Application analysis of shale gas core hyperspectral in weican-1 well

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Abstract. Hylogger core scanning system is used to detailed scan shale gas drilling cores, obtaining visible-near infrared (spectral range 380nm-1100nm), short-wave infrared (spectral range 1100nm-2500nm) spectral curves and high-definition core images. Taking Well weican 1 in the West Taikang Uplift in the South China North Basin as an example, based on the analysis of clay mineral types in the core of the target layer, it is judged to be an alkaline deposit environment rich in iron and magnesium with a temperature of about 130°C. Combined with mineral information and core image, the core of the target layer is divided, mud shale is developed, the cumulative thickness exceeds 400m, the maximum single layer thickness reaches 38m, at the same time, the hydrocarbon absorption characteristics of the shale section are obvious, it shows a good prospect for shale gas in the region.

1 Introduction

1.1 Geological background of WC-1

Weican-1 well is a shale gas parameter well deployed in the western part of Taikang uplift, South Huabei basin. The western part of Taikang uplift is characterized by "North-South Division and east-west blocking". It is further divided into Tongxu uplift, central nose structure belt, Xuedian Weishi South sub sag, northern slope belt and Xinzheng uplift and other secondary structures[1]. During the Benxi period of Late Carboniferous, the North China Plate was a flat monoclinal palaeo-topography high in the northwest and low in the southeast. The sea water invaded from the northeast direction and deposited a set of sea-land interbedded strata. At the end of the Late Permian, the southern North China region was uplifted as a whole, and the paleo-terrain was high in the north and low in the south, and the sea water completely withdrew, and the climate changed from warm and humid to hot and arid. The basin entered the continental sedimentary development stage, and a set of red clastic rock formations with fluvial facies and fresh water limestone and gypsum were deposited[2,3,4,5].

1.2 Drilling stratigraphic information of WC-1

Well weican1 encountered Quaternary, Neogene, Triassic System, Shiqianfeng Formation, upper Shihezi Formation, Lower Shihezi Formation, Permian Shanxi formation, Taiyuan formation, Carboniferous Benxi Formation and other strata from top to bottom. Shanxi Formation and Taiyuan Formation of Upper Paleozoic are the main target strata for shale gas development of well weican 1 (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1. Structural unit map of Taikang uplift area (From Liu Yongtao[6], Modify).

2 Analysis of hyperspectral information

In the figure below, al-oh and chlorite show the change of absorption peak position and absorption intensity with depth, while kaolinite shows the change of absorption intensity with depth. According to the clay mineral identification map of well weican 1, al-oh absorption peak position is before 2212nm, and it is concentrated in 2198nm-2205nm. Combined with mineral information and core image, the core of the target layer is divided, mud shale is developed, the cumulative thickness exceeds 400m, the maximum single layer thickness reaches 38m, at the same time, the hydrocarbon absorption characteristics of the shale section are obvious, it shows a good prospect for shale gas in the region.
absorption depth (red area in the figure) It is mainly kaolinite and montmorillonite in other sections.

In the process of sedimentary diagenesis, with the deepening of burial depth and high temperature rise, montmorillonite has a tendency to transform into illite and chlorite, which is transformed into illite in the alkaline condition rich in potassium \(^{[7]}\), and chlorite in the alkaline environment rich in Fe and Mg.

When the temperature is between 60 °C and 130 °C, montmorillonite is unstable and dehydrates, resulting in some interlayer collapses, resulting in lattice rearrangement and adsorption of alkaline cations. Mudstone continuously dehydrates and releases Fe and Mg. Biotite and some Fe and Mg rich rock cuttings continuously hydrolyze and dissolve to provide Fe and Mg. Flocculated Fe rich colloids also hydrolyze and dissolve during deposition, resulting in pore fluid in sandstone When the content of Fe and Mg ions in the pore fluid reaches a certain level, chloride will precipitate from the alkaline pore water, enter the montmorillonite chlorite mixed layer stage, and then transform into chlorite\(^{[8]}\).

It can be seen that the former part is dominated by Mg-chlorite, while the middle part is dominated by Fe-chlorite, and the content of magnesium hydroxyl group circulates from less-more-less.

### 3 Lithology analysis of well WC-1

#### 3.1 Hyperspectral lithology identification

The Hyperspectral Information of the core provides mineral information, which can distinguish limestone and shale. Meanwhile, the signal-to-noise ratio of the spectrum can reflect the brightness of the lithology. The high signal-to-noise ratio is generally sandstone with bright tone; the general signal-to-noise ratio is mudstone shale with gray and gray black; the poor signal-to-noise ratio is generally dark core, such as carbonaceous and siliceous rock series.

