

Revisiting Thulamela

an ancient southern African kingdom

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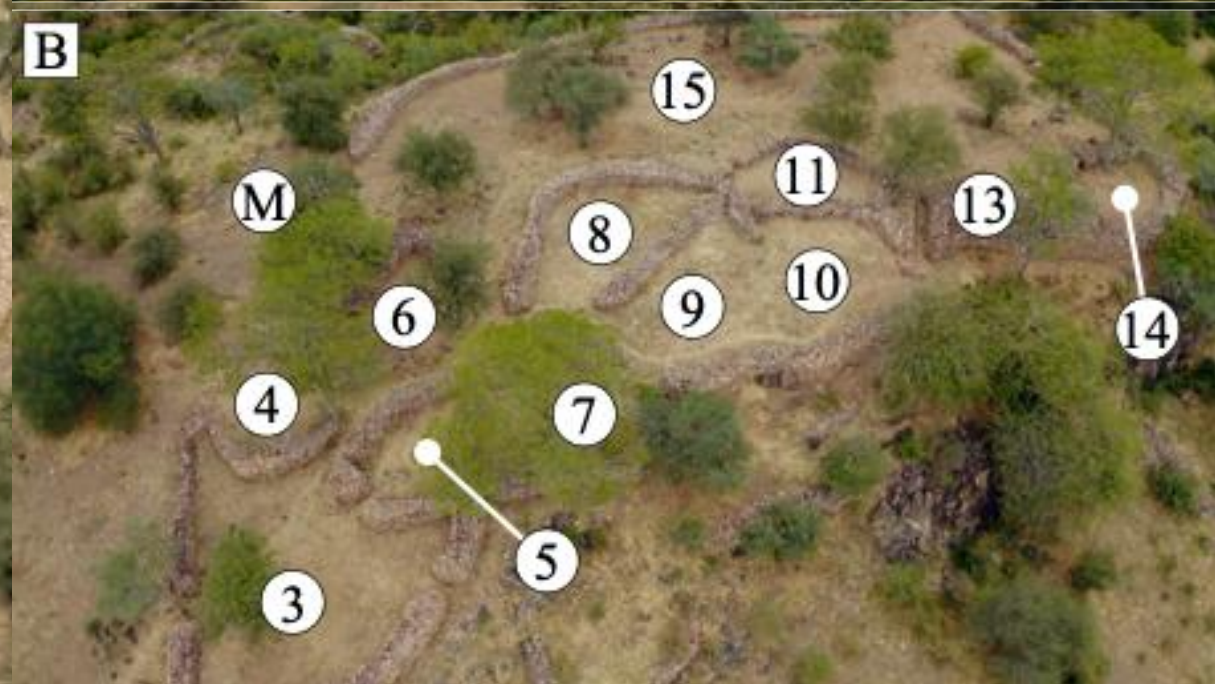


