

# Observation of Radon and Hot Spring Water with 2011 Tohoku Earthquake in Gifu Prefecture, Central Part of Japan

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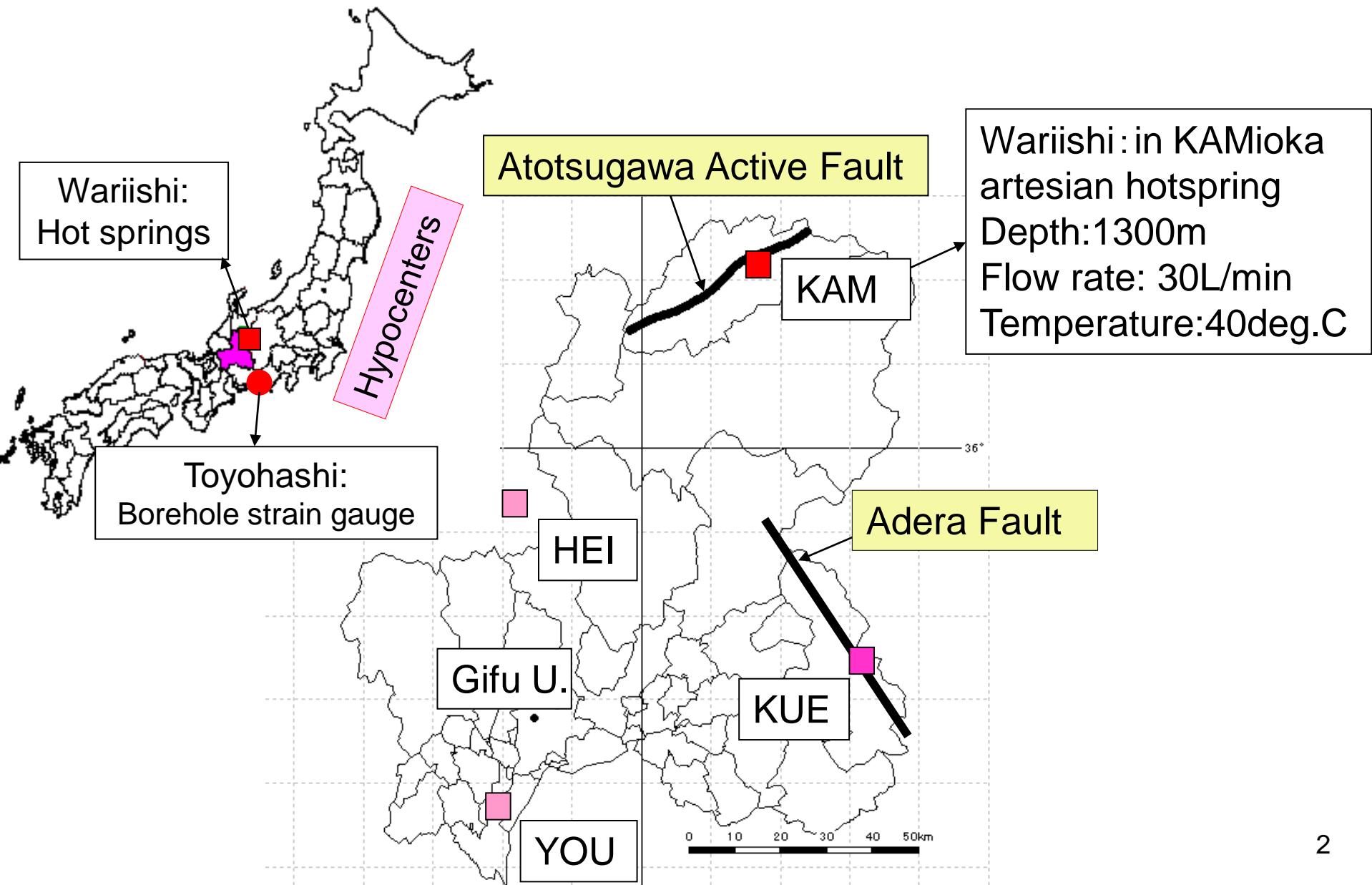
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# Location map of the observation in hot spring, Wariishi



# Observation and Method

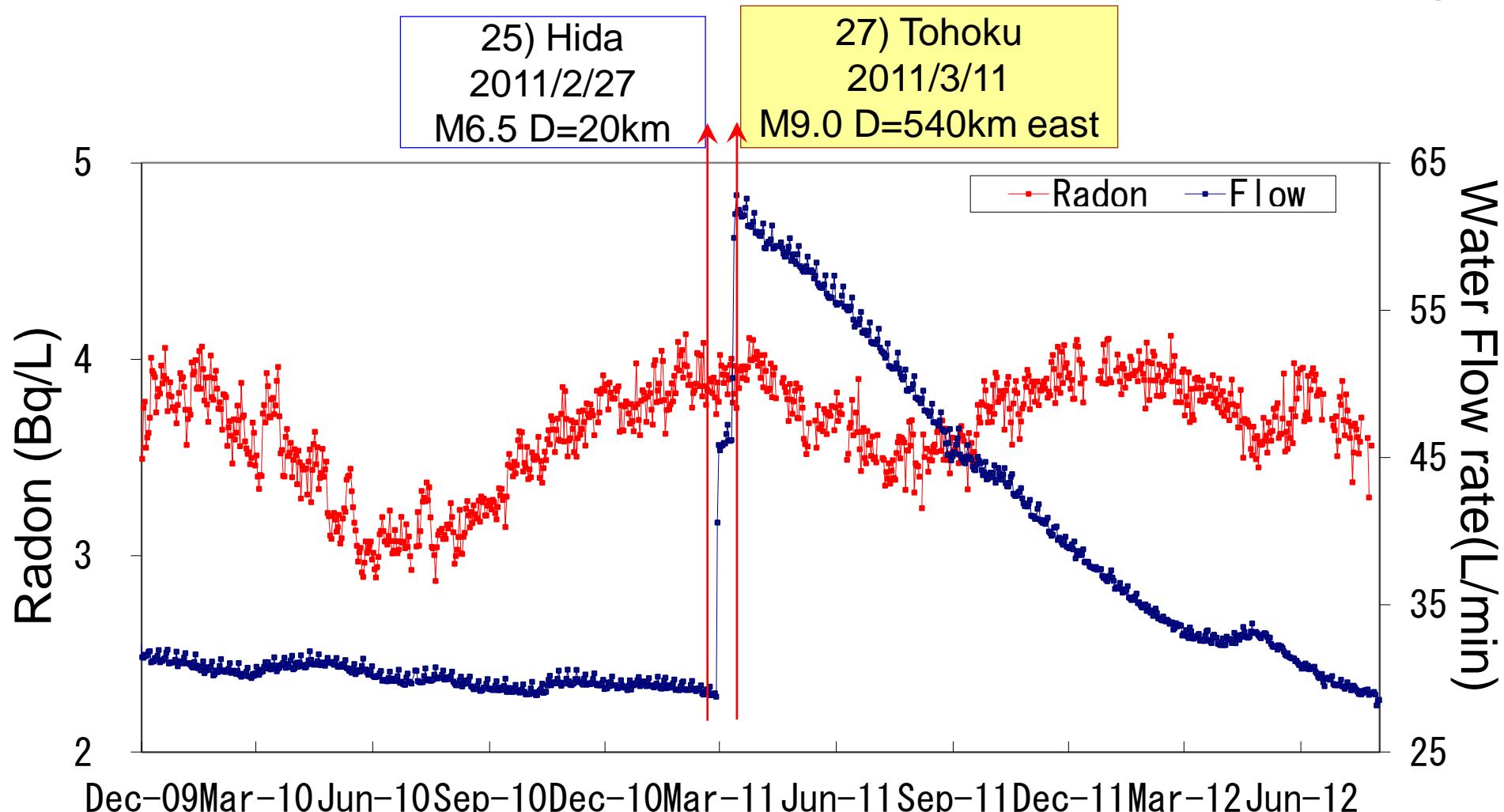
## 1) Radon, Helium isotope and dissolved gases

