

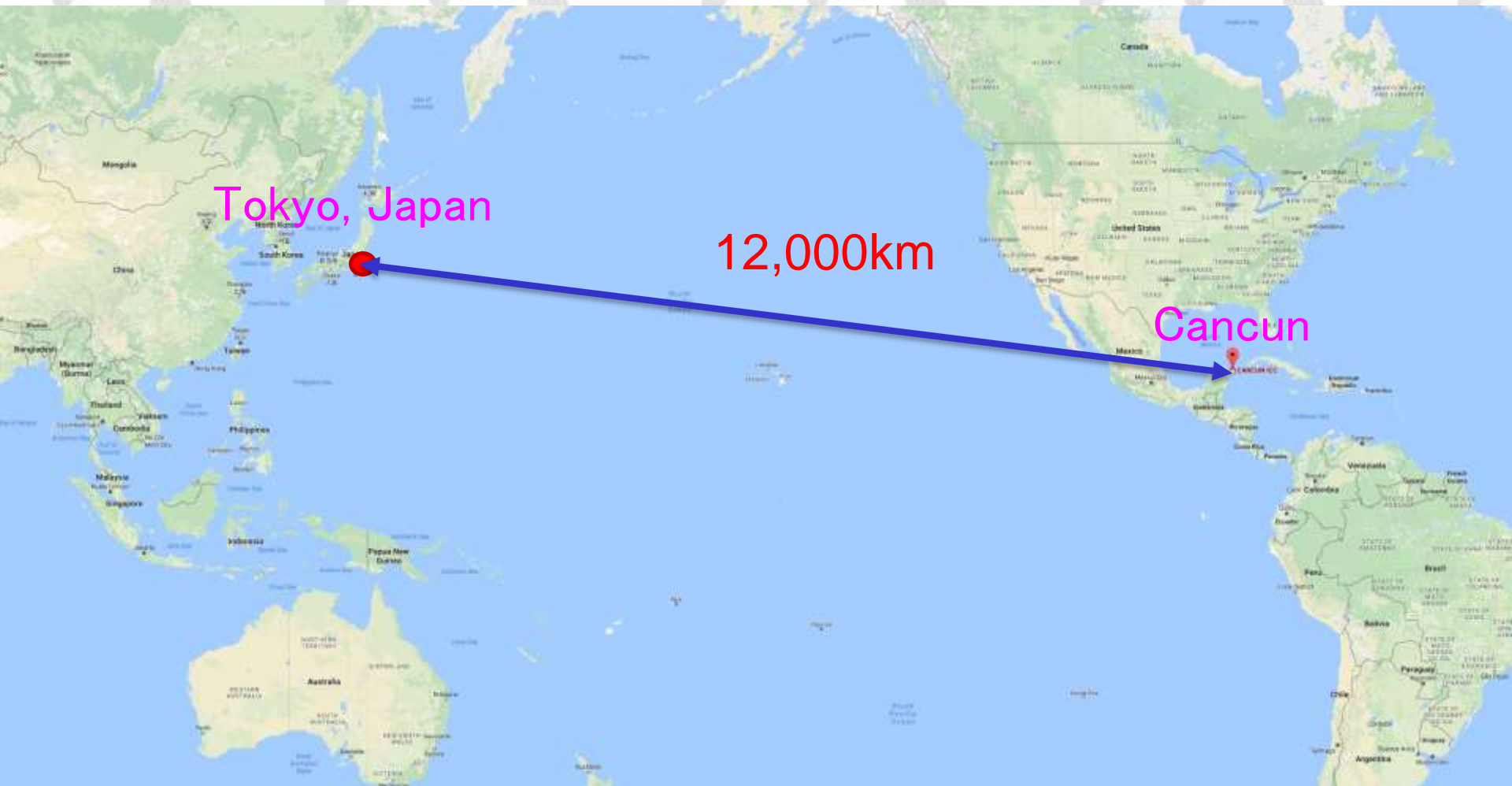
**Clustering fluctuation patterns of groundwater levels
in Tokyo caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake
using self-organizing maps**

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Location of Tokyo



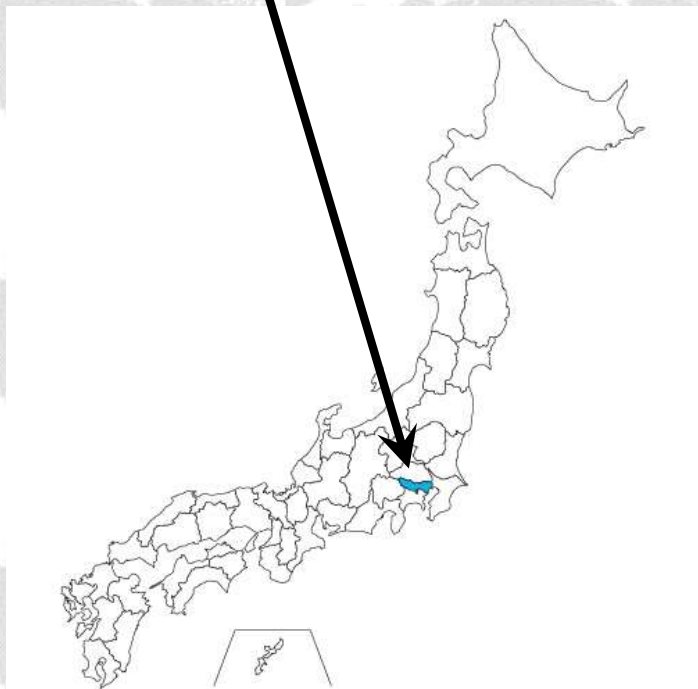
Tokyo Metropolis

Third smallest prefecture (2188km²) out of 47 (1/23 of Quintana Roo)

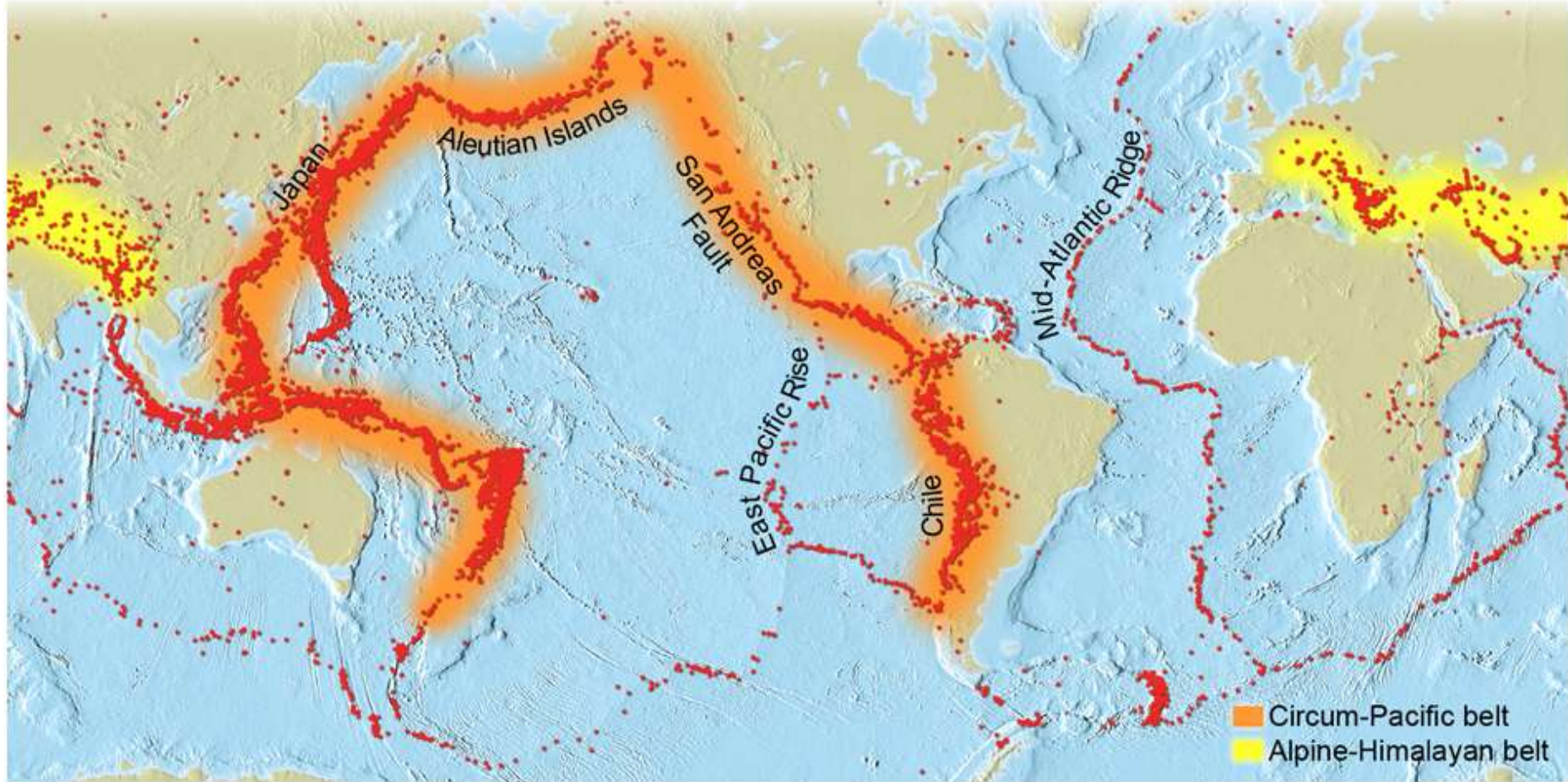
The largest population (13.2 million) (8.8 times larger than Quintana Roo)

The highest population density (6000/km²)

1/10 of whole National Budget



Distribution of Earthquakes (Mw>5)



Distribution of nearly 15,000 earthquakes with magnitudes equal to or greater than 5 for a 10-year period.

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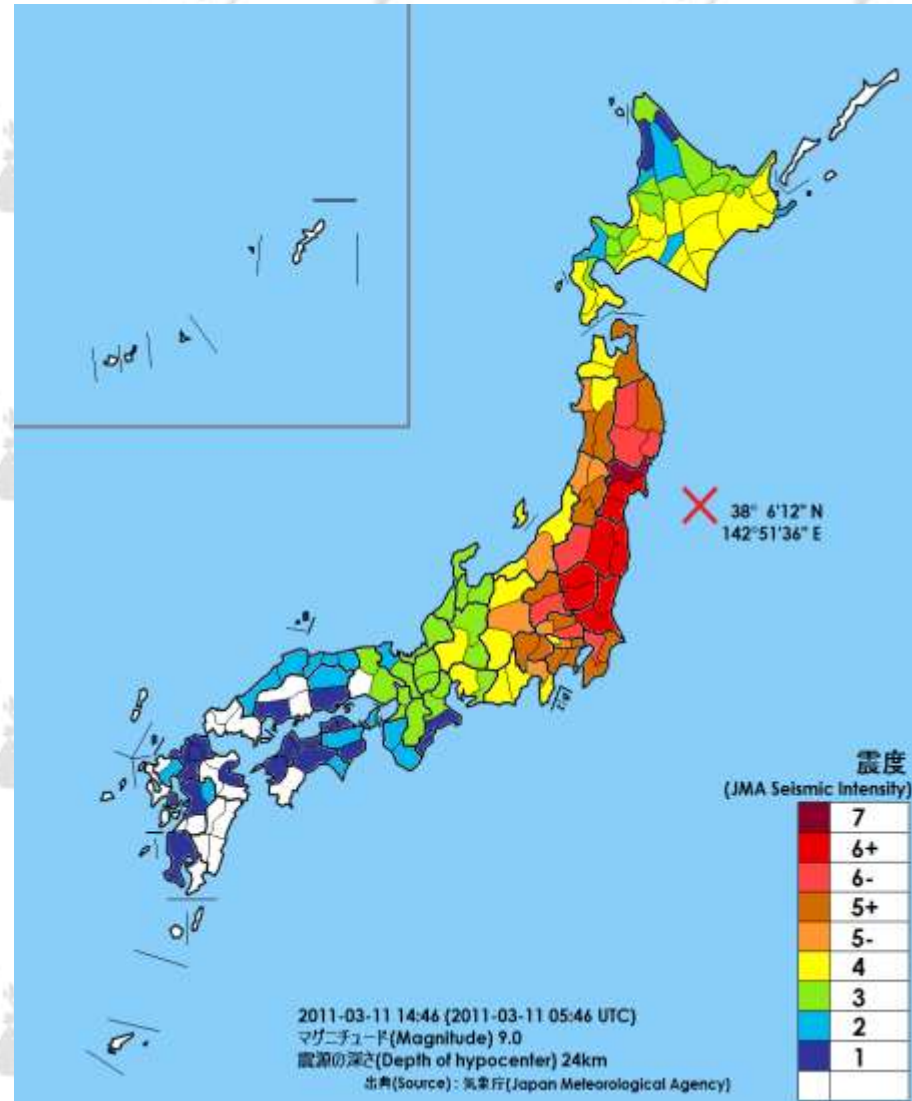
Whole Japanese Archipelago is in **serious peril of severe earthquakes**, because it is situated in the **Circum-Pacific Seismic Zone**.

