



ACTIVE FAULT INVESTIGATION

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ACTIVE FAULT IN THAILAND

A fault that is likely to have another earthquake sometime in the future. Faults are commonly considered to be active if they have moved one or more times in the last 10,000 years.

(USGS)

(<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/glossary/?term=active%20fault>)

The Emerson fault, one of the segments that ruptured in the M7.2 1992 Landers, California earthquake. (Photo by Kerry Sieh, Caltech)



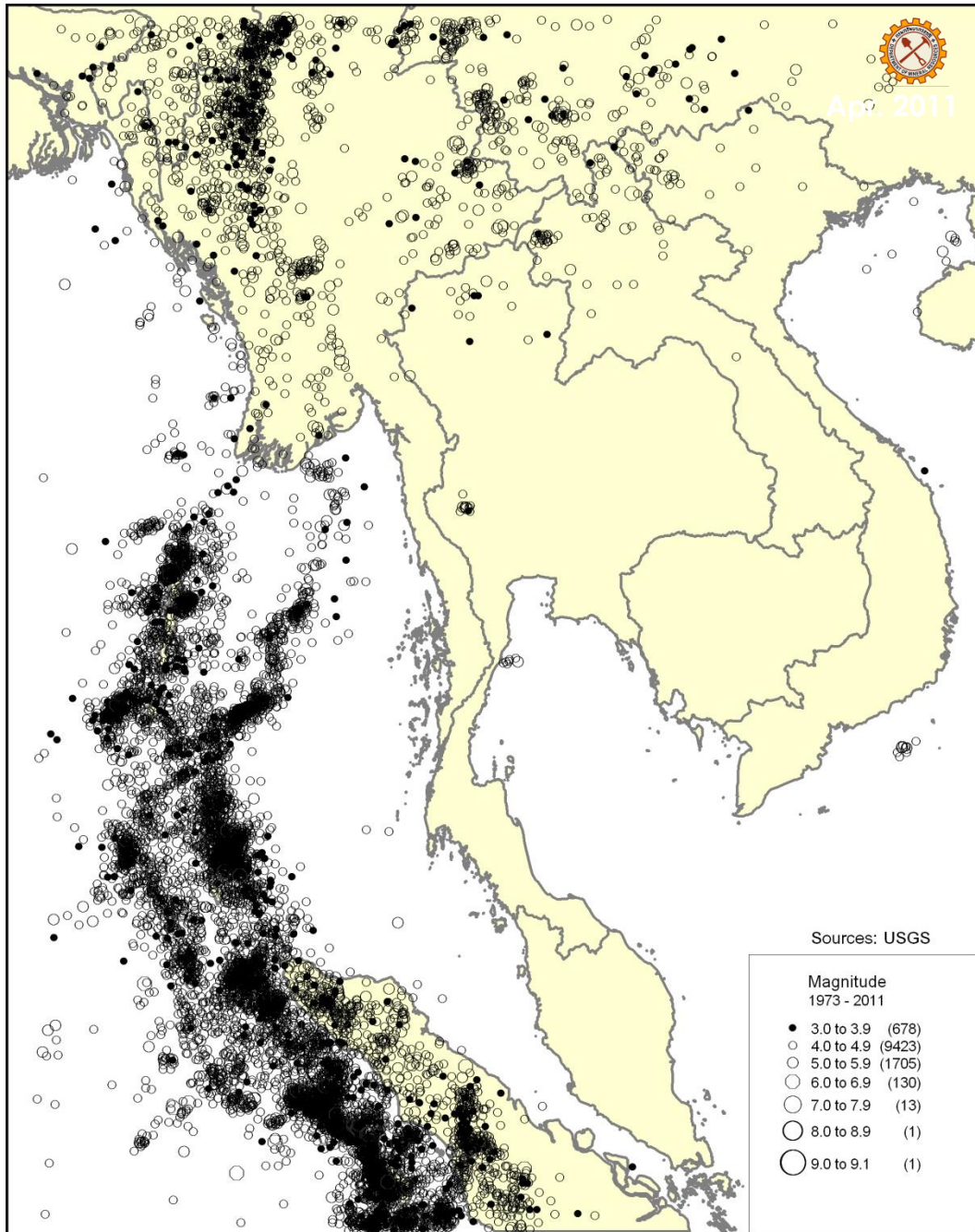
Earthquake in Thailand and others

Apr. 2011

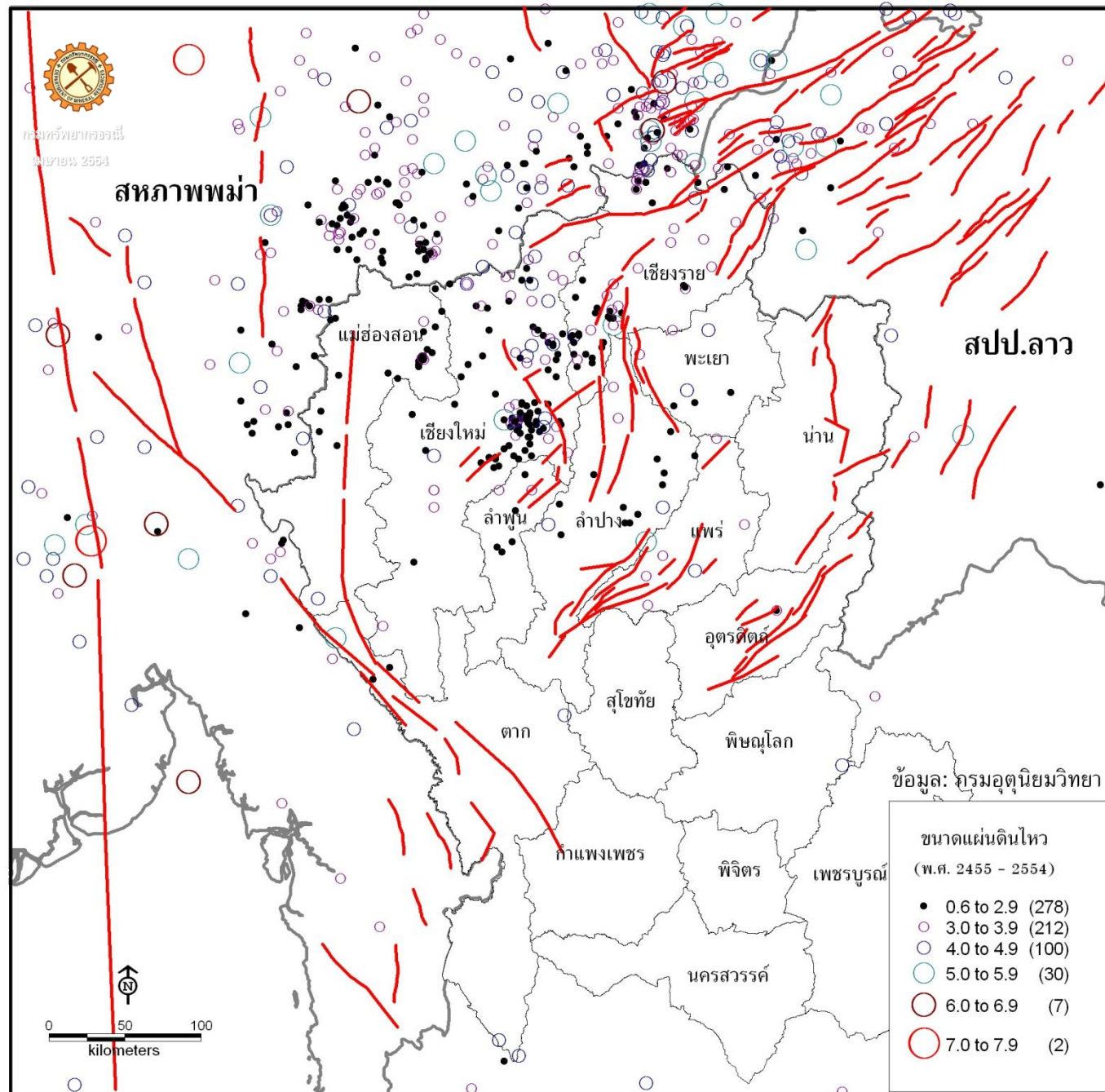
Sources: USGS

Magnitude
1973 - 2011

- 3.0 to 3.9 (678)
- 4.0 to 4.9 (9423)
- 5.0 to 5.9 (1705)
- 6.0 to 6.9 (130)
- 7.0 to 7.9 (13)
- 8.0 to 8.9 (1)
- 9.0 to 9.1 (1)



