

1 **An improved dynamic bidirectional coupled hydrologic-**
2 **hydrodynamic model for efficient flood inundation prediction**

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6 **Abstract:** To improve computational efficiency while maintaining numerical accuracy,
7 coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic models based on non-uniform grids are used for
8 flood inundation prediction. In those models, a hydrodynamic model using a fine grid
9 can be applied for flood-prone areas, and a hydrologic model using a coarse grid can
10 be used for the rest of the areas. However, it is challenging to deal with the separation
11 and interface between the two types of areas because the boundaries of the flood-prone
12 areas are time-dependent. We present an improved Multigrid Dynamical Bidirectional
13 Coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic Model (IM-DBCM) with two major improvements:
14 1) automated non-uniform mesh generation based on the D_∞ algorithm was
15 implemented to identify the flood-prone areas where high-resolution inundation
16 conditions are needed; 2) ghost cells and bilinear interpolation were implemented to
17 improve numerical accuracy in interpolating variables between the coarse and fine grids.
18 A hydrologic model, two-dimensional (2D) nonlinear reservoir model was
19 bidirectionally coupled with a 2D hydrodynamic model that solves the shallow water
20 equations. Three cases were considered to demonstrate the effectiveness of the
21 improvements. In all cases, the mesh generation algorithm was shown to efficiently and
22 successfully generate high-resolution grids in those flood-prone areas. Compared with
23 the original M-DBCM (OM-DBCM), the new model had lower RMSEs and higher

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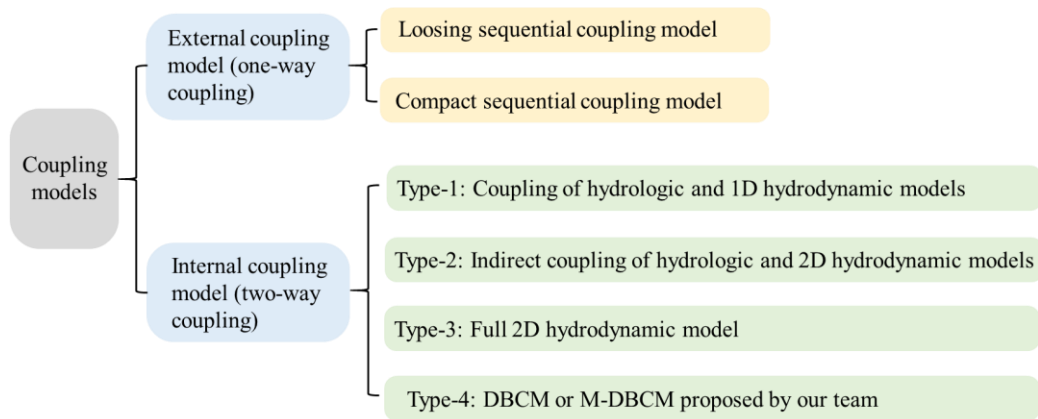
24 NSEs, indicating that the proposed mesh generation and interpolation were reliable and
25 stable. It can be adapted adequately to the real-life real flood evolution process in
26 watersheds and provide practical and reliable solutions for rapid flood prediction.

27 **Key words:** Coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic model; Multi-grid generation; Bilinear
28 interpolation; Computational efficiency and accuracy; Flood simulation

29 **1 Introduction**

30 Floods are the most frequent natural disasters that seriously harm human health
31 and economic growth. Numerical models are critical for predicting flooding processes
32 to help prevent or mitigate the damaging effects of floods on people and communities
33 (Bates, 2022). Coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic models are widely used to translate
34 the amount of rainfall obtained from weather forecasting models or rain gauge
35 observations into surface inundation (Xia et al., 2019).

36 Coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic models can be generally divided into external
37 (one-way) and internal (two-way) coupling models (see Figure 1). The external
38 coupling models utilize hydrographs obtained from hydrologic models as an input for
39 hydrodynamic models in a fixed position, providing a one-way transition (Schumann
40 et al., 2013; Feistl et al., 2014; Choi and Mantilla, 2015; Bholá, 2018; Wing et al., 2019).
41 It is powerful tools for watershed flood simulation, in particular large spatial and
42 temporal scale, due to its convenience in model construction. However, this one-way
43 flow information cannot capture the mutual interaction between runoff production and
44 flood inundation, and the fixed interface is inconsistent with the actual flood process
45 where the inflow discharge positions, flow path, and discharge values change with
46 accumulating rainfall.



