

Performance of Buildings under the Coming Mid-size Earthquake beneath Tokyo Metropolitan Area

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We had very severe earthquakes in East Japan last year and suffered a lot of damages not only in the district near the epicenter but in the distant area. Especially those damages around Tokyo area were mainly not to main structure but to non-structural components. Furthermore, another mid-size earthquake will be forecasted beneath Tokyo metropolitan area near future. Here, we tried to simulate the response of many types of buildings under the artificial ground-motions of a coming earthquake.

the Coming Mid-size Earthquake beneath Tokyo metropolitan area

Since two plates have sunk beneath Tokyo area, the occurring earthquake can consider various types. The Central Disaster Prevention Council 2004 (like FEAMA) is performing assessment of damage by each earthquake supposing 18 kinds of earthquakes. This study has done based on the northern Tokyo Bay earthquake which is expected to have the largest number of victims or the greatest economic impact among 18 scenarios.

Selection of Examination Point, and Feature of Subsurface Layer

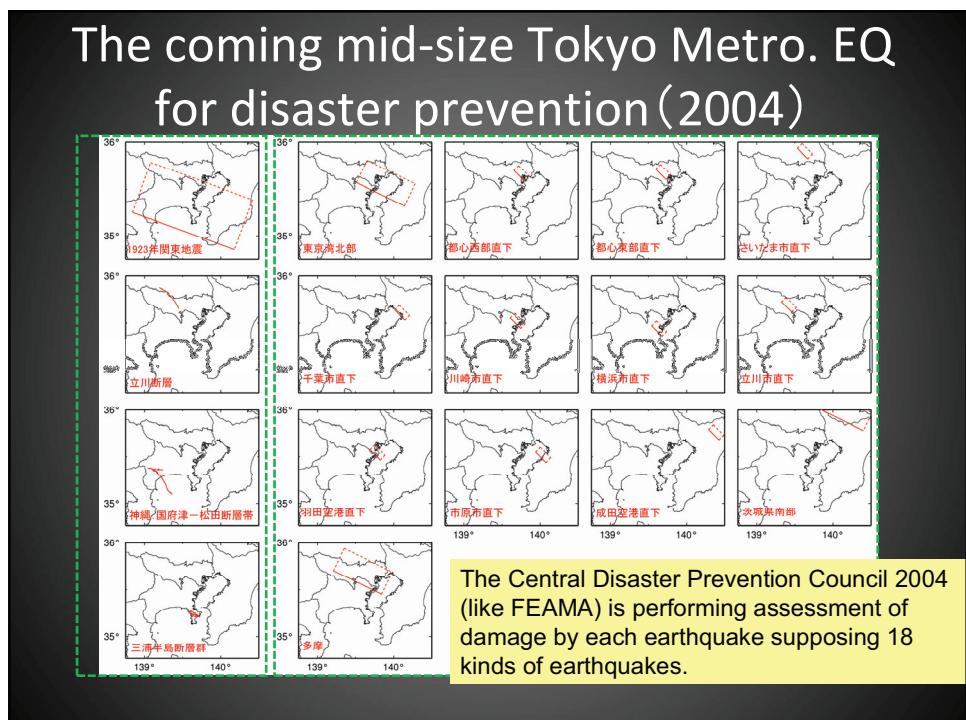
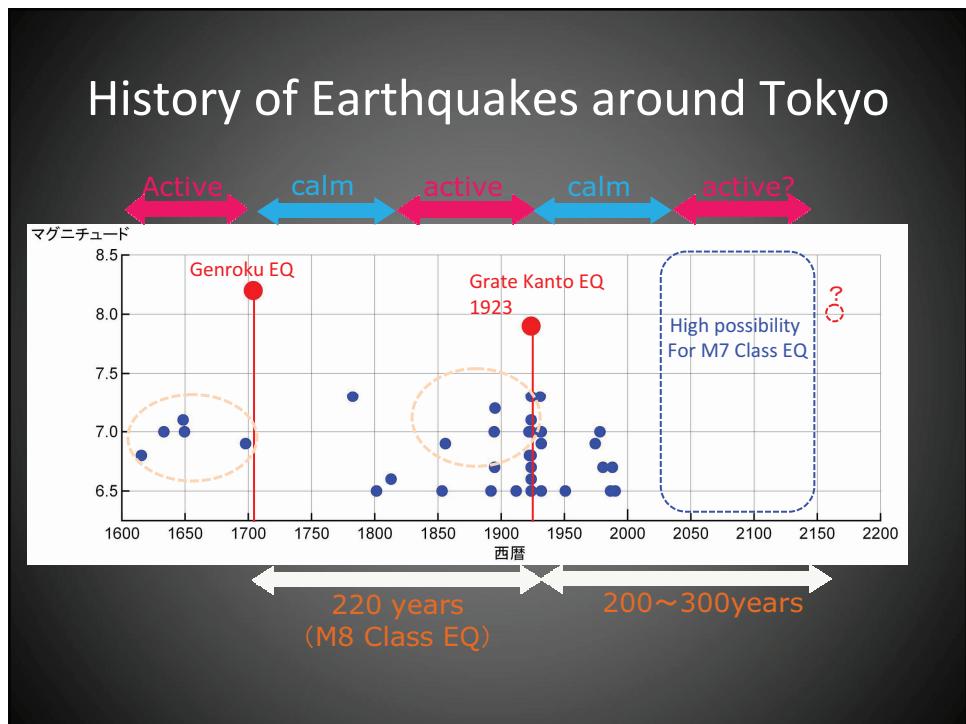
Based on the assumed position and earthquake size of the northern Tokyo Bay fault, the subsurface layer was assumed in every five points.

Five points are Shinjuku (following SITE-S), Kasumigaseki (following SITE-K), Urayasu (following SITE-U), Makuhari (following SITE-M), and Yokohama (following SITE-Y).

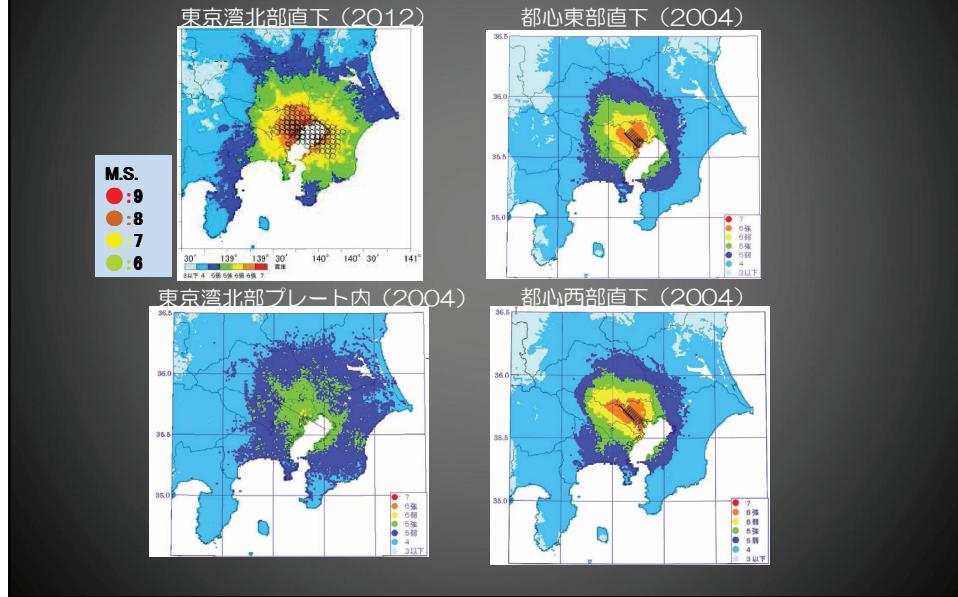
The artificial ground motion was generated using hybrid procedure that combines finite difference modeling at low frequencies with stochastic modeling at high frequencies.

