

都市部における CO₂ 発生源の推定 : CO₂ 安定同位体比および CO₂, CO, NO_x 濃度連続測定

Analyses for CO₂ source in the urban area: measurement of stable isotope ratio of CO₂ and CO₂, CO, NO_x

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CO₂ has the most effect on the global climate change because CO₂ has the largest positive radiative forcing (IPCC 2007). The accurate estimation of the CO₂ emission and loss flux are necessary to improve the prediction of the global climate change in the future, because the variations of CO₂ concentration substantially contributes to the variations of the global radiative forcing. CO₂ concentration varies due to the emission from the gasoline and natural gas combustion, biomass burning, and ecosystem respiration, the absorption due to the photosynthesis, the absorption into ocean and emission from the ocean surface. In the urban area, the variation of CO₂ concentration depends on the anthropogenic emission such as the fossil fuel combustion (gasoline and natural gas) and background CO₂ concentration mainly.

We conducted the continuous measurement of carbon and oxygen isotope ratios of CO₂ ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$) using the infrared absorption laser spectrometer. The infrared absorption laser spectrometer can continuously measure $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in high time resolution (10 seconds). The measurement period was from July 20 to August 10, 2012 at Nagoya University. Simultaneously, we measured the concentrations of nitrogen oxides, CO, water vapor and stable isotope ratios of water vapor (δD and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$). The variations of CO₂ concentrations, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ shows the contribution of the fossil fuel combustion and ecosystem respiration to the carbon cycle in the urban area.

Measured CO₂ concentrations and stable isotope ratios ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$) show the diurnal variation in the measurement period. CO₂ concentrations decreased in the daytime and had a peak in the nighttime. On the other hand, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ had a peak in the daytime and decreased in the nighttime. This indicates that the variations of CO₂ concentration were substantially affected by the ecosystem respiration and photosynthesis in the urban area. We conducted the keeling plot analyses for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in the nighttime to estimate the contributions of the fossil fuel combustion, biomass burning, and ecosystem respiration. In addition of the keeling plot analyses, we estimated CO₂ source from the relationship between the variations of CO and CO₂ concentrations. CO is emitted by the fossil fuel combustion and biomass burning mainly, while, CO₂ generated by the fossil fuel combustion, biomass burning and ecosystem respiration. Therefore, the relationship between CO and CO₂ concentration shows CO₂ source; the larger ratios of CO to increment of CO₂ from the background level (ΔCO_2) shows the contribution of the fossil fuel combustion or biomass burning, on the other hand, the smaller ratios of CO to ΔCO_2 shows the contribution of the ecosystem respiration. We will discuss the source of CO₂ from the analyses of the ratios of CO to ΔCO_2 and keeling plot.

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