

1 **Structural style and hydrocarbon trap of the Karbasi anticline,**  
2 **Interior Fars region, Zagros, Iran**

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10 **Abstract**

11 The Study area is located in the Zagros Simply Folded Belt of Iran and in the interior Fars  
12 sub-basin. The Karbasi anticline is located between west- northwest parts of Jahrom town  
13 and northwest of the Aghar gas anticline (40 km to this anticline). This anticline has  
14 asymmetric structure and some faults with large strike separation observed in its structure.  
15 Activity of the Nezamabad sinistral strike slip fault in west part of this anticline caused  
16 fault plunge change in this region.

17 Because of complication increasing of structures geometry in Fars region and necessity to  
18 exploration activities for deeper horizons especially the Paleozoic ones, the analysis of  
19 fold style elements, which is known as one of the main parts in structural studies seems  
20 necessary. In this paper because of some reasons such as The Karbasi anticline structural  
21 complication, importance of drilling and hydrocarbon explorations in Fars region, it is  
22 proceed to analysis and evaluation of fold style elements and geometry with emphasis on  
23 the Nezamabad fault operation in Interior Fars region. According to fold style elements  
24 analysis results, it became clear that in east part of anticline the type of fold horizontal  
25 moderately inclined and in west part it is upright moderately plunging, so west evaluation  
26 of anticline is affected by more deformation. In this research the relationship present faults  
27 especially the Nezamabad sinistral strike slip one with folding and its affection on Dehram  
28 horizon and Bangestan group were modeled. Based on received results may be the  
29 Nezamabad fault is located between G-G' and E-E' structural sections and this fault in this  
30 area operated same as fault zone. In different parts of The Karbasi anticline, Dashtak  
31 formation as a middle detachment unit plays an important role in connection to folding  
32 geometry, may be which is affected by the Nezamabad main fault.

33 **Keywords:** Karbasi anticline, Fold style, Folding geometry, Nezamabad fault,

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## 35 **1. Introduction**

36 The Zagros fold –thrust belt in Iran lies on the northeastern margin of the Arabian plate.  
37 This fold thrust belt with northwestern – southeastern strike located from Tarus mountain  
38 in the northeastern of Turkey and Kurdistan in north of Iraq up to Strait of Hormuz in  
39 southwestern of Iran (Fig.1). More than 65 percent (~107.5 billion cubic meters) of the  
40 remaining prove oil resources (~159.6 billion cubic meters) and nearly 34 percent (~ 49.5  
41 trillion cubic meters) of the total gas resources (~146.4 trillion cubic meters) of the world  
42 have accumulated in numerous giant and super giant hydrocarbon fields of the Middle  
43 East. Clearly, the accumulation of hydrocarbons in the Middle East has been intricately  
44 related to the stratigraphy and structural evolution of the Zagros fold-thrust belt (Alavi,  
45 2007). This belt as one of the valuable oil-rich provinces provides approximately 2/3 of  
46 oil-resources and 1/3 of gas-resources the world.

47 The anticlines of the Fars region, which are placed in Zagros fold-thrust belt, are valuable  
48 because of possessing a lot of gas resources in the Permo-Triassic carbonate sediments.  
49 According to the geological classification, this understudy area is located in the Interior  
50 Fars region (Fig.1).

51 A lot of studies to be done on this area based on stratigraphy and geophysical exploration  
52 for the reason that optimization method but no studies to be done based on folding  
53 geometry, folding style for obtain study and investigation of structural oil traps with  
54 emphasis basement involved. On the other hand, a few studies should be done on  
55 understudy area based on kinematics pattern of folding in this fold –thrust belt.

56 Fold geometric form and mechanical stratigraphy evolution are affected by thickness,  
57 detachment unit's ductility and stratigraphy sequence of formations. Moreover fold  
58 geometric form and mechanical stratigraphy evolution depends on above mentioned cases  
59 (Kashfi, 1972; Falkon, 1969; Alavi, 1994; Sherkati, 2006). Many studies to be done  
60 according to variation of structural style and effects of detachment folding on folding  
61 pattern (Sherkati&Letouzey, 2004; Sherkati et al., 2005). These investigations that  
62 mentioned above confirm the effects of mechanical stratigraphy on folding geometry in  
63 Zagros but did not study the relationship of folding patterns by middle detachment  
64 horizons in the Paleozoic horizons based on relationship kinematics with main folds.

65 Other researchers such as O'Brien (1950) mentioned the effects of detachment layers on  
66 folding process for the first time. On the other hand, in the recent years, geologists present  
67 different types of geometric and mechanical models and the obtained results of these

68 studies increase researcher's information. Other researchers such as Supp (1983), Jamison  
69 (1989), Mitra (2002 & 2003), Dahlstrom (1990) present papers which cause to increase  
70 geologists information about cases mentioned above.

71 Geometry of anticlines in Zagros affected by type of deformation and mechanical behavior  
72 of stratigraphic units. Detachment units such as Dashtak formation in Zagros are important  
73 for controlled folding pattern especially in Farsregion. Dashtak formation with Triassic  
74 age belongs to Kazeron group and this formation have evaporates units such as shale and  
75 dolomite. On the other hand, other detachment formations in this area are Kazdomi and  
76 Gachsaran formation.

77 In this paper because of some reasons such as structural complication of The Karbasi  
78 anticline, importance of drilling and hydrocarbon explorations in Fars region, it is proceed  
79 to analysis and evaluation of fold style elements and geometry with emphasis on the  
80 Nezamabad fault operation in the interior Fars region.

81 The Karbasi anticline is an asymmetric structure and its stratigraphic units are affected by  
82 many faults in this region. Some of these faults may affect on the Dehram horizon in this  
83 region. As the result of effects of this faults that exist in stratigraphic units, faults operation  
84 may affect on gas reservation in this horizon (Tavakoli 2000). Because of complication  
85 increasing of structures geometry in Fars region and necessity to exploration activities for  
86 deeper horizons especially the Paleozoic ones, the analysis of fold style elements, which is  
87 known as one of the main parts in structural studies seems necessary.

88 Specific features are important for folds describes and understanding how they develop  
89 (Twiss and Moors, 1992). According to this cases that mentioned above, we tried analysis  
90 and investigated on the complications in the Karbasi anticline with fold element style  
91 analysis, structural map, modified structural sections (based on Tavakoli 2001) and  
92 folding- faulting relationship modeling.

93 Description of fold geometry is important because they allow comparisons within and  
94 between folds and allow us to recognize patterns in the occurrence and distribution of fold  
95 systems. The main aim of this paper is determination of structural style and hydrocarbon  
96 trap of the Karbasi anticline in the Fars region.