Background

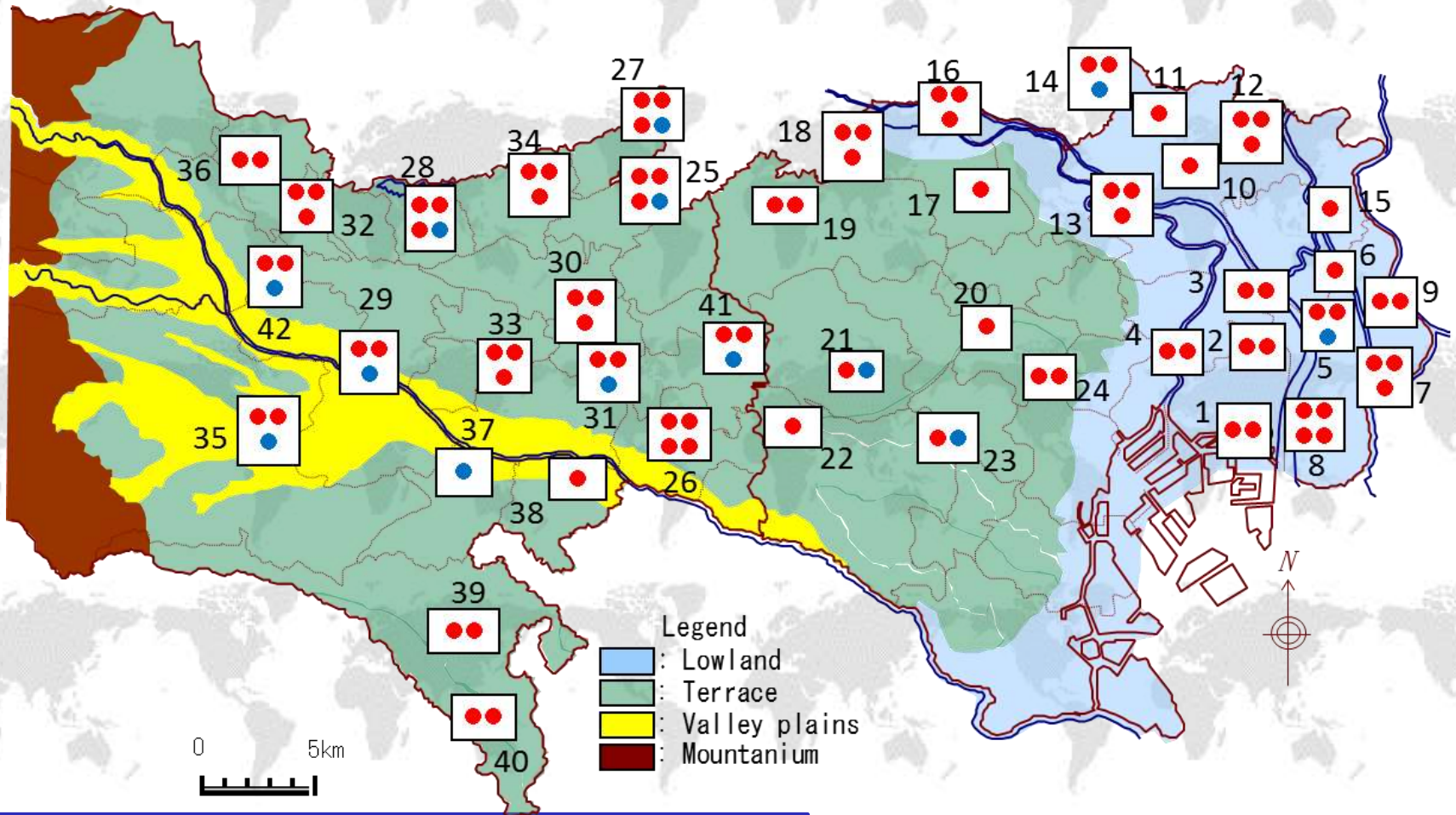
- **Most of the megacities** not only in Japan but also Southeast Asian countries are located **on the alluvial plains** where the ground is **very soft** and especially **vulnerable** for groundwater related disasters.
- Since **groundwater is a crucial water resource** for most of the cities around the world, it is very important to understand and evaluate **the impact of a huge earthquake** on groundwater.
- However, so far, almost **no such studies have been carried out** mainly because no densely distributed groundwater level observations were available at **a short time interval** when **a large earthquake occurred**.

The Great East Japan Earthquake

- **The most powerful earthquake ever recorded in Japan** with a magnitude of **9.0 (Mw)** (**4th strongest in the world**), occurred at **14:46 JST** on **March 11, 2011**
- More than **18,000 people** were sacrificed or missing mostly **by Tsunami**
- **In Tokyo**, **5 upper** intensity was observed, where more than **400km away** from the epicenter



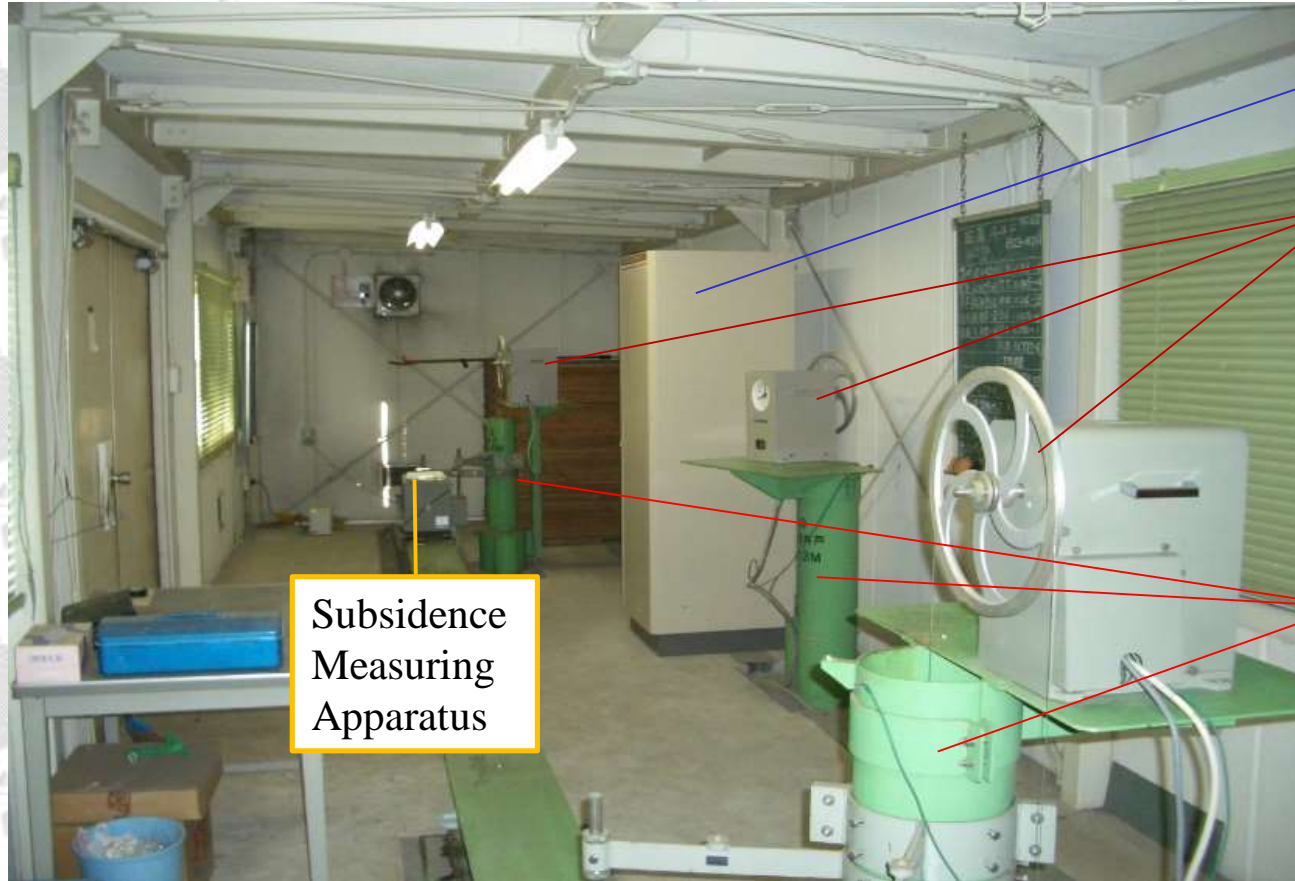
Groundwater Monitoring Network in Tokyo



- observation sites ... 42 sites
- Confined wells ... 89 wells
- Unconfined wells ... 13 wells

The **hourly** groundwater levels have been observed since **1952**

Inside a Groundwater Observation House



Telemeter

Water Level
Gage

Subsidence
Measuring
Apparatus

Observation
wells

- 42 observation sites in Tokyo.
- Most observation sites have several different depth observation wells.

Objective

- Taking full advantage of the unique rare case data from the **dense groundwater monitoring network** in Tokyo,
- We **identify the fluctuation patterns of groundwater levels** caused by **the Great East Japan Earthquake** using **SOM**,
- Which has **never been investigated** in Tokyo area.

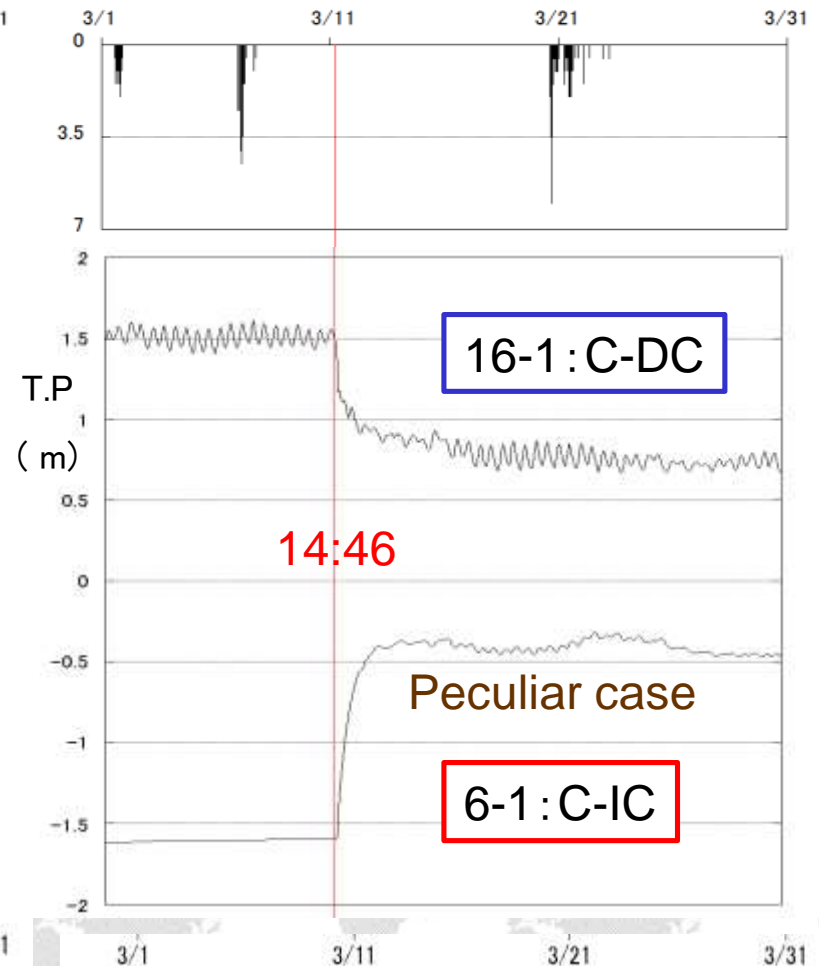
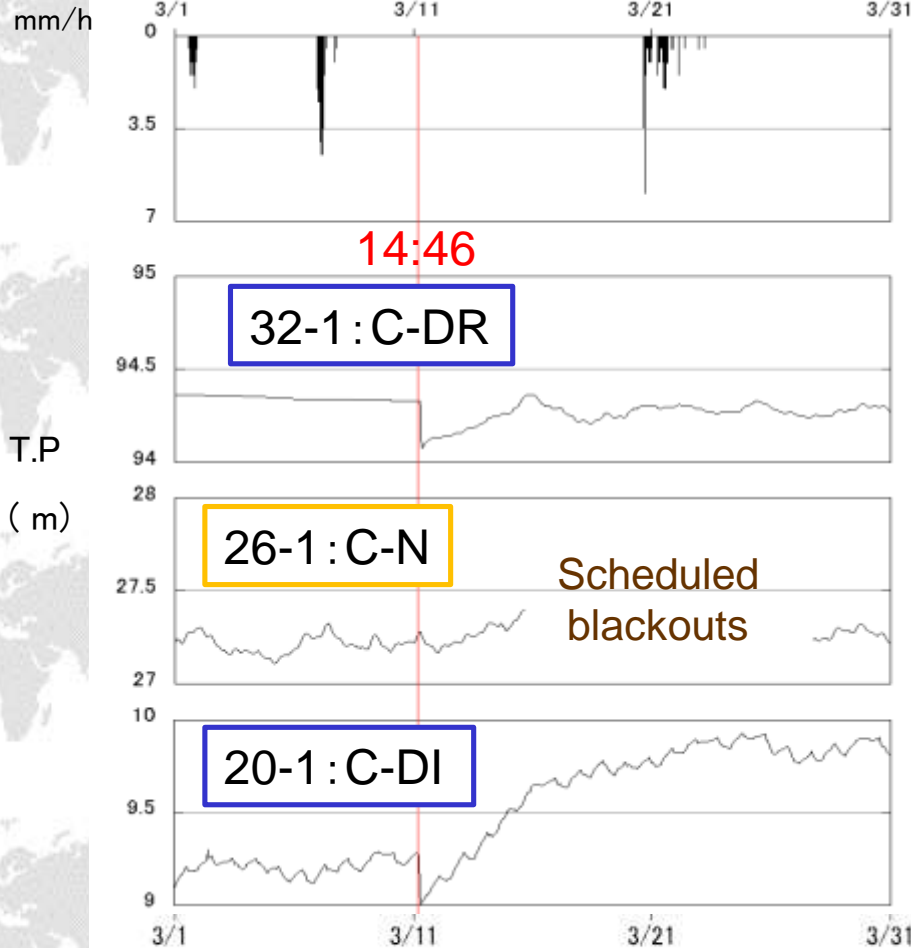
Data Used for the Objective

