综述

中生代两类极热事件的环境变化、生态效应与驱动机制

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摘要 对地质历史时期发生的极热事件进行深入分析可为认识和应对现今全球气候变暖提供借鉴与依据。根据碳同位素偏移特征, 可以将中生代五次典型的极热事件划分为碳同位素负偏移类和碳同位素正偏移类两类。第一类极热事件以碳同位素总体负偏移为特征, 以二叠纪-三叠纪界线事件(PTB, ~252Ma)、早侏罗世Toarcian早期大洋缺氧事件(TOAE, ~183Ma)、古新世-始新世界线极热事件(PETM, ~56Ma)为代表。第二类极热事件以碳同位素总体正偏移为特征, 以白垩纪Aptian早期大洋缺氧事件(OAE1a, ~120Ma)、白垩纪Cenomanian末期大洋缺氧事件(OAE2, ~94Ma)为代表。碳同位素负偏移定义的极热事件造成温度、沉积作用、生物多样性等发生明显的变化, 陆地环境出现野火频发、极端干旱、酸雨、臭氧层被破坏、金属中毒(如汞)和陆地水系变化等, 海洋环境出现碳酸盐台地消亡、大洋酸化、大洋缺氧等现象, 全球陆地和海洋生物尤其是浅海生物发生不同程度的绝灭。碳同位素正偏移定义的极热事件造成海水快速增温和大洋广泛缺氧, 有机质大规模埋藏, 出现黑色页岩沉积, 远洋生物受到明显的影响(如出现钙质超微危机), 而浅海和陆地生物受到影响不大。文章提出, 碳同位素负偏移类极热事件可能为大陆环境下大火成岩省喷发触发, 导致轻碳大规模释放到大气-海洋系统使得全球快速增温, 从而引起一系列环境和生态响应。而碳同位素正偏移类极热事件为深海环境下大火成岩省喷发触发, 把热量和营养物质直接释放到深海系统, 由于海水缓冲作用导致海洋系统增温明显, 而浅海和陆地系统影响相对较小。研究结果丰富了对地质历史时期极热事件的研究, 不仅对于理解极热事件、大火成岩省、海洋-陆地环境变化、生物绝灭等具有重要的意义, 而且为判别极热事件的类型并推断其驱动机制提供了一个新手段。

关键词 极热事件, 古气候, 古海洋, 沉积记录, 大火成岩省, 中生代, 深时

1 概述

2018年10月政府间气候变化专门委员会(IPCC)发布的“1.5℃全球变暖”报告显示, 相比工业革命1850年

之前, 地球年平均温度增加了(1±0.2)℃, 并且以每十年0.2℃的速率持续增温(IPCC, 2018), 而最近30年对地球表层大气和海洋温度的持续观测亦证实全球气候正在变暖。人类活动(主要是化石燃料的燃烧)导致的温

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室气体(主要是CO₂)排放被认为是引起当前全球变暖的主要因素(Waters等, 2016). 如果大气CO₂含量以目前速率持续增加, 是否会导致全球气候从现今的以两极发育冰盖为特征的冰室气候状态进入以两极无冰盖为特征的温室气候状态? 这些变化又会对生态和环境造成多大程度的影响? 人类文明的可持续发展迫切需要对这种持续增温的变化趋势及其引起的生态、环境效应有更深入的认识.

目前对于预测增温趋势及其可能导致的气候、生态、环境变化多依赖于气候模拟. 但遗憾的是, 由于对真实气候系统运行机制的认识不够全面、气候模型的时空分辨率不高、各种气候参数的设置具有较强的主观性等, 导致不同的气候模型获得的结果存在较大的差异. 因此, 研究地质历史时期类似的变暖事件及其生态、环境效应, 是人类认识当前所面临的全球变暖趋势的唯一选择. 地质历史时期的气候状态是动态变化的, 既有“冰室”气候, 也有“温室”气候, 而每种气候状态又会出现一系列极端气候事件, 如极冷事件、极热事件等, 中生代发生多次极热事件, 其中比较典型的极热或增温事件包括二叠纪-三叠纪界线事件(PTB, ~252Ma)、早侏罗世Toarcian早期大洋缺氧事件(TOAE, ~183Ma)、白垩纪Aptian早期大洋缺氧事件(OAE1a, ~120Ma)、白垩纪Cenomanian末期大洋缺氧事件(OAE2, ~94Ma)和古新世-始新世极热事件(PETM, ~56Ma)等(图1)(Foster等, 2018). 本文在系统总结这五次极热或增温事件的启动持续时间、增温幅度与增温速率及其引起的环境、生态变化的基础上, 根据碳同位素特征将其划分为两类, 分别为碳同位素负偏移类极热事件和碳同位素正偏移类极热事件; 并通过系统比较这两类极热事件引起的环境、生态等方面的异同, 提出这两类极热事件的触发机制可能与大火成岩省喷发的环境密切相关, 这为认识和应对当前全球气候变暖提供了借鉴和依据.

2 中生代-古近纪五次极热事件的碳同位素特征与分类

2.1 五次极热事件的碳同位素特征

二叠纪-三叠纪界线事件(PTB)发生在距今~252Ma的二叠纪末期, 是显生宙以来增温幅度最大的一次极热事件, 增温幅度约为8~10℃(Joachimski等,

2012; Sun等, 2012; Shen等, 2019)(表1), 但是也有部分学者认为增温幅度不超过6℃(Brand等, 2012; Cui和Kump, 2015). PTB碳同位素出现至少三次先负偏移, 再恢复的波动过程, 最大偏移幅度超过~7‰(Cao等, 2009).

早侏罗世Toarcian早期大洋缺氧事件(TOAE)是发生在距今~183Ma的一次极热事件, 北半球中纬度地区增温幅度约为7~10℃(Suan等, 2008a; Dera等, 2009; Korte等, 2015)(表1). TOAE碳同位素存在多次次级负偏移直至到达最值, 之后恢复正常, 负偏移幅度一般为-3~-8‰(Kemp等, 2005; Jenkyns, 2010).

白垩纪Aptian早期大洋缺氧事件(OAE1a)又称Selli事件, 是发生在距今~120Ma的一次增温事件, 低纬度地区和中高纬度海水表层分别增温5~6和2~4℃(Mutterlose等, 2010, 2014; Naafs和Pancost, 2016)(表1). 碳同位素先短暂负偏移后正偏移, 之后再恢复, 正偏移幅度为2~5‰(Menegatti等, 1998).

白垩纪Cenomanian末期(OAE2)又称Bonarelli事件, 是发生在距今~94Ma的一次增温事件. 低纬度地区海水表层增温幅度2~3℃, 中纬度地区增温4~5℃, 高纬度地区增温7~10℃(Jenkyns等, 2004; Forster等, 2007; Huber等, 2018)(表1). 碳同位素总体为正偏移, 但在正偏移之前出现微弱负偏移(Li Y X等, 2017), 正偏移幅度一般大于2‰(Jenkyns, 2010).

