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**Groundwater recharge in Mekong River Delta: an application of the water-table**

**fluctuation method in the Long Xuyen Quadrangle and Ca Mau Peninsula**

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## Abstract

Local groundwater recharge was determined using the Water Table Fluctuation method in the Long Xuyen Quadrangle and Ca Mau Peninsula to refine existing estimates in a range of aquifer lithologies in light of climate change. The approach takes advantage of long term monthly water level records of Vietnam by Division of Water Resources Planning and Investigation for the South of Vietnam. An analysis of water levels in eight observation wells during four climatically distinct years (2005, 2009, 2013, and 2020) was used in combination with the monthly meteorological data. Groundwater recharge was estimated by the Water Table Fluctuation method to vary from 95.7 to 150.4 mm/year and account for 5.3 to 7.5% of total rainfall. The estimations fall within the range of values used in regional-scale recharge models and demonstrate the potential of the Water Table Fluctuation method for resolving spatial and temporal variations of groundwater recharge.

**Keywords:** Groundwater Recharge, Water-table fluctuation, climate change, Mekong River Delta

## 1. Introduction

Groundwater is an essential and valuable resource in the Mekong River Delta region (MRD) of southern Vietnam and supplies water household, irrigation, aquaculture, and industrial purposes. Although surface water, such as rivers, lakes, and canals, is the main source of water for irrigation greater irrigation demand during the dry season has resulted in increases in groundwater withdrawals (Boretti, 2022). As a result, groundwater levels and storage have decreased rapidly since 1991 (Minderhoud et al., 2017). The exploitation of the uppermost, unconsolidated Holocene aquifer is limited by poor water quality, and the deeper aquifers provide

most of the region's groundwater supply. As a result, the deep aquifers have been significantly impacted by over-pumping and declining water levels (Minderhoud et al., 2017). The lower water levels cause serious problems such as seawater intrusion into the coastal aquifers (Le, Lertsirivorakul, Bui, & Schulmeister, 2020) and induce the ground subsidence throughout the region (Erban, Gorelick, & Zebker, 2014). The ability of deep aquifers to repel or battle against seawater intrusion is affected by freshwater recharge to maintain positive hydraulic heads and prevent the extent of the seawater mixing zone. Measurements of the shallow aquifer recharge are of value for understanding the constraint in the deep aquifer's water budget models. The study not only protects shallow aquifer but also reduce the source of salinity seepage into the underlying aquifers. Furthermore, it reveals a better understanding of the hydrogeologic conditions providing the better quality and high yields of the deeper aquifers. Finally, this will bring to successful development strategies for the protection and sustainable uses of local groundwater resources.

The main sources of recharge to the Holocene aquifer are percolation from rainwater and surface water via the river channels (Nguyen et al., 2021). The region receives most of its abundant annual rainfall during the monsoon rainy season. With its dynamic rainfall amounts, interlacing drainage canals (Jenn, Hoang, Le, Pechstein, & Nguyen, 2017), and long coastlines (Figure 1), MRD is predicted to have a more complex recharge pattern than the inland parts of the country. Given the dry-season stress imposed on the aquifers by local agriculture and urban development, the calculation of groundwater recharge (GR) becomes even more meaningful in the current climate change context. The significant spatial heterogeneity in aquifer materials and dynamic regional climatic conditions make the study difficult to estimate the vertical recharge used in groundwater models (Wagner, Bui, & Renaud, 2012).

Studies of GR in the region are quite limited and are typically regional in extent. Lacombe et al. (2017) established a regression model and GR map for the entire lower basin of the Mekong River and estimated a groundwater recharge rate (GRR) of 500 mm/year (Lacombe, Douangsavanh, Vongphachanh, & Pavelic, 2017). Bui et al. (2014) modeled recharge from 1999 to 2010 using the Water and Energy Transfer between Soil, Plants, and Atmosphere under Quasi Steady State model (WETSPASS), in which GR rate is a function of hydrometeorological data, including precipitation, potential evaporation, wind speed, temperature, groundwater depth, land use, slope, and topography and integrated into a single study on a regional scale (Bui & Truong, 2014). The WETSPASS model calculated much lower recharge rates of the entire MRD than the Lacombe study, ranging from 140.0 to 157.8 mm/year. While these models are useful at the regional scale, they are less applicable on a local scale, since they do not take local geologic and climatic variabilities into account. In this study, an approach relies on a single groundwater well to evaluate local shallow GR using the Water Table Fluctuation (WTF) method.

The WTF method provides an estimate of GR by analysis of water level fluctuations in observation wells (United State Geological Survey, 2017). The method assumes that rising water levels in unconfined aquifers are a result of the vertical recharge (Gumuła-Kawęcka et al., 2022; Healy & Cook, 2002). The WTF method is employed for estimating rainy-season recharge in spatial variation of both geologic and climatic conditions. It was conducted during four monitoring periods to determine recharge rates in the long-term for the shallow unconfined aquifers in the LXQ and CMP in Vietnam and is based on four periods of water level and rainfall monitoring that reflect changing climatic conditions that have occurred in the region in recent years. The results are expected to contribute to the GR data input to groundwater flow modeling. Then, the model

simulations are used to predict seawater intrusion in the coastal aquifers in the MRD, which is also facing seawater intrusion problems due to overexploitation (Le et al., 2020).

