

**Seismic damage assessment of mountain tunnel: a case
study on the Tawarayama Tunnel due to the 2016
Kumamoto Earthquake**

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1 **Abstract**

2 The Kumamoto Earthquakes with magnitude of 7.3(Mj) on April 16 and 6.5(Mj) on April 14,
3 2016 have triggered numerous damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel in Kumamoto Prefecture,
4 Japan. Distribution and characteristics of these seismic damages were investigated and
5 summarized to assess potential influencing factors. Seismic damages are categorized into five
6 patterns as follows: lining cracks, spalling and collapse of concrete lining, construction joint
7 damage, pavement damage and groundwater leakage. Lining cracks can be further classified
8 into ring crack, longitudinal crack, transverse crack and inclined crack. Site investigation
9 showed the primary seismic damage was lining crack, especially ring crack. In special, an
10 interesting phenomenon was observed that ring cracks occurred with an estimated average
11 spacing of 10.0 m in 23.4% spans of the Tawarayama Tunnel. This results from the
12 interaction between seismic wave and special geological conditions that dense Andesite and
13 crushed Andesite around the Tawarayama Tunnel appear in tilt alternately with space between
14 10 m and 20 m. Following these analysis, some recommendations were proposed for future
15 tunnel planning.

16 **Keywords:** 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake; Tawarayama Tunnel; seismic damage; influencing
17 factor

18 **1. Introduction**

19 Tunnel is generally divided into two types: shallow-buried urban tunnel and deep-buried
20 mountain tunnel. It was widely accepted that mountain tunnel was assumed to be seismic
21 resistant due to being situated deep with rock layers(Towhata et al, 2008). Therefore, studies
22 of mountain tunnel damages by earthquakes were limited. Whereas, three strong earthquakes
23 involving the 1995 Kobe Earthquake occurred in Japan, the 1999 Chi-Chi Earthquake in
24 Taiwan and the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake in Sichuan province of China have given strike
25 on this tradition view. Among them, 12% of mountain tunnels in the epicentral area in the

26 Kobe Earthquake were damaged severely(Yashiro et al, 2007), 26% of 50 tunnels located
27 with 25 km of the earthquake fault in the Chi-Chi Earthquake damaged heavily and 22%
28 moderately damaged(Wang et al, 2001), and 73% of 18 tunnels located in the Du
29 (Du-jiang-yan)-Wen (Wen-chuan) highway in the Wenchuan Earthquake severely damaged
30 and 22% damaged moderately(Wang et al, 2009). The damages to mountain tunnels by
31 earthquakes occurred in recent years have attracted much higher attention on seismic effect of
32 earthquake on mountain tunnels.

33 Thus, conspicuous efforts of collection and classification on seismic damages to mountain
34 tunnels due to earthquakes have been taken by many researchers, such as Dowding and
35 Rozan(1978), Asakura (1996), Wang et al(2009), Li et al(2012), and Chen et al(2012).
36 Dowding and Rozan (1978) suggested three forms of the seismic damages: damage by
37 earthquake-induced ground failure, damage from fault displacement and damage from ground
38 shaking or vibration. After the Taiwan Chi-Chi Earthquake in 1999, Wang et al(2001)
39 classified the damages into six types: sheared off lining, slope failure induced tunnel collapse,
40 lining cracks, pavement or bottom cracks, wall deformation and cracks that develop near
41 opening. Li et al(2012) analyzed characteristics of tunnel failures following the Wenchuan
42 Earthquake in 2008 and categorized them into six types: avalanches and sliding towards the
43 tunnel portal, cracking of the tunnel portals, collapse of the liner and surrounding rock,
44 failure and dislocation of the lining, uplift and cracking of the tunnel invert, deformation and
45 cracking of the preliminary bracing. Chen et al(2012) based on previous studies to summarize
46 seven common damage characteristics according to manner of the structural damages: lining
47 cracks, shear failure of lining, collapse caused by slope failure, portal cracking, leakage, wall
48 deformation, and invert damage. In addition, database for seismic damages to tunnels due to
49 earthquakes were developed to analyze main factors affecting stability of underground
50 structures (Sharma and Judd, 1991) with case histories and remediation methods (Lanzano et
51 al, 2008). Much more detailed site investigation and analysis on tunnel seismic damage have

52 been carried out by other researchers for the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake(Asakura et al
53 1998), the 2004 Mid Niigata Prefecture Earthquake(Shimizu et al, 2005, 2007; Yashiro et al,
54 2007; Konagai et al, 2008; Jiang et al, 2010), the 2007 Niigata Prefecture Chuetsu Offshore
55 Earthquake(Saito et al, 2007), the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake(Wang et al, 2009; Shen et al,
56 2014; Yu et al, 2013, 2016a, 2016b).

57 In this study, distribution and characteristics of seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel
58 were investigated and summarized to assess potential influencing factors. Aimed at the
59 axially regularly distributed ring cracks, preliminary discussion on its cause involving seismic
60 wave and geological conditions were conducted. And some recommendations were proposed
61 for future tunnel planning based on these analysis.

62 **2. Kumamoto Earthquake's damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel**

63 *2.1 Project of the Tawarayama Tunnel*

64 The Tawarayama Tunnel is located at a distance of about 22.4 km from the epicenter of the
65 mainshock(Mj7.3) as shown in Fig.1. The total length of the tunnel is 2057m with horseshoe
66 cross section. Fig.2 shows the typical cross section of the tunnel. The typical cross section has
67 a total width of 10.20 m and a maximum height of 7.97 m. Fig. 3 presents the geological
68 profile of the tunnel. Its maximum overburden is about 300 m. The Tawarayama Tunnel runs
69 through three different formations: the Quaternary Holocene, the Quaternary Pleistocene and
70 the Tertiary Pliocene. The portal area is excavated in Talus and Early Stage Talus deposits
71 composed of welded tuff, gravel, silt and clay. The tunnel is excavated in the Andesite lava.
72 Based on the Japanese Technical Standard for Structure Design of Road Tunnel(JARA, 2003),
73 rock mass along the tunnel(Fig.3) is organized into four classes, involving C_{II}, D_I, D_{II} and
74 D_{III}.

75 Excavation method of the Tawarayama Tunnel is New Austrian tunnelling method(NATM).
76 NATM is assumed to be much better than the traditional method based on the conditions after

77 earthquakes. This is because interaction between surrounding rock and tunnel using NATM
78 performs better than that using traditional method(Chen et al, 2012) . Support systems of the
79 tunnel consist of primary support, waterproof layer, and secondary support. The primary
80 support include shotcrete(0.10 m, 0.15 m, 0.20 m and 0.25 m for rock classes C_{II}, D_I, D_{II} and
81 D_{III}, respectively) and rockbolt. For rock class D_I, D_{II} and D_{III}, the rockbolts are distributed
82 on a grid of 1.2 m×1.0 m and have a length of 4.0 m. For rock class C_{II}, the rockbolts are
83 distributed on a grid of 1.5 m×1.2 m and have a length of 3.0 m. Besides, for rock class D_{III},
84 forepoling is conducted, especially at the portals. The rockbolts are spaced on a grid of 0.60
85 m×1.0 m with length of 3.0 m. The secondary lining is reinforced concrete with a thickness
86 of 0.30 m.

