Seismotectonic characteristics in the Yun-Chia-Nan area, Southwest Taiwan: Insight from seismic ambient noise

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The seismic ambient noise tomography (ANT) has been wildly used in regions lack of earthquake data to image subsurface seismic velocity as well as its spatial-temporal variations using surface wave type of Green's function extracted from cross correlation of seismic ambient noise. Due to vigorous collision of the Eurasian Plate and the Philippine Sea Plate, the deformation front of Taiwan composes complex folds and fault systems. The Yun-Chia-Nan area is suited in southwest segment of the deformation front, where includes southern portion of the Western Foothills and the Coastal Plain. The detailed physical properties for the above mentioned areas are not well known as a result of less seismicity. Thus, we had conducted a 2-year project to deploy a temporary broadband array with 14 stations. The project is not only to monitor seismic activities in the Yun-Chia-Nan area, but also to derive an average 1-D shear-wave velocity structure using seismic ambient noise.

By analyzing time domain empirical Green's function (TDEGF) from the cross correlation of seismic ambient noise between station-pairs, we are able to obtain 1-D shear-wave velocity profile. Our results indicate that between the period of 1–10 s, shear-wave velocity shows prominent low value in the upper crust. We also compare time variant of shear-wave velocity profiles derived from a station pair (HNME-RELI) located in the east of the Chukuo fault. Interestingly, we find that, after 10-years, shear-wave velocity becomes greater as depth is beyond 2 km. This feature might imply crack closing due to intensive orogenic process in Taiwan.

Keywords: Ambient Noise, 1-D shear-wave velocity structure

Study on property of seismogenic activity for Chianan area

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Previous study has suggested Chianan area as the region with higher probability to generate large earthquake in next 30 years. In this study, we collect the P and S arrival data (2008/11²2015/12) determined by the Central Weather Bureau (CWB) and two local seismic networks, which were operated by National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE) and Integration of geodynamic research in Chiayi area (ITCH) projected by National Chung Cheng University, respectively. Through applying the 3D relocation analysis and stress inversion, we attempt to further understand the properties of seismic activity and the implication of the tectonic structures in this area.

Our results show that: (i) The faulting mechanisms do not exactly correspond with the regional tectonic stress and active faults in this area. The primary strike-slip faulting mechanism might be related to the preexisting normal fault. (ii) The lowest friction coefficient was obtained in the southwest region to the Meishan fault with a value of 0.3. This might respond to the complicated fracture system of the Meishan fault. (iii) The seismic activities in Chianan area most range between 5 to 15 km depth, and the various friction coefficients (0.3^o0.5) indicate the complex fault structure and heterogeneity in this region. We hope this integrated seismic data and study result can provide some helpful information for potential seismic-hazard assessment in Chinan area.

Keywords: Chianan area, Seismic activity, Stress inversion

Seismotectonics of the Taiwan Shoal Region in the Northeastern South China Sea: Insights from the Crustal Structure

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An earthquake cluster, which included the great September 16, 1994, earthquake, occurred in the Taiwan Shoal region on the outer rise of the Manila Trench. Several previous studies had given important information to better our understanding of the September 16, 1994 earthquake. However, little is known about the earthquake cluster. To understand the mechanisms that controlled and generated the earthquake cluster, it is important to investigate the deep crustal structure of the Taiwan Shoal region. We present a two-dimensional seismic tomographic image of the crustal structure along the OBS2012 profile, which is based on ocean-bottom seismograph (OBS) data. The structure exhibits a high-velocity anomaly in the upper crust beneath the Taiwan Shoal, which is flanked by low-velocity anomalies. We studied 765 earthquakes (Richter magnitude $M_1 > 1.5$) that occurred from 1991 to 2015. An analysis of the earthquake epicenters, regional faults, and crustal structure allowed us to better understand the nature of the active tectonics in this region. The results of these analyses indicate that (1) the high-velocity area represents major asperities where stress is concentrated and corresponds to the location of the earthquake cluster; (2) the earthquake cluster was influenced by fault interactions. However, the September 1994 earthquake was independent of these seismic activities and instead was associated with the reactivation of a pre-existing fault, and (3) an accumulation of compressive stress may trigger future damaging earthquakes in the Taiwan Shoal region, because the slab pull was resisted by the exposed pre-collision accretionary prism and the resistive force caused the in-plane compressive-stress accumulation.

Keywords: earthquake cluster, crustal structure, Taiwan Shoal

Sedimentary structure of Bohai Bay Basin from teleseismic receiver functions

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We calculated P receiver functions from 895 teleseismic events which were recorded by 70 temporary stations from Sep. 2006 to Sep. 2009. For the stations were located on thick sedimentary structures, it is difficult to identify the P to S converted phases from the Moho discontinuity. The first few seconds after the direct P arrival are mainly controlled by the sedimentary structure response which includes the Ps phase generated by the bottom of the basin and its multiple reverberations in the basin. Based on these characteristics, we used the Neighborhood Algorithm method to invert the data and try to find the best basin velocity model that produces the best fit between the theoretical receiver functions and observed receiver functions in the least-square sense. The results show that there is a series of depressions and uplifts orienting in the NNE direction in BBB. The sedimentary depth in the Jizhong depression is about 3⁻6 km. There are several secondary depressions and uplifts alternating in the NNE or NE direction in the Jizhong depression. The thickest sedimentary layer is located in the eastern Jizhong depression. The above shows the characteristics of a half rift valley (rift valley)-half horst (horst) structure. The ratio of the P velocity to S velocity in the uplifts is larger than the one of the depressions. It may be caused by the lack of the Paleogene stratum in the uplifts. The proximity of geothermal fields and the high Vp/Vs-ratio depressions shows a close relationship between the high temperatures of the stratum and the large ratios of P velocity to S velocity; The average of S velocity of the sedimentary in the uplift is smaller than the one in the depression, and the thicker sedimentary area always has a higher average S velocity. These characteristics show a relationship of thick sedimentary and high average S velocity. It may be because that the thicker sedimentary area has a thicker Paleogene stratum and the S velocity of the Paleogene stratum is much higher than the ones of the Neogene and Quaternary stratums. The sedimentary structure provides a base to determine crustal structure beneath the BBB.

