

Uncertainty of anticipation of seismic intensities

-A study of fluctuation of anticipated seismic intensities by the method of current JMA Earthquake Early Warning –

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JMA intensity

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Anticipated Seismic Intensity = f (Source Factor, Path Factor, Site Factor)

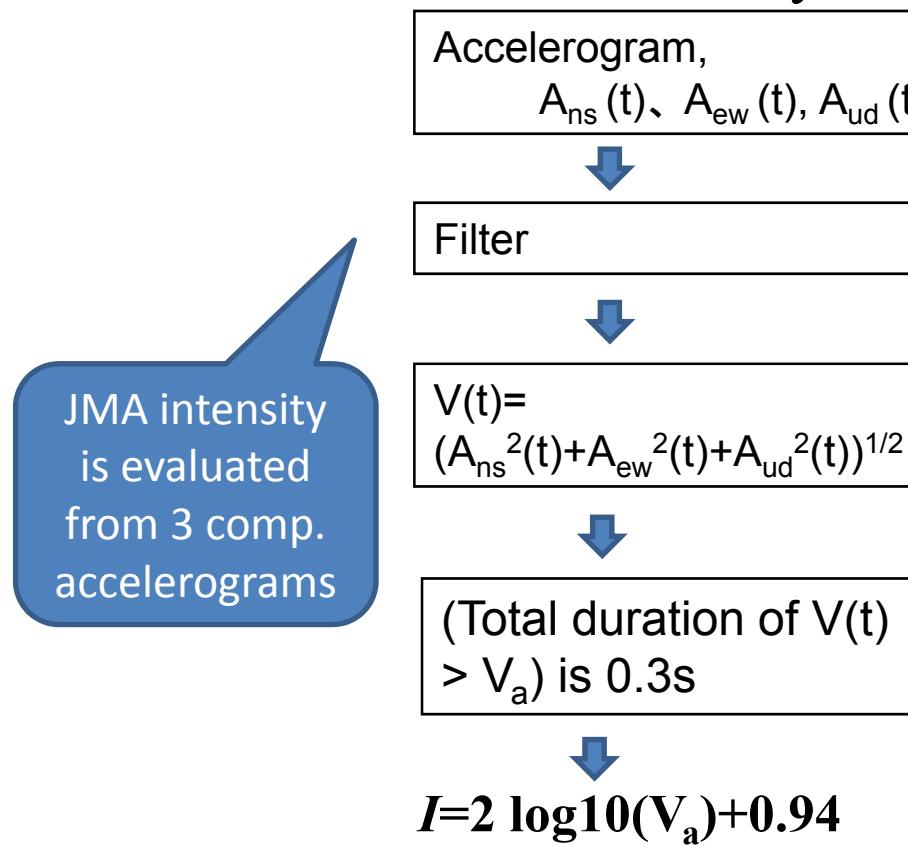
At Present

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Source Factor | : 1 scalar (for example; Magnitude) |
| <input type="radio"/> Path Factor | : Attenuation relation |
| <input type="radio"/> Site Factor | : 1 scalar |

Without consideration of spectrum contents

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JMA seismic Intensity



Approximate Relation between JMA Intensity scale and Modified Mercalli scale

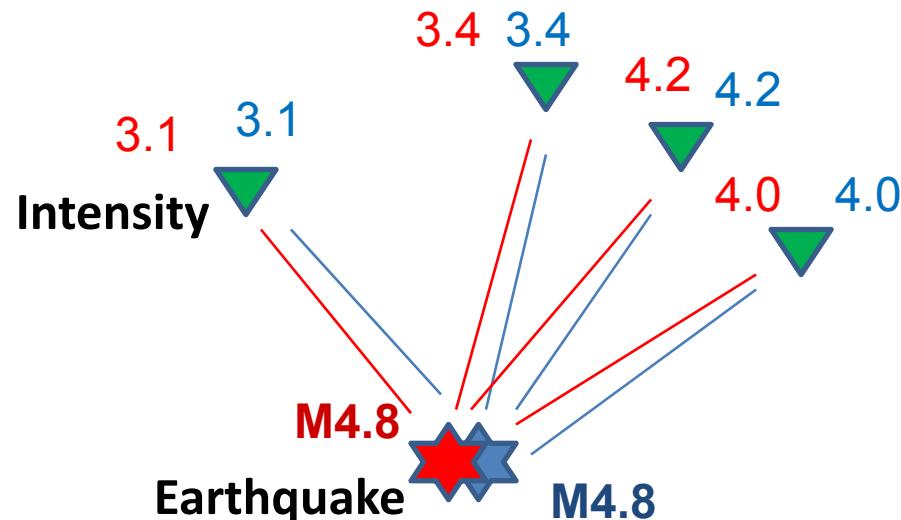
JMA	0	1	2	3	4	5 L	5 U	6 L	6 U	7
Modified Mercalli	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10, 11,12

Method for anticipation of Seismic Intensity used in JMA Earthquake Early Warning

1. Estimation of PGV from attenuation relation (Si and Midorikawa, 1999) using Magnitude, Hypo. Dist. and Depth
2. (PGV at surface)=(PGV at basement) \times site factor
3. JMA intensity=2.68+1.72log(PGV at surface) ...
Midorikawa et al, 1999

According to this idea,

Two Earthquakes occurred at the same place with the same magnitude



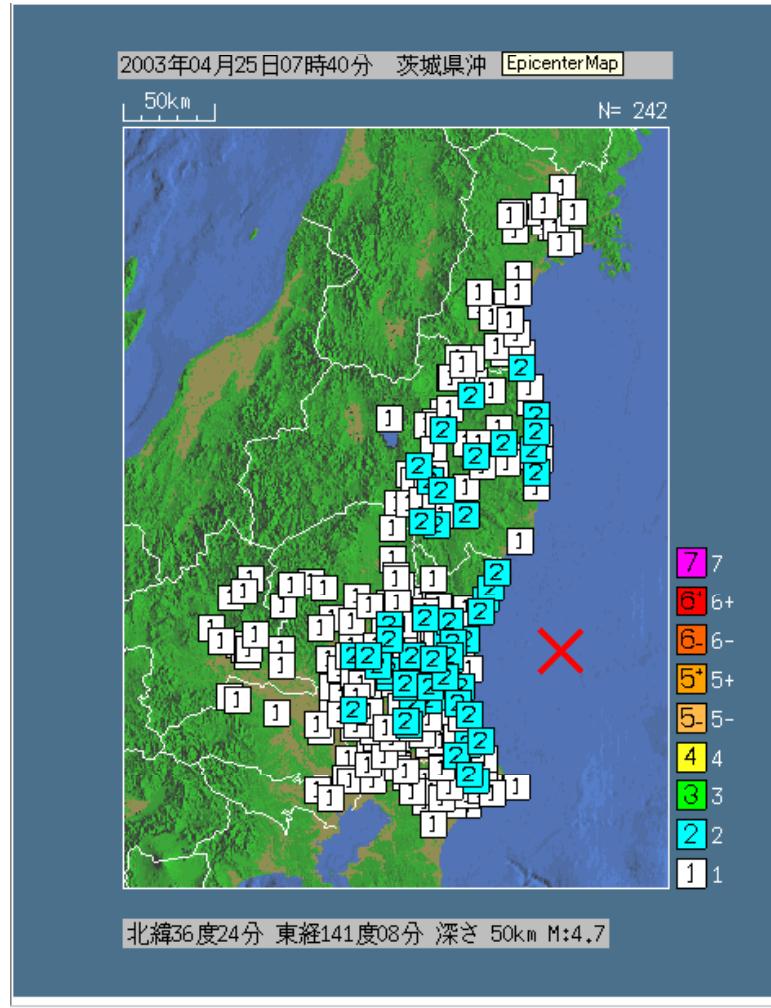
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 - Site factors are the same**