87 *2.2 Overview of the Kumamoto Earthquakes and seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel*

88 The 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes were a series of earthquakes, including a foreshock (the
89 epicenter located at 32.742N,130.808E) with a magnitude 6.5(Mj) at 21:26 JST on April 14,
90 2016, at a depth of about 11 km, and a magnitude 7.3(Mj) mainshock (the epicenter located at
91 32.753N,130.762E) which struck at 01:25 JST on April 16, 2016 at a depth of about 12 km
92 (Asian Disaster Reduction Center) beneath Kumamoto City of Kumamoto Prefecture in
93 Kyushu Region, Japan. Fig. 4 illustrates distribution of peak acceleration of both the
94 foreshock and mainshock according to the National Research Institute for Earth Science and
95 Disaster Prevention of Japan. The acceleration waves measured at the Nakamatsu observation
96 site(Fig.1) during the mainshock on April 16, 2016 are depicted in Fig.5. The Nakamatsu
97 observation site is located at the northeast of epicenter with a distance of 32.3 km.
98 Acceleration of the mainshock from time of 15 second to 30 second at Nakamatsu
99 observation site is shown in Fig.5b. The seismic records consist of three components along
100 the NS (North-South), EW (East-West) and UD (Up-Down) directions. The NS and EW
101 waves represent horizontal motions of ground surface, and the UD wave represents vertical

102 motion of ground. Maximum values of the NS, EW and UD accelerations are 794.3 gal
103 (cm/s^2), 606.6 gal (cm/s^2) and 652.9 gal (cm/s^2), respectively. Table 1 lists measured
104 maximum ground acceleration at various observation site induced by the mainshock. Due to
105 the fact that the EW and NS components have larger seismic amplitude, damages to rock
106 foundations and buildings caused by horizontal motion are much more severe than those
107 caused by vertical motion. Besides, for the mainshock, at the Kumamoto GEONET station
108 (32.8421N, 130.7648E), 0.75 m horizontal deformation in the ENE direction and 0.20 m
109 downward deformation were recorded, at the Choyo GEONET station (32.8707N,
110 130.9962E), 0.97 m horizontal deformation in the SW direction and 0.23 m upward
111 deformation were recorded(Goda et al, 2016). Field investigation of Lin et al(2016) also
112 showed that the horizontal displacement caused by the seismic along fault accounted for a
113 larger proportion.

114 Numerous patterns of seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel were observed as follows:
115 lining cracks, construction joint damage, groundwater leakage, spalling and collapse of
116 concrete lining and pavement damage. Detailed surveys were performed using lining crack
117 mapping, photo recording and measuring major-crack characteristics(including width, length
118 and depth). Fig. 6 presents distribution of seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel by the
119 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes.

120 Among the seismic damages, lining cracks dominated with estimated number proportion of
121 66.5%, consisting of ring crack(23.9%), transverse crack(9.6%), longitudinal crack(13.0%)
122 and inclined crack(20.0%). Statistic and proportion of seismic damages to the Tawarayama
123 Tunnel by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake are shown in Fig.7. The lining cracks, especially
124 ring cracks, mainly occurred in the spans of S004~S005, S028~S053, S067~S071,
125 S094~S097, S119~S126, S146~S168, S184~S190(S is short for Span), with length of
126 783.2m(38.1% of the Tawarayama Tunnel total length 2057 m). Fig.8 shows sketch of the
127 seismic damages in these spans of the Tawarayama Tunnel.

128 At the portal(S001) near the Nishihara Village, pavement in the spans from S001 to S030 was
129 observed to uplift and crack continuously. And most of pavement uplift developed on the left
130 side along maintaining roadway. Besides, in the spans from S158 to S168, pavement suffered
131 cracking with maximum opening of 10 cm between S167 and S168. Construction joint was
132 damaged severely at the portal(S001) near the Nishihara village with maximum opening of
133 10 cm between S001 and S002. And construction joint opening decreased with the tunnel
134 extending to the Minami Aso Village side. From the span of S098, severe construction joint
135 damage was seldom observed. Groundwater leakage mainly occurred along with lining
136 cracks near the Minami Aso Village.

137 **3. Classification and mechanism analysis on seismic damages**

138 Various patterns of seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel by the 2016 Kumamoto
139 Earthquakes were observed. Some of the major patterns with significant characteristics were
140 illustrated and their potential influencing factors were also discussed.

141 *3.1 lining cracks*

142 Ring cracks with maximum dislocation of 8.0 mm were the most frequently observed in the
143 Tawarayama Tunnel. Spans from S119 to S126 are representative examples(Fig. 9a). The ring
144 cracks can be further classified into two types: transverse ring cracks and inclined ring cracks.
145 Sketch and mapping results of these two types of ring cracks are shown in Fig.9b. Damage of
146 this pattern was also found in the Zipingpu Tunnel, the Longdongzi Tunnel and the Longxi
147 Tunnel built on the Chendu-Wenchuan Line in China following the 2008 Wenchuan
148 Earthquake(Li et al, 2012).

149 Pattern of longitudinal cracks of concrete lining was another severe one. They were much less
150 than ring cracks. Most longitudinal cracks occurred at the portal(S001) near the Nishihara
151 Village. Fig.10 illustrates longitudinal cracks occurred in the Tawarayama Tunnel. This
152 damage pattern can be further classified into three types: singular crack at the vault of the

153 crown, symmetrical crack and non-symmetric crack(Wang et al, 2001). In the Tawarayama
154 Tunnel, most of the longitudinal cracks were the former one(Fig.10a). And length of some
155 longitudinal cracks exceeded dimension of the lining span(about 10 m)(Fig.10b). In addition,
156 a pair of symmetrical cracks were observed at span of S007, and a few non-symmetric cracks
157 occurred at the sidewall at spans of S140, S184 and S188 near the Minami Aso Village. In the
158 Chi-Chi Earthquake, the No. 1 San-I Railway Tunnel, the New Chi-Chi Tunnel on Highway
159 No. 16 and the headrace tunnel of New Tienlun power station were the most representative
160 examples of this type of damage(Wang et al, 2001). And longitudinal cracks also occurred in
161 the Namutani Tunnel in the Great Kanto Earthquake in Japan(Gong, 2007).

162 Transverse cracks that developed perpendicular to direction of the tunnel axis and inclined
163 cracks with inclination of 40-70° to direction of the tunnel axis were observed to mainly
164 develop at the hance and sidewall, dominated by shearing type and tension-shearing type.
165 Some ring cracks developed from propagation and interaction of transverse and inclined
166 cracks. Both transverse and inclined cracks are illustrated in Fig.11.

167 Axial deformation mode and mechanism of mountain tunnels under seismic wave are
168 depicted in Fig.12. When axial stress(compression or tension) along the tunnel extension
169 direction exceeds the corresponding (compression or tensile)strength of the lining concrete,
170 cracks especially ring cracks and transverse cracks may initiate and develop. Relative
171 movement between different span of the tunnle along the tunnel axis contributes to these
172 damages. Influencing factors for the relative movement involve seismic wave, geological
173 conditions, lining conditions, and so forth.

