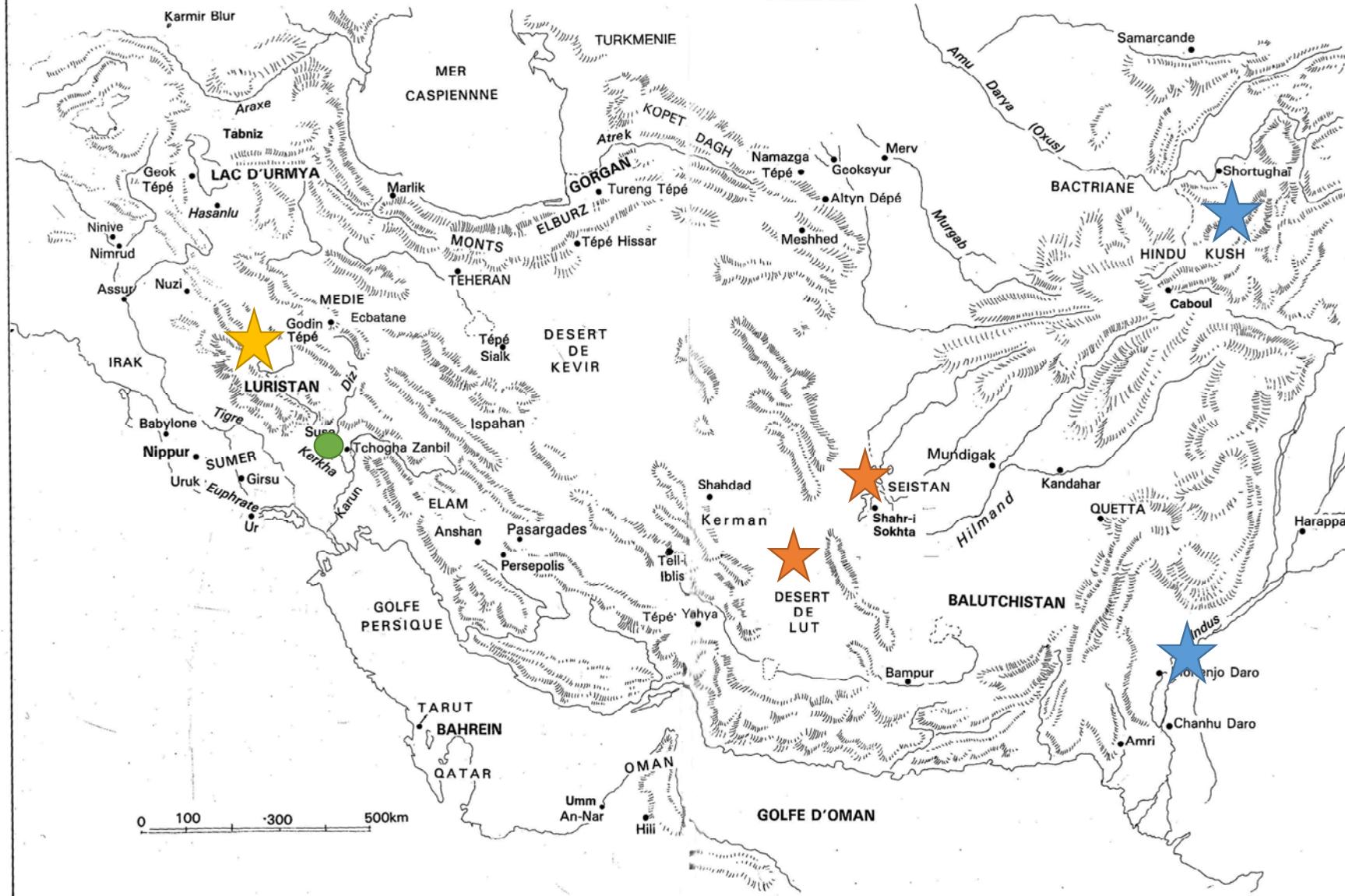


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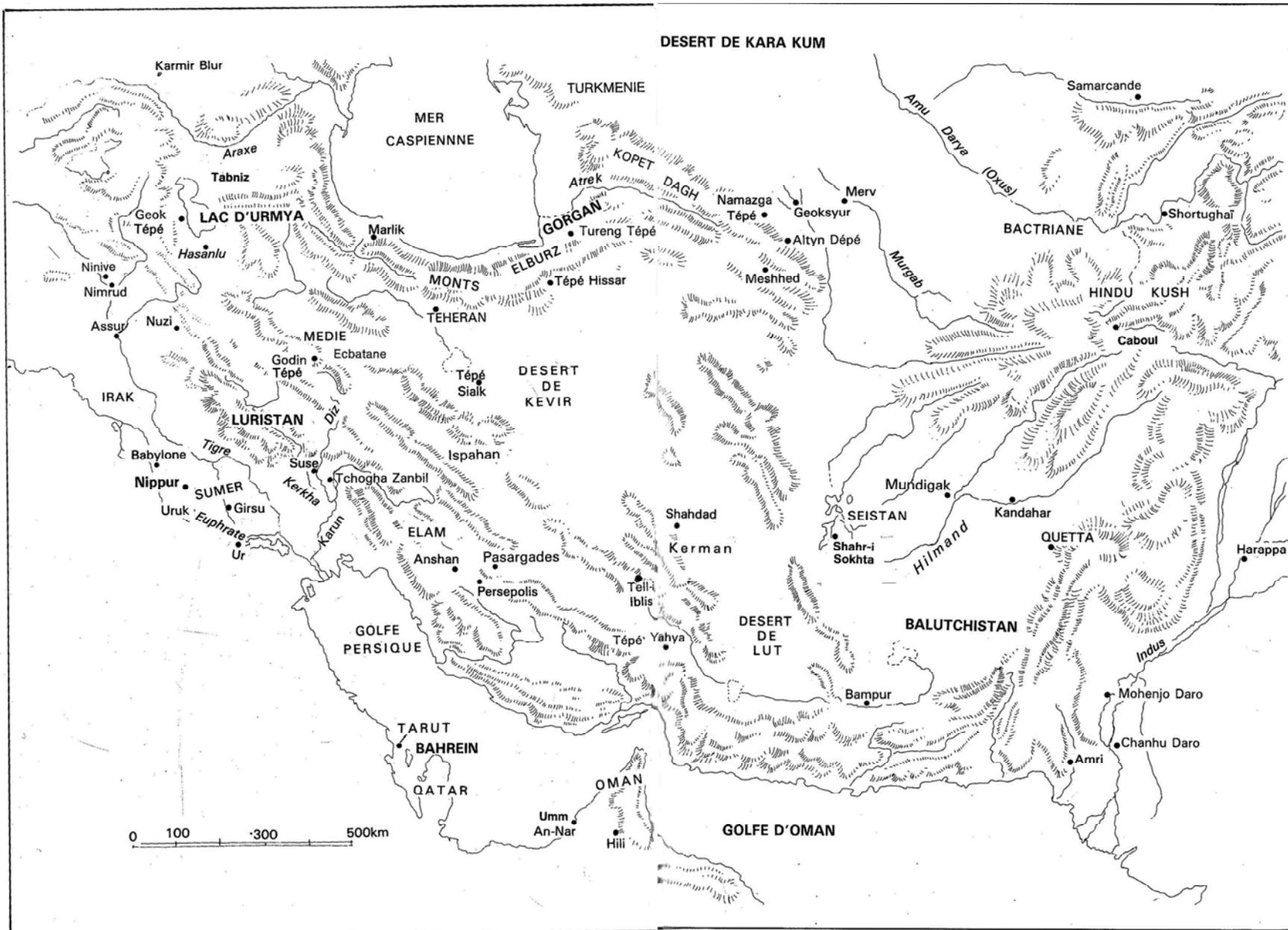


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La zona di Jiroft e Sistan



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The map illustrates the geographical context of the Sumerian and Akkadian empires. It shows the Tigris-Euphrates river system, the Persian Gulf, and the Caspian Sea. Key cities like Uruk, Lagash, Kish, Nippur, and Babylon are marked in the south. Further north, Assur, Nineveh, and Urmiyah are shown. The Zagros Mountains run along the western side. In the northeast, the Talysh Mountains and Lake Urmia are depicted. The map also includes a compass rose and a scale bar from 0 to 500 km.

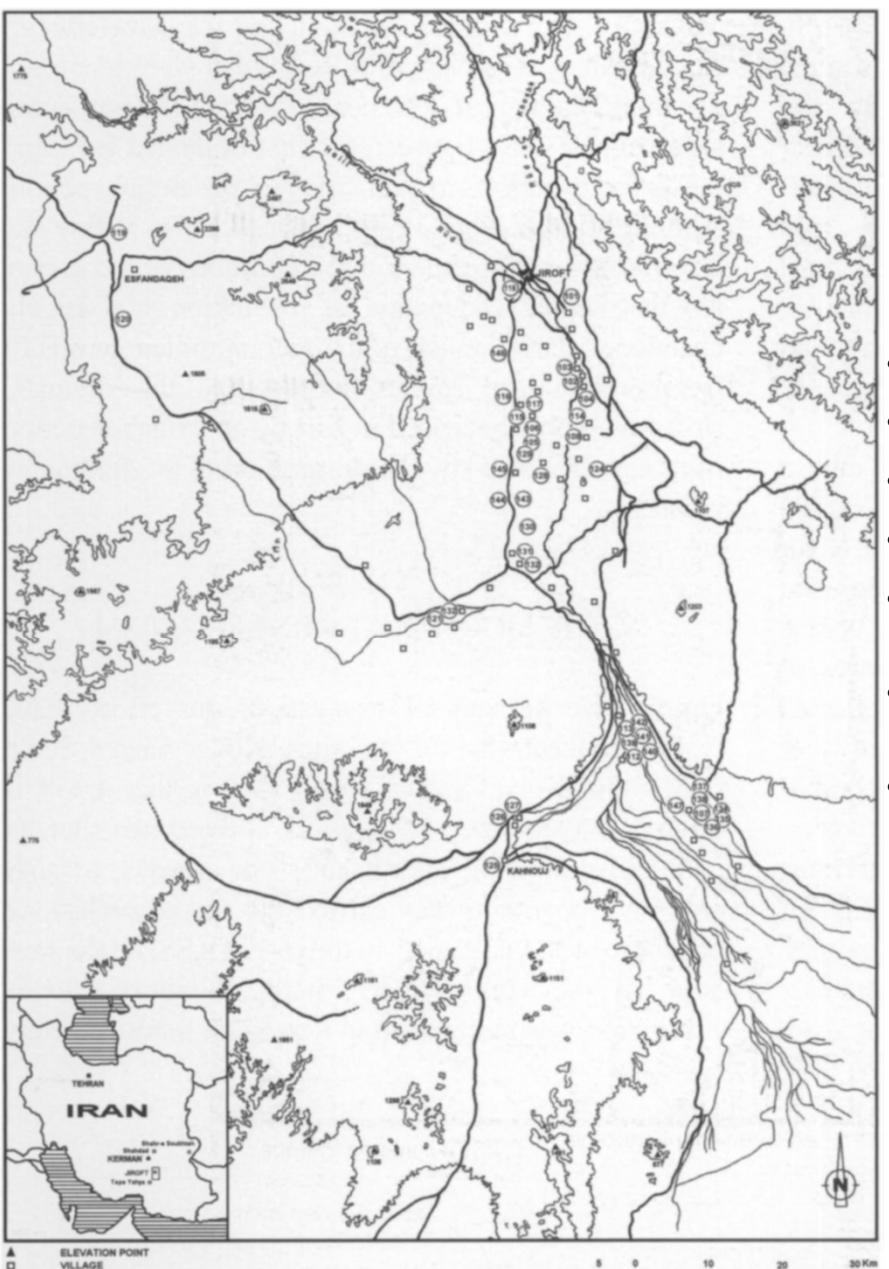




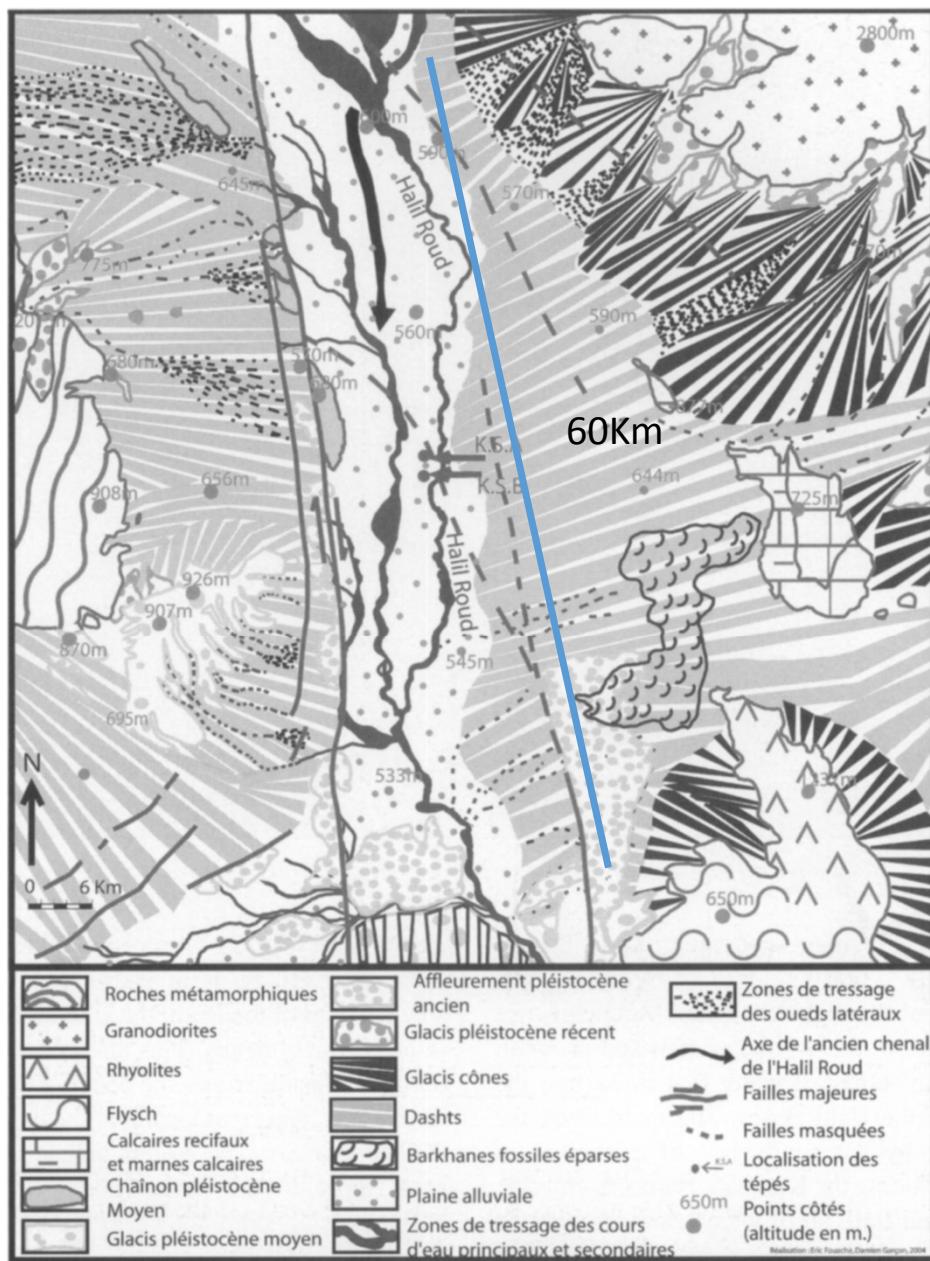


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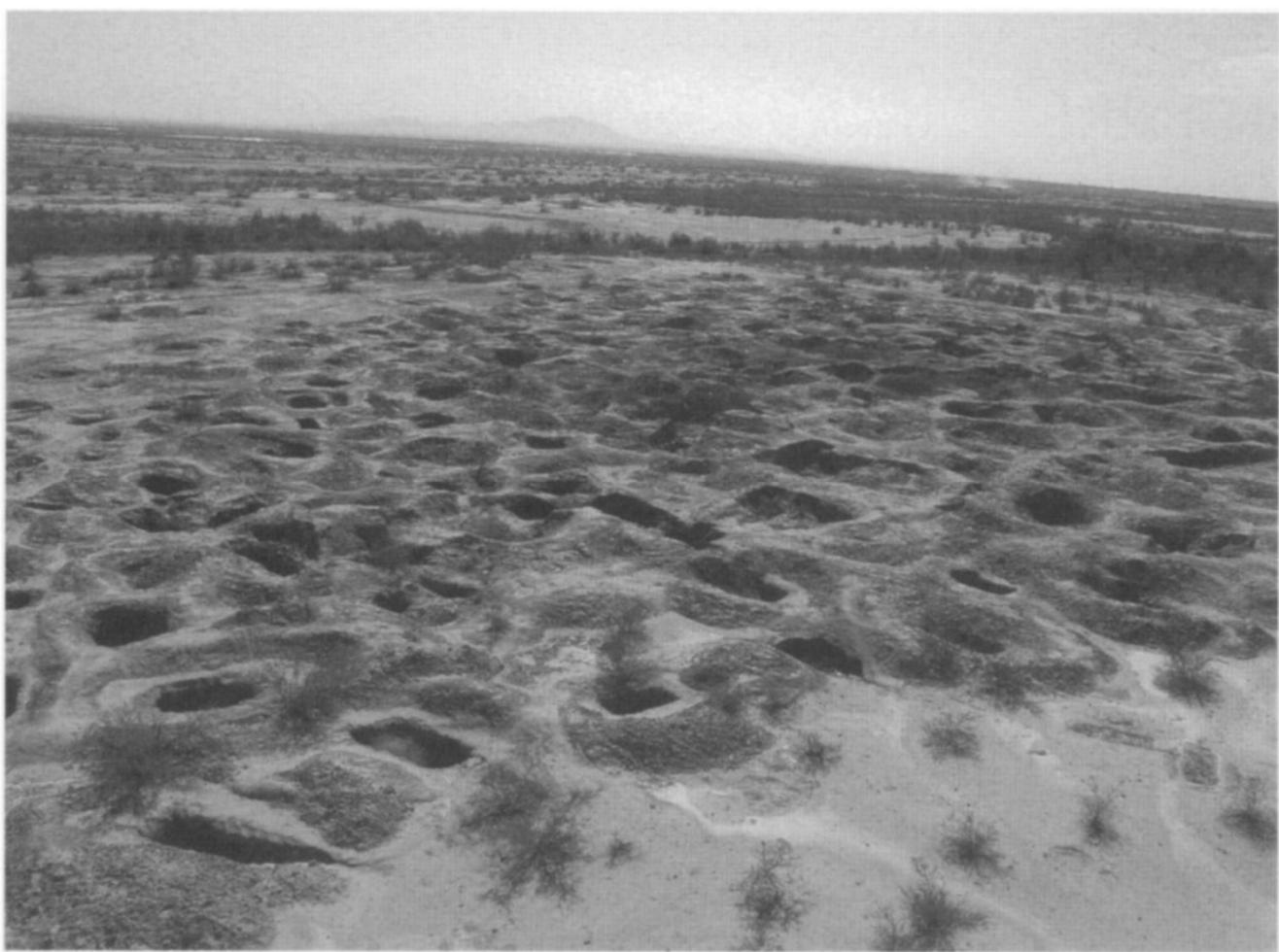
- Ca. 650 m asl
- Clima caldo e umido
- Pozzi artesiani
- 750 siti identificati
- + 170 collocati a nord di Jiroft (III mill. a. C.)
- Cave di steatite, clorite e serpentinite
- Picco di occupazione durante il terzo millennio. Probabie abbandono nel secondo.



