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11 SOBEK model (version 2.13) developed by Deltares were used in this study.

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1 **Abstract** Coupled 1D-2D hydrodynamic models are widely utilized in flood hazard mapping. Researchers have  
2 explored several uncertainties in flood hazard mapping, but have not addressed the uncertainty of drainage density.  
3 Drainage density is equal to total length of the drainage divided by the catchment area. The model sets denser the  
4 tributary drainages for higher drainage density values. This study uses a designed case and a real case, Yanshuixi  
5 Drainage in Tainan, Taiwan, to assess the uncertainty of drainage density in flood hazard mapping. Analytical results  
6 indicate that under the same return period rainfall, reduction in tributary drainages in a model (indicating a lower  
7 drainage density) results in an underestimate of the flooded area in tributary drainages. This underestimate causes  
8 higher peak discharges and total volume of discharges in the drainages, leading to flooding in certain downstream  
9 reaches, thereby overestimating the flooded area. The uncertainty of drainage density decreases with increased rainfall.  
10 We suggest that modeling flood hazard mapping with low return period rainfalls requires tributary drainages. For  
11 extreme rainfall events, a lower drainage density could be selected, but the drainage density of local key areas should be  
12 raised.

13 **Keywords** uncertainty · drainage density · flood hazard mapping · 1D-2D hydrodynamics model

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# 1 Introduction

2 In coupled one-dimensional and two-dimensional hydrodynamics models (1D-2D model), the channel flows are  
3 simulated in a 1D model, and the floodplain flows are simultaneously simulated in 2D. Two-dimensional  
4 hydrodynamics schemes include simple-volume conservative storage-filling algorithms, diffusive wave scheme and  
5 fully dynamic shallow water modelling. Since 1D-2D models have high accuracy and short calculation time, it is widely  
6 used in Meso (regional) scale and Micro (local) scale flood hazard assessment (Apel *et al.* 2009; de Moel *et al.* 2015;  
7 Werner 2004; Werner *et al.* 2005) . Wilson *et al.* (2007) adopted 1D-2D model LISFLOOD-FP and topographic data  
8 from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission to derive the inundation of Amazonian seasonally flooded wetlands. Price  
9 and Vojinovic (2008) proposed the use of the concept of digital city to manage urban flood disasters, based on the  
10 tropical island of St Maarten, one of five land area of the Netherlands Antilles. The flood hazard maps were simulated  
11 with the flooding model MIKE 11 package developed by DHI Water and Environment. Timbadiya *et al.* (2015) used a  
12 1D-2D model (MIKE 11 and MIKE 21) to forecast the water level of lower Tapi River in India. The flood hazard maps  
13 in Tainan, Taiwan were simulated using the 1D-2D model SOBEK for flood risk management (Doong *et al.* 2016). Wu  
14 *et al.* (2017) applied a 1D-2D model, coupling the SWMM and LISFLOOD-FP models, to predict the future flooding  
15 scenarios in Dongguan, China. Yang *et al.* (2018a; 2018b) used the SOBEK model to evaluate the flood risk transfer  
16 effects due to land development in lowlands.

17 Several sources of uncertainties in 1D-2D models have been widely studied, analyzed and summarized. The main  
18 sources of uncertainties for the models include model selection and parameter settings, as well as hydrological and  
19 geological data of the models (Bales and Wagner 2009; de Moel *et al.* 2015; Merwade *et al.* 2008; Teng *et al.* 2017).  
20 Werner (2004) compared 1D (SOBEK-RIVER), 2D (DELFIT-FLS) and 1D-2D (SOBEK-OVERLAND FLOW) models  
21 to predict flood stages of the River Saar in Germany. The research results demonstrated 1D and 1D-2D models  
22 generated more reliable simulation results than 2D model. Werner *et al.* (2005) compared SOBEK 1D model and  
23 coupled SOBEK 1D-2D model to predict floodplain inundation in the towns of Usti and Orlici in Czech Republic. Their  
24 research results show that the simulation results of 1D model and 1D-2D model in the flooded area were similar.  
25 However, the 1D-2D model showed better performance in comparison of distributed water level observations. Apel *et al.*  
26 (2009) compared linear interpolation methodology, 1D-2D model (LISFLOOD-FP) and 2D models for the risk  
27 analysis in the municipality of Eilenburg in Saxony, Germany. The simulation results of the 1D-2D and 2D models were  
28 highly consistent with the observed flooding extents and depths. However, the long calculation time required by the 2D  
29 model was a major obstacle in the calibration process. Dimitriadis *et al.* (2016) employed a Monte-Carlo approach to  
30 analyze the uncertainty of input discharge, longitudinal and lateral gradients, roughness coefficient and the grid size in  
31 three 1D and quasi-2D models (HEC-RAS, LISFLOOD-FP, and FLO-2d). Their research result revealed that the

1 channel and floodplain friction, and inflow discharge were the main uncertainties in flood propagation.