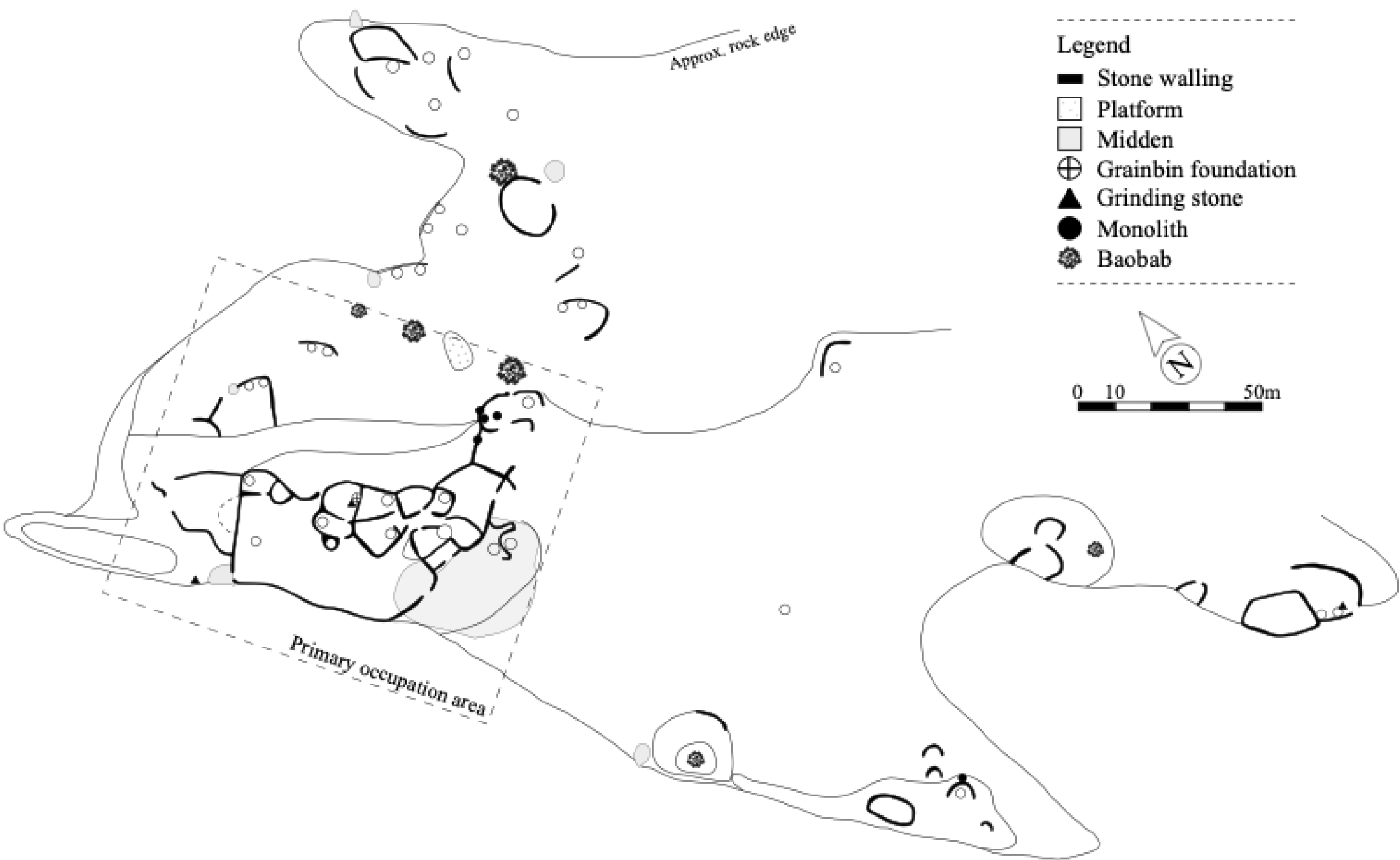


“THERE WAS NO PRIOR AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT, NO TIME TO PACK. OUR FATHERS WERE IN JOHANNESBURG OR WORKING ON THE MINES. IT WAS ONLY THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT HOME. THIS WAS A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN OUR LIVES. WE LOST OUR IDENTITY. WE EVEN LOST OUR TRADITIONAL LEADER — HE WAS TAKEN AWAY TO BECOME A LEADER UNDER ANOTHER CHIEF.”

