

NEOLITHIC METALLURGY IN ANATOLIA

STAGES OF EARLY COPPER METALLURGY IN ANATOLIA

- Non-metallic period (prior to 8200 BC)
- Single metal period (after 8200 BC). Mainly native copper is shaped for simple tools and beads.
- Beginning of extractive metallurgy (after 5000 BC). Reduction of copper ores.
- Advanced metallurgy (after 4000 BC). Reduction of polymetallic ores, first alloys of copper.
- Industrial Period (after 2800 BC). Production of bronze followed by iron during the 1st millennium BC.



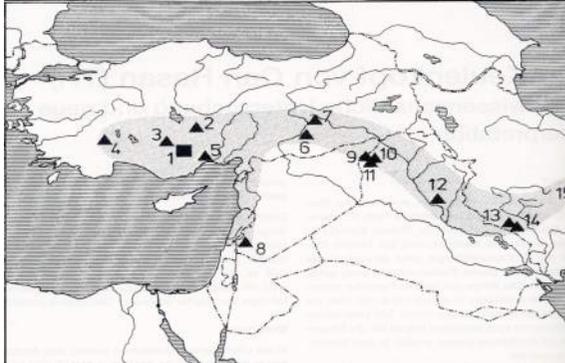
MALACHITE BEADS FROM
AŞAĞI PINAR, KIRKLARELİ



EARLIEST NATIVE COPPER OBJECTS IN ANATOLIA

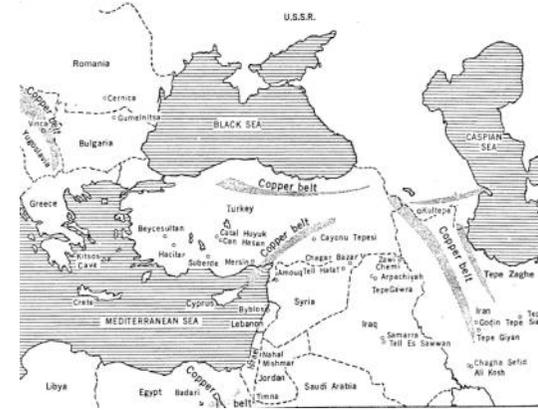
- Çayönü: Over 100 simple native copper implements, (8200-7500) BC.
- Aşıklı Höyük: Many copper beads, (7800-7600) BC.
- Nevalı Çori: Copper bead, (7500) BC.
- Hacılar: Copper bead, (~6000 BC)
- Mersin: 2 needles, (~6000 BC)
- Can Hasan: Macehead, (~6000) BC.

SITES OF EARLY NATIVE METALS



1:Can Hasan, 2:Aşıklı Höyük, 3: Çatal Höyük, 4. Hacılar, 5: Yümük Tepe, 6: Nevalı Çori, 7: Çayönü, 8: Ramad,

COPPER BELT OF NEAREAST



Native Copper Examples



ÇAYÖNÜ



Fig. 4. Pottery Neolithic Settlement with stone foundation

ÇAYÖNÜ METAL OBJECTS

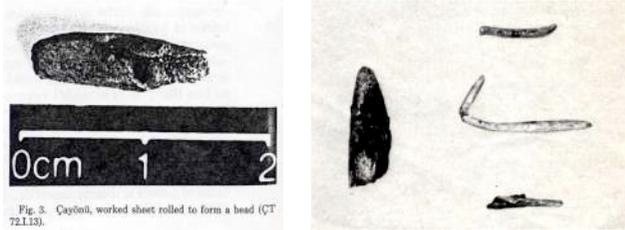
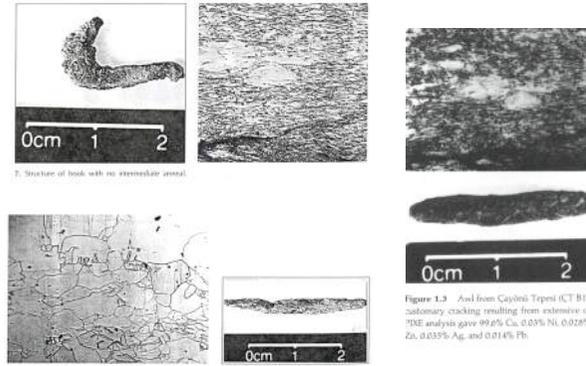


Fig. 3. Çayönü, worked sheet rolled to form a head (CT 72.L13).

