Update on Trenton Black River Playbook Study-New York State Museum

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**Task 4: Geochemistry**

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Have sampled NY and Ohio, will ample WV tomorrow. Plan to sample KY and PA in the next two month.

Have prepared all NY and Ohio samples.

Have sent NY samples for all analyses and received results for stable isotopes and strontium isotopes.
Accomplishments to Date

• All surveys given access to New York subsurface database – this includes tops, scanned logs, completion reports, core photos, more
• Over 150 TBR wells digitized – hope to have 350 more done in the next two months
• Have constructed isopach maps in of Ordovician intervals
• Have done extensive sampling for geochemistry in Ohio and NY
Sampling for Geochemistry

- Visited Ohio and met with members of Ohio and PA Surveys – Thanks Mark and Ron for your hospitality and great intro and organization
- Took 428 samples for stable isotope analysis – for both dolomite and $^{13}$C stratigraphy
- Will analyze approximately 25 samples for strontium isotopes and 150 samples for trace elements
- Also took approximately 25 samples for fluid inclusion analysis
Sampling for Geochemistry

• Have also taken about 150 samples from three cores in New York, sent them out and received some results
• Should receive all data from NY geochemistry and fluid inclusions in next month
Sampling for Geochemistry

• Going to try to sample cuttings from some OH wells for 13C
• If this works, I encourage other surveys to send cuttings from wells where T-BR contact is hard to pick
Carbon and Oxygen Isotopic Composition of Saddle Dolomite: selected examples

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<td>Dev., Sidang-Budan, China</td>
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Oxygen isotopes are generally light (negative) in hydrothermal dolomites
Sources of $^{87}\text{Sr}$ and $^{86}\text{Sr}$ and Paths Which Influence Sr Isotopic Composition of Paleo-Oceans

- **Source**
  - Sr from Differentiated, Crystalline, Sialic Rocks (Granites, etc.) and their Derivatives (Arkose, etc.)
  - Sr from Undifferentiated Mafics and Ultramafics and their Derivatives (Lithic Sandstones)

- **Process**
  - Unstable $^{87}\text{Rb}$ Substitutes for K in K-Feldspar and Decays to $^{87}\text{Sr}$ (Radiogenic Strontium)
  - $^{86}\text{Sr}$ Substitutes for Ca in Plagioclase Feldspar

- **Signatures**
  - **Continental** Signature
    - Times of Uplift, High Continental Run-off, Low Sea Level
    - $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.740$
  - **Seawater** Signature
    - Times of Rapid Sea-floor Spreading
    - $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.709$
  - **Mantle** Signature
    - $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.680$

Allan and Wiggins (1993)
Hydrothermal dolomites typically plot as more radiogenic than seawater for the time the rocks were deposited – True for TBR (barely)
Davies, 2000
Salinity of the fluid that made the dolomite can be determined from fluid inclusions. TBR dolomite averages around 20 wt% (6 times normal seawater).
With fluid inclusion data and stable isotopes, it is possible to determine the composition of the fluid which then makes direct interpretation of temperature from stable isotopes possible.
Homogenization Temperatures, Saddle Dolomite, Bowling Green Fault Zone (around 350 meters, probably never buried more than 1Km)

Trenton (currently at 1200 ft) probably never buried more than 1 km on Findlay Arch (50°C)

These temperatures suggest that TBR is truly hydrothermal, Homogenization temps>ambient temperature ever was
Sampling all matrix and saddle dolomites and also taking samples at regular intervals for carbon isotope stratigraphy

A little behind schedule, but we should be able to catch up now that we are (hopefully) getting paid
"Facies" dolomite from near margin in SW Ohio
Fault zone in Black River. Interval around fault is dolomitized and massive calcite occurs in actual fault zone (Prudential W.)
Saddle dolomite cemented breccia, Spitler well, Trenton Formation, Bowling Green fault Zone
Post saddle dolomite blocky, calcite, Spitler well
Saddle dolomite in horizontal clay seam; horizontal vugs also very common
“Cap” dolomite, Top Trenton, near bowling Green Fault zone – Fe stained
Dolomite- and Fe-sulfide-cemented breccia (First published in Wickstrom et al., 1992)

Note geopetal distribution of sulfides to base of voids and saddle dolomite to tops - this was seen throughout – not sure what it means

Breccia is within Trenton and is thought (by me) to be a hydraulic or fault-related breccia, not a karst breccia

GB well, Bowling Green Fault Zone
Piper, margin southwest of BG fault, Black River, looks like fracture propagating through soft sediment in shallow marine facies

This suggests that the rock was not lithified and therefore pretty shallowly buried at the time of fracturing
Evidence for Shallow Burial at the Time of Alteration

- What are the implications of horizontal vugs and fractures? Horizontal fractures common from surface down to about 1500 feet, then vertical fractures take over
- Seismic shows faults dying out in Trenton or Utica in many cases
- Seismites abundant in Trenton
- Soft sediment deformation around fractures and faults
- Findlay Arch area probably never buried more than 1 km yet everything looks the same there
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Modified from Wickstrom et al., 1992

Dolomitization in Trenton occurs along margin with shale basin, around intraplate wrench faults and at fault intersections.
Pervasively dolomitized over large area but is probably all fault-controlled hydrothermal dolomite

Q: Can pervasive dolomitization be hydrothermal in origin?
Orientation of hydrothermal dolomite reservoirs and some Mid-Late Ordovician structures, Eastern US

33 outcrops of HTD in KY

Orientation of HTD reservoirs
overlying strike-slip faults

Loading related extensional faults
(faults parallel to thrust)
Trenton time Facies Map from Wickstrom et al., 1992

This may explain the “facies” dolomite of Keith, 1985 in NW Ohio and Indiana (which is probably also hydrothermal in origin)
Could the Sebree Trough be a clay filled channel discharging from mountains?

Channel may have formed in subtle low and suppressed or halted carbonate production.

Where else would clay come from?
The Black River thins from the Finger Lakes Area to the East and to the northeast.

The basin axis trends N-S then NE-SW.
Onset of tectonic activity related to Taconic Orogeny leads to great thickness differences in Trenton – Top Trenton in thickest area is laterally equivalent to Utica
Lorraine-Utica Isopach (Siltstone and shale overlying TBR)

This map shows inverse relationship to Trenton thickness map with Utica thin where Trenton is thick

Possible margin play in NY
Lorraine-Utica Isopach

Purple dots are wells with dolomite in top Black River (based on logs). Dolomite does occur in BR in basin, need more wells in margin!
Dolomitization around Reidel Shears over right lateral strike-slip fault in Ordovician of New York

Naylor et al., 1986
Ordovician Tribes Hill Formation outcrop, Mohawk Valley, New York