

# Building damage by the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku earthquake and coping activities by NILIM and BRI collaborated with the administration

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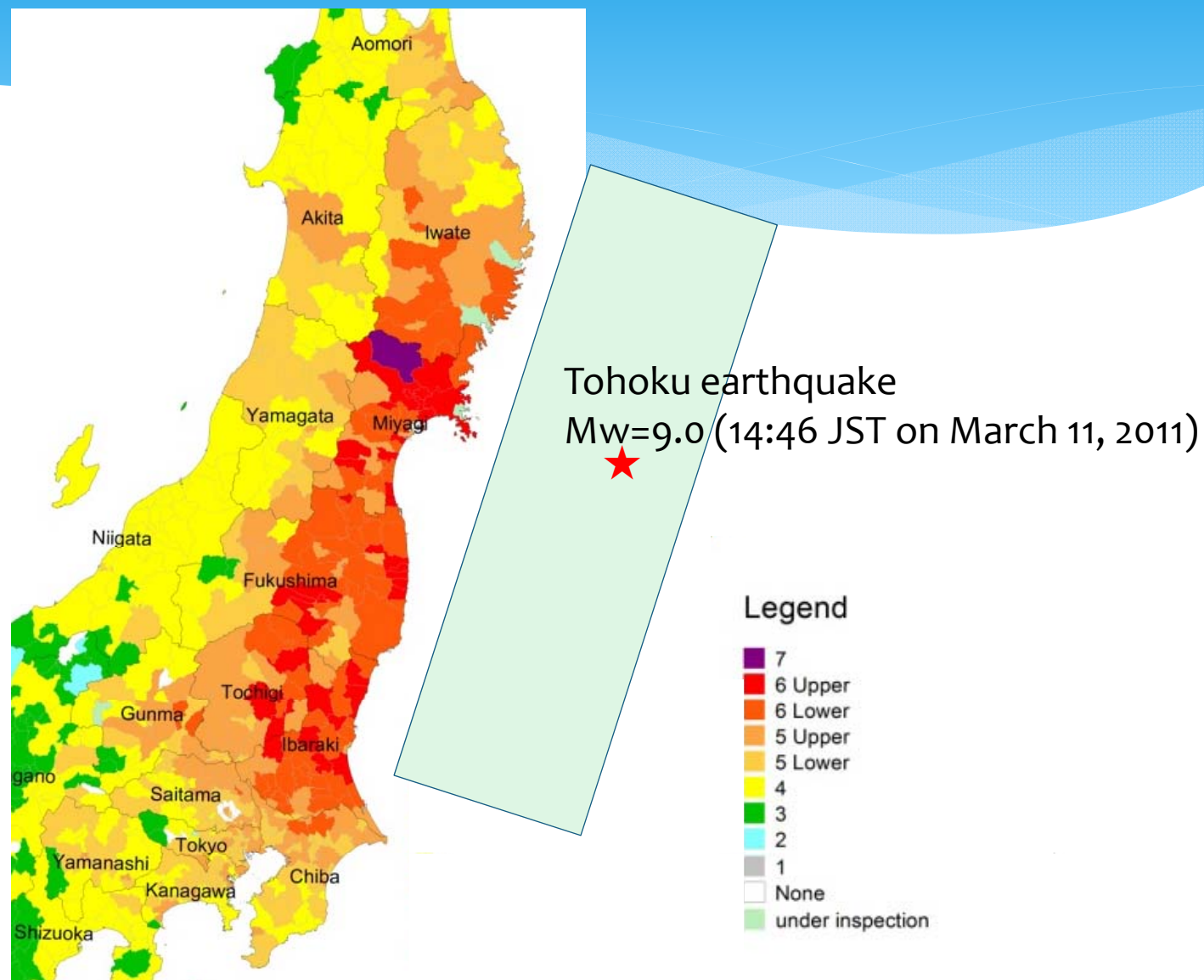
# 1. Outline

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# Field Survey

Quick Report (in Japanese) was published on May, 2011  
and Summary Report (in English) will soon be available.

# JMA Seismic Intensity & Hypocentral Region



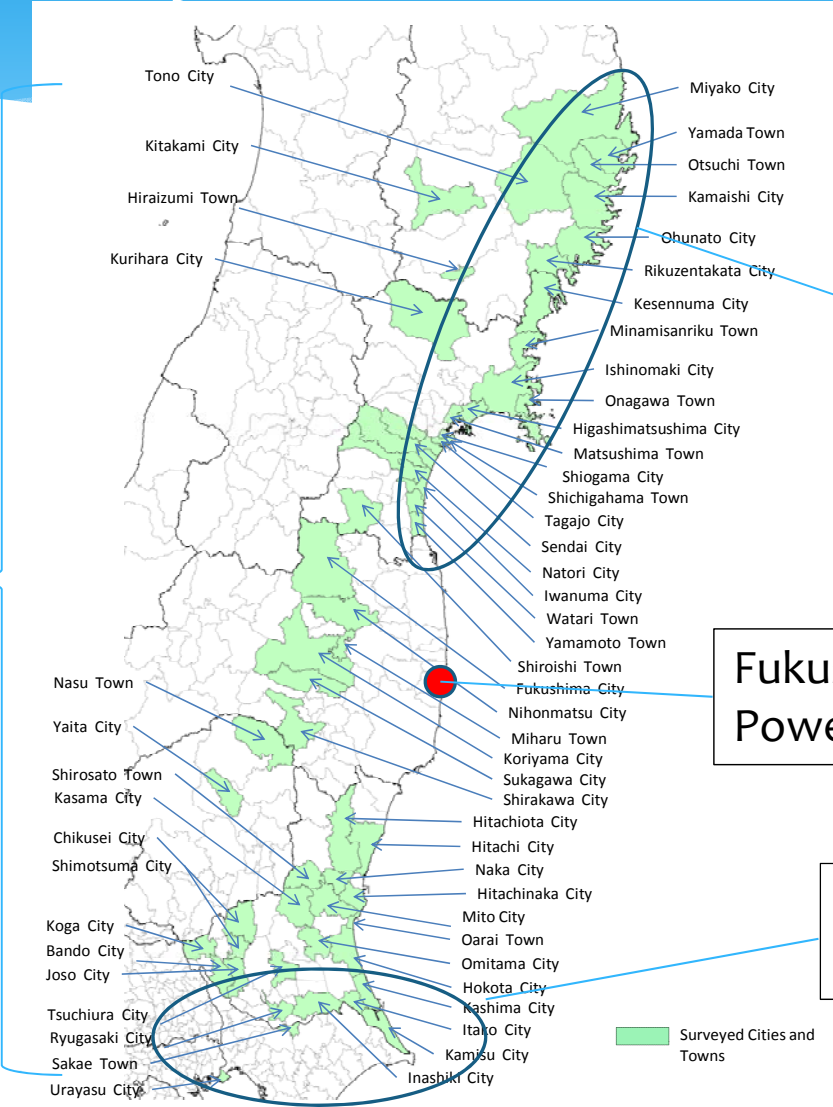
# Field Surveyed Cities and Towns

Motion-induced damage

Tsunami-induced damage

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

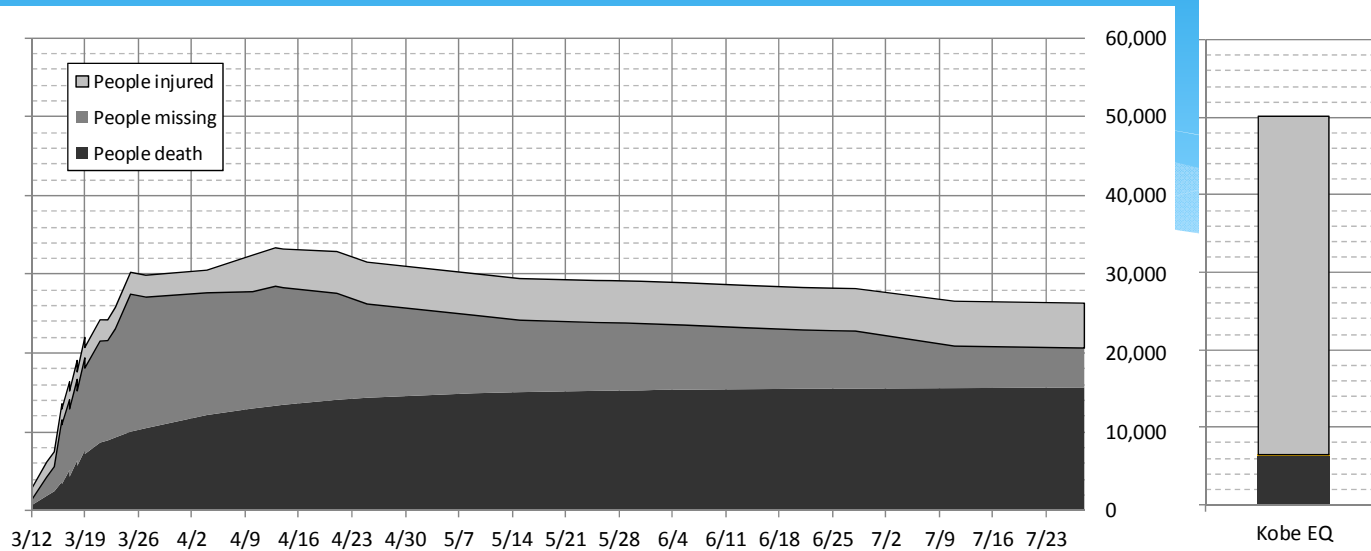
Liquefaction-induced damage of houses



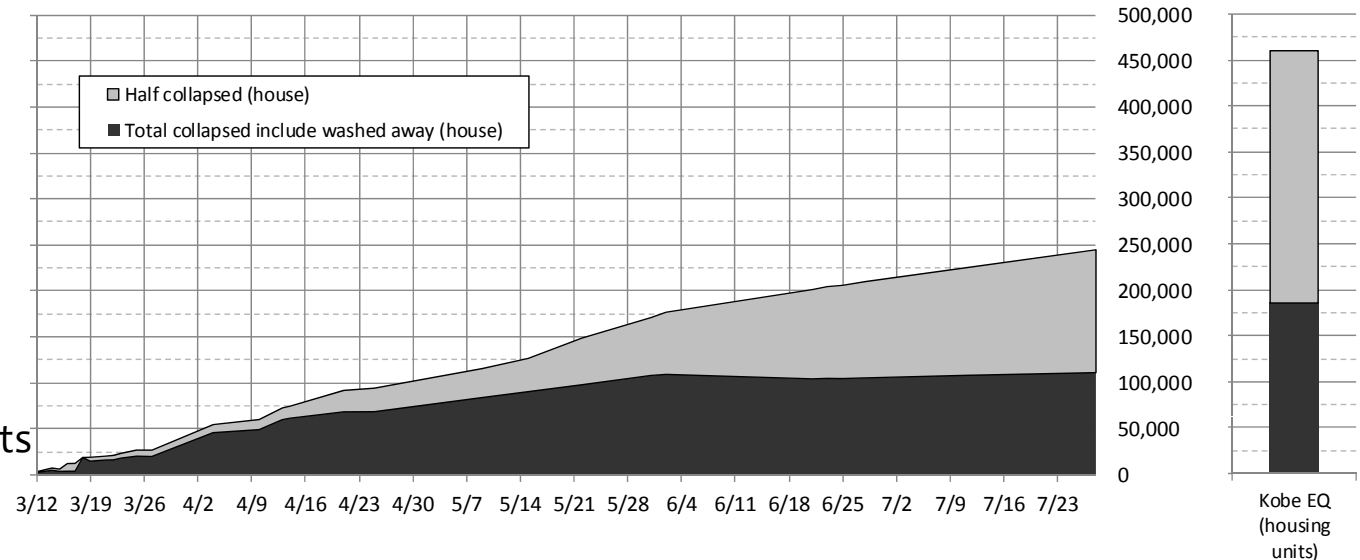
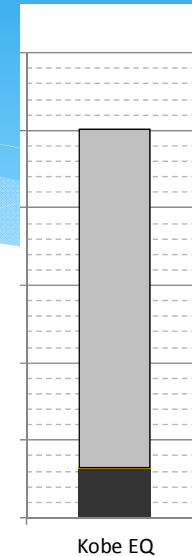
# Surveyed Items

- \* Motion-induced damage
  - \* Wood houses, steel buildings, reinforced concrete buildings, residential land, non-structural elements, seismically isolated buildings,... etc.
- \* Tsunami-induced damage
  - \* Wood houses, steel buildings, reinforced concrete buildings.
- \* (Fire-induced damage...)

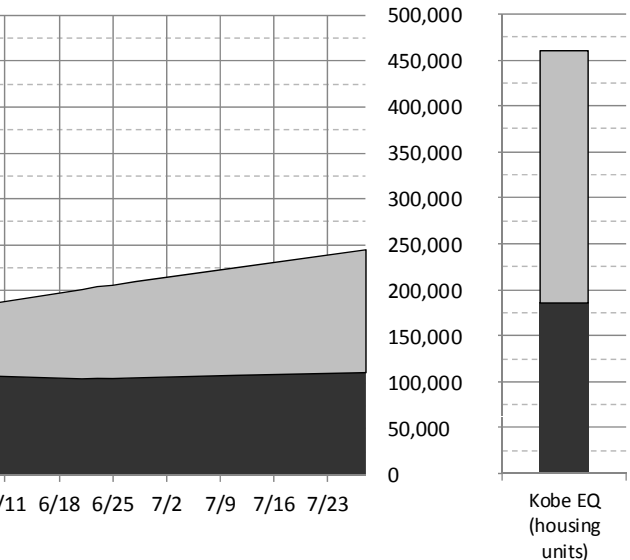
# Damage Statistics (Tohoku vs. Kobe)



People Death  
 Tohoku: 15,700  
 Kobe: 6,434



Total Collapsed Buildings  
 Tohoku: 114,000 houses  
 Kobe: 186,175 housing units



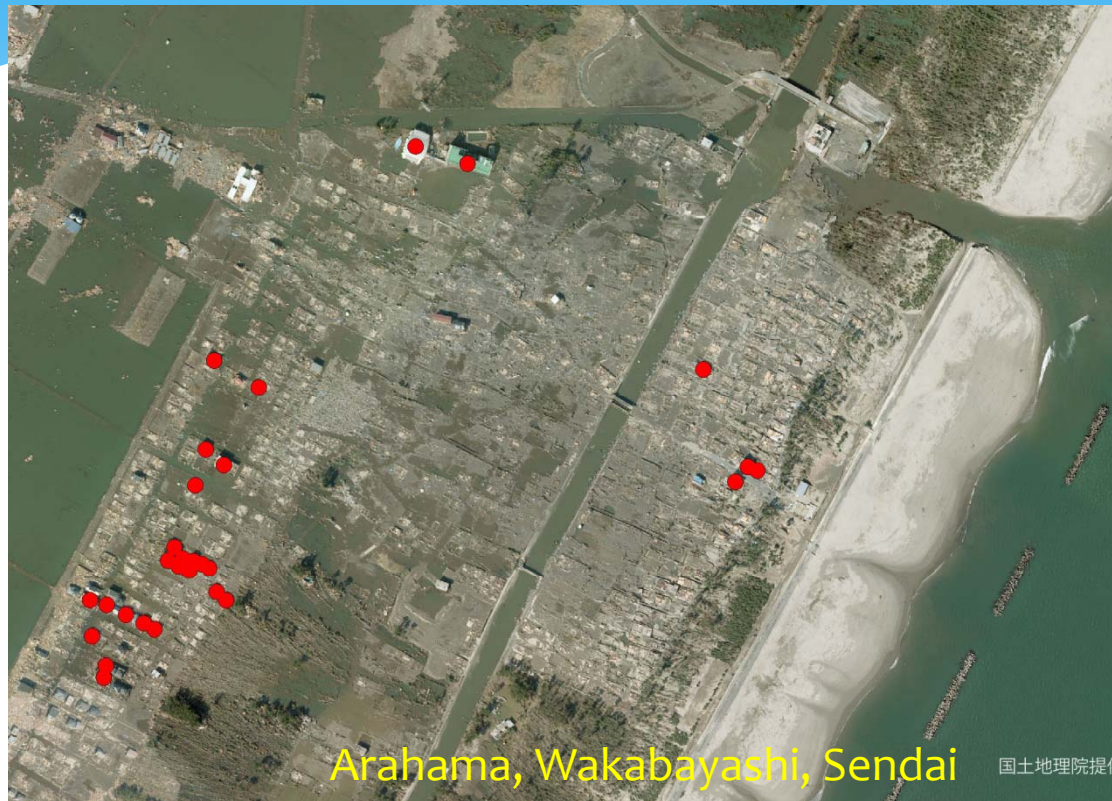
# Coping Activities



# Four Important Issues

- \* Tsunami Damage
- \* Non-structural Elements Damage, esp. Ceiling
- \* Long-period, Long-duration Ground Motion Effects
- \* Liquefaction Damage
- \* (Damper Damage in Seismically Isolated Building)

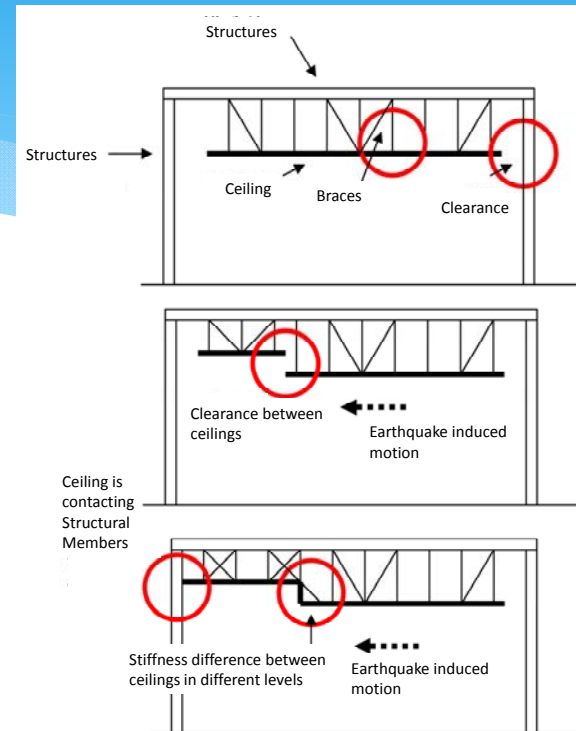
# Tsunami



- \* Study on the design of tsunami evacuation buildings, i.e. estimation of **tsunami load**

More than half of the total inundation area was subjected to inundation height of 2m or less.

