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the “Natural risks program : understanding and control”**

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Titre du projet	DEBATE : Development of Broadband Acceleration Time histories for engineers
Résumé	The proper way to reduce seismic risk is to construct earthquake resistant infrastructures. As infrastructure becomes more sophisticated and complex, such a system has become increasingly mechanically complex and non-linear. In the project DEBATE we approach this problem from three perspectives: (1) The development of improved methods for the simulation of deterministic strong ground motion, which will be combined with a stochastic simulation at higher frequencies, (2) the nonlinear soil behaviour on strong ground motion, considering the reliability and variety of signals (broadband acceleration time histories) as well as the consistency with our knowledge from the real data, and (3) the recent large earthquakes with acquired strong motion data in Japan and in Chile.
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Titre du projet	DOMOSCAN : Quantification de la dynamique et suivi spatio-temporel du système hydrothermal de la Soufrière de Guadeloupe
Résumé	<p>The Domoscan project involves a number of innovative imaging techniques and a set of original measurements on the active areas of the Soufrière Volcano to quantify the time and space evolution of the hydrothermal system. Institutions participating to the project are the LGIT from Grenoble and Chambéry, the Institut de Physique du Globe from Paris, Géosciences Rennes and the University of Antilles and Guyane. A first part of the project is devoted to the construction of a structural tomographic model of the dome and of its basement. This involves an experimental task with new imaging methods (seismic imaging by noise correlation, cosmic muon tomography) and the modeling, inversion and integration of all available geophysical data in a common tomographic model. A second part of the project concerns the detailed study of the dynamics the hydrothermal system of La Soufrière. Numerous physical and chemical methods will be used to perform continuous measurements during at least two years on and around the most active areas located on the summit and at the base of the lava dome. Other more difficult measurements will be episodically performed during several days or weeks (e.g. wire mesh tomography, anemometry in acid gas).</p>
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Titre du projet	EXTRAFLO : Prédétermination des valeurs extrêmes de pluies et de crues
Résumé	The aim of this project is to compare design methods for extreme rainfall and flood estimation, in order to know which method to use regarding the available data, the hydrological characteristics of the case study, and the target accuracy level (which depends on the flooding stakes). The innovative aspects of such project is to deal with a large range of approaches: extreme value theory, regional analysis, use of historical data, geomorphological and paleo-hydrological studies, rainfall stochastic generator coupled with rainfall-runoff models, and to stress on the need of data sets for validation.
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Titre du projet	G-GAP : Nouvelles perspectives sur le risque sismique associé à la subduction : transitoires, tremors, monitoring passif, tectonique et scénarios.
Résumé	<p>Our proposal is centred on fundamental changes of perspective for seismology and seismic hazard evaluation. ETS (Episodic Tremors and slip) is certainly the most important discovery of new phenomenon of the last 50 years in seismology. It is a new and rapidly evolving subject. We propose to study the implications of ETS to the seismic hazard evaluation by putting together the most efficient techniques of analysis in seismology, geodesy and tectonics in a comprehensive study. In the same time we developed new approaches to image and monitor the Earth by using continuous recordings of ambient noise. We will apply these methods to the imaging of the basins responsible of huge site effects in Mexico City. We will evaluate the strong ground motion expected from subduction and shallow earthquake both from a numerical and empirical point of view.</p>
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Titre du projet	LINES : Interférométrie Laser de la déformation terrestre
Résumé	Measurements of strain and vibrations due to seismic and volcanic processes are mandatory for the understanding and the monitoring of the behaviour of these systems. The robustness of strain and motion detection is primary linked to measurement accuracy, but also to the number and repartition of instrument. This implies that instrument cost and maintenance are essential for the development of networks. On the basis of existing prototype sensors, we aim to develop seismometers and tilt meters using an interferometric device. Laser source and fringe analysis are connected to the mechanical sensor with long optic fibber. We will validate prototypes on underground laboratories, industrial sites and also pilot sites on earthquakes prone areas and volcanoes.
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Titre du projet	MAREMOTI : MAREgraphie, observations de tsunaMis, mOdélisation et études de vulnérabilité pour le nord-est Atlantique et la Méditerranée occidentale
Résumé	The MAREMOTI project gathers 9 French and 1 Portuguese partners involved in the tsunami science. Five main objectives are addressed: (1) the synthesis of tide gauge observations in order to build comprehensive databases, (2) the field investigation for historical and paleo tsunami observations (especially in the Balearic and the NE Atlantic coast), (3) the development and use of numerical tools for the hazard assessment and mapping, and towards a future warning system, (4) the study of poorly known tsunamigenic earthquake sources, and (5) the vulnerability assessment. The end-users are the communes of Cannes and Mandelieu where detailed studies will be conducted, as well as the "Centre Polynésien de Prévention des Tsunamis" (CPPT) in Tahiti (Polynesian Tsunami Warning System).
