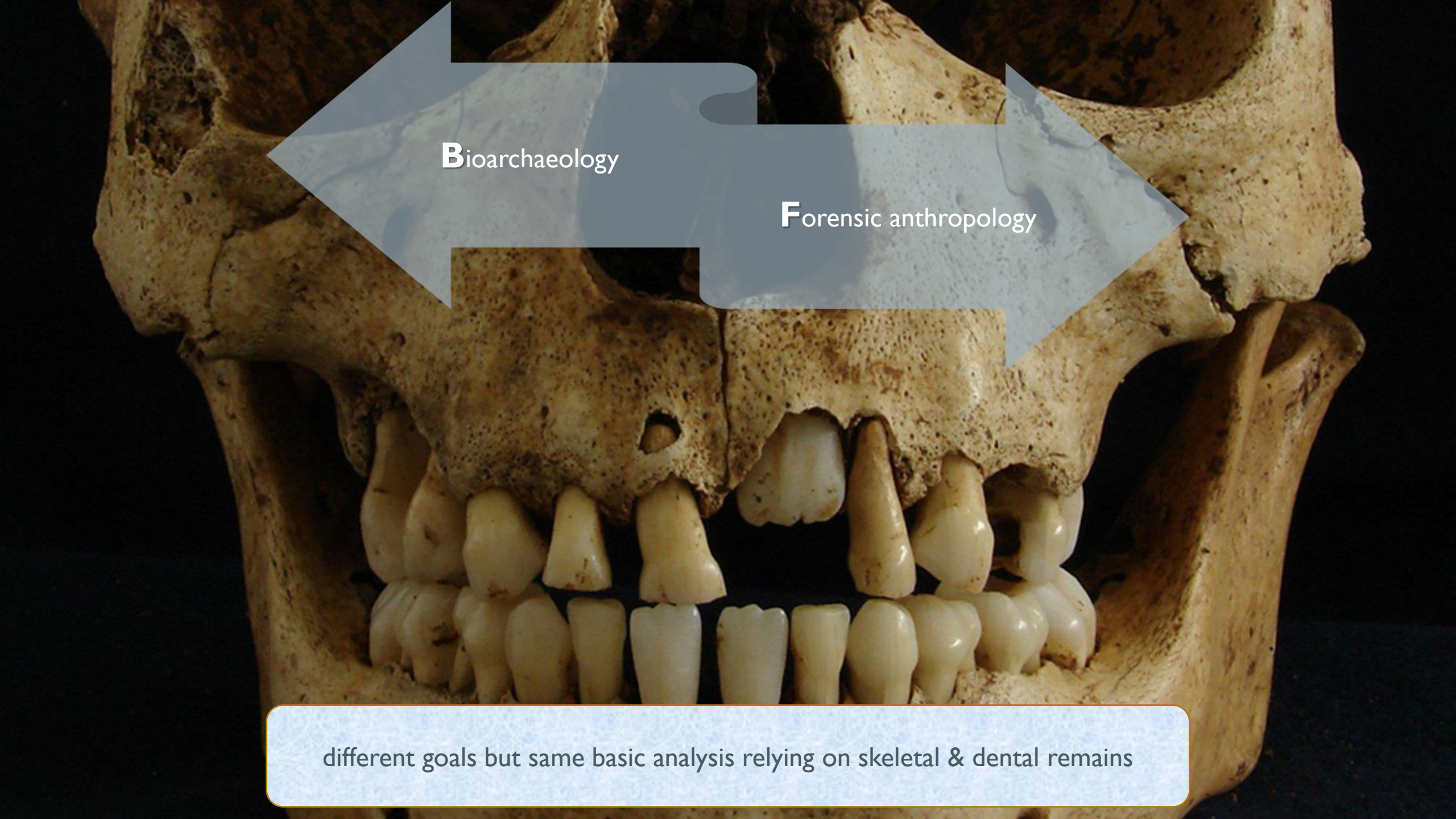




Teeth & Biological Profile (Age & Sex Estimation)

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Bioarchaeology

Forensic anthropology

different goals but same basic analysis relying on skeletal & dental remains

7 QUESTIONS

Is it bone?

Is it human?

Is it modern or
archeological?

How many individuals
/minimum number of
individuals (MNI)?

Who is it?

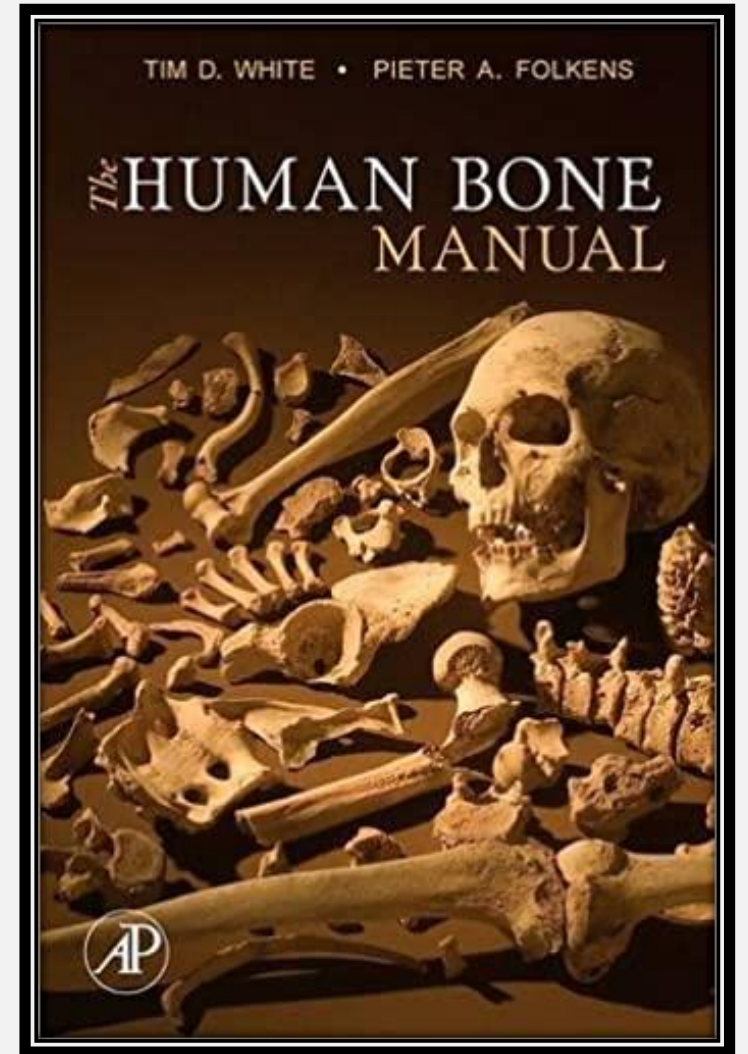
Is there evidence of
trauma before or
around the time of
death?

What happened to the
remains after death?

Who is it?

construct a biological
profile

White & Folkens 2005



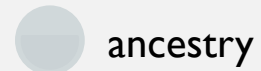
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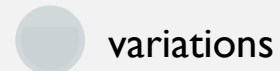
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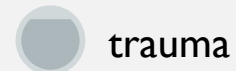
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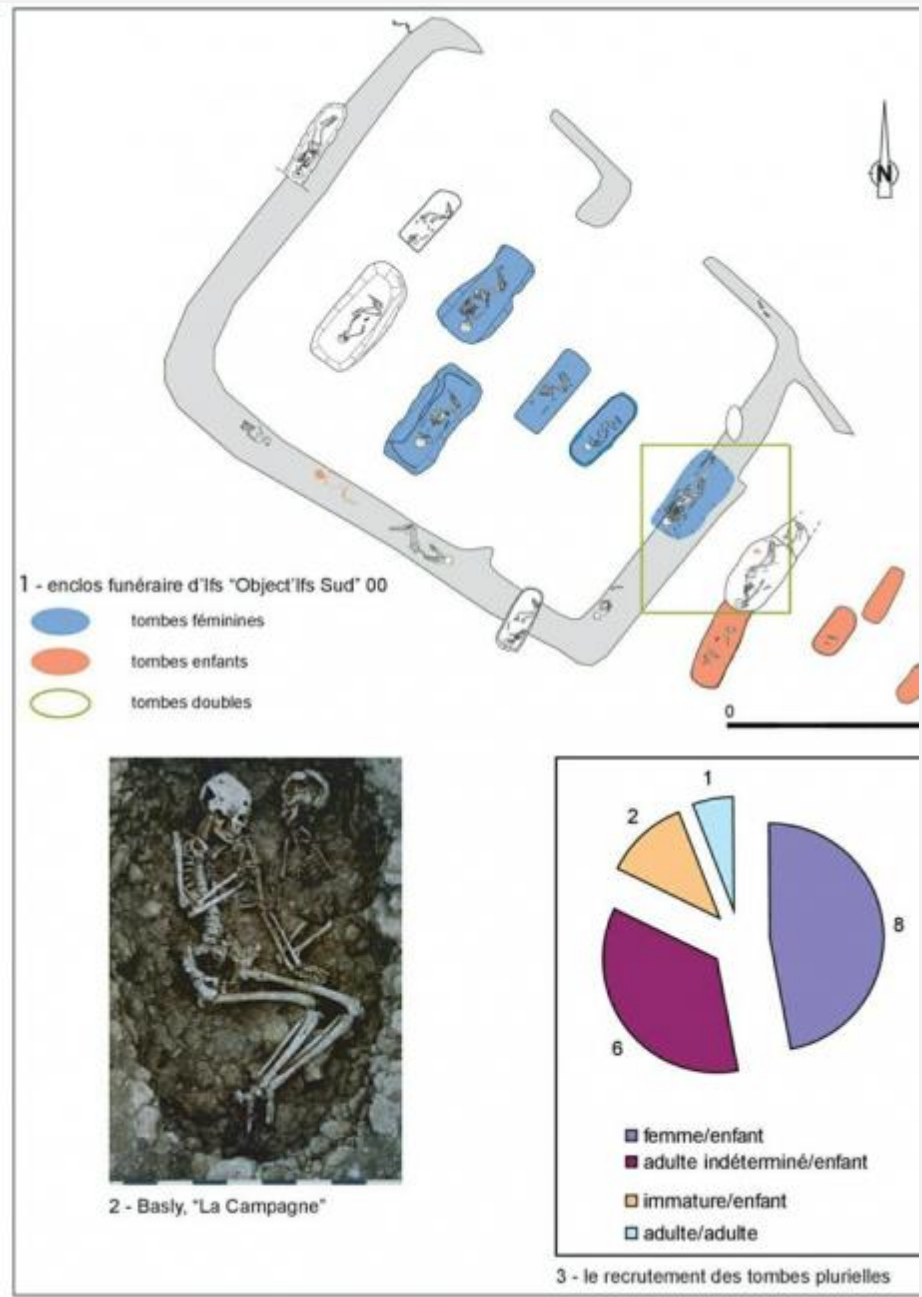
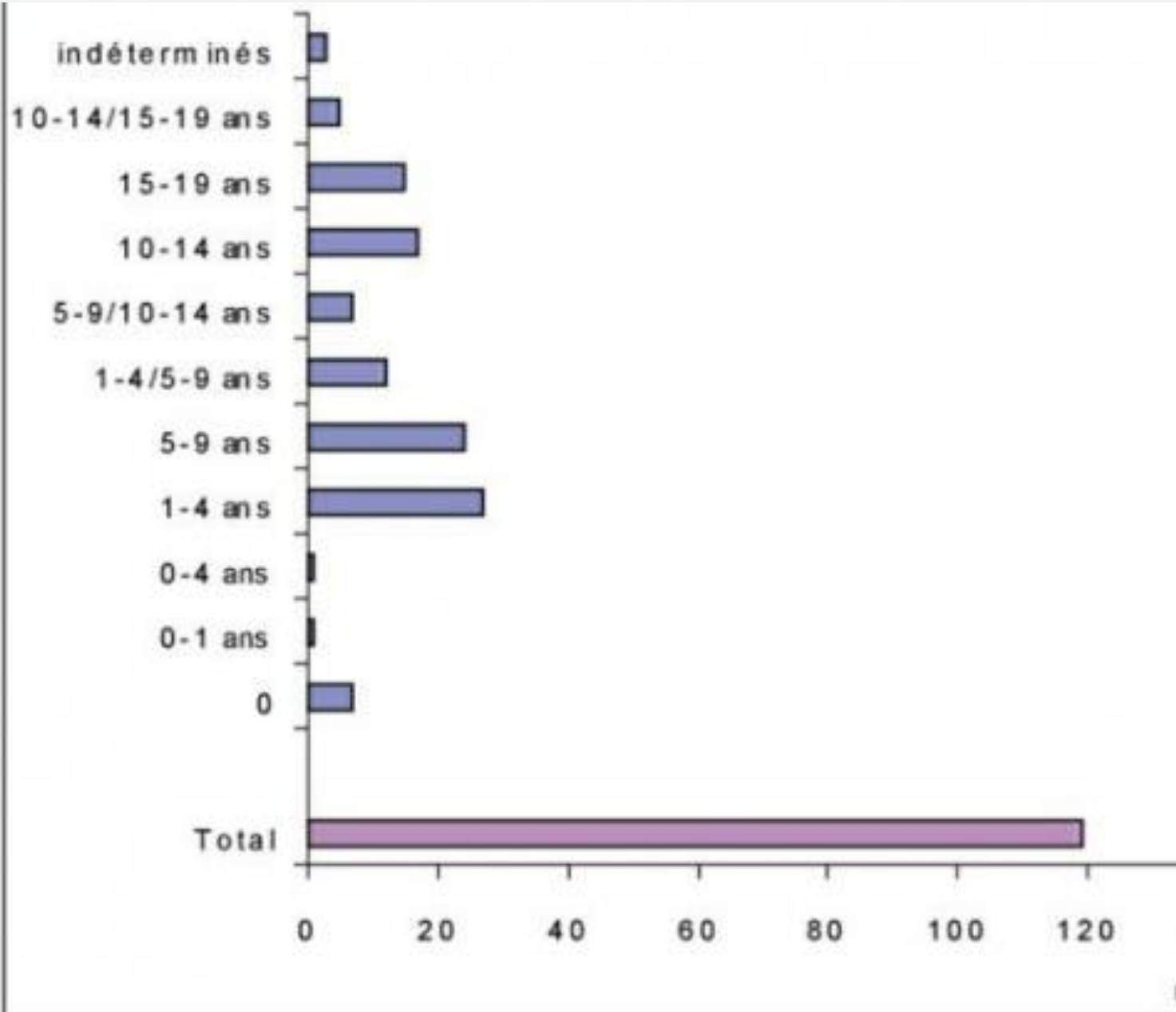
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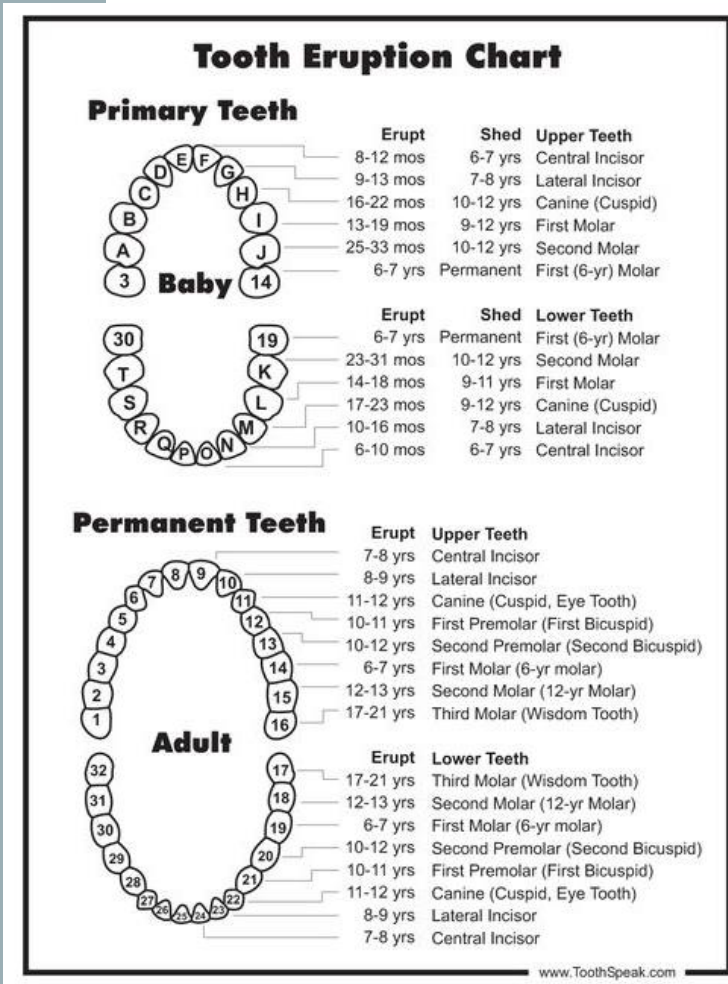
trauma



pathology



AGE ESTIMATION



Age estimation

Non adult

Adult

Metric

Development

Emergence

Combined

Metric

Development
(3rd molar)

Attrition

Biochemical and morphological methods

AGING BY DENTITION: **NON ADULT**

1.

Metric

Liversidge et al. 1998

2.

Development

Moorrees et al. 1963

3.

Emergence

Ubelaker 1987

4.