Keywords: Neighborhood Algorithm method, Teleseismic receiver function, Seidimentary Structure

Lithosphere structure of the Yamato Basin from receiver function analysis

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Large earthquakes have occurred around the Japan Sea, including the 2007 Chuetsu-oki Earthquake. To estimate the risk of potential earthquakes and tsunami, better understanding of the lithosphere structure beneath the Japan Sea is an issue of importance. Revealing the lithosphere structure would also help constrain the formation process of the Japan Sea, which has been considered due to back-arc opening. In this study, we conducted receiver function analysis using broad-band ocean-bottom seismometers (BBOBS) installed at the Yamato Basin from 2013 to 2016. The final goal of this study is to detect a lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary (LAB), which provides fundamental information of the oceanic plate i.e., thickness of the lithosphere. Teleseismic P waveforms recorded by horizontal sensors at offshore sites are significantly affected by multiple reflections and conversions within the sediment layer beneath the seafloor. These multiple phases have potential to overprint signals from the LAB. We, therefore, first estimated shallow (< 20 km) crustal velocity structure from receiver function waveform inversion. Then we searched for the depth and contrast of the LAB which can better explain observed waveforms than any structure models without the LAB. As a result, we acquired good waveform fitting with only the shallow crustal structure. We also found that the LAB located at 70 km depth can improve the waveform fitting. Unfortunately, we could not identify LAB-related signals visually due to dominating sediment reverberations. Statistical approach is left for future studies to confirm whether this improvement in the waveform fitting truly represents the existence of the LAB or not.

Keywords: Lithosphere structure, Ocean-bottom seismometer, Receiver function analysis

3D velocity model in the region of Nansei-Shoto

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Introduction

This is a part of the project "Comprehensive evaluation of faults information on offshore Japan", by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). The project consists of three themes, 1) Collecting seismic survey data and building a database of offshore faults, 2) Interpreting distribution of active faults using seismic data collected, and conducting the seismic re-processing by leading-edge seismic technology for the seismic data obtained in previous decades, 3) Building the fault models for a simulation of strong motion and tsunami disaster, based on the interpreted faults. Our purpose of this study is make a 3D velocity model in the Nansei-Shoto to provide with the support we needs to interpret faults.

The Nansei-Shoto is one of the islands arcs along the West Pacific continental margins (Philippine Sea Plate subducts Eurasian Plate) and has typical topographic features as an islands arc, where marginal seas, volcanic fronts, islands arcs, sedimentary basins and trenches are regularly and zonally aligned toward the Pacific Ocean.

Methods and data

3D velocity model was constructed by seismic data, well data (ex. T-D curve), and ocean bottom seismometer(OBS) refraction survey data which were obtained by a various agencies and private companies. Horizons such as acoustic basment and unconformity were interpreted using reflection seismic sections. Conrad discontinuity and Mohorovicic discontinuity were interpreted on refraction surveys and consulted previous study. Layer structure and velocity model were created on these horizons by calculation using "Decision Space Geoscience". The bin size of model creation is 1,000m horizontally (in the case of crust, 500m is applied) and 100m vertically, respectively.

Result

We obtain a result that understands geological structure in Nansei-Shoto. So in this session, we will take a discussion concerning structural characteristic based on the 3D velocity model.

Keywords: 3D velocity model, Nansei-Shoto, Ryukyu islands, subduction zone

Fault distribution around the Nansei-Shoto

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Interpretation of fault distribution must be based on features of geography and geological structure from seismic reflection data. Bathymetric data are one of the important clue to understand offshore fault distribution. The effective use of high resolution bathymetric data makes progress in the comprehensive study of the relationship among seafloor topography, subsurface structure and seismicity. In the project, we have created detailed bathymetric maps around the Nansei-Shoto (e.g. red relief image map) by the integration of topographic data including high quality bathymetric data with multi-narrow beam echo sounder, and achieved the interpretation of offshore faults with the bathymetric map, seismic profiles by front-line seismic processing and earthquake mechanism information from the Japan Meteorological Agency. As a result, 441 offshore faults were found out around the Nansei-Shoto through the project. The Ryukyu Islands is a chain of islands that extends about 1,200 km from Kyushu to Taiwan. The Ryukyu Islands system is located at a convergent plate margin where the Philippine Sea Plate is subduction is oblique to the trench, while in the northeastern Ryukyu arc, it is perpendicular to the trench. The Oblique subduction causes extensional stress in the back-arc and compressive or extensional stresses in the fore-arc depending on the sense of arc curvature and the relative motion of the plates.

The study area can be divided into three regions, based on differences in the basic stress pattern and developing fault type: back-arc, fore-arc, and island arc. In the back-arc basin called as the Okinawa Trough, there are numerous normal faults with echelon structures, east-northeast to northeast trending, resulted in the initial rifting and subsequent spreading process. In the southeastern area of the Kyushu Island, where is a rift zone in the northeastern extension of the Okinawa Trough and is under E-W compression with strike-slip faulting type, normal faults and lateral strike- slip faults develop concurrently. For the fore-arc region, on the trench side, reverse faults, that are considered to be spray faults derived from the plate boundary, exist within accretionary prism or fore-arc basins, meanwhile on the island arc side, normal faults are formed on the terrace slope in parallel to the island arc. In the island arc region, normal faults, which cut perpendicular to the axis of the arc like transvers fault, develop such as the Tokara Gap, the Kerama Gap and the Miyako Saddle, and these structural gaps play structural transmit zone between the trench and the trough.

