

## Distance trend across the Suruga Bay

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The distance measurement is of prime importance for monitoring the crustal-movement at the stressing area between Phillippine plate and the Eurasian one. The developed device has a resolution of ca 1 cm over the distance of 50 kilometers or more.

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