# Overview and Recent Progress in Earthquake Prediction Research in Japan

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#### 地震予知は どこまで可能か?

この10年で大きく進展した地震予知研究の最前線を っかりやすく解説する。 歩に氾濫する「地震予知不可能論」や「地震雲」への 並力な反証。

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# Systematization (1) Requirements in earthquake prediction

*WHEN* (Time) *WHERE* (Place) *HOW BIG* (Magnitude)

Earthquake prediction is to know these components with practical accuracy before an earthquake.

## *Systematization(2) Classification of earthquake prediction in terms of time accuracy.*

- Long-term prediction
  - ✤ Statistical prediction using time history of earthquake occurrence.
- Mid-term prediction
  - Computer simulation based on physical model using monitoring data.
- Short-term prediction
  - Prediction using precursory phenomena of earthquakes.

## Present State of earthquake prediction

(in Japan)

AKALAT UL		Long-term (tens to hundreds years)	Mid-term (years to months)	(Days to hours)
1	Place	Almost established for inter-plate and active faults	Same as left	Same as left
1	Magnitude	Almost established for inter-plate and active faults	Same as left	Same as left
	Time	Issued by the government	Under development	Under development

# National earthquake prediction program (Old program) 1965-1998

- Establishment of nationwide observation network
  - Seismic observation network
    - Telemetry network
    - Deep borehole measurement in Tokyo metropolitan area
  - Strain observation network
    - Bury-in type volumetric strainmeters in Kanto-Tokai
- 2. Detection of precursors for long-term and short-term prediction of earthquakes
  - Seismic gap, for long-term precursor
  - Seismicity, crustal deformation etc...
  - Basic research







# Short-term precursors before 1978 Izu-Oshima Kinkai Earthquake. -One of the very few examples.



From the Brochure of Earthquake prediction program (1991)

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# New national program for earthquake prediction research

- Study of the process in the earth's crust leading to major earthquakes.
- 2. Development of predictive simulation models and monitoring system for the crustal activity
- 3. Development of new observational and experimental technology

Earthquake Disaster reduction and Earthquake Research in Japan.

Prediction of earthquake hazards Countermeasure for disaster mitigation

The Headquarter of Earthquake Research Promotion 地震調查推進本部

Comprehensive and basic policy 1.Probabilistic earthquake hazard map of Japan 2.Real-time earthquake information 3.Observation and Research of Tokai earthquake 4. Earthquake prediction research.

Policy driven research based on the methodology that is already established

Scientific research oriented

# 1. Long-term earthquake prediction

 Stochastic estimate of earthquake occurrence based on earthquake history

#### Time predictable model

'The probability of the occurrence of Tonankai earthquake in the next 30 years is 50%.'

#### North-American plate

## Plate configuration around Japan

Plate

Pacific



# Historical earthquakes

Historical earthquakes repeatedly occurred in the southern part of Japan with various combinations of three 'asperity' patches.



Long-term probability of earthquake occurrence in the next 30 years.





## Probabilistic shake map for the central part of Japan





# 2. Mid-term earthquake prediction

- Computer simulation based on physical model using monitoring data.
  - Mathematical formulation is necessary
- Do we have Differential Equation for Earthquake prediction ?
  - + YES
    - Media : elasticity or visco-elasticity
    - + Faulting: rate- and state- dependent friction law
      - + Stable sliding and Stick Slip are produced.

#### Establishment of Asperity model



for Large Earthquakes on Plate Boundary

•Distribution of asperity do not change through earthquakes.

•Stress concentrate at asperities due to slow slip and stable sliding around them

•Large slip occur at asperities at earthquakes.

Schematic illustration on interface at subduction plate boundary

#### **Observational results supporting asperity model.**





- •Blue contour: slip at 1952 earthquake
- •Red contour: slip at 2003 earthquake
- •Similar slip distribution with similar magnitude.

Yamanaka and Kikuchi (2003)

#### Coseismic and after slip at 2003 Tokachi-oki earthquake using 1 sps GPS data



Area of co- and after-seismic slip are spatially compensative.

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## Predictive Simulation - 1 Interplate earthquake in Tohoku-Hokkaido region









#### (Matsu'ura, 2004)

#### Predictive Simulation - 2 great earthquakes along the Nankai Trough







# 3. Short-term prediction

 Need to detect phenomena that is uniquely appears immediately before earthquake occurrence

Pre-slip is an only possible candidate
Little progress for short-term prediction



Pre-slip

TOKAI EARTHQUAKE!

# Quantitative earthquake prediction



Physical model based on research on earthquake process throughout earthquake cycle

# Monitoring is essential



#### Traditional leveling survey



GPS observation stations



More than 1300 stations

Monitoring example - 1 Geodetic monitoring at Ocean Bottom Displacement at 2004 Off-Kii peninsula earthquake

紀伊半島南東沖地震による水平変動



GPS-acoustic seafloor positioning (Nagoya Univ.)





Slip distribution of 2004 Off-Kii peninsula earthquake (Yamanaka 2005)

## Monitoring example -2 Interplate slip monitoring using repeating earthquakes

Examples of repeating earthquake



Uchida et al. (2005)

## Monitoring example -2-1 Interplate slip monitoring using repeating earthquakes



Uchida et al. (2005)



Monitoring example -3 ACTIVE monitoring for the coupling

Subduction



What do we monitor with continuous active source. Suggestion from Laboratory experiment transimissive wave across fault surface



#### Monitoring example -3-2 ACTIVE Monitoring

AC servo motor

**ACROSS** Vibrator

Rectangular hole into which the enclosure is to be fixed

Enclosure containing a rotor of eccentric mass

# Summary

- New program of earthquake prediction research in Japan emphasizes the importance of
- 1. Modeling of process in the Earth's crust leading to earthquakes
- 2. Monitoring the state of crust Important Role of Active Monitoring
- 3. Predictive simulation
- 4. Basic research for Short-term is necessary