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Earth on the Edge - Recent
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Chain Reactions Happened in Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

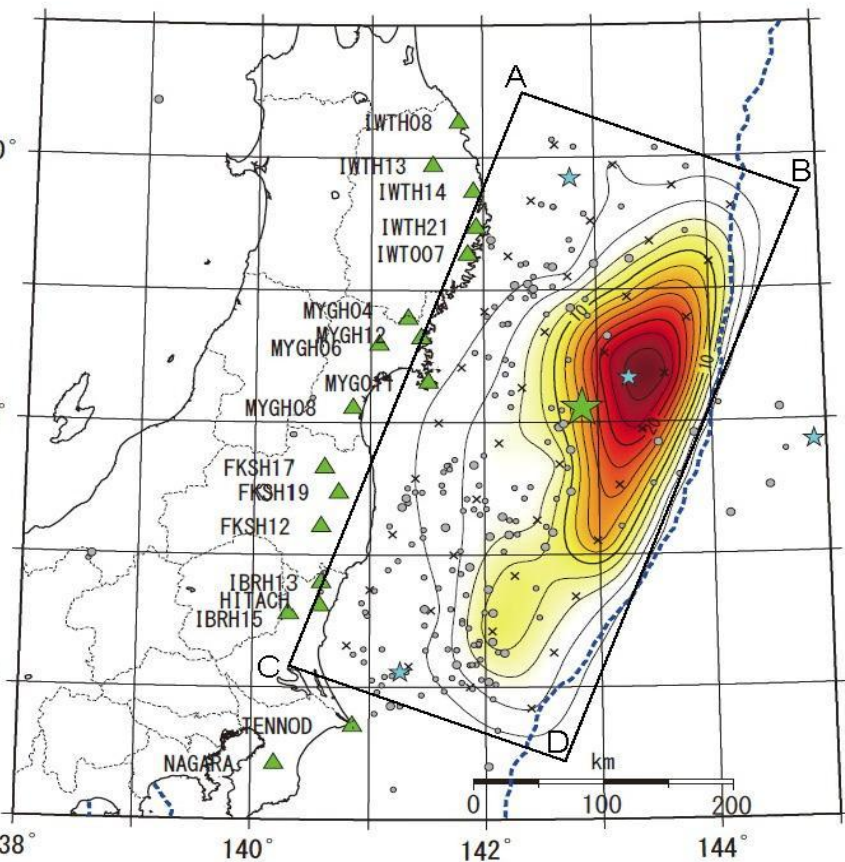
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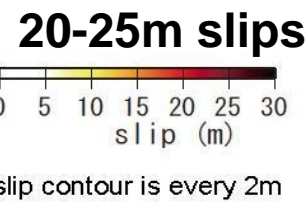
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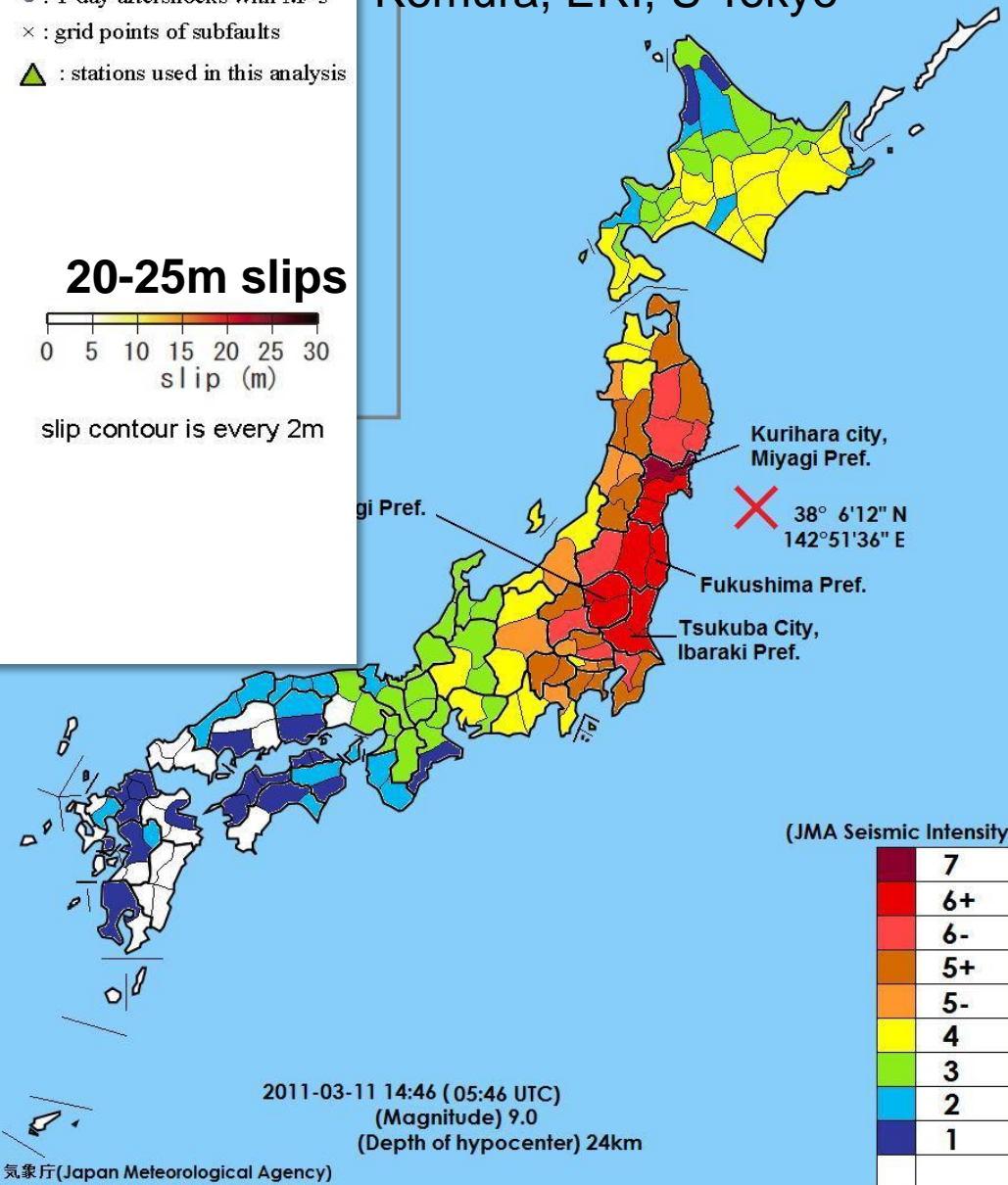