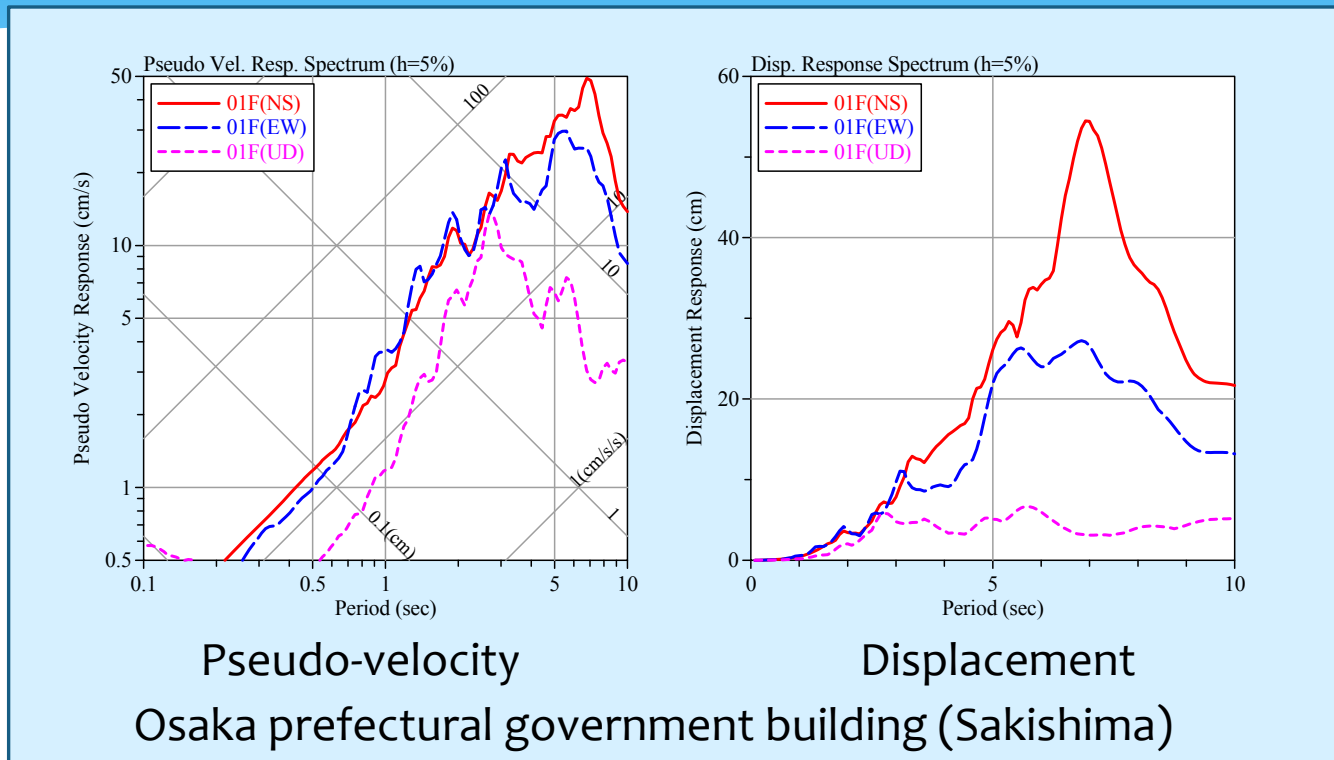
# Non-structural Elements, esp. Ceiling



Previous technical advice  
(MLIT, 2003.10)

- \* Review of previous technical advice (right), and study on **practical** structural calculation methods

# Long-period, Long-duration Ground Motion<sup>12</sup>



- \* Tentative new proposal by MLIT and NILIM was announced for public comments Dec. 21, 2010. 3 months before Tohoku EQ.
- \* Background information was published in BRI.

# Liquefaction



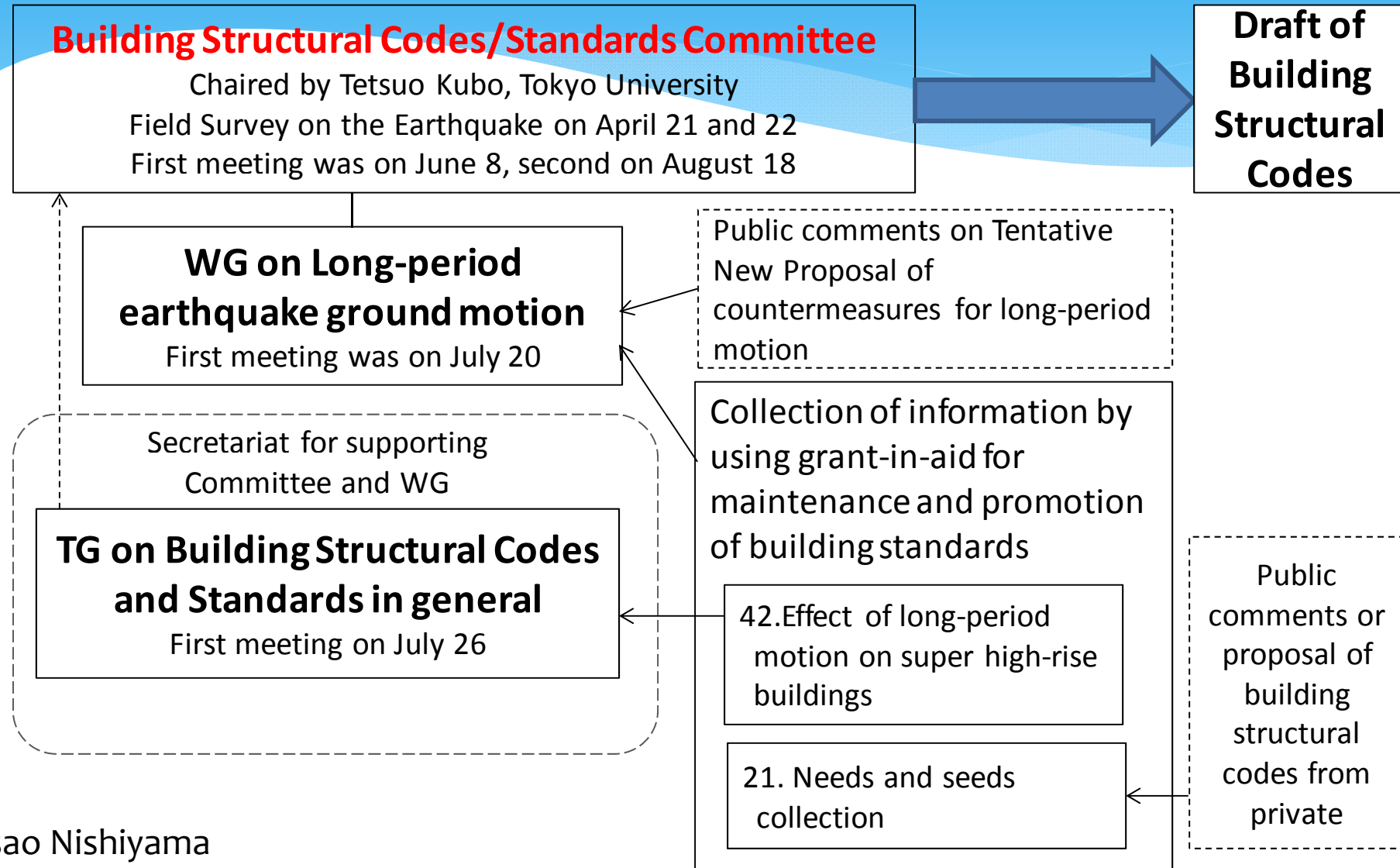
- \* Study on possible **indication** of expected performance w/wo countermeasures for residential houses (**from the view of consumer protection**)

# (Damper in Seismically Isolated Bldg.)



LRB (Lead rubber bearing) ?

# Countermeasures in Codes/Standards



## 2. Building Damage due to Earthquake Ground Motions

By Fukuyama, Hiroshi



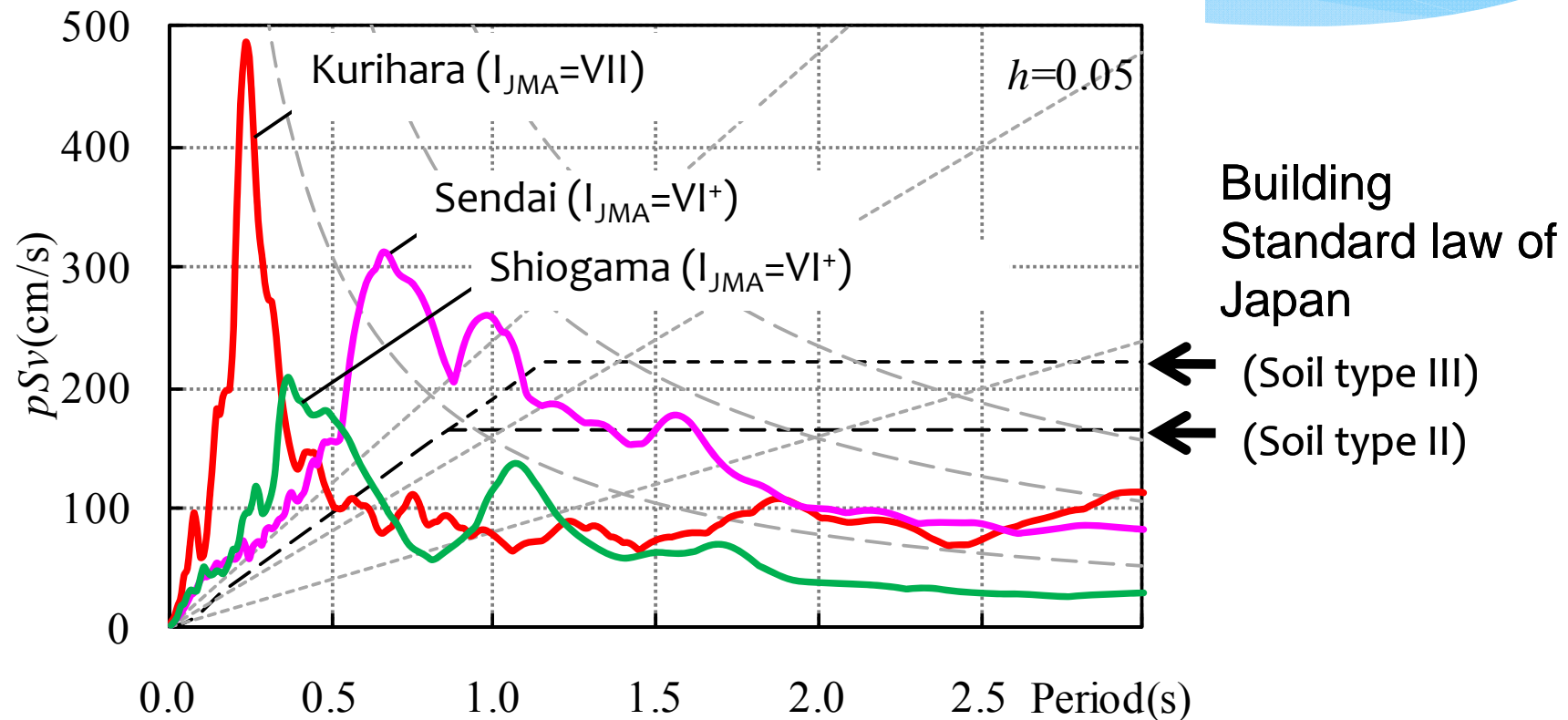
# Damage to buildings caused by seismic motion<sup>17</sup>

## <Summary>

Damage to buildings is not so severe whereas the seismic intensities were high and the disaster areas were extended to extremely large

- *Wood Structure* : Typical seismic damage was observed
- *RC Structure, Steel Structure* : Significant difference appears between before and after the new seismic design code (1981). Typical seismic damage was observed
- *Non-structural Elements* : **Fall of suspended ceilings** in large-scale spaces, exterior walls, and interior materials were observed
- *Residential Land* : Damage to developed grounds and sloping for residential houses were observed. Severe **liquefaction** damage occurred in very wide areas.

In Kurihara City, JMA seismic intensity of VII was recorded, predominant spectrum is observed in short period, i.e. less than 0.3s. But the power of spectrum in long period is lower than the limit value regulated in Building Standard Law of Japan for seismic design. Building damage was not so significant on the whole even in the areas where seismic intensity of more than VI was recorded



Pseudo-velocity response spectrum at some K-NET observe points

# Typical seismic damage to Wood Structures

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Damage of houses with store  
(Inclination of 1<sup>st</sup> story)



Damage due to  
Bio-deterioration



Collapse of 1<sup>st</sup> story



Collapse of 2<sup>nd</sup> story



Damage of Dozo  
(Japanese traditional wood  
storehouse coated with  
clay and plaster finish)

# Typical seismic damage to RC Structures 20



Collapse of soft-1<sup>st</sup> story by shear failure of columns



Shear failure of non-structural walls



Pullout of anchor bolts of the exposed-type SRC column base



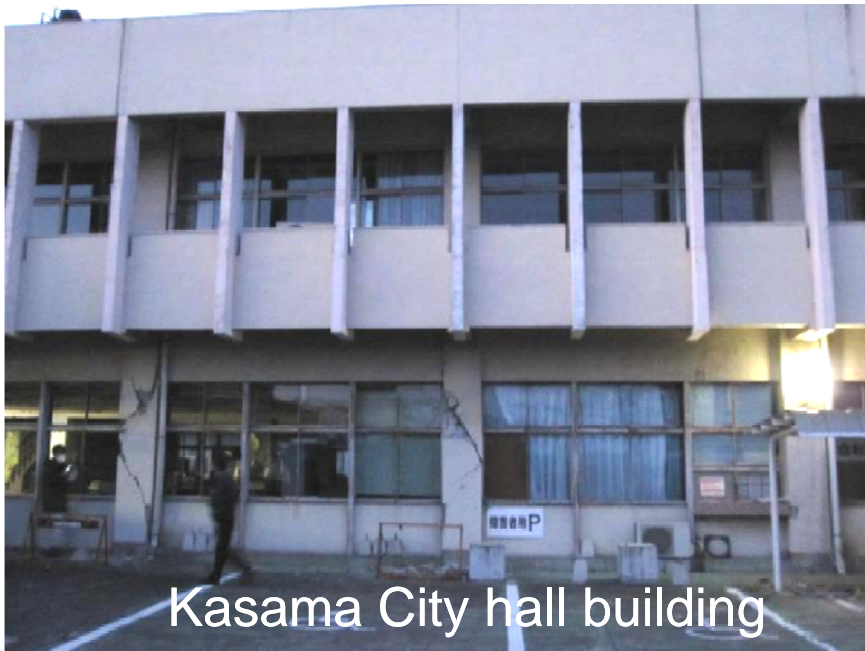
Shear failure of link-beam



Shear failure due to opening of shear wall

## Typical seismic damage – RC structure (1)

- More than 10 local government office buildings designed by the old seismic code suffered from significant structural damage, shear failure of short columns and loss of axial load bearing capacity .  
These building could not be used as an emergency operation center.
- Damage mitigation for functional continuity is strongly required.