LIVINGSTONE MAKULEKE

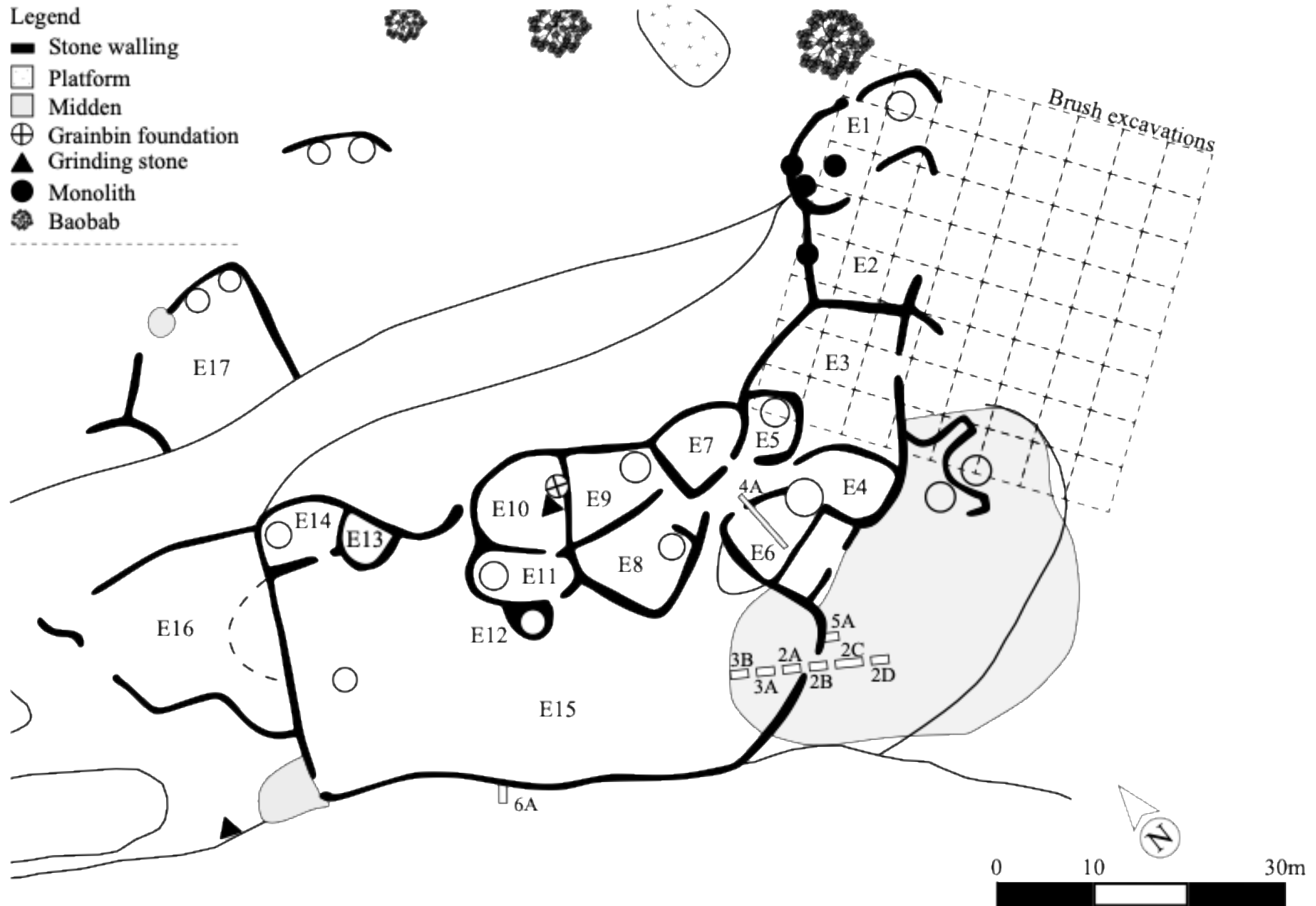






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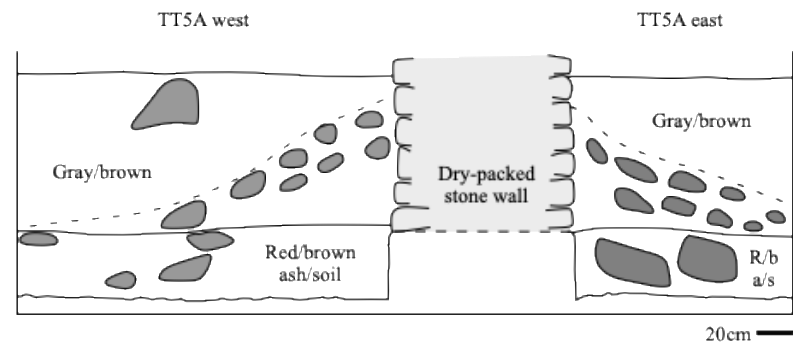