174 The epical center located in the southwest direction and seismic wave obliquely propagated
175 crossing the tunnel axis. In general, seismic wave parallel to or obliquely crossing the tunnel
176 axis result in kinds of axial deformations, such as axial tension, compression and bending
177 deformation. Chen(2011) also pointed out that the axially propagating P wave could cause
178 tension-compression stress, and once the stress exceeds strength of lining concrete, ring

179 cracks may occur. Response Displacement Method was also taken to illustrate that ring crack
180 occurs on the lining when the actual strain in the lining concrete exceeds its ultimate strain
181 (Yu et al, 2013). Besides, S wave perpendicular to or in 45° incident angle to the tunnel axis
182 was verified to have a significant effect on initiation and propagation of longitudinal cracks
183 by finite element method(FEM)(Chen et al, 2006). Besides, the Futagawa Fault Zone, whose
184 general strike is NE-SW, obliquely crosses axis of the Tawarayama Tunnel with general strike
185 of W-E(Fig.1). Dislocation of the Futagawa Fault Zone with estimated maximum of 2.2 m (in
186 Mashiki) by earthquake could accelerate the tunnel axial deformation.

187 A great difference between above-structure and underground structure is that the latter is in
188 combination with a surrounding medium, namely soil or rock(Chen et al, 2012). So,
189 geological conditions significantly affect seismic response of mountain tunnels. Existing of
190 fault zone and imperfection of contact between tunnel lining and surrounding rock could
191 aggravate the axial deformation. Near the portal(S012~S013), unsymmetrical loading due to
192 slope above the tunnel moved span of S012 towards south direction(lower side of the portal
193 slope) in 10 cm. Cross section here underwent compression and bending deformation,
194 resulting in longitudinal cracks along with concrete lining spalling. Hence, for future tunnel
195 planning, it is advised to avoid placing tunnel too close to slope faces if possible. If not, it is
196 important to take into account the slope stability evaluation and integrated design about the
197 non-buried tunnel section and tunnel portal structure. For lining conditions, three aspects
198 involving presence or absence of lining, lining material and lining stiffness to some extent
199 influence development of lining cracks(Wang et al, 2001; Power et al,1998; Li et al, 2006).

200 *3.2 Spalling and collapse of concrete lining*

201 Fig.13 shows spalling and collapse of concrete lining in the Tawarayama Tunnel. Concrete
202 lining spalling at the sidewall often developed along with lining cracks, especially inclined
203 cracks(Fig.13a). Besides, large area of secondary concrete lining was observed to collapse,

204 especially at spans of S166 and S167(Figs.13b and 13c). In the 1995 Chi-Chi
205 earthquake(Wang et al, 2001) and the 2008 Wen-Chuan Earthquake(Li et al, 2012; Yu et al,
206 2016), lining spalling and collapse were representative seismic damages in numerous
207 mountain tunnels, such as the No. 1 San-I railway tunnel, the Loingxi Tunnel, et al.

208 For lining spalling and collapse, seismic force is the initiation factor. Deformation mechanism
209 of mountain tunnel cross section under seismic wave is depicted in Fig.14. When seismic
210 wave propagates normal or nearly normal to tunnel axis, shape of tunnel cross section would
211 be distorted, resulting in development of ovaling deformation or compression deformation of
212 tunnel cross section. Moment and axial force then varies along with these deformation. Once
213 local stress or moment surpasses corresponding strength, lining spalling may occur with
214 interaction of squeezing, and even highly excessive compression may cause collapse of the
215 concrete lining. Because seismic wave of the Kumamoto Earthquake propagated obliquely
216 crossing the tunnel axis, component of seismic wave normal to the tunnel axis could lead to
217 these seismic response. Furthermore, high frequency motion is assumed to be a reason for the
218 local spalling of concrete lining along weak section(Wang et al, 2009).

219 Geological investigation indicated that loosen zone of surrounding rock existed around the
220 Tawarayama Tunnel along the east slope of the Tawarayama Mountain. And forensic
221 investigation showed that there were gravels in the waterproof at spans of S166 and S167.
222 The loosen surrounding rock and cavity existing behind the lining influenced imperfection of
223 contact between tunnel lining and surrounding rock, leading to spalling of concrete lining,
224 even collapse of tunnel structure. Spans of S166 and S167 are also at the tunnel turning
225 corner(Fig.3), which may result in unexpected seismic response to make these spans
226 vulnerable. Therefore, tunnel sections with turning, sudden changes in form, intersections of
227 two tunnels and emergency parking places, et al., require more attention during the design
228 and construction of tunnel. A large fault was found to exist over the spans of S166 and S167
229 through in-situ investigation, in consistent with the secondary concrete lining collapse.

230 Tunnels that go through fault or shear areas or into a large plastic area are more likely to
231 show collapse. Therefore, for future tunnel planning, efforts should be made to avoid running
232 cross active fault zones or weak surrounding rock where possible. When crossing faults,
233 reinforced countermeasures should be taken into consideration for the concrete lining.

234 *3.3 Pavement damage*

235 Uplift and cracking of pavement were frequently observed at the portal(S001) of the
236 Tawarayama Tunnel near the Nishihara village. Fig.15 shows pavement damage in the
237 Tawarayama Tunnel. Damage of this pattern can be further classified into three types:
238 transverse fracture and dislocation (maximum opening, 10 cm) (Fig.15a), maintaining
239 roadway uplift(maximum, 55 cm) (Fig.15b), invert uplift(maximum, 20 cm).

240 The fact that pavement damage observed in the Tawarayama Tunnel ran continuously over a
241 long distance in the longitudinal direction at the portal(S001) near the Nishihara village
242 indicates that the epicentral distance(22.4 km) has a significant effect. This coincides with the
243 statement of Shen(2014) that portals near the epicenter(less than 30 km) often suffer
244 extremely severe damage. Movement(10 cm) of span S012 towards south direction due to
245 unsymmetrical loading near the portal provided an good explanation for the phenomenon that
246 maintaining roadway uplifted along the left side of pavement, especially at the span of S012
247 with the maximum uplift of 55 cm. Besides, the portal of the Tawarayama Tunnel is
248 excavated in a relatively loose quaternary formation. Ground motion may be amplified at the
249 portal section, which can result in the larger seismic inertia force. And dense Andesite and
250 crushed Andesite appear alternately along the Tawarayama Tunnel extending direction, which
251 may lead to transverse fracture and dislocation at the interface between soft and hard rock.
252 Moreover, due to abrupt changes of tunnel cross section or turning of tunnel, stress variation
253 of tunnel is also regarded as one of main causes for tunnel pavement damage. In the present
254 study, spans ranging from S150 to S200 at the turn of the Tawarayama Tunnel were

255 representative examples(Fig.15a).

256 *3.4 Groundwater leakage*

257 Seventeen groundwater leakages were counted totally in the Tawarayama Tunnel. The
258 patterns of groundwater leakage can be further classified into two types: leakage in
259 construction joint(Fig.16a) and leakage in concrete lining(Fig.16b). The latter one often
260 occurred in the concrete lining with cracks or concrete spalling. The leakages in the spans
261 from S166 to S167 of the Tawarayama Tunnel were representative illustrations(Fig.16b).
262 Large areas of leakage were found in No.2 and No.3 Lines of Guanyin Tunnel and the Old
263 Guguan Tunnel after the 1999 Chi-Chi Earthquake(Chen et al, 2012). And three types of
264 groundwater inrush including soakage, dropping and pouring in construction joint were
265 observed in 6 tunnels after the 2008 Wen-chuan Earthquake(Wang et al, 2009). Leakage may
266 occurs where groundwater is abundant. And the seismic damages to concrete lining and
267 pavement due to earthquakes discussed above are preconditions for damage of this pattern.

