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Hermed sender jeg til orientering manuskript vedrørende neutronaktivering af neolitisk keramik. Jeg holdt foredrag om dette emne i Mariehamn i oktober. En endelig publikation kommer i tidsskriftet ISKOS, og jeg skal sende særtryk, når det foreligger.

Jeg vedlægger også dataudskrifterne med analyseresultaterne fra jeres prøver, hvis I selv ønsker at arbejde videre med materialet. Selv agter jeg ikke at fortsætte, idet det tager lang tid at få analyserne lavet, og den statistiske bearbejdning er meget omfattende.

- I jeres brev af 5. januar 1981 omtales 5 skärvor fra Rörvik, men på listerne er der 6. Det skyldes blot at en var gået <sup>to</sup> stykker.

Til slut vil jeg gerne takke for jeres hjælp i denne sag, og jeg er til disposition, hvis I ønsker yderligere oplysninger.

Med venlig hilsen

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	Mean	St.dev.	Correlation															
			Sm	Ce	Lu	Yb	La	Ba	Rb	Na	Th	Hf	Cs	Sc	Fe	Eu	Cr	Co
Sm	.892	.223	1.0															
Ce	1.074	.273	.9	1.0														
Lu	.814	.144	.8	.6	1.0													
Yb	.632	.195	.6	.5	.8	1.0												
La	1.024	.271	.9	1.0	.7	.5	1.0											
Ba	1.109	.258	-.1	-.2	-.0	.2	-.1	1.0										
Rb	1.249	.297	.2	.2	-.0	.2	.2	.4	1.0									
Na	1.367	.262	.3	.1	.2	.2	.2	.4	.3	1.0								
Th	1.297	.423	.6	.9	.4	.4	.8	-.1	.6	.2	1.0							
Hf	.751	.252	.1	-.0	.5	.2	-.0	-.0	-.5	.3	-.1	1.0						
Cs	1.120	.278	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.0	-.2	.2	-.2	-.1	-.4	1.0					
Sc	.938	.212	-.2	-.2	.2	-.1	-.2	-.4	-.5	-.4	-.4	.1	.4	1.0				
Fe	1.079	.242	.1	.1	.2	-.2	.1	-.4	-.5	-.7	-.2	-.0	.2	.7	1.0			
Eu	.934	.165	.3	.3	.4	.1	.4	.0	-.4	-.1	.0	.3	.1	.3	.6	1.0		
Cr	.987	.343	-.3	-.3	.0	-.3	-.3	-.2	-.6	-.5	-.4	.3	.3	.8	.7	.6	1.0	
Co	.952	.351	-.3	-.3	-.0	-.2	-.4	-.3	-.5	-.5	-.5	-.1	.3	.9	.6	.1	.7	1.0

Table 1. Means, standard deviation, and correlations for the variables after the standardization performed at Risø.

Sm	9	0.188	0.230	-0.314	-0.072	-0.083
Ce	10	0.017	0.293	0.066	-0.115	0.039
Lu	11	-0.203	0.107	-0.010	0.183	-0.099
Yb	12	-0.593	0.571	-0.073	0.221	0.275
La	13	-0.550	0.721	-0.189	-0.052	-0.183
Ba	14	-0.087	0.725	0.230	0.226	-0.566
Rb	15	-0.733	0.929	0.123	0.234	-0.199
Na	16	-0.765	0.367	-0.129	0.177	0.354
Th	17	0.188	0.230	-0.314	-0.072	-0.083
Hf	18	0.017	0.293	0.066	-0.115	0.039
Cs	19	-0.203	0.107	-0.010	0.183	-0.099
Sc	20	-0.593	0.571	-0.073	0.221	0.275
Fe	21	-0.550	0.721	-0.189	-0.052	-0.183
Eu	22	-0.087	0.725	0.230	0.226	-0.566
Cr	23	-0.733	0.929	0.123	0.234	-0.199
Co	24	-0.765	0.367	-0.129	0.177	0.354
Var. explained		5.541	4.066	2.055	1.239	1.009
In %		34.6	25.4	12.9	7.7	6.3
Cumulative %		34.6	60.0	73.0	80.7	87.0
Variable		Sorted rotated factor loadings				
Name	No.	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Sm	1	0.982	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ce	2	0.937	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lu	3	0.914	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yb	4	0.886	0.316	0.0	0.0	0.368
La	5	0.768	-0.377	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ba	6	0.726	0.0	0.358	-0.324	0.0
Rb	7	0.0	0.903	0.0	0.0	0.0
Na	8	0.0	0.855	-0.275	0.0	0.0
Th	9	0.0	0.656	0.0	0.640	0.0
Hf	10	0.0	0.0	0.864	0.0	0.0
Cs	11	0.0	0.0	-0.353	0.582	0.0
Sc	12	0.304	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.893
Fe	13	0.0	0.555	-0.502	0.352	0.0
Eu	14	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.874
Cr	15	0.0	0.350	0.0	0.0	-0.722
Co	16	0.253	-0.534	0.440	-0.388	-0.304
Var. explained		4.785	3.179	2.039	1.980	1.276
In %		29.7	20.0	12.7	12.4	12.4
Cumulative %		29.7	49.5	62.3	74.7	87.0

Table 2. Factor loadings in the unrotated (principal component) case and in the rotated (VARIMAX) case. Rotated loadings less than 0.25 have been replaced by 0.