古新世-始新世极热事件(PETM)是发生在古新世-始新世界线附近(~55.8Ma)的一次极热事件(Kennett和Stott, 1991; Zachos等, 2001), 全球平均温度增加约4~5℃(Jones等, 2013). 低纬度地区平均增温3℃(Frieling等, 2017), 中高纬度平均增温5~8℃(Sluijs等, 2006, 2011; Zachos等, 2006)(表1). 碳同位素先快速负偏移, 后恢复(Kennett和Stott, 1991), 负偏移幅度为2~7‰(McInerney和Wing, 2011).

2.2 五次极热事件基于碳同位素偏移特征的分类及阶段划分

根据碳同位素偏移特征, 将这五次极热事件划分为碳同位素负偏移类极热事件(Negative Carbon isotope excursion Hyperthermal Event, NCHE)和碳同位素正偏移类极热事件(Positive Carbon isotope excursion Hyperthermal Event, PCHE).

NCHE事件以碳同位素总体负偏移为特征, 包括

图 1 晚二叠世-古新世地质年代表(a)、金钉子剖面位置(b)和极热事件分类(c)示意图

(a) 地质年代表显示中新世以来地球气候状态(NRC 2011)、主要极热事件发生时代及其相关的大火成岩省喷发时代。(b) 文中所涉及的五次极热事件金钉子剖面或代表性剖面的现今地理位置图(www.ods.de)。PTB为中国煤山金钉子剖面(Shen等, 2011; Burgess等, 2014), TOAE为葡萄牙Peniche金钉子剖面(Hesselbo等, 2007), OAE1a为土耳其Yenicesilar剖面(Hu等, 2012), OAE2为藏南贡扎剖面(Li Y X等, 2017), PETM为ODP 690钻孔(Bains等, 1999)。(c) 基于碳同位素特征的极热事件分类示意图: 碳同位素负偏移类极热事件(NCHC)和碳同位素正偏移类极热事件(PCHC)。据Ogg等(2016)、Ernst和Youbi(2017)和Percival等(2018)

PTB、TOAE、PETM三次极热事件(图2)。这类极热事件以碳同位素开始负偏移之前的稳定值作为事件的启动, 以恢复到负偏移之前的稳定值作为事件的结束。可划分为一个(PETM、TOAE)或多个(PTB)碳同位素的负偏移阶段(启动阶段, Onset, NC2)、稳定负平台阶段(Core或者Body, NC3)、正偏移恢复阶段(Recovery,

NC4)(图2), 事件之前标注为NC1, 事件之后阶段标注为NC5。NCHC事件最主要的特征在于其NC2~NC4阶段出现显著的负偏移, 代表事件的持续时间。这类事件通常被认为是由于大量富含轻碳同位素的温室气体进入到大气-海洋系统引起的。

PCHE事件以碳同位素总体正偏移为特征, 包括

表 1 NCHE与PCHE两类五次极热事件碳同位素启动阶段偏移幅度(CIE)、持续时间、增温幅度对比

极热事件		启动阶段(NC2 或PC2)持续 时长(kyr)	启动阶段(NC2 或PC2)碳同位素 偏移 (CIE, ‰)	温度增幅(℃)			参考文献
				低纬度	中纬度	高纬度	
PCHE	OAE2	50	>2	2~3	4~5	7~10	Jenkyns等(2004)、Forster等(2007)、Huber等(2018)
	OAE1a	75	2~5	5~6	2~4	2~3	Mutterlose等(2010)、Naafs和Pancost(2016)
NCHE	PETM	3	-2~-6	3~5	6~8	5~9	Thomas等(2002)、Zachos等(2003, 2006)、Aze等(2014)、Sluijs等(2011, 2014)
	TOAE	150	-3~-8	-	7~10	-	Suan等(2008a)、Dera等(2009)、Korte等(2015)
	PTB	60	>-7	8~10	-	-	Sun等(2012)、Joachimski等(2012)、Burgess等(2014)、Chen等(2016)

图 2 NCHE类极热事件碳同位素及温度变化特征、碳同位素阶段划分、碳同位素各阶段持续时间及其引起的沉积环境和生物变化

以碳同位素开始负偏移作为事件的启动,以恢复到负偏移之前的稳定值作为事件的结束.一般划分为碳同位素的启动(NC2)、持续负偏移(负平台, NC3)、恢复(NC4)三个阶段,事件之前为NC1,事件之后阶段为NC5. NCHE类极热事件碳同位素、温度数据来源: PTB据Burgess等(2014), TOAE据Hesselbo等(2007)和Suan等(2010), PETM据Bains等(1999)和Thomas等(2002)

OAE1a和OAE2两次极热事件(图3). 这类极热事件以碳同位素出现短暂明显(OAE1a)或微弱(OAE2)的负偏移作为事件的启动,以恢复到正偏移之前的稳定值作为事件的结束.可以划分为四个阶段,包括碳同位素出现短暂明显(OAE1a)或微弱(OAE2)的负偏移阶段(Onset, PC2)、正偏移阶段(PC3)、稳定正平台阶段(Core或者Body, PC4)、负偏移恢复阶段(Recovery, PC5)(图3),事件之前标注为PC1,事件之后标注为PC6. PCHE事件最主要的特征在于PC2段出现短暂负偏移,很快PC3~PC5阶段出现显著的正偏移,PC2~PC5阶段代表事件的持续时间.这类事件通常被

认为是由于富含轻碳同位素的温室气体短暂注入大气-海洋系统中,很快大洋急剧缺氧引起大规模富含有机质的黑色页岩埋藏从而导致碳同位素快速正偏移.

3 中生代-古近纪两类极热事件的持续时间

由于近年来高精度定年技术和旋回地层的应用,这两类极热事件的持续时间得到了精确限定,为探讨增温速率提供了时间坐标.需要提及的是各事件持续时间通常以凝灰岩层中高精度锆石U-Pb年龄为锚点,同时结合旋回地层周期,在同一个旋回周期内采用平

图3 PCHE类极热事件碳同位素及温度变化特征、碳同位素阶段划分、碳同位素各阶段持续时间及其引起的沉积环境和生物变化

一般划分为四个阶段包括启动(PC2)、正偏移(PC3)、持续正偏移(正平台, PC4)、恢复(PC5); 事件之前为PC1, 事件之后为PC6. PCHE类极热事件碳同位素、温度数据来源: OAE1a据Hu等(2012)、Naafs和Pancost(2016), OAE2据Forster等(2007)和Li Y X等(2017)

均沉积速率内插法获得碳同位素偏移阶段的持续时间. 由于测试精度的限制, 误差一般在万年至十万年左右.