- Radon extract by using a gas-liquid mixer(2009-2012)
- Helium isotope ratio by Mass spectrometer(2011)
- Dissolved gases CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S by QMS(2011-2012)

## 2) Flow rate

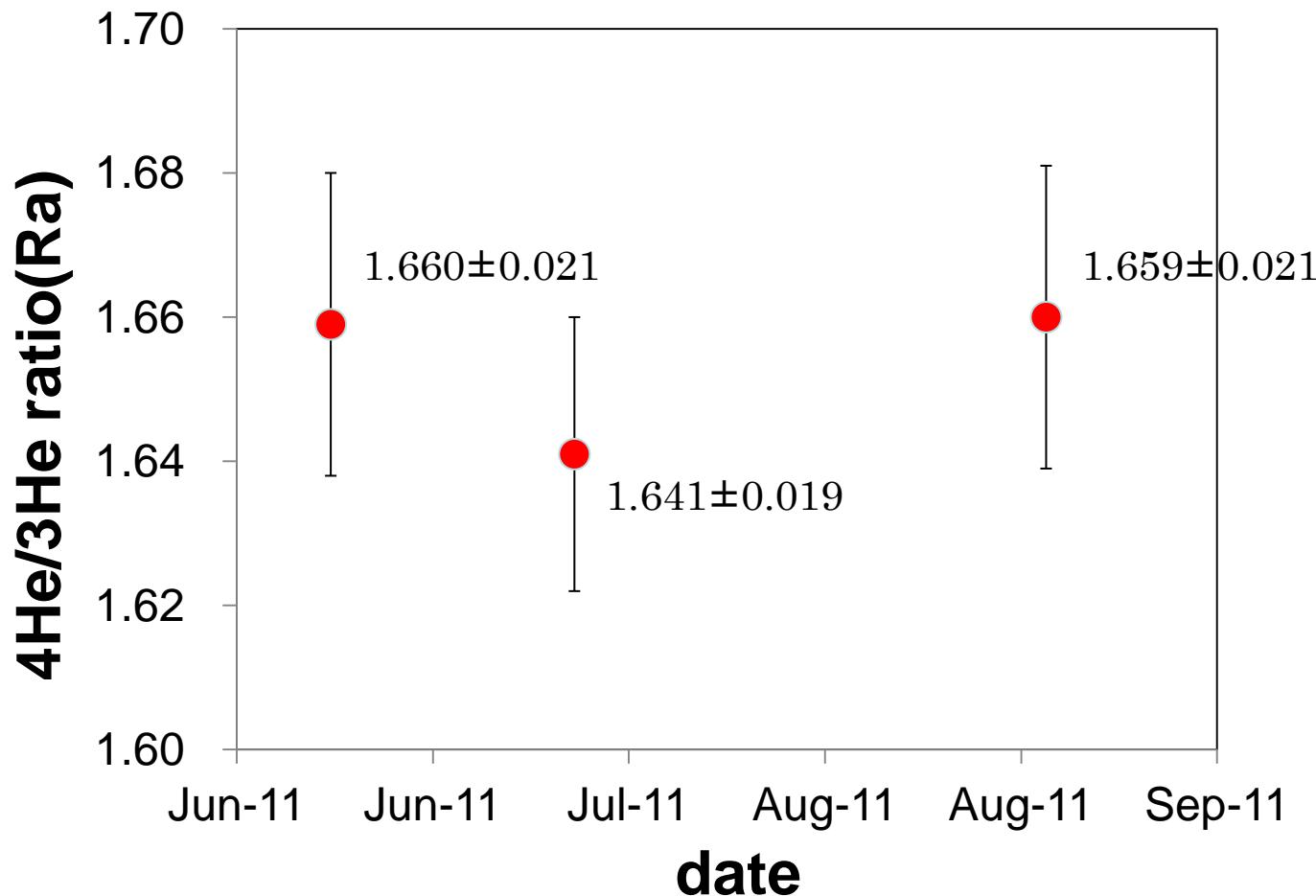
- Flow rate is continuously measured at intervals of a second by using an electromagnetic flow meter(2004-2012)
- 9 events of co-seismic changes were observed with Tohoku earthquakes of M>6.0(2011)
- Borehole strain data in Toyohashi observation by GSJ,AIST(2011)

# Radon and Flow rate in Wariishi hot spring



Tohoku EQ: No changes for Radon Concentration  
Flow rate Co-seismic changes with 2 EQ,  
Hida  $28.8 \rightarrow 46.2$ (L/min), Tohoku  $46.2 \rightarrow 62.8$ (L/min)