MICROSTRUCTURE OF ÇAYÖNÜ METAL OBJECTS



7. Structure of hook with no streamlines noted.

8. Structure of awl (below) and hook (below) showing recrystallization.

Figure 3.3. Awl from Çayönü Tepe (CT B1.8) showing latitudinal cracking resulting from extensive cold-working. TIE analysis gave 99.6% Cu, 0.03% Ni, 0.028% As, 0.031% Zn, 0.035% Ag, and 0.014% Pb.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF ÇAYÖNÜ METALS

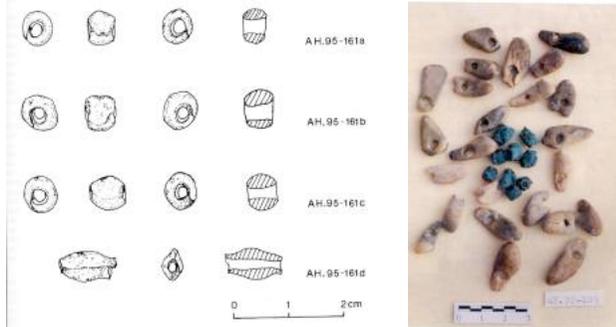
NUMBER	ITEM	Cu	Al	Cl	Ni	As	S	Zn	Ag	Pb	Si	Fe
8119 (A)	malachite	80.63	4.530	0.047	0.112	0.013	0.100	0.011		0.004	6.000	2.490
8116 (B)	awl	99.67	0.019	0.055	0.030	0.082	0.010	0.031	0.035	0.014		
8118 (C)	malachite	85.42	2.360	0.147	0.018	0.007	0.457	0.041		0.013	8.810	0.446
8117 (D)	lump	99.70	0.030	0.038	0.027	0.048		0.034	0.051	0.020		0.018
(E)	Nat Cu	99.89	0.018	0.023	0.020							
6419 (F)	disc	98.97	0.324	0.012	0.005	0.092	0.343			0.006		0.019
7219 (G)	lump	99.86	0.036		0.015	0.010	0.016				0.030	0.013
7214 (H)	hook	99.69		0.163	0.020		0.014	0.040		0.011		0.017
7211 (K)	lump	99.85	0.026	0.021		0.013		0.028		0.010		0.016
7213 (M)	sheet	99.64	0.036	0.075	0.039	0.116	0.012	0.032				0.021
7014 (P)	hook	99.83	0.026	0.012	0.011		0.022	0.028			0.022	0.019
7015 (R)	awl	98.91	0.031	0.065	0.025	0.875		0.019	0.014			0.014
6414	awl	99.80		0.015		0.031	0.039			0.007		0.014
6414*	*	97.03			n.d.	0.067		n.d.	n.d.	0.006		n.d.
8011	awl	99.54		0.033		0.108	0.021	n.d.	0.018	0.004		0.014
78113*	sheet	99.58			n.d.	0.420		n.d.	0.018	0.004		0.024
84119*	hook	95.04			n.d.	0.038		n.d.	0.015	0.006		0.026
84120*	awl	99.09			n.d.	0.056		n.d.	0.003	0.005		0.010
8114	wire	99.80		0.010		0.019	0.009			0.010		0.019