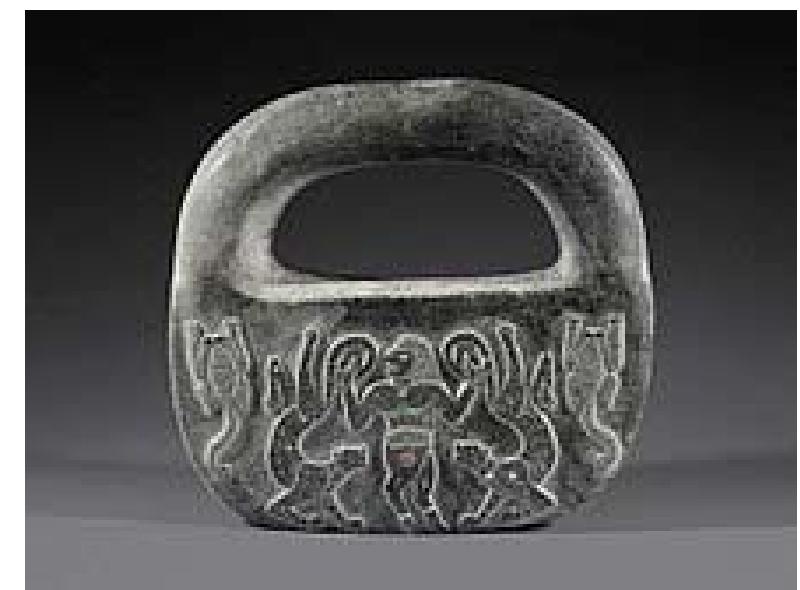


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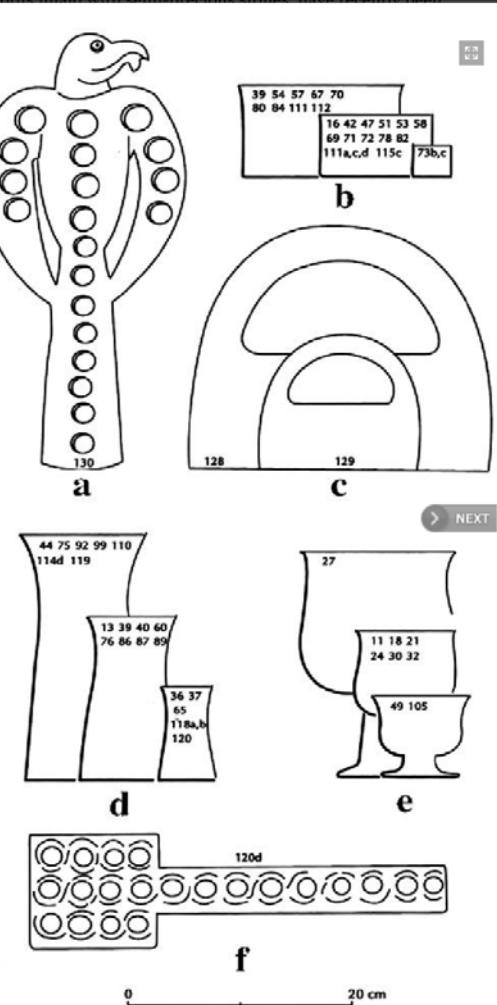


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Plate I. Cups: a-b (h 14.5 cm ; diam 11.5 cm); c (h 17.5 cm; diam 12.2 cm); d (h 14.7 cm; diam 10.7 cm); e (h 16 cm; diam 12.3 cm). Cylindrical boxes: f (h 6.5 cm); g (h 10.5 cm; diam 16.5 cm); h (h 7.4 cm; diam 11 cm).

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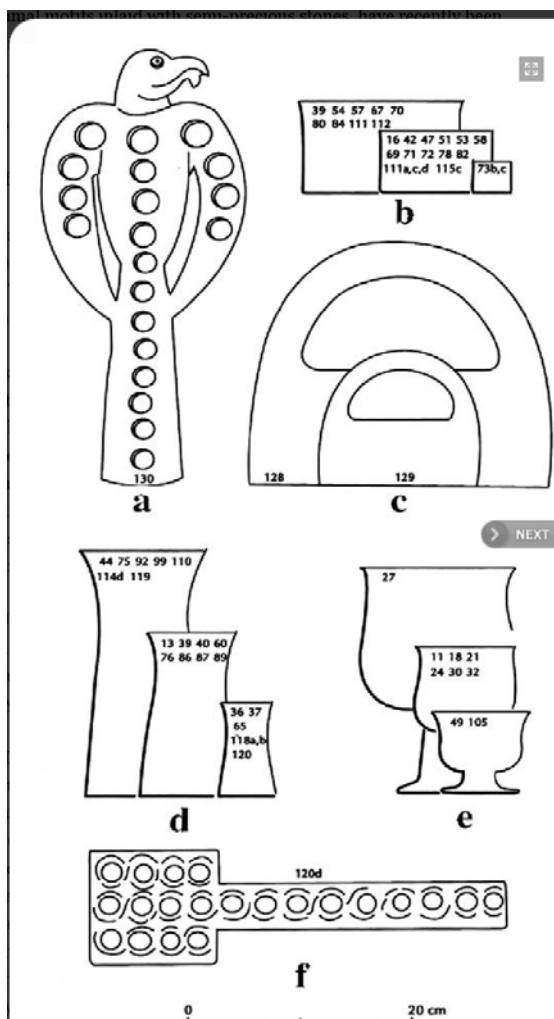


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Plate II. High tronconical vessels: a (h 14.6 cm); b (h 16 cm); c (h 27.8 cm); d (h 17.5 cm); e (h 19.7 cm). "Handbags": f–g (w 24 cm, thks 4.8 cm); h (w 19.5 cm; h 19.4 cm, thks 4 cm); j (w 28 cm; h 25 cm, thks 3 cm); k (w 18.5, h 18.3 cm, thks 3.2).

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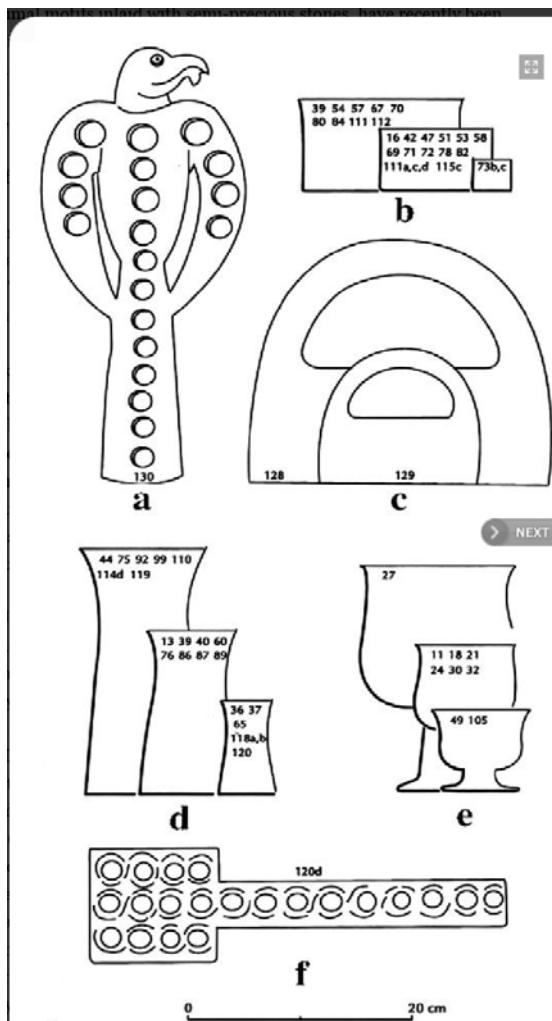


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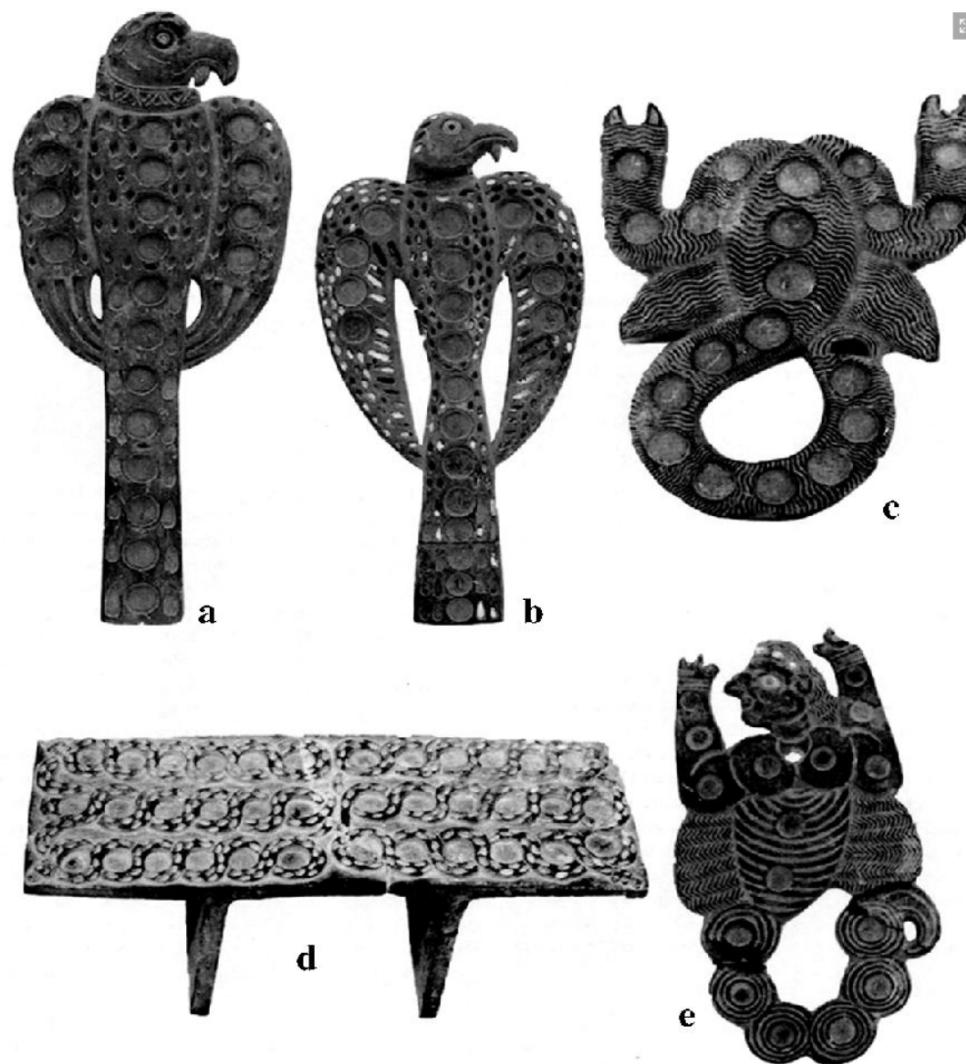


Plate III. "Gameboards": a : eagle (l 41 cm); b: eagle (l 35 cm); c: scorpion (l 28 cm); d: table on legs (l 35 cm); e: scorpion-man (27 cm).

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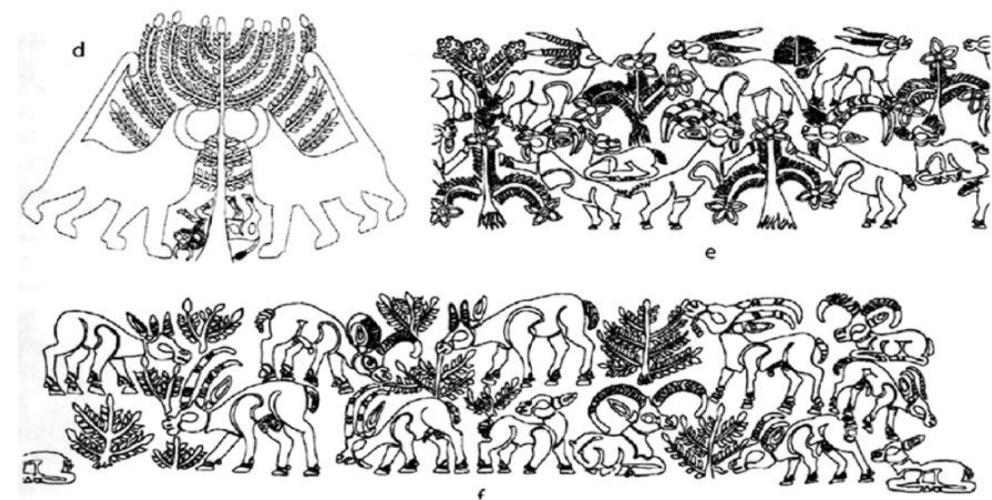
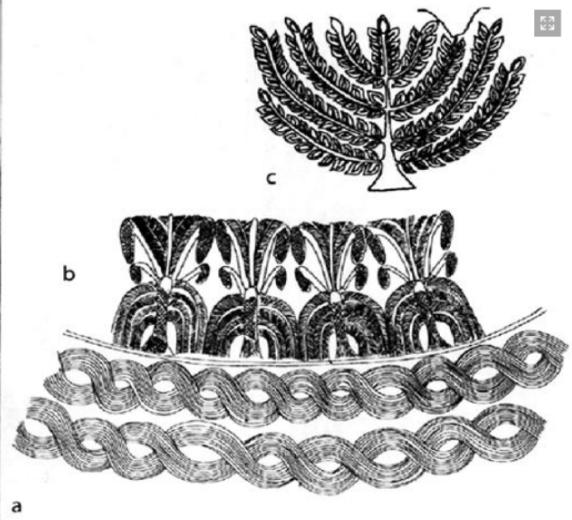


Figure 4. a-b: typical landscape of the Jiroft area and ornamentation of a chlorite vessel; c: candelabrum tree; d: bush; e-f: bushes and ibexes.

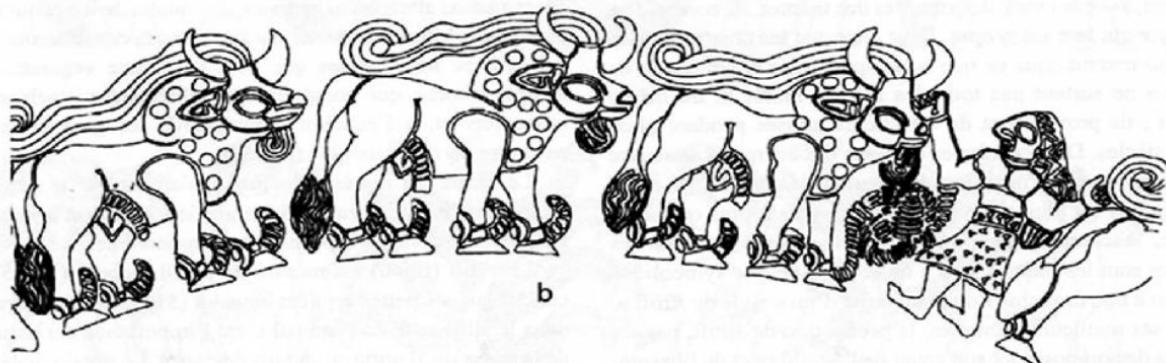


Figure 6. Zebus: a: details of decoration on a tronconical vessel; b: line of zebus led by a man; c-d lying zebus.

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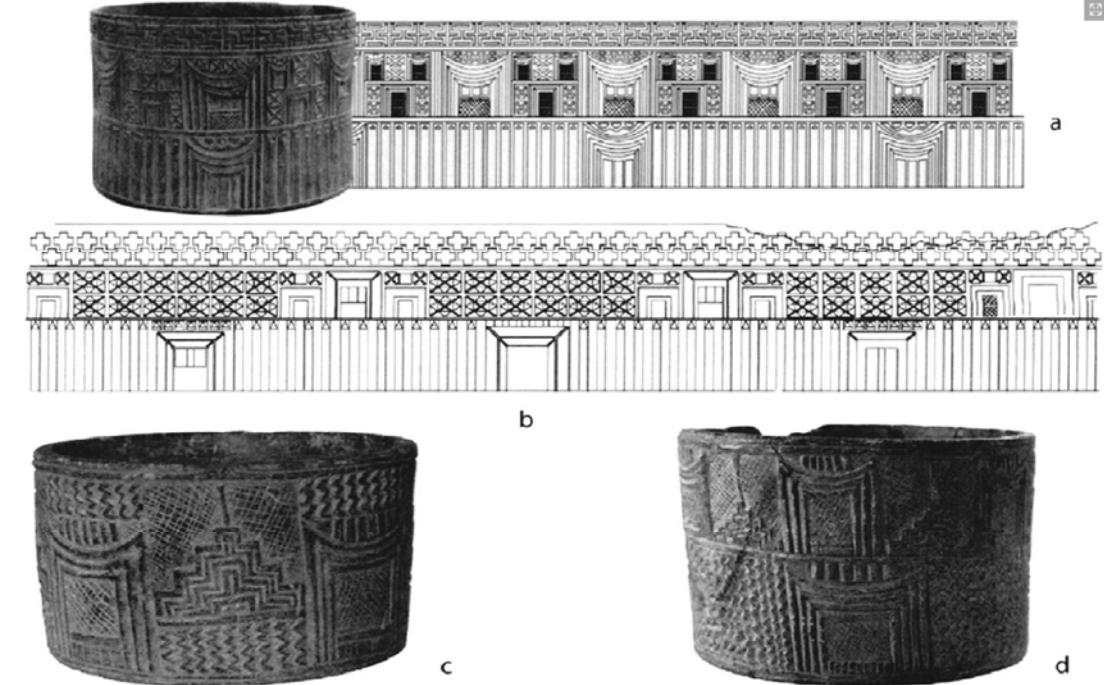


Figure 10. Architectural motives with gates and windows, on cylindrical vessels.

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Figure 5. a-d: ibexes and bushes.



Figure 12. a-c: fragments from Tepe Yahya; d: "gameboard" on supporting tablets; e: man with claws holding two snakes; f: lion-man holding down two scorpion men; h: files of scorpion-man; j: man seated on his heels playing with cheetahs.



Figure 8. Cheetahs fighting snakes.

Figure 9. Eagles and snakes. a: two eagles and two snakes, on a tronconical vessel; b-e: intertwined snakes.



Figure 11. a: mountains landscape and waters; (upper part) a man uncrossing his legs; (lower part) man seated on his heels holding zebus; b: man and zebus, on a small cylindrical vessel; c: head of woman protruding from a tree to the trunk of which a zebu is tied; d: man with claws and scorpion in the center (on a cylindrical vessel).