# Temporal variation Helium isotope $^{3}\text{He}/^{4}\text{He}$ in Wariishi

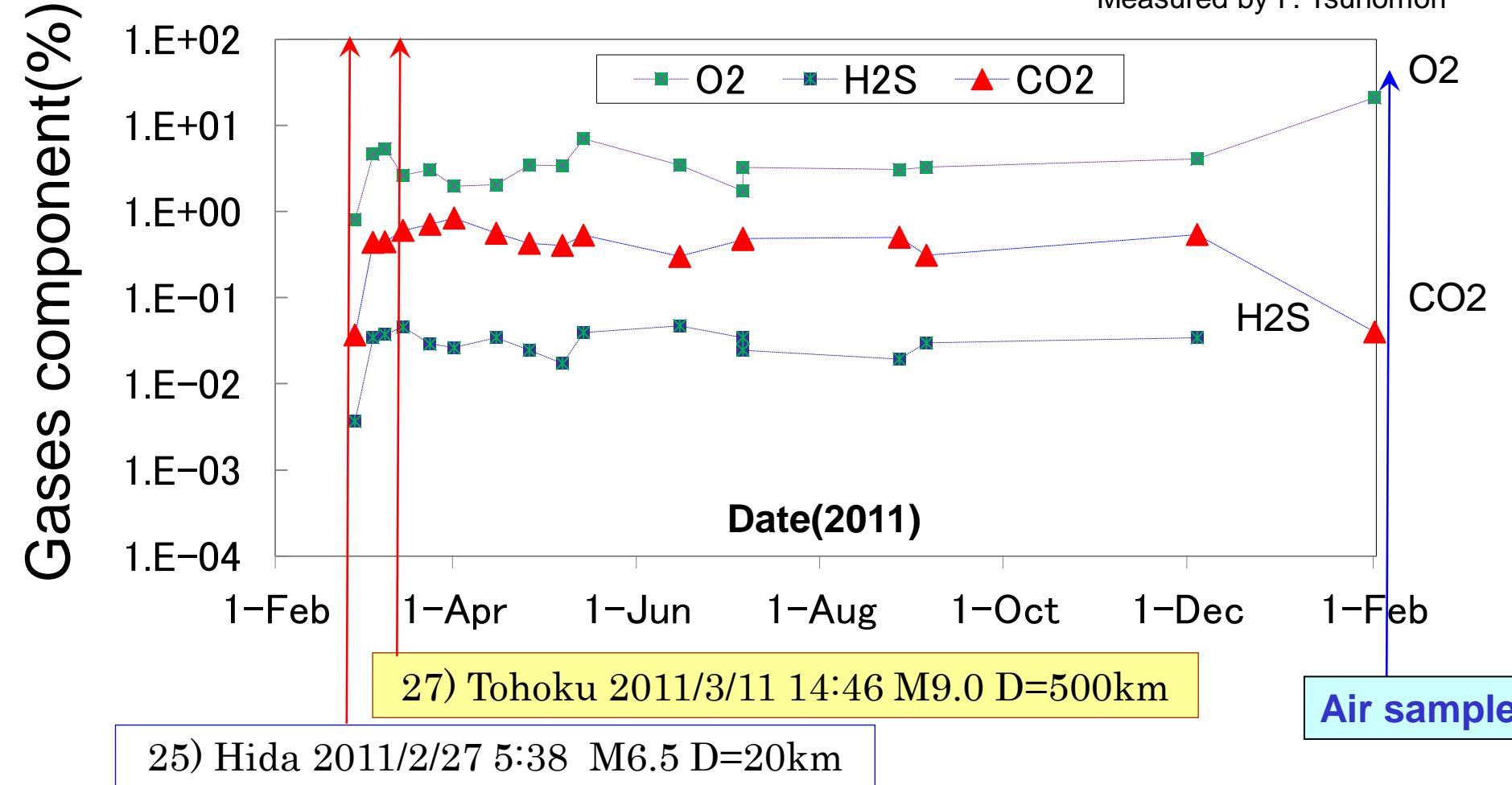


No change over time on Jun, Jul, Sep, 2011

$^{3}\text{He}/^{4}\text{He}=1.65\pm 0.01(\text{Ra})$ , air:Ra = $1.4 \times 10^{-6}$  , by K. Horiguchi

# Gases CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S dissolved in Wariishi

Measured by F. Tsunomori



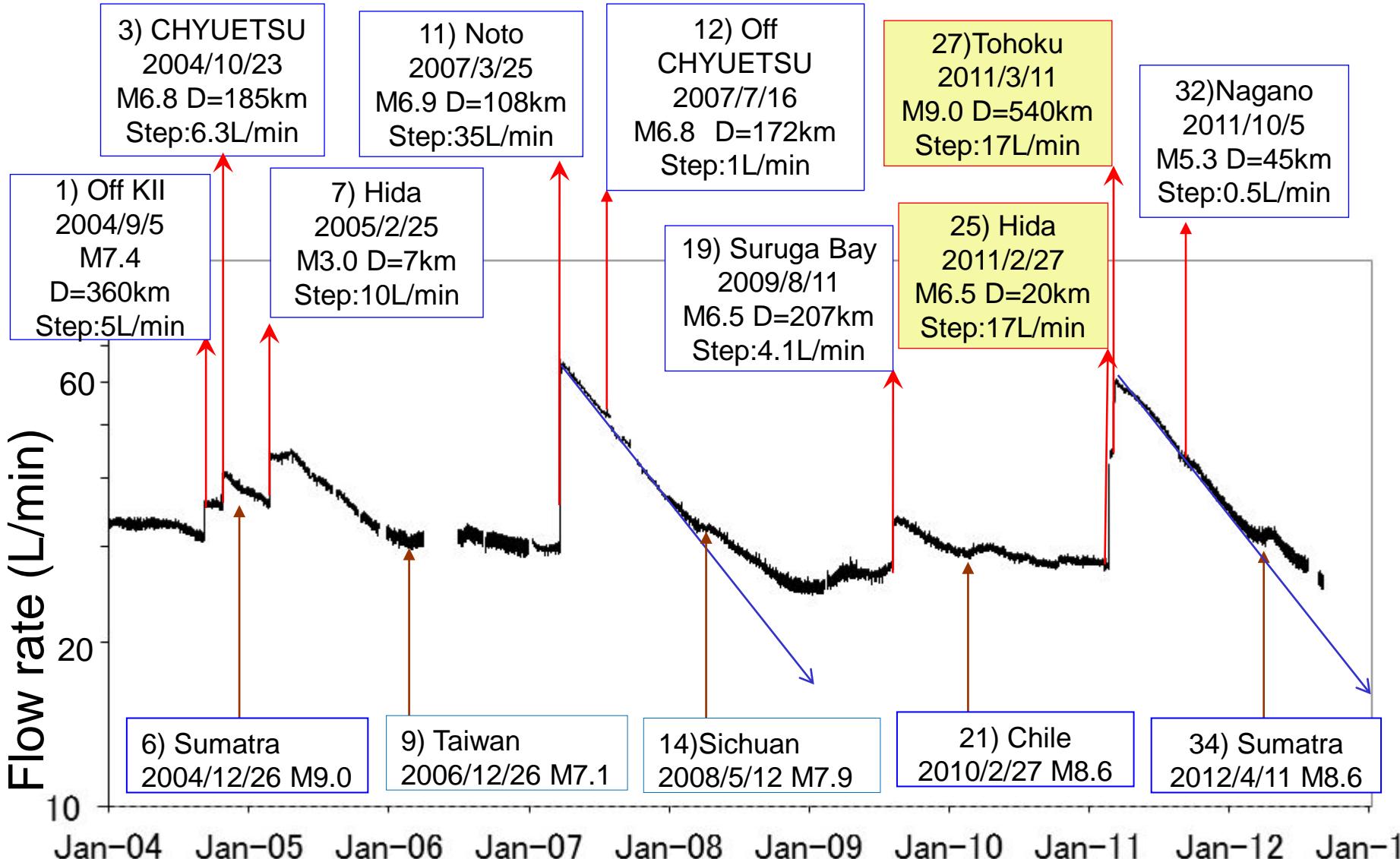
Gas Excess:CO<sub>2</sub>, Gas deficiency:O<sub>2</sub>  
Changes after Hida EQ on 2012/2/27 15:22  
No changes after Tohoku EQ for 2011/3/15 to 2011/12/4

