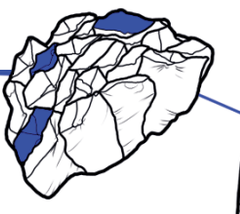



# Unfinished Puzzles: Towards Shared Standards in Archaeological Refitting and Fragmentation Studies



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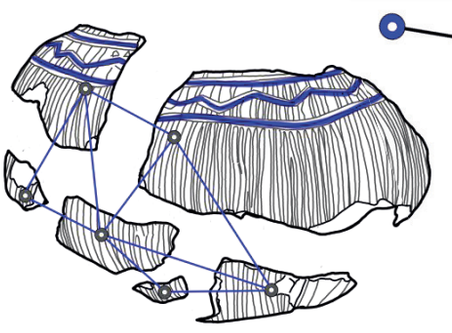
## Call for papers

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Refitting studies are among the oldest practices in scientific archaeology. Since the nineteenth century, they have contributed to the reconstruction of artefacts, the understanding of technological processes, the investigation of archaeological site formation, and the analysis of spatial organisation within archaeological sites. Over the past decades, refitting studies have proliferated across a wide range of materials and chronological periods. However, this quantitative expansion has not been accompanied either by systematic efforts to share and publish datasets or by methodological convergence. Today, the field faces several major challenges, including the absence of common standards for describing and analysing refitting data, the limited accessibility of existing datasets, and the lack of standardised data models that would enable meaningful comparisons between case studies. As a result, most analyses remain confined to local, site-specific interpretations, limiting the development of broader analytical frameworks and large-scale comparative research.

This meeting of the *Société préhistorique française* aims to initiate a collective effort towards the development of shared standards for the representation, analysis, and dissemination of archaeological fragmentation and refitting data. To this end, a preliminary draft standard will be circulated to participants in advance and will serve as the basis for discussion during the meeting, with the objective of producing a consolidated proposal.

This call for papers is therefore addressed to researchers who wish both to **contribute to the discussion of the proposed standard** and to **present their current research**. Contributions may address, for example, analytical and methodological protocols for refitting studies; data structuring, standardisation, and interoperability; computational approaches; experimental and comparative frameworks; or the integration of refitting data into broader archaeological questions, including site formation processes, spatial analysis, and behavioural reconstruction. The meeting will be multilingual (English, French, Spanish, and Italian) and will combine invited lectures with presentations selected through this call for papers.



**Deadline** 31 December 2026

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