Combined

Alqahtani et al., 2010

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Alqahtani et al., 2010

I. METRIC: *Liversidge et al. 1998*

☪ Source

- dry tooth measurements
- from children (buried 1729-1859)
- excavated from the crypt of Christ Church, London
- males & females combined



Crypt of Christ Church, London

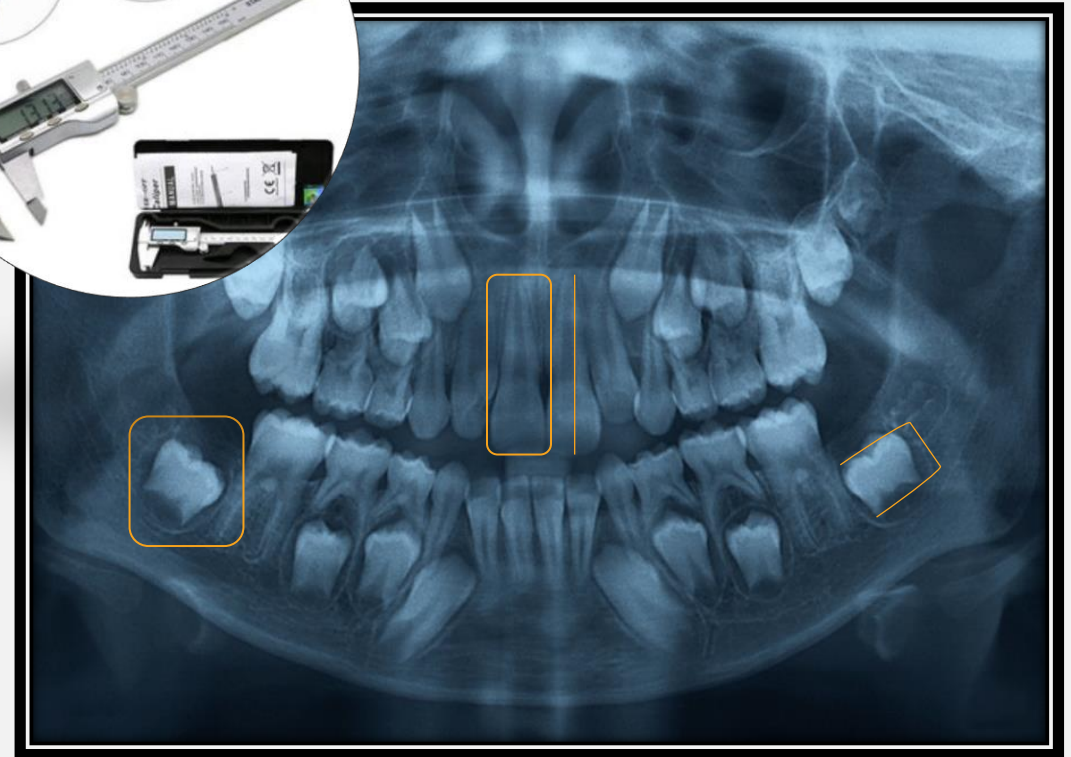


I. METRIC: Liversidge *et al.* 1998

Application

I. Measure the tooth

Tooth length: the distance from the cusps-tips or mid-incisal edge to the development edges of crown or root in the midline



I. METRIC: Liversidge *et al.* 1998



Application

2. Choose the right equation & calculate

Dental Measurements – Deciduous tooth length (mm)

Tooth	Regression Equation for estimating age (yrs)
i1	Age = - 0.653+ 0.144 x length ± 0.19
i2	Age = - 0.581+ 0.153 x length ± 0.17
c	Age = - 0.648+ 0.209x length ± 0.22
m1	Age = - 0.814+ 0.222 x length ± 0.25
m2	Age = - 0.904+ 0.292 x length ± 0.26

Dental Measurements – Permanent tooth length (mm)

Tooth	Regression Equation
I1	Age = 0.237 – 0.018 x length + 0.042 x (length) ² ± 0.21
I ₂	Age = -0.137 – 0.538 x length + 0.003 x (length) ² ± 0.14
I ₂	Age = 0.921 – 0.281 x length + 0.075 x (length) ² ± 0.12
C	Age = -0.163 – 0.294 x length + 0.028 x (length) ² ± 0.25
M1	Age = -0.942 – 0.441 x length + 0.010 x (length) ² ± 0.25

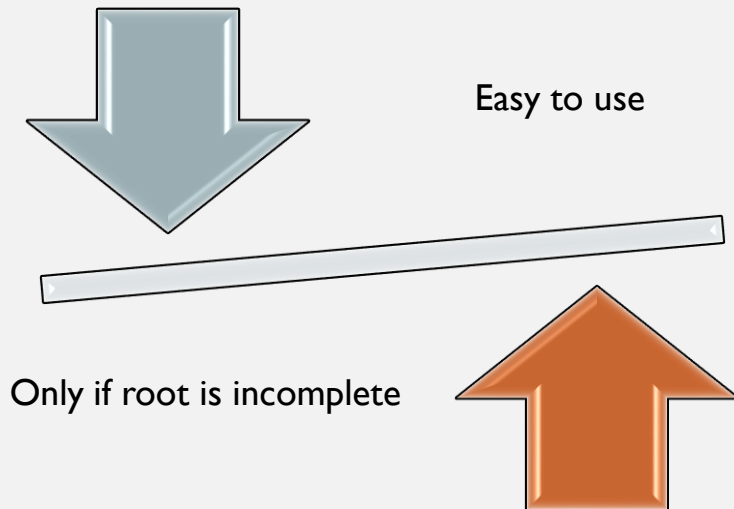
Results from maxillary and mandibular teeth were combined

Measurements from maxillary and mandibular dentition were combined with exception of the lateral incisors



I. METRIC: Liversidge *et al.* 1998

Advantages vs Disadvantages



i.e., tooth is still growing



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Ubelaker 1987

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Combined

Alqahtani et al., 2010

2. DEVELOPMENT: Moorrees *et al.* 1963

🦷 Source

- Intraoral radiographs of 134 Boston children (48 males & 51 females)
- + radiographs from 136 boys & girls from Fels Research Institute program in Yellow Springs, Ohio

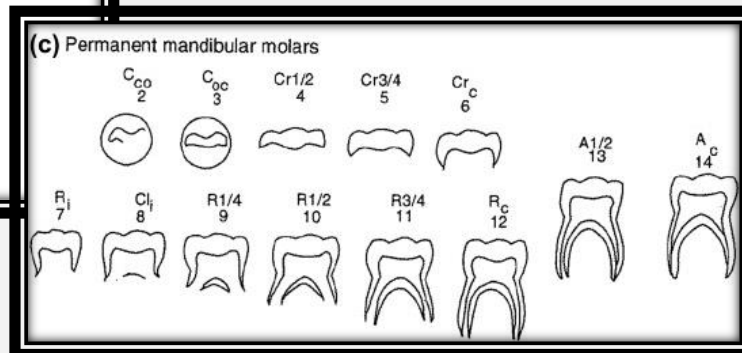
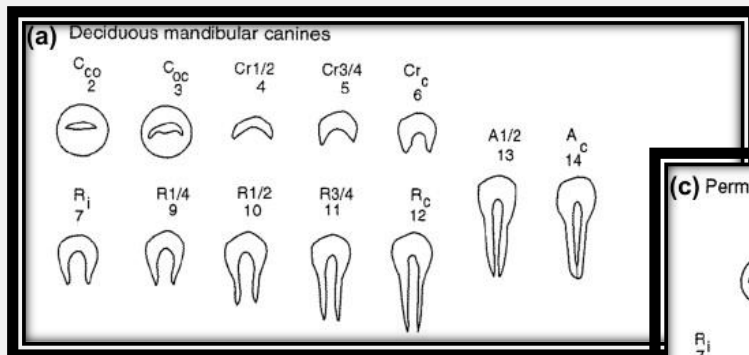


2. DEVELOPMENT: Moorrees *et al.* 1963



Application

- Determine the developmental stage of each available tooth (crown & root) by reference to illustrated developmental stages



Definitions of Tooth Formation Stages

C_i	Initial cusps formation
C_{co}	Coalescence of cusps
C_{oc}	Cusps outline complete
$CR_{1/2}$	Crown half complete
$CR_{3/4}$	Crown three-quarters complete
CR_c	Crown complete
R_i	Initial root formation
C_i	Initial cleft formation
$R_{1/4}$	Root length quarter
$R_{1/2}$	Root length half
$R_{3/4}$	Root length three-quarters
R_c	Root length complete
$A_{1/2}$	Apex half closed
A_c	Apex closure complete

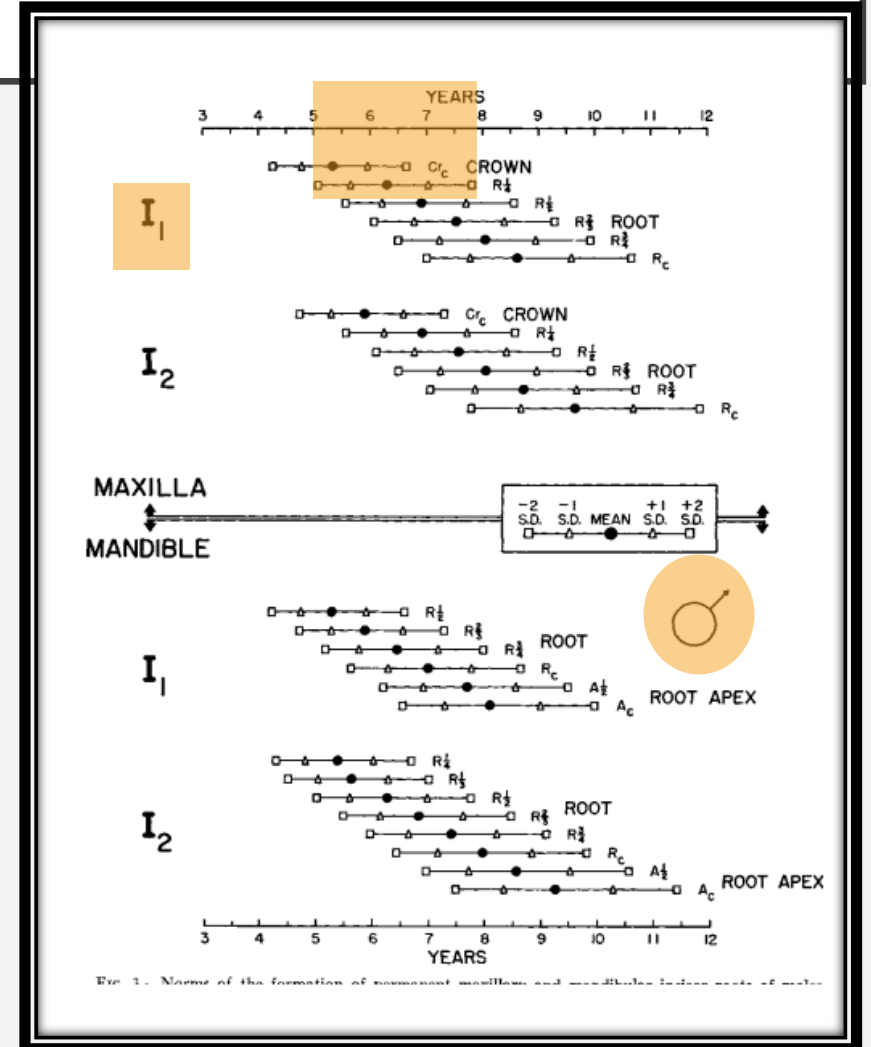


2. DEVELOPMENT: Moorrees *et al.* 1963

Application

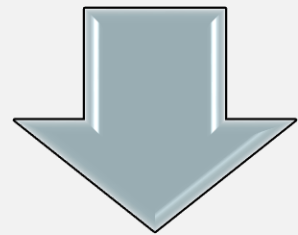
- Then, skeletal age is estimated by referencing calculated mean ages for achieving that developmental stage for each tooth

e.g., $I_1 = R_{1/4} \rightarrow 5 \text{ to } 7.9 \text{ yrs old (if it's a boy)}$



2. DEVELOPMENT: Moorrees *et al.* 1963

Advantages vs Disadvantages

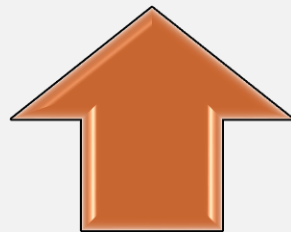


+ interval 95% of the variability = minimized error

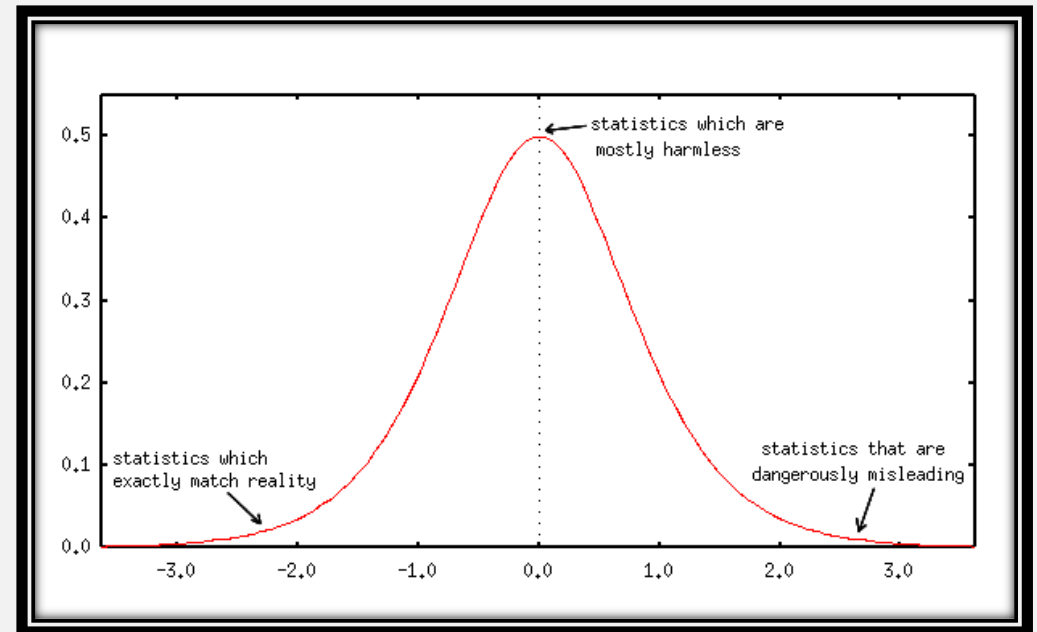
+ absolute accuracy: maximum error btw 6-12 months



- Isolated teeth
- Or of x-ray



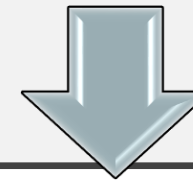
One of the most commonly used European pop



AGING BY DENTITION: NON ADULT

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3. EMERGENCE: Schour & Massler 1941

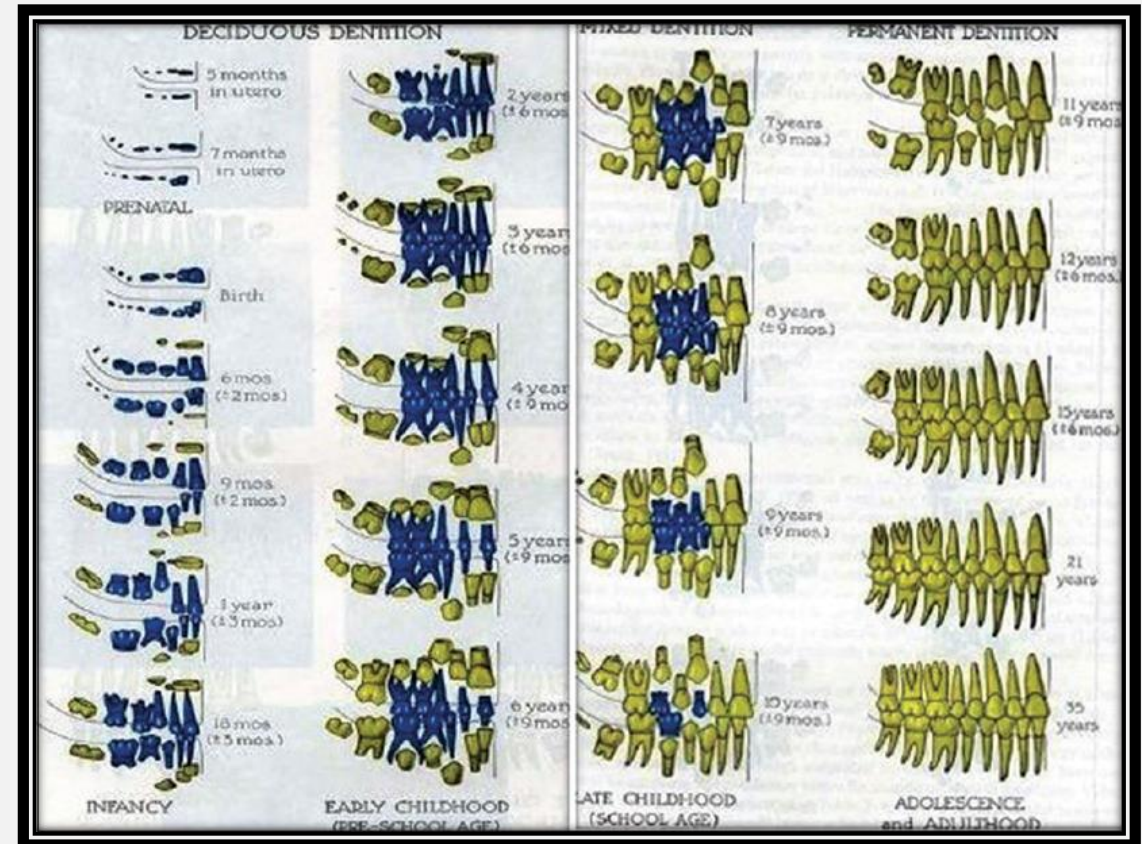


Easy to use

Very small sample
Problematic
No statistics



- ⌘ Among the oldest methods in age estimation
- ⌘ Native North Americans only
- ⌘ Using panoramic radiographs
- ⌘ A chart with a series of 21 drawings
- ⌘ Age between (5 mths in utero to 35 yrs)



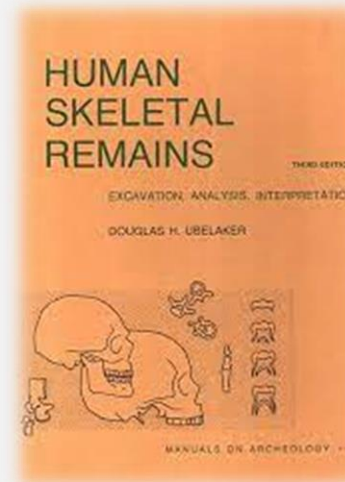
Source: Schour I, Massler M. Development of human dentition. *J Am Dent Assoc* 1941;20:379-427.



3. EMERGENCE: Ubelaker 1987

🦷 Source

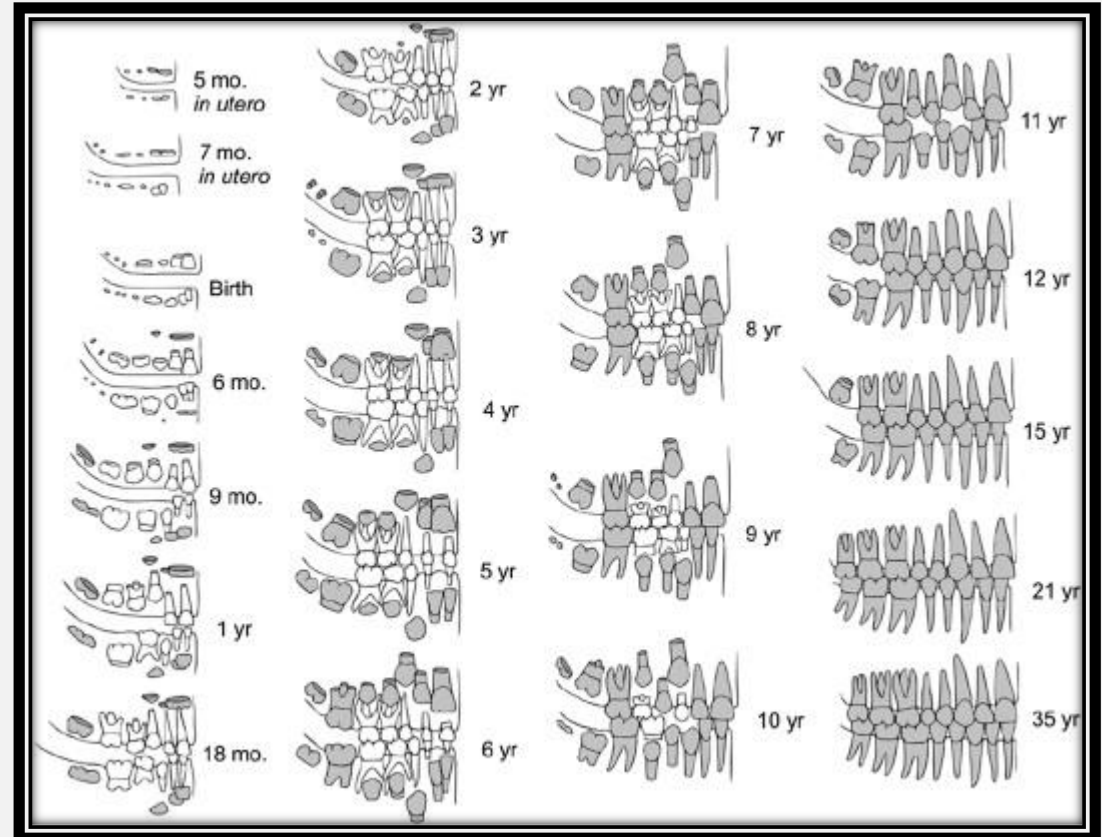
- Compilation of data from multiple publications 1942-1976



3. EMERGENCE: Ubelaker 1987

Application

1. Eruptions refers to emergence through the gum, not the alveolar bone

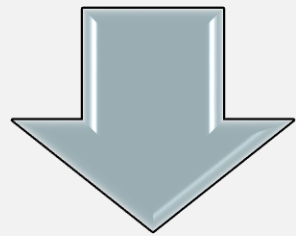


Source: Ubelaker DH. Estimating age at death from immature human skeletons: an overview. *J Forensic Sci.* 1987 Sep;32(5):1254-63.



