

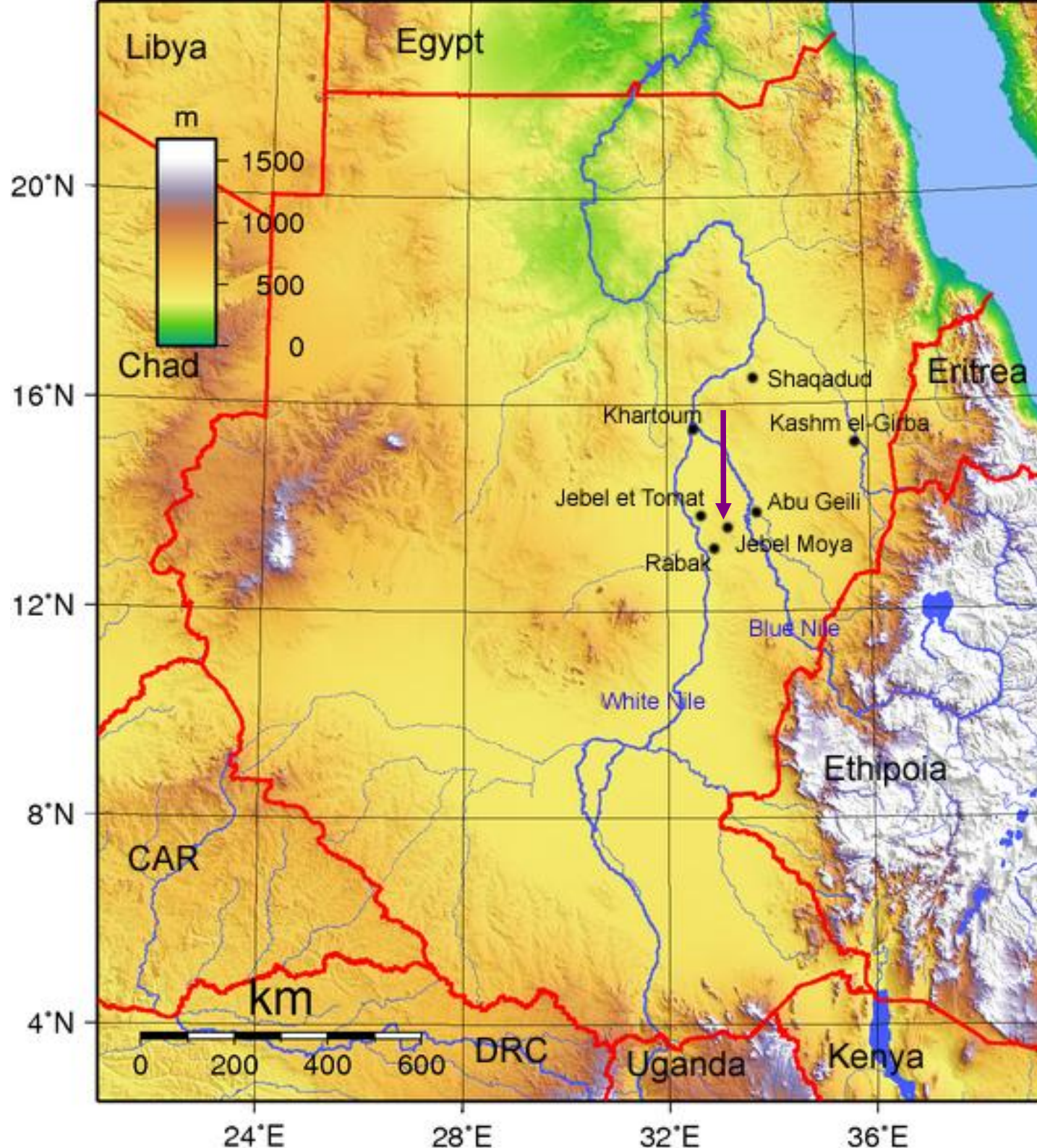
Jebel Moya

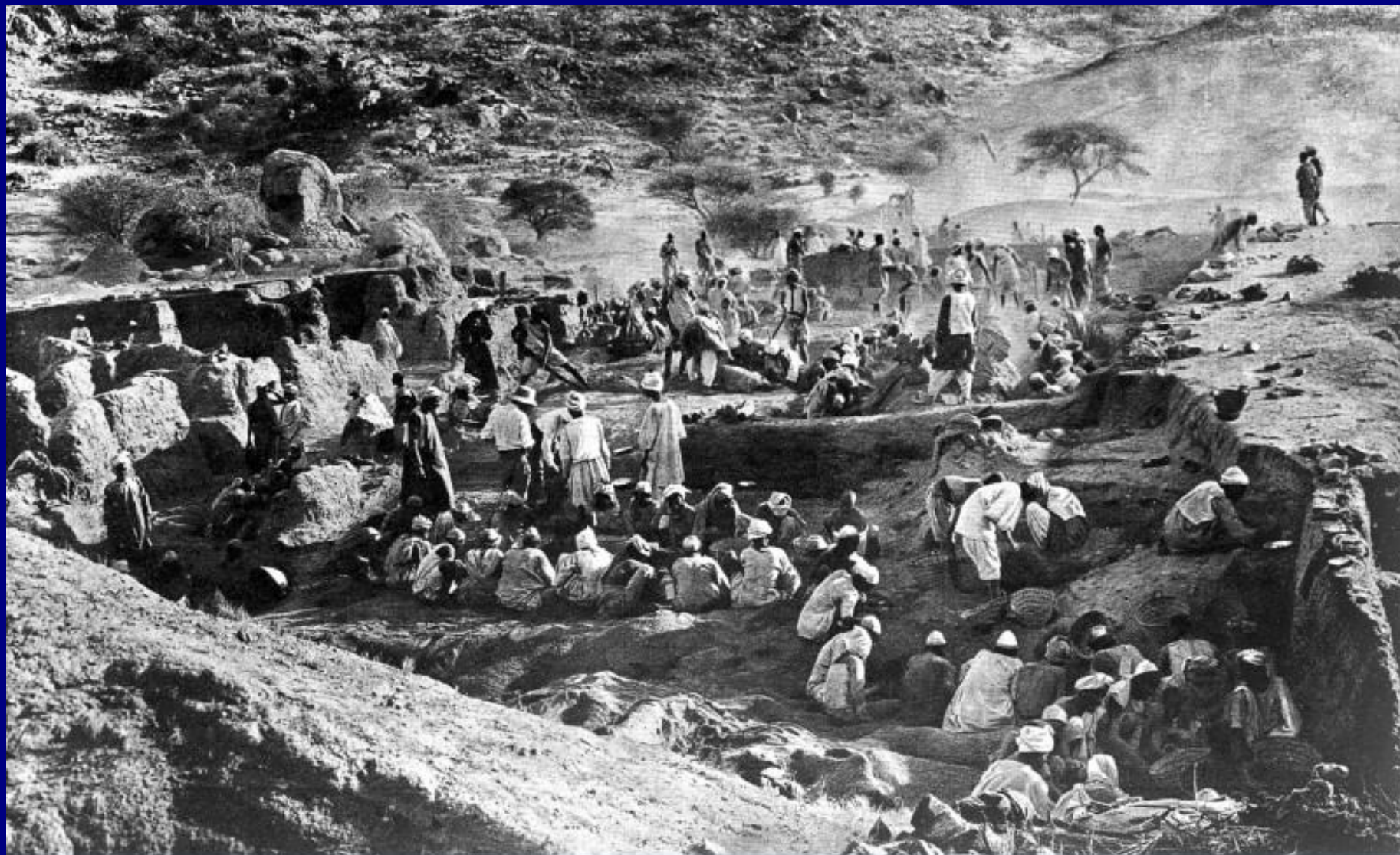
**Initial re-investigation into the archaeology
of south-central Sudan**

