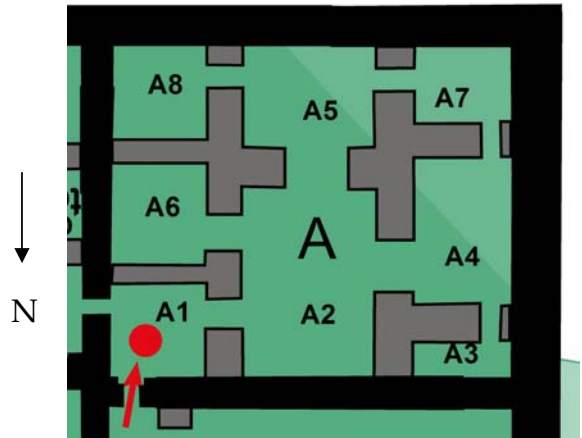


## Sector A: Foundations

We do not know the function of sector A because all its floors were eroded (you can see how the surface of the tell slopes down sharply in this direction).



But we can still identify patterns of circulation, and we can gain new insights in the construction history of the building by looking at its foundations.

We have protected with iron trellises only the perimetral walls, while we have left exposed the inside partition walls. White rods mark clearly their outline.

By each doorway we have exposed the lowermost course of stones. As you will see, the typology is very varied. In the doorway in front of you (between A1 and A2) the foundation ties the walls across the doorway itself. The doorways between A6-A2 and A2-A4 show a step on the south side.

You can also see how the partition wall between the A and the B sectors is very high founded (we have left a gap between the reconstructed portion to the east, and the original in the west).

The walls sit on a slope which was evened out with compact and clay rich fill (a deep color red known locally as *baqaya*).