Variable	F-value step 2	Step where entered	F-to-enter or in last step
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Variable		Unrotated factor loadings				
Name	No.	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Sm	1	0.731	0.610	-0.065	0.009	0.003
Ce	2	0.713	0.582	-0.248	-0.171	-0.122
Lu	3	0.488	0.738	0.263	0.158	0.311
Yb	4	0.612	0.346	0.193	0.265	0.488
La	5	0.750	0.579	-0.222	-0.064	-0.132
Ba	6	0.254	-0.409	0.326	0.648	-0.210
Rb	7	0.596	-0.417	-0.444	0.394	0.055
Na	8	0.550	-0.279	0.440	0.303	-0.073
Th	9	0.788	0.230	-0.314	-0.072	-0.043
Hf	10	0.017	0.293	0.866	-0.115	0.039
Cs	11	-0.283	0.107	-0.610	0.483	-0.059
Sc	12	-0.693	0.571	-0.073	0.224	0.275
Fe	13	-0.550	0.721	-0.189	-0.062	-0.143
Eu	14	-0.087	0.725	0.230	0.226	-0.566
Cr	15	-0.723	0.529	0.123	0.234	-0.199
Co	16	-0.766	0.367	-0.129	0.177	0.354
Var. explained		5.541	4.066	2.066	1.239	1.009
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Variable		Sorted rotated factor loadings				
Name	No.	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Sm	1	0.942	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
La	5	0.937	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ce	2	0.914	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lu	3	0.846	0.316	0.0	0.0	0.364
Th	9	0.764	-0.377	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yb	4	0.720	0.0	0.358	-0.324	0.0
Sc	12	0.0	0.903	0.0	0.0	0.0
Co	16	0.0	0.865	-0.275	0.0	0.0
Cr	15	0.0	0.656	0.0	0.640	0.0
Ba	6	0.0	0.0	0.864	0.0	0.0
Na	8	0.0	-0.353	0.682	0.0	0.0
Eu	14	0.304	0.0	0.0	0.893	0.0
Fe	13	0.0	0.558	-0.502	0.558	0.0
Hf	10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.874
Cs	11	0.0	0.390	0.0	0.0	-0.722
Rb	7	0.253	-0.334	0.440	-0.388	-0.604
Var. explained		4.746	3.179	2.039	1.980	1.976
In %		29.7	20.0	12.7	12.4	12.4
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Variable	F-value step 0	Step where entered			F-to-enter or in last step
		Sel. Cer.	Got. Cer.	Got. Clay	
Cr	15.99			1	15.99
Co	9.34		0	5	1.60
Sc	8.66		6.61	0	1.01
Yb	8.34			2	11.19
Cs	6.00		0.67	3	5.00
Sm	5.99				1.03
Th	5.61				0.11
La	5.08				0.57
Rb	4.58			4	3.85
Ce	3.99				0.45
Fe	3.55				1.39
Na	2.65				0.59
Hf	2.25				0.03
Ba	2.13				0.32
Lu	1.61				0.49
Eu	0.83				0.60

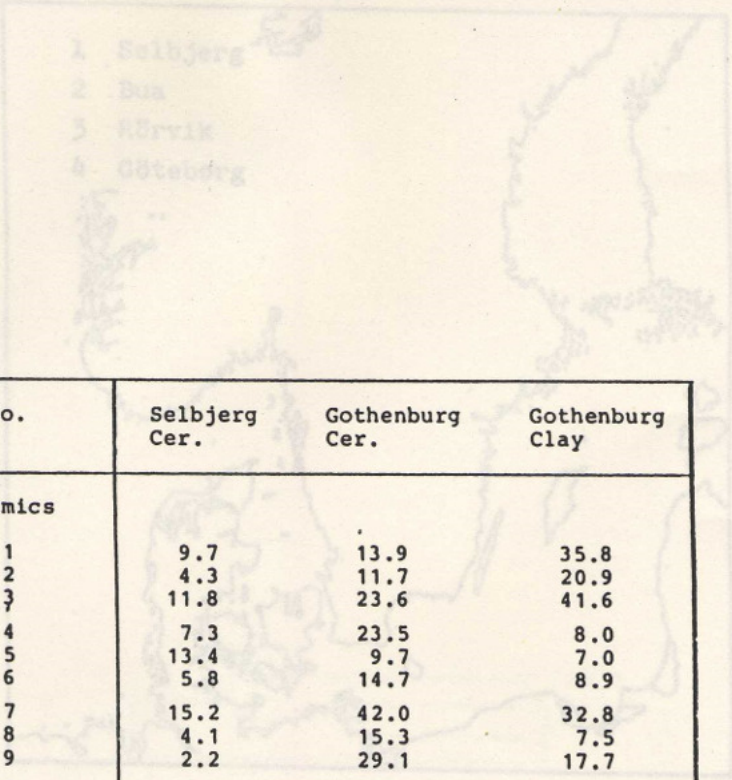
Table 3. F-values in step 0 for all variables, step where entered and F-to-enter for the 5 'best' discriminators and F-in-last-step for the remaining variables. Three populations: Selbjerg ceramics, Gothenburg ceramics and Gothenburg clay.

	Sel.Cer.	Got.Cer.	Got.Clay	Sel.Clay
Sel.Cer.	0			
Got.Cer.	16.23	0		
Got.Clay	4.73	6.61	0	
Sel.Clay	3.10	0.67	2.62	0

Table 4. Testvalues in F-tests for equality of group means. Degrees of freedom (5,21).

SE 97	7	15.2	42.0	22.8
	8	4.7	15.3	7.5
	9	2.2	29.1	17.7
SE 2	10	3.7	20.8	13.1
	11	3.8	23.1	11.4
	12	1.8	14.0	5.0
SE 203	13	21.4	32.0	24.9
SE 231	14	14.6	48.4	27.0
	15	12.6	41.9	18.7
SE 10	16	18.2	55.7	29.3
Gothenburg Ceramics				
54487	17	16.2	8.0	9.4
	18	11.0	4.1	14.2
	19	14.1	1.2	13.8
55416	20	30.6	3.1	27.6
	21	18.0	1.1	19.4
	22	16.1	10.2	32.5
	23	32.7	4.7	26.4
55437	24	12.4	5.5	18.2
	25	43.0	9.2	34.6
Gothenburg Clay				
	26	13.1	14.2	1.4
	27	9.6	18.0	0.5
	28	10.5	15.2	0.4
Selbjerg Clay				
	29	19.6	4.5	20.2

Table 5. Jackknifed Mahalanobis distances from each observation to centroids of groups. Variables used are those given in table 3.



