

## Quick mechanochemical reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> and silicate rocks

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CO<sub>2</sub> is found to be adsorbed quickly on mafic minerals by mechanochemical reaction. Various rocks and minerals are examined for their reactivity with CO<sub>2</sub>. The silicates are crushed gently in a big ball mill with mixed gas of 10% CO<sub>2</sub> and 90% N<sub>2</sub>. Residual gas is monitored by a gas-chromatograph. The 80% of CO<sub>2</sub> in the mill is found to react in 8 hours with olivine and peridotite. The quick reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> and fresh surface of peridotite is also expected in natural environments.

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## Migration and carbonate mineralization by past CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid in the Izumi Group, southern Osaka: A natural analogue on

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The stability of storage system recently attracts attentions with an increasing importance of CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage (CGS) as a counter-measure to the global warming. Physical and sedimentary-petrological properties of seal layer are particularly important in relatively short time span. A good seal layer composed of thick, poorly permeable mudstone lacking any fractures, however, is difficult to expect in Japan as it lies on an active island arc. Nevertheless, it can be expected for moving reservoir fluid to dissolve into intact formation water during its lateral and upward migration, thereby trapped through a mechanism called solubility trapping. In fractured bedrock, the flowing CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid in fractures is further expected to precipitate carbonates, which finally closes the fractures and recovers mechanical strength of the bedrock. These processes, however, cannot be investigated in an actual demonstration site, even though the follow-up study in the Iwanohara demonstration site strongly suggests chemical changes of reservoir fluid toward the conditions promoting mineral precipitation.

Carbonate minerals considered to be stable under the geochemical conditions of CGS are widespread in the foothills of Izumi Mountains, southern Osaka, SW Japan. The area is a good example of carbonate mineralization from CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid and can be a natural analogue on the geochemical processes associated with the migration of CGS reservoir fluid. This study reports the differences on the development of carbonate-bearing alteration veins in relation to the geological properties of seal layers.

Keywords: carbonate vein, dawsonite, self-sealing, seal layer, reservoir fluid, CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage

## Distributed fiber optic temperature and strain sensing in a cement specimen

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Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> induces the increasing of pore pressure in a reservoir, leading to the uplift of ground level around an injection well. Cracks might appear in the ground if geological layers deform largely. This decreases the reliability of safety sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, it is important to evaluate the stability of the geological layers by monitoring the amount of the deformation.

The stability evaluation requires the monitoring of the deformation of whole geological layers from reservoir to ground level. Displacement meters buried in the ground can measure the deformation of geological layers. However, displacement meters are not suitable to successive monitoring due to inadequate numbers of the meters that are buried in the ground. We have therefore researched fiber optic sensing technology that is used in oil and gas development field to apply it to CCS field. Fiber optic sensing technology was initially used as a temperature sensor to monitor the distribution of temperature in a well over several kilometers. The technology has now been used to measure even the deformation of casing pipes. Monitoring of the deformation of casing pipes measures the strain of the pipes. If the strain of geological layers can be measured successfully, we can monitor the stability of the layers.

Fiber optic sensing technology is divided into two categories in terms of the alignment of sensors: point sensor system and distributed sensor system. Point sensor system is the most popular in fiber optic sensing technology that has high sensitivity and accuracy in data acquisition at measurement points printed on optical fibers. Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensor system is a typical one. Some studies on measurements of the deformation of the ground have adopted this system. However, the point sensor system has fewer number of measuring points compared to the distributed sensor system because optical power losses at every measuring point in this system. Optical fiber itself works as sensors without any processes in the distributed sensor system, and thus the number of measuring point is infinite (the number of measuring point depends on a measuring equipment). In recent years, the maximum resolution of temperature and strain has been reached to 0.0096 deg C and 0.078 me respectively due to the improvement of measuring equipments. The resolutions are almost as high as those of FBG. Therefore, the distributed sensor system is coming to the front as a new monitoring method compensating for the defects of the point sensor system such as expensiveness relating to printing sensors and the limitation of the number of measuring point.

