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Bulk Stable Isotope Analyses of ^{14}C Dated Carbonized Crusts on the Earliest Potteries of North-eastern Europe

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Abstract

This paper presents bulk stable isotope ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, C/N ratio) measurements of ^{14}C dated carbonized crusts on 6th and 5th millennium cal BC pottery from Finland and north-western Russia. Based on this data, it explores the differences in the origins of crusts attached on the inner and outer surfaces of vessels, and the changes in dietary practices and pottery use. It is argued that during the earliest phase of pottery use mostly terrestrial ingredients were processed in the vessels, and aquatic resources became visible centuries later during the 5th millennium cal BC.

Keywords: north-eastern Europe, Neolithic, pottery, bulk stable isotopes, AMS ^{14}C dating, foodcrusts

INTRODUCTION

Dietary reconstructions based on the analyses of carbonized crusts attached on prehistoric pottery and the effects the compositions of these residues have on the reliability of radiocarbon dates have been lively discussed during the recent years. Due to the lack of data, the earliest potteries from north-eastern Europe have not been involved in this discussion.

Studies on the Stone Age subsistence in this area have suffered from inadequate source material of the prehistoric flora and fauna. Hardly any non-charred skeletal or other organic remains have preserved under normal conditions due to the acidic soils prevalent in the region (Ukkonen 2001:13; Ahola et al. 2016). Therefore, the fragmentary assemblages of burnt bones, the radically fewer charred plant remains (Vanhanen and Pesonen 2016), the ^{13}C values of AMS-dated pottery crusts (Pesonen et al. 2012), and lipid analyses (Cramp et al. 2014; Pääkkönen et al. 2016) have been the main source for evaluating the utilized resources.

Within this study, 23 samples of charred crusts attached on 6th and 5th millennia cal BC pottery from Finland and north-western Russia (Figures 1 and S1) were analyzed for their bulk stable isotopes ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, C/N ratio) by isotope ratio mass spectrometry (IRMS) and ^{14}C dated (AMS). The radiocarbon dates have been published earlier (Nordqvist and Mökkönen 2016, 2018; Tarasov et al. 2017) but the bulk isotope data

is discussed here for the first time. The data is supplemented with four recently published analyses (Nordqvist and German 2018). Based on this data, the article aims to understand the differences between carbonized crusts on the outer and inner surfaces of vessels, and to estimate the contents of foodcrusts, and the development of dietary habits and ingredients processed in vessels.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sites

The analyzed samples originate from originally shore-bound hunter-gatherer sites located between 60° and 66° northern latitude. Depending on the local environmental history, especially the rate of isostatic rebound of Earth's crust in relation to changes in water level, the duration of settlement episodes has varied greatly at the sites. In general, the sites by the northern Gulf of Bothnia have been affected by swift isostatic land uplift (approximately 12 mm/¹⁴C yr), and the settlement episodes by the sea shore have lasted typically less than a century (the Vepsänkangas site), although could have prolonged at the sites followed by post-marine habitation in riverine settings (the Latokangas and Tainiari sites). In other parts of the research area, changes in the natural settings have been of a different magnitude and enabled prolonged occupation.

In the northern Gulf of Bothnia, the Vepsänkangas site and the highest habitation zone of the Latokangas site are related with Säräisniemi 1 Ware, the latter with Sperrings 1 Ware, too. The Tainiari site has yielded three pottery types (Sperrings 1 and 2 and Säräisniemi 1 Wares). In the Lake Saimaa area, the Kivimäki site is connected with Sperrings 2 Ware, whereas Sätös is a multiperiod site with asbestos-tempered Sperrings 2, Kaunissaari, Typical Comb, and Pöljä Wares found at the same elevation. The sites in the eastern Gulf of Finland have been recurrently used: the Selänkangas and Kelonen sites are associated with Sperrings 1 and 2 Wares and younger components. Similarly, most of the sites in the Karelian Republic are multiperiod locations. Only the Uya III site belongs purely to the context of Sperrings 1 Ware, and the Vorob'i 4 site has produced almost exclusively Pit-Comb Ware.

