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## GEOLOGY ASPECTS OF UPPER DEVONIAN REEF DEPOSITS IN TIMAN-PECHORA OIL AND GAS BEARING PROVINCE

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## ОСОБЕННОСТИ ГЕОЛОГИЧЕСКОГО СТРОЕНИЯ ВЕРХНЕДЕВОНСКИХ РИФОГЕННЫХ ОТЛОЖЕНИЙ ТИМАНО-ПЕЧОРСКОЙ НЕФТЕГАЗОНОСНОЙ ПРОВИНЦИИ

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The paper analyzes the structure of Upper Devonian reef strata within Moroshkinsky, Ust-Tsilemsky and Severo-Tebuksky reference sites located in the territory of the Komi Republic and Nenets Autonomous Okrug. Based on the re-interpretation of the materials of geophysical well logging involving lithologic description of core and results of its laboratory studies, a detailed analysis of the structure of Domanic-Famenian part of the profile has been made, and a correlation pattern for deep well profiles has been drawn. As a result of well log correlation, some of the stratigraphic boundaries have been updated, the scope of lithologic and stratigraphic subdivisions has been determined, reference bands with good visibility on geophysical diagrams and easily traceable carbonate formations known to geologists as F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>, F<sub>4</sub>, F<sub>5</sub>, as well as inter-formation bands, have been specified.

The paper contains the results of a geochemical study of the Upper Devonian reef deposits of the wells drilled in the territory of Moroshkinsky, Ust-Tsilemsky and Severo-Tebuksky sites. It presents content distribution of organic carbon, chloroform and alcohol-benzol extracted bitumoids in the rocks of certain well horizons, and describes oil generation potential of the rocks on the basis of pyrolytic data.

Based on the comprehensive analysis of the results of laboratory core analysis and materials of production log tests, reservoir quality discrimination has been performed, an evaluation of their quantitative parameters and fluid content has been made. Porosity factor has been selected as the criterion for evaluation of reservoir properties of the rocks. Determination of porosity by neutron gamma-ray logging has been performed following the method of two guide formations using the dependencies developed by JSC KamNIKIGS. For evaluation of quantitative parameters of carbonate reservoirs, the results of standard core analysis were used: effective porosity, absolute permeability to gas, and volumetric density. The results of the research can be used during prospecting and exploration in the territory of the three reference sites of interest.

### Ключевые слова:

Тимано-Печорская нефтегазоносная провинция, керн, разрез, скважина, органическое вещество, битумоид, нефтематеринские породы, пиролиз Rock-Eval, ИК-спектроскопия, переинтерпретация, геофизические исследования скважин, пористость, коллектор

Рассмотрены вопросы строения верхнедевонской рифогенной толщи в пределах Морошкинского, Усть-Цилемского и Северо-Тэбукского эталонных участков, расположенных на территории Республики Коми и Ненецкого автономного округа. На основе переинтерпретации материалов геофизических исследований скважин с привлечением литологического описания керна и результатов его лабораторных исследований проведена детализация строения доманиково-фаменинской части разреза, приведена схема корреляции разрезов глубоких скважин. В результате корреляции разрезов откорректированы некоторые стратиграфические границы, определен объем литолого-стратиграфических подразделений, выделены реперные пакки, хорошо отображаемые на геофизических диаграммах, и прослеживаемые карбонатные пласты, известные геологам как F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>, F<sub>4</sub>, F<sub>5</sub>, а также межпластовые пакки.

В данной работе приведены результаты геохимических исследований верхнедевонских рифогенных отложений скважин, пробуренных на территории Морошкинского, Усть-Цилемского и Северо-Тэбукского участков. Представлено распределение содержания органического углерода, хлороформного и спиртобензольного битумоидов в породах отдельных горизонтов скважин, а также охарактеризован нефтегенерационный потенциал пород по пиролизическим данным.

На основании комплексного анализа результатов лабораторно-аналитических исследований керна и материалов промыслово-геофизических исследований выполнено выделение коллекторов, проведена оценка их количественных параметров и характера насыщенности. Критерием для оценки коллекторских свойств пород выбран коэффициент пористости. Определение пористости по нейтронному гамма-каротажу проведено способом двух опорных пластов с применением зависимостей АО «КамНИИКИГС». Для оценки количественных параметров карбонатных коллекторов использованы результаты стандартных исследований керна: открытая пористость, абсолютная газопроницаемость, объемная плотность. Результаты проведенных исследований могут быть использованы при проведении поисково-разведочных работ на территории трех рассмотренных эталонных участков.

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## Introduction

The paper presents the results of a detailed structural analysis of the Domanic-Famenian part of the geological profile in the territory of Moroshkinsky, Ust-Tsilemsky and Severo-Tebuksky reference sites. The study is based on the conducted laboratory core analysis, as well as analysis, generalization and partial re-interpretation of available geological and geophysical information concerning the Upper Devonian reef strata.

The region under research is located in the north of the Timan-Pechora oil and gas bearing province, in the territory of Nenets Autonomous Okrug and the Komi Republic (fig. 1). Tectonically the Moroshkinsky site is situated in Denisovskaya depression, Ust-Tsilemsky site is in Izhma-Pechorskaya depression at the junction of Izhemskaya and Yersinskaya terrace. Severo-

Tebuksky site is located in Izhma-Pechorskaya depression in the territory of the Timan Ridge, Neritskaya terrace and Omra-Lyzhskaya saddle.

## Well Log Correlation

The Upper Devonian reef strata in Timan-Pechora province is a promising oil prospecting area, which is justified by actual results of earlier prospecting and exploration work. In the immediate vicinity of the sites of interest are hydrocarbon reservoirs where commercial fields are in part associated with the Upper Devonian deposits. In particular, Moroshkinsky site neighbors with Komandirshorskoye, Severo-Komandirshorskoye, Kharyaginskoye and Srednekharyaginskoye fields, Ust-Tsilemsky site – with Nizevoye and Yuzhno-Nizevoye fields, Severo-Tebuksky site – with Zapadno-Tebukskoye field.

