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## Abbreviations

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NW Mediterranean	North Western Mediterranean
cf.	<i>confer</i> (compare) This abbreviation is used when there is an uncertain identification. Can be used before a family name or genus name (e.g. cf. <i>Papaver</i> ) or before species ( <i>Papaver</i> cf. <i>somniferum</i> )
cal.	Calibrated
BC	Before Christ
sp.	Species. It is used when the taxon is not identified beyond the genus level.
subsp.	Subspecies can also be used spp.
var.	Variety
VBQ	Square Mouthed Vases culture (Italian: Cultura dei vasi a bocca quadrata) is a culture of the Middle Neolithic period
EN	Early Neolithic period
MN	Middle Neolithic period
LN	Late Neolithic period
NE Iberia	North-eastern Iberia
SE France	South-eastern France
m a.s.l.	metres above sea level
IPNA	Integrative Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie
LBK	<i>Linearbandkeramik</i>

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

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### 1.1 The framework of the project

This PhD was done as part of the Agrichange project (Antolín, Häberle, et al., 2018), which focuses on the north-west Mediterranean and its connections with the areas north of the Alps (North-eastern Iberia, South-eastern France, Northern Italy and Switzerland) during the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC). This project is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF Professorship project AgriChange nr. PP00P1\_170515) under project leader Dr Ferran Antolín.

Three tasks were assigned to this PhD project, which were meant to provide the core archaeobotanical dataset to build a complex narrative, along with other proxies such as stable isotope analysis, small animals, insect remains and storage capacity analysis, on agricultural decision-making processes during the Neolithic in the study area. The first task was to collect archaeobotanical data from different sites in the study area for the Neolithic period; the second task was to analyse archaeobotanical samples of some of the project's case studies. Only one site was included in this manuscript, Les Bagnoles dating from 4250 to 3700 cal. BC, in Vaucluse, France (van Willigen et al., 2020). The third and last task was to use morphometric analyses on *Papaver somniferum* (opium poppy) seeds. The geometric morphometric approach is chosen to investigate its potential to discriminate modern seeds of *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* and then apply it to archaeological seeds. Combining these three tasks will allow us to identify spatial patterns of the different crop dynamics in the study area through the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC). Additionally, this study focuses on the history of the opium poppy and its role in the Neolithic communities.

The opium poppy has several important uses for human societies, e.g. seeds for food and oil; and capsules for their psychoactive properties. Nevertheless, it is still unclear how this plant was used by prehistoric communities and the characteristics of the wild plant used during prehistory. Nonetheless, large quantities of seeds are found during the Neolithic period at wetland sites such La Marmotta (Italy), La Draga (Spain) and several sites in Switzerland, especially at sites dating 3500/3400-2850 cal. BC and associated with the Horgen culture (Antolín, 2016; Jacomet, 2006b, 2013, 2014; Rottoli, 1993; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). Large concentrations are also found in few dryland sites, e.g. Sion-La Gillière 2 (Martin, 2015), suggesting the cultivation of a wild species of the opium poppy.

### 1.2 State of research

Diverse crops are noticed throughout the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC). These crop dynamics or changes are attributed to a multitude of factors. These can be environmental, extreme wet or dry conditions that can influence crop choice, location and size of the fields, and social-cultural factors.

Social mechanisms of crop exchange are essential in order to understand how crops circulated in Prehistory. However, most researchers focus on the timing of crop dispersal, such as poppy (Salavert, 2010; Salavert et al., 2018, 2020); barley (G. Jones et al., 2012; H. Jones et al., 2016; Lister et al., 2018); einkorn (Brandolini et al., 2016; Brandolini & Heun, 2019) and emmer (Oliveira et al., 2011, 2020). These works lay the foundation for concrete evidence of

domesticated species' evolutionary history by combining genetics and well-dated sites to pinpoint the beginnings and routes of the various crops' domestication, introduction and diffusions.

Unlike the cereals domesticated in SW Asia, the opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum* L. subsp. *setigerum/somniferum*) is thought to be domesticated in Europe (Antolín, 2016; Bakels, 1982; Kreuz, 2012; Merlin, 1984; Salavert et al., 2018, 2020; Zohary et al., 2012). The seeds of opium poppy (*P. setigerum/somniferum*) are found in large quantities in the Neolithic Swiss sites (Jacomet, 2006b, 2007, 2008, 2009; Jacomet et al., 1989; Jesus & Antolín, 2021; Karg & Märkle, 2002); however, it is unknown if these seeds are of the wild or domestic type as there are no criteria to distinguish them (Fritsch, 1979; Merlin, 1984). The possible progenitor of opium poppy is a Mediterranean species (Bojnanský & Fargašová, 2007; KewScience, 2017b; Zohary et al., 2012) which suggests that the Neolithic alpine poppies were spread from the Mediterranean area in a wild or domestic form to the North of the Alps, probably during the Neolithic period. Therefore, this species is the perfect case study since the project focus on the crop dynamics in the NW Mediterranean area and the Swiss Plateau. The following section summarises the state of research for the three main topics of this PhD.

### **1.2.1 Systematic assessment of archaeobotanical data for the study of Neolithic agriculture in the NW Mediterranean and North Alps**

Archaeobotanical syntheses for the Neolithic period have been recently published for North-eastern Iberia (Antolín, 2016; Antolín et al., 2015). In the case of Southern France, syntheses for each period have been published for the Early Neolithic (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020), the Middle Neolithic (Martin et al., 2016) and the Late Neolithic (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020). Less systematic archaeobotanical syntheses have been done in northern Italy (Mottes et al., 2009; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009; Tecchiati et al., 2013). There is no single recently updated study that summarises the archaeobotanical data for the Neolithic period in Switzerland. Archaeobotanical research is presented based on the type of site: lakeshore sites (Jacomet et al., 1989, 1991; Jacomet, 2006b, 2007, 2008, 2014; Jacomet & Brombacher, 2005) or dry sites (Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2011; Martin, 2010, 2015). There are published regional syntheses for the study area that show the potential of studying these regions as a whole (Antolín et al., 2015; de Vareilles et al., 2020; Martin, 2010). These several compilations of carpological studies focus on crops and agricultural changes, although no systematic assessment of the data quality (sensu Livarda & Kotzamani, 2013; van der Veen et al., 2007, 2013) has been made. Can the data collected be used to infer information on food, agriculture and the environment? This PhD aims to fill this gap in the research by assessing the data collected and providing a high quality archaeobotanical data. Building a detailed synthesis should be done in conjunction with interdisciplinary approaches to archaeological sites, with archaeozoology, traceology, storage analysis, pottery analysis, organic residue analysis, and other disciplines to understand past realities better, but this is unfortunately out of the scope of this work.



### 1.2.2 The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of a crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400-3500 cal. BC)

Archaeobotanical syntheses highlighted a change in crop assemblage after 4000 BC with a reduction of naked wheat and an increase of glume wheat in France (Martin et al., 2016). In this panorama, one dry site – Les Bagnoles, 4250-3700 cal. BC (van Willigen, Bailly, et al., 2020), Vaucluse (France) – with waterlogged preservation (due to three wells) might give extra insight into the data that previous dry sites with charred material could not do. While for North-eastern Spain, the archaeobotanical data suggests that naked barley and wheat are the predominant cereal, so there is no shift in the assemblage during the Middle Neolithic, ca. 4400-3500 cal. BC (Antolín, 2016; Antolín et al., 2015). The data does not suggest this change for Italy; nevertheless, the carpological data is still chronologically poorly understood (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). In Switzerland, emmer starts to be more important from around ca. 3400 cal. BC emerged from the influence of eastern communities (Jacomet, 2004).

### 1.2.3 Status of *Papaver somniferum* in the Neolithic period and its transfer from the Mediterranean to the Alpine area

The *Papaver somniferum/setigerum* seeds appear in large quantities in the Swiss pile dwellings; however, the wild progenitor of opium poppy is not native to these areas. *P. setigerum* is a possible wild progenitor of *P. somniferum* subsp. *somniferum* is native to the western Mediterranean region. Therefore, these findings raise the question of when this species was introduced and was it a domesticated or cultivated form. The distinction of the seeds of *P. setigerum* from *P. somniferum* is thought to be impossible using size only (Fritsch, 1979). Therefore, a new approach is needed. The application of geometric morphometric methods with other descriptors previously used, such as width/length (Bosi et al., 2006; Fritsch, 1979; Hammer & Fritsch, 1977; Merlin, 1984; Villaret-von Rochow, 1967) and the number of cells (Fritsch, 1979; Villaret-von Rochow, 1971) will be investigated. First, it was applied to modern sets of seeds of different *Papaver* species and then to archaeological seeds of the study area.

## 1.3 Research objectives

This thesis focuses on the crop dynamics between the north-west Mediterranean (North-eastern Iberia, South-eastern France, Northern Italy) and its connections with the areas north of the Alps (Switzerland) in the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC). Identification of carpological remains in archaeological sites from this region started hand in hand with archaeological excavations (Courtin & Erroux, 1974; Jacomet, 2004). Although not with the modern sampling, processing or recording methods, those early studies were unique. Examples of exceptional finds are the complete capsules of opium poppy in Murciélagos cave in Spain (Merlin, 1984) and woodwork at La Marmota site in Italy, recently re-analysed by Caruso Fermé (2021), or even the pots full of grains, in Trou Arnauld site, in France (Marinval, 1988b, p. 100) described but never photographed in situ or recently studied. As a result, there is a considerable amount of valuable data that we cannot fully exploit.

Seeds and fruits preserved by carbonisation present in archaeological sites are dependent on the usage of these species by past human communities (Tereso, 2012; van der Veen, 2007). These seeds preserved by carbonisation primarily due to accidents (van der Veen et al., 2007) are our

study material; for that reason, interpretations should be done in that light and not directly extrapolated for past reconstructions.

In wetland sites, the unique preservation of the material (Menotti, 2004, 2015; Menotti & O'Sullivan, 2013) cannot only be attributed to food-related accidents of plant use but can also be environmental depositions (plants growing naturally there, water dispersion) and human activities. Early on, researchers (Birks, 2002; Cappers, 1993; Jacomet, 2013; Steiner, 2018; Steiner et al., 2018) understood that waterlogged deposits are a combination of food remains from local vegetation and deposits of seeds by water dispersion. Usually, wild species are used for environmental reconstructions as those are prompter to be classified as being transported by water from elsewhere (Cappers, 1993). For those reasons, carpological studies should be done at the contextual level, which in the cases of waterlogged sites, the contextual data is often not available.

#### **1.4 Research questions, aims and objectives**

The state of the art and the associated research problematics have been introduced in the previous sections of this chapter, agreeing with the three tasks designed for the Agrichange project. In this section, there is an outline of the questions to be addressed in the subsequent chapters:

##### **1) Systematic assessment of archaeobotanical data for the study of Neolithic agriculture in the NW Mediterranean and North Alps**

Archaeobotanical data will be used to address the question regarding the regional and chronological changes in crop dynamics over time. The following research questions will be addressed using the database to reassess North-eastern Spain, South-eastern France, Northern Italy and Switzerland botanical records on a chronological-regional level. Concerning the data collected, the following questions will be addressed:

- a) How good is the data collected, and can it be used to infer information on food and agricultural practices?
- b) Are there regional and chronological patterns evident in the archaeobotanical assemblages?

##### **2) The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400-3500 cal. BC)**

This research includes some of the archaeobotanical results of the Middle Neolithic site Les Bagnoles. The following questions will be addressed:

- a) Does the waterlogged and charred material show different patterns according to its context type?
- b) What crops are present on this site, and how different is it from the other Middle Neolithic sites in the region to see any crop change between MN1 and MN2.

The overview of the results will be compared with other open-air sites in the region. (The results are published in **Paper 1**)

### 3) Status of *Papaver somniferum* in the Neolithic period and its transfer from the Mediterranean to the Alpine area

The application of seed morphology and the implementation of geometric morphometrics to distinguish *Papaver setigerum/somniferum* seeds has never been done before. This approach will be performed on modern seeds first and later on uncharred *Papaver somniferum/setigerum* seeds from archaeological sites.

- a) Can we distinguish between modern seeds of the wild (*Papaver setigerum*), domestic (*P. somniferum*) and other *Papaver* species?
- b) Can we further identify *Papaver* species in archaeological assemblages previously identified as *P. setigerum/somniferum*?

(The results will be published in **Paper 2**)

- c) Can we identify domestic *Papaver somniferum* seeds in the Neolithic archaeological assemblages and in which proportion?
- d) Is there any relation between the seeds' changes in size and shape and their chronology? Can we detect diachronic size and shape changes?
- e) Can we establish connections between archaeological seeds found in sites in the Mediterranean area and those found in the Alpine area? Furthermore, what does this tell us about the process of domestication and diffusion of opium poppy outside of the Mediterranean area?

(The results will be published in **Paper 3**)

### 4) Organization of the manuscript

The primary aim is to combine all results and understand the state of the archaeobotanical analysis in the four regions of the project. Along with the crops, the poppy was introduced in Switzerland during the Early Neolithic. In this thesis, the findings of *P. setigerum/somniferum* seeds are the perfect case study to investigate its introduction in areas north of the Alps and pinpoint the evolution of this species. The aim is not to focus on regional neolithization but to give an overview of the dataset by highlighting the dataset's main patterns and assessing the data collected to provide a more usable dataset for future analyses.

This thesis is divided into eight chapters. **Chapter 2** provides the research parameters, with the study area outline and the chronological, archaeological and botanical criteria. **Chapter 3** summarises and critically assesses the archaeobotanical record gathered from the study area. **Chapter 4** searches for spatial-chronological patterns in the archaeobotanical data. **Chapter 5** introduces the data analysed from Les Bagnoles, including Paper 1. **Chapter 6** describes the importance of modern opium poppy and other *Papaver* species and a new methodology to distinguish modern *Papaver* seeds. Paper 2, found at the end of the chapter, shows the results of this new methodology. **Chapter 7** focuses on the archaeological finds of *Papaver* species and their role during the Neolithic period, along with Paper 3, which applies the methodology presented in the previous chapter on archaeological poppy seeds to differentiate the wild from the domestic seeds. **Chapter 8** presents the main results of the thesis and suggestions for future research.

## Chapter 2 Research parameters

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### 2.1 Study area

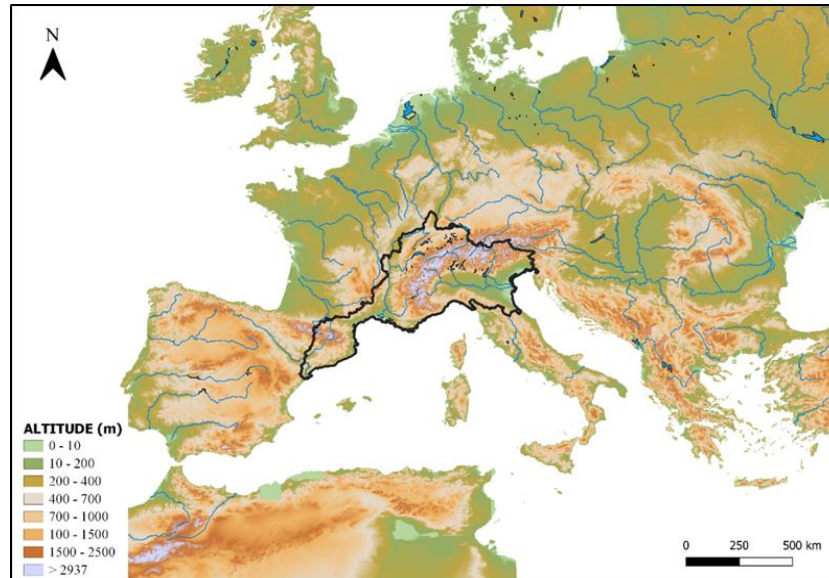


Figure 2.1 Study area: north-western of the Mediterranean and the North of the Alps

This thesis will focus on the north-western part of the Mediterranean and the Northern part of the Alps, an area broadly defined as North-eastern Iberia (from now on NE Iberia), South-eastern France (SE France), Northern Italy, and all of Switzerland (Figure 2.1). The organization of this thesis will follow this order consistently from west to east. Therefore, a geographic organization is intended and not a chronological one. See Figure 2.2 and Table 2.1 with the Spanish, French and Italian provinces for more details. In terms of the regions in SE France, Alsace, Franche-Comté, Rhône-Alpes, Midi-Pyrénées, Languedoc Roussillon and Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur were included, even though they are no longer administratively valid, the reason being they are smaller and more convenient to analyse than the current ones (Table 2.1). This work comprises several thematic approaches described in Chapter 1; therefore, some area and period variations will be in agreement with each study/chapter.

The synthesis focuses on the Neolithic period. For each site, the regional chronology was considered and it was then added to a broader phase, as can be seen in Table 2.2, following the chronology within the Agrichange project (Antolín, Häberle, et al., 2018; Martínez-Grau et al., 2021). The Early Neolithic corresponds to 5700-4500 cal. BC, Middle Neolithic between 4500 and 3300 cal. BC and the Late Neolithic spans from 3300 to 2300 cal. BC. Another term used was *Neolithic*, when there is no radiocarbon date or precise chronology.

In Chapter 5 and [Paper 1](#), the area analysed is located only in SE France. This work combines archaeobotanical analysis of Les Bagnoles, Vaucluse, region Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur and its integration with other open-air dry sites during the regional chronology of Middle Neolithic 1 and Middle Neolithic 2 periods.

Chapter 6 ([Paper 2](#)) and 7 ([Paper 3](#)) focus on studying modern and archaeological poppy seeds from the Neolithic period. In order to clearly visualize change in morphology and size aspects, one site from the Late Bronze Age ca. 1050-800 BC was added (Chapter 7).

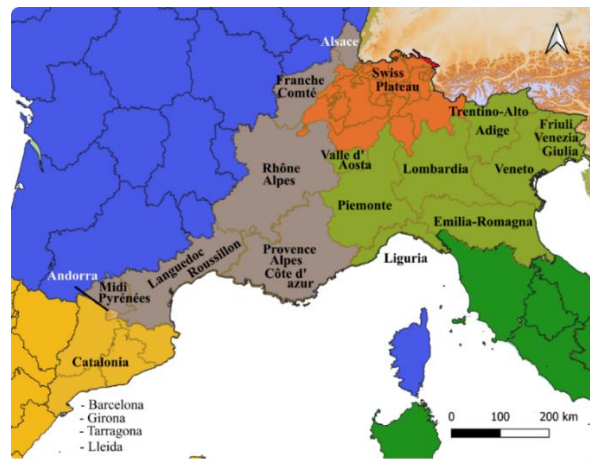


Figure 2.2 Study-area with the name of the regions in NE Iberia (yellow colour with Andorra and Catalonia), SE France (blue colour), Northern Italy (green colour) and Switzerland (red colour).

Table 2.1 Regions of South-eastern France with the French administrative regions (name and number of the Departments) included in this study.

French former administrative regions						
Alsace		Franche-Comté	Rhône-Alpes	Midi-Pyrénées	Languedoc Roussillon	Alpes Côte d'azur
French departments	Bas-Rhin (67)	Doubs (25)	Ain (01)	Ariège (09)	Aude (11)	Vaucluse (84)
	Haut-Rhin (68)	Jura (39)	Ardèche (07)		Gard (30)	Hautes-Alpes (05)
		Territoire de Belfort (90)	Drôme (26)		Hérault (34)	Alpes de Haute Provence (04)
			Haute-Savoie (74)		Pyrénées-Orientales (66)	Var (83)
			Isère (38)			Bouches du Rhone (13)
			Rhône (69)			Alpes-Maritimes (06)
			Savoie (73)			

The Alps are the highest and most extensive mountain range in Europe, covering the north of Italy, the southeast of France, Monaco, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, southern Germany and Slovenia. This massif extends over a length of 1000 km, from the lower Rhône valley to almost Vienna, and over a width of between 200 and 500 km, between the Swiss and Bavarian plateau to the north and the plains of the Po and Veneto to the south (Martin, 2010, p. 19). The other mountain range of the study area is the Pyrenees, which extends for about 491 km from its union with the Cantabrian Mountains to the Mediterranean Sea (Cap de Creus), connecting the borders of Spain, France and Andorra. The Apennines are a mountain range consisting of parallel smaller chains extending c. 1,200 km along the length of peninsular Italy. The study area entails the northwest Apennine joining with the Ligurian Alps.

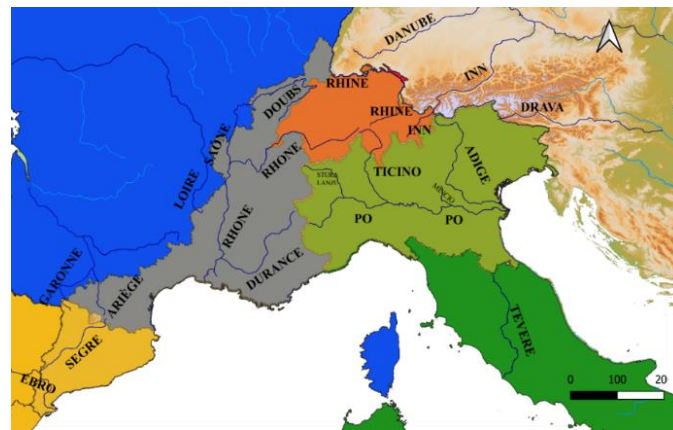


Figure 2.3 Main rivers in the study area. Colour code: Blue = France; Green = Italy; Yellow = North-eastern Spain and Red = Switzerland.

The main rivers in the study area are Rhine and Rhône, which connects France and Switzerland. However, other rivers are equally large and important, such as Po, Adige and Ticino. In France, Rhône river tributes to Durance and Saone. Saone then tributes to Doubs, which goes along the border of France and Switzerland territories (Figure 2.3), in the Neuchatel and Jura cantons. In NE Spain, the large river Ebro tributes to Segre. Other larger rivers are near the study area, such as the Drava and Inn tributaries of the Danube, connecting the study area with central and south-eastern Europe. Rhône river flows from Swiss territory to the Mediterranean Sea, while the Rhine river goes from Switzerland to the north, passing Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, France and Netherlands. Drava river flows eastwards through Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary, whereas the Inn river runs north-eastwards from Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Understanding the study area's main geographic characteristics is important as, in most cases, it influences and constrains human occupation. These can be temporary dwellings close to rivers for water resources. It can be settlements hidden and protected in high-altitude places. In the early stages of the Neolithic period, most sites found in the study area were close to the Mediterranean Sea. They slowly started to appear inland near rivers, but sites in high altitudes were also chosen. For example, evidence of such occupations is available in the Pyrenees before and during the Neolithic period in these mountain ranges (Antolín, Navarrete, et al., 2018; Gassiot Ballbè et al., 2017; Oms et al., 2016).

The main concentration of settlements will be near rivers and lakes due to the easy access to water for drinking and preparing food as well as for other activities such as farming, cleaning, and making pottery. Rivers were the quickest "road" for products to be exchanged. An explicit route known is along the River Rhone connecting the Swiss plateau with the Mediterranean region, where shells were exchanged since the Mesolithic period (Nielsen, 1997). Provenience studies aim to locate potential places of origin by characterizing the composition of the artefacts. This method has been done mainly with lithics (Affolter et al., 2022; Kolb, 2014; Perrin, 2016). An example is the circulation of the large polished axe heads and rings made of Alpine jades that are originated from the Italian Alps but present all over Europe (Pétrequin et al., 2019).

The circulation of people and objects can be done by water, via rivers and seas, and on land, using mountain passages. Evidence of human passages through the Alps (Della Casa, 2007) has been found in this region since the Middle Neolithic, 4800 to 4300 BC (Hafner, 2012). The best example of using the passage of the *Tissenjoch* around 3230 BC is Ötzi (frozen mummy). This man was found near this passage, preserved in the ice (Oeggl et al., 2007).

## 2.2 Chronological parameters

The archaeobotanical database depends on the correct chronological interpretation; this can be by <sup>14</sup>C radiocarbon dating, dendrochronology and, in most cases, by relative chronology (pottery, lithic or other types of typologies). As the study area is a broad space, the Neolithic period is attributed to different “realities” in the different regions, even within the same country and the same period. This multitude of periodizations was maintained; however, in this thesis, the objective is first to outline the dataset and then assess its quality. We used a broader periodization such as Early, Middle and Late Neolithic, as shown in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 List of local periods with pottery types identified in the four regions. These local designations, sometimes in the original language, correspond to the sites with archaeobotanical remains found on regional syntheses (Antolín, 2016; Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020; Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Jacomet, 2006b, 2007, 2008, 2014; Martin, 2010; Martin et al., 2016; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009) and from site publications see Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data.

	Early Neolithic	Middle Neolithic	Late Neolithic
	5700-4500 cal. BC	4500-3300 cal. BC	3300-2300 cal. BC
Archaeological groups/periods			
SE France	Cardial ancien/moyen/final; Epicardial I & II; Impressa; Rubane; Pericardial; Hinkelstein/Grossgartach; Neolithique ancien Rhodane;	Pre-chasséen; Chasséen ancien; Chassen classique /chassien recent; Néolithique moyen bourguignon; Chassen; Saint-Uze; type Mourre de la Barque; Chassen languedocien; Roberte; Pfyn Cortaillod; Montbolognais; Chasséen méridional; Lagozza; VBQ	Vérazien; Campaniforme = Bell Beaker; Ferrières (LN1); Fontbouisse (LN2) ; Auvernier Cordé helvétique; Horgen; Néolithique final languedocien; Néolithique final méridional; Saint-pono-vérazien; Mourre du Tendre; type Cavalade; Chalcolithique
Northern Italy	Cardial; Post Cardial; Impressa; Gaban; Danilo; Friulani; Fiorano; Vhó; Diana; Vasi di bocca quadrata I (VBQ I)	VBQ II; III; Proto Lagozza-Chasse; Chasse-Lagozza; Lagozza	Chalcolithic; Bell Beaker; Remedello; White ware phase
NE Iberian Peninsula	Cardial; Epicardial; Postcardial; Epicardial I; Neolithique antic postcardial; Neolithic antic evolucionat; Late EN	Mittelneolithikum; Early Middle Neolithic 1; Early Middle Neolithic 2; Neolítico Medio Inicial;	Vérazien; Neolítico final
Switzerland	Rössen; Hinkelstein; Isolino;	Pfyn;Cortaillod;Egolzwil;Cortaillod tardif; Fruheszentral Cortaillod; Jungneolithikum; zentralschweizerisches Cortaillod;Cortaillod, type Petit-Chasseur;Cortaillod	Spätneolithikum; Schnurkeramik = Corded ware Horgen;Lüscherz; Glockenbecher = Bell Beaker Endneolithikum; Cortaillod Tardif; Auvernier cordé; Lüscherz recent; Late Pfyn.

Here we present the chronological boundaries for sorting the carpological data (Table 2.2). In order to compare contemporaneous sites, the chronological division combines regional chronology and its broad phases following the chronology within the Agrichange project

(Antolín, Häberle, et al., 2018). The project chronology divides the Neolithic period as Early Neolithic from 5700 to 4500 cal. BC, Middle Neolithic from 4500 to 3300 cal. BC, and Late Neolithic from 3300 to 2300 cal. BC (Table 2.2). The regional chronology derives from already published carpological syntheses done in the different regions (Antolín, 2016; Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020; Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Jacomet, 2006b, 2007, 2008, 2014; Martin, 2010; Martin et al., 2016; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009 for more references see Appendix A).

### 2.3 Botanical criteria

This thesis will follow the botanic nomenclature of Info flora (2019) and Flora Gallica (Tison & Foucault, 2014). Traditional classification will be used for common names for the cultivated plants, but with some modifications from other archaeobotanical and genetics studies (Salamini et al., 2002; Zohary et al., 2012). Table 2.3 and Table 2.4 show the biological species name, common name, original identification and English designation of the main species mentioned in the text. To simplify, we adopted a more straightforward method of grouping a common name to homogenise nomenclature when gathering published data and help make comparisons between sites by different investigators. The morphological types only establish a similarity between the archaeobotanical remains and the actual fruits and seeds. Therefore, the morphological type can have different species (e.g. *Triticum aestivum/turgidum/durum*).

The most common edible or used plants were selected from the extensive list of taxa present in the database. They include the domestic crops and the most frequently gathered nuts, fruits, and other possible seeds important by their oil and fibre (Table 2.3 and Table 2.4). Weeds and wild species are essential for studying palaeoenvironment, and farming strategy/processing or seasonality. Not all wild species were considered relevant to the research questions, except in the study case of Les Bagnoles, where more detailed analysis was done (Chapter 5).

The new DNA analysis on the “new glume wheat” classified it within the group of *T. timopheevii* (Czajkowska et al., 2020), therefore denominated here as such. In order to not create a bias (due to different degrees of identification precision among different specialists) in the dataset, the differentiation between *T. aestivum* and *durum* and *Hordeum vulgare* and *H. vulgare nudum* were not taken into account for the analysis. However, when counting the number of taxa, the original identification according to the different authors was used for evaluating the maximum number of taxa found at the site. This number might be biased as different archaeobotanists count taxa differently; therefore, it was not used in the end for any analyses, but it is recorded in Table 1 in Appendix B.

When compiling the macroremains found in the study area, some species were present in the database. However, they might be intrusions from early periods or not dated. For this matter, a quick overview of the species that appear but were not counted and their explanations. The domestication story of spelt wheat (*Triticum spelta*) is still not clearly understood. Early finds of this wheat around 6050-4650 cal. BC from South Caucasus and in Eastern European, in countries such as Georgia, Moldavia, Slovakia, Poland, Rumania and Hungary (Zohary et al., 2012, p. 50). The presence of Neolithic spelt is questioned based on grain morphology and not on the glumes; therefore invalid or assumed to be a common weed (*Aegilops cylindrica*) (Nesbitt, 2001; Zohary et al., 2012, p. 50). Molecular evidence suggested that spelt was not



brought from southwest Asia to Europe, but new domestication occurred perhaps in Europe (Akeret, 2005; Zohary et al., 2012, p. 50).

Table 2.3 Designations of the main species identified in the archaeobotanical studies

Taxa /Group (common name)	Original Identification	Common name
<b>Grains</b>		
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	<i>Hordeum</i> sp., <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> var <i>vulgare</i> , <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> var <i>nudum</i>	hulled and naked barley
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	einkorn
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	emmer
<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> ; <i>Triticum aestivum compactum</i> , <i>Triticum durum</i> ;	bread and durum wheat
<i>Triticum timopheevii</i> group	"new glume wheat"; <i>Triticum timopheevii</i>	zanduri wheat Timopheevii wheat
<i>Triticum spelta</i>		spelt
<i>Secale cereale</i>		rye
<i>Panicum miliaceum</i>		broomcorn millet
<i>Setaria italica</i>		foxtail millet
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	when there is no wheat identified at the species level	
Cerealia	when there are no other cereals, <i>Hordeum/Triticum</i>	
<b>Leguminosae</b>		
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	<i>Cicer</i> sp.	chickpea
<i>Lathyrus cicera/sativus</i>	<i>Lathyrus cicera</i> ; <i>Lathyrus sativus</i> ;	grass pea
<i>Lens culinaris</i>	<i>Lens</i> sp., <i>Lens culinaris</i>	lentil
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	<i>Pisum</i> sp., <i>Pisum sativum</i>	field pea
<i>Vicia ervilia</i>	<i>Vicia ervilia</i>	bitter vetch
<i>Vicia faba</i>	<i>Vicia faba minor</i>	broad bean
<i>Vicia sativa</i>		common vetch
<b>Oil and Fibre plants</b>		
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	flax
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	<i>Papaver setigerum/somniferum</i>	opium poppy

Early evidence of rye (*Secale cereal*) suggested that it evolved as a weed and was later picked as a crop. Even though there is no clear evidence of when it was domesticated and brought to Europe, rye appears in early sites during the Neolithic period in Italy and Slovakia, suggesting an Aegean Basin and the south Balkan as a possible route (Zohary et al., 2012, pp. 65–66).

Foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*) and Broomcorn millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) were the most important crops from the dry-land agriculture in the north of China in the Neolithic period around 6000 cal. BC (Kirleis et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2012; Motuzaitė Matuzevičiūtė & Liu, 2021; Zhao, 2011). Early finds of foxtail millet appear in Europe at Bronze age sites (1850-800 cal. BC, such as in Switzerland (Brombacher, 2005; Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Favre, 2002). In comparison, Broomcorn millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) appears more frequent but as single seeds in several samples in the dataset. Recent investigation on this crop argues that its presence in Europe did not happen before c. 1600 cal. BC (Filipović et al., 2020). There are broomcorn millet seeds identified from the *Vasi di Bocca Quadrata* (VBQ) communities (Middle and Late Neolithic period) in Italy (Mottes et al., 2009). However, these early seeds were not directly dated. In a later period, there is a possible isotopic signal of millet consumption in the Bronze age. Stable carbon and nitrogen isotopes in bone collagen done on individuals and animals (Tafari et al., 2018) from the Terramare communities in the Po valley

indicate the consumption of C4 plants. C4 plant signals are regarded as an indication of millet consumption. Nevertheless, other wild C4 plants would have been available, although there is no clear indication that these would be eaten in the necessary amounts to generate a marker similar to the millet (Pyankov et al., 2010). The state of research in Italy suggests that the broomcorn millet exchange route might have come along the Adige river and not from the Friuli area (Tafari et al., 2018, p. 140) and the Carpathian Basin through lowland Austria and Slovenia (Filipović et al., 2020). The presence of millet on Corded ware Neolithic sites in Switzerland (e.g. site of Basel-Landschaft-Binningen) was recently dated and given a later date (Final Bronze Age) and was an intrusion (Filipović et al., 2020).

Regarding pulses, lentil seeds and pea are usually found together with wheat and barley in European Neolithic sites in Greece, Bulgaria, and Macedonia, but also in Italy, Germany and Switzerland (Zohary et al., 2012). Chickpea and fava bean (*Vicia faba*) are as well as lentil and pea accompanying cereals in the Fertile Crescent (Zohary et al., 2012, p. 89). However, chickpea rarely appears in the European Neolithic except in rare cases in Greece, Bulgaria and NE Spain (Antolín & Schäfer, 2020; de Vareilles et al., 2020; Ivanova et al., 2018; Marinova & Valamoti, 2014). At the same time, the fava bean does not appear in Greek sites (de Vareilles et al., 2020) but appeared during the Neolithic period in Italy, France and Spain, as will be discussed in Chapter 4. Bitter vetch (*Vicia ervilia*) and common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) are commonly found in the Fertile Crescent and Europe during the Neolithic and Bronze Ages, appearing especially in Greece and Bulgaria but also in Italy (Zohary et al., 2012, pp. 93–94). The grass pea (*Lathyrus cicera/sativus*) appears in south-western Asian, Aegean and west Mediterranean Neolithic sites (Kislev, 1989; Zohary et al., 2012, p. 96).

In terms of oil plants, flax accompanies pulses and cereals while they spread from the Fertile Crescent into Europe in the early Neolithic (Zohary et al., 2012). Early sites with flax seeds in Europe are in Greece and Crete, dating from 6000-5600 BC, and in central Europe, 5400-4900 BC (Harris, 2014; Zohary et al., 2012, p. 31). Opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) has not been found in the Fertile Crescent (except for two sites), suggesting that its domestication was elsewhere for more details, check Chapters 6 and 7. The domestication centre of origin of *P. somniferum* has been assumed to be in the Western Mediterranean area and from there it was spread together with other crops (Bakels, 1982; De Candolle, 1884; Kreuz, 2012; Zohary et al., 2012). Besides domestic plants, wild edible plants were also analysed; these included wild species of trees, vines, and shrubs (e.g. *Olea* sp., *Vitis* sp., *Pistacia* spp., *Ficus*). The selection of these plants was inspired by the paper of Ivanova et al. (2018) and adapted to our dataset. The possible uses and products were defined for each species; see Table 2.4. Most of the common edible plants analysed are native to Europe or, more specifically, from the Mediterranean, such as wild olive, wild grape and figs. These early finds from the Neolithic are likely wild fruits, including figs (Zohary et al., 2012, p. 129).

## 2.4 Quantification and standardisation

The seed counts were taken from the original publications. The taxa comprise eighteen domestic crops (including *P. setigerum/somniferum* seeds, Table 2.3) and twenty-five of the most frequent gathered nuts and fruits (Table 2.4). The analysis explores similarities/differences in taxonomic composition and not on individual plant parts (e.g., grains, chaff, and others).

Chaff remains were eventually not integrated in the general synthesis of chapter 4 because grains were more commonly identified and they provide the general trends. Chaff remains are small and fragile, the chance of being found in the archaeobotanical assemblage is related to the type of sampling, mesh size and processing. This information was gathered for a large number of sites presented here. However, not all sites had enough information. Therefore, assessing the quality of each site was needed and excluding the sites that did not apply the adequate methods. All specimens identified as 2-row, 6-row, or indeterminate barley were pooled to represent one category: *H. vulgare*. This classification was done because of the identification problems associated with barley; specifically, there have been differences and inconsistencies in identifying the 2-row and 6-row varieties and naked and hulled types. Not all authors had such detailed identification. All free-threshing wheat or naked wheat was grouped in *T. aestivum/turgidum/durum*.

All possible cereal crops were added to the dataset, although some of these might be intrusions and erroneous identifications. These are the case of spelt wheat (*Triticum spelta*), rye (*Secale cereal*), broomcorn millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) and foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*), their early appearance in the study area was discussed in the previous section. To ensure the absolute date of such finds, radiocarbon dates should be performed. This was done recently for broomcorn millet (Filipović et al., 2018; Kirleis et al., 2022) and hopefully for the other misplaced cereals in the future.

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Table 2.4 Designations of the main species identified in the archaeobotanical studies, with information on the edible parts - source about edible parts from pfaf, and information about the origin of these species from other sources (Bojnanský & Fargašová, 2007, p. 27,367,15; Bundesamt für Umwelt BAFU, 2019; Popescu et al., 2016; Ronch et al., 2016; Zohary et al., 2012, pp. 135–140))

Taxa /Group (common name)	Original Identification	Common name	Edible parts	Native
<b>Wild edible plants</b>				
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	strawberry tree	fruit (raw or cooked)	Mediterranean
<i>Cornus mas</i>	<i>Cornus mas</i>	cornelian cherry	fruit ( raw or dried ); seeds (oil or ground to a powder)	temperate zones from central to southern Europe and eastwards to Asia Minor
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	common dogwood	edible fruit ( raw or dried); seeds (oil)	most of Europe, including over 1500 m in the Alps (Switzerland)
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	<i>Corylus</i> sp., <i>Corylus avellana</i>	hazel	seed (raw, roasted and oil)	Europe, except the extreme north and up to 1200 m elevation
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European beech	seed (raw, cooked and oil)	western and central Europe, 300-1300 m
<i>Ficus carica</i>	<i>Ficus</i> , <i>Ficus carica</i>	common fig	fruit ( raw, cooked or dried)	The Mediterranean and southwestern Asia
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	<i>Fragaria</i> sp., <i>Fragaria vesca</i>	wild strawberry	fruit (raw or cooked)	Eurasia
<i>Juniperus communis/oxycedrus</i>	<i>Juniperus communis/oxycedrus</i> , <i>J. communis</i> , <i>J. oxycedrus</i>	common juniper; western prickly juniper, cade juniper	fruit ( raw, cooked or for flavouring)	<i>J. communis</i> is native throughout Euroasia while <i>J. oxycedrus</i> native to Southern Europe with elevations up to 2000 m
<i>Malus/Pyrus</i>	<i>Malus</i> sp., <i>Pyrus</i> sp., <i>Malus sylvestris</i> , <i>Pyrus pyraster</i>	crab-apple; wild pear	fruit (raw or cooked); seed (oil)	Europe
<i>Olea europaea oleaster</i>	<i>Olea europaea oleaster</i>	wild-olive	fruit (raw and oil)	Mediterranean
<i>Physalis alkekengi</i>	<i>Physalis</i> sp., <i>Physalis alkekengi</i>	bladder cherry	fruit (raw or cooked)	Europe
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	mastic Tree	seed (oil)	Mediterranean
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	turpentine tree	Seed (raw, cooked or oil)	Mediterranean
<i>Prunus avium</i>	<i>Prunus avium</i>	wild cherry	fruit (raw or cooked); seed (raw or cooked)	Eurasia and northern Africa
<i>Prunus mahaleb</i>	<i>Prunus mahaleb</i>	cherry tree	fruit (raw), seed (raw or cooked)	southern Europe and southwestern Asia
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	blackthorn/sloe	fruit (raw or cooked); seed (raw or cooked)	Eurasia
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	seed (cooked)	Eurasia
<i>Rosa</i> sp.	<i>Rosa</i> sp.	rose	fruit (raw or cooked)	Europe
<i>Rubus</i> sp.	<i>Rubus</i> sp., <i>R. caesius</i> , <i>R. fruticosus</i> agg., <i>R. idaeus</i> , <i>R. ulmifolius</i>	raspberries, wild blackberries, and dewberries	fruit (raw or cooked)	Eurasia
<i>Sambucus</i> sp.	<i>Sambucus</i> sp., <i>S. ebulus</i> , <i>S. racemosa</i> , <i>S. nigra</i>	dwarf elderberry; red elderberry; black elder	fruit (raw, cooked or dried)	Eurasia
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	<i>Solanum</i> sp., <i>S. nigrum</i>	European black nightshade	fruit (cooked)	Europe
<i>Sorbus domestica</i>	<i>Sorbus</i> sp., <i>S. domestica</i>	service tree	fruit (raw or cooked)	southern and southeastern Europe
<i>Trapa natans</i>	<i>Trapa natans</i>	water chestnut	seed (raw, cooked or dried ground to a powder)	central and southern Europe, Asia Minor and North Africa
<i>Vitis vinifera sylvestris</i>	<i>Vitis</i> sp., <i>V. vinifera sylvestris</i>	wild grape	fruit (raw)	Mediterranean region, Central Europe, and south-western Asia

## **Chapter 3 The archaeobotanical database and data assessment**

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### **3.1 Introduction**

This chapter focuses firstly on the methodology approach, how the archaeobotanical data was collected and which parameters were used. Secondly, it gives a brief overview of the data collected with a spatial analysis of the data, a description and overview of the results for each parameter used and the results of the assessment of the archaeobotanical data. Finally, the last part will discuss the implications and applications of this data collection.

### **3.2 Methodology**

#### **3.2.1 Data selection**

The data synthesised here is the compilation of archaeobotanical data from the study area (NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland) focusing on the Neolithic period (5500-2300 BC). This compilation entailed bibliographic searches starting with the primary synthesis papers and checking individual regions and researchers using Google, national and regional journals, GoogleScholar, researchgate, academia, and institutional repositories. For Italian records, the data collection stopped at the end of 2018, and for the others in 2020. The results of the Access Database ArboDat from Integrative Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie (IPNA) were combined with individual site publications for a detailed analysis. The Italian data was obtained mainly from published papers in regional journals, while French, Spanish and Swiss data come from published or unpublished reports. Unpublished reports refer mainly to internal reports from IPNA researchers to the Swiss cantons. When necessary, GoogleTranslator was used and verified by a native speaker (e.g. German native). Also, researchers with primary data were consulted, and they shared already published articles with the archaeobotanical data.

All available reports and publications were consulted (Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data). The absolute counts of all taxa present were recorded in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for each site. These spreadsheets were then introduced to the Arbodat using the Taxa Transfer; this task was initiated by AJ but then done by FA and Anna Müller. In parallel, an excel spreadsheet with all the information per record was done. The recorded information are coordinates, type of site, chronology, number of samples, the volume of sediment, type of preservation, type of sampling, processing, and publishing type, and phases are provided as an electronic file (Appendix C: Data quality) and summarised in Table 3.1.

A total of 354 sites were recorded, of which 59 were excluded from this analysis either because they were not within the Agrichange study area or because they were unpublished (Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data and all the bibliography used per site. Highlighted orange is excluded data and blue is the unpublished reports).

Table 3.1 Parameters of data quality used on the archaeobotanical data collected

<b>Type of site</b>	open-air - wet
	open-air - dry
	cave/shelter
	undefined (e.g. mines, frozen mummy or not defined in the report)
<b>Type of preservation</b>	charred
	uncharred
	imprints
<b>Archaeobotanical quantification</b>	Absolute numbers
	Presence/absence
	Range, densities, proportions, estimate
	unclear
	unknown
<b>Date of excavation</b>	≤ 1980 (≤1989)
	1990 (1990-1999)
	2000 (2000-2009)
	2010 (2010-2019)
	unknown
<b>Minimal Mesh size (mm)</b>	2
	1
	0.5
	< 0.5
	unknown
<b>Type of processing</b>	flotation
	wet sieving
	dry sieving
	wash-over sieving, goldwascher, Halbflotation
	Unknown/hand-picking
<b>Type of publication</b>	cultural phase, chronological level, profile level, area level, site level
	sample level, layer level, SU level, structure level, per finding
	unclear

In this chapter, the type of site is classified as open-air dry or wet, cave/shelter and undefined by the authors. The undefined was also ascribed in mines and the frozen mummy cases. 'Records' are subsets of sites, with chronology and distinct cultural sets of data (sensu van der Veen et al., 2007, p. 183). For example, Can Sadurni cave has three phases, which equals one site and three records. Sixteen records were removed because the period only referred to the Neolithic, and no further detail was given.

### 3.3 Database

The dataset used consists of 419 records and 295 sites. Records from open-air dry sites make up 58 % of the total, and it is the most common type of site in the four regions (Figure 3.1). Cave/shelter sites are found in higher proportions in NE Iberia and SE France, while open-air wet sites predominate in Switzerland. All types of sites are found in all phases (Figure 3.2), with the particularity of open-air wet sites being rare in the first phase (Early Neolithic) and becoming more common in the second phase (Middle Neolithic) and third phase (Late Neolithic). The presence of open-air wet sites known as pile dwellings is a new type of settlement for this period and region. These are prehistoric settlements with wooden houses built on the shores of lakes (Schlichtherle & Rau, 2016). This type of site is primarily found in Switzerland (Figure 3.1). The number of records for NE Spain is two records from one site, SE France is nine, Northern Italy is seven, while Switzerland has 61 records.

Throughout the Circum-Alpine area on lakeshores, the prehistoric wetland settlements span from 4300 to 800 BC (Suter et al., 2009); there is an increase of open-air wetland sites in the study area in the Middle and Late Neolithic period (Figure 3.2).

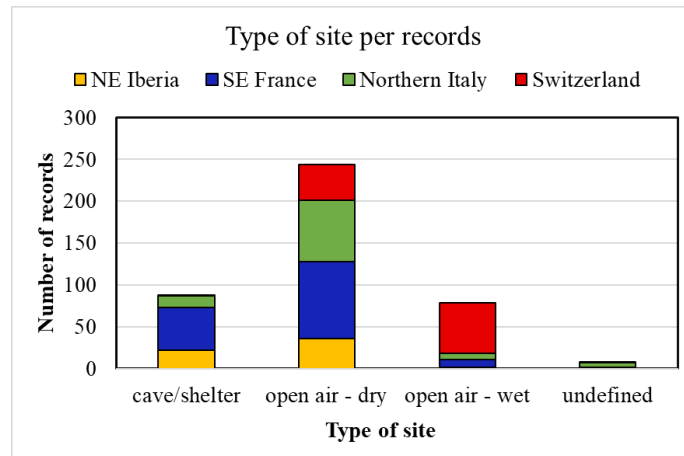


Figure 3.1 Number of records with archaeobotanical studies by site category (n=419 records)

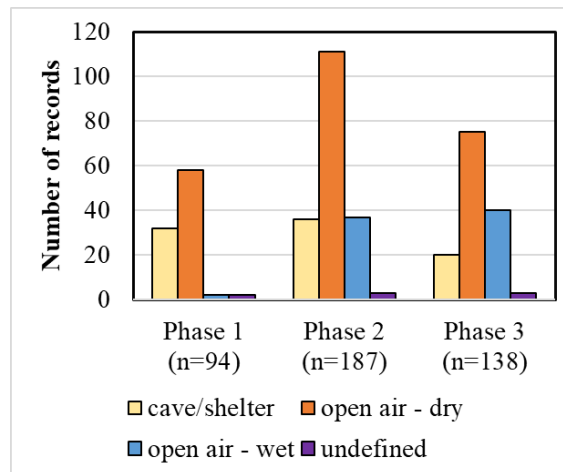


Figure 3.2 Number of records with archaeobotanical studies by phase and site type.

In the Early Neolithic period, inland areas have fewer sites with archaeobotanical evidence (Figure 3.3a). This lack of sites can be related to the Neolithisation process, which took more time to reach mountain areas and inland areas like the Swiss Plateau. Nevertheless, it also can reflect the lack of archaeobotanical studies in those areas.

Regarding Switzerland, the archaeobotanical evidence is present in the two extremities: southwestern and eastern Switzerland, probably not related to each other. In the southwestern part of Valais canton, crops might have been introduced via the Rhone River or Northern Italy (Curdy, 2007). At the same time, the eastern part of Graubünden canton (Switzerland's southeast side) and Alsace (SE France) were probably introduced via the Rhine river (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011; Denaire, Jeunesse, et al., 2011).

The distribution of the sites seems concentrated in small clusters, reflecting the favourable conditions in these zones for the early farmers to settle. However, this can be the bias of the state of research. In terms of the type of site (Figure 3.3a), caves and shelters are predominant in NE of Iberia, SE France, along the Rhone river and Liguria (Italy) along the Mediterranean

coast. In contrast, the Po Valley or Friuli in-land sites have open-air dry sites that include house plans (Starnini et al., 2018).

In the Middle Neolithic period (Figure 3.3b), there are more records with archaeobotanical studies, especially close to the coast of the Mediterranean up to the Rhone Valley and its adjacent river, Durance (SE France). Evidence of archaeobotanical studies shows the occupation of dry sites in the Po valley, while several pile dwellings (open-air wet sites) are located in the French Jura, South Alps (Northern Italy) and the Swiss Plateau (see blue circles for wet sites in Figure 3.3b). There is also some evidence of sites in higher altitudes, and in general, the sites are more dispersed in the study area, where open-air sites are dominant in several inland areas.

There are fewer records for the third phase, the Late Neolithic period, than for the previous phase; the sites look more dispersed on the map (except in the Swiss Plateau, where multiple records are found around the same lakes). There are also fewer sites close to the Mediterranean coast and more inland. In terms of cave/shelter sites, there are fewer sites with archaeobotanical data (Figure 3.2). However, they seem to predominate in the south-west and west part of the study area, NE Iberia and SE France, while there is one site in Switzerland (map Figure 3.3c).

This geographic coverage shows only the sites with archaeobotanical studies; therefore, it does not give a complete overview of the settlement patterns of these communities or environmental preferences. Comparing the settlement pattern of each phase and assessing its archaeobotanical records would be interesting to understand if the settlement's implementation was in agreement with the type of archaeobotanical assemblage present. This is not in the scope of this thesis, nevertheless this will be done in the future by combining all the proxy results from the Agrichange project that is still ongoing.

### **3.4 Type of preservation**

Plant remains do not usually survive on archaeological sites, as they decompose with time. Only under exceptional conditions will plant remains be preserved and found in the archaeological sites (Boardman & Jones, 1990; Gustafsson, 2000; Märkle & Rösch, 2008; P. Wright, 2003). The most common form of plant preservation is by charring. Charring preserves the plant remains by transforming the plant remains in pure carbon (Wilkinson & Stevens, 2003, p. 149). Another less common form of preservation is waterlogging, where the plant remains are permanently preserved underwater. The waterlogged assemblages from prehistoric sites offer different information on possible foodstuffs than charred remains (Heiss et al., 2017; Jacomet, 2013). Each type of preservation favours different types of plants and plant remains. Waterlogging allows the preservation of high diversity of plant remains, including oily seeds, pods, flower buds, leaves, herb seeds and wild edible fruits (Colledge & Conolly, 2014; Jacomet, 2013; Märkle & Rösch, 2008). While charring process allows for better preservation of cereal grains and pulses (Boardman & Jones, 1990; Charles et al., 2015; Gustafsson, 2000). Other occasional forms of preservation are mineralisation, desiccation and plant impressions.



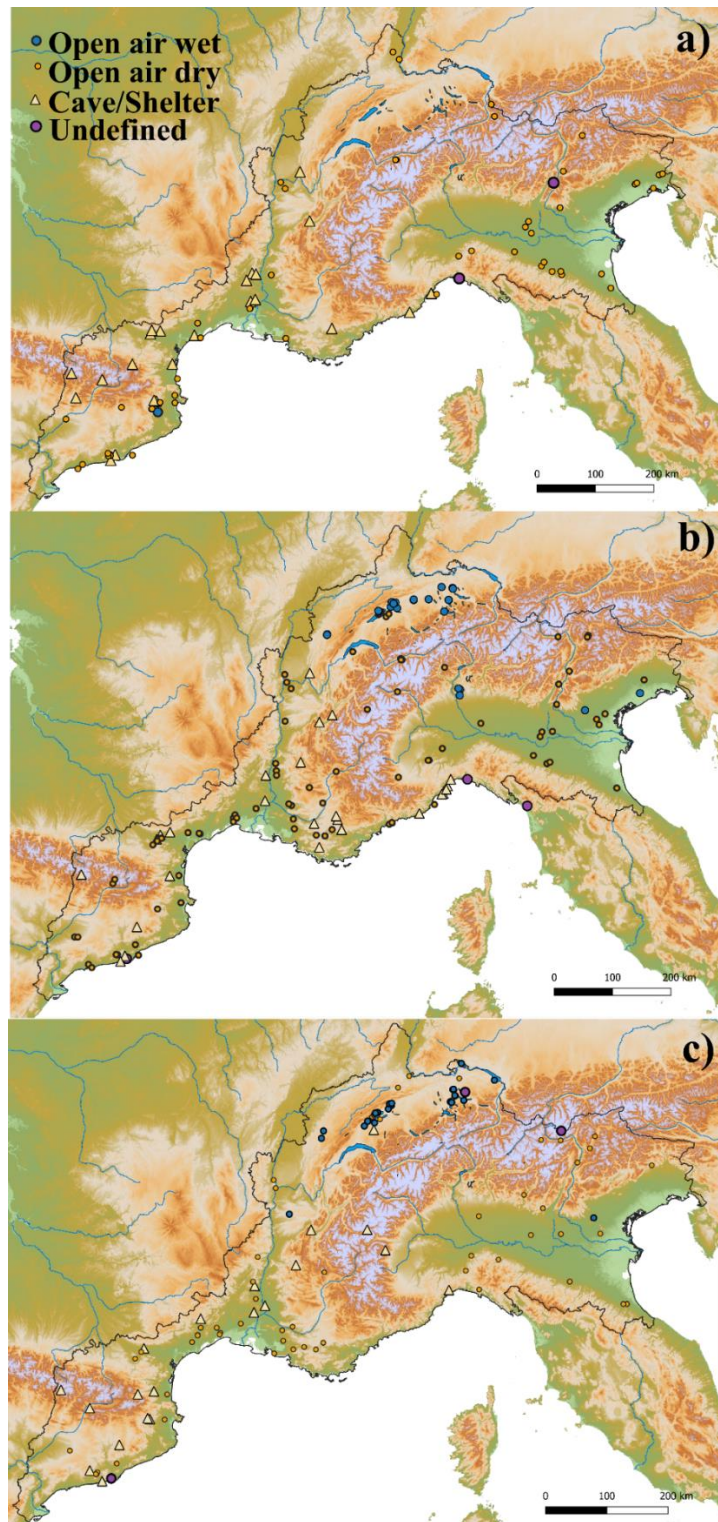


Figure 3.3 Spatial distribution of the archaeobotanical records on the four regions through the three phases. a) Early Neolithic (EN), b) Middle Neolithic (MN), and c) Late Neolithic (LN)

This study's primary type of preservation is charring, with some records having both charred and waterlogged preservation (Figure 3.4). In the Italian region, in four records from caves and four from open-air dry sites, plant impressions were the only plant remains found, especially in Liguria (Arobba & Caramiello, 2006b, 2010; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). Plant impressions were not recorded in our database for other sites since these were not the priority. The addition of the Italian plant impressions was because they are usually added in the regional synthesis

and aid in pinpointing the presence of crops in the region when physical seeds are not found or no archaeobotanical studies were conducted (Arobba & Caramiello, 2006b; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). Plant impressions are not as clearly highlighted and are not added to the regional synthesis for the other regions. Moreover, this does not mean plant impressions do not exist in other sites. Equally, mineralised seeds were not systematically recorded in the publications, and as a result, they are not included in this synthesis.

The classification of sites into dry and wetland sites does not mean that they solely yield charred and uncharred remains respectively. In open air-wet sites, besides waterlogged uncharred preservation, charred remains, such as cereal grains and chaff, are well preserved. This type of preservation is frequently observed in the stratigraphy of swiss pile-dwellings, with burnt layers in the house occupation (Jacomet, 2013); this can also be observed in this dataset (Figure 3.4b) with charred remains found in open-air wet sites, especially in pile dwellings in Switzerland.

Similarly, uncharred remains with waterlogged preservation can also occur in particular contexts in open-air dry sites. This phenomenon happens when deep structures, such as wells, reach the groundwater level and are connected with water or the water table is high (Jacomet, 2013). This type of context is represented in the database by three sites that hold archaeobotanical studies from SE France (Figure 3.4a). Chapter 5 and Paper 1 will further discuss the importance of uncharred remains preserved in waterlogged sediments at open air-dry sites.

Recording the type of preservation (charred and uncharred remains) present in the archaeological sites was not always possible. In some cases, where only presence and absence were recorded on the publication, there was no information on which taxa were charred and uncharred. This type of uncertainty happens with some old excavations in the Italian region and in French and Swiss excavations where only taxa counts are recorded.

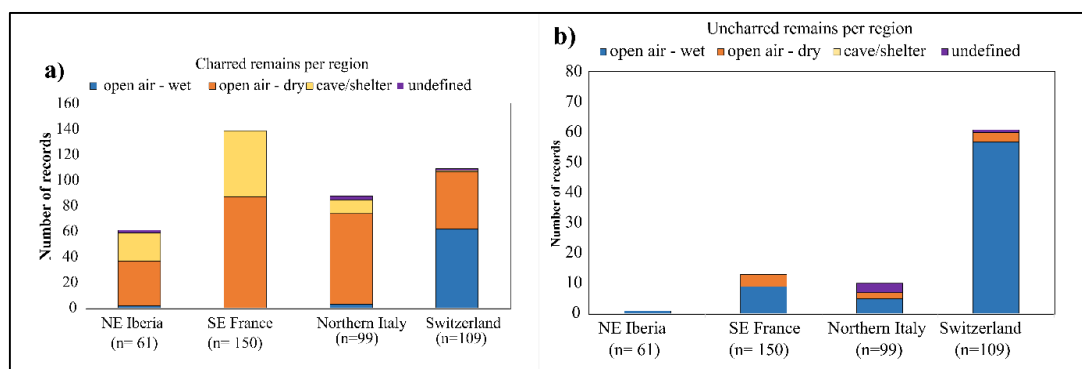


Figure 3.4 Charred and uncharred remains per record per region.

### 3.5 Number of samples and volume size

Sampling for macroremains depends on the questions investigated by the field archaeologists. The number of samples taken on the field and the size of the samples are crucial to finding plant remains. However, while recording the parameters for the database, it became clear that these two aspects were not systematically included in the published methods. Consequently, it was not possible to record and discuss this information.

The number of samples was not included in this data assessment criterion due to the inconsistency of the data, but added when available. The number of samples in was often not presented along with the plant identifications in the published tables. Therefore, it was unclear which samples were attributed to which structures or stratigraphic units (SU). As standard procedure, when there was one structure or stratigraphic unit (SU), and no information on the sample number, it was assumed to be one.

Nevertheless, this parameter will not be considered in the analysis as it was not possible to record it consistently due to a lack of clear information (see Appendix B: Archaeobotanical metadata). Besides the number of samples, the volume of sediment sampled is also valuable to understand the sampling strategy used, especially when there is no standard sampling volume. The volume of sediment can be used to study the density of the crop remains found in specific structures and types of sites to understand taxa concentrations. The volume is more widely available than the number of samples because it was recorded consistently in the literature.

### **3.6 Type of sampling and processing**

The type of processing is important in order to find archaeobotanical remains. Field archaeologists would hand-pick large fruits such as acorns and hazelnuts visible in the archaeological layer. However, tiny seeds of poppy, pea or even weeds will not be visible. In order to study the uses of plants by humans in the past, it is important to have a precise sampling and processing strategy that targets different structures where macroremains can be found. The most accurate type of sampling is the systematic sampling, where sediment is taken from all excavation contexts, generally with a fixed number of litres, such as 10 or 20 (M. Jones, 1991; Pearsall, 2015, p. 81; Wilkinson & Stevens, 2003, p. 152). This strategy does not generate biases since, during excavation, it is not possible to predict which contexts contain macroremains, so the only way to be sure about it is to take samples from all of them (Pearsall, 2015, p. 74). Other types of sampling recorded are judgement, probabilistic, interval and grab sampling (Antolín, 2016, p. 102; Guedes & Spengler, 2014; M. Jones, 1991).

When researching for this dataset, the type of sampling was not clearly stated; it was recorded in the database when specified and when an interpretation was possible; however, since it was not consistently available in the publications, it was not used as a data quality criterion. Though, it is important to have a clear and systematic sampling strategy. This strategy was observed in the majority of the archaeological reports from companies in SE France, where systematic samples were usually taken of 8/10 litres, using flotation and a fine mesh as standard practice. Another example was the Neuchatel Canton (Switzerland), which took systematic samples of dry sites from the Neolithic period and always used the same mesh and processing method.

Depending on the site type and its soil specificities or even the type of sampling, these will determine the best processing strategy. In the case of the study area, especially Switzerland (Figure 3.5), pile dwellings and waterlogged remains were typically treated with wet-sieving and wash-over/*halbflotation* with fine mesh, smaller than 0.5 mm since the 1970s (see Switzerland bar graph Figure 3.6). However, for systematic sampling of large amounts of sediment at a dry site, flotation would be the quickest and most efficient process. Flotation uses water to separate light organic remains (especially charcoal and carbonised seeds) from heavier archaeological material and sediment (Pearsall, 2015). Flotation is the primary processing type

for open-air dry sites in the study area (Figure 3.5). Of note is that the dates in the graphs refer to the excavation date, which means that the processing could have been done several years after the excavation. Also, sometimes the publications do not express which type of processing was done; this happens mainly for the Italian sites.

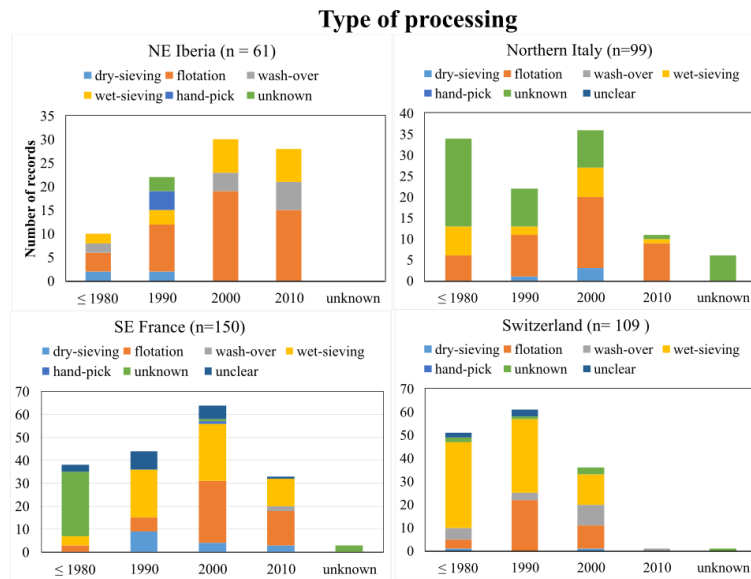


Figure 3.5 Type of processing used through the excavation years for each study region.

Besides the type of processing, the person who processes the sample is also important, and this part is hard to quantify or assess the way sediments are processed. However, this is an integral part of the quality of the archaeobotanical samples, as different sievers, experienced and inexperienced people, can interfere with the success of retrieving seeds and fruits from the sediment soil as well as the state of these macroremains. The effect of different sievers has been tested for the wash-over sieving (Steiner et al., 2015), where the researchers noted differences in the larger fractions ( $\geq 2$  mm) where smaller seeds appear as well, depending on how careful the operator was. Also noted by the same authors, this problem can be avoided if detailed instructions with specific guidelines are given to the sievers (Steiner et al., 2015).

### 3.7 Mesh size

Mesh size is extremely important for finding plant remains especially tiny seeds such as opium poppy. For waterlogged preservation, the mesh size most commonly used is 0.35 mm, while for dry sites, 0.35 or 0.5 mm are typically used (Buxó, 1997, p. 33; Wilkinson & Stevens, 2003, p. 98). The comparison of the type of mesh used in the archaeobotanical data (Figure 3.6) shows that in the early years (<1980), there were no clear recordings of using mesh in SE France and Northern Italy, which probably would mean it was a grab sample. For Northern Italy, the data is not clearly published; therefore, the graph should be analysed cautiously as many records have unknown mesh type until the 2000s. For the other study areas, there is a clear strategy of using fine mesh starting in the 1990s, and most sites used fine mesh in the 2000s.

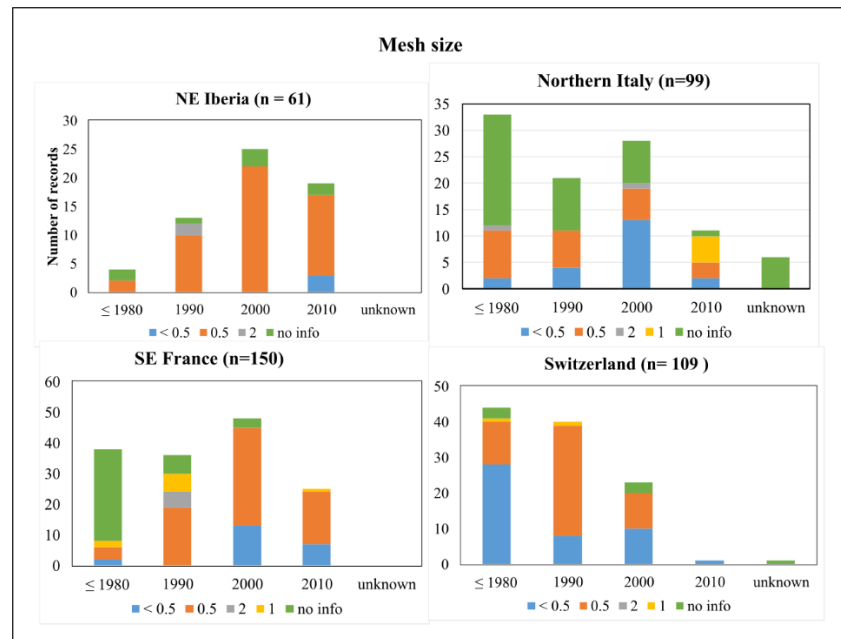


Figure 3.6 Mesh size used through the excavation years for each study region.

### 3.8 Type of site publication and archaeobotanical publication

The best way to publish an archaeobotanical site would be to publish the raw data per sample or per fraction. Still, such publication requires more time and space for publication; most researchers are unable to do it. After researching for this dataset, some sites were partially published or published as an addendum to another study. No clear description that would stand alone was done for the archaeobotanical records. Thus some publications did not describe the contexts where the seeds were located in the archaeological site.

Of note, the category of “raw data” in the graphs (dark blue colour in Figure 3.7) refers to datasets that may not be fully published, but they were used in this study. Regarding quality, archaeobotanical records from NE Iberia are clearly published at the structure level or even SU. This high quality of the data is because the archaeobotanical studies were done recently with up-to-date methods such as flotation and performed by a few scholars. Another reason could be that the most recent synthesis was done as a PhD and the researcher added the raw data to the IPNA database. On the contrary, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland have more extended archaeobotanical research shared by scholars from different countries and "schools", and this type of investigation started earlier.

There is a clear improvement in these three regions (Figure 3.7). After 2000, the archaeobotanical papers published results per context (SU, layer and structure). In these cases, then comparisons between similar types of contexts are possible. In the case of Northern Italy, the archaeobotanical collection was done mainly from articles published in regional journals. In these publications, archaeobotany was just a small contribution to the paper not having enough space for detailed analysis.

On the other hand, monographic studies in this region include complete archaeobotanical data such as for Aosta and Emilia-Romagna regions (Degasperì & Steffè, 2019; Gattis et al., 2018). Archaeobotanical reports are related to systematic studies of archaeology that include sampling and processing sediments from rescue archaeology. This type of publication (reports for a

company, institutional or region) was observed in the SE France region and Switzerland's municipality/canton level (see Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data). In this last case, most of the archaeobotanical remains were published in national monographs paid by the cantons/municipalities (Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2003, 2006b, 2010; Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017; Brombacher, 2000, 2020; Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Brombacher & Schlumbaum, 2017; Jacomet, 1987; Jacomet et al., 1989; Leducq et al., 2009).

Publications synthesising a region (site level) do not allow a comprehensive study of the archaeobotanical remains. It does not specify where the remains originate or which deposition formations were present. While the publication at a structure level clearly describes where the samples and seeds were taken, allowing for an independent interpretation of the results.

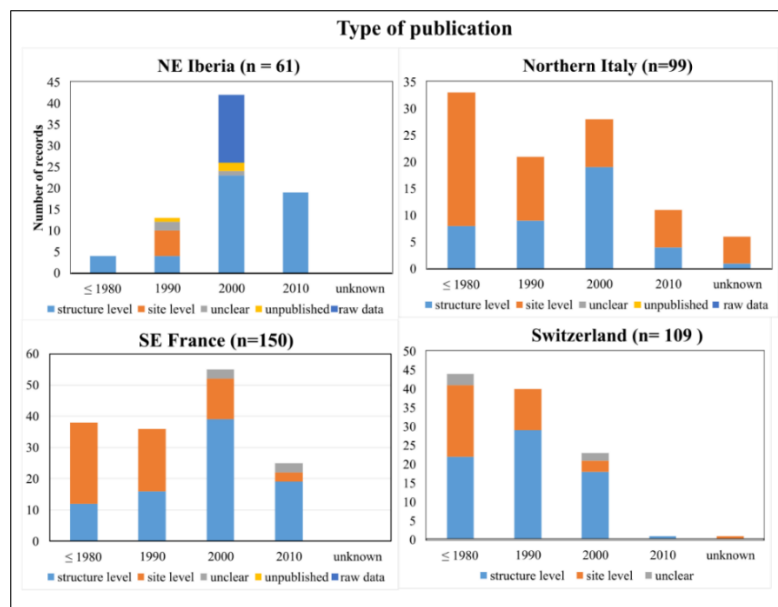


Figure 3.7 Type of publication used through the excavation years for each study region.

Besides the publication type, it is necessary to know how the data was quantified and shared. Ideally, all archaeobotanical data should be published as raw counts and recorded on a sample-by-sample basis (Jacomet & Kreuz, 1999; Pearsall, 2015) with its metadata (sensu Lodwick, 2019, p. 10). A range of quantification methods exists, such as absolute counts, presence analysis, the minimum number of individuals, levels of abundance and weight (Popper, 1988). Different methods were used to quantify the macroremains in the data collected. Before 1990, presence and absence and abundance scales were often used (for more details, check Appendix C: Data quality); after 1990, there was an evident change in the way of publishing archaeobotanical data, and absolute counts are frequently published.

Quantification information is needed to study which food plants were exploited in the past and how they were used (Hubbard & Clapham, 1992; G. Jones, 1991; Pearsall, 2015, p. 147; Popper, 1988). Even though ubiquity can be used to analyse which food plant was used, it is less biased than actual abundance (Marston, 2014; Pearsall, 2015; van der Veen et al., 2013). Nevertheless, quantification data is needed to understand introductions, diffusions, food processing, storage processing, and general social and identity of food in the population from the past (G. Jones, 1991; Popper, 1988).

In the study area (Figure 3.8), Italian archaeobotanical data was mainly published in synthesis papers with presence and absence. It was noted that for some areas in SE France and Switzerland, absolute numbers were sometimes only provided for domesticated crops, but for other species such as weeds or fruits, frequency, range or abundance were given (expressed as “other” in Figure 3.8).

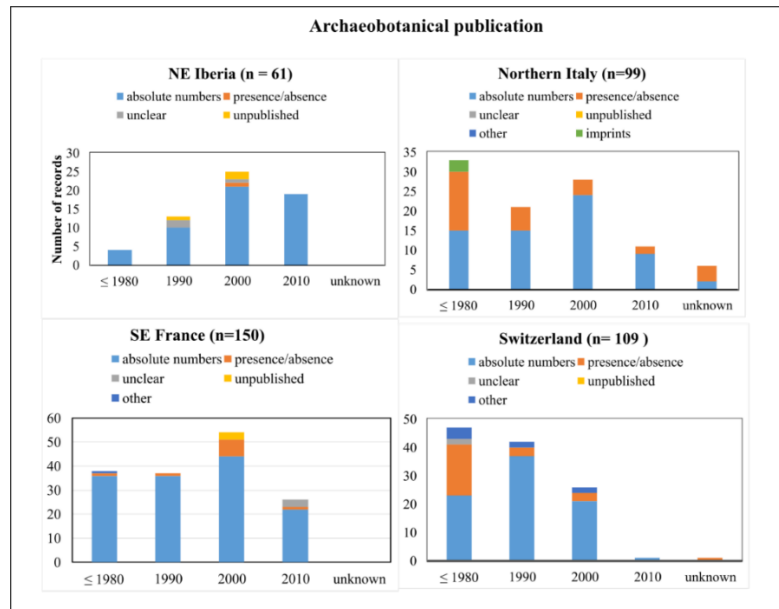


Figure 3.8 Type of quantified data in the archaeobotanical publication used through the excavation years for each study region.

### 3.9 Date of excavation

Archaeobotanical research in Europe can be found in prehistoric research since the 1850s (Dennell, 1992, p. 73); these were also noted in our gathered data (Figure 3.9). Important studies were published by Oswald Heer on archaeobotany from pile dwellings in the 1800s (Heer, 1866; Jacomet & Schlichtherle, 1984). Later on, in the 1970s, international teams studied Italian archaeobotany (Evet & Renfrew, 1971; Pals & Voorrips, 1979). Maria Hopf, a pioneering archaeobotanist, studied some of the sites in NE Iberia and SE France (Hopf, 1971, 1975). For more details on the different researchers, see Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data. In the '70s, there was a clear start of the archaeobotanical sampling in archaeological excavations (Figure 3.9); this is associated with the development of Processual archaeology. This intellectual movement was based on the scientific method and increased interest in studying subsistence, social organisation, technology and ideology (Renfrew & Bahn, 2016, pp. 40–41). At this time, large-scale flotation techniques increased sites with archaeobotanical remains (Figure 3.9 – the 1980s).

In the 2000s (Figure 3.9), archaeology was considered science as itself with recognition of the public and national funds (Demoule, 2012; W. Willems & van de Dries, 2007). Extensive excavations for big public buildings, highways or even small digs within historical areas are subject to archaeologist supervision. This type is known as preventive archaeology. As mentioned before, regulations in this type of archaeology are considered in SE France, where systematic sampling for archaeobotany is performed. In some cantons of Switzerland, sampling for archaeobotany is also done. However, it was unclear if Italy and Spain have national

regulations to recover archaeobotanical samples for rescue excavation systematically. This archaeological regulation at the state level is important as it ensures funds for an archaeobotanical study in the archaeological sites. In the present study, the archaeobotanical data comes mainly from preventive excavations in the 2000s and 2010s in the French region, Switzerland and rare cases from NE of Iberia. This was impossible for Northern Italy since the information did not come from reports; therefore, this cannot be assessed. The decrease in the 2010s cannot be assessed entirely as it is assumed to be the possible delay of publications or the lack of access to them because they are a novelty.

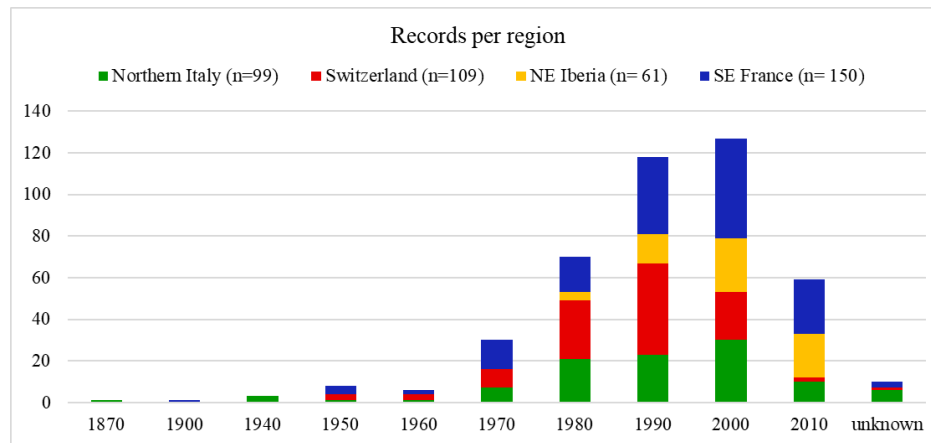


Figure 3.9 Date of excavation (per 10 years ranges given that when multiple dates the most recently is attributed) organised diachronically with each region.

### 3.10 Assessing archaeobotanical data quality

Archaeobotanical research centres on studying past food-related practices/foodways and past landscapes. A main goal of archaeobotany is to recover evidence for food plants exploited by past populations, where these plants came from, and how they were processed and used. The assessment of the archaeobotanical data collected is based on the information gathered from published literature. The different parameters described before, including site type, preservation, mesh size, and publication type, are considered.

In order to create a measurable assessment, each record was given a grade see Table 3.2. The grading system was inspired by van der Veen et al. (2007, 2013) categories for Britain's Roman and Medieval archaeobotanical assessment. In van der Veen et al. (2007, p. 193), the parameters for quality assessment were the number of samples analysed, the number of plant remains identified, and the level of identification. By level of identification, the authors mean that the *data were quantified (full two-way tables), whether the samples were well-dated, whether contextual information was present, and whether a full analysis of the data was carried out* (van der Veen et al., 2007, p. 193).