Response of buildings on the site

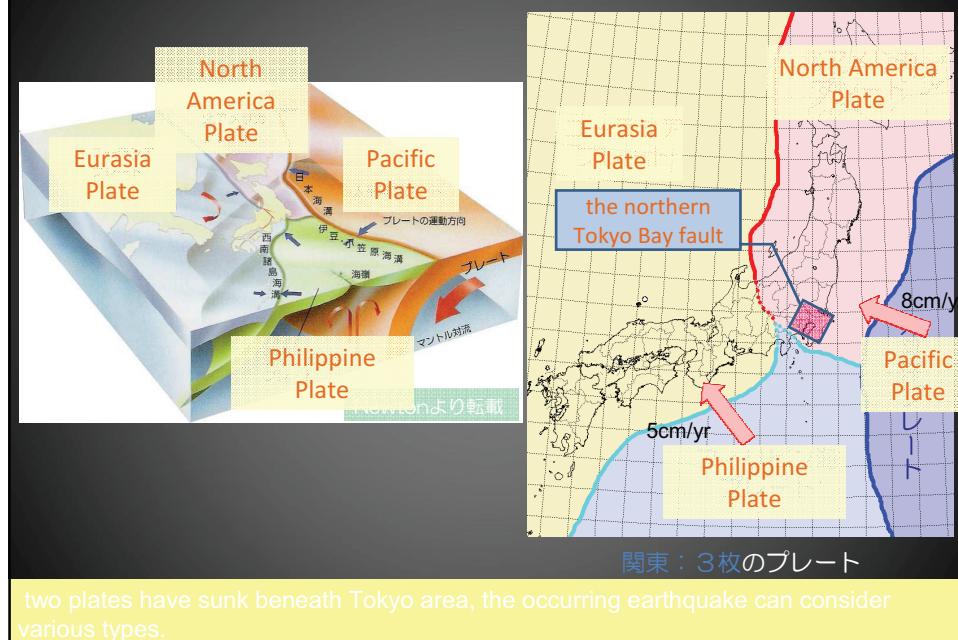
- Although the influence by the difference in the starting point of the rupture is not so great, influence may be great in the direction of the point away from the fault (SITE-Y, 1~2 s).
- According to the response spectra on surface, high cycle components prominent at SITE-S,K(good subsurface) and low cycle components(1~2s) prominent at SITE-U,Y(deep subsurface).
- The response of the low-mid rise building may become larger than the design force depending on a site, while the response for high rise buildings may be smaller.
- The influence of fault modeling is great for response of buildings, and even if a fault and a scale are specified, it is difficult to predict the response of a building in a certain degree of accuracy.
- The accuracy of the response prediction from a fault to a building is still not sufficient, and the full-scale dynamic experiments of building are very effective.



Prediction for EQ. intensity



Intersection for 3-Plates

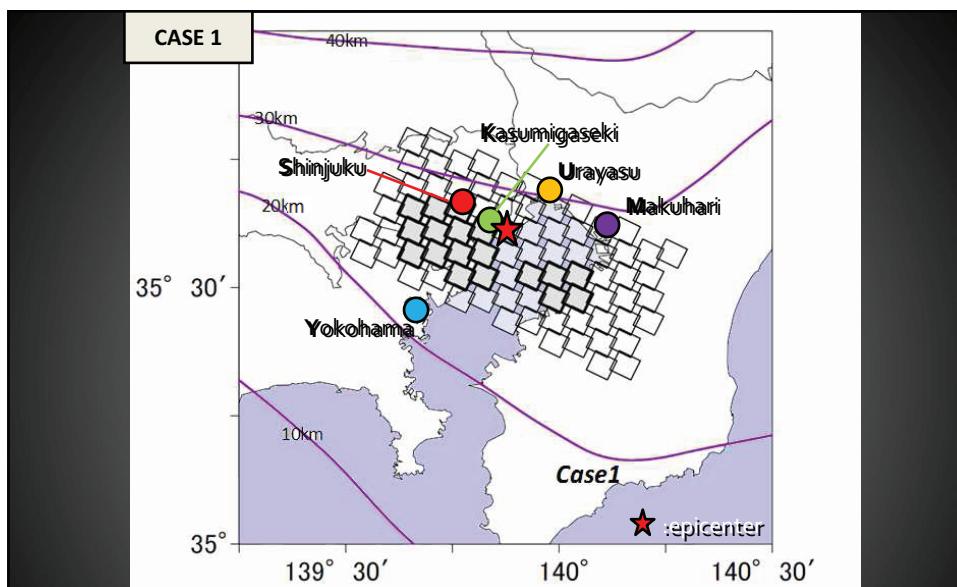


Fault model spec.

