

Late Holocene uplift of the Izu Islands on the northern Zenisu Ridge off Central Japan: Implication for the tsunami source area of the AD 1498 Meio earthquake

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The 25 August 1498 Meio earthquake (M 8.2–8.4) is thought to have been caused by rupture along the Nankai Trough, off southwest Japan. However, another possible interpretation is that the rupture area extended north to the Zenisu Ridge, off southeast coast of Izu Peninsula. Examination of the co-seismic uplift caused by the Meio earthquake along the northern Zenisu Ridge allows us to assess the rupture area of this event. We analyze the elevation and ^{14}C dates of emerged marine sessile assemblages on the islands of Niijima, Jinaijima, Shikinejima and Kozushima on the northern Zenisu Ridge. The results show that uplift events took place after 1950 AD (uplift event 1) and at some time during 1810–1950 AD (uplift event 2), 786–1891 AD (uplift event 3), 600–1165 AD (uplift event 4), and 161–686 AD (uplift event 5), although uplift events 4 and 5 are identified only at Kozushima. Based on the present-day elevational distributions of species, the uplift amounts were estimated to be 0.2–0.9 m (uplift event 1), 0.2–0.4 m (uplift event 2), 0.3–2.6 m (uplift event 3), 1.6–4.4 m (uplift event 4) and 8.2 m (uplift event 5). Uplift event 1 was caused by dike intrusion related to the 2000 AD eruption of Miyakejima Volcano near Kozushima. Uplift event 2 was probably caused by strong earthquakes (i.e. $M_w \sim 6$) and/or dike intrusion. Possible mechanisms for uplift event 3 include strong earthquakes, dike intrusion and the AD 1498 Meio earthquake. It is likely that uplift events 4 and 5 were caused by lava-dome formation during the AD 838 eruption and previous volcanic activity in Kozushima, respectively. These findings do not preclude the possibility that the AD 1498 Meio earthquake caused uplift event 3 at Shikinejima and Kozushima. However, based on our data and those of other recent studies, we propose that the 1498 AD Meio earthquake occurred along the Nankai Trough and that rupture of the fault around the southern margin of the northern Zenisu Ridge caused both co-seismic uplift of the study area and the historically recorded AD 1495 earthquake and tsunami at Sagami Bay.

Keywords: AD1498 Meio earthquake, Izu islands, emerged marine sessile assemblages, ^{14}C dating

Location and depth of the 1855 Ansei Edo earthquake inferred from seismic intensity characteristic

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The 1855 Ansei Edo earthquake (hereafter, the 1855 earthquake) occurred on 2nd day of 10th month in 2nd year of Ansei era (November 11th, 1855 on the Gregorian calendar) and caused severe damage in and around Edo City, former Tokyo Metropolis. While detail seismic intensity distribution from this earthquake has been studied (Usami, 1994, private publication; Nakamura and Matsu'ura, 2011, Historical Earthquakes), the earthquake epicenter and depth has been controversial; whether it was a shallow crustal earthquake or a deep one (down to 100 km depth). One of the reasons for this ambiguity is a non-circular shape of isoseismals resulting from a heterogeneous attenuation (Q_s) structure (Nakanishi and Horie, 1980, JPE; Nakamura et al., 2007, Historical Earthquakes) due to a complex plate configuration; the Philippine Sea Plate (PHS) and Pacific Plate (PAC) subduct from the south and east, respectively, beneath Tokyo. However, from recent studies, it is unlikely that the 1855 earthquake was a shallow crustal earthquake, according to S-P times estimated from historical literature (Nakamura et al., 2003) and our previous study (Nakamura et al., 2014, 2015) which showed that the felt area can be explained by intermediate-depth earthquakes.

In this study, we re-examined the characteristics of the seismic intensity distribution for the 1855 earthquake by comparing with the seismic intensity distribution of recent earthquakes observed by the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), as well as with those calculated using a 3-D attenuation Q_s model. We concluded that the 1855 earthquake was either an intra-plate earthquake within PHS at depth of around 50 km or an inter-plate earthquake between PHS and continental plate (depth around 30 km). The seismic intensity distributions for both the 1855 earthquake and recent inter-plate earthquakes between PHS/PAC (depth 60-80 km) show common characteristics that seismic intensities in the western Tokyo are smaller than those in eastern and southern Tokyo, which we call "the property of constriction" (Nakamura et al., 2007, Historical Earthquakes). However, the seismic intensity along the cross section are quite different (Figure 1(a)); the 1855 intensity has a peak near central Tokyo, while those from an inter-plate (PHS/PAC) earthquake are smaller at central Tokyo than at central Kanagawa Prefecture (southwest of Tokyo Metropolis). This result implies that the 1855 earthquake was not an inter-plate earthquake between PHS/PAC.

We then calculated seismic intensity distribution by using a 3-D attenuation Q_s structure (a block size of 0.1 deg*0.1 deg*5 km) estimated by using the K-NET and KiK-net records during 1996-2016.7. Figure 3 is a example of seismic intensity distribution calculated for an intra-plate earthquake assuming at a depth of 50 km. The seismic intensity distributions of earthquakes within the PHS slab at depths of 40-60 km have the property of "constriction". Even if the epicenter is shallower than 60-80 km, the property of "constriction" is created, and the seismic intensities near central Tokyo become larger as the hypocentral depth becomes shallower. These support that the earthquake source was within or on the upper boundary of PHS slab.

