EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI HAZARD ASSESSMENT IN COASTAL AREAS OF VIETNAM AND MEASURES FOR SEISMIC RISK MITIGATION

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COASTAL AREAS OF VIETNAM

- Coastline length: 3260km, 2600 Islands
- 4 main coastal area: North-Northeastern, Central, Southeastern and Southwestern areas
- Population: 20 millions
- Big cities: Halong, Haiphong, Danang, Nhatrang, Vungtau.
- 12 industrial zones, 18 big ports, 25 tourism zones

Study area and seismicity of southeast region
MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS ON EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI HAZARD ASSESSMENT IN VIETNAM

STUDY OF SEISMICITY AND SEISMOTECTONICS

- Seismicity of Vietnam and Eastern sea
- Seismicity of Southeast Asia region
- Seismotectonics of Vietnam
- Geodynamic and recent tectonic movement
- Study of active tectonic faults
- Study of volcanic and landslide activities in the offshore areas
SESMICITY OF VIETNAM AND EASTERN SEA

- Catalog of Earthquake with:
  + M ≥ 5 on data of ISC (1900-2008)
  + M ≥ 3 on data of local seismic network and historic data.
- Study area: 1° N - 24° N, 99° E - 125° E.
- Total 8955 Earthquakes with:
  + 2086 ~ M = 5 – 5,9
  + 331 ~ M = 6 – 6,9
  + 78 ~ M = 7 – 7,9
  + 10 ~ M ≥ 8

Distribution of epicenters in Vietnam and Eastern Sea
SESMICITY OF VIETNAM AND EASTERN SEA

- Maximum Earthquake evaluation
- Earthquake energy estimation:
  \[ \log E = 11.8 + 1.5M \]
- Distribution of epicenters on the Depth:

\[ M_{\text{max}} \text{ for Vietnam territory} \]

\[ M_{\text{max}} \text{ for Eastern Sea of Vietnam} \]
Seismotectonic scheme of Southeast Asia region
Structural and Tectonic Map in Vietnam and adjacent areas
STUDY OF GEODYNAMICS AND RECENT TECTONIC MOVEMENT

- Study of the active faults in Pliocene – quaternary sediment
STUDY OF GEODYNAMICS AND RECENT TECTONIC MOVEMENT

- Study of recent tectonic movement on GPS network


Crustal motion on the Projects GEODYSSEA, PCGIAP, SEAMERGES
Scheme of geodynamics and modern tectonic movements
SCHEME OF ACTIVE TECTONIC FAULTS

• Data of gravity and magnetic anomalies
• Seismic profiling data of high resolution
• Data of seismicity
• Data of volcanic activities
Probabilistic approach: Cornell A.C. method (1968)  
Seismic hazard is calculated by

\[ P[A] = \int \int P[A|M,r] f_M(m) f_R(r) dMdR \]

where \( P \) indicates probability, \( A \) is the event whose probability is sought, and \( m \) and \( r \) are continuous, independent random variables which influence \( A \). In our case, \( A \) represents the event that a specific value of ground motion intensity is exceeded at the site of interest during an earthquake, variables \( m \) and \( r \) represent earthquake size (magnitude) and distance from the site of interest.
**EARTHQUAKE HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

**Procedure**

1. Determination of seismic source zones in the study area;
2. Estimation of earthquake hazard parameters for each source zone;
3. Choosing an attenuation equation for the study area;
4. Seismic Hazard computation and mapping.

![Diagram](image-url)
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Tools

1. EQRISK program by McGuire (1974)
2. CRISIS99 program by Ordaz (1999)
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Input Data

- An Earthquake catalog of Vietnam and adjacent sea areas for the period from 114 to 2008 including 3197 events, compiled by the Institute of Geophysics, VAST. The catalog incorporates all historical as well as instrumental data collected from various sources (ISC, USGS, NEIS, BEJ).
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Input Data
The following earthquake hazard parameters, characterizing level of seismicity, were estimated for all seismic source zones in the territory of Vietnam and adjacent sea areas:

- Expected maximum magnitude $M_{\text{max}}$;
- Constants $a$, $b$ in the Gutenberg-Richter magnitude-frequency relation and their deductive values $\alpha$ and $\beta$;
- Mean return period $T(M)$ of the strong earthquakes with magnitude $M$. 