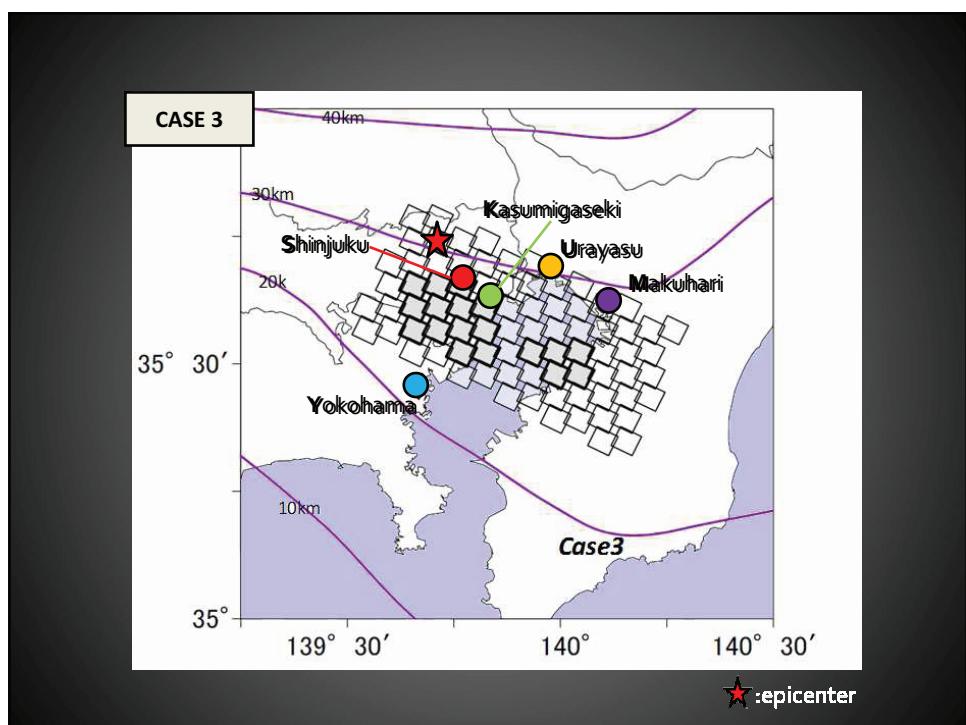
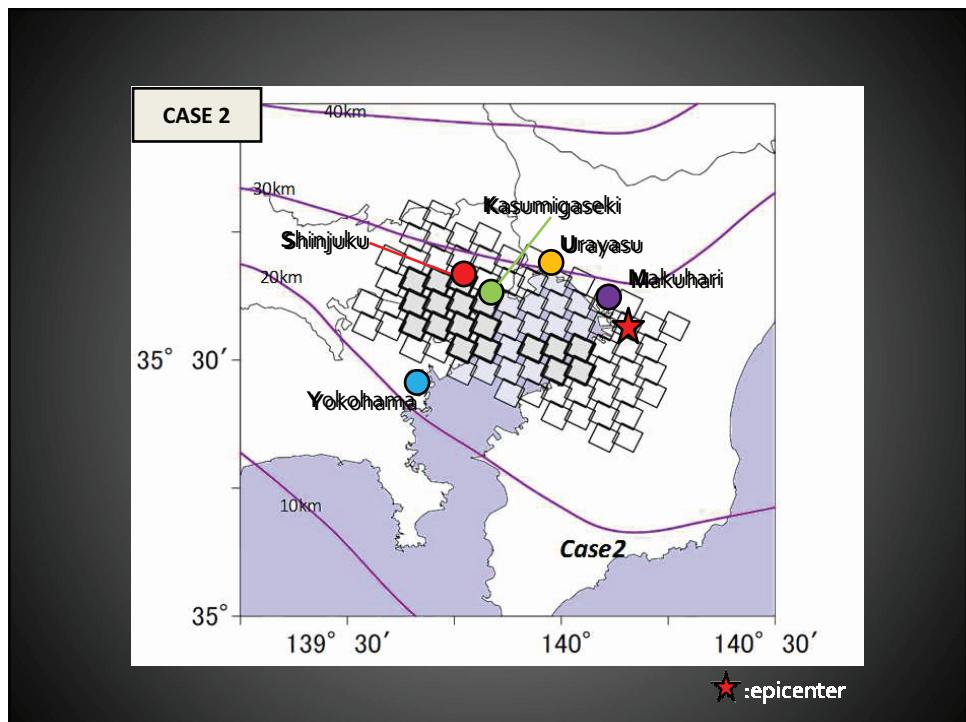
The main specifications of the set-up fault model are shown below.

Earthquake size: Mw7.3
Tomographic-layer product: 63 km x 32 km
Strike of a fault: 296 degrees
Inclination of a fault: 23 degrees
Slide angle: 138 degrees
Mean-stress descent: 3MPa
fmax: 6Hz
Rupture-propagation speed: 2.5 km/s

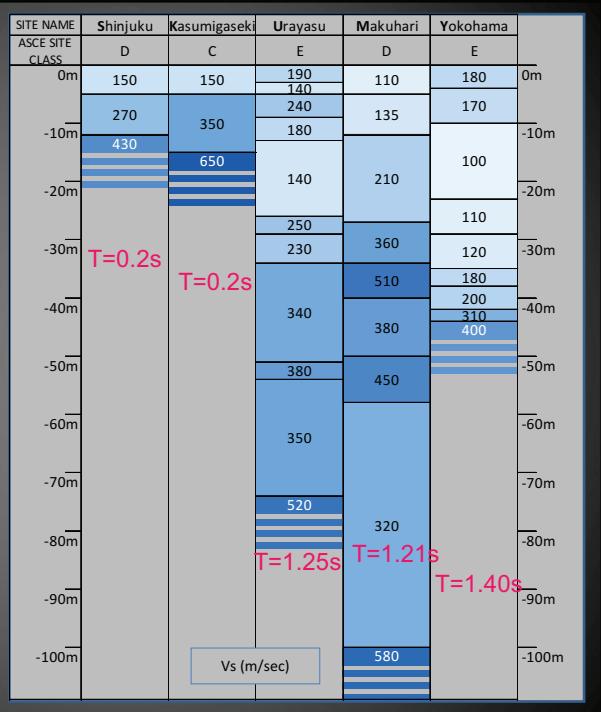
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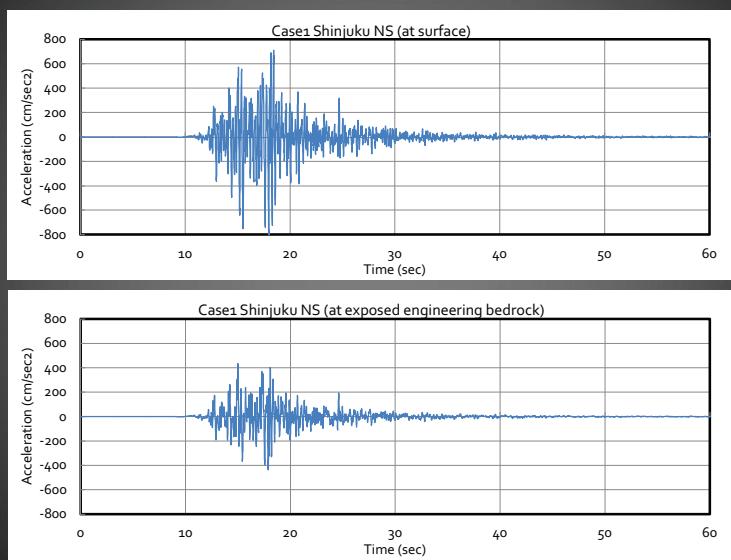
About the rupture starting point, Three different type were considered.
Case-1:from center of the fault, Case-2:from east part of the fault and
Case-3:from west part of the fault



Site Spec.

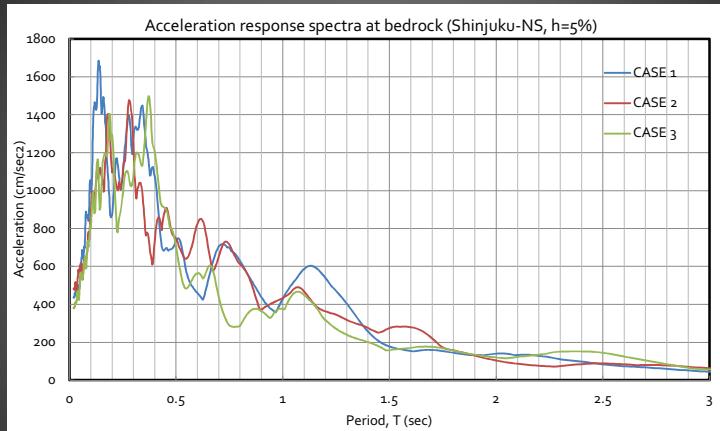


Example of Acceleration on the ground level & at the level of the seismic bedrock at SITE-S