268 **4. Discussion**

269 A special and interesting phenomenon was observed during site investigation for the
270 Tawarayama Tunnel that 55 ring cracks distributed with a regular spacing Δ in 23.4% spans
271 of the Tawarayama Tunnel. They mainly concentrated in S030~S053, S095~S097,
272 S119~S126, S146~S153, S157~S165, S184~190(Fig.8). Fig.17 provides a further sketch
273 illustration of ring crack distribution and corresponding estimated spacing. Fig. 18 illustrates
274 estimated spacing of the regularly distributed ring cracks in the Tawarayama Tunnel. The
275 spacing was estimated to be about 10.0m.

276 The general seismic propagation direction during the strong earthquake is oblique to the
277 tunnel axis, as discussed in Part 3.1. Seismic wave parallel or obliquely crossing the tunnel
278 axis causes longitudinal motion of the tunnel involving axial tension, compression and
279 bending deformation. So once corresponding(compression or tensile) strength of the concrete

280 is reached, ring crack is expected. This coincides with the ring cracks observed in the
281 Tawarayama Tunnel. Meanwhile, longitudinal motion is aggravated by the geological
282 conditions to form this special phenomenon. According to the in-situ geological investigation,
283 dense Andesite and crushed Andesite along the Tawarayama Tunnel appear in tilt alternately
284 with space between 10 m and 20 m(Fig.3). Because of different wave velocities, wave
285 dispersion and ground resistance in soft and hard rock, soft and hard grounds behave
286 differently during earthquakes. So seismic damages to tunnel structure normally occur in the
287 soft ground or at the intersection of different rock grades by ground relative displacement or
288 ground squeeze where soft and hard grounds meet(Yu et al, 2016).

289 This indicates that longitudinal motion of mountain tunnels under earthquake should be paid
290 much more attention in the aseismic design and construction procedure. Mitigation
291 countermeasures for the longitudinal seismic response can be taken into consideration for
292 further mountain tunnel construction and remediation process, such as ring shock absorption
293 structure. It can absorb longitudinal seismic energy while maintain the intact horseshoe shape
294 of tunnel cross section with full ability to undertake vertical pressure from the surrounding
295 rock and other external force. Further detailed studies on theoretical and engineering
296 mechanism of the axial regularly distributed ring damages in mountain tunnels by earthquake
297 and corresponding mitigation countermeasures such as ring shock absorption structure should
298 be investigated.

299 **5. Conclusions**

300 (1)Seismic damages to the Tawarayama Tunnel due to the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake were
301 investigated and summarized as follows: lining cracks, lining concrete spalling and collapse,
302 pavement damage, groundwater leakage and construction joint damage. Ring cracks were the
303 most frequently observed , accounting for 23.9% of the total damages in number. Influencing
304 factors for each pattern of seismic damages involve characteristics of seismic wave,

305 conditions of concrete lining and geological conditions including quality of surrounding rock
306 mass, fault zone, etc. A special and interesting phenomenon was observed that 55 ring cracks
307 distributed with an estimated average spacing 10.0 m in 23.4% spans of the Tawarayama
308 Tunnel. This results from interaction between seismic wave and special geological conditions
309 that dense Andesite and crushed Andesite around the Tawarayama Tunnel appear in tilt
310 alternately with space between 10 m and 20 m.

311 (2)Following the analysis on the seismic damages and corresponding influencing factors to
312 the Tawarayama Tunnel under earthquake, some recommendations for future aseismic tunnel
313 planning are given as follows:

- 314 • Tunnel should be placed far away from slope faces if possible. If not, it is important to
315 simultaneously take into account the slope stability evaluation and integrated design
316 about the non-buried tunnel section and tunnel portal structure.
- 317 • It is advised to avoid tunnel running cross active fault zones or weak surrounding rock if
318 possible. When crossing faults, reinforced countermeasures should be taken into
319 consideration for the concrete lining.
- 320 • Longitudinal motion of mountain tunnels under earthquake should be paid much more
321 attention in the aseismic design and construction procedure. Mitigation countermeasures
322 for the longitudinal seismic response can be taken into consideration for further mountain
323 tunnel construction and remediation process, such as ring shock absorption structure.

324 (3)For further understanding on theoretical and engineering seismic response and mechanism
325 of mountain tunnels under earthquake, efforts should be taken on these aspects as follows:

- 326 • longitudinal response of mountain tunnel under earthquake in three dimension;
- 327 • effect of ground surface motion under seismic wave on performance of mountain tunnel;
- 328 • corresponding mitigation countermeasures with consideration of longitudinal shock
329 absorption.

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Figure 17 Sketch of ring cracks in spans from S119 to S126 and corresponding estimated spacing.(*i* denotes the No. of ring crack)

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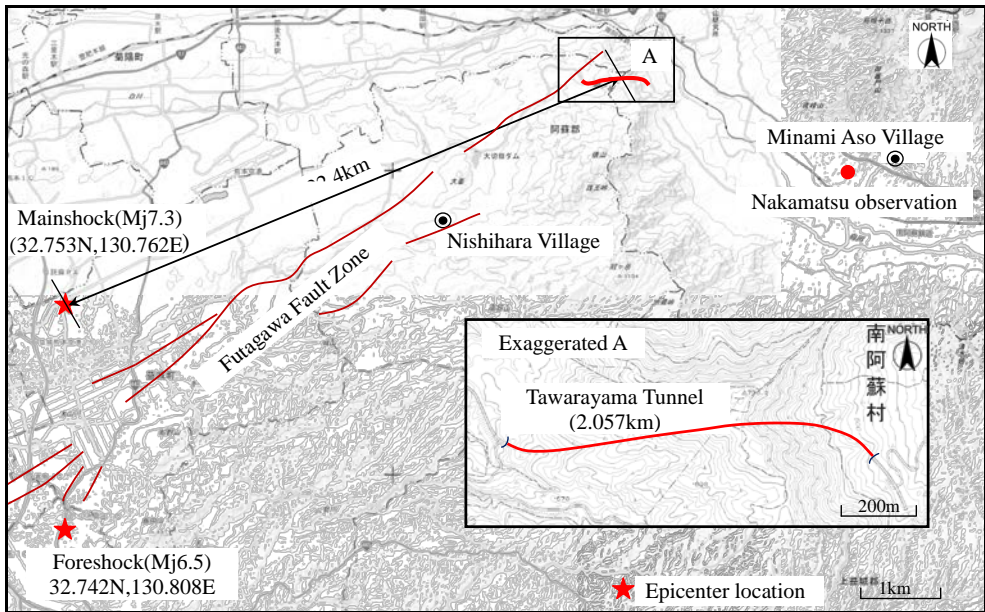


