Tsunami risk to critical infrastructure: Research challenges and potential

Constance Chua

International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University



тоноки

UNIVERSITY



Intergovernmental

Oceanographic

Commission



021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

uo Inouvue, Associated Pressl

I III S

to USD 301 billion¹

 Physical assets expected to increase. Annual investments of USD 3.7 trillion in infrastructure will be needed till 2035, to keep up with projected global growth rates¹

Global Average Annual Loss (AAL) due to

•

2

• Disaster risk financing systems unable to keep up with the pace of increasing economic losses

Economic impacts of disasters to critical infrastructure

USD (in billions)

350



286

2021 United Nations Decade 2030 of Ocean Science for Sustainable Develop

310

291

[Swiss Re, 2021 - 2024]

Tsunami damage to power generators in Japan





2011 Tohoku tsunami

- 11 of 54 nuclear reactors were impacted
- 3 Affected national supply blackouts



Tsunami damage to other infrastructure





2018 Palu tsunami

Fallen gantry crane at Port Pantoloan



2004 Indian Ocean tsunamiDamage to cement factory in Lho'nga

2004 India Ocean tsunami

Collapsed road in Galle, Sri Lanka





Damaged utility pole in Ishinomaki



2011 Tohoku tsunamiFloating tank in Ishinomaki

2011 Tohoku tsunami

Tsuya railway bridge damaged



Guidelines on tsunami building design





Tsunami Loads and Effects

Guide to the Tsunami Design Provisions of ASCE 7-16

las N. Robertson, Ph.D., S.E.

5



The Design Method of Safe Buildings that are Structurally Resistant to Tsunamis (MLIT Technical Advice No. 2570)

MLIT 2570 (Japan, 2011)

- Building code (revised in 1981; 2000) only accounts for earthquake
- Guidelines for tsunami evacuation buildings in 2005
- Provisional amendments after 2011 tsunami to consider tsunami loads in building design

ASCE 7-16 (United States, 2016)

- Included a whole new chapter on tsunami loads
- World's first tsunami design code written in mandatory language
- Considers critical infrastructure (Risk Category IV)

MBIE Tsunami loads and effects (New Zealand, 2020)

Adapted from ASCE 7-16

Challenges in quantifying tsunami risk to Cl



[Hydrogen Production & Electricity Generation Power Plant. Image source: GH Power]

 Tsunami events are infrequent. Lack of observational data.

United Nations Decade

- Heterogeneous design and configurations of components. Difficult to assign common scale for risk assessment
- Critical infrastructure systems are interrelated and complex – components may originate from different technological domains
- Damage observed to one component or facility may not be a result of a direct impact from tsunami waves

Cascading impacts of a tsunami from Manila Trench

2021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science 2030 for Sustainable Development



Number of shipping routes remaining after a tsunami event



6

Tsunami height (m)

8

2

4

7

Changes in demand of port functions in S. China Sea

2021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Identification of damaged ports



Changes in demand of other ports' functions



Chua et al. (npj Natural Hazards, 2024)

8

Impacts on CI dependencies in Cilacap, Indonesia



Telecommunication Failure threshold: 2.5m





Mw 8.9 earthquake from Java Trench, Indonesia



" If you can't measure it, you can't manage it"

- Peter Drucker

Special thanks:

Ocean Decade International Cooperation Center

Executive Director Zheng Wei Mr Jiuqi Sun Mr Ouyang Xinze

UNESCO-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commision

Dr Srinivasa Tummala (IOTWMS) Mr Angelos Haidar Ms Anzhela Danilova

Organising and program committees

(First Ocean Decade International Coastal Cities Conference)





Oceanographic

Commission



2021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development Itsuo Inouyue, Associated Press]

Way forward?



Quantifying vulnerabilities by mapping CI systems according

2021 United Nations Decade 2030 of Ocean Science for Sustainable Developmen

(((Q)))