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Abstract

On 1 April 2016, an M_W 5.9 (M_{JMA} 6.5) plate-boundary earthquake occurred in the subduction zone of the Nankai Trough, offshore the Kii Peninsula, southwest Japan. This event is the largest plate-boundary earthquake in the source region after the 1944 Tonankai earthquake (M_W 8.0). In the last half century, moderate-to-large earthquakes of this focal type have become very rare in this region, and therefore, this event provides a good opportunity to investigate the source characteristics related to strong motion generation of subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in the Nankai Trough. In this study, the source model of the earthquake was estimated on the basis of broadband strong motion waveform modeling using the empirical Green's function method. Source parameters of the strong motion generation area (SMGA) were optimized by waveform modeling in the frequency range 0.4–10 Hz. One SMGA is necessary to explain the observed waveforms at offshore and onshore strong motion stations. The best estimate of the size of the SMGA was 20.3 km², which does not follow the source scaling relationship for past plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench, northeast Japan. This result implies the possibility of differences between the source characteristics of plate-boundary events in the Nankai Trough and those along the Japan Trench. This

29 finding provides important information about regional variations of source
30 characteristics in ground motion prediction for hazard assessment of future
31 megathrust earthquakes.
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Introduction

The Philippine Sea Plate subducts northwestward beneath southwest Japan along the Nankai Trough (e.g., Hashimoto and Jackson, 1993; Seno *et al.*, 1993), and the subduction of this oceanic plate has generated historical megathrust plate-boundary earthquakes (Ando, 1975). These earthquakes induced strong shaking and tsunamis across wide regions of the Japanese Islands. In order to estimate seismic hazards for such events, ground motion prediction on the basis of numerical simulations has been extensively studied for hypothetical megathrust earthquakes along the Nankai Trough (e.g., Miyake *et al.*, 2008; Sekiguchi *et al.*, 2008; Maeda *et al.*, 2016). Source heterogeneity is one of the key factors controlling the generation of strong ground motions (e.g., Miyake *et al.*, 2003). Thus, examining the regional characteristics of source parameters based on analysis of observed earthquakes is essential for improving ground motion prediction and seismic hazard assessment.

On 1 April 2016, an M_{JMA} 6.5 earthquake occurred offshore the Kii peninsula, southwest Japan at 11:39, Japan Standard Time (JST; 02:39, coordinated universal time [UTC]). This event was interpreted as a thrust-event on the plate boundary along the Nankai Trough (Wallace *et al.*, 2016). The centroid moment tensor (CMT)

solution by the Global CMT Project (Ekström *et al.*, 2012) also supports that this event was a low-angle thrust earthquake. The hypocenter of this event is located inside the source fault of the 1944 Tonankai earthquake (M_W 8.0) (e.g., Ichinose *et al.*, 2003; Kikuchi *et al.*, 2003) (Figure 1) and other historical megathrust earthquakes (e.g., Ando, 1975). The last megathrust earthquake in this subduction zone was the 1944 Tonankai earthquake, after which the M_{JMA} 6.5 earthquake is the largest plate-boundary earthquake in the source region.

The significance of this event regarding seismic observations is that this event occurred beneath an ocean-bottom seismic network called the Dense Oceanfloor Network system for Earthquake and Tsunamis (DONET), which is jointly operated by the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED) and Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) (Kaneda *et al.*, 2015). DONET1 consists of 20 ocean-floor stations, and each station has three-component strong motion accelerometers along with three-component broadband velocity sensors, pressure gauges, differential pressure gauges, hydrophone, and thermometer (Kaneda *et al.*, 2015).

The source characteristics of such events can be determined through broadband strong motion waveform modeling using the empirical Green's function

69 method (Irikura, 1986; Miyake *et al.*, 2003). In this modeling, the source model is
70 characterized by a strong motion generation area (SMGA) (Miyake *et al.*, 2003),
71 which is defined as a rectangular area with high-stress drop or high slip-velocity.
72 As the empirical Green's function method uses the observed record of a small event
73 occurring close to the target event as a Green's function, the propagating-path and
74 site effects are included in the empirical Green's function itself. Therefore, the
75 SMGA source model based on the empirical Green's function method has high
76 potential to reproduce ground motion time history in a broad frequency range.
77 Strong motion modeling using the empirical Green's function method developed by
78 Irikura (1986) has successfully reproduced observed strong ground motions for
79 previous large subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes (e.g., Kamae and
80 Kawabe, 2004; Suzuki and Iwata, 2007; Ramírez-Gaytán *et al.*, 2010; Takiguchi *et*
81 *al.*, 2011; Asano and Iwata, 2012; Satoh, 2012; Kawabe and Kamae, 2013; Kurahashi
82 and Irikura, 2013) as well as inland crustal (e.g., Kamae and Irikura, 1998; Miyake
83 *et al.*, 2003; Suzuki and Iwata, 2006; Kurahashi *et al.*, 2008; Maeda *et al.*, 2008;
84 Maeda and Sasatani, 2009; Yamamoto and Takenaka, 2009; Kurahashi and Irikura,
85 2010; Poiata *et al.*, 2012; Wen *et al.*, 2014; Riahi *et al.*, 2015; Xia *et al.*, 2015; Wen
86 *et al.*, 2017) and intraslab earthquakes (e.g., Asano *et al.*, 2003; Morikawa and