# List of Co-seismic Changes of hot spring, Wariishi

No	date	epicenter	M	Amplit ude +	Amplit ude -	duration	Step increase	Initial decrease	comment
32)	2011/10/5 19:00	North Nagano	5.3	0.16	-0.16	25sec	0.5	*	D=45km
31)	2011/7/10 9:57	Off Iwate	7.1	0.7	-0.6	1.5min	none	*	After shock
30)	2011/4/12 8:08	Off Chiba	6.3	0.30	-0.25	1min	none	*	After shock
29)	2011/4/11 17:16	Fukushima	7.1	0.80	-0.90	3min	none	-0.1	After shock
28) ●	2011/4/7 23:32	Off Miyagi	7.2	1.80	-2.00	3min	none	-0.3	After shock
27-B)	2011/3/15 22:31	East Shizuoka	6.0	0.50	-0.50	2min	none	*	Induced?
27-A)	2011/3/12 3:59	North Nagano	6.7	0.30	-0.50	1min	none	*	Induced?
27-3)	2011/3/11 15:26	Off Miyagi	7.5	2.10	-1.60	6min	none	*	After shock
27-2) ●	2011/3/11 15:16	Off Ibaraki	7.7	13.00	-13.00	2min	none	*	After shock
27-1)	2011/3/11 15:08	Off Iwate	7.4	4.50	-5.00	3min	none	-0.3	After shock
27) ●	2011/3/11 14:46	Tohoku	9.0	30.00	-45.00	10min	17.0	-5.0	Main shock
26) ●	2011/3/9 11:45	Off Miyagi	7.3	-2.30	-2.00	3min	none	-0.3	Fore shock
25)	2011/2/27 5:38	Hida	5.4	*	*	*	15.5	*	D=20km
24)	2011/2/27 2:19	Hida	4.9	*	*	*	1.5	*	D=20km

a fore shock, main shock, 7 after shocks in Tohoku EQ(2011)

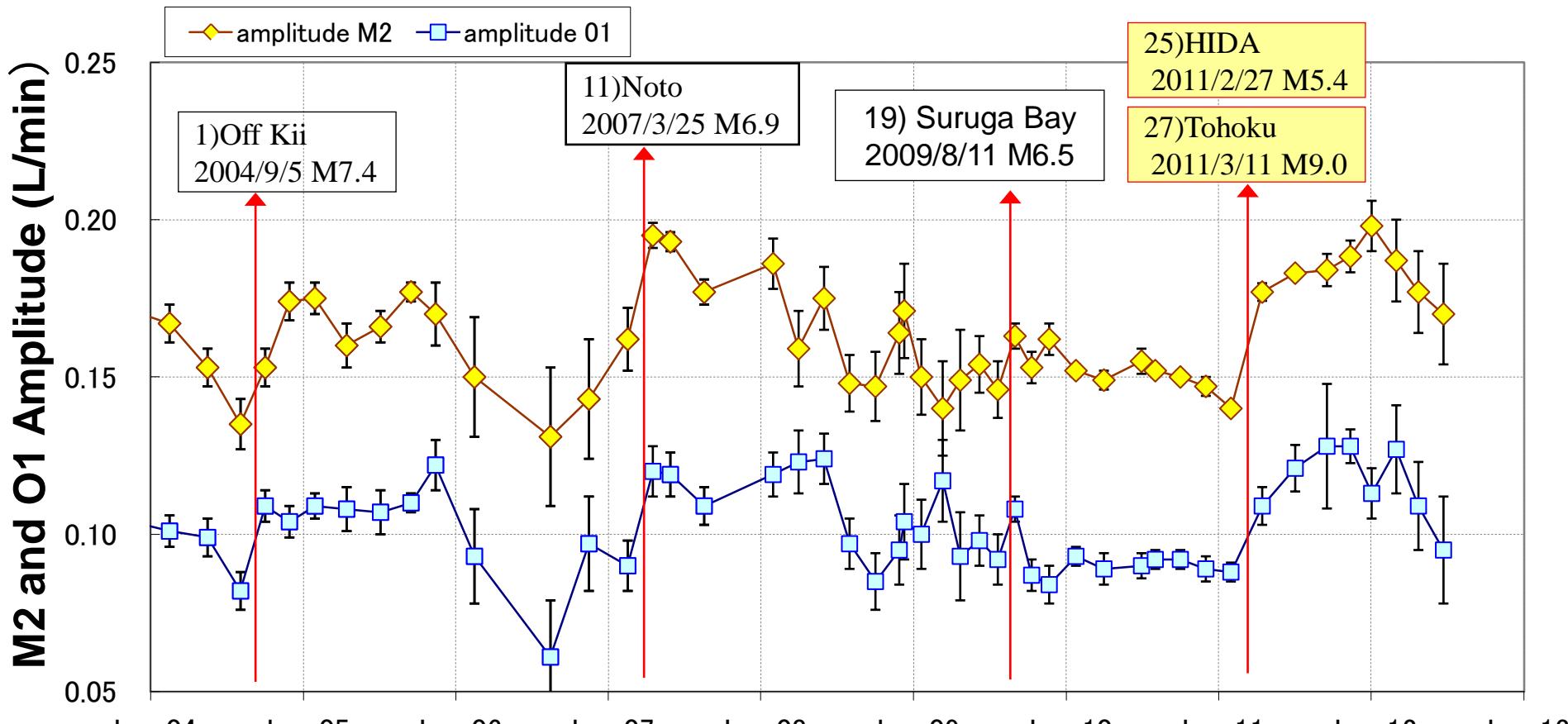
# Flow rate Observations in hot spring(2004-2012)



Coseismic-changes:Hida $28.8 \rightarrow 46.2$ (L/min), Tohoku $46.2 \rightarrow 62.8$ (L/min)

Attenuation Curves:  $F(t)=F_0 \text{EXP}(-at)$ ,  $T_{\text{half}}=\ln(2)/a=340\text{day}$

# Time Variation of tidal M2 and O1 amplitudes for earth tide



Water analysis by BAYTAP-G in 2004-2012

Tidal strain by GOTIC2, M2:0.997, O1:0.671(E-08)

Sensitivity of discharge water for the tidal strain(L/min)/(E-08)