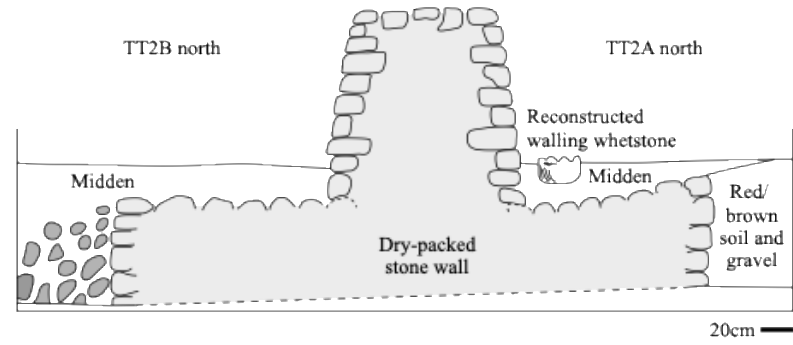
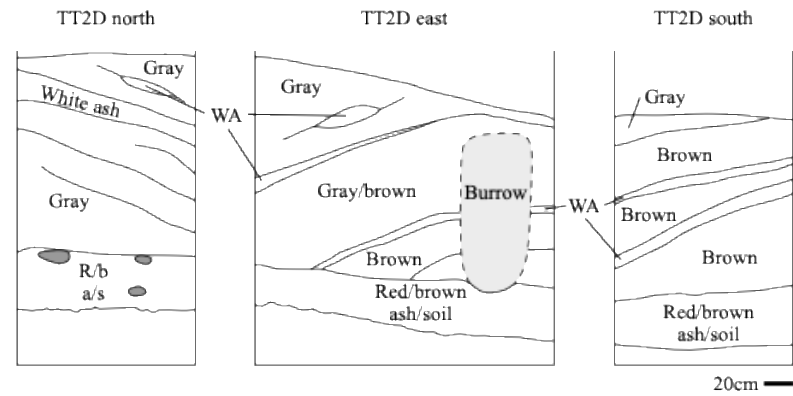
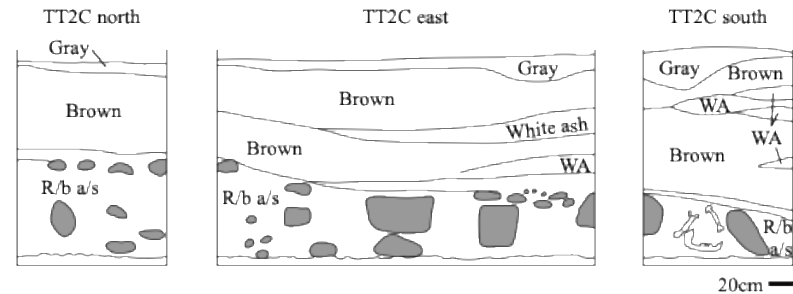
