



# Archaeology of Death

## 1 Funerary Archaeology

### an Introduction

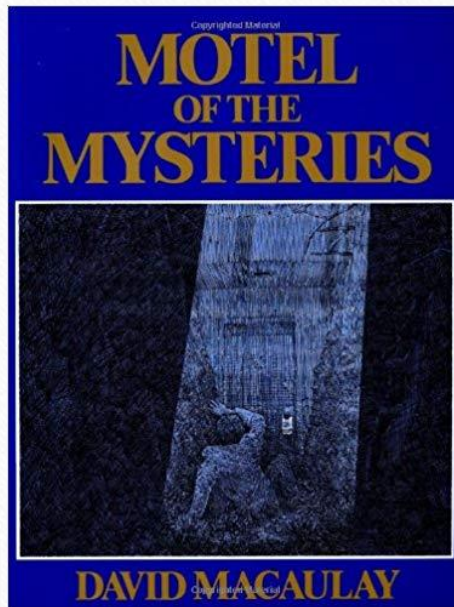
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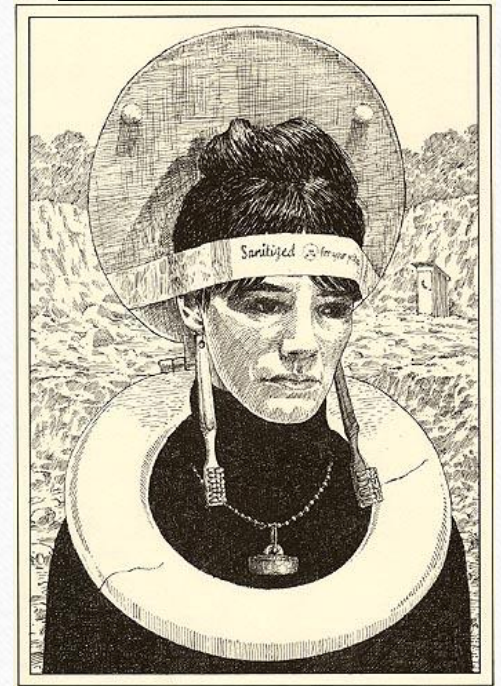
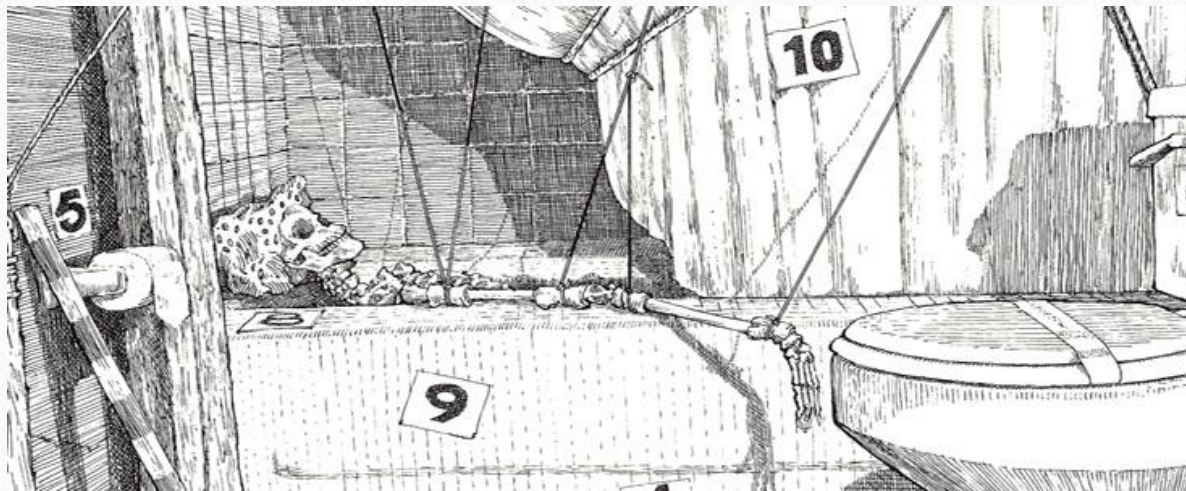
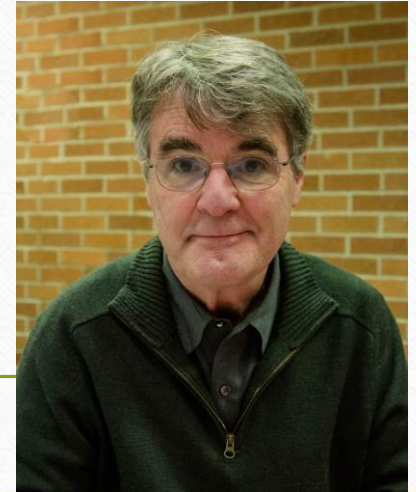
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# Macaulay, D. 1979: Motel of the Mysteries