Here we will introduce the fault distribution with several seismic profiles around the Nansei-Shoto.

Keywords: offshore fault, seismic reflection survey, Ryukyu Arc, Ryukyu Trench, Okinawa Trough

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Downward continuation of multichannel seismic data for full waveform inversion -Synthetic modeling-

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In order to constrain the physical properties of fine scale crustal structure, it is necessary to integrate borehole-scale physical property data and regional-scale seismic data. Recently high-resolution reflection images and detailed seismic velocity structures have become available by using a combination of a synthetic ocean bottom experiment (SOBE) method [Harding et al., 2007] with pre-stack depth migration and/or full waveform inversion, in addition to the conventional data processing of multichannel reflection data [e.g., Arnulf et al., 2012; 2014; Harding et al., 2016]. The SOBE method is based on the downward continuation [Berryhill 1979], which is a technique to extrapolate the observed wavefield to an arbitrary surface by applying Kirchhoff's integral extrapolation, for the purpose of improving the imaging condition. However, most previous studies using the SOBE method are limited to data from mid-ocean ridges, where the seafloor depth is shallow, with few exceptions [Ghosal et al., 2014]. Here we present the results of synthetic modeling tests to evaluate the effect of the downward continuation to multichannel seismic data obtained in other tectonic region (e.g., subduction zone). At first, we redatumed both shot and receiver gathers from synthetic streamer data (up to 12 km offsets) to a depth close to the seafloor, and confirmed that the refraction phases from shallow part of the crust become first arrivals at near offsets. As a next step, we plan to a travel time tomography using the first arrivals, and compare the spatial resolution with that of original data. In this presentation, we will discuss the effect of the downward continuation and application methods to real seismic data and geometries.

3-D seismic velocity structure and distribution of reflection intensity near the main slip area of the Boso Slow Slip Event

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Off the Boso Peninsula, Japan, the Pacific plate (PAC) is subducting westward beneath both the Honshu island arc (HIA) and Philippine Sea plate (PHS), while the Philippine Sea plate is subducting northwestward beneath the Honshu island arc. These complex tectonic interactions have caused numerous seismic events such as the Boso Slow Slip Events (SSEs). To better understand these seismic events, it is important to determine the structure under this region.

Although many previous studies have attempted to reveal the structure from natural earthquakes and seismic experiments, still further work is needed for farther offshore.

We conducted a marine seismic experiment off the east coast of the Boso Peninsula, from July to August 2009. Airgun shooting was conducted along the 4 survey lines, and 27 Ocean Bottom Seismometers (OBSs) in total were deployed in the area.

In the 2016 fall meeting of the Seismological Society of Japan (S06-11; Kono et al.), we presented 2-D seismic velocity structures and distribution of the reflection intensity from the upper surface of the PHS (UPHS) under the 3 seismic survey lines, and we showed that some strong reflections have seen close to the main slip area of the Boso Slow Slip events (SSEs). This time, we additionally used the data from the off-line OBSs to estimate a 3-D seismic velocity structure and distribution of the reflection intensity from the UPHS in the off-line area, which is close to the main slip of the Boso SSEs.

We estimated 3-D P-wave velocity structure from the airgun data recorded in the OBSs by using the PMDM (Progressive Model Development Method; Sato and Kennett, 2000) and the FAST (First Arrival Seismic Tomography; Zelt and Barton, 1998). Next, we will pick the reflection traveltimes likely reflected from the UPHS and apply them to the Traveltime mapping method (Fujie et al. 2006) to estimate locations of the reflectors. It seems that reflections from the UPHS can be seen in several off-line OBS data, and we are still working on estimating distribution of the reflection intensity.

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Keywords: 3D seismic refraction survey, Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS), Philippine Sea plate, Boso slow slip event, Traveltime mapping

Three dimensional seismic velocity structure in the Hyuganada region, western part of Nankai Trough, Southwestern Japan, revealed by an integration analysis of inland and ocean-bottom seismic observation data

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In order to understand the preparation process and potential of interplate earthquakes, we need to reveal the characteristic of interplate coupling. The Hyuganada region is located at the western end of Nankai Trough, and the heterogeneity of interplate coupling has been studied by the analysis of small repeating earthquakes and slow slip events. In this study, we estimate three dimensional seismic velocity structure on the Hyuganada region by using both inland and ocean-bottom seismic observation data, and try to obtain the knowledge about the structure which controls the strength of interplate coupling. We used the arrival time data and hypocenter locations of 675 earthquakes which were detected inland and ocean-bottom seismic observation was carried out by the double difference tomography method (Zhang and Thurber, 2003). The initial velocity model and station corrections used in the inversion were obtained by the Joint hypocenter determination method (Crosson, 1976). We evaluated the resolution of the result by the Checkerboard Resolution test (CRT; Grand, 1987).

Our results show that the subducting slab is high velocity and the mantle wedge is low velocity and high poisson' s ratio, which are common feature in the subduction zones. In addition, the results indicate the subducting Kyushu Palau ridge is relatively low velocity, and the poisson' s ratio in the slab seems to be decreasing with depth, which are possibly related with the interplate coupling distribution in this region estimated by Yamashita et al. (2012).

