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Estimation of Radiated Seismic Energy from Regional and Teleseismic Waveforms

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Therefore, it is important to compare different methods for estimating the radiated energy. Especially, we are interested in studying the apparent stress (rigidity multiplied by the ratio between radiated energy and seismic moment) of strike-slip earthquakes in the oceanic lithosphere, because it is often high (Choy and McGarr, 2002). However, this result is obtained from teleseismic P waves, and it is often difficult to correct for the radiation pattern of nodal arrivals, therefore, the estimated apparent stress may have a large variations.

In this study, we estimated the radiated energy for two large strike-slip earthquakes in Japan, the 2000 western Tottori earthquake (Mw 6.7) and the 2005 West off Fukuoka Prefecture earthquake (Mw 6.6), using both regional (less than 100km) and teleseismic (30 deg < delta < 90 deg) waveforms. To estimate the energy correctly, it is necessary to account for source effects (e.g.,radiation pattern) and path effects (e.g.,attenuation). We use only P waves for the teleseismic waveform, because of the strong attenuaion of teleseismic S waves and interference with other phases. For the teleseismic waveforms we need to account not only direct P but also depth phase, pP and sP (Boatwright and Choy, 1986).

The results show that the radiated energy of two earthquakes are not high. We will examine the each data carefully, and evaluate the differences in results from the different teleseismic and locally recorded data.

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