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冲绳海槽沉积物孔隙水地球化学特征及其指示意义

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摘要: 通过对东海外陆坡-冲绳海槽 GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 、 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 、 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 、 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ 同位素和 Cl^- 、 SO_4^{2-} 、 K^+ 、 Na^+ 等离子指标的分析, 探讨了沉积物早期成岩作用、流体来源、迁移和氧化环境的变化。研究发现, GSW1 孔孔隙水溶解无机碳主要来自海水和有机质, SO_4^{2-} 浓度随深度下降比较平缓, Cl^- 浓度远低于海水, 该孔表层沉积物中硫酸盐消耗主要由有机质硫酸盐还原作用 (OSR) 所控制, 甲烷厌氧氧化作用 (AOM) 发生在 4 m 以下更深的层位。OSR 产生的 H_2S 向上扩散富集并被氧化, 是导致 GSW1 孔 110~360 cm 处 SO_4^{2-} 浓度未明显下降的主要因素。孔隙水 SO_4^{2-} 浓度整体随着深度增加呈减小的趋势, 表明 GSW1 孔沉积环境由氧化、次氧化环境逐渐转变为还原环境。 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 、 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ 值垂向变化波动较大, 一方面受到早期成岩阶段有机质降解的影响, 也可能与孔隙流体扩散以及沉积物/孔隙水相互作用有关。

关键词: 硫酸盐还原; 流体迁移; 同位素和离子浓度; 孔隙水; 东海外陆坡-冲绳海槽

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1 引言

孔隙水是存在于固相沉积物孔隙中的液相流体。由于开放体系导致的扩散交换作用, 使得海底浅表层沉积物孔隙水继承了海水组分的基本特征^[1-2], 其阳离子主要包括 Na^+ 、 K^+ 、 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} , 阴离子主要包括 Cl^- 、 SO_4^{2-} 、 Br^- 、 I^- 、 HCO_3^- (CO_3^{2-}) 等。沉积物早期成岩过程发生各种物理、化学、生物反应, 溶解/沉淀、吸附解析、扩散转移等过程引起沉积物孔隙水组分发生显著变化^[3-5]。因此, 沉积物孔隙水垂向变化特征不仅反映了被埋藏的原始溶液的性质, 还反映了早期成岩过程中沉积物固液相间的化学反应和

物质的交换扩散过程^[6-7]。沉积物孔隙水地球化学的研究对探讨早期成岩作用、氧化还原环境变化、流体来源及运移过程、浅表层微生物地球化学过程有重要指示意义^[8-13]。

目前, 沉积物孔隙水地球化学已广泛应用于沉积物早期成岩作用的不同阶段。南海北部冷泉渗漏区, 孔隙水化学指示了有机质硫酸盐还原作用 (Organoclastic Sulfate Reduction, OSR) 和甲烷厌氧氧化作用 (Anaerobic Oxidation of Methane, AOM) 氧化还原敏感元素的影响^[14]; 南海南部浅层沉积物孔隙水离子及 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ 可以量化沉积物中甲烷循环^[15]; 马里亚纳海沟沉积物孔隙水离子反映了有氧呼吸在有机质降解的

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主导作用^[16];克罗地亚 Zrmanja 河河口半封闭海湾沉积物孔隙水化学指示了从氧化到次氧化环境的转变与有机质降解、元素的迁移规律^[5];南开海槽俯冲带沉积物孔隙水 B 同位素地球化学揭示了流体流动与水岩相互作用^[17]。

东海外陆坡-冲绳海槽是研究沉积物硫酸盐还原与甲烷厌氧氧化作用的重要区域^[18-19]。研究发现,陆源沉积物的高含量为甲烷的产生提供了丰富的有机质,东海陆坡和冲绳海槽广泛发现了冷泉活动和甲烷渗漏的地质记录^[20-21]。在西北斜坡发现了丰富的自生碳酸盐,与甲烷厌氧氧化作用(AOM)密切相关^[22-24]。东海外陆架和冲绳海槽西部陆坡广泛发育泥火山构造、泥底辟构造^[25-26],极有可能是富含甲烷的流体向上运移形成。西部陆坡广泛发育正断层为下伏含甲烷流体向上运移提供了较好的通道^[27]。然而,过去对于该区域沉积物孔隙水化学研究较少^[28],尤其对沉积物与早期成岩作用相关的氧化还原状态变化的关键过程认识不足,如非稳态环境下硫生物地球化学循环^[29]、怎样区分 AOM 与 OSR 对硫酸盐还原的贡献^[30]等。本文选取位于东海外陆坡-冲绳海槽区域 GSW1 重力活塞沉积物样品作为研究对象,分析了其孔隙水中的 SO_4^{2-} 、 Cl^- 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Ca^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 以及碳、氢、氧、氯、硼同位素,研究早期成岩作用、流体来源、迁移和氧化还原环境变化。