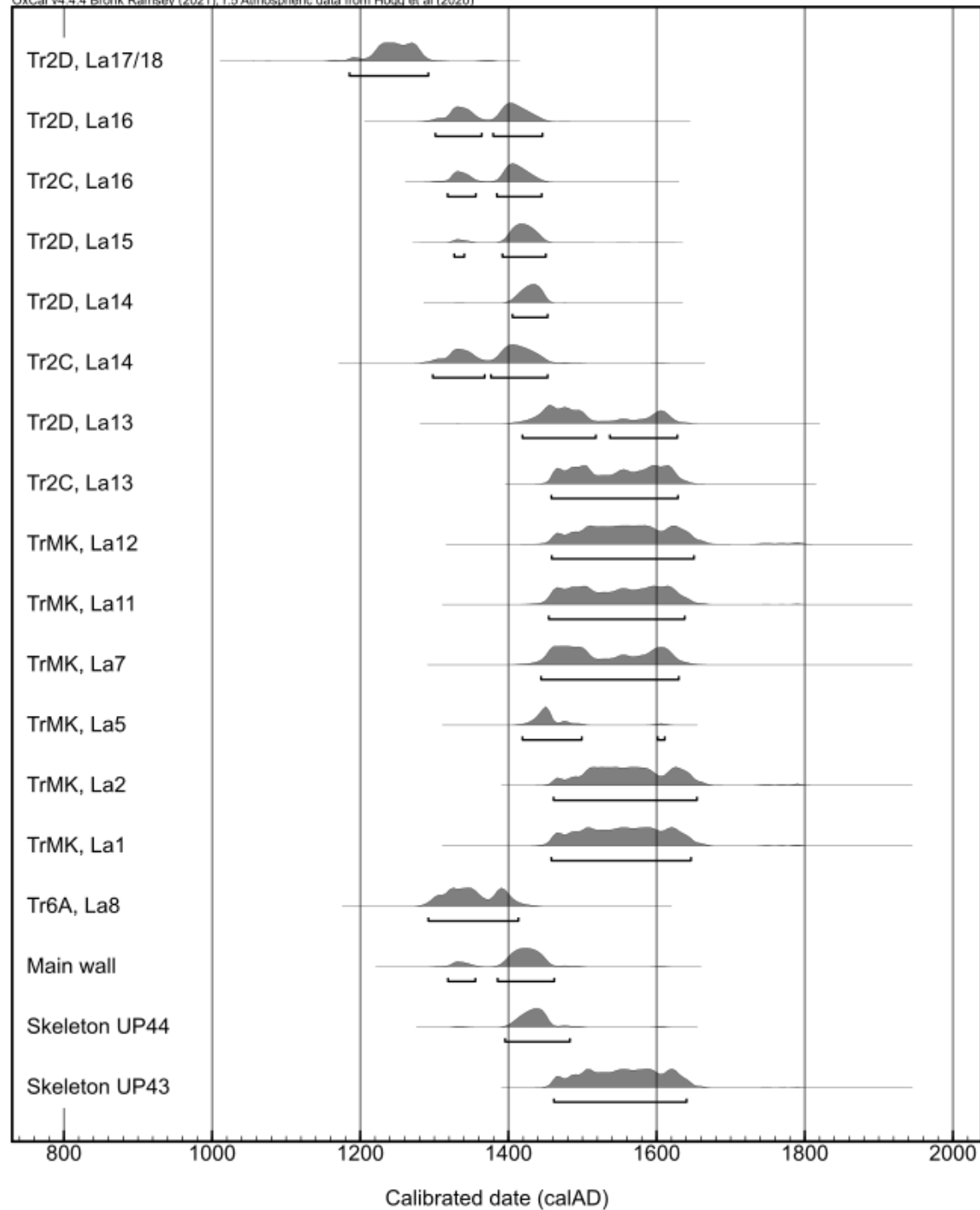
- Stone walling
- Platform
- Midden
- ⊕ Grainbin foundation
- ▲ Grinding stone
- Monolith
- ⊗ Baobab