## 2. Background

Many methods have been used in previous studies to calculate GR. Examples of such methods are numerical modeling, using a program that simulates the effects of natural and artificial factors on GR, such as the WETSPASS model (Sahinkuye, Silungwe, Tarimo, & Kashaigili, 2022), Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) (Wolf, 2015), Soil and Water Assessment Tool-Groundwater Flow Model (SWAT-MODFLOW) (Chung, Kim, Lee, & Sophocleous, 2010), Hydrologic Evaluation of Landfill Performance (HELP) (Andaryani et al., 2022), Rainfall Infiltration Breakthrough (Uribe et al., 2015), regression model (Lacombe et al., 2017) and Rainfall-Runoff Model (RRM) (Uribe et al., 2015). In addition, the other methods are such as the empirical methods, a direct method of measuring the GR from rainfall (Andualem, Demeke, Ahmed, Dar, & Yibeltal, 2021); Chloride Mass Balance method (CMB), based on the conservation of mass between atmospheric and subsurface Chloride contents (Segobaetso, Tafesse, Mapeo, & Laletsang, 2022); Isotope Method, uses  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{18}\text{O}$  isotopes and some artificial radioactive isotopes suitable for researching and evaluating the origin of water as well as the GR from rainwater and surface water (Hamed et al., 2022). In general, all these require an accurate understanding of hydro-meteorology, land-use, and topographic features, and a level of computational complexity that cannot always be supported (Huet, Chesnaux, Boucher, & Poirier, 2016). The more accessible and well-established water table fluctuation can be used to calculate the GR at a much smaller scale and is a lower-cost alternative to the regional-scale methods (Lutz

et al., 2015). The method requires two basic input parameters: temporal groundwater head data and the aquifer's specific yield ( $S_y$ ), to calculate the GR. The WTF method also has been used effectively in many different climatic regimes given the dependence of water level fluctuations on climatic conditions such as rainfall, evapotranspiration, atmospheric pressure, entrapped air, temperature variations. Even when the precipitation is lower than evaporation, water level fluctuations can occur (Healy & Cook, 2002). With its tropical monsoon conditions, high seasonal rainfall, and evaporation events, MRD provides an ideal condition for evaluating the dynamic water level fluctuations that can occur in unconfined aquifers. Furthermore, a decrease in groundwater withdrawal activities in recent years due to the poor quality of the unconfined Holocene aquifer have eliminated water level fluctuations caused by pumping in monitoring wells. All the above conditions are satisfied for applying the WTF method to calculate GR in the study area. The WTF method also provides a potential alternative to more comprehensive models in a region where groundwater data are limited.

### 3. Materials and Methods

#### 3.1. The study area

The uppermost unconfined Holocene aquifer exists at the near land surface throughout the Long Xuyen Quadrangle and Ca Mau Peninsula (LXQ and CMP) (UTM 48N 440,000m E, 948,000m N and 645,000m E, 1,220,000m N), except for small mountainous regions in An Giang, Kien Giang Provinces (Figure 1). The area is characterized by a tropical monsoon climate, with distinct annual rainy and dry seasons. The southwest monsoon prevails in the rainy season (from

May to November), while in the dry season (from December to April following year) in the northeast monsoon is dominant (Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2013).

The complex geology of the Holocene aquifer is the result of the migration of fluvial channels and historic coastline and is composed of sediments ranging from clay to medium sand. On average, the aquifer is approximately 89 m deep across the MRD region (Bui et al., 2014).

## **Figure 1.**

### *3.2. Wells and Water level measurements*

Eight study locations that belong to the national groundwater monitoring network of Vietnam were selected that represent both various sediment textures and the different climatic conditions. Monitoring wells (identified with the numbers, Q104010, Q59801T, Q203010, Q40101T, Q17701T, Q199010, Q211010, Q204010) and water level data for each well were evaluated (Table 1). Drilled logs for each well site were used to identify aquifer materials at each site (Table 2).

## **Table 1.**

## **Table 2.**

The WTF method requires a specific yield ( $S_y$ ) for each site. The  $S_y$  is the ratio of the volume of water that a saturated rock or soil will yield by gravity to the total volume of the rock or soil volume (Healy & Cook, 2002; Johnson, 1967). Given its limited use, few estimates of  $S_y$

have been made for the Holocene aquifer.  $S_y$  values, however, can be assigned for each site based on sediment textures using an empirical relationship between sediment texture and  $S_y$  established by Johnson (1967). The assigned  $S_y$  values range from 0.05 to 0.21 (Table 2) at the eight locations (Figure 3) examined.