2 Another major source of model uncertainty is model input, including both hydrological and geological data.  
3 Many researchers have examined the design rainfall, inflow hydrograph, lateral discharge, channel and floodplain  
4 geometry. Wu *et al.* (2010) developed a risk analysis model, combined with multivariate Monte Carlo simulation and  
5 Advance First-Order Second-Moment method. The model was applied to assess the risk of underestimating flood peak  
6 flows due to the uncertainties in rainfall information (rainfall depth, duration and storm pattern), and the uncertainties in  
7 the parameters of the rainfall-runoff model (Sacramento Soil Moisture Accounting model, SAC-SMA). Wu *et al.* (2011)  
8 presented a risk analysis model to measure the risk of damage to the flood protection structure of the Keelung River due  
9 to uncertainties in hydrology and hydraulic analysis, including hydrological, hydraulic, and geomorphologic  
10 uncertainty. Their analytical results revealed that hydrological uncertainty had a greater impact than hydraulic and  
11 geomorphological uncertainty. Wong *et al.* (2015) used a 1D-2D model (LISFLOOD-FP) to study the effect of river  
12 channel cross-section and longitudinal-section geometry on flood dynamics. Their results indicated that uncertainty on  
13 channel longitudinal-section variability only affected the local flood dynamics, but did not significantly affect the  
14 friction sensitivity or inundation mapping. These effects were negligible, as they were less important than other  
15 uncertainties, such as boundary conditions.

16 The grid resolution and the post-processing quality significantly influence the flood simulation results. Adeogun  
17 *et al.* (2015) proposed a 1D-2D model, coupling 1D sewer model (SWMM) and 2D inundation model, and analyzed the  
18 sensitivity of the mesh resolution and roughness. The research results revealed that a higher-resolution mesh enhanced  
19 the flooding simulation results, but lengthened the calculation time. Noh *et al.* (2018) developed a hybrid parallel code  
20 (H12) of the 1D-2D model to accelerate the calculation speed of the flood simulations with a hyper-resolution grid.  
21 Their research results showed that the hyper-resolution grid modeling accurately described the flooding situation in  
22 urban areas, while the coarser resolution grid modeling led to local isolation and distortion of the flooded area, due to  
23 the lack of topographical details. Meesuk *et al.* (2015) presented Multidimensional Fusion of Views-Digital Terrain  
24 Model (MFV-DTM) to integrate ground-view Structure from Motion (SfM) observations with top-view LiDAR data. A  
25 1D-2D model was applied to simulate an extreme urban flood event that occurred on June 10, 2003 in Kuala Lumpur,  
26 Malaysia. The research results demonstrated that MFV-DTM modeling could represent a true flood situation better than  
27 the standard LiDAR-DTM modeling and Filtered LiDAR-DTM modeling.

28 For flood hazard mapping, in addition to DEM, another important data input in the model is the cross-section and  
29 longitudinal-section of the drainages. A river drainage system is quite complex, as in addition to the mainstream of  
30 river, it also includes river tributaries, regional drainages, farmland drainages and storm sewers. As far as the authors  
31 know, no research has previously been undertaken on the effect of the detailed degree of drainage data in the model on  
32 the flood simulation results. The drainage density is equal to total length of the discharges divided by catchment area.

1 This study set denser the tributary drainages in a model with higher drainage density. Two experiments, simulated by  
2 1D-2D model SOBEK, were executed to explore the uncertainty of drainage density in flood hazard mapping.

## 3 **2 Materials and Methods**

### 4 **2.1 SOBEK model simulation**

5 The hydrological and hydraulic model was developed using the SOBEK model (version 2.13) developed by  
6 Deltares in the Netherlands. The SOBEK model has several modules, including Rainfall-Runoff, 1D FLOW-Rural and  
7 Overland Flow-2D (Deltares 2017). In this study, the flooding simulation process consisted of two phases. The first  
8 process was the hydrological phase. At this stage, the Rainfall-Runoff module was run to convert rainfall into runoff,  
9 and then the discharge of sub-catchment was calculated. The second phase was the hydraulic phase. After the runoff  
10 was introduced into the channel, the 1D-2D module was run to perform the calculation with complete Saint Venant  
11 equations. When the discharge exceeds the flood capacity of the channel, the water overflows the channel, and then the  
12 dynamic flow on the surface was simulated through 2D module. This study employed the US Soil Conservation Service  
13 Curve Number method to compute abstractions. In the method, the parameters of the flow path and the slope in the  
14 catchment were estimated from DEM, and the parameter of Curve Number was estimated from land use. In the rainfall-  
15 runoff model, the US Soil Conservation Service's dimensionless unit hydrograph was utilized to convert rainfall into  
16 discharge of the sub-catchment.

### 17 **2.2 Experiment I**

18 Five different models were designed (as shown in the Table 1). Model 2-yr included Drainages 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr,  
19 50-yr, and 100-yr. Model 5-yr included Drainages 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr, and so on (as shown in Fig. 1). A two-  
20 yr return period flood could be drained by Drainage 2-yr. A five-yr return period flood could be drained by Drainage 5-  
21 yr, and so on. Each model was simulated with 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return period rainfalls. In each  
22 scenario, the flooded area, as well as the peak discharge ( $Q_A$ ) and the total volume of discharge at Point A ( $V_A$ ) were  
23 calculated and compared.