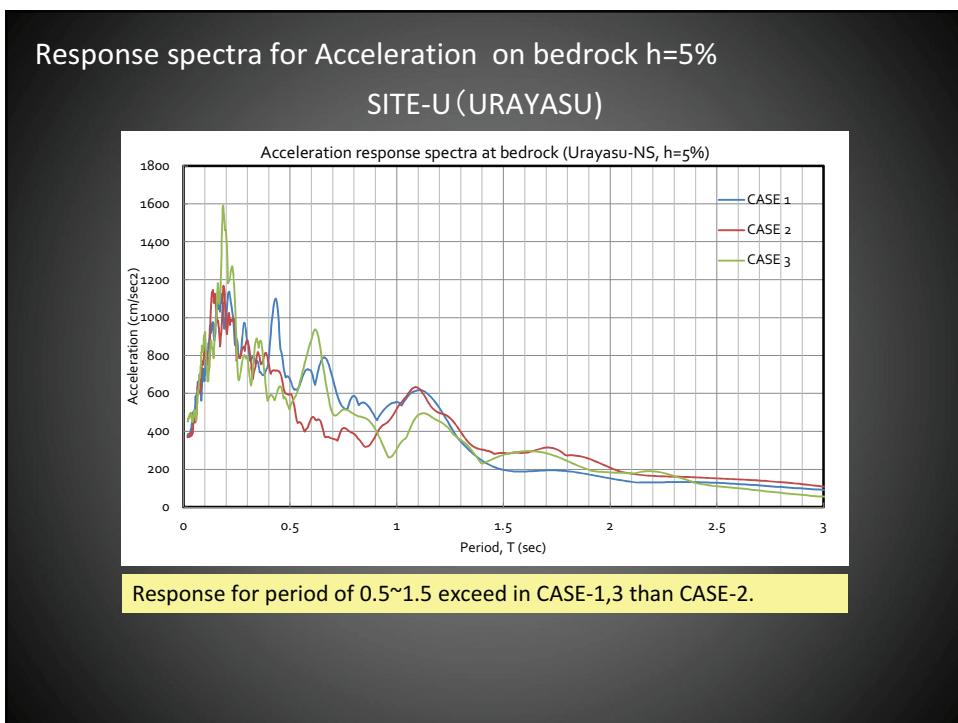
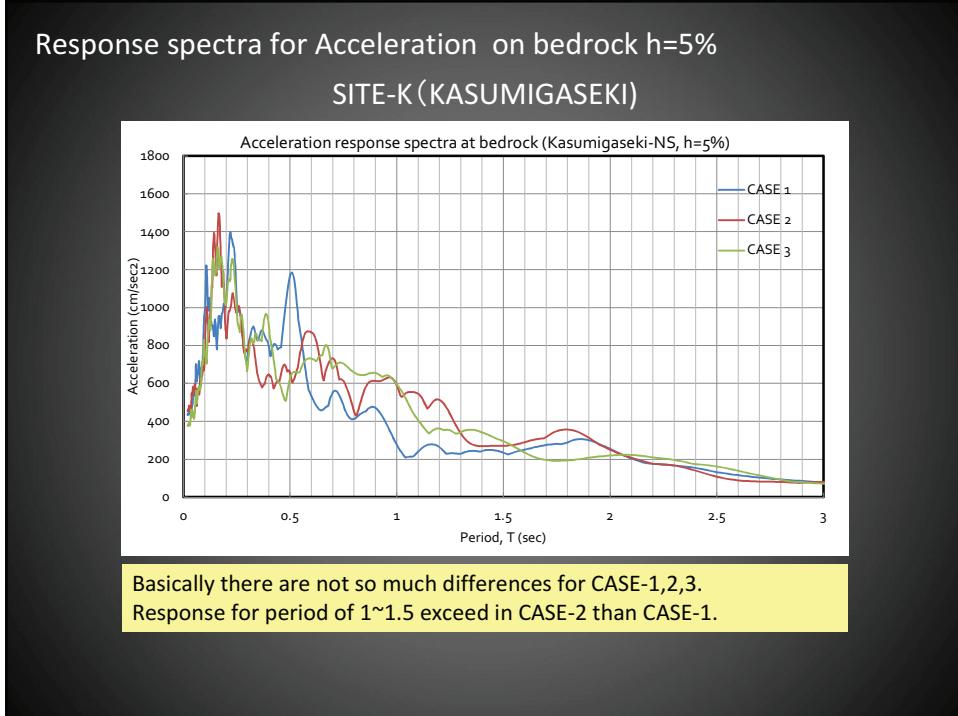


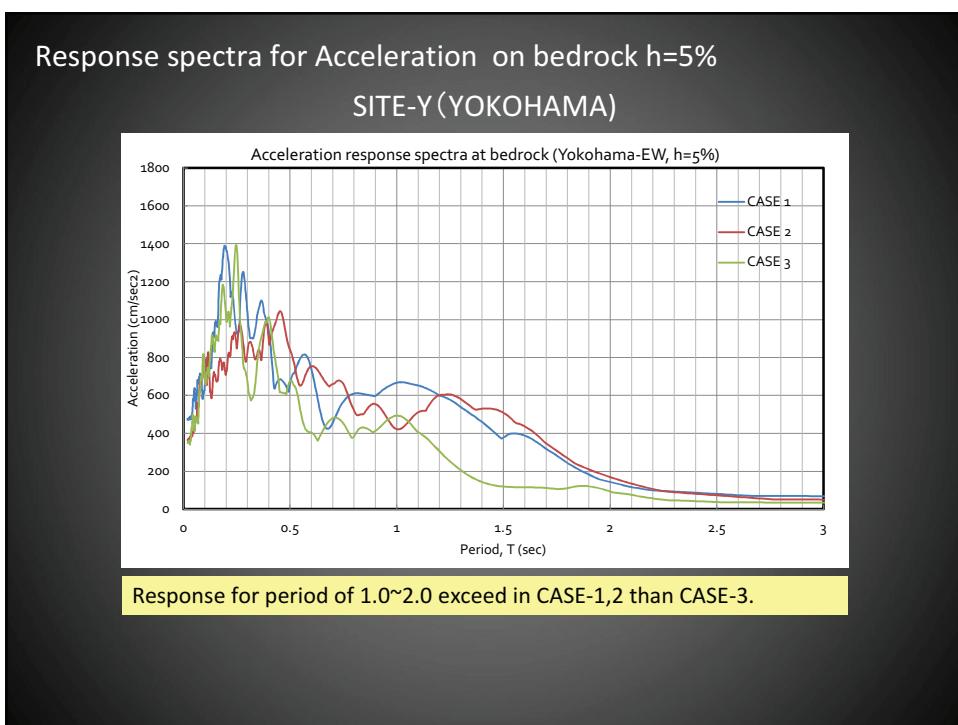
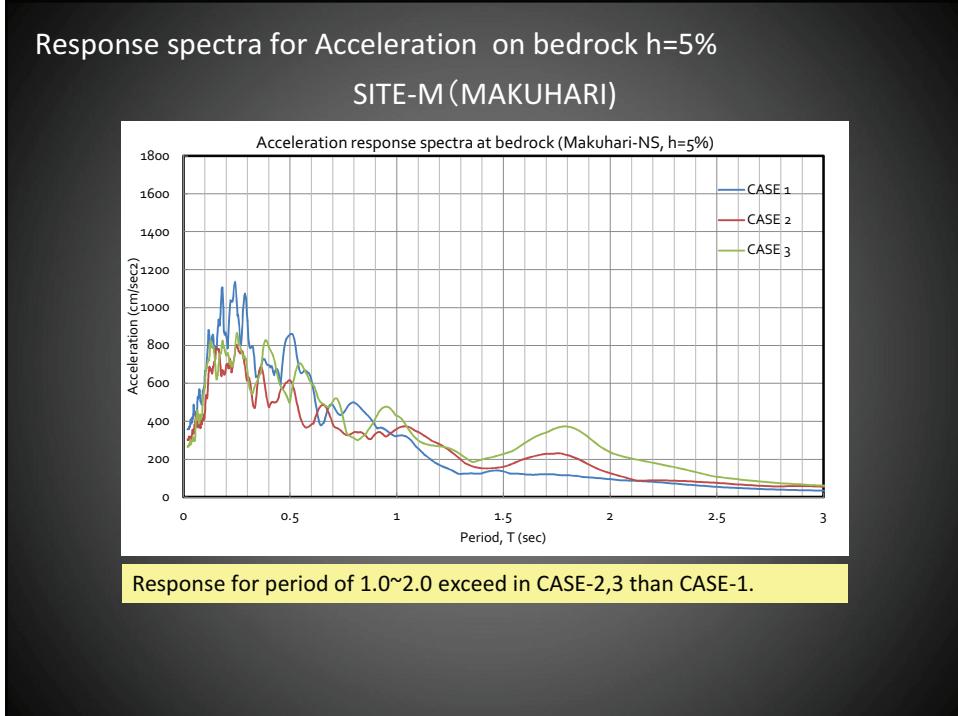
- 1) Comparison of ACC. Response spectra ($h=5\%$)
on bed-rock ($V_s > 400 \text{m/s}$) for 5-site
 - depend on Case-1,2,3
 - including design-earthquake force
- 2) Comparison of ACC. Response spectra ($h=5\%$)
on the ground level
 - $h=5\% \text{ & } 20\%$
- 3) Comparison of VELOCITY Response spectra ($h=5\%$)
 - bed-rock & on the ground level
- 4) Responses of 15 sample buildings
by results of non-linear time history analysis
with the effect of dissipation damping for 5-site