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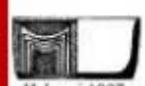
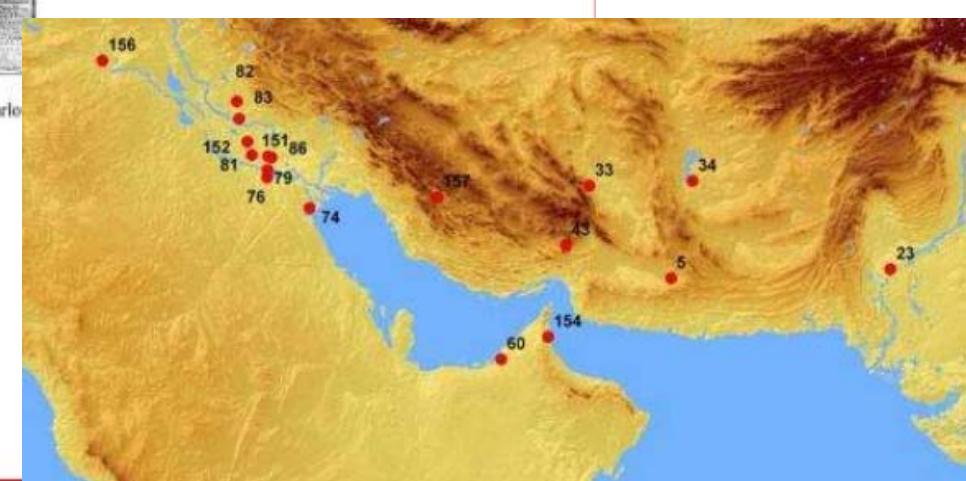
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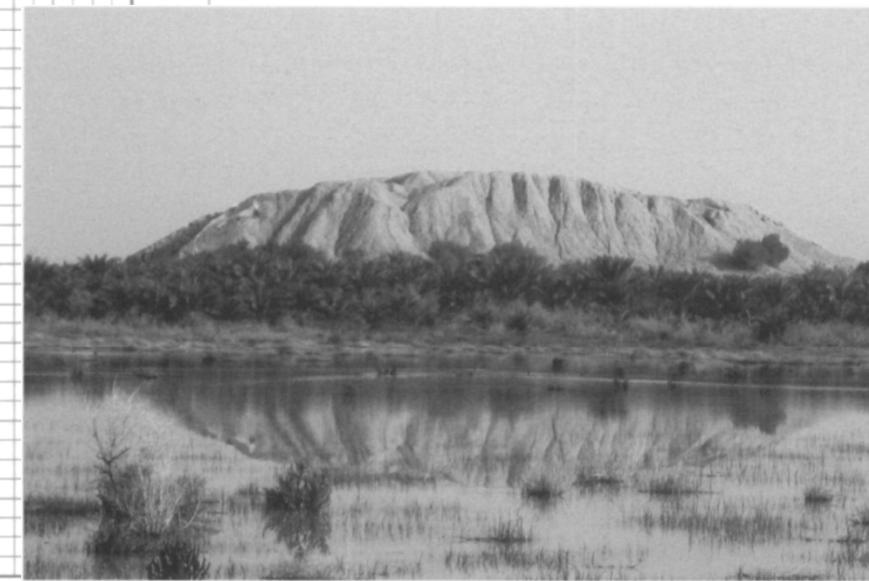
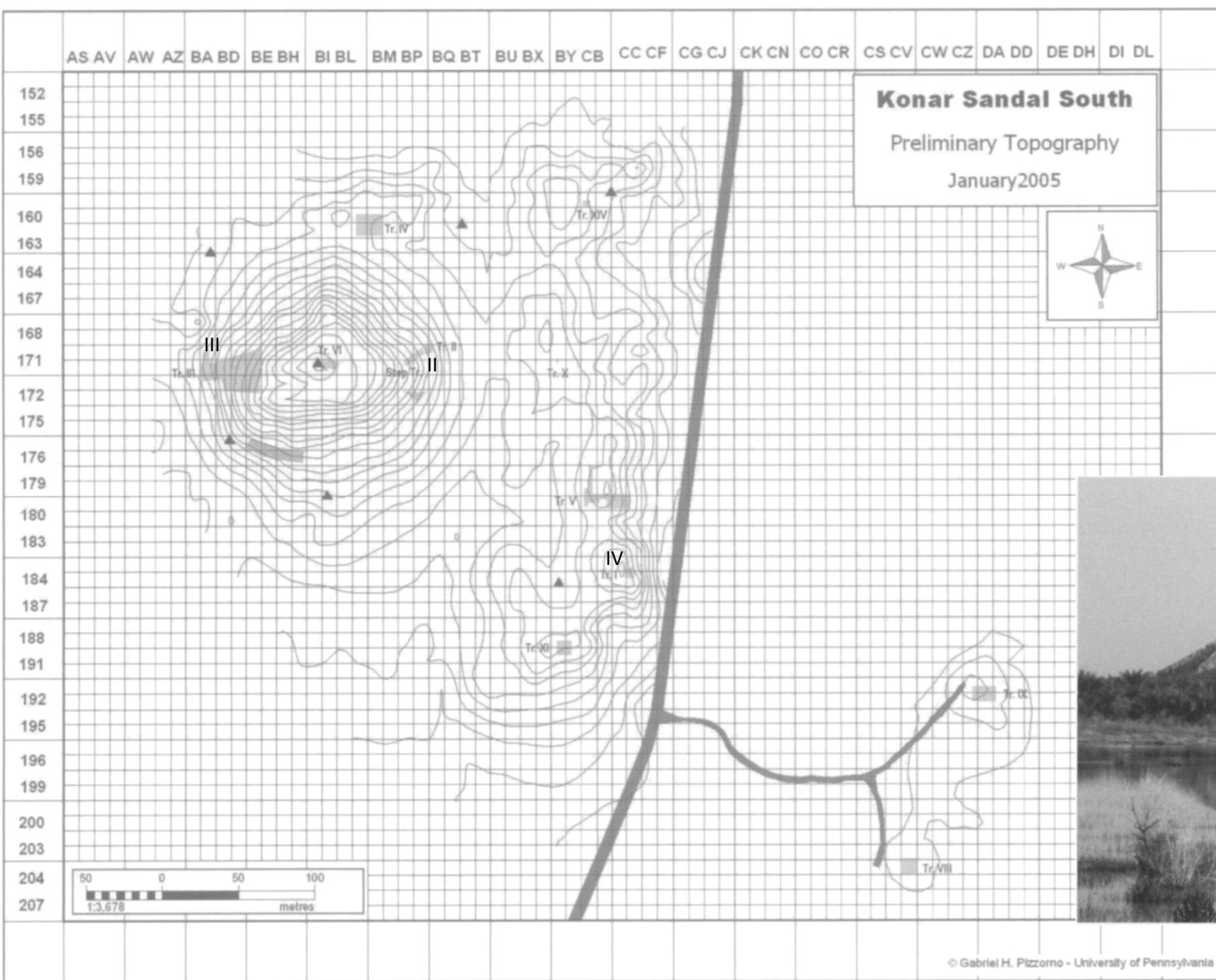
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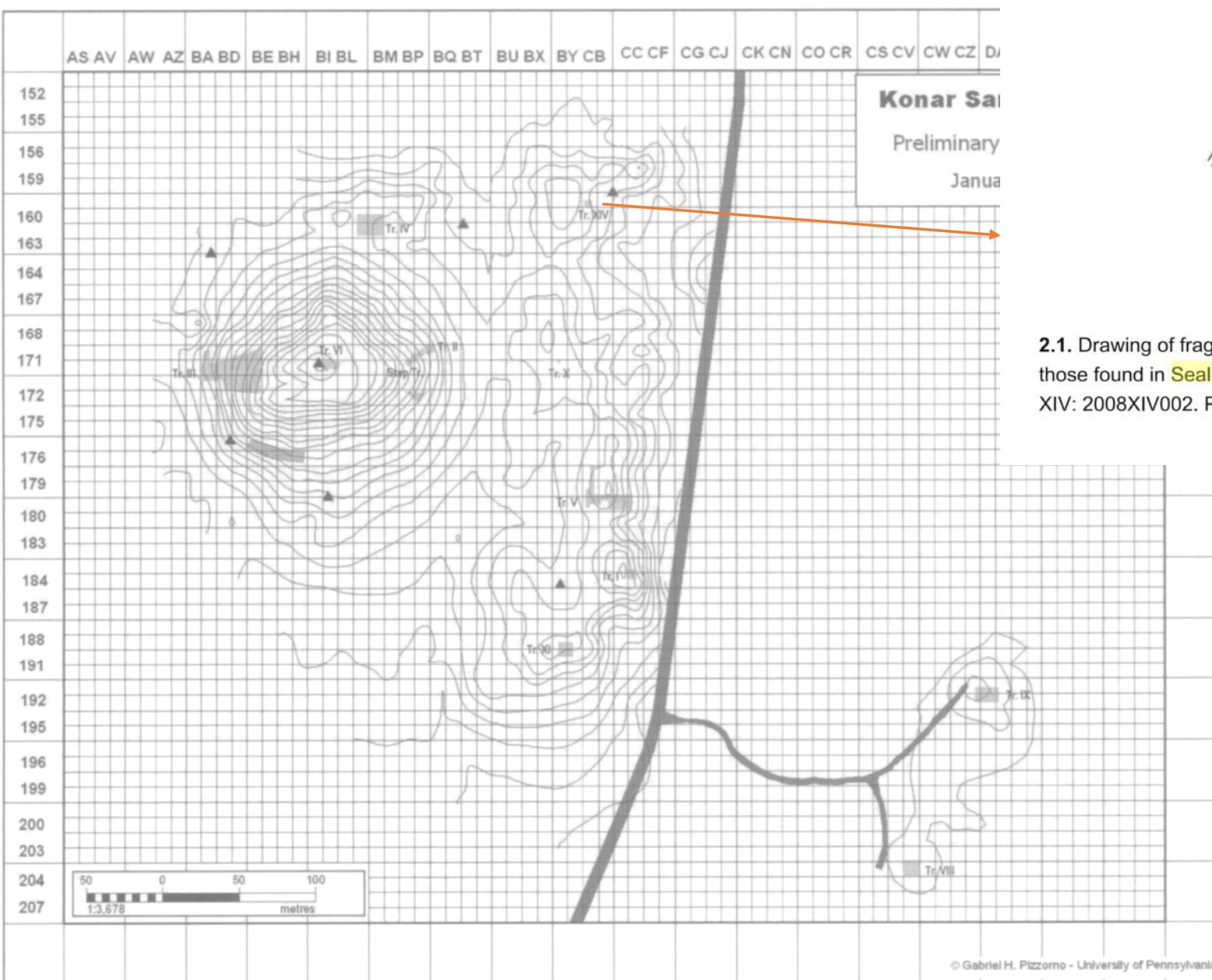
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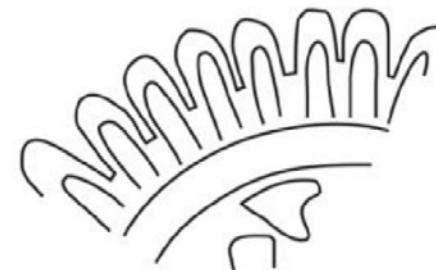
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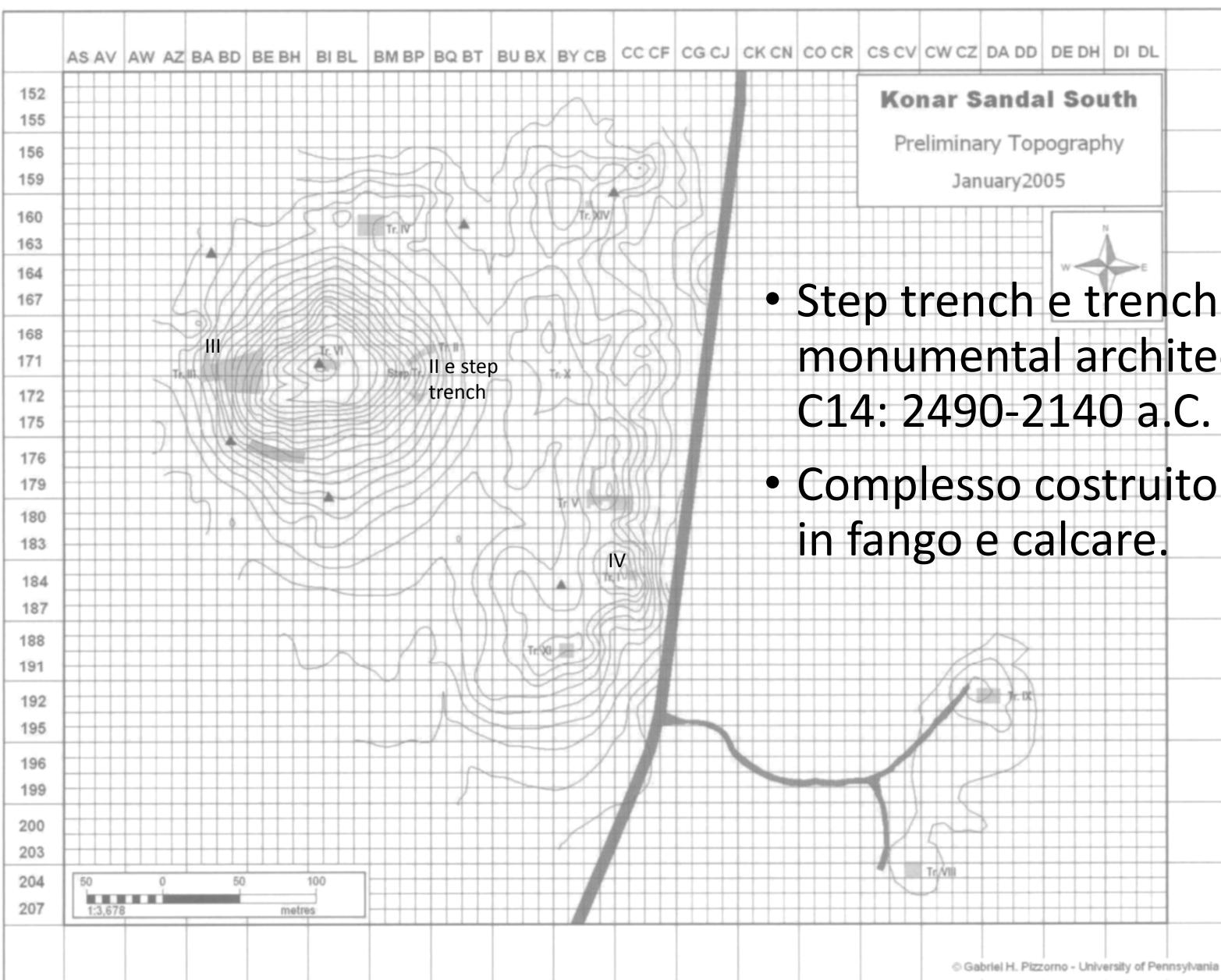
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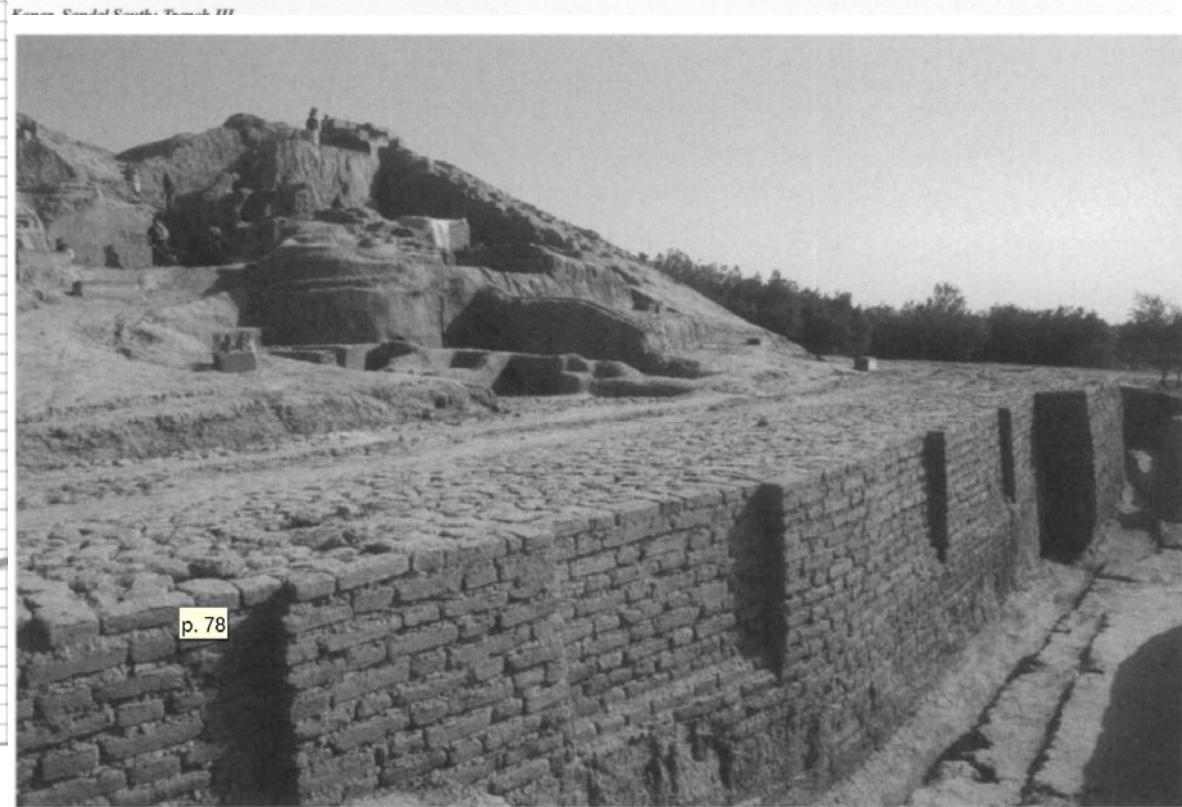
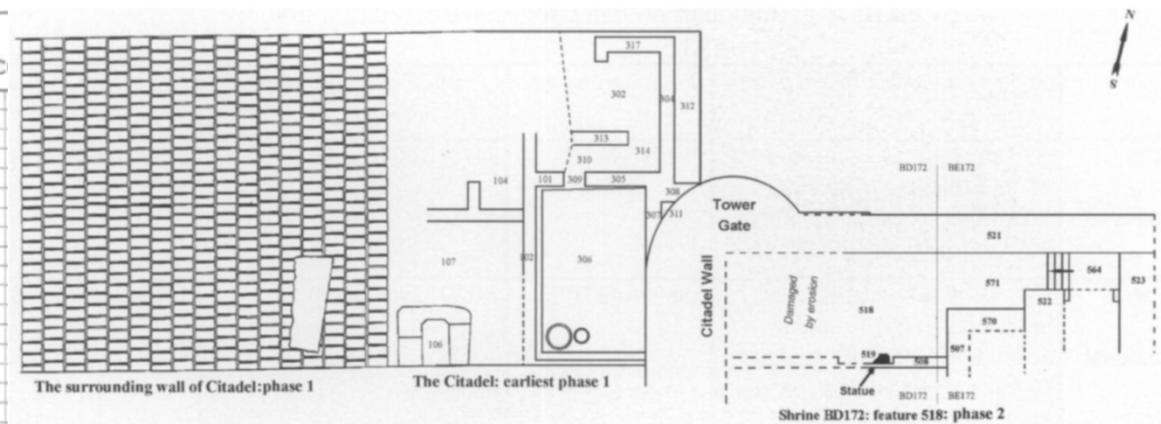
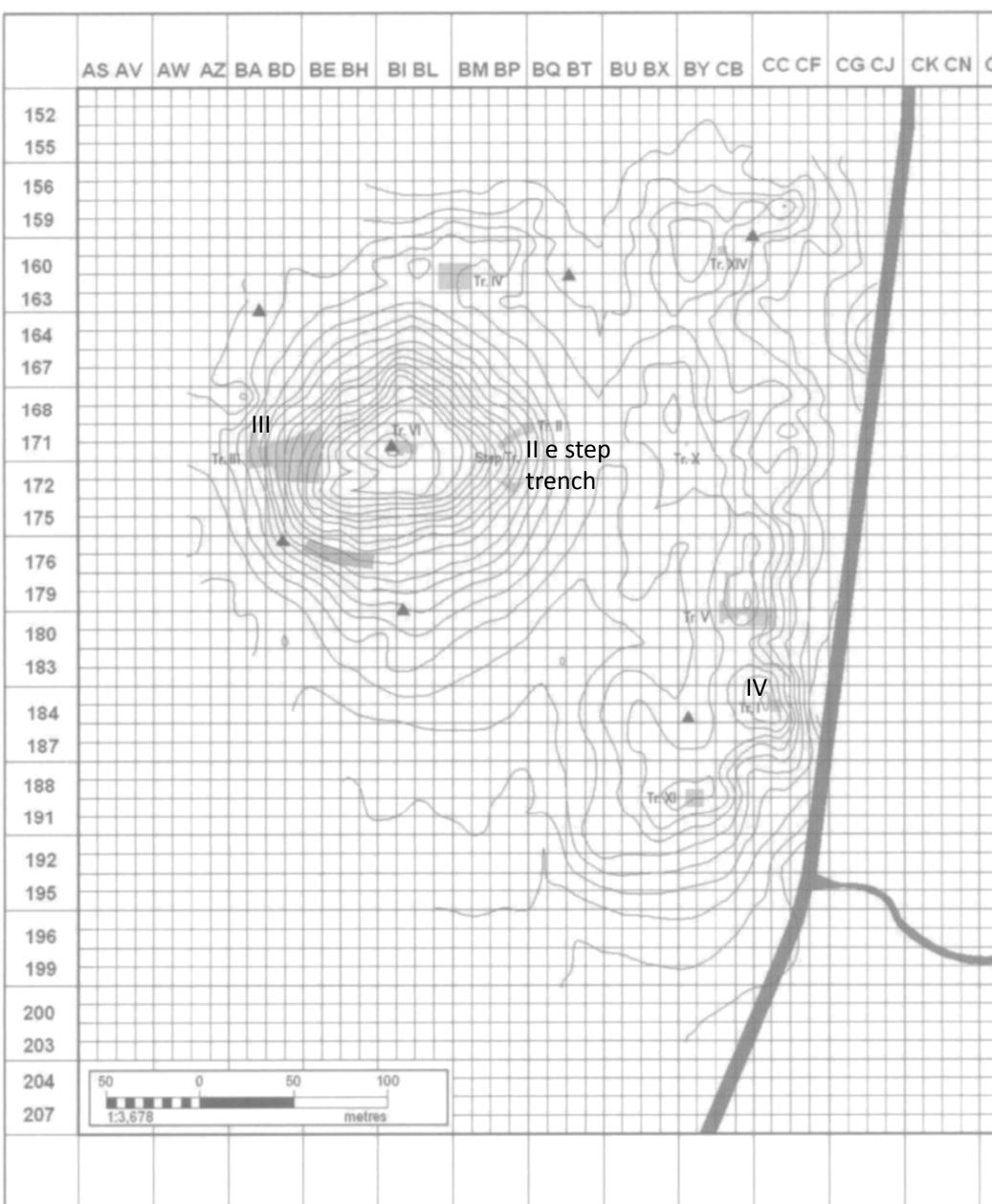
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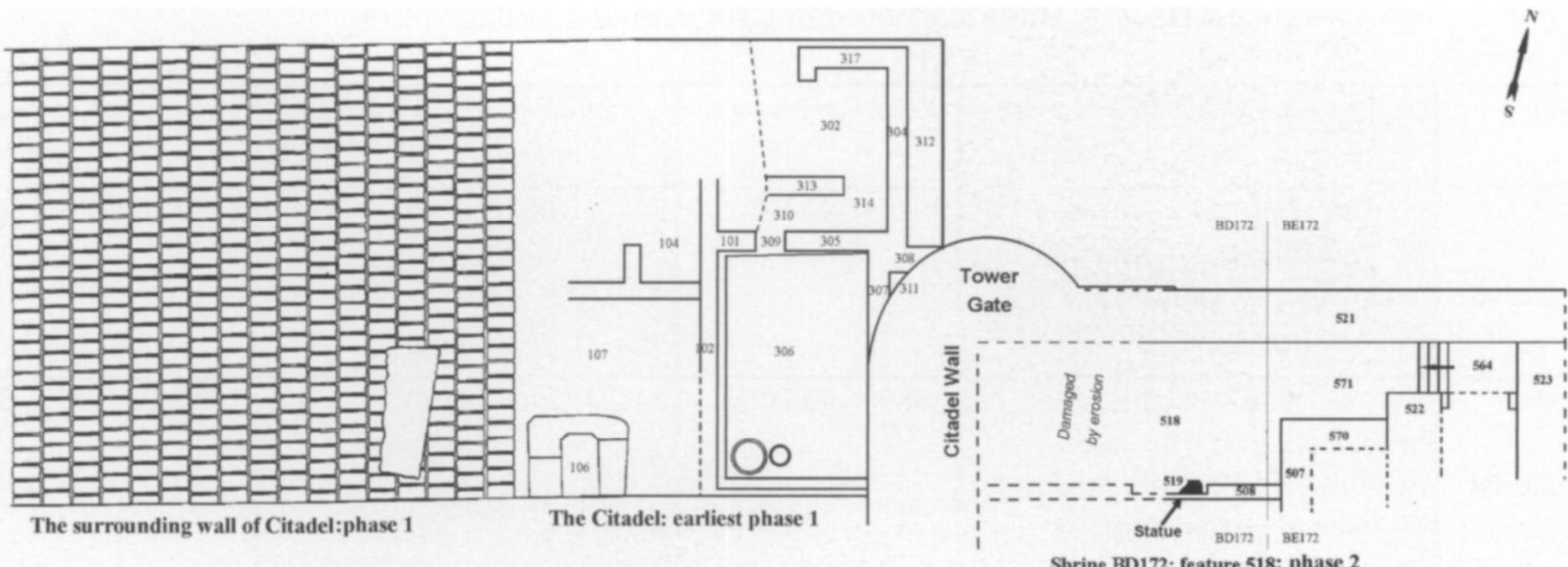


