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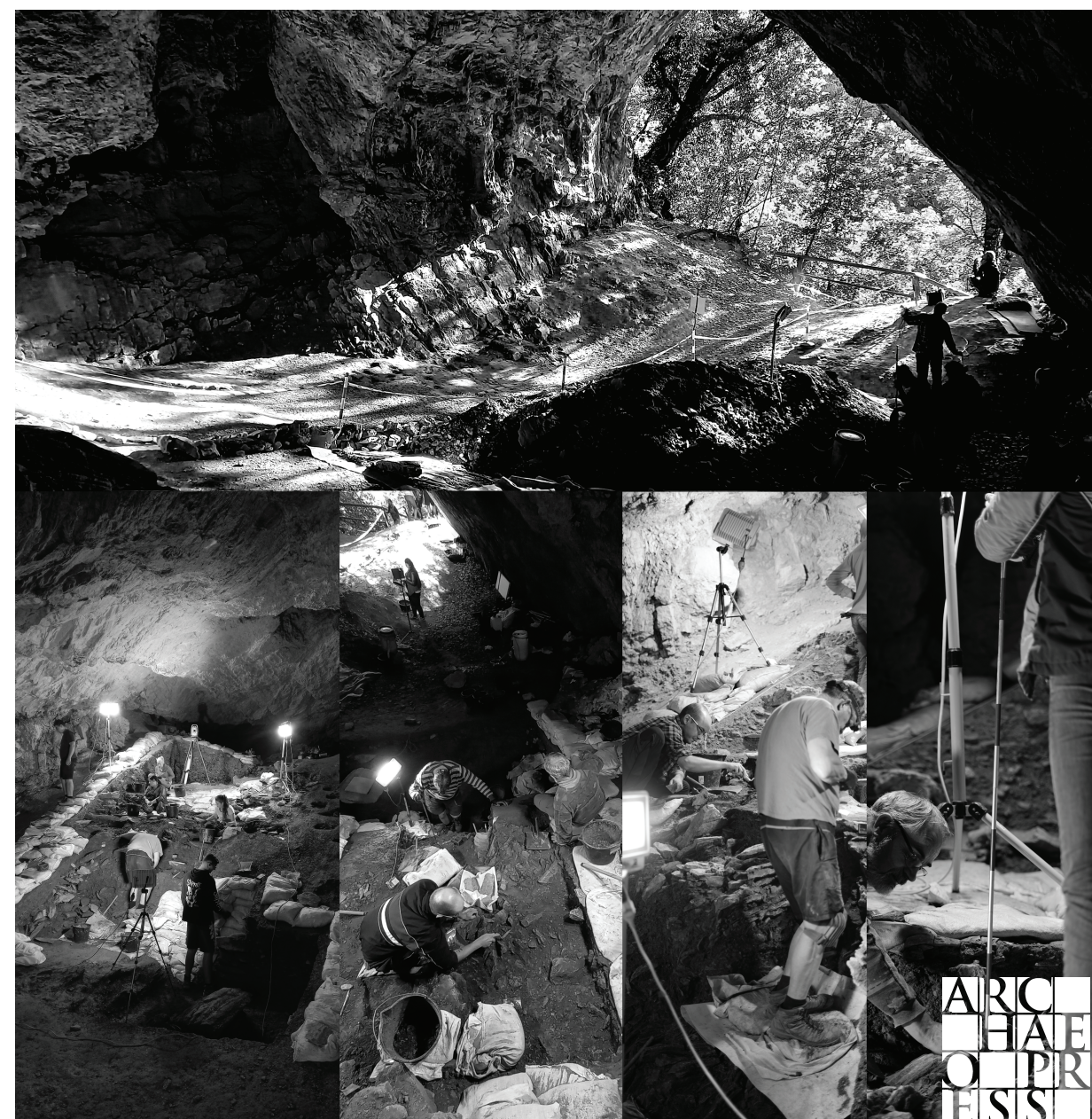
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Raw material procurement at Abrigo do Poço Rock shelter (Central Portugal)

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Abstract

Abrigo do Poço is a rock shelter located in the karstic canyon of Ribeira das Chitas in the River Lis basin (Central Portugal). The site has an Epipaleolithic occupation overlying a Solutrean occupation. Despite the multiple available resources in the vicinity, the main activity during the Upper Paleolithic occupation seems to have been the exploitation of a small chert outcrop located right above it. This outcrop extends in patches throughout the vicinity due to the combination of tectonic activity and fluvial erosion that results in multiple canyons. Interestingly, the outcrop above the site is one in which the chert is less expressive, probably due to exhaustion during the Solutrean, during which the site was used to heat-treat chert for the production of blades and, especially, bifacial points. The chert from this site has different colors, patterns and textures due to internal variability and to external agents (tectonic, patina). Here we present the macroscopic and geochemical characteristics of this outcrop throughout the valley and discuss the issue of potentially misleading interpretations when only one of these approaches is used.