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Keywords: 1855 Ansei Edo earthquake, Abnormal seismic intensity distribution, Hypocentral depth, Attenuation structure

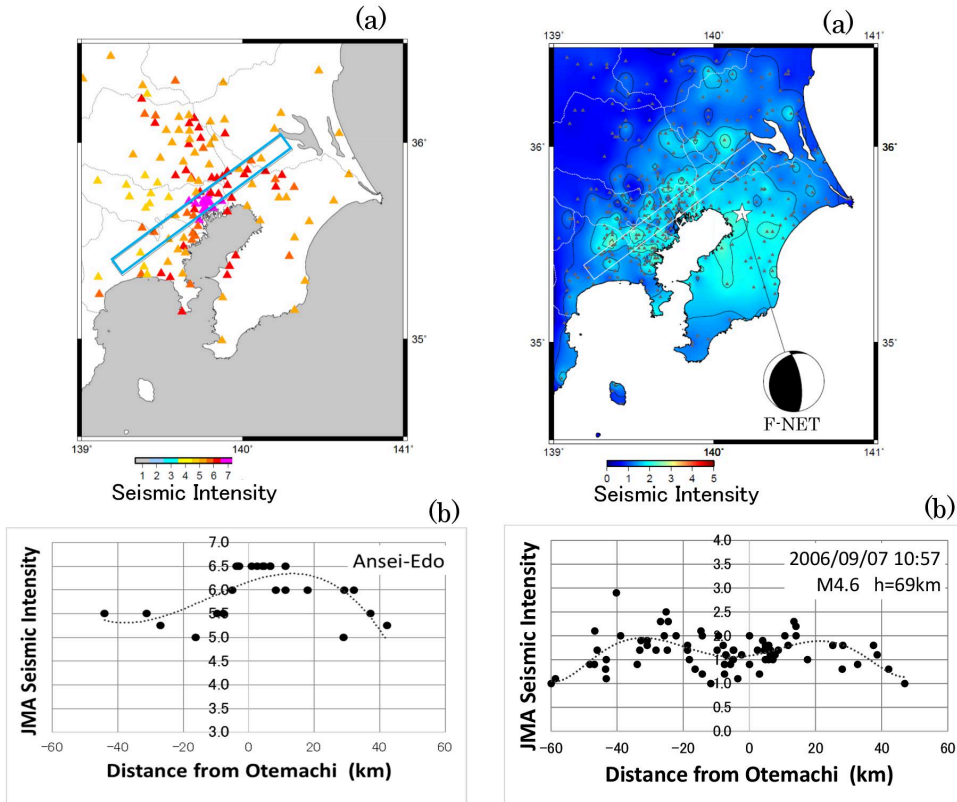


Fig.1 Ansei Edo earthquake
Usami(1994) The Japan Electric Association

Fig2 PHS/PAC plate boundary
JMA data

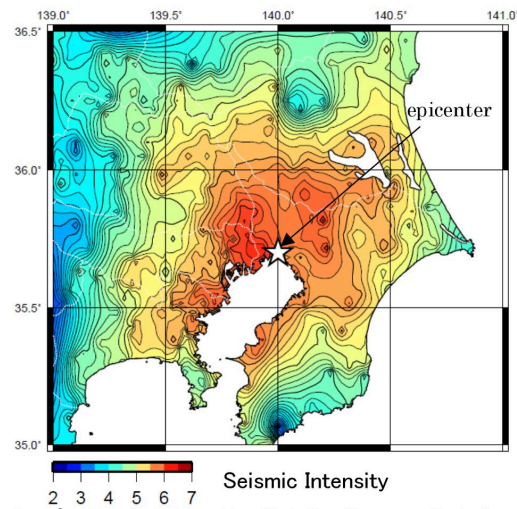


Fig.3 An example of seismic intensity distribution predicted assuming 50 km depth

Earthquake characteristics of 1885 Ansei Edo earthquake presumed by earthquake anomalies and housing damages - preliminary report on NNE-SSW trending an earthquake fault

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Ansei Edo earthquake hit the central part of Edo city, 1855 in Edo period and brought large damages to both Edo governmental system and people living there. Various records of earthquake anomalies and housing damages are preserved. Therefore, I have been making an attempt to analyze the characteristics of the earthquake and earthquake fault based on these historical data.

I will discuss the possibility of NNE-SSW trending earthquake fault in the eastern part of the Yamanote upland.

Keywords: Ansei Edo earthquake, earthquake lighting, NNE-SSW trending earthquake fault, concealed fault in the metropolitan area, damage distribution

Can felt reports of historical documents be used to estimate the source of large earthquakes? - Evaluation of applicability to historical large earthquakes -

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Can felt reports of historical documents be used to estimate the source of large earthquakes? Before establishing a new methodology, we show that the source area of recent three large earthquakes (2004 Niigata-Ken Chuetsu, 2008 Iwate-Miyagi, and 2011 Fukushima-Hamadori earthquakes) can be imaged from the spatial distribution of felt reports by using the JMA seismic intensity database. Our preliminary results imply the possibility that the large earthquake source can be constrained from spatial and temporal distribution of felt reports.

For the case of the 2004 and 2008 earthquakes, number of aftershocks with felt reports decreases with increasing distances at epicentral distances <100 km from the mainshock, while they fluctuate at epicentral distances >100 km, probably due to site condition and/or attenuation structure. This indicates that the effects of site amplification near surface and heterogeneous attenuation structure should be properly taken into consideration to estimate source of historical earthquakes. For the case of the 2011 earthquake, the number of aftershocks with felt reports fluctuated even at epicentral distances <100 km from the mainshock, because of the aftershocks following the 2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake. The areas imaged from the number of felt reports were well concordant with aftershock area following these mainshocks even after thinning out the observation stations as long as the station coverage was retained. In Japan, abundant historical literature during over 1,000 years is preserved; these have been used for estimating a source of a historical large earthquake (e.g., Usami *et al.*, 2013) and for revealing recurrences of great interplate earthquakes along the Nankai Trough (e.g., Ishibashi and Satake, 1998). Sources of historical large earthquakes have been traditionally estimated from seismic intensity distribution on the basis of damage for building structures and casualties recorded in historical literature. However, the damage was not necessarily caused by a ground shaking but also tsunami, massive fire and/or landslide. In addition, the distribution of building damage is strongly controlled by the population density and elapsed years since constructed. Thus, the estimated source of a historical large earthquake is possibly biased to a densely populated area.

In some historical literature, felt reports without any damage are also documented as well as damage description from major earthquakes. Most of historical documents only described 'earthquake with felt' as well as the date and time, whereas some of them particularly recorded the number of earthquakes with felt in each day with the intensity of ground shaking. On the basis of felt reports, it has been revealed that the seismicity rate increased in the central and northern parts of the Kinki district before and after the great Nankai earthquakes (Oike, 1996) and that the seismic quiescence possibly happened preceding to the 1861 Miyagi-oki earthquake (Matsu'ura and Tsuji, 2010). However, felt reports were not fully utilized except for several previous studies (e.g., Matsui and Oike, 1997; Satake, 2002).