3.1 NCHE事件的持续时间

PTB事件的时限主要基于二叠系-三叠系界线的金钉子剖面(华南煤山剖面)上凝灰岩层中高精度锆石U-Pb年龄(Shen等, 2011, 2019; Burgess等, 2014), 结合碳同位素地层学(Cao等, 2009)获得. PTB事件持续时间~660kyr(Burgess等, 2014), 其中, 碳同位素负偏移启动阶段(NC2)持续时间~58kyr; 碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)持续时间~431kyr; 碳同位素正偏移恢复阶段(NC4)持续时间~170kyr(图2).

TOAE事件的持续时间, 目前存在两种不同的观点: 一种认为其持续时间为~900kyr, 以葡萄牙Peniche金钉子剖面旋回地层学获得的研究结果为代表(Suan等, 2008b; Huang和Hesselbo, 2014), 与德国Dotternhausen、意大利Valdorbria、英国Yorkshire、法国Lorraine(Huang和Hesselbo, 2014; Ruebsam等, 2014)的旋回地层学和英国Yorkshire的锆同位素地层学McArthur等

(2000)得出的结果相近; 另一种观点认为其持续时间约为300~500kyr, 以法国巴黎盆地Sancerre-Couy钻孔和英国Yorkshire剖面的旋回地层学结果为代表(Kemp等, 2005, 2011; Boulila等, 2014). 若以葡萄牙Peniche剖面为准, 则相应的碳同位素负偏移启动阶段(NC2)、碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)和碳同位素正偏移恢复阶段(NC4)的持续时间分别为~150、~450、300kyr(Suan等, 2008b)(图2).

PETM事件年龄框架主要通过旋回地层学和³He定年两种方法建立, 目前仍存在比较大的争议. Röhl等(2003, 2007)通过旋回地层学限定PETM持续时间为150~220ka(图2), Farley和Eltgroth(2003)、Murphy等(2010)通过³He定年获得的PETM持续时间为120~220kyr, 而最近Westerhold等(2018)根据ODP钻孔和Bighorn盆地陆相钻孔资料研究结果, 认为PETM持续时间为200kyr. 在PETM事件启动阶段持续时间上, 一般认为至少持续了几千年, 从8~23kyr不等(Zachos等, 2005; Aziz等, 2008; Charles等, 2011), 然而Wright和Schaller(2013)根据Millville钻孔所获得的研究结果, 认为PETM启动时间仅持续了13yr, 但这一结果被认为是

钻探扰动所致, 而非原始沉积的韵律(Zeebe等, 2014; Pearson和Nicholas, 2014). 关于碳同位素其他各阶段持续时间, Röhl等(2007)基于ODP1266钻孔的旋回地层资料, 认为碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)持续时间为59kyr, 碳同位素正偏移恢复段(NC4)持续时间为113kyr; Aziz等(2008)基于Bighorn盆地陆相记录的旋回地层学研究结果, 认为碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)持续115kyr, 而碳同位素正偏移恢复段(NC4)为42kyr. Murphy等(2010)在Walvis脊ODP1266孔通过³He定年获得碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)持续时间为113kyr, 碳同位素正偏移恢复段(NC4)可以进一步分为两个阶段: 第一阶段为快速恢复段, 持续时间33kyr; 第二个阶段为缓慢恢复段, 持续时间50kyr.

3.2 PCHE事件的持续时间

关于OAE1a事件的持续时间, 主要通过旋回地层学来限定. Menegatti等(1998)根据碳同位素曲线特征, 将OAE1a事件划分为C2~C8阶段, 其中C3~C6阶段持续时间为1.0~1.3Myr(Li等, 2008; Bottini等, 2012). C2为碳同位素逐步负偏阶段(Socorro等, 2017), C3为持续负偏阶段, 本文把这两者一起定义为碳同位素短暂负偏阶段(PC2), C4~C6为碳同位素逐步正偏阶段, 定义为PC3阶段; C7为碳同位素正平台阶段, 定义为PC4阶段; C8为碳同位素恢复负偏移阶段(PC5)(图3). 在意大利Gorgo a Cerbara剖面, 若取C3~C6阶段持续时间1.11Myr, 则碳同位素短暂负偏阶段(PC2)持续时间为70kyr, 碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)持续时间为1.04Myr, 碳同位素正平台阶段(PC4)持续时间为0.75Myr(Stein等, 2012; Patruno等, 2015; Li等, 2016). 在土耳其Yenicesilar剖面, C2阶段持续时间75kyr, C3持续时间为320kyr, 则碳同位素短暂负偏阶段(PC2)持续时间为395kyr(图3); 碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)持续时间为790kyr, 碳同位素正平台阶段和负偏移恢复阶段(PC4~PC5)持续时间为1.3Myr(Hu等, 2012).

关于OAE2事件的持续时间, 主要通过旋回地层学来限定. 其持续时间争议较大, 从200kyr到>900kyr不等(Sageman等, 2006; Li Y X等, 2017). 在北美西部内海道(WIS)金钉子剖面, Sageman等(2006)根据有机质碳同位素旋回地层学限定碳同位素正偏移阶段和碳同位素正平台阶段(PC3~PC4)持续时间为~580kyr, 其中碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)持续时间为~230kyr, 碳同位

素正平台阶段(PC4)持续时间为~350kyr; 在西藏贡扎剖面上Li Y X等(2017)将OAE2的持续时间限定为~870kyr, 其中碳同位素微弱负偏移阶段(PC2)、碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)、碳同位素正平台阶段(PC4)、负偏移恢复阶段(PC5)持续的时间分别为~50、~280、~370、~170kyr(图3).

4 中生代-古近纪两类极热事件的增温幅度与速率

4.1 NCHE的温度变化

PTB期间, 在华南煤山剖面上, 牙形石氧同位素数据指示碳同位素启动阶段(第22~23层)之前古温度为~22℃(Joachimski等, 2012), 碳同位素启动阶段(NC2)(第24层顶部到26层)温度升高到23~27℃, 至碳同位素负平台阶段(NC3)(第27层)温度增加到29~30℃或33~35℃(不同的牙形石属指示增温幅度不同), 可见在碳同位素启动阶段(持续21kyr)增温幅度最大, 超过8~10℃(Joachimski等, 2012), 与四川上寺剖面和广西蓬莱滩剖面上增温幅度一致(Cao等, 2009; Joachimski等, 2012; Shen等, 2019). Sun等(2012)牙形石氧同位素的研究结果进一步显示, 在碳同位素启动和负平台阶段温度持续升高, 幅度超过14℃, 至碳同位素负平台阶段末期(Griesbachian晚期)达到最高值. Chen等(2016)利用SIMS方法对华南煤山、上寺、代家沟和凉风垭四个剖面PTB前后牙形石进行了氧同位素分析, 发现快速增温(~10℃)出现在碳同位素启动阶段及生物大灭绝之后, 与煤山金子剖面第26层相当的层位, 在灭绝之前及最大灭绝层位(即煤山24~25层)古海水温度都无明显变化.