## 97 **2. Material and methods**

98 This paper presents part of the results of a regional study of the Fars province in the Zagros  
99 Simply folded belt, based on satellite images, thin sections, geological maps, well data and  
100 original fieldwork. Our fieldwork in the study area and some data such as geological maps and

101 geological regional data were prepared and provided by the National Iranian Oil Company  
102 (NIOC). In the study area, not provided seismic data to analysis and discuss the structural  
103 features by Oil Companies in this region. All geological reports have been studied and all the  
104 elements of fold style have been calculated and analyzed. We used fold style elements analysis  
105 methods (description of folds) base on Twiss and Moors (1992) , Rickard (1971), Ragan  
106 (1985) and Ramsay (1967). We used Tectonics FP software for prepared and analyzed  
107 Stereoplots of the Karbasi anticline. Also, we used Global Mapper Software for prepared 3D  
108 SRTM of the study area and 3D Path Profile (along cross sections) based on Global Mapper  
109 Software. 3D SRTM has been prepared base on Digital Elevation Model (DEM) and  
110 geological map of study area (in scale 1:100,000, 1:250,000 and 1:1000,000—published by  
111 the National Oil Company and the Geological Survey of Iran).

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### 113 **3. Geological and geographical setting**

114 In this paper, the Study area is located in the Zagros Simply Folded Belt of Iran and Fars  
115 region (Fig 1). The Zagros Fold-thrust belt is home to one of the largest petroleum producing  
116 reservoirs in the world (Molnar,2006). The Fars region, on the basis of geological facies units  
117 perpendicular to Zagros belt have been divided the interior Fars, coastal Fars and sub-coastal  
118 Fars sub-basins (Beydoun et al., 1992; Motiei, 1993) and the study area is located in the  
119 Interior Fars sub-basin. This area is easily recognized by the NW-SE trending parallel  
120 anticlines that verge to the SW in a 6-12 km cover sequence (Colman-Sadd, 1978; Molnar,  
121 2006).

122 In the Zagros fold-trust belt, the oldest known stratigraphic unit with 2000-1000 meters  
123 thickness estimated as Hormuz Series (Ala, 1974; Kent, 1970; Player, 1969) and is exposed in  
124 the form of salt domes in the Fars region. Structures in this area have complications and the  
125 oldest stratigraphy unit that outcropped in the Khaftar anticline on the surface belongs to  
126 Hormuz Series (salt plug). The age of Hormuz Series is Pre- Cambrian- Cambrian (Fig. 2).

127 Anticlines outcrop stratigraphic units in the most of structures Fars region often include Upper  
128 Cretaceous stratigraphic units (MaesTryshtyn - Campanian to the present) and in the sub-  
129 coastal Fars region, includes the Lower Cretaceous stratigraphic units (Neocomian to the  
130 present). The youngest formations that outcrop in the study area are Aghajari and Bakhtiari  
131 and Razak formations. Also, in the interior Fars sub-basin, the oldest outcrops is Hormuz  
132 Series observed in the Khaftar, Kuh-e Qazi and Surmeh anticlines form of salt domes (e.g.  
133 Beydoun et al., 1992 ; Motiei, 1993; DehbashiGhanavati, 2008).

134 The Khaftar anticline is located in the West, North -West of Jahrom city in the Fars province  
135 (148 km to Persian Gulf). The trend of this anticline has three orientations that consist of

136 North- Northeast, East- West and South- Southwest. This anticline is bounded from north by  
137 Kuh-e Qazi anticline, from north- northeast by Qutbabad anticline, from south- southeast by  
138 Karbasi anticline and from southwest by Sim anticlines (Fig. 1).The trend of this anticline is  
139  $N60^{\circ}W$ . This anticline is bounded from south by the Chaghal, from southwest by the  
140 Noura, from north- northeast by the Khaftar and from north- northeast by the Jahrom  
141 anticlines (Fig.1). The Karbasi anticline is an elongated structure, which has 40 km length  
142 and 7.5 km width in the Asmari horizon. MundRiver is flow with northern- southern path  
143 in this area and in the western part of anticline; this river has changes in flow of path. By  
144 whirling this river in the western part of anticline finally MundRiver continue them path to  
145 south.

#### 146 **4. Structural setting**

147 The Karbasi anticline is an asymmetric structure (Fig.3). This anticline located in Interior  
148 Fars province. From point of topography is extension structure. Eastern part of anticline  
149 ended to Jahrom city and in the western part ended to mountains. The oldest formation  
150 that outcropped on the surface of this anticline is Gurpi formation that existed in the  
151 Gurbidstrait. In this anticline, some parts eroded on the surface and then cause outcrops  
152 the oldest formation such as Pabdeh- Gurpi on the surface. In the southern flank at the  
153 location which Asmari formation covered surface, some cliffs are exists with vertical  
154 walls. The highest part of The Karbasi anticline has 2013-meter elevation.

155 The most of surface of anticline generally covered with Asmari- Jahrom formation. This  
156 anticline is an asymmetrical anticline that the dip of southern flank is greater than the  
157 northern flank (Fig. 4). On the other hand, plunges dip value in western part of anticline  
158 more than eastern part.

159 Structure of The Karbasi anticline is complicated also affected by some faults with high  
160 lateral displacement that operation faults could divided to different parts. By operation  
161 mentioned fault, western part of anticline plunged to north and in this part of flank has a  
162 regular dip. This anticline in the western part has complication structure but in the eastern  
163 part, structure has gentle change.

164 Some faults exist in the anticline that could be account to weakness for reservation gas in  
165 the Dehram horizon. In view of the fact that exist main faults in this anticline, may be  
166 anticline has complication in the deeper horizon. We tried to investigate these cases with  
167 modeling by structural cross section and drilling information well of anticline that  
168 investigate and analysis in the next part of paper.

169 Because of The Karbasi anticline, has complication structure; the analysis of element fold  
170 style is necessity. Then for more studies in this structure, fold style elements changes will  
171 be analysis and investigation from east to west of anticline in the different structural cross  
172 section.

## 173 **5. Faulting in the study area**

174 Fault system in the Karbasi anticline has two type faults. One type is longitude fault and  
175 another type is transverse one. The Nezamabadsinistral strike slip fault is main fault in this  
176 area that affected on western plunge of The Karbasi anticline. The longitude faults are  
177 located in the hinge line zone of anticline. On the other hand, some longitude faults  
178 located parallel with fold axis. Transverse faults located with high angle to fold axis.

179 The Nezamabad fault is one the strike slip fault with northeast- southwest trend in  
180 the Gavbandi High that divided Gavbandi High from central Zagros (Setudehnia, 1978).  
181 This fault has 265 km length and sinistral displacement. In view of the fact that, at the first  
182 time Barzegar (1994) was introduced the Nezamabad fault, he introduced this fault based  
183 on satellite image. This fault has 2.5 km strike slip displacement and beginning from  
184 southern flank of Shahini anticline to southeastern of Neyriz. The most displacement of  
185 the Nezamabad fault easily observed in the satellite image of the Khaftar anticline and  
186 caused until change and rotation of anticlines plunge by affected on them (Dehbashi,  
187 2008).