### 3.3. Estimating $\Delta h$ and recharge rate ( $R$ )

The WTF method calculates recharge rates,  $R$ , based on head observations in wells and estimates for specific yield as,

$$R(t_j) = S_y * \Delta h \quad (1)$$

where  $R(t_j)$  [L] is recharge occurring between times  $t_0$  and  $t_j$  [T],  $S_y$  is specific yield (dimensionless), and  $\Delta h(t_j)$  is the peak water level rise attributed to the recharge period [L] (Figure 2). The value for  $\Delta h$  is determined by extending a declining water level trend line and measuring the head difference between the extrapolated line and the peak water level rise (Healy & Cook, 2002).

### Figure 2.

$S_y$  values used in WTF analysis may be obtained by several methods. Pumping tests are often used to determine  $S_y$ , but none was conducted in the Division of Water Resources Planning and Investigation for the South of Vietnam (DWRPIS) wells.  $S_y$  may also be calculated by using empirical equation based on the aquifer materials. Where aquifer materials vary with depth, a single  $S_y$  value should not be used to represent an entire aquifer (Healy & Cook, 2002). Therefore,



empirical  $S_y$  values are best applied when the aquifer materials are relatively uniform with depth in the profile. When non-uniform textures occur with depth, if the thickness of the upper material is significant (e.g., Q204010, Table 2),  $S_y$  values were assigned to the average of material textures. In contrast,  $S_y$  is only assigned to the material type at the screen depth in wells Q203010 and Q17701T (Table 2). Aquifer materials at most of the well sites selected for this study are uniform with depth (Table 2) allowing us to assign single empirical  $S_y$  value for each site.

### *3.4. Spatial and temporal GRR distribution maps*

To represent the spatial and temporal distributions of GRR, it estimates at eight-monitoring wells are transformed into maps using a Geographic Information System (GIS). Kriging interpolation method, an interpolation technique that weighs values of neighbor position and anticipates value for the position where measurement is not recorded (Bouhout, Haboubi, Zian, Elyoubi, & Elabdouni, 2022), was used to interpolate the recharge distributions. With a sparse density of monitoring well over a large area, the uncertainty of these interpolation maps is probably one of the limitations of this study. To verify their reliability, they are compared with the recharge rate calculation using the WETSPASS method (Bui & Truong, 2014). The results are presented in the discussion section.

## **4. Results**

### *4.1. Determination of $\Delta h$*

Groundwater levels were used to calculate  $\Delta h$  at eight locations over the period of 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2020 (Table 3). The water depths ranged from -4.89 m to 1.95 m during the four years evaluated in all eight observation wells (Table 1) and varied across the study area. Water level trends were used to identify the amplitude of the groundwater level following the model in Figure 2 and the determination of  $\Delta h$  (Table 3).

#### **Table 4.**

#### *4.2. Groundwater recharge rate (GRR)*

GRR ranged from 15.5 (at well Q199010 in Ca Mau Province) to 283.5 mm/year (at well Q59801T in Soc Trang Province) across the site in 2005 using the WTF method (Table 3). In 2009, R ranged from 19.5 (at well Q199010 in Ca Mau Province) to 228.2 mm/year (at well Q59801T in Soc Trang Province) (Table 3). In 2013, R ranged from 17.0 (at well Q199010 in Ca Mau Province) to 189.0 mm/year (at well Q204010 in An Giang Province) (Table 3). In 2020, R ranged from 33.5 (at well Q199010 in Ca Mau Province) to 449.4 mm/year (at well Q204010 in An Giang Province) (Table 3).

At wells Q40101T, Q17701T, and Q199010, aquifer materials are composed of clay materials or clay with high organic material contents (Table 2). The  $S_y$  range is not given for this material in the classification of Johnson (1967). While the clay has a large porosity, its pore size is small and has a thin film water layer on the outside. On the contrary, organic clay has a smaller porosity than clay, a larger pore size, and more organic materials. Hence, organic clay has a higher water release than clay. This would suggest a higher drainage capacity for organic clay than those for clay, but has a smaller value when compared with silt. Therefore, the  $S_y$  value of 0.05, the mean

value between clay and silt was assigned to organic-rich clay (Johnson, 1967) (Table 2). The recharge rates at wells Q17701T (42.5, 37.0, 38.0, and 49.0 mm/year) and Q199010 (15.5, 19.5, 17.0, and 33.5 mm/year) are lower than Q40101T (91.0, 124.0, 146.0, and 94.0 mm/year in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2020, respectively (Table 2). Although the sediments at wells Q40101T, Q17701T, and Q199010 are mostly composed of organic clay, the water level fluctuation at well Q40101T is much higher than at Q17701T and Q199010 (Table 1). It leads to the difference in the recharge estimation as above.