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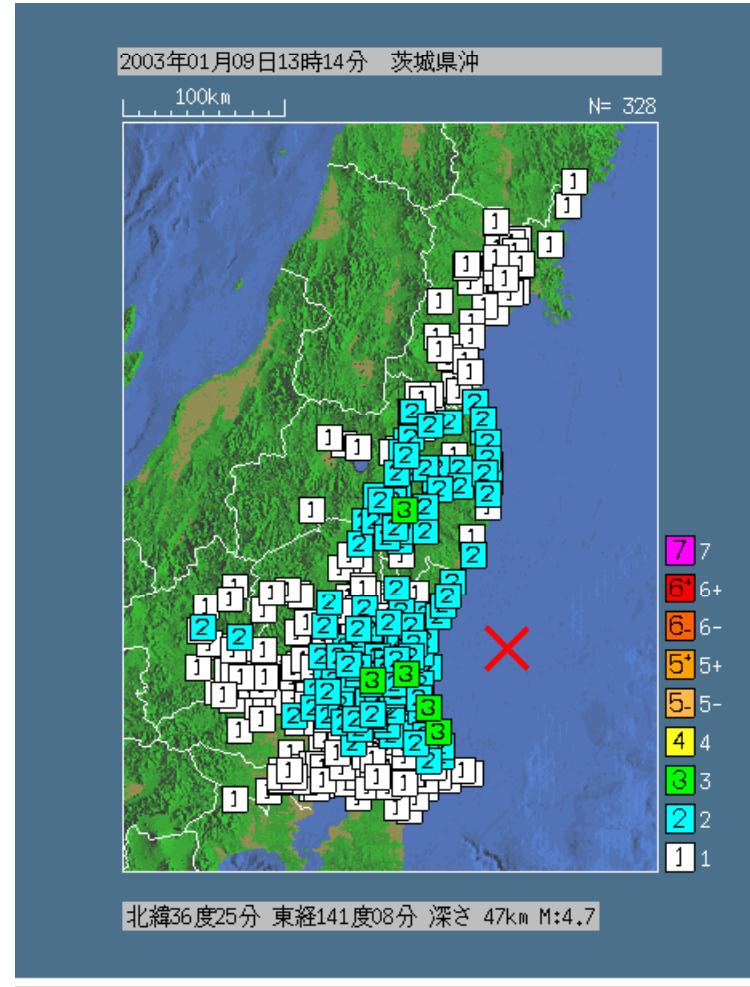


Really? or Not ?

In actual observation, even with the same magnitude ...

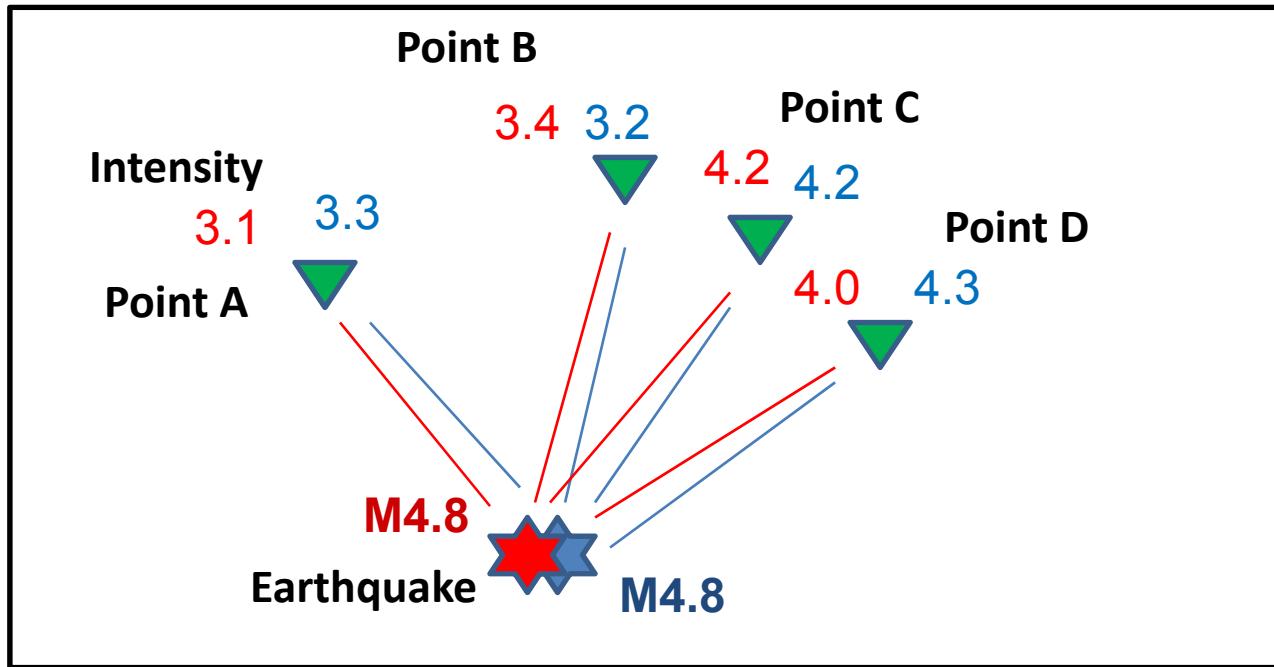


Even if the same magnitude,



From HP of JMA

Intensities are not always the same



How large fluctuation ?

Point A	3.1	-	3.3	=	-0.2
Point B	3.4	-	3.2	=	0.2
Point C	4.2	-	4.2	=	0.0
Point D	4.0	-	4.3	=	-0.3
...					