Keywords: seismic velocity structure, Hyuganada, interplate

Seismic wave attenuation and local depth of seismogenic layer in the crust beneath Kyushu, Japan

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Attenuation of seismic wave energy is caused by two factors: scattering and intrinsic absorption. The former is the scattering of seismic wave energy due to random heterogeneities in seismic wave velocity and the density of the medium, while the latter is the conversion from seismic wave energy to heat energy by internal friction due to anelasticity of the medium. Quantifying scattering and intrinsic attenuation is important to understanding the structure of the lithosphere in terms of seismotectonic features. In this study, we separately estimate scattering and intrinsic attenuation by applying the multiple lapse time window analysis (MLTWA) technique [Hoshiba et al., 1991].

In all the studied area, intrinsic attenuation dominates over scattering attenuation at low frequencies (1-2 Hz), whereas scattering attenuation predominates at higher frequencies (> 2 Hz). The results show strong spatial variations in scattering and intrinsic attenuation that depend mainly on the tectonic setting. Areas with strong scattering and intrinsic attenuation geographically correlate with the locations of the volcanoes and active faults.

We compare the relationships between scattering attenuation and intrinsic attenuation quantitatively in the typical tectonic settings, volcanoes and active faults. Areas with relatively strong scattering attenuation correspond to the volcanoes, while area with relatively strong intrinsic attenuation correspond to the active faults. We also compare the scattering attenuation and intrinsic attenuation with local cut off depth of inland earthquakes, D90 defined as the depth, above which 90% of the earthquakes occur [Matsumoto et al., 2016]. Areas with relatively strong scattering attenuation correspond to shallow seismogenic layers. The areas geographically correlate with volcanoes.

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Tomographic imaging of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake area

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On 16 April 2016, the Kumamoto earthquake (M7.3) occurred due to the rupture of the Futagawa-Hinagu fault zone in Kyushu. Its big foreshocks took place at 21:26 on 14 April 2016 and 00:03 on 15 April (M6.5 and M6.4, respectively), and more than 4000 aftershocks with a seismic intensity greater than 1 have occurred by 31 December 2016. The Beppu-Shimabara rift zone and the Beppu-Haneyama fault zone in Ooita Prefecture have been activated, where several active arc volcanoes exist, such as Aso, Kuju, and Tsurumi-dake. Hence, the influences of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake on volcanic activities are concerned. To clarify the generating mechanism of the Kumamoto earthquake, we applied seismic tomography methods to study the 3-D velocity structure of the crust and upper mantle beneath the Beppu-Shimabara rift zone.

Our study region is in the range of 30.5N ~ 34.5N and 129.0E ~ 133.0E in Kyushu. We inverted a large number of high-quality arrival-time data of P and S waves using the isotropic tomography method of *Zhao et al.* (1992, 2011) and P-wave anisotropic tomography method of *Wang and Zhao* (2013). The lateral grid interval is ~20 km for the isotropic tomography and ~40 km for the anisotropic tomography. In the crust and mantle wedge, grid nodes are set up at depths of 1, 10, 25, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180 and 200 km. In the subducting Philippine Sea (PHS) slab which is assumed to be 4% faster than the surrounding mantle, grid nodes are set up at depths of 5, 15 and 30 km below the slab upper boundary. We used 195 seismic stations, and the arrival-time data are selected from the Japan Unified Earthquake Catalogue and the seismic database of Tohoku University.

Main results of this work are summarized as follows.

(1) In the mantle wedge under the Kyushu forearc, our tomographic results revealed predominant low-velocity (low-V) zones, which reflect forearc mantle serpentinization due to abundant fluids from the dehydration of the PHS slab (e.g., *Abe et al.*, 2013). Our anisotropic tomography shows that the fast-velocity direction (FVD) is trench-parallel under the forearc area.

(2) In the mantle wedge beneath the volcanic front and the back-arc area, significant low-V zones are revealed, and the FVD is found to be trench-normal, which reflect arc magmatism caused by a combination of the PHS slab dehydration and corner flow in the mantle wedge (e.g., *Zhao et al.*, 2011; *Wang and Zhao*, 2013).

(3) In the Beppu-Shimabara rift zone, the big foreshocks and the main shocks are located in a high-velocity zone in the upper crust. However, significant anomalies of low-V and high Poisson's ratio are imaged in the lower crust and the uppermost mantle beneath the source zone. These results suggest that fluids from the PHS slab dehydration ascend through the mantle wedge to the upper crust, which infiltrated the Futagawa-Hinagu fault zone and triggered the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake *(Zhao and Liu, 2016)*.

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Earthquake Distribution and Velocity structure in Nagaoka Region

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The Nagaoka region is located on the high strain rate zone at eastern margin of Japan Sea, and it is also the area where the Chuetsu Earthquake and the Chuetsu-oki Earthquake have occurred. Between the two large faults, another faults are confirmed on the western margin of the fault zone of the Nagaoka plain. To investigate the activity of faults, the Association for the Development of Earthquake Prediction (ADEP) determined to newly construct a high-density seismic observation network (AN-net) in the region from 2010. We add the data of the AIST Kashiwazaki seismic observation network where is deployed just to the south of AN-net. In this study, we estimate the distribution of the earthquakes, and velocity structures in this region.

The seismic station of the AIST consists of the 15 stations. Each stations has velocity seismograph, which data is acquired offline. We merge the AN-net and AIST data manually. 101 earthquakes is used in the tomography.