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Titre du projet	PREDIFLOOD : Distributed hydrological now-casting for the road network management in the Cevennes-Vivarais region
Résumé	PrediFlood aims at developing a pre-operational system for the now-casting of road inundations during intense rainfall events in the Cevennes-Vivarais region (France). These forecasts will consist in maps, updated every 15 minutes, indicating, over the whole considered region, the points of the road system likely to be flooded with a colour code indicating the risk level. Such a monitoring and forecasting tool is necessary for the rescue services to define their intervention priorities, to select the safest access or evacuation routes to or from the most affected areas and to stop the traffic on roads at risk.
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Titre du projet	RISKEMOTION : Décision en présence d'incertitude et d'émotions face à des risques de catastrophes naturelles
Résumé	Decision models that rely on the Expected Utility framework cannot properly explain choices involving natural risks, which are characterized by very small probabilities but huge losses. We aim to adapt an alternative theory relying on a different topology to rationalize these choices, and implement experiments to enrich this work in four directions: the variation of the levels of catastrophe, the elicitation of willingness to pay to reduce the exposure / the consequences of catastrophic events, the introduction of actual potentially unpleasant outcomes that generate emotions (disgust or unpleasant feelings, ...) and the study of repeated choices among risky outcomes. This project should favour rational public orientations to reduce the society vulnerability to catastrophic events.
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Titre du projet	SISBAT: Analyse fiabiliste de la vulnérabilité sismique de l'habitat avec toiture en charpentes industrialisées en bois - Couplage modélisation probabiliste / expérimentation
Résumé	<p>In a context where the prevention of the seismic risk becomes a national concern, this project deals with the development of a tool for reliability analysis of the seismic behaviour of residential building with roofs made of prefabricated timber trusses, constructions which represent a significant part of the existing and future French market. The project proposes to couple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- stochastic finite element method which will make it possible to quantify the sensitivity of mechanical response of the frame to the variability of random parameters such as the seismic action and the properties of the components,- with an experimental approach to identify the dynamic behaviour of several input parameters of the numerical tool such as the connections and wood frames. <p>By improving scientific knowledge of the global behaviour of the houses subjected to seismic actions, the project aims to conceive and design these structures with a target safety level at lower cost.</p>
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Titre du projet	SISCA : Système Intégré de Surveillance de Crises (SISCA) de glissements de terrain argileux (accélération, fluidification)
Résumé	Marly clay landslides are generally 'slow' (a few cm to dm /year), but they may: (1) suffer sudden accelerations under the action of various triggers or (2) all or a part of the marly-clay mass could fluid under some conditions to trigger viscous mud flow or debris flows. Project SISCA will develop a methodology (1) for identification and crisis precursors analysis (acceleration, fluidizing) and hydro-mechanisms understanding, (2) in-situ field monitoring related to precursors testing new ' monitoring and reversal data methods for these precursors survey, and (3) near real-time slope stability numerical modelling to propose a landslide forecast model may include a decision tree or any other decision support tool (ie changing measurements frequency, system changing, etc.).
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Titre du projet	SUPNAF : Liens entre complexité de la faille, essaimage de la sismicité et vitesse de rupture : l'importance de l'étude de la Faille Nord Anatolienne
Résumé	Are there two types of faults: one having a simple structure (made up of a few linear segments with small offsets in between), exhibiting little seismicity, except near the zone of nucleation (precursory events) and a « fast » (i.e. super-shear) rupture speed, with possibility of slip partitioning, and the other one having a complex (multi-scale) structure, high seismicity (particularly aftershocks) and a « slow » (i.e. sub-Rayleigh) rupture velocity? This is the problem which we propose to address in this project, taking as object of study the western part of the North Anatolian Fault (from the Marmara sea to the region of Ismir-Duzce, epicenters of the 1999 earthquakes). The subject is of importance because the city of Istanbul is particularly at risk.
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Titre du projet	UNDERVOLC: Understanding volcanic processes : Towards Eruption Prediction and Risk Mitigation, an application to Piton de la Fournaise, la Reunion
Résumé	UnderVolc is a joint project between IPGP (Paris and OVPF), LGIT, BRGM and Parc National de la Réunion. Our goal is to improve our understanding of volcanic processes such as mechanism of volcanic unrest, dike propagation, temporal evolution of eruptions, rock falls linked to volcanic activity. Our goal is also to improve the forecasting of volcanic eruptions and volcanic hazard mitigation. We will focus on the active (1 eruption per year on average) Piton de la Fournaise volcano on La Réunion island. During this 3 year project, we will deploy a broadband seismological network as well as a GPS network, both complementary to the permanent network ran by the Piton de la Fournaise Volcanological Observatory (OVPF).
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