Investigated the distribution of fluctuation

Data

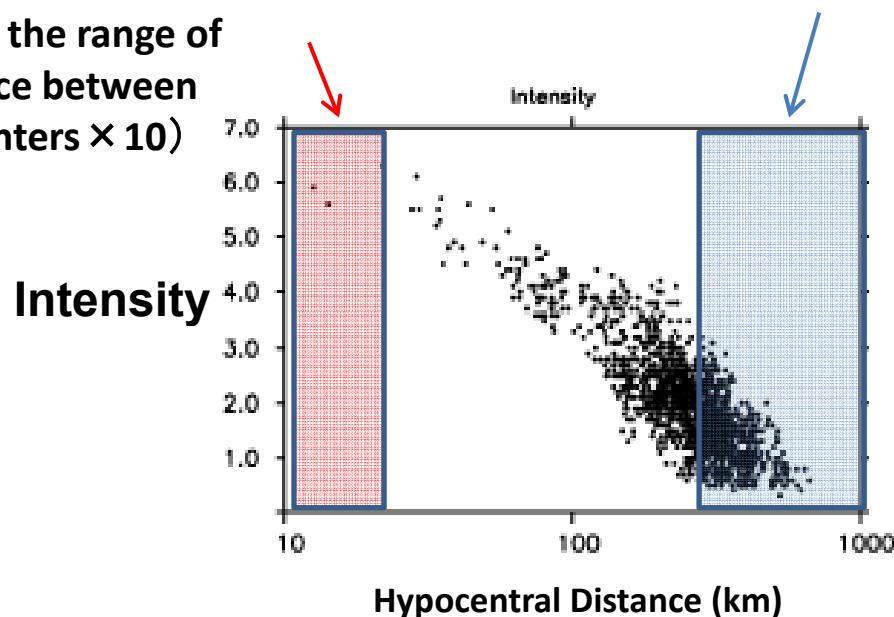
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- Intensity observation by JMA, municipalities and NIED
- May, 1996 – July, 2007
- M3.5~5.5

Select of the earthquake pair

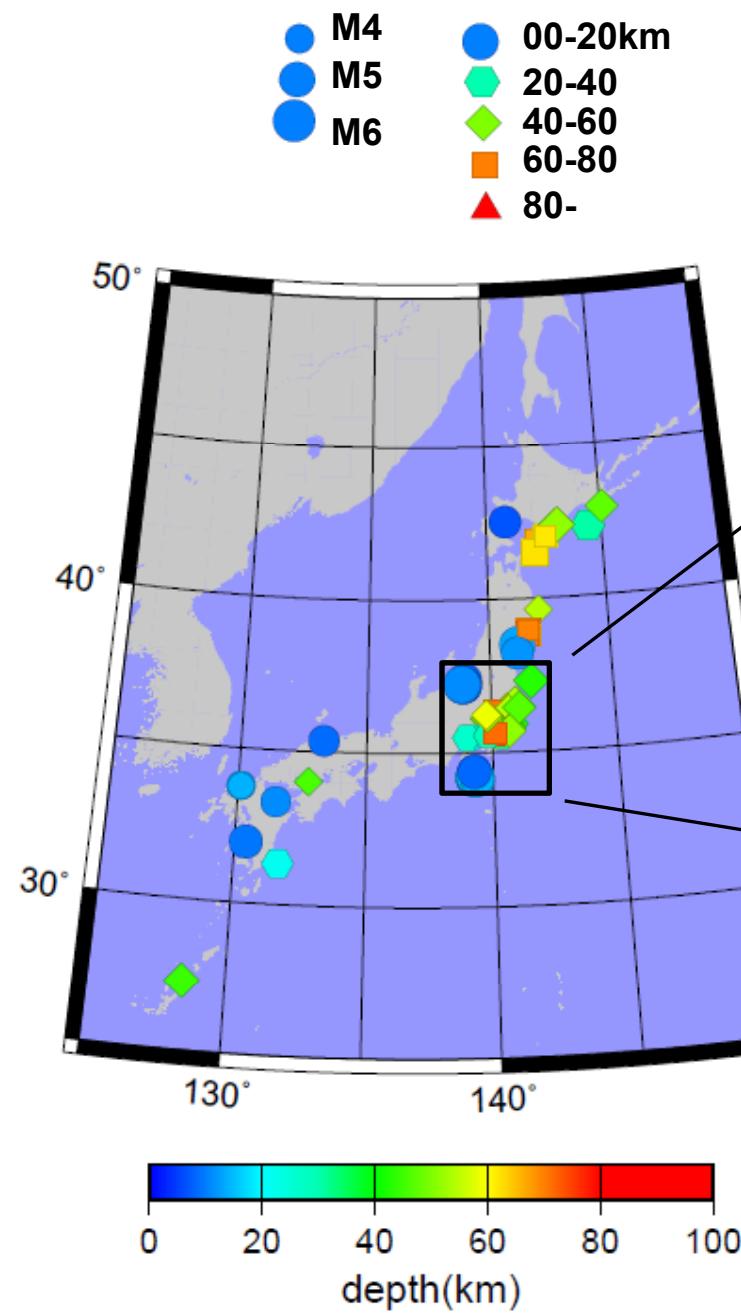
- Distance between those epicenters is less than 5km
 - Difference of focal depth is less than 5km
 - Having the same magnitude
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Select of Intensity data

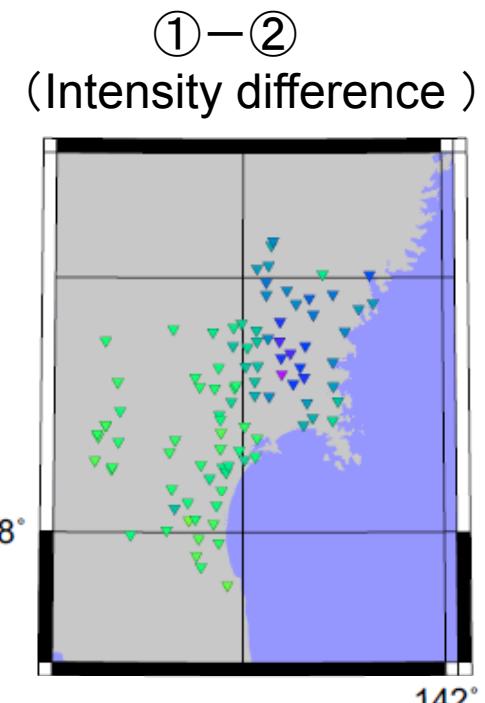
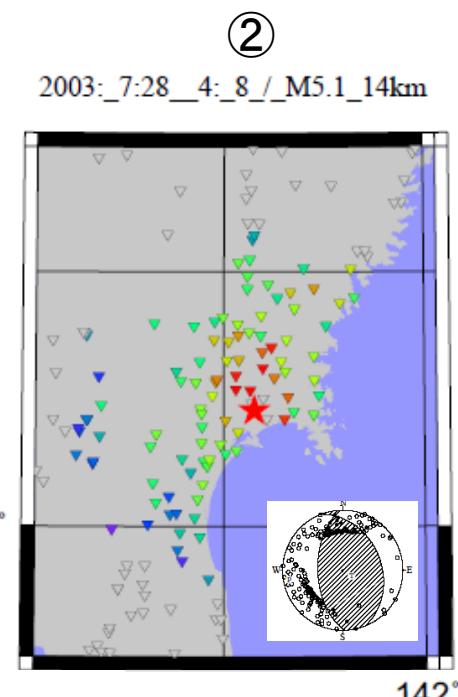
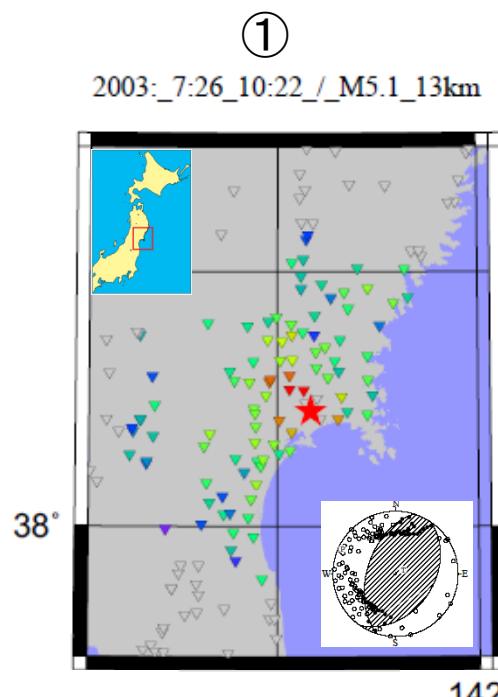
Exclude the range of
(distance between
hypocenters × 10)



