台風12号による深層崩壊と、それに先だった重力斜面変形
Deep-seated catastrophic landslides induced by typhoon 12 and their precursory gravitational slope deformation

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台風12号は、2011年9月2日から5日にかけて西日本に影響と、特に紀伊山地では2000mmを超える降をもたらし、14以上の深層崩壊を発生した。これらの崩壊は、住居の直撃、天然ダムの形成、または増水した河川への突入による津波の発生を引き起こした。これらは面積36000㎡から549000㎡と大規模であり、最大の崩壊体積は1500万m³と見積もられる。発生したものの内大規模な14の深層崩壊について、発生前の1m DEM解析および空中写真観察行った結果、1つの大斜率を除いて、いずれも発生前に将来観点と呼ばれる位置に重力変形による小規模を伴っていたことがわかった。これらの大斜率は、傾斜33°から45°、高20mから30mで、空中写真では極めて注意深く観察して見出されるものが多い。最大傾斜方向断面で考えると、その水平長と崩壊傾斜断面長の比は5〜21%であり、これは発生前の斜面変形程度が小さいことを示している。残りの一つの崩壊は、河川断面の下方に堆積土が積み、その下部に崩壊があり、この崩壊が上方に拡大した結果上方岩盤断面が不安定化したと解される。また、これらの崩壊の観点と崩壊最下部を結ぶ線の傾斜はいずれも27°から34°であった。これらの特徴は、深層崩壊発生場所予測に重要な手掛かりとなるものである。

キーワード: 深層崩壊、台風12号、地形発達、地質、岩盤クリープ、重力斜面変形
Keywords: deep-seated landslide, typhoon 12, slope development, geology, mass rock creep, gravitational slope deformation
Prediction of deep-seated landslides by heavy rainfall needs combination of two complementary approaches that focus on geological and geomorphological predisposition of hillslopes, and hydrological triggering of final slope destabilization. Analyses of topography and rainfall history will provide a clue to understand processes leading to deep-seated landslides in mountainous landscape. This study reports the case of deep-seated landslides caused by typhoon 12 in 2011, in Kii Mountains, Japan. A GIS-based topographic analysis revealed the distribution of potential hillslope instability in the terrain, and hence offered an interpretation for location of the landslides. Timing and motion of several landslides are reconstructed by seismic-wave records. We examined relationships between preceding rainfall and volume or speed of sliding mass to evaluate threshold conditions leading to landslides.

Keywords: deep-seated landslide, rainfall history, landscape evolution, hazard zoning
Seismic recordings of the Landslides caused by Typhoon Talas

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Typhoon Talas passed Japan Island on September 3-4, 2011 and brought substantial rainfall in western part of Japan. Total rainfall by this typhoon exceeds 2000mm in Kii peninsula, which caused many landslides in Nara, Wakayama, and Mie prefectures. 73 people were killed and 19 were reported missing by this typhoon.

The seismic signals due to these landslides are recorded by dense seismic network in Japan. The long-period surface waves are recorded by broadband seismic network (F-net) all over Japan (NIED, 2011), and short-period ground motions are recorded by the high-sensitive seismic network (Hi-net) as much as a few hundred km away. The landslide signals are usually tens of seconds long and have smooth onset, thus it is easy to distinguish to records of small earthquakes with couple of seconds duration. The typical landslide recordings are shown in Fig. 1. We applied back-projection technique (Spudich and Cranswick, 1984) to the records and determined the timing and location of each landslide.

We successfully detected several landslides in the continuous seismic recordings, and large events with volume more than 1 million m3 were located by the back-projection method. The seismic waveforms are very characteristic, and composed of high-frequency ground motion (frequency > 1Hz) and low-frequency ground motion (frequency < 0.1Hz). This complicated waveforms reflects the actual mechanism of landslides, and helps to understand the mass movement in time series.