- ★ : starting point of rupture
- ★ : epicenter of aftershocks with M>7.0
- : 1-day aftershocks with M>5
- × : grid points of subfaults
- ▲ : stations used in this analysis



Ohotsuku plate slipped max 55m to SE
Simulation by Takashi Komura, ERI, U Tokyo



(JMA Seismic Intensity)

7
6+
6-
5+
5-
4
3
2
1

2011-03-11 14:46 (05:46 UTC)
(Magnitude) 9.0
(Depth of hypocenter) 24km

Source : 気象庁(Japan Meteorological Agency)

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14:46 JST 11 March 2011
The main fault: 450km in length and 150km in width.



1. Hei River, Miyako; 2. Kamaishi Harbour; 3. Fukushima Daiichi by TEPCO

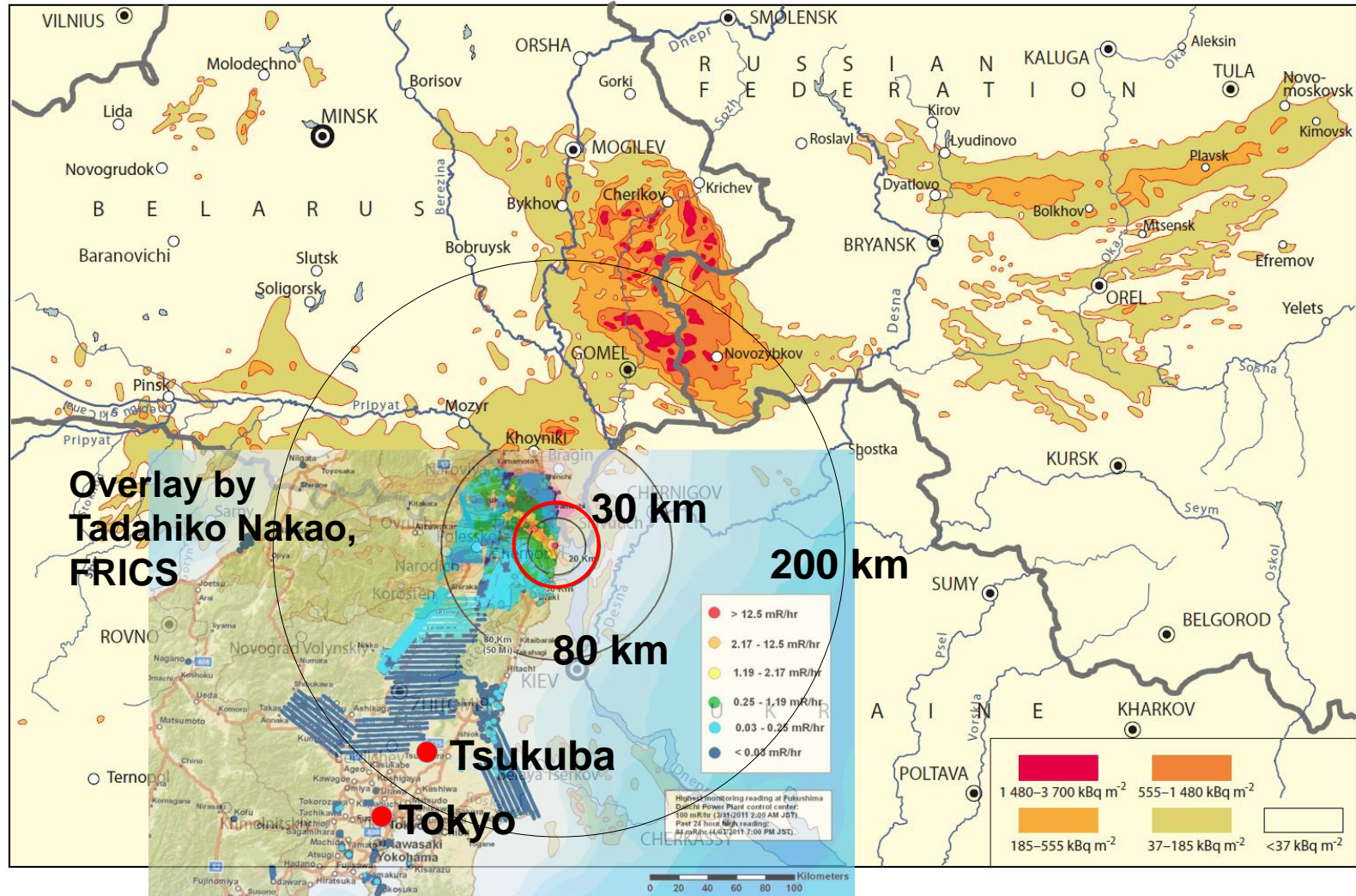


Photos from NASA Earth-watching satellites
Fukushima Daiichi

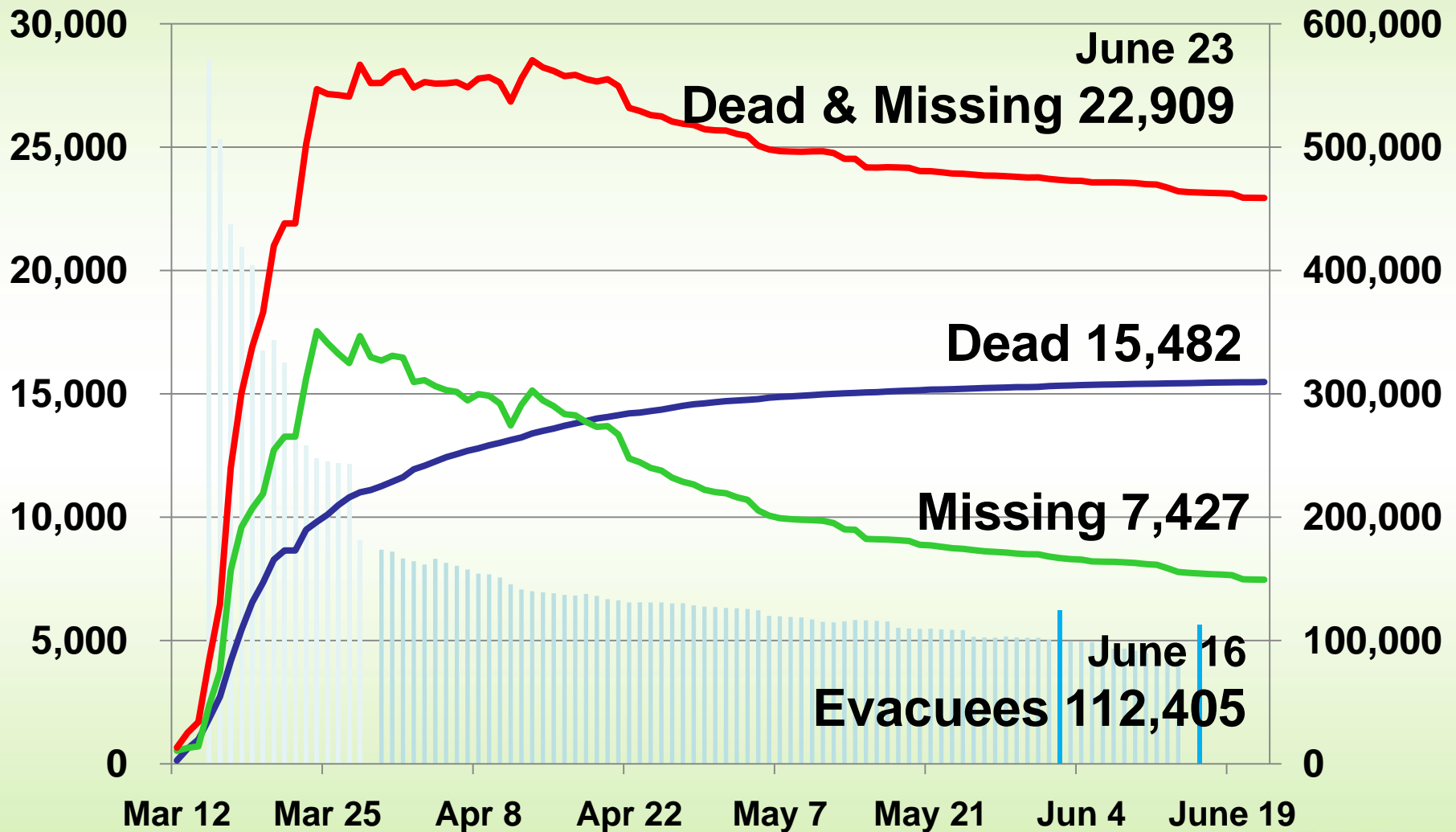


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In comparison with Chernobyl case

