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1 **Implications of an integrated late Ediacaran to early Cambrian**
2 **stratigraphy of the Siberian Platform, Russia**

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23 ABSTRACT

24 The transition from the terminal Ediacaran to lower Cambrian (ca. 550–530 Ma) witnessed
25 both the decline of Ediacaran-type soft-bodied and skeletal biota and the rapid diversification
26 of Cambrian-type skeletal biota that dominate the Terreneuvian (ca. 538.8–521 Ma) fossil
27 record. This interval hosts globally widespread positive and negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions,
28 including a negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion near the Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary termed the
29 1n/BACE. Efforts to produce a global composite chemostratigraphic and biostratigraphic
30 correlation through this interval are complicated by stratigraphic incompleteness and a dearth
31 of radiometric ages to constrain $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphy. Extensive and richly fossiliferous
32 open marine carbonates of the Siberian Platform were deposited from the terminal Ediacaran
33 to beyond Cambrian Series 2, and offer a unique archive to refine this chemostratigraphic and
34 biostratigraphic framework. Here we present new $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from two sections of the
35 southeastern Siberian Platform, and synthesize these with published $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from multiple
36 sections throughout the Siberian Platform, that record near-continuous carbonate deposition
37 from the latest Ediacaran to Cambrian Series 2. This allows the construction of two possible
38 chemostratigraphic age models that conform to a coherent framework of lithostratigraphic
39 correlation and platform-wide stratal stacking patterns. These age models are used to test
40 alternative calibrations of fossil first appearances and the spatiotemporal evolution of carbonate
41 deposition on the Siberian Platform. Both models support a pre-1n/BACE appearance of
42 anabaritids in the most distal open-marine sections, and confirm a transitional Ediacaran-
43 Cambrian biotic assemblage that consists of co-occurring cloudinids and anabaritids.
44 Sedimentological and sequence stratigraphic analysis on the Siberian Platform also provides
45 strong evidence to indicate that the 1n/BACE marks the onset of a gradual, pulsed rise in
46 relative sea level that was sustained throughout the Terreneuvian and Series 2 of the Cambrian.

47 INTRODUCTION

48 The last ca. 11 million years of the Ediacaran (ca. 550–538.8 Ma) through to the Fortunian
49 Stage of the Cambrian (ca. 538.8–529 Ma), records the first appearance of skeletal metazoans
50 (ca. 550 Ma), the last appearance of the soft-bodied ‘Ediacaran biota’ (ca. 538.8–536 Ma), and
51 the first appearance and rapid diversification of small skeletal fossils (SSFs) (Maloof et al.,
52 2010a; Kouchinsky et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2017; Wood et al., 2019). This interval also hosts
53 an increase in diversity and complexity of mobile trace-making organisms (Cribb et al., 2019),
54 and the first appearance datum (FAD) of the ichnospecies *Treptichnus pedum*, currently used
55 to define the base of the Cambrian Period in the global stratotype section and point (GSSP) at
56 Fortune Head, Newfoundland (Brasier et al., 1994a). A prominent negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion,
57 known as ‘1n’ (e.g. Kouchinsky et al., 2007) or the Basal Cambrian $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion, the
58 ‘BACE’ (e.g., Zhu et al., 2006), is also considered to be approximately coincident with the
59 Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary. However, the ages of onset and recovery of the 1n/BACE
60 remain unresolved (Narbonne et al., 1994; Corsetti and Hagadorn, 2000; Zhu et al., 2019;
61 Bowyer et al., 2022).

62 Attempts to construct Ediacaran to early Cambrian age models have followed a
63 methodological hierarchy whereby high resolution radiometric data (commonly U-Pb
64 geochronology from volcanic tuff interbeds) anchor $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in globally distributed marine
65 carbonate deposits (Maloof et al., 2010a; Macdonald et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2021; Bowyer et
66 al., 2022; Nelson et al., 2022). The resulting temporally constrained values of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ act as a
67 guide to best-fit high resolution $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from carbonate-dominated successions, and this
68 in turn allows temporal calibration of fossil records in each stratigraphic succession, and
69 between globally-distributed marine environments. The foundations for age model calibration
70 are robust regional chronostratigraphic frameworks that permit confident lateral correlation of

71 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ and paleontological datasets. Despite four decades of targeted research, there is still
72 ambiguity in the local vs global correlation of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ across the Ediacaran-Cambrian
73 transition, which obscures evolutionary dynamics throughout this critical interval (reviewed in
74 Bowyer et al., 2022). These uncertainties largely result from a dearth of radiometric data for
75 key sections, in addition to regional differences in stratigraphic continuity and/or lithological
76 suitability, and facies biases for key boundary marker fossils (Babcock et al., 2014).

77 The highest resolution radiometric data from the Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary interval (ca.
78 543–538 Ma) anchor $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ on the Kalahari and Amazonian cratons of Gondwana, in addition
79 to Oman and Laurentia (Grotzinger et al., 1995; Bowring et al., 2007; Parry et al., 2017;
80 Linnemann et al., 2019; Hodgkin et al., 2020; Nelson et al., 2022). Crucially, however, each of
81 these successions suffers from an incomplete $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ record due to significant siliciclastic,
82 evaporitic and/or phosphatic strata, in addition to uncertainties in the duration of non-
83 deposition associated with unconformities and exposure surfaces. The highest resolution
84 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ records of the Terreneuvian derive from the Zavkhan terrane, Mongolia (Brasier et al.,
85 1996; Smith et al., 2016a; Topper et al., 2022), the Anti-Atlas, Morocco (Maloof et al., 2005,
86 2010b), and the Siberian Platform (Brasier et al., 1994b; Kaufman et al., 1996; Pelechaty et al.,
87 1996a, 1996b; Pelechaty, 1998; Kouchinsky et al., 2005, 2007, 2017). Of these, the Zavkhan
88 succession is a promising candidate for resolving Fortunian biostratigraphy, but suffers from
89 difficulties in lateral correlation due to tectonic complexity (Smith et al., 2016a; Topper et al.,
90 2022). By contrast, the Anti-Atlas record has limited Fortunian biostratigraphic control due to
91 a dearth of fossils (Maloof et al., 2010a).

92 The chemostratigraphic and biostratigraphic potential of Ediacaran-Cambrian successions
93 across the extensive Siberian Platform, Russia, has been recognized for over half a century
94 (e.g. Savitskiy, 1962; Rozanov, 1967). The Siberian Platform formed a separate cratonic

95 province during the Ediacaran-Cambrian (e.g. Merdith et al., 2021) and hosted a diverse biota
96 representing approximately one third of all known early Cambrian skeletal species (Zhuravlev
97 and Naimark, 2005). However, despite extensive research, the litho-, chemo- and
98 biostratigraphic correlations of sections that may host the regional first appearance of Fortunian
99 SSFs, remain contentious (Zhu et al., 2017; Topper et al., 2022).

100 Here, we present new $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from two key fossiliferous sections that outcrop along
101 the Yudoma River on the southeast Siberian Platform. This area was targeted as it hosts a thick
102 record of terminal Ediacaran and Terreneuvian open marine strata (Semikhatov et al., 2003;
103 Khomentovsky and Karlova, 2005; Zhu et al., 2017). These new data are first considered in the
104 context of the regional litho-, bio- and chemostratigraphy of the southeastern Siberian Platform.
105 We then synthesise available litho-, bio- and chemostratigraphic information within ten study
106 regions of the Siberian Platform (Fig. 1), to reconstruct two possible composite
107 chemostratigraphic reference curves that are grounded in platform-wide sequences of
108 consistent stratal stacking patterns. Trends in the resulting Siberian $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curves
109 are then subjected to best-fit visual alignment relative to radiometrically calibrated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
110 values from globally distributed sections. This approach permits a tentative age calibration for
111 Siberian chemostratigraphy and biostratigraphy based on all available data. The resulting
112 composite age models calibrate first occurrences of biota in fifty sections from all ten study
113 regions across the Siberian Platform (Figs. 1, S1–S7). The implications of both possible
114 Siberian age models for global biostratigraphy and the spatiotemporal evolution of carbonate
115 deposition on the Siberian Platform, are considered and discussed.

116

117 **GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF THE SIBERIAN PLATFORM**

118 **Siberian Platform overview**

119 The Siberian Platform consists of several distinct study regions, which form part of an
120 extensive Ediacaran-Cambrian shallow marine platform, with saliniferous-clastic, transitional
121 to open marine carbonate facies belts, the boundaries of which migrated and changed during
122 platform evolution (Figs. 1 and 2). Study regions correspond either with regional tectonic
123 associations (e.g., Igarka-Norilsk Uplift, Anabar Shield, Olenek Uplift) or geographic areas
124 (e.g., Lena River, Yenisei Range, Khara-Ulakh Mountains). Formations within and between
125 each study region have been correlated using lithostratigraphy, biostratigraphy and
126 chemostratigraphy ($\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$) in numerous publications (Figs. S1–S7). The thickest
127 Ediacaran-Cambrian siliciclastic-dominated successions were deposited as molasse in a series
128 of foreland basins that formed during Ediacaran collision of several island arcs and
129 microcontinents with the southwestern margin of the Siberian Craton (Fig. 1, Sovetov, 2002).
130 These foreland basin deposits outcrop in the Yenisei Range, the Irkutsk Amphitheatre, and the
131 Baikal and Patom highlands of southwestern Siberia (study regions I and II of Figs. 1 and 2)
132 (e.g. Pokrovsky, 2006, 2012; Marusin et al., 2021). Boreholes and sections of the platform
133 interior record deposition within a vast saliniferous-clastic facies province, with late Ediacaran
134 to Cambrian deposits that are dominated by interbedded carbonates (dominantly dolostones)
135 and evaporites (study region III of Figs. 1 and 2) (Kochnev et al., 2018). A transitional facies
136 province composed of multiple study regions separated the saliniferous platform interior from
137 deeper open marine facies during the Terreneuvian (study regions IV to IX of Figs. 1 and 2).
138 This transitional facies province is dominated by interbedded dolostones and fossiliferous
139 limestones (e.g. Knoll et al., 1995a,b; Kaufman et al., 1996; Kouchinsky et al., 2007, 2017).
140 Open marine carbonate and outer shelf shale deposits dominated the eastern Siberian Platform

141 (study regions IX and X of Figs. 1 and 2), and regionally in the Olenek Uplift and Khara-Ulakh
142 Mountains of the northeastern Siberian Platform (study regions VI and VII of Figs. 1 and 2),
143 during the terminal Ediacaran and Terreneuvian.

144 **The southeastern Siberian Platform**

145 The Uchur-Maya study region of southeastern Siberia is the easternmost region of the
146 Yudoma-Anabar facies province, and constitutes the Uchur-Maya Plate to the west and the
147 Yudoma-Maya Belt (Depression) to the east (study regions IX and X of Figs. 1 and 2)
148 (Khomentovsky, 1986). The boundary between these two structural units is defined along strike
149 of the Nel'kan-Kyllakh thrust fault complex (Khomentovsky and Karlova, 2002;
150 Khomentovsky, 2008). In the Uchur-Maya study region, mixed siliciclastic and carbonate
151 deposits of the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations of the Ediacaran Yudoma (Sardana) Group
152 onlap an inherited paleorelief composed of various units that are interpreted as pre-Ediacaran
153 in age, of which the youngest is the Cryogenian Ust'-Kirbi Formation (Uy Group)
154 (Khomentovsky, 1986).

155 Fossiliferous sections of the Uchur-Maya Plate exposed along the banks of the Aldan River
156 and tributaries to the south have been historically important for the definition of Siberian
157 regional stage subdivision of the Cambrian. In this regard, two of the most important sections,
158 Dvortsy and Ulakhan-Sulugur, were some of the first Terreneuvian sections to undergo
159 systematic and integrated bed-scale lithostratigraphic and paleontological description, and
160 geochemical sampling for $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ (Magaritz et al., 1986; Brasier et al., 1993). This resulted in
161 some of the first Cambrian records of litho- and chemostratigraphically calibrated
162 biostratigraphy (Brasier et al., 1993). The Aim Formation is not present at Dvortsy; here
163 dolostone of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation nonconformably overlies an inherited paleorelief of
164 crystalline basement. Small skeletal fossils of anabaritids and chancelloriids first occur in Bed

165 8 of the upper Ust'-Yudoma Formation at Dvortsy, following recovery from a negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
166 excursion which is thought to correspond with the 1n/BACE (Brasier et al., 1993).

167 The Ust'-Yudoma Formation thickens to the east, where it overlies dark and often sulfurous
168 limestones of the upper Aim Formation (Khomentovsky, 2008). Along the Yudoma River near
169 the Kyra-Ytyga River mouth, high resolution $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data have been used to infer a pre-
170 1n/BACE age for the Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Zhu et al., 2017). This observation was based
171 on the consistency of trends and magnitudes of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ between this section and the pre-
172 1n/BACE upper Dengying Formation of the Yangtze Platform, South China, as well as western
173 Laurentia and various other radiometrically-calibrated late Ediacaran successions (Zhu et al.,
174 2017; Bowyer et al., 2022). The biostratigraphic implications of a pre-1n/BACE correlation for
175 the fossiliferous upper unit at the Kyra-Ytyga section, which results in a very early first
176 occurrence of SSFs of the *Purella antiqua* assemblage Zone relative to other global
177 occurrences, is controversial (Topper et al., 2022). A detailed assessment of the possible
178 correlations for this section, and resulting implications for global biostratigraphy, are discussed
179 herein.