n.d. = not detected; * = Atomic Absorption; Others by PIXE

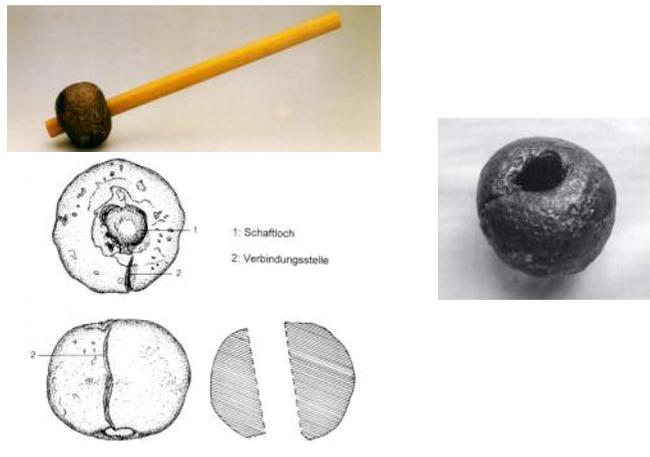
AŞIKLI HÖYÜK



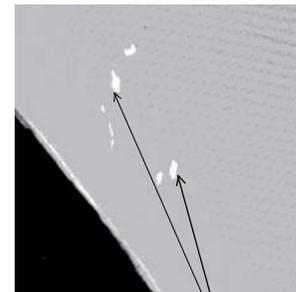
AŞIKLI HÖYÜK METAL BEADS



CAN HASAN MACE HEAD



CHEMICAL ANALYSIS



Silver crystals which
Means copper is not
melted

Cu:	100 %	Co:	0,6
Fe:	1920 ppm	Te:	<37
Sn:	<50	Ni:	<10
Zn:	1160	Cr:	94
As:	6,0	Ag:	550
Se:	<2,0	Hg:	1,5
Sb:	<1,0	Au:	<0,03
Ir:	<0,006		

	Can Hasan (Kalenkopf)	Aşik Höyük (9 Parçan)	ged. Küpfer (Rapp 1988) Mittelwert	Maximum
Sn	<50	26	58	7400
As	6	43	976	86000
Sb	<1	1	6	890
Co	0,6	6	14	3800
Ni	<30	10	140	32000
Ag	550	340	238	29000
Au	<0,03	<1	<1	14
Fe	1920	313	970	50000
Zn	1160	<10	170	82000
Se	<2	1	9	3100
Ir	<0,006	<1	<1	12
Te	<37	<10	4	1100
Cr	94	20	9	1100
Hg	1,5	32	17	1200

RECOGNIZING OBJECTS MADE FROM NATIVE COPPER

- The grain size is generally very coarse (0.1 to 1 mm and above)
- Grains have long irregular twins from geological strains causing partial crystallization
- Metal is free of inclusions, especially copper oxides.
- Copper tends to be very pure although arsenic and silver can occur.

OBTAINING COPPER FROM ITS ORES

EXTRACTIVE METALLURGY

COPPER SOURCES OF TURKEY



COPPER ORES

NAME	FORMULA	%Cu
Antherite	$\text{Cu}_3\text{SO}_4(\text{OH})_4$	53.8
Azurite	$2\text{CuCO}_3\cdot\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	55.1
Bornite	Cu_5FeS_4	63.3
Chalcocite	Cu_2S	79.8
Chalcopyrite	CuFeS_2	34.5
Covellite	CuS	66.5
Cuprite	Cu_2O	88.8
Enargite	$\text{Cu}_3\text{As}_5\text{S}_4$	48.5
Malachite	$\text{CuCO}_3\cdot\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	57.3
Native copper	Cu	100

