

HUMAN CASUALTY AND DAMAGE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO SEISMIC INTENSITY IN THE 2006 CENTRAL JAVA EARTHQUAKE IN INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT :

The 2006 Central Java (Jogyakarta) earthquake occurred on May 27, and caused 140 thousand dwellings collapsed 190 thousand dwellings heavily damaged, and 5,800 human lives lost. The authors made reconnaissance field survey in June, 2006, collected damage statistics and examined GIS distribution. The seismic intensities were estimated by means of questionnaire survey. Obtained results are as follows.

(1) Dwelling collapse rate reached 60% and human loss rate exceeded 1.6% along 20km in NNE direction around epicenter. Human loss rates tend to be smaller for the similar levels of dwelling collapse rates in Java where single story dwellings are common, than in the 1995 Kobe earthquake region.

(2) Maximum MSK intensity of 8 or larger is estimated in the epicenter area, while it decreases toward the west direction. Probability of human casualty increases while dwelling damage levels worsened and human loss occurred in approximately 12% of households, when a single wall collapsed or two or more walls totally collapsed.

(3) Comparison of building types in damage levels indicated that brick houses are more vulnerable than RC buildings and wooden houses. At MSK intensity 8, responses of many brick houses collapsed reaches 0.77 and the highest, while that of RC buildings is 0.44 and that of wooden houses is 0.11.

KEYWORDS: seismic intensity, building vulnerability, human loss, Java earthquake

1. INTRODUCTION

The 2006 Central Java Earthquake with magnitude 6.3 occurred on Saturday May 27th at 5:53 a.m., local time, or Friday, May 26, 2006 at 22:53:58 (UTC) in Bantul district of Yogyakarta Special State, Indonesia (USGS, 2006). Dwelling damages and human casualty were very severe affecting densely populated farming villages and towns in the State and also urban area of Yogyakarta city. The authors conducted field reconnaissance survey joining a team of Kyushu University in June, 2006. This study aims to elucidate dwelling damages vulnerability and human casualty in relation with seismic intensity and other factors.

2. GIS DISTRIBUTION OF DAMAGE BASED ON STATISTICS

2.1. GIS Distribution of Damage and Human Loss

According to the report by the Indonesian Government Disaster Management Center, total human casualty numbered 5,778 people killed and 37,883 people injured, while dwelling damage numbered 139,859 dwellings totally collapsed and 190,025 dwellings heavily damaged. The area affected by this earthquake is the special state of Yogyakarta and Klaten district, which belongs to Central Java State. GIS files for the affected area, which contains ARC-GIS shape file layers of polygons are used to map damage distribution.

We collected damage statistics of dwelling damage and human casualty in sub-district or village levels by visiting district or sub-district offices. Dwelling damage and human casualty were investigated officially at

village levels and were reported to sub-districts, to districts, to provinces and to the central government through administrative hierarchy. Dwelling damage levels in Java were classified into 4 levels as follows; total collapse, heavy damage, moderate or light damage and apparently no damage. In case of MSK seismic intensity definition, building damage levels are classified into 5 as follows: Grade 1 slight damage, Grade 2 moderate damage, Grade 3 heavy damage, Grade 4 destruction, Grade 5 total damage. Total collapse Java may be regarded as corresponding to Grade 4 and 5, heavy damage to Grade 3, and moderate or light damage to Grade 1 and 2.

Table 2.1 indicates district-wise damage and human casualty statistics reported by the Indonesian national government. Bantul district suffered by far the heaviest damage with 0.5% human loss, while Klaten district followed with 0.09% human loss. According to the National Population Census in 2000, average household members are 3.4 person / household in Jogjakarta Special Province and 4.0 person / household in Central Java Province. Percentage of urban population is 57.7% in Jogjakarta Special Province, while it is 40.4% in Central Java State.