Keywords: Epipalaeolithic; Solutrean; chert; River Lis basin; western Iberia

Résumé

Abrigo do Poço est un abri rocheux situé dans le canyon karstique de Ribeira das Chitas, dans le bassin de la rivière Lis (centre du Portugal). Le site a une occupation épipaléolithique qui recouvre une occupation solutréenne. Malgré les multiples ressources disponibles dans les environs, l'activité principale pendant l'occupation du Paléolithique supérieur semble avoir été l'exploitation d'un petit affleurement de chaille (chert) situé juste au-dessus. Cet affleurement s'étend en parcelles dans tout le voisinage en raison de la combinaison de l'activité tectonique et de l'érosion fluviale qui se traduit par de multiples canyons. Fait intéressant, l'affleurement au-dessus du site est celui dans lequel la chaille est moins massive, probablement en raison de l'épuisement pendant le Solutréen, période au cours de laquelle le site a été utilisé pour traiter à

la chaleur la chaille pour la production de lames et, en particulier, des pointes bifaciales. La chaille de ce site a différentes couleurs, motifs et textures, en raison de la variabilité interne et des agents externes (tectonique, patine). Nous présentons ici les caractéristiques macroscopiques et géochimiques de cet affleurement dans toute la vallée et discutons de la question des interprétations potentiellement trompeuses, lorsqu'une seule de ces approches est utilisée.

Mots-clés : Epipaléolithique ; Solutréen ; chaille ; bassin de la rivière Lis ; Iberie occidentale

1. The EcoPLis Project

The behavioural ecology and ecodynamics of the Pleistocene and Early Holocene populations that lived in westernmost Iberia is a crucial paleoanthropological issue. This is because there is increased information about coastal foraging not only by modern humans, but also by pre-modern humans. In addition, this particular coast is rich in marine and brackish resources, including when climatic shifts resulted in increased upwelling (Abrantes 1988, 1990, 1991, 2000; Abrantes and Moita 1999; Abrantes *et al.* 1998; Fiuza 1982, 1983; Loureiro *et al.* 2005). Further still, far too often archaeological and paleoanthropological research projects tend to focus on a single landscape rather than the connection between them, resulting in a biased interpretation of the framework in which the human behaviour occurred.

To help contribute more relevant data, in 2015 we started the EcoPLis project (Human Occupations in the Pleistocene Ecotones of River Lis). The River Lis Basin (Leiria, Portugal) is an ecotone between different landscapes rich in multiple resources. This project focuses not only on the coast, but also on the inland and territories in between, giving special attention to the karstic canyons where multiple caves, rock shelters and open-air sites preserve long sequences with rich assemblages and organic material with great preservation. The recurrent presence of salty/brackish water shellfish in sites more than 25 km inland, as well as sites located on the shore were strong indicators that human populations have since the Middle Pleistocene been recurrently circulating between the coast and the inland through karstic canyons. Despite this, there has never been a systematic investigation focusing on the human behavioral ecology and patterns of coastal foraging in this region.

Through EcoPLis, we aim to solve the problem of coarse and dispersed information from westernmost Iberia in order to produce a more detailed understanding of human behavioural ecology and ecodynamics during the Pleistocene and Early Holocene. Among other issues, it aims to bring relevant data about coastal foraging patterns, from a diachronic perspective, and using a high-resolution approach. Surveys, tests and excavations in rock shelters, caves and open-air sites done since 2015 already cover a chronology from the Acheulean to the Chalcolithic. One of the sites tested and then subsequently excavated is Poço Rock Shelter.

2. Geological and geomorphological background

The River Lis basin has 850 km² of surface drainage and 945 km² taking into account its underwater drainage (Almeida *et al.* 1989; Dinis 1996; Gonçalves and Dinis 2007; INAG 1999), and runs between 585 and 0 m.a.s.l.. It is located in the Western Portuguese Mesozoic Edge (Almeida *et al.* 1989; Gonçalves and Dinis 2007). The basin sits on Mesozoic deposits, with the oldest ones associated with lagoon formations during the Hetangian-Recian. In the past, the continental environment produced the present plaster and salt deposits. With the Lusitanian there is a strong marine regression and the creation of marls, clays and sandstone deposits, frequently with associated fossils. In the beginning of the Jurassic the formation of the Leiria-Monte Real diapir began, and with volcanic activity, doleritic domes and lodges were formed (Teixeira *et al.* 1968). The Leiria-Parceiros and Monte Real diapirs, along with the Torrinhos/Reguengo do Fetal and Senhora do Monte main faults drove the N-S orientation

of the Lis and Lena rivers, as well as the E-W orientation of most of the smaller streams, with the most important springs along the western face of the eastern mountains (Almeida *et al.* 1989).

Until the end of the Middle Jurassic there was a long-term transgressive phase that, especially during the Batonian and Callovian, resulted in a strong accumulation of calcareous sediments. However, between the Middle and Upper Jurassic there is a hiatus in the geological record (Azerêdo *et al.* 2003; Gonçalves and Dinis 2007) that is followed by a large marine transgression with the sea covering the entire region (Teixeira *et al.* 1968). In the last phase of the Cretaceous and beginning of the Cenozoic another marine regression with specific environmental conditions result in the silification of Turonian limestone. During the Cenomanian another marine transgression flooded the entire basin and between the Cenomanian and the Eocene there was strong erosion (Gonçalves and Dinis 2007; Teixeira *et al.* 1968). Through the Miocene the region was a continental landscape with lagoons but, by the Pliocene, several marine transgressions covered large areas, leaving a rich fossil record (Teixeira *et al.* 1968).