Exclude the range of
hypocentral distance at
which seismic intensity is
observed to be less than
0.6

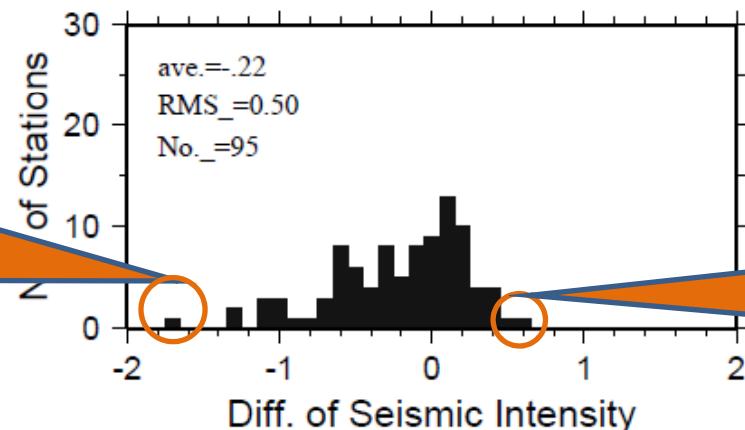


- Same magnitude
- distance is less than 5km
- Focal depth difference is less than 5km
- Intensities are observed commonly more than 10 stations



Distribution
of Intensities

At this station,
Intensity of
earthquake ② is
larger than ① by 1.7



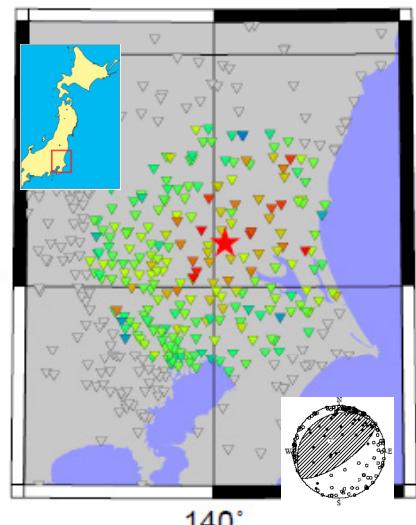
RMS: 0.50

Extent of uncertainty even when
the earthquake occurred adjacently
with the same magnitude

Intensity of
earthquake ① is
larger than ② by 0.6

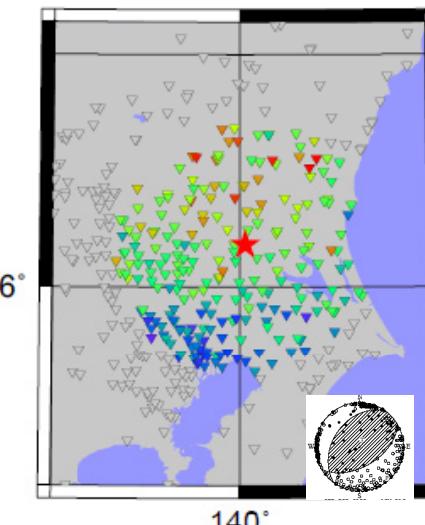
①

2000: 4:10_6:30 / M4.8_55km

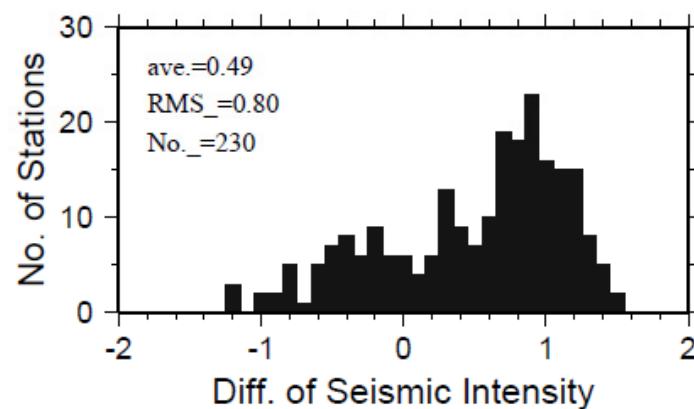
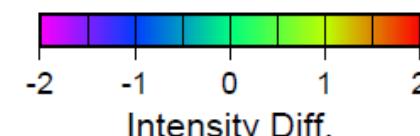
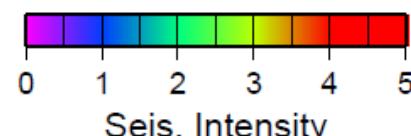
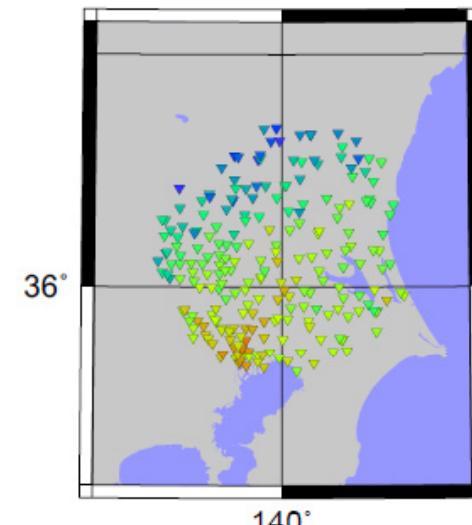


