

Meeting of mantle CO₂ and organic substances formed in the crust

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The CO₂ accumulations in elastic reservoirs are appropriate to study of carbon cycles: (i) in these systems CO₂ is present in three phases (s.c. CO₂, dissolved CO₂ and carbonates) and (ii) they often contain oil, gas and other kerogen derived organic compounds.

The followings are based partly on (1, 2, 3, 4). Shallow multistacked CO₂ fields are developed on a structural high in the Danube Basin, W Hungary. The reservoirs consist of fractured basement and Upper Miocene lacustrine sandstones. Going upward the CO₂ is progressively replaced by a dry HC-gas-N₂ fluid. The lowermost reservoirs, filled with “pure” CO₂, contain traces of oil generated by Middle Miocene source rocks. Waters co-produced with CO₂ from the lower reservoirs, characterized by Cl⁻/Br⁻ ratio above 300, are of evaporate origin and contain up to 7000 ppm acetate. Dawsonite is a common constituent of these reservoirs. The amount of the dawsonite-fixed CO₂ is of the same order of magnitude than that of the reservoir CO₂.

Oil traces and acetate have been generated by evaporate-related source rocks, entering the oil window at 1-2 Ma before the Pliocene basaltic magmatism, well known in the basin. The CO₂, degassed from basaltic intrusions, replaced the oil and dissolved parts of its light fraction and of the oil-associated gases. The dawsonite is a product of the interaction between detrital albite and CO₂. The HC-gas-N₂ mixture is considered as a late thermogenic fluid generated in the metasediments of the basement by heating effect of the intrusions. When this fluid arrived to the fields, the lower reservoirs were already filled with CO₂ to spill-point and hence it filled the upper reservoirs, partly or entirely free of CO₂. Therefore the bulk of the dawsonite formed simultaneously with trapping of the CO₂.

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