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Oblikovne i tehnološke značajke ranosrednjovjekovnog keramičkog posuđa na primjeru istražene mikrocjeline Torčec u Podravini

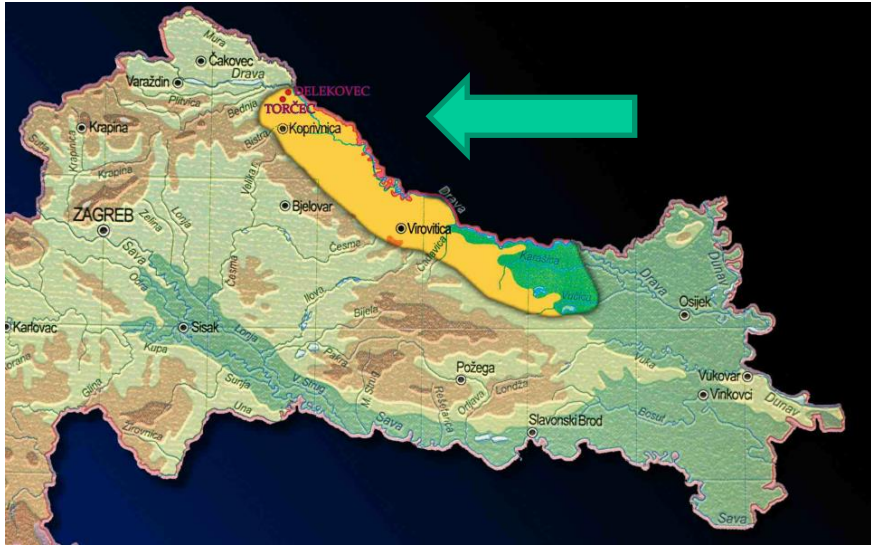


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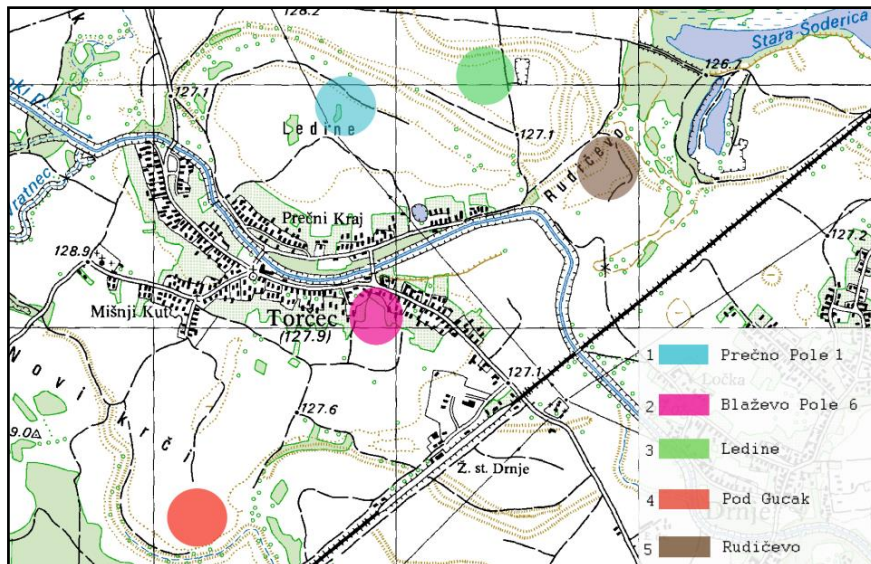
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In Gornja Podravina region, several locations in the vicinity of Torčec were archaeologically investigated, where settlement remains from the early and the high Middle Ages were found (2002-2008).



The Torčec microregion includes five (5) archaeological sites:

1. Prečno pole I (35 features)
2. Blaževo pole 6 (5 features)
3. Ledine (13 features)
4. Pod Gucak (10 features)
5. Rudičevo (8 features)



The remains of several houses, hearths and ovens, as well as waste pits (71 features), parts of open settlements of a scattered or dispersed type located along the old courses of the Drava River and its meanders are documented.

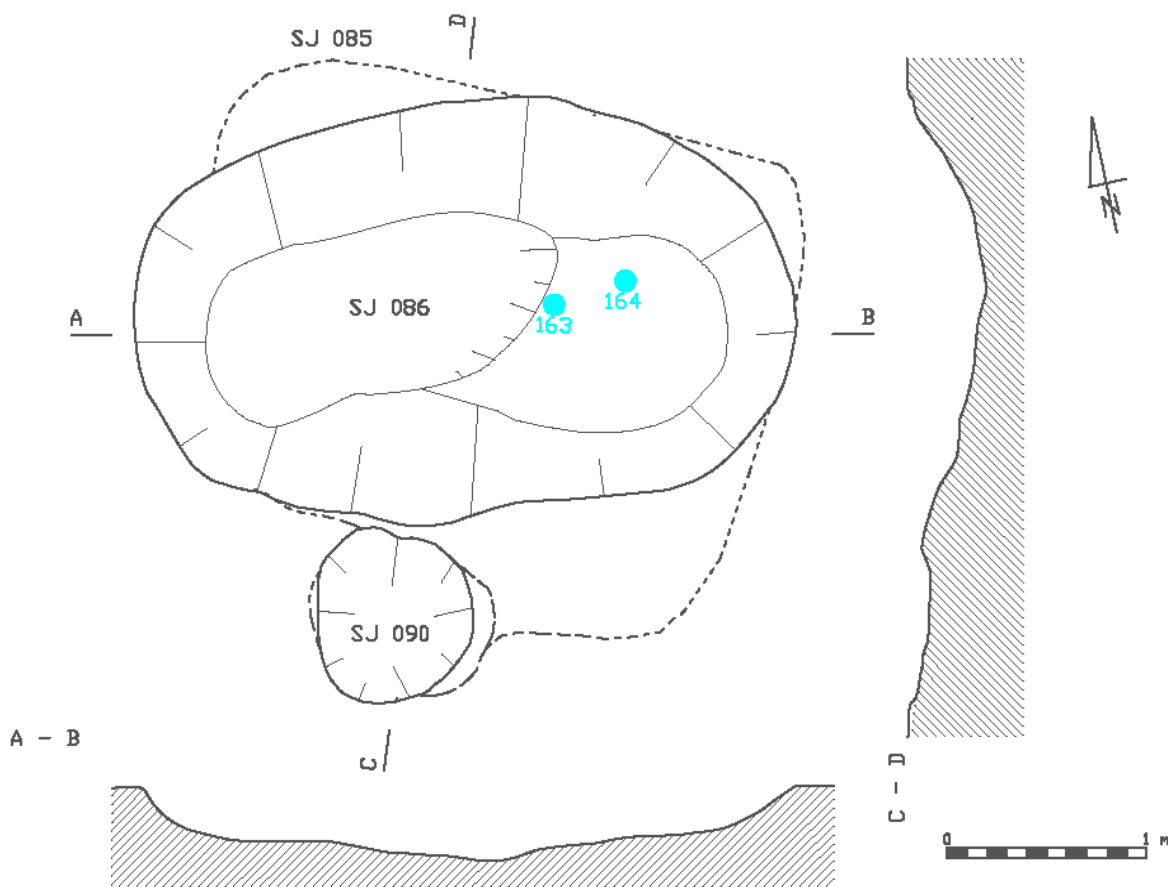


During the occupation of the Torčec microregion for several centuries in the Middle Ages, changes in the ground plan forms of the houses were observed (only 8 dwelling structures could be recognized)

Torčec I - end of the 6th and beginning of the 7th century (2 features)

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
085/2	KIA 37482	BP 1471 ± 19	<u>cal AD 571 - 614 (68.3 %)</u>	<u>cal AD 558 - 638 (95.4 %)</u>



The continuity of the settlement of this area is documented from the turn of the 6th and the beginning of the 7th century to the end of the 13th and the beginning of the 14th century.