2 区域背景

位于东海陆架外缘的冲绳海槽是西太平洋大陆边缘琉球沟-弧-盆构造体系中的边缘海盆^[31]。作为连接东海与西太平洋的过渡区,冲绳海槽可以敏感的反映陆架与深海之间的环境过渡。由于远离大陆,陆源物质的供给受到限制,琉球群岛的屏障作用又使它与太平洋的联系受到影响。另一方面,海槽内存在着大量的槽底火山、地震和热液活动,加剧了沉积环境的复杂性和沉积物的多源性。黑潮及其支流是影响冲绳海槽的主要水体^[32]。黑潮经台湾东北部流入冲绳海槽,并沿着东海大陆架的东部边缘向北流动,然后穿过 Tokara 海峡离开冲绳海槽,汇入北太平洋暖流^[33]。黑潮对冲绳海槽以及邻近海区的海洋沉积物类型和分布特征以及古气候变化有着直接的影响。冲绳海槽及其邻近大陆的古环境演变与黑潮的变动密切相关。末次盛冰期以来,长江、黄河及台湾河流携带大量陆源物质进入冲绳海槽,巨量的陆源输入、剧烈的海平面波动、加之复杂的环流格局,使得冲绳海槽古氧化还原环境经历了明显的变化^[34-36]。

冲绳海槽作为正在扩张的弧后盆地,不断接受着来自陆架区的陆源沉积物,高沉积速率有利于有机质的保存,为甲烷等烃类气体的产生提供了重要基础^[25]。由于冲绳海槽是一个扩张初期的裂谷构造,地热流值高,而温度是有机质转化为烃类的重要因素。属于高热流分布区的冲绳海槽地温梯度较高,有利于烃类生成^[37]。冲绳海槽经历了中新世末和上新世末两次构造运动,在北部产生了一定规模的褶皱和断层。冲绳海槽盆地中普遍发育的底辟构造、背斜构造以及网格状断裂系统,为下伏含甲烷流体向上运移创造了有利条件^[38]。断裂作用和岩浆活动产生的深部热裂解气或地热流体向浅层运移,使沉积层中有机质产生热分解,有利于促进热解成因甲烷的形成^[25]。丰富的陆源沉积物供应和广泛发育的正断层促使甲烷厌氧氧化过程强烈,甲烷流体运移造成该地区广泛发生甲烷渗漏活动^[39-40]。

3 样品采集和分析方法

GSW1 孔是由青岛海洋地质研究所 2015 年采用“海大号”调查船在冲绳海槽中部($28^{\circ}19'N$, $127^{\circ}21'E$;水深为 1 052.7 m)取得的重力活塞样(图 1),岩芯长度为 420 cm,共取得 36 个孔隙水样品,对其进行了离子、碳、氢、氧、氯、硼稳定同位素分析。

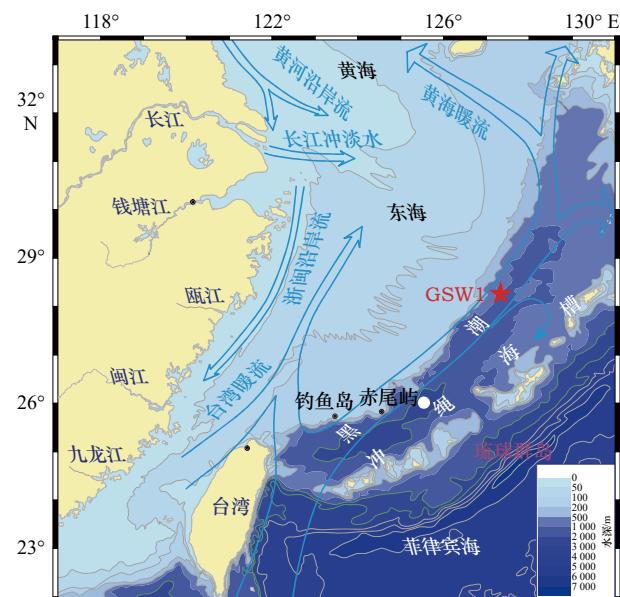


图 1 东海陆架-冲绳海槽环流体系和 GSW1 孔位置^[36]