# Hierarchy of funerary monuments

Landscape



Settlement area



Funerary area or isolated monuments, Ancestral Sacred places



Burial Groups



Individual Monuments



Graves



Individual burials/human remains (funerary events)&associated assemblage



Microdata



# Corded Ware & Bell Beaker Cemeteries in Prague

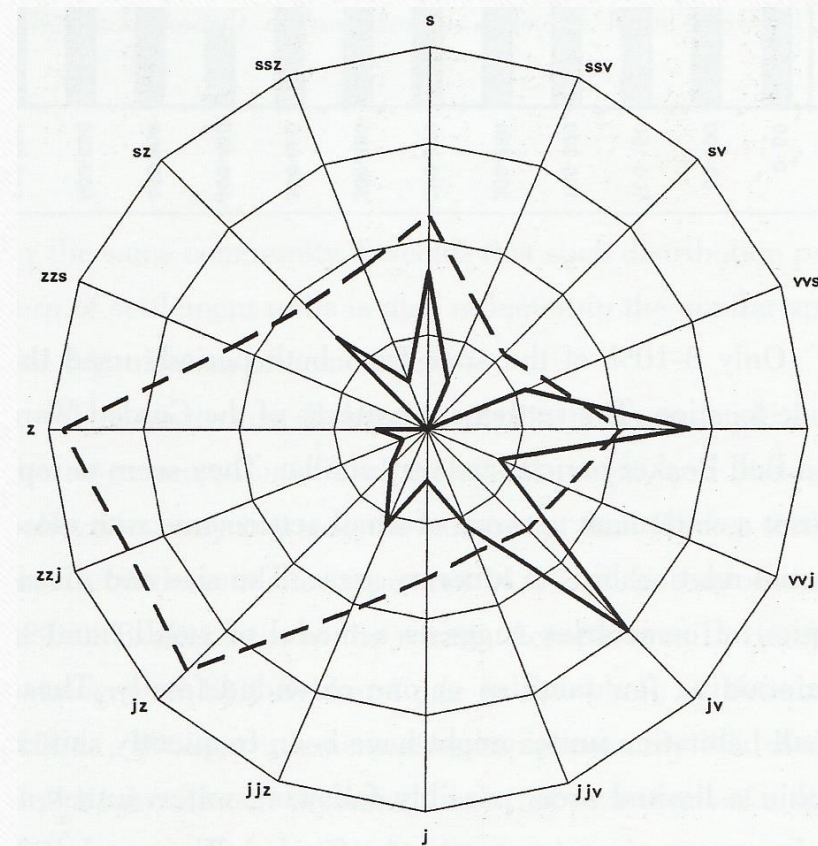
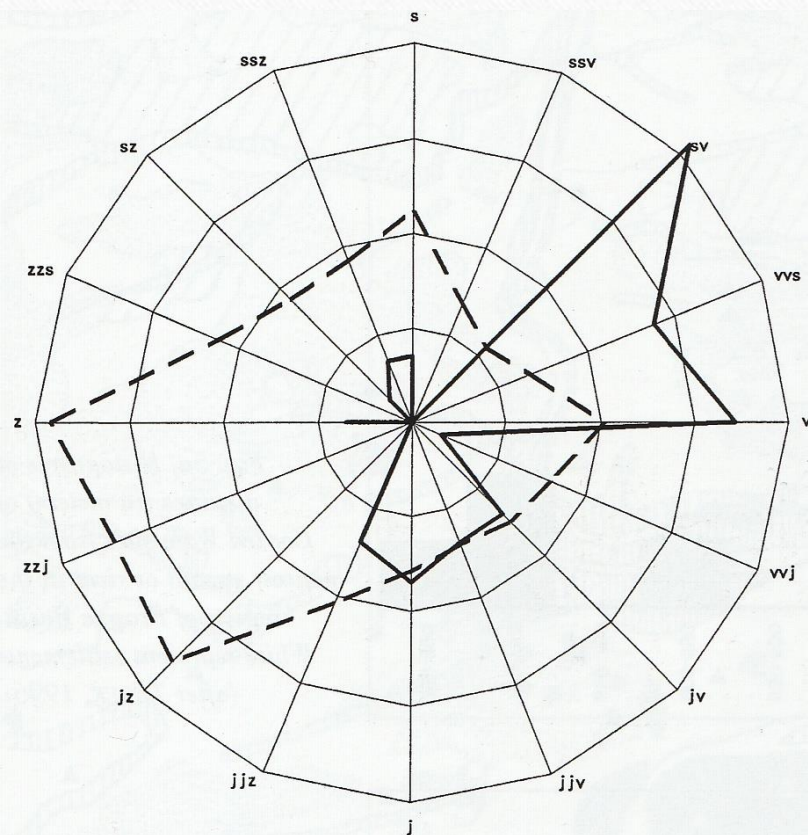
Geomorphology, hydrology, soil substrata & cover





