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Stratigraphic Model of Vendian Terrigenous Deposits of Nepa Arch (Nepa-Botuoba Antecline,  
Eastern Siberia)

Nepa arch is located in the central part of Nepa-Botuoba antecline, in the southeast part of Eastern Siberia (fig. 1). Nepa arch is the most studied oil and gas area of Eastern Siberia. Such oil and gas fields as Vakunay, Verhne-Chona, Timpuchikan, Talakan and others have already been discovered (fig. 1). Revealing of oil and gas field shows high petroleum potential of this area.

Despite this fact there are still some unsolved questions. One of them is a productive horizon  $V_{10}$  stratification in conjunction zone Nepa-Botuoba antecline and Pre-Patoma regional trough. Here horizon  $V_{10}$  differs from horizon  $V_{10}$  of inside areas of Nepa-Botuoba antecline in its structure, structural and textural features. Therefore two types of horizon  $V_{10}$  were distinguished in the Nepa arch on this ground.

The first type of horizon  $V_{10}$  is identified in inside area of antecline (Verhne-Chona, Timpuchikan, Chaianda fields). Thickness of this type of horizon  $V_{10}$  reaches 10-12 m. It consists of quartz-feldspathic sandstones with mudstone and siltstone interbeds with 1-2 m thickness.

Three parts can be selected in the first type of horizon  $V_{10}$  (fig. 2a).

The lower section consists of alternation of anisomeric sandstones (mainly gritstones) and thin, lenticular mudstone and siltstone interbeds.

The midsection consists of fine-grained (rare medium-grained) argillaceous sandstones. This part of horizon  $V_{10}$  is characterized by higher radioactivity because of high content of clay minerals.

The upper section consists of alternation of anisomeric sandstones (mainly fine- and medium-grained sandstones) with lenticular and horizontal mudstone and siltstone interbeds.

Porosity of the first type of horizon  $V_{10}$  is ranging from 2-5 % to 22 %, the permeability reaches  $500 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2$ .

The second type of horizon  $V_{10}$  was revealed in the southeast and the east slopes of antecline (Talakan field and other).

The second type of horizon  $V_{10}$  embodies heterogeneous alternation of sandstones and clay rocks. However a number of beds can be indicated. Each bed has clear marked bottom, where coarse-grained, gravel sandstones gradually moved on to mudstones lie (fig. 2b). Sandstones are characterized by massive structure, rare lenticular, inclined bedding. Mudstones are characterized by horizontal bedding,

Porosity of the second type of horizon  $V_{10}$  is 10-15 %, the permeability reaches  $200 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2$ .