关于TOAE温度的研究主要来自西特提斯洋中纬度地区, 包括英国、法国、西班牙、葡萄牙等地区, 腕足、双壳、箭石、鱼骨氧同位素在碳同位素启动阶段(NC2)出现急剧负偏移, 指示北半球中纬度浅海温度升高约7~10℃(Dera等, 2009, 2011; Korte等, 2015); 增温与碳同位素启动阶段同步, 在碳同位素负平台阶段温度达到最大值, 随后快速降低2~3℃, 在碳同位素负平台阶段晚期发生微弱降低或维持较稳定的温度(Dera等, 2009, 2011; Korte等, 2015).

PETM期间, 增温阶段与碳同位素启动阶段(NC2)同步. 在太平洋赤道地区氧同位素、Sr/Ca和Mg/Ca等

数据指示海水表层温度上升了4~5°C(Zachos等, 2003); 低纬度东非坦桑尼亚地区浮游有孔虫氧同位素数据揭示海水表层温度至少上升了3°C, 最高温度超过40°C(Aze等, 2014); 在中纬度墨西哥湾地区, 生物标志化合物为载体(MBT-CBT和TEX₈₆)的古温度数据指示海水表层温度增温幅度为6~8°C(Sluijs等, 2014). 中纬度北大西洋Wilson湖地区TEX₈₆和浮游有孔虫氧同位素数据指示海水表层温度至少上升了8°C, 最高温度可达33°C(Zachos等, 2006). 高纬度太平洋西南部ODP 1772孔TEX₈₆数据指示海水表层温度增温~7°C(Sluijs等, 2011); 南大洋ODP 690孔有孔虫氧同位素数据表明海水表层温度升高约5~9°C(Thomas等, 2002). 北极地区IODP 302孔TEX₈₆数据指示海水表层温度增温5°C(Sluijs等, 2006). 基于以上数据, 我们可以获得: PETM期间低纬度地区海水表层温度上升了3~5°C, 中、高纬度地区海水表层温度上升了5~9°C, 显示明显的高纬度放大效应.

4.2 PCHE的温度变化

OAE1a时期, 低纬度大西洋地区海水表层温度约为30~36°C, 在碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)开始时温度降低~4°C, 随后立刻升高~6°C(Dumitrescu和Brassell, 2006). 中纬度北大西洋地区TEX₈₆数据表明在OAE1a碳同位素短暂负偏移阶段(PC2)海水表层温度上升约2~4°C, 而在碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)海水表层温度下降约4~6°C(Naafs和Pancost, 2016). 在中纬度北半球, TEX₈₆和箭石氧同位素数据指示海水表层温度在碳同位素短暂负偏移阶段(PC2)升高约3~4°C(Mutterlose等, 2010, 2014). 在高纬度南大洋地区, OAE1a期间海水表层温度在碳同位素短暂负偏移阶段(PC2)上升约2~3°C, 之后碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)出现一次变冷事件, 温度降低~3°C(Jenkyns等, 2012).

OAE2时期, 不同纬度地区海洋表层温度明显升高(Gustafsson等, 2003; O'Brien等, 2017; Huber等, 2018). 在赤道大西洋地区, 浮游有孔虫氧同位素和TEX₈₆数据指示海水表层温度上升了约2~3°C(Forster等, 2007). 中纬度大西洋地区TEX₈₆数据表明在碳同位素正偏移阶段(PC3)出现急剧降温约4~5°C, 然后在碳同位素正平台阶段(PC4)下部迅速增温约4~5°C, 海水表层温度达34°C(Sinninghe Damsté等, 2010; Huber等, 2018). 北半球高纬度地区海水表层温度上升约7~8°C(Jenkyns

等, 2004), 而南半球高纬度地区海水表层温度上升~10°C(Huber等, 2018). OAE2期间亦存在短暂的温度变化事件(Forster等, 2007; O'Brien等, 2017), 其中在欧洲地区发现一次短暂的变冷事件, 打断了OAE2期间整体增温的趋势(Jenkyns等, 2017). 变冷事件主要归因于大规模有机质埋藏(Jarvis等, 2006)或增强的大陆风化(Pogge von Strandmann等, 2013)导致大气CO₂含量的降低.

4.3 两类极热事件启动阶段的增温幅度与速率

这五次极热事件的增温几乎都与碳同位素的启动阶段同步, 因此本文利用碳同位素启动阶段持续的时间及其对应的增温幅度来计算升温速率. 在实际计算过程中优先采用来自各事件的金钉子剖面或典型钻孔上的启动阶段的时间限定, 而增温幅度则采用文献所报道的数据, 以此获得的五次增温事件的增温速率(图4).

4.3.1 NCHE事件

PTB期间的温度主要来自低纬度牙形石氧同位素数据, 增温主要发生在启动阶段及负平台阶段底部, 增温幅度约为8~10°C, 若以煤山剖面启动持续时间~60kyr(Burgess等, 2014)计算, 则增温速率约为0.133~0.167°C kyr⁻¹; TOAE期间的古温度数据主要来自中纬度地区, 载体为腕足、双壳、箭石和鱼骨等, 事件启动阶段增温幅度约为7~10°C, 若以葡萄牙Peniche剖面启动阶段持续时间~150kyr计算(Suan等, 2008b), 则TOAE增温速率约为0.047~0.067°C kyr⁻¹; PETM温度数据主要来源于浮游有孔虫氧同位素和TEX₈₆, 增温主要发生在事件启动阶段, 从低纬度到高纬度增温幅度依次增大, 分别约为3~5、6~8、5~9°C, 而PETM的启动阶段持续时间为3~5kyr(Zeebe等, 2009; Bowen等, 2015; Frieling等, 2017; Turner, 2018). 若以5kyr计算, PETM启动阶段在低、中和高纬度的最小增温速率分别约为0.6~1.0、1.2~1.6、1.0~1.8°C kyr⁻¹.