EARTHQUAKE HAZARD ASSESSMENT
The Campbell (1997) attenuation relationship was chosen for application:

\[
\ln(A_H) = -3.512 + 0.904 M_w - 1.328 \ln\{R_{SEI}^2 + [0.149 \exp(0.647 M_w)]^2 \\
+ [1.125 - 0.112 \ln(R_{SEI}) - 0.0957 M_w] F + [0.440 - 0.171 \ln(R_{SEI})] \text{SSR} \\
+ [0.405 - 0.222 \ln(R_{SEI})] \text{SHR} + \sigma
\]

where: \( A_H \) is horizontal PGA, in g (g = 981 cm/s\(^2 \)). \( R_{seis} \) is the closest distance from the site to the zone of the seismogenic rupture, \( M_w \) is the moment magnitude of the earthquake, \( F \) is a fault type flag: GRS = 1 for reverse-slip faults, 0 otherwise, SSR and SHR are site coefficients: for soft soils SSR = SHR = 0; SSR = 1, SHR = 0 for soft rocks; SSR=0, SHR= 1 for hard rock and \( \sigma \) is the standard deviation, with \( \sigma = 0.4095 \).
MAP OF EARTHQUAKE HAZARD IN NORTH AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS OF VIETNAM. RETURN PERIOD 950 YEARS, SITE A
MAP OF EARTHQUAKE HAZARD IN SOUTHERN COASTAL AREAS OF VIETNAM. RETURN PERIOD 950 YEARS, SITE A
IDENTIFICATION OF TSUNAMI SOURCE ZONES

- Scheme of tsunamigenic zones in Southeast Asia
- Catalog of tsunamis in Southeast Asia
- Tsunami source zones in South China Sea region
- Zones of volcanoes in the South China Sea
- Zone of potential of landslides
Scheme of tsunamigenic faults in Southeast Asia
Tsunami source zones in South China Sea region
Neotectonic activities along coastal zone in the north part of Vietnam
Neotectonic activities along coastal zone in the central part of Vietnam

The seismic section
The seismic section

Neotectonic activities along coastal zone in the south part of Vietnam
Seismic profiles to study landslide potential in coastal area of central and southern Vietnam
Seismic profiles VOR 93-103
Seismic profiles VOR 93-104
Seismic profiles VOR 93-105
Seismic profiles VOR 93-112
TSUNAMI AFFECT EVALUATION

- Evaluation of Mw for Tsunami source zones
- Calculation model for Tsunami propagation and inundation
- Identification of appropriate Tsunami scenarios
- Simulation of Tsunami propagation and Inundation for coastal areas of Vietnam
**SOURCE PARAMETERS OF MAIN TSUNAMI SCENARIOS**

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<th>Source zone</th>
<th>$M_w$</th>
<th>L (km)</th>
<th>W(km)</th>
<th>Dislocation (m)</th>
<th>Strike</th>
<th>Dip.</th>
<th>Slip</th>
<th>H (km)</th>
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Scenario 1: Tsunami propagation time from Manila Trench. $M_w=9.0$
Scenario 2: Tsunami propagation from Manila Trench. $M_w = 8.5$
Scenario 3: Tsunami propagation from Manila Trench. $M_w = 9.0$
Scenario 4: Tsunami inundation. Tsunami from Manila Trench. $M_w=8.0$
Scenario 5: Tsunami inundation. Tsunami from Manila Trench. $M_w=9.0$
Tsunami hazard in Coastal area of Vietnam for return period of 950 years
Tsunami hazard in Coastal area of Vietnam for return period of 2500 years.
Inundation in Nha Trang city with Tsunami wave height = 2m
Inundation in Nha Trang city with Tsunami wave height = 4m
Inundation in Nha Trang city with Tsunami wave height = 6m
MEASURES FOR HAZARD MITIGATION

- Detail seismic sounding and geological investigation for meridional fault system along central and south central coastline
- Conduct of earthquake and Tsunami risk assessment for central and south central coastal zone of Vietnam
- Establishment of National system for earthquake information and Tsunami warring
- Development of mangrove forest areas and protecting forests along coastal zone
- Education and training of earthquake and Tsunami hazard preparedness for the population and community
- Conduct of drill for earthquake and Tsunami preparedness and rescue
VIETNAM NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION AND TSUNAMI WARNING

1. Legislation bases
2. Earthquake Information and Tsunami Warning Centre
3. Institute of Geophysics (IGP)
5. Operation System for Earthquake Information and Tsunami Warning
LEGISLATION BASES

1. Prime Minister decision No 264/2006/QD-TTg, November 16, 2006 on ”Regulation of earthquake information and Tsunami Warning in Vietnam”
   - Information for all earthquakes with M>3,5
   - Alert with tsunami warning for coastal areas and islands.
   - Institute of Geophysics is an only agency responsible for earthquake information and tsunami warning in Vietnam
   - Improvement of national seismic network an tidal station system to serve earthquake information and tsunami warning
   - Establishment of earthquake information and tsunami warning centre
   - Responsibilities of Government offices and localities authorities to support earthquake information and tsunami warning system
LEGISLATION BASES

2. Prime Minister decision No 78/2007/QD-TTg, May 29, 2007 on ”Regulation and Guideline for earthquake and Tsunami preparedness and prevention”

3. Decision No 1798/QD-KHCNVN, September 4, 2007 on establishment of the earthquake information and tsunami warning centre belong to Institute of Geophysics