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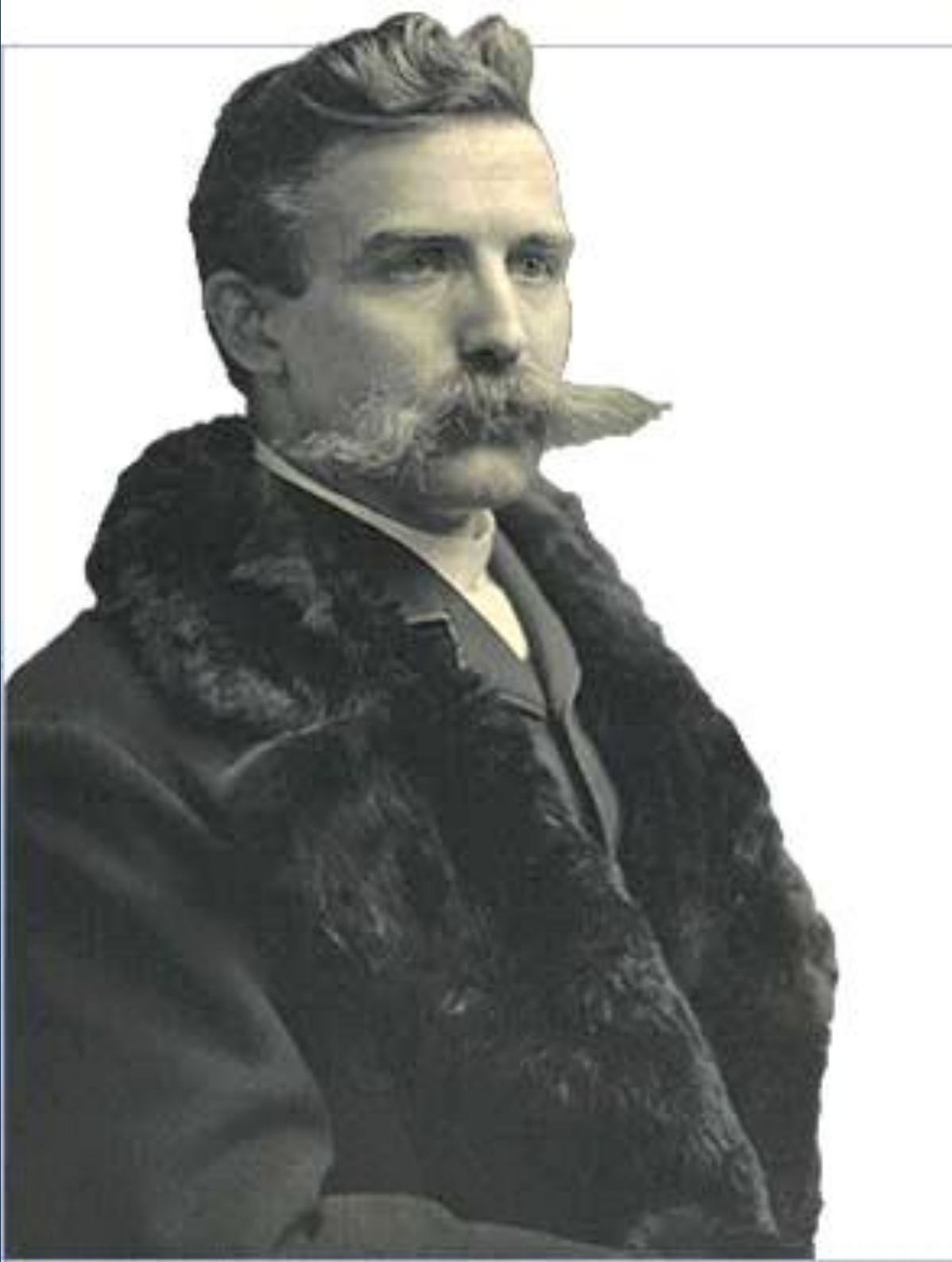






Wellcome Images

Excavation in progress, 4th season (1913-14)



Sir Henry Wellcome initiated the excavations which lasted from 1911 until the onset of World War 1 and which yielded 2792 graves at one of the largest cemeteries in North-East Africa.