3. EMERGENCE: Ubelaker 1987

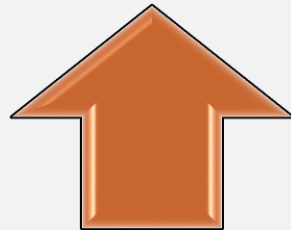
Advantages vs Disadvantages



- + estimation errors adapted to each age
- + sexes combined
- + several populations



-Visual



Covered a wide range of variation at each stage of development
Native American Indians pop
Less applicable for European samples



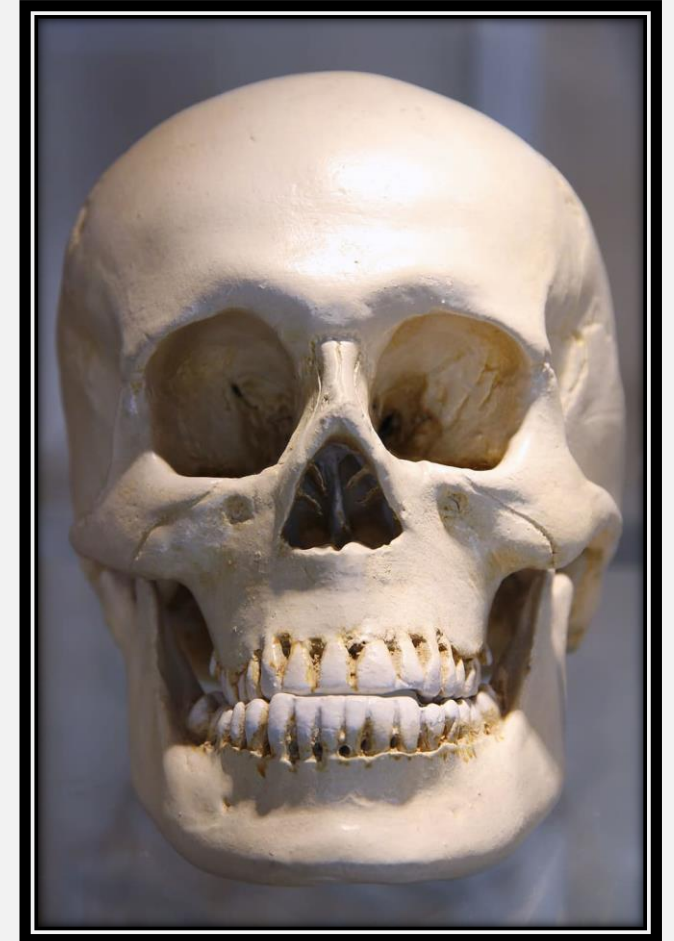
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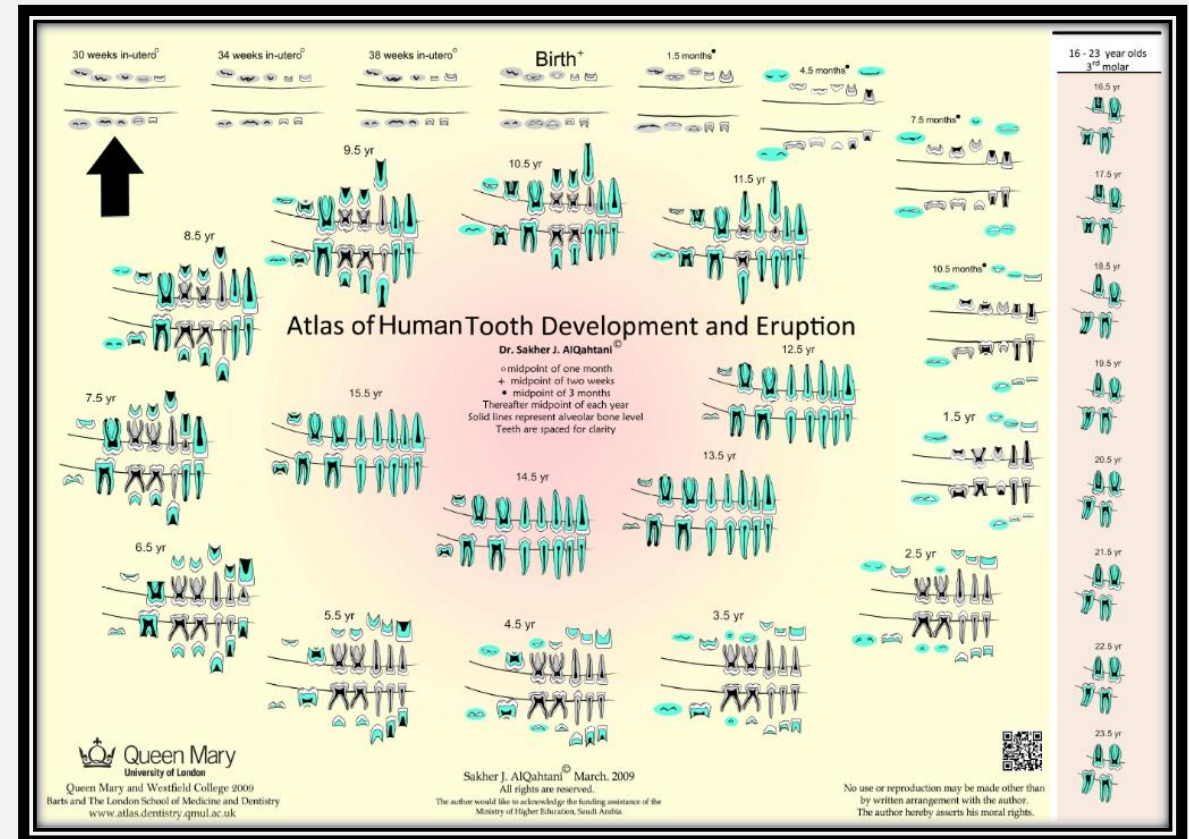
- Known as 'London Atlas method'
- Upper incisors & all 8 lower teeth
- European & Bangladeshi populations



4. COMBINED: Alqahtani et al., 2010

Application

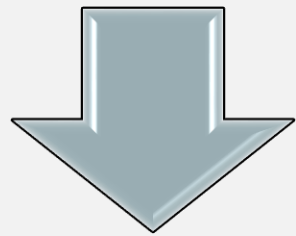
1. Chart divided into different sections based on development → age between (28 weeks in utero to 23 yrs)



Source: S. J. AlQahtani, M. P. Hector and H. M. Liversidge (2014). 'Accuracy of dental age estimation charts: Schour and Massler, Ubelaker and the London Atlas.' In the American Journal of Physical Anthropology Volume 154, Issue 1, pages 70–78, May 2014

4. COMBINED: *Alqahtani et al., 2010*

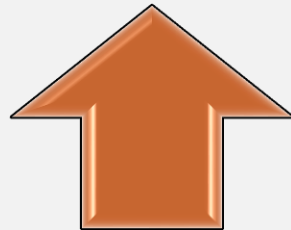
Advantages vs Disadvantages



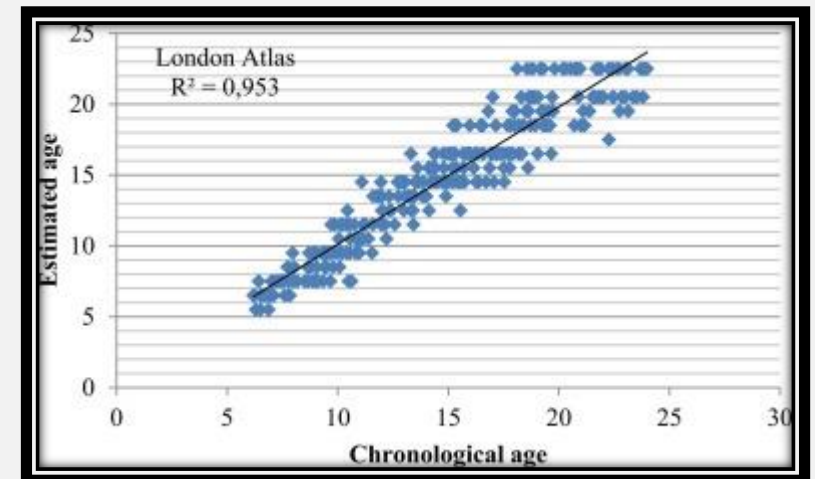
+ new data on estimated age from maxillary teeth



- absence of standard deviations
- mixture of all



Better accuracy compared to emergence methods





AGING BY DENTITION: ADULT

1

Metric

Lamedin et al. 1992

2

Development (3rd molar)
Liversidge & Marsden 2010

3

3

Attrition

Brothwell 1981; Lovejoy 1985
Smith 1984

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I. METRIC: Lamendin *et al.* 1992

🦷 Source

- 306 teeth extracted from 208 individuals (French)
- aged 22 – 90 yrs
- 135 males & 73 females



I. METRIC: Lamendin et al. 1992

Application

1. Take 2 measures (on the labial surface of the entire tooth)

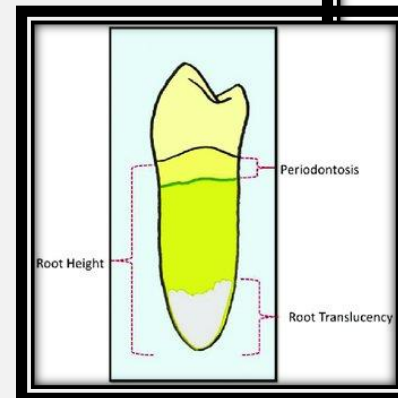
- translucency of the tooth root
- periodontal regression

2. Use the formulae :

$$\text{Age (years)} = 0.18 \times P + 0.42 \times T + 25.53.$$

$$P = \text{Periodontosis height} \times 100 / \text{root height}$$

$$T = \text{Transparency height} \times 100 / \text{root height}$$



$$\text{Dental age: } (0,18 \times P) + (0,42 \times T) + 25,23.$$

$$P = \text{periodontal height} / \text{root height} \times 100.$$

$$T = \text{translucency height} / \text{root height} \times 100.$$



1



2

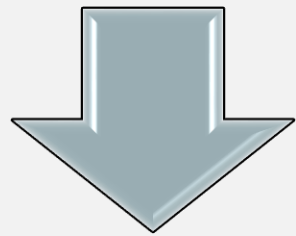


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I. METRIC: Lamendin *et al.* 1992

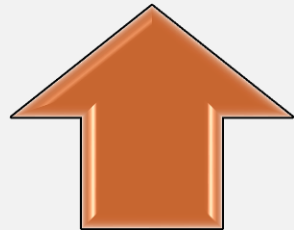
Advantages vs Disadvantages



a mean error of
+/- 10 years on the
working sample
+/- 8.4 years on a forensic
control sample



- One population only



measurements are made without section and do not require special equipment or training

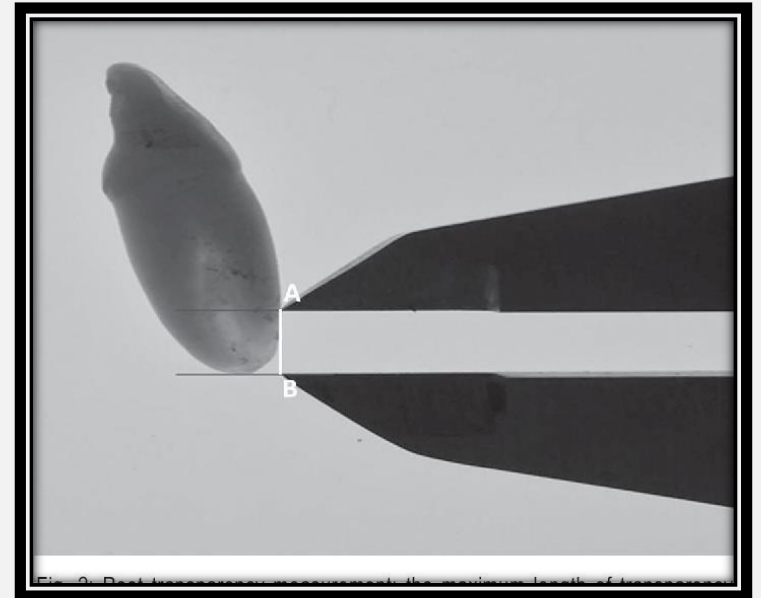


Fig. 2. Post-transverse measurement to the maximum breadth of transverse...



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2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: [Liversidge & Marsden 2010](#)

🦷 Objective

Testing :

1. Age estimation methods using Lower 3rd Molar root formation
2. Diagnostic accuracy of 3rd to predict age 18

> Br Dent J. 2010 Oct 23;209(8):E13. doi: 10.1038/sj.bdj.2010.976. Epub 2010 Oct 15.

Estimating age and the likelihood of having attained 18 years of age using mandibular third molars

[H M Liversidge](#)¹, [P H Marsden](#)

Affiliations + expand

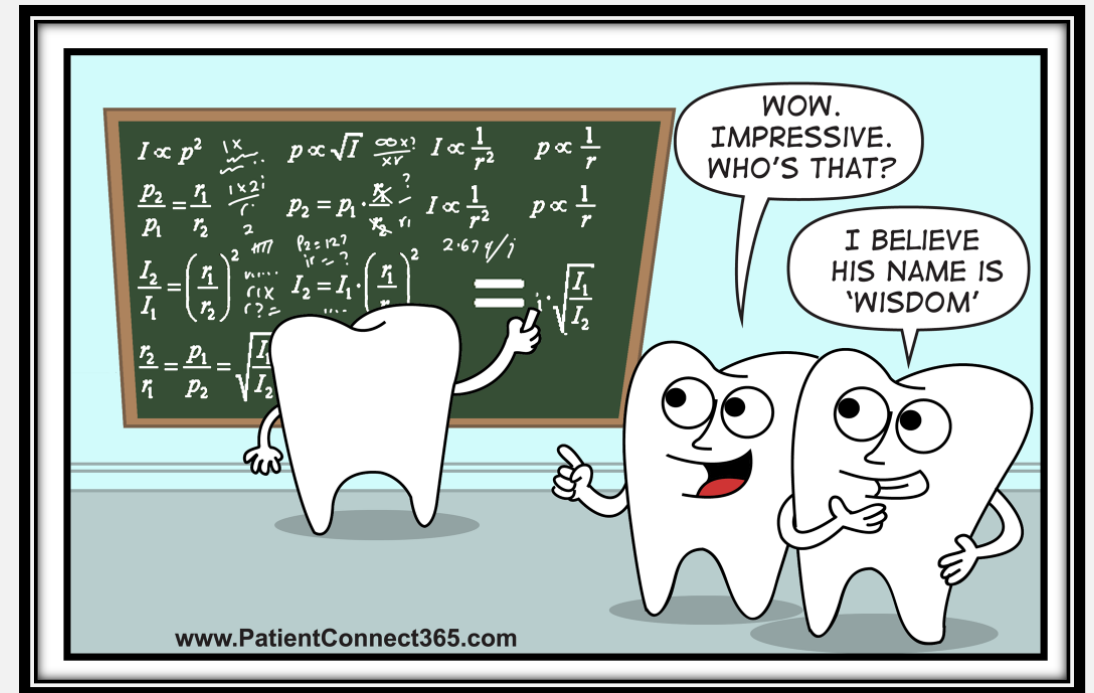
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2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: Liversidge & Marsden 2010

🦷 Design

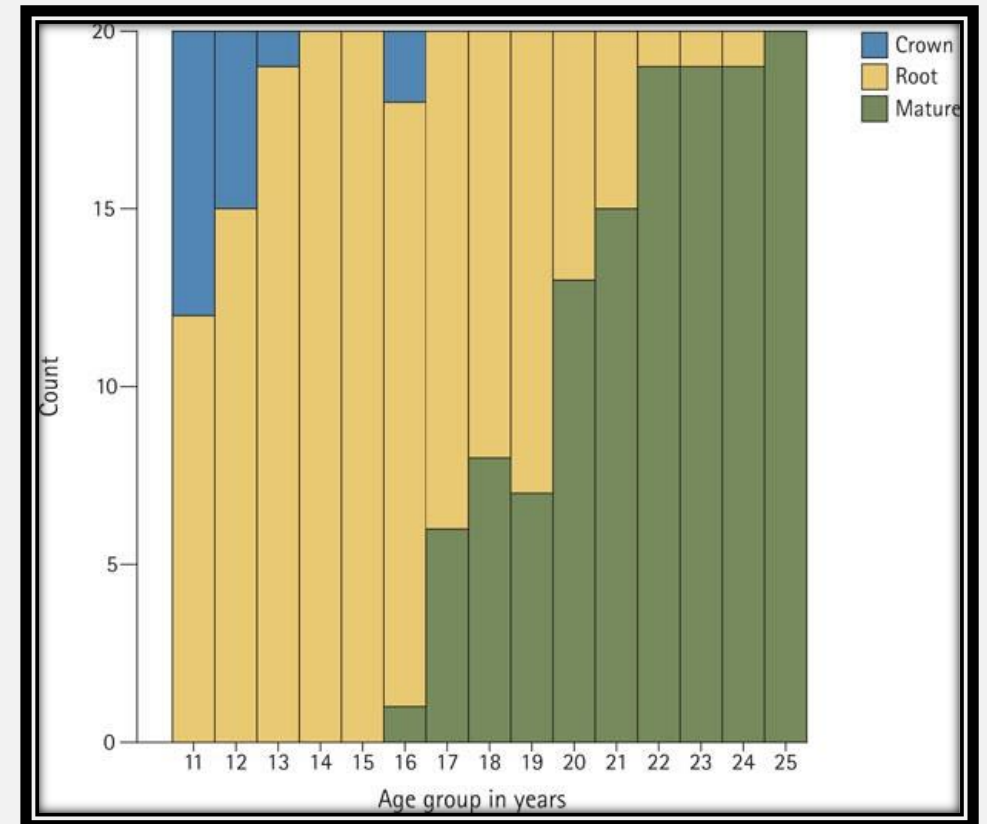
1. Methods tested on 300 dental panoramic radiographs (age 11-25).
2. Diagnostic accuracy assessed on separate reference data (n = 1,663, age 9-25).
3. Root stage was the diagnostic test predicting 18 years of age