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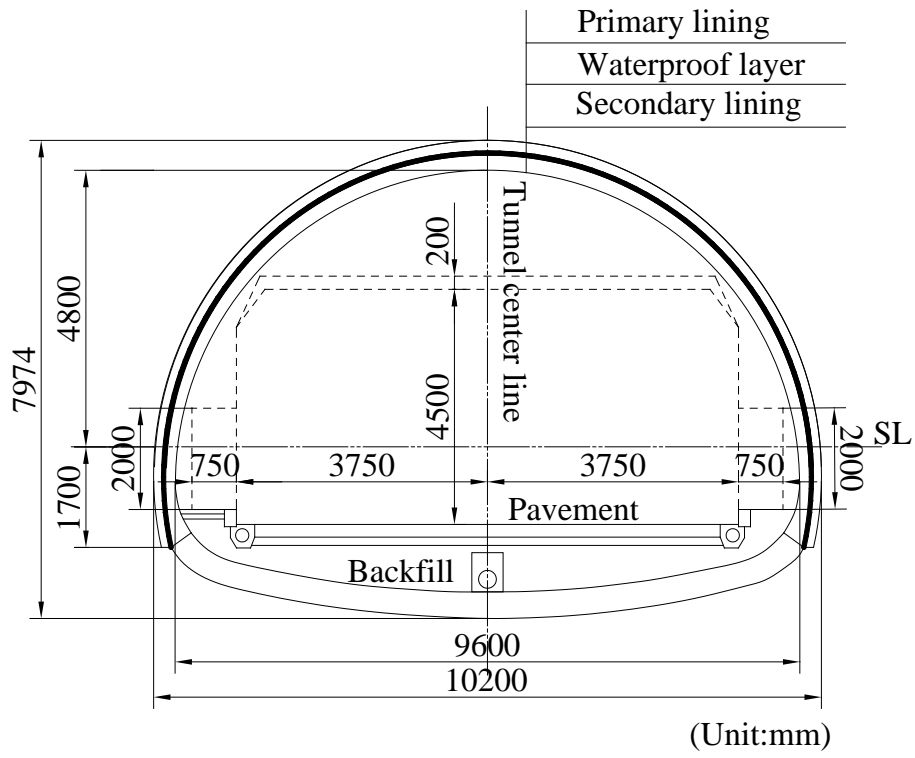


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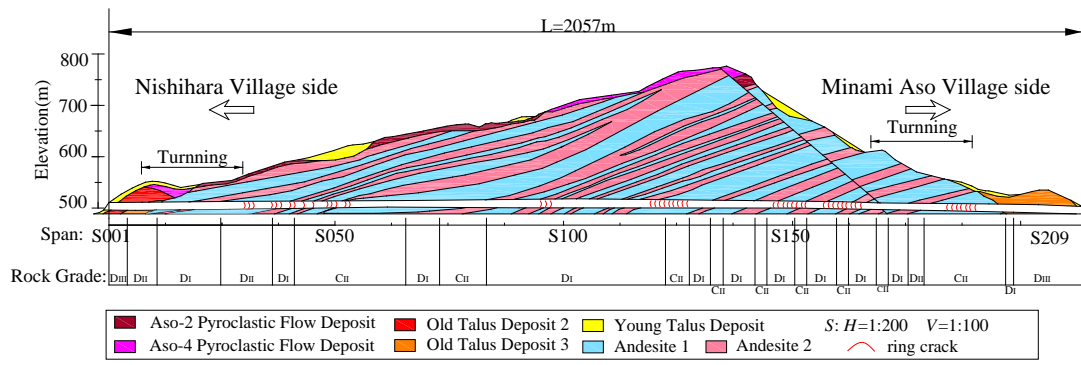
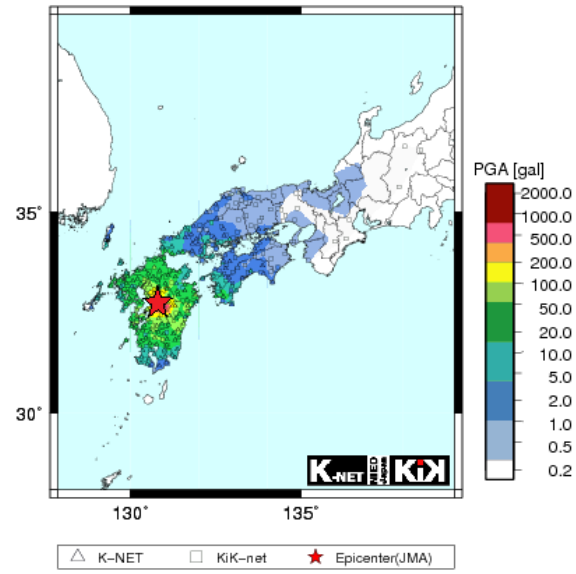
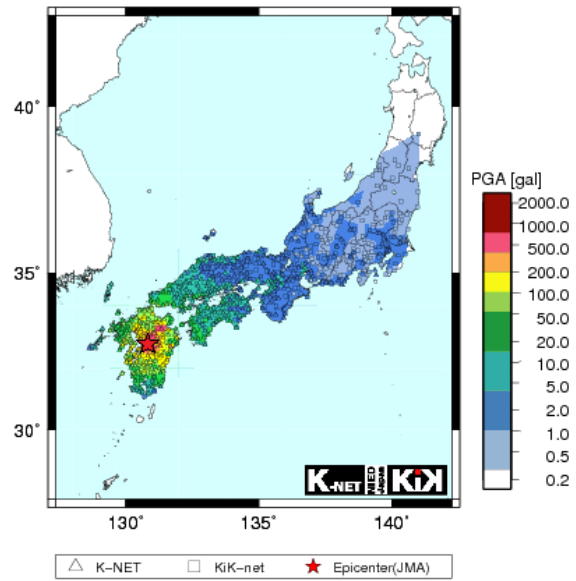