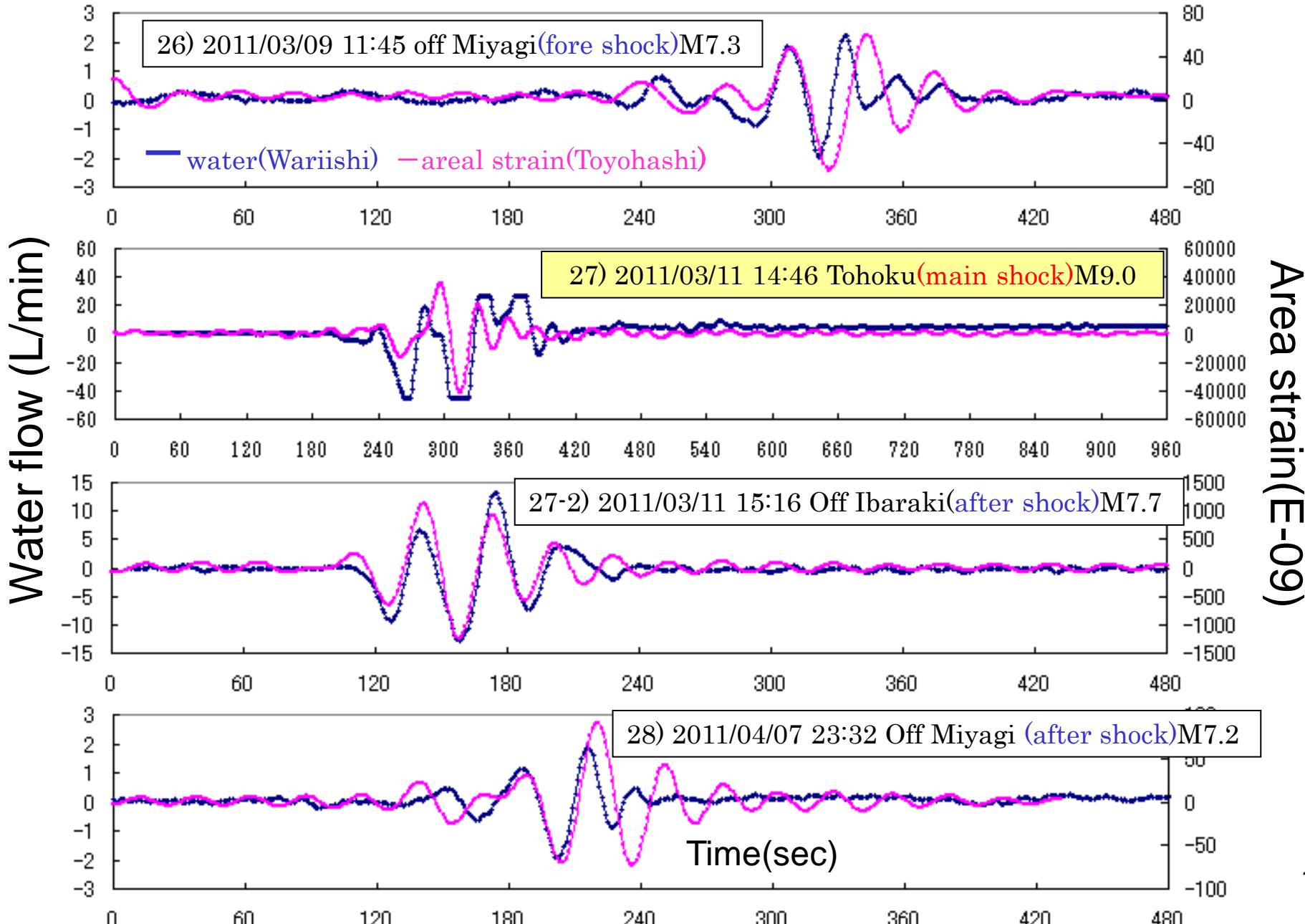
M2(12.4h):  $0.16 \pm 0.02$ , O1(25.8h):  $0.15 \pm 0.02$

Co-seismic change: sensitivity for tidal strain before/after Hida/Tohoku EQ

M2:  $0.15 \rightarrow 0.19 \pm 0.01$ , O1:  $0.13 \rightarrow 0.18 \pm 0.01$  (L/min)/(E-08)

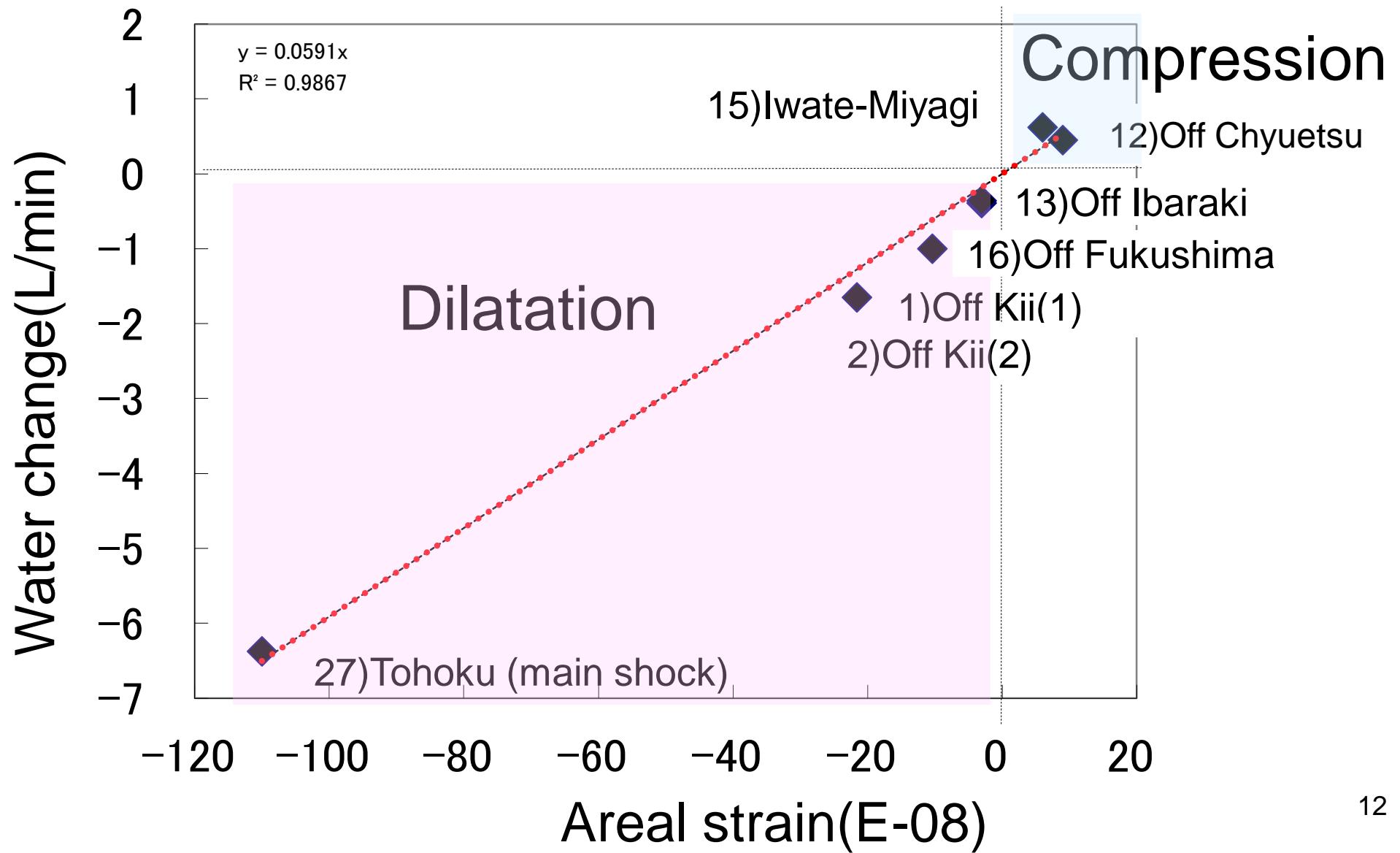
# Seismic Changes of Water and Area Strain (2011)

Strain data with Band Pass Filter(High:0.01Hz-Low:0.04Hz)