The sequence of the landslides caused by Typhoon Talas can be located by the conventional source relocation technique in seismology. The seismic signal can tell the snapshot of the process of the landslides, which is rarely observed in visual (Suwa et al, Socio et al.). This is one of the most well-recorded landslide sequences all over the world. This seismic network is originally designed for locating seismic activities, but continuous records are very important to understand the mechanisms of the natural phenomenon as shown in this presentation.
Distribution of convex slope breaks and fluvial knickpoints which are regarded as ”erosion front” and deep-seated landslides induced by typhoon 1112 have been investigated to reveal how landslides develop in the context of long-term slope development. We analyzed mountain topography by using 10-m mesh DEM, topographic maps and aerial photographs in the central Kii Mountains, southwest Japan. We found that convex slope break is widely distributed about 200m above the present riverbed in study area, and it divides the area into lower dissected area and upper palaeosurface. Dissected area is divided into lower and upper parts by at least one slope break. These slope breaks were formed by active incision, and the incision dissected palaeosurface and propagated main stream to tributaries and downstream to upstream. Deep-seated landslides tend to occur in slopes with these slope breaks, because undercut slopes are unstable and partly suffered gravitational deformation. Topographic analysis by erosion front has the potential to identify the landslide-susceptible region roughly but widely.

Keywords: deep-seated landslides, erosion front

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The geological characteristics of the Leye landslide near Alishan, Taiwan

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Serious landslides occurred in Leye region near Alishan, Taiwan in 2009 during Typhoon Morakot struck. This study investigated the mechanism of the Leye landslides and the characteristic of the nearby geological characteristics in the landslide area. The fluvial processes of the Tsengwen River should influence the landform thereby also influence the development of the Leye landslides. The landslide is triggered by the intense rainfall of Typhoon Morakot. Also, in the sedimentary formation of Leye region, the geological structures, such as synclines, anticlines and dip slopes control the displacement of the landslides. The mitigation works maybe helpful to retard possible complex the hazards in recent coming years. Emergency evacuation could be a better solution to mitigate the hazards in the Leye landslide area.

Keywords: Landslide, dip slope, mechanism, mitigation
Gravitational slope deformation induced by transient waves of incision in northern Taiwan

At least 11% of the upper Shihmen Reservoir catchment is affected by gravitational slope deformation in the northern part of the Hueshan Mountain Range, Taiwan, where is underlain by Oligocene and Miocene sedimentary rocks and metamorphic rocks. The gravitational slope deformation has occurred as a response to the propagation of new incision waves to palaeosurfaces. Therefore, landscape evolution must be accounted for to predict and to evaluate potential sites of catastrophic landslides, most of which are preceded by gravitational slope deformation. Geomorphic analyses combined with cosmogenic nuclide dating revealed that at least three phases of transient waves of incision have propagated into paleosurfaces with a minimum age of 140 ka. Tectonically induced base-level fall triggered the first incision wave around 120 to 140 ka, dissecting palaeosurfaces and inspiring gravitational slope deformation. The second incision wave probably driven by global sea-level lowering during last glacial age has reached to the catchment around 13 to 15 ka with an enormously rapid incision rate of 20 mm a⁻¹, inducing slope movements. Climate forcing such as increasing monsoonal precipitation during the last glacial-to-interglacial transition may have been another cause of the rapid incision. The third incision wave is apparently associated with a local base level change. The trigger and its initiation are as yet unknown. This younger incision made steeper slopes (avg. 39.8 degree), over several tens to a few hundred meters above current river bed. These are small landslide-prone slopes since numerous numbers of smaller landslides are concentrated on the lowest steep part of the river-side hillslopes.

Surface exposure dating on slip surface of an ancient landslide on a dip slope reveals the occurrence of the landslide in the late Holocene epoch, suggesting the development of the deep-seated slope deformation creates suitable conditions in a long-term (in the order of millions of years) for the subsequent landslide activities since the paleosurface has been dissected by the first incision wave. Recent catastrophic landslides had been preceded by gravitational slope deformation of rocks with adverse geological structures, suggesting that major-landslide prone slopes are dip-slopes of alternating beds of sandstone and mudstone at the margins of the paleosurface.

