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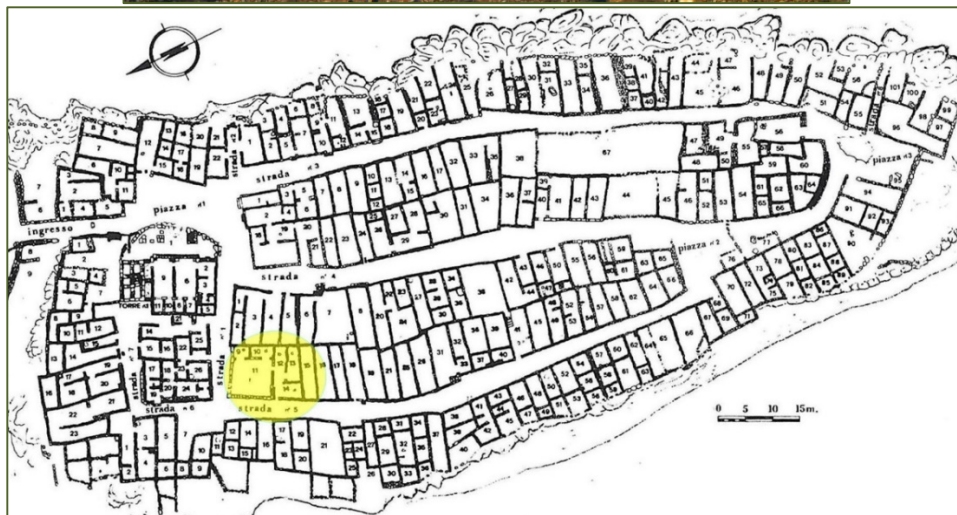
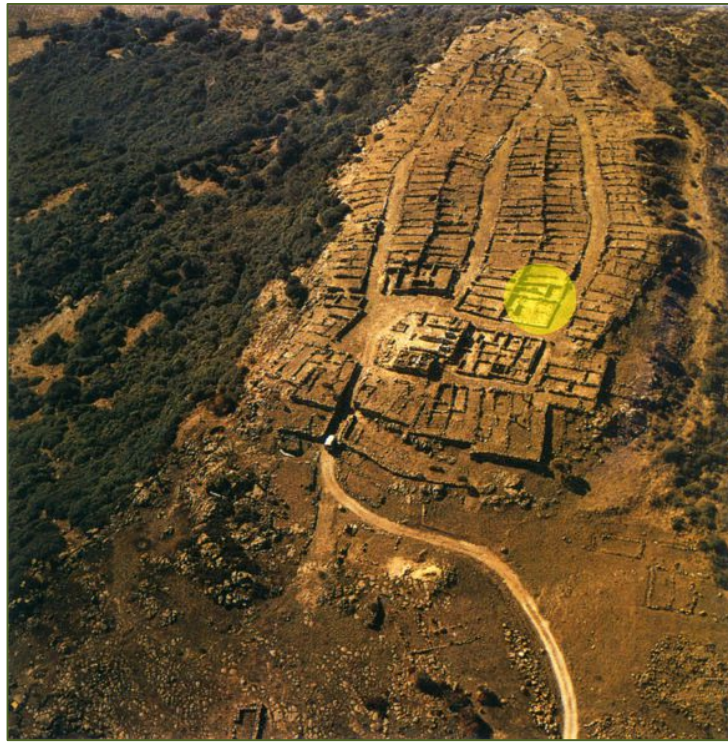
Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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■ Casa Fantar

The 'casa Fantar' (from the name of the archaeologists Muhammad and Dalila Fantar who discovered it in 1966) is in the NW corner of the insula B (figs. 1-2).



Figs. 1, 2 - The settlement of Monte Sirai: highlighted "casa Fantar" (BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 11; drawn up. GUIRGUIS 2013, fig. 11).

It is a dwelling with a courtyard, with five rooms and an entrance hallway, probably built on two floors (figs. 3-4). A small room near the entrance was probably a store-room or a workshop-shop.



Figs. 3, 4 - The 'casa Fantar' (photo Unicity S.p.A.; GUIRGUIS 2013, fig. 19).

There is still limestone channelling (fig. 5) that took water used in the house to the street that separates *insula* B from *insula* A (fig. 6).



Figs. 5, 6 - Limestone channel and its connection with the road (photo Unicity S.p.A.).

The use of large square blocks in supporting walls is also significant (fig. 7).



Fig. 7 - Supporting wall in square blocks (photo Unicity S.p.A.).

It was built in the first half of the 3rd century B.C.

The 'courtyard' house, of which there is much documentation in the Nuragic age, was well defined here (as in Monte Sirai and in other Punic houses), until it became a type deeply rooted in Sardinian domestic architecture.

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