In higher areas during the Pleistocene, the drainage system created a network of canyons, caves and other karstic phenomena in the Jurassic and Cretacic deposits. This shaped a hilly landscape with steep cliffs but in lower areas it created fluvial and marine siliclastic deposits (quartz and quartzite gravels supported packed by sand to clay) over the Miocene and Pliocene formations (Gonçalves and Dinis 2007; Teixeira *et al.* 1968). It is possible that during the Last Glacial Maximum the sea level was 120 to 140 m below the present sea level, exposing hundreds of km² of the continental platform (Dias *et al.* 2000; Dias 2004) and creating a very different landscape, with much steeper talwegs, and making the present coast a deep inland territory. With the post-glacial progressive global warming, but particularly during the Holocene, the sea level rose and a thick dune was formed along with other eolian deposits, lagoons and estuaries (Dias 2004; Dinis 1996; Gonçalves and Dinis 2007; Teixeira *et al.* 1968).

3. Poço Rock Shelter (AdP)

Poço Rock Shelter (Figure 1) sits in the Chitas Valley, between 100 and 115 m.a.s.l., and ~26 km from the present sea coast. Around it are several primary chert outcrops. The 14 Stratigraphic Units thus far identified encompass Epipaleolithic and Solutrean archaeological horizons (Figure 2 and Table 1):

Epipaleolithic: Abundant sandy and brackish/salty waters species (*Scrobicularia plana*, *Cerastoderna edule* and *Ensis sp.*), micromammals, Leporidae, fragmented unidentifiable macromammal diaphyses and charcoal. The rich lithic assemblage has quartzite (fire cracks, flakes and chopper-like cores), quartz (prismatic and bipolar cores, chipped stones, small flakes and bladelets) but is mostly chert (small prismatic cores, burins, flakes and bladelets). AMS dates on *Arbutus unedo* (8208 ± 38 BP) and *Cerastoderna edule* (8276 ± 40 BP) point for an occupation at the Early-Middle Holocene transition and an AMS date on *Scrobicularia plana* (9205 ± 40 BP) may be inflated by the ecology of this species.

Solutrean: Mostly composed of lithics with a small faunal assemblage dominated by *Cervus elaphus*. The lithic assemblage has quartzite (fire cracks, hammer stones, anvils, flakes and chopper-

Stratigraphic unit.	Material	Result
1	<i>Scrobicularia plana</i>	9205 ± 40
1	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	8208 ± 38
4	<i>Cerastoderna edule</i>	8276 ± 40
6-10	Bone (ind)*	19170 ± 120
6-10	<i>Salix/Populus</i>	209 ± 27
14	<i>Cervus elaphus</i> **	18510 ± 100

Table 1. Poço Rock Shelter. AMS absolute dates.