Figure II. Map of ^{137}Cs deposition levels in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine as of December 1989 [I28]

3.11 Earthquake and Tsunami



source: National Police Agency, Asahi Shimbun (evacuees, before Mar 31), Cabinet Office (evacuees, after June 2 with detail survey)



Disaster losses and impacts

NPA 24 June

- **Dead *** 15,482
- **Missing*** 7,427
- **Evacuees**** CO 16 June 112,405
- Houses damaged * 642,000
- **Inundated** 561km2
- Inundated paddy/field 236km2
- **Debris** 23.92Mt
- Roads * 3,559 pls
- Bridges* 77
- Landslides * 197
- River banks 4 pls

- Shinkansen damaged 1,200 pls
- Other JR trains 6,000 pls
- Highways 15 major lines
- National road stopped 161 intvls
- Fishing boats lost 18,880
- Fishery harbours damaged 325
- *Nuclear effects*
- Nuclear plants stopped 14
- eventually (35+5)/54
- **Area evacuated** 1,595km2
- **Evacuees***** 97,183

Fk Pref. 13 June



Some tragedies

- In Taro, Miyako: Seawall called “Great Wall” of 10m high, 2.4km long survived but the town not.
 - Fudai, in the north of Taro, was saved by 15.5m Seawall.
- In Kamaishi: World tallest submerged seawall of 63m deep, 20m thick recorded in the “Guinness Book” was destroyed.
- 123 out of 959 authorized evacuation centers in Iwate and Miyagi Prefectures were hit by Tsunami and many evacuees were lost. (Minami Sanriku 31/78, Rikuzen Takata 35/68)
 - Limits in historical record based design



Taro, Miyako "Great Wall" (4 Apr Nikkei)

