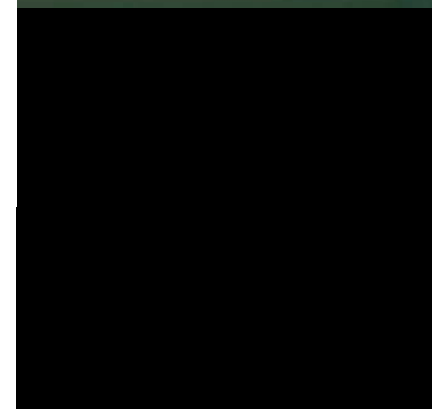
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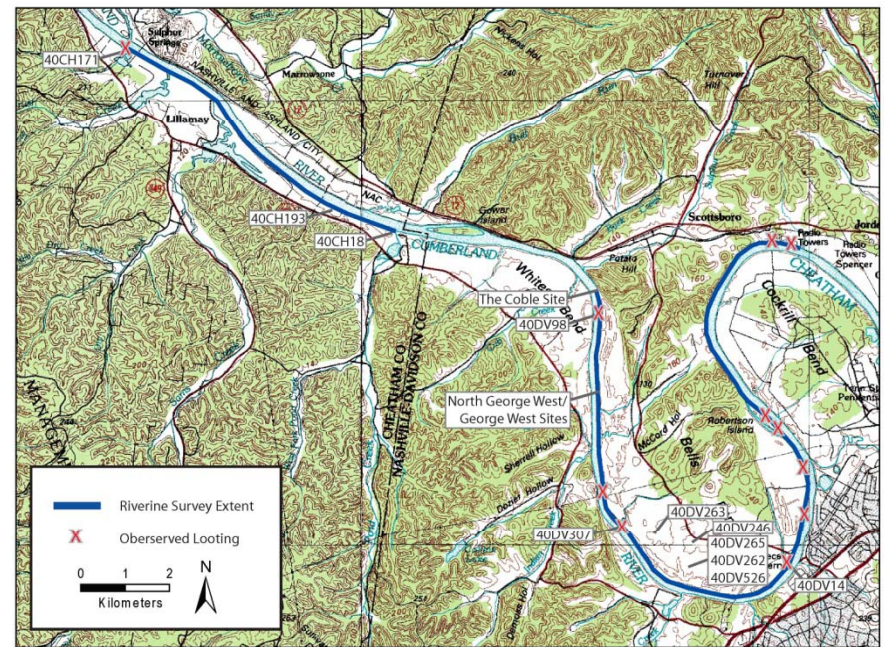
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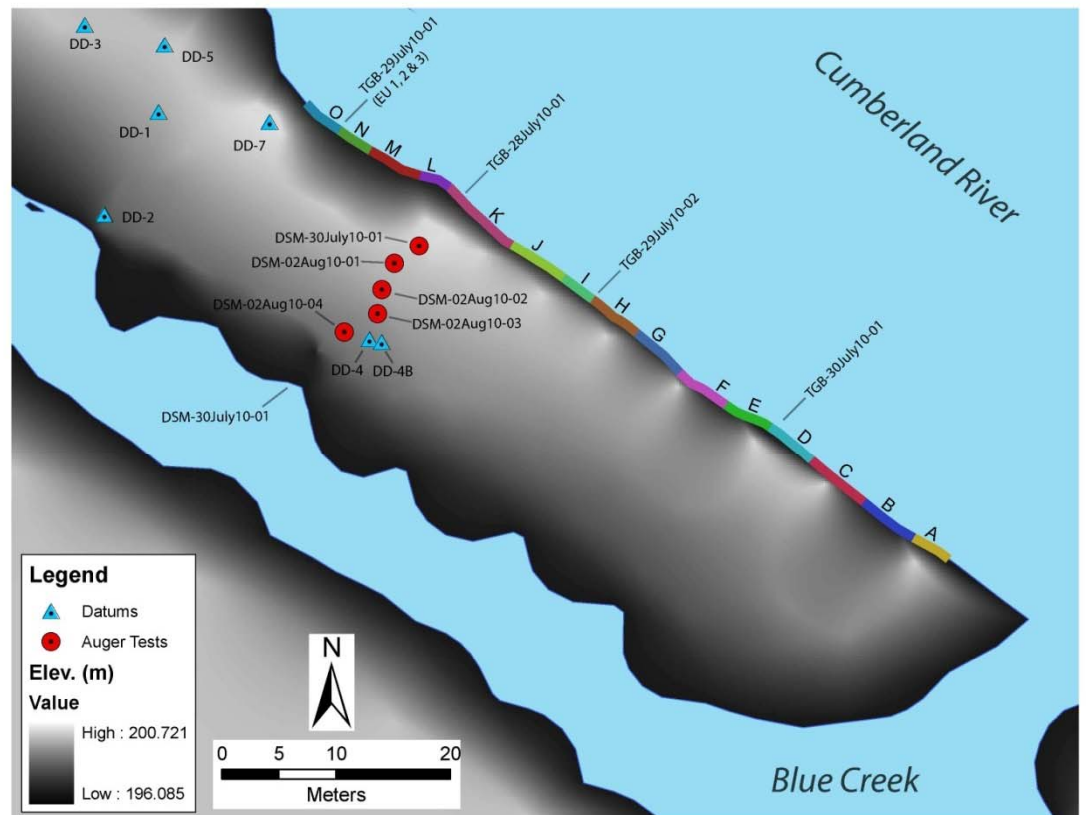
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Clovis Biface from site.

Shoreline of the Cumberland River on the western side of Bells Bend. The left arrow is pointing a tree that has been undercut by erosion. The right arrow points to large chunks of the river bank that have recently collapsed.

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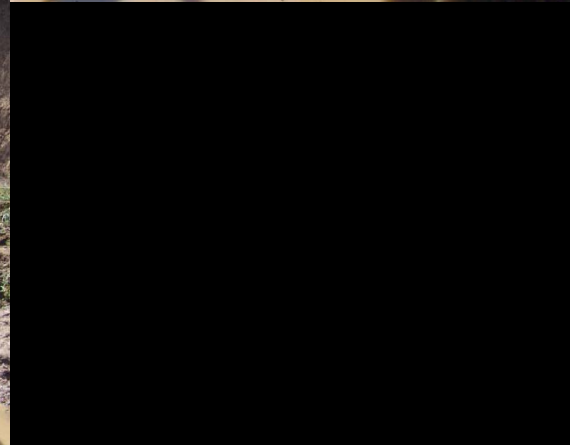
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Flagging locations of artifacts in the bank



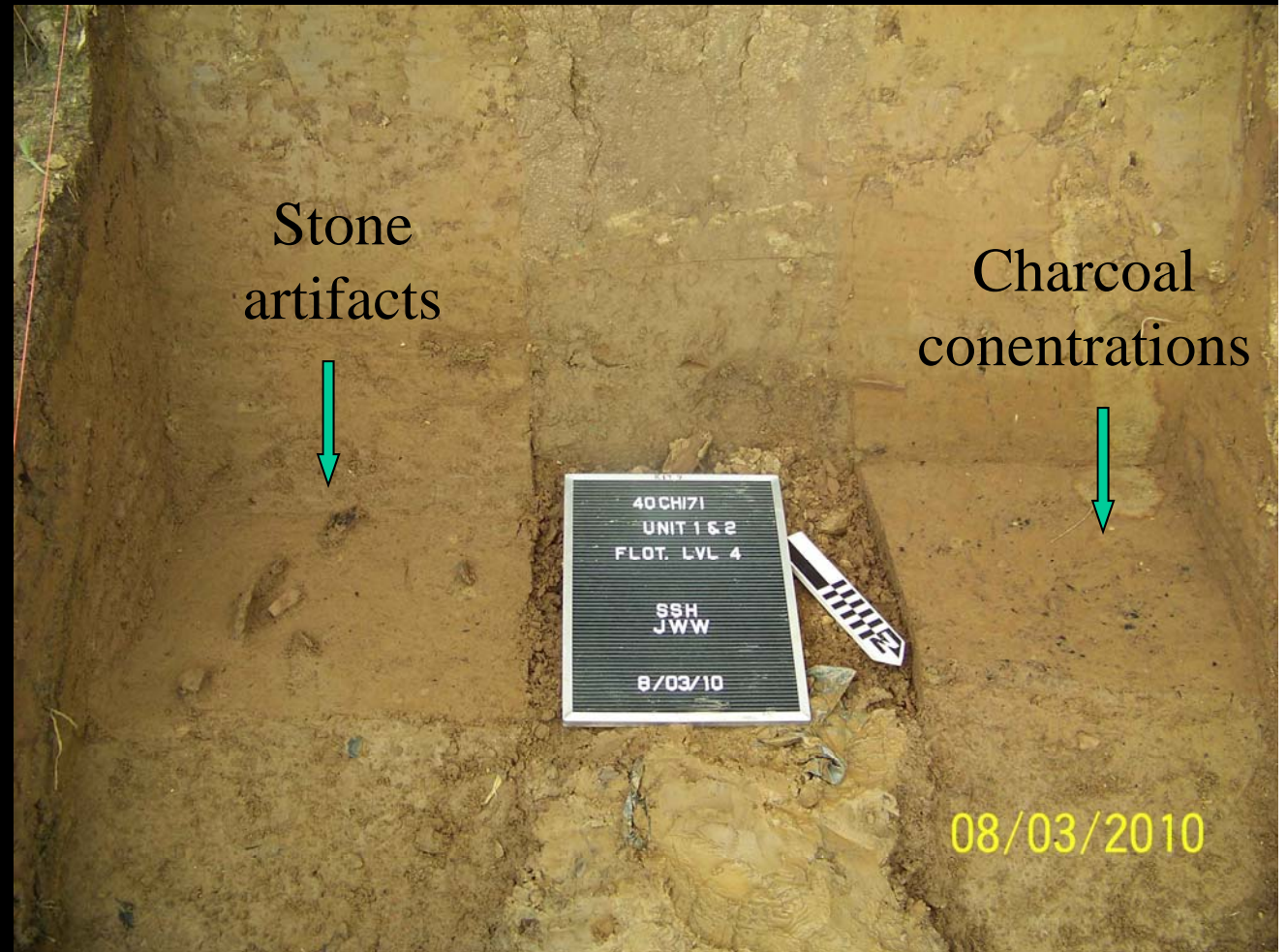
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Collecting the artifacts along the bank



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Profiling the bank and sampling an artifact concentration with charcoal near the waterline.



