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Australia	Lake Mungo	*Bowler* et al. *2003*
Austria	Krems Wachtberg	*Einwögerer* et al. *2006; 2009; Wild* et al. *2008; Simon* et al. *2014; Händel* et al. *2009*
Belgium	Spy	*Bordes 1959; Semal* et al. *2009*
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	Grotte De Petit-Ri	*Toussaint 2010; 2011; Twiesselmann, Orban 1994*
	Grotte Lombeau	*Toussaint 1999; 2010; 2011*
	Grotte Margaux	*Cauwe, Toussaint 1993; Toussaint 1998; 2010*
Bulgaria	Karanovo	*Bačvarov 2002; Danver 2015*
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	Yabalkovo	*Alpaslan Roodenberg* et al. *2013; Leshtakov* et al. *2007; Popova 2016*
	Durankulak	*Bačvarov 2002; Näslund 2009; Todorova 2002*
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Crete	Knossos	*Cline 2010; Douka* et al. *2017; Düring 2010*
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	Kalavasos-Tenta	*Keach 2018; Schmid 1998; Todd 1978*
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	Ais Giorkis	*Keach 2018; Simmons 2012*
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	Cape Andreas-Kastros	*Keach 2018; Manning 2013*
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	Brno	*Oliva 2000; Pettitt 2010*
Egypt	Nazlet Khater	*Bouchneb, Crevecoeur 2009; Vermeersch 2002; Vermeersch* et al. *1984; Pettitt 2010*
	Ujrat El-Mehed	*Dayan* et al. *1986; Hershkovitz* et al. *1994*
France	Roc De Marsal	*Gargett 1999; Goldberg* et al. *2017; Sandgathe* et al. *2011; Turq* et al. *2008*
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	Regourdou	*Bonifay 2008; Madelaine* et al. *2009; Pettitt 2010; Plavcan* et al. *2014; Vandermeersch, Trinkaus 1995*
	Ferrassie	*Gargett 1999; Guérin* et al. *2015; Talamo* et al. *2020; Turq* et al. *2008*
	Chapelle-Aux-Saints	*Bouyssonie* et al. *1908; Binant 1991; Guérin* et al. *2015; Trinkaus 2011*
	Cro-Magnon	*Henry-Gambier 2002; Knüsel* et al. *2023; Partiot* et al. *2020; Thibeault, Villotte 2018*
	Cussac	*Guyomarc'h* et al. *2017; Peignaux* et al. *2019; Aujoulat* et al. *2001*
	Madeleine	*Meiklejohn* et al. *2010; Taylor 2012; Treuillot 2012*
	Placard	*Binant 1991; Delage 2018; Gravel-Miguel 2018*
	Saint-Germain La-Riviere	*d'Errico, Vanhaeren 2015; Drucker, Henry-Gambier 2005*
	Aven Des Iboussieres	*Chaix 2005; Grünberg 2015; Orschiedt 2018*
	Laugerie-Basse	*Binford 1968; Crémades, Laville 1995; Insoll 2017*
	Isturitz	*Pétillon 2008; Pétillon* et al. *2017*
	Mas D'azil	*Jarry* et al. *2021; Kegler 2011; Schulting 2015; Tolksdorf* et al. *2018*
	Les Hoteaux	*Faure 2005; Henry-Gambier* et al. *2020*
	Rochereil	*Paillet, Man-Estier 2014; Vallois 1971*
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	Avgi	*Stratouli* et al. *2020*
	Lerna	*Angel 1971; Bačvarov 2007; Caskey 1957; Georgiadis 2011*
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Iran	Sheikh-E Abad	*Anderson* et al. *2014; Matthews* et al. *2008*
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	Chia Sabz East	*Darabi* et al. *2011*
	Ganj Dareh	*Briar 2020; Meiklejohn* et al. *2017*
	Tepe Abdul Hosein	*Chehri, Sedighi 2023; Lorentz 2017; Nishiaki 2022*
	Choga Sefid	*Briar 2020; Daems, Croucher 2007; Hole 1976*
	Ali Kosh	*Briar 2020; Darabi* et al. *2018; Sołtysiak, Darabi 2017*
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	Qermez Dere	*Briar 2020; Watkins* et al. *1989*
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	Arpachiyah	*Hijara 1978; 1980*
	Tell Hassuna	*Lloyd* et al. *1945*
	Tell Sotto	*Bačvarov 2007*
Israel	Tabun	*Albert* et al. *1999; Jelinek 1982*
	Skhul	*Pettitt 2010; Garrod, Bate 1937; Belfer-Cohen, Hovers 1992; Zilhão, Trinkaus 2002; Chase, Dibble 1987; Bar-Yosef Mayer* et al. *2009*
	Qafzeh	*Neuville 1951; Arensburg, Tillier 1983; Hovers* et al. *1997; Belfer-Cohen, Hovers 1992; Zilhão, Trinkaus 2002; Bar-Yosef Mayer* et al. *2009; Pettitt 2010*
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	Kebara	*Briar 2020; Gargett 1999; Goldberg, Bar-Yosef 1998; Speth, Tchernov 2002; Tillier* et al. *2003*
	Ohalo Ii	*Nadel 2003; Hershkovitz* et al. *1995a*
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	Netiv Hagdud	*Bar-Yosef, Belfer-Cohen 1991; Bar-Yosef* et al. *1991*
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	Nahal Yarmuth 38	*Gopher* et al. *2019*
	Yiftahel	*Khalaily* et al. *2008; Milevski* et al. *2008*
	Nahal Hemar	*Arensburg, Hershkovitz 1988; Bar-Yosef, Alon 1988; Borrell* et al. *2020; Goren* et al. *1993*
	Tell Roim West	*Eshed, Nadel 2015*
	Beisamoun	*Bocquentin* et al. *2014; Lechevallier 1978*
	Atlit-Yam	*Galili* et al. *2005; Yerkes* et al. *2014*
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	Sha'ar Hagolan	*Garfinkel 2019; Garfinkel* et al. *2012*
	Nahal Betzet I	*Gopher 1989; Gopher* et al. *1992*
Italy	Ostuni	*Nava* et al. *2017; Pettitt 2010; Coppola, Vacca 1995; Vacca, Coppola 1993*
	Paglicci	*Giacobini 2007; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Baousso Da Torre	*Pettitt 2010; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013; Villotte, Henry-Gambier 2010*
	Barma Grande	*Formicola* et al. *2004; Pettitt 2010; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Arene Candide	*Cardini 1980; Formicola* et al. *2005; Giacobini 2007; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Grotte Des Enfants	*Orschiedt 2018; Pettitt 2010; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Veneri Parabita	*Giacobini 2007; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Grotta Polesini	*Mussi 2001*
	Grotta Vado All'arancio	*Giacobini 2007; Orschiedt 2018; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Romito	*Giacobini 2007; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
	Riparo Di Tagliente	*Giacobini 2007; Mussi 2001; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013*
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	Grotta Romanelli	*Giacobini 2007; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013; Sardella* et al. *2018*
Jordan	Ain Qasiyya	*Richter* et al. *2009; 2010*
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	Kharaysin	*Ibáñez* et al. *2020; Santana* et al. *2020*
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	Wadi Shueib	*Simmons* et al. *2001*
	Khirbet Hammam	*Peterson 2009*
	Basta	*Becker 1991; Nissen* et al. *1991*
	Ba'ja	*Gebel 2002; 2009; Gebel* et al. *2019*
Latvia	Zvejnieki	*Larsson* et al. *2017*
Lebanon	Ksar Akil	*Bergman 1988; Bergman, Stringer 1989; Douka* et al. *2013*
	Moghr El-Ahwal	*Garrard, Yazbeck 2013*
Morocco	Taforalt	*Barton* et al. *2013; Mariotti* et al. *2016*
North Macedonia	Anzabegovo	*Bačvarov 2007; Budja 2009; Gimbutas 1976*
Poland	Wilczyce	*Irish* et al. *2008*
Portugal	Lagar Velho	*Duarte* et al. *1999; Riel-Salvatore, Gravel-Miguel 2013; Pettitt 2010*
Romania	Pestera Cu Oase	*Trinkaus, Zilhão 2013; Trinkaus* et al. *2003*
Russia	Kostenki	*Aurenche* et al. *2013; Pettitt 2010; Sinitsyn, Sanz 2015*
	Sungir	*White 1993; Formicola 2007; Pettitt 2010; Bader 1998; Trinkaus* et al. *2015; Soffer 1985; 2013*
	Olenij Ostrov	*Grünberg 2015; Orschiedt 2018*

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Serbia	Padina	*Borić, Miracle 2004*
	Vlasac	*Borić* et al. *2014; Borić, Griffiths 2015*
	Lepenski Vir	*Bonsall* et al. *2008; Borić 2002; Radovanović 2000*
Spain	El Miron	*Straus* et al. *2015; Straus, Morales 2012*
	Los Azules	*Garralda 1986; Orschiedt 2018*
Syria	Dederiyeh	*Akazawa* et al. *1999; Gargett 1999; Nishiaki* et al. *2017*
	Abu Hureyra	*Molleson, Rosas 2012; Moore* et al. *2000; Ridout-Sharpe 2015*
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	Jerf El-Ahmar	*Kodaş 2013; Stordeur, Abbès 2002*
	Tell Mureybet	*Cauvin 1977; Chamel 2014; Ibáñez, Cauvin 2008*
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	Dja'de El-Mughara	*Chamel 2014; Coqueugniot 1998; 2014*
	Tell Aswad	*Stordeur* et al. *2002; Van Zeist, Bakker-Heeres 1982; Stordeur, Khawam 2007*
	Tell Qarassa North	*Ibáñez* et al. *2010; Santana* et al. *2015*
	Tell Halula	*Kuijt* et al. *2011; Molist* et al. *2009*
	Tell Ramad	*de Contenson 2000; de Contenson, Van Liere 1966*
	Bouqras	*Akkermans* et al. *1983; Merrett, Meiklejohn 2007*
	Shir	*Bartl* et al. *2012; Bartl, al-Hafian 2014*
	Tell Sabi Abyad	*Akkermans 2008; Plug* et al. *2014*
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	Hasankeyf	*Kondo* et al. *2022; Miyake* et al. *2012; Tatsumi 2020*
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	Demirköy	*Rosenberg 2011*
	Çayönü	*Özdoğan 1999; 2011; Pearson* et al. *2013*
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	Balıklı	*Goring-Morris* et al. *2024*
	Girmeler	*Takaoğlu* et al. *2014*
	Cafer Höyük	*Cauvin* et al. *1999; 2011*
	Domuztepe	*Carter* et al. *2003; Tekin 2016*
	Musular	*Düring 2010; Duru, Özbaşaran 2005; Özbaşaran* et al. *2012*
	Bahçelievler	*Fidan 2020*
	Hacılar	*Brami, Heyd 2011; Mellaart 1970*
	Çatalhöyük	*Boz, Hager 2013; Düring 2008; Haddow, Knüsel 2017; Hodder 2005; Yaka* et al. *2021*
	Bademağacı	*Düring 2010; Duru 2004; Duru, Umurtak 2008*
	Yumuktepe	*Balossi Restelli 2017; Caneva 2012*
	Tepecik/Çiftlik	*Bıçakçı* et al. *2011; Büyükkarakaya* et al. *2019*
	Ulucak	*Çevik 2019; Çevik, Erdoğu 2020*
	Uğurlu	*Erdoğu 2013; Karamurat* et al. *2021*
	Mezraa Teleılat	*Coskunsu 2007; Karul* et al. *2004*
	Barcın Höyük	*Gerritsen* et al. *2013; Gerritsen, Özbal 2019; Roodenberg* et al. *2013*
	Menteşe	*Roodenberg* et al. *2013*
	Aktopraklık	*Karul, Avci 2011*
	Yenıkapı	*Kızıltan 2014; Kızıltan, Polat 2013*
	Köşk Höyük	*Düring 2010; Özbek 2009*
	Fikirtepe	*Özdoğan 2013*
	Pendik	*Özdoğan 2013*
	Ege Gübre	*Sağlamtimur 2012; Sağlamtimur, Ozan 2012*

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Türkiye	Kuruçay	*Düring 2010; Özdoğan 2015*
	Hakemı Use	*Erdal 2013; Tekin 2008*
	Ilıpınar	*Roodenberg* et al. *2013*
Ukraine	Zaskalnaya	*Chabai, Uthmeier 2017; Majkić* et al. *2017*
	Kiik-Koba	*Bonch-Osmolovsky 1926; Demidenko, Smith 2014*
	Vasilevska Iii	*Lillie* et al. *2003; Orschiedt 2018*
United Kingdom	Paviland	*Jacobi, Higham 2008; Aldhouse-Green, Pettitt 1998; Pettitt 2010*
	Gough's Cave	*Bello* et al. *2015; Orschiedt 2012; Stringer 1985*
	Aveline's Hole	*Orschiedt 2018*
	Worm's Head	*Orschiedt 2018; Schulting 2009*
	Greylake	*Brunning, Firth 2013*

Main categories and features analyzed in the article

Site Type	**CaveRockShltr**	Cave/Rock Shelter
	OpenairSite	Open-Air Site
	Huts	Huts
	StnMudArchi	Stone and/or Mudbrick Architecture
Disposal Type	**Cmtry**	Cemetery
	SngBu	Single Burial
	MltBu	Multiple Burial
	Intramural	Intramural Burial
	BunPt	Burial in a Pit
	Crmtn	Cremation
	JarBu	Burial in a Jar
Human Remains	**HmnSkltlPc**	Human Skeletal Pieces
	SktwoutSkll	Human Skeleton Without Skull
	HmnSkullBur	Human Skull Burial
Modifications of the Human Skull	**SkllPlstr**	Skull Plastering
	SkllColor	Skull Coloring
	CrnModif	Artificial Cranial Modification
	SkllPerf	Skull Perforation
	SkllDecor	Skull Decoration
Animal Remains	**AniRmn**	Animal Remains
	AniSkll	Animal Skulls and Horns
Items Related to Burial Context	**UsingOchre**	The use of ochre for body painting, painted graves, and/or ochre bulk
	Clay	Clay bulk
	StonesSVssls	The use of ground stones, large stones, mortars, large stones placed on specific parts of the skeleton, and fragments of stone vessels
	ClayVess	The use of anthropomorphic vessels and clay vessel fragments
	GroovedStn	Grooved Stones
	Mask	Masks
	Pillar	Standing stones and Pillars
Burial Marker	**BurialMarker**	Markers like stones, mammoth bones, pits, standing stones, pottery sherds, or animal skulls/antlers
	ArchiPaintnSite	Architectural paintings and communal spaces at the site
Figurines	**FigurnBurial**	Figurine within burial setting
	FiguratSite	Figurine elsewhere at the site