Keywords: Felt reports, JMA seismic intensity database, 2004 Niigata-Ken Chuetsu earthquake, 2008 Iwate-Miyagi earthquake, 2011 Fukushima-Hamadori earthquake

Examples and types of misdates in catalogs of Japanese historical earthquakes and associated materials

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Dating of earthquakes is a basic practice in studies of historical earthquake. Incorrect dates of earthquakes sometimes occur because of (1) mistakes in the original material, (2) mistakes in compilation of material, such as historical records of local governments, and (3) mistakes in editing collections of materials for historical earthquakes. Eight examples are presented that show the corrected dates and causes of the error. These results may help to find other misdates in historical earthquakes, which will lead to better understanding of past earthquake occurrence.

Keywords: Fake earthquake, Misdate, 1707 Hoei earthquake, 1831 Aizu earthquake, 1847 Zenkoji earthquake, 1858 Hietsu earthquake

Is mortality an indicator for the location of epicenter of inland great historical earthquakes? –a case study of the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake in 1995-

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1 Introduction Some historical earthquake researchers propose that mortality is a source for estimation the locality of inland earthquake epicenter (e.g. Tsuji, 2010). This methodology based on the following two assumptions. 1. Human beings attempt to escape from collapsing residential houses immediately after perception the preliminary tremors. 2. Thus, there should be a close relationship between duration of preliminary tremors (i.e. epicentral distance) and survival rate. Former studies (e.g. Komatsubara, 2016) applied this presupposition to rural nighttime earthquakes which are acceptable such assumptions, and concluded the mortality is better indicator than the fallen house ratio. In the dense populated cities, however, above mentioned assumptions are nonsensical, because even if persons could escape from residential houses, vacant area would be blocked by fallen buildings, survival rate would consequently be reduced than rural areas. Therefore, it is worthy to test whether relationship between the duration of preliminary tremors and survival rate does occur or not. The presenter examines a case of the Hyogo-ken nanbu Earthquake in 1995, as a rudimentary test for applicability on this method to urban earthquake such as the Ansei Edo Earthquake in 1855.

2 Outline of the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake The hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake (Mj=7.3) occurred at AM 5:46, its' epicenter was at the Akashi strait. The hypocenteral processes were well analyzed by Sekiguchi et al, (2000). They made clear the processes as follows. 1. The first rupture initiated under the Akashi strait, west of Kobe City, and rupture expanded forward both sides. 2. The next break occurred just under Kobe City at five seconds after the initiation of the first rupture. 3. The third rupture occurred at the east end of the second rupture at nine seconds after the initiation of the first rupture. The presenter estimates mortality based on the address of victims (Mainichi Newspapers Co. Ltd., 1995). and basic residents' registers of local governments. The distribution of mortality is closely similar to the fallen buildings rate (Building Research Institute, 1996), and has less relationship with distance from epicenter.

3 Discussion and next theses This result shows there is a little relationship between mortality and epicentral distance in overpopulated areas. The presenter think of following three factors would be important on the severe mortality in distant place from epicenter. 1. Many two-storied low resistant buildings collapsed, and many residents could not run off fallen houses although they tried. 2. Many persons died by collapsing buildings which blocked vacant ground. 3. Almost all people have studied "Crawl under desk or bed while shaking". This education is not effective at the case of house falling. The second factor is common situation with the early modern cities. Thus, it must be cautious to make use of the survival rate to be an indicator of epicentral distance for historical earthquakes in urban areas. The presenter wants to continue studying on the mortality in rural Awaji Island by this earthquake. And statistical studies on relationships among mortality, rate of fallen buildings and epicentral distance in urban earthquake disaster are needed.

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Active tectonics of the Futagawa fault zone over the last 300 ka

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The Futagawa fault zone which ruptured during the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake has several characteristic features in its seismicity, fault geometry and kinematics. We propose these features arise from transient properties due to the recent change of tectonics in this region. During a geological survey after the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake, we found four fault outcrops along the Futagawa fault zone, which considered to ruptured with the earthquake (Kamijin, Sugidou, Kawahara, and Kuwazuru outcrop). The Kamijin outcrop is located between the places where surface ruptures of 2 m (dextral movement) are found. The sharp fault plane, which trends N66°E and dips 90°, juxtaposes cohesive(lower unit) and incohesive(upper unit) Aso-4 pyroclastic flow deposits. The fault displaces modern ground surface and shows dextral displacement of 2 m in maximum due to the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake. Based on the spatial distribution of the Aso-4 pyroclastic flow deposits, we estimate that the accumulated displacement of 10 m after the formation of the Aso-4 pyroclastic flow deposits. In convined with the results from other three outcrops, the recent average vertical slip rate of the Futagawa fault (< 90,000 yBP) ranges from 0.1~0.07 m/ky, which is much smaller than that obtained from the offset of the geological markers older than 90,000 yBP (1 m/ky, Watanabe et al., 1979, The Quaternary Research). In observations of minor faults in basement rocks, striations on fault gouges show almost horizontal direction while that in cataclasites show almost vertical direction. Hence we conclude that the vertical slip rate of the Futagawa fault zone becomes slower due to the recent change of slip direction from normal sense to dextral sense.

Keywords: The 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes, average slip rate, Striation, Fault rocks, Aso pyroclastic deposits

Recurrence interval of morphogenic earthquakes on the Futagawa-Hinagu Fault Zone that triggered the 2016 M_w 7.1 Kumamoto earthquake, SW Japan

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Large earthquakes of magnitude $>6-7$ with shallow focal depths can produce distinctive coseismic surface ruptures and cause strong ground deformation. Such large-magnitude earthquakes are called morphogenic earthquakes because they are capable of generating or modifying surface morphology instantaneously and permanently. Morphogenic earthquakes can generally be identified via trench surveys that reveal features of ground deformation preserved in sedimentary horizons.