2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: Liversidge & Marsden 2010

Methods

1. Root stage of M3 assessed & age estimated (n = 157) using published methods that use Demirjian or Moorrees root stages.
2. Difference between dental & known ages assessed
3. Diagnostic tests & likelihood ratios calculated for reference data



2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: Liversidge & Marsden 2010

🦷 Main outcome measure

1. Mean difference (bias), standard deviation & absolute mean difference between dental age & known ages
2. Likelihood ratio of age 18, given M3 root stage



2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: [Liversidge & Marsden 2010](#)

🦷 Results

Only six of 37 methods estimated age with bias not significant to zero

Mean absolute difference between dental & known age for these methods ranged 1.45-1.97 years

Standard deviation of bias for all methods was around 2 years and 95% confidence interval of estimated age is ± 4 years

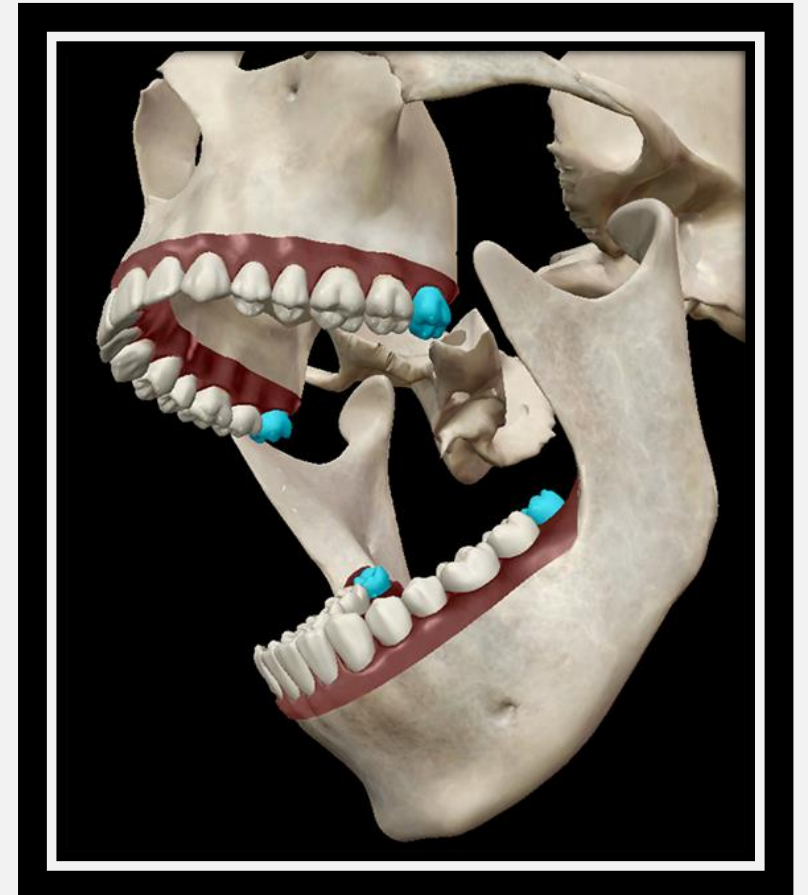


2. DEVELOPMENT 3rd molar: Liversidge & Marsden 2010

🦷 Conclusion

Most methods using M3 root formation estimate age with significant bias

If M3 is mature, age 18 is more than likely attained



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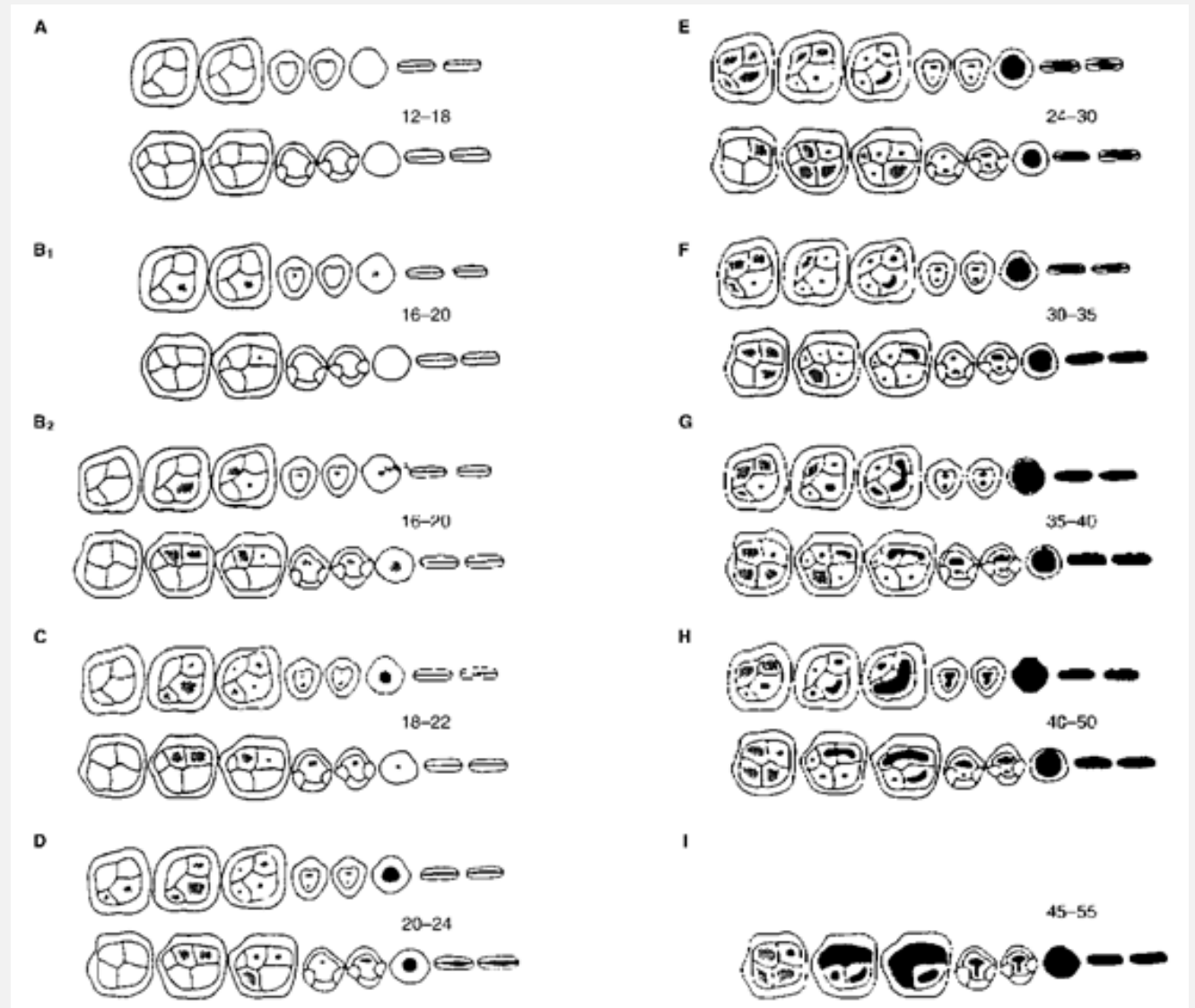
3. DENTAL WEAR

Brothwell 1981

Age Period	About 17-25			25-35			35-45			45 or more		
Molar	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3
Wear pattern										<p>Any greater degree of wear than in the previous columns.</p> <p>NB. Very unequal wear sometimes occurs in the later stages.</p>		

3. DENTAL WEAR

Lovejoy 1985



DENTAL WEAR

a general term that can be used to describe the surface loss of dental hard tissues



Age estimation



Diet indicator

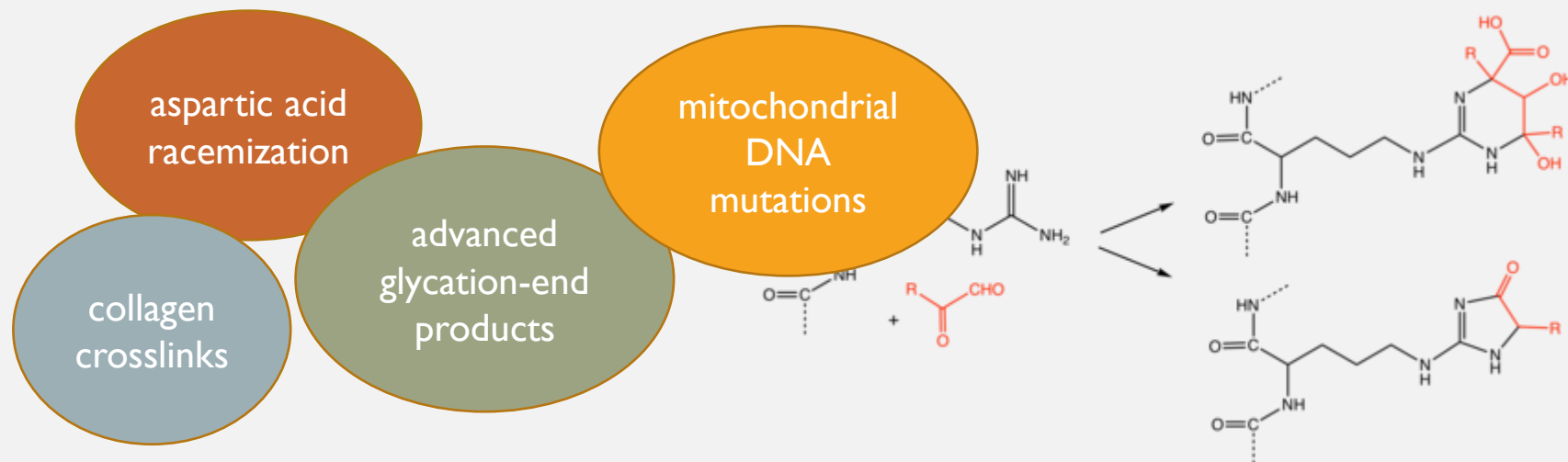
3. DENTAL WEAR

Smith 1984

	Molars			Premolars		Incisors/Canines	
	L			U	L	U	U
1							
2							
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8							

AGE ESTIMATION: Biochemical

1. Natural aging process, several molecular changes occur most commonly in the long-living proteins & hard tissues like the **teeth** & bone
2. These molecular changes gradually lead to alterations in several organs & organ systems, which can be quantified & correlated with **age**



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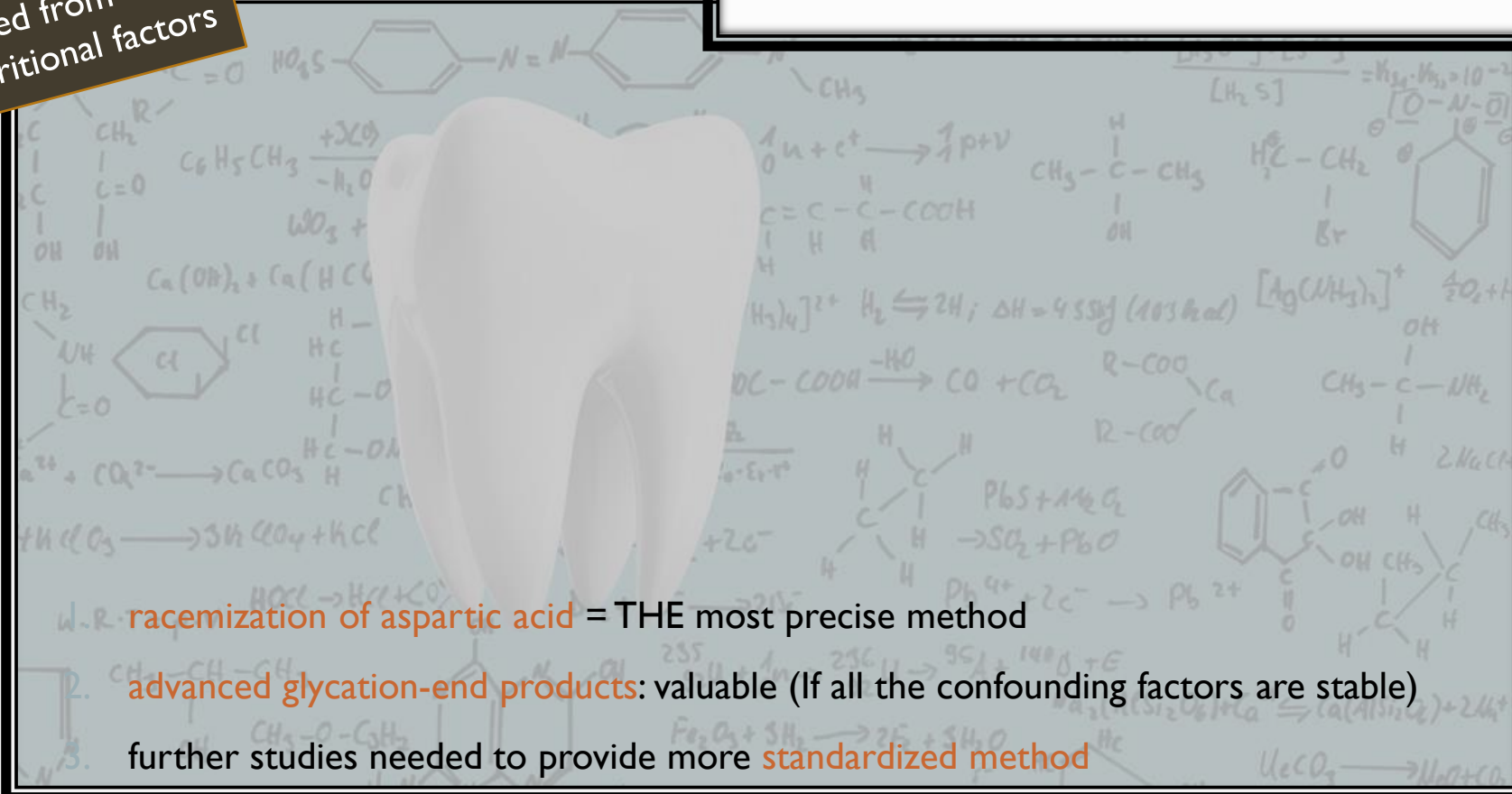
Biochemical analyses for dental age estimation: a review

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main advantage:
sample protected from
environmental & nutritional factors



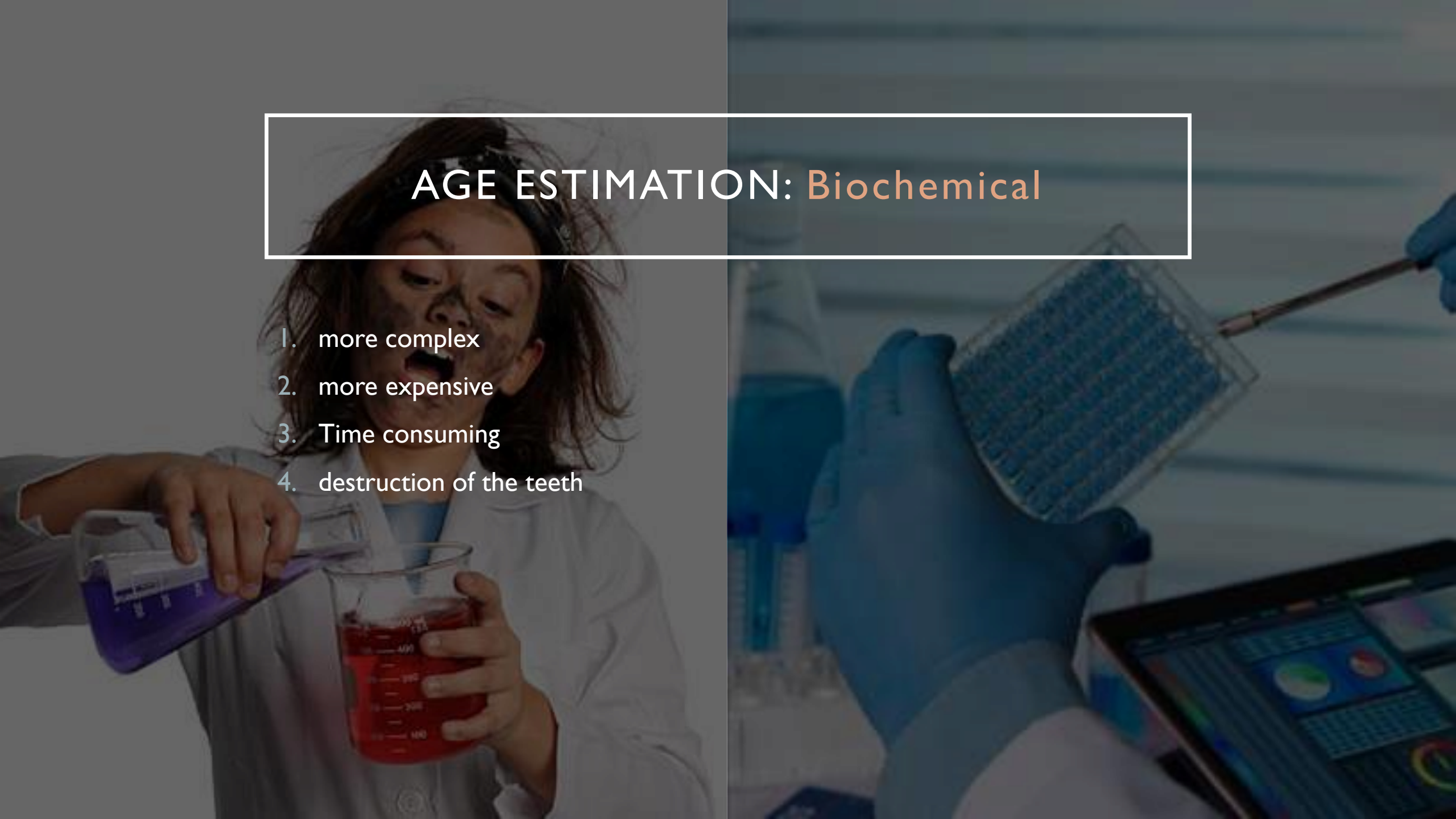
1. **racemization of aspartic acid** = THE most precise method

2. **advanced glycation-end products**: valuable (If all the confounding factors are stable)