THE EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION AND TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER

- Location: Institute of Geophysics, Hanoi
- Functions:
  - To receive and process data and information of the seismic networks, sea level stations and buoys
  - To provide information of the earthquakes and tsunami warning to TV, radio, the Government offices and localities
  - To provide guideline for earthquake and tsunami preparedness and prevention
- Working staff: 12 people
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Institute founded in 1986 by Vietnamese Government decision
No.60/HDBT/15-05-1986
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS

- Investigation of geophysical fields (gravity, geomagnetic, geoelectric and geothermal)
- Investigation of seismicity and seismic zoning
- Study of the earth crustal structure and geodynamics,
- Study of atmosphere physics
- Development and application of geophysical methods of prospecting
- Earthquake information and tsunami warning in the territory of Vietnam and adjacent sea areas
- Postgraduate training in geophysics
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

• Research departments
  – Seismology
  – Seismic observation (seismological network)
  – Geomagnetism
  – Geodynamics
  – Geophysical methods of prospecting
  – Atmosphere physics
  – Ionosphere observatory

• Administrative and management office

• Operation center for earth information and tsunami warning

• Current member of researchers: 80
  (Ph.D:15, M.Sc: 20)
MAIN COMPLETED NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

• Seismicity and seismic zoning in Vietnam territory (1990)
• Seismicity and seismogenetic zones in Eastern sea of Vietnam (2000)
• Seismicity and detail seismic zoning in northeastern part of Vietnam (2005)
• Scientific and technological bases for protection of underground water resources in Vietnam (2007)
• Compilation of atlas of natural conditions and environment in sea areas of Vietnam (2005)
• Study of structure and dynamics of faults in area of Hoa Binh hydroelectric plant
• Earthquake and tsunami hazards and risk assessment in the coastal areas of Vietnam (2007-2008)
MAIN SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENTS AND FACILITIES

• Network of 25 seismological stations in Vietnam territory
• 4 geomagnetic observatories (Sapa, Dalat, Bac Lieu, Hanoi)
• 9 atmospheric physics stations
• System of 9 teleseismic station
• Operation center for earthquake information and tsunami warning
• 15 digital seismometers
• 24 channels seismic sounding unit
• Geophysical equipments (gravity meters, magnetometers, geoelectric sounders)
• Ionosphere sounders
VIETNAM NATIONAL SEISMIC NETWORK (VIETNET)

• Present status: 25 stations
  – North Vietnam: 20
  – Central Vietnam: 3
  – South Vietnam: 2
  – Seismographs: L-4C-1D (8) and L-4C-3D (17)
    \[ T=1 \]

• Project for Vietnet 2008-2012: 36 stations
  – North Vietnam: 18
  – Central Vietnam: 8
  – South Vietnam: 10
  – Seismographs: Broadband remote seismic stations GPS systems
  – Satellite system for data transmission
  – Data acquisition and processing centre (in Hanoi)
Seismic Network of Vietnam
Seismic Network of Vietnam for 2010-2012
OPERATION SYSTEM FOR EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION AND TSUNAMI WARNING IN VIETNAM

- Regional seismic network
- National seismic network
- Tsunami scenarios
- Sea level stations
- Tsunami buoys
- Seismic data processing centre
- Earthquake information and tsunami warning centre
- Tsunami data processing centre
- TV
- Radio
- Government Offices
- Related Agencies
- Localities related to event
- Alert system
- TV
- Radio
- Government Offices
- Related Agencies
- Coastal areas communities

Earthquake information
M ≥ 6.5
Earthquake information
M ≥ 3.5
Early warning
CONCLUSIONS

1. Coastal areas of Vietnam are zones of complicated geological structure and active seismotectonics as places of meeting and crossing by most seismoactive fault systems of NW-SE direction in land and NE-SW, N-S directions faults along coastline in the sea.

2. Depending from geological structure and seismicity coastal area of Vietnam characterized by strong and differenced Earthquake hazard with PGA changes from 0.18 gal to 0.08 gal with return period of 950 years and ground A. Highest Earthquake hazard characterized for the north and north central areas, while lowest Earthquake hazard are make in the south and south central areas.
CONCLUSIONS

3. Coastal areas of Vietnam may be affected by Tsunami from source zones as Manila Trench subduction zone and seismogenic fault systems along northeast and west coastline of the South China Sea. Tsunami may have a maximum height of 6-8m with return period of 950 years in central and south central coastal areas.

4. Main measures for seismic risk mitigation in coastal areas of Vietnam are:
   - Improvement and modernization of national seismic stations network
   - Promotion of national system of Earthquake information and Tsunami warning in close cooperation with another national systems and international networks in the region.
   - Enhancement of research and investigation in the field of seismotectonics and detail seismic hazard and risk assessment.
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