Earthquake-induced electromagnetic field due to electrokinetic effect

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Electromagnetic fields generated by earthquake events were usually reported and have drawn a lot of attentions. They can be detected before, during and after the seismic arrivals after earthquake rupture started, and are referred to as the co-rupture, coseismic and post-seismic EM signals, respectively. The co-rupture EM signal is of great importance since it arrives earlier than the seismic waves, especially the destructive shear and surface waves and has potentials in earthquake early warning and hazard reduction. The coseismic EM signal arriving simultaneously with the seismic waves are also valuable since it contains the information of the subsurface medium in the vicinity of the EM sensors. However, how these kind EM signals are generated is still controversial. Several possible mechanisms have been proposed to explain the earthquake-induced EM signals, e.g., the electrokinetic effect, the piezoelectric effect, the motional induction effect, etc.

In this study, we present the theoretical simulations of the earthquake-induced EM signals on the basis of the electrokinetic effect. This result shows that due to the electrokinetic effect the earthquake can generate co-rupture EM signal, which arrives immediately after the onset of the earthquake and much earlier than the seismic arrivals. It arrives at different EM sensors simultaneously. The earthquake can also generate coseismic EM field which arrives simultaneously with the seismic waves. Besides, our simulations indicate that when the earthquake fault rupturing stops and the seismic waves pass far away, the magnetic field vanishes while the electric field near the fault remains, decaying slowly and lasting for hundreds of seconds. The near-fault poseismic electric fields hold similar features to some field observations in literature. We apply our theoretical simulations to explain the coseismic EM data observed during the 2004 M_w6 Parkfield earthquake. By using a finite fault source model obtained via kinematic inversion, we calculate the electric and magnetic responses to the earthquake rupture are calculated. The result shows that the synthetic electric signals agree with the observed data for both amplitude and wave shape, especially for early portions of the records after the earthquake. Our simulations supports the electrokinetic effect as the reasonable mechanism for the generation of the earthquake-induced electric fields.

Keywords: earthquake, electromagnetic fields, electrokinetic effect

四成分歪計(SKZ-1)による前兆的変動の検出
Detection of precursory anomalies using the four -component borehole strain meter (SKZ-1)

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High sensitive crustal monitoring has a long history to investigate anomalous precursory variations of earthquakes by means of several kinds of sensors as borehole volumetric sensors (Sacks and Evertson,1971), borehole extension sensor by Gladwin (1984), three component volumetric strain meter by Sakata (2004) and Ishii and Yamauchi (2007). In China the four component strain meter with high performance was developed by Su Kaichi (1977) and has been used in earthquake-prone provinces since 2006.The configuration of four sensing units at intervals of 45 degree provides a simple indicator (consistent factor) of the sensor functioning and regime of the crust assumed to be plain strain in normal state to detect candidates of anomalous variation without little ambiguities. The observation at ten sites in several provinces of China for some 10 years has proved profitable performance of the sensor: high stability and high degree of resolution to detect local and regional anomalous variations near hypocenter. In the normal stage the variations consist of steady diurnal variations due to earth tide, steady trends due to the crustal stress adjustment after construction of the borehole, and installment of the sensors. There are little urban noises with the result of the consistent factor being almost constant value of 0.99.
Here we present analyses of anomalous variations detected by use of the correlation coefficient of two independent plain strain components before two major earthquakes near the network: YiLiang M5.7earthquake and LuDian M6.5 earthquake. In the imminent sage of the Yiliang earthquake, obvious strain anomalies with periods of several days, several weeks appeared simultaneously in four components at the nearest YiLiang site of the epicenter distance15.5km. The correlation coefficients for those anomalies are well below reaching 0.2 compared with the ordinal value 1.0. At DaGuan site of larger distance 30km, there appeared no significant anomalies with the factor remaining the normal value near 0.99 or so. Analyses show that the correlation coefficient can be used to objectively detect anomalies to define the successive stage of earthquake occurrence from normal to relaxation stages.
 A multiple observations using the four component strain meters, groundwater meters and electromagnetic sensor are expected to substantially contribute to investigation of the nucleation process of natural earthquakes. Present finding may contribute to efficient data analysis to detect candidate of anomalies from using big amount of continuous multiple data with higher sampling rate.