รอยเลื่อนมีพลังและแผ่นดินไหวในภาคเหนือของประเทศไทยและใกล้เคียง

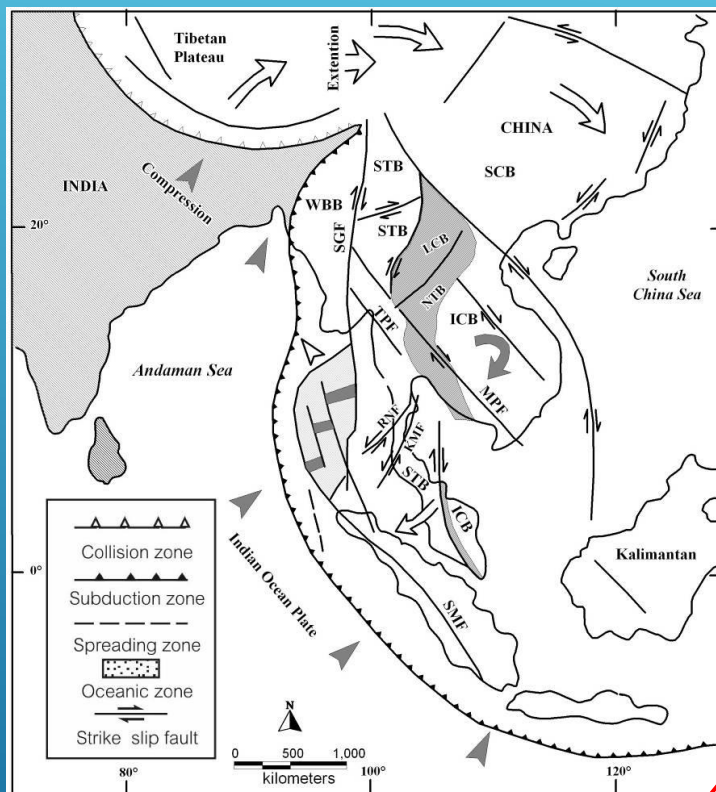


Regional tectonic, Active faults and Seismicity in Indochina



M 6.8

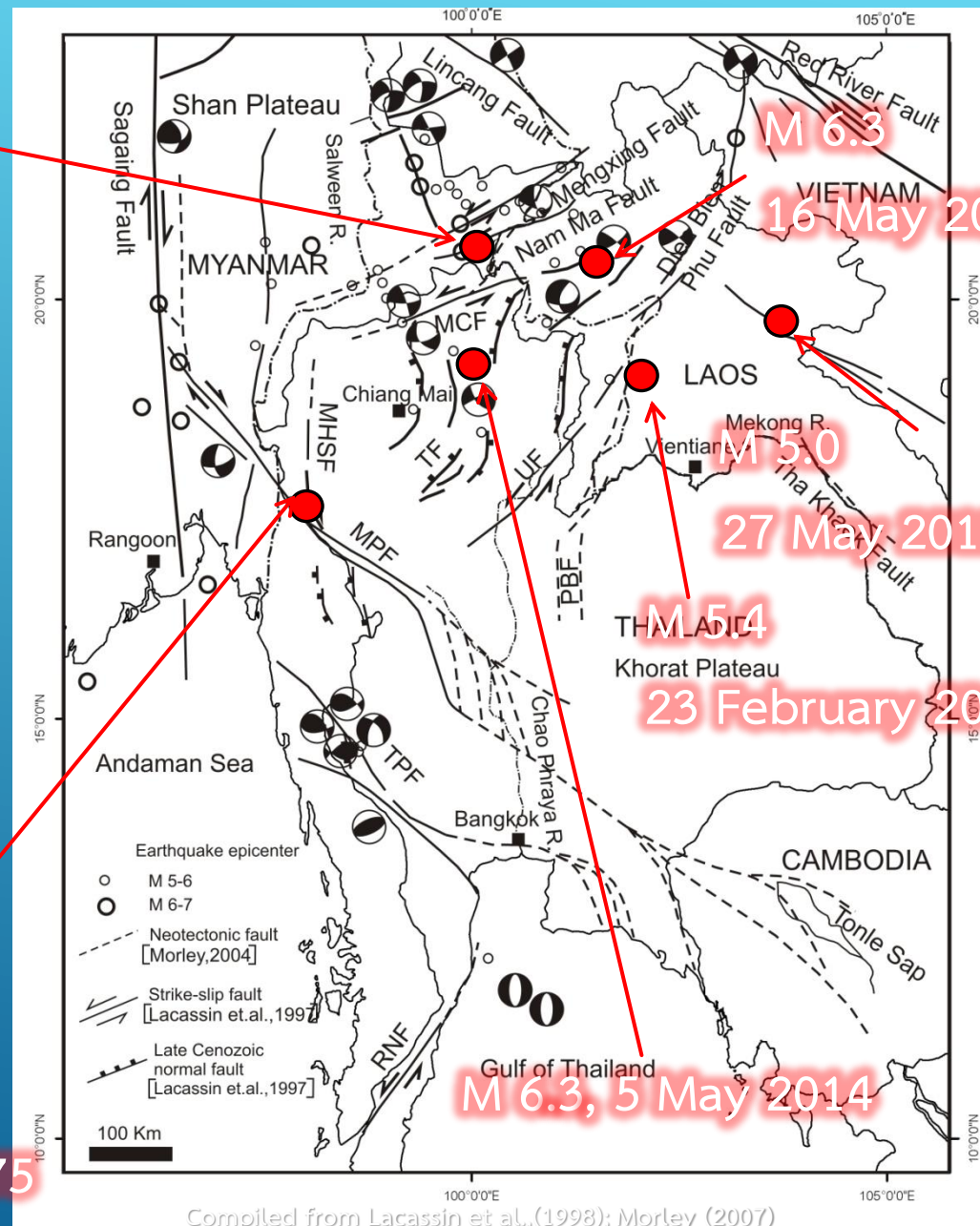
24 March 2011



(modified from Polachan et al., 1991)

M 5.6

17 February 1975



Compiled from Lacassin et al., (1998); Morley (2007)



Major Historical Earthquakes in Central Myanmar

Historic earthquakes in AVA Era

1429, 1467, 1501, 1602, 1696, 1762, 1771, 1776, 1830, 1839

Historic Earthquakes in Bago

868, 875, 1564, 1567, 1582, 1588, 1590, 1757, 1768, 1830, 1888, 1913, 1917, 1920, 1930

Thura Aung
Myanmar Earthquake

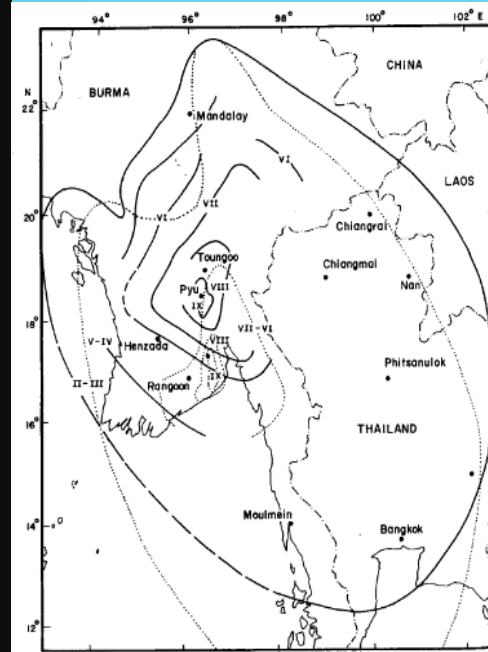
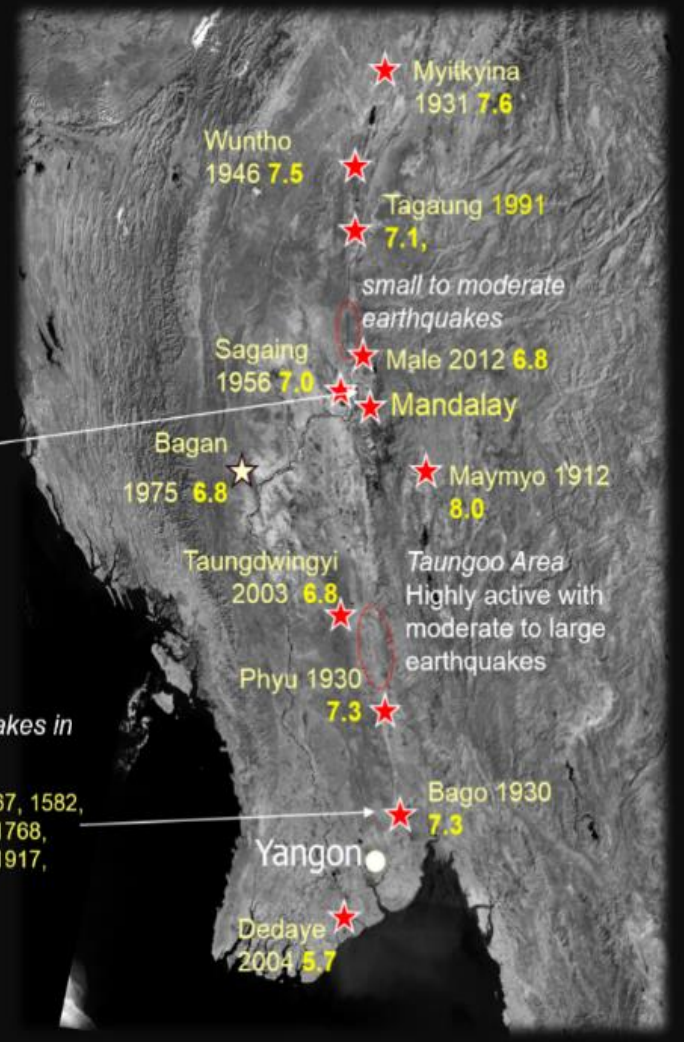


Fig. 6 Isoseismal Map of the Pegu Earthquake of 5 May 1930 (Dotted Lines) and the Pyu Earthquake of 3 and 4 December 1930 (Solid Lines) (after Brown & Leicester, 1933)

Ref. Prinya Nutalaya, Sopit Sodsri and E.P. Arnold (1985)