The 2016 M_w 7.1 (Mj7.3) Kumamoto earthquake, which occurred in central Kyushu Island, southwest Japan, produced a ~ 40 -km-long surface rupture along the Futagawa-Hinagu-Fault Zone (FHFZ) that cuts across Aso caldera. Field investigations related to the Kumamoto earthquake, trench excavations across the Hinagu and Futagawa faults, and radiocarbon dating results reveal that 1) prior to the 2016 earthquake, at least two morphogenic earthquakes occurred in the past ca. 2000 years on the Hinagu Fault, and four events in the past 4000–5000 years on the Futagawa Fault, suggesting an average late Holocene recurrence interval of 1000 years for morphogenic earthquakes within the FHFZ; and 2) the most recent event occurred between AD 1000 and 1400. These results contradict previous studies that estimate recurrence intervals for morphologic earthquakes of 3600-11,000 years and 8000-26,000 years on the target segments of the Hinagu and Futagawa faults, respectively. Our findings show that recent activity, including the recurrence intervals of large earthquakes and slip rates in the HFFZ, were previously underestimated; therefore, it is necessary to reassess the seismic hazard posed by the HFFZ, particularly for densely populated areas of Kyushu, Japan.

Reference: Lin et al. (2016). Coseismic rupturing stopped by Aso volcano during the 2016 M_w 7.1 Kumamoto earthquake, Japan. *Science*, 354, 869-875.

Keywords: 2016 M_w 7.1 Kumamoto earthquake, Futagawa-Hinagu Fault Zone, Recurrence interval of morphogenic earthquakes

Paleoseismic events along the Takano-Shirahata segment of the Hinagu fault zone revealed by trench investigation

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Hinagu fault zone is extending from Kiyama in Kamimashiki District, Kumamoto Prefecture to the southern part of the Yatsushiro Sea. This fault zone is divided in three segments, Takano-Shirahata segment, Hinagu segment, and Yatsushiro Sea segment (Earthquake Research Promotion Headquarters, 2013). Associated with the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake sequence, approximately 6-km-long surface ruptures were produced by dextral strike-slip motion along the Takano-Shirahata segment (Shirahama et al., 2016). Even though we need to accurately estimate probability of large-scale earthquake occurrence, the paleoseismic history of the Hinagu fault zone is not well known. GSJ, therefore, conducted a trench investigation at the Hinagu fault zone to obtain more detail paleoseismic history such as the latest event or recurrence interval at two sites: Yamaide at the Takano-Shirahata segment and Minamibeta at the Hinagu segment. In this presentation, we will mainly introduce the paleoseismic history revealed by the trench investigation at Yamaide.

Soon after the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, our field investigation at Yamaide found small surface deformation resulting from a right-lateral strike-slip motion on the rice field where the east side was slightly upthrown. The trench, which is 14 m long, 10 m wide, and 4 m deep, was excavated across the southernmost part of the surface ruptures. Some reverse faults and deformed layers were obvious on the trench's wall surfaces. On the northern wall facing the south, two strands of reverse faults and on the southern wall four strands appeared. They steeply dipped to the east. Some layers composed of clastic sediments were possibly deposited by fluvial processes dipping towards the west and cut by those faults. The vertical displacements along some faults of older (lower) layers had accumulated more than younger (upper) layers. Some ¹⁴C dating results showed the oldest humic silt layer in the trench deposited about 15 ka. This suggests that those faults were in active during the period of deposition after 15 ka. In this presentation, we will report the seismic history of the Takano-Shirahata segment of the Hinagu fault zone revealed by the trench investigation, and discuss the relationship with paleoseismic histories of other segments.

Keywords: Hinagu fault zone, 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, Trench survey

Paleoseismic event of the Hinagu segment of the Hinagu fault zone investigated by a trench survey

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Hinagu Fault zone is extending from Kiyama in Kamimashiki District, Kumamoto Prefecture to the southern part of the Yatsushiro Sea. The direction of this fault zone is generally in the northeast - southwest and which forms a distinct topographic boundary between the eastern margin of the Yatsushiro plain and the Kyushu mountainous region. The fault movement is regarded as a right lateral strike fault with relatively uplifting of the southeast mountainous side of the fault. From the activity history, this fault zone is divided in three segments, from north to south, Takano-Shirahata segment of 16km in length, Hinagu segment about 40km, and Yatsushiro Sea segment (Earthquake Research Promotion Headquarters, 2013).

During the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, the Takano-Shirahata segment was moved at the beginning and the rupture propagated to the Futagawa fault zone in contact with the northern end of this segment. Relatively small aftershock ($M < 5.5$) were occurred within the Hinagu segment, however the magnitude is significantly smaller than the expected earthquake which is $M 7.5$ by using the Matsuda's empirical equation (1975) (Earthquake Research Promotion Headquarters, 2013), this indicated that the fault rupture has not been propagated to the Hinagu segment. Therefore, we conducted a trench and boring survey at Minamibeta area in Uki City to investigate the palaeoseismic events at around the central portion of Hinagu segment.

At this location, boring survey (Nuclear Power Engineering Corporation, 1998; Kumamoto Prefecture, 1998a, b; Geological Survey of Japan, 2007) and trench survey (GSJ, 2007 and Yoshioka et al., 2007) have been conducted, although clear faults were not observed on the trench wall. But the lower formations in the trench were inclined to the west direction due to the deformation caused by the fault activity, and they estimated that there was at least one event between 11,000 to 3,900 years ago, and no fault activity was recognized after 1,800 years ago from the age of the undeformed strata (Yoshioka et al., 2007).

In this research, we dig a trench at a position adjacent to the south side of the trench reported by GSJ (2007) and extending further to the west direction. A clear reverse fault dipping to southeast was appeared on the trench wall and the large-scale flexure of formations was observed around the fault surface. This trench survey is still continuing at the time of the submission of this abstract, and the detailed activity history of the Hinagu segment at the Minamibeta area will give a presentation on that day.

Keywords: Hinagu fault zone, Hinagu segment, Trench survey



The grand deformation detected by new method of InSAR, in the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

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The InSAR results derived from ALOS-2 images, displayed the visualization of large-scale fault motion and surface ruptures. But it is difficult to extract the seismic surface ruptures and correct positioning of the surface rupture using only phase image. We developed a new surface rupture methodology by combining InSAR results, phase image and coherence image, and the terrain representation image. We applied the developed methodology by utilizing ALOS-2 data and created the InSAR results for the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake and compared the extracted information with the local situation. In MItake Mashiki town, the results shown that the surface rupture detected by this methodology coincided with the surface rupture and strained fields as confirmed by the conducted field survey. But then, in Togawa Mashiki town, there are only cracks on the road at low-coherence zone. After the carefully survey, we discovered broad deformation at the roads and channels.