#### *4.3. GRRs and % recharge from rainwater*

The lowest and highest % recharge due to rainfall ranged from 0.7% (well Q199010 in Ca Mau Province) to 32.7% (well Q204010 in An Giang Province) (Table 3) and the total GR in 2005 was 138.1 mm/year, accounting for 7.2% of average rainfall (Table 4). In 2009, it accounted from 1.0% (well Q199010) to 14.9% (well Q59801T) of rainfall in the rainy season (Table 3). The total recharge rate in 2009 was 110.7 mm/year, accounting for 6.0% of average rainfall (Table 4). In 2013, it accounted from 0.9% (Q199010) to 25.2% (Q204010 in An Giang Province) of rainfall in the rainy season (Table 3). The total recharge rate in 2013 was 95.7 mm/year, accounting for 5.3% of average rainfall (Table 4). In 2020, it accounted from 1.5% (Q199010) to 32.7% (Q204010 in An Giang Province) of rainfall in the rainy season (Table 3). The total recharge rate in 2020 was 150.4 mm/year, accounting for 7.5% of average rainfall (Table 4).

#### **Table 4.**

In general, the water level fluctuations follow those of rainfall amounts. The average GRRs are 138.1, 110.7, and 95.7 mm/year which is consistent with the trend of changing rainfall of 1913.08, 1831.00, and 1800.91 mm/year in 2005, 2009, and 2013, respectively. This result is consistent with the study by Dang et al., 2020 which concluded that rainfall tended to decrease from 1999 to 2017. In this study, the rainfall data for 2020 had increased again (2013.70 mm/year). Along with that, the GR also increased (150.4 mm/year). It can be seen that GR is closely related to climate change conditions. Human efforts to control climate change will have a positive impact on the protection of groundwater resources.

#### *4.4. Relationship between GRR and aquifer lithologies*

The wells with coarse-grained sediments are expected to have higher porosity, and higher recharge rates than those at wells with fine-grained sediments. Specifically, for fine sand, the recharge rate varies from 189.0 to 449.4 mm/year (Q204010), while, for sandy clay (Q203010, Q104010, and Q59801T), values ranged from 70.7 to 283.5 mm/year in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2020, respectively (Table 3, Figure 3, 4a). Conversely, the recharge rate of fine-grained materials such as silt and organic clay have values lower than in coarse-grained materials (Figure 3, 4b).

**Figure 3.**

**Figure 4.**

## **5. Discussion**

To illustrate spatial and temporal variations, the estimated recharge values were plotted as recharge rate contour maps for the four years of study (Figure 5).

**Figure 5.**

The high recharge rate ( $>250$  mm/year) was observed in the northeastern and southeastern parts of the study area in 2005 (Figure. 5a) and then those areas disappeared in 2009, 2013, and expanded in 2020 especially in the northeast due to increase of rainfall. In contrast, the coastal areas with the lowest recharge ( $<50$  mm/year) in 2005 increased in size in 2009, 2013, and 2020. Low recharge conditions were primarily focused in the southwest part of the study area in 2005. It was likely to expand across most of the study area in 2013 that has the lowest rainfall. When the rainfall increased in 2020, these low recharge zones still reduced insignificantly. This result is consistent with the conclusion of Dang et al. (2020) who noted that rainfall was abundant on the western coast (Western Sea or Gulf of Thailand) and diminished gradually towards the eastern coast (Eastern Sea or South China Sea) and inland. Dang et al. (2020) also indicated a tendency for the rainy season to start earlier and end later in the western coastal zone of the study area, with season length gradually decreasing towards the Eastern Sea and inland. This relevant result implies that rainfall changes in the context of climate change are closely correlated with GR in the study area.

The northeastern part of the study area is a flood-prone area that undergoes extensive flooding between July and December every year (Nguyen et al., 2021). Nguyen et al. (2021) mentioned that the potential of GR to shallow aquifers from surface water in flood-prone areas, where long-lasting and widespread inundations occur regularly, has been higher than in coastal zones (Nguyen et al., 2021). In 2020, when the rainfall developed, these flood zones showed the

development of a high recharge rate that is around 250 to 400 mm/year (Figure 5d). This finding supports their observations of the existence of higher GR estimates in the northeastern part than in the rest of the study area.

In addition, hydrochemical characteristics of the Holocene aquifer were observed to vary significantly between seasons of the year, and a close relationship between recharge rate and groundwater quality was concluded. Le et al. (2020) concluded that the unconfined Holocene aquifer was saline in most of the study area, except for the northeastern region, and that vertical GR is insufficient to prevent the seawater intrusion. Thus, it can be seen that if GR decreases due to decreased rainfall under the impact of climate change, the seawater intrusion into the coastal Holocene aquifer will become a more serious threat to groundwater quality in the future. The coastal area would likely be more greatly affected than the flood-prone inland areas, resulting of GR from the rainfall declines are greater in coastal zones than in flood-prone areas (Figure 5).

The cause of water level fluctuations is sometimes difficult to determine in areas with complex hydrogeological conditions or pumping activities. The assumption was made in this study that the groundwater withdrawals were negligible, however, while the water levels at most of the monitoring wells are stable, the Q203010 and Q204010 wells in the An Giang Province have rapidly decreased water levels over four periods (Table 1). These water level data reflect the fact that the aquifer in the An Giang Province yields good quality groundwater and is still being exploited. The accuracy of recharge estimates made in the An Giang Province is will be limited as long as significant pumping occurs. Although there are potential flaws in the application of the WTF method, its simplicity suggests that it is appropriate in certain situations and its use should be encouraged.

