

Summary Report of Hualien Earthquake in Taiwan on April 3, 2024 (2nd edition, V2.0)

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Outline

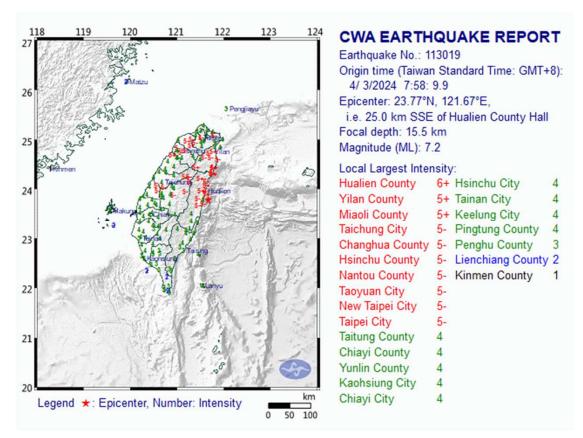
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The 3rd Apr. 2024, Hualien, Taiwan earthquake

- A local magnitude M_L 7.2 earthquake occurred at 7:58:09 on 3rd Apr. 2024 local time (UTC+8). The epicenter is located offshore Hualien (25 km from the government building of Hualien County at SSE direction). The intensity was reported as 6+ in 和平, 6- in Hualien City and 太魯閣, and 5- in Taipei and New Taipei city.
- The epicenter is located at N 23.77°, E 121.67°, and the epicenter depth is 15.5km.

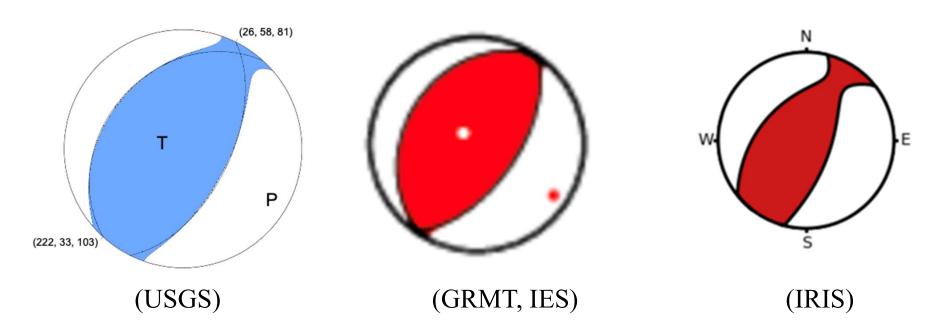


From Central Weather Administration



Focal Mechanism

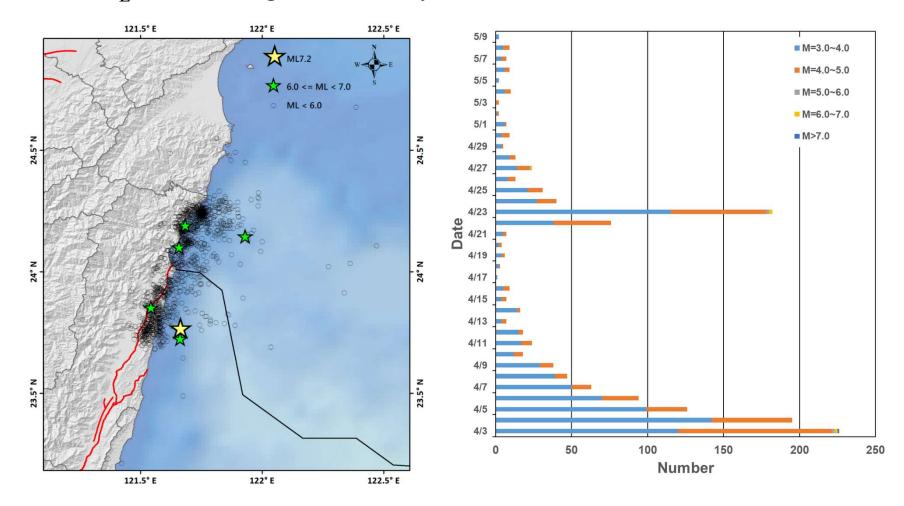
- The USGS's W-phase and Centroid Moment Tensor announcement indicates reverse faulting, in which the resolved moment magnitude (Mw) is 7.37 and the focal depth is 23.5 km.
- The Global Real-Time Moment Tensor Monitoring System by IES resolved a similar focal mechanism with the USGS. The resulting Mw is 7.66, and the focal depth is 35.5 km.
- Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) IES resolved a similar focal mechanism.





Aftershock Activities

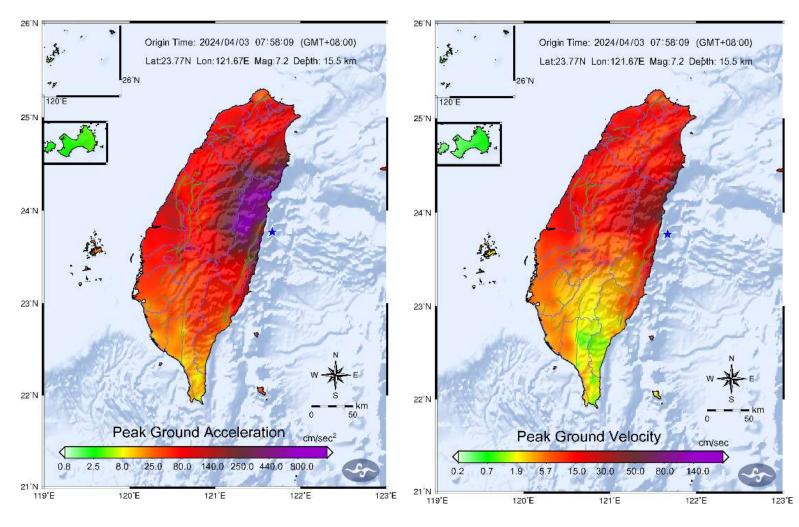
■ The Central Weather Administration (CWA) announced 1416 aftershocks until 11:02 on 9th May, including four events with magnitudes greater than M_L 6.0. The highest intensity of this event is 5+.





PGA and PGV Map by CWA

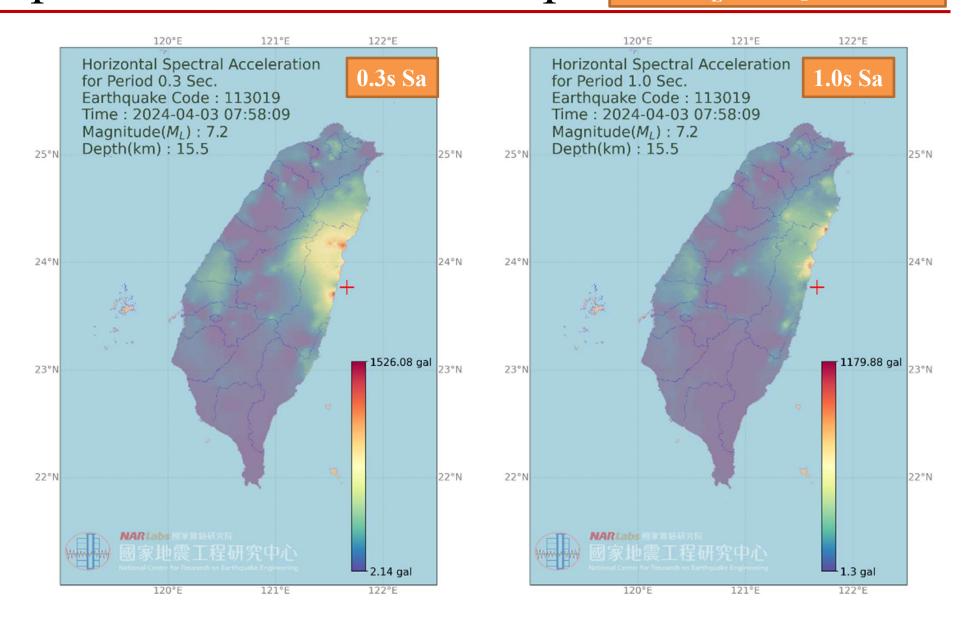
0403 M_L7.2, Depth 15.5km





Spectral Acceleration Maps

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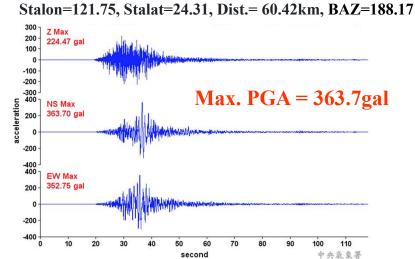
Time Histories