- **One-month hourly time series data of 98 wells (85 confined and 13 unconfined wells) in March, 2011, excluding missing data wells.**
- **The fluctuation patterns of the time series were analyzed and identified by SOM.**

Groundwater level changes by the Earthquake

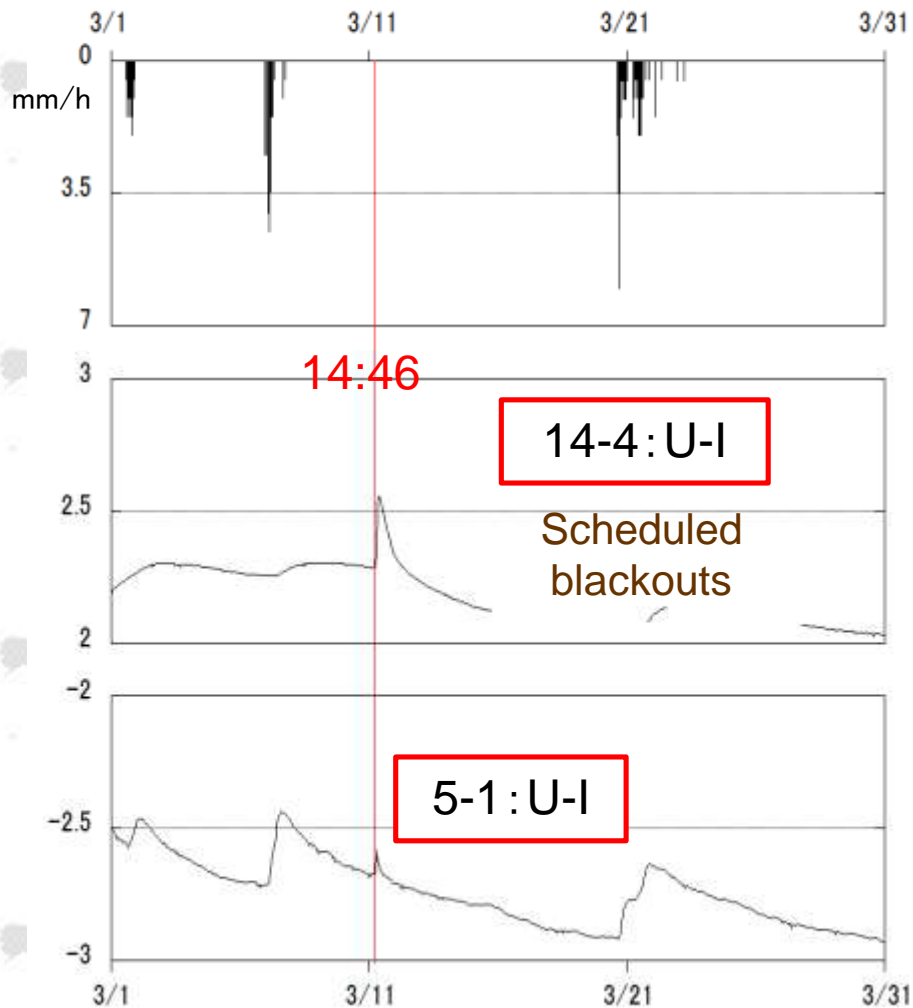
Confined Wells

The effects of rain → None



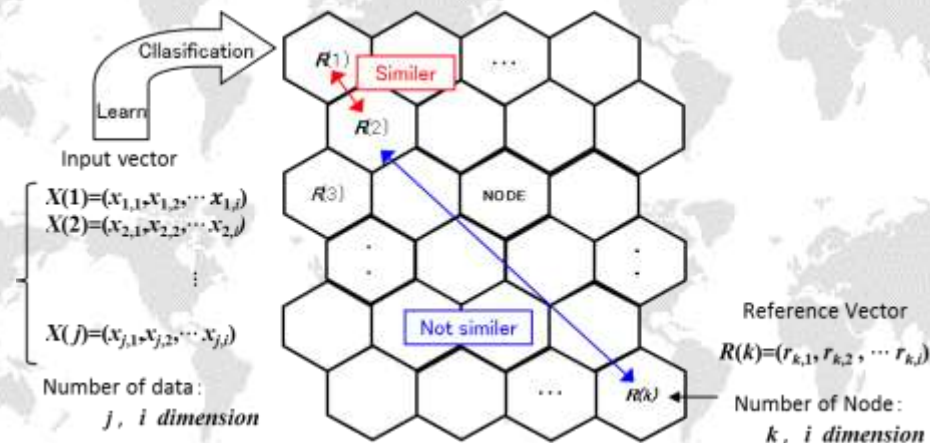
Groundwater level changes by the Earthquake

Unconfined Wells



SOM Method

- **SOM** was developed by Kohonen, which is one of **unsupervised training Neural Networks**
- **SOM** projects **high-dimensional, complex data** onto **two-dimensional** regularly-arranged **nodes**
- **SOM** obtains useful and informative **reference vectors** of all nodes
- In this study, **SOM** is used to **cluster fluctuation of groundwater level changes**



Input data for SOM

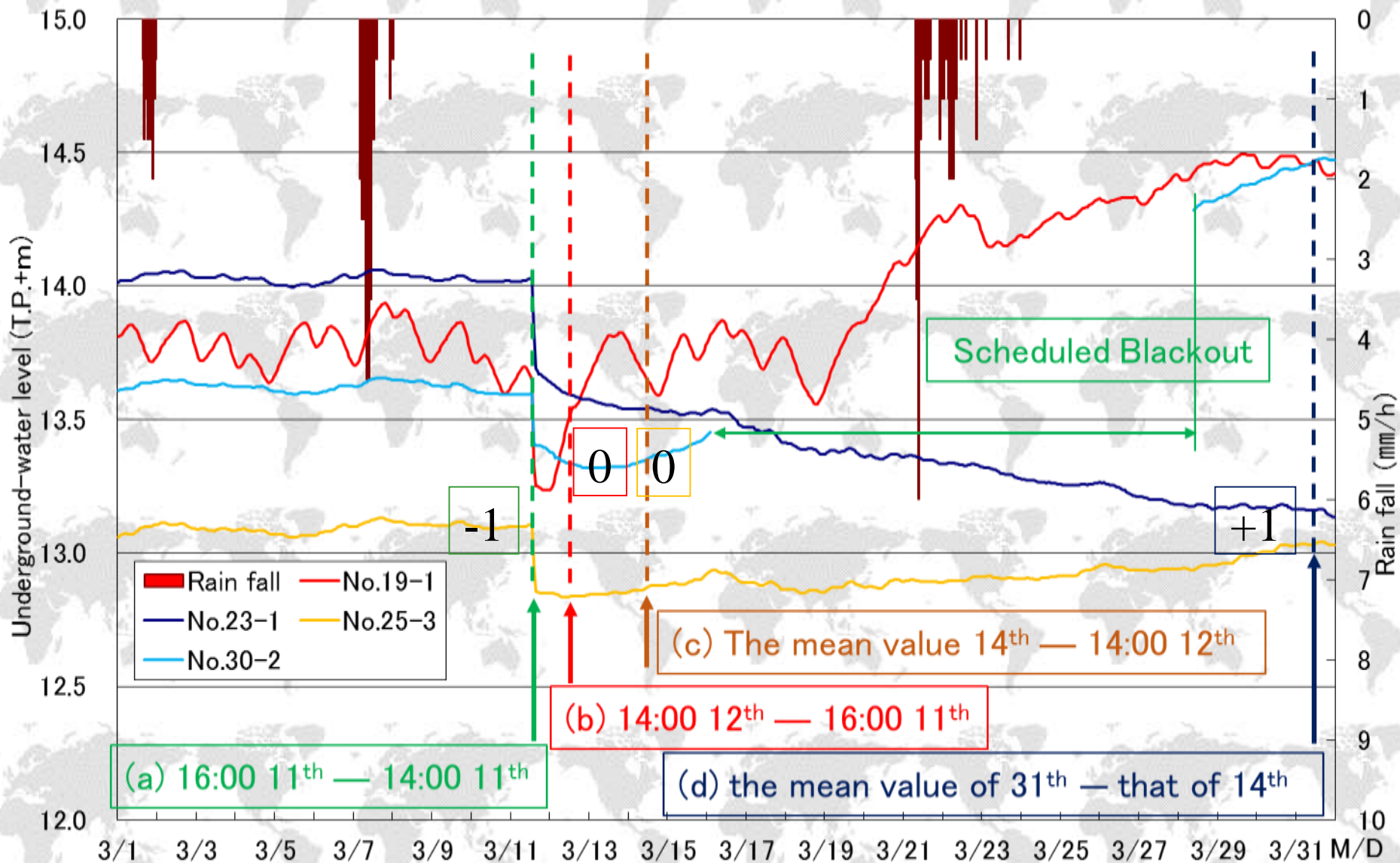
Site No.	Well No.	Difference in water level				Strainer depth	Site name
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
1	1	-12.5	-11.2	4.8	0.1	-72	Minamisuna
	2	-14.8	-7.8	3.9	-0.8	-132	
2	1	-14.0	-15.0	-0.1	2.2	-63	Kameido
	2	-27.3	-0.1	-0.4	1.4	-146	
42	1	-11.0	16.7	13.7	35.6	16	Akishima
	2	-16.0	-2.4	15.3	87.4	-91	
	③	0.5	4.3	6.8	20.9	106	

1) Well No. ○ ; Unconfined groundwater, 2) (a) ~ (d) ; cm, (e) ; m

- (a) 16:00, 11 March – 14:00 of the same day
- (b) 14:00, 12 March – 16:00, 11 March
- (c) the mean value of 14 March – 14:00, 12 March
- (d) the mean value of 31 March – that of 14 March
- (e) The altitude value of the depth of the screen. (T.P. : standard mean sea level of Tokyo Bay)

Considering the **crustal deformation** in Tokyo after the Earthquake was **4 cm** at the most, **± less than 5 cm** fluctuation water level in (a) to (d) is shown as **0**, and **±5 cm** or any value **greater** is shown as **+1** or **-1**