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48 **Figure 1 Classifications of coupled hydrologic and hydrodynamic models**

49 **The two-way coupling models are further divided into: the coupled hydrologic-1D**
 50 **hydrodynamic model (HH1D), indirect coupled hydrologic-2D hydrodynamic models**
 51 **(ICM2D), full 2D hydrodynamic models (HM2D), and dynamic bidirectional coupling**
 52 **model (DBCM or M-DBCM) proposed by author's team. In the HH1D, the discharges**
 53 **obtained from the hydrologic model is treated as mass source of the 1D hydrodynamic**
 54 **model, while the water depth calculated in 1D hydrodynamic model is fed back to**
 55 **hydrologic model, such as the coupled Mike SHE and Mike 11 (Thompson et al., 2004).**
 56 **The application of 1D modeling of overland flow is limited when developing precise**
 57 **and reliable flood maps in 2D inundation regions.**

58 **In order to overcome the lack of 2D hydrodynamic simulation in HH1D, the**
 59 **ICM2D is proposed, where the runoff first flows into 1D rivers, and then discharge into**
 60 **the 2D inundation regions (Seyoum et al., 2012; Chen et al., 2017 and 2018). For**
 61 **example, Mike SHE and Mike11 are coupled to form Mike Urban, and Mike11 and**
 62 **Mike21 are dynamically coupled to form Mike Flood. The indirect coupling between**
 63 **the hydrologic and the 2D hydrodynamic models can be developed by coupling Mike**
 64 **Urban and Mike Flood. The 1D hydrodynamic model is a connection channel between**
 65 **the hydrologic and the 2D hydrodynamic models. Compared with the HH1D, this**
 66 **coupling type has satisfactory and acceptable accuracy and is widely used. As the 2D**

67 hydrodynamic model is only calculated in local inundation regions, its computational
68 efficiency is greatly improved in comparison with the HM2D. However, the ICM2D
69 assumed that the water first discharges into the 1D rivers, and then flows from 1D rivers
70 to the 2D regions. The hydrologic model is not directly coupled with the 2D
71 hydrodynamic model, which is inconsistent with the actual flood processes. In reality,
72 water may be discharged into both 1D channel and 2D waterbodies simultaneously, and
73 the hydrologic, 1D and 2D hydrodynamic models should be linked directly. Direct
74 coupling of hydrologic and 2D hydrodynamic models can physically reflect the flood
75 processes, which deserves more attention.

76 In HM2D, the 2D hydrodynamic model is used to simulate the overland flow
77 (runoff routing and flood inundation), and the runoff generation serves as its mass
78 source term (Singh et al., 2011; Garcia-Navarro et al., 2019; Hou et al., 2020; Costabile
79 and Costanzo, 2021). It has satisfactory and acceptable numerical accuracy and has
80 been widely used. But the development and simulation of HM2D require high-
81 resolution topographic data at the catchment scale and extensive computational time,
82 which hinder their application in large-scale flood forecasting (Kim et al., 2012). In
83 HEC-RAS (US Army Corps of Engineers, 2023), for instance, the flooding process in
84 1D rivers was simulated by a 1D hydrodynamic model, whereas the flooding process
85 in 2D regions was simulated using 2D diffusion wave equations (DWEs) or shallow
86 water equations (SWEs). If the 2D regions were discretized into finer grids and the 2D
87 SWEs was applied, the 1D hydrodynamic model was coupled with the 2D SWEs. It has
88 high numerical accuracy but is computationally prohibitive for large-scale applications.
89 Conversely, if the 2D regions were discretized into coarse grids and the 2D DWEs was
90 applied, the 1D hydrodynamic model was coupled with the 2D DWEs, which can
91 expand the application scale at the cost of reducing the accuracy.

92 Jiang et al. (2021) proposed a DBCM based on uniform structured grids, where
93 the hydrologic and 2D hydrodynamic models were coupled in a two-way manner and
94 the coupling interface of these two models was time-dependent. The model can
95 automatically evolve the surface flow and fully consider the flow states with both mass
96 and momentum transfer. However, because uniform grids were adopted in DBCM, it
97 inevitably increased the computational cost and time, especially in the large watershed.