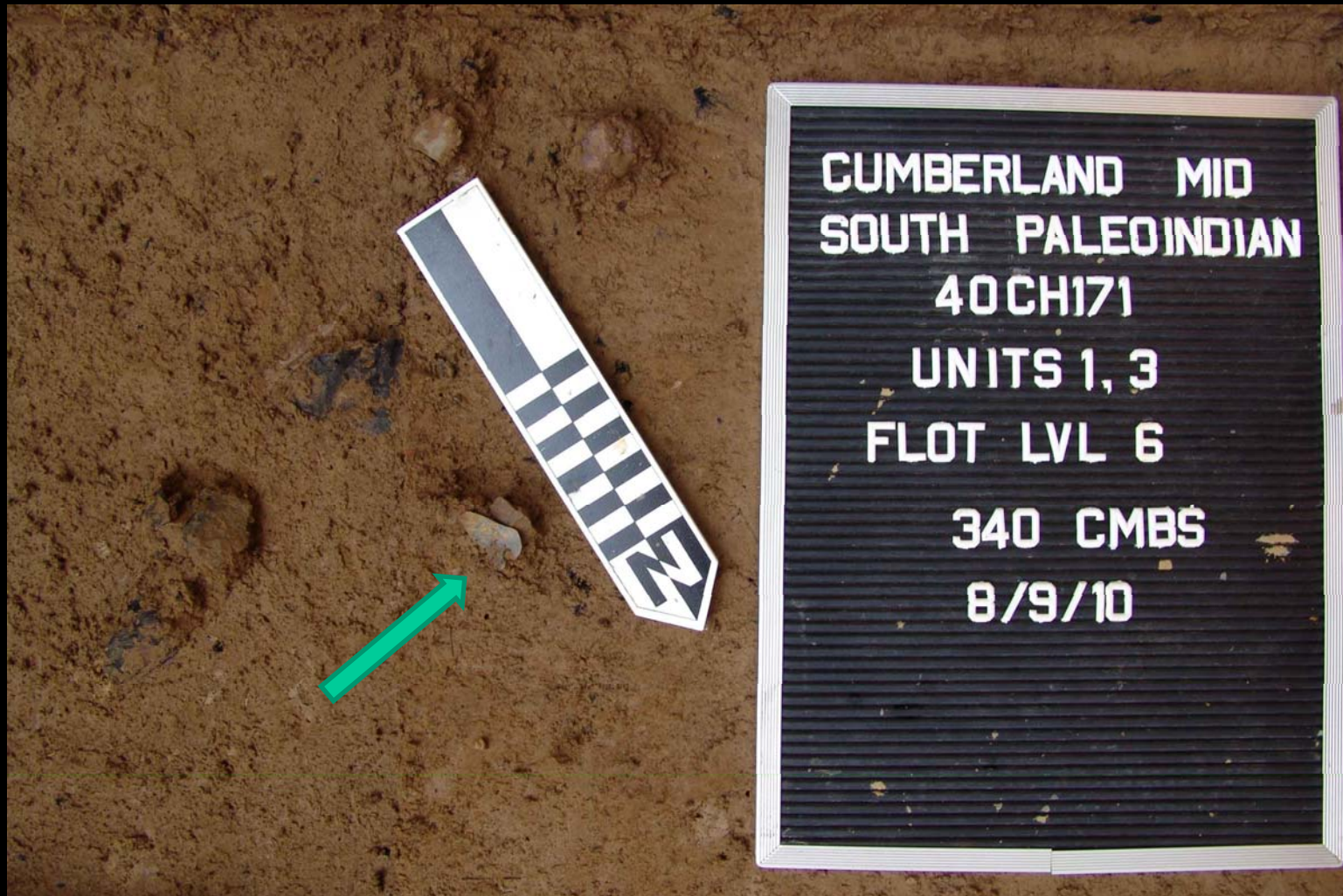
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Getting good
photographs is critical!



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Hafted end scraper found near base of profile
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Critical Needs:

More Absolute Dates!