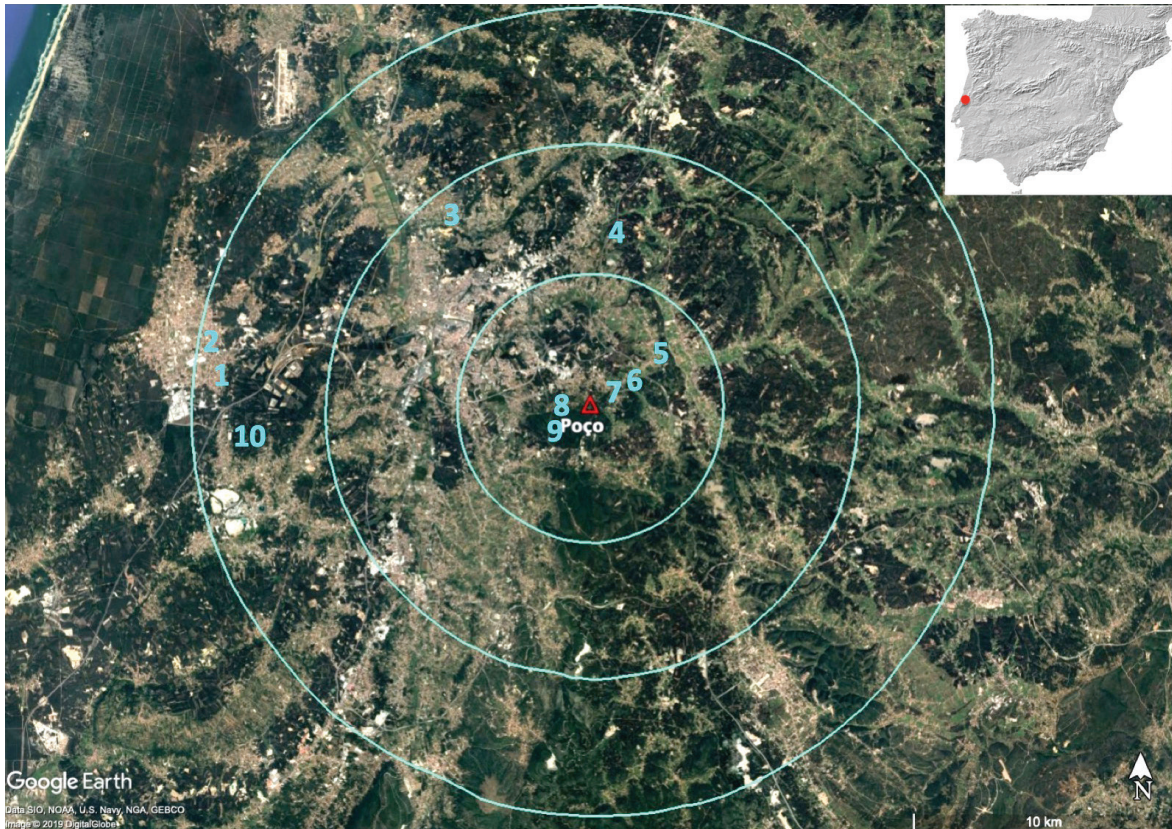


Figure 1. Poço Rock Shelter. A: Location in the Iberian Peninsula from Google Earth, and location of Poço Rock Shelter (red triangle) with 5, 10 and 15 km ranges. Chert sources: 1- Picassinos, 2- Tojeira, 3- Areeiro do Aeródromo Este (AAE); 4- Boavista, 5- Opeia, 6- Martinela, 7- Epígrafe, 8- Bancada das Chitas (BChitas), 9- Curvachia, 10- Arroiteia.

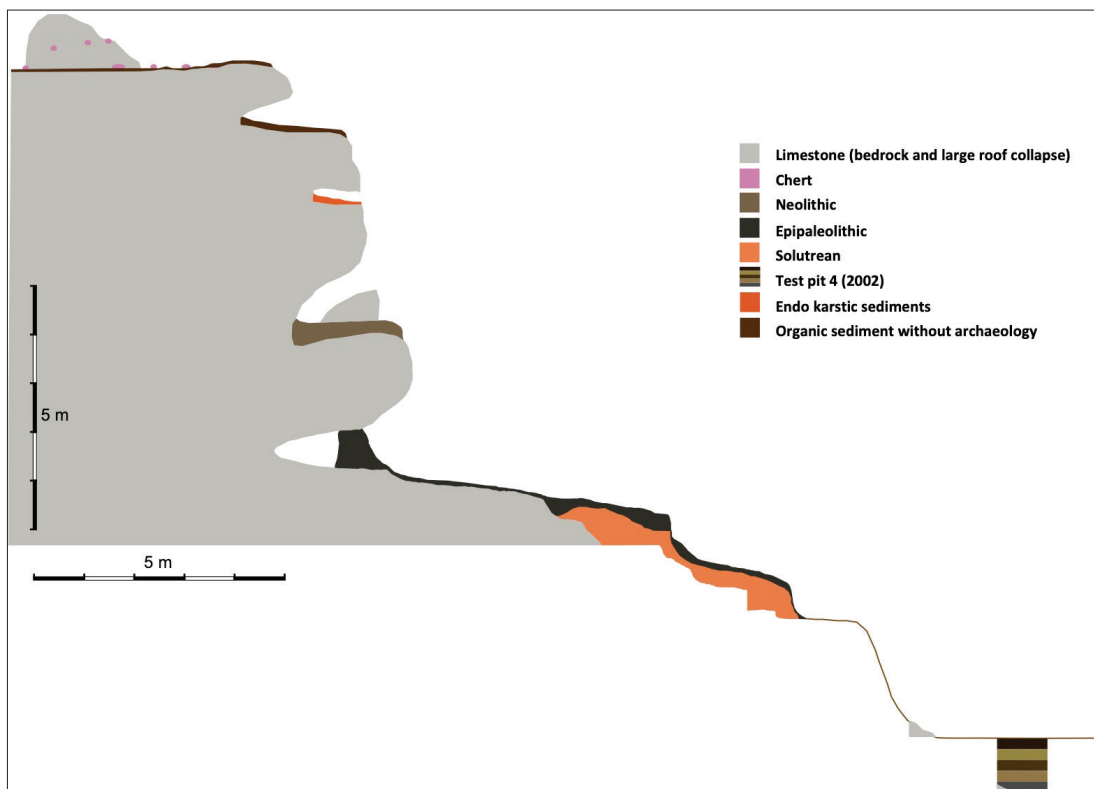


Figure 2. Poço Rock Shelter. Schematic profile with the location of the chert outcrop, the excavated trench, and the test pit excavated in 2002 that lead to the identification of the site.

like cores), quartz (prismatic and bipolar cores, chipped stones, small flakes and bladelets) but mostly chert (prismatic cores, large burins, flakes, blades and bladelets, large amounts of crests, flanks, and bifacial trimming flakes along with bifacial preforms and bifacial fragmented tips with central tang). Lithics are often burned, suggesting in situ heat-treatment. AMS dates on indeterminate bone of medium/large fauna ($19,170 \pm 120$ BP) and *Cervus elaphus* $18,510 \pm 100$ BP point for an occupation at the between the GS2 and the GS3.

