

## 2.14. Area S

### 2.14.1. Stratigraphy and Architecture

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The original aim of excavating in area S<sup>1</sup> was to expand areas R and N to the north-east in four squares (BU 14, CA 14, CB 14 and CC 14). The area was opened in 1999 and supervised by DOMINIK HELBLING and SWANTJE RÖHL. In 1999, some pre-Iron Age I remains were excavated in square CC 14 but the excavation was finished soon after they appeared since the focus was on the Iron Age I remains. Supervised by KATRI SAARELAINEN, the area was re-opened in 2004 (only parts of square CB 14 including the balk between squares CB 13 and CB 14), 2005 (only the balks BU 13/14, CA/CB 14, CA 13/CB 14 and CA 13/14 were removed), 2007 (remaining work from 2005 was completed, balks BU 13/14, BU/CA 14, CA/CB 14, and CA/CB 13 were removed), and 2008 (squares CA–CC 15 were newly opened and balk CB 13/14 was removed). Excavated remains from the renewed excavations are (besides topsoil)<sup>2</sup> nearly exclusively from Iron Age I period. In the northwestern half of square CC 15, a large, probably quite recent, dump was discovered in 2008. The dump penetrated into the layers of archaeological deposits. Due to this later disturbance excavation in square CC 15 was discontinued.

Although data for this area are rather limited for non-Iron Age I periods the excavations allow a short stratigraphic reconstruction:

Local stratum	Site stratum	Absolute chronology	Walls	Corresponding loci
S0 (topsoil and recent dump)	0			
S1–S5	IV–VI	Iron Age I		
S6	VIII (?)	Middle Bronze Age II/Late Bronze Age I (?)	W3732 (CC 14)	L. 3731 (CC 14)

Table 2.14.1.1. Stratigraphy of area S.

#### Stratum S6

In square CC 14, the fragmentary wall W3732 and next to it fill L. 3731 were found below the Iron Age I strata. Wall W3732 is built with two rows (45 cm) of oblong stones. Four layers of stones (up to 80 cm high) were excavated during the campaign but the bottom of the wall was not reached. Work in this stratum was not continued. It seems that the wall was neither drawn nor photographed due to the fact that excavations were not continued and stratum S6 was not among the main interests of the dig at that time. Pottery in fill L. 3731, which was described by the excavators as destruction debris, can likely be attributed to the Middle Bronze Age II/Late Bronze Age with a high number of bones. Only few Iron Age I sherds were found, likely originating from layers above. The fill may likely be attributed to final Stratum VIII. This could correspond to observations in other parts of Field I (areas J, N, R, S, and U).

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<sup>1</sup> For preliminary published reports cf. FRITZ/MÜNGER 2002, 16; MÜNGER/PAKKALA/ZANGENBERG 2009. It seems (according to the yearly report written by K. SAARELAINEN in 2005) that area S was called now a compilation of the former excavation areas N, R and S. The notation of the relevant strata changed several times during the excavation. We use the stratification nomenclature used during the last excavation season of 2008 and combined it with older references.

<sup>2</sup> Topsoil will be published together with the Iron Age I results.

**2.14.2. Locus List***Locus no.:* L. 3731*Local stratum:* S6*Short description/characterization:* Destruction debris*Description:* Yellowish-brown destruction debris with some pottery, small stones, and a relatively high number of bones. Excavation was finished at the end of the season.*Baskets of locus:* 6986, 6997, 7001, 7010*Upper level:* -60.66*Finds of the locus:* Bones*Index to the text:* p. 489.*Square:* CC 14*Site stratum:* VIII?*Lower level:* -61.31/-61.48*Pottery of the locus:* Middle Bronze Age II/Late Bronze Age, Iron Age I (few)*Index to the plates:**Locus no.:* W3732*Local stratum:* S6*Short description/characterization:* Wall*Description:* Wall running in east-west direction, built with medium and large sized stones. The wall is 1–2 rows (0.55 m) wide.*Baskets of locus:**Upper level:* -60.60*Finds of the locus:**Index to the text:* p. 489.*Square:* CC 14*Site stratum:* VIII?*Lower level:* -61.48*Pottery of the locus:**Index to the plates:*