Carbonized crusts

The previously unpublished material consists of 23 samples of charred crusts from equally many vessels (half-egg-shaped, cylindrical upper part) found at 11 locations in Finland and north-western Russia, and is supplemented by four recently published samples (Nordqvist and German 2018) from one site in Lake Onega, Russia (Figure 1, Tables 1 and S1). The samples originate from five areas: the northern Gulf of Bothnia (7 samples), the eastern Gulf of Finland (5 samples), the Ancient Lake Saimaa (3 samples), Lake Onega (7 samples) and the White Sea (5 samples). The material was gathered from the collections of the National Museum of Finland (Helsinki, Finland) and the Karelian Research Centre, Russian Academy of Sciences (Petrozavodsk, Russia) and derives from assemblages excavated during the 20th century.

The size of the samples varied between 40 and 250 mg of charred crust, the average being 90 mg. In general, material (foodcrust) was not abundantly available among the studies collections. However, the rather equal shares of analyzed inner and outer residues correspond roughly to the observed occurrence of crusts. In general, residues on the outer surfaces seemed to be less-thick and more coating-like layers in comparison with more intense black-colored crusts on the inner surfaces. Most of the crusts were considered to have formed during cooking episodes, excluding one crust-like black coating interpreted as paint (GrA-63581).

Bulk Stable Isotope Analysis and Radiocarbon Dating

Both the AMS ^{14}C datings and the bulk stable isotope and atomic ratio measurements (IRMS; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, %C, %N in weight) were conducted at the Centre for Isotope Research (University of Groningen), the Netherlands, during 2015–2016 (Table 1). ^{14}C dates were calibrated with OxCal v4.3.2 (Bronk Ramsey 2009) and the IntCal13 atmospheric curve (Reimer et al. 2013).

In the laboratory, the following Acid-Base-Acid (ABA) pre-treatment was applied for all samples ($>30\text{ mg}$)¹: an ABA pre-treatment with temperature restrictions; 4% HCl at 80° C at least for 4 hours, rinsed with decarbonized water to neutral Ph, added 1% NaOH solution at 80° C for a maximum 30 minutes, rinsed again to neutral Ph with decarbonized water, $<1\%$ HCl at room temperature, rinsed again to neutral Ph with decarbonized water, and dried in oven at 85° C.

The samples were analyzed ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, %C, %N) by combustion in IsotopeCube NCS by Elementar coupled to IRMS (Isoprime 100). Atomic C/N ratios were calculated from the elemental concentrations. ^{14}C measurements were conducted with 2.5MV Tandetron, model '4130' manufactured by High Voltage Engineering Europe.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Stable Isotope Analyses

Experimental studies have shown that stable isotope values and C/N ratios do not change significantly during heating and charring, and therefore, foodcrusts can be used in reconstructing the past dietary habits (Philippsen 2012, 2015; Yoshida et al. 2013; Fernandes et al. 2014). Even though the level of post-depositional alteration is still an unknown factor (Heron and Craig 2015), the samples that are outliers when compared with isotopic values and ratios of different food sources have been interpreted as mixtures of different ingredients (Philippsen 2012:123, 2015; Kunikita et al. 2017a). Still, as the measured values tend to fit within the ranges of 'original ingredients', changes in isotopic compositions have been usually taken to indicate changes in the processed resources (Kunikita et al. 2017b).

¹ Method description according to laboratory coordinator S.W.L. Palstra, Centre for Isotope Research, University of Groningen, 12/21/2017.

Reference material providing the isotope values of the Neolithic fauna and flora is not available from the research area. Stable isotope values have slightly altered in nature over time, and due to fossil fuel effect the modern $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values are depleted in comparison to pre-industrial values in terrestrial samples by 2‰ and in marine samples by 1‰ (Hellevang and Aagaard 2015). The comparison between charred crusts of unknown ingredients and modern isotope values is further complicated, since the different tissues of the same organism produce divergent isotope values. Fat, in particular, has depleted $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values and similar (Nadoto et al. 2006) or enriched $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values (Germain et al. 2012) compared to muscle of the same mammals. Even so, it may be assumed that the trophic levels and general isotopic ratios connected with different species and environments have remained relative to each other irrespective of the fluctuating values. Consequently, our archaeological data can be tentatively analyzed against the modern reference material (Figure 3), which in this case is available for the Finnish part of the research area only.² In particular, marine fish and seals from the White Sea area are likely to have higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and less depleted $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values in comparison to the reference data from the Finnish inland lakes and the Baltic Sea.

