

On the Physical Sense of ^{13}C Values of Carbonate and Organic Matter of Sedimentary Rocks

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Editorial

Carbon isotope composition (^{13}C) of carbonates and organic matter in sedimentary rocks is the most commonly used parameter in geological, paleontological, paleoclimatic and other studies of the history of the Earth. The difference of them =($^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org matter}} - ^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$) has the meaning of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org matter}} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$

fractionation. Because of different resistance of the fraction to oxidation their ratio changes what leads to the change in carbon isotope composition of organic matter.

Lipids is the most enriched in ^{12}C fraction of biomass, while protein-carbohydrate fraction at 6%