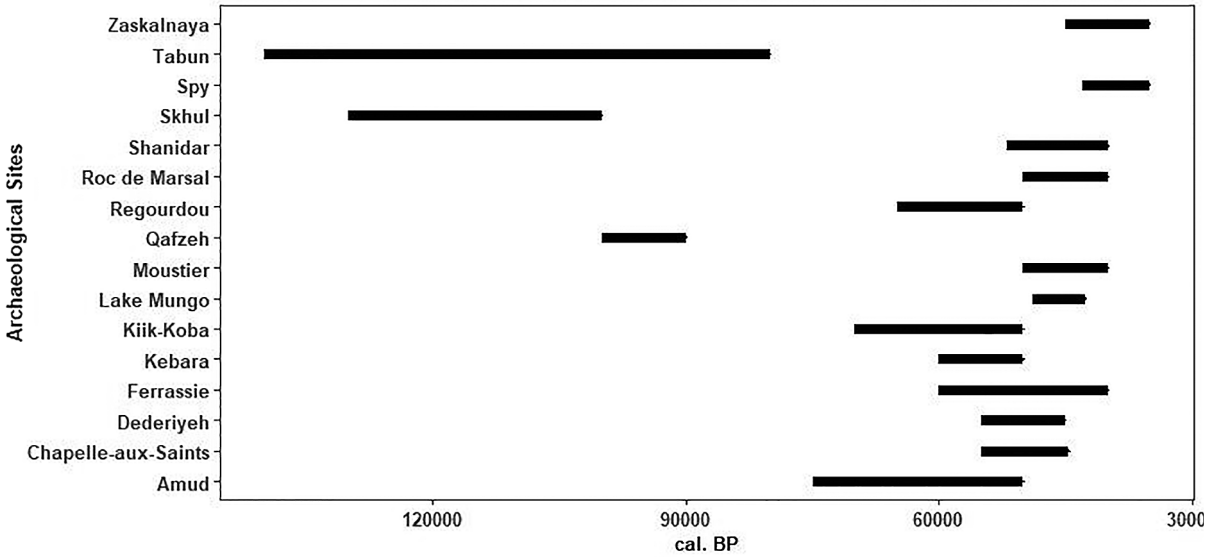


Fig. 7. Comparative chronology of Period 1

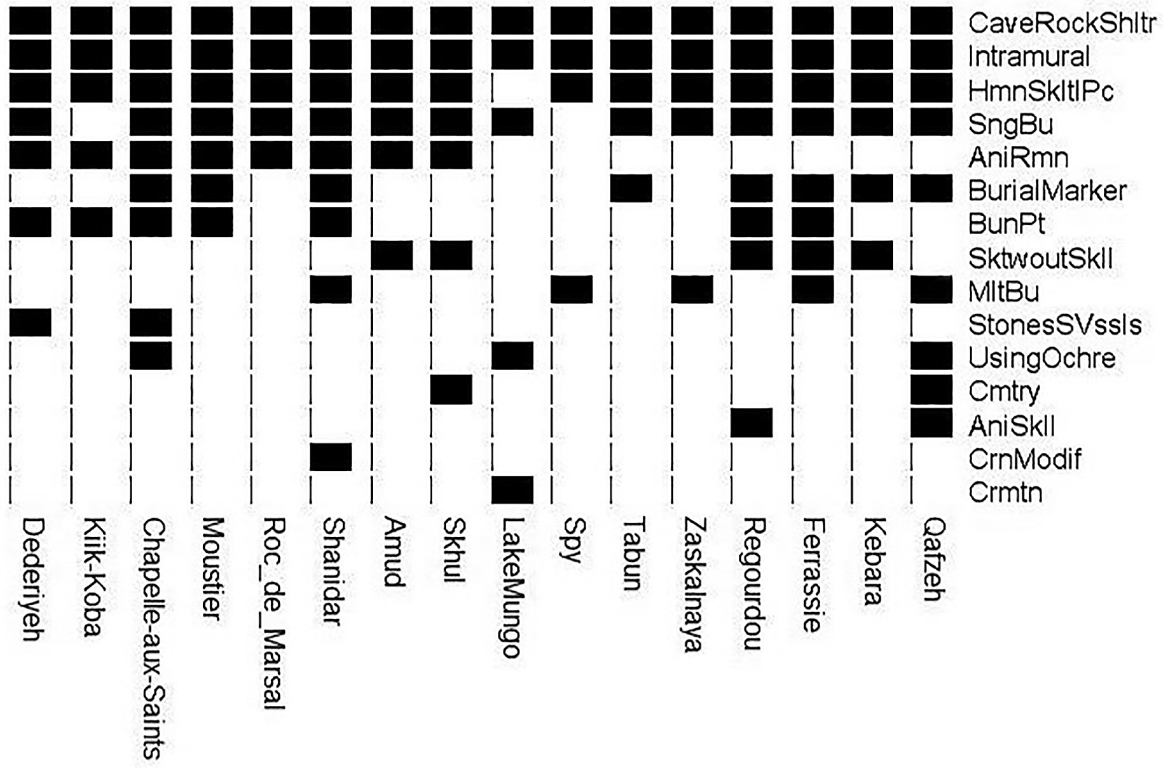


Fig. 8. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 1.

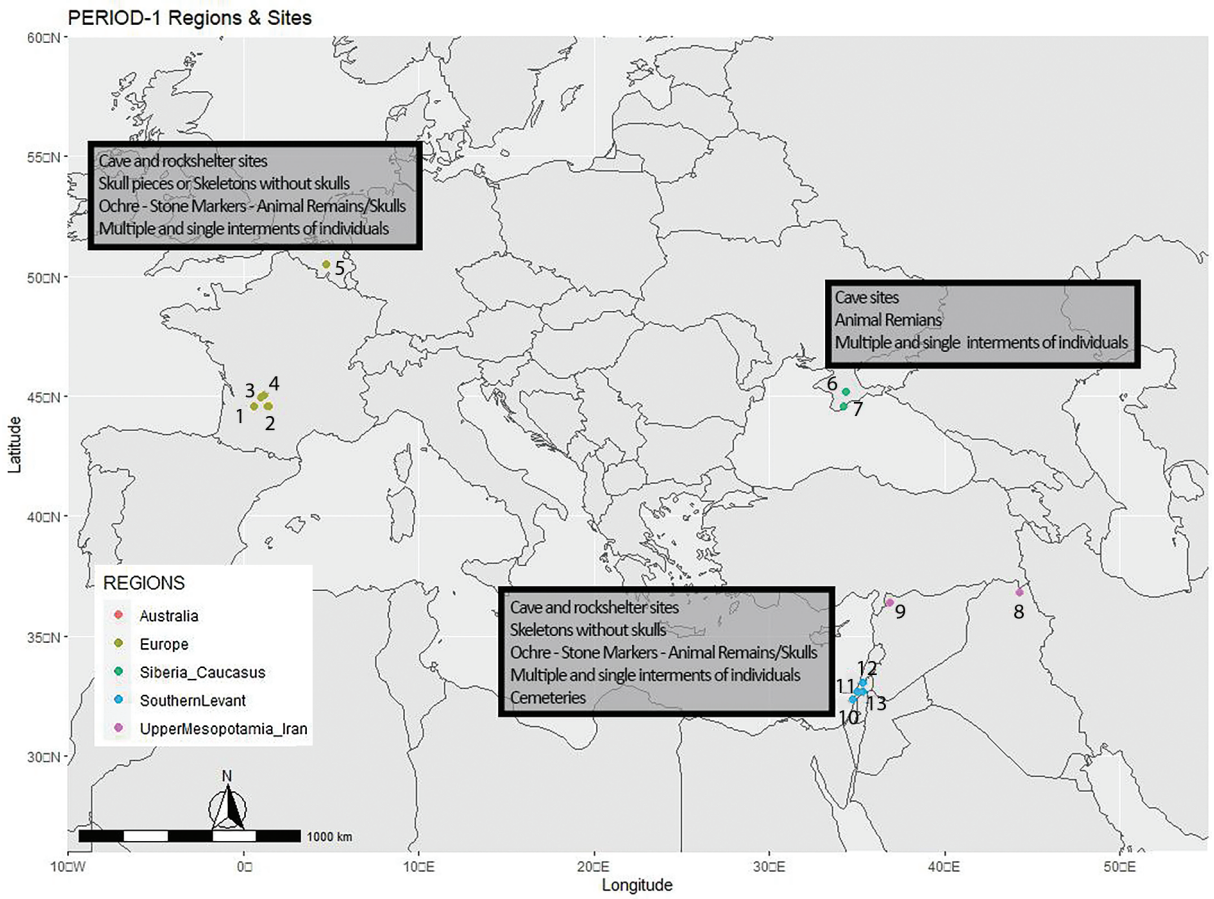


Fig. 10. Map of Period 1 sites mentioned in the article (this map represents an interpretation of MDS and network analysis given in Figures 11 and 12), given in Figure 11 (1 Ferrassie, 2 Roc de Marsal, 3 Regourdou, 4 Moustier, Chapelle-aux-Saint, 5 Spy, 6 Zaskalnaya, 7 Kiik-Koba, 8 Shanidar, 9 Dederiyeh, 10 Kebara, 11 Skhul, 12 Amud, 13 Qafzeh, Tabun).

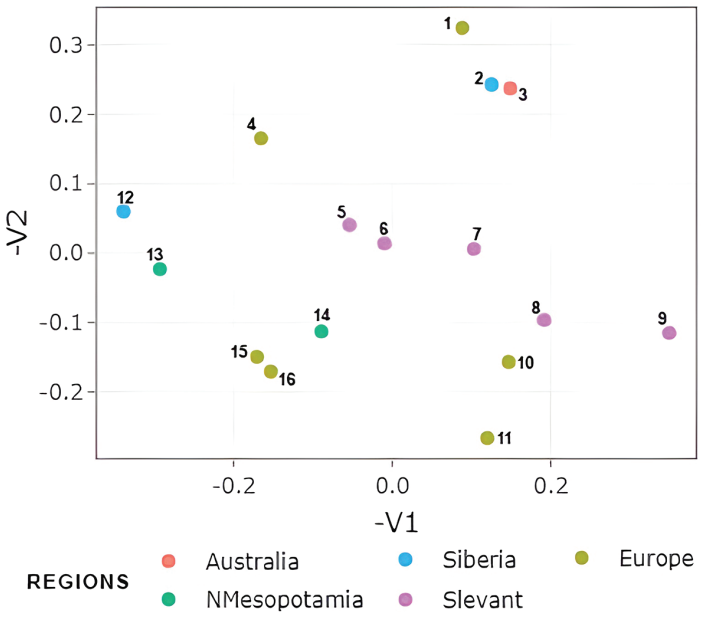


Fig. 11. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period 1 (1 Spy, 2 Zaskalnaya, 3 Lake Mungo, 4 Roc de Marsal, 5 Amud, 6 Skhul, 7 Tabun, 8 Kebara, 9 Qafzeh, 10 Ferrassie, 11 Regourdou, 12 Kiik-Koba, 13 Dederiyeh, 14 Shanidar, 15 Moustier, 16 Chapelle-aux-Saint).

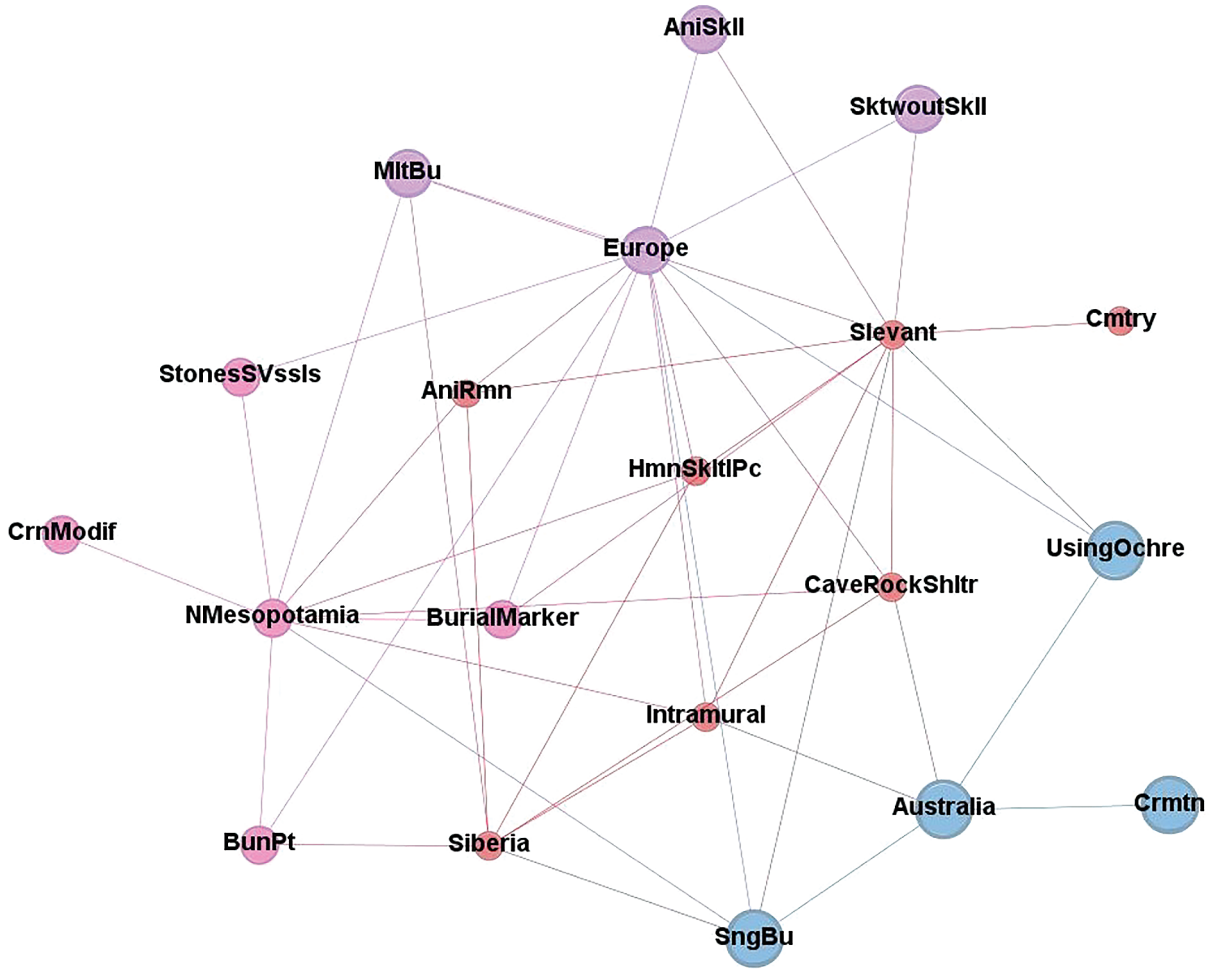
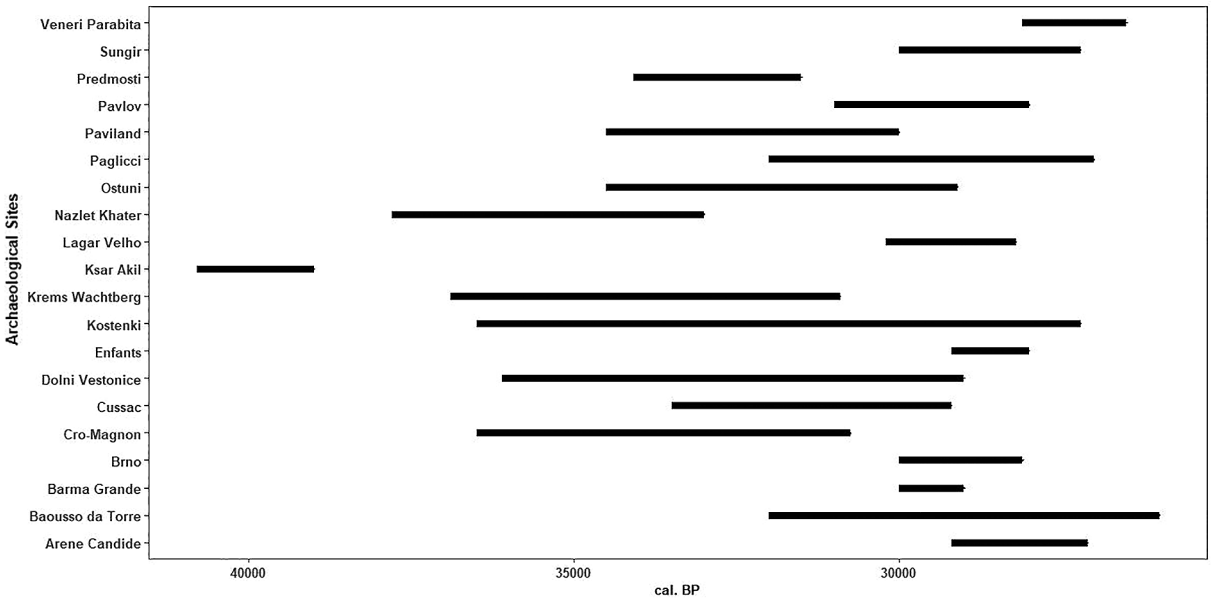


Fig. 12. Two-mode network of Period-1 demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.



