

# A Workflow for Uncertainty Assessment in Elemental Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics: A Case Study of Neolithic Coarse Pottery from Eastern Siberia

Galina V. Pashkova <sup>1,\*</sup>, Mikhail A. Statkus <sup>2</sup>, Maria M. Mukhamedova <sup>1,3</sup>, Alexander L. Finkelshtein <sup>3,4</sup>, Irina V. Abdrashitova <sup>2</sup>, Olga Yu. Belozeroва <sup>4</sup>, Victor M. Chubarov <sup>1,4</sup>, Alena A. Amosova <sup>4</sup>, Artem S. Maltsev <sup>1</sup>, Elena I. Demonterova <sup>1</sup> and Dmitriy L. Shergin <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Institute of the Earth's Crust, SB RAS, 128 Lermontov St., 640033 Irkutsk, Russia; m.mukhamedova2017@yandex.ru (M.M.M.); chubarov@igc.irk.ru (V.M.C.); maltsev@crust.irk.ru (A.S.M.); dem@crust.irk.ru (E.I.D.)

<sup>2</sup> Chemistry Department, Lomonosov Moscow State University, 1-3 Leninskie Gory, 119991 Moscow, Russia; statkusma@my.msu.ru (M.A.S.); 1543irina@rambler.ru (I.V.A.)

<sup>3</sup> Pedagogical Institute, Irkutsk State University, 1 K. Marx St., 664003 Irkutsk, Russia; finkel@igc.irk.ru (A.L.F.); dmitriy-shergin@rambler.ru (D.L.S.)

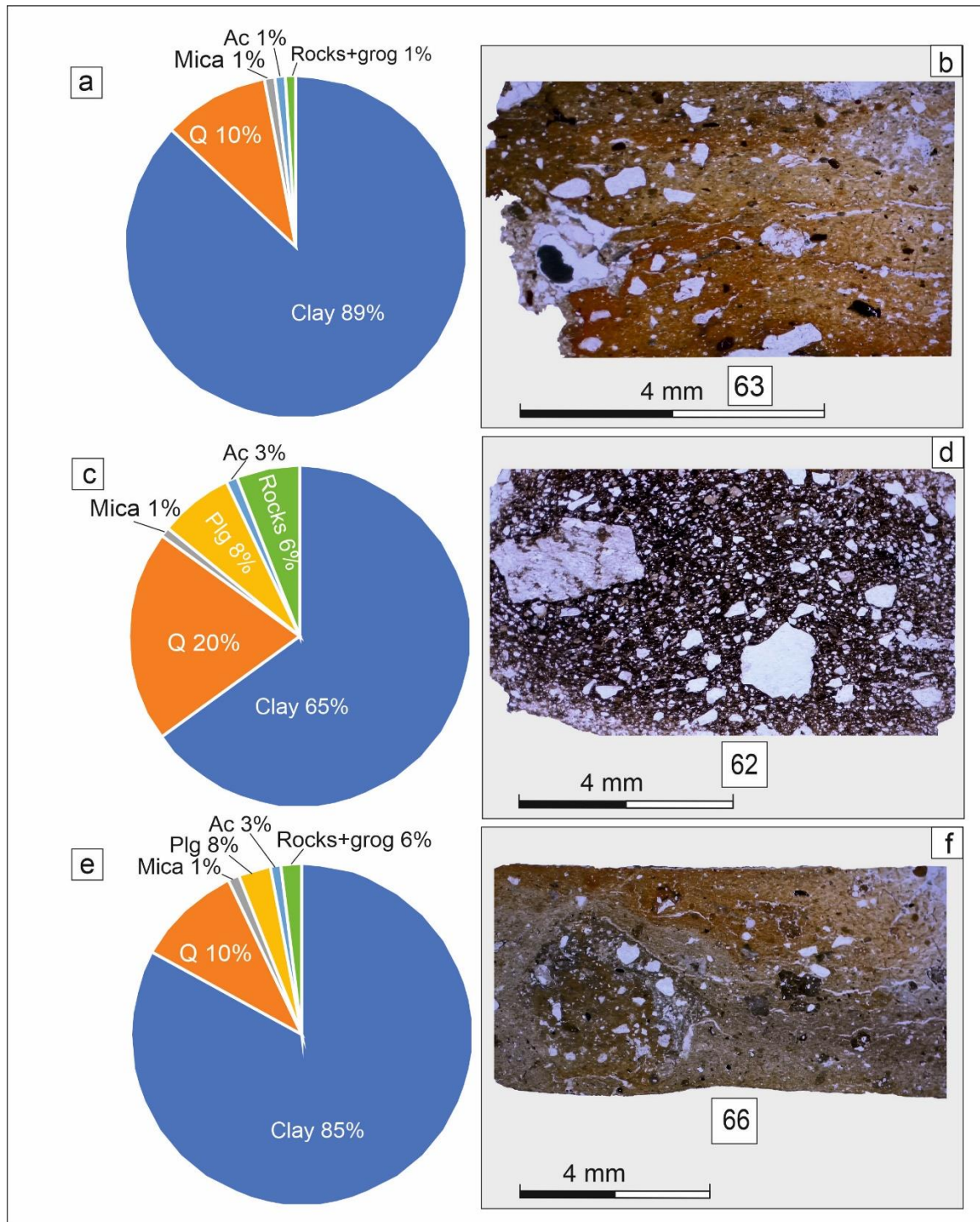
<sup>4</sup> Vinogradov Institute of Geochemistry, SB RAS, 1A Favorsky St., 664033 Irkutsk, Russia; obel@igc.irk.ru (O.Y.B.); amosova@igc.irk.ru (A.A.A.)