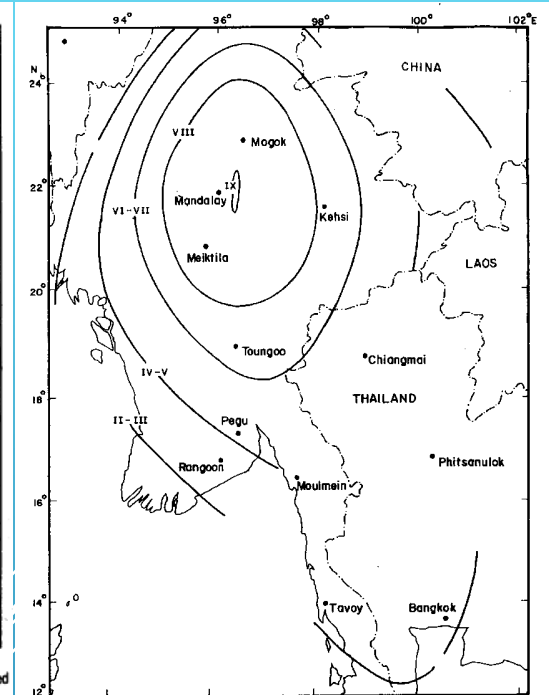
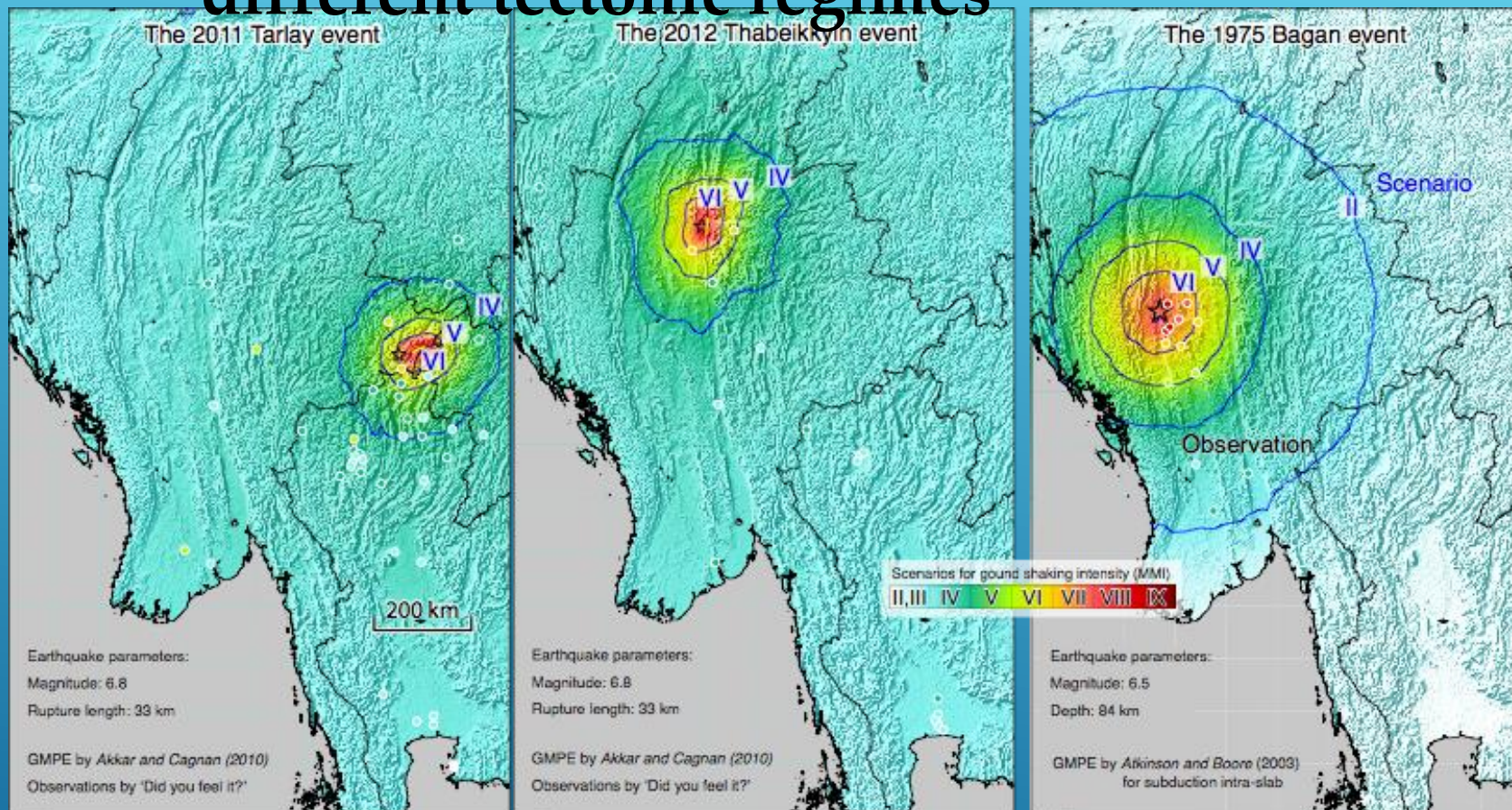


Fig. 5 Isoseismal Map of the Mandalay Earthquake of 23 May 1912 (after Brown, 1914)

Ref. Prinya Nutalaya, Sopit Sodsri and E.P. Arnold (1985)

Ground shaking tests to determine the ground shaking behaviors in different tectonic regimes



Event type

Crustal events

Subduction event

Best-fit GMPE

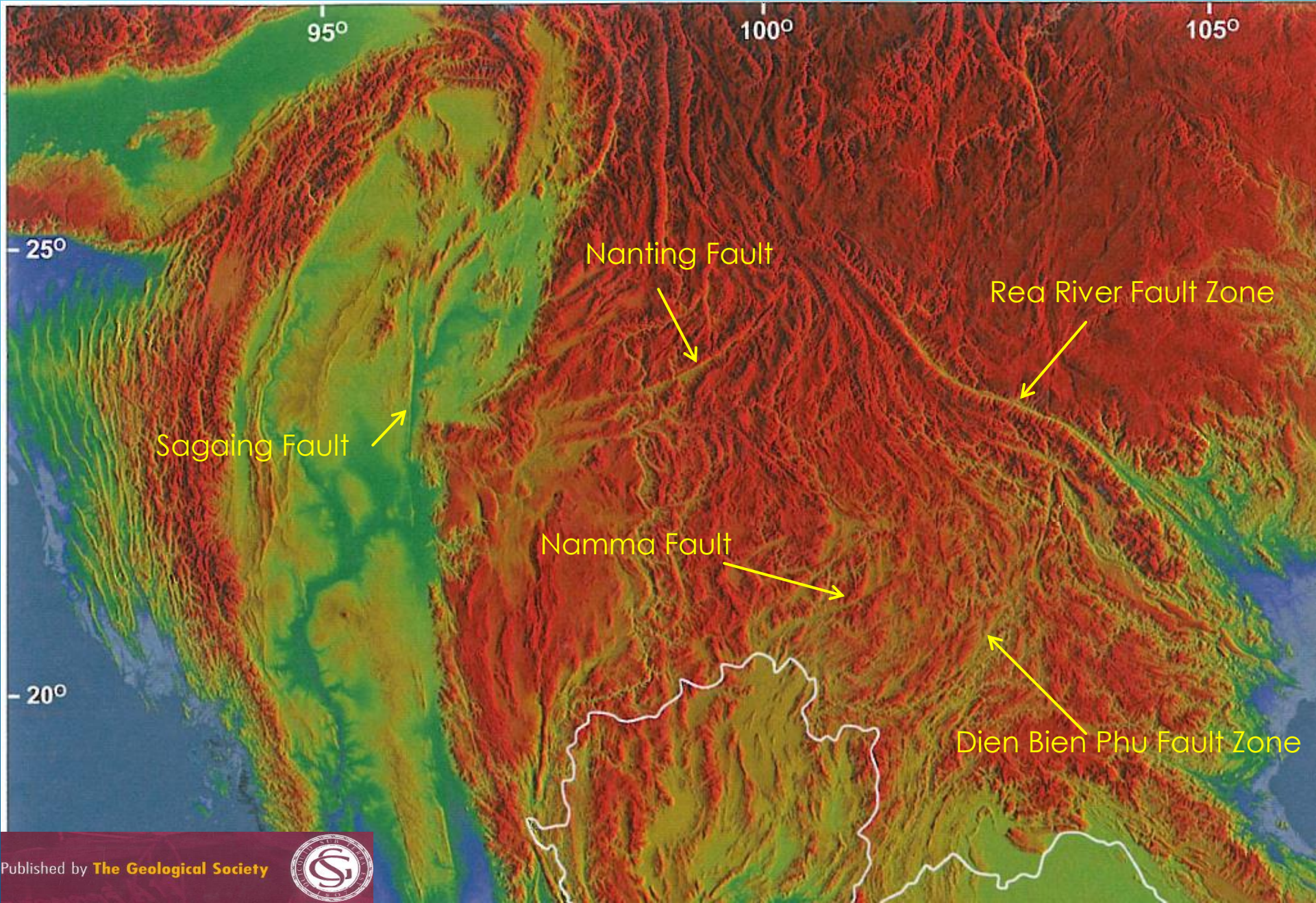
Akkar & Cagnan (2010)

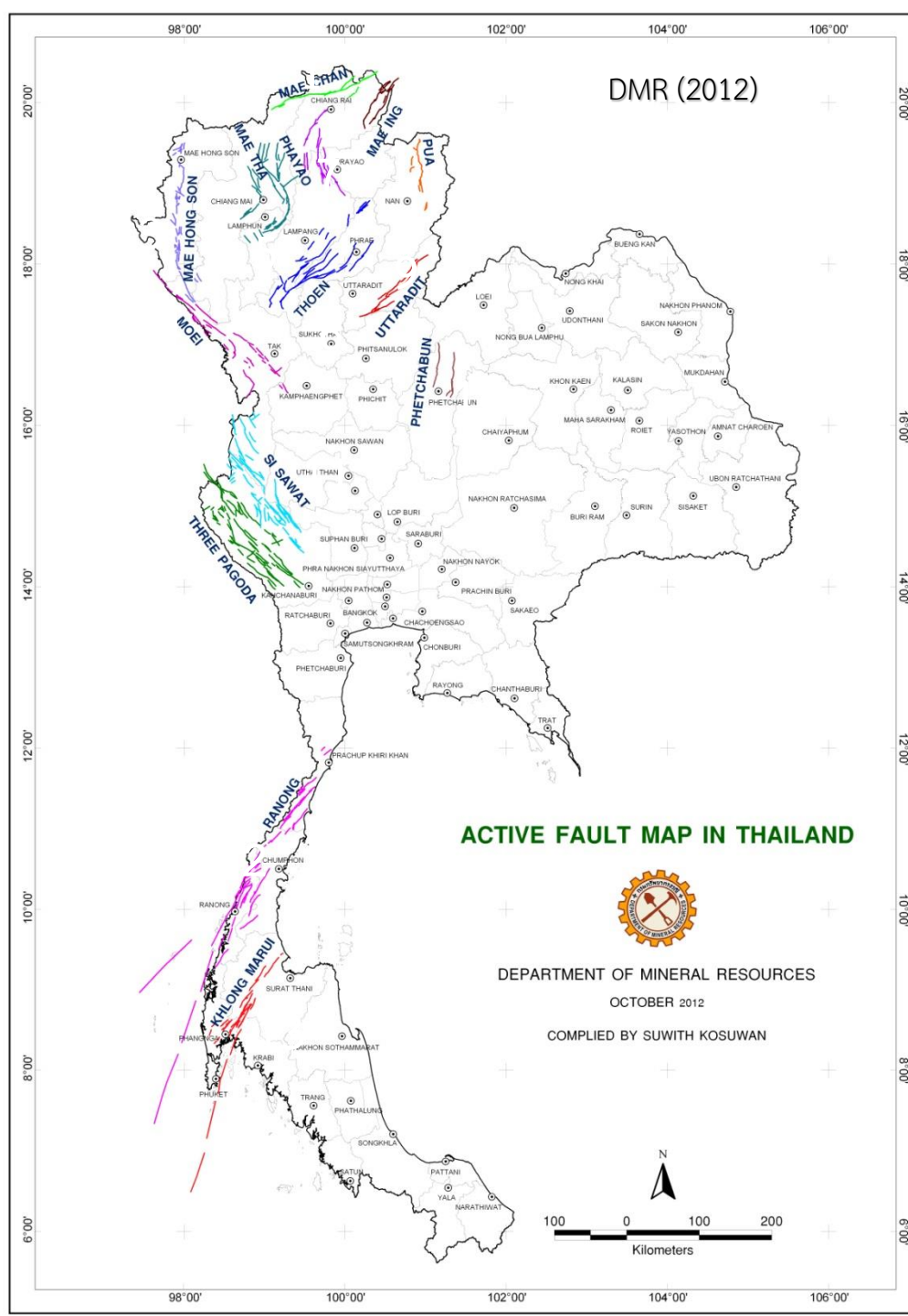
Atkinson & Boore (2003)