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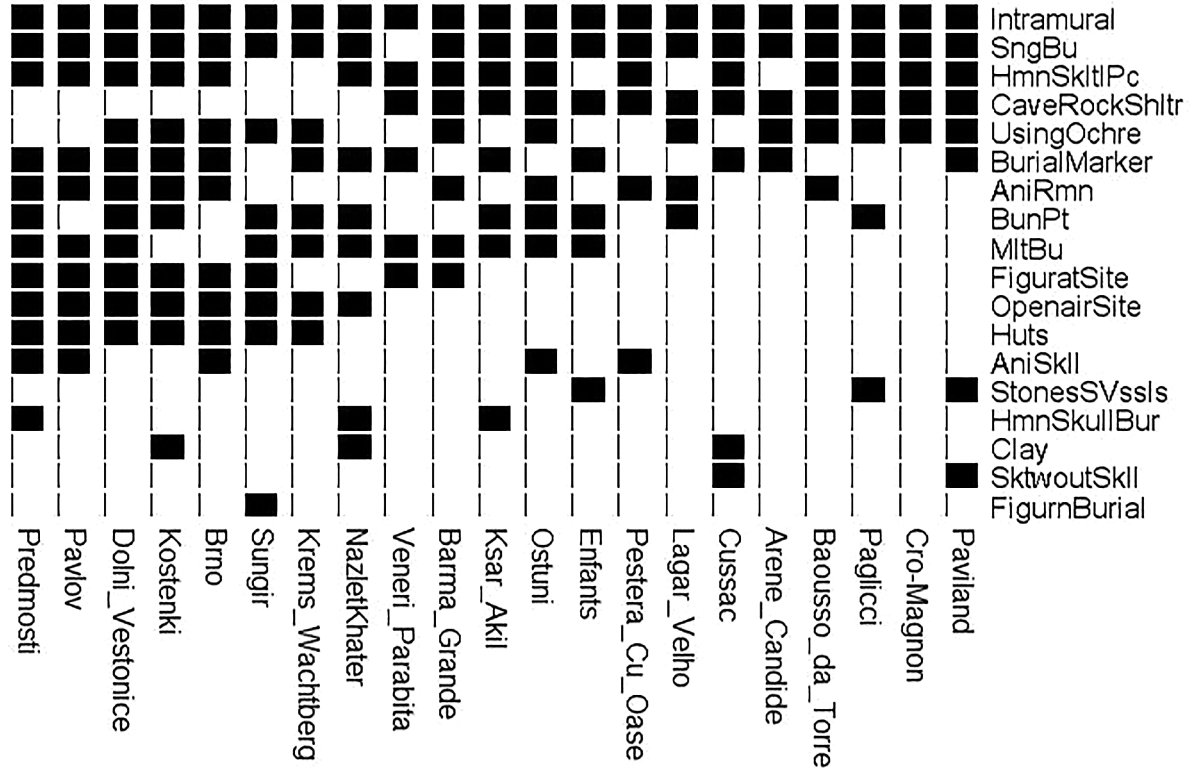


Fig. 14. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 2.

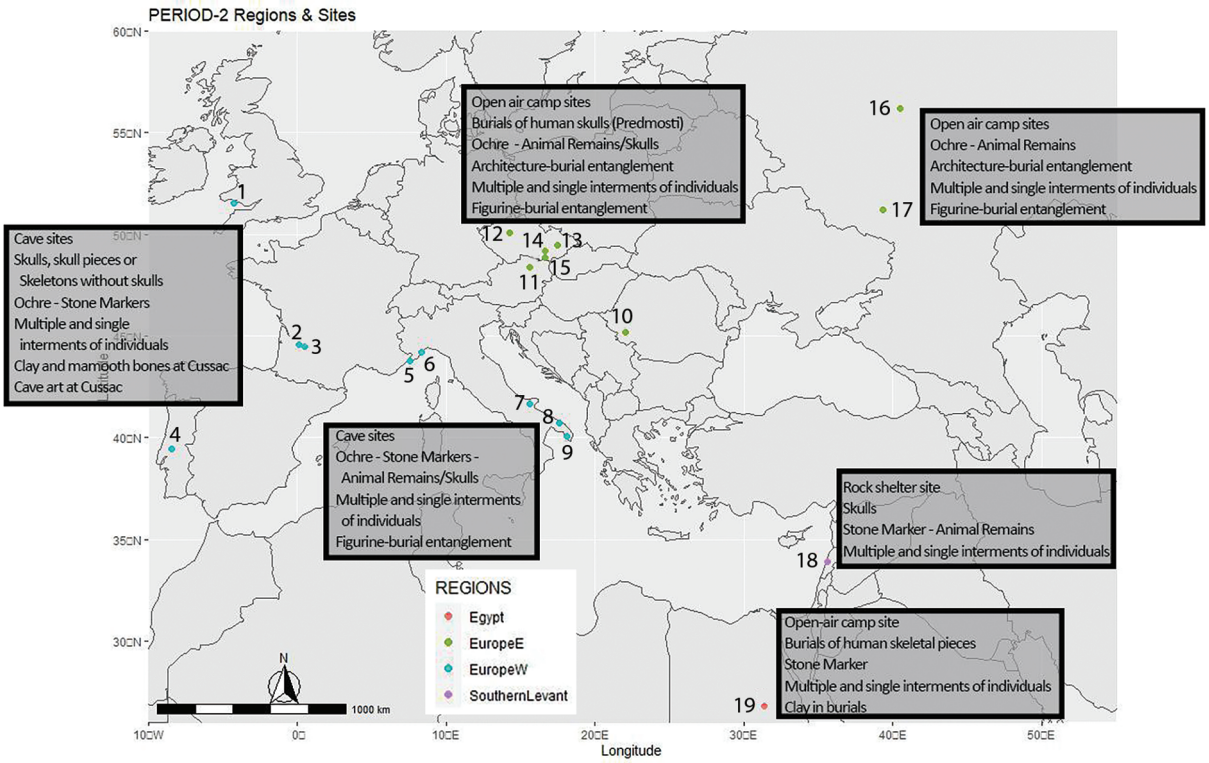


Fig. 18. Map of Period 2 sites (this map represents an interpretation of MDS and network analysis given in Figures 19 and 20) (western Europe: 1 *Paviland,* 2 *Cro-Magnon,* 3 *Cussac,* 4 *Lagar Velho,* 5 *Barma Grande, Enfants, Baousso da Torre,* 6 *Arene Candide,* 7 *Paglicci,* 8 *Ostuni,* 9 *Veneri Parabita,* 10 *Pestera Cu Oase; eastern Europe:* 11 *Krems Wachtberg,* 12 *Pavlov,* 13 *Predmosti,* 14 *Brno,* 15 *Dolni Vestonice,* 16 *Sungir,* 17 *Kostenki; southern Levant:* 18 *Ksar Akil; Egypt:* 19 *Nazlet Khater).*

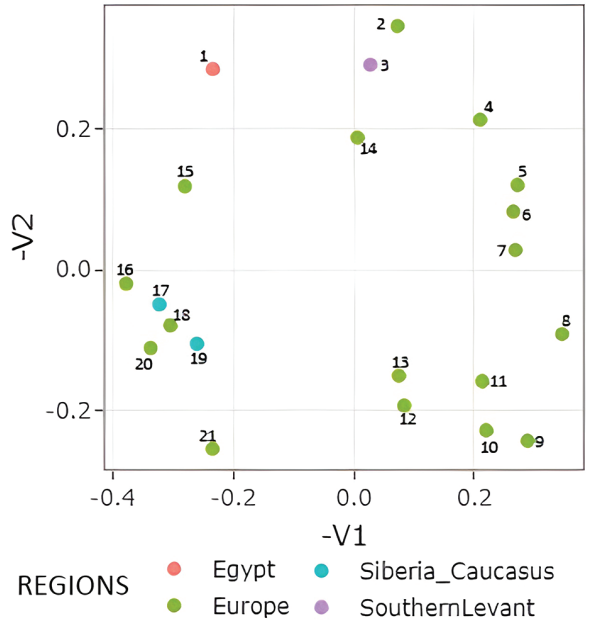


Fig. 19. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period 2 (1 Nazlet Khater, 2 Enfants, 3 Ksar Akil, 4 Cussac, 5 Paviland, 6 Arene Candide, 7 Paglicci, 8 Cro-Magnon, 9 Baousso da Torre, 10 Pestera Cu Oase, 11 Lagar Velho, 12 Barma Grande, 13 Ostuni, 14 Veneri Parabita, 15 Krems Wachtberg, 16 Prědmosti, 17 Sungir, 18 Dolni Vestonice, 19 Kostenki, 20 Pavlov, 21 Brno).

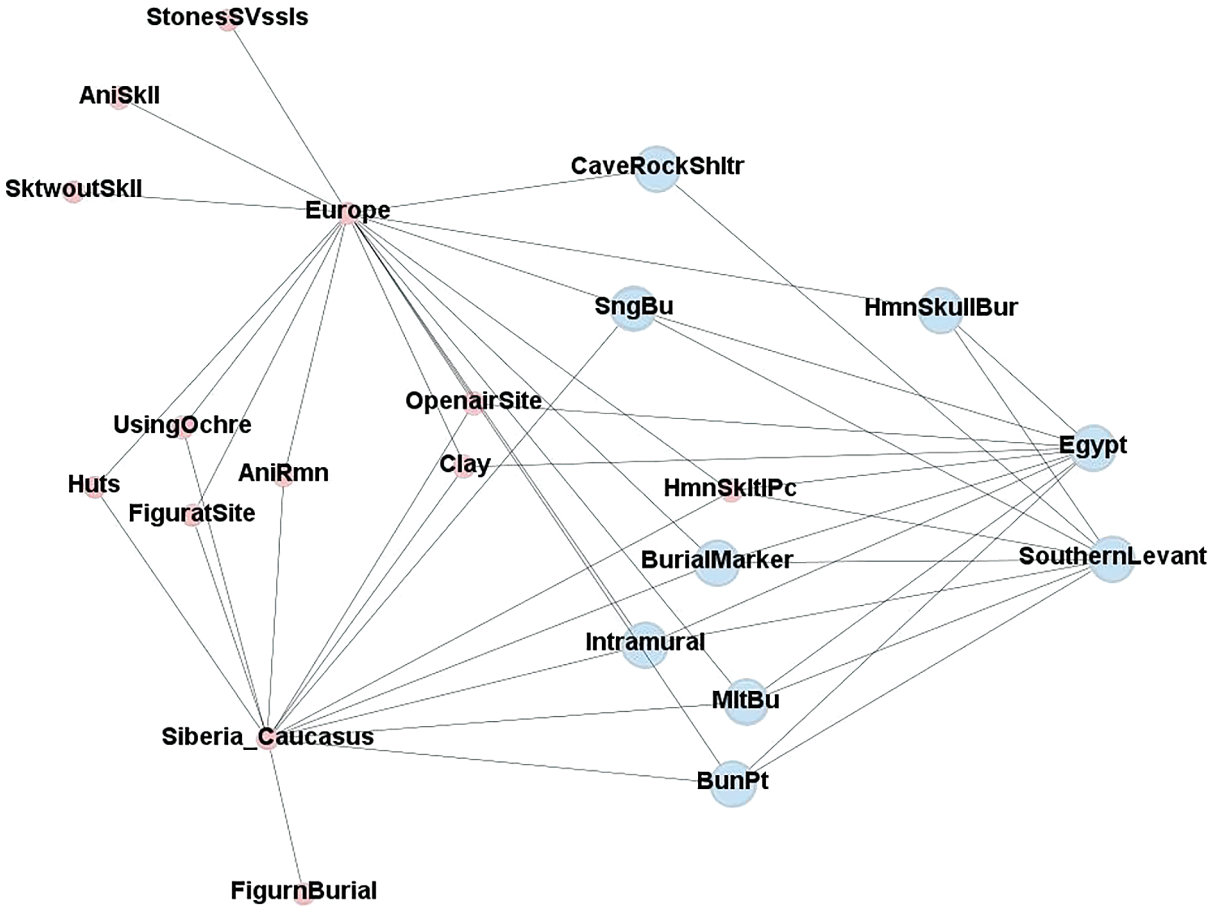
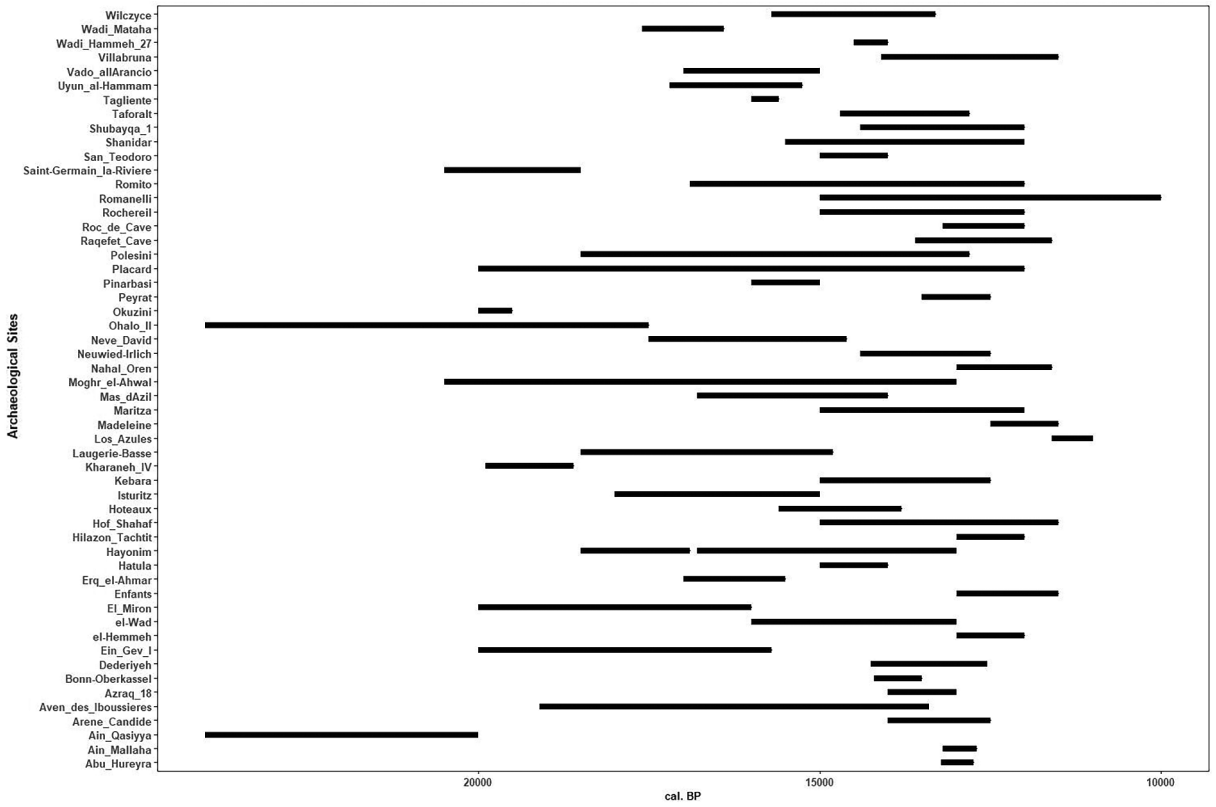


Fig. 20. Two-mode network of Period 2 demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.