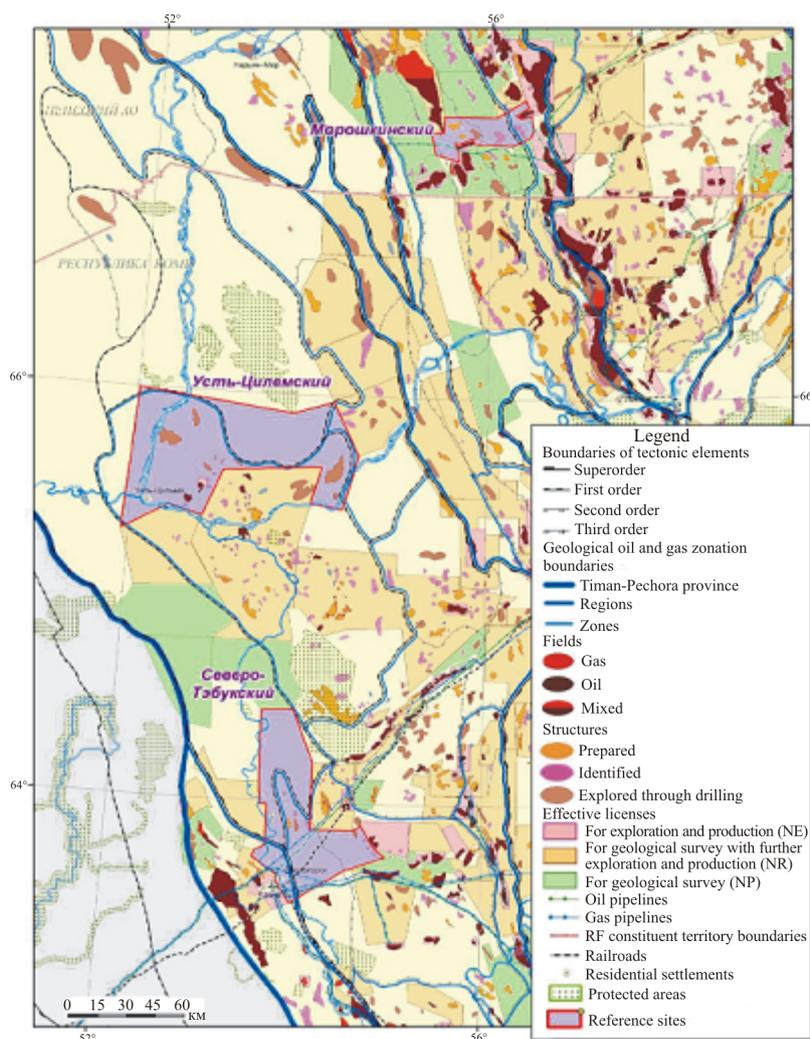


Fig. 1. Location of reference sites on an overview map

The sedimentary profile under research belongs to the Domanic-Tournaisian carbonate oil and gas play, in most of its wells encompassing the profile from the Domanic horizon of the Middle Frasnian substage to the Numylg horizon of the Upper Famennian substage inclusive [1, 2]. Some of the wells also have Tournaisian stage deposits. In the territories of Moroshkinsky, Ust-Tsilemsky and Severo-Tebuksky sites, the predominantly carbonate Domanic-Famennian stratum is virtually omnipresent. The deposits are vastly variable in terms of stratigraphic completeness of the profile, lithologic composition and thickness.

In order to produce a more exhaustive development concept of the Upper Devonian deposits and to perform a high quality well correlation, the strata survey included additional information concerning the 22 wells located in the vicinity of site boundaries. The profile has been examined on the basis of the principle of correlation between the strata with diverse facies developed by J.L. Wilson [3] and proposed for Timan-Pechora province by M.M. Grachevsky [4] taking into account the results of research by B.P. Bogdanov [5, 6], L.A. Gobanov [7], L.V. Parmuzina [8], A.V. Solomatin [9], V.S. Tsyganko, P.A. Beznosov [10], V.V. Menner [11], E.L. Petrenko [12, 13], Z.P. Yuryeva [14, 15], A.V. Durkina [16].

As a result of the conducted well log correlation, some of the stratigraphic boundaries have been updated, the scope of lithologic and stratigraphic subdivisions has been determined. The research has specified reference bands with a good visibility on geophysical diagrams and easily traceable carbonate formations identified as F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, as well as inter-formation bands. Fig. 2 shows the correlation pattern for profiles of wells drilled in the territory of Ust-Tsilemsky site.

For correlation patterns, reference to facial zones was based on [17] and studies performed in LLC TP NIC [18].

### **Ust-Tsilemsky Site**

In Moroshkinsky site, the oil and gas play is represented by the Domanic horizon of the Middle Frasnian substage, Vetlasian, Sirachoy, Evlanov and Liven horizons of the Middle Frasnian substage, the Lower and Middle Famennian substages and the undivided Upper Famennian deposits of the Zelenets-Numylg age. The play has been fully uncovered by

drilling in the site with two wells: No. 2 and No. 3 Severo-Komandirshorskaya. Its thickness ranges insignificantly and amounts to 934 and 936 m respectively. Well profiles in the interval under study can be quite successfully correlated on diagrams obtained by geophysical well logging. The Volgograd horizon of the Lower Famennian substage can be easily distinguished in the nuclear logging and apparent resistivity (AR) diagrams, with a clearly discernible clayey band in its top. Another discernible band is that of the terrigenous rocks comprising the Vetlasian horizon, along with the clayey carbonate bands in deposits of the Yelets and Zelenets-Numylg horizons. In the profile of No.2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well, Timan age of deposits has been confirmed by occasional brachiopod findings in the interval from 4252.1 to 4257.1 m and the Sargayev horizon bottom has been updated. Absence of faunistic age data prevents from specifying the stratigraphic nature of the clayey band with identical geophysical properties found in the profiles of No.2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well in the interval of 3273 to 3286 m, of No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well in the interval of 3198 to 3212 m and of No. 144 Srednekharyaginskaya well in the interval of 2813 to 2825 m. The band has been tentatively qualified as Tournaisian.

The strata under research can be distinguished by three facial types of deposits. Formations of the Domanic horizon have emerged in the development zone of reef systems of condensed (Domanicoid) deposits and filling strata. The terrigenous deposits of the Vetlasian horizon are represented by sediments of filling strata in relatively deep-water Domanicoid (condensed) facies. The Evlanov-Numylg interval of the profile is represented by shallow marine shelf deposits. In Evlanov, Liven and Volgograd horizons, terrigenous rocks prevail, whereas Zadoxian, Yelets, Ust-Pechora and Zelenets-Numylg horizons are mostly carbonate.

In Ust-Tsilemsky site, the play of interest is represented by the Middle and Upper substage of the Frasnian stage and the Lower Famennian substage. Deposits of the Domanic horizons are well-developed throughout the entire area and correspond to the two lithofacial zones: shallow marine shelf carbonate formation zone (No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well and No. 40 Khabarikhinskaya well) and development zone of reef systems of condensed (Domanicoid) deposits and filling strata

(region of No.1-5 wells of Nizevaya area, No. 1 well of Brykalanskaya area and No. 1 of Dvoinkovaya area). Stratigraphically the most complete profiles (with the presence of Frasnian stage and Lower Famennian substage) are observed in the east of the site's territory adjacent to Kipievskaya terrace. A significant thickness reduction of the play in well profiles of the western part of the site due to its stratigraphic incompleteness is typical of shallow marine shelf

deposits. The profile gradually loses first its Zadoxian horizon (No. 5 Nizevaya well), and next the entire Lower Famennian substage (No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well and No. 40 Khabarikhinskaya well). In well profiles of the Nizevaya area, the Famennian stage is represented by low-thickness Zadoxian horizon of the Lower Famennian substage. In profiles of wells drilled in the western part of the site (No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well and No. 40 Khabarikhinskaya well), the Lower Famennian deposits