Damage of the M 6.3 Mae Lao Earthquake (5 May 2014), Thailand



SATELLITE IMAGE (DEM) SHOWING MYANMAR, CHINA, LAO PDR, VIETNAM, THAILAND



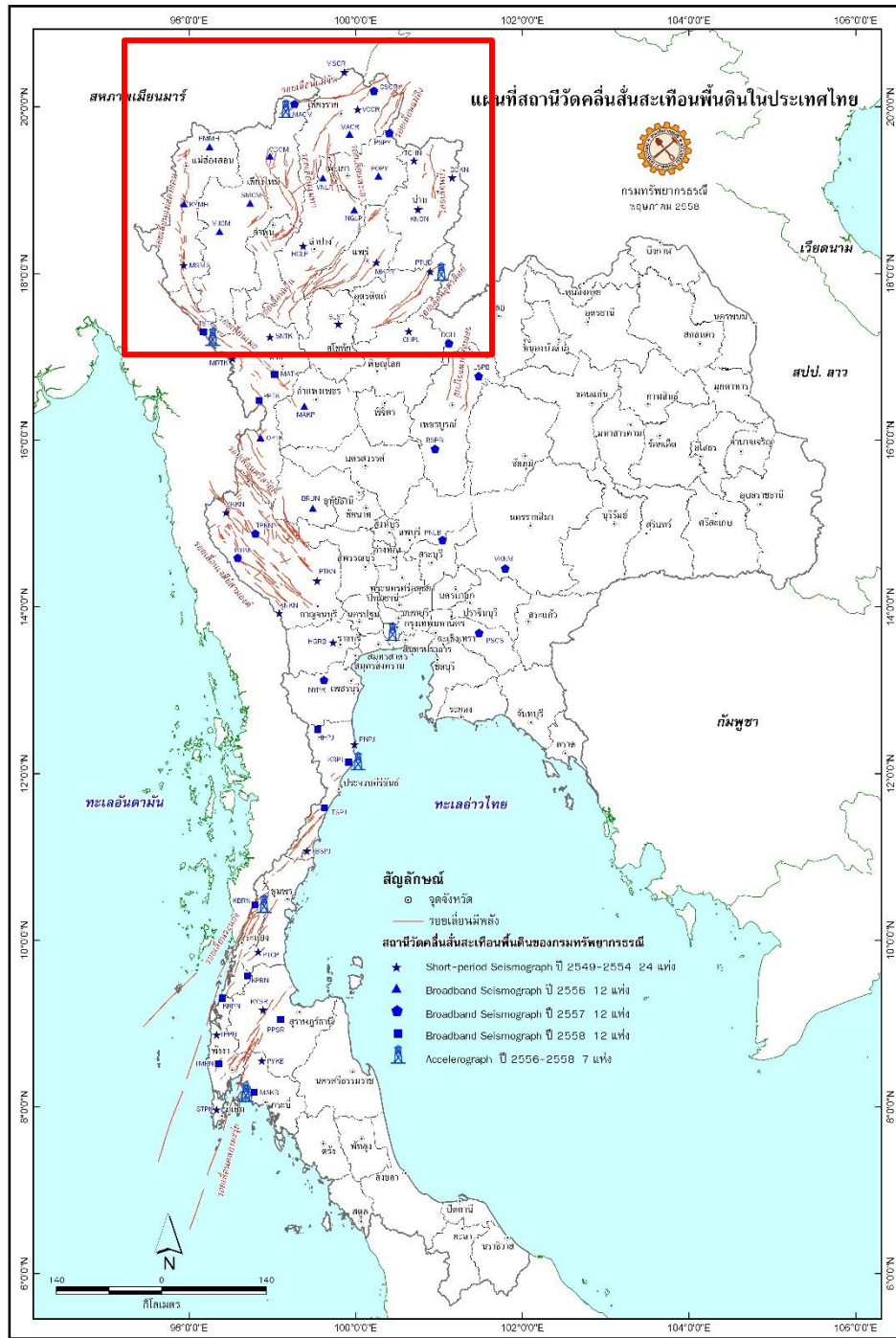


ACTIVE FAULT MAP OF THAILAND



14 Active fault zones

- 1-Mae Chan
- 2-Mae Ing
- 3-Mae Hong Son (MHSF)
- 4-Moei (Mae Ping)
- 5-Mae Tha
- 6-Thoen
- 7-Phayao
- 8-Pua
- 9-Uttaradit (Dien Bien Phu)
- 10-Three Pagoda
- 11-Sri Sawat
- 12-Ranong
- 13-Klong Marui
- 14-Phetchabun