SOME COPPER ORES



Azurite



Chalcopyrite



Chalcocite



Tenantite



Cuprite

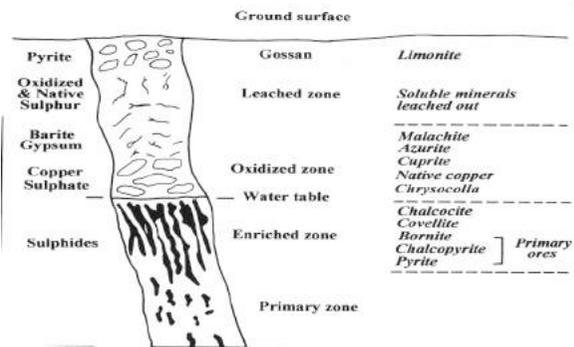


Malachite

SMELTING OF “OXIDE ORES”

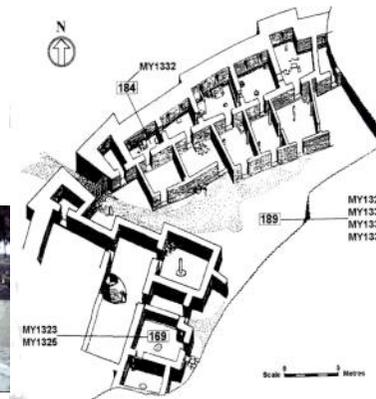
- Rich relatively pure oxidized secondary copper ores are used during the earliest copper smelting in antiquity.
- Reduction can be achieved in a crucible or in a small furnace by heating the ore only with carbon.
- Also known as slagless process since the ores do not contain impurities or gangue minerals.
- Copper produced was very pure with only trace of iron impurity.

FORMATION OF SECONDARY ORES

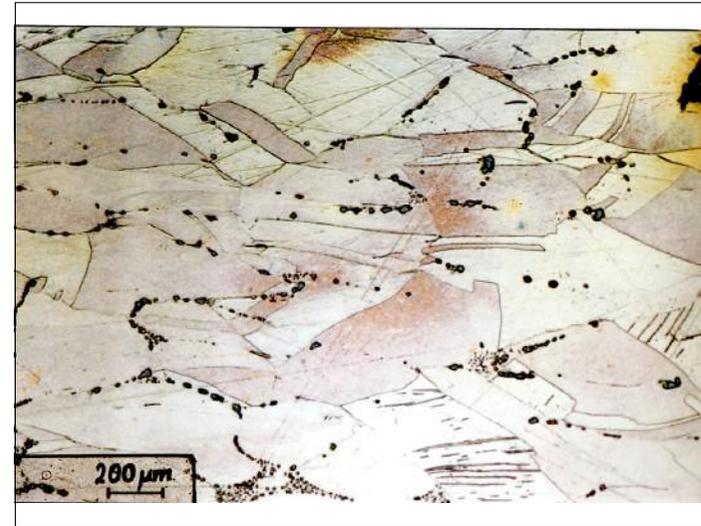
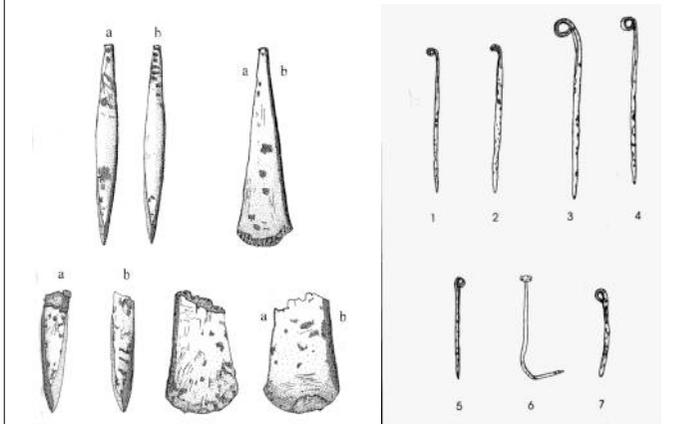


MERSİN YÜMÜKTEPE

GARSTANG EXCAVATION 1940's



Tools from Mersin made out of smelted copper (5000-4900 BC)



REDUCTION OF SULPHIDE ORES

- The earliest evidence is observed by the 4th millennium BC.
- Since sulphur interfered with the reduction process, complex technology was needed.
- The ores were partially roasted to remove some or all of the sulphur as SO_2 .
- Since ores were of lower grade, siliceous impurities were to be removed by using iron fluxing agent.
- Copper produced contain higher levels of iron impurity.