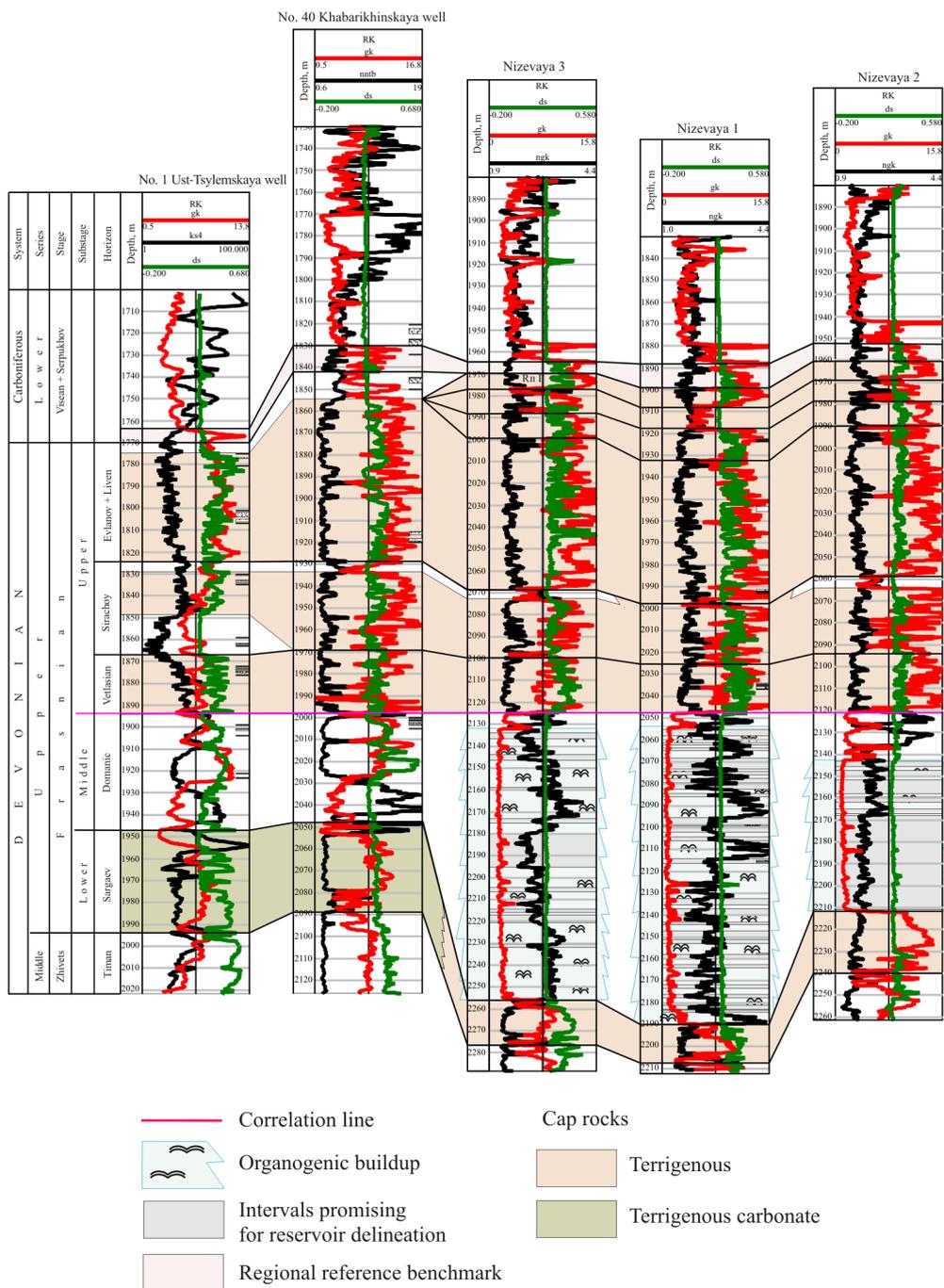


Fig. 2. Correlation pattern for Upper Devonian deposits

are completely absent. Thickness of the play ranges from 224 m (No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well) to 476 m (No. 1 Dvoinikovaya well). In the Domanic horizon profile, carbonate rocks prevail. In the bottom of the horizon, a band can be discerned (along the core of No. 1 Sosyanskaya well), made up of limestone: darkish gray, close-grained, sparsely clayey, dolomitized, pyritized, recrystallized, dense, strong, expressed in high values on curves obtained by neutron gamma-ray logging (NGRL) and AR, marked with color on the correlation pattern. The overlying profile is distinguished by prevalence of terrigenous rocks. The Vetlasian clayey band can also be clearly traced and outstands in the profile due to its high gamma-ray logging and induced potential logging values, low neutron gamma-ray logging and AR values. In the top of Sirachoy horizon, a 3-4 m thick sandy-aleurolite band is distinguished.

In Severo-Tebuksky site in profiles of No. 93 Kabantyskaya well, No. 80 Kykaelskaya well and No. 52 Vanyuskaya well, the Domanic-Famenian interval is represented by the Domanic horizon of the Middle Frasnian substage, Vetlasian and Sirachoy, undivided Evlanov and Liven horizons, Upper Frasnian substage, Lower and Middle substages of the Famenian stage. The Lower Famenian substage is represented by the Volgograd, Zadonian and Yelets horizons, the Middle Famenian substage – by Ust-Pechora horizon. In profiles of No. 10 Timanskaya well, No.1 Porozhskaya well and No. 1 Ayuvinskaya Pechora-Petroleum well, the Famenian formations are only represented by the deposits of the Lower substage. Thickness of the play ranges from 506 m (No. 1 Porozhskaya well) to 763 m (No. 93 Kabantyskaya well).

In terms of geophysical likeness, typical configuration of well logging curves, and stratigraphic completeness, taking into account the facial analysis, three types of profile have been distinguished in the strata under study. Deposits of Domanic, Vetlasian ages, and also of Sirachoy and Evlanov ages in No. 93 Kabantyskaya and No. 52 Vanuyskaya wells, have formed in the zone of condensed (Domanicoid) deposits and clayey-carbonate filling strata. Profile of No. 10 Timanskaya well is typical for deposits formed in the carbonate formation of shallow marine shelf. The same type of profile was determined in the Sirachoy-Yelets terrigenous-carbonate strata in No. 1 Porozhskaya and No. 1 Ayuvinskaya Pechora-Petroleum wells, and also in the Liven-Ust-Pechora interval in No. 80 Kykaelskaya and No. 52 Vanyunskaya wells and in the strata overlaying the reef formations in No. 93

Kabantyskaya well. The development zone of reef systems, condensed (Domanicoid) deposits and filling strata is represented by reef rocks of the Liven horizon in the profile of No. 93 Kabantyskaya well.

### Geochemical Survey

This paper provides the results of geochemical survey of Upper Devonian reef deposits in wells drilled in the territory of Moroshkinsky, Ust-Tsilemsky and Severo-Tebuksky sites. A summary geochemical description of the profiles of interest is presented in the table. The basis core analysis has been performed using the methods of luminescent bituminology, including determination of the content of organic carbon ( $C_{org}$ ) in the rocks, and rock pyrolysis using Rock Eval method. The bitumoid molecular structure was studied using the method of IR spectroscopy [19], fractional composition – using thin layer chromatography [20]. The composition of biomarker carbohydrates (n-alkanes, isoprenoids) has been determined using the method of gas-liquid chromatography [21]. The organic matter has been also examined microscopically in slices after the method by E.S. Larskaya [22]. Literature [23–31] was used to assist interpretation of the geochemical survey.

$C_{org}$  content in rocks (by median values) gradually decreases up the stratigraphy from Domanic deposits (0.86 %) to 0.07 % in the Zadonian horizon and 0.22 % in the Yelets horizon (fig. 3). Content of oil sequence hydrocarbons in rocks (pyrolytic parameter  $S_1$ ) is measured unidirectionally: from 0.6 mg/g of rock (median value for Domanic deposits) to 0.07–0.08 mg/g in Zadonian and Yelets horizon rocks.

Oil source rocks represented by clayey limestone and inter-reef facies dolomites have been encountered mostly in the Domanic, Sirachoy, Evlanov and Liven horizons of Frasnian stage. 44 % of the studied samples belong to this type of rocks.

Value  $S_2$  descriptive of the remaining oil generation potential of rocks is high in Domanic deposits ( $S_2$  median values – 6.9 mg/g). In undivided Domanic-Vetlasian deposits,  $S_2$  goes down to the median value of 1.4 mg/g of rock and until Yelets horizon does not exceed 0.3 mg/g per rock.

The omnipresent migratory bitumoid can be identified micropetrographically by location in microfractures and intergranular space. The concentration of chloroform extracted bitumoid ( $B_{chl}$ ), based on the data of luminescent bituminological analysis, varies from trace quantities (0.0001 %) to high values (3.75 %).