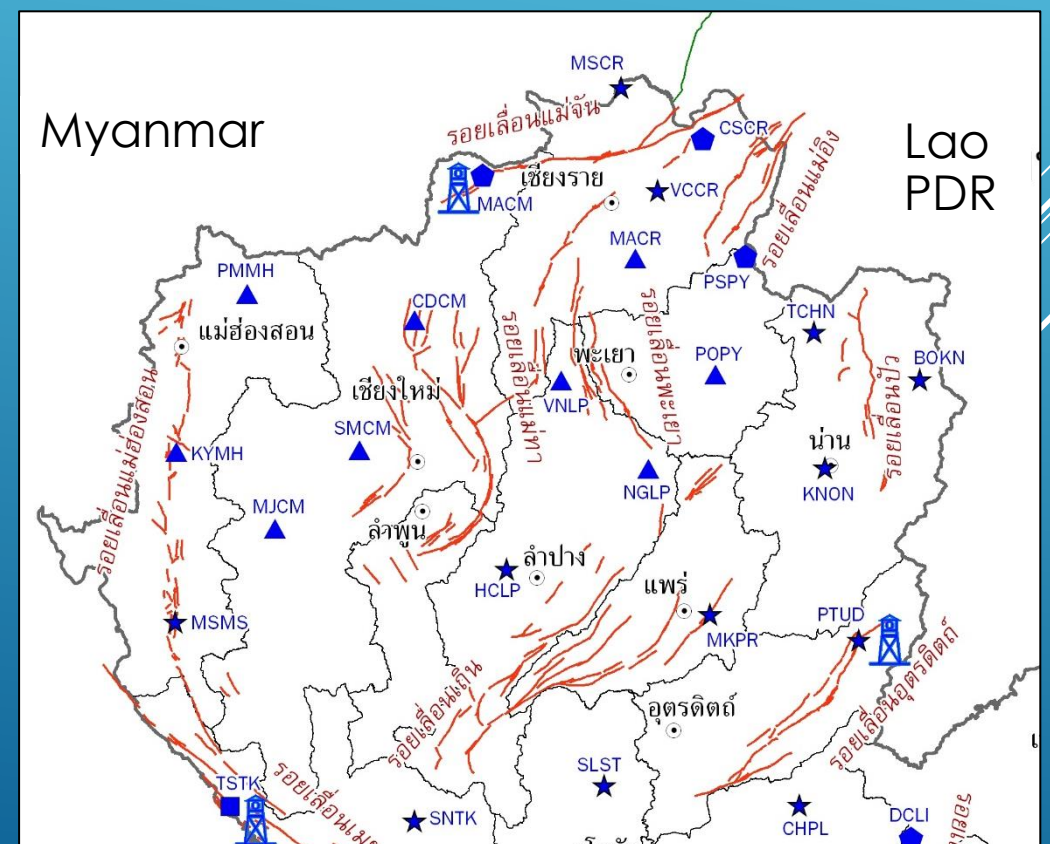
DMR'S SEISMIC STATION

Seismograph 60 stations

-SP 24 sites

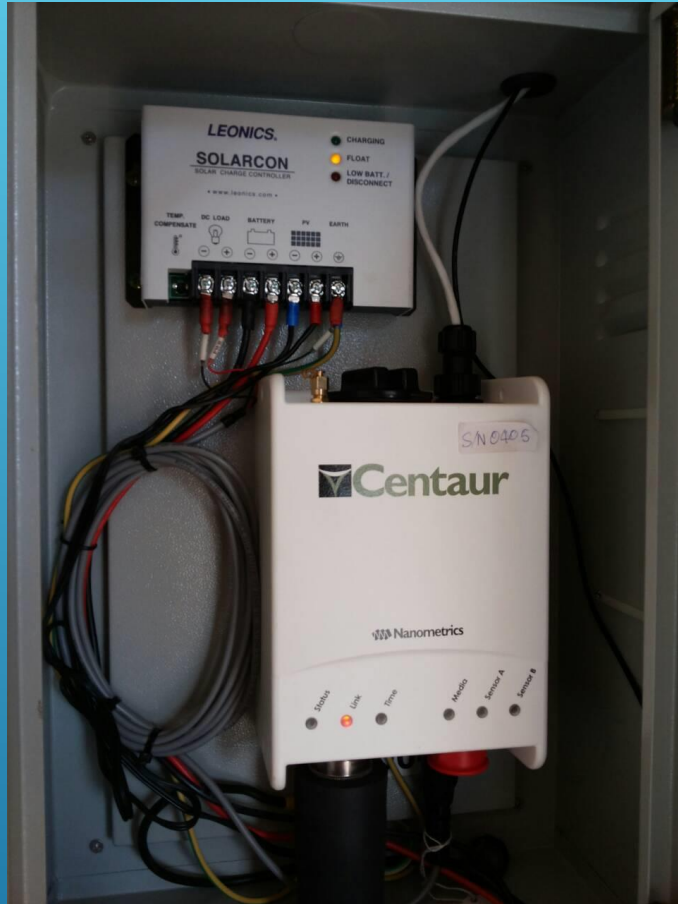
-BB 36 sites

Accelerograph 7 stations





Seismic Station of THAILAND



Data Logger



Seismometer
Sensor



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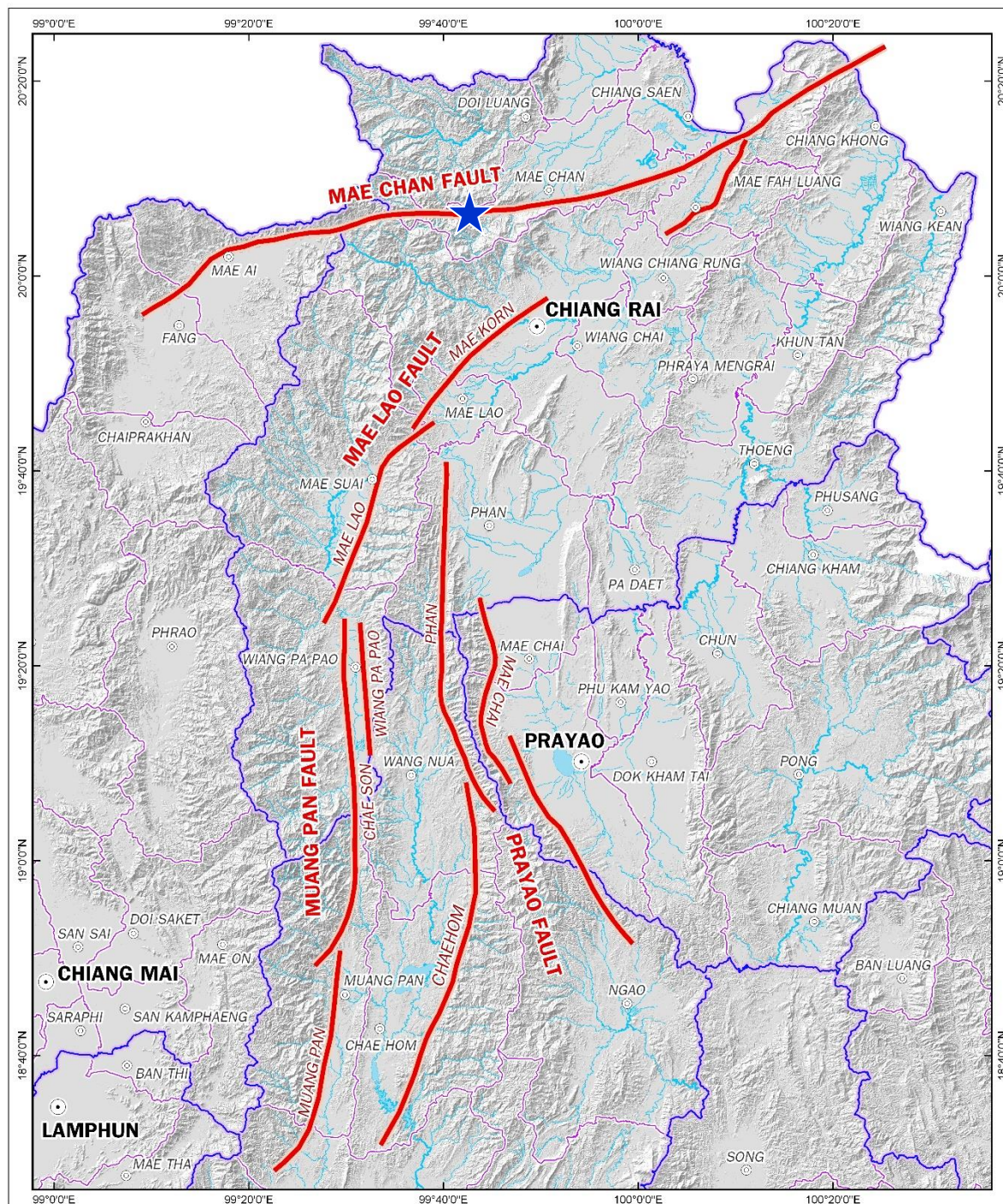


METHODOLOGY OF ACTIVE FAULT INVESTIGATION

1. The earthquake epicenters in the study area reported in the catalogs in both Thailand and the neighboring countries are collected.
2. The remote sensing data are analyzed in order to generate a lineament map for a geomorphological study of the active faults. The geologic map along the active faults are also generated.
3. Field investigations are conducted. It consists of detailed surveys to generate topographic maps, geophysical surveys (resistivity imaging and Ground Penetrating Radar). The sites are selected for trench excavation.
4. The sediment samples are collected for the C-14 AMS and the Thermoluminescence (TL)/OSL dating in order to identify the inferred faults ages.
5. The results are analyzed in order to construct an active fault map.