Our previous laboratory experiments revealed that the distributed sensor system successfully measures the strain of rocks as accurate as strain gauge during compressive and dilatational process. Fiber optic cables will be installed in cement slurry along a casing pipe if they are put into practical use. Therefore, the cables should have enough strength against cementing, and should be sensitive to measure strain. An existing fiber optic cable for the use in wells is made to measure temperature change. Three layers of stainless steel wire enforce one optical fiber which is set at the center of the cable. Therefore, this cable may fail to measure strain of geological layers due to the protection structure.

Laboratory experiments were conducted to assess the validity of strain measurement using the existing fiber optic cable mimicking the installation along a well. The results show that the cable measures strain during the change of confining pressure. We report the details of the results obtained from the experiments.

Keywords: optical fiber, distributed sensor, temperature and strain measurement

## Microseismic monitoring at the commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage site, Cranfield, U.S. (Part 2)

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Microseismic events induced by CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage have been discussed. These induced events are assumed to be unfelt with negative magnitudes by concerning case studies at the CO<sub>2</sub> injection sites around the world. For ensuring the safety and obtaining public acceptance, microseismic monitoring is necessary for operating CCS project, especially for countries with high seismicity such as Japan.

RITE performs a long-term microseismic monitoring at the commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> injection site in the U.S. to evaluate the relation between CO<sub>2</sub> injection and microseismicities collaborating with Lawrence Berkeley National laboratory (LBNL) and Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas at Austin (BEG). Obtained knowledge will be utilized to develop microseismic monitoring system for the planning CCS pilot project held in Japan.

Microseismic monitoring is conducted at the Cranfield oilfield, Mississippi. This site is the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR field, a million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> is injected into the Cretaceous sandstone reservoir at the depth of 3,100m every year. A total of 4 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> have been injected since 2007. RITE composed a microseismic monitoring array at the site deploying 6-3component of seismometers at the depth of 100m in a 3km radius. Monitoring started on December 15th 2011. For the initial data for a month, no microseismic events induced by CO<sub>2</sub> injection have identified [Takagishi et al, (2012, JpGU)].

In this presentation, we will show preliminary results by analyzing the microseismic data recorded for more than a year. We confirmed that monitoring system was working normally, but no CO<sub>2</sub> injection induced microseismic events have been detected for now. The recorded data were classified into background noise, artificial noise, lightning strikes, and teleseismic natural earthquake events. The results were concordant with those obtained by visual judgments. We will also discuss the event detection ability (Magnitudes and Epicentral distances) for the monitoring system at the site using the recorded teleseismic natural earthquake events.

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Keywords: CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage, microseismic monitoring

## A relationship between $V_p/V_s$ and lithology in the reservoir at the Nagaoka site

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Seismic methods have been widely used for explorations of CCS sites and monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> behavior. In this method P-wave data are primarily used. S-wave velocity has independent properties from P-wave velocity, such as S-wave is insensitive to the existence of fluid in the pore of rock. The ratio of these velocities has been utilized to evaluate lithology of formations and gas saturation in the rocks (e.g. Brie et al. 1995). This paper reports a relationship between  $V_p/V_s$  data and rock properties at the reservoir of Nagaoka site in Japan.

Nagaoka is the first Japanese pilot-scale CO<sub>2</sub> injection site. A thin permeable zone at the depth of 1100m was selected for the reservoir. For the sonic logging, a low frequency dipole sonic tool has been used at Nagaoka to observe P- and S-wave velocities. Data for the uncased hole logging were used to analyze  $V_p/V_s$ , since the  $V_s$  data of the cased hole logging had difficulty to separate true S-wave from flexural waves through the casing. Therefore  $V_p/V_s$  data in this paper showed results before the CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

Cross plot between porosity and  $V_p/V_s$  in the reservoir showed that the scattered data can be categorized into two parts;  $V_p/V_s$  were almost constant but porosity changed, and  $V_p/V_s$  were dispersive but porosity remained constant. This tendency cannot be seen in the cross plot between porosity and  $V_p$ , therefore  $V_p/V_s$  might have better response for the lithological evaluations. These differences in the  $V_p/V_s$  distributions are consistent with the Fullbore Formation MicroImager logging results, and the distribution in  $V_p/V_s$  had dependency on shale volume. The relationship between  $V_p/V_s$  and rock properties will be interpreted. Note that the difference in  $V_p/V_s$  distribution can be seen in the reservoir with the thickness of 10m. These  $V_p/V_s$  distribution might be a feature in Japanese formations, where rock properties change within complex alternate layers.