### 24 **2.3 Experiment II**

#### 25 **2.3.1 study area**

26 This study used the catchment of Yanshuixi Drainage in Tainan, Taiwan as a case study. The Taiwan Strait,  
27 Zengwun River and Yanshuei River are situated in the west, north and south of the catchment, respectively. The  
28 catchment area is 108.454 km<sup>2</sup>, and the terrain is inclined from northeast to southwest. The elevation of the catchment  
29 area is between Elevation Level (E.L.) -0.2 m and 9.5 m. The drainage length is 19.20 km, and the average slope is  
30 about 1/7,000. The river export is about 315 m wide, and most of the river bank is concrete revetment (see Fig. 2). The

land usages in the catchment of Yanshuixi Drainage are agriculture (42.4 %), forest (1.8 %), traffic (9.9 %), water (5.9 %), build-up (19.3 %), public (2.0 %), recreation (3.0 %), mining (0.1 %) and other (15.6 %). Due to the flat and low terrain, the drainage outlets are affected by the tidal level, and typhoons and heavy rains often cause floods downstream.

### 2.3.2 Drainage density

In this study, drainage density ( $D_d$ ) is the total length of all the drainages in a watershed divided by the total area of the watershed.

$$D_d = \frac{L}{A} \quad (1)$$

where:

$L$ : total length of all the drainages in a watershed (km)

$A$ : total area of the watershed (km<sup>2</sup>)

Two types of drainages, regional drainage and farmland drainage, were set in models. The total length of regional drainages in Model I was 75.370 km. In Model II, in addition to regional drainages, 50.143 km of farmland drainages was added. Table 2 lists the channel densities of Model I and II, which are 0.695 km<sup>-1</sup>, and 1.157 km<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

This study included regional drainages, and farmland drainages and related hydraulic structures, such as gates, pumping stations, detention basins and bridges, which were all set up in SOBEK. The DEM with an elevation accuracy of 10 ~ 20 cm was evaluated from the Airborne LiDAR point cloud by Ministry of Interior. The grid resolution was set to 20 m. Observed rainfall data from the Quantitative Precipitation Estimation and Segregation Using Multiple Sensor (QPESUMS) were based on 6 Doppler radars of the Central Weather Bureau. The interval of the weather information was 10 minutes, and the grid resolution was 1.3 km (Chiou *et al.* 2005; Wang *et al.* 2016). The boundary condition of the model was based on the tide level of the Sicao tide station. The study area includes three water level stations, labeled in Fig. 2 as Stations 1, 2 and 3 in. This study used Storm 0611 on June 11, 2016 for model calibration, and Tropical Storm Haitang on July 30, 2017 for model validation. In calibrated Model I, the coefficients of efficiency ( $CE$ ) of Stations 1, 2, and 3 were 0.824, 0.989, and 0.951, respectively. In validated Model I, the  $CE$  values of Stations 1, 2, and 3 were 0.922, 0.995, and 0.981, respectively. In calibrated Model II, the  $CE$  values of Stations 1, 2, and 3 were 0.847, 0.994, and 0.960, respectively. In validated Model II, the  $CE$  values of Stations 1, 2, and 3 were 0.916, 0.996 and 0.983, respectively. These  $CE$  values indicate that the simulated water levels in Model I and Model II were highly accurate. In order to assess the influence of rainfall on the uncertainty of drainage density in the model, the rainfalls of 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return periods were input into Model I and Model II.

### 2.3.3 Flooded areas comparison

The differences of simulated flooded areas between Model I, and II were evaluated using three indices, defined as follows. Fig. 3 illustrates the schematic diagram.

$$A(I - II) = A(I) - A(I \cap II) \quad (2)$$

$$A(II - I) = A(II) - A(I \cap II) \quad (3)$$

$$P(I \cap II) = \frac{A(I \cap II)}{A(I \cup II)} \times 100\% \quad (4)$$

$$P(I - II) = \frac{A(I - II)}{A(I \cup II)} \times 100\% \quad (5)$$

$$P(II - I) = \frac{A(II - I)}{A(I \cup II)} \times 100\% \quad (6)$$

Where

$A(I)$  is the simulated flooded area in Model I;

$A(II)$  is the simulated flooded area in Model II;

$A(I \cap II)$  is the simulated flooded area in both Model I and Model II;

$A(I \cup II)$  is the simulated flooded area in Model I or Model II

$A(I - II)$  is the simulated flooded area in Model I, but not in Model II

$A(II - I)$  is the simulated flooded area in Model II, but not in Model I;

$P(I \cap II)$  is the percentage of the simulated flooded area in both Model I and Model II;

$P(I - II)$  is the percentage of the simulated flooded area in Model I, but not in Model II;

$P(II - I)$  is the percentage of the simulated flooded area in Model II, but not in Model I;

## 3 Results and discussion

### 3.1 The result of Experiment I

Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5 depict the results of Experiment I, and Fig. 4 display the simulated flooded areas under 2-yr ~ 100-yr return period rainfall.

Under the 2-year return period rainfall, Drainage 2-yr to Drainage 100-yr had greater flood capacities than the 2-year return period. Therefore, no flooding occurred in Model 2-yr to Model 50-yr, and the  $Q_A$  and  $V_A$  of all models were 856 cms and 13,795,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

Under the 5-year return period rainfall, only Drainage 2-yr had a lower flood capacity than the 5-year return period flood. Since Model 2-yr contained Drainage 2-yr, 25 ha of flooding occurred. The other models did not include Drainage 2-yr, so no flooding occurred. At the same time, the  $Q_A$  and  $V_A$  in Model 2-yr were 2,111 cms and 38,164,000 m<sup>3</sup>, which were smaller than those of other models (2,114 cms and 38,199,000 m<sup>3</sup>). Since Model 2-yr contained 25 hectares of flooding, the flood water was retained on the surface, resulting in a decrease in drainage.