Fig. 1 Circulation system of the East China Sea outer Slope-Okinawa Trough and core GSW1 location^[36]

阴离子 Cl^- 、 SO_4^{2-} 和阳离子 K^+ 、 Na^+ 、 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 浓度分析采用离子色谱法,使用仪器为日本岛津公司的 Dionex DX-100。对标准海水的重复测量表明所有

的阴离子和阳离子的标准偏差都小于 2%。测定前先用稀 HNO₃ 将孔隙水稀释适当倍数, 加 Rh 作为内标后上机测试, 分析精度小于 10%。

碳、氧同位素 ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 、 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$) 使用 Finnigan 公司的 MAT252 进行测定。在 25℃ 条件下, 先将样品与 100% 磷酸反应一段时间, 然后将释放出来的 CO₂ 气体送入质谱仪进行测定, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 和 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 精度均好于 0.1‰。

硼同位素 ($\delta^{11}\text{B}$) 组成采用 Triton 热电离质谱计和基于加石墨的 Cs₂BO₃⁺正热电离质谱法测定。样品装载后送入质谱仪, 离子源真空抽至 $2 \times 10^{-7} \sim 3 \times 10^{-7}$ Mbar 时, 开始测定。分析时采用静态双接收法测定模式进行检测, 获得 $R_{309/308}$ 的值。进行氧校正: $\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B} = R_{309/308} - 0.000\,79$ 。硼同位素组成的变化用 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 表示, 按下式计算:

$$\delta^{11}\text{B}(\%) = [(\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B})_{\text{样品}} / (\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B})_{\text{标准}} - 1] \times 1000, \quad (1)$$

式中, 标准物质是 NIST SRM 951 H₃BO₃, ($\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B}$)_{标准} 为对 NIST SRM 951 直接涂样测定的 $\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B}$ 值。在仪器测定精度范围内, 不同硼涂样量对 $\delta^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B}$ 比值测定没有明显的影响。硼同位素标准 NIST SRM 951 分析的外精度约为 0.2‰(2σ)。实际样品的分析外精度约为 1‰。其本次测试连续 3~5 次测定 SRM 951 的值。

氯同位素 ($\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$) 的质谱测定是基于在石墨存在

条件下检测 Cs₂Cl⁺离子的正热电离质谱测定氯同位素的方法。样品装载后送入质谱仪, 离子源真空抽至 $3 \times 10^{-7} \sim 4 \times 10^{-7}$ MPa 时, 开始测定。利用磁场扫描质量数为 303 和 301 的峰, 利用法拉第杯和峰跳扫方式检测 303 和 301 的离子流强度, 获得 303/301 的比值。因 Cs 为单同位素, 其检测的 303/301 的比值即为样品中 $^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$ 的值, 无须对其进行校正。测定精度在 0.1‰ 以内。氯同位素组成的变化用 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ 表示, 按下式计算:

$$\delta^{37}\text{Cl}(\%) = [(\delta^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl})_{\text{样品}} / (\delta^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl})_{\text{海水}} - 1] \times 1000. \quad (2)$$

4 结果

4.1 沉积物孔隙水离子垂向变化特征

GSW1 孔孔隙水离子浓度变化如图 2 所示。SO₄²⁻ 浓度在 25 cm 处略微升高, 之后趋于稳定, 约为 26 mmol/L。在 80~110 cm 处, SO₄²⁻ 浓度随深度增加而降低, 110~360 cm 处, SO₄²⁻ 整体浓度随深度增加而升高, 360 cm 以下 SO₄²⁻ 浓度急剧下降。Cl⁻ 浓度在上部 (0~360 cm) 整体浓度较为稳定, 约为 550 mmol/L, 继承了海水的氯值, 偶有波动, 在 40 cm、110 cm、140 cm 处 Cl⁻ 浓度下降。360 cm 以下, Cl⁻ 浓度开始下降, 底部降到 458 mmol/L; K⁺、Na⁺、Ca²⁺、Mg²⁺、Sr²⁺ 等阳离子浓度随深度变化与 SO₄²⁻ 浓度具有相似的垂向变化特征。