In our evaluation of the archaeobotanical data, the parameters used were specific to the data gathered for the study area. The parameters are the ones shown previously: the type of processing, mesh size, if the archaeobotanical data was quantified and if the data was published at a contextual level or not. These criteria are not the same as those used for the UK data. For example, the number of samples is impracticable as it was not recorded for most sites. The number of plant remains was not used either as an assessment measure as some excavations did



flotation of high sediment volumes, but few remains were found. Sampling systematically with low chances of finding archaeobotanical remains is also a result, which is considered a good practice. Therefore, sites with no archaeobotanical remains are also included. For more details on the archaeobotanical records, see Appendix B: Archaeobotanical metadata and Appendix C: Data quality for all the criteria.

Table 3.2 Records and sites were evaluated using these three levels of dataset quality (based on van der Veen et al., 2007)

Good	The dataset is quantified, has contextual information and is dated (relative or absolute). Sieving is done with a minimal mesh of 0.5 mm or less. This data can help to make inferences on agriculture, food, culture and diet.
Satisfactory	The dataset was published at the sample /chronological/cultural/site level; archaeobotanical remains are quantified with absolute counts, mesh (up to 1mm);
Poor	The dataset was published at the densities/range/proportions level or presence and absence. No information on sampling, mesh and contexts is provided.

Archaeobotanical publications do not follow any specific standard of systematic format but rather are published to answer specific questions; therefore, some sites graded here unsatisfactory mainly because of the publication itself. A way to overcome this would be to access national or regional databases supported by an institution from the State that would hold all the raw archaeobotanical data together with other archaeological data. Up to this moment, there is no national database of this kind. Other databases exist, such as Inventaire National du Patrimoine Naturel ([INPN](#)), where you can search species found by period and region for France and Botanical Records of Archaeobotany Italian Network ([BRAIN](#)) for Italy, where it lists archaeological sites with the presence of seeds (Lippi et al., 2018; Mercuri et al., 2015). Other possibilities of open access publication are by data papers or by data archives (Lodwick, 2019; Warinner & Guedes, 2014). Lodwick's paper (2019) reviewed the levels of data sharing of archaeobotanical data published in the primary peer-review papers and whether the published data could be reused. About 56% of the 239 papers shared their primary data, but the way in which it is published, does not allow for it to be reused. She proposes that raw data should be published as data papers with assigned DOI, quality check and recognition by the peer review.

The results of this assessment (Figure 3.10) show that a total of 201 records out of 433 were classified as *Good*, with the NE Iberia dataset scoring the higher representative with 67% and Northern Italy the lowest with 32%. The good results for NE Iberia are related to the fact that the publications and excavations are relatively recent compared with the other regions, as discussed in sections 3.8 and 3.9 but also have fewer records. In contrast, the other three regions have a long history of excavating and continually evaluating old findings. Only 69 records are present for the *Satisfactory* category, and the *Poor* category has 149 records. Italian data has a higher score in terms of Poor data; this results from how the archaeobotanical data is published without quantitative and contextual information (see section 3.8).

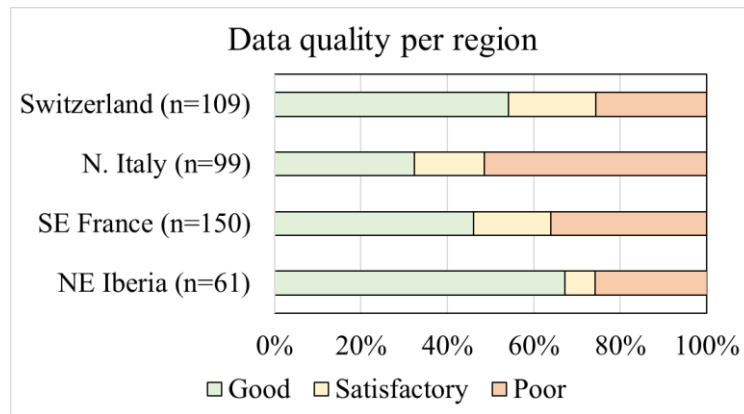


Figure 3.10 Results of evaluating the data quality at the scored level with the number of records and the overall percentage of the dataset collected in this manuscript.

### 3.11 Implications and problems

The work analysed here is certainly not a complete dataset. Nonetheless, especially these times, more and more grants and money are used to produce all data as open access. Therefore, national or European databases will be updated in the following years and in an open-access format. Hopefully, the grey literature will become open access, such as unpublished reports from companies and institutional and state interventions.

Another problem noted is the lack of connection between archaeological and archaeobotanical data. The archaeobotanical reports lack archaeological information; sometimes, the reports are at the sample level, but no clear explanation of where the samples are coming from or the descriptions are ambiguous such as a pit or well, without referring to which one. Consequently, it is not easy to integrate the interpretation of the structure and the connection to the site with the archaeobotanical record.

Other issues concern the type of site and the chronology of the archaeobotanical data. Sometimes, no precise classification or interpretation was given for the type of site. Also, rarely there are chronological dates associated with the archaeobotanical data. Mainly, the dates are associated with contexts or the site's overall chronology. The chronological ascription of sites is complex and should be done on a contextual basis to connect fully to the archaeobotanical data. For the archaeobotanical data reports, sometimes the dates are added after, and the report becomes obsolete. In other words, since the report was organized in the assumption of the archaeological interpretation, but new evidence was available later on, the analysis of the archaeobotanical contexts should be reorganized. This only happens when papers do not mention specific information, such as the number of samples and structures. If these publications had divided the data in that way, it would be possible to distinguish them instead of chronological groups. Then, the chronology was revised, and that grouping is not accurate. Of course, this results from the constant advance in science; however, it should have an institution or mechanism to update the archaeobotanical dataset. Such a platform should combine information on sites and people involved in updating the new information.

In terms of methodology, defining counting units and recording macroremains might have different meanings across the Agrichange areas, including even in one region. The work is based on multiple researchers with different training and experiences. The data collection of

archaeobotanical data had quantified numbers (357 records; see Appendix C: Data quality). When those existed, sometimes it did not clearly state which part of the plant was recovered. The assumption here is that unidentified records should be allocated to seed/grain/fruit as, by the experience of reading these reports, chaff or other parts less common than the grains/seeds are indicated. Another quantification problem is how researchers quantify data; in some cases, precisely defined counting units are proposed (Antolín, Steiner, & Jacomet, 2017; Antolín, Steiner, Akeret, et al., 2017; Steiner et al., 2017). For example, the archaeobotanical database at IPNA, ArboDat ©2018 (Kreuz & Schäfer, 2002), has been used for most Swiss sites. The information in the ArboDat has been added using a specific quantification strategy, recently published by the team (Steiner et al., 2015). For the IPNA team, counting units' examples would be cereal grains with the embryo (charred); for flax capsules, only capsule fragments with apex are counted (charred and uncharred); *Malus/Pyrus* pericarp (waterlogged and charred) when larger than 3x4 mm. Other species counting strategies can be seen in the following papers (Antolín, Steiner, & Jacomet, 2017; Antolín, Steiner, Akeret, et al., 2017; Steiner et al., 2017).

In the study area, methodological studies refer to how the minimum number of individuals was estimated (Neveu & Zech-Matterne, 2016) or how the fragmented seeds/fruits were counted (Antolín, 2016; Antolín & Buxó, 2011b). Most of the reports use specific quantification methods, which are implicit in the tables with numbers for units and fragments. In very few publications and primarily old ones, there was no description of quantification or if the taxa were counted or not. Nevertheless, in old excavations with archaeobotanical remains, remarkable details on the seeds with drawings and seed measurements were also observed (Lundström-Baudais, 1977; Villaret-von Rochow, 1967; Waterbolk & Zeist, 1967).

### **3.12 Application of this archaeobotanical assessment**

The dataset presented here is good enough to brief us on some basic information, such as which crops were grown and maybe consumed. Some areas in the study region lack information, as shown in the spatial coverage (Figure 3.3). This could be related to the fact that no communities were present at the time, but it could also be showing the lack of research in those areas or that this research is not yet published. For example, in Northern Italy, there are new excavations with archaeobotanical studies, but they are not consistently published. Not all data from the ongoing AgriChange project has been published and therefore is omitted in this synthesis.

The results of this database could also be used to select areas or periods where archaeobotanical information is missing. For example, this would be useful to regulate the archaeobotanical sampling for all Early Neolithic sites. This regulation would increase the knowledge of macroremains inland and early sites.

In the next chapter, all 419 records will be used to give a first overview of the archaeobotanical data regarding the plant taxonomic diversity across the different periods. While the “Good” records will be used for picking the sites for paper 1 (5.7 Research paper 1). In Paper 1, a contextual comparison between pits and wells will be made regarding archaeobotanical findings. This selection of "good" sites was also helpful for Paper 3, where only good quality sites were chosen to select opium poppy seeds for geometric morphometric analyses (6.9 Research paper 2).

## Chapter 4 The overview of the archaeobotanical data in the NW Mediterranean and North Alps

### 4.1 Introduction

This chapter reviews the archaeobotanical evidence throughout the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC) in the NW Mediterranean and its connection to the North of the Alps. This chapter aims to identify any regional and chronological patterns, similarities and differences using archaeobotanical data. The chronocultural framework spans from the first domesticated crop introductions to the appearance of bronze (Antolín, 2016; Bouby et al., 2018; Hafner & Suter, 2001; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009; Stöckli et al., 1995; Tecchiati et al., 2013). The area covered is represented by the current regions of NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland.

The spread of southwest Asian crops in Europe followed two main routes (Bocquet-Appel et al., 2009; de Vareilles et al., 2020; Salavert, 2017). Domesticated plants spread throughout the Mediterranean Sea, and these were found in Greece around 6400 cal. BC (Reingruber & Thissen, 2009). From here, crops spread up to central Europe via the Danube river, associated with the LBK (*LinearBandKeramik*) culture (Kreuz, 2007; Kreuz et al., 2020; Kreuz & Marinova, 2017; Lüning, 2000; Rivollat et al., 2016). The other route was by seaward, following the Adriatic and Mediterranean coastline, where crops are also found (Bocquet-Appel et al., 2009), spreading to SE France, NE Iberia and Northern Italy (Antolín et al., 2015; Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009) and from here disperse north overland, north the Alps, via Rhone river (Martin, 2015; Tinner et al., 2007). The beginning of agriculture in the western part of the Mediterranean basin (NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy) is associated archaeologically with the Neolithic period. The earliest crop evidence in the western Mediterranean dates around 5800-5600 cal. BC while in the region North of the Alps, in the Valais region, in Switzerland around 5400-5000 cal. BC (Table 4.1). In order to compare the four regions, instead of using local periodizations, only general chronologies were used, allowing to compare contemporaneous records. The broad chronologies were outlined before in section 2.2.

Table 4.1 The earliest crop dates for the study region

North-East of Iberia Peninsula (NE Iberia)	5610-5386 cal. BC	(Oms Arias et al., 2013)
Southern France (SE France)	ca. 5850–5650 cal. BC	(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
Northern Italy	5646-5534 cal. BC	(Alemany & Starnini, 2016)
Switzerland	ca. 5400-5000 cal. B	(Martin, 2015)

The first domestic species to reach Europe from the Near East consisted of barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), einkorn (*Triticum monococcum*), emmer (*T. dicoccum*), naked (*T. aestivum/durum/turgidum*) and Timopheevii wheats (*T. timopheevii*) in terms of cereals. For pulses, these are pea (*Pisum sativum*), lentil (*Lens culinaris*), chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) and bitter vetch (*Vicia ervilia*). The native origin and wild progenitor of fava bean (*Vicia faba*) are unknown (Zohary et al., 2012); vetch (*Vicia sativa*) and grass pea (*Lathyrus sativus/cicera*) are frequent in the Mediterranean area; however, their cultivation is still poorly understood, and they are regarded as weeds and used for animal feed (Kislev, 1989; Zohary et al., 2012). However, these species

are still not well studied in the study area. Peña-Chocarro & Zapata (1999) listed some traditional dishes and preparations linked with saint's days in Spain that included *L. sativus* (e.g. Saint Antón's day, a stew of *L. sativus* seeds is cooked and distributed in the Gamonal square in Burgos). In terms of oil plants, flax (*Linum usitatissimum*) is considered to be one of the crop "founders" domesticated in the Near East and brought to Europe (Zohary et al., 2012). At the same time, the putative wild ancestor of the opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) is suggested to be *P. setigerum*, and its main native area is the western Mediterranean area (more details in Section 6.5 Geographic area and habitat).

These crops did not spread at the same speed and time or follow the same routes throughout Europe (Colledge et al., 2005). The spread depends on several factors, such as local environment conditions, how people began cultivating them, and cultural and social aspects.

#### 4.1.1 Early Neolithic (EN) Phase 1 – 5700-4500 cal. BC

A short overview of each region will be given in each section, following a regional order. For the Early Neolithic, in the North-East of the Iberia Peninsula (Bosch & Santacana, 2009; Guerra et al., 2012), crop evidence is mainly associated with communities with Cardial pottery (Antolín, 2016, p. 38), with the earliest evidence from an open-air site with naked wheat, El Cavet, dating 5610-5386 cal. BC (Oms Arias et al., 2013). At the same time, there is evidence of domestic crops such as naked wheat and barley that coincide with temperate and humid climatic conditions (Buxó, 1997, pp. 145–147). The first sites were located close to rivers and marshland areas (Buxó, 2007).

Domesticated crops were first introduced to the coastal areas of SE France by Impressa groups ca. 5850–5650 cal. BC (Guilaine & Manen, 2007; Manen et al., 2019). The Impressa complex in Southern France shows similarities with Italian Impressa ceramic and lithic systems (Manen et al., 2019). The presence of obsidian from Palmarolla and Sardinia on French sites suggests that domesticated plants were brought from Italy (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Guilaine et al., 2007; Manen et al., 2019). The oldest sites with crops are Pont de Roque Haute and Peiro Signado (France), respectively, dated 6002-5758 cal. BC and 5964-5721 cal. BC (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020). After these first pieces of evidence, more sites are found associated with the Cardial group, starting around 5400 cal. BC and Epicardial groups, starting around 5250 cal. BC are found inland and not only at the coast, as it happens with Impressa communities (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Hamon & Manen, 2021; Manen et al., 2018).

In Northern Italy, on the Liguria coast, the first domestic crops are found at Arene Candide and San Sebastiano di Perti, dating 5646-5534 cal. BC (Alemany & Starnini, 2016). Unlike NE Iberia and SE France, in Northern Italy, there is a higher local diversity in terms of pottery styles such as the Isolino, Vhò, Fiorano, Diana, Danilo and Gaban (Pessina & Tiné, 2008). Around 5200-5000 BC in Liguria, the first potteries of Square Mouth Vases (VBQ1) appear (Binder et al., 2008). In terms of other Neolithic characteristics, Italian sites have clear delimitations of the archaeological sites with palisades and ditches, examples of Lugo di Romagna and Lugo di Grezzana, and larger sites with several pits found (Cavulli, 2003; Cavulli & Pedrotti, 2001; Degasperi & Steffè, 2019; Salzani et al., 2015).

In Switzerland, the first Neolithic evidence was found in canton Valais (Baudais et al., 1990; Curdy, 2007). Gallay (2008, p. 99) suggests that the first farmers came from Northern Italy and settled in the plain of the Rhône after 5500 BC. The first crop evidence comes from the open dry site of Sion-La Planta (Martin, 2015). Shortly after 5000 cal. BC, cereals, oil plants, and pulses appear in two other sites in Sion (Valais), 2 km from the Sion-La Planta site, in Sion-La Gillière and Sion-Tourbillon (Martin, 2015). Also, these two sites show Mediterranean influences, visible by the type of ceramic and the presence of Mediterranean plant species. The pottery assemblage from the Tourbillon site shows similarities with the Isolino group in Northern Italy (Müller 1995 in Martin, 2015). Mediterranean species such as *Scleranthus annuus*, *Papaver dubium* and *Buglossoides arvensis* (Martin, 2015) suggest a Mediterranean connection. The south area of Switzerland could be connected via exchanges with communities living in the French regions using the Rhone river and Lake Geneva, and other routes might have existed connecting to the North of Italy (Baudais et al., 1990; Curdy, 2007). The lack of sites in this area and period does not enable a better interpretation (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011).

Eastern Switzerland and the Alsace (France) are influenced by the continental spread of domesticates by the Linearbandkeramik (LBK) culture (Denaire, Jeunesse, et al., 2011). LBK appeared around present Hungary ca. 5500 cal. BC rapidly diffused westward to the Rhine River, also called Rubané (Denaire, Jeunesse, et al., 2011). At the end of the sixth millennium, successive cultures deriving from the LBK/ Rubané, such as Hinkelstein culture, ca 4950 cal. BC, followed by Grossgartach culture ca. 4750 cal. BC and then this culture evolved into the Roessen culture ca. 4450 cal. BC (Denaire et al., 2017; Denaire, Jeunesse, et al., 2011). In the Hinkelstein period, domesticated seeds were found in Zizers-Friedau, canton Graubünden in the Alpine Rhine Valley (around 4800 BC). Another site with archaeobotanical remains is Sevelen-Pfäfersbüel, situated in the same valley but from an earlier period and attributed to Roessen culture (Rigert, Ebnetter, et al., 2005). It took almost six hundred years to find another site with archaeobotanical data, this time located in the Swiss plateau associated with the pile-dwellings of Egolzwil 3 and Zurich-Kleiner Hafner (Bollinger, 1994; Jacomet, 2007, 2014; Suter & Jacomet, 1987), dating from the Middle Neolithic period.

#### 4.1.2 Middle Neolithic (MN) Phase 2 – 4500-3300 cal. BC

The Middle Neolithic is a period where regionalism is more dominant, illustrating the increase of identity and social differentiation in all regions (Burri-Wyser & Winiger, 2016; Manen & Hamon, 2018; Perrin, 2016; Pessina & Tiné, 2008). This regionalism visually shows the different pottery styles and lithic objects and the multiplicity of mortuary practices (Chambon & Leclerc, 2003; Léa, 2005; Mottes et al., 2009; Perrin, 2016; Pessina & Tiné, 2008). To clarify, starting at 4500 cal. BC, the material culture attested for specific groups (Sepulcres de fossa group in NE Iberia; Chassen and St Uze group in SE France; Square Mouth Vase and Lagozza in Northern Italy; and Cortaillod in Switzerland) indicates the development of homogenous local groups. Since these local styles are well defined, it is easier to identify exchanges when these specific objects, such as potteries, are found in other regions (Gernigon, 2016a; Molist et al., 2016). More structures made of stone, earth and wood appeared during this period, suggesting sedentarisation (Burri-Wyser & Winiger, 2016; Garcia & Montaña, 2009; Gernigon,

2016b; Giligny & Sénépart, 2018). Clear evidence of an exchange network within the study area is visible, with similar objects appearing in all regions (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011; Gernigon, 2016a; Perrin, 2016).

In NE Iberia, the *Sepulcres de fossa* group are known from this region (Bosch & Santacana, 2009). The beginning of the importance of mortuary goods is also noted with the extraction of variscite in Gava mines. This mineral was used to make personal adornment objects such as beads for necklaces (Borrell et al., 2013) and was present inside the burials. Another type of site present in NE Iberia and SE France is known as the caves-sheepfolds (Alonso-Eguíluz et al., 2016; Angelucci et al., 2009; Brochier et al., 1999). Cave-sheepfold is a site where deposits known as *fumiers* are found. These sediments are made of burnt herbivore dung and are commonly interpreted as the product of depositional actions related to animal husbandry, stabling and stock-keeping (Angelucci et al., 2009). This type of site was also present in the early period in Northern Italy, e.g. Arene Candide (Angelucci et al., 2009; Nisbet et al., n.d.).

Middle Neolithic in SE France is divided into two periods, MN1 and MN2 (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011); for more details, see Chapter 5. Pottery styles are mainly known as Chasséen, and its groupings, such as Prechasséen and the ancient Chasséen, developed in Provence and the middle Rhône valley (Willigen et al., 2011). Saint-Uze is localised in the French Rhone basin and the southern Jura (Beeching et al., 1997). The "Caves-sheepfolds" are located in the plains on the alluvial terraces and high altitudes related to pastures in SE France (Beeching, 2011; Brochier et al., 1999). For the Middle Neolithic 2, between 4100 and 3500 BC, there were five "cultural" groups present in SE France: Sepulcres de fossa in the east, the recent Chasséen in the west, the Burgundian Middle Neolithic (NMB) in the centre, Cortaillod and Pfyn to the North and Lagozza to the southeast of the SE of France (Martin, 2010; Perrin, 2016).

In Northern Italy, the culture of Lagozza is located on the shores of the lakes of the Lombard alpine foothills (Lake Maggiore, Lake Lugano, Lake Como, Lake Garda), a continuity of VBQ, with influences of Chasséen groups from SE France (Borrello, 2014; Borrello & van Willigen, 2013). In the Middle Neolithic period 2, cultural affinities are visible in material culture throughout the western Alps and the western Po plain, denoting the extent of the contacts established through the Alps (Affolter & Suter, 2017; Stöckli et al., 1995).

In the South of Switzerland, the MN is also divided as in SE France (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011). In the Middle Neolithic 1, in the Valais Proto-Cortaillod, sites are found in low and medium altitudes. There are elements of Saint-Uze, Egolzwil and VBQ showing influences from the North and the East (Piguet, 2011). Mortuary practices indicate a unique identity in the Middle Neolithic 1 (Jeunesse et al., 2019). Cists burials of the "Chamblandes" type are mainly known in the Lake Geneva basin, the Valais and the Aosta Valley (Jeunesse et al., 2019). This type of burial constitutes a cultural dynamism typical to the Western Alps; these types of funeral practices in the middle Rhône valley where cists are unknown (Moinat & Chambon, 2007).

At the end of the Middle Neolithic 1, the first pile dwellings were built in the Swiss Plateau (Schlichtherle et al., 2013). In these sites, rich objects reflecting the day-to-day Neolithic communities are found, such as textiles, boats, houses, plants and food remains, craft objects and complete tools (Menotti, 2015; Menotti & O'Sullivan, 2013; Schlichtherle et al., 2013). For Egolzwil 3 site, there are Mediterranean influences (Schlichtherle et al., 2013) like the flint

objects from Southern France (Gibaja et al., 2017). Another interesting influence regards the harvesting tools and techniques. The oblique insertion of the blades and the two-stage reaping action are similar to the two-stage La Draga-type reaping (Palomo et al., 2011). These knives are also associated with the site of Samardenchia in northeast Italy (Gibaja et al., 2017; Schlichtherle et al., 2013). These authors argue that Egolzwil 3 reaping knives are related to the La Draga implements. The presence in Switzerland of naked wheat (*Triticum durum/turgidum*) suggests links between Swiss Neolithic groups and the Mediterranean area (Jacomet & Schlichtherle, 1984; Maier, 1996). In the Middle Neolithic 2, Cortaillod pottery is found in Valais, next to Petit-Chasseur and Saint-Léonard types (Besse & Piguet, 2011). In the Swiss Plateau, the number of pile dwellings increased during this period (Burri-Wyser & Winiger, 2016).

Megalithic monuments appear during this phase in NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland (Schulz Paulsson, 2019). The megaliths practices' origin and social structure are unknown but are usually associated with farming communities (Sánchez-Quinto et al., 2019). Many megaliths were used for collective burials (Midgley, 2008; Sánchez-Quinto et al., 2019). It has been suggested that these societies were patrilineal as there are more males than females in some megalithic graves. In contrast, a recent study in North Europe shows that female kindred members were not excluded as evidence found that three of five kinship relationships involve females (Sánchez-Quinto et al., 2019).

#### 4.1.3 Late Neolithic (LN) Phase 3 – 3300-2300 cal. BC

There are fewer archaeobotanical remains from dry sites in this phase, which could be related to a lack of research on settlements for this period. Few sites are found, and fewer are sampled for archaeobotanical records. It could also be related to possible climatic deterioration (Arbogast et al., 2006; Schibler & Jacomet, 2010). In the case of NE Iberia, Antolín et al. (2015, p. 91) state that sites with macroremains decrease, indicating a preservation problem. Evidence on settlement dynamics from this region shows that Late Neolithic before Bell Beaker sites are found in valleys and less on plains and hillsides, while the sites associated with Bell Beakers are primarily in plains (Caraglio, 2018, p. 43). For SE France, a recent publication (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020) does not show a decrease in domestic crops; in the sites analysed, the majority were cereals with an increase of presence einkorn and some frequency of wild plants. In Northern Italy, there is a decrease in sites with archaeobotanical data (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). However, it is clear that cereals are more frequent than wild plants (Tecchiati et al., 2013, fig. 2). For Switzerland, an increase in the usage of wild resources was suggested, both plants and animals, for a specific period prior to 3400 cal. BC (Schibler et al., 1997; E. Wright, 2021). These changes are attributed to possible climatic deterioration, probably due to a wet phase, between ca. 3550 and 3250 B.C. and around 2900 BC are also the phases in which there is less archaeological information (Arbogast et al., 2006, p. 409). The correlation between climatic deterioration and the increase in the exploration of wild resources, such as hunting and gathering, is not always straightforward. An example of that is observed between 3200 and 3100 BC, where wild animal bones were present up to 70 % in the swiss sites and during this period, no climatic deterioration was observed (Arbogast et al., 2006, p. 414).



Aside from the human subsistence evidence, there was a substantial diversity of groups when studying the archaeological assemblages; this suggests a more diverse social identity. In NE Iberia, the pottery of the group Vézazien (from SE France) and Bell Beakers are found (Caraglio, 2018). For SE France, in the middle Rhône valley, as in Languedoc, these are the Ferrières and Fontbousse groups; the Fraischamps group in Vaucluse and the Charavines group is present in the Rhône-Alpes region (Jallot & Guthertz, 2014; Martin, 2010). For Switzerland, Horgen, Lüscherz and Auvernier-Cordé groups are present in the Swiss Plateau and in the Valais canton, while the Clairvaux and Chalain groups remain in Jura canton (Hafner & Suter, 2003; Martin, 2010; Stöckli, 2009). In northern Italy, a style of ceramics called White Ware spreads around Lake Garda in Piedmont and Liguria (Aspes et al., 2002; Pessina & Tiné, 2008). After 3000 BC, the Remedello type followed and showed affinities with Languedoc Fontbousse, followed by the Campaniform/Bell beakers period (Guilaine, 2004; Pessina & Tiné, 2008).

Burial practices are also varied but typically occur in collective burials, where the preservation of bones is not good (Siebke et al., 2020). However, when the preservation of the bones is good, stable isotope data ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ ) can be used to understand the human and animal diet. In a recent study (Siebke et al., 2020, p. 26) for the Middle-Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age, conducted in 21 sites in Switzerland, the results show no nutritional differences between males and females, suggesting an equal social status of animal protein consumption was an indicator. This study also argues that females were more mobile than men suggesting that the society was patrilocal. Diverse sulphur values in a woman are seen as an indication of mobility (Siebke et al., 2020).

## 4.2 Material and methods

Data was collected from 419 records (*Neolithic* records with no precise date were excluded). Some sites have several records as they were occupied during several local periodisations. According to the archaeobotanical reports, all data was divided into records in specific chronological and different phases. The number of records was divided into the Agrichange project phases (Phase 1 – 5700-4500 (EN); Phase 2 – 4500-3300 (MN), and Phase 3 – 3300-2300 (LN) see Section 2.2). For the Early Neolithic, 94 records (22%) are present, the Middle Neolithic has 187 records (45%), and 138 records (33%) are attributed to the Late Neolithic period (Table 4.2 and Figure 4.1). The predominant type of site is open air-dry sites (58 %), followed by cave/shelter (21%) and open air-wet sites (19%). These open-air-dry sites are mainly sites with pits, hearths, ovens and wells and rarely with clear house plans or ritual assemblages. In this chapter, the focus will be on the overall archaeobotanical data, and this will be divided into records coming from dryland and wetland (Table 4.2). This entails that all charred remains from all dryland sites (open-air dry and wet, cave/shelter, mines and undefined) were analysed together. While for, the case of the uncharred remains from waterlogged deposits (open-air wet, undefined and well structures) were analysed together. A clear overview of the difference in records between the number of sites per type of preservation and phase can be seen in Figure 4.1. This distinction was made because of the taphonomic origin, as oil plants and edible plants such as berries are better preserved in waterlogged conditions than in dry sites with carbonisation conditions (Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Colledge & Conolly, 2014; Märkle & Rösch, 2008).

Table 4.2 Table with all the records per type of site and phase

	Type of sites	
	<b>dryland</b>	<b>wetland</b>
Phase 1 (n=94)	92	2
Phase 2 (n=187)	150	37
Phase 3 (n=138)	98	90

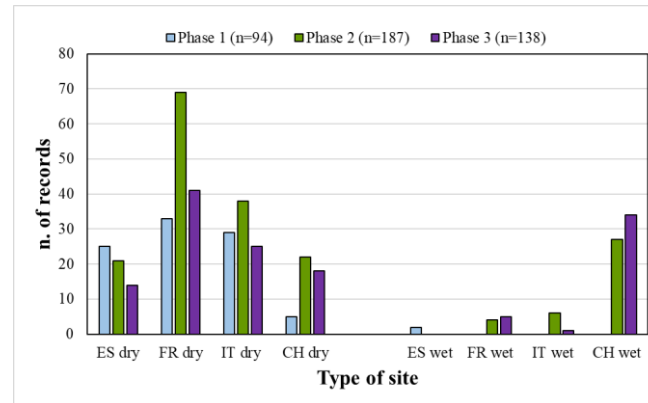


Figure 4.1 Number of records per type of preservation and per phase

Information on the type of sampling, processing technique, mesh size, and volume of sediment can be found in Appendix C: Data quality, and for details, check Chapter 3. In order to overcome such disparities, findings were recorded as presence/absence of taxa per record. Therefore, the rise of the ubiquity score does not translate to an increase in the absolute number of finds of a taxon. The use of ubiquity allows exploring the spatial-temporal patterns in the distribution of taxa across broad areas. This approach has been used successfully in other papers (Colledge et al., 2004; Coward et al., 2008; de Vareilles et al., 2020; Gaastra et al., 2022) with similar issues such as reports with the sample to sample descriptions and no information about the context or mere presences at the site level. The analysis will be done using bar charts representing ubiquities, the total presence of taxa divided by the total number of records per phase. For each species present, "1" was given regardless of data quantification. Absences were recorded with "0" values (see Appendix B: Archaeobotanical metadata\_Table 2 Archaeobotanical dataset, presence/absence data). The edible wild plants were selected and described in Chapter 2.

All data was divided into four regions for the first level of analysis – the regional analysis and presented by period using bar charts. The data were analysed according to their type of preservation. The bar charts were produced using Microsoft Excel (Microsoft Corporation, 2018), and images were improved using Inkscape (Harrington, 2005). Colours per period and country were used consistently to aid the reading of the graphs. All cereal grains and pulses categories were plotted in one graph (showing only charred preservation), oil plants in another (considering only uncharred preservation), and finally, another with all the wild edible plants separated for each preservation type.

Of note is that there are some sites without information on counts or if the remains were charred or uncharred. That is why the sites were divided into dry and wet sites, assuming that wet sites would have both charred and uncharred but can be counted as "waterlogged" due to preservation. This assumption was only used for the wild edible plants (some of which would

not survive in charred conditions and are less frequent in dry sites). For the uncharred remains of the wells found in the dry sites, it was added to the "wet sites". Only charred cereal grains were counted as present from both dry and wet sites for the charred material. However, in some sites where only presence and absence are quantifiable, there is no clear explanation if the identification refers to grains or chaff. In exceptional cases such as Northern Italy, the impressions of grains were also added, as has been done in the most recent synthesis (Arobba et al., 2017; Arobba & Caramiello, 2006a; Mottes et al., 2009; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009).

The second level of analysis, the chronological comparison, is between percentages of the presence of different taxa per period in all regions combined. These are shown by two bar charts comparing the following categories grains, pulses and oil plants chronologically in one graph and wild edible plants in another graph; only charred material was counted. The excellent preservation of the waterlogged state would overshadow the primary trend, and the two types of preservation should not be compared. Therefore, waterlogged remains were removed from the chronological comparison. The wild edible plants presented here are the ones determined in Chapter 2, Section 2.4.

### **4.3 Results and Discussion**

#### **4.3.1 Phase 1 (5700-4500 cal. BC)**

Archaeobotanical data from the Early Neolithic period (5700-4500 cal. BC) comes from 94 records from cave/shelter sites, open-air dry sites and one wetland site. Figure 4.2 combines a region map with four bar-charts showing the ubiquity of fourteen crops for each region. While Figure 4.3 shows the ubiquity of the wild edible plants per region, charred and uncharred. The uncharred was added despite there were only two records highlighted in yellow. This means that the ubiquity values obtained are just orientative.

In NE Iberia, in 27 records, barley and naked wheat (70%) are the most common cereals, followed by emmer wheat (41%), and less common are einkorn and Timopheevii wheat (11-7%). In SE France, in 33 records, barley is the most predominant (61%), followed by naked wheat (55%), emmer wheat (42%) and einkorn wheat (36%). In Northern Italy, in 29 records, barley (86%) is the main crop, followed by emmer (62%), einkorn (48%), naked (45%) wheats, and Timopheevii wheat (7%) is rarely present. In five records, the main crop in Switzerland is naked wheat (100%), appearing in all sites. Barley (80%) was the second predominant crop, followed by emmer and einkorn (40%) wheats.

The main regional difference in charred cereal grains ubiquities is that in NE Iberia, there is less percentage of glume wheats (<38%), and Northern Italy has fewer naked wheat ubiquities than glume wheats. The new glume wheat (Timopheevii wheat) is identified only in NE Iberia and Northern Italy. Barley and naked wheat are the main crops for NE Iberia, SE France, and Switzerland.

Glume wheats (emmer and einkorn) are the first domesticated wheats in the Near East and the two main crops to spread to Europe. Results from areas beyond our study area, such as the LBK area, indicate that einkorn, emmer, pea, lentil and flax were the most common crops in central Europe during this period (Kreuz, 2007; Salavert, 2011). Although not visible in our gathered data (Figure 4.2), glume wheats were predominant in the early sites of NE Iberia, SE France

and Switzerland. In Can Sadurni oldest phase, emmer was the most important crop, but there was a shift to naked wheat (Antolín, 2016). Impresa sites from SE France, like Peiro Signado, Ponte Roque and Pedimoun (Bouby, Marival, Durand, et al., 2020), glume wheats were dominant. This changed with the cardial/epicardial groups, where naked wheat became predominant. While in the case of Northern Italy, there is a clear predominance of glume wheats (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). For Eastern Switzerland, in Zizers site (around 4800 cal. BC), barley and emmer were the main crops, with little evidence of einkorn and naked wheat (Brombacher & Vandorpe, 2012), while in the South part of Switzerland, at the early site of La Planta, only five grains of naked wheat are present (Martin, 2015). Only later, in the other sites in the same region, such as Sion-La Gillière 2, naked wheat is predominant in relation to barley and emmer grains (Martin, 2015). Naked wheat also belongs to the founder crops of the Near East Neolithic; however, its spread seems to be more cleared and accepted across central Europe from 5<sup>th</sup> millennium cal. BC (Kirleis & Fischer, 2014).

In terms of pulses (Figure 4.2), in NE Iberia, the main legume is pea (19%), and less present are chickpea, lentil, bitter vetch and fava bean (4%). In SE France, pea (21%) is as well the most predominant pulse, followed by grass pea and lentil (9%) and fava bean (6%). In Northern Italy, pea is present in 21% of the records, followed by lentil and fava bean (17%), and less present are grass vetchling and bitter vetch (7%). In Switzerland, only pea is present with 40 % frequency.

The high diversity of legumes is only visible in some regions of Europe, such as Greece and Bulgaria, where a combination of pea, lentil, grass pea, bitter vetch and chickpea appear in the Early Neolithic (Marinova & Valamoti, 2014). While for LBK sites, there are only two legumes, lentil and pea (Kreuz, 2007). In our study area from seven species, only one is recorded in Switzerland, pea, which is the most frequent legume in all regions. Bitter vetch appears in NE Iberia and Northern Italy but does not appear in the records of SE France. For the other species present, fava bean and lentil have the same highest ubiquity (17%) in Northern Italy and the other species, grass pea and bitter vetch, show very low ubiquity. This region shows a large diversity in legumes (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009) compared to the central Europe area. The low quantity of pulse species in the Neolithic period has been explained by differences in regional climate, which would not allow some crops to grow in central Europe (Colledge et al., 2005, p. 148). This might explain why pulses are absent in the archaeological record, especially at the beginning of the Neolithic period.

Oil plants such as flax and poppy are present in the study area during this period (Figure 4.2). Only poppy is present in NE Iberia and SE France in these regions (4-6%). However, when considering the wetland records from NE Iberia, in two records, there is only one with poppy (50%). In Northern Italy, flax (10%) is more predominant than poppy (3%). In contrast, in Switzerland, poppy (60%) is more predominant than flax (20%).

## The crop dynamics in the NW Mediterranean area and the Swiss Plateau

Chapter 4 The overview of the archaeobotanical data in the NW Mediterranean and North Alps

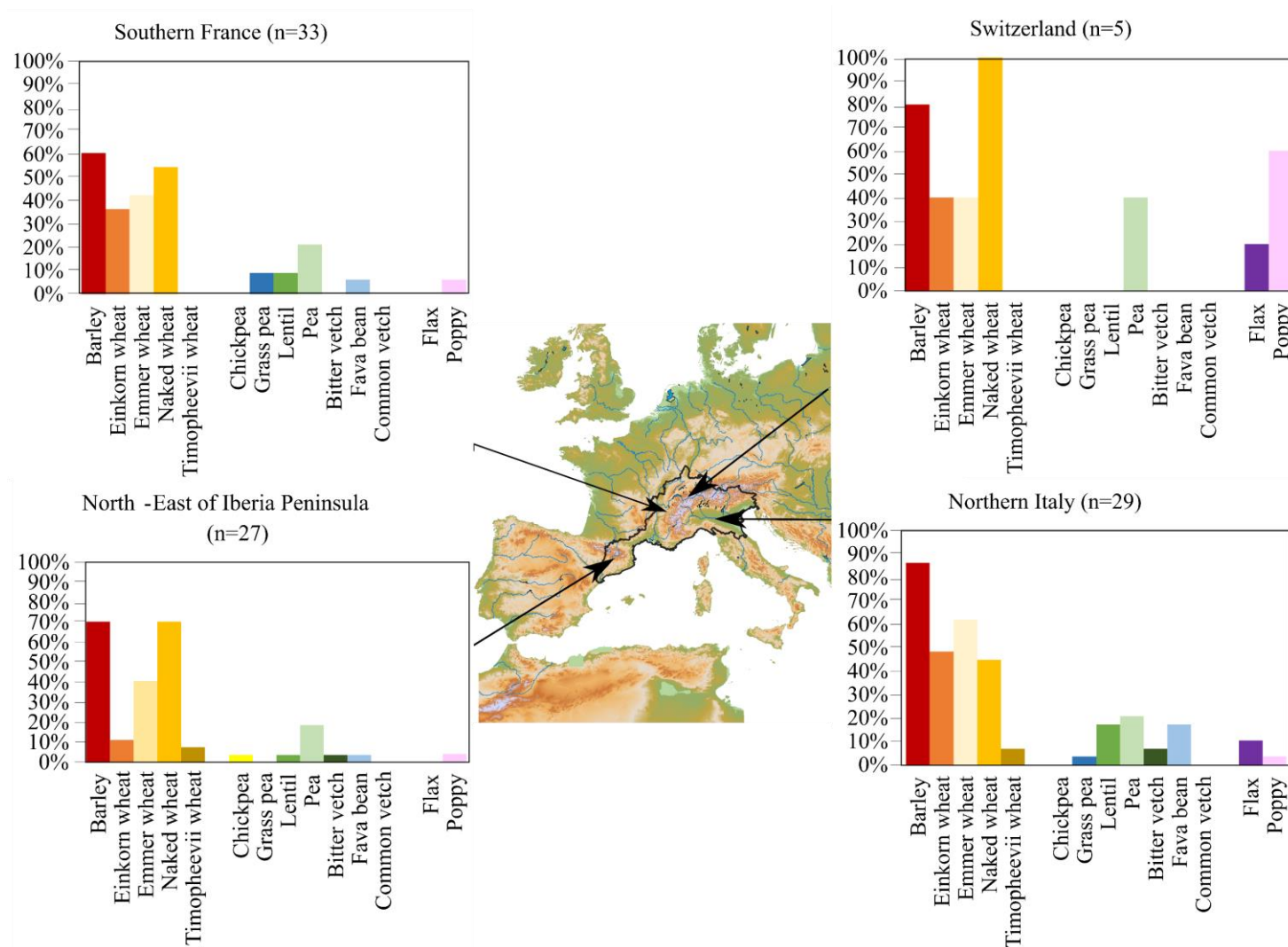


Figure 4.2 Bar chart of cereal grains, legumes and oil plants percentages from records in NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland dates to the Early Neolithic period 5700-4500 cal. BC. Only charred seeds were used.

Flax seeds are an important source of oil and fibre; several seeds were recovered from PPN sites in Near East (Zohary et al., 2012). Earliest finds in Europe dated to the sixth millennium in Bulgaria and Northern Italy (Marinova & Valamoti, 2014; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009) and later in LBK sites (Jacomet, 2014; Kreuz, 2007), and it is absent from the NE Iberia and SE France (Antolín, 2016; Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020). Poppy seeds are absent from the Near-eastern sites and the only exception of two Pre-Pottery Neolithic sites in Körtik Tepe 10400-9250 cal. BC (Rössner et al., 2018) and Attlit Yam, dating 8000–7500 BP (Kislev et al., 2004). Sites with the poppy seeds are known in all the regions in the study area and have larger ubiquity in Switzerland (Figure 4.2). Poppy seeds appear in both charred and uncharred preservation in NE Iberia. The uncharred remains are only present in one of the records of the La Draga site, an open-air-wet site. Poppy seeds appear in several LBK sites in France, Belgium and Germany (Herbig et al., 2013; Salavert, 2011). Poppy seeds were used for food; for more details about this species' presence and use, see Chapter 6 and Chapter 7.

Charred remains from wild edible plants are also scarce in the study area (Figure 4.3). In NE Iberia, in the dryland records, acorn (*Quercus* sp. - 36%) is the main wild plant found, followed by hazel (*Corylus avellana* - 32%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* - 24%), elderberry (*Sambucus* - 20%) and wild grape (*Vitis* - 12%). While the other species, strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*), mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus*), turpentine tree (*P. terebinthus*), wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*), rose (*Rosa* sp.), berries (*Rubus* sp.) and black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) are sporadically present (8-4%). For the two wetland records (NE Iberia, represented in yellow in Figure 4.3), the presence of common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), wild pear/apple (*Malus/Pyrus*), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*), wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), oak (*Quercus* sp.), berries (*Rubus* sp.), elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) and wild grape (*Vitis* sp.) (50%) were present in one record.

In SE France, in the dryland records, acorns (*Quercus* sp.) and hazel (*Corylus avellana*) (30%) are more frequent present, followed by common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) and wild grape (*Vitis* sp.) (24%). Less than 10 % of the records had juniper (*Juniperus communis/oxycedrus*), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*), and berries (*Rubus* sp. and *Sambucus* sp.). While the other species are strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*), mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus*), turpentine tree (*P. terebinthus*), rose (*Rosa* sp.), and elderberry (*Solanum nigrum*), which are sporadically present (6-3%). In Northern Italy, the most predominant wild edible fruit is wild grape (*Vitis* sp. - 83%), followed by elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) and berries (*Rubus* sp.) (76%), hazel (*Corylus avellana* - 59%), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus* - 55%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* - 48%), blackthorn (*P. spinosa* - 41%), oak (*Quercus* sp. - 34%) and bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* - 21%). While black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), rose (*Rosa* sp.), and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) are scarcely present (14-7%). In Switzerland, hazel (*Corylus avellana*) was present in all five sites (100%), followed by common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 60%) and wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), juniper (*Juniperus communis/oxycedrus*), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*) and oak (*Quercus* sp.) scarcely present in 20% of the records.

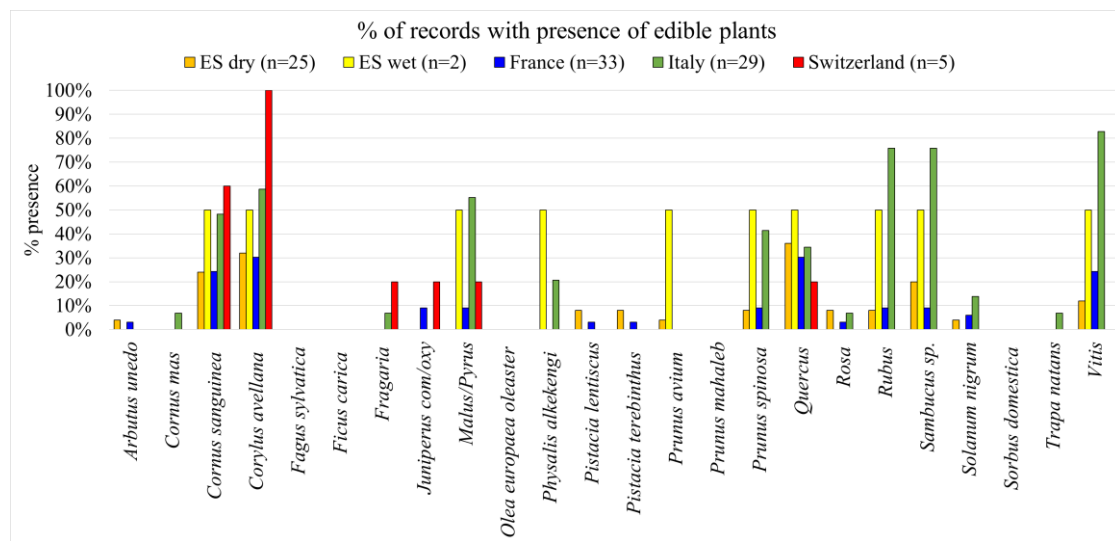


Figure 4.3 Bar chart of wild edible plant percentages from NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland dates to the Early Neolithic period. Charred and uncharred remains were separated; see ES dry and ES wet.

Due to taphonomic issues, the consumption of wild edible plants and evidence of gathering activities may not be easy to identify. Therefore, the role of wild plants in the human diet is vastly underestimated when interpreting the archaeobotanical data from dryland sites. The results (Figure 4.3) indicate that there is a clear difference in the number of species appearing in Switzerland (only 6) compared with the other regions, France and Italy (14) and Spain (16). Nevertheless, this low diversity of wild edible plants might be related to the nature of the context and the fact that only five records had archaeobotanical data with a specific group of plants; for example, for one site, La Gillière had more domestic remains (ca. 24.000) than wild remains (ca. 900). On this site, more than 7000 charred poppy seeds were found (Martin, 2015). The type of context and its formation process play a part in taxa surviving in the archaeological site (van der Veen, 2007). It has been suggested that wild fruits are better represented in caves and rock shelters, and their importance might be related to animal husbandry (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Pérez-Jordà et al., 2017).

Besides opium poppy, most crops were domesticated in the Fertile Crescent (Zohary et al., 2012). Therefore, these crops were brought into the study region. Looking at Figure 4.2, the Italian region holds the highest crop diversity, especially pulses and the different types of wheat. This type of crop assemblage is similar to the Balkan areas (Reed & Rottoli, 2014), such as Croatia (Reed, 2015). The process of Neolithisation in this region is also distinct when considering the architecture and house plans existence in Northern Italy and the lack of house plans and scarce evidence of huts from the other regions in the study area (Gernigon, 2016b).

NE Iberia has 11 of the 14 crops analysed here, including chickpea, which is not found in any other study regions during this phase, and still few findings in other regions are rare (Kreuz & Marinova, 2017). In this region, one lakeshore site with two records (La Draga) had one record with uncharred poppy seeds suggesting that this plant was used for food.

Perhaps because the Neolithisation occurs later in Switzerland (Baudais et al., 1990; Curdy, 2007; Tinner et al., 2007), there are only five sites with archaeobotanical data (Brombacher & Vandorpe, 2012; Martin, 2015; Rigert, Ebnetter, et al., 2005). In one area, in the North of Switzerland, close to the Rhine river, rare finds of cereal grains and poppy seeds are present from a Hinkelstein site (5000-4800 cal. BC) and a Rössen site (4700-4400 cal. BC) (Brombacher & Vandorpe, 2012; Rigert, Ebnetter, et al., 2005). At the same time, rich findings of naked wheat, flax, poppy and pea were found in the south of Switzerland in the Valais Canton (Martin, 2015).

Concerning wild edible fruits, the ubiquity is high in all regions for hazelnut, dogwood and acorns. Only two records had waterlogged remains (Figure 4.3 - yellow bar), and the same species appear equally in the different regions with charred preservation. This suggests that if the species are systematically used, they will appear only in small quantities in the charred record and larger quantities in the uncharred record, especially if present within archaeological features (Dietsch, 1996).

#### 4.3.2 Phase 2 (4500-3300 cal. BC)

For the following phase, the Middle Neolithic period (4500-3300 cal. BC), there are 187 records. Figure 4.4 shows a map and bar charts with information on charred remains for each region for this period. The charred and waterlogged materials are going to be shown in different graphs. Figure 4.5 shows only the uncharred crop seeds (oil plants). For wild edible plants, Figure 4.6 shows the bar charts for charred remains and Figure 4.7 for the uncharred remains.

In NE Iberia, in 21 records, naked wheat (67%) and barley (62%) are the most predominant crop, followed by emmer (24%), einkorn (19%) and Timopheevii (14%) wheats. In SE France, in 73 records, barley is the most predominant (60%), followed by naked (46%), emmer (32%), einkorn (33%) and Timopheevii (1%) wheats. In the 44 records in Northern Italy, barley (70%) and emmer wheat (68%) are the main crops, followed by einkorn (43%) and naked (36%) wheats. In Switzerland, from 49 records, the most common crop is barley (76%) and naked wheat (71%), followed by emmer (57%) and einkorn (43%) wheats.

The main regional difference in ubiquities is that in NE Iberia, there is less percentage of glume wheats (<40%) and greater ubiquities of naked wheat. At the same time, Northern Italy has lower ubiquities of naked wheat compared with glume wheats, emmer (68%) being almost equal in ubiquity to barley (70%). Barley and naked wheat are the most recurrent crops in NE Iberia, SE France and Switzerland. A small percentage of Timopheevii wheat is recorded in NE Iberia and SE France. The presence of this wheat in SE France had only been recorded during Bronze Age (Toulemonde et al., 2015); but it was recently identified in the Neolithic period site – Les Bagnoles (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021; van Willigen, Bailly, et al., 2020). These results were presented in Research paper 1. Other regional syntheses in the Middle Neolithic period point to a decrease of naked wheat around 4000 cal. BC and an increase in glume wheats (Antolín, 2016; Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; de Vareilles et al., 2020; Martin et al., 2016). The reason for a preference for glume wheats could be associated with the uses of the by-products of the plant, for its dense nutrition and taste, and it usually is more resistant to fungi, and harsh weather and can be kept longer if stored in spikelet form (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021).



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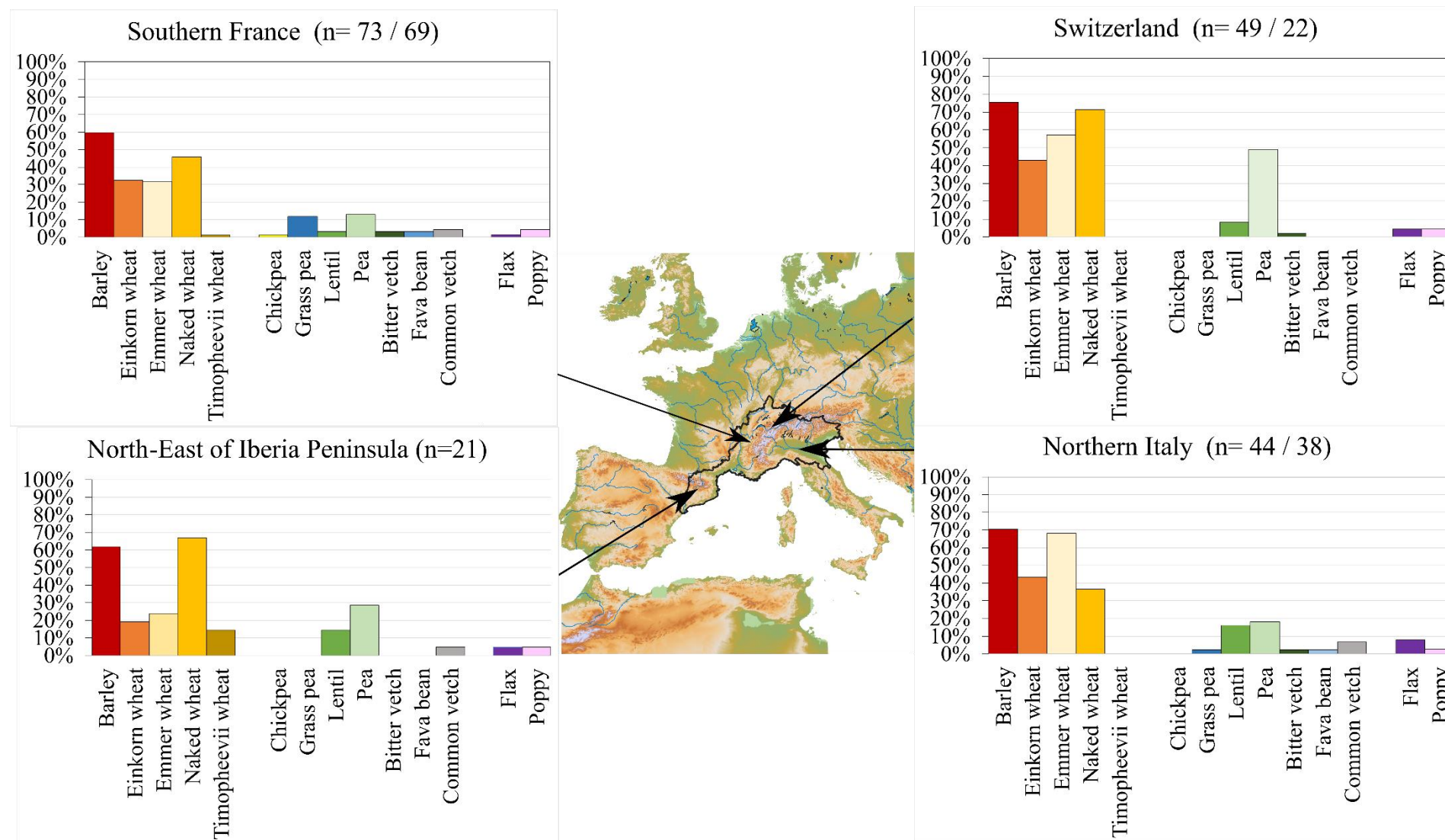


Figure 4.4 Bar chart of cereal grains, legumes and oil plants percentages from records in NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland dates to the Middle Neolithic period - 4500-3300 cal. BC. "n" denotes the number of records, the first is the total number, and the second is the total dry sites. Only charred seeds were used.

Pulses are present in all the regions (Figure 4.4). In NE Iberia, the main predominant legume is pea (29%), and less present are lentil (14%) and common vetch (5%). In SE France, pea (13%) and the grass pea (11%) are the most present pulse, followed by common vetch (4%), lentil (3%), bitter vetch (3%), fava bean (3%) and chickpea (1%). In Northern Italy, pea and lentils are the most present pulse (18-16%), followed by common vetch (7%), grass pea, bitter vetch and fava bean (2%). In Switzerland, only pea is present with 49% frequency, while lentil (8%) and bitter vetch (2%) are infrequent.

In the case of legumes, the pea is the most common legume in all regions. However, in SE France, grass pea is as frequently recorded as pea; this legume could be used for animal feed (Zohary et al., 2012). It could have also been used for human consumption, eaten raw as a green snack or dried and cooked in a stew or milled into flour and cooked as a gruel as traditional preparations of these sorts still exist today in Spain (Peña-Chocarro & Zapata, 1999, p. 51). Among the other species, lentil is the second most common. NE Iberia and Switzerland only have pea, lentils, and bitter vetch, while SE France and Northern Italy have a higher diversity of legume species.

Charred seeds of flax and poppy are present in dryland sites from all regions (Figure 4.4), and uncharred seeds are present in wetland sites from SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland (Figure 4.5). In NE Iberia, poppy and flax seeds are only present in 5 % of the dryland sites in charred preservation. In SE France, charred poppy seeds are present in 4 % and flax in 1% of the records. In Northern Italy, charred seeds of flax (8%) and poppy (3%) appeared sparsely. In Switzerland, charred seeds of poppy and flax appear in 5 % of the records in the drylands (Figure 4.4). In SE France, in the four wetland and four dryland sites with wells, uncharred seeds of flax appear in 63% and poppy in 88% of the records. In Northern Italy, in the six wetland sites, uncharred poppy seeds appear in 50% and flax in 33% of the records. While in the 27 wetland records of Switzerland, as uncharred seeds, both species appear in 85% of them (Figure 4.5).

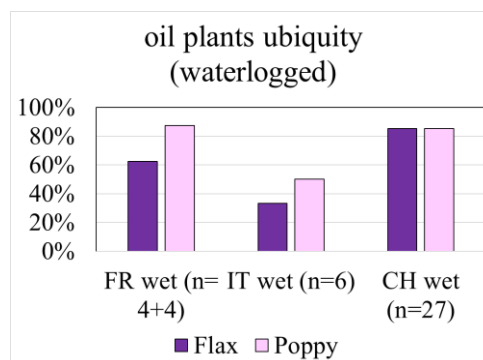


Figure 4.5 Bar chart of oil plants ubiquities with uncharred preserved in waterlogged condition for records located in SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland in the Middle Neolithic period; "n" denotes the number of records.

As noted in the previous figure (Figure 4.2), flax seeds were absent from the west side of the study area. Flax seeds appear for the first time in the 5<sup>th</sup> millennium in Greece (Marinova & Valamoti, 2014), NE Iberia (Antolín, 2016; Rovira, 2007; Stika, 2005) and SE France (Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Martin et al., 2016). According to our results, oil plants, poppy

and flax, appear in all regions during the Middle Neolithic period in equal ubiquities, except poppy, which is higher in SE France and flax in Northern Italy. In terms of waterlogged preservation (Figure 4.5), flax is less represented than poppy in SE France and Northern Italy and equal ubiquity in Switzerland. Both species appear in the wetland sites in Switzerland, 80% of the 27 records, but only in 5 % of the 22 dry sites.

According to a morphometric study done on flax seeds, dating ca 4000-3700 cal. BC from Switzerland, these seeds are larger than flax seeds from 2900 cal. BC (Herbig & Maier, 2011). These authors suggested that the seeds were important maybe for their oil and food uses as the smaller seed was attributed to the interest of the fibre over the seeds. Evidence of linen in eastern Switzerland is already present around 3700 BC (Leuzinger & Rast-Eicher, 2011).

Charred remains of wild edible plants are found in the four regions of the study area, as can be seen in the bar graph (Figure 4.6). In NE Iberia, in the dryland records, acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 38%) is the main crop, followed by mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus* – 29%) and hazel (*Corylus avellana* – 24%). Others also present were berries (*Rubus* sp.), elderberry (*Sambucus*), black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) and strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) (19-14%). While the other species, common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), wild olive (*Olea europaea oleaster*), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*) and service tree (*Sorbus domestica*), appear only in 5% of the records. In SE France, in the dryland records, acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 29%), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), wild grape (*Vitis* sp.) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) (23-22%) are the main present wild plants. Followed by other 13 plants such as berries (*Rubus* sp. – 16%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 9%) and strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo* – 1%) that appear less frequent. In Northern Italy, the most predominant wild edible fruit is hazel (*Corylus avellana* – 50%), followed by elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) and acorn (*Quercus* sp.) (42–39%), wild grape (*Vitis* sp. – 34%). While the other plants, 11 plants are less frequent. In Switzerland, hazel (*Corylus avellana* – 77%) was the main wild plant, followed by common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 50%) and elderberry (*Sambucus* – 45%), rose (*Rosa* sp. – 41%). Other plants, like wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus* – 18%), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*), berries (*Rubus* sp.), elderberry (*Solanum nigrum*) (14%) and bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* – 5%), are less frequent.

In terms of waterlogged sites, the uncharred seeds of wild plants are present in SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland (Figure 4.7). In Southern France (eight sites with uncharred seeds), berries were the predominant wild fruit (*Rubus* sp. – 75%), followed by hazel (*Corylus avellana*), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*) and acorn (*Quercus* sp.) (63%). While in half of the records, the presence of wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) and elderberry (*Solanum nigrum*) (50%) were recorded. Little present are common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*) and rose (*Rosa* sp.) (38%), but also European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and fig (*Ficus carica*) (25%). Rarely present are cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*), turpentine tree (*Pistacia terebinthus*) and the cherry tree (*Prunus mahaleb*) (13%). In the Northern Italy, in the six wetland records, hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and wild grape (*Vitis* sp.) are present in 83% of the records. Bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*) and berries (*Rubus* sp.) appear in 67% of the records.

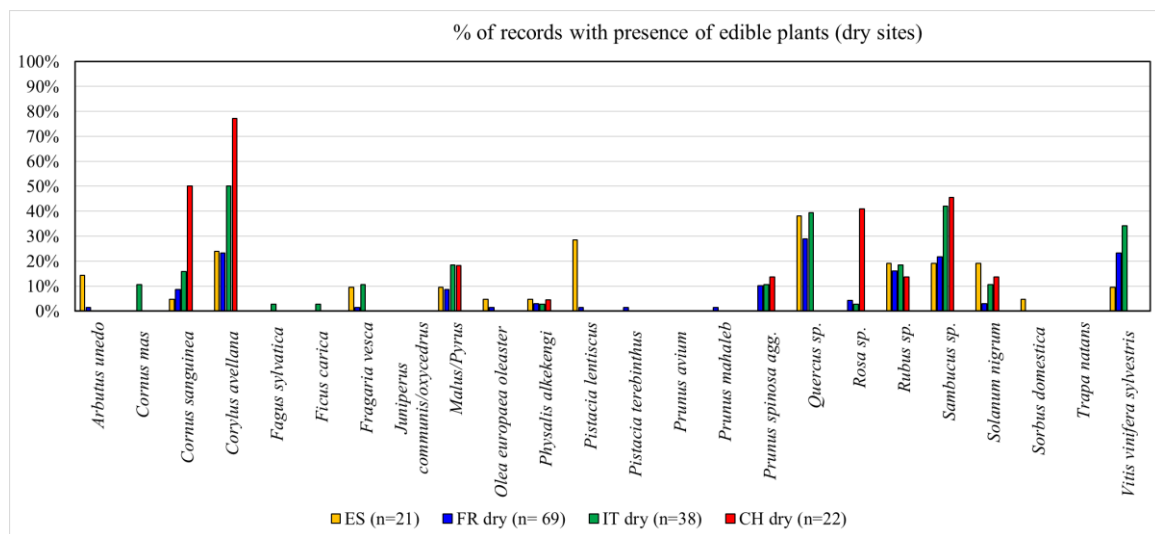


Figure 4.6 Bar chart of wild edible plants percentages from dry sites and charred preservation NE Iberia (ES), SE France (FR), Northern Italy (IT) and Switzerland (CH) dating to the Middle Neolithic period - 4500-3300 cal. BC

Cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*) and acorn (*Quercus* sp.) were present in half of the records. Common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) and fig (*Ficus carica*) appear in 33% of the records, followed by wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) in 17% of the records. Switzerland has 27 wet records with wild edible plants where the main plants are elderberry (*Sambucus* sp. – 85%), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus* – 81%) and berries (*Rubus* sp. – 81%), hazel (*Corylus avellana* – 78%), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca* – 74%), and bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* – 74%), acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 70%) and rose (*Rosa* sp. – 70%). Followed by common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 56%), elderberry (*Solanum nigrum* – 56%), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa* – 52%) and European beech (*Fagus sylvatica* – 44%). Rarely present (4%) are cherry tree (*Prunus mahaleb*), service tree (*Sorbus domestica*) and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*).

Most fruit remains and evidence of gathering are not available in dry sites apart from common findings of hazelnut and acorns; its overrepresentation can be related to the excellent conservation of this type of remains when in contact with fire (Bishop, 2019). Since most fruits would be discarded and decay without ever being in contact with fire, they are only rarely recovered in dryland sites.

The most notable feature in the Middle Neolithic archaeobotanical data is thus the presence of waterlogged remains from the pile dwellings. The waterlogged remains allow us to understand another part of the human diet that was not enough recorded in the Neolithic period. The variety of taxa present in the wetland sites is more extensive than in the dry sites. Typically fruits (e.g. wild strawberry) are not well preserved (e.g. charred) or would not be in contact with fire, therefore not being preserved. We can assume that human-plant consumption would be more diverse than the records show by having wet and dry records from the same period and the same region or even the same site.

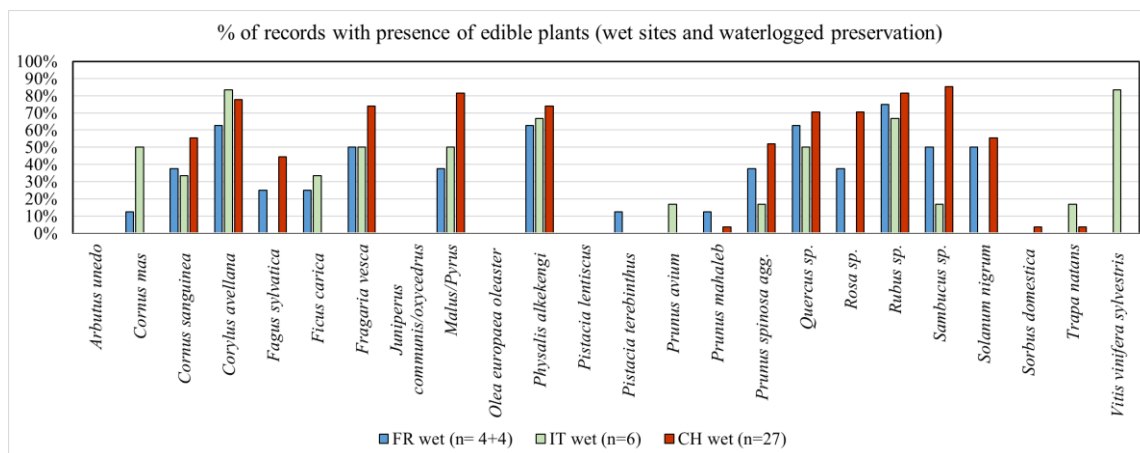


Figure 4.7 Bar chart of wild edible plants percentages from wet sites and uncharred waterlogged preservation, SE France (FR), Northern Italy (IT) and Switzerland (CH) dating to the Middle Neolithic period 4500-3300 cal. BC.

For the wild edible plants (Figure 4.6 and Figure 4.7), there are some regional differences, strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) and mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus*) appear mainly in NE Iberia, wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) only appears in Northern Italy in wet preservation and St. Lucie cherry (*Prunus mahaleb*) appears in SE France and Switzerland. The presence of wild plants is greater in frequency in waterlogged sites; this is visible when comparing charred records (Figure 4.6) and uncharred ones (Figure 4.7). In Figure 4.7, where species have over 60% of ubiquity appearance, unlike the dry sites where the ubiquity is lower than 30 % in an overview (Figure 4.6).

At the dry sites with charred preservation (Figure 4.6), hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), acorns (*Quercus* sp.), black elder (*Sambucus*) and wild grape (*Vitis*) are well represented. In contrast, for the wet sites (Figure 4.7) with waterlogged preservation (and the four open-air dry records with wells), a greater diversity of berries and fruits are represented, such as figs (*Ficus carica*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), Crab-apple (*Malus/Pyrus*), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*), Rose (*Rosa* sp.), elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.), European black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*).

### 4.3.3 Phase 3 (3300-2300 cal. BC)

As explained before, there are fewer archaeobotanical remains from dry sites in this phase, which could be related to a lack of research or preservation problems as occurs in NE Iberia (Antolín et al., 2015). For SE France, the synthesis results are mainly cereal grains with some frequency of wild plants (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020). In NE Iberia and Northern Italy, there is a decrease in sites with archaeobotanical data (Antolín, 2016; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009), but it is clear that cereals are more frequent than wild plants (Tecchiati et al., 2013, fig. 2). For Switzerland, an increase in the usage of wild resources was suggested, both plants and animals (Schibler & Jacomet, 2010).

For the Late Neolithic (3300-2300 cal. BC), Figure 4.8 shows greater ubiquities concerning cereal grains. In NE Iberia, in 14 records, barley (79%) and naked wheat (57%) are the most predominant, followed by emmer (29%) and einkorn (21%) wheats. In SE France, in 46 records,

barley is the main cereal present (87%), followed by naked (61%), einkorn (50%) and emmer (39%) wheats. In the 26 records of Northern Italy, barley (62%) and emmer wheat (50%) are the main crops, followed by einkorn (38%) and naked (23%) wheats. In Switzerland, from 52 records, the most common crops are barley (62%) and naked wheat (60%), followed by emmer (58%) and einkorn (38%) wheats.

In terms of regional comparison, barley and naked wheat are predominant in NE Iberia and SE France, while glume wheat is predominant in Northern Italy. In Switzerland, barley (60%), naked wheat (58%) and emmer (57%) are more common. Glume wheats are becoming more frequent in SE France (Figure 4.8). Einkorn was more common than emmer, especially in Hérault valley and the Languedoc region (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020) and in the inner alpine valleys such as at Balmes, in SE France (Martin, 2010). Einkorn was also found inside the frozen mummy - Ötzi's intestine (3370-3100 BC) and it was the main grain present at the site (Bonani et al., 1994; Festi et al., 2011; Heiss & Oeggl, 2009). Reasons to prefer einkorn wheat in these phases could be related to the fact that this species is resistant to frosting and can grow in poor soils (Zohary et al., 2012).

In terms of pulses, as can be seen in the bar graphs (Figure 4.8), in NE Iberia, pea and lentil appear in 19% of the 14 records. In SE France, pea is present in 9% of the records, followed by grass pea, bitter vetch and fava bean (2%). In Northern Italy, pea appears in 8% of the records, followed by grass pea, lentil, bitter vetch, fava bean and common vetch (4%). In Switzerland, pea is the dominant pulse with 33%, lentil (12%), common vetch (4%) and bitter vetch (2%).

Only two pulses species are recorded in Spain, pea and lentil, from the seven species analysed here (Figure 4.8). Lentil is the second important pulse in Switzerland and Northern Italy but is absent from French records. The other crops are sporadic everywhere. It has been suggested that besides being underrepresented in dry sites due to taphonomic reasons and lower chances of being charred during the processing of the crop (Butler et al., 1999; Fuller & Harvey, 2006), it could be that the pulses did not play an important role (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020) as the ubiquity values are low.

Both oil plants are absent from NE Iberia (Figure 4.8). Only flax is present in 2% of the 41 dryland records in SE France. In the five wetland records of SE France (Figure 4.9), flax and poppy seeds appear in all records (100%). In Northern Italy, in the 25 dryland records, flax is present in 8% of the records and poppy in 4% (Figure 4.8), while in the only wetland record, there are no oil plants (Figure 4.9). In the 18 dryland records from Switzerland, only charred flax is identified in 8% of the records (Figure 4.8). In contrast with 34 wetland records where uncharred seeds of poppy and flax appear in 82% of the records (Figure 4.9).

Flax is better represented in the dryland records than poppy (Figure 4.8), whereas the waterlogged remains have equal ubiquity (Figure 4.9). For the Swiss region, where there are 34 wet sites and only 18 dry sites, 80 % of the sites have both oily species in the waterlogged records (Figure 4.9) but not in the dry sites with charred preservation (Figure 4.8).

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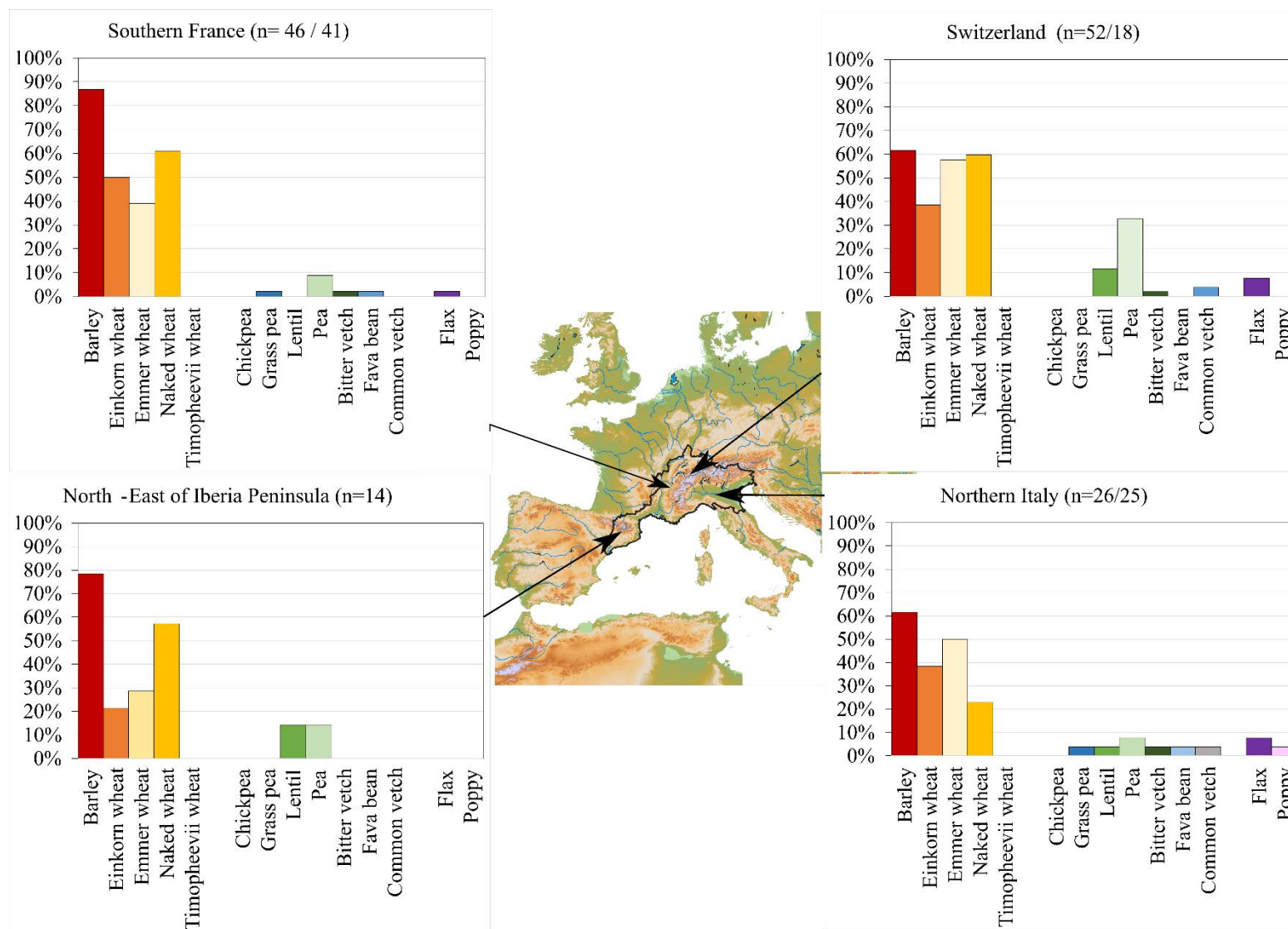


Figure 4.8 Bar chart of cereal grains, legumes and oil plants percentages from records in NE Iberia, SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland dates to the Late Neolithic period 3300-2300 cal. BC. "n" denotes the number of records, the first is the total number, and the second is the total dry sites. Only charred seeds were used.

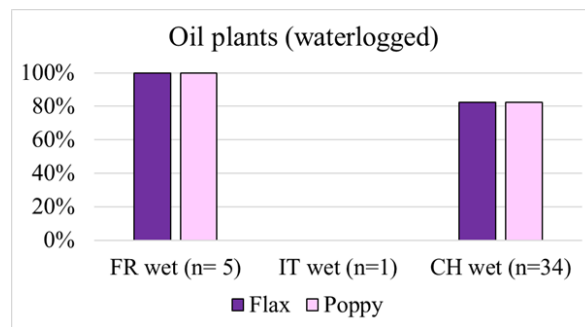


Figure 4.9 Bar chart of oil plants ubiquities with uncharred seeds preserved in wet conditions for records located in SE France (FR), Northern Italy (IT) and Switzerland (CH); "n" denotes the number of records.

Evidence of the uses of oil plants in this period are oil and fibre. Evidence of oil for tool maintenance is present at the Zürich-Parkhaus Opera site, Switzerland (Jesus & Antolín, 2021; Spangenberg et al., 2014). More detail on poppy finds and uses can be seen in Chapter 7. Especially in Switzerland, rich samples with flax and poppy are found in Horgen communities occurred around 3000 BC cal. According to Herbig and Maier research (2011), flax seeds are smaller, suggesting that the flax plant was used for its fibre. Besides the morphometric study, there is also evidence of linen threads and textiles (Leuzinger & Rast-Eicher, 2011).

Wild edible plants appear in all regions, as shown in Figure 4.10. In NE Iberia, in the 14 dryland records, acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 29%) and wild grape (*Vitis* sp. – 21%) are the common edible fruits. While hazelnut (*Corylus avellana* – 14%), strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo* – 7%), wild pear/ apple (*Malus/Pyrus* – 7%), wild olive (*Olea europaea oleaster* – 7%), mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus* – 7%), blackthorn (*P. spinosa* – 7%), berries (*Rubus* sp. – 7%) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp. – 7%) are less present.

In SE France, in the 41 dryland records, wild edible plants are not commonly present. The percentages are all lower than 50%. Acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 34%) is common, while the other plants are scarcely present. Other plants are wild grape (*Vitis* sp. – 17%), hazelnut (*Corylus avellana* – 15%), blackthorn (*P. spinosa* – 12%) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp. – 12%), juniper (*Juniperus communis/oxycedrus* – 7%), strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo* – 5%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 5%) and berries (*Rubus* sp. – 5%), cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas* – 2%), European beech (*Fagus sylvatica* – 2%), figs (*Ficus carica* – 2%), wild pear/apple (*Malus/Pyrus* – 2%), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* – 2%), wild cherry (*Prunus avium* – 2%), rose (*Rosa* sp. – 2%) and black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum* – 2%).