Input data for SOM



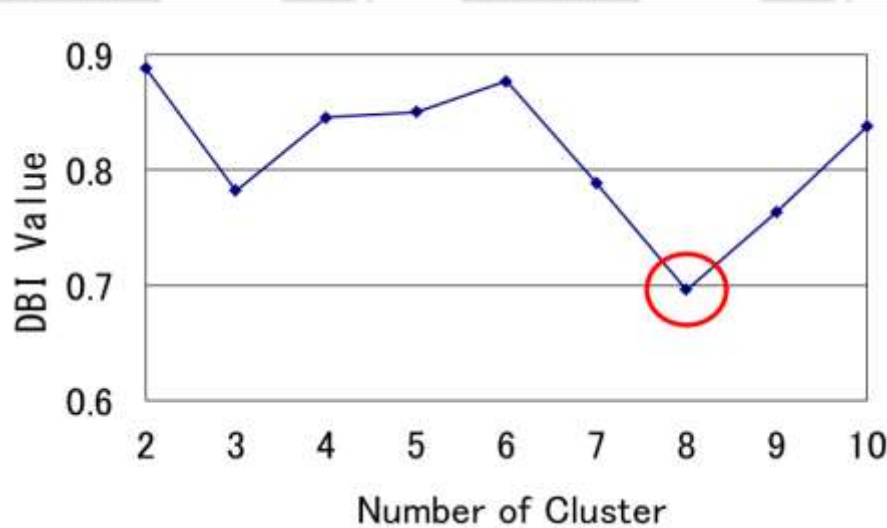
SOM Implementation

Map size $M = 5\sqrt{n}$

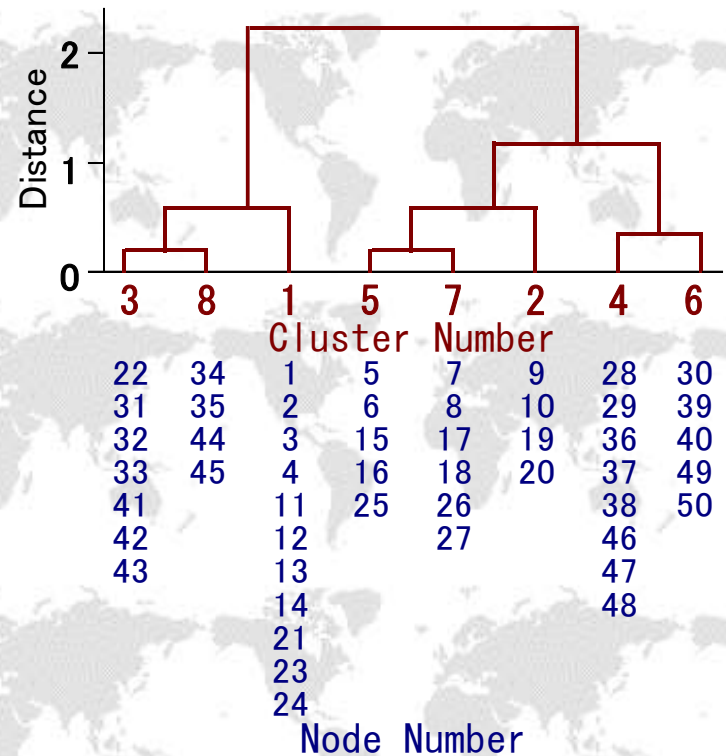
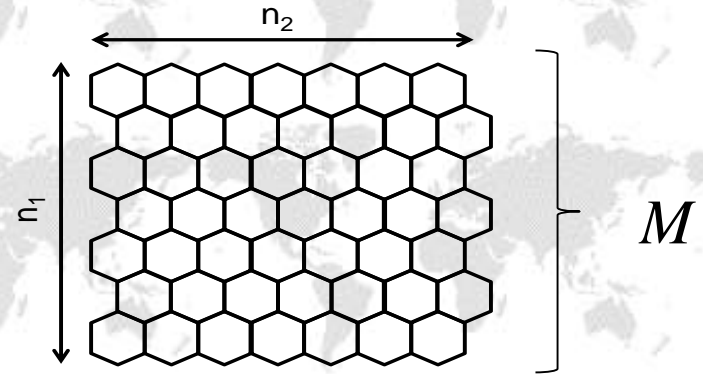
M : Number of total node,

n : Number of Input data

$n = 98 \rightarrow M = 50$ node

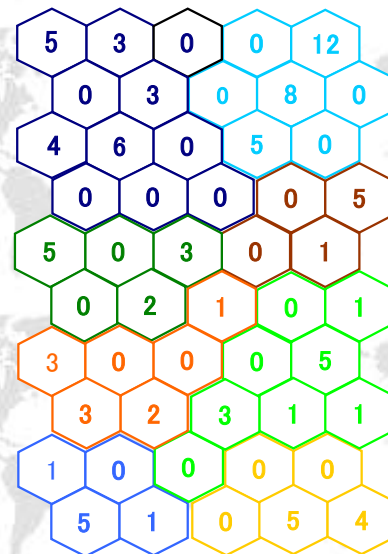
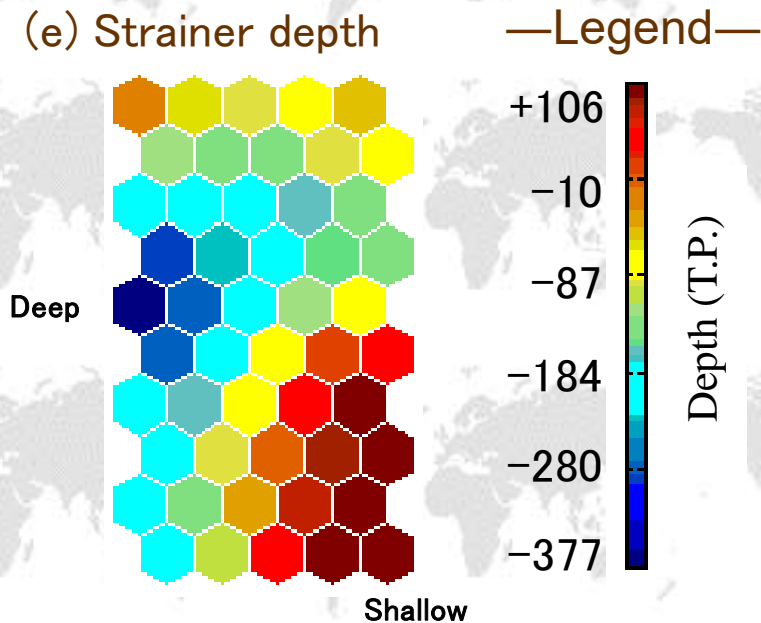
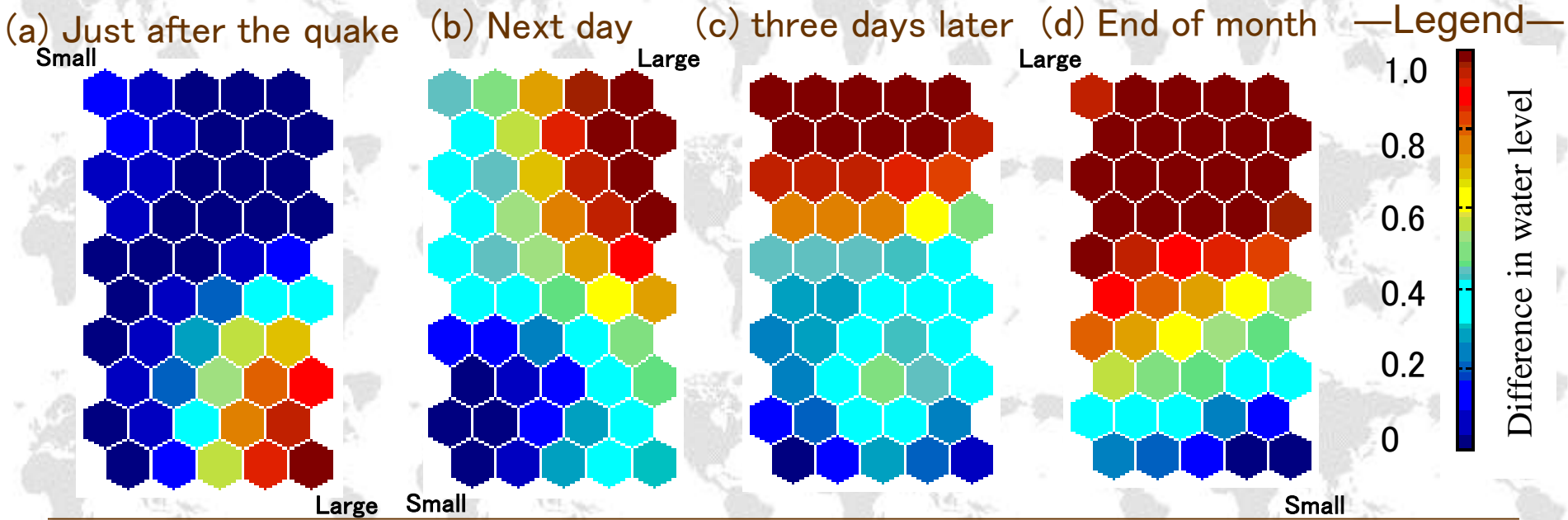


DBI Value



Ward's method

Identified Values for 5 Variables by SOM



(a)~(d): Difference in underground water level (standardized)

(d): Depth of screen (standard mean sea level of Tokyo Bay)

Number of Wells belong to each node

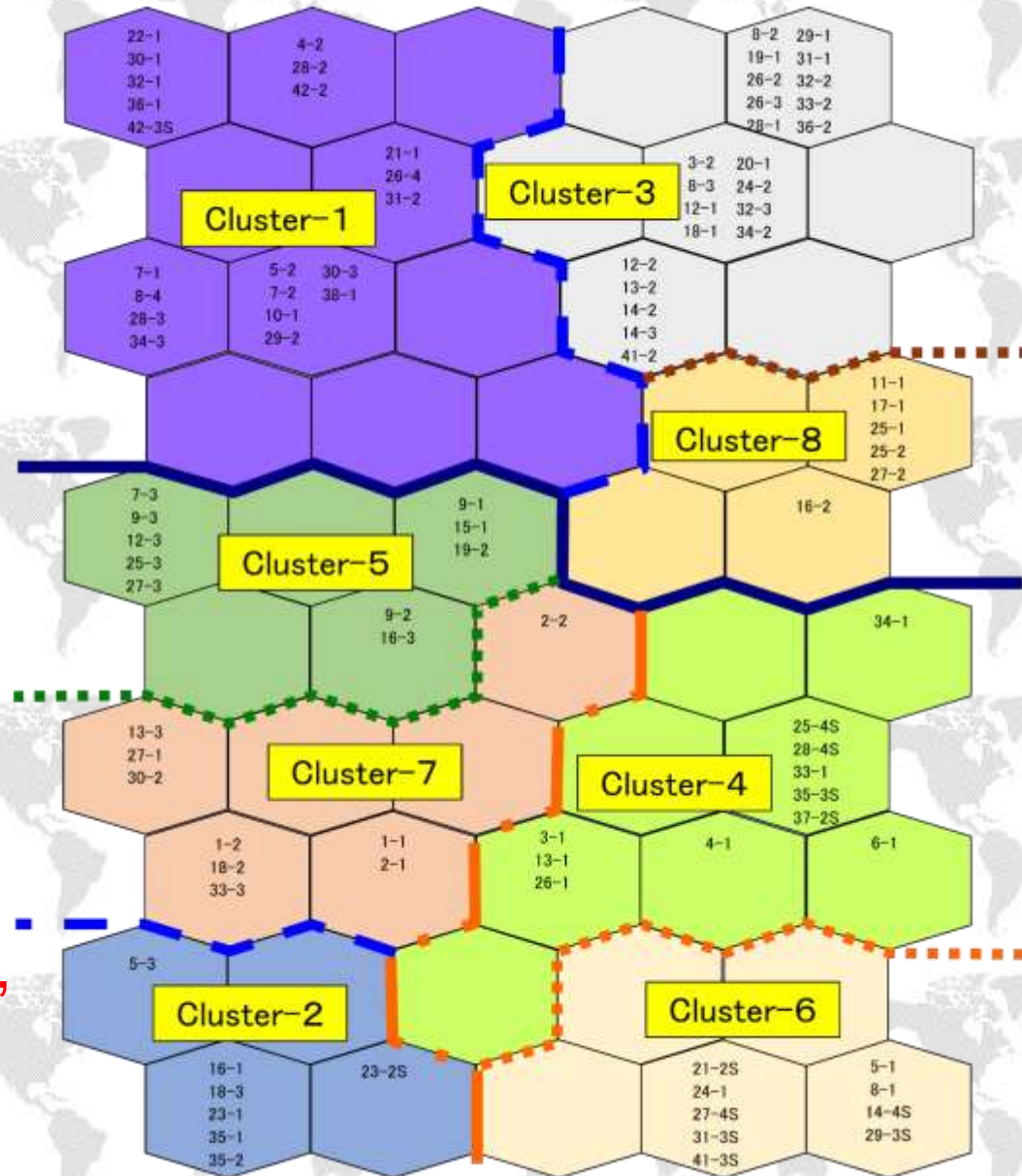
SOM Clustering Result

Cluster-No.	Numbers of wells
Cluster-1	21
Cluster-3	25
Cluster-8	6
Cluster-5	10
Cluster-7	9
Cluster-2	7
Cluster-4	11
Cluster-6	9
Total	98

Group 1

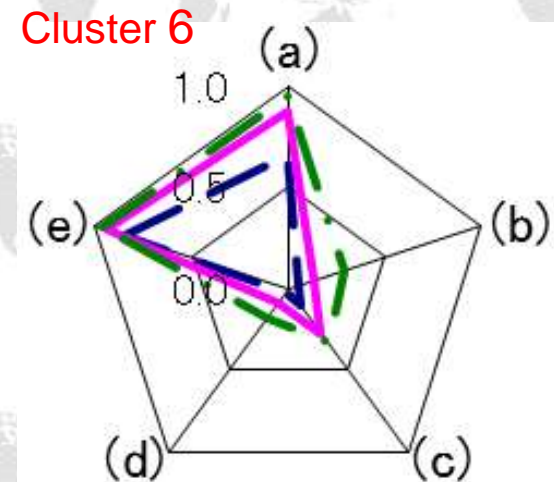
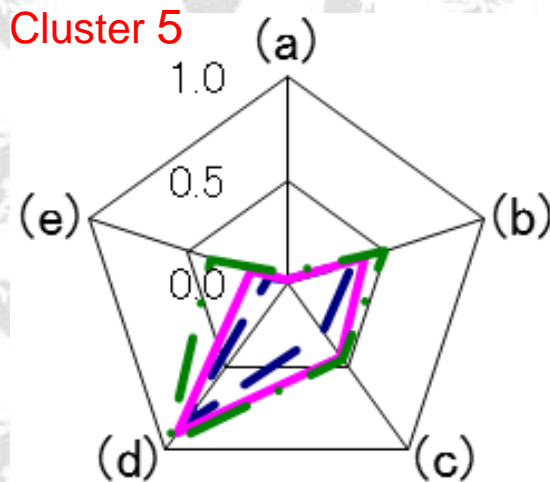
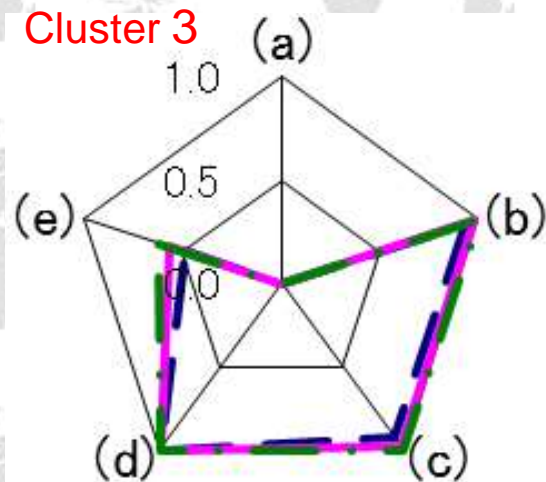
Group 2

Group 3



The fluctuation patterns of groundwater level could be classified into eight clusters, which are summed up to three groups.

