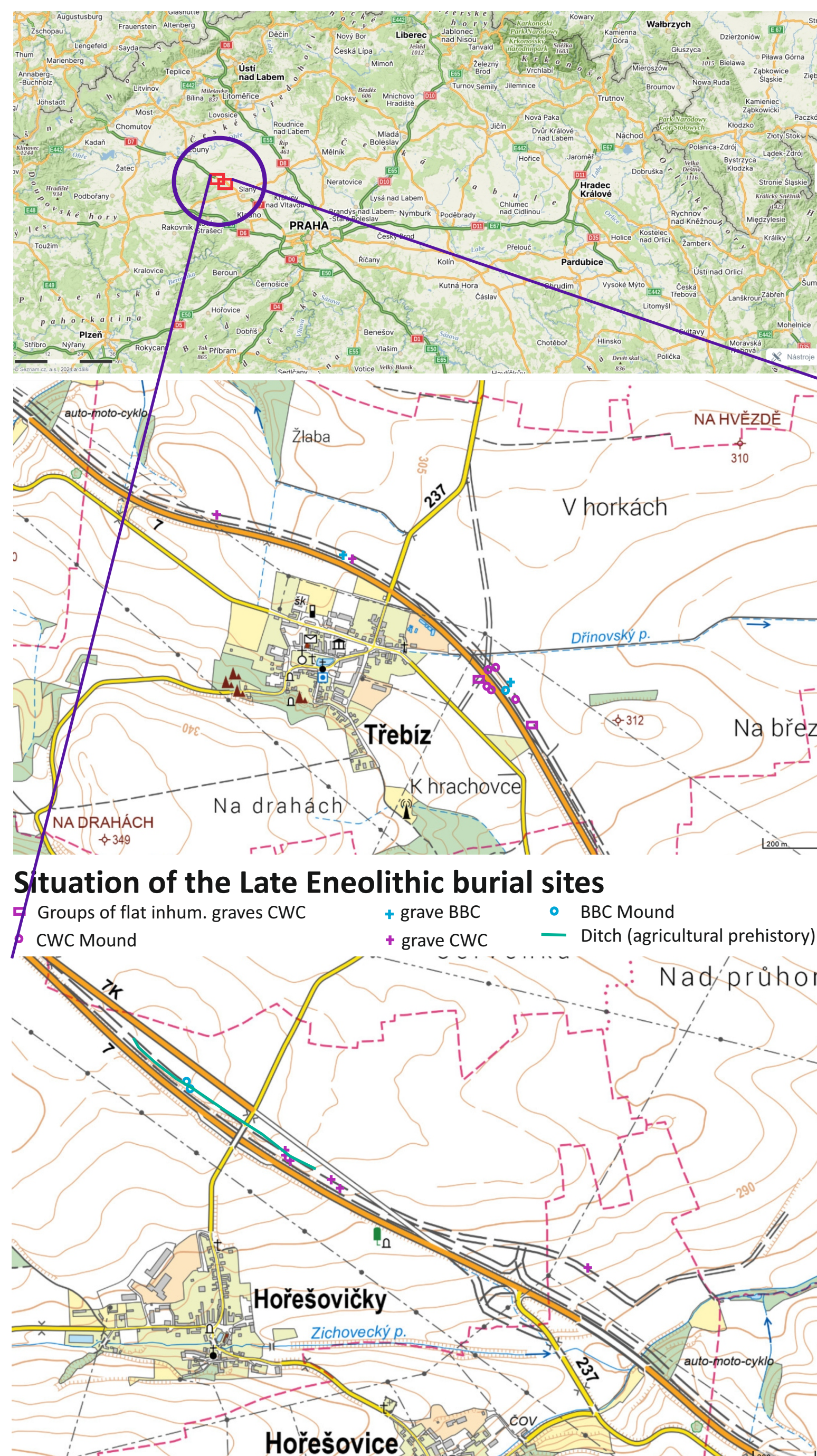


New funeral monuments of the late Eneolithic in Central Bohemia

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Rescue excavation on D7 motorway

Current rescue research in 2024 – 2026 on the construction of the D7 motorway (Kladno district, CZ) between towns Slaný and Panenský Týnec, in west part of Central Bohemia, brings new findings of little-known or completely new types of burial monuments from the Late Eneolithic period.

