Dating a past landslide event found on tephra-mantled slope of Takanoobane lava dome, Aso volcano, Japan

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On 16 April 2016, strong earthquakes (Mw7.0 main shock and subsequent aftershocks; hereafter the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake) struck Kumamoto prefecture and triggered numerous landslides on hillslopes of Aso volcano, southwestern Japan. Landslide on tephra-mantled slope of Takanoobane lava dome (hereafter the Takanodai landslide) caused the most serious damage due to its long runout. To assess future risks for landslides on tephra-mantled slopes, it is important to clarify landslide history of the lava dome. We found a 100-m-wide hollow adjacent to the Takanodai landslide. This report shows the results of tephrostratigraphic observation at the hollow and radiocarbon dating for buried paleosols that indicate the occurrence of a landslide event about 7,200-7,000 years ago.

Takanoobane lava dome, a hummock formed by lava-flow eruption about 51,000 years ago (51ka), has very gentle slope of (5-15 degree). The slope is mantled by unconsolidated tephra layers (mainly consist of silty ash and soil) accumulated after the lava dome formation. The tephra layers include three key layer: Kusasenrigahama pumice (Kpfa; 30ka), pyroclastic fall deposits produced by the largest eruption after the Aso caldera formation (90ka[~]), and two widespread tephras, Aira-Tanzawa tephra (AT; 29ka) and Kikai-Akahoya tephra (K-Ah; 7.3ka). Accumulated thickness of the layers is about 13 m at the most. The Takanodai landslide formed slip surface in Kpfa or buried paleosol beneath Kpfa, and consequently eroded tephra layers accumulated during the last 30,000 years.

By using detailed topographic map developed based on LiDAR observation in January 2013, we found many hollows which could be formed by erosion of tephra layers on the slope of the lava dome. The Takanodai landslide occurred on southwest-facing slope, where no hollows were found before the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake. On south-facing slope adjacent to the landslide, a 100-m-wide hollow bordered by a horseshoe-shaped knick line were observed. Cross sections of the knick line had unclear, rounded shape with 3-6 m drop, suggesting that head scarp of past landslide(s) was buried under tephra layers produced after the landslide event.

In profile of boring core at the center of the hollow (BV28-1), tephra layers above the Takanoobane lava was only 4.80 m thick, and lacked three key layers (i.e., Kpfa, AT and K-Ah). The uppermost layer of BV28-1 was 2.30-m-thick kuroboku-loam alternations. Apparently disturbed soil layer, which included carbonaceous materials and fine particles of orange pumice (Kpfa?), was found between 2.30 and 3.15 m depth. Meanwhile, yellowish sandy ash-fall layer between 3.15 and 3.30 m depth appeared undisturbed due to its clear boundaries at the both sides. Buried paleosol just below the ash-fall layer was gradually changed dark-brownish silty soil to brownish volcanic ash soil at around 3.60 m depth, directly overlying the Takanoobane lava (4.80 m depth[~]).

Comparing these stratigraphic features to profiles observed in boring core at the top of the lava dome (BV28-2) and outcrops at the head scarp of the Takanodai landslide, unconformity of BV28-1 became clear. We considered that an erosional surface was located within the disturbed layer between 2.30 and 3.15 m depth, and the kuroboku-loam alternations above the layer developed after erosional event. In addition, the yellowish sandy ash-fall below the erosional surface could be correlated to either basal fall unit of Kpfa or Mizunomoto pumice 1 (MzP1; 31ka), based on its facies and mineral assemblage. As results of radiocarbon dating (AMS method) for two paleosols sampled from BV28-1, we obtained conventional ¹⁴C ages: 6,170±30 yrBP from kuroboku of 2.20 m depth, and 27,410±110 yrBP from

dark-brownish paleosol of 3.35 m depth. Calibrated results (2 σ) of these ages were 7,164-6,976 calBP and 31,445-31,064 calBP, respectively. The ages were match with our hypothetical process (i.e., timing and extent of past erosional events) which formed the present topographic and stratigraphic features on the slope of the lava dome.

The above results explain that tephra layers accumulated during the past 23,000 years (from the 30ka Kpfa eruption to the 7.3ka K-Ah eruption) has been eroded at the hollow observed in this study, while the erosional surface was buried under soil layer (kuroboku-loam alternations) developed during the last 7,000 years. This finding indicates the possibility that strong earthquake(s) struck Aso volcano regions just after the K-Ah eruption (about 7,200-7,000 years ago), and triggered mass movements on the slope of Takanoobane lava dome as same manner as the Takanodai landslide of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake.

