The Aurignacian in North-West Europe

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Résumé

North-West Europe yielded a rich Aurignacian record, especially in the caves of the Meuse River basin. These Aurignacian assemblages have been mostly excavated during the pioneer phase of prehistoric archaeology and seem difficult to integrate to the broader picture of the Western Europe Aurignacian because of the weaknesses of the contextual data. However, recent studies and new excavations yielded new data that permit to propose some sketchy conclusions about the chrono-cultural sequence of the Aurignacian in North-West Europe and to question the similarities and differences observed with the richer and better-established Aurignacian record of South-West Europe.

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