In this period, different forms and technological characteristics of pots and other ceramic dishes were observed, which, based on a detailed analysis, were classified into five ceramic group (CG 1-5)

SU 85



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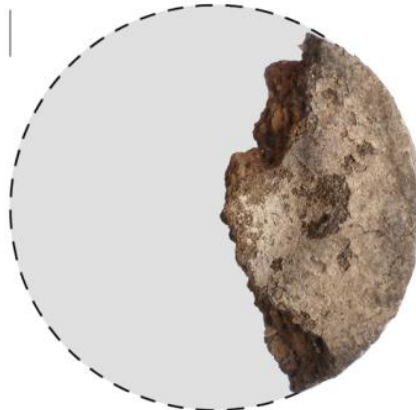


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Ceramic group 1



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Torčec I – the end of the 6th and the beginning of the 7th century

The differences between the defined ceramic groups were additionally supported by radiocarbon analyzes and divided into five phases (T I-V).



SU 85



During the entire observed period, **ordinary kitchen pots** are the most frequently represented, which in certain groups shows the same or similar features in the design of the rim and body, decoration motifs and the method of production.

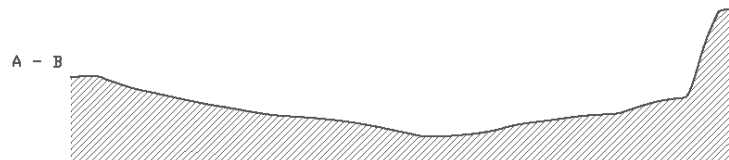
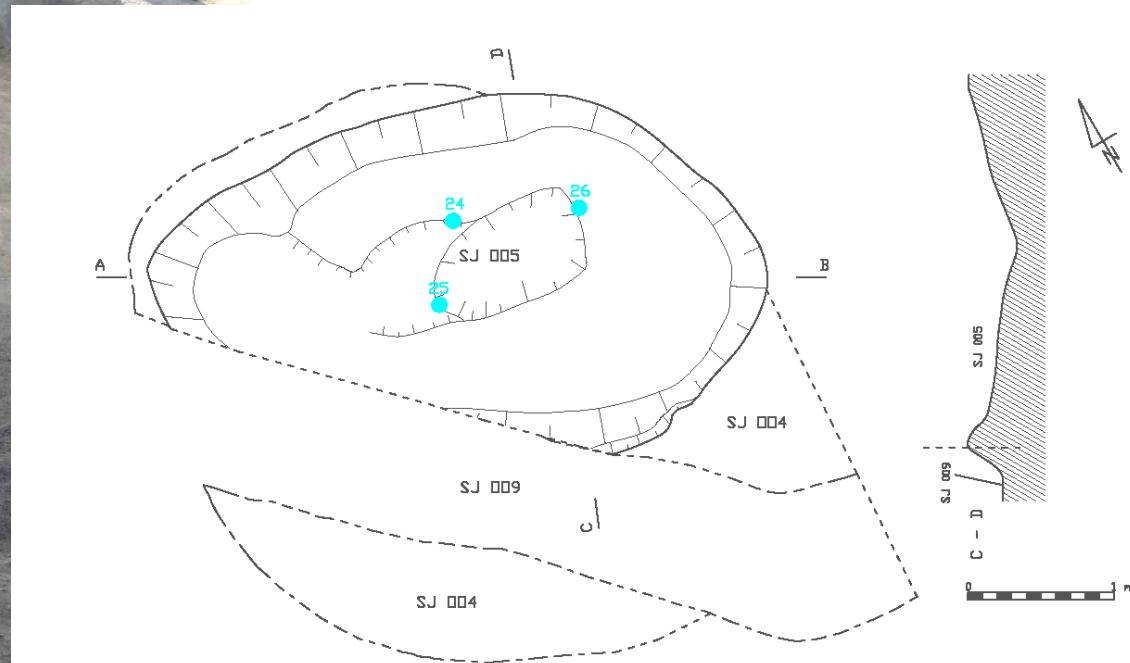
In the phase Torčec I – CG 1 pots are made by hand.

SU 6

Torčec II - mid-7th to mid-8th century (9 features)

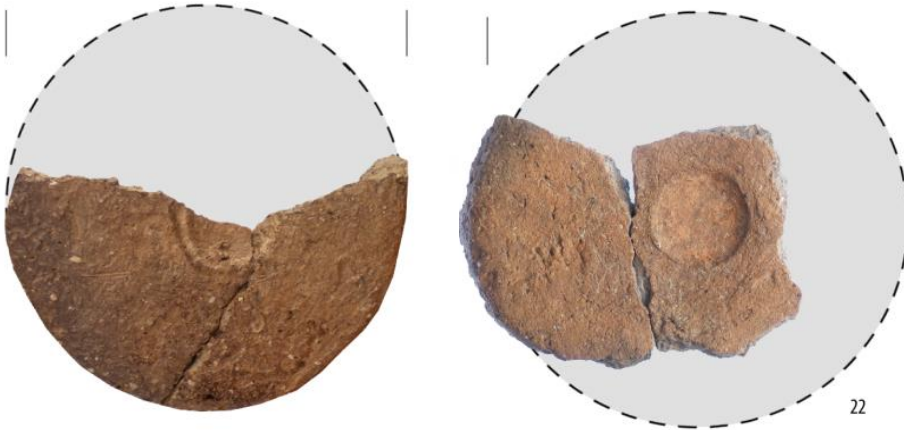
C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
37	KIA 28648	BP 1439 ± 22	cal AD 604 - 612 (12.3 %) <u>cal AD 616 - 644 (56.0 %)</u>	cal AD 564 - 574 (2.9 %) cal AD 577 - 589 (3.8 %) <u>cal AD 597 - 657 (88.7 %)</u>



Torčec II - mid-7th to mid-8th century

In addition to ordinary kitchen pots, in the Torčec II phase - **shallow platter** of circular form made by hand and used for baking bread appear



SU 14

In the Torčec II phase – CG 2 the pots are made on a hand potter's wheel.