Keywords: Aso volcano, Takanoobane lava dome, Tephrostratigraphy, Kusasenrigahama pumice, paleosol, 14C age

Landslides on the tephra slope with the sliding surface formed in pumice and volcanic soil beds triggered by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, western part of Aso caldera, Kyushu, southern Japan

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The Kumamoto earthquake occurred on 16th April 2016 with a moment magnitude of 7.0 and induced many landslides in the western part of the Aso caldera. One of the most devastating landslides induced by this earthquake occurred on tephra slopes, because they occurred on rather gentle slopes and ran out long distances. We investigated the topography and geological features of these landslides and analyzed mineralogy and physical properties of each tephra layer. Their sliding surfaces were accommodated in characteristic beds: The most dominant beds were pumice beds, next were volcanic soil layers, and the much less numbers were scoria layers and volcanic ashes.

The basement of the survey area consists of lava flows and pyroclastic rocks with a wide range of chemistry from basalt to rhyolite (Ono and Watanabe, 1985). They are thickly covered by tephras, of which volcanic soil can be classified from color tone (Watanabe and Takada, 1990); we classified the volcanic soil into brown volcanic soil (Br), black volcanic soil (BI), and blackish brown volcanic soil (BIBr). The pumice beds distributed to the most in the surveyed area is Kpfa of about 30 ka in age (Miyabuchi et al., 2003).

All of the pumice beds and Vs layers that accommodated sliding surfaces, had a clay mineral, halloysite. The most common pumice beds with sliding surfaces was Kpfa, and other pumice beds accommodating sliding surfaces were very few. The weathering extent of Kpfa varied from rather fresh one to intense one and the pumice clasts of Kpfa with sliding surfaces were intensely weathered to become clayey materials. Vs layers accommodating sliding surfaces were mostly BIBr layers, in which desiccation cracks were made when dried, suggesting that their high water contents just after the landslide. All of the investigated landslides with sliding surfaces in BIBr layers had no pumice layers with them, and landslides involving BIBr and Kpfa layers had sliding surfaces in Kpfa layer. This fact may suggest that that Kpfa could be the most preferable layer for a sliding surface to be made in. Landslides with sliding surfaces in BIBr layers because of original non deposition or subsequent removal by landslides. Landslides with sliding surfaces in pumice layers were mainly distributed on gentle slopes at the foot of the Aso central cones, while the landslides with sliding surfaces in BIBr layers were distributed on relatively steeper slopes. Original non deposition may be attributable to so steep slopes for their deposition or their small supply from the eruption sources.

Keywords: Kusasenrigahama pumice (Kpfa), Volcanic soil, Halloysite

Evaluation of slope stability for the earthquake-induced sediment due to intense rainfall

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On April 16, 2016, the Kumamoto earthquake, the second of the two significant earthquakes has occurred in Japan, and associated aftershocks, appears to have triggered numerous landslides. Though the position of Kumamoto earthquake-induced landslides are published as point data by Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI), in general, it is a big problem to extract the distribution of landslides in a wide area. In addition, high-intensity rainfall caused many shallow landslides, leading to significant damage, and it is possible that the instable sediment which is triggered by earthquake is going to collapse in the future. In a previous study of GIS-based 3D slope stability analysis¹⁾, it requires not only the geological parameters but also distribution of the collapse sediment.

Therefore, the purpose of this study is to monitor landslides activities for emergency disaster control, and evaluate slope stability of earthquake-induced sediment in a high intense rainfall condition to minimize damage of landslides in the future. The study involves three part: extracting earthquake-induced landslides information, simulating sediment which was triggered by intense rainfall to get soil parameter, and evaluation of slope stability of Kumamoto earthquake-induced sediment.

As a result, SAR is able to provide landslides interpretation using color composition in Aso-Kumamoto and as a real-time system it is a very good way to minimize earthquake damage. It is clear that non-compacted sediment type has the best result as Kuroboku soil. There is high possibility that collapse type is similar with non-compacted sediment collapse if the soil structure of landslides is Kuroboku soil.