Under the 10-year return period rainfall, the 10-year return period flood was greater than the flood capacities of Drainage 2-yr and Drainage 5-yr. In Model 2-yr, 300 ha of flooding occurred in Drainage 2-yr and Drainage 5-yr. Since Model 5-yr contains Drainage 5-yr, 212 ha of flooding occurred. Conversely, Drainage 2-yr and Drainage 5-yr were not set in

1 other models, so no flooding occurred. Correspondingly,  $Q_A$  and  $V_A$  of Model 2-yr (2,831 cms and 54,517,000 m<sup>3</sup>) were the  
2 smallest, followed by the  $Q_A$  and  $V_A$  of Model 5-yr (2,853 cms and 54,802,000 m<sup>3</sup>), and the  $Q_A$  and  $V_A$  of other models (2,902  
3 cms and 55,188,000 m<sup>3</sup>) were the largest.

4 Because SOBEK is a 1D-2D model, the discharges from Rain-Runoff model are input into the drainages first. If the  
5 discharge is less than the flood capacity of the drainage, then flooding does not occur. If the discharge is greater than the flood  
6 capacity of the drainage, then flooding occurs. Therefore, the reduction in tributary drainages results in two effects on the  
7 simulation results of the 1D-2D model.

8 Effect 1: Under the same return period rainfall, fewer tributary drainages in a model (lower drainage density) indicates a  
9 smaller flooded area.

10 Effect 2: Under the same return period rainfall, fewer tributary drainages in a model (lower drainage density) indicates  
11 an increased peak discharge and total volume of discharge in the drainages.

### 12 3.2 Experiment II results

13 The analysis results are shown in Table 6, Fig 5 and Fig. 6.

14 Table 6 shows that in all simulated rainfall scenarios, Model II have larger flooding areas than Model I, and A(I)  
15 is approximately 83.9 % ~ 96.9 % of A(II). However,  $P(I \cap II)$  is only 49.7 ~ 66.1 %. Thus Models I and II have similar  
16 total flooded areas, but significantly different flooded locations, and this difference increases with an increase in  
17 rainfall.

18 The A(II-I) of 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return period rainfalls were 86.32 ha, 162.16 ha, 329.56 ha,  
19 499.80 ha and 672.32 ha, respectively. However, P(II-I) of 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return period rainfalls  
20 were 31.2 %, 23.7 %, 27.4 %, 18.2 % and 19.8 %, respectively (as shown in Table 6). A(II-I) occurred because  
21 farmland drainages were set up in Model II, but not in Model I, so some flooding that occurred in farmland drainages  
22 could not be shown in Model I. This caused an underestimate of the flooded area in Model I (Effect 1 had been proved  
23 in experiment I). The flood capacity of farmland drainage is almost 2-yr ~ 5-yr return period, and the flood capacity of  
24 regional drainage is 10-yr return period. Under 2 return period rainfall, the majority of flooding occurred in farmland  
25 drainages, and  $P(II-I) = 31.2$  %. However, the P(II-I) values during the 50-yr or 100-yr return period rainfalls were  
26 only 18.2 % and 19.8 %, respectively, because most of the discharges far exceeded the drainage capacities of regional  
27 drainages and farmland drainages. In general, A(II-I) increased as the total rainfall rose, and P(I-II) decreased  
28 significantly as the total rainfall rose (see Fig 5 and Fig. 6).

29 The A(I-II) of 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return period rainfalls were 53.12 ha, 128.68 ha, 162.52 ha,  
30 428.72 ha, and 512.88 ha, respectively. However, P(I-II) of 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 50-yr, and 100-yr return period rainfalls  
31 were 19.2 %, 18.8 %, 13.5 %, 15.6 % and 15.1 %, respectively (see Table 6). A(I-II) occurred because farmland

1 drainages were set up in Model II, but not in Model I, so some flooding in farmland drainages could not be shown in  
2 Model I. Therefore, the peak discharges and volumes of discharges in drainages in Model I were greater than those in  
3 Model II (Effect 2 was shown in Experiment I). In Model I, the higher discharges in drainages caused the overflow  
4 occurrence at certain downstream reaches, resulting in an overestimate of the flooded area. In general,  $A(I-II)$  increased  
5 as the total rainfall rose, and  $P(I-II)$  declined slightly with increasing total rainfall (see Fig 5 and Fig. 6).

6 Overall,  $P(I-II)$  and  $P(II-I)$  decreased with increasing rainfall, and  $P(I \cap II)$  rose with rising rainfall (see Fig. 6),  
7 indicating that the uncertainty of drainage density declined with rising rainfall.

### 8 **3.3 Discussion**

9 These experimental results indicate that the drainage density in the 1D-2D model had a direct impact on the  
10 accuracy of the flood hazard mapping. The analytical results reveal a model with higher drainage density was more  
11 similar to the real terrain, and generated more accurate simulation results. However, obtaining detail topographical data  
12 of tributary drainages is difficult, expensive and time-consuming. Therefore, in the flooding hazard mapping, we  
13 recommend evaluating the drainage density with reference to two factors, the simulated rainfall scenario and the local  
14 key areas.