87 Sasatani, 2004; Oth *et al.*, 2007; Poiata and Miyake, 2017).

88 The study of such earthquakes will drive improvements in ground motion
89 prediction and seismic hazard assessment for hypothetical megathrust earthquakes
90 expected along the Nankai Trough. However, moderate-to-large earthquakes of this
91 focal type have become very rare in the source region in the last half century.
92 Therefore, this event provides a unique opportunity to investigate the source
93 characteristics related to strong motion generation of subduction-zone plate-
94 boundary earthquakes along the Nankai Trough, southwest Japan.

95 In this study, the source model of the 2016 earthquake offshore the Kii
96 peninsula was estimated through broadband strong motion waveform modeling using
97 the empirical Green's function method to investigate the source characteristics
98 related to strong ground motion generation during this event. The abovementioned
99 previous works on subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in Japan were
100 implemented for events occurring along the Japan Trench in northeast Japan. We
101 compared the source characteristics of this event with those from subduction-zone
102 plate-boundary earthquakes in northeast Japan to illuminate and discuss the regional
103 difference in source characteristics in terms of strong motion generation from plate-
104 boundary earthquakes.

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106 Source Modeling by Broadband Strong Ground Motion

107 Simulation using the Empirical Green's Function Method

108 The source model of the 2016 earthquake offshore the Kii peninsula was
109 estimated by the broadband strong motion waveform modeling using the empirical
110 Green's function method based on the SMGA source model (Irikura, 1986; Miyake
111 *et al.*, 2003). Detailed introduction of the concept of SMGA and the strong ground
112 motion simulation technique using the empirical Green's function method of Irikura
113 (1986) can be found in Miyake *et al.* (2003).

114 We collected near-source strong motion data recorded by accelerometers at
115 cabled sea-floor stations of DONET1. We also collected acceleration records from
116 the Long-Term Borehole Monitoring System (LTBMS) installed within the
117 accretionary prism underlying the Kumano sedimentary basin at a depth of 904 m
118 below the sea floor at station KMDB1, which was installed by JAMSTEC. Some
119 offshore stations close to the epicenter with high peak ground accelerations were
120 excluded in this analysis to avoid any effect of soil nonlinearity during strong
121 shaking. In addition to offshore stations, we collected strong motion data from
122 velocity-type strong motion sensors (Tokyo-Sokushin VSE-355G3) at onshore

123 broadband stations in the Kii peninsula belonging to F-net of NIED (station KIS)
124 and Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI) of Kyoto University (station
125 SMK).

126 The hypocenter locations of the mainshock and aftershocks were based on
127 the hypocenter catalog of Wallace *et al.* (2016) (Figure 1). They located the
128 mainshock and aftershocks within 48 h after the mainshock using DONET
129 accelerometer data. The hypocenter of the mainshock in their catalog is 33.34999°N,
130 136.4010°E, and at a depth of 11.371 km. In addition to the M_{JMA} 6.5 mainshock,
131 some $M3$ class aftershocks occurred on the same day. Because of their good quality,
132 the records of an M_{JMA} 3.2 aftershock at 13:04 on 1 April 2016 (33.41679°N,
133 136.3475°E, at a depth of 14.186 km according to Wallace *et al.*, 2016) were selected
134 to serve as the empirical Green's functions. The CMT solution of this aftershock is
135 not available.