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大気用ラドン検出器の開発
Development of radon detector for atmosphere

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1995年の兵庫県南部地震では西宮市地下水中ラドン濃度の上昇[1]や大気中ラドン濃度の上昇（神戸薬科大学）[2]があったと報告されている。また、東北地方太平洋沖地震では、「福島医科大学（福島市）の放射線施設内の排気モニターのデータが地震前のピークはピーク期間が長く、急激に減少した後，地震が発生した。」と報告されている[3]。

私達は倉敷鉱山抗内、千葉県において空気中のラドン濃度の連続観測を行っている。倉敷では、家庭用ラドン測定器SUN NUCLEAR CorporationのRadon Monitor，Modelを、千葉ではPylon社PMT-TEL静電補集型低レベルラドンガス検出器（以後TELと略す）を用いている。TELはZnS(Ag）シンチレータと光電子増倍管から構成されている。しかし，α線を検出しているにも係わらず，その出力は連続スペクトルとなっている。その為，計数はディスクリレベルに依存し，カウントのシフトが起こることがある。他方，PINフォトダイオードは高感度ラドン検出器として開発され，スーパーカミオカンデにおいて使われてきている[4]。今回我々は，PINフォトダイオードを用いて，空気中のラドンを検出するラドン検出器を製作した。

PINフォトダイオードとして浜松ホトニクスの未封止S3204-09を使用した。空気容器としてステンレス鍋，チャージ増幅器としてH4083，小型高圧電源モジュールとしてC4900-01，波形整形増幅器としてクリアパルス社の4419型，マルチチャンネルアナライザーとしてラボラトリーイクイップメント社のMCA-Lite，そして測定データ保存表示用にパソコンを使って，ラドン検出システムを製作した。マルチチャンネルアナライザーの出力は，鉱物ウラナイトからラドン娘核種の^{218}Po and ^{214}Poの明確なアルファ線ピークを検出した。このピークは大きなピークシフトを示したが，白いセラミックの表面をカーボンテープで覆うことで克服した。このシステムにシリカゲルで除湿した大気を導入したところ，同じラドン娘核種のピークを検出し，強度の日変化を観測することができた。

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Observational study of atmospheric electricity parameters(atmospheric electricity field (AEF), atmospheric ion concentration (AIC), and radon concentration) at Asahi, Boso Peninsula, Japan

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The total electron content anomaly preceding the large earthquake is one of the most promising precursory phenomena in the upper atmosphere. Lithosphere-Atmosphere -Ionosphere coupling (LAI coupling) model has been proposed to explain the earthquake-related phenomena in the atmosphere and ionosphere. We evaluate the possibility of chemical channel of LAI coupling through the monitoring of atmospheric electricity parameters such as the atmospheric electricity field (AEF), atmospheric ion concentration (AIC), and radon concentration. In this paper, we will report about the property of atmospheric electricity parameters observed at Asahi station (ASA), Boso Peninsula, Japan. AIC, AEF, atmospheric radon concentration, radon exhalation quantity from the ground, and weather elements have been observed at ASA. First, we compare seasonal variation, daily variation, and response to precipitation of atmospheric electric parameter observed at ASA and those at Kiyosumi station (KYS).
Variations of AIC and AEF before precipitations are quite similar at both stations; AIC increases quickly when a precipitation starts and AEF begins to be disturbed three hours before rain starts. But the variations after stopping precipitation have individual properties. Both parameters keep high values for a few hours at ASA and it takes longer than KYS to back to the normal level. Daily variation in each season also differs in each site. In summer, AIC takes minimum value at 15:00 LT. in the daily variation at ASA. But at KYS, it takes maximum value at 15:00 LT. In winter, AEF decreases from 09:00 LT to noon and gradually increases in daily variation. In other seasons, it takes maximum value at 20:00 LT and fluctuated in relatively large range. Daily variation of AEF in winter is mostly similar to the typical daily variation at KYS for all season.
Radon exhalation quantity variation has a clear negative correlation with 3 hours delay to the air pressure variation. Each season differs in daily pattern. AIC and AEF variations show lag correlation with radon exhalation quantity variation. To extract anomalous radon variation related to earthquakes, we should set a network of Radon monitoring and establish a model of radon variation for the future detailed analysis.