4.3.2 PCHE事件

OAE1a的温度记录主要来自TEX₈₆, 增温主要发生在事件启动阶段, 从低纬度到高纬度增温幅度依次约为5~6、2~4和2~3°C, 若以土耳其Yenicesihlar剖面上启动阶段的持续时间75kyr计算(Hu等, 2012), 则其

图4 五次极热事件启动阶段碳同位素偏移幅度与偏移速率(a)、增温幅度与增温速率(b)的对比

除PTB以低纬度温度计算, 其他事件均以高纬度温度计算, 具体参考文献见表1

低、中和高纬度的增温速率分别约为 $0.067\sim0.080$ 、 $0.027\sim0.053$ 、 $0.027\sim0.040\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C kyr}^{-1}$ 。OAE2的温度记录主要来自浮游有孔虫氧同位素和 TEX_{86} , 增温主要发生在事件启动阶段, 从低纬度到高纬度增温幅度依次增大, 分别约为 $2\sim3$ 、 $4\sim5$ 和 $7\sim10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 若采用藏南贡扎剖面启动阶段持续时间 50 kyr 计算(Li Y X等, 2017), OAE2在低、中和高纬度的增温速率约为 $0.04\sim0.06$ 、 $0.08\sim0.1$ 和 $0.14\sim0.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C kyr}^{-1}$ 。

根据本文综述和计算, 这五次极热事件中, PTB事件是这五次极热事件中增温幅度最大的, 随后依次为TOAE、OAE1a、PETM、OAE2(图4); 而PETM的增温速率最快, 大于 $1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C kyr}^{-1}$, 其后依次是PTB、OAE1a、OAE2、TOAE(图4)。相比较而言, 现今全球气温增温速率(取150年增温 $1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)是PETM启动期间中纬度地区增温速率的 $4.2\sim5.6$ 倍。

5 中生代-古近纪两类极热事件引起的环境变化

5.1 两类极热事件引起的海相沉积变化

五个极热事件在浅海环境都有沉积记录。由于板块运动等原因, 现今仅OAE1a、OAE2和PETM保存有深海沉积记录。

5.1.1 NCHE引起的海相沉积变化

(1) 浅海环境碳酸盐台地死亡。碳酸盐台地死亡是指相对海平面上升速率超过浅海生态系统碳酸盐堆积速率时, 碳酸盐台地或生物礁没入透光带以下, 或受到陆源输入影响出现生物生产力降低甚至消亡的现象

(Godet, 2013)。PTB事件期间碳酸盐台地和生物礁死亡, 伴随层状硅质岩和煤消失, 以及黑色页岩、泥质白云岩、黄铁矿、火山灰、微生物岩等的出现(曹长群和郑全锋, 2009); TOAE事件期间, 生物碳酸盐台地死亡, *Lithiotis*灰岩被深灰色的斑点灰岩、微晶灰岩取代(Sabatino等, 2013; Han等, 2016, 2018), 或者转变为无生物的鲕粒灰岩(Trecalli等, 2012); PETM事件期间, 碳酸盐缓坡发生死亡, 碳酸盐岩沉积被砾岩(Li J等, 2017), 或含大量陆源碎屑的钙质泥灰岩沉积打断(Pujalte等, 2014)。

(2) 出现特殊的沉积类型。PTB事件时期在大陆边缘地区广泛出现“错时相”沉积, 包括扁平砾石砾岩、蠕虫状灰岩、微生物岩、碳酸盐岩海底扇、薄层灰岩、条带状灰岩、巨鲕灰岩等(赵小明等, 2008; 李飞等, 2010)。TOAE事件时期特提斯和泛大洋热带/亚热带地区频繁出现具侵蚀面、渠模、丘状层理等沉积构造的风暴沉积(Krencker等, 2015; Han等, 2018; Izumi等, 2018)。PETM事件时期在浅海碳酸盐台地环境下, 碳酸盐岩被砾岩层(Li J等, 2017)或砂质、钙质泥灰岩替代(Pujalte等, 2014), 而在深海环境下钙质泥灰岩被黏土岩替代(Zachos等, 2005)。

5.1.2 PCHE引起的海相沉积变化

(1) 浅海环境下碳酸盐台地部分死亡。OAE1a期间北特提斯碳酸盐岩台地死亡, 出现凝缩段和硬底构造(Skelton和Gili, 2012), 而南特提斯大陆边缘碳酸盐岩台地继续生长, 出现富含*Lithocodium-Bacinella*或*orbitolinid*的沉积(Husinec等, 2012)。OAE2期间, 西特提斯西班牙北部比利牛斯山地区(Drzewiecki和Simo,

1997)、克罗地亚西部地区(Korbar等, 2012)以及土耳其东南(Mulayim等, 2019), 出现浅水碳酸盐台地死亡.

(2) 深水环境出现富有机质的黑色页岩. OAE1a和OAE2事件前后均为远洋灰岩, 而在事件启动阶段均转变为黑色页岩或富含有机质沉积(van Bentum等, 2009; Hu等, 2012; Patruno等, 2015; Li等, 2016).

5.2 两类极热事件引起的古海洋环境变化

本文讨论的极热事件引起的古海洋环境变化主要包括氧化还原条件、海洋酸化和海平面变化三个方面.

5.2.1 NCHE引起的古海洋变化

(1) 海洋出现不同程度的缺氧, 但是缺氧范围有待进一步厘清. PTB期间出现富机质含量的黑色页岩、草莓状黄铁矿、绿硫细菌繁盛等指示缺氧环境的指标(Cao等, 2009). TOAE期间在欧洲北部出现强烈的缺氧环境, 而在欧洲南部则出现不缺氧或贫氧环境(Jenkyns等, 2010). PETM期间全球海洋含氧量降低(Harding等, 2011; Winguth等, 2012), 深海环境下出现缺氧或低氧条件(Palike等, 2014), 而浅海大陆架、斜坡环境下出现季节性缺氧或贫氧(Speijer和Wagner, 2002; Sluijs等, 2014).

(2) 海洋出现酸化, 但是深水与浅水环境下的酸化程度有待进一步查明. 关于PTB期间的海洋酸化, 目前存在较大争议, 一部分学者根据碳酸盐岩钙同位素研究认为在事件启动阶段出现海洋酸化(Payne等, 2010; Hinojosa等, 2012), 而另一些学者根据碳酸盐岩硼同位素研究认为, 在事件负平台阶段发生海洋酸化(Clarkson等, 2015). TOAE期间钙同位素负偏移, 指示海洋发生酸化(Brazier等, 2015). PETM时期深海环境下普遍出现 CaCO_3 溶解, 且随水深加深, CaCO_3 的溶解程度增加(Zachos等, 2005), 同时浮游有孔虫硼同位素组成($\delta^{11}\text{B}$)和B/Ca比值降低, 指示海水表层和溶跃层pH值降低(Penman等, 2014).