Table 2.1 Damage statistics reported by Indonesian Government as of June 27, 2006

Province	District	Population (1000s)	Dead	Injured	Refugee	Completely destroyed	Heavily damaged	Slightly damaged	Dead/Population
Jogjakarta Special Province	Bantul	823.4	4,143	12,026	778,251	71,763	71,372	73,669	0.50%
	Sleman	955.2	246	3,777	153,596	19,113	27,687	49,065	0.03%
	Kulon progo	386.8	24	2,179	205,625	4,685	8,430	9,672	0.01%
	Jogjakarta	419.2	218	313	74,592	6,085	5,408	15,364	0.05%
	Gunung Kidul	695.7	84	1,086	140,012	7,454	11,033	27,218	0.01%
TOTAL		3280.2	4,715	19,381	1,352,076	109,100	123,930	174,988	0.14%
Central Java Province	Klaten	1139.2	1,045	18,127	713,788	29,988	62,979	98,552	0.09%
	Boyolali	941.7	4	300	12,770	307	696	708	0.00%
	Magelang	1158.1	10		5,108	386	386	546	0.00%
	Purworejo	712.1	1	4	9,806	10	214	780	0.00%
	Sukoharjo	838.3	3	67	16,302	51	1,808	2,476	0.00%
	Wonogiri	1010.6	0	4	2,022	17	12	74	0.00%
TOTAL		32900.0	1,063	18,502	759,796	30,759	66,095	103,136	0.00%
GRAND TOTA		45260.5	5,778	37,883	2,111,872	139,859	190,025	278,124	0.01%

damage: <http://www.bakornasppb.go.id/html/buletindijjateng.htm>
 population: the National Population Census in 2000, after BAPPENAS (2006),
 Source: Data BPS Data Dan Informasi Kemiskinan (2004)

Figure 2.1 shows damage distribution obtained by UNOSAT and epicenters. Figure 2.2 shows dwelling damage and fatality distribution using sub-district-wise statistics. Pleret, Jetis, and Pundong sub-districts of Bantul district are in concentrated high damage zone over 60% of collapse ratio extending from NNE to SSW for approximately 20km. Gantiwarno and Wedi sub-districts located in the southern parts of Klaten district depict 30-60% total collapse ratio, which agrees with our field observation. Damage distribution agrees well with UNOSAT (2006) early estimation on their web-site after the earthquake (Fig. 2.1). The earthquake source locations estimated using Real-time-JISNET data by Nakano et al. (2006) agree with the severe damage zone in Fig. 2.2. High damage zone extends to north to Sleman district, in the east of Jogjakarta (Yogyakarta) city. Human loss distribution in Figure 2.2 indicates similar pattern as the dwelling collapse ratio. Human loss ratio in Pleret, Jetis, and

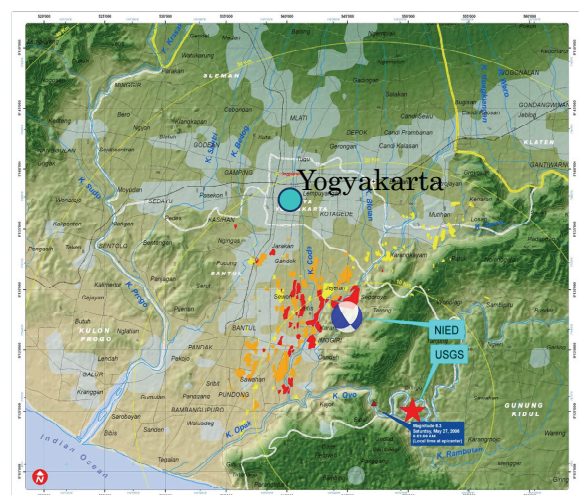


Figure 2.1 Damage distribution obtained by UNOSAT[1] and the location of the epicenter by USGS[2] and the mechanism of the moment centroid by NIED[3] (after Kawase, et al., 2006)

Pundong sub-districts reach 0.8% to 1.6% and that concentration extends approximately 20km along the NNE to SSW direction.