Carbonized crusts on the inner and outer surfaces³ show highly significant statistical differences and form two partly overlapping groups (Table 1, Figure 2a–b)⁴. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of all the crusts cover a similar range, and significant differences were found in other values. The $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of the internal crusts ($m=8.6\text{‰}$) have more than a half of the magnitude of those of the outer surface crusts ($m=3.39\text{‰}$), and the C/N ratios of the outer surface material ($m=14.4\text{‰}$) were about 60% higher than those of the inner crusts ($m=8.5\text{‰}$). This indicates the divergent origins of the crusts found in the different parts of the vessels' surface.

The tendency of internal crusts to have elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values and lower C/N ratios point towards animal and aquatic origins of residues (Kunikita et al. 2013), while outer crusts' tendency towards moderate or depleted $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values is characteristic for terrestrial ingredients. Especially, the higher C/N ratio of outer crusts suggests substantial input of plant ingredients, or more likely, that they consist largely of soot and other substances from the firewood (Miyata et al. 2011; Philippsen 2012:123,125; Yoshida et al. 2013; Teetaert et al. 2017).

² Reference data from Russian Karelia is not known to the authors.

³ In the analysis, one typologically diagnostic sherd (GrA-63515) has been excluded from the figures and discussion (both AMS and bulk isotopes), because the dating gave 3.0–4.1 ka BP younger result in comparison to the general dating of the pottery type and the other material at the site. Reason for this difference cannot be pinpointed. Another sherd (GrA-54331) produced younger dating than expected, but in this case, typological mixing between Pit-Comb and Comb-Pit Ware is possible (see also Nordqvist and German 2018). This sample is included in the graphs and discussion.

⁴ In T-test of independent samples, the difference between the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of crusts attached on the inner surfaces ($n=15$, $m=-27.13$, $sd=1.56$) and those on the outer surfaces ($n=18$, $m=-26.81$, $sd=1.22$) proved to be insignificant, conditions; $t(26)=-0.62$, $p=0.543$ (two tails). Instead, the difference between the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of crusts attached on the inner surfaces ($n=15$, $m=8.60$, $sd=3.71$) and those on the outer surfaces ($n=18$, $m=3.39$, $sd=1.75$) proved to be highly significant, conditions; $t(19)=4.84$, $p=0.0001$ (two tails). Also the difference between the C/N ratio of inner crusts ($n=15$, $m=8.5$, $sd=3.00$) compared to those of the outer crusts ($n=18$, $m=14.36$, $sd=5.68$) proved to be highly significant, conditions; $t(27)=-3.72$, $p=0.00092$ (two tails).

The sooting impact of flames is further illustrated by the rim sherds, which are mostly grouped between the values of the inner and outer body sherds (Figure 2a–b). This indicates that the residues near the rim are prone to the effects of exterior charring. Thus, only the inner surface residues, especially on the lower parts of vessel's body, can be thought to represent more homogeneous foodcrusts (Kunikita et al. 2013, 2017a; Teetaert et al. 2017), which allow the identification of terrestrial ingredients without the mixing signal of the residues produced by firewood.

The inner surface residues (n=16) were studied for detecting temporal variation in the ingredients involved in the foodcrust formation (Figure 3). Terrestrial isotope values are present, respectively, in both samples of Sperrings 1 Ware (Lake Onega and the northern Baltic Sea) as well as in one sample of Säräisniemi 1 Ware (the White Sea), Pit-Comb Ware (the White Sea) and Sperrings 2 Ware (the northern Baltic Sea) each. The $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, that fit into the modern aquatic values from Finland, are present in ten samples: Säräisniemi 1 Ware (n=1, the Gulf of Bothnia), Sperrings 2 Ware (n=3, Lake Saimaa), and Pit-Comb Ware (n=6, Lake Onega, the White Sea). Only the Pit-Comb Ware samples clearly correspond to the isotopic values of modern seals. It is noteworthy, that all outer crusts are characterized by terrestrial bulk isotope values.

