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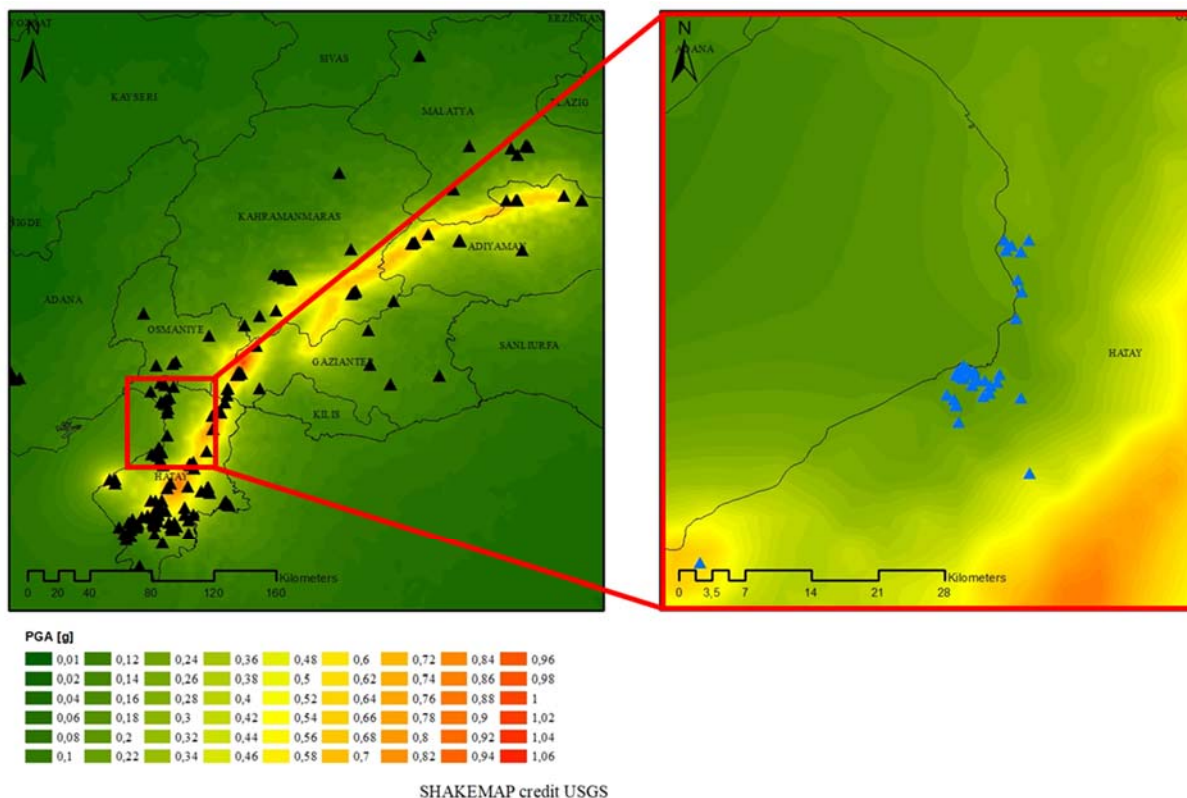
The Civil Protection Department has promoted an important technical-scientific activity in the areas affected by the earthquakes that occurred in Turkey and Syria starting from 6 February this year, with a maximum magnitude of 7.8. In this context, two missions have been organised, one aimed at investigating the effects of the earthquake from a geological and seismological point of view and one aimed at investigating the structural response of the building stock.

The two engineering competence centers RELUIS and EUCENTRE, in collaboration with METU and TEDU Universities of Ankara, are carrying out the damage reconnaissance.

The activity, agreed with the Turkish civil protection (AFAD), follows the agreements of a first mission in Ankara on April 24th-26th coordinated by the Italian Civil Protection Department, and is aimed at the evaluation of earthquake effects on public buildings (schools, barracks, municipal offices, etc...) on which reinforcement interventions were planned and/or carried out before the seismic event of 6 February.

In agreement with a delegation of researchers from the METU and TED Ankara Universities, more than 200 buildings have been selected in the provinces of Hatay, Maras, Antep and Adana.

The location of these buildings is reported on the shakemap published by the USGS following the February 6th event, as shown in Fig. 1a.



(a)

(b)

Fig. 1. Geographic localisation of buildings overlapped to Shakemap of the 6th February earthquake by USGS (a); magnification on subset of buildings inspected on May 9th (b).

On May 9th, 8 teams of technicians from various Italian Universities (Univ. degli studi di Palermo, Univ. del Salento, Univ. degli studi della Basilicata, Univ. degli studi di Napoli Federico II, Univ. di Genova, Univ.

di Bologna, Univ. degli studi di Pavia) and the EUCENTRE competence centre carried out inspections on 45 school buildings (primary and secondary schools) located in the city of Iskerenderun (Alessandretta), where maximum recorded accelerations according to the USGS ShakeMap (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/data/shakemap/background.php>) were in the range 0.18-0.24g (see Fig. 2b). The buildings inspected were reinforced concrete (r.c.) structures characterised by two-way frames. In most cases, strengthening interventions had been carried out before the seismic event of February 6th.



