

# **FUTURE PERSPECTIVE OF CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH ON EARTHQUAKE-DISASTER RISK REDUCTION WITH E-DEFENSE**

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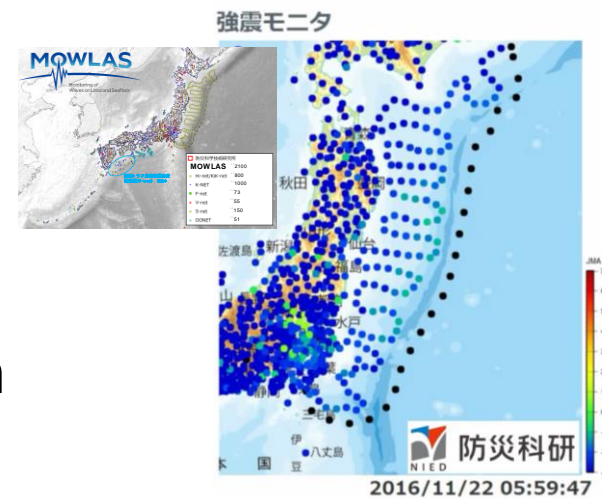
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# NIED overview

NIED is a national agency of MEXT, established in 1963 to promote R&D in DRR.

NIED covers all aspects of prediction, prevention, response, and recovery related to **disasters caused by natural hazards** such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and extreme weather.

NIED operates unique observation networks and test facilities: **E-Defense** is for large scale shaking tests.



*MOWLAS Observation NW*



*Large-Scale Rainfall Sim.*



*Cryospheric Env. Sim.*



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# E-Defense overview

E-Defense is the shake table test facility for observing the **failure process** of a maximum 1,200-ton **full-scale structure**.

Its **300m<sup>2</sup> 3-D shake table** can **accurately simulate the ground motions** recorded in the 1995 Kobe and 2011 eastern Japan eqs.

**127 experiments** have been completed since its operation started in 2005.

NIED operates it as a **communal-use** facility and provides the **datasets online**.



*E-Defense **simulates the damage** of full-scale structures.*

*NIED **provides the datasets and knowledge** on DRR.*

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# E-Defense experimental research themes to date

E-Defense adequately **simulates the behavior** of full-scale models during a large earthquake and **provides reliable datasets**, resulting in unique outcomes: 84 datasets are accessible online.

## *Clarification of collapse mechanisms*

- Reproducing failure processes especially for structures build by old codes to obtain detailed data
- Assessing critical conditions of structures build by current codes to verify their effectiveness



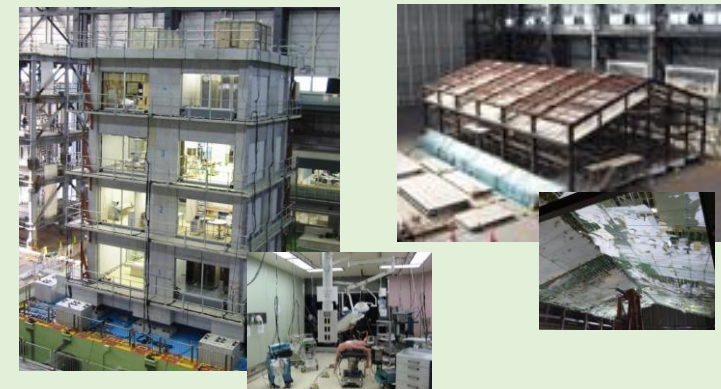
## *Evaluation of current or new technologies*

- Observing failure process to verify their seismic performance
- Identifying problems to improve design and/or develop countermeasures



## *Assessment of damage to functionality*

- Understanding damage to non-structural components, rooms, equipment, etc. that affect the functionality of a building
- Proposing effective measures to control damage and continue activity



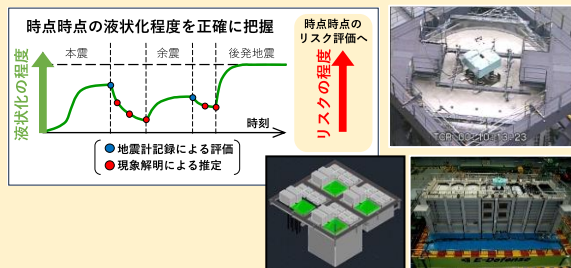
# Ongoing research project with E-Defense

NIED researchers are working with E-Defense on 4 themes of subprojects focused on **estimating damage conditions and predicting risks in regional areas** to ensure the **continuity of social and economic activities**.

## Assessment of damage to structures due to liquefaction

Kawamata, Aoki

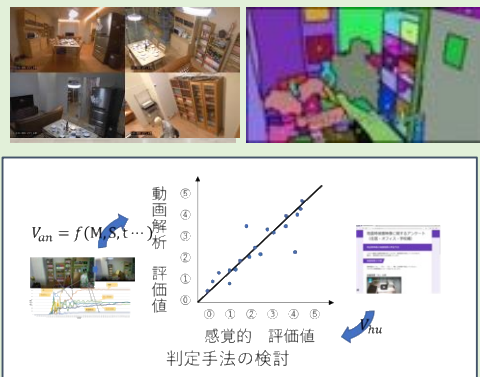
- Clarifying soil liquefaction process under partially drained conditions similar to the actual ground due to a series of large earthquakes.
- Establishing a database of various experimental and numerical studies.
- Developing damage assessment procedures based on the database.