In Northern Italy, in 25 dryland records, hazelnut (*Corylus avellana* – 36%), cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*), and acorn (*Quercus* sp.) (24%) are the most common edible plants present in the archaeological sites. While less present are elderberry (*Sambucus* sp. – 20%), wild pear/apple (*Malus/Pyrus* – 16%) and wild grape (*Vitis* – 16%), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* – 12%) and blackthorn (*P. spinosa* – 12%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 8%), wild cherry (*Prunus avium* – 8%), berries (*Rubus* sp. – 8%), figs (*Ficus carica* – 4%), rose (*Rosa* sp. – 4%) and black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum* – 4%).



In Switzerland, in 18 dryland records, hazelnut (*Corylus avellana* – 67%) and common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 50%) are commonly present, while minor present are berries (*Rubus* sp. – 44%), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) (39%), rose (*Rosa* sp. – 33%), wild pear/apple (*Malus/Pyrus* – 28%). Moreover, even lesser present are black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum* – 11%), cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*), European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and acorn (*Quercus* sp.) (6%).

In terms of waterlogged sites, the uncharred seeds of wild plants are present in SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland (Figure 4.11). In Southern France, hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) appear in all the five records, followed by common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*) and berries (*Rubus* sp.) that appear in 4 sites (80%). Less commonly found in the archaeological sites are acorn (*Quercus* sp.) and rose (*Rosa* sp.) (60%), European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), wild pear/apple (*Malus/Pyrus*) and black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) (40%).

Our study has only one record in Northern Italy, where bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*), berries (*Rubus* sp.) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) are present. In Switzerland, with 34 wet records, the most commonly present fruits are berries (*Rubus* sp. – 85%), hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi* – 79%), rose (*Rosa* sp. – 76%), wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp. – 74%), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*), blackthorn (*P. spinosa*), and acorn (*Quercus* sp. – 71%). Less found in the records are black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum* – 68%), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* – 59%), European beech (*Fagus sylvatica* – 47%), wild grape (*Vitis* sp. – 9%), wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) (6%), cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*) and the cherry tree (*Prunus mahaleb*) (3%).

At the dry sites, wild edible plants with charred preservation (Figure 4.10), dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), acorns (*Quercus* sp.), black elder (*Sambucus*) and wild grape (*Vitis*) are well represented. In SE France, the presence of high quantities of acorn (*Quercus* sp.) in the Causses area has been noted, and evidence of storage is detected in stored products burnt by accident (Bouby, Marinval, & Rovira, 2020, p. 15). In Switzerland, it was noted that an increase in wild resources (Schibler & Jacomet, 2010) is also visible in Figure 4.11. In this figure, there is a great frequency of different species. Bladder cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*), berries (*Rubus* sp.), and elderberry (*Sambucus* sp.) appear in almost all waterlogged records in SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland. Both types of cherries appear in both charred and uncharred preservation.

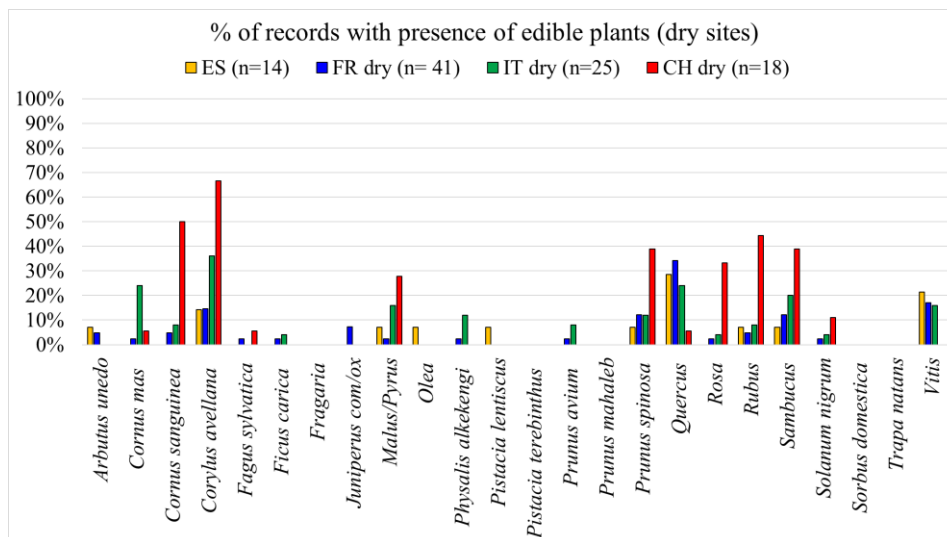


Figure 4.10 Bar chart of wild edible plants percentages from dry sites and charred preservation NE Iberia (ES), SE France (FR), Northern Italy (IT) and Switzerland (CH) dating to the Late Neolithic period 3300-2300 cal. BC, "n" denotes the number of records.

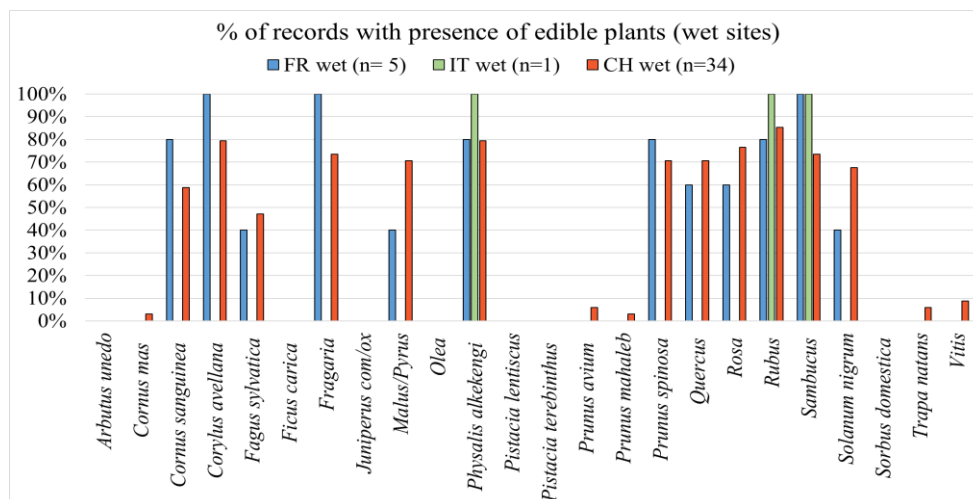


Figure 4.11 Bar chart of wild edible plants percentages from wet sites and uncharred waterlogged preservation, SE France (FR), Northern Italy (IT) and Switzerland (CH) dating to the Late Neolithic period 3300-2300 cal. BC, "n" denotes the number of records.

#### 4.3.4 Chronological overview

The 419 records are not evenly distributed between the 3 phases analysed, especially between EN and MN; there is a difference of 100 sites. Discrepancies are also visible in geographic distributions with the absence of sites with archaeobotanical data from inland regions of Switzerland and Italy during the Early Neolithic period (Figure 3.3). For the Middle and Late Neolithic, it is better distributed, as shown in Figure 3.3b and 3.3c. Regarding the type of preservation, only one site with uncharred remains from the wetland site at NE Iberia during the Early Neolithic period. In later periods, wetland sites are present in SE France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland. However, the number of wetlands sites is discrepant when comparing Switzerland with the other regions, with almost 60 records against ten or fewer records in SE France and Northern Italy (Figure 3.4b and Figure 4.1).

Regarding chronological comparison, the results (Figure 4.12) show that charred cereal grains are well represented in all periods, with over 70 % of the records. Charred legumes and oil plants are recorded in less than 30 % and 10 % of the sites.

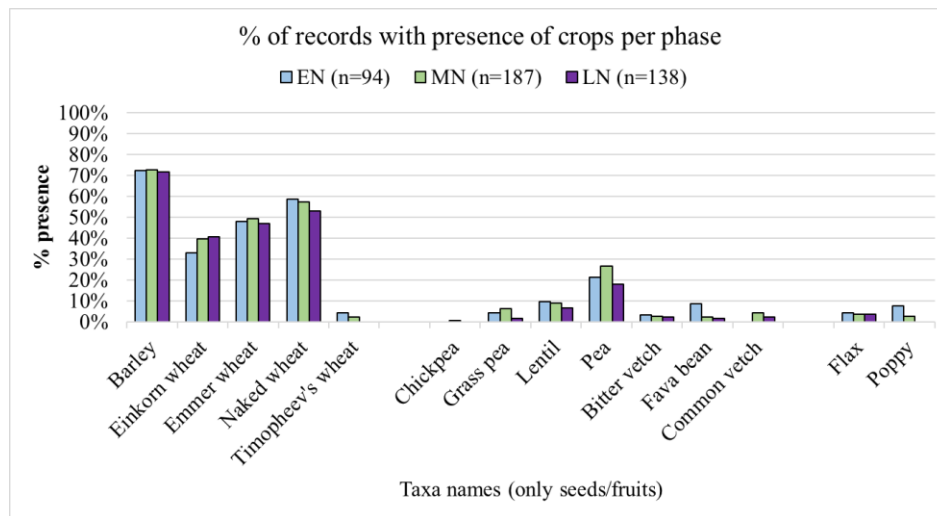


Figure 4.12 Bar chart of the % of ubiquities (percentage of presences) per phase with the presence of cereal grains, legumes and oil plants, "n" denotes the number of records—only charred remains.

Barley is the most common grain in all periods, followed by naked wheat, but different chronological and regional were observed (Figure 4.2, Figure 4.4 and Figure 4.8). Naked wheat seems to be of great importance for the NE Iberia and SE France, and the spread of this crop in central Europe is linked to Mediterranean influences (Jacomet, 2007; Kreuz et al., 2014). This crop decreased slightly (less than 10%) from the Middle to Late Neolithic period (Figure 4.12); this can be observed in the graphs of the Swiss region (see Figure 4.8).

Einkorn increased almost 10 % from the Early Neolithic to Middle Neolithic; this is not as pronounced in the regional overview (Figure 4.4). While in Northern Italy, the predominance of emmer and low frequency of naked wheat mark the difference between NE Iberia, SE France and Switzerland during the Early Neolithic period. However, noted at the end of the Middle Neolithic (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021; Martin et al., 2016) and more predominant in the Late Neolithic periods (Bouby, Marival, & Rovira, 2020), glume wheats gained more importance and are quantified in large numbers than naked wheat. In contrast, Timopheev's wheat presence might be underestimated as its current identification status (Czajkowska et al., 2020). Its classification is based mainly on glumes that occurred less frequently in the archaeobotanical assemblages (G. Jones et al., 2000). There is no presence of this grain dating from the Late Neolithic period in the study area.

In the case of legumes, pea is the most common legume in all phases, increasing during the Middle Neolithic period. It is followed by lentil, representing 10 % of the records in the Early Neolithic period and having a slight decrease in the other phases. Chickpea is present in one site in the Early Neolithic period, in Can Sadurni cave (Antolín & Schäfer, 2020), and one site is dating from the Middle Neolithic period in SE France, Grote G (Courtin & Erroux, 1974, p. 329). The chronology of the latter might be dubious since the excavation was done in the '70s. The seed was not directly dated but also had identification issues and should be reviewed due to its old classification. The three types of vetch are less common than the other pulses in all

phases with a small percentage (5%). Fava bean is present in 8% of the records during the Early Neolithic period, but ubiquities are low during the later phases.

In terms of oil plants, the presence of poppy was more prominent than flax during the first phase. Flax occurred with slightly lower values during the Middle and Late Neolithic periods, while poppy was absent during the Late Neolithic period (Figure 4.12). The dryland sites show a decrease in oil plants (underrepresented in charred preservation).

In contrast, oil plants increased during the Middle and Late Neolithic period in waterlogged sites see Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.9 related to Switzerland's food, oil and textile production (Herbig & Maier, 2011; Leuzinger & Rast-Eicher, 2011; Spangenberg et al., 2014). The frequency levels of both flax and poppy are 80 %, corresponding to 24 records in the Middle Neolithic and 29 sites in the Late Neolithic. The appearance of wet sites with waterlogged preservation allows oily seeds to be preserved. In the dry sites, the seeds decay or are easily destroyed by fire (Märkle & Rösch, 2008).

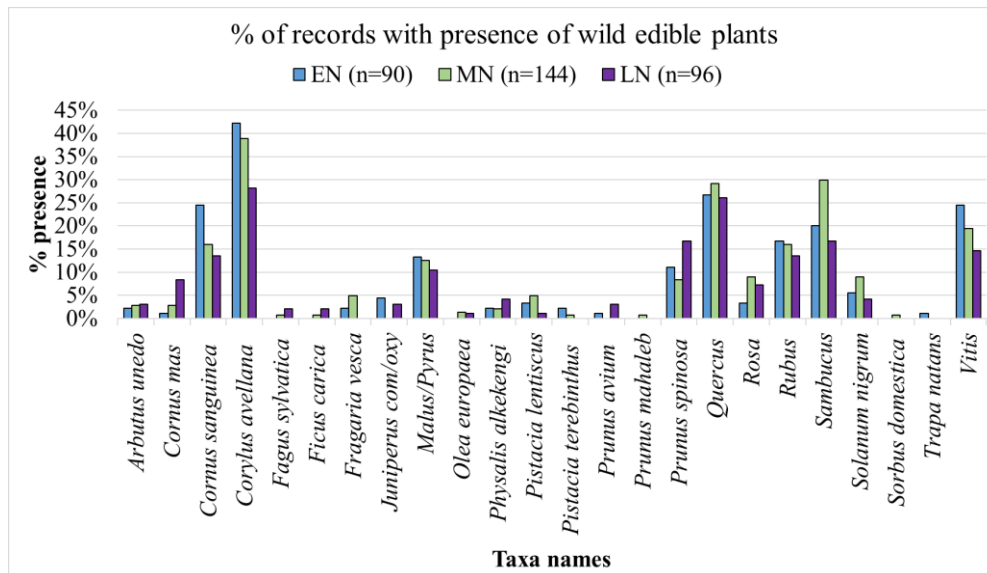


Figure 4.13 Bar chart of the % of records per phase with the presence of possible edible plants, "n" denotes the number of records. Only charred remains from dry sites are included. Charred remains from waterlogged preservation (open-air wet sites, undefined and sites with wells). are excluded

Edible wild plants (Figure 4.13) are well represented in the archaeobotanical assemblages, especially in cases of hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), which can go up to 40%, similarly to acorns (*Quercus*) and elderberries (*Sambucus*) with 30 % presence. Of note is that these - hazelnut and acorn - are overrepresented in open-dry sites due to the lack of sampling and fine sieving during the old excavations (further see Chapter 3). The importance of hazelnuts, acorns and wild apples as gathered food resources in the Neolithic period in the study area was already noted by researchers in NE Iberia (Antolín, 2016; Antolín & Jacomet, 2015; Zapata et al., 2008) SE France (Marinval, 1988a, 1988b, 2008), Northern Italy (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009; Tecchiati et al., 2013) and Switzerland (Jacomet, 2006b, 2007).

Other fruits commonly present are grape (*Vitis* sp.), berries (*Rubus* sp.), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), wild apple/pear (*Malus/Pyrus*), and dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*). Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) occurs recurrently in the study area. Ethnographic sources indicate that this wild

plant can be cooked in combination with other food and used as a colouring substance or soap (Tolar et al., 2020). Also, its wood was appreciated as fuel and for making tools, like the arrow found on Ötzi (Karg & Märkle, 2002). In some places, it occurs in large quantities and charred state, like in the Concise site (Karg & Märkle, 2002). In the Late Neolithic period, there was an increase of cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*) (Figure 4.13); this is well represented in Northern Italy but also occurs in SE France and Switzerland (Figure 4.10 and Figure 4.11). Of note is that cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*) is native to western and south Switzerland (Ronch et al., 2016), but one fruit stone shaped into a bead was found in eastern Switzerland at Arbon Bleiche 3 site (Hosch, 2004, p. 73). Another site where this species is found is on the other side of Lake Constance in Germany, at Hornstaad Hörnle IA (3917-3905 BC) (Hoffstadt & Maier, 1999). In this site, 59 fruit stones were found together with flint from Lessinian Alps (Northern Italy) and assumed they were exchanged together from the Mediterranean area (Hoffstadt & Maier, 1999; Hosch & Jacomet, 2001).

Other fruit stones of particular connotation are cherries, wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) and mahaleb cherry (*Prunus mahaleb*). They are native to most of the study area, including most parts of Switzerland (Popescu & Caudullo, 2016; Welk et al., 2016). In the Early Neolithic period, at La Draga pile dwelling (NE Iberia), several stones of wild cherry was transformed into beads (Antolín & Buxó, 2011a, fig. 16). At the Late Neolithic site, Arbon Bleiche 3, the fruit stone of mahaleb cherry (*P. mahaleb*) was used as well for beads (Leuzinger, 2000). Other beads made of fruit stones were also found on this site, such as blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) (Leuzinger, 2000).

The putative use of wild plants is usually based on their properties known from ethnographic and historical sources. Thus, it is challenging to prove human transport and manipulation. Dietsch (Dietsch, 1996) gives five main criteria. First is an ecology study that shows the presence of the taxa in the area outside of their native environment. The number of plant remains is also a good indication of its gathering. Being charred and or fragmented suggests a connection to anthropogenic activities. Lastly, the spatial distribution in the archaeological site, for example, within a pit connected with pottery, shows human intentionality. The recurrent presence of the specific taxa described above provides evidence of their consumption and use in the study area. Although to get more detail on their specific uses, a contextual analysis should be performed and is not in the scope of this thesis.

#### 4.4 Synthesis and perspectives

The archaeobotanical data available for the four study regions are difficult to compare due to the different methodologies in sampling, processing, quantification techniques and data published as discussed in the previous chapter. However, these biases can be partly overcome by using presence and absence data. The results highlighted the regional differences instead of chronological patterning in the dataset, with continuity in plant assemblages for each region over time. The Neolithisation process was distinct for each region. The initial bar charts clearly distinguish between Early Neolithic records from NE Iberia, SE France, Switzerland and records from Northern Italy. In Northern Italy, the recurring presence of glume wheats in all phases, especially in the Early Neolithic, separates this region from the other analysed here, where naked wheat is more frequent. The Northern Italy archaeobotanical assemblage, material

culture and house plans are similar to the Balkan areas suggesting an influence from the eastern side of the study area (Gernigon, 2016b; Reed & Rottoli, 2014). Wild edible plants are gathered and present in all phases; it was not noted any increase or decrease in this type of fruit. Some species appear more frequently in wetland sites associated with their unique preservation.

In the study area, the social structure changed during the Middle Neolithic period, with the increased local regionalisation assumed by the different styles of pottery and mortuary practices (Burri-Wyser & Winiger, 2016; Chambon & Leclerc, 2003; Manen & Hamon, 2018; Mottes et al., 2009; Perrin, 2016; Pessina & Tiné, 2008). This regionalisation is noted in the material culture. Different pottery styles, raw materials, stone objects and plants were attributed to the specific group was found in other places from other prehistoric groups (Denaire, Doppler, et al., 2011; Gernigon, 2016a; Léa, 2005; Perrin, 2016). Examples of these exchanges are the presence of Chassey pottery (SE France) and artefacts in the Sepulchres de Fossa communities in NE Iberia, demonstrating exchange between these two groups (Mestre & Tarrús, 2016), the presence of pearls made of variscite (a phosphatic mineral) from Gavà Mines (NE Iberia) in Middle Neolithic burials in south-eastern France (Vaquer, 2014, p. 2). Further examples of exchanges in the Middle Neolithic can be found in the conference proceedings edited by Perrin (2016). This regionalisation can also be seen in the archaeobotanical assemblage, where NE Iberia displays high ubiquities of naked wheat and barley and low glume wheats. In the other regions, SE France and Switzerland, ubiquities suggest glume wheats are more frequent when compared to the Early Neolithic period. Concerning oil plants, flax appears in NE Iberia and SE France for the first time during the Middle Neolithic (Figure 4.8. and Figure 4.9). While in Switzerland, because of the type of preservation, waterlogged, flax and poppy are found in large quantities and are frequent in wetland sites (Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.9).

Legumes were present in the study area, suggesting the particular importance of lentil and pea, but ubiquities are very low for the other pulses in all phases (Figure 4.12). The low presence of pulses in the study area is not clearly understood; it could reflect the delay of the spread of these crops, or it could be related to taphonomic reasons and lower chances of being charred during processing (Butler et al., 1999; Fuller & Harvey, 2006). It has also been suggested that differences in regional climate might not allow the same crops to grow in Central Europe (Colledge et al., 2005, p. 148).

NE Iberia has fewer archaeobotanical records than the previous periods, and no oil plants are present in the Late Neolithic period. At the same time, for the other areas, SE France, Northern Italy and Switzerland, a preference for hardy cereals such as emmer and einkorn (Bouby, Marival, & Rovira, 2020; Jacomet, 2009, 2014; Tecchiati et al., 2013) might indicate a crop change related to cultural preferences, or it might be due to climatic deterioration (Arbogast et al., 2006) or a combination of other factors. However, when looking at the ubiquity levels of the wild edible fruits, it does not show an increase in gathered plants during the Late Neolithic period. Gathered plants formed part of the diet during the Neolithic period; however, their carbonization due to “kitchen accidents” (sensu van der Veen, 2007) is unlikely, as they are usually eaten raw. In waterlogged sites, berries and other fruits are commonly found, and we could assume that these fruits were also consumed in dryland sites but were not preserved. In dryland sites, the presence of *Quercus*, *Corylus avellana*, *Cornus*, and *Vitis* charred remains reinforces that they were gathered. According to Colledge and Conolly (2014), the results of

the loss of edible wild taxa diversity due to charring is around 65%. Aside from consumption, *Prunus* and *Cornus's* fruit stones were transformed into beads (Hosch & Jacomet, 2001; Leuzinger, 2000). Although this type of finding is still rare in early periods of prehistory, and their actual use (as a bead for jewellery or other adornments) is still poorly understood, they suggest another use for fruit stones other than food.

Research on agriculture and food activities requires numerous transdisciplinary studies and archaeobotany has now a variety of new methods that can infer diet and type of agriculture in a complementary way with isotopic studies on human and animal bones, function weed ecology, usewear analysis on harvesting tools and other subjects. Therefore, this study should be combined with those studies in the future.

This overview is the first one that combines the ubiquities of cultivated and useful plants in archaeobotanical assemblages from the north and south of the Alps. This study allows a better overview of the archaeobotanical data present. It is also relevant to have charred and uncharred materials and dry and waterlogged sites in the same synthesis. Combining all information makes it clear that more wetland sites are needed in the Mediterranean region. Sites with this type of preservation would give us a better understanding of the plant diversity used by prehistoric communities. Even though not many sites exist due to the type of local environment, exceptions and specific structures exist and should be excavated and sampled to give a better archaeobotanical overview. Specific structures such as wells are found in SE France, where uncharred seeds are recovered (Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014; Martin, 2012; van Willigen, Bailly, et al., 2020). The plant remains found in the wells offer a different perspective of the plants used and present in archaeological sites. Fragile plant parts and small oily plants are less likely to survive charring and preserve better in the waterlogged state, as discussed in Chapter 5. The fact of having excellent preserved seeds can help us study domestication.

This is the case of opium poppy seeds, where it was assumed it was domesticated and that it happened during the Neolithic period, in the Mediterranean region, but no criteria existed to verify it (Fritsch, 1979; Hammer & Fritsch, 1977). Now, using geometric morphometrics on uncharred poppy plants will allow us to identify different morphotypes of poppy and try to understand the ongoing domestication process. For this, uncharred seeds were needed. These sites with waterlogged preservation and adequate sampling strategies, as it was the case in Les Bagnoles, made it possible to analyse poppy seeds and understand their development, as seen in Chapters 6 and 7 and research papers 2 and 3.

## **Chapter 5 The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of a crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400-3500 cal. BC)**

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### **5.1 Introduction**

This chapter analyses the botanical material recovered from two wells, 990 and 994, from Les Bagnoles. There is another well from the same site with archaeobotanical remains – well 250. This well was not added to this chapter because it is dated to the Middle Neolithic 1, that is to say it is dated earlier date than the other wells. The objective of this chapter is to focus on the the Middle Neolithic 2 and on the waterlogged remains found in the wells. However, a complete overview of the three wells (including well 250) and other Middle Neolithic sites from SE France was presented in research paper 1 at the end of the chapter.

Previously, in Chapter 3, this site was mentioned because it has two types of preservation, charred and uncharred. Consequently, this site has a unique insight into the farming practices as it preserved material that otherwise would not be preserved. This type of result is unique in the dry sites in SE France as there are not many sites with waterlogged depositions sampled for archaeobotanical data and sampled correctly for archaeobotanical analyses. As outlined in Chapter 1, the following question will be addressed in this chapter: a) Are there differences or similarities between the two types of preservation. The importance of this question relies upon that different type of preservation gives a different type of remains. There is a taphonomic bias concerning archaeobotanical remains (Colledge & Conolly, 2014; Jacomet, 2013); therefore, this issue will be addressed in this chapter. This question assumes that there will be a considerable lack of species diversity (wild species and small or oily seeds that would not be preserved by charring) and plant parts (e.g. cereal chaff) when considering charred preservation when comparing with waterlogged preservation. As waterlogging allows for the preservation of high diversity of plant remains, including oily seeds, pods, flower buds, leaves, herb seeds and wild edible fruits (Colledge & Conolly, 2014; Jacomet, 2013; Märkle & Rösch, 2008), as mentioned in section 3.4

Concerning the other two questions: b) What crops are present on this site, and how different is it from the other Middle Neolithic sites in the region? These are addressed at the end of the chapter in the paper comparing archaeobotanical studies from wells and pits from different open-air sites in SE France.

### **5.2 Les Bagnoles**

The archaeological site of Les Bagnoles is located 2.5 km southwest of L'Isle-Sur-la-Sorgue, on alluvial soils (Sargiano et al., 2010). The site was found in 2006 and excavated in a scientific excavation between 2012 and 2015 by the Swiss National Museum and the Universities of Basel and Aix-Marseille (van Willigen, André, et al., 2020). Several occupations were detected dated to the Middle Neolithic, the Bronze Age, Iron Age, Gallo-roman and modern periods, mainly as negative structures, such as pits, silos, post holes and wells (Denaire & van Willigen, 2020).



The archaeobotanical remains were studied by different researchers and supported by different grants (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020; Antolín, Jesus, et al., 2020; Antolín, Schimitt, et al., 2020; Follmann, 2017; Jacomet, 2020; Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021). Considering that detailed identifications of the remains are still ongoing, the results are not definitive. In this chapter, the focus is on the waterlogged material from the wells. First, we will focus on the two best-preserved wells and the findings in terms of depth of these remain to analyse its possible human deposition and the importance of analysing the wells in a waterlogged context. Then we will compare with other wells from the Middle Neolithic 2 (4100–3500 cal. BC) found in this region that presented waterlogged materials, such as Clos de Roque (Martin, 2012) and Mas de Vignoles IX (Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014). This analysis will compare charred and waterlogged densities and put some findings into context using the wells profile sketch.

In the Les Bagnoles site, several pits, silos, some post holes and three wells were identified (Sargiano et al., 2010). It does not hold any house structure or clear indication of a settlement. The interpretation of the site is of a large open site with remains of some domestic and wild animals and plants as well as several shards of vases and some sandstone querns (van Willigen, 2020).

The site is near the Sorgues river, which today encloses the town named L'isle Sur la Sorgue. Close to the site (8.7 km) is a larger river, Durance, connecting to the Rhone river. Thus, the site was not depleted of water resources, and it was in a well-connected zone to exchange products with other communities that would travel by land or by rivers. The wells do not look like permanent structures, as there are no support structures such as wood lining or apparent preparation for the deep negative structure. Two wells, 990 and 994, are close to each other in the South part of the site, while the other, well 250, is in the upper part. The other negative features (pits, silo and a few postholes) are dated using pottery typology as few charred remains were found (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020, fig. 245).

### 5.3 Archaeobotanical analyses of Les Bagnoles

Sediment samples were pre-treated with a water softener Calgon - if samples were sieved in the field - or by freezing, following IPNA guidelines (Vandorpe & Jacomet, 2007). These were sieved using the wash-over technique (see description in Steiner et al., 2015), and the different fractions (4, 1 and 0.35 mm) were sorted under the stereomicroscope. The 0.35 mm fraction was normally subsampled with the grid method (van der Veen & Fieller, 1982), and ca. 10ml of residue were sorted. The resulting data was introduced into the database ArboDat 2018© (Kreuz & Schäfer, 2002). Cereal identification criteria followed available literature (Jacomet, 2006a). This study uses the traditional nomenclature of Zohary et al. (2012) for domestic taxa. Only grains with embryo ends were counted (G. Jones, 1990), nodes regarding free-threshing rachis remains or glume bases for glume wheats (Hillman et al., 1996). Possible pea (cf. *Pisum sativum*) pod fragments were counted if the fragments were larger than 12 mm<sup>2</sup> (see description of these remains in Antolín and Schäfer (2020).

### 5.4 Well 990 (4050-3980 cal. BC)

Structure 990 was deeper than 3.3 meters, and it was possible to identify two parts, one dry and one wet part; this last one was below the groundwater table. The dry part started with a pit (SU 1, 2, 3 and 4). Bones were found in these SU, but no pottery or charred remains to date. Then the other identified SU 5, 6, 7 and 9 appear to form a trunk shape more characteristic of a well. However, when reaching the groundwater level (see well profile: Figure 5.1), the excavation was done by splits. No lining was found. The radiocarbon dates performed on charred macroremains show similar dates, 4219–3969 cal. BC and 4048–3968 cal. BC (Martínez-Grau et al., 2020), coming from the spit sample Pr70 and Pr25 from the same level, Figure 5.1.

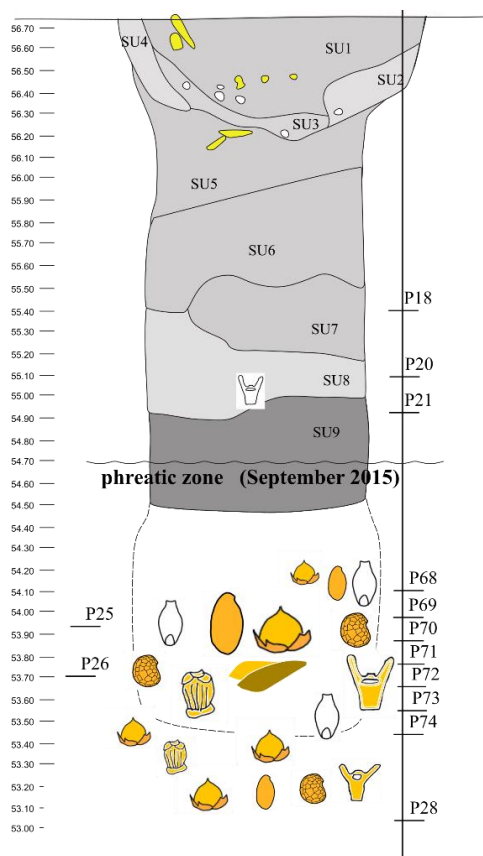


Figure 5.1 Well 990 with some of the most common species. (yellow colour for uncharred and white for charred remains)

Overall, this well was rich in animal remains (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020, p. 247) and had fragments of pots and one quern fragment. The animal bones are relatively well preserved; 59% are identifiable, including remains of weasel, caprine and cattle, dogs and small ruminants (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020, p. 255).

A total of 13 samples were analysed from well 990 (Table 5.1), and a total of 17898 uncharred remains and charred remains 967 were identified. Three samples were above the water level (Pr18, Pr20 and Pr21) and ten samples were below the water level see Figure 5.1.

Table 5.1 Detail information of the samples from well 990

Sample number_ArboDat	Total remains	Spit number	Laboratory sample number	Analysed vol. of sediment	Item/liter	Type of finding	Total remains (un)	Taxa (un)	Total remains (ch)	Taxa (ch)
ISBA15_612_S1900_Pr18	1	Pr18	612	0.5	2	dry			1	1
ISBA15_611_S1900_Pr20	1	Pr20	611	0.5	2	dry	1	1	0	0
ISBA15_610_S1900_Pr21	4	Pr21	610	0.9	4	dry			4	3
ISBA15_613_S1900_Pr68	63	Pr68	613	8	8	wet	56	15	7	4
ISBA15_614_S1900_Pr69	1066	Pr69	614	7	152	wet	1002	43	61	9
ISBA15_603_S1990_Pr25	1117	Pr25	603	0.9	1241	wet	1011	40	106	5
ISBA15_615_S1900_Pr70	2174	Pr70	615	9	242	wet	1966	39	184	8
ISBA15_616_S1900_Pr71	4622	Pr71	616	7	660	wet	4350	56	249	11
ISBA15_609_S1900_Pr26	239	Pr26	609	0.4	598	wet	221	31	18	7
ISBA15_617_S1900_Pr72	1404	Pr72	617	8	176	wet	1343	41	61	8
ISBA15_618_S1990_Pr73	3799	Pr73	618	9	422	wet	3738	45	61	5
ISBA15_619_S1990_Pr74	4268	Pr74	619	9	474	wet	4061	59	207	9
ISBA15_608_S1900_Pr28	157	Pr28	608	0.4	393	wet	149	19	8	3

The first three spit samples (Pr18, Pr20 and Pr21), coming from the dry part of the well, did not contain much material because they were not preserved in a wet environment. It might be that these layers were underwater in the past, but today being dried. Four macroremains (Figure 5.1) were mainly charred and not identified except for einkorn chaff. The sample volume was small from these first splits, and the type of finding was in dry sediment and not wet (1.9 L. Table 5.1).

For the waterlogged samples, there was a much higher density of plant remains of waterlogged and charred remains (Figure 5.2). The highest material concentration comes from Pr71, with 660 items per litre and a total of 4622 remains (Table 5.1).

The last artificial layer Pr28, and the first four splits had less than 20 different taxa, with the first three only one or three taxa. The highest number of charred taxa – 11 and 9 – is present in Pr71 and Pr74, the same for the uncharred taxa, 56 and 59, respectively Table 5.1b.

Spit Samples Pr70 and Pr71 show large numbers of uncharred flax capsule fragments (106 fragments). These fragments are present in 90 % of the wet samples. In comparison, only two charred examples of flax capsule fragments were recovered (Appendix D : Les Bagnoles). Also, in sample Pr71, there is a concentration of 100 fragments of possible pea pods (uncharred). Uncharred flax seeds also appear in the most upper levels (70 % of the samples). Poppy seeds appear in 90 % of the waterlogged samples (Appendix D : Les Bagnoles). Nevertheless, the overall number is low, with 36 uncharred seeds for flax and 24 for poppy seeds. A rare find was a charred *Vicia faba* seed that appears in Pr69.

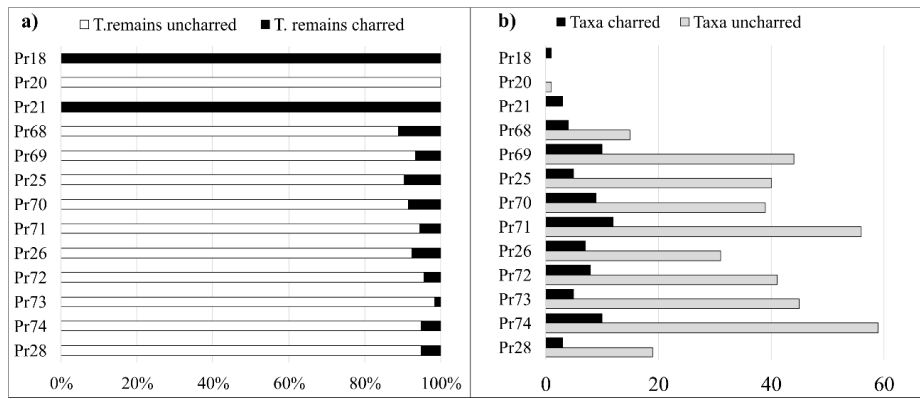


Figure 5.2 Results of the analysis of well 990. a) Proportion of total of remains (T. remains) uncharred (white bars) and charred remains (black bars) and b) differences between taxa found charred and uncharred

The bar chart (Figure 5.3) shows species from 17 different ecological groups following the classification by Jacomet (2020). The most common ecological groups are annual summer crop (yellow), wetland plants, perennial ruderals, grassland species and cultivated. The charred remains were few when compared with uncharred ones. The cultivated species were found in an uncharred form more than in charred preservation.

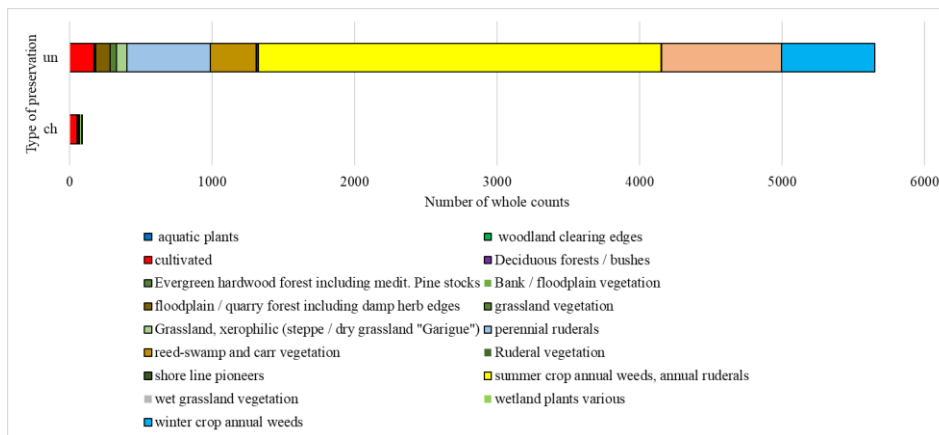


Figure 5.3 Horizontal bar chart showing the whole counts of seeds/fruits of both charred (ch) and uncharred (un) plants from the dry and wet area (Varia and no group taxa were removed)

### 5.5 Well 994 (3940-3780 cal. BC)

The structure 990 was deeper than 3.1 meters, and it was possible to identify three stratigraphic units (SU), which appear to form a square mouth of the well. This first SU might indicate some support for this structure. The second stratigraphic unit has a more complex shape as it opens on both ends (Figure 5.4). Pottery shards were found in the upper layers of this structure. Starting with the SU 3, the structure shape is more of a trunked profile, more characteristic of a well. Below this zone, the excavation method was done by spits below this zone due to the impossibility of distinguishing between the different SU. No lining was found. The radiocarbon dates on charred macroremains show two sets of dates from samples Pr42 and Pr45: 3943–3714 cal. BC and 3966–3800 cal. BC (Martínez-Grau et al., 2020). However, one of the three

samples, Pr44, gave an old date and was considered contamination or an error, 4796–4693 cal. BC (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021).

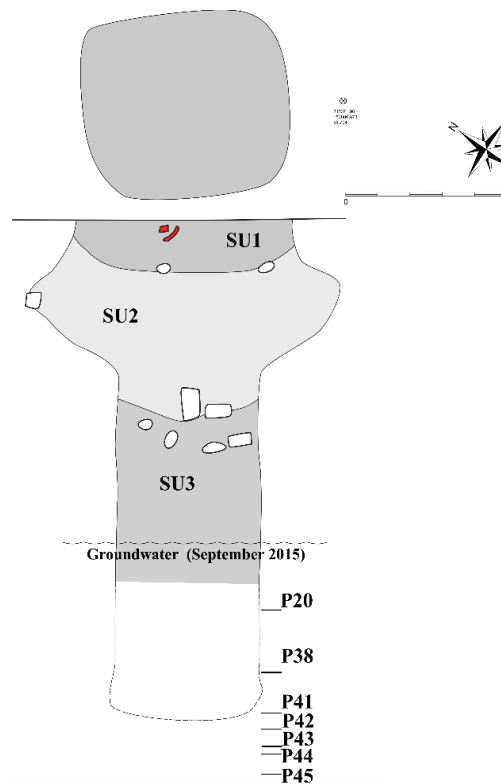


Figure 5.4 Well 994 Profile and section.

This well had ten fragments of querns and hand stones and several sherds of vases. The material coming from this structure was in worse condition than the well 990. Concerning archaeozoological data, only 6 % of the bone remains were identified as cattle, caprine and ruminants (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020, p. 267).

The carpological samples came from seven different spits from well 994 (Table 5.2); unlike the other well, two samples from the same spit were analysed, summing to 13 samples at the end. In this well, a total of 3959 uncharred remains and 664 charred remains were present. All samples were below the groundwater. In addition, two samples of Pr38 were identified as large dung, probably from a large animal.

In terms of taxa, a lower number is found in sample Pr44, indicating a moment where the well was not open or not used. However, it is clear that sample Pr42 is the one with the larger concentration of plants (Table 5.2) as well the diversity of charred and uncharred taxa (Figure 5.5b).

Table 5.2 Detail information of the samples from well 994

Sample number_ArboDat	Total remains	Spit number	Laboratory sample number	Analysed vol. of sediment	Item/liter	Type of finding	Total remains (un)	Taxa (un)	Total remains (ch)	Taxa (ch)
ISB15_St994_Pr20	32	Pr20		0.2	160	wet	25	10	7	5
ISB15_620_St994_Pr38_1	0	Pr38_1	620	0	0	wet	1	0	0	0
ISB15_620_St994_Pr38_2	0	Pr38_2	620	0	0	wet	1	0	0	0
ISB15_621_St994_Pr41_1	349	Pr41_1	621	7.5	47	wet	282	27	66	10
ISB15_621_St994_Pr41_2	394	Pr41_2	621	8.5	46	wet	339	34	54	10
ISB15_622_St994_Pr42_1	1707	Pr42_1	622	8	213	wet	1358	49	315	16
ISB15_622_St994_Pr42_2	1200	Pr42_2	622	8	150	wet	1097	36	102	15
ISB15_623_St994_Pr43_1	494	Pr43_1	623	8	62	wet	435	30	56	9
ISB15_623_St994_Pr43_2	207	Pr43_2	623	9	23	wet	188	28	19	4
ISB15_624_St994_Pr44_1	30	Pr44_1	624	9	3	wet	23	5	7	2
ISB15_624_St994_Pr44_2	31	Pr44_2	624	9	3	wet	23	8	8	4
ISB15_625_St994_Pr45_1	66	Pr45_1	625	9	7	wet	59	15	7	2
ISB15_625_St994_Pr45_2	153	Pr45_2	625	8	19	wet	130	19	23	9

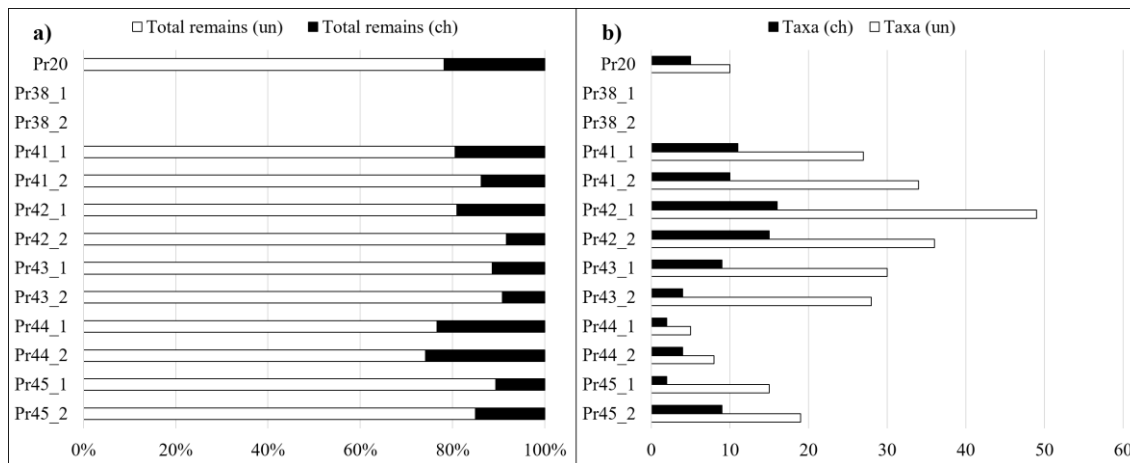


Figure 5.5 Results of the analysis of well 994. a) Proportion of total of remains uncharred (white bars) and charred remains (black bars) and b) differences between taxa found charred and uncharred

Unlike well 990, this structure has only one sample with possible pods of a pea on Pr42\_1 uncharred and one charred remain from Pr43. In terms of oil plants, the quantity is less than the previous well. Flax seeds and capsule fragments were present with four items of each in four samples. Low numbers of poppy seeds (15 seeds) were found. A total of 177 grains are present in this well and over 600 fragments of chaff. Overall the material is less fragmented in this well than well 990. In terms of charred material, this well is more predominant Figure 5.2a) than well 990 Figure 5.5a). The number of charred chaff is 328 fragments for 297 uncharred. This quantity is not comparable with the other well, where thousands of fragments of barley and naked wheat chaff were recovered uncharred against decimals of charred ones.

As can be seen in the bar chart for the ecological groups of the archaeobotanical assemblage Figure 5.6, summer crop annual weeds are dominant, followed by grassland, floodplain and wetland, and cultivated species. It is clear that most wild species are uncharred and preserved by waterlogged while the cultivated species are better preserved in a charred state.

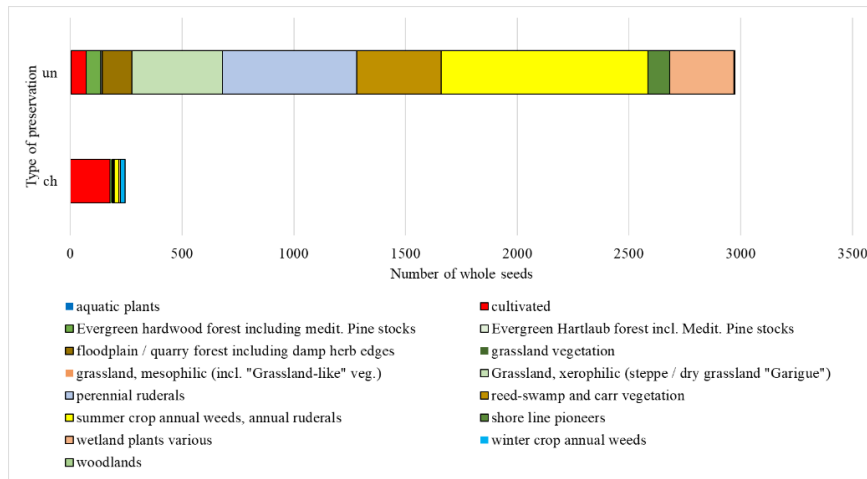


Figure 5.6 Proportion of seeds and fruits classified by ecological groups on well 994 and divided by charred (ch) and uncharred (un) (Varia and no group taxa were removed)

## 5.6 Discussion

### 5.6.1 Importance of water

Water is essential for drinking and cooking; temporary and non-temporary dwellings are settled near water sources. These water sources can be rivers, streams, or even human-made constructions such as wells, water reservoirs, or other forms of water supply (collecting and channelling rainwater). Evidence of human-made constructions is related to a more sedentary life. Settling in the land and animal and plant husbandry requires a more stable water income. This way of life seems to occur during the Middle Neolithic period, where activities resulted from a sedentary life, such as livestock, farming, pottery making, preparing fibres for textiles, or even making the day-to-day life washing and cleaning, water was needed (Brozio et al., 2014; Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014; Martin, 2012; Tegel et al., 2012; Thirault & Remicourt, 2014). Innovations in tool manufacture and woodwork techniques might have been developed at this time (Brozio et al., 2014; Tegel et al., 2012; Thirault & Remicourt, 2014). Recent studies show woodwork tools innovations such as corner joints and log construction to make massive wooden well lining (Tegel et al., 2012).

Activities such as agriculture are dependent on the amount of water present on the site and precipitation. There is little evidence of human-made constructions to store or channel water during the Middle Neolithic. Except well making, in the LBK, there are several cases. Tegel (2012) analysed different wells and defined two types of well-linings. The process was described as first making pits until reaching the groundwater level. This pit preparation was apparent in both profiles of wells 990 and 994. LBK wells could go down to 7 meters below the surface. The two types of wells are a chest-like well lining (using timber logs) and a tube-like well lining (using hollowed trunk sections) (Tegel et al., 2012).

However, it was not possible to find any lining on the wells of Les Bagnoles, and the excavation stopped at ca. 3 meters. Other researchers in Southeast France (Figueiral et al., 2013) suggested

that unlined wells could be used for less than 50 years while lined wells made of wood and stone are used for longer than 75-100. This type of well might be the case of the ones at Les Bagnoles since no lined was found and no clear indication of permanent activities.

Although these wells did not have linings, they presented an excellent case study to analyse taxa that do not appear in other dry contexts like pits. A large quantity of chaff was identified as well as pea pods. When comparing these results to the other two wells published before Clos de Roque (Martin, 2012) and Mas de Vignoles IX (Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014), the results are insufficient as the number of samples, the total number of remains and sediment is not the same, and comparison can be biased.

For Mas de Vignoles IX, for two samples each of 20 litres, only 115 macroremains were found, which is a very reduced number for waterlogged preservation. Nevertheless, five seeds of opium poppy were found and three seeds of fig (Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014) which rarely appear due to their small size and inability to survive during charring (Märkle & Rösch, 2008). At Clos de Roque, structure 2096, one single sample from SU 16 had several poppy seeds (Martin, 2012). These findings were only at the bottom of the well. Two other samples were recovered; however, possibly these were grab samples as there are no counts for the seeds, and the finds are large, like hazelnut and wild grape (Pr189 and Pr191). The sampling and excavation of the Les Bagnoles show that more effort should be made when excavating wells as they are an archive of the above environment, human activities and are in a closed context. As shown in the well 990 sketch (Figure 5.1), most plant remains in the different layers (Figure 5.2) are found in the deeper layers beyond the groundwater level. This site will soon have a critical interdisciplinary overview with the publication of the final results of the project Agrichange.

### **5.6.2 Taphonomy of well filling**

The formation processes of well deposits have both wet and dry sites deposition characteristics. Lakeshore deposits are the typical representative of the wet site where domestic waste is deposited under the houses and natural depositions of the surrounding flora (Jacomet, 2013). While for dry sites, daily waste and accidents are dumped on negative structures such as pits (Fuller et al., 2014; van der Veen, 2007). The wells deposits translated into a unique vision into the plants from the natural deposition of the environment and refuse waste from the up part of the wells or intentional drop-in. The list of taxa presented here reflects anthropogenic and natural processes.

Neolithic well fillings can go from a layer of complete ceramics (Tegel et al., 2012) to only broken pieces to a burial deposit like the case of Villeneuve-Tolosane, Haute-Garonne (Clottes et al., 1980). Deposit of whole animal bones is well known from Neolithic times (Jesus, 2016) and other periods, in Lattara dating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD with whole dogs and rabbits (Figueiral et al., 2013). After being out of use, wells can be used as a latrine; an example of that is the well identified at Sa Osa Bronze Age site in Sardinia (Sabato et al., 2015). The macroremains from this Bronze age well look like they had passed through the intestinal tract, and it was possible to identify intestinal parasites (Sabato et al., 2015).



The reason Les Bagnoles wells end up with waste, making their content inappropriate for drinking, is unknown. The hypothesis could be that they do not need that water at a given time; there is no need for drinkable water, or the water was used for other purposes. However, this provides unique preservation of organic material. Waterlogging preserves certain types of plant tissues, such as woody material. However, other plant material does not survive, such as the endosperm of cereal grains (Wilkinson & Stevens, 2003, p. 162), but fragments of grain pericarps do survive. Softer tissues such as cereal chaff, oil plants, leaves and twigs survive in waterlogged conditions. In some cases, it is not understood if the less preserved and numbered remains are connected with the sampling method, oscillations of groundwater or the archaeological sites were not of permanent use. Figueiral (2013, p. 88) suggested an example of this about Mas Vignoles IX site where the wells (PT1157 and PT1051) had very few plant remains, suggesting that the site was not a permanent habitat.

Lodwick (2017, p. 204) compiled all previous work on well formation processes and created a well deposit type classification scheme in order to identify if the deposits were primary, gradual accumulation, non-organic dump and organic dump giving stratigraphic descriptions and bulk findings to each deposit type as well the references. This section will apply this classification to the two wells analysed to understand their filling better. In Les Bagnoles, it is not possible to compare macro-remains from the wells with other structures. The reason is that charred remains found outside of the wells are scarce and not studied. Within the wells, 990 and 994, mainly wild species, reflect the surrounding environment (Jacomet, 2020). They also present some cultivated plants like cereals, such as barley, emmer, einkorn, timopheevii and naked wheats, and oil plants like flax and poppy. From pulses, pea and fava bean were found. Well 990 has a higher presence of waste from pulses pods, cereal chaff and flax capsule. For well 994, the quantity is smaller, but the number of charred remains is higher than well 990 and the presence of cultivated species (see Figure 5.5). These types of remains suggest, using Lodwick classification scheme, for both wells an organic dump deposit types. Especially in well 990, it looks more like by-products of processing of flax, poppy, pea and cereals were processed within the exact moment, probably during the summertime. The processed by-products, such as chaff and crop summer weeds, were deposited on the well. For well 994, the numbers are fewer, indicating that the well might have had a lid related to the well's unusual square mouth. Both wells had charred chaff and some grains but mainly had seeds of annual summer crop weeds. This species' presence might be related to activities practised near the well, such as harvesting, cleaning the field and preparing the soil for the next sowing (Jesus et al., 2020), which would explain the mix of charred and wet remains of flax capsules, grains and wild seeds such as *Sambucus* sp.

Since the number of grains is relatively low, maybe the clean product was transported to another site, or it might not have been preserved, or it was consumed and not left behind in the other negative structures within the Les Bagnoles site. The high number of chaff remains in well 990 could also indicate that these remains were used for fodder related to the number of dung found. For well 994, the second top layer in the wet area was only the dung of a large animal, which also attested to animal husbandry.

In terms of oil plants, the proportion of flax remains indicates maybe by-products than food consumption. There are more capsules than seeds; if the seeds had been in the well, they would be preserved better in an uncharred state and better than the capsules. Around 4000 BC, a palaeoclimatic model suggests lower mean annual temperatures and lower rainfall (Contreras et al., 2018, fig. 2). This dry climate could have affected the cultivation of flax, even though the large quantity of flax remains still visible in well 990 and there is less material in 994, but it could be that this well had a lid; therefore, less material would fall inside the well. It is unclear which purpose the flax was used for as no seed measurements were taken to distinguish the different varieties (Herbig & Maier, 2011), no textile was found, and no clear indication of textile processes.

The carpological results from Les Bagnoles are just a tiny piece of the puzzle for the understanding of the activities that were happening, and the integration of different disciplines will bring more insights into the life of communities living in these areas during the Middle Neolithic period (van Willigen, Bailly, et al., 2020).

## **5.7 Research paper 1**

The archaeobotanical data collected and assessed for the study area (discussed in section 3.10) is used to compare negative features from open-air sites in the Middle Neolithic period in Southern France. The preliminary results and discussion on the Les Bagnoles site are published in an article in the *Vegetation History and Archaeobotany* journal attached at the end of this chapter. Furthermore, the paper aims to use archaeobotanical data from wells, pits and silo-pits and storage analysis to understand the change in crop assemblages between MN1 and MN2, specifically after 4000 cal. BC, where researchers highlighted a reduction of naked wheat and an increase of glume wheat (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021). Therefore, it was essential to understand if there was an increase in storage space due to the change from naked wheats to glume wheats in the second phase of the Middle Neolithic. Although, the main result does not support an increase in silo capacity regardless of the archaeobotanical evidence.

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## Middle Neolithic farming of open-air sites in SE France: new insights from archaeobotanical investigations of three wells found at Les Bagnoles (L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Dépt. Vaucluse, France)

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### Abstract

Previous reviews of Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400–3500 cal BC) in southern France have highlighted a change in crop assemblages after 4000 cal BC, with a reduction of naked wheat and an increase of emmer and partly of einkorn. The recent investigation of three wells from the site of Les Bagnoles (4250–3800 cal BC) in the periphery of the southern Rhône valley yielded an unprecedented amount of waterlogged uncharred and charred plant macro remains that offer new insights into crop diversity and its changes over time. The results from the wells at Les Bagnoles were compared with other dated sunken features from open-air sites (in contrast to caves and rock shelters), with the aim of identifying patterns suggesting changes in the crop spectra between the early (MN1) and late (MN2) Middle Neolithic phases from taphonomically comparable contexts. The results from Les Bagnoles demonstrate that oil crops and pulses are underrepresented in dry sites and that they were a significant part of Middle Neolithic agriculture. They also indicate an increase in the representation of einkorn (instead of emmer) during MN2 that is also visible in other open-air sites. The comparison of the archaeobotanical results with silo storage capacity values as a proxy for average production capacity per household leads us to propose a possible drop in naked wheat productivity and opens new questions in factors affecting crop choice at the beginning of the 4th millennium cal BC.

**Keywords** Pits · Neolithic storage · Crop diversity · Wells · Waterlogged preservation

### Introduction

Middle Neolithic farming practices in southern France have received the attention of archaeobotanists in the last decades, either as site publications, reports or as reviews at a site scale (Phillips 1982; Marinval 1988a, b, 2003; Heinz et al. (1992; Beeching et al. 2000; Savard 2000; Thiébaud et al. 2004; Vital et al. 2007; Martin et al. 2016; Bouby

et al. 2018; Antolin et al. 2020b), but large-scale detailed analyses at a context level have not been undertaken to date. One of the reasons that explain this broad-scale approach is the existence of much data in old reports resulting from grab or non-systematic sampling, sieving with large mesh sizes, and/or works where the methodology is not clearly presented. However, efforts are being made to undertake a more accurate regional study of the Middle Neolithic period in south-eastern France (Martin 2014). The last review by Martin et al. 2016 suggests important changes in the crop spectrum which occurred at a site scale after 4000 BC, with a reduction of naked wheat in favour of glume wheats, particularly emmer. One of the questions raised in that paper concerns the type of naked wheat that was grown in the Mediterranean areas of France, whether the tetraploid or the hexaploid type. The lack of chaff remains at the investigated sites made it impossible to characterise this crop to its ploidy level. The second question is about the reasons for the changes in crop choice. According to several authors (Delhon et al. 2009; Beeching and Brochier 2011, pp 146–150),

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the expansion of farming before 4000 BC may be due to a climatic stabilisation. Conversely, several hypotheses have been proposed for the period after 4000 BC, such as increased soil erosion due to the possible human use of fire or natural fires; or a period of global cooling and hydrological changes (Magny and Haas 2004; Delhon et al. 2009, p 62) along with a regional demographic decline (Beeching 2002; Berger et al. 2019). At this juncture, a site with excellent preservation of archaeobotanical remains brought a new perspective to the existing dataset. Les Bagnoles (L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Dépt. Vaucluse, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) revealed three wells with waterlogged deposits that contained charred and uncharred plant remains from three different time spans during continuous occupation within the Middle Neolithic period, hence being the perfect site to target both of the questions posed above.

The Middle Neolithic of southern France is usually divided into two phases: Middle Neolithic 1 (MN1) 4400–4000 cal BC and Middle Neolithic 2 (MN2) 4100–3500 cal BC (van Willigen et al. 2020b). MN1 is composed of different groups of communities defined by pottery styles such as pre-Chassey or early Chassey culture (Gernigon 2014), with sites such as Pendimoun (Binder et al. 1993), Giribaldi (Thiébaud et al. 2004) and Fontbrégoua (Savard 2000). Another group is Saint Uze, with sites such as Plateau Raverre (Beeching et al. 1997), Gardon (Bouby 2009) and Chenet des Pierres (Martin et al. 2008); another pottery typology group is Montbolo, with the site Montou as one example (Buxó 2006). In this period, the open-air sites are close to alluvial terraces and open areas, sites such as Plots, Abri Font Juvenal, Le golf Auriac, Le Crès, Encombe, Saint Antoine and Le Pirou (Martin et al. 2016). The Middle Neolithic 2 period (4100–3500 cal BC) includes pottery style groups attributed to Late Chassey, La Roberte (van Willigen et al. 2014) and Neolithic Moyen Bourguignon (Sénépart et al. 2014), from different sites such as ZAC Saint Antoine II and Le Moulin (Martin et al. 2016). All the sites mentioned above have provided archaeobotanical data.

Over 70 Middle Neolithic sites with archaeobotanical data are known from the whole of France, among which the most frequent ones are open-air sites followed by cave sites (Martin et al. 2016). In this paper, we will focus on the open-air sites since the Les Bagnoles site is included in this category, while cave sites were excluded from the analysis due to their different taphonomy and uses (Martin 2014; Jacomet 2020). Open-air sites of this period in southern France have no clear evidence of structures that define the extent of the site, and they are mainly composed of negative (sunken) features in the subsoil such as pits, silos (storage pits) and wells (Thirault and Rémicourt 2014; Giligny and Sénépart 2018). Evidence of water management, such as wells, starts to be more frequent during the Neolithic period, and is normally associated with a more sedentary life and

a more fixed economy such as agriculture and animal husbandry. Several Early Neolithic wells have been found in more northern parts of Europe (Tegel et al. 2012) and in southern France (Thirault and Rémicourt 2014, p 236), and their archaeobotanical investigation has provided important additions to the available information on farming practices in those areas (Herbig et al. 2013).

Underground silo pits are the most common type of storage technology found archaeologically around the Mediterranean (Sigaut 1988). Therefore, they are the only features that allow large-scale quantitative analyses of volumetric capacity informed by consideration of silo shape, to provide insight into the cultural, technological and economic organisation of agricultural societies (Prats et al. 2020). There have been few systematic silo studies on Neolithic sites, although pioneer research was done in our study area by Beeching et al. (2010). A systematic study of prehistoric silo pits was done in previous work focused on Catalonia, north eastern Iberian Peninsula (Prats 2017), and we are currently expanding it to other areas including southern France (Antolín et al. 2018). During this work, it was observed that silo capacities in the Neolithic are significantly lower than in later periods in prehistory and that there is a progressive increase in their mean volume from 580 L in the Early Neolithic to 800 and 950 L in the Middle and Late Neolithic respectively. Archaeological and ethnographic research has tended to establish a direct relationship between storage capacity and immediate field production, that is to say, the yield of each harvest and the area which was cultivated (for example, Sharples 1991).

Consequently, we decided to work with the mean storage capacities per period as a proxy for productivity, thus avoiding the interpretation of single values. The results from Catalonia were interpreted as an increase in production capacity of households during the Neolithic period (Prats et al. 2020). Nevertheless, this interpretation is never straightforward, since the stored volume always depends on the type of crops and the form in which they were stored, so that naked wheat was usually stored as a cleaned product, but glume wheats usually as spikelets, which makes them more pest-resistant (Jones et al. 1986). Whole spikelets occupy at least double the volume of cleaned grain, as experiments suggest (Alonso et al. 2013; Cappers et al. 2013) and hence the storage space needed is larger for the same amount of grain. Since a change in crop assemblages toward more glume wheats has been detected in our study area according to previous work, the mean capacity values of underground storage pits may show a consequent increase in volume during phase MN2, if household productivity and the organisation of storage stayed constant during this change.

In this paper, the archaeobotanical data from the three wells at Les Bagnoles are presented and these results are then integrated into a regional contextual comparison of archaeobotanical evidence from taphonomically comparable

features such as pits/silos and wells. The goals of this comparison are to reflect on the representativeness of the data generated by the wells at Les Bagnoles; to understand if there is any pattern of distribution between the various crops at the structure level and to see if there was any change with time between MN1 and MN2. In order to discuss potential causes for changes in farming practices during the Middle Neolithic period, we will include an evaluation of underground storage capacity as a proxy for productivity.

## Materials and methods

### The Les Bagnoles site

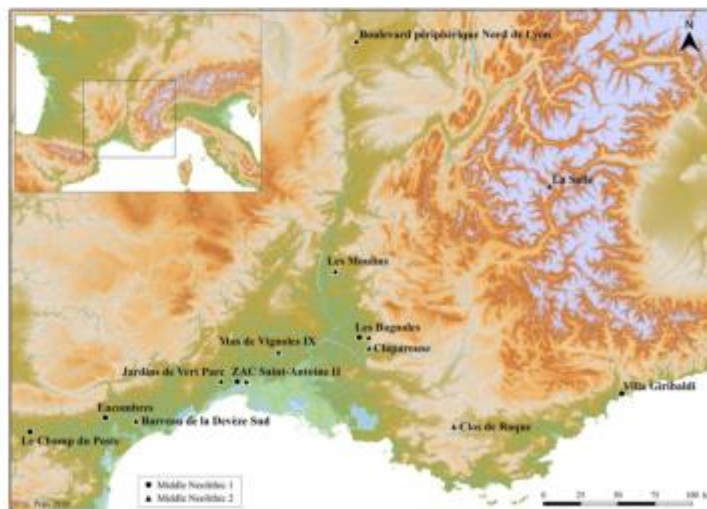
The archaeological site of Les Bagnoles is located 2.5 km southwest of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Dépt. Vaucluse (Fig. 1), on alluvial soils (Sargiano et al. 2010), within a mosaic of plant communities that go from woods by rivers to wet and dry grasslands as well as ruderal vegetation connected to human impact on the landscape (Jacomet 2020). The site was found in 2006 and excavated scientifically between 2012 and 2015 by Landesmuseum Zürich (Swiss National Museum) and the Universities of Basel and Aix-Marseille (van Willigen et al. 2020a). Several phases of occupation were detected, dated to the Middle Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Gallo-Roman and modern periods, mainly as negative structures, such as pits, silos, post holes and wells (site plan, ESM Fig. 1, well 250, ringed in red, above, and

wells 990 and 994 below; Denaire and van Willigen 2020). In this paper, we will focus on the three Middle Neolithic wells (structures 250, 990 and 994) dated between 4250 and 3700 cal BC because they offer a unique record of crop remains (well sections, ESM Fig. 2). All wells lacked any sort of lining.

The wells were dug in spits (artificial levels) of 20 to 10 cm. Structure 250, more than 3 m deep, was excavated in two halves (ESM Fig. 2a). The southern half was dug first, in spits of 15–20 cm, while the northern half was dug in spits of ca. 10 cm. Due to the higher precision of the sampling, the northern half was prioritised. Additionally, samples from a test core were also investigated. Permanently waterlogged deposits were reached at a depth of 2.5 m, although the water table could have been often much higher in the past. Structure 990 was 3.3 m deep and the lower part of the well was sampled in spits of 10 cm for the whole well, but not in halves, due to the difficulty of working at such a depth (ESM Fig. 2b). A core sample was also taken. Finally, Structure 994 was more than 3.1 m deep and sampled in the same way as well 990 (ESM Fig. 2c). The archaeobiological sampling of wells 990 and 994 concentrated on the waterlogged layers, and all the sediment was kept for further scientific analyses. The wells contained large amounts of pottery, flint, animal bones and dung, suggesting daily refuse deposits (Antolín et al. 2020a, c).

Well 250 is radiocarbon dated to ca. 4250–4050 cal BC, well 990 to 4050–3980 cal BC and well 994 to 3940–3780 cal BC (Table 1; Martínez-Grau et al. 2020).

**Fig. 1** Map showing all the sites in southern France discussed in the paper



**Table 1** Dates on seed and fruit remains from the wells at Les Bagnoles by ETH, Zürich

Lab.code	Sample No	Taxon dated	Age (yrs BP)	cal BC (2σ)	References
ETH-60868	Str 250 P11	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	5,306 ± 27	4233–4048	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-60867	Str 250 P11	Cerealia	5,331 ± 27	4252–4051	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-60870	Str 250 P12	<i>Triticum</i> sp.	5,302 ± 31	4237–4042	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-60871	Str 250 below P13	Cerealia	5,323 ± 31	4252–4047	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-88901	Str 990 P70	<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	5,226 ± 25	4219–3969	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-88904	Str 990 P25	<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	5,213 ± 25	4048–3968	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-88902	Str 994 P42	<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	5,027 ± 26	3943–3714	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)
ETH-96173	Str 994 P45	<i>Triticum</i> cf. <i>monococcum</i>	5,096 ± 28	3966–3800	Unpublished
ETH-88903*	Str 994 P44	<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	5,874 ± 25	4796–4693	Martínez-Grau et al. (2020)

Calibrated with OxCal v. 4.3.2 (Bronk Ramsey 2017) and IntCal13 atmospheric curve (Reimer et al. 2013)

\*Interpreted as an error or a contamination

### Archaeobotanical analyses from Les Bagnoles

The sediment samples were pre-treated with a water softener (Calgon) if samples were sieved in the field or by freezing and thawing (Vandorpe and Jacomet 2007). The latter method was used particularly for the waterlogged sediments. These were then sieved with the wash-over technique (Steiner et al. 2015) and the different fractions (> 4 > 1 and > 0.35 mm) were sorted under a stereo microscope. The 0.35 mm fractions were subsampled with the grid method (van der Veen and Fieller 1982) and ca. 10 ml of residues were sorted. The resulting data were added to the ArboDat 2018 database (Kreuz and Schäfer 2002). Cereal identification criteria follow available literature (Jacomet 2006). This study uses the traditional nomenclature of Zohary et al. (2012) for crops. Only grains with embryo ends were counted (Jones 1990) and only nodes of free-threshing rachis remains or glume bases for glume wheats (Hillman et al. (1996). Cf. *Pisum sativum* (pea) pod fragments were counted if the fragments were larger than 12 mm<sup>2</sup> (Fig. 2k) (description of these remains in Antolín and Schäfer 2020). Wild plants are not the object of study of this paper and are not included here, but the preliminary results were recently published (Antolín et al. 2020a, c; Jacomet 2020).

All in all, 65 samples from the three wells were analysed, adding up to more than 500 L of sediment. For most spits in the permanently waterlogged parts of each well, up to eight buckets (8 L each) of sediment were sieved, although only one or two of these were analysed. The analyses presented here are only a fraction of the total contents of the wells, and the screening of the remaining samples in the future may provide additional interesting finds such as extra cereal grains, charred seeds of pulses or large-seeded fruits. This paper therefore focuses on the general trends of the main crops. Each well is presented here as one feature since the samples were relatively homogeneous and no internal stratigraphy was observed in the waterlogged deposits (Table 1).

### Regional comparison of archaeobotanical data and silo pits

Data from a total of 48 Middle Neolithic sites in southern France were included in the on-going AgriChange project database (Antolín et al. 2018). Of these sites, 27 are open-air sites, 15 caves, two shelters and three lakeshore settlements. All the sites yielded charred material but only three provided waterlogged plant remains, always from well contexts, Les Bagnoles, Clos de Roque and Mas de Vignoles IX. For this paper, we will focus on the open-air sites (Fig. 1) with pits, silos and wells as long as the data are available at a feature level, along with a clear chronology, either from radiocarbon dating or by pottery typology (Table 2). The data are organised according to the type of structure (well, pit/silo) and comparisons are made between each type of feature per phase and between the two phases of the Middle Neolithic period. The sites of Clos de Roque and Mas de Vignoles IX are both dated later than the MN2 period (ca. 3500 BC). They were, however, included in our analyses since there are only a few wells with waterlogged material, and they contributed significantly to the purposes of the paper. These sites are often integrated into syntheses about this period (van Willigen et al. 2014; Martin et al. 2016; Antolín et al. 2020b).

For incomplete grains, the total number of fragments of each taxon was divided by four and then added to the total of complete grain counts for the quantitative analyses. All barley identifications were grouped into one category, *Hordeum distichon/vulgare*, but it includes *H. ssp. vulgare*, *H. ssp. nudum*, *Hordeum* sp. and *Hordeum* remains (cfs). Grain counts were mostly used because chaff remains were only rarely found. Chaff was only used when there were no charred grains from sites with waterlogged material such as Clos de Roque, except Les Bagnoles.

Frequency per structure at a site level was used to produce bar plots that summarise the trends per phase, which



**Fig. 2** Archaeobotanical finds from the wells at Les Bagnoles. **a** *Triticum* cf. *durum/turgidum* (rachis segments, waterlogged); **b** *Hordeum distichum* (naked) (rachis segment, waterlogged); **c** *H. vulgare* var. *nudum* (rachis segment, charred); **d** group of rachis segments of *T.* cf. *durum/turgidum* (waterlogged); **e** *T. monococcum* (spikelet fork, waterlogged); **f** *T. monococcum* (spikelet, charred); **g** *Triticum* sp.

new type (spikelet fork, charred); **h** *Papaver somniferum* ssp. *somniferum/setigerum* (seeds, waterlogged); **i** cf. *Pisum sativum* (pod fragments, waterlogged); **j** *Linum usitatissimum* (seed, waterlogged); **k** *L. usitatissimum* (capsule segments, waterlogged). Photos by Raül Soteras

**Table 2** Sites included in the analysis, dates, types of features, mesh sizes used, volumes of sediment and charred grain counts

Phase	Site	Date (cal acy pottery typol.)	Structures analysed (archaeobotany)	Storage struct. analysed	Mesh (mm)	Vol. (L)	Amid. vulgare	Trit. aestivum/durum/hargitolum	Trit. monoc.	References
MIN1	Encornebes	4349-3998	5 str. (1069, 1073, 1077, 1081, 1101)	7 deep silos	0.5	63	2	9	-	Arnold et al. 1996; Vaquer et al. 2003, p. 349; Martin et al. 2016
MIN1	Le Champ du Prost	4339-4088; 4233-3994	8 str. (34, 37, 44, 240, 387, 251, 287, 288) and 288)	17 deep silos (incl. 34 and 288)	5; 2; 0.4	110	34	69	16	Conventis and Georjon 2018; Figueiral 2018
MIN1	ZAC Saint-Antoine II	4330-4050	2 str. (2605, 2219)	4 deep silos (incl. 2605)	4; 2; 0.5	60	6	18	1	Roussellet 2011; Sendra et al. 2011
MIN1	Villa Grimboldi	4330-4040	3 str. (3, 6, 7)	-	1	Unk.	44	91	24	Binder et al. 2004; Thirault et al. 2004; Binder and Lepere 2014
MIN1	Les Begnoles	4250-4050	1 well (250)	-	4; 2; 0.35	365	33	53	4	Arnolin et al. 2020b; van Willigen et al. 2020a
MIN2	La Salle	Bizien	1 str. (4)	-	1	Unk.	291	-	-	Martinet 2003; Vaquer et al. 2003, p. 348
MIN2	Bureau de la Devèze Sud	4071-3953	1 str. (2115)	7 deep silos (incl. 2115)	5; 2; 0.4	10	158	53	-	Figueiral 2012; Vergely et al. 2012; van Willigen et al. 2020b, p. 369
MIN2	Claprouse	4040-3800	1 str.	1 deep silo	Unknown	7	9	17	27	Bouby and Léa 2006; Martin et al. 2016
MIN2	Jardins de Vert Pare	Well 1045; 3791-3655	4 str. (1068, 1085, 1095, 1095) and 1068)	5 deep silos (incl. 1095, 1085 and 1068)	4; 2; 0.5	129	5	13	1	Bouby 1999; Vaquer et al. 2003, p. 349; Vignaud 2003
MIN2	Les Moulins	3959-3785	12 str. (16, 51, 54, 62, 69, 70, 75, 129, 132, 139, 152, 170)	35 deep silos	2	Unk.	1672	20	13	Beeching et al. 1986; Beeching and Cordier 1997, 2004; Beeching 2015; Balthazier et al. 2015; Martin et al. 2016
MIN2	Mas de Vignoles IX	str. 1391; 3360-3098	2 wells	-	2; 0.4	30-60	-	-	-	Figueiral and Sejahn 2014; van Willigen et al. 2020b, p. 369
MIN2	ZAC Saint-Antoine II	4100-3950 4050-3800	5 str. (2018, 2537, 2288, 2021, 2384)	7 deep silos (incl. 2021 and 2384)	4; 2; 0.5	170	3	15	50	Roussellet 2011; Sendra et al. 2011
MIN2	Les Begnoles	4050-3980 3940-3780	2 wells (990 and 994)	5 deep silos	4; 2; 0.35	162.2	46	24	10	Arnolin et al. 2020b; van Willigen et al. 2020a
MIN2	Clos de Roque	3656-3526	1 well	-	10; 0.5; 0.2	100	-	1	-	Martin 2012, p. 242
MIN2	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon	3780-3522	-	3 deep silos	-	-	-	-	-	Vital et al. 2007, p. 65

Note that only remains from dated pits have been included, for the total amount of remains at a site level, see Martin et al. (2016)





**Table 3** Total results of the identification of cereal and fruit remains of cultivated plants from the three wells at Les Bagnoles

Vol. (L)		379.1	60.6	84.2
Number of samples		39	13	13
Well		250	990	994
Chronological dates (cal BC)		4250-4050	4050-3980	3940-3780
<b>Cereals, charred</b>				
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	Grain	33	36	10
<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	Grain	53	13	11
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	Grain	4		
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	Grain	3		10
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	Grain		1	
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	Grain	62	2	5
Cerealia indet.	Grain	456	5	140
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	Rachis	26	282	32
<i>Triticum</i> cf. <i>aestivum</i> type	Rachis	1	6	7
<i>Triticum</i> cf. <i>durum/turgidum</i> type	Rachis	34	175	38
<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	Rachis	50	96	24
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	Glume base	6	24	11
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	Glume base	2	22	64
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	Glume base	1	1	
<i>Triticum</i> sp., "new-type"	Glume base		21	2
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	Awn frag.			3
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	Chaff	9	13	13
Cerealia indet.	Ear base	1	5	2
Cerealia indet.	Awn frag.	24		2
Cerealia indet.	Straw node	22	10	
Cerealia indet.	Chaff	21	112	129
<b>Cereals, waterlogged</b>				
Cerealia indet.	Pericarp	277	55	45
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	Rachis	56	2601	10
<i>Triticum</i> cf. <i>aestivum</i> type	Rachis		4	16
<i>Triticum</i> cf. <i>durum/turgidum</i> type	Rachis	71	3034	16
<i>Triticum aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	Rachis	55	586	6
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	Glume base	4	735	15
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	Glume base	3	288	77
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	Glume base		106	17
<i>Triticum</i> sp., "new-type"	Glume base		2	
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	Chaff	3	50	9
Cerealia indet.	Ear base		16	
Cerealia indet.	Straw node	10	2	2
Cerealia indet.	Chaff	65	1,459	148
<b>Pulses, charred</b>				
<i>Lens culinaris</i>	Seed	2		
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Seed	1		1
Fabaceae (cf. <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	Pod fragment		1	
<i>Vicia</i> cf. <i>faba</i>	Seed		1	
<b>Pulses, waterlogged</b>				
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Seed		1	
Fabaceae (cf. <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	Pod fragment	4	181	4
Fabaceae (cf. <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	Hilum		3	
Fabaceae (cf. <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	Calyx		5	1
<b>Oil plants, charred</b>				
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Capsule segment		2	
<b>Oil plants, waterlogged</b>				
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Seed	1	36	4
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Capsule segment	1	231	4
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> ssp. <i>somniferum/setigerum</i>	Seed	292	54	15

represents most accurately the recurrence of the use of a crop taxon within each particular phase at the sites (Popper 1988).