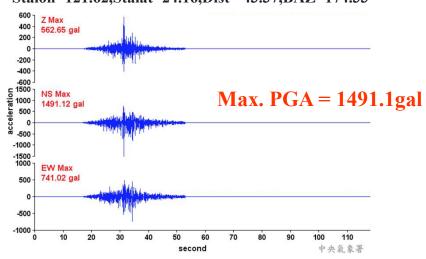
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Heping (EHP), Int.= 6-

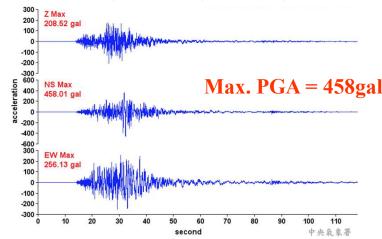


Taroko (ETL), Int.= 6-Stalon=121.62, Stalat=24.16, Dist= 43.37, BAZ=174.33



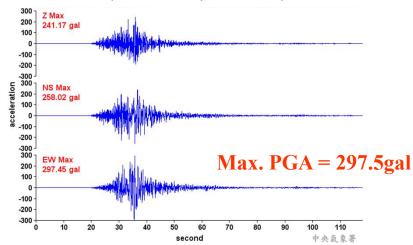
Hualien City (HWA), Int.= 6-

Stalon=121.61, Stalat=23.98, Dist=23.41, BAZ=167.05



Aohua (EAH), Int.= 5+

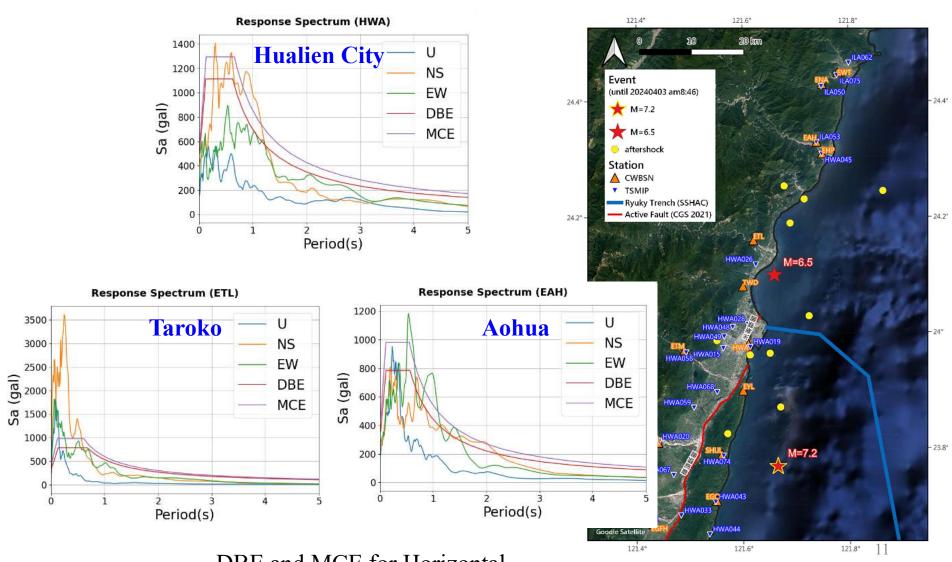
Stalon=121.74, Stalat=24.33, Dist=62.51, BAZ=186.94



Observed Data and Design Spectra



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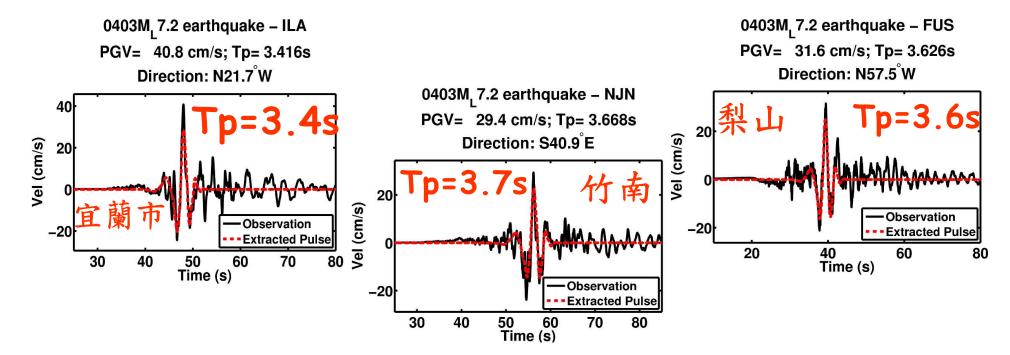


DBE and MCE for Horizontal



Pulse-Like Velocity Time Histories

- Three stations observed the pulse-like velocity (velocity pulse) from the Taiwan Rapid Earthquake Information Release System (RTD) till 15:30 on 3rd Apr. The extracted pulses are derived from Shahi and Baker's 2014 method. The corresponding pulse periods are 3.4 to 3.7 seconds.
- The PGV observed near the source at 和平、Hualien city are 65.7cm/s and 56.3cm/s, which are larger than the three stations but did not extract a velocity pulse.





Pulse-Like Velocity Time Histories

■ There are 11 additional pulse-like velocity time history observed by the TSMIP stations, listed as follows:

Station codes	Longitude	Latitude	Pulse Period(s)	PGV(cm/s)
ILA	121.76	24.76	3.4	40.8
FUS	121.24	24.25	3.6	31.6
NJN	120.87	24.68	3.7	29.4
ILA004	121.7907	24.7435	2.9	55.4
ILA006	121.8327	24.6397	3.1	50.9
ILA026	121.7728	24.6733	4.0	49.2
ILA037	121.7228	24.7435	2.5	42.5
ILA042	121.7987	24.6875	2.9	59.3
ILA046	121.7423	24.6650	3.4	27.2
ILA049	121.7563	24.7638	3.4	40.9
ILA059	121.8297	24.6655	3.4	55.5
ILA068	121.8573	24.5972	1.5	36.6



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TCU033	120.8703	24.6835	3.9	33.6
TCU035	120.7970	24.6142	3.7	25.4