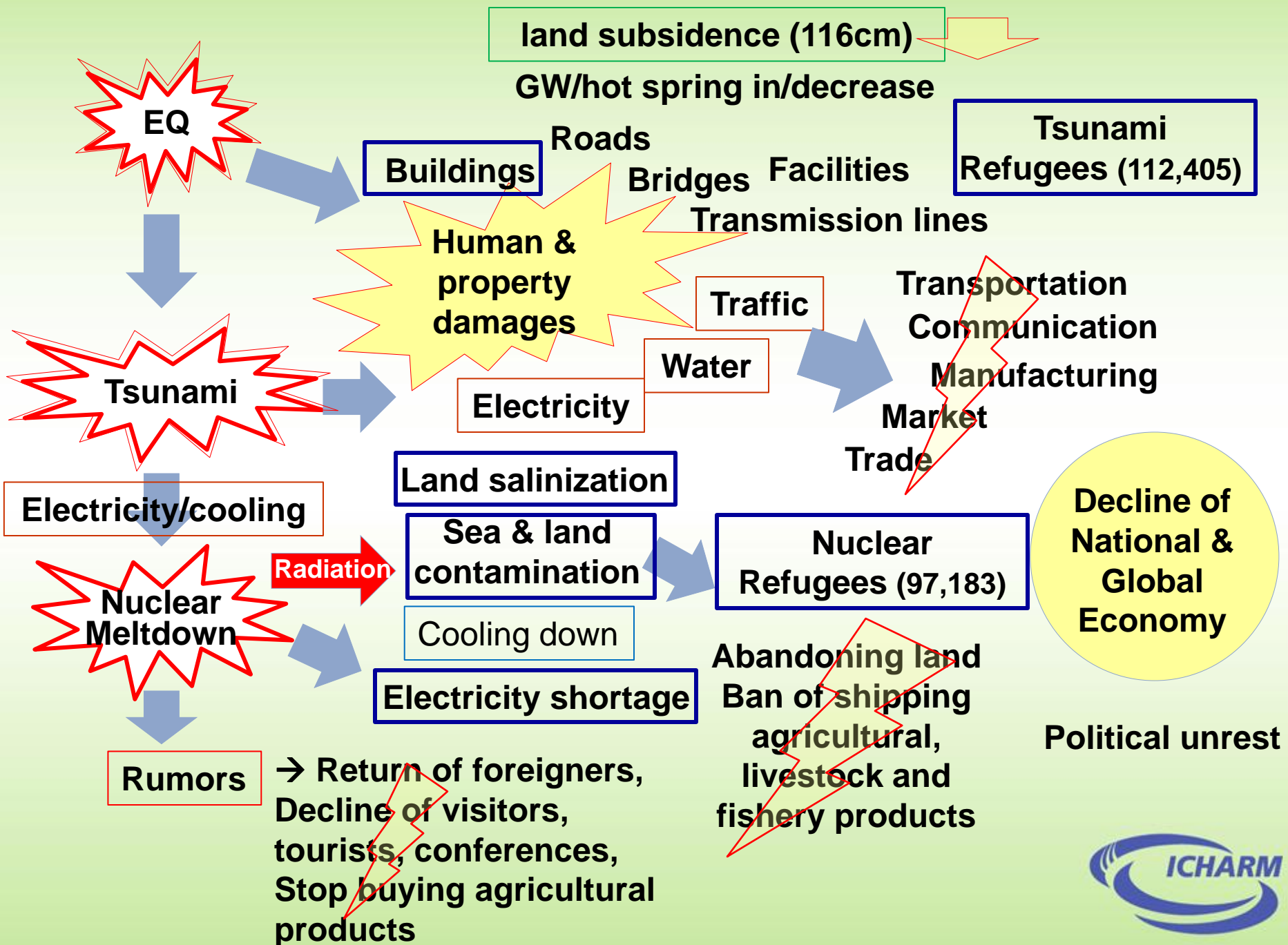
Some tragedies

- “Tsunami Tendenko” Everybody has to run away by itself without caring even parents or children at Tsunami (1896 Meiji Sanriku)
 - Tragedy in Sanrikutakada 13 community chiefs and many others lost lives by helping the elderly and handicapped
- “Tsunami 3m” was announced 3 minutes after the EQ and electricity went down. Corrections in 30’ and 45’ later never reached the people.
- Neglecting Jogan Tsunami (869) AIST engineers appealed TEPCO to renew the basis for the Jogan Tsunami in 2009 but the voice was not taken up.
 - In Fukushima Daiichi, the design Tsunami was 5.7m while what came was 15m.

Some reactions

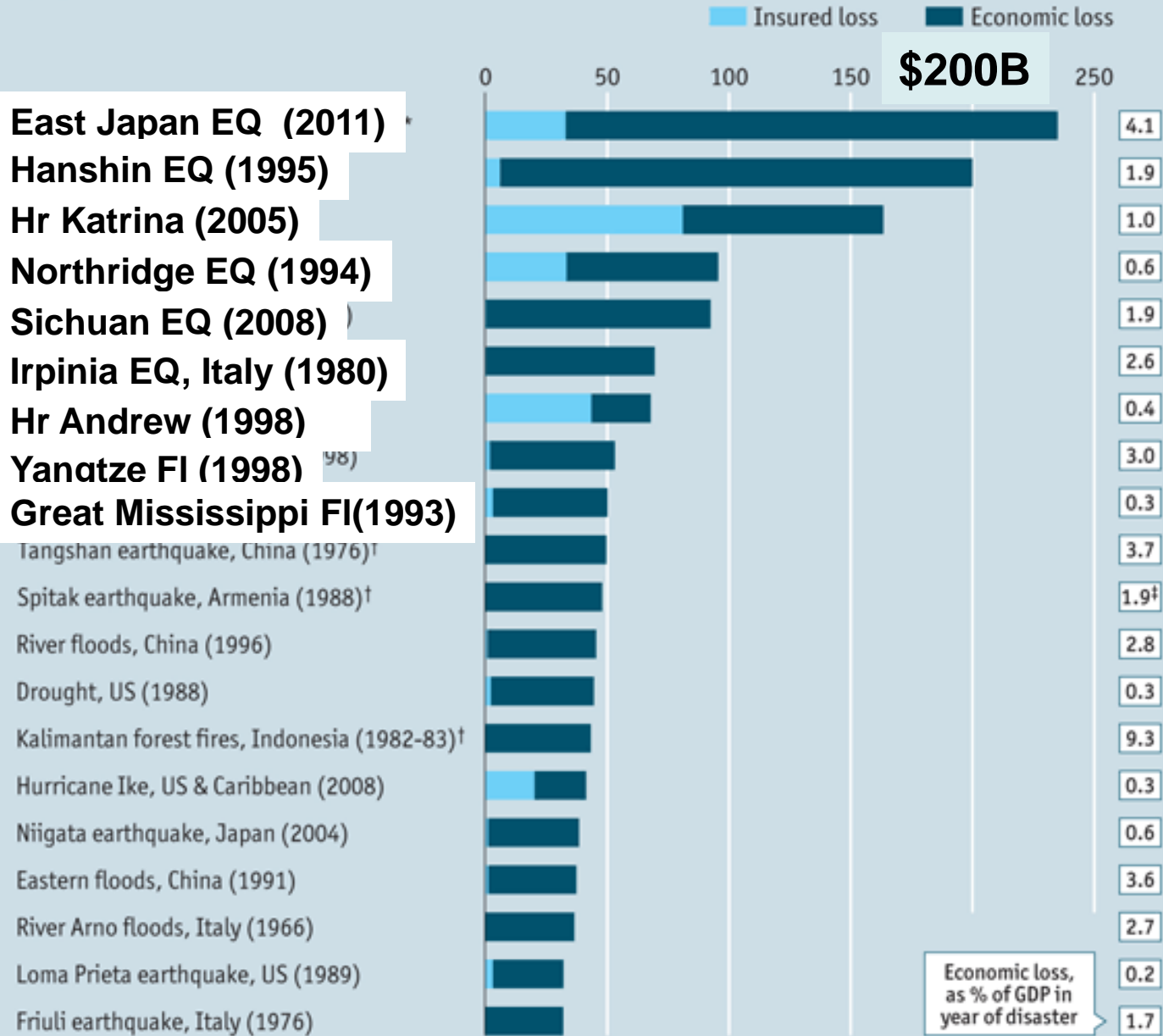
- **Much worse?** if it happened in any other countries. How effective were the efforts taken in Japan so hard so far?
- **If it happens in Tokyo**, the impacts must have been much more destructive to the whole Japanese and international economy. How to design development to avoid chain reactions and network break in mutually dependent societies? How to keep the access available to resources such as water, foods, energy, information and transportation?
- **Discipline and order:** Is it surprising for survivors to be calm, patient, quiet and honest under the extreme suffering?
- **Failure of EQ prediction?** → EQ is not predictable.
- **Depart from nuclear power?**
 - Anti-nuclear commitments in Germany and Italy