Rader Charts of Main Clusters



Cluster 3: Sharp drawdown just after the earthquake, and **rised higher than the original level.**

Cluster 5: Sharp drawdown just after the earthquake, and **recovered to the original level.**

Cluster 6: Abrupt rise just after the earthquake, and **decreased. Shallow wells.**

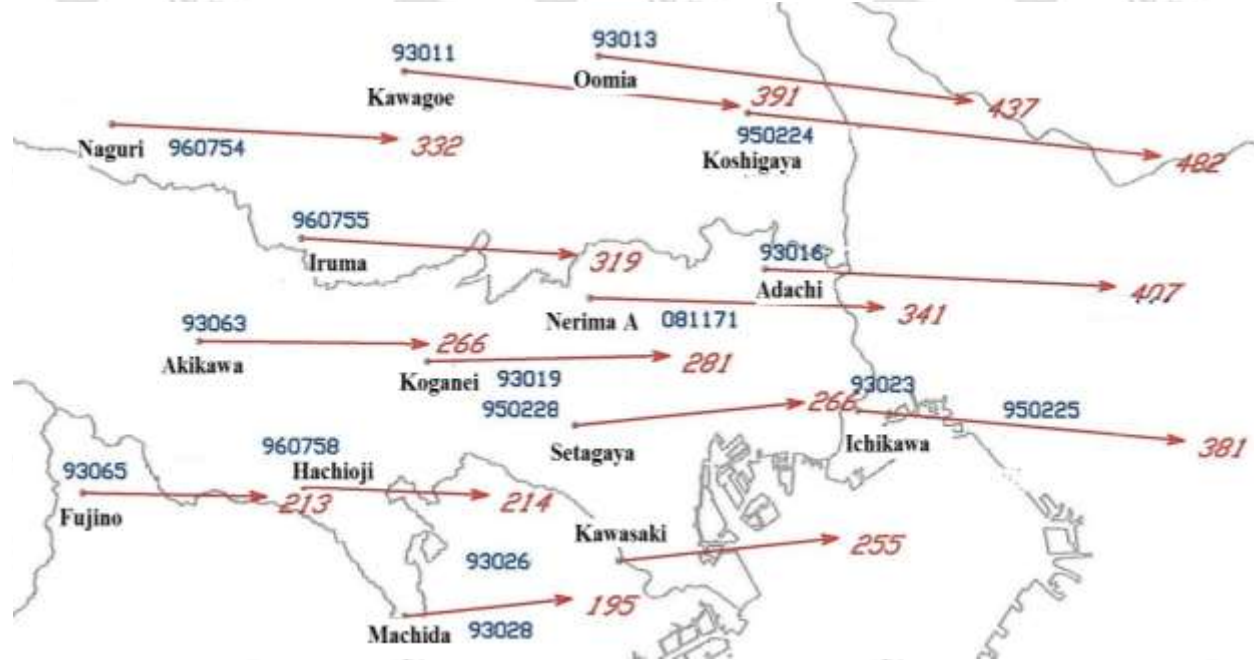
- Legend -

— First quartile

— Median

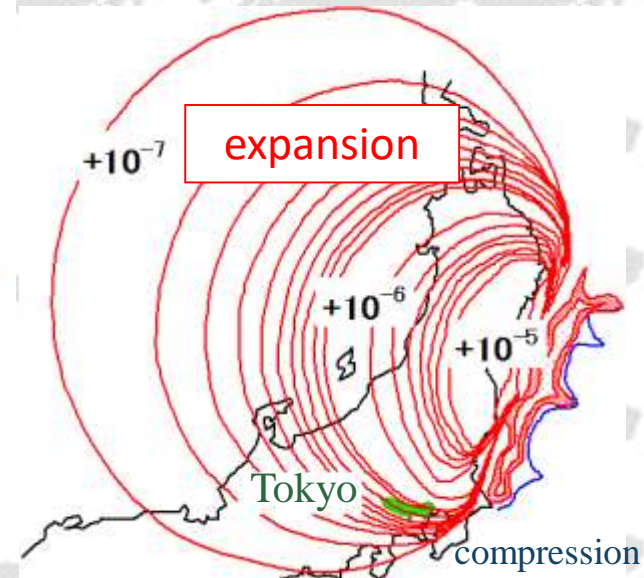
— Third quartile

Cause of Sharp Drawdowns



Legend	
○ Nerima A	Erectorical Triangulation Points
→ 341	direction of horizontality fluctuation amount of fluctuation
081171	No. of Erectorical Triangulation Point

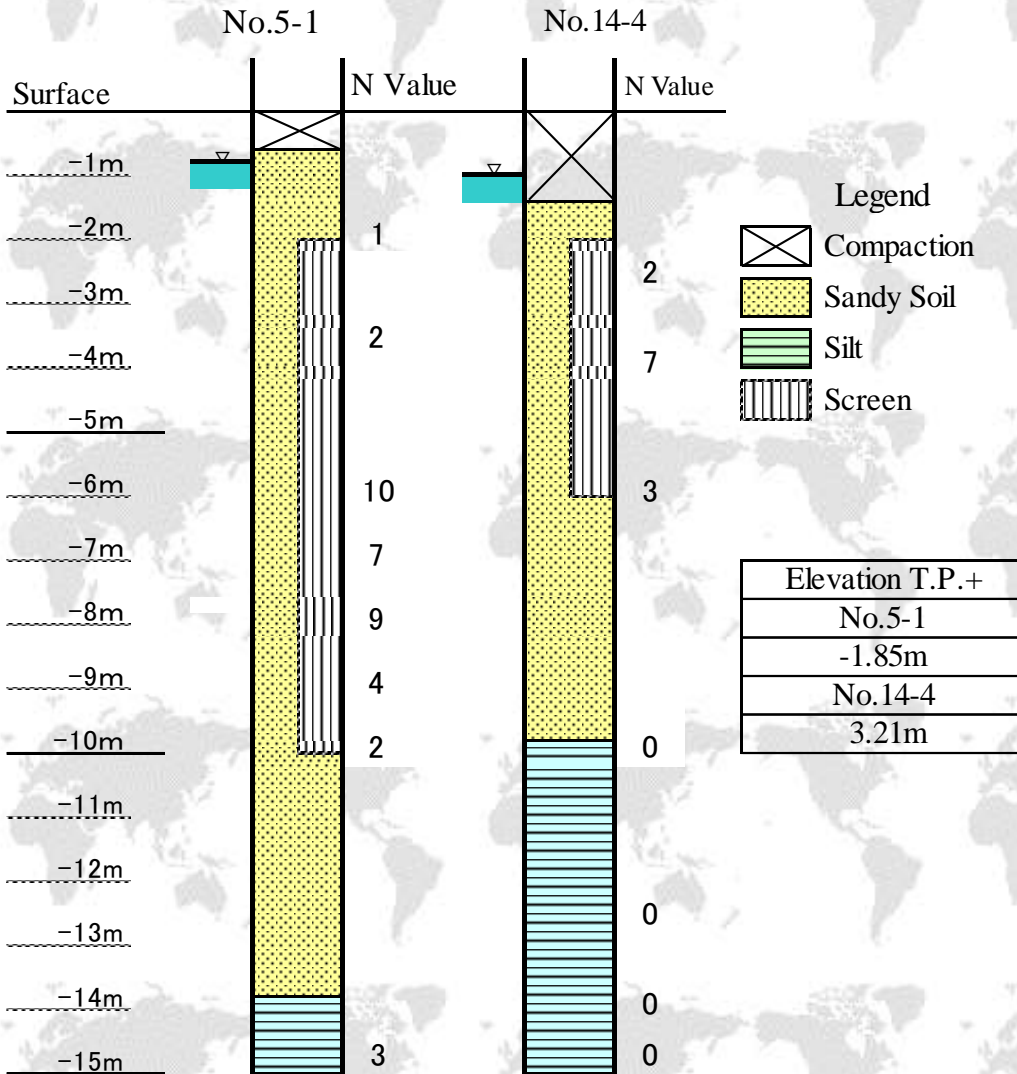
Ground Movements in Tokyo



Crustal Deformation for East Japan Area

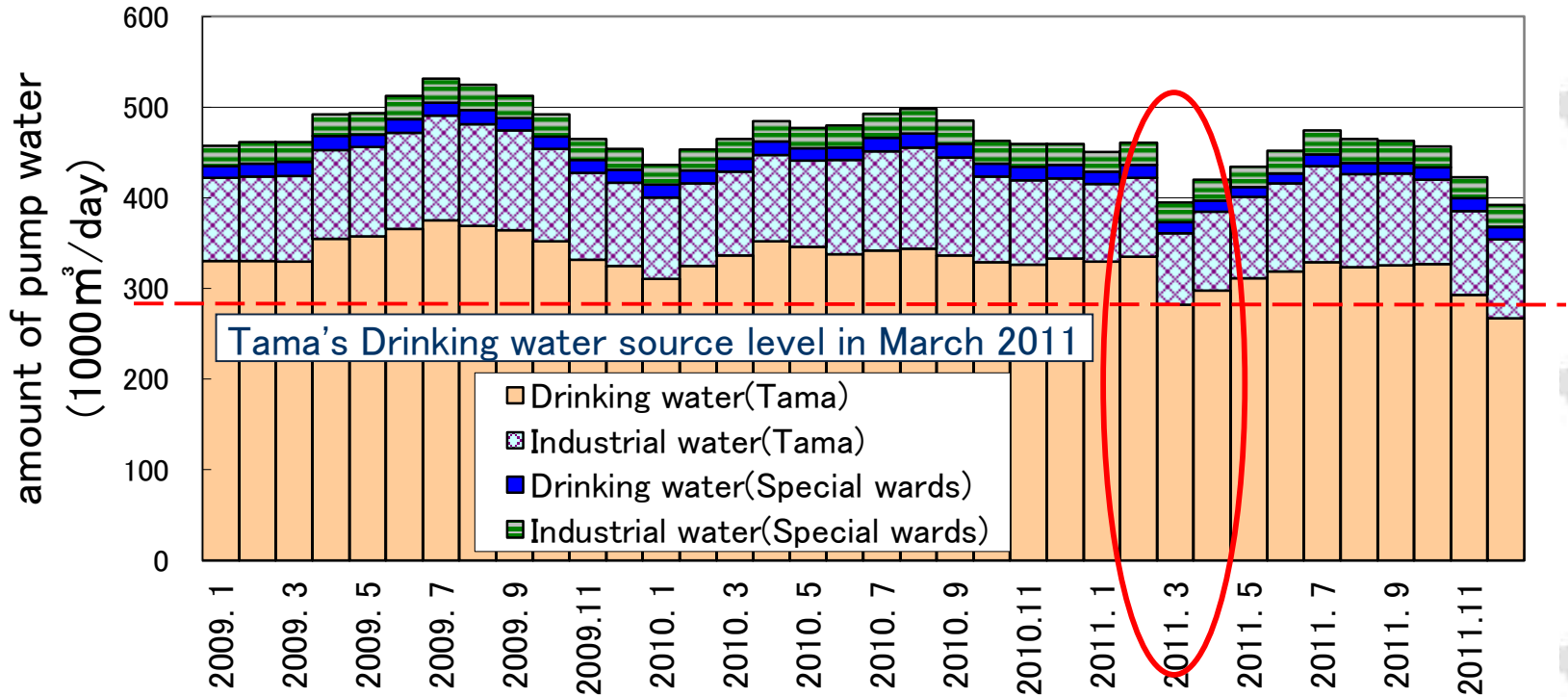
◎ Pressure release by crustal expansion

Cause of Abrupt Rises



◎ **Phenomenon of soil liquefaction**

Cause of Rising Tendency after Drawdown



Monthly Amount of Groundwater Pumping Rate for 3 years from 2009 to 2011

① **Decrease of Groundwater Pumping Rate**

Conclusions

- **The Great East Japan Earthquake triggered the fluctuations of groundwater level in Tokyo.**
- **By applying SOM, The fluctuation patterns of groundwater level were classified into eight clusters and three groups.**
- **Sharp drawdown just after the Earthquake was the typical phenomenon for confined wells, which is caused by the pressure release derived from crustal expansion.**
- **Abrupt rise just after the Earthquake, esp. for shallow wells will be caused by the soil liquefaction**
- **The most common fluctuation pattern is the drawdown followed by the rising tendency, which is mainly caused by decreased groundwater pumping rate.**