(3) 海平面变化争议较大. PTB期间, Jiang等(2014)和Yin等(2014)认为在事件启动阶段存在一次海退, 以煤山第24层顶部“铁壳层”或大贵州滩微生物岩底部的溶蚀面为标志, 而曹长群和郑全锋(2009)则认为“铁壳层”或溶蚀面是海洋酸化引起, 而非海退的结果. TOAE期间, 在事件启动阶段之前存在一次短暂的海

平面下降, 随后海平面上升(Haq, 2018; Krencker等, 2019). PETM事件与海平面变化之间有两种观点, 一种认为在PETM事件启动阶段之前20~200kyr, 发生海平面上升, 海岸线向陆地方向迁移(Speijer和Wagner, 2002; Harding等, 2011; Sluijs等, 2008); 另一种观点认为在PETM事件启动阶段之前, 存在一次短暂的海平面下降, 随后海平面上升(Schmitz和Pujalte, 2003, 2007; Pujalte等, 2014).

5.2.2 PCHE引起的古海洋变化

(1) 氧化还原条件不一, 具时空异性. 例如, OAE1a期间, 在西特提斯深水环境下广泛出现缺氧局限环境, 而在浅水或大陆边缘环境下则出现不缺氧或贫氧环境(Westermann等, 2013). OAE2期间, 原北大西洋深水环境普遍出现缺氧环境(Pancost等, 2004), 其中南部地区缺氧更甚(van Bentum等, 2009, van Helmond等, 2014); 在北大西洋Demera Rise和摩洛哥地区陆架环境下, 出现铁化与缺氧条件交替(van Bentum等, 2009); 但是在中纬度原北大西洋北部, 在缺氧条件下, 亦见短暂的富氧(van Helmond等, 2014; Goldberg等, 2016).

(2) 洋流可能发生重组. 鱼骨化石Nd同位素偏移记录了古海洋洋流的改变, OAE2期间, 北大西洋ODP1258钻孔中鱼骨化石Nd同位素研究发现 ϵ_{Nd} 正偏移8个单位(MacLeod等, 2008), 而在英国Eastbourne剖面上, 鱼骨化石 ϵ_{Nd} 先负偏一个单位, 后正偏3个单位(Zheng等, 2013).

(3) 海洋酸化、海平面变化报道较少. 但是地质记录表明, 即使两极无冰的白垩纪Turonian期也存在快速海平面变化事件(Haq和Huber, 2017).

5.3 两类极热事件引起的陆相沉积环境变化

5.3.1 NCHE引起的陆相沉积环境变化

(1) 陆相极端干旱环境频发. TOAE期间中国北方地区广泛出现杂色或红色沉积物, 指示聚煤作用减弱, 喜热、耐干型植物的数量增加(邓胜徽等, 2012); 北美Bighorn盆地古土壤证据表明, 极端干旱环境出现在PETM启动之前, 一直持续至PETM恢复期才转变为相对潮湿型气候(Wing等, 2005; Kraus和Riggins, 2007).

(2) 陆地水循环增强, 河流形态发生改变. PTB期间, 出现大规模的河流类型的转变, 事件前后为曲流河沉积体系, 而事件期间突然转变为辫状河沉积体系

(Ward等, 2000; Shen等, 2011; Zhu等, 2019). PETM期间, 西班牙Trempe-Graus盆地的水流量增加至少1.35倍, 最高可达14倍(Chen等, 2018), 河漫滩泥质沉积被河流冲积砾岩取代, 为巨大的洪水, 河流改道频繁, 河道宽度大幅度拓宽的结果(Chen等, 2018). 在美国北Bighorn盆地, PETM上下地层为薄层古土壤和厚层泛滥平原沉积, 而PETM期间为厚层古土壤层和薄层泛滥平原沉积或厚层河道砂岩沉积(Kraus等, 2015).

5.3.2 PCHE引起的陆相沉积环境变化

目前关于PCHE对陆相沉积环境影响的研究甚少, 主要原因在于陆相沉积记录较少. PCHE期间营养物质输入增加, 初级生产力增强, 湖泊季节性或永久缺氧, 发育富含有机质的黑色泥岩(Jenkyns, 2010). 干旱潮湿条件不一, 具时空异性. 例如, OAE1a期间, 昌马盆地为较潮湿的气候和季节性干燥气候(Suarez等, 2017); 而北美犹他州前陆盆地则为干旱气候(Ludvigson等, 2010).

6 中生代-古近纪两类极热事件引起的生物变化

定量数据显示, NCHE类PTB、TOAE、PETM事件和PCHE类OAE1a、OAE2事件, 其科级生物绝灭率分别为55.7%、17.3%、7.6%和9.9%、13.6%(Sepkoski, 1996), 其中PTB、TOAE、OAE2三次事件被列入显生宙18次生物大绝灭事件(Bambach, 2006). 由此可见, 相比较而言, NCHE类极热事件比PCHE类极热事件对生物的影响更为显著, 而PETM生物绝灭率低的原因很可能是其高温持续时间较短.

6.1 NCHE与生物变化

6.1.1 海洋生物变化

(1) 海洋生物出现低纬度向高纬度迁移现象. TOAE和PTB事件期间, 菊石、有孔虫、介形虫、箭石等受到影响, 且向极地迁移(Dera等, 2011; Bernardi等, 2018). PETM期, 特提斯低、中纬度以珊瑚为主的浅海碳酸盐台地, 逐步变成以底栖大有孔虫为主要生物的浅水碳酸盐台地, 由于温度升高, 珊瑚从低纬度向中纬度地区迁移, 直至在低中纬度地区消失(Scheibner和Speijer, 2008).

(2) 海洋生物发生不同程度的绝灭或更替. 一些对温度、含氧量、pH等海洋条件敏感的生物, 发生不同程度的绝灭或更替. PTB期间, 钙藻、蠕、四射珊瑚、横板珊瑚、三叶虫、放射虫等栖息环境较窄的生物发生彻底灭绝(沈树忠和张华, 2017), 而一些栖息环境较广的小有孔虫、介形虫、腕足动物、软体动物、菊石、牙形石等灭绝率相对较低(Song等, 2013). TOAE时期特提斯南缘低纬度地区浅水碳酸盐台地上*Lithothamnium*双壳发生绝灭(Trecalli等, 2012; Sabatino等, 2013). PETM时期深海环境底栖小有孔属种绝灭率为30%(Takeda和Kaiho, 2007), 钙质超微化石生物则出现18属更替或灭绝(Gibbs等, 2006), 而在浅水碳酸盐台地上晚古新世底栖大有孔虫组合*Ranikothalia-Miscellanea*被始新世底栖大有孔虫组合*Nummulites-Alveolina*替代(Scheibner等, 2005).