# Corded Ware & Bell Beaker Cemeteries in Prague

## Slope exposition and prevailing wind directions





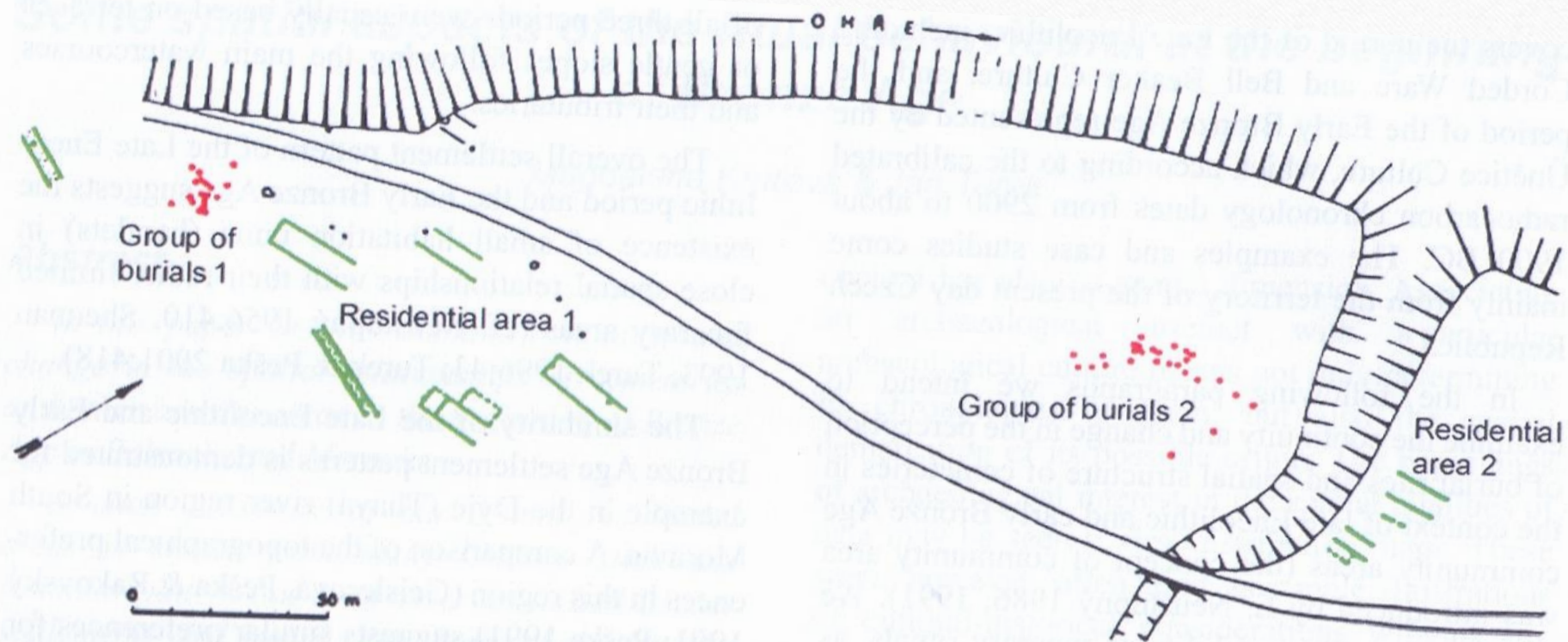


Figure 2. Březno (District Louny). A close spatial relationship of two Únětice settlement and burial groups (after Pleinerová 1978: obr. 102).