Kasama City hall building

Hiroshi Fukuyama



Sukagawa City hall building

## Typical seismic damage – RC structure (2)

- Most of the retrofitted buildings performed well to secure human lives by preventing collapse.
- Damage were observed in some retrofitted buildings



## Typical seismic damage – RC structure (3)

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Damage to non-structural walls of residential buildings retrofitted by oil damper



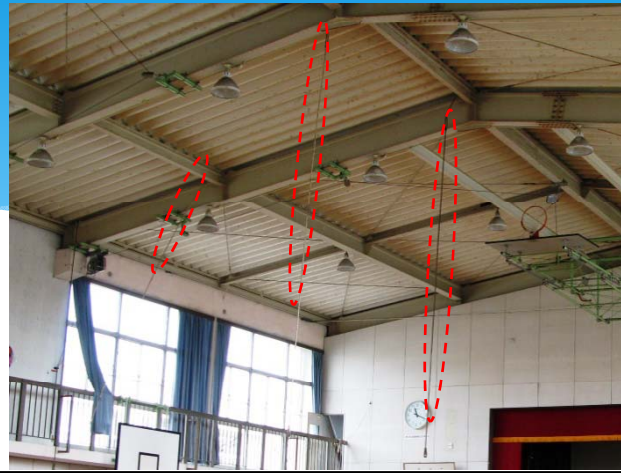
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# Typical seismic damage to Steel Structures <sup>24</sup>



Buckling of brace



Rupture of horizontal brace



Spalling of concrete at joint



Rupture of brace at joint



Buckling of diagonal member of latted column



Dropping of extensive ceiling materials and exterior finish materials





# Typical seismic damage to Residential Land<sup>25</sup>



Large-scale liquefaction and settled or tilted structures



Sand boiling and tilting of house



Failure of footing caused by the ground damage



Land sliding on the slope of the developing hill



Damage of retaining wall and house movement

# Typical damage to Non-structural Elements <sup>26</sup>



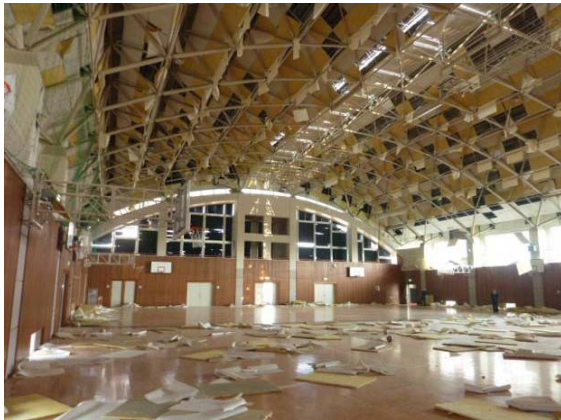
Cracking and spalling of tile



Failure of glass



Fall of exterior wall panels



Damage and fall of suspended ceiling

# Typical damage to Seismically Isolated Buildings<sup>27</sup>



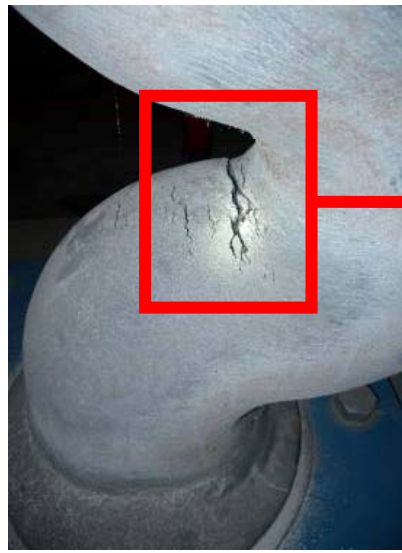
Damage to cover-panels for fire protection



Damage to expansion joint



Peeled off of paint on U-shape dampers



Lead damper and crack on the surface

# Countermeasures

Most of the damage classified were observed in the previous earthquakes. Then previous revising of codes (or handbook) are effective for preventing the damage.

However, **fall of suspended ceilings in large-scale spaces, liquefaction damage, and damper damage in seismically isolated building** are forced to take prompt measures.

Detailed investigation on damage to **retrofitted buildings** and **government office buildings** are now on-going.

# 3. Damage to Buildings in Inundation Areas due to Tsunami

By Okuda, Yasuo

# Purpose of Investigation

The purpose of this investigation is

- 1) To understand an **overview** of buildings damaged by tsunami,
- 2) To obtain basic data and information required to evaluate **mechanisms** for causing damage to the buildings
- 3) To contribute to **tsunami load** and **tsunami-resistant designs** for buildings such as tsunami evacuation buildings

by means of

- 1) **collecting building damage cases** by tsunami
- 2) **classifying the damage patterns** for different structural categories,
- 3) making **a comparison** between the calculated **tsunami force** acting on buildings and the **strength** of the buildings

# Investigation Team for Tsunami Damage

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# Summary of Damage in Inundation Area Due to Tsunami

- about 106,000 houses were completely destroyed or missing mainly in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures
- about 100,000 houses were partially damaged
- about 106,000 houses were below partially damaged

Total: about 370,000

Prefecture	City, Town, Village	Human Damage			House Damage			Fire
		Dead	Missing	Injury	Complete Destruction or Missing	Partial Damage	Below Partially Damaged	
Aomori	Hachinohe	1	1	17	250	769		2
	Hashikami	0	0	0	12	8	1	
	Total	1	1	17	262	777	1	2
Iwate	Hirono	0	0	0	10	16	5	
	Kuji	2	2	8	65	210		
	Noda	38		17	309	169		1
	Hudai	0	1	1				
	Tanohata	14	19	8	225	45	4	
	Miyako	420	124	33	3,669	1,006	176	6
	Yamada	597	256	Unknown	2,789	395	120	2
	Otsuchi	796	653	Unknown		3,677		2
	Kamaishi	881	299	Unknown	3,188	535	120	
	Ofunato	331	118	Unknown	3,629		Unknown	2
Rikuzentakata	1,546	569	Unknown	3,159	182	27		
Total	4,625	2,041	67	20,720	2,558	452	13	
Miyagi	Kesen-numa	1,004	410	Unknown	8,533	2,313	3,248	8
	Minamisanriku	550	437	Unknown	3,167	144	Unknown	5
	Onagawa	535	414	2	2,939	337	640	5
	Isinomaki	3,153	890	Unknown	19,065	3,354	10,199	23
	Higashimatsushima	1,044	104	Unknown	4,589	4,672	2,471	1
	Matsushima	2	0	37	213	1,321	1,184	2
	Rifu	1	1	1	59	508	1,732	
	Shiogama	20	1	10	682	2,784	3,973	8
	Shichigahama	66	6	Unknown	729	460	1,067	
	Tagajo	188	3	Unknown	1,662	2,993	5,097	15
	Sendai	704	33	2,276	19,922	41,344	56,347	39
	Natori	911	82	Unknown	2,786	922	8,060	12
	Iwanuma	183	1	293	720	1,545	2,403	1
Watarai	256	5	44	2,459	1,032	1,985	3	
Yamamoto	670	23	90	2,200	1,042	1,086	2	
Total	9,287	2,410	2,753	69,725	64,771	99,492	124	
Fukushima	Shinchi	107	3	3	548	Unknown		
	Soma	454	5	71	1,049	643	3,092	
	Minamisoma	633	38	59	4,682	975		
	Namie	141	43					
	Futaba	29	6	1	58	5		
	Okuma	73	1		30			
	Tomioaka	19	6					
	Naraha	11	2	5	50			
	Hirono	2	1		Unknown	Unknown		
	Iwaki	308	39	4	6,585	18,931	21,800	3
Total	1,777	144	143	13,002	20,554	24,892	3	
Ibaraki	Kitaibaraki	5	1	188	339	1,569	5,745	3
	Takahagi	1		19	131	728	3,213	
	Hitachi			166	403	3,016	11,229	4
	Tokai	4		5	56	104	3,150	2
	Hitachinaka	2		27	79	720	5,863	1
	Oarai	1		6	10	268	1,087	
	Hokota			15	96	524	4,863	3
	Kajima	1			368	1,726	2,567	4
	Kamisu			6	139	1,660	3,011	3
Total	14	1	432	1,621	10,315	40,728	20	
Chiba	Choshi			19	23	105	1,938	
	Asahi	13	2	12	336	931	2,358	
Total	13	2	31	359	1,036	4,296	0	
Sum Total		15,717	4,599	3,443	105,689	100,011	169,861	162



# Classification of Damage Patterns Reinforced Concrete Buildings

## (1) Collapse of first floor



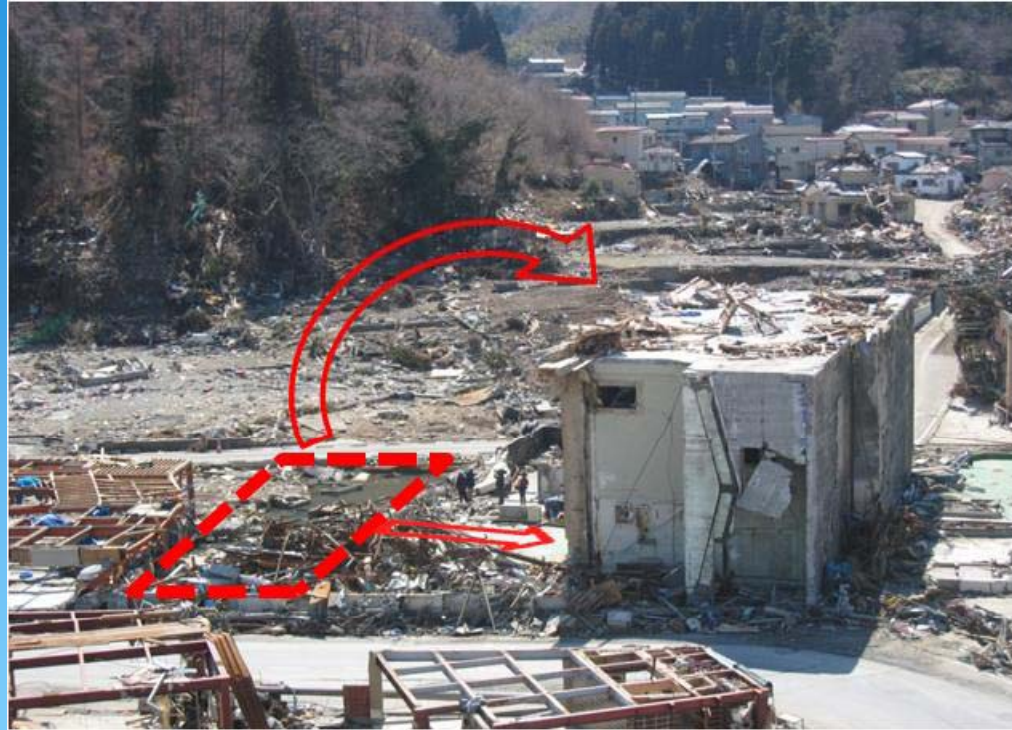
A case where column capitals and bases on the first floor in a building were subject to flexural failure and subsequently to **story collapse** was seen in two-story buildings.

## (2) Overturning



Overturning was observed in 4-story or lower buildings. In all overturned buildings, the maximum inundation depth exceeded their height. Overturning types include building that fell sidelong and buildings that turned upside down.

### (3) Movement and washed away



Most of the overturned buildings were moved from their original positions. It is estimated that large **buoyancy** acted on the buildings. Moved and overturned buildings left no dragged traces on the ground.

## (4) Tilting by scouring



When tsunami acted on a building, a strong stream was generated around the corner of the building, resulting in many large holes on the ground that were bored by **scouring**. In one case, a building on mat foundation fell into a hole bored by scouring.

## (5) Fracture of wall



In one damaged building, a 300 mm-thick shear wall with double layer bar arrangement and a support span of more than 10 m and without no 2-story floor was bent inside by a tsunami wave pressure.

## (6) Debris impact



Debris impact was seen in most of the non-structural members such as window and ceiling materials. The number of cases of clear damage to skeletons was not large, but in one observed case, a multi-story wall in an apartment house was probably bored by debris impact .

## Classification of Damage Patterns Steel buildings (1,2) Movement and washed away

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## (3) Overturning



One case, in which a whole building including foundation is overturned, was confirmed. Most of the ALC panels of claddings were left.



## (4) Collapse



Damage cases of skeleton collapse include story collapse of the first floor in a 2-story steel building and partial collapse of a warehouse on the coast.

## (5) Large residual deformation



Slight tilting was often observed in steel buildings with only a skeleton left. In one case, a gabled roof frame building did not collapse despite large residual deformation.

## (6) Full fracture and washed away of cladding and internal finishing materials



Cladding materials such as ALC panel were almost fully fractured and washed away, and a steel frame as a skeleton was left. This case was often seen.

# Damage to wood houses (1)

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In the case of a maximum inundation depth **more than about 6 m** (equivalent to a height of eaves of 2-story wooden house), the number of 1-story and 2-story Wood Houses that remained was almost zero.

In the case of a maximum inundation depth of **about 1 m**, most of wood houses remained.

# Damage to wood houses (2)

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A tsunami wave force was reduced possibly due to many openings in the direction affected by tsunami or on the whole plane, or a wooden house remained despite washout of columns and external walls in the corner of the building.

# Database for Investigated Buildings

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Outer dimensions of about 100 buildings and dimensions of their skeletons were measured in the site investigation.

Building name, address, purpose, construction year, designation as tsunami evacuation building, structure category, number of stories, outer dimension, distance from seacoast (river), GPS position, altitude, surrounding circumstances, damage situations, etc., were included in the database.

建物番号	RT-12	調査日	2011年4月6日
名称	診療所		
所在地	陸前高田市高田町馬場前	建設年	不明
用途	病院・診療所	津波避難ビル	指定なし
構造種別	S造 (ラーメン構造)		
建物規模	階数	3階 (地下 階)	高さ: 9.6m
	平面寸法	21.5m x 7m	
建物位置	海岸からの距離	約1200m	標高 5m (GPS)
	立地条件	陸前高田駅前交差点近く。平坦な市街地	
最大浸水深	9m	周辺建物の痕跡より	
津波後の状況	建物の状態	原位置に残存	1×5スパン、外装材が脱落しているが躯体に損傷は見られない
	躯体の被害	被害なし	
	非構造部材の被害	被害あり	外装材の脱落
備考			

- ・ 外装材は、ほぼ全て剥落している
- ・ 1階柱口-300×300、桁行梁 H-300×150×6.5×9、梁間梁 H-306×199×7×11
- ・ 津波作用面の反対側に隣接する RC 造 2階建て躯体の被害は軽微であった



写真1 建物外観



写真2 建物内部

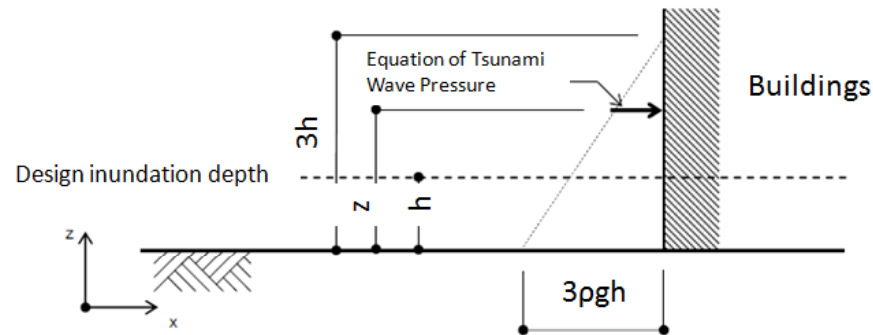


写真3 建物の柱梁部材



写真4 隣接するRC建物

# Discussion on Guidelines for Tsunami Evacuation Buildings by the Cabinet Office, Japan



$$\text{Equation of Tsunami Wave Pressure: } q_x = \rho g (3h - z) \quad (1)$$

$q_x$ : design tsunami wave pressure (kN/m<sup>2</sup>)

$\rho$ : density of water (t/m<sup>3</sup>)

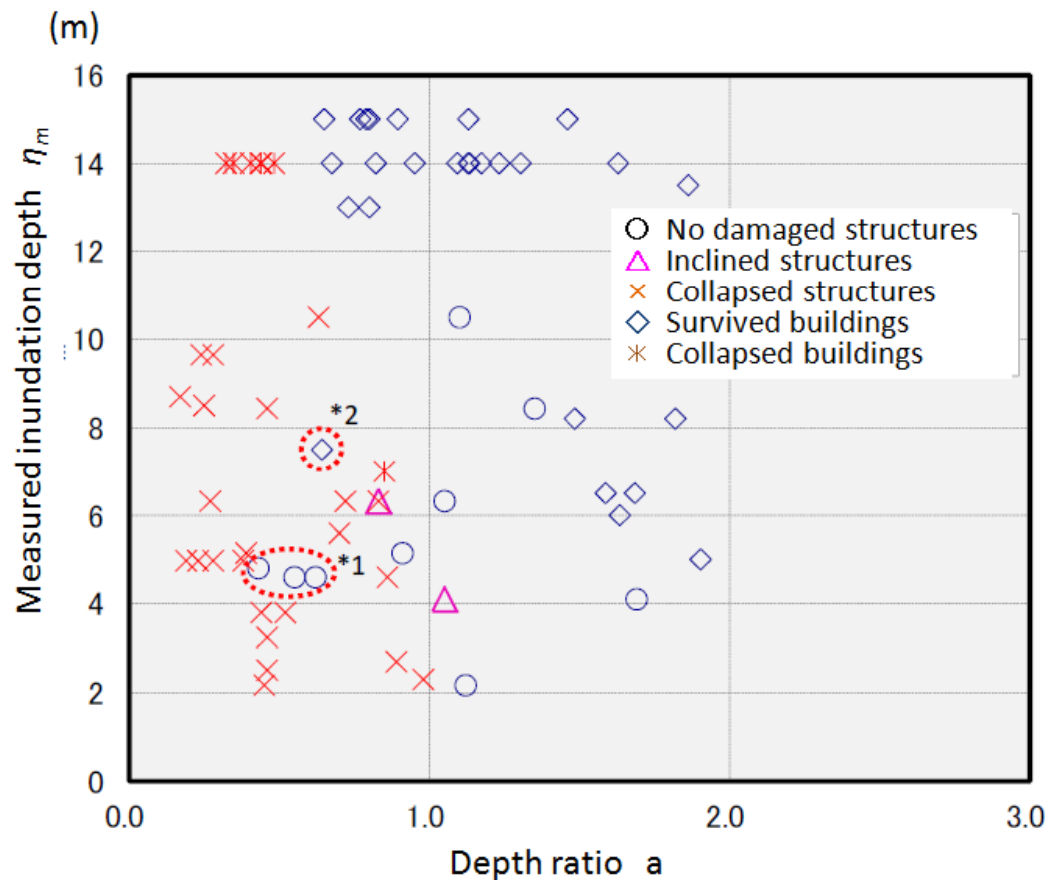
$g$ : gravitational acceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>)

$h$ : design inundation depth (m)

$z$ : height from the ground ( $0 \leq z \leq 3h$ ) (m)

In the Cabinet Office guidelines, the design tsunami load for the tsunami evacuation buildings was adopted as the tsunami wave pressure eq. (1), **hydrostatic pressure of 3 times design inundation depth**, based on the maximum envelope of the experimental result in Japan.