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189 anticline the type of fold horizontal moderately inclined and in west part it is upright  
190 moderately plunging, so west evaluation of anticline is affected by more deformation. In  
191 this research the relationship present faults especially the Nezamabadsinistral strike slip  
192 one with folding and its affection on Dehram horizon and Bangestan group were modeled.  
193 Based on received results may be the Nezamabad fault is located between G-G' and F-F'  
194 structural sections, moreover a second order fault introduced in relationship with the  
195 Nezamabad fault. In different parts of The Karbasi anticline, Dashtak formation as a  
196 middle detachment unit plays an important role in connection to folding geometry, may be  
197 which is affected by the Nezamabad main fault and second order one.

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## 199 **6. The Description of Folds**

200 Descriptions of fold geometries are important because they allow comparisons within and  
201 between folds and allow us to recognize patterns in the occurrence and distribution of fold

202 systems. For example, orogenic belts contain characteristic fold systems: along their flanks  
203 are large fold and thrust belts, with little metamorphism, but underlain by décollements;  
204 and in core zones where intense folding has been accomplished, accompanied by high-  
205 grade metamorphism under high temperature and pressure. The folded surfaces that  
206 analysis for top of Neyriz - Dashtak formations as Kazeron group and top of some  
207 formations of Bangestan group. According to gave result limbs in The Karbasi anticline  
208 are unequal length.

209 Twiss and Moors (1992) described the geometry of folded surface by specifying three  
210 style elements: aspect ratio, tightness and bluntness. Based on these cases we will analysis  
211 geometry of fold style for The Karbasi anticline. Because of some parts of anticline  
212 affected by faults and faults effects observed on surface, we could not in this parts  
213 measured and calculated some parameters. There are three chief descriptors of a folded  
214 surface: aspect ratio the ratio of the fold amplitude to the distance between two adjacent  
215 inflection points; tightness, or the interlimb angle; bluntness, a measure of the curvature of  
216 the surface in the zone of closure.

217 In this part, we mentioned how calculated and measured this parameters for studied area.  
218 Finally gave results showed by comparable diagram (Table. 1).

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## 221 **7. Elements of Fold Style**

222 The style of a fold is the set of characteristic that describe its form. Over years of working  
223 with folds, geologists have identified certain features as particularly useful in describing fold  
224 and understanding how they develop (Twiss and Moors, 1992).

225 Because the Karbasi anticline, has complication structure; the analysis of fold style elements is  
226 seems necessary. Therefore, for more studies on this structure the changes of fold style  
227 elements will be analyzed and investigated from east to west in the different parts of this  
228 anticline. Because of the Nezamabad fault may be effect on the Karbasi anticline, we have  
229 been evaluated and calculated elements of fold style in this structure. In this respect,  
230 cylindricity, symmetry have evaluated and in the Geometry of axial plane and Folding  
231 Mechanism.

232 **7.1 .Cylindricity**

233 Folded surface forms a symmetric fold if in profile, the shape on one side of the hinges a  
234 mirror image of the shape on the other side, and if adjacent limbs are identifiable in length  
235 (Twiss and Moors, 1992).

236 Based on previous studies in the Karbasi anticline and layered location, this anticline has  
237 asymmetric anticline. In addition, anticline is an asymmetric anticline that the dip of  
238 southern flank is greater than the northern flank. Southern flank from 15° to 75° is  
239 changing and in northern flank dip value from 3° to 57° is changing.

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241 **7.2 .Symmetry**

242 The studied anticline is an asymmetric fold with changed plunge in the north of the  
243 western part of fold.

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247 between folds and allow us to recognize patterns in the occurrence and distribution of fold  
248 systems. For example, orogenic belts contain characteristic fold systems: along their flanks  
249 are large fold and thrust belts, with little metamorphism, but underlain by décollements;  
250 and in core zones where intense folding has been accomplished, accompanied by high-  
251 grade metamorphism under high temperature and pressure.

252 The folded surfaces that analysis for top of Neyriz - Dashtak formations as Kazeran group  
253 and top of some formations of Bangestan group. According to gave result limbs in The  
254 Karbasi anticline are unequal length.

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256 **style elements: aspect ratio, tightness and bluntness. Based on these cases we will analysis**  
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260 **surface: aspect ratio the ratio of the fold amplitude to the distance between two adjacent**  
261 **inflection points; tightness, or the interlimb angle; bluntness, a measure of the curvature of**  
262 **the surface in the zone of closure. In this part, we mentioned how calculated and measured**  
263 **this parameters for studied area. Finally gave results showed by comparable diagram**  
264 **(Table. 1).**

265 **8.1. Aspect ratio**

266 The aspect ratio P is the ratio of the amplitude A of a fold, measured along the axial  
267 surface, to the distance M, measured between the adjacent inflection points that bound the  
268 fold (Twiss, 1988). In the Karbasi anticline, measured the aspect ratio (P) or ratio of  
269 amplitude to half of wavelength fold in seven part of structural cross section of this  
270 anticline.

271 According to calculated values of aspect ratio, this parameter variable from -0.847 to -  
272 0.322 for top of Bangestan group formations (table) and values of aspect ratio variable  
273 from -1.08 to -0.156. This variable result gave for tested top of folded surface from eastern  
274 part to western part. At finally folds based on aspect ratio defined in **Table 2.**

275 Based on logarithm P and description term of folds in The Karbasi anticline just between  
276 three parts of folds (E-E' to G-G') description term of fold is broad and in the other parts is  
277 wide for top of tested surface formations of Bangestan group. That seems this changes  
278 affected on the some faults in mentioned parts of anticline. Because of most changes in the  
279 western part observed same as one domain of deformation (from E-E' to G-G' sections),  
280 May be operation of the Nezamabad Fault in this area operation same as fault zone that  
281 specific states especially observed in top of tested surface formations of Bangestan group.  
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283 **8.2. Tightness**

284 The tightness of Folding is defined by the Folding angle  $\phi$  or the interlimb angle  $\alpha$  (Twiss  
285 and Moors, 1992). As the degree of folding increases, the folding angle increase and the  
286 interlimb angle decreases. Based on interlimb angle calculated in seven parts of fold from  
287 A-A' to G-G' sections, the minimum of interlimb angle is 62° degree for western part of  
288 anticline that located in the G-G' structural cross section (for top of tested surface  
289 formations of Bangestan group). In addition, the maximum of interlimb angle is 136° for  
290 Eastern part of anticline that located in the A-A' structural cross section (for top of tested  
291 surface formations of Bangestan group), (Table,2). The minimum of interlimb angle for top  
292 of tested surface Nz-Dkis 84° degree for G-G' structural cross section in western part  
293 and maximum of interlimb is 152° degree for A-A' structural cross section in eastern part. In  
294 the Diagrams 1, showed comparable diagrams for gave results. Ramsey (1967) classified  
295 folds based on folding angle that used in this paper and gave results showed in Table, 2.