In order to see if these recurrences had a direct expression in the number of grains per crop found per site, we calculated proportions of each crop type for all features with at least 30 identified cereal grains. For the first phase MN1, material from six features and for MN2, five features were available. These results were again drawn as bar plots with the standard deviation shown.

### Analysis of storage capacity

Due to the lack of the original ground surface at most open-air sites excavated in our study region, storage features can only be analysed as isolated contexts and not in relation to dwellings or similar features. We cannot be sure if a silo could be related to only one household and that is why we are not interpreting isolated values, but observing the general trend for each of the two chronological phases, as in Prats et al. (2020).

Underground storage features from the analysed sites were classified typologically and their capacity was calculated (for the methodology, see Gilibert 2009; Prats 2017; Prats et al. 2020), to correlate it with any potential changes in the crop assemblage. The resulting volume values are inevitably an underestimate of their real storage capacity (Bogaard et al. 2009).

We initially considered a total of 91 underground features with a clear chronology, with a < 3.5 top diameter/depth index (D–D index) and with a depth of more than 35 cm. Most of the Middle Neolithic pits are bell-shaped (ESM Fig. 3), as observed in Catalonia (Prats 2017), so this will not be further discussed here. From MN1, 28 features from three sites, Encombres, Le Champ du Post and ZAC Saint-Antoine II were analysed with an average depth of 55 cm and average D–D index of 2.5 (Fig. 1). From MN2, 63 structures from seven sites, Barreau de la Devèze Sud, Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon, Claparouse, Jardins de Vert Parc, Les Bagnoles, Les Moulins and ZAC Saint-Antoine II, were analysed, with an average depth of 72 cm, average D–D index of 1.5 and with better preservation than the MN1 features.

## Results

### General results from Les Bagnoles

Overall, 844 remains of charred cereal grains, 1,291 charred and almost 9,500 waterlogged chaff remains were found (Table 3, photos of a selection of remains in Fig. 2). Oil plants and pulses were mostly identified from waterlogged

remains (837 waterlogged remains, eight charred). Up to six cereal taxa were identified, barley (identified as *Hordeum distichon/vulgare*, but mostly belonging to six-rowed naked barley), with the presence of the two-rowed type as shown in Fig. 2b, c. Naked wheat included both types of chaff remains, hexaploid *T. aestivum*-type and the tetraploid *durum/turgidum*-type, the latter being overwhelmingly dominant. Glume wheats were found, such as *Triticum dicoccum* (emmer), *T. monococcum* (einkorn) and the new type glume wheat (*Triticum* sp. new type), which are shown in Fig. 2. Free threshing cereals (barley and naked wheat) are in general better represented than glume wheats, in a proportion of 8:1 for grains and 5:1 for chaff remains, both charred and waterlogged. Fragments of the ear base were found in all wells, as well as straw nodes both charred and waterlogged. Waterlogged cereal pericarp and testa fragments, mostly not identifiable to species level, were also recovered. Three species of pulses were found, *Lens culinaris* (lentil), *Pisum sativum* (pea) and *Vicia cf. faba* (broad bean), but the number of finds was very low. Only cf. *Pisum sativum* (pea) pod fragments were found in significant numbers. Two oil plants were almost exclusively represented by waterlogged remains of *Linum usitatissimum* (flax) and *Papaver somniferum* ssp. *somniferum/setigerum* (possible opium poppy) (Fig. 2h–j).

### Well 250 (ca. 4250–4050 cal ac)

Naked wheat grains are dominant in this well, followed by barley, while glume wheat grains are very rare (Fig. 3a). Among the oil plants and pulses, opium poppy is the best represented, while this is the only well from which lentil has been found at Les Bagnoles.

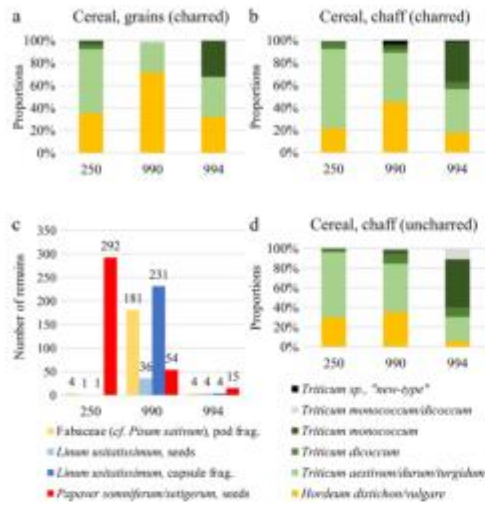
### Well 990 (4050–3980 cal ac)

*Hordeum* (barley) is clearly dominant in this feature, both in grain and chaff remains, followed by *Triticum* (naked wheat). Charred chaff remains of barley are as well represented as naked wheat, while glume wheats reach ca. 10% of the total remains (Fig. 3b). Uncharred chaff remains show a more explicit dominance of barley, followed by naked wheat and a more important representation of glume wheats (15%). The new type glume wheat was also found in this well. Pea was the dominant pulse in this well, although it also yielded the only find of *Vicia faba* (broad bean) from the site. Both capsule and seed remains of *Linum* (flax) were found in this well, also more than 50 seeds of opium poppy.

### Well 994 (3940–3780 cal ac)

The most recent well shows a clearly different crop spectrum, with an equal representation of all cereal groups. In

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**Fig. 3** Proportions of the most important cereal taxa from Les Bagnoles according to **a** charred grains; **b** cereal charred chaff remains; **c** number of remains found per well of the main pulses and oil crops (only waterlogged remains); **d** uncharred (waterlogged) chaff remains

fact, chaff remains of glume wheats are dominant both in the charred and the uncharred record (Fig. 3d). Naked wheat is particularly badly represented among the chaff remains. Oil plants and pulses were recorded in small amounts (Table 3).

**Discussion**

**The crops from the wells at Les Bagnoles in the context of the Early and Middle Neolithic of southern France and adjacent regions**

Thousands of uncharred waterlogged chaff remains from naked and glume wheat and also from barley, along with abundant finds of oil plants and pulses, were found from the wells at Les Bagnoles. Neolithic sites with waterlogged preservation are rare in Mediterranean Europe, and dry sites often reveal a limited insight into plant economy due to taphonomic factors. This makes the findings from Les Bagnoles unique and provides a new insight into crop diversity during the Middle Neolithic period in southeastern France.

The infillings of the wells represent accumulations of refuse during the immediate period after the last use of the wells for their original purpose. Besides plant finds, large amounts of animal remains (mostly bones, but also dung of vertebrates and large amounts of invertebrates, mainly

insects), pottery, grinding stones, etc. were recovered from these features, suggesting their closeness to the living area (for a discussion of the possible origin of well infillings see Jacomet 2020 and the literature cited there). Therefore, the contents of the wells inform us about domestic economic practices as may do other negative features such as pits and silo pits, which were filled with deposits of secondary refuse (Kreuz 1990; Schiffer 1991; LaMotta and Schiffer 2002; Fuller et al. 2014), with the added benefit of having waterlogged plant remains preserved. Such waterlogged features offer excellent preservation conditions, which allow not only the preservation of a considerable number of charred grains and abundant chaff remains, but particularly also uncharred waterlogged chaff.

Barley is one of the best represented crops at the site. Chaff remains suggest the presence of mostly six-rowed naked barley in all the Les Bagnoles wells, but two-rowed barley was also present. The presence of both types of barley during the Middle Neolithic in the area had not yet been noticed before, mainly due to the scarcity of chaff remains in the archaeobotanical record. Barley seems to have spread in the northwestern Mediterranean area since the Early Neolithic period in the first Impressa culture sites (ca. 5850–5650 cal BC) in southern France (Bouby et al. 2020a). Ear and rachis fragments of two-rowed barley (unclear if hulled or naked) were recorded from La Draga in Banyoles, Spain, belonging to the Cardial culture (ca. 5400–5000 cal BC) (Antolín et al. 2014, 2015). However, only a few barley rachis remains have been recovered from the Middle Neolithic sites of the northwestern Mediterranean, and these were not identified to variety level (Antolín 2016), although they seem to be of the six-rowed type, as suggested in the recent study of the site of Auvelles (Castelló de Farfanya, Catalonia) (Antolín in press).

Naked wheat also spread quickly across the western Mediterranean since the early Neolithic, mostly the tetraploid type (*Triticum durum/turgidum*), found at sites such as La Marmotta (Lago di Bracciano, Italy) (Rottoli 1993) and La Draga (Llac de Banyoles, Spain) (Antolín et al. 2014). Possible rachis fragments of the hexaploid type were reported from La Draga, just like the ones found from Les Bagnoles, mixed with the dominant tetraploid ones. The presence of both types of naked wheat together has long been known from the circum-Alpine Neolithic pile dwellings (Schlumbaum et al. 1998), although the tetraploid type was also strongly dominant there. Thus, we can confirm that tetraploid naked wheat was present in southern France and probably dominant over other naked wheats during the Middle Neolithic, which was not known until now due to the scarcity of chaff remains at previously investigated sites, as reported by other authors (Martin et al. 2016).

The results of Les Bagnoles indicate a significant increase of einkorn in the most recent well, dated to ca. 3950–3750 cal BC (MN2). Earlier results have shown that during the early Neolithic (5th millennium BC) these glume wheats had considerable importance in the area investigated, but then during MN1 they became rare, before they regained importance during MN2 (Bouby et al. 2020a; de Vareilles et al. 2020). This increase coincides with general observations based on grain counts from sites in southern France (Martin et al. 2016; Antolín et al. 2020b), which suggest a revived focus on glume wheats. In order to avoid taphonomic biases, we will test this hypothesis using a contextual approach, by using only negative features such as wells and pits in the following section (as in Jesus et al. 2020).

Until now, the new type of glume wheat had only been found at a Middle Bronze Age site (ca. 1500 BC) in southern France (Toulemonde et al. 2015), while Neolithic finds seemed to be restricted to the Linearbandkeramik (LBK) area. The recent finds of this taxon in northern Italy (Rottoli and Castiglioni 2009) and other Mediterranean sites such as La Draga and Can Sadurní in Catalonia (Antolín et al. 2015; Antolín 2016) show that it was present in the area since the 6th millennium BC, but probably not as a crop on its own. This is presumably also the case at Les Bagnoles, judging from the available evidence.

The results from Les Bagnoles are even more relevant regarding pulses and oil plants. Pulses have already been found from other sites, particularly *Lathyrus cicera/sativus* (pea, grass pea) and *Vicia sativa* (common vetch), but the numerous waterlogged probable pea pod fragments found at Les Bagnoles show that their importance is clearly underestimated in the charred record. In addition to this, one seed of *Vicia faba* (broad bean) was also recovered, which had not been identified to date in this region (Martin et al. 2016). The abundant remains of *Linum* (flax) seeds and capsule segments and *Papaver somniferum* (opium poppy) also suggest that their importance in the economy was greater than originally considered, because they are rarely preserved at dry sites (Jacomet 2013).

#### Importance of crops at Les Bagnoles compared to other Middle Neolithic wells and pits in southern France

In order to discuss the representativeness of the data on crop changes obtained from the wells at Les Bagnoles in the context of southern France as a whole, we compared first the results from other wells in the region and then from other negative features, as taphonomically comparable deposits.

Sites with waterlogged deposits are extremely rare in southern France. As already mentioned, there are only the

wells at Mas de Vignoles (Nîmes) (Figueiral and Séjalon 2014) and Clos de Roque (Saint-Maximin-la-Ste-Baume, Dépt. Var) (Martin 2012). However, little is known about the methodologies used for sampling and processing the waterlogged plant remains from these sites. Only the well of Clos de Roque yielded waterlogged plant remains in high numbers. Unfortunately, the sieved fractions were dried, which probably destroyed all fragile plant remains such as chaff fragments (for a discussion of this topic see Tolar et al. 2010). Both wells also provided a very small amount of charred cereal remains, which renders them irrelevant for the characterization of cereal agriculture in the Neolithic period (Table 4). The scarcity of charred material from Mas de Vignoles led the authors to suggest that food preparation was not taking place near the wells and that the lack of material indicates that these structures were on the periphery of the living area (Figueiral and Séjalon 2014, p. 33). Conversely, *Papaver* seeds (presumably uncharred) were found from both wells, confirming the importance of poppy and its consistent underrepresentation at dry sites due to preservation and recovery issues. Pulses were not reported from the wells at Clos de Roque and Mas de Vignoles IX.

The data from Les Bagnoles, with abundant waterlogged remains of chaff and presence of pulses and oil plants, have more in common with the lakeshore sites of different parts of Europe, such as the Jura region in France, in Switzerland and in southern Germany (for example, Maier 2001; Jacomet 2007, 2014). This dissimilarity with other wells in southern France may be due to methodological reasons and it probably suggests that if more wells had been properly excavated and sampled, supraregional comparisons between these areas would be possible.

The charred archaeobotanical record from Les Bagnoles was compared on a regional level with southern France, calculating both the ubiquity (presence) and the proportion of remains of each crop per site. The sites are grouped chronologically into MN1 or MN2, as shown in Table 2.

The calculation of ubiquities at a feature level resulted in the same trend as observed from Les Bagnoles, with a decrease in naked wheat (and emmer), similar importance of barley and a significant increase in einkorn (Fig. 4a). This suggests that the observed trend is representative at the level of the domestic economy, since ubiquity values best reflect the repetition of activities in the past. In order to confirm this, we calculated the average proportions of the same crops at a structure level, only using features with 30 or more crop remains, now including Les Bagnoles to make the dataset more solid (Fig. 4b). The decrease in naked wheat and the increase in einkorn are also clearly visible using this approach, and it therefore confirms the previously observed trend. This is in slight disagreement with the increase of emmer proposed by Martin et al. (2016), which could be due to our different approach and focus on open-air sites.

**Table 4** Cultivated plant list from the archaeobotanical analyses of the Neolithic wells studied in southern France (for cereals only grains are shown)

Site	Les Bagnoles			Clos de Roque*	Mis de Vignoles IX**	
	4200-4050	4030-3980	3980-3880	3650-3350	Middle Neolithic (Chasséen)	
Age cal bc	4200-4050	4030-3980	3980-3880	3650-3350	Middle Neolithic (Chasséen)	
Well	250	990	994	ST2096	1157	1051
Stratigraphic unit	Several	Several	Several	16	1719	1724
Volume (l)	379.1	60.6	84.2	100	20-30	20-30
<b>Cereals (grains, charred)</b>						
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	33	36	10			
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	4					
<i>T. monococcum</i>	3		10			1
<i>T. monococcum/dicoccum</i>		1		1		
<i>T. aestivum/durum/turgidum</i>	53	13	11	1		
<b>Pulses (seeds, charred)</b>						
<i>Pisum sativum</i>		1				
<b>Oil plants (seeds, uncharred)</b>						
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> ssp. <i>somniferum/setigerum</i>	292	54	15	593	5	
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	1	36	4			

\* Martin 2012

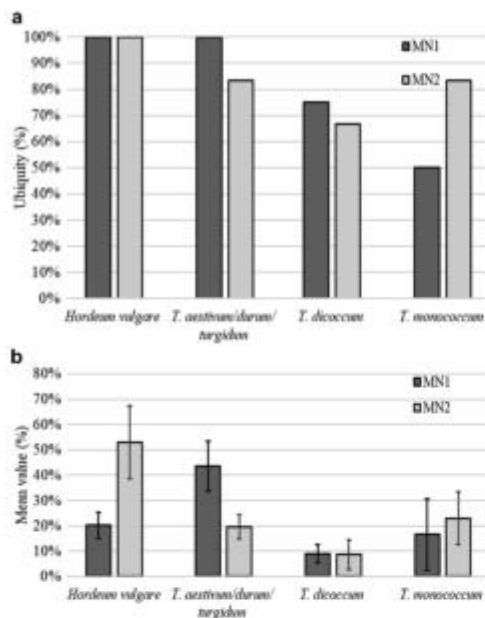
\*\* Figueiral and Sejalón 2014

**Possible reasons for the change in crop choice at the beginning of the 4th millennium bc**

The increase in the presence of glume wheats has been discussed already. Martin et al. (2016) propose some possible causes, such as cultural contacts, expansion of farming on to poorer soils, environmental changes or techno-economic changes.

Cultural contacts are indicated by finds which show the exchange of materials such as pottery, raw materials and stone objects. Examples of these are found from throughout the Neolithic period and normally associated with rivers as exchange routes such as the Rhine and also the Mediterranean coastline (Denaire et al. 2011). According to evidence from MN2 burials there are clear signs of exchanges between northern Italy, Catalonia and Switzerland; differences in the funerary practices in southern France also show distinct regional groups within the late Neolithic “classic Chassey” culture such as the Rhodanien Chassey and the Bize group (Vaquer 2014). There is little evidence of house plans in southeastern France, however the few which are available show cultural influences from Switzerland (Cortailod culture) and from northern Italy (Chassey-Lagozza culture) (Saintot et al. 2009, p. 120; Giligny and Sénépart 2018, pp. 35–42). The presence of Chassey pottery and artefacts in the Sepulcres de Fossa communities in Catalonia demonstrate exchange between these two groups (Mestres and Tarrús 2016), as well the presence of pearls made of variscite (a phosphatic mineral) from Gavà (Spain) in MN2 burials in southeastern France (Vaquer 2014, p. 2). The archaeobotanical record from the Middle Neolithic in

Catalonia is dominated by naked barley and naked wheat (Antolín in press; Antolín et al. 2015, 2018), so it is unlikely that cultural contacts with this region favoured the choice of glume wheats over free-threshing cereals. Unfortunately, the archaeobotanical record in northern Italy is poorly known, and we cannot be sure if glume wheats could have arrived from that region (Rottoli and Castiglioni 2009). Current analyses on the lakeshore site of Isolino di Varese suggest that this possibility exists (Antolín, unpublished). Influences from the western Balkans could possibly explain the cultural factors affecting crop choice in northern Italy, considering the state of research for this period (Reed 2016), but much more research is needed on northern Italy to show that this was the case. In such a hypothetical scenario, the contacts between northern Italy and southern France could also have favoured the increased presence of glume wheats in the latter region, but this is currently a matter of pure speculation. In fact, glume wheats were always present to some degree in the region, so external influences might not be the only reason for an increase in these crops. This could also be due to changes in preferences and uses of the crop by-products, for instance. As indicated by Bouby et al. (2020b), einkorn was still an important crop in southern France during the Late Neolithic (3500–2200 bc), with an apparent lack of correlation with climatic events, which would suggest that the choice could have been just a matter of a greater interest in this crop. Ethnographic studies show that einkorn is used nowadays by people with less income (Peña-Chocarro et al. 2009, p. 109), despite its lower productivity and higher workload requirements, such as for dehusking, but this could have been perceived in a different way in the past. The



**Fig. 4** Comparison of ubiquities and proportions at a context level between pits/silos from open-air sites in southern France grouped into MN1 and MN2 phases. **a** ubiquity of each crop at a feature level (silo/pit) per site, wells excluded (MN1, 5 sites; MN2, 6 sites, further details in Table 4); **b** average value and standard deviation obtained from the proportions calculated for each crop at a feature level, including the wells of Les Bagnoles. (MN1, 3 sites and 6 structures; MN2, 5 sites and 7 structures)

villages where einkorn is still grown nowadays are intimately associated with traditional uses of the crop by-products such as the use of einkorn straw for thatching, and for making hats and other things (Peña-Chocarro et al. 2009, p. 109; Hajnalová and Dreslerová 2010, p. 171). This might suggest that during MN2 there could have been a change of preference to a richer grain in terms of taste and nutrients, which is more resistant to fungi and to harsh weather but also had possible uses of its straw for other activities. This preference could have been sustained in some areas of southern France until the Late Neolithic period (Bouby et al. 2020b).

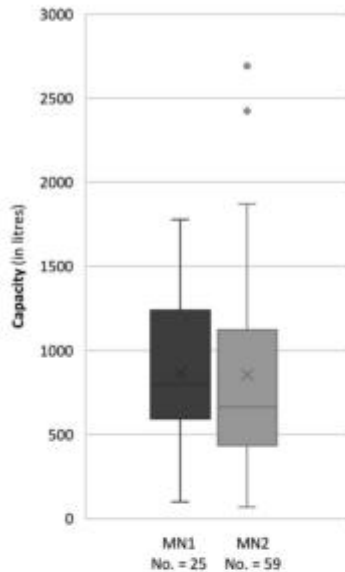
Climatic influence could also have determined the type of wheat which was grown. Glume wheats have several advantages compared to free-threshing wheat. It is well known that their storage in spikelet form protects them from insect attack both in the field and in storage (Jones et al. 1986). Glume wheats are known for surviving harsh conditions and poor soils, yet still providing good yields (Laghetti et al. 2009, p. 4), while under colder weather conditions einkorn

is the most durable (Laghetti et al. 2009, p. 6). Emmer is also known to resist fungal diseases (Laghetti et al. 2009, p. 4). A recent palaeoclimatic model suggests that there were lower mean annual temperatures and particularly lower annual rainfall after 4000 bc in the area around Les Bagnoles (Contreras et al. 2018, Fig. 2). While durum wheat would have tolerated drier climatic conditions, a colder climate in combination with lower rainfall could have been a reason for a reduction in productivity of naked wheat (Pala et al. 1996).

In order to test a possible influence of climate on annual crop productivity, we decided to use underground storage capacity as an indicator. Given that glume wheats are stored as spikelets (see above), an increase in storage capacity would be expected for these in MN2, if productivity and storage practices stayed constant. As mentioned above, 28 features from three MN1 sites and 63 structures from seven MN2 sites were taken into consideration (ESM Table 1).

The comparison between the volumetric means (MN1, 866 L; MN2, 797 L) and the medians (MN1, 855 L; MN2, 662 L) between MN1 and MN2 unexpectedly reveals a small volume decrease in MN2 (Fig. 5). Actually, neither mean value can be considered significantly different according to the T test. As explained in the introduction, this contradicts our hypothesis that growing more glume wheats would lead to larger mean storage capacity values. We exclude a taphonomic bias because, as shown in the results, the MN2 silo pits are better preserved. It is also an unexpected trend compared with previous diachronic evaluations in nearby regions such as Catalonia (Prats et al. 2020). This result may be due to various reasons: 1, an overall lower productivity during MN2; 2, a more diverse storage system during MN2, including above-ground structures or large jars, which could only be further investigated archaeologically; 3, a continuity of storage pit shape and capacity irrespective of productivity; or 4, a biased result influenced by our choice of sites. Although the state of research is still at an early stage, we interpret the lack of significant increase in storage values in MN2, coupled with the decrease of naked wheat in the record, as signs of lower productivity of naked wheat grown. It could be due to less favourable climatic conditions, as suggested above, that farmers tried to compensate for by growing more einkorn, already present in previous phases but in small amounts, thus increasing its ubiquity and absolute numbers in the MN2 record.

For the moment, it is not clear if one or all of these hypotheses may play a role in explaining the decrease of naked wheat and increase of einkorn in MN2. Future investigations should look into further aspects such as crop pests or crop or artefact exchange as well as other indicators of cultural influences (such as new house plans, funerary practices or regional pottery styles) between Switzerland, southeastern France, northern Italy, the western Balkans and Catalonia in order to give a better indication of cultural contacts among them.



**Fig. 5** Box plots summarizing the minimum and maximum volumes in L of the preserved parts of the silos, as well as the medians and means (x) for MN1 (3 sites) and MN2 phases (7 sites)

**Conclusion**

This paper discusses the archaeobotanical results from three Middle Neolithic wells at Les Bagnoles in southeastern France and compares them to other similar structures at sites of the two phases of the Middle Neolithic period. The results from Les Bagnoles provide an unusually large amount of data that allow new detailed insights into agriculture in Middle Neolithic France. The large quantity of plant remains found at this site, in comparison to other investigated wells, shows how essential it is to apply the appropriate sampling and sample processing methodology to such waterlogged sediments. Uncharred cereal chaff remains are among the first types of finds to be damaged by inappropriate sieving and handling of the sieving residues. At the same time, charred material is also better preserved in such waterlogged contexts and it was retrieved in significantly greater amounts from Les Bagnoles compared to other contemporary sites. A continuation and improvement in systematic sampling and sediment processing techniques are therefore necessary to achieve the desired quality and quantity of data on Neolithic farming practices in the region.

The regional comparison of the available archaeobotanical data shows some further gaps in research, such as absence of full context-level publications and clear dating of archaeological features and/or archaeobotanical material. The review in this paper is solidly based on a selected choice of reliably dated features and thus it obtained novel results. Our results partly corroborate existing chronological overviews in that there is a slight decrease in the presence of naked wheat and increase of glume wheats. The difference is that in our study, einkorn is more predominant in refuse deposits from open-air sites dated after 4000 cal bc. These results indicate that the increase in interest towards this crop happened before the Late Neolithic, as suspected until recently. The comparison of the archaeobotanical results with the underground storage capacity values revealed unexpected patterns that suggest increased instability in crop productivity which probably affected naked wheat crops, coupled with the increased presence of glume wheats, which from then onwards became more important in the record. This integrated approach opens new ways of dealing with factors affecting crop choice in prehistory. This comparison shows that by looking at the same data but examining it according to the type of context, such as silos, new perspectives appear, as well as new questions. Further insights may be gained in the future by integrating other proxies such as stable isotope analysis of grains and evidence for crop pests in the region, which are currently in progress within our AgriChange project.

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## Chapter 6 The importance of opium poppy today

### 6.1 Introduction

Opium poppy, *Papaver somniferum* subsp. *somniferum* L. (Figure 6.1) is a species with various uses and is world-famous for its medicinal, alimentary and decorative purposes (Tetenyi, 1997). The country with the largest production of opium poppy is Afghanistan, with 6.000 tons of opium and 250.000 hectares of cultivated poppy (UNODC, 2020, fig. 1). This production is then seized by its neighbour country Iran, the majority as opium, morphine and heroin (UNODC, 2020, fig. 4).

In Europe (apart from the pharmaceutical production), opium poppy production is around 1086 tons (FAO). Seeds are mainly used for food in many regional dishes in eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania). The seeds can be used in savoury and sweet dishes being, the most famous the poppy strudel baked at Christmas time and Easter.

*Papaver* probably originates from the Latin *papariorum* or “papa” as baby food, while in ancient Greek “Mékōn” means poppy (2017a). There is also a word in Sanskrit, papavira ou papavara, which denotes the “pernicious juice”, latex (Grauso et al., 2021). In Europe, there are two clear roots for the names of opium poppy: on one side coming from the Latin “papa”: *Papaver*, papoila, pavot, poppy and from the eastern side resembling more to the greek word “Mékōn”: Mohn (german) and mak (russian).

### 6.2 Taxonomy

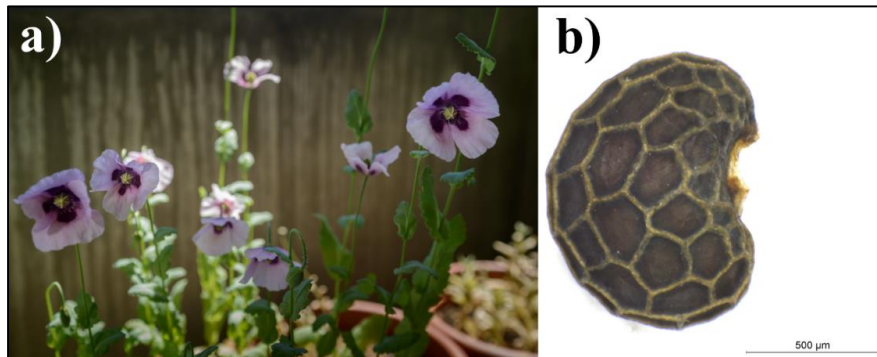


Figure 6.1 Plant and seed of opium poppy. a) Flowers of opium poppy from experimental cultivation at IPNA in 2018. b) seeds of opium poppy from the IPNA collection. Photos by Raül Soterras.

The opium poppy species was first coined by Linnaeus in 1753 as *Papaver somniferum* L. and accepted today as *P. somniferum* L. subsp. *somniferum* (Kadereit, 1988). Despite this name change, the progenitor of the opium poppy is still being discussed today. One of the candidates is *Papaver somniferum* L. subsp. *setigerum* (DC.) Arcang (Bakels, 1982; Kreuz, 2012; Salavert, 2010; Zohary et al., 2012). To keep the names in a more straightforward matter in this work, they will be abbreviated from now on as *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum*.

*P. somniferum* is an annual herb, 30-150 cm high, self-pollinated and most actual cultivars are diploid. It belongs to the Genus *Papaver* from the Papaveraceae family, order Ranunculales. The family includes 41 genera and 660 species (Tison & Foucault, 2014). This family is famous for its many ornamental and pharmaceutical plants. Some species of *Papaver* are cultivated and

used such as *Papaver rhoeas*, *Papaver bracteatum* and *Papaver orientale*. *Papaver somniferum* is, however, the only domesticated species.

Table 6.1 *Papaver* species present in the study-area

Taxa	Size (Bojnanský & Fargašová, 2007)	Study-area	Distribution reference
<i>Papaver cambricum</i> L.		FR; ES	(Kadereit et al., 2011)
<i>Papaver apulum</i> Ten.		IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver argemone</i> L.	0.5-0.6 x 0.9-1.1	FR; ES; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver dubium</i> L.	0.5-0.6 x 0.7-0.9	FR; ES; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver hybridum</i> L.	0.5-0.7 x 0.8-1	FR; ES; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>lecoqii</i>		FR; ES; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver occidentale</i> (Markgr.) H. E. Hess & Landolt		FR; CH	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver pinnatifidum</i> Moris		FR;ES	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> L.	0.5-0.7 x 0.8-1	FR; ES; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver alpinum</i> aggr.	0.9-1.1 x 0.5-0.6	FR; CH; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver lapeyrousianum</i> Gutermann		FR; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver croceum</i> Ledeb.	0.5-0.6 x 0.8-1	FR; IT; CH	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver aurantiacum</i> Loisel.		FR; IT; CH	<a href="#">InfoFlora</a>
<i>Papaver sendtneri</i> Hayek		CH	<a href="#">InfoFlora</a>
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> subsp. <i>setigerum</i> (DC.) Arcang.	0.6-0.7 x c. 0.9	ES; FR; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> subsp. <i>somniferum</i> L.	0.9-1.1 x 1.3-1.5	ES; FR; IT	<a href="#">EuroMed</a>

The *Papaver* genus includes over 80 different species (Tison & Foucault, 2014, p. 876), which can be annual, biennial and perennial plants distributed in central and south-western Asia, central and southern Europe and northern Africa (Kadereit, 1988). All species of *Papaver* grow in open and unevenly disturbed habitats. Perennials and biennials taxa grow in the mountains above 1000 m of altitude; annuals are mostly lowland taxa (Kadereit, 1997). The seeds are all reniform to a comma-shaped/kidney shape in outline, globoid and round. The seed size varies from 0.5 to 1.5 mm (see Table 6.1). The seed's surface is concentrically areolate/reticulate with several areoles, some with outer edges and ridges. In this thesis, we call them "cells".

### 6.3 Phylogeny of the genus *Papaver*

*Papaver* taxonomy is still debated. Kadereit (1988), Zohary et al.(2012), and Carolan et al. (2006) all argued that *P. somniferum* has two subspecies: *setigerum* and *somniferum*, the latter being the domesticated one. Whether *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* represent two distinct species or should be considered as two subspecies is still debated. At the molecular level, Hosokawa et al.(2004) argued that both species were identical, but for Dittbrenner et al. (2008), the differences are strong enough to consider them as two different species.

Opium poppy (*P. somniferum*) contains more than 40 different alkaloids. The main alkaloids are morphine, codeine, thebaine, papaverine and noscapine (Dittbrenner et al., 2009). According to some studies (Dittbrenner et al., 2009; Garnock-Jones & Scholes, 1990), the main

alkaloid content of *P. setigerum* is almost the same as *P. somniferum*, only less quantity of morphine is reported. Dittbrenner et al. (2009, p. 106) conclude that the way to distinguish *P. setigerum* from *P. somniferum* was by the hairiness of the buds and the high content of papaverine compound. Using only certain alkaloids to distinguish different species can be equivocal. Since alterations to the alkaloids' quality and quantity can vary depending on where and when opium poppy is grown (Dittbrenner et al., 2009; Yazıcı & Yılmaz, 2017). Interestingly, a study from Turkey shows that plants sown during summer have more codeine and morphine than those sown in winter (Yazıcı & Yılmaz, 2017).

#### 6.4 Distributions of *Papaver* species past and present

The *Papaver* species mentioned in this thesis are mainly localized in the Mediterranean areas or in central Europe (Figure 6.2). Nowadays, *P. somniferum* is everywhere (see [EuroMed](#)), and *P. hybridum* has been introduced in different countries (see [KewScience](#)); though, no use is known for this species.

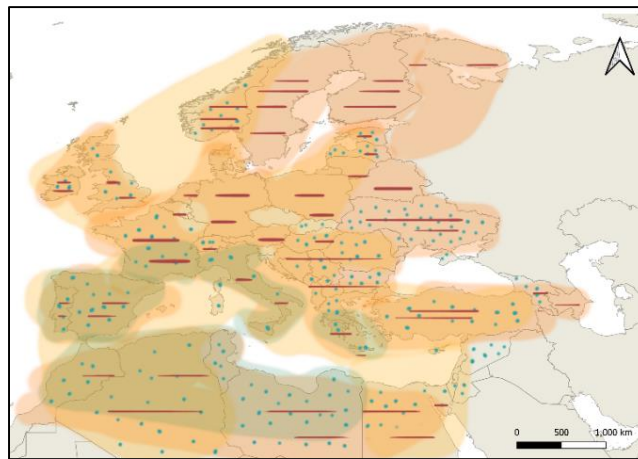


Figure 6.2 Map with the distribution of the main *Papaver* species. Green: *Papaver setigerum*; Light pink: *P. rhoeas*; yellow *P. argemone*; red lines: *P. dubium*; blue dots: *P. hybridum* source: EUROMED

There are several native *Papaver* species in the study region, as shown in Table 6.1 and on the map (Figure 6.2), showing the most typical taxa present at the European level. In our study, the *P. somniferum* group correspond to three subspecies that could potentially be present in the archaeological seeds identified as *P. somniferum/setigerum*. These are *P. somniferum* seeds related to domestic species, *P. setigerum* seeds for not domestic and *P. nigrum*, a domesticated subspecies of *P. somniferum* (Hammer, 1981; Hrish, 1960; J. Renfrew, 1973). Other common species found in the archaeological record are *P. album*, *P. hybridum*, *P. rhoeas*, and *P. argemone*. For this reason, our analyses only used these species (Figure 6.3).

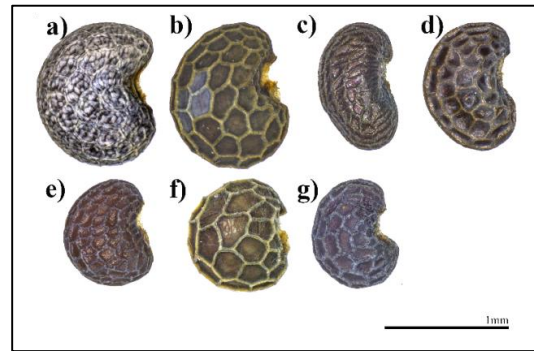


Figure 6.3 Photos of the seeds from different species found in the study area. a) *P. nigrum*; b) *P. somniferum*; c) *P. argemone*; d) *P. hybridum*; e) *P. rhoeas*; f) *P. setigerum*; g) *P. dubium*. Photos by Raül Soterras.

## 6.5 Geographic area and habitat

*P. setigerum* is an annual plant, 60 cm high, and, as a field weed, it occurs in disturbed grounds (Bojnanský & Fargašová, 2007, p. 167). This species is native to the western Mediterranean (Bojnanský & Fargašová, 2007; Zohary et al., 2012). The species' native area englobes Algeria, Balears, Canary Island, Corse, France, Italy, Libya, Madeira, Morocco, Portugal, Sardinia, Sicilia, Spain, and Tunisia (KewScience, 2017b). At the same time, *P. setigerum* is both diploid and tetraploid and inter-fertile with the *Papaver somniferum* cultivars (Hammer & Fritsch, 1977); taxonomy is still debated, as mentioned before.

The area of the present opium poppy covers different parts of Europe, see [EuroMed](#). It grows in damp soil, in warm temperate climates. The narcotic principles are not produced in the plant when grown in colder temperate zones. Sowing time is just after the last snow or into the springtime. The production and maturation of seeds require long and warm weather, and rain might affect the seeds' quality (Yazıcı & Yılmaz, 2017).

## 6.6 Uses

Four species of *Papaver* are known to be used for food, ornamentation and medicine. These are field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*), Persian poppy (*Papaver bracteatum* L.) and opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*).

As its common name indicates, field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) is a field weed. The flowers can be eaten and turned into syrup, which is used today as a red dye or food flavouring, especially in wine ([Pfaf](#)). They can also be used as medicine to treat earache, toothache and neuralgia. An infusion of the petals is traditionally taken for coughs, insomnia and poor digestion ([Kew](#)). The presence of rhoeadine and benzyloisoquinoline acts as a sedative and does not induce addiction (Grauso et al., 2021; Oh et al., 2018). The seed has a nutty flavour and does not contain alkaloids; it can also produce an edible oil. Leaves (raw or cooked) can be eaten before the flower buds are formed. Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*) is used for ornamental purposes, while Persian Poppy (*Papaver bracteatum* L.) is used as a medicinal plant, a natural source of opiate - thebaine (Hadipour et al., 2020). From thebaine, oxycodone is produced, this is semi-synthetic drug with potent pain-relieving effects (Riley et al., 2008).

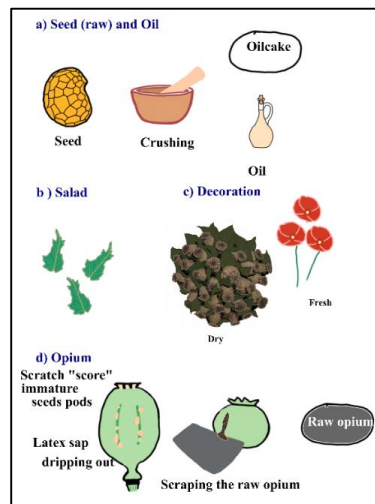


Figure 6.4 Scheme of the uses of opium poppy

The leaves (Figure 6.4: b) of the opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) are eaten in salads in Southeast Asia (Tetenyi, 1997, p. 415). Poppy oil (Figure 6.4: a), made from seeds, is also used in cooking; however, its shelf life is not long as it becomes rancid quickly (Tetenyi, 1997). The by-products of poppy oil, such as oilcake (Figure 6.4a), can also be given to domestic animals (Tetenyi, 1997). However, the poppy straws cause distress to animals and are not used as fodder (Tetenyi, 1997). Fresh flowers or dry capsules can be used as decoration (Figure 6.4c). Latex (Figure 6.4d) is a thick juice that comes from the immature seed pods (capsule), and opium is dried latex. The most known method of extracting opium is scoring the capsules with a pointing tool (e.g. nashtar), making small incisive lines that make the opium sap drip out (Krikorian & Ledbetter, 1975, p. 40). The sap (latex) is left to dry on the capsule. When the sap is dry and becomes a darker paste, it is then scraped from the capsules (Krikorian & Ledbetter, 1975, p. 44).

Opium poppy seeds can be white, blue, yellow, brown, and grey and have a distinct taste described as nut aroma (Tetenyi, 1997). The seed is highly nutritious, with most of its fat content, followed by protein. It also has an abundance of vitamin E, F, pantothenic acid, biotin, and minerals such as calcium, iron, magnesium, and potassium. They can also have alkaloids if contaminated by insects or by external contamination during harvesting (OJEU, 2014). The EU has some recommendations that have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union concerning the growing of seeds, storage and pre-treatment (OJEU, 2014). The main recommendation is that when the seeds are contaminated and have alkaloids, the seeds themselves are pre-treated before consumption. This pre-treatment is known from traditional Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Bulgaria, and Slovenia recipes. The poppy seeds are typically ground, cooked in milk and then mixed with the batter to be baked.

## 6.7 Domestication and previous studies

The main domestication traits in opium poppy are capsule indehiscence and increased capsule and seed size (Zohary et al., 2012). However, since the sizes can overlap, the seed's size has not proven a good criterion for distinguishing different species (Fritsch, 1979). Cultivated varieties accepted are var. *hortensis* (Zohary et al., 2012) and var. *nigrum* (Hammer, 1981; Hrish, 1960; J. Renfrew, 1973).



The best part of the plant for the morphological distinction between domestic and wild poppies would be the capsule. The characteristics of domesticated opium poppy are that the capsules become larger and the pores beneath the stigmatic lobes do not open when the seeds are matured (Zohary et al., 2012). However, capsules are rarely present at archaeological sites. Therefore, in this thesis, seeds are used instead of capsules.

Archaeobotanical research can bring insights into the poppy domestication process. Since several seeds are found in the study area, as discussed in the previous chapter, a method to study these tiny seeds was developed. A detailed protocol can be found at the end of Appendix E and synthesized in the article found at the end of this chapter (Jesus, Bonhomme, et al., 2021).

Previous studies focused on the size of the seed not only as a criterion for identifying the domestic species in the Swiss sites but also for comparing the archaeological seeds to modern species (Bosi et al., 2006; Fritsch, 1979; Hammer, 1981; Knorzer, 1971, pp. 34–39; Merlin, 1984, p. 57; Villaret-von Rochow, 1967, p. 50). The modern species used and described by these scholars were *Papaver somniferum* var. *setigerum*, var. *nigrum* DC, var. *album* DC, var. *rotundilobum*, *P. argemone*, *P. dubium* and *P. rhoeas*. While papers of Hammer (1981) and Fritsch (1979) focus on modern seeds of *Papaver somniferum*, Bosi et al. (2006) compare modern seeds with archaeological seeds from a medieval site based on their morphologic aspect (appearance of the surface, the shape of the cells and colour) and biometric factors (length, width of the seed and ratio between the two measures, edge thickness of the areolae, maximum diameter (= Ø max) of the five largest areolae in succession on the same face).

Besides size, the seed coat pattern referred here to as cell was also used as a criterion in previous studies; Fritsch (1979) and Bosi et al. (2006) measured the largest cell dimension. Villaret-von Rochow (1967) checked the range and means of the number of cells between recent *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum* and the archaeological seeds from the Neolithic site of Burgäschisee-Sud, on the border of the cantons of Berne and Solothurn in Switzerland.

In Fritsch (1979) paper, the main conclusions are that *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum* are hard to distinguish due to their large variability in length, width, and seed coat structure. In the Burgäschisee-Sud site (Switzerland) case, Villaret-von Rochow concluded that the *P. nigrum* was not similar to the archaeological seeds and showed correspondence to *P. somniferum* and the closest relation to *P. somniferum* convar. *rotundilobum* (Villaret-von Rochow, 1967, p. 50).

In order to get optimal results, we focus on two criteria that previous studies used (Bosi et al., 2006; Fritsch, 1979; Villaret-von Rochow, 1967), namely size measurements (width and length) and the number of cells, to which we added a new descriptor – shape. The new criterion shape was retrieved using geometric morphometric methods (GMM). Geometric morphometric analysis is a quantitative method of measuring the form (size and shape) and shape (only shape) (Gunz, 2020, p. 199). Geometric morphometrics (GM) has become part of the biological research because it combines statistical rigour and intuitive interpretation (Gunz, 2020). This method has been used in archaeobotanical research for the study of large macroremains such as grapes (Pagnoux et al., 2015; Terral et al., 2010), date palm stones (Terral et al., 2012), olive stones (Terral et al., 2004) and grains (Bonhomme et al., 2017; Ros et al., 2014; Roushannafas

et al., 2022; Wallace et al., 2019). This approach will be, for the first time, applied to tiny seeds such as poppy seeds.

Before starting the shape analysis, the protocol and photo technique are defined (Appendix E: Protocol for application of GMM to archaeobotanical material). The error analysis is performed to check for potential errors in the protocols and if the technique is reproducible. Then, measuring a sequence of two-dimensional (x and y) landmark coordinates. The landmarks had been chosen and can be identified on every specimen in the sample set. Five landmarks were positioned in each photo. The results of the error measurements were noted at the operator level but these were small enough to be able to be used and reproduced (Jesus, Bonhomme, et al., 2021).

The shape of the modern and archaeological seeds was described with outline analyses using elliptic Fourier transforms (EFT) (Kuhl & Giardina, 1982). This protocol was developed in Research paper 2. The (x; y) coordinates of the outline were obtained with the Momocs 1.3.0 (Bonhomme et al., 2014) package in an R 4.0.0 environment (R Core Team, 2020). Landmark n°2 was used as the initial point for each outline that corresponds to 360 points equally spaced points. The outlines were normalised for their position, size and orientation using full generalised Procrustes alignment of the landmarks (Rohlf & Slice, 1990). The elliptic Fourier transform method decomposes the outlines into a harmonic series of trigonometric functions - called harmonics - associated with coefficients (Bonhomme et al., 2014), further used as quantitative shape variables.

For more details on this approach, check Research paper 2 at the end of this chapter. Mainly the approach was applied first to the different modern species according to each descriptor. Then, we combine all the criteria (size, number of cells and shape) to discriminate the different species. Finally, this method was applied to the archaeological seed as the method proved to be successful on modern seeds (Research paper 3).

Previous studies did not use digital photos, which are more practical, even though not error-free. Measuring with a binocular can lead to similar positioning errors, while digital photos could bring other problems such as errors in processing mounted pictures, cleaning and landmarking. The main advantage is the possibility of double-checking the results and seeing the seeds without doing it physically (in case the seed is elsewhere, was lent, disappeared, or destroyed for dating). The biggest advantage of this protocol is that it allows the repeatability of the results by other scholars and the use of the data for future comparisons. All seeds are measured in the same way using the same software and can be used by other researchers (Appendix F: Metadata of the morphometric study of poppy seeds).

## **6.8 Collecting modern species**

Since the method was applied only to waterlogged material, carbonising or attempting experimental charring tests were unnecessary. Creating a high-quality modern seed collection of *Papaver* species was essential to be able to compare to archaeological seeds. Nevertheless, the poppy seeds were collected from four different sources: 1) seeds already existing in the institute (IPNA), 2) seeds donated from collaborators of the project (Graineterie - seed

collection of the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) in Paris, France), 3) collected from old archives from National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) in Paris, France and the Jardin Botanique de Genève, Switzerland and lastly 4) from six *Papaver somniferum* given by Pro Specie Rara for growing as an experiment in the balcony of the institute (IPNA). The importance of having an extensive collection of poppy seeds is that there is a lack of knowledge of the variability within opium poppy seeds. The need for this is to ensure that differences between them are meaningful and not just an artefact of environmental or geological variables. Even though only seeds from Graineterie and the institute (IPNA) were used for this thesis's geometric modern morphometrics (GMM), it was not possible to study all the seeds due to time constraints. Nevertheless, the seeds were kept, and a brief description was done; consequently, they can be used for future projects.

The sample collection from Herbaria was performed with care. In order to extract the seeds from within closed capsules, the plant was moved slightly upside down and softly beat the capsules making the seeds come out. In rare cases, *bisturi* was used to remove a piece of the capsule and take some seeds. From the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) in Paris, 37 plants were sampled and from Jardin Botanique de Genève, 24 plants. In total, the assessment of these seeds resulted in 18 specimens with seeds that could be used for GMM, Table G1 in Appendix G.

The experiment of growing poppy seeds on the balcony lasted two years. The first year held more plants than the second one. Six varieties of *P. somniferum* given by the Pro Specie Rara (a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to preserving the genetic diversity of plants and animals in Switzerland) were grown in small pots on the balcony. This experiment was to see if seeds size would change when grown in particular conditions, such as in a pot in the North of Switzerland. Sadly, the plants were infected by black aphids and spider mites in both years. The seeds themselves were not healthy as well. For more details and photos, see Appendix G: Collecting poppy seeds. This experiment was to be able to do a more detailed analysis of the specimens and landrace level. It could test the possibility to distinguish seeds from the same variety from the same capsule, same year and then to other capsules from that year. This would give a better overview of the variability of the seeds in a small experiment.

## **6.9 Research paper 2**

Detailed results of modern species' shape, size and number of cells analyses are given in Paper 2: **A morphometric approach to track opium poppy domestication** on the next page. This is the first time the distinction of these different *Papaver* species is systematically assessed for all these descriptors.

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## A morphometric approach to track opium poppy domestication

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Opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum* L. subsp. *somniferum*) was likely domesticated in the Western Mediterranean, where its putative wild ancestor is indigenous, and then spread to central and northern Europe. While opium poppy seeds are regularly identified in archaeobotanical studies, the absence of morphological criteria to distinguish the seeds of wild and domestic forms prevents the documentation of their respective historical and geographical occurrences and of the process of opium domestication as a whole. To fill this gap and better understand the status of this crop in the Neolithic, we combined seed outline analyses, namely elliptic Fourier transforms, with other morphometric descriptors to describe and identify *Papaver setigerum*, *Papaver somniferum* and other *Papaver* taxa. The combination of all measured parameters gives the most precise predictions for the identification of all seven taxa. We finally provide a case study on a Neolithic assemblage from a pile-dwelling site in Switzerland (Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra, ca. 3170 BC). Our results indicate the presence of mixed populations of domestic and wild seeds belonging to the *P. somniferum* group, suggesting that the plant was already in the process of domestication at the end of 4th millennium BC. Altogether, these results pave the way to understand the geography and history of the poppy domestication and its spread into Europe.

Opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum* L.), as the principal source of opium and opiate drugs, today, as in the past, is a most controversial species. This plant has multiple uses including medicine (e.g. morphine), decoration (as an ornamental plant) and food. Poppy seeds can be used for making porridge, eaten raw or pressed for edible oil<sup>1</sup>. Unlike the founder crops (different cereals, pulses and flax) that are known in Europe, arriving from the Near-East during the Neolithic period (ca. 6500–3500 BC), opium poppy is currently supposed to have been domesticated outside of the Fertile Crescent. Its domestication probably took place in the Western Mediterranean area from where the putative progenitor is native and still growing wild today, *Papaver somniferum* subsp. *setigerum* (DC.) Arcang.<sup>2–6</sup> (from now on *P. setigerum*). *Papaver somniferum/setigerum* seeds are reported in the archaeological record starting from the Neolithic period (6th-millennium cal. BC)<sup>5,7,8</sup>. Regrettably, these are not identified to subspecies/status level (i.e. at the wild/domesticated level) because no clear criterion exists for these seeds to be distinguished. This paper aims to fill this methodological gap to further gain knowledge for the archaeological and the botanical sides of *Papaver* domestication history. The goals of the paper are to distinguish the wild from domestic species in modern *Papaver* through the application of traditional and geometric morphometrics on seeds. Then we use this methodology to establish the status of this plant during the Neolithic period using archaeological seeds from a case study in central Europe, Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra (ca. 3170 BC). This is the first time this approach is used to study the domestication process of opium poppy.

The genus *Papaver* encompasses more than 80 different species<sup>9</sup> of annual, biennial and perennial plants distributed in central and south-western Asia, central and southern Europe and northern Africa<sup>10</sup>. All species of *Papaver* grow in open and unevenly disturbed habitats. Perennials and biennials are mountain taxa growing above 1000 m while annuals are mostly lowland taxa<sup>11</sup>. *Papaver* species encountered in western and southern Europe and identified in the archaeological record are: *P. album*; *P. hybridum*; *P. rhoeas*; *P. argemone*; as well as different subspecies and one variety of the *P. somniferum* group (here referred at the species level for the sake of simplicity): *P. somniferum*, *P. setigerum* and *P. nigrum*.

*Papaver* taxonomy is still debated, Kaderett<sup>10</sup>, Zohary et al.<sup>6</sup> and Carolan et al.<sup>12</sup> all argued that *P. somniferum* has two subspecies: *setigerum* and *somniferum*, the latter being the domesticated descendant. Whether *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* represent two distinct species or whether they should be considered as two subspecies is still debated. Using sequences of the plastid gene *rpl16* and the *rpl16-rpl14* Hosokawa et al.<sup>13</sup> argued that both

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Taxa	ANOVA F	P-value	%ME
<b>Position test</b>			
<i>P. somniferum</i>	1.3208	0.093	85.339
<i>P. setigerum</i>	2.3065	0.039	79.283
<i>P. nigrum</i>	3.2988	0.013	68.504
<b>Cleaning test</b>			
<i>P. somniferum</i>	4.4525	0.004	46.493
<i>P. setigerum</i>	17.502	0.001	15.382
<i>P. nigrum</i>	7.079	0.001	33.043
<b>Landmark test</b>			
<i>P. somniferum</i>	37.649	0.001	7.566
<i>P. setigerum</i>	13.648	0.001	19.171
<i>P. nigrum</i>	27.335	0.001	10.226

**Table 1.** Results of the reproducibility tests (seed positioning, photography cleaning and landmarking) performed through Anova: F: Fisher statistics, P-value and measuring error (%) when comparing the three taxa of *P. somniferum*.

species were identical. Likewise, a phylogenetic study of *Papaver* based on DNA sequences was unable to distinguish these two taxa<sup>12</sup>. The opium poppy (*P. somniferum*) is an annual herb, 30–150 cm high, self-pollinated and most of the actual cultivars are diploid. *Papaver setigerum* is an annual plant, 60 cm high, a field weed occurring in disturbed grounds<sup>14</sup> and native to the western Mediterranean<sup>6,14</sup> in Algeria, France, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia<sup>15</sup>. *P. setigerum* is both diploid and tetraploid and inter-fertile with the *P. somniferum* cultivars<sup>16</sup>.

The history and mechanisms of opium poppy domestication remain unclear despite the abundance of archaeological seeds in sites dated to the Neolithic period, particularly in the Alpine Foreland<sup>5</sup>. Archaeobotanical remains are usually broadly identified as *P. somniferum*, yet their domesticated status is unclear<sup>7</sup>. The domestication syndrome of opium poppy encompasses the increase in the size of the capsule and seeds, as well as capsule indehiscence<sup>6</sup>. Previous studies attempted to distinguish wild from domestic opium poppy seeds based on the size, comparing archaeological seeds to modern species<sup>17–22</sup>. However, the size of the seed alone has not proven to be a good discriminating criterion<sup>20</sup> since it overlaps between the two species.

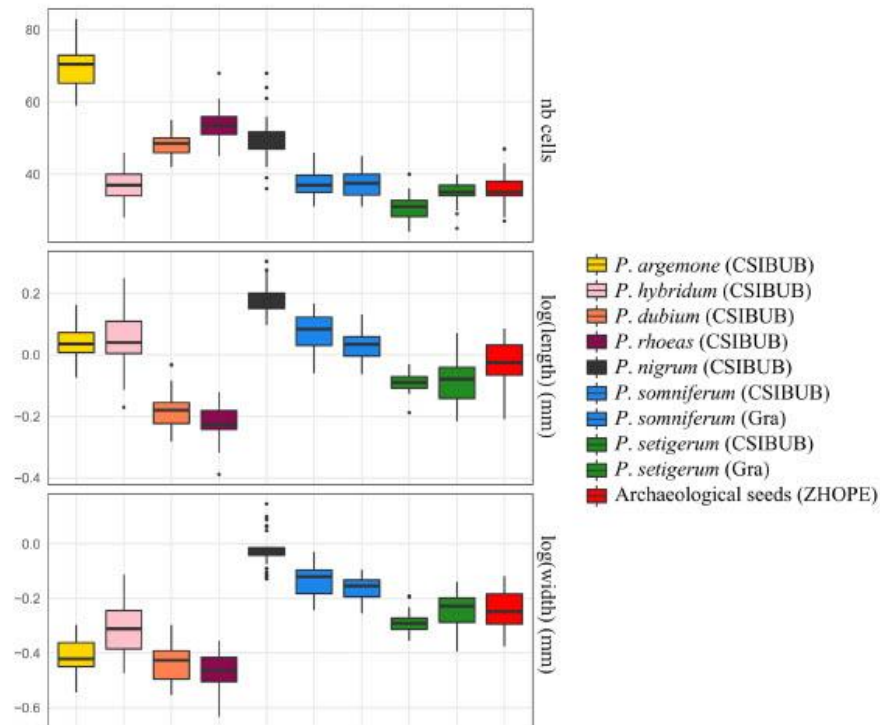
This paper addresses two questions: (i) can we distinguish between modern seeds of the wild (*Papaver setigerum*), domestic (*P. somniferum*) and other *Papaver* species? If so, (ii) can we distinguish *Papaver* species in archaeological assemblages previously identified as *P. setigerum/somniferum*?

The modern plant material consisted of 270 seeds belonging to seven *Papaver* taxa (30 seeds per taxon) obtained from the seed collection of the Integrative Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie (IPNA/IPAS) at the University of Basel, Switzerland (Supplementary Material Table 1). Two additional sets of 30 seeds of *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum* were obtained from the Graineterie (seed collection) of the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) in Paris, France. We first established new identification criteria between *Papaver* species, and chiefly between *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*. We applied traditional and geometric morphometrics on seeds, considering the number of cells, size measurements and shape using outline analysis. Outline analysis has been successfully used to identify archaeological remains of an array of species such as grape pips<sup>23</sup>, olive stones<sup>24</sup>, cereals<sup>25–27</sup>, dates<sup>28</sup> and cherry stones<sup>29</sup>. The technical challenge for *Papaver* seed lies in the millimetric size of the seeds and their globoid shape. Prior to any morphometric analysis, repeatability tests were performed to establish the effects of taking the photos, cleaning and landmarking in the observed seed morphometric variation.

This protocol was then applied to 33 uncharred poppy seeds preserved in waterlogging conditions from a Neolithic pile-dwelling site in the Alpine Foreland (Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra, dendro-dated to ca. 3170 BC<sup>30</sup>). This site is an ideal starting point since the Swiss Plateau is outside of the natural area of spread of *P. setigerum*, thus suggesting a human introduction. *P. somniferum* seeds are known in Switzerland since ca. 5000–4800 BC in the Valais region<sup>31</sup>, and seed and capsule fragments were recovered in large quantities in pile-dwelling sites starting from 4300 BC, indicating widespread cultivation<sup>32</sup>. Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra is, therefore, a perfect case study to test our methodology, since opium poppy had been cultivated in the area for ca. 1000 years and might therefore show morphometrical signs of domestication. Furthermore, the waterlogging conditions maintained the original seed shape and size, unlike what is known to occur to charred remains<sup>33</sup>.

## Results

**Measurement error.** The error measurements was quantified by acquiring data 3 times on 5 seeds independently for the three species (Table 1), which allow to test for the different steps of the protocol: positioning, image cleaning and landmarking. These three steps yield contrasting results. Positioning error is high (between 68 and 85%) (Table 1). This originates from the difficulty to orientate the seed consistently under the stereomicroscope, due to the small size and globoid shape of poppy seeds. On the other hand, cleaning and landmarking errors are much lower. Despite the existence of a certain positioning error, this does not prevent taxonomic identification (see below) and the protocol can therefore be used for the purpose of this study.



**Figure 1.** Boxplot of measurements (number of cells, length, width,) made on the modern seeds. Length and width are (natural) logged. Archaeological seeds are presented in red.

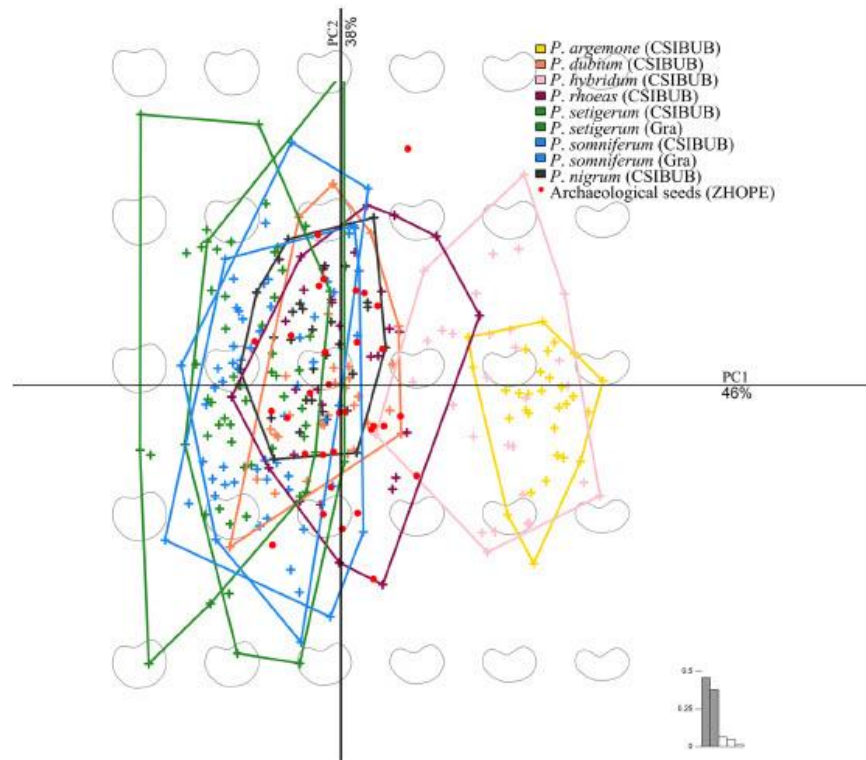
**Phenotypic variation among species.** Length and width show considerable variation with significant differences between the various *Papaver* species (Fig. 1), as reported by the results of the Kruskal–Wallis tests (length:  $\chi^2=231.78$ ,  $df=7$ ,  $P < 10^{-16}$ ; width:  $\chi^2=243.76$ ,  $df=7$ ,  $P < 10^{-16}$ ). The two domestic species (*P. somniferum* and *P. nigrum*) have bigger seeds than the wild species, especially in width (Wilcoxon rank tests, all  $P$  values  $< 10^{-11}$ ). The seeds of *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum* are different in size (Wilcoxon rank tests, all  $P$  values  $< 10^{-8}$ ). For both species, the two investigated samples are close, yet some dimensions appear different (Wilcoxon rank tests, *P. setigerum*, width  $P=0.003$ ; *P. somniferum* length  $P=0.005$ ). The number of cells also present differences between species (Fig. 1, Kruskal–Wallis tests number cells:  $\chi^2=233.21$ ,  $df=7$ ,  $P < 10^{-16}$ ) and between samples of *P. setigerum*. *P. argemone* is clearly the species with more cells. *P. nigrum* is also different from the other species of the *P. somniferum* group. *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum* and consequently the archaeological seeds are very close regarding this criterion.

The first two PCs (Fig. 2) gathered 84% of the total shape variation. Shape changes along PC1 (46%) are related to roundness while changes along PC2 (38%) correspond to an asymmetry component between the two parts of the seed. Asymmetry mostly represents intraspecific variability. It is higher for the species with the most rounded seeds (*P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*).

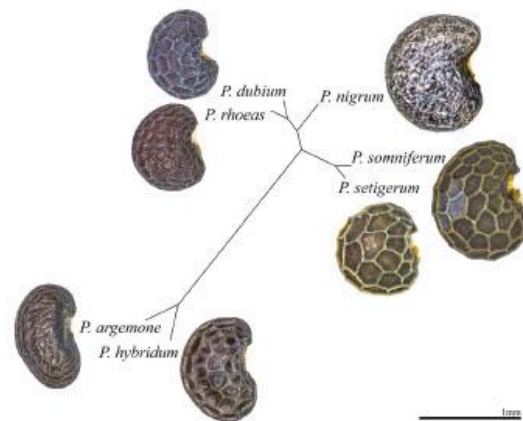
The permutational MANOVA ( $df=6$ ,  $F=32.126$ ,  $adj. r^2=0.42$ ,  $P=0.001$ ) showed differences in shape between taxa. The species with the most elongated seeds (*P. argemone* and *P. hybridum*) are clearly distinguished from the other species with proportionally rounder seeds. Shape overlapping is particularly important between *P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum*, *P. nigrum* both on PC1 and PC2.

The hierarchical clustering performed on the euclidean distance matrix computed on the coefficients averaged per taxa confirmed the shape proximity between *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*, as well as between *P. rhoeas* and *P. dubium* and, in the other branch, *P. hybridum* and *P. argemone*. (Fig. 3). The slight differences in shape between the species of the *P. somniferum* group occur in part surrounding the hilum (Fig. 4 and Fig. 1 in Supplementary material).

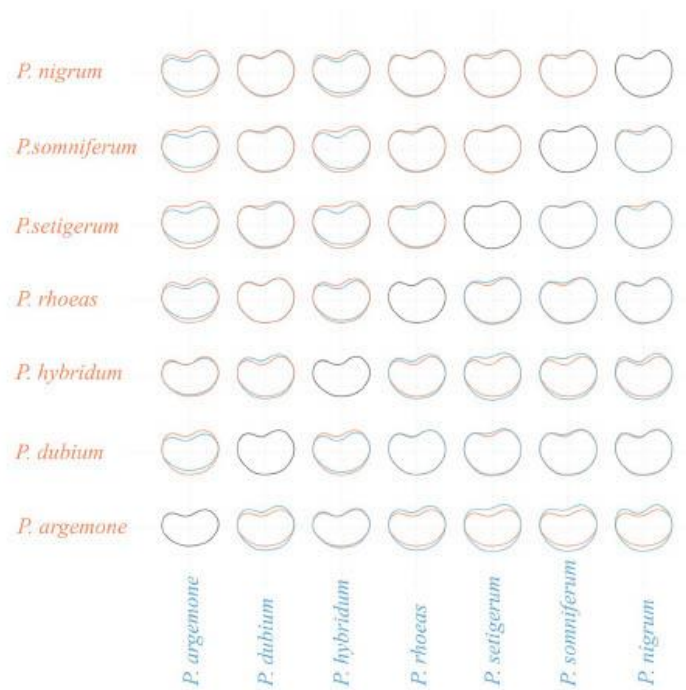
**Identification of modern seeds.** The linear discriminant analyses (LDA) on modern material allowed a good identification at the species level. The percentage of accuracy identification using the cells and size ranged between 67 and 73% for two taxa (*P. dubium* and *P. rhoeas*) but for the other five taxa it was above 80% (Fig. 5).



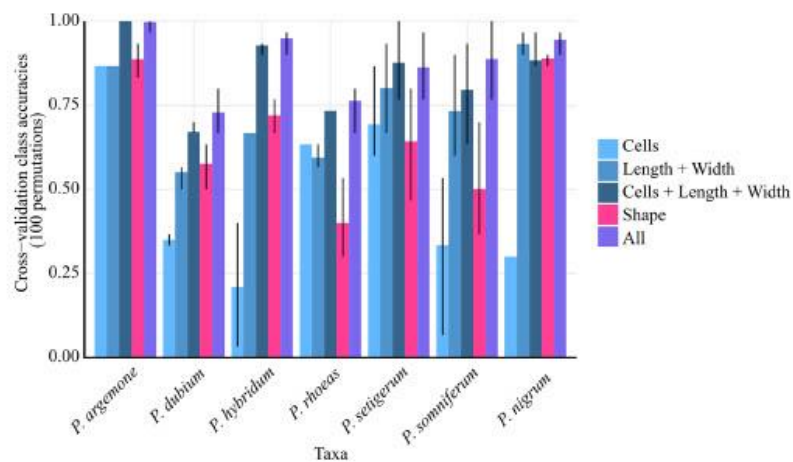
**Figure 2.** Principal component analysis performed on shape coefficients. The first two components are shown here gather 84% of the total shape variability. Archaeological seeds (red dots) are added as supplementary individuals, i.e. reprojected, on this biplot.



**Figure 3.** The unrooted tree obtained with hierarchical clustering on the Euclidean distance matrix between Fourier coefficients averaged per taxa.

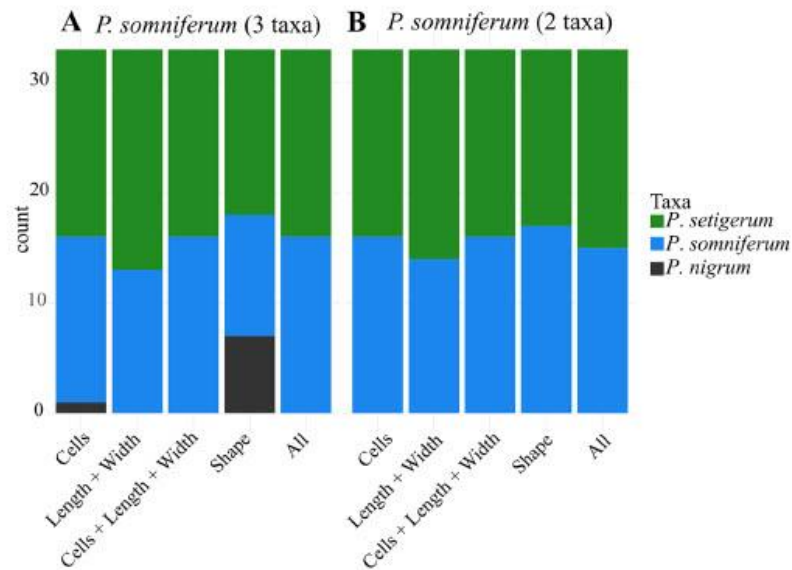


**Figure 4.** Mean shapes pairwise comparisons for all *Papaver* taxa studied here. Orange colour corresponds to the taxon of the rows and the blue colour to the taxon of the columns.



**Figure 5.** Benchmarking of linear discriminant analyses on all species and using different proxies. Accuracy per classes and their variability were obtained using 100 permutations on classes-balanced dataset with the error bars.





**Figure 6.** Assignment of the 33 archaeological seeds: Benchmarking of linear discriminant analyses on (A) three taxa (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum* and *P. nigrum*) and (B) two taxa (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum*) using different variables or set of variables.

Although the performance of individual variables (length, width, shape and cell number) provided relatively good discrimination, the best percentages were obtained when all traditional and shape parameters were combined (Fig. 5: 73–100%).

The results were similar if we considered only the species from the *P. somniferum* group with two taxa and three taxa (Figs. 2 and 3 in supplementary material). Combining all variables, more than 87% of the seeds were correctly identified to their specific taxon (Supplementary data Fig. 2).

**Assignment of archaeological seeds.** Length and width showed considerable variation between modern seeds of *Papaver* and archaeological seeds (Fig. 1). The width of the archaeological seeds of Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra is closer to modern *P. setigerum* seeds while the length is intermediate between *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* modern seeds (Fig. 1). The LDAs using various sets of descriptors were used to infer species on the archaeological material. The archaeological seeds from Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra were identified as *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* (see Fig. 6A). Some seeds were identified as *P. nigrum* only when using one of the descriptors: number of cells (3%) and shape (21%). When all criteria are combined, no seed is allocated to *P. nigrum*. In every case, and more especially when all criteria are combined, about half of the seeds are attributed to *P. setigerum* and a half to *P. somniferum*.

### Discussion

Here we show that the combined application of morphometric descriptors, number of cells and shape analysis outline elliptic Fourier transforms (EFT) allows the discrimination of seven modern species of *Papaver* genus.

In spite of a high positioning error, due to the small size of this material, morphometrics can be done. The various species and sub-species are well discriminated, which validates the methodology used (Table 1). Indeed, the most interesting result was that by using this method, with all descriptors, the LDA gave optimal results when distinguishing between *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* as well as when compared to other *Papaver* related modern seed species. The second finding of this study was that allow for the first time the application of this method to archaeological seeds.

**Phenotypic variation among modern seeds.** The first question that this study sought to answer was if it is possible to discriminate between the different taxa. The LDA results (Fig. 5) show that it is possible to distinguish the taxa with high accuracy results by using all the descriptors or the combination of the number of cells and size.

According to our results, adding the cell number to the size descriptors gives a better prediction for *P. dubium*, *P. rhoeas* and *P. somniferum* (Fig. 5). These are also the taxa where the shape yielded the lowest additional

accuracy. A possible explanation for this confusion might be that their shape is identically reniform (as seen in Fig. 4). Instead, shape is a powerful descriptor in the case of *P. nigrum*, *P. argemone* and *P. hybridum* seeds, which are more elongated, with the accuracy being over 93% (Fig. 4).

The results of the unrooted distance network (Fig. 3) showed morphometric proximities that mirror the results of previous phylogenetic studies<sup>12</sup>. On the one hand, Carolan et al.<sup>12</sup> identified *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* as sister group with a common ancestor<sup>12</sup>. On the other hand, *P. hybridum* and *P. argemone* also have a common ancestor, which again is congruent with our results based on seed shape (Fig. 3).

Our results show that cell number alone gives lower accuracy (23–33% see Fig. 5). Surprisingly, it is a critical discriminant variable in the identification of *P. setigerum* (with the lowest number of cells) and *P. argemone* (with the largest number of cells). The importance of cell number, as well as cell size, were also the previous observed<sup>18,20,21</sup>, however, according to our results the total number of cells from one of the seed face gives better discrimination results than solely count the cells by rows or measuring the cells<sup>18,20,21</sup>.

***P. somniferum* seeds.** The results show that it is possible not only to distinguish *P. somniferum* from the other taxa but also between *P. somniferum* subspecies (Figs. 2 and 3 in supplementary material). Previous studies on the *Papaver* genus encountered problems distinguishing mainly *P. somniferum* apart from *P. setigerum*<sup>20</sup>. Based mainly on size, other authors<sup>16,20</sup> stated that the high variability within the species *P. somniferum* makes it impossible to distinguish between the different subspecies. Future research may include a higher number of varieties and accessions to better assess the intra(sub)specific variability in terms of cell number, size and shape, including in terms of environmental conditions<sup>24</sup>.

**Assignment of archaeological seeds.** The classification of archaeological seeds from the late Neolithic site of Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra (Switzerland) based on the model trained on modern seeds allow for the first time to apply this method to these small seeds (Fig. 6). In this case, it is essential to combine all descriptors and not only the shape. The results of the taxonomic attribution of the archaeological seeds found in Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra suggest a mixed population of domestic and wild-type seeds. Nevertheless, one should consider the caveats of using modern material to classify archaeological specimens and of the preservation of archaeological remains. Swelling of the seeds in waterlogged preservation<sup>1,18</sup> may also play a role in the model's prediction. In order to develop an understanding of the possible effects of taphonomic factors in the future, two tasks should be implemented. One would be to increase the number of samples, and the other one should be to perform experiments to replicate the state of the archaeological seeds. Nevertheless, the archaeological material results suggest that well-preserved waterlogged seeds of *Papaver* species can be used for this type of analysis.

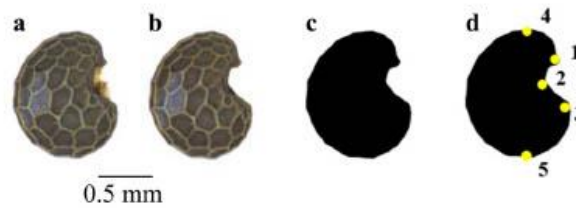
In our results, 18 seeds were attributed to *P. setigerum* and 15 seeds to *P. somniferum*. This may be interpreted in two ways: the population at Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra is a mixture of wild and domestic forms belonging to a population in an intermediate stage of domestication, or we have a fully domestic form with some wild individuals still surviving as weeds in the fields. This opens several scenarios to explain the process of domestication of poppy. There is evidence of the use and potential cultivation of opium poppy in the Western Mediterranean since ca. 5600 BC, according to the finds at the lake village of La Marmotta, Italy (ca. 5620–5480 Cal BCE)<sup>8,25</sup> and in several other sites, for instance, at the pile-dwelling site of La Draga, Spain, ca. 5200 BC<sup>3,8</sup>. The authors of both archaeobotanical studies actually suggest that opium poppy was cultivated, based on the number of finds and their ubiquity<sup>3,25</sup>. Nevertheless, it is possible that the plant was still morphologically wild since these sites fall within the native area of *P. setigerum* and isolation of the cultivated population would have been more difficult. Thus, it is unclear if opium poppy spread northwards as morphologically wild, not fully domesticated, or as a domesticated plant. It is actually possible that opium poppy arrived at the Alpine foreland as a domesticated form along with some wild *P. setigerum* forms as weeds.

The domestication process could have been accelerated with the beginning of cultivation of opium poppy outside of the area of the natural distribution of the wild subspecies such as in the Alpine Foreland around 4300 BC<sup>32</sup>. After ca. 1100–1200 years of cultivation of opium poppy in this region, the Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra seeds seem to indicate that the plant is still in the process of being domesticated. This may be interpreted as an indication of a protracted domestication process<sup>36</sup>, as observed with other plants domesticated in the Neolithic period. In order to test this hypothesis, similar analyses should be performed on opium poppy seeds from archaeological sites located in the Western Mediterranean region.

Another critical factor is that some of the seemingly early finds of opium poppy seeds outside of *P. setigerum* natural zone are not dated. Early deposits found in Israel<sup>37</sup> but also in central Europe<sup>38,39</sup> lack radiocarbon dates on the seeds or on direct contexts where the seeds were found. New efforts on dating these seeds and their contexts should be made before interpreting the route of cultivation/domestication<sup>5,8</sup>. Future studies on poppy seeds should integrate the morphometric as well as the direct dating approaches<sup>35</sup>. Likewise, it is foreseen to attempt to obtain aDNA from the archaeological seeds and so confirm, if possible, their status as domestic or cultivated.