Ceramic group 2



SU 37

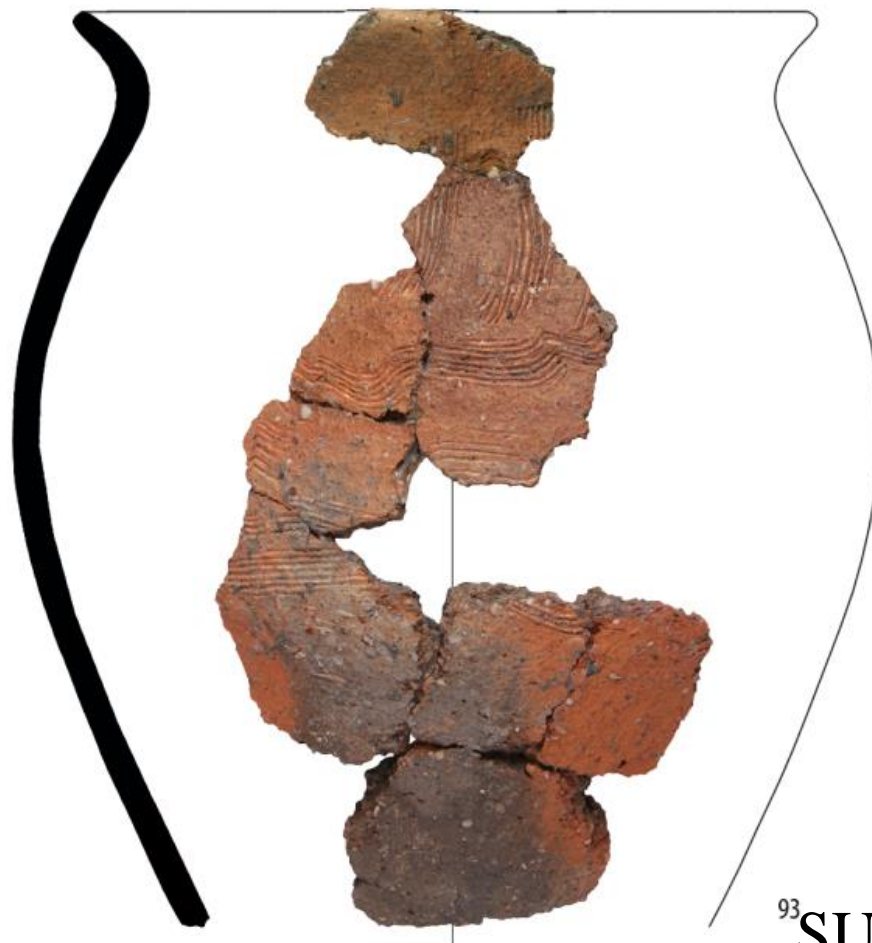
Torčec II - mid-7th to mid-8th century

C14 ?

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
14	KIA 28646	BP 1234 ± 22	cal AD 777	cal AD 720 – 745 (21.2 %) cal AD 768 - 782 (13.0 %) cal AD 790 - 823 (23.9 %) cal AD 842 - 859 (10.2 %)	cal AD 691 - 702 (3.8 %) cal AD 712 - 750 (25.8 %) cal AD 762 - 784 (15.3 %) cal AD 786 - 883 (50.6 %)



33



⁹³SU 42

SU 14

Torčec II - mid-7th to mid-8th century

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
094	KIA 41462	BP 1365 ± 21		<u>cal AD 650 - 665 (68.3 %)</u>	<u>cal AD 641 - 679 (95.4 %)</u>



SU 42

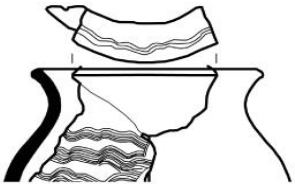



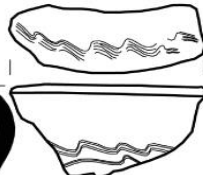



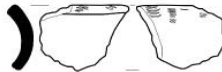




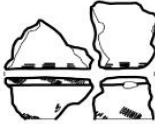








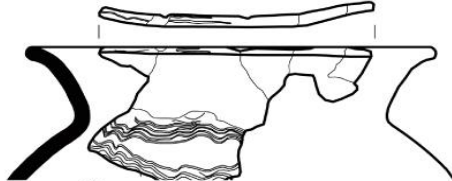

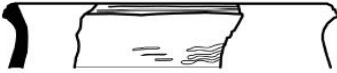
SU 94



SU 37



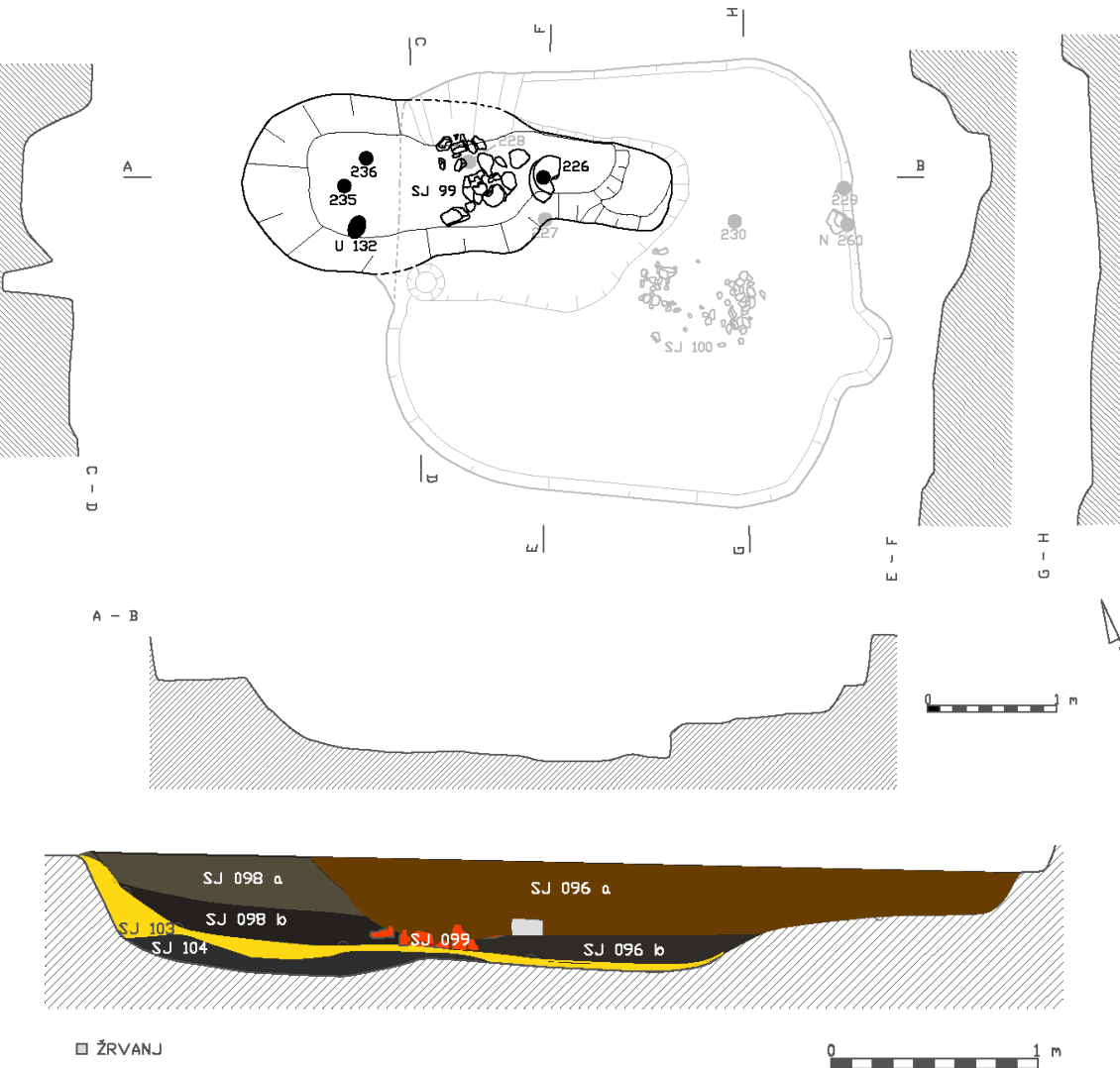
SU 40

Unutarnja strana ruba	Unutarnja i vanjska strana ruba	Vanjska strana ruba
Decorations on the interior side of the rim	Decorations on the interior and exterior side of the rim	Decorations on the exterior side of the rim
 <p>5</p>  <p>7</p>  <p>12</p>  <p>94</p>  <p>196</p>  <p>199</p>  <p>200</p>	 <p>8</p>  <p>11</p>  <p>55</p>  <p>197</p>  <p>198</p>  <p>201</p>  <p>205</p>  <p>210</p>  <p>219</p>  <p>220</p>  <p>222</p>	 <p>9</p>  <p>10</p>  <p>85</p>  <p>91</p>  <p>92</p>  <p>233</p>  <p>191</p>