Keywords: gravitational slope deformation, transient waves of incision, paleosurface, cosmogenic nuclide dating
斜面崩壊地帯における自然電位観測に関する研究
In-situ self potential measurement for monitoring of landslide process

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近年、集中豪雨の頻度が増加するにつれて、斜面崩壊の発生件数も増加する傾向にある。降雨に起因する斜面崩壊過程を把握し、斜面の監視や崩壊を予測することは重要な課題である。そこで我々は自然電位法（Self Potential = SP）による斜面崩壊の早期予測システムの開発を試みている。これまでの室内実験の結果から、SP によって地表下での飽和域の成長、鉛直方向から斜面方向への流路の変化、崩壊 20 分前の SP のトランジェントな信号の出現が観察され、SP 法を用いた地下水モニタリングが有望であることがわかりつつある。しかし室内実験は二次元的であり、土層が均質であるため、室内実験だけでは限界がある。そこで本研究では、インドネシア Pelabuhan Ratu の斜面崩壊地帯に観測点を設置し、実斜面による検証観測を開始した。

具体的には、SP 測定電極を斜面崩壊方向に 2 測線、直交方向に 1 測線の 3 測線、計 13 か所に埋設した。深さは 1.0，2.5，4.0 m である。また、地下水流動（間隙水压）を調査するために、テンシオメーターを設置した。テンシオメーターは 5 測線設け、各測線 0.5，1.0，1.5，2.0，3.0 m の深さに計 25 個設置した。テンシオメーターの結果から観測斜面は飽和もしくは飽和に近い状態にあることがわかった。また、地下水の傾斜を求めるためのボアホールを 2 か所、及び雨量計を設置した。

その結果、実斜面では観測された SP 値と間隙水圧値には線形関係があり、両者を結び付ける界面動電極結合係数 C は約 2.0 (mV/m) と算出した。ここで、間隙水圧値と単位面積の単位面積の単位面積を通過する水の圧力と発生する電位に関する係数であり、水質が同じである限り土壌によって決まる。また、降雨に伴い SP の変動が局的に変動することが確認された。そこで、この結果、SP 变動は水の流れによるものであると考え、隣り合う電極の電位差を求める。その結果、降水量の少ない日では鉛直下向きの流れを示すと考えられる SP の変動が確認され、隣り合う電極の電位差を求める。その結果、降水量の少ない日では流速が水の流れを示すと考えられる SP の変動が確認され、降雨に伴う地表水の水位変動が観察された。しかし、降雨量の多い日において、斜面方向の流動速度を示すと考えられる SP の変動が確認された。また、理論的に動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ、降雨に伴う地表水の動電極の位置を計算したところ。
Statistical emulation of a landslide-generated tsunami model

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Due to the catastrophic consequences of tsunamis, early warnings need to be issued quickly in order to mitigate the hazard. Additionally, there is a need to represent the uncertainty in the predictions of tsunamis’ characteristics corresponding to the uncertain trigger features (e.g. either position, shape and speed of a landslide, or sea floor deformation associated with an earthquake). Unfortunately, computer models are expensive to run. This leads to significant delays in predictions and makes the uncertainty quantification impractical. Statistical emulators run almost instantaneously and may represent well the outputs of the computer model. In this paper, we employ the Outer Product Emulator to build a fast statistical surrogate of a landslide-generated tsunami computer model. This Bayesian framework enables us to build the emulator by combining prior knowledge of the computer model properties with a few carefully chosen model evaluations. The good performance of the emulator is validated using the Leave-One-Out method.

Keywords: landslide, tsunami, statistical emulation, hazard assessment

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TSUNAMI GENERATION BY GRANULAR LANDSLIDES IN VARIOUS SCENARIOS

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Tsunamis generated by landslides and volcanic island collapses account for some of the most catastrophic events. Major tsunamis caused by landslides or volcanic island collapse were recorded at Unzen in 1792, Krakatoa in 1883, Grand Banks, Newfoundland in 1929, Lituya Bay, Alaska in 1958, Papua New Guinea in 1998, and Java in 2006.

Source and runup scenarios based on real world events are physically modeled in the three dimensional NEES tsunami wave basin (TWB) at Oregon State University (OSU). A novel pneumatic landslide tsunami generator (LTG) was deployed to simulate landslides with varying geometry and kinematics. The LTG consists of a sliding box filled with up to 1,350 kg of naturally rounded river gravel which is accelerated by means of four pneumatic pistons down the 2H: 1V slope, launching the granular landslide towards the water at velocities of up to 5 m/s.

Topographical and bathymetric features can greatly affect wave characteristics and runup heights. Landslide tsunamis are studied in different topographic and bathymetric configurations: far field propagation and runup, a narrow fjord and curved headland configurations, and a conical island setting representing landslides off an island or a volcanic flank collapse.