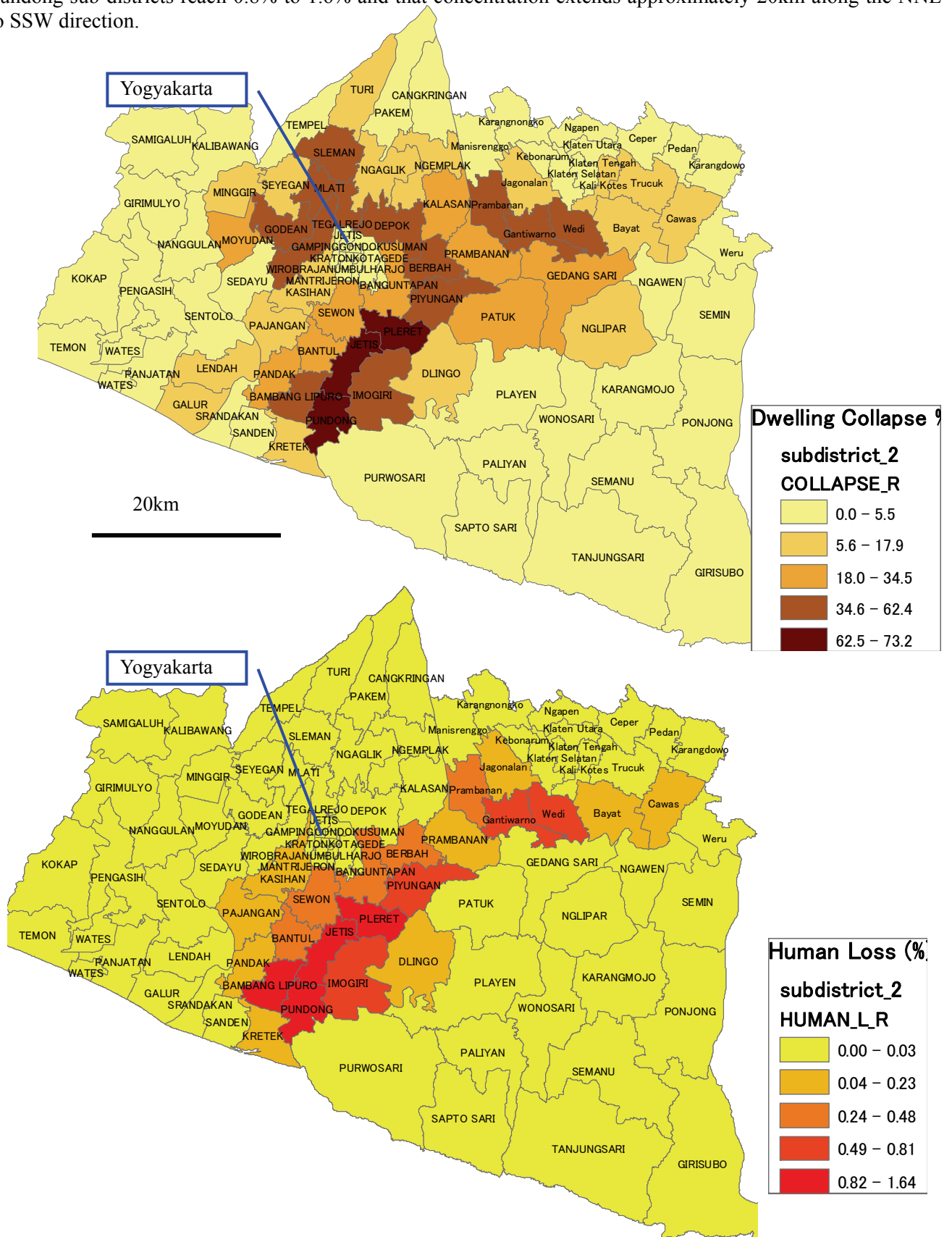


Figure 2.2 GIS distribution of dwelling collapse rate (%) above and human loss rate (%) below using sub-district damage statistics data.

2.2. Relation of dwelling collapse and human loss

Figure 2.3 shows the relation between rate of dwellings totally collapsed and rate of human loss for village statistics in Bantul District. Normal correlation is obvious with correlation coefficient $R=0.896$ and human loss rate further increases while total collapse rate exceeds 60%. Linear regression equation is obtained as follows.

$$FR = 0.023 CR - 0.17 \quad (2.1)$$

where FR: Fatality Rate (%),
 CR: Dwelling Collapse Damage Rate (%)

Based on the damage report of the 1995 Kobe earthquake by Fire Research Institute of Japan, the following relation between dwelling heavy damage rate and human loss rate is given for earthquake damage estimation manual (Fig. 2.4).

$$FRW = 0.0359 \times CHR \quad (2.2)$$

where FRW: Fatality Ratio in Wooden Buildings (%)
 CHR: Wooden Dwelling Collapse and Heavy Damage Ratio (%)

For the same levels of dwelling damages, fatality ratio in Java is approximately half of that in the Kobe earthquake, probably because single story dwellings are majority in Java, while two story dwellings were common in Kobe. In Central Java, more two story dwellings have been constructed along urban sprawl and economic development of the area. It is very important to provide education and training of dwelling earthquake safety (seismic resistance) for local residents (home owners) and carpenters, otherwise we are afraid that human casualty could be doubled in future earthquakes.