Keywords: CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage, Nagaoka,  $V_p/V_s$ , Well logging

## A three-dimensional static reservoir model of the Nagaoka CCS Site and to simulate a carbon dioxide plume migration

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Authors constructed a three-dimensional static reservoir model of the Nagaoka CCS Pilot Site and to simulate a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) plume migration for 10,000 t injected. The scope of work included incorporating all available geological and geophysical data (well logs, seismic, core, and cuttings data, as well as previously observed depositional and structural trends) to create a geological model of formations from the Haitsume sandstone near the Minami Nagaoka Natural Gas Field, Niigata, Japan. The injection well is to be located in the immediate vicinity of Nagaoka city, Niigata. The boundaries of the static reservoir model span a geographical area of approximately two square km around the Iwanohara base of INPEX.

Several phases static and dynamic modeling were conducted, each with successively greater geoscience data support. Static model was constructed a reservoir from the Zone2 to Zone5 bottoms included 3D seismic data for Stratigraphic control as well as well log petrophysical data. Petrophysical properties in the Zone2 and Zone5 were supported by data from 4 wells and attributed data from 3D seismic. Simulation modeling explored the impact of stochastic uncertainty in static model properties on injection performance using the Nagaoka data (Sato et al., 2011). Petrophysical properties (porosity and permeability) were computed from well logs of Injection Well-1 (IW-1), Observation Well (OB-2), OB-3, and OB-4, 3D seismic data, and core analyses. The amount of well log based petrophysical property control diminishes with depth. Petrophysical property were interpolated throughout the static model using seismic attribution, stochastic method, and upscaled into the simulation grids.

## Time-lapse simulation for the Ketzin (Germany) CCS site assuming a single seismic ACROSS and multi-seismic receivers

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Time-lapse-studies of the physical state of the injection zones or fractured zones is a key component in the CCS, CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and shale-gas development. Monitoring systems using the seismic-ACROSS can be one of the most suitable methods for these purposes. We have made simulations assuming a single ACROSS source and a multi-seismometer- array installed at the Ketzin pilot site for CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Germany. At Ketzin, CO<sub>2</sub> has been injected since July, 2008. About 62 ktons of super-critical CO<sub>2</sub> have been injected to date at about 630-650 m depth, and injection will continue into 2013. To monitor how the injected CO<sub>2</sub> behaves after injection is extremely important for studying the long term behavior of a storage site. The objectives of this study are to find the most suitable locations for an ACROSS-source and receivers at the Ketzin site given infrastructure constraints. Preliminary results using the velocity-density structure site model shows that a rectangular injection zone 200 m wide and 10 m thick at 665 m depth is well imaged. This result encourages us to plan for using an ACROSS-source for time-lapse-studies to monitor the migration of injected CO<sub>2</sub> at Ketzin, even after injection has finished.

Keywords: Time lapse, CCS, ACROSS, monitoring, seismic waves, timerevesal method

## X-ray CT visualization of CO<sub>2</sub> microbubbles migration in Berea sandstone

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Laboratory core flooding experiment was run to investigate supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> migration in brine saturated sandstone. The sample was cylindrical Berea sandstone measuring 35mm in diameter and 70mm in length. A grooved disc and a special porous filter were set to the sample ends. Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> was injected into the sample under same pressure and temperature conditions. X-CT system was used to visualize migrations of CO<sub>2</sub> injected from different filters. When injecting CO<sub>2</sub> from the special porous filter the CO<sub>2</sub> was microbubble and through the grooved disc the CO<sub>2</sub> was normal bubble. CO<sub>2</sub> saturation estimated from CT values and the CO<sub>2</sub> distribution clearly showed advantages of microbubble CO<sub>2</sub> injection and the experimental results suggest the usefulness of microbubble CO<sub>2</sub> injection in both saline aquifer storage and enhanced oil recovery.