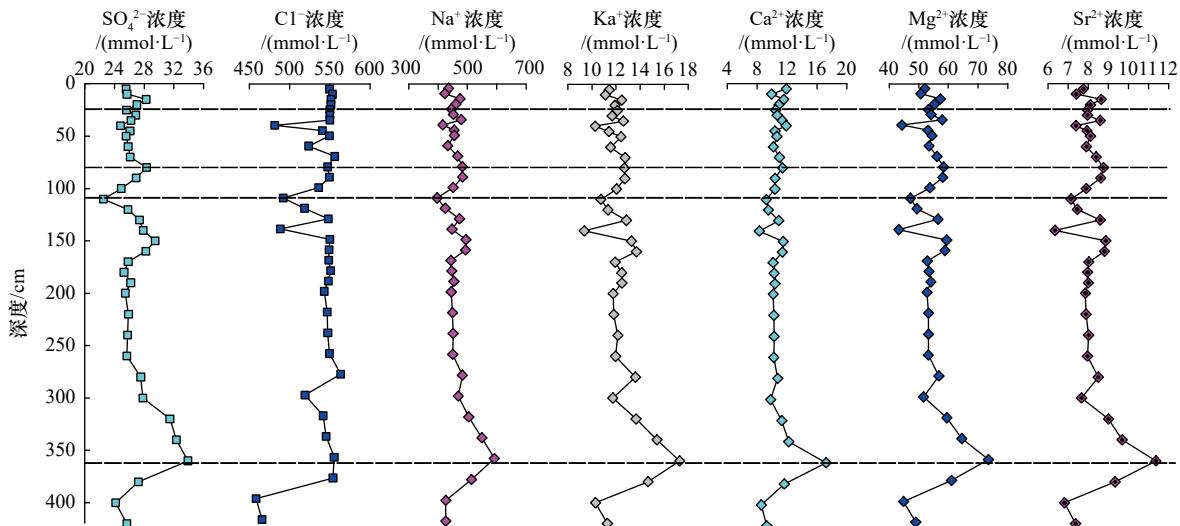


图 2 GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水离子垂向变化

Fig. 2 Ion vertical changes of pore water in the sediments of core GSW1

4.2 沉积物孔隙水同位素垂向变化特征

GSW1 孔孔隙水同位素垂向变化如图 3 所示, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 值介于 36.5‰~40‰ 之间, 平均值为 37.85‰, 略低于正常海水 (39.5‰)。 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ 值介于 -2‰~0‰, δD 值介于 -20‰~0‰, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 、 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ 、 δD 值垂向变化较

大。 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值为 -1.5‰~1‰ 之间, 上部 0~25 cm 处, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值从 -1.5‰ 增加到 -1‰, 25~300 cm 处, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值比较稳定, 随深度缓慢增加。300 cm 以下 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值显著增加, 从 -0.4‰ 增加到 1‰。 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值均为负值, 值介于 -10‰~-5‰。0~15 cm 处, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值有所增加, 15~50 cm