3. further studies needed to provide more **standardized method**

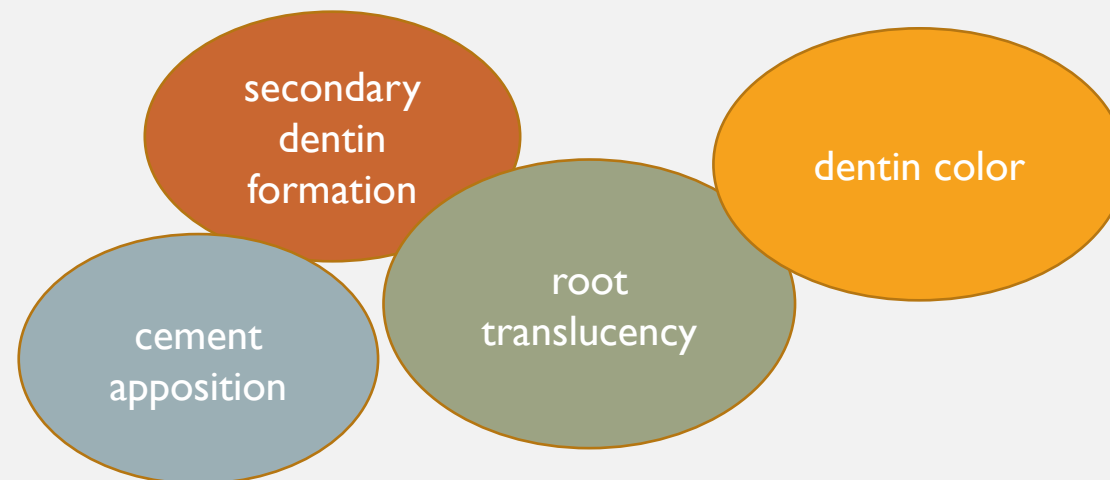
AGE ESTIMATION: Biochemical

1. more complex
2. more expensive
3. Time consuming
4. destruction of the teeth



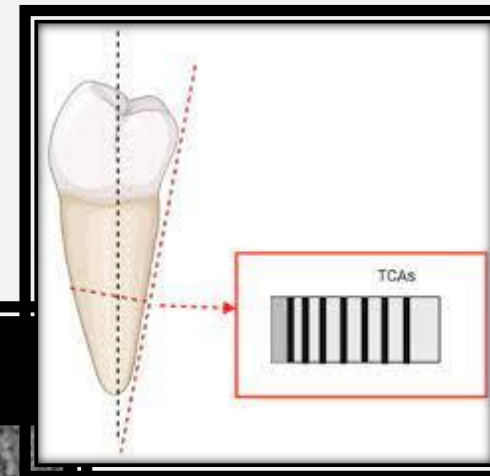
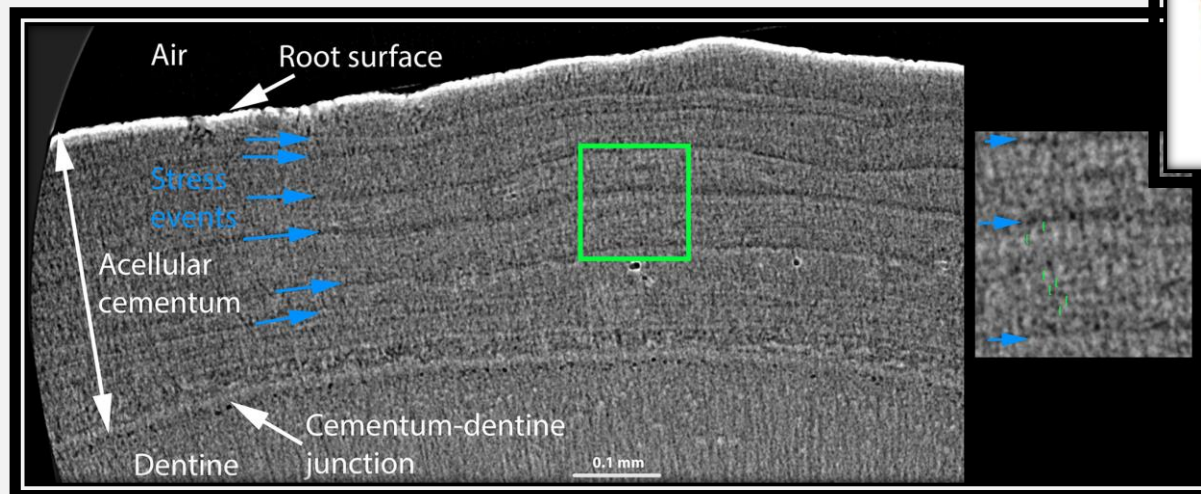
AGE ESTIMATION: Morphological

1. based on assessment of teeth (ex-vivo)
2. require extracted teeth for microscopic preparation
3. the most widely used in practical forensic cases



AGE ESTIMATION: Morphological

Tooth cementum annulation (TCA): a microscopic method for the determination of an individual's age based on the analysis of incremental lines of cementum



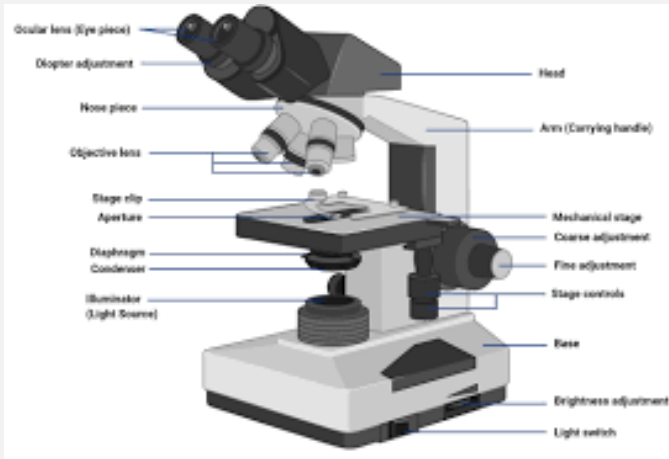
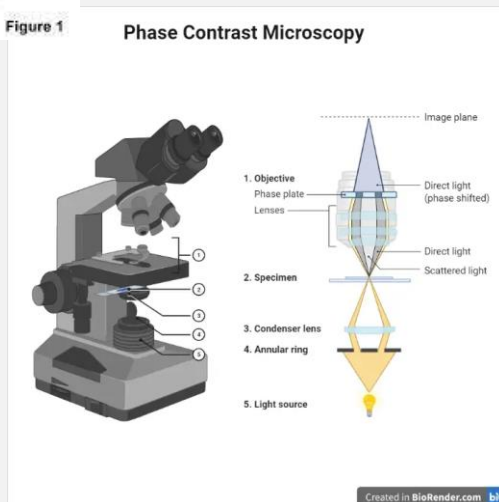


Figure 1

Phase Contrast Microscopy



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Estimation of age based on tooth cementum annulations: A comparative study using light, polarized, and phase contrast microscopy

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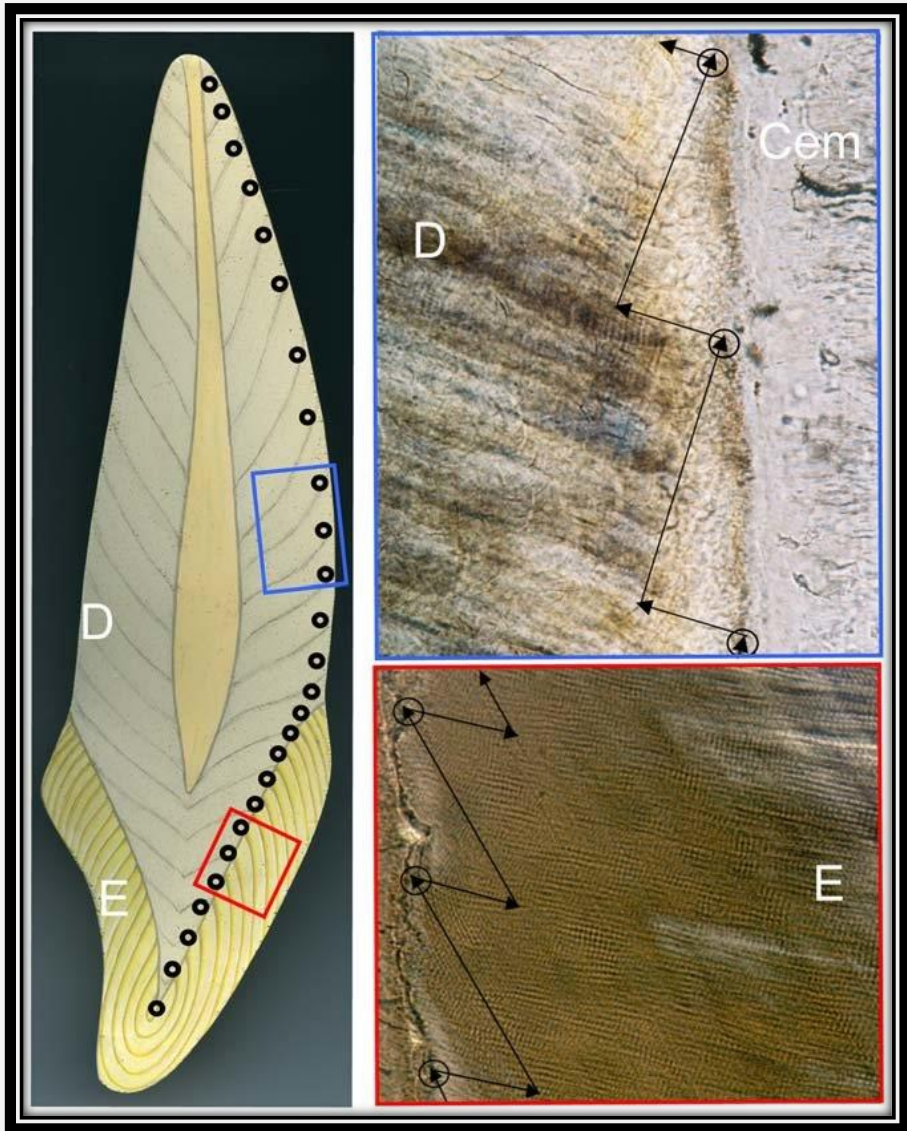
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Aim:

compare ages estimated using incremental lines of cementum as visualized by:

1. brightfield microscopy
2. polarized microscopy
3. phase contrast microscopy

with the actual age of subject and to determine accuracy and feasibility of the method used



Tooth tissues and their growth increments. Incremental markings within the enamel cap (E) and dentine (D) are depicted on the model tooth (left). The red and blue boxes show details of measurements made along the EDJ and CDJ (from one circle up to the next) using examples of micrographs taken at higher power (right) in which fine daily markings 2-3 mm apart can be seen in enamel and dentine. A thin layer of cementum (CEM) covers the root surface that is not shown in the model.

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Materials & Methods::

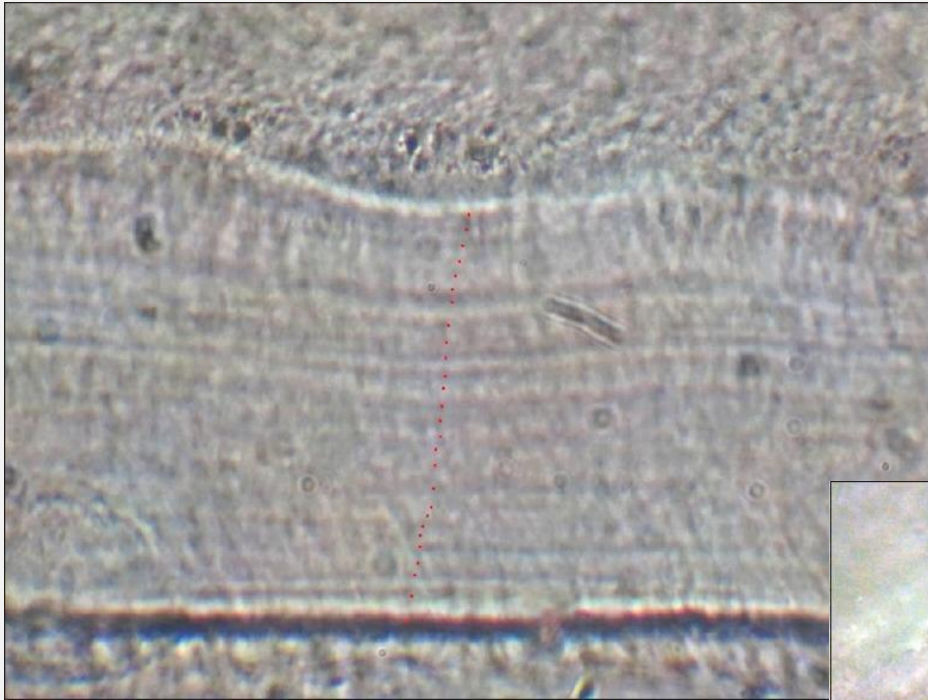
60 permanent teeth

longitudinal ground sections in the mesiodistal plane

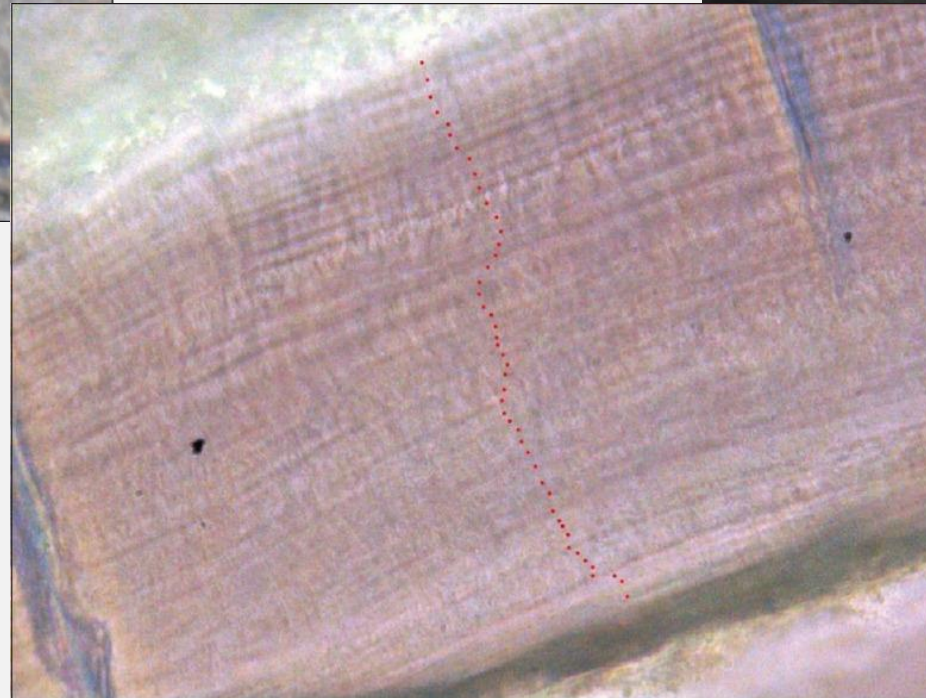
incremental lines counted manually using the 3 different microscopies

age estimated & then compared with the actual age of individual

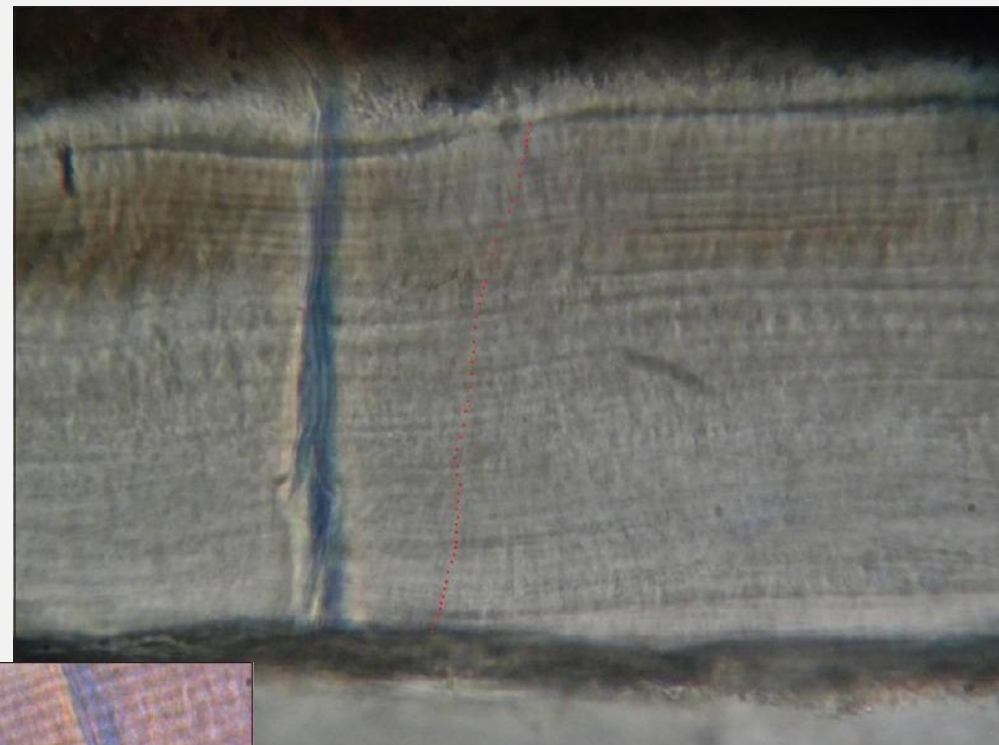
Photomicrograph showing incremental lines of the cementum at 40x magnification



Using a light microscope



Using a contrast microscope



Using a polarizing microscope

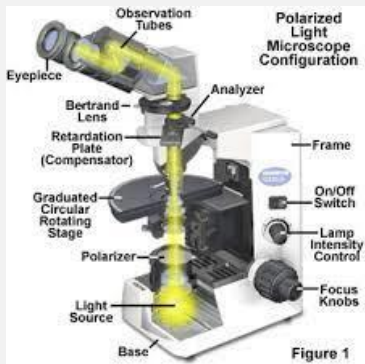
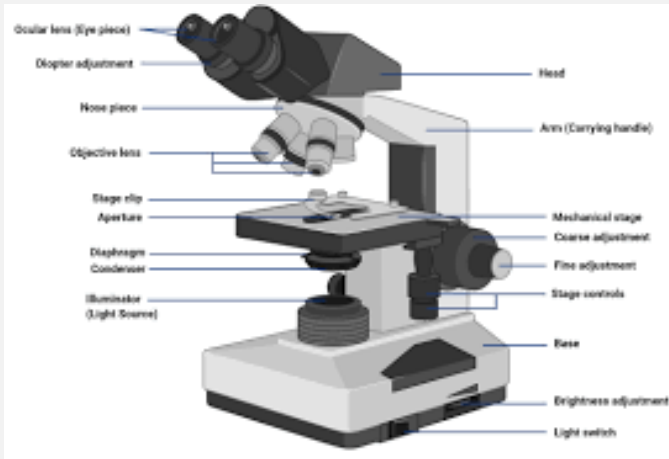
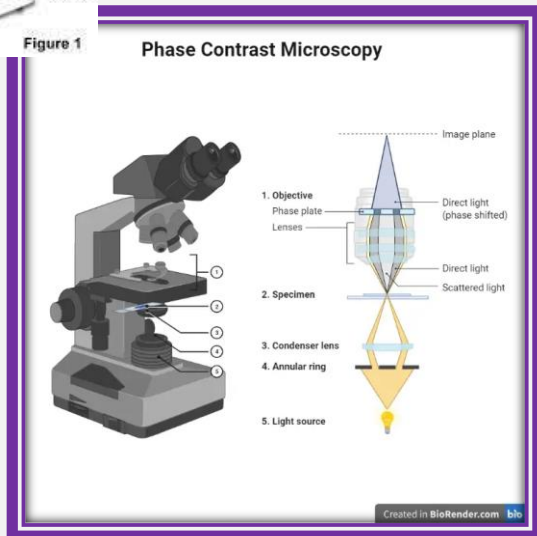