The internal crusts of Sperrings 1 Ware (n=2) have low nitrogen values ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$, ‰) and moderate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values suggesting a C_3 plant or herbivore origin, whereas the notably high C/N ratios (17.2, 12.6 versus 5.6–10.4 in other inner residues) similar to the values of the outer crusts (see Figure 2b), point towards a plant origin (Philippsen 2012:127–128; Fraser et al. 2013; Yoshida et al. 2013; Piezonka et al. 2016; Oras et al. 2017). However, the high C/N ratios have been recorded in connection to processing of seal fat and fish oils (Heron et al. 2013; 2015), together with aquatic $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, which is not the case here. Another explanation is that these high C/N ratios might be connected to processing of terrestrial fats.

Only one sample representing the two oldest pottery types displays aquatic values. This sample of Säräisniemi 1 Ware dating to the mid-5th millennium cal BC from coastal Gulf of Bothnia (GrA-63480) indicates freshwater fish origin. On the contrary, the bulk stable isotope values of the inner surface crusts from younger pottery types show mainly aquatic values (Figure 3). Pit-Comb Ware from Lake Onega and the White Sea display values connected to freshwater seals and fishes, and one sample (GrA-63681) is likely to indicate the mixing of aquatic and terrestrial ingredients. Also, the values of Sperrings 2 Ware from Lake Saimaa and the Gulf of Bothnia indicate freshwater fish origin. It is remarkable, that clearly marine isotope values are missing, even if over 60% of the samples originate from the seaside. Whether this is the result of the mixing of ingredients or post-depositional alteration, cannot be resolved based on the present data.

Shift from terrestrial to aquatic resources

Studies on stable isotopes and lipids have shown the connection between the oldest pottery (of eastern origin) and the processing of aquatic resources in the southern Baltic Sea area and the Baltic countries (Craig et al. 2011; Philippsen and Meadows 2014; Heron et al. 2015; Oras et al. 2017). In Finland, the adoption of

pottery has been connected to specialization to maritime resources, as judged by osteological data (Siiriäinen 1981; Nunez 1990).

In the present data, the clearly aquatic $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values ($>7\text{‰}$, including shellfish; Mänttari 2011) become visible around the time the Sperrings 2 and Pit-Comb Wares appear, c. 5700 BP (c. 4500 cal BC) (Figure 4a–b). This suggests that mainly terrestrial products were processed in the ceramic containers during the first half a millennium following the pottery adoption. The shift in isotopes indicates either change in the general subsistence base or in the use of pottery. The increase of aquatic $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values makes the difference between the inner and outer crusts increasingly clear (Figure 4b).

Based on Stone Age osteological data, some 40 to 50% of identified mammalian bones from the Finnish inland Lake District and the Karelian Isthmus are terrestrial species (Ukkonen 1992; Mökkönen 2001; Seitsonen et al. 2017).⁵ The corresponding figure at the sites located by the Baltic Sea coast in Finland is less than 5% (Ukkonen 1992). Because fish bones dominate the osteological assemblages throughout the Stone Age (Mökkönen 2001; Seitsonen et al. 2017), the share of aquatic isotope values should be more pronounced if the processing of aquatic products would have been the key factor in adoption of pottery.

A delayed shift towards the intensified utilization of freshwater resources after the adoption of pottery has been proposed in the Upper-Volga region, central Russia, during the 6th and 5th millennia cal BC (Hartz et al. 2012; Piezonka et al. 2016), although these studies do not mention if the analyzed residues originate from the inner or outer surfaces. These results stand in stark contrast to the results acquired in more southern parts of the Baltic Sea, which point towards the intense utilization of aquatic resource base from the very beginning of pottery craft (Philippsen and Meadows 2014; Kriiska et al. 2017).

Studies on lipid biomarkers and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of fatty acids found in the organic residues on Neolithic pottery from the coastal south-western and southern Finland show that the residues on Early Comb Ware (mostly Early Comb Ware, style I:1, i.e. Sperrings 1 Ware, 5200–4450 cal BC)⁶ are mixtures of ruminants (elk, forest reindeer) and brackish water species processed in the same vessels (Pääkkönen et al. 2016). In the younger pottery types (Jäkärilä Ware, 4300–3900 cal BC; Typical- and Late Comb Ware, 3950–3250 cal BC) the residues originate chiefly from Baltic Sea organisms even if some ruminants were present, too (Hopia et al. 2003; Cramp et al. 2014; Pääkkönen et al. 2016).