(3) 海洋生物丰度、形态等发生变化. PTB期间, 浅海生物如底栖有孔虫、双壳、腹足、腕足、介形虫、牙形石、鱼以及陆相介形虫和四足动物等体型变小, 而蓝细菌由于缺少竞争和天敌, 在事件之后快速占据主导地位形成微生物岩(Wilson和MacArthur, 1967). TOAE期间, 西特提斯的化石资料表明海相软体动物和小型浮游生物的个体发生明显减小(Morten和Twitchett, 2009). PETM期间, 一些沟鞭藻类异常繁盛, 丰度和分异度增大(Sluijs和Brinkhuis, 2009); 底栖小有孔虫体型急剧变小, 而浮游有孔虫体型变大(Kaiho等, 2006).

6.1.2 陆地生物变化

(1) 陆地生物从低纬度向高纬度迁移. TOAE期间, 喜热、耐干型分子的比例显著增加且向高纬度迁移(邓胜徽等, 2012); PETM期间北美Bighorn盆地松柏类和阔叶林植物群落被豆类植物所替代, 植物群落向北迁移了650~1500km(Wing等, 2005), 此外一些哺乳动物和蜥蜴类也发生了迁移(McInerney和Wing, 2011).

(2) 陆地生物发生不同程度的绝灭或爆发. PTB期间, 华南地区以大羽羊齿为代表的热带雨林植物群基本消失(Shen等, 2011; Yu等, 2015; Bernardi等, 2018), 二叠纪晚期占主导地位的*Dicynodon*动物群被以*Ly-strosaurus*为特征的动物群替代(Ward等, 2005; Gastaldo等, 2019). PETM期间鳄龙属、哺乳动物中近猴科发

生绝灭, 但奇蹄类、偶蹄类、啮齿类及灵长类等新物种呈“爆发式”突然出现(Gingerich, 2003).

6.2 PCHE与生物变化

PCHE事件对陆地生物和浅海生物没有造成明显的影响, 但是一些对环境变化比较敏感的深水生物种属发生部分绝灭或增生. 例如, OAE1a期间钙质超微生物出现明显的危机(Erba等, 2010). OAE2期间浮游轮孔虫属(*Rotalipora*)发生绝灭, 而浮游异卷虫属(*Heterohelix*)发生明显增生(Leckie等, 2002; Erba, 2004). 此外, OAE1a、OAE2期间放射虫属也发生明显的绝灭, 绝灭率分别为41%和58%(Erbacher等, 1996).

7 中生代-古近纪两类极热事件的驱动机制

7.1 NCHE的驱动机制

NCHE类极热事件表现为大量轻碳注入到大气-海洋系统, 导致碳同位素负偏移. 我们认为, 这类极热事件的驱动机制可能是陆地环境(包括浅海环境)喷发的大火成岩省(本文称之为大陆火成岩省, LIP; 图5a).

(1) NCHE类极热事件证实与大陆大火成岩省相关. 高精度的定年技术限定这类极热事件与大火成岩省喷发在时间上的一致性, 如PTB与Siberian LIP、TOAE与Karoo-Ferrar LIP、PTM与北大西洋LIP, 且这几次LIPs都毫无例外地发生在大陆环境(Wignall, 2001; McElwain等, 2005; Bond和Wignall, 2014; Burgess等, 2015, 2017; Ernst和Youbi, 2017).

(2) 虽然关于碳的来源一直存在较大争议, 主要存在大火成岩省喷发和天然气水合物释放两种不同观点, 本文赞成前者. 大火成岩省喷发或者浅层侵入到碳酸盐岩(灰岩、白云岩)、硫酸盐岩(蒸发岩)、有机岩(煤炭、黑色页岩等), 导致大规模 CO_2 、 CH_4 、 H_2S 等气体的排放(Gutjahr等, 2017), 使得巨量轻碳进入到大气-海洋系统, 从而导致碳同位素负偏移和全球增温.

(3) 大陆大火成岩省喷发造成大气-海洋系统的温度、环境、生物发生明显变化. 由于陆地或浅海喷发, 最先影响的是大气陆地环境, 导致全球变暖、野火和干旱频繁、酸雨、大陆风化增强、陆源输入增加、臭氧层破坏等(Ernst和Youbi, 2017). 海洋环境下, 碳酸盐台地消亡、海洋酸化、大洋缺氧等出现, 海相生物发生绝灭、更替或迁移(戎嘉余和黄冰, 2014; 宋海军和

童金南, 2016; Bond和Grasby, 2017; 沈树忠和张华, 2017; Benton, 2018).

7.2 PCHE的驱动机制

PCHE类极热事件主要表现为仅在启动时碳同位素发生短暂的负偏移, 随后很快发生大规模有机质埋藏, 导致碳同位素正偏移. 本文认为, 这类事件的驱动机制可能是深海环境喷发的大火成岩省(本文称之为大洋大火成岩省; 图5b).

(1) PCHE类极热事件证实与大洋大火成岩省相关. 高精度的定年技术限定这类极热事件与大洋大火成岩省喷发在时间上的一致性, Ontong Java LIP与OAE1a、Caribbean LIP与OAE2以及Kerguelan LIP与白垩纪其他几次大洋缺氧事件(OAE1b、OAE1c、OAE1d)在时间上都存在很好的对应关系(Wignall, 2001; Ernst和Youbi, 2017).

(2) PCHE类极热事件为大洋大火成岩省喷发触发. 大洋火成岩省喷发初期, 巨量轻碳进入到大气-海洋系统中, 引起碳同位素短暂负偏移和全球增温, 但是由于其在深海环境喷发, 释放的热量和营养物质, 直接进入海洋系统, 一方面由于喷发高温使得海水溶解氧含量减少, 造成海水缺氧; 另一方面大陆风化及岩浆喷发释放使得海水表层营养物质的增加, 海洋初始生产力增加, 造成海底缺氧. 海水缺氧, 导致有机质大规模埋藏, 碳无法返回到大气-海洋系统, 碳同位素发生正偏移.

(3) 大洋大火成岩省喷发造成全球深海普遍缺氧、有机质大量埋藏和黑色页岩沉积, 浅水碳酸盐岩台地部分死亡, 对陆地、浅海生物并未造成明显的变化, 对深海环境的生物造成较小影响, 如出现钙质超微危机等(Erba等, 2010).