Keywords: Kumamoto earthquake, landslide, slope stability

Study on landslide-susceptible slopes by heavy rain in the Aso Caldera, Southwest Japan

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The Aso Caldera located in Kyushu, Southwest Japan has been affected by concentrated occurrences of surfacial landslides in the tephra layers in the recent decade. This study aims to propose the detection of slopes with landside susceptibility by heavy rain based on interpretation of LiDAR-based high-resolution topographical maps. Remnants of past landslides are widely distributed on the tephra-covered slopes. Analysis on the locations of recent landslide occurrence indicates that surrounding slopes of remnants of surficial landslides and steep valley side slopes are prone to landslides by heavy rain. Inside of past landslide slopes partially covererd with collapsed materials also may become susceptible after time of tephra deposition.

Keywords: landslide, tephra , Aso Mountains

Deep-seated catastrophic landslides induced by large earthquakes along the Nankai and Sagami troughs

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We examined 32 landslides induced by large earthqukes along the Nankai and Sagami troughs and we made field investigations for 11 landslides and found their geological causes. They were induced by the 684 Hakuho, 1707 Hoei, 1854 Ansei Tokai, 1854 Ansei Nankai, or 1923 Kanto earthquake. One of the most outstanding landslide types was of pyroclastic fall deposits induced by the 1923 Kanto earthquake: those landslides occurred rather gentle slopes and had high mobility. We confirmed 3 landslides (Shinseiko, Nebukawa, and Nebukawa station) of this type and probably other 7 landslides could be of this type. One landlside horizon accommodating a sliding surface was the Tokyo Pumice about 65 ka, which covers wide area in Kanagawa and Tokyo area, suggesting future potential landslides. We have recognized many older landslides of this type on LiDAR images.

Another type of landslides was toppling failure of slate, Neogene sedimentary rocks, and Mesozoic accretionary complexes. We confirmed 6 such landslides of this type (Kanagi, Oya, Shirotoriyama, Shichimenzan, Ikeyama, and Nakagochi). Ikeyama landslide may be a complex of toppling and sliding. Oya and Shirotoriyama landslides made landslide dams, which breached later and severe damage downstream. Kanagi and Ikeyama landslides could have occurred in combination with large earthquakes and following rainstorms.

Another typical example of earthquake-induced landslides was buckling failure of stratified rocks: alternating beds of sandstone and mudstone and mixed rocks at Ishigami and conglomerate at Shimobe. Buckling type landslide was found only two locations, but it has been induced by many other earthquakes. Shimobe landslide probably made a landslide dam because the deposits have a mound on the opposite side.

There occurred many rain-induced landslides in the outer belt of southwest Japan, and we have found many of them can be attributable to thrust faults with large brittle crushed zones, which may be a different setting from those of earthquake-induced landslides.

Keywords: Landslide, Nankai Trough earthquakes, Prediction of potential sites

Distribution of highly saline groundwater in the areas with many landslides in the southern Niigata Prefecture

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Numerous numbers of landslides have occurred in the areas of Neogene sedimentary rocks in the southern Niigata Prefecture. They have been called Tertiary type landslides and their occurrence has been attributed to the weakness of those rocks, but recent studies have found highly saline groundwaters beneath some landslides and suggested those groundwaters may be related to landslide activity (Watanabe et al., 2009). However, distribution of highly saline groundwater in wide areas is not known and the actual relationship between highly saline groundwater and landslides has not been validated. We have conducted geological surveys and the CSAMT geophysical exploration in and around the Nagakurayama anticline, where many landslides and gravitational slope deformations are recognized. The Nagakurayama anticline consists of Neogene massive tuff, mudstone, and alternation of tuff and mudstone beds, which are folded with an axis of NNE-SSW and plunging to the north and the south. The hinge line is along a ridge. There are many landslide units on both wings of the anticline, and there are linear depressions along the ridge. Other anticlines and synclines are aligned subparallel to the Nagakurayama anticline in the Higasi-kubiki hills, Niigata (Takeuchi and Kato, 1994).

m) generally deeper than about 100 m and that much higher resistivity areas are present shallower than the level. High resistivity zones extend much deeper just beneath the linear depression. Comparing with the results with geological cross sections, higher resistivity zones may correspond to tuff and the linear depression. The interstitial water of mudstone may be highly saline water in the depth and might be replaced by fresh water at shallower zones. The replacement could deteriorate rocks and likely be the basic causes of landslide occurrence.

