

AGING POPULATION IN VIETNAM: SOME REMARKS

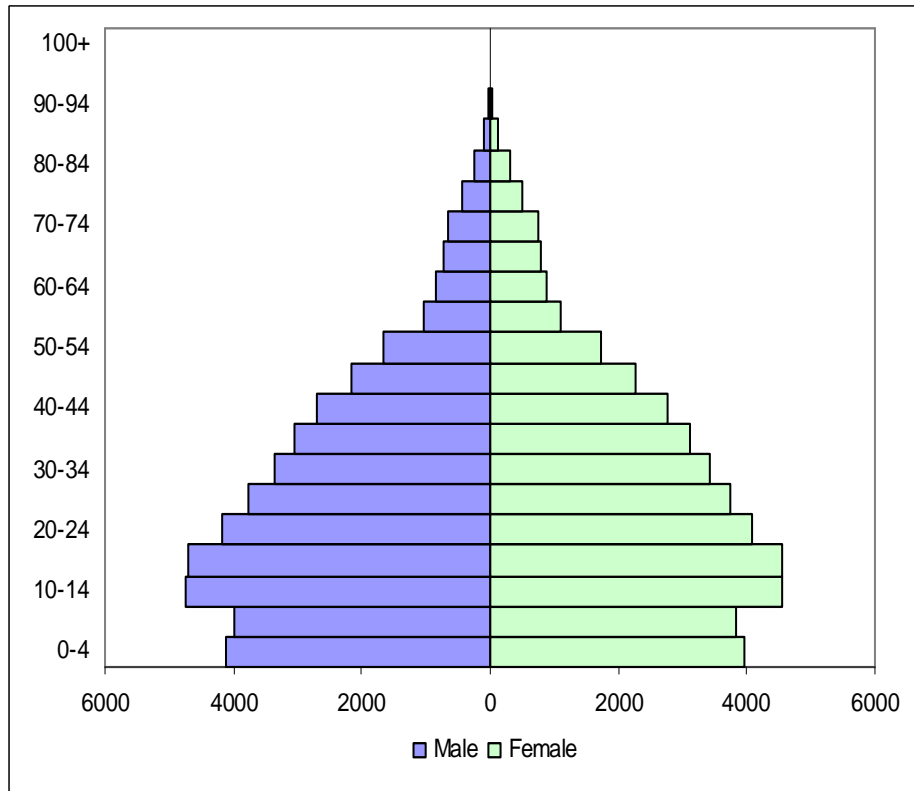
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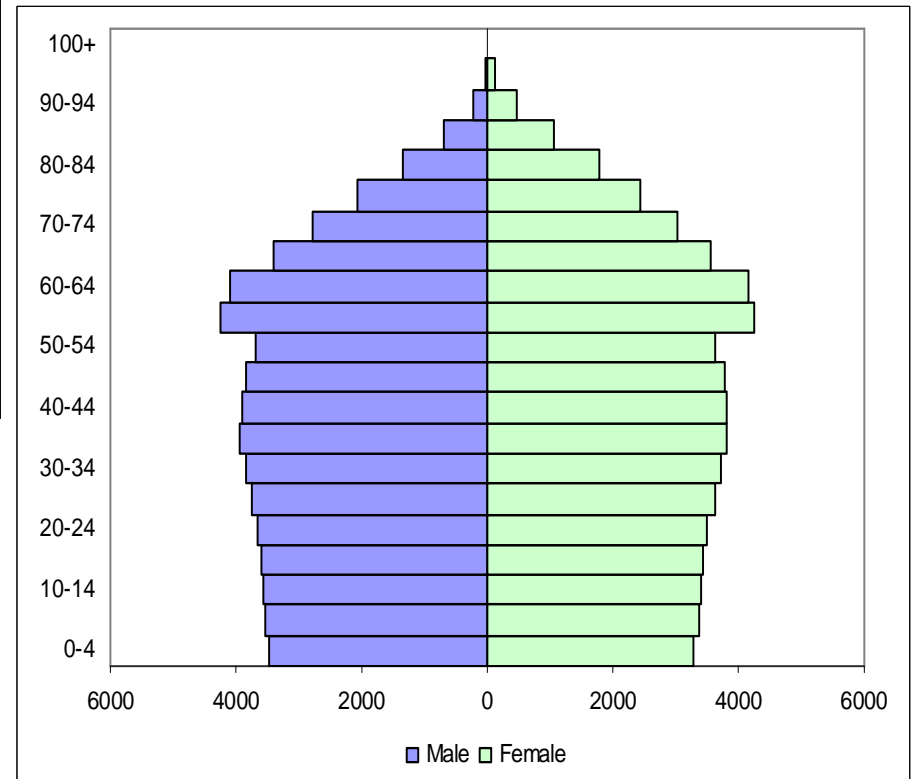
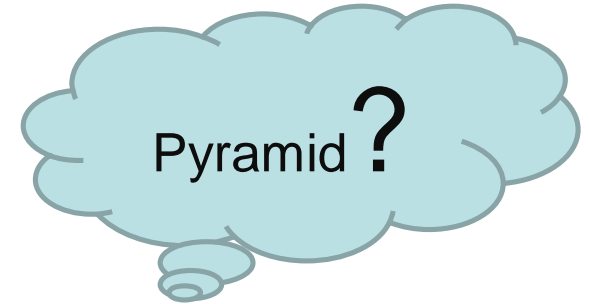
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Population in Vietnam, 2000 and 2050