136 Firstly, the observed source spectral ratio between the mainshock and the
137 aftershock, which was used as an empirical Green's function, was analyzed to
138 objectively determine two scaling parameters N (integer) and C (real number). N
139 gives the ratio of source dimensions between the target and EGF events. C
140 corresponds to the ratio of stress drop between the target and EGF events. If we

141 assume that the source spectrum follows the ω^{-2} source model (Brune, 1970, 1971),
142 these scaling parameters obey the following relationships (e.g., Miyake *et al.*, 2003),

$$143 \quad \frac{U_0}{u_0} = \frac{M_0}{m_0} = CN^3, \quad (1)$$

$$144 \quad \frac{A_0}{a_0} = \frac{M_0}{m_0} \cdot \left(\frac{f_{cm}}{f_{ca}} \right)^2 = CN. \quad (2)$$

145 U_0 and u_0 are the flat levels of displacement amplitude spectra for the target and
146 EGF events, respectively. M_0/m_0 corresponds to the seismic moment ratio between
147 the target and EGF events. A_0 and a_0 indicate the flat levels of the acceleration
148 amplitude spectra for the target and EGF events. f_{cm} and f_{ca} are corner frequencies
149 of the target and the EGF events, respectively.

150 The scaling parameters N and C were determined using strong motion data
151 recorded at five DONET stations, one LTBMS ocean-bottom borehole station, and
152 two onshore strong motion stations (Figure 1). The Fourier spectrum of the S-wave
153 part was calculated for each station from a 40.96 s window of the three-component
154 record beginning 1 s before the S-wave arrival. A Parzen window with a bandwidth
155 of $\pm 5\%$ of each frequency point was applied to the original amplitude spectra in
156 order to smooth the amplitude spectra. The propagation path effect was corrected
157 by geometrical spreading for the S-wave and by a frequency-dependent attenuation

factor for the S-wave, $Q(f) = 182f^{0.68}$ (Shiba and Sato, 2007). The average S-wave velocity in and around the source region was assumed to be 3.45 km/s (Iwata *et al.*, 2008). The log average of the spectral ratios for all stations was employed as the observed source spectral ratio. The theoretical source spectral ratio function (SSRF) based on the ω^{-2} source model was fitted to the observed source spectral ratio by the source spectral ratio fitting method (Miyake *et al.*, 1999, 2003). SSRF was defined as

$$\text{SSRF}(f) = \frac{M_0}{m_0} \frac{1 + (f / f_{\text{ca}})^2}{1 + (f / f_{\text{cm}})^2}. \quad (3)$$

This method estimates the seismic moment ratio (M_0/m_0) and corner frequencies for the mainshock (f_{cm}) and the EGF event (f_{ca}). The observed source spectral ratio is compared with the best-fit theoretical source spectral ratio in Figure 2(a). The estimated seismic moment ratio was 2220, and the estimated corner frequencies for the mainshock and aftershock were 0.45 Hz and 3.4 Hz, respectively. From the seismic moment ratio and corner frequencies, the scaling parameters N and C were determined to be 8 and 5.1, respectively.

Finally, following the technique of Asano and Iwata (2012), we used a grid search approach and broadband ground motion simulations from the mainshock at

175 the relevant stations to estimate the model parameters of the SMGA. In their
176 technique the waveform $U(t)$ for the target event is computed using records of the
177 small event $u(t)$, considered as empirical Green's functions:

$$178 \quad U(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{R}{R_{ij}} \{F(t) * (C \cdot u(t))\} , \quad (4)$$

$$179 \quad F(t) = \delta(t - t_{ij}) + \frac{1}{n'(1 - e^{-1})} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{(N-1)n'} \left[e^{-\frac{k-1}{(N-1)n'}} \cdot \delta\left(t - t_{ij} - \frac{(k-1)\tau}{(N-1)n'}\right) \right] , \quad (5)$$

$$180 \quad t_{ij} = T_{ij} - T_0 + \frac{\xi_{ij}}{V_r} . \quad (6)$$

181 Here, $F(t)$ is a filter function which corrects for the difference of slip-velocity
182 functions between the target and EGF events (Irikura, 1986; Irikura *et al.*, 1997). R
183 is the distance along the ray path of the S-wave for the EGF event, and R_{ij} is the
184 distance along the ray path of the S-wave from the subfault (i, j) to the station. τ is
185 the rise time of the SMGA, and T_{ij} and T_0 represent the travel times of the S-wave
186 from the subfault (i, j) and the hypocenter, respectively. The velocity structure
187 models used for calculating the ray path and travel time of the S-wave are one-
188 dimensional velocity structure models derived from the crustal velocity structure
189 model of Iwata *et al.* (2008). ξ_{ij} is the distance from the hypocenter to the subfault

(i, j) in the SMGA, and V_r is the rupture propagation velocity inside the SMGA.