180

181 **METHODS**

182 **Stratigraphic logging and geochemical sampling**

183 Sampling was undertaken along the Yudoma River, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russia.
184 Fieldwork along the Yudoma River was concentrated at three thick, continuous, and very well
185 exposed key sections, for which the lithostratigraphy and paleontology have been
186 systematically described in the published literature (e.g. Semikhatov et al., 2003;
187 Khomentovsky and Karlova, 2005). Sampled sections are located at the Yudoma-Maya

188 confluence (YM), Nuuchchalach valley (NV), and Kyra-Ytyga River mouth (KY) (Figs. 3 and
189 S7). These study sections constitute individual cliff exposures along the banks of the Yudoma
190 River. At each section, sedimentary logging, and paleontological and geochemical sampling
191 were carried out systematically, following a single transect from the base to the top of each
192 section, with sampling heights determined through use of a folding meter stick. Geochemical
193 samples (~25 g) were collected at 0.5–1 m resolution, where possible.

194

195 **Carbonate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ chemostratigraphy**

196 Samples from YM and NV were microdrilled from individual laminations where possible,
197 or from the finest microcrystalline material. Veins, fractures and siliciclastic components were
198 not sampled, with the exception of some dolomite-cemented siliciclastics from the Aim
199 Formation at NV section, which are separately indicated in the figures and in Table S1. The
200 resulting powders were analyzed for their carbonate carbon and oxygen isotopic composition
201 at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, and an additional sample set from NV
202 was analyzed at the University of Edinburgh Wolfson Laboratory. All isotopic ratios are
203 reported in per mil notation relative to the composition of the Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite
204 (VPDB). Replicate analyses of standards yielded standard deviations (1σ) of better than
205 $\pm 0.08\text{‰}$ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and better than $\pm 0.12\text{‰}$ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. Full details of all analytical procedures are
206 provided in the supplementary material. Carbon isotope chemostratigraphy of the KY section
207 has previously been reported by Zhu et al. (2017), and is shown herein for lateral section
208 correlation and comparison.

209

210 **Composite carbon isotope age model construction by visual alignment**

211 All available published lithostratigraphic, biostratigraphic and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphic
212 information for each study region of the Siberian Platform has been synthesized to create a
213 series of stratigraphic correlation charts for fifty sections (Figs. S1–S7). Detailed bed-by-bed
214 litho- and biostratigraphic information has been translated from original Russian publications
215 to reconstruct some sections of the southeast Siberian Platform (Fig. S7 and supplementary
216 material). We use the resulting correlation charts to inform the most parsimonious
217 lithostratigraphic and chemostratigraphic correlations within and between each region. In most
218 instances, section correlations are consistent with those proposed in previous studies (e.g.
219 Anabar and Olenek uplifts, Pelechaty et al., 1996b, 1996a; Kouchinsky et al., 2017), and
220 resulting $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ peak correlations are labelled individually (Figs. S2–S7). Next, we compare
221 the lithostratigraphy, biostratigraphy, chemostratigraphy and stratal stacking patterns between
222 study regions, and explore the implications of alternative correlations to create two composite
223 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curves for the Siberian Platform that are consistent with all available data.
224 Differences between these reference curves are associated with ongoing uncertainties in section
225 correlations (labelled in Figs. S2–S7).

226 In order to visualize and temporally calibrate trends in the resulting composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
227 reference curves, we adopt a procedure of visual $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ alignment following the methods
228 outlined in Bowyer et al. (2022). Each individual section is subdivided into units of continuous
229 lithology and interpreted facies (e.g. shallow marine oolitic limestone, outer shelf to slope
230 shale), with depositional rates that are assumed to be continuous throughout. Different
231 depositional rates between units are consistent with the lithology and facies within each unit,
232 and the differences in depositional rates between units permits flexibility in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ peak
233 alignment. Temporal hiatuses are permitted at surfaces of erosion or exposure. Gaps in the

234 carbon isotope record are also permitted within significant intervals of siliciclastic deposition
235 for which $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data are not available. Lastly, we use the scaffold of available radiometrically
236 calibrated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data for the terminal Ediacaran and lower Cambrian updated from Model C
237 of Bowyer et al. (2022) with new data from the Nama Group of South Africa (Nelson et al.,
238 2022), to create a visual best-fit temporal calibration for the Siberian $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curves.
239 This approach allows calibration of associated fossil occurrences directly within
240 chemostratigraphic age models.

241 A shortcoming of the visual alignment methodology is an inability to quantitatively define
242 uncertainties for age ranges of fossil first occurrences in intervals that are not radiometrically
243 well constrained. A more quantitative approach to chemostratigraphic correlation has been
244 attempted between three lower Cambrian sections of Morocco that benefit from very high
245 resolution and continuous $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ datasets (Hay et al., 2019). However, a pre-requisite to
246 reliable interpretations of computed chemostratigraphic alignment is to accurately account for
247 uncertainties in lithostratigraphic correlation. Our synthesis presents $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ correlations for
248 fifty sections that are considerably variable in their stratigraphic completeness, and in the
249 resolution of published $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ datasets (Figs. S2–S7). These sections also occupy a variety of
250 distinct study regions, and facies-related preservation and/or diagenesis may result in
251 differences in the fidelity of preservation of primary seawater $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ within and between
252 regions (discussed further below). These limitations demand that biostratigraphic and
253 chemostratigraphic correlations be carefully considered section by section within a framework
254 of all possible lithostratigraphic correlations. In our contribution, we synthesize the necessary
255 prerequisite stratigraphic information for the Siberian Platform that, we hope, may aid future
256 quantitative alignments using dynamic programming algorithms.

257

258 RESULTS

259 Lithostratigraphy and paleontology of the Yudoma River sections

260 Detailed bed-by-bed lithostratigraphic and sedimentological descriptions for each section
261 are provided in the supplementary material, and summarized below.

262 The YM section outcrops near the confluence with the Maya River (YM, Figs. 3C, 4A–C,
263 S7). Here, the section is composed of 34 m of dolostones, minor siltstones and sandstones of
264 the Aim Formation, followed by >130 m of coarse sandy dolostone and dolomite-cemented
265 sandstone with lenticular dolostone beds or nodules of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Wood et
266 al., 2017b). Ediacaran-age soft-bodied fossils are relatively abundant in sandstones of the Aim
267 Formation, and include *Palaeopascichnus* chambered fossils and *Aspidella*-type frondomorph
268 holdfasts, in addition to abundant *Beltanelliformis* (Ivantsov, 2017, 2018; Wood et al., 2017a,
269 2017b; Zhu et al., 2017), of which the latter may represent colonial cyanobacteria (Bobrovskiy
270 et al., 2018). Dolomitic packstones of the Aim Formation immediately above the *Aspidella*-
271 bearing interval also host *Suvorovella aldanica*, thought to be a dolomitized analogue of
272 *Aspidella* (Vologdin and Maslov, 1960; Ivantsov, 2017; Wood et al., 2017a, 2017b; Zhu et al.,
273 2017) (Fig. 4C). The *Suvorovella*-bearing unit is laterally extensive to over 1 km and contains
274 broken shell fragments and microbial oncoids, with a prominent karstic surface near the top.
275 This unit is followed by a 13.5 m-thick cross-laminated dolomudstone overlain by trough-
276 laminated medium-grained quartzose sandstone, the top of which has been taken as the
277 boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations at this section (Wood et al., 2017a)
278 (Fig. 3C).

279 The NV section is located approximately 80 km up-river from YM (Figs. 3D, 4D, S7). At
280 NV, the Aim Formation is subdivided into two members. The lower member is 65.6 m thick

281 and composed of a succession of sandstone, shale, dolomudstone and dolomitic packstone (Fig.
282 4E, F). The overlying member is approximately 31 m thick, and composed of a thin basal unit
283 (max. 1.0 m) of glauconitic dolostone, sandstone, and dolomitic breccia with ooids and
284 dolomitic stromatolites, followed by siltstone, dolomite-cemented siltstone, dolomudstone and
285 subordinate stromatolitic and thrombolitic carbonate (Fig. 4E, G). The uppermost 1–2 m of the
286 Aim Formation is composed of black, organic-rich dolomitic limestone. Dolomite-cemented
287 mudstone in the second member of the Aim Formation at NV contain abundant *Nenoxites* on
288 bedding surfaces (previously assigned to *Gaojiashania*; Zhuravlev et al., 2009), and various
289 acritarch species (Pyatiletov, 1988; Zhu et al., 2017). *Nenoxites* is also present in an overlying
290 unit of dark, laminated stromatolitic and thrombolitic limestone. A sharp, undulose surface
291 marks the boundary between the upper Aim Formation and light grey shallow marine dolostone
292 of the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Fig. 4H). The lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation hosts a
293 prominent, laterally discontinuous unit that contains angular to sub-angular clasts of silty
294 dolostone with darker laminae (Fig. 4I). The clast composition appears similar to a unit of
295 laminated dolostone within the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Fig. 4J), which implies that the
296 clast-bearing interval represents an intraformational breccia. The darker, ribbon-like laminae
297 in this interval may represent microbial mats or hardgrounds (Fig. 4J). Overlying this unit, the
298 Ust'-Yudoma Formation contains wavy laminated dolomudstone, with darker laminae that
299 may represent microbial mat fabrics and syndimentary cavities infilled by early fibrous and
300 radial dolomite cement. The uppermost 15 m of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV is
301 composed of finely alternating white to yellowish-grey, wavy-laminated dolomudstone and
302 oolitic grainstone, with occasional ~10 cm-long wackestone lenses that contain the first
303 occurrence of the SSF *Anabarites trisulcatus* in this section. The contact between the Ust'-
304 Yudoma Formation and overlying Tommotian variegated limestones of the Pestrotsvet
305 Formation is not exposed at NV.

306 The KY section outcrops near the Kyra-Ytyga River mouth on the Yudoma River, ~70 km
307 up-river from NV and approximately 50 km down river from the remote township of
308 Yugorenok (Figs. 3B,E, 5A, S7). At KY, the Aim Formation rests disconformably upon an
309 inherited paleorelief composed of conglomeratic to coarse sandstones of the Ust'-Kirbi
310 Formation (Fig. 5B) and, as at NV, sediments of the Aim Formation can be subdivided into
311 two members. The lower Aim Formation constitutes a succession of unfossiliferous cross-
312 bedded grey sandstones with red shale interbeds, and an overlying unit of light and dark grey
313 dolomudstone with visible pyrite. The upper Aim Formation is composed of dark, laminated
314 limestones with organic carbon-rich black calcareous shale interbeds containing soft-bodied
315 fossils, including *Nenoxites* (= *Shaanxilithes*) and *Beltanelliformis* (Zhu et al., 2017) (Fig. 5C).
316 A sharp contact separates the upper Aim Formation at KY from overlying prograding shallow
317 marine dolostones of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Fig. 5D). Limestones of the upper Aim
318 Formation at KY yield a carbonate Pb-Pb isochron age of 553 ± 23 Ma (2σ , MSWD = 0.8),
319 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values (mean = 0.70839, n = 7) that are consistent with least altered $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ data
320 from globally distributed sections in the interval ca. 549–528 Ma (Semikhatov et al., 2003;
321 Bowyer et al., 2022).

322 Dolostones of the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation transition to mixed dolomitic limestones
323 and an upper unit of parallel laminated limestone and dolomitic limestone (Zhu et al., 2017).
324 Skeletal fossils appear in the uppermost Ust'-Yudoma Formation at KY within limestones and
325 dolomitic limestones, including the terminal Ediacaran *Cloudina* and *Anabarites* (Figs. 3E and
326 6) (Zhu et al., 2017). A rich skeletal assemblage including protoconodonts and anabaritids,
327 together with large orthothecimorph hyoliths and the trace fossil *Diplocraterion*, appear in the
328 uppermost 8 m of light-grey dolomitic limestone of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at KY (Figs.
329 3E and 6) (Zhu et al., 2017). Some of these SSFs are representative of the *Purella antiqua*
330 Zone, which has classically been regarded as upper Nemakit-Daldynian in age, based on

331 occurrences in strata to the south of the Aldan River and in sections of the Anabar Shield on
332 the northern Siberian Platform (Figs. 3E, 6, S1 and S4) (Kaufman et al., 1996; Kouchinsky et
333 al., 2017). The Pestrotsvet Formation has not been reported at this section (Khomentovsky,
334 2008; Wood et al., 2017b; Zhu et al., 2017).

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336 **Sequence stratigraphic interpretation of the Yudoma River sections**

337 The three studied sections are interpreted to record a shelf-edge transect across the south-
338 eastern margin of the Siberian Platform, with the shallowest facies recording a proximal
339 depositional setting on the Uchur-Maya Plate (YM), to increasingly distal settings towards the
340 northeast at NV and in the Yudoma-Maya Depression (KY) (Figs. 1 and 3) (Wood et al.,
341 2017b). Each sequence is composed of transgressive systems tracts represented by dolomite-
342 cemented siltstones and shales (YM and NV) or laminated limestone (KY), followed by
343 highstand systems tracts of shallow marine dolostones, with various fabrics that are inferred to
344 be of microbial origin. Dolostone therefore dominates these successions, except in the late
345 transgressive systems tract of the Aim Formation, and in the uppermost ~10–70 m of the Ust'-
346 Yudoma Formation (Fig. 3).

