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Examination of Source Scaling Relations for Crustal Earthquakes in Japan

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This study for the 2016 Kumamoto Eq. is partly published as Irikura et al. (2017, EPS).

Motivation: Source scaling and background physics



HERP (2016) for SHA in Japan

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Leonard (2014)

2016 Kumamoto earthquake (Mw 7.0) Aftershock distribution, InSAR, and fault segment model



Triangle shows the seismic stations used in this study. Star shows the rupture starting point of the main shock. Aftershocks occurring within 48 h of the mainshock are plotted.

2016 Kumamoto earthquake Slip distribution of strong motion waveform inversion (T = 2-20 s)

Total slip

Slip



Averaged three slip inversions

 $4.42 \times 10^{19} \,\mathrm{Nm}$

2.4 km/s

44 km

- V 18 km
-) 1.98 m

798 km²

Yoshida et al. (2016)

Comparison of observed (black) and synthetic (red) velocity waveform from strong waveform inversion (T = 2-20 s)



Yoshida et al. (2016)





Rupture Width [km]

Comparison of scaling relationships between Japan and other countries Rupture Area vs. Seismic Moment





${\sf S}$ MGA broadband source model for the 2016 Kumamoto Eq.



SMGA broadband source model for the 2016 Kumamoto Eq.



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Velocity waveforms (NS component: 0.2-10 Hz) **Obs.** vs. **Syn.**



Velocity waveforms (EW component: 0.2-10 Hz) Obs. vs. Syn.



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Comparison between observed and synthetic ones of intensity (JMA scale), PGA, and PGV



- The synthetic ground motions explain well the characteristics of observed ground motion in the broadband frequency range.
- PGA for the station using the surface records could be relatively overestimated due to the non-linear site effect during the mainshock.

Pseudo Velocity Response Spectra (h=0.05) Obs. vs. Syn.



Bias Plots for horizontal and vertical components



- For short period range (<0.3 s), synthetic ground motions are larger than the observations.</p>
- ✓ It is likely caused by the non-linear site effect during the mainshock for some stations using the surface records.

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Comparison between combined area of asperities from the slip distribution and that of SMGAs from strong motion simulation



Acceleration level versus Seismic Moment Dan et al. (2001)

Empirical relation of the Acceleration level (or "Short period level") Acceleration level (A [Nm/s²]): Acceleration source spectral-level



Combined Area of Asperities (SMGA) vs. Seismic Moment



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Stress drop on the SMGA versus seismic moment



Stress drop on SMGA is estimated from the average stress drop in the rupture area ($\Delta \sigma$) and the inverse ratio of SMGA over the rupture area (1/ (Sa/S)). SMGA: Sa = $\pi \cdot r^2$ Rupture area S = $\pi \cdot R^2$ $\Delta \sigma_a = S / Sa \cdot \Delta \sigma$ (Madariaga, 1979)

Red lines indicate the relationship between $\Delta \sigma_{SMGA}$ and M₀ expected by "Recipe" for inland crustal earthquakes.

Summary

- 1. The rupture area and asperity area were determined based on slip distributions obtained from waveform inversion of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake observations (Mw 7.0). The relationship between the rupture area and the seismic moment for this earthquake follows the second-stage scaling within one standard deviation of a three-stage scaling for crustal earthquakes in Japan.
- 2. The ground motions of this earthquake are well simulated using a characterized broadband source model consisting of strong motion generation areas (SMGAs) based on the EGF method.
- Scaling relation of rupture area to seismic moment seems to be universal for most crustal earthquakes, indicating less regional variations of stress drop. On the contrary, scaling relations of rupture length and width to seismic moment show regional variations.

Scaling Relationship for Crustal Earthquakes in Japan Rupture Area vs. Seismic Moment (Irikura and Miyake, 2001; 2011)



Extended scaling relationship Rupture Area vs. Seismic Moment (Murotani et al. (2015)



Murotani et al. (2015)