## Rock geochemistry

Geological time	Lithology	C <sub>org</sub> , % per rock	B <sub>chl</sub> , % per rock	S <sub>1</sub> , mg/g rock	S <sub>2</sub> , mg/g rock	T <sub>max</sub> , °C	Catagenesis gradation range
		minimum maximum median					
D <sub>3</sub> dm	Limestones, marls, dolomites, argillites	0.02	0.0009	0.04	0.11	414–451	PC <sub>3</sub> –MC <sub>2</sub>
		9.4	2.5	6.30	76.56		
		1.26	0.09	0.60	6.92		
D <sub>3</sub> dm+vt	Argillites, aleurolites, sandstones	0.86	0.0009	0.10	0.47	438–440	MC <sub>1</sub>
		0.86	0.01	0.11	2.27		
		0.86	0.006	0.11	1.37		
D <sub>3</sub> src+vt	Argillites, dolomites	0.23	0.0002	0.06	0.28	438	MC <sub>1</sub>
		0.72	0.02	0.14	0.38		
		0.48	0.0019	0.10	0.33		
D <sub>3</sub> src	Limestones, sandstones, dolomites	0.02	0.0002	0.08	0.11	421–436	PC <sub>3</sub> –MC <sub>1</sub>
		0.65	0.12	0.25	4.07		
		0.19	0.001	0.09	0.22		
D <sub>3</sub> ev	Aleurolites, argillites, limestones, sulfate clay rock	0.09	0.0001	0.00	0.00	437–490	MC <sub>1</sub> –MC <sub>4</sub>
		0.25	0.0025	0.03	0.13		
		0.17	0.0006	0.02	0.07		
D <sub>3</sub> ev+lv	Limestones, dolomites, aleurolites, sandstones, marls	0.03	0.0000	0.04	0.07	435	MC <sub>1</sub>
		0.86	0.08	0.81	17.83		
		0.24	0.0006	0.10	0.23		
D <sub>3</sub> zd	Limestones	0.04	0.0001	0.07	0.20	441–446	MC <sub>2</sub>
		0.10	0.08	0.09	0.22		
		0.07	0.01	0.08	0.21		
D <sub>3</sub> el	Limestones, dolomites	0.13	0.00	0.04	0.13	407–443	PC <sub>3</sub> –MC <sub>1</sub>
		0.31	0.24	1.35	1.59		
		0.22	0.0009	0.07	0.25		

Note: C<sub>org</sub> – organic carbon content; B<sub>chl</sub> – chloroform extracted bitumoid content; S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>max</sub> – pyrolytic parameters.

Geochemistry of the Upper Devonian reef deposits is further detailed below to help evaluate their prospects and hydrocarbon potential.

**Domanic** horizon rocks are represented by limestones in No. 1 and No. 4 wells of Nizevaya area, in No. 1 Sosyanskaya well, No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well of Ust-Tsilemsky site, by marls in No. 2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well of Moroshkinsky site, by alternation of terrigenous and carbonate rocks in No. 1 Dvoynikovaya well and No. 10 Timanskaya well of Severo-Tebuksky site.

Syngenetic organic matter is observed in slices as clots and microveinlets of colloform sapropel organic matter and carbon-bearing detritus. Microfractures and intergranular space contain adhesions of bituminous matter. C<sub>org</sub> content widely ranges: from 0.02 to 9.4 %, C<sub>org</sub> median value is 1.3 %.

The highest C<sub>org</sub> concentrations (3–9 %) are found in marls of No. 10 Timanskaya well which possesses a rich generation potential (27.4 to 76.6 mg/g rock) that didn't have the time to fully realize as the rock maturity corresponds to protocatagenesis stage (PC<sub>3</sub>). The same area exhibits high content of bituminous matter

(β ranges from 15 to 27 %) caused by both syngenetic resinous-asphaltenic bitumoids of the early generation stage and migratory (allochthonous) components. Pyrolytic data suggests that Domanic deposits of No. 10 Timanskaya well in the territory of Severo-Tebuksky site contain a hydrocarbon accumulation zone (S<sub>1</sub> – 1.9–6.3 mg/g rock).

In other wells, Domanic horizon rocks are less bituminous: B<sub>chl</sub> content is maximum 0.156 %, S<sub>1</sub> – less than 0.5 mg/g rock. The remaining potential corresponds to the “satisfactory” category (S<sub>2</sub> = 2.2–3.5 mg/g) in certain interbeds of No. 1 Dvoynikovaya well (2363.4–2367.2 m) and No. 1 Sosyanskaya well (2257.4 m) of Ust-Tsilemsky site, and in other cases – to the “poor” category (does not exceed 0.6 mg/g rock).

In undivided **Domanic-Vetlasian** deposits represented by terrigenous rocks in No. 4 Nizevaya well of Ust-Tsilemsky site, the content of C<sub>org</sub> amounts to 0.86–1.3 %, bitumoids are oxidized, B<sub>chl</sub> concentration does not exceed 0.01 %, the concentration of alcohol-benzol extracted bitumoids (B<sub>ab</sub>) does not exceed 0.06 %. In terms of molecular structure, the bitumoid appears to

be syngenetic, formed in the initial phase of hydrocarbon generation.

**Vetlasiyan** horizon rocks have been studied in No. 10 Timan area well of Severo-Tebuksky site.  $C_{org}$  content amounts to 0.57 %,  $B_{chl}$  – 0.0019 %,  $B_{ab}$  – 0.005 %. The bitumoid is lightly oily and oxidized. Pyrolytic data suggests that rocks are poor in terms of generation potential and catagenetically immature ( $S_2$  – 0.73 mg/g rock  $PC_3$ ).

**Sirachoy** horizon rocks have relatively low  $C_{org}$  concentration, ranging from 0.02–0.19 % in the wells of Srednekharyaginskaya and Severo-Komandirshorskaya area of Moroshkinsky site to 0.37–0.65 % in the wells of Ust-Tsilemsky site and

Brykalanskaya area of Ust-Tsilemsky site. Bituminous content in the rocks is also low: median content of  $B_{chl}$  is 0.0012 %,  $B_{ab}$  – 0.005 %. Increasing bituminous matter content (up to 0.118 %  $B_{chl}$ ) found in rocks of No. 1 Brykalanskaya well of Ust-Tsilemsky site is due to a contribution of the migratory constituent:  $B_{chl}$  comprises up to 70 % hydrocarbons. Pyrolysis results suggest that the content of oil sequence hydrocarbons ( $S_1$ ) does not exceed 0.3 mg/g rock; content of pyrolytic hydrocarbons ( $S_2$ ) at the level of 2–4 mg/g rock at  $T_{max} = 435$  °C ( $MC_1$ ) substantiates satisfactory generation potential of the organic matter entering the main oil generation zone.