Report **NARLabs**

CWA Earthquake Report for the Largest aftershock

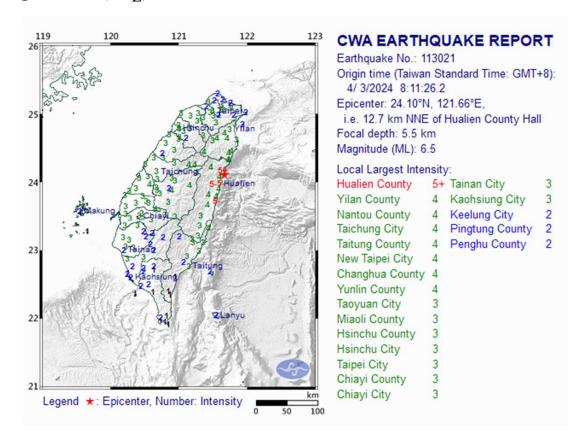
Earthquake No.: 113021

Origin time (Taiwan Standard Time: GMT+08:00): 4/3/2024 8:11:26.2

Location: 24.10N 121.66E, i.e. 12.7 km NNE of Hualien County

Depth: 5.5 km

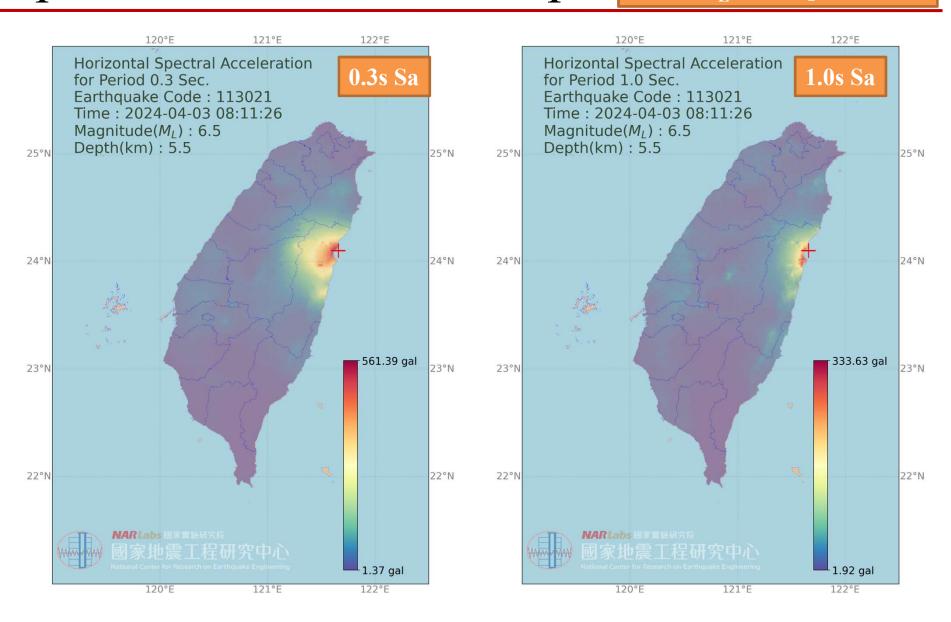
Magnitude(M_I): 6.5





Spectral Acceleration Maps

0403 M_L6.5, Depth 5.5km

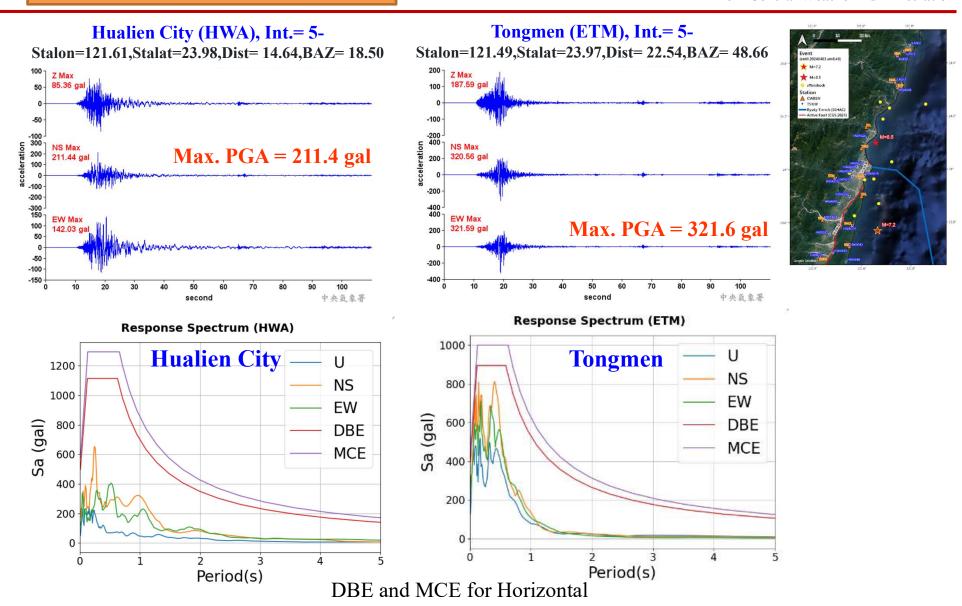


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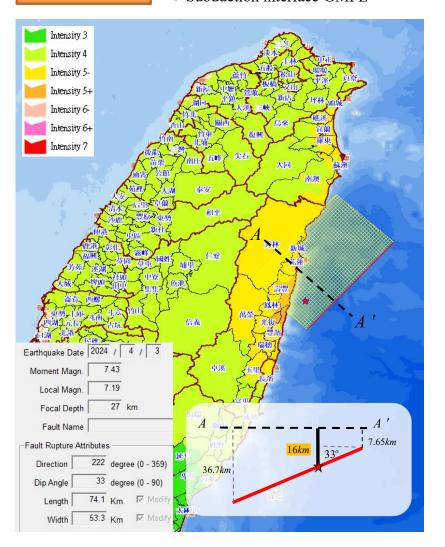
Seismic Source Parameters Assumed Depth: 15.5~35.5km

• Magnitude : $M_17.2 \cdot M_w7.37 \sim 7.66$

• Direction & Dip :USGS Focal mechanisms

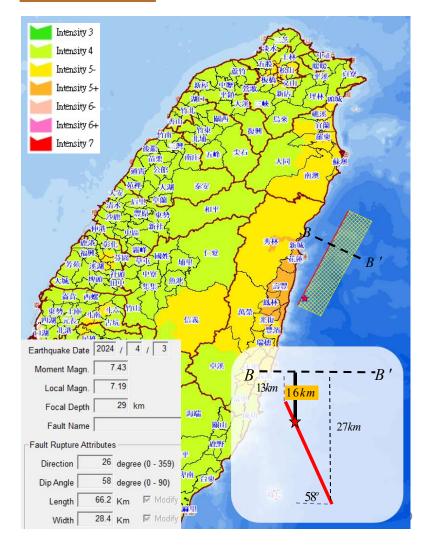
Scenario 1

- Sloping northwestward
- Subduction interface GMPE



Scenario 2

- Sloping southeastward
- Reverse fault GMPE

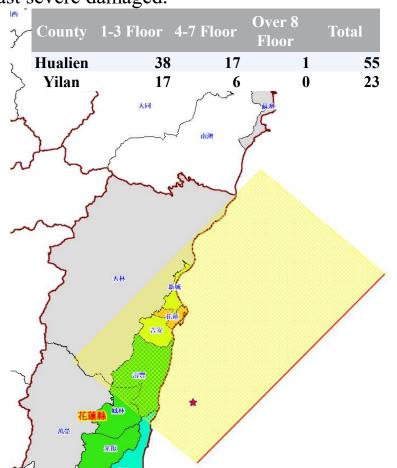




Estimation of building damage

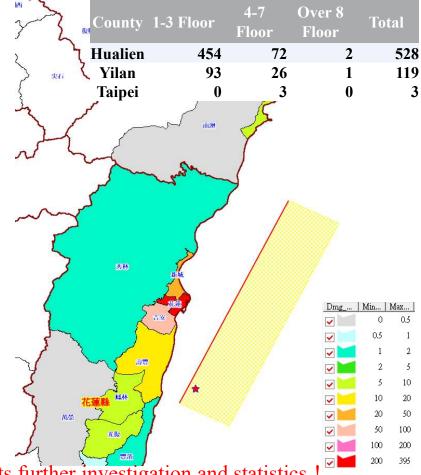
Scenario 1

•Estimated result: about 78 buildings at least severe damaged.



Scenario 2

•Estimated result: about 650 buildings at least severe damaged.



The exact number of damaged buildings awaits further investigation and statistics!

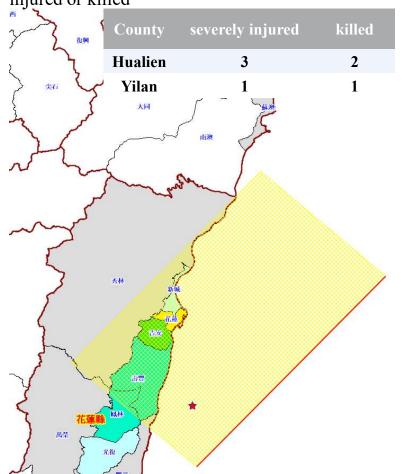


Estimation of casualties

Scenario 1

•Estimated result: about 7 people severely

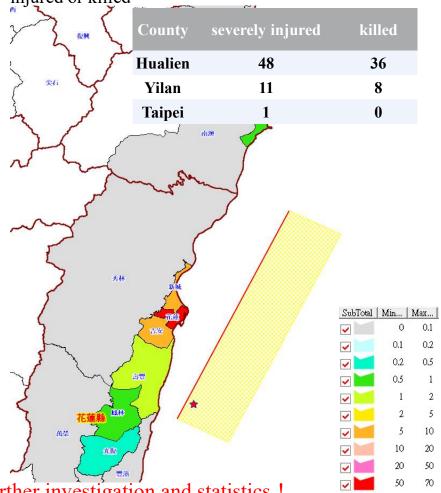
injured or killed



Scenario 2

•Estimated result: about 104 people severely

injured or killed



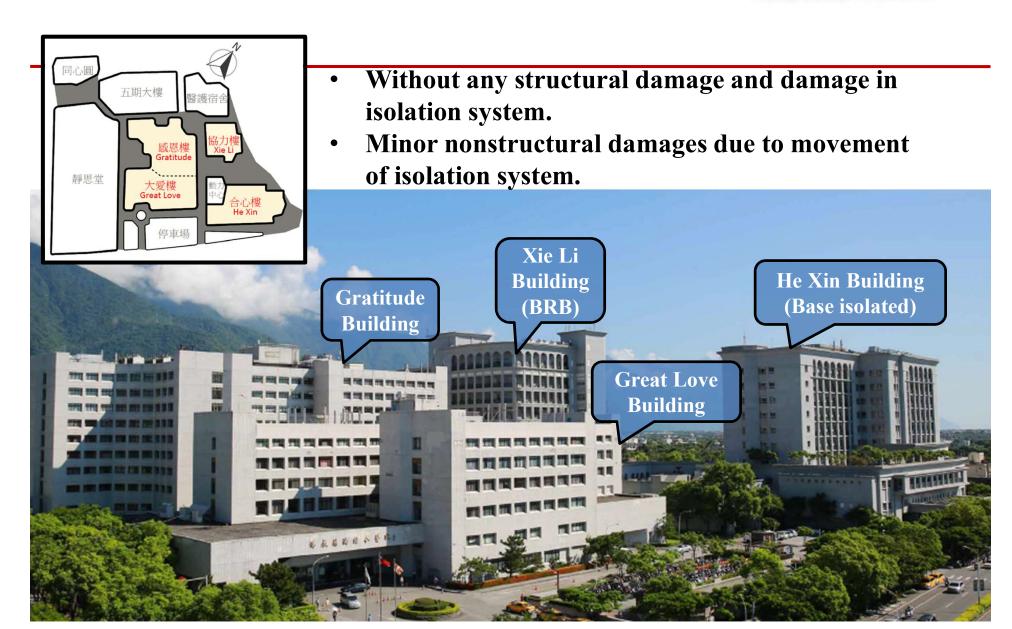
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Hualien Tzu Chi Medical Center