347 We interpret the Aim Formation to represent at least one and a half cycles of accommodation
348 change. The lower member of the Aim Formation corresponds to one full sequence (Sequence
349 1), with transgressive onlap of the inherited paleorelief represented by a succession of
350 lithologies of increasing depth. The maximum flooding surface of this sequence is interpreted
351 to correlate with the fossiliferous siltstone interval at YM and the acritarch-bearing shale
352 interval at NV. Subsequent regression and shallowing during the overlying highstand systems
353 tract is recorded by the *Suvorovella* shell bed at YM and dark grey dolostones at the top of the

354 lower Aim Formation at NV and KY. This highstand systems tract is capped by a karstic
355 surface at YM. Mixed dolomite-cemented siltstones and dark red (ferruginous) shales at NV,
356 and dark laminated limestones and organic-rich shales at KY, which constitute the second
357 member of the Aim Formation, were deposited during a series of shallowing upward
358 parasequences of the subsequent transgression (Sequence 2, Figs. 3D and 4E,F). At NV, the
359 uppermost red shale unit has been interpreted to represent the maximum flooding surface, and
360 is subsequently overlain by dolomite-cemented siltstone with green shale interbeds (Wood et
361 al., 2017b).

362 The contact between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations is undulose at NV, and sharp at
363 KY (Figs. 4H, 5D). It is unclear whether this surface represents a sequence boundary, or a
364 condensed interval near the maximum flooding surface in the upper Aim Formation. As such,
365 the upper Aim Formation can be interpreted to represent either one full cycle of
366 accommodation change with an erosive contact at a sequence boundary, or one half cycle, with
367 the maximum flooding surface separating the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations. These
368 alternative interpretations have significant implications for litho-, chemo- and biostratigraphic
369 correlation of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation.

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371 **Carbon isotope chemostratigraphy of the Yudoma River sections**

372 All new $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from YM and NV sections are provided in Table S1. In Sequence 1 of
373 the lower Aim Formation at YM, there is a smooth decrease in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, from high values in
374 shallow marine transgressive dolostones (max = 2.75‰), through mixed sandstone, siltstone
375 and micritic dolomite of the fossiliferous maximum flooding surface, to lower values in
376 highstand systems tract dolomitic *Suvorovella* shell hash (Fig. 3C). Values reach a nadir of -

377 0.84‰ in shallow marine dolostones of Sequence 2, which overlie the karstic surface capping
378 the *Suvorovella* bed that marks the top of Sequence 1 at this locality (Fig. 3C).

379 Highstand dolostones in Sequence 1 of the Aim Formation at NV show a gradual decreasing
380 trend from 1‰ to a nadir of -1.22‰. Dolomite-cemented siltstones and minor dolostone
381 interbeds that were deposited during transgression comprise the subsequent fossiliferous upper
382 Aim Formation, and record a smooth recovery to positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ values that stabilize $\sim 0.80\text{‰}$
383 (Fig. 3D). In the final 10–15 m of the carbonate-dominated upper Aim Formation, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
384 values remain positive ($\sim 0.60\text{‰}$), with minor negative values (min = -0.49‰) that correspond
385 with a lithological transition from silty dolostone to a thin dolomite-cemented siltstone
386 interbed. Dolomite samples of the lowermost Ust'-Yudoma Formation record positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
387 (max = 2.26‰) with a minor negative excursion to -0.39‰ at ~ 125 m, followed by stable
388 positive values (max = 2.17‰). A prominent negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion with a nadir of -3.59‰
389 is recorded at ~ 185 m, and is accompanied by negligible change in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Fig. 3D). The recovery
390 to positive values at ~ 205 m is followed by a stable plateau around a mean value of 1.6‰
391 throughout the following ~ 75 m, prior to a decline to $\sim 0\text{‰}$ recorded by dolostones near the top
392 of the section.

393 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphy of the KY section has been reported by Zhu et al. (2017), and
394 data are shown in Fig. 3E. Here, dolostones deposited during the highstand systems tract of the
395 lower Aim Formation record decreasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ from 1.61‰ to -0.75‰ immediately beneath
396 the sequence boundary. The upper Aim Formation records positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, with two peaks
397 that reach a maximum of 3.95‰ prior to a gradual decline in the upper limestone interval of
398 the formation. $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ values reach a nadir of -1.27‰ at the top of the Aim Formation. Samples
399 from the overlying Ust'-Yudoma Formation show a rising trend from scattered values near the
400 formation boundary, to reach a peak of 3.18‰ in the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation. The onset

401 of gradually decreasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, which begins at ~164 m, is not accompanied by any notable
402 change in dominant lithology or facies. The decreasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ trend in the upper Ust'-Yudoma
403 Formation at KY culminates in a nadir of -0.65‰ in laminated fossiliferous limestones at the
404 top of the section.

405 Data from samples of the Yudoma River occupy the same space in cross-plots of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
406 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ as the majority of sections in the compiled Siberian Platform dataset (Fig. 7A).
407 Samples of dolomite and mixed dolomitic limestone of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV and
408 KY share a similar range in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Fig. 7B, C). Samples of dolomite from the Aim Formation
409 at YM, NV and KY also share a similar range in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Fig. 7D–F). However, dolomite samples
410 of the upper Aim Formation at YM and NV have elevated $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ relative to limestones of the
411 upper Aim Formation at KY (Fig. 7D–F). Here, samples of dolomite and dolomite-cemented
412 siltstone at YM and NV are characterised by a wider range (0.60 to -8.44‰) and isotopically
413 heavier mean $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (-2.68‰) than limestones of the Aim Formation at KY, which occupy a
414 narrow range of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (-5.44‰ to -8.09‰) with a lighter mean composition (-6.55‰).

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416 **DISCUSSION**

417 **Dolomitization and lateral carbon isotopic gradients in seawater**

418 Regional and global $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ correlations rely on the assumption that carbonate minerals
419 faithfully preserve the carbon isotopic composition of open marine dissolved inorganic carbon
420 (DIC) during crystal growth and throughout subsequent diagenesis (Veizer and Hoefs, 1976;
421 Kaufman et al., 1991; Halverson et al., 2010; Maloof et al., 2010a). Such correlations also rely
422 on the assumption that the average isotopic composition of open marine DIC is globally
423 homogeneous on early diagenetic timescales, with long-term changes that are dominated by

424 the global export/burial rates of inorganic and organic carbon (Keith and Weber, 1964; Veizer
425 and Hoefs, 1976; Veizer et al., 1980; Kaufman et al., 1991). However, there are several
426 instances where these assumptions may be challenged. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ composition of carbonate
427 sediments may be decoupled from the isotopic composition of open marine DIC via diurnal
428 coupling of photosynthesis and carbonate saturation in shallow seawater (Geyman and Maloof,
429 2019), facies restriction and local pools of DIC with isotopic compositions distinct from open
430 seawater (Melim et al., 2002; Cui et al., 2020), and sediment-buffered versus fluid-buffered
431 diagenetic regimes (Ahm et al., 2019; Hoffman and Lamothe, 2019; Bold et al., 2020; Nelson
432 et al., 2021). Of these processes, facies restriction and different diagenetic regimes are likely
433 the most problematic for high-resolution regional $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphy. The degree to
434 which these factors affect the utility of open marine carbonates to archive long-term global
435 trends in seawater $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ is less clear. Radiometrically calibrated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ age models appear to
436 support the synchronicity of numerous Neoproterozoic $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions (Macdonald et al.,
437 2013; Yang et al., 2021; Bowyer et al., 2022), but variability in the magnitude of these
438 excursions within and between regions may be controlled to some degree by sediment-buffered
439 versus fluid-buffered diagenetic regimes (Ahm et al., 2019, 2021). Any such effects will
440 necessarily be more problematic when attempting to calibrate intervals of geologic time that
441 are characterised by muted carbon cycle variability. Furthermore, a dearth of radiometric ages
442 currently precludes unequivocal correlation of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ throughout the Fortunian to Stage 3 of
443 the Cambrian.

444 Dolostone dominates Ediacaran and Fortunian successions of the SE Siberian Platform.
445 Along the Yudoma River, several observations lead to the conclusion that pervasive
446 dolomitization was very early, and also very rapid (Wood et al., 2017b). First, siltstone to
447 dolomite transitions occur laterally over mm to m scales in the upper Aim Formation at NV,
448 and breccias in the siltstone horizons contain clasts that show various degrees of

449 dolomitization, suggesting early replacement (Wood et al., 2017b). Second, many fabrics in
450 dolostones that occupy highstand systems tracts are composed of homogeneous
451 microcrystalline dolomite. In very shallow dolograins that occur just below the middle
452 Aim Formation sequence boundary at YM, grains and *Suvovovella* molds are preserved as
453 intact micrite envelopes that show no features of collapse or compaction, and are encrusted by
454 isopachous dolomite crusts (Wood et al., 2017b). Organic-walled acritarchs are also preserved
455 within encrustations of microcrystalline dolomite in the lower Aim Formation at NV (Wood et
456 al., 2017b). Lastly, primary cavities in dolostones of the Aim and the Ust'-Yudoma formations
457 are lined with radial dolomite cements of length-slow character, similar to marine dolomite
458 cements reported from the Cryogenian interglacial Umberatana Group (Hood and Wallace,
459 2012; Wood et al., 2017b). These dolomite cements are iron-rich and zoned, and their
460 formation is interpreted to have been promoted under anoxic water column conditions (Wood
461 et al., 2017b). The interpretation of early dolomite cementation of the siltstones may also be
462 corroborated by the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data presented herein from dolomite-cemented siltstone samples
463 of the upper Aim Formation at NV (Fig. 3D). These samples record a gradual smooth recovery
464 from a minor negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion recorded in dolomudstones of the underlying
465 highstand systems tract, and this recovery is recorded in laterally equivalent shallow marine
466 dolostone at YM (Figs. 3C, D). However, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ recorded by primary marine dolomite may
467 be affected, to varying degree, by sediment-buffered versus fluid-buffered diagenesis (e.g.,
468 Ahm et al., 2019), and the degree to which this early dolomite records the composition of
469 contemporaneous seawater therefore remains uncertain. $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ increases with progressive
470 shallowing towards the middle Aim Formation sequence boundary at both YM and NV, before
471 decreasing through the upper Aim Formation at NV (Fig. 3C, D), which may reflect changes
472 in the degree of dolomitization. $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data from the second member of the Aim Formation

473 also show consistent trends between dolomite at YM and NV that appear to be distinct from
474 the trends recorded in limestone of the same interval at KY.

475 We explore two possible mechanisms to explain the observed differences in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data
476 between these three sections. The first is that the distinct patterns of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ recorded in the
477 upper Aim Formation result from partial facies restriction and/or dolomitization at YM and NV
478 relative to KY. The second is that there is a temporal hiatus at the boundary between the Aim
479 and Ust'-Yudoma formations at NV, correlative with ongoing deeper marine deposition at KY.
480 In order to investigate the possibility for a stratigraphic hiatus at the Aim/Ust'-Yudoma
481 Formation boundary, we explore the lateral lithostratigraphic correlation of sections that
482 outcrop across the Uchur-Maya Plate.

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484 **Stratigraphic correlation of the southeastern Siberian Platform**

485 The fossiliferous late Ediacaran to Cambrian Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations of the
486 southeastern Siberian Platform were the focus of intense stratigraphic and paleontological
487 scrutiny by Russian scientists from the early 1980s to 2000s (Khomentovsky et al., 1983, 1990;
488 Val'kov, 1983; Val'kov and Karlova, 1984; Khomentovsky and Karlova, 1986, 1989, 1991,
489 1993; Khomentovsky, 2008). With the exception of some overview papers (Khomentovsky
490 and Karlova, 1993, 2002, 2005; Khomentovsky, 2008), the majority of the resulting original
491 Russian publications have not been translated into English, and the lithostratigraphic and
492 biostratigraphic details for many sections have therefore remained largely underappreciated by
493 the wider scientific community. Here we provide detailed bed-by-bed descriptions and fossil
494 occurrence information for nine key fossiliferous sections of the Uchur-Maya Plate that outcrop
495 along river banks and cliffs to the south of the Aldan River, in the vicinity of the Uchur, Gonam,

496 Aim and Maya rivers. We use these descriptions to construct a lithostratigraphic correlation
497 chart with associated fossil occurrence information (Figs. 8, S7). The lithostratigraphic and
498 biostratigraphic details, which include direct translations from original Russian publications,
499 are provided in the supplementary material. We caution that, despite every attempt to reproduce
500 these sections at the highest resolution possible, sections 1 to 9 each represent composite
501 profiles of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation that are not easily correlated between one another (Fig.
502 8). As a result, even the original authors interpret their own data differently in successive
503 publications. For example, Figure 4 of Khomentovsky & Karlova (2005) indicates, at Mt
504 Konus (section 5) and Nemnekey River (section 6), a single level with fauna of the *Purella*
505 *antiqua* Zone, and this indication contradicts their previous publications, which we use here,
506 and their own Tables 1 and 2, which document fossils in the same paper. As such, precise levels
507 of fossil occurrences within each section, and the lateral correlation of individual members
508 between sections, remain tentative.