Keywords: Deep-seated groundwater, Resistivity, Landslides

Development history of ridge-top depressions east of Kamikochi, central Japan: Correlation between Nagakabe Ridge and Tokugo Pass

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The ridges between Mt. Chogatake and Tokugo Pass in the Japanese Northern Alps, about 2,500 m above sea level (asl), have round-top and steep-slopes. Deep-seated gravitational slope deformations with topographic features such as multiple ridges and ridge-top depressions are well-developed on the NE-SW trending ridges, because the basement rocks in this area are Jurassic accretionary complexes with bedding planes generally striking NE-SW. The sediments accumulated in the ridge-top depressions were cored by using hand-auger boring system at the 2,000 m (asl) point on the Nagakabe Ridge (Point A) and at the 2,150 m (asl) point to the NE of Tokugo Pass (Point B), and the lithology of the sediments were described and the refractive index of volcanic glasses in very-fine sand fractions were measured. The sediments at Point A are mostly composed of silty to sandy mud, although those at Point B are volcani-clastics. Two cores drilled at Point A have peaks of volcanic glass contents of the K-Ah tephra (7,300 cal BP) at 67 and 90 cm depth, respectively, while the core at Point B includes K-Ah glass at all depths. The sediments at Point B are probably originated by the volcanic activities of Mt. Yakedake, which is located about 9.5 km WSW from Point B, about 2,000-5,000 years ago on the basis of their sizes and compositions. The sediment accumulation rates are calculated ca. 0.1 mm/y for the points A, and faster than 0.26 mm/y at Point B. The difference is also related to the distance and direction from Mt. Yakedake of these points.

Keywords: deep-seated gravitational slope deformation, double ridge, landslide

Early Holocene large landslide in the Goansawa River Basin on the southern slope of Mount Amari in Yamanashi Prefecture, central Japan

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This presentation describes the features of a large-scale landslide as well as a synchronous dammed-lake and a flood plain occurred in the early Holocene from Quaternary geological and geomorphological perspectives. This landslide, called Goan-sawa landslide (GOA), has a set of distinct head scarp and landslide body on the southern face of Mount Amari (1740 m ASL) in the Koma Mountains. The estimated volume of landslide body is over $V=1.2\times10^7$ m³. Thick lacustrine and flood plain deposits formed by damming of the landslide body provide chronological constraints of GOA. Radiocarbon ages of fossil wood fragments and a very thin tephra bed of the Kikai-Akahoya (7300 cal BP) in the lacustrine and flood plain deposits demonstrate that the initial activity of GOA and formation of the dammed-lake took place during 8000-7700 cal BP. A dammed-lake persisted for 3000 yr until ca. 5000 cal BP. A possible trigger of the initial movement of GOA is a paleoearthquake derived from nearby or remote active faults including active plate margins such like Suruga and Nankai Troughs. In particular, the southern behavioral segment of the Itoigawa Shizuoka Tectonic Line Active Fault Zones situated 5 km east of GOA is a strong candidate that was displaced around 8400-7200 cal BP. Furthermore, this presentation provides a conspicuous lineament with systematic dextral offsets of minor ridges and channels on the southern face of Mount Amari, just behind the main head scarp of GOA. This extensive surface feature would reflect large-scale deep-seated gravitational slope deformation of Mount Amari and may relate to the activities of GOA. An attached figure is a geomorphological map of GOA and its adjacent slopes. A star indicates the outcrop locality of dammed-lake and flood plain deposits.

Keywords: Deep-seated gravitational slope deformation, Kikai-Akahoya tephra, Itoigawa-Shizuoka Tectonic Line Active Fault Zone, 14C ages, Quaternary geology and geomorphology



A slope failure at Shiretoko-Rausu, Hokkaido, in August 2016

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Many typhoons came near Hokkaido in August 2016. These gave damages in Eastern Hokkaido. The precipitation reached 554mm between 9days, 15th to 23rd August, at Shiretoko-Rausu, Eastern Hokkaido, where annual precipitation is ca.1600mm. The largest slope failure at the time occurred at Kaigan-cho, in Rausu, at 4 pm on 24th, 29 hours after the rain stopped. The failure occurred repeatedly between about 30 minutes from the gentle piedmont on a terrace. The source of this slope failures is 60m length, 40m width and 8-10m depth. The amount of collapsed sediment was estimated to be 19,000m3. The collapsed debris is high liquidity, and reached the coast more than 100m away (equivalent friction coefficient: H/L=0.3).