The results presented here are in line with the previous lipid-based studies, and set the shift towards aquatically oriented use of pottery vessels to the mid-5th millennia cal BC. Based on the data, this change seems to have taken place rather coevally in different parts of Finland and north-western Russia. Still, it is

⁵ No corresponding osteological data exists from the Karelian Republic.

⁶ In the original study (Pääkkönen et al. 2016), only term Early Comb Ware is used indicating both older and younger styles (Styles I:1 and I:2, i.e. Sperrings 1 and Sperrings 2 Wares, respectively; c. 5200–3900 cal BC). Based on the general composition of finds at the sampled sites as described in achieve materials, at least two-thirds are Sperrings 1 Ware.

probable that aquatic resources were involved in the earliest pottery use in some regions of northern Europe, too, as suggested by marine $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of some ^{14}C dated crusts of north Norwegian Säräisniemi 1 Ware (Pesonen et al. 2012).

AMS ^{14}C Dating

Currently, the magnitudes of past reservoir effects in the research area remain basically unstudied. Instead, marine reservoir effect is present in the Barents Sea (Pesonen et al. 2012; Piezonka 2015) and the southern Baltic Sea areas (Piličiauskas and Heron 2015; Kriiska et al. 2017). Based on pre-bomb samples, marine reservoir effect of less than 100 ^{14}C yr has been estimated for the northern Gulf of Bothnia and less than 200 ^{14}C yr for the Gulf of Finland (Lougheed et al. 2013). The offset caused by freshwater reservoir effect has been assumed to be rather insignificant in the inland lake areas due to the lack of substantial limestone deposits in the region (Pesonen et al. 2012).

As paired samples of different origin from the same sherds or from the closed archaeological contexts are not included in our data, the question of reservoir effects cannot be answered. The terrestrial bulk isotope signal of the dates older than c. 5700 BP, nevertheless, indicates that the oldest dates presented here are rather free from reservoir offsets. Instead, the dating of the increased aquatic input in pottery may be influenced by reservoir effects.

CONCLUSIONS

This study explores bulk stable isotopes of carbonized organic crusts attached on 6th and 5th millennium cal BC pottery from Finland and north-western Russia. Bulk stable isotope analyses presented here demonstrate that the inner and outer surface residues are mostly of different origin. Only the first mentioned can be comprehended as rather homogeneous foodcrusts, while the latter consist of a mixture of firewood soot and some food residues.

The ^{14}C dated isotope data provides new insight for understanding the adoption and use of pottery in north-eastern Europe during the late 6th and 5th millennia cal BC. In contrast to the traditional scenario proposing the processing of aquatic products as the main reason behind the adoption of pottery technology, the present results argue for the processing of mainly terrestrial resources during the earliest phase of pottery use.

The change towards more intensified processing of aquatic ingredients in ceramic vessels took place around 5700 BP (c. 4500 cal BC). This seems to have taken place rather coevally in large areas in Finland and north-western Russia, and was coupled with the appearance of new pottery types: Sperrings 2 and Pit -Comb Wares. Even if the osteological material is dominated by aquatic species throughout the Stone Age, none of the residues in the present data exhibit a clear marine component.

Although the presence or absence of reservoir effect cannot be confirmed based on the current data, the terrestrial isotope values for the oldest dated samples suggests that the age proposed for the earliest pottery in Finland and north-western Russia can be regarded fairly reliable. Increasing use of aquatic ingredients in pottery most likely introduces some reservoir offsets to ^{14}C dating, although their magnitude cannot be estimated based on the current data.

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Illustrations

Figure 1. The sites with 6th and 5th millennium cal BC pottery included in the study. Sites: 1 – Uya III, 2 – Sheltozero V, 3 – Kelonen, 4 – Tainiari, 5 – Selänkangas, 6 – Latokangas, 7 – Vepsänkangas, 8 – Besovy Sledki II (and Besovy Sledki), 9 – Vorob’i 4, 10 – Kivimäki, and 11 – Sätös. Vector map data by Natural Earth (illustration: T Mökkönen).