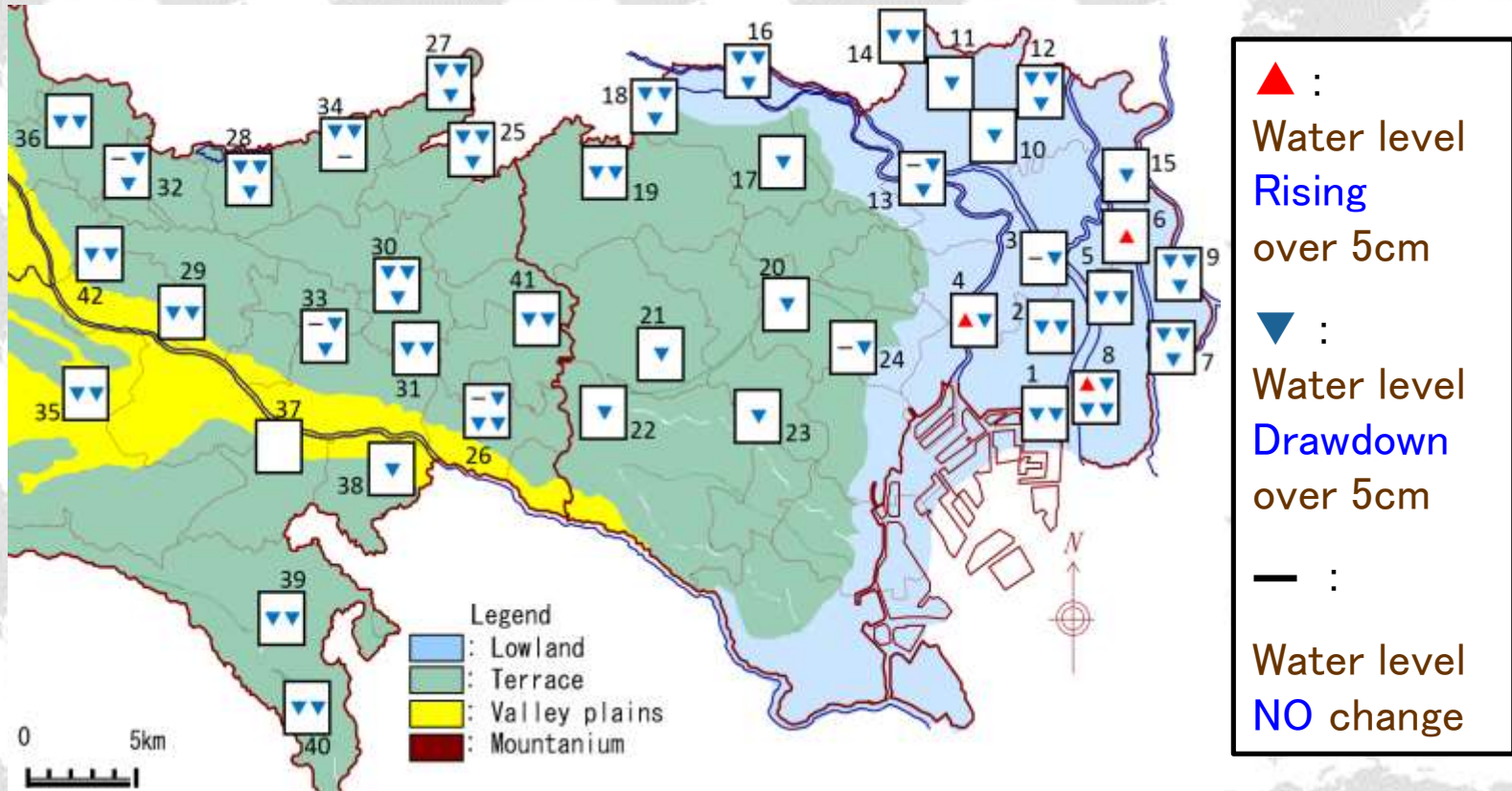
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Distribution of Change Patterns Just after the Earthquake

89 Confined Wells

Confined groundwater 89 wells

• Just after the earthquake (14:00~16:00)



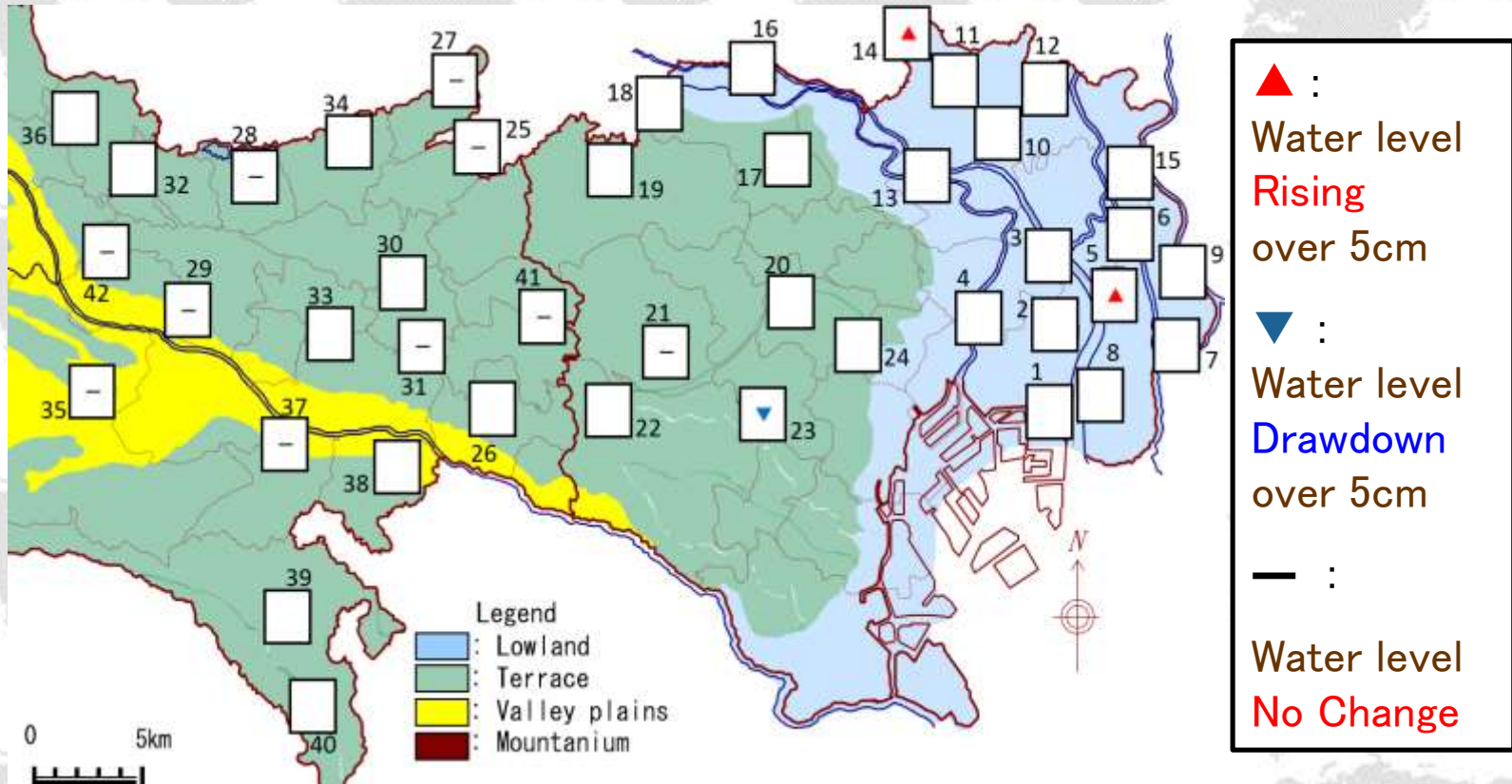
▲ : 3 wells (Lowland) ▼ : 79 wells (All zone) — : 7 wells (Terrace)

Distribution of Change Patterns Just after the Earthquake

13 Unconfined Wells

Unconfined groundwater 13 wells

• Just after the earthquake (14:00~16:00)



▲ : 2 wells (Lowland) ▼ : 1 wells (All zone) — : 10 wells (Terrace)

Categorization of the Fluctuation Patterns

89 Confined Wells

Confined		Groudwater level fluctuations	wells	
C-D	C-D I	Confined groundwater - Decrease then Increase	45	89%
	C-D C	Confined groundwater - Decrease Continuing until end of March	21	
	C-D R	Confined groundwater - Decrease then Recover to the level before the earthquake	13	
C-I	C-I I	Confined groundwater - Increase, temporary decrease, Increase again	1	3%
	C-I C	Confined groundwater - Increase, Continuing until end of March	1	
	C-I D	Confined groundwater - Increase then Decrease	1	
C-N	C-N	Confined groundwater - No significant changes	7	8%

Grouping of Fluctuation Patterns

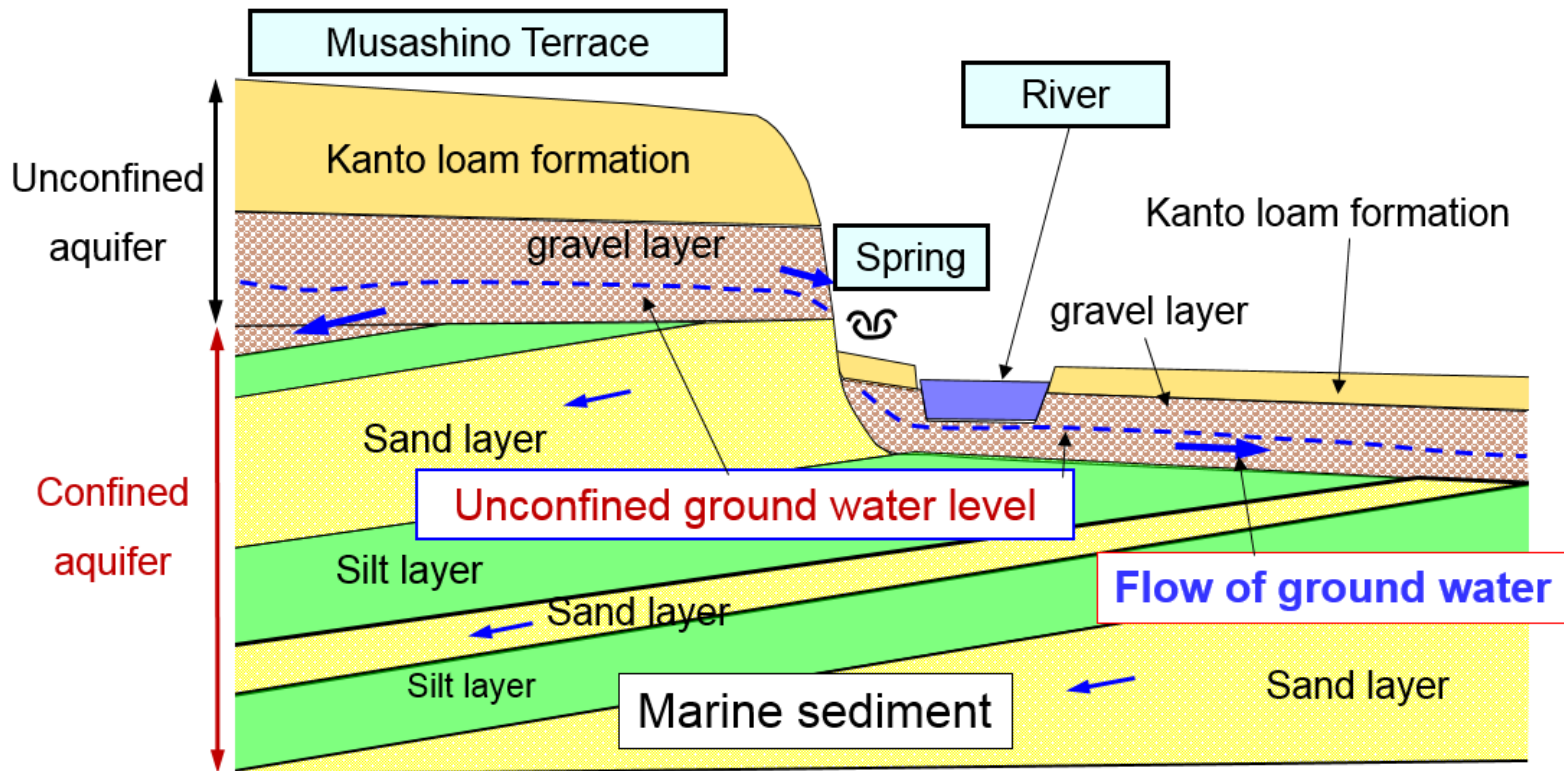
Unconfined Wells

Confined	Groudwater level fluctuations	wells	
U-D	U nconfined groundwater - D ecrease	1	8%
U-I	U nconfined groundwater - I ncrease	2	15%
U-N	U nconfined groundwater - N o significant changes	10	77%

