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Variation of C-14 concentrations of single-yr tree rings at the rapid change in 2600-yrBP

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Abstract content

C-14 concentrations of single-yr tree rings indicate solar modulations of cosmic rays such as 11-yr solar cycle. Old tree rings are a powerful tool to detect the variations of cosmic-rays in past time. From C-14 dating, the calendar age of the Choukai Jindai cedar in Japan (39°N) was ranged in from 2757 to 2437 cal BP with 320 tree rings. According to IntCal04 which is the standard internationally recommended radiocarbon calibration data set, a rapid change of the C-14 concentrations is seen in 50 years in 2650 to 2600 cal BP by calendar year. In order to investigate the structure in detail, we have measured the C-14 concentrations of single-yr tree rings using the Choukai Jindai cedar during the 50 years, because the data set of IntCal04 was for 5- year span. The C-14 of single-yr tree rings have been measured with the highly accurate liquid scintillation counting system with 0.2% accuracy synthesizing a large quantity of 5.3 g benzene for each alpha cellulose sample produced from tree rings. The measured C-14 concentrations showed a rapid change with the decreasing rate of 0.8% for 2 years. We report the structure of the C-14 variation.

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