8 潜在应用: 地质历史时期重大气候事件驱动机制的判别

根据现有资料, 本文认为三叠纪-侏罗纪界线事件(~201Ma)(对应于Camp大火成岩省)、白垩纪-古近纪界线事件(~66Ma)(对应于Deccan大火成岩省)均属于NCHE类极热事件, 而其驱动机制为大陆大火成岩省; 早白垩世Valangian OAE事件(~132Ma)(对应于Parana-Etendeka、Bunbury-Comei大火成岩省)(网络版附表

图5 NCHE与PCHE两类极热事件的驱动机制及其引起的气候、环境变化示意图

(a) NCHE类极热事件的驱动机制是陆地环境喷发的大火成岩省; (b) PCHE类极热事件的驱动机制是深海环境喷发的大火成岩省. 修改自Robinson等(2017)

S1, <http://earthcn.scichina.com>), 为PCHE类的极热事件, 而其驱动机制为大洋大火成岩省(附表S1). 这些事件无一例外都保存有良好的岩浆岩记录与沉积地层, 因

此可以建立起成因上的联系. 限于篇幅, 本文不再对这些事件进行论述, 感兴趣的读者可进一步查阅相关论文. 但是, 众所周知, 由于板块俯冲, 晚侏罗世之前

大洋环境下形成的大火成岩省, 多被俯冲消减掉或以零散的方式保留在造山带中, 而此期间发生的重大地质事件, 常因找不到对应时代的岩浆岩记录而无法建立起成因上的联系. 因此, 本文认为在确认属于极热事件的前提下, 可以根据其沉积、古海洋、碳同位素、古生物等特征, 确定其为哪类极热事件, 据此推断其驱动机制.

实例1. 晚三叠世 Carnian 期洪积事件 (约 234~232Ma, CPE): 全球海水表层温度升高约 6~8°C, 碳同位素发生 -4.2‰ 偏移 (Dal Corso 等, 2012; Sun 等, 2019). 事件期间气候转变为湿润、降雨量增多、陆源硅质碎屑输入增强, 碳酸盐岩沉积被打断并转变为陆源碎屑岩沉积 (Simms 和 Ruffell, 1989; 金鑫等, 2015). 陆地植物、浅海无脊椎动物均发生不同程度的更替或绝灭, 如高灭绝率的菊石、海百合, 钙质浮游生物大规模爆发; 陆地上恐龙首次出现, 针叶类植物高度繁盛. 根据该事件表现的碳同位素、环境和生物特征, 认为其为 NCHE 类极热事件, 因此其驱动机制可能为大陆大火成岩省喷发. 众多学者认为 Carnian 期洪积事件驱动机制为北美 Wrangellia 大火成岩省的喷发, 而 Wrangellia 玄武岩主要分布在加拿大西海岸至阿拉斯加南部地区, 其下部为中晚 Ladinian 期含 *Daonella* 黑色页岩, 上部为 Carnian 晚期-Norian 中期浅水碳酸盐地层 (Stanley, 1989), 限定其喷发环境为大陆边缘浅海, 为大陆喷发环境的大火成岩省, 符合大陆大火成岩省喷发驱动 NCHE 事件的推论.

实例2. 早-中寒武世界线事件 (~510Ma): 该界线事件出现碳同位素负偏、硫同位素正偏、海平面上升 (Montañez 等, 2000; Hough 等, 2006) 以及广泛的大洋缺氧 (Zhuravlev 和 Wood, 1996) 和大量生物灭绝 (Sepkoski, 1996). 根据该事件表现的生物和环境响应, 判断其为 NCHE 类极热事件, 因此其驱动机制可能为大陆大火成岩省喷发. 近年来, 澳大利亚西部 Kalkarindji 大火成岩省的时代被精确限定为 (510.7±0.6)Ma (Jourdan 等, 2014), 与早-中寒武世界线事件在时间上高度一致, 且该大火成岩省喷发于陆相环境 (Jourdan 等, 2014), 符合大陆大火成岩省喷发驱动 NCHE 事件的推论.

实例3. Frasnian-Famennian 事件 (~372Ma): 事件时期海水表层增温 ~9°C (Joachimski 等, 2009), 碳同位素正偏移超过 3.0‰ (Joachimski 等, 2002; Xu 等, 2012), 海洋广泛出现缺氧条件和黑色页岩沉积 (Murphy 等,

2000). 该事件是显生宙五大集群灭绝事件之一, 但是受影响的主要是低纬度地区和浅水生态系统, 而高纬度地区和陆地生态系统所受影响较小. 根据该事件表现的碳同位素、沉积环境和生物特征, 判断其为 PCHE 类极热事件, 其驱动机制可能为大洋大火成岩省喷发. Frasnian-Famennian 事件附近出现多期次 Hg 富集, 指示了火山事件的作用 (Racki 等, 2018), 但是未见存在大规模火山岩的直接证据, 因此, 其驱动机制有待今后研究的进一步证实.

9 结论与展望

本文从中生代-古近纪五次极热事件研究出发, 通过对这些事件的碳同位素、持续时间、增温幅度和速率、沉积记录、古海洋条件、古生物等系统总结和深入分析, 获得了一些有趣的定量数据, 为认识当前人类面临的全球气候变暖和判断地质历史时期重大气候事件驱动机制提供了重要的参考和启示. 主要结论如下:

(1) 根据碳同位素特征, 把极热事件分为两类: NCHE 类极热事件以碳同位素总体负偏移为特征, 包括 PTB、TOAE、PETM, 其驱动机制是大陆环境喷发的大火成岩省; PCHE 类极热事件以碳同位素总体正偏移为特征, 包括 OAE1a、OAE2, 其驱动机制是深海环境喷发的大火成岩省.

(2) NCHE 类极热事件表现为大量轻碳释放到大气-海洋系统, 导致了碳同位素负偏移. 大陆环境下形成大火成岩省, 造成全球增温, 极端干旱和野火频发, 大陆风化增强和陆源碎屑输入增多, 浅海碳酸盐台地消亡, 大洋出现酸化、缺氧、生物大量灭绝等.

(3) PCHE 类极热事件表现为大规模有机质埋藏, 导致了碳同位素正偏移. 深海环境喷发的大火成岩省主要对深海环境和生物产生一定影响, 对全球大气增温和浅海和陆地环境、生物的影响不甚明显, 造成大洋广泛缺氧, 黑色页岩沉积, 部分碳酸盐岩台地死亡.

认识过去是为了更好地预测未来. 深时极热事件为认识人类当前面临的全球气候变暖提供了独一无二的可供对比和借鉴的研究实例. 2017年, *SCIENCE CHINA Earth Sciences* 曾出版一个专题 (Hu 等, 2017), 聚焦白垩纪温室气候与海平面变化. 2018年, 英国皇家学会以“极热事件: 在地质过去发生的快速而极端的全球变暖”为主题组织了学术讨论会, 并出版了同名专辑

的11篇论文(Foster等, 2018)。这些研究成果集中反映了对温室气候及其发生的极热事件的认识水平。限于地质记录保留的不完整性和气候-环境参数的不精确性, 科学界对极热事件的认识还存在局限性和片面性, 这有赖于更多高精度、可靠的定量数据的获取。加强深时古气候研究(王成善等, 2017), 尤其是对极热事件的研究, 无论对于了解地球的过去还是认识地球和人类的未来都有极其重要的理论和现实意义。

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