4. Materials and Methods

Many of the raw material sources identified and georeferenced in the River Lis basin have been previously documented but not characterized (Carvalho 2011; Carvalho and Carvalho 2007; Município de Leiria 2015). With EcoPLis we began to produce a much more detailed geographic record of these primary, sub-primary and secondary sources and their characterization. With regard to chert, primary sources were defined as a continuous limestone formation with chert nodules and/or lenses. Sub-primary sources were defined as concentrations of nodules or chunks found outside of the bedrock but adjacent to it, usually immediately in front of, or downslope of, the outcrop. Finally, secondary sources were defined as a concentration of nodules or chunks that are outside of and clearly away from the original bedrock. In this case, these nodules or chunks are usually rolled and packed in marine or fluvial terraces, or can be found along the coast, brought in by wave action. This suggests they were brought from inland by the fluvial network, or that there are other chert sources underwater that may have been available to Pleistocene hunter-gatherers when the sea was several kilometres away. Thus, these and other outcrops may not be visible (e.g. covered by a thick deposit such as a marine or fluvial terrace, dune fields, the Ocean, or construction) or no longer exist (e.g. the softer limestone with chert is highly exposed and was heavily eroded to exhaustion, modern work obliteration, etc.). The concentration can occur at the surface (often as debris flow), inside or at the surface of a terrace or below in a colluvium but often as loose gravel and usually visible due to local erosion (e.g. a road cut, torrential stream or slope dynamics) (Figure 3).

The recording of the perimeter of each visible primary, sub-primary and secondary chert source has been marked using a tablet or smartphone with GPS in order to make a georeferenced polygon with a ca. 5 m error. In the case of quartz and quartzite used for knapping, as well as other local volcanic raw materials that may have been used for knapping and adornments (Nora *et al.* 2017; Pereira *et al.* 2018), these can be found in the rich gravel deposits associated with marine and fluvial terraces. These terraces have extensive areas and most of them are already mapped on geological maps (Teixeira *et al.* 1968). For the purpose of study of the chert, we collected multiple hand samples from each source in order to cover its internal variability (size, shape, colours, internal flaws, etc.).

To identify the geochemical signature of the different chert sources in the River Lis basin, we randomly selected hand samples from each source and analysed their geochemical composition. The geochemical analysis was done from Magnesium (^{12}Mg) to Uranium (^{92}U) by p-XRF for 240 seconds (equally divided in 120 seconds for heavy and light elements) using a portable energy dispersive spectrometer Bruker™ S1 Titan°. The equipment was mounted in «Desktop Configuration» with the lid closed during analysis on a solid professional desktop. During the readings, the personnel were kept at a safe distance to avoid radiation exposure and any contact that could result in the movement of the samples. The p-XRF was equipped with a rhodium X-ray tube and FAST° SDD detector, 5 mm collimator, S1RemoteCtrl filter, and S1Sync software. The calibration used was set on the default calibration (Application Geochem General Method Dual Mining). The archaeological specimens (Figure 4) were selected in order to get the most macroscopic variability as possible, and each artefact was analysed on a clean, flat and homogeneous surface. When possible, due to the dimensions and volume of the sample, more



Figure 3. Different chert sources in the basin of the River Lis and used in this study.
 a) Bancada das Chitas; b) Martinela; c) Opeia; d) Remaining nodules from the Poço plateau outcrop.

than one analysis was done on each specimen. The geological specimens were analysed on a clean, flat and homogeneous fresh cut.

Statistical analysis aimed to verify internal variability of the chert samples from Poço and their similarity to other regional sources. In order to do that we performed cluster analysis (Classical hierarchical clustering) with PAST[®] 3.24 software using the unweighted pair group method with arithmetic mean (UPGMA) algorithm and Euclidean Similarity Index and Stratigraphy Constrained with a cophenetic correlation of 0.2332.

5. Results

Results from the geochemical analysis can be seen in Figure 5 and Table 2.

Chert specimens present macroscopic and geochemical variability. From a geochemical point of view, the chert from the River Lis basin is relatively homogeneous with regard to the presence and absence of light and heavy elements. Bancada das Chitas (BChitas), Epigafe, Curvachia correspond to the same outcrop on the valley separated by only some hundred meters. These sources show some geochemical variability, including on the same nodule (ex: 589-590, 599-600 and 605-606). Areeiro do Aeródromo Este (AAE) is a 20 m thick sand-supported terrace with a gravel-supported base dominated by quartzite and quartz but in which large pebbles of good quality and homogeneous light-red chert are easily found. Usually these nodules are distinct and the original source is still to be found. Other nodules from this terrace cluster with those from Curvachia, Opeia and Tojeira suggesting natural feeding of the River Lis terraces by local but complex fluvial erosion and transportation of nodules. Tojeira and Picassinos