2000



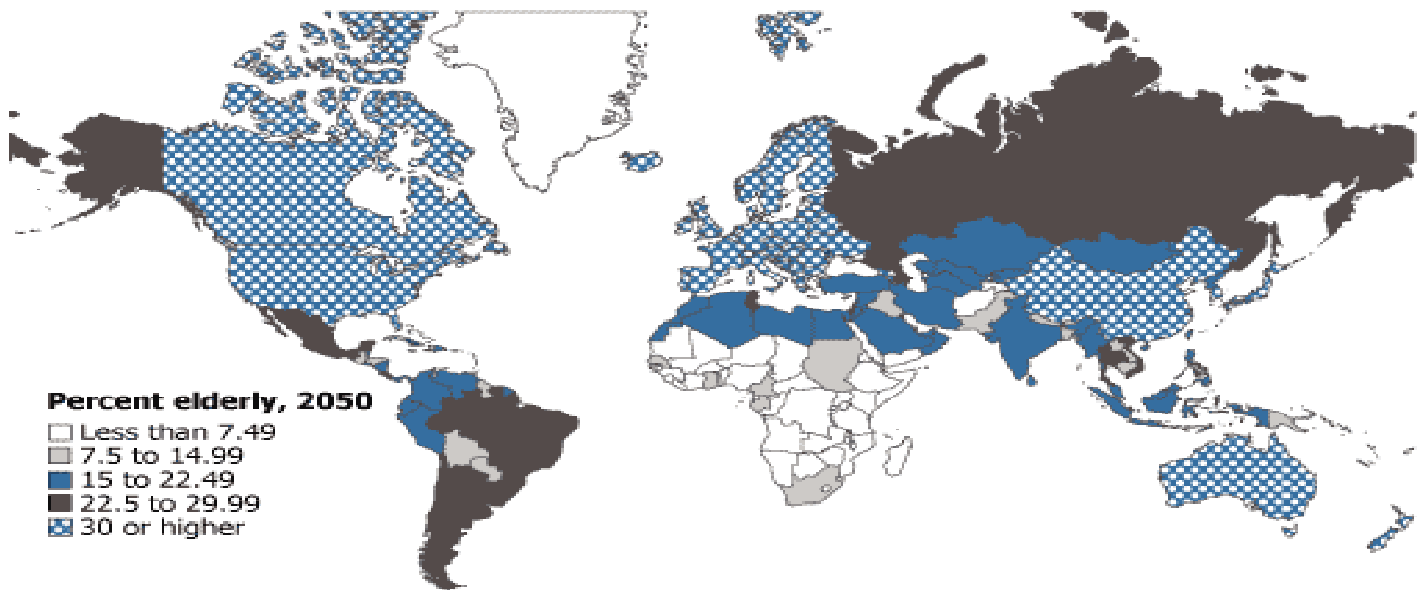
2050

Source: Own compilation using UN (2008)

