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Application of LiDAR-derived high resolution topography to earthquake geology in Japan

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Wide areal coverage of high-resolution LiDAR data in Japan



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 Surface rupture associated with the 2011 Fukushima-Iwaki earthquake



Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (2011)





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Mapping faults in densely forested mountainous regions

 Surface rupture associated with the 2008 Iwate-Miyagi earthquake









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Maruyama et al. (2011)

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3-dimensional surface deformation

Differentiating pre- and post-earthquake LiDAR data

- Particle image velocimetry (PIV) algorithm: Mukoyama (2011)
- Iterative Closest Point (ICP) algorithm: Nissen et al. (2012)
- Genetic algorithm (GA) for matching functionized topography interpolated by Radial Basis Function (RBF): Saomoto (2013)



- Step 1: Landforms are divided into grids
- Step 2: Functionizing topography in each grid using Radial Basis Function (RBF) interpolation
 →minimize noise effects
- Step 3: Compute to minimize the distance between functions (each grid) by genetic algorithm
 →obtain optimal solution (avoid to obtain local solution)

3D displacement field along the central part of the Itozawa fault

Computed by Dr. Hidetaka Saomoto (AFERC, AIST) preliminary result

Disp. magnitude ^{2.78}

2.40 2.00 1.60 1.20 0.800 0.668

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Mapping faults in urbanized areas

Itoigawa-Shizuoka Tectonic Line active fault system in Matsumoto, Nagano Prefecture



Kondo et al. (2008) Geomorphology



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Identifying long wave-length gentle deformation in alluvial plain

Horinji fault in Hokuriku region

Destruction of • castles and cities on the Tonami Plain by 1586 large earthquake

Faults responsible • for the quake are not found in the plain



36°40'0"N



Ikeda *et al.* (2002) Atlas of Quaternary Thrust Faults in Japan, Univ. Tokyo Press Base topographic map: 1:25,000, C.I.: 10 m (issued by Geospatial Information Authority of Japan)

• The Horinji fault ruptured late Holocene repeatedly with two events in the last 5 ky ago

• The candidate fault responsible for the 1586 earthquake





Virtual enhancing vertical exaggeration of LiDAR DEM delineates subdued gentle anticlinal warping in the plain, proximal to destructed castle and cities and extension of the Horinji fault



Position and slip sense of fault identified from warping correspond to geological fault as inferred from subsurface geology

Structural contour map (base of Quaternary strata) is after Fujiwara (2001) *in* Koike, K. and Machida, H. *eds.*, Atlas of Quaternary Marine Terraces in the Japanese Island, Univ. Tokyo Press.



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Detecting active faults with limited geomorphic evidence

• Isurugi fault in Hokuriku region





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Evidence of recent faulting is only preserved for limited section of the fault (1 km of ca. 20 km) by destroy of faulted landforms due to intense erosion of large river

Summary:

- High-resolution airborne LiDAR topographic data covers most of major active faults in Japan
- LiDAR topography provides important clues for detecting and characterizing active faults in forested mountain and urban areas
- LiDAR topography is unrivaled data for detecting active structures with long wavelength gentle warping in alluvial plain