

# The world's first dental fillings are found in Italy

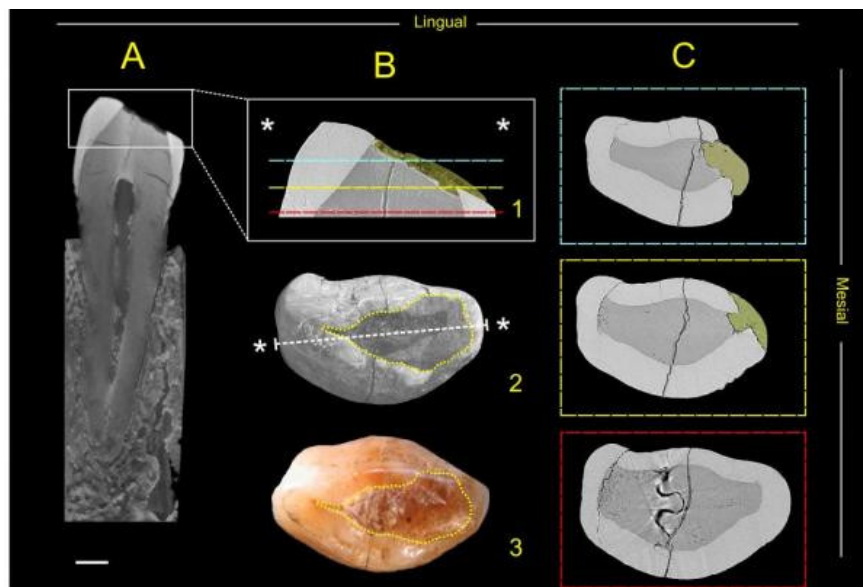
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It is known that this ancient seal filling found inside an ancient pair of incisors estimated to be 13,000 years old. This sealant can be made from a solid asphalt-like bitumen resin like cement.

Large front teeth and inside them have holes and are filled with fillings above. Many residues of bitumen in fillings are found. In addition, many strange fibers and hair are also stuck in this filling.

An ancient period of filling is intended to relieve aches and pains, to keep food from harming the teeth. Ancient scientists estimated that this sealant was accompanied by plant fibers found in teeth that had the ability to sterilize and prevent dental infections used by the ancient people.



Stephano Benazzi, an archaeologist at the University of Bologna, told New Scientist: '*It is an unusual, strange filler, not like the fillings you often see today.*'

This research has just been published in the American Journal of Humanism.

Earlier, international archaeologists also discovered traces of beeswax used for fillings with the 6,500-year-old date found in Slovenia.

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