Surrounding Areas of He Xin Building











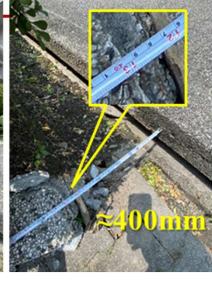
The maximum pushing displacement (isolation displacement) in longitudinal dir. could be roughly measured as 300mm

Damages of stone slabs due to insufficient isolation moving space

Surrounding Areas of He Xin Building









400mm in transverse direction

Damages of garden stone pillars due to insufficient isolation moving space

Surrounding Areas of He Xin Building







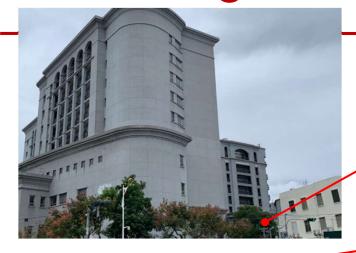








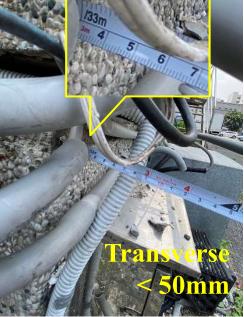
Surrounding Areas of He Xin Building NARLabs









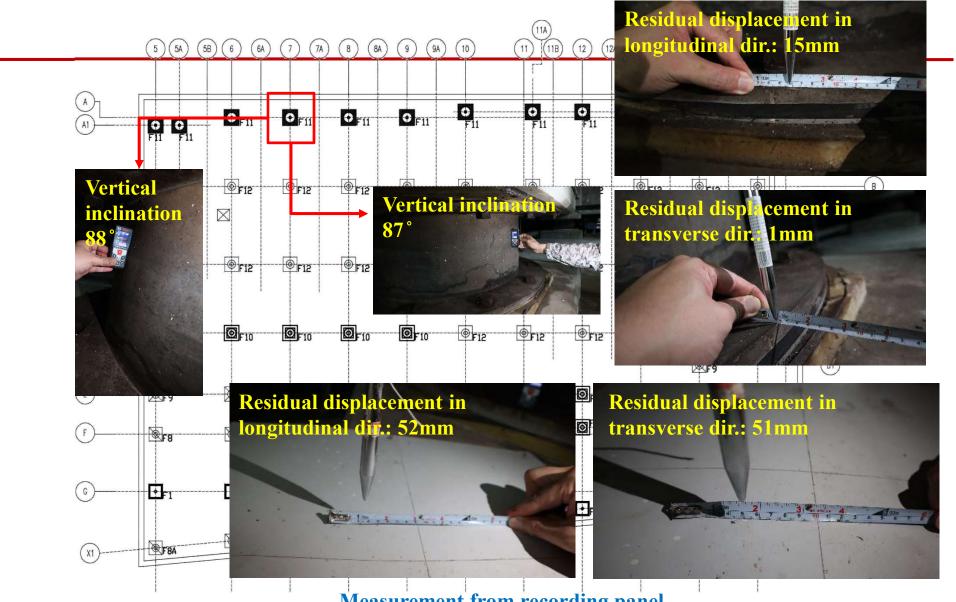


Insufficient isolation moving space

Measured residual displacement: Longitudinal < 30mm; Transverse < 50mm

Inspection of Isolation System



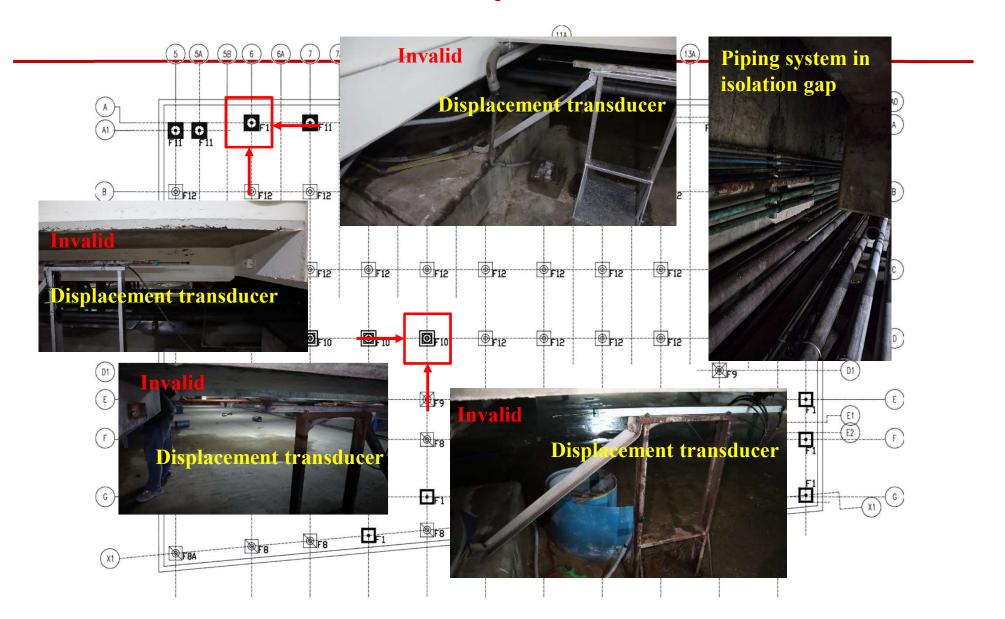


Measurement from recording panel.

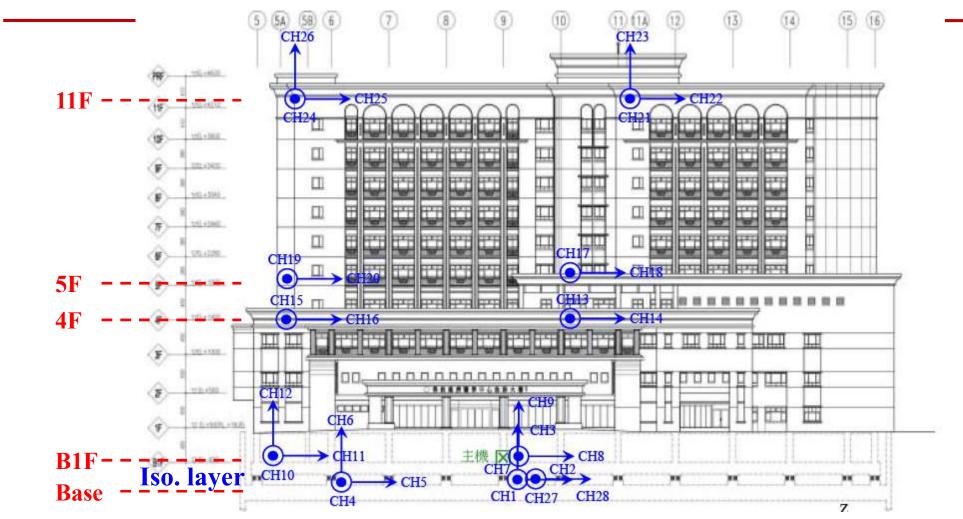
(The residual displacements correspond to original location)