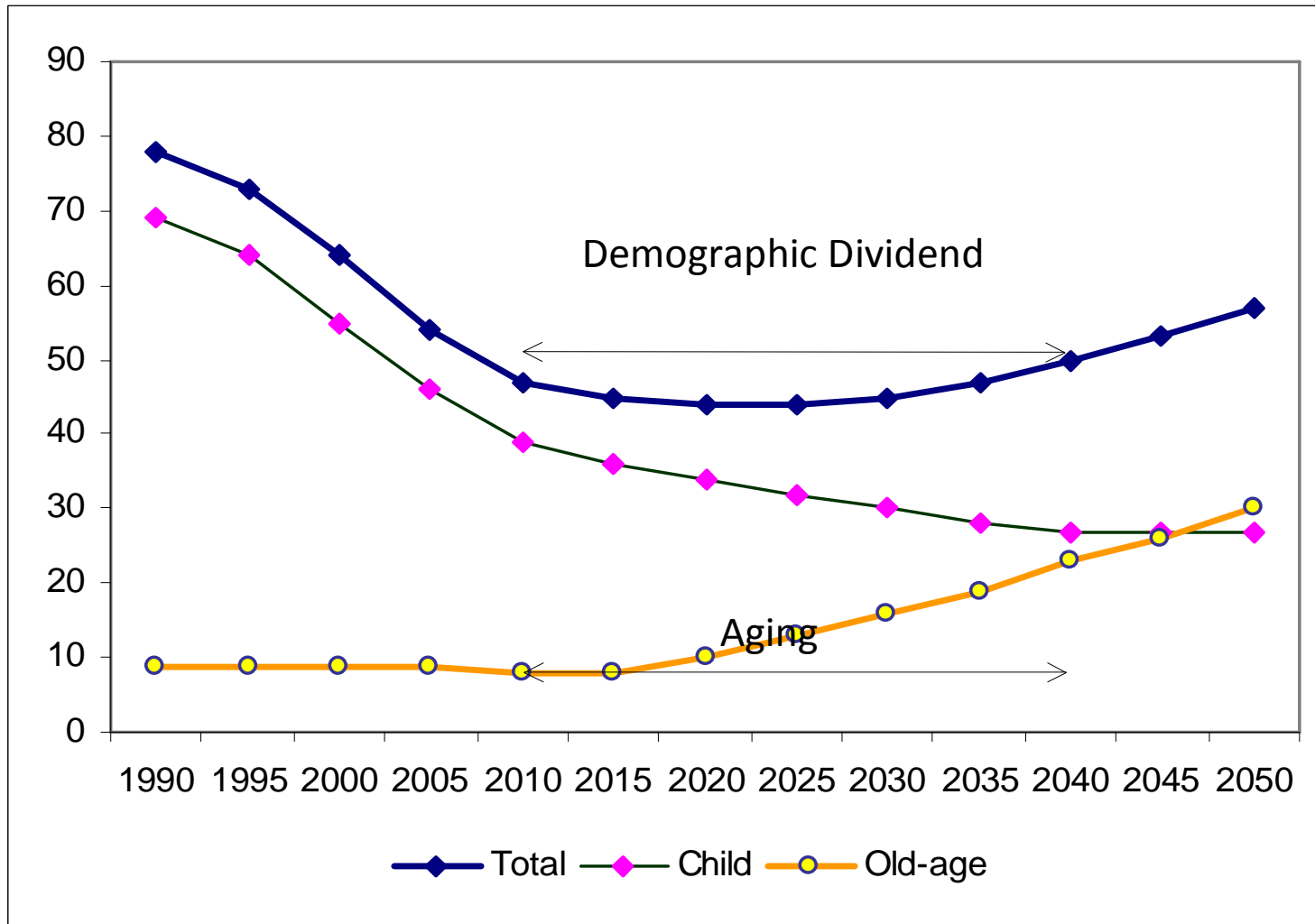
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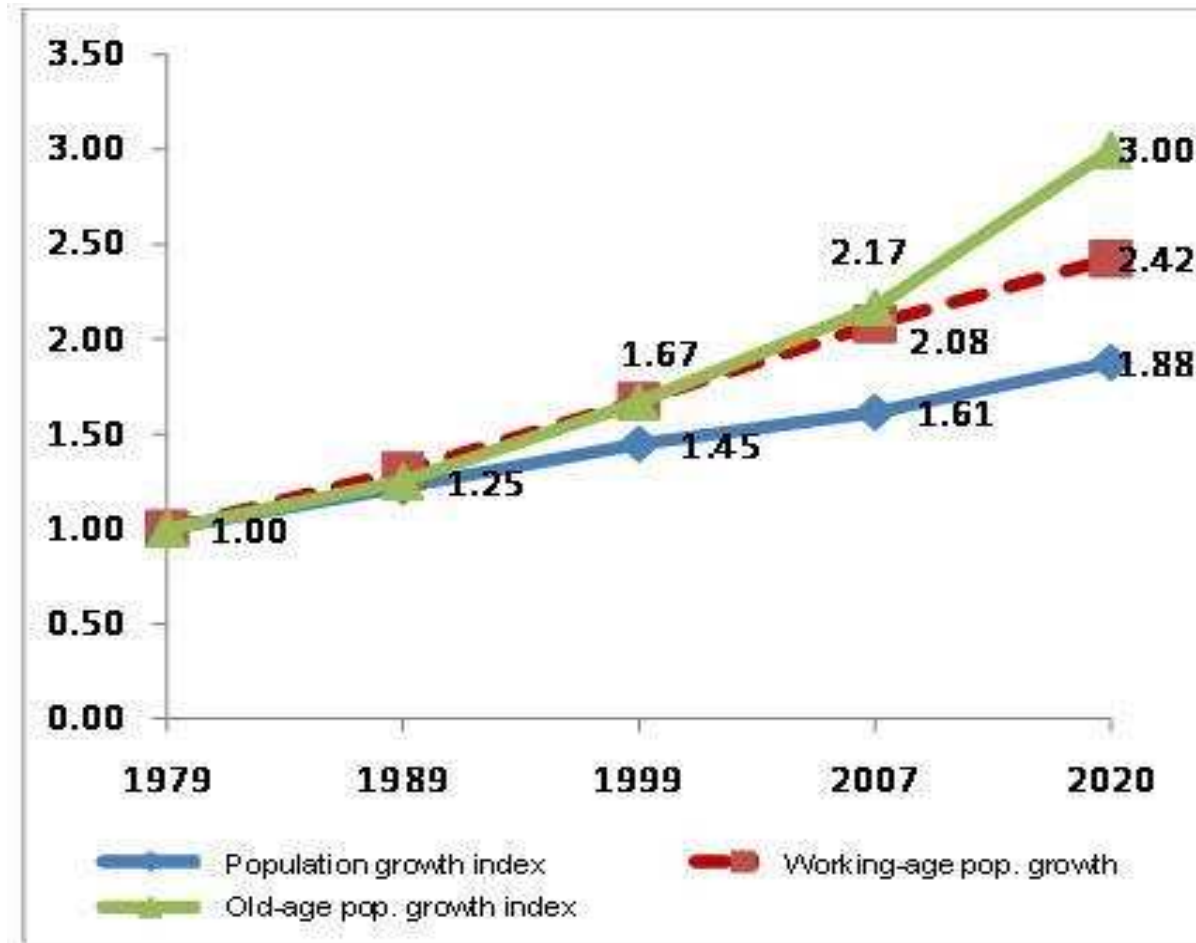


Source: UN population projection 2008 version



Demographic dividend and demographic aging will happen in the same period (2010-2040)

Old age population is increasing more quickly than other population groups



Source: Nguyen Dinh Cu (2009)

Swiftly increasing aging index

Year	1979	1989	1999	2007	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Aging index	16	17	24	37	35	56	92	129	158

Source: Data 1979-2007 from GSO (various years); data 2010-2050 from UN (2008)

Life expectancy at birth has been improved...