Observation no.		Selbjerg Cer.	Gothenburg Cer.	Gothenburg Clay
<b>Selbjerg Ceramics</b>				
SE 8	1	9.7	13.9	35.8
	2	4.3	11.7	20.9
	3	11.8	23.6	41.6
SE 116	4	7.3	23.5	8.0
	5	13.4	9.7	7.0
	6	5.8	14.7	8.9
SE 97	7	15.2	42.0	32.8
	8	4.1	15.3	7.5
	9	2.2	29.1	17.7
SE 2	10	3.7	20.8	13.1
	11	3.8	22.1	11.4
	12	1.6	14.0	5.0
SE 203	13	21.4	22.0	24.9
SE 231	14	14.6	48.4	27.0
	15	12.6	41.9	18.7
SE 10	16	18.2	55.7	39.3
<b>Gothenburg Ceramics</b>				
54687	17	16.0	8.8	9.4
	18	11.0	4.1	14.2
	19	14.1	1.2	13.8
55436	20	30.6	3.1	32.6
	21	15.0	1.1	13.6
	22	16.1	10.3	32.5
	23	32.7	4.7	26.4
55437	24	12.4	5.5	19.2
	25	43.0	9.2	34.6
<b>Gothenburg Clay</b>				
	26	13.1	14.2	1.4
	27	9.6	18.0	0.5
	28	10.5	19.3	0.4
<b>Selbjerg Clay</b>				
	29	19.6	4.5	20.8

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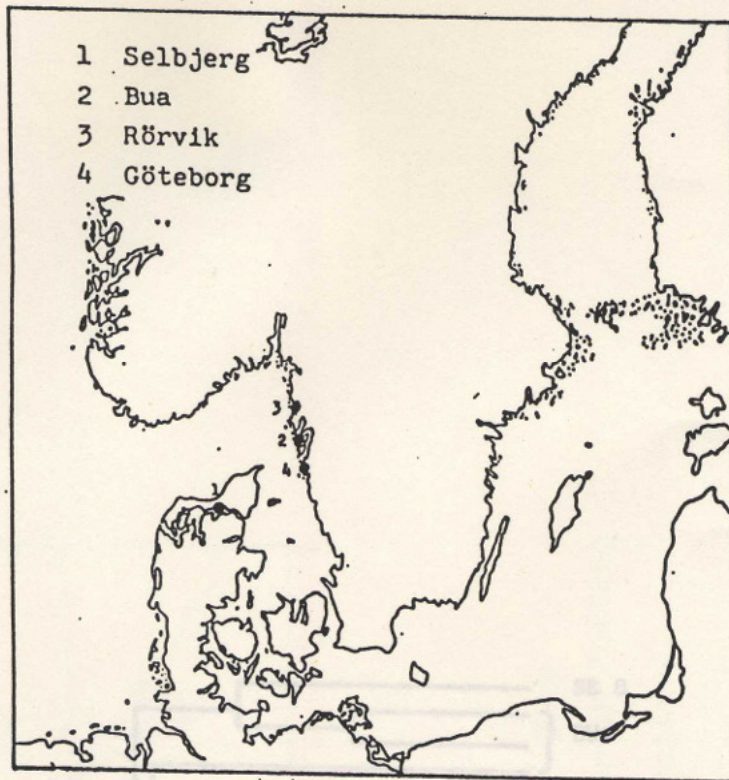


Fig. 1 The localities from where the pottery and clay samples were taken.

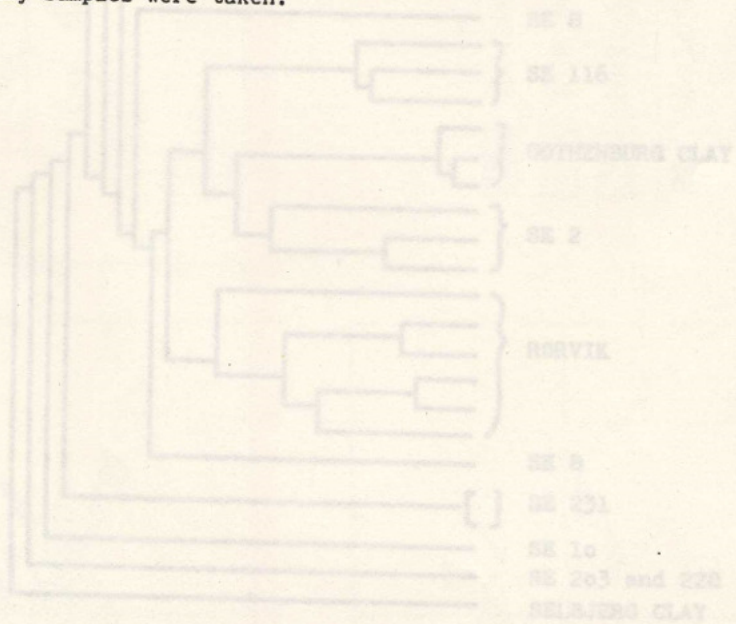


Fig. 2. Tree showing the hierarchical clustering of the samples.