This method can extract the seismic surface rupture over a wide area. In addition, this method is possible to catch the deformation of the ground level which it's difficult to recognize as the surface rupture.

Keywords: the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, InSAR, surface rupture, coherence image, ALOS-2

Geomorphological and Geological Factors of Surface Cracks in Aso-caldera in association with the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

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In The Kumamoto earthquakes of April 14, 2016 (Mw 6.5) and 16 (Mw 7.0), the surface was ruptured by the lateral strike faulting with normal faulting on the eastern half of the Futagawa fault zone and on the northern part of the Hinagu fault zone (Kumahara et al, 2016; AIST, 2016). The length of surface rupture is estimated as 27 km. However, factors of the ground destruction that caused the damage have not been sufficiently elucidated. Clear surface cracks appeared in the northeast - south - western direction in the lowland of the Aso caldera located on the east side of the Futagawa fault zone. Regarding the cause of this crack zone, Lin et al. (2016) and Nakata et al. (2016) assumed an earthquake fault, but Kuroki et al. (2016) said it is due to the lateral movement of the ground. On October 8, 176 days after the main shock, Nakadake was erupted in Mt. Aso located in the west of the Futagawa fault zone. To clarify the origin of surface cracks in the Aso caldera is extremely significant in understanding the location relationship between active faults and volcanoes. Present study investigated the distribution and displacement pattern of cracks, (2) the geomorphological and geological elements of crack formation fields, and (3) the existence of active fault topography in the Otohime district located in the central part of the crack zone in the caldera. We, then, propose that the cause of the crack is not fault rupture but is by the gravitational mass-movement.

Keywords: Kumamoto Earthquake, Aso-caldera, Cracks, Lateral Mass Movement

Seismic Velocity Structure around Segment Boundary of the Futagawa-Hinagu Fault zone

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The 2016 Kumamoto earthquake occurred along the Futagawa fault and northern part of the Hinagu fault, Takano-Shirahata segment. All kinds of data, such as crustal deformation, surface rupture distribution, and slip distribution on the source fault associated with the earthquake, indicate that the earthquake fault rupture does not spread to southern, the Hinagu segment. Rupture history prior to this event also shows the difference between the both segments (HERP, 2013). Accordingly the segment boundary has possibly terminated fault rupture as a structural barrier. In order to elucidate the character of seismic velocity structure in the segment boundary, we carried out a seismic tomography analysis using a dense temporary seismic stations. Thirty temporary stations had been deployed from the end of July to early September 2016 in the campaign. The network covers almost all aftershock area with a span of 5 km. We used 1710 earthquakes' combined arrival time data detected by the temporary stations and also by surrounding permanent stations into the double-difference tomography program, tomoDD (Zhang and Thurber, 2003). As a result, high resolution velocity distribution is acquired in the depth range of 2.5 km to 12.5 km, which is equivalent to seismogenic layer. The largest feature of the results is velocity anomaly stripes trending to ENE-WSW direction. The direction corresponds well with those of Ooita-Kumamoto Tectonic Line and Usuki-Yatsushiro Tectonic Line, therefore the velocity structure probably reflect such large geological structure in this area. Especially ENE-WSW trending velocity anomalies are remarkable over the boundary between the Takano-Shirahata segment (lower velocity) and the Hinagu segment (higher velocity) at all depth layers. The location and the direction of the boundary correspond well with the geological boundary of sedimentary rocks (Mifune sedimentary group) in north and metamorphic rocks in south. Therefore change of physical properties over the geological boundary probably plays a role of a structural barrier to control fault rupture. Similar suggestion has already shown by Matsumoto et al.(2016) based on their gravity anomaly analysis. But it should be noted that 80 % of the 1710 hypocenters locate in a specific range of velocity layer ($V_p=5.9-6.3\text{km/s}$, $V_s=3.5-3.8\text{km/s}$, $V_p/V_s=1.62-1.74$). Therefore we think the seismogenic layer is another basement rock under the Mifune sedimentary group. Granitic rocks are the most probable material of the seismogenic layer in comparison with laboratory velocity measurements on various rocks under high pressure (Christensen, 1996).

Keywords: Futagawa-Hinagu fault zone, Segment boundary, Seismic velocity structure

Integrated Research for Beppu –Haneyama Fault Zone (East part of Oita Plain –Yufuin Fault) –Research in 2016 - Integrated Research Project for Active Fault Systems of MEXT

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<Introduction>

Integrated Research for Beppu –Haneyama Fault Zone (East part of Oita Plain –Yufuin Fault) in central Kyushu started on 2014 during three fiscal years program as one of Integrated Research Project for Active Fault Systems of MEXT. We need more precise study on fault distribution, latest event in and around Beppu Bay region and relationship with western end of Median Tectonic Line for understanding of Beppu –Haneyama Fault Zone.

<Purpose of project>

We carry out geomorphological, geological and geophysical researches on the basis of existing research findings. Obtained new data on geomorphology and geology let us know new findings on precise location and activity of fault in and around Beppu Bay area (Theme 1). Moreover, new geophysical data on subsurface structure indicate size and motion of earthquake fault reached to the earthquake occurrence layer (Theme 2), and we also calculate precisely ground motion on the basis of precise subsurface structure and earthquake fault model (Theme 3).

<Research groups and contents of observation and survey>

Research group consists of about 40 researchers of Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Advanced Industrial Science and Technology and related Institutions, and also three sub-groups on the basis of methodology and science target. Sub-theme group 1: Research on precise location and shape of active fault, and average slip rate and event age. Sub-theme group 2: Research on three dimensional structure and subsurface structure of fault zone and the area. Sub-theme group 3: Research on establishment of subsurface structure model and evaluation of ground motion.

The result during 2016 fiscal year is presented in the session.