## 6. Conclusions

Annual GRRs are estimated by the WTF method ranging from 95.7 to 150.4 mm/year with 5.3 to 7.5% of the rainfall recharge. Although the sediment textures of the uppermost Holocene aquifer vary widely across the study sites, temporal trends in GR appear to be primarily related to the rainfall amounts at all locations. Over study periods in which annual rainfall amounts declined, GRRs also declined. The outcome of this work will contribute essential information for the need to develop the groundwater flow model in the region used to predict the seawater intrusion into the coastal aquifer in the local areas, and prevent long-term aquifer degradation.

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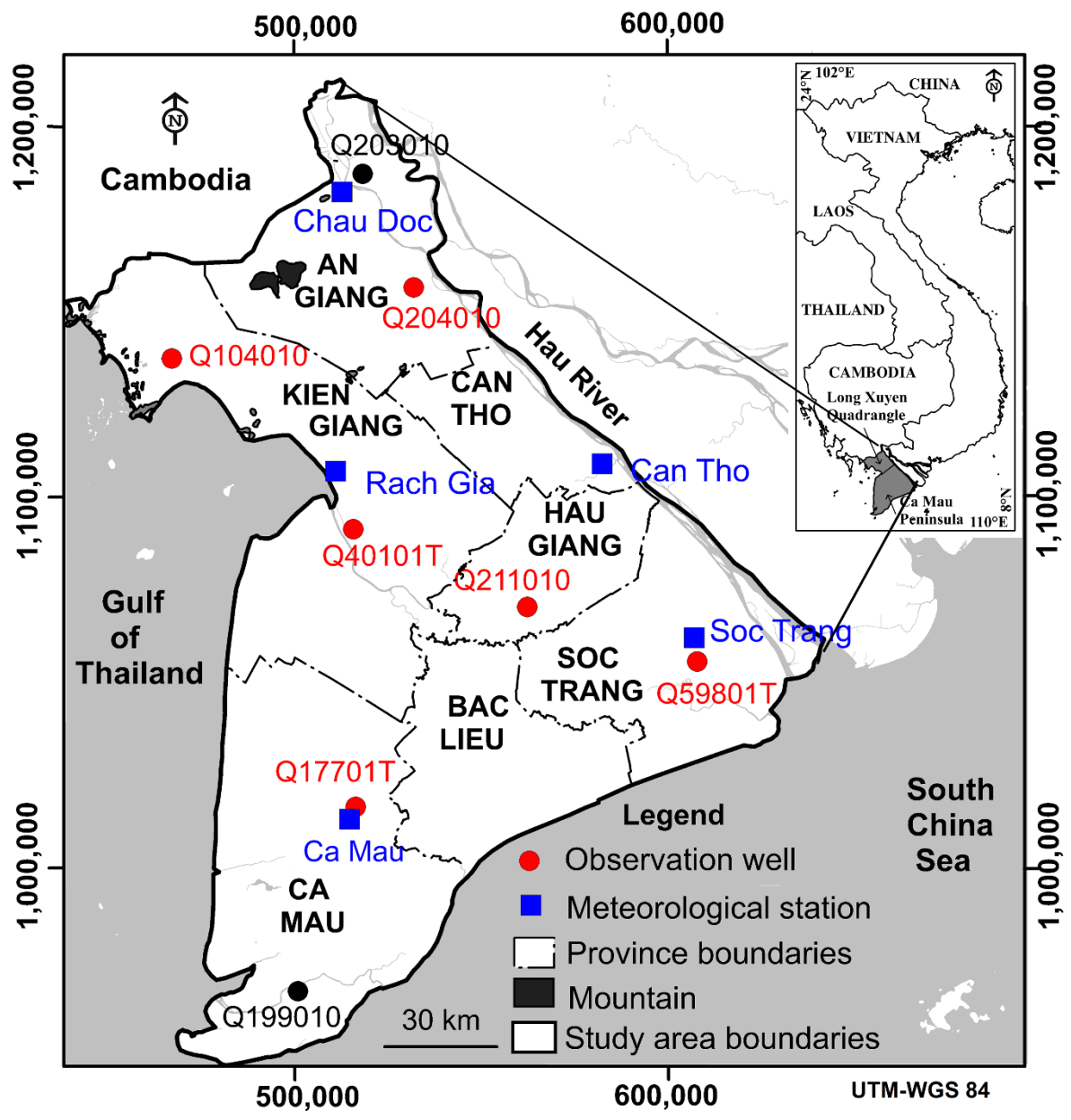