Water surface elevations were measured using an array of resistance wave gauges. The granulate landslide width, thickness and front velocity were measured using above and underwater cameras. Landslide 3-dimensional surface reconstruction and surface velocity properties were measured using a stereo particle image velocimetry (PIV) setup. The speckled pattern on the surface of the granular landslide allows for cross-correlation based PIV analysis. Wave runup was measured with resistance wave gauges along the slope and verified with video image processing. The measured landslide and tsunami data serve to validate and advance 3-dimensional numerical landslide tsunami and prediction models.

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Debris flow hazards in Malaysia: The need for comprehensive mapping and risk assessment

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Debris flow is quite common in hilly and mountainous areas. In Malaysia, it is the life-threatening landslide disaster, the type of landslides that killed many lives compared to other landslide types. While many natural debris flows have occurred in areas without human settlement, there were at least 15 cases of killer debris flows since year 1994, at least 137 people were killed. Several major debris flows events in Malaysia were: (1) a multiple-landslide cum debris flow flooded a major highway in Genting Sempah, Selangor killed 21 road users that were in their idling vehicles when the road was blocked by a small landslip. The debris flow started from landslides at the headwaters of the steep mountain flanking the highway; (2) a debris flow devastated a local village in Pos Dipang, Perak in 1996, 44 people died. The debris flow nucleated by several landslides in the upper valley scouring the valley, subsequently created temporary dams along the river before the village. The village was eventually swept away by overwhelmed debris flood when the temporary dams broke; (3) in Johor, Vamei-Typhoon storm with the strength that capable of uprooting trees and heavy rain attributed to several induced landslides then debris flow in Gunung Pulai in the year 2001. Four houses were swept away by the debris flood and 5 were killed, due to debris accumulated before a bridge across the river broke, and; (4) in 2002, 16 lives perished when debris flow buried their village in Ruan Changkul, Sarawak. It buried an 8-unit long house, the 20,000 cubic meter debris was initiated from a landslide on the agricultural land on top of the hill. More recently, in August 2011, a debris flow in Sungai Ruil, Cameron Highlands buried 4 houses at a foot slope, 7 killed while 2 injured; the houses were situated 150m away from the source of the landslide.

In Malaysia, the debris flow landslide is becoming an alarming disaster as development are encroaching the fringe of highlands and mountainous areas. The hazards from the adjacent slopes or upstream located far away has yet to be considered in many risk assessment. Only a limited mapping and identification of debris flow were carried out at very local scale while there are many places in Malaysian topography of mountainous and dissected hilly terrain are vulnerable to debris flow. Currently, research on debris flows in Malaysia is still very limited to post-disaster investigation within the areas of debris flow where disasters occurred, particularly if death is involved.

A nation-wide mapping is proposed to be carried out to delineate areas of potential and vulnerable to debris flows. The first level of national mapping will rely on topographical and geological data to identify elements that are susceptible to debris flow with emphasising on the basin geometry, geomorphology, modelling of run-out distance of a debris flow and at-risk cultural elements.

Keywords: debris flow, landslide, Malaysia, debris flood
Monitoring of the rapid weathering in a badland of Plio-Pleistocene mudstone area, southwest Taiwan

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We monitored water contents and electric conductivities beneath a slope surface in a badland, southwest Taiwan, where highly incised topography is formed by rapid erosion of about 10 cm/year on Plio-Pleistocene mudstone. Badland is characterized by dissected bold landscape with gullies and ridges. It is widely distributed in arid to semi-arid areas in the world (ex. South Dakota in America, Loess area in China, south Italy and southeast Spain). Slope surface in badland of weak mudstone is markedly characterized by surface crusting and desiccation cracks, which reach 10 to 20 cm depths. Erosion in such badlands is assumed to be related to high saline contents. We set sensors for temperature, water content, and electric conductivity at 0 to 40 cm depths beneath a slope surface and measured them at 10 minutes intervals from 2009 to 2011. A rain gauge was set 1 m above the ground in front of the monitoring slope and hygro-thermo meters were set 10 cm above the slope surface and with the rain gauge.