ROASTING OF SULPHIDIC COPPER ORES



COMPOSITION OF MATTE AND BLISTER COPPER

	MATTE (%)	BLISTER Cu (%)
Cu	35-65	98.5-99.5
Fe	10-40	0.1
S	20-25	0.02-0.1
O	2-3	0.5-0.8
As	0-0.5	0-0.3
Sb	0.1	0.03
Pb	0.5	0-0.1
Zn	0.5	0.0005
Au	0-15x10 ⁻⁴	0-100x10 ⁻⁴
Ag	0-0.01	0-0.1

TRACE ELEMENTS IN COPPER RESULTING FROM ORES AND SMELTING

- Iron is the major element. Since iron is added as a fluxing agent, copper obtained from low grade ores may have 2-10 % Fe.
- Most copper ores contain certain amount of metals such as As, Sb, Bi, Pb, Ag, Au, Ni, Co and Zn. These elements will partition between the metal and the slag depending on the smelting conditions.

PARTITION OF TRACE ELEMENTS OF COPPER ORES DURING SMELTING

SLAG	METAL	BOTH
Fe	Co	Zn
Mn	Ni	As*
	Pb	Sb*
	Ag	
	Au	

* Volatile elements.

Fe CONTENT OF BRONZES FROM VARIOUS CULTURES

Culture	Sample size	Average Fe Content (%)	% of artifacts Below 0.05% Fe
Egypt (Predynastic)	14	0.03	82
Egypt (New Kingdom)	250	0.33	6
Cycladic (EBII)	16	0.04	55
Roman (Etruscan)	3062	0.23	26
British (BA)	773	0.05	79
British (IA)	56	0.18	29
British (Roman)	129	0.27	4
Spain (Chalcolithic)	195	0.05	79
Spain (LBA)	49	0.04	95
Spain (Phoenician)	104	0.27	14

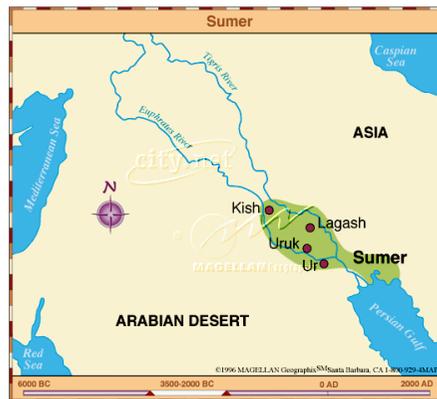
CHALCOLITHIC CULTURES

This is the period that yielded the earliest copper smelting evidence in Anatolia. The period is divided into three periods, roughly corresponding to cultural interactions with Mesopotamia:

- Early Chalcolithic (6th millennium BC) is also known as the Halaf Period.
- Middle Chalcolithic (5th millennium BC) is also known as the Obeid Period.
- Late Chalcolithic (4th millennium BC) is also known as the Uruk Period.

METALLURGY DURING THE LATE CHALCOLITHIC PERIOD (4th Millennium BC)