Keywords: Beppu –Haneyama Fault Zone, Integrated Research Project, Active fault and subsurface structure, Oita Plain

Thrust-related structural characters of the Morimoto-Togashi Fault revealed by high-resolution shallow seismic reflection profiling

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We collected ca. 7.3 km long, onshore high-resolution two dimensional (2D) seismic reflection and refraction data across the Morimoto-Togashi Fault, active thrust fault within a failed rift system in the Sea of Japan. The processing of the seismic reflection data underpinned by shallow P-wave velocity structures determined from refraction travel time tomography illuminates the detailed subsurface structure to depth of ca. 3 km. The preliminary interpreted depth-converted section correlated with nearby Neogene stratigraphy indicates moderately east-dipping thrust fault plane overlain by monocline comprised by Pliocene to Pliocene sedimentary units. We will mainly discuss (1) the shallow structural characteristics of the active thrust based on our interpretation of the 2D seismic data in combination with the Neogene stratigraphy, (2) fault activity based on growth architecture and fold scarp morphology, and (3) and implications for regional tectonic setting especially associated with reactivation of the failed rift zone. In any case this example successfully shows high-resolution 2D seismic reflection imaging with dense and numerous seismic recorders to be a useful tool in defining otherwise inaccessible active blind faults and their recent fault activity.

Keywords: seismic reflection profile, Sea of Japan

Electrical resistivity structure beneath Gomura fault zone(Go-seihou fault, Gomura fault, Chuzenji Fault)

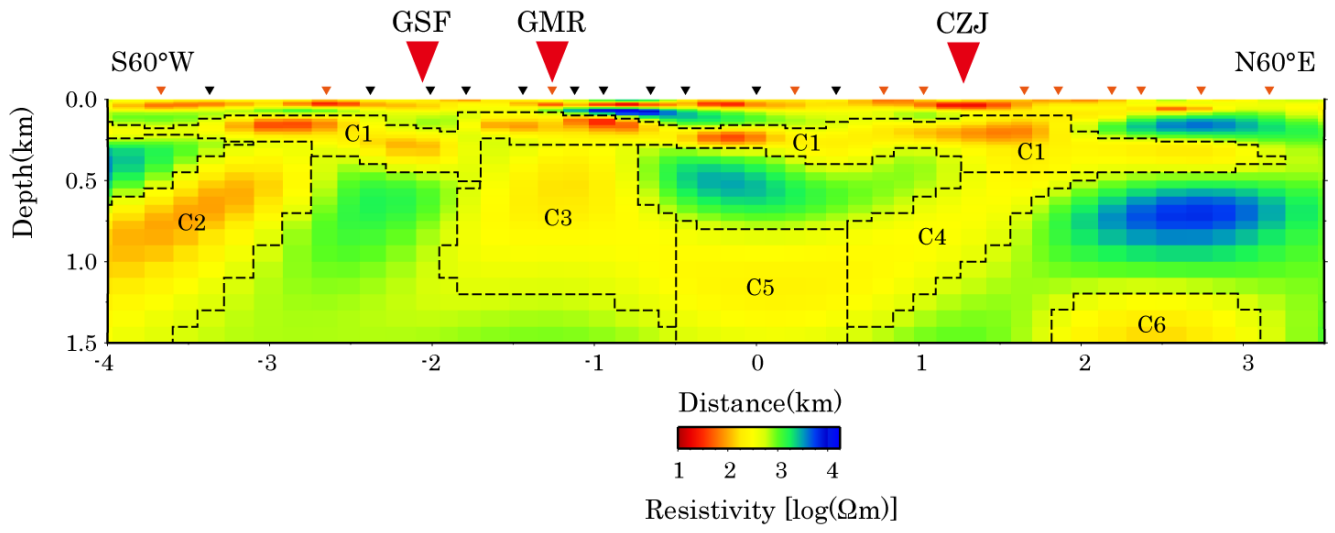
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The Gomura fault zone is located in the Tango Peninsula, Koto, Japan, and consists of the Go-seihou fault, the Gomura fault and the Chuzenji fault. They run closely (within 3km) and nearly parallel to each other. These faults have different features in fault activity (e.g., mean slip rate, cumulative displacement). The Go-seihou fault shows no clear displacement at the surface. The last faulting event of the Gomura fault is 1927 Kita-Tango earthquakes, while that of the Chuzenji fault is estimated to be about 10 thousand years ago. Cumulative displacement of the Chuzenji fault is about twice larger than the Gomura fault. Clear electrical resistivity variation is expected to be identifiable in the vicinity of an active fault as a result of enriched and interconnected fluid (meteoric waters and/or groundwater) in fractures and/or uneven fluid distribution across the fault because of impeded cross-fault fluid flow. It is expected that special extent and resistivity contrast to surrounding area. It is interesting to reveal relationship among width of conductive zone and futures of the fault in fault activity.

Aiming to clarify the above relationship, we made an Audio frequency Magnetotelluric (AMT) survey at 25 sites including 12 sites by Ouchi (2014) along the transect (7km) across the surface trace of the Gomura fault zone. We established the two-dimensional resistivity model (GCH model) along the transect. The GCH model is characterized by six conductive zone (C1 -C6). Region C1 is shallow and sub-horizontal layer. We interpret the layer is caused by meteoric water and/or groundwater included in the highly weathered granite layer on a fresh granite layer by comparing our model and the electrical logging data at the 1300m borehole near our survey line. Region C3 and C4 are located beneath the Gomura and Chuzenji faults, respectively. Former region is wider than latter region. We can say these regions are caused by fluid in the damage zones formed by fault movement. It is interesting that no conductive region is detected beneath the Go-seihou fault.

Keywords: The Gomura Fault, electrical resistivity structure, Damage zone



Resistivity structure beneath the southeastern part of the Yamasaki fault zone, southwest Japan

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The Yamasaki fault zone (YFZ) consists of the Nagisen fault, the main part of the YFZ, and the Kusadani fault. The main part of the YFZ is further divided into a northwestern (NW) group (the Ohara, Hijima, Yasutomi, and Kuresakatouge faults) and a southeastern (SE) group (the Biwako and Miki faults) based on their latest faulting events and mean slip rates; AD 868 and 1.0 m/kyr for the NW group vs. AD400 - 600 and 0.8 m/kyr for the SE group (Okada, 1987; Earthquake Research Committee, 2013). The Biwako fault consists of the western trace (A) and eastern trace (B) (Okada and Togo, 2010).

Magnetotelluric methods are powerful methods of surveying the subsurface structure of active faults as characteristic electrical conductivity variations are expected around an active fault. Among available methods, the audio-frequency magnetotelluric (AMT) method is useful because of its high spatial resolution for the depth range concerned.