②

2005:12:28_18:46 / M4.8_53km



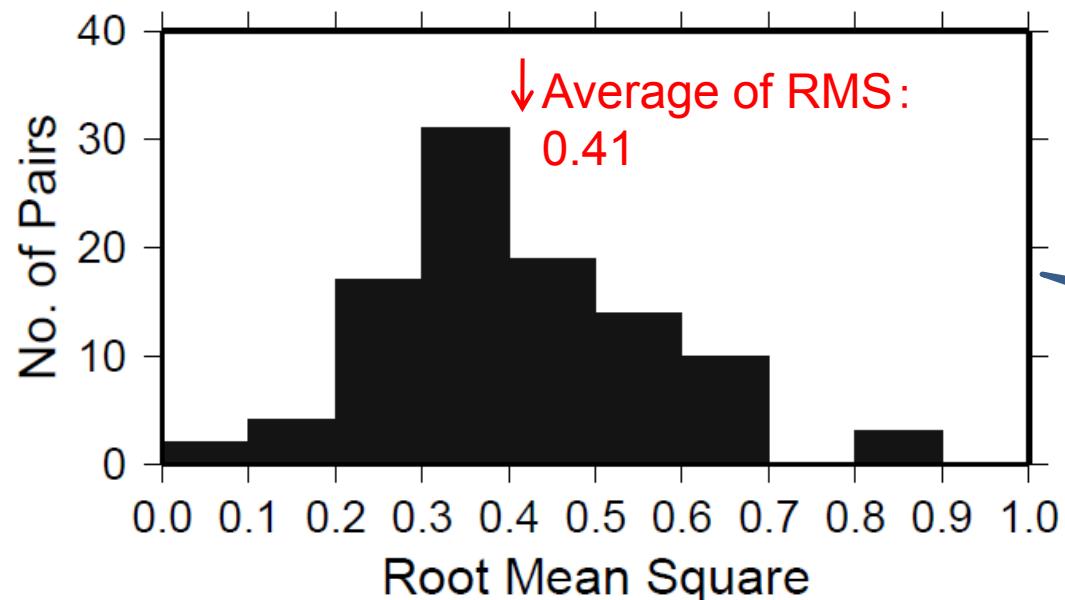
① - ②



Distribution of
Intensity difference
RMS: 0.80

Histogram of RMS of Intensity Difference

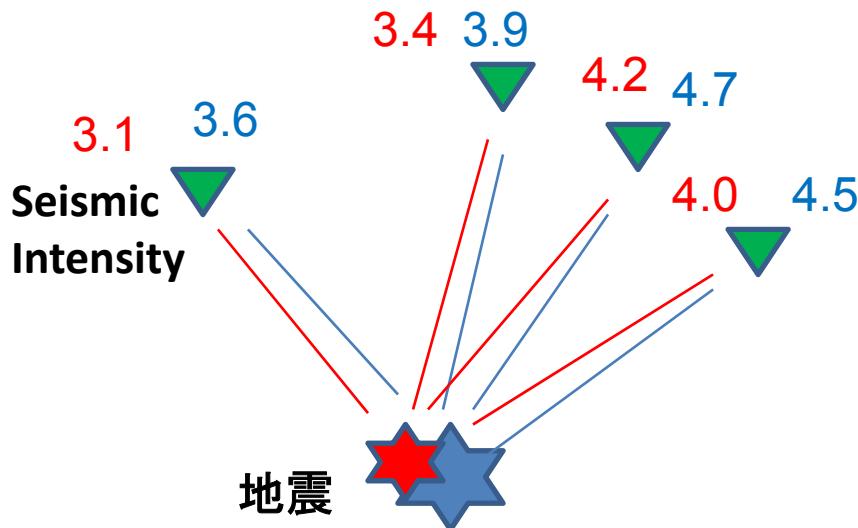
N=100



- Same magnitude
- distance is less than 5km
- Focal depth difference is less than 5km
- Intensities are observed commonly more than 10 stations

Extent of uncertainty of intensity even when the magnitude, path and site are the same

Two Earthquakes occurred at the same place ~~with the same magnitude~~

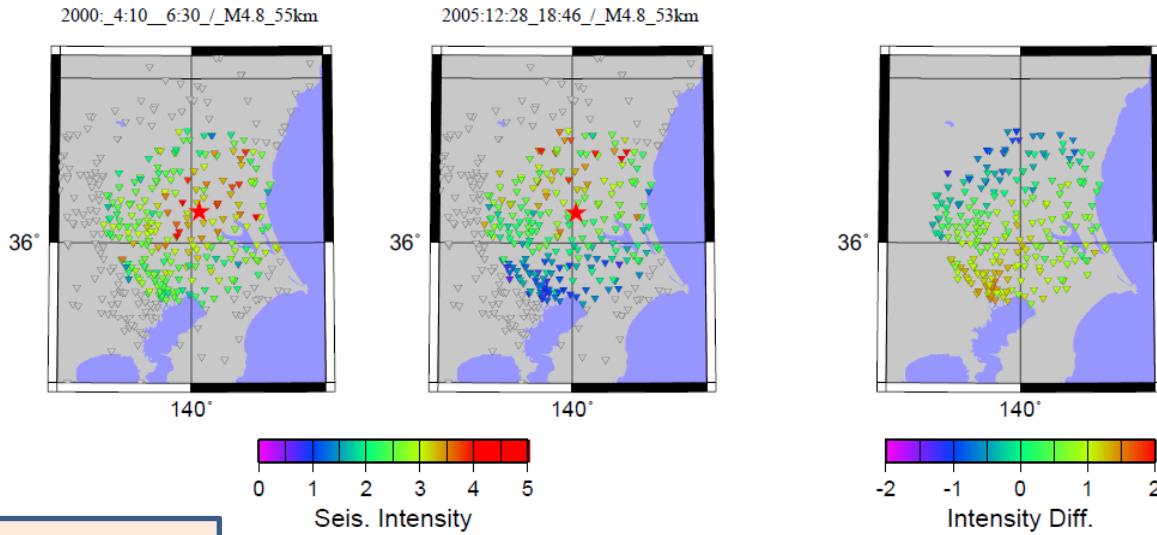


- At each site,
- paths are the same
 - Site factors are the same

Difference of
At each site, Intensities of the two earthquakes are expected to be the same!

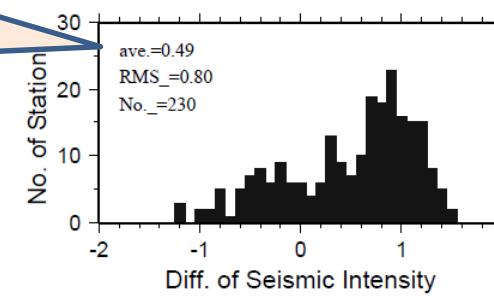


Really? or Not ?