Keywords: microbubble CO<sub>2</sub>, Berea sandstone, X-ray CT, Visualization, enhanced oil recovery, saline aquifer storage



## Development of stable geological storage technique by CO<sub>2</sub> nano-sizing

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### Introduction

Geological storage is considered as an important key technology to mitigate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions into the atmosphere. However, the risk of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage from storage reservoirs remains a crucial problem. The injected CO<sub>2</sub> migrates upward because of the buoyancy effect, and caprock structures are therefore necessary to prevent CO<sub>2</sub> leakage.

Injected CO<sub>2</sub> generally forms a continuous plume in aquifers, and larger buoyancy effects are caused by the larger continuous phase of CO<sub>2</sub>. To develop a stable geological storage technique, this study proposes a novel method that uses nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets in a porous structure to allow stable geological storage. The buoyancy effect can be reduced by changing the CO<sub>2</sub> from a continuous phase to nanosized droplets before injection. In this study, experimental and study was performed to examine the stability of nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets in the aquifer.

### Experimental apparatus

The experimental study focused on the nanosizing process, the size distribution of the CO<sub>2</sub> droplets, and their behaviour in porous media. Figure 2 shows the experimental apparatus. The CO<sub>2</sub> nanosizing process was observed using a closed circulation channel that consisted of a static mixer, a circulation pump, and an observation section. The circuit pressure was controlled to give 6 to 9 MPa. The temperature was set approximately 20 to 40 degree Celsius. The volume ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> to water was set to 1:2, and a surfactant was added to assist with the micronization of the CO<sub>2</sub>. The concentration of surfactant was kept as low as possible to reduce the storage costs.

The size distribution and time evolution of the nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets were observed through windows made of sapphire glass. The droplet size distribution of the CO<sub>2</sub>, and its time evolution, were measured using dynamic light scattering (DLS).

The nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets and water were slowly aspirated using a syringe pump, and were injected into water-saturated porous media. The porous media was a packed silica sand bed (with grain diameters of 125 to 250 micrometer) in a stainless steel tube. The behaviour of the nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> in the porous media was investigated using X-ray computed tomography (CT).

### Results and discussion

As the result, nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets were successfully generated and observed through observation windows made of sapphire glass placed in the channel. The average diameter of the CO<sub>2</sub> droplets was initially 40 to 70 nm. The average diameter increased with time. It is considered that the change in the diameter distribution was caused by the coalescence and Ostwald ripening of the CO<sub>2</sub> droplets.

The nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> was injected into the porous media and it was observed by using X-ray CT. Reconstructed three-dimensional CT images were obtained with spatial resolution 20 micrometre (i.e. pore-scale structure can be observed). The CT images cannot resolve the shape of nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets itself right after injection. After a day, micro-scale CO<sub>2</sub> droplets emerged in the pores because of coalescence of nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets; however, the number of pore-scale CO<sub>2</sub> droplets and their positions remained unchanged during an observation period of a few days. It is considered that any increase in the CO<sub>2</sub> droplet diameter was prevented in the porous media by capillary force, and the droplets were finally trapped in the pore-throat structure. The experimental results suggested the high potential of the nanosized CO<sub>2</sub> droplets for stable geological storage.

Keywords: CO<sub>2</sub> geological sequestration, Micronization, Nano-sizing, X-ray CT

## Geological Surveys for CCS Demonstration in Kitakyushu, Western Japan.

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Evaluation study of site screening for CCS large-scale demonstration in Japan was performed by Japan CCS Co., Ltd. (JCCS) in 2008 by a subsidy from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI). In this study, the Kitakyushu site, western Japan, was selected from 115 candidate sites as one of the three most potential candidate sites for the CCS demonstration. The Kitakyushu is the only candidate site in the western Japan while the others are located in the eastern Japan. The Kitakyushu is also the unique site where Paleogene formations are considered as a target of CO<sub>2</sub> storage. Therefore, storage capacity of CO<sub>2</sub> in Japan will be expected to increase if enough performance of reservoirs and seal formations can be confirmed by the investigation and demonstration of the Kitakyushu site. Verification of the storage performance of the Kitakyushu site will contribute to evaluate the storage capacity of the Paleogene formations at the other sites where similar formations are distributed.