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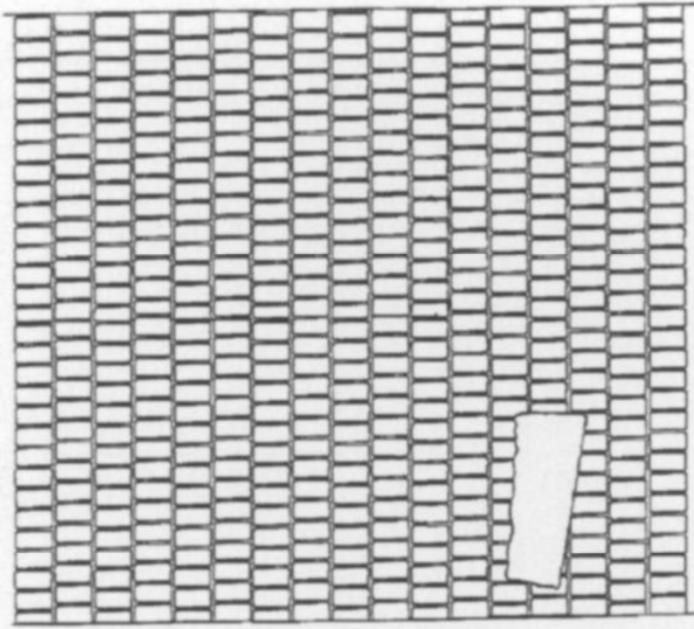
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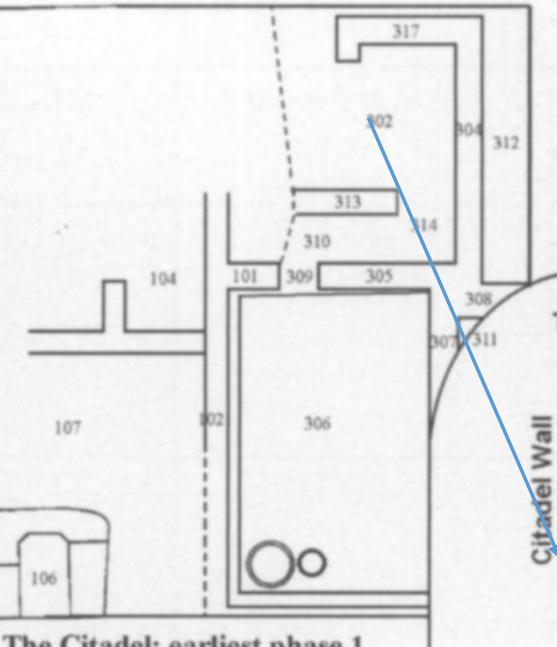




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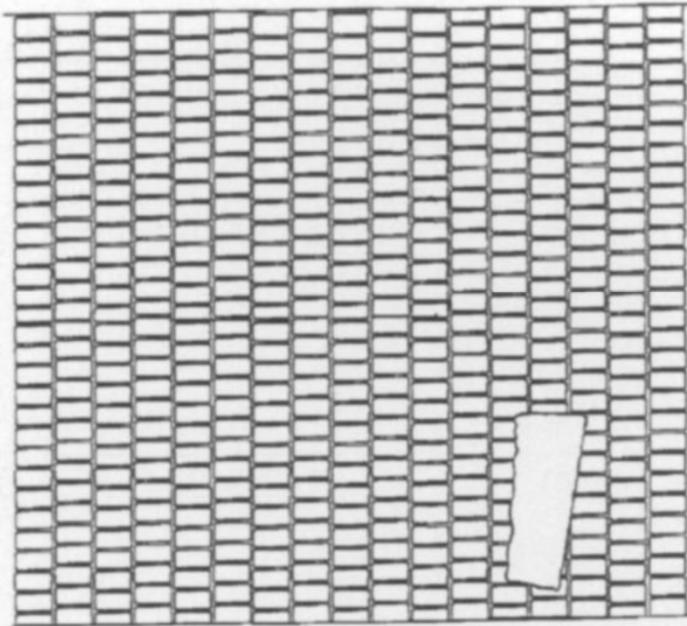
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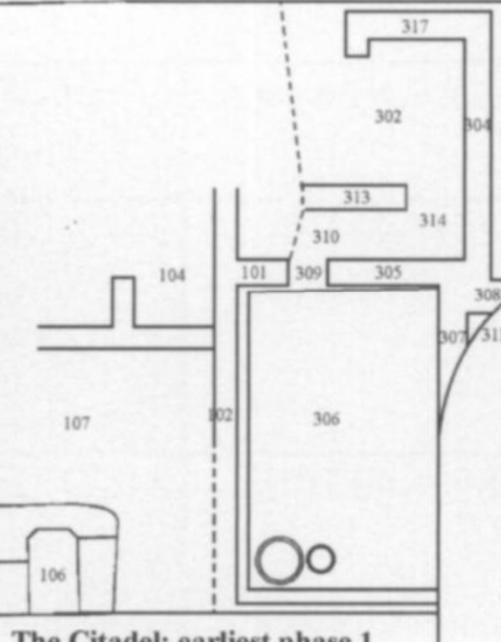
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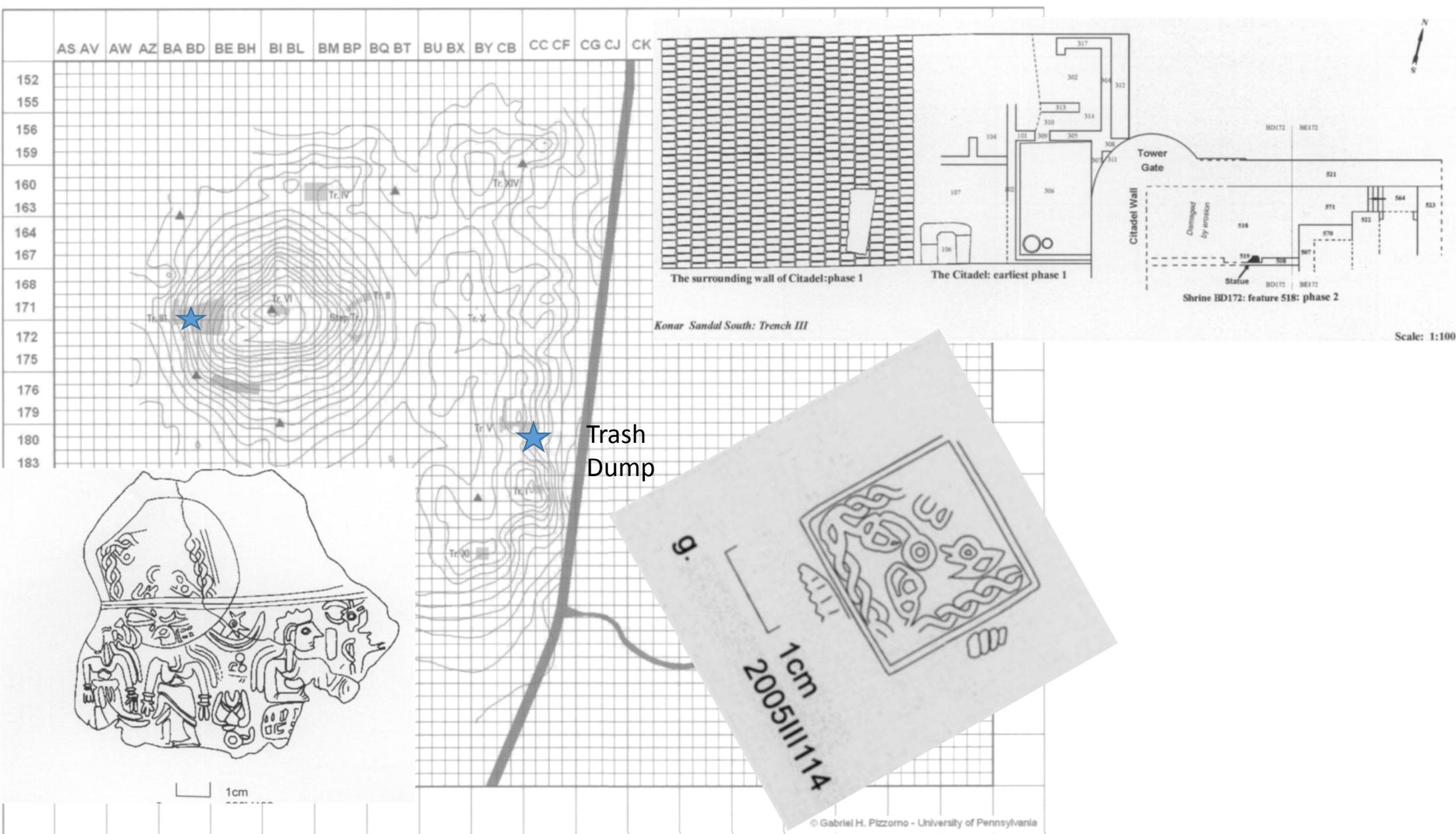
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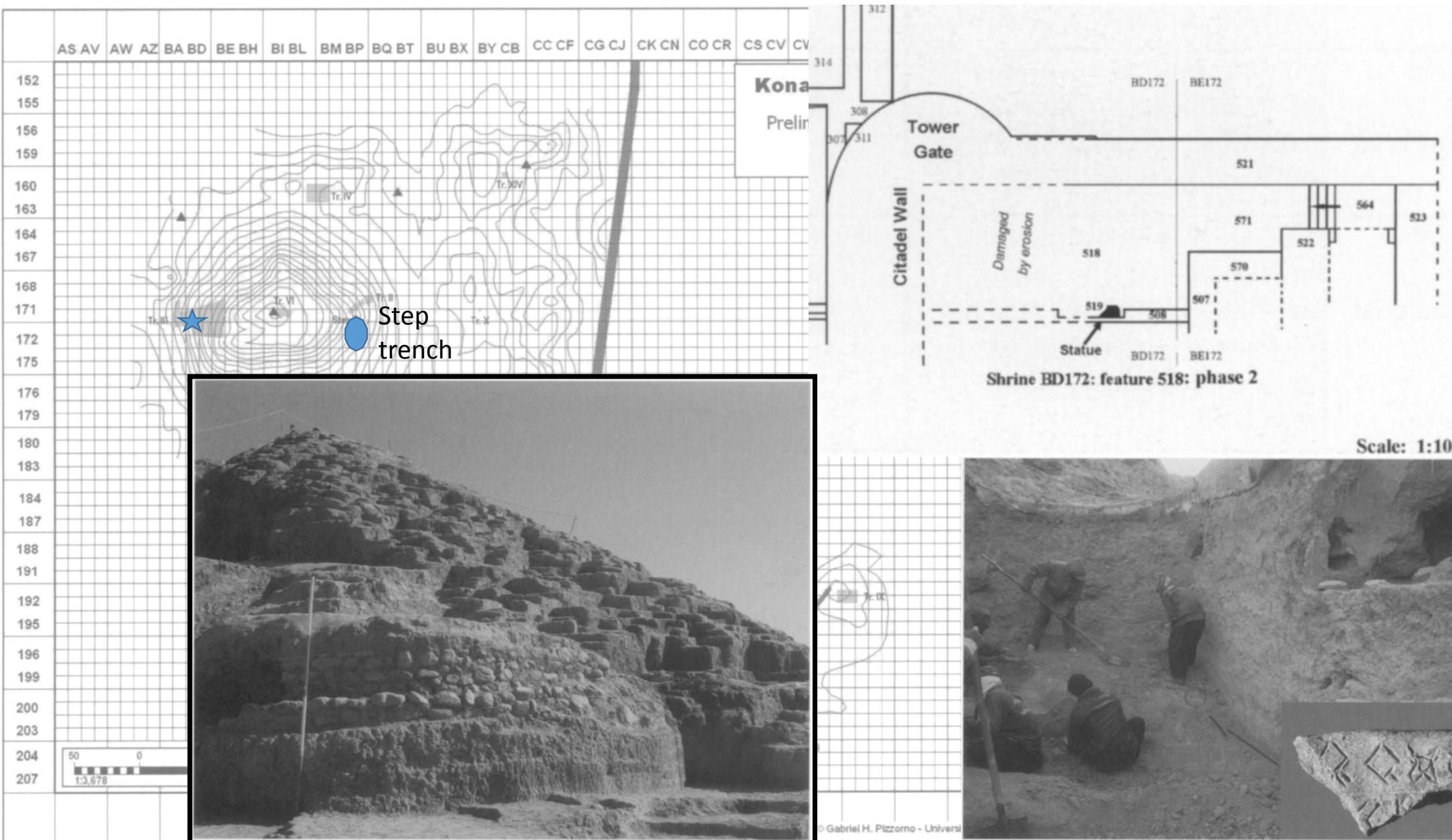
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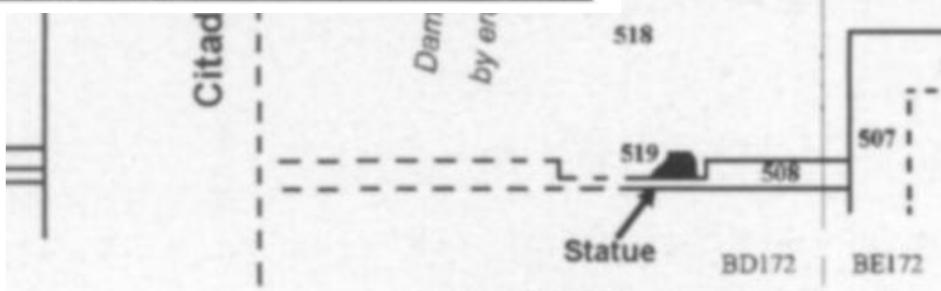
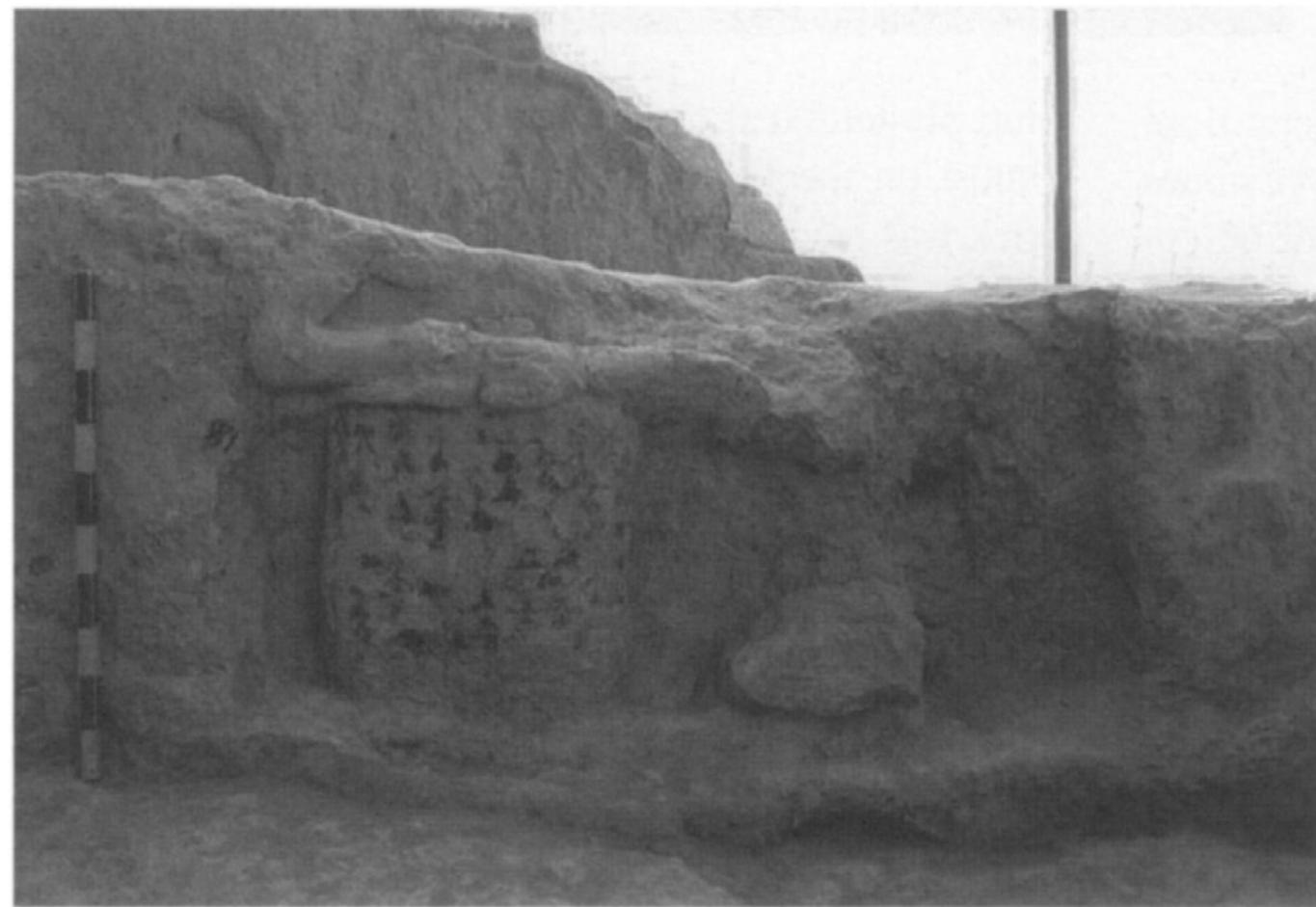