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
1995-2000	70.8	69	72.4
2000-2005	73.1	71.2	74.9
2005-2010	74.3	72.3	76.2
2010-2015	75.4	73.3	77.4
2015-2020	76.4	74.2	78.4
2020-2025	77.2	75.1	79.3
2025-2030	78	75.8	80

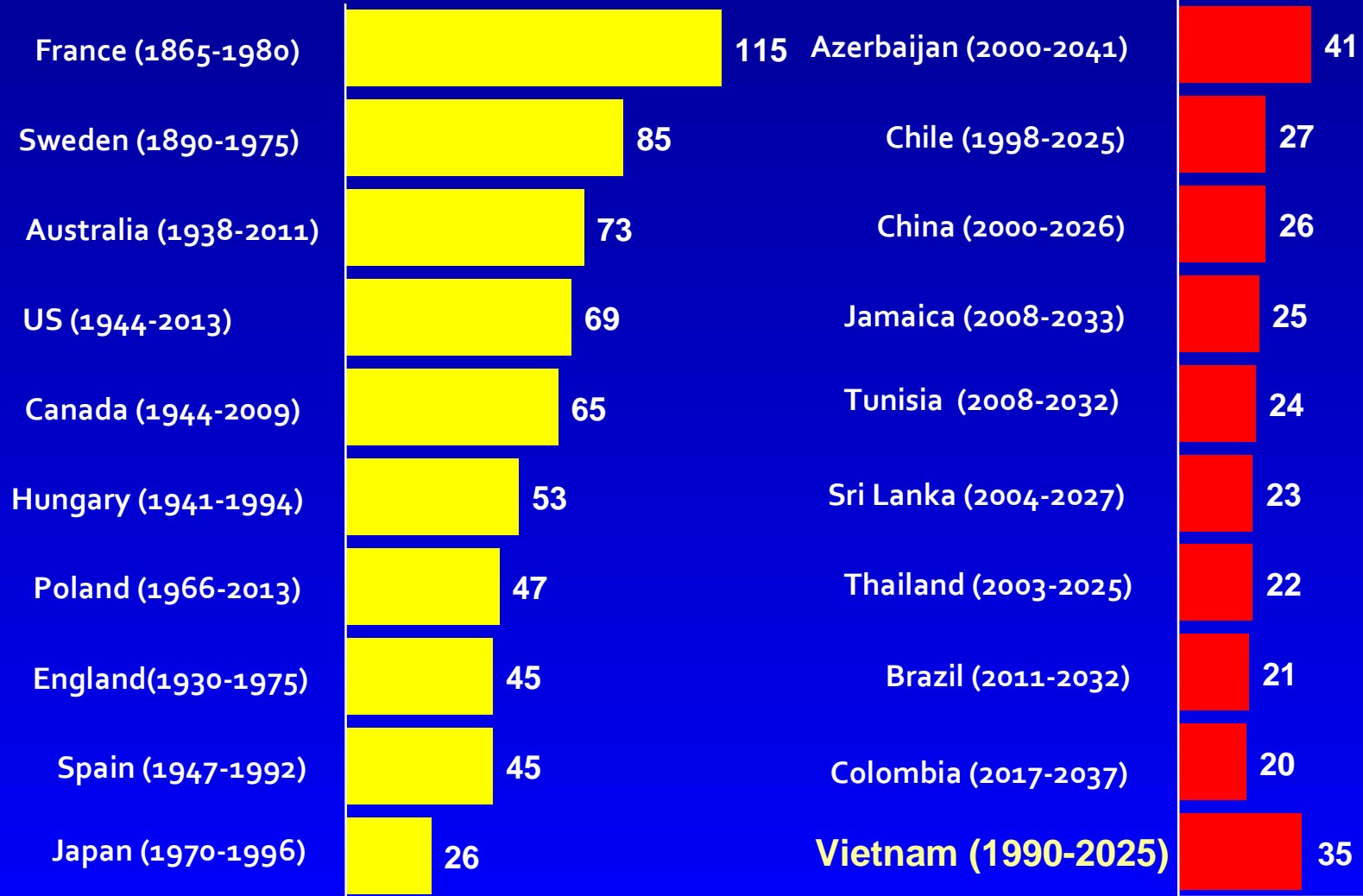
Source: United Nations (2008)

... but healthy life expectancy is still low. It is only 66 years, since a Vietnam has on average 7.3 years of illness (or 11 percent of total life expectancy is unhealthy!)

(Human Development Report 2009)