Figure 1. Showing observation wells and meteorological stations

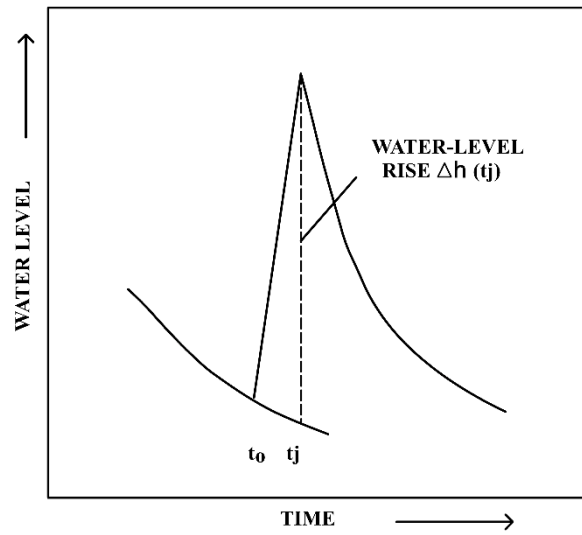


Figure 2. The estimation of Water-level rise  $\Delta h(t_j)$  (Healy & Cook, 2002; United State Geological Survey, 2017)

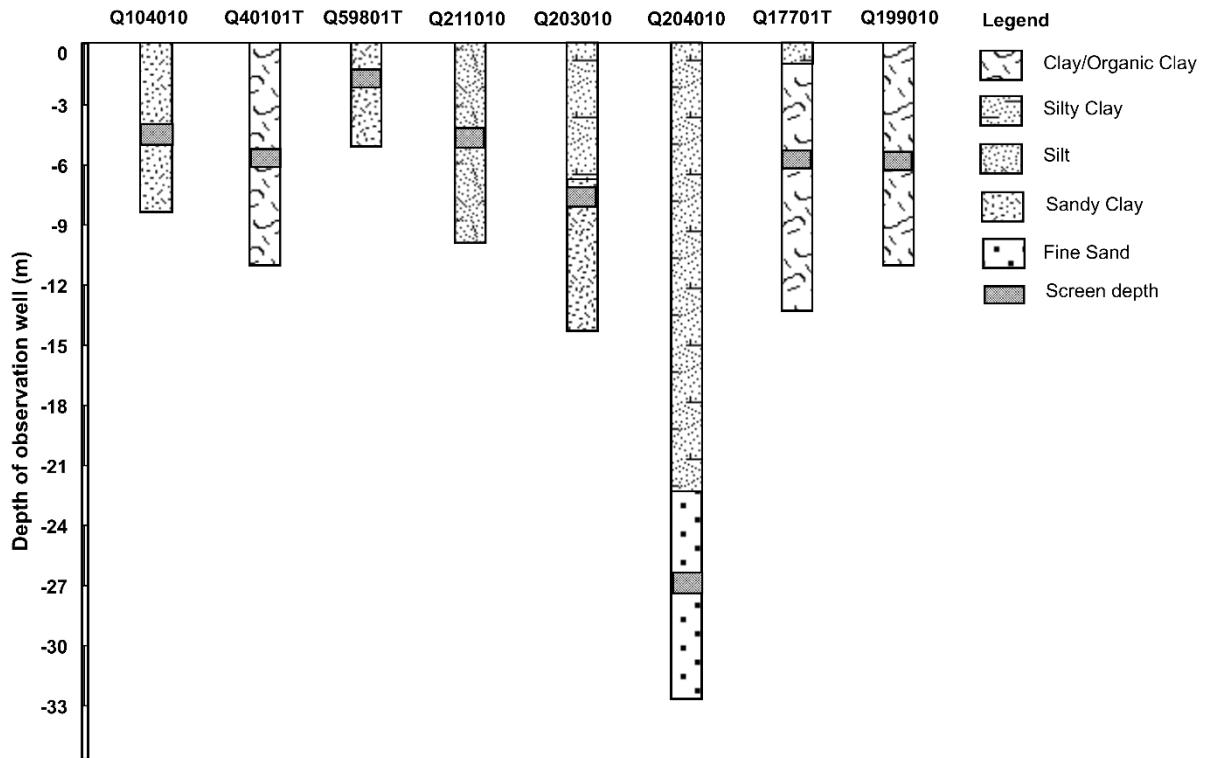


Figure 3. Holocene aquifer observation well in the LXQ and CMP