Free-standing oven located next to one of the feature (SU 94)

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
096b	KIA 37484	BP 1465 ± 24		cal AD 575 - 623 (66.3 %) cal AD 629 - 630 (2.0 %)	<u>cal AD 558 - 643 (95.4 %)</u>
104	KIA 37483	BP 1433 ± 34		cal AD 602 - 648 (68.3 %)	<u>cal AD 567-658 (95.4 %)</u>



Torčec II - mid-7th to mid-8th century



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SU 37 and SU 37/4



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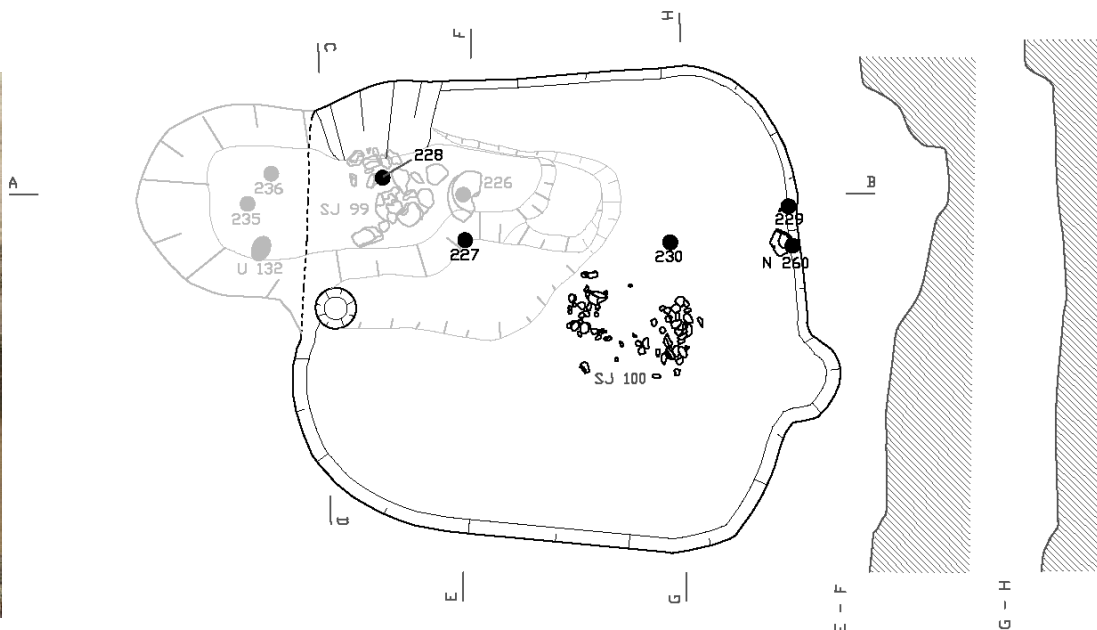
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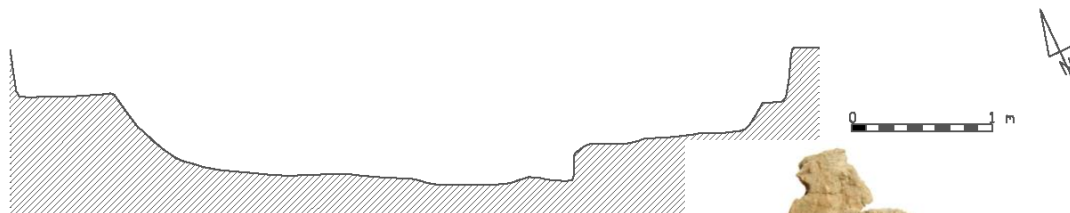
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SU 40

Torčec III – second half/end of the 8th to first half/mid. 10th century



A - B



Torčec IIIa – second half/end of the 8th and 9th centuries (6PP + 2BP features)

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
31	KIA 37481	BP 1206 ± 23		cal AD 778 - 823 (43.7 %) cal AD 838 - 867 (24.6 %)	cal AD 723 - 740 (43.7 %) <u>cal AD 770 - 889 (91.6 %)</u>



Reconstruction of the possible form of the house SU 31

Torčec IIIa - second half/end of the 8th and 9th centuries



SU 87

In the Torčec III phase – CG 3a ceramic pots are made on a hand and foot potter's wheel.

