

## Protohistoric area excavation near Autun in Burgundy (France), between July 21th and 29th 2019



**Place:**  
Saint-Pantaléon/Autun (71),  
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region,  
France

**How to get there:** train to Strasbourg,  
train to Dijon and then to Autun

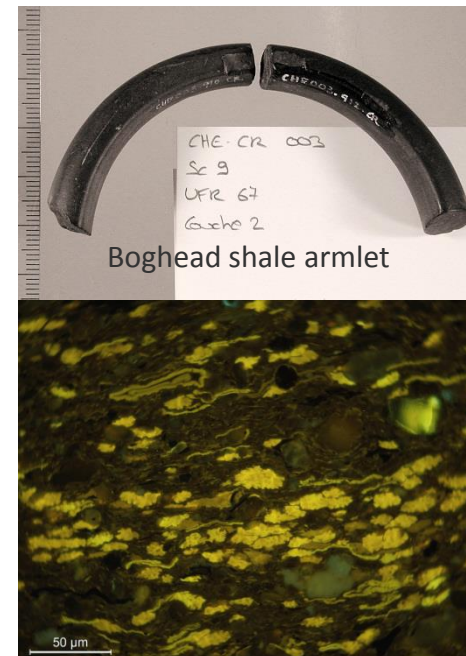
**Conditions:**  
Excavation experience and good  
command of English or German or  
French.  
Health insurance.  
Period of participation is nine days.  
Housing with meals in Youth Hostel  
(Autun) is provided by the project.  
Travel-costs covered by the  
participant.

An alignment of about **ten mounds a few meters high** marks the landscape in the vicinity of Saint-Pantaléon north of Autun. The immediate proximity of these mounds with a thin seam of sapropelic coal (**boghead coal** or algae-derived coal), which is not visible at the outcrop any more, suggests that they could be witnesses to an **exploitation** of this rare and very peculiar **raw material** to the **roman or protohistoric period**.

The discovery in recent years in Switzerland of **armlets** made from this raw material and dated to the **Hallstatt** reinforces this hypothesis. The purpose of the excavation is to verify this hypothesis by studying the structure and composition of a mound and the adjacent depression, and to date these vestiges.



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We are looking for an **archaeological field technician** and **students** to participate in the excavation work in the period from 21.07. – 29.07.2019.

Parallel to the excavation work, team members participate in water screening, sorting, labeling of finds and data management.

Participation is confirmed by a certificate.