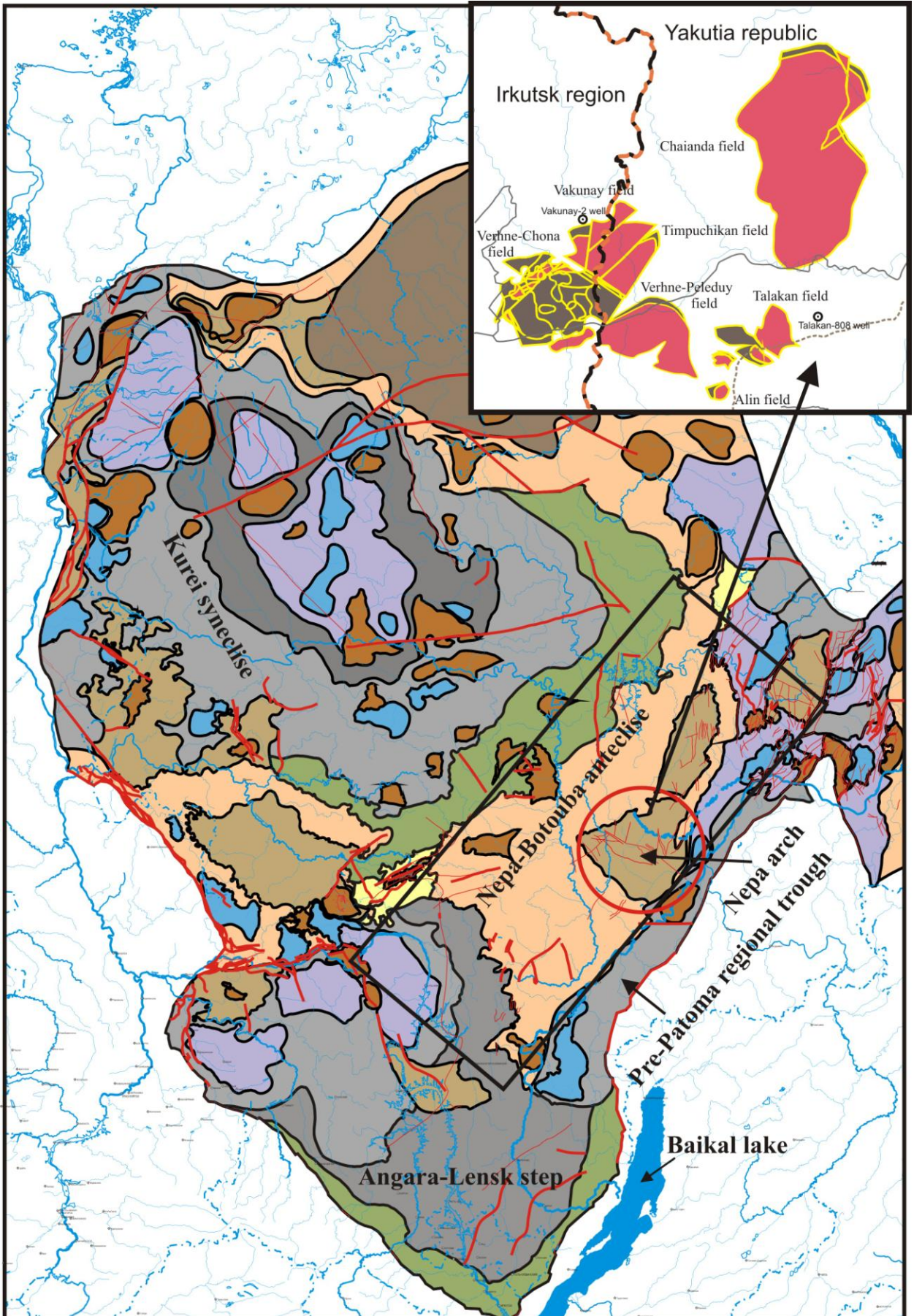


Fig. 1 Location of research area (Nepa arch)