296 According to gave results, only in one parts of The Karbasi anticline, based on folding  
297 angle fold is close that observed in part of G-G' structural cross section where as fold type

298 of anticline is rabbit ear fold (in southwest flank of rabbit ear fold). This complication of  
299 structure May be affected by operation of the Nezamabad Fault. In this area, seems that  
300 faults affects on folding style and complications of structures.

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### 302 **8.3. Bluntness**

303 The bluntness  $b$  measures the relative curvature of the fold at its closure. It is defined by  
304 Twiss (1988). In seven parts of fold from A-A' to G-G' sections Based on bluntness  $b$   
305 calculated for tasted surface of Bgp formations (Ilam- Sarvak formations) and Nz- Dk  
306 formation this parameter. Gave results showed folds in different parts are angular, sub-  
307 rounded, rounded and blunt and just in E-E' section, fold is angular (Table.2).

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### 309 **9. Geometry of axial plane**

310 In the Karbasi anticline, seems that geometry of axial plane is planner. In the **figure 5**,  
311 based on analysis and calculations of some parameters, showed gave locations of axial  
312 plane in the seven structural cross sections of anticline. Based on gave location of axial  
313 planes and changes of them may be operation of the Nezamabad Fault operated same as  
314 fault zone. On the other hand, based on figure 6, The Karbasi anticline is a horizontal fold.  
315 According to gave results and output of Tectonics FP software for seven parts of The  
316 Karbasi anticline, gave seven stereoplots that showed location of axial plane (AP) and  
317 cylindericity (AC) for seven parts of The Karbasi anticline (**Fig.6**)(also structural cross  
318 sections show in the Fig.10).

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### 320 **10. Folding Mechanism**

321 In the eastern and western part of The Karbasi anticline observed rabbit ear folds (G-G'  
322 and A-A' cross sections). In the western part observed most of changes. In this part of fold  
323 exists specific style, that based on folding angle, fold has close style. May be operation of  
324 the Nezamabad fault and some faults that exist in this anticline caused this changes. In the  
325 Proposed pattern of folding model for The Karbasi anticline, we will represent changes in  
326 different parts of The Karbasi anticline.

327 Based on classification of Rickard (1971) in the Karbasi anticline, type of fold is  
328 difference (**Fig.7 and Table 3**). In the eastern part of anticline (A-A' section) type of fold is  
329 moderately inclined horizontal and in the western part of anticline (G-G' section) type of  
330 fold is moderately inclined moderately plunging. According to this results, seems that

331 western part greater deformed than eastern part. May be the Nezamabad fault affected on  
332 this case.

### 333 **11. Results and discussion**

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335 In this research, the relationship present faults especially the Nezamabadsinistral strike  
336 slip one with folding and its affection on Dehram horizon and Bangestan group were  
337 modeled (Fig.8 &9). Based on received results may be the Nezamabad fault is located  
338 between G-G' and E-E' structural sections and this fault in this area operated same as fault  
339 zone. In different parts of The Karbasi anticline, Dashtak formation as a middle  
340 detachment unit plays an important role in connection to folding geometry, may be which  
341 is affected by the Nezamabad main fault. Relationship between the Nezamabad Fault and  
342 The Karbasi anticline modeled by 3D modeling based on structural cross section from A-  
343 A' to G-G' (Tavakoli, 2001).

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### 345 **12. Conclusion**

346 Orientation of axial plane in the difference parts of the Karbasi anticline is different and  
347 may be the Nezamabad Fault affected on this case. Variety of axial plane characteristic and  
348 axis of fold in the different parts of anticline may be showplunge rotation of anticline  
349 affected by the Nezamabad Fault operation.

350 In the eastern part of anticline, type of fold is moderately inclined horizontal and in the  
351 western part of anticline, type of fold is moderately inclined moderately plunging.  
352 According to this results, seems that western part greater deformed than eastern part.  
353 Relationship between geometry of folding and faulting with operation faults in this area is  
354 possibility. Some faults that exist in the upper stratigraphic units of anticline is possibility  
355 jointed with the Nezamabad Fault in the western part and because of operation this joint;  
356 fold in the western part tightness than other parts.

357 At finally, In different parts of The Karbasi anticline, Dashtak formation as a middle  
358 detachment unit plays an important role in connection to folding geometry, may be which  
359 is affected by the Nezamabad main fault.