Consideration of Confined wells

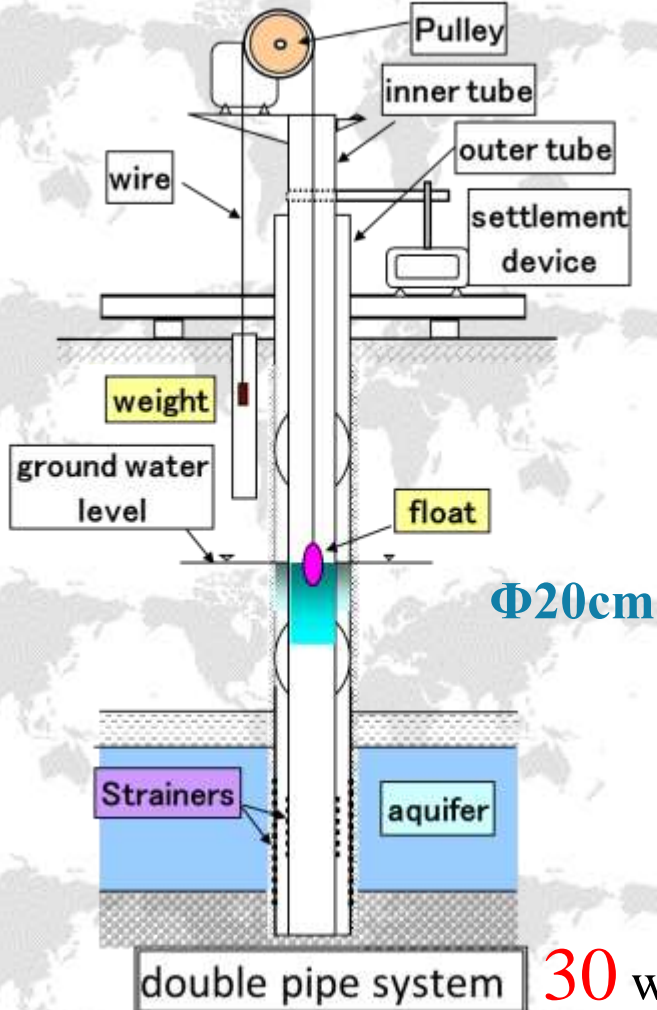
Factor of no significant changes

- Diminution of pressure was little because of not minute geological formations.

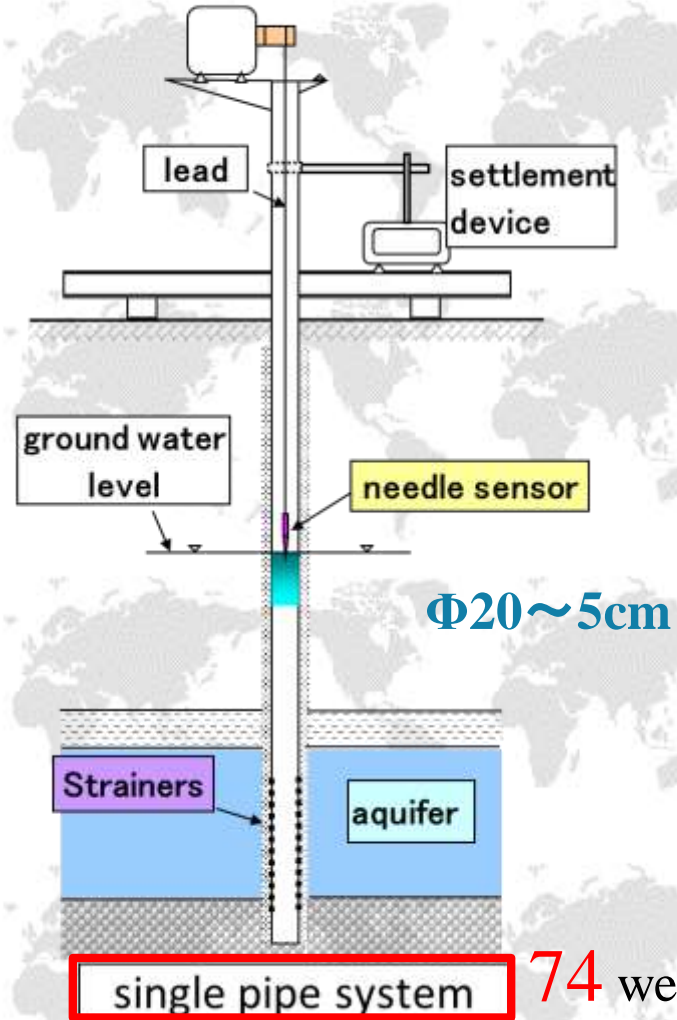


Types of Observation Wells

Float-gage Type 96 wells

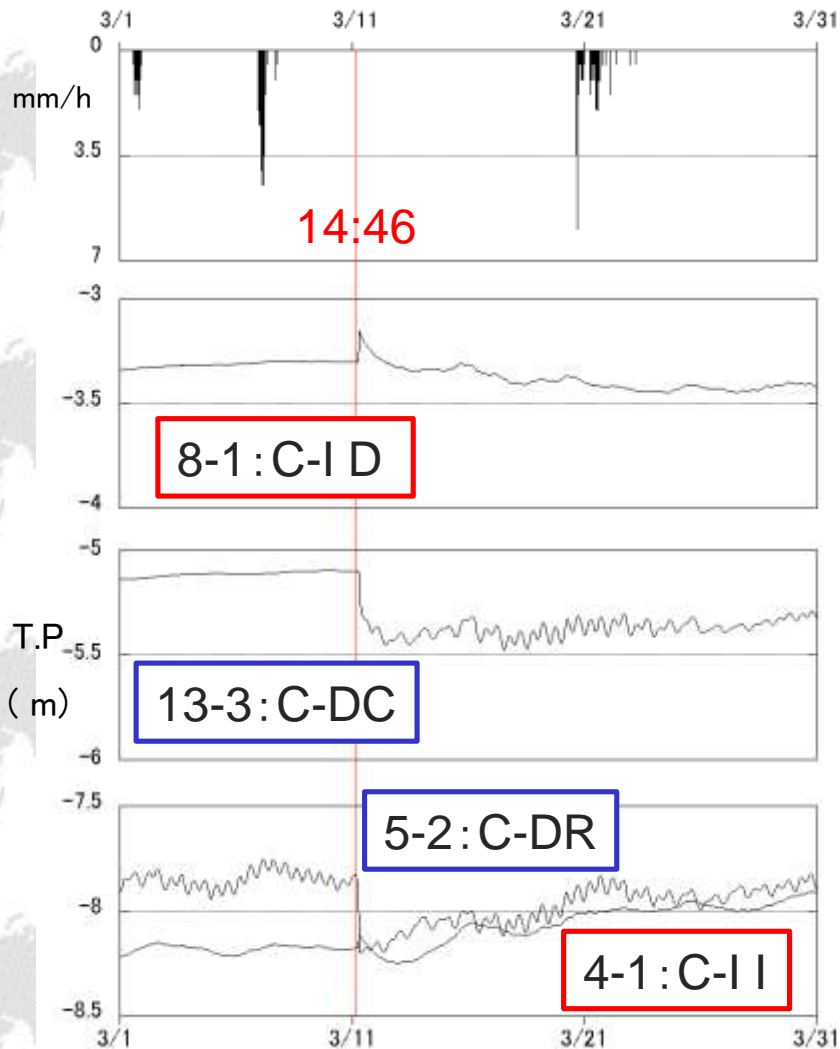


Stylus Type 8 wells



Groundwater level changes by the Earthquake

Confined Wells

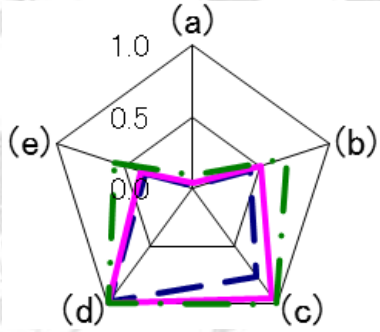


Water level lowering			
Max	site No.	Min	site No.
-83.3cm	8-2	-0.4cm	3-1

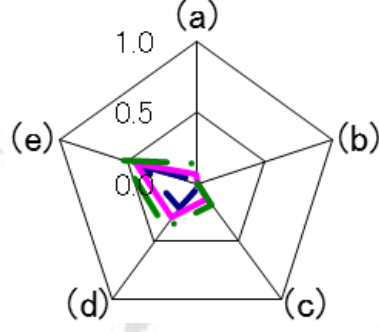
Water level rising			
Max	site No.	Min	site No.
+14.8cm	8-1	+0.9cm	33-1

3-3 クラスター別の水位変動パターン特性

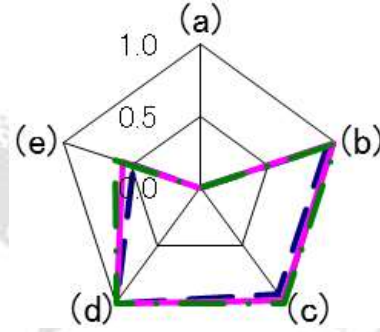
Cluster-1



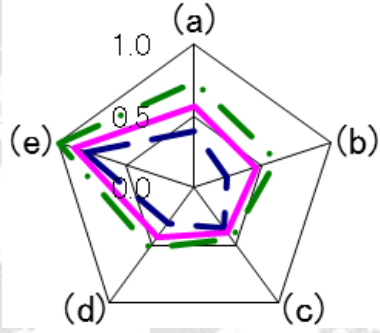
Cluster-2



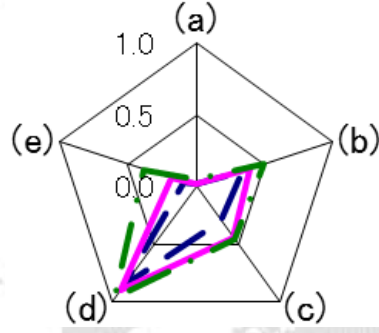
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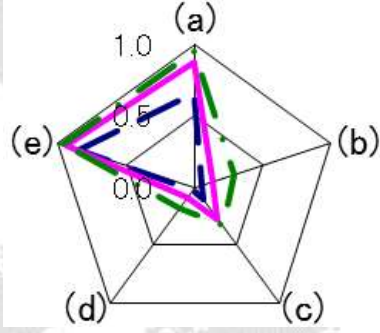
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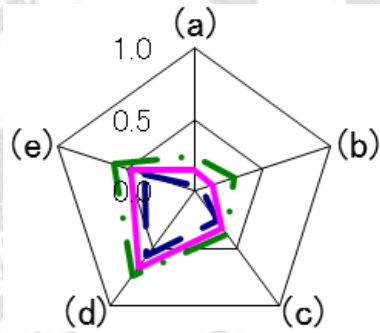
Cluster-5