キーワード：Lithosphere-Atmosphere -Ionosphere coupling、atmospheric ion concentration、atmospheric electricity field、 Radon exhalation quantity
Keywords: Lithosphere-Atmosphere -Ionosphere coupling, atmospheric ion concentration, atmospheric electricity field, Radon exhalation quantity

Multi-parameter satellite geochemistry for validation of atmospheric pre-earthquake signals associated with major seismicity. Case study for Xinjiang, China and Baja, California

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We are presenting the development of satellite geochemistry for multi-sensor validation of short-term atmospheric phenomena preceding major earthquakes. The purpose of this study is to explore the synergetic physical link between (1) satellite thermal infrared radiation (STIR) with anomalous distribution main trace gases :(2) Carbon dioxide (TCCO2), (3) Ozone (TCO3), (4) Methane (TCCH4) and (5) carbon monoxide (TCCO), associated with major seismicity. The science rationale for multidisciplinary analysis is based on concept Lithosphere-Atmosphere-Ionosphere Coupling (LAIC) (Pulinets and Ouzounov, 2011), which is based on the gas emission from the lithosphere during the earthquake generation and explains the synergy of different processes and anomalous variations, usually named short-term pre-earthquake anomalies. We analyzed retrospectively several major earthquakes in two deferent seismo-tectonic regions: XinJiang province in China and in Baja, California including M7.2 of March 20, 2008 in China and M7.3 of April10, 2010 in Baja by systematically analyzing multi-sensor satellite atmospheric chemistry and ground temperature/humidity observations. Meteorological satellite data include NOAA POES and AQUA/AIRS polar orbit satellites. In both cases satellite data shows (STIR, TCCO2, TCO3, TCCH4, TCCO) building atmospheric anomalies 1-20 days before the main shock. This probably is connected with enhances of the degassing rate of the lithosphere, which can provide additional source for flux emission near major faults in the area. The hourly in-situ atmospheric observation show similarly in the air temperature increases and drop in the relative humidity, probably as result of additional atmospheric ionization observed before the three earthquake events. Our initial results suggest that systematic use of multi-parameter satellite geochemistry can be used for additional physical validation of pre-seismic processes associated with the major earthquake events.

Keywords: earthquake precursor, forecasting, satelite, geochemistry, radon

A statistical investigation of z test on seismo-ionospheric anomalies in TEC associated earthquakes in Japan during 1999-2014

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Statistical analysis on seismo-ionospheric precursors (SIP) by using global ionosphere map (GIM) of the total electron content (TEC) in associated with 188 M≥6.0 earthquakes in Japan during 1999-2014. Various references days of -15, ±7, ±15, ±30 days to the earthquake are employed to find characteristics of SIP. Results show that both decrease (or negative) and increase (or positive) anomalies in the GIM TEC before the earthquakes are further examined by z test. The receiver operating characteristic curve is also applied to see whether the SIPs exist in Japan.