# Damage Situations of Buildings and Structures 48 with Some Obstacles for Tsunami Effect



A depth ratio is defined as eq. (2).

$$a = \frac{\eta_e}{\eta_m} \quad (2)$$

$a$  : depth ratio

$\eta_e$  : depth of the hydrostatic pressure equivalent to the strength of the buildings and structures (m)

$\eta_m$  : measured inundation depth (m)

This figure plots damage situations of buildings and structures with some obstacles for tsunami effect for  $a$  and  $\eta_m$ . A boundary line of damage situations of buildings and structures can be drawn at the depth ratio  $a=1$  where  $\eta_m < 10$ m.



# Conclusions

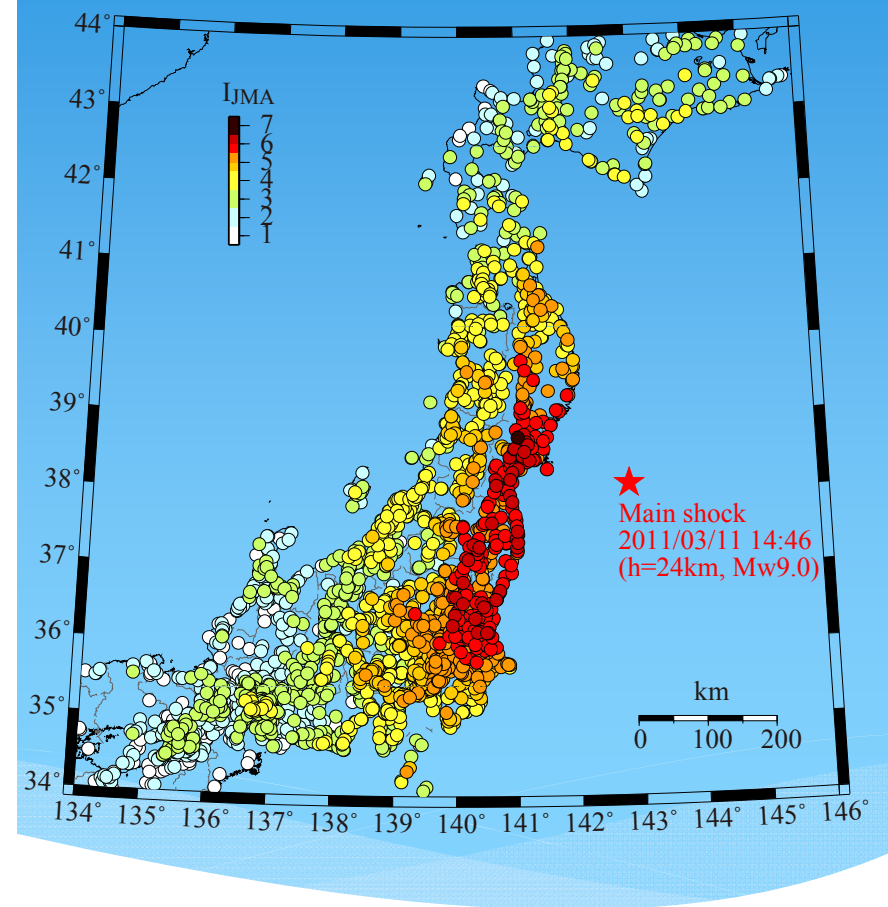
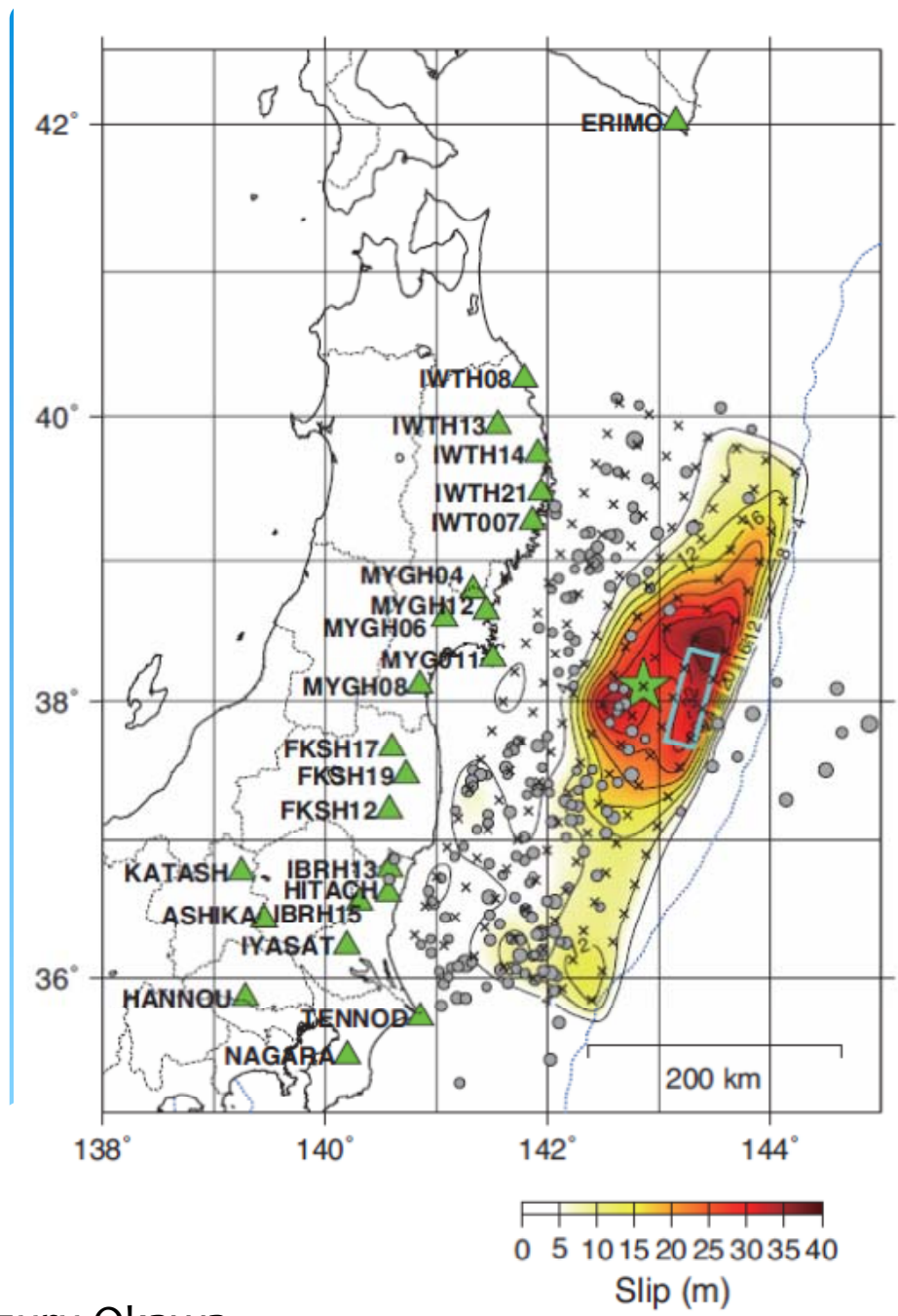
This section's conclusions are as follows;

- 1) The damage patterns for different structural categories were classified and the factors that had caused various types of damage were briefly discussed.
- 2) The database of the investigated buildings and structures was made.
- 3) Based on the database, we plotted the damage situations of the investigated buildings and structures for the measured inundation depth and the depth ratio. A boundary line of damage situations of buildings and structures can be drawn at the depth ratio  $a = 1$  where  $\eta_m < 10m$ .

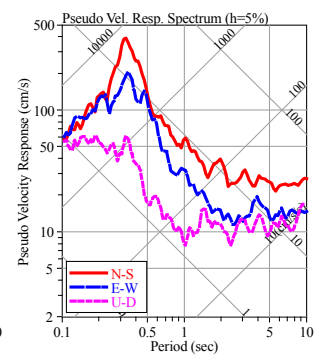
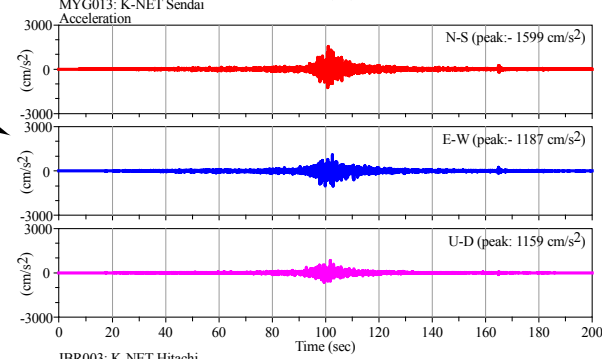
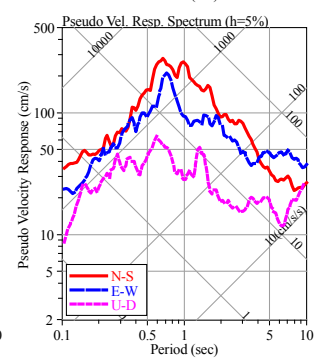
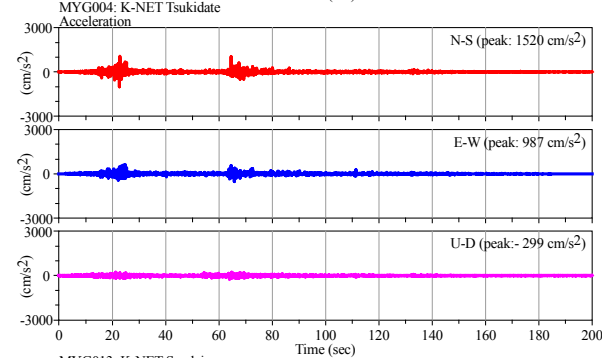
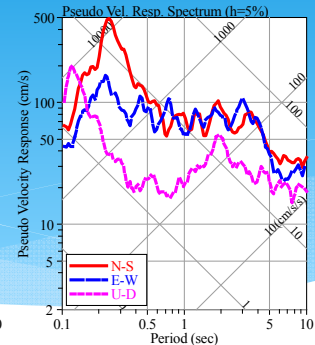
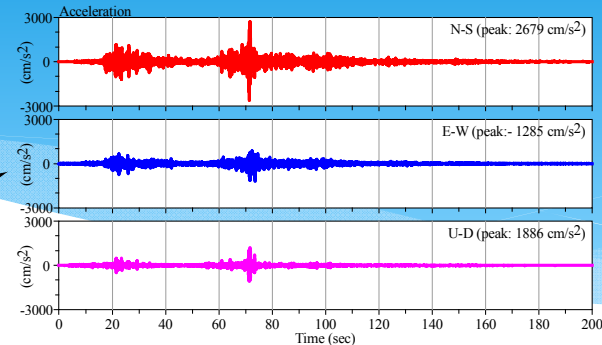
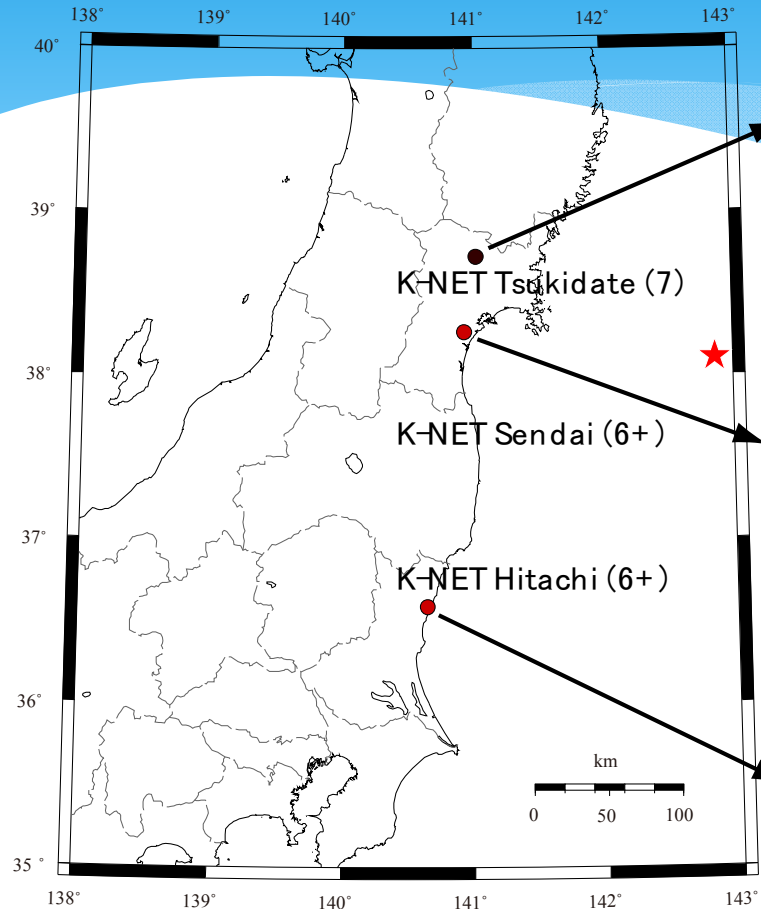
4. Ground Motions of the Tohoku  
earthquake and Recent Activity  
on Long-period Motions for  
Design of Building Structures

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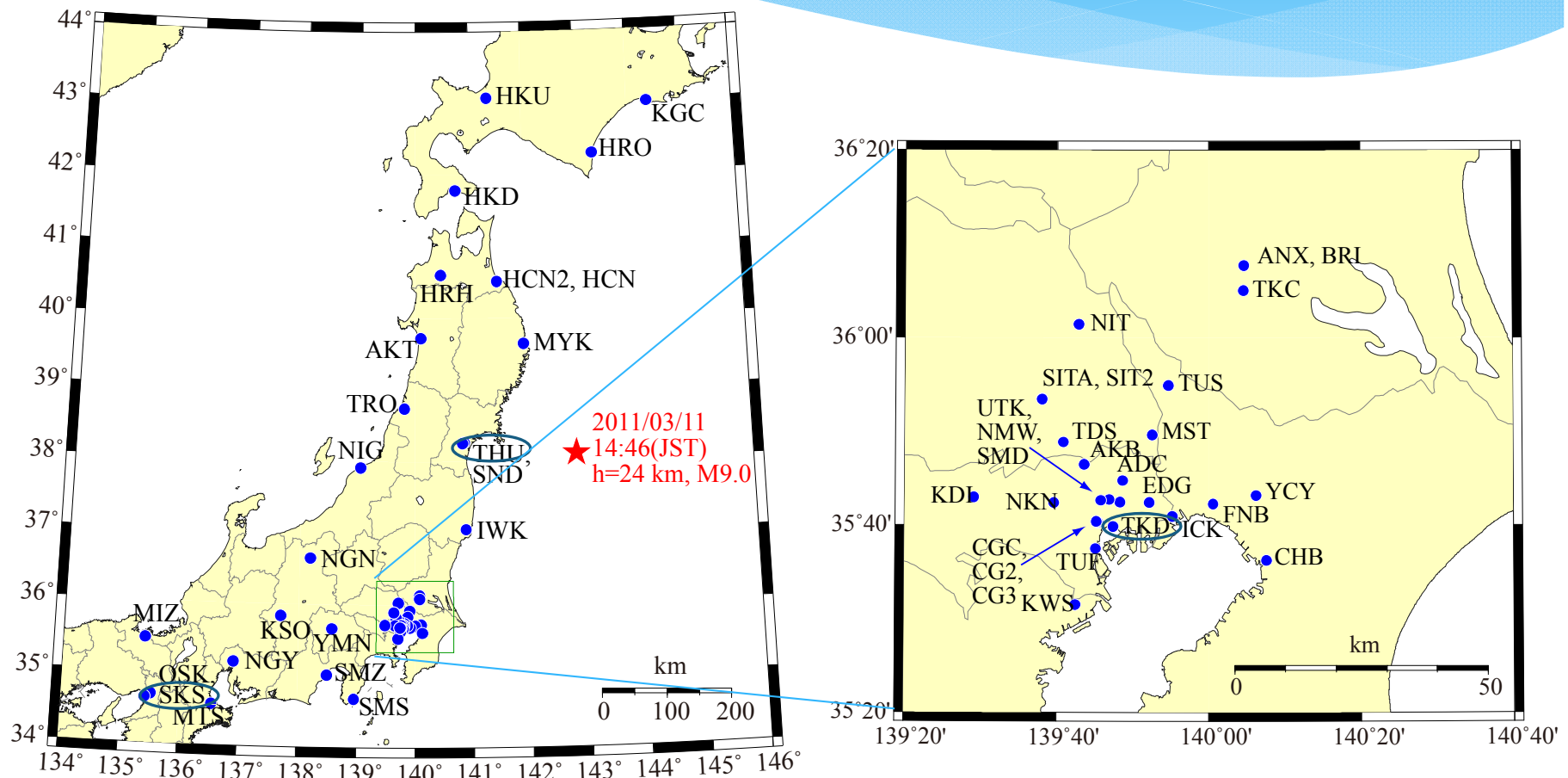