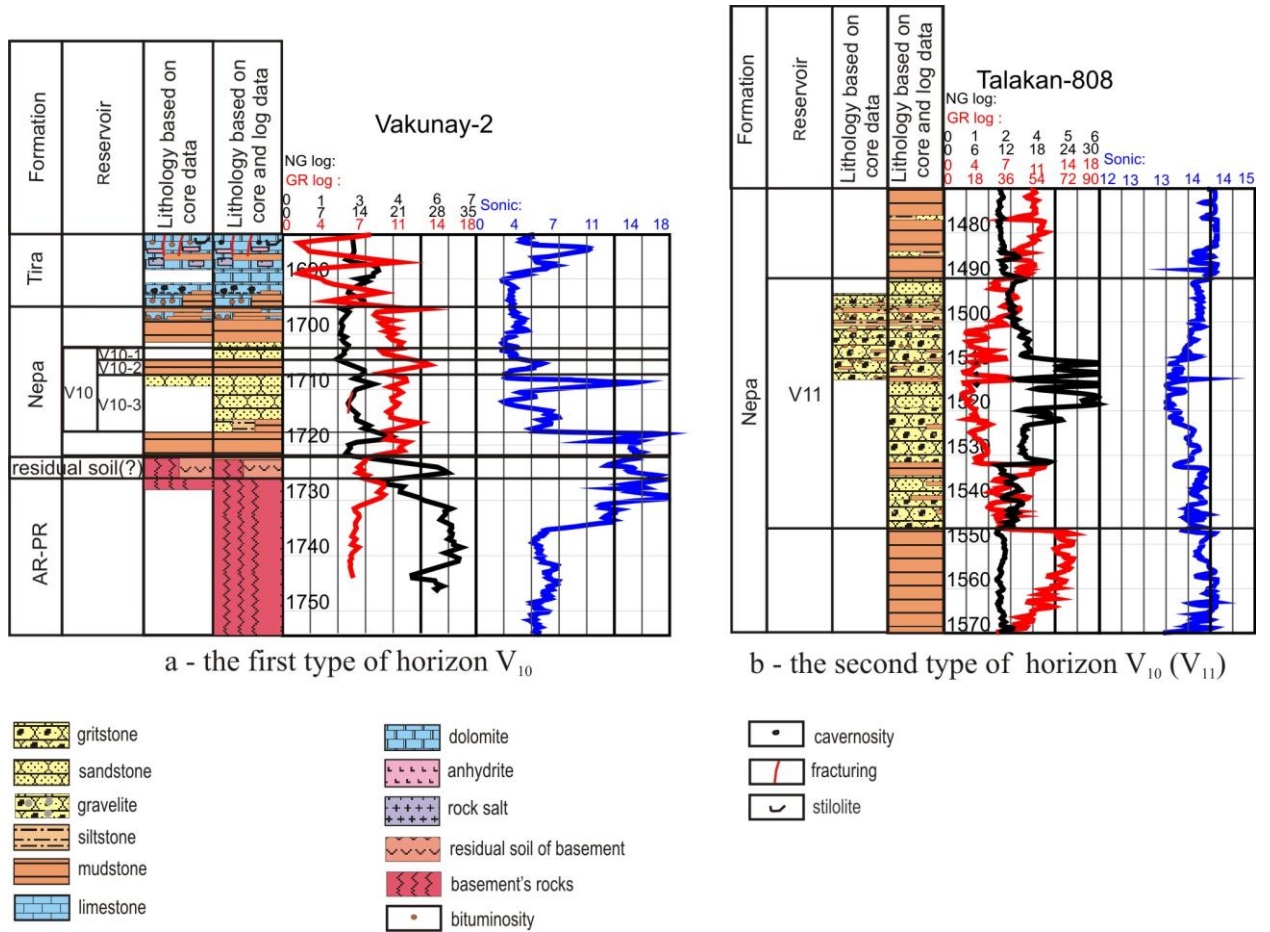


Fig. 2 Typical cross-sections of horizon V<sub>10</sub> (a) and horizon V<sub>11</sub> (b)

Taking into consideration difference of structure between the first and the second types of horizon V<sub>10</sub> it was decided to name horizon V<sub>10</sub> of the second type horizon V<sub>11</sub>, as it is older.

On the fig. 3 correlative cross-section based on log and core data is shown. In case of this exact correlation a member of rocks with high radioactivity is marked out in the top of Vendian terrigenous deposits (between horizon V<sub>5</sub> and V<sub>11</sub>). In the upper part of this member sandstone-siltstone unit is distinguished, which corresponded to horizon V<sub>10</sub> of the first type in the Vakunay field. Sorting of this sandstone-siltstone unit allows to make a conclusion about an absence of per-tira depositional break, because thickness of member between bottom of horizon V<sub>5</sub> and top of horizon V<sub>10</sub> is kept and reaches 20 m

Further analysis of this profile provides a conclusion about limited distribution of intra-nepa depositional break. It was made on the ground of changing of thickness of member between bottom of horizon V<sub>10</sub> and top of horizon V<sub>13</sub>. Thickness of this member changes from 50 m to 70 m in the wells, located to the south of Verhne-Nyuya-780 well, and is 0 m in the wells, located to the north of Verhne-Nyuya-780 well. Such observation gives an opportunity to suggest that intra-nepa depositional break is developed only in central part of Nepa-Botuoba antecline.

Siltstone and shale member between bottom of horizon V<sub>11</sub> and top of horizon V<sub>13</sub> is replaced by sandstones and siltstones near the paleo-coast line. It was decided to name this horizon as horizon V<sub>12</sub>.