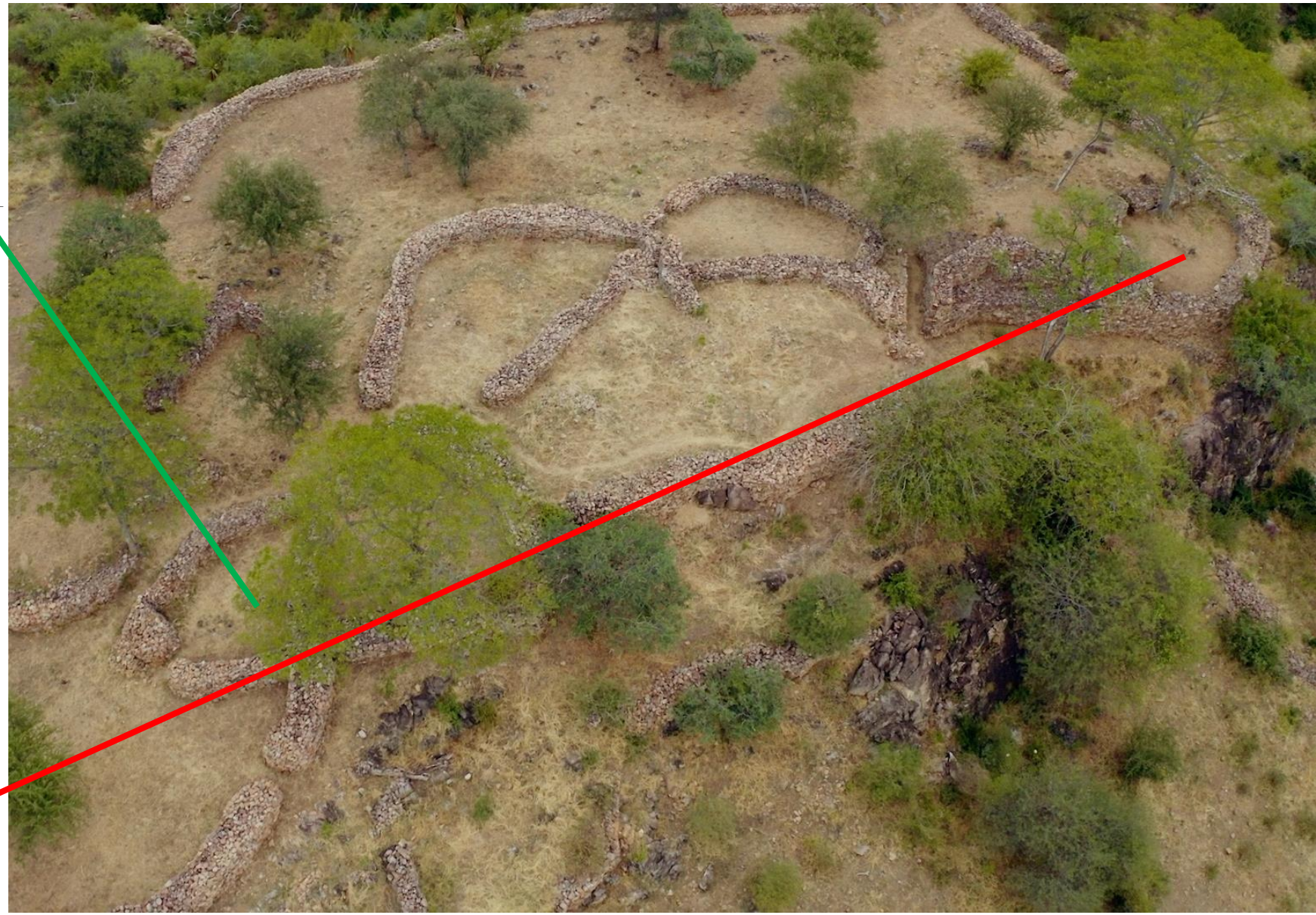
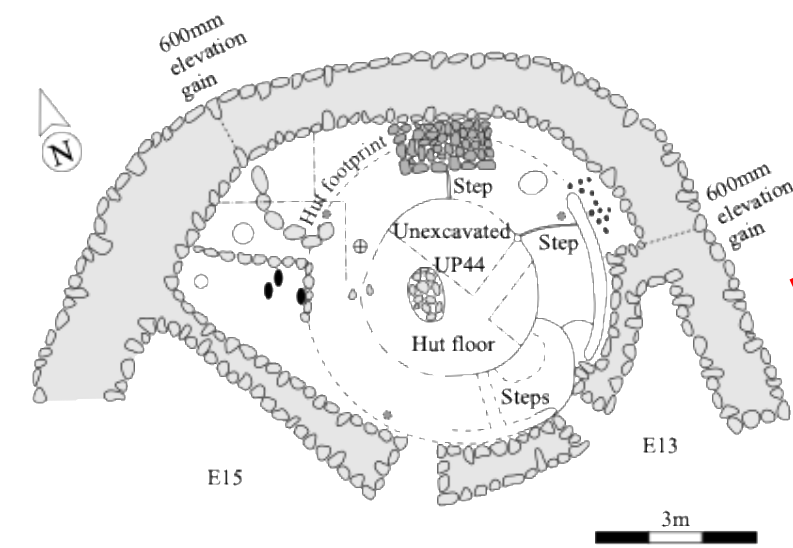