# Examples of observed motions

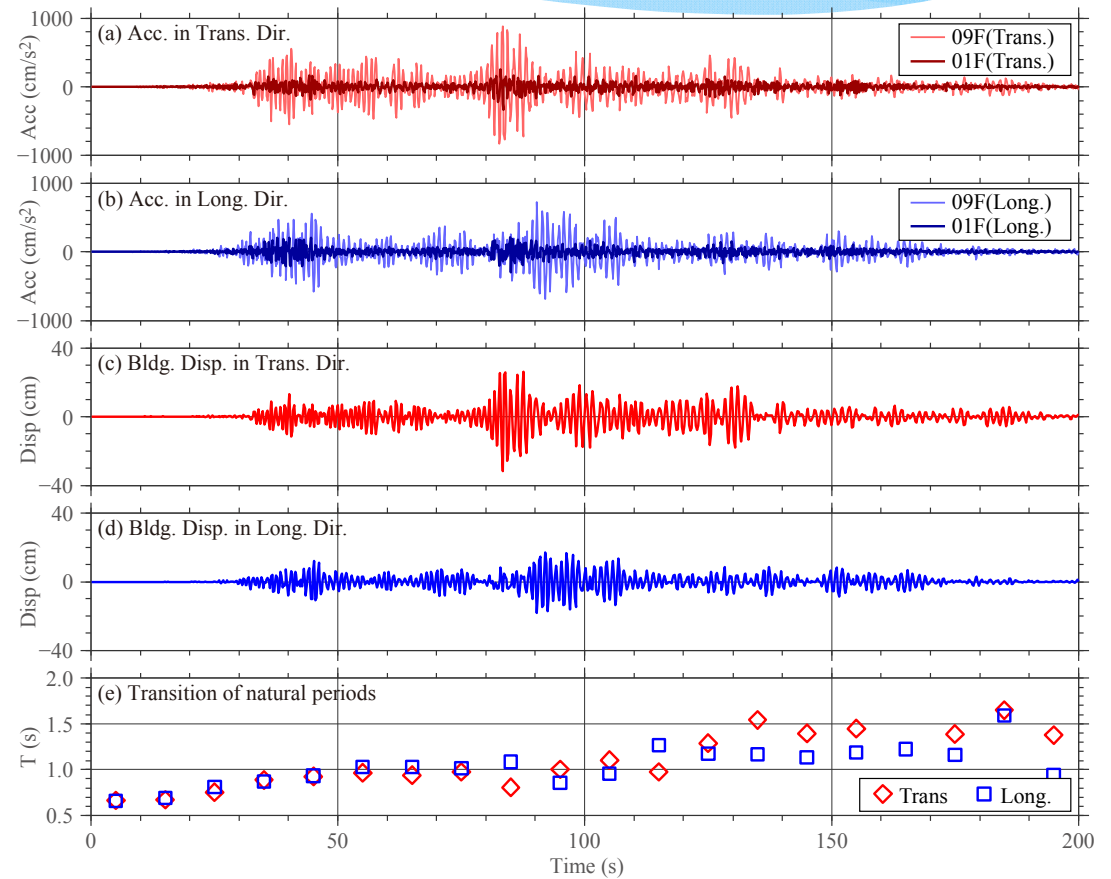
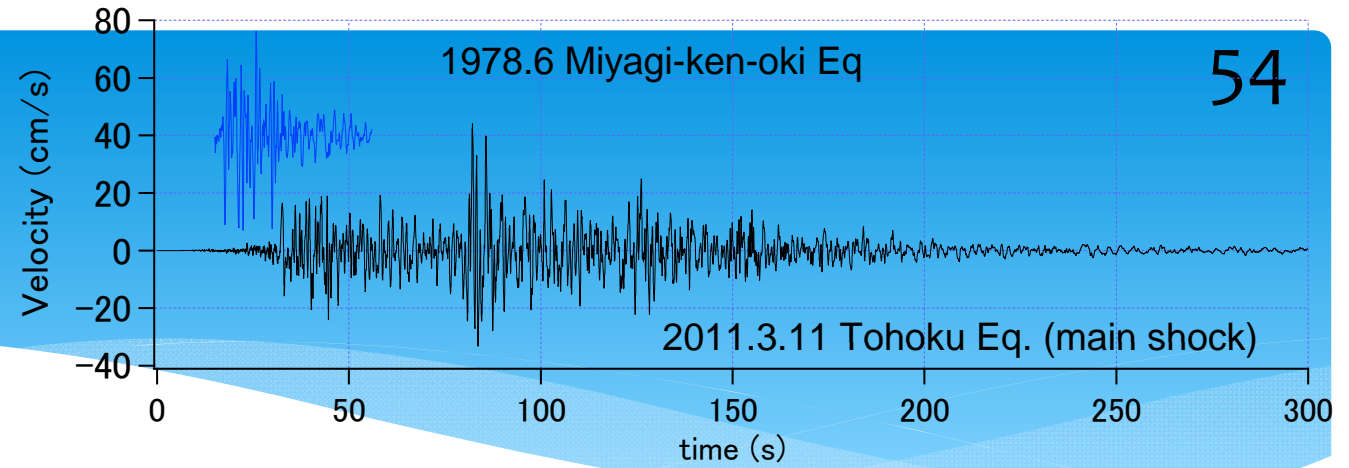


IBR003: K-NET Hitachi

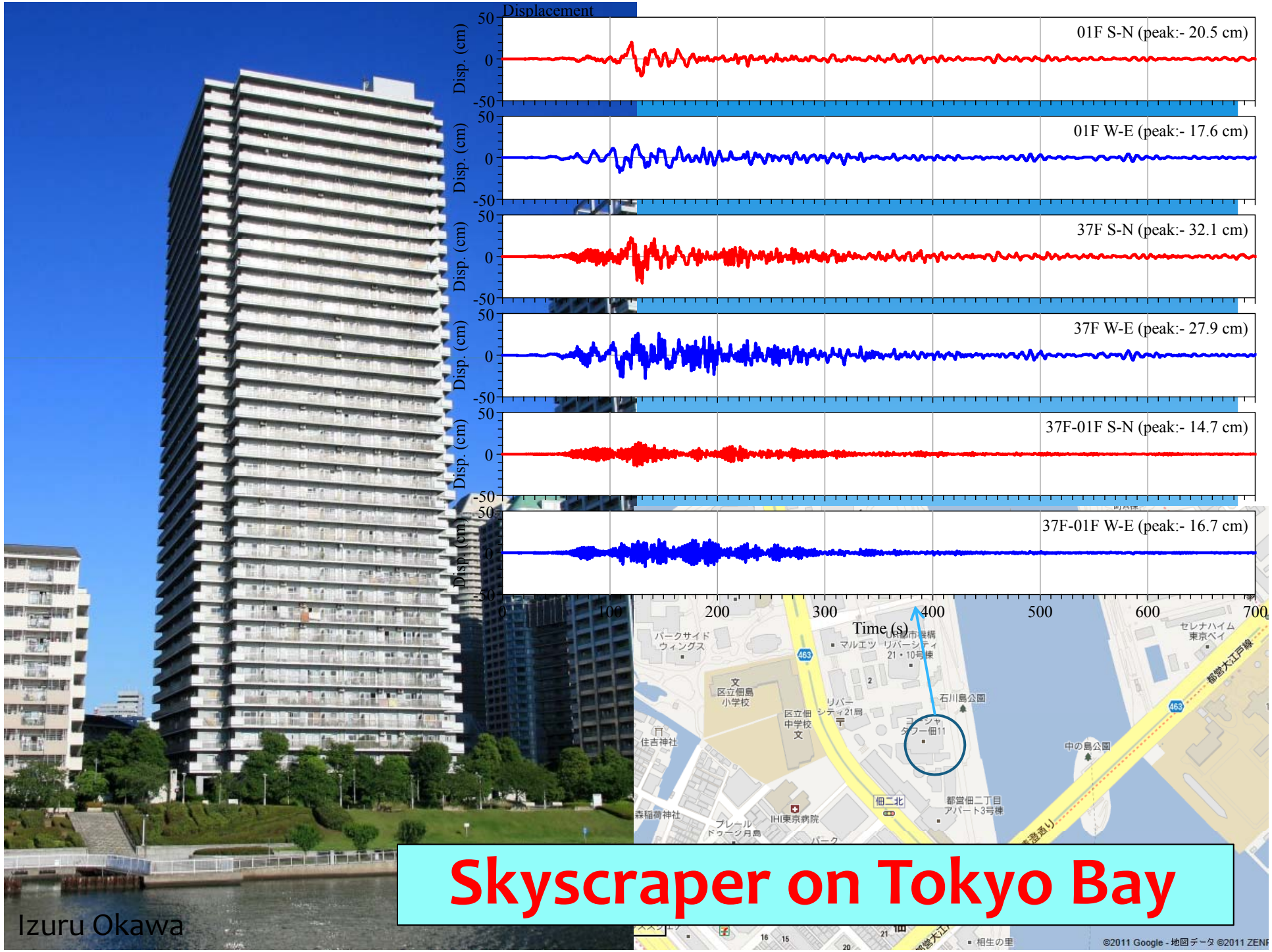
# BRI Strong motion observation network (Instrumentation in Buildings)



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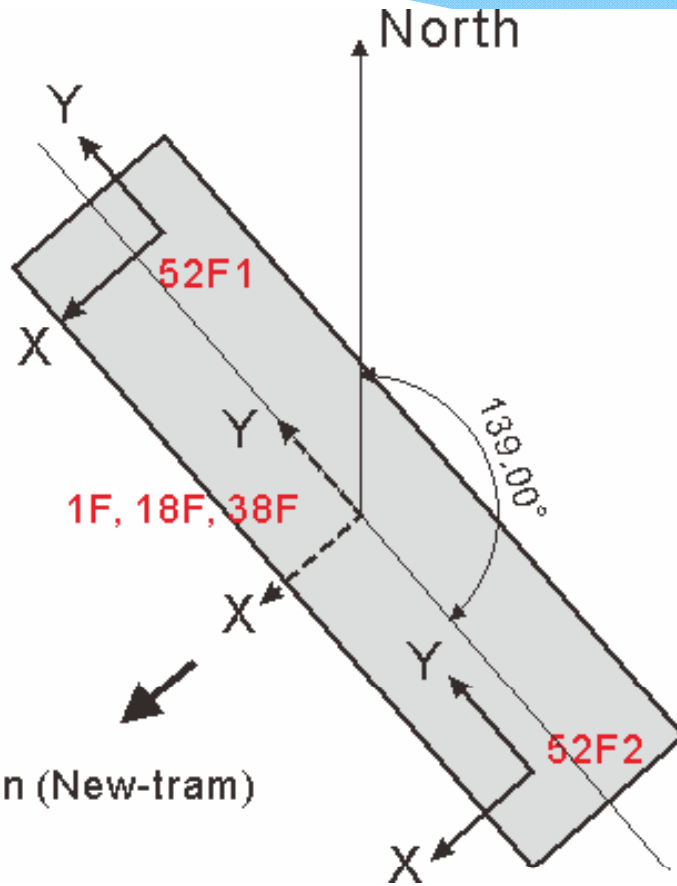
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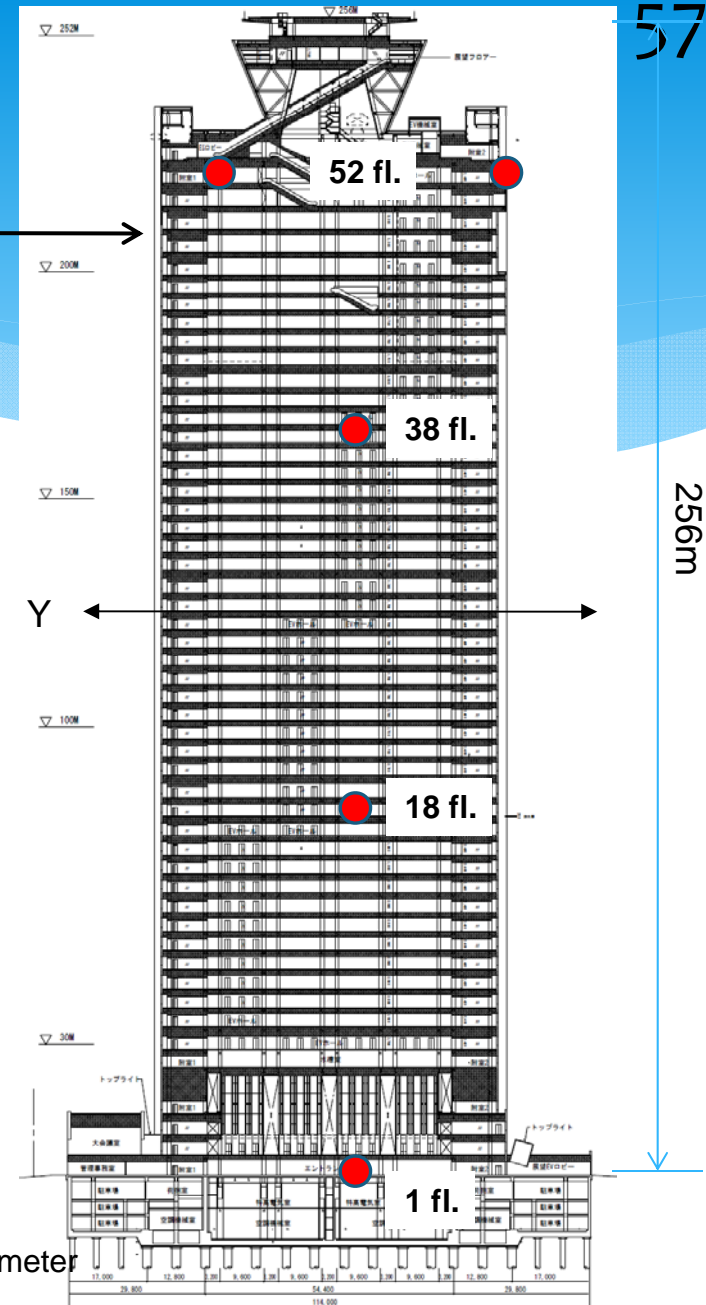
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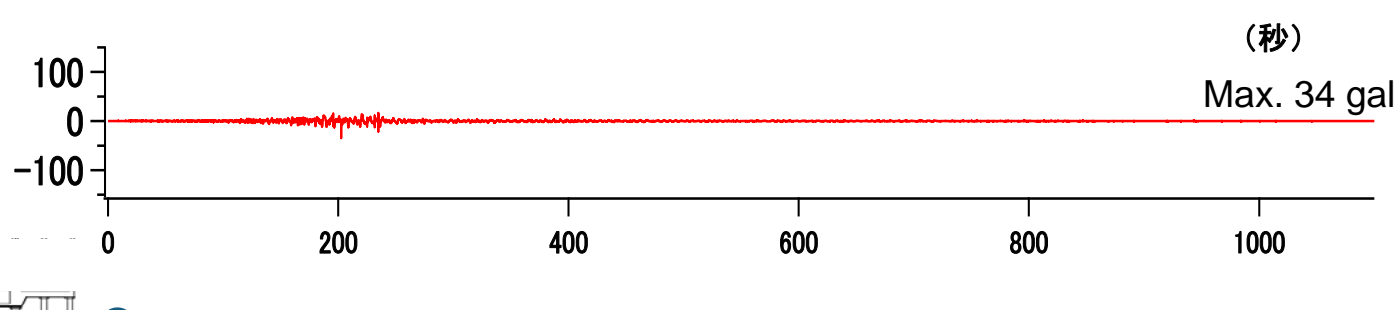
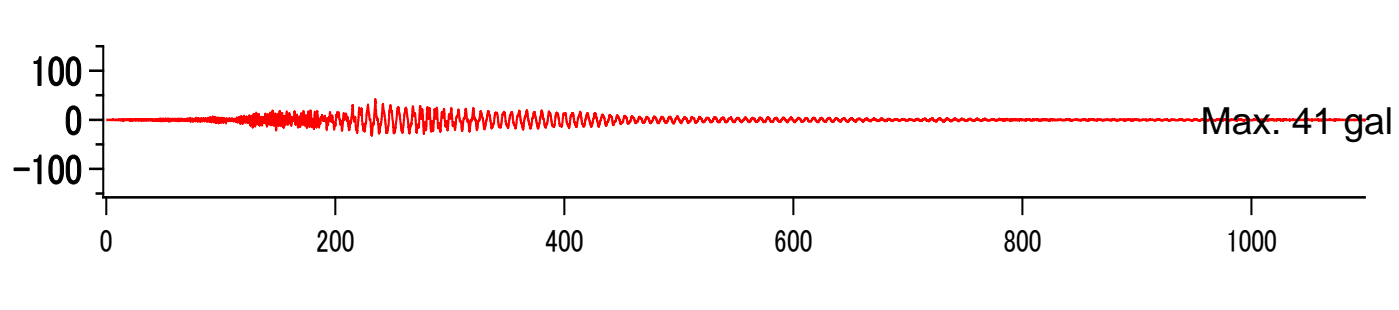
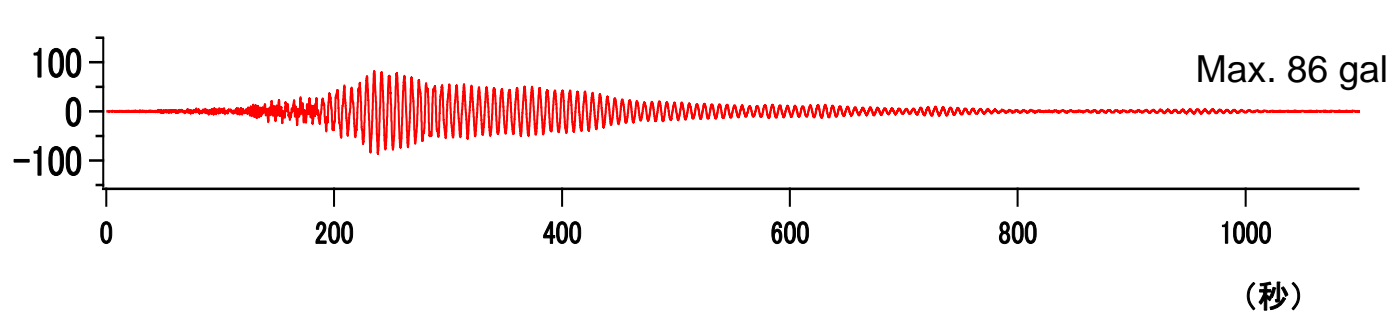
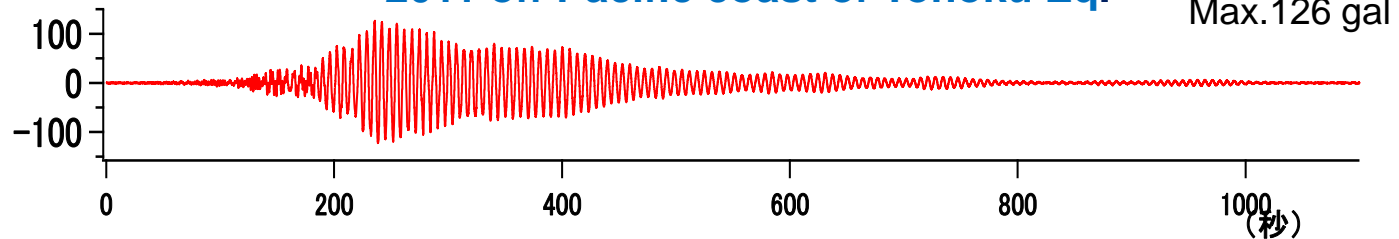
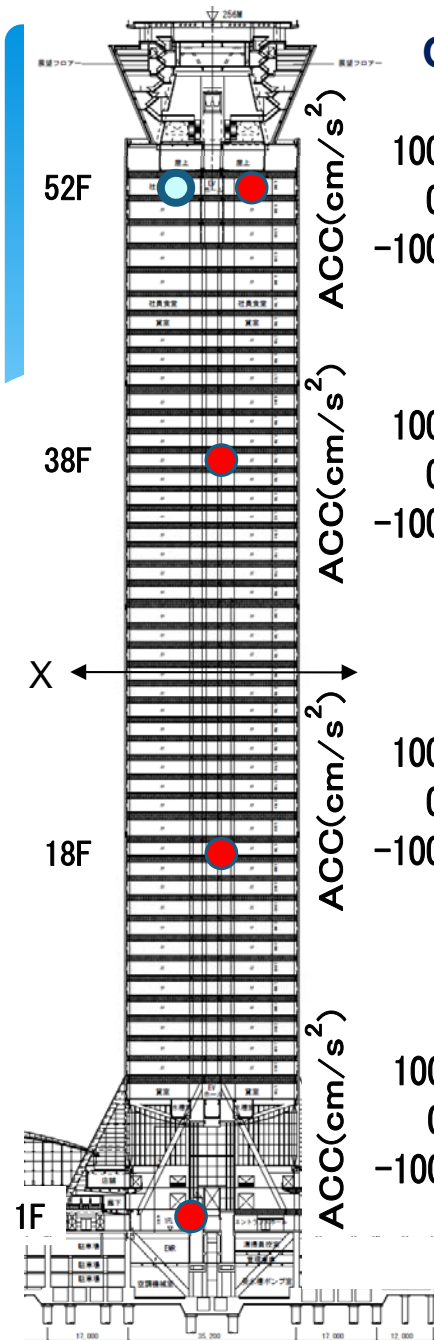
Sensor locations on the plan



