

Special Issue

Mineralogical Controls on Fracture/Fault Sealing and Fluid Migration through Time

Message from the Guest Editors

Fracture/fault sealing is known as a process exerting crucial control in all those geological systems in which fractures/faults play a key role in governing fluid flow. Fluid flow through fractures/faults is a dynamic process that requires a duration in time and the occurrence of localised fluid-rock interactions causing mineral reactions that alter the barrier/transmissive behaviour of fractures/faults. The evolution of mineral reactions exerts a strong control in the migration of fluids through time and at multiple scales, occurring in many different geological systems such as: evolution from rifts to orogens, genesis of economic mineralization, reservoirs during production/storage of fluids including CO₂ or contaminated waste water, and induced seismicity related to the exploitation of geothermal and non-conventional hydrocarbon resources...We welcome submissions bringing the latest concepts developed on fault sealing and its role in fluid migration. We encourage contributions that open up the concept of fracture/fault sealing to broader contexts of application, particularly contributions that focus on the mineralogical controls on fracture and fault sealing.

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