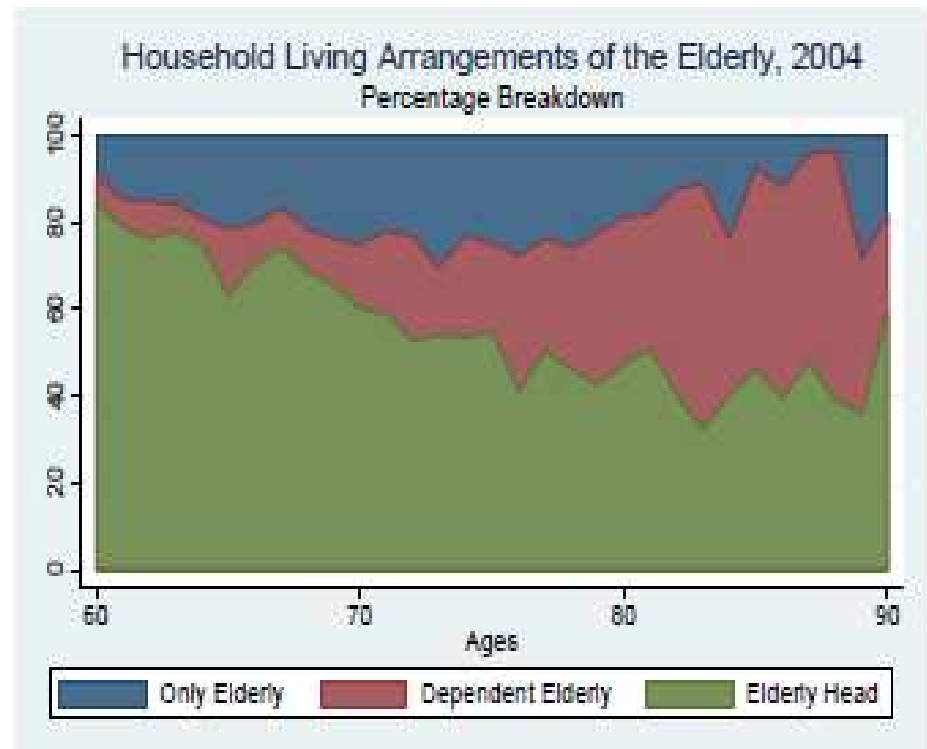
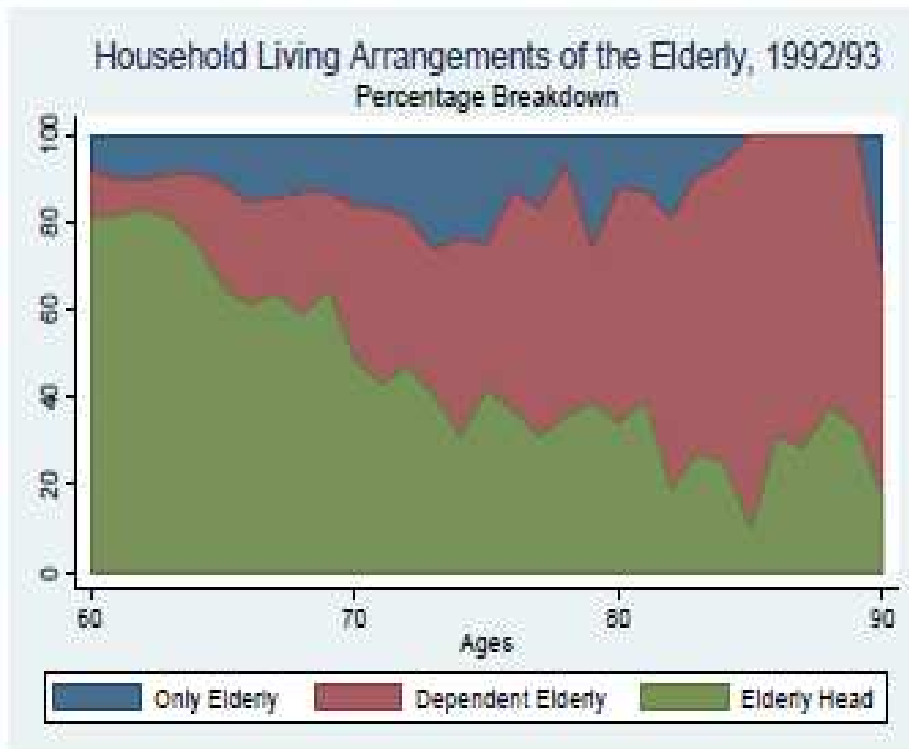
Aging Speed

(Expected number of years to increase population aged 65+ from 7% to 14%)

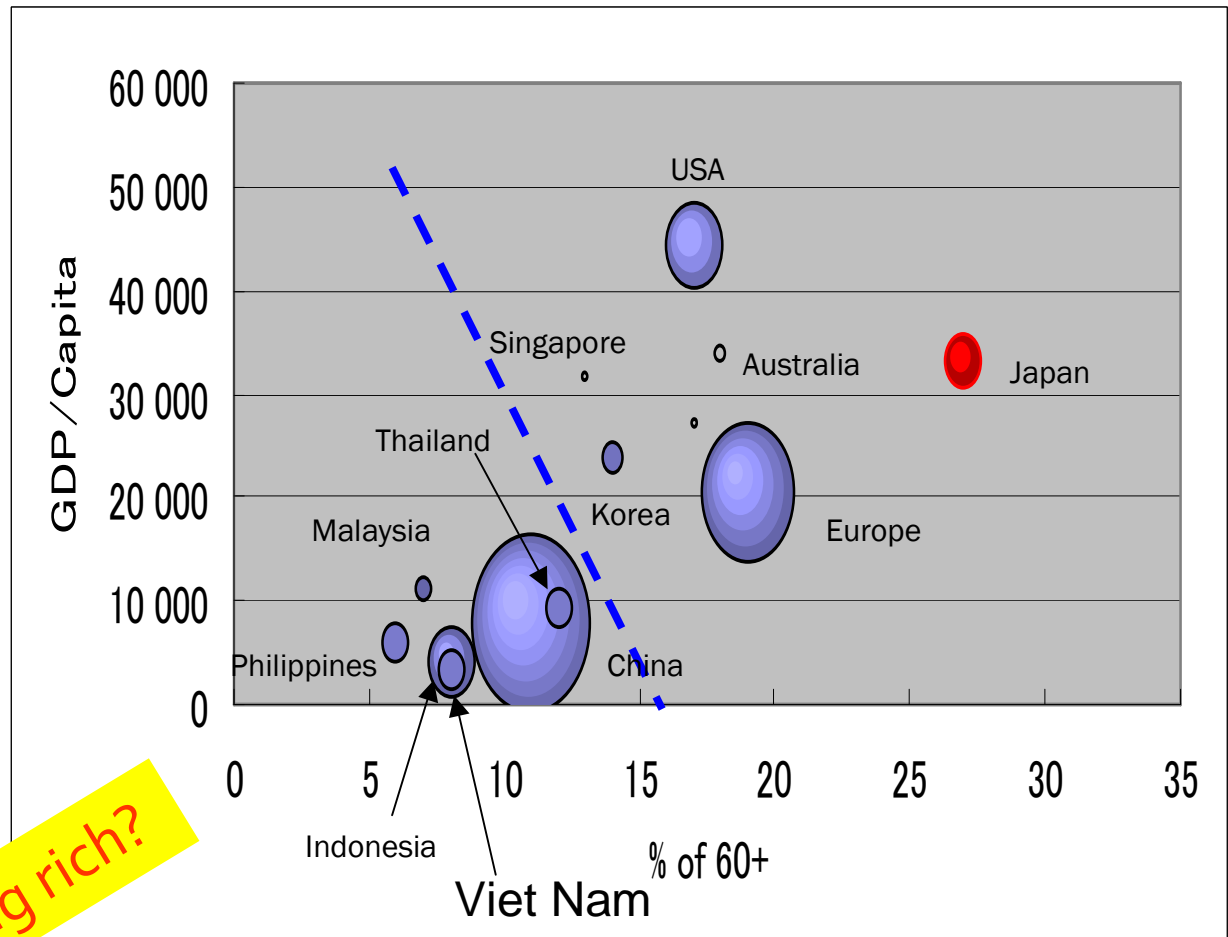


Source: Adapted from Kinsella and Gist (1995); U.S. Census Bureau (2005). Data for Vietnam estimated from UN (2008)