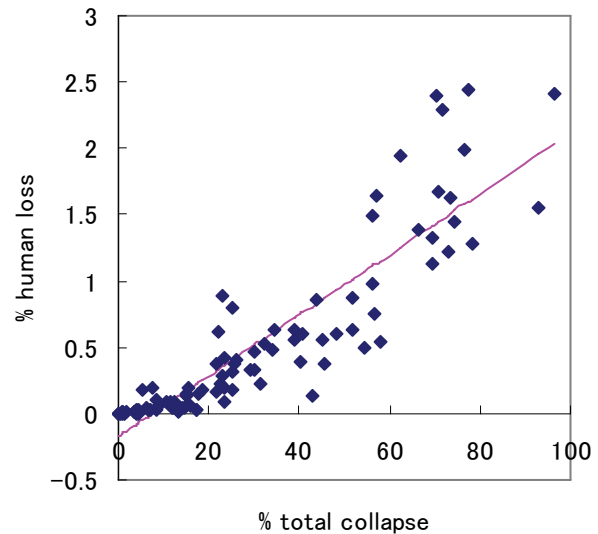


Figure 2.3 Relation of total collapse % and human loss % in the Java earthquake

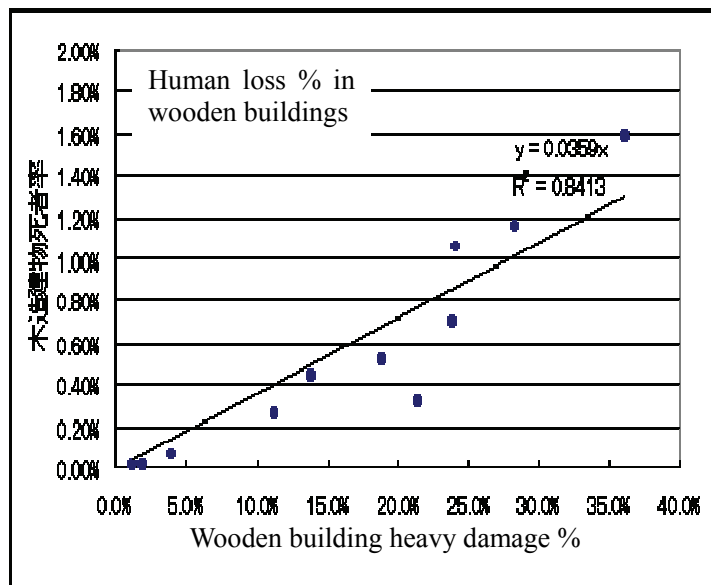


Figure 2.4 Relation of dwelling heavy damage rate (%) and human loss rate (%) for the 1995 Kobe earthquake (Disaster Mitigation Division of Cabinet Office, Japan).

3. SEISMIC INTENSITY ESTIMATION BY QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

3.1. Survey Method

In order to estimate strength of seismic shaking in the disaster area, we conducted questionnaire survey of seismic intensity. The author (H.M.) made the questionnaire based on MSK intensity scale definition and utilized for the field reconnaissance survey of the 2001 Gujarat, India earthquake (Murakami, 2001). Out of the 26 questions, 16 are used to estimate seismic intensity as indicated in Table 3.1. Based on the 12 scale MSK seismic intensity definition, each item category is given a respective intensity coefficient in the form of

Ohno, R. et al. (2007) conducted interview survey for human response during and after the earthquake and recovery and reconstruction process of the affected people in November and December, 2006. They made seismic intensity survey using the same questionnaire. Table 3.2 includes their survey results. The effective intensity questionnaire data collected are 212 cases from 23 locations.

3.2. MSK Seismic Intensity Estimated

Seismic intensity for each questionnaire is estimated using fuzzy set intensity coefficients and mean value for each location is obtained (Table 3.2). Standard deviation is 0.7 or less for 17 locations, while it exceeds 1.0 for 6 other locations. The table indicates also epicentral distances measured using epicenter decided by Nakano et al (2006), that is, Latitude 7.89 deg S, and Longitude 110.41 deg E. For Pleret and Imogiri observation lines, estimated seismic intensities are around 8.6 and are largest at the far east village of Bawuran, which seems to be the nearest to the epicenter. The seismic intensities decrease from east to west and are 7.5 to 7.7 around Bantul city in the western most location. Seismic intensities of Gantiwarno and Wedi in Klaten district are around 7.9 to 8.2, where dwelling damages were severe.