About 1900 mm of precipitation occurred during the monitoring interval and over 96% of the rainfall was in the rainy season from May to September. Air temperatures and relative humidities gradually increased to rainy seasons from dry season. Water contents near the slope surface were lowest in the dry season and increased by infrequent rainfall events, and became quite high in rainy seasons. Salinity, which is estimated from electric conductivities and water contents, near slope surface was lowest in dry seasons and increased in early rain seasons. The increased salinity was diluted by heavy rainfall events in rainy seasons and intensive erosion occurred by the grain dispersion by the dilution. Water penetration depths were 30 to 40 cm in dry seasons and became much shallower to a depth of about 10 cm in rainy seasons. The decrease in the water penetration depths may be attributable to the self sealing of cracks by rock expansion when wet.

Keywords: badland, Plio-Pleistocene mudstone, rapid erosion, weathering, salt movement, monitoring
An application of the diffusion and advection equations for the evolution of a gravel slope

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The diffusion and advection equations were manually coupled to model the evolution of a gravel slope in Da-keng, Taichung, Taiwan. The two equations were discretized using finite difference method and coded in Matlab environment. Field topographical surveys of the gravel slope and previous digital terrain data were used for calibrating the diffusion and advection coefficients used in the equations. We show that the evolution of slope decline and parallel retreat can be well described the gravel slope evolution in Da-keng. A non-homogeneous slope was simulated by varying the corresponding diffusion and advection coefficients for the non-homogeneous slope.

Keywords: Slope evolution, diffusion model, advection model
Fluctuation in excess pore water pressures triggered by earthquakes at the Busuno landslide

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1. Introduction

The Busuno landslide, located in the Busuno area of the eastern part of the city of Matsumoto in Nagano Prefecture, Japan, is a well-known example of a large earthquake-induced landslide. This landslide, which consists of three main components, has been the subject of numerous studies due to its significant size and its relationship with the 2003 Niigata earthquake. The studies have focused on understanding the mechanisms of landslide development and the role of excess pore water pressure in the triggering of the landslide. This paper aims to contribute to the understanding of the relationship between earthquakes and the development of landslides by analyzing the excess pore water pressures induced by earthquakes at the Busuno landslide.

2. Methodology

The methodology employed in this study involves the analysis of earthquake data from the K-net seismic network and the measurement of excess pore water pressures at the Busuno landslide. The analysis of earthquake data includes the identification of seismic events that may have caused excess pore water pressures, such as earthquakes with magnitudes greater than 6.0. The measurement of excess pore water pressures involves the installation of piezometers at strategic locations within the landslide area to monitor changes in pore water pressures.

3. Results

The results of the analysis show a correlation between the occurrence of seismic events and the development of excess pore water pressures at the Busuno landslide. This correlation suggests that earthquakes, particularly those with magnitudes greater than 6.0, can trigger excess pore water pressures, which may lead to the mobilization of landslide materials. The analysis also indicates that the magnitude of the excess pore water pressures generated by earthquakes is significant and can contribute to the destabilization of the landslide.

4. Discussion

The findings of this study highlight the importance of understanding the relationship between earthquakes and the development of landslides. This understanding can help in the development of early warning systems for landslides and in the implementation of effective mitigation strategies. Further research is needed to explore the role of excess pore water pressures in the triggering of landslides and to develop more accurate models for predicting landslide behavior.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the analysis of excess pore water pressures induced by earthquakes at the Busuno landslide shows a clear correlation between seismic events and the development of landslides. This correlation suggests that earthquakes, particularly those with magnitudes greater than 6.0, can trigger excess pore water pressures, which may lead to the mobilization of landslide materials. Further research is needed to explore the role of excess pore water pressures in the triggering of landslides and to develop more accurate models for predicting landslide behavior.

Keywords: landslide, earthquake, excess pore water pressure, peak ground acceleration
The sandbox experiments to understand Self-Potential changes associated with water flow

Landslides are one of the most severe natural disasters in the world and there are two types; rainfall induced landslides and landslides triggered by an earthquake. In this research, basic study on early warning system for landslides will be performed to understand rainfall-induced landslide process by hydrological and electromagnetic changes. The final goal of the research is to develop a simple methodology for landslide monitoring/forecasting using self potential method. Conventional methods for monitoring landslides are based on geotechnical and hydrological approaches measuring pore pressures and displacements on the surface. In these methods, boreholes are required in general which may disturb the subsurface water system. Making boreholes is costly and it is not so practical for field applications. On the other hand, self potential measurement using two electrodes is easy to set up and run continuously.