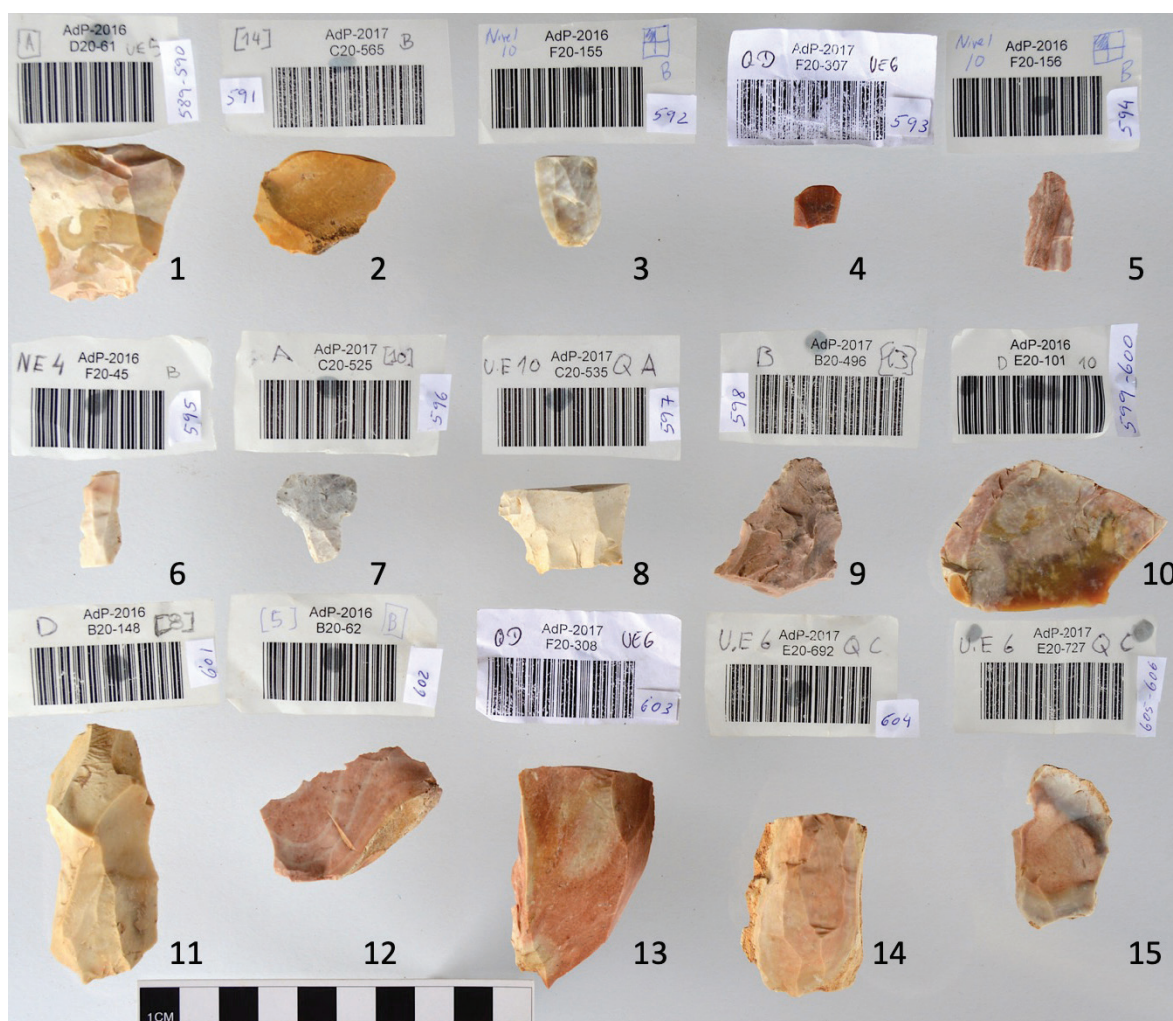


Figure 4. Poço Rock Shelter. Archaeological specimens used in this study.

correspond to a terrace with nodules in secondary position. The fact that they cluster with the samples taken from the primary and sub-primary sources of Opeia and Epígrafe reinforces this idea.

From a geochemical point of view, most samples have high values of Silicon but some samples gathered in secondary position are clearly dissilicified. Elements such as Cobalt, Nickel, Strontium, Zirconium, Molybdenum, Silver, Tin, Barium, Cerium, Tungsten and Zink are rare and Cobalt, Nickel, Zink, Silver, Tin, Barium, Cerium, Tungsten were not detected in Poço samples. Chromium was also not detected in Poço samples but is common in the other samples. Aluminum, Iron, Calcium and Potassium are relevant in the Poço samples.

Overall Poço (AdP) samples are very similar to each other and cluster outside of the remaining samples, suggesting an outcrop with very distinct characteristics. These characteristics are significantly different from the other nearby sources such as Bancada das Chitas, Martinela and Epígrafe, and this may have been the reason for the selection of this site for the production of the Solutrean points instead of the others, despite its being very small. Nevertheless, an overall perspective of this outcrop is difficult due to its almost complete exhaustion. Detailed and complementary analysis will be necessary in the near future, namely to recognize chert that may have been brought from other sources and discarded at Poço.