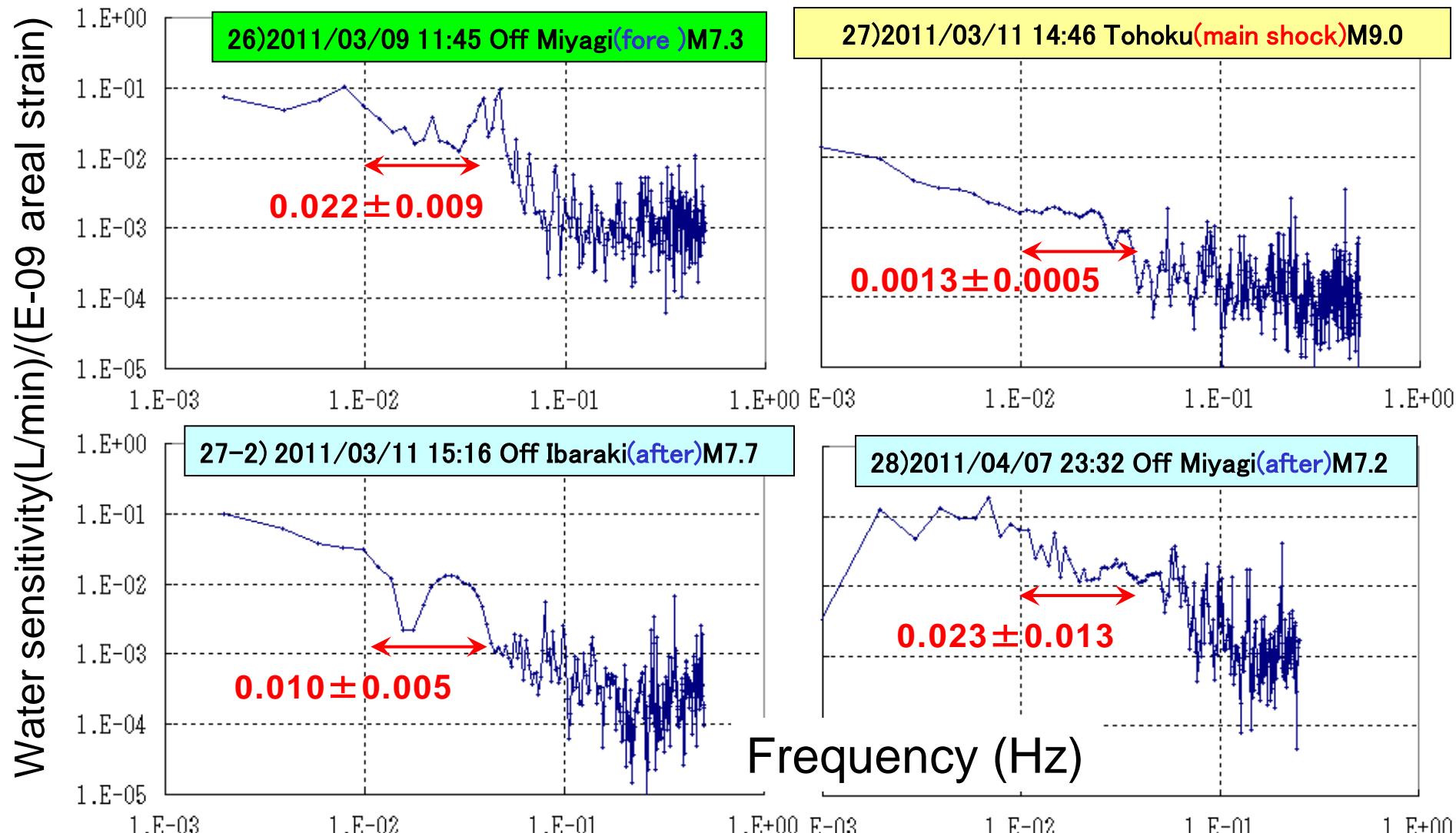
# Initial water changes for areal strain

sensitivity:  $0.06 \pm 0.02 (\text{L/min}) / (\text{E-08 area strain})$



# Water sensitivity for areal strain(2011 Tohoku EQ)

Sensitivity[(L/min)/(E-09 areal strain)] Frequency:0.010-0.035Hz



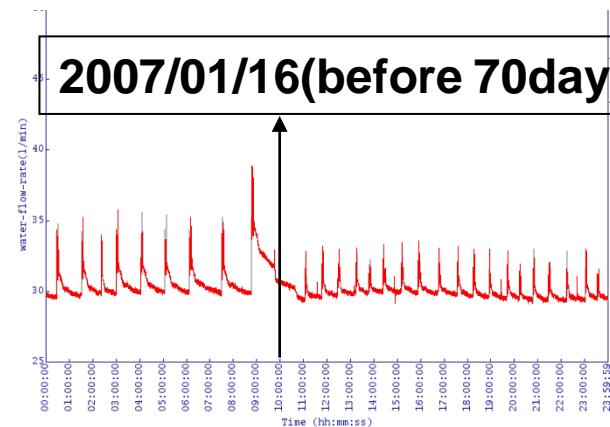
Co-seismic changes: 03/09( fore ) → 03/11( main ) → 03/11( after ) → 04/07( after )

Water sensitivity :      0.022                  → 0.0013                  → 0.010                  → 0.023

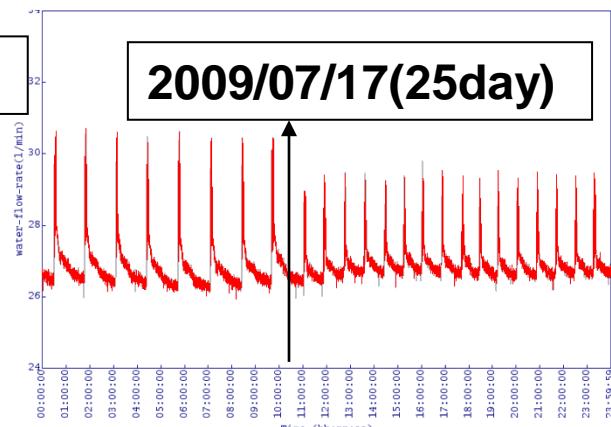
# Periodic intermittent hot spring(geyser)

Period and amplitude of the geyser changes 5 days before Hida earthquake. Geyser disappeared after the earthquake.

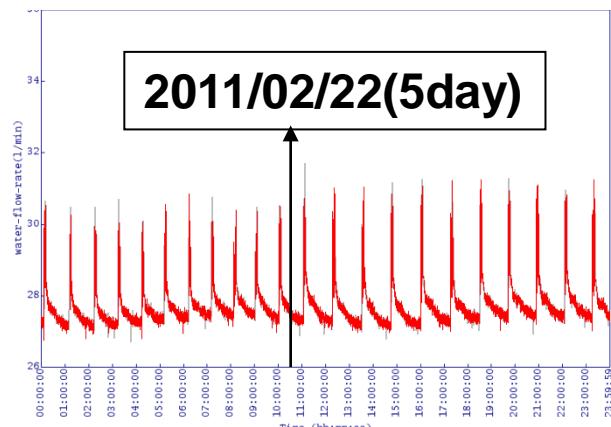
2007/01/16(before 70day)



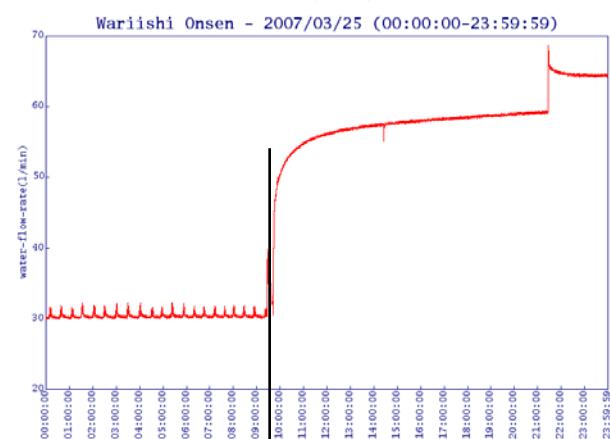
2009/07/17(25day)



2011/02/22(5day)