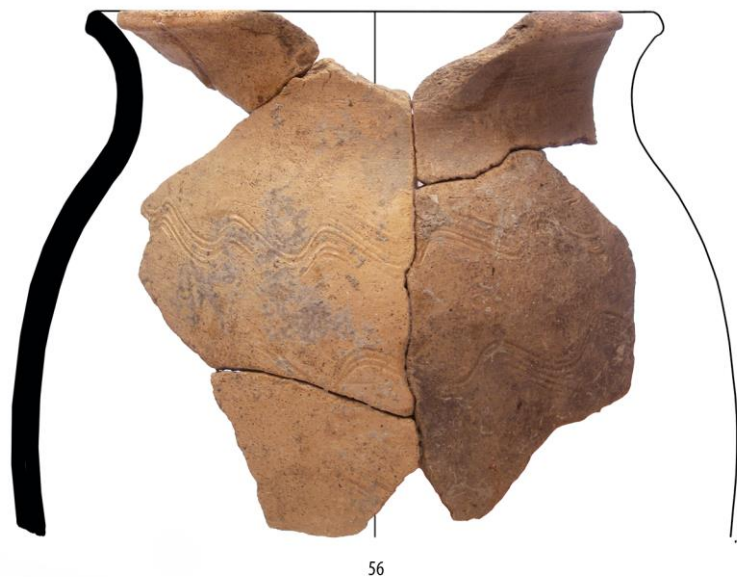


Torčec IIIa - second half/end of the 8th and 9th centuries

Ceramic group 3a



SU 35



SU 31



SU 96a

Torčec III – second half/end of the 8th to first half/mid. 10th century



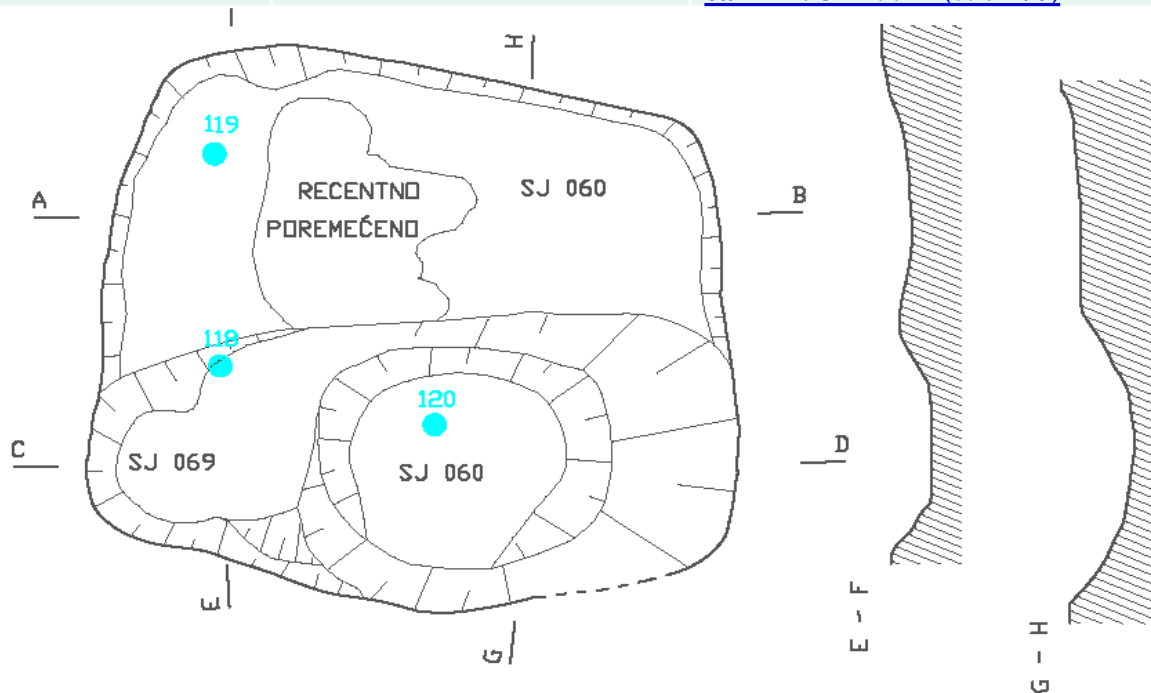
Torčec IIIb – second half/end of 9th to first half/mid. 10th century (4 features)

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
68	KIA 32250	BP 1172 ± 24		cal AD 782 - 789 (6.1 %) cal AD 810 - 848 (29.4 %) cal AD 855 - 892 (32.8 %)	cal AD 777 - 898 (86.8 %) cal AD 920 - 946 (8.6 %)
70	KIA 32249	BP 1095 ± 22	cal AD 978	cal AD 898 - 921 (30.1 %) cal AD 956 - 985 (38.2 %)	cal AD 894 - 925 (34.3 %) cal AD 926 - 931 (1.9 %) cal AD 934 - 997 (59.1 %)

C14



- GORENI PJEŠČENJAK / LIJEP
- KERAMIKA
- VALUTICE
- LOMLJENE, GORENE VALUTICE
- KOSTI
- KAMEN OD ŽRVNJA



A - B



C - D

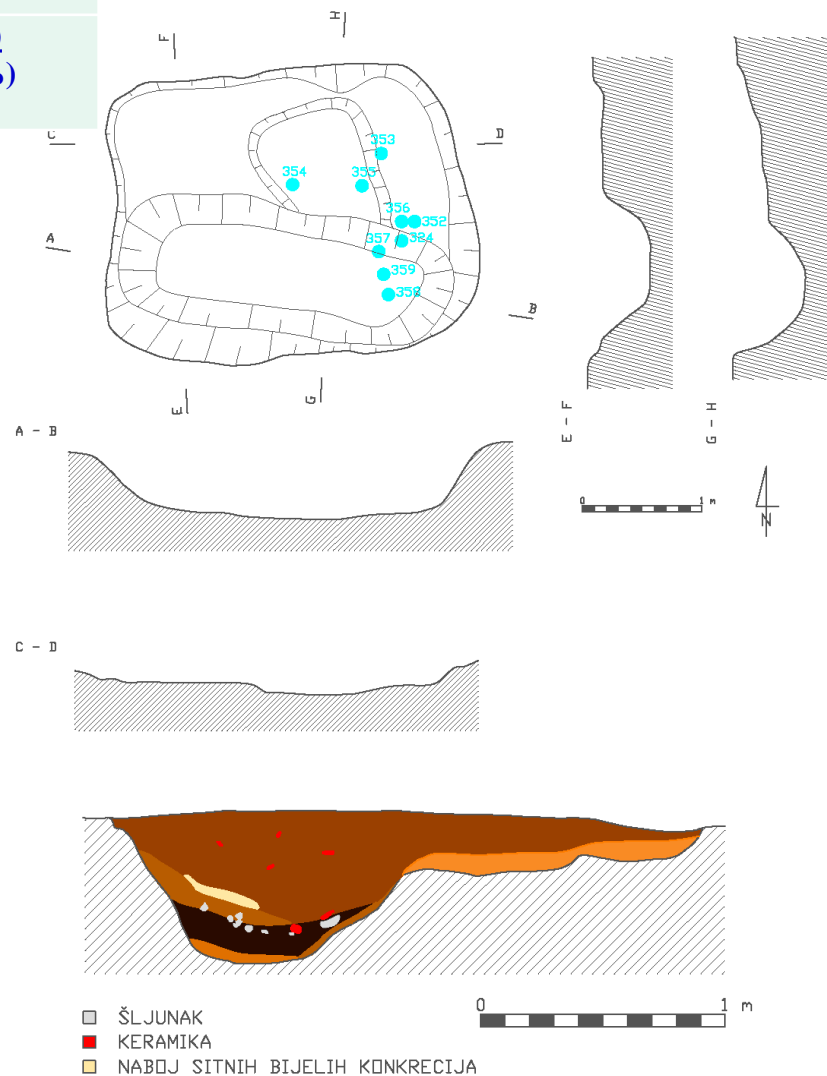


CG 3b – decoration with
a wheeled appeared

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries (3PP + 13L features)

C14

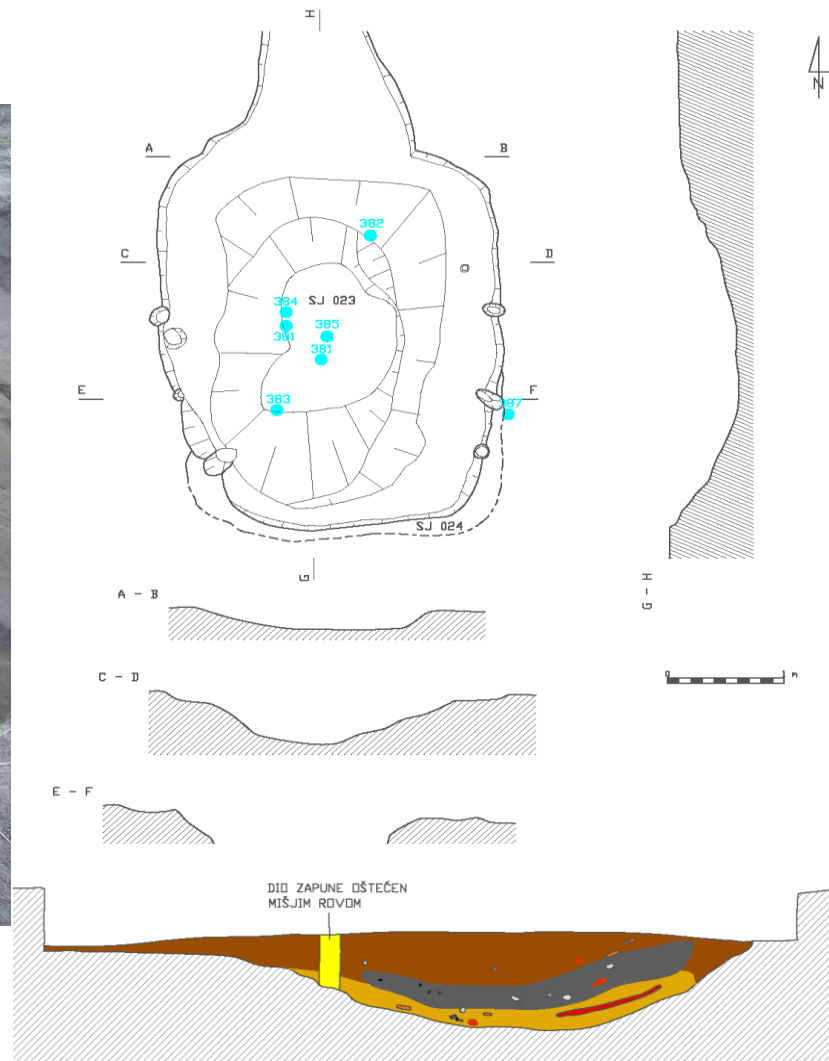
SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range
22	Z 3311	BP 985 ± 65	<u>cal AD 990-1070 (36.6 %)</u>
	Z 3310	BP 1150 ± 65	cal AD 1080-1160 (31.6 %)
			cal AD 810-980 (64.3 %)



Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	Calibrated Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
24	KIA 26974	BP 989 ± 25	cal AD 1023	cal AD 1002 - 1012 (10.8 %) cal AD 1016 - 1039 (45.3 %) cal AD 1105 - 1109 (2.7 %) cal AD 1142 - 1150 (9.5 %)	cal AD 995 - 1056 (63.9 %) cal AD 1087 - 1122 (18.1 %) cal AD 1138 - 1156 (13.4 %)



Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries –
CG 4a



274



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SU 14



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SU 16

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range
16	Z 3167	BP 1115 ± 90	cal AD 810-1020 (65.7 %)

Ceramic group 4a – production on a fast potter's wheel



SU 14

280



SU 22



SU 16

309

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries –
CG 4a



324

SU 22

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries

A clearly stamped regular circle



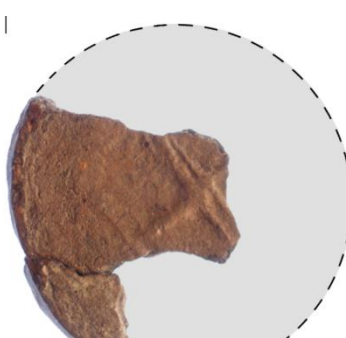
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A cross



360

A cross



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A cross with thickened ends



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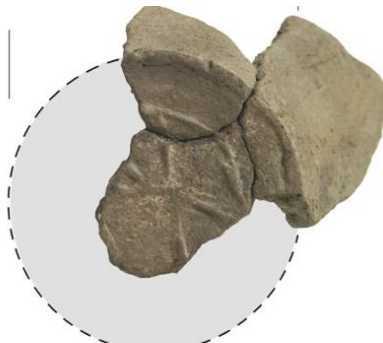
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A star



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A star in a curcle



287

A rayed star



371

Web



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349



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CG 4a – various markings on the base of the vessel

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries

CG 4a – new forms of vessels: **jug with a massive handle**, a pot with a narrow, tall, cylindrical neck-**pot-like jug**, a **pot with a ribbed neck**, **bowls**



SU 14

281



SU 28



351



SU 22



375

SU 24

Torčec IVa – second half of the 10th to the end of the 11th centuries

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SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range
9	Z 3164	BP 980 ± 80	cal AD 990-1160 (68,2 %)

SU 28



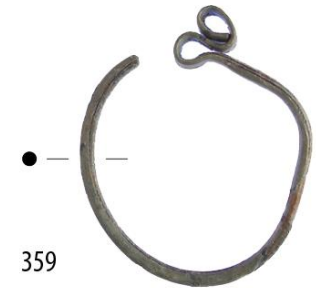
SU 9



SU 12



SU 22



Torčec IVb - the end of the 11th to the end of the 12th (10 features)

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
4	KIA 34852	BP 986 ± 20	cal AD 1017 - 1042 (58.1 %) cal AD 1107 - 1117 (10.2 %)	cal AD 996 - 1007 (1.9 %) cal AD 1011 - 1049 (63.6 %) cal AD 1086 - 1124 (24.1 %) cal AD 1137 - 1151 (5.8 %)
37	KIA 34853	BP 899 ± 20	cal AD 1049 - 1084 (36.2 %) cal AD 1123 - 1137 (10.9 %) cal AD 1151 - 1174 (21.2 %)	cal AD 1043 - 1103 (43.9 %) cal AD 1118 - 1210 (51.5 %)

SU 9



431



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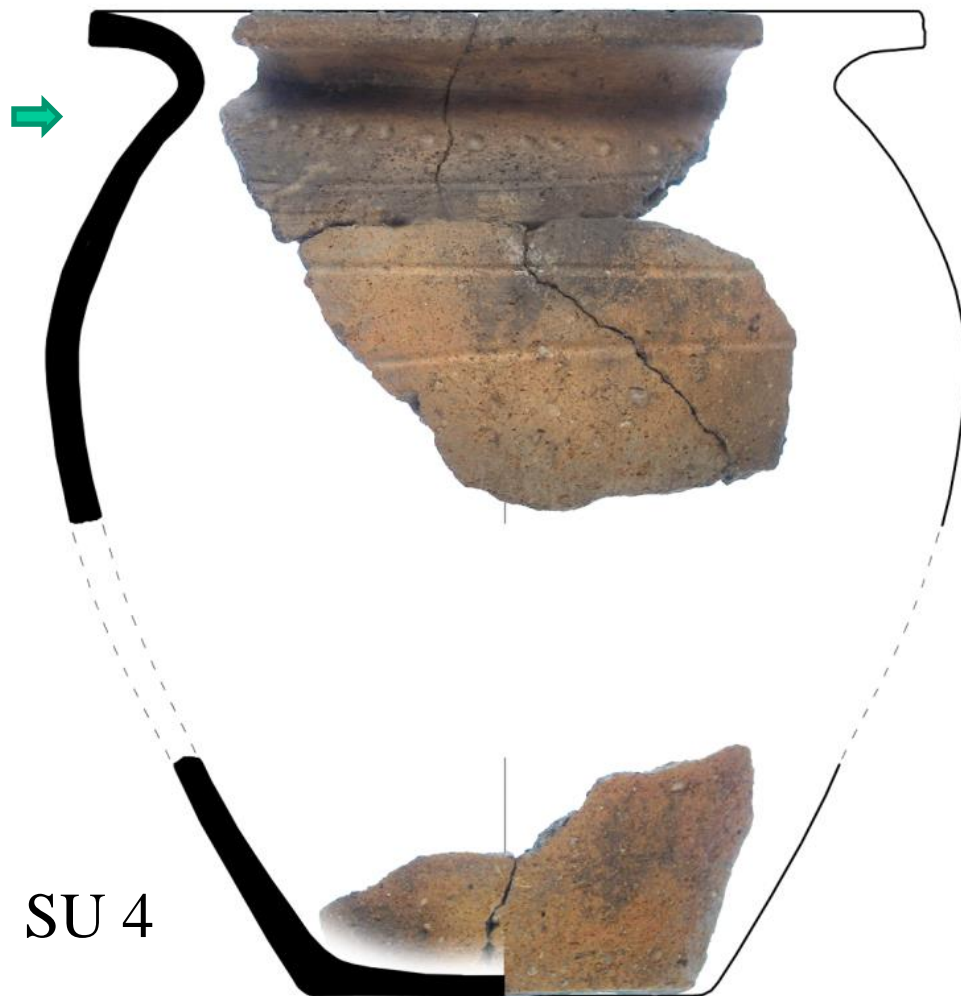
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SU 4/8/12