## Conclusions

The present paper provides the first results of geometric morphometrics for *Papaver* taxa. The combination of descriptors such as the number of cells, size and shape of different modern species of *Papaver* allows to classify the seeds with good accuracy despite the methodological challenge due to the small size and globoid shape of poppy seeds. The classification model from the modern species used to assign archaeological seeds recovered at the late Neolithic site of Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra was also successful as it did attribute them to either *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*. The seeds were actually distributed within these two subspecies in equal parts, which might suggest that the plant has not yet acquired the morphometric characteristics of modern domestic seed. Further studies should be done in order to test the classification model. Future research should consider the study of



**Figure 7.** Data acquisition and post-processing (a) Lateral view position; (b) Background removal and cleaning; (c) Mask; (d) Landmarked-mask.

opium poppy seeds from historical periods to confirm their assignation to the domesticated subspecies, as well as the study of earlier Neolithic finds in the Western Mediterranean in order to trace the pace of the domestication process.

### Methods

**Archeological material.** One archaeological case included in the AgriChange Project<sup>40</sup> was used in this paper: Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra (ZHOPE) located in Zurich, Switzerland is a Neolithic lake-dwelling site. A total of 33 whole and well-preserved uncharred waterlogged seeds (with visible cells) identified as *P. somniferum*<sup>41</sup> were used. All seeds were obtained from the sample 12015.1B in layer 13 dated by dendrochronology between 3176 and 3153 BC (middle Horgen Culture<sup>42</sup>). Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra was excavated during the construction of subterranean parking in 2010 and 2011. Located in the northern shore of the Lake Zurich, eight settlement phases were identified and dendro-dated to 3234–2727 BC. In this late Neolithic site, archaeological deposits related to pile-dwelling houses are preserved in a waterlogged state where thousands of plant remains are present in charred and uncharred states, especially in layer 13, large quantities of opium poppy seeds were found concentrated mostly within building limits<sup>44</sup>.

These analyses were non-destructive and therefore no special permissions were required. Permission for the use of the archaeological seeds of Parkhaus Opéra for this study was granted by the scientific director of the project, Dr. Niels Bleicher (Office for Urbanism Zurich). Permission for the use of modern seed reference material was granted by the Graineterie of the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) and no permission was necessary for the use of our own seed collection of the Integrative Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie (IPNA/IPAS).

**Data collection.** All *Papaver* seeds were photographed from a lateral view, with the hilum to the right. In this angle, it shows the cells, including those close to the hilum (Fig. 7A). The broader part of the seed at the bottom. The background of the seeds was a white surface to ease further background removal. The photos were made using Leica Z16 APO Binocular Stereo Microscope with a digital camera Leica DFC 420 and Leica Application Suite software (LAS 4.0, Leica), creating one mounted photo from several single photos that are stacked together to give depth of field to the seed and enable the counting of the number of seed cells. The background of the photo was removed manually using Photoshop 6 (Adobe) as well as the yellow soft tissue on the hilum part, in both archaeological and modern individuals (Fig. 7B). Then a mask (a black shape over a white background) was created using Photoshop (Fig. 7C). In order to normalise the outlines before elliptic Fourier transforms (EFT), coordinates of five landmarks were recorded using ImageJ<sup>43</sup>. The position of the landmarks was chosen in order to be the most reproducible as possible: two landmarks were positioned at the top and bottom extremes of the seeds and three around the hilum part (Fig. 7D). The landmark points covered most critical biological traits, from seed length (ldk: 4–5) to the hilum arch (ldk:1–3).

**Outline analysis.** Seed shape was analysed using outline analysis based on elliptic Fourier transforms (EFT) using Momocs 1.3.0<sup>44</sup> in a R 4.0.0 environment<sup>45</sup>. The elliptic Fourier transforms is a progressive decomposition of the outline ( $x$ ,  $y$ ) coordinates into a series of trigonometric functions called harmonics, associated with coefficients, used as quantitative shape variables. Here, outlines were normalised for their position, size and orientation using full generalised Procrustes alignment<sup>46</sup>. Landmark n°2 was used as the initial point for each outline. Then EFT was calculated from 360 points equally spaced along the curvilinear abscissa, and two landmarks (4 and 5) were extracted on each image. Based on harmonic power, five harmonics were retained and gathered 95% of the total harmonic power; more details on EFT can be found in Bonhomme et al.<sup>44</sup>.

**Measurement error.** The poppy seeds are small and round and thus difficult to position in a specific orientation under the stereomicroscope. To minimise the error and aid with its reproducibility, some precautions were taken: the use of the same protocol, the same equipment, a single operator (RS) took the photos, a single operator (AJ) did all the cleaning and landmarking. As a preliminary step, all measurements were tested for the overall reproducibility. We used analyses of variance (ANOVA) following Claude<sup>34</sup>. The percentage of measurement error (%ME) is defined as “the ratio of the within measurement component of variance on the sum of

the within- and among-measurement component<sup>34</sup>. A set of five photos from three different taxa from the *P. somniferum* group (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum* and *P. nigrum*) were used in three different tests. The position test compares five photos of the same 15 seeds of the three different taxa by one single operator (RS). The cleaning and landmarking tests compared the repetition of the same action of digitalising cleaning and landmarks on the same photos (same 15 photos, same three species, three times).

**Phenotypic variation among species.** The size (length and width of the bounding box) of the seed was recorded using the rectangular tool in ImageJ. The number of cells was counted for every seed using the multi-point tool in ImageJ. Length and width of the seeds were log-transformed<sup>47,48</sup>. Distributions of seed lengths, widths and cell number values were illustrated using boxplots. For each univariate variable (length measurements, cells number), overall differences were tested using Kruskal–Wallis non-parametric rank tests for multi-group comparison and Wilcoxon's tests between each pairs of species.

To explore the overall shape variability, we used a principal component analysis (PCA) on the full matrix of Fourier coefficients and added the archaeological seeds as supplementary individuals. The first two principal components (see Results) were used as synthetic shape variables.

Then we used the coefficients on the first five harmonics in a permutational MANOVA using the package *vegan*<sup>49</sup>, to test for differences between taxa. A hierarchical clustering using UPGMA on the euclidean distance matrix between coefficients averaged per taxa is presented as an unrooted tree obtained with the package *ape*<sup>50</sup>.

To benchmark the performance of the different descriptors (width, length, number of cells, shape) at identifying species, we used linear discriminant analyses (LDA) provided by the package *MASS*<sup>51</sup>. Different combinations were used: first to all modern species, then only to *P. somniferum* group (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum* and *P. nigrum*) and finally only to *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*. To cope with unbalanced group sizes between sets due to the repeated *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*, we used random sampling of the over-represented classes so that they all sum up to 30. The process was repeated for 1000 permutations<sup>52,53</sup>. To compare the model performances with those obtained with chance alone, we also randomised labels and provide the maximum class accuracies (expected to follow a multinomial distribution), obtained among the permutations. The accuracies presented are the percentages of specimens correctly classified by using leave-one-out cross-validation. To visualise mean species shapes, we averaged Fourier coefficients and reconstructed seed outlines for each taxon.

**Archaeological identification.** Each archaeological seed was classified using the “predictive” linear discriminant analyses trained on the modern material. For each seed, the dominant classification obtained along the 100 permutations was considered as the predicted class. The archaeological seeds were classified within three taxa of *P. somniferum*: *P. nigrum*, *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* first, and after only classified within *P. setigerum* or *P. somniferum*. All descriptors (length, width, shape and number of cells) were used.

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## Chapter 7 The Archaeological story of opium poppy seeds

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### 7.1 Introduction

*Papaver setigerum/somniferum* appears in archaeological sites mainly as seeds, while evidence of capsules or food preparations with poppy are rarely found. A recent overview of the earliest dates on *Papaver setigerum/somniferum* seeds with direct dating argues that poppy diffusion started in western Europe from ca. 5600 to 4000 BCE (Salavert et al., 2020). It also suggests that the western Alps had a different spread dynamic due to delay in Neolithic diffusion to mountainous areas, and it is attested ca. 5000-4800 BCE. In this chapter, first, a historical and iconographical overview was done. This section is followed by a summary of the archaeological findings of wild and possibly domestic poppy in North Europe, the West Mediterranean, and southwestern Asia. Later, a short overview is done of the findings of poppy seeds and capsules in the Agrichange area. At the end of the chapter, there is research paper 3. This paper focuses on the archaeological seeds of *Papaver setigerum/somniferum*. The aim is to determine which seeds are morphologically similar to the wild or the domestic type. This determination is built on the modern geometric morphometric model published in research paper 2.

### 7.2 Oldest findings of poppy

The oldest reported finding of wild poppy seeds (*Papaver setigerum*) comes from Cantabria, associated to deposits from the Upper Palaeolithic (López Sáez & Guerra-Doce, 2006), at El Juyo. Other old records are found in two Pre-Pottery Neolithic sites in Körtek Tepe, 10400-9250 BC (Rössner et al., 2018) and Atlit Yam, dating 6050–5550 BC (Kislev et al., 2004). However, the seeds were not directly radiocarbon dated, and they could be younger intrusions.

After all the examples of the possible uses of opium poppy described in Chapter 6, the allegedly oldest evidence of use for its psychoactive properties comes from chemical analysis (presence of morphine) on the bone and phytolith remains (parenchyma) from the poppy capsules in dental calculus (Juan-Tresserras & Villalba, 1999). This evidence was found in samples retrieved from the individual number 10 from Mine 28 of the Gava Mine site. This individual had two trepanations and seemed to have survived both. The authors suggested that the opium poppy was used as a sedative.

Other plant parts, such as capsules, are rarely found in archaeological sites. The oldest and most exceptional discovery was at Murciélagos cave (Andalusia, Spain), where four capsules were found under desiccated preservation conditions (Merlin, 2003, p. 298). However, complete capsules are not commonly found, even in waterlogged preservation (not properly published but in La Marmotta exist some preserved charred). In contrast, the discs/upper part of the capsules survive better and appear sporadically in waterlogged sites, such as Hornstaad Hörnle IA, Parkhaus Opera and Concise (Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017; Harb & Bleicher, 2016; Karg & Märkle, 2002; Maier, 2001, p. 72). The lack of these remains could be related to the bad preservation of the capsules when exposed to water - noticed by Bigna Steiner in her garden, where poppy capsules seemed more degraded than, for example, the flax capsules that were longer exposed (Figure 7.1).



Figure 7.1 Degradation of poppy capsules (Photo by Bigna Steiner)

The possible earliest evidence of opium poppy cultivation comes from La Marmota, Italy, ca. 5620-5480 cal. BCE (Salavert et al., 2020), where many capsule fragments and seeds were found (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009). This large number of poppy remains might indicate a particular usage and will be discussed in the last part of this chapter.

### 7.3 Historical documents

There is a presumption that the opium poppy is one of the plants used and written about in the ancient world (Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians). However, these translations are still debated (Krikorian, 1975). Several papers are written on the Sumerian ideogram of “hul gil”, which is translated as the plant of joy (Brownstein, 1993) and assumed to be opium poppy. Recent papers in medicine and pharmacy refer to opium poppy being used in Mesopotamia medicine (Petrovska, 2012; Teall, 2014). However, the primary sources of these statements are solely based on old translations of Sumerian and Assyrian texts, which can be dubious. Further discussion on the translations and the use of inadequate translations can be seen in Merlin (1984, pp. 152–157). Parallel to this, opium poppy seeds were not yet found in this area.

The first clear written records of the uses of opium poppy are from Greece. The Greek word for poppy is *mékōn*. It usually appears associated with medicinal uses. In Greek mythology, there are different references to the opium poppy. The effect of poppy latex is attributed to the god Hypnos (Tetenyi, 1997, p. 400).

Several Greek and Roman authors refer to poppy, and its different varieties and uses. The systematic revision is not intended for this thesis. In ancient manuscripts, Hippocrates (460-377 or 355 B.C.) mentions the uses of poppy to aid sleeping, Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) considered poppy as a hypnotic drug and Theophrastus (371-287 BC) categorizes three species of poppy and also refers to the collection of the juice from the capsule. Boiling leaves and capsules of poppies as a tea helps with sleeping; this tea was described as *mekonion* in Dioskourides (first century AD) (Kritikos & Papadaki, 1967a). More details regarding the mentions of poppy use by classic authors such as Hippocrates (460-377 BC), Aristotle (384-322 BC), Theophrastus (371-287 BC), and Pliny the Elder (23/24-79) can be read in Kritikos & Papadaki (Kritikos & Papadaki, 1967a) Scarborough (1995) and in the United Nations website [UNODC](#) (Kritikos & Papadaki, 1967b).



According to Chinese written sources, the opium poppy was transported along the silk road from central Asia to China (Canton-Alvarez, 2019). Even though Tetenyi (1997) mentions that opium poppy was transported to South China during roman times, written references of poppy cultivation in China only appear during the 7<sup>th</sup> century (Canton-Alvarez, 2019; Veselovskaia, 1976, p. 9). The opium poppy was used as medicine by Buddhists and referred to by different poets during the Tang dynasty (618-907) and was only included in official medical books during the Song dynasty (960-1279) (Canton-Alvarez, 2019; Tetenyi, 1997).

In Persia, Abū Bakr Muhammad Zakariyyā Rāzī (854-925) wrote different books on medicine, where some recipes or prescriptions used opium as a pain reliever (Scarborough, 1995, p. 8; Tibi, 2006).

#### **7.4 Art and iconography**

In the Mesopotamia, depictions and iconography are other subjects of discussion, as the depictions might resemble pomegranates or poppy capsules (Merlin, 1984). Depictions of Sumerian rulers appear holding a flower looking like a poppy capsule (Hnila, 2002) or could be a pomegranate or a lotus flower. In eastern Mediterranean, objects have been suggested to represent poppy capsules. An example of this object is the Cypriot Base-ring juglet with the poppy shape in Egypt, dating 1549/1550 to 1292 BC (Hnila, 2002). Another interesting object is the golden pins with the shape of a poppy capsule (Hnila, 2002). The golden pins can be seen on the website of the [MET](#) museum. Moulds of these pins were bought by the Istanbul museum and do not have any determinate chronology, but are attributed to the Hittite civilization, 1700 BCE (Blanchard, 2019, p. 75; Hnila, 2002, fig. 3).

Evidence of opium poppy use is known in the eastern Mediterranean region during the Late Bronze age (Merlin, 1984, p. 249). These findings are the juglets, pinheads in the shape of opium capsules, clay statues with poppies, amulets, necklaces, opium pipes (Merlin, 1984, pp. 249–268) and Minoan goddesses adorned with poppy capsules (Kritikos & Papadaki, 1967a). However, no such findings are present in North Europe or West Mediterranean.

In North Europe and West Mediterranean, there are abundant finds of *Papaver* seeds and no iconographic representations (Bakels, 1982; Banchieri & Rottoli, 2009; Jacomet, 2006b, 2009; Salavert, 2010, 2011). In comparison, in the eastern Mediterranean region, there has been a symbolic use of opium poppy at least since the Minoan civilization of Bronze Age Crete (2000-1500 BCE), typically associated with rulers or gods by its representation in objects. No seeds are preserved from Mesopotamian times (Askitopoulou et al., 2002; Behn, 1986; Merlin, 1984).

#### **7.5 Evidence of oil**

Lipid analysis identified oil residues from flax or/and poppy, possibly hazelnut and some brassicaceae on bone and antler tools from a Late Neolithic settlement, Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra ca. 3170 BC, in Switzerland (Spangenberg et al., 2014). The authors suggested that oil was used on bone tools to prolong their life usage. However, more studies on this subject should be done as other researchers (Jesus & Antolín, 2021; Saul et al., 2013) noted that the large evidence of *P. setigerum/somniferum* seeds indicates that they were used for culinary purposes.

Organic residues were analysed in the Late Bronze Age Cyprus juglets, 1650-1350 BC (Merrillees, 1992). Merrillees (1962) argued that the Base Ring juglet was modelled in the shape of an inverted poppy capsule to indicate that the content of the vase was opium poppy oil (Chovanec et al., 2015). The most abundant alkaloid in opium poppy is morphine which degrades quickly, but noscapine and papaverine and their derivatives proved to be relatively stable (Chovanec et al., 2012, p. 28). Using these markers as a guideline of the different compounds in modern samples and comparing them to the archaeological samples, Chovanec et al. (2015) failed to identify any association between the Base Ring juglets residue and opium. The organic residue found within the juglets contained oil of unknown origin infused with aromatic plants such as mint and others (Chovanec et al., 2012, 2015). The only positive identification of opium alkaloids comes from unstratified Base Ring juglets obtained from Egypt (Koschel, 1996; Smith et al., 2018). In the study of Chovanec et al. (2012, p. 12), they synthesized all the possible evidence of narcotic use of opium poppy in the archaeobotanical record, including several sites in the Near East. Some sites had some *Papaver* seeds in this region but were not identified to the species level. The authors also referred to pipes allegedly used for opium. However, they declare that the evidence is insufficient. Most claims of narcotic use come from interpreting botanical representations on artefacts and structures (Chovanec et al., 2012, p. 13).

## 7.6 Archaeological seeds in the study area

The overview of archaeobotanical data from the study area done in Chapter 4 indicates that *Papaver setigerum/somniferum* was present in all regions during the Neolithic period (5700-2300 cal. BC). There are 81 records with poppy seeds, eight from the Early Neolithic period, 39 from the Middle Neolithic period and 34 from the Late Neolithic period (Figure 7.2, Figure 7.4 and Figure 7.7). However, as explained in Chapter 3, some information was missing from the archaeological publications. In some reports, the number of poppy seeds was not explicit, and in others, no information about the volume of the sample or the type of processing. Therefore, in some cases, seed concentrations are not possible to calculate.

### 7.6.1 Early Neolithic (EN) Phase 1 – 5700-4500 cal. BC

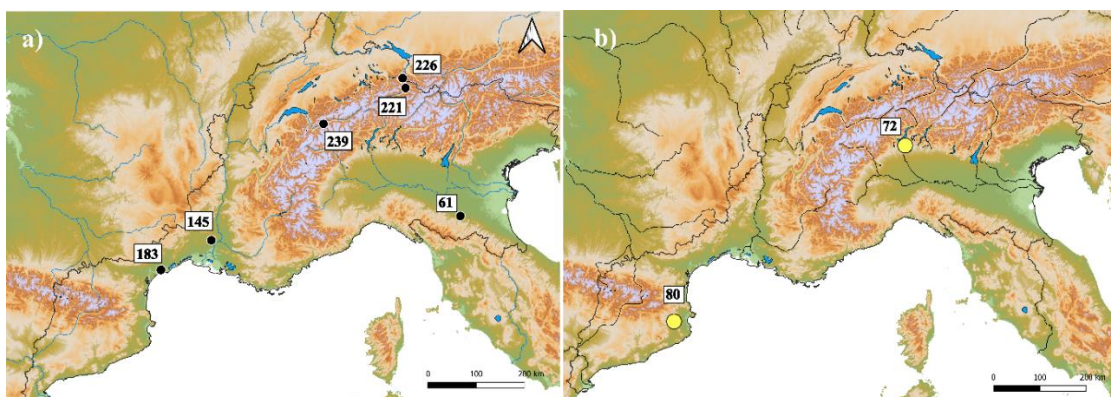


Figure 7.2 Records with poppy seeds from the study area dating from 5700 to 4500 cal. BC. a) sites with charred poppy seeds from dry sites, b) sites with uncharred poppy seeds from wet sites.

As mentioned before, *P. setigerum* is possibly the wild progenitor of *P. somniferum*, and its native area is in the western Mediterranean (Zohary et al., 2012). Poppy seeds appear first near

the native area of *P. setigerum* in the Mediterranean Basin. The first site where large quantities of poppy seeds and capsules are found is in the La Marmota site (Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009), dated to ca. 5620-5480 cal. BC (Salavert et al., 2020). These researchers (Salavert et al., 2020) noted a 300-year gap between this site and the other sites with poppy, La Draga and Tai sites dated around 5200-5000 cal. BC. The recurrent appearance of poppy seeds (*P. setigerum/somniferum*) in the LBK sites dating 5200-5000 cal. BC in France, Belgium, and Germany attest to this seed's importance and integration within the farmers' communities (Bogaard et al., 2016; Kreuz, 2012; Kreuz et al., 2005; Salavert, 2010; Salavert et al., 2020; Van de Velde, 2007).

In the La Draga pile dwelling (Figure 7.2b), more than 5000 uncharred and charred seeds (Antolín, 2016) were found in the same record in waterlogged preservation. This corresponds to 4.8 uncharred seeds and 0.04 charred seeds per litre (Figure 7.3). The seeds were found in its oldest occupation phase, 5300-5150 cal. BC (Andreaki et al., 2020). In NE Iberia, different types of preservation of poppy remains are common.

In the Andalusia region, poppy capsules were found dried at Cueva de Los Murcielagos, Granada, according to Gorgora and Martinez (1808 in Peña-Chocarro et al., 2018, p. 378). The poppy heads were inside an esparto grass basket as a grave good near individuals buried inside the cave. The unique type of preservation, dry due to the cave environment, made it possible to be preserved since the sixth and fifth-millennium cal. BC. However, this finding is not direct radiocarbon dated, and its assumed chronology is based on the type of painted basketry (Cacho Quesada et al., 1996). From the sixth-millennium, other sites held seeds, in Cordoba, at another cave, Los Murciélagos, 500 seeds were found charred and desiccated (Peña-Chocarro et al., 2018), few seeds were as well found at Los Castillejos (Rovira, 2007) and from an inner Iberian site La Lámpara one seed was found (Stika, 2005).

In SE France (Figure 7.2a), one charred seed was found at Peiro Signado, an *impresa* site suggesting that these communities were already familiar with this plant (Bouby, Marival, Durand, et al., 2020), and thirteen seeds were found at Tai cave ca. 5200 cal. BC, where researchers claim this plant was cultivated as the seeds were in a specific pit within a closed context (Bouby et al., 2019).

In Northern Italy (Figure 7.2a), there are two sites with poppy seeds; the first one, Spilamberto dry site, ca. 5000 cal. BC held only one seed (Gobbo, 2010). The second site (Figure 7.2b), Isolino di Varese, is a pile-dwelling, dating to c.5000-4600 cal. BC with several poppy seeds (Antolín et al., 2022; Banchieri & Rottoli, 2009; Steiner et al., n.d.). This site is currently being studied and soon to be published; therefore, this thesis does not present the most updated information on the Agrichange project.

As explained in Chapter 4, Eastern Switzerland and the Alsace (France) are influenced by the continental spread of domesticated plants by the LBK groups, and the south of Switzerland Valais was influenced by Mediterranean groups (Curdy, 2007; Jacomet, 2014) and especially from Northern Italy (Gallay, 2008).

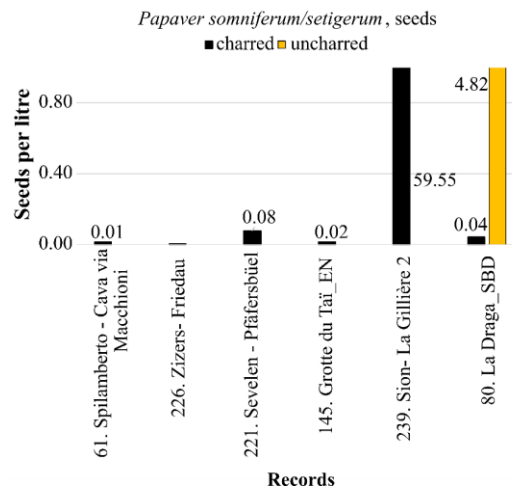


Figure 7.3 Concentration values (seeds per litre sediment) of charred poppy seeds (black colour) and uncharred seeds from waterlogged preservation ( yellow colour), per record, dating the Early Neolithic period. The numbers in La Gillière 2 and La Draga columns are the values exceeding the scale.

From eastern Switzerland (Figure 7.2a), one seed of poppy was found at Zizers, in the Alpine Rhine Valley (around 4800 BC), and two seeds were found at Sevelen Pfäfersbüel, Roessen culture (Rigert, Ebnetter, et al., 2005). While from the South of Switzerland, Sion-La Gillière 2, over 7000 seeds were found (Martin, 2015). In a site nearby, the Sion-Tourbillon site (Switzerland), the ceramics show similarities with the Isolino group from Northern Italy (Müller 1995 in Martin, 2015). Mediterranean species at both sites suggest a Mediterranean connection (Martin, 2015). These parts of Switzerland could be connected via exchanges with communities living in the French regions using the Rhone river, Lake Geneva, and other routes that might have existed connecting to the North of Italy or the SE France.

For phase 1, eight records with poppy seeds are present in the study area (Figure 7.2 a and b), and concentrations are found in Sion-Gillière 2 (dryland site in Switzerland) and La Draga (wetland site in NE Spain). In contrast, the other records hold few remains (Figure 7.3) due to possible taphonomic bias (Märkle & Rösch, 2008). The Sion-Gillière 2 site is exceptional, with more than 7000 seeds found in a hearth.

### 7.6.2 Middle Neolithic (MN) Phase 2 – 4500-3300 cal. BC

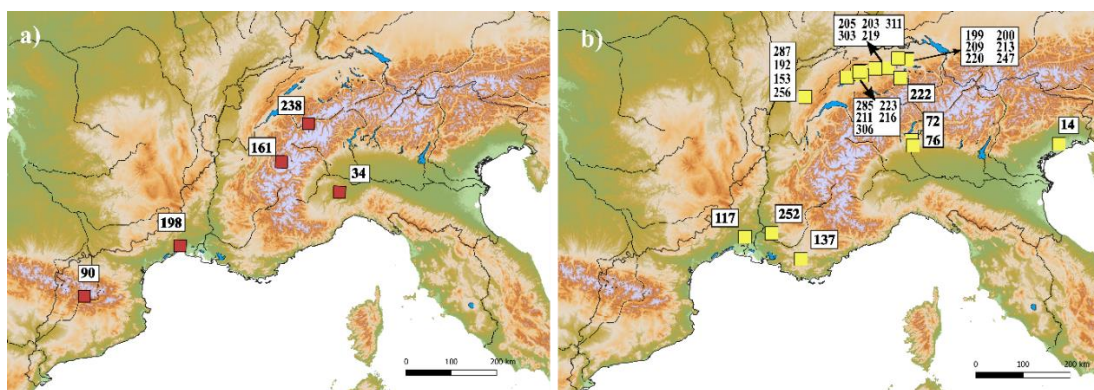


Figure 7.4 Sites with poppy seeds from the study area dating from 4500-3300 cal. BC. a) sites with charred poppy seeds from dry sites, b) uncharred poppy seeds from wetland sites and three dry sites with wells.

Poppy seeds are identified in more sites than in the previous phase (Figure 7.4) for more details on the different types of sites and crops present, see Chapter 4. Poppy seeds are found north of the NE Iberia, in the Pyrenees at Camp del Colomer, an open-air site with ten seeds (4500-4200 cal. BC) and Cueva del Toro (Buxó, 1997). No wetland site was found in this region. Another site mentioned before was Gava mines with indirect evidence of poppy. The chemical analysis at Gava mines indicates the presence of morphine on the human bone and allegedly provided the oldest evidence of the use of opium poppy indirectly dated around 3870-3365 cal. BC (Juan-Tresserras & Villalba, 1999).

In SE France, a habitat in the interior valleys of the Northern French Alps, Le Chenet des Pierres (Martin et al., 2008) held 421 poppy seeds (two seeds per litre, Figure 7.5), and from the Chassey site Zac Saint-Antoine only one charred seed was found (Sendra et al., 2011). The site Le Chenet des Pierres (Martin et al., 2008) had clear evidence of influence from Northern Italy and Rhone Valley in SE France, where pottery styles of “VBQ” (Square Mouthed Vases) and Saint Uze were among the findings at the site (Martin, 2010, p. 98). Uncharred poppy seeds (Figure 7.4b and Figure 7.5b) are found at Clairvaux’s pile dwellings (Neveu & Zech-Matterne, 2016; Schaal & Pétrequin, 2016) and at open air dry sites with wells, Les Bagnoles, Mas Vignoles IX and Clos de Roque (Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014; Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021; Martin, 2012). The concentration values of poppy seeds on the wells are small, less than six seeds per litre (Figure 7.5b).

In Northern Italy, uncharred seeds are found at the pile dwelling of Lagozza di Besnate, Palu Livenza and charred seeds at Castello d’Annone. However, only the presence of the seeds is published; therefore, no precise number can be assessed (Motella de Carlo, 2014; Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009).

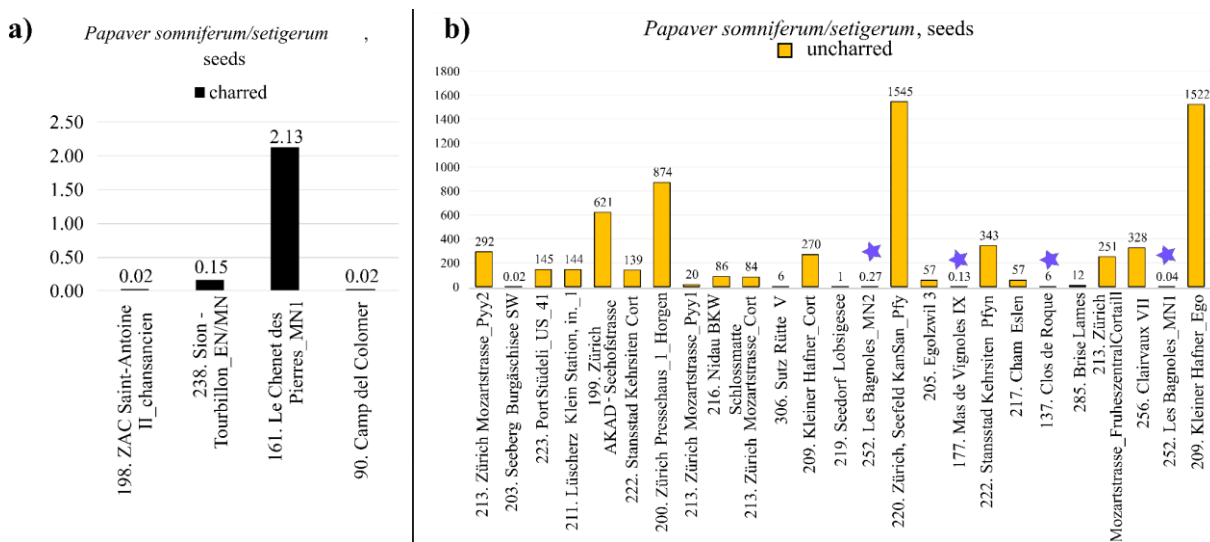


Figure 7.5 Concentration values (seeds per litre sediment) of charred poppy seeds ( a) black colour) and uncharred seeds from waterlogged preservation ( b) yellow colour), per record dating the Middle Neolithic period. Purple stars indicate seeds found within wells.

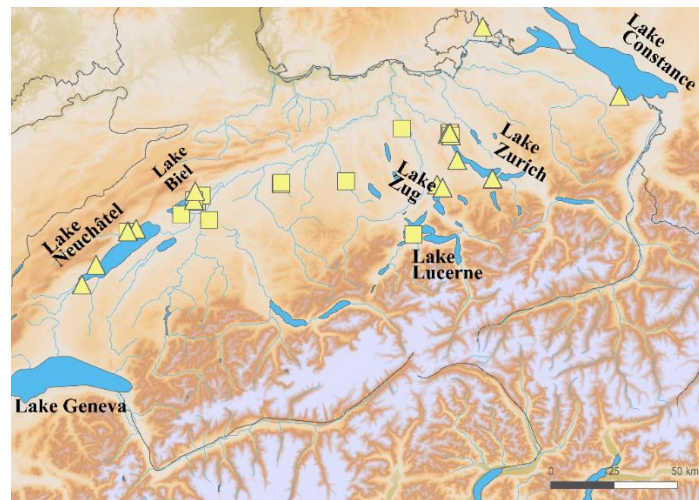


Figure 7.6 Map of Switzerland with wetland sites that held poppy seeds from the Middle (yellow squares) and Late Neolithic (yellow triangles) with the names of the most important lakes.

In South Switzerland, at Valais, charred poppy seeds appear in less quantity; only six seeds have been found at the Tourbillon site (Martin, 2015). Sites with poppy seeds appear for the first time in the Swiss Plateau, mainly at the edges of Lakes such as Neuchâtel, Biel, Lucerne, Zug and Zurich, related to pile-dwellings (Figure 7.6). It was also found, in smaller lakes that are not visible on the map, Figure 7.6, such as Lobsigensee and Burgäschisee. Large quantities of poppy seeds were found in these sites, with over 10000 at Stansstad-Kehrsiten, Lake Lucerne, Zurich-Mozartstrasse, Zurich-AKAD and Zurich-KANSAN sites in Lake Zurich and at Gachnang-Niederwil site in Egel lake (for detail bibliographic check Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data). High densities of 100 per litre seeds were observed in several pile-dwellings (Jacomet & Steiner, n.d.), which can also be seen in the bar chart in Figure 7.5b) No storage was found; however, Zurich-AKAD seeds might have been within vases (Jacomet et al., 1989, p. 116).

In a pile-dwelling in South Germany, in the Lake Constance, near Switzerland, burnt seeds and the upper part of the capsules (disc and stigmatic rays) of poppy are accumulated in one burnt layer (Layer AH2) at Hornstaad Hörnle IA (Maier, 2001, p. 72). These findings might indicate that the plants or the capsules were stored inside the houses. Indirect evidence of using poppy seeds as food is also known from this site from human faeces (Maier, 2001, p. 144). Very few charred remains were found in the Middle Neolithic in the Mediterranean area. No seeds were retrieved from caves. The spatial distribution from the findings of these tiny seeds also includes inland sides, inner alpine valleys and high altitudes (Figure 7.4).

### 7.6.3 Late Neolithic (LN) Phase 3 – 3300-2300 cal. BC

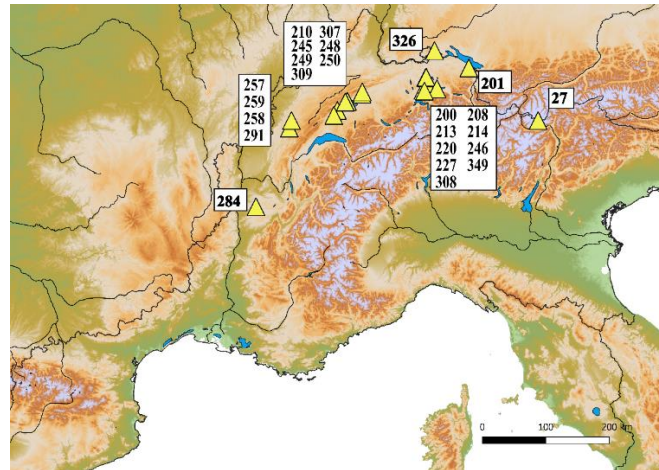


Figure 7.7 Sites with poppy seeds from the study area dating from 3300-2300 cal. BC only sites with uncharred poppy seeds from wet sites.

During the Late Neolithic period, poppy seeds were only present in wet sites and one undefined site, the frozen mummy site of Ötzi (Figure 7.7). In SE France, there are some pile-dwellings with large quantities of poppy seeds at lake Clairvaux and Chalain (Baudais et al., 1997; Lundström-Baudais, 2010; Schaal, 2000; Schoch, 1989).

In the Swiss Plateau, thousands of seeds appear mainly at the edges of Lakes such as Neuchâtel, Biel, Zug, Zurich and Constance, related to pile-dwellings (Figure 7.6 and Figure 7.7). For these sites, large quantities of poppy were found, with over 10000 at Zug-Riedmatt, in Lake Zug, at Zurich-Mozartstrasse, Zurich-Kansan, Zurich-Horgen-Scheller and Zurich-ParkHaus Opera sites in Lake Zurich, at Arbon Bleiche 3 site in Constance lake and Lattringen at Biel lake (for detail bibliographic check Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data). High densities of 1000 seeds per litre were observed in the archaeobotanical results from the pile-dwellings (Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017, p. 84) and can be seen in Figure 7.8. Jacomet (2006b, p. 80) noted that poppy seeds were found in larger quantities in Horgen sites than in previous Pfyn sites and later Corded Ware settlements. Even though the Late Neolithic was not divided into local periodization in this study, it is still possible to see at the record level in Figure 7.8 that sites with Horgen names have larger values than “Schunr” names (Corded Ware culture = german Schnurkeramik).

Fragments of poppy capsules are found at Zurich-Parkhaus Opera layer 13 (around 3150 cal. BC) and Concise-sous-Colachoz site (Canton of Vaud, western Switzerland), suggesting that poppy was processed within the settlement (Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017; Bleicher & Harb, 2015; Harb & Bleicher, 2016; Karg & Märkle, 2002). At Zurich-Parkhaus Opera, it was suggested that poppy oil was used for tool maintenance as some bone tools had oil residues (Spangenberg et al., 2014). Indirect evidence comes from Saint Blaise-Bains des Dames 4, where Mermoud (2000, 2007) suggested that poppy seeds were processed for oil based on their highly fragmented state.

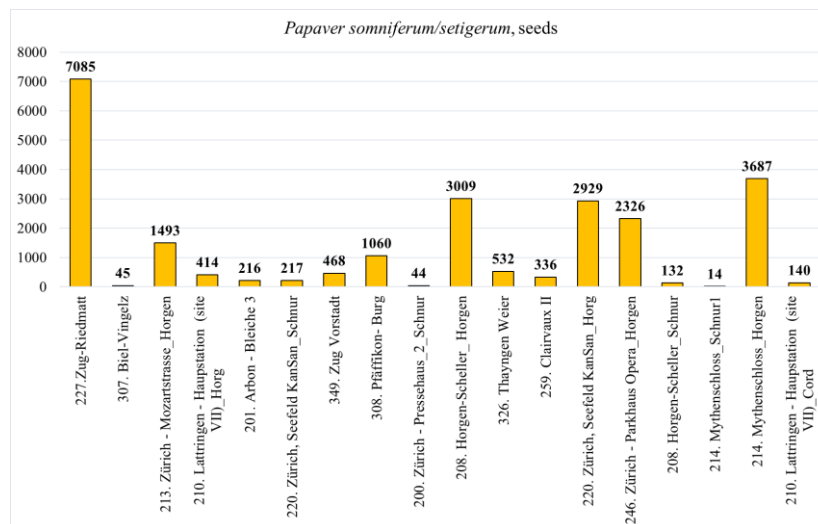


Figure 7.8 Concentration values (seeds per litre sediment) of uncharred poppy seeds from waterlogged preservation, per record, dating from the Late Neolithic period (3300-2300 cal. BC).

Close to the study area, in Southwest Germany, at Buchau-Torwiesen II pile-dwelling, there are clear clusters of poppy seeds with large accumulations inside houses 1, 3, 10 and 11 and concentrations in buildings 5, 10 and 12 (Maier & Harwath, 2011, p. 355). The authors also refer to the accumulations near house 3, near the street, where there is evidence of poppy processing. Within the houses around the hearths, charred opium poppy is found, indicating that it was used for cooking.

For Phase 3, poppy seeds only occurred in wetland sites and in terms of regions, they did not appear in NE Iberia (Figure 7.7). As described above, accumulations of seeds and evidence of processing for food or oil are suggested in several pile-dwellings. There is clear evidence of human consumption of poppy seeds in this phase, and the seeds were probably stored within the houses. However, these findings are only apparent in pile-dwellings and cannot be assessed in other regions where only dryland sites are present. It could be only a matter of taphonomic preservation (Märkle & Rösch, 2008), or poppy had lost its importance in other regions.

## 7.7 The role of poppy seeds in the Neolithic period

The importance of poppy seeds can be assessed by looking at the type of sites throughout all databases and phases (Figure 7.2, Figure 7.4 and Figure 7.7). Poppy seeds were found in all types of sites in the first phase, while for the second and third phases, there was no evidence from cave sites, and by the third phase, there were no seeds from the dry sites. The number of dry sites was always superior to the open wet sites (Figure 4.1 and Table 4.2), including in the last phase with more than 90 dryland and 40 wetland records. In this chapter, specific poppy contexts were described to evaluate in which context these tiny seeds were found. There is no evidence until now that poppy seeds had any ritual or funeral connotation, even though in the study area, funerary sites with archaeobotanical studies are rare (Anastasiu & Langenegger, 2010; Castiglioni & Tecchiati, 2005).

Nonetheless, as mentioned, it could be a taphonomic issue related to its large composition being oil and being easily destroyed by fire (Märkle & Rösch, 2008). Therefore, the presence of tiny poppy seeds might be related to the seeds not being in close contact with fire or where burned



in large quantities, and only a few survive. Another reason for the absence of this tiny seed is that it requires adequate sampling and processing with a small mesh size.

Throughout the Neolithic period in the study area, evidence of poppy seeds suggests it has been used for food, and its oil might have also been used for tool maintenance. No evidence of medicinal or ritual use of opium poppy has been found. In the study area's few burials and burnt offerings with archaeobotanical remains, hazelnut was the predominant plant. It was present at Aux Courbes Rayes burial site (Anastasiu & Langenegger, 2010). In later periods of the Bronze and Iron age (Außerlechner, 2021), in Eastern Alps, hazelnut, emmer and barley were some of the main plants used for burnt offering rituals (Außerlechner, 2021; Heiss, 2014), and flax seeds appear at a Chalcolithic site, but poppy seeds were only found as a burnt offering during the Iron age. Nevertheless, oil plants, such as opium poppy, have less chance of carbonization (Märkle & Rösch, 2008) and a much lesser chance of surviving intentional burnt offerings (Heiss, 2014, p. 352).

In summary, plants played a central role in people's day-to-day lives. During the Neolithic period, new types of plants started being cultivated in the study area; consequently, prehistoric communities started a new relationship with their environment. In high-density numbers during the Late Neolithic period, poppy seeds are present in almost all pile-dwellings, mainly from Switzerland (Figure 7.8). The role of the *P. setigerum/somniferum* seeds found in these periods was associated with food and oil. Although the use of the poppy as a burnt offering was present only later in Iron Age in the Alpine region (Außerlechner, 2021; Heiss, 2014), it could be that this association with mortuary and ritual practices started early, but no evidence can be found as the seeds would be quickly destroyed due to its fragile seed structure and high temperatures (Märkle & Rösch, 2008). No clear evidence of its use as medicine was found.

The poppy plant might have had different importance depending on where it was available and the cultural environment it was found and used. Examples of poppy capsules' representations in iconography are not known from NW Mediterranean or Central Europe but from the eastern Mediterranean. In Eastern Mediterranean, several iconography objects suggest poppy was used as a symbolic representation usually associated with rulers or gods at least since the Minoan civilisation of Bronze Age Crete (2000-1500 BCE), as discussed in this chapter, section 7.4.

## **7.8 Research paper 3**

In Paper 3, the modern LDA model created in the previous paper (Jesus, Bonhomme, et al., 2021) was applied to archaeological poppy seeds from 10 wetland sites dating between 5300 and 800 cal. BC. The protocol and statistical analyses were grounded in the first paper, and now the focus is on archaeological seeds and their morphological change through space and time.

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## First spread, then domestication? Morphometrics of archaeological seeds suggests a pathway of domestication of *Papaver somniferum* L. in the Western Mediterranean

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### Abstract

Domesticated opium poppy *Papaver somniferum* L. subsp. *somniferum* probably originated in the Western Mediterranean and spread to other European regions. Seeds of opium poppy have been identified in this area since the Early Neolithic period. However, until recently, the absence of morphological identification criteria has prevented the discrimination between wild and domestic morphotypes. New morphometric approaches to distinguish modern subspecies have been proven to be applicable to waterlogged archaeological remains, opening the possibility of understanding the process of domestication of the plant in both time and space.

This paper applies seed outline analyses, namely elliptic Fourier transforms, combined with size and number of seed cells to archaeological waterlogged *Papaver* seeds throughout the Neolithic period and the Late Bronze Age in the NW Mediterranean and the Northern Alpine Foreland. This study aims to classify the archaeological seeds as domestic or wild morphotypes and observe morphometric changes in connection to geographical and chronological patterns that can explain the spread and domestication process(es) of this important crop. A total of 295 archaeological seeds coming from 10 waterlogged sites dating between 5300 and 1070 cal. BC were analysed.

The results indicate the presence of seeds similar to the wild morphotype in the Mediterranean sites and larger seeds similar to the domestic morphotype in the regions surrounding the Alps. The number of cells mainly increased during the Late Neolithic (3300 to 2300 cal. BC) and, finally, in the Late Bronze Age (ca. 1050 – 800 cal. BC), larger, domesticated seeds are clearly predominant. The shape of seeds only changes in the Late Bronze Age. Altogether our results suggest that opium poppy seeds show no sign of domestication in the early periods of the Neolithic, despite the fact that the plant was very probably already cultivated at that time in the western Mediterranean region.

### Introduction

Plant domestication in Southwest Asia and Europe has been approached by archaeobotanists through a variety of techniques, including seed size [1,2], the proportion of botanical macroremains presenting domestication traits [3,4] and, more recently, seed shape analysis [5,6]. This has led to different narratives on the pathways of domestication of different old crops [7] but the datasets still remain scarce due to preservation issues and often inconclusive due to

the insufficient diagnostic traits. In addition, the domestication process is complex and researchers are only starting to grasp it. Among the limitations of these studies one could highlight the sole possibility of analysis of charred material, which is always a biased representation of past plant populations (especially of oil crops) and hence limits the availability of representative material [8]. A second limitation is the long time-span that exists between the establishment of a broad-spectrum economy amongst the last hunter-gatherers (and the beginning of a long co-evolutionary process with plants and animals that would end in some domestication events) and the development of agriculture (a necessary step in plant domestication). The domestication process in this sense was clearly human-driven but not deliberate from the beginning and hence difficult to trace [9]. Secondary domestication centres (where new plants species were domesticated once the societies became agricultural) [10] may offer the possibility of documenting domestication processes over shorter periods of time, since they do not run in parallel to the development of agricultural practices, which are already known to the society. Our case study is opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum* subsp. *somniferum* L., further abbreviated as *P. somniferum*), a plant that could have been domesticated in Western Europe after the arrival of the first farming populations [11,12]. The seeds of opium poppy are very well documented in, among other sites, lakeshore settlements with excellent preservation conditions (waterlogged) that allow working with uncharred subfossil seeds whose size and shape remain much closer to the original than the carbonized seeds.

Currently, the largest producer of opium poppy is Afghanistan, with 6.000 tons of opium and 250.00 hectares cultivated [13]. The Czech Republic, France and Russia are also important producers [13]. The opium poppy is nowadays mainly used for its medicinal, alimentary and decorative purposes [14]. In the past, opium poppy might have been collected for its seeds, which are rich in fibre, healthy fats and several micronutrients such as manganese, copper and iron [15,16]. Despite its current and past economic importance, opium poppy domestication has been challenging to approach archaeologically. Most researchers convey that the domestication occurred or was initiated during the Neolithic period in Western Europe [12,17–19], making it the only plant known to have been domesticated in Europe during the Neolithic.

Domestication refers to genetic, morphological and physiological changes in plants and animals [20]. Pre-domestication cultivation refers to the continuous management of wild progenitors (planting, harvesting and storing) and soil preparation by land clearance and tillage; these practices reflect as well on the evolution of larger seeds and reduction of the dispersal aids [20]. The main domestication traits of poppy are the increase in the size of the capsules and seeds and the indehiscence of the capsule [11]. A rare finding of complete capsules of opium poppy is known from pictures of material (currently lost) from Murciélagos cave in Spain [21–23], presumably dating to the Late Neolithic period. Whole capsules are almost never preserved in archaeological sites (e.g. lid-parts were found uncharred in the Late Neolithic sites such as Zurich-Parkhaus Opera [24] and in charred state in a burnt layer (AH2) of Hornstaad Hörle IA site [25]). Therefore, only two options are available to study the domestication and spread of this species: seed size and geographic spread. The latter refers to the spread of the plant (evidenced by seed finds) beyond its native area and therefore a sign that it might have been cultivated. The domestication centre of origin of *P. somniferum* has been assumed to be in the Western Mediterranean area where the putative wild progenitor, *Papaver somniferum* subsp. *setigerum* (DC.) Corb. (from now on *P. setigerum*), would have naturally grown without human intervention [11,17,18,26].

In the archaeological record, the seeds are the most common remains of this plant, preserved charred in dryland or mostly uncharred in waterlogged environments. Unfortunately, they are usually found in very small amounts in dryland sites because of the bad survival chances of the oil rich seeds when exposed to heat, and their extreme fragility when preserved in a charred state. In addition to this, the seeds are tiny (<1mm length) and require adequate sampling and very gentle sieving (the so-called “wash-over” method sensu Kenward et al. [27]) with a small-sized mesh. Large seed numbers are almost exclusively known from wetland sites, where uncharred (waterlogged) seeds (and rarely capsule fragments, mostly lid parts see above) are usually preserved in higher numbers (for numbers of finds, see e.g. [28]). Therefore, it is uncertain to which extent taphonomy has played an important role in the reconstruction of opium poppy history (i.e. it could have been present in other regions and gone unnoticed).

The archaeological *P. somniferum* might correspond to three current subspecies. These are *P. setigerum*, the putative wild ancestor, and two domestic subspecies, *Papaver somniferum* subsp. *somniferum* and *Papaver somniferum* var. *nigrum* [11,29]. The *Papaver somniferum/setigerum* seeds reported in the archaeological record are, so far, not identified to subspecies/status level (i.e. at the wild/domesticated level) due to the lack of discriminating criteria [30,31], since all three taxa are very close in both size and shape. *P. setigerum* is native to the Western Mediterranean area, and for this reason, it is assumed that the plant must have been first collected and cultivated in this area [11,26]. It is assumed that the wild progenitor of opium poppy would have had the same biochemical characteristics but with a lower proportion of the morphine alkaloid [32]. Therefore, Neolithic communities might have started to gather or cultivate the plant for its nutritional value, including the production of oil [33], and one could speculate that only later (yet possibly during the Neolithic), the plant could have developed higher alkaloid quantities under domestication. In Central Switzerland, at Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra, layer 13 (around 3150 cal. BC) bone tools had oil residues coming from flax and poppy, hazelnut and Brassicaceae, and it was suggested that the oil served as tool surface treatment to prolong their lifespan [34].

Archaeological evidence shows that seeds of *P. setigerum* could have been gathered from the wild already during the Palaeolithic time, as suggested in El Juyo, in Cantabria, with seeds attributed (without direct dating) to the Upper Palaeolithic [35]. Other questionable early records are reported in two Pre-Pottery Neolithic sites in Körtik Tepe, with deposits dated to 10400-9250 BC [36] - but these seem to be the only finds of this crop in Turkey up to the Medieval period [37]. There are also some waterlogged finds in a PPN-well outside the Israeli coast at Atlit Yam, probably dating to 6050-5550 BC [38]. However, the seeds were not directly radiocarbon-dated and could be younger intrusions as shown in e.g. [39] for Mesolithic layers in Europe. Most of the early evidence of poppy is actually found in Western Europe during the Early Neolithic. La Marmota (central Italy) is the earliest site that holds charred poppy capsules and seeds directly dated to ca. 5620-5480 cal. BC [12,40]. One charred poppy seed was found in the similarly old deposits of Peiro Signado, 5960–5720 cal. BC, in Southern France [41], but it was not directly dated. In La Draga, a pile dwelling in the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula, more than 5000 waterlogged and charred seeds were found within layer VII [42], its oldest occupation phase is dated to, 5300-5150 cal. BC [43]. In the Tai cave in Southern France, 13 charred seeds of poppy were found in one pit, dated to 5270-4990 cal. BC, confirmed by direct dating of the poppy seeds [12,44]; they were found in close proximity to cereal grains suggesting an anthropogenic origin and, therefore, it is probable, that the seeds come from plants which were cultivated [44]. Other Early Neolithic sites with few confirmed poppy seeds are La Lámpara (5300-5000 cal. BC), Cueva de Los Murciélagos (5300-5000 cal. BC) and Los Castillejos (5300-5000 cal. BC) in Spain [45–48]. Direct dating of the seeds of Los Castillejos

revealed that they probably belonged to younger phases documented at the site [12], which makes it clear that undated sparse finds cannot be trusted to reconstruct the history of this crop. Similar observations have been made for sparse cereal finds in Mesolithic contexts [39]. In Valais, in southern Switzerland, the La Gillière site dating from 4980 to 4730 cal. BC had more than 7000 charred seeds within a hearth, pointing to an extensive use of poppy seeds [49].

In contrast to Early Neolithic, only very few charred remains were found in the Mediterranean area (incl. adjacent regions) in sites from the Middle and Late Neolithic (from 4500 to 2300 cal. BC). In NE Iberia, at Can Sadurní (northeast of the Iberian Peninsula), there are some undated charred seeds [50], and there is also indirect evidence of the use of poppy at the nearby site of the Gavà mines. Biochemical analysis indicating the presence of morphine on the human bone of an individual with two trepanations, as well as phytolith remains (parenchyma) from the poppy capsules in dental calculus, allegedly provide the oldest evidence of the consumption of opium poppy for sedative purposes, undirectly dated, around 3870-3365 cal. BC [51]. In SE France, seeds were preserved in waterlogged conditions, in some wells within dryland sites, at Les Bagnoles, Clos de Roque and Mas de Vignoles IX, dating between 4200 and 3090 cal. BC [52–54]. Chenet de Pierres (4338–4050 cal. BC), a dryland site located at a higher altitude (940 m asl) in the French Alps, also yielded poppy seeds alongside pottery of "VBQ" (Square Mouthed Vases) and Saint Uze ceramic styles (ca. 4500-4000 cal. BC) that attest influences from Northern Italy (in the east) and the Rhone valley (in the southwest) in the alpine regions of south-eastern France [55]. In Andorra, in the Pyrenees, the site of Camp del Colomer provided the evidence of opium poppy at the highest altitude (ca. 1350 m asl) in the region, associated with contexts dating ca. 4500-4000 cal. BC, and interpreted as cultivated [42].

In contrast to the Mediterranean Middle and Late Neolithic period, from 4300 cal. BC onwards, poppy is frequent in the "pile-dwelling" settlements of Northern Alpine Foreland, mostly in extreme high numbers and almost exclusively in well preserved waterlogged state. Particularly around 3000 cal. BC in settlements of the so called "Horgen" culture, they are documented in all sites. From around 2700 cal. BC onwards, poppy becomes more rare, and from the Bell Beaker period (around 2400-2300 BC ca) and the Early Bronze Age there are few sites with poppy and only in small quantities [28,56–60].

This state of the art opens many questions regarding the status of poppy in the Mediterranean area, its role after the Early Neolithic and whether opium poppy was already domesticated when it arrived to the Northern Alpine Foreland and if it arrived directly from the Mediterranean area there. Since there are only a few sites with waterlogged poppy seeds from the Middle Neolithic and none for the Late Neolithic period in the Mediterranean area it is not possible to assess if the species was domesticated or not.

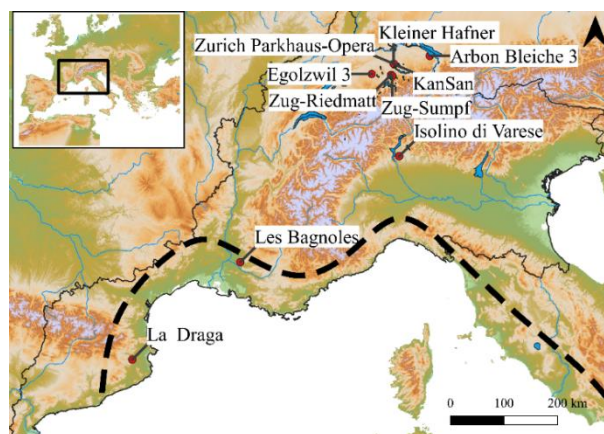
In order to answer this question, a methodology to distinguish opium poppy seeds from several wild species of the genus *Papaver* was first established [61]. Discriminant analyses on morphological variables (shape, size and number of cells) showed rather good accuracy (over 70%) at classifying between modern species, including *P. somniferum* from *P. setigerum*. This method was also successfully applied to non-charred archaeological seeds, with the example of Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra layer 13 (Switzerland, dated to ca. cal. 3150 BC [62]), where the results suggested that the domestication of the plant might be ongoing during the Late Neolithic in the area [61]. In the same study, we underlined the need for additional analyses, particularly in the Mediterranean area and of more recent sites, to reach a better understanding of the timing and geographic origin of the spread and domestication of the opium poppy in Western Europe.

Here, we applied the same methodology to archaeological seeds from a selection of Prehistoric sites in the NW Mediterranean and the fringes of the Alps, including the Northern Alpine foreland, in order to address three questions:

- 1) Is there any relation between the changes in size and shape of the seeds and their chronology? Can we detect diachronic size and shape changes?
- 2) Can we establish connections between archaeological seeds found in sites from the Mediterranean area and the seeds found in the Alpine area? Furthermore, what does this tell us about the process of domestication and diffusion of opium poppy outside of the Mediterranean area?
- 3) Can we identify domestic *Papaver somniferum* seeds in the Neolithic archaeological assemblages and in which proportion?

### Material and Methods

The modern reference collection consisted of 270 seeds belonging to seven *Papaver* taxa, 30 seeds per taxon (for details, see [61]). A total of 295 perfectly preserved waterlogged seeds from ten archaeological sites (Table 1 and Fig. 1), dating from the Early Neolithic until the Late Bronze Age (5150-1075 cal. BC), were investigated. In order to facilitate comparisons between sites, these have been grouped into six broad phases following the chronology of the Agrichange project [63]. This chronology defines the Early Neolithic (EN) from 5700 to 4500 cal. BC, Middle Neolithic (MN) from 4500 to 3300 cal. BC and Late Neolithic (LN) from 3300 to 2300 cal. BC. For the period of ca. 1050-800 cal. BC, we use the term Late Bronze Age (LBA). The Middle Neolithic period was divided into two sub-periods Middle Neolithic 1 (MN1) 4500–4000 cal. BC and Middle Neolithic 2 (MN2) 4100–3300 cal. BC. The archaeological seeds analysed in this study come from nine wetland sites and one dryland site, Les Bagnoles, with three wells with waterlogged deposits (Fig. 1). The wetland sites are all prehistoric settlements with wooden houses on the shores of lakes or islands in lakes, known as pile-dwellings [64]. All seeds are uncharred and preserved in a waterlogged state (S1). Two sites are located in the Mediterranean area (La Draga, Spain and Les Bagnoles, France), Isolino di Varese, Northern Italy, lies at the southern fringe of the Alps, and the remaining sites lie in the Northern alpine foreland, in current Switzerland (Fig. 1).



**Figure 1** Neolithic and Bronze age sites (5300 to 1070 cal. BC) with uncharred poppy seeds analysed in this paper. Early Neolithic Sites (5300-4500 BC): La Draga and Isolino di Varese 1; Middle Neolithic 1 sites (4500-4000 BC): Egolzwil 3; Isolino di Varese 2; Zürich-Kleiner Hafner and Bagnoles 1; Middle Neolithic 2 sites (4000-3300 BC): Zürich-KanSan and Les Bagnoles 2; Late Neolithic sites (3300-2300 BC): Arbon Bleiche 3; Zug-Riedmatt, Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra; Late Bronze Age site: Zug-Sumpf. Native area of wild poppy delimited south of the dashed line. (Software: QGIS QGIS3.12.3, © European Union, Copernicus Land Monitoring Service [2016], European Environment Agency (EEA))

Samples were obtained from well-dated archaeological contexts (either by dendrochronology or radiocarbon dating and in one case by typology, see Table 1) and covered different temporal, geographical and environmental conditions that could be related to poppy diffusion. This selection allowed us to assess seed size and shape changes according to time and space. For the study, we only selected perfectly preserved, uncharred (waterlogged) archaeological seeds. This type of preservation retains all seeds characteristics, such as the cells and the soft yellow parts of the hilum. Scientific plant nomenclature and classifications were discussed in the previous paper [61] and follows [11,29].

**Table 1** List of sites analysed in this paper, with their ID number, location, dates, number of seeds and preservation, organised by chronology (EN Early Neolithic; MN1 Middle Neolithic 1; Middle Neolithic 2, LN Late Neolithic and LBA – Late Bronze Age), for more details check S1.

Site	ID number	Localisation	Date (Median)	Number of seeds	Preservation	Period	Dated by	Bibliography
La Draga	80	NE Spain	5150	24	waterlogged	EN	<sup>14</sup> C[43]	[42]
Isolino di Varese 1	72	Northern Italy	4900	21	waterlogged	EN	<sup>14</sup> C [65 submitted]	[66]
Bagnoles 1, well 250	252	SE France	4150	7	waterlogged	MN1	<sup>14</sup> C [67]	[68]
Isolino di Varese 2	72	Northern Italy	4150	21	waterlogged	MN1	<sup>14</sup> C [65 submitted]	[66]
Egolzwil 3	205	Central Switzerland	4150	30	waterlogged	MN1	dendro-dated [69]	[70]
Zürich Kleiner Hafner layer 5	209	Central Switzerland	4150	30	waterlogged	MN1	dendro-dated [56]	[71]
Bagnoles 2, wells 990-994	252	SE France	3915	9	waterlogged	MN2	<sup>14</sup> C (Martínez-Grau et al., 2020)	[68]
Zürich Kansan layer 9	220	Central Switzerland	3800	30	waterlogged	MN2	dendro-dated [72]	[73]
Arbon Bleiche 3	201	Eastern Switzerland	3375	30	waterlogged	LN	dendro-dated [74]	[75, 76]
Zug Riedmatt	227	Central Switzerland	3175	30	waterlogged	LN	Typologically dated	[77]
Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra layer 13	246	Central Switzerland	3150	33	waterlogged	LN	dendro-dated [62]	[62, 78]
Zug Sumpf	400	Central Switzerland	1075	30	waterlogged	LBA	dendro-dated <sup>14</sup> C [79]	[74, 76]

### Archaeological data collection

Only seeds identified as opium poppy, *Papaver somniferum/setigerum*, were selected. Archaeobotanists made this identification based on the appearance of cell patterns, which shows the unique characteristic feature of being areolate-reticulate compared to the other taxa present in the modern reference material. The archaeological seeds were first removed from the conserving agent (a mix of thymol, ethanol, glycerine and water), cleaned with distilled water and then partially dried with an optical cloth (Hama Lens cleaning tissue). This process was necessary to prevent light reflection due to the water and the optical cloth not leaving fibres or

traces on the seeds. Finally, the dried seeds were easier to position allowing to take more standardised photographs and to reduce parallax error.

All archaeological seeds' lateral view was photographed using a Leica Z16 APO Binocular Stereo Microscope with a digital camera Leica DFC 420 and the Leica Application Suite software (LAS 4.0, Leica®). The photo background and the yellow soft tissue on the hilum were removed manually using Photoshop 6 (Adobe®). A black mask was created using Photoshop, and the (x; y) coordinates of five landmarks [see 61] were recorded using ImageJ [83]. The seed size (length and width of the bounding box) was recorded using the rectangular tool in ImageJ. The length and width of the seeds were log-transformed [84,85]. The number of cells visible on the pictures was counted using the multi-point tool in Image J.

### Outline analysis

The shape of all 295 archaeological seeds was described with outline analyses using elliptical Fourier transforms (EFT) [86] following the protocol developed in [61]. The (x; y) coordinates of the outline were obtained with the Momocs 1.3.0 [87] package in an R 4.0.0 environment [88]. Landmark n°2 was used as the initial point for each outline that corresponds to 360 points equally spaced points. The outlines were normalised for their position, size and orientation using full generalised Procrustes alignment of the landmarks [89]. The elliptic Fourier transform method consists of decomposing the outlines into a harmonic series of trigonometric functions, called harmonics, associated with coefficients [87], further used as quantitative shape variables.

### Morphometrics

First, we analysed each category of morphometric descriptor separately: the overall distributions of seed lengths, widths, cell number values and shape were displayed using boxplots divided per period and Wilcoxon's tests were performed to test for differences between periods, sites and regions. Alpha significance level was chosen to  $10^{-3}$ .

Boxplots were used to visualise differences between regions as regards the four descriptors (length, width, cell number and shape). Then, a new boxplot was plotted to visualise changes in seed length through time, with seed length of the sites in the y axis and their corresponding dates in the x axis. Finally, a chronological graph with the variations in length, width and number of cells through time was done.

A Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was performed on the matrix of EFT coefficients to explore shape variability. Shape variability was illustrated using boxplots showing the distribution of the scores of the seeds on the first three PCA components, which together captured 90 % of total shape variability. Shape differences between periods are mainly captured on PC3 (as seen in Fig. 2). Therefore, the three first principal components were used in on the shape analysis.

A second PCA was used to explore the overall variability of the form (size + shape) of archaeological seeds using a combination of all morphometric descriptors (length, width, the number of cells and shape coefficients). Finally, a hierarchical clustering using UPGMA on the euclidean distance matrix between PC1:3 scores and all morphometric descriptors averaged per site is presented as an unrooted tree obtained with the package ape [90].

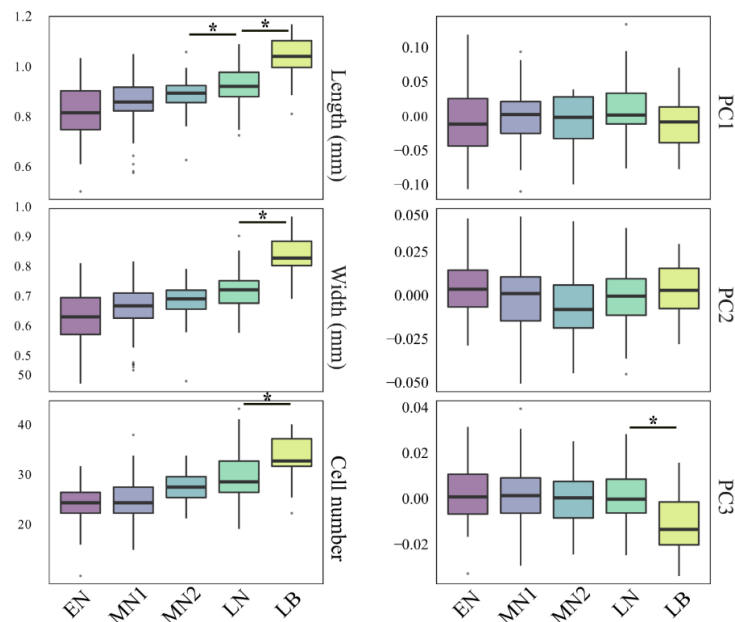


Each archaeological seed was classified using the linear discriminant analyses (LDA) trained on the modern material [61] and using all descriptors (length, width, number of cells and shape). To cope with the unbalanced sample size in this reference collection, we used 100 permutations [61,91], sampling in each group as much seeds as in the smallest group. For each seed, the majority classification obtained along these 100 permutations was retained. The archaeological seeds were first classified into a model including all seven *Papaver* species (LDA 1), then into a model based only on the three *P. somniferum* subspecies: *P. nigrum*, *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* (LDA 2), and the last LDA 3, only with *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*. The accuracies presented are the percentages of specimens classified into the right group. The percentages calculated for each site were represented as scatter pies on a map, to visualise spatial variation and QGIS software version 3.12.3 [92]. Improvements such as increasing the visibility of words and labelling were made using Inkscape [93].

## Results

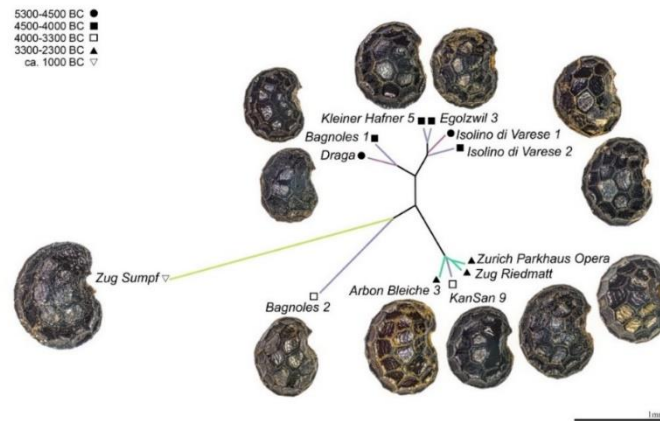
### Results per period

The distributions of length, width, cell numbers, and shape (first 3 Principal Components (PC) representing 90 % of variance) values show a slow change from the Early Neolithic to the Late Bronze (Fig. 2). Wilcoxon rank tests indicate that seed assemblages of different periods usually differ from one another regarding length and width, with the few exceptions of neighbouring periods such as no differences ( $P > 10^{-3}$ ), between the seeds of the Early Neolithic and Middle Neolithic 1, and Middle Neolithic 1 and Middle Neolithic 2 (S3). Differences,  $P < 10^{-3}$ , in the number of cells mainly concern Middle Neolithic 2, Late Neolithic and Late Bronze periods. Changes in shape are smaller and only significant,  $P < 10^{-3}$ , between Late Bronze Age and all the Neolithic assemblages on PC3 (Fig. 2 and S3).



**Figure 2** Boxplots comparing the length, width, cell number and the three first principal components (PC) of the poppy seeds shape from the chronological phases. **EN**: Early Neolithic Sites: Draga and Isolino di Varese 1; **MN1**: Middle Neolithic 1: Egolzwil 3, Isolino di Varese 2; Kleiner Hafner, layer 5; Bagnoles 1, well 250; **MN2**: Middle Neolithic 2: Zürich KanSan, layer 9, Les Bagnoles 2, well 990-990; **LN**: Late Neolithic: Arbon Bleiche 3; Zug Riedmatt, Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra, layer 13. **LB**: Late Bronze Age: the layer of Zug Sumpf. See also Fig. 1 and Table 1. Pairwise differences are tested using Wilcoxon rank tests, and stars indicates  $P < 10^{-3}$

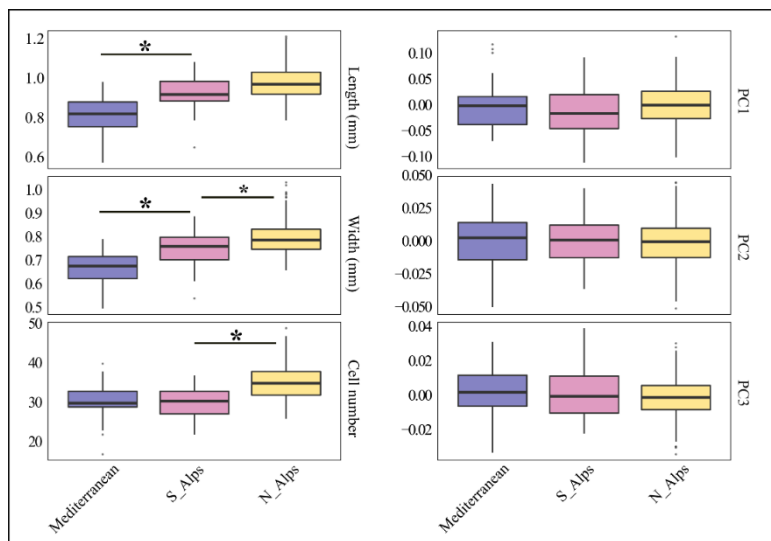
The hierarchical clustering based on all descriptors (Fig. 3) allow to identify five clusters. The Mediterranean sites of Les Bagnoles 1 and La Draga form one cluster. The sites from the South and North of the Alps from the Early Neolithic and Middle Neolithic 1 cluster together (Isolino 1 and 2, Egozwil 3 and Kleiner Hafner 5), while the three sites belonging to the Late Neolithic (Arbon Bleiche 3, Zug Riedmatt and Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra) and one site from Middle Neolithic 2 (Zürich KanSan 9) compose the third cluster. Late Bronze Age Zug Sumpf is isolated and distinguished from all the others. The same occurs to Les Bagnoles 2 (the younger well) that is isolated from the other seeds from Middle Neolithic 2 and Late Neolithic.



**Figure 3** The unrooted tree obtained with hierarchical clustering on the euclidean distance matrix between Fourier coefficients, length, width and number of cells per site. The colours of the lines represent the period colours seen in the previous figures. Photos by Raúl Soteras.

### Results per region

Seeds also differ between regions (Fig. 4), with the length and width of assemblages from the Mediterranean being smaller than in the other regions, as demonstrated by the Wilcoxon tests. The Wilcoxon tests (S3) show statistical differences in length and width,  $P < 10^{-3}$ , between the Mediterranean region and the other regions North and South of the Alps despite no difference in terms of the number of cells and seed shape ( $P > 10^{-3}$ ), as well as, between the Mediterranean region (La Draga + Les Bagnoles) and the South of the Alps region (Isolino). In terms of width and cell number, the assemblages from the South are different ( $P < 10^{-3}$ ) from the seeds of the North of the Alps. A clear distinction for the North of the Alps is observed in the number of cells, which is larger in this region (Fig. 3). In terms of shape, there is no significant change in the different regions.

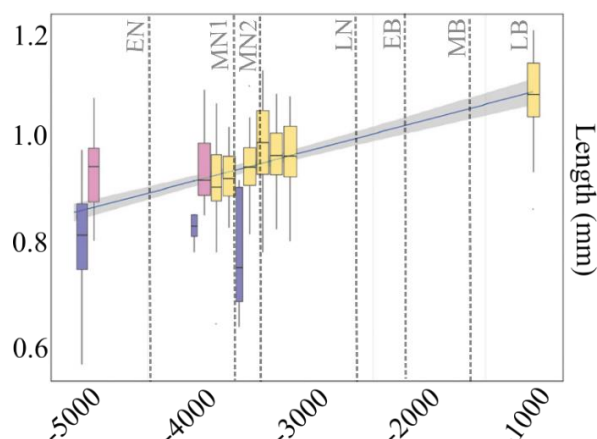


**Figure 4** Box plots comparing the length, width, cell number and the three components of the three first PC scores of the outline shape analysis of the poppy seeds from different regions. Mediterranean region boxplot includes La Draga and Les Bagnoles 1 and 2; South of the Alps boxplot includes Isolino 1 and Isolino 2, and North of the Alps has all Swiss sites. Pairwise differences are tested using Wilcoxon rank tests, and stars indicate  $P < 10^{-3}$

#### Evolution of seed length per settlement phase through time and regions

Seed length is often used as a parameter to compare overall seed size changes diachronically. We addressed this comparison at a settlement phase level per site and classified sites per period phases in order to observe possibly different dynamics between regions (Fig. 5). The seeds from the North of the Alps sites show a continued increase in length from the Middle Neolithic 2 to the Late Neolithic. From the Late Neolithic (ca. 3150 cal. BC) to the Late Bronze age (ca 1075 cal. BC), a more significant increase in length has happened, as shown in Fig. 5.

However, when combining all the criteria, the estimated increase of change in the seeds ( $p < 10^{-15}$ , adj.  $r^2 = 0.344$ ) and the pace is 0.057 mm in length, 0.049 mm in width and 0.26 in the number of cells per millennium. (S2 - Table 1).

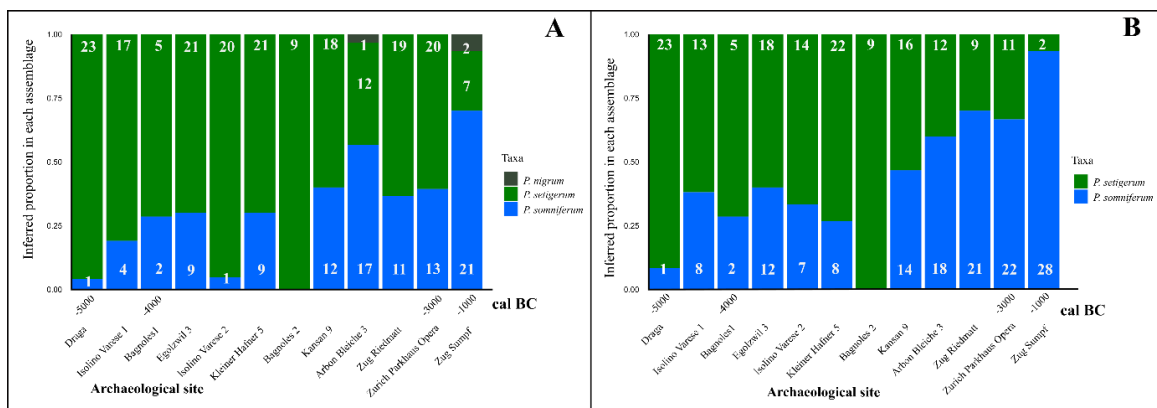


**Figure 5** Boxplots with the length values per site, the average date in the continuous x-axis and regression lines. Ordered by a period as in Table 1 with all the sites analysed here, the colours are the same as in the previous regional graphs.

Assignment of archaeological seeds

Even though all archaeological seeds included in this study belong morphologically to the *P. somniferum* group, we used our modern reference collection from different *Papaver* species, including *P. dubium*, *P. hybridum*, *P. rhoeas* and *P. argemone*, and a predictive linear discriminant analysis to identify the archaeological seeds. LDA 1 assigned only four seeds wrongly (S2 – Fig. 1). Three seeds were attributed to *P. dubium* and one seed to *P. hybridum*. This result demonstrates the agreement between both methods (S2 – Fig.1).