PIDBA – All Fluted Distribution

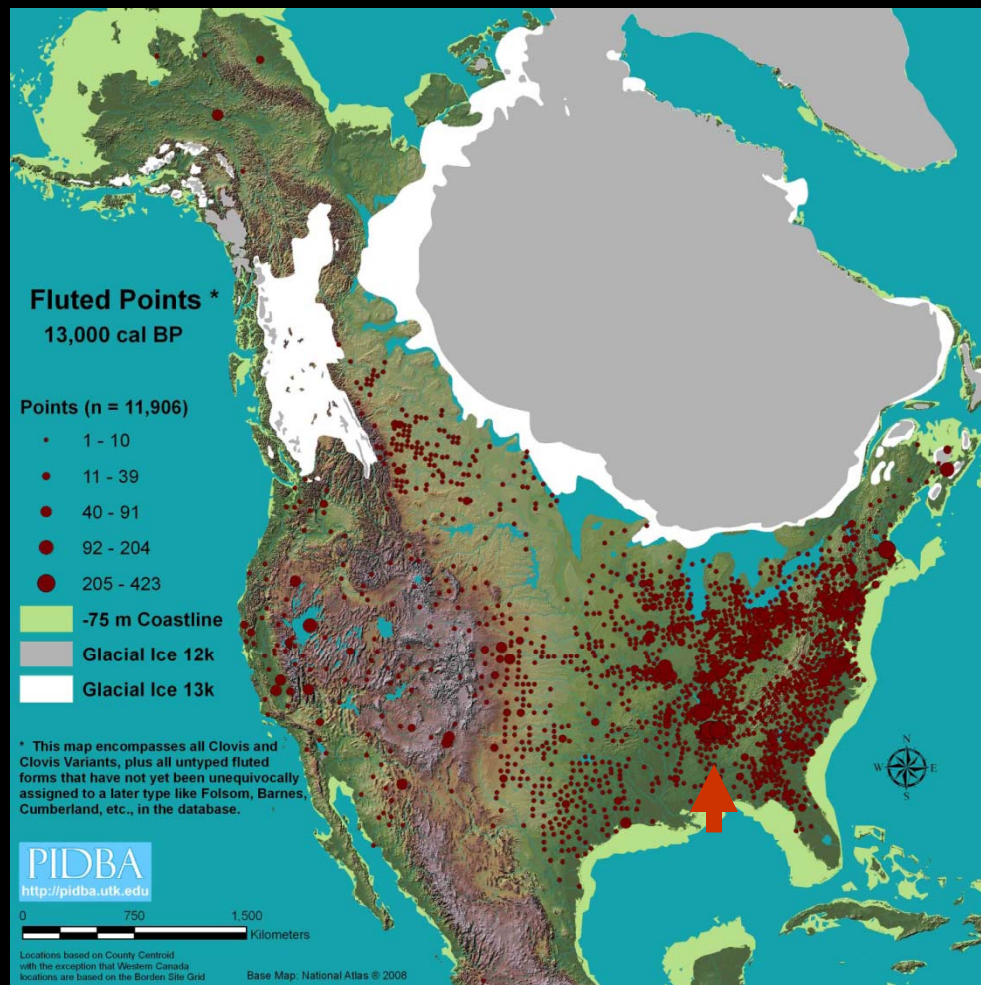


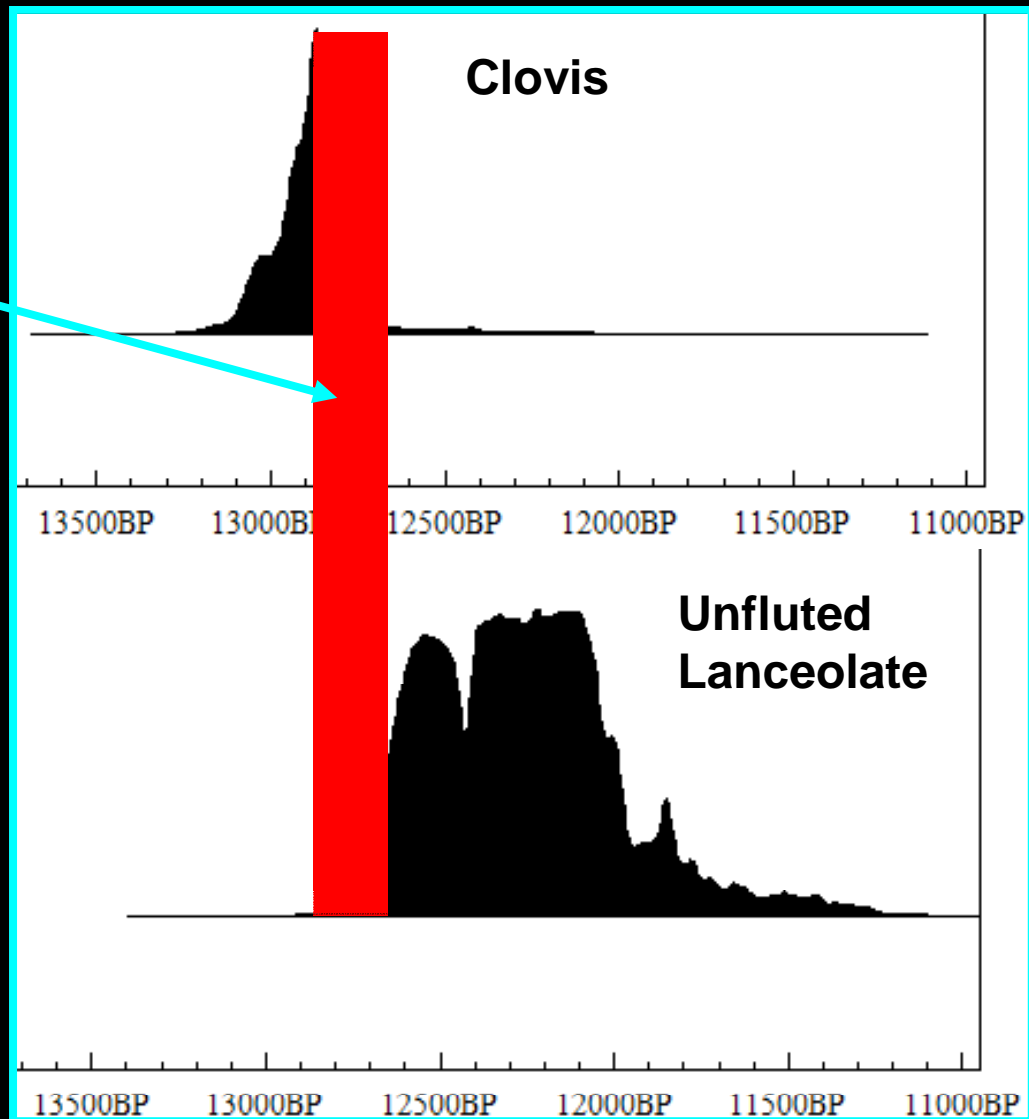
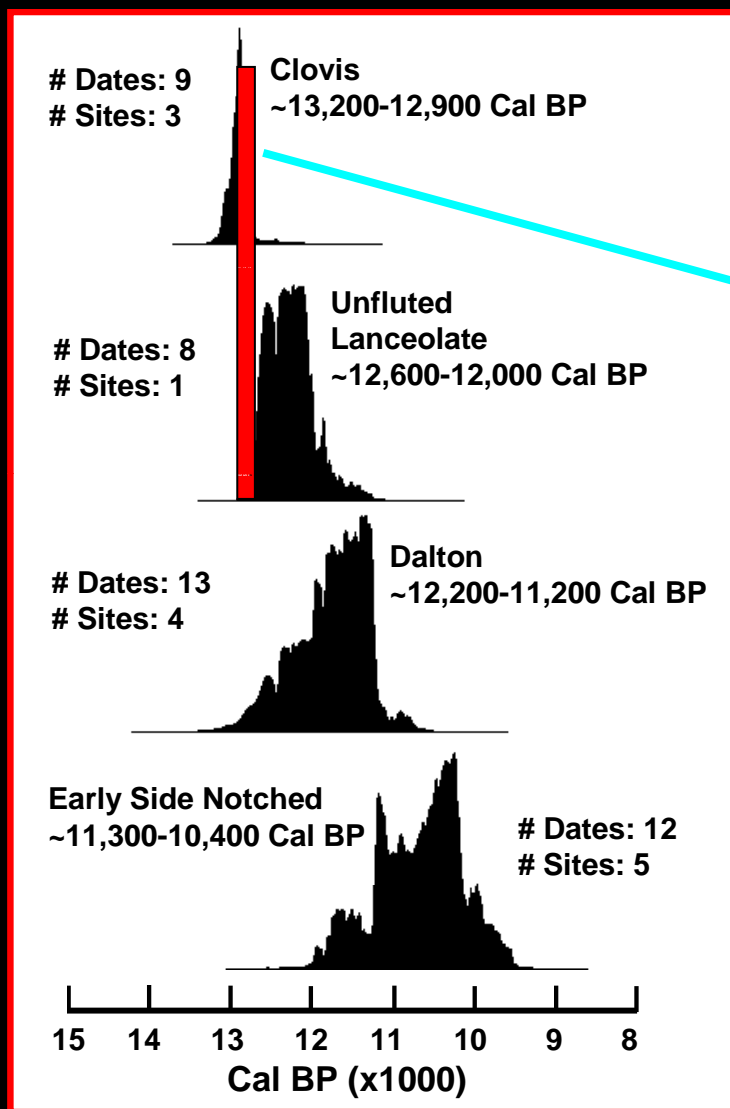
Fig. 1. Map showing the location of Clovis and other early sites. The numbers correspond to those found in Table 1. Other sites are 31, Monte Verde, Chile; 32, Nenana Complex sites, Alaska; and 33, Broken Mammoth, Alaska.

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Comparison of Clovis and Unfluted Lanceolate Sum Probabilities

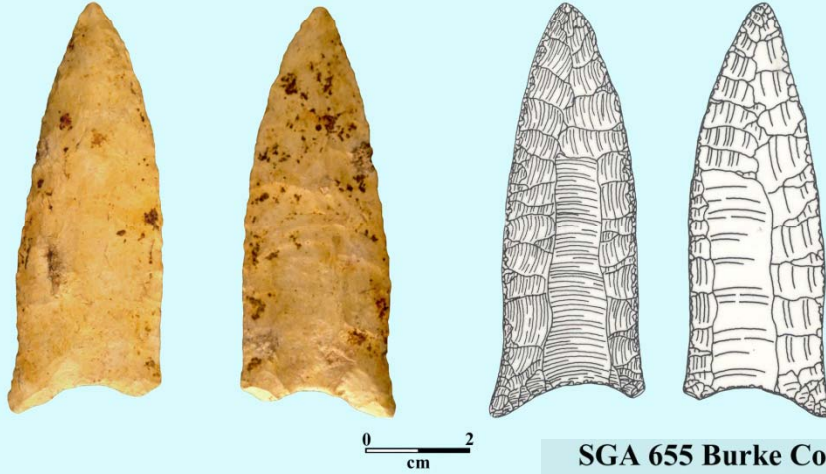


~250-300 year “gap” tentatively considered to encompass **post-Clovis fluted lanceolates** in the Southeast (Importantly, this range encompasses a major a ‘cliff’ in the calibration curve, and the gap may be much shorter, perhaps a century or two)

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Redstone (Age=??)

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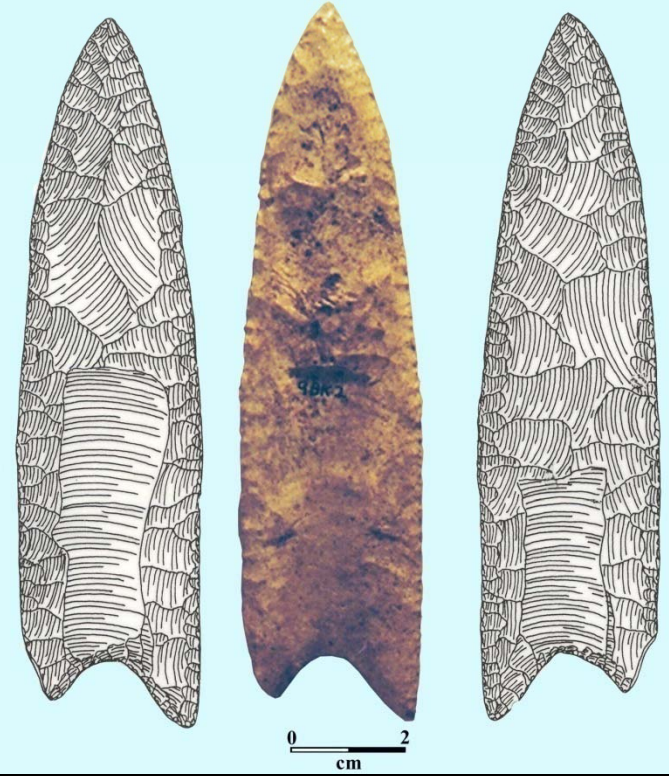
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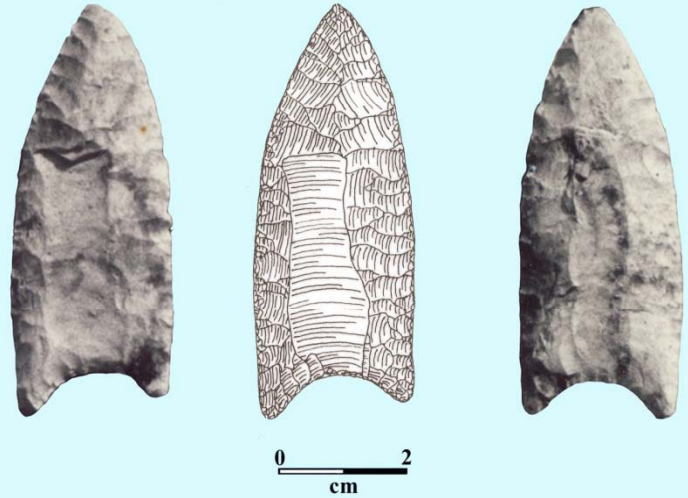
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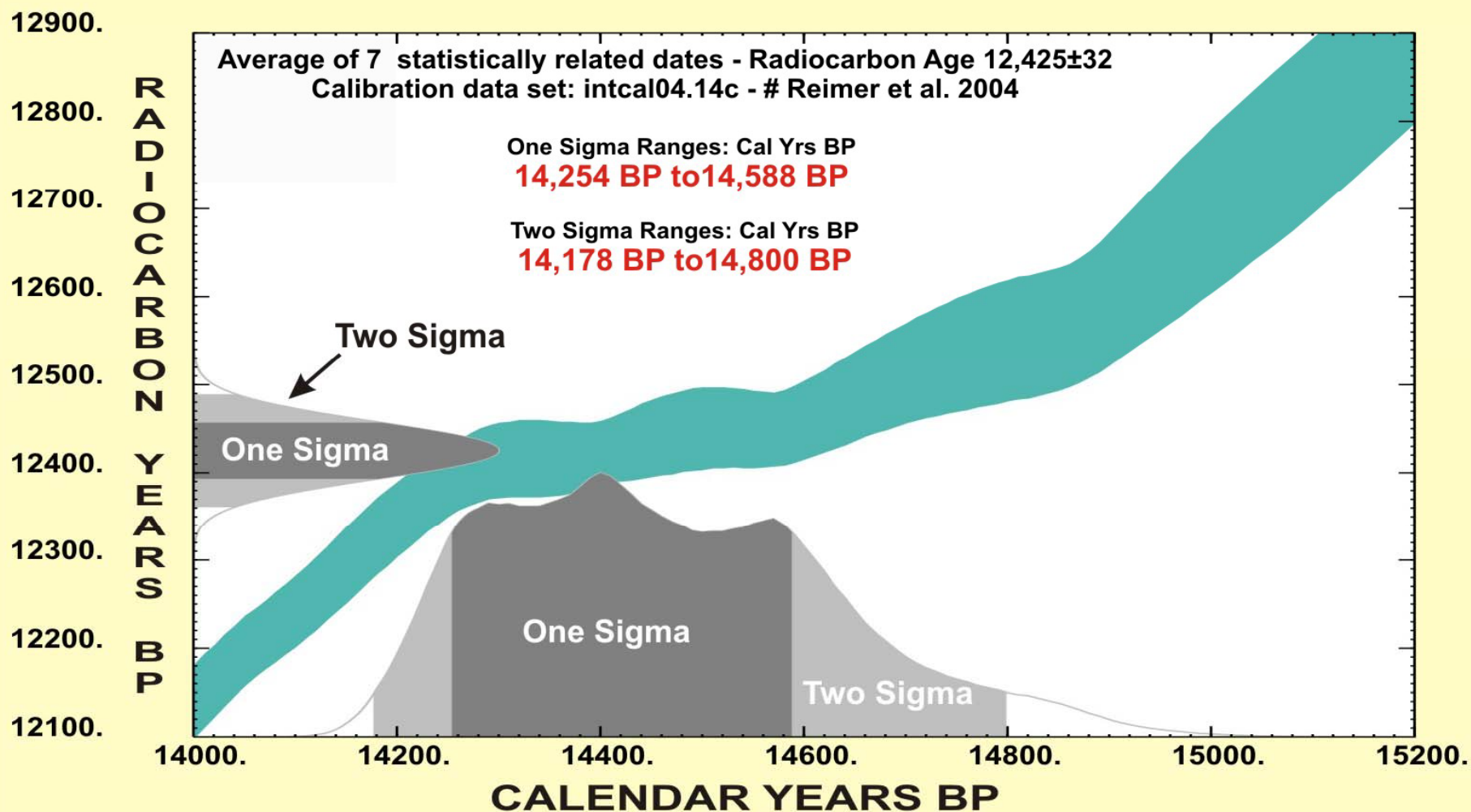
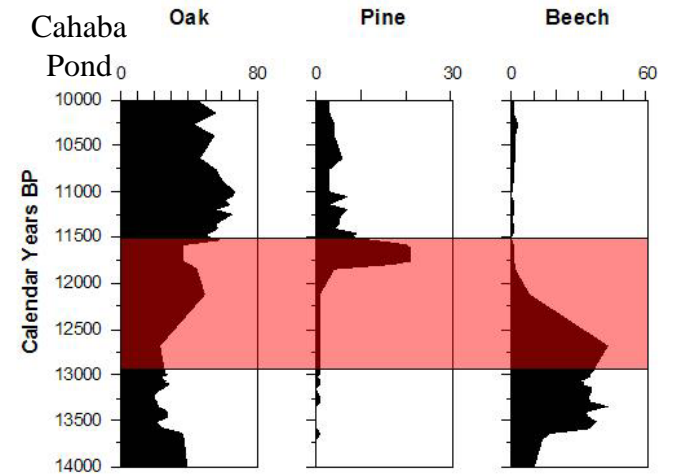
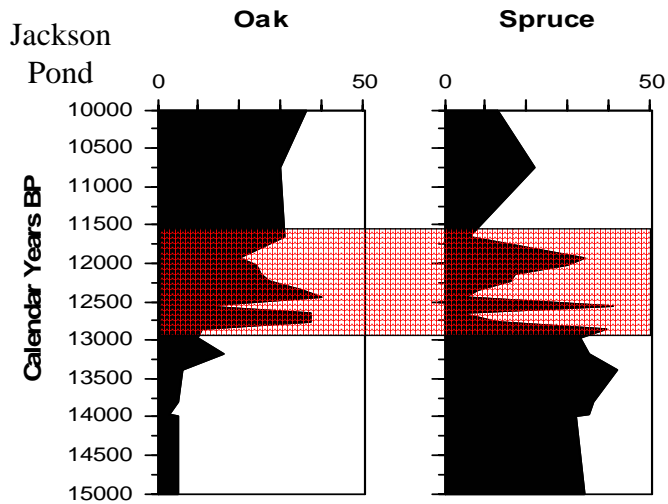