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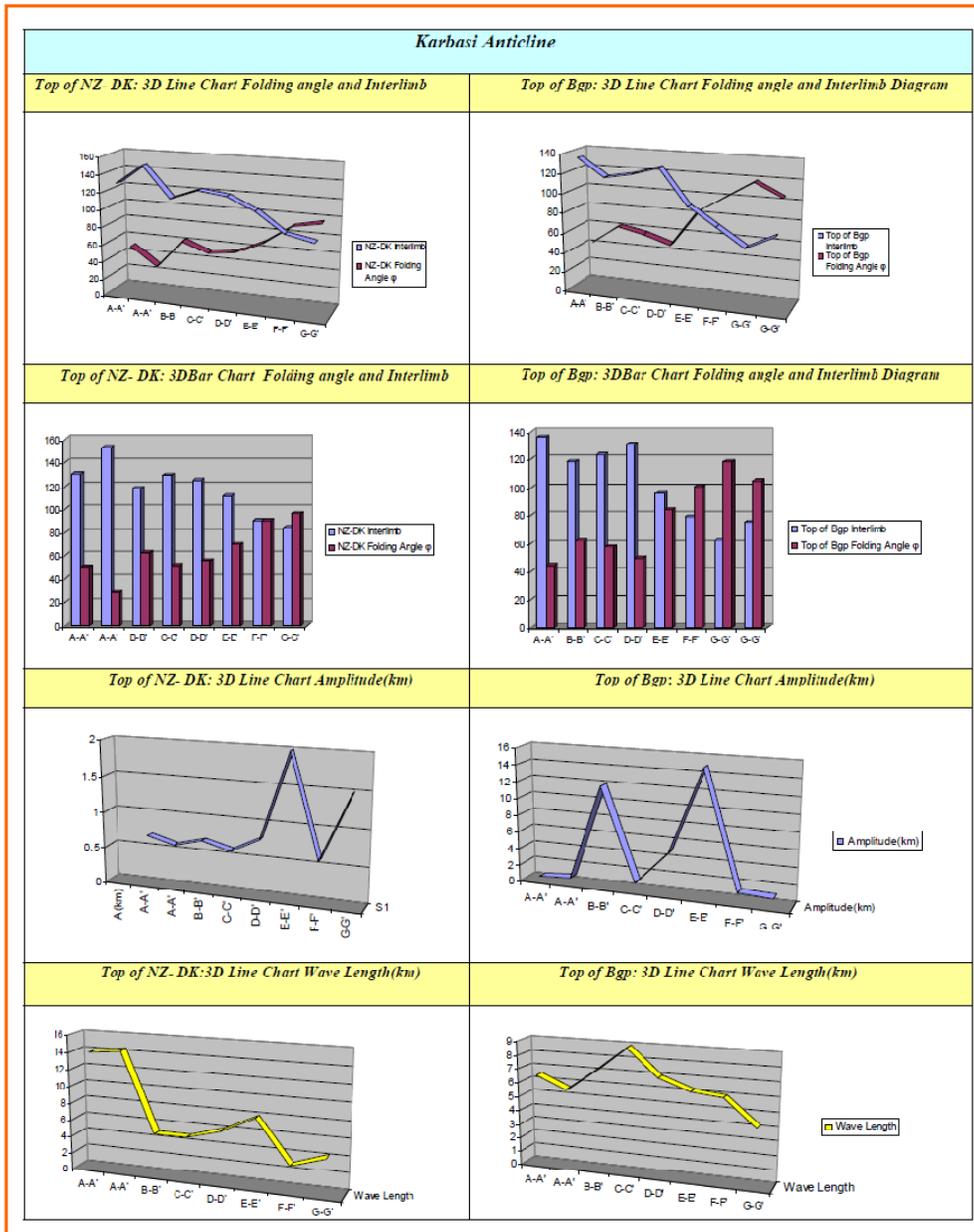
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429 **Table 1:** Comparable diagrams 3D line chart and 3D Bar chart showed interlimb angle,  
 430 folding angle, amplitude and wavelength for tasted surface of Bgp formations(Ilam-  
 431 Sarvak formations) and Nz- Dk formation.  
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438 **Table 2:** Indicate style for tasted surface of Bgp formations (Ilam- Sarvak formations) and  
 439 Nz- Dk formation.  
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**Calculated Geometry Parameters of Karbasi Anticline**

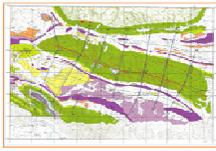
Row	Structural Section	A (km)	M (km)	Log P	Descriptive Term based on LogP	Interlimb	Folding Angle $\phi$	Descriptive Term based on $\phi$	rc (km)	ro (km)	Bluntness	Descriptive Term based on b	Top of Folded Formation
1	A-A'	0.5	3.25	-0.815	Wide	136	44	Gentle	5.2	5.3	0.981	Rounded	Top of Bgp
2	B-B'	0.7	2.8	-0.602	Wide	118	62	Open	4.4	4.7	0.936	Rounded	Top of Bgp
3	C-C'	1.2	3.6	-0.785	Wide	123	57	Gentle	5.2	7.2	0.722	Subrounded	Top of Bgp
4	D-D'	1	4.45	-0.649	Wide	131	49	Gentle	6	6.4	0.937	Rounded	Top of Bgp
5	E-E'	5	3.5	-0.847	Wide	96	84	Open	1.7	6.2	0.274	Angular	Top of Bgp
6	F-F'	15	3.1	-0.316	Broad	79	101	Open	2.4	6.3	0.38	Sub angular	Top of Bgp
7	G-G'	1.2	3	-0.397	Broad	62	118	Close	3.9	5.5	0.709	Subrounded	Top of Bgp
8	G-G'	1	2.1	-0.322	Broad	75	105	Open	5.1	2.5	1.5	Blunt	Top of Bgp

Row	Structural Section	A (km)	M (km)	Log P	Descriptive Term based on LogP	Interlimb	Folding Angle $\phi$	Descriptive Term based on $\phi$	rc (km)	ro (km)	Bluntness	Descriptive Term based on b	Top of Folded Formation
1	A-A'	0.7	7	-1	Wide	130	50	Gentle	6.4	7	0.914	Rounded	NZ-DK
2	A-A'	0.6	7.2	-1.08	Wide	152	28	Gentle	6.8	6.6	1.02	Blunt	NZ-DK
3	B-B'	0.7	2.5	-0.552	Broad	118	62	Open	3.4	5.2	0.653	Subrounded	NZ-DK
4	C-C'	0.6	2.5	-0.619	Wide	129	51	Gentle	3.4	3.5	0.971	Rounded	NZ-DK
5	D-D'	0.8	3.05	-0.581	Broad	125	55	Gentle	4.8	6.5	0.738	Sub rounded	NZ-DK
6	E-E'	2	4	-0.301	Broad	111	69	Open	1.3	6.2	0.171	Angular	NZ-DK
7	F-F'	0.6	1.5	-0.397	Broad	90	90	Open	1.5	2.9	0.502	Subrounded	NZ-DK
8	G-G'	1.5	2.15	-0.156	Equant	84	96	Open	3.4	3.8	0.894	Rounded	NZ-DK

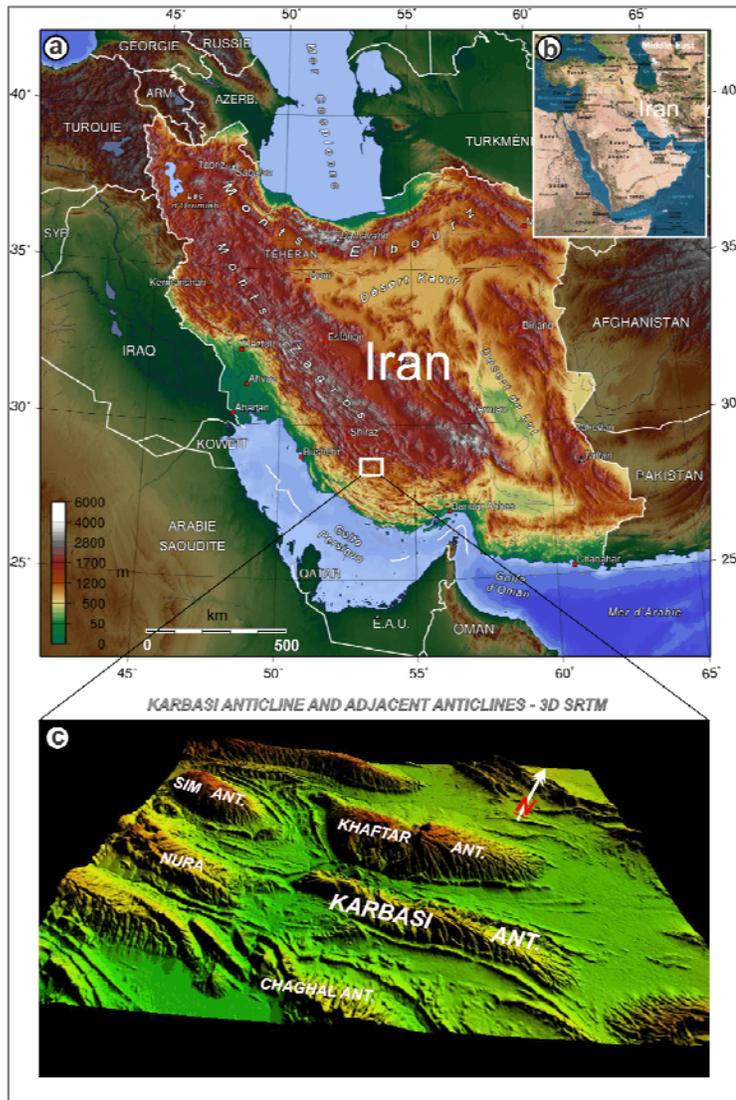
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444 **Table 3:** In this table showed type of fold in seven sections of The Karbasi anticline. This  
 445 classification based on classification of Rickard (1971) and Ragan (1985).