15 In the model, the determination of drainage density is directly related to the simulated rainfall situation. A higher  
16 drainage density should be selected for a lower simulated rainfall level. Conversely, a lower drainage density could be  
17 selected given a higher simulated rainfall level. Flood hazard mapping is generally simulated with extreme historical or  
18 designed rainfall events, and the models are typically calibrated and verified by the hydrological stations located in  
19 rivers (Timbadiya *et al.* 2015; Wilson *et al.* 2007). In this case, the models are normally set up in with only vertical and  
20 horizontal sections of the mainstreams. When the extreme flow is greater than the flood discharge capacity of the river,  
21 large-scale flooding occurs on both sides of the mainstream, causing flooding in low-lying areas. Conversely, a model  
22 for the flood hazard mapping with low return period rainfall, such as 2-yr, 5-yr, and 10-yr should establish tributary  
23 drainage, such as regional drainage or farmland drainage, otherwise it might underestimate the simulated flooded area,  
24 and skew the location of flooded area.

25 We recommend raising the drainage density of local key areas in the model, such as important preservation  
26 objects and settlements, in the process of flood hazard mapping. Since the flood hazard map is an important basis for  
27 the subsequent decision of disaster prevention measures, the accuracy of flooding simulation in some key areas is very  
28 important. Therefore, if the drainage density of the entire survey area cannot be increased owing to limitations of  
29 funding and data acquisition, then the drainage density can be increased in key regions.

30 The latest technology can be employed to improve the accuracy of the flood hazard mapping. A large number of  
31 tributary drainage data need to be collected, saved and managed in order to improve the accuracy of flooding

1 simulation. The management platform of the basic data for the model is very important. Performing surveys manually in  
2 the field is quite time-consuming and expensive. The digital terrain data can be obtained using drones, and processed  
3 through appropriate post-processing technology (Meesuk *et al.* 2015). As well as the calibration and verification of the  
4 model, distributed flooding observation data are also required to improve the accuracy of the model, and especially to  
5 confirm the accuracy of the flooded area. Smart water level gauges and Internet of Things technology can be efficiently  
6 used to obtain a large number of continuous and accurate flooding data (Chang *et al.* 2018). The application of drones  
7 for large-scale identification of range of flooding is also a significant direction for future research (Yang *et al.* 2020).

## 8 **4 Conclusion**

9 Drainage density has a significant impact on the accuracy of the 1D-2D model simulation, but has not been  
10 discussed in previous studies. Simplifying the tributary drainages has two main effects under the same rainfall scenario.  
11 Under the same return period rainfall, fewer tributary drainages in a model indicates a smaller flooded area (Effect 1),  
12 as well as an increased peak discharge and total volume of discharge in the drainages (Effect 2). In the case study of  
13 Yanshuixi Drainage, Effect 1 caused an underestimate of the flooded area, and Effect 2 caused an overestimate of the  
14 flooded area. The impact of these two effects on the simulation results gradually decreased as the rainfall increased.  
15 These characteristics can be utilized to select the appropriate drainage density. If the model is to simulate rainfall with a  
16 low return period, then the tributary drainage data cannot be simplified. However, for flood hazard mapping with  
17 extreme events, if only mainstreams are set in the model, then the tributary drainages at important locations can be  
18 raised to improve the accuracy of the simulation. Manual survey of tributary drainages is costly and time-consuming.  
19 For large-scale flood hazard mapping, airborne radar or drones can quickly obtain a large amount of tributary drainage  
20 data, making an important future research direction.

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**Table 1** Drainages included in various models in Experiment I

<b>Model</b>	<b>Drainage 2-yr</b>	<b>Drainage 5-yr</b>	<b>Drainage 10-yr</b>	<b>Drainage 50-yr</b>	<b>Drainage 100-yr</b>
Model 2-yr	○†	○	○	○	○
Model 5-yr	×‡	○	○	○	○
Model 10-yr	×	×	○	○	○
Model 50-yr	×	×	×	○	○
Model 100-yr	×	×	×	×	○

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†: included in the model; ‡: not included in the model

1 **Table 2** Comparison of the drainages and sub-catchments for two models

<b>Model</b>	<b>Type of Drainage</b>	<b>Total area <math>A</math> (<math>\text{km}^2</math>)</b>	<b>Total length of drainage <math>L</math> (<math>\text{km}</math>)</b>	<b>Drainage density <math>L/A</math> (<math>\text{km}^{-1}</math>)</b>
Model I	Regional Drainage	108.454	75.370	0.695
Model II	Regional Drainage, Farmland Drainage	108.454	125.513	1.157

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1 **Table 3** The simulated flooded area under various rainfall scenarios

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<b>Model</b>	<b>2-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>5-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>10-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>50-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>100-yr return period rainfall</b>
Model 2-yr	0	25	300	569	844
Model 5-yr	0	0	212	519	791
Model 10-yr	0	0	0	138	411
Model 50-yr	0	0	0	0	278
Model 100-yr	0	0	0	0	0

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1 **Table 4** The peak discharge at Point A under various rainfall scenarios

2 (unit: cms)

<b>Model</b>	<b>2-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>5-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>10-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>50-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>100-yr return period rainfall</b>
Model 2-yr	856	2,111	2,831	4,463	4,922
Model 5-yr	856	2,114	2,853	4,480	4,940
Model 10-yr	856	2,114	2,902	4,652	5,205
Model 50-yr	856	2,114	2,902	4,708	5,293
Model 100-yr	-*	-	-	-	-