Aiming to reveal conductivity structure beneath each fault and relationship between them, many AMT surveys have been made along transects across the main part of the YFZ, that is 81 stations along seven survey lines for the NW group and at only 29 stations along two survey lines for the SE group. It is clear that more observation is necessary to clarify features of resistivity structure below whole SE group.

We made an AMT survey along the line across the trace B of the Biwako fault where is between the trace A and the Miki fault and established the 2-D resistivity model along the line (BWK_B model). Further, we reanalyzed the data along MIKI line and establish the new 2D resistivity model (MIKI model).

In this paper, we explain features of the BWK_B and MIKI models, then show variation of the resistivity structure along the SE group, finally, interpret them by taking into geological structure and other geophysical information (Bouguer anomaly and seismological survey).

Details of observation, data analysis, and modeling process are shown below.

Observation

AMT surveys were undertaken in February 2015 and March 2016 at 24 stations along the line (BWK_B line) at 24 stations along the line across the trace B of the Biwako fault. Two horizontal components of electrical field and three components of magnetic field were measured at each station. The remote station of the magnetic field was made ~18km north from the northeastern end of the BWK_B line.

Analysis

After MT response functions were obtained according to the remote reference method (Gamble *et al.*, 1978), we estimated dimensionality below the study area and strike of resistivity structure if structure is estimated to be two-dimensional. Then the two-dimensional resistivity model was constructed using the code of Ogawa and Uchida (1996). Ultimately, we established the BWK_B and MIKI models.

Keywords: Yamasaki fault zone, active fault, Magnetotelluric method, resistivity structure

Spatial distribution of active structure and the activity in the offshore extension of the Nagaoka-Heiya-Seien Fault zone.

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We conducted offshore active-fault survey on the offshore extension of the Nagaoka-Heiya-Seien Fault zone. We obtained high-resolution multi-channel seismic reflection data (150 km total length) and 2 sedimentary cores. Existing survey data are also examined in this study.

Results of the seismic reflection survey revealed distinctive subsurface flexure structure along the fault zone. The subsurface structure extends to an uplift bulge (lying NE-SE), and fades out. We recognized surface deformations at several areas, and they possibly indicate the latest event.

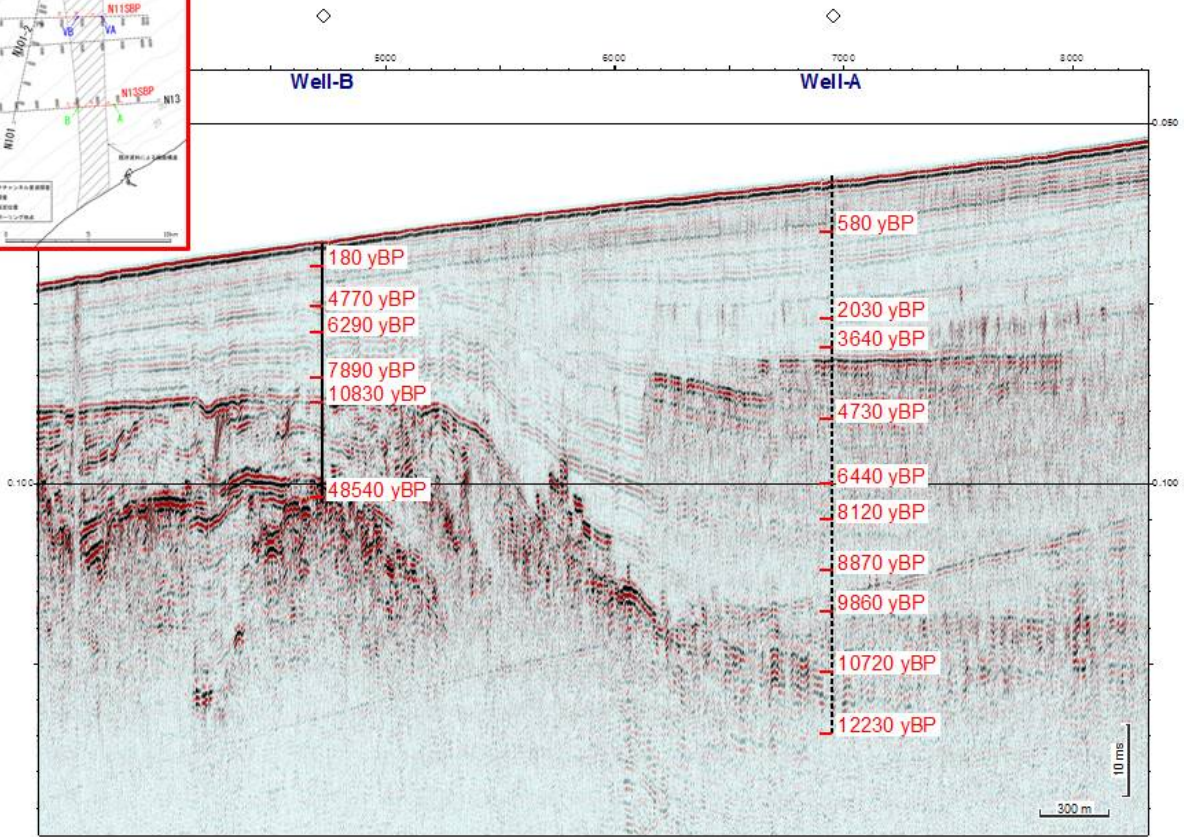
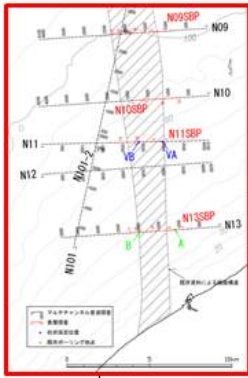
We investigated recent sedimentary record based on the newly obtained cores and existing submarine borehole logs. We also reconstructed age-depth curves for the cores based on radiocarbon dating.

Sedimentation rates at the footwall(subsiding) side excess those at the hanging-wall(uplifting) side. We calculated averaged vertical

deformation rate as 3.8 m/ky based on both the seismic profiles and the age-depth curves.