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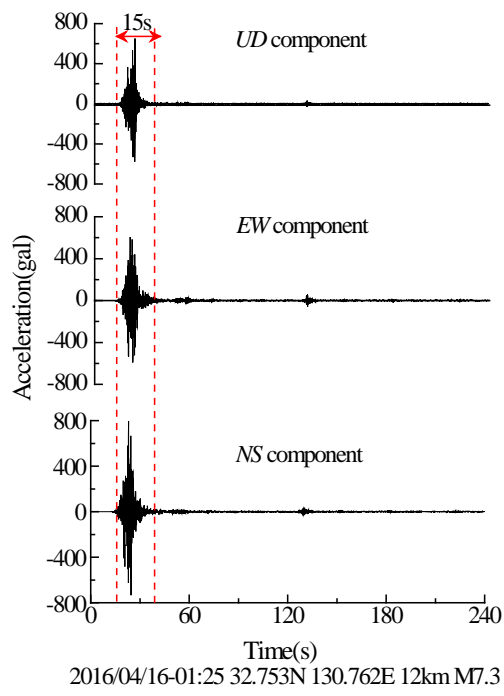
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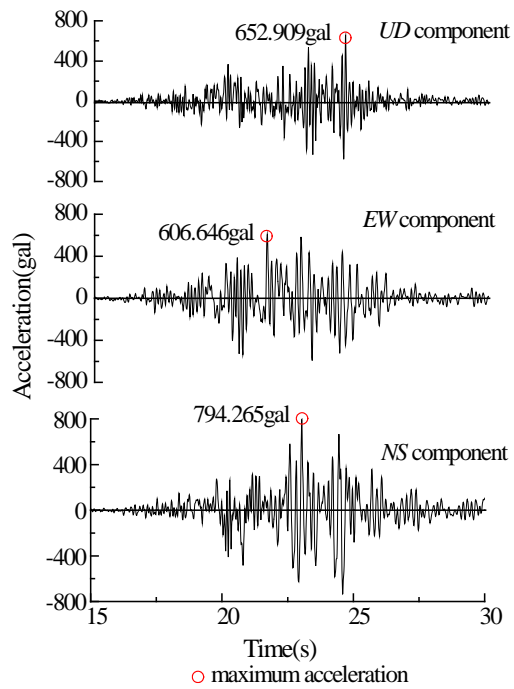
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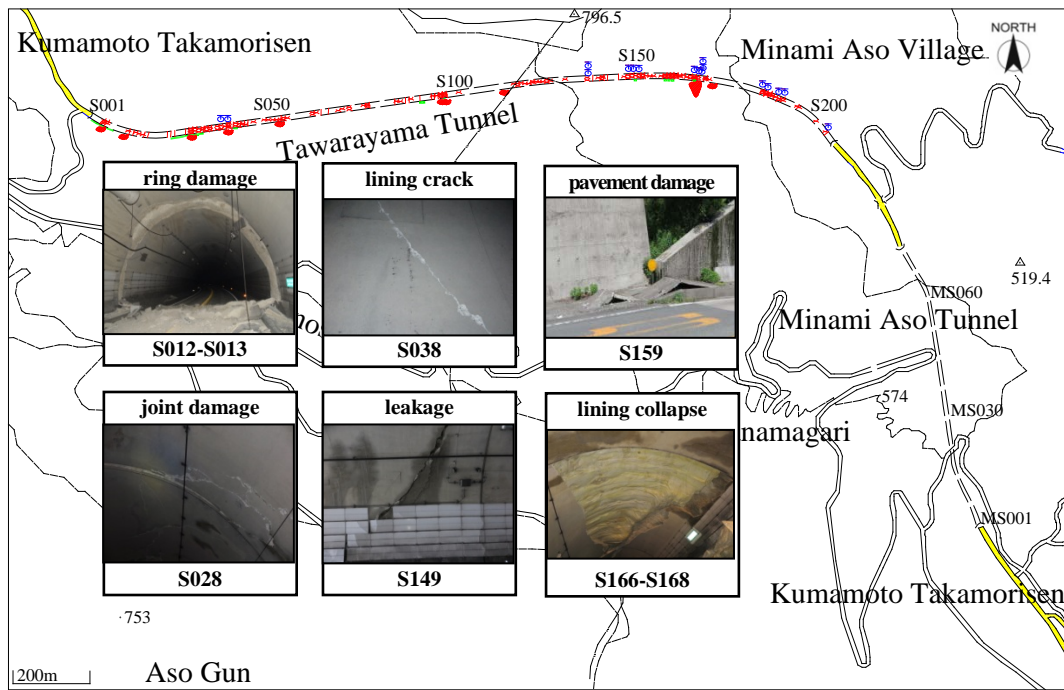


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Figure 6



- X lining crack

— construction joint damage

⊕ groundwater leakage
- ▨ concrete lining spalling/collapse

■ pavement damage

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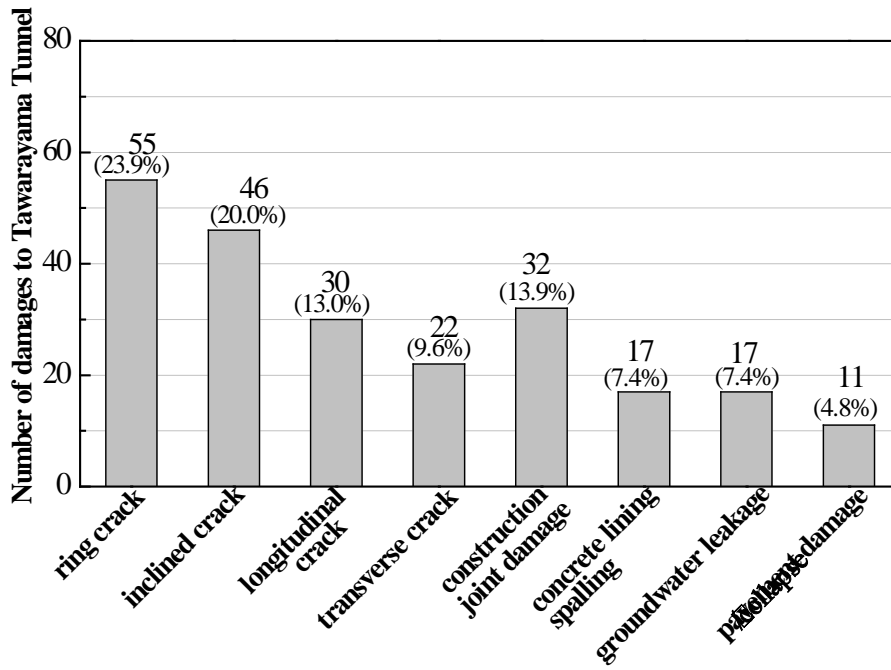
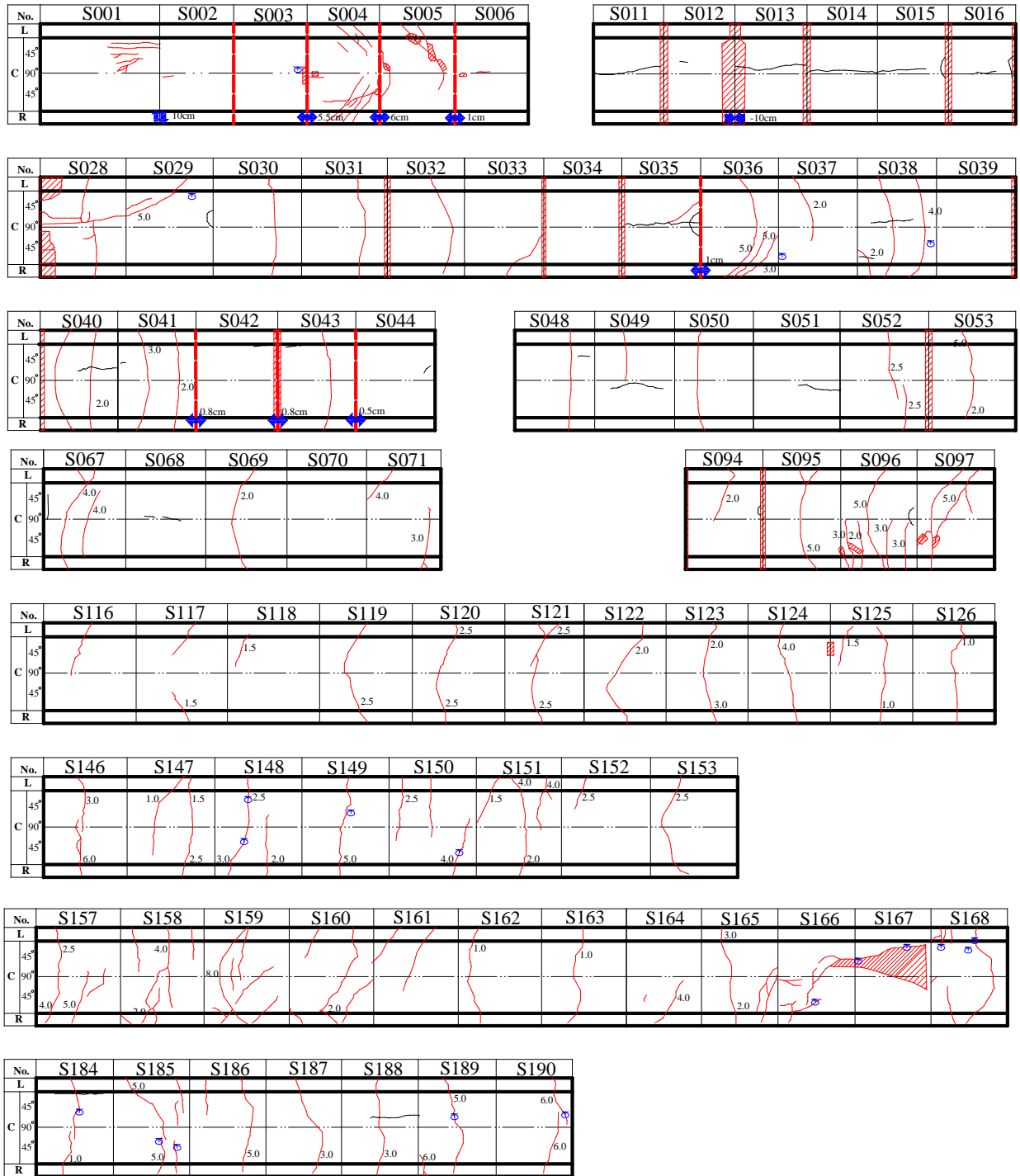