**AVE.=0.49
RMS=0.80
No._=230**

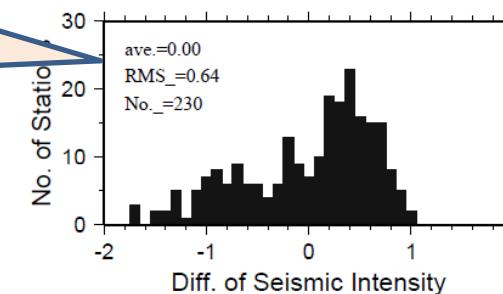
Removing
Inter-event
residual

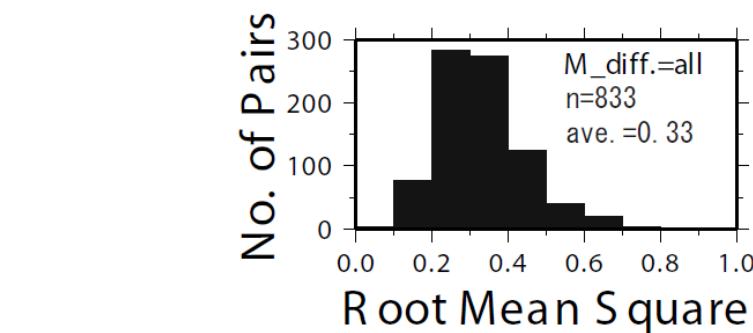
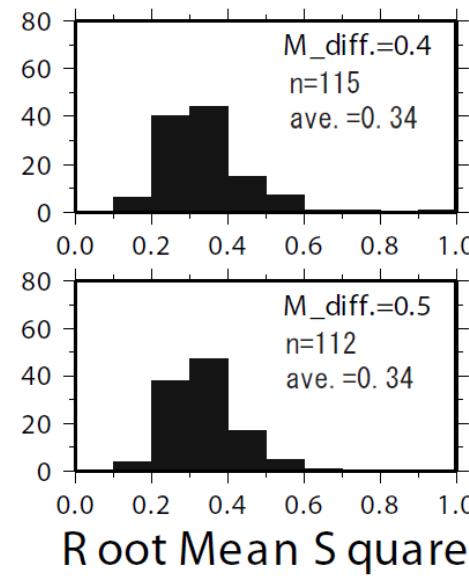
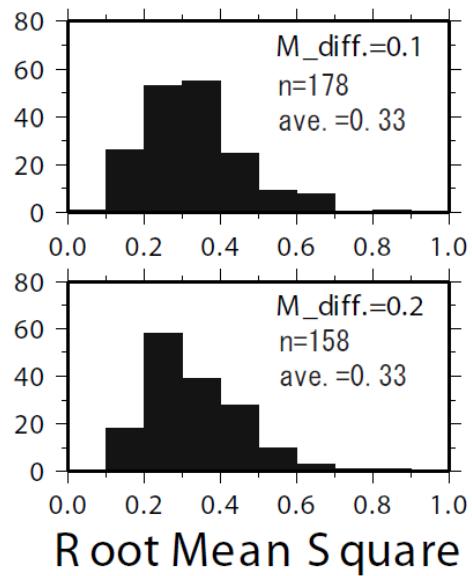
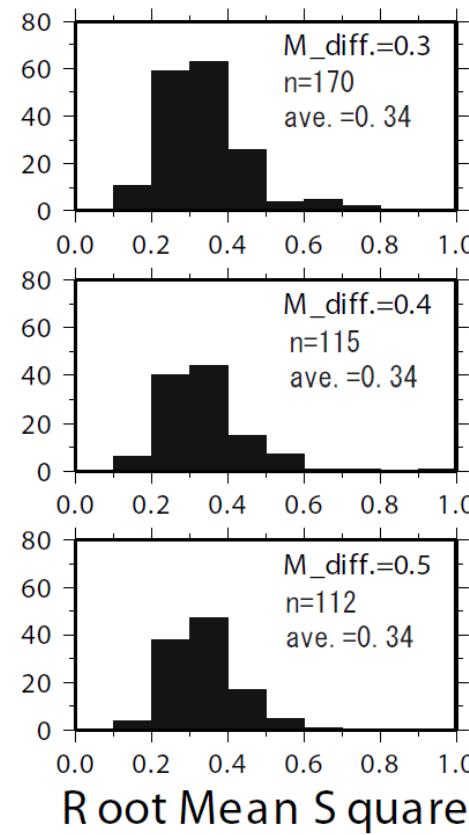
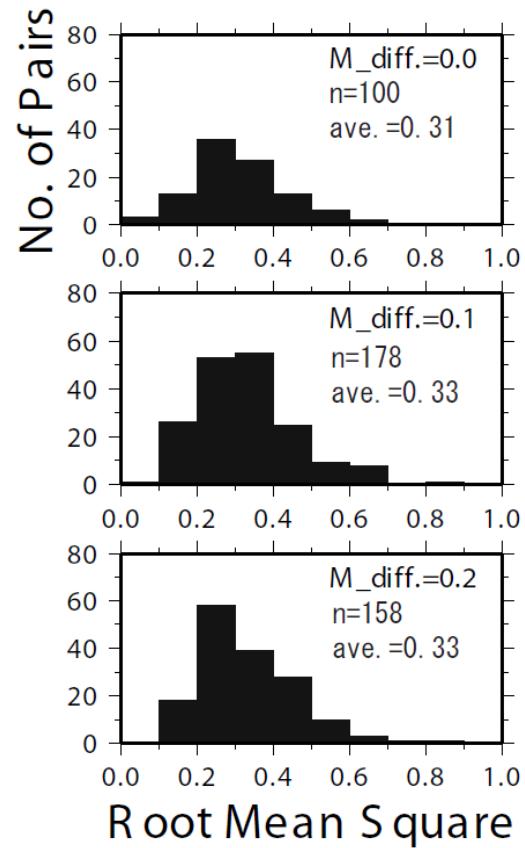