Old-age living arrangements



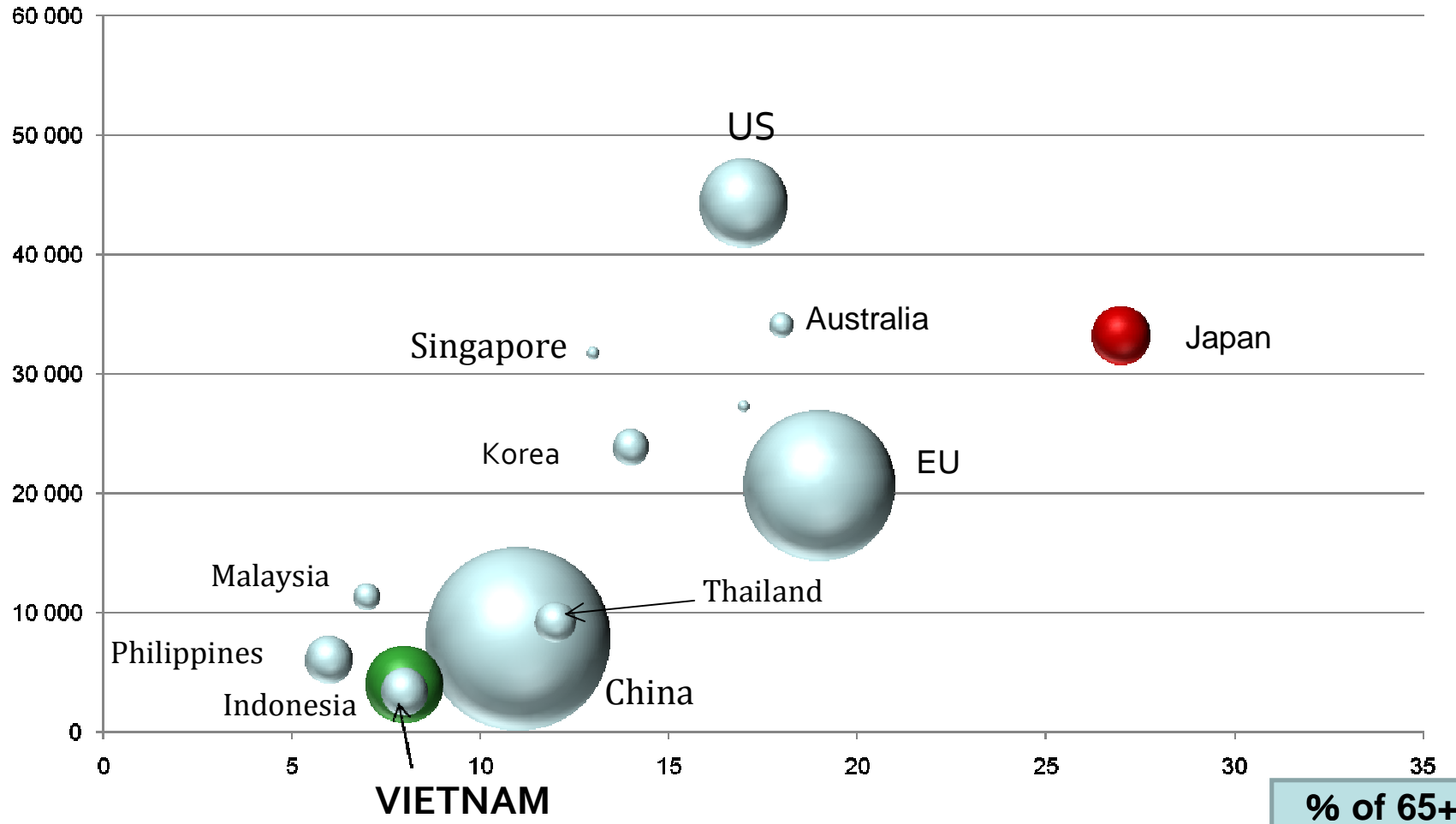
Source: Giang & Pfau (2007)



Source: World Health Statistics 2008, quoted from Ogawa (2009)