	<p><b>A-A'</b> P:9/ 110 AP:117/ 73</p> <p><i>Fold type: Moderately inclined horizontal</i></p>	<p><b>B-B'</b> P:3/ 286 AP:105/ 88</p> <p><i>Fold type: upright horizontal</i></p>	<p><b>C-C'</b> P:3/ 291 AP:111/ 83</p> <p><i>Fold type: upright horizontal</i></p>
<p><b>D-D'</b> P:1/ 105 AP:106/ 66</p> <p><i>Fold type: Moderately inclined horizontal</i></p>	<p><b>E-E'</b> P:2/ 303 AP:122/ 66</p> <p><i>Fold type: Moderately inclined horizontal</i></p>	<p><b>F-F'</b> P:8/ 107 AP:129/ 78</p> <p><i>Fold type: upright horizontal</i></p>	<p><b>G-G'</b> P:42/ 086 AP:088/ 89</p> <p><i>Fold type: Moderately inclined moderately plunging</i></p>

**P: Plunge AP: Axial Plane**

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455 **Figure. 1:** (a) shows location of the study area, (b) with white framework in the Middle

456 East, (c) 3D SRTM for the Karbasi anticline and adjacent anticlines.

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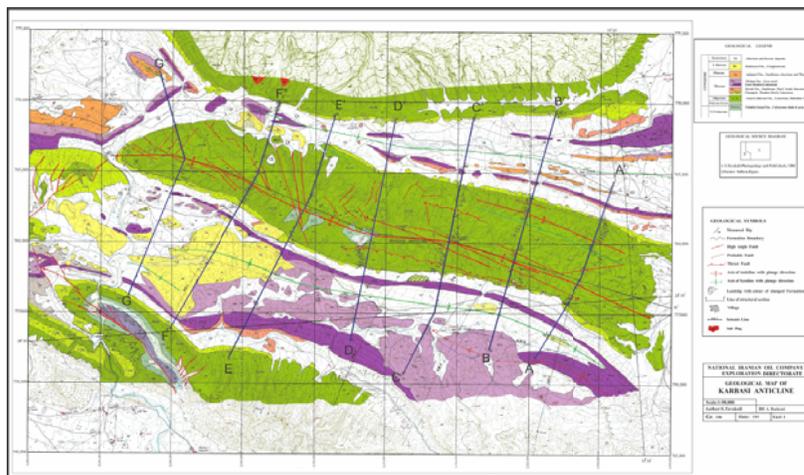
Age	Simplified Formations	Lithology	Thickness
Pliocene	Bakhtiyari	conglomerate	<1 km
	Lahbari member	red marl, Sandstone sandstone	1-3 km
Miocene	Agha Jari	gery marl, limestone, anhydrite, salt/sandstone	
	Mishan, Gachsaran/Razak		
	Asmari, Shahbazari/ Jahrum		limestone
Eocene- Paleocene	Pabadeh-Gurpi, Amiran	calcareous marl, shale, limestone sandstone, conglomerate	1-3 km
	Bangestan Group	limestone, bituminous shale	1-1.5 km
Cretaceous	Khami Group	limestone	1-1.5 km
	Neyriz/Dashtak	dolomite, anhydrite, shaly limestone	1-1.5 km
Jurassic	Dalan/Kangan	limestone/ dolomite	1 km
	Triassic	Hormoz	shale, limestone, sandstone
salt with minor gypsum, shale and carbonate rocks			2-3 km

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451 **Figure. 2:** Generalised stratigraphic column through the Zagros fold–thrust belt.  
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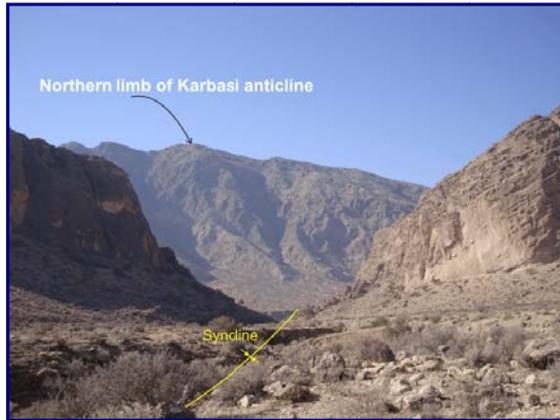


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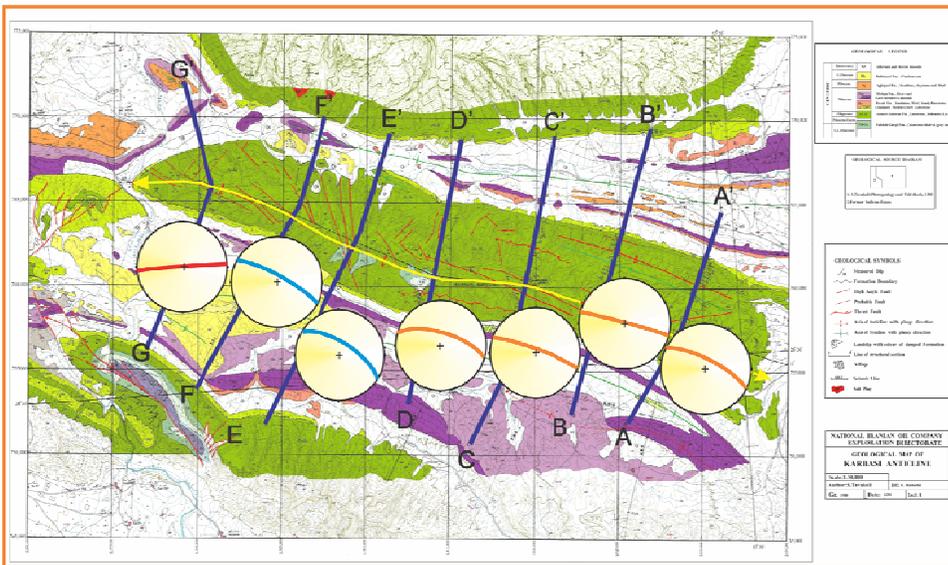
466 **Figure 3.** Geological map of The Karbasi anticline and structural cross section(NIOC).