MSK intensity vs. epicentral distance is plotted in Fig. 3.1. Intensities attenuate from the epicenter to 10km distance, though they are largely scattered, probably due to the effects of source and local soil conditions. Villages at around 20km epicentral distance are located in Klaten district and they show high intensities.

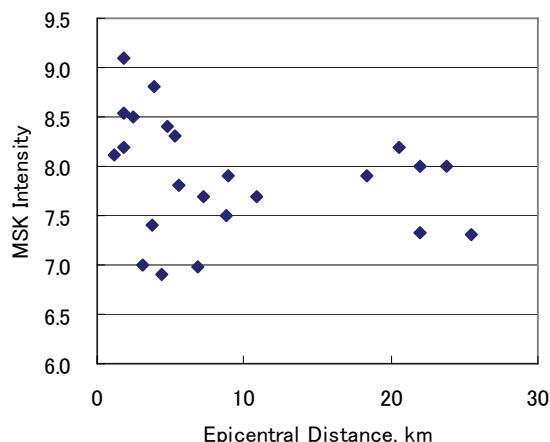


Figure 3.1 MSK intensity vs. epicentral distance.

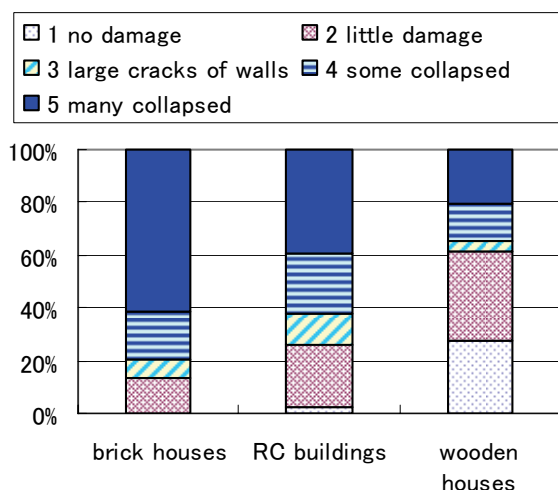


Figure 3.2 Comparison of damage levels of dwellings in your neighborhood among brick houses (Q18), wooden houses (Q19), and RC buildings

3.3. Building types and seismic vulnerability

Structural types of buildings one was located at the time of the earthquake, that is, mostly dwellings (Q6) are brick masonry (21%), half timber and masonry (37%), wood (15%), and RC frame (27%). It seems that not many respondents actually live in traditional type of timber frame dwellings. As for the number of stories, 97% answered single story, while 3% answered two stories. Locations at the time of earthquake occurrence are inside (71%), outside (28%), and in a vehicle (1%). Those who were awake before the earthquake occurrence are 66%. Movement of furniture in rooms indicates that most fell (39%), many moved and some fell (24%). Wall damages of a building one was located suggest severe damage levels as a single wall collapsed (19%), and two or more walls collapsed (41%).

Figure 3.2 shows comparison of the damage levels of different types of dwellings or buildings in the neighbourhood (Q18, Q19, and Q20). Damage categories in Fig. 3.1 may correspond to official damage statistics as follows; 2. little damage corresponds to slightly or moderately damaged, 3. large cracks of walls and 4. some collapsed correspond to heavily damaged, and 5. many collapsed corresponds to completely destroyed. It clearly indicates that brick masonry suffered heaviest level of damage with most collapsed, followed by RC dwellings and by wooden dwellings. In case of wooden dwellings, responses of large cracks

of walls count few, suggesting there were either no damage or serious damage. If wooden dwellings mean traditional type of timber frame with woven bamboo wall panels, they are not likely to suffer many cracks. We may need more information regarding damage patterns of traditional timber frame dwellings, however, it is very important that traditional timber frame dwellings with bamboo net wall panels and light tile roofing are lighter in weight than masonry dwellings and are reasonable to be more seismic resistant and are less lethal to the occupants even when heavily damaged. Construction method and damage characteristics of traditional timber dwellings are described by Ohno et al. (2006).

Figure 3.3 shows relations of human casualty of family members against the damage levels of dwellings. Entrapment probability significantly increases while damage level reaches to large cracks and partial wall collapse and it reaches to 60% in case of total collapse of a dwelling. In the same manner, human casualty increases as wall damage deteriorates and human loss occurred in approximately 12% of households, when a single wall collapsed or two or more walls totally collapsed.