509 Despite the associated uncertainties, several key observations are possible. Firstly,
510 documented occurrences of small skeletal fossils are largely restricted to intervals of (often
511 thinly bedded) limestone or dolomitic limestone, where fossils are better preserved (consistent
512 with the observations of Kouchinsky et al., 2017). Secondly, the first occurrences of
513 anabaritids, protoconodonts and chancelloriids pre-date the first occurrences of halkieriids,
514 hyoliths, hyolithelminthes and mollusks in almost all successions where several SSF levels are
515 reported. Thirdly, the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations has been
516 described as erosional in two additional sections to the south of the Aldan River (sections 2
517 and 3, Fig. 8).

518 At Dvortsy, anabaritids and chancelloriids first occur in Bed 8 of the upper Ust'-Yudoma
519 Formation. However, it is widely accepted that the lower extent of the *Purella antiqua* SSF

520 Zone should correspond with the base of member 3 after lateral correlation to Mt Konus
521 (section 5, Fig. 8) (Brasier et al., 1993). This pattern of fossil occurrence, whilst consistent with
522 the first observation of preservational bias, requires verification due to the difficulty in robust
523 lateral correlation of the boundary between members 2 and 3. Brasier et al. (1993) provided
524 three $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ measurements from the Mt Konus-Nemnekey River region, the results of which
525 appear consistent with the historical member subdivision. However, robust chemostratigraphic
526 calibration of fossil occurrences in the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at Mt Konus and Nemnekey
527 River demands future studies that integrate paleontological collections and high resolution
528 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in the same sections.

529 Age models A–D of Bowyer et al. (2022) correlated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ trends in the Ust'-Yudoma
530 Formation along the Yudoma River at KY with globally consistent trends in terminal Ediacaran
531 (pre-1n/BACE) strata, after the observations of Zhu et al. (2017). Here, we explore two possible
532 depositional models for the Yudoma River sections that integrate observations of
533 lithostratigraphic correlation from across the Uchur-Maya Plate and Yudoma-Maya Belt. The
534 chemostratigraphic age models that result from these two depositional models differ from age
535 models A–D reported by Bowyer et al. (2022), and so they are distinguished herein as models
536 E and F. Points of evidence in support of, and against, each model are provided below, and the
537 implications of each model for chemostratigraphy and biostratigraphy are subsequently
538 discussed.

539 Model E assumes that there is no hiatus at the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma
540 formations at KY, and possibly also at NV (Fig. 9A–C). In this model, limestones of the upper
541 Aim Formation along the Yudoma River, and in the deeper sections to the south of the Aldan
542 River, were deposited during a single transgression across the Uchur-Maya Plate and Yudoma-
543 Maya Belt (Fig. 9A). The observed differences in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ between NV and KY during this

544 interval may correspond with facies restriction at NV, or lateral differences in the isotopic
545 composition of DIC, whereby possible methanogenesis within the anoxic and organic carbon-
546 rich deep waters promoted the retention of isotopically heavy $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in finely laminated
547 (microbial mat) limestones. Alternatively, these differences may reflect variability in the
548 preservation of seawater $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ associated with sediment-buffered versus fluid-buffered
549 diagenesis of primary marine carbonates (e.g., Ahm et al., 2019).

550 The ribbon dolomite of the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV may represent
551 hemipelagic deposition, consistent with the depositional interpretation for ribbon limestone
552 described from the Waterton Formation of the Mesoproterozoic Belt Supergroup (Pratt and
553 Rule, 2021). Prograding dolostone sequences of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation were
554 subsequently deposited during a highstand systems tract (Fig. 9B). In this model, the undulose
555 surfaces at the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations at NV and at sections
556 2 and 3 (Fig. 8) are interpreted to represent soft-sediment loading by prograding dolostone
557 sequences. In both models E and F, the inferred basin paleobathymetry, which deepened
558 towards the east, permits the earlier onset of dolomite deposition of the Ust'-Yudoma
559 Formation at NV, and allows the negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion in the middle Ust'-Yudoma
560 Formation at NV to correlate with the negative trend in data at the boundary between the Aim
561 and Ust'-Yudoma formations at KY. The greater accommodation space in the deeper setting at
562 KY also permits a greater thickness of dolostone to accumulate during progradation. In Model
563 E, the entire Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV and KY is interpreted as a lateral equivalent to
564 member 1 and lower member 2 of sections to the west, after the historical lithostratigraphic
565 subdivision (Fig. 8). Finally, the uppermost units of laminated limestone and dolomitic
566 limestone at NV and KY are interpreted to correspond with transgression that resulted in onlap
567 of the crystalline basement to the west at Dvortsy, the lower half of which is reassigned to

568 member 2 (Fig. 9C). This model results in a pre-1n/BACE correlation for the entire Ust'-
569 Yudoma Formation at NV and KY, consistent with the interpretation of Zhu et al. (2017).

570 Model F assumes that the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations
571 represents a sequence boundary with a variable extent of erosion between sections, and a
572 possible significant hiatus in deposition (Fig. 9D). In Model F, the onset of the 1n/BACE
573 occurred during deposition of the upper Aim Formation, which was subsequently lost to
574 erosion. Transgression across the Uchur-Maya Plate then led to onlap of the crystalline
575 basement at Dvortsy (Fig. 9E), and prograding sequences of the overlying highstand captured
576 the recovery from the 1n/BACE at Dvortsy, and led to the successive deposition of prograding
577 sequences from west to east across the Uchur-Maya Plate and Yudoma-Maya Belt (Fig. 9F).
578 Model F therefore leads to a post-1n/BACE correlation for the sections at NV and KY, whereby
579 the best-fit visual alignment would correlate positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in the lower Ust'-Yudoma
580 Formation at NV with an expanded lateral equivalent to interval 'Z' at Dvortsy (Fig. 8). The
581 upper Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV and the entire Ust'-Yudoma Formation at KY would
582 then correspond with peak 'I' at Dvortsy (Fig. 8). One potentially serious problem with Model
583 F is that, given the current understanding of paleobathymetry between Dvortsy, YM, NV and
584 KY, this model requires a prolonged interval of non-deposition at NV and KY, for which there
585 is no observable evidence in the field.

586 A third possible depositional model, which would not require an unconformable boundary
587 between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations, would assume that transgressive onlap of the
588 basement at Dvortsy occurred coincident with deposition of the upper Aim Formation. In this
589 model, lateral differences in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ between sections of the Aim Formation are attributable to
590 facies restriction, dolomitization, or lateral differences in the isotopic composition of DIC,
591 similar to the assumptions made in Model E. This model would result in a post-1n/BACE

592 correlation for the upper Ust'-Yudoma Formation fossil assemblage recorded at KY, similar to
593 Model F. However, both this model and Model F result in a peculiar absence of mollusks from
594 the uppermost fossiliferous beds at NV and KY when considering the historical correlation of
595 members of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation (Fig. 8). Furthermore, both this model and Model F
596 necessarily result in a very late occurrence of *Cloudina* at KY relative to all other global
597 sections (discussed below).

598

599 **Integrated stratigraphic correlation of the Siberian Platform**

600 Previous studies integrating late Ediacaran $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphy and sequence
601 stratigraphy across the Siberian Platform have correlated section information from the Anabar
602 Shield, Olenek Uplift, Khara-Ulakh Mountains, Aldan River, and Baikal and Patom highlands
603 (Figs. 1, S1–S7) (Knoll et al., 1995a, 1995b; Kaufman et al., 1996; Pelechaty et al., 1996a,
604 1996b; Pelechaty, 1998; Cui et al., 2016). In their correlation framework, Pelechaty et al.
605 (1996a) documented secular trends in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ that were represented in multiple sections of the
606 northeastern Siberian Platform, which they used to reconstruct the regional evolution of basin
607 geometry. These Ediacaran strata were subdivided into three major depositional sequences (S1
608 to S3) on the basis of chemo- and sequence stratigraphy (Figs. 10, S5) (Pelechaty et al., 1996a).
609 Despite regional distinction in tectonic and depositional settings, facies, and geographic
610 separation, this correlation framework was subsequently applied to a section on the opposing
611 side of the Siberian Platform >1000 km to the south (Nokhtuysk, Figs. 11, S2) (Pelechaty,
612 1998). In brief, the resulting composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ profile shows peak values nearing 5‰ in upper
613 Sequence 1, followed by a short-lived negative excursion in Sequence 2 and a recovery to
614 positive values in Sequence 3. Values of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ decline to ~0‰ in Sequence 3, followed by
615 an interval of relatively invariant $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in the region of 0–1‰, and a final downturn to

616 negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ in the Turkut Formation, immediately below a karst surface at the top of
617 Sequence 3 (Pelechaty et al., 1996b; Pelechaty, 1998) (Fig. 10). The base of the Turkut
618 Formation may record the regional FAD of the anabaritid *Cambrotubulus* (Rogov et al., 2015)
619 (Fig. 10), which defines the base of the regional Nemakit-Daldynian Stage, and the downturn
620 in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ recorded immediately below the upper karst surface is classically interpreted to
621 correspond with the onset of the 1n/BACE.

622 The Khatyspyt Formation displays broad trends in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ and lithostratigraphy that
623 correspond well with the Aim Formation along the Yudoma River (Fig. 11). This is especially
624 the case at KY, where thinly laminated limestones of the upper Aim Formation record values
625 of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ of up to 3.95‰ (Figs. 3, 8 and 10). In Model E, the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma
626 formations along the Yudoma River are conformable, and were deposited approximately
627 contemporaneously with the Khatyspyt and Turkut formations of the Olenek Uplift. This is
628 consistent both with previous assessments (Khomentovsky, 2008), and with the presence of
629 Ediacaran soft-bodied fossils in the lower formations and skeletal fauna of the *Anabarites*
630 *trisulcatus* Zone in the overlying ones.

631 A maximum age for intrusion of the Tas-Yuryakh volcanic breccia of the lower Syhargalakh
632 Formation along the Khorbusuonka River is suggested by a zircon U-Pb air abrasion ID-TIMS
633 age of 542.8 ± 1.30 Ma (Bowring et al., 1993; Maloof et al., 2010a; Rogov et al., 2015). The
634 Tas-Yuryakh volcanic breccia unconformably overlies the Turkut Formation (Fig. 10), thereby
635 providing an estimated maximum age for the top of the Turkut Formation. It is anticipated that
636 re-dating of the Tas-Yuryakh volcanic breccia using updated zircon preparation and analytical
637 techniques for U-Pb geochronology, will result in a refined age interpretation for the top of the
638 Turkut Formation (discussed further in Bowyer et al., 2022). To date, the karst surface reported
639 from the Turkut Formation and equivalent units of the Khara-Ulakh Mountains has not been

640 correlated to the Ust'-Yudoma Formation along the Yudoma River. In Model E, this may be
641 explained by more continuous deposition of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation in southeast Siberia
642 (Khomentovsky, 2008). This interpretation may also be consistent with an inferred genesis of
643 the karst surface in the Olenek Uplift linked to regional uplift of the northern and eastern
644 margins of the platform (Kiselev et al., 2018). By contrast, Model F may imply that the karst
645 surface at the top of Sequence 3 is equivalent either to the sequence boundary in the middle of
646 the Aim Formation, or the contact between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations along the
647 Yudoma River.

648 Carbonate conglomerates of the Tinnaya Formation in the Nokhtuysk section of the Baikal
649 and Patom highlands (Figs. 1, 11, S2) display predominantly negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ immediately
650 above a karst surface (Pelechaty, 1998). Pelechaty (1998) considered trends in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ recorded
651 in the Tinnaya Formation to correlate with their sequences 2 and 3. At the time of publication
652 of these studies, no fossils had been reported from the Nokhtuysk section to guide a more
653 accurate biostratigraphic and chemostratigraphic correlation. However, more recent
654 paleontological studies report *Cambrotubulus* sp. and cancelloriid sclerites from 52 m below
655 the top of the Tinnaya Formation, and *Cambrotubulus* sp., *Anabarites*
656 *trisulcatus* and *Tiksitheca* sp. at a level 14 m below the top of the Tinnaya Formation at
657 Nokhtuysk (Fig. 11) (Khomentovsky et al., 2004; Mel'nikov et al., 2005). In light of these
658 biostratigraphic reports, and greater ease of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ correlation, we tentatively consider the
659 karst surface at the base of the Tinnaya Formation to correspond with the karst surface at the
660 top of the Turkut Formation (Figs. 10 and 11). However, we note that $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carb}}$
661 values of the Nokhtuysk section are distinct from all other sections of the Siberian Platform
662 (Fig. 7A), which may cast some doubt on confident chemostratigraphic alignments (Pelechaty,
663 1998). In this revised correlation, the carbonate conglomerates of the Tinnaya Formation were
664 deposited during onlap associated with platform-wide drowning, which remains consistent

665 with the original suggestion of Pelechaty (1998), with minor realignment to Sequence 4. This
666 correlation maintains consistent trends in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ associated with the '0n' and '1n' negative
667 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions in the Izluchina and Sukharikha formations of the Sukharikha River section
668 (Kouchinsky et al., 2007), the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at Dvortsy along the Aldan River
669 (Magaritz et al., 1986; Brasier et al., 1993), and possibly the Staraya Rechka Formation of the
670 Kotuykan River (Knoll et al., 1995b; Kaufman et al., 1996) (Fig. 11).