\* Correspondence: pashkova.gv@yandex.ru

**Table S1.** The average composition of ceramic samples nos. 9, 62, 63, 66 obtained by WDXRF (major oxides) and ICP MS (minor and trace elements).

	no. 9	no. 62	no. 63	no. 66
Na <sub>2</sub> O, wt. %	1.15	1.22	0.95	0.33
MgO, wt. %	1.34	1.30	1.28	1.93
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt. %	12.24	12.58	17.30	18.25
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt. %	68.07	65.72	58.24	62.08
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , wt. %	0.10	0.51	0.86	0.19
K <sub>2</sub> O, wt. %	2.05	1.86	3.41	2.64
CaO, wt. %	1.11	1.20	2.44	2.01
TiO <sub>2</sub> , wt. %	0.56	0.56	0.98	1.03
MnO, wt. %	0.11	0.14	0.23	0.03
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt. %	4.84	5.35	6.41	6.10
V, µg/g	77	65	139	122
Cr, µg/g	86	110	96	120
Ni, µg/g	57	40	33	47
Cu, µg/g	24	19	17	23
Zn, µg/g	44	65	115	132
Ga, µg/g	13	10	17	20
Rb, µg/g	66	44	78	87
Sr, µg/g	108	88	187	90
Y, µg/g	19	17	22	27
Zr, µg/g	202	157	176	208
Ba, µg/g	571	688	1101	489
La, µg/g	22	19	37	39
Ce, µg/g	44	37	76	77
Nd, µg/g	21	18	30	33
Th, µg/g	5.6	5.6	13	11
U, µg/g	1.3	1.4	1.9	4.3
LOI, wt. %	6.78	8.73	7.36	4.29

LOI – loss on ignition



**Figure S1.** Dominant mineralogical combinations of the ceramics for our samples (Q – quartz, Mica, Fsp - plagioclase or K-feldspar, Ac – accessory minerals and Rock– fragments of granite and chert, grog - argillaceous clay fragments with or without mineral grains) (a, c, e). Microphotographs of pottery thin sections under plane-polarized light (b, d, f). Large inhomogeneous inclusions in ceramics include fragments of rocks and temper. Clear or translucent minerals of an angular, subangular and subrounded shape are medium- and fine-grained minerals of quartz and plagioclase or K-feldspar.

**Table S2.** The composition of mineral phases in ceramic samples obtained by SEM-EDS (wt.%).

Sample	Mineral phase	Determined elements in oxide form														Total
		Na <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MnO	FeO	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	BaO	SO <sub>3</sub>	Cl	
62a	K-feldspar	0.89		15.76	54.19	12.91										83.75
	Quartz				100											100
	Quartz				91.20											91.20
	K-feldspar	0.31		18.76	64.78	16.21					0.15		0.54			100.76
	Magnetite			2.57	2.74		1.36	0.23			82.36	1.28				90.54
	Magnetite			2.97	3.59		1.30	0.27			82.46	1.31				91.90
	Goethite			0.81	0.34			1.05			86.31					88.52
62b	Plagioclase	7.90		23.30	60.31	0.37	4.87				0.15					96.90
	Quartz			0.91	92.66	0.30										93.86
	K-feldspar	1.01		19.05	64.78	15.06					0.19					100.09
	K-feldspar	0.65		18.42	64.18	15.96					0.30					99.51
	Quartz			0.15	93.73						0.19					94.07
	Magnetite		1.87	1.34	0.26			10.08	0.61		73.19					87.35
	Quartz				99.97											99.97
63a	K-feldspar	0.36		18.21	63.03	15.99					0.14					97.73
	Epidote			20.80	36.37	1.55	18.92			0.17	9.91	0.27				87.99
	Chlorite	0.24	13.32	19.82	32.05	1.05	0.87			0.25	20.08					87.67
	Chlorite		17.38	21.62	29.33	0.17	0.15			0.40	26.57					95.61
	K-feldspar	0.59		19.03	66.34	16.56					0.17					102.69
	Quartz			0.17	94.37											94.54
63b	Quartz				95.33											95.33
	K-feldspar	0.71		19.08	65.08	15.88					0.27		0.39			101.42
	Mn-bearing phase	0.16	0.45	3.12	3.25	0.10	1.36	0.21		64.43	1.39	1.12	0.98	0.47	0.10	77.15
	Quartz				99.84											99.84
66a	K-feldspar	0.55		18.37	64.48	16.55										99.95
	Epidote		0.36	24.07	33.67		19.28			0.43	9.66					87.48
	Plagioclase	8.41		22.60	62.21	1.01	2.35				0.40					96.98
	K-feldspar	0.40		17.65	61.91	15.94					0.26					96.16
	Quartz				99.84											99.84
66b	Ca-enriched zone		1.26	4.55	7.19	0.49	21.87				1.44	0.85		0.20	0.10	37.95
	Ca-enriched zone	0.34	0.90	3.34	6.42	0.23	23.16				0.87	0.96		0.17	0.10	36.49
	Ca-enriched zone		0.68	1.10	3.17		30.17				0.44	0.44		0.07	0.08	36.14
	Ca-enriched zone		0.61	1.19	0.90		28.49				0.33	0.55		0.15	0.10	32.32