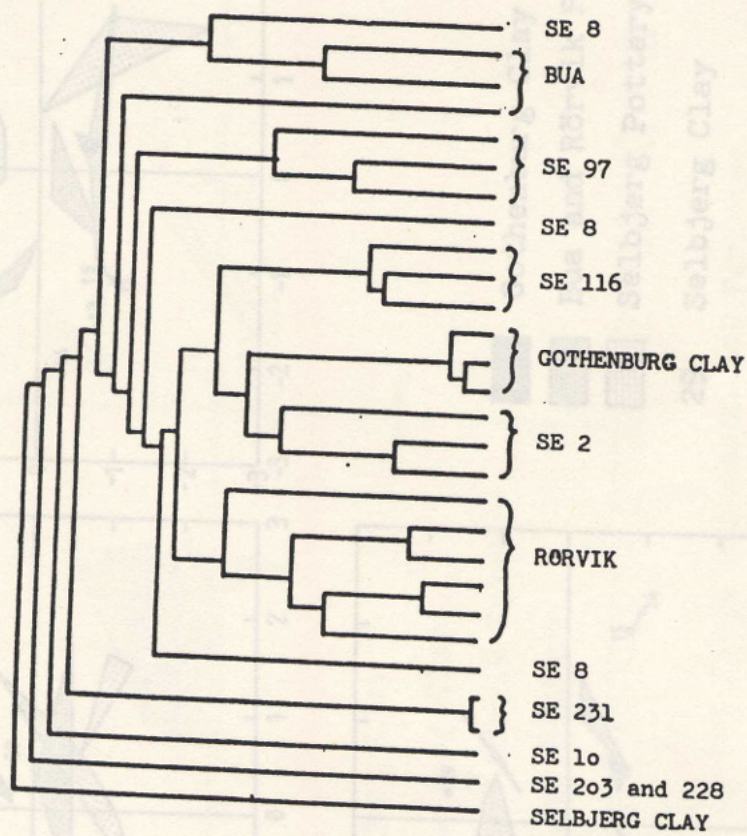
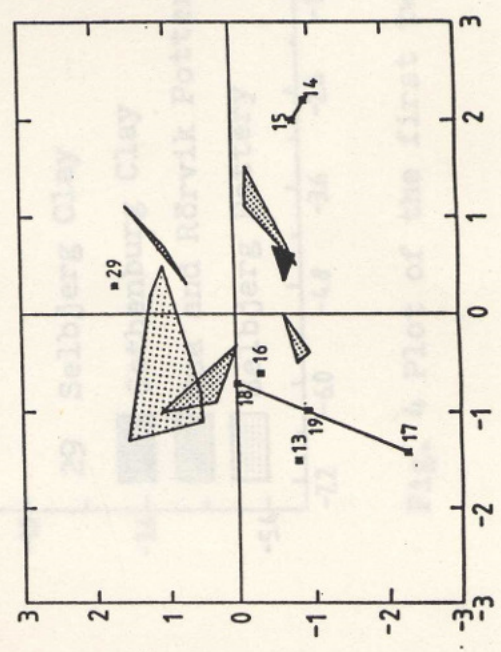
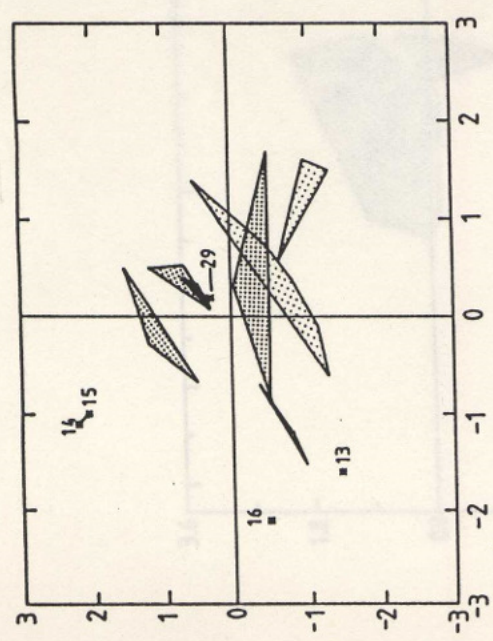
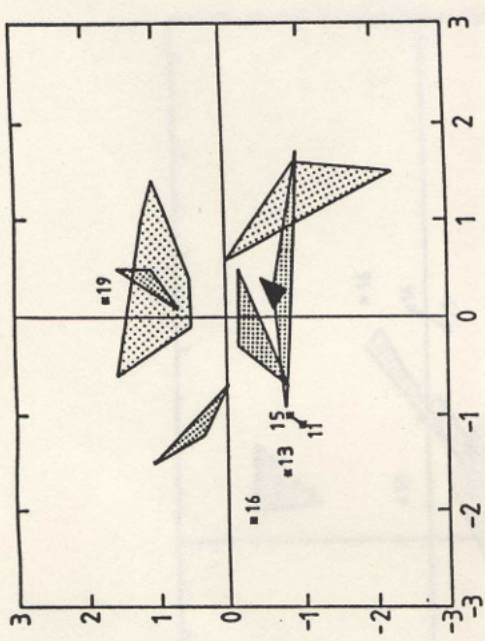


Fig. 2. Tree showing the hierarchical clustering of the samples.



- Gothenburg Clay
- ▨ Bua and Rörvik Pottery
- ▤ Selbjerg Pottery
- 29 Selbjerg Clay

Fig. 3 Plots of the first three factor scores.