EARLY MESOPOTAMIAN SITES



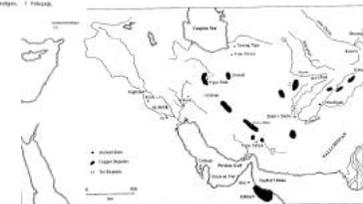
POSSIBLE METAL RESOURCES FOR EARLY MESOPOTAMIAN SITES



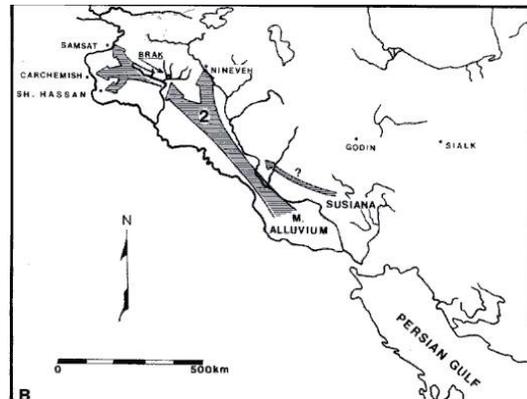
1) Southeastern Anatolian sources reached via Euphrates and Tigris rivers.

2) Copper sources in the Zagros mountains

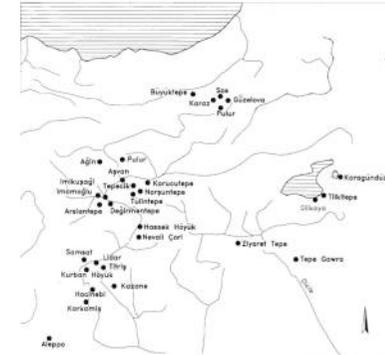
3) Sources of Oman reached via the gulf by sea trade.



URUK TRADE NETWORK



EAST AND SOUTHEASTERN ANATOLIAN SITES

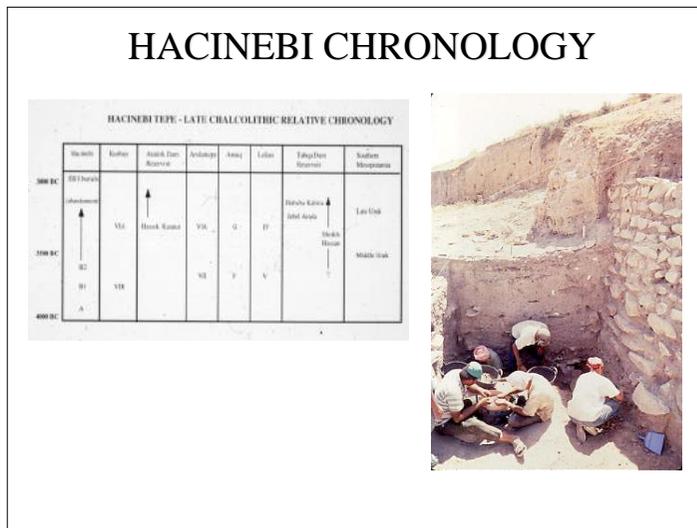
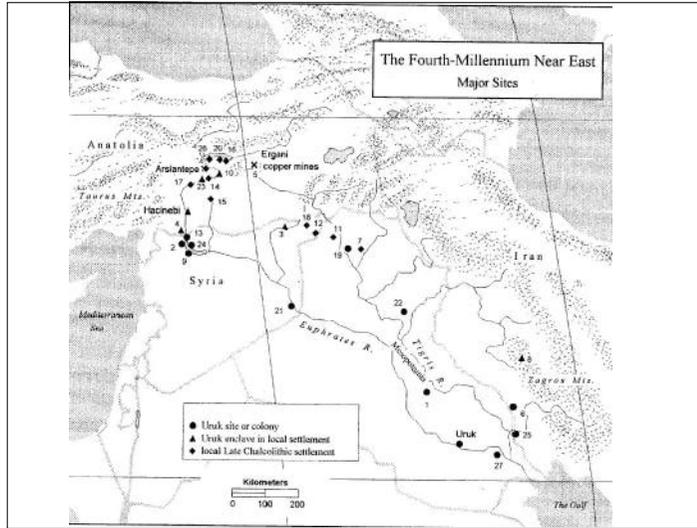


METALLURGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS DURING LATE CHALCOLITHIC

- Sulfide ores of copper were smelted at the Degirmentepe.
- Arslantepe metallurgists were utilizing polymetallic ores and were producing some of the earliest examples of Cu-As alloys.
- Silver was produced by cupellation at Fatmalı Kalecik
- Copper was produced in workshops of proto-urban sites such as Tulinstepe, Norsuntepe, Hacinebi, Degirmentepe, Arslantepe etc. by exploiting the rich local sources.