Response spectra for Acceleration on bedrock $h=5\%$
SITE-S (SHINJUKU)

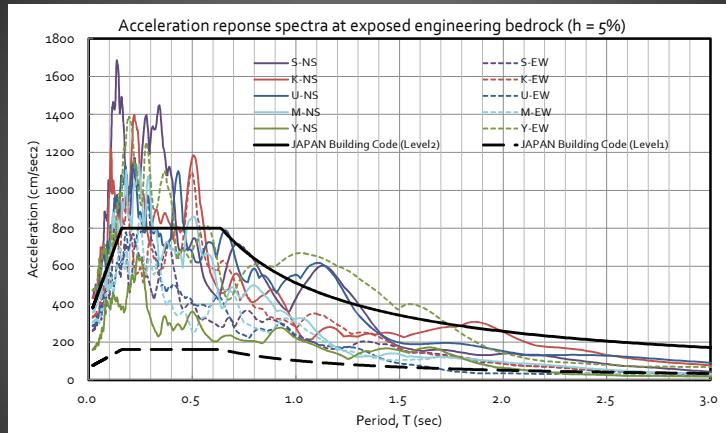


Basically there are not so much differences for CASE-1,2,3.
Response for period of 1~1.5 exceed in CASE-1.





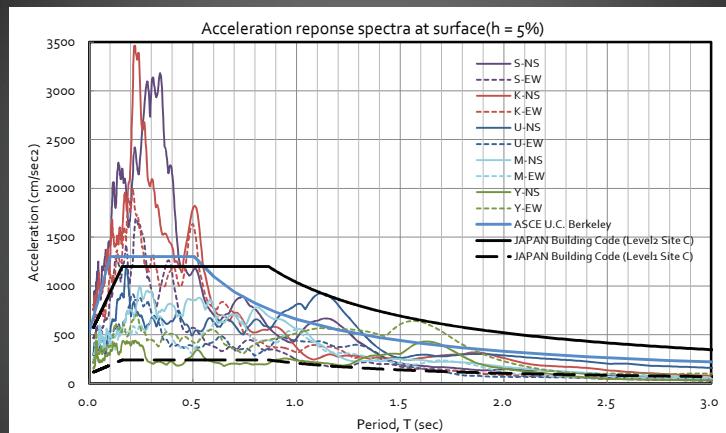
Response spectra for Acceleration on the bedrock level h=5%



Response for period of 1.0~1.5 exceed in SITE-Y than others.

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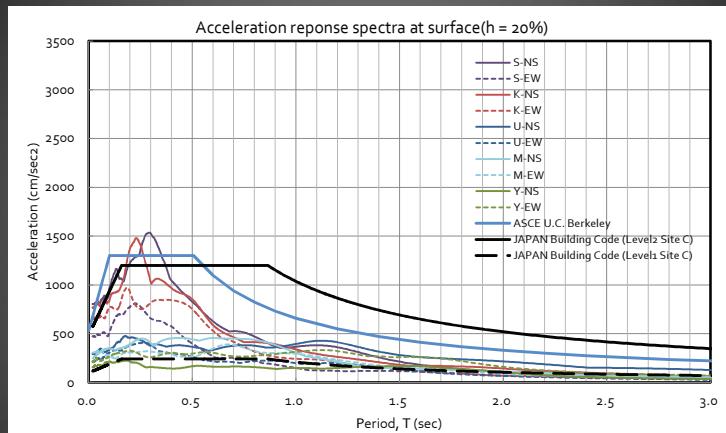
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Response for period of 0~0.5 exceed in SITE-S,K than others.
For period of 1.0~2.0, SITE-U,Y than others.

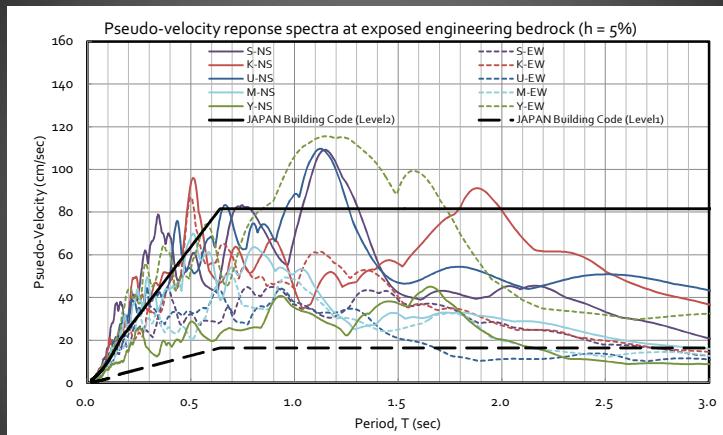
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Response spectra for Acceleration on the ground level h=20%