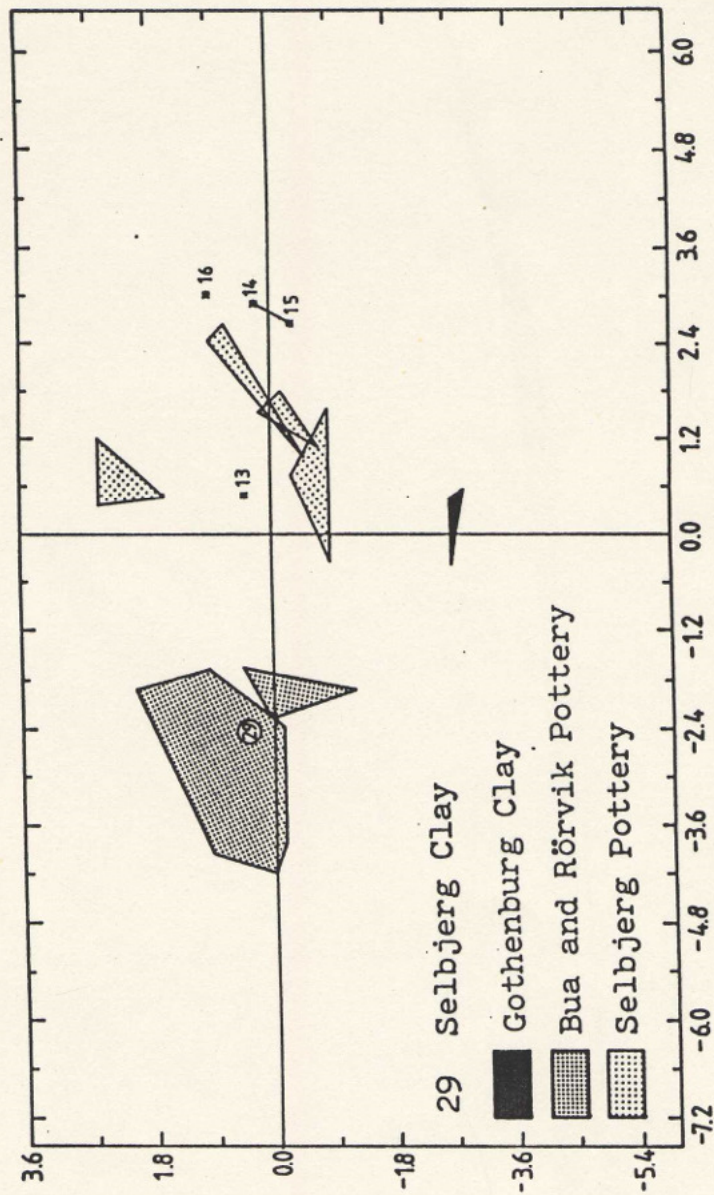


Fig. 4 Plot of the first two canonical Variates.

## THE SELBJERG PROJECT: INVESTIGATION OF NEOLITHIC POTTERY BY MEANS OF NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS

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### 1. Introduction

The aim of this project is to discuss certain aspects within the Neolithic cultures of Southern Scandinavia. This is certainly most often attempted mainly using archaeological methods but in the present case neutron activation analysis was supposed to be the more usable technique. Working for instance with pottery and clay samples from a certain Neolithic site neutron activation analysis might be able to tell, whether the pottery found was made locally at the site, or brought there from elsewhere. Now, if the pottery turned out not to have been made locally, this in connection with other information might indicate that the site was only visited part of the year when hunting and fishing took place. During other parts of the year the inhabitants would live at a more stationary site, where farming was practised - and the pottery made.

#### 2.1. The Selbjerg site

A site where such an economic model could be tested is the Stone Age site at Selbjerg, Northern Jutland, excavated and published by Marseen (1953). During the Neolithic the site was situated on a small island 6-7 m above present day sea level, which in this area corresponds to the Litorina Maximum (Mertz 1924). Much could be said about the site itself;

it is a kitchen midden with interesting archaeological and faunal remains but a rather complicated stratification. To enter into details on such topics lies outside the scope of the present study, where we shall concentrate on the pottery. In fact, this pottery is the main reason why the Selbjerg site was chosen to be tested according to the model briefly outlined above. We here have pottery belonging to the Funnel Necked Beaker Culture, the Pitted Ware Culture and the Battle Axe Culture, that is, the three cultures constituting the Middle Neolithic of Southern Scandinavia. The pottery in question roughly belongs to the first half of the third Millennium B.C. according to calibrated  $^{14}\text{C}$  - datings.

## 2.2. The West Swedish material

Thanks to the co-operation with Jan Eric Sjöberg from the Gothenburg Archaeological Museum it has also been possible to have material analysed from the Swedish West Coast. Thus there are pottery samples from the site at Bua, which belongs to the Pitted Ware Culture (Niklasson 1962). Other samples of pottery were put at our disposal from the well known Pitted Ware Culture site at Rörvik (Janson 1936) as well as a clay sample dug in the modern city of Gothenburg.

## 2.3. The neutron activation analysis

Already in 1977 the National Museum had accepted that samples were taken from the Selbjerg pottery to be analysed, but it was not until 1980 that this was actually done by Vagn Mejdahl. This year the Danish Research Council for the Humanities agreed to pay for the analysis, and at the same time the material was forwarded from the Gothenburg Archaeological Museum. The neutron activation analysis and the subsequent computer process were undertaken by Leif Højslet Christensen at the Risø National Laboratory. We shall not enter into details with regard to the methods employed, but information about the procedure can be found in Christensen et al. (1982) with further references.

## 2.4. Survey of the samples analysed

For the sake of good order a survey of the samples which have been analysed is given below. The indication "SE" followed by a figure refers to the special numbering of the finds from the Selbjerg site at the National Museum:

- SELBJERG 3 samples from a large part of an ornamented vessel belonging to the Funnel Necked Beaker Culture (SE 97)
- 2 samples from a clay disc belonging most probably to the Funnel Necked Beaker Culture (SE 231)
- 3 samples from a large part of an ornamented vessel belonging to the Pitted Ware Culture (SE 116)
- 3 samples from a large vessel without ornaments belonging to the Battle Axe Culture (SE 8)
- 3 samples from a large part of an ornamented vessel, "short wave moulding", belonging to the Battle Axe Culture (SE 2)
- 1 sample from a rim sherd with ornaments belonging to the Battle Axe Culture (SE 203 and 228)
- 1 sample from a rim sherd decorated with nail impressions, belonging to the Battle Axe Culture (SE 10)
- 1 sample of clay dug in the field behind the site
- BUA 3 samples from potsherds belonging to the Pitted Ware Culture (GAM 54687, ruta 16)
- RÖRVIK 6 samples from potsherds belonging to the Pitted Ware Culture (GAM 55436-37, ruta g 10 - h 10)
- GOTHENBURG 3 samples from clay dug in the city
- RISØ 2 samples from clay - Risø standard clay, not used in the statistical analysis

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**TOTAL** 31 samples

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### 3. Data analysis

In this section is described a statistical analysis of the data. Due to the limited number of observations an exploratory data analytic approach has been chosen. The analysis comprises hierarchical cluster analyses, factor analysis and stepwise discriminant analyses. The computations were done by means of software from the statistical packages BMDP and SAS.

