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After over five years of construction, the world's biggest single-dish radio telescope is ready to open its eye. On September 25, 2016, the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST) is put into operation in a mountainous area in southwest China's Guizhou Province. See P. 131 for more.

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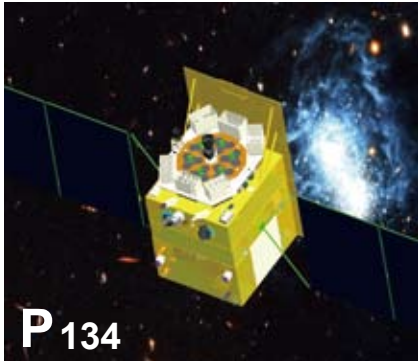
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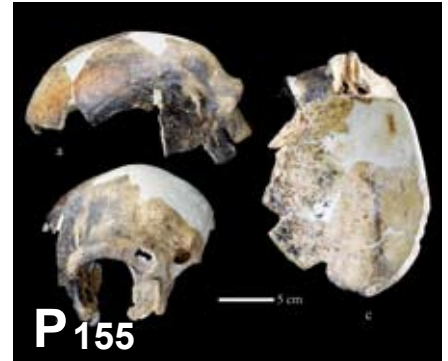
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