The observed acceleration time histories were band-pass filtered between 0.4 Hz and 10 Hz with a Chebyshev-type recursive filter. The selection of the lower corner frequency of the bandpass filter was dictated by the relatively low signal-to-noise ratio of EGF records below 0.4 Hz. The strike and dip angles of the SMGA are 230° and 18° , respectively, following the Global CMT solution. As no clear initial phase existed in the initial part of the observed P-wave, we fixed the absolute location (latitude, longitude and depth) of the rupture starting point of the SMGA at the hypocenter located by Wallace *et al.* (2016). The model parameters of the SMGA estimated by the grid search were length L , rise time τ , rupture starting subfault (NSL , NSW) within the SMGA, and rupture propagation velocity V_r . The width W was assumed to be equal to L . The search range and its step size for each model parameter are summarized in Table 1. The time window used in estimating the waveforms goodness-of-fit starts 1 s before the S-wave arrival, and its length was fixed at 8 s for all stations, based on residuals of the acceleration envelopes and displacement waveforms (Miyake *et al.*, 1999, 2003).

Results

The best set of source parameters estimated by the grid search (Figure 2b) is summarized in Table 1. A schematic image of the obtained source model is shown in Figure 2(c). The size of SMGA was estimated to be $4.5 \text{ km} \times 4.5 \text{ km} = 20.3 \text{ km}^2$. The rupture of the SMGA primarily propagated northward or towards the down-dip direction. The rupture propagation in down-dip direction is typical of subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in Japan (e.g. Kamae and Kawabe, 2004; Koketsu *et al.*, 2004; Suzuki and Iwata, 2007; Wu *et al.*, 2008). The seismic moment of the mainshock estimated by the Global CMT project is $9.18 \times 10^{17} \text{ Nm}$ (M_w 5.9). Thus, assuming that most of the seismic moment was released from the SMGA, the stress drop of the SMGA was estimated to be 25 MPa based on the circular crack model (Eshelby, 1957; Brune 1970, 1971). If the actual seismic moment of the SMGA is smaller than the total seismic moment, then the stress drop in the SMGA would be lower than the above estimation of 25 MPa. The seismic moment of the EGF event (m_0) was estimated to be $3.16 \times 10^{14} \text{ Nm}$ from the flat level of the displacement spectra at the onshore rock sites (KIS and SMK). Using the estimated seismic moment of the EGF event, the seismic moment released from the SMGA could be estimated to be $M_0^{\text{SMGA}} = C \cdot N^3 \cdot m_0 = 8.25 \times 10^{17} \text{ (Nm)}$. Thus, the stress drop in the

226 SMGA would be 22.1 MPa, which is slightly smaller than the above estimation of
227 25 MPa.

228 The comparison between the observed and the simulated acceleration,
229 velocity, and displacement waveforms in the frequency range between 0.4 and 10
230 Hz at the target stations are shown in Figure 3, and Fourier spectra for those
231 waveforms are plotted in Figure 4. The synthetic waveforms adequately explain the
232 observed waveforms in a broad frequency range. In order to check the validity of
233 the obtained source model, synthetic ground motions were also computed for six
234 stations that were not used in the grid-search source modeling. These stations are
235 indicated by * in Figure 3. Because stations KME17, KME19, and KME20 are
236 relatively close to the epicenter, and located on soft sediments within the oceanic
237 basin, the observed waveforms at these stations might be affected by soil nonlinear
238 response, which was not included in our simulations. This could explain the
239 difference between recorded and simulated waveforms at these stations.

240 Figure 2(b) shows the distribution of the residual in the model parameters
241 space in which the grid search was conducted. The grid search was performed on a
242 total of 1,915,200 models obtained by changing five rupture model parameters. The
243 star in this figure represents the best model summarized in Table 1. The residual

distribution is smooth and has only one global minimum. In particular, the direction of rupture propagation was well constrained by the data because of the good azimuthal coverage with the offshore and onshore stations.

Discussions

Asano *et al.* (2014) investigated the relationship between the seismic moment and the size of the SMGA for past subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench in northeast Japan (Figure 3.9d in their paper). They compiled a database of SMGA parameters in northeast Japan from previous results (e.g., Kamae and Kawabe, 2004; Miyahara and Sasatani, 2004; Suzuki and Iwata, 2005, 2007; Takiguchi *et al.*, 2011; Asano and Iwata, 2012). The resulting SMGA for the M_w 5.9 event in the Nankai Trough is plotted with past subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in northeast Japan in Figure 5. Inland crustal earthquakes in Japan analyzed and compiled by Miyake *et al.* (2003) and Miyakoshi *et al.* (2015) are also plotted in the same figure for comparing source characteristics among subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes and inland crustal earthquakes. As reported by Miyake *et al.* (2003), the size of the SMGA obtained by broadband strong motion simulations for inland crustal earthquakes (gray circles in Figure 5)