Figure 6. Únětice cemetery at Těšetice-Vinohrady (District Znojmo) in southern Moravia (after Stuchlík 1993: obr. 149).

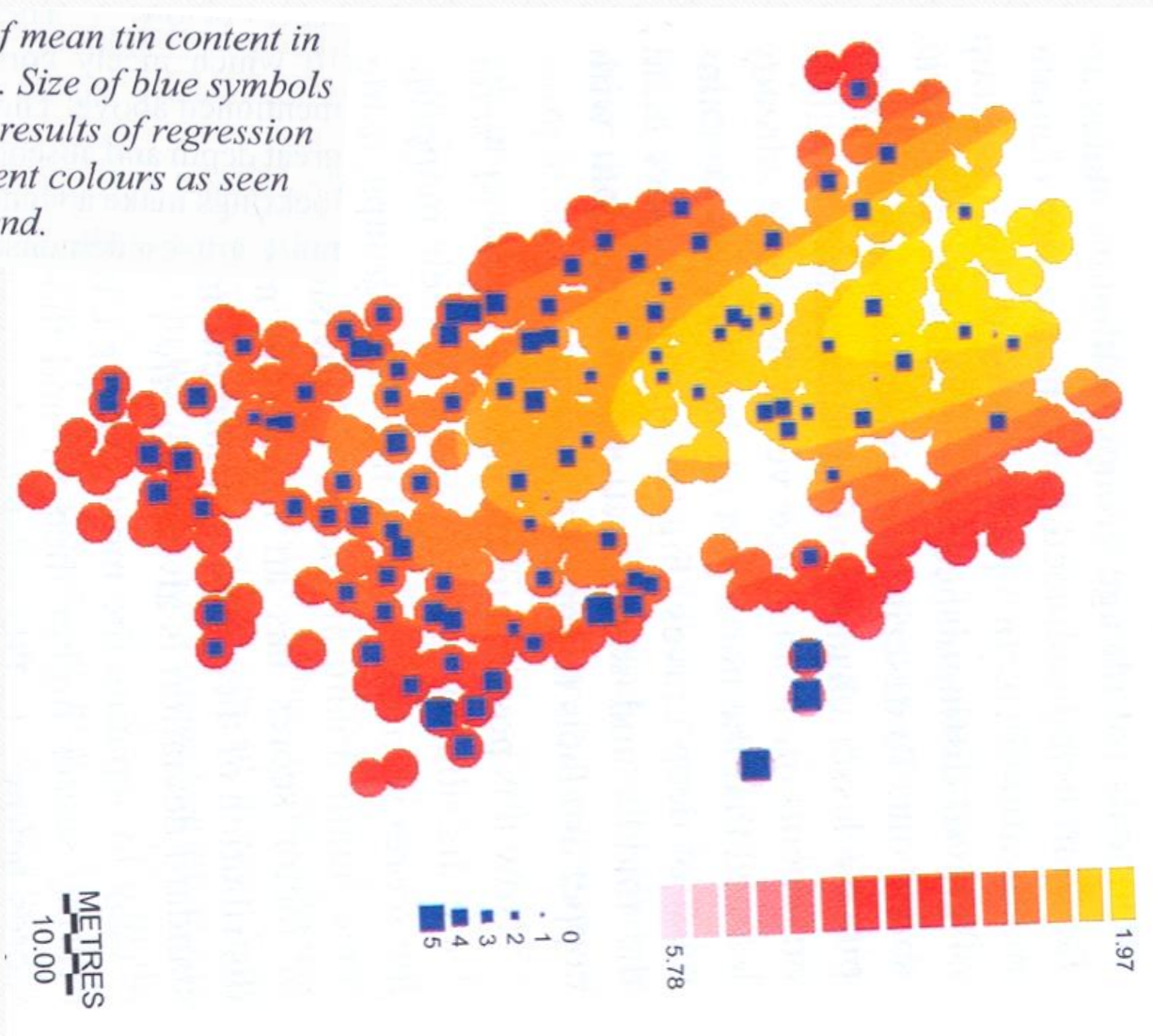




Figure 2. Holešov, plan of the prehistoric cemetery (digitized after Ondříček & Šebela 1985).