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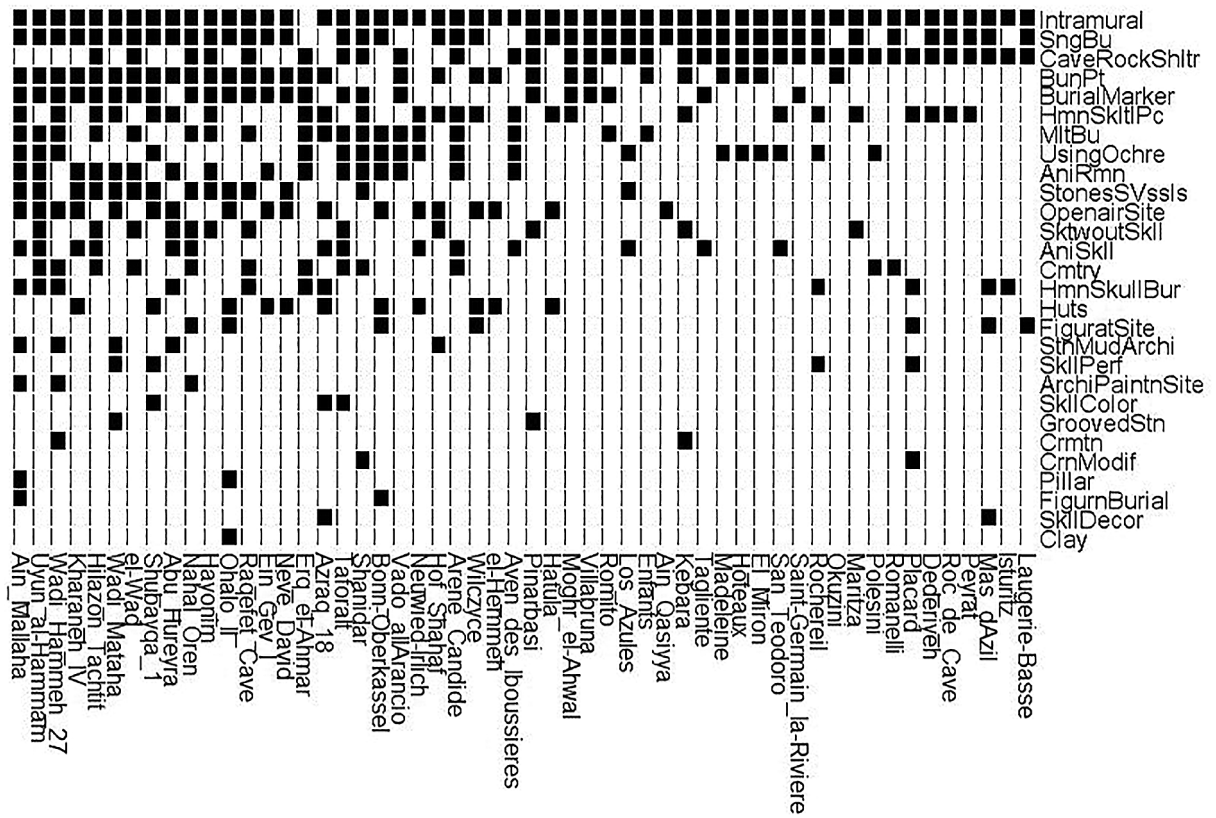


Fig. 22. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 3.

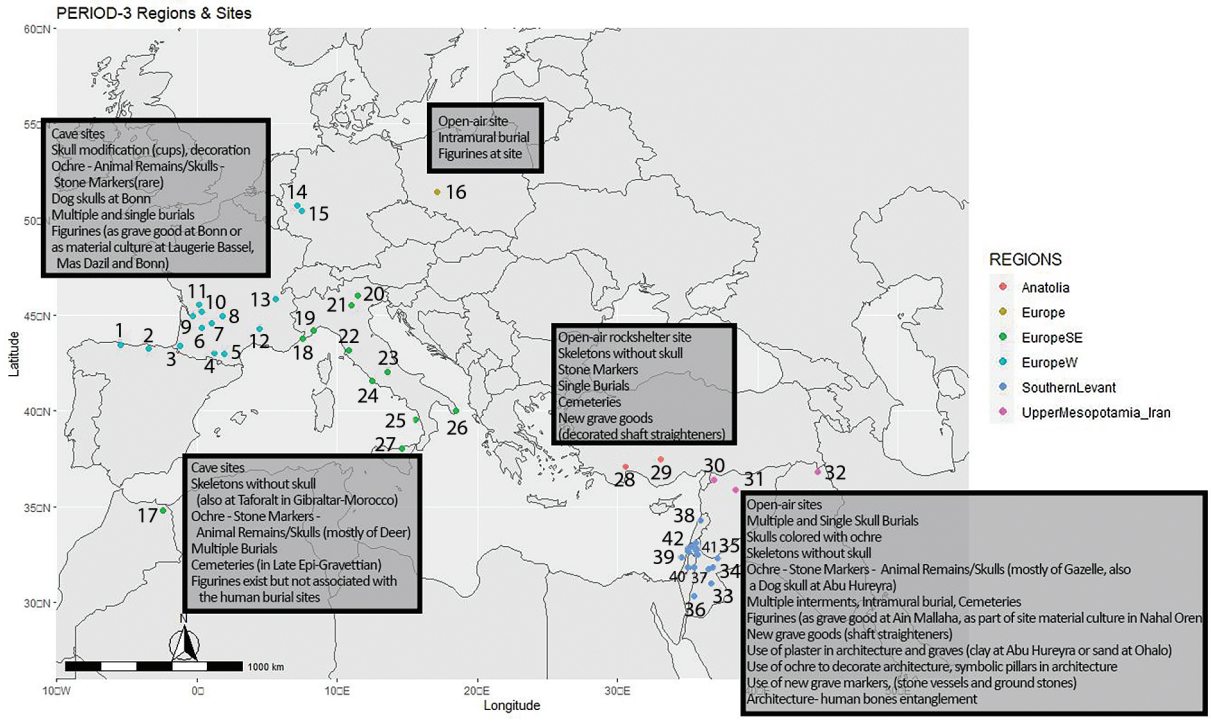


Fig. 24. Map of Period 3 sites mentioned in the article (this map represents an interpretation of MDS and network analysis given in Figures 25 and 26) (western Europe:* 1 *Los Azules,* 2 *El Miron,* 3 *Isturitz,* 4 *Mas d'Azil,* 5 *Peyrat,* 6 *Laugerie Basse,* 7 *Madeleine,* 8 *Roc de Cave,* 9 *Saint-Germain la-Riviere,* 10 *Rochereil,* 11 *Placard,* 12 *Aven des Iboussieres,* 13 *Hoteaux,* 14 *Bonn-Oberkassel,* 15 *Neuwied-Irlich,* 17 *Taforalt; central Europe: 16: Wilczyce; southeastern Europe: 18: Enfants, 19: Arene Candide,* 20 *Villabruna,* 21 *Tagliente,* 22 *Vado all Arancio,* 23 *Maritza,* 24 *Polesini,* 25 *Romito,* 26 *Romanelli,* 27 *San Teodoro; Anatolia:* 28 *Öküzini,* 29 *Pınarbaşı; Upper Mesopotamia-Iran:* 30 *Dederiyeh,* 31 *Abu Hureyra,* 32 *Shanidar; southern Levant:* 33 *el-Hemmeh,* 34 *'Ayn Qasiyya, Azraq 18,* 35 *Shubayqa,* 36 *Wadi Mahata,* 37 *Kharaneh IV,* 38 *Moghr el-Ahwal,* 39 *Kebara,* 40 *Erq el-Ahmar, Hatula,* 41 *Uyun al-Hammam, Wadi Hammeh 27, Hof Shahaf, Ohalo II, Ein Gev I,* 42 *Ain Mallaha, Hayonim, Hilazon Tachtit, Neve David, Nahal Oren, Raqefet Cave, el-Wad).

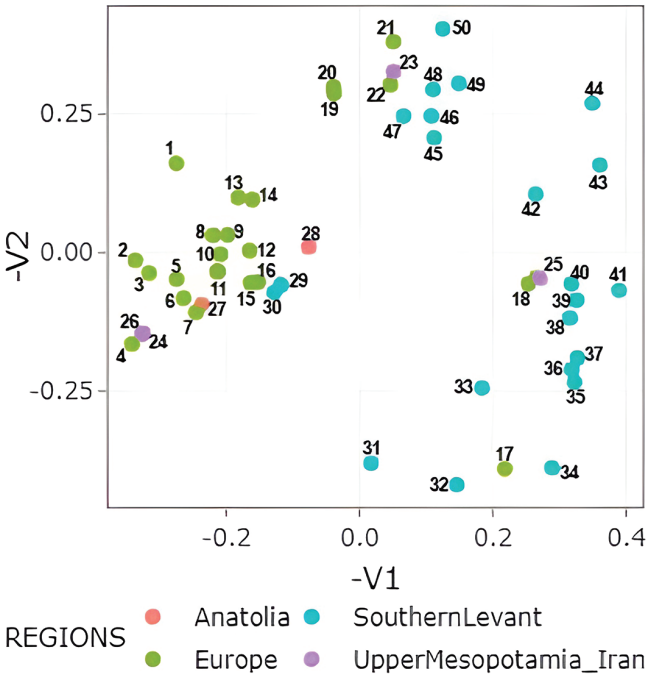


Fig. 25. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period 3 (*1 *Polesini,* 2 *Romanelli,* 3 *Isturitz,* 4 *Laugerie Basse,* 5 *Saint-Germain la-Riviere,* 6 *Maritza,* 7 *Mas d'Azil,* 8 *San Teodoro,* 9 *Tagliente,* 10 *Rochereil,* 11 *Madeleine, El Miron, Hoteaux,* 12 *Enfants,* 13 *Romito,* 14 *Los Azules,* 15 *Placard,* 16 *Villabruna,* 17 *Wilczyce,* 18 *Bonn-Oberkassel, Neuwied-Irlich,* 19 *Aven des Iboussieres,* 20 *Arene Candide,* 21 *Taforalt,* 22 *Vado all Arancio,* 23 *Shanidar,* 24 *Dederiyeh,* 25 *Abu Hureyra,* 26 *Roc de Cave, Peyrat,* 27 *Öküzini,* 28 *Pınarbaşı,* 29 *Moghr el-Ahwal,* 30 *Kebara,* 31 *'Ayn Qasiyya,* 32 *Hatula,* 33 *Hof Shahaf,* 34 *el-Hemmeh,* 35 *Neve David,* 36 *Ohalo II,* 37 *Ein Gev I,* 38 *Shubayqa,* 39 *Azraq 18,* 40 *Wadi Mataha,* 41 *Kharaneh IV,* 42 *Wadi Hammeh 27,* 43 *Ain Mallaha,* 44 *Uyun al-Hammam,* 45 *Hayonim,* 46 *Nahal Oren,* 47 *Raqefet Cave,* 48 *el-Wad,* 49 *Hilazon Tachtit,* 50 *Erq el-Ahmar).

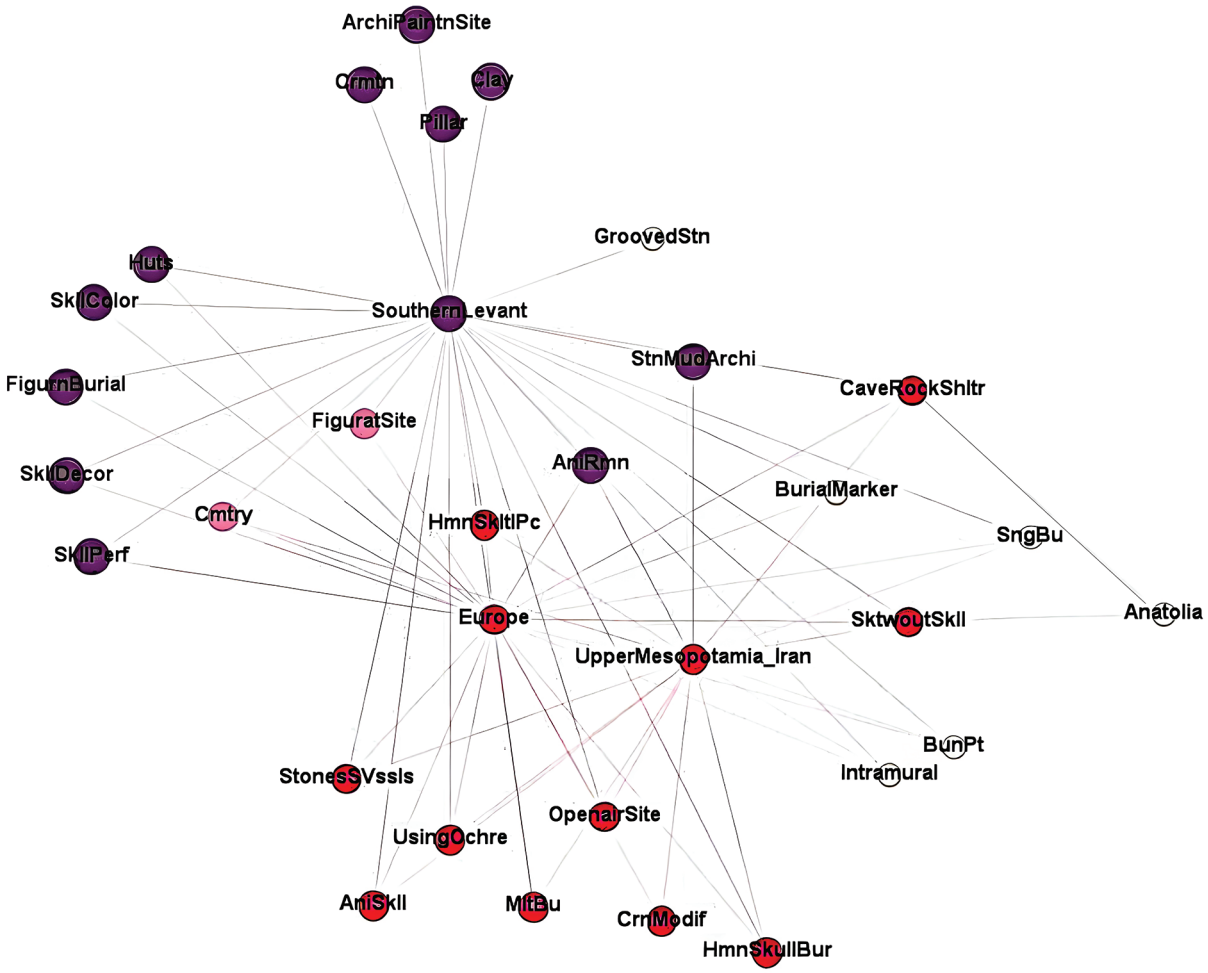


Fig. 26. Two-mode network of Period-3 demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.