In this study, we calculate P- and S- velocity structure by Double Difference tomography. After 2010 when the AN-net was constructed, arrival times of each earthquakes is picked manually in the AN-net region. Before 2010 and region of the Surrounding AN-net, we get the arrival data from JMA unified earthquake catalog. The number of absolute P- and S-wave arrival times used in the tomography is 369,852 and 328,375, respectively, with the relative arrival times for the manually picked P- and S- waves reaching 1,364,619 and 1,151,624, respectively, from 15,010 earthquakes which occurred from October 1997 to 2017. By adding the observation point located in the southern part of AN - net, the southern part of the Nagaoka plain is estimated better.

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In this study, we use the JMA unified earthquake catalog. The earthquake catalog used in this study is produced by the JMA, in cooperation with MEXT. The catalog is based on seismic data provided by NIED, JMA, Tohoku Univ., and the Univ. of Tokyo.

Keywords: tomography, velocity structure

Gravity survey across the northern region of Senboku Graben along southern area of central Osaka bay

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1. Summary

It is concerned that Earthquake damage due to a buried active fault which is not well known in the city on the sedimentary basin, where the population is concentrated. It is an urgent task to grasp the basement structure at these places. Recently the author has clarified the gravitational structure of the Uemachi Fault Zone in the Senboku area of Osaka (eg, Ryoki (2011), Ryoki (2015), etc.) Along the bay area of Takaishi, the graben structure was estimated in gravity measurement (Ryoki, 2016), and then the position of the northern margin of the coastal area of the Uemachi Fault Zone (Yoshioka et al., 2013) was confirmed. This time, the gravity has been measured along east-west survey line set to place about 3 km to the north of Ryoki (2016) 's survey line.

2. Target area

The survey line (Fig. 1) lay about 8 km east-west from east end of Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai City, to the quay of Hamadera waterway in Hamaderakoen-cho, Nishi-ku. Among this, the 2.2 km, from the west point of Ishidu rever to the south point of Hamadera Koen Station, almost coincides with Sakai 2nd survey line of seismic reflection method (Sakiyama, 1997).

3. Method

LaCoste & Romberg relative gravimeter G-308 was used for the gravity easurement. Measurement points were the baseline standard point of the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) and the reference point / auxiliary point of the public block area in principle. The survey results of these points were used for gravity correction. When the auxiliary point of the block district survey was lost, its original position was confirmed on the map and it was set as the gravity measurement point. No terrain correction has been added to measurement value because there was regarded as plains.

4. Result

Fig. 2 shows the results of free air anomalies and simple Bouguer anomalies projected in the east-west direction. The horizontal axis in Fig. 2 is the distance from the west end of the survey line. Fig. 1 also shows the location of the estimated active fault (1) located near the distance of 0.40 km, which indicated by Yoshioka et al. (2013). And in the vicinity of 0.96 km a concealed active fault (2) with active flexure accompanying this, an active fault (3) with somewhat inaccurate location near 1.68 km, around 3.60 km active fault (4) whose position is somewhat unclear. All of these faults are orthogonal to the current survey line in general.

5. Conclusion

Among the results shown in Fig. 2, it is due to the terrain effect of Hamadera Waterway with a width of 170 m or more that the Bouguer gravity anomaly shows low value at the start of the survey line. From the Bouguer anomaly distribution shown in Fig. 2, it is suggested that the fault (3) has west fall and the fault (4) has east fall. On the other hand, the gravity anomaly value rises smoothly from around the distance of 4.00 km. This suggests probably due to the fact that the survey line is along the outer circumference of

the Mikunigaoka high gravity anomaly area.

In order to conduct a more detailed discussion based on the above measured values, it is necessary to apply terrain correction and earth gravity correction. In addition, dense gravity measurement should be done to acknowledge that the graben structure lay under the west side from the Hamadera Waterway, where is a petroleum or other chemical industry complex that is located in a vast landfill site and it is a difficult area for outsiders to enter for security.

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- 図 1 重力測定点の位置 A-A':今回の測定点, B-B':領木(2016)の 測定点
- Fig. 1 Position of gravity measurement points. A A ': current measurement points, B - B': measurement points by Ryoki (2016).



- 図 2 重力異常稠密測定の結果 東西断面 赤色矢印は単純ブー ゲー異常値の極値の位置を示し、青色矢印は吉岡・他 (2013)による活断層位置を示す。
- Fig. 2 Profile of gravity anomaly in dense survey East-West section. Red arrows indicate the points of the extremal value in the simple Bouguer anomalies. Blue arrows indicate the points of active fault (after Yoshioka, et al., 2013).

Probing shallow region structure of Atotsugawa fault fracture zone with cosmic-ray muon detector in borehole

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This presentation will give a brief overview of technique of underground density structure measurement and observation system using cosmic-ray muon detector from a borehole. Thereafter, results of measurement campaign and parameter estimation in 2016 at Atotsugawa fault fracture zone in Gifu prefecture, Japan will be presented.

Fault zone parameters such as strike, dip, density and width of fractured zone are important to predict seismic intensity and disaster scale of earthquake. However, it is necessary to do spatially wide and dense investigation to probe these parameters by previous methods. We have developed new method to measure wide area density structure including a fault from one observation site using cosmic-ray muon radiography technique.

The muon radiography technique uses high penetration power of cosmic-ray muons. Cosmic-ray muons can penetrate several kilometers of rocks and they attenuate in their paths. Average density on their paths is measured with the amount of muon attenuation. The muon attenuation depends on the density of the penetrated material without dependence on other parameters such as chemical and structure heterogeneity. Therefore, this method provides reliable measurement of shallow region of crustal structure without effect of heterogeneity. This technique can be applied to huge object like a volcano and a fault. However, cosmic-ray muons come only from the sky, and this method could not measure underground object other than uplifting object.