671 The onset of the 1n/BACE marks a shift in long-term global $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ trends that distinguish
672 the late Ediacaran from Fortunian Stage carbon isotopic records. Whilst the late Ediacaran
673 (<550 Ma) is characterised by generally positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ interrupted by short-lived negative
674 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions, the Fortunian Stage is dominated by negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, interrupted by short-
675 lived positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions (Kouchinsky et al., 2007; Maloof et al., 2010a; Smith et al.,
676 2016a). Fossiliferous carbonate successions from across the Siberian Platform that were
677 deposited during Sequence 4 show a pattern of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ consistent with the global Fortunian
678 record (Fig. 11). This pattern is documented in both dolostone (e.g. Sukharikha, Dvortsy, Fig.
679 11) and limestone (e.g. Kotuykan, Kugda and Ary-Mas-Yuryakh, Figs. 11 and S4) sections,
680 which suggests that $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ correlation is not significantly impeded by dolomitization in this
681 interval (Kouchinsky et al., 2017). However, variable section completeness results in ongoing
682 uncertainties in peak correlation within and between study regions. In Model E, we follow the
683 correlation of Kouchinsky et al. (2017) by correlating peak 5p at Sukharikha with the positive
684 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion recorded in the Medvezhya Formation at Kotuykan, and peak 'I' at Dvortsy
685 (Figs. 11, S4). However, in Model F, we correlate the positive excursions in the Medvezhya
686 Formation at Kotuykan, Kugda and Ary-Mas-Yuryakh, and all peaks in the lower Emyaksin
687 Formation at Bol'shaya Kuonamka, with peak 6p at Sukharikha (Fig. S4). These alternative
688 correlations result in significantly different patterns of platform-wide sequence correlation and
689 succession completeness (Fig. 12A, B).

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691 **Calibrating the Siberian composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curve**

692 Uncertainty remains in the temporal position of the 1n/BACE onset (reviewed in Bowyer et
693 al., 2022). The highest precision radiometric data available from volcanic ash deposits that are
694 interbedded within successions that host terminal Ediacaran soft-bodied and skeletal fossils
695 derive from the Nama Group of Namibia and South Africa, where the 1n/BACE has not been
696 recorded (Linnemann et al., 2019; Nelson et al., 2022). If carbonates in the Nama Group
697 succession record the isotopic composition of global seawater, one possible stratigraphic
698 correlation follows that the onset of the 1n/BACE post-dates the youngest radiometric
699 constraint derived from the Nama Group, and is therefore younger than ~538 Ma (Saylor et al.,
700 1998; Linnemann et al., 2019; Bowyer et al., 2022; Nelson et al., 2022). This inferred age for
701 the 1n/BACE onset is consistent with models C and D of Bowyer et al. (2022).

702 Our age models E and F assume continuous deposition of the Mastakh, Khatyspyt and
703 Turkut formations along the Khorbusuonka River (Fig. 10). The best-fit visual alignment of
704 these data with the radiometrically calibrated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ scaffold (updated after Model C of
705 Bowyer et al., 2022) suggests that deposition of the lower Turkut Formation commenced
706 approximately contemporaneously with the upper Urusis and lower Nomtsas formations of the
707 Nama Group (Fig. 12A, B). The subsequent Fortunian Stage currently lacks radiometric ages
708 to anchor high frequency shifts in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, resulting in significant uncertainty in
709 chemostratigraphic calibration. However, an unpublished age of 529.7 ± 0.3 Ma tentatively
710 anchors peak $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ values that are assumed to correlate with 5p in the Mattaia Formation of
711 the Olenek Uplift (Kaufman et al., 2012), and peaks 6p and Atdabanian peak IV are
712 radiometrically well constrained in Morocco (Maloof et al., 2010b; Landing et al., 2020). The
713 Cambrian Stage 2 to 4 interval benefits from a continuous high resolution $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference

714 curve derived from limestones of the Lena River, which calibrates distinct SSF, archaeocyath
715 and trilobite assemblage zones (Fig. S6) (Brasier et al., 1994b). As such, the reduction in scatter
716 of the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curve from stages 2 to 4 may result from both the dominantly limestone
717 lithology in this interval, in addition to greater confidence in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ alignments that are
718 corroborated by robust biozonation.

719 In both models E and F, pre-1n/BACE open marine deposition on the Siberian Platform was
720 restricted to the peripheral northeastern and southeastern (present orientation) study regions
721 (Fig. 12C). The onset of the 1n/BACE occurred near a major sequence boundary (Fig. 12A,
722 B). Overall, this broad pattern of chemostratigraphy and stratal stacking patterns is notably
723 similar to the pre-1n/BACE record of the Mackenzie and Wernecke mountains of northwestern
724 Canada, the Zavkhan Terrane of Mongolia, and the Yangtze Platform of South China (Zhu et
725 al., 2007; Macdonald et al., 2013; Smith et al., 2016a). Transgressive onlap during the lower
726 Fortunian Stage is suggested by the onset of open marine carbonate deposition in study regions
727 surrounding the western and northern peripheries of the platform, and sections closer to the
728 centre of the platform in both models E and F (Fig. 12D). Subsequent major transgression at
729 the onset of Sequence 5 has long been recognised (Zhuravlev, 1998), and corresponds with
730 deposition of the Pestrotsvet Formation and all correlative (commonly variegated red and
731 green) limestone deposits across the Siberian Platform (Fig. 12A,B,E). This pattern of pulsed
732 lower Cambrian sea level rise on the Siberian Platform correlates with onset of the Sauk
733 transgression of Laurentia, and with historical observations of widespread lower Cambrian
734 relative sea level rise on multiple cratons (Matthews and Cowie, 1979; McKie, 1993; Maloof
735 et al., 2010a).

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737 **Implications of Siberian stratigraphic correlation for Ediacaran-Cambrian global**
738 **biostratigraphy**

739 The base of the Terreneuvian Series and Fortunian Stage of the Cambrian are defined by
740 the FAD of *Treptichnus pedum* at the base of Member 2 of the Chapel Island Formation at
741 Fortune Head, Newfoundland (Brasier et al., 1994a). As with all other fossil occurrences noted
742 below, the presence/absence of this fossil suffers from issues of preservational bias, and the
743 present record clearly remains incomplete. In the current version of the International
744 Chronostratigraphic Chart (2022), an age of 538.8 ± 0.2 Ma is suggested for the Ediacaran-
745 Cambrian boundary, which is based on a radiometric age from a laterally discontinuous ash
746 bed in the lower Nomtsas Formation of the Nama Group, Namibia, in a section that does not
747 host *T. pedum* or the 1n/BACE (Linnemann et al., 2019, 1 in Fig. 13A). More recent
748 biostratigraphic and chemostratigraphic investigation and radiometric dating of the Nama
749 Group in South Africa confirm the absence of *T. pedum* from even younger strata that also do
750 not record the 1n/BACE (Nelson et al., 2022). If the 1n/BACE represents a global perturbation
751 to seawater $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, and if carbonates of the Nama succession record the composition of open
752 marine $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$, then the most parsimonious conclusion employing all available
753 chemostratigraphic, radiometric and biostratigraphic data follows that the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ record of the
754 Nama succession is older than the onset of the 1n/BACE (Models C and D of Bowyer et al.,
755 2022). In all successions that host both *T. pedum* and the 1n/BACE (e.g., Mount Dunfee section
756 of Nevada, Caborca sections of northwestern Mexico, sections of the Zavkhan terrane of
757 Mongolia), the FAD of this ichnospecies occupies a position above the 1n/BACE nadir, no
758 earlier than peak 2p based on visual alignment of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data (3 in Fig. 13A) (Smith et al.,
759 2016a, 2016b; Hodgins et al., 2020; Bowyer et al., 2022). The 1n/BACE (2 in Fig. 13A) is
760 therefore lower Cambrian in age according to the radiometric constraint adopted in the
761 International Chronostratigraphic Chart (2022) (1 in Fig. 13A), or terminal Ediacaran in age

762 based on its occurrence relative to the FAD of the defining ichnospecies *T. pedum* (3 in Fig.
763 13A). This distinction is important when considering the ages of regional Siberian stages
764 relative to internationally recognized Cambrian Period subdivision.

765 The base of the regional Nemakit-Daldynian Stage of Siberia is set at the base of the
766 *Anabarites trisulcatus* Zone containing anabaritids, protoconodonts (*Protohertzina*) and rarely
767 cancelloriids (Khomentovsky and Karlova, 1992, 2005). Based on published biostratigraphy
768 and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphy, the lower boundaries of the *Anabarites trisulcatus* Zone and
769 subsequent *Purella antiqua* Zone [= *P. cristata* Zone], in which orthothecimorph hyoliths,
770 hyolithelminthes, halkieriids and mollusks appeared, have previously been considered
771 correlative with a lower Fortunian, and an upper Fortunian age, respectively (e.g. Kouchinsky
772 et al., 2017). According to both models E and F, the pre-1n/BACE regional first occurrence of
773 *Cambrotubulus* in the lower Turkut Formation of the Olenek Uplift (Fig. 10), which is thought
774 to represent the morphologically-simplest anabaritid, occupies a best-fit visual alignment with
775 the terminal Ediacaran $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ record by definition of the position of the FAD of *T. pedum*
776 relative to the 1n/BACE (3 in Fig. 13A, Fig. 13B,C). This is in agreement with a possible pre-
777 1n/BACE first appearance of anabaritids in South China, and also with the recently calibrated
778 first appearance of protoconodonts within the 1n/BACE interval in the Zavkhan Terrane of
779 Mongolia (Cai et al., 2019; Topper et al., 2022). The base of the Nemakit-Daldynian regional
780 Stage can therefore be considered uppermost Ediacaran in age until *T. pedum* is reported from
781 strata that confidently predate peak 2p.

782 Model E results in a pre-1n/BACE correlation for the fossiliferous level at the top of the KY
783 section (Fig. 13B), as originally proposed by Zhu et al. (2017). As stated by Topper et al.
784 (2022), this correlation results in a very early first occurrence of halkieriids, cancelloriids,
785 hyolithelminthes and hyoliths on the southeastern Siberian Platform relative to all other areas.

786 Despite uncertainties in lateral lithostratigraphic correlation across the Uchur-Maya Plate, this
787 depositional model satisfies field observations reported from KY. By contrast, Model F
788 correlates the uppermost fossiliferous level at KY with peak 5p based on best-fit visual
789 alignment with the Fortunian $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ record (Fig. 13C). Thus, models E and F have very
790 different implications for the range extension of cloudinids into the Fortunian Stage (Fig. 13D).
791 The cloudinid *Zuunia chimidtsereni* is confirmed in strata of the Zavkhan Terrane, Mongolia,
792 from below the 1n/BACE nadir in the Zuun-Arts Formation, and continues up to the level of
793 peak 2p in the lower Bayangol Formation (Topper et al., 2022). Cloudinids at KY include a
794 specimen confidently assigned to *Cloudina*, with a calcareous tube consisting of nested funnel-
795 like segments, which are not observed in any typical Cambrian SSFs (Fig. 6). In Model E,
796 cloudinids at KY occupy the pre-1n/BACE interval during a time in which *Cloudina* dominates
797 the global skeletal fossil assemblage. By contrast, the best-fit visual alignment of Model F
798 results in a very late occurrence of cloudinids at KY, within the late Fortunian (Fig. 13D).

799 Importantly, despite ongoing uncertainties in stratigraphic correlation, both models confirm
800 a transitional biotic assemblage across the upper Ediacaran to Fortunian interval. Classic
801 ‘Ediacaran’ (e.g. cloudinid) and Fortunian (e.g. anabaritid) skeletal fossils co-existed in the
802 Ust’-Yudoma Formation at KY, and the FAD of anabaritids is pre-1n/BACE on multiple
803 cratons. At a minimum (Model F), this transitional assemblage constitutes SSFs of the
804 *Anabarites trisulcatus-Protohertzina anabarica* assemblage Zone alongside cloudinids in
805 carbonate-dominated settings, and typical Ediacaran soft-bodied fossils and cloudinids in
806 mixed siliciclastic-carbonate settings prior to the first documented occurrence of *T. pedum*.

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808 CONCLUSIONS

809 New data are presented from key late Ediacaran fossiliferous sections of southeastern
810 Siberia. These sections are first correlated regionally using all available published
811 lithostratigraphic information. Two possible depositional models for these strata are then
812 considered relative to published litho-, bio- and chemostratigraphy from other regions of the
813 Siberian Platform that document terminal Ediacaran to Fortunian deposition. The differences
814 between these models relate to ongoing uncertainties in chemostratigraphic alignment that are
815 related to stratigraphic incompleteness or ambiguity in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ peak correlation. Exploring both
816 possible models allows the resulting biostratigraphic implications to be clearly visualised, and
817 informs the construction of two possible composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curves for the Siberian
818 Platform that are consistent with major platform-wide stratal stacking patterns and associated
819 sequence stratigraphy. This approach reveals the spatiotemporal evolution of carbonate
820 deposition and patterns of first occurrence of biota across the Siberian Platform throughout the
821 late Ediacaran to Cambrian Series 2.

822 The Siberian reference curves are calibrated by best-fit visual $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ alignment with
823 available global radiometrically calibrated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ data, permitting tentative
824 chronostratigraphic frameworks for the late Ediacaran and early Cambrian of the Siberian
825 Platform. This integrated approach confirms an early (pre-1n/BACE) appearance of anabaritids
826 in the most distal, open marine sections to the east. Expanding this correlation framework to
827 consider paleontological and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ chemostratigraphic records from globally distributed
828 regions reveals a temporal overlap between small skeletal fossils previously interpreted as
829 definitively Cambrian in age, and skeletal and soft-bodied fossils that characterise the terminal
830 Ediacaran fossil record. The absolute duration and extent of this overlap remains unclear due
831 to a dearth of Fortunian radiometric ages and uncertainty in the age of recovery from the

832 1n/BACE. This biostratigraphic implication is common to both age models considered herein,
833 and inconsistent with a significant global mass extinction event coincident with the 1n/BACE.
834 Instead, it supports a gradual transition between Ediacaran and Cambrian biotic assemblages
835 and a deep root for the Cambrian explosion.