3 \*:There is no Point A in Model 100-yr

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1 **Table 5** The simulated total discharge volume at Point A under various rainfall scenarios

2 (unit: thousand m<sup>3</sup>)

<b>Model</b>	<b>2-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>5-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>10-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>50-yr return period rainfall</b>	<b>100-yr return period rainfall</b>
Model 2-yr	13,795	38,164	54,517	89,970	103,325
Model 5-yr	13,795	38,199	54,802	90,475	103,802
Model 10-yr	13,795	38,199	55,188	92,940	107,497
Model 50-yr	13,795	38,199	55,188	93,360	108,405
Model 100-yr	-*	-	-	-	-

3 \*:There is no Point A in Model 100-yr

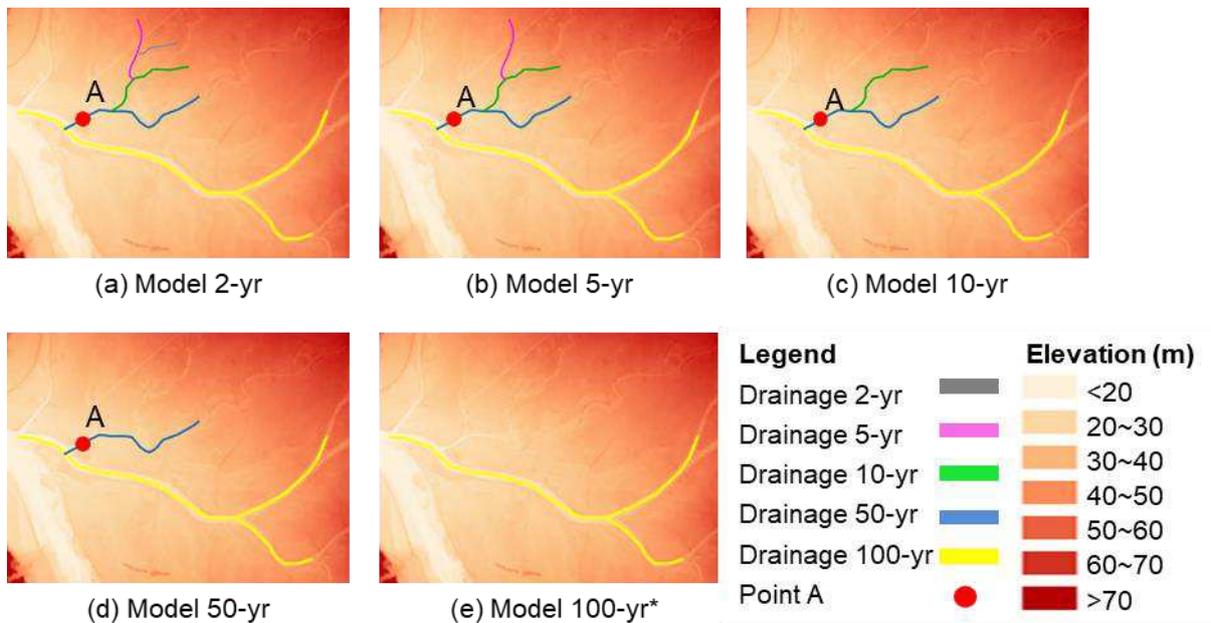
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1 **Table 6** The maximum simulated flooded areas of various return periods in Models I and II

<b>Return Period (year)</b>	<b>A(I) ha</b>	<b>A(II) ha</b>	$\frac{A(I)}{A(II)}$ %	<b>A(I∩II) ha</b>	<b>A(I-II) ha</b>	<b>A(II-I) ha</b>	<b>A(I∪II) ha</b>	<b>P(I∩II) %</b>	<b>P(I-II) %</b>	<b>P(II-I) %</b>
2	190.76	223.96	85.2	137.64	53.12	86.32	277.08	49.7	19.2	31.2
5	522.40	555.88	94.0	393.72	128.68	162.16	684.56	57.5	18.8	23.7
10	872.08	1039.12	83.9	709.56	162.52	329.56	1201.64	59.0	13.5	27.4
50	2241.44	2312.52	96.9	1812.72	428.72	499.80	2741.24	66.1	15.6	18.2
100	2715.68	2875.12	94.5	2202.80	512.88	672.32	3388.00	65.0	15.1	19.8

