Isotopic compositions of Carbon, Oxygen, and Strontium in authigenic carbonates from Umitaka Spur, off-Joetsu, southeast of Japan Sea

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We present isotopic compositions of Carbon (δ^{13} C), Oxygen (δ^{18} O), and Strontium (87 Sr/ 86 Sr) in authigenic carbonates from Umitaka Spur, off-Joetsu, southeast of Japan Sea. The carbon isotopic values in authigenic carbonate from Umitaka Spur are higher than those of Joetsu Knoll and west off-Tobishima Island. This range corresponds to the δ^{13} C values of thermogenic methane (Bernard et al., 1978). Range of the δ^{18} O values of authigenic carbonates from Umitaka Spur is mostly equal to those of Joetsu Knoll and west off-Tobishima Island. The 87 Sr/ 86 Sr ratios in authigenic carbonates from shallow depth of Umitaka Spur is equal to those of modern surface seawater in off-Joetsu. The Sr-isotopic ratios in authigenic carbonate from deeper depth are lower ratios. This Sr-isotopic trend can be correlated to the global Sr-isotopic trend in seawater from late Pleistocene to present. It indicates that Sr-isotopic ratio of authigenic carbonate reflects the Sr-isotopic ratio of seawater at the time of deposition. The Sr-isotopic ratios in pore water are parallel lower than those of authigenic carbonate. It indicates that pore water includes light Sr by diagenetic procedure. Acknowledgments: This study was conducted as a part of the shallow methane hydrate exploration project of METI. Isotopic measurement of Strontium was performed in Kochi Core Center, by visiting

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