File #	MgO	MgO Err	Al2O3	Al2O3 Err	SiO2	SiO2 Err	P2O5	P2O5 Err	S	S Err	Cl	Cl Err	K2O	K2O Err	CaO	CaO Err	TiO2	TiO2 Err	V	V Err	Cr
ADP589	<LOD	0.6332	0.6908	0.1630	100.0000	0.5908	0.0291	0.0092	0.0368	0.0064	<LOD	0.0120	0.0820	0.0049	0.0099	0.0039	0.0062	0.0031	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP590	0.7724	0.6680	3.6204	0.2028	98.6415	0.5698	0.0409	0.0105	0.0454	0.0066	0.0143	0.0118	0.1668	0.0059	0.0515	0.0042	0.0216	0.0031	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP591	<LOD	0.6410	0.5189	0.1629	100.0000	0.5969	0.0350	0.0096	0.0373	0.0065	<LOD	0.0117	0.0482	0.0045	0.0347	0.0042	0.0033	0.0031	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP592	<LOD	0.6331	<LOD	0.1531	100.0000	0.5847	0.0273	0.0092	0.0250	0.0064	<LOD	0.0122	0.0505	0.0046	<LOD	0.0038	0.0043	0.0032	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP593	<LOD	0.3602	0.7417	0.1506	91.6757	0.5281	0.0424	0.0083	<LOD	0.0061	0.1385	0.0164	0.0560	0.0041	<LOD	0.0034	0.0059	0.0027	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD
ADP594	<LOD	0.6549	0.4399	0.1654	100.0000	0.6217	0.0291	0.0095	0.0574	0.0068	0.0323	0.0122	0.1043	0.0053	0.0508	0.0044	0.0107	0.0031	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP595	<LOD	0.3712	0.6227	0.1544	96.3779	0.5547	0.0508	0.0096	0.0392	0.0066	0.0446	0.0139	0.0491	0.0043	0.1840	0.0057	0.0076	0.0028	<LOD	0.0001	<LOD
ADP596	<LOD	0.3810	0.5091	0.1593	100.0000	0.5992	0.0512	0.0093	0.0402	0.0063	0.0215	0.0133	0.0483	0.0044	0.1881	0.0057	0.0052	0.0029	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP597	0.6916	0.6363	0.9498	0.1641	97.7370	0.5638	0.0262	0.0094	0.0185	0.0064	<LOD	0.0124	0.0580	0.0047	0.0254	0.0042	0.0063	0.0031	0.0001	0.0001	<LOD
ADP598	<LOD	0.6419	0.6135	0.1616	100.0000	0.5760	0.0339	0.0102	0.0094	0.0063	<LOD	0.0120	0.0671	0.0049	0.0250	0.0042	0.0112	0.0031	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP599	<LOD	0.6564	1.6253	0.1758	98.0419	0.5660	0.0286	0.0099	0.0122	0.0065	<LOD	0.0126	0.1067	0.0054	<LOD	0.0040	0.0097	0.0032	0.0002	<LOD	<LOD
ADP600	0.7089	0.6018	1.4365	0.1603	84.1478	0.4909	0.0438	0.0110	<LOD	0.0065	<LOD	0.0126	0.0862	0.0050	0.3152	0.0069	0.0150	0.0031	0.0022	0.0004	<LOD
ADP601	<LOD	0.4180	2.1261	0.1850	100.0000	0.5876	0.0481	0.0107	0.0439	0.0067	<LOD	0.0115	0.0911	0.0051	0.0768	0.0046	0.0187	0.0032	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP602	<LOD	0.3850	0.6493	0.1603	100.0000	0.5873	0.0474	0.0087	<LOD	0.0062	0.0490	0.0157	0.0522	0.0043	0.0088	0.0039	0.0093	0.0028	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP603	<LOD	0.6647	0.6225	0.1660	100.0000	0.6040	0.0255	0.0094	0.0307	0.0065	<LOD	0.0121	0.0670	0.0049	0.0246	0.0041	0.0090	0.0032	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP604	<LOD	0.6813	0.7573	0.1704	100.0000	0.6084	0.0292	0.0099	0.0217	0.0064	<LOD	0.0121	0.0762	0.0051	0.0285	0.0042	0.0055	0.0032	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP605	<LOD	0.4526	1.7932	0.1904	100.0000	0.6426	0.0428	0.0102	0.0344	0.0066	0.0134	0.0131	0.1196	0.0056	0.0658	0.0046	0.0126	0.0032	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
ADP606	0.6452	0.6017	1.4597	0.1694	98.2624	0.5668	0.0562	0.0095	0.0282	0.0062	<LOD	0.0135	0.0717	0.0046	0.1092	0.0049	0.0108	0.0029	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
Curvachia	1.1812	0.3973	0.1501	0.1161	43.5038	0.3314	0.1381	0.0165	<LOD	0.0102	<LOD	0.0077	0.0348	0.0046	0.0916	0.0052	0.0333	0.0026	<LOD	0.0015	0.0072
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AAE	<LOD	<LOD	0.2241	0.1534	97.0368	0.5656	0.0545	0.0121	<LOD	0.0056	0.0186	0.0159	0.0275	0.0042	0.0116	0.0038	0.0046	0.0017	0.0003	0.0001	0.0066
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Opela	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.1518	100.05892	0.066	0.0109	0.0343	0.0343	0.0053	0.0231	0.0152	0.0365	0.0041	0.013	0.0034	0.0026	0.0016	<LOD	<LOD	0.008
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Picassinos	<LOD	<LOD	0.2636	0.1653	100.0629	0.0727	0.012	0.0269	0.0269	0.0052	<LOD	0.0163	0.0248	0.0042	0.0355	0.0041	0.002	0.0016	<LOD	<LOD	0.0077
Picassinos	<LOD	<LOD	0.2315	0.164	100.062	0.0684	0.0126	0.0132	0.0132	0.0053	<LOD	0.0168	0.0226	0.0043	0.0501	0.0044	0.0025	0.0017	<LOD	<LOD	0.0085
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Epigrife	<LOD	<LOD	1.9069	0.178	93.5759	0.5457	0.051	0.0131	<LOD	0.0058	<LOD	0.0154	0.064	0.0048	0.098	0.0049	0.009	0.0017	0.0006	0.0001	0.0066