98 An essential consideration to reduce computational time is mesh coarsening
99 (Caviedes-Voullième et al., 2012). Adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) has been used to
100 optimize the grid resolution during flood simulations (Donat et al., 2014; Hu et al., 2018;
101 Ghazizadeh, 2020; Ding et al., 2021; Kesserwani and Sharifian, 2023). Aiming to
102 increase computational efficiency by reducing computing nodes, it adjusts grid size for
103 local grid refinement by domain features or flow conditions. Yu (2019) used quadtree
104 grids to divide the computational domain and applied the DBCM to simulate the
105 flooding process. It needs to segment and merge the grid elements repeatedly during
106 the calculation, which can be time-consuming and offset the calculation time saved by
107 the optimized grid. Besides, the mesh generation and flood simulation were compiled
108 in the same code base, which increased the computation cost and time.

109 Static non-uniform grids have increasingly received attention in recent years,
110 which simplified grid generation procedure compared with AMR (Caviedes-Voullième
111 et al., 2012; Hou et al., 2018; Bomers et al., 2019; Ozgen-Xian et al., 2020). Compared
112 with uniform grids and AMR, it can not only reduce computational nodes, but use
113 different time steps in different grid sizes to further reduce computation time. Shen et
114 al. (2021) and Shen and Jiang (2023) divided the computational domain based on static
115 multi-grids, where the different grid size ratios of coarse to fine grids were designed.
116 But there were two limitations to this scheme. One limitation is that the grids need to

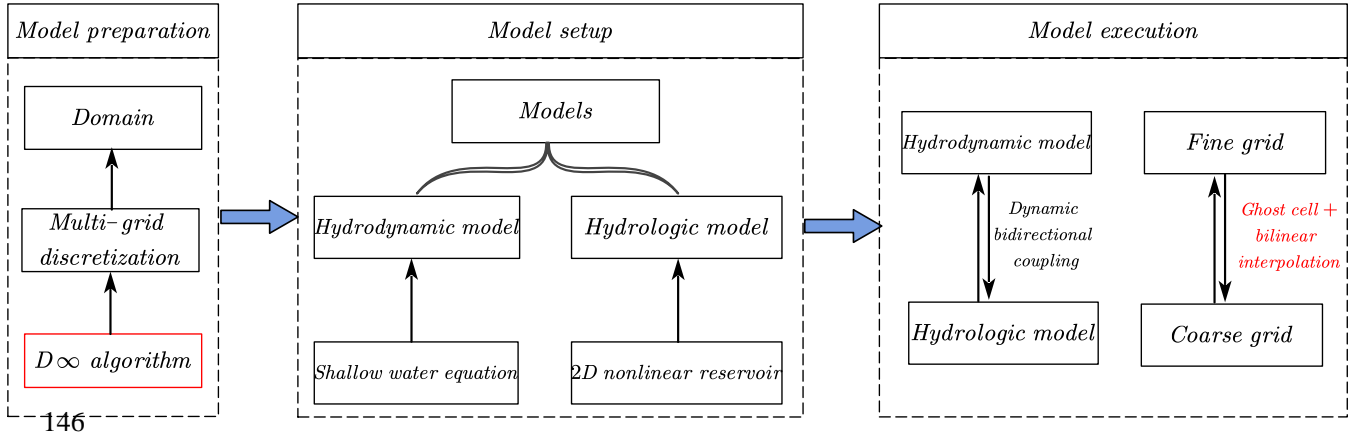
117 be generated manually, which can be subjective and uncertain. It also needs a heavy
118 workload, especially for large watersheds. Besides the grid generation, the variable
119 interpolation between the coarse and fine cells was also not reasonable. There are
120 shared and hanging nodes at the interpolation interface. Shen et al. (2021) assumed the
121 variables at the shared nodes were equal to that at the cell center, and the hanging nodes
122 were calculated by the shared nodes. The results showed that this scheme has
123 unsatisfactory accuracy and frequently fails to converge. Although the multi-grid-based
124 model can reduce computational time, there are remarkable challenges such as the grid
125 partition technique, determination of coarse and fine regions, and variables
126 interpolation between coarse and fine grids.