In all 29 samples were given, and - as mentioned earlier - the contents of 16 elements were determined. The concentrations were standardized at Risø National Laboratory. The means, standard deviations and correlations found from the 29 samples are given in table 1. It must be emphasized that the figures given in table 1 reflect as well the, say natural correlation between the elements, and the co-variation between samples from different sites. Many of the high correlations seem, however, to be due to chemical relatedness like e.g. in the lanthanide series and the elements from the first transition group ('iron' group). This matter is discussed further in subsection 3.2.

#### 3.1. Hierarchical cluster analysis

Hierarchical cluster analyses (see e.g. Sokal & Sneath (1963)) are done in order to investigate whether a multivariate dataset reveals hierarchical structure. The samples themselves follow a hierarchy in an obvious way as for instance Location → artifact → samples. If there is a connection between the element concentrations and the origin of the samples it should be possible to find a structure as the one given above in the data. In a hierarchical cluster analysis samples are amalgamated one at a time to already existing clusters according to a distance measure. This will possibly result in a dendrogram or tree revealing the relevant structure in the data. In the present study several measures of distance were used, but only results from applying the euclidian distance

$$d_e(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

will be reported. The linking of the clusters were done with a single link algorithm. The resulting tree is given in figure 2.

It is seen that the samples form a tree that is consistent with most of the known structure. The samples from Kville are amalgamated in a single cluster, likewise with the Gothenburg clay and all the multisample artifacts from Selbjerg except for SE 8 (samples 1, 2 and 3) which are not connected with the tree until late in the clustering procedure. One should emphasize that the Gothenburg clay at first is combined with Selbjerg ceramics and then later with the West Swedish ceramics. The Selbjerg clay is the last sample that enters the tree. Therefore there seem to be very little similarity between the clay samples and the ceramics found at the respective sites.

### 3.2. Factor analysis

In order to transform the multivariate, correlated data into a set of independent variates one can use different types of factor analysis, see e.g. Harman (1967). These are basically eigen analyses of the correlation or the covariance matrix of the observations. Since the variates analysed here do not have a canonical range of variation the natural types of analysis are based on the correlations. In table 2 we show the results of an unrotated and of a VARIMAX rotated analysis. With 5 factors retained we explain 87.0% of the total variation in the data. The factor loadings in the table can be interpreted as correlations and the factors. This can be utilized in the interpretation of the factors. We shall briefly do so for the first three factors. The first is obviously characterized by having big correlations with the lanthanides. The second has big correlations with the first transition group - the iron metals - and the third has positive correlation with some alkali metals and barium and negative with Fe, Co (and Sc, Cr; this does not follow from the table, where correlations smal-

ler (in absolute value) than .25 have been truncated to 0). In short the factors show high values for

Factor 1: high values of lanthanides

Factor 2: high values of iron metals

Factor 3: high values of alkali metals combined with low values of iron metals

In figure 3 we have shown plots of the values of the 1st and 2nd, the 1st and 3rd, and the 2nd and 3rd factor scores for the 29 samples. The best separation between the artifacts are obtained in the plot of the 2nd and 3rd factors. The lanthanides do not separate very well between the samples. From the plot it again follows that the multisample artifacts and the clay samples group very nicely, but there is no immediate connection between the clay samples and ceramic samples. If one should conclude then the Gothenburg clay is more similar to some of the SE ceramics than it is to the West Swedis ceramics.

### 3.3. Discriminant analyses

In the previous analyses no structure between the samples were used. In the discriminant analysis (see e.g. Anderson (1958)) we consider the 4 populations

- 1: Selbjerg Ceramics (samples 1-16)
- 2: West Swedish Ceramics (samples 17-25)
- 3: Gothenburg Clay (samples 26-28)
- 4: Selbjerg Clay (sample 29)

and we want to see whether the 16 variables discriminate between those. If so, we furthermore want to establish which variables are the best discriminators.

Since there is only one sample in population 4 (Selbjerg clay) it is not used in the determination of the discriminant functions. The stepwise discriminant analysis program BMDP7M from the BMDP-package was used. The total number of variables allowed to enter was put as low as 5 in order to avoid overfil-

ting. The F-values in step 0 is given in table 3 for all variables. The variables are ordered according to this value. This gives an ordering of the elements with respect to discriminative power. We see that the elements from the 1st transition group (iron metals) are by far the best individual discriminators. They are, however, strongly correlated wherefore not all of them are chosen in the stepwise procedure. The other variables entered are alkali metals (Cs, Rb) and Yb (a lanthanide). We see that the three first factors from section 3.2 are represented. In table 4 we have the F-matrix for tests for equality of group means. We find the greatest dissimilarity between Selbjerg ceramics and West Swedish ceramics. Furthermore Gothenburg clay seems to be a little bit more related to the Selbjerg ceramics than to the West Swedish ceramics. In table 5 we have given the jackknifed Mahalanobis distances from each case to the centroids of each group. The term jackknifed means that the particular sample for which the distance is determined is not used in the estimation of the relevant parameters. Again we see an almost perfect consistency. The only sample that is not closest to its 'own' group centroid is sample no. 5 from SE 116. It has smaller distance to as well Gothenburg clay as ceramics. In figure 4 is shown the projection of the samples on the plane determined by the first two canonical variates, i.e. the plane that separates the groups most. Again we see that the individual artifacts cluster relatively well, and again there is no obvious connection between the clay samples and either of the ceramic groups.

Thus agriculture within these two cultures must have taken place elsewhere at a more stationary site - where also the pottery was made. At least the size of the island where the Selbjerg site was situated was only 5 km<sup>2</sup>, and it could hardly be inhabited for a longer period by a Neolithic population.

