アイスコア中の¹⁷O-excess の変動傾向 Variation trend of ¹⁷O-excess in an Arctic ice core

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Ice cores obtained from glaciers and ice sheets are important archives for reconstructing changes in the paleoclimate. The most important climate changes, such as the variation in temperature, precipitation, and the hydrological cycle, are reconstructed from stable water isotope ratios (δ^{18} O, δ D, and a second-order parameter, the d-excess, defined as d-excess = δ D -8 δ^{18} O) measured in ice cores. With the improvment of water isotope analyzers, the ability to measure δ^{17} O in water with high precision provided another second-order parameter, the 17 O-excess, defined as 17 O-excess = $\ln(\delta^{17}$ O+1) -0.528 $\ln(\delta^{18}$ O+1). Previous studies reported that 17 O-excess in polar snow is mainly controlled by the relative humidity in the water vapor source region, therefore expected as a new proxy of past climate change. However, at the present, there are few studies of 17 O-excess in ice core, and therefore an undrestanding of variation factor of that is incomplete.

In this study, we analyzed δ^{17} O and 17 O-excess in an ice core which was drilled in Alaska. We also discussed the variation factors of those associated with environmental change.

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