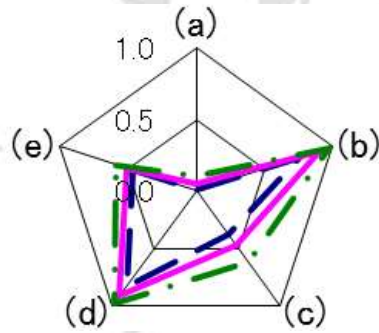
Cluster-6



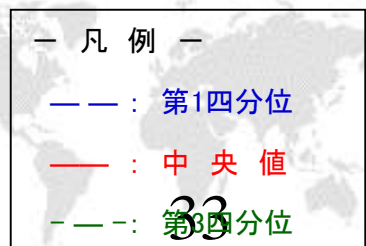
Cluster-7



Cluster-8



(a) 地震直後 (b) 翌日
(c) 3日後 (d) 月末
(e) 深度



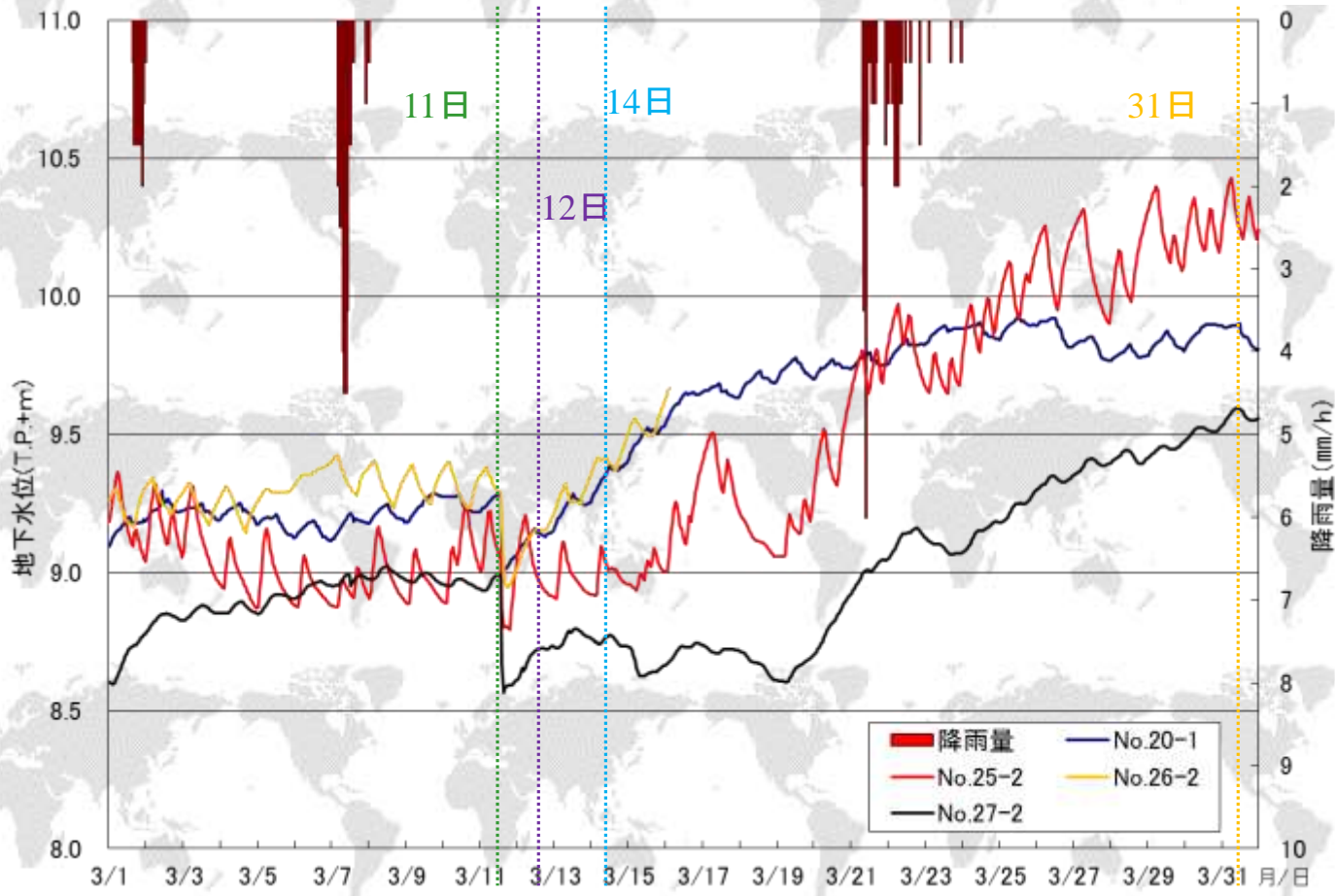
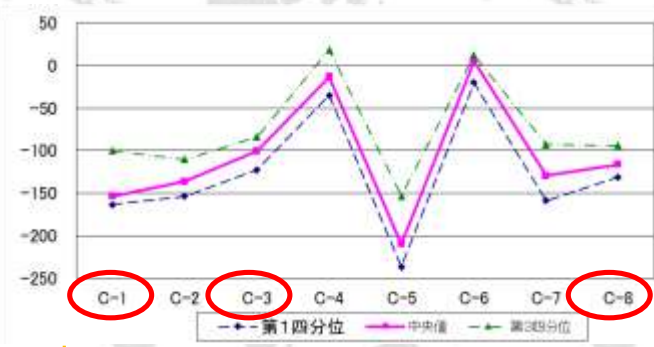
3-3 Group-1の分布特性

- Cluster-1, Cluster-3, Cluster-8

- Group-1:

地震直後に大きく水位低下, 翌日までに回復
 14日までに上昇・31日まで継続, 深度は中間的

ストレナーナ深度

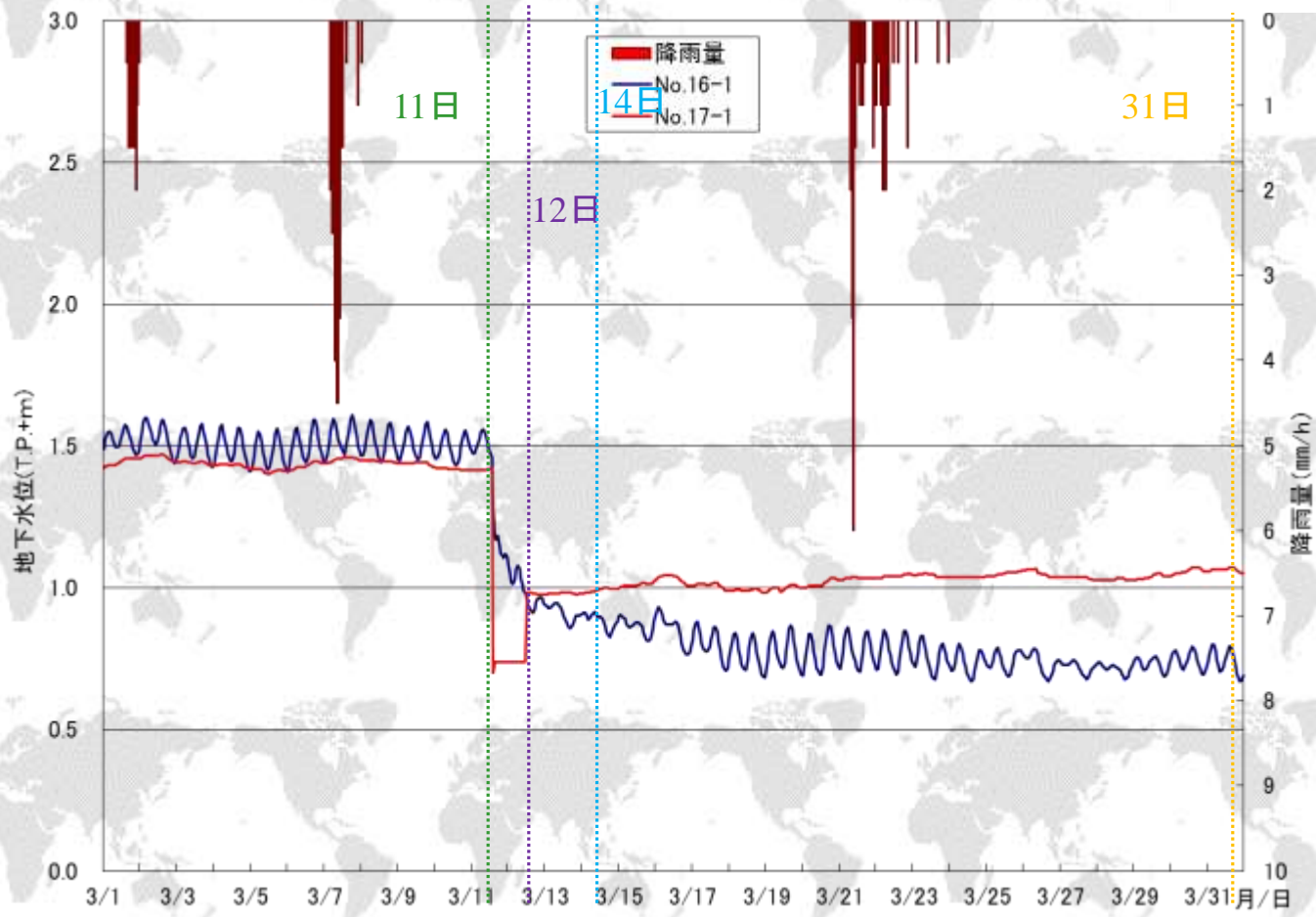
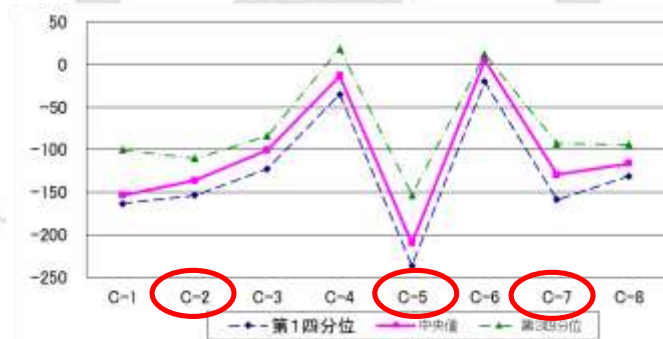


3-3 Group-2の分布特性

Cluster-2, Cluster-5, Cluster-7

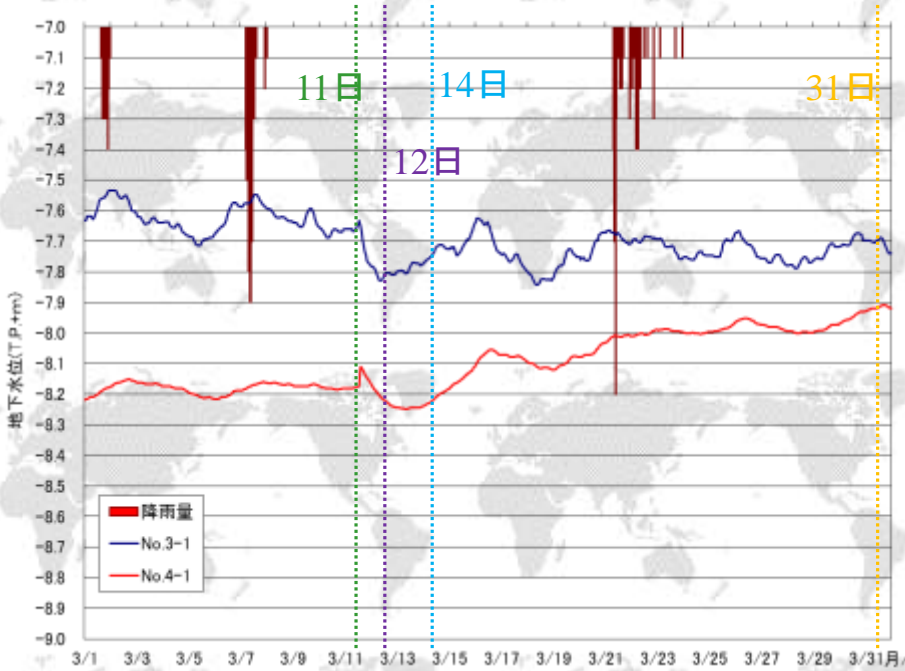
Group-2:
直後に比較的大きな水位低下・翌日まで継続,
14日までに戻り傾向・31日まで継続, 深度は深め

ストレートナ深度

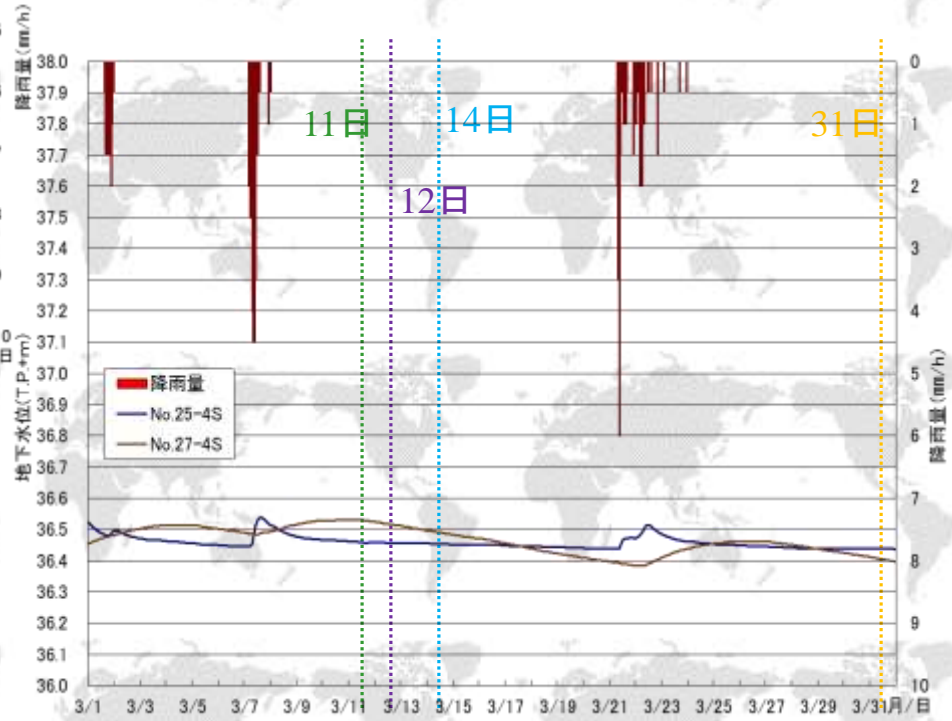
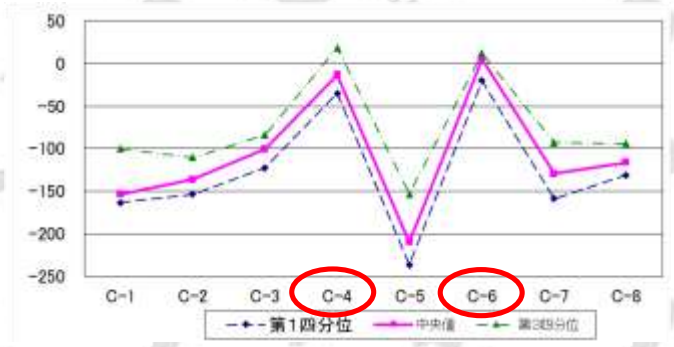


3-3 Group-3の分布特性

Cluster-4, Cluster-6



ストレナ深度



Group-3: 直後に若干の水位上昇, または大きな変動なし
 その後も大きな変動なし, 深度はかなり浅い