← Shift by 0.49

**AVE.=0.00
RMS=0.64
No._=230**

Estimate the
RMS for each
pair of
earthquake

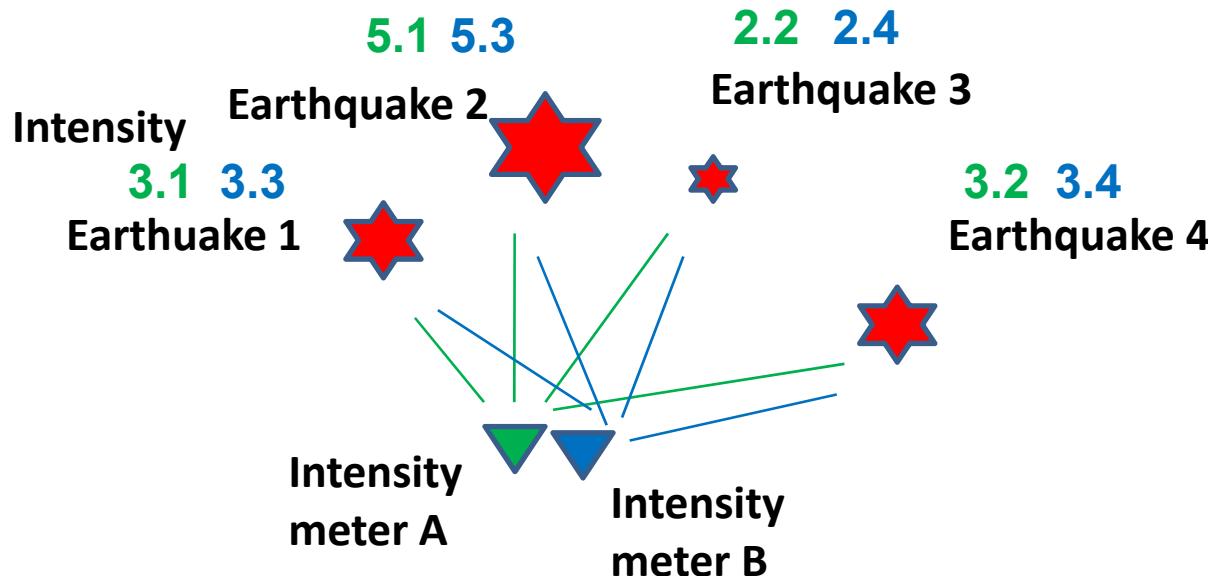




Average of RMS : 0.41 → 0.33

Average of Intensity difference is used as source factor

Two Seismic Intensity meters located adjacently



When Hypocentral
distance is much larger
than the distance
between the 2 intensity
meters

- For each earthquake
- Source factor is same
 - path is same

For each earthquake, difference of intensity is expected to be
the same



Really? or Not ?

Data

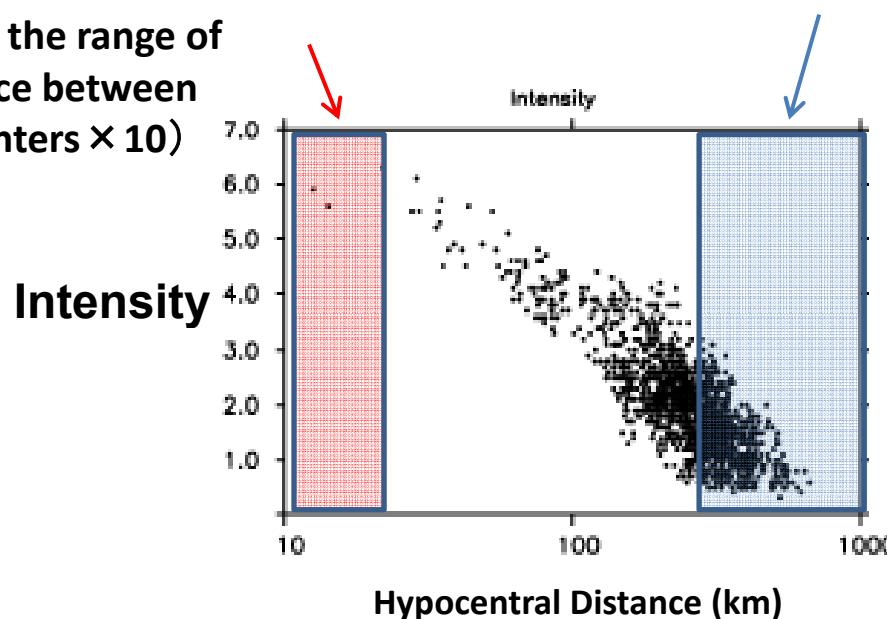
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Select of the pair of seismic intensity meter

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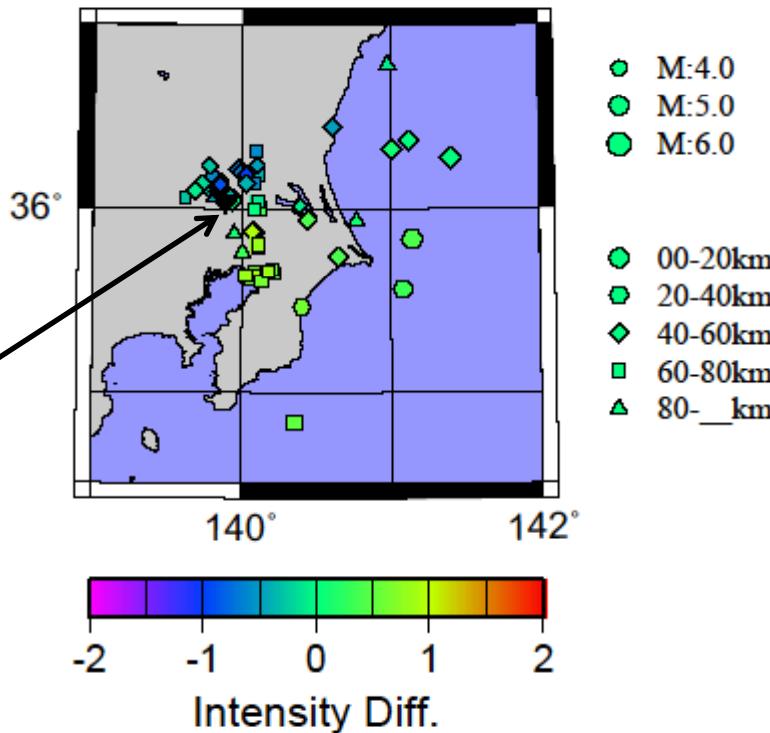
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**Two Intensity
meters**