Figure 13. Trend analysis of mean tin content in sampled burial assemblages. Size of blue symbols represents the mean value, results of regression fitting are coded by different colours as seen in the legend.



After Šmejda 2003



# Funerary forms in Prehistoric Europe

Archeological evidence:

**Inhumation** – skeleton underground: - In plain burial pit



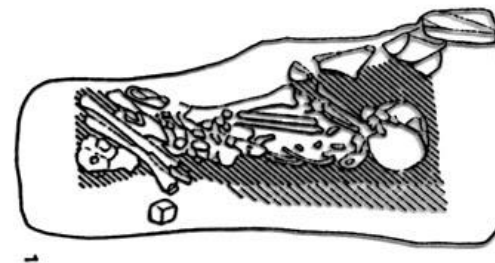
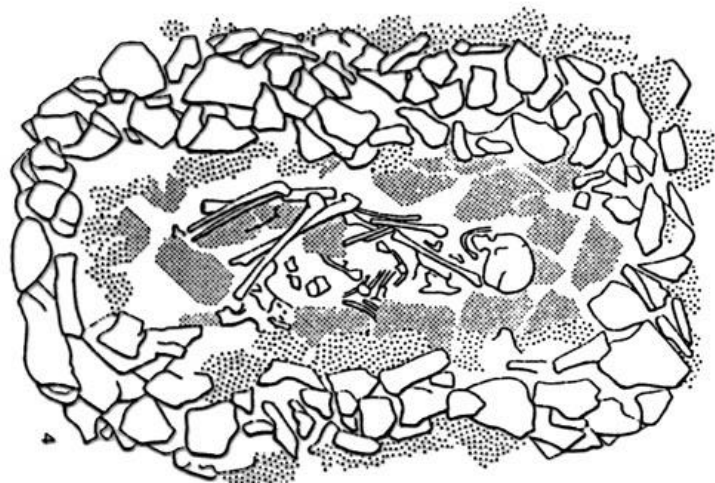