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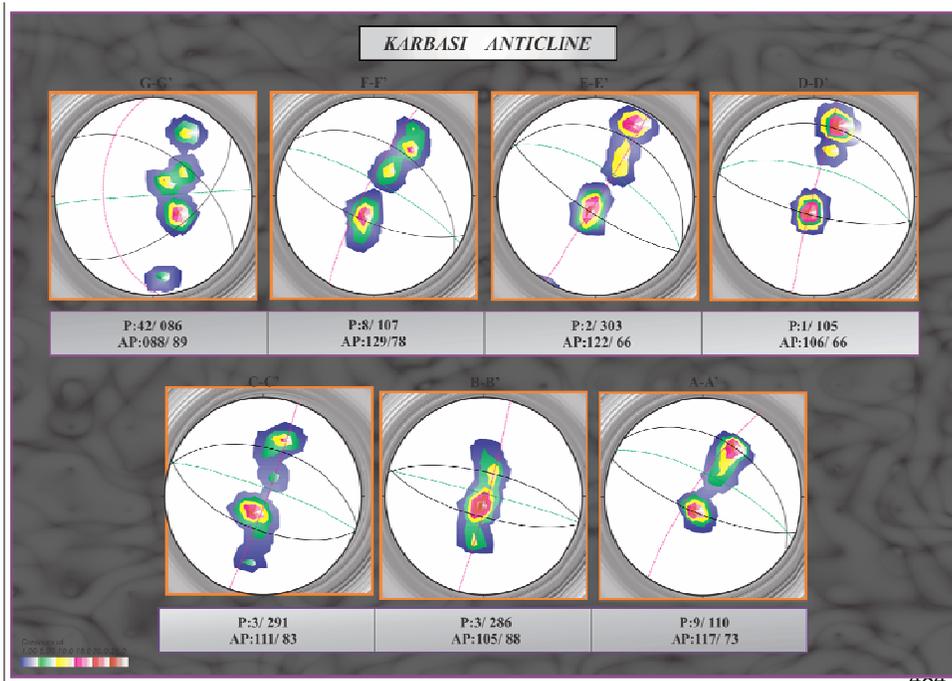


471 **Figure 4.** View to the south-west that shows Northern limb of The Karbasi anticline and  
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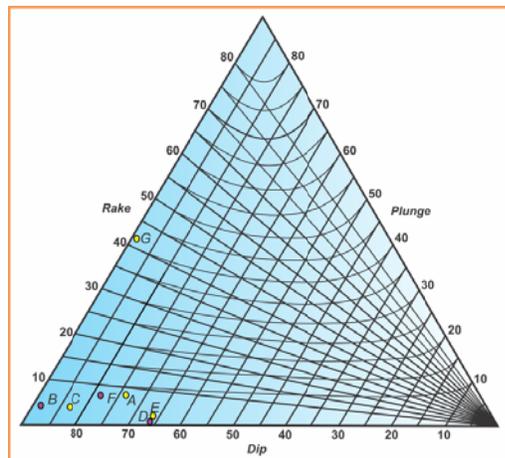
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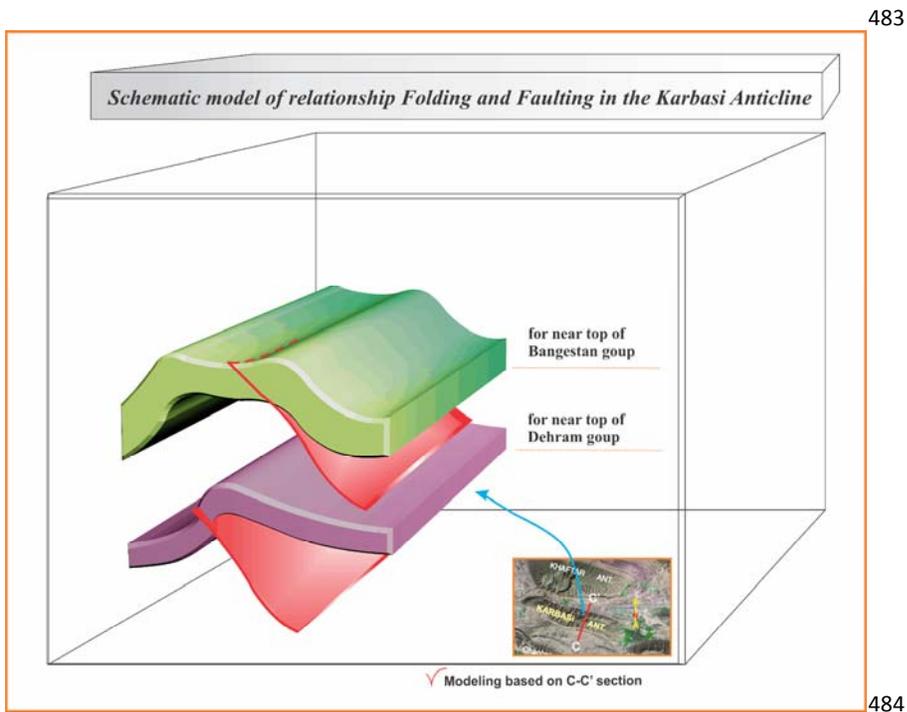
475 **Figure 5.** This figure shows the located axial plane of the Karbasi anticline based on given  
 476 results in seven sections.



478 **Figure 6.** Stereoplots showed axial plane (AP), cylindericity (AC) for seven sections of  
 479 The Karbasi anticline.