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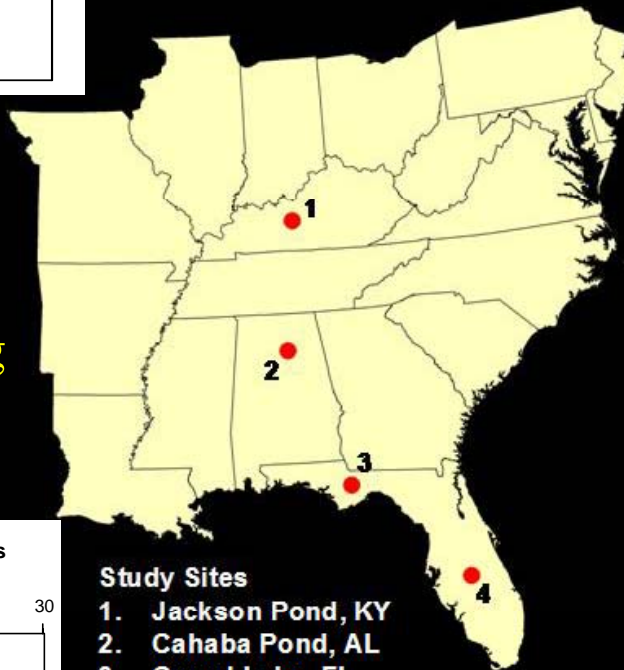
Critical Needs:

**More Multidisciplinary
Paleoenvironmental Research**



Major vegetational shifts (both abrupt and characterized by oscillations) were occurring during the Younger Dryas.

The environment was thus anything but stable, nor was it trending or changing in a uniform direction.



- Study Sites**
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 2. Cahaba Pond, AL
 3. Camel Lake, FL
 4. Lake Tulane, FL

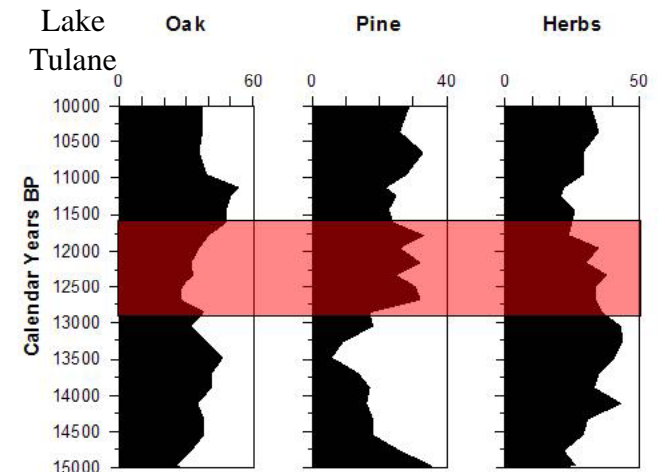
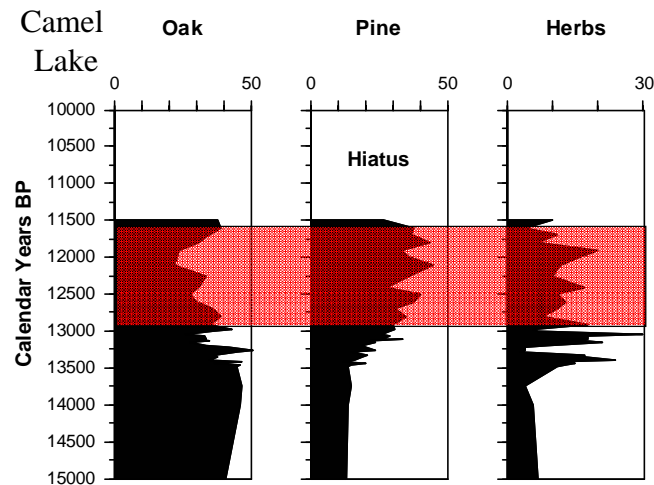
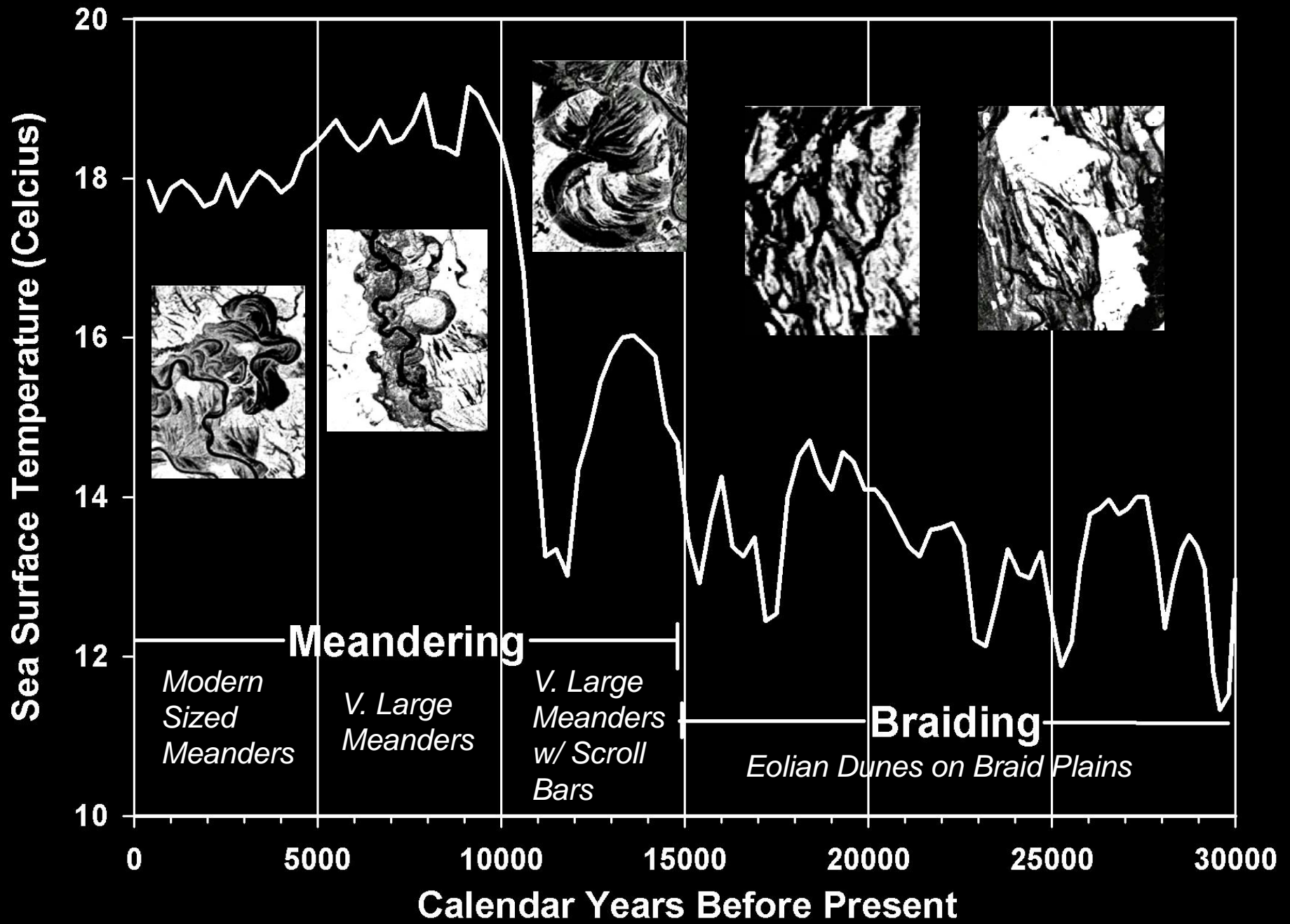