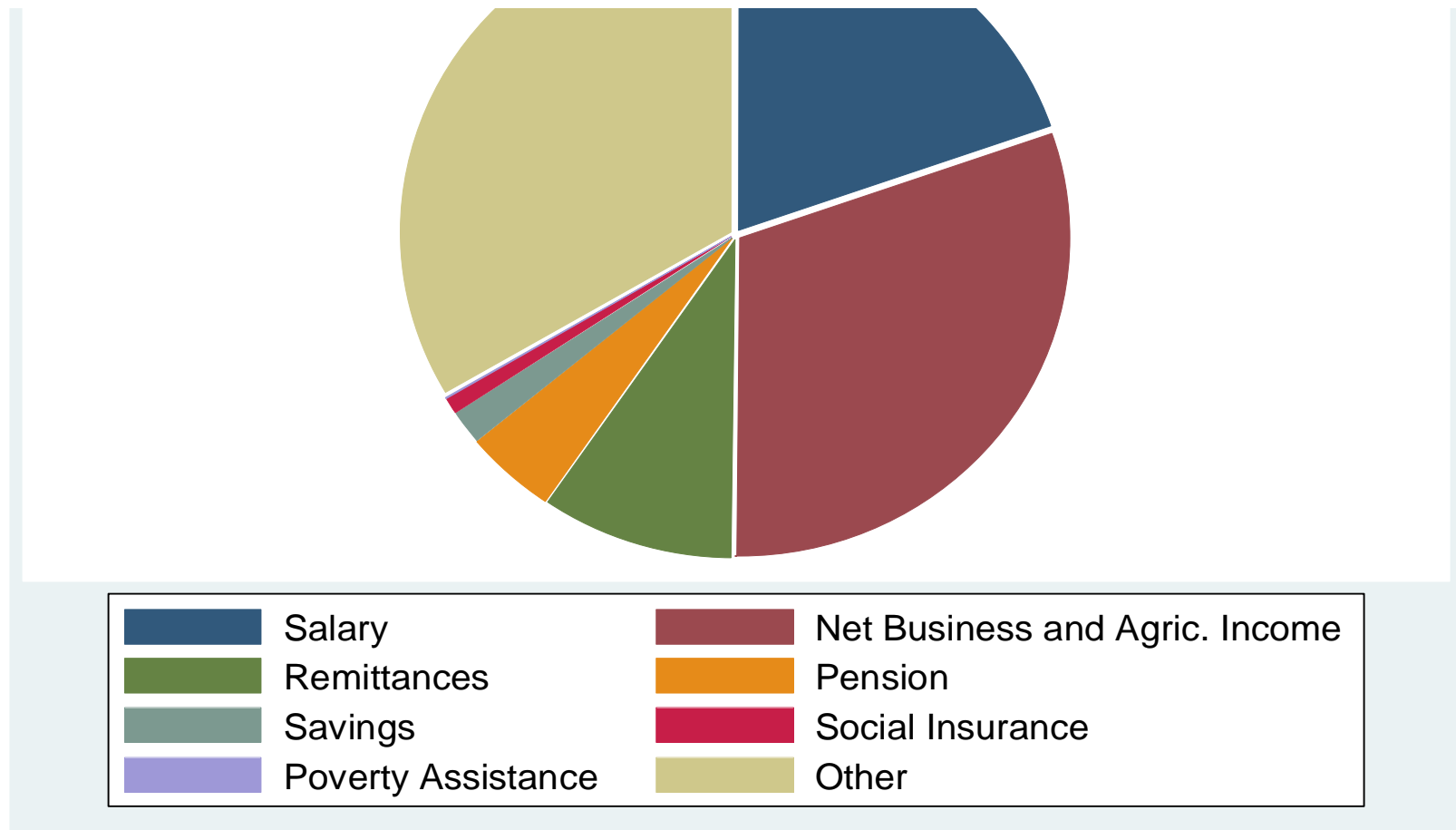
Getting old before getting rich?

Per capita GDP



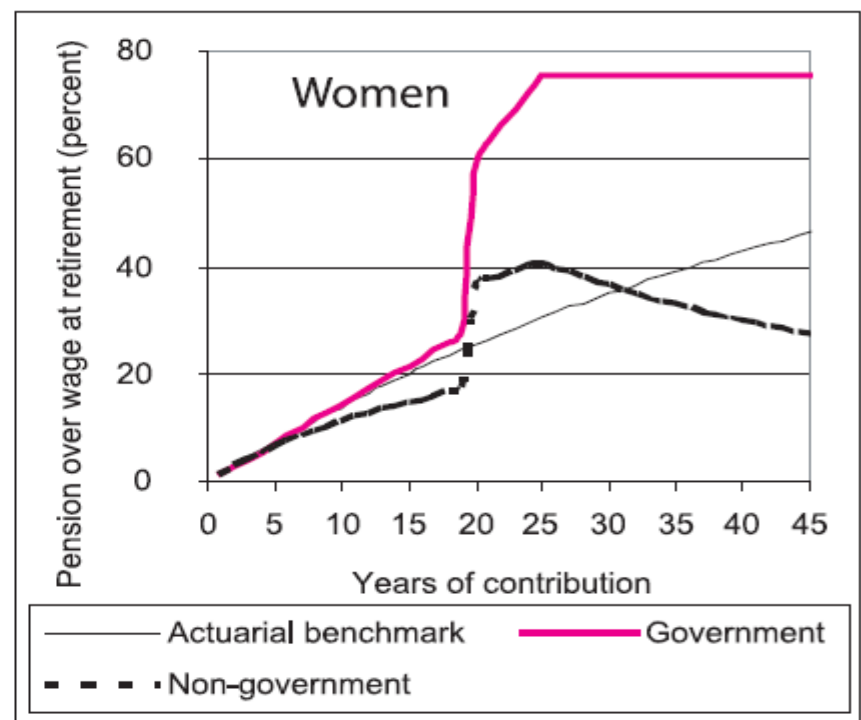
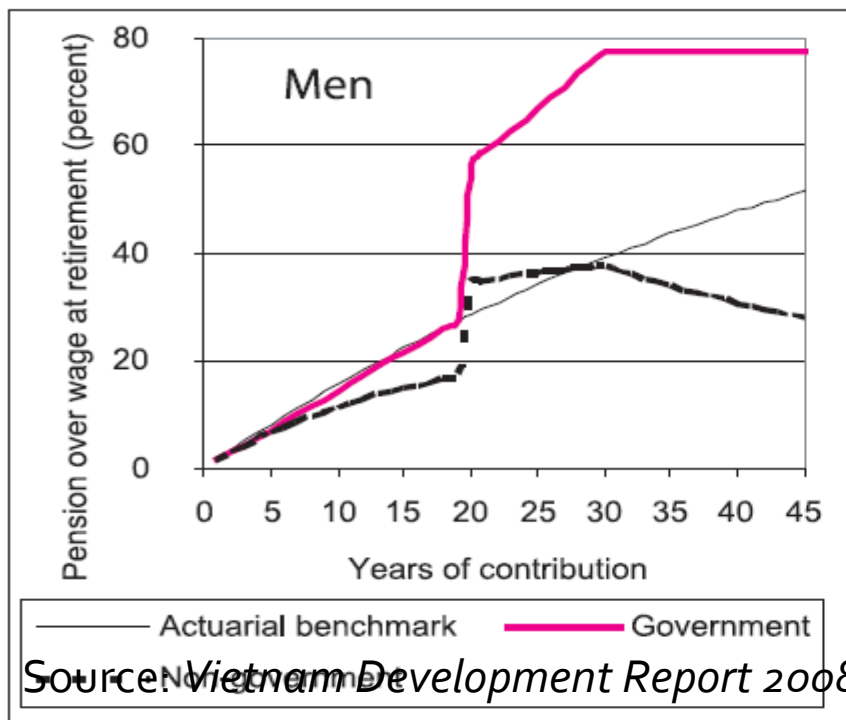
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Private transfer are main income sources for elderly