The core high-definition image can directly reflect the color, shape and texture characteristics of the core, and can judge the lithology transformation, fracture, vein intrusion and other information.

| Lithology | Characteristic description |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Gray      | 2320-2340nm,6570-6630nm,11190-11320nm Obvious absorption peak. The image shows uniform texture, grey and gray. |
3.2 WC-1 lithology identification

1221m-1249.45m and 1383.1m-1398.1m, Triassic strata are mainly composed of light grey, brownish red siltstone and fine sandstone with purplish red mudstone and silty mudstone.

2207-2372.8m is the Upper Shihezi Formation of the Permian system. The lithology is mainly dark gray and gray-green silty mudstone, gray-green and light gray siltstone, gray-black and black mudstone. The top and bottom are mudstone, filled with calcite, and part of chloritization. The middle part is fine sandstone, siltstone, and thin layer of green silty mudstone with ash. The scanning core interval is 2207.28m ~2222.28m. 2368.56 m to 2372.8 m.

2565.44-2670.2m is the Lower Shihezi Formation of the Permian system. The lithology is mainly gray, dark gray mudstone, argillaceous siltstone, interspersed with gray fine sandstone, medium sandstone. The shale is developed in the form of interlayer with horizontal bedding, and the thickness of most single layers is less than 1m. Sandstones are developed at the top and bottom with cross-bedding in shape, and the middle and lower coal seams are developed.

2670.2-2742.4m is the Permian Shanxi Formation. The lithology is mainly composed of gray-black mudstone, carbonaceous mudstone and interbedded coal seam, interbedded with gray fine sandstone and medium sandstone. The upper member is mainly interbedded with shale, siltstone and medium-grained sandstone, while the lower member is continuously developed with horizontal bedding and core carbonization is visible.

2742.4 ~ 2809m is named the Taiyuan Formation of Permian system. The lithology is mainly gray black mudstone, gray limestone and gray fine sandstone, interbedded with multiple coal lines and partial interbedded with gray medium sandstone. The top and bottom are dark gray limestone, argillaceous filling, with thin layers of carbonaceous, pinnate and dendritic strips, filled with calcite. The headquarters is gray-black carbonaceous mudstone, horizontal bedding, interbedded with multilayer thin coal line, miscellany siltstone, limestone, and a small amount of pyrite.

2809m-2821.23m is the Carboniferous Benxi Formation, mainly composed of gray-dark gray aluminous mudstone and gray-black carbonaceous mudstone. Grey-dark gray aluminous and carbonaceous mudstone, massive structure, higher carbonaceous content in the upper part, lower, uniform color in the upper part, uneven color in the lower part, more oolitic in the local area.

3.3 Lithologic distribution of WC-1

Lithology identification of cores from Well Wecan 1 shows that the Upper Paleozoic mud shale is developed. The accumulated thickness is over 400m, and the maximum single thickness is 38m. Among them, the thickness of Shangshihezi Formation mud shale is over 160m, the thickness of Xiashihezi Formation mud shale is over 100m, the thickness of Shanxi Formation mud shale is over 45m, and the thickness of Taiyuan Formation mud shale is over 30m.

Mud shale with thickness greater than 10m appears more frequently, and the continuous thickness of mud shale interlayer in sandstone is between 20-50m. The hydrocarbon absorption characteristics are extracted from each well section(Fig. 3). The comprehensive lithologic combination shows that the shale gas in this area has a good prospect.

4 conclusion

Using visible light to near infrared and short-wave infrared spectrum curve, identify the core of the hydrocarbon content and clay minerals, carbonate
minerals and silicate minerals and iron oxide mineral combination of information and its change, can infer the diagenetic temperature and thermal maturity of these on the oil and gas exploration has guiding significance to the information, at the same time, combining with core image color, texture, contrast, brightness information of lithology can be performed quickly identify and concluded that the sedimentary environment; It provides a strong basis for the determination of the strong area of hydrocarbon generation.

The lithology of Qianfeng Formation in Well Wc-1 is mainly sandstone, and the clay minerals are mica and chlorite. The clay minerals of Shihezi Formation and the middle and upper Shanxi Formation are montmorillonite, kaolinite and ferromagnesite chlorite, which reflects the alkaline environment where the deposition temperature is lower than 130℃ and rich in ferromagnesite ions. The clay minerals in the lower Shanxi Formation and the lower Taiyuan Formation are montmorillonite and ferrochlorite, and the alkaline environment is rich in iron ions. The montmorillonite itself has a large specific surface area. At the same time, montmorillonite can adsorb a large amount of organic matter, especially interlayer organic matter, which also increases the total surface ratio of the source rock to a certain extent and is more conducive to the adsorption of shale gas[10].

The shale of Upper Paleozoic Upper Shihezi Formation, Lower Shihezi Formation, Shanxi Formation and Taiyuan Formation are well developed. The accumulated thickness of the shale of the lower member of Shanxi Formation and the middle and upper member of Taiyuan Formation is large. These intervals are the main intervals for the development of high-quality source rocks.

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