The primary source of the collapse consists of poor sorted sediments, silt with angular, on alternation of gravel and mud with low permeability. This is periglacial sediment, which is common slope deposit in Hokkaido, northernmost Japan. This sediment holds much water after heavy rain as a result of loose and high permeability. A vertical hole, 3m in diameter, appeared in the deposits. Groundwater streams concentrate on the base of the sediment. Because piping holes were eroded by the streams, the vertical hole was formed by the collapse of one of the piping holes.

Andesite is distributed behind the collapsing slope deposits, and the andesite is lower permeability than the slope deposits. This causes that the groundwater level of the andesite rises appeared to be delayed. It is likely that the slope failure occurred with a delay due to the supply of the groundwater from the andesite behind. Because the front of the slope sediment has disappeared by the slope failure, groundwater flowed and formed piping falls due to water level difference.

Keywords: slope deposits, periglacial deposits, piping hole, groundwater level, slope failure, heavy rain

The disaster prevention system by open source hardwere and the acceleration sensor

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Japan, in August 2014 received a large-scale landslides caused by torrential rain in Hiroshima City. This disaster is repeatedly generated every year, the number tends to increase. As a factor, there is such as thing, humid climate and steep terrain that the Japanese archipelago of the ground is made of igneous rock. In addition, it is expected the occurrence of such disasters in the future by guerrilla heavy rain and earthquakes. So, we went the terrain and ground survey of the places at which occurrence of landslides from the history of past disasters is expected. Also we developed an inexpensive slope disaster prevention system using the acceleration sensor. This system will reduce the damage of the landslide disaster. In this paper, it was the subject of investigating the lsehara, Kanagawa Prefecture Oyama. Describes the development of disaster prevention system by the survey results, the ground survey methods and acceleration sensor that was made in that location

Keywords: landslide, Sediment disaster, acceleration sensor, open source hardwere, disaster prevention system



開発した斜面防災システムの流れ

Application of analysis method using S-DEM data for landslide measurement

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1. Introduction

In recent years, disasters associated with abnormal weather such as "guerrilla rainstorms" have occurred. In particular, in Japan there is an increasing risk of occurrence of various slope failures such as slope collapses of shallow depth and debris slides, but it is difficult to predict the occurrence of slope failures and take preventive measures because it is difficult to capture phenomena that are prognostic of slope failure. Observation methods for wide-area slopes using ground-installed equipment such as extensometers have not been in widespread use because of the cost and labor involved. Therefore, the development of a new slope monitoring approach is needed. In this paper, we propose a measurement and analysis method for computing the movement of slopes, using point cloud data, with a high degree of accuracy. We discuss the results of an experiment in an actual slide debris field and report the applicability of our proposed method.

2. Method for analysis of slope displacement

In general ,a ground data filtered from original data of LiDAR survey system becomes relatively monotonous Digital Elevation Model(DEM) which removes the influence of vegetation (Mukouyama ,2011). We developed a method that can extract the minute topography from the original laser data by using only the laser data from below a certain height from the ground surface. The result from the method developed here has a resolution of 10 cm. This analysis were used "MIERRE" that was developed Nakanihon Air Services. Its experimental trials were performed to verify the applicability of our proposed method, and the results show that more than approximately 0.4 m changes in the displacement of the slope could be detected in the area where a debris slide occurred (Kikuchi et al,2017).

3. Application of our method

The Location is located two area of slope displacement on reservoir of dam. We measured the minute displacement of landslides between the first and second surveys. The laser point clouds data density of the laser scanner on the airplane in the specification was in the range of 100 to 120 m2, and 5 to 10% of them reached the ground surface. The amount of displacement at the measurement point in Non-moved block indicates the accuracy of our measurement technique.

3.1 Test field A

Test field A is a debris slide site facing the reservoir. From the results of minute topography and field work, it was presumed to be a slope on which surface collapse will proceed. In the case of the measurement of the two times LiDAR-data, the maximum displacement amount of 4.6 m was confirmed within the range of the altitude difference from the reservoir altitude to the upper end of the surface collapse of about 100 m (show in the left-hand fig.2). This result estimates processing of debris slide on the surface layer confirmed in the field work. In addition, since 0.3-1 meter deformation in the reservoir direction is recognized in the upper rock block of the surface collapse.