In this study, the sandbox experiment has been conducted to understand the relation between water flow and self potential using a network of electrodes set in the tank. For the sandbox system, it is possible to control the water table and easily to drain water from the tank and infiltrate water into the tank. Controlling water flow in the tank, we conducted repeatedly experiments. In consequence, we could get the relation between the magnitude of water flow and self potential. The details will be given in our presentation.
アナログモデル実験による断層崖斜面の形状と崩壊パターンの検討
Geometry and pattern of slope failures at a fault scarp in analogue models

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斜面崩壊現象は、地質的・地形的な要因により不安定化した斜面が、豪雨や地震等を引き金に崩壊する自然現象で、我々の生活に大きな被害を与える。そのため、将来の集中豪雨や地震等に備えて、斜面不安定化に寄与する各種要因を分析し、崩壊危険性を評価しておくことは大変重要である。本研究では、斜面崩壊の地質的要因である逆断層活動に注目し、断層活動に伴う斜面の形状や、発達、崩壊に関して、アナログモデル実験を用いた検討を行った。実験では豪雨の再現を行うが、また静的な条件で実験を行うことで地震等の影響を無視できるようにした。これにより、斜面の発達および崩壊に関する逆断層活動のみの影響を考慮できるように工夫した。

本実験では、逆断層変位を基基盤上に堆積する堆積層に発達する斜面を模擬した。30 度の角度で切断した木製ブロックを基盤層上に立て実験装置内に配し、その上に堆積層として乾燥砂を堆積させた。そして、木製ブロックに非常にゆっくりと逆断層変位を与えた、乾燥砂に斜面を発生させた。実験中の斜面の発達と崩壊の様子を、デジタルカメラを用いて、上方および側方から一定時間間隔で撮影した。得られた画像をデジタル画像相関法 (Digital image correlation: DIC) により解析することで、モデルの変形過程を時系列で取得し、堆積層表面の斜面の 3 次元形状およびその崩壊パターン、断面の断層活動などをについて、互いの関連性について検討した。

斜面の 3 次元形状を観察すると、斜面長に従って、斜面下端に一定幅の急傾斜部が見られた。一方、モデル側方の画像から可視化される断層は、地表付近では、常に斜面下端でほぼ一定幅で活動していた。両者は大変整合的であっ。このことは、斜面傾斜分布中の急傾斜部の存在から、斜面下に存在する断層の位置や幅を推定可能であることを示唆している。

斜面は、堆積層表面に直線状に発生するのではなく、ある程度の曲率を持って発生した。上盤側へ凸な位置では、上盤上昇量が大きく、多断層面の大きさ斜上部から崩壊する「大規模斜面崩壊」が多く発生した。一方、下盤側へ凸な位置では、上盤上昇量が小さく、大規模斜面崩壊が少なかった。また、上盤上昇量が増大し斜面が発達するにつれて、斜面下端は徐々に直線的になり、斜面上端は斜面上発生初期の曲率が増加される形状へと変化した。このように、観察された現象により、斜面発生初期の曲率が増加された形状へと変化した。このことから、表面における斜面の曲率より、大規模斜面崩壊の危険性を定量化できる可能性が示唆される。

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3D remote-sensing study of the spatial distribution of landslides in SE Weihe Basin, central China

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Many factors may be responsible for the occurrence of landslides, such as moderate to large magnitude earthquakes, typhoons as well as human activity. The landslides triggered by the earthquake are mostly concentrated in and around the epicentral area of large earthquakes over a distance of tens of kilometers, as well their distribution is strongly affected by the seismic faulting (e.g. Ren and Lin, 2010). To learn the distribution of landslides and its controlling factors is vital to make the risk assessments of landslide hazard, especially within the seismic active region.

Remote-sensing techniques have been applied to learn the spatial distribution of co-seismic landslides, based on cross-check of the refraction features of images acquired before and after the earthquake. Meanwhile, Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data with world-wide coverage (e.g. 90-m SRTM data) were also used to learn the topographic features of locations where landslides occurred (e.g. Ren and Lin, 2010). However, most of by previous studies are limited to analyze in map-view. Here we present a case study of the distribution of landslides and its relation to the active normal faults in SE Weihe Basin, central China, by using the 3D remote-sensing techniques which has been previously applied to detect the locations of seismic faults associated with moderate to large magnitude earthquakes.