Defects in Isolation Layer





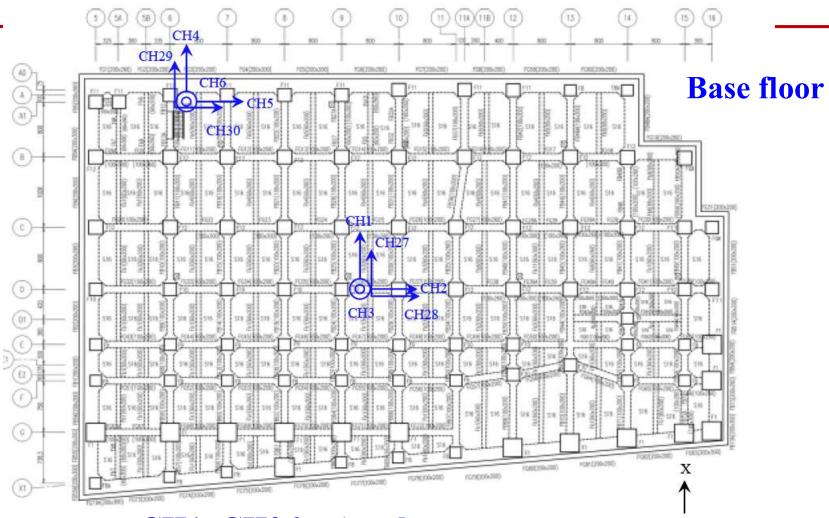
Instrumentation of He Xin Building NARLabs



CH1~CH26: Accelerometer

CH27~CH30: Displacement transducer

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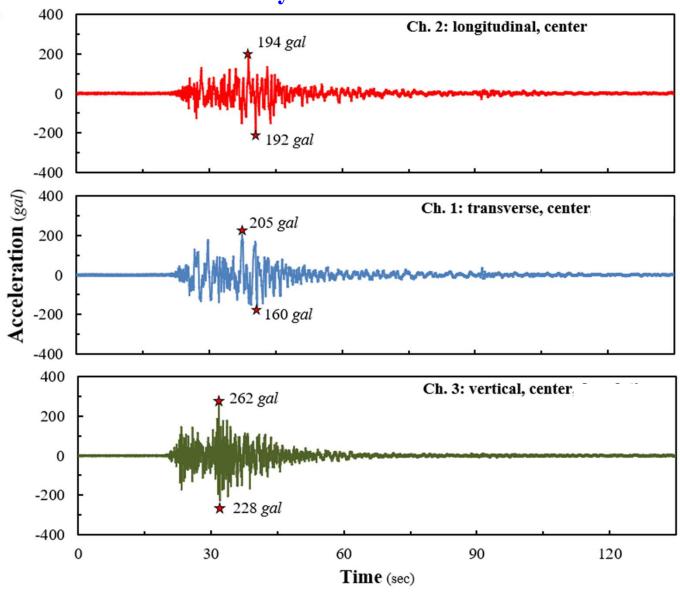
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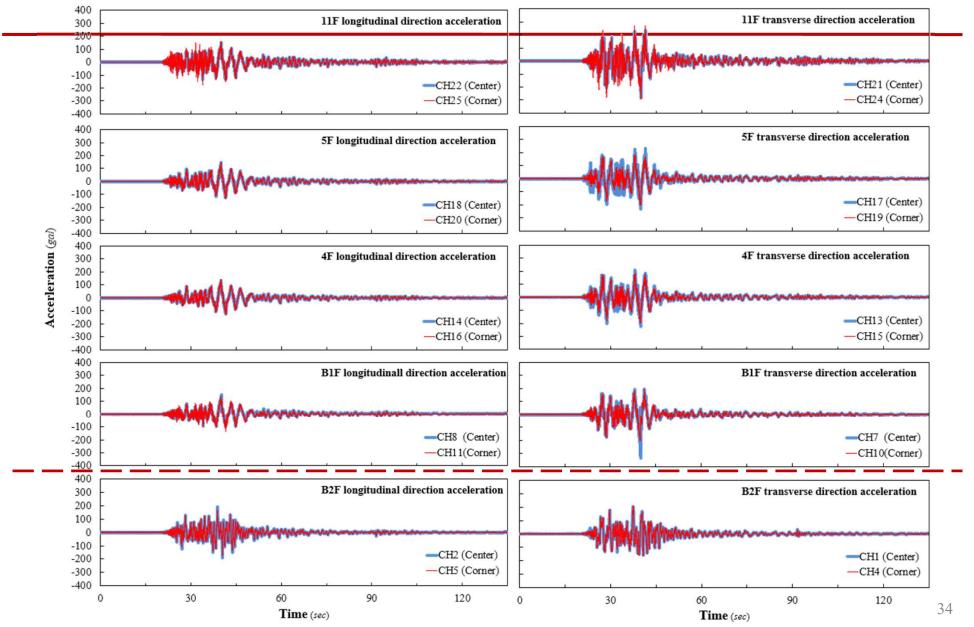
Input Excitations



Acceleration history records at the center of base floor



Acceleration Records of Each Floor





Peak Acceleration Values of Each Floor

(unit: gal)

Floor	longitudinal	transverse
11F	152	290
5F	148	202
4F	135	198
B1F	152	200
B2F	194	209
11F / B2F	78%	139%
5F / B2F	76%	97%
4F / B2F	70%	95%
B1F / B2F	78%	96%

Input Excitation Spectra



Design values from static analysis:

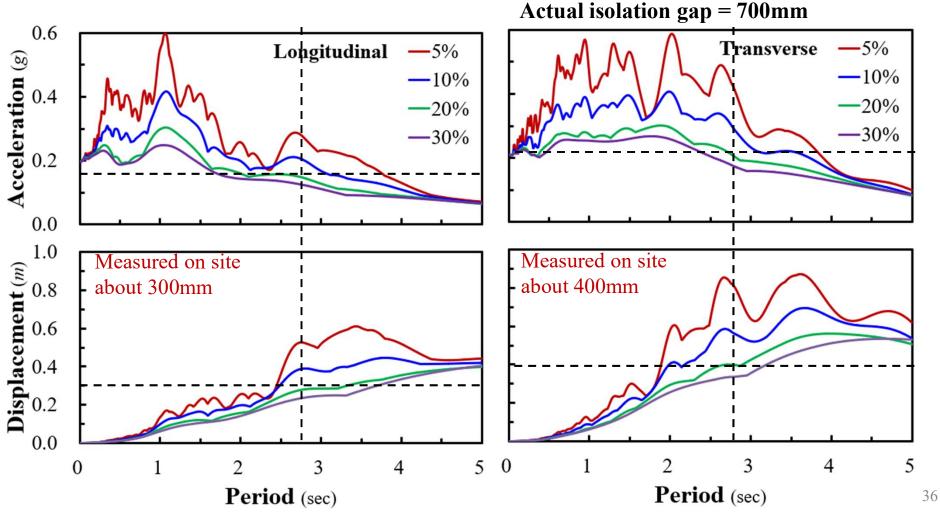
Effective period = 2.76sec

Equivalent damping ratio = 28%

Design displacement = 238.48mm

Total design displacement = 292.51mm

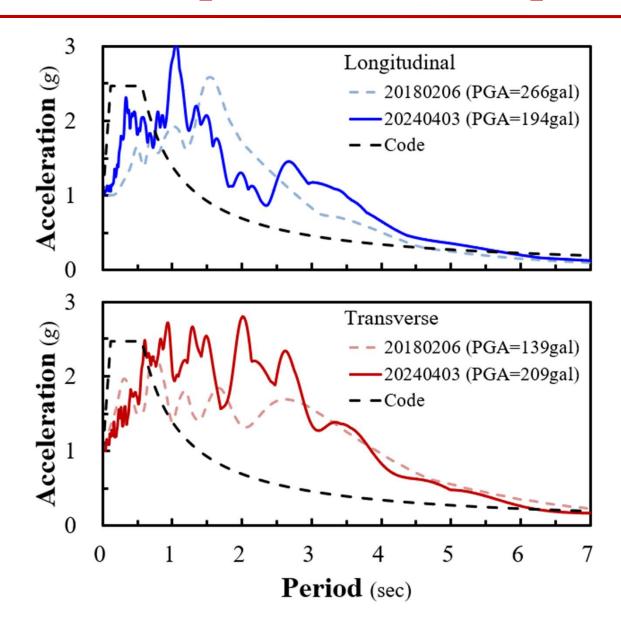
Design values from spectrum analysis:
Design displacement = 350mm
Actual design displacement = 600mm
Actual isolation gap = 700mm





Comparison of Input Excitation Spectra

Normalized to EPA=1g



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Soft/weak story failure

- RC Column failure
- Bldg. inclined





Column protective layer peeling off







RC Beam-Column Connection Failure

Partition walls damaged









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School bldg. in Hualien City

windowsill shear failure









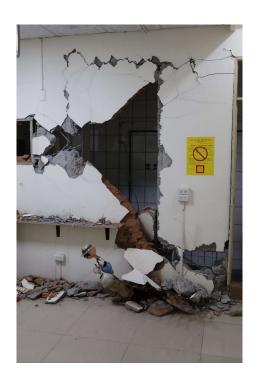


6-story Residential bldg. NARLabs Hualien City

Walls shear failure

Wall protective layer peeling off









The bottom of RC column crack









10-story Residential bldg. NARLabs



Hualien City, Hualien County

• Soft/weak story failure







6-story Residential bldg. NARLabs Hualien City

RC columns at 1st-story crack

windowsill shear failure









6-story Residential bldg. NARLabs Hualien City

Severe Damage to the Ground Floor





Residential bldg.