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North Atlantic data of Bard, 2002, 2003

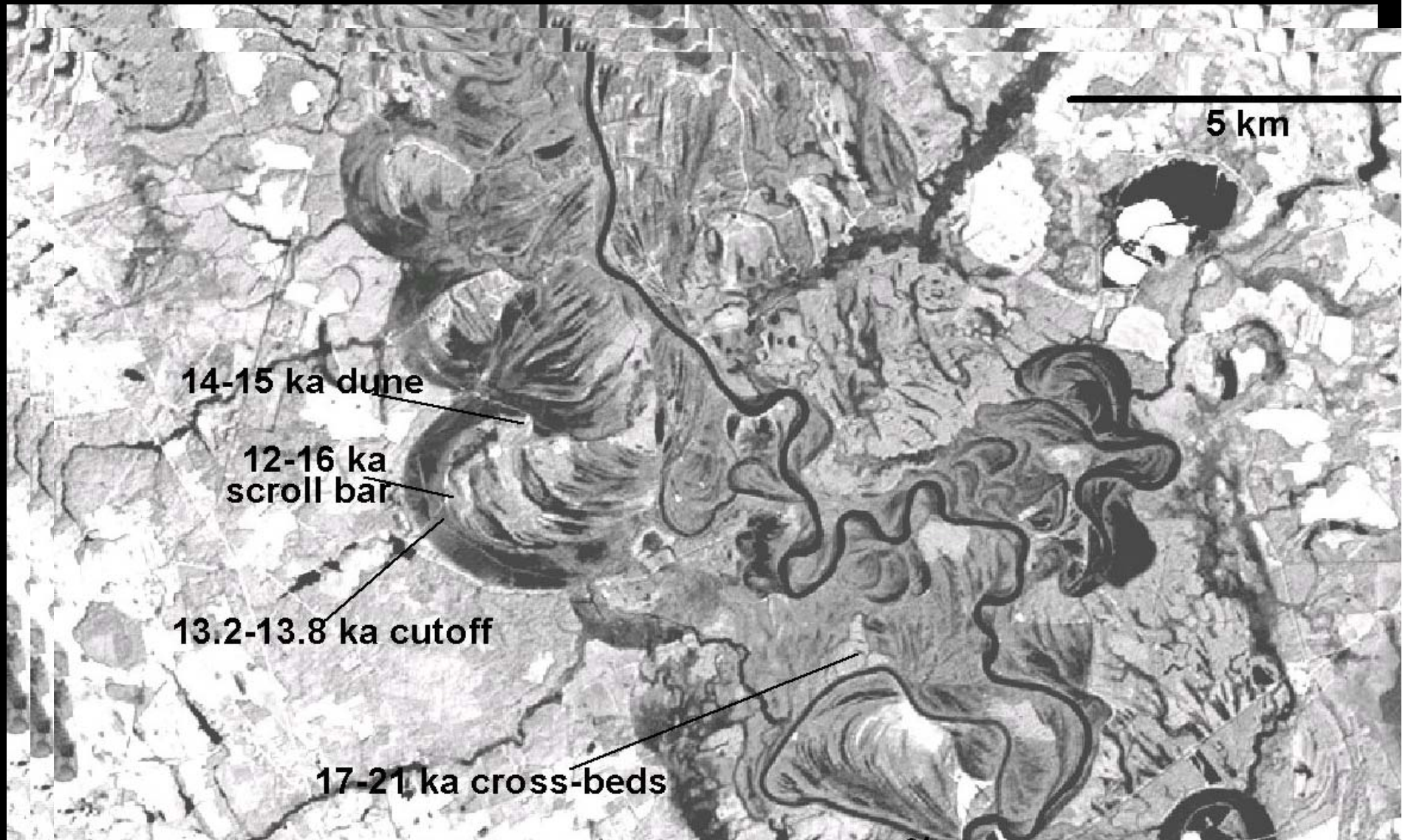
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Savannah River circa 20 ka



Halfway River, northern British Columbia (photo by Martin Geertsema) Image courtesy David Leigh

Braiding switched to very large scrolled meanders at ~15 ka and sandy scrolling persisted to perhaps 10 ka. Lateral migration (bank erosion) rates were rapid (0.35-0.67 m/yr).



Employing high resolution bathymetric data to infer possible migration routes of Pleistocene populations...

And possible answers to the 'Beringian Standstill' problem!

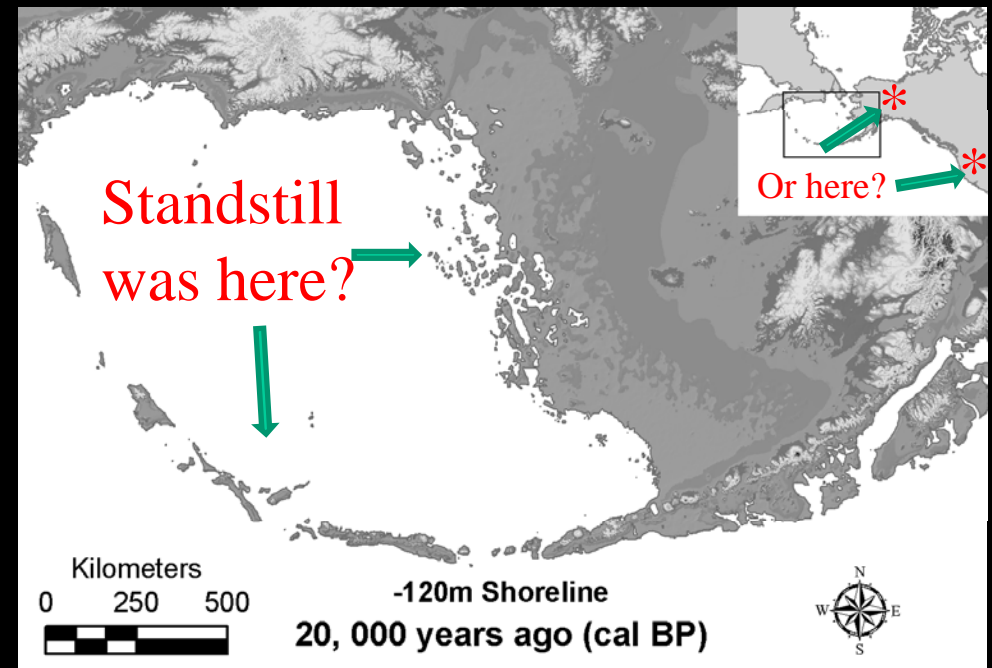
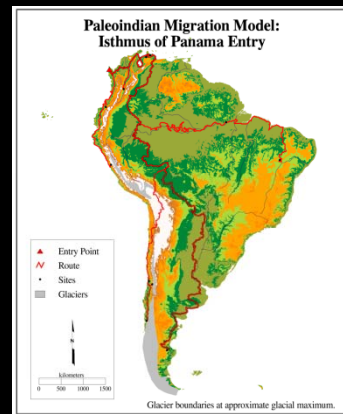
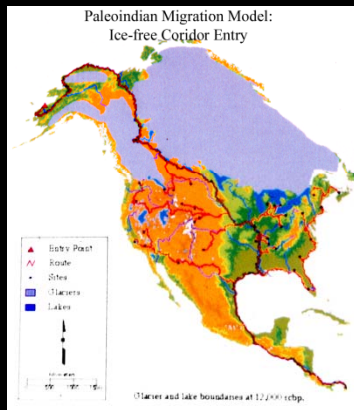
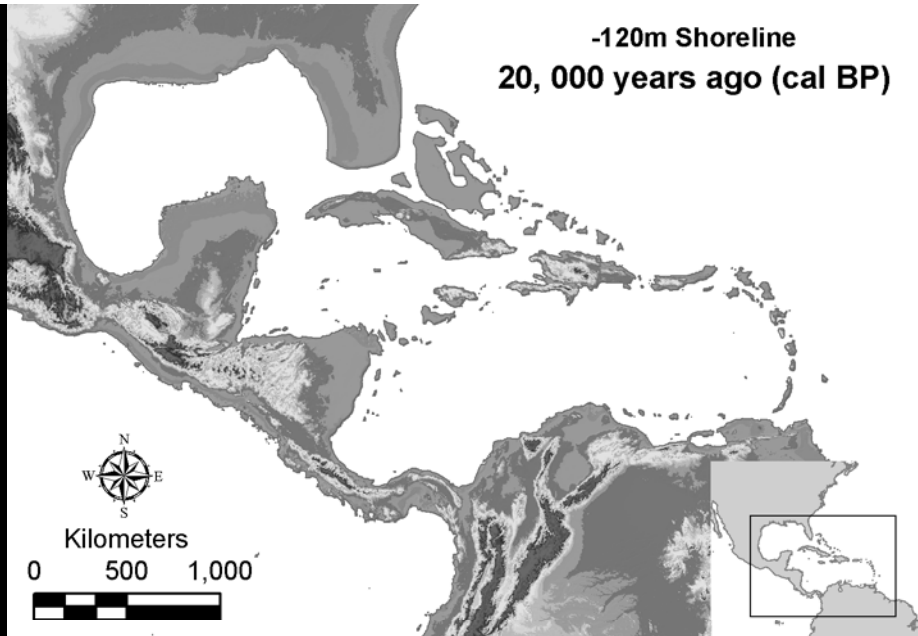
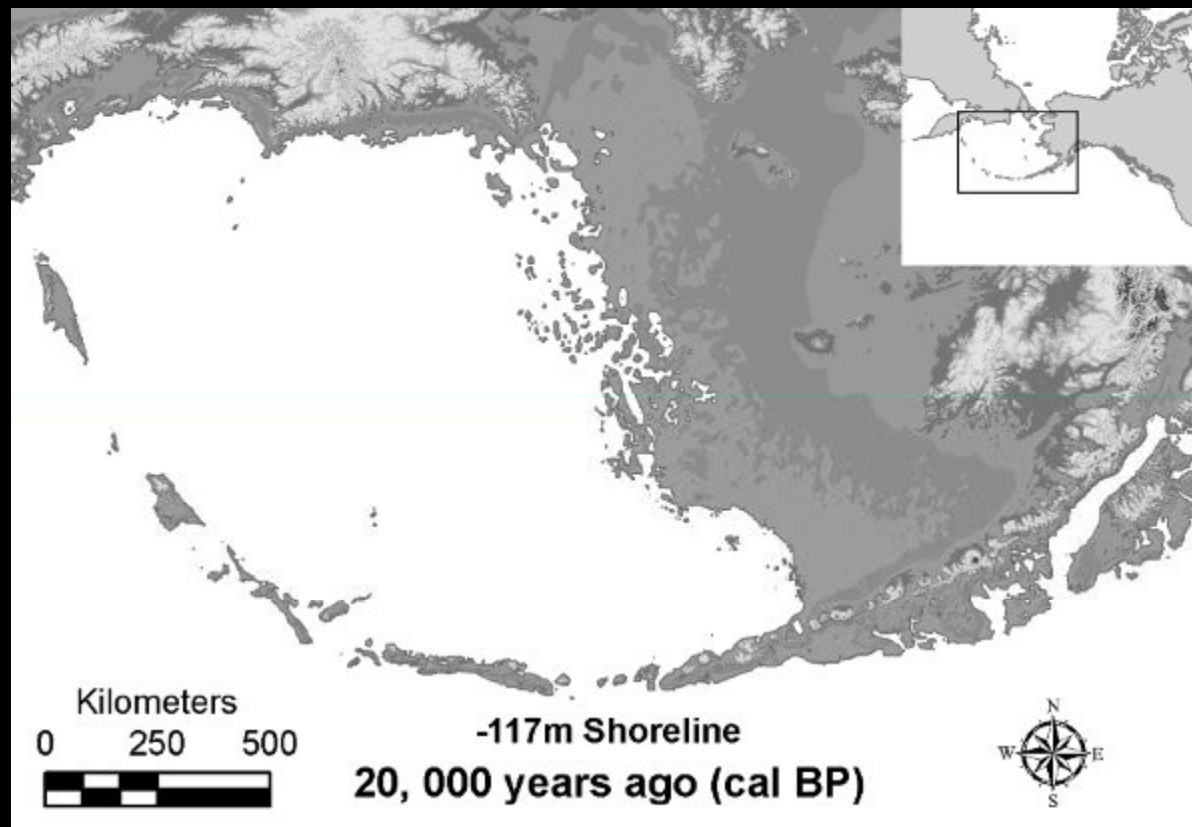