- Inhumation in coffin inside a burial pit



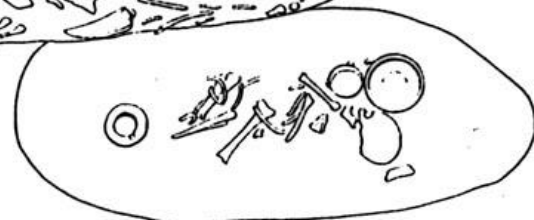


Stone casing



Burial in a coffin

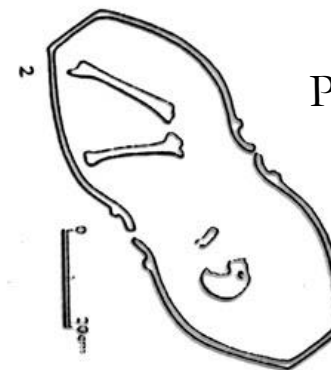
First & Second  
funerary event



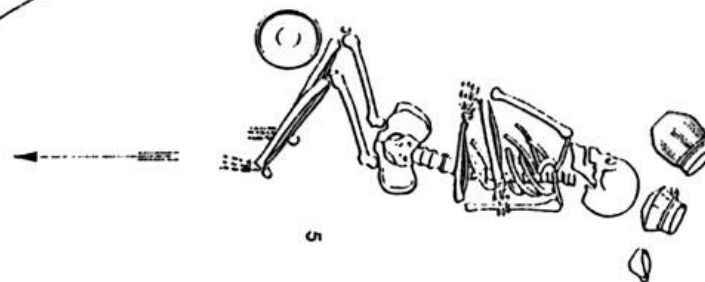
Manipulated, re-opening



Inhumations in plain pit

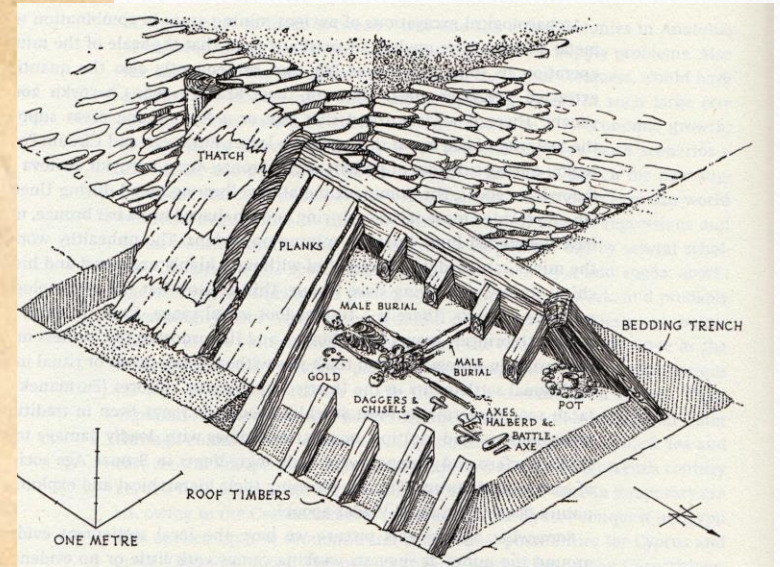


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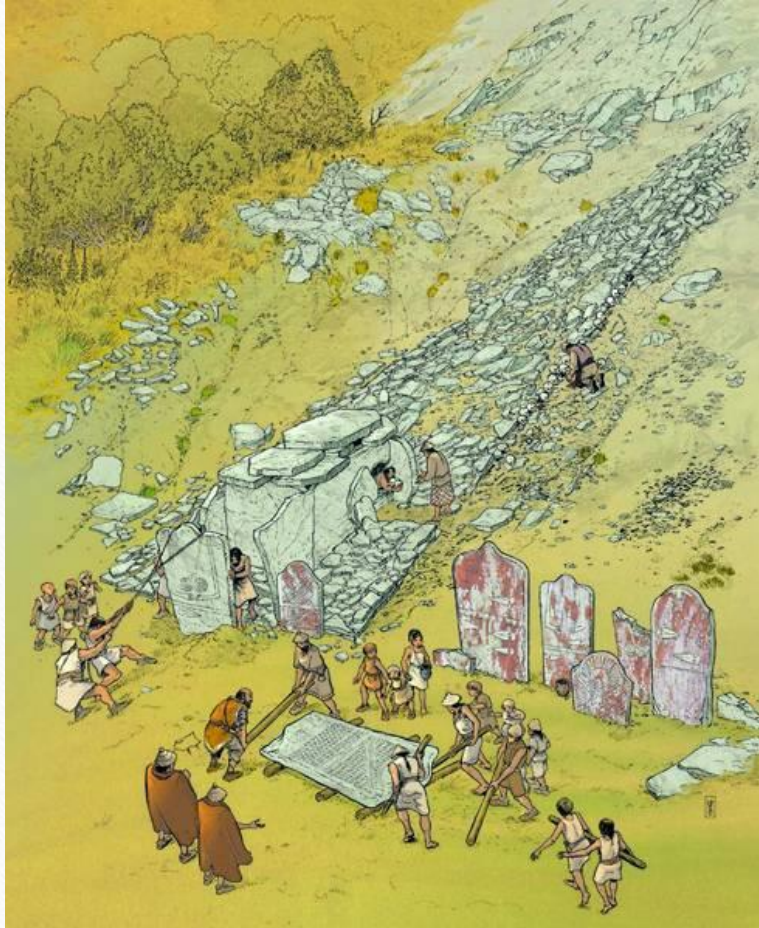