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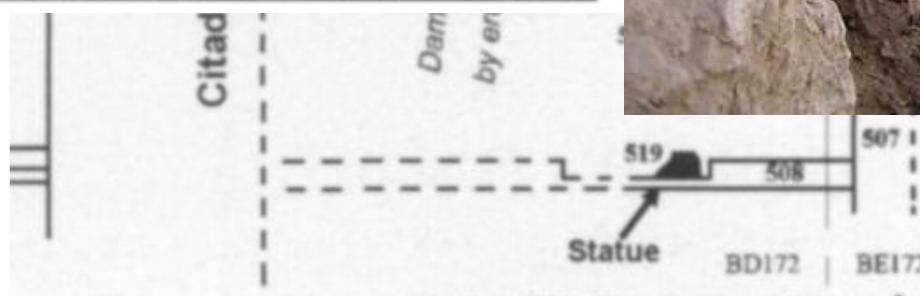
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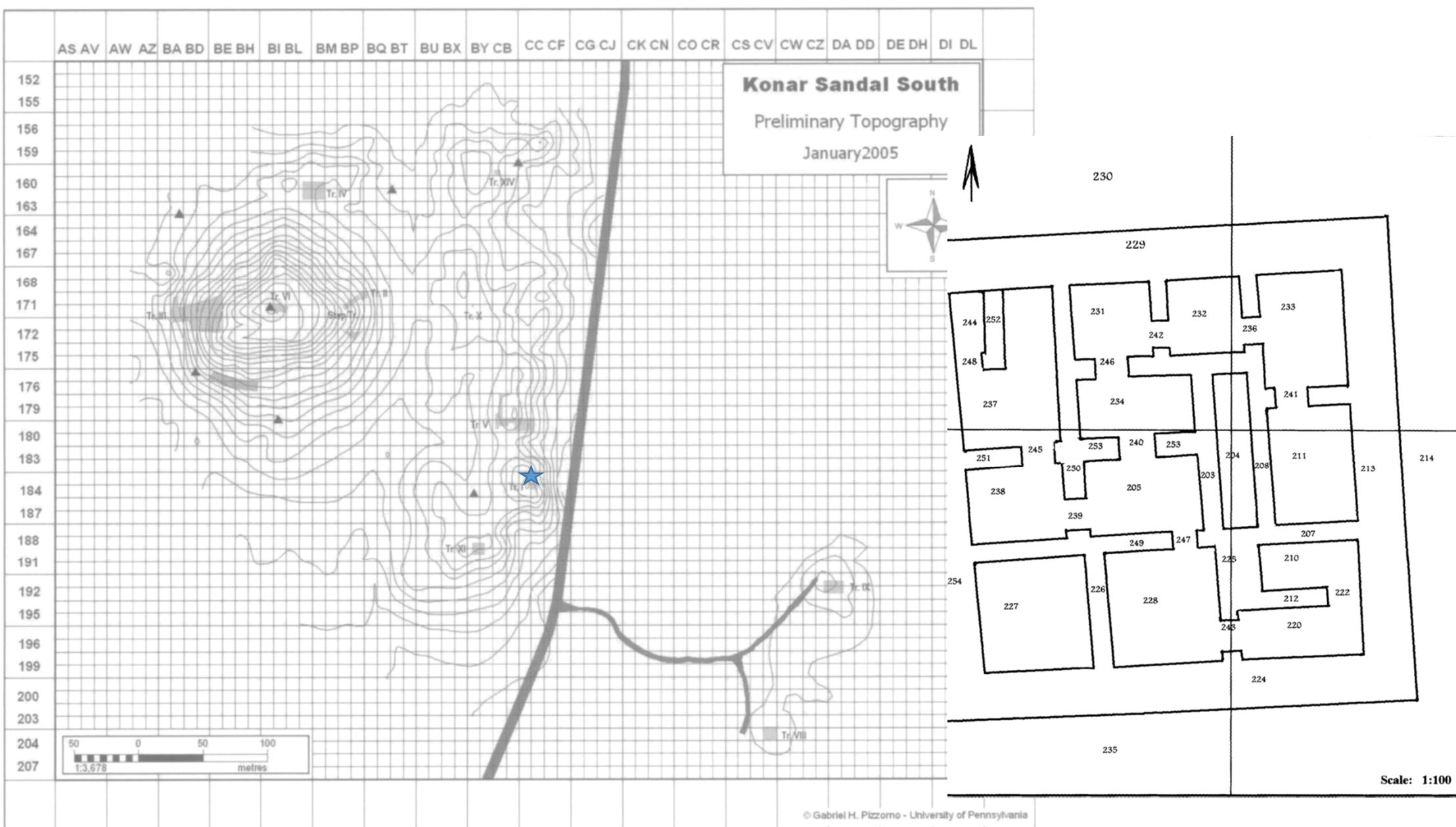


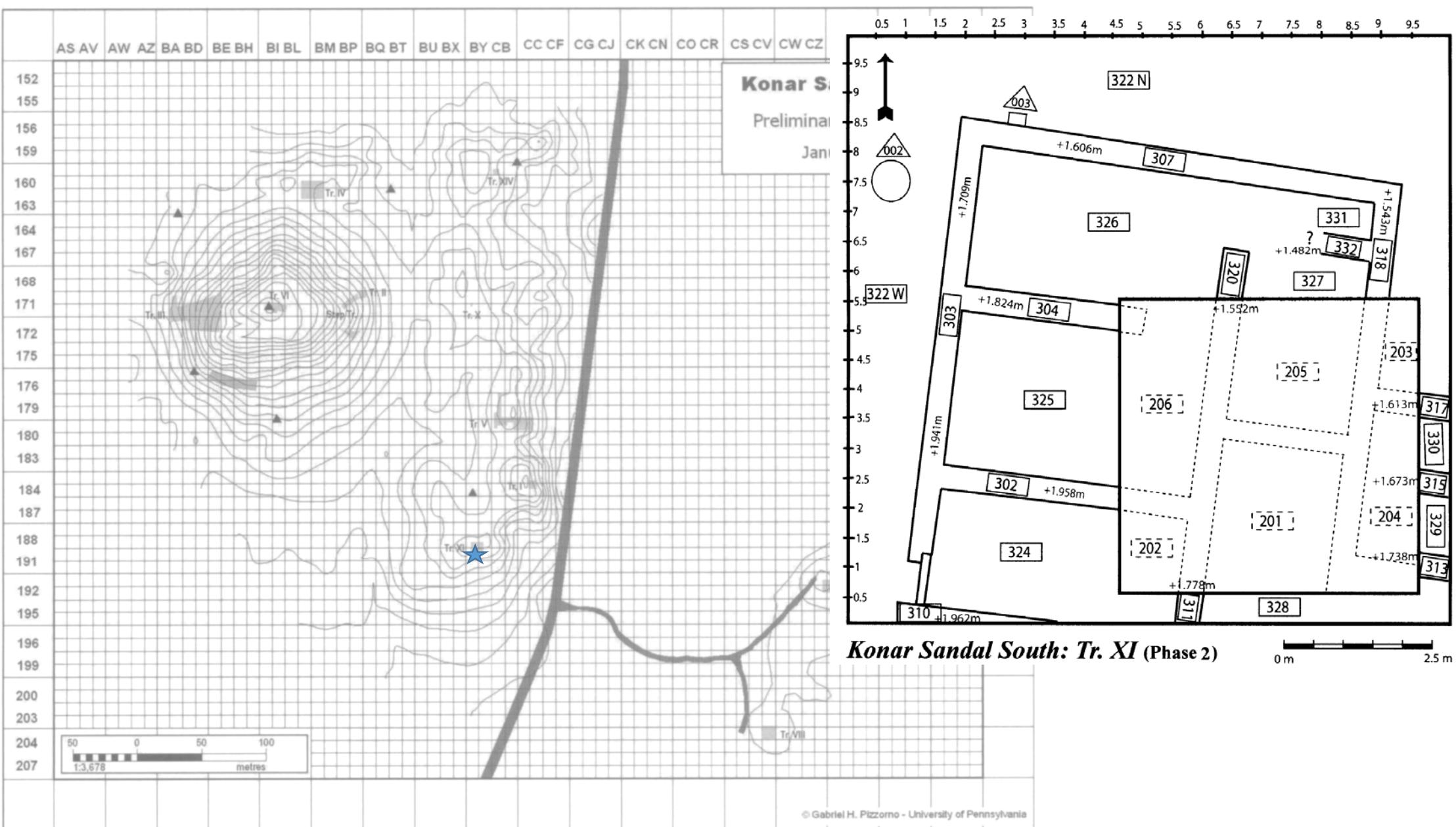




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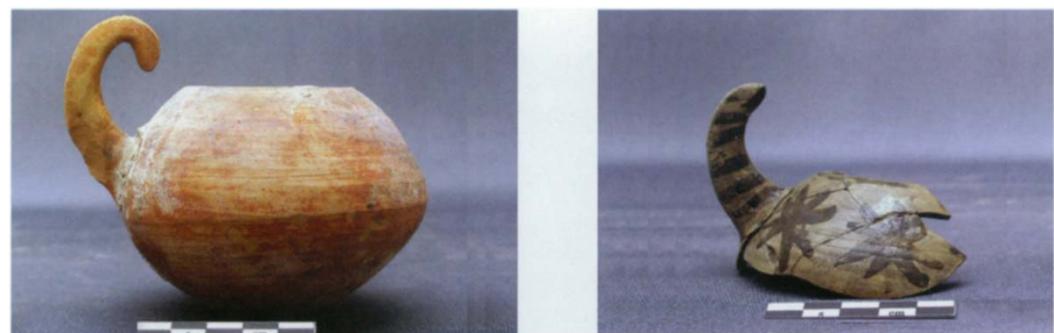
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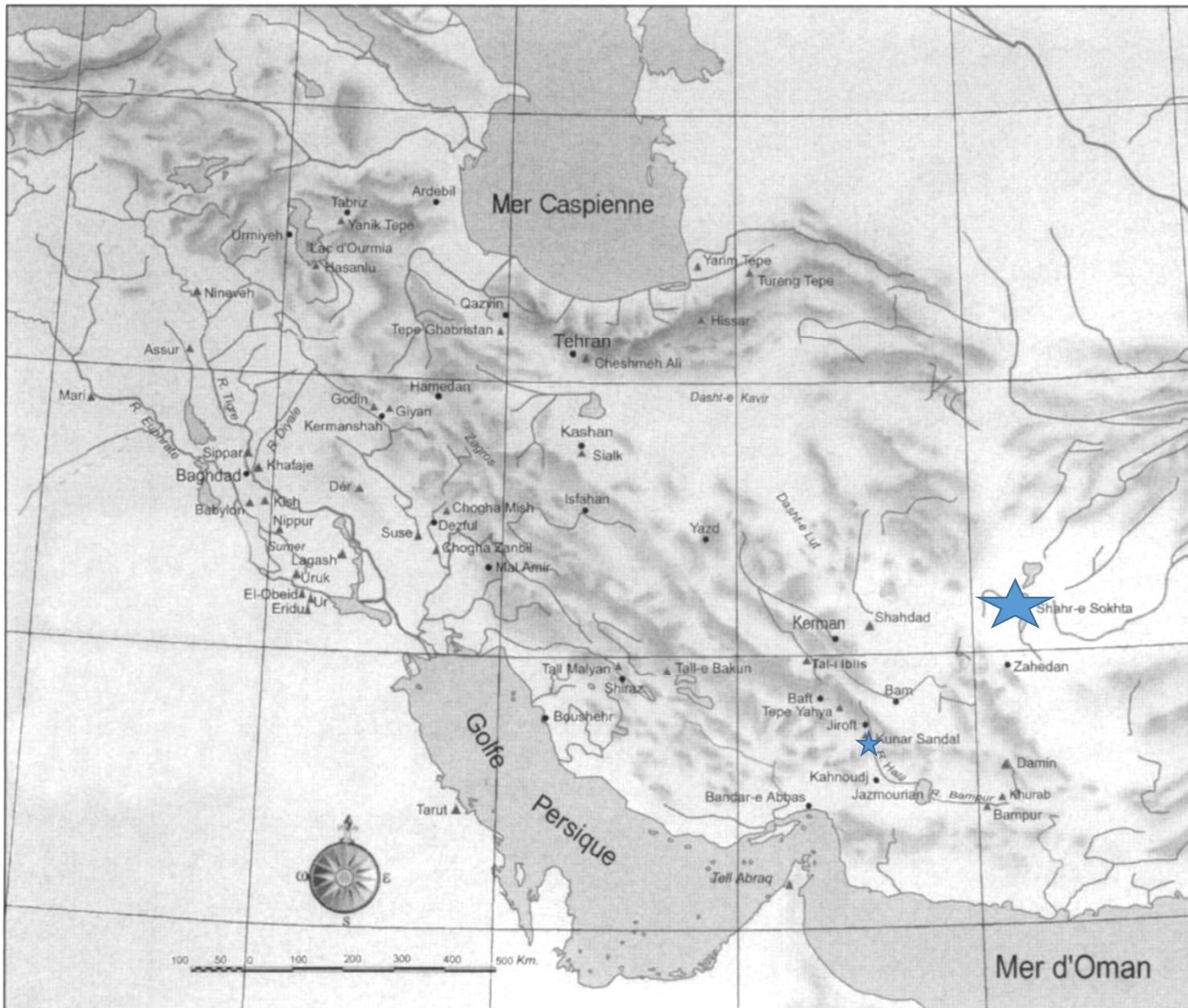


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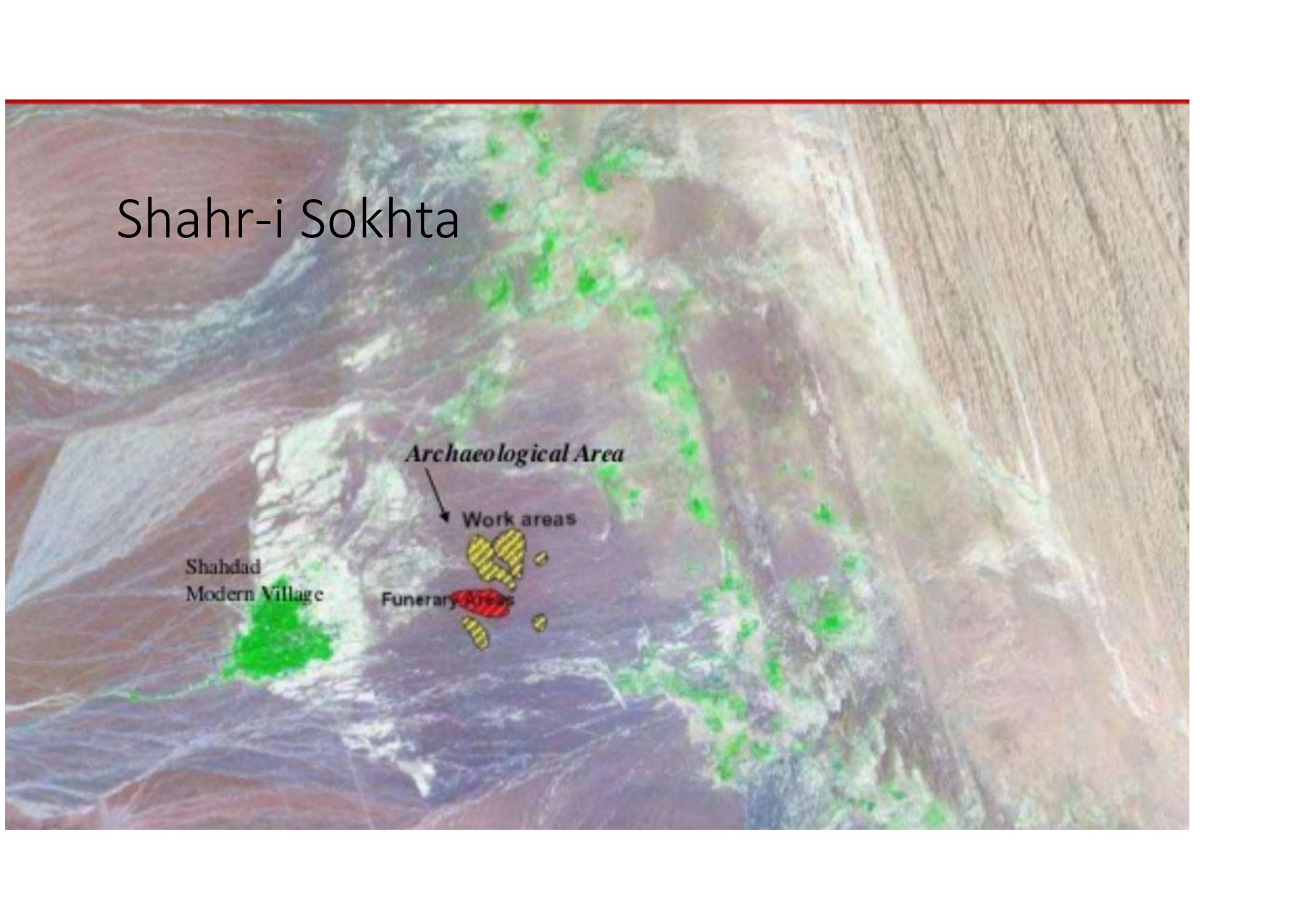