Fig. 2. Group photo of the 8 teams of ReLuis, EUCENTRE, METU, TED technicians; and some of the school buildings inspected on May 9th.

The inspections showed that the buildings surveyed are characterised by a number of above-ground floors mostly between 2 and 4, regular in plan and elevation, built in most cases between the late 1950s and the late 1970s. In some cases, further structural units had been built since the 1980s, connected to the original structure by means of expansion joints. In all the buildings, seismic retrofit interventions were implemented mostly through the insertion of r.c. walls within the structural grid, in both directions, and the consolidation of foundations. The buildings inspected showed a moderate level of overall damage, mostly concentrated in the joint areas due to pounding of adjacent structural units (see Fig. 3).

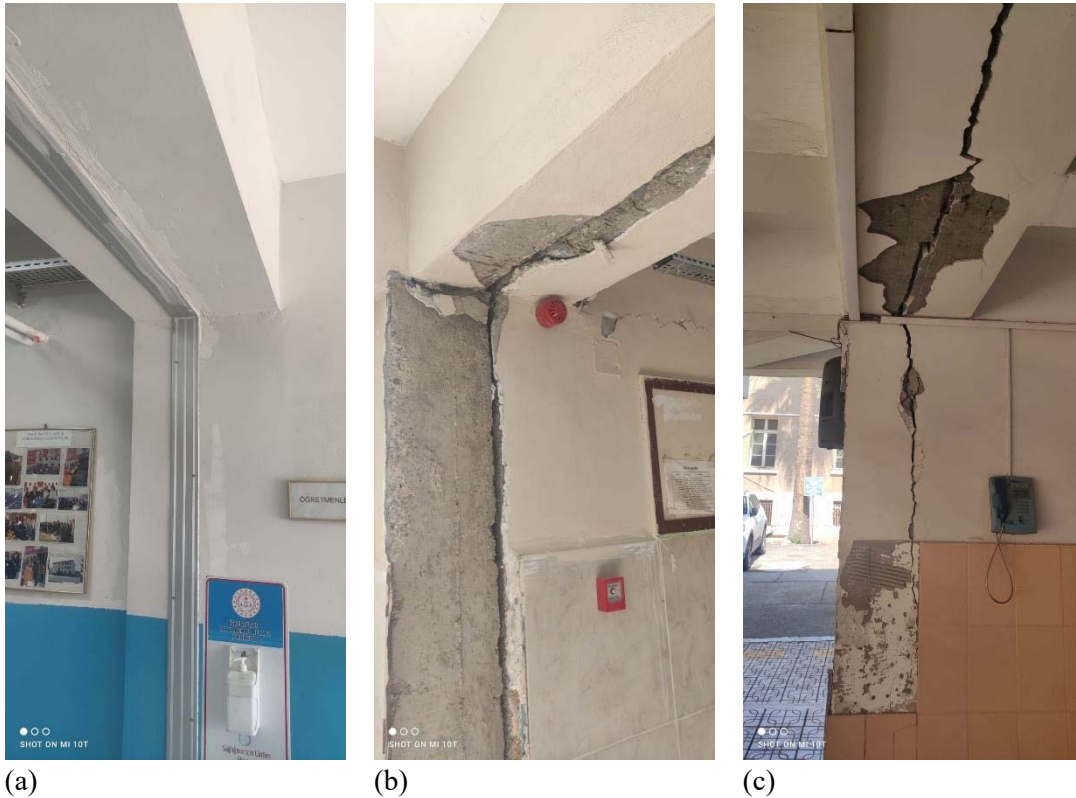


Fig. 3. Photos of damage due to pounding: slight (a), moderate (b), severe (c).

The load-bearing structures did not suffer major damage; however, in several buildings, damage was observed at the interface between the original r.c. frame and the r.c. wall adopted as the reinforcement system. It turned out that the r.c. walls were built by removing a partition/infill panel and replacing it with a r.c. wall connected to the existing frame. The anchoring of the wall to the frame was evidently ineffective as evidenced by the state of damage shown in Fig. 4.

During the inspections in the city of Iskerenderun (Alexandretta), a more severe level of damage was observed on average on residential buildings compared to the inspected school buildings, the subject of the current activity. Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 show, for two r.c. buildings, some emblematic damage cases related to the development of a soft-storey mechanism and a shear crisis due to the interaction with the infills.





Fig. 4. Detachment at the interface between the original r.c. frame and the wall adopted as strengthening system.



Fig. 5. Brittle shear failure of a r.c. column due to interaction with infills.



Fig. 6. Very severe damage on a r.c. building due to soft-storey mechanism.

In the following table, a summary of the inspections of May 9th is presented.

Table 1 Summary of inspections – 9 May 2023

Nr. of teams	8
Location	Alessandretta e surrounding areas
Nr. of inspected buildings	44

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