Ban Pong Pakham

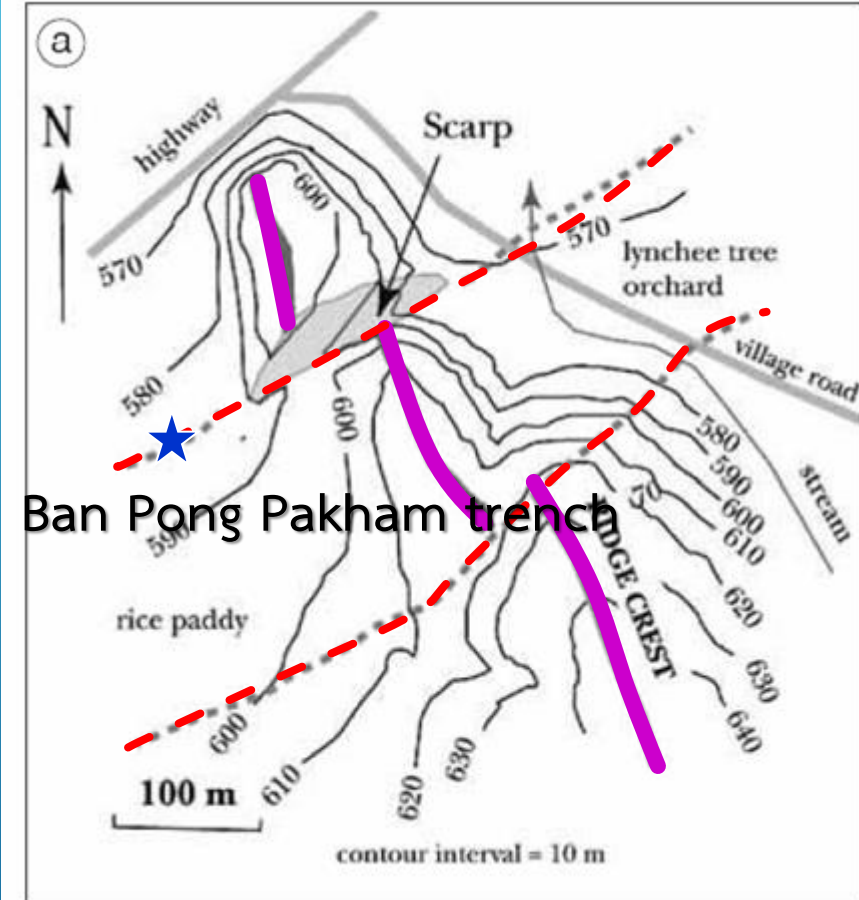




MAE CHAN FAULT

Offset ridge crest

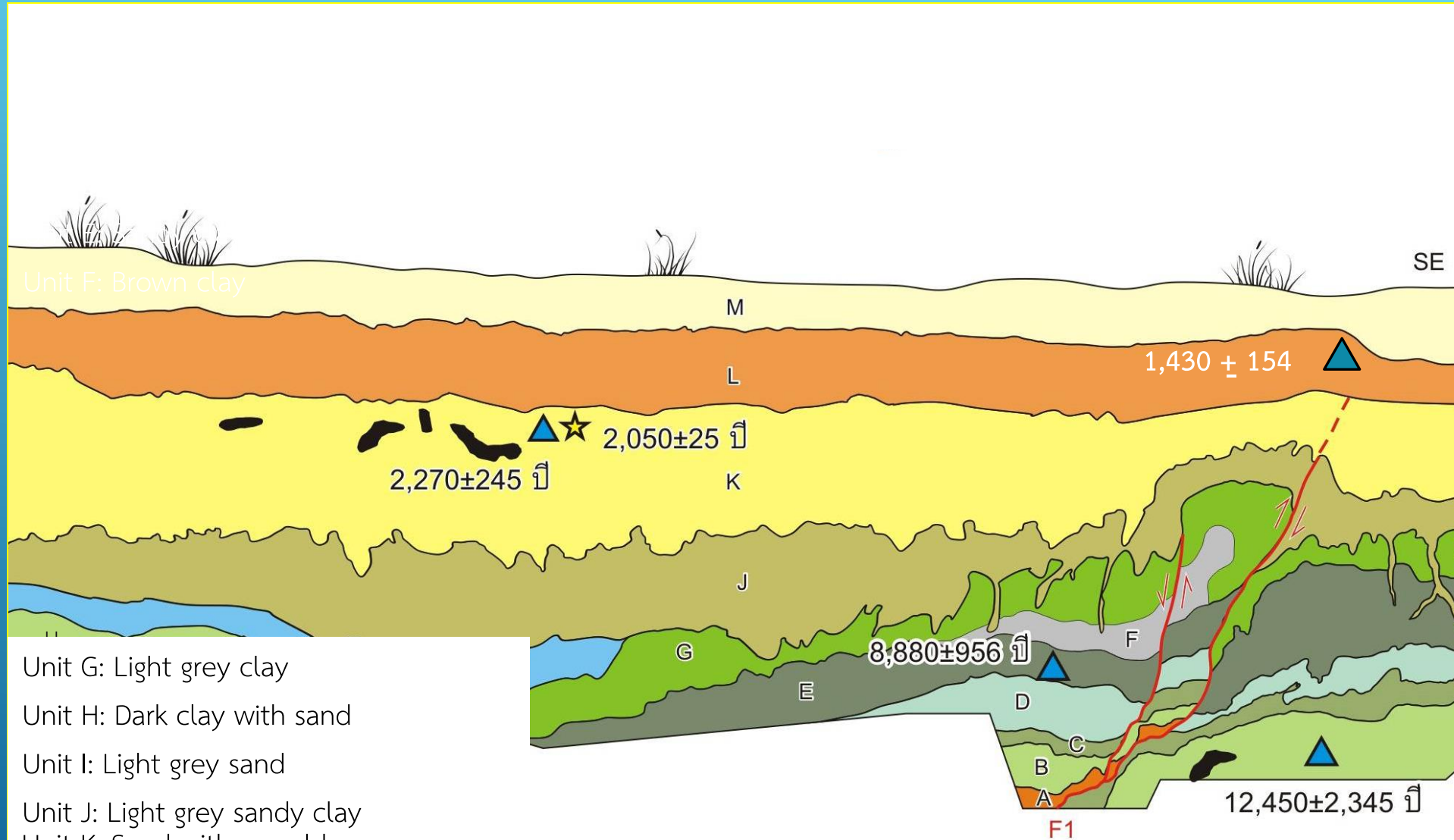
(Fenton et al., 2003)





a) Ridge crest offset creating shutter ridge along the Mae Chan Fault at Ban Pong Pakham.

b) Looking north along the crest of the offset ridge crest.

Ban Pong Pakham trench, Mae Chan Fault



- Unit G: Light grey clay
- Unit H: Dark clay with sand
- Unit I: Light grey sand
- Unit J: Light grey sandy clay
- Unit K: Sand with gravel lens
- Unit L: Brown clayey sand
- Unit M: Top soil

 TL ages DMR (2009)
 AMS C-14 ages



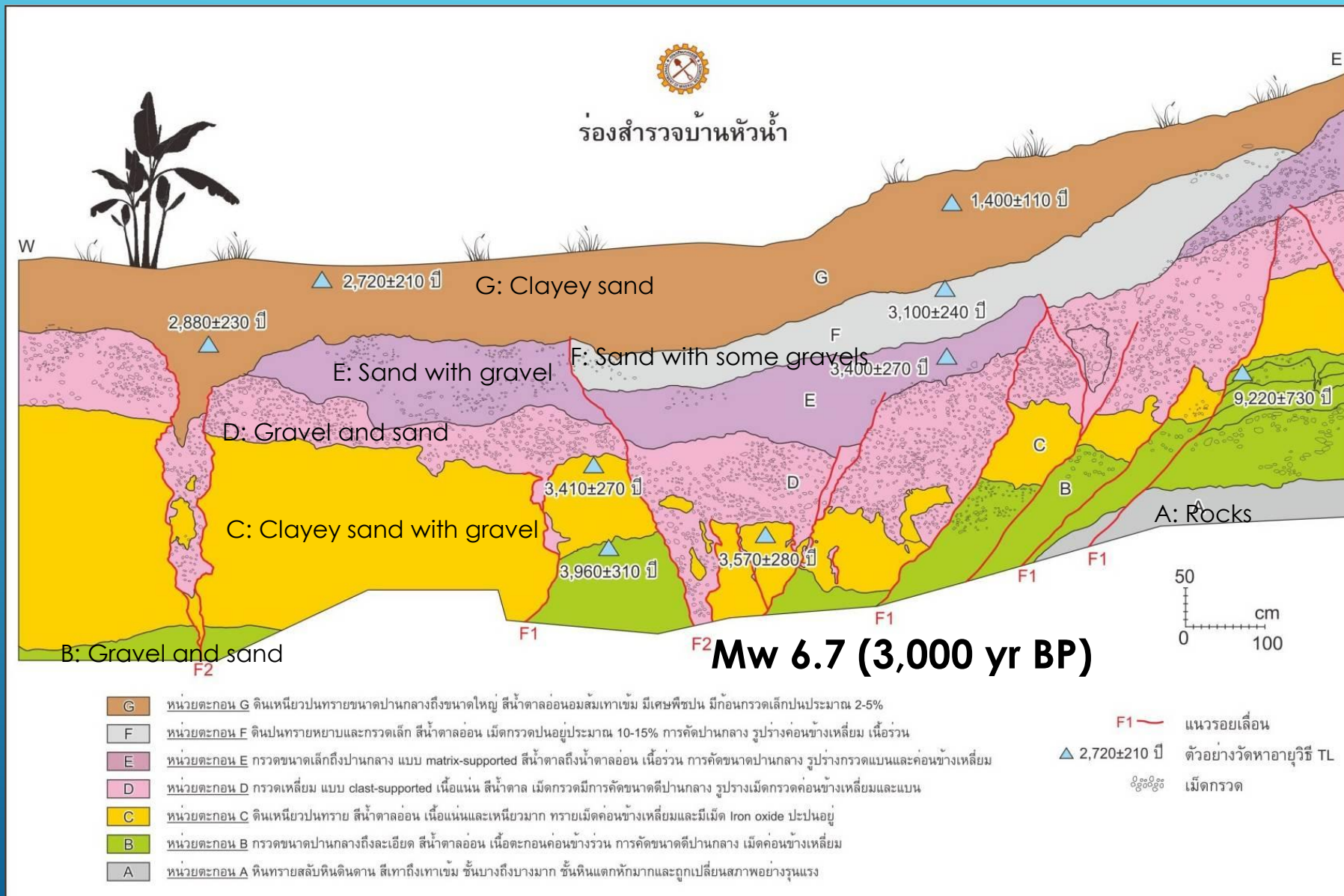
Ban Hua Nam trench, Pua Fault



1 m
1 m



Ban Hua Nam trench, Pua Fault



Ban Nong Haeo Trench, Dien Bien Phu Fault

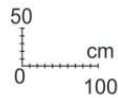
4,000 Years Late movement



NW

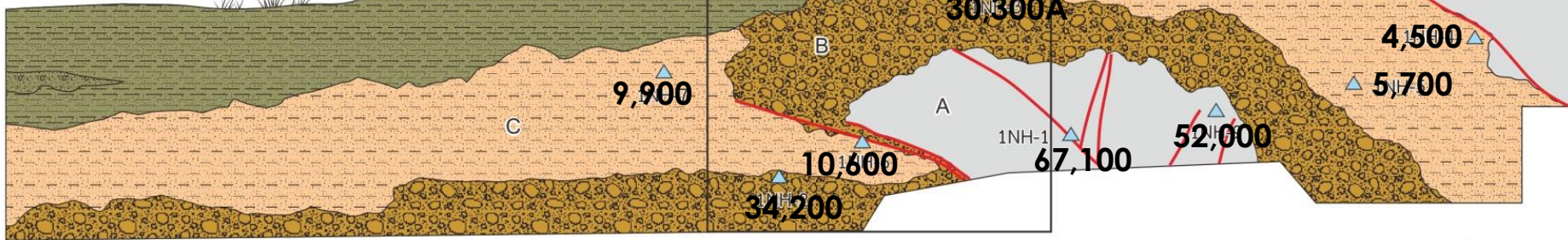


SE



3.3 m Vertical offset = Mw 7.1

NW



หน่วยตะกอน D : ตะกอนดินร่วนปนทรายแข็ง ขนาดปานกลางถึงหยาบ สีน้ำตาล บริเวณใกล้พื้นดินมีเศษรากไม้ปน



หน่วยตะกอน C : ซดดินปนทรายหยาบ สีน้ำตาลอมเหลือง เนื้อร่วน และมีกรวดละเอียดขนาดเล็กปนอยู่ประมาณ 5%



หน่วยตะกอน B : ชั้นตะกอนน้ำพัดพา เป็นชั้นกรวดขนาดปานกลางถึงขนาดใหญ่ สีน้ำตาล รูปร่างค่อนข้างกลมมน การคัดขนาดไม่ดี



หน่วยหิน A : หินทรายเนื้อละเอียด สีน้ำตาลอ่อน เนื้อหินค่อนข้างฝุ่และมีการแตกหักมาก