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1165 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1166 Figure 1. Map of the Siberian Platform with major pre-Cambrian to lower Cambrian study
1167 regions (after Astashkin et al., 1991; Sovetov, 2002; Khomentovsky, 2008). Details and
1168 references for each section are provided in the high-resolution stratigraphic correlation charts
1169 presented in Figs. S1–S7. Major pre-Cambrian to Cambrian study areas: (I) Yenisei Range, (II)
1170 Irkutsk Amphitheatre and Baikal and Patom highlands, (III) Syugdzhera Saddle (Nepa-
1171 Botuoba Uplift to southern slope of Anabar Shield), (IV) Igarka-Norilsk Uplift, (V) Anabar
1172 Shield, (VI) Olenek Uplift, (VII) Khara-Ulakh Mountains, (VIII) Lena River, (IX) Uchur-Maya
1173 Plate, (X) Yudoma-Maya Belt, (XI) Okhotsk Microcontinent. Markers point to the precise
1174 location of individual sections.

1175 Figure 2. Summarized stratigraphic subdivision and nomenclature of the Siberian Platform by
1176 study region, from the middle Ediacaran (ca. 575 Ma) to late Stage 3 of the Cambrian. The
1177 geographic positions of individual study regions are provided in Fig. 1. Bold horizontal lines
1178 mark major (often erosional or karstified) sequence boundaries. Formations correlated using
1179 litho-, bio- and chemostratigraphy after numerous publications referenced in the text and
1180 provided in Figs. S1–S7. Question marks represent uncertainty in the duration of the hiatus
1181 between the Tolba/Ust'-Yudoma and Pestrotvet formations.

1182 Figure 3. Regional map and stratigraphic information for sections along the Yudoma River of
1183 the southeastern Siberian Platform. (A) Overview map of the Siberian Platform (see Figs 1 and
1184 S1–S7 for details of major study regions I-X), (B) Detailed map of the Yudoma River area
1185 (drafted using the 1:1,500,000 Geological map of the Siberian Platform and adjoining areas by

1186 Malitch et al., 1999), (C) Yudoma-Maya confluence section, lower part, (D) Nuuchchalakh
1187 valley section, and (E) Kyra-Ytyga River mouth section. Carbon isotope data, biozones, and
1188 stratigraphy for KY have previously been published in Zhu et al. (2017) but are included here
1189 for completion of the shelf transect. Horizontal dotted lines with Roman numerals show precise
1190 levels of associated SSF assemblages (see legend for constituent fossils).

1191 Figure 4. Outcrop photographs (A–C) Yudoma-Maya confluence (YM), and (D–J)
1192 Nuuchchalakh valley (NV). (A) Panorama of the Aim and lower Ust'-Yudoma formations at
1193 YM, (B) sampled section at YM, and (C) stylolitized horizon below the karst surface near the
1194 top of the '*Suvorovella* shell bed' containing reworked fragments of *Suvorovella*, scale bar =
1195 10 cm. (D) Panorama of the NV section. (E) The Aim and lowermost Ust'-Yudoma formations
1196 at NV. (F) Dolomite and siltstone of the basal Aim Formation overlay dark sediments of the
1197 Ust'-Kirbi Formation at NV. (G) Stromatolitic horizon near the top of the Aim Formation at
1198 NV. (H) Undulose contact between flaggy dolomite and siltstone of the upper Aim Formation,
1199 and massive dolomite of the lowermost Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV. (I) Intraformational
1200 breccia near the base of the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV. (J) Silty dolostone and darker
1201 ribbon-like laminae in the lower Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV. This ribbon-rock constitutes
1202 common brecciated clasts in the intraformational breccia. Yellow, white, and black arrows in
1203 (D–F, H) mark the levels of the basal Aim Formation, the sequence boundary in the middle
1204 Aim Formation, and the contact between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations, respectively.

1205 Figure 5. Outcrop photographs of the Kyra-Ytyga River mouth (KY) section. (A,B) Panorama
1206 photographs to show outcrop of the Ust'-Kirbi, Aim, and Ust'-Yudoma formations at KY. (C)
1207 Thinly laminated organic-rich limestone of the upper Aim Formation. (D) Sharp contact
1208 between thin bedded limestone of the upper Aim Formation and massive dolostone of the Ust'-

1209 Yudoma Formation. Yellow and black arrows in (A,B,D) mark the levels of the basal Aim
1210 Formation, and the contact between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations, respectively.

1211 Figure 6. SEM images and photographs of fossils from the Ust'-Yudoma Formation, Kyr-
1212 Ytyga River mouth (Zhu et al., 2017). Fossil assemblage horizons after Zhu et al. (2017). Level
1213 II: (A) Cloudinidae gen. et sp. indet., (B-C) *Cloudina* ex gr. *riemkeae*, (D-E) *Anabarites*
1214 *valkovi*, (F-G) *A. trisulcatus*. Scale bar: 200 μ m (A-E, F), 100 μ m (G). Collection: A. B.
1215 Fedorov. Level III: (A) anabaritid, (B) *Anabarites trisulcatus*, (C-D) *Cambrotubulus*
1216 *decurvatus*. Scale bar: 1 mm. Photography: MZ and FZ. Level IV: (A) *Protohertzina*
1217 *unguliformis*, (B) Cloudinidae gen. et sp. indet., (C) *Anabarites latus*, (D) *A. natellus*, (E) *A.*
1218 *tripartitus*, (F) *Cambrotubulus decurvatus*. Scale bar: 50 μ m (A), 100 μ m (B-E), 150 μ m (F).
1219 Collections: (A, C-F) Yu. Ya. Shabanov, (B) A. B. Fedorov. Level V: (A) *Cambrotubulus*
1220 *decurvatus*, (B) *Protohertzina? anabarica*, (C) Chancelloriidae gen. et sp. indet., (D)
1221 *Fomitchella infundibuliformis*, (E) *F. acinaciformis*, (F) *Halkieria* sp., (G) *Sachites* sp., (H)
1222 *Hyolithellus tenuis*. Scale bar: 120 μ m (A), 50 μ m (B, G, H), 200 μ m (C), 100 μ m (D).
1223 Collections: (A, B, D-H) Yu. Ya. Shabanov, (C) V. V. Khomentovsky. Specimens of levels II,
1224 IV, and V were photographed by A. B. Fedorov.

1225 Figure 7. Cross-plots of carbon and oxygen isotopes separated by mineralogy for (A) compiled
1226 data of the Siberian Platform, (B) the Ust'-Yudoma Formation at NV, (C) the Ust'-Yudoma
1227 Formation at KY, (D) the Aim Formation at YM, (E) the Aim Formation at NV, and (F) the
1228 Aim Formation at KY. The shapes of individual data points in the NV section (B,E) are as
1229 described in Fig. 3D.

1230 Figure 8. High resolution lithostratigraphic, chemostratigraphic and biostratigraphic
1231 correlation chart for sections of the southeast Siberian Platform. Uncertainty in the nature of
1232 the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations is shown as a red dashed line.

1233 Inset map shows positions of exposed river bank sections on the Uchur-Maya Plate and
1234 Yudoma-Maya Belt. Detailed bed-by-bed descriptions of sections 1 to 9 are provided in the
1235 supplementary material. This figure is reproduced at higher resolution and with additional
1236 sections, in Fig. S7. Chemostratigraphy of Dvortsy section, Aldan River after Magaritz et al.
1237 (1986) and Brasier et al. (1993); chemostratigraphy of the Kyra-Ytyga River mouth after Zhu
1238 et al. (2017); fossil data, lithostratigraphic correlation, and member designation in the Ust'-
1239 Yudoma Formation after Khomentovsky (1985, 2008), Khomentovsky and Karlova (1986,
1240 1989, 1991, 1993), Khomentovsky et al. (1983, 1990), Semikhatov et al. (1970), Val'kov
1241 (1983), Val'kov and Karlova (1984), and Yakshin and Pereverzev (1990).

1242 Figure 9. Schematic representations of alternative depositional models for sections between
1243 Dvortsy and KY. Model E (A–C) assumes no depositional hiatus at the boundary between the
1244 Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations, resulting in a pre-1n/BACE correlation for the Ust'-
1245 Yudoma Formation in sections of the Yudoma River. Model F (D–F) assumes a significant
1246 depositional hiatus at the Formation boundary and results in a post-1n/BACE correlation for
1247 the Ust'-Yudoma Formation in sections of the Yudoma River.

1248 Figure 10. Summarized litho-, chemo-, and sequence stratigraphic correlation of selected late
1249 Ediacaran sections of the Siberian Platform. Figure shows a possible lithostratigraphic
1250 correlation between sections of the Olenek Uplift and the Yudoma River, assuming continuous
1251 depositional across the boundary between the Aim and Ust'-Yudoma formations (Model E).
1252 Litho-, bio- and chemostratigraphy of the Olenek Uplift and Khara-Ulakh Mountains after
1253 Pelechaty et al. (1996a), Knoll et al. (1995), Rogov et al. (2015) and Cui et al. (2016). Section
1254 correlation and sequence stratigraphy between the Olenek Uplift and Khara-Ulakh Mountains
1255 after Pelechaty et al. (1996a,b). Note that correlation between the Khatypst and Kharayutekh
1256 formations remains uncertain. Tentative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ peak correlation [A4–5p] follows best-fit

1257 visual alignment to $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions of possible global significance, as discussed in the text.
1258 A4 = negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion in the A4 Member of the Ara Group, Oman, SPIE = Spitskop
1259 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion, 0n = possible minor negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursion between 1p and 1n/BACE.
1260 Detailed section information and alternative peak correlations for pre-1n/BACE strata are
1261 presented in Fig. S5.

1262 Figure 11. Summarized litho-, chemo-, and sequence stratigraphic correlation of selected
1263 sections of the Siberian Platform that host the 1n/BACE relative to the Yudoma River sections.
1264 Model E assumes a pre-1n/BACE correlation for the Yudoma River sections, whilst Model F
1265 correlates the Ust'-Yudoma Formation along the Yudoma River to the Fortunian (see text for
1266 discussion). Key provided in Fig. 10. Lithostratigraphic and chemostratigraphic information:
1267 Irkut River: Marusin et al. (2020), Nokhtuysk: Pelechaty (1998), Sukharikha: Kouchinsky et
1268 al. (2007), Kotuykan: Knoll et al. (1995b); Kaufman et al. (1996), Dvortsy: Magaritz et al.
1269 (1986); Brasier et al. (1993), Ulakhan-Sulugur: Magaritz (1989); Brasier et al. (1993), Selinde:
1270 Korshunov et al. (1969); Repina et al. (1998); Khomentovsky and Karlova (2002); Kouchinsky
1271 et al. (2005), Kyra-Ytyga River mouth: Zhu et al. (2017). Detailed section information and
1272 additional correlations are presented in Figs. S1–S7.

1273 Figure 12. Best-fit visual alignment of Siberian composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ reference curves to
1274 radiometrically calibrated global $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$. Scaffold of radiometrically calibrated global data is
1275 updated from Bowyer et al. (2022) with new data from the Nama Group after Nelson et al.
1276 (2022). Siberian reference curves after (A) Model E, and (B) Model F. Acronyms A3–VIII
1277 correspond with $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ excursions of possible global significance (Brasier et al., 1994b;
1278 Maloof et al., 2010a; Bowyer et al., 2022). SINSK corresponds to the partial extinction of
1279 archaeocyaths coincident with transgression and deposition of the Sinsk Formation along the
1280 Lena River, and equivalent platform-wide formations. Panels (C) to (E) show the migrating

1281 pattern of facies zones and belts that result from models E and F in the interval prior to the
1282 1n/BACE (C), throughout the Fortunian Stage (D), and through the Tommotian to Atdabanian
1283 stages (E). Drafted using paleofacies maps after Sukhov et al. (2021) and section correlations
1284 employed herein.