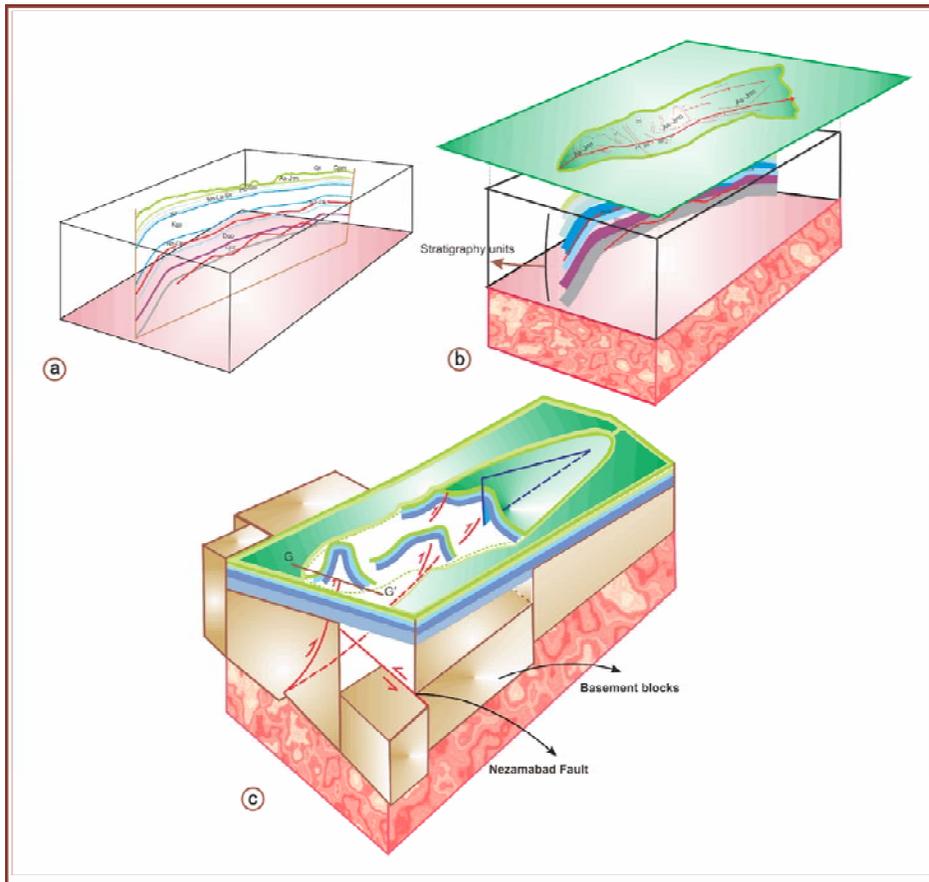
479 **Figure 7.** Triangle form diagram showed type of fold in seven sections of The Karbasi  
 472 anticline, based on Rickard (1971). This Diagram gave based on Rickard classification.  
 483 Type of fold in Part G (G-G' section) is different to other section completely  
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 486 **Figure 8.** Schematic model for relationship between folding and faulting for near top of  
 487 Bangestan group and near top of Dehram horizon in C-C' part of the Karbasi anticline that  
 488 observed fault rapture in surface. This modelling is based on information of C-C' structural  
 489 cross section with 3D modeling software.

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494 **Figure 9.**(a) 2D model of longitude structural cross section of the Karbasi anticline.  
 495 (b) Forms of fold with location of longitude structural cross section. c- Relationship  
 496 between the Nezamabad Fault and the Karbasi anticline, 3D model (based on  
 497 structural cross section from A-A' to G-G').  
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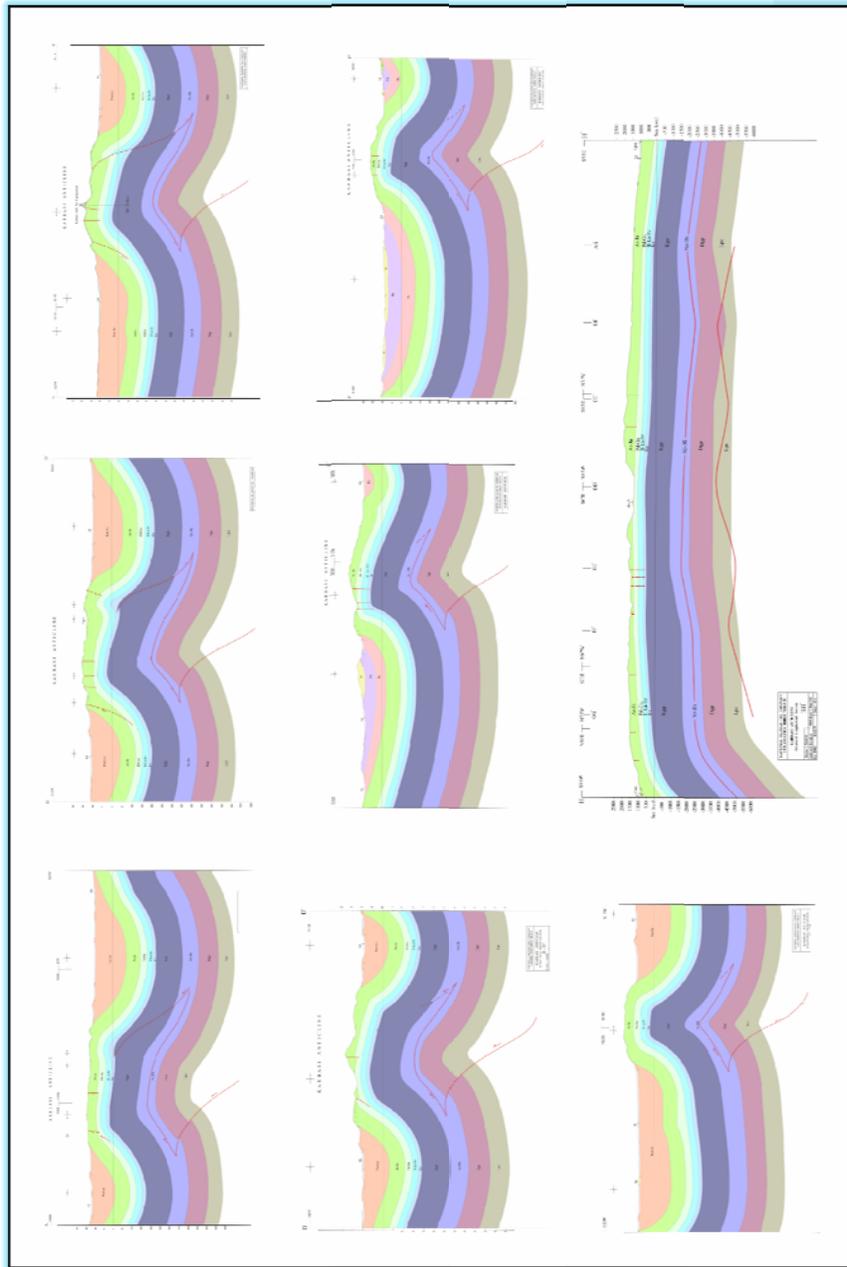
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**Figure 10.** Structural cross sections of the Karbasi anticline (NIOC,2001).