- แนวรอยเลื่อน/รอยแตก
- เม็ดกรวด
- ตัวอย่างวัตถุหาอายุวิธี TL

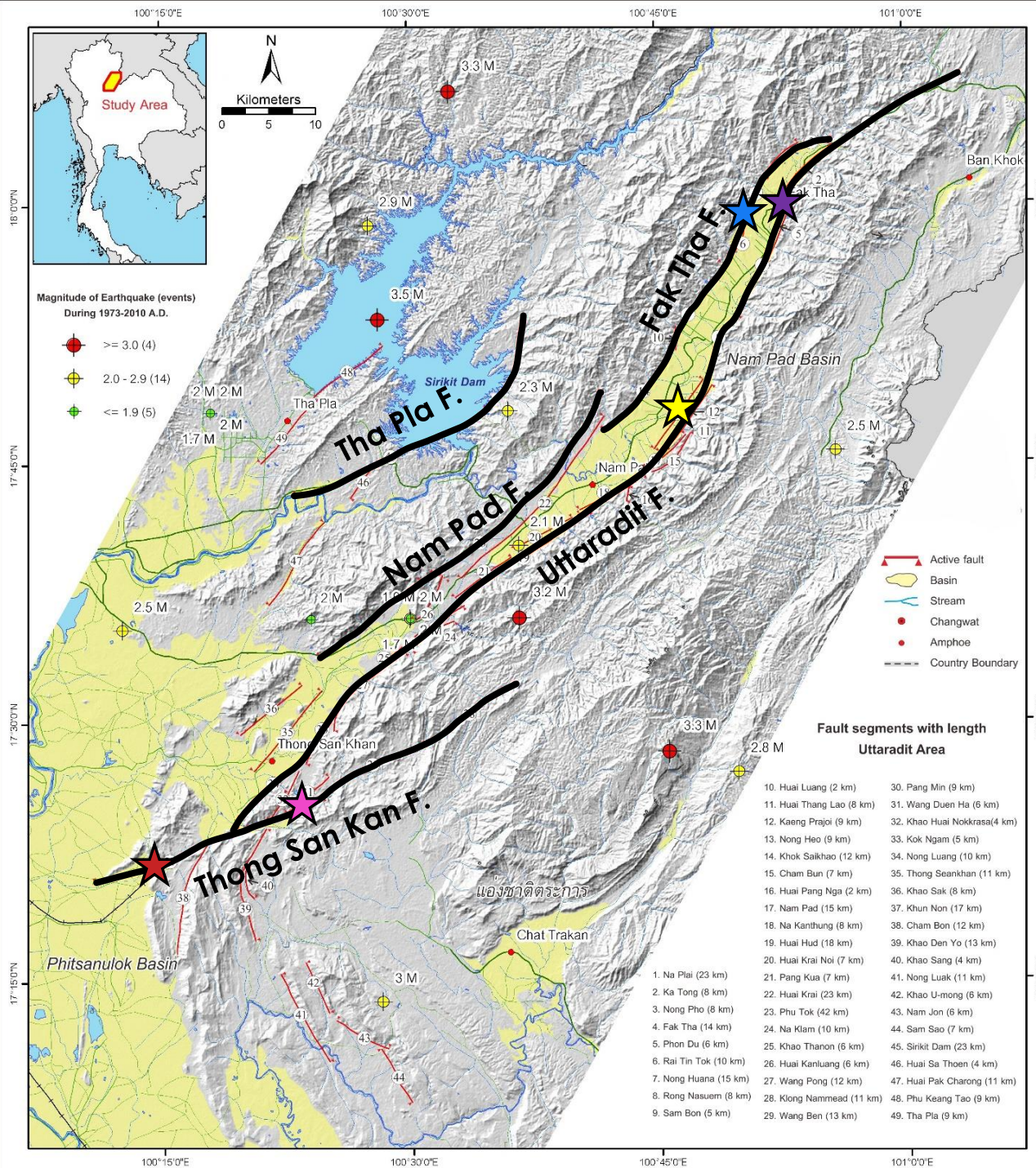


Long Term Slip Rate of DBPF

Fak Tha Fault = 0.1 mm/y
Tha Pla Fault = 0.1 mm/y
Nam Pad Fault = 0.2 mm/y
Uttaradit Fault = 0.3 mm/y
Thong San Khan Fault = 0.4 mm/y

Late Movement , Mw in trench:

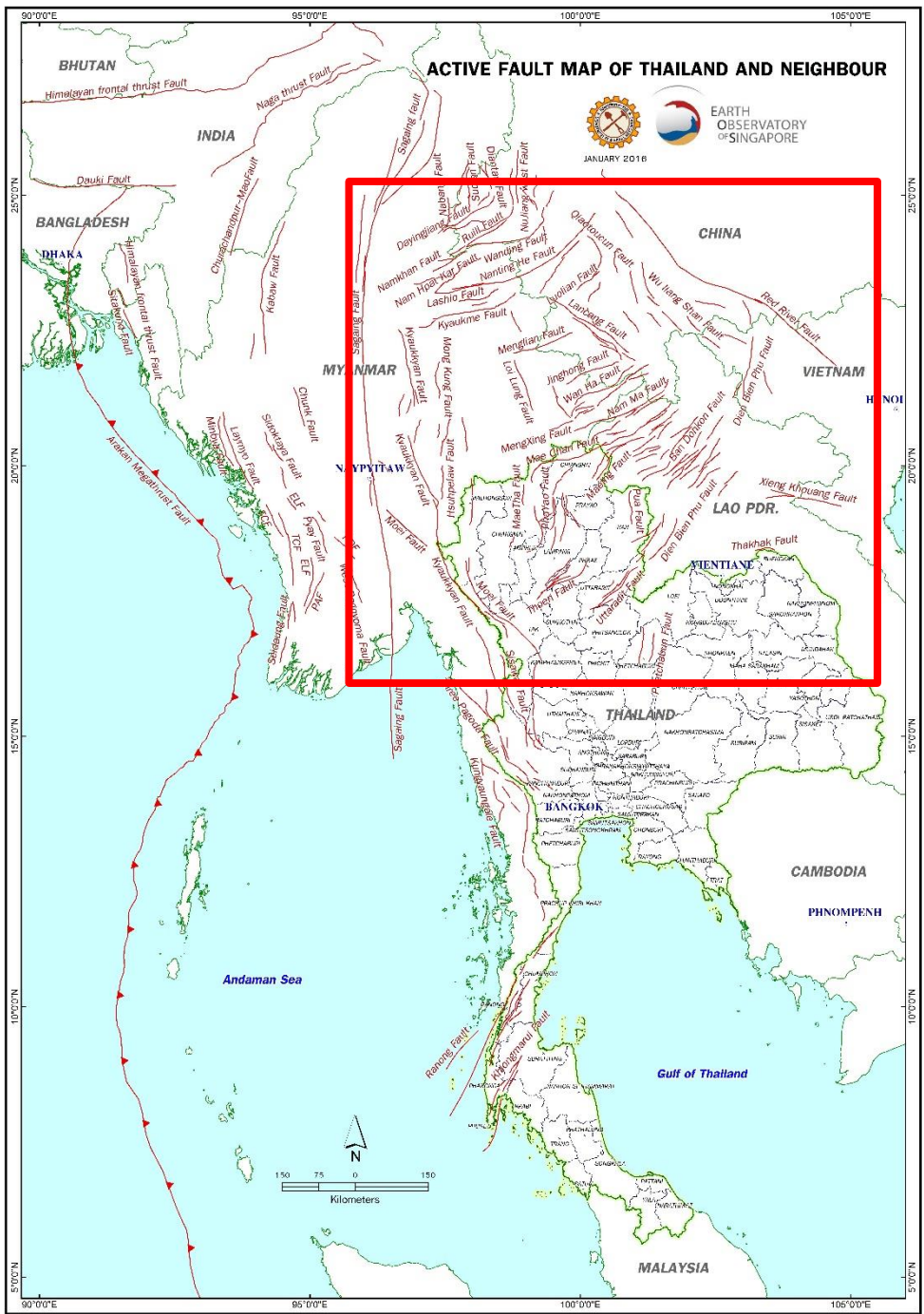
- ★ 10,000 Y, 7.0 Mw
- ★ 4,200 Y, 7.5 Mw
- ★ 4,000 Y, 7.1 Mw
- ★ 7,400 Y, 6.9 Mw
- ★ 2,500 Y,Mw