1285 Figure 13. Age model output for global SSF biostratigraphy (updated from Bowyer et al. 2022).

1286 (A) 1. Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary ca. 538.8 Ma (ICC2022) after maximum age for the FAD
1287 of *T. pedum* based on lithostratigraphic correlation to section hosting radiometric age (Namibia,
1288 see discussions in Bowyer et al., 2022; Nelson et al., 2022; and herein); 2. 1n/BACE nadir after
1289 Model C of Bowyer et al. (2022); 3. Chemostratigraphically constrained maximum age for the
1290 FAD of *T. pedum* in the Esmeralda Member of the Deep Spring Formation, Mount Dunfee
1291 Section, Nevada, USA (Laurentia, Smith et al., 2016b). Best-fit visual alignment of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
1292 data calibrates associated biostratigraphy after (B) Model E, and (C) Model F. All $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$
1293 models include radiometrically calibrated and best-fit global data, colour coded by region and
1294 updated with new data from the Kalahari craton, South Africa (Nelson et al., 2022), the
1295 Zavkhan terrane, Mongolia (Topper et al., 2022), and the southeast Siberian Platform (herein).
1296 The ZHUCE in the Dahai Member of South China is assumed to correlate with 6p in this model.
1297 Dashed vertical lines indicate uncertain range extensions. Single fragment of *?Barskovia* sp. in
1298 the lower Platonovka Formation at Sukhaya Tunguska section may represent the earliest
1299 occurrence of stem group mollusks (Marusin et al., 2019). Historical biostratigraphic
1300 information from the Zuun-Arts and Bayan Gol formations of the Zavkhan Terrane, Mongolia
1301 (as presented in Bowyer et al., 2022) is replaced herein by the chemostratigraphically-
1302 calibrated biostratigraphy of Topper et al. (2022). Fossil occurrences in the phosphatic
1303 Zhongyicun Member of South China are not considered. (D) Temporal range of cloudinids
1304 according to models E and F, including (i) cloudinids recorded in the middle Ust'-Yudoma
1305 Formation at KY, and (ii) chemostratigraphically well-constrained *Zuunia chimidtsereni* in the

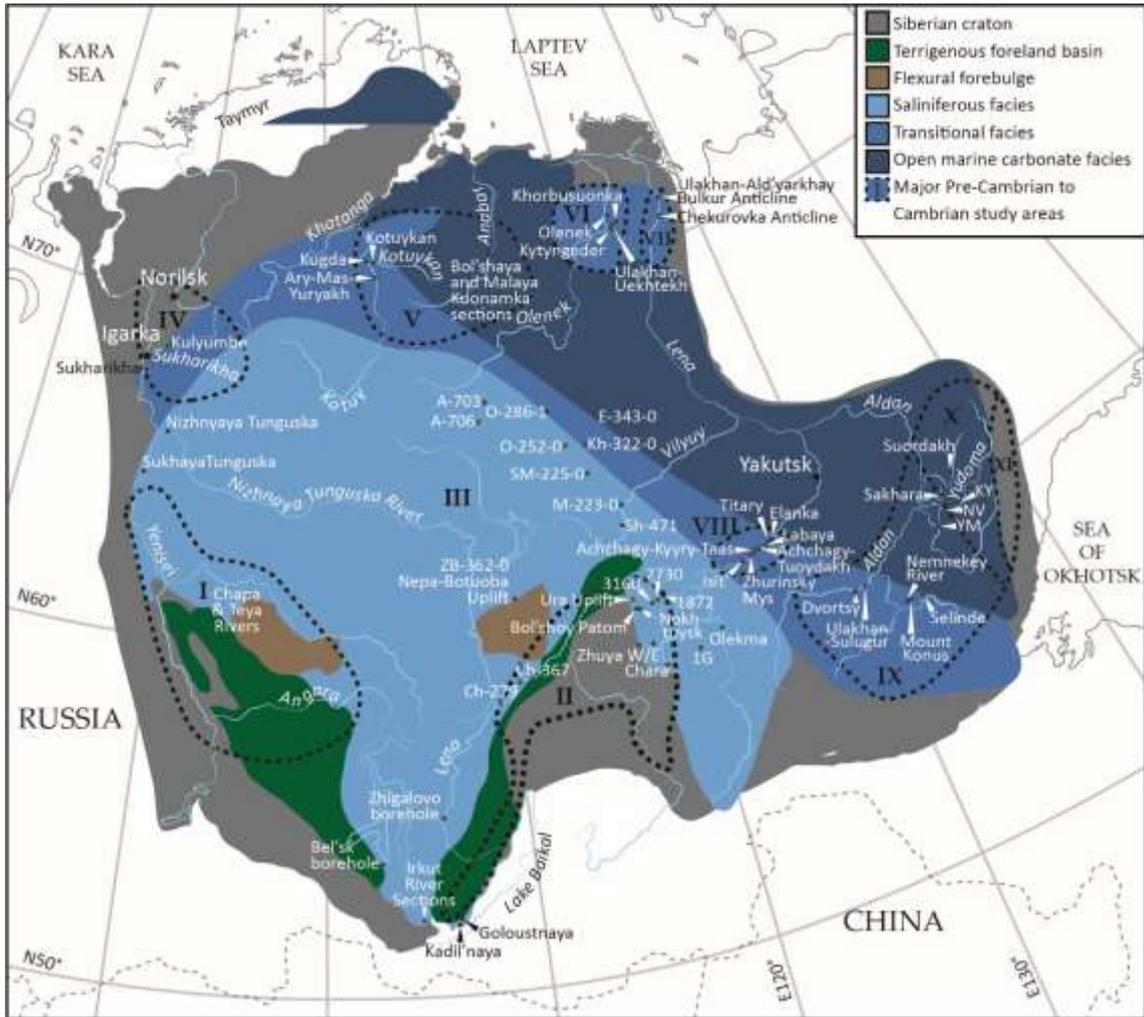
1306 Zuun-Arts and lower Bayan Gol formations (Topper et al., 2022). Full age model spreadsheet
1307 available upon request.

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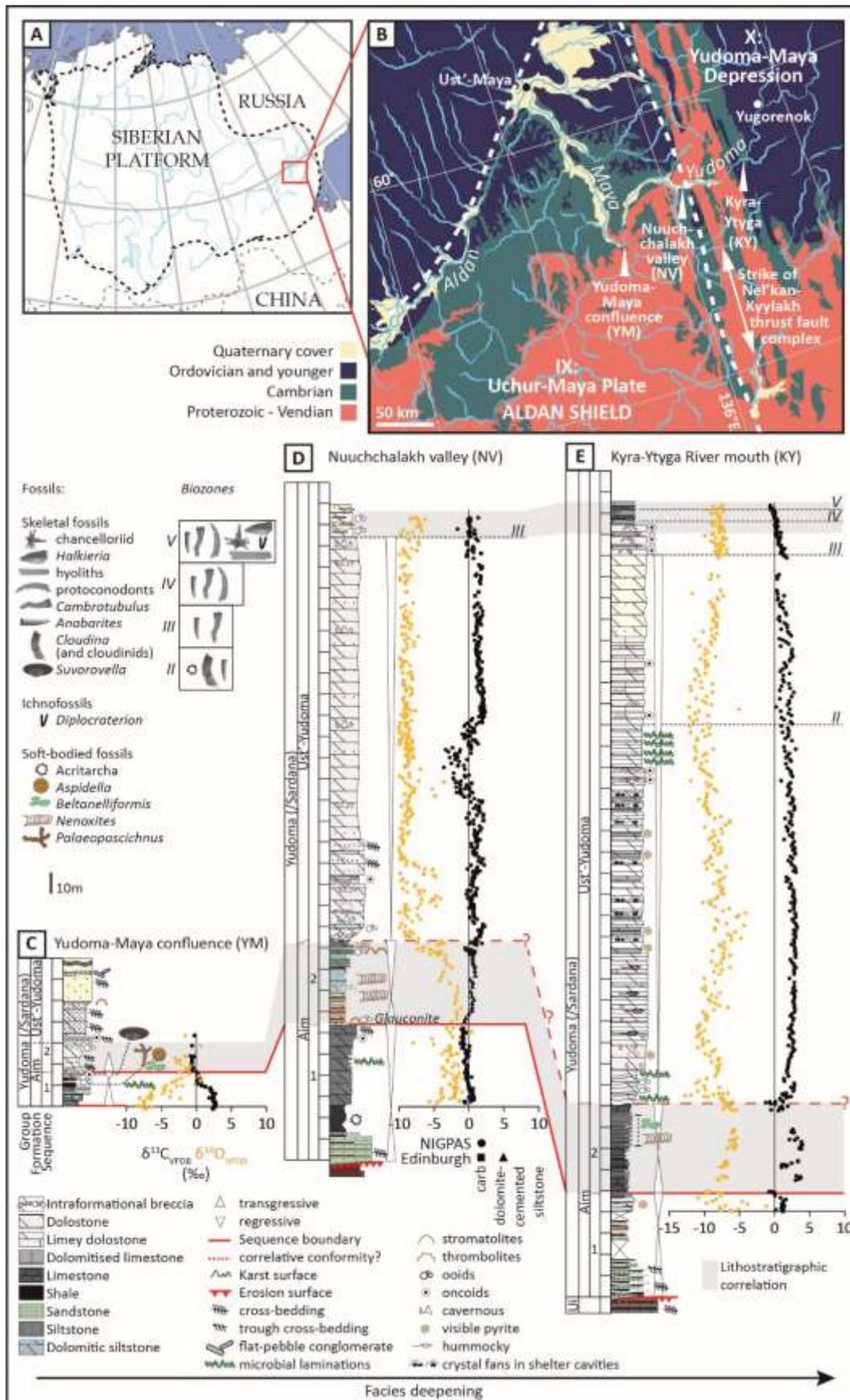
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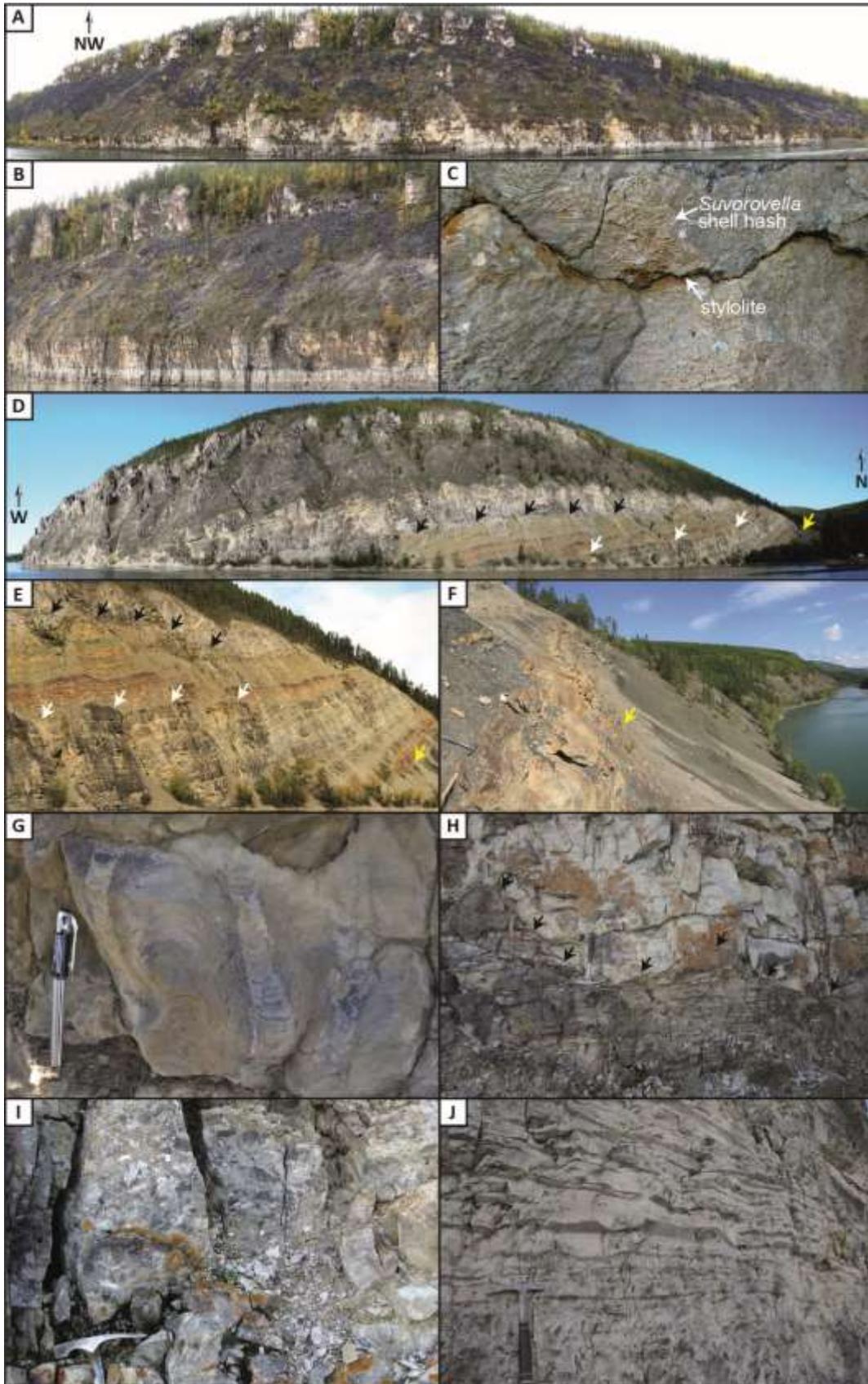