Figure 2. Crusts attached on the inner and outer surfaces in different parts of vessels: (a) ratios of stable bulk isotopes, and (b) elemental concentrations (by weight). For data, see Table 1 (graphs: T Mökkönen).

Figure 3. Bulk stable isotopes of the inner surface foodcrusts according to pottery type and the outer surface crusts of all pottery types. Modern ranges of aquatic species from Finland: Salmon = from the Gulf of Finland and northern Baltic Sea (scale; Torniainen et al. 2013, n=488), Seal 1 = Saimaa ridged seal from the Lake Saimaa area (muscle and liver; Auttila et al. 2014, n=54), Seal 2 = ridged seal and grey seal from the northern Baltic Sea (plasma, liver and muscle; Mänttari 2011, n=100), Fish 1 = fish from small lakes in central Finland (fin and muscle; Saari 2014, n=604), Fish 2 = fish from the northern Baltic Sea (muscle; Sinisalo et al. 2006, n=130). Terrestrial = modern $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of terrestrial mammals (muscle, values from Pääkkönen et al. accepted, n=47). (graph: T Mökkönen).

Figure 4. Dating of crust samples and their $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values presented according to (a) pottery type, (b) crusts attached on the inner and outer surfaces in different parts of vessels. (graphs: T Mökkönen).

Table 1. Results of bulk stable isotope analyses and ^{14}C AMS datings of charred crusts from Finland and north-western Russia. $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values given with the precision of $\pm 0.1\text{‰}$. All samples represent individual vessels. $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, %C and %N values previously unpublished, except the samples from Vorob'i 4. Collections: KM – the National Museum of Finland (Helsinki, Finland), № – Archaeological Museum of the Institute of Language, Literature and History, Karelian Research Centre, Russian Academy of Sciences (Petrozavodsk, Russia). References: 1. Nordqvist and German 2018; 2. Nordqvist and Mökkönen 2016; 3. Nordqvist and Mökkönen 2018; 4. Tarasov et al. 2017. * Erroneous result; ^P Black paint; ^R Red paint underneath the crust.