Keywords: earthquake, ionosphere

3D Structure of Ionospheric Disturbances Related to Large Earthquakes

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In this paper we have investigated the geomagnetic storms and Earthquake-related ionospheric disturbances. Following geomagnetic storms, the ionospheric peak electron density (Nmax) and total electron content (TEC) often increase or decrease very much from their quiet-time levels. These increase/decrease are known as positive and negative ionospheric storms. This paper deals with some extremely significant geomagnetic and Earthquake-related events in between 2000 and 2013 which involving positive and negative ionospheric variations having immense importance to space weather, with reference to TEC maps derived from a dual-frequency GPS receiver network (GEONET: GPS Earth Observation Network) built by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI), as well as foF2 and hmF2 (maximum electron density height) derived from four ionosonde observatories in Japan and GNSS-RO data from COSMIC mission of NOAA/NSPO(USA-Taiwan joint mission). For comparison and discrimination of stormy and large Earthquake days, a 3D Structure of Ionosphere will be discussed in the presentation.

キーワード：Tomography、Ionospheric Disturbances、Geomagnetic Storms、Earthquakes、TEC
Keywords: Tomography, Ionospheric Disturbances, Geomagnetic Storms, Earthquakes, TEC

Assessment of Ionospheric TEC anomaly before large earthquake: Elimination of geomagnetic storm effects

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The detection of electromagnetic perturbations prior to large earthquakes has been proposed as a useful way to monitor the crustal activities. One of the most promising candidates is the measurement of Total Electron Content (TEC). There have been many reports on TEC anomaly associated with large earthquakes from different parts of the world. To verify the relation between TEC anomalies and seismicity around Japan, statistical studies by superposed epoch analysis have been carried out. The results have indicated that before a M>6 earthquake there are clearly higher probabilities of positive TEC anomalies in Japan. These results indicate the correlation between TEC anomalies and sizeable earthquakes. Furthermore, by making use of long-term TEC data over Japan during 2000-2013 and applying Molchan's error diagram, we can evaluate the optimal parameter for earthquake forecasting. The results show that the TEC data contain potentially useful information on earthquake forecasts.
Further research on earthquake forecasting and promoting its utilization will greatly contribute to disaster risk reduction. By using an interdisciplinary or integrated approach, which connects science with technologies related to the ongoing earthquake forecast researches such as ULF geomagnetic and GNSS methods, earthquake forecasting will be demonstratively realized.

Keywords: Ionospheric TEC anomaly, statistical studies, Molchan's error diagram

Statistical Analysis on ULF magnetic anomaly and local seismicity around Kakioka, Japan

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To clarify and verify the ultra-low frequency (ULF) seismo-magnetic phenomena, we have performed statistical studies on the geomagnetic data observed at the Kakioka (KAK) station, Japan, during 2001-2010. We investigated the energy of ULF geomagnetic signals of the frequency around 0.01Hz using wavelet transform analysis. To minimize the influences of artificial noises and global geomagnetic perturbations, we used only the geomagnetic data observed at nighttime (LT 2:30 am-4:00 am) and exclude the geomagnetic anomalies when the energy of horizontal component is large. Statistical results of superposed epoch analysis have indicated that ULF magnetic anomalies are more likely to appear before sizeable earthquake events ($Es>10^8$) rather than after them, especially 6-10 days before the events.
Finally, we have evaluated the precursory information of ULF geomagnetic signals for local sizeable earthquakes using Molchan's error diagram. We also compared our results with previous statistical studies at KAK. The above results have indicated that the ULF seismo-magnetic phenomena at KAK clearly contain precursory information and have a possibility of improving the forecasting of large earthquakes.