Table 2. Supplementary Information : results from the geochemical analysis.

RAW MATERIAL PROCUREMENT AT ABRIGO DO POÇO ROCK SHELTER

File #	Cr Err	MnO	MnO Err	Fe2O3	Fe2O3 Err	Co	Co Err	Ni	Ni Err	Cu	Cu Err	Zn	Zn Err	As	As Err	Se	Se Err	Rb	Rb Err	Sr	Sr Err	
AdP589	0.0014	<LOD	0.0043	0.1181	0.0044	<LOD	0.0013	<LOD	0.0005	0.0011	0.0004	<LOD	0.0001	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0000	<LOD	0.0004	0.0004
AdP590	0.0014	<LOD	0.0041	0.1425	0.0048	<LOD	0.0013	<LOD	0.0006	0.0009	0.0004	<LOD	0.0001	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0000	<LOD	0.0003	0.0003
AdP591	0.0014	<LOD	0.0043	0.4917	0.0084	<LOD	0.0018	<LOD	0.0005	0.0011	0.0004	<LOD	0.0001	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0000	<LOD	0.0003	0.0003
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Picassinos	0.0008	0.0025	0.0025	0.0965	0.0033	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.0006	0.001	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003	<LOD	0.0003	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0003	0.0003
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Epigráfe	0.0009	0.003	0.0023	0.1117	0.0034	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	0.0007	0.0011	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	<LOD	0.0003	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0002	<LOD	0.0004	0.0004

Table 2. Continued.

even more attractive during the Last Glacial Maximum. Afterwards, during the Epipaleolithic occupation, the abundant marine evidence suggest that the occupation was by inland groups after they had harvested at the coast. It is, in fact, possible that the site represents the limit of safe consumption of coastal resources. Otherwise, it would be expected that coastal groups would consume those resources closer to the source, where quartzite, quartz and chert nodules could also be found easily.

Since the Portuguese Upper Palaeolithic is mostly based on bladelets and flakes (Zilhão, 1997) the characteristics of outcrops highly affected by tectonics would allow such production through the exploitation of any primary, sub-primary or secondary source. However, for periods such as the Solutrean, during which high quality nodules were necessary for the production of bifacial arrow tips sometimes using heat treatment, not all of these sources were suitable and probably only those with extraordinary quality would have been selected. This may be a parsimonious explanation for the explicit selection of this site to the detriment of others (including those just to the side and just in front of it but where tectonic flaws occur in almost all nodules), the almost exhaustion of the outcrop and the in situ heat-treatment processing of the chert. It is then possible that Poço chert may be found across this transect and deeper in the inland mountains at East.

The irregular terrain of the River Lis basin, marked by plateaux and steep rich canyons surely marked the circulation of past hunter-gatherers. This may include the possible construction of short circular and long bi-directional range paths according the morphology of the valleys. The presence of regional sources with different qualities and chemical signatures may allow the reconstruction and corroborating of such circulation.

7. Conclusion

With this geochemical analysis it was possible to characterize the Poço Rock Shelter lithic raw material procurement. Our results show that the driving factor of use of this site must have been a small outcrop with nodules of outstanding quality. Such a combination of size and quality led to its almost complete exhaustion, and the absence of similar occupations in sources right to the side and immediately in front of the source, but marked by abundant cleavages due to tectonics. Chert from other sources is also present at the site, suggesting the exploitation of other local sources as, contrary to most Portuguese regions, in the River Lis basin chert is a ubiquitous raw material. However, these occur in small amounts. Considering the quality of the Poço outcrop, it is highly plausible that this chert may be found in other sites of the region and also in adjacent regions. Its distinct geochemical signal (that makes it distinct even from other sources from the same valley) will support that approach. Nevertheless, and notwithstanding their similarities and differences, the Lis samples show internal coherence, which allow using them as reliable markers for the variability of the western-most Iberian chert sources.

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