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Message from the Guest Editors

The characteristics and mechanisms of hydrocarbon migration and accumulation have attracted more and more attention, whether in conventional or unconventional reservoirs. The migration and accumulation of hydrocarbons is a dynamic equilibrium process. When the charging dynamics are greater than the resistance, hydrocarbon migration occurs; when the charging dynamics are less than the resistance, hydrocarbon accumulation occurs. Hydrocarbon migration often undergoes complex geological processes and is controlled by many factors. Such geological–historical processes occurring in the subsurface cannot be directly observed, and even residual traces are difficult to obtain, making it one of the weakest research aspects in petroleum geology. Therefore, accurate characterization and understanding of the migration and accumulation mechanisms of hydrocarbons at different scales (pore-, core-, sand-, basin-scale) are challenging and of grand importance.

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