Funeral komplex, village Třebíz (Kladno)

The construction route in the Třebíz area recorded a series of burial sites from the Late Stone Age (Cord Ware Culture, Bell Beaker Culture), the Early Bronze Age (Únětice Culture), the La Tène Period (4th/3rd century BC), and the Early Middle Ages (10th - 11th centuries) on the same place.

Among the prominent prehistoric monuments is a burial site from the Late Stone Age (Cord Ware Culture - CWC and Bell Beaker Culture - BBC). Both cultures are characterized by very poor preservation of skeletal remains.

In addition to the usual groups of flat skeletal graves, we uncovered three mounds of the Cord Ware culture with chamber graves and a variable wooden structure with interesting wooden details in the area of village Třebíz and probably two other mounds (no. 4, 5) or a cult area next to them. There is one mound of the BBC with rich finds.

CWC is represented by:

- 1) scattered graves (2),
- 2) groups of flat graves (2 - a total of 6 graves),
- 3) funerary mounds 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been explored. The group of mounds is concentrated east of the village of Třebíz in a slightly undulating landscape on a flat elevations of 349 m above sea level (Na Draháč) and 312 m above sea level (unnamed). The CWC mounds have very clearly visible structural elements in the form of perimeter palisades made of longitudinally split logs (mounds 1 and 3). Mound 4 and the object (mound 5? - cult object?) have a simple perimeter trough.

BBC graves are found scattered in several places as solitaires and on the same place as mounds of CWC are two mounds graves of BBC.

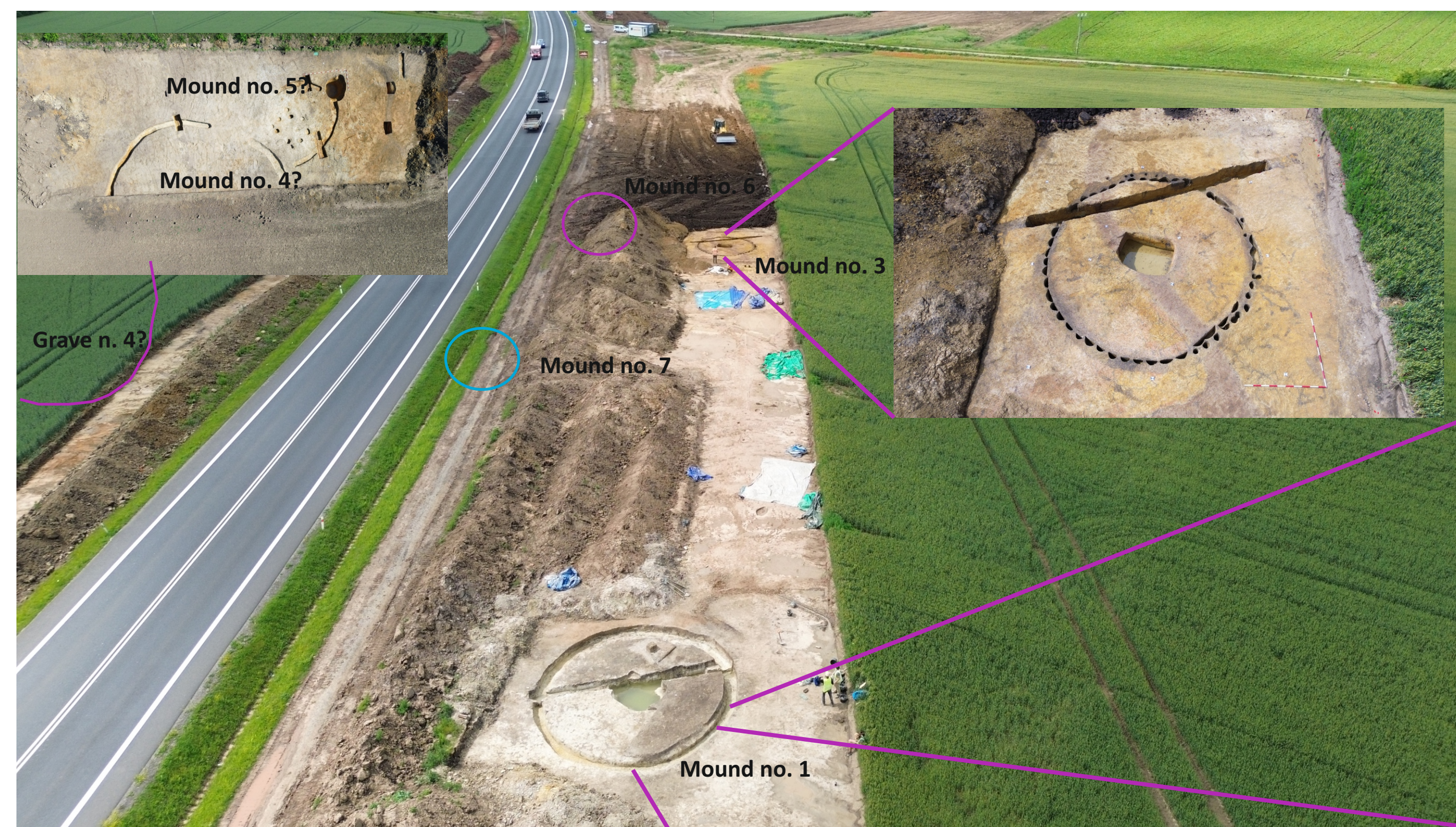
Funeral komplex, village Hořešovice/Hořešovičky (Kladno)