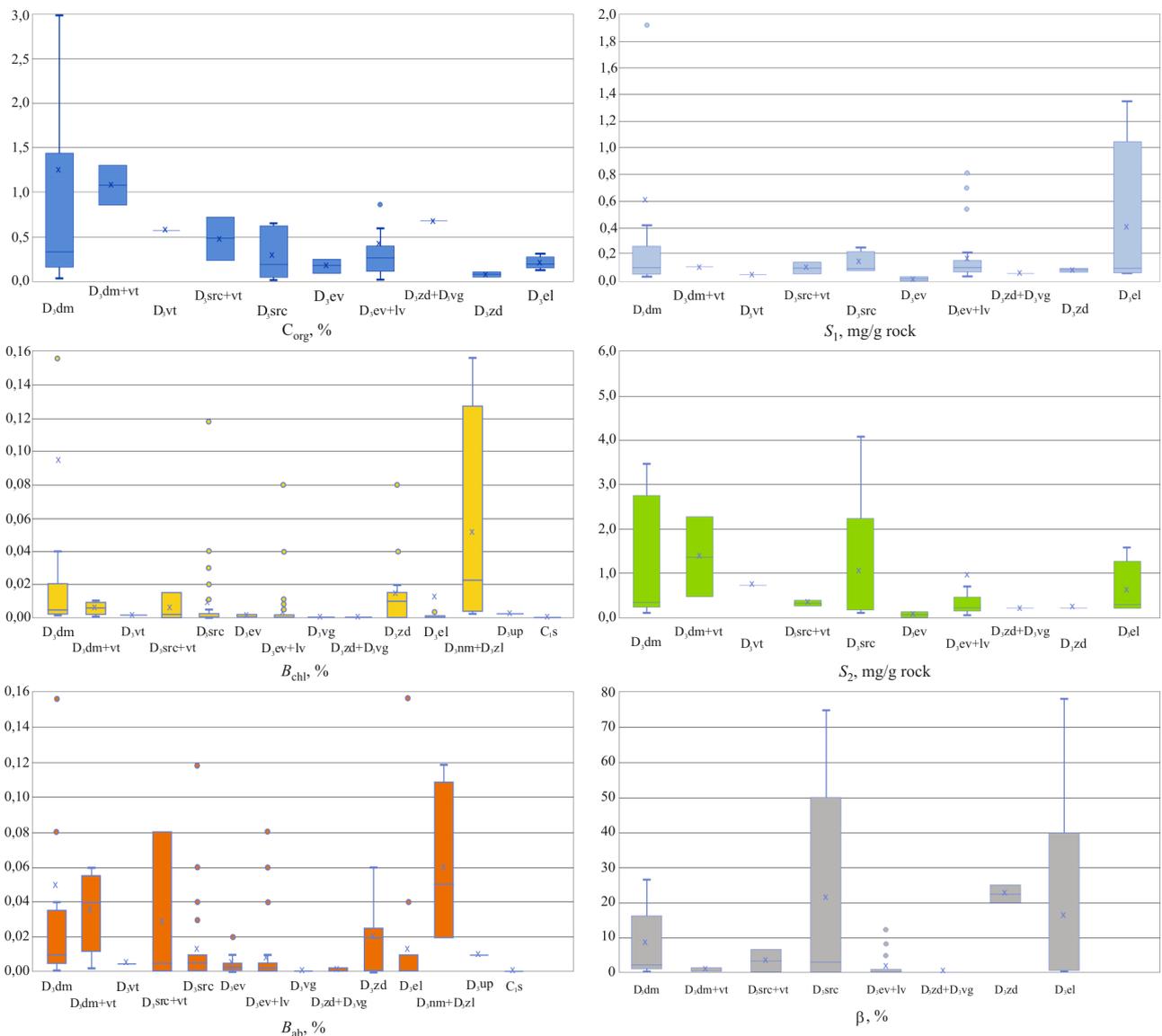


Fig. 3. Concentration distribution diagrams for  $C_{org}$  and bitumoids, pyrolytic indicators, bituminosity factor ( $\beta$ )

Bituminosity of the rocks from No. 2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well and No.144 Srednekharyaginskaya well of Moroshkinsky site is much lower but is also caused by migratory components: at low  $C_{org}$  content ( $\leq 0.04\%$ ), the bituminosity factor  $\beta$  amounts to 50–75 %, and  $B_{chl}$  comprises up to 70 % hydrocarbons. In terms of n-alkanes content, the bitumoids are similar to Domanic horizon bitumoids, especially in No. 144 Srednekharyaginskaya well.

In *Yevlanov* horizon, the concentration of organic carbon and bitumoids decrease significantly:  $C_{org}$  – 0.09 to 0.25 %,  $B_{chl}$  content – 0.0001 to 0.0025 %. The bitumoids are oxidized, lightly oily or oily-resinous.

In undivided *Yevlanov* and *Liven* horizons, the content of organic carbon is 0.03 to 0.86 %, whereas median value is 0.24 %. Increased concentrations are found in the rocks of No. 1 and No. 4 wells of Nizevaya area and No.1 Sosnyanskaya well of Ust-Tsilemsky site. Migratory bitumoids are present, oxidized and in low concentrations:  $B_{chl}$  content median value amounts to 0.0009 %,  $B_{ab}$  – 0.005 %. Only in some of the interbeds of No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well of Moroshkinsky site,  $B_{chl}$  content reaches 0.08 %,  $B_{ab}$  – 0.06 %. In No. 4 Nizevaya well, catagenetically immature ( $T_{max} = 421\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) type III kerogen (applying Tissot and Welte (1984) classification system) is found in  $C_{org}$  concentration of 0.86 %.

In terms of fractional composition, all bitumoids are closely related: hydrocarbons account for 40–48 %, resinous-asphaltenic compounds – for 52–60 %. However, differences exist in molecular structure and hydrocarbon content. So, in No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well, bitumoid IR spectra of the rocks from the depth of 3872.5 and 3877.8 m exhibit differences in the share of unbranched saturated chains, aromaticity and degree of oxidation, which is caused by a relatively high contribution of migratory components in the bitumoid from the depth of 3872.5 m. Bitumoids from No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well, No. 144 Srednekharyaginskaya well, No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well located in the territory of Moroshkinsky site have similar configuration of IR spectra and n-alkanes molecular mass distribution curves.

*Volgograd* horizon rocks represented by limestones of No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well (Moroshkinsky site) have very low bituminosity ( $B_{chl} \leq 0.0002\%$ ,  $B_{ab} \leq 0.0006\%$ ).

The undivided *Zadonian-Volgograd* deposits represented by limestones from No. 1 well of Dvoynikovaya area at Ust-Tsilemsky site, with  $C_{org}$  content = 0.68 %, have very low bituminosity due to the presence of light and light oily bitumoid ( $B_{chl} - 0.0003\%$ ). The rocks contain type III kerogen located in the oil window zone but with a low remaining potential ( $S_2 \leq 0.3\text{ mg/g rock}$ ).

Rocks of *Zadonian* horizon are represented by limestones in No. 2 Komandirshorskaya area (Moroshkinsky site) and No. 10 Timanskaya area (Severo-Tebuksky site). The content of  $C_{org}$  is extremely low – less than 0.1 %. The concentration of bitumoids is much higher in the rocks of No. 2 Komandirshorskaya well ( $B_{chl} - 0.026\%$ ,  $B_{ab} - 0.036\%$ ), whereas in the rocks of No. 10 Timanskaya well the average  $B_{chl}$  concentrations amount to 0.0003 %,  $B_{ab} - 0.001\%$ . Bitumoids of No. 2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well are resinous, of oxidized or mixed nature, whereas No. 10 Timanskaya well bitumoids are resinous and resinous-oily and are oxidized by nature.

Bitumoids contain a high share of hydrocarbons (53 %), mostly saturated (42 %).

Isoprenoids are generally predominated by phytane (Pr/Ph 0.7–0.8). Low values of isoprenoid to n-alkanes ratios are an evidence of a rather significant maturation of the organic matter.

*Yelets* horizon rocks are represented by limestones, clayey to various extent, with interbeds of marls and dolomites, and have relatively low concentrations of organic carbon ( $C_{org} - 0.3$  to 0.31 %, median value – 0.25 %), with a direct dependence observed between concentration of  $C_{org}$  and bitumoids. Based on the pyrolysis data, the organic matter in all studied samples belongs to type III (humic) whose catagenetic maturity corresponds to substages  $PC_3$ – $MC_1$ .

Values of pyrolytic parameters in the play are generally low:  $S_1 - 0.07$  to 0.15 mg/g,  $S_2$  – less than 0.3 mg/g rock. An exception is No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well of Moroshkinsky site with a bituminous interbed in the interval of 3656.2–3667.2 m, caused by a high share of epigenetic components ( $B_{chl}$  concentration is 0.235 %,  $\beta - 78\%$ ,  $S_1 - 1.4\text{ mg/g rock}$ ).

All bitumoids are oxidized, except for the limestone bitumoid from the interval within 3649.6–3667.2 m in No.13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya area of Moroshkinsky site. Apart from high

concentrations ( $B_{chl} = 0.235\%$ ,  $B_{ab} = 0.156\%$ ), it has a resinous-asphaltenic composition and mixed nature (neutrality factor – 1.51), high bituminosity factor (78 %), relatively high pyrolytic parameters ( $S_1 = 1.4$  mg/g,  $S_2 = 1.6$  mg/g rock) corresponding to the zone of hydrocarbons microaccumulation.