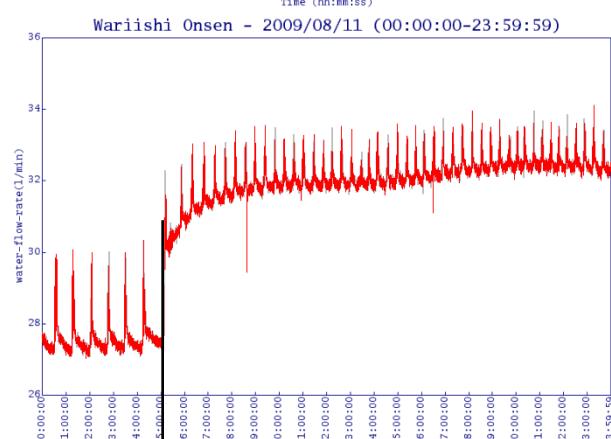
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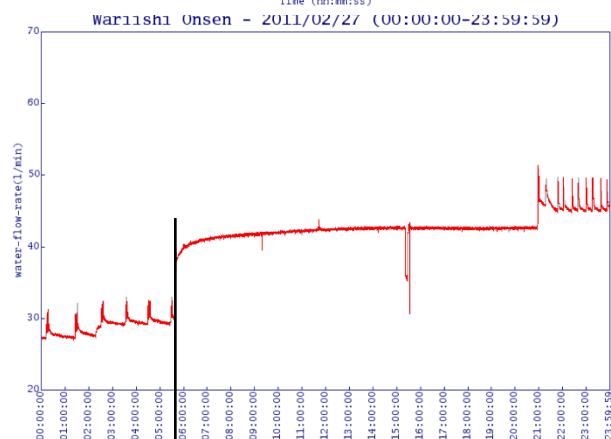
10) Noto  
2007/03/25 9:42  
M6.9 D=108km  
Step:35L/min

19) Suruga Bay  
2009/08/11 5:07  
M6.5 D=207km  
Step:4.1L/min

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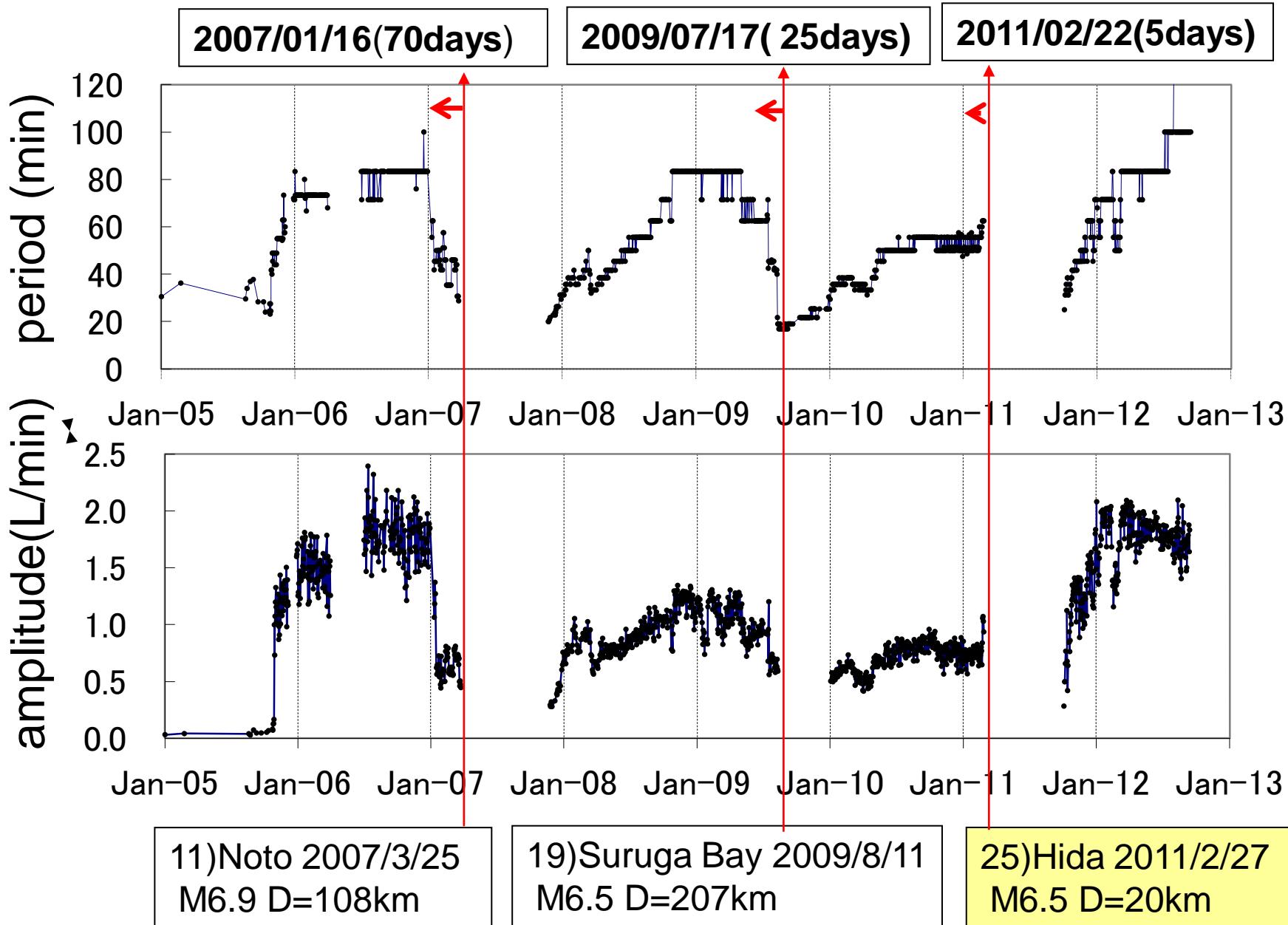