In order to overcome the challenge and measure under ground fault structure, we developed compact muon detector system to install it in a borehole that has 15 cm diameter. The detector has limited angular resolution due to its small size. Zenith angle is limited to one direction by statistically. In azimuthal angle, it resolves in eight directions. Underground density structure is measured by moving the detector along with depth direction. Wide area (several hundred meters) density structure including a fault is measured from one borehole.

We did measurement campaign at Atotsugawa fault zone in Gifu prefecture, Japan in 2016. The measurement was up to 100 m depth. As a result, low-density region was detected in the direction, which is consistent with the result of trenching survey. Moreover, fault zone parameters were estimated with the result of density structure.

Keywords: Cosmic-ray, Muon, Muography, Fault, Atotsugawa, Borehole

Characteristics of the PL waves observed by the borehole strain and stress meters of Tono Research Institute of Earthquake Science

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We deployed the network of the borehole strain and stress meters in the Tono region in Japan. We found that we could observe the long-period ground motion between P and S waves arrivals in the strain and stress records from some large earthquakes. The dominant periods of these long-period ground motions range from about 10 seconds to 30 seconds. Because these periods are shorter than the typical periods of the W phase (100 –1000 seconds order), these long-period ground motions are not W phases. We also found these long-period ground motions between P and S waves arrivals in the F-net seismograms. While we clearly found these waves in the radial components, it was difficult to find these waves in the transverse components. Because of this observation, we consider that the long-period ground motions between P and S waves.

In order to clarify the causes of the differences of these PL waves, we estimated the dominant periods of the PL waves observed by the strain and stress meters in our network for many large earthquakes in Japan. We will present the results obtained from this analysis.

Keywords: long-period ground motion between P and S arrivals, PL waves, strainmeters, stressmeters, borehole

Seismic reflection imaging of the Morimoto fault, Kanazawa, central Japan

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To estimate seismic hazards, understanding the relationship between active fault and seismic source fault is crucial. To estimates seismic hazards, more detailed survey to identify source faults is needed. A research project funded by MEXT named "the integrated research project on seismic and tsunami hazards around the Sea of Japan" began in FY 2013. To obtain the information of a seismogenic source fault, we performed seismic reflection profiling across the Morimoto fault, north eastern boundary fault of the Kanazawa plain. This fault is northern part of the Morimoto-Togashi fault zone, extend for 26-km along the eastern boundary of the Kanazawa plain (Active fault Research Group, 1991; Togo et al., 1998). The length of seismic line is approximately 9 km. We used a medium size vibrator truck (IVI Envirovib). We deployed 10 Hz geophones at 10 m interval covering whole seismic line. The sweep signals (8-100Hz for high resolution reflection profiling, 8-40Hz for refraction profiling) were recorded by fixed 885 channels. The seismic data were processed using conventional CMP-reflection methods and refraction tomography (Zelt & Barton, 1998). Seismic section portrays the image down to 1.5 seconds (TWT). The resultant depth converted seismic section show a simple monocline produced by an east-dipping reverse fault. A vertical separation by this fault is about 700 m. Judging from the horizontal reflectors on the hanging wall, fault geometry shows simple plane with constant dip angle.

Keywords: Morimoto fault, seismic reflection profiling, active fault

Seismic Reflection Survey at West Aizu Basin Fault Zone, Northeast Japan

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Aizu Basin in northeast Japan is an inner structural basin with 30 km length and 13 km width that is surrounded by two reverse faults: West Aizu Basin Fault zone and East Aizu Basin Fault zone. West Aizu Basin Fault zone that extends about 35 km with a strike of north-south direction is divided into Toudera, Niitsuru, and Sensakibara segment according to the geometry of the surface structure. The alluvium, Holocene fan deposits and terrace are distributed in the Aizu basin, whereas Late Miocene to Early Pleistocene fluvial strata deposited to the west of the basin (Fukushima Pref, 2000; Yamamoto et al, 2005). Historical records suggest that the earthquake with magnitude of 6.9 that hit Aizu Basin in 1611 occurred along West Aizu Basin Fault zone (Sangawa, 1987). There are several complicated small sub-segments of fault in the gap area between Toudera and Niitsuru segments with a length of about 2 km in east-west direction, where Sagase River that flows from a southwest direction forms fan delta. A seismic reflection image across the northern edge of Niitsuru segment identified flexure zones at 300 m to the east of the western boundary of the basin, suggesting the idea that the fault lines predicted by surface topography represents denudation (Fukushima Pref, 2000). The purpose of this study is to gain more insight into the spatial distribution of West Aizu Basin fault zone at a gap region between Toudera and Niitsuru segments by a shallow reflection imaging. We conducted S-wave reflection survey along three lines (Line 1, 2, and 3) that cross the fault zone. Sweep signals were produced by portable vibrator EIVIS III (GEOSYM) with a sweep length of 7 seconds and frequencies between 20 and 160 Hz, and received signals were recorded on 10 Hz GS-32CT horizontal geophones (Geospace). The repeat counts of sweeps at each shot point are from 3 to 10 and both shot and receiver intervals are set to be 2 m. Geophones with 96-channels spread moved laterally along each survey line in step of 48-channels and a total number of shot and receiver points at Line 1, 2, and 3 is 219, 260 and 96, respectively. Correlated shot gathers with sweep signals show high signal-to-noise ratio at all survey lines. CMP stacking with NMO corrections using 0.4 km/s for S-wave velocity reveals the reflections at about 0.3 second in a time profile. These phases are consistent with the seismic reflector found at a depth of about 100 m below the northern end of Niitsuru segment (Fukushima Pref, 2000). Reflections at 0.3 second have different slopes between the western and eastern part, suggesting a deformation structure related to fault activities. To clarify this deducation, further analyses need to be executed and the comparison with the drill core data near Line 1 must have key information.