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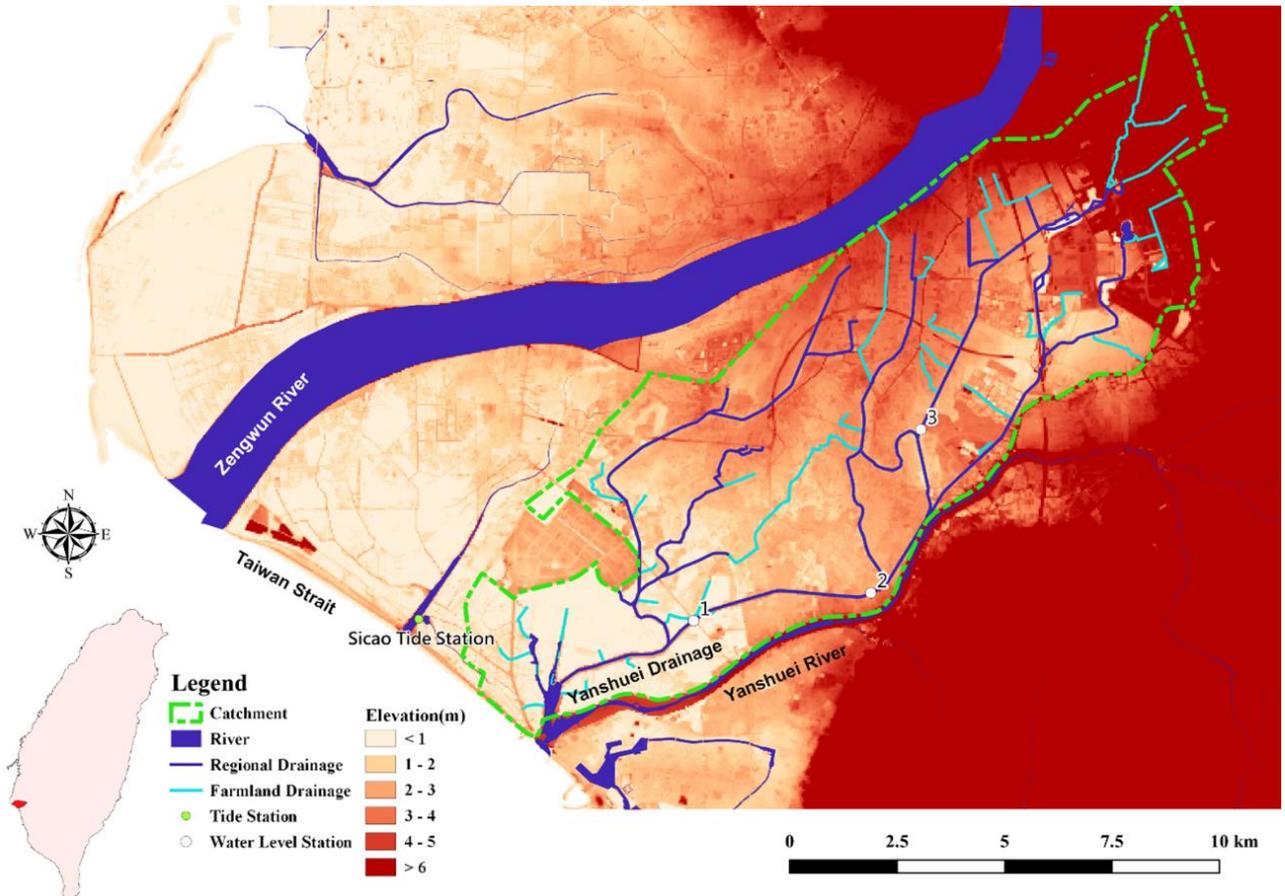
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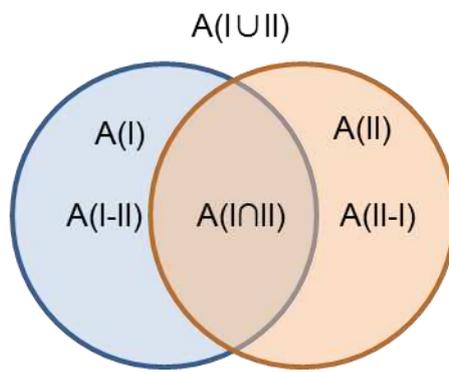
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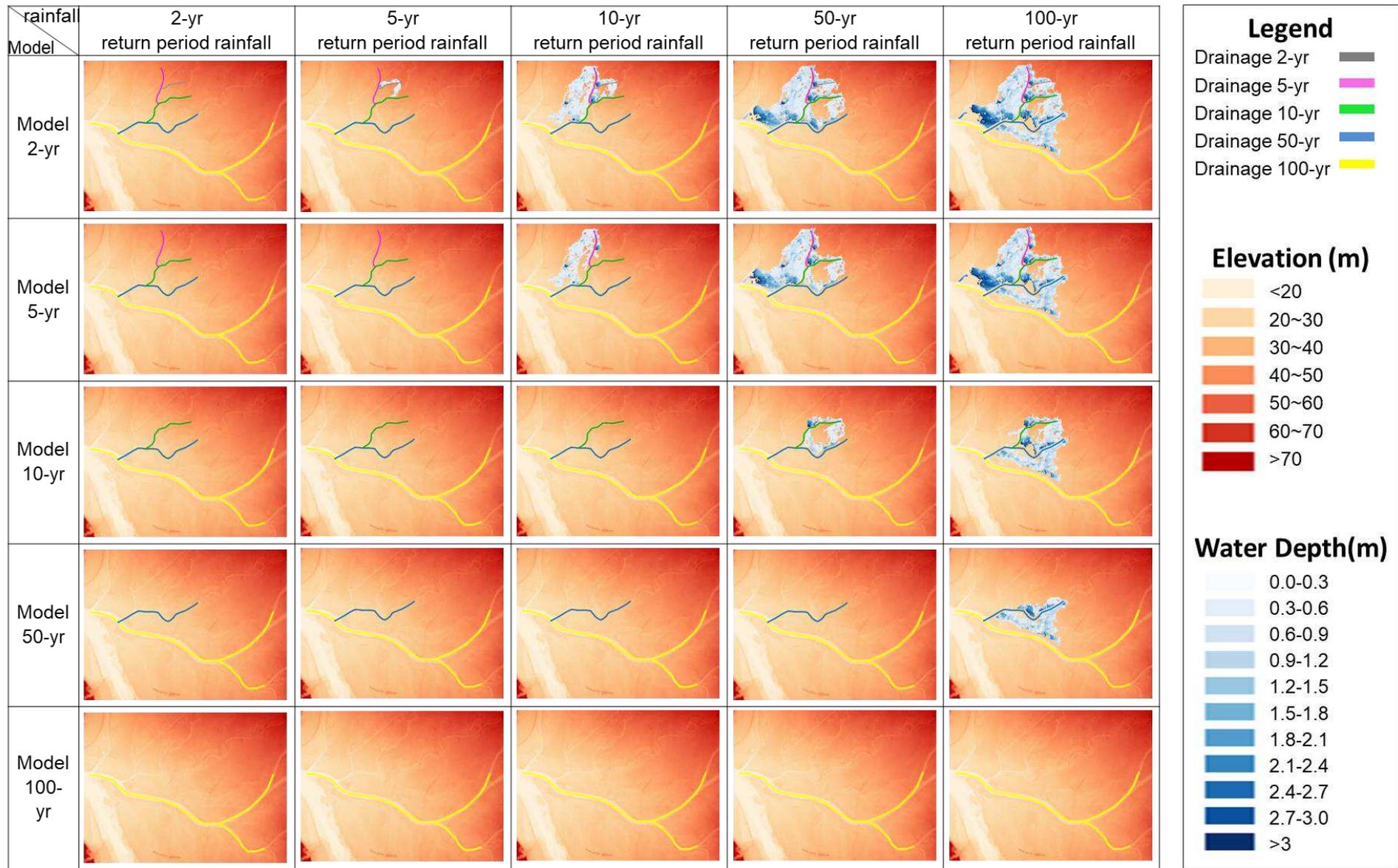
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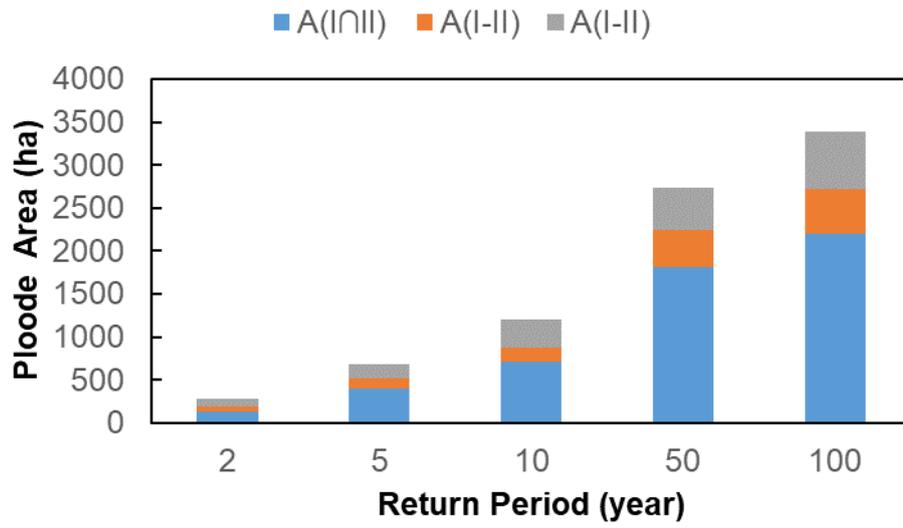