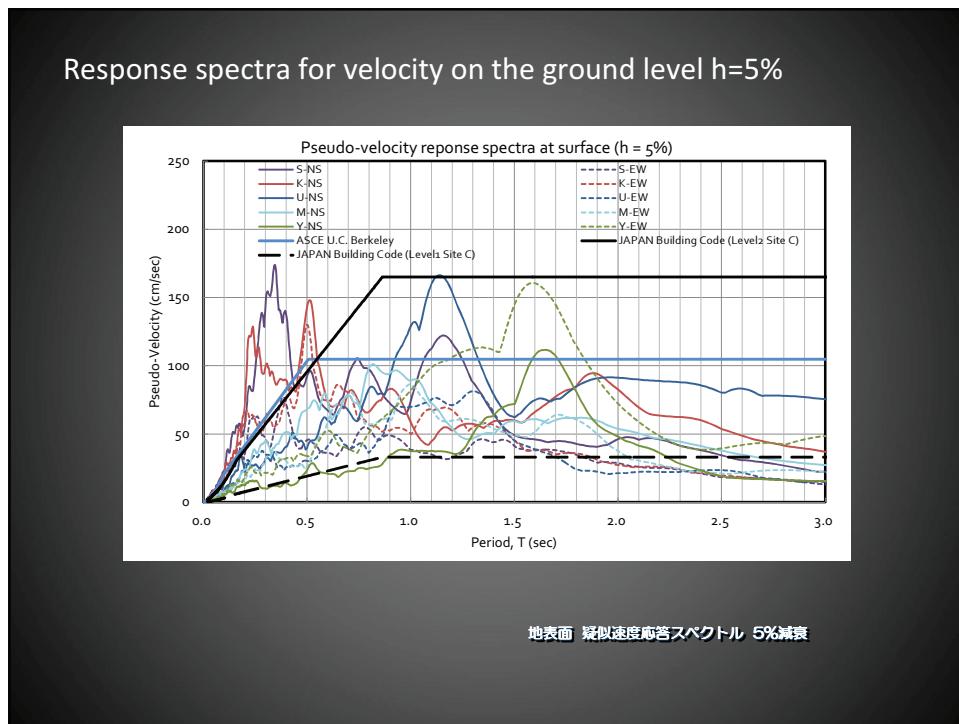


Taking into consideration about dissipation damping, The response of buildings will not so large.

Response spectra for velocity on the bedrock level h=5%



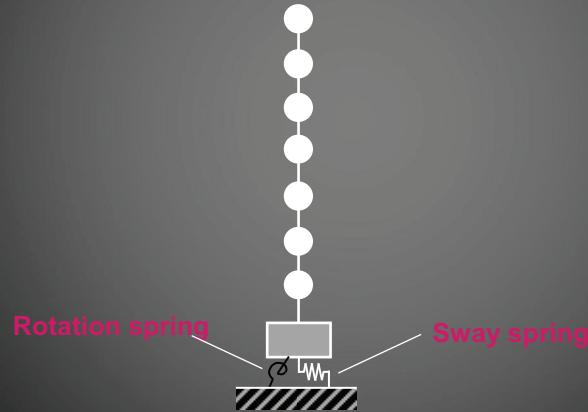
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15 sample buildings

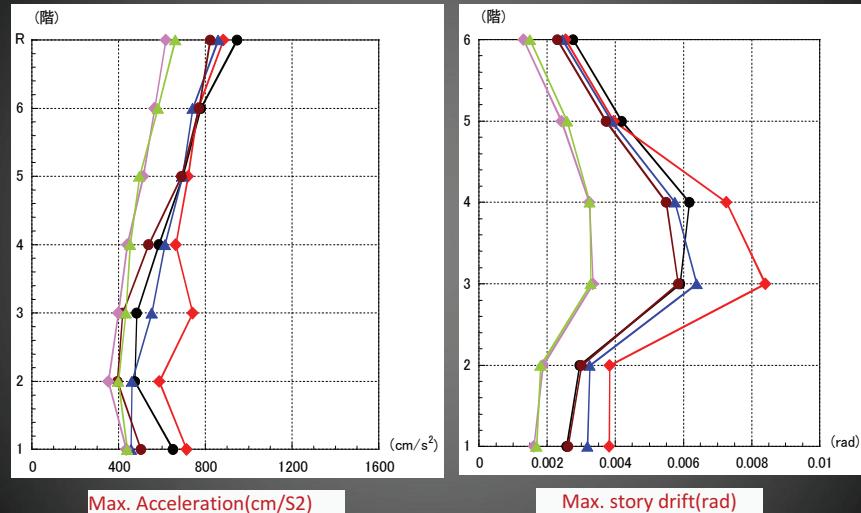
		Story			Height (m)	Length (m)	Width (m)
		Basement	Ground	Rooftop			
HIGH-RISE	Steel 1	4	35	3	163.0	61.6	51.6
	Steel 2	3	31	1	139.9	70.5	45.7
	RC	—	30	—	93.1	31.8	27.6
	Base Isolation	1	42	2	144.1	39.5	39.5
MIDDLE-RISE	Steel 1	—	10	1	40.3	32.6	20.2
	Steel 2	1	14	1	58.0	32.0	18.6
	RC	—	15	—	43.9	45.0	14.0
	SRC	1	9	2	30.5	31.5	23.5
	Base Isolation	1	8	1	29.9	72.3	29.9
LOW-RISE	Steel 1	—	5	1	20.5	33.6	20.2
	RC 1	1	6	1	20.2	18.4	13.5
	RC 2	1	2	—	10.3	18.8	13.8
	SRC	1	5	1	19.9	36.0	27.0
	Base Isolation 1	—	4	1	12.3	24.8	14.0
	Base Isolation 2	2	3	—	9.5	32.9	30.8