URUK TRADE NETWORK

- Uruk trade period took place between 3700-3100 BC.
- Trader from Uruk came to Anatolia along Tigris and Euphrates valleys.
- They established small enclaves in local Anatolian settlements.
- There were also settlements that were completely Mesopotamian in nature such as Hasek Höyük and Habuba Kabire.
- Anatolian miners and smelters produced the copper desired by the urbanized Mesopotamian cultures.
- The copper was via the rivers.
- By 3100 BC, the Uruk trade network collapsed suddenly.
- Metallurgy in the eastern and southeastern Anatolia declined consistently afterwards.



EXAMPLES OF URUK POTTERY

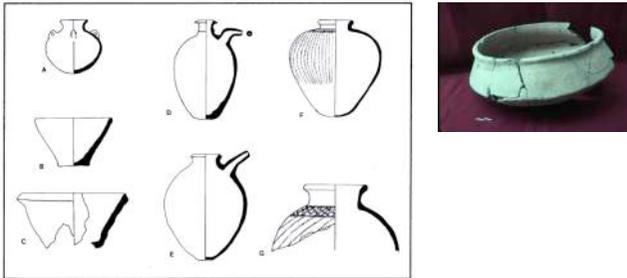
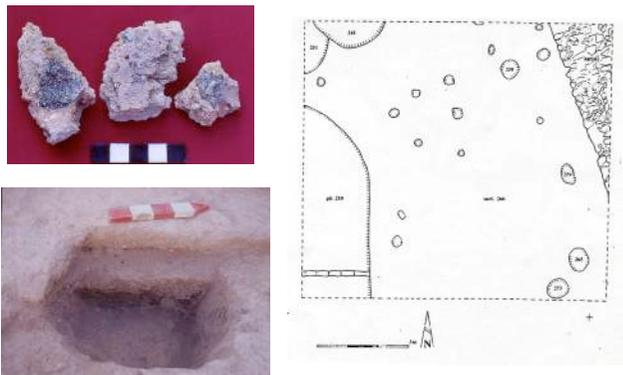


Fig. 33. Selected ceramics of Uruk origin or Uruk type from Period VIA levels at Arslan Tapa (not to scale).