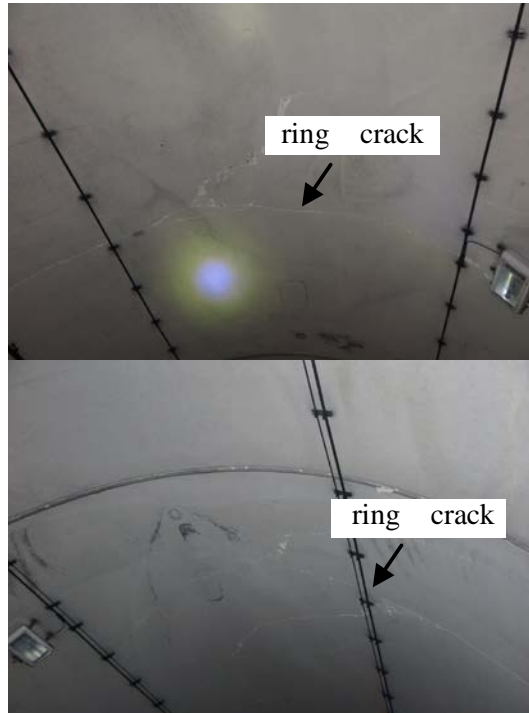
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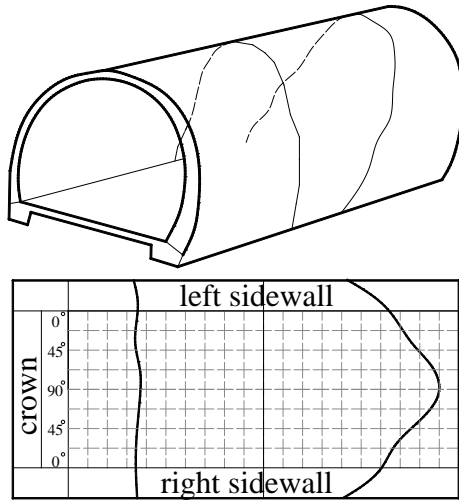
C: crown L: left side wall R: right side wall

- ¹⁰ lining crack ; 10: lining crack opening(unit:mm)
- ▨ concrete lining spalling/collapse
- groundwater leakage
- - - construction joint damage
- ↔ construction joint opening/compression
- ↕ construction joint sheared off distance

Figure 9



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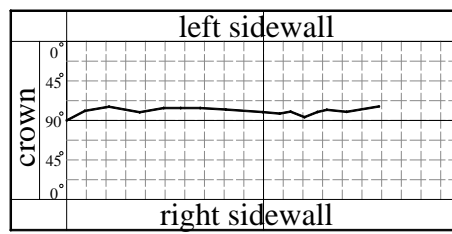
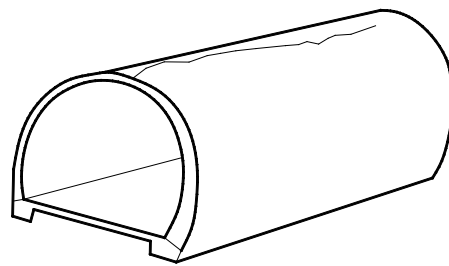


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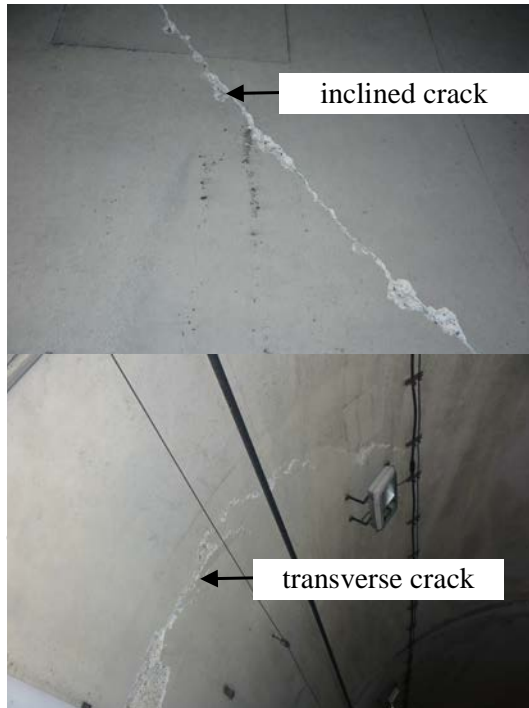


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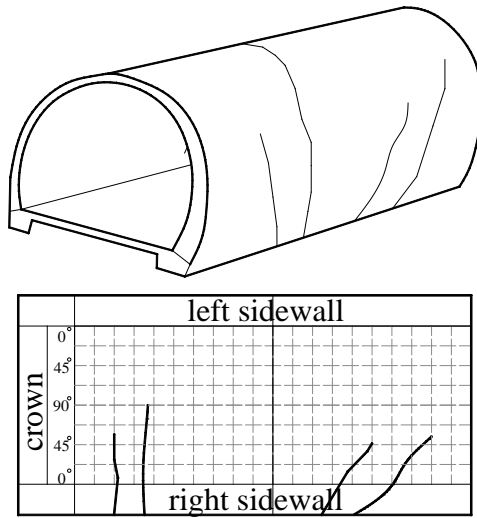


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Figure 11



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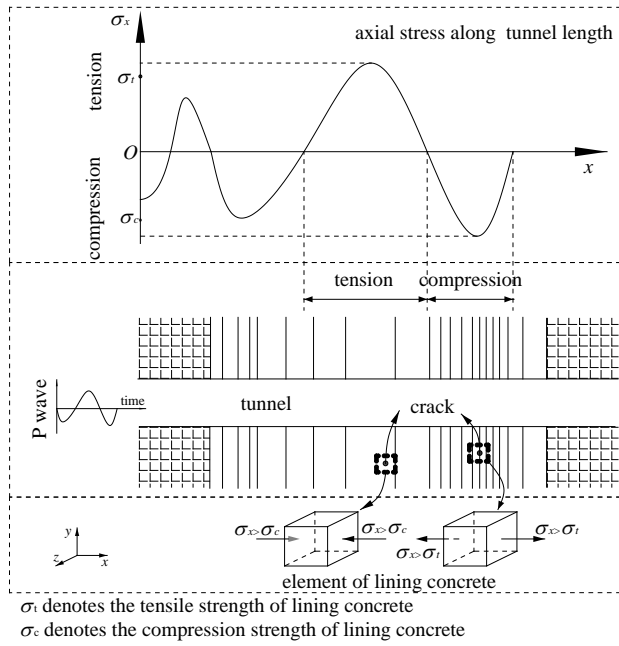