**Ust-Pechora** horizon rocks are represented by limestone in No. 13 Moroshkinskaya well, containing oily-resinous (migratory) bitumoid in low concentration ( $B_{chl} = 0.0025\%$ ).

In **Numylg** and **Zelenets horizons**, rock bituminosity is higher than in the underlying limestones of Ust-Pechora horizon:  $B_{chl}$  – up to 0.04 %,  $B_{ab}$  – up to 0.08 %. Bitumoids are mainly oxidized and resinous. In fractional composition, shares of saturated hydrocarbons and heavy resins are nearly equal (32–37 %), with an aromatic fraction and asphaltenes accounting for 12 % each.

No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well contains syngenetic organic matter represented by particles of algal detritus, disperse spots and colloform clots of sapropel organic matter.

### Production Log Tests

Based on the integral analysis of the results of laboratory analysis of the core and production log test materials, reservoirs have been delineated; an evaluation of their quantitative parameters and fluid content has been made.

For well logging interpretation, literature [32–39] was used.

Porosity factor has been selected as the criterion for evaluation of rock reservoir properties. Porosity was determined by neutron gamma-ray logging following the method of two guide formations using the dependencies developed by JSC KamNIKIGS.

Petrophysical support of well logging data interpretation has been based on the core analysis data. Well logging data interpretation was performed in order to evaluate the calculation parameters for delineation of reservoir beds in the productive intervals. Evaluation of quantitative parameters of carbonate reservoirs was based on the results of standard core analysis: effective porosity, absolute permeability to gas, and volumetric density.

Evaluation of reservoirs in the Upper Devonian play and the nature of their distribution in the area and in the profile is mostly based on the production log tests. Well logging data was used for forecasting

the reservoir fluid content. Distinction between water-saturated and oil-saturated reservoir beds in promising intervals has been performed on a qualitative level using the normalizing method taking into account the results of open hole assay and cased hole tests [40].

In the territory of Moroshkinsky site, well logging and core analysis have been performed for six wells drilled in the site of interest, using the data of twelve wells located beside its boundaries. Analysis of the “density-porosity” dependency in the core has shown that rock density ranges insignificantly (2.44–2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), so no dependency was found.

Determination of porosity after the NGRL procedure used the method of two guide formations. Guide formations were neat dense limestones of Zadonian deposits with 1.0 % porosity and Viséan age deposits with maximum  $K_p$  values [41].

For porosity calculation in promising intervals not represented in the core, based on core analysis and well logging data, a dependency was built between a double gamma-ray index of NGRL and the porosity factor ( $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$ ) for permeable interbeds (fig. 4).

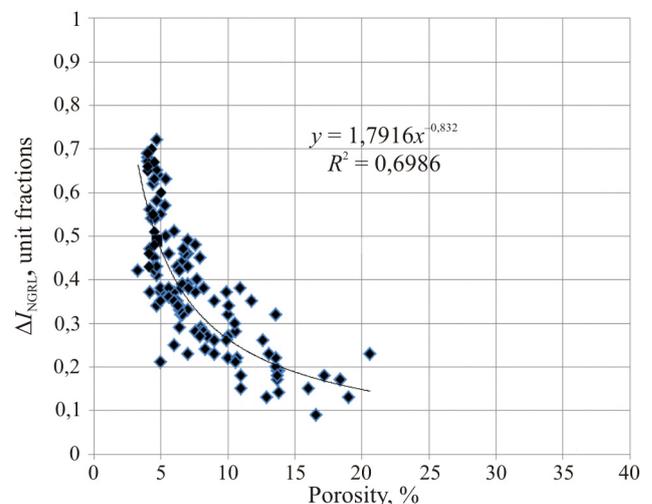


Fig. 4.  $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$  dependency.  
Moroshkinsky site

Analysis of core macro- and microdescription and the results of laboratory analysis of Upper Devonian reef deposits have shown that Moroshkinsky site reservoirs are mostly represented by low-porosity limestones, mainly clayey and close-grained, as well as organic limestones and calcareous dolomites. Rocks are mostly strong and mildly

fractured. Fractures are mostly subhorizontal, undulating, occasionally straight, short, healed with clayey matter or calcite.

Based on the results of well logging data reinterpretation, test data analysis and assays, and core laboratory analysis, it can be concluded that in the productive parts of the profile in the territory of interest, fractured and fractured-vuggy reservoir rock prevails [42].

Profile intervals promising for delineation of reservoirs have been found in the deposits of Domanic, Sirachoy, Zadonian, Yelets, Ust-Pechora horizons and the undivided strata of Numylg-Zelenets time.

The fluid content of reservoir beds in the delineated intervals, based on the available data for some of the wells, enabled the use of a normalizing method, involving comparison of neutron gamma-ray logging curves and normalized laterolog survey curves (fig. 5). Mutual behavior of the curves provides insight on the fluid content: if the interval of interest shows an increment, there is a probability of presence of productive reservoir beds saturated with oil or gas. If the curves merge, then the beds are, most likely, water-saturated. This approach was used for evaluation of intervals in reservoirs found in carbonate rocks in the profiles of No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well, No. 2 and 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya wells, and No. 144 Srednekharyaginskaya well.

In the profile of No. 31 Moroshkinskaya well, presumably oil-saturated reservoirs were delineated in Domanic, Sirachoy, Zadonian, Yelets, Ust-Pechora and Numylg + Zelenets horizons. Based on the assay, mineralized water was found in Domanic deposits; no influx was discovered during formation tests in Zadonian deposits. No positive increments were found between NGRL method and laterolog survey in the reservoirs delineated in the profile of No. 144 Srednekharyaginskaya well; possibly, the reservoirs are water-saturated. Assay results in Sirachoy horizon reservoirs have registered an influx of mineralized water. In No. 2 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well profile, presumably oil-saturated reservoirs were found in the deposits of Domanic, Sirachoy, Zadonian, Yelets, Ust-Pechora and Numylg + Zelenets horizons. In the course of the testing, the Domanic deposits produced an influx of oil with a yield of 0.8 m<sup>3</sup>/day. In No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well profile,

presumably oil-saturated reservoirs were delineated in Domanic, Sirachoy, Zadonian, Yelets, Ust-Pechora and Numylg + Zelenets horizons. Assays of Domanic deposits have found mineralized water. The difference in the evaluation by well logging and by assay may be caused by a number of reasons: failure to account for drilling-in conditions, wellbore area clogging, hydrodynamic formation characteristics, etc.

In the territory of Ust-Tsilemsky site, analysis of well logging and core materials has been performed for ten wells located in the area of interest, involving the data of five wells drilled beside its boundaries. The petrophysical “density-porosity” dependency for the core is shown in fig. 6. It is apparent that rock density varies insignificantly (2.28–2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>); however, the two parameters are closely related.

Determination of porosity under NGRL procedure used the method of two guide formations and applied the obtained dependencies. Guide formations were dense limestones of Zadonian age with 1.0–1.5 % porosity and terrigenous Yevlanov-Liven deposits with maximum  $K_p$  values. For porosity calculation in the promising intervals not represented by core, a  $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$  dependency for permeable interbeds (fig. 7) was built on the basis of core analysis and well logging data.

Based on the obtained dependency, porosity values were calculated and reservoirs were delineated in the strata of interest.

Lithologic description, geochemical and petrophysical core analysis results in the Upper Devonian reef deposits have shown that reservoirs in Ust-Tsilemsky reference site are represented by close-grained vuggy limestones, with presence of algal limestones and organic remains, as well as replacement dolomites.

An integral analysis (well logging materials reinterpretation, use of test and assay data, core laboratory analysis) suggests that the productive parts of the profile in the area of interest exhibit prevalence of mixed type reservoirs with pore volume that includes fracture networks, intergranular voids and vuggs.