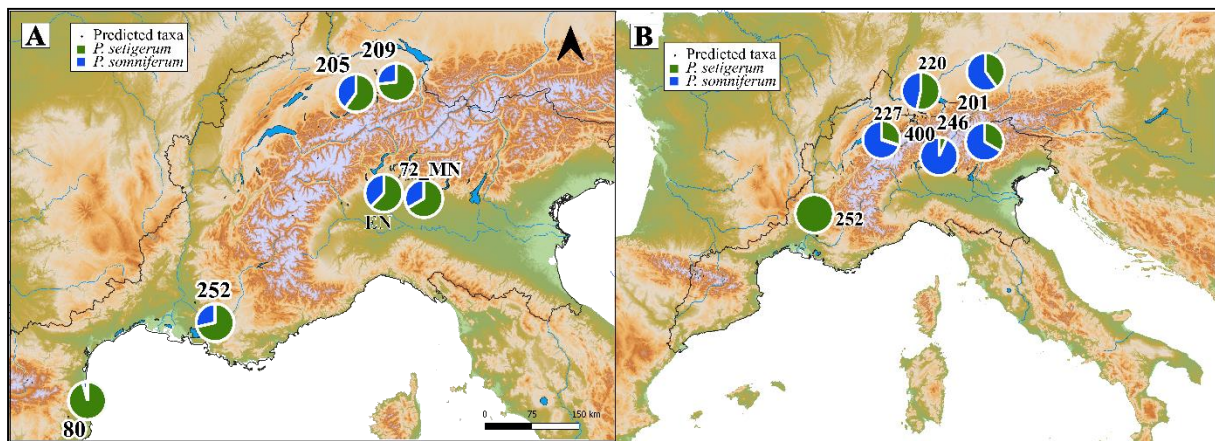
Archaeological seeds were assigned with the same methodology to modern species only belonging to the *P. somniferum* group (LDA 2, Fig. 6A). Most of the seeds were assigned to *P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum*. The number of seeds allocated to *P. nigrum*, only five, is insignificant compared to the other two taxa. Only two seeds of Arbon Bleiche 3 and three seeds from Zug Sumpf were identified as the modern species of *P. nigrum* (Fig. 6A). Therefore, another LDA was performed only on the two *P. somniferum* subspecies, *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum*. The results of LDA 3 changed slightly. The main pattern is a global increase in the proportion of seeds assigned to *P. somniferum* (Fig. 6B), especially in Isolino Varese 2. The seeds from La Draga and Les Bagnoles 2 are the most similar to *P. setigerum*. Late Bronze age site, Zug Sumpf is the only site where most seeds were assigned to modern *P. somniferum*.



**Figure 6** Assignment of archaeological seeds to modern *P. somniferum* morphotypes (A) LDA 2 trained on the *P. somniferum* group (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum* and *P. nigrum*) using all descriptors. (B) LDA 3 trained on the *P. somniferum* group (*P. setigerum*, *P. somniferum*) using all descriptors. The number of seeds attributed is listed on each represented colour.

Geographical morphotype of poppy assemblages

During the Early and Middle Neolithic 1 periods (5700-4000 cal. BC), all sites show most poppy seeds with traits similar to *P. setigerum*, especially La Draga and Les Bagnoles 1 and 2 in the Mediterranean area (Fig. 7A). In the sites from the other regions, North and South of the Alps, the proportion of seeds with *P. somniferum* traits is higher. For the Middle Neolithic 2, the only site in the Mediterranean area, Les Bagnoles 2 (the younger wells), had all nine poppy seeds assigned to *P. setigerum* (Fig. 7B). At younger sites located in Switzerland, a larger proportion of seeds is allocated to *P. somniferum*. The proportion of *P. somniferum* in this area reaches its maximum, especially in Late Bronze Age Zug-Sumpf, where most seeds are attributed to this taxon (Fig. 7A).



**Figure 7** Map of the sites showing the proportion of seeds assigned to *P. setigerum* (green) and *P. somniferum* (blue) by LDA3 (A) Assemblages from the Early Neolithic and Middle Neolithic 1 period (5700 - 4000 cal. BC). EN: 80) La Draga, 72) Isolino di Varese 1. MN1: 72) Isolino di Varese 2; 205) Egolzwil 3, 209) Zürich Kleiner Hafner layer 5, 252) Bagnoles 1, well 250. (B) Assemblages from the Middle Neolithic 2, Late Neolithic and Bronze Age (4000-800 cal. BC). MN2: 252) Bagnoles 2, well 990-994, 220) Zürich Kansan layer 9; LN: 201 Arbon Bleiche 3, 227) Zug Riedmatt; 246) Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra layer 13 and LBA: 400) Zug Sumpf. (Software: QGIS3.12.3, © European Union, Copernicus Land Monitoring Service [2016], European Environment Agency (EEA))

## Discussion

This paper shows the application of four descriptors: length, width, number of cells, and shape, to study poppy seeds' variability from archaeological sites dating from 5150 to 1075 cal. BC from the Mediterranean and North of the Alps regions. The morphometric studies compared archaeological seeds with modern references, assigned archaeological seeds to *P. setigerum* and *P. somniferum* and highlighted chronological and geographical changes in seed morphology.

An initial question of the study was to understand the relation between the changes in size and shape of the seeds and their chronology, and this study found that the seeds show a slow continuous change through the Early Neolithic to the Late Bronze age (Fig. 2 and Fig. 5). The Wilcoxon tests (S3) show no statistical differences in length and cell number between the early periods. In contrast, differences in width and shape are only visible on the seeds from the Late Bronze age compared with earlier periods. These results support the idea that Middle and Late Neolithic seeds outside the natural range of *P. setigerum* come from plants which were in the process of domestication.

The second question in this study sought to determine the connections between archaeological seeds found in sites in the Mediterranean area and the seeds found in the Alpine area. The most obvious finding to emerge from the analysis is that the seeds from the Mediterranean region are smaller than those found in the other regions, as confirmed by the computation of Wilcoxon rank tests (Fig. 4 -  $P < 10^{-3}$ ). These Wilcoxon tests on length and width measurements indicate that the seeds from the southern fringes of the Alps (Isolino site) are different from those of the Mediterranean region (La Draga + Les Bagnoles) but similar to those north of the Alps. This result shows that the seeds had already slightly changed their morphology compared with seeds from the native area of the wild progenitor, even in early times (Early and Middle Neolithic). This happened obviously relatively quickly when the species was brought to outside of its native area (Mediterranean). It would be interesting to know if such changes would be visible also in

more northern lying early Neolithic sites like the LBK-wells with waterlogged preservation [94].

When comparing the different areas, width and cell number of the seeds from the North of the Alps are higher than those of the seeds from the South of the Alps and the Mediterranean (Fig. 4). This result suggests that the seeds from the North of the Alps differ from those within the native area. The plants from which these seeds come might be more advanced in the domestication process compared to the plants from the Mediterranean. However, these results may be somewhat limited by two aspects: the number of specimens when comparing regions and, more importantly, the absence of seeds from the Mediterranean from late periods when trying to understand the process of domestication and diffusion of opium poppy outside the Mediterranean area. The first refers to the fact that the number of seeds used is not the same for each region, as there are more seeds from the Alpine area than from the Mediterranean. This is due to the type of preservation since only uncharred and waterlogged seeds can be studied. In the Mediterranean area there are very few examples of pile dwellings and dryland sites with structures that could contain this type of preservation, for example, wells. The number of seeds per region is 40 from the Mediterranean area (3 records/2 sites), the South of the Alps (2 records/1 site) has 42 seeds, and the North of the Alps (7 records/site) has 213 seeds.

The other limitation is that no poppy seeds from the native area dating from the Late Neolithic and Bronze age have been recovered yet. Therefore, a direct assessment and comparison between seeds found in the native area and the seeds in the surroundings of the Alps is challenging. Nevertheless, the main results are that the seeds found in the native area (Mediterranean) are always smaller than those from Early Neolithic and Middle Neolithic sites in other areas. In contrast, the specimens out of the native area are larger and tend to increase from the Early Neolithic up to the Late Bronze age. However, as noted before there are gaps of hundreds of years and a linear “evolution” of the seeds size cannot be proven.

#### Identification of *P. somniferum* in the investigated sites and the role of poppy

The third question in this research was to assess if the seeds found at these sites were morphologically similar to the domestic species, *P. somniferum*. When allocating archaeological seeds to modern species of opium poppy by LDA, the seeds from the native area were mostly assigned to the wild morphotype, *P. setigerum*. In contrast, the proportion of seeds assigned to the domestic type is generally higher in the other regions. This proportion varies in terms of period, and the highest value is obtained for the seeds from the Late Bronze Age (Fig. 6 and Fig. 7).

The seeds from La Draga (ca. 5300-5150 cal. BC) in NE-Iberia are mainly allocated to the wild form: the seeds are smaller and have fewer cells than modern *P. somniferum*. The taxa spectrum at the site is dominated by cultivars such as naked wheat and barley, poppy was identified as a cultivar based on its density of finds and its ubiquity [42]. Our results indicate therefore a sort of “pre-domestication cultivation” [95] of poppy, because the seeds are morphologically wild. In Les Bagnoles, a Middle Neolithic site located in Southern France, in the southern Rhone valley (Fig. 1) and dating to ca. 4250-3800 cal. BC, the taxa spectrum shows a dominance of naked wheat and barley for the Middle Neolithic 1 and for the Middle Neolithic 2 barley and naked wheat with an increase of glume wheats. Flax is present in all phases, while the representation of pulses is variable, mostly dominated by pea [54]. Poppy seeds are frequent in the Middle Neolithic 1 and fewer in the Middle Neolithic 2.

These seeds are assigned to *P. setigerum*, too. Especially the nine seeds from the Middle Neolithic 2 have similarities in terms of length, width and number of cells with the seeds of La Draga. In comparison, the seven seeds of Middle Neolithic 1 are larger, and some are allocated to *P. somniferum* (Fig. 2 in the Supplementary Material). Larger quantities of poppy seeds were mainly found in the oldest well 250 (ca. 4250–4050 cal. BC), some in a younger well 990 (dating to 4050–3980 cal. BC) and a few in the youngest (3940–3780 cal. BC) well 994 suggesting cultivation of poppy at the site throughout the Middle Neolithic period [54]. The seeds in this site were not well preserved despite being waterlogged, and only 16 seeds could be measured. This relatively small sample size should be extended before exploring more in detail the differences between the two Middle Neolithic phases.

Isolino Virginia, a pile dwelling site on an island in lake Varese, is located in Northern Italy, South of the Alps (Fig. 1), and has two phases of occupation, one around 4950–4700 cal. BC and one around 4250–3650 cal. BC [65]. The archaeobotanical research is still ongoing [66 submitted] but preliminary data revealed that naked wheat and naked barley dominate as crops in the first phase, while a more diverse crop spectrum is found in the second phase, also involving the presence of glume wheats. Flax is present in both phases, as well as pea (Steiner et al. *in press*). The assemblage is different from the glume wheat-dominated assemblages found in other North-eastern Italian sites [97]. Poppy has been known since the first occupation phase at Isolino and appeared in large numbers [98]. For both occupations, 21 seeds were analysed, among which eight were allocated to *P. somniferum* for the Early Neolithic period layer and seven from the Middle Neolithic layer, corresponding to less than 40% of the seeds. One possible interpretation of this result is that the domestication of the plant is ongoing, possibly due to the long period of cultivation of over 500 years (since poppy was first found at the Early Neolithic site of La Marmotta, central Italy) but also due to the location of the site, which lies outside of the natural area of distribution of wild opium poppy. The Isolino finds are the earliest poppy seeds showing some domestication traits known today.

In the seven sites North of the Alps, poppy seeds are numerous and are generally better preserved than in the other sites, particularly in comparison to La Draga and Les Bagnoles. This exceptional preservation is related to taphonomic processes in lake environments in the circumalpine area, where organic deposits are often found with excellent preservation conditions [8,99]. On the other hand, the large number of seeds means that more well-preserved remains were available. The seeds are typically found in organic detritus layers [99] accumulated under or around the (mostly stilted) houses [100,101]; in two sites, Zurich AKAD-Seehofstrasse [56] and Zug-Sumpf [102] accumulations of seeds were found within ceramic pots suggesting their storage and culinary use. High densities of several thousand poppy seeds per litre of sediment are found in several pile-dwellings, with extreme numbers mainly in sites with “Horgen” style ceramics, so e.g. in Zurich-Parkhaus Opera, Horgen-Scheller 3, Zürich-Kansan and Pfäffikon-Burg [62].

During the Middle Neolithic 1 (around 4200 cal. BC), opium poppy was brought to the Swiss Plateau and cultivated by the Swiss pile-dwelling communities with “Egolzwil” ceramic style along the same crops that were grown in Isolino, naked wheat (mostly tetraploid) and multi-rowed barley, few flax finds and several remains of pulses, especially pea [56,103,104]. The evidence of cultivation is first based on the large quantities of seeds in multiple sites in the Swiss Plateau [28,56,58–60] and secondly on the lack of the wild ancestor in the area. The LDA 3 model (Fig. 6B) allocated the poppies of the Middle Neolithic period (4500 to 3300 cal. BC) mainly to *P. setigerum*; however, the proportions are higher in Middle Neolithic 1 (over 60 % in Egolzwil 3 and layer 5 of, Zürich-Kleiner Hafner). For Middle Neolithic 2 (Zürich-Kansan),

more than 50% are allocated to the domestic type (Fig. 6 and Fig. 7). This result may be explained by the fact that Egolzwil 3, Zürich Kleiner Hafner layer 5 and Zürich Kansan layer 9 sites belong probably to the earliest (archaeobotanically investigated) examples of the spread of poppy into the Swiss Plateau, which might have been brought from the NW Mediterranean.

Around the end of Middle Neolithic 2 and during Late Neolithic (Arbon Bleiche 3, Zug Riedmatt and Zurich-Parkhaus Opéra “Horgen” layers), 60 to 70 % of the seeds are inferred to be *P. somniferum* species. A comparison of these findings with previous morphometric results [61] confirms that during the Late Neolithic, poppy seeds are becoming larger and more similar to the morphotype of the domestic type. The large numbers of seeds, by far over 1000 poppy seeds per litre of sediment [24,105], found in the waterlogged archaeological sites reflects the importance of this crop. The main cereals during this period were emmer, tetraploid naked wheat and a multi-rowed barley plus high amounts of flax [58,60].

The Late Bronze age seeds from one site - Zug Sumpf - are 93 % allocated to the *P. somniferum* species according to the LDA 3. This suggests that poppy plants were fully domesticated from the morphometrical point of view provided by the seeds. The main cereals during this period are multi-rowed barley, spelt and emmer wheat, and additionally there are high amounts of broomcorn and foxtail millet and faba bean [106].

Our results suggest that opium poppy cultivation started in the Mediterranean area with morphologically wild forms. Seed morphology only changed very progressively until we find fully domesticated morphotypes in Switzerland during the Late Bronze Age. Part of this process took place – and possibly accelerated - in the Northern Alpine area, outside the distribution area of the putative wild ancestor, *P. setigerum*. In Switzerland, the seeds gradually and systematically increased in size until the Late Neolithic. The most significant change is observed in the Late Bronze Age but we cannot clearly establish where and when this change first originated. These findings hence do not assert that it was a strictly local evolution of the crop. The lack of sufficient appropriate contexts in the Mediterranean area dating to the Late Neolithic and the Bronze Age also does not allow to exclude the possibility that the domestication process also included these areas. The whole process possibly involved repeated exchanges and inter-breeding of genetic stock or cultivated varieties between the Alps and the Mediterranean areas during a very long period of time.

It is clear that this study cannot establish with certainty the domestication centre of opium poppy. For this, more research in other European areas and additional sites is needed, i.e. studying other sites with waterlogged deposits such as the above-mentioned LBK wells in Germany or the recently investigated pile-dwellings in the Central Balkans [107]. Another important prerequisite for the further investigation of this question would be to develop an additional methodology for charred remains which then would allow to trace a more comprehensive investigation of poppy domestication. Adding charred poppy remains is important for future research since the methodology used in this paper was tested only on waterlogged material [61]. Carbonisation experiments could allow assessing the possibility of classifying charred seeds. However, prior studies noted the strong effect of charring on seed shape and cells pattern [108]. Creating a new method for charred poppy seeds would maximise the chances of understanding the history of the crop by increasing the number of sites available to be studied, as there are more dry sites with charred preservation than waterlogged sites. In addition, more details of the phylogenetic and phylogeography of opium poppy from modern and ancient DNA would help track its origin(s) and dispersal.



## **Conclusions**

In this paper, we show the application of four descriptor types (length, width, number of cells and shape) to study the variability of waterlogged archaeological poppy seeds from ten archaeological sites dating from the Early Neolithic to the Late Bronze age (5150-1075 cal. BC). Our study clearly demonstrates that wild poppy started to be cultivated alongside domestic crops such as barley and naked wheat or pulses in the western Mediterranean, and this set of crops then spread to regions North of the Alps. In the surroundings of the Alps, where the majority of our data come from, we observed an ongoing domestication process that was morphologically complete about 4000 years later. However, information from the latest Neolithic periods (Corded Ware, Bell Beaker) and the Early and Middle periods of the Bronze age from our study area and from other areas is missing, so we cannot verify continuity between the Late Neolithic and the Late Bronze Age, although the available information would make this a plausible scenario.

The findings from this study make several contributions to the current knowledge. Firstly, by the accomplishment of distinguishing archaeological seeds of opium poppy using the four descriptors. Secondly, it is the first study that provides evidence of poppy domestication and that such happened beyond the Mediterranean. It was not possible to assess the charred remains. Consequently, more work needs to be done to validate if and when domestication occurred in the Mediterranean, too, or if this is a result of separating wild poppy from its native area / natural habitat. In this aspect it would be interesting to integrate Early Neolithic (LBK) poppy seeds from wells with waterlogged preservation but also more seeds dating the Middle to Late Neolithic and Bronze age from Mediterranean sites.

In order to continue the research presented in this paper, we aim to continue developing the model with modern reference material from different regions (at best in combination with genetic data) and to expand the archaeological material to sites with waterlogged deposits in central, eastern and southern-eastern (Balkans) Europe.

The observations that have been possible for opium poppy in this paper, namely, that the domestication process is visible and traceable outside of the area of spread of the wild ancestor of the crop, might be relevant for the study of other domestication processes during the Neolithic (or also later) periods.

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### **Supporting information captions**

S1 List of archaeobotanical information for each poppy seed

S2 Fig 1 - Assignment of the 295 archaeological seeds: Benchmarking of linear discriminant analyses on all *Papaver* species analysed previously using all variables

S2 Table 1 - Estimation of the pace of change in length, width and number of cells per millennia

S2 Fig 2 - Boxplots with the values of length, width and cell number per site, with the average date in the continuous x-axis and regression lines. Ordered by period as in Table 1, colours are the same as the period ones shown previously.

S3 Wilcoxon tests to assess differences between periods, sites and regions



## Chapter 8 Synthesis and future perspectives

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This study aimed to identify and understand the crop dynamics in the North-Western Mediterranean and Switzerland during the Neolithic period. The main questions centre on how well the data was retrieved and whether the data could infer information on food and agricultural practices. 2) how waterlogged material give us a better inside of the MN communities environment and diet? and 3) how we distinguish *P. setigerum* from *P. somniferum* and which species are the seeds found in prehistory. The key aims of the research were to assess the archaeobotanical data gathered and highlight issues and patterns. The second goal was to assess the potential of waterlogged remains found at dry sites. Lastly, to create and apply modern and traditional geometric morphometric methods to distinguish the *P. setigerum/somniferum* seeds found in 10 archaeological sites.

This dissertation encompasses three different levels of research due to the questions and aims. The first level combined archaeobotanical information from the study region to establish a project synthesis. The second was an in-depth study of a specific site, Les Bagnoles, and the third level was at the super-regional level to understand the domestication of poppy.

Detailed results have been published in the three research papers (Paper 1: Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021; Paper 2: Jesus, Bonhomme, et al., 2021 and Paper 3 about the application of the geometric morphometrics on the archaeological seed), as well as in chapter 3 for the quality assessment of the data collected and chapter 4 for the overview of the archaeobotanical study. In this final section, the main results of the PhD thesis are summarised, examined in a broader context, and ideas for future research are presented. This final chapter is organised according to the research questions set out in Chapter 1.

### 8.1 Systematic assessment of archaeobotanical data for the study of Neolithic agriculture in the NW Mediterranean and North Alps

Extensive research was done on published and unpublished archaeobotanical reports, international and national articles, and access to the archaeobotanical database from the Integrative Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie (IPNA). This compilation resulted in 295 sites and 433 records with archaeobotanical studies from North-Eastern Iberia, South-Eastern France, Northern Italy, and Switzerland (5700-2300 cal. BC). These records then were assessed in terms of data quality. The data collection was assessed according to the seeds' context and their deposition process, how the seeds were processed, used and discarded, and if it is possible to infer information on food, agriculture and the environment. About 201 records out of 433 were classified as good quality. Therefore, the dataset has great potential.

All data were analysed regionally and chronologically. The main results show a slight decrease in the ubiquity of naked wheat and a small increase in einkorn wheat over time. Concerning regional differences, Northern Italy is distinct from the other regions. In this region, glume wheats were always predominant over free threshing wheat. Regarding chronological differences, an increase in glume wheats is visible after the Middle Neolithic period also noted at the French site of Les Bagnoles. Pea is the most common pulse in all phases in terms of pulses. However, a decrease in pulse species from the Middle Neolithic to Late Neolithic is

visible. This decrease could be related to taphonomic reasons and their likelihood of being charred (Butler et al., 1999; Fuller & Harvey, 2006).

Few dry sites have oil plants during these both periods. Flax and poppy are present at most wetland sites in the Late Neolithic (80 % see Figure 4.9) and, according to researchers (Jacomet, 2006b; Karg & Märkle, 2002), in higher densities than in the previous period. Poppy and flax appear in large quantities at lakeshore sites during the Middle and Late Neolithic period. Their abundance and recurring presence are evidence of their importance. They were used for food and maybe for oil (Jesus & Antolín, 2021). Another use for flax is its fibre, as linen thread and textiles were abundant in the Late Neolithic (Leuzinger & Rast-Eicher, 2011).

The 26 most common wild plants at the archaeological sites appear in less than 40% of records in all phases (using only the charred remains). No change in their frequency over time when compared with cereals, can be seen as has been suggested for the Middle-Late Neolithic period elsewhere (Antolín & Jacomet, 2015; McClatchie et al., 2014; Schibler et al., 1997). Due to taphonomic issues, the consumption of wild edible plants may not be easy to detect. Consequently, human “diet” assumptions are vastly underestimated when interpreting the archaeobotanical data from dryland sites.

At the regional–chronological level, analyses show only fragments of the crop dynamics present in these regions and periods. The results suggest that since South-Eastern France and Northern Italy had a large diversity of crops, it might indicate interactions between these communities. This is backed up by ceramic evidence, as during the Early Neolithic, the same type of ceramic was found in North-Eastern Spain, South-Eastern France and some parts of Northern Italy. In the Middle Neolithic period, there was higher diversification of material culture, with *Vasi a bocca quadrata* (VBQ) and *Chassey* pots found throughout the four regions in the study area.

Exogenous crops (cereals, pulses and oil plants) and different pottery styles were brought to these four regions during the Neolithic period. However, the way these innovations travel, whether they were adopted or not, introduced and re-introduced, was impossible to assess at this broad scale. Nevertheless, it made it possible to do the first study. It can be continued in the future using only the good data and applying to more specific environment regions in order to see how the crops were adopted in different environments.

Nevertheless, it was possible to interpret that cereal grains, poppy and flax seeds were adapted and highly appreciated, considering the large numbers of products and by-products of their processing at the pile-dwellings on the Swiss Plateau during the Middle and Late Neolithic period.

The assessment result can improve with further access to unpublished reports, especially in Northern Italy. This comparison has never been made systematically. Therefore, this was the first time all archaeobotanical data from these regions, charred and uncharred remains, were gathered and compared, allowing us to have a clear overview of these regions.

## 8.2 The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of a crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400-3500 cal. BC)

Archaeobotanical results from the wetland site of Les Bagnoles in South-East France give a unique insight into the plants that existed and were used by prehistoric communities (4400-3500 cal. BC). At dryland sites, taphonomic issues prevent the same rich density and diversity of macroremains as in the wetlands unless fire accidents or unique contexts occur. One of these unique contexts was found at Les Bagnoles, where three wells were sampled for macroremains and held a high density of fruits and seeds per litre. This research has been presented in a number of different publications (Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020; Antolín, Jesus, et al., 2020; Antolín, Schimitt, et al., 2020; Follmann, 2017; Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021). In this thesis, the nature of those contexts was discussed and analysed. The wells 990 and 994 were classified as organic dump deposit types where by-products of processing of flax, poppy, pea and cereal were deposited during summertime, based on the associated weeds.

A comparison of Les Bagnoles with other Middle Neolithic sites (MN1: 4400–4000 cal. BC and MN2: 4100–3500 cal. BC) in South-East France shows that fragile remains such as chaff, pea pods, flax capsules, and poppy seeds are better preserved within wells, in a waterlogged state. The results also highlighted the importance of having a consistent sampling strategy and the imperative use of fine mesh ( $\leq 0.5\text{mm}$ ) sieves when processing the samples in both wetland and dryland. The difference between dry and wet contexts at Les Bagnoles attests to the scarcity of plant information (few grains within pits compared to large quantities of pea pods, flax capsules, and several types of chaff remains found in the wells). This difference between wet and charred contexts is even more evident when comparing the archaeobotanical remains from the negative structures (such as pits and silos) from the other sites in the region with some grains (Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021).

In terms of oil plants, these were only found within wells at dryland sites preserved as uncharred. About taphonomic processes, waterlogged and charred contexts from the Middle Neolithic gave different archaeobotanical assemblages related to the type of context. However, around 4000 cal. BC (MN2), einkorn becomes more predominant in the refuse deposits at the dry sites analysed in Paper 1, including in both the type of preservation charred and uncharred.

In Paper 1, the assumption was that an increase in glume wheats corresponded to an increase in storage volume and the grains were stored in silo pits. However, an increase in storage capacity was not visible. If this assumption was valid, it could be seen in the archaeological record. In contrast, the values from the MN2 were slightly smaller than MN1 even though there were more silo pits in the second phase. It could be that other places for storing grains existed, such as cave sites or within storage vessels. The detailed results are found in Paper 1.

## 8.3 Status of *Papaver somniferum* in the Neolithic period and its transfer from the Mediterranean to the Alpine area

Opium poppy today is important for its use in food and in medicine; however, its importance and use are less tangible than in the past. The presence of large concentrations of seeds and the presence of such seeds in sites beyond their native area led researchers to assume that the opium

poppy was an important plant during the Neolithic period in Europe (Bakels, 1982; Banchieri & Rottoli, 2009; Jacomet, 2006b; Salavert, 2010, 2011; Salavert et al., 2020).

It is unclear when and where the opium poppy was domesticated. Large quantities of seeds have been found in Europe throughout the Neolithic period and are assumed to be domestic. This thesis provides a clear overview of the opium poppy from archaeobotanical records, Historical documents (7.3) and Art and iconography (7.4) sources.

The main questions were: Is it possible to distinguish the archaeological seeds of *P. setigerum* from *P. somniferum*, and are the seeds found in the Neolithic period domesticated or not. The combination of archaeological data and morphometric studies of poppy seeds from the Neolithic period suggests that cultivation started in the Early Neolithic period. Nevertheless, a clear indication of its uses is only consistent during the Middle and Late Neolithic period, mainly due to waterlogged preservation. On the Swiss Plateau, evidence of cultivation is first based on the large quantities of seeds at numerous wetland sites (Jacomet, 2006b, 2007, 2008, 2009) and the lack of the wild ancestor in the area. High densities of poppy seeds per litre are found in several pile-dwellings, including fragments of capsules and seeds suggesting plant processing in the domestic contexts, and burnt seeds suggest culinary uses (Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017; Harb & Bleicher, 2016; Jacomet & Steiner, n.d.; Karg & Märkle, 2002; Maier, 2001, p. 72). It was also suggested that poppy seeds were stored in vases (Jacomet et al., 1989, p. 116).

Opium poppy seeds were assumed to be domestic during the Neolithic period; until now there were no criteria to distinguish wild from domestic taxa. A geometric morphometric protocol and criteria were designed to distinguish these species (*P. somniferum* and *P. setigerum*) and other five species commonly found at archaeological sites. The first step was to test if the protocol was suitable for this task and if it was possible to reproduce this approach. Indeed, the first tests were valid. The reproducibility tests and validation of the method were published in Paper 2. In this paper, error measurements were noted at the operator level; however, these were small enough to be able to use this approach. When comparing modern seeds of seven *Papaver* species (270 seeds) using all descriptors (shape, size and number of cells) gave 73-100 % of specimens were correctly classified using leave-one-out cross-validation. This linear discriminant analysis (LDA) model was able to correctly classify 87 % of specimens of *P. setigerum* (wild) and the *P. somniferum* (domestic).

In a second step, this model was applied to archaeological seeds from 10 sites, allowing us to infer which seeds were similar to which *Papaver* species. Out of 295 archaeological seeds, only four were not classified as *P. somniferum* or *P. setigerum* which itself shows the method works as all seeds were indeed part of the *P. somniferum* group. Then using only, the seeds of the *P. somniferum* group, the LDA was applied to the archaeological seeds from different phases and regions (5300 to 1070 cal. BC).

In terms of classification, the archaeological seeds from the Mediterranean are different from those in the North and South of the Alps. The difference is that they are smaller and have fewer number of cells. Even though some seeds from the Middle and Late Neolithic are similar to *P. somniferum* (assumed to be domestic), the higher classification percentage occurs only at the

site of Zug-Sumpf. At this site, dating to the Late Bronze Age, most seeds were inferred to be *P. somniferum* (28 seeds out of 30).

Another significant result came from the chronological model (length+ width +number of cells) that estimates the change per date. These results show an increase in seed size from the Middle and Late Neolithic period to the Late Bronze Age. This outcome might be related to the increase of poppy's importance suggested by the high seed concentration and evidence of seed processing in the Swiss Plateau lakeshore sites. Unfortunately, no seeds were studied from the Early and Middle Bronze Age. Because of this gap of time, it is unclear if the domestication of poppy happened within Switzerland or if a new variety came from another region and was brought to the Zug-Sumpf site, or it could be that poppy had multiple centres of domestication. More research on this period is needed.

#### 8.4 Main contributions of the thesis and recommendations for future work

Accurate interpretation of agriculture and diet depends on the dataset's quality. Archaeobotanical data has been published for many years, but there has not been a systematic compilation and assessment of the existing data. This systematic assessment was done for the first time in this region, and it was critical to highlight lacunae. The data classified as satisfactory and poor data can be improved in the future. In order to improve it requires the original archaeobotanist's collaboration or the national institutions that hold the original publications. Old publications should be discarded, or, if possible, a new archaeobotanical and chronological assessment should be undertaken. One of the ideas advanced in this thesis is that an entity should be responsible for regulating and supervising the publication of the archaeobotanical results. A national or regional institution from the state should keep record of the raw archaeobotanical data next to the rest of the archaeological data, which would allow other researchers to use the data. This way, if there is any update of the interpretation, new results, or new radiocarbon dates, this information is simultaneously updated with the archaeobotanical records.

The overview of the four regions' archaeobotanical data resulted in some disparities compared with other syntheses done at the national level. However, in this thesis, the combination of sites based on their broad chronology allowed us to overcome local periodization and gives a broad trend of the different crop dynamics. This could be refined by adding precise chronological dates for each site, combining their regional specificities (inner valley, high altitude sites), and comparing them in order to show a more detailed pattern. However, in this thesis, the main goal was to see the broad overview so more detail can be performed in future work and combined with only good quality archaeological records.

One of the main achievements of this thesis has been the creation of a protocol that enables archaeobotanists to distinguish wild and domestic uncharred opium poppy seeds from archaeological sites. It was possible to apply this method to key sites where the domestication process was ongoing.

Several questions were not able to be answered within this PhD and should be addressed in future work. These are mainly two: 1) Where was poppy domesticated? as the evidence from

Mediterranean domestication was infrequent (two sites), and 2) Was poppy domesticated in Switzerland? Evidence of only one site with clear domesticated traits.

For the first main question, only two sites from the Mediterranean were analysed, even though other sites exist and should be added. In order to check if these seeds from other Mediterranean sites would be classified as *P. setigerum*, such as the ones from La Draga and Les Bagnoles, it would be beneficial to add the poppy seeds from Tai, Can Sadurni and other sites from the Mediterranean area. The increase in the number of seeds from the Mediterranean will allow us to see if they are morphological, like the ones we current analysed, similar to the wild species. For this, the methodology should be adapted to charred seed remains. The other early sites with seeds from Switzerland (Zizers, La Gilliere 2) and those found during the *Linearbandkeramik* (LBK) should also be included. Nevertheless, before doing such analysis, carbonisation experiments should be conducted to see the charring effects and if it is possible to make such a distinction.

For the second question, the challenge is to understand if the results from Zug-Sumpf (the majority of the seeds are morphologically domestic) are the consequence of local domestication or were brought from another region. In order to consider this issue, more seeds from the Early and Middle Bronze Age, dating to around 2200-1350 cal. BC from Switzerland and nearby regions should be included in future analysis.

Nevertheless, this work published the compilation and assessment results of all archaeobotanical data from the NW Mediterranean and the Alpine region (Switzerland) for the first time. It is a unique reference for studying and understanding archaeobotanical information from the study area. It also created the protocol for classifying modern *Papaver* species and assigned to the archaeological seeds.

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## Appendix A: List of all sites with archaeobotanical data

**Table A1** Table with bibliography and explanation of exclusion and highlighted on dark grey (unpublished, not within the study area, archaeobotanical study without carpology; not analysed carpology) and light grey for sites that are mainly coming from national/internal/companies archaeobotanical reports

ID	Site Name	Country	Region	Removed	Bibliography
1	Rocca di rivoli	IT	Veneto		(Mottes et al., 2009)
2	Este - località Meggiaro	IT	Veneto		(Castiglioni & Rottoli, 2015)
3	Monselice - via Valli	IT	Veneto		(Castiglioni & Rottoli, 2015)
4	Maserà	IT	Veneto		(Castiglioni & Rottoli, 2015)
5	Lugo di Grezzana	IT	Veneto		(Rottoli et al., 2015)
6	Fimon-Molino Casarotto	IT	Veneto		(Mottes et al., 2009)
7	Fimon Le Fratte	IT	Veneto		(Pini et al., 2016)
8	Saint Martin de Corléans	IT	Aosta		(Castellano & Perego, 2018; Perego, 2016)
9	Bannia	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Cottini et al., 1997)
10	Arquata Scrivia, Località Moriassi	IT	Piemonte		(Venturino Gambari & Arobba, 2017)
11	Fagnigola	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Pessina, 2001)
12	Canedole di Roverbella	IT	Lombardia		(Carra, 2019)
13	Sammardenchia	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Pessina, 2001)
14	Palù di Livenza	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
15	Pavia de Udine	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
16	Valler	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Carugati, 1993)
17	Meduno	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Visentini et al., 2014)
18	Riparo Biarzo	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	Y	No seeds
19	Revine Lago	IT	Veneto	Y	No seeds
20	Piancada	IT	Friuli-Venezia Giulia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
21	Latsch	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Festi et al., 2011)
22	Villandro/Villanders	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Nisbet, 2008)
23	Riva del Garda	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Mottes, 2013, p. 106)
24	Isera peat bog	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Cristiani et al., 2009, p. 195)
25	La Vella set II and III	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Mottes & Rottoli, 2006)
26	La Vella di Trento VIII	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Degasper et al., 2006)
27	Otzi	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Heiss & Oeggl, 2009)
28	Bressanone- Millan	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
29	Velturmo-Tanzgasse	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Castelletti & Maspero, 1992)
30	Balm Chanto	IT	Piemonte		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
31	Casalnoceto	IT	Piemonte		(Castelletti & Motella de Carlo, 1998)
32	Alba Corso Laghe 43	IT	Piemonte		(Motella de Carlo & Venturino Gambari, 2004)
33	Alba- Corso Europa	IT	Piemonte		(Motella de Carlo & Venturino Gambari, 2004)
34	Castello d ' Annone	IT	Piemonte		(Motella de Carlo, 2014)

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35	Valgrana -Tetto Chiappello	IT	Piemonte		(Motella de Carlo & Venturino Gambari, 2004)
36	Alba-Cooperativa dei Lavoratori	IT	Piemonte	Y	No seeds
37	Caverna delle Arene Candide	IT	Liguria		(Arobba et al., 2017; Nisbet et al., n.d.)
38	San Sebastiano di Perti	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Vicino, 2003)
39	Arma dell ' Aquila	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Caramiello, 2006b)
40	Riparo sotto Roccia di Pian del Ciliegio	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Caramiello, 2009)
41	Grotta del Sanguinetto o della Matta	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Vicino, 2002)
42	Grotta marina di Bergeggi	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Caramiello, 2006a)
43	Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Alpicella	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Caramiello, 2014)
44	Core BH1, Piazza della Vittoria	IT	Liguria		(Arobba et al., 2018)
45	Piazza Brignole - Foce del Torrente Bisagno	IT	Liguria		(Arobba et al., 2014)
46	Novi Ligure, località Pieve	IT	Piemonte		(Venturino Gambari et al., 2016, 2018)
47	Albisola	IT	Liguria	Y	No seeds
48	Castellare di Uscio	IT	Liguria		(Arobba & Caramiello, 2006a)
49	Albinea	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
50	Fiorano	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
51	Lugo di Romagna	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Rottoli, 2019)
52	Ponte Ghiara	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Carra, 2012)
53	Ponte Molino	IT	Lombardia		(Carra, 2012)
54	Rivaltella- Ca Romensini	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Carra, 2012)
55	Savignano	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
56	Forlì via Navicella	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010)
57	Bazzarola	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Carra, 2012)
58	Chiozza di Scandiano	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
59	Levata di Curtatone	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Carra, 2012)
60	Parma via Guidorossi	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010; Marchesini et al., 2016; Rottoli & Regola, 2011)
61	Spilamberto - Cava via Macchioni	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010)
62	Provezza	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010)
63	Forlimpopoli - via Canalazzo	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010)
64	S. Andrea de Travo	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Gobbo, 2010)
65	Cecima	IT	Lombardia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
66	Isorella	IT	Lombardia		(Starnini et al., 2000)
67	Dugali Alti	IT	Lombardia		(Nisbet, 1995)
68	Pizzo di Bodio	IT	Lombardia		(Banchieri et al., 2015)
69	Vho di Piadena	IT	Lombardia		(Castelletti & Maspero, 1992)
70	Acquanegra sul Mosio	IT	Lombardia		(Nisbet, 1985)
71	Casatico di Marcaria	IT	Lombardia		(Nisbet, 1985)
72	Isolino di Varese	IT	Lombardia		(Antolín et al., 2022; Banchieri et al., 2015; Banchieri & Rottoli, 2009; Steiner et al., n.d.)
73	Rivarolo Mantovano	IT	Lombardia		(Castelletti & Maspero, 1992)
74	Lovere-Via Deccio Celeri	IT	Lombardia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)

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75	Monte Covolo	IT	Lombardia		(Pals & Voorrips, 1979)
76	Lagozza di Besnate	IT	Lombardia		(Rottoli & Castiglioni, 2009)
77	Cueva de Chaves	ES	Aragon	Y	Not in the study area
78	Coro Trasito	ES	Aragon	Y	Not in the study area
79	Can Sadurní	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016; Antolín & Schäfer, 2020) Antolín, unpublished
80	La Draga	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016) Antolín, unpublished
81	Caserna de Sant Pau	ES	Catalonia		(Ramón & Canal, 2008)
82	Font del Ros	ES	Catalonia		(Pallarés et al., 1997)
83	Cova de Sant Llorenç	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
84	Los Cascajos	ES	Navarra	Y	Not in the study area
85	Carrer Reina Amàlia, 31-33	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
86	Plansallosa	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
87	Cova del Sardo	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
88	La Dou	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
89	Codella	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
90	Camp del Colomer	ES	Andorra		(Antolín, 2016)
91	Serra del Mas Bonet	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
92	120 Cave	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
93	Bòbila Madurell	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
94	Mines of Gavà	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016; Buxó et al., 1991; Juan-Tresserras & Villalba, 1999)
95	Espina C	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
96	Pla del Gardelo	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016)
97	Puig del Collet / El Collet/Collet Puigròs	ES	Catalonia		(Teixidó et al., 2008)
98	CIM "El Camp"	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2016; Antolín et al., 2010)
99	Pesseta Cave	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2008a)
100	Camí dels Banys de la Mercè	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín et al., 2010)
101	Cingle del Mas Nou	ES	Valencian	Y	Not in the study area
102	Can Revella (Can Roqueta)	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2008b)
103	Castelnuovo di Teolo	IT	Veneto		(Agrostelli et al., 2015)
104	Auvelles	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, n.d.)
105	Cova del Toll	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, 2020; Hopf, 1971)
106	Cova Bonica	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
107	Cova Freda	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
108	Cova Gran	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
109	Guixeres de Vilobí	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
110	Pou Nou 2	ES	Catalonia		(Antolín, López, et al., 2018)
111	Coves del Fem	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
112	L' escola Especial Meritxell	ES	Andorra		(Antolín et al., 2013)
113	Rivoli Veronese	IT	Veneto		(Biagi & Nisbet, 1987)
114	Barbiano	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Nisbet, 1985)
115	Aica di Fiè / Völs am Schlern/Volseraicha	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Biagi & Nisbet, 1987)
116	Brescia S. Polo	IT	Lombardia		(Castiglioni et al., 2008)
117	Tolerait	IT	Trentino-Alto Adige		(Biagi & Nisbet, 1987)

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118	Abri Buholoup	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
119	Abri de Roquemissou	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
120	Abri Roc Troué	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
122	Aspre del Paradís	FR	Occitanie		(Manen et al., 2001)
123	Aulp du Seuil	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin, 2010; Martin et al., 2012)
124	Auriac	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 2003)
125	Auriac-Golf	FR	Occitanie		(Martin et al., 2016)
126	Balma de l'Abeurador	FR	Occitanie		(Vaquer & Ruas, 2009)
127	Balma Margineda	AD	Andorra		(Marinval, 2007a)
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud	FR	Occitanie		(Figueiral, 2012)
129	Baume Bourbon	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Coste et al., 1987)
130	Baume d'Oullins	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
131	Baume Fontbrégoua	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Savard, 2000)
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Vital et al., 2007, pp. 101–107)
132	Campasses et Labro	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
134	Caucade	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Martin et al., 2016)
134	Centre des Impôts	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
136	Claparouse	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Bouby & Léa, 2006; Martin et al., 2016)
137	Clos de Roque	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Martin, 2012, pp. 242–246)
137	Côtes de Roquefort	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
139	Cova de l'Esperit	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020; Marinval, 1988a)
140	Encombres	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, 1996)
141	Font Juvénal	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1988a)
142	Gardon	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Bouby, 2009)
143	Grotte de l' Aigle	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
144	Grotte de Montou Montbolo	FR	Occitanie		(Buxó, 2006)
145	Grotte du Taï	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby et al., 2019)
145	Grotte Foissac	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
147	Grotte G	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Courtin & Erroux, 1974, p. 329)
148	Grotte Gazel	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
149	Grotte Murée	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Courtin & Erroux, 1974, p. 329)
150	Grotte St Marcel	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Erroux, 1988)
151	Jardins de Vert Parc	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, 1999)
152	La Grande Rivoire	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin, 2010, pp. 59–90)
153	Clairvaux - La Motte aux Magnins V	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Lundström-Baudais, 1989; Schaal & Pétrequin, 2016)
153	La Pla de Peyre	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
154	La Poujade	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area

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156	La Resclauze	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
157	La Roberte	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin et al., 2016)
158	La Salle	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 2003)
159	Le Bousquetas	FR	Occitanie		(Carozza et al., 1999)
160	Le Champ du Poste	FR	Occitanie		(Figueiral, 2018)
161	Le Chenet des Pierres	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin, 2010; Martin et al., 2008)
162	Le Crès	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, 2004)
163	Le Font aux Pigeons	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Marinval, 1988a)
164	Le Lagarel	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby et al., 2010)
165	Le Logis de Berre	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin et al., 2016)
166	Le Moulin	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin et al., 2016)
167	Le Pirou	FR	Occitanie		(Figueiral & Rousselet, 2015)
168	Le Puech Haut	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, 2005)
169	Le Rochas	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Marinval, 1988a)
170	Le Serre de Boidon	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Marinval, 1988a)
171	Le Valladas	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Lundström-Baudais, 2015)
172	Les Jas del Biau	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
172	Les Coudoumines	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
174	Les Lauzières	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Marinval, 1988a)
175	Les Moulins	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Lundström-Baudais, 2015)
176	Les Plots	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 2003)
177	Mas de Vignoles IX	FR	Occitanie		(Figueiral & Séjalon, 2014)
178	Mas de Vignoles X	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby & Figueiral, 2014)
179	Mas Neuf	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby & Figueiral, 2014)
180	Montbeyre-La Cadoule	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1988a)
181	Moulin de la Garonne	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Marinval, 1988a)
182	Mourre de la Barque	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		unpublished
183	Peiro Signado	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, Marinval, Durand, et al., 2020)
184	Pendimoun	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Binder et al., 2020)
185	Plateau Raverre	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin et al., 2016)
186	Pont de Roque Haute	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 2007b)
187	Roc de Dourgne	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1993)
188	Roquemaure	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1988a)
189	Sargel	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
189	Roquemengarde	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
191	St. Martin d'Azirou	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1988a)
192	Clairvaux XIV	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Schaal, 2007; Schaal & Pétrequin, 2016)
193	Toronde	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 1988a)
194	Aven des Corneilles	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
195	Vieux-Mounoï	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Martin et al., 2016)
196	Villa Giribaldi	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Binder et al., 2004)



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197	ZAC Feuilly Saint-Priest	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Zierzinski, 2019b, 2019a)
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II	FR	Occitanie		(Rousselet, 2011)
199	Zürich - AKAD-Seehofstrasse	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Jacomet, 1981; Jacomet et al., 1989)
200	Zürich - Pressehaus	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Jacomet, 1986b)
201	Arbon - Bleiche 3	CH	Thurgau		(Hosch, 2004)
202	Binningen-Friedhofstrasse	CH	Basel-Country		(Akeret & Zibulski, 2010)
203	Seeberg - Burgäschisee SW	CH	Bern		(Wey, 2012); unpublished
204	Cham -St. Andreas	CH	Zug		(Jacomet, 1986a)
205	Egolzwil 3	CH	Luzern		(Bollinger, 1994)
206	Frasses - Praz au Doux	CH	Fribourg		(Mauvilly et al., 1997)
207	Herznach - Unterdorf	CH	Aargau		unpublished
208	Horgen-Scheller	CH	Zürich		(Favre, 2002)
209	Zurich-Kleiner Hafner	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997; Jacomet, 1987; Jacomet et al., 1989)
210	Lattringen - Hauptstation (site VII)	CH	Bern		(Brombacher, 1997)
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, inerdorf	CH	Bern		(Brombacher, 1997)
212	Lattringen -Riedstation (site VI)	CH	Bern		(Brombacher, 1997)
212	Schallstadt-Wolfenweiler, Mengen- Abtsbreite	DE	Baden- Württemberg	Y	Not in the study area
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Dick, 1987; Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997)
214	Mythenschloss	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Dick, 1987; Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997)
215	Neftenbach	CH	Zürich		(Jacomet, 1996)
216	Nidau BKW or Nidau 'Schlossmatte/ BKW	CH	Bern		(Brombacher, 2000)
217	Cham -Eslen	CH	Zug		(Martinoli & Jacomet, 2002) unpublished
218	Risch, Oberrisch - Aabach	CH	Zug		(Jacomet & Steiner, n.d.) unpublished
219	Seedorf - Lobsigensee	CH	Uri		(Brombacher, 2020)
220	Zürich, Seefeld KanSan	CH	Zürich		(Brombacher & Jacomet, 1997)
221	Sevelen - Pfäfersbüel	CH	St. Gallen		(Rigert, Ebnetter, et al., 2005)
222	Stansstad-Kehrsiten	CH	Nidwalden		(Tobler, 2010)
223	Port - Stüdeli	CH	Bern		(Brombacher & Jacomet, 2003)
224	Villeneuve-La Baume Abri 1	CH	Fribourg		(Mauvilly et al., 2010, p. 17)
225	Wetzikon, Kempton Tösstalerstr	CH	Zurich		(Rigert, Jacomet, et al., 2005)
226	Zizers- Friedau	CH	Graubünden		(Brombacher & Vandorpe, 2012)
227	Zug-Riedmatt	CH	Zug		(Steiner, 2018)
228	Delémont - En la Pran	CH	Jura		(Brombacher & Klee, 2009)
229	Bennwil - Ötschberg	CH	Basel-Country		unpublished
230	Bauma del Serrat del Pont	ES	Catalonia		Could not find the publication used
231	Cova de les Portes	ES	Catalonia		(Alonso, 1995)
232	El Cavet	ES	Catalonia		(Martins et al., 2015)

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233	Les Vautes	FR	Occitanie		(Buxó, 2003)
234	Grotte d' engorner	FR	Occitanie		(Erroux, 1985)
235	Boussargues	FR	Occitanie		(Marinval, 2008)
236	Roquessols	FR	Occitanie		(Figueiral, 2010)
237	Sion - La Planta	CH	Valais		(Martin, 2015)
238	Sion - Tourbillon	CH	Valais		(Martin, 2015)
239	Sion- La Gillière 2	CH	Valais		(Martin, 2015)
240	Sion - Ritz 33	CH	Valais		(Martin, 2015)
241	Savièse - La Soie	CH	Valais		(Martin, 2015)
242	Petit-Chasseur IV	CH	Valais		(Lundström-Baudais, 2000; Lundström-Baudais & Martin, 2011)
244	Saint-Aubin/Derrière la Croix	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2003)
245	Concise- Sous Colachoz	CH	Vaud		(Karg, 2002; Märkle, 2000)
246	Zürich - Parkhaus Opera	CH	Zurich		(Antolín, Brombacher, et al., 2017)
247	Gachnang, Niederwil	CH	Thurgau		(W. Van Zeist & Helsingingen, 1991)
248	Yverdon- Avenue des Sports	CH	Vaud		(Schlichtherle, 1985)
249	Auvernier	CH	Neuchâtel		(Villaret-von Rochow, 1971)
250	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4	CH	Neuchâtel		(Mermod, 2000, 2007)
251	Twann	CH	Bern		(Piening, 1980, 1981)
252	Les Bagnoles	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Antolín, Delefosse, et al., 2020; Antolín, Schimitt, et al., 2020; Jesus, Prats, et al., 2021)
253	Trou Arnaud	FR	auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Marinval, 1988b, p. 100)
254	La Cavalade	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby, 2016)
255	Balmes	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Martin, 2010)
256	Clairvaux VII	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Neveu & Zech-Matterne, 2016)
257	Chalain 19	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Schaal, 2000)
258	Clairvaux III	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Lundström-Baudais, 1986)
259	Clairvaux II	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Lundström-Baudais, 1995)
260	L'Héritière Cazan	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Thirault, 2011) could not find the carpology list, not present in the scan book
261	Naters, Altersheim	CH	Valais		Unpublished
262	Sion, Médiathèque	CH	Valais		Unpublished
263	Sion, Bramois Pranóe	CH	Valais		Unpublished
264	Sion, Saint-Guérin	CH	Valais		Unpublished
265	Carbonara Scrivia, Loc. Cascina Maghisello	IT	Piemont	Y	Unpublished
266	Spilamberto S. Cesario Sito VIII, Sito I_	IT	Emilia Romagna		(Castelletti et al., 1998)
267	ZAC Les Chalus II Lot 1-	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Prat, 2013)
268	Route de Canohès Lotissement « Le Petit Prince »	FR	Occitanie		(Vignaud, 2010, p. 119) there are seeds but not analysed

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269	Schwindratzheim « Terrasses de la Zorn »	FR	Grand Est	Y	Sampled but not study
270	Lotissement Schlossgarten	FR	Grand Est	Y	no seeds in the report
271	La Fare-les-Oliviers – Jonquièrre I	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Figueiral, 2016)
272	L' aérople Tallard	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Hallavant, 2013; Vial, 2013, fig. 126)
273	Cepie	FR	Occitanie		(Ros, 2018)
274	509 avenue des Noyers	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Figueiral, 2019)
275	Trets ZAC la Burlière	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur		(Figueiral & Ivorra, 2017)
276	Quincieux Grange Rouge	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Cabanis, 2018; Ramponi, 2018, pp. 74–79)
277	Lattes Port-Ariane III	FR	Occitanie		(Alonso et al., 2004)
278	Chens-sur-Léman Pré d'Ancy	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Cabanis, 2014; Néré, 2014, fig. 264)
279	Clos Roque Route de Barjols,	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Martin, 2018)
280	Gap Lachaup	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Dubesset et al., 2018, p. 45,80,191)
281	A8 Rousset/ Le plan	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Rousselet, 2009)
282	Velaux, La Bastide Neuve III .	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Bouchette, 2012)
283	Le site néolithique final de Ponteau	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Rousselet, 2012)
284	Charavines - Les Baigneurs	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Lundström-Baudais, 2010)
285	Brise-Lames	CH	Neuchâtel		(Lundström-Baudais, 1977)
286	Pfyn-Breitenloo	CH	Thurgau		(Haas et al., 2007)
287	Clairvaux VIII	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Schoch, 1989)
288	Cova de la Colomera	ES	Catalonia		(Oms Arias et al., 2013)
289	La serreta	ES	Catalonia		(López, 2013b)
290	Xammar in Maresme	ES	Catalonia		Unpublished/no seeds
291	Chalain 3 (layer VIII)	FR	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté		(Baudais et al. 1997)
292	12, rue de la Flambère	FR	Occitanie	Y	Not in the study area
293	Quartier Sainte-Anne	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Bouby, 2020)
294	20 rue Fodéré, Villa Lympia	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Figueiral, 2015)
295	ZAC de la Farigoule	FR	Occitanie		(Bouby & Durand, 2016)
296	Mittelhoetzleinfeld	FR	Alsace		(Bonnaire, 2019)
297	Florival	FR	Alsace		(Schaal, 2012)
298	Baldersheim	FR	Alsace	Y	Could not find the publication
299	Reichstett	FR	Alsace	Y	Could not find the publication
300	Wettolsheim	FR	Alsace	Y	Could not find the publication
301	Bergheim, Haut-Rhin, « Saulager », zone d'activité du Muehlbach	FR	Alsace	Y	(Schaal, 2011)
302	Didenheim-Kahlberg	FR	Alsace		(Wiethold, 2009)
303	Burgäschisee Süd	CH	Bern		(Villaret-von Rochow, 1967)

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304	Puyascada Cave	ES	Aragon	Y	Not in the study area
305	Els Trocs Cave	ES	Aragon	Y	Not in the study area
306	Sutz- Rütte V	CH	Bern		(Brombacher & Schlumbaum, 2017)
307	Biel-Vingelz	CH	Bern		(Brombacher & Schlumbaum, 2017)
308	Pfäffikon- Burg	CH	Schwyz		(Zibulski, 2010)
309	Auvernier/La Saunerie	CH	Neuchâtel		(Roguin-Dubochet 1982 in Mermod 2007)
310	Strandboden, Agglolac, Nidau	CH	Bern		unpublished
311	Burgäschisee Nord	CH	Bern		(Wey, 2012); unpublished
312	Le Chevenières	CH	Vaud		Unpublished
313	Petit Ruz	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
314	Sur les Rochettes Est	CH	Fribourg		(Akeret, 2005)
315	Les Tilles	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
316	Treytel	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2003)
317	Entzheim	FR	Alsace	Y	(Hopf, 1975)
318	Entzheim « Les Terres de la Chapelle » (Bas-Rhin)	FR	Alsace	Y	(Lefranc et al., 2017)
319	Grotte Antonnaire	FR	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		(Beeching et al., 2000; Erroux, 1971)
320	Teuleria dels Àlbers-1	ES	Catalonia		(López & Cantero, 2009)
321	Vinya d'en Pau	ES	Catalonia		unpublished
322	Zal del Port de Tarragona	ES	Catalonia		(López, 2018)
323	Cinc Ponts	ES	Catalonia		(López, 2013b)
324	Mas Pujó	ES	Catalonia		(López, 2013b)
325	Mas d'en Boixos	ES	Catalonia		(López, 2007, 2013a)
326	Thayngen Weier	CH	Schaffhausen		(Fredskild, 1978; Jørgensen, 1975; Robinson & Rasmussen, 1989)
327	Zurich Oberrieden	CH	Zurich		(Hügin & Michel-Tobler, 2004, pp. 22–23)
328	Zug Vorstadt	CH	Zug		(Widmer et al., 2012)
329	Grand Pré	CH	Neuchâtel		(Leducq et al., 2009), carpology is only mention sporadically on the CD (Catalogue)
330	Les Maladières	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2003)
331	Les Pâquiers	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2006b, 2006a)
332	Place d'Armes	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
333	Champs Devant	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2003)
334	Steckborn, Schanz	CH	Thurgau		(Martinoli & Brombacher, 2006)
335	Reinach Mausacker	CH	Basel-Country	Y	Unpublished
336	Oberbipp Steingasse	CH	Bern		(Ramstein et al., 2020)
337	Frenkendorf Rheinstrasse	CH	Basel-Country	Y	Unpublished

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338	Oberriet Abri Unterkobel	CH	St. Gallen	Y	Unpublished
339	Reinach Fleischbachstrasse	CH	Basel-Country		(Kühn & Schlumbaum, 2015)
340	Grandson Corcelettes Les Pins	CH		Y	Unpublished
341	Düdingen	CH		Y	Unpublished
342	Aux Courbes Rayes	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
343	Bataillard	CH	Neuchâtel		(Leducq et al., 2009) carpology is only mention sporadically on the CD (Catalogue)
344	Chézard-Littorail	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2016)
345	Les Buchilles	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
346	Aux Buchilles	CH	Neuchâtel		(Akeret & Geith-Chauvière, 2010)
347	Müstair_ Sondierbohrung Joos	CH	Graubünden		(Brombacher, 2007)
348	Baar Früebergstrasse	CH	Zug		(Gnepf Horisberger et al., 2005)
349	Zug Vorstadt	CH	Zug		(Jacomet & Wagner, 1987)
350	Quatre Pilans I	ES	Lleida		Bronze age
351	Minferri	ES	Lleida		Unpublished not added
352	Cantorella	ES	Lleida		Unpublished not added
353	Clos de Roque - Chemin de Barjols	FR	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur		(Cockin & Furestier, 2009)

## **Appendix B: Archaeobotanical metadata**

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This appendix contains the archaeobotanical results.

Table 1. Archaeobotanical metadata and Table 2. Plants presence.

Archaeobotanical metadata: information on the country, phase, the total remains, taxa, the possible number of samples, total Vol., type of site and culture.

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Appendix B Table 1. Archaeobotanical metadata

ID	Record name	Country	Phase	Latitude	Longitude	Total of remains	Taxa	Samples	Total vol (L)	Type of site	Culture
1	Rocca di Rivoli	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.571806	10.811826	unknown	1	N/A	no info	open air - dry	VBO II
2	Este - località Meleggiaro	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.233016	11.667384	27	2	2	no info	open air - dry	eneolithic
3	Monselice - via Valli	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.244868	11.738325	~100	10	3	5.5	open air - dry	VBO
4	Masera	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.134345	8.326142	891	16	3	25	open air - dry	VBO
5	Lago di Grezzana	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.519537	11.016505	unk wl	16	9	unclear	open air - dry	Fiorenze
6	Fimoni-Molino Casaroto	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.472595	11.50875	unk wl	7	no info	no info	open air - wet	VBO
7	Fimoni Le Fratte	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.466716	11.536208	774	19	15?	6150	open air - wet	
8	Saint Martin de Corfians	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.735318	7.296976	1003	13	10?	?	open air - dry	VBO III
9	Bannia	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.918564	12.757229	44	4	5	37.5	open air - dry	VBO III
10	Arquata Scrivia - Località Morassi	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.692836	8.872436	300	17	4	unclear	open air - dry	
11	Fagnoglia	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.852616	12.685108	10200	5	6?	unclear	open air - dry	Friuli
12	Cancedole di Roverbella	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.235386	10.844445	no info	8	no info	no info	open air - dry	Friuli; Fiorenze and Dianilo
13	Sanmardenchia	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.98381	13.227885	9193	26	35	unclear	open air - wet	VBO Lagozza
14	Palù di Livenza	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.713467	12.72986	3.274 wl	23	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	Friuli
15	Pavia de Udine	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.996282	13.302513	3681	13	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	Friuli
16	Valler	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.869765	12.72458	53	6	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	Friuli
17	Meduno	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.217051	12.788202	737	12	33	unclear	open air - dry	
20	Prancada	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.781012	13.087123	1598	15	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	Friuli
21	Latsch - I	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.617706	10.858964	104	8	5	39	open air - dry	Early & middle LN
22	Villandro 1	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.617706	10.858964	593	15	16	162	open air - dry	Remedello
22	Villandro 2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.630518	11.53753	318	13	3	unclear	open air - dry	Gabian
23	Riva del Garda	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.630518	11.53753	150	11	6	unclear	open air - dry	VBO
24	Isera peat bog	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.886734	10.862613	6738	21	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	VBO
25	La Vella II	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.886734	11.009006	1	1	no info	N/A	open air - dry	EN
26	La Vela di Trento VIII_1	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.082986	11.100794	180	14	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Gabian
26	La Vela di Trento VIII_2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.082986	11.100794	497	12	4	unclear	open air - dry	VBO II
27	Orzi	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.756359	10.877064	40612	121	107	unclear	open air - dry	VBO II
28	Bressanone- Millan	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.499127	9.129598	994	6	no info	no info	open air - dry	
29	Velturmo-Tanzasse	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.669436	11.597903	97	12	5	unclear	open air - dry	Rame
30	Balm Chanto	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.963687	7.19755	150	4	no info	no info	open air - dry	
31	Casalnoveco	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.913364	8.981829	unk	3	no info	no info	open air - dry	
32	Alba Corso Laghe 43	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.690593	8.034173	2467	8	23	unclear	open air - dry	
33	Alba-Corso Europa	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.688779	8.013396	1356	11	20	unclear	open air - dry	
34	Castello d' Annone	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.878711	8.315075	unknown	15	6	unclear	open air - dry	
35	Valarana - Teto Chiappello	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.412563	7.380766	4699	11	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	
37	Caverna delle Avene Candidate_3	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.162293	8.328223	206	10	unclear	1366	cave/shelter	Cardial
37	Caverna delle Avene Candidate_1	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.162293	8.328223	313	14	unclear	494	cave/shelter	Impressa
37	Caverna delle Avene Candidate_2	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.162293	8.328223	77	9	unclear	407	cave/shelter	Impressa
37	Caverna delle Avene Candidate_4	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.162293	8.328223	32	4	unclear	788	cave/shelter	post-cardiale
38	San Sebastiano di Perù	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.168903	8.341621	112	14	unclear	68	open air - dry	Impressa
39	Arma dell' Aquila	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.180085	8.37329	N/A	1	imprint	N/A	cave/shelter	
40	Riparo sotto Roccia di Pian del Ciliegio_1	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.170735	8.346629	338	19	9	400	cave/shelter	VBO
40	Riparo sotto Roccia di Pian del Ciliegio_2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.170735	8.346629	214.5	15	3	190	cave/shelter	VBO
40	Riparo sotto Roccia di Pian del Ciliegio_3	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.170735	8.346629	126	14	3	230	cave/shelter	VBO
41	Grotta del Sanguinetto o della Matta	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.298387	8.464533	N/A	1	imprint	N/A	cave/shelter	VBO
42	Grotta marina di Bereseg	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.249107	8.43863	N/A	2	imprint	N/A	cave/shelter	VBO
43	Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Alpicella_1	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.403287	8.532263	15	4	3	8	cave/shelter	VBO II
43	Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Alpicella_2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.403287	8.532263	3.5	1	only manual	only manual	cave/shelter	ProtoLagozza-Chassey
43	Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Alpicella_3	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.403287	8.532263	2	1	3	grab sample?	cave/shelter	
44	Core BHI, Piazza della Vittoria	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.402928	8.945532	1337	21	unclear	unclear	undefined	
45	Piazza Brigirole - Foce del Torrente Bisagno	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.408665	8.9442	16	3	1	0.527	undefined	
46	Novi Ligure, località Pieve	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.768199	8.804517	7632	10	11 SU	unclear	open air - dry	
48	Castellare di Usco	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.41718	9.152408	no info	3	no info	no info	open air - dry	
49	Albinea	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.619867	10.602587	unknown	1	unknown	unknown	open air - dry	Fiorenze
50	Lago di Romagna	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.53197	10.828493	unknown	1	unknown	unknown	open air - dry	Fiorenze
51	Ponte Ghiana	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.480157	11.896385	11520	39	121	unclear	open air - dry	Fiorenze
52	Ponte Molino	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.840061	10.016175	7523	34	210	66	open air - dry	VBO I
53	Rivaltella - Ca Romensini	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.411624	11.873797	2209	14	5	unclear	open air - dry	MN-LN
54	Rivaltella - Ca Romensini	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.656038	10.589435	1074	17	5	unclear	open air - dry	
55	Savignano	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.479599	11.037502	unknown	1	unknown	unknown	open air - dry	Fiorenze

ID	Record name	Country	Phase	Latitude	Longitude	Total of remains	Taxa	Samples	Total vol (L)	Type of site	Culture
56	Forli via Navicella	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.257353	12.088737	367	12	4	20	open air - dry	
56	Forli via Navicella 2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.257353	12.088737	164	6	5	25	open air - dry	
56	Forli via Navicella 3	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.257353	12.088737	1	6	1	5	open air - dry	Cultura Diana
57	Bazzarola 2	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.677154	10.653673	7811	22	57	48.4	open air - dry	Fiorentino
57	Bazzarola 3	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.677154	10.653673	773	13	1	16	open air - dry	Impressa
57	Bazzarola 3	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.677154	10.653673	1387	22	2	8	open air - dry	VBO
58	Chiozza di Scandiano	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.002338	10.231952	unknown	1	unknown	unknown	undefined	VBO
59	Levata di Curtatone	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.153121	10.714878	14041	237	22	unclear	open air - dry	VBO
60	Parma via Giudrossi	Northern Italy	Phase 2	44.78291	10.29639	3435	23	17	44	open air - dry	VBO
61	Spilamberto - Cava via Macchioni	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.532521	11.016477	283	25	14	70	open air - dry	Fiorentino
62	Provezza 3	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.183263	12.182213	17	11	1	5	open air - dry	
62	Provezza 1	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.183263	12.182213	8	1	2	10	open air - dry	
62	Provezza 2	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.183263	12.182213	9	1	3	15	open air - dry	
63	Fortimpopoli - via Canalazzo	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.183897	12.107943	25	10	1	5	open air - dry	
64	S. Andrea de Travo	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.862512	9.546044	3	3	1	5	open air - dry	Chasséen culture-Lagozza
65	Cecima	Northern Italy	Phase 1	44.850259	9.080448	>44	1	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	Who
66	Isontella	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.309228	10.322083	11	5	3	unclear	open air - dry	Who
67	Dugali Ali	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.223886	10.253558	3	2	N/A	N/A	open air - dry	Who
68	Pizzo di Bodio 1	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.796039	8.754136	2	2	unclear	unclear	open air - wet	VBO
68	Pizzo di Bodio 2	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.796039	8.754136	unclear	6	unclear	unclear	open air - wet	VBO
69	Who di Padana	Northern Italy	Phase 1	45.129257	10.385032	6	4	N/A	0.05	open air - dry	Who
70	Acquanegra sul Moseo	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.147377	10.485383	unclear	3	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	
71	Casatico di Marcaria	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.278322	9.145495	ca 400	5	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	
72	Isolino di Varese	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.812058	8.717889	858	30	5	1.8	open air - wet	
73	Rivarolo Mantovano	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.074907	10.444393	unclear	5	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	
74	Lower-Via Decio Celeri	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.817872	10.07433	39	6	3	no info	open air - dry	Bell Beaker
75	Monte Covolo 2	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.61826	10.4724	157	13	25	50?	open air - dry	White ware phase
75	Monte Covolo 3	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.61826	10.4724	271	13	50	50?	open air - dry	Bell Beaker
76	Lagozza di Besnate	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.708119	8.7490041	unk wl	18	unclear	unclear	open air - wet	
79	Can Sadurni Layer18	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.345292	1.911656	54197	20	11	1.125	cave/shelter	EN
79	Can Sadurni Layer11	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.345292	1.911656	1814	21	14	unclear	cave/shelter	EN
79	Can Sadurni Layer10	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.345292	1.911656	429	25	25	2.17	cave/shelter	
80	La Draga SA	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.126841	2.758798	283888	5	31	ca.1.150	open air - wet	EN
80	La Draga SB SD	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.126841	2.758798	44866	79	47	679.27	open air - wet	EN
81	Caserna de Sant Pau. Cardial.	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.376604	2.168768	148	7	8	unclear	open air - dry	Cardial
81	Caserna de Sant Pau. Cardial. epicardial/postcardial	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.376604	2.168768	89	9	8	unclear	open air - dry	cardial and epicardial/postcardial
82	Font del Ros	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.096933	1.844625	222	6	no info	unclear	open air - dry	
83	Cova de Sant Llorenç EN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.252495	1.831822	6	3	7	35	cave/shelter	
83	Cova de Sant Llorenç LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.252495	1.831822	44	9	25	196	cave/shelter	
83	Cova de Sant Llorenç MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.252495	1.831822	9	3	3	64	cave/shelter	
83	Cova de Sant Llorenç LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.252495	1.831822	4	2	3	19	cave/shelter	
85	Carrer Reina Amàlia, 31-33 EN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.377111	2.166868	142	10	14	218.5	open air - dry	
85	Carrer Reina Amàlia, 31-33 MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.377111	2.166868	447	9	16	188	open air - dry	
86	Plansalosa	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.23537	2.63126	448	4	no info	unclear	open air - dry	
87	Cova del Sardo LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.522494	0.834458	33	7	6	61	cave/shelter	
87	Cova del Sardo MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.522494	0.834458	36	6	9	107	cave/shelter	
87	Cova del Sardo LMN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.522494	0.834458	20	4	6	61	cave/shelter	
87	Cova del Sardo LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	42.522494	0.834458	47	4	5	61	cave/shelter	
88	La Dou LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.120003	2.469146	53	11	30	73	open air - dry	
88	La Dou EMN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.120003	2.469146	121	16	13	163	open air - dry	
89	Camp del Colomer	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.43885	2.477817	27	8	7	unclear	open air - dry	
90	Serra del Mas Bonet LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.252838	2.94256	3447	43	61	615.6	open air - dry	
91	Serra del Mas Bonet MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.252838	2.94256	4	4	6	45	open air - dry	
91	Serra del Mas Bonet LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	42.252838	2.94256	4	2	11	28.5	open air - dry	
92	Serra del Mas Bonet EN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	42.252838	2.94256	128	5	53	122	open air - dry	
92	120 Cave_Neol2	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.23768	2.65095	67	5	unclear	unclear	cave/shelter	
92	120 Cave_Neol3	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.23768	2.65095	12	10	unclear	unclear	cave/shelter	
93	Bòbila Madurell MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.53469	2.0821	26446	10	239	950	open air - dry	
93	Bòbila Madurell LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.53469	2.0821	963	9	55	190	open air - dry	
94	Mines of Gava 4200-3800 BC	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.30712	2.00388	76	4	7	196	mines	
94	Mines of Gava 3200-2800 BC	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.30712	2.00388	350	13	38	unclear	mines	
95	Espina C	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.648079	1.14094	13	2	13	28	open air - dry	
96	Pla del Gandelo	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.547067	0.82449	44	3	13	530	open air - dry	
97	Plaig del Collet / El Collet/Collet Puiggròs	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.550956	0.888372	114	6	4	179	open air - dry	
98	CIM "El Camp" LEN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.148258	1.168291	1	1	1	10	open air - dry	
98	CIM "El Camp" EMN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.148258	1.168291	1	1	1	10	open air - dry	



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99	Pesset Cave	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.38994	1.57065	no info	2	65	no info	cave/shelter	
100	Cami dels Banys de la Mercè	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.366414	2.927584	37	5	37	93	open air - dry	
102	Can Revela (Can Roqueta)	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.54732	2.11051	9	3	2	49	open air - dry	
103	Castellnuovo di Teolo	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.331025	11.685516	302	9	unclear	no info	open air - dry	VBO "Chassey-Lagozza"
104	Anvelles, Postcardial	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.817416	2.714	2714	16	3	3.64	open air - dry	
104	Anvelles, neo2	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.817416	0.726554	19	4	9	no info	open air - dry	
105	Cova del Toll, MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.81351	2.09804	149	6	21	unclear	cave/shelter	
105	Cova del Toll, LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.81351	2.09804	9840	3	no info	no info	cave/shelter	
110	Pou Nou 2	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.348653	1.738673	11689	14	14	unclear	open air - dry	
112	L' escola Especial Meritxell	NE Iberia	Phase 2	42.506317	1.521836	61	9	6	77	open air - dry	VBO III
113	Rivoli Veronese	Northern Italy	Phase 2	45.571806	10.811826	unclear	1	unclear	no info	open air - dry	VBO
114	Barbiano	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.606483	11.516718	unclear	3	unclear	no info	open air - dry	VBO
115	Auca di Fè / Vòls am Schlem/Volsarècha	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.495294	11.48427	no info	1	no info	no info	open air - dry	VBO
116	Brescia S. Polo	Northern Italy	Phase 3	45.22373	10.219	no info	1	no info	no info	open air - dry	Bell Beaker
117	Tolerau	Northern Italy	Phase 3	46.286842	11.211402	no info	5	no info	no info	open air - dry	Chalcolithic
122	Aspre del Paradis, EN	SE France	Phase 1	42.626196	2.948085	12	3	one?	50	open air - dry	Cardial/Epicardial II
122	Aspre del Paradis, LN	SE France	Phase 3	42.626196	2.948085	19	3	one?	50	open air - dry	verazien
123	Aulp du Seuil	SE France	Phase 2	45.332045	5.905189	509	20	28	597	cave/shelter	
124	Auriac	SE France	Phase 2	43.191028	2.336323	246	5	unclear	no info	open air - dry	Chasséen culture
125	Auriac-Golf	SE France	Phase 2	43.186579	2.335671	3	1	unclear	no info	open air - dry	epicardial
126	Balma de l'Abbeador, epicardial	SE France	Phase 1	43.328957	2.600531	72	8	unclear	unclear	cave/shelter	classic Chasséen
126	Balma de l'Abbeador, Chasséen classic	SE France	Phase 2	43.328957	2.600531	29	3	unclear	unclear	cave/shelter	Chasséen ancien
126	Balma de l'Abbeador, Chasséen ancien	SE France	Phase 2	43.328957	2.600531	96	5	unclear	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial I
127	Balma Margineda, 5472-4849	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.478993	1.488585	80	19	3	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial I
127	Balma Margineda, 4793-4612	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.478993	1.488585	5	4	1	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial I
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud, MN1	SE France	Phase 2	43.344225	3.215753	0	0	2	20	open air - dry	classic Chasséen
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud, MN2	SE France	Phase 2	43.344225	3.215753	902	4	2	20	open air - dry	classic Chasséen
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud, MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.344225	3.215753	39	1	1	10	open air - dry	classic Chasséen
129	Baume Bourbon	SE France	Phase 1	43.902974	4.468391	32	1	1	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial < 5000 BC
130	Baume Fontbrégoua, Cardialancien	SE France	Phase 1	44.341609	4.457664	221	4	2	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial > 5000 BC
131	Baume Fontbrégoua, Cardial final	SE France	Phase 1	43.563772	6.231338	1113	17	81	unclear	cave/shelter	Chasséen ancien
131	Baume Fontbrégoua, Pre-Chasséen	SE France	Phase 2	43.563772	6.231338	962	10	46	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial final
131	Baume Fontbrégoua, Chasséen ancien	SE France	Phase 2	43.563772	6.231338	329	10	13	unclear	cave/shelter	Pre-Chasséen
131	Baume Fontbrégoua, Chasséen récent	SE France	Phase 2	43.563772	6.231338	1152	11	34	unclear	cave/shelter	Chasséen ancien
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon, EN	SE France	Phase 1	45.791312	4.840968	67	10	no info	161.5	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon, MN	SE France	Phase 2	45.791312	4.840968	172	6	no info	26.5	open air - dry	Neolithique Moyen Bourguignon
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon, campaniforme	SE France	Phase 3	45.791312	4.840968	51	5	no info	24.5	open air - dry	Campaniforme
134	Cautade	SE France	Phase 2	43.680081	7.219443	3	2	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Chasséen
136	Claparouse	SE France	Phase 2	43.893979	5.114628	10660	3	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Chasséen
137	Clos de Roque	SE France	Phase 2	43.452497	5.864004	5330	53	unclear	unclear	open air - dry	LN?
139	Cova de l'Espert	SE France	Phase 1	42.833829	2.919303	34	8	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial I
140	Encombres	SE France	Phase 2	43.344334	2.960542	186	6	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Chasséen ancien
141	Font Juvénal, EN	SE France	Phase 1	43.269681	2.401473	11	4	3	unclear	cave/shelter	epicardial
141	Font Juvénal, MN1	SE France	Phase 2	43.269681	2.401473	1674	14	13?	unclear	cave/shelter	classic Chasséen
141	Font Juvénal, MN2	SE France	Phase 2	43.269681	2.401473	19	5	6	unclear	cave/shelter	MN Chasséen evolue
141	Font Juvénal, LN	SE France	Phase 3	43.269681	2.401473	8	6	6	unclear	cave/shelter	Chalcolithic
142	Gardon, ENRhodanie	SE France	Phase 1	45.958432	5.359561	21	6	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Neolithique ancien rhodanien
143	Gardon, MNSains-Uze	SE France	Phase 2	45.958432	5.359561	5	3	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Saint-Uze
143	Grotte de l'Aigle	SE France	Phase 1	44.225227	4.348998	8	4	indet	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial II
144	Grotte de Monton Mombolo, MN	SE France	Phase 2	42.652973	2.679827	6863	17	51?	unclear	cave/shelter	
144	Grotte de Monton Mombolo, LN	SE France	Phase 3	42.652973	2.679827	51	11	15	unclear	cave/shelter	
145	Grotte du Tai, Early Neo 1	SE France	Phase 1	43.939495	4.564221	2622	49	58	993	cave/shelter	EN
145	Grotte du Tai, Early Neo 2	SE France	Phase 1	43.939495	4.564221	505	26	27	227	cave/shelter	EN
145	Grotte du Tai, Middle Neolithic	SE France	Phase 2	43.939495	4.564221	265	85	13	1220	cave/shelter	MN
145	Grotte du Tai, Ferrifères	SE France	Phase 3	43.939495	4.564221	1298	23	18	249.5	cave/shelter	Ferrifères (LN1)
145	Grotte du Tai, Fontbouisse	SE France	Phase 3	43.939495	4.564221	46	6	6	55.5	cave/shelter	Fontbouisse (LN2)
147	Grotte G	SE France	Phase 2	43.716163	6.134433	229	7	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial > 5000 BC
148	Grotte Gazel, 5000	SE France	Phase 1	43.32417	2.419938	94	8	9	no info	cave/shelter	Cardial < 5000 BC
148	Grotte Gazel, after 5000	SE France	Phase 2	43.32417	2.419938	2	2	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	
149	Grotte Murée	SE France	Phase 1	43.771621	6.096698	41	2	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	
150	Grotte St Marcel, EN	SE France	Phase 1	44.331093	4.541511	15	3	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial II
150	Grotte St Marcel, MN	SE France	Phase 2	44.331093	4.541511	6	2	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	Neolithique moyen chasséen
150	Grotte St Marcel, LN	SE France	Phase 3	44.331093	4.541511	645	8	6	no info	cave/shelter	Cardial/Epicardial II
151	Jardins de Vert Parc, chass	SE France	Phase 2	43.632984	3.897506	510	10	10?	158	open air - dry	Chasséen

