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研究成果の概要(和文)：今年、私たちはメタン由来自生炭酸塩(MDAC)とそれらに関連する浸出水のサンプリングと分析を継続しました。日本海沖のサンプルについては、より多くのアーカイブされたサンプルを使用しました。千葉県茂原市の海岸ベースの湧出液でもサンプリングが行われました。前年のサンプリングに加えて、湧出地域でメタンセンサーを使用してリアルタイムのメタン濃度を測定し、実験室で分析された溶存ガスの濃度と比較しました。サンプリングにより、希ガスと炭素の安定同位体を特定し、日本海側と太平洋側のガス湧出量の違いを明らかにすることができました。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

Methane seeps are an integral part of the Earth's carbon cycle. The anoxic environments associated with them have been used as analogues for early Earth marine habitats. By studying the gas composition and the composition of MDACs we can elucidate the past and present dynamics of these systems.

研究成果の概要(英文)：This year we continued sampling and analyses of methane-derived authigenic carbonates (MDACs) and the seep water associated with them. For offshore Japan Sea samples, we used more archived samples. Sampling was also carried out on shore-based seeps from Mobarra, in Chiba Prefecture. In addition to the previous years sampling, we employed methane sensors in the seep area to determine real-time methane concentrations and compare them with those of dissolved gas that was analyzed in the laboratory. The sampling allowed us to determine noble gas and stable carbon isotopes and to highlight the differences between gas seeps in Sea of Japan versus on the Pacific side. We also analyzed samples we had collected from seep sites in Tatar Strait 5 years ago, which provide an indicator of how seep compositions are site specific.

研究分野：Isotope geochemistry

キーワード：Methane Cold Seep Noble gas Sea of Japan Carbonate Authigenic Stable Isotopes Gas hydrate

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1 . 研究開始当初の背景 Initial background to the study

In a previous study (17K05712) we determined that massive hydrates in Joetsu Basin (Umitaka Spur, Torigakubi Spur, Joetsu Knoll) as well as Oki Trough contained abundant spheroidal microdolomite. The microdolomites were in some cases hollow and contained microbial DNA as well as saline fluid. Gas inclusions were also present, providing the potential for isotopic studies of them as well. Prior to this study, similar spheroidal microdolomites were found in saline lagoons of Brazil, suggesting that the presence of saline waters was essential to the growth and formation of microdolomites.

2 . 研究の目的 Objectives of the study

A) To search for microdolomites in other methane-rich settings in Japan, including Mobara seeps on land in Chiba Prefecture, and in gas-hydrate settings of Tatar Strait, offshore Sakhalin. To compare these with archived samples from Brazil lagoons.

B) To look at the structure of the microdolomites and elucidate how they were formed

C) To study the internal dark material in some of the microdolomites to see its relationship with microbially mediated precipitation

D) To study the isotopic composition of gas inclusions to determine if they provide valuable information

E) To investigate whether the microdolomite chemistry, inclusions, gas composition, etc. is quantitatively different from methane derived authigenic carbonates (MDACs) which form around methane seeps and gas hydrates, but as large nodules or cemented sediment.

3 . 研究の方法 Research methods

A) To study the cores and external cements of the microdolomites, thin-foil sections were prepared and analysed using STXM and TEM.

B) Gas inclusion chemistry and isotopic composition was determined by crushing 1g-2g of microdolomites or MDAC chips under a vacuum, separating cryogenically, and analyzing through noble gas mass spectrometry.

C) Mineralogy of MDACs and microdolomites was determined using X-Ray diffraction.

4 . 研究成果 Research results

A) The microdolomites can be classified into several different types, depending on the internal composition and external cement. These range from polygonal type microdolomites with dark interiors to isopachous-cloudy types which contain internal dolomite polygons. The dark polygonal type contains fibriform pores and amorphous calcium carbonate (ACC). The microdolomites with cloudy cores contain nanocrystalline spherical crusts. Further discussion can be found in Shiraiishi et al.(2023).

B) Despite repeat sampling of sediments around gas vent sites associated with springs in Mobara, no microdolomites could be found. Because the seeps are associated with freshwater, apparently the conditions are not appropriate for microdolomite formation, even in shallow subsurface sediments. Because of this, the focus of our study of gas inclusions moved to look primarily at the samples that we had from Joetsu Basin MDACs, and MDACs from Offshore Sakhalin, Tatar Strait and compared them with the microdolomite samples, also from Joetsu Basin and from Brazil lagoons.

C) Gas chemistry and noble gas isotopic composition of microdolomites and MDACs from Joetsu Basin, Tatar Strait, and Brazil were all significantly different from air or air-saturated-water, demonstrating that even though both types of carbonate exhibit porosity, the permeability is low enough to effectively retain gas that can be analyzed. Furthermore, the gas composition is unique to each site, suggesting a potential to study the carbonates for gas composition in lieu of the many cases where gas hydrate or seafloor gas bubbles cannot be recovered for analysis. In the case of helium isotopes, Joetsu Basin MDACs are similar to those of the gas hydrate gases collected previously. The MDACs have $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ isotopic ratios indicative of a deep mantle source for gas chimney helium. Burial of the authigenic carbonates, however, has resulted in a slight accumulation of radiogenic ^4He within the carbonate, lowering the $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios. On the other hand, the shallow MDAC samples from Tatar Strait have radiogenic $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratios, indicative of migration of deep fluids in contact with a radiogenic crustal source. The lagoon dolomites from Brazil show atmospheric $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratios as would be expected, however the $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios are unusually high and may reflect the decay of anthropogenic tritium in shallow groundwater at the time of precipitation.

D) Both MDACs from Joetsu Basin and those from Tatar Strait consist primarily of aragonite. In some cases, minor amounts of barite are also present, showing that precipitation occurred near the Sulfate Methane Interface. Although the Joetsu Basin MDACs were formed in close proximity to the hydrates which host internally the microdolomites, they differ completely in mineralogy. Residual saline water trapped in pockets of the massive gas hydrate (sometimes several meters thick), accounts for this difference. Gas hydrate is also present in Tatar Strait, but in thin laminar and granular occurrences which have not been observed to host microdolomite.

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