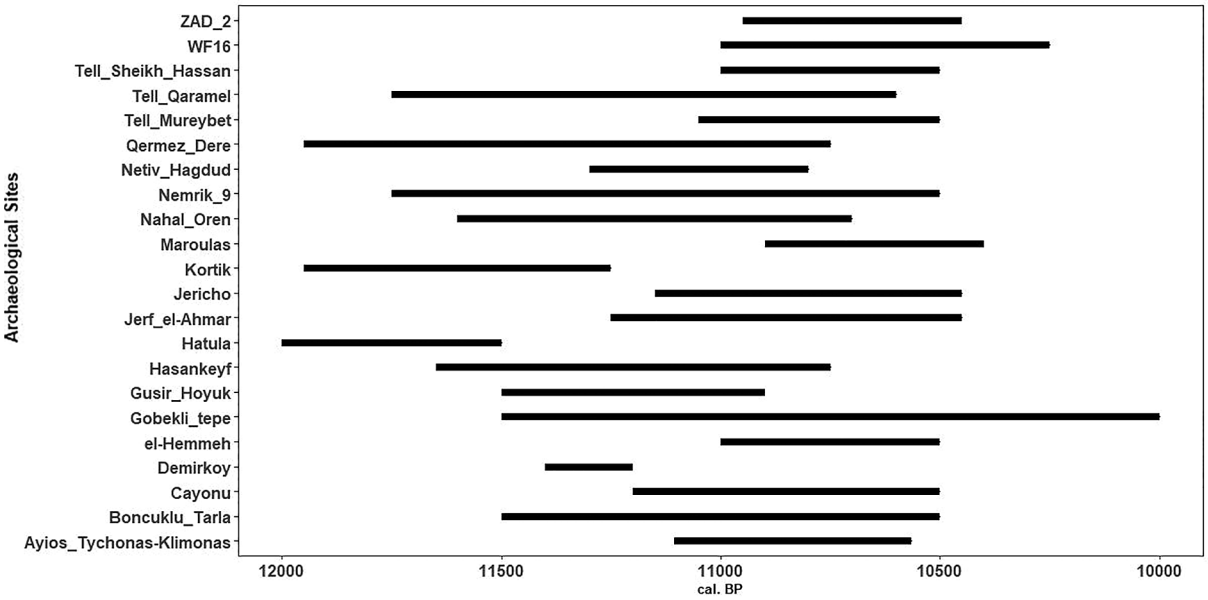


Fig. 27. Comparative chronology of Period 4 Phase-A.

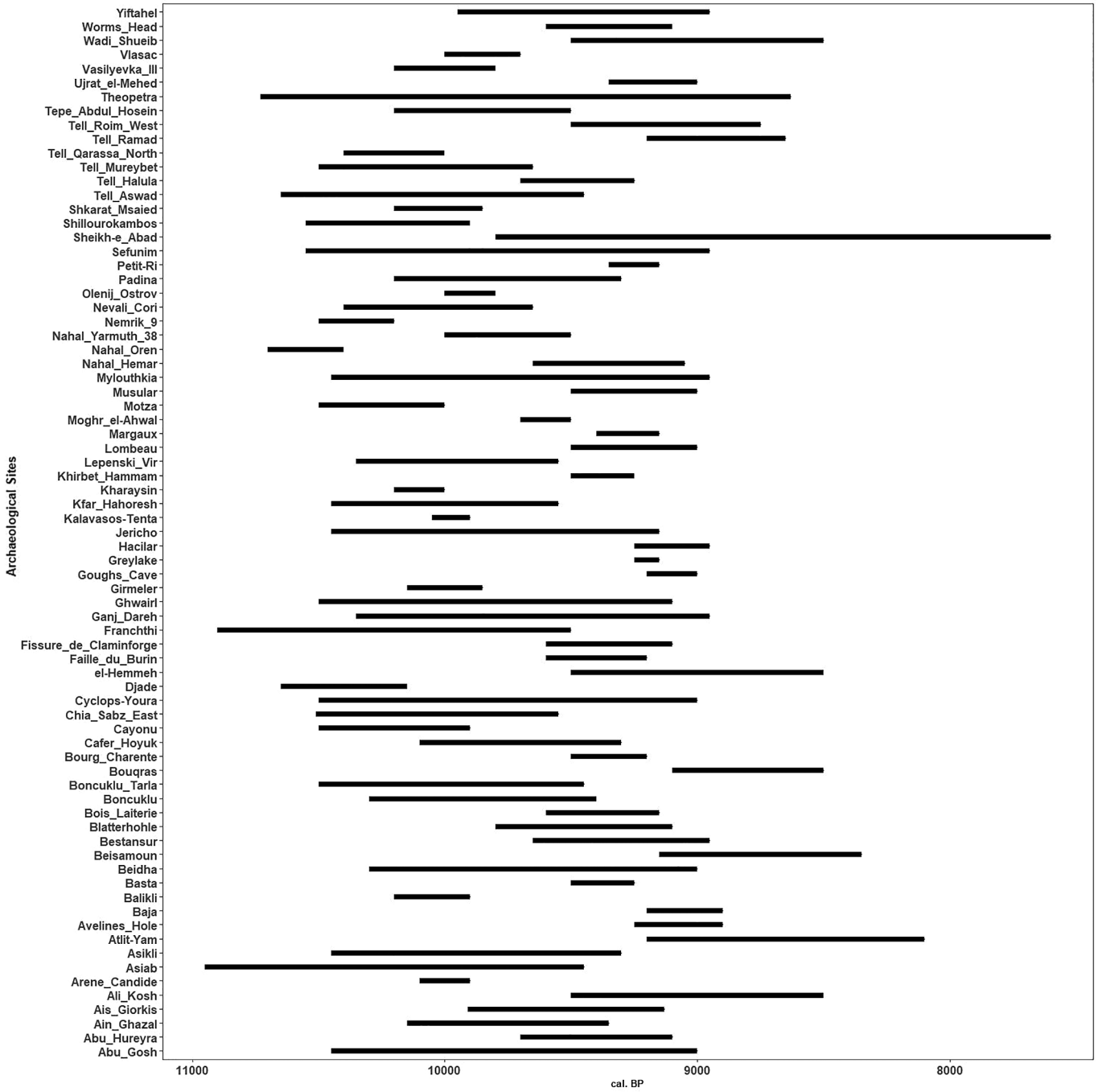


Fig. 28. Comparative chronology of Period 4 Phase-B.

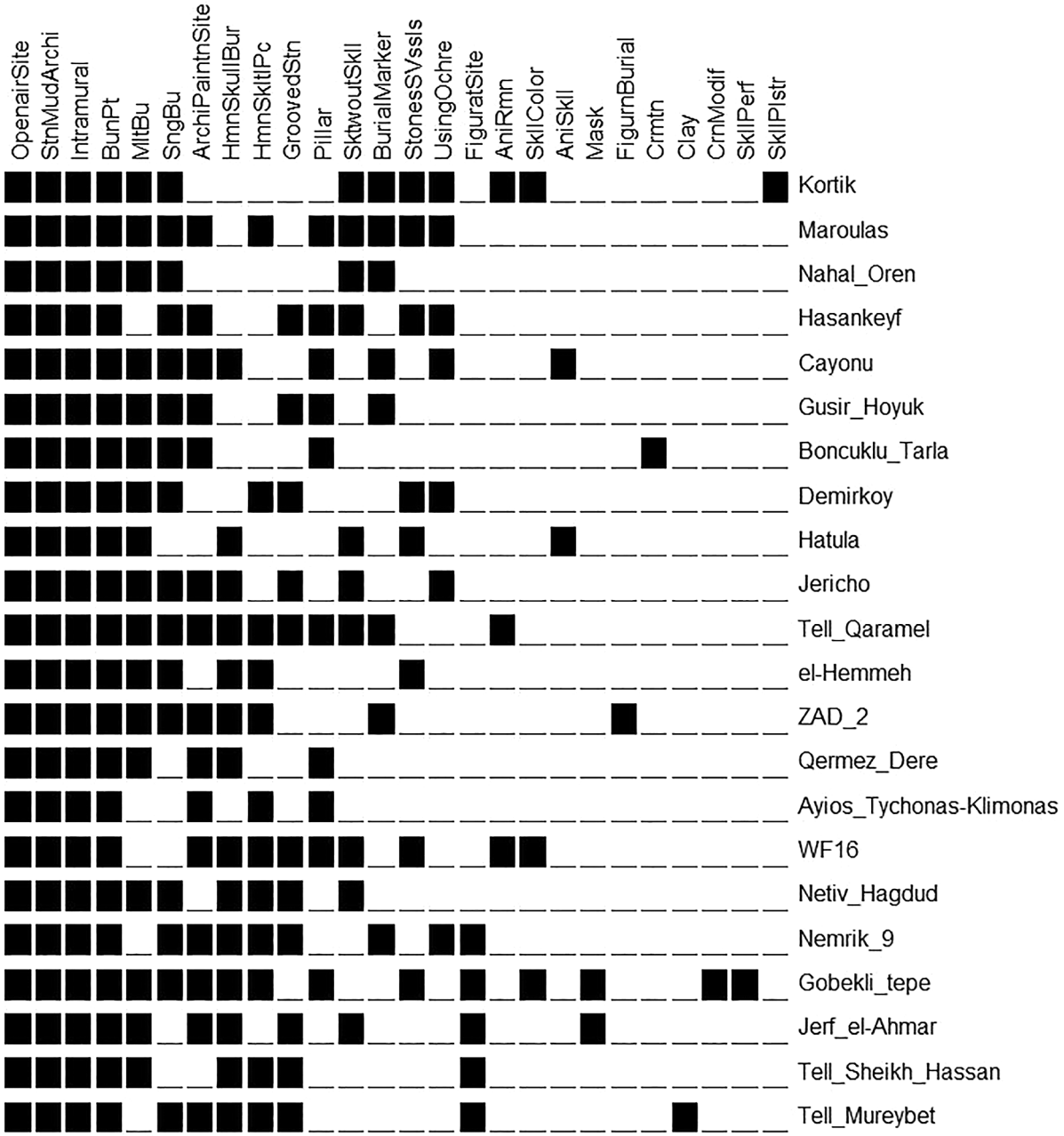


Fig. 29. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 4 Phase A.

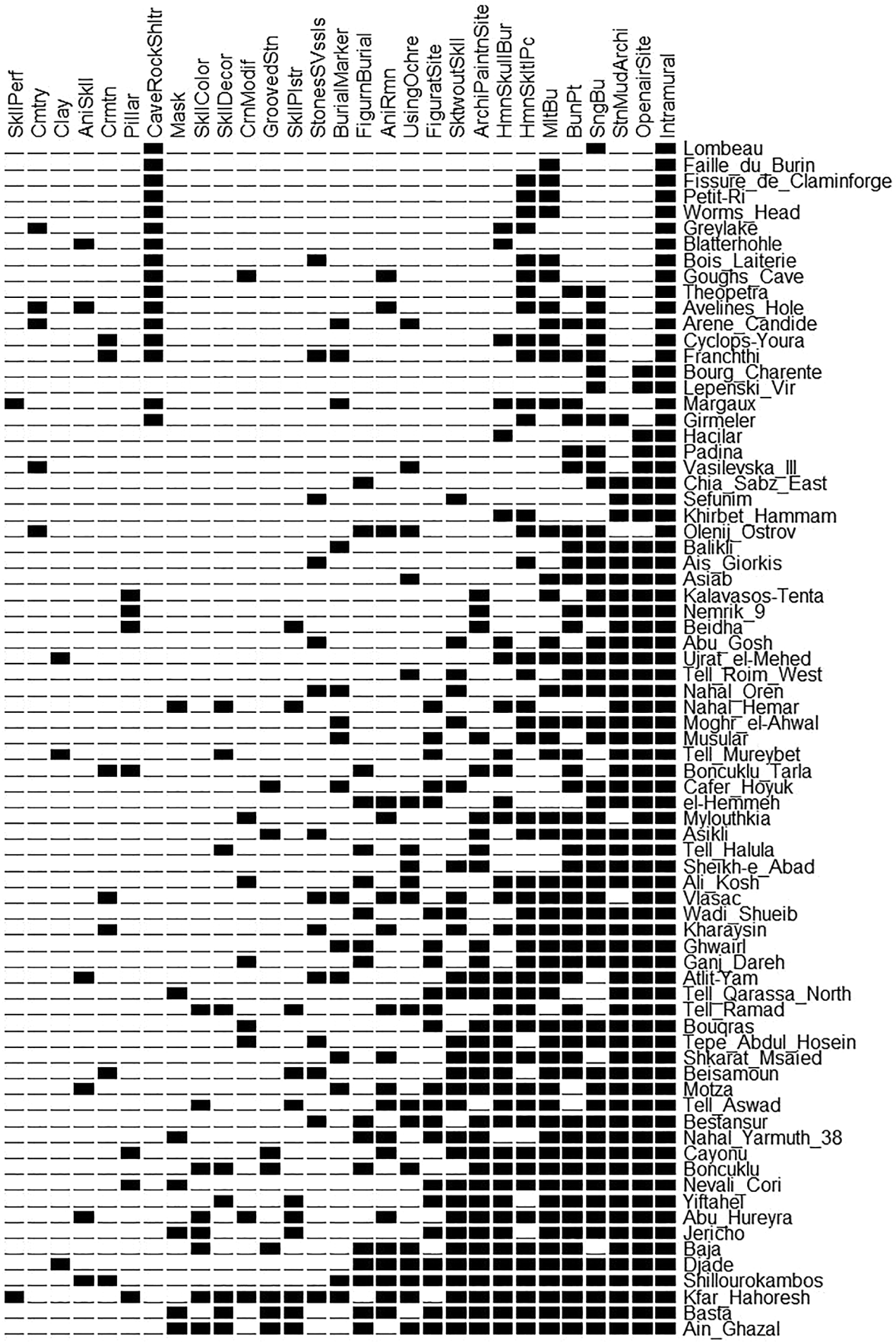


Fig. 30. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 4 Phase B.

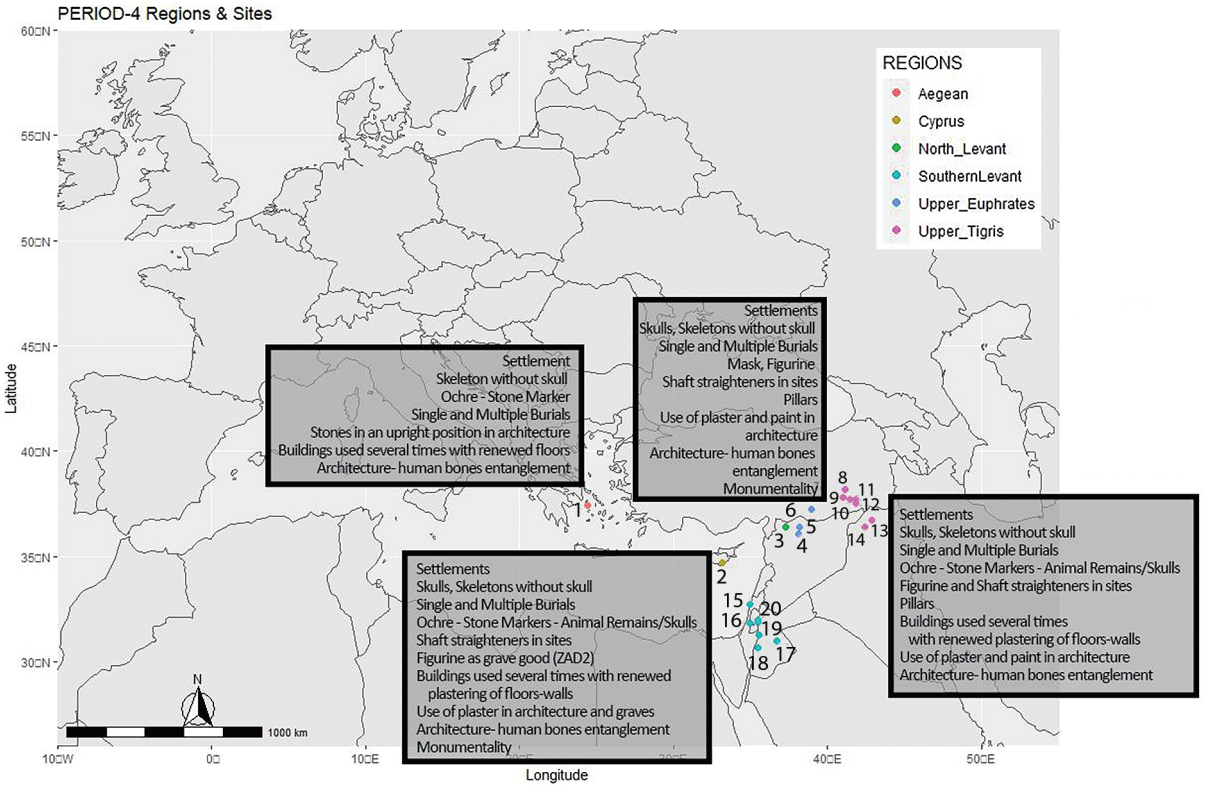


Fig. 31. A map synthesizing the regions and significant traits of Period 4 Phase-A (this map represents an interpretation of MDS and network analysis given in Figures 32 and 33) (Aegean:* 1 *Maroulas; Cyprus:* 2 *Ayios Tychonas-Klimonas; northern Levant:* 3 *Tell Qaramel; Upper Euphrates:* 4 *Tell Mureybet, Tell Sheikh Hassan,* 5 *Jerf el-Ahmar,* 6 *Göbekli Tepe; Upper Tigris:* 7 *Çayönü,* 8 *Demirköy,* 9 *Körtik tepe,* 10 *Hasankeyf,* 11 *Gusir Höyük,* 12 *Boncuklu Tarla,* 13 *Nemrik 9,* 14 *Qermez Dere; southern Levant:* 15 *Nahal Oren,* 16 *Hatula,* 17 *el-Hemmeh,* 18 *WF 16,* 19 *ZAD 2,* 20 *Netiv Hagdud, Jericho) (adapted from* Karamurat 2024*).