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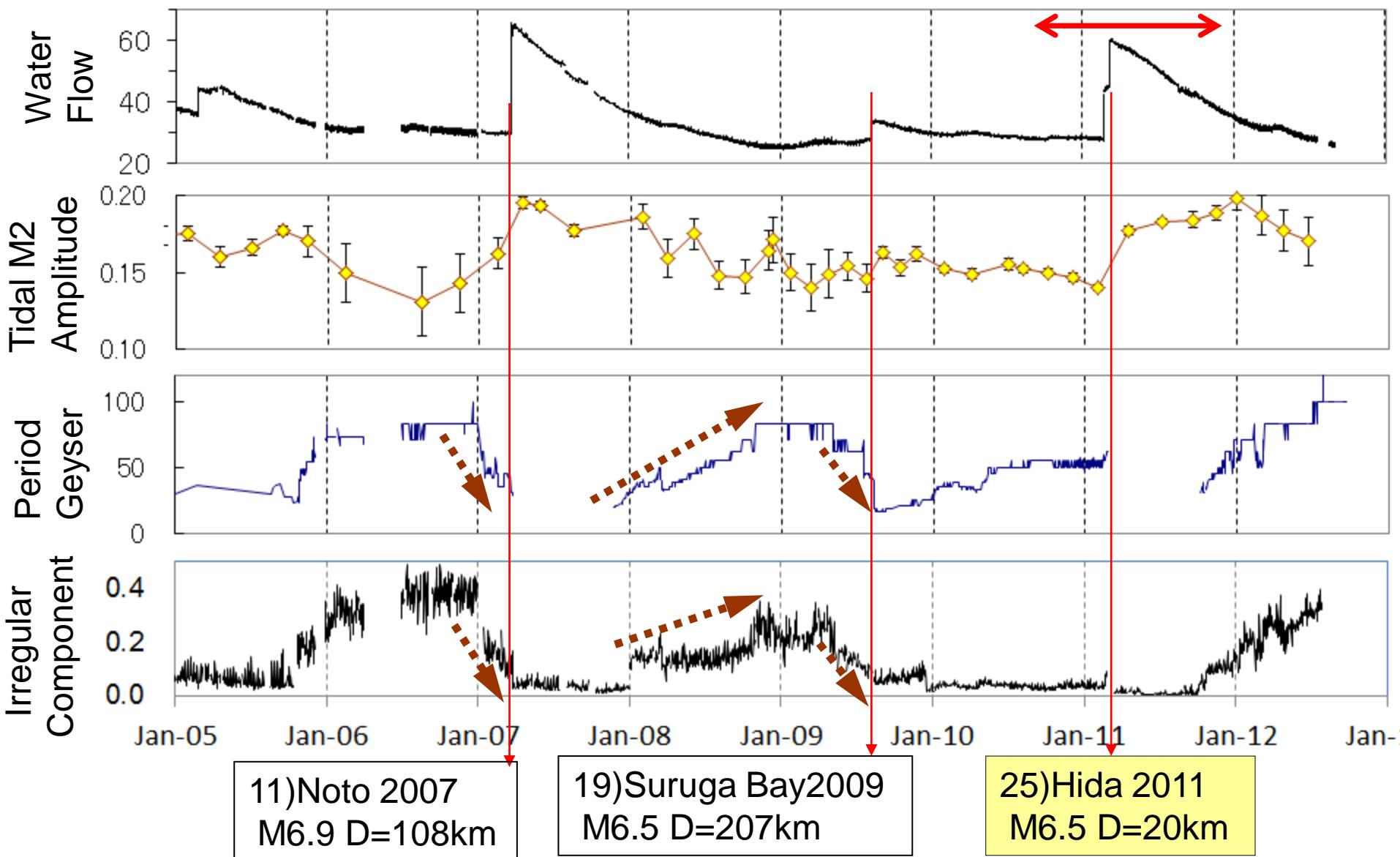


25) Hida  
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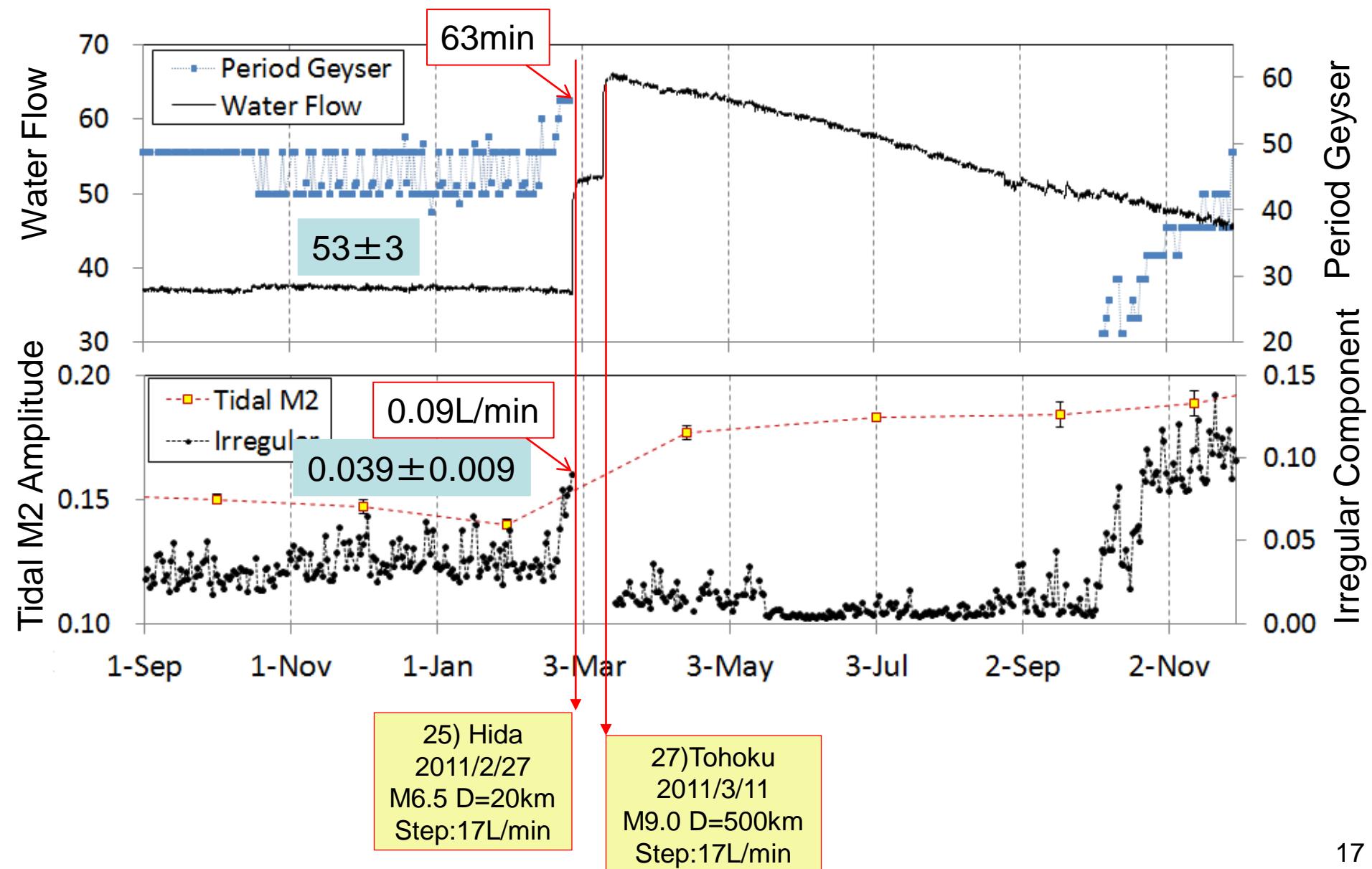
# Pre-seismic changes of Amplitude and period of Geyser ?



# Pre-seismic and Post-seismic Changes with Noto, Suruga and Hida EQ



# Pre-seismic and Post-seismic Changes with Hida and Tohoku EQ (Sep,2010-Nov,2011)



# Summary

## 1) Gases dissolved in Wariishi hot spring

- No changes for Radon with Tohoku EQ
- No change for Helium isotope ratio  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  over time on Jun, Jul, Sep, 2011
- No changes for CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S with Tohoku EQ
- Change for CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S after Hida EQ on 2012/2/27

## 2) Water flow in Wariishi hot spring

- Co-seismic changes with Hida and Tohoku EQ.
- Tidal Strain sensitivity changes before and after EQ.
- Water sensitivity for the strain has changed with the foreshock, main shock and aftershocks.
- Pre-seismic changes for (1) and (2) last 3 earthquakes
  - (1)Amplitude and period of Geyser
  - (2)Irregular component of water flow