3.2 Test field B

Test field B is a landslide due to heavy rain of typhoon 12 which occurred in September 2012. The landslide is not observed on the landslide map by the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience. It is presumed a Primary landslide. As a result, the fluctuation vector quantity is a detection quantity of about ± 0.3 m which is a range of almost error inside and outside the landslide block (show in the right-hand fig.2), and there is no tendency for the direction of the vector to be collected, so that a significant fluctuation exceeding the error. It is judged that it will not be accepted, and we will continue to measure regularly in the future.

4. Conclusions

In this study, we developed a technique for measuring slope displacements using three dimensional laser point group data, or LiDAR data. In this technique, we used only the laser data that is reflected from objects at heights of 2–5 m from the ground surface. Moreover, we developed a matching method for images created from the limited laser point group data in order to compute displacements using time series laser data. Experimental trials were performed to verify the applicability of our proposed method, and the results show that more than approximately 0.3 m changes in the displacement of the slope could be detected in the area where a debris slide occurred as shown in Fig. 2. We have demonstrated that it is possible to expand the applicability of airborne laser surveying to monitor slope failure by using the method proposed here.

Keywords: Landslide, Digital Elevation Model, Point cloud data, Monitoring of slope movement



図-1 グランドデータと下層モデルを使用することによる得られる点群の違い



図-2 各地点の変動ベクトル解析結果

Relation between 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake-induced landslide surface deformation and 3-D surface deformation detected by Pixel Offset method using InSAR image

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2016 Kumamoto Earthquake triggered many slope failures. In the previous study the authors have produced SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar) interferometry image from ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 data observed on 15 and 29 Apr 2016, next, applied 2.5-D analysis on the image, then, detected EW component and Up-down component of surface deformation by the earthquake. And they investigated the relation between slope aspect of the failures and direction of surface deformation by the earthquake, and found the coincidence between them. However, 2.5-D analysis could not yield 3-D deformation by the earthquake. This study applied Pixel Offset method on the image and revealed the 3-D deformation, then, tried to investigate the relation between slope aspect and 3-D deformation. In this study result of the investigation will be shown in the latter half of the poster and in the previous half, the authors discuss the image dependent on the look number and window size set in calculating Pixel Offset method.

Keywords: earthquake, slope failure, landslide, SAR, Pixel Offset

Detection of slope deformation by using InSAR analysis - A case of Shikoku Mountains and Asahi Mountains

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Preface: In the SAR interferograms throughout Japan produced by Geospatial Information Authority (GSI) of Japan using the ALOS-2 data of JAXA, many phase changes indicating the slope deformation of ca. several centimeters can be confirmed. There are many reports that such phase change detects the creep phenomenon of slopes such as landslide blocks (e.g. Squarzoni et al., 2003; Une et al., 2008; Delacourt et al., 2009; Sato et al., 2012), but not all slope deformations are detected due to the observation performance of satellites. Therefore, in order to establish a method of slope deformation monitoring using SAR interference analysis in the future, it is important to accumulate information on the relationship between the observation condition of SAR, the topography / geological condition, the land cover condition, and the surface displacement in the field for observed phase change.

In this presentation, we report the characteristics of phase changes detected by InSAR and of the surface displacement observed by field survey in the Shikoku Mountains (Kochi Prefecture) and Asahi Mountains (Yamagata Prefecture).

Result: Field surveys were conducted on Shikoku Mountains from 9 to 11 March 2016 and Asahi Mountains from 14 to 16 November 2016.

(1) Shikoku Mountains: Among the 4 surveyed sites, clear surface displacements were identified at two sites (SK-1 site: Okushiraga Valley in Motoyama Town, SK-2 site: Tebako Valley in Ino Town). At the SK-1 site, the SAR interferogram (October 2014 - October 2015) detected a variation of ca. 8 cm away from the satellite. As a result of field survey, a relatively new some open cracks were found in the concrete retaining wall at the side of the forest road which is in contact with the phase change area, and it is indicating that deformation of the slope block harmonized with the phase change type occurred. (2) Asahi Mountains: Among the 5 surveyed sites, clear surface displacements were identified at two sites (AS-1 site: Tsukinuno area in Oe Town, AS-2 site: Kamikonuma area in Nishikawa Town). At the AS-1 site, a wide range phase changes were continuously detected in SAR interferograms of a multiple periods, including the period from September 2014 to June 2015. At the concrete pavement section of the forest road crossing the phase change area, a step and opening crack harmonious with the direction of the displacement indicated by the phase change was found. The AS-2 site is a landslide countermeasure site, and phase change was detected in SAR interferograms at multiple periods including the period from January to April 2016. In the field, clear vertical and right-lateral displacements harmonious with the direction of phase change were identified in the asphalt road and the side irrigation channel crossing the edge of phase change area located on the side cliff of the landslide block (Figure). In this point, there are at least three repair traces of road. There is a high possibility that the latest repair was done within 2016 and it is the displacement caused by the displacement detected by the SAR interferograms.