Keywords: seismic reflection survey, West Aizu Basin Fault Zone

Seismic interferometry imaging of subsurface structure in the southernmost area of Southern Japanese Alps

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The Philippine Sea (PHS) plate is subducting beneath the Japanese island arc toward northwest direction in the Tokai district. The eastern Tokai area is a transition zone from the collision zone of Izu arc to the subduction dominated area. To understand the subsurface structure in this area, a 4-month seismic observation using a dense seismic linear array was conducted in the southernmost area of Southern Japanese Alps in 2013. In this study, seismic interferometry imaging was applied to the seismic records of the array observation. Seismic interferometry retrieves the zero-offset reflection response at a receiver by calculating the autocorrelation of the transmission response of normal incidence at the receiver (Claerbout, 1968). We used the regional deep earthquakes occurred at the Pacific Ocean slab as seismic sources to image the PHS plate and crustal structures.

Some clear, coherent reflectors were imaged at the depth of 10 km and 20 km in theS-wave reflection depth profile. These reflectors correspond to the S-wave velocity contrast in the S-wave velocity structure obtained by seismic tomography (Kawasaki, 2015). The reflector at the depth of 20 km shows a good match with the upper boundary of PHS plate estimated by previous studies (Matsu'ura et al., 1991, Hirose et al., 2008, and Kawasaki, 2015). For the reflectors at the depth of 10 km, our current interpretation is a boundary between geological units of accretionary deposits in the crust.

Keywords: seismic array observation, Seismic interferometry imaging, reflection depth profile

Estimation of subserface temperature by geophysical data using Artificial Neural Network

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Accurate estimation of the underground temperature is essential for the resource evaluation of a geothermal reservoir. However, the quantity of temperature data measured in boreholes is usually limited and therefore the estimation of temperature distribution at depth is often difficult. General relationship between resistivity and temperature has been studied in laboratory experiment by using drilling samples, but it is not always applicable because there are many factors that affect the resistivity value.

We have tried to indirectly estimate the underground temperature by geological and geophysical data. By using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) trained by geological and geophysical data, this study aims to estimate underground temperature by resistivity data obtained from magnetotelluric (MT) sounding. MT investigation can estimate resistivity of deep underground easily and reasonably. If we can estimate temperature of deep underground from MT data, for example, we can find a promising geothermal reservoir and decide the location for development of a geothermal power plant.

We chose the Kakkonda geothermal area, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, as a test site of this study. It is because the area is underlain by a high-enthalpy geothermal system, reaching 500°C at 3700m depth. In addition, many drillings and geological surveys were carried out before so we can get many data to educate the ANN.

We educated the ANN by each borehole position, depth and temperature data from well logs, resistivity data from MT sounding, and micro-earthquake hypocenter distribution that disappeared below the brittle-ductile boundary. After that, we tested various ANN structures to verify output temperature with observed temperature in the well-WD-1 up to 2.5 km depth. Then we estimated temperature up to 3.7 km depth of WD-1 to use the constructed ANN showed good result at testing.

As a result, we obtained good agreement up to about 3.1 km depth by several constructed ANNs. However, fitness was not good at blow the sealing layer (appeared at around 3.1 km depth), because resolution of resistivity structure of deeper part is too coarse to emerge changing temperature.

Keywords: Neural Net Work

Crustal seismic anisotropy of Tohoku region, Japan constrained by ambient noises

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We present 3D crustal models of Vs and Vs azimuthal anisotropy of Tohoku region, Japan. We construct the models by using short to intermediate periods Rayleigh waves derived from noise interferometry and a wavelet-based multi-scale inversion technique.

We employ the Welch's method to derive the empirical Green's functions (EGF) of Rayleigh waves from one year of continuous records of 123 short-period stations of the dense high-sensitivity seismograph network (Hi-net), operated by National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (NIED). We compute EGFs for about 3500 station pairs with interstation distance less than 300 km. For each qualified EGF, we measure Rayleigh wave dispersion in the period range from 3 to 16 seconds.

There are few interesting features in the resulting models: 1) The lateral variations of the crustal Vs and Vs azimuthal anisotropy are closely related to three major factors, surface geology, Quaternary volcano activity and the plate motion. 2) In the shallow crust (< ~ 10km), the prominent high velocity anomalies are observed in the eastern part of the volcano belt, and they can be attributed to the old sedimentary (Palaeozoic to Mesozoic) and plutonic rocks locating in the northeastern and the southeastern Tohoku, respectively. In the middle crust, the volcano belt is clearly identified by low velocity anomalies. 3) Patterns of the Vs azimuthal anisotropy demonstrate a strong depth-dependent variation. The anisotropy in the shallow crust is characterised by the typical orogeny parallel anisotropy (OPA), with fast polarization directions (FPD) parallel to the strikes of the mountain ranges, while the pattern of the lower crust anisotropy correlates fairly with the absolute plate motion. None of the above correlations is observed in the middle crust (~ 9 - 20 km), where the distribution of FPD presents rather chaotic pattern and the corresponding anisotropy is weak.