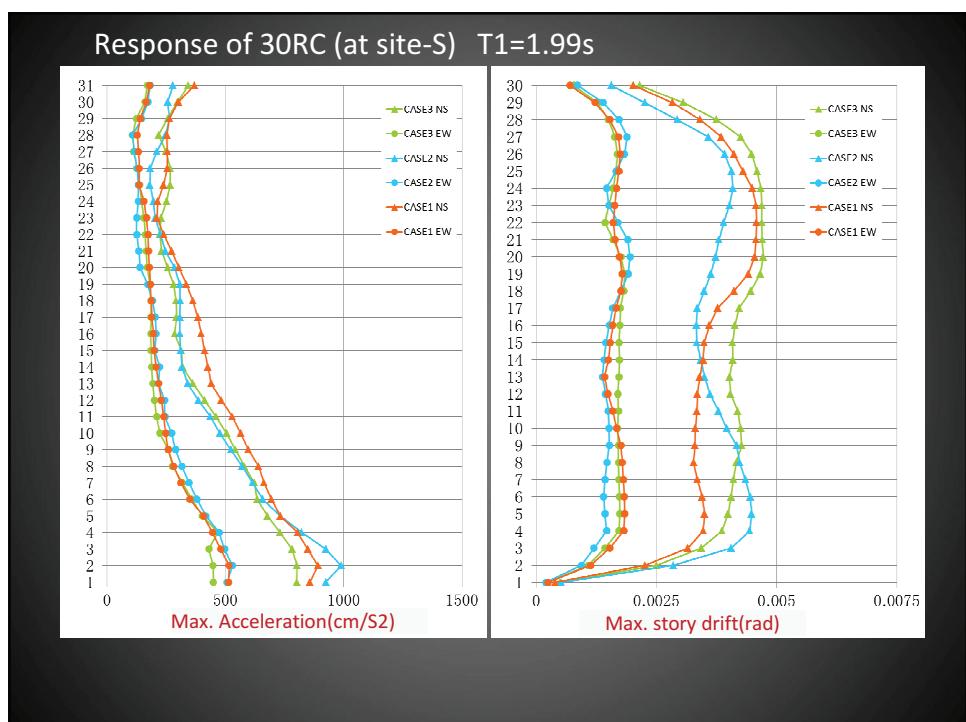
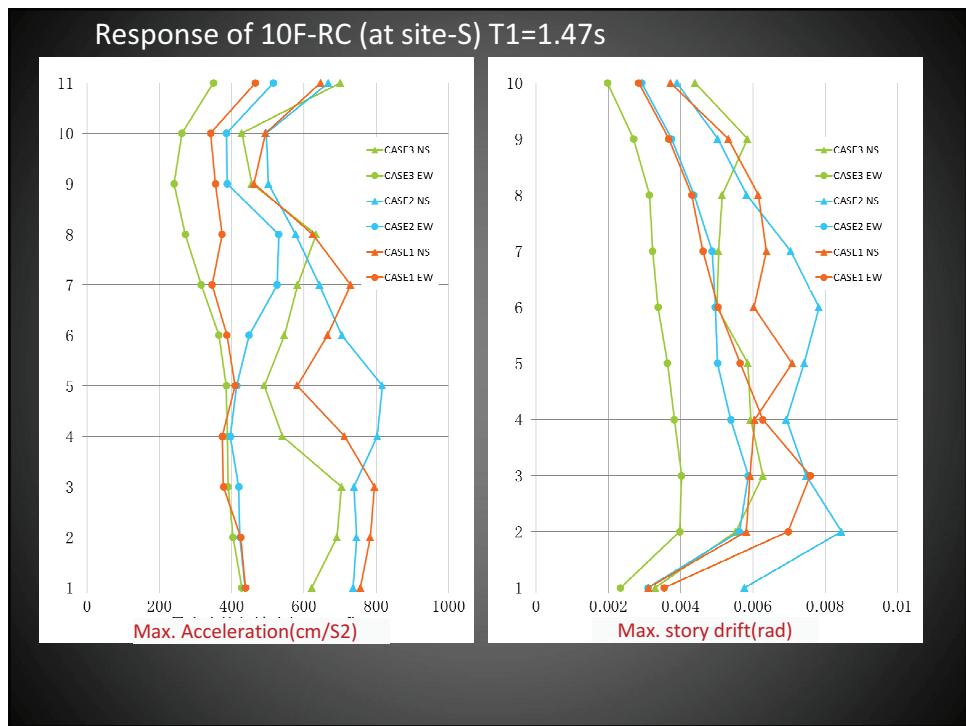
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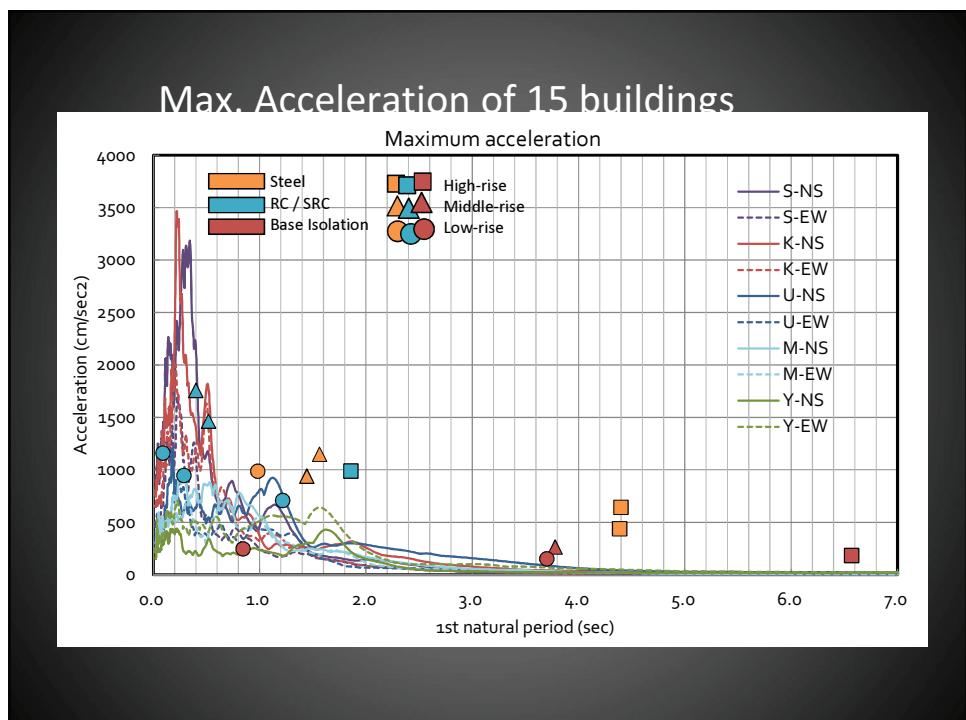
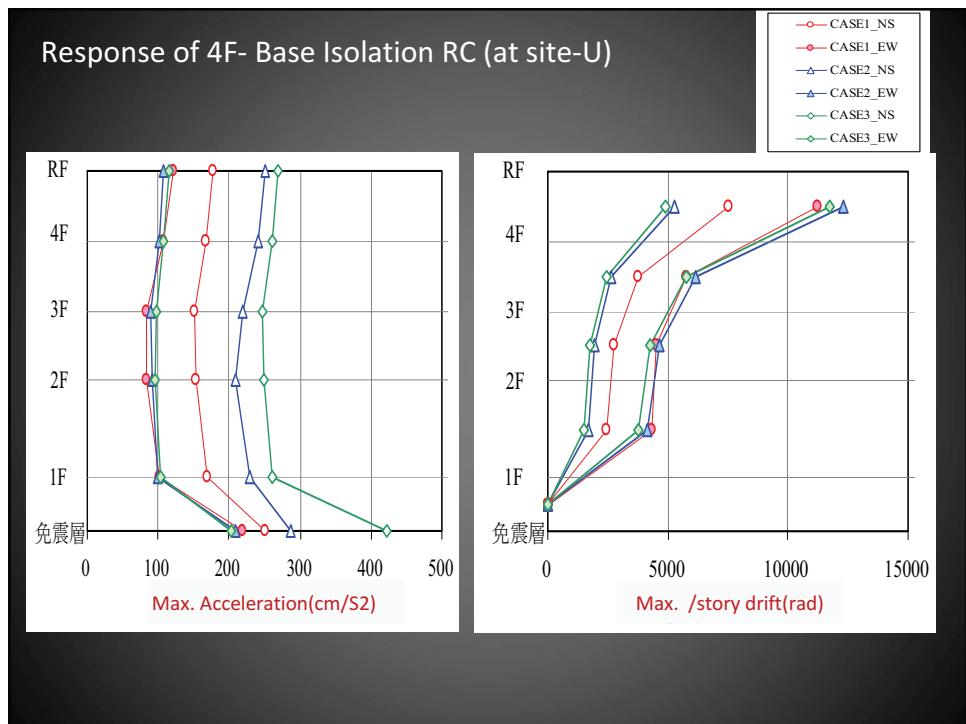