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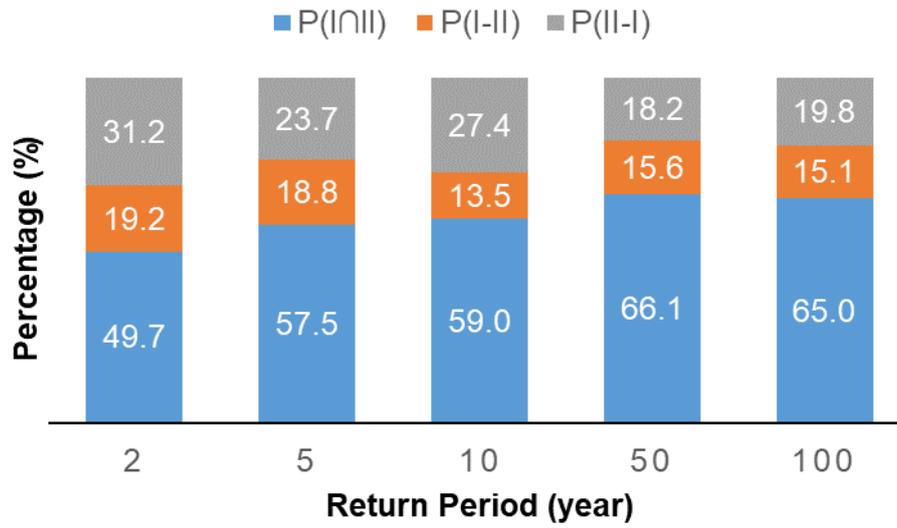


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**Fig 5** The simulated flooded areas of various return periods

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