

## Comprehensive investigation of the liquefied layers in the downstream basin of the Tone River

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We conducted the drilling survey and core analysis, trenching survey, boring data analysis and the microtopographical classification to clarify the characteristics of the liquefied layers in the downstream basin of the Tone River, central Japan. It is supposed that the sandy layers younger than 1 ka : the upper part of the alluvium were likely to be liquefied.

Keywords: liquefied layer, drilling survey, trenching survey, alluvium, microtopographical classification, downstream basin of Tone River

## Liquefaction-fluidization horizons in subsurface strata at The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake in Tonega

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Eastern Japan had serious damage by the and after shocks. Liquefaction-fluidization phenomena with few tens centimeter to one meter subsidence occurred widely around paleo-river channel at this earthquakes on Tonegawa lowland area along the Kashiwazaki-Cyoshi tectonic line. The phenomena with few centimeter subsidence occurred in narrow part of the paleo-river channel on there at the 1987 east off Chiba prefecture earthquake. Authors have investigation by continuous borings and trenches around the liquefaction-fluidization part. Liquefaction-fluidization horizons and stratigraphy after the last glacial epoch by continuous borings on Kozaki-shinnjyuku in Kozaki town in the Tonegawa lowland area are showed as follows. The strata after glacial epoch consist of Sawara formation and Man-made Strata. Sawara formation have more than 55 meter thick. The formation is composed of lower member, middle member and upper member. Lower member mainly consists of medium sand bed and pebbly dense fluvial sand bed. Middle member mainly consists of brackish coarse silt bed with flaser and wavy bedding and brackish to fresh clayly silt bed. Upper member mainly consists of clean loose fluvial fine sand bed with cross bedding and plant fragments. Man-made Strata consists of mainly clean very loose medium sand by hydraulic fill with about 5 meter thick. Liquefaction-fluidization horizons are Man-made Strata and upper member of Sawara formation. It is possible that the upper member of Sawara formation had been liquefied and fluidized at 1923 Kanto earthquake and 1703 Genroku earthquake.

Keywords: Liquefaction-Fluidization, The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake, Tonegawa lowland, Man-made Strata, Holocene strata

## Trench survey of the Liquefied soil from Lower basin of the Tone River due to the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake

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There were liquefied soil from Lower basin of the Tone River due to the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake. Result of the trench survey, the sand dike appeared not only 2011, but 1987 Chiba-Ken-Toho-Oki Earthquake.

Keywords: The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake, Liquefaction, Sand dike, Lower basin of the Tone-Gawa River

## Factors of liquefaction damage in the Hinode district, Itako, Ibaraki Prefecture, central Japan

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Serious Liquefaction phenomena happened on Hinode, Itako, Ibaraki Pref., middle to downstream region of the Tone River, at the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake. Those damaged area were on reclaimed land by dredge. The stratum of the damaged area consists of the sediment of lowland sand the dredge sandy sediment as a result of the drilling survey. Judging from the facies of sediment and grain size composition, liquefaction is presumed to have occurred in the dredge sandy sediment.

Keywords: The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake, Liquefaction, Dredging sand layer, Itako

## Liquefaction-Fluidization and Geo-stratigraphic units in reclaimed land

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Man-made strata are often regarded as too randomly deposited and inter-mixed to be classified into a hierarchy. But that is not always so. These deposits are often formed of a material deposited in one or more stages or a group of materials deposited in several stages several stages. For example, man-made strata (MMS) in the reclaimed land we can approximately identify three material types, upper stream deposits, e.g. coarse, middle stream deposits, e.g. medium and dawn stream deposits, e.g. fine and see the former stream deposits near the slack mouth of dredged materials from sea bed by a dredging machine and the later stream deposits in stagnant area so far from the slack mouth. Middle stream deposits, e.g. from medium sand to very fine sand, are developed between the former deposits and the later deposits. Liquefaction-Fluidization almost have occurred in the middle stream deposits in reclaimed land.

Keywords: Liquefaction-Fluidization, man-made strata (MMS), upper stream deposits, middle stream deposits, dawn stream deposits, reclaimed land

## Dense grain size analysis for acquiring basic statistics and its utilization for the identification of liquefied horizon

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The conventional grain size distribution analysis technique, standardized as JIS A 1204 and widely used in geotechnical engineering field, is inappropriate for the geological study of sediments. Because the technique can only provide sparse and irregularly spaced distribution data displayed as accumulation curves. Moreover, there is no insurance of traceability, due to the flushing-out of entire specimen from sieves after the analysis. Regretfully, geotechnical engineers do not aware its inaptness, and are still wasting their efforts for grasping grain size characteristics of soils by means of the technique. In contrast, Laser diffraction and scattering method, and optical measuring tools, which can provide dense grain size data, have been widely utilized by sedimentologists.