Intervals promising for reservoir delineation have been found in the Domanic horizon deposits in the profiles of most wells drilled in the area, excluding No. 1 Ust-Tsilemskaya well, No. 40 Khabarikhinskaya well and No. 1 Sosyanskaya well. From these intervals, mineralized water was obtained during assay in the

open hole of No. 1 Brykalanskaya well and No. 1 Dvoinikovaya well. In Yelets horizon deposits, sporadic reservoir interbeds were delineated in profiles of No. 1 Brykalanskaya well (1.5 m) and No. 1 Dvoinikovaya well (10.5 m). During assay in the open hole of No. 1 Dvoinikovaya well, no influx was obtained.

Data available for some of the wells enabled use of normalizing method involving comparison of

neutron gamma-ray logging curves and normalized laterolog survey curves (fig. 8). If the interval of the profile of interest shows an increment, there is a probability of presence of reservoir beds saturated with oil or gas. This approach was used for evaluation of intervals in reservoirs found in carbonate rocks of Domanic age in profiles of No. 1–5 wells of Nizevaya area. Carbonate reservoirs

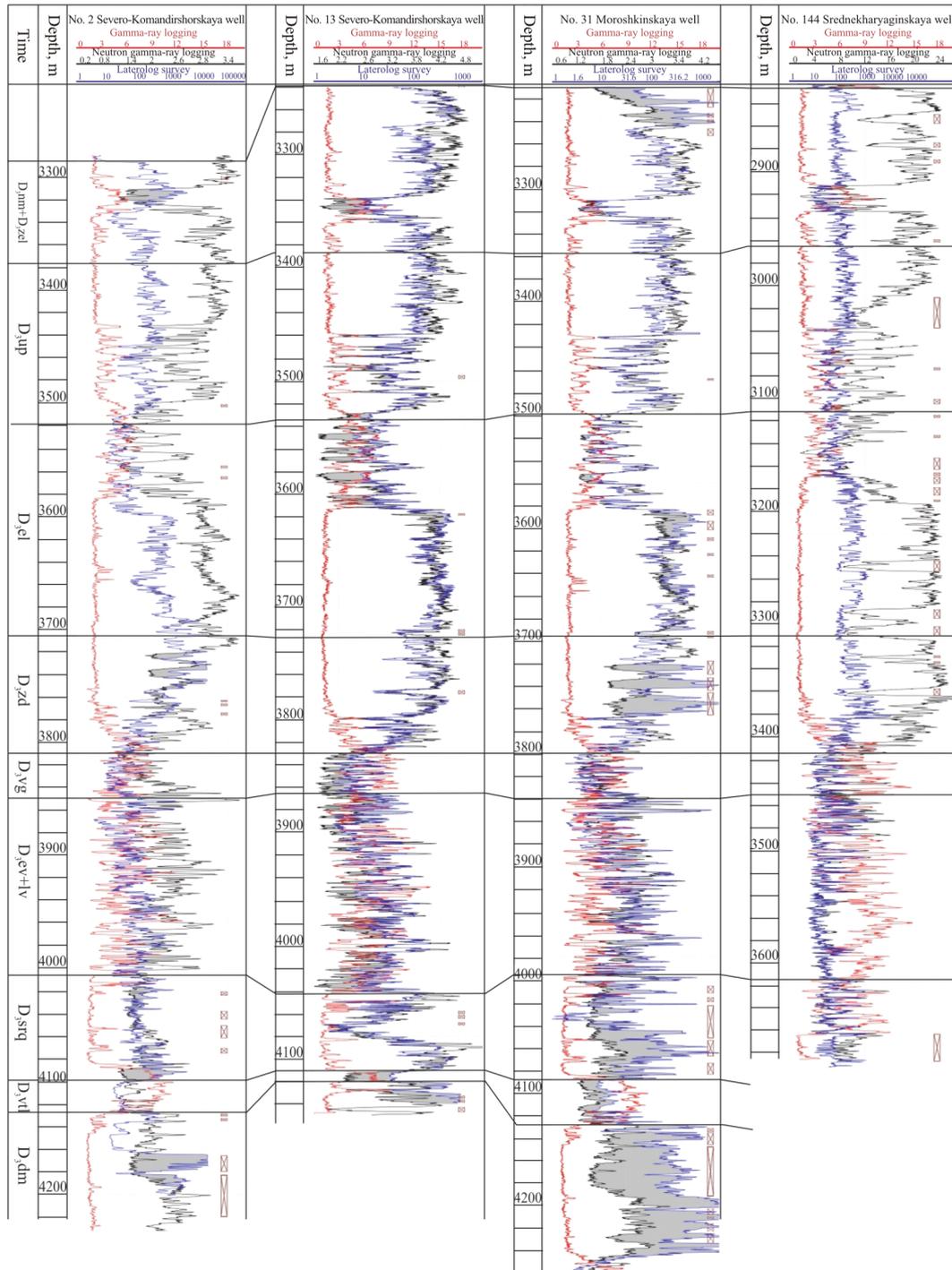


Fig. 5. Evaluation of fluid content in intervals with reservoir beds using the normalizing method. Moroshkinsky site: ⊠ – reservoir interval

of Domanic age can be tentatively classified as oil-saturated. Assay and testing of deposits in this interval have not been conducted.

In the territory of Severo-Tebuksky site, the analysis of well logging and core analysis has been conducted for six wells drilled within the boundaries of the site under study, involving the data of four nearby wells.

Petrophysical dependency “density-porosity” for the core is shown in fig. 9.

Determination of porosity after NGRL procedure used the method of two guide formations and applied the obtained dependencies. Guide formations were

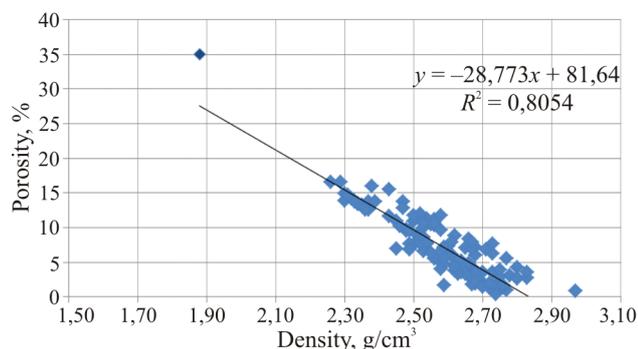


Fig. 6. Comparison of porosity and volumetric density of rock by core. Ust-Tsilemsky site

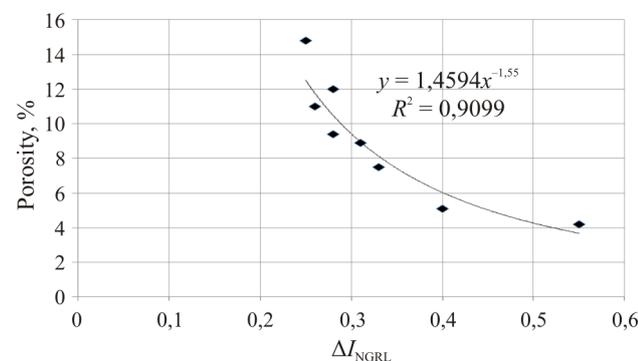


Fig. 7.  $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$  dependency. Ust-Tsilemsky site