## Development of multi-monitoring system for damage evaluation

Sato, Fukui, Komatsu, Abe

- Developing the sensing technology using image and acoustic data
- Establishing the damage-evaluation platform for structures and their inside, expanding regional damage



## Evaluation of damage of buildings with large space

Fujiwara, Nishi, Kajiwara

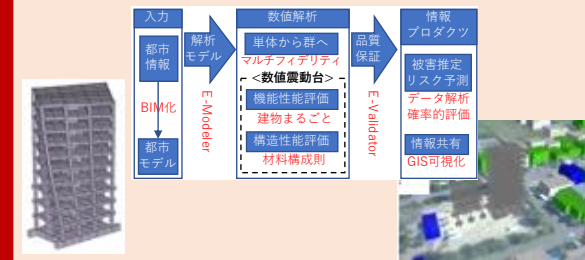
- Developing technologies for analyzing the time change in dynamic characteristics of a building in service and for evaluating the damage to the building after large earthquake based on the analysis, in order to assess its continuous use.
- Designing the test on a building with large spaces, following the 10-story steel frame building.



## Establishment of simulation platform for regional area damage assessment

Yamashita, Omura, Horiuchi

- Improving detailed FEM “E-Simulator” to precisely simulate an entire building with non-structural components.
- Developing the simulation platform consisting of urban information processing, multi-fidelity simulation framework, data analysis by machine learning, and GIS.



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# ***For the reliable resilience against the next one...***

**Reliable resilience in regional areas against the future large earthquakes** to ensure the continuity of social and economic activities is a ***common goal in countries*** where earthquakes occur frequently.

Earthquake engineering can contribute to making resilience more reliable by **developing technologies for mitigating damage to various structures**, as well as **for damage evaluation and risk assessment applicable at various scales**.

To satisfy the resilience reliable, these technologies should be ***evidence-based***, i.e., they **need to be V&V-based on data and findings** from observations of actual phenomena and experiments in their research.

# ***Good datasets for evidence-based tech V&V are needed.***

**Large-scale experiments can provide high quality datasets as evidence** because they have good advantages in reducing scale effects and in acquiring detailed data from a large number of sensors, which can be used as V&V ***reference data valuable to all*** researchers and engineers.

E-Defense, in particular, is a unique test facility that can obtain the **good datasets of cases of artificial disasters** from experiments on full-scale specimens of structures.

**NIED expects that the *E-Defense datasets to be used not only in the (original) research projects* of the experiments, but also in other studies.**



# For dataset distribution...

While E-Defense datasets are currently provided “as is” mainly in Japanese, **additional materials and services essential** for developing a common understanding of the experiment.

Functions considered to be developed and/or improved to promote and facilitate the use of the dataset:

Help users **find experiments of interest** and **allow users to find new interest in experiments.**

- Develop and publish a "data paper" with a summary of each experiment
- Improve reference and search efficiency by assigning a DOI to each dataset
- Unify the structures of each dataset by establishing "metadata"
- Develop AI-based search tools that can extend the coverage of datasets

Allow users to **download the data they want** from the datasets.

- Renovate the online system compatible with English
- Assign a DOI to each dataset
- Develop metadata
- Enhance and improve the quality of the datasets by including various materials such as design documents, reports, papers, additional test data, etc.
- Establish the maintenance system to continuously provide and appropriately improve the online system (technicians, budget, etc.)

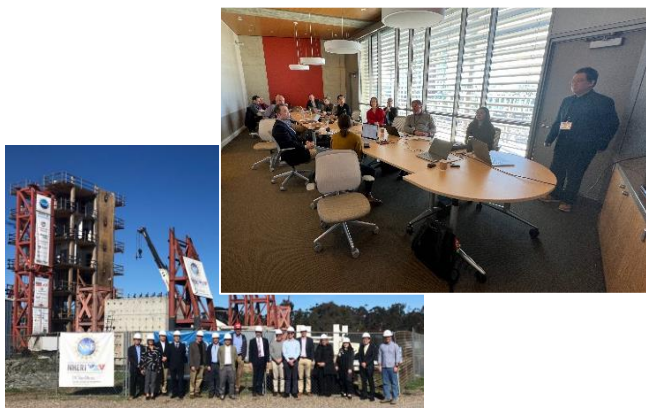


Online datasets dstb'n  
through ASEBI  
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# For experiment co-creation...

To continue to obtain valuable data from future E-Defense experiments, it is effective to **co-create global ideas** through discussions with many researchers and engineers, as well as through their research activities using E-Defense data, and to **plan and promote the implementation of experiments based on the global ideas**.



*Discussions for MOC renewal  
with NHERI members, US*



*MOC with SESTEC, Pusan U.,  
Korea*



*Hualien eq. reconnaissance, collab. tests  
and mtg's with NCREE, Taiwan*



*Discussions with Professor Lignos,  
EPFL, Switzerland*

# ***For good collaboration...***

***Collaboration with the same research goals at large-scale test facilities*** can maximize the development of data, as well as research results and knowledge: Global ideas can foster collaborative experimental research activities.

In such collaboration, ***since many researchers and engineers participate, materials are essential for developing a common understanding*** of the experiments, and the data obtained can be shared with many more researchers and engineers.

To facilitate the above efforts, it will be essential and effective to establish a framework of ***research infrastructure network***, including large-scale testing.

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