We have been adopting a Laser diffraction and scattering particle size analyzer for the fine particles smaller than 3 $\phi$ , and conventional sieving method for the coarser particles but at 1/4 $\phi$  intervals. Individual data are merged to form not only accumulation but also frequency distribution data from 13 $\phi$  to -3 $\phi$  at equal 1/4 $\phi$  intervals. This dense and equally spaced data of grain size distribution enable us to simply calculate basic statistics, such as sorting, skewness and kurtosis. We applied this analytical technique to the core specimen sampled from liquefied sites. The core specimen were first cut into disks at 2.5 to 5.0 cm in thickness, and processed under the above grain size analysis procedure. As a result, liquefied horizon showed specific features in the basic statistics. Namely, sorting indices were usually below 2.0, and kurtosis indices showed usually larger than 7.4, characterized as very leptokurtic. The characteristic feature is one of the effective indicators for identifying liquefied horizon.

Keywords: Grain size analysis, Sieving, Laser diffraction and scattering, Basis statistics

## Beach ridges and prograded beach deposits as palaeoenvironment records: a review

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Beach ridges are ubiquitous landforms developed on prograded coastal plains with beach shorelines. They are formed within or adjacent to the beach by a range of processes, and are subsequently isolated from active nearshore process as further beach progradation occurs, at which point they are preserved as relict elongate mounds parallel to subparallel to the shoreline. Beach ridges and their subsurface deposits thus record past coastal processes, and are indicators of past shoreline position and shape, and sea level. A sequence of beach ridges and intervening swales provides a relative chronological palaeoenvironmental record, which is analogous to tree rings and stratigraphic succession. Methodological advances in field surveying and chronology applicable to beach ridges especially over the last two decades have led to detailed palaeoenvironmental reconstructions to be derived from such sequences. Reviewing various applications of beach ridges and their deposits for palaeoenvironmental reconstruction, certain basic aspects of beach ridges are often interpreted inconsistently, which resulted in various degrees of reliability of such palaeoenvironment reconstruction. This presentation reconsiders the basic aspects of beach ridges and deposits, which need to be properly understood for their comprehensive interpretation in a palaeo-environmental context. It also reviews case studies in which beach-ridge sequences have been used to unveil past sea-level history, catastrophic events, and climate changes.

## Delta progradation and variation in sediment and carbon storage of the Kiso River delta, central Japan

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Delta formation began in many places mainly between 8500 and 6500 yr BP when the Holocene sea-level rise has decelerated. However, the timing of delta initiation and the rate of delta progradation are controlled by not only the rate of sea-level change but also sediment supply. Deltas are important sinks of sediments and carbon in coastal and fluvial systems. We calculated sediment and carbon storage of the Kiso River delta (Nobi Plain) for successive 1000-year time slices by analyzing existing borehole columns and radiocarbon ages, reconstructing the three-dimensional stratigraphic architecture and measuring organic carbon content of borehole core sediments. The deltaic deposits were divided into three layers: middle mud (MM), upper sand (US), and top mud (TM) in ascending order. Total sediment and carbon storage in the delta area of only 822.8 km<sup>2</sup> was estimated at 22892 Tg and 190 Tg, respectively. The mass ratio of each layer to the total mass was calculated to be 36.5% for MM, 48.0% for US and 15.5% for TM. The stored carbon ratio of each layer to the total stored carbon was calculated to be 40.5%, 42.9% and 16.7%, respectively. The progradation rates of the delta during the last 6000 years were estimated at 5 m/yr (6000-5000 cal BP), 8 m/yr (5000-4000 cal BP), 4 m/yr (4000-3000 cal BP), 7 m/yr (3000-2000 cal BP), 6 m/yr (2000-1000 cal BP) and 9 m/yr (after 1000 cal BP). The rate of sediment and carbon storage during the last 6000 years has increased especially after 1000 cal BP. Additionally, the increase was found notably at TM. This is probably due to increase in sediment supply to the delta caused by human impact on the catchment area and expansion of delta plain accompanied with delta progradation.