Figure 1



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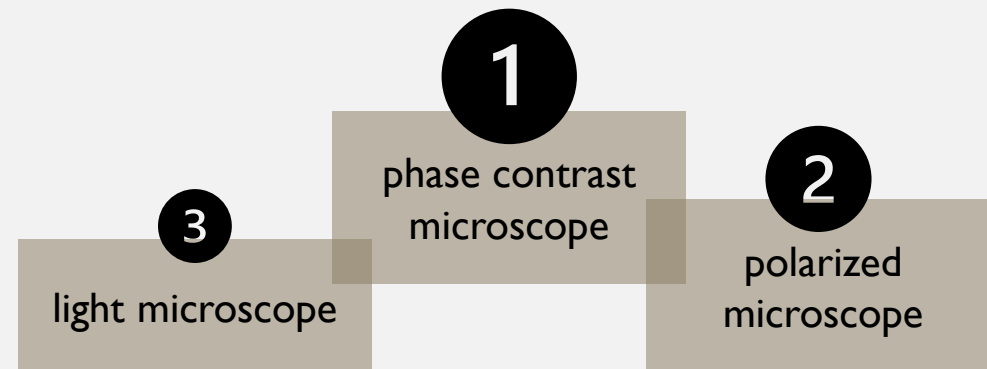
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Results:

when used for age estimation ‘incremental lines of cementum’ most clearly visible:



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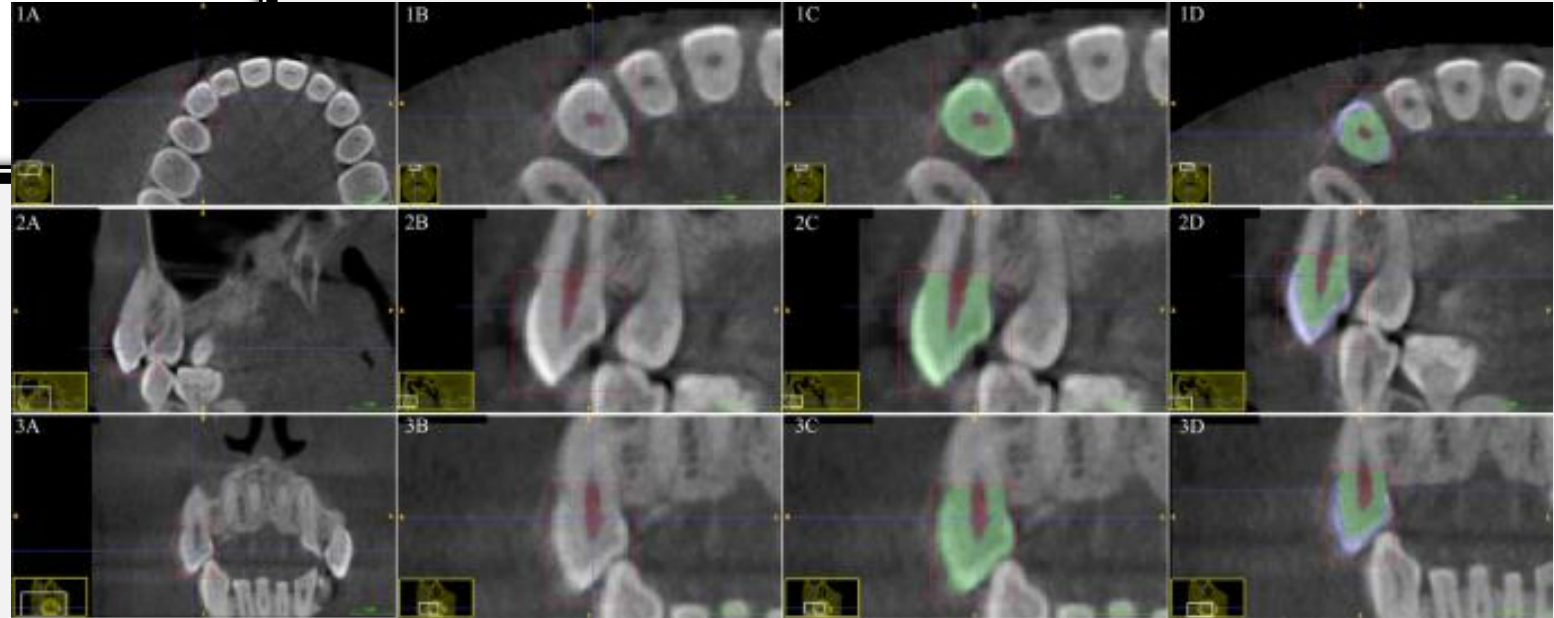
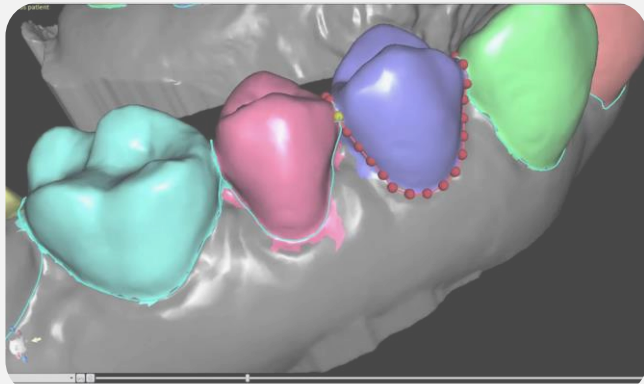
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Segmentation sequence in the ITK-SNAP interface for the maxillary canine.

Segmentation sequence as seen in column 1 (A–D) = axial view, column 2 (A–D) = sagittal view, column 3 (A–D) = coronal view. Row A = initial region of interest placement (red box), row B = pulp chamber volume label (red), row C = whole crown segmentation (green), row D = separation between dentine volume (green) and enamel volume (blue). The yellow window (bottom left) visualizes the current navigation region from the overall CBCT scan section plane with white inset box for the enlarged image. The blue cross represents the target point of interest for CBCT scan navigation

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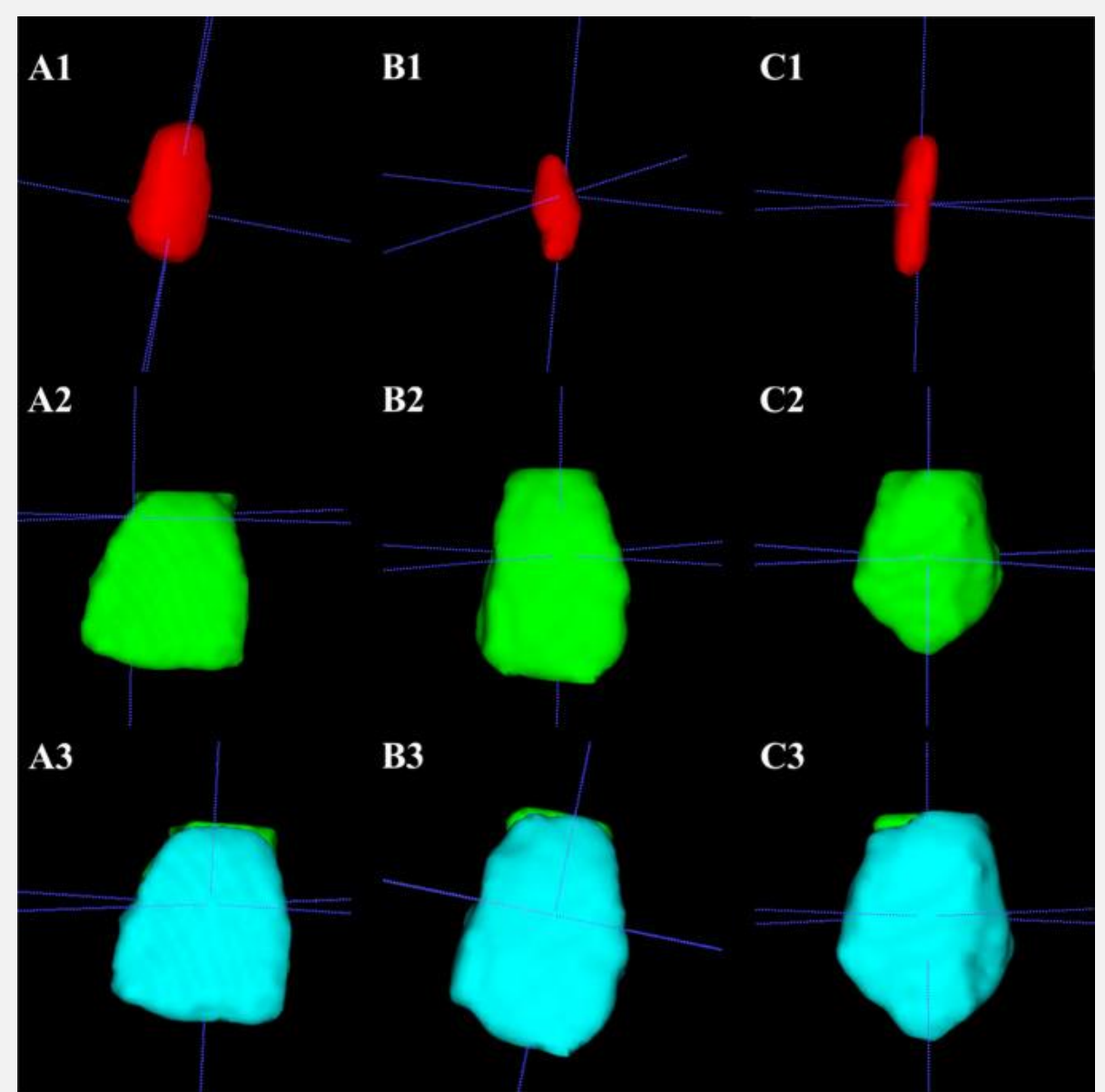
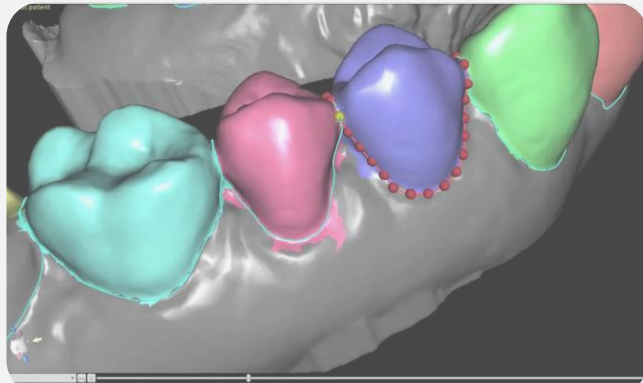
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Three-dimensional view of maxillary anterior tooth segmentation sequence

A = central incisor, B = lateral incisor, C = canine, 1 = pulp chamber volume, 2 = whole crown volume before enamel segmentation, 3 = crown volume separation between dentine (green) and enamel (blue) volume

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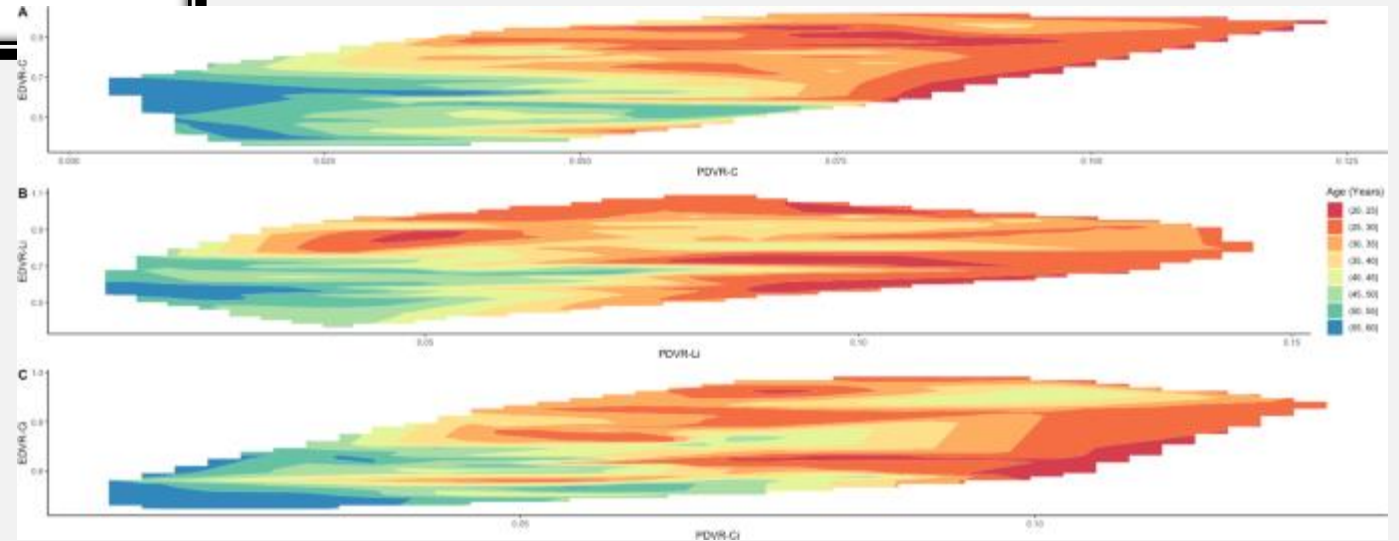
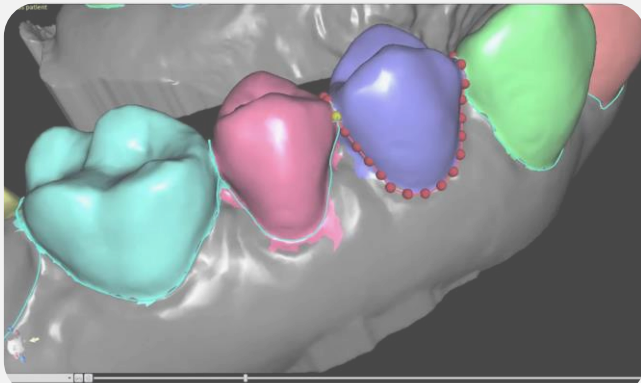
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Heatmap graphic depicting a three-way relationship between chronological age, pulp to dentine volume ratio (PDVR) and enamel to dentine volume ratio (EDVR) in canine (A), lateral incisor (B), and central incisor (C).

X-axis: pulp to dentine volume ratio. Y-axis: enamel to dentine volume ratio. Color grid shade on each coordinate in X and Y axis corresponds to age range from red (20–25 years old) to blue (55–60 years old)

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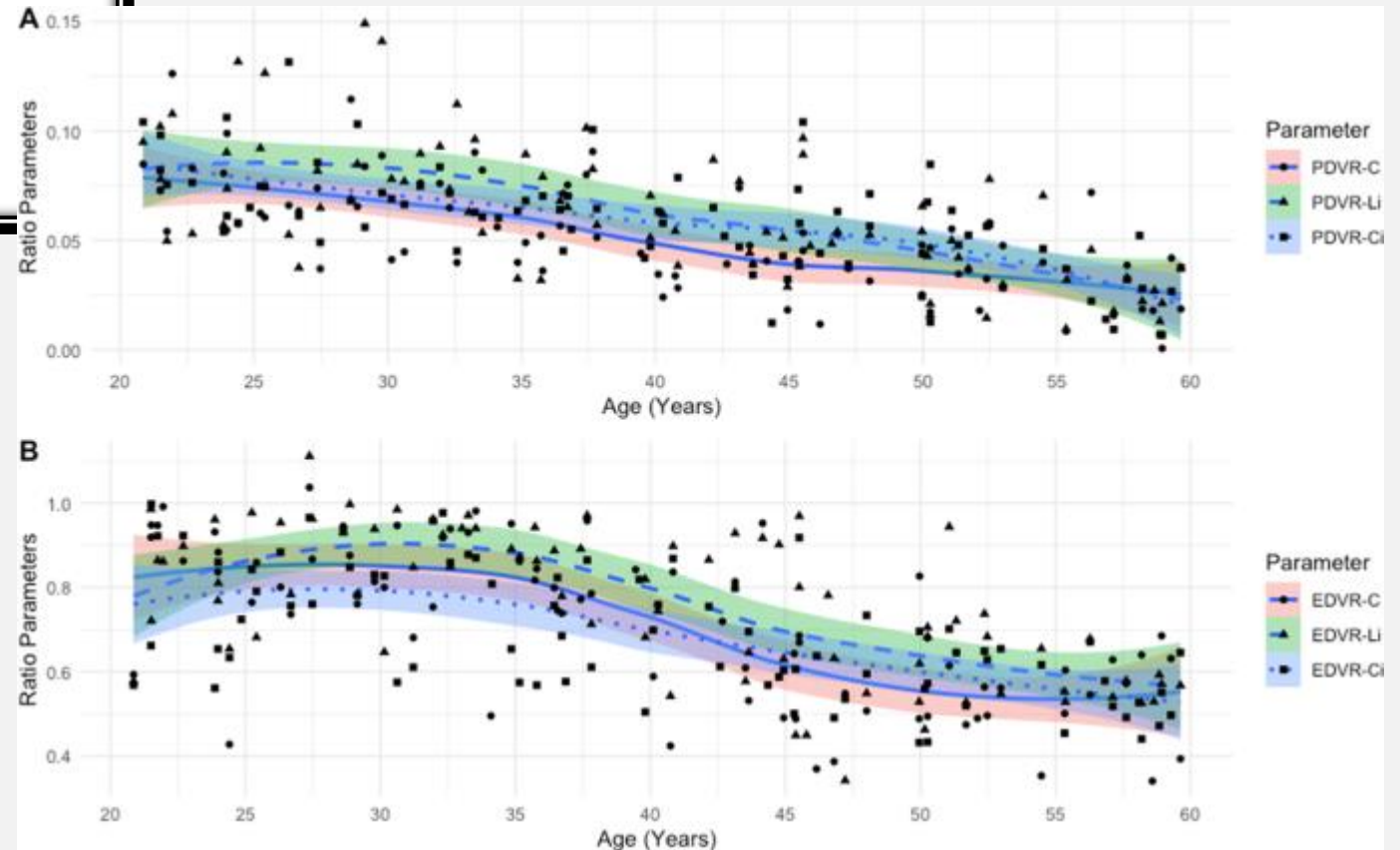
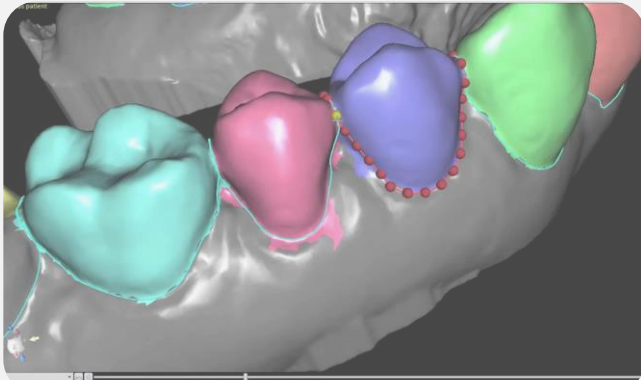
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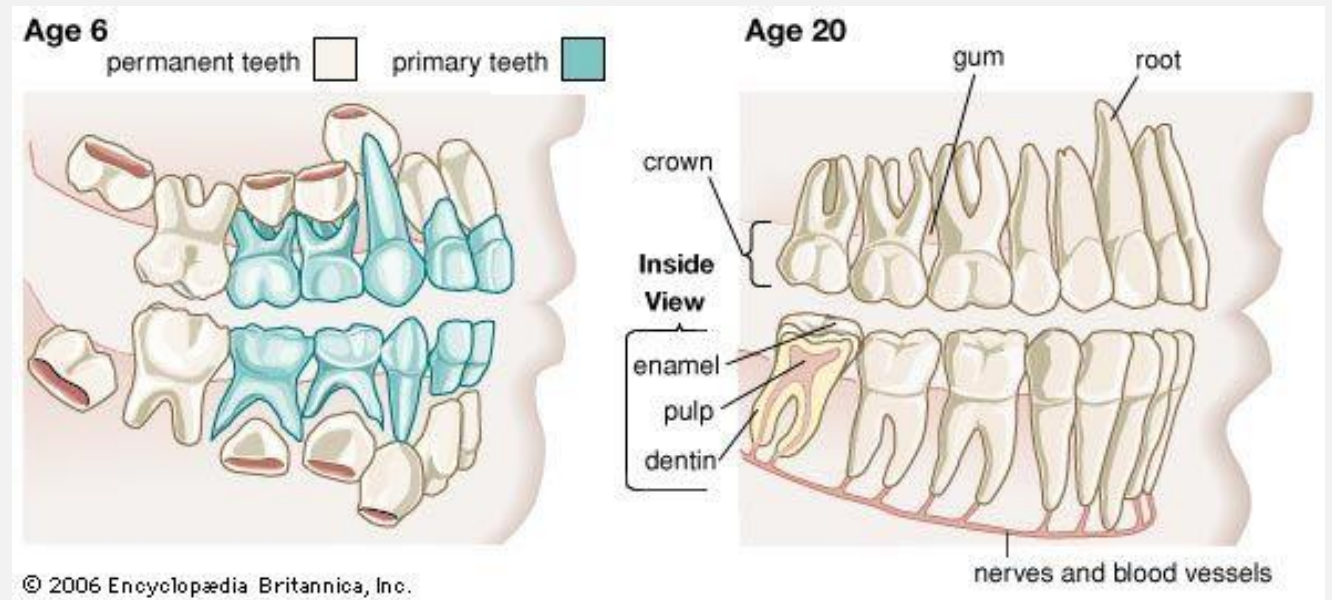


