

AOB & COE Seminar

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**Title: High-Resolution Subduction Zone Seismicity and Velocity Structure
Beneath Ibaraki Prefecture**

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Abstract :

We use double-difference tomography (tomoDD) [Zhang and Thurber, 2003] and waveform-derived cross-correlation differential arrival times to invert for the earthquake locations and P- and S-wave velocity distributions in the subduction zone under Ibaraki Prefecture. In order to best estimate the velocity structure, we examine different regularization techniques, including an L1-norm regularization that allows sharp velocity contrasts and a geologically motivated, directionally variable regularization that exploits our prior knowledge of slab geometry in this subduction zone. In the subduction zone beneath Ibaraki, we find a zone of interplate thrusting events extending as deep as 60 km, forming a distinct lineation in cross-section. In the upper part of the downgoing plate, we find a zone of very high V_p/V_s ratio, which may indicate the presence of high pore pressures due fluids trapped in the subducting crust.

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