## In burial chamber



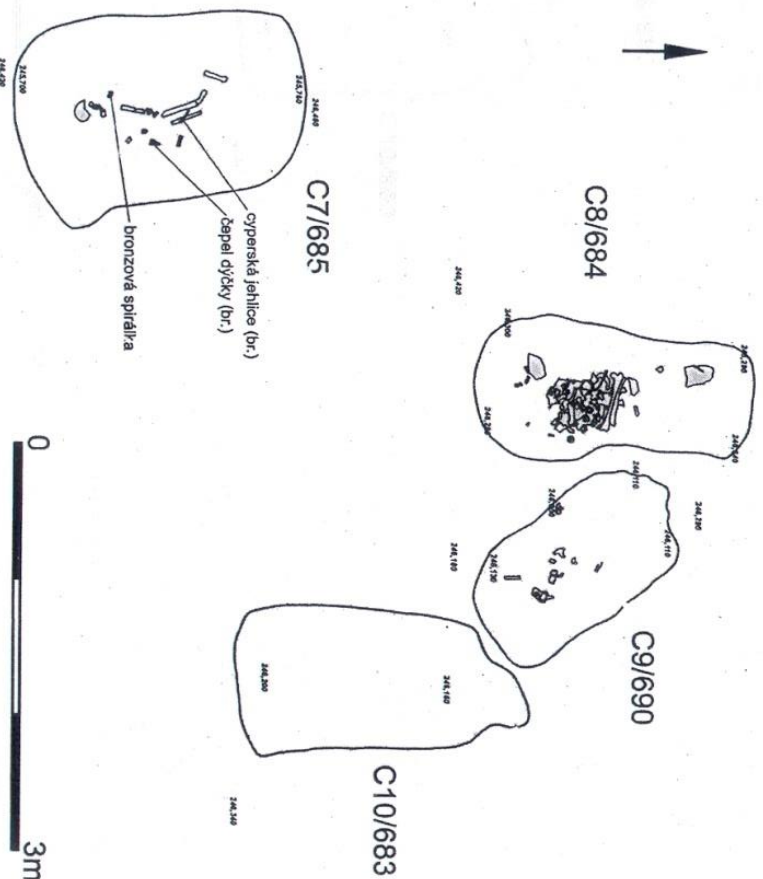


## Collective graves

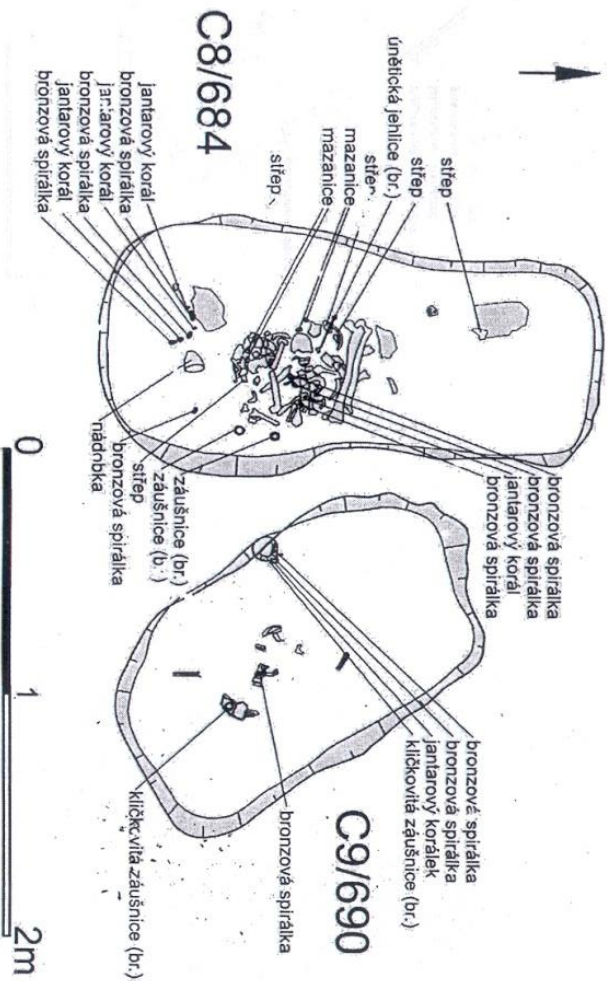




## Primary burial & Secondary burial



Obr. 2. Praha 9 – Miskovice. Skupina hrobu C. Na obrázku jsou vyznačeny obrysy hrobových jam, kosterní pozůstatky pohřbených jedinců, mládě a kameny v hrobě C8. — Abb. 2. Praha 9 – Miskovice. Grabgruppe C. Auf dem Bild sind Abrisse der Grabgruben, Skelettreste von 1. zugabenen Individuen, Beigaben und Steine im Grab C8 markiert.