Ceramic group 4b
– production on a
fast potter's wheel

Torčec IVb - the end of the 11th to the end of the 12th century

CG 4b - Specific decoration: droplet indentations on the shoulder combined with various decorations



Torčec IVb - the end of the 11th to the end of the 12th century

CG 4b – new form of vessels: **pot with small handles** / lugs on the rim, which served for preparing food on an open fire, **bowls**



446



435

SU 22



405

SU 4

SU 38

Torčec IVb - the end of the 11th to the end of the 12th century



SU 26



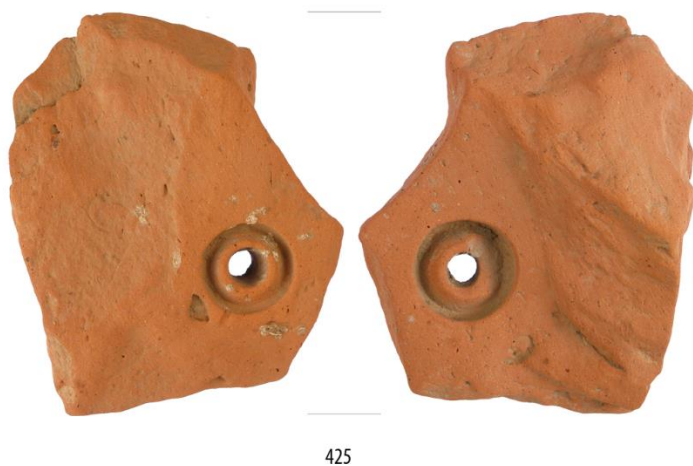
Oven - SU 4

SU 6

Torčec IV – second half of the 10th to the end of the 12th century



Ledine – SU 24

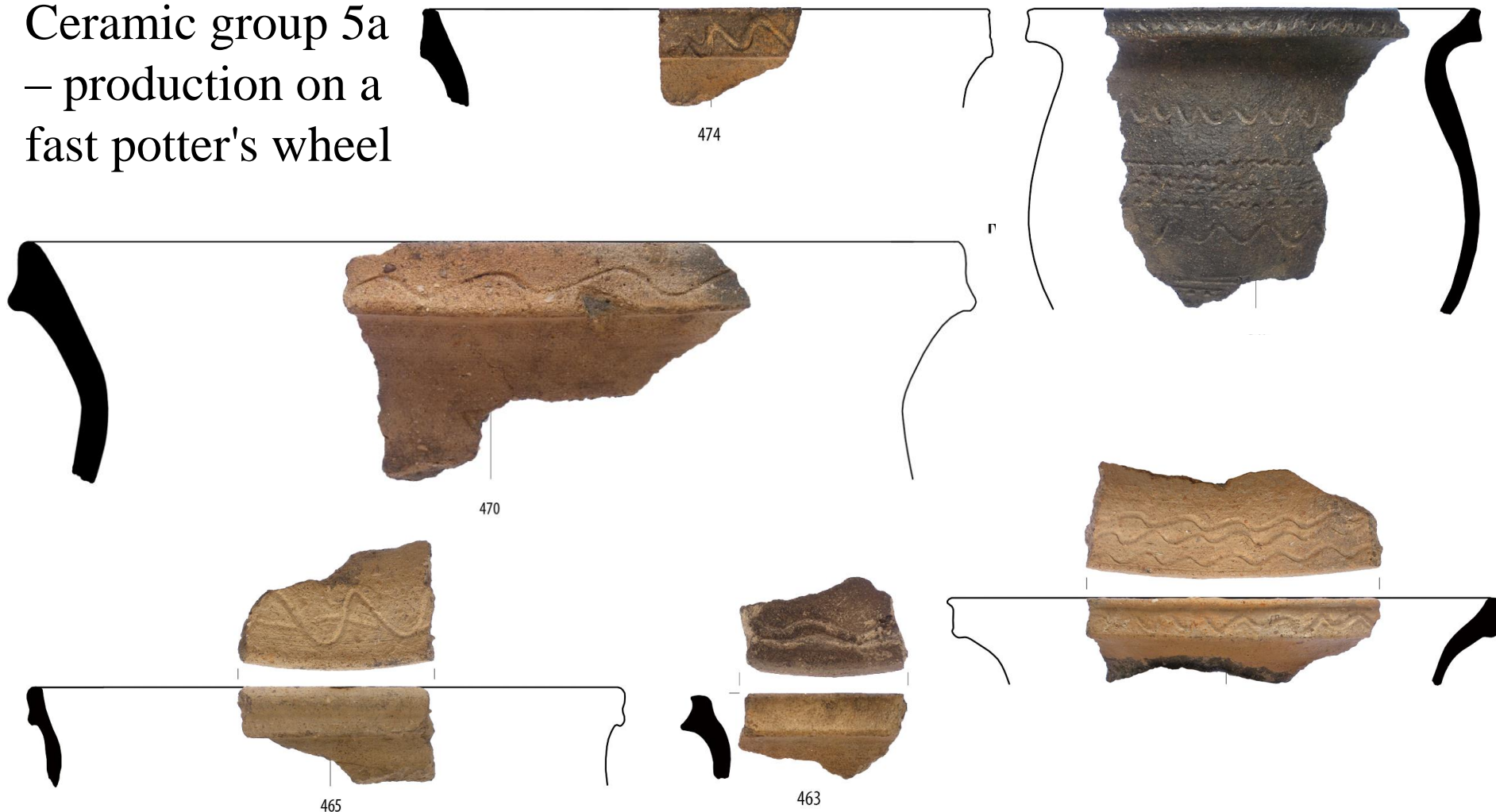


Pod Gucak – SU 6

Torčec Va – middle of the 12th to first half of the 13th century
(3PP + 1R features)