Keywords: Tohoku, Hi-net, ambient noise, surface wave tomography

Azimuthal anisotropy of Rayleigh-wave phase velocity from ambient noise tomography in south-central Mongolia

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Although far from any subduction zone, it is interesting that the Mongolian Plateau has high and young (<30 Ma) topography culminating at ~4000 m as well as extensive volcanic activity. The seismic anisotropy could offer constraints on the past and present deformation in the crust and upper mantle. This study for the first time presents the azimuthal anisotropy of Rayleigh-wave phase velocity at periods ranging from 8s to 30s using ambient noise tomography in south-central Mongolia (SCM). Continuous time-series of vertical component between August 2011 and July 2013, recorded by 69 broadband stations temporarily deployed in SCM, have been cross-correlated to obtain estimated Rayleigh wave Green' s functions. Applying the frequency and time analysis technique based on the continuous wavelet transformation, a total number of 1478 inter-station phase velocity dispersion curves have been measured. Moreover, Rayleigh wave phase velocity and azimuthal anisotropy maps at periods from 8 s to 30 s have been reconstructed with a grid knots spacing of 50 km. The inversion results reflect the structure from the shallow crust to upper mantle up to approximately 50 km depth. The S-wave velocity structure as well as the azimuthal anisotropy has weekly lateral heterogeneity beneath SCM, with perturbation about $\pm 2\%$ to the phase velocity and $\pm 1\%$ to the azimuthal anisotropy, respectively. At short periods (<10s), the phase velocity variations are well correlated with the principal geological units in SCM, with low-speed anomalies corresponding to the major sedimentary basins or Gobi area and high-speed anomalies coinciding with the main mountain ranges. At long periods (e.g. 30 s), the phase velocity distribution is mainly associated with the crustal thickness. The Middle Gobi area always characterized with low-speed anomalies from 8 s to 30 s is possibly related to Cenozoic volcanism. Overall, the fast direction as well as the phase velocity distribution in the northern domains of Mongo-Okhotsk Suture (MOS) is very different from that in the southern domains, indicating the significant differences of distribution of the phase velocity and the azimuthal anisotropy between two sides of MOS may related to the closure of Paleo-Mongo-Okhotsk Ocean. In another words, this study may give geophysical evidence for the location of the front edge of the closure of Paleo-Mongo-Okhotsk Ocean. This work was supported by NSFC (41574054) and the international cooperation project of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China (2011DFB20210).

Keywords: Rayleigh wave, phase velocity, azimuthal anisotropy, ambient noise tomography, south-central Mongolia

Regional-scale cross-correlation analysis of seismic ambient noise in the Central Indonesia.

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The central Indonesia has a complex tectonic structure which is characterized by several subduction zones (e.g., double subduction zones beneath Molucca Sea) and active faults (e.g., Palu Koro, Matano and Hamilton faults). However, due to the limitation of studies, the information of seismic velocity changes beneath the desired regions is needed for monitoring those structures. Currently, cross-correlation functions (CCFs) retrieved from ambient seismic noise are assumed as the representation of the surface wave green function that can show the response of the Earth. Based on this assumption, the asymmetrical signal of the ambient noise cross-correlation results and its spectral amplitude are investigated in order to figure out the propagation direction of surface waves and to understand the dominant frequency components of the CCF. In the present study, we used the vertical component of continuous and broadband (20 sps) seismograms recorded at five permanent stations in and around Sulawesi Island (station codes: BKB, LUWI, SANI, TNTI, and TOLI2). The data period encompasses 1 January to 30 April 2015 (four months). The data were divided into 20 minutes segments with time shift in every 5 minutes to enhance the signal to noise ratio (SNR). We applied taper, whitening, band-pass filter at the frequency band of 0.01 Hz - 1 Hz and binalization in each data segment as the preprocessing steps, then selected the feasible segments and calculated CCF between two contemporaneous segments from two stations. We further stacked the CCFs for 1 day to obtain day-averaged CCFs and finally stacked the day-averaged CCFs over 3 months to retrieve stabilized Rayleigh wave signals. Our preliminary results show that the SNR measurements are enhanced for several pairs after calculating 3-month-averaged CCFs and represent clear Rayleigh waves. The asymmetric shapes of the CCFs indicate that the Rayleigh waves propagated towards Sulawesi Island from the surrounding areas. The maximum spectral amplitudes of the CCFs also exist at frequency of 0.05 Hz - 0.2 Hz which suggest that the dominant energy of the ambient-noise Rayleigh waves are generated by microseisms.

Keywords: Seismic ambient noise, Rayleigh waves, Central Indonesia

Retrieval of P wave Basin Response from Autocorrelation of Seismic Noise-Jakarta, Indonesia

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Indonesia's capital city, Jakarta, is home to a very large (over 10 million), vulnerable population and is proximate to known active faults, as well as to the subduction of Australian plate, which has a megathrust at abut 300 km distance, as well as intraslab seismicity extending to directly beneath the city. It is also located in a basin filled with a thick layer of unconsolidated and poorly consolidated sediment, which increases the seismic hazard the city is facing. Therefore, the information on the seismic velocity structure of the basin is crucial for increasing our knowledge of the seismic risk.

We undertook a passive deployment of broadband seismographs throughout the city over a 3-month interval in 2013-2014, recording ambient seismic noise at over 90 sites for intervals of 1 month or more. Here we consider autocorrelations of the vertical component of the continuously recorded seismic wavefield across this dense network to image the shallow P wave velocity structure of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Unlike the surface wave Green's functions used in ambient noise tomography, the vertical-component autocorrelograms are dominated by body wave energy that is potentially sensitive to sharp velocity contrasts, which makes them useful in seismic imaging. Results show autocorrelograms at different seismic stations with travel time variations that largely reflect changes in sediment thickness across the basin. We also confirm the validity our interpretation of the observed autocorrelation waveforms by conducting 2D finite difference full waveform numerical modeling for randomly distributed seismic sources to retrieve the reflection response through autocorrelation.

Keywords: Seismic Noise, Autocorrelation, Interferometry