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152	La Grande Rivière_ EN	SE France	Phase 1	45.209178	5.633108	107	8	2	24.5	cave/shelter	
152	La Grande Rivière_ MN1	SE France	Phase 2	45.209178	5.633108	1465	41	34	278.8	cave/shelter	
152	La Grande Rivière_ MN2	SE France	Phase 3	45.209178	5.633108	8110	32	23	125	cave/shelter	
153	Clairvaux - La Motte aux Magnans V	SE France	Phase 1	46.576233	5.751053	114781	99	17	unclear	open air - wet	Neolithique Moyen Bourguignon
156	La Reslauze	SE France	Phase 1	43.513338	3.272799	58	3	indet	unclear	open air - dry	cardial/epicardial
157	La Roberte	SE France	Phase 2	44.524949	4.716952	488	4	no info	no info	open air - dry	MN?
158	La Salle	SE France	Phase 2	43.195465	2.334709	292	2	no info	no info	cave/shelter	Bizien
159	Le Bousquet	SE France	Phase 3	43.539645	3.459371	4520	4	5	140	open air - dry	vézazien And fontbousse
160	Le Champ du Poste_ Chassen ancien	SE France	Phase 2	43.212161	2.351663	363	4	11	110?	open air - dry	Chasséen
160	Le Champ du Poste_ Vézazien	SE France	Phase 3	43.212161	2.351663	7	2	3	30?	open air - dry	Chasséen vézazien
161	Le Chemet des Pierres_ MN1	SE France	Phase 2	45.445217	6.648055	3762	27	28	198	open air - dry	VBO/ST Uze/Ch'A
161	Le Chemet des Pierres_ MN2	SE France	Phase 2	45.445217	6.648055	28	26	10	168	open air - dry	CHR/Lagozza
162	Le Crès	SE France	Phase 2	43.350455	3.196894	643	5	1	20	open air - dry	Chasséen ancien
163	Le Font aux Pigeons	SE France	Phase 1	43.38296	5.104636	43164	10	21	unclear	open air - dry	Cardial ancien/moyen/final
164	Le Laguel	SE France	Phase 3	43.652984	3.508645	1199	3	1	2	open air - dry	
165	Le Logris de Berre	SE France	Phase 2	44.413686	4.743116	526	3	no info	no info	open air - dry	
166	Le Moulin	SE France	Phase 2	44.186795	5.475206	472	6	no info	no info	open air - dry	
167	Le Prou	SE France	Phase 2	43.42096	3.358238	291	4	7	342	open air - dry	
168	Le Puech Haut_ LN1	SE France	Phase 3	43.534099	3.458481	49	4	1	15	open air - dry	Ferrières et Fontbousse
168	Le Puech Haut_ LN2	SE France	Phase 3	43.534099	3.458481	205	9	3	40	open air - dry	Ferrières et Fontbousse
168	Le Puech Haut_ LN3	SE France	Phase 3	43.534099	3.458481	1490	9	8	160	open air - dry	Ferrières et Fontbousse
169	Le Rochas	SE France	Phase 3	44.391688	4.501187	Unknown	1	no info	no info	open air - dry	Culture de Fontbousse
170	Le Serre de Boidon	SE France	Phase 3	44.759629	4.562443	4608	9	1	no info	open air - dry	Culture de Fontbousse
171	Le Valladas	SE France	Phase 1	44.348515	4.76827	72724	4	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Cardial
174	Les Laurières	SE France	Phase 3	43.7667	5.36667	6680	5	no info	unclear	open air - dry	chalcolithique campaniforme
175	Les Moulins	SE France	Phase 2	44.34369	4.753042	469445	15	30?	unclear	open air - dry	Chasséen
176	Les Plois	SE France	Phase 2	43.218178	2.412707	75	5	no info	no info	open air - dry	Chasséen languedocien
177	Mas de Vignoles IX	SE France	Phase 2	43.807332	4.363319	115	13	2?	40-60	open air - dry	Chasséen
178	Mas de Vignoles X	SE France	Phase 1	43.807332	4.363319	13	5	7	90	open air - dry	Early Epicardial
179	Mas Neuf	SE France	Phase 1	43.806437	4.358295	> 47450	2	1	unclear	open air - dry	Cardial/Epicardial II
180	Montbyve-La Cadoule	SE France	Phase 2	43.682725	3.925613	415	5	no info	no info	open air - dry	Chasséen
181	Moulin de la Garonne	SE France	Phase 2	44.0073	8.172717	7	1	no info	no info	open air - dry	Chasséen
182	Mourre de la Barque_ Neo2	SE France	Phase 2	43.636646	5.639546	496	15	7	35.7	cave/shelter	type Mourre de la Barque
182	Mourre de la Barque_ Neo3	SE France	Phase 2	43.636646	5.639546	35	7	8	unclear	cave/shelter	type Mourre de la Barque
183	Petro Signado	SE France	Phase 1	43.308694	3.328162	374	15	27	unclear	cave/shelter	Impressa
184	Pendimoun_ Impressa	SE France	Phase 1	43.863272	7.87493	2800	not possible to quantified	491	2946	cave/shelter	Impressa
184	Pendimoun_ cardial	SE France	Phase 1	43.863272	7.87493	1470	not possible to quantified	443	844.8	cave/shelter	Cardial
184	Pendimoun_ SMP	SE France	Phase 1	43.863272	7.87493	49	not possible to quantified	93	333.7	cave/shelter	VBQ
185	Plateau Raverte	SE France	Phase 2	45.189198	4.861578	97	8	no info	no info	open air - dry	Saint-Uze
186	Pont de Roque Haute	SE France	Phase 1	43.291008	3.361951	171.44 Frag	3	no info	unclear	open air - dry	Impressa
187	Roc de Dougnie	SE France	Phase 1	42.768701	2.082064	4	1	1	9	cave/shelter	couche 5 Epicardial; 5325-4856; couche 6 Penticardial 5560-5240
188	Roquemaure	SE France	Phase 3	44.051884	4.778861	203	9	2?	unclear	cave/shelter	vézazien
191	St. Martin d'Azirou	SE France	Phase 3	43.784791	3.49262	382	6	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	LN
192	Clairvaux XIV	SE France	Phase 2	46.567294	5.746356	2265.25	117	13	unclear	open air - wet	Neolithique Moyen
193	Toronde	SE France	Phase 2	43.168939	2.327266	1	1	no info	no info	open air - dry	Neo moye chassen
195	Vieux-Mououl	SE France	Phase 2	43.273237	5.775848	4?	2	no info	no info	cave/shelter	
196	Villa Giribaldi	SE France	Phase 2	43.701384	7.280885	830	22	7	unclear	open air - dry	
197	ZAC Feuilly_ Cardial	SE France	Phase 1	45.698938	4.947071	671	3	1?	65	open air - dry	cardial
197	ZAC Feuilly_ MNB	SE France	Phase 2	45.698938	4.947071	9212	12	18	19	open air - dry	Neolithique Moyen Bourguignon
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II_ preChad300	SE France	Phase 2	43.636932	3.966221	2	0	unclear	40	open air - dry	Pre Chasséen
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II_ chassancien	SE France	Phase 2	43.636932	3.966221	126	11	unclear	60	open air - dry	Chasséen ancien
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II_ chassen recent	SE France	Phase 2	43.636932	3.966221	2780	16	unclear	270	open air - dry	Chasséen ancien
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II_ MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.636932	3.966221	90	6	unclear	100	open air - dry	
199	Zürich - AKAD_Seehofstrasse	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.364521	8.548591	237550	126	128	209.75	open air - wet	Pfyn
200	Zürich - Pressehaus_ I Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.364521	8.548591	5496	56	17	1.7	open air - wet	
200	Zürich - Pressehaus_ 2 Schnur	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.364521	8.548591	7131	74	3	3.93	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik
201	Arbon - Bleiche 3	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.50589	9.436122	1309661	142	281	608.42	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik
202	Binningen-Friedhofstrasse	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.541828	7.580002	4187	22	12	632.2	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik
203	Seeburg - Burgäschisee SW	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.16719	7.666378	6037	40	15	58.7	open air - wet	Corralloid-K. allg. 4500-3500 BC cal
204	Cham - St. Andreas	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.170634	8.466008	947	10	4	unclear	open air - wet	Pfyn (Contaitlod?)
205	Egolzwil 3	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.184717	8.00719	29794	102	100	81.47	open air - wet	Egolzwil 4400-4250 BC cal
206	Frauses - Pruz au Doux	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.833749	6.867238	1164	47	7	58.3	open air - wet	
208	Horgen-Scheller_ Schnur	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.268742	8.588183	4886	49	3	3	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik
208	Horgen-Scheller_ Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.268742	8.588183	494123	181	62	58.9	open air - wet	Horgen

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209	Kleiner Hafner Ego	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.36599	8.54157	16090	74	16	6.03	open air - wet	Cortallod
209	Kleiner Hafner Cort	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.36599	8.54157	95759	123	76	13.25	open air - wet	Egolzwil
210	Latrigen - Hauptstation (site VII). Cord	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.099653	7.21597	10871	85	25	5	open air - wet	Cortallod tardif 3700-3500 BC cal
210	Latrigen - Hauptstation (site VII). Horg	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.099653	7.21597	53013	127	71	30.48	open air - wet	Horgen Occidental vor 3000/2900 BC cal
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, inerdorf_1	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.046686	7.151586	10591	62	11	8.34	open air - wet	Jungneolithikum 4.3750-3500 (-3300) BC cal
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, inerdorf_2	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.046686	7.151586	4788	2	5	0.05	open air - wet	Spätneolithikum I allg. 3500-3250 BC cal
212	Latrigen - Riedstation (site VI)	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.099653	7.21597	115	2	4	0.1002	open air - wet	Spätneolithikum I allg. 3500-3250 BC cal
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse_Py2	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.365049	8.546656	104458	142	98	48.425	open air - wet	Pfyn
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse_Cort	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.365049	8.546656	1282	60	2.5	60	open air - wet	Cortallod klass.
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse_Cortallod	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.365049	8.546656	48793	156	93	31.273	open air - wet	FrühzentralCortallod
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse_Py1	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.365049	8.546656	5238	71	14	9.82	open air - wet	Pfyn
213	Zürich - Mozartstrasse_Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.365049	8.546656	280204	160	163	82.314	open air - wet	Horgen
214	Mythenhessloch_Schnur1	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.361004	8.534579	58034	111	51	28.79	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik1
214	Mythenhessloch_Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.361004	8.534579	13501	48	25	1.39	open air - wet	Horgen
215	Neftenbach_Aspach	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.526642	8.66883	32	7	1	unknown	open air - dry	Horgen K. allg. 3400-2800 BC cal
216	Nidau BKWi or Nidau Schlossmatte/BKW	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.093447	7.232703	32292	106	30	24.53	open air - wet	Latrigen
219	Seedorf - Lobsjessee	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.030079	7.298229	4353	24	20	34.53	open air - wet	Pfyn
220	Zürich, Seefeld_KanSan_Ply	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.356492	8.553318	173933	148	56	25.95	open air - wet	Pfyn
220	Zürich, Seefeld_KanSan_Schnur	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.356492	8.553318	191671	165	100	61.59	open air - wet	Schnurkeramik
220	Zürich, Seefeld_KanSan_Horg	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.356492	8.553318	820558	197	148	84.57	open air - wet	Horgen
221	Sevelen - Pfäfersbiel	Switzerland	Phase 1	47.121881	9.486933	821	17	2	26	open air - dry	Rössen allg. 4700-4400 BC cal
222	Stansstad-Kehrsiten_3750-3500_Pfyn	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.000019	8.366233	256172	84	4	156.01	open air - wet	Pfyn
222	Stansstad-Kehrsiten_4250-3750_Corta	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.000019	8.366233	82583	78	1	100.4	open air - wet	zentral-schweizerisches Cortallod allg. 4250-3750 BC cal.
223	Port - Shideli, US 41	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.116528	7.255142	51940	86	49	6.99	open air - wet	Cortallod-K. allg. 4500-3500 BC cal
224	Villeneuve-La Baume Abri 1	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.730382	6.857404	182655	5	1	6	open air - wet	Lüscherz 2900-2700 BC cal
225	Wetzikon, Kempfen Föstellstr	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.236858	8.801019	1506	26	20	144.72	undefined	Glockenbecher 2400-2200 BC cal Bell Beaker
226	Zizers - Frettau	Switzerland	Phase 1	46.936525	9.565511	2542	28	74	399.5	open air - dry	Hinkelstein 5000-4800 BC cal
227	Zug-Riedmatt	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.179756	8.484631	2261679	159	219	147.09	open air - wet	
228	Delémont - En la Plan	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.365843	7.345239	117	8	10	unclear	open air - dry	
230	Bauma del Serrat del Pont_EN	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.247474	2.605036	3	8	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	
230	Bauma del Serrat del Pont_LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	42.247474	2.605036	32	7	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	
231	Cova de les Portes	NE Iberia	Phase 3	42.306047	1.443469	45	5	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	vérazien
232	El Cavet	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.073819	1.085401	no info	1	?	unclear	open air - dry	
233	Les Vaunes	SE France	Phase 3	43.671931	3.833155	3017	6	3	unclear	open air - dry	Fombouisse
234	Grotte d'engomer	SE France	Phase 3	42.586754	2.386525	251	3	no info	unclear	cave/shelter	
235	Boussagues	SE France	Phase 3	44.141006	4.584432	46245?	11	74	unclear	open air - dry	chalcolithique Fontbouisse
236	Roussouls	SE France	Phase 3	43.42834	3.356568	1644	7	15	35	open air - dry	Complexe Saint-Pons-Vézian
237	Sion - La Planta	Switzerland	Phase 1	46.232831	7.358411	694	19	unknown	74	open air - dry	
238	Sion - Tourbillon_EN/MN	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.233453	7.377619	497	12	unknown	94	open air - dry	
239	Sion - La Gillière 2	Switzerland	Phase 1	46.233122	7.360626	25709	7	4	40	open air - dry	
240	Sion - Rtr 33	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.235836	7.359988	11763	24	1?	118	open air - dry	
241	Savièse - La Soie	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.250078	7.343188	5968	39	unclear	504.5	open air - dry	
242	Petit-Chasseur IV_MNI 4500	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.231702	7.351246	14	1	3	9.24	open air - dry	
242	Petit-Chasseur IV_Cortallod type Petit-Chasseur (4000-3800 )	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.231702	7.351246	8224.5	17	23	91.12	open air - dry	Cortallod, type Petit-Chasseur
244	Saint-Aubin/Derrière la Croix_Cort	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.889736	6.980627	4852	22	21	1735.49	open air - dry	Cortallod-K.allg. 4500-3500 BC cal
244	Saint-Aubin/Derrière la Croix_2800-2500	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.889736	6.980627	111	10	2	151.3	open air - dry	Endeneolithikum I allg. 2800-2500 BC cal
245	Concise - Sous Coladoz_Cortallod-Moyen	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.854304	6.719125	141005	134	18	unclear	open air - wet	Cortallod Tardif/Auvernier corde
246	Zürich - Parkhaus Opera_Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.365725	8.5461	7681279	174	615	1450.21	open air - wet	Horgen
247	Gachnang_Niederwil	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.3774	8.29526	232293	108	22	unclear	open air - wet	Pfyn
248	Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Weber	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.781417	6.650345	1432	18	2	unclear	open air - wet	Lüscherz recent; Auvernier corde
248	Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Schlichthelre	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.781417	6.650345	43800	121	42	28.435?	open air - wet	Lüscherz recent; Auvernier corde
249	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.988348	6.920576	56	16	1	330	open air - wet	Lüscherz récent & Auvernier Cordé
250	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.988348	6.920576	3723	77	2	1995	open air - wet	Lüscherz récent & Auvernier Cordé
250	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.988348	6.920576	9355	122	19	10275	open air - wet	Lüscherz récent & Auvernier Cordé
250	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Lüscherz	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.988348	6.920576	16482	127	1	16720	open air - wet	Lüscherz récent & Auvernier Cordé
250	Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.988348	6.920576	42372	153	33	15165	open air - wet	Lüscherz récent & Auvernier Cordé
251	Twann_Cortallod	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.122203	7.1712	14530	12	16	unclear	open air - wet	Cortallod
251	Twann_Middle Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.122203	7.1712	3128	7	7	unclear	open air - wet	
252	Les Bagnoles_MN2	SE France	Phase 2	43.91419	5.057106	23488	74	26	144.8	open air - dry	

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252	Les Bagnoles_MN1	SE France	Phase 2	43.91419	5.057106	3659	72	23	213	open air - dry	
253	Trou Arnaud	SE France	Phase 2	44.5708	5.2767	-1000	3	no info	N/A	cave/shelter	Chasséen
254	La Cavallade_LN2	SE France	Phase 3	43.600762	3.912682	109	12	14	unclear	open air - dry	Ferrières
255	La Cavallade_LN3	SE France	Phase 3	43.600762	3.912682	344	16	7	unclear	open air - dry	Type Cavallade
256	Balmes_LN1	SE France	Phase 3	45.25682	6.803092	29088	13	1	520	cave/shelter	Neolithique Moyen Bourguignon
257	Clairvaux VII	SE France	Phase 2	46.567294	5.746356	2234.4 sondage no all	several not counted	6	2.4	open air - wet	
258	Clairvaux III	SE France	Phase 3	46.677663	5.781905	29088	69	10	unclear	open air - wet	
259	Clairvaux II	SE France	Phase 3	46.567294	5.746356	18426	102	27	unclear	open air - wet	close relation with western CH
260	L'Hérédière Cazan	SE France	Phase 2	43.68583	5.17139	1184	32	3	0.693	open air - wet	
266	Splimbergo S. Cesario Sito I	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.532521	11.016477	unclear	not possible	3	unclear	open air - dry	Chasséen
266	Splimbergo S. Cesario Sito VIII	Northern Italy	Phase 3	44.532521	11.016477	98	7	10	unclear	open air - dry	YBP Lagozza
267	ZAC Les Chalus II Lot 1-	SE France	Phase 2	43.959933	5.780712	unk	2	no info	unclear	open air - dry	
268	Route de Camohès Lotissement « Le Petit Prince »	SE France	Phase 2	43.959933	5.780712	60	no info	no info	unclear	open air - dry	montbolo-chasséen
271	Jonquiere I	SE France	Phase 3	43.550993	2.84998	48	3	3?	unclear	open air - dry	LN
272	L'astropole Rollard	SE France	Phase 2	44.459642	6.033672	108	14	12	149	open air - dry	Chasséen
273	Ceppe-MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.103762	2.245024	17	7	6	unclear	open air - dry	
273	Ceppe_LN	SE France	Phase 3	43.103762	2.245024	0	0	1	unclear	open air - dry	
274	509 avenue des Novers	SE France	Phase 3	43.433797	5.409083	1985	7	1	10	open air - dry	
275	Trets ZAC la Burlière_MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.456872	5.679971	20324	7	4	30	open air - dry	Neolithique moyen type Moure de la Baque
276	Quincieux Grange Rouge_MN	SE France	Phase 2	45.909629	4.785722	56	7	7	70	open air - dry	
276	Quincieux Grange Rouge_LN	SE France	Phase 3	45.909629	4.785722	2	1	1	10	open air - dry	
277	Lattes Port-Ariane III_MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.574698	3.900977	6	1	3?	50	open air - dry	
277	Lattes Port-Ariane III_LN	SE France	Phase 3	43.574698	3.900977	36	3	1?	355	open air - dry	
278	Chenus-sur-Léman Pré d'Ancey	SE France	Phase 2	46.325449	6.267459	no seeds at all	0	3	27	open air - dry	
279	Clos Roque Route de Barjols MN2	SE France	Phase 2	43.557156	6.00775	110	0	3	50	open air - dry	
279	Clos Roque Route de Barjols LN	SE France	Phase 3	43.557156	6.00775	19	3	6	230	open air - dry	
280	Gap Lachaup	SE France	Phase 3	44.597048	5.955001	77	8	11SU	unclear	open air - dry	Neolithique final de type Fraischamp
281	A8 Roussel_Le Plan	SE France	Phase 3	43.478961	5.623891	?1	1	no info	508 (sieved 120)	open air - dry	Chasséen to LN
282	Velaux La Bastide Neuve III	SE France	Phase 2	43.534226	5.205146	no seeds for MN	0	1	10	open air - dry	
283	Le site néolithique final de Pontreau PH2	SE France	Phase 3	43.356294	5.027296	718	5	7	123	open air - dry	Neolithique final méridional
283	Le site néolithique final de Pontreau PH3	SE France	Phase 3	43.356294	5.027296	76932	6	48	642.4	open air - dry	Neolithique final méridional
283	Le site néolithique final de Pontreau PH4	SE France	Phase 3	43.356294	5.027296	10803	6	6	102	open air - dry	Neolithique final méridional
284	Charavines - Les Baigneurs	SE France	Phase 3	45.422249	5.161388	9836 more	39	no info	unclear	open air - wet	Auvernier Cordé helvétique
285	Brise-Lames	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.977575	6.87692	10808	140	7	4.936	open air - wet	Lüscherz
286	Plyh-Breitlenbo	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.593962	8.956029	253			0.6	open air - wet	Pfyn
287	Clairvaux VIII	SE France	Phase 2	46.567294	5.746356	1018	33	unclear	0.1	open air - wet	Neolithique Moyen Bourguignon recent
288	Cova de la Colomera	NE Iberia	Phase 1	42.153075	0.982073	476	11	3?	unclear	cave/shelter	
289	La serreta NAE_NACardial	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.349134	1.709623	4	3	3	70	open air - dry	Neolithic antic evolutionat
289	La serreta NAE	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.349134	1.709623	55	3	4?	79	open air - dry	Neolithic antic evolutionat
289	La serreta MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.349134	1.709623	35	5	unclear	233	open air - dry	
289	La serreta LN	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.349134	1.709623	9	4	1	7	open air - dry	
291	Chalain 3 (layer VIII)	SE France	Phase 3	46.677663	5.781905	2031	71	50	unclear	open air - wet	LN and Horgen
293	Alleins Quartier Sainte-Anne	SE France	Phase 3	43.703712	5.161235	65	3	8	unknow vol.	open air - dry	style du Moure du Tendre
294	20 rue Fodéré, Villa Lympia	SE France	Phase 2	43.707078	7.275895	21	2	13?	10	open air - dry	Chasséen méridional
295	ZAC de la Farioule	SE France	Phase 3	43.761053	4.312254	339	5	12?	unclear	open air - dry	Neolithique final languedocien
296	Mittelhoehlefeld	SE France	Phase 1	47.787784	7.368746	5	2	unclear	23	open air - dry	Hinkelstein ou Grossgartach
297	Florval	SE France	Phase 1	47.897577	7.219694	375.4	10	12?	238	open air - dry	Rubane
301	Berghelm, Haut-Rhin, « Saalager » , zone d'activité du Muehlbach	SE France	Phase 1	48.303183	6.815928	1	1		24	open air - dry	Rubane moyen
303	Burgäschise Siid	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.166677	7.669071	10529	54	125	unclear	open air - wet	Cortallod-K.allg. 4500-3500 BC cal
306	Sutz-Rütte V	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.098659	7.216152	89442	72	47	5.45	open air - wet	
307	Biel-Vingelz	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.131495	7.221362	7042	70	5	2.55	open air - wet	
308	Pfäffikon-Burg	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.204628	8.774979	187401	53	3	14.9	open air - wet	Horgen K. allg. 3400-2800 BC cal
309	Auvernier/La Saunerie Lüscherz	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.977577	6.876927	not quantified	72	7	no info	open air - wet	Lüscherz; Auvernier/Dorde
309	Auvernier/La Saunerie Auvernier	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.977577	6.876927	not quantified	64	7	no info	open air - wet	Lüscherz; Auvernier/Dorde
309	Petit Ruz_LN_Neo5	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.977577	6.876927	not quantified	74	3	no info	open air - wet	Lüscherz; Auvernier/Dorde
311	Burgäschise Nord	Switzerland	Phase 2	47.172857	7.668663	715	48	4	30500	open air - wet	Cortallod-K.allg. 4500-3500 BC cal
313	Petit Ruz_MN_Neo2	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.943127	6.846786	44	6	48	548	open air - dry	
313	Petit Ruz_LN_Neo5	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.943127	6.846786	35	5	64	358	open air - dry	
314	Sur les Rochettes Est_Glockenb	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.850711	6.844785	3436	34	75	734	open air - dry	Glockenbecher 2400-2200 BC cal Bell Beaker
315	Les Tilles_MN	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.949096	6.8354	39	9	3	542	open air - dry	
315	Les Tilles_2800-2500	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.949096	6.8354	147	4	unclear	241	open air - dry	
316	Treyvel 4340 et 4040	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.917335	6.805569	65	7	unclear	164.7	open air - dry	Neolithique ancien
316	Treyvel_MN	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.917335	6.805569	314	15	5	147.8	open air - dry	

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316	Treytel Cort ancien	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.917335	6.805569	586	22	12	664.7	open air - dry	
316	Treytel Cort class	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.917335	6.805569	745	25	7	454.4	open air - dry	
317	Treytel LN	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.917335	6.805569	3343	32	3	1548.7	open air - dry	
317	Entzheim « Les Terres de la Chapelle » (Bas-Rhin)	SE France	Phase 1	48.539066	7.640036	0	0	N/A	N/A	open air - dry	Rubane ancien
318	Entzheim	SE France	Phase 1	48.539066	7.640036	26	no info	no info	no info	open air - dry	Rubane ancien
319	Grotte Antonnaire	SE France	Phase 3	44.678092	5.362552	no info	no info	no info	no info	cave/shelter	
320	Teuliera dels Albers-1	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.375832	1.722254	23	2	?	18	open air - dry	
322	Zal del Port de Tarragona MN	NE Iberia	Phase 2	41.105818	1.240599	0	6	1?	15	open air - dry	
323	Cine Pons	NE Iberia	Phase 3	41.346126	1.69794	69	6	3?	53	open air - dry	
324	Mas Puió	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.325432	1.674578	5	2	4	147	open air - dry	
325	Mas d'en Boïsos	NE Iberia	Phase 1	41.364191	1.661479	716	7	8	215	open air - dry	
326	Thawngen Weiler Profile III	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.747376	8.710243	3824	68	9	unclear	open air - wet	Pfyn
326	Thawngen Weiler	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.747376	8.710243	2411.9	32	10	0.37	open air - wet	Pfyn
327	Zurich Oberrieden	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.273022	8.578681	total weight of 394 grams, which corresponds to almost 50,000 grams	1	13	N/A	open air - wet	Horgen
328	Zug Vorsiadl 26	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.16936	8.514367	1835	12	2?	unclear	open air - wet	Horgen
329	Grand Pré_Neol2	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.936603	6.824008	13	4	1	5	open air - dry	
330	Les Maladières Cort ancien	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.926315	6.824251	1861	16	9	225	open air - dry	
330	Les Maladières Cort classic	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.926315	6.824251	4970	15	7	166.5	open air - dry	Cortallod
330	Les Maladières MN	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.926315	6.824251	23	4	1	13.5	open air - dry	Cortallod klass: MN
330	Les Maladières Horgen	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.926315	6.824251	2	2	1	6	open air - dry	Horgen
330	Les Maladières camp	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.926315	6.824251	114	14	2	14.8	open air - dry	Bell beaker
331	Les Pâquiers Cortallod Classique	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.92229	6.812997	4	3	1	109.8	open air - dry	
331	Les Pâquiers Cortallod tardif/Port-Comy	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.92229	6.812997	83	12	12	355.9	open air - dry	
333	Champs Devant_MN1	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.934774	7.041298	148	13	2	108.1	open air - dry	
333	Champs Devant_MN2	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.934774	7.041298	884	27	884	124.7	open air - dry	
342	Aux Courbes Rayes	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.944069	6.850464	308	15	20	348	open air - dry	
343	Battallard	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.930745	6.815189	44	10	9	170	open air - dry	
344	Chézard-Littoral_Cort	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.959695	6.869639	0	0	1	6.2	open air - dry	Cortallod-Kalkg. 4500-3500 BC cal
344	Chézard-Littoral_Lilis	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.959695	6.869639	91	11	1	135.1	open air - dry	Litscherz
344	Chézard-Littoral_auver	Switzerland	Phase 3	46.959695	6.869639	1	1	1	13	open air - dry	Auvernier-Cordé
345	Les Buchilles	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.946361	6.82926	12	4	3	78	open air - dry	
346	Aux Buchilles	Switzerland	Phase 2	46.944832	6.823584	34	7	1	628.9	open air - dry	
348	Baar Früheberrstrasse	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.204902	8.52467	679	17	3?	unclear	open air - dry	Schnurkeramik
349	Zug Vorsiadl	Switzerland	Phase 3	47.16936	8.514367	2471	55	unclear	2.99	open air - wet	Pfyn
353	Clos de Roque - Chemin de Barjols_MN	SE France	Phase 2	43.452497	5.864004	1	1	1	50	open air - dry	
353	Clos de Roque - Chemin de Barjols_LN	SE France	Phase 3	43.452497	5.864004	33	9	11	390	open air - dry	
354	La Vella III	Northern Italy	Phase 2	46.082986	11.100794	181	14	no info	no info	open air - dry	



















## **Appendix C: Data quality**

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This Appendix shows the quality results based on the different parameters such as the date of excavation, recovery method, processing method, mesh size, type of record, type of publication and type of preservation. It is colour coded in agreement with the three types of classification: good, satisfactory and poor.

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Appendix C: Table 1 - Data quality, metadata

Site name	ID	Country	Type of site	Phase	Date of excavation	Recovery method	Recovery method	Recovery method	Processing method	Processing method
Recca di rivoli	1	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1960	n.d.			Unknown	
Erta	2	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	n.d.	systematic?			Unknown	
Manfredi via Velli	3	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	n.d.	systematic?			Unknown	
Misera	4	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	n.d.	probabilistic?			Unknown	
Lugo di Grezzano	5	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	probabilistic?			wet-sieving	
Firon-Milano Casarato	6	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	2010	n.d.			Unknown	
Firon Le Fratte	7	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	2010	judgmental sampling			semi-flotation	
Santa Maria de Confians	8	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	Manual			wet-sieving	
Montemila	9	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	Manual			dry-sieving	
Alpiana Scavola	10	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	Manual?			flotation	
Alta Marasà	11	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	n.d.			flotation	
Canedole di Roverella	12	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic?			flotation	
Summandanchia	13	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	systematic			flotation	
Pali di Liverza	14	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	1990	systematic?			Unknown	
Priva de Uffine	15	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	systematic?			Unknown	
Valler	16	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	n.d.			flotation	
Pravara	17	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	systematic? probabilistic?			wet-sieving	
Lauschi 2	20	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic?			flotation	
Lauschi 1	21	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	judgmental sampling			flotation	
Lauschi 3	22	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	judgmental sampling			flotation	
Villandro 3	23	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			flotation	
Villandro 2	24	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			flotation	
Villandro 1	25	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	n.d.			flotation	
Riva del Garda	26	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			Unknown	
La Vella I	27	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	probabilistic?			wet-sieving	
La Vella II	28	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1970	judgmental sampling?			wet-sieving	
La Vella di Trento VII 1	29	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			Unknown	
La Vella di Trento VII 2	30	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			Unknown	
Ozzi	31	Italy	undefined	Phase 3	1990	n.d.	hand picked		flotation	
Bressanone-Milano	32	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	n.d.			Unknown	
Veduggio-Tezzelese	33	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	n.d.			wet-sieving	
Castellano	34	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	n.d.			Unknown	
Alba-Corona Laghe 43	35	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			Unknown	
Alba-Corona Europa	36	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.	systematic?		Unknown	
Caselle d'Almona	37	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			Unknown	
Valgrana - Teto-Chiappello	38	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			Unknown	
Caverna delle Avene Candide_3	39	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic?			flotation	
Caverna delle Avene Candide_1	40	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic?			flotation	
Caverna delle Avene Candide_2	41	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic?			flotation	
Caverna delle Avene Candide_4	42	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic?			flotation	
San Sebastiano di Perù	43	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	n.d.			flotation?	
Anna dell' Aquila	44	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1940	Manual?			Unknown	
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pian del Ciliegio_1	45	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1990	probabilistic?			flotation	
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pian del Ciliegio_2	46	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1990	probabilistic?			flotation	
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pian del Ciliegio_3	47	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1990	probabilistic?			flotation	
Grotta del Sanguigno o della Motta	48	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			Unknown	
Grotta marina di Berpeggi	49	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1970	n.d.			Unknown	
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_1	50	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1980	Manual some samples			flotation	
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_2	51	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1980	Manual some samples			flotation	
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_3	52	Italy	cave/shelter	Phase 3	1980	Manual some samples			flotation	
Cocè RH1, Piazza della Vittoria	53	Italy	undefined	Phase 1	2000	Cocè			unclear	
Plazza Brigonole - Fave del Torrente Biagno	54	Italy	undefined	Phase 1	2000	n.d.			wet-sieving	
Novi Ligure, località Pieve	55	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2010	n.d.			flotation	
Casellare di Uscio	56	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	n.d.			Unknown	
Alberca	57	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1870	n.d.			Unknown	
Fronaco	58	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1940	n.d.			Unknown	
Lugo di Romagna	59	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	some contexts	Grab sampling		flotation	
Ponte Ghara	60	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	17jar			flotation	

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Ponte Milino	53	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	well			flotation	
Rivallata-Ca Romanoni	54	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Savignano	55	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Ferli via Naresella_2	56	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	particulary cases(structures) 5 litres of all SI?			flotation	
Ferli via Naresella_3	56	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	particulary cases(structures) 5 litres of all SI?			flotation	
Ferli via Naresella_1	56	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	particulary cases(structures) 5 litres of all SI?			flotation	
Bazzardella_3	57	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	mix stratigraphic method and structure wise			dry-sieving	
Bazzardella_2	57	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	mix stratigraphic method and structure wise			dry-sieving	
Bazzardella_1	57	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	mix stratigraphic method and structure wise			dry-sieving	
Chiocza di Scandiano	58	Italy	undisturbed	Phase 2	1940	n.d.			unknown	
Levata di Curtinone	59	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			unknown	
Palma via Cristoforo	60	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			unknown	
Spillimberti	61	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			unknown	
Castellana Grotte via Bicchieri	62	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	5 litres of all SI?			flotation	wet-sieving
Provezza_2	62	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	5 litres of all SI?			flotation	wet-sieving
Provezza_3	62	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	5 litres of all SI?			flotation	wet-sieving
Ferrirompoli - via Canalicchio	63	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	5 litres of all SI?			flotation	wet-sieving
S. Andrea de Travo	64	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	5 litres of all SI?			flotation	wet-sieving
Cesena	65	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Isogelli	65	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1970	all sediment of a pit			wet-sieving	
Drogelli	66	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	sedimentotechnical			flotation	
Prizzo di Bedola_1	66	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Prizzo di Bedola_2	66	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Vibo di Plakenna	69	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			unknown	
Aquonegra sul Meseo	70	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Casatico di Mancaria	71	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
bolino di Varese, MN	72	Italy	open air - wet	Phase 2	2010	n.d.			unknown	
Rivanello Mantovano	73	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			unknown	
Lovere-Via Decese Celati	74	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	n.d.			unknown	
Lovere-Via Decese Celati	74	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	n.d.			unknown	
Mantico Covale_1	75	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	soil sample			flotation	
Mantico Covale_2	75	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	soil sample			flotation	
Mantico Covale_3	75	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	soil sample			flotation	
La Draga, SA	76	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1950	n.d.			flotation	
Can Saldamunt Layer11	79	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2010	100% sediment			flotation	wash-over
Can Saldamunt Layer10	79	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2010	systematic fix volume interval sampling Layer 10)			flotation	wash-over
Can Saldamunt Layer18	79	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	100% sediment			flotation	wash-over
La Draga, SA	80	Spain	open air - wet	Phase 1	2010	systematic surface sampling 0-5 l-litre sediment subsquare and per square 7-10 L judgement			wash-over	water-screening
La Draga, SB, SD	80	Spain	open air - wet	Phase 1	2010	systematic surface sampling 0-5 l-litre sediment subsquare and per square 7-10 L judgement			wash-over	water-screening
Caserna de Sant Pau, Cardanal	81	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	judgement-syst			flotation	
Caserna de Sant Pau, epicardial/postcardial	81	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	judgement-syst			flotation	
Font del Ros	82	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	judgement-syst			flotation	
Cova de Sant Llorenç, MN	83	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2010	systematic 100%	interval		flotation	
Cova de Sant Llorenç, LN	83	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 3	2010	systematic 100%	interval		flotation	
Cova de Sant Llorenç, EN	83	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic 100%	interval		flotation	
Cova de Sant Llorenç, LEN	83	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2010	systematic 100%	interval		flotation	
Carrer Reina Amalia, 31-33, MN	85	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable, syst			flotation	
Carrer Reina Amalia, 31-33, EN	85	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	judgement sampling variable, syst			flotation	
Pinsalleres	86	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	no info but probably judgment			no info	
Cova del Suro, MN	87	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	probabilist			water-screening	
Cova del Suro, LN	87	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	probabilist			water-screening	
Cova del Suro, EN	87	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 3	2000	probabilist			water-screening	
Cova del Suro, LEN	87	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 3	2000	probabilist			water-screening	
La Dou, EMN	88	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable			flotation	
La Dou, LEN	88	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	judgement sampling variable			flotation	
Cedella	89	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	judgement sampling variable			flotation	
Camp del Colomer	90	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable; interval			flotation	
Serra del Bover	91	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			flotation	
Serra del Mas Borrell	91	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			flotation	
Serra del Mas Borrell, EN	91	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			flotation	
120 Cova, Nea3	92	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1980	100% sediment, judge			dry-sieving	flotation
120 Cova, Nea2	92	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	1980	100% sediment, judge			dry-sieving	flotation
Bòbila Madurell, MN, LN	93	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	interval sampling; fixed vol systematic taken			water-screening	flotation
Bòbila Madurell, EN	93	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	interval sampling; fixed vol systematic taken			water-screening	flotation
Bòbila Madurell, LEN	93	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	interval sampling; fixed vol systematic taken			water-screening	flotation
Mines of Gava, 3200-3800 BC	94	Spain	mines	Phase 2	1980	judgement sampling variable			flotation	wash-over
Mines of Gava, 3200-3800 BC	94	Spain	mines	Phase 3	1980	judgement sampling variable			flotation	wash-over
Espina C	95	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	judgement sampling variable; fixed sys			flotation	wash-over
Pit del Gardole	96	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable; fixed sys			flotation	wash-over
Pit del Gardole	96	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable			flotation	wash-over
Pit del Collet / El Collet/Collet/Plungts	97	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling variable			flotation	wash-over
CIM "H Camp", unknown	98	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			water-screening	
CIM "E1 Camp", EMN	98	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			water-screening	
CIM "E1 Camp", LEN	98	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2010	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			water-screening	
CIM "E1 Camp", LEN	98	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement sampling variable; judge-syst			water-screening	
Cant de l'Essera Cave	99	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2000	systematic			flotation	
Cant de l'Essera Cave	99	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	systematic			flotation	
Can Roqueta (Can Roqueta)	102	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic			flotation	



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Castellanos di Teob	103	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			flotation	
Avesiles_in2	104	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	Judgmental sampling			wet-sieving	
Alcazar de San Juan	105	Spain	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	Judgmental sampling			unknown	
Cova del Toll MN	105	Spain	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	Judgmental sampling			unknown	
Pou Nou 2	110	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			flotation	wash-over
L' escola Especial Merxell	112	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic			flotation	
Bahriano	113	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	n.d.	none?			none?	
Rivoli Venesse	114	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	none?			none?	
Azi di FE - Valle di S. Pietro	116	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	none?			flotation	
Tollari	117	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	n.d.	n.d.			unknown	
Azpe del Paradis_EN	122	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	n.d.			flotation	
Azpe del Paradis_LN	122	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	n.d.			flotation	
Alp du Saill	123	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	2000	all sediment			dry-sieving	flotation
Aurice	124	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
Aurice-Golf	125	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			no info	
Balma de l'abruador-episcopal	126	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1990	all sediment			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
Balma de l'abruador_ Chassenetlais	126	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	all sediment			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
Balma de l'abruador_ Chassenetlais	126	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	all sediment			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
Balma Margineda_3472-4849	127	Andorra	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1990	all sediment			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
Balma Margineda_4793-4612	127	Andorra	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1990	for all layers?			dry-sieving	flotation
Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN1	128	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic 101			wet-sieving	
Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN2	128	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic 101			wet-sieving	
Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN	128	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic 101			wet-sieving	
Baume Bourbon	129	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1970	excav/shelter			wet-sieving	
Baume d'Obilis	130	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			no info	
Baume Fontégoua_Carcial final	131	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1990	sieve everything			dry-sieving	
Baume Fontégoua_Cardalancien	131	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1990	sieve everything			dry-sieving	
Baume Fontégoua_Chassees recent	131	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	sieve everything			dry-sieving	
Baume Fontégoua_Chassen ancien	131	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	sieve everything			dry-sieving	
Baume Fontégoua_Pre-Chassen	131	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	sieve everything			dry-sieving	
Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_EN	132	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	
Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_MIN	132	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	
Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_MIN	132	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	
Cuxacade	134	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	no info only marin 2016			no info	
Cujarouse	136	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1970	all the bottom of the pit			wet-sieving	
Clos de Roque	137	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			sieved	
Cros de l'Espert	140	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	flotation
Font Juvénil_EN	141	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			no info	
Font Juvénil_MN1	141	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1970	n.d.			no info	
Font Juvénil_MN2	141	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1970	n.d.			no info	
Font Juvénil_LN	141	France	excav/shelter	Phase 3	1970	n.d.			no info	
Gardon_ENRbodanie	142	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	2000	nuclear systematic?			sieved	flotation
Gardon_MNSaint-LUZE	142	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	2000	nuclear systematic?			sieved	flotation
Grotte de l' Ailette	143	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1900	n.d.			no info	
Grotte de Montou Mombolo_MN	144	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Grotte de Montou Mombolo_LN	144	France	excav/shelter	Phase 3	1990	judgement?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Grotte du Tal_Early Neo 1	145	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	2000	systematic and integral			flotation	
Grotte du Tal_Early Neo 2	145	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	2000	systematic and integral			flotation	
Grotte du Tal_Middle Neolithic	145	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	2000	systematic and integral			flotation	
Grotte du Tal_Ferreries	145	France	excav/shelter	Phase 3	2000	systematic and integral			flotation	
Grotte du Tal_Fombouisse	145	France	excav/shelter	Phase 3	2000	systematic and integral			flotation	
Grotte G	147	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1960	n.d.			no info	
Grotte Gazel_5000	148	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			no info	
Grotte Gazel_after5000	148	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			no info	
Grotte Mirce	149	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
Grotte St Marcel_MN	150	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	1980	n.d.			no info	
Grotte St Marcel_LN	150	France	excav/shelter	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
Jardins de Vert Parc_ Chass	151	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement?			flotation	
La Grande Rivote_EN	152	France	excav/shelter	Phase 1	2000	systematic			wet-sieving	flotation

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152	La Grande Rivoire, MN1	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	systematic	systematic	systematic	wet-sieving	floatation
152	La Grande Rivoire, MN2	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	systematic	systematic	systematic	wet-sieving	floatation
152	La Grande Rivoire, LN	France	cave/shelter	Phase 3	2000	systematic	systematic	systematic	wet-sieving	floatation
153	Chirvaux - La Motte aux Mignins, V	France	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	4 stratigraphic columns			wet-sieving	
156	La Roche-la-Croix	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	no info			no info	
157	La Roche-la-Croix	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	?			no info	
158	La Roche-la-Croix	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1990	all the filling was sieved by water (4)			wet-sieving	
159	Le Boisguétiat	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	based on the structure?			sieved	
160	Le Champ de Peix, Chassen nœud	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	unclear structures			floatation	
160	Le Champ de Peix, Vignen	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	unclear structures			floatation	
160	Le Champ de Peix, MN1	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	unclear structures			wet-sieving	
161	Le Champ de Peix, MN2	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	unclear structures			wet-sieving	
162	Le Crès	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement?			floatation	
163	Le Font aux Pigeons	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	? Concentration on the pits			?	
164	Le Lagardel	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	n.d.			floatation	
165	Le Lays de Berre	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	Martin in situ 2016				
166	Le Molain	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	judgement?			dry sieving	floatation
167	Le Pasch Haut, LN1	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	4501			wet-sieving	
168	Le Pasch Haut, LN2	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	4501			wet-sieving	
168	Le Pasch Haut, LN3	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	4501			wet-sieving	
169	Le Rochas	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	n.d.			no info	
170	Le Serr de Bordin	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1970	n.d.			no info	
171	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	n.d.			no info	
172	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
173	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			no info	
174	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			no info	
175	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	n.d.			no info	
176	Les Villadas	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			no info	
177	Mis de Vigonnes IX	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	only specific organic layers			sieved	
178	Mis de Vigonnes X	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	systematic			wet-sieving	
179	Mis Neuf	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	systematic			wet-sieving	
180	Montbrye-La Cadole	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	one place with seeds			wet-sieving	
181	Month de la Gironne	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	n.d.	n.d.			no info	
182	Moure de la Borque, Nco2	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	potential ? Systematic?			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
182	Moure de la Borque, Nco3	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	potential ? Systematic?			dry-sieving	wet-sieving
183	Petro Sierado	France	cave/shelter	Phase 1	1990	not clear publish			unclear	
184	Pendimoun, Impressa	France	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2000	100% sediment?			sieved	
184	Pendimoun, Cardid	France	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2000	100% sediment?			sieved	
184	Pendimoun, SMP	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	2000	100% sediment?			sieved	
185	Pileau Ravere	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
185	Pileau Ravere	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			no info	
187	Pileau Ravere	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	all sediment sieved 1mm but also some specific judgement!			floatation	
187	Pileau Ravere	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	all sediment sieved 1mm but also some specific judgement!			floatation	
188	Rossmareuc	France	cave/shelter	Phase 3	n.d.	n.d.			no info	
191	St. Martin d'Arrou	France	cave/shelter	Phase 3	n.d.	n.d.			no info	
192	Chirvaux XIV	France	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	tubes en PVC, lumères			wet-sieving	
193	Torred	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	not applicable			not applicable	
195	Vieux-Monnot	France	cave/shelter	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			?	
196	Vieux-Monnot	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	n.d.			floatation	
197	Vieux-Monnot	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	judgement not applicable for charcoal			wet-sieving	
197	ZAC Hauteville, MN1	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement not applicable for charcoal			wet-sieving	
197	ZAC Hauteville, MN2	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement not applicable for charcoal			wet-sieving	
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, necChal300	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic?			wet-sieving	floatation
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, 4330-4050	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic?			wet-sieving	floatation
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, 4100-3800	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic?			wet-sieving	floatation
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, MN	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	systematic?			wet-sieving	floatation
199	Zürich - AKAD-Seeböfstrasse	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	
200	Zürich - Presschuis, 1, Horgen	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	
200	Zürich - Presschuis, 2, Schür	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	
201	Ahorn - Bleiche 3	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	
202	Birmingen-Friedhofstrasse	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	half floatation
203	Seeböf - Burgfischsee SW	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1990	unclear		Judgement sampling	half floatation	
204	Chim, St. Andreas	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
205	Chim, St. Andreas	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
206	Hassles - Pre au Daux	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
208	Horgen-Scheller, Horgen	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
208	Horgen-Scheller, Schür	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
209	Kleiner Härter, Ego	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
209	Kleiner Härter, Cort	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
210	Lattlingen - Hauptstrasse (alte VII), Cord	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
210	Lattlingen - Hauptstrasse (alte VII), Horg	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, Inerforf 1	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, Inerforf 2	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
212	Lattlingen - Reststrasse (alte VII)	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Cort	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Ppy1	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Ppy2	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Frubesenral/Cortull	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Schür	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	
213	Zürich - Mozanstrasse, Horgen	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling		Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	

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Mythenquai, Horgen	214	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Mythenquai, Schürli	214	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Nefenbach, Aspach	215	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	n.d.	n.d.		unfiltered	
Nidau BKW or Nidau Schlossmühle/BKW	216	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling	Interval sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Seedorf - Lobsigsee	219	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	n.d.	n.d.		half flotation	half flotation
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsm. Horg	220	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		half flotation	half flotation
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsm. Schnur	220	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		half flotation	half flotation
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsm. Pfy	220	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		half flotation	half flotation
Sevelten - Pfäfersbühl	221	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	n.d.	n.d.		half flotation	half flotation
Samsstadt-Kehrsen_4250/3750_Corta	222	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	n.d.	n.d.		half flotation	half flotation
Samsstadt-Kehrsen_3750/3500_Pfy	222	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	n.d.	n.d.		half flotation	half flotation
Port - Stadel, LS 41	223	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Villeneuve-La Bième Abri 1	224	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	2000	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling	Grab sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Wetzikon, Kempten Trossulster	225	Switzerland	undefined	Phase 3	2000	n.d.	n.d.		half flotation	half flotation
Zürich, Hietlin	226	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	n.d.	n.d.		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Zürich, Hietlin	226	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	n.d.	n.d.		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Delémont - Fu La Prun	228	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Bauma del Serrat del Pont LN	230	Spain	excavation	Phase 3	1990	Judgement	Judgement		floatation	floatation
Bauma del Serrat del Pont EN	230	Spain	excavation	Phase 1	1990	Judgement	Judgement		floatation	floatation
Cote de la Poire	231	Spain	excavation	Phase 3	1990	systematic all layers and squares (1990-91)	systematic all layers and squares (1990-91)		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Vaux	233	France	excavation	Phase 3	1990	n.d.	n.d.		floatation	floatation
Gravel auger	234	France	excavation	Phase 3	1970	n.d.	n.d.		not applicable	not applicable
Bousargues	235	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	systematic	systematic		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Requesens	235	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	n.d.	n.d.		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sim - La Plana	237	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 1	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sim - Tourbillon 2	238	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sim - Tourbillon 1	238	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 1	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sim - Ruz 2	240	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sim - Ruz 33	240	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1980	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sarraz - La Sote	241	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Petit-Chasseur IV_MNI 4500	242	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		floatation	floatation
Petit-Chasseur IV_Corralled type Petit-Chasseur (4000-3800)	242	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		floatation	floatation
Saint-Aubin/Derréze la Croix Cort	244	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		floatation	floatation
Saint-Aubin/Derréze la Croix_2800/2500	244	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling	Judgement sampling		floatation	floatation
Concise - Sous Colchoz_Corralled/Moyen	245	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	2000	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Zürich - Parkhaus Open_Horgen	246	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	2010	n.d.	n.d.		wash-over	wash-over
Guchnang, Nidevel	247	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1960	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling	Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Weber	248	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	n.d.	n.d.		no info	no info
Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Schlichthale	248	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	n.d.	n.d.		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Avenier	249	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.		no info	no info
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4_Horgen	250	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4_Auvernier-Cordé ancien	250	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4_Auvernier-Cordé	250	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4_Auvernier-Cordé moyen	250	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames 4_Auvernier-Lüscherz	250	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Twam, Corralled	251	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling	Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Twam, Middle Horgen	251	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1970	Systematic sampling	Systematic sampling	Judgement sampling	wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Bagnettes_MNI	252	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	Judgement ?	Judgement ?		wash-over	wash-over
Les Bagnettes_MN2	252	France	excavation	Phase 2	2010	Judgement ?	Judgement ?		no info	no info
Font-Arnaud	253	France	excavation	Phase 2	1980	n.d.	n.d.		no info	no info
La Cavallade_LN2	254	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic	systematic		wet-sieving	wet-sieving

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La Cavalière LN3	254	France	Phase 3	Phase 3	2010	systematic			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Balines LN1	255	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	mix			dry-sieving	dry-sieving
Balines MNZLN1	256	France	cave/shelter	Phase 3	1990	mix			dry-sieving	dry-sieving
Charvoux VII	257	France	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	partial ?	manual		wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Charvoux IX	258	France	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	spatial square meter horizontal and vertical			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Charvoux III	259	France	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	systematic cores?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Le Harrier Coteau	260	France	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	1 sample and excavation stratigraphy (trench)			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Spluibero S. Cesariés Site 1	266	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	judgement on site structure profile?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Spluibero S. Cesariés Site VIII	266	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 3	1980	profile?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
ZAC Les Chalus II Lot 1	267	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
Route de Cambès Lotissement « Le Petit Prince »	268	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Le Harrier Coteau	271	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement ?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Le Harrier Coteau	272	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
Le Harrier Coteau	273	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
Le Harrier Coteau	274	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
509 avenue des Noyers	275	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Tress ZAC la Borlière	276	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Quinteville Grange Rouge MN	276	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Quinteville Grange Rouge LN	276	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Quinteville Grange Rouge LN	277	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	systematic			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Lanès Fort-Antoine III LN	277	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	systematic			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Chénes-sur-Léman Pré d'Anvy	278	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Ches Roque Route de Burjols MN2	279	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	judgement ?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Ches Roque Route de Burjols LN	279	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement ?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Ches Roque Route de Burjols MNZLN	279	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement ?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Gap Lachamp	280	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic and partial			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
AR Roussel, Le Plain	281	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	systematic and partial			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Véloux, La Bastille Neuve III	282	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	unclear			floatation	floatation
Le site néolithique final de Pontenau PH2	283	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Le site néolithique final de Pontenau PH3	283	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Le site néolithique final de Pontenau PH4	283	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	systematic			floatation	floatation
Charvaines - Les Baigreaux	284	France	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	integrated sieving/box / core			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Brise-Jarres	285	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	judgement ?			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Pépi-Brettenlo	286	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	2000	judgement ?			unclear	unclear
Charvoux VIII	287	France	open air - wet	Phase 2	1980	judgement ?			unclear	unclear
Cova de la Colomera	288	Spain	cave/shelter	Phase 1	2000	systematic			floatation	floatation
La serreta NaCardal	289	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2010	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
La serreta NAÉ	289	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2010	structures that could have remains			floatation	floatation
La serreta MN	289	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	structures that could have remains			floatation	floatation
La serreta LN	289	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	structures that could have remains			floatation	floatation
Chalain 3 (layer VIII)	291	France	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	all house and 3 ABCD 49 samples 2 metres			floatation	floatation
Alléville Quartier Sainte-Anne	293	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	Systematic?			floatation	floatation
20 rue Faldat, Villa L'Empire	294	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	cores			floatation	floatation
ZAC de la Barpelle	295	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	100 g. sediment			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Mithras/steinfeld	296	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	Systematic sampling			floatation	floatation
Floralut	297	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	Systematic sampling			floatation	floatation
Bergheim, Haut-Rhin, « Salzgiers », zone d'activité du Müschbühl	301	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
Dickenheim Kolberg	302	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement ?			floatation	floatation
Burgschwe Sue	303	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1950	n.d.			floatation	floatation
Sutz, Rütte V	306	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			sieved	sieved
Bied-Vingelz	307	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			half floatation	half floatation
Pflifikation - Burg	308	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			half floatation	half floatation
Auvernier/La Sauerite - Juschers	309	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Auvernier/La Sauerite - Auvernier	309	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
La Sauerite - Sauerite	310	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1970	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Burgschwe Sue	311	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 2	1950	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Petit Burz LN_Nco45	313	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Petit Burz LN_Nco5	313	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Sur les Rochettes Est, Gleschenb	314	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	Systematic sampling			floatation	floatation
Les Tillas MN	315	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Les Tillas_2800/2800	315	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Treyel LN	316	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Treyel LN	316	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Treyel LN	316	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Treyel Cort Bassi	316	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Treyel LN	316	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	Judgement sampling			floatation	floatation
Enzkheim « Les Terres de la Chapelle » (Bas-Rhin)	317	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	2000	Systematic sampling			no info	no info
Enzkheim	318	France	open air - dry	Phase 1	1970	n.d.			no info	no info
Gréte Avramonte	319	France	cave/shelter	Phase 3	1970	manual			no info	no info

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Teniers de l'Altrech-1	320	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	structures that could have remains			flotation	flotation
Zaliledi Port de Farnagona, MN	322	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	silo and hearths			flotation	flotation
Zaliledi Port de Farnagona, Neo	322	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	silo and hearths			flotation	flotation
Cine Pons	323	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 3	2010	judgement?			flotation	flotation
Mis Pufé	324	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2010	judgement?			flotation	flotation
Mis d'en Beacou	325	Spain	open air - dry	Phase 1	2020	systematic			flotation	flotation
Thayngen West	326	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1960	n.d.			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Thayngen West, Profile III	326	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1960	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Zürich Oberrieden	327	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	judgement sampling			no info	no info
Zürich Vorstadt 26	327	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	1980	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Grand Pré	329	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Maladières, Cort_ancien	330	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Maladières, Cort_klassic	330	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Maladières, MN	330	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Maladières, camp	330	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	judgement sampling			flotation	flotation
Les Maladières, Heron	330	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Pâquieres, Corniliedt/Clusague	331	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Pâquieres, Corniliedt/Perit-Conty	331	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Phase of Ames	332	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			flotation	flotation
Champs Devant MN1	333	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Champs Devant MN2	333	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			flotation	flotation
Siedeborn, Schurz	334	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Oberhipp, Steinbrasse	336	Switzerland	undefined	Phase 2	2000	Grub sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Reinisch Fleischbischtrasse	339	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2010	Systematic sampling			half flotation	half flotation
Aux Courbes, RAYES	342	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	n.d.			no info	no info
Baillifard	343	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Chézard-Létraval, Cort	344	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Chézard-Létraval, Camp	344	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Chézard-Létraval, avous	344	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	1990	Systematic sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Les Buchillies	345	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Aux Buchillies	346	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Mistat, Soudlerbohrung, Joss	347	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 2	1990	judgement sampling			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Baar Fritzebergstrasse	348	Switzerland	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	n.d.			no info	no info
Zug Vorstadt	349	Switzerland	open air - wet	Phase 3	2000	n.d.			wet-sieving	wet-sieving
Clus de Roque - Chemin de Barjols, MN	353	France	open air - dry	Phase 2	2000	judgement?			flotation	flotation
Clus de Roque - Chemin de Barjols, LiN	353	France	open air - dry	Phase 3	2000	judgement?			flotation	flotation
La Vella II & III	354	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1970	judgement?			water-screening	water-screening
La Vella III	354	Italy	open air - dry	Phase 2	1970	judgement?			water-screening	water-screening

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Appendix C: Table 1 - Data quality, metadata

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Poor  
Satisfactory  
Good

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Recca di rivoli	1			Unknown	presence/absence		site level					Poor
Este	2			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Montebell'Alto	3			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Mansera	4			Unknown	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
Lugo di Grezzana	5			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
Firone-Molina Casarotto	6			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Firone Le Fratte	7			0.35	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
Saint Martin de Confians	8			0.35	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
Almagna	9			Unknown	presence/absence		structure level		x			Satisfactory
Almagna	10			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
Canale di Roverella	12			1	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Samandanchia	13			0.5	absolute numbers		site level		x			Satisfactory
Pala di Livorno	14			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Prava di Udine	15			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Vall'era	16			0.5	absolute numbers*		site level		x			Satisfactory
Pravara	17			0.5	presence/absence		site level		x			Satisfactory
Pravara	20			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Lansch_1	21			0.25	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Good
Lansch_1	21			0.25	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Good
Villandro_3	22			Unknown	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Poor
Villandro_2	22			Unknown	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Poor
Villandro_1	22			Unknown	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Poor
Riva del Garda	23			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
La Vella I	24			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
La Vella II	25			0.5	absolute numbers		site level		x			Satisfactory
La Vella di Trento VIII_1	26			Unknown	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
La Vella di Trento VIII_2	26			Unknown	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
Obri	27			0.125	absolute numbers		site level		x			Satisfactory
Bressanone-Milano	28			2	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Veduggio-Enzesse	29			0.5	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Good
Veduggio-Enzesse	30			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Good
Castellazzo	31			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Alba Corso Europe	32			Unknown	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Poor
Alba Corso Europe	33			Unknown	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Poor
Castello d'Almona	34			Unknown	presence/absence		SU level		x			Poor
Valgrana - Teto Chiappello	35			Unknown	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Poor
Caverna delle Avene Candide_3	37			1	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x		x	Satisfactory
Caverna delle Avene Candide_1	37			1	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x		x	Satisfactory
Caverna delle Avene Candide_2	37			1	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x		x	Satisfactory
Caverna delle Avene Candide_4	37			1	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x		x	Satisfactory
San Sebastiano di Perù	38			0.25	absolute numbers		site level		x			Satisfactory
Anna dell'Aquila	39			Unknown	imprint		site level				x	Poor
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pan del Ciliegio_1	40			0.25	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pan del Ciliegio_2	40			0.25	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Riparo sotto Rocca di Pan del Ciliegio_3	40			0.25	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Grotta del Sanguigno o della Motta	41			Unknown	imprint		site level				x	Poor
Grotta marina di Bergeggi	42			Unknown	imprint		site level				x	Poor
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_1	43			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_2	43			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Riparo di Rocca Due Teste all'Appicella_3	43			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Good
Cave RH1, Piazza della Vittoria	44			0.2	presence/absence		core level		x			Poor
Piazza Brigante - Fove del Torrente Biaggio	45			0.25	absolute numbers		SU level			x		Good
Novi Ligure, località Pieve	46			0.5	presence/absence		structure level		x			Poor
Castellare di Uscio	48			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Alberca	49			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x		x	Poor
Firone	50			Unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
Lugo di Romagna	51			0.3	absolute numbers		SU level		x			Good
Ponte Ghiana	52			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good

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Ponte Milino	53			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Rivella-Ca Romanini	54			unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level		x			Poor
Savignano	55			0.2	presence/absence	presence/absence	SU level		x			Poor
Ferli via Narsella_2	56			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Ferli via Narsella_3	56			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Ferli via Narsella_1	56			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Bazzardi_3	57			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Bazzardi_2	57			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Bazzardi_1	57			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Chiocci di Sant'Antonio	58			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Levia di Cirinone	59			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Penna via Cristoforo	60			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Satisfactory
Spillimbergo	61			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Cava via Bricchioni	62			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Provezza_2	62			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Provezza_3	62			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Fortimpollè - via Canalicchio	63			0.2	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
S. Andrea di Travo	64			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Satisfactory
Cecina	65			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x		x	Poor
Isigelli	66			0.5	presence/absence	presence/absence	structure level		x		x	Poor
Prato di Bello_1	66			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Prato di Bello_2	66			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Vivo di Plakina	69			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Aquanegra sul Meseo	70			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Casatico di Marcara	71			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Isolino di Varese_MN	72			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Rivello Maritano	73			Unknown	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level		x			Poor
Lower-Via Decio Coleri	74			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Poor
Lower-Via Decio Coleri	74			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Poor
Lower-Via Decio Coleri	74			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Poor
Mante Covolo_1	75			et. 0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x			Poor
Mante Covolo_2	75			et. 0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
Mante Covolo_3	75			et. 0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
La Daga_SA	76			Unknown	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level		x			Good
Can Salami_Layer11	79		wet-sieving	0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Can Salami_Layer10	79		wet-sieving	0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Can Salami_Layer18	79		wet-sieving	0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
La Daga_SA	80			0.35	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	Sample level	Row data	x			Good
La Daga_SB_SD	80			0.35	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	Sample level	Row data	x			Good
Caserna de Sant Pau_Cardial	81			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Caserna de Sant Pau_epicardial/postcardial	81			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Font del Ros	82			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level		x			Satisfactory
Cova de Sant Llorenç_MN	83			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Cova de Sant Llorenç_LN	83			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Cova de Sant Llorenç_EN	83			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Cova de Sant Llorenç_LEN	83			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Carrer Reina Amalia_31-33_MN	85			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
Carrer Reina Amalia_31-33_EN	85			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
Pinsaltesa	86			no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level	Row data	x			Good
Cova del Suro_ MN	87			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	phase level	Row data	x			Good
Cova del Suro_ LN	87			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	phase level	Row data	x			Good
Cova del Suro_ EN	87			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	phase level	Row data	x			Good
Cova del Suro_LEN	87			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	phase level	Row data	x			Good
La Dou_EMN	88			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
La Dou_LEN	88			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
Cedella	89			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level	Row data	x			Good
Camp del Colomer	90			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	site level	Row data	x			Good
Serra del Mas Boger_MN	91			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
Serra del Mas Boger_LN	91			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
Serra del Mas Boger_LEN	91			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level	Row data	x			Good
120 Cava_Neal3	92			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
120 Cava_Neal2	92			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Bòbila Mladrell_MNM_LN	93	hand pick		0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level		x			Poor
Bòbila Mladrell_MN	93	hand pick		0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level		x			Satisfactory
Bòbila Mladrell_LEN	93	hand pick		0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	chronological level		x			Satisfactory
Mines of Gava_4200-3800 BC	94	wet-sieving		no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Mines of Gava_3200-2800 BC	94	wet-sieving		no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Esquit C	95	wet-sieving		0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Pla del Gardelo	96			no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Pla del Coller/El Coller/Coller/Puigbats	97	wet-sieving		no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Poor
CIM "B Camp" _unknow	98	wet-sieving		no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
CIM "B1 Camp" _EMN	98			no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
CIM "B1 Camp" _LEN	98			no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
CIM "B1 Camp" _LEN	98			no info	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Cant de l'Arca	99			0.5	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level	Row data	x			Poor
Cant de l'Arca	99			0.5	presence/absence	presence/absence	site level	Row data	x			Poor
Can Rosella (Can Benjami)	102			0.5	absolute numbers	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor

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103	Castellonovo di Tebio			unknown	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
104	Avesnes_0872			0.5	unpublished		unpublished	low data	x			Poor
105	Avesnes_0873			0.5	unpublished		unpublished	low data	x			Poor
105	Cova del Toll MN			2	absolute numbers		sample level		x			Poor
110	Pon Nao 2			0.25	absolute numbers		sample level		x			Good
112	L' escola Especial Merxell			0.5	absolute numbers		50 level		x			Good
113	Borghano			none?	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
114	Rivoli Veronese			none?	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
116	Alca di FE / Valle di S. Paolo / Volverghella			unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
117	Tolpait			unknown	presence/absence		site level		x			Poor
122	Aspice del Paradis_EN			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
122	Aspice del Paradis_LN			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
123	Alp di S. Giulio			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
124	Aurice			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
125	Aurice Golf			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
126	Balma de l'Abnarde_d'episcopi			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
126	Balme de l'Abnarde_ Chassentlaisis			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
126	Balme de l'Abnarde_ Chassentlaisis			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
126	Balme de l'Abnarde_ Chassentlaisis			0.5	absolute numbers		Cultural phase		x			Satisfactory
127	Balme Margineda_5472-4849		hand pick	0.5	absolute numbers		sample		x			Good
127	Balme Margineda_4793-4612		hand pick	0.5	absolute numbers		sample		x			Good
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN1			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN2			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
128	Barreau de la Devèze Sud_MN			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
129	Baume Bourbon			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
130	Baume d'Orbilles			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
131	Baume Fontbègoua_Carcial final			2	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Poor
131	Baume Fontbègoua_Cardhalancien			2	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Poor
131	Baume Fontbègoua_Chasse recent			2	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Poor
131	Baume Fontbègoua_Chassen ancien			2	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Poor
131	Baume Fontbègoua_Pre-Chassen			2	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Poor
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_EN			mix (0.5) or 1	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_MN			mix (0.5) or 1	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
132	Boulevard périphérique Nord de Lyon_MN			mix (0.5) or 1	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
134	Cuicade			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
136	Claparauze			unknown mesh	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
137	Clos de Roque			0.2	absolute numbers		structure level		x	x		Good
137	Clos de Roque			no info	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
140	Cros de Bèrri			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
141	Font Juvénil_EN			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
141	Font Juvénil_MN1			no info	absolute numbers	presence/absence	layer level		x			Poor
141	Font Juvénil_MN2			no info	absolute numbers	presence/absence	layer level		x			Poor
141	Font Juvénil_LN			no info	absolute numbers	presence/absence	layer level		x			Poor
142	Gardon_ENRbodanie			0.5	absolute numbers		layer level		x			Good
142	Gardon_MNSaint-LUZE			0.5	absolute numbers		layer level		x			Good
143	Grotte de L'Astic			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
144	Grotte de Monrou Montbello_MN			0.5	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
144	Grotte de Monrou Montbello_LN			0.5	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Satisfactory
145	Grotte du Tal_Early Neo 1			0.4	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Good
145	Grotte du Tal_Early Neo 2			0.4	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Good
145	Grotte du Tal_Middle Neolithic			0.4	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Good
145	Grotte du Tal_Ferreries			0.4	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Good
145	Grotte du Tal_Fombouisse			0.4	absolute numbers		chronological level	structure level	x			Good
147	Grotte G			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
148	Grotte Gazel_5000			fine	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
148	Grotte Gazel_after5000			fine	absolute numbers		chronological level		x			Satisfactory
149	Grotte Mirce			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
149	Grotte Mirce			no info	absolute numbers		site level		x			Poor
150	Grotte St. Marcel_MN			no info	absolute numbers		layer level		x			Poor
150	Grotte St. Marcel_LN			no info	absolute numbers		layer level		x			Poor
151	Jardins de Vert Parc_Quais			0.5	absolute numbers		structure level		x			Good
152	La Grande Rivière_EN			0.5	absolute numbers		sample level		x			Good



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152	La Grande Resource, MN1			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level	sample level	x		Good
152	La Grande Resource, MN2			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level	sample level	x		Good
152	La Grande Resource, LN			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level		x		Satisfactory
153	Chirvaux - La Motte aux Mignins, V			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level				Satisfactory
156	La Recluzange			unclear	absolute numbers	chronological level		x		Poor
157	La Roberte			unclear	absolute numbers	chronological level		x		Poor
158	La Salle			1	absolute numbers	site level		x		Satisfactory
159	Le Boisjeuets			unclear	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
160	Le Champ de Peix, Chassen auclien			unclear	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
161	Le Champ de Peix, Vign			0.4	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
161	Le Champ de Peix, MN			0.4	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
161	Le Champ des Barres, MN2			0.4	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
162	Le Crès			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
163	Le Font aux Pigeons			unclear	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Poor
164	Le Lagard			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x		Satisfactory
165	Le Lys de Berre			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
166	Le Molain			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
167	Le Pouch Haut, LN1	hand pick		0.5	absolute numbers	structure level	structure level			Good
168	Le Pouch Haut, LN2			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
168	Le Pouch Haut, LN3			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
169	Le Rochas			no info	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
170	Le Serr de Boidim			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
171	Les Villadas			no info	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
172	Les Villades			no info	absolute numbers	per find level		x		Poor
173	Les Villades			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
174	Les Villades			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
175	Les Villades			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
176	Les Villades			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
177	Mis de Vigonles IX			0.4	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
178	Mis de Vigonles X			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x		Good
179	Mis Neuf			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x		Good
180	Montbyre-La Cadole			no info	absolute numbers	area level		x		Poor
181	Month de la Gavotte			no info	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
182	Moure de la Barque, Nco2			0.5	unpublished	uncler		x		Poor
182	Moure de la Barque, Nco3			0.5	unpublished	uncler		x		Poor
183	Petro Sigrado			unclear	absolute numbers	site level		x		Satisfactory
184	Pendimann, Impressa			0.5	absolute numbers	chronological level		x		Satisfactory
184	Pendimann, Cardid			0.5	missing counts	chronological level		x		Satisfactory
184	Pendimann, SMP			0.5	missing counts	chronological level		x		Satisfactory
185	Pileau Ravere			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
185	Pileau Ravere			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
186	Pileau Ravere			unclear	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
187	Pileau Ravere			unclear	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
188	Rosmarie			no info	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Poor
191	St. Marin d'Azirou			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
192	Chirvaux XIV			0.25	presence/absence	profile level		x		Satisfactory
193	Torende			not used	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
195	Vieux-Monnet			no info	absolute numbers	site level		x		Poor
196	Vieux-Monnet			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Satisfactory
197	Vieux-Monnet			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Satisfactory
197	ZAC Haute, MN1			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
197	ZAC Haute, MN2			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, necChad300			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, 4330-4050			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, 4100-3800			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
198	ZAC Saint-Antoine II, MN			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x		Good
199	Zürich - AKAD-Seeböhrstrasse			0.25	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
200	Zürich - Presschuis, 1, Horgen			0.5	presence/absence	profile level		x		Poor
200	Zürich - Presschuis, 2, Schür			0.5	presence/absence	profile level		x		Poor
201	Ahorn - Bleiche 3			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x		Good
202	Bürmingen-Friedhofstrasse			0.35	absolute numbers	sample level	Row data	x		Good
203	Seeburg - Burgfische SW			unclear	absolute numbers	uncler		x		Poor
204	Chim, St. Andreas			0.3	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
204	Chim, St. Andreas			0.3	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
206	Hessels - Pre au Doux			0.25	presence/absence	site level	Row data	x		Poor
208	Horgen-Schaller, Horgen			0.5	absolute numbers	layer level		x		Good
208	Horgen-Schaller, Schür			0.5	absolute numbers	layer level		x		Good
209	Kleiner Härter, Ego			0.5	absolute numbers	layer level		x		Good
209	Kleiner Härter, Cort			0.5	absolute numbers	layer level		x		Good
210	Lattlingen - Hauptstation, site VII, Cord			0.25	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x		Satisfactory
210	Lattlingen - Hauptstation, site VII, Cord			0.25	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x		Satisfactory
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, inerdorf 1			0.25	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
211	Lüscherz - Klein Station, inerdorf 2			0.25	absolute numbers	sample level		x		Good
212	Lattlingen - Reststation, site VI)			0.25	absolute numbers	Cultural phase		x		Satisfactory
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Cort			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Pyy1			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Pyy2			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Frubsenral/Cortall			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Schür			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor
213	Zürich - Mozantrasse, Horgen			0.25	presence/absence	site level		x		Poor

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Mythenquai_Horgen	214			0.25	presence/absence	site level			x	x		Poor
Mythenquai_Schur1	214			0.25	presence/absence	site level			x	x		Poor
Nefenbach_Aspach	215			1	absolute numbers	site level			x	d'contamination?		Satisfactory
Nidau BKW1or Nidau Schlossmatt/ BKW	216			0.25	absolute numbers	site level			x	x		Satisfactory
Seedorf_Lobsigsee	219			0.35	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Good
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsam_Horg	220			0.25	presence/absence	layer level			x	x		Poor
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsam_Schnur	220			0.25	presence/absence	layer level			x	x		Poor
Zürich, Seefeld Kantsam_Pty	220			0.25	presence/absence	layer level			x	x		Poor
Sevelten - Pfäfersbühl	221			0.35	absolute numbers	sample level			x			Good
Samsstad-Kehrsken_4250/3750_Corta	222			0.35	absolute numbers	presence/absence			x	x		Satisfactory
Samsstad-Kehrsken_3750/3500_Plyn	222			0.35	absolute numbers	presence/absence			x	x		Satisfactory
Port - Stadel, LS_41	223			0.5	absolute numbers	unclear			x	x		Good
Villeneuve-La Biennette_Abr1	224		wash-over	0.35	absolute numbers	layer level			x	x		Good
Wetzikon, Kempten Trossulster	225			0.35	absolute numbers	layer level			x	x		Good
Zürich, Pfäfers	226			0.35	absolute numbers	site level			x	x		Good
Zürich, Pfäfers	227			0.35	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Good
Delémont - Fil La Prun	228			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Poor
Bauma del Serrat del Pont_LN	230			0.5	unclear	unclear			x			Poor
Bauma del Serrat del Pont_EN	230			0.5	unclear	unclear			x			Poor
Cove de les Portes	231			0.5	absolute numbers	site level			x			Satisfactory
Les Vaux	232			0.5	absolute numbers	site level			x			Good
Graced augmer	234			not used	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Poor
Bousargues	235			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x			Satisfactory
Requesens	236			0.5	absolute numbers	sample/quantities?			x			Good
Sim - La Plana	237			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Sim - Tourbillon_2	238			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Sim - Tourbillon_1	238			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Sim - Ritz 2	239			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Sim - Ritz 33	240			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Sarrixe - La Site	241			0.5	absolute numbers	Cultural phase			x			Satisfactory
Petit-Chasseur IV_MNI4500	242			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x			Good
Petit-Chasseur IV_Corralled type Petit-Chasseur (4000-3800 )	242			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x			Good
Saint-Aubin/Derrière la Croix_Cort	244			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Saint-Aubin/Derrière la Croix_2800/2500	244			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level			x			Good
Concise - Sous Colchoz_Corralled/Moyen	245			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Satisfactory
Zürich - Parkhaus Open_Horgen	246			0.35	absolute numbers	layer level			x			Good
Gehring, Niedewil	247			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Good
Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Weber	248			no info	absolute numbers	site level			x	x		Poor
Yverdon - Avenue des Sports_Schlichthale	248			1	absolute numbers	site level			x	x		Satisfactory
Auvernier	249			no info	presence/absence	site level			no info	no info		Poor
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Horgen	250			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Satisfactory
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé ancien	250			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Satisfactory
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé	250			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Satisfactory
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Cordé moyen	250			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Satisfactory
Saint-Blaise/Bains des Dames_4_Auvernier-Lasleuz	250			0.2	absolute numbers	sample level			x	x		Good
Twam_Corralled	251			0.25	absolute numbers	chronological level			x	x		Satisfactory
Twam_Middle Horgen	252			0.25	absolute numbers	chronological level			x	x		Satisfactory
Les Bagnettes_MNI	252			0.35	absolute numbers	structure level			x	x		Good
Les Bagnettes_MN2	252			0.35	absolute numbers	structure level			x	x		Good
Font Avinard	253			no info	percentage	site level			x			Poor
La Cavallade_LN2	254			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level			x			Good

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La Cavallade_LN3	254			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Balmes_LN1	255	floatation		0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Balmes_MN2LN1	255	floatation		0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Poor
Charroux_VII	256			0.3	absolute numbers	profile level	sample level		x		Good
Chalain_19	257			0.25	absolute numbers	sample level			x		Good
Clarevaux_III	258			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level			x		Satisfactory
Clarevaux_IV	258			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level			x		Poor
Clarevaux_V	259			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level			x		Poor
Clarevaux_VI	260			0.5	absolute numbers	profile level			x		Poor
Splambert_S_Cesaris_Site1	266			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Splambert_S_Cesaris_Site2	266			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
ZAC Les Châus II Lot 1	267			0.5	no detail about the species			x			Poor
Route de Cambès Lotissement « Le Petit Prince »	268			0.5	preliminar not seen by specialist			x			Poor
Lezardes_I	271			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Lezardes_II	272			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
Lezardes_III	273			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Lezardes_IV	274			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
509 avenue des Noyers	274			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
Tress_ZAC la Beulière	275			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Quintevre Grange Rouge_MN	276			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Quintevre Grange Rouge_LN	276			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Quintevre Grange Rouge_LN2	277			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Quintevre Grange Rouge_LN3	277			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Quintevre Grange Rouge_LN4	277			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Chens-sur-Léman Pré d'Avney	278			0.5	no seeds found			x			Good
Clus Roque Route de Burpals MN2	279			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Clus Roque Route de Burpals LN	279			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Clus Roque Route de Burpals MN2LN	279			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Poor
Gap Lachamp	280			0.5	not analysed			x			Poor
A8 Roussel_Le Plan	281			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
Véloux, La Bastide Neuve III	282			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Le site néolithique final de Ponteau_PH2	283	dry-sieving		0.3	absolute numbers	phase level		x			Satisfactory
Le site néolithique final de Ponteau_PH3	283	dry-sieving		0.3	absolute numbers	phase level		x			Satisfactory
Le site néolithique final de Ponteau_PH4	283	dry-sieving		0.3	absolute numbers	phase level		x			Satisfactory
Charavines - Les Baugueurs	284			0.5	absolute numbers	profile level/			x		Satisfactory
Brise-Jumeaux	285			0.2	absolute numbers	profile level		x			Satisfactory
Pppr-Bretinbo	286			unclear	absolute numbers	site level		x			Poor
Charroux_VIII	287			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x			Satisfactory
Cova de la Cokerna	288			unclear	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
La serreta_NoCardal	289			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
La serreta_NAE	289			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
La serreta_MN	289			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
La serreta_LN	289			0.5	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Good
Chalain 3 (layer VIII)	291			0.25	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Alléinr Quartier Sainte-Anne	293			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
20 rue Faldet, Villa Lumppa	294	water-sieving		1	absolute numbers	50 level		x			Satisfactory
ZAC de la Faurouble	295			0.4	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Mirdhes/zelenfeld	296			0.35	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Floralat	297			0.35	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Bergheim_Haut-Rhin, « Salagers », zone d'activité du Muehlhub	301			0.35	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Dikheim_Kalberg	302			0.315	sterile			x			Poor
Burgschwee_Süd	303			0.5	unclear	site level		x			Satisfactory
Saiz_Rutte_V	306			0.35	absolute numbers	proportions		x			Satisfactory
Bied_Vingelz	307			0.35	absolute numbers	proportions		x			Satisfactory
Pfiffikon_Burg	308			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x			Satisfactory
Auvernier_La Sauerie_Juchers	309			0.5	range	sample level	unclear	x			Poor
Auvernier_La Sauerie_Auvernier	309			0.5	range	sample level		x			Poor
La Sauerie	310			0.5	unclear	sample level		x			Poor
Burgschwee_Süd	311			0.35	unclear	sample level		x			Poor
Petit Burz_MN_Ne02	313			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Petit Burz_LN_Ne045	313			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Sur les Rochettes Est, Glectenb	314			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Les Tilles_MN	315			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Les Tilles_2800/2800	315			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Treytel_LN	316			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Treytel_MN	316			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Treytel_Pfaffen	316			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Treytel_Cort_Bassi	316			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Treytel_LN	316			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Enzheim « Les Terres de la Chapelle » (Bas-Rhin)	317			no info	sterile			steril			Poor
Enzheim	318			no info	absolute numbers	no info		x			Poor
Gréte_Arnmann	319			no info	absolute numbers	per finding		x			Poor

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Teniers de l'Albère-1	320			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Zaliedl Port de Faramona, MN	322			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Zaliedl Port de Faramona, Neo	322			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Cote Poiré	323			0.5	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Mis Poiré	324			0.5	absolute numbers	SU level		x			Good
Mis d'en Basco	325			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Thayngen Weier	326			0.4	absolute numbers	profile level		x	x		Satisfactory
Thayngen Weier, Profile III	326			0.4	absolute numbers	profile level		x	x		Satisfactory
Zürich Oberrieden	327			unclear	estimate	site level		x			Poor
ZÜR VORSTADT 26	328			0.2	presence/absence	sample level		x			Good
Grand Pré	329			0.5	presence/absence	structure level		x	x		Poor
Les Maladières, Cort_ancien	330			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Maladières, Cort_classic	330			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Maladières, MN	330			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Maladières, camp	330			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Maladières, Heron	330			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Maladières, Clusage	331			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Les Papiers, Cortalbid tardin/Pvt-Conty	331			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Place d'Ames	332			0.5	unclear	unclear		x			Poor
Champs Devant_MN1	333			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Champs Devant_MN2	333			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Siedbom, Schurz	334			0.25	absolute numbers	site level		x	x		Good
Oberlipp, Steinmause	336			0.35	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Poor
Reinisch Fleischbischtrause	339			unknown	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Poor
Aux Courbes, RAYES	342			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Baillard	343			0.5	presence/absence	structure level		x			Poor
Chezard L'entrail, Cort	344			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Chezard L'entrail, Neo	344			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Chezard L'entrail, anc	344			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Les Buchelles	345			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Aux Buchelles	346			0.5	absolute numbers	sample level		x			Good
Mistat, Sondierbohrung, Joss	347			unclear	absolute numbers	profile level		x	x		Poor
Baar Friebergstrasse	348			0.25	absolute numbers	layer level		x			Good
Zug Vorstadt	349			0.2	absolute numbers	layer level		x	x		Good
Clus de Roque - Chemin de Barjols, MN	353			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
Clus de Roque - Chemin de Barjols, LN	353			0.5	absolute numbers	structure level		x			Good
La Vella II & III	354			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x			Poor
La Vella III	354			0.5	absolute numbers	site level		x			Satisfactory

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## **Appendix D: Les Bagnoles**

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This Appendix shows the archaeobotanical results of the Les Bagnoles site. Table 1  
Archaeobotanical data from well 990 and Table 2 from well 994.