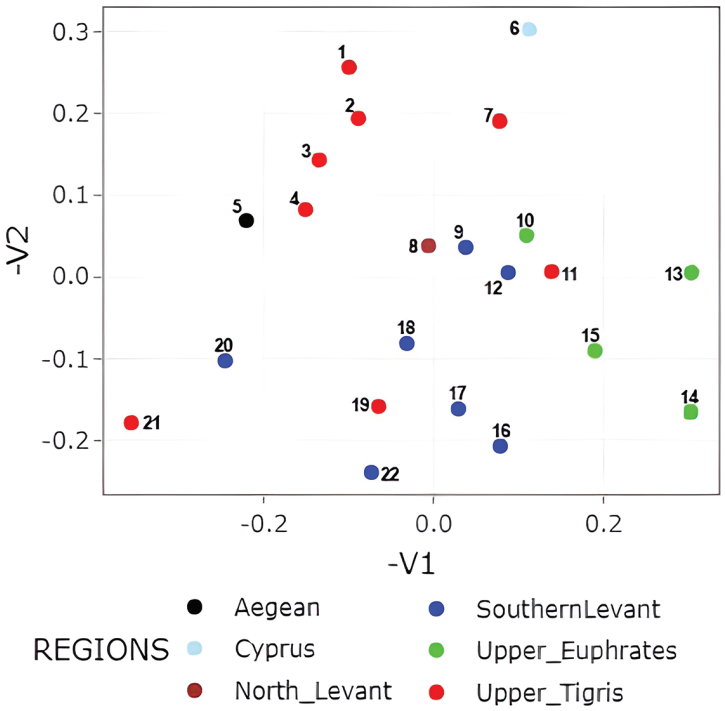


Fig. 32. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period-4 Phase A (*1 *Boncuklu Tarla,* 2 *Gusir Höyük,* 3 *Çayönü,* 4 *Hasankeyf,* 5 *Maroulas,* 6 *Ayios Tychonas-Klimonas,* 7 *Qermez Dere,* 8 *Tell Qaramel,* 9 *ZAD 2,* 10 *Göbekli Tepe,* 11 *Nemrik 9,* 12 *WF 16,* 13 *Tell Mureybet,* 14 *Tell Sheikh Hassan,* 15 *Jerf el-Ahmar,* 16 *Netiv Hagdud,* 17 *el-Hemmeh,* 18 *Jericho,* 19 *Demirköy,* 20 *Nahal Oren,* 21 *Körtik tepe,* 22 *Hatula).

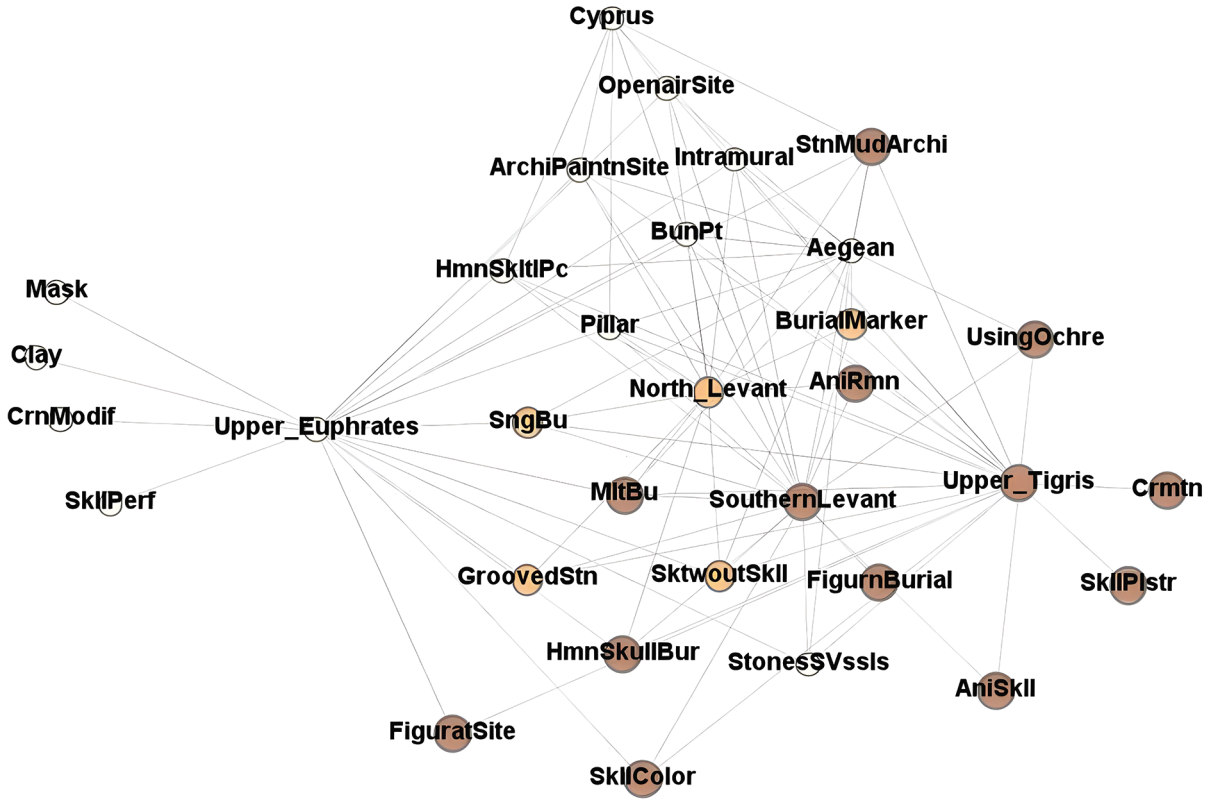


Fig. 33. Two-mode network of Period-4 Phase A demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.

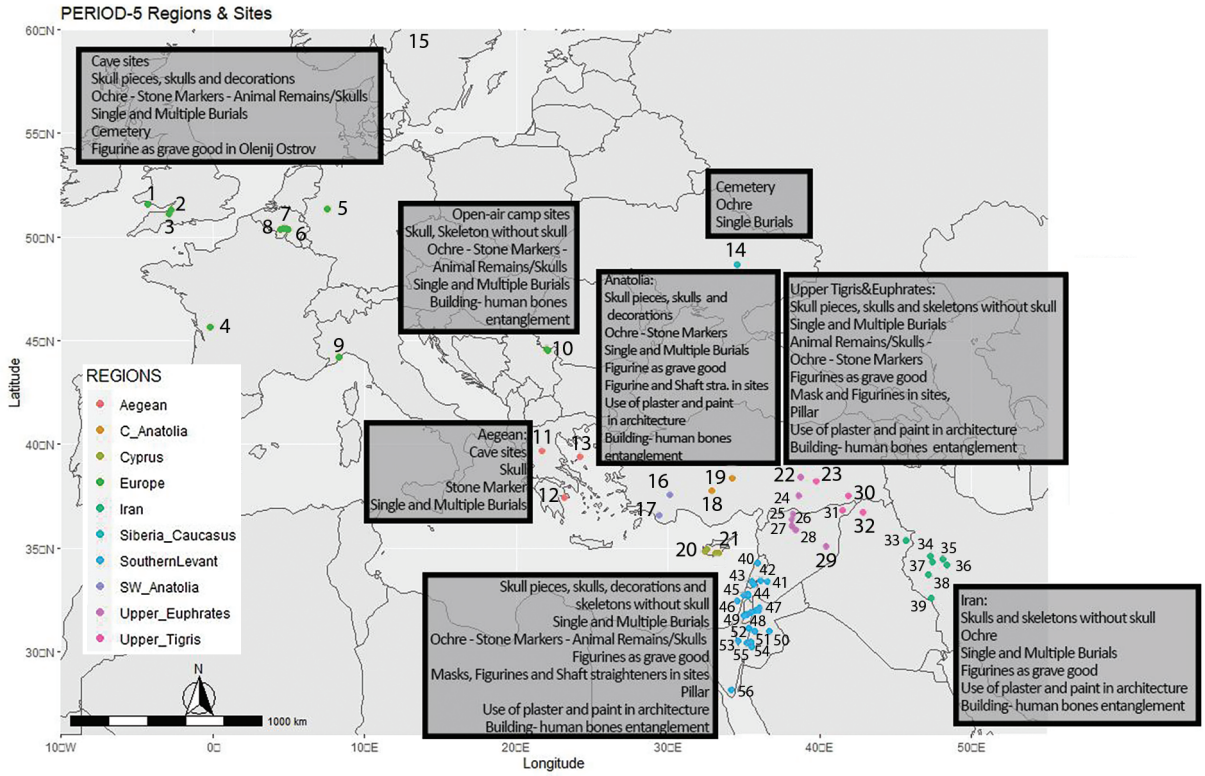


Fig. 34. Map synthesizing the regions and significant traits of Period-4 Phase-B (this map represents an interpretation of MDS, and network analysis given in Figures 35 and 36). Europe: 1 ***Worm's Head,*** 2 ***Aveline's Hole,*** 3 ***Gough's Cave, Greylake,*** 4 ***Bourg Charete,*** 5 ***Blatterhohle,*** 6 ***Faille du Burin, Margaux, Petit-Ri, Bois Laiterie,*** 7 ***Lombeau,*** 8 ***Fissure de Claminforge,*** 9 ***Arene Candide,*** 10 ***Lepenski Vir, Padina, Vlasac,*** 15 ***Olenij Osyrov; Aegean:*** 11 ***Theopetra,*** 12 ***Francthi,*** 13 ***Cyclops-Youra; Siberia:*** 14 ***Vasilevska III; southwest Anatolia:*** 16 ***Hacılar,*** 17 ***Girmeler; central Anatolia:*** 18 ***Boncuklu,*** 19 ***Aşıklı, Balıklı, Musular; Cyprus:*** 20 ***Ais Giorkis, Mylouthkia,*** 21 ***Kalavasos-Tenta, Shillourokambos; Upper Euphrates:*** 22 ***Cafer Höyük,*** 24 ***Nevali Çori,*** 25 ***Dja'de,*** 26 ***Tell Mureybet,*** 27 ***Tell Halula,*** 28 ***Abu Hureyra,*** 29 ***Bouqras; Upper Tigris:*** 23 ***Çayönü,*** 30 ***Boncuklu Tarla,*** 31 ***Tell Qarassa north,*** 32 ***Nemrik 9; Iran:*** 33 ***Bestansur,*** 34 ***Sheikh-e Abad,*** 35 ***Ganj Dareh,*** 36 ***Tepe Abdul Hosein,*** 37 ***Asiab,*** 38 ***Chia Sabz East,*** 39 ***Ali Kosh; southern Levant:*** 40 ***Moghr el-Ahwal,*** 41 ***Tell Aswad,*** 42 ***Tell Ramad,*** 43 ***Tell Roim west,*** 44 ***Beisamoun,*** 45 ***Nahal Oren, Yiftahel, Kfar Hahoresh,*** 46 ***Atlit-Yam,*** 47 ***Kharaysin,*** 48 ***'Ain Ghazal, Wadi Shueib,*** 49 ***Jericho, Abu Gosh, Nahal Yarmuth 38,*** 50 ***el-Hemmeh,*** 51 ***Khirbet Hammam,*** 52 ***Nahal Hemar,*** 53 ***Sefunim,*** 54 ***Beidha, Basta, Shkarat Msaied, Ghwairl,*** 55 ***Ba'ja,*** 56 ***Ujrat el-Mehed) (adapted from*** Karamurat 2024***).***

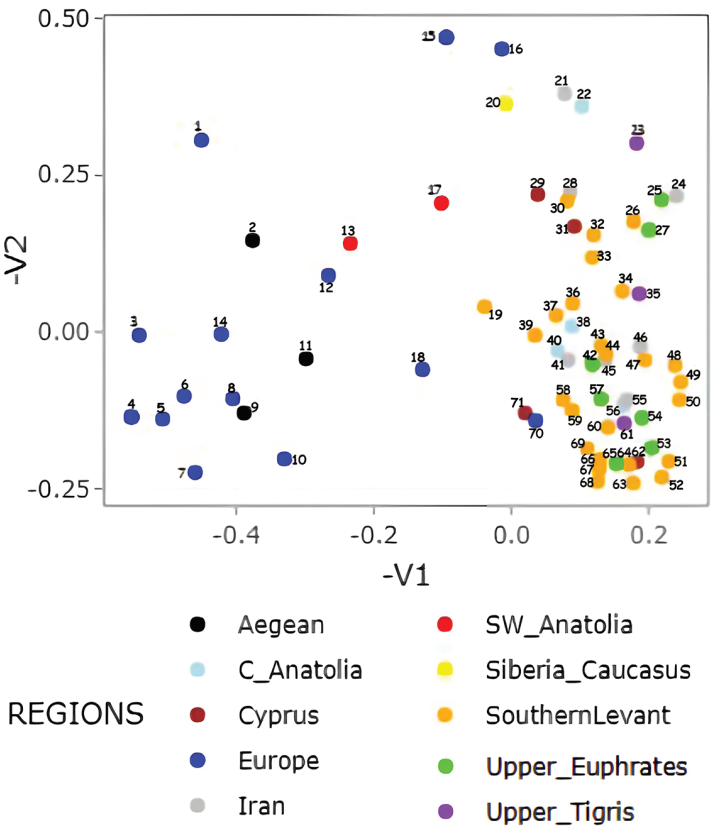


*Fig. 35. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period-4 Phase B (*1 *Lombeau,* 2 *Theopetra,* 3 *Faille du Burin,* 4 *Worm's Head,* 5 *Bois Laiterie,* 6 *Greylake,* 7 *Gough's Cave,* 8 *Aveline's Hole,* 9 *Cyclops-Youra,* 10 *Margaux,* 11 *Francthi,* 12 *Arene Candide,* 13 *Girmeler,* 14 *Blatterhohle,* 15 *Lepenski Vir, Bourg Charete,* 16 *Padina,* 17 *Hacılar,* 18 *Olenij Osyrov,* 19 *Khirbet Hammam,* 20 *Vasilevska III,* 21 *Chia Sabz East,* 22 *Balıklı,* 23 *Nemrik 9,* 24 *Sheikh-e Abad,* 25 *Tell Halula,* 26 *Beidha,* 27 *Cafer Höyük,* 28 *Asiab,* 29 *Ais Giorkis,* 30 *Sefunim,* 31 *Kalavasos-Tenta,* 32 *Tell Roim west,* 33 *Nahal Oren,* 34 *el-Hemmeh,* 35 *Boncuklu Tarla,* 36 *Abu Gosh,* 37 *Moghr el-Ahwal,* 38 *Aşıklı,* 39 *Ujrat el-Mehed,* 40 *Musular,* 41 *Ali Kosh,* 42 *Tell Mureybet,* 43 *Wadi Shueib,* 44 *Ghwairl,* 45 *Ganj Dareh,* 46 *Tepe Abdul Hosein,* 47 *Beisamoun,* 48 *Nahal Yarmuth 38,* 49 *Yiftahel,* 50 *Jericho,* 51 *'Ain Ghazal,* 52 *Basta,* 53 *Dja'de,* 54 *Nevali Çori,* 55 *Bestansur,* 56 *Boncuklu,* 57 *Bouqras,* 58 *Nahal Hemar,* 59 *Kharaysin,* 60 *Tell Ramad,* 61 *Çayönü,* 62 *Shillourokambos,* 63 *Ba'ja,* 64 *Kfar Hahoresh,* 65 *Abu Hureyra,* 66 *Tell Aswad,* 67 *Shkarat Msaied,* 68 *Tell Qarassa north,* 69 *Atlit-Yam,* 70 *Vlasac,* 71 *Mylouthkia).*