Keywords: ULF seismo-magnetic phenomena, statistical study, superposed epoch analysis (SEA),
          Molchan's error diagram

地下水動態に起因した自然電位変動と自然電位トモグラフィー
The self-potential variation induced by groundwater flow and the self-potential tomography

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Landslide is one of the most severe natural hazards in the world and there are two types; rainfall-induced landslides and landslides triggered by an earthquake. To understand rainfall-induced landslide process by the self-potential approach, we struggle with the integrated research to clarify the coupling among hydrological, geotechnical, and electromagnetic changes. Our final goal is to develop a simple technology for landslide monitoring/forecasting using self-potential method. The previous laboratory experiments show that the self-potential variation has a relationship with the ground water condition and soil displacements. So, in this paper, we first demonstrate the numerical computations on the self-potential variation by the simulated groundwater flow, and compare the result with those observed by laboratory experiments. In the result, the simulated self-potential variation is consistent with observed one.
Then, we developed self-potential tomography to estimate the ground water condition. And we also characterize the pressure from the self-potential data, and compare the result with observed pressure head that is measured by pore-pressure gauge and found that the inverted pressure head is consistent with observed one. In addition, we apply the self-potential data observed by the flume test. The estimated pressure head from observed self-potential data shows the consistency with observed pressure head. And estimated pressure head also show the characteristic distribution before the landslide occurred. These facts are highly suggestive in effectiveness of the self-potential tomography to monitor groundwater changes associated with landslide. The details will be given in our presentation.

キーワード：自然電位、斜面崩壊、トモグラフィー
Keywords: Self-potential, Landslide, Tomography

A Mechanism Causing Temporal Variation in b-values Prior to a Mainshock

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Observations exhibit the temporal variation in b-values prior to a mainshock. The b-value starts to increase from the normal value at time t_1, reaches its peak one at time t_2, then begins to decrease from the peak one at t_2, and returns to the normal one at time t_3. As $t > t_3$, the b-value varies around the normal one or rightly decreases with time until the occurrence of the forthcoming mainshock at time t_4. The precursor time, $T = t_4 - t_1$, of b-value anomalies prior to a forthcoming mainshock is related to the magnitude, M, of the event in a form: $\log(T) = q + rM$ (T usually in days) where q and r are two constants. In this study, the mechanism causing b-value anomalies prior to a mainshock is explored. From numerical simulations based on the 1-D dynamical spring-slider mode proposed by Burridge and Knopoff (1967), Wang (1995) found a power-law correlation between b and s, where the parameter s is the ratio of the spring constant (K) between two sliders to that (L) between a slider and the moving plate. The power-law correlation are $b \sim s^{-2/3}$ for the cumulative frequency and $b \sim s^{-1/2}$ for the discrete frequency. Since L of a source area is almost constant for a long time period, b directly relates to K. Lower K results in a higher b-value. Wang (2012) found $K = r_A v_p^2$, where r_A and v_p are, respectively, the areal density and P-wave velocity of a fault zone. Experimental results show that v_p is strongly influenced by the water saturation in rocks. The water saturation in the source area varies with time, thus leading to a temporal variation in v_p as well as K. This results in the temporal variation in b-values prior to a mainshock. The modeled result is consistent with the observed one.

Keywords: b-value, precursor time, spring-slider model, stiffmess ratio, saturation of water

b値を用いた応力場変動予測と地震活動総合予測の試み
Integrated earthquake forecast: combination of b-value monitoring and ionospheric precursors

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近年、地震活動に先行する様々な電磁気現象が報告されており、その中でも電離圏総電子数(Total Electron content: TEC)の異常は、短期地震予測の有力な候補として知られている[1]。
一方、地圏では大地震に先行してグーテンベルク・リヒター則に従うｂ値が本震付近において本震の数年前(場合によって数十年スケール)から低下する現象が報告されている[2]。そこで本報告ではb値解析によって中期的に規模の大きな地震発生予測を行ってから、詳細な電磁気解析を行うスキームの有効性について、十勝沖をテストサイトとして調査した。本稿では2003年9月11日（Mj8.0）と2008年9月26日に発生した十勝沖地震(Mj 7.1)を対象とし、地圏での応力場の変動(b値)と電離圏総電子数(GIM-TEC、GPS-TEC)の変動の調査結果をそれぞれ報告する。さらに、上記の事例研究をもとに地圏での応力場の時空間的変動をprospectiveな視点で千葉県房総周辺、南海トラフ、千島海溝を調査した結果について報告する。