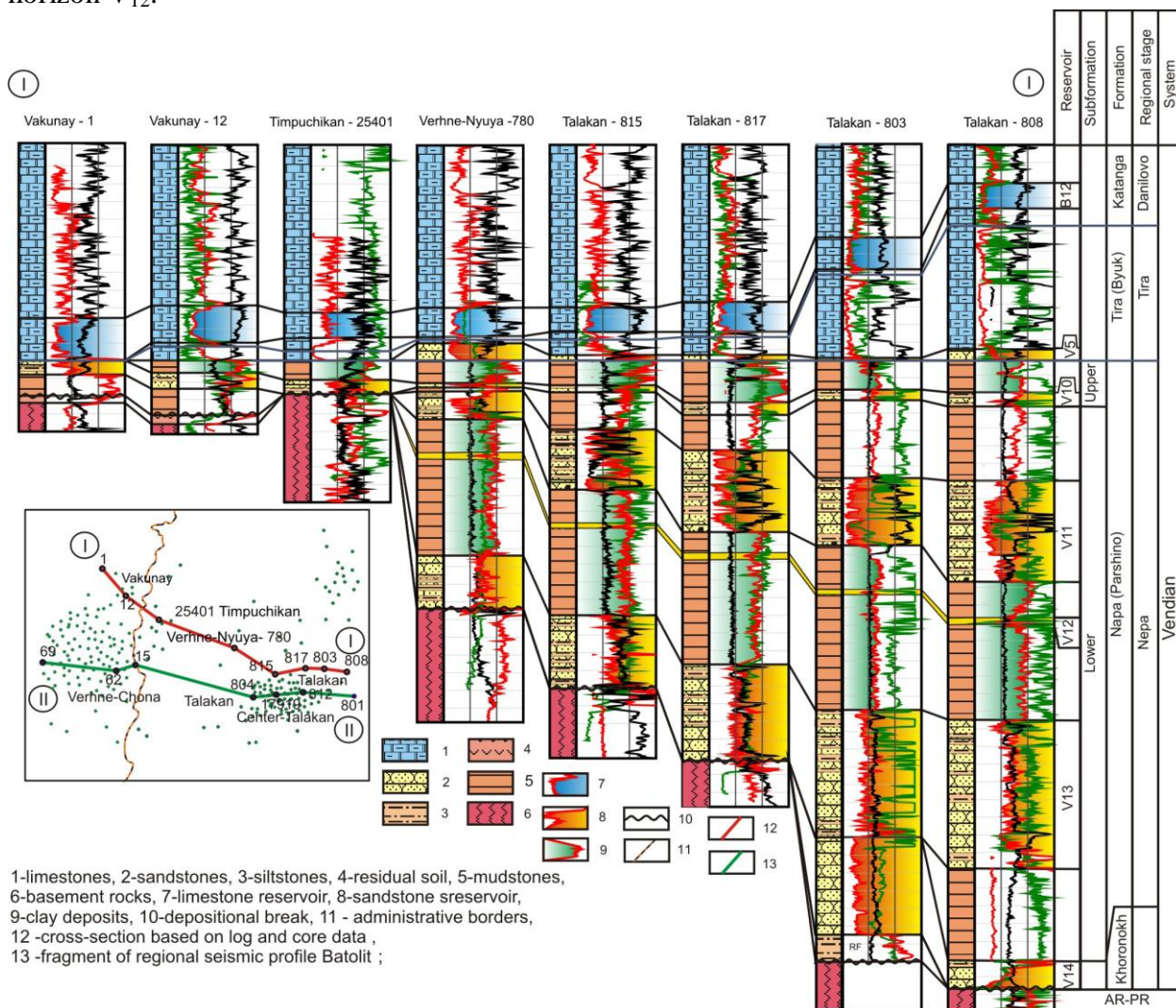
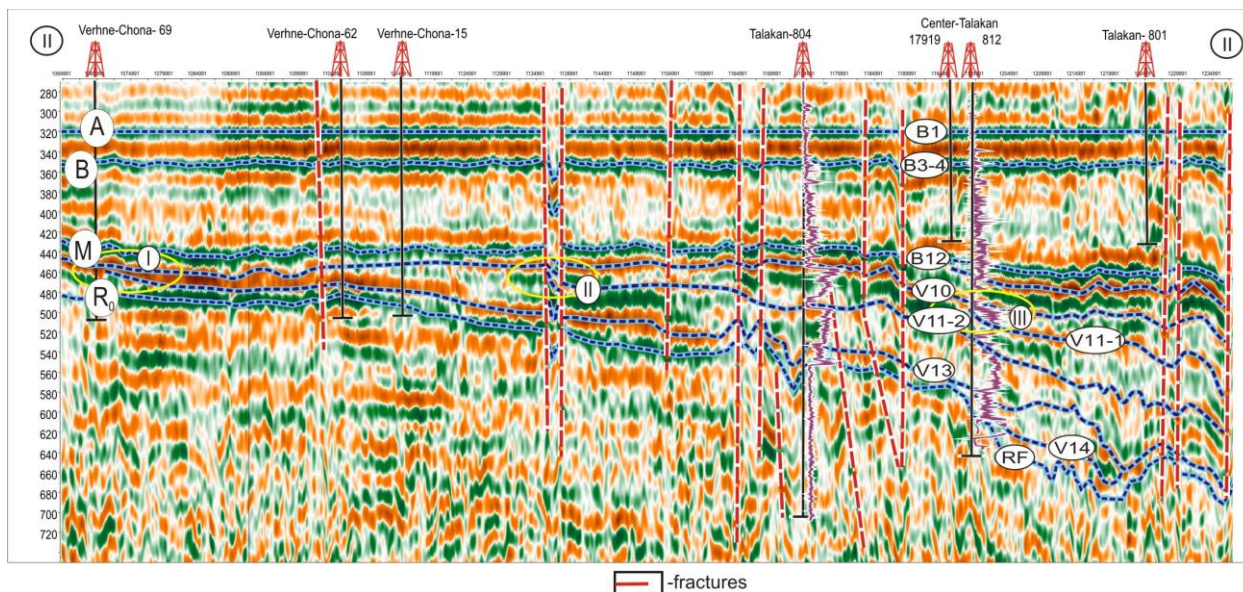