In the area of villages Hořešovice and Hořešovičky we discovered CWC flat graves (6) scattered over wide area, one with rich equipment with f.e. shell decorations

BBC unusual cremation graves (probably mounds) of the Bell Beaker culture (2) with a burnt wooden structure – a palisade covered by a doubt. One circle is without grave. Second has central grave and marks of secondary opening. Inside are three BBC vessels. which were located within a larger area with a ditch enclosure in a dominant position on the flat top of a hill.

The discovered funeral sites clearly indicate the placement of funerary monument complexes on flat elevations with a good view of the landscape. These monuments are directly connected to other burial grounds from the Early Bronze Age, the La Tène period and the Early Middle Ages and they point to the continuity of burial sites throughout prehistory.

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Research area of the Eneolithic burial site near Třebíz in 2024, Probable mound no. 4 CWC? (grave is outside the research area) and with a perimeter trough and mound no. 5? with a columnar structure, rectangular in plan, inside the trough enclosure. Alternatively, it may be a cult object



Plan of split logs in the ditch of Mound no. 1

Cross-section of the structures of the perimeter ditch of Mound no. 1



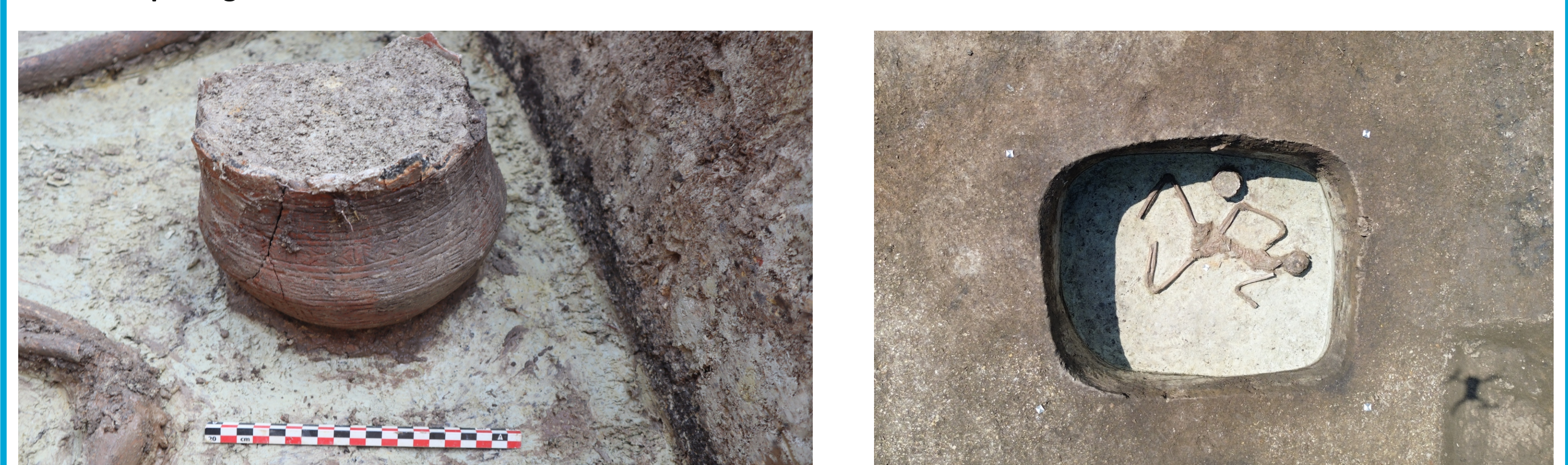
Mound no. 1 CWC with a central inhumation grave in a chamber with a wooden ceiling that collapsed, alms offerings (amphora, cup, flint axe, stone blade, approx. 38 pieces of silicite chips)