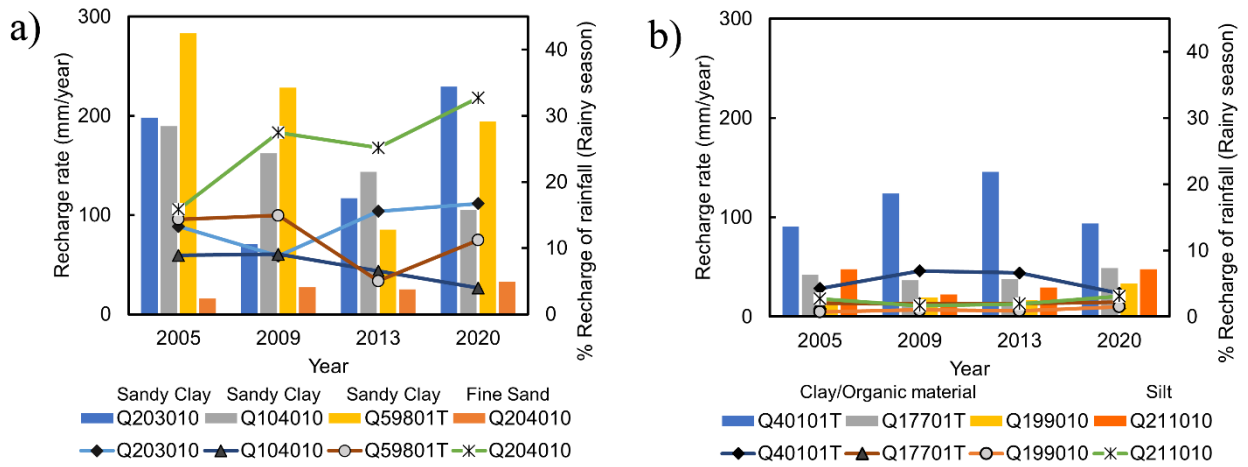


Figure 4. Recharge rates (in a column) and % of rainfall in rainy season (inline) in different lithologies (a) coarse grains and (b) fine grains

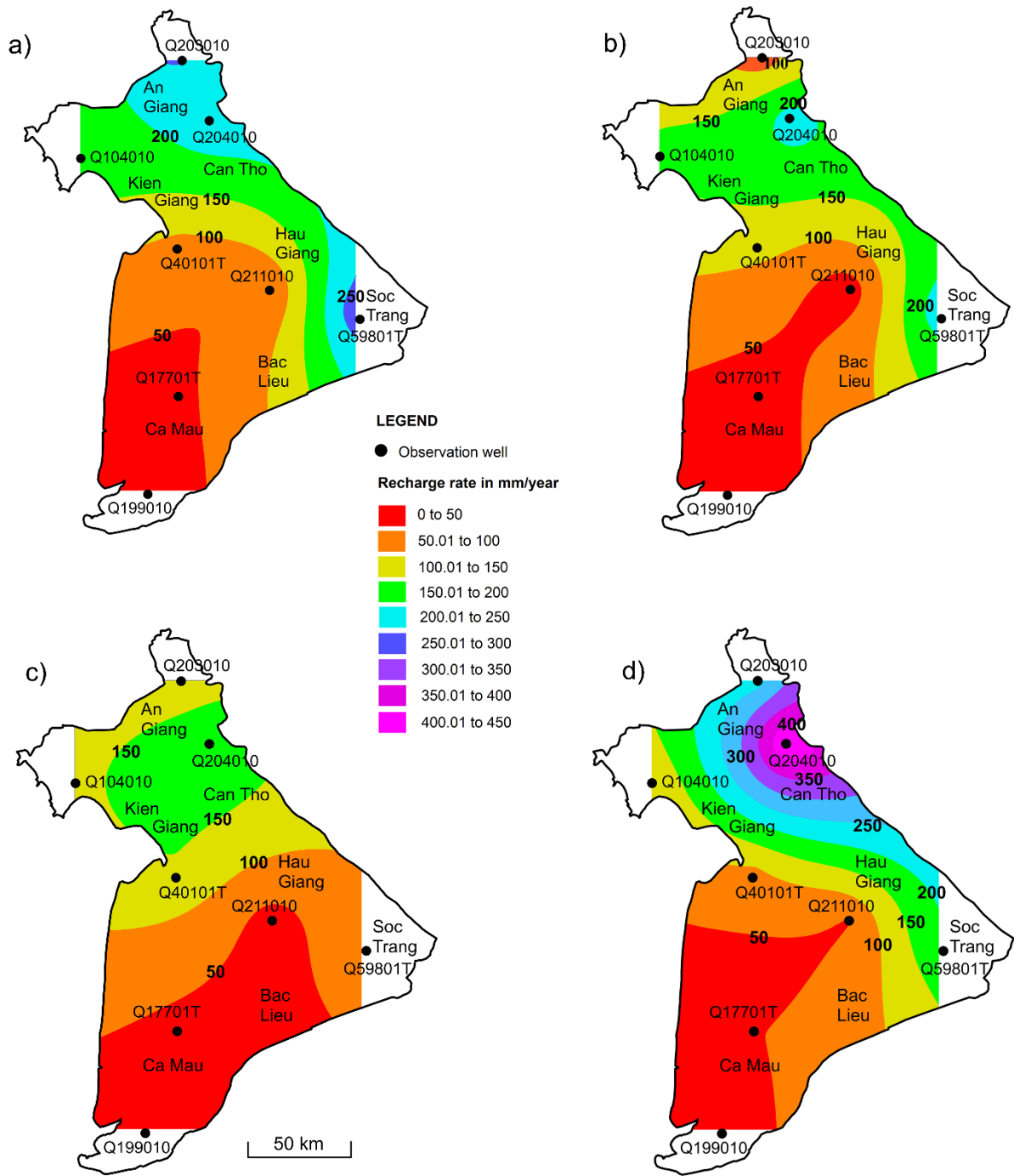


Figure 5. Annual recharge rates at eight locations in 2005 (a), 2009 (b), 2013 (c), and 2020 (d)