Fig. 3 Cross-section based on log and core data (Vakunay-1 – Talakan-808)

In the 2000 year regional seismic profile Batolit was made. It allows for the first time to consider stratigraphic model of Nepa arch described above from the point of seismic data. On the ground of complex analysis of seismic data and log and core data next conclusions were made:

- 1) Using log and seismic data reflections connected with different productive horizons can be indicated.
- 2) Reflections presumably connected with horizons V<sub>10</sub> and V<sub>13</sub> join in the area of Verhne-Chona-69 well, forming an united reservoir (fig. 4-I).
- 3) Reflection presumably connected with horizon V<sub>11-2</sub> (it corresponded to horizon V<sub>11</sub> on the fig. 3) shims to horizon V<sub>10</sub> (fig. 4-II).
- 4) In deep pressure sinks on the basement surface one reflection can be indicated (under reflection presumably connected with horizon V<sub>13</sub>). Admittedly this reflection can be associated with horizon V<sub>14</sub>.
- 5) In Talakan-812 well area horizon V<sub>11-1</sub> shims to horizon V<sub>10</sub> (fig. 4-III). Horizon V<sub>11-1</sub> wasn't penetrated by drilling before.
- 6) On the ground of displacement of reflections fractures are marked out.

Analysis of results of correlation of reflections fragment of regional seismic profile Batolit confirmed stratigraphic model of Nepa arch based on log and core data.



A - osinsk horizon; B - top of tetere formation; M - top of tira formation; R<sub>0</sub> - surface of Ar-PR<sub>1</sub> basement

Fig. 4 Fragment of regional seismic profile Batolit osinsk horizon levelled

Conclusions made in presented research are very important for prediction of oil-and-gas content of Nepa arch.