Renli 5th St., Ji'an Township, Hualien County

RC Wall failure









Residential bldg. Hualien City



距震央23.97km

• RC Columns flexural failure

Walls damaged severely





6-story Hotel bldg. NARLabs Hualien City

• RC Columns and walls damaged severely









- RC Walls and Partition walls shear failure
- RC Columns shear failure









Residential bldg.



Hualien County

RC Walls Shear failure







14-story Residential bldg. NARLabs Hualien City

RC Columns shear failure Tiles falling







Hotel bldg. Hualien City



RC Column concrete bursts, steel bars buckle







距震央25.12km 6 菲律賓海

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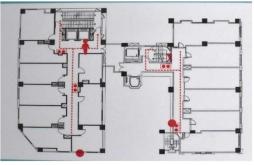
Hotel bldg. Hualien City



RC Columns damaged severely













Hotel bldg. Hualien City



RC Walls shear failure









Commercial bldg. NARLabs Hualien City



Non-structural walls damaged





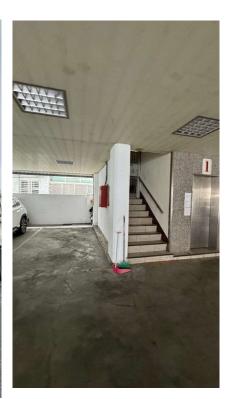




- Retrofitted with RC shear walls
- Minor cracks in stucco







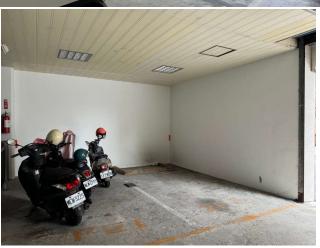


Residential bldg. Hualien City



Retrofitted with RC shear walls and wing walls









Retrofitted bldg.



Seismic weak-story retrofitted bldg.

Hualien County

距震央25.83km





Retrofitted with RC Walls

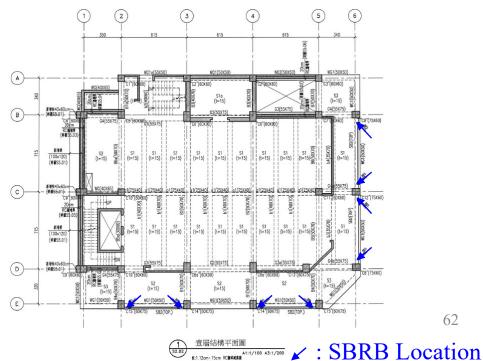


Office Building Retrofitted with SBRB

in Hualien City



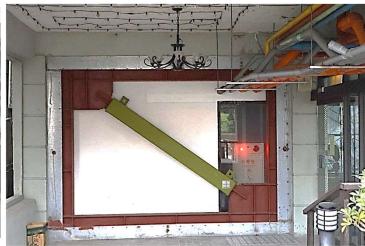






Hotel Building Retrofitted with BRB in Hualien City





距震央23.53km





School Buildings Retrofitted with RC Columns Jacketing and RC Shear Walls in Hualien City





距震央24km





Elementary School Buildings Retrofitted with RC Shear Walls in Hualien City





距震央24.02km





Retrofitted Building A00600 in Taipei City



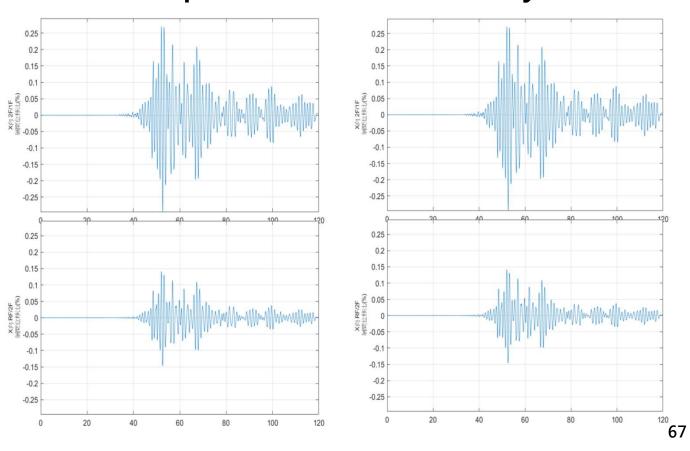
Accelerometers were installed on the ground-floor base, the second-floor slab, and the roof slab for structural monitoring

- Seismic Intensity: 5-Weak
- Structural Damage Severity: Light
- Maximum Acceleration on 1st-floor slab: 86.2 gal
- Maximum Acceleration on 2nd-floor slab:
 90.0 gal
- Maximum Acceleration on roof slab: 266 gal
- Displacement Ratio (1st floor): 0.295% (Safety threshold: 0.250%)
- Displacement Ratio (2nd floor and above):
 0.146% (Safety threshold: 0.250%)



Retrofitted Building A00600 in Taipei City

Floor displacement time history

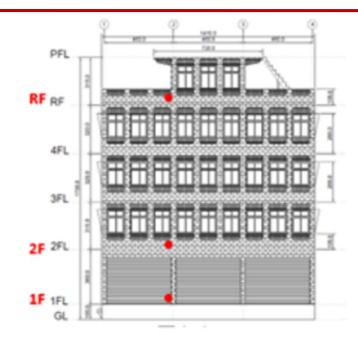




Retrofitted Building A01900 in Taitong City



- Seismic Intensity: 4
- Structural Damage Severity: Light
- Maximum Acceleration on 1st-floor slab: 105 gal
- Maximum Acceleration on 2nd-floor slab: 175 gal
- Maximum Acceleration on roof slab: 319 gal
- Displacement Ratio (1st floor): 0.035% (Safety threshold: 0.02%)
- Displacement Ratio (2nd floor and above): 0.146% (Safety threshold: 0.250%)

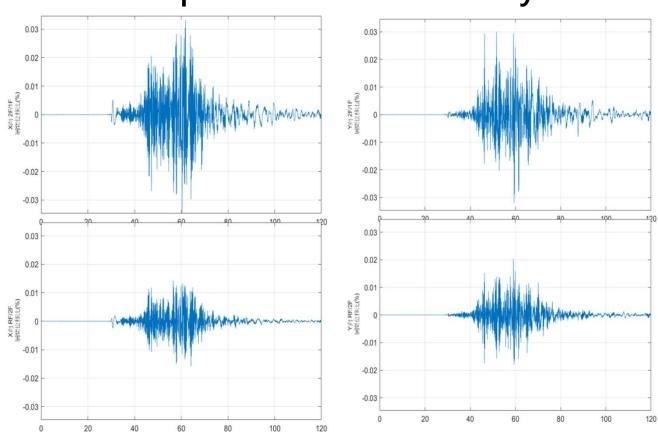


地震儀安裝立面圖



Retrofitted Building A0900 in Taitong City

Floor displacement time history



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Location

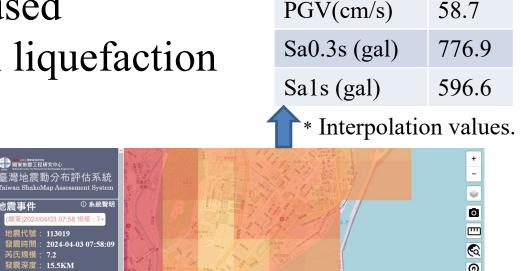
PGA(gal)

Hualien port (1/2)

- Distance=23 km to the epicenter.
- The earthquake caused subsidence and soil liquefaction behind pier 23-25.

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GOOGLE MAP



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事件圖檔下載



Hualien port (2/2)

• The backfill subsidence was most severe at pier 25. The gravel sand backfill areas behind the dock lines also showed sand boils and cracks.





Sand boils

The reinforced	
concrete pavemen	t
has sunk and tilted	1.

Pier No,	Max. Subsidence
#25	70cm
#23~#24	50cm
#19~#22*	50cm
#17~#18*	12cm

* provided by the Hualien Port Authority.





Geotechnical Damage



Meilun River

- Signs of liquefaction were observed on the left bank sandbar of the Meilun River
- Similar liquefaction phenomena were observed at the same location during the previous earthquake.



