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Imaging the Hikurangi plate interface region

講義内容:

The Hikurangi subduction zone in the southern half of the North Island of New Zealand, which is a region where the plate coupling varies greatly. Heterogeneous material properties are examined with velocity inversion of well-recorded seismicity. Seismicity occurs throughout the overlying plate, and extends to the plate interface without a lower crustal aseismic zone. The Wairarapa-Waewaepa fault zone may influence the subduction thrust and limit strong coupling. The subducting plate interface has the highest Vp/Vs and sharpest Vp/Vs gradient in the region of strongest coupling, consistent with the suggestion that strong coupling is related to the inability of fluid to cross the plate interface. In regions of recurrent slow slip Vp/Vs is still high, but the gradient of Vp/Vs near the plate interface is much broader, suggesting movement of fluid across the plate interface. The area of deep slow slip corresponds to the most extensive high Vp/Vs mantle region above the slab.