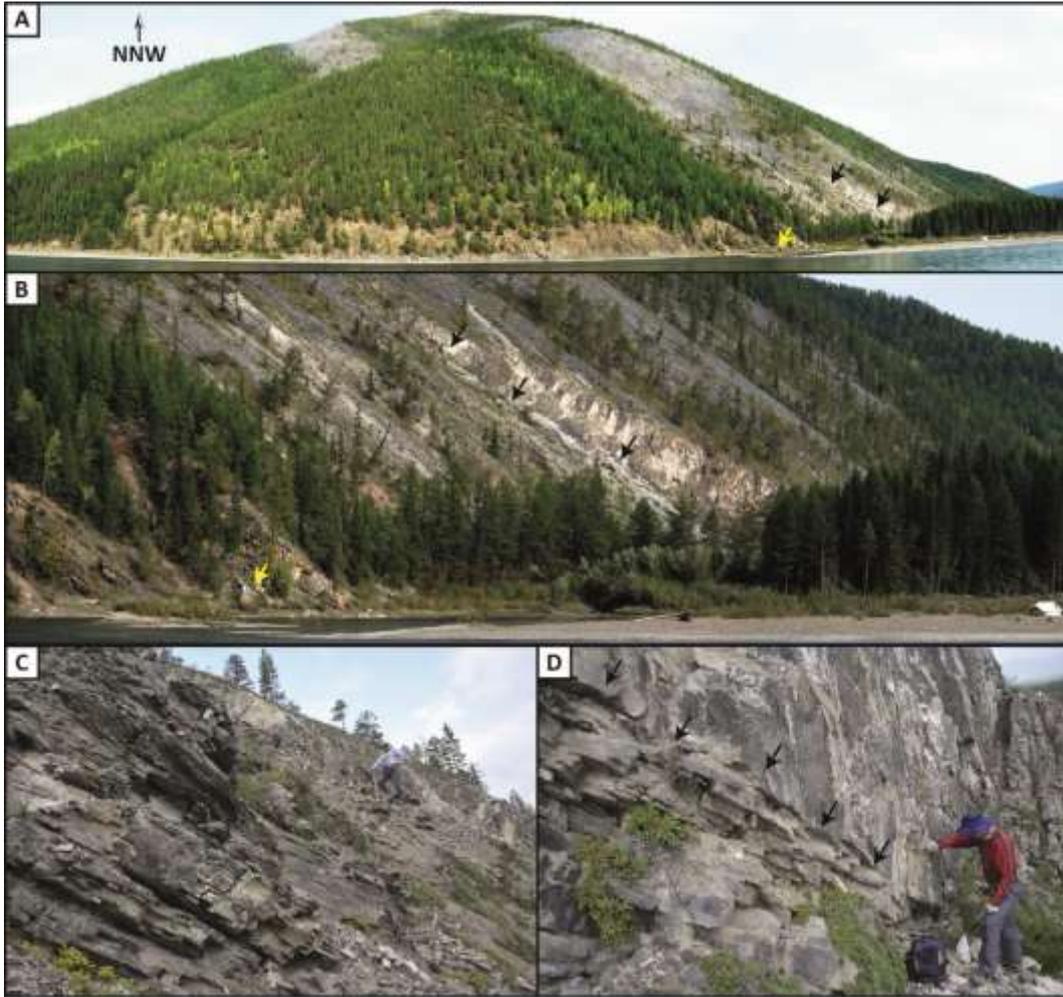
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			Yuryakh (transitional)	Sukharikha	Medve- zhya			?	?	?
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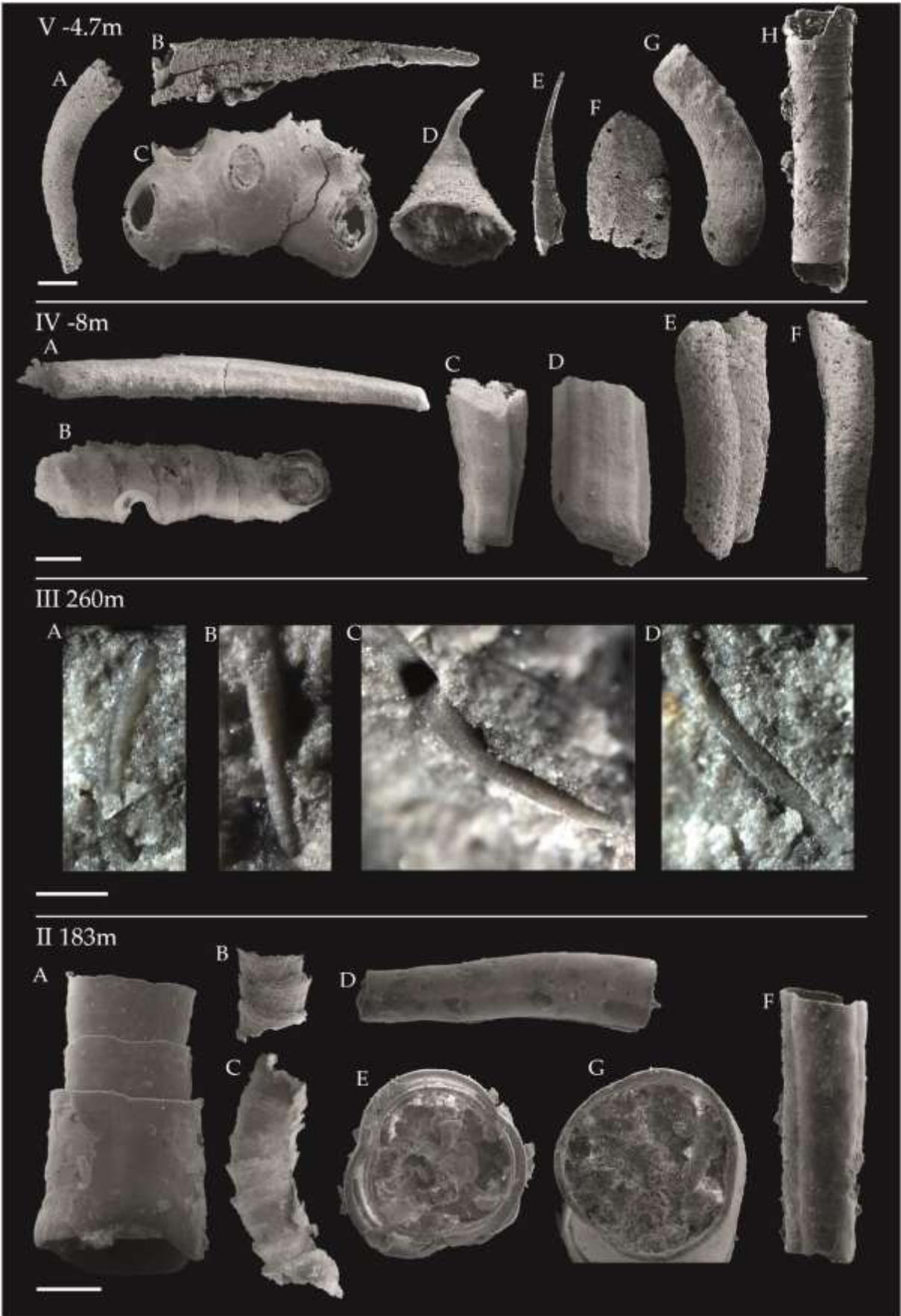
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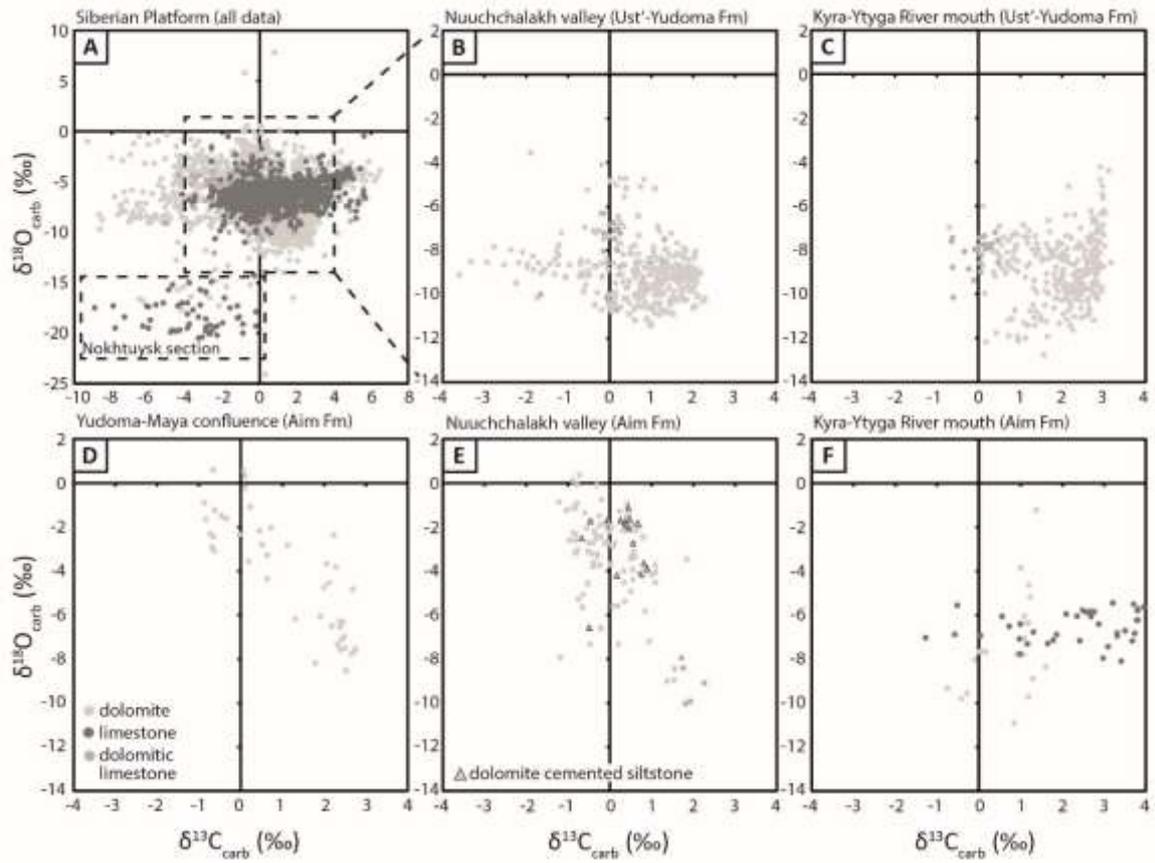




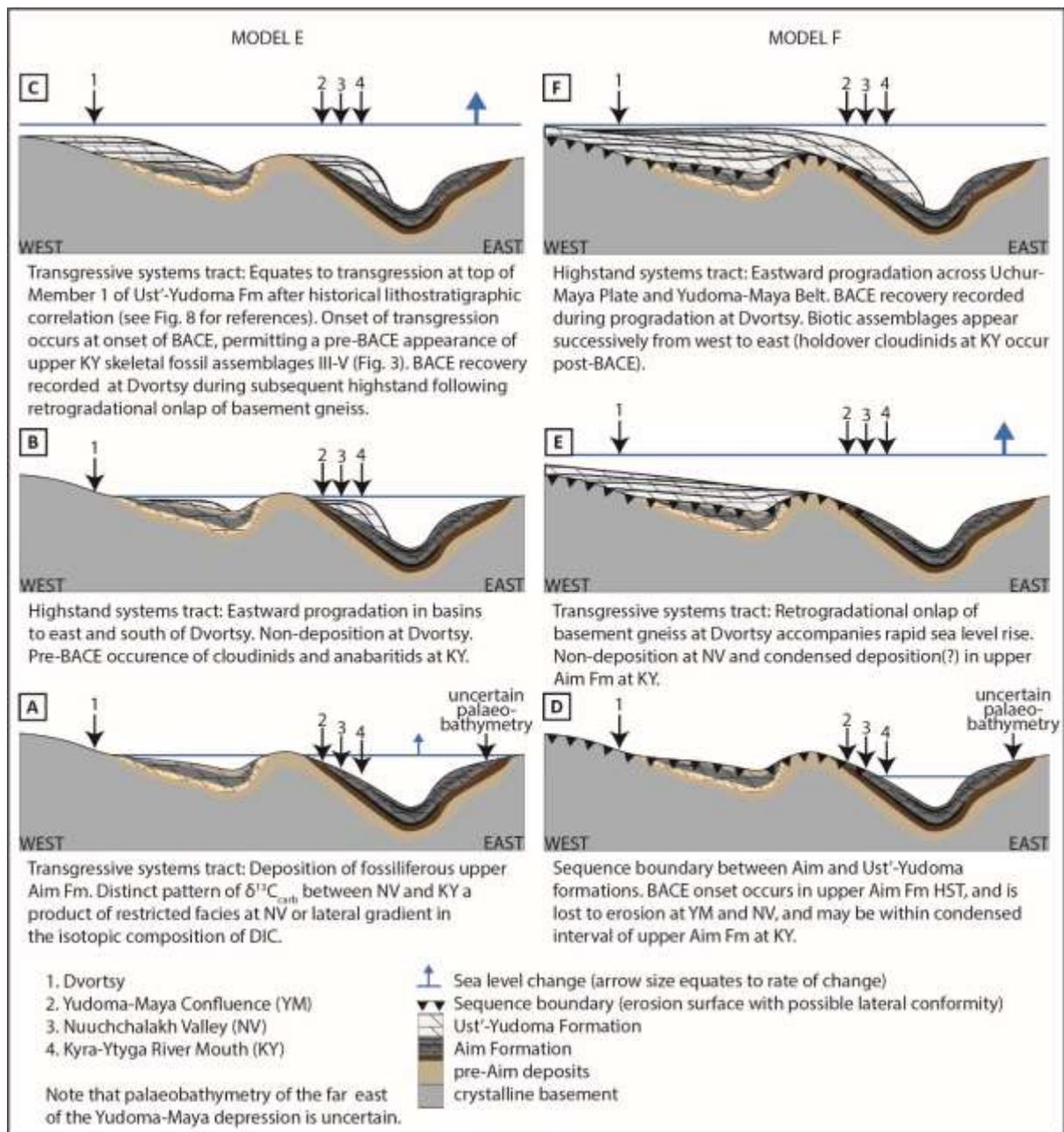


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