Suspected sand boils possibly caused by soil liquefaction.





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Reconnaissance buildings

* Unit: gal. retrieved from https://smap.ncree.org/, 15th May Story Basement PGA* S_{a, 0.3s} S_{a, 1.0s} Constr. **Building** City Cl. 5 786 Hualien RC 418 669 Hospital bldg. A1 City RC 418 786 669 Hospital bldg. A2 **RC** 7 0 418 786 669 Hospital bldg. A3 Hospital SC Hospital bldg. B1 10 395 606 673 Hospital bldg. B2 SRC 10 395 606 673 1 Hospital bldg. C1 RC 4 714 580 Shoufeng 366 township, University library SRC 6 321 542 592 Hualien DL County RC 4 321 542 University bldg. D1 0 592 RC 315 520 University bldg. D2 School 4 0 556 SC 338 581 University bldg. D3 4 0 572 **RC** 8 112 203 137 Taipei University library E City **Hualien City** RC 1 0 347 613 467 Winery warehouse F Factory



Reconnaissance NSCs

	Category	NSCs	Located buildings
Equi	Architectural components	T-bar ceilings	Hospital building A2 and C1; University building D2, D3; University library DL
		Nonstructural walls	Hospital building A2 and B1; University building D2
		Elements connected to structures	Hospital building C1
		Cooling tower	Hospital building A3 and B1
		Elevator	Hospital building C1
	Equipment	Water tanks	Hospital building A1, A3 and B2
		Air conditioning	Hospital building A2, B1 and C1
		Pipelines	Hospital building A2, A3, B1, B2 and C1; University building D3; University library DL
		Stacked cargo	Warehouse F
	Contents	Bookshelves	University library DL
		Furniture and experiment equipment	Hospital building B1



Hospital building A2



Damaged ceiling at elevator hall on the first floor ↑



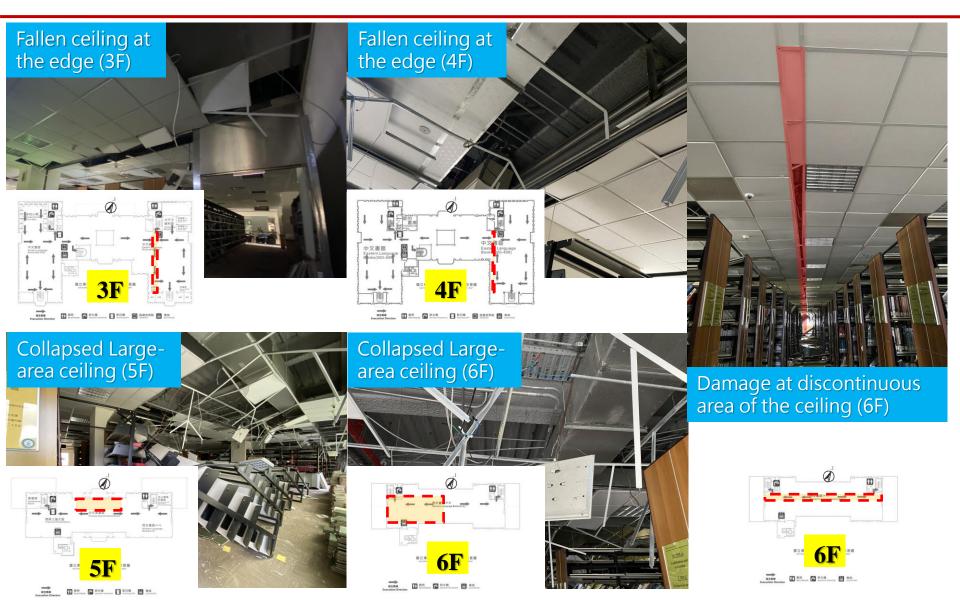


Deformed ceiling grid above the nursing station on the sixth floor \(\)



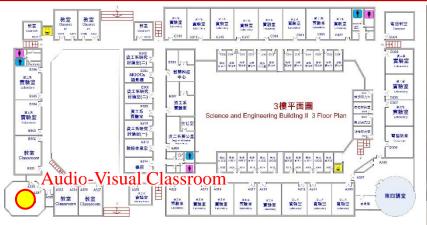


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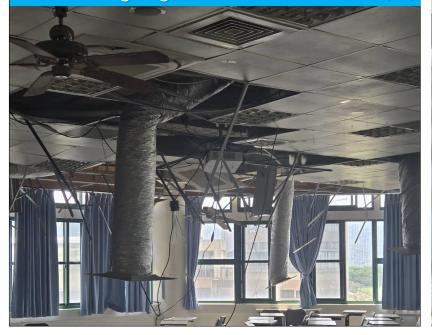


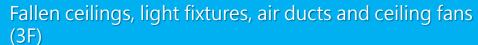


University building D2



Fallen ceilings, light fixtures, and air ducts (4F)





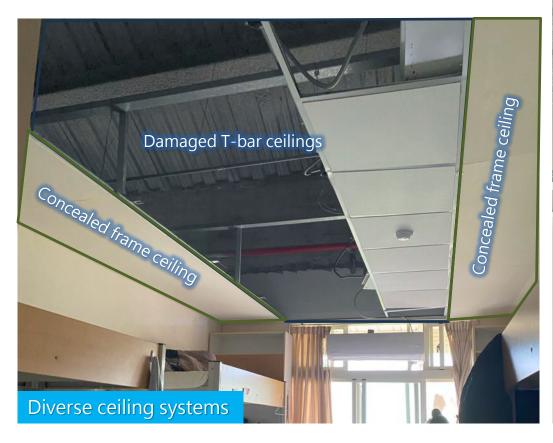




University building D3

The pitched roof caused varying suspending lengths→

Damage concentrated on the T-bar ceilings ↓







Hospital building A2

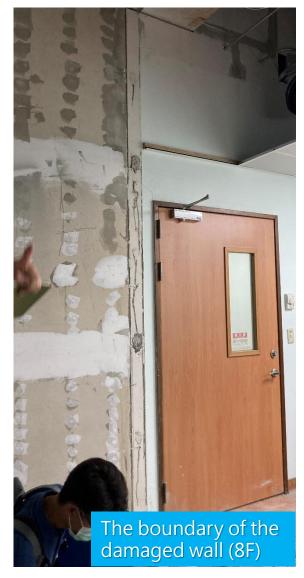
Damaged masonry walls (5F) Shear cracks of the masonry walls of the wards on the 小区区户沿 fifth and sixth floors were observed. 5306 Cracked tiles on the opposite side of the wall



Hospital building B1



Tilted lightweight aggregate concrete (LWAC) walls (6F & 8F)



Damage of Nonstructural Components and Systems

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Collapsed windproof walls, composed of LWAC (rooftop)



Failed anchorage of the collapsed wall







Hospital building C1



A beam connected to decorative gables collapsed on the penthouse

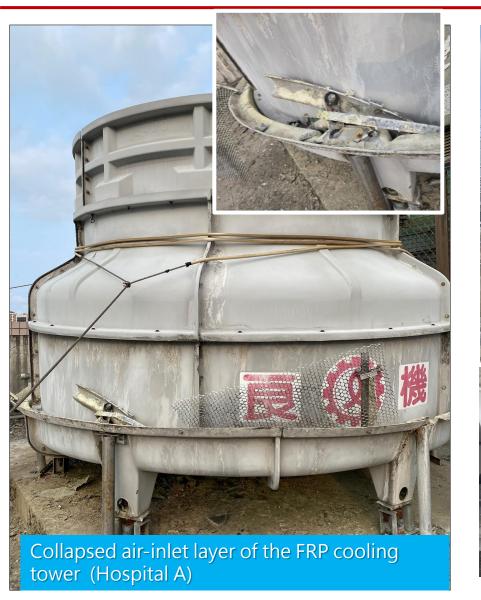








Hospital building A3 and B1



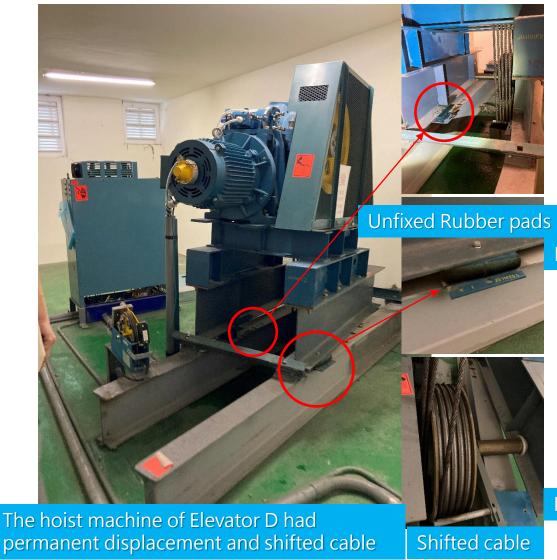


The anchorage at the support legs of the

base was damaged

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Falling of counterweight blocks of Elevator C