Appendix D: Archaeobotanical results from well 990  
 Chapter 5. The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of a crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice  
 (4400-3500 cal BC)

Taxon	Habitat group	Plant remains	Preservation	Samples		Dry		Wet		Dry		Wet	
				Vol.	% frequency per sample	Dry_sum	sum/hitre	Wet_sum	sum/hitre	Wet_sum	% frequency per sample		
<b>Grains</b>				P18	P20	P21		P70	P71	P72	P73	P74	P75
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	cultivated	grain	ch	0.5	0.6	1.9		0.9	7	7	9	0.4	18742
<i>Triticum aestivum durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	grain	ch					9	4	12	4	0.4	32
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	cultivated	grain	ch					4	4	3	1	0.4	0.54
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	cultivated	grain	ch					1	1			0.4	0.22
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	grain	ch					1	1			0.4	0.02
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	grain	ch					3	3			0.4	0.03
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	grain	ch					6	9	30	2	0.4	0.08
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	grain	ch					2	6	1	2	0.4	0.88
<b>Other crops</b>													
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	cultivated	seed	un					4	12		4	8	0.61
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	cultivated	capsule	un					2	14	1	1	3	0.58
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	cultivated	capsule dent	ch					2	10	1	1	2	0.58
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	cultivated	capsule dent	un					1	1			2	0.03
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	cultivated	capsule dent	un					8	14	63	1	23	2.83
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	cultivated	seed	un					3	3	2	5	6	0.41
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	cultivated	seed	un					4	100				1.76
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	cultivated	seed/fruit	un										0.02
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	cultivated	stalk	un						2				0.03
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	cultivated	bitum	un						1				0.02
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	cultivated	bitum	un						1				0.02
<b>Chaff</b>													
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	ch					18	9	105	8	19	4.53
<i>Hordeum distichon/vulgare</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un					58	37	340	884	12	109
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> undif.	cultivated	nachis segment	ch									15	0.25
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> undif.	cultivated	nachis segment	un									104	1.76
<i>Triticum aestivum durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	ch					27	2	43	1	2	1.63
<i>Triticum aestivum durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un					156	175	26	35	4	156
<i>Triticum aestivum durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	ch						3				0.05
<i>Triticum cf. aestivum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un						4				0.07
<i>Triticum cf. aestivum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un						362	1738	166	9	2275
<i>Triticum durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un									68	1.1
<i>Triticum cf. durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	ch						1				0.01
<i>Triticum cf. durum/hurgidum</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un						1				0.01
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	ch					3	1	6	3	1	736
<i>Triticum dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	un					13	2	117	21	10	24
<i>Triticum cf. dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	un									67	1.1
<i>Triticum cf. dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	un									13	0.22
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	cultivated	glume base	ch					2	2	1.053	1	33%	1
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>	cultivated	glume base	un					21	14	28	2	24	9
<i>Triticum spelta</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	ch									4	0.07
<i>Triticum spelta</i>	cultivated	nachis segment	un									2	0.03
<i>Triticum timopheevii</i>	cultivated	glume base	ch					10	1	2		8	0.36
<i>Triticum timopheevii</i>	cultivated	glume base	un					2					0.03
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	ch									1	0.02
<i>Triticum monococcum/dicoccum</i>	cultivated	glume base	un									92	1.80
<i>Triticum sp.</i>	cultivated	glume	ch										0.08
<i>Triticum sp.</i>	cultivated	glume	un					16	29				0.76
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	base of the ear	ch									1	0.08
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	base of the ear	un									4	0.15
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	glume	ch									15	0.24
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	glume	un					8	229	136	202	15	115
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	nachis segment	un					3				10	0.24
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	culm node	ch									3	0.17
<i>Cerealia</i> indet.	cultivated	culm node	un									1	0.03
<b>Other plants</b>													
<i>Abies</i> sp.	no group	leaf/needle	un										0.05
<i>Achillea</i> sp.	Vania	seed/fruit	un										0.02
<i>Adonis</i> sp.	winter crop annual weeds	seed/fruit	un									2	0.15
<i>Achras zingiberum</i>	summer crop annual weeds, animal husbandry	seed/fruit	un									12	0.20
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	woodland clearing edges	seed/fruit	un									1	0.02
<i>Agrimonia</i> sp.	Grassland, xerophilic (steppes / dry grassland "Garguie")	seed/fruit	un									3	0.07

Taxon	Habitat group	Plant remains	Preservation	Samples													Dry sum	Dry sum	% frequency per sample	Dry	sum/hitre	% frequency per sample	wet sum	sum/hitre	wet				
				Vol.																									
				P18	P20	P21	P25	P68	P70	P71	P72	P73	P74	P78	P18	P20										P21	P25	P68	P70
<i>Aliga chamaepitys</i>	winter crop annual weeds	seed/fruit	un																					18742	7	0.12	4	40%	
<i>Aliga sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Alisma cf. plantago-aquatica</i>	reed-swamp and carr vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							65	1.10	7	70%
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	reed-swamp and carr vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							6	0.17	3	30%
<i>Alisma sp.</i>	reed-swamp and carr vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							36	0.61	2	20%
<i>Annathaceae</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							6	0.10	1	10%
<i>Aragallus sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							3	0.05	1	10%
<i>Auretham graveolens</i>	cultivated and imported taxa	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Arthricus sylvestr</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Agriocae</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							12	0.20	5	50%
<i>Apium cf. nodiflorum</i>	bank / floodplain vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Apium graveolens</i>	cultivated and imported taxa	seed/fruit	un																							3	0.05	2	20%
<i>Arcium sp.</i>	perennial ruderals	flower	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia agg.</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steps / dry grassland "Gargue")	seed/fruit	un																							41	0.69	6	60%
<i>Asteraceae</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	ch																							2	0.03	2	20%
<i>Asteraceae</i>	Varia	flower	un																							40	0.68	4	40%
<i>Asteraceae</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							18	0.31	3	30%
<i>Asteraceae</i>	Varia	other	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Brickell sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							6	0.10	3	30%
<i>Avena sp.</i>	winter crop annual weeds	awn	ch																							2	0.03	2	20%
<i>Brassicaceae</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							62	1.05	2	20%
<i>Bromus sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	ch																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Bupleurum sp.</i>	no group	seed/fruit	un																							8	0.14	4	40%
<i>Callunastris cf. canescens</i>	Deciduous forests / bushes	seed/fruit	ch																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Cappella sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Carex sp.</i>	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	un																							400	6.78	1	10%
<i>Carex sp.</i>	wetland plants various	unknown	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Carex sp. bicapellat</i>	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	ch																							6	0.10	3	30%
<i>Carex sp. bicapellat</i>	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	un																							157	2.66	8	80%
<i>Carex sp. tricapellat</i>	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	ch																							3	0.05	2	20%
<i>Carduus cf. lanatus</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							154	2.61	8	80%
<i>Carduus cf. lanatus</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	ch																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Carduus lanatus</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							6	0.10	2	20%
<i>Carduus sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							14	0.24	2	20%
<i>Caryophyllaceae</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Centaurea sp.</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	un																							46	0.78	2	20%
<i>Cerastium sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							4	0.07	2	20%
<i>cf. Chenopodiaceae</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							2	0.03	1	10%
<i>cf. Abies alba</i>	deciduous forest deciduous mesophilic (incl.abies) (med-mont)	leaf/needle	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Aliga sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Androsace maxima</i>	winter crop annual weeds	seed/fruit	un																							3	0.05	1	10%
<i>cf. Apium graveolens</i>	cultivated and imported taxa	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Bupleurum sp.</i>	no group	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Capsella sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							22	0.37	3	30%
<i>cf. Carduus sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							4	0.07	1	10%
<i>cf. Fallopia convolvulus</i>	winter crop annual weeds	seed/fruit	ch																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Filipendula sp.</i>	no group	seed/fruit	un																							2	0.03	1	10%
<i>cf. Fragaria vesca</i>	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb sages	seed/fruit	ch																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Ranunculus sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>cf. Veronica sp.</i>	Varia	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Chora sp.</i>	aquatic plants	ogonium	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							99	1.68	6	60%
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							179	3.03	2	20%
<i>Chenopodium cf. album</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							16	0.28	9	90%
<i>Chenopodium sp.</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							494	8.37	9	90%
<i>Cichorium sp.</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							1	0.02	1	10%
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							20	0.34	2	20%
<i>Cirsium Carduus</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un																							30	0.51	6	60%













Appendix D: Archaeobotanical results from well 994  
 Chapter 5. The contribution of waterlogged deposits to the study of a crop change: Middle Neolithic agricultural practice (4400-3500 cal BC)

Taxon	Habitat group	Plant remain	Samples																Total	Total samples	% frequency per sample	
			P-20	P-38.1	P-38.2	P-41.1	P-41.2	P-41.8	P-41.8.5	P-41.8	P-42.1	P-42.2	P-43.1	P-43.2	P-44.1	P-44.2	P-45.1	P-45.2				
<b>Les Bagnolles: Well 994 Raw data</b>			vol.	0.2	0	0	17.5	8.5	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	8	4595	84,20	11	8%	
<b>Preservation</b>																						
<i>Fabaceae Trifolium</i> -Typ	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	ch															1	0.01	1	8%	
cf. <i>Fabaceae</i>	grassland vegetation	whole fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Fallopia</i> cf. <i>convolvulus</i>	winter crop annual weeds	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Festuca/Lolium</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Festuca/Lolium</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	ch															1	0.01	1	8%	
cf. <i>Fragaria</i> sp.	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb edges	seed/fruit	un						2									2	0.02	1	8%	
cf. <i>Fragaria</i> sp.	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb edges	seed/fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Fragaria/Potentilla</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	un															5	0.06	1	8%	
<i>Fumaria</i> sp.	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	ch						3	2								5	0.06	2	15%	
<i>Fumaria</i> sp.	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un						15	41	112	98	30	15	4	12		332	3.94	10	77%	
<i>Gallium</i> (small)	Varia	seed/fruit	ch						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Gallium</i> sp.	Varia	seed/fruit	ch															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un						2	3	3	5	1					14	0.17	5	38%	
<i>Hieracium</i> sp.	Varia	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Hordeum</i> cf. <i>maritimum</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	ch						3									3	0.04	1	8%	
<i>Hordeum</i> cf. <i>maritimum</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un						2									2	0.02	1	8%	
<i>Hordeum</i> cf. <i>maritimum</i>	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	rachis segment	un						2	1	3	3						9	0.11	4	31%	
cf. <i>Humulus lupulus</i>	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb edges	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Hvosvaxmus niger</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un						1	4	1							6	0.07	3	23%	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Hypericum</i> sp.	Varia	seed/fruit	un						2	2	1	1	1					7	0.08	5	38%	
<i>Juncus</i> sp.	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	ch															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Juncus</i> sp.	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	un						1									5	0.06	4	31%	
<i>Lithospermum/Buglossoides</i> sp.	Varia	seed/fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Lythrum europaeus</i>	grassland, mesophilic (incl. "Grassland-like", "veg.")	seed/fruit	un						1	1	2							5	0.06	4	31%	
<i>Malva</i> sp.	reed-swamp and ear vegetation	seed/fruit	un						1									3	0.04	2	15%	
<i>Malva</i> cf. <i>alcea</i>	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb edges	seed/fruit	un						2	8	19	4						35	0.42	5	38%	
<i>Malva</i> sp.	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un						1									2	0.02	2	15%	
<i>Malva</i> sp.	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	ch															2	0.02	2	15%	
<i>Malva</i> sp.	summer crop annual weeds, annual ruderals	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Medicago minima</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	ch						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Medicago minima</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	whole fruit	un						1	2	8							13	0.15	5	38%	
<i>Medicago</i> sp.	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	whole fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Medicago</i> sp.	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	ch						2									2	0.02	1	8%	
<i>Medicago</i> sp.	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
cf. <i>Medicago</i> sp.	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	ch						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Medicago/Trifolium</i>	grassland, mesophilic (incl. "Grassland-like", "veg.")	seed/fruit	ch															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Mentha aquatica/carvensis</i>	wetland plants various	seed/fruit	un						12									15	0.18	3	23%	
<i>Onopordium acanthium</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	ch						3	5	4	2	1					16	0.19	6	46%	
<i>Onopordium acanthium</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un															35	0.42	1	8%	
<i>Onopordium acanthium</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un						2	3	1							7	0.08	4	31%	
<i>Pterohagia proflifera</i>	Evergreen hardwood forest including medif. Pine stocks	seed/fruit	un															2	0.02	1	8%	
<i>Pterohagia proflifera</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Grassland, xerophilic (steppe / dry grassland "Garigue")	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	reed-swamp and ear vegetation	seed/fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Physalis alkekengi</i>	floodplain / quarry forest including damp herb edges	seed/fruit	un															1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	ch						2									4	0.05	3	23%	
<i>Plantago major</i>	perennial ruderals	seed/fruit	un						1	1	2							3	0.04	2	15%	
<i>Plantago</i> sp.	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	ch						1	1								2	0.02	2	15%	
<i>Plantago</i> sp.	grassland vegetation	seed/fruit	un						1									1	0.01	1	8%	
<i>Poa</i> sp.	Varia	whole fruit	un						2	4	2	15						23	0.27	4	31%	
<i>Poa</i> sp.	Varia	whole fruit	ch						1	9	2							12	0.14	3	23%	



## Appendix E: Protocol for application of GMM to archaeobotanical material

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### Tools and Programs

- A digital camera on the binocular
- Photoshop
- Image J
- Rstudio

### Image

#### Equipment

In order to check for distortion on the equipment is important to check every time you start to take photos. This way you know that there is no distortion and can continue to take photos. The procedure is to take a photo of the graph paper. Then on the photo, check if there is any distortion on the edges (Figure E1). Also, check the scale of the program and the millimetre sheet if they are the same.

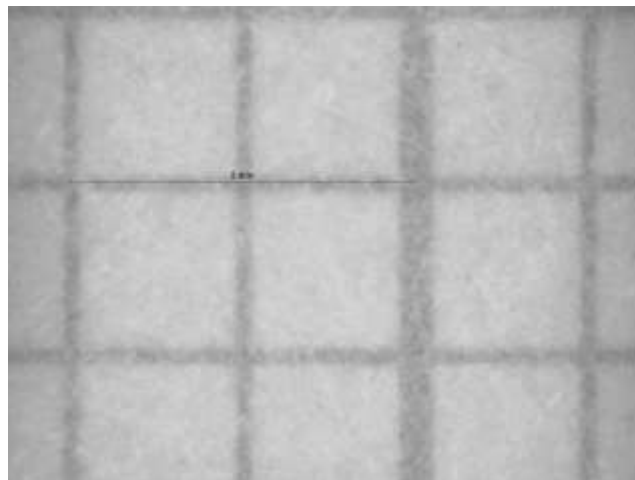


Figure E1- Check for distortion as well as checking the scales

#### Background

Seeds are tiny and extremely fragile. No **background** was used to aid with the cleaning of the photos, which made the process quicker. We did try to use plasticine (Figure E1), however, this method was not good and made the cleaning of the image slower. RS used a post-it in order to position the seeds.

The different attempts to clean the background of the photos made the process slower, and several photos were repeated. Usually, this step is quick and automatized; however, due to the size of the seed, the photo commonly would have shadows, or the seeds were too light, and not enough contrast was made. Even the white background had shadows (Figure E2). RS changed the contrast of the photos and turned them all white, which helped to "select" the outline of the seed using the "wand" tool on Photoshop.

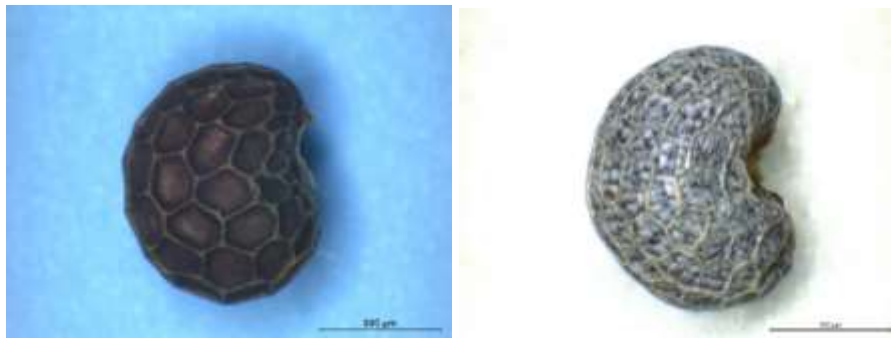


Figure E2 Examples of problematic backgrounds, blue plasticine and white background without the contracts

### Position

The positioning of the seed is crucial. This part was as well longstanding. Keeping a photo as a reference of how the seed should be positioned is essential (example of Figure E11). Several photos were repeated as the seeds were not well-positioned.

The seeds are tiny, between 0.5 to 1 mm; they are globoid; therefore, they are not easy to position as cereal grains. For example, barley is large and flat compared with the poppy seed. The size and volume of the seed made it very hard to position (examples of wrong positions Figure E4). However, two guidelines should be followed (Figure E3):

- First, the seed should be orientated with the hilum to the right, with the larger side down. It should also be centred so that we did not need to manually move the seeds in Photoshop when we needed to measure them.
- Second, to position, in the same way, all the time, the "nose" and the small cells next to the hilum should be visible (Position 2)

Tip. A small post-it was used in the most challenging seeds to make them in the perfect position. Maybe using this method from the beginning would have made the process quicker.

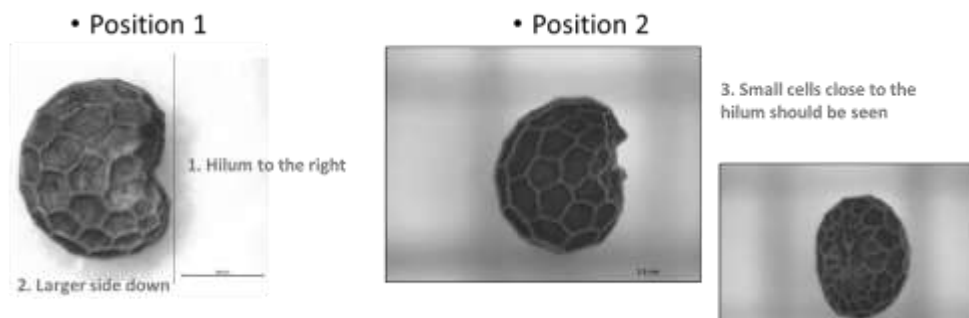


Figure E3 – How to correctly position the seeds



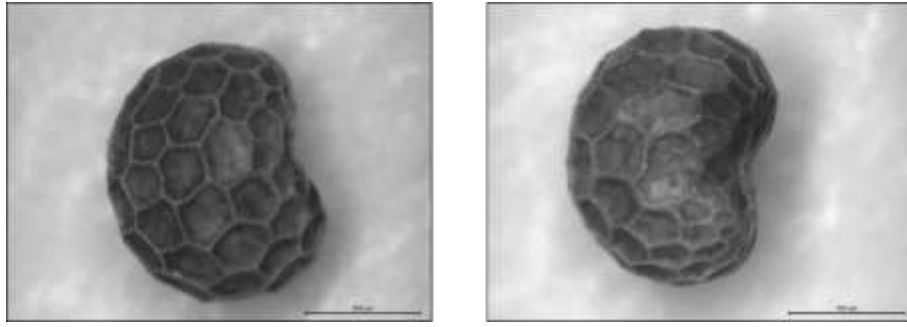


Figure E4 – Wrong position, left the hilum is not visible, and right the hilum is too visible.

### Scale bar

Add a scale bar without borders as it proved easier to measure in Image J (Figure E5).



Figure E5 – It is better to have just a line and count the all-black line, instead of this type or at least have only one type of scale for all the photos and use the same method constantly

### Save photos as tiff

Photos are harder to clean and select the outline when the quality is distorted; therefore, using Photoshop to clean, it is better to use tiff—only converting to jpg when making the black mask.

### Archaeological seeds

The seeds analysed here were preserved in a waterlogged environment; after being identified, the seeds were preserved in a tube with a conserving agent (mix of thymol, ethanol, glycerine and water). For the photos, the seeds were removed from the conserving agent and drop on a container with distilled water solution and then partially dried with an optical cloth (Hama Lens cleaning tissue). This process was necessary to prevent light reflection due to the water without leaving tiny hairs or traces on the seeds. Finally, the partially dried seeds were easier to position and allowed to take clear photographs. RS developed this method. These processes might damage the seeds; some were deformed after taking them out of the solution as well some were more easily broken.

In the case of our binocular camera: Two sets of photos are saved.

- 1) Mounted photo produced by several layered photos that clearly show the cells of the seeds and 2) unmounted photo, only one photo to measure the seeds.

These were separated because the mounted photos show the variability of pixies that might influence the measuring since the seeds are tiny, and such pixel variation might affect the results.

### Organization tips

One folder, called Original, keeps the **original** photos in a tiff with the code given by the technician (Figure E6). **Size** folder with all the unmounted photos in jpeg as image J gives an error when imported a heavy photo in a tiff. The cleaning folder should be copies of all originals—these copies will be clean in Photoshop.

After cleaning, a mask is created using an automatization script from Photoshop that ensures all photos are transformed. For the landmark folder, a copy with all the masks and here is where text files with landmarks coordinates will be saved using the Image J. Cells folder with all the mounted photos to count the cells. Saved using snipping tool as the Image J only saves with tiff, and it is only visible when open throw Image J and not by another image visualizer. Maybe another method would be helpful to be able to double-check the cell counting.

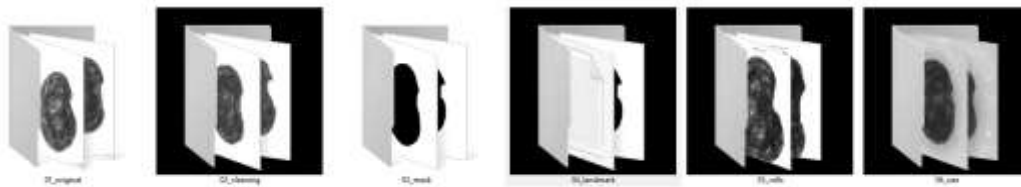


Figure E6 - Folders organization

### Measuring process

(Have a folder only for the measured photos, unmounted photos)

The final photo is a combination of different photos stacked in one; the number of photos varies and can go from 6 up to 12 photos. We call this method – mounted photos; we realize that the number of pixels and size was different from all the photos; therefore, to prevent this type of error, we decided to pick one photo out of the stack, in principle the best one is the most focus. RS took all photos, and the best focuses ones were as well pick by him.

The maximum length and width is measured using the rectangular tool from the Image J program (Figure E7).



Figure E7 – Measuring the seed with a rectangular tool from Image J

As mentioned before, the photos should be centred as errors such as these should not happen (Figure E8). At first, the photos seem the same. However, the left one is more curved. The alignment would be solved by using a millimetric paper; however, at the time, a white background was chosen. Tip: Use a paper as a guide to see if the photos are centred and parallel to the opposite line of the photo or when you use the Image J, square, you will not see that the photo is not centred. Either way, if you want to be detailed or not, consistency is the key. In order to spend the process, ideally, position the seeds the correct way from the beginning.

Another important note on the measuring is on the calibration on the scale bar. Our photos, unmounted photos with a scale measuring the all bar of the scale, sometimes the scales are pixel, and the end of the scale bar is incorrect. We measure all the black lines of the bar.



Figure E8 The position of the seed is also important when measuring. We want all the seeds to have an imagining line from nose down (left) and less belly (right). However, either way, it should be done constantly.

### **Cleaning process**

(Have a folder with the original photos and another with the clean photos)

There are two things to be removed for the cleaning process to prepare the photos for the next step (Figure E9). Clean the background and the yellow fresh hilum tissue that is in the middle of the seed. For the modern seeds, the colour of the seeds is white, and the background (plate of the stereoscopic) is white; this then prevents the use of a selection tool from Photoshop as the selection goes inside the seed. To prevent this, we tried to use plasticine (blue and pink); however, this did even worse, the photo then had some shadow, and it was better to have just a white background.

The white background also has shadows and some noise in the background (even with the white plate) which meant it had to be removed. The first tests were made with the selection tool and Lasso tool from Photoshop. These tests had a high variation due to the cleaning; therefore, a new approach was used. These entail using the paint tool in black and slowly had to the parts where the selection tool would penetrate the seed. After "closing" all the entrances, use an eraser tool, white colour, and go around the outline of the seed and clean any noise, shadow, or any back paint excess. Removing this tissue is important because the archaeological might not have it, and the landmarks are found in this place; therefore, this part should be removed only to expose the outline of the seed. This process cannot be done with the selection tool of Photoshop.



Figure E9 Cleaning process the seed is light-toned, white; when clicking on the selection tool in Photoshop, the selection goes inside the seed; therefore is necessary to close those points of entry and painted black. The removal of the yellow soft tissue is as well important.

### Preparing the photos

1. Clean the background, remove soft tissues (yellow parts) using rubber in different sizes, and go around the seed. This manual process is as well long. The previous trials used the lasso and the wand tools for the program to select the outline of the seeds; however, the selection keeps not selecting the outline but random points of the seed. Therefore, in order to minimize that error, a manual approach was taken.

2. Ideally, the landmarks should have been taken while the photos were in their natural colour; however, the procedure was done in a black and white mask where the shape is more predominant.

3. The mask was done using Photoshop.

4. The photos were then used as a jpeg.

### Mask

After cleaning each poppy seed photo, it was possible to select the outline and invert colours making the inside of the seed black and the outside white. This process we call mask, was performed using the automatization feature in Photoshop. Landmarks were added to each mask photo.

### Landmark position

(Have a folder for the Landmark photos and coordinates text)

Five points are homogeneous in all *Papaver* seeds. The first three are located in the hilum and are supposed to be influenced by it (Figure E10 and E11). These three points are represented by an arch (Figure E11 b), and it changes with the curves of the seed using eye extrapolation. The first should be where it begins, and the third point is where it ends. However, in some cases, it was necessary to highlight some exceptions. The order is as follow:

1) Landmark 1

The point of the poppy "nose". Some seeds (Figure E10) have a pointy edge where the hilum and soft yellow flesh is located; the landmark one is located in the most right and down part of that nose.



Figure E 10 - *Papaver setigerum* CSIBUB with a circle indicating the first landmark on the "nose"

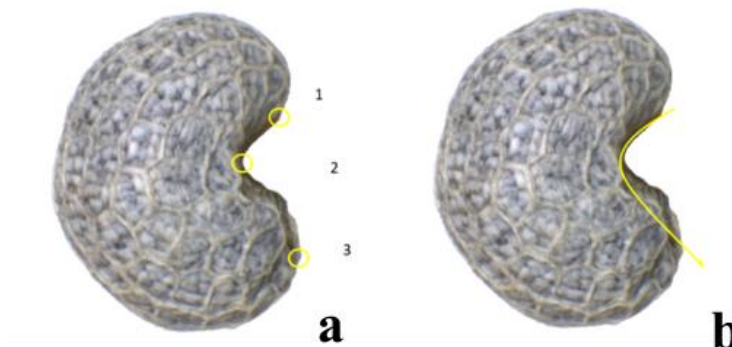


Figure E 11- *Papaver nigrum* with all the landmarks present (a) and with the "arch" of the hilum (b)

However, some seeds do not have a pronounced nose, such as the case of *Papaver nigrum* (Figure E11). In this case, the beginning of the hilum is the most inside part; however, sometimes, these are not easily visible.

#### 2) Landmark 2

It is located in the centre of the seed, where the symmetry point of the parabola is found (Figure E 11). Sometimes, this point is unclear; therefore, the seed's middle is selected using eye extrapolation (Figure E 10).

#### 3) Landmark 3

The third mark was challenging to select the most intuitive place at the end of the arch (Figure E 10 and E 11.), close to the landmark 2. However, the hilum does not always end in that part; as it can be in Figure E11b, a darker part is most probably related to the hilum. Therefore, the third point is generally after the end of the hilum and the fresh yellow skin.

#### 4) Landmark 4 and 5

These two landmarks are located in the top and bottom extremities of the seed (Figure E10 and E 11).

Selecting the landmarks is a fast process by using the multi-point tool of ImageJ (Figure E 12). Tip use a colourful colour, increase the font, and always use the same sequence of landmark (ldk) 1-3 the hilum part of the seed and 4-5 the extremities.

The process was, as follow, import all 30 photos one species at a time (jpeg format) into the ImageJ and do the landmarks from the same species all at once because they usually are very

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similar between themselves, so if there is a point that is not common or that you would like to repeat it is easier to detect in this way.

While doing this process is important to have some figures as examples with the landmark points. This helps to speed the process as the landmarking should be intuitive. All the measurements then have to save as XY coordinates (text format).

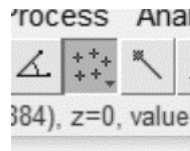


Figure E12 - Image J – multi-point tool.

### Counting cells

We try three methods. Two of them gave similar results, drawing a horizontal or vertical line in the middle of the seeds and count the cells were the lines pass. Especially for the *P. sominiferum* and *P. setigerum*, there was not much difference; however, counting all the cells from the right side of the seed gave better results. Therefore, we pick this last method, counting the total of the cells (Figure E13).

We also try to see if three different people would count the same way, unfortunately that did not happen. Some cells are unclear, or they are only half present in the photo. In order to simplify, all cells were counted and should be a quick and intuitive process. The cells at the corner and the small ones are counted. This should be consistent and count for all the species.



Figure E13 Counting cells with the multi-point tool from Image J

### Data export

Create an Excel spreadsheet with the species as rows and add all details about the individual seeds, see Table E1.

### Testing

The data collection was tested and rechecked several times (Figure E14). Five images of each specimen were taken (not all at once; on different days, make sure photographic methods are consistent), then landmark them (also at different times). Then look at the within-specimen variance relative to other sources to assess the degree to which it might affect the analyses.

Table E1 Information details for each seed

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<b>Seed info</b>	Colour Number of cells Width Length

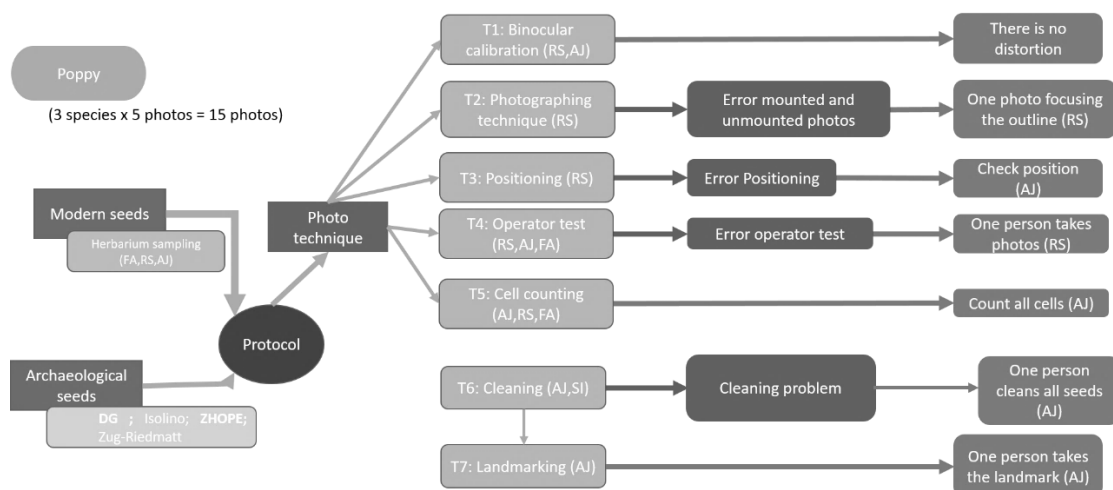


Figure E14 Poppy workflow after checking the error analyses

## **Appendix F: Metadata of the morphometric study of poppy seeds**

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This Appendix shows all the details recorded for the geometric morphometric analysis. One row has the information for each seed used for the analysis (including some that were not used).









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ZRS_1400,18	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_18		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,19	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_19		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,20	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_20		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,21	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_21		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,22	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_22		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,23	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_23		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,24	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_24		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,25	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_25		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,26	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_26		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,27	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_27		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,28	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_28		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,29	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_29		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											
ZRS_1400,30	ZRS_WG_CH_Douch_LR_30		Rail Stearns	unstratified	WG	Zig Stamp	1430	pottery sample?			1923-37	1004-850		Switzerland	CH	Zug											

Post	2000	10
Species in this	Year of harvest for modern samples and chronology for archaeological seeds	GMRL sample number

Appendix 15. Metadata of the morphological

Code	Label	Material	Level	Pre-treatment	LEIGHT	HORTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length
CSBUR_01_01	Coloche Swamin-Burton (Bosnia, Hungary and England)	Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram 371	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	24	0.793	0.919
CSBUR_01_02		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	31	0.733	0.887
CSBUR_01_03		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	16	0.738	0.925
CSBUR_01_04		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	26	0.731	0.896
CSBUR_01_05		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	32	0.739	0.916
CSBUR_01_06		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	29	0.767	0.893
CSBUR_01_07		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	29	0.762	0.906
CSBUR_01_08		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	32	0.754	0.894
CSBUR_01_09		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	33	0.826	0.97
CSBUR_01_10		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	32	0.726	0.87
CSBUR_01_11		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	33	0.725	0.915
CSBUR_01_12		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	32	0.767	0.899
CSBUR_01_13		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	34	0.728	0.887
CSBUR_01_14		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	30	0.823	0.928
CSBUR_01_15		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	34	0.72	0.828
CSBUR_01_16		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	35	0.761	0.908
CSBUR_01_17		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	26	0.745	0.902
CSBUR_01_18		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	28	0.733	0.903
CSBUR_01_19		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	34	0.703	0.825
CSBUR_01_20		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	29	0.702	0.829
CSBUR_01_21		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	27	0.723	0.88
CSBUR_01_22		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	26	0.774	0.915
CSBUR_01_23		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	28	0.761	0.902
CSBUR_01_24		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	31	0.732	0.915
CSBUR_01_25		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	29	0.738	0.864
CSBUR_01_26		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	31	0.751	0.932
CSBUR_01_27		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	31	0.755	0.896
CSBUR_01_28		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	27	0.726	0.883
CSBUR_01_29		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	40	0.876	0.935
CSBUR_01_30		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		brown	30	0.773	0.823
CSBUR_02_01		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	51	0.905	1.181
CSBUR_02_06		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000	It is mixed with some of the seeds from the same site, but it is not clear if it is the same or not.	white blackish grey	50	0.801	1.161
CSBUR_02_08		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000	It is mixed with some of the seeds from the same site, but it is not clear if it is the same or not.	white blackish grey	47	1.104	1.31
CSBUR_02_10		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	47	0.861	1.188
CSBUR_02_11		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	61	1.137	1.355
CSBUR_02_14		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	48	0.861	1.152
CSBUR_02_15		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	45	0.978	1.21
CSBUR_02_17		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	48	1.044	1.307
CSBUR_02_18		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	50	1.068	1.288
CSBUR_02_19		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	56	1.109	1.277
CSBUR_02_20		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	49	1.093	1.317
CSBUR_02_21		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	64	0.867	1.17
CSBUR_02_24		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	51	0.933	1.145
CSBUR_02_25		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	53	0.867	1.22
CSBUR_02_26		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	44	0.861	1.196
CSBUR_02_27		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	48	0.913	1.101
CSBUR_02_30		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	48	0.88	1.164
CSBUR_02_31		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	49	0.861	1.167
CSBUR_02_33		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	49	0.899	1.159
CSBUR_02_34		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	48	0.866	1.225
CSBUR_02_35		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	54	0.868	1.128
CSBUR_02_36		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	50	0.869	1.155
CSBUR_02_37		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	39	0.97	1.222
CSBUR_02_38		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	36	0.864	1.204
CSBUR_02_39		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	39	0.868	1.213
CSBUR_02_40		Romanian-Garban Base	Romanian-Garban Base	Paper Scigram sp. Scigram	Tin Eryc-Buchanan	Base!		2000		white blackish grey	30	0.867	1.193

Code		Botanical Info										Seed Info			
Label	Institution	Locus	Prior Identification	LC/PT	HOI/TUS/RY/ANUS/US	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length			
CSBUR_02_42	CSBUR	Bonische-Garten Basel	Papaver somniferum L. sp. var.	Tin Erzy-Buchanan	Basel		2000		white blackish grey	52	0.971	1.217			
CSBUR_02_44	CSBUR	Bonische-Garten Basel	Papaver somniferum L. sp. var.	Tin Erzy-Buchanan	Basel		2000		white blackish grey	46	0.803	1.171			
CSBUR_02_45	CSBUR	Bonische-Garten Basel	Papaver somniferum L. sp. var.	Tin Erzy-Buchanan	Basel		2000		white blackish grey	42	0.929	1.154			
CSBUR_03_01	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		blue greyish	38	0.833	1.007			
CSBUR_03_02	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	44	0.912	1.149			
CSBUR_03_05	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown grey	34	0.794	1.017			
CSBUR_03_04	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown black	38	0.887	1.122			
CSBUR_03_05	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown black	35	0.815	0.971			
CSBUR_03_06	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	35	0.865	1.083			
CSBUR_03_07	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	37	0.828	1.103			
CSBUR_03_08	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	34	0.868	1.111			
CSBUR_03_09	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	36	0.786	0.942			
CSBUR_03_10	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	34	0.806	1.001			
CSBUR_03_11	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	41	0.915	1.125			
CSBUR_03_12	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	37	0.893	1.035			
CSBUR_03_13	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	35	0.906	1.138			
CSBUR_03_14	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown carmine	46	0.888	1.141			
CSBUR_03_15	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	31	0.784	0.981			
CSBUR_03_16	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	32	0.92	1.112			
CSBUR_03_17	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	32	0.905	1.141			
CSBUR_03_18	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	37	0.819	1.044			
CSBUR_03_19	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	45	0.971	1.181			
CSBUR_03_20	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	32	0.875	1.033			
CSBUR_03_21	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2005		brown	40	0.891	1.093			
CSBUR_03_22	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	43	0.871	1.133			
CSBUR_03_23	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2007		brown	42	0.839	1.09			
CSBUR_03_24	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2005		brown	36	0.817	0.98			
CSBUR_03_25	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2009		brown	44	0.909	1.132			
CSBUR_03_26	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2010		brown	38	0.894	1.07			
CSBUR_03_27	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2011		brown carmine	38	0.933	1.167			
CSBUR_03_28	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2012		brown	39	0.829	1.065			
CSBUR_03_29	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2004		brown	37	0.806	1.1			
CSBUR_03_30	CSBUR	Jardin Botanique Poverney	Papaver somniferum L. sp.		Basel		2005		brown	39	0.833	1			
DP0002			Papaver somniferum							30	0.748	0.92			
DP0003			Papaver somniferum							29	0.829	0.754			
DP0004			Papaver somniferum							36	0.648	0.83			
DP0005			Papaver somniferum							33	0.794	0.922			
DP0006			Papaver somniferum							31	0.722	0.877			
DP0007			Papaver somniferum							27	0.626	0.751			
DP0008			Papaver somniferum							27	0.701	0.845			
DP0009			Papaver somniferum							30	0.681	0.793			
DP0010			Papaver somniferum							33	0.82	1.051			
DP0011			Papaver somniferum							29	0.715	0.801			
DP0012			Papaver somniferum							32	0.699	0.777			
DP0013			Papaver somniferum							35	0.741	0.951			
DP0014			Papaver somniferum							29	0.723	0.801			
DP0015			Papaver somniferum							33	0.794	0.826			
DP0016			Papaver somniferum							26	0.652	0.833			
DP0017			Papaver somniferum							17	0.616	0.738			
DP0018			Papaver somniferum							23	0.638	0.823			
DP0019			Papaver somniferum							25	0.778	0.986			
DP0020			Papaver somniferum							33	0.696	0.906			
DP0021			Papaver somniferum							30	0.774	0.964			
DP0022			Papaver somniferum							32	0.738	0.835			
DP0023			Papaver somniferum							30	0.691	0.801			
DP0024			Papaver somniferum							27	0.636	0.778			
DP0025			Papaver somniferum							26	0.654	0.759			
DP0026			Papaver somniferum							31	0.691	0.83			
DP0027			Papaver somniferum							38	0.657	0.719			
DP0028			Papaver somniferum							29	0.609	0.713			
DP0029			Papaver somniferum							33	0.662	0.881			
DP0030			Papaver somniferum							47	0.888	1.086			

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Label	Institution	Locus	Prior Identification	LCGT	HOIUTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length
ZHOPE002			Papaver somniferum							35	0.873	1.080
ZHOPE003			Papaver somniferum							36	0.845	1.019
ZHOPE004			Papaver somniferum							37	0.745	0.926
ZHOPE005			Papaver somniferum							33	0.875	1.032
ZHOPE006			Papaver somniferum							32	0.767	0.913
ZHOPE007			Papaver somniferum							29	0.832	1.028
ZHOPE008			Papaver somniferum							39	0.746	0.906
ZHOPE009			Papaver somniferum							27	0.874	1.028
ZHOPE010			Papaver somniferum							38	0.8	1.006
ZHOPE012			Papaver somniferum							37	0.722	0.894
ZHOPE013			Papaver somniferum							35	0.88	1.074
ZHOPE014			Papaver somniferum							33	0.841	1.039
ZHOPE015			Papaver somniferum							38	0.784	0.973
ZHOPE016			Papaver somniferum							38	0.817	0.981
ZHOPE017			Papaver somniferum							35	0.817	1.028
ZHOPE018			Papaver somniferum							42	0.761	0.975
ZHOPE019			Papaver somniferum							39	0.806	1.087
ZHOPE020			Papaver somniferum							43	0.822	1.025
ZHOPE021			Papaver somniferum							35	0.717	0.948
ZHOPE022			Papaver somniferum							41	0.857	0.978
ZHOPE023			Papaver somniferum							40	0.693	0.899
ZHOPE024			Papaver somniferum							34	0.735	0.875
ZHOPE025			Papaver somniferum							34	0.887	0.842
ZHOPE026			Papaver somniferum							34	0.772	0.977
ZHOPE027			Papaver somniferum							34	0.78	0.864
ZHOPE028			Papaver somniferum							41	0.778	0.971
ZHOPE029			Papaver somniferum							31	0.78	0.854
ZHOPE030			Papaver somniferum							35	0.762	0.922
ZHOPE031			Papaver somniferum							38	0.804	0.888
ZHOPE032			Papaver somniferum							36	0.69	0.861
ZHOPE033			Papaver somniferum							37	0.775	0.951
ZHOPE034			Papaver somniferum							32	0.72	0.878
GRA0101	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	38	0.754	0.864
GRA0102	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	37	0.829	0.961
GRA0103	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown grey	35	0.842	0.935
GRA0104	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	37	0.767	0.858
GRA0105	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	34	0.749	0.859
GRA0106	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	39	0.825	0.883
GRA0107	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	40	0.864	1.074
GRA0108	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	36	0.797	0.997
GRA0109	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				grey	35	0.807	0.945
GRA0110	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown brownish	25	0.653	0.846
GRA0111	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown grey	34	0.787	0.893
GRA0112	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				purple	33	0.799	0.848
GRA0113	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	34	0.755	0.888
GRA0114	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				purple grey	37	0.8	0.959
GRA0115	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	36	0.715	0.806
GRA0116	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	35	0.849	0.98
GRA0117	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	35	0.868	1.028
GRA0118	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	34	0.797	0.942
GRA0119	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	31	0.755	0.859
GRA0120	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				blue	30	0.745	0.806
GRA0121	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	29	0.871	1.046
GRA0122	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	36	0.801	1.016
GRA0123	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	37	0.803	0.933
GRA0124	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	39	0.796	0.915
GRA0125	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	34	0.854	1.012
GRA0126	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown	34	0.744	0.894
GRA0127	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown brownish	35	0.767	0.881
GRA0128	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown grey	37	0.732	0.839
GRA0129	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				brown grey	33	0.674	0.842
GRA0130	Genesee (MANS)		Papaver Scitogram sp. Scitogram		Paris				carrot	33	0.726	0.846

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Label	Institution	Locus	Prior Identification	LIGHT	HOIUTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length				
GR002.01	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	36	0.845	1.048				
GR002.02	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	33	0.775	0.939				
GR002.03	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	33	0.834	1.002				
GR002.04	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	41	0.87	1.033				
GR002.05	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	43	0.806	0.988				
GR002.06	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	38	0.871	1.014				
GR002.07	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	44	0.845	1.00				
GR002.08	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	36	0.909	1.104				
GR002.09	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	39	0.807	1.046				
GR002.10	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	45	0.801	1.054				
GR002.11	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	40	0.887	1.049				
GR002.12	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	38	0.9	1.09				
GR002.13	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	41	0.878	1.141				
GR002.14	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	40	0.803	0.955				
GR002.15	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	40	0.823	1.006				
GR002.16	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	38	0.871	1.012				
GR002.17	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	32	0.858	1.025				
GR002.18	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	37	0.829	0.997				
GR002.19	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	42	0.79	0.994				
GR002.20	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	31	0.803	0.957				
GR002.21	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	34	0.826	0.987				
GR002.22	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	33	0.897	1.035				
GR002.23	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	40	0.894	1.081				
GR002.24	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	34	0.862	1.062				
GR002.25	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	43	0.867	1.081				
GR002.26	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	36	0.857	1.075				
GR002.27	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	35	0.828	1.022				
GR002.28	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	34	0.809	0.986				
GR002.29	Gameteve (MNSN)		Papaver somniferum		Paris				brown	36	0.801	1.045				
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IPNA.001.02	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	51	1.109	1.309				
IPNA.001.03	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	43	0.958	1.1				
IPNA.001.04	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	40	1.077	1.328				
IPNA.001.05	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	48	1.108	1.401				
IPNA.001.06	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	50	1.148	1.374				
IPNA.001.07	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	43	1.029	1.25				
IPNA.001.08	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	46	1.013	1.17				
IPNA.001.09	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	44	1.088	1.202				
IPNA.001.10	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	44	1.037	1.297				
IPNA.001.11	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	43	1.033	1.209				
IPNA.001.12	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	49	1.128	1.283				
IPNA.001.13	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	52	1.157	1.377				
IPNA.001.14	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	55	1.222	1.419				
IPNA.001.15	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	47	0.955	1.226				
IPNA.001.16	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	50	1.135	1.306				
IPNA.001.17	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	46	1.018	1.233				
IPNA.001.18	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	54	1.06	1.255				
IPNA.001.19	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	41	1.064	1.209				
IPNA.001.20	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	60	1.111	1.37				
IPNA.001.21	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	45	0.987	1.382				
IPNA.001.22	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	55	1.168	1.266				
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IPNA.001.24	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	54	0.991	1.202				
IPNA.001.25	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	58	1.146	1.477				
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IPNA.001.27	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	45	0.993	1.19				
IPNA.001.28	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	43	1.027	1.222				
IPNA.001.29	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum		Basel		1984		blue greyish	47	1.009	1.244				
IPNA.001.30	Ugarteve (MNSN)	Ugarteve	Papaver somniferum DC, wall gummed		Basel		1984		blue greyish	46	1.006	1.181				
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IPNA02.02			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	23	0.705	0.805				
IPNA02.03			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	28	0.619	0.845				
IPNA02.04			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	27	0.668	0.861				
IPNA02.05			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	24	0.702	0.918				
IPNA02.06			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	20	0.687	0.803				
IPNA02.07			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	28	0.658	0.806				
IPNA02.08			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	26	0.718	0.87				
IPNA02.09			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	28	0.718	0.897				
IPNA02.10			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	24	0.658	0.799				
IPNA02.11			Papaver setigerum DC	H. Schiblogerk	Basel		1983		brown	23	0.702	0.806				
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CSBIB06.26			Papaver hybridum L.	no info	no info	no info	1984		brown parichels	34	0.713	1.046		
CSBIB06.27			Papaver hybridum L.	no info	no info	no info	1984		brown parichels	45	0.618	1		
CSBIB06.28			Papaver hybridum L.	no info	no info	no info	1984		brown parichels	31	0.641	1.020		
CSBIB06.29			Papaver hybridum L.	no info	no info	no info	1984		brown parichels	34	0.713	1.035		
CSBIB06.30			Papaver hybridum L.	no info	no info	no info	1984		brown parichels	41	0.606	1.003		
CSBIB06.01			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	62	0.648	1.029		
CSBIB06.02			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	74	0.653	1.052		
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CSBIB06.04			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	71	0.606	1.003		
CSBIB06.05			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	74	0.684	1.077		
CSBIB06.06			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	71	0.729	1.093		
CSBIB06.07			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	74	0.601	1.006		
CSBIB06.08			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	65	0.652	0.994		
CSBIB06.09			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976	There is some visual problem with the cell	brown parichels	66	0.712	1.138		
CSBIB06.10			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	78	0.593	0.928		
CSBIB06.11			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	83	0.607	1.122		
CSBIB06.12			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	72	0.607	1.145		
CSBIB06.13			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	61	0.609	1.017		
CSBIB06.14			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	73	0.719	1.181		
CSBIB06.15			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	73	0.665	1.035		
CSBIB06.16			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	60	0.625	0.957		
CSBIB06.17			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	72	0.667	1.067		
CSBIB06.18			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	60	0.608	1.02		
CSBIB06.19			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	70	0.638	1.038		
CSBIB06.20			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	60	0.622	0.948		
CSBIB06.21			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	74	0.649	1.026		
CSBIB06.22			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	66	0.661	1.048		
CSBIB06.23			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976	There is some visual problem with the cell	brown parichels	59	0.581	0.936		
CSBIB06.24			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	75	0.648	1.052		
CSBIB06.25			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	70	0.713	1.071		
CSBIB06.26			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	71	0.641	1.01		
CSBIB06.27			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	66	0.744	1.177		
CSBIB06.28			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	70	0.676	1.159		
CSBIB06.29			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	71	0.638	0.987		
CSBIB06.30			Papaver argemone L.	no info	no info	no info	1976		brown parichels	67	0.636	1.036		
CSBIB07.01		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	45	0.688	0.874		
CSBIB07.02		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	50	0.6	0.778		
CSBIB07.03		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.677	0.836		
CSBIB07.04		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	46	0.662	0.844		
CSBIB07.05		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	46	0.693	0.92		
CSBIB07.06		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	51	0.659	0.835		
CSBIB07.07		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	42	0.691	0.822		
CSBIB07.08		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	42	0.744	0.988		
CSBIB07.09		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.671	0.857		
CSBIB07.10		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	55	0.7	0.865		
CSBIB07.11		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	46	0.674	0.809		
CSBIB07.12		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.604	0.778		
CSBIB07.13		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	53	0.649	0.825		
CSBIB07.14		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	51	0.674	0.844		
CSBIB07.15		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	52	0.675	0.77		
CSBIB07.16		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.648	0.841		
CSBIB07.17		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	50	0.61	0.799		
CSBIB07.18		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	53	0.644	0.848		
CSBIB07.19		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.853	0.804		
CSBIB07.20		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	50	0.606	0.793		
CSBIB07.21		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	49	0.604	0.813		
CSBIB07.22		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	49	0.693	0.88		
CSBIB07.23		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	49	0.619	0.862		
CSBIB07.24		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	42	0.635	0.78		
CSBIB07.25		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	42	0.609	0.851		
CSBIB07.26		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	50	0.674	0.865		
CSBIB07.27		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	50	0.616	0.777		
CSBIB07.28		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	43	0.691	0.755		
CSBIB07.29		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	52	0.63	0.836		
CSBIB07.30		46. R323N, 2553 F	Papaver dubium L. s. str.	Basel	Basel	2 capsule	2017/1997		blue parichels	48	0.657	0.855		
RBA.01.01			Papaver somniferum						blue parichels	40	0.561	0.681		
RBA.02.01			Papaver somniferum						blue parichels	32	0.638	0.813		
RBA.03.01			Papaver somniferum						blue parichels	30	0.729	0.929		
RBA.04.01			Papaver somniferum						blue parichels	34	0.832	0.713		
RBA.05.01			Papaver somniferum						blue parichels	33	0.661	0.648		



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Label	Institution	Locus	Print Identification	LC/RT	HORTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length
SBA_01_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							29	0.807	0.791
SBA_05_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							29	0.775	0.815
SBA_06_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							29	0.807	0.697
SBA_09_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							32	0.718	0.916
SBA_10_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							38	0.691	0.864
SBA_11_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							22	0.667	0.841
SBA_13_07			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							38	0.559	0.791
SBA_14_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.730	0.828
SBA_14_04			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							27	0.719	0.828
SBA_15_01			<i>Papaver argemone</i>							35	0.419	0.739
SBA_16_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.664	0.815
AB_300_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							41	0.675	1.139
AB_300_02			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							39	0.617	1.08
AB_300_03			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.629	0.898
AB_300_04			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							39	0.626	1.115
AB_300_05			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							41	0.881	1.023
AB_300_06			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.835	1.067
AB_300_07			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							32	0.801	1.001
AB_300_08			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							36	0.833	1.001
AB_300_09			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							38	0.817	1.042
AB_300_10			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							33	0.803	1.078
AB_300_11			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							37	0.709	0.868
AB_300_12			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							44	0.823	1.105
AB_300_13			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.791	0.938
AB_300_14			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							39	0.816	1.075
AB_300_15			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.815	0.974
AB_300_16			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.713	0.907
AB_300_17			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							44	0.899	1.115
AB_300_18			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							38	0.737	0.951
AB_300_19			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.825	1.001
AB_300_20			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							26	0.713	0.925
AB_300_21			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.745	0.805
AB_300_22			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							37	0.739	0.883
AB_300_23			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.788	0.937
AB_300_24			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							44	0.771	0.925
AB_300_25			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							33	0.819	1.046
AB_300_26			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							33	0.777	0.951
AB_300_27			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							31	0.662	0.791
AB_300_28			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.823	1.013
AB_300_29			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.768	0.949
AB_300_30			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.8	1.023
KH_010_01			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							32	0.862	0.954
KH_010_02			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							37	0.738	0.868
KH_010_03			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							44	0.799	1.03
KH_010_04			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							33	0.806	0.888
KH_010_05			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							28	0.764	0.99
KH_010_06			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							28	0.766	0.942
KH_010_07			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							31	0.772	0.925
KH_010_08			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.826	0.993
KH_010_09			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.817	1
KH_010_10			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							33	0.866	0.887
KH_010_11			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.815	0.999
KH_010_12			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							32	0.666	0.869
KH_010_13			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.815	0.978
KH_010_14			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.732	0.838
KH_010_15			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							27	0.738	0.816
KH_010_16			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							29	0.733	0.922
KH_010_17			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							26	0.704	0.801
KH_010_18			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							31	0.772	0.935
KH_010_19			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.807	0.897
KH_010_20			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.793	0.975
KH_010_21			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							36	0.71	0.893
KH_010_22			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							34	0.728	0.913
KH_010_23			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							31	0.751	0.926
KH_010_24			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							35	0.742	0.975
KH_010_25			<i>Papaver somniferum</i>							30	0.746	0.929

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Label	Institution	Locus	Print Identification	LCGT	HORTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length
KU_109_26			Papaver somniferum							31	0.79	0.974
KU_109_27			Papaver somniferum							34	0.713	0.874
KU_109_28			Papaver somniferum							40	0.746	0.894
KU_109_29			Papaver somniferum							27	0.738	0.91
KU_109_30			Papaver somniferum							35	0.687	0.861
E_3_01			Papaver somniferum							33	0.671	0.809
E_3_02			Papaver somniferum							29	0.752	0.91
E_3_03			Papaver somniferum							29	0.844	1.017
E_3_04			Papaver somniferum							32	0.732	0.9
E_3_05			Papaver somniferum							29	0.705	0.826
E_3_06			Papaver somniferum							29	0.725	0.829
E_3_07			Papaver somniferum							30	0.831	1.044
E_3_08			Papaver somniferum							37	0.787	0.986
E_3_09			Papaver somniferum							33	0.708	0.841
E_3_10			Papaver somniferum							30	0.677	0.806
E_3_11			Papaver somniferum							32	0.774	0.943
E_3_12			Papaver somniferum							30	0.725	0.9
E_3_13			Papaver somniferum							35	0.772	0.9
E_3_14			Papaver somniferum							36	0.762	0.928
E_3_15			Papaver somniferum							27	0.742	0.884
E_3_16			Papaver somniferum							37	0.738	0.917
E_3_17			Papaver somniferum							40	0.72	1.023
E_3_18			Papaver somniferum							27	0.815	0.977
E_3_19			Papaver somniferum							32	0.822	0.9
E_3_20			Papaver somniferum							34	0.873	1.039
E_3_21			Papaver somniferum							34	0.771	1.003
E_3_22			Papaver somniferum							29	0.681	0.862
E_3_23			Papaver somniferum							31	0.722	0.877
E_3_24			Papaver somniferum							33	0.741	0.881
E_3_25			Papaver somniferum							36	0.781	1.004
E_3_26			Papaver somniferum							33	0.754	0.944
E_3_27			Papaver somniferum							30	0.842	1.101
E_3_28			Papaver somniferum							38	0.706	0.901
E_3_29			Papaver somniferum							40	0.658	1.029
E_3_30			Papaver somniferum							33	0.696	0.91
BVAK.B_263.01			Papaver somniferum							32	0.678	0.845
BVAK.B_263.02			Papaver somniferum							35	0.775	0.955
BVAK.B_263.03			Papaver somniferum							24	0.816	0.984
BVAK.B_263.12			Papaver somniferum							16	0.767	0.936
BVAK.B_263.1			Papaver somniferum							34	0.886	1.067
BVAK.B_263.1			Papaver somniferum							31	0.668	0.813
BVAK.B_263.5			Papaver somniferum							33	0.841	1.086
BVAK.B_263.3			Papaver somniferum							33	0.653	0.82
BVAK.B_263.01			Papaver somniferum							36	0.797	0.974
BVAK.B_263.12			Papaver somniferum							27	0.719	0.809
BVAK.B_263.13			Papaver somniferum							31	0.706	0.868
BVAK.B_263.14			Papaver somniferum							30	0.828	1.049
BVAK.B_263.15			Papaver somniferum							30	0.7	0.912
BVAK.B_263.16			Papaver somniferum							36	0.654	0.857
BVAK.B_263.02			Papaver somniferum							24	0.833	1.032
BVAK.B_263.03			Papaver somniferum							36	0.772	0.975
BVAK.B_263.05			Papaver somniferum							31	0.841	1.013
BVAK.B_263.06			Papaver somniferum							25	0.706	0.858
BVAK.B_263.08			Papaver somniferum							31	0.719	0.881
BVAK.B_263.09			Papaver somniferum							29	0.799	0.99
BVAK.B_263.10			Papaver somniferum							27	0.713	0.828
BVAK.B_263.02			Papaver somniferum							30	0.855	1.012
BVAK.B_263.06			Papaver somniferum							33	0.772	0.978
BVAK.B_263.07			Papaver somniferum							37	0.891	1.101
BVAK.B_263.09			Papaver somniferum							24	0.683	0.793
BVAK.B_263.01			Papaver somniferum							34	0.787	1.075
BVAK.B_263.04			Papaver somniferum							31	0.761	0.893
BVAK.B_263.05			Papaver somniferum							33	0.803	0.926
BVAK.B_263.06			Papaver somniferum							29	0.719	0.849
BVAK.B_263.08			Papaver somniferum							26	0.738	0.951
BVAK.B_263.09			Papaver somniferum							33	0.801	0.919
BVAK.B_263.10			Papaver somniferum							28	0.765	0.919

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BVAIK.E.268.11			Papaver somniferum							26	0.342	0.803
BVAIK.E.268.12			Papaver somniferum							27	0.309	0.806
BVAIK.E.268.13			Papaver somniferum							22	0.452	0.654
BVAIK.E.268.14			Papaver somniferum							29	0.606	0.864
BVAIK.E.268.15			Papaver somniferum							28	0.615	0.791
BVAIK.E.268.16			Papaver somniferum							28	0.619	1.042
BVAIK.E.300.02			Papaver somniferum							27	0.228	0.615
BVAIK.E.300.03			Papaver somniferum							25	0.238	1.025
BVAIK.E.300.04			Papaver somniferum							26	0.213	0.901
BVAIK.E.300.05			Papaver somniferum							29	0.625	0.841
KSZP.1401.001			Papaver somniferum							37	0.784	0.919
KSZP.1401.002			Papaver somniferum							34	0.772	0.978
KSZP.1401.003			Papaver somniferum							30	0.719	0.92
KSZP.1401.004			Papaver somniferum							34	0.933	0.954
KSZP.1401.005			Papaver somniferum							35	0.754	0.919
KSZP.1401.006			Papaver somniferum							32	0.738	0.896
KSZP.1401.007			Papaver somniferum							39	0.725	0.925
KSZP.1401.008			Papaver somniferum							32	0.799	0.994
KSZP.1401.009			Papaver somniferum							34	0.722	0.93
KSZP.1401.010			Papaver somniferum							34	0.812	0.997
KSZP.1401.011			Papaver somniferum							37	0.801	1
KSZP.1401.012			Papaver somniferum							32	0.749	0.951
KSZP.1401.013			Papaver somniferum							38	0.771	0.952
KSZP.1401.014			Papaver somniferum							34	0.732	0.855
KSZP.1401.015			Papaver somniferum							35	0.816	0.955
KSZP.1401.016			Papaver somniferum							28	0.725	0.916
KSZP.1401.017			Papaver somniferum							35	0.867	1.001
KSZP.1401.018			Papaver somniferum							31	0.751	0.994
KSZP.1401.019			Papaver somniferum							32	0.665	0.896
KSZP.1401.020			Papaver somniferum							30	0.664	0.825
KSZP.141.021			Papaver somniferum							40	0.841	1.049
KSZP.141.022			Papaver somniferum							31	0.867	1.109
KSZP.141.023			Papaver somniferum							35	0.829	1.02
KSZP.141.024			Papaver somniferum							39	0.767	0.981
KSZP.141.025			Papaver somniferum							36	0.749	0.954
KSZP.141.026			Papaver somniferum							32	0.719	0.984
KSZP.141.027			Papaver somniferum							39	0.784	0.954
KSZP.141.028			Papaver somniferum							35	0.765	1.032
KSZP.141.029			Papaver somniferum							36	0.806	0.93
KSZP.141.030			Papaver somniferum							35	0.752	0.916
KSZP.141.031			Papaver somniferum							35	0.87	1.026
KSZP.141.032			Papaver somniferum							37	0.816	1.038
KSZP.141.033			Papaver somniferum							32	0.853	0.98
KSZP.141.034			Papaver somniferum							38	0.841	1.083
KSZP.141.035			Papaver somniferum							33	0.787	0.973
KSZP.141.036			Papaver somniferum							42	0.815	1.022
KSZP.141.037			Papaver somniferum							33	0.745	0.898
KSZP.141.038			Papaver somniferum							38	0.771	0.971
KSZP.141.039			Papaver somniferum							32	0.667	0.855
KSZP.141.040			Papaver somniferum							40	0.841	1.052
KSZP.141.041			Papaver somniferum							34	0.723	0.939
KSZP.141.042			Papaver somniferum							29	0.861	1.065
KSZP.141.043			Papaver somniferum							44	0.762	0.939
KSZP.141.044			Papaver somniferum							33	0.798	0.941
KSZP.141.045			Papaver somniferum							33	0.791	0.967
KSZP.141.046			Papaver somniferum							49	0.854	1.094
KSZP.141.047			Papaver somniferum							34	0.767	0.971
KSZP.141.048			Papaver somniferum							37	0.761	0.978
KSZP.141.049			Papaver somniferum							33	0.806	1.026
KSZP.141.050			Papaver somniferum							34	0.801	1.03
KSZP.141.051			Papaver somniferum							40	0.822	0.983
KSZP.141.052			Papaver somniferum							37	0.813	0.926
KSZP.141.053			Papaver somniferum							46	0.804	1.009
KSZP.141.054			Papaver somniferum							33	0.716	0.945
KSZP.141.055			Papaver somniferum							38	0.754	0.862
KSZP.141.056			Papaver somniferum							32	0.729	0.909
KSZP.141.057			Papaver somniferum							44	0.828	0.993

Codes		Botanical Info					Seed Info					
Label	Institution	Locus	Prior Identification	LCGT	HORTUS BOTANICUS	Same capsule	Year	Observation	Colour	Number of cells	Width	Length
ZRS_1400_28			Papaver somniferum							37	0.755	0.901
ZRS_1400_29			Papaver somniferum							40	0.712	0.862
ZRS_1400_30			Papaver somniferum							35	0.937	0.923
ZRS_1400_01			Papaver somniferum							44	0.904	1.013
ZRS_1400_02			Papaver somniferum							38	0.839	1.158
ZRS_1400_03			Papaver somniferum							35	0.971	1.107
ZRS_1400_04			Papaver somniferum							39	0.939	1.138
ZRS_1400_05			Papaver somniferum							39	0.933	1.104
ZRS_1400_06			Papaver somniferum							32	0.831	1.049
ZRS_1400_07			Papaver somniferum							36	1.035	1.137
ZRS_1400_08			Papaver somniferum							45	0.877	1.054
ZRS_1400_09			Papaver somniferum							39	0.923	1.206
ZRS_1400_10			Papaver somniferum							46	0.938	1.19
ZRS_1400_11			Papaver somniferum							40	0.949	1.139
ZRS_1400_12			Papaver somniferum							39	0.851	1.091
ZRS_1400_13			Papaver somniferum							46	0.9	1.075
ZRS_1400_14			Papaver somniferum							41	1.023	1.215
ZRS_1400_15			Papaver somniferum							41	0.926	1.109
ZRS_1400_16			Papaver somniferum							44	0.833	1.044
ZRS_1400_17			Papaver somniferum							44	0.839	1.096
ZRS_1400_18			Papaver somniferum							38	0.881	1.042
ZRS_1400_19			Papaver somniferum							38	0.851	1
ZRS_1400_20			Papaver somniferum							39	0.893	1.071
ZRS_1400_21			Papaver somniferum							41	0.861	1.07
ZRS_1400_22			Papaver somniferum							44	0.896	1.067
ZRS_1400_23			Papaver somniferum							44	0.797	0.944
ZRS_1400_24			Papaver somniferum							38	0.903	1.139
ZRS_1400_25			Papaver somniferum							39	0.898	1.202
ZRS_1400_26			Papaver somniferum							35	0.771	0.973
ZRS_1400_27			Papaver somniferum							33	0.806	1.09
ZRS_1400_28			Papaver somniferum							39	0.913	1.094
ZRS_1400_29			Papaver somniferum							29	0.897	1.029
ZRS_1400_30			Papaver somniferum							39	0.883	1.138

## Appendix G: Collecting poppy seeds

Table G1 – Details of each poppy plant sampled from the Herbaria in Paris and Geneve that could be used for GMM in the future.

Code	Number of seeds	GMM	Observations	Species	Pays étiqu.	year	Localité étiqu.
MNH N_B4	85 possible	maybe	20 not mature very small immature	<i>Papaver setigerum</i> DC.	Spain	1878	Ténériffe : Funchal
MNH N_C9	~60	yes	several underdeveloped	<i>Papaver setigerum</i> DC.	France	1961	France (départ. Var) - Agay
JBG_G2	<50 DNC	yes	some are immature	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>setigerum</i>	Portugal	1868	Porto-Santo, Madeira
JBG_G7	>100 DNC	yes	good violet and good red babies	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>setigerum</i>		1981	information missing in the picture
MNH N_A8	~35immature and 45 ~fully	yes	texture wrinkle does not look like P som	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	China	1897	Environs Tong-tchuan
MNH N_B5	~81 immature squashed seeds	maybe	some could be they have the typical purple skin	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	Portugal	1865	Porto-Santo, passim in cultis.
MNH N_C2	578	yes	good	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	France	1957	Jardin, Plaine des Monts, près de Cognac-le-Froid (Haute-Vienne)
MNH N_C5	231	yes	some have a sticky liquid	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	France	1858	A Nans, arrondissement de Baume-les-Dames (Doubs)
JBG_E8	~432	yes	yellow like E6 but 1 yellow pale and 1 yellow humid immature very hard for pics	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i>		1897	
JBG_F3	~100 DNC	yes	Multi-coloured very odd. Mix poppies?	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i>	Tunis	1944	spontaneous in a garden
JBG_F7	~108	yes		<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i>	France	1858	Nans, Baume-les-Dames (Doubs), dans les vignes, abondant et subspontané
JBG_E6	~195	yes	cell very faintly, some kind of liquid some are glue together hard for pics. They do not look very mature	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i> var. <i>album</i>		1897	Cultivated in his garden
JBG_E7	~97	yes	yellow like E6	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i> var. <i>album</i>			
JBG_F5	>300	yes	Pinkish violet; some are not good for GMM	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i> (var. <i>nigrum</i> subvar. Hortense)	France	1976	Fabrègues (dep. Hérault), petit massif de la Gardiole, Alt: ca. 200m, subspontané au bord des chemins forestiers
JBG_F8	~200 DNC	yes	Good like F7	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i> (hortense)	France	1858	Nans, Baume-les-Dames (Doubs), dans les vignes, abondant et subspontané
JBG_F2	~300	yes	but not all are suitable for GMM	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>somniferum</i> subsp. <i>songaricum</i>	Portugal	1986	Sintra. Praia da Adraga, Alt.: 10 m
MNH N_D9	~207	yes	mature yellow and pinkish, but the cells are too fainting bad for pics	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>opiiferum</i>			
MNH N_E1	62	yes	14 immature, mature but tiny yellow	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L. <i>opiiferum</i>	Portugal	1879	Sables - Presqu'île de Troia

Notes of the poppy-growing balcony experiment

In the first year, seeds were sown on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 after the last frost (Figure G1A, G1B and G1C). The seeds started to sprout at different paces starting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Figure G1D). In order to have better success in growing poppy, several poppies were sown in one pot, and when they were growing slowly, some plants were removed to let the others grow (Figure G1E). The first plant to flower was the variety of Rehetobel, at June 11<sup>th</sup>. The biggest flower appeared on June 25<sup>th</sup> from the poppy Dornach himberrot variety. The petals fall very quickly, sometimes in a matter of one day. The flowering also happens at a different pace for each variety (Figure G1F). On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, Dornach violet died probably because of spider mites. Later, slowly the other plants died from the exact cause (Figure G1G). The treatment of soap and water was not enough and needed to be performed several times.

When the capsules were dried, they were cut and sampled separately to compare seed size from different capsules from the same plant (Figure G1H, G1I and G1J). All samples were kept in a paper bag and then kept inside of a freezer for two weeks. Some of the capsules were examined, and seeds were counted. Around 40 capsules were collected, and only nine were analysed. The results of these nine capsules were that the seeds were immature and had some sort of viscous liquid, some capsules had no seed, and only two capsules had some seeds that could be used for GMM.



Figure G1 – Photographs of the experience of growing six varieties of opium poppy in the balcony of IPNA.  
Photos by: Raül Soteras

Second-year, poppy seeds were sown on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. This time, the seeds were selected under the microscope, and only 20 seeds per specimen were used. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, all specimens had sprouted, except the variety of Plan-les-Quates. The temperatures were very low at the end of April and during May. The plants continue to grow slowly. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, the plants had black aphids, which were removed manually with cloth and water. On the 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> of June, it was a hot week, some plants flowered. Then the plants had spider mites, like the previous year. The plants were again cleaned with water and soap. They dried out in July 2019, and only six capsules were collected.