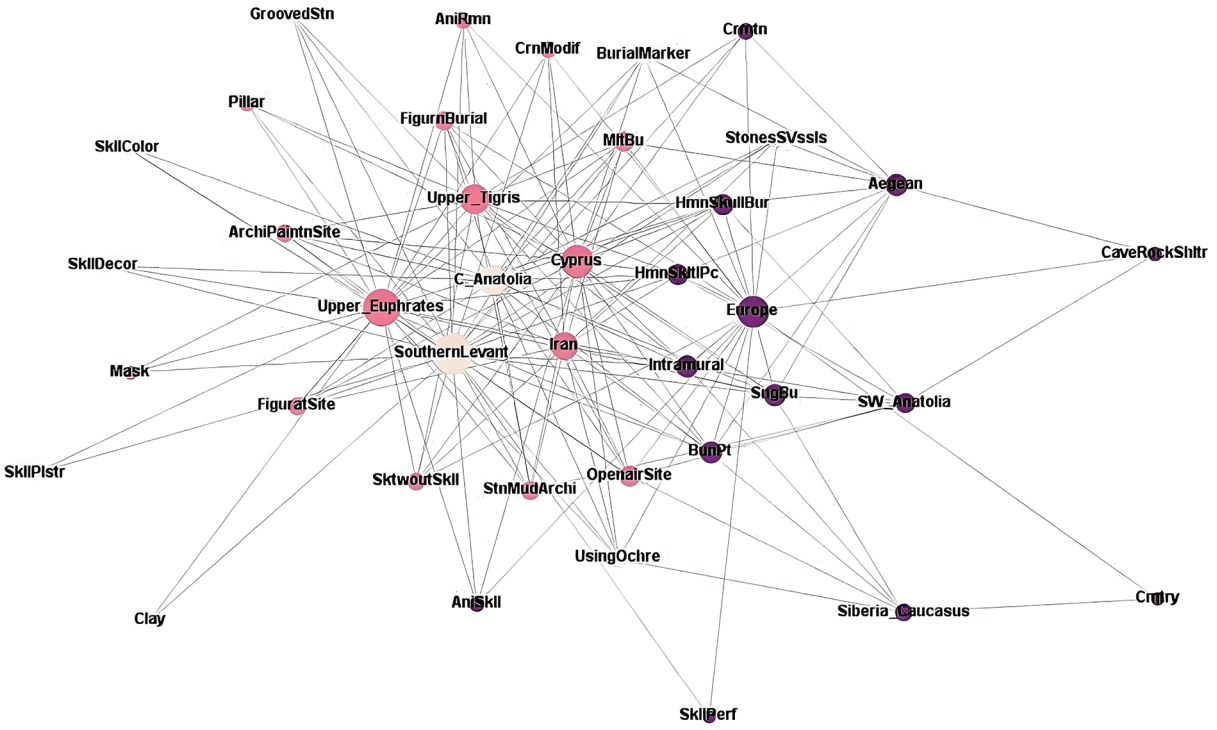


Fig. 36. Two-mode network of Period-4 Phase B demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.

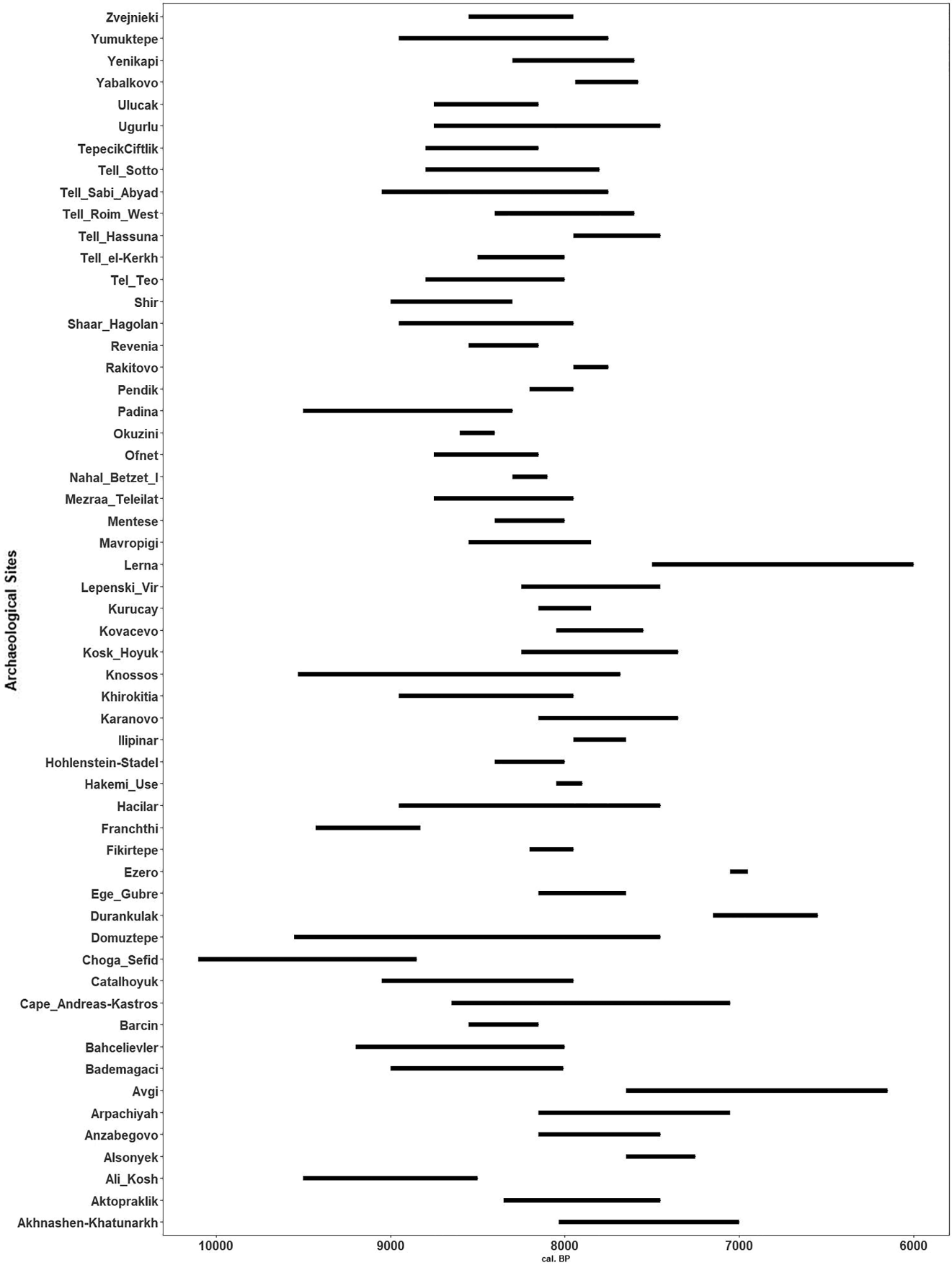


Fig. 37. Comparative chronology of Period 5.

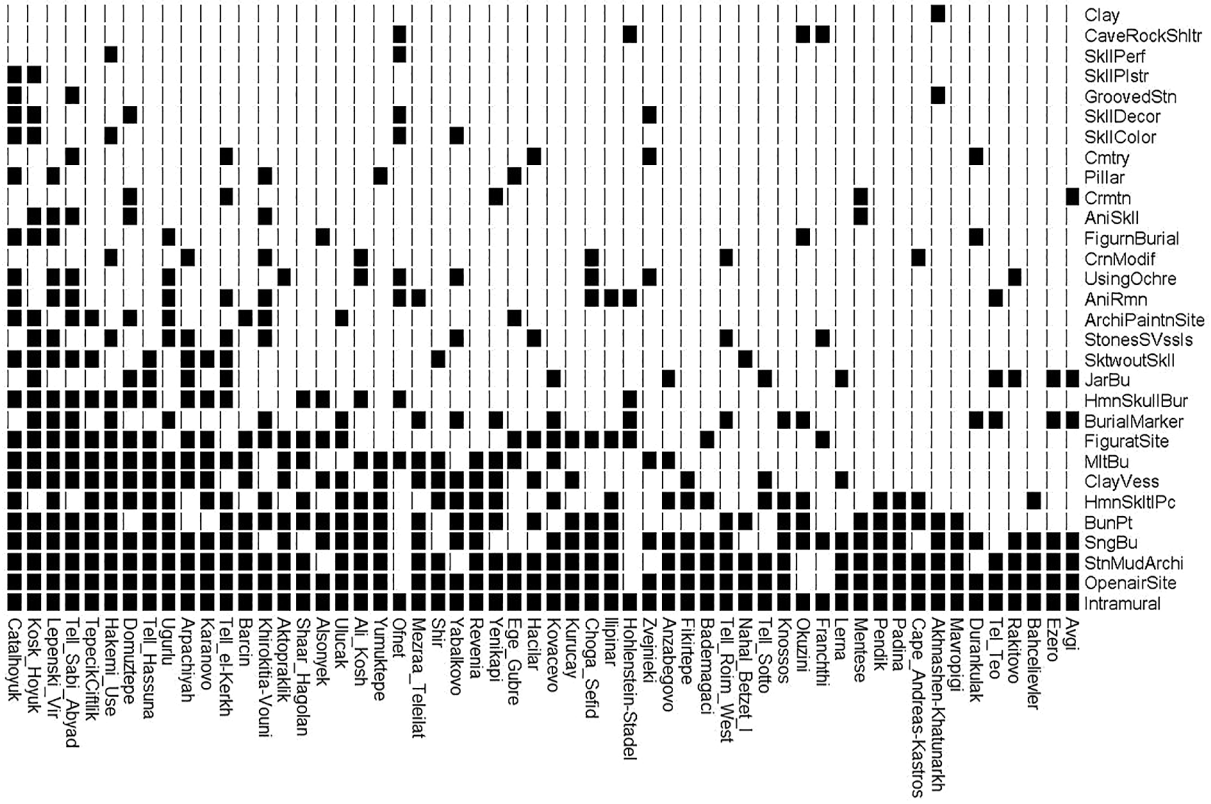


Fig. 38. Seriation for the presence of mortuary features at each site during Period 5.

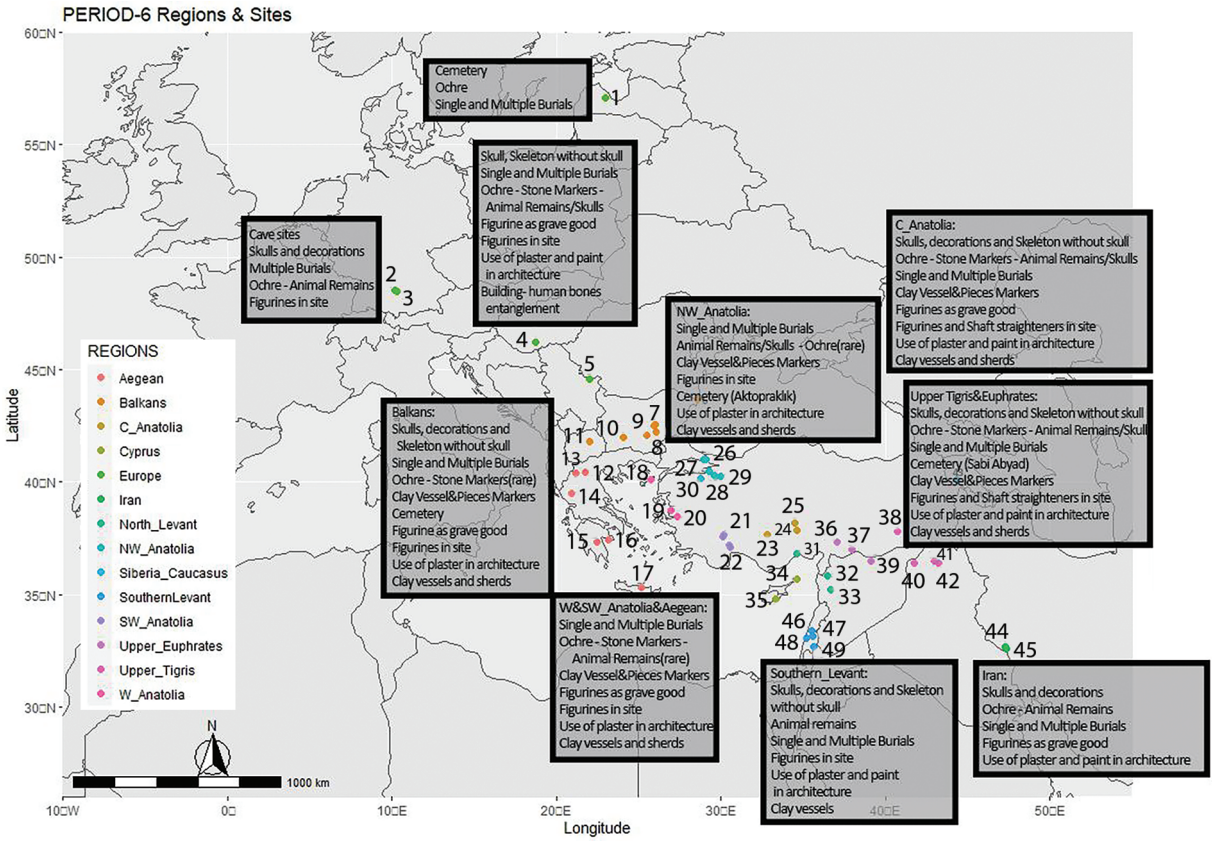


Fig. 39. A map synthesizing the regions and significant traits of Period-5 (this map represents an interpretation of MDS and network analysis given in Figures 40 and 41). Europe:* 1 *Zvejnieki,* 2 *Hohlenstein-Stadel,* 3 *Ofnet,* 4 *Alsonyek,* 5 *Padina, Lepenski Vir; Balkans:* 6 *Durankulak,* 7 *Ezero, Karanovo,* 8 *Kovacevo,* 9 *Yabalkovo,* 10 *Rakitovo,* 11 *Anzabegovo; Aegean* 12 *Mavropigi,* 13 *Avgi,* 14 *Revenia,* 15 *Lerna,* 16 *Franchthi,* 17 *Knossos; western Anatolia:* 18 *Uğurlu,* 19 *Ege Gübre,* 20 *Ulucak; southwest Anatolia* 21 *Kuruçay, Hacılar,* 22 *Öküzin, Bademağacı; central Anatolia:* 23 *Çatalhöyük,* 24 *Köşk Höyük,* 25 *Tepecik Çiftlik; northwestern Anatolia:* 26 *Yenikapı, Pendik, Fikirtepe,* 27 *Ilıpınar,* 28 *Barcın, Menteşe,* 29 *Bahçelievler,* 30 *Aktopraklık; northern Levant:* 31 *Yumuktepe,* 32 *Tell el-Kerkh,* 33 *Shir; Cyprus:* 34 *Cape Andreas,* 35 *Khirokitia-Vouni; Upper Euphrates:* 36 *Domuztepe,* 37 *Mezraa Teleilat; Upper Tigris:* 38 *Hakemi Use,* 39 *Tell Sabi Abyad,* 40 *Tell Sotto,* 41 *Tell Hassuna,* 42 *Arpachiyah; Siberia-Caucasus:* 43 *Akhnashen-Khatunarkh; Iran:* 44 *Choga Sefid,* 45 *Ali Kosh; southern Levant:* 46 *Tell Roim west,* 47 *Tel Teo,* 48 *Nahal Betzet I,* 49 *Shaar Hagolan) (adapted from* Karamurat 2024*).