are consistent with the empirical source scaling relationship for the combined area of asperities proposed by Somerville *et al.* (1999). However, SMGAs for subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench in northeast Japan (black circles in Figure 5) are systematically smaller than those for Japanese inland crustal earthquakes (Asano *et al.*, 2014). In addition, SMGAs for subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in northeast Japan are smaller than those indicated by the empirical scaling relationship between the combined area of asperities and seismic moment for subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes by Murotani *et al.* (2008). The SMGA is smaller than asperity or large slip area for subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in northeast Japan, which is a significant source characteristic differentiating subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes in northeast Japan from inland crustal earthquakes in Japan. Previous studies suggested that the stress drop of the SMGA for subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench is larger than that of inland crustal earthquakes in Japan. Such source characteristics would cause strong short-period seismic wave radiations from particular areas of the source fault.

The size of the SMGA of the M_w 5.9 earthquake in the Nankai Trough is almost similar to those for past inland crustal earthquakes in Japan with similar

280 magnitude. Thus, our broadband ground motion modeling of this earthquake
281 revealed different source characteristics from those of previous subduction-zone
282 plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench in terms of generation of strong
283 motions. This can be explained by the difference in the average characteristics of
284 stress drop for the SMGA between the Nankai Trough and Japan Trench. Another
285 possible reason is the depth dependency of the source rupture behavior (e.g., Bilek
286 and Lay, 1998; Lay *et al.*, 2012) because the focal depth of this event (11 km) was
287 within the depth range of inland crustal earthquakes, being much shallower than that
288 of past subduction-zone plate-boundary earthquakes along the Japan Trench.
289 Notably, this study investigated only one M_w 5.9 earthquake and a single case in the
290 Nankai Trough. Therefore, it is likely that the results of this study are not
291 representative of the general characteristics of the target area. Nevertheless, this
292 work contributes to future improvements of ground motion prediction by also taking
293 into consideration change in rupture characteristics between different subduction-
294 zone regions in Japan. Future analysis using such ocean-bottom ground motion data
295 would be necessary to obtain more universally applicable source characteristics for
296 this area.

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Conclusions

The SMGA source model of the 2016 M_W 5.9 (M_{JMA} 6.5) thrust-type earthquake in the Nankai Trough, offshore the Kii peninsula, southwest Japan was estimated on the basis of broadband strong ground motion waveform modeling using the empirical Green's function method. The model parameters for the SMGA were constrained by modeling broadband ground motion waveforms in the frequency range from 0.4 Hz to 10 Hz observed at offshore and onshore strong motion stations. The best estimate of SMGA size was 20.3 km², and its stress drop was approximately 22 MPa, which differs from that of past plate-boundary earthquakes with similar magnitude along the Japan trench, northeast Japan. This implies the possibility that the average source characteristics of plate-boundary events in the Nankai Trough are different from those along the Japan Trench. Although the results of this study were obtained for only a single case in the Nankai trough, they may provide important information for consideration of regional variations in source rupture characteristics. This will contribute to improvements of ground motion prediction for seismic hazard assessment of future megathrust earthquakes in Japan. Future studies on this topic using offshore and onshore ground motion data would be helpful to obtain more universal characteristics of source rupture behavior in this

316 subduction zone.

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318 Data and Resources

319 The strong motion data used in this study were collected from the Dense
320 Oceanfloor Network system for Earthquake and Tsunamis (DONET) jointly operated
321 by the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED)
322 and Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), the Long-
323 Term Borehole Monitoring System of JAMSTEC, the Full Range Seismograph
324 Network (F-net) of NIED, and Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto
325 University. Data of DONET and F-net are available from the NIED Hi-net website
326 at www.whinet.bosai.go.jp (last accessed on 14 January 2017). Data of LTBMS can
327 be obtained from the JAMSTEC Ocean-bottom Seismology Database at [join-](http://join-web.jamstec.go.jp/join-portal/)
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329 the 1944 Tonankai earthquake were retrieved from SRCMOD website (Mai and
330 Thingbaijam, 2014) at equake-rc.info/SRCMOD/ (last accessed on 10 May 2017).
331 The Global Centroid Moment Tensor Project database was searched using
332 www.globalcmt.org/CMTsearch.html (last accessed on 28 November 2017). The
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Length L (km)	0.8–14.0	0.1	4.5
Rise time τ (s)	0.08–1.2	0.08	0.32
Rupture starting subfault in strike direction NSL	1–8	1	6
Rupture starting subfault in dip direction NSW	1–8	1	3
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