Lab-index	Site	Pottery type	Sampling position	Sample total weight (mg)	Convention al ¹⁴ C age BP	cal BC, Max (2σ)	cal BC, Min (2σ)	δ ¹³ C	δ ¹⁵ N	%C	%N	C/N ratio	Sample	Country	Water system	Reference
GrA-63566	Uya III	Sperrings 1	Body, outer	50	6225 ± 40	5304	5059	-28.3	1.3	27.4	3.0	9.1	№ 2437/315, 666	RUS	Lake Onega	2, 3, 4
GrA-63581 ^P	Uya III	Sperrings 1	Rim, outer	40	6160 ± 40	5217	5000	-26.6	5.5	48.7	4.4	11.1	№ 2437/445	RUS	Lake Onega	2, 3, 4
GrA-63587	Sheltozero V	Sperrings 1	Body, inner	100	5870 ± 40	4839	4617	-27.2	3.1	51.7	3.0	17.2	№ 803/-	RUS	Lake Onega	2, 3, 4
GrA-63528	Kelonen	Sperrings 1	Body, outer	40	5835 ± 40	4794	4560	-26.6	2.8	23.2	3.7	6.3	KM 8699:53	RUS	Gulf of Finland	2
GrA-63483	Tainiario	Sperrings 1	Rim, inner	160	5775 ± 40	4720	4528	-27.8	4.8	51.5	4.1	12.6	KM 22398:920	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63525 ^R	Selänkangas	Sperrings 1	Rim, outer	110	5639 ± 40	4546	4366	-25.0	6.6	55.2	5.1	10.8	KM 6114:275	RUS	Gulf of Finland	2
GrA-63515 ^{R*}	Latokangas	Sperrings 1	Body, inner	40	2105 ± 30	201	46	-30.5	3.5	38.8	2.3	16.9	KM 24750:715	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63484	Vepsänkangas	Säräisniemi 1	Body, inner and outer	70	6135 ± 40	5213	4965	-26.6	1.3	18.7	2.3	8.1	KM 30561:802	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63485	Latokangas	Säräisniemi 1	Rim, outer	70	6010 ± 40	5000	4796	-24.9	2.0	43.1	2.8	15.4	KM 24377:218+245	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63547	Besovy Sledki II	Säräisniemi 1	Rim, inner	90	5775 ± 70	4783	4465	-26.8	5.6	33.3	5.5	6.1	№ 149/511	RUS	White Sea	2, 3, 4
GrA-63480	Tainiario	Säräisniemi 1	Rim, inner	70	5735 ± 70	4691	4486	-26.4	7.7	56.2	7.8	7.2	KM 22398:235	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63486 ^R	Latokangas	Säräisniemi 1	Rim, outer	200	5025 ± 35	3944	3712	-27.9	3.2	73.2	3.8	19.3	KM 25731:385	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63681	Besovy Sledki II	Pit-Comb Ware	Rim, inner	60	5635 ± 40	4542	4367	-24.1	8.4	40.0	6.6	6.1	№ 149/152	RUS	White Sea	2, 3, 4
GrA-63549	Besovy Sledki	Pit-Comb Ware	Rim, outer	50	5550 ± 40	4458	4338	-26.3	4.3	62.2	4.5	13.8	№ 366/1, 45	RUS	White Sea	2, 3, 4
GrA-63548	Besovy Sledki II	Pit-Comb Ware	Rim, inner	120	5410 ± 40	4348	4076	-28.2	1.4	45.1	8.1	5.6	№ 149/124	RUS	White Sea	2, 3, 4
GrA-68145	Vorob'i 4	Pit-Comb Ware	Rim, inner		5360 ± 70	4341	4005	-27.2	12.0	16.9	2.8	6.0	Sample 59	RUS	Lake Onega	1
GrA-67742	Vorob'i 4	Pit-Comb Ware	Body, inner		5135 ± 45	4040	3799	-24.9	12.6	39.6	6.0	6.6	Sample 182	RUS	Lake Onega	1
GrA-68144	Vorob'i 4	Pit-Comb Ware	Rim, inner		5030 ± 60	3961	3700	-30.6	12.2	9.4	0.9	10.4	Sample 54	RUS	Lake Onega	1
GrA-68144	Vorob'i 4	Pit-Comb Ware	Body, inner		5000 ± 40	3945	3665	-28.1	13.3	19.0	2.5	7.6	Sample 271	RUS	Lake Onega	1
GrA-64331	Besovy Sledki II	Pit-Comb Ware	Bottom, inner	80	4785 ± 45	3653	3381	-27.4	14.0	1.9	0.2	9.5	№ 149/431	RUS	White Sea	2, 3, 4
GrA-62077	Kivimäki	Sperrings 2	Body, inner	180	5680 ± 40	4669	4400	-29.2	9.7	47.1	5.6	8.4	KM 24465:17d	FIN	Lake Saimaa	2
GrA-62176	Kivimäki	Sperrings 2	Body, inner	50	5675 ± 40	4650	4374	-27.0	8.5	43.5	6.0	7.3	KM 24465:206	FIN	Lake Saimaa	2
GrA-63478	Tainiario	Sperrings 2	Rim, inner	60	5615 ± 40	4526	4358	-25.6	6.1	36.6	5.5	6.7	KM 22398:5a	FIN	Gulf of Bothnia	2
GrA-63527	Selänkangas	Sperrings 2	Rim, outer	50	5550 ± 40	4458	4338	-26.6	4.2	46.2	3.3	14.0	KM 6253:214	RUS	Gulf of Finland	2
GrA-63526	Selänkangas	Sperrings 2	Body, outer	250	5490 ± 40	4448	4260	-28.3	0.9	72.8	2.7	27.0	KM 6114:275	RUS	Gulf of Finland	2
GrA-63524	Selänkangas	Sperrings 2	Rim, outer	80	5365 ± 40	4329	4056	-27.5	5.2	62.3	4.6	13.5	KM 6114:198	RUS	Gulf of Finland	2
GrA-62218	Sätös	Asbestos-tempered Sperrings 2	Body, inner	50	5150 ± 35	4041	3808	-26.6	9.9	60.7	6.6	9.2	KM 28153:1445	FIN	Lake Saimaa	2