Keywords: sediment storage, carbon storage, progradation, mass, GIS, Nobi Plain



## Geological structure interpreted from tephra in boring core and vicinity of the Tachikawa Fault Zone, Tokyo, NE Japan

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In order to clarify the activity of the Tachikawa Fault Zone during Quaternary, an all-core boring survey (95 m in depth) was conducted at Enoki in Musashi-Murayama City. Sediment with a depth 28.70 to 95.00 m is composed of the alternation of gravels, sands and silt, correlative to the Kazusa Group. These sediments contained many tephra layers. Two pumice fall deposits with depths of 61.82 to 61.85 m and 62.42 to 62.89 m have unique characteristic properties. The upper pumice layer mainly comprises pumice (sponge) type of glass shards (maximum diameter: 3 mm) and hornblende, and their refractive indices are  $n=1.509-1.511$ ,  $n_2=1.667-1.685$ . Chemical composition of the glass shards are SiO<sub>2</sub>: 75.6 wt.%, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 13.8 wt.%, FeO: 1.8 wt.%, CaO<sub>2</sub>: 2.4 wt.%, K<sub>2</sub>O: 2.5 wt.%. The lower pumice layer comprises hornblende, titanomagnetite, orthopyroxene and cummingtonite and their refractive indices are 1.703-1.708 ( $\gamma$ ) for orthopyroxene, 1.668-1.676 ( $n_2$ ) for hornblende and 1.658-1.661 ( $n_2$ ) for cummingtonite. These data indicate that upper and lower pumice layers can be correlated with Byobugaura Ob4b-4 and Ob4b-1 Tephra, respectively, in the Obama Formation, Inubo Group, Byobugaura, Chiba Prefecture. Ob4b-5 immediately above Ob4b-4 and Ob4b-1 were dated at 1.62 Ma and 1.63 Ma, and Ob4b-1 was correlated to 1st Horinouchi Tephra in the Oyamada Formation, Kazusa Group in the Tama Hills by Suzuki and Murata (2011).

Additionally, we reexamined tephra in two boring cores (MTB1 Core and Musashi-Murayama Core) at Mitsugi in Musashi-Murayama City (2.7 km northwest of Enoki) and in the Sayama Hills, previously reported by Suzuki et al. (2008). MTB1-9 to -10L Tephra with basal depth of 56.08 m (67.93 m asl) in the MTB1 Core and MM-8 to -8.2 Tephra with basal depth of 36.36 m (88.01 m asl) in the Musashi-Murayama Core have been correlated to SGO Tephra in the Sayama Hills. These tephra have characteristic properties similar to those of Ob4b-1 (=1st Horinouchi Tephra), suggesting their correlation.

Basal altitudes of the Ob4b-1 and its correlative tephra are as follows, Mikatairi, Sayama Hills: 128 m, Musashi-Murayama Core: 88.01 m, MTB1 Core: 67.93 m, Enoki: 37.78 m, Fujimicho-3 chome, Tachikawa: 59 m, Tama River: 70m, Naganuma Park, Tama Hills: 150 m. Changes in these altitudes indicate the uplifting of the northeast side of Tachikawa Fault Zone and the general trend of the geological structure of the Kazusa Group. The altitude at Enoki is 30.15 m lower than that at Mitsugi. This can be explained by the geological structure of the Kazusa Group or the local deformation cause by the Tachikawa Fault Zone.

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Keywords: Tachikawa Fault Zone, Underground geology, Early Pleistocene, Boring core, 1st Horinouchi tephra, Byobugaura Ob4b-4 tephra

## 3D geological model based on the parameters of the lateral continuity of sedimentary bodies using a borehole database

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Three-dimensional geological models of plains in urban areas developed from borehole data are very useful for clarifying shallow-subsurface geological processes. There are several possible techniques for constructing these geological models; these techniques include a 3D boundary correlation procedure for boreholes or 3D grid-node configurations of geological or geotechnical parameters based on borehole logs. The former is considerably more time consuming because the procedure demands researchers to conduct a subjective determination of bed-by-bed correlations, whereas in the latter procedure the grid-node values are automatically estimated by spatial averages or statistical characteristics. The 3D boundary correlation method is effective when borehole data are limited. The recent development of borehole databases with sufficient log data makes the 3D grid-node method increasingly effective. However, some errors relating to the description of the borehole logs can be associated with this procedure. In this study, we considered statistical information such as the lateral continuity of a sedimentary body and its anisotropy, the orientation of the continuity and stratigraphic patterns in the lithological data in borehole database before constructing the 3D geological model.

The lateral continuity of a sedimentary body and its anisotropy can be expressed in terms of an existence probability in a lateral direction based on borehole data as previous studies. This information reveals the geometry of the sedimentary body. Stratigraphic patterns provide information regarding the sedimentary facies or their stacking patterns. Our results suggest that the spatial information that can be obtained from borehole databases is very useful for constructing a grid-based 3D geological model, because the information constrains the estimations of the grid values in the models.

Keywords: Chuseki-so, 3D geological model, discriminant analysis, sedimentary facies, incised-valley fills

## Subsurface geologic structures of the Fukuoka Plain

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The borehole database including about 2,438 digital borehole data have been build up for constructing the subsurface structure of the Fukuoka Plain, in corporation with local government offices and the Kyushu Ground Information Association.

The 3D geologic model of the Fukuoka Plain based on the borehole database offers a good example to display the strike-slip basin structure bounded by the Kego active fault on its southwest side. The basin is characterized by west to southwestward tilting of the basement covered by the Middle Pleistocene to Holocene deposits. The basement rocks consist of Paleogene sedimentary rocks and Cretaceous granite. The basin fills are divided into four stratigraphic units, that is, and the Nakabaru gravel member, the Suzaki member, the Aso-4 pyroclastic flow deposits, the Otsubo sand-gravel member, and the Holocene incised-valley fills (called the Chuseki-so), in ascending order.

Keywords: subsurface structure, Fukuoka Plain, Kego Fault, borehole data