In this study, higher resolution remote-sensing images (1-m IKONOS and 0.5-m WorldView data) were processed and analyzed in 3D perspective views by draping them on the 30-m ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model (ASTER GDEM) data. High-resolution Google Earth images if available were also used to cross-check the spatial distribution of landslides. Based on the results of our analysis, we then conducted the fieldwork to validate the interpretations of the remote-sensing images.

The results of our analysis indicate that the landslides are mostly distribution in the regions between the Weinan and Huayin city, which was inferred as the epicentral area of 1556 M8.5 Huaxian earthquake. Meanwhile, the landslides (including the largest Lianhuashi and Zhangling landslides) are generally developed upon the steep slopes \(30^\circ-65^\circ\) within a narrow zone with width of \(8-11\) km and \(3\) km along the Huashan Piedmont Fault and Northern Margin Fault of the Weinan Loess Tableland, respectively. The distribution of landslides was affected by the active faults and slope morphology in study area. The devastating 1556 M8.5 Huaxian earthquake caused widespread damages in the densely-populated region around the Xi’an city, an old capital of China, resulting in more than 830,000 deaths (largest total ever claimed), including the people killed by the giant landslides (e.g. Zhangling landslide). 3D remote-sensing techniques show their advantages to precisely constrain the spatial distribution of landslides and thus make the risk assessment of landslide hazard in the seismically active regions, such as the SE Weihe Basin.

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Topographies of hazardous events on the bottom of Caldera Lake Kussharo, Hokkaido, Japan

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There are a lot of large caldera lakes in volcanic arcs such as Japan. Caldera lakes and their surroundings have good sceneries and hot springs; a lot of resorts located in their lakesides. However, the existence of abundant water in high elevation may provide the risk of the residences around the caldera lakes. The reasons are as follows: volcanic activities exist on the bottom of caldera lakes in many cases, and the inside of caldera rim is steep slope with large difference in elevation, their rims consist of lava and pyroclast which is preferred geology for catastrophic landslides. Volcanic activities and catastrophic landslides may cause overflow of lake water or tsunami. Their risk should be analyzed.

We are trying that analysis for Lake Kussharo in Hokkaido. Lake Kussharo is located in Kussharo Caldera which is the largest caldera in Japan. The lake has 79.3 km\(^2\) in areas. The elevation of water surface is 121 m a. s. l. Only one river, Kushiro River flows from the lake to the downstream to Kushiro city. The resort area, Kawayu hot spring resort town is developed along lakeside. Volcanic activities are still active in this area. Mt. Atosanupuri erupted during the last few thousand years. The caldera rim has steep slopes and the highest part is 1000 m a. s. l. There are a lot of topographies of huge landslide masses and huge horseshoe shaped cliffs on the slope of rim. The terraces of old lake bottom lie on the wide area from the lakeside to the level of 150 m a. s. l. In addition, we found old terraces at the level of ca. 105-110 m a. s. l. and 95-90 m a. s. l. by our sonic survey. These terraces suggest that the level of water surface has repeatedly fluctuated.

We surveyed topography and geology of the ground surface and the bottom of lake using the sonic survey. In this presentation, we will mention about characteristic topographies related to past hazardous events. In particular, we found the mound-like hills in two areas. One area is ca 1 km in width from north to south and ca 1.5 km in length from east to west. This area has many small mounds, and their maximum size is ca 400 m in width and 20 m in height. Another area is ca 1.2km in width from north to south and ca 0.7 km in length from east to west. This area has also many small mounds, and their maximum size is ca 50 m in width and 20 m in height. These two areas are close to Nakajima Island which is the central cone of caldera. So, we deduce that both mound-like hills were flowed from Nakajima Is. by huge collapses. Also we found other topographies related to past hazardous events: landslide debris extended ca 2.5 km in width and ca 0.5 km in length near lakeside; a landslide involving bedded sediment; small eruptions with lava having width of ca 100 m; and topographies of depression associated with volcanic activities.

There are a lot of landslide masses and horseshoe shaped cliffs on the slope of rim. However, we could not find remains on their feet. Thus, most of their topographies on the rim do not concern recent hazardous events. The topographies we found are clear, so they probably formed after the formation of lake. Hazardous events formed their topographies could cause flood or tsunami, and then further events may occur around caldera lakes. Their risks should be considered for disaster prevention.

Keywords: Caldera lake, Landslide, Natural hazard, Lake Kussharo, Sonic survey