CONCLUSION OF DBPF STUDY IN THAILAND

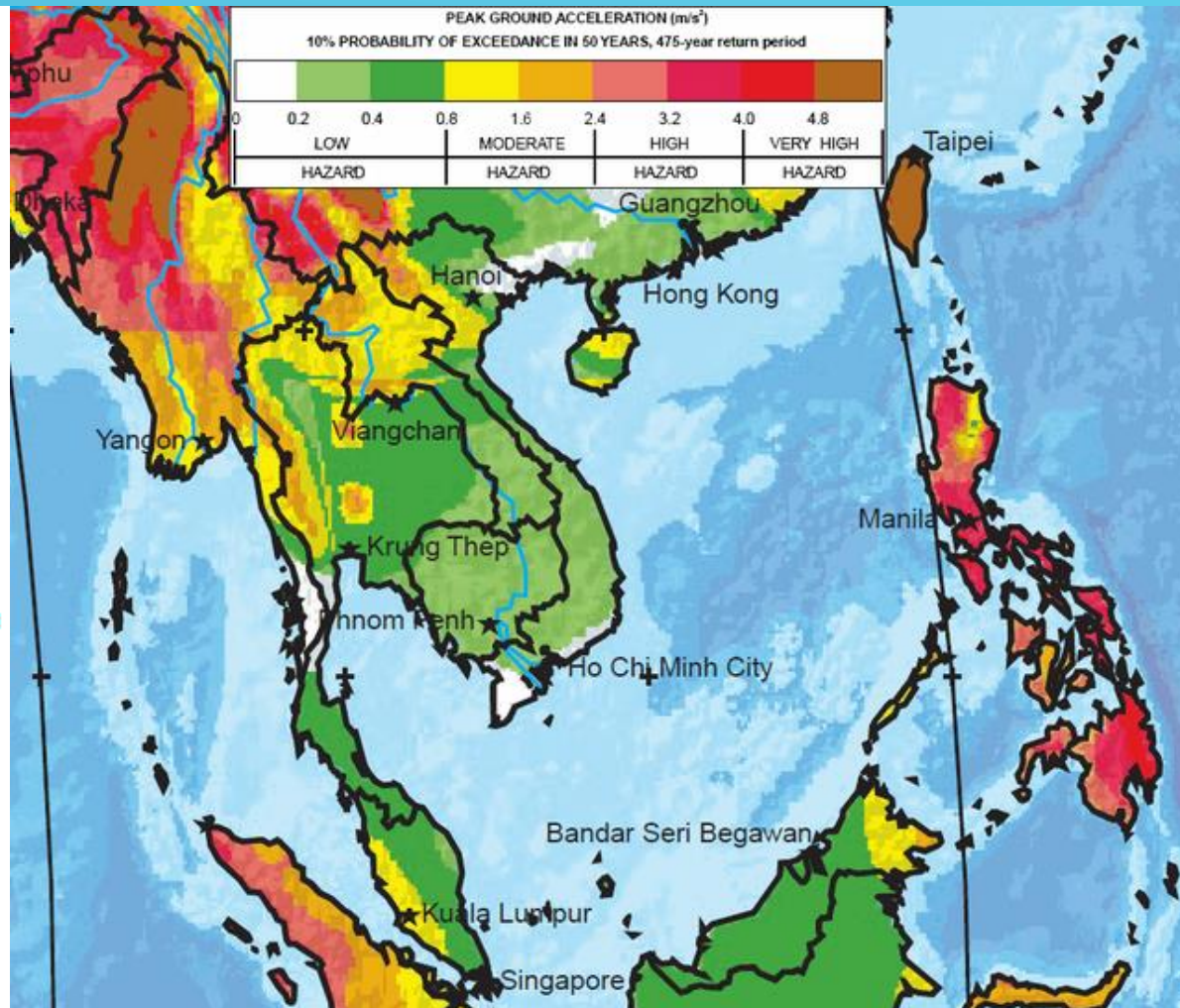
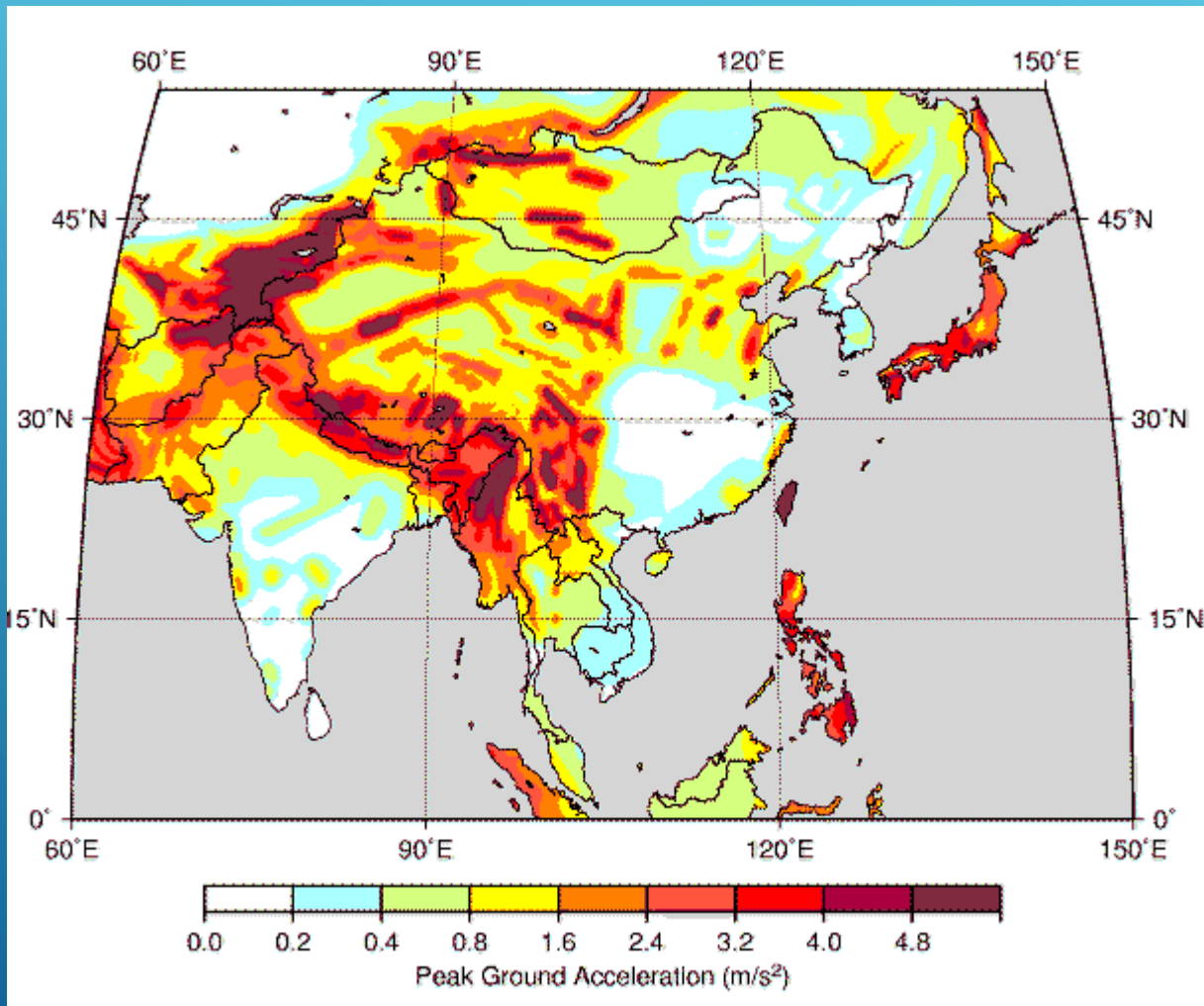
- **Good field evidence indicated to Max Earthquake was Mw7.1, for 4,000 years ago.**
- **Long Term Slip Rates are 0.1 – 0.4 mm/y.**
- **Recurrence interval is about 2,500 years.**



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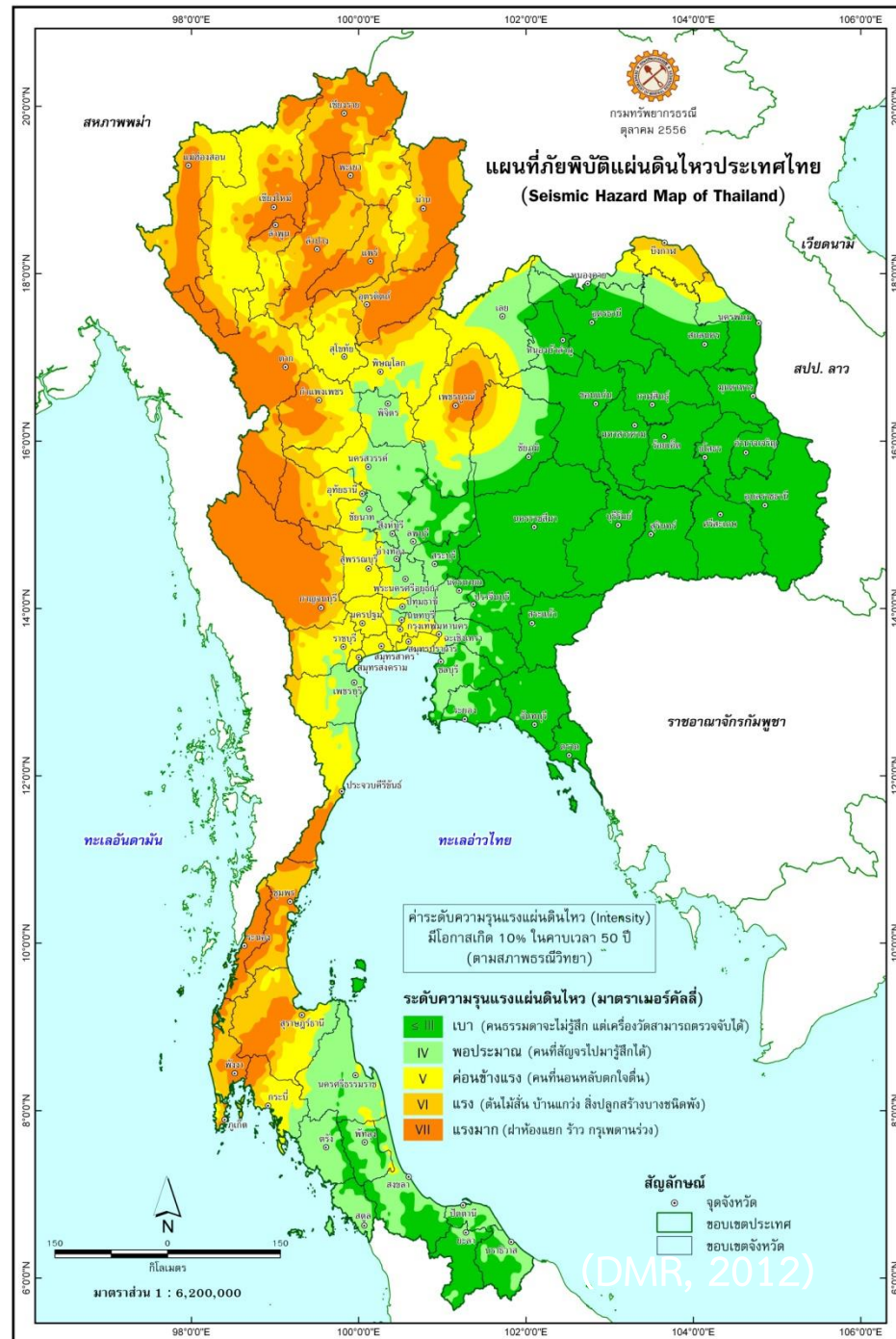
Seismic hazard Map of SE Asia



Seismic Hazard Map of Thailand (1st Version)



10% exceeding in 50 Years
(Mercalli Scale)



MMI Value	Summary Damage Description Used on Maps	Description of Shaking Severity	Full description shortened from Elementary Seismology
III	Not mapped	Not mapped	Felt by almost all indoors. Hanging objects swing. Vibration like passing of light trucks. May not be recognized as an earthquake..
IV	Not mapped	Not mapped	Vibration felt like passing of heavy trucks. Stopped cars rock. Hanging objects swing. Windows, dishes, doors rattle. Glasses clink. In the upper range of IV, wooden walls and frames creak.
V	Light	Pictures Move	Felt outdoors. Sleepers wakened. Liquids disturbed, some spilled. Small unstable objects displaced or upset. Doors swing. Pictures move. Pendulum clocks stop.
VI	Moderate	Objects Fall	Felt by all. People walk unsteadily. Many frightened. Windows crack. Dishes, glassware, knickknacks, and books fall off shelves. Pictures off walls. Furniture moved or overturned. Weak plaster, adobe buildings, and some poorly built masonry buildings cracked. Trees and bushes shake visibly.
VII	Strong	Nonstructural Damage	Difficult to stand or walk. Noticed by drivers of cars. Furniture broken. Damage to poorly built masonry buildings. Weak chimneys broken at roof line. Fall of plaster, loose bricks, stones, tiles, cornices, unbraced parapets and porches. Some cracks in better masonry buildings. Waves on ponds.