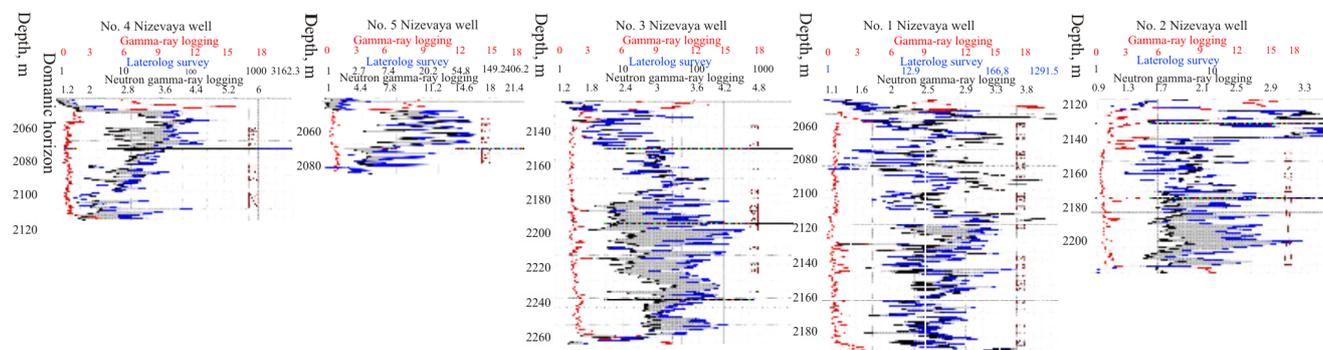


Fig. 8. Evaluation of fluid content in intervals with reservoir beds using the normalizing method. Ust-Tsilemsky site:   – reservoir interval

area-extended dense limestones of Yelets horizon and terrigenous deposits of Yevlanov-Liven age with maximum  $K_p$  values. Porosities of thick beds have been determined by core and amount to 1.0–1.5 % for the guide formation. Based on the NGRL data, these beds exhibit maximum NGRL values, and minimum values judging by gamma-ray logging data.

To estimate the porosity of promising intervals not represented by the core, a  $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$  dependency was built on the basis of core analysis and well logging data for permeable interbeds (fig. 10).

Based on the obtained dependency, porosity values have been calculated and reservoirs have been delineated. In No. 1 Ayuvinskaya Pechora-Petroleum well, due to the absence of nuclear logging data, it was impossible to calculate the porosity factors; however, the assay results suggest that the intervals with reservoir beds have been delineated on a qualitative level.

The analysis of lithologic description and results of geochemical and petrophysical core tests in the Upper Devonian reef deposits have shown that the reservoirs are composed of limestones and dolomites with porosity varying within 7.97–22.22 %. Based on the integral analysis of the results of production log tests of the profile and core analysis, it can be assumed that the productive parts of the profile are dominated by mixed type reservoirs with pore volume that includes fracture networks, intergranular voids and vuggs [42].

Intervals promising for reservoir delineation have been found in the Domanic, Sirachoy and Yevlanov-Liven age. Sporadic reservoir interbeds were determined in profiles of No. 80 Kykaelskaya well in the deposits of Zadonian and Yelets horizons, and in the profile of No. 93 Kabantyskaya well in Ust-Pechora horizon. During assay in the open hole of No. 1 Ayuvinskaya Pechora-Petroleum well, mineralized water was obtained from the Domanic and Sirachoy horizons reservoir interval.

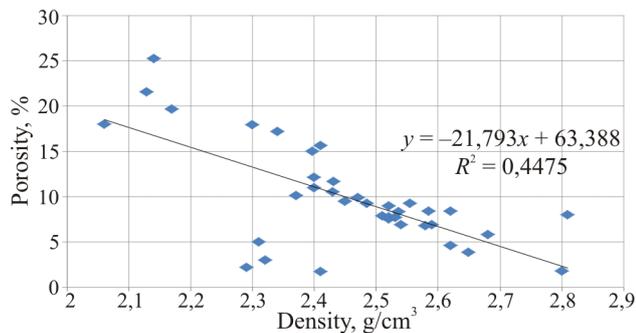


Fig. 9. Comparison of porosity and volumetric density of rock by core. Severo-Tebuksky site

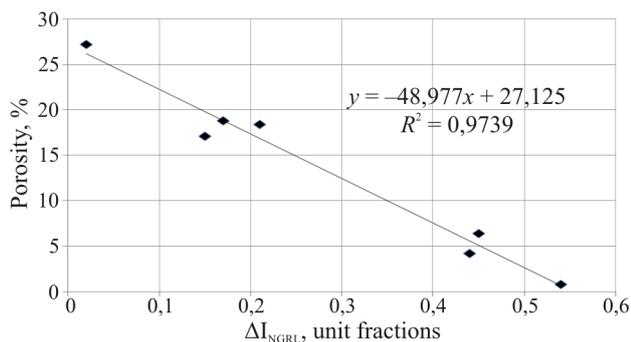


Fig. 10.  $\Delta I_{NGRL} = f(K_p)$  dependency. Severo-Tebuksky site

It is difficult to give a reliable estimation of fluid content in carbonate reservoirs due to the lack of information.

## Conclusions

The following conclusions can be made on the basis of the presented materials:

1. Domanic horizon deposits contain organic matter of mostly type II and occasionally type I, found in the oil window zone ( $MC_1$ – $MC_2$ ). In Yevlanov horizon, type III (humic) organic matter possesses a very low generation potential despite  $MC_{1-2}$  catagenesis corresponding to the main oil generation phase. Organic matter in Yevlanov-Liven deposits is represented by the initial sapropel (Severo-Komandirshorskaya area of Moroshkinsky site) and humic material (Moroshkinsky area of Moroshkinsky site, Ust-Tsilemskaya, Brykalanskaya, Nizevaya areas of Ust-Tsilemsky site) and in terms of maturity encompasses the catagenetic substages from  $PC_3$  in Ust-Tsilemsky site (No. 1 and 4 Nizevaya wells, No. 1 Sosyanskaya well) to  $MC_2$  in wells of Severo-Komandirshorskaya area of

Moroshkinsky site. Rocks of Zadonian and Volgograd horizons are in the main oil generation area ( $MC_2$ ), albeit poor in organic matter. Yelets horizon limestones from No.1 Dvoinkovaya well (Ust-Tsilemsky site) contain type III (humic) organic matter but are catagenetically immature ( $PC_3$ ); in No. 13 Severo-Komandirshorskaya well (Moroshkinsky site) they belong to the oil window zone ( $MC_1$ ).

2. Bitumoid microaccumulation (high concentration) zones are related to the development zones of oil source rocks and can be delineated in the Domanic horizon of No. 1 Sosyanskaya well and in the Sirachoy horizon of No. 1 Brykalanskaya well (Ust-Tsilemsky site), No. 10 Timanskaya well (Severo-Tebuksky site). In No. 13 well of Severo-Komandirshorskaya area (Moroshkinsky site), microaccumulation zones were traced in Yevlanov-Liven deposits and in the Yelets horizon. The bitumoids mostly have hydrocarbon-resinous content (hydrocarbon content is 26 to 67 %, resin content is 28 to 58 %).

3. Sequential analysis of bitumoid content in rocks of various geological ages shows surprising constancy of their fractional content  $B_{chl}$ : it exhibits a sustainably high share of hydrocarbon fractions (40–72 %), among which both saturated and aromatic constituents can prevail. Similar compositions and distributions of saturated hydrocarbons in the transition from underlying to overlying horizons suggest presence of a vertical migration and a common genetic source.

4. Based on the pyrolysis results, a low oil source potential has been established for most of the studied territories. Domanic horizons in No. 4 Nizevaya well and No. 10 Timanskaya well have a rich potential. Sirachoy and Vetlasian horizons of No. 1 Dvoinkovaya well and No.1 Brykalanskaya well, as well as Domanic horizon of No. 1 Sosyanskaya well in the territory of Ust-Tsilemsky site, have average and satisfactory potential.

5. Carbonate reservoirs have complex structure of voids; they manifest intensive development of fractures and vugs.

6. In the territory of the reference sites, the porosity and permeability properties of reservoirs were found to be vastly variable.

7. Reinterpretation of well logging materials has revealed ambiguity in the established net thicknesses.

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