Summary and Challenges: There were no artificial structures at the edge of the phase change at the sites where the phase change occurred but the surface displacement was not identified in the field. Conversely, if the deformation indicated by the phase change is certain, it shows that InSAR can detect and monitor deformations that humans can not recognize on the ground. However, it cannot be judged whether or not the surface displacement identified at the site was caused by the deformation detected by

InSAR in the post-survey like this time. For that reason, we would like to examine the verification using the constantly deformation observation at the site in the future.

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Keywords: InSAR analysis, slope deformation, landslide, surface displacement



The relationship between source faults and distribution of landslide induced by inland earthquakes in Japan - a preliminary report

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In recent years, a series of strong inland earthquakes triggered a large number of landslides in Japan. These landslides caused serious damage to the focal areas and their surroundings. Clarifying the distribution and dimensions of landslides induced by inland earthquakes may provide basic information which helps us to grasp the landslide prone area around active faults. In this study, we investigated the relationship between the distance to the source faults and the characteristics of the distribution and dimensions of landslides induced by recent inland earthquakes in Japan.

We collected the information about landslides that were induced by recent earthquakes (Magnitude larger than 6.5, and intensity larger than 5+ in JMA scale) since the great earthquake of Kobe, in 1995 based on available literature. To clarify the relationship between landslide distribution and earthquake source fault, we analyzed the occurrence and distribution of the landslides in terms of the shortest distance from the projected line of earthquake source fault to the center of the landslide source area. We summarized the characteristics of landslides with regard to the types of faults (normal fault, reverse fault and strike-slip fault), and we concerned whether the landslides are on the hanging or footwall side in the cases of normal and reverse faults.

The results show that in the cases of reverse fault earthquakes, landslides are concentrated on the hanging wall side compared to footwall side cases. Sizes of landslides on the hanging wall side are comparatively large. In the case of strike-slip fault earthquakes, no clear difference was confirmed between the both sides of the earthquake source fault.

In summary, there are differences in the characteristics of the distribution and dimensions of landslides induced by dip-slip fault earthquake and those by strike-slip fault earthquake. We will discuss about the landslide susceptibility around active faults by specifying the concentration areas and the geological conditions of landslides induced by inland earthquakes in the further work.

Keywords: Inland earthquake, Landslide, Earthquake source fault

Analysis of relationships between strike of rock discontinuities and formation position of linear depressions using finite element method

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Linear depression is formed on mountain slopes under the constraints of topography, geology and stress field. Therefore, investigating linear depression is important for understanding mountain development. In this presentation, in order to estimate the formation position of the linear depressions, a simple model of the mountain was created and three dimensional finite element analysis was performed. The software used for the analysis is Abaqus student edition 2016 (Simula).

An idealized mountain model is set where the main ridgeline is sandwiched between valleys. The rock discontinuity plane is set in the direction perpendicular to and parallel to the ridgeline direction. Furthermore, in order to deform the mountain body, compression is applied in the direction perpendicular to and parallel to the ridgeline direction. The physical property of the mountain body is assumed to be an isotropic linear elastic body.

As a result, when the discontinuity plane is parallel to the ridgeline, the forming position of the linear depressions varies depending on the compression direction. When the compression direction is parallel to the ridgeline, opening deformation occurred at the discontinuous surface near the ridgeline. On the other hand, when the compression direction is perpendicular to the ridgeline, vertical deformation occurs along the discontinuous surface at the lower part of the slope. In addition, when the discontinuous surface is perpendicular to the ridgeline, noticeable deformation cannot be observed in the discontinuous surface regardless of the compression direction.

These results are consistent with the tendency of the strike of the linear depressions to coincide with the ridgeline and the direction of the joint. These consequences also support the fact that the linear depressions are formed all over the slope of the mountainous region.

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