Falling of counterweight blocks of Elevator A



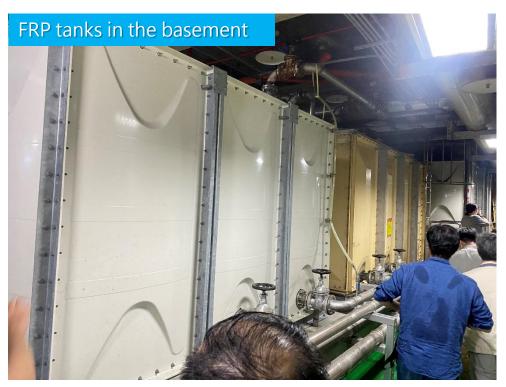
Hospital building A1 and A3







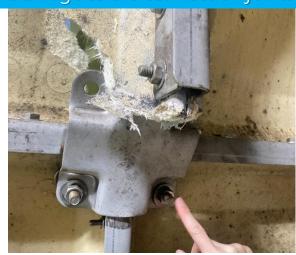
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- In the basement, there are four FRP tanks, each with slight variations in form. The FRP panels are joined with angle steel. The innermost tank suffered damage.
- Among the four tanks, only the angle steel of the damaged one was not well-connected. The connection joints were damaged during the earthquake, resulting in tearing and damage to the FRP tank wall.



Damage to the connection joints

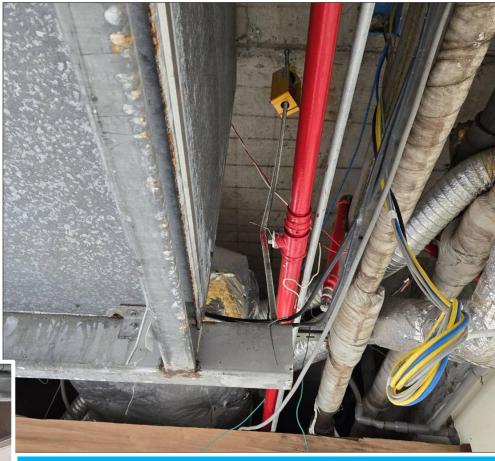




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Excessive displacement of the pre-cooling air conditioning unit led to the rupture of the chilled water pipe connected to it (5F)

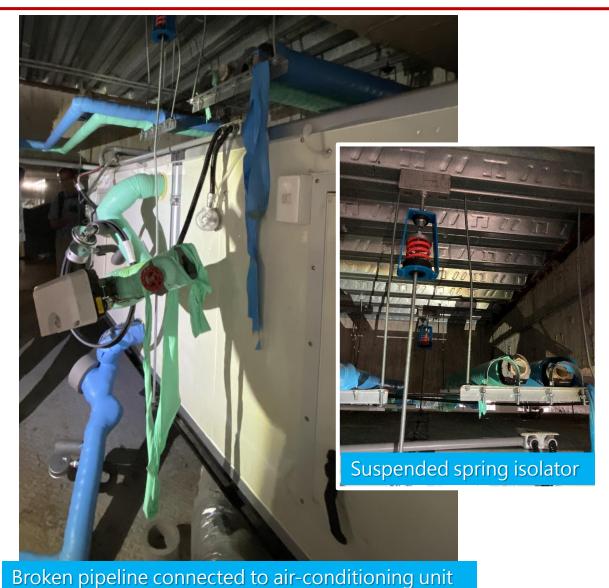




Excessive displacement of the air conditioning unit led to complete rupture of the adjacent fire sprinkler head due to impact (6F)



Hospital building B1







Separated ventilating machine and ductworks



Hospital building C1

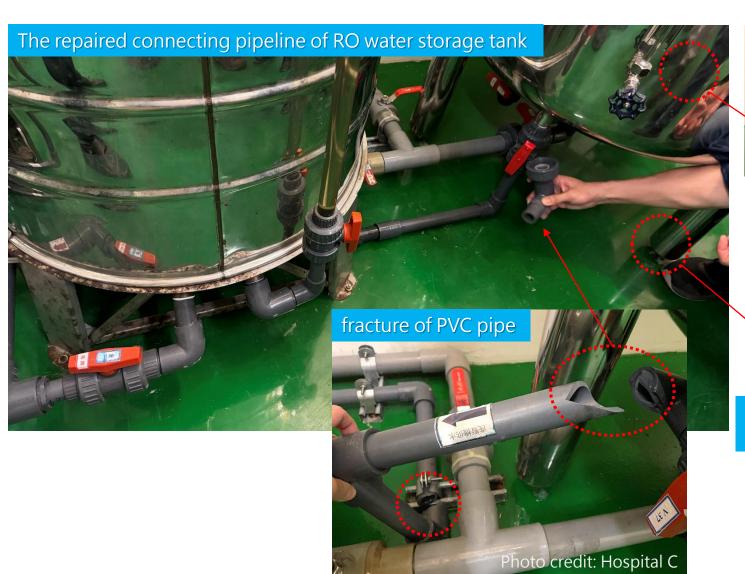




Excessive displacement of the small fan-coil unit resulted not only in the rupture of the connected water pipes but also in the shear failure of the suspension rods



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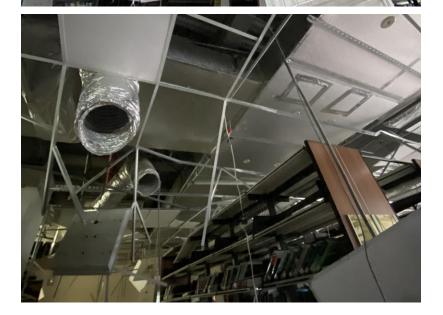


Freestanding water storage tank



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Winery warehouse F



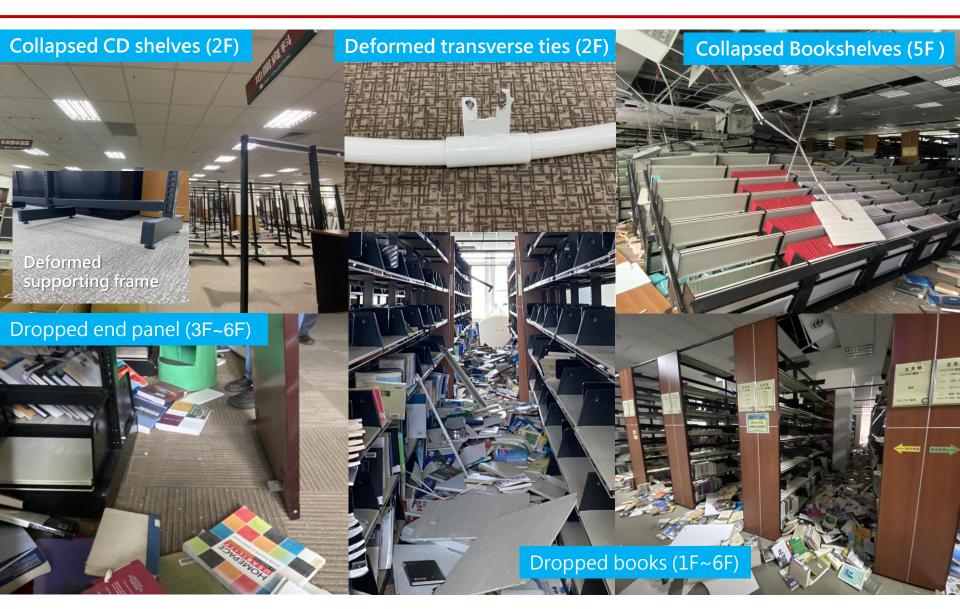








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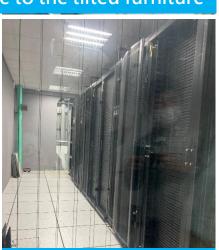




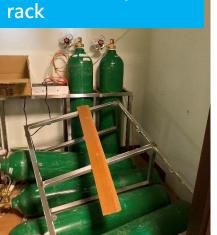
Laboratories on 10th floor of Hospital building B1



Partition wall damaged due to the tilted furniture



Partition wall hit by adjacent cabinets



Overturned cylinder

Partition wall damaged due to the displaced refrigerator



Experiment equipment was fallen and fired, and triggered the fire protection system.



Ceiling damaged due to the displaced table





Thank you for your attention