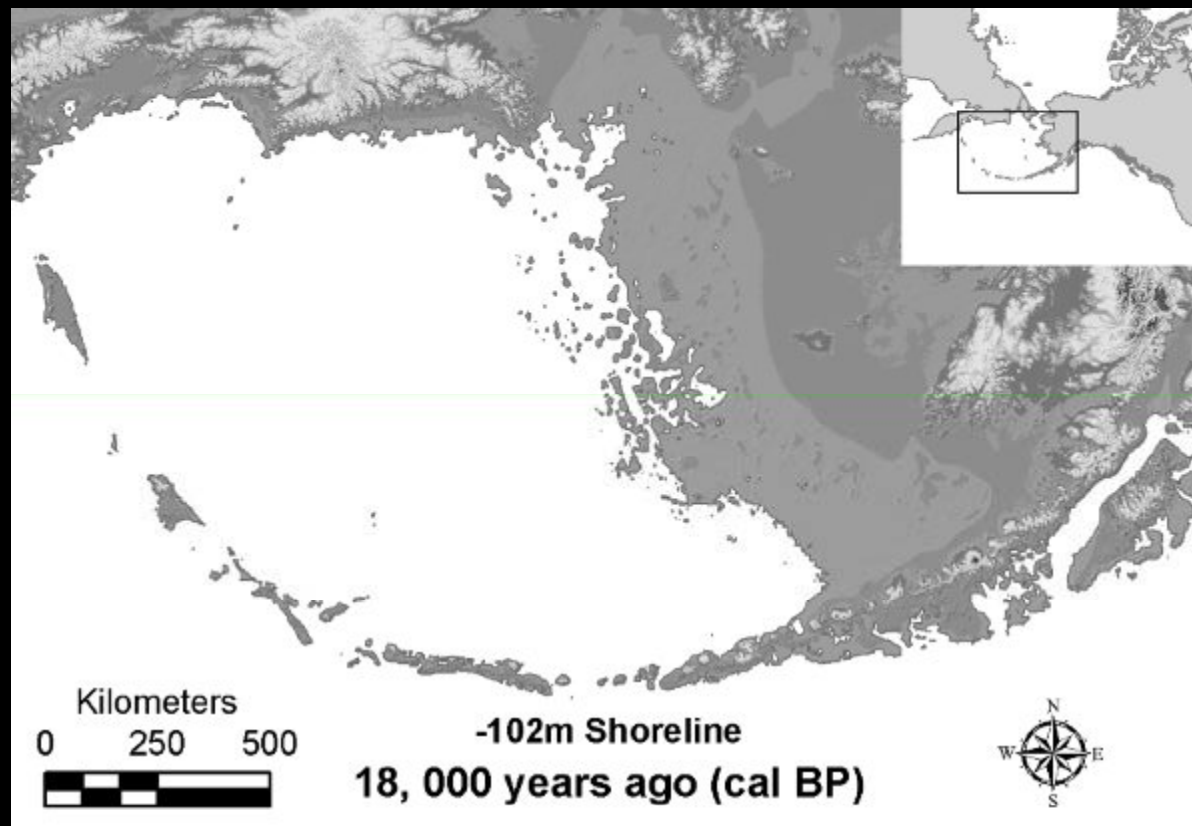
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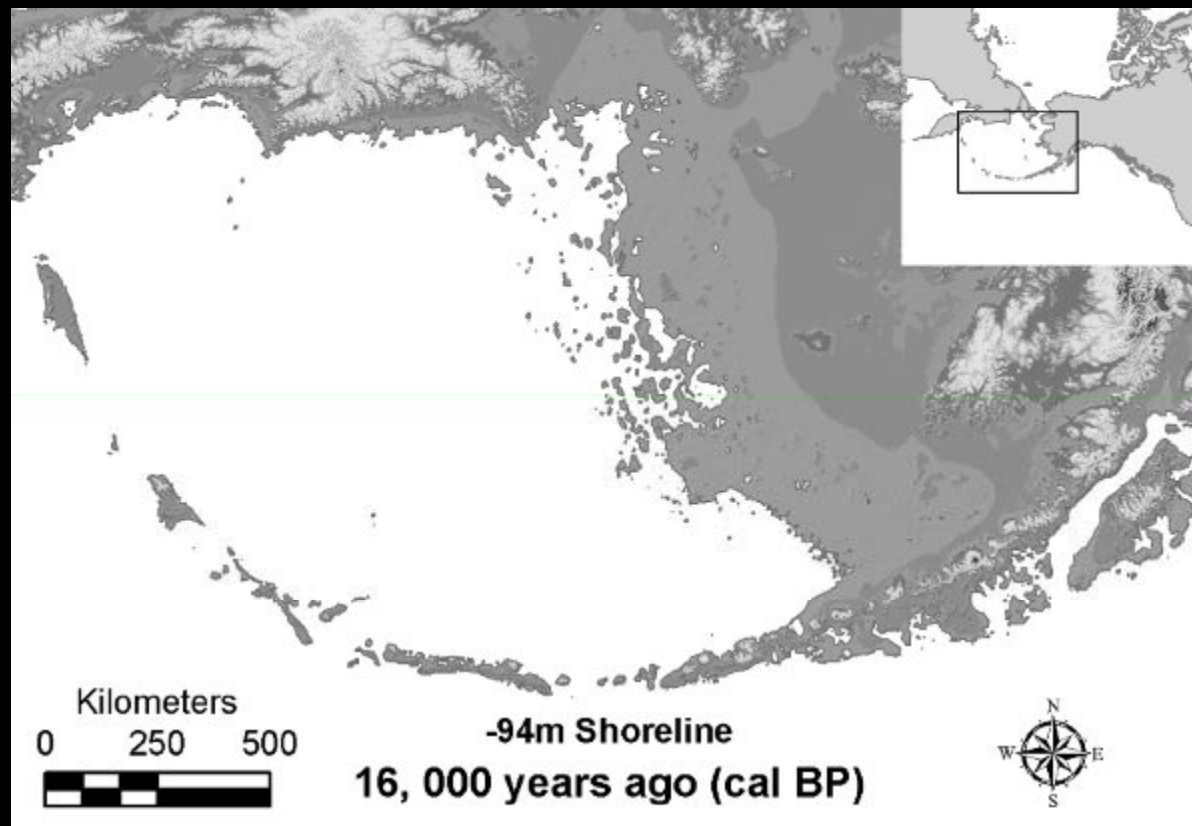
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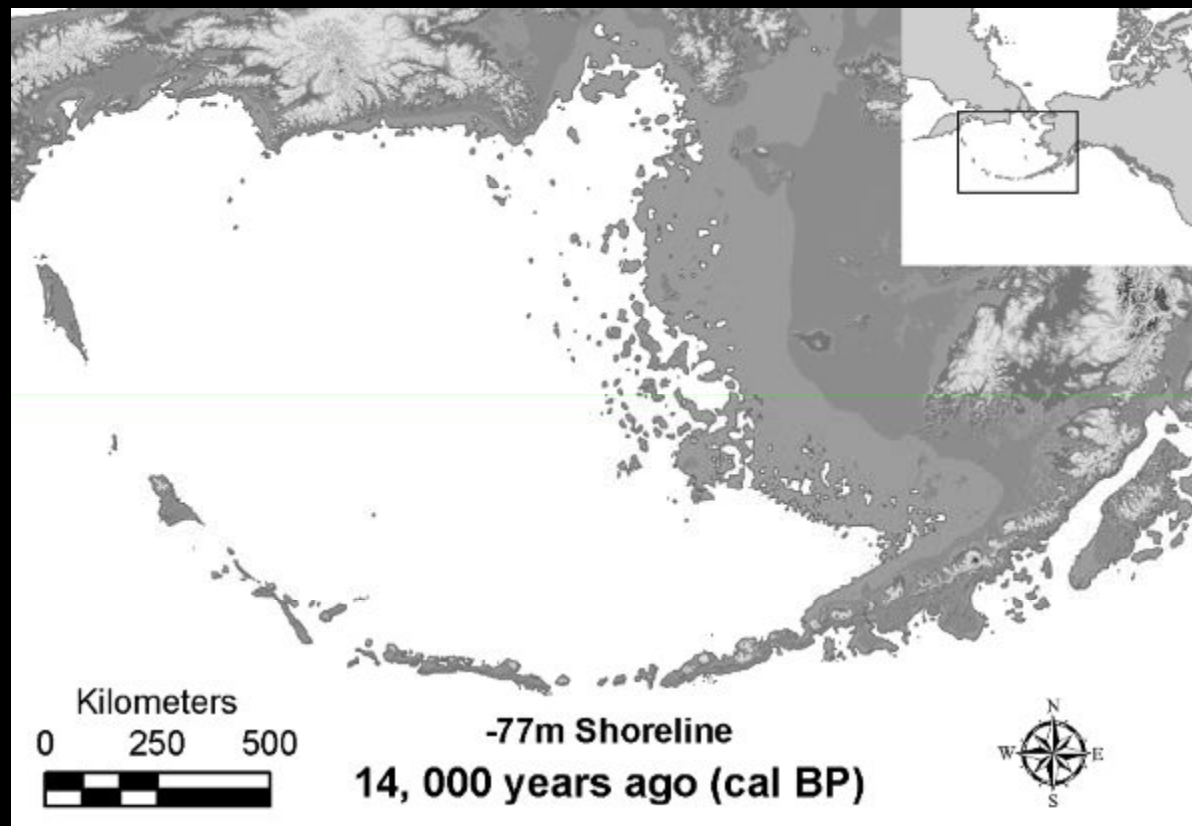
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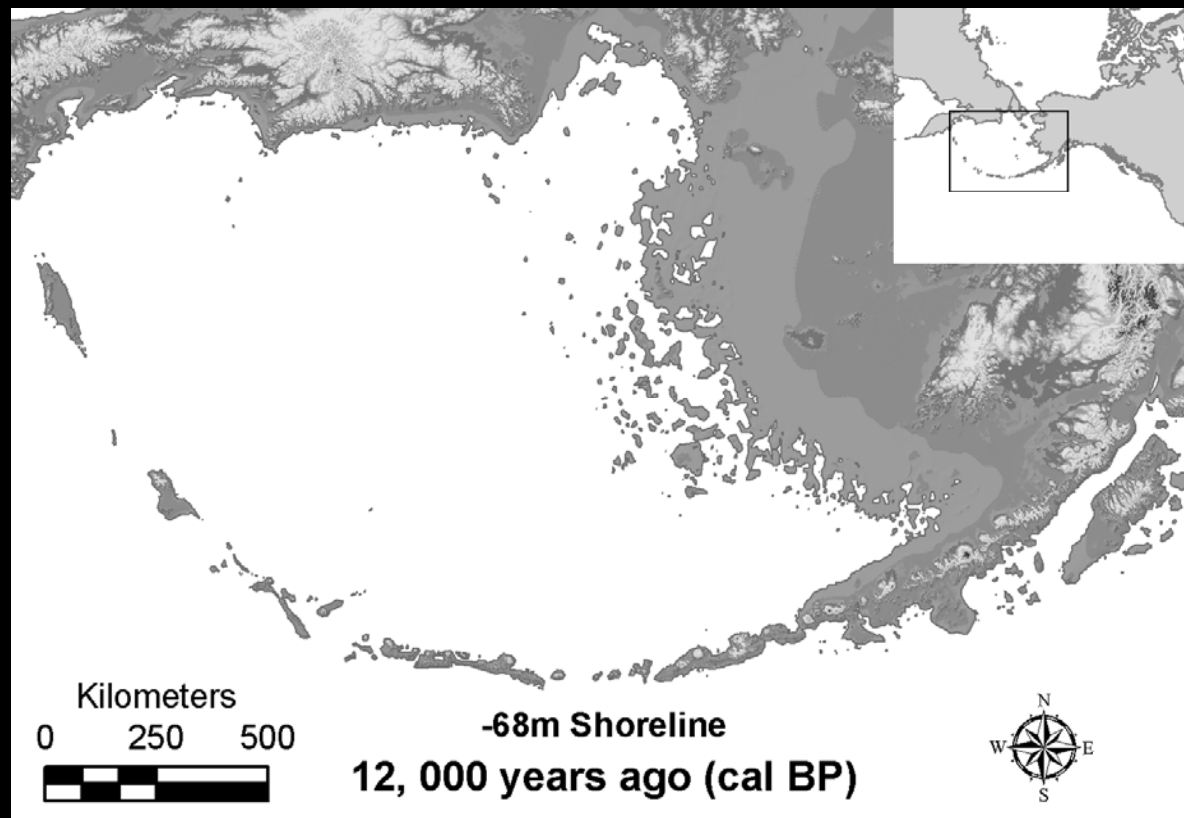
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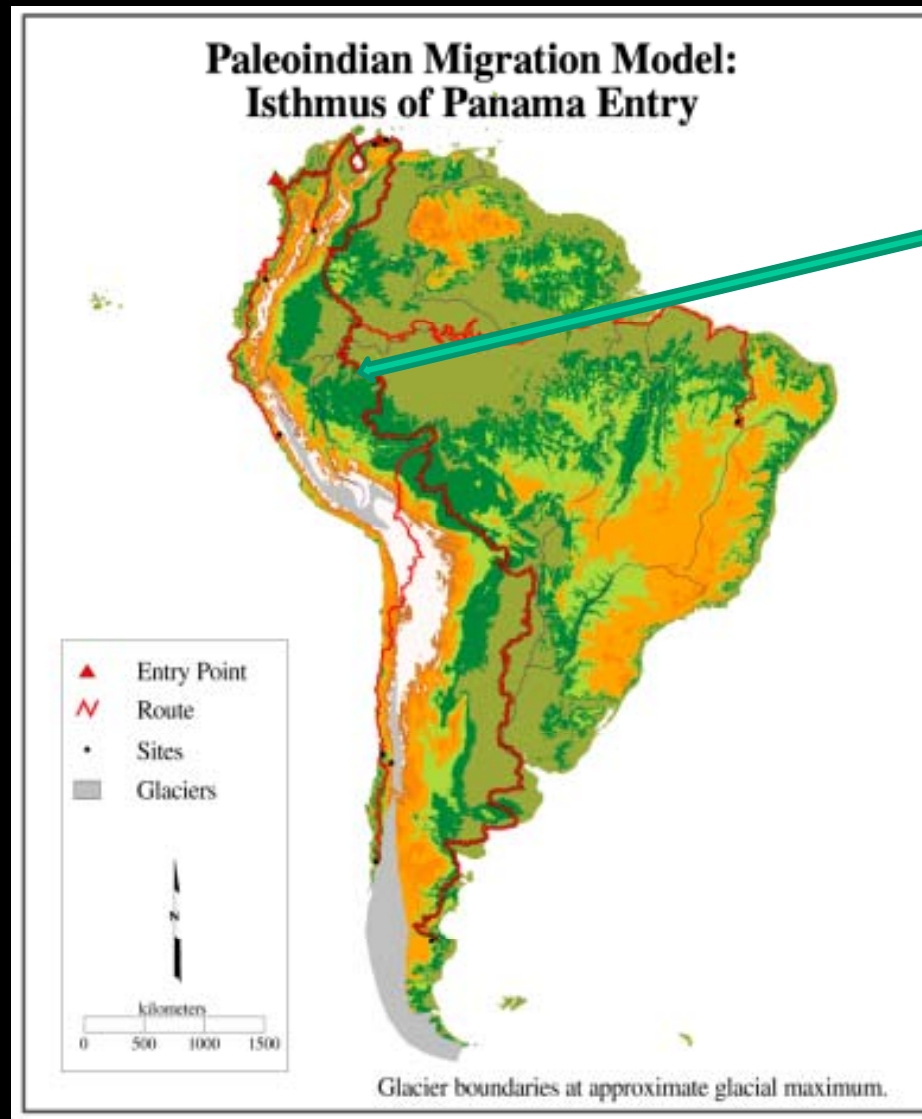