Frank Addison wrote 1st site report

First date: 1000 – 400 BC

Re-dating: 500 BC – 400 AD

Mukherjee, Rao & Trevor wrote the physical anthropological report

Previous investigations

Gerharz hypothesised 3 phases

- Phase 1
 - 5th millennium BC

Dotted wavy-line pottery
(Caneva 1991)



Previous investigations

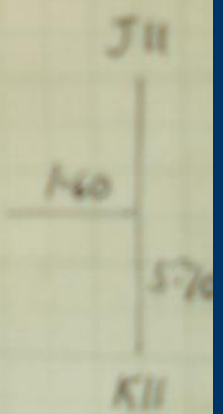
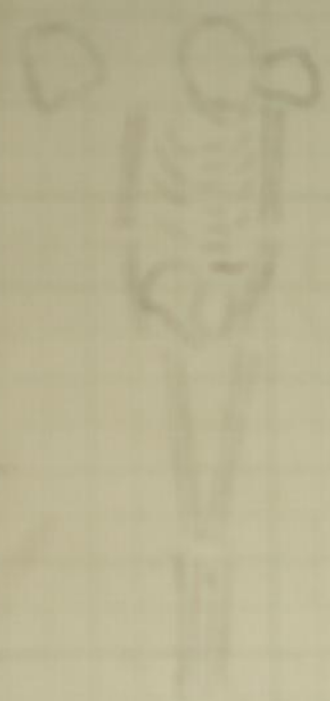
Gerharz hypothesised 3 phases

- Phase 2
 - ca 5000 – 3000 BC
 - Classical Jebel Moya Complex
- Phase 3
 - 800 – 100 BC
 - First appearance of imported Napatan and Meriotic items



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Lipid

100
1445



∴ 20 B - 90 G.

100
1426

4.11

(376)

Mundicumbred, but very
fragmentsary Bonial
in B. Potuba, middle,
Adult partly out
side of surface.

R hand at side
L " " R wrist.

① On L wrist were
two from bracelets
Section O Diam about
c.c. 4.102. 6 cm

② On R wrist was an
loony bracelet. too fragmentsary
to identify. c.c. 4.108

Some preliminary statistics

	Addison	Latest
Graves recorded	2883	2883
Graves excavated	2792	2791
Recorded human burials	3137	3160