Table 1. Statistics of monthly groundwater heads (m) of observation wells during the periods of 2005 (22 months), 2009 (22 months), 2013 (19 months), and 2020 (17 months) (DWRPIS, 2021)

n=80	Monthly groundwater elevation (m)								
	Q104010	Q40101T	Q59801T	Q211010	Q203010	Q20302T	Q204010	Q17701T	Q199010
Min	-2.45	-1.71	-3.02	-0.81	-4.09	-4.89	-4.28	-0.88	-1.02
Max	0.13	0.81	0.77	0.67	1.95	1.22	-0.34	1.18	1.12
Average	-1.26	-0.75	-1.19	-0.41	-2.83	-3.57	-2.62	-0.30	-0.45
SD	0.46	0.46	0.80	0.29	1.31	1.38	1.04	0.40	0.48

Table 2. Geologic logs for observation wells (DWRPIS, 2021)

Depth (m, bmsl)	Q104010	Q40101T	Q59801T	Q211010	Q203010	Q204010	Q17701T	Q199010
0 to 2	Sandy clay	Clay/Organic clay	Sandy clay	Silt	Silty clay	Silty clay	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay
2 to 4	Sandy clay	Clay/Organic clay	Sandy clay <sup>a</sup>	Silt	Silty clay	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>	Clay/Organic clay
4 to 6	Sandy clay <sup>a</sup>	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>	Sandy clay	Silt <sup>a</sup>	Silty clay	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>
6 to 8	Sandy clay <sup>a</sup>	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>	-	Silt <sup>a</sup>	Sandy clay <sup>a</sup>	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>	Clay/Organic clay <sup>a</sup>
8 to 10	-	Clay/Organic clay	-	Silt	Sandy clay <sup>a</sup>	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay	Clay/Organic clay
10 to 15	-	-	-	-	Sandy clay	Silty clay	Clay/Organic clay	-
15 to 20	-	-	-	-	-	Silty clay	-	-
20 to 25	-	-	-	-	-	Fine sand <sup>a</sup>	-	-
25 to 33	-	-	-	-	-	Fine sand <sup>a</sup>	-	-
S <sub>y</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.14	0.05	0.05

“-”: no data; “a”: observation well’s screen depth; “b”: assigned S<sub>y</sub> values (Johnson 1967).



Table 3. Estimates of groundwater recharge rate (GRR), in mm/year, and % of recharge compared with total rainfall in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2020

Periods	Stations	Rach Gia		Soc Trang	Hau Giang	Chau Doc		Ca Mau	
	Obs. wells	Q104010	Q40101T	Q59801T	Q211010	Q203010	Q204010	Q17701T	Q199010
	Materials	Sandy clay	Clay/ Organic Clay	Sandy clay	Silt	Sandy clay	Fine sand	Clay/ Organic Clay	Clay/ Organic Clay
	S <sub>y</sub>	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.14	0.05	0.05
2005	Δh	2.71	1.82	4.05	0.6	2.83	1.69	0.85	0.31
2009		2.32	2.48	3.26	0.28	1.01	1.58	0.74	0.39
2013		2.05	2.92	1.22	0.37	1.67	1.35	0.76	0.34
2020		1.50	1.88	2.78	0.60	3.28	3.21	0.98	0.67
2005	GRR (mm)	189.7	91.0	283.5	48.0	198.1	236.6	42.5	15.5
2009		162.4	124.0	228.2	22.4	70.7	221.2	37.0	19.5
2013		143.5	146.0	85.4	29.6	116.9	189.0	38.0	17.0
2020		105.0	94.0	194.6	48.0	229.6	449.4	49.0	33.5
2005	% R from rainfall in rainy season	8.9	4.3	14.3	2.7	13.3	15.9	2.0	0.7
2009		9.0	6.9	14.9	1.7	8.8	27.5	2.0	1.0
2013		6.5	6.6	5.0	1.9	15.6	25.2	2.0	0.9
2020		3.9	3.5	11.2	3.1	16.7	32.7	2.2	1.5

Table 4. Comparison of the GR determined by WTF method and the DWRPIS model (Bui and Truong, 2014) in 2005 and 2009

Year	Average R (mm/year)		Difference of R (mm/year)	Average rainfall in the LXQ and CMP (mm)	% R of average rainfall in the LXQ and CMP
	The LXQ and CMP (WTF)	The MRD (WETSPASS)			
2005	138.1	157.8	19.7	1913.08	7.2
2009	110.7	140.0	29.3	1831.00	6.0
2013	95.7	-	-	1800.91	5.3
2020	150.4	-	-	2013.70	7.5

“-”: no data