CG 5a – new decoration – single wavy line on the outside of the rim

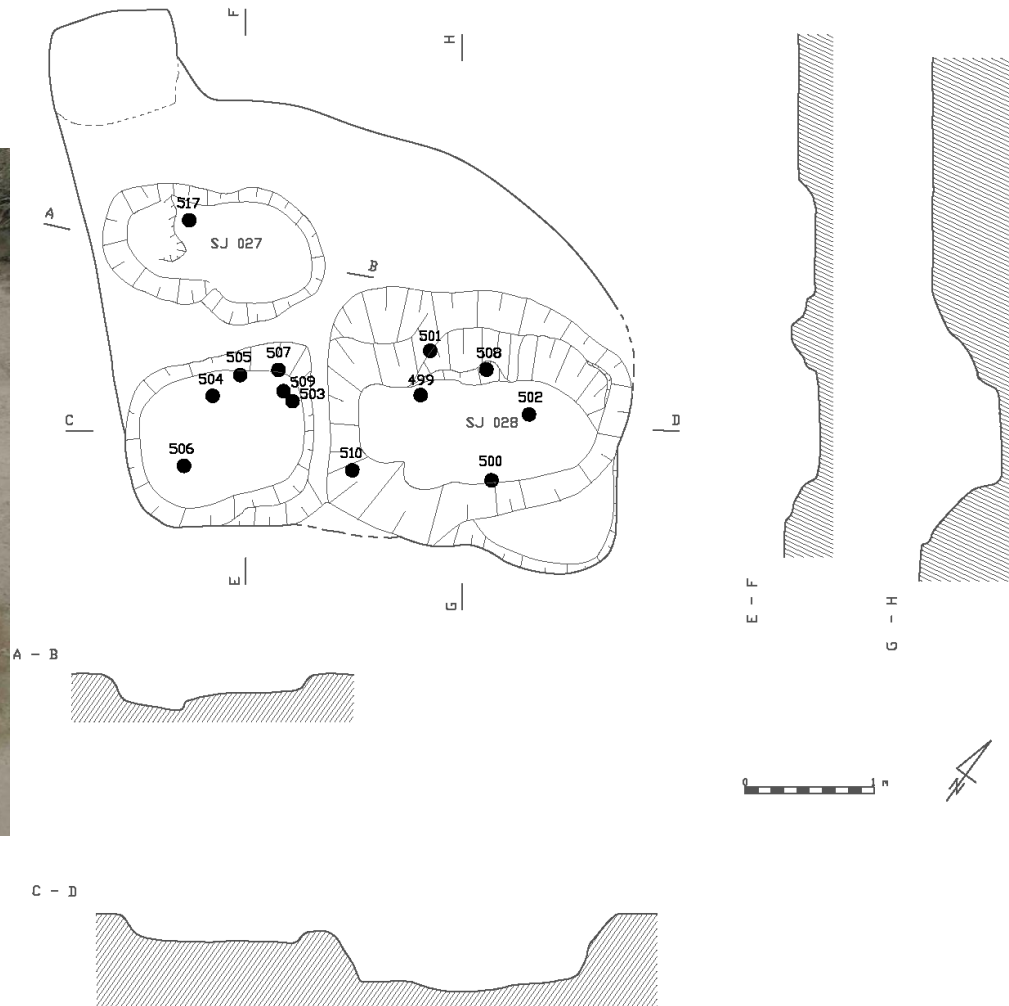
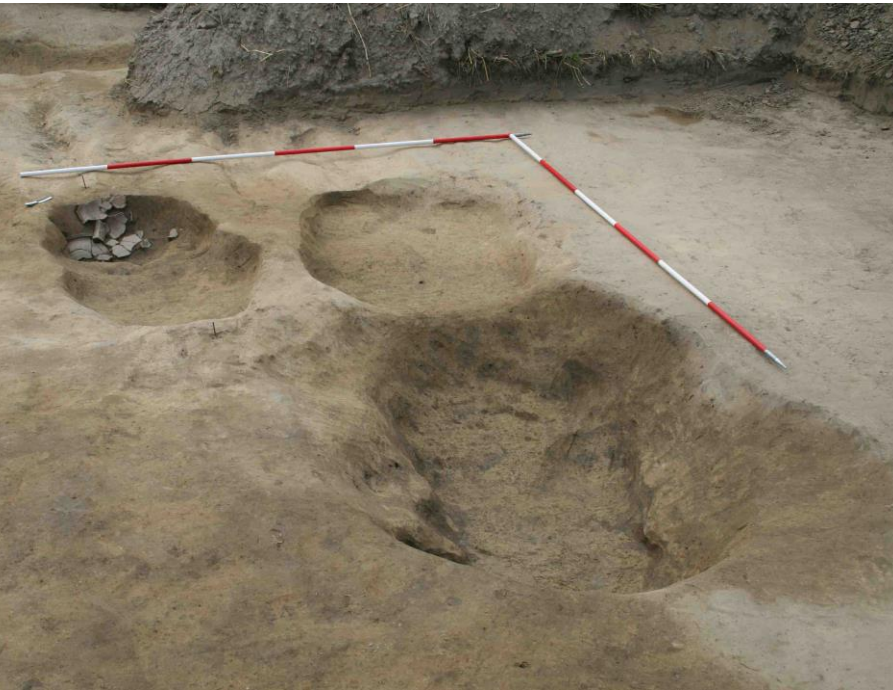
Ceramic group 5a
– production on a
fast potter's wheel



Torčec Vb - second half of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century (2PP + 7R features)

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
14	KIA 32253	BP 667 ± 31	cal AD 1282 - 1305 (36.2 %) cal AD 1364 - 1384 (32.1 %)	cal AD 1275 - 1321 (50.6 %) cal AD 1349 - 1392 (44.8 %)
26	KIA 32254	BP 779 ± 21	cal AD 1227 - 1233 (13.0 %) cal AD 1239 - 1268 (55.3 %)	cal AD 1220 - 1274 (95.4 %)



Torčec Vb – second half of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century

Ceramic group 5b – production on a fast potter's wheel with visible traces of rotation on the outer wall of the pot



SU 14

Torčec Vb – second half of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century



488



SU 14

Torčec Vb – second half of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century



SU 26

Torčec V – second half of the 12th to first half of the 14th century

CG 5 – a new form of vessels - **ceramic cups** and **plates**

S 1



455



472



516



478



498



S 2

Torčec Vb – second half of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century

C14

SU	Code	Radiocarbon Age	One Sigma Range	Two Sigma Range
12	KIA 32252	BP 699 ± 25	<u>cal AD 1274 - 1295 (68.3 %)</u>	<u>cal AD 1266 - 1303 (82.0 %)</u> cal AD 1366 - 1383 (13.4 %)



SU 14



SU 26


































Forms of vessels - phases Torčec I-V

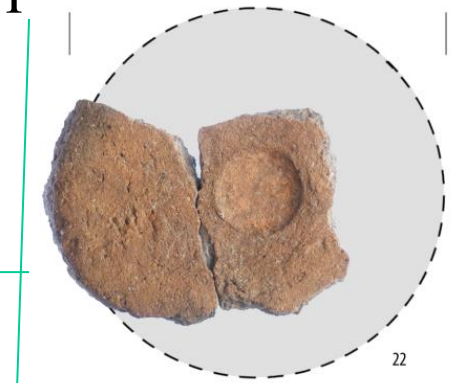
TORČEC faze	LOKALITET	Funkcionalni oblici posuda (B-J) po keramičkim skupinama/fazama								
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
I	PREČNO POLE I									
II		 3 144 209 221								
IIIa										
IIIb										
IVa			 269 270 281 325 326 348	 270 375 351 399						
IVb	POD GUČAK					 405 435 446	 406			
Va	RUDIČEVO							 455 475 476		
Vb								 498		 516



Signs on the bottom of the pots

phases Torčec I-V

TORČEC faze	LOKALITET	Znakovi na dnu posuda po keramičkim skupinama/fazama		
		Rukom rađena keramika	Keramika rađena na sporom kolu	Keramika rađena na brzom kolu
I	PREPREČNO POLE I	 156		
II		 77	 21  22  223  35	
IIIa			 177	
IIIb				
IVa	LEŠNJE			 271  286  287  288  290  312  349  360  361  364  376  396
IVb	POD GUČAK			 411  412  413  414  419  436
Va	RUĐIČEVO			 458
Vb				 492  494  514  515  516



Thank you for your attention



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