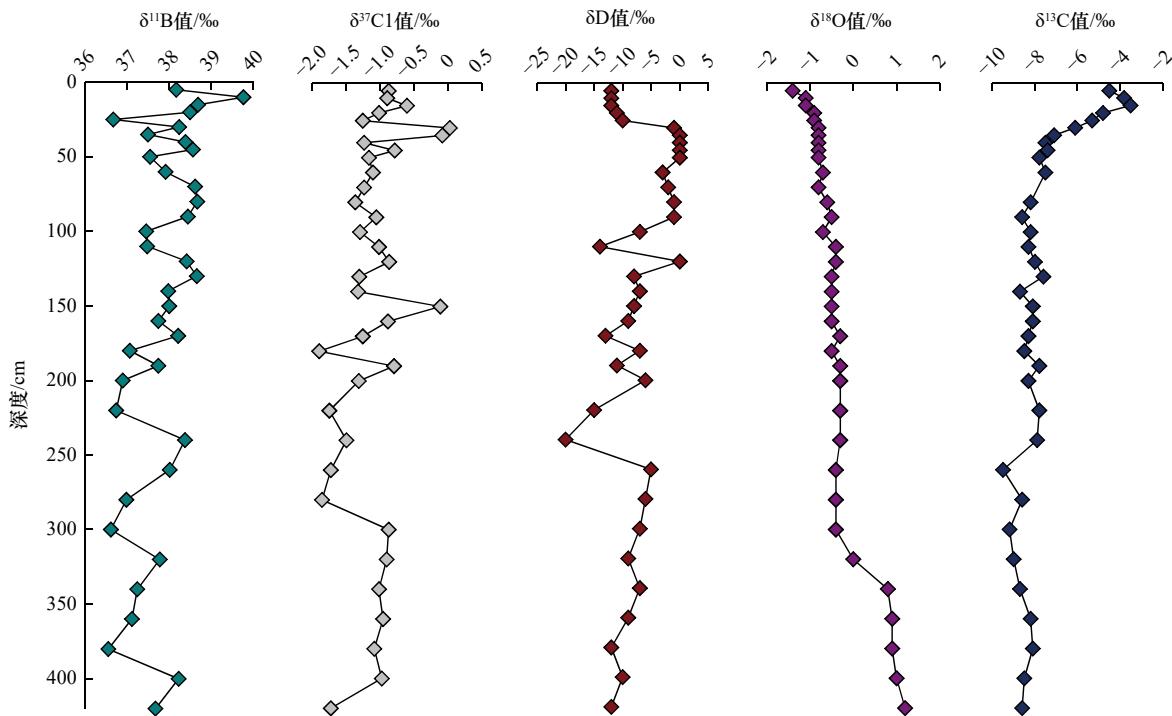


图3 GSW1孔沉积物孔隙水硼、氯、氢、氧、碳同位素垂向变化

Fig. 3 Vertical changes of boron, chlorine, hydrogen, oxygen, and carbon isotope in the pore water of core GSW1 sediments

处, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值显著减小, 50 cm 以下, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值比较稳定, 偶有波动, 随深度增加而缓慢减小。

5 讨论

5.1 离子浓度与碳氧同位素对成岩作用的指示

在早期成岩过程中, 由于沉积物中有机质对溶解氧的消耗, 沉积物孔隙水中存在自上而下的氧化-还原状态的转变, 并在不同深度出现由不同氧化剂所控制的多种不同的化学分带^[41-42]。理想的化学分带由浅至深分别为有氧呼吸带、 NO_3^- 还原带、Mn 还原带、Fe 还原带、硫酸盐还原带、硫酸盐-甲烷过渡带和产甲烷带^[43]。

GSW1 孔 0~25 cm 处, 孔隙水中 SO_4^{2-} 浓度上升, 表明沉积物表层由于氧气作用, 有机质氧化分解, 使部分有机硫氧化形成 SO_4^{2-} 。随着深度的增加, 25~80 cm 处, SO_4^{2-} 浓度几乎不变, 表明此时进入 NO_3^- 、Mn、Fe 还原带, 有机硫无法氧化生成 SO_4^{2-} 。之前的研究发现, 缺氧环境中, 硫酸盐还原作用是有机质厌氧矿化的主要途径之一, 所消耗的有机质占有机质氧化总量的 50% 以上^[44-45]。80 cm 之下, SO_4^{2-} 浓度下降。孔隙水中 SO_4^{2-} 作为海洋沉积物中有机物再矿化的主要电子受体, 参与有机质硫酸盐还原(OSR; 公式: $2(\text{CH}_2\text{O}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}_2\text{S}$)^[3, 46]。此外, 甲烷厌氧氧化古菌和硫酸盐还原细菌共同作用下的甲烷厌氧氧化反应(AOM; 公

式: $\text{CH}_4 + \text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{HS}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 是缺氧沉积中早期成岩过程的另一个主要反应^[47-48]。OSR 和 AOM 是海洋沉积物孔隙水中消耗 SO_4^{2-} 的主要过程。OSR 发生在硫酸盐还原带, 孔隙水中 SO_4^{2-} 浓度随深度增加逐渐被消耗, 形成一个平缓的浓度梯度。而 AOM 发生在硫酸盐还原带底部相对较薄的硫酸盐-甲烷过渡带内, 在硫酸盐甲烷界面(Sulfate Methane Interface, SMI)处, SO_4^{2-} 被消耗殆尽^[49]。AOM 消耗 SO_4^{2-} 的速度高于 OSR, 其浓度剖面表现为梯度较大, 近似线性的特征^[50-52]。GSW1 孔 SO_4^{2-} 浓度下降比较平缓, 没有呈现梯度较大, 近似线性的特征, 表明 GSW1 孔 SO_4^{2-} 消耗过程主要为 OSR 主导。此外, GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水 Cl^- 浓度从 550 mmol/L 降到了 450 mmol/L, 低于海水的 Cl^- 浓度。孔隙水中低氯流体可能与甲烷厌氧氧化、孔隙流体混合等因素有关^[53-56]。