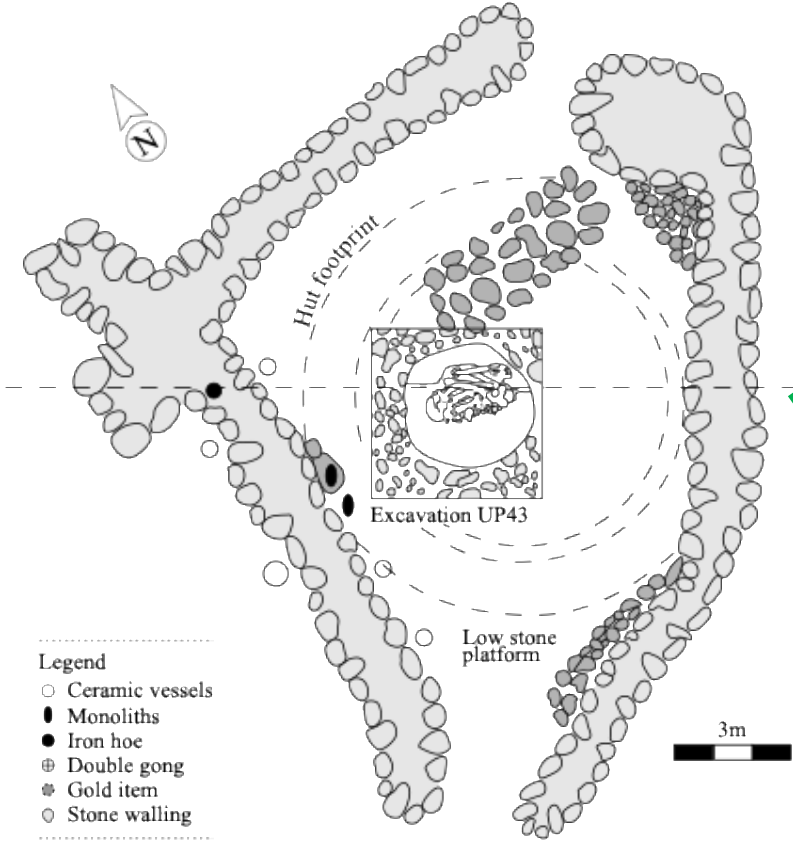