More could be said about such economic models though it should be noted that the Pitted Ware Culture is rather tricky in this respect, since the economy within this culture differs from region to region (Nielsen 1979). Yet, attention should be drawn to Kaulas (1979) who has discussed the

#### 4. Conclusion

The statistical analysis has made it possible to put forward some archaeological conclusions. First of all the different statistical methods employed have resulted in a clustering of the samples, which is in accordance with the archaeological grouping. Furthermore, the analysis cannot support the idea that the Pitted Ware vessel from Selbjerg was imported from Western Sweden.

The most interesting result is, however, that none of the Selbjerg pottery seems to have been made of local clay, since this differs much from the clay used to make the Selbjerg pottery. This observation would be in accordance with the model about seasonal sites put forward in the introduction. Thus the Selbjerg site was only visited during short periods of the year when collecting shellfish, seal hunting and hunting birds of passage took place, as it is also reflected in the faunal remains. Bones from such domesticated species as cow and pig are also found, however. Maybe they were brought live to the island in the summer when collecting shellfish took place. Due to the find circumstances it is unfortunately not possible to associate any of the three cultures in question with a certain activity, or parts of the faunal remains within the site. There is, however, reason to believe that the economy within the Funnel Necked Beaker Culture and the Battle Axe Culture would have been almost the same. Thus agriculture within these two cultures must have taken place elsewhere at a more stationary site - where also the pottery was made. At least the size of the island where the Selbjerg site was situated was only 5 km<sup>2</sup>, and it could hardly be inhabited for a longer period by a Neolithic population.

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ZN 30			3.960
AS 31			2.880
SE 32			2.920
BR 33			
SR 33	264.000	7.87	203.000
RR 37			243.000
MO 42			3.000
AG 44			3.690
CD 44			3.000
SN 51			378.000
SB 55			
CS 55	187	69.90	
BA 55	6.030	6.44	
LA 57	624.000	12.13	
CE 57	63.600	3.06	
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ND 59			481.000
SM 60	41.600	27.94	
EU 62	9.010	4.73	
TB 63	1.400	12.17	
DY 66	1.100	40.21	
HO 67			60.100
YB 70			.000
LU 71	3.940	9.81	
HF 72	4.774	6.32	
TA 73	5.580	4.93	
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CR 22			
MN 23	2.920	3.47	%
FE 24	8.510	6.61	PPM
CO 25			
ZN 26	110.000	9.22	PPM
GAS 27			
SE 28			
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RR 30	92.000	92.47	PPM
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ZR 32			
MO 33			
AG 34	4.150	38.53	PPM
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SN 36			
SB 37			
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TA 52	1.150	36.42	PPM
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AU 54			
HG 55			
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MN	3.730	3.34	.000
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CO	139.000	8.46	
ZN			.000
AS			4.460
SE			3.190
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SR	230.000	9.04	
ZR	85.800	99.00	
MO			257.000
AG			.000
CD	6.390	58.41	
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SB			
CS	384	39.07	
BA	5.160	10.28	
LA	851.000	3.07	
CE	67.600	3.14	
PR	139.000		
ND	49.300	26.12	540.000
SM	9.620	4.91	
FU	1.570	11.66	
TB	1.450	32.83	
DY			66.900
HO			.000
YB			
LU	5.200	8.91	
HFA	5.578	6.24	
LH	6.470	4.73	
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W			.012
AU			
HG	1.250	72.62	
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PR	555.400	3.08	
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EU	77.760	12.07	
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55	484.000	6.08	
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63	1.020	41.85	
66			.000
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CR 58	40.400	32.87 %		
ND 59	9.070	5.10 %		
SM 60	1.490	14.16 %		
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HT 70	15.480	99.00 %		
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FE 23	175.000	7.42	.000
CO 24	8.930	26.85	.000
ZN 25	193.000	10.57	3.020
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BR 28			.000
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SR 30			.000
ZR 31			438.000
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Betr överlåtelse av krukskärvor från Bua, Morlanda sn, och Rörvik,  
Kville sn, Bohuslän

Översänder härmed enligt överenskommelse 3 gropkeramiska skärvor, inv.nr GAM 54687, från stenåldersboplatsen Bua, Morlanda sn (nr 76), Orusts västra härad, Bohuslän (från ruta 16) samt 5 skärvor från boplatsen Rörvik, Kville härad, Kville sn (nr 406), Bohuslän (från ruta g 10 - K 10).

Skärvorna är avsedda för den neutronaktiveringsanalys Ni ämnar företaga.

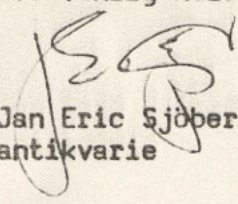
Dessa två boplatser innehåller ett stort "klassiskt" gropkeramiskt flintmaterial men förhållandevis lite keramik, som dock ser ut att vara ganska enhetlig. Keramikrikare boplatser av gropkeramisk karaktär förefaller här oftast ha stora TRB-inslag, vilket är anledning till att jag valt de ovanstående.

Det bifogade lerprovet är taget i Göteborgs centrum och är alltså inte från de trakter som de bifogade skärvorna härrör från.

Jag kan ej avgöra om leran är sen- eller postglacial, då den hämtats från ett schakt i innerstaden. Jag hoppas dock att det är användbart för Ert ändamål.

Vi är naturligtvis mycket intresserade av att få ta del av de resultat analysen ger och ser fram emot vidare besked.

Med vänlig hälsning

  
Jan Eric Sjöberg  
antikvarie

Separat försändelse: skärvor och lera

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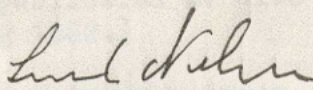
Antikvarie Jan Eric Sjöberg  
Göteborgs arkeologiska Museum  
Norra Hamngatan 14  
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Jeg har med tak modtaget Göteborgs arkeologiska Museums brev af 28. november d.å. Det ville passe fint, om jeg kunne få tilsendt nogle små skår fra Rörvik og Bua.

Med hensyn til lerprøven kunne den tages fra glacialt ler ved Göteborg, hvis dette er muligt, meget gerne med angivelse på en kortkopi, hvor prøven er taget; på forhånd tak.