● accelerometer

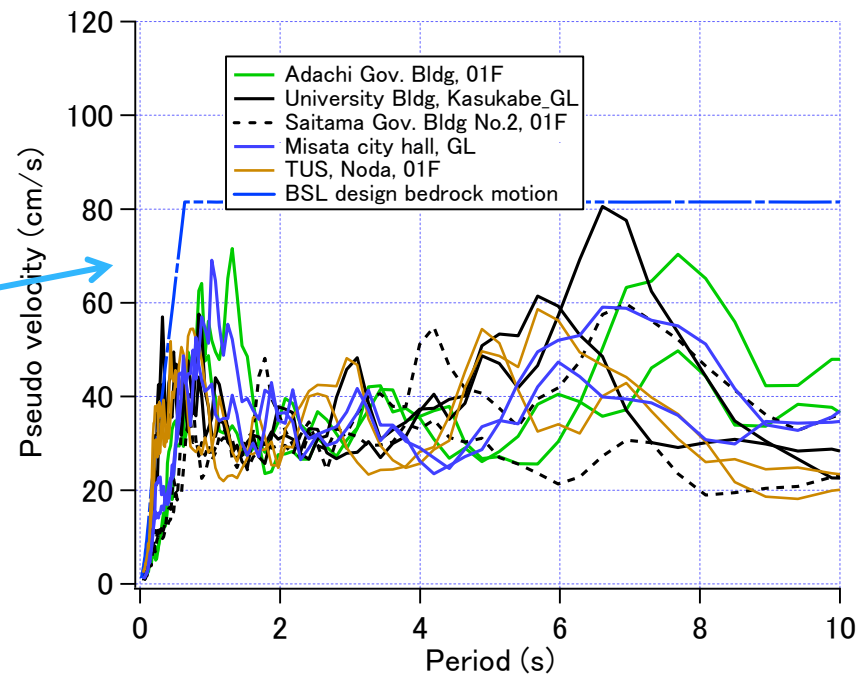
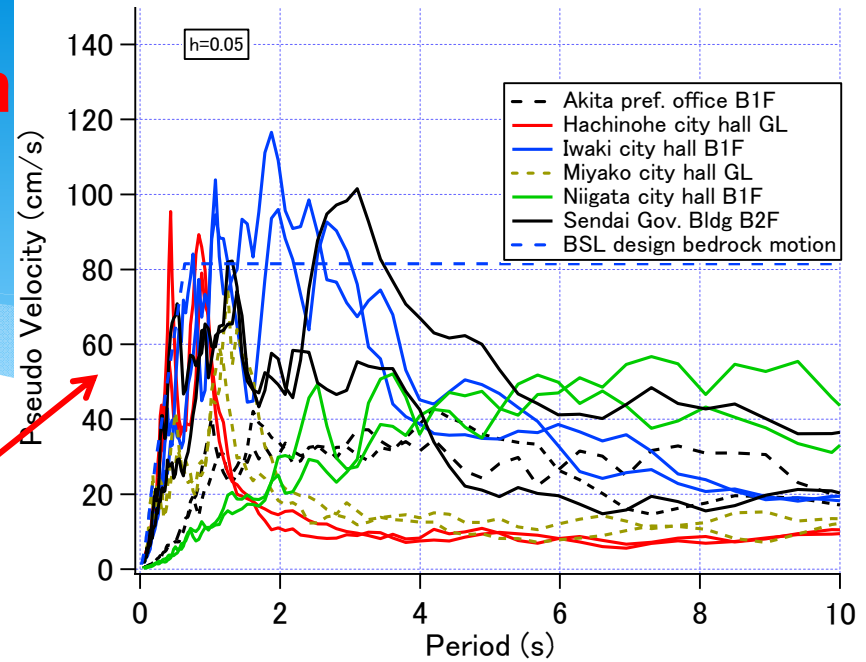
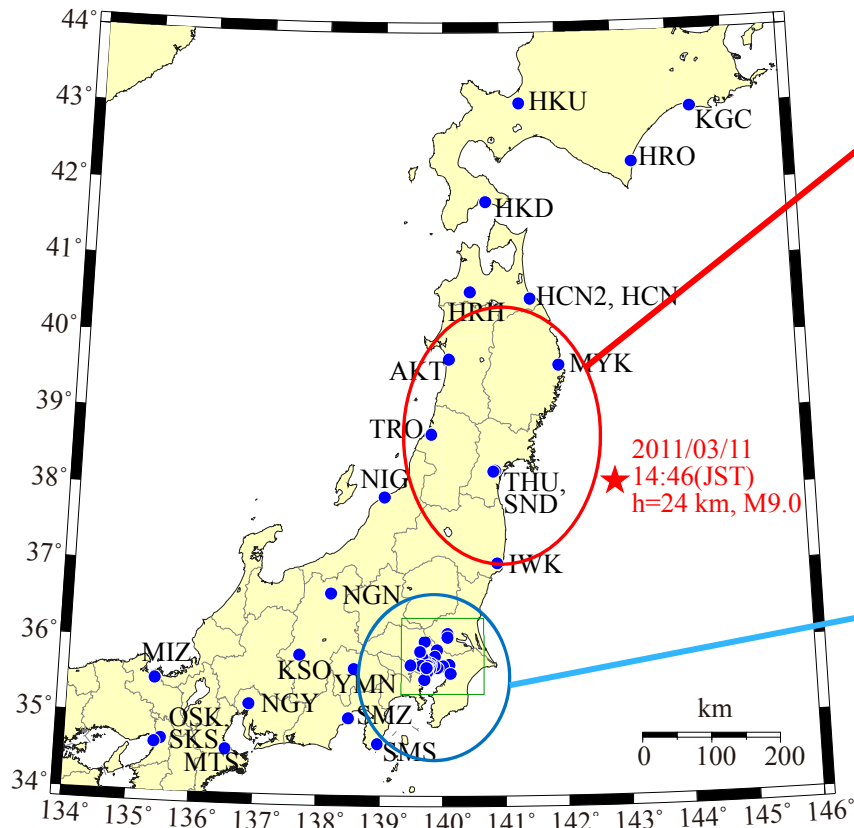
# Osaka Sakishima Office Building

## 2011 off Pacific coast of Tohoku Eq.



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# Pseudo velocity spectrum of observed motions

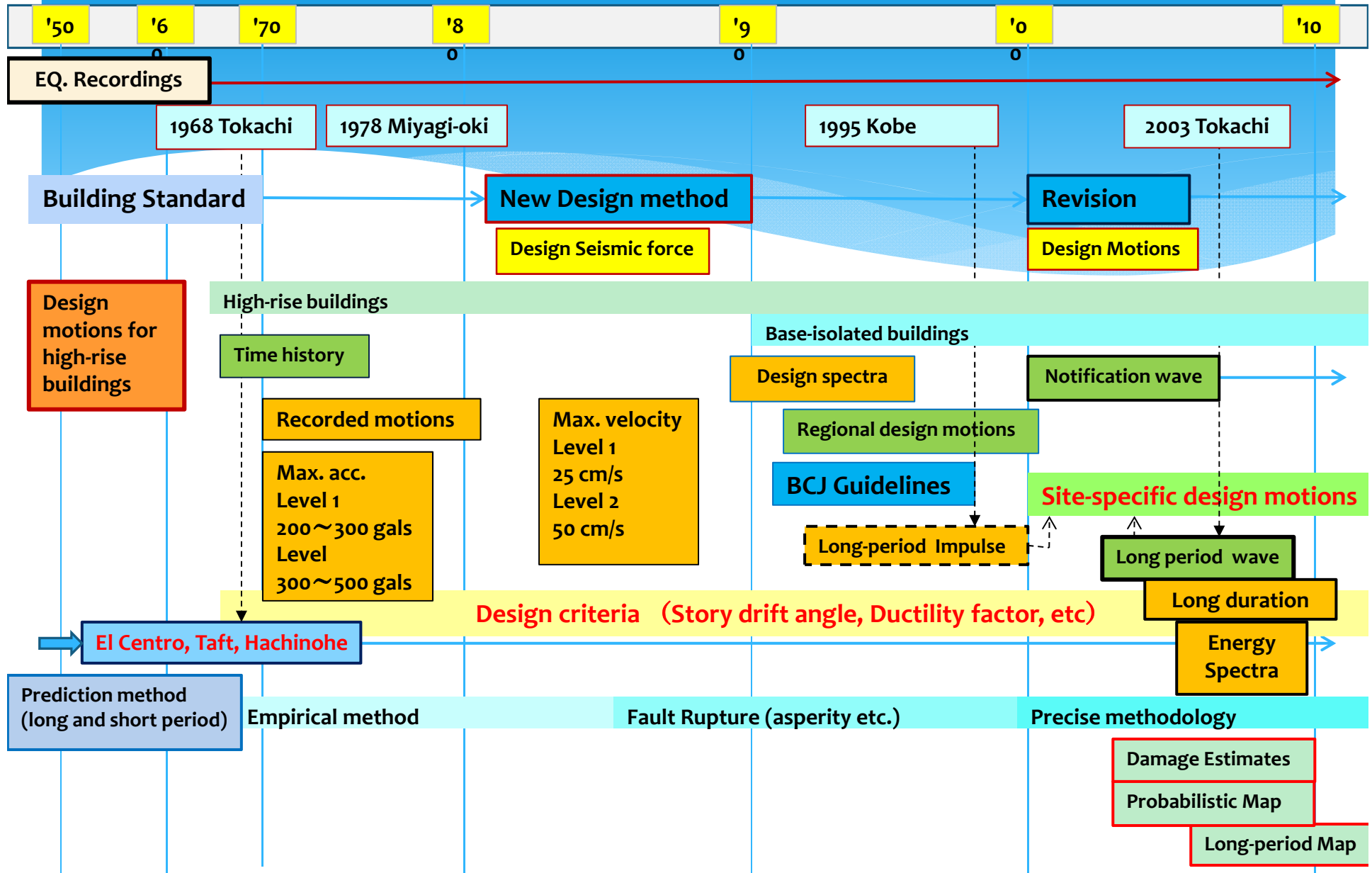


# MLIT & NILIM proposal for tentative measures for the safety of high-rise buildings <sup>60</sup>

## Background

- \* Fire of large oil storage tank due to the effect of long-period earthquake motions
- \* Concerns of the effect of Long-period earthquake ground motions to high-rise and SI buildings
- \* Earthquake occurrence probability is high for major subduction-zone earthquakes such as Nankai, Tonankai and Tokai earthquakes
- \* Various projects on earthquake damage evaluations for subduction-zone earthquakes
- \* MLIT funding for safety measures for long-period buildings (Selected Research Group + BRI)

# Design earthquake motions for high-rise buildings 61



## \* Design Motions Currently Used for Tall Buildings (>60m)

1. BSL Notification spectrum compatible motions (Fig.1)
2. Modified Recorded motions ( $V_{max}=25,50\text{cm/s}$ )
3. Site-specific motions

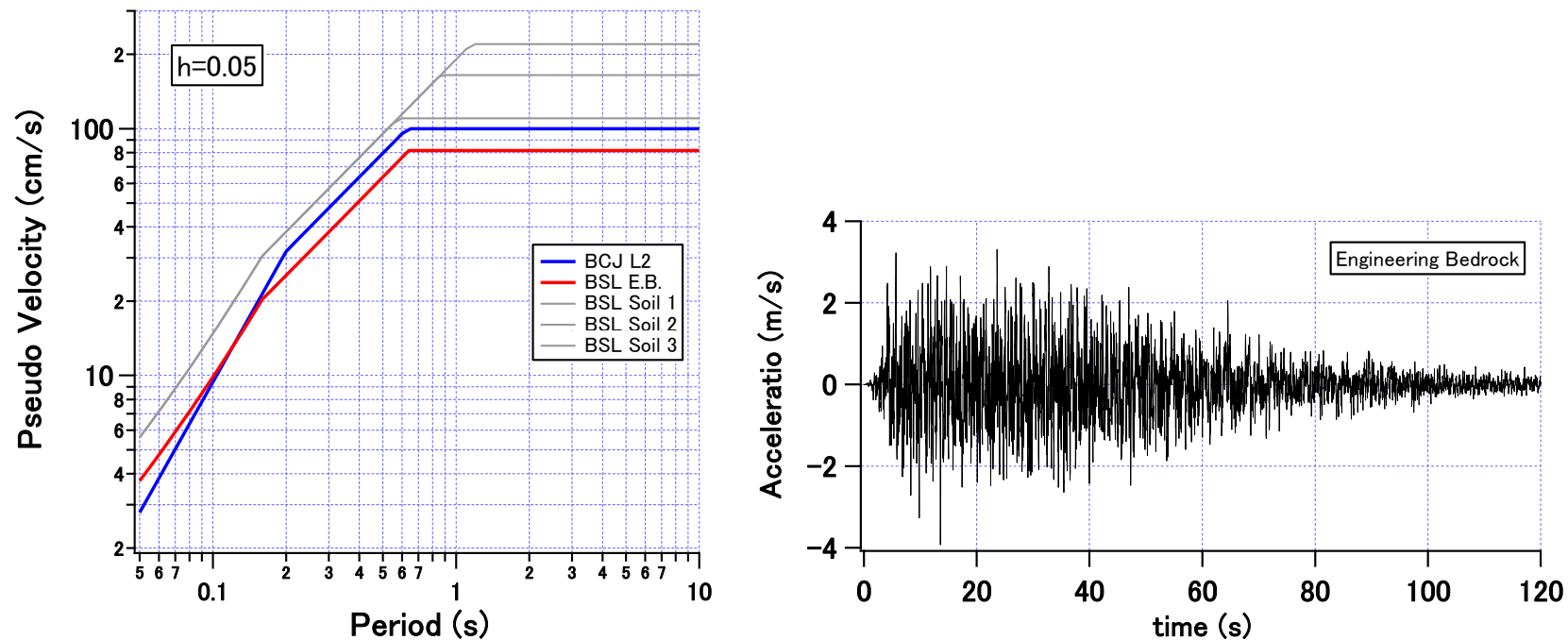


Fig.1 BCJ (L2) and BSL Design Spectra and BSL wave for Engineering Bedrock

# Ground motion parameters and prediction model

## 1. Spectral Properties

- 1) Acceleration response spectrum  
( $h=0.05, 0.01$ )
- 2) Energy Spectrum ( $h=0.10$ )
- 3) Site amplification coefficient