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Critical Needs:

**How Did the Terminal Pleistocene
Extinctions Play Out in the East?**



Late Pleistocene Fauna

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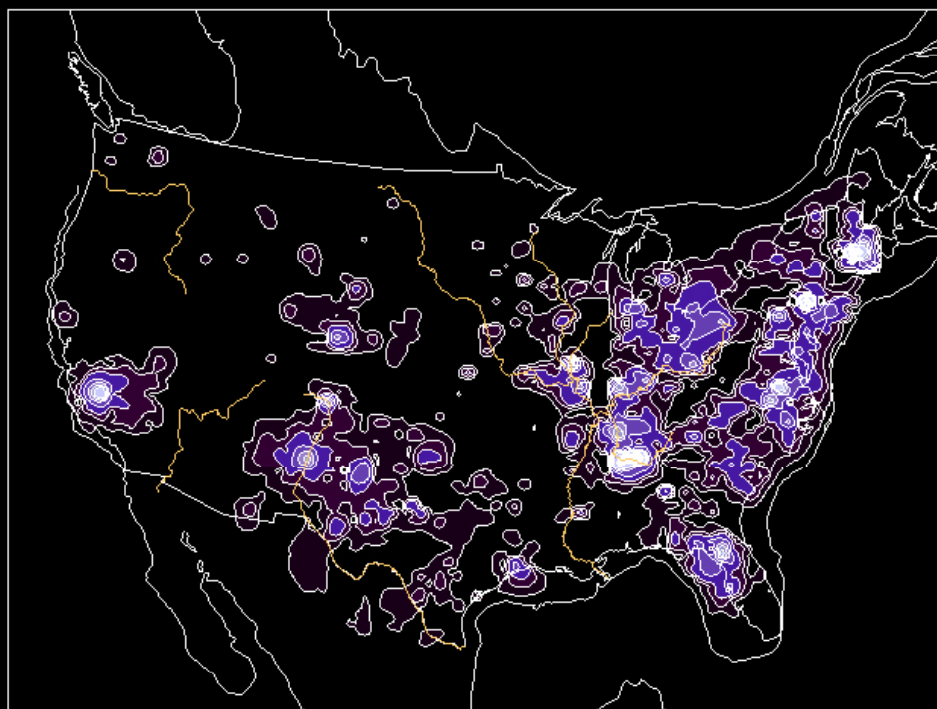


Late Pleistocene Extinction — Taxa Lost

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The irregular distributions do not support the “Wave-of-advance” overkill model.