沉积物孔隙水中溶解无机碳(Dissolved Inorganic Carbon, DIC)的碳同位素也是判断有机质硫酸盐还原作用(OSR)和甲烷厌氧氧化作用(AOM)的良好指标^[57-59]。 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 是判断流体碳源的重要标识, 是具有不同碳同位素值的碳源混合^[60-61]。GSW1 孔孔隙水中 DIC 的潜在端元包括 3 个: 一是海水中的 DIC, DIC 可以从海水扩散到沉积物或随着沉积物埋藏过程而进入到沉积物中, 海水 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值接近 0^[62]; 二是沉积物有机质降解产生的 DIC, 冲绳海槽中部沉积物中有机质

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值为 $-21\text{\textperthousand} \sim 21.5\text{\textperthousand}$ ^[63]; 三是甲烷厌氧氧化作用产生的 DIC, 甲烷来源 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值小于 $-40\text{\textperthousand}$ ^[64]。GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水碳同位素 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值在 $-10\text{\textperthousand} \sim -5\text{\textperthousand}$ 之间, 随深度增加而减小, 没有出现极负值。 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 结果表明, 孔隙水中 DIC 来源是海水 DIC 和有机质 DIC 两个端元混合的结果。北美布莱克海台的研究发现, SMI 界限深度为 $20.5 \sim 22.7\text{ m}$ ^[49-50], 南海神狐海域钻探井位的 SMI 界限深度为 $17 \sim 27\text{ m}$ ^[65], 南海北部东沙海区 SMI 界限深度为 $6 \sim 9\text{ m}$ ^[66]。由此, 可以推断, GSW1 孔浅表层沉积物中硫酸盐消耗主要由有机质硫酸盐还原作用所控制, 甲烷厌氧氧化作用发生在 4 m 以下的较深的层位。GSW1 孔孔隙水 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值随深度增加而减小, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值随深度增加而增大, 两者具有明显反相关关系(图 4), 这与沉积物成岩作用过程相关^[67-68]。有机质还原硫酸盐过程中, 硫酸根还原菌利用 SO_4^{2-} 作为电子受体进行无氧呼吸时, 会产生同位素分馏, 导致孔隙水中富集重同位素 ^{18}O ^[69-70]。 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 和 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 值垂向变化的趋势, 反映了硫酸盐还原反应程度不断提高, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ 值随深度不断降低, DIC 来源于沉积物有机质降解, 此时硫酸根消耗以有机质硫酸盐还原反应为主。

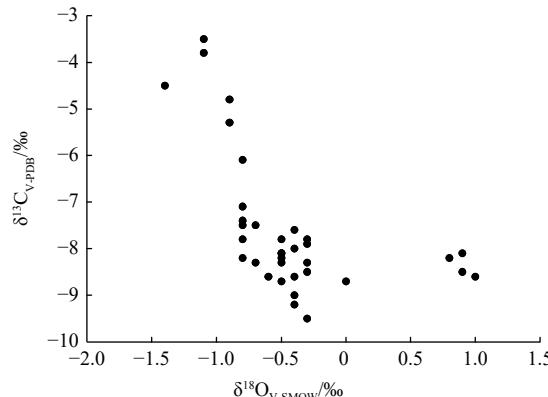


图 4 GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水中碳氧同位素组成的相关性

Fig. 4 Correlation between carbon isotope and oxygen isotope in the pore water of core GSW1 sediments

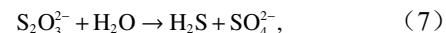
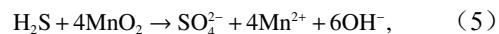
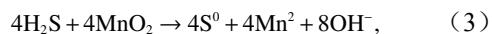
OSR 发生时孔隙水中溶解的 DIC 浓度会增加, 导致孔隙水中碱度升高, 促进自生碳酸盐矿物的生成^[71-72]。GSW1 孔沉积物孔隙水中 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 浓度变化趋势与 SO_4^{2-} 浓度的变化趋势十分吻合, 这与硫酸盐还原过程密切相关。研究发现, Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 的负异常是受到碳酸盐矿物形成的影响。在硫酸盐还原带, 硫酸盐还原产生的大量 HCO_3^- (CO_3^{2-}) 在孔隙水中扩散、平移, 与 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 结合形成碳酸盐沉淀^[73], 使得 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 的亏损趋势与 SO_4^{2-} 亏损几乎完全一