Using the intensity questionnaire data, rate of “many collapsed” response for brick, wooden, and RC dwellings are plotted vs. MSK intensity of the locations (Fig. 3.4). It is clearly observed that brick houses suffered highest rate of collapse, while RC buildings and wooden dwellings follow with lower rates of collapse. Data plotted in Fig. 3.3 are divided into MSK levels and average ratio of people who observed many of houses or buildings of each type collapsed are indicated in Table 3.3.

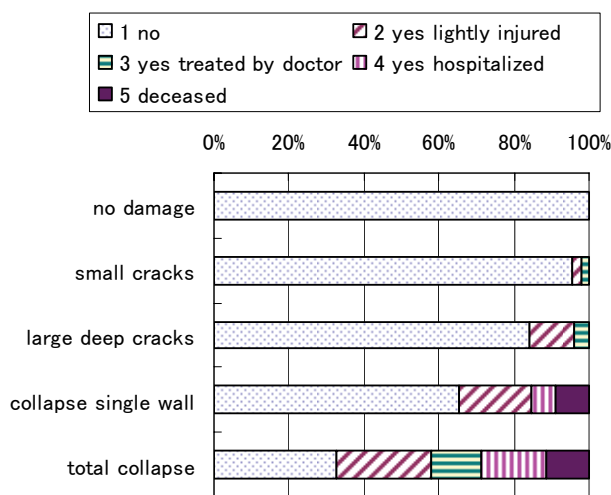


Figure 3.3 Casualty of family members in relation to the damage levels of dwellings according to the questionnaire data.

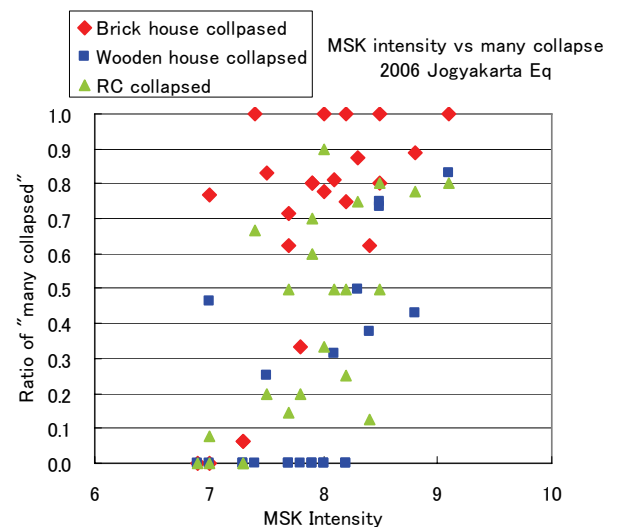


Figure 3.4 MSK intensity vs. rate of “many collapsed” response to neighborhood dwellings.

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We made GIS maps to indicate distribution of dwelling collapse rate and human loss rate and clarified that there is intensive damage zone extending for 18km in NS direction along Prelet, Jetis, and Pundong sub-districts with total collapse rate over 60% and human loss rate over 1.6%. Fatality rate against dwelling collapse rate in Java is approximately half of that in Kobe earthquake, possibly because single story dwellings are the majority in Java while many two story dwellings in Kobe were collapsed.

Table 3.3 Average ratio of people who observed many of houses or buildings of that type collapsed.

	MSK 7	MSK 8	MSK 9
Brick houses	0.32	0.77	0.92
RC	0.12	0.44	0.72
Wooden houses	0.08	0.11	0.69
No of locations	6	13	4

Seismic intensity survey by questionnaire method was conducted during the field reconnaissance and intensity was estimated using fuzzy set intensity coefficients based on MSK intensity definition. It was found that damage levels of brick masonry dwellings are severer than RC dwellings and wooden dwellings in the same neighbourhood suggesting traditional timber frame dwellings are lighter and more earthquake resistant. Probability of entrapment and casualty of oneself or family members clearly increases along damage level of dwellings. Twelve % of human losses in households were observed in case of total collapse with two or more walls collapsed.

Study results indicate that traditional timber frame dwellings sustained less collapse and damage than brick houses in this earthquake. However, many people seem still prefer to reconstruct brick houses due to modern and urban image, security, easy maintenance and/or availability of building materials. It is very important to extend education and training how to build earthquake resistant houses to people and local home builders in recovery and restoration stages.

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