(Martin 1973; Mosimann and Martin 1975).

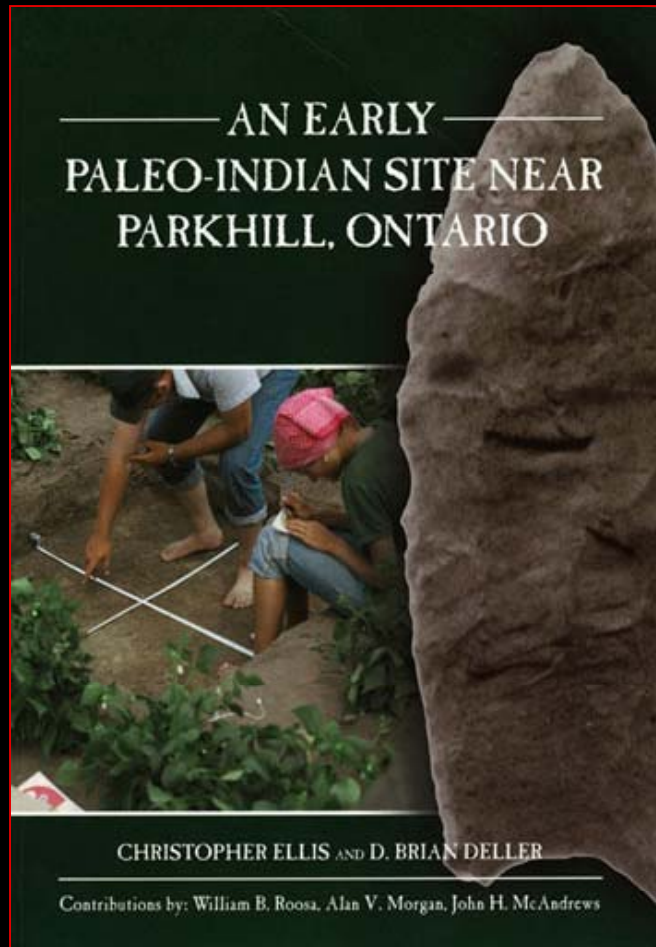


ALL FLUTED PALEOINDIAN POINTS
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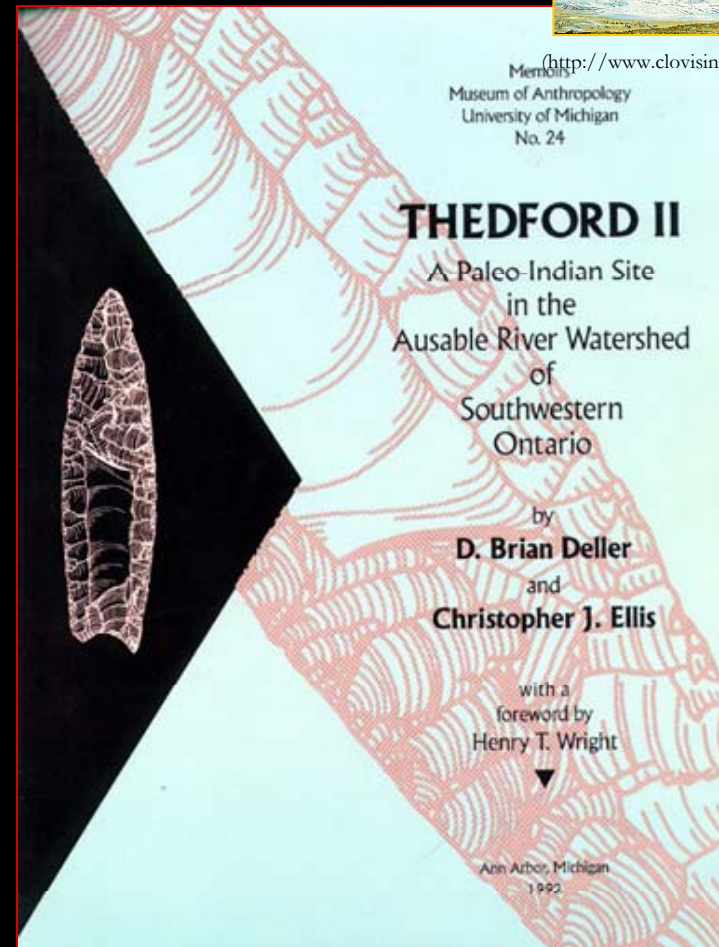


Critical Needs:

**More Publication
(and data sharing)!**



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Collection and publication of primary data is critical!

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The **PENNSYLVANIA** Fluted Point Survey



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THE BARNES SITE: A FLUTED POINT ASSEMBLAGE FROM THE GREAT LAKES REGION

HENRY T. WRIGHT AND WILLIAM B. ROOSA

ABSTRACT

A collection from a small Late Wisconsin site is described. This assemblage exhibits a distinctive core-working technique and a distinctive variety of fluted points. It is dated on geological grounds to between 11,000 B.C. and 9000 B.C. at a time when spruce stands were probably becoming established in the area. The contrasts between this assemblage and others described from Northeastern North America suggest a number of hypotheses not testable with the available data.

A SMALL NUMBER OF SITES attributable to Late Wisconsin hunters has been reported in Northeastern North America. These reports and the data from a number of regional surveys have been used to support a spectrum of arguments about the age, history, and Old World affinities of the earliest demonstrated inhabitants of the New World (Haynes 1964; Mason 1962; Witthoft 1952, 1962). When data from such a site are introduced into discourse without adequate description, only confusion can result. This paper presents the available information on the discussed but incompletely described Late Wisconsin assemblage from the Barnes site, Midland County, Michigan (Roosa 1962; Witthoft 1962). The descriptive format used is intended to emphasize the assumption that variability in a chipped stone technology results from a variety of interacting causes, such as raw material, intended use, individual habit, or group-associated habit.

A HISTORY OF INVESTIGATION

The Barnes site was first located over ten years ago by Mr. Wallace Hill, whose house was then a few hundred feet from the site. He collected a number of fluted projectile points from an area about 40 ft. in diameter. Mr. E. S. Cornelius of Midland visited Hill and published a brief report in the *Totem Pole*, a journal of the Detroit Aboriginal Research Club. This report went relatively unnoticed. In 1959 Mr. Cornelius informed the staff of the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology of the existence of the site, and Mr. William Roosa contacted Hill. Roosa recognized that, while the fluting technique on the points was similar to that on Folsom points, the point type was otherwise unique, and he published

a brief article with photographs (Roosa 1963). He also encouraged Hill to recover all materials from the site, even the most minute flakes.

Having heard of this work done previous to 1964, Henry Wright and Richard E. Morlan, then employed by the Museum of Anthropology, sought out Hill. Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Lowell Barnes, the owner of the site, proved quite cordial. Three full days were spent drawing, measuring, and describing the material, and excavating a geological test unit on the site. David Brose, also of the Museum, photographed the material. This report was prepared the following fall in Ann Arbor and Chicago.

GEOLOGY AND DATING OF THE SITE

The Barnes site is no more than 50 ft. in diameter. It occupies the southwest side of a low knoll whose base is situated at 694 ft. above sea level. The minimum possible age of the assemblage can be inferred from the soil type. The soil of the site is Ogemaw Loamy Sand, typically developed as a podzolic soil with a brownish-gray leached zone and a brown, iron-cemented accumulation zone. The typical profile has been destroyed in the immediate area of the site by plowing and wind action, but most artifacts are strongly iron-stained, and one, artifact 26, exhibits an encrustation of iron-cemented sand. This suggests that the Barnes assemblage was deposited before the formation of the soil. Field observation indicates this soil occurs down to the Later Algonquian beach at 605 ft. above sea level. At the Kutsch site, on the same latitude but to the east of the Barnes site in Saginaw County, a similar soil is developed on a 605 ft. beach whose formation terminated the life of a spruce forest recently radiocarbon dated at 9850 B.C. \pm 400 (M-1603). In all probability the Barnes assemblage is, therefore, older than 9000 B.C., the minimum date for the end of Lake Algonquin (Broecker and Farrand 1963; Hough 1963, Fig. 7).

The maximum possible age of the assemblage can be inferred from the altitude of the beach system of which the Barnes knoll forms a part. The site knoll is one of a series situated at 694 ft., and it trends from northwest to southeast. These knolls mark a sporadically developed

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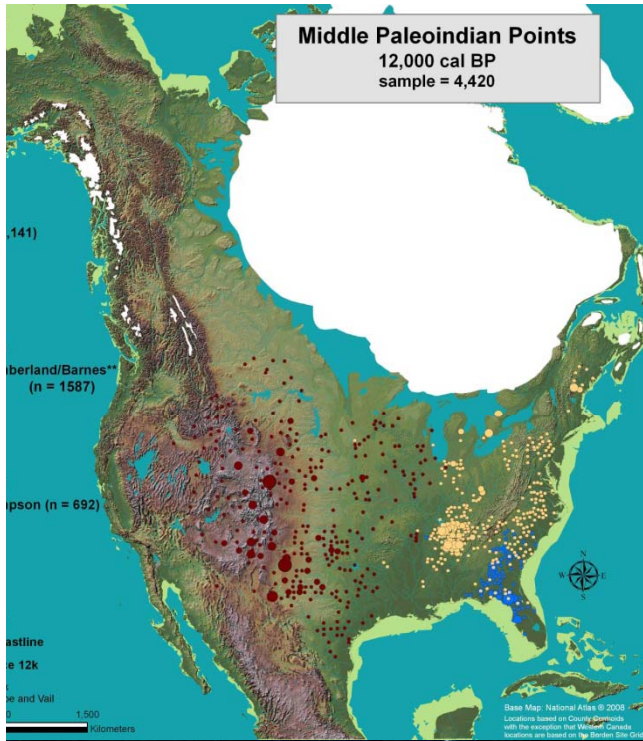


FIG. 3. Bifacially Retouched Points, Widest Near Midpoint; Barnes site (artifacts 13-19); a, b, Unfinished fluted point bases; c-g, Semi-finished and finished fluted points and bases. Basal portion of channel flake is shown in place in "a" (left).



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THE END!