致。GSW1 孔 Ca^{2+} 、 Mg^{2+} 、 Sr^{2+} 浓度都出现随深度降低的趋势, 表明该区有自生碳酸盐沉淀的生成。

5.2 沉积物孔隙水运移的指示

通常情况下, 随着硫酸盐还原反应的进行, 孔隙水中 SO_4^{2-} 浓度随深度增加而降低^[74-75]。GSW1 孔孔隙水在 80 cm 处 SO_4^{2-} 浓度开始下降, 说明已经进入硫酸盐还原带, SO_4^{2-} 浓度应该随深度递减, 但是在 $110 \sim 350\text{ cm}$ 段 SO_4^{2-} 浓度没有随深度递减反而是升高了, 表明硫酸盐在沉积物表层的供给速率大于硫酸盐还原的消耗速率。美国俄勒冈州近海南部水合物海脊 ODP204 航次 1245 站位 1.5 m 处 SO_4^{2-} 浓度升高, 略高于海水值^[76], 南大西洋东部上升流地区 GeoB 3714 站位 2 m 处也出现 SO_4^{2-} 浓度升高的情况^[77], 表明一些硫化物被氧化, 可能与硫酸盐还原作用产生的 H_2S 在沉积物孔隙水中发生运移有关。

扩散、平流、生物扰动和灌溉是海洋沉积物早期成岩作用中孔隙水垂向运移的常见方式^[46, 76-78]。沉积物受扩散和平流的影响, 与上覆水体进行物质交换^[48, 79]。底栖生物的扰动和灌溉可以加速含氧的海水向沉积物中运移, 该过程既表现为过量的硫酸盐的输入^[77], 亦导致还原产物 H_2S 在含氧带内的再氧化^[76], 可以造成沉积物浅表层出现孔隙水硫酸盐浓度略高于正常海水硫酸盐浓度^[78]。浅海非稳态沉积环境内, 表层一定深度范围内泥质沉积物液态化, 具高度流动性, 受到波浪、潮流等物理过程和生物扰动等生物过程的再改造, 内部沉积物强烈混合, 加深了 O_2 、 NO_3^- 、 Mn^{4+} 和 Fe^{3+} 等氧化过程的深度^[79-80]。活动层沉积物将保持亚氧环境并以铁锰氧化物还原为主, 下伏地层产生的 H_2S 扩散到表层沉积物后被再氧化^[29, 79-80]。研究表明, OSR 作用产生 H_2S 一部分向上扩散, 被 O_2 、铁锰氧化物等氧化为中间态(S^0 、 $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ 等)及 SO_4^{2-} ^[81-82](式(3)至式(5))。另一部分与铁氧化物反应生成铁硫化物。铁硫化物在适当的氧化剂作用下也可以被氧化为单质硫等中间产物^[83-84](式(6))。 $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ 、 S^0 等是海洋沉积物中硫循环的关键中间体, 可以再次还原为 H_2S , 氧化为 SO_4^{2-} , 或在微生物作用下发生歧化反应, 同时生成 H_2S 和 SO_4^{2-} ^[85](式(7)和式(8))。



东海陆坡紧邻冲绳海槽, 是中国大陆和台湾陆源

沉积物向冲绳海槽输运的过渡区。前人研究发现东海陆坡存在小型滑塌沉积^[86]。GSW1孔110~360 cm处SO₄²⁻浓度未明显下降反而升高,可能是在浅海非稳定沉积环境内,由于受到滑塌、波浪等物理再改造和生物扰动作用,导致有机质硫酸盐还原产生的H₂S向上扩散富集、被再氧化。在150 cm和360 cm处SO₄²⁻浓度显著升高可能是该处H₂S富集强烈。在此深度下沉积物中没有溶解的O₂,所以氧化必须是厌氧的,氧化剂可能为铁锰氧化物。H₂S的产生对于早期成岩作用中沉积物的氧化还原状态产生重要影响。H₂S在沉积物孔隙水中富集,可能使沉积物中的硫酸盐还原带变浅,引起整个区域环境趋向还原^[14]。孔隙水SO₄²⁻浓度整体随着深度的增加而减小表明沉积环境由氧化、次氧化环境逐渐转变为还原环境。