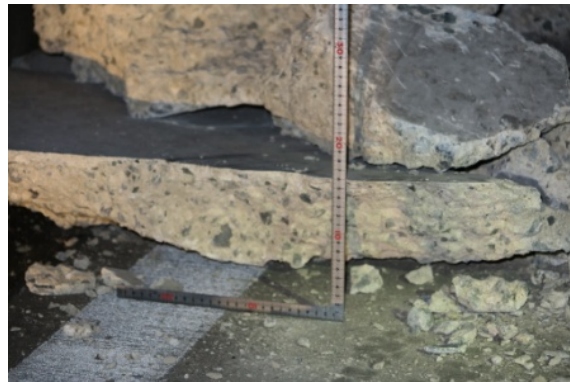
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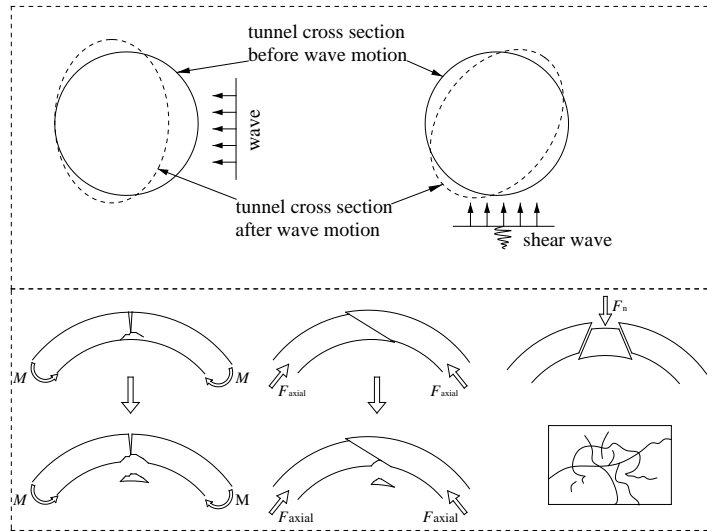
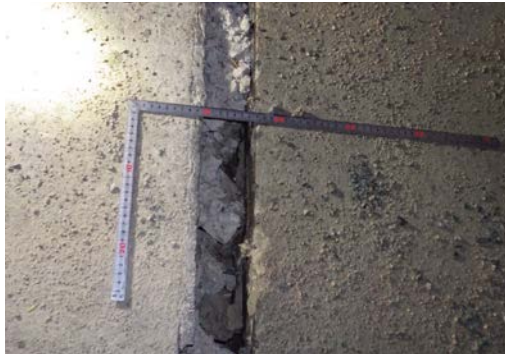
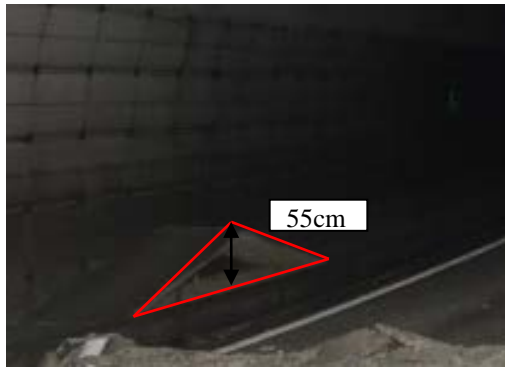


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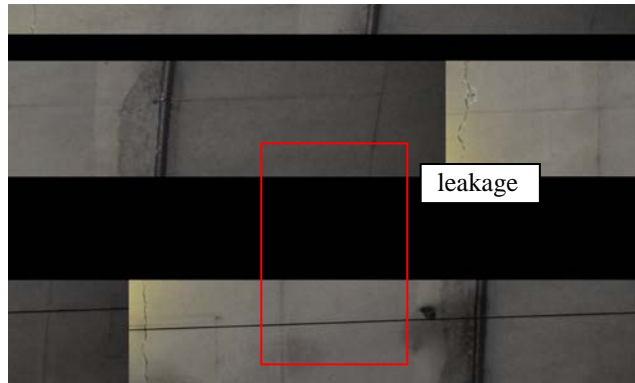


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Figure 16



(a)



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Figure 17

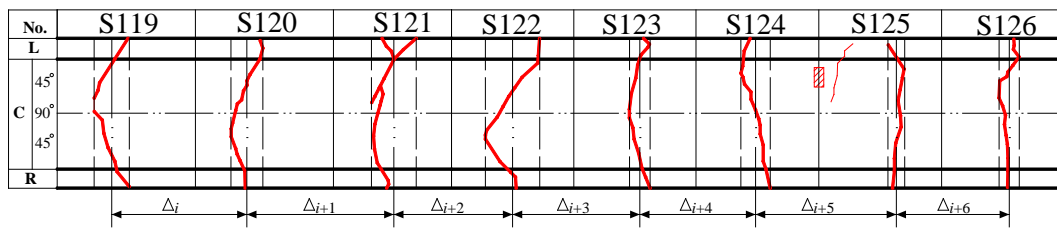


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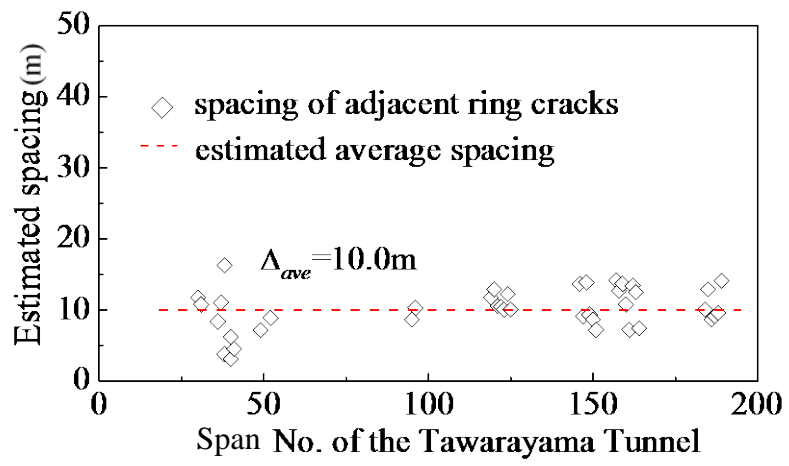


Table 1

Site code	Site location	Intensity	Maximum ground acceleration (gal=cm/s ²)			Epicenter distance (km)
			NS	EW	UD	
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EEB	Kasuga, Nishi-ku	6	606.0	551.6	405.3	7.5
EED	Nakamatsu, Minami Aso Village	6	794.5	606.8	653.1	32.3
9D2	Ōyano-machi, Kami-amakusa-shi	6	262.1	334.4	122.3	36.3
5E5	Hirayamashin-machi, Yatsushiro-shi	5	171.8	175.6	82.5	34.6
9D0	Ashikita, Ashikita-machi	5	138.6	124.9	41.4	56.9
EF0	Nishiaida Shimo-machi, Hitoyoshi-shi	5	111.7	102.0	50.4	61.2