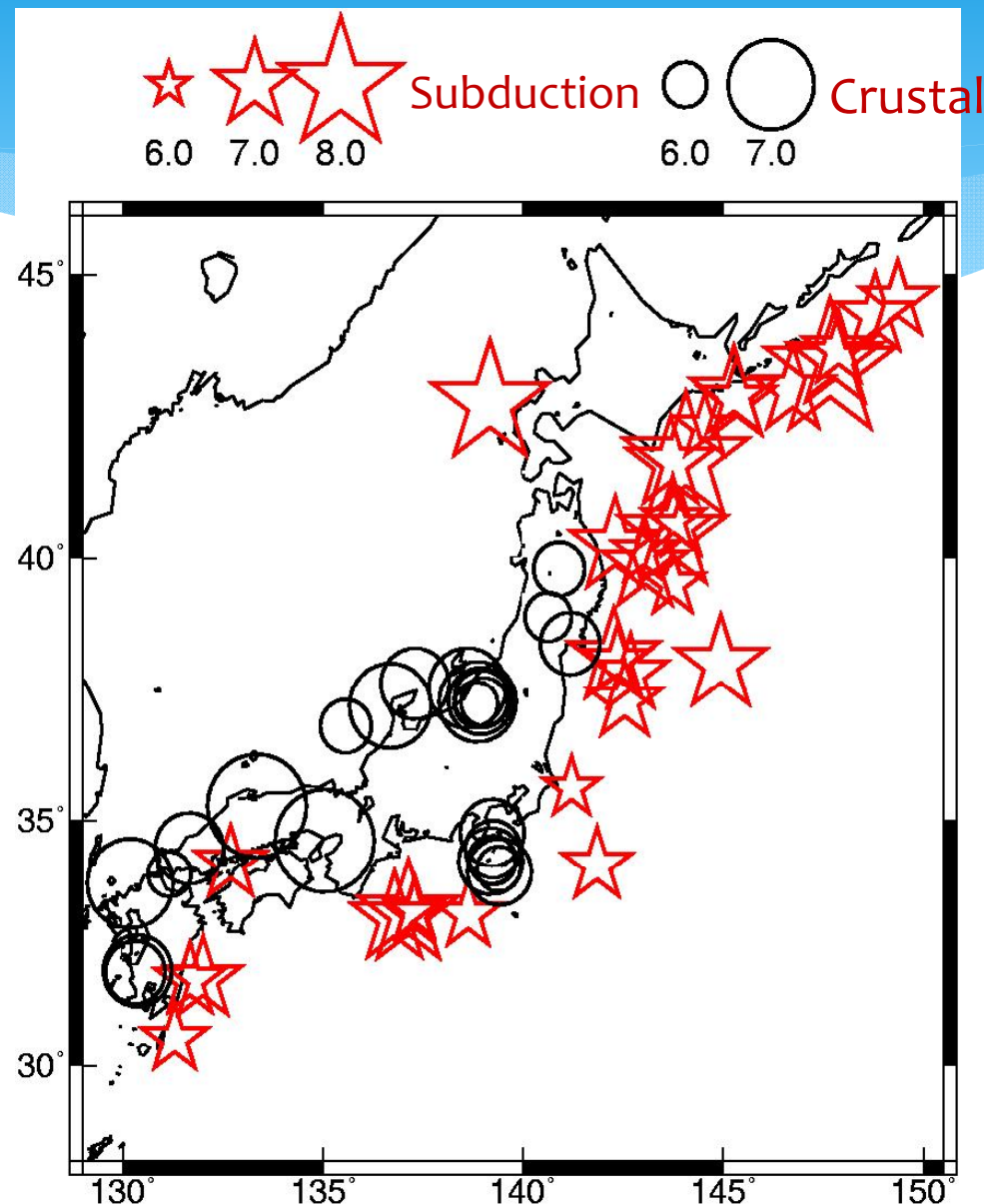
## 2. Time history Properties

- 1) Site factors with phase properties controlling waveforms and duration time

## Used Earthquake Data (Subduction, Crustal Eqs.)

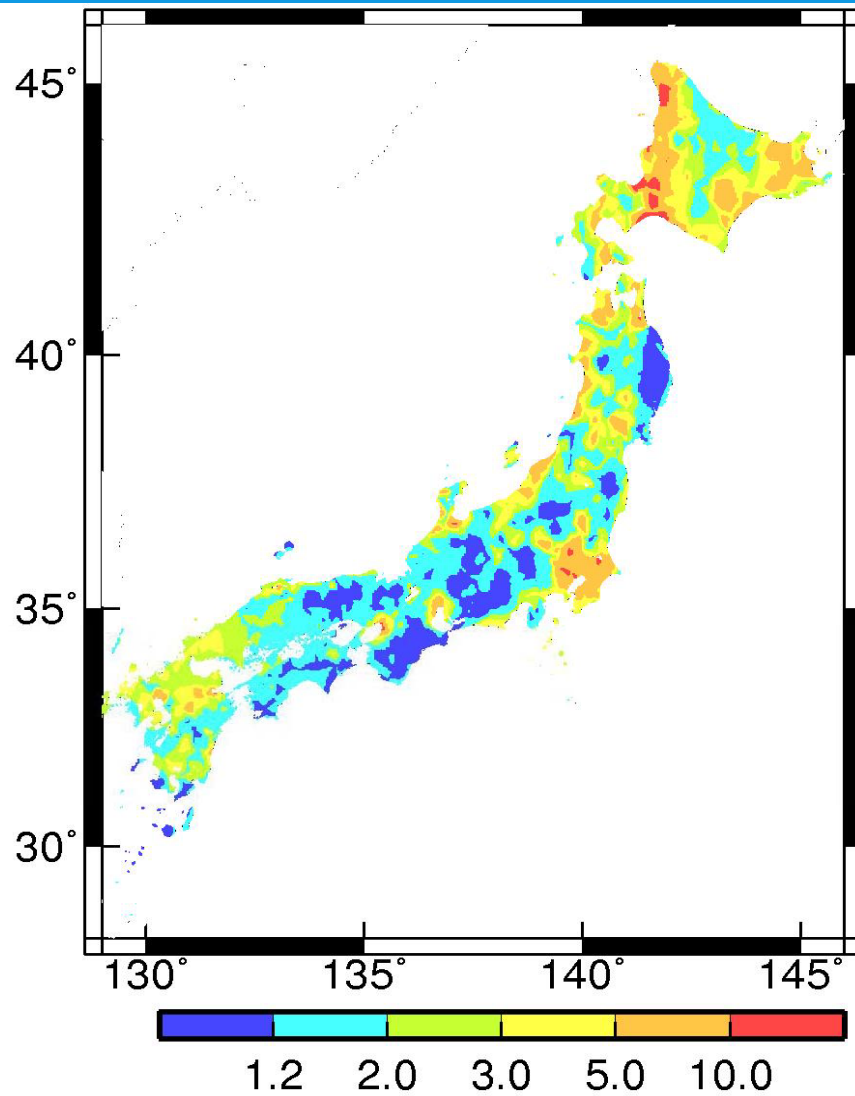
- Subduction:  $M_j \geq 6.5$ ,  
Hypocentral dist.  $\leq 400\text{km}$
- Crustal:  $M_j \geq 6.0$ ,  
Hypocentral dist.  $\leq 350\text{km}$
- Focal depth  $\leq 60\text{km}$   
M<sub>j</sub>: JMA magnitude

K-NET, KiK-net, JMA data  
were used in this study

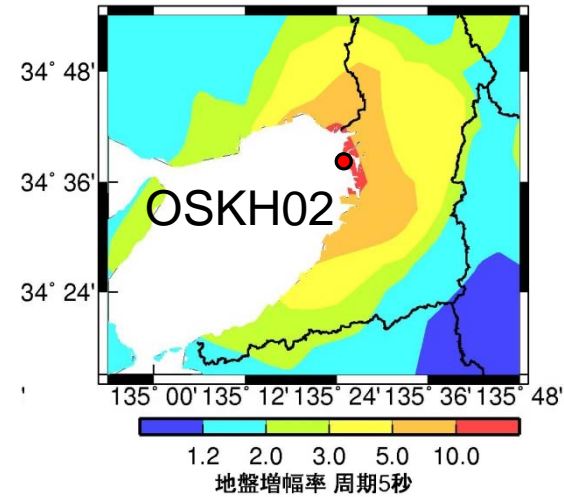
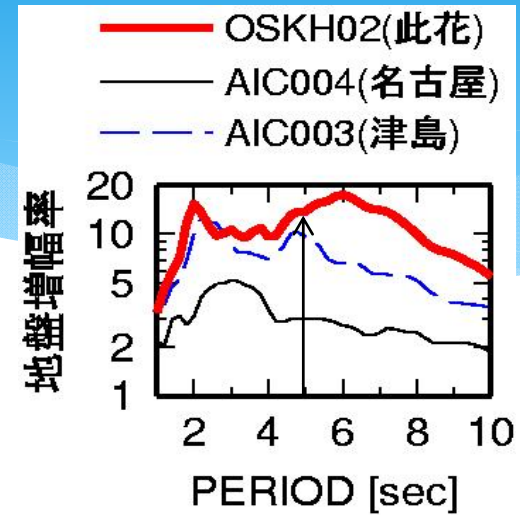




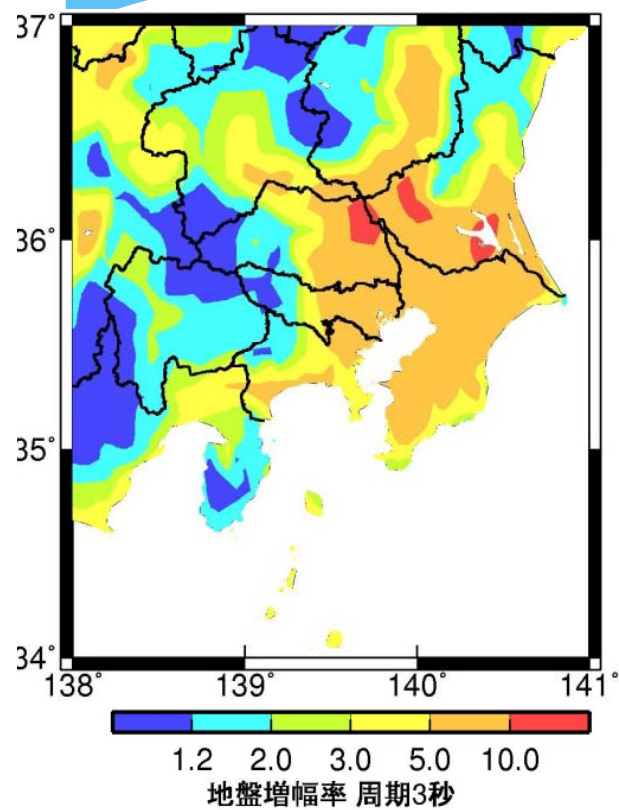
# Site amplification coefficient $C_j(T)$ 65



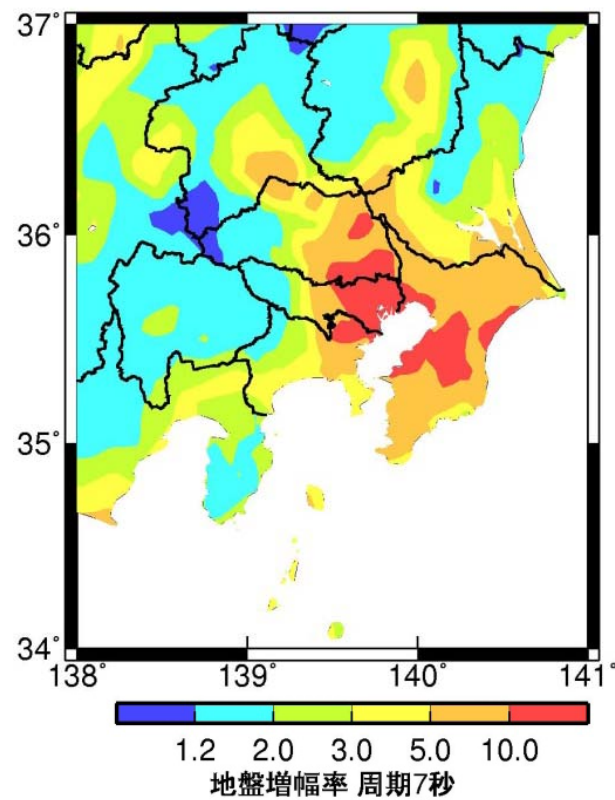
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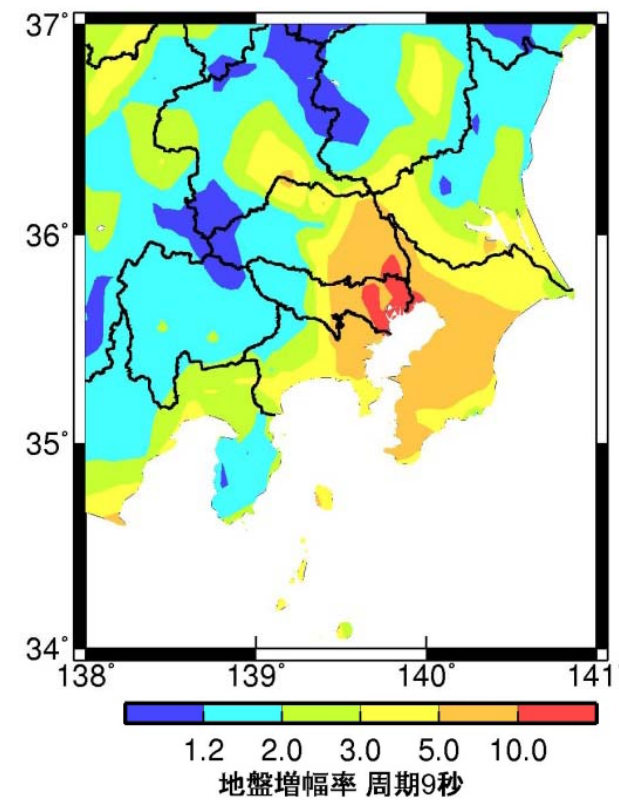
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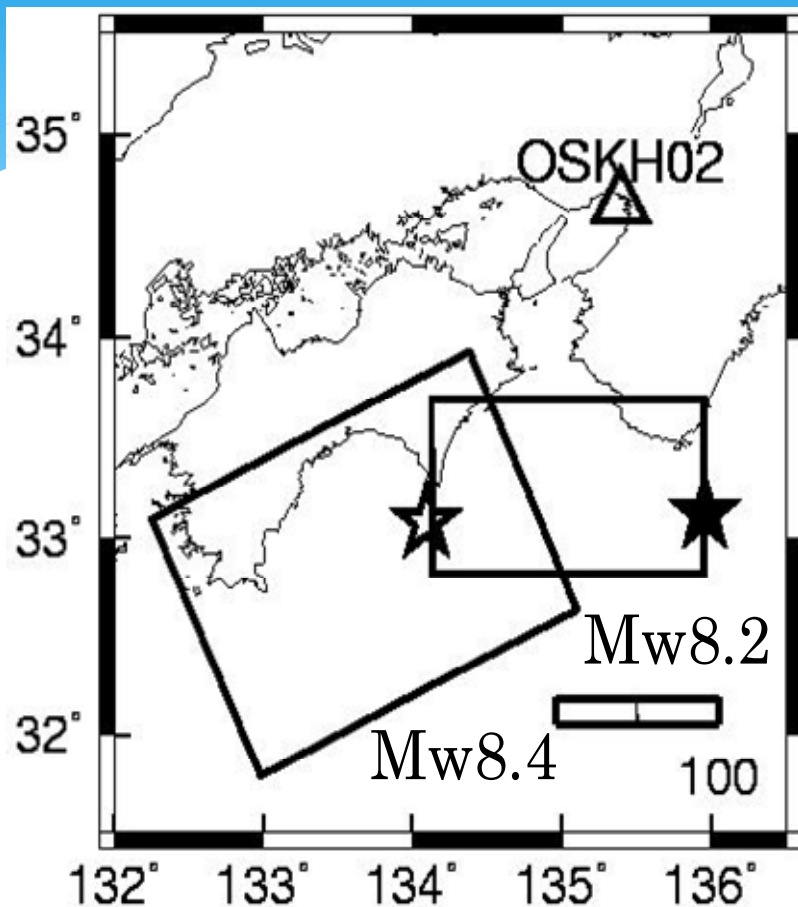