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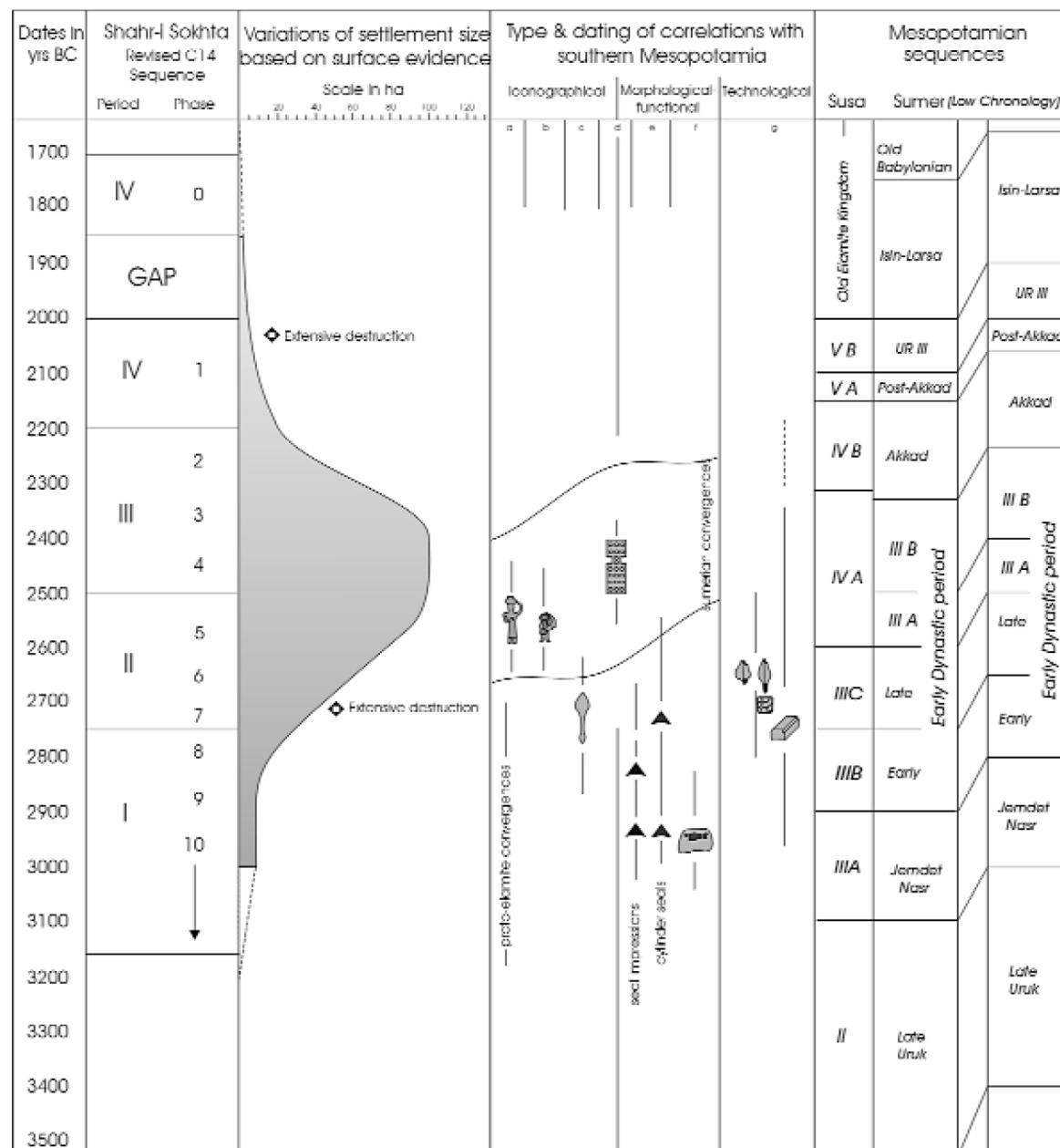
An aerial photograph of the ancient site of Shahr-i Sokhta, showing its location in a rugged, arid landscape. The site is highlighted with various colors and patterns to indicate different areas of interest. Labels point to the 'Archaeological Area' (dark green), 'Work areas' (yellow with diagonal lines), and 'Funerary Areas' (red with diagonal lines). A cluster of green dots represents the 'Shahdad Modern Village' located to the west of the main site. The terrain is characterized by reddish-brown soil and sparse vegetation.

Archaeological Area

Work areas

Shahdad
Modern Village

Funerary Areas



Years BC	Shahr-i Sokhta	Tepe Yahya	Bampur	Mesopotamia (lower chronology)	Amri	Nausharo	Mundigak	Miri Qalat	
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				Isin-Larsa					
	IV a			Ur III					
2000	GAP								Connections with Bampur V-VI
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Fig. 13 – Chronological table according to the proposed synchronic links between Shahr-i Sokhta and adjoining areas.

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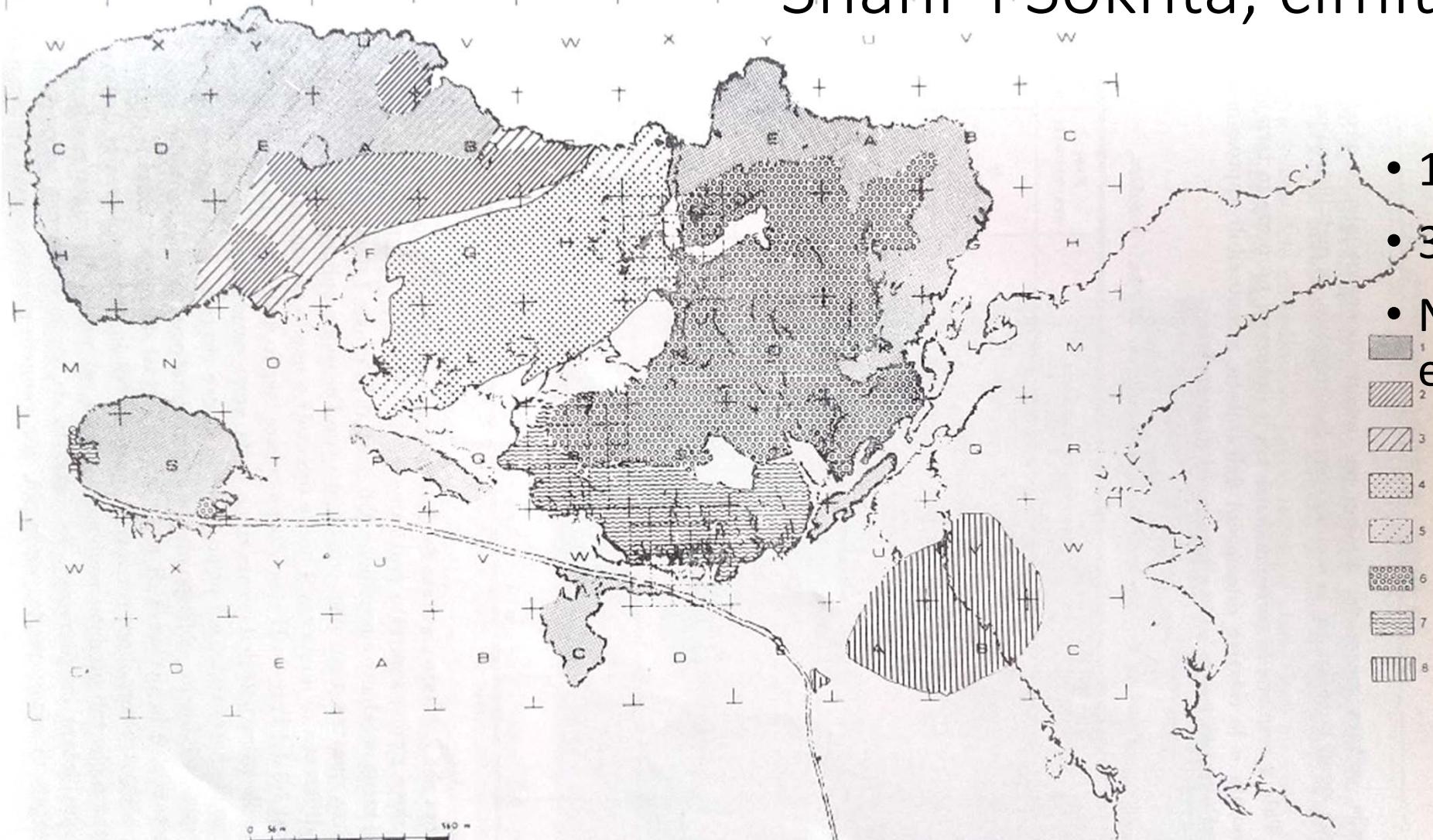


FIG. 7 – Shahr-i Sokhta. Pianta generale del comprensorio archeologico: (1) tratti sterili della superficie del terrazzo; (2) zone meridionali sparsamente insediate nelle fasi 2 e 3; (3) aree di possibile insediamento nelle zone meridionali; (4) necropoli; (5) aree possibilmente utilizzate per la necropoli; (6) estensione dell'insediamento nelle fasi 3-7; (7) zona residenziale est, per buona parte ascrivibile alle fasi 5-10; (8) zone settentrionali insediate nelle fasi 2-4. I tratti bianchi al centro dell'insediamento sono depressioni riempite da sedimenti argillosi, che coprono altri resti dell'insediamento.

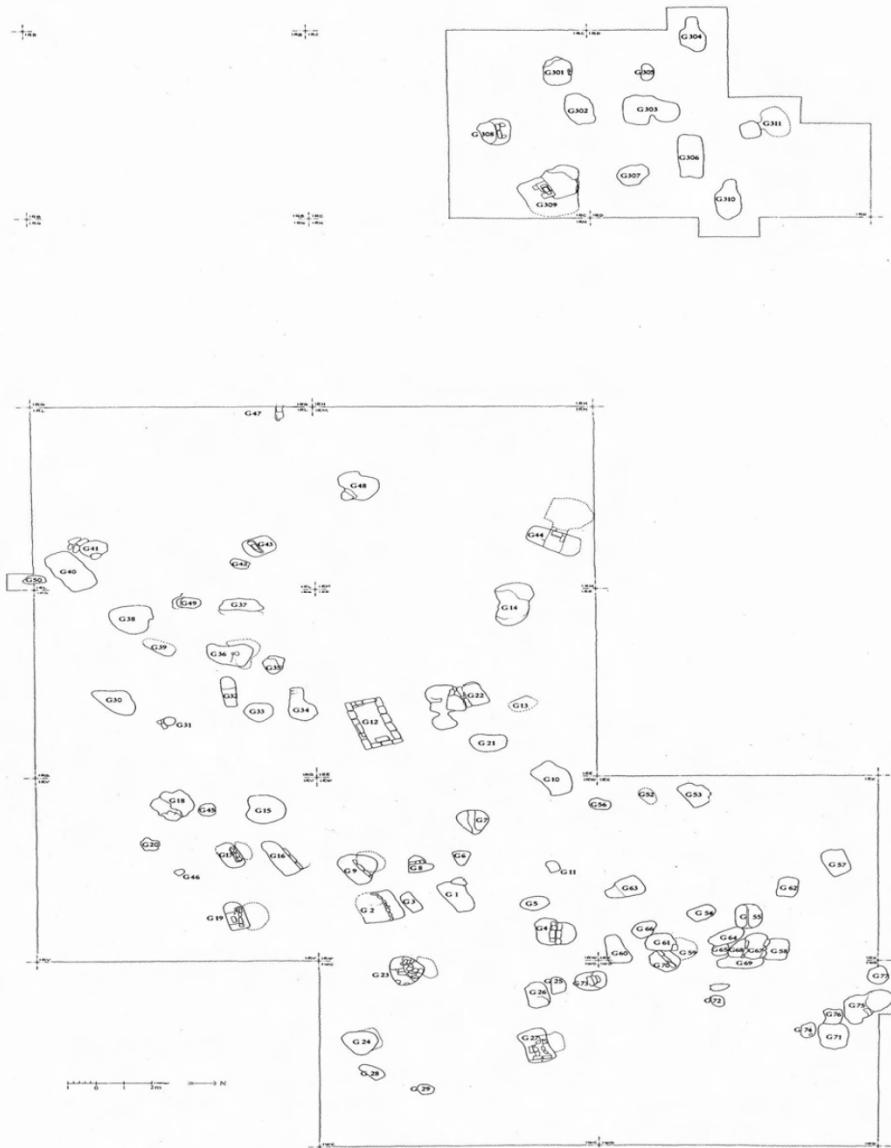


Fig. 1 – Map of the extensive excavation in the IR sector towards the northern boundary of the graveyard. The illustrated graves are of various types: simple pit, partitioned pit and pseudocatacomb, mostly datable to phases 5–6 (2700–2500 BC)

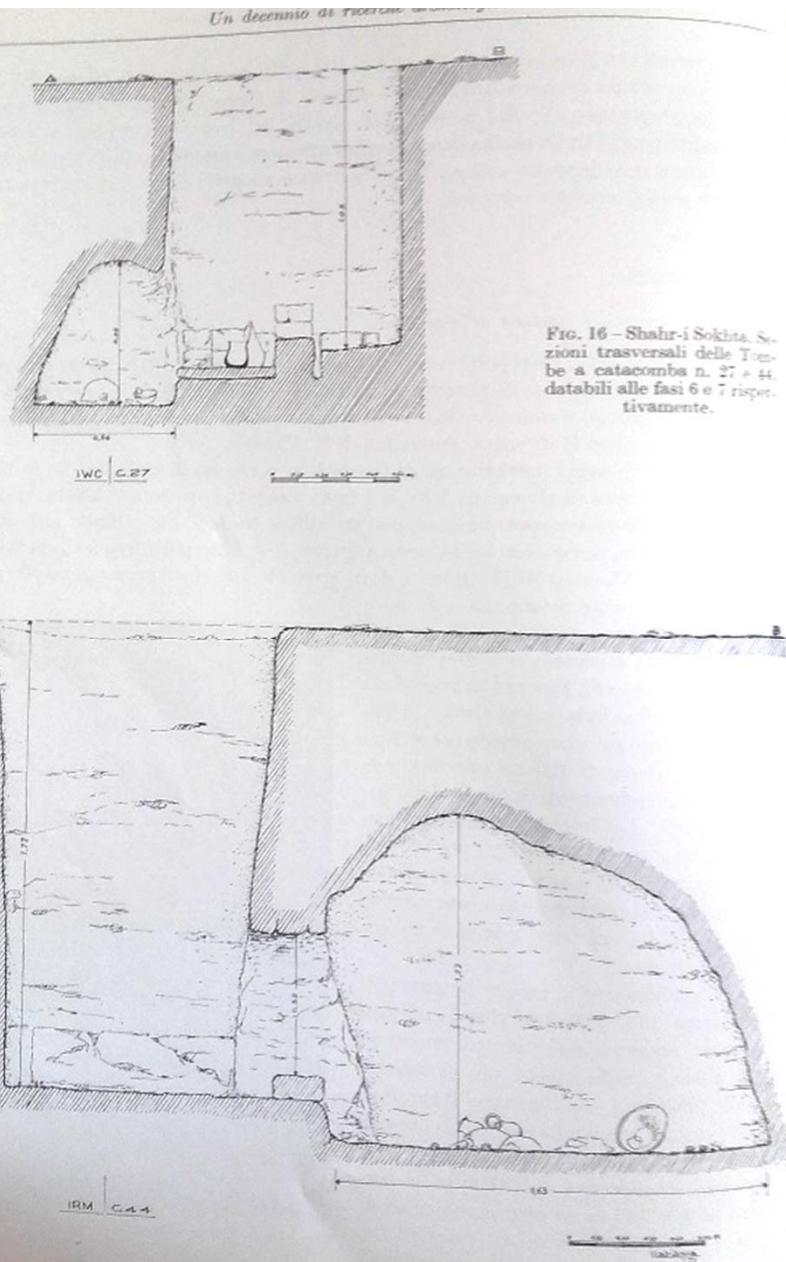
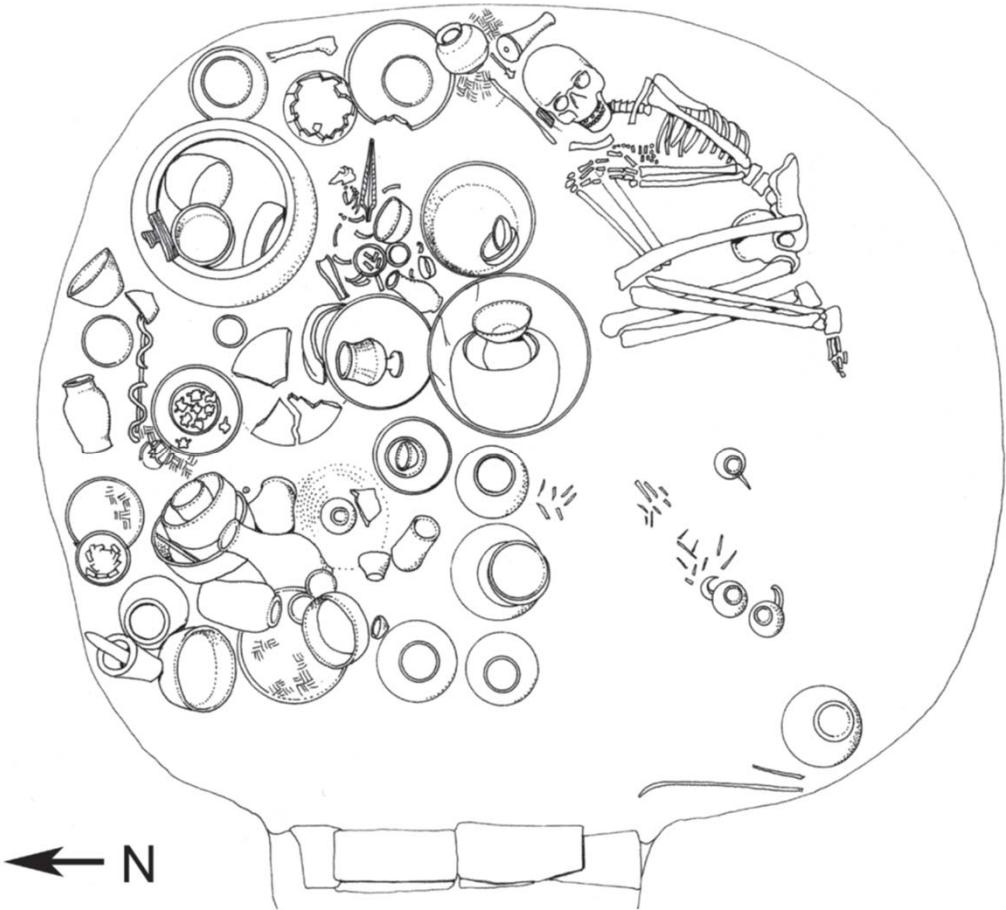


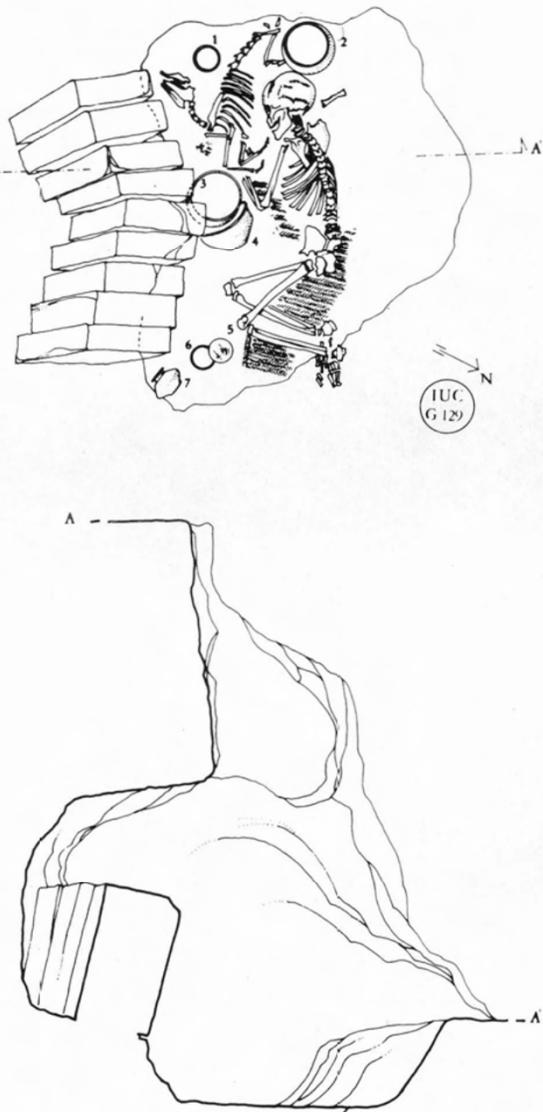
FIG. 16 - Shahr-i Sokhta. Sezioni trasversali delle Tombe a catacomba n. 27 e 44, databili alle fasi 6 e 7 rispettivamente.