World's costliest natural disasters since 1965

2010 \$bn

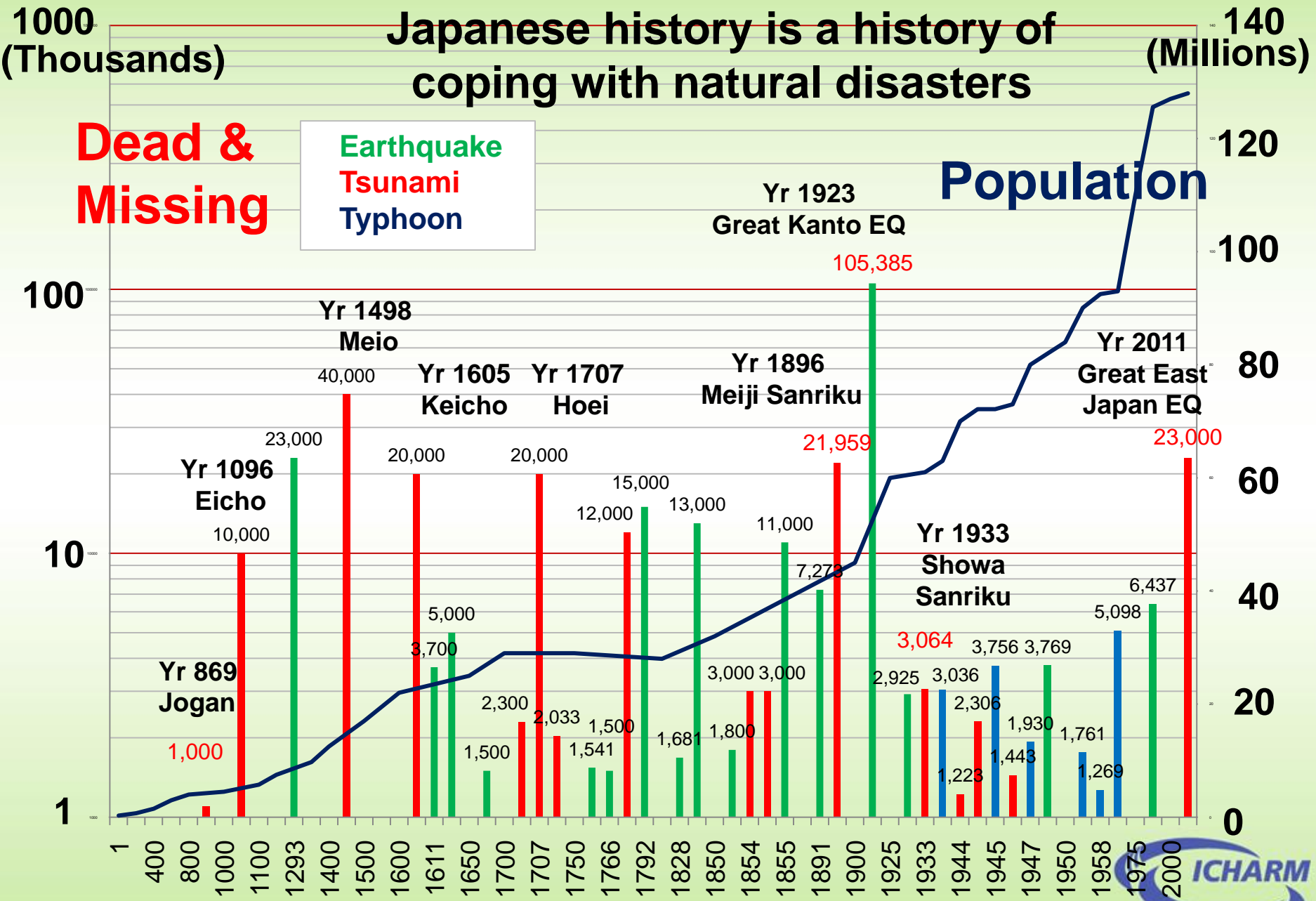


Sources: Munich Re; IMF; World Bank; *The Economist*

*Provisional †Insured loss unavailable ‡Soviet Union's estimated GDP



Japanese history is a history of coping with natural disasters



人口: 国勢調査(国勢調査以前(大正9年以前)はMcEvedy & Jones (1978)による各地域別人口推定値)
 死者数: 宇佐美龍夫『日本被害地震総覧』東京大学出版会、国立天文台編『理科年表 平成20年』丸善 など



Why it happened?