The Kitakyushu site does not have enough information of deep subsurface geology. Therefore, as a first phase, a series of basic surveys, consisting of a gravity survey, drilling of a survey well, and a 2D seismic survey were carried out for a geological evaluation of the site. Gravity analyses with supplemental gravity measurements were carried out in 2009 and 2011. Drilling (Kitakyushu CCS-1: 1180 m), 2D seismic survey around the well and VSP (Vertical Seismic Profiling) using the well bore were carried out in 2010. Sedimentary facies analysis and integrated geological analysis using all the acquired information through the surveys were carried out in 2011. A shape of the sedimentary basin and a general geological structure were delineated clearer than ever before by the gravity survey. The survey well was drilled into the basement rock lying below 1000 m for the first time in this area. Stratigraphy was confirmed by this drilling. Structural data including strike and dip around the well was obtained by the VSP and the 2D seismic survey. Moreover, initial conceptual geological model was constructed by integrating these various geological data.

Invaluable subsurface geological data for the site evaluation were obtained by these surveys. These data were mainly obtained in a limited area onshore in Kitakyushu city. However, the Paleogene reservoirs are estimated to be distributed widely under the sea. Geological data from the wide offshore area is required for a regional evaluation. In 2012, as one of the surveys for the evaluation, a preliminary 2D seismic survey was carried out at the coastal and the shallow marine area of Shimonoseki city.

This paper summarizes a part of the result of "CCS Demonstration Project in Japan" which was commissioned by METI to JCCS.

Keywords: CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage, CCS pilot-scale demonstration, Paleogene

## Geological Conceptual Model Based on Integrated Analysis Using Some Geological data obtained in the Kitakyusyu Site.

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The Kitakyushu site, western Japan, is one of the most promising CCS demonstration candidate sites. The Kitakyushu is also the unique site where Paleogene formations are considered as a target of CO<sub>2</sub> storage. A series of basic surveys, consisting of a gravity survey, drilling of a survey well, and a 2D seismic survey were carried out by Japan CCS Co., Ltd. (JCCS) for a geological evaluation of the site. Observation of the core samples, analyses of the log data for a survey well "Kitakyusyu CCS-1(TD=1180m)", and a field survey of surface geology were also carried out for a facies analysis. Some geological information to estimate facies environments around the well was extracted by the analysis. This study was performed to construct a preliminary geological conceptual model based on the geological information, sedimentary environments and distribution patterns of the Paleogene sedimentary rocks in the site.

It was presumed from the observation of the boring cores that the Tenraiji and Kamiitozu members which are members of the Ideyama formation and are overlying the basement rock (Cretaceous granites), are likely to be consisted of terrigenous sedimentary rocks accumulated in the channel and inter-channel environments.

The sandstones in the Tenraiji and Kamiitozu members were classified into two categories, i.e., channel-fill sandstone (often contains conglomerates) and sandstone derived from overflow sediments which are interbedded in mudstones by the geophysical properties obtained from the well logs.

Seismic data acquired near the well were interpreted to infer depositional environments in this area. Strong waves seen in the seismic sections are interpreted as the reflections from the geological formation corresponding to the Tenraiji member, suggesting that these strong waves can be reflected from the conglomerates interbedded at the base of channel-fill sandstones. Mapping of these reflections shows an elongated shape in the NE-SW direction. The major axis of the elongated structure may indicate the axis of channels deposits.

Gravity data also indicate the shape of sedimentary basin that is half-graben elongated in the north to south direction. The half-graben basin is accompanied with steep slope at the east wall whereas gentle slope to the west.

To deepen the regional geological concept, a surface geological survey was supplementarily carried out on the islands in Hibiki-nada Bay which is thought to be located on the western slope of the basin. The result of the geological survey suggests that geological structure in this area shows a gentle anticline plunging into the N-S direction which is consistent to the shape of the sedimentary basin deduced from the gravity data.

The sedimentary environments of the Tenraiji and Kamiitozu members can be concluded that the terrigenous channel and inter-channel sediments deposited at the beginning of formation of the half-graben which is elongated in the north to south direction by these various geological analyses.

Based on the integrated analysis using various geological data, a preliminary geological conceptual model which is expected to contribute to future reservoir evaluation has been successfully established in this site.