Med venlig hilsen,

p.d.v.

  
Svend Nielsen.

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Antikvar Sven Nielsen  
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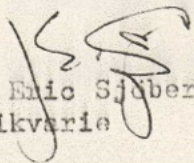
Arkeologiska museet ställer gärna några skärvor till förfogande för  
den analys Ni avser att utföra, men beträffande det lerprov Ni önskar  
måste jag be om ett förtydligande.

Skall lerprovet tagas i nära anslutning till fyndplatsen för skärvorna?  
Detta kan i så fall vålla vissa problem då flera av de större gropke-  
ramiska boplatserna, som vi har keramik ifrån, är funna på ganska stora  
avstånd från Göteborg.

De boplatser i västsverige med gropkeramiska skärvor som är mest typis-  
ka torde vara Rörvik i Kville sn, Bohuslän (publicerad av Sverker Jans-  
son i Göteborgs och Bohusläns Fornminnesförenings tidskrift 1936, sid.  
57 ff) samt Bua i Morlanda sn, Bohuslän (publicerad av Nils Niklasson i  
Studier i Nordisk arkeologi nr 3, Göteborg 1962.)

Jag avvaktar alltså Ert besked beträffande lerprovet innan jag sänder  
skärvorna.

Med vänlig hälsning

  
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Jeg har i en årrække arbejdet med problemer omkring den grubekeramiske kultur i Norden. Et af de centrale problemer - som ikke er blevet klarlagt - er at få fastslået, hvad der i Danmarks skal forstås ved "grubekeramik". Formodentlig findes der hos os enkelte eksempler på denne keramik; det bedste eksempel er en større skårflage fra Selbjerg, som er afbildet i Beckers artikel i Acta Archaeologica XXV, 1954, fig. 17.

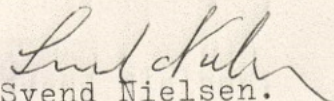
Spørgsmålet er imidlertid, om det ikke her kan dreje sig om et vestsvensk importstykke. For at undersøge dette har jeg fået bevilliget midler til neutronaktiveringsanalyser fra Statens humanistiske Forskningsråd.

Her ville jeg spørge, om det var muligt at få tilsendt ca. 50 grler og 3-4 grubekeramiske lerkarskår fra vestsvensk område, materiale, der skulle bruges til sammenligning med det danske.

Jeg håber, at museet i Göteborg kan hjælpe i denne sag. - Jeg vedlægger nogle særtryk af en artikel om grubekeramisk kultur.

Med venlig hilsen,

p.d.v.

  
Svend Nielsen.

antikvar

Bilag.

Östergötland  
Kville hd  
Kville sn, nr 406  
Rörvik

Bopl., stå



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Bhl., Kville sn, nr 406, Rörvik  
Ruta g 10 - h 10  $\overset{\circ}{\rule{1.5cm}{0.4pt}}$  5 cm

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Skärvor överlätna 80-12-29 till Svend Nielsen, Miljöministeriet, Köpenhamn,  
för neutronaktiveringsanalys.

Foto L Noord -80.

ARKEOLOGISKA MUSEET  
GÖTEBORG

Göteborg den 28.8.1953.

En blyertsritning av blattsten  
(inv. nr 51045), som ej thorn egg,  
Sinnel. 28.8.53. A.F.

Antikvarien Sverker Janson  
Riksantikvarieämbetet  
Stockholm.

Broder!

Bifogat har du en enkel blyertsritning  
av den av prof. Indreko efterfrågade  
"klubbän".<sup>x</sup> Den ej avbildade bredsidan är  
helt lik åen som avritats. Tillslegning-  
en mitt på bägge kanterna är alltså icke  
runtomgående och kan därför ej heller  
kallas för "skaftfänna". Annan formgiv-  
ning utöver den nämnda finns inte. Ändar-  
na visa ingen tillslegning, så vitt jag  
kan se inte ens spår av användning. Sna-  
rare än som klubba vill jag därför upp-  
fatta redskapet som sänke.

Hälsningar  
A.F.

<sup>x</sup>/GAM 51045. GAFF 7/1936,  
Sinnel/numm, ~~Fi.~~ 51069,  
Fig. 5.

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Wille 28.8.53  
Korvik

GÖTEBORGS  
ARKEOLOGISKA  
MUSEUM

RIKSANTIKVARIAMBEDET

1 Fu. ke Alke tresjö

Broder!

Vin Du göra mig en tjänst.  
Indröho medrar om klubban från Rönk,  
s. 69 och fig. 5 i min uppsats. Kan ha  
haft egg. Jag tror inte det, men minns  
ej längre säkert. Vin Du svara mig och  
göra en enkel profilteckning, så man  
ser hur det är. Stålm 27 aug. 1953.  
Hälsningar  
Wille/Austin

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Hälsningar

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fig. 5.

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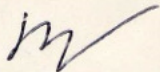
Till Kulturhistoriska nämnden.

Härmed får arkeologiska museet värdsamt anmäla, att museet under förutsättning av nämndens godkännande fredagen den 21 oktober 1960 utlånar följande föremål under några timmar till Sveriges Radio-Television för användning i program om forntida fiske:

Från stenåldersboplats vid Rottjärnslid i Dragsmarks socken, Bohuslän:  
1 fiskkrok av ben, inv.nr 51439 samt ett skal av ostron;

från stenåldersboplats vid Rörvik i Kville socken, Bohuslän: fiskkrokar av ben, färdiga och förarbeten, inv.nr 51127, 51128, 55215, 55397, 55795, samt pilspets av flinta, inv.nr 55264, spånkniv nr 50623 och spånkrapa nr 50491.

Göteborg den 20 oktober 1960.



Carl-Axel Moberg

BOHUSLÄN

Kville hd

Kville sn, 442 (RAÄ)

Rörvik

bopl.fynd, stå

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Analysen omfattar även prov på keramik från  
**RÖRVIK**