

Cyborgs in the Stone Age?

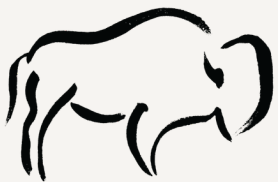
Humanity's long road to technological dependence



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There is much discussion today about the way technology has infiltrated every aspect of human existence in the developed world, and whether we should be worried about it. In fact, humans started down that road more than three million years ago. In this talk, I examine the evidence for how human ancestors gradually transitioned from being occasional and opportunistic users of simple artifacts, to a species which could not exist without technological assistance. The evidence suggests that our ancestors had become dependent on various technologies for survival over much of their range by around 300,000 years ago. Since then, technology and its products have come to play a role in almost every facet of human life. The story of humanity's long relationship with technology has implications for the human experience today, and for the ways we think about the next technological revolution.