- Sidney Miller appointed to rehabilitate and excavate Thulamela
 - Hired 10 masons from the local Venda and Tsonga communities
 - Thulamela cleaned and rock collapse removed
 - Parts of the site were excavated or brush excavated
 - Rebuilt 350m of walls, moved over 2000 tons of rock
- Burials and gold
 - Two burials were found and a trove of gold
 - Research came to focus largely only on these finds
 - All else was never fully reported

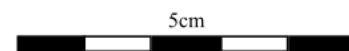
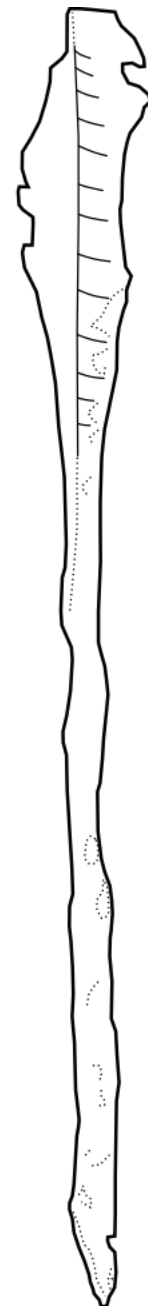
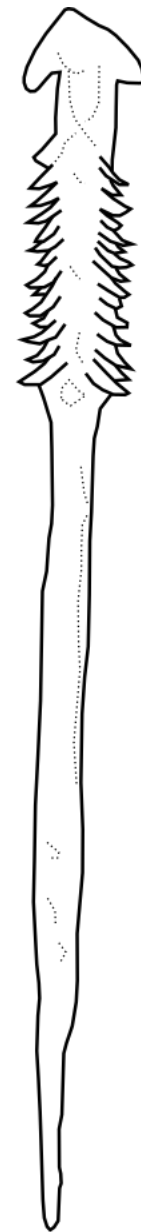
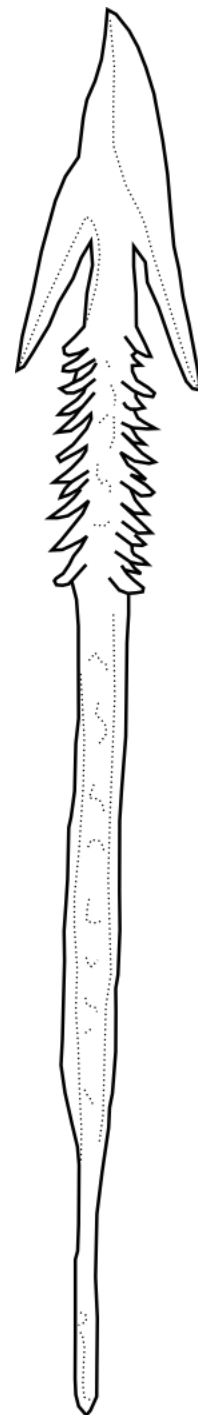
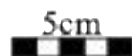
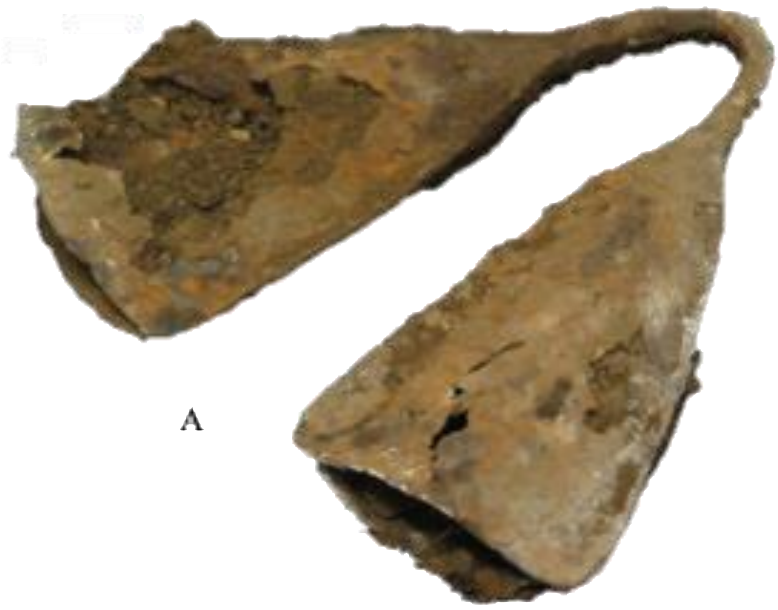
Excavations begin: 1993-1998















A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a stone wall in the foreground, a gnarled tree in the middle ground, and a mountain range in the background. The scene is dimly lit, creating a moody and mysterious atmosphere. The text is overlaid in a white, outlined font.

‘The most
magical’

Forgetting Thulamela

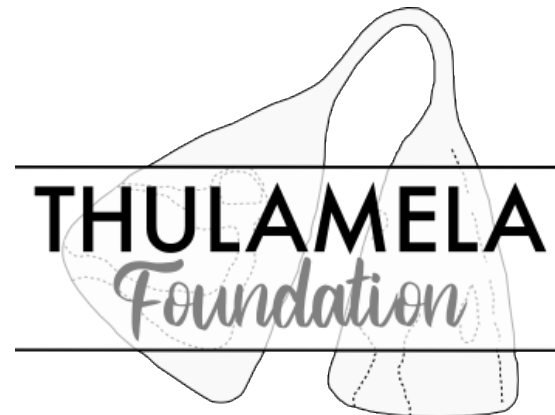


Momentum subsided and the walled city was left alone in the hills of the Luvuvhu valley





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Thank you for listening