- Hazards were **extra large**: Mw9.0, run-up 38.9m, since 869
- It was “Beyond expectation (**Soteigai**)”: Guinness, 123/959
- “Beyond expectation” was not expected nor prepared which was a violation of **law of living with nature**.

➔ **False comfort & Black swan events**



- **Law of living with nature**

However strong structural measures are, more destructive natural hazards will occur. Do not call them “beyond expectation” nor make them a black swan.

Rare and difficult to predict but very high-impact events (Taleb, 2007)



Strong amplifier: **Societal Vulnerability** allowed concatenation of disasters to happen

- Absolute dependence on **electricity, electronic communication**, network of efficient, massive & long-distance **transportation**.
- **Highly linked and less redundant society** with intra- & international **supply chain** of often irreplaceable high-tech parts or materials in production system.
- **Tohoku** is Japan's **center of high tech manufacturing**
 - Stop of manufacturing key engineering parts
 - Stopped auto & other IC & micro-computer dependent factories that eventually stopped all other factories supporting them
 - Impacts national and world economy



What to do for the future?

- Avoid “beyond expectation” to happen.
 - Prepare for the **probable maximum** (theoretical maximum), not only for the recently observed **historical maximum**.
- Avoid concatenation to happen.
 - **Resistible** key infrastructures (seawalls, traffic roads)
 - **Risk distribution**
 - **redundancy/back-ups** in utilities.
 - **Distributed** production & management system
 - **Emergency response system** for large scale devastating disaster. (対口支援)
 - **Prepared mutual help** society (social capital)



Basic Law of Reconstruction

(Passed 20 June 2011)

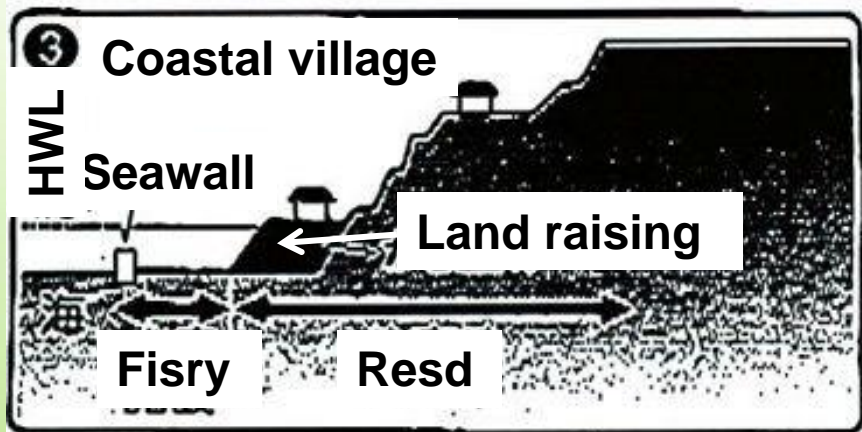
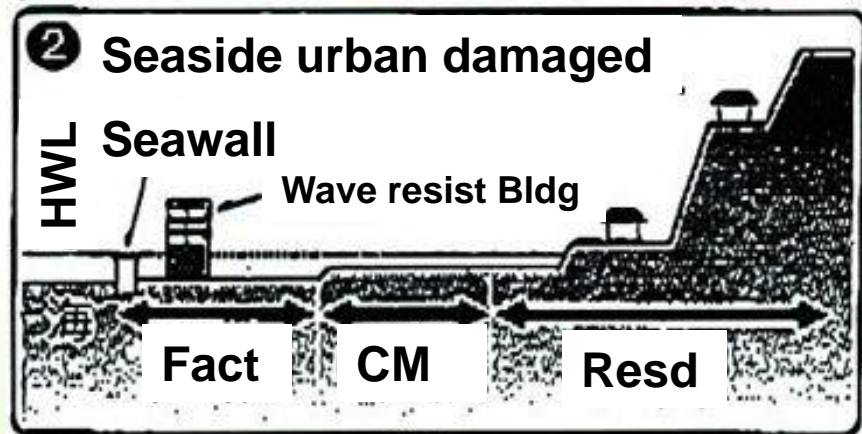
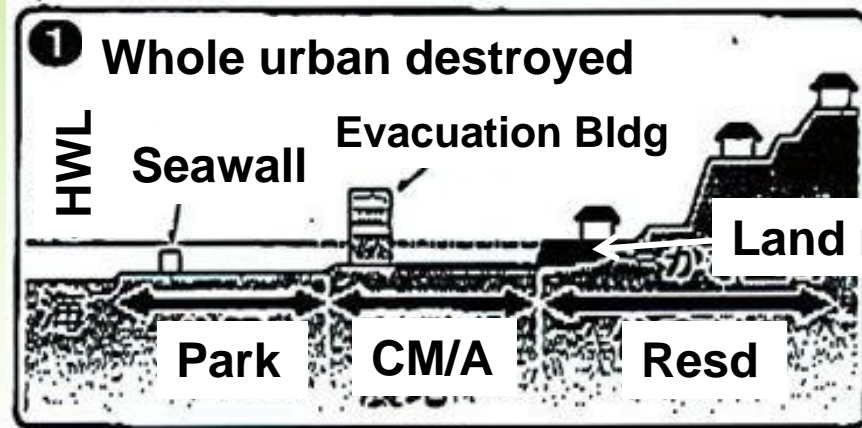
- **Aim:** Lively communities of the mid 21st Century of Japan
- **Secure:** safety, employment, symbiotic society with human bondage
- **Establish:** Reconstruction Bond, National Reconstruction Agency
 - Reconstruct a new way of **living with nature**.
 - → **Triple-loop learning**, 1st coping, 2nd adapting, 3rd transforming