5.3 孔隙水硼、氯同位素赋存机制与指示意义

孔隙水中的B和δ¹¹B可以提供流体来源、有机质降解以及甲烷水合物形成的关键信息,因此是评估不同深度的流体迁移和沉积物/水相互作用的敏感示踪剂^[87–90]。

GSW1孔沉积物孔隙水δ¹¹B值在36.5‰~40‰之间,与全球海水δ¹¹B平均值39.5‰相近^[91–92],与δ¹¹B的其他端元值相差较远(沉积物可交换态、晶格结合态、海洋碳酸盐δ¹¹B值分别为+15‰、-5‰~-10‰、-20‰^[93–95]),表明孔隙水δ¹¹B值主要来自海水。以往研究发现,沉积物中黏土矿物优先吸附¹⁰B,这个过程会导致孔隙水中B耗尽、¹¹B富集^[93],浅海沉积物孔隙水的B浓度通常随着深度增加而减小,而δ¹¹B值则增加。而沉积物中δ¹¹B值的下降,一般是由于沉积物中由黏土矿物的释放出富¹⁰B的流体造成的^[95]。GSW1孔自上至下δ¹¹B值波动显著,且有缓慢降低趋势(图3)。δ¹¹B值下降表明GSW1孔黏土矿物吸附作用并不明显,硫酸盐还原作用有机物分解可能是主要原因^[95–96];

另一方面,δ¹¹B值上下显著波动,可能与硫酸盐还原作用产生的H₂S导致沉积物中孔隙水发生上下迁移、不同δ¹¹B值相互混合有关。GSW1孔孔隙水δ³⁷Cl值垂向同样波动较大,发生了显著的分馏。氯同位素偏负可能与流体扩散作用有关,含氯流体的沉淀、解离和蒸发将导致固相中³⁷Cl的富集^[97–98];也可能是由沉积物成岩过程中矿物和孔隙水的相互作用引起^[99–100]。

6 结论

(1)东海外陆坡-冲绳海槽 GSW1孔SO₄²⁻消耗主要由有机质硫酸盐还原控制。δ¹³C和δ¹⁸O值的垂向变化趋势,反映了OSR反应程度不断提高,δ¹³C值随深度不断降低,溶解的DIC来源于沉积物有机质降解。Ca²⁺、SO₄²⁻、Mg²⁺出现负异常并与SO₄²⁻亏损一致表明与硫酸盐还原反应有关,该区有自生碳酸盐沉淀生成。GSW1孔甲烷厌氧氧化发生在4 m以下的较深层位。

(2)GSW1孔110 cm处SO₄²⁻升高与H₂S在孔隙水中扩散迁移有关。OSR还原过程产生的H₂S, H₂S往上迁移被再次氧化为硫中间体或SO₄²⁻,造成GSW1孔SO₄²⁻浓度升高,同时使钻孔环境趋向还原。孔隙水SO₄²⁻浓度整体随着深度的增加而减小的趋势,表明GSW1孔沉积环境由氧化、次氧化环境逐渐转变为还原环境。

(3)GSW1孔δ¹¹B值比海水轻,黏土矿物吸附作用并不明显,可能是与硫酸盐还原作用有机物分解有关。δ¹¹B和δ³⁷Cl值上下显著波动,可能与硫酸盐还原作用产生的H₂S使得孔隙水发生上下迁移有关,另一方面,沉积物成岩过程中矿物和孔隙水的相互作用也可能是影响δ¹¹B和δ³⁷Cl组成的重要因素。

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Geochemical characteristics and indicative significance of pore water in the sediments of Okinawa Trough

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Abstract: Through the analysis of the δ¹³C, δ¹⁸O, δ¹¹B, δ³⁷Cl isotopes and Cl⁻, SO₄²⁻, K⁺, and Na⁺ ion index in the sedi-

ment pore water of the core GSW1 in the East China Sea outer Slope-Okinawa Trough, the changes of early diagenesis, fluid sources, migration and oxidation environment of sediments were discussed. The results show that the pore water dissolved inorganic carbon of the core GSW1 mainly comes from sea water and organic matter, the concentration of SO_4^{2-} decreases more gently with depth, and the concentration of Cl^- is much lower than seawater. The sulfate consumption in the surface sediments of this pore is mainly caused by organoclastic sulfate reduction (OSR) controlled, anaerobic oxidation of methane (AOM) occurs in deeper layers below 4 m. The H_2S produced by OSR diffuses upwards and is enriched and oxidized, which is the main factor that causes the 110–360 cm SO_4^{2-} content to not significantly decrease. The overall trend of pore water SO_4^{2-} concentration decreases with depth, indicating that the deposition environment of core GSW1 has gradually changed from an oxidizing and sub-oxidizing environment to a reducing environment. The vertical changes of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ fluctuate greatly. On the one hand, they are affected by the degradation of organic matter in the early diagenesis stage, and they may also be related to the diffusion of pore fluid and sediment/pore water interaction.

Key words: sulfate reduction; fluid migration; isotope and ion concentration; pore water; East China Sea outer Slope-Okinawa Trough