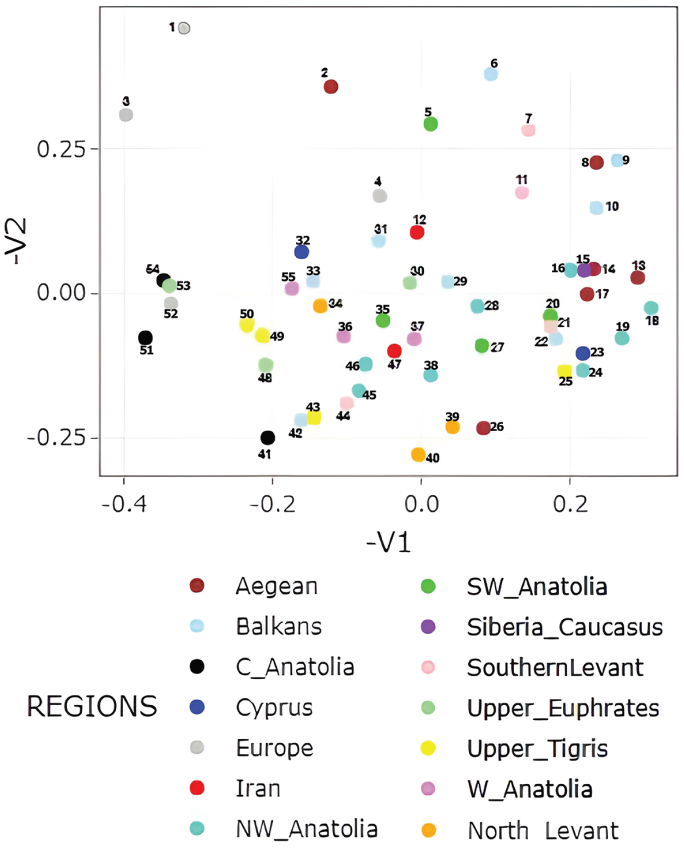


Fig. 40. MDS distribution of regions based on analysis of all features in Period-5 (1 Hohlenstein-Stadel, 2 Franchthi, 3 Ofnet, 4 Zvejnieki, 5 Öküzin, 6 Durankulak, 7 Tel Teo, 8 Avgi, 9 Ezero, 10 Rakitovo, 11 Tell Roim West, 12 Choga Sefid, 13 Mavropigi, 14 Knossos, 15 Akhnashen-Khatunarkh, 16 Menteşe, 17 Lerna, 18 Bahçelievler, 19 Pendik, Padina, 20 Bademağacı, 21 Nahal Betzet I, 22 Anzabegovo, 23 Cape Andreas, 24 Fikirtepe, 25 Tell Sotto, 26 Revenia, 27 Kuruçay, 28 Ilıpınar, 29 Kovacevo, 30 Mezraa Teleilat, 31 Yabalkovo, 32 Khirokitia-Vouni, 33 Alsonyek, 34 Tell el-Kerkh, 35 Hacılar, 36 Ege Gübre, 37 Ulucak, 38 Yenikapı, 39 Yumuktepe, 40 Shir, 41 Tepecik Çiftlik, 42 Karanovo, 43 Tell Hassuna, 44 Shaar Hagolan, 45 Barcın, 46 Aktopraklık, 47 Ali Kosh, 48 Domuztepe, 49 Arpachiyah, 50 Hakemi Use, 51 Çatalhöyük, 52 Lepenski Vir, 53 Tell Sabi Abyad, 54 Köşk Höyük, 55 Uğurlu).

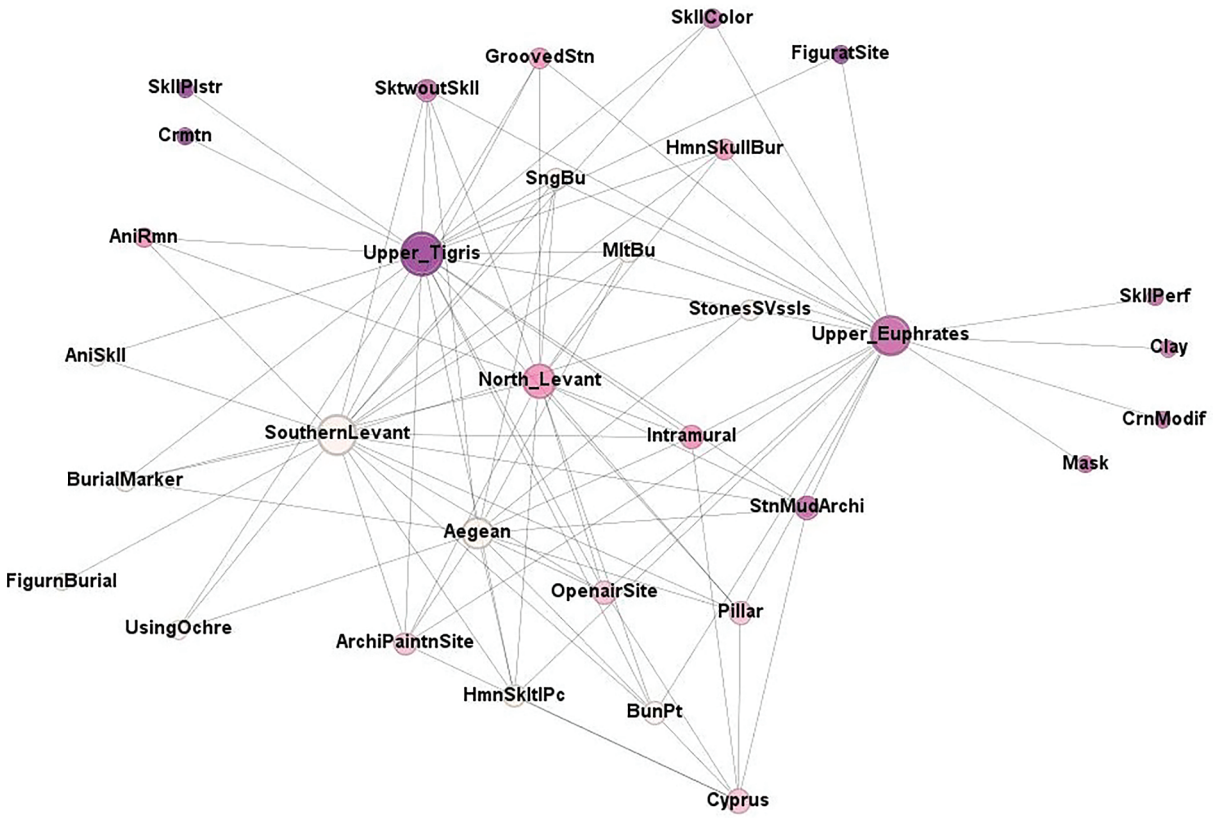


Fig. 41. Two-mode network of Period-5 demonstrating the differential grouping of features according to regions.

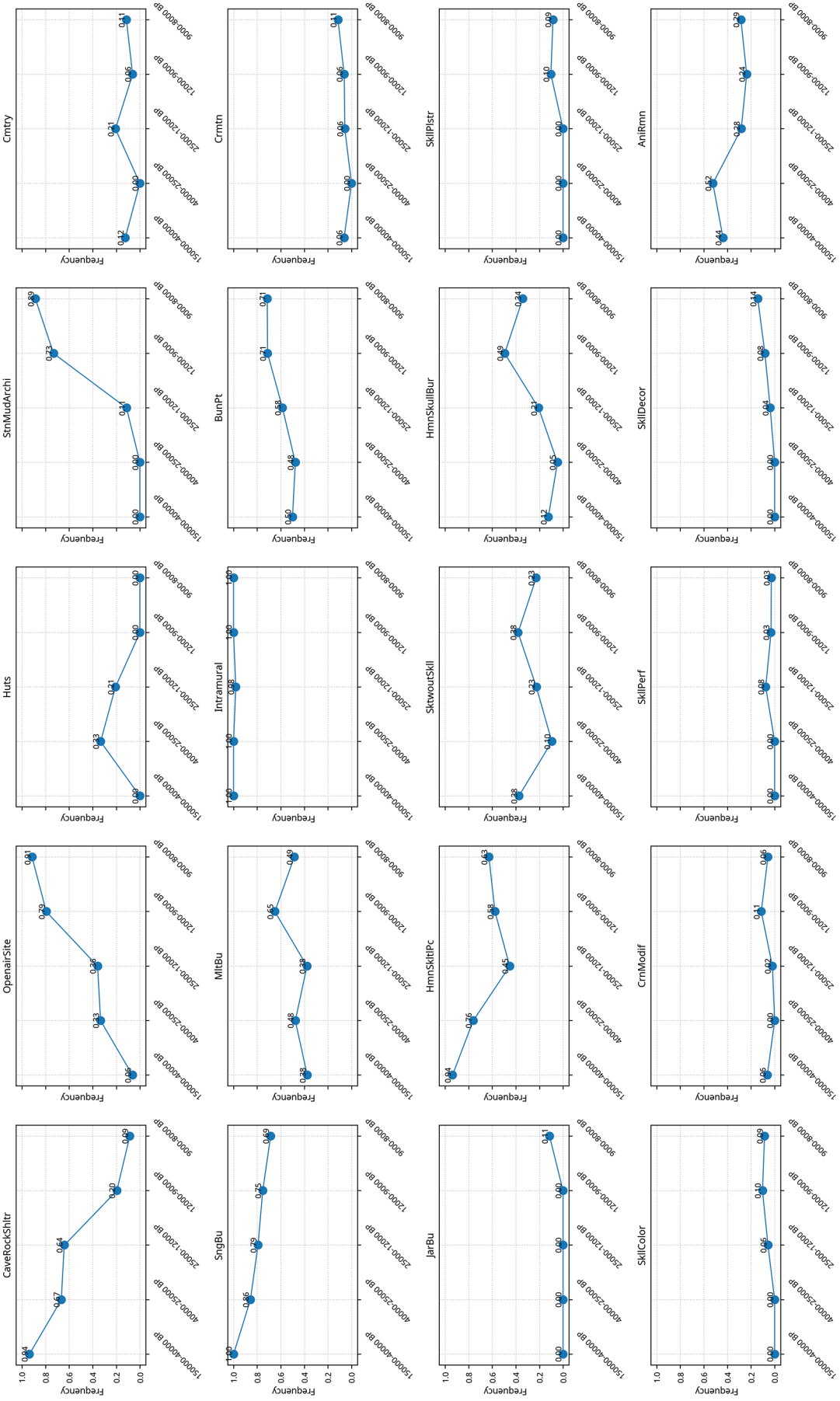
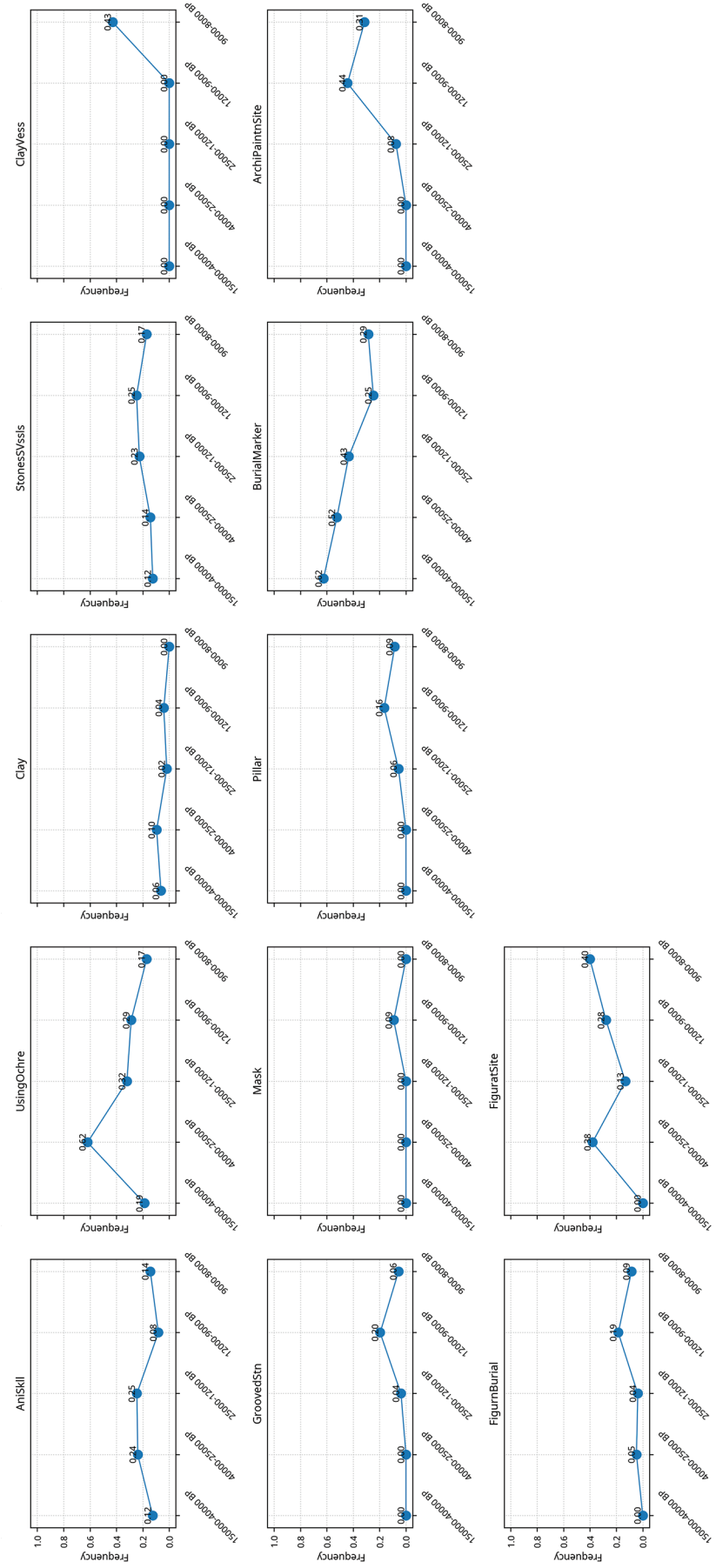


Fig. 44. The emergence and evolution of various symbolic behaviours of human mortuary ritual through time.



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