Plan of Grave 725 Inf, at Shahr-i Sokhta (Period III, c. 2500–2200 BC). Note the rich furnishings, including a stone vial and the attached cap near the head of the deceased.



Grave 118 of phase 3 in sector IPV. The inhumed was placed on a plastered level inside a structure defined by a small semicircular wall of bricks placed on edge resting on a segment of rectilinear wall running E-W. A more recent grave (IPV G. 102) disturbed part of the structure in a subsequent period.



Partitioned pit grave of phase 8 in sector IUC. The inhumed had been placed on a straw mat with a kid positioned near the head

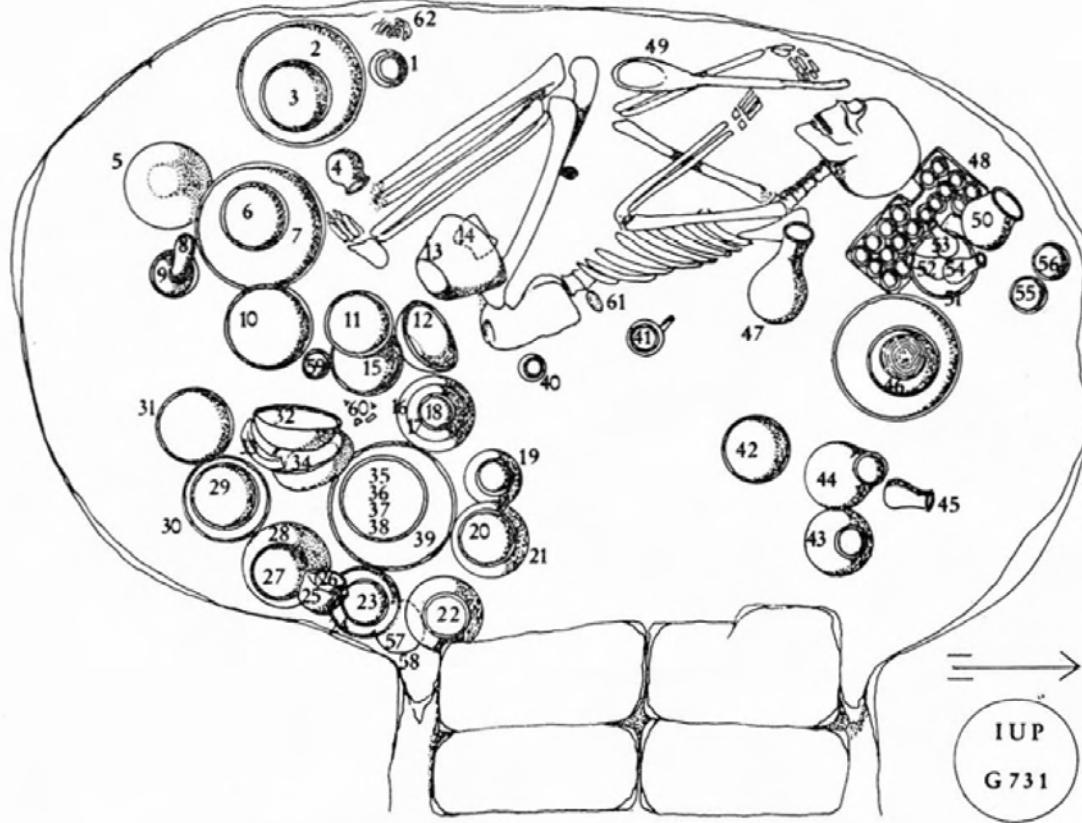


Fig. 5 – Plan of the funerary chamber of grave IUP G. 731, one of the pseudo-catacomb type, phase 3. The wooden gaming board had been placed next to the head. A basket containing the pieces and dice was lying in close proximity to No. 60. The structure of the grave, its topographical position as well as numerous elements of the grave goods indicate a strong resemblance to grave IUP G. 725. (Drawing by L. Mariani)

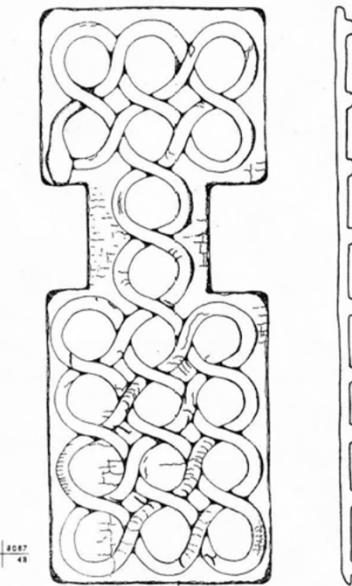


Fig. 6 – Wooden gaming board from grave 731 (Drawing by L. Mariani). See pl. V.

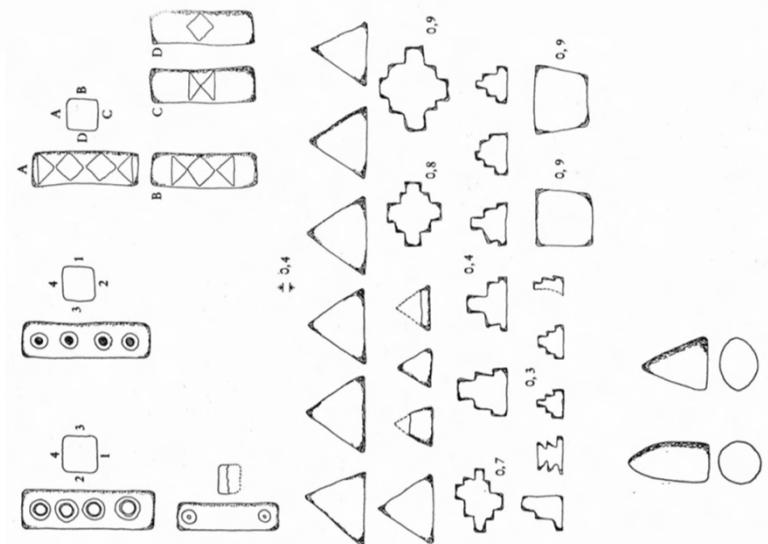


Fig. 7 – Dice and pieces of the gaming board from grave 731. (Drawing by L. Mariani)

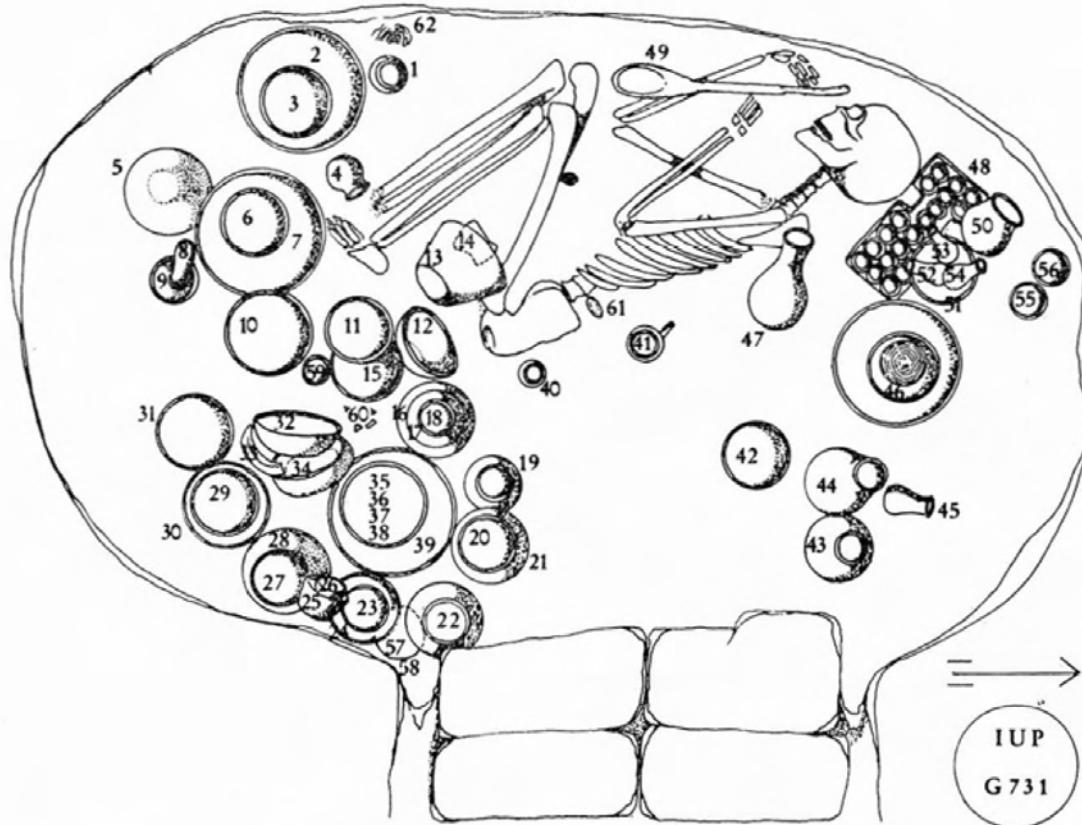


Fig. 5 – Plan of the funerary chamber of grave IUP G. 731, one of the pseudo-catacomb type, phase 3. The wooden gaming board had been placed next to the head. A basket containing the pieces and dice was lying in close proximity to No. 60. The structure of the grave, its topographical position as well as numerous elements of the grave goods indicate a strong resemblance to grave IUP G. 725. (Drawing by L. Mariani)

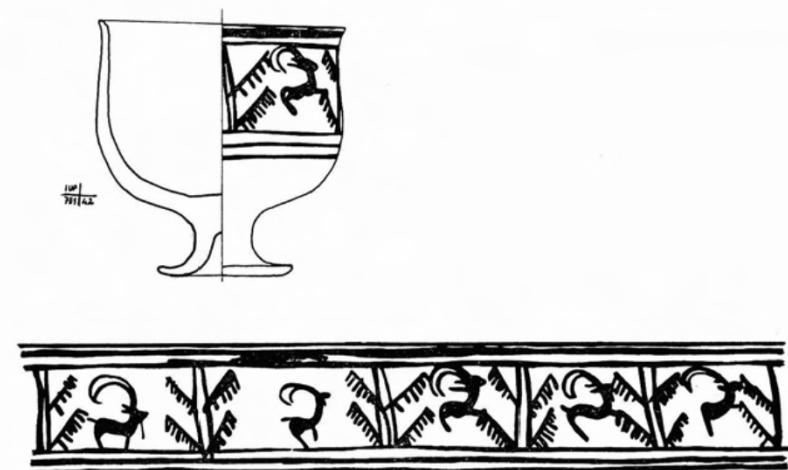


Fig. 13 – Cup of grave 731. (Drawing by L. Mariani). Scale 1:4.

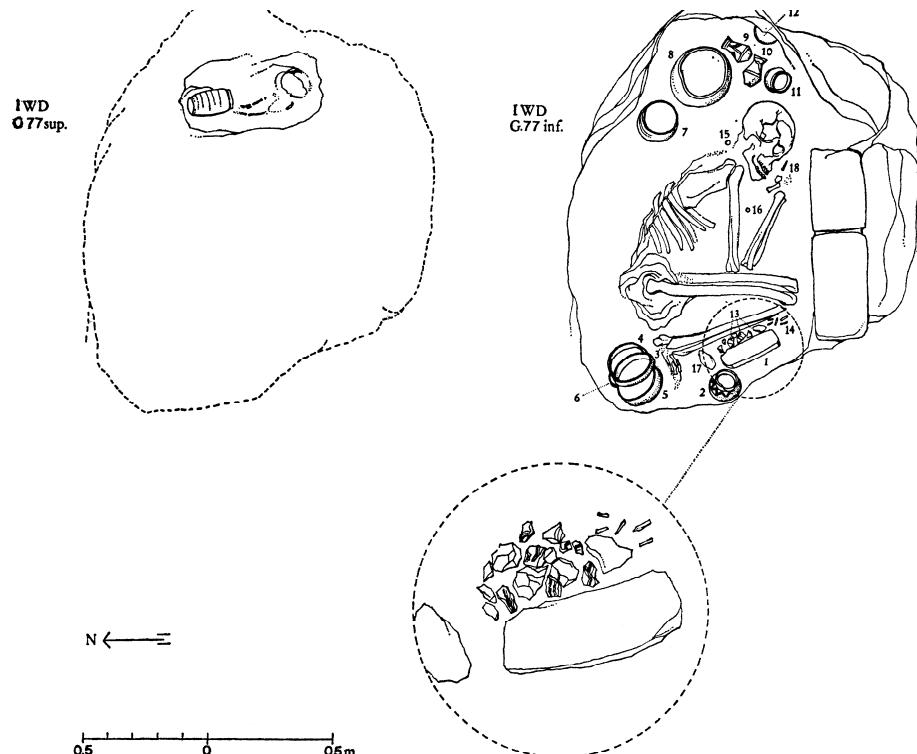


Fig. 1 - Shahr-i Sokhta: above, IWD G.77 upper and lower burial; below, detail showing the set of implements for working calcite beads.

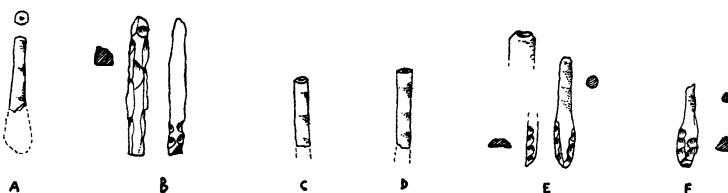
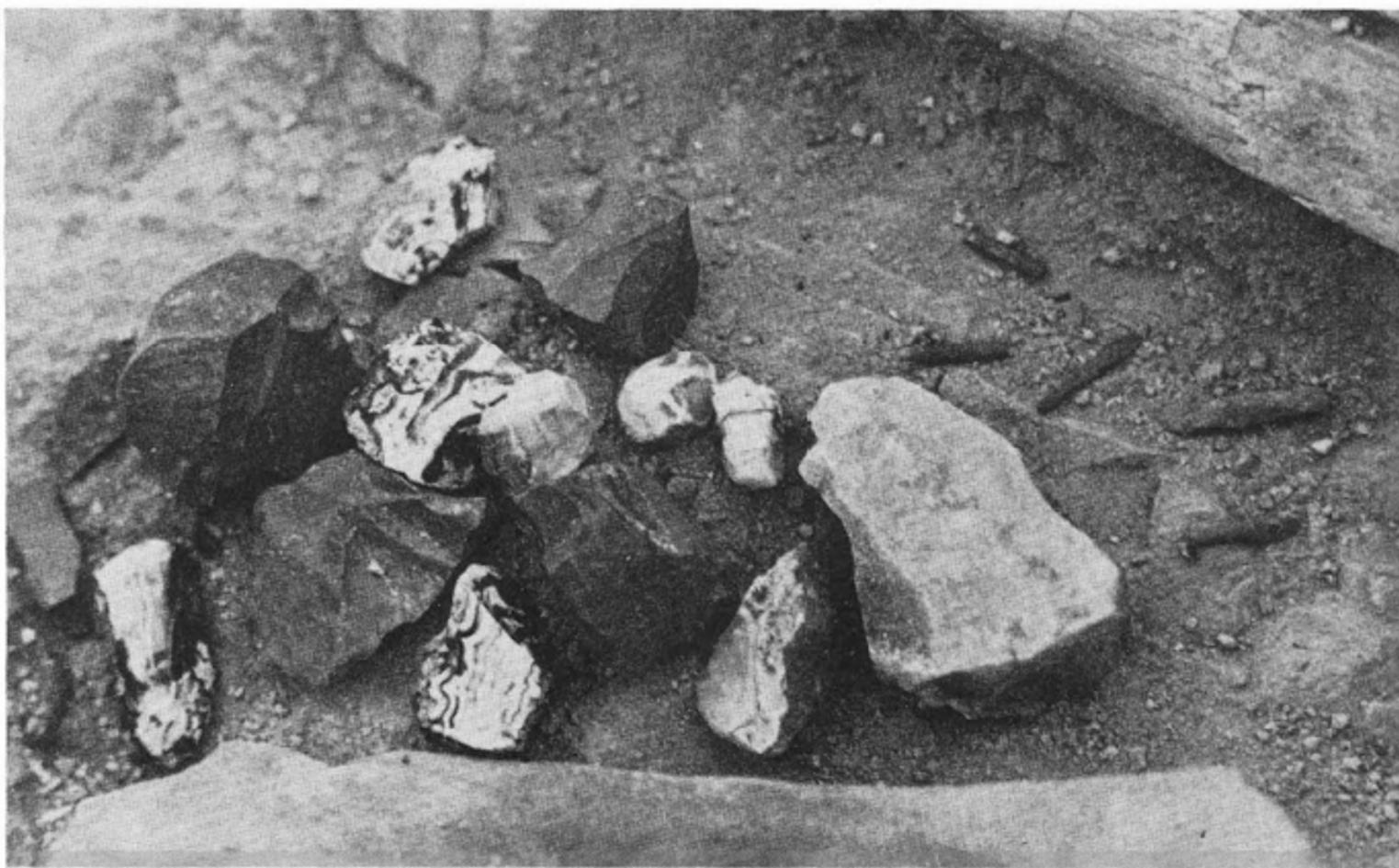


Fig. 2 - Shahr-i Sokhta: drill-heads from IWD G.77 (scale 1:1).