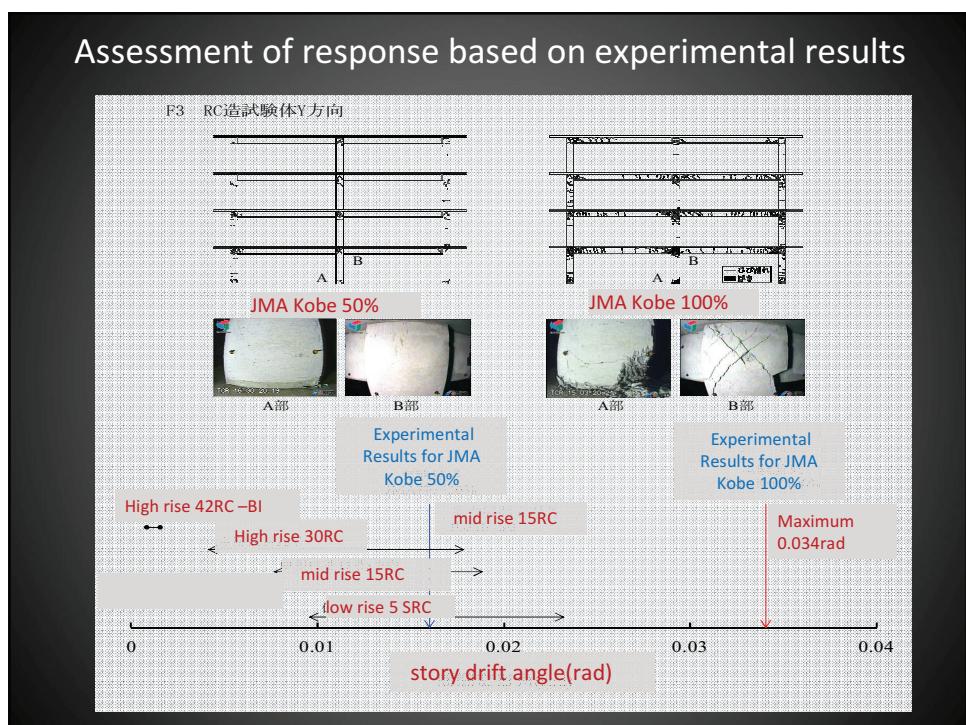
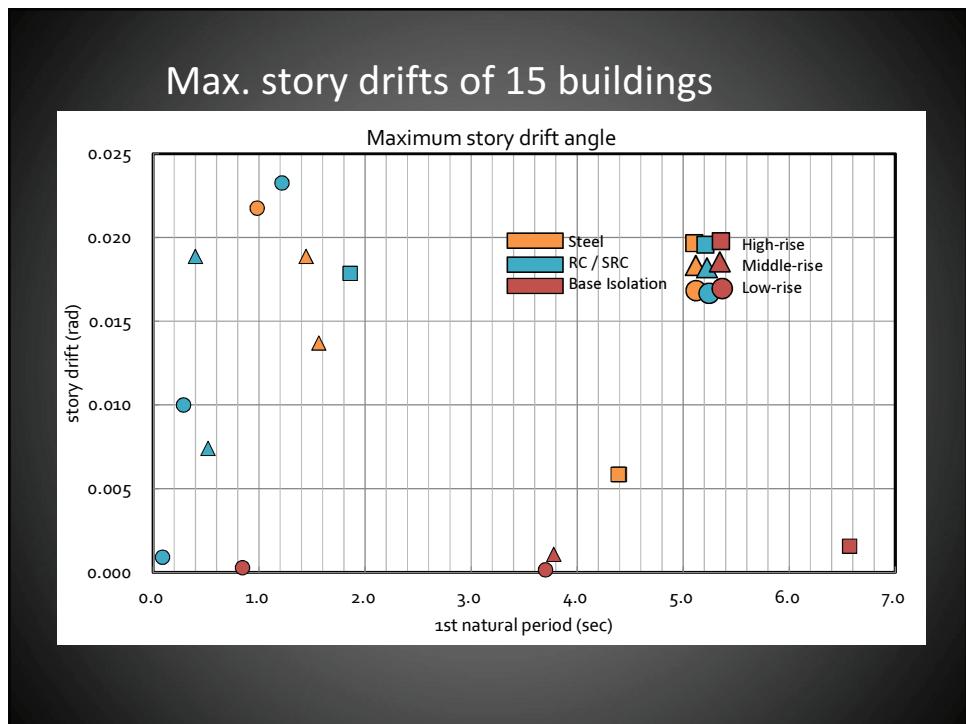
Response of 6F-RC (at site-K) T1=0.4

● NS Case1	● EW Case1
◆ NS Case2	◆ EW Case2
▲ NS Case3	▲ EW Case3

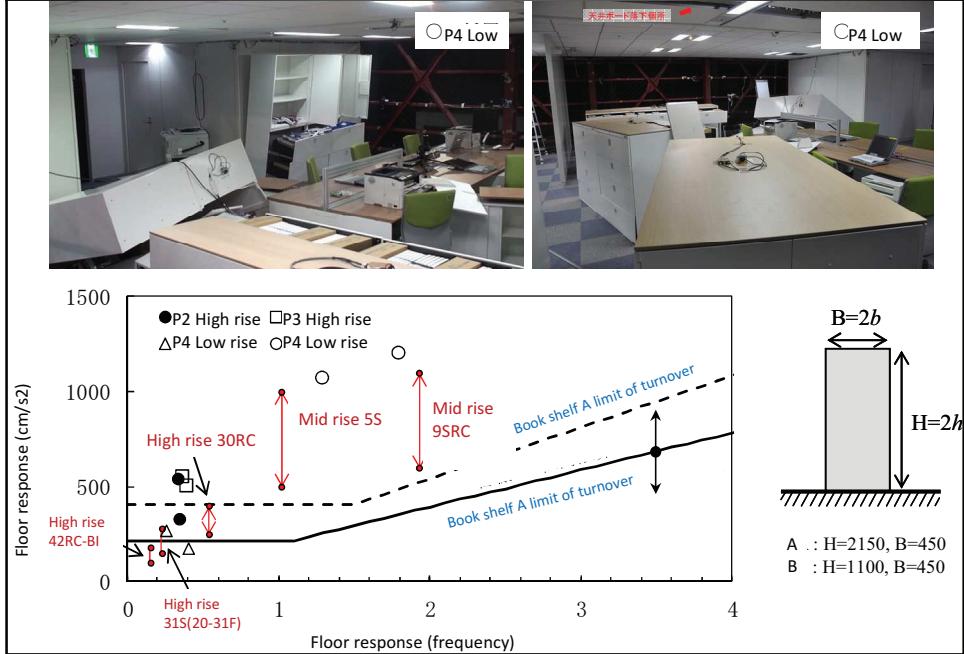








Assessment of response based on experimental results



Conclusion

- The response of the low-mid rise building may become larger than the design force depending on a site, while the response for high rise buildings may be smaller.
- The simulation for the ground motion at particular earthquake still have indefinite uncertainty.
- Structural engineers should understand there are still the uncertainties for artificial ground motion.
- Earthquake motion prediction and earthquake motion input evaluation are the information which should be made the big ground of a designer's judgment in the proper design of a building, and the designer needs to judge those information humbly and needs to make it reflected in a design.

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