Decreasing ratio parameters (**A** = pulp to dentine volume ratio, **B** = enamel to dentine volume ratio) alongside chronological age depicted by the LOWESS line with linear (**A**) and non-linear (**B**) variations. C = canine, Li = lateral incisor, Ci = central incisor, PDVR = pulp to dentine volume ratio, EDVR = enamel to dentine volume ratio

CONCLUSIONS: Aging By Dentition

Many dental changes related to age → many methods

- tooth eruption,
- tooth calcification,
- attrition,
- periodontal diseases,
- secondary dentin deposition,
- root translucency,
- cementum apposition,
- root resorption,
- color changes and increase in root roughness





AGING BY DENTITION: Non Adults Vs Adults

1. highly reliable in **nonadults**
2. **less accurate in adults**: age can no longer be estimated by studying development (all permanent teeth have been formed)
3. development ceases into maturation, the **degenerative changes** play a role in determining the age
4. age **estimation errors** of $\pm 7-10$ years can be acceptable in adults but not in children (because the age interval for adults is much wider)

DENTAL SEX
ESTIMATION

TROTRO  ZAZA
SE LAVENT LES DENTS



GALLIMARD jeunesse Giboulées

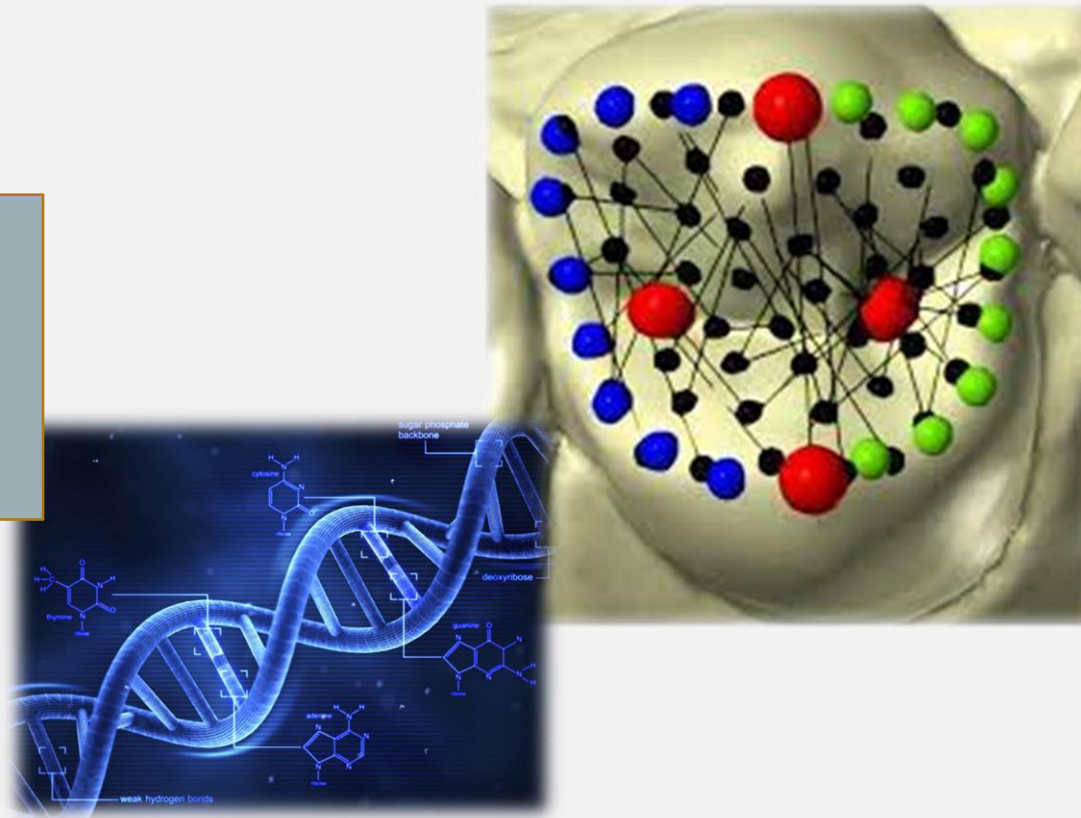
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DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION

Biochemical

Non Metric

Metric



DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION:

I. Metric

- Measurements of dental structure:
 1. Directly (measuring the teeth)
 2. Indirectly (imaging, radiography, dental casts)
- Non-invasive
- Inexpensive
- Convenient to perform
- Easily repeatable



- ✓ Larger teeth in M than in F
- ✓ Canine is the most dimorphic tooth
- ✓ Significantly larger in size in M than in F

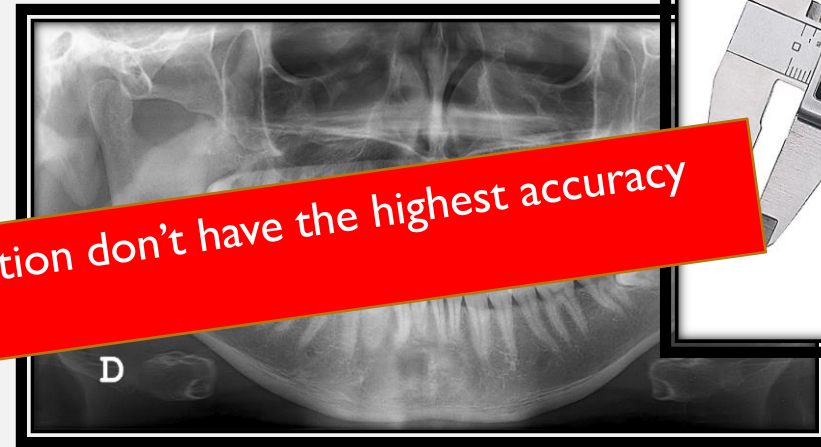
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Metric dental methods of dental sex estimation don't have the highest accuracy rates

DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION:

I. Metric

Odontometric

Root length

Incisor index &
Mandibular Canine
Index

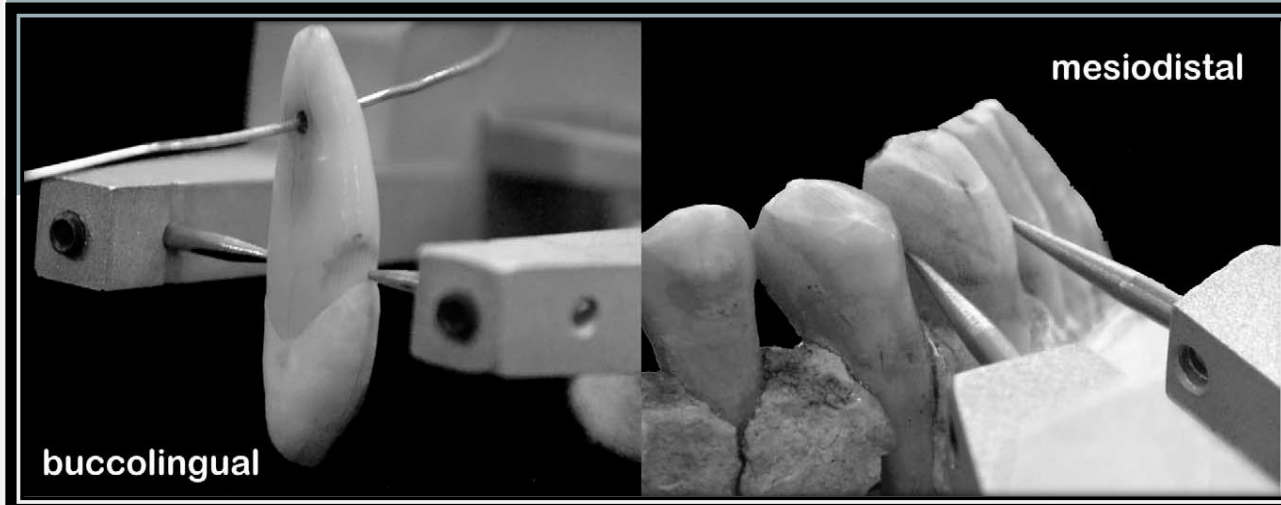
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- Mesiodistal & buccolingual crown diam + alternative measurements
- Multivariate statistical analysis

Accuracy of sex estimation calculated as a % score



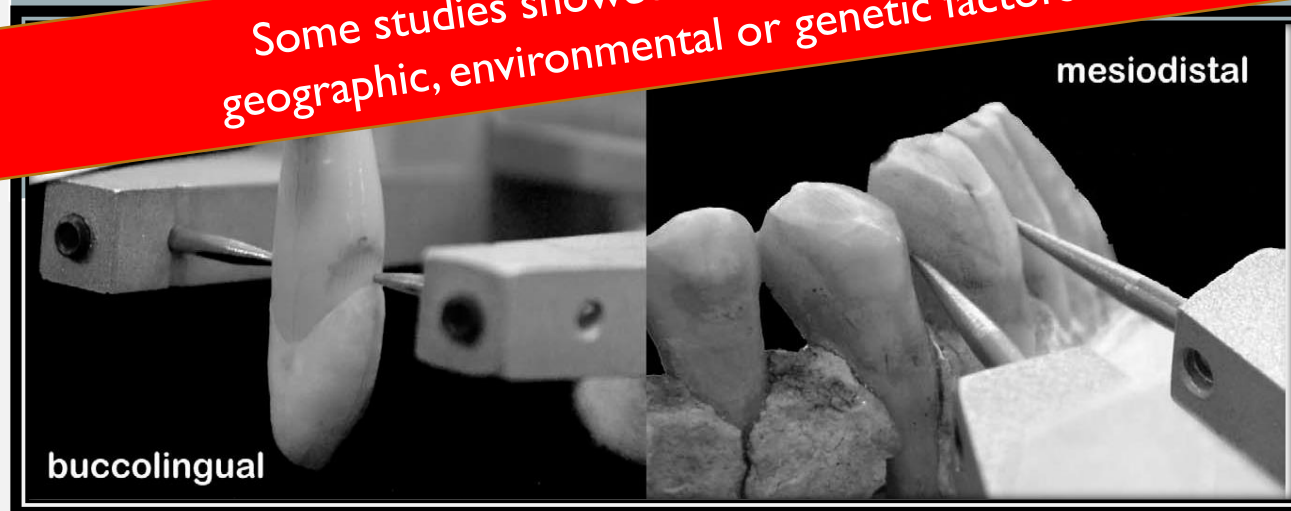
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Accuracy of

Some studies showed the opposite $F \geq M$;
geographic, environmental or genetic factors

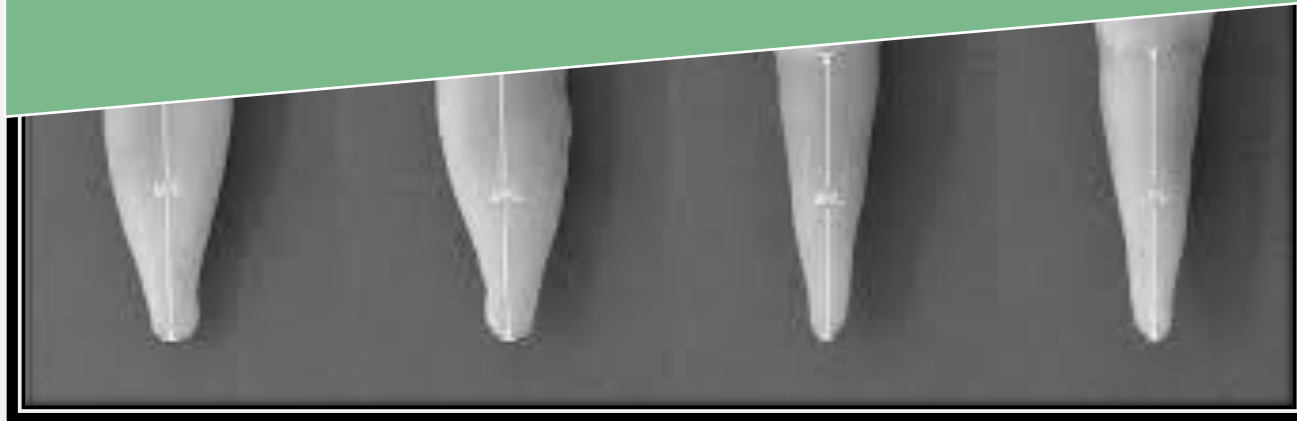


DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION:

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Root length

- Zobra et al, 2014; Govindaram et al. 2018
- Higher values in M than in F



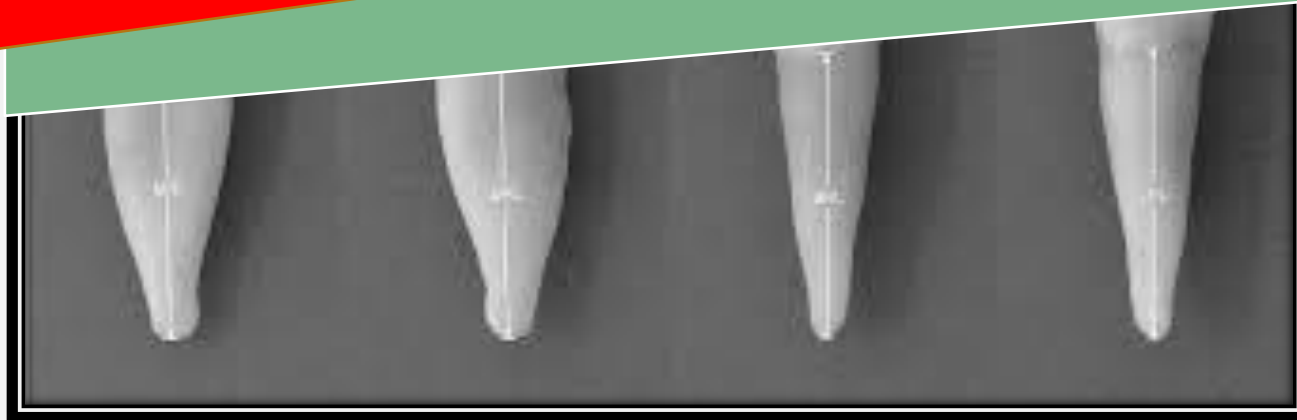
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- Higher values

Don't have the highest accuracy rates



DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION: I. Metric

Incisor index & Mandibular Canine Index

$$\text{Incisor index (Ii)} = [\text{MDI2}/\text{MDI1}] \times 100$$

$$\text{Mandibular Canine index (MCI)} = \text{MD crown width}/\text{arch width}$$



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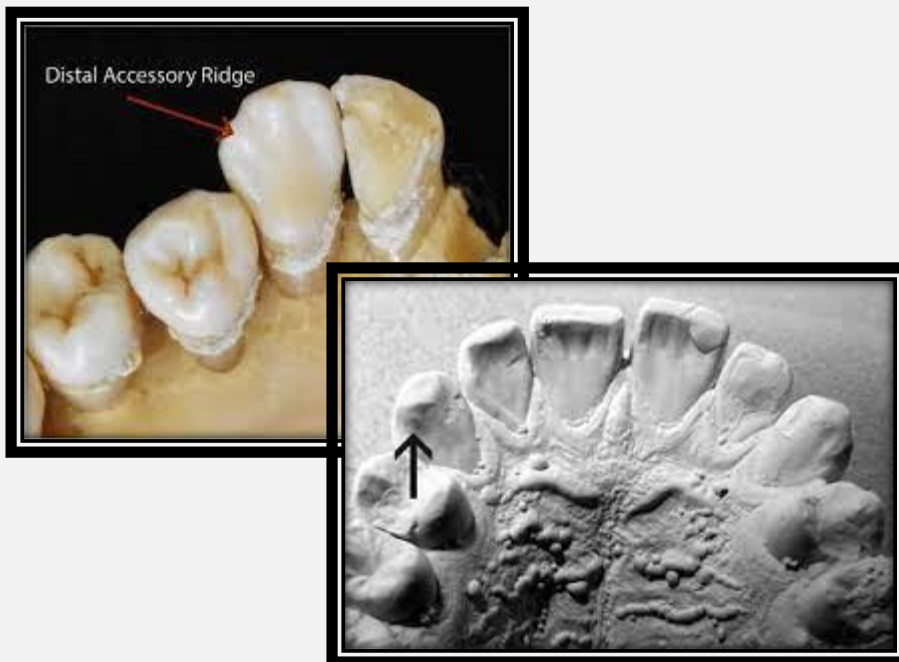
A lack of homogeneity



DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION:

2. Non-metric

- Presence or absence of morphological traits
- More prone to interpreter subjectivity



