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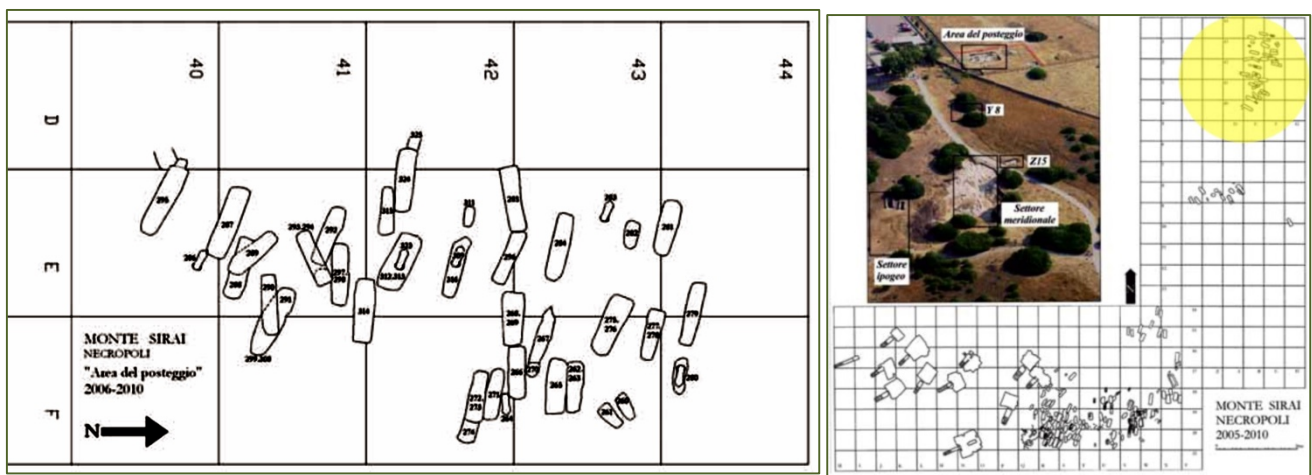
Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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North-eastern Necropolis (Parking area)

In the parking area of the current site, connected with the custody, guides and optimisation of the Monte Sirai archaeological site there is a further area of the necropolis stretching northwards. There are several types of the Carthaginian era, between the final part of the 6th and the 4th century BC, alongside chambers used for inhumation in the hypogeum necropolis.



Figs. 1, 2 - Necropolis in the parking area (GUIRGUIS 2011, figs. 3-4).

There are several rituals connected in various ways to incineration, from the same period. There are tufa rock benches with collective *ustrinum* (fig. 3), i.e. a specific place where the corpses were cremated before being placed in the pit tombs.



Fig. 3 - Sectors arranged as collective *ustrinum* (GUIRGUIS 2012, fig. 6).

From a historical and cultural point of view, it is therefore possible to hypothesise the presence, at the same time as the Carthaginian centres linked to chamber tombs dug into the rock, of other populations and social classes: some of them, partly natives, are still linked to previous Phoenician traditions. The site was also frequented in very ancient times, as levels relating to the Sardinian eneolithic culture of Monte Claro have also been found not far from the Punic necropolis (that would also show a special approach to allocation of tombs on high ground).

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