Keywords: the Nagaoka-Heiya-Seien Fault zone, active structure, high-resolution seismic reflection survey

N13測線と海上ボーリングの対比



Late Quaternary Slip Rates and Recurrence Interval on the Median Tectonic Line Active Fault Zone in the Eastern Shikoku, Southwest Japan

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The Median Tectonic Line (MTL) active fault zone extends for about 190 km through Shikoku, southwest Japan. Though the MTL is the most significant onshore active tectonic feature in southwest Japan, its Late Quaternary slip rate has been estimated at only a few locations with reasonable references and age. Better information on this feature's recent slip rates is critical to understanding the ongoing tectonic processes in the region and evaluating the seismic risk of this fault system. In this paper, new estimates of the Late Quaternary slip rate are reported from the Ikeda and Chichio faults in the central portion of the MTL. The author mapped offset Late Pleistocene fluvial terrace surfaces and risers and dated them using tephrochronology and radiocarbon dating. The slip vectors of both faults are very similar, as derived from piercing points on the terraces' inner edges. The vertical component of displacement is 8–10% of the horizontal component. Long-term slip rates during the Late Quaternary were calculated as 7.8–9.1 mm/yr, which is more precise than previous studies and represents the highest slip rate in the MTL. This rate is also much faster than previously reported short-term slip rates of elastic strain storage. Based on the amount of slip associated with the most recent surface rupture along the Chichio fault (6–7m; Okada and Tsutsumi, 1997) and the calculated right-lateral slip rate (7.8–9.1 mm/yr) in this study, the recurrence interval was estimated to be about 660–900 years.

Keywords: active fault, geomorphology, slip rate, digital elevation model, Median Tectonic Line, southwest Japan

Tectonic events recorded in the varved sediments of Lake Suigetsu, Fukui, central Japan

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Lake Suigetsu, Fukui prefecture, central Japan, is one of 5 tectonic lakes located in the San' en triangle (e.g. Okada et al., 2010) partitioned by the Mikata and Hiruga Faults of the Mikata Fault Zone in a north-south direction and the Kumagawa Fault in a west-east direction (Nakata and Imaizumi, 2002; Okada, 2012). Lake Suigetsu preserves annually laminated sediments over the last ca. 70 kyr (Nakagawa et al., 2012) with a significant number of event layers (Schlölaut et al., 2014). The sediment is one of the best-dated annually laminated materials in the world (e.g. Staff et al., 2011; Bronk Ramsey et al., 2012). Theoretically, the sediments have the potential to provide one of the most precise and highly resolved records of tectonic events in the world. In this study, we reconstructed a very detailed history of fault movements from changes of sedimentation rate in off-fault records using the new core drilled in 2014 (SG14) and the previously obtained and well-dated core (SG06).

The SG14 core was obtained from a point ~320 m to the east of the SG06 coring site funded by the Fukui Prefecture. The SG14 core is composed of overlapping segments recovered from four nearby boreholes to ensure continuity of the whole archive. We also took high-resolution photographs of the sediment section on the coring site before any oxidation could take place. On the basis of these high-resolution photographs, we recognised more than 300 event layers in the SG14 core and precisely correlated them to their counterparts in the SG06 core. This enabled us to transfer the high-quality SG06 chronology to the SG14 core and compare sedimentation rate changes of both cores in an exceptionally high resolution and precision for the last ca. 50 ka.

The result showed semi-cyclic step changes in the difference of the sedimentation rate at least three times over 50,000 years. That is, the relative sedimentation rate drastically increased at the eastern side of the lake, closest to the fault (SG14), after gradually increasing at the western side near the depositional centre of Lake Suigetsu (SG06). These cyclic step shifts were not synchronous with thick and very characteristic event layers such as turbidites. These findings suggest that: (i) the cyclic step changes in differential sedimentation rate demonstrate direct records of the deformation events due to slips of the Hiruga Fault, and (ii) much thicker turbidites that are seen in the lake's sediment (at least not all of them) were not always induced by the near fault's movement.

We propose that the following sequence best explains the mechanism responsible for these subtle changes in sedimentation rates: 1. the eastern side of the lake was lifted relatively, due to a reverse-fault slip of the Hiruga Fault; 2. the sedimentation rate increased relatively at the eastern site of SG14 because of sediment focusing nearer the fault; 3. subsequently, the sediment focusing occurred further from the fault; 4. the sedimentation rate gradually increased at the western SG06 coring site located near the lake's depocentre; 5. the eastern site (SG14) was relatively lifted by the fault again, and the same sequence repeated for a number of times. These results are consistent with the subsidence events related to the activity of the Mikata Fault Zone estimated in the nearby Lake Mikata, located to the south of Lake Suigetsu (Ishimura et al., 2010). In summary, we have reconstructed a precise and highly resolved record of fault movements. The detailed ages as well as the typical recurrence period will be reported at this conference.

Keywords: Lake Suigetsu, Sedimentation rate, tectonic event, varved sediments

Preliminary study on related faults and triggering mechanism of the 9.12 Gyeongju earthquake (ML=5.8)

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The 9.12 Gyeongju Earthquake (ML=5.8), the biggest instrumental earthquake in South Korea, are followed by hundreds of small to medium magnitude of aftershocks around the Hwagok reservoir in Naenam-myeon, Gyeongju, Korea. This earthquake is a shock to Korean people who believed that a Korean peninsula is a safe place from earthquakes. It was enough people to think the importance of earthquake and active fault. One of the hottest issues after the earthquake is the related active fault. We directly visited the epicenter area and carried out field work to find surface ruptures or any related faults, and furthermore, we have done lineament analysis based on pre-existing satellite images and new LiDAR data as well as fore/aftershocks distribution. Although we could not find any surface ruptures related to this earthquake, there are many N-S to NNE-SSW trending lineaments and minor dextral faults, which are parallel to the main Yangsan Fault and a subsidiary Deokcheon fault. The two major faults are geometrically linked by several NE-SW trending connecting lineaments in LiDAR Image. Focal mechanisms of the 9.12 Gyeongju Earthquake represent NNE trending dextral strike-slip fault, and distributions of fore/aftershocks indicate the concentration in the linking damage zone between the two major faults. Based on these preliminary studies, the 9.12 Gyeongju Earthquake may be triggered by a connecting fault in the linking damage zone of the two NNE-SSW trending faults (Yangsan fault and Deokcheon fault) with a dextral strike-slip sense.

Keywords: Gyeongju Earthquake, Active fault, Earthquake mechanism, LiDAR, Aftershock distribution, Fault damage zone