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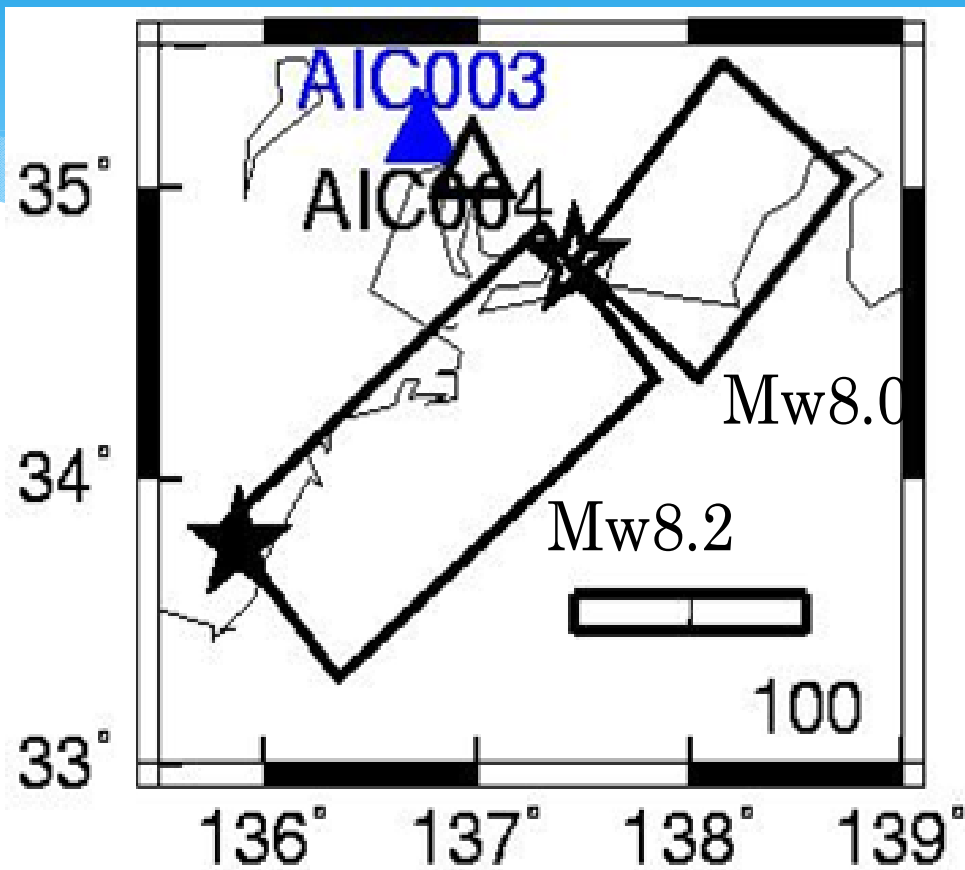


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# Simulated ground motion for large earthquakes

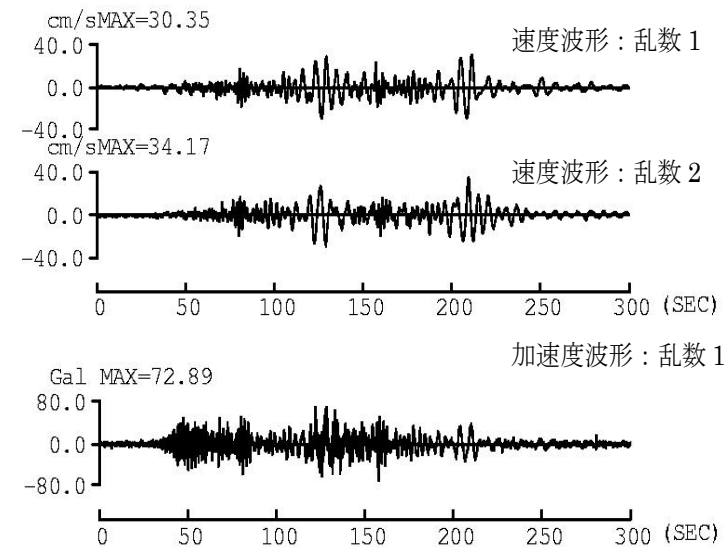
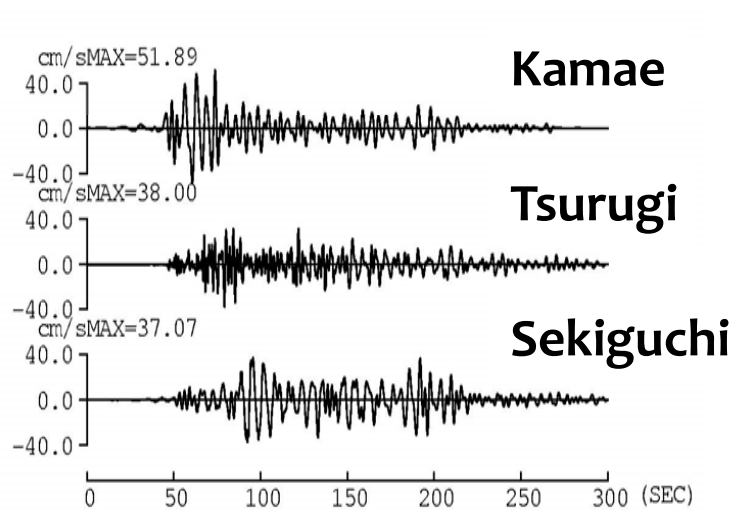
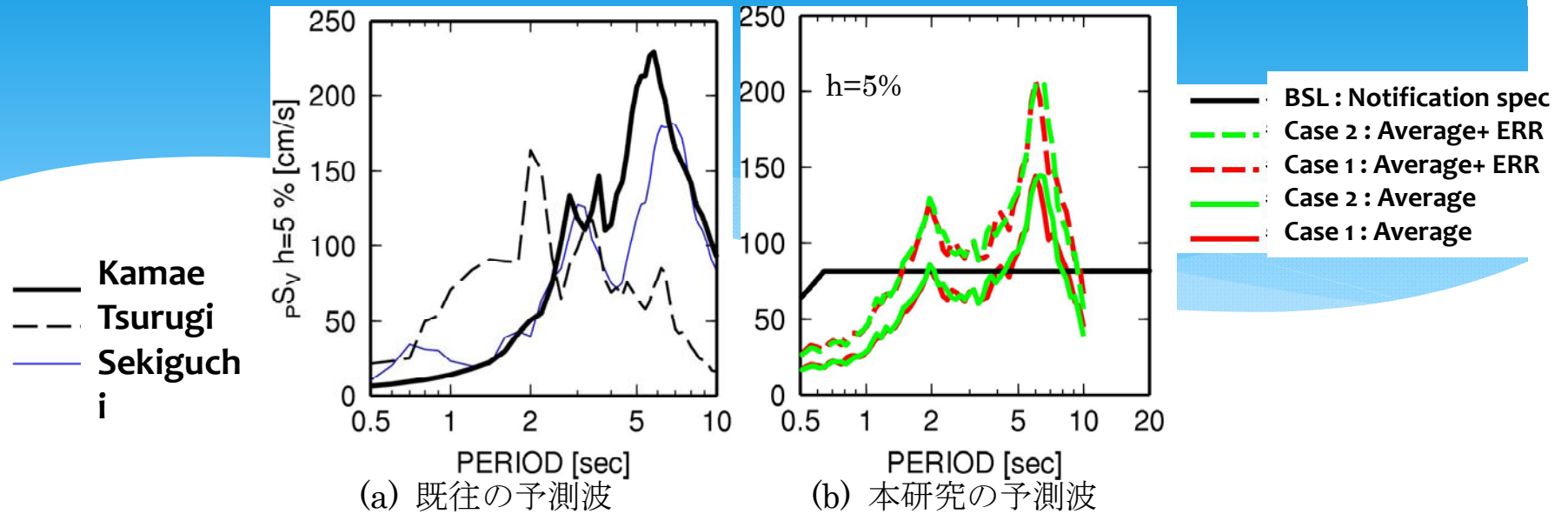


(a) Nankai earthquake

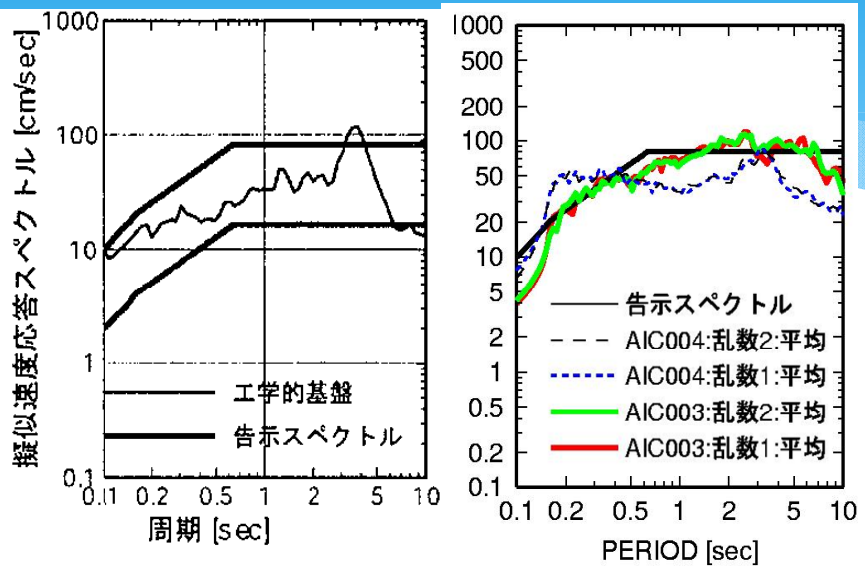


(b) Tokai-Tonankai earthquake

# Simulated ground motion for Nankai earthquake<sup>68</sup>

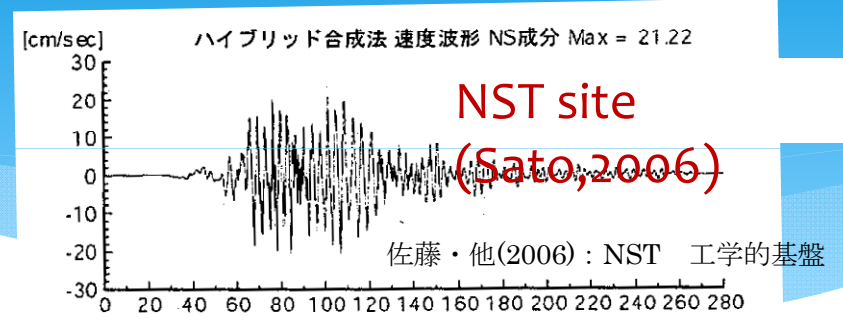
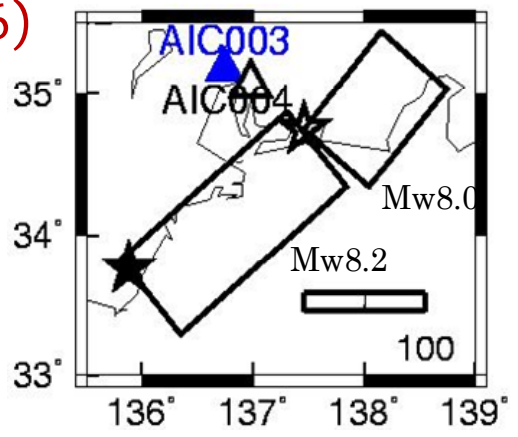


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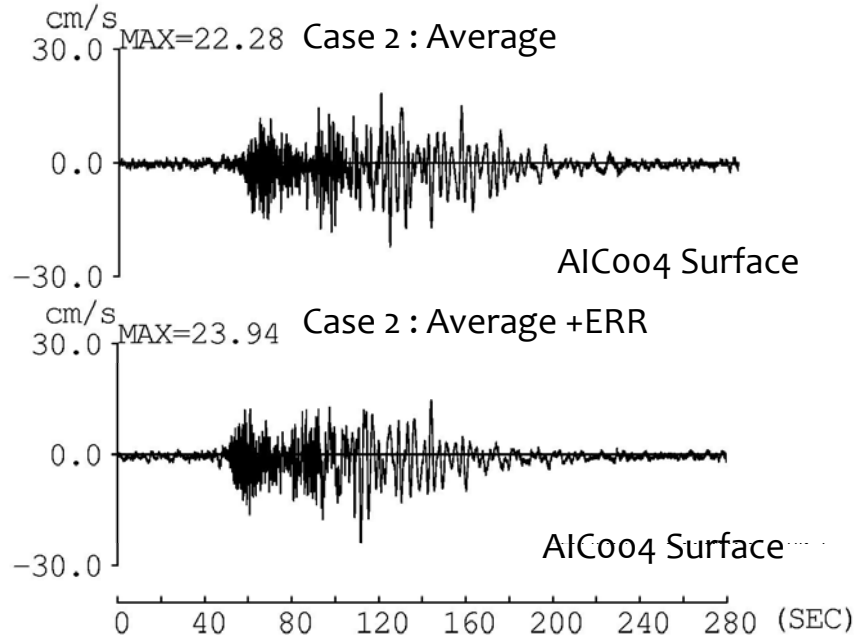


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(Sato,2006)

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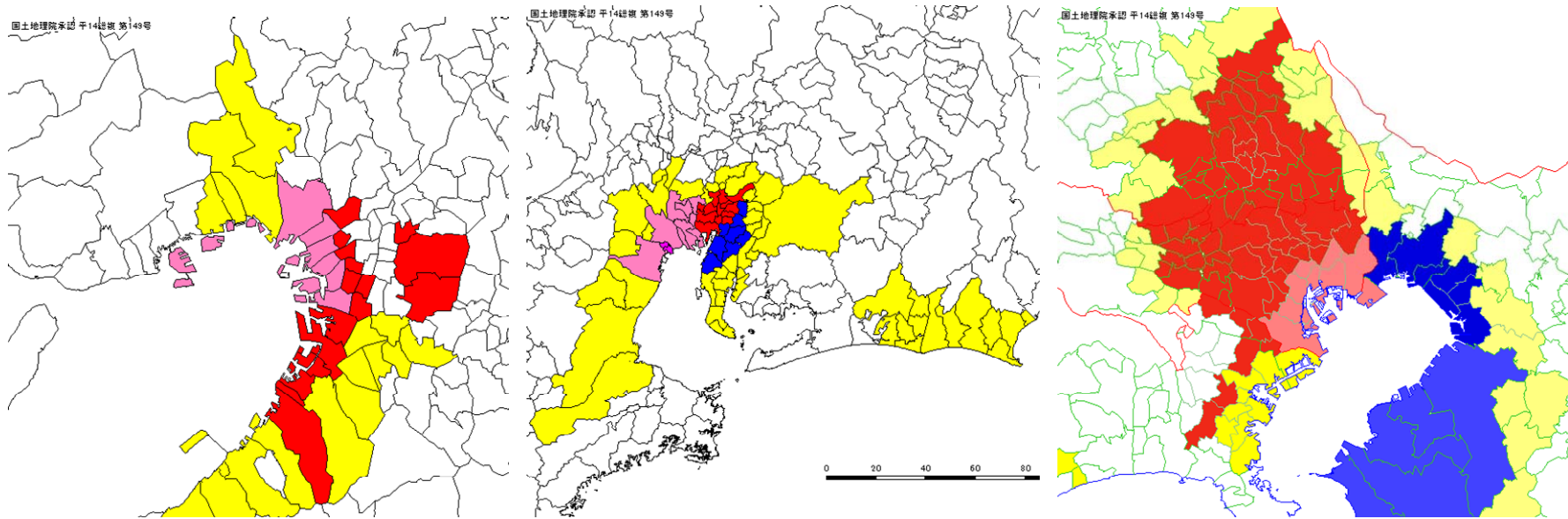
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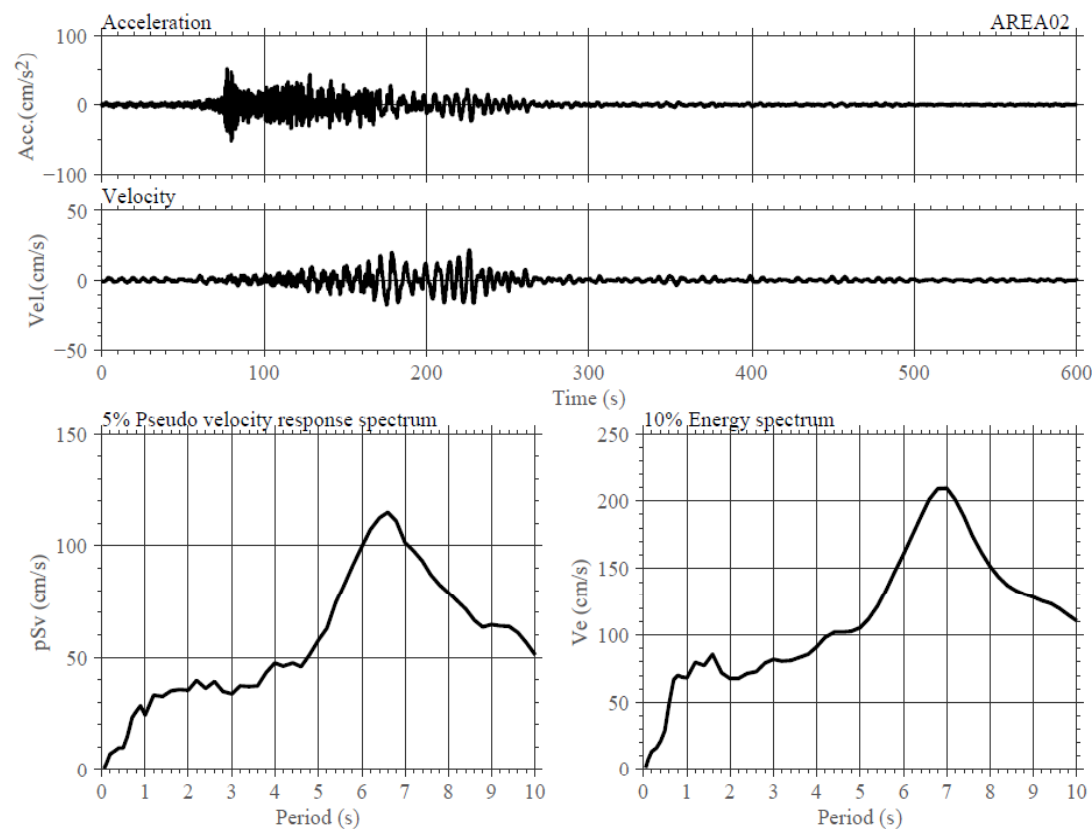


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# Area 9 (representing Tokyo Bay area)





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