G.77 is one of the graves which were dug in a clay sediment within grid sectors IR/IW on the northern edge of the cemetery area and belong mostly to Period III (phases 4-3 dated about 2400-2300 B.C.) (3). It is a pit grave divided by a partition wall made of a single course of mud-bricks superimposed in alternating stretches and oriented E/W. On top of the filling there was the disturbed burial of a child, of which are left just a few skull bones associated with a small jar placed upside down



Fig. 5 - Shahr-i Sokhta: furnishings from the lower burial of IWD G.77
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a) A detail of the grave goods from G. 77, phase 5. Cylindrical drill heads, cores of flint and little blocks of chalcedony in the various stages of manufacture constitute the key apparatus of a lapidiarist. A similar functional instrument, except for use in the manufacture of lapis lazuli, was found in grave 12.

1) a rectangular sandstone grinder; 2) five drill-heads (a sixth one was found separately near the head); 3) a convex scraper made from a first flake of a pebble; 4) four partly used jasper cores; 5) three flakes of the same stone. The raw material consists of eight small blocks of chalcedony on which can be seen signs of chipping which document various stages of removal of the cortex and bead manufacturing process. One of these unfinished pieces is in a final stage of preparation and already presents the shape of an elongated cylindrical bead with its entire surface chipped out to be polished and drilled

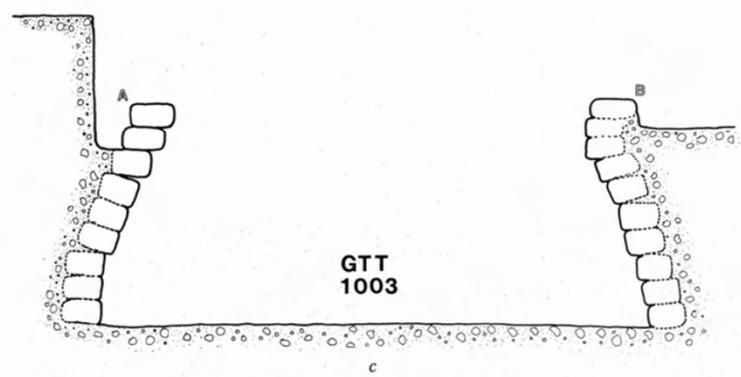
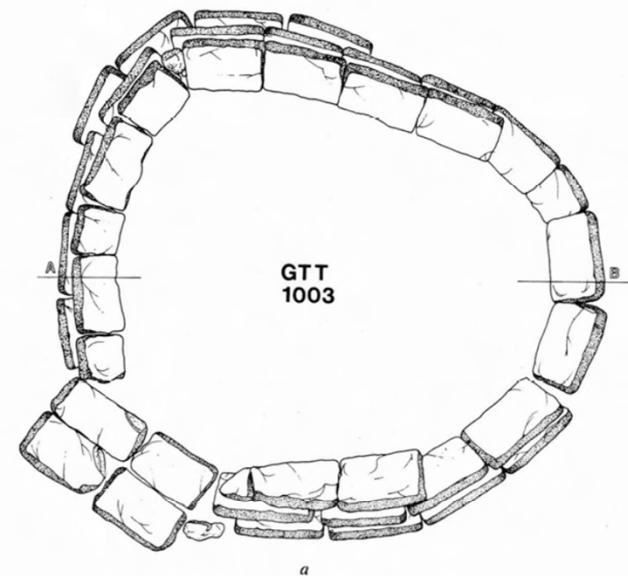


Fig. 3a-c – Section and plans of the impressive circular structure of grave 1003 in the southern sector GTT. This collective grave was utilized at different times for the disposal of more than 13 individuals. Only the most recently inhumed (centre) are anatomically connected. The remains of three dogs were placed next to the inhumed. (Drawing by L. Mariani) Scale 1:30.



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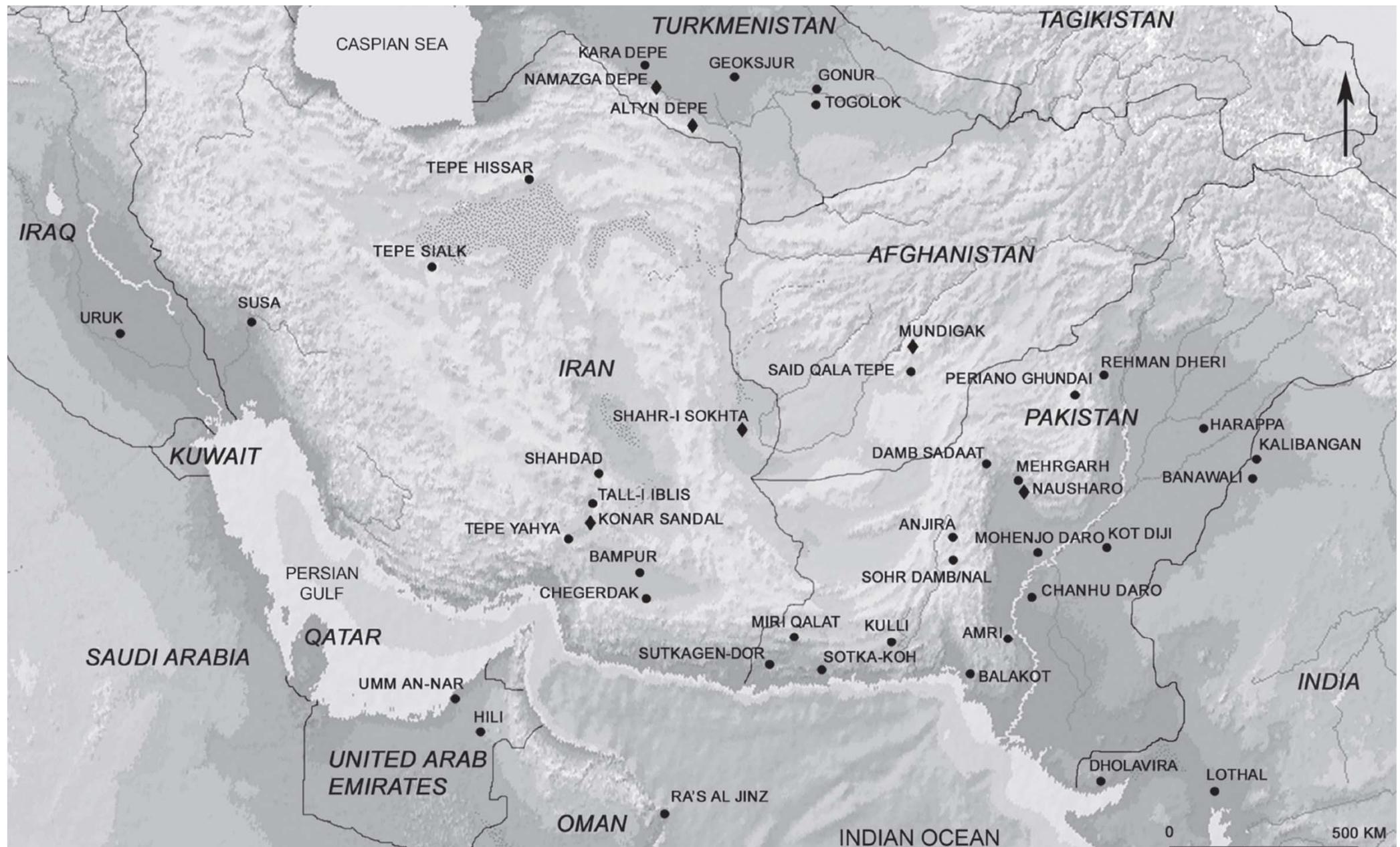
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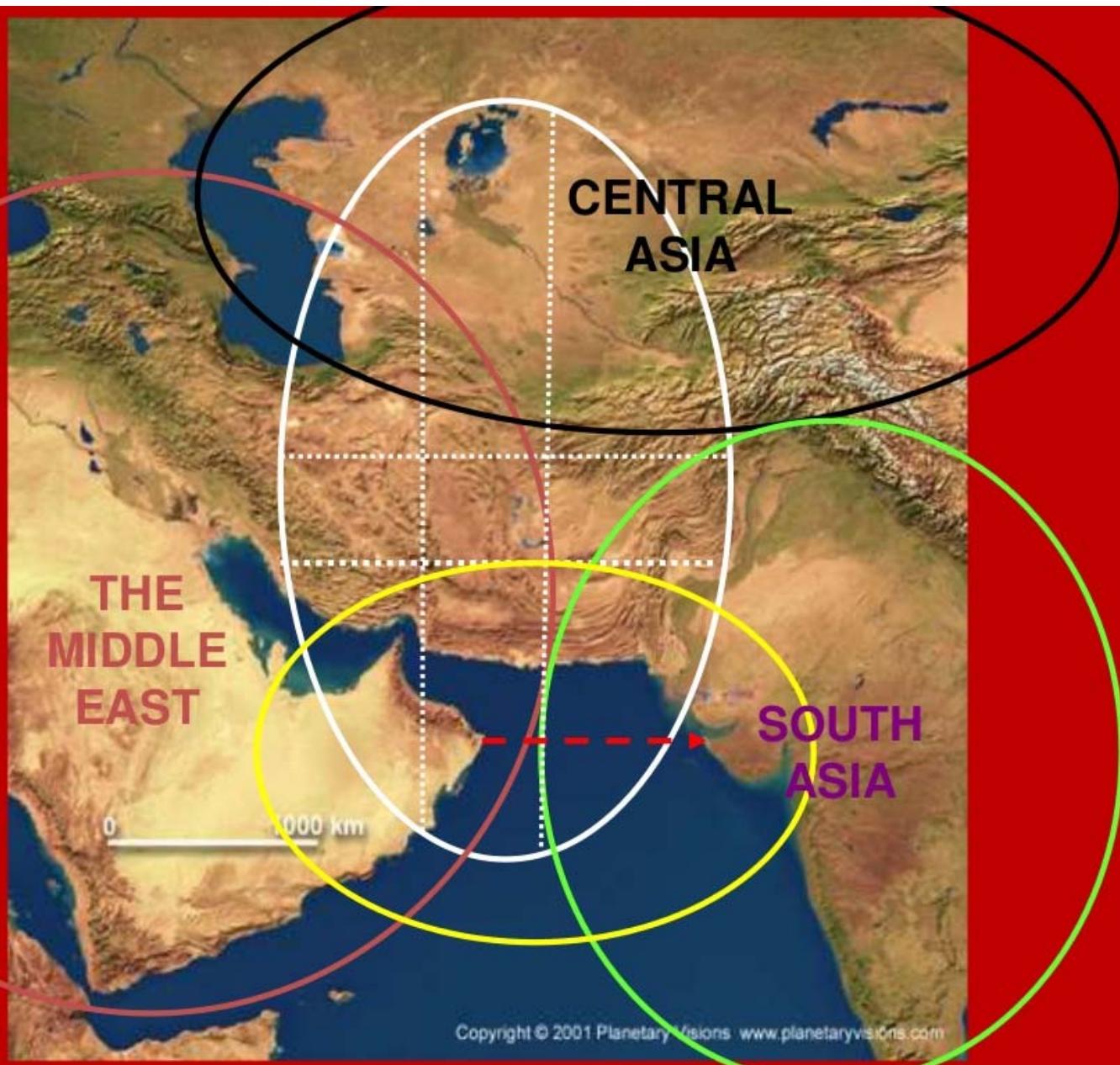


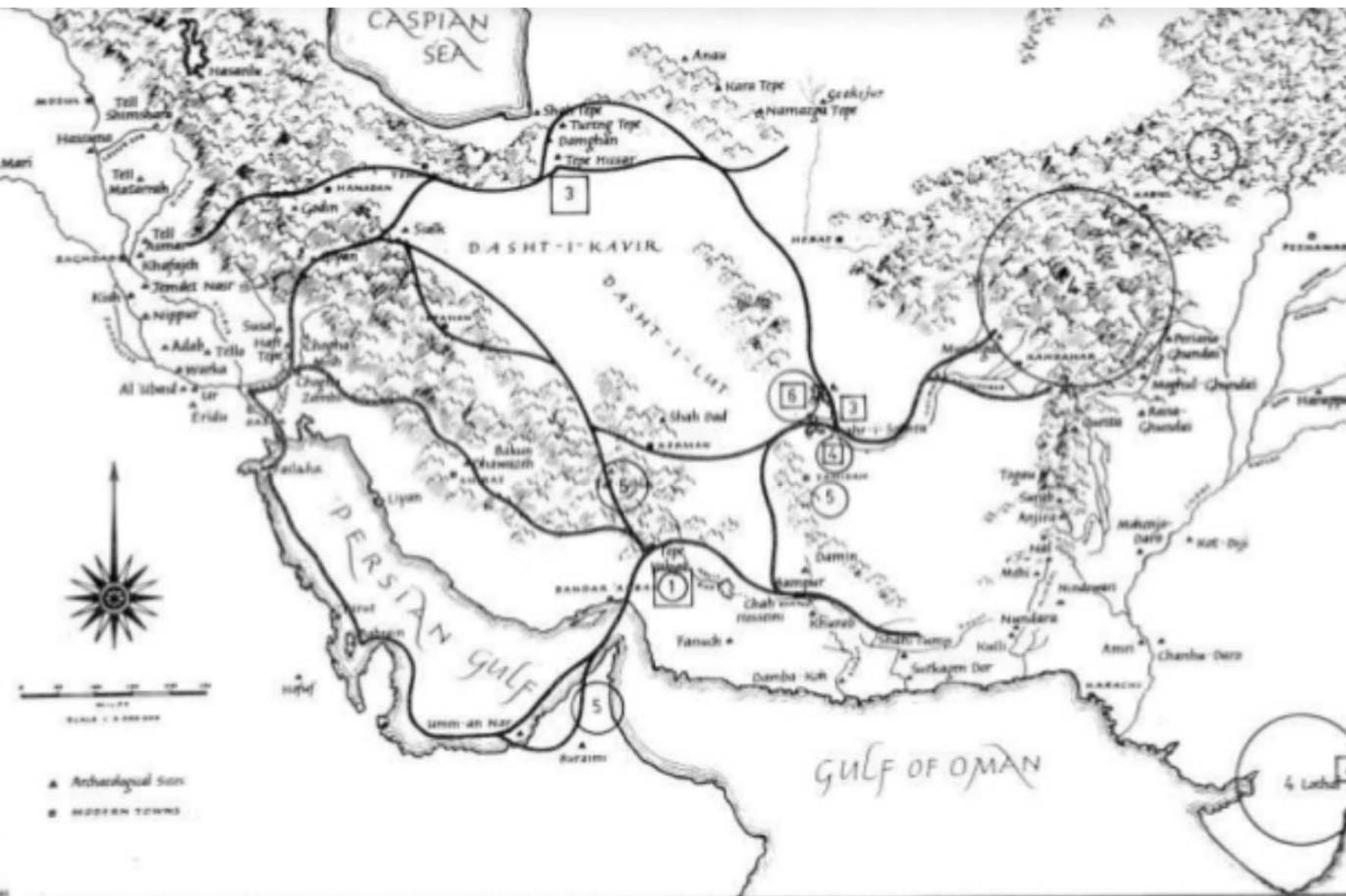
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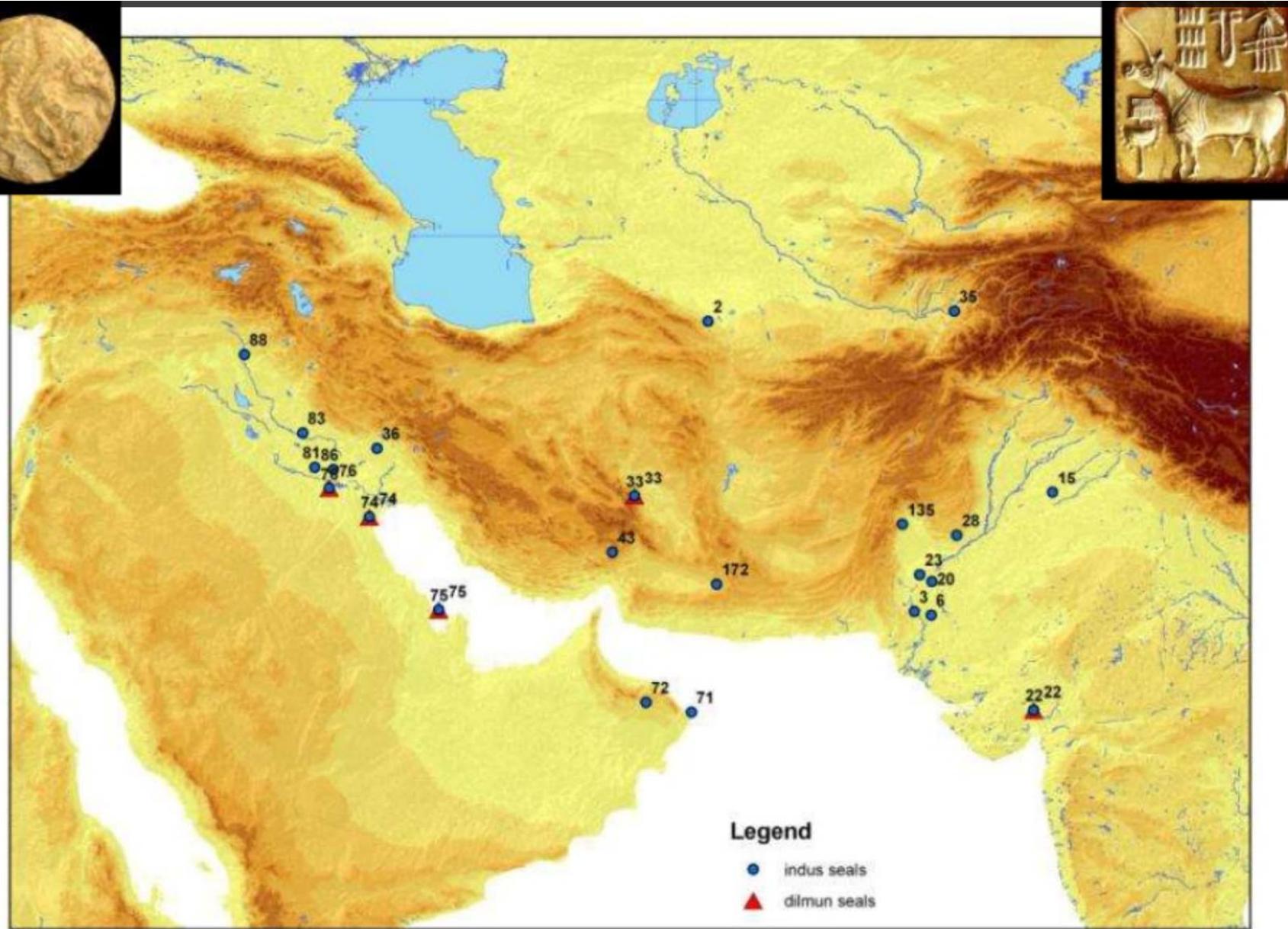
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