キーワード：地震、電磁気、b値、電離層
Keywords: Earthquake, Electromagnetic, b-value, Ionosphere

Development of the quasi-real-time monitoring of volcanic lava activity using MODIS

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It is possible to quasi-realtime monitoring of volcanic lava activity could be possible if we can
detect the thermal anomalies related to the exposure and lava dome of magma by satellite sensors
such as MODIS. And it can be used to help for the volcano disaster prevention. In this study, we
deal with seven volcanoes in Indonesia. First, we define the infrared radiation caused by the
eruption and then, we use the statistical analysis for the radiation, and remove the cloud effects.
Finally, we investigate the abnormal values against the background level of the temperature.
 We introduce an evaluation function S to remove the spatial and temporal variation from the
spatial difference of the brightness temperature data between the target point and reference point
(5 km distance). When we compute the differences, we need to eliminate cloud effects adequately. To
achieve this, we use the brightness temperature difference between bands of MODIS (BTD). In this
study, we select the following combinations ; (1) Band34-Band35 ($BTD(t)-\mu < k\sigma$, k=-2.0:), (2)
Band31-Band27 ($BTD(t)-\mu < k\sigma$, k=-2.6), (3) Band31-Band32 ($|BTD(t)-\mu| < k\sigma$, k=-3.0), and (4)
Band20-Band31 ($|BTD(t)-\mu| < k\sigma$, k=-3.0). Where t, k, m, and s are the season, threshold for cloud
identification, average, standard deviation for each distribution of BTD. Until the distribution
satisfy the equation, we repeat the test. Then, we move to the next test. We perform this procedure
up to test 4. Then we get the pixels without cloud. The result is evaluated using LIDAR data
onboard CALIPSO, which has the almost same orbit and constellated with AQUA. After removing the
cloud effect, we compute the deviation rate d. As results for 15 years data analysis for 7
volcanoes in Indonesia, when the deviation rate exceeds in target volcanoes 6σ, there is a tendency
to have a lava volcanic activities. However, without removing the cloud effects, we find it is
difficult to identify the anomaly related to the lava activities. Therefore, it is highly
suggestive of the proposed method is valid for monitoring volcanoes and volcanic risk reduction.

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Keywords: MODIS, Volcano, Remote Sensing

房総半島を対象としたMT探査と予察的考察 (2)
MT survey and its preliminary result at Boso Peninsula, Japan (2)

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A magnetotelluric (MT) survey is one of the methods to understand the underground electric properties. In Boso area, Japan, there are three main topic to perform the MT survey; (1) to estimate underground resistivity structures related to the plate boundaries, seamount, asperities, and slow slip events; (2) to obtain a regional realistic resistivity structure for the numerical simulation in generation and propagation mechanisms of electromagnetic precursors, and (3) to develop a new MT technique to reduce the cultivated noises such as DC-driven train system and factories. For challenges to solve them, we decided to carry out the MT survey in Boso area, Japan during 2014-2016. Due to sensing down to 100 km depth, we used induction and fluxgate magnetometers. We set 41 and 12 sites for induction and fluxgate type magnetometers, respectively.
 The preliminary 1-D inversion results for 41 induction sites show that we can presume apparent resistivity about 1 km - 10 km depth from the surface, but relatively not clear about 100 m - 1 km and 10 km - 100 km depth from the surface. In addition, we found that the noises tend to be weaker in the southern region compared to the northern region.
 To presume resistivity structure in Boso Peninsula, it is necessary to remove the artificial noises from observed MT data. The observed noises have characteristics of transient signals and processes in time domain are required such as singular spectrum analysis. Moreover, twe will analyze the observed data of 12 stations in which we used fluxgate type magnetometer to obtain lower frequency and deeper information.

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