

## Seismicity change around the inferred locked zone in the Tokai area (3)

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The seismicity in and around the inferred locked zone in the Tokai area appears to indicate complex pattern changes after 1996. By now, three epochs of 1996.10, 1999.8, and 2000.10 can be discriminated, before and after which quiescence or activation of the seismicity happened. We interpret these epochs as 'episodic pre-slip', which may trigger stress re-distribution, and cause a change of the seismicity pattern.