This study was performed as a part of "CCS Demonstration Project in Japan" which was commissioned by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) to JCCS.

Keywords: carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS), Sedimentary facies analysis, Geological conceptual model

## A CO<sub>2</sub> injection-experiment with subseafloor coal measures under in-situ pressure and temperature condition

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The release of one-carbon compounds (i.e., CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>) into the atmosphere due to human activities has been recognized as a major factor causing dramatic climatic change on the Earth. In recent years, the increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases are expected to cause warmer surface temperatures at an accelerating rate and subsequent alternation of ecosystems and biogeochemical cycles. Consequently, a variety of CO<sub>2</sub> disposal options are discussed, including CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage (CCS) followed by injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into deep subseafloor hydrocarbon reservoirs such as coal formations. However, geophysical and geochemical behaviors of high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> within subseafloor environments, as well as ecological consequence and biogeochemical carbon cycle, remain largely unknown. In this study, we performed a CO<sub>2</sub> injection-experiment using subseafloor bituminous coal samples (Kushiro Coal Mine, Co. Ltd.) under high pressure and temperature condition.

The reaction experiment was performed using a newly developed flow-through geobio-reactor system at the Kochi Institute for Core Sample research, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC). The reaction column was prepared from the coal chips (from 1 to 3 cm in diameter) and powdered sandstone, which were packed in a heat-shrinkable tube under anaerobic condition. Anaerobic artificial seawater (ASW) and CO<sub>2</sub> were continuously supplemented into the column for 56 days under the following condition: flow rate of ASW; 0.002 ml/min, flow rate of CO<sub>2</sub>; 0.00001 ml/min, pore pressure; 40 MPa, confined pressure; 41 MPa, temperature: 40 degrees C. After the reaction, XRD analysis showed no or very little changes on mineral assemblages of the sandstone, whereas minor carbonate generation was observed by SEM-EDS analysis. The sandstone contained ~10<sup>4</sup> microbial cells/cm<sup>3</sup> after experiments, which was similar to the biomass prior to the experiment. Molecular analysis of the extracted 16S rRNA genes revealed the predominance of spore-forming bacteria (e.g., *Lysinibacillus* and *Bacillus*) in the coal samples, which members were also found in the reaction column after the CO<sub>2</sub>-injection experiment. During the reactor operation, we observed increase of dissolved CH<sub>4</sub> concentration up to 186 micro M, whereas total dissolved inorganic carbon in the medium passed through the column decreases compared to the injected amount (e.g., total dissolved inorganic carbon in the medium: 125.6 mM, the injected total dissolved inorganic carbon: 138.38 mM at 56 days). Based on the carbon isotopic composition of DIC, it is most likely that no or very little microbial methanogenesis occurred and the absorbed CH<sub>4</sub> was released from the coal samples during the CO<sub>2</sub>-injection experiment.

Keywords: Bio-CCS, Coal, CO<sub>2</sub>

## Risk Assessment Study for Bio-CCS

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We have started a new R&D project titled "Energy resources creation by geo-microbes and CCS". It aims to cultivate methanogenic geo-microbes in CCS conditions and produce methane gas effectively and safely. To meet these needs, we are evaluating risks around new Bio-CCS technology. Our consideration involves risk scenarios about Bio-CCS in geological strata, marine environment, surface facilities, ambient air and injection sites. To cover risk scenarios in these areas, we are carrying out a sub-project with five sub-themes. Four sub-themes out of five are researches for identifying risk scenarios: A) Underground strata and injection well, B) Ambient air, C) Surface facilities and D) Seabed. We are developing risk assessment tool, named GERAS-CO2GS (Geo-environmental Risk Assessment System, CO2 Geological Storage Risk Assessment System). We are going to combine identified risk scenarios into GERAS-CO2GS accordingly. It is expected that Development of GERAS-CO2GS will contribute to risk assessment and management for not only Bio-CCS but also individual injection sites, and facilitate understanding of risks among legislators and concerned peoples around injection site.

Keywords: CO2 geological storage, risk assessment, CO2 migration, the surface of the earth, impact analysis, Bio-CCS