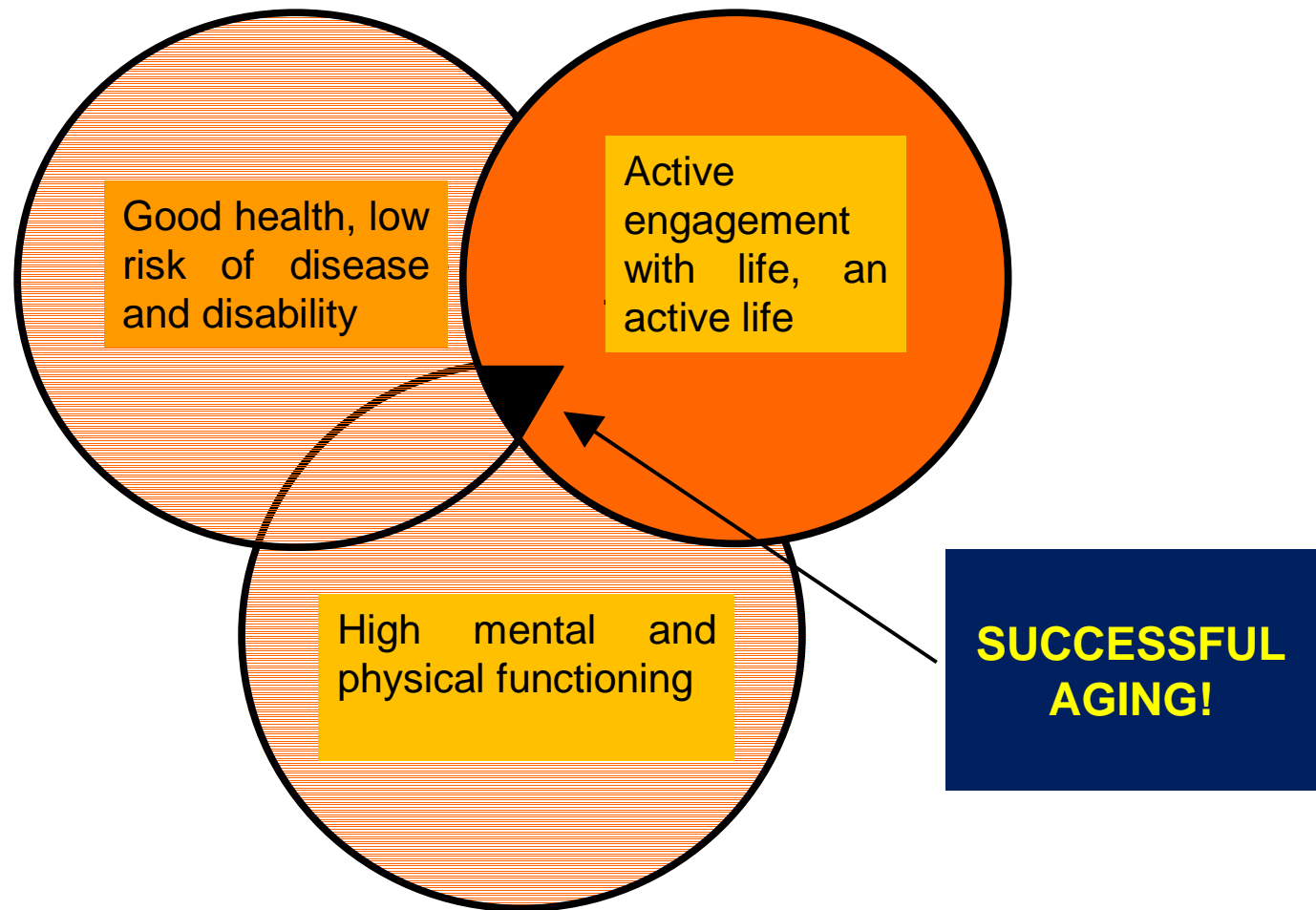


Source: Giang & Pfau (2007)

Un sustainable and unfair pension policy system



Factors for Successful Aging



Source: Rowe and Kahn (1998): "The Facts of Successful Aging"

What can we learn from NTA?

- Get more evidence-based estimates on period of life cycle deficits / bonuses for Vietnamese generations.
- Provide evidence-base policy debates on population dividend and population aging: labor market, retirement & pension, social assistant policies..
- Provide comparative studies with other countries, particularly those in East Asia and Southeast Asia.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



Let's start from now... for a prosperous future