

Paleoenvironment Research of Quaternary Period using fluid inclusion in Puding stalactite of karst cave, Guizhou Province, China

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Fluid inclusions are widely spread throughout the chemical sediments of karst caves. These fluid inclusions, formed during the course of chemical sedimentation, contain a great deal of important information about paleoenvironmental evolution and climatic transition. The stalactite samples of Puding karst cave in Guizhou Province, formed during the Quaternary epoch, were collected to study the characteristics of fluid inclusions found inside different laminas. Using the thermodynamic method, the constitutional equilibrium constants of fluid inclusions, the fluid density ratio, the component content ratio, and the different solubility are used to determine whether the fluid component in the inclusion of the karst cave sediments leaks or not. The homogeneous characteristic of gas-liquid inclusion inside the karst cave sediments is analyzed and the uniform temperature of the inclusion captured in the single phase is used to calculate the thermodynamic parameters, including temperature and pressure values that were in place when the fluid inclusion had been captured. This process provides a way to obtain information about the climate and hydrographic environment – the air temperature, pressure, concentrations of CO₂ and pH value, concentrations of HCO₃ and CO₂ of the underground water solution, and saturation of CaCO₃ and MgCO₃ – in Pleistocene Period. It presents the relationship between the hydrographic environment among crystal movements and climatic changes, paleoenvironmental changes, luxuriance and degeneration of vegetation, and the underground water property, which is of great scientific value and theoretical significance. This allows for the reconstruction of the Paleoenvironment of the Quaternary Period.

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Organic geochemistry of oils from the Junggar Basin of Northwestern China

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The Junggar basin of northwestern China contains abundant petroleum resources, whose oil and gas are generated from source rocks of Carboniferous, Permian, Jurassic and Tertiary age. Analyses of 96 oil samples from more than 16 fields mainly located in western, central, southern and eastern part of the Junggar basin revealed that carbon isotopic compositions of crude oils from the Junggar basin are in the range of -27–33‰, most values are -29–30‰. Combined with biomarker compositions of oils, four genetic oil types could be divided. Main type oils generated from three Permian source rocks (Jiamuhe, Fengcheng and Wuerhe Formation) occurred in oilfields of western margin and central area of basin. Another important types of oils with heavier carbon isotopic values (-26–28 ‰) and higher Pr/Ph (>2) are present in eastern Fukang sag, Dushanzi oilfield, Dongdaohaizi sag and Qigu oilfield, which are derived from Jurassic coaly organic matter.

Thermal maturity sequences of oils from a single source rock can be used to estimate pathways of oil migration, oils formed in the late stage are more mature than oils formed in the early stage. Based on the stable carbon isotope signatures and Ro values calculated from methylphenanthrene indicator of oils, the directions of oil migration have also been obtained in the central area of the Junggar basin. The oils from Shixi, Shinan, and Mobei oilfields mainly migrated from west of Pen-1 sag. However, Moshuwan oilfield are more complex, petroleum migrated and mixed from several directions including west of Pen-1 sag, Changji sag and possible dongdaohaizi sag.

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