METAL FINDS AT HACINEBI



METALLURGY AT HACINEBI



Tablo 1 HACINEBI METALLURJİK MALZEMESİNİN KİMYASAL ANALİZİ

ÖRNEK	TANIM	Ag	Sn	Pb	As	Sb	Ni	Zn	Co	Fe	Cu	Bİ
HN-6561.1	Bakır Keski	0.02	nd	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.17	0.14	0	0.6	98.1	0.07
HN-6561.2	Bakır Keski	0.03	nd	0.05	0.14	0.28	1.24	0.09	0	0.56	90.5	0.18
HN-13211	Bakır Şişe	0.06	0.15	nd	nd	0.12	nd	nd	nd	0.16	93.9	nd
HN-15415	Bakır parça	0.03	nd	nd	0.47	nd	nd	0.01	nd	0.11	79.6	nd
HN-17153.1	İğne parçası	0.06	nd	nd	0.34	0.04	0.49	nd	nd	0.03	98	nd
HN-10862.1	İğne parçası	0.36	nd	nd	1.37	0.26	1.32	nd	nd	0.04	94.5	nd
HN-14762	Bakır parça	0.02	nd	nd	0.36	nd	1.46	nd	nd	0.01	83.5	0.01
HN-14145	İğne parçası	0.04	nd	nd	0.61	nd	0.39	nd	nd	0.27	52	nd
HN-15523	Bakır parça	0.04	nd	nd	1.01	0.13	0.46	0.01	nd	0.06	81.4	nd
HN-12939	Çuk metalin cevheri	nd	43.1	nd	nd	10.27	4.27	2.3	30.2	nd	nd	nd
HN-12285	Malahit cevheri	nd	0.04	0.29	nd	2.98	0.01	2.98	22.1	nd	nd	nd
HN-8051	Pota	nd	nd	0.04	nd	0.14	0.06	0.02	6.2	2.86	nd	nd
HN-8061	Pota	nd	0.08	0.33	nd	0.2	0.01	4.71	8.29	nd	nd	nd
HN-12264	Pota	nd	0.08	0.37	nd	0.09	0.02	3.62	14.1	nd	nd	nd
HN-16012	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0.01	nd	0.01	0.01	nd	4.94	0.11	nd	nd
HN-16017.1	Pota parçası	0.01	nd	0.14	nd	0.21	0.02	nd	4.53	18.6	nd	nd
HN-16017.2	Pota parçası	0.01	nd	0.13	nd	0.2	0.01	nd	6.19	19.1	nd	nd
HN-16002	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0	nd	0.01	0.01	nd	4.24	0.03	nd	nd
HN-16012.1	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0.07	nd	0.46	0.01	0.02	3.73	29.5	nd	nd
HN-16013.1	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0	nd	0.01	0.01	nd	2.75	0.1	nd	nd
HN-16013.2	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0	nd	nd	0.01	nd	2.94	0.05	nd	nd
HN-16013.3	Pota parçası	nd	nd	0	nd	nd	0.01	nd	0.7	0.03	nd	nd
HN-10797	Çinuf	nd	0.06	0.32	nd	0.18	0.02	9.51	0.05	nd	nd	nd
HN-16911	Çinuf	0.01	nd	0.19	nd	0.27	0.02	nd	2.99	12.6	nd	nd
HN-16010	Çinuf	nd	nd	0.07	0.08	0.25	0.01	nd	0.23	20.2	nd	nd
HN-15333	Çinuf	0.01	nd	0.14	0.05	0.15	0.01	nd	1.07	21.2	nd	nd
HN-15534	Çinuf	0.01	nd	0.59	0.14	0.5	0.02	nd	5.47	12.3	nd	nd
HN-16010.1	Çinufdan Cu parça	0.03	nd	0.75	2.89	0.59	nd	nd	0.99	88.4	nd	nd
HN-16010.2	Çinufdan Cu parça	nd	nd	0.05	nd	0.16	nd	nd	0.12	30.8	nd	nd
HN-16010.3	Çinufdan Cu parça	nd	nd	0.62	0.24	0.76	nd	nd	0.23	64.6	nd	nd
HN-15533	Çinufdan Cu parça	0.12	nd	1.88	0.12	0.69	0.09	nd	0.37	91.5	nd	nd
HN-16017	Potadan Cu parça	0.11	nd	nd	0.25	nd	nd	nd	0.63	86.1	nd	nd
HN-16911.1	Çinufdan Cu parça	nd	nd	0.1	nd	0.12	0.12	nd	0.37	90.9	nd	nd
HN-16911.2	Çinufdan Cu parça	nd	nd	0.94	nd	0.23	0.06	nd	0.12	94.8	nd	nd
HN-16911.3	Çinufdan Cu parça	0.05	nd	0.42	0.09	0.09	0.04	nd	0.1	91.2	nd	nd
HN-6549	Katıp parçası	nd	nd	0.16	nd	0.09	0.01	4.49	0.03	nd	nd	nd

Chemical analysis of Hacinebi metallurgical finds



Mold for casting copper ingots

SEM OF A CRUCIBLE FRAGMENT

HN8061 - crucible accretion