Discussion of reconstruction

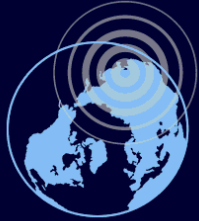
Combination of

- Move to higher lands
- Tall buildings to evacuate
- Tsunami dikes, highways: Where & how high to build?
- Landuse (park, factories, farmland, commercial/ business, residential areas)





Integrated Research on Disaster Risk



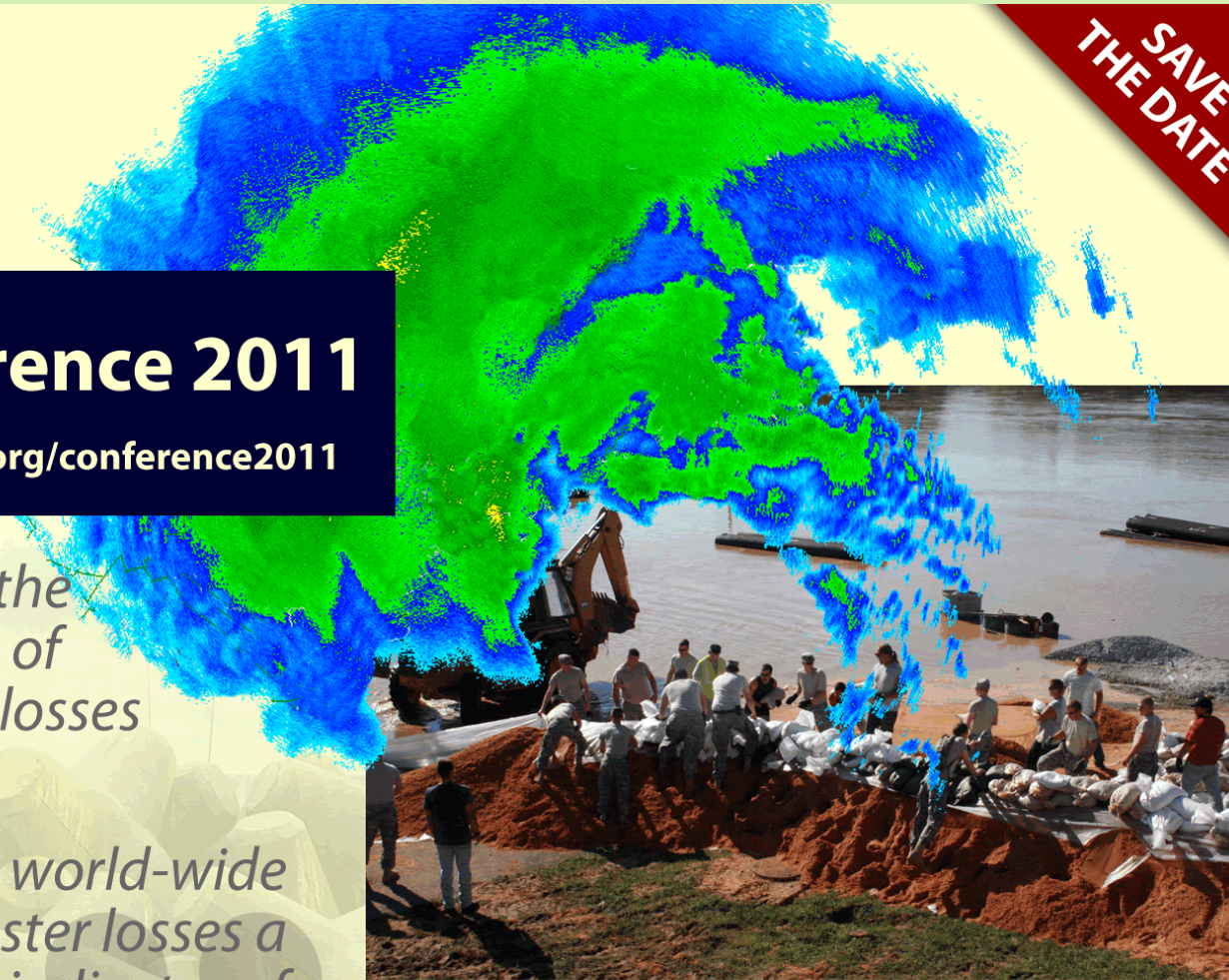
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Why, despite advances in the natural and social science of hazards and disasters, do losses continue to increase?

To what extent is the world-wide growth in disaster losses a symptom and indicator of unsustainable development?



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Disaster Risk: Integrating Science & Practice