Obr. 3. Praha 9 – Miskovice. Hroby C8 a C9. Kr. nř hrobových jam je vyznačena polohou kosterních pozůstatků pohřbených jedněm, mloďadnř a zjiřřřenř kamennř. — Abb. 3. Praha 9 – Miskovice. Grřber C8 und C9. Auřer den Grabgruben sind Lage der Skelettreste von begrabenen Individuen, Beigaben und festgestellter Steine markiert.



## Burials on/above ground - excarnation





## Cremations

Underground:

- Cremation in pit



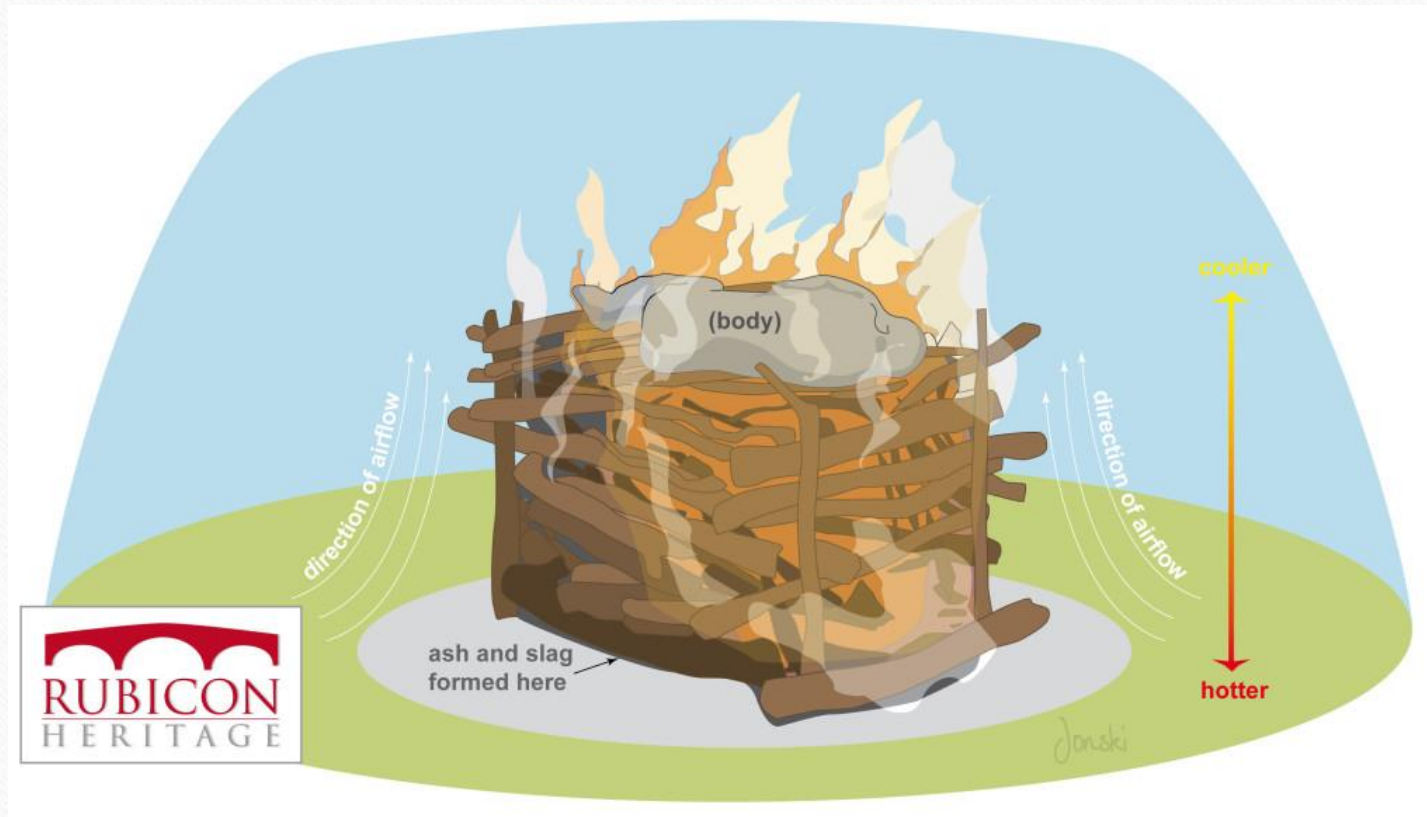
- in pit and urn



- Incineration place



## On ground – incineration -scatters









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