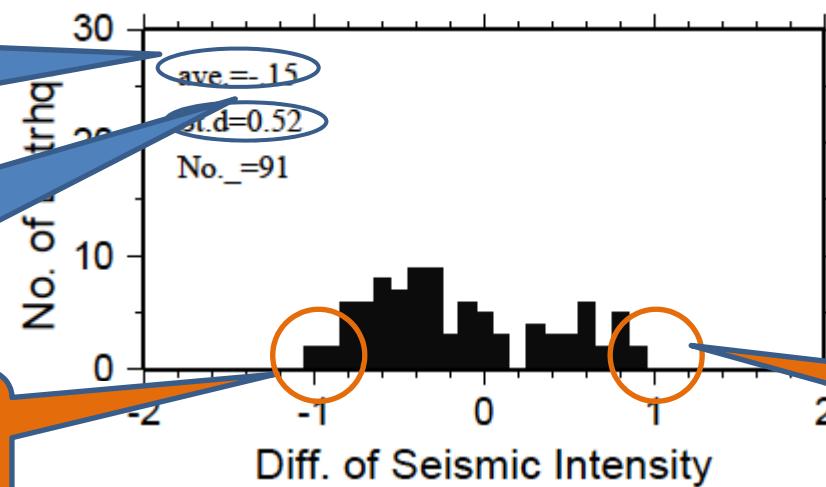


**Distance between
intensity meters :**
0.9km

Average : -0.15
Difference of site
factor

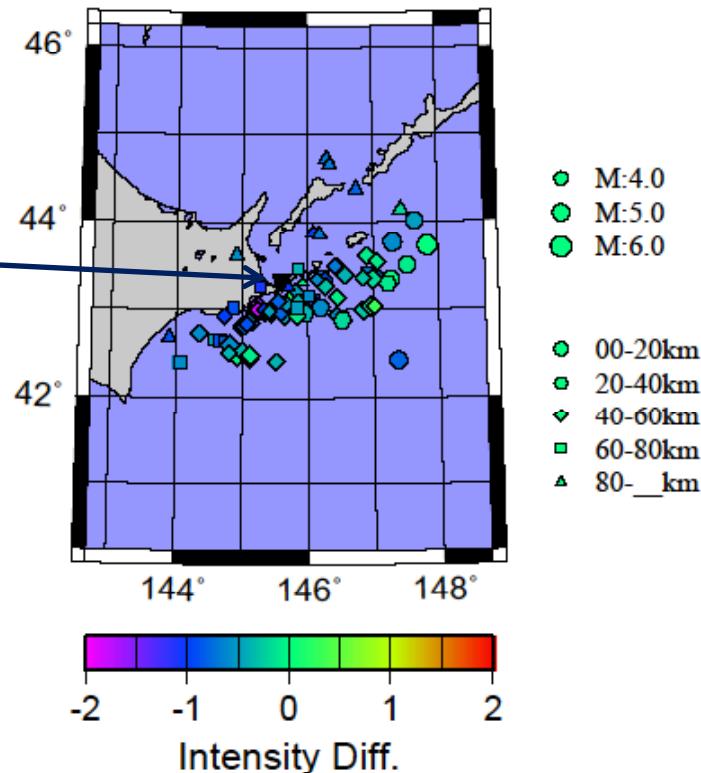
Standard
deviation : 0.52
Fluctuation of
seismic intensity

Intensity meter B is
larger than A by 1.0



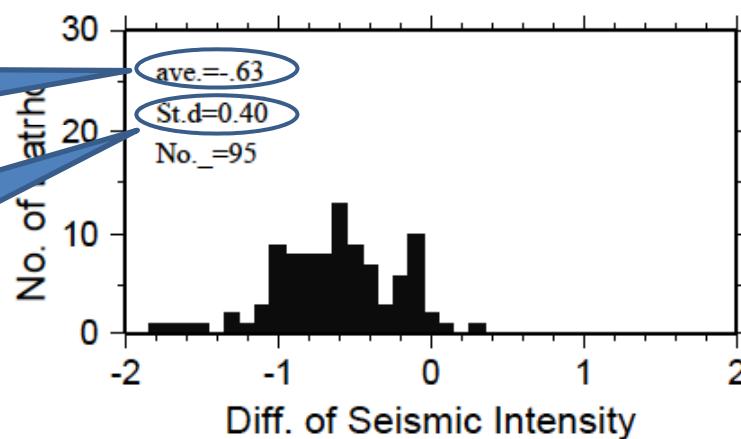
Intensity meter A is
larger than B by 0.9

**Distance
between Intensity
meters : 1.0km**



Average : -0.63
Difference of site
factor

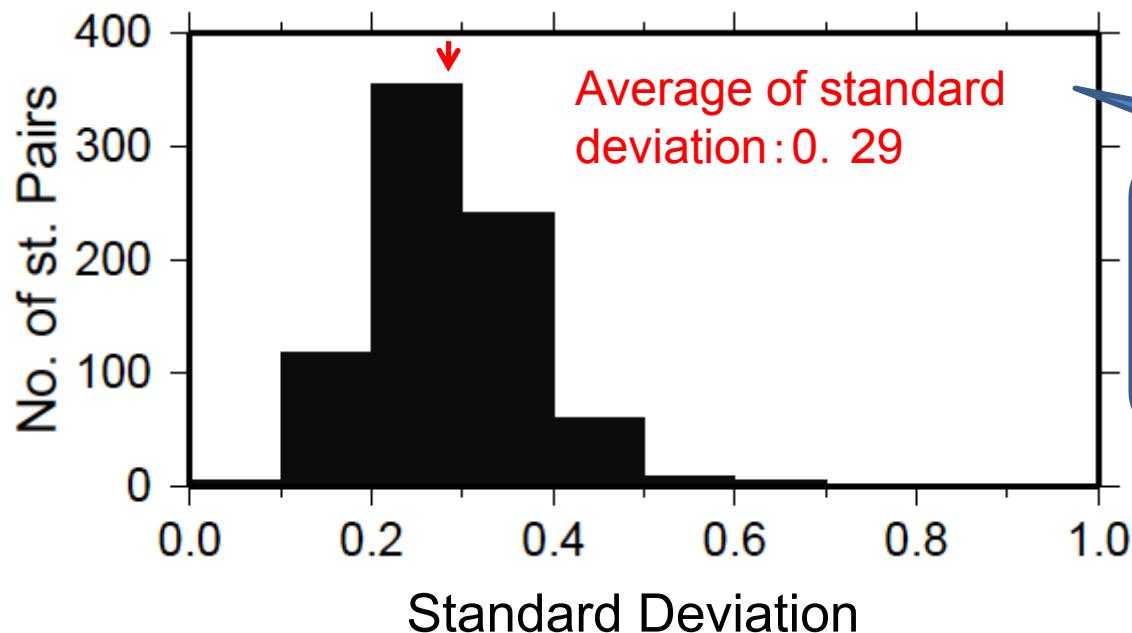
Standard
deviation : 0.40
Fluctuation of
seismic intensity



- distance is less than 5km
- Intensities are observed commonly more than 10 stations

Histogram of standard deviation of intensity difference

N=791



Extent of uncertainty even when the sites located adjacently

Extent of uncertainty in anticipation of seismic intensity

Uncertainty in anticipation of seismic intensity when Source factor is represented by 1 scalar

Uncertainty (RMS) in case of same magnitude, same path, and same site

$$0.41/\sqrt{2} = 0.29$$



For source factor, Seismic intensity is used instead of magnitude

$$0.33/\sqrt{2} = 0.23$$



Uncertainty in anticipation of seismic intensity when Site factor is represented by 1 scalar

Uncertainty in case of same source, same path, and same site

$$0.29/\sqrt{2} = 0.21$$



In addition to these, uncertainty due to the attenuation relation should be considered