Some preliminary statistics

Prone 217

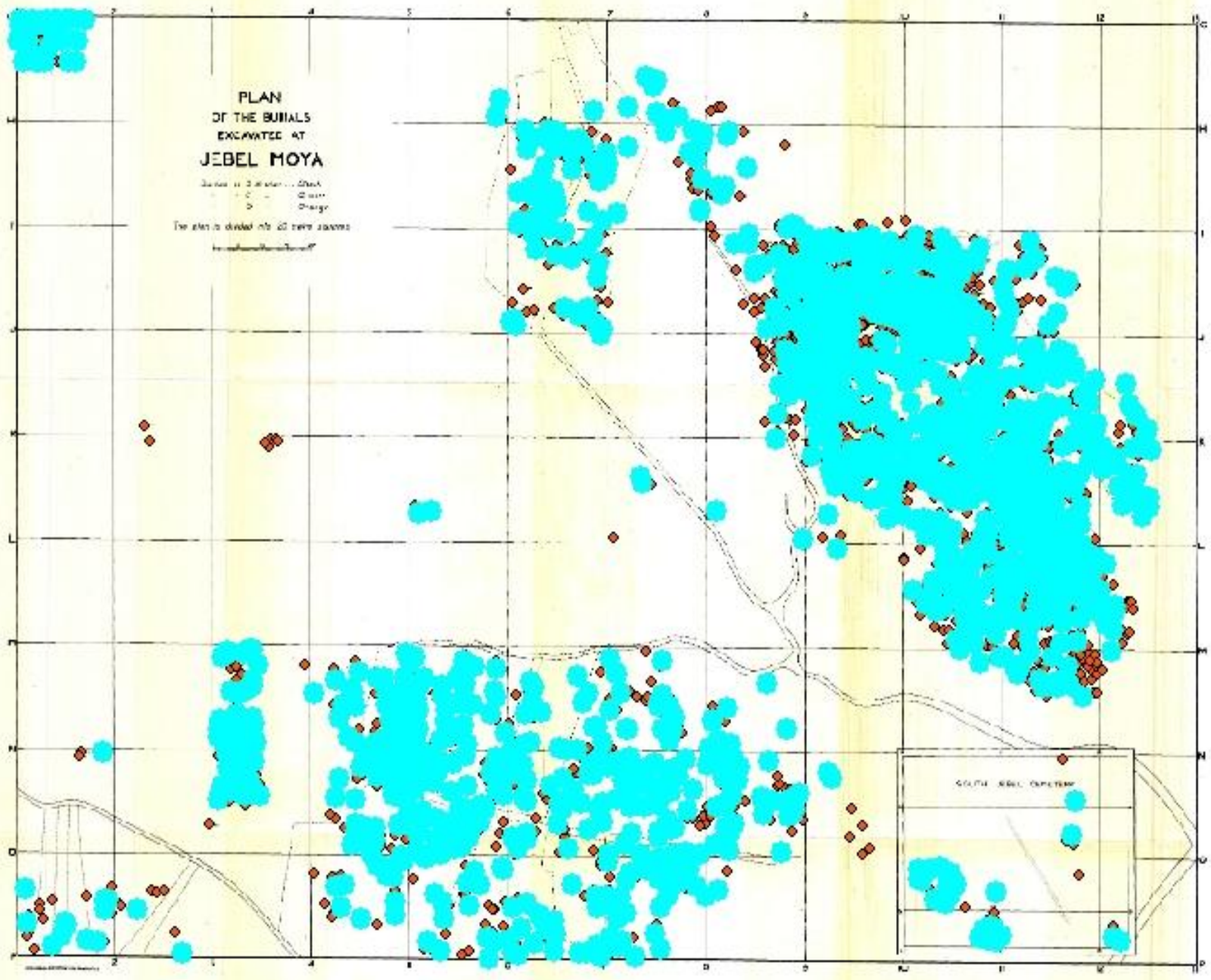
Supine 1697

On left side 346

On right side 420

Crouched 36





PLAN
OF THE BURIALS
EXCAVATED AT
JEBEL MOYA

Burial in 2 or 3 chambers (Cyan Circle)
Burial in 1 chamber (Brown Diamond)

The plan is divided into 20 10m squares

ROUTE 4800. Direction

Some preliminary statistics

North	222
North-west	733
North-east	308
East	226
West	499
South	104
South-east	294
South-west	442

Location: _____

Amber





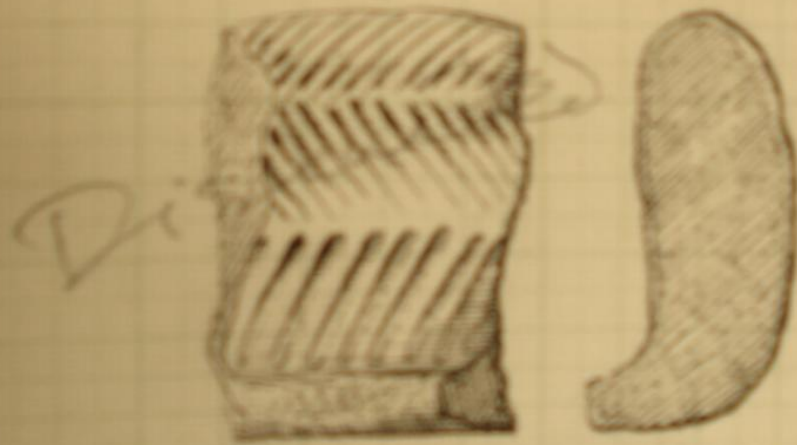
Dating the remains

- AMS attempts with patellas and teeth
- Luminescence forthcoming on pottery from the British Museum
- Possible first pre-1st millennium BC burial identified: Grave 1290 in Square 0.4, P.5



100
1290

Under left hand (or
fraps merely from
the arctine) was a
piece of a decorated
pot rim.



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Thoughts

- Early on, place of collective memory
 - Selective shared decorative traits (pottery)
 - Change in burial rites in 1st millennium: move towards the individual
 - Reference point in the landscape for thousands of years
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