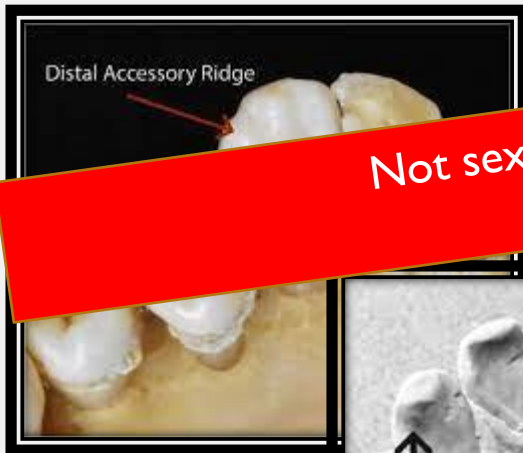
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Not sexually dimorphic as tooth size variables
Lack of unanimous agreement



Scott et al. 2015:

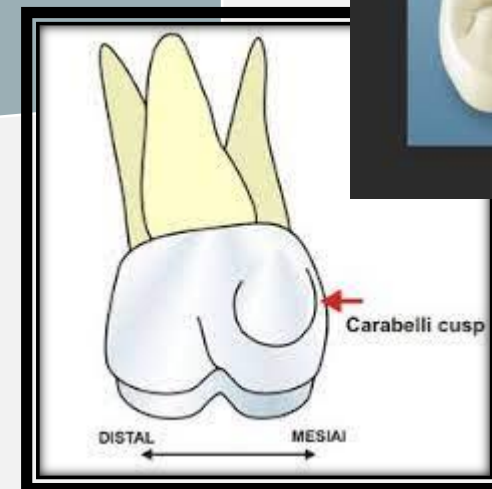
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SEX ESTIMATION:

2. Non-Metric

Dental morphology & Anamolie

- More valuable in ancestry estimation (Carabelli's cusps)



Carabelli Cusp



DENTAL SEX ESTIMATION:

3. Biochemical

- Highly accurate & reliable
- More time
- More costs
- More equipment



Barr Bodies



Amelogenins

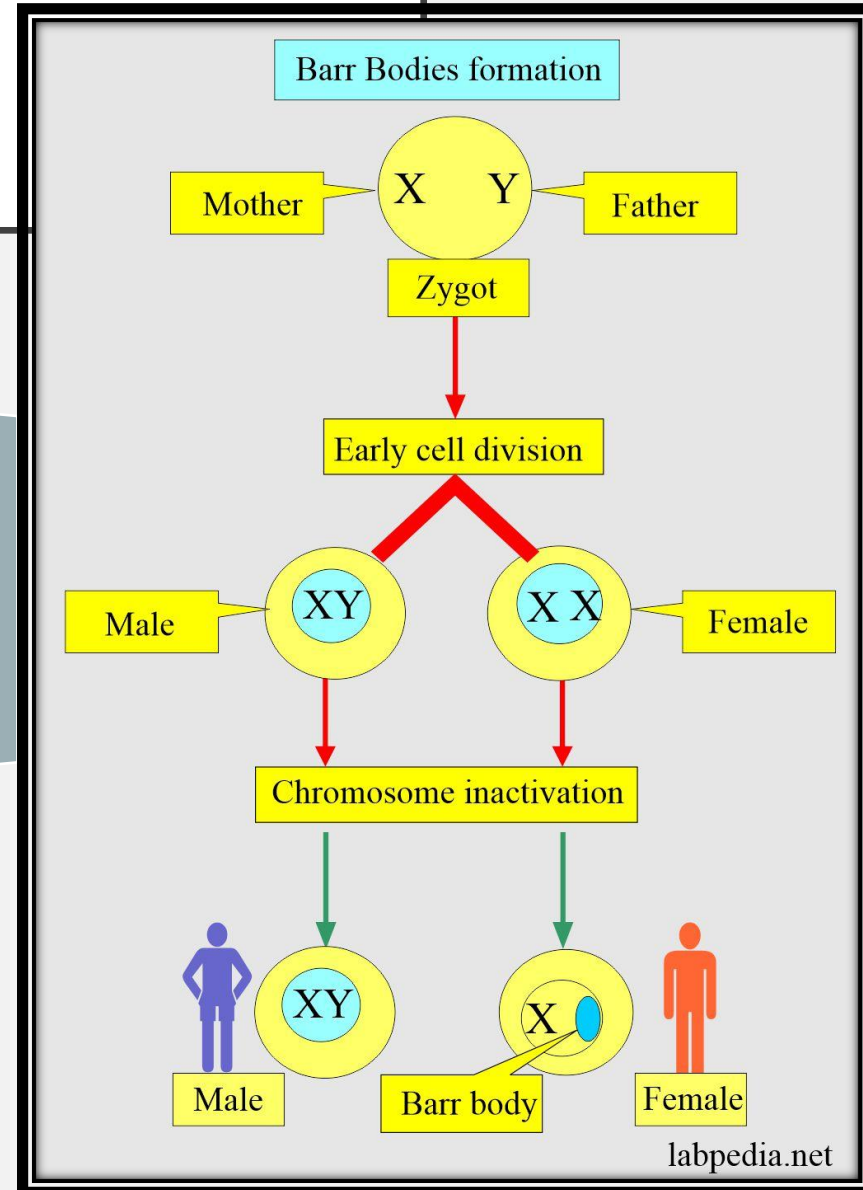
SEX ESTIMATION: 3. Biochemical

Barr Bodies

- Are inactive X chromosomes found in a cell with more than one X chromosome present

1- A typical female has one BB per cell nucleus

2- A typical male has none

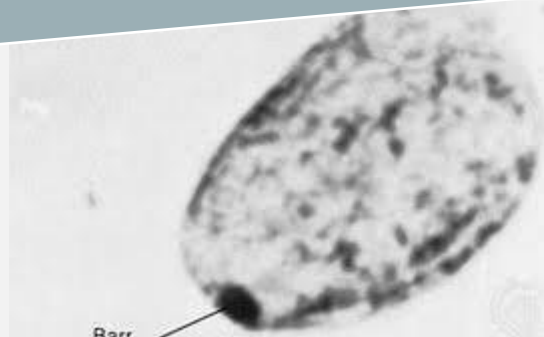


SEX ESTIMATION:

3. Biochemical

Barr Bodies

- Sample taken from intact dental pulps
 - Preserved then in formalin
- Samples sectioned into thin slices
 - Stained with nuclear dyes
 - Viewed under microscope



SEX ESTIMATION:

3. Biochemical

Barr Bodies

- Sample taken from intact dental pulps
- Preserved then in formalin
- Samples sectioned into thin slices

Possible up to 7 weeks after death
Limited to specific forensic cases
Not applicable in bioarchaeology

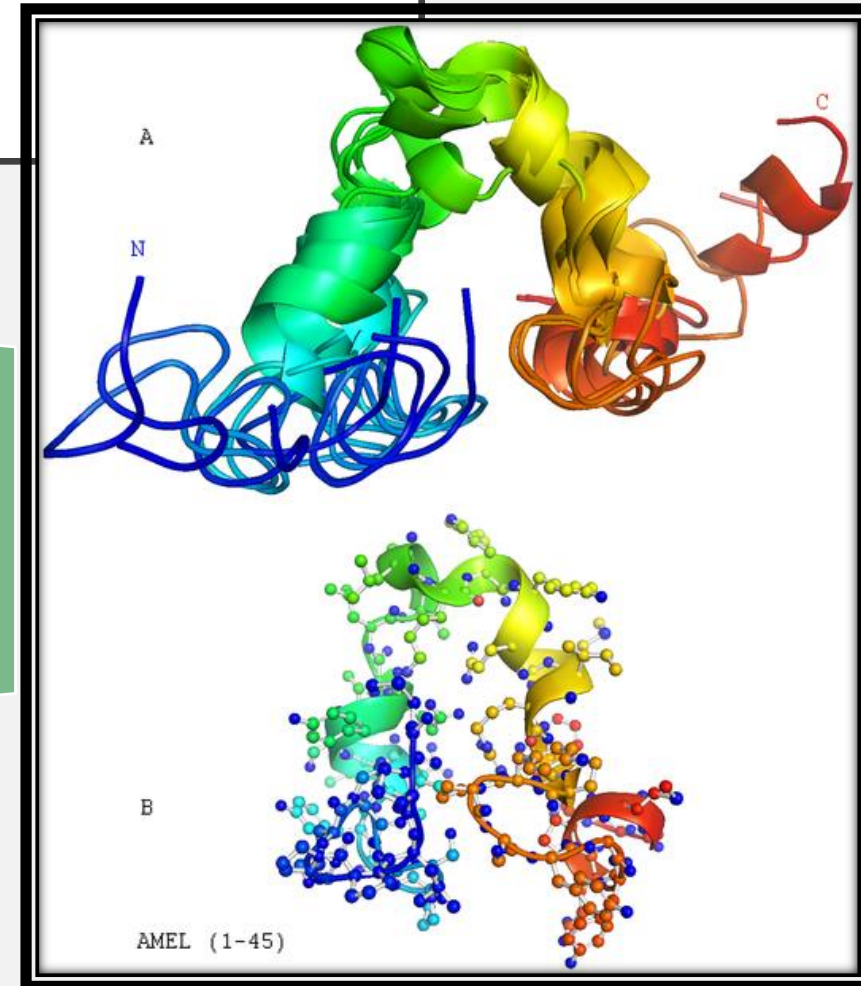


SEX ESTIMATION:

3. Biochemical

Amelogenins

- The principal protein component in the enamel
- Type of extracellular matrix protein
- Involved in the development of tooth enamel
- This gene is found on both the X & Y chromosome
- The size difference btw both → basis for differentiation in M & F

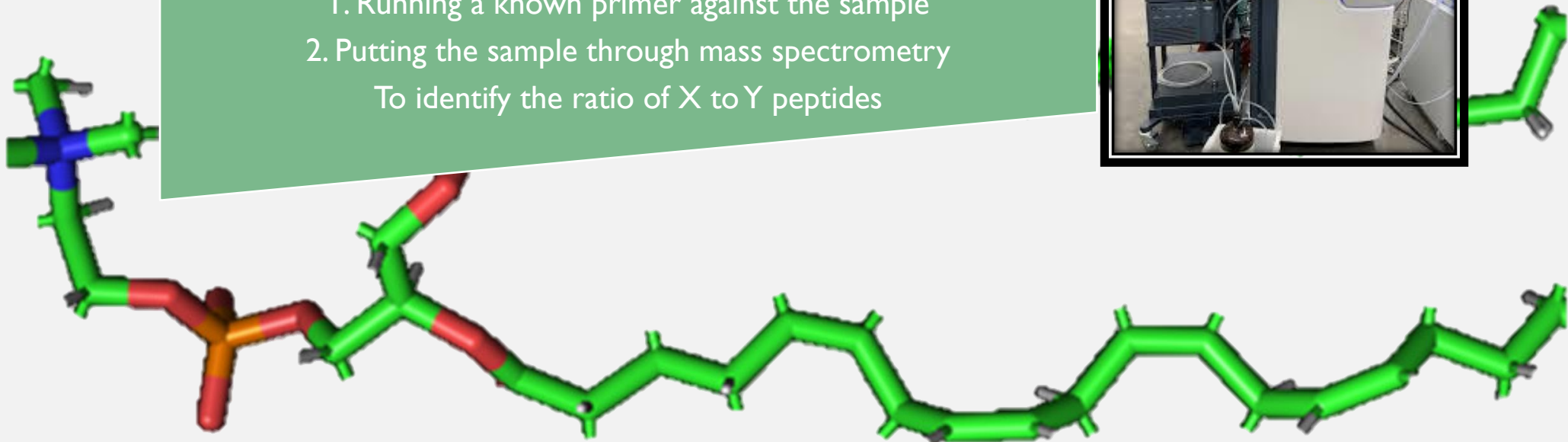


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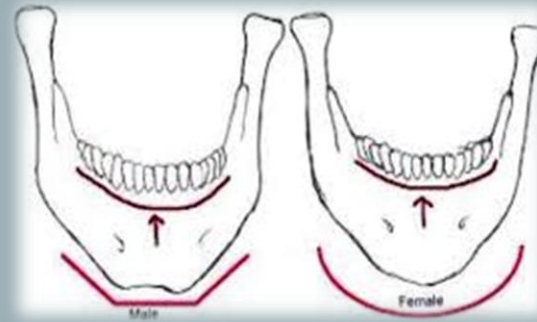
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Amelogenins

- A DNA sample is obtained from the tooth enamel
- Sex can be then tested:
 1. Running a known primer against the sample
 2. Putting the sample through mass spectrometryTo identify the ratio of X to Y peptides

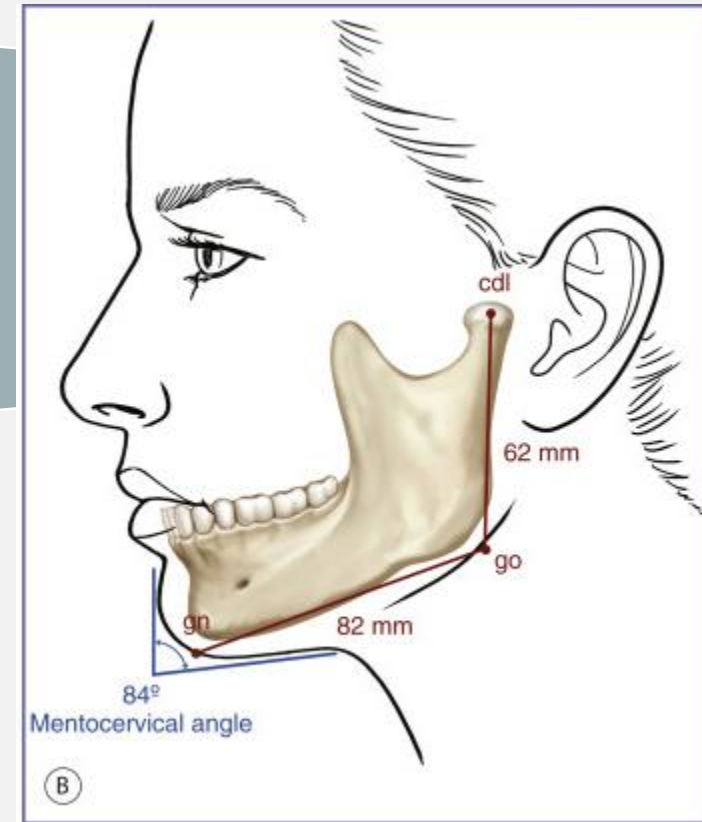
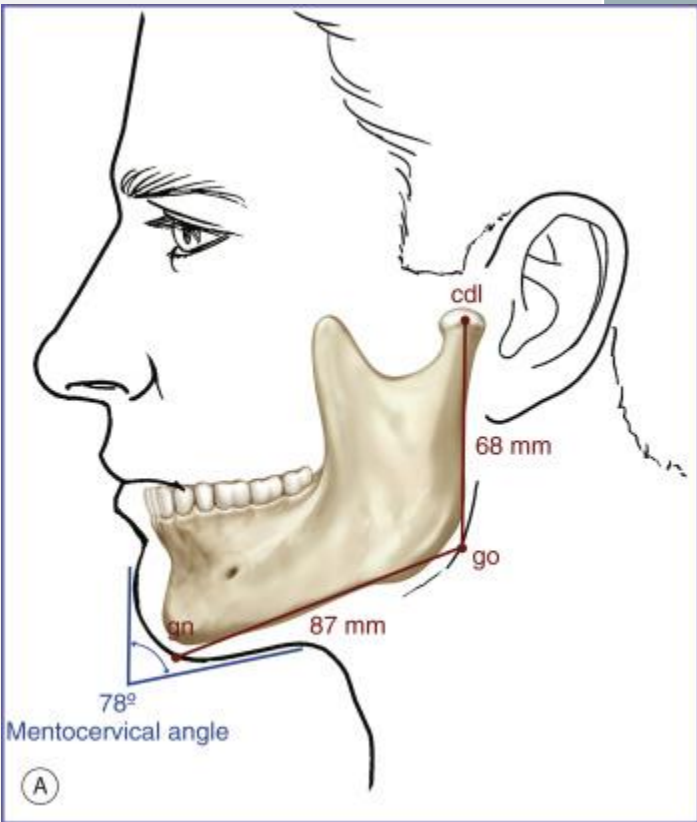


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Mandible
Both metric & non-metric



SEX ESTIMATION:

4. Non-Dental Structure

Mandible

Both metric & non-metric

Use of morphological features is not as strong in consensus than metric analysis
Specificity to population due to genetic & environmental factors

SEX ESTIMATION:

4. Non-Dental Structure

M

Larger

More robust

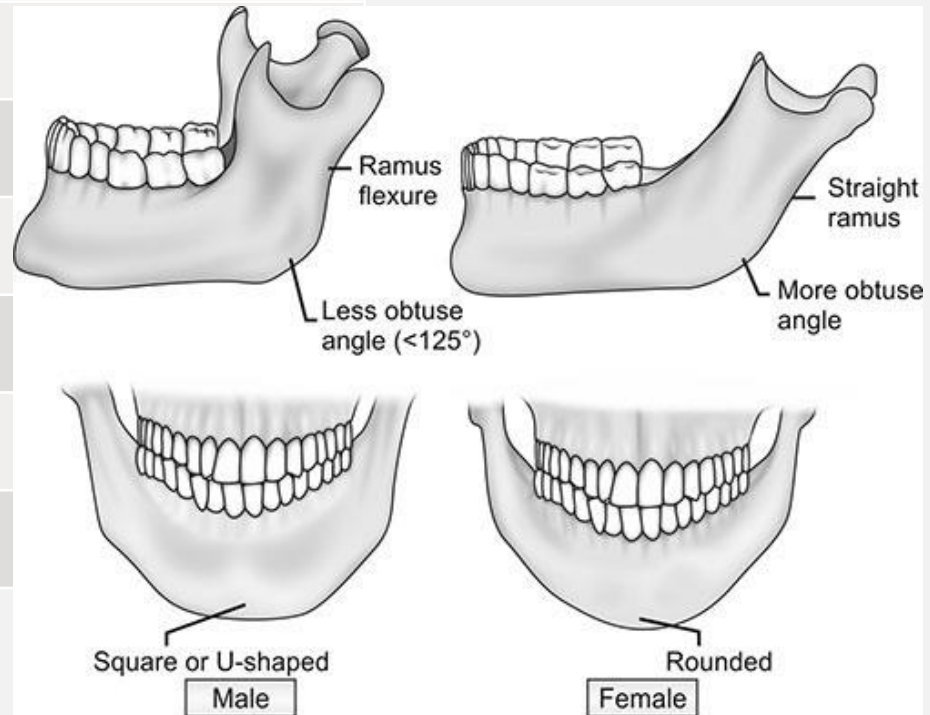
With prominent muscular attachment sites

Gonial flaring/ everted gonial angles

Broad ascending ramus

High symphysis

Small mental eminence / squared chin



HOW TO CHOOSE

Your choice as a specialist (bioarchaeological or forensic context) should be based on:

1. Reliability of the method
2. Context
3. Problematic & aim of the analysis
4. Means (budget, accessibility to machines, timeframe)

And keep your data homogeneous



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