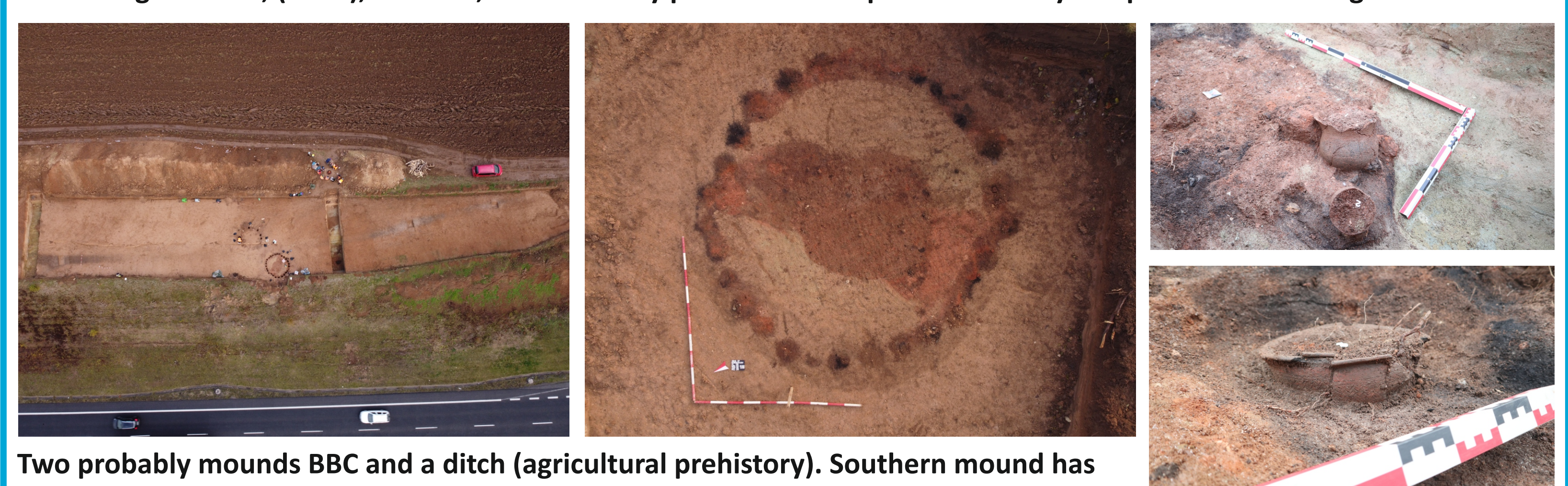
An example one of inhumation graves of the CWC with two vessels (amphora, jug)



Mound no. 7 BBC with a central inhumation grave, with two vessels, flint arrow head, stone hammer, wrist protector, stone sharpening set



Skeleton grave BBC, (male), solitaire, unusual body position. Older phase KZP. Only a cup and a silicite fragment are



Two probably mounds BBC and a ditch (agricultural prehistory). Southern mound has central grave with three vessels and reopened central space.