127 The objective of this study is to develop an integrated system that fully couples
128 the hydrologic and 2D hydrodynamic models, utilize an automated method for efficient
129 multi-grid mesh generation, and resolve variable interpolation between coarse and fine
130 grids more accurately. An improved dynamic bidirectional coupling model (IM-DBCM)
131 was presented, where the 2D nonlinear reservoir (NLR) model was coupled with the
132 2D hydrodynamic model through a CMI. The D_∞ algorithm was implemented to divide
133 the computational domain into non-uniform grids automatically. **Ghost cells (i.e., the**
134 **virtual cells located on the boundaries of the computational domain)** and bilinear
135 interpolation were used to interpolate variables between the coarse and fine grids. Three
136 case studies were conducted, and the simulation results were compared with the original
137 M-DBCM (OM-DBCM) to evaluate the effectiveness of the improvements.

138 **2 Methodology**

139 The Fortran programming language was adopted to apply the coupling model. The
140 framework of IM-DBCM is illustrated in Figure 1. The model consists of two
141 components: a hydrologic model (i.e., 2D NLR) that simulates the runoff generation

142 and routing, and 2D hydrodynamic model simulating the flood inundation process.
 143 Before the model setup, it is required to first design the grids. For the model execution,
 144 the variables interpolation between coarse and fine grids and the coupling of hydrologic
 145 and hydrodynamic models are the two main issues that must be addressed.



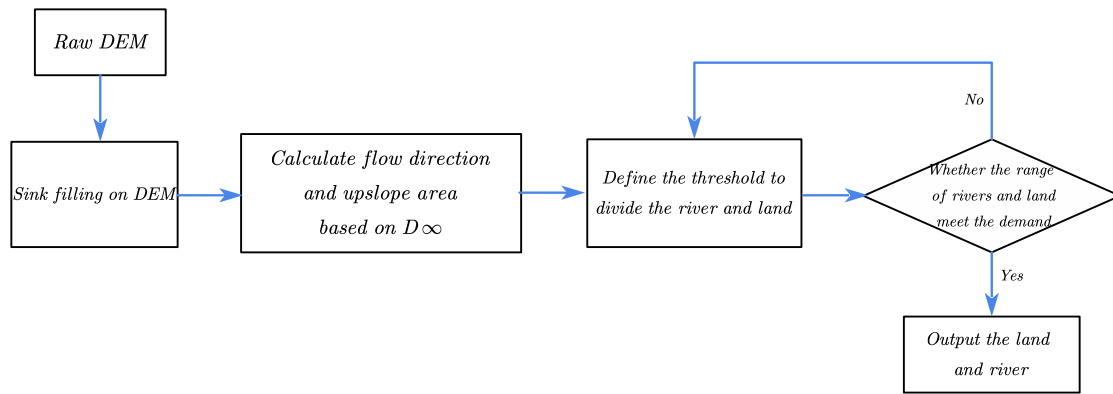
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 147 Figure 1 Framework of IM-DBCM

148 **2.1 Automated multi-grid generation**

149 Associated with flood models, the design of computational grids that are scalable
 150 and suitable for all applications is challenging. The grid generation can be considered
 151 as a model preprocess, which is the foundation of flood simulation and can influence
 152 both computational accuracy and efficiency. In this study, a multi-grid generation
 153 method was proposed based on the D_{∞} algorithm, to generate refined grid cells at flood-
 154 prone areas where high-resolution representation of topographic features is essential for
 155 flood simulation while discretizing the rest of the domain using coarse grids. The D_{∞}
 156 algorithm is a method of representing flow directions based on triangular facets in grid
 157 DEM proposed by Tarboton (1997). It allocates the flow fractionally to each lower
 158 neighboring grid in proportion to the slope toward that grid. The flow direction is
 159 determined as the direction of the steepest downward slope on the eight triangular facets
 160 formed across a 3×3 -pixel window centered on the pixel of interest, which was detailed
 161 by Tarboton (1997). Compared with the D8 algorithm, where the flow is discretized

162 into only one of eight possible directions, separated by 45° , the D_∞ algorithm is more
163 reasonable and accurate for delineating the actual river trend.

164 The process of discretizing computational domain based on the D_∞ algorithm is
165 shown in Figure 2. First, a raw DEM was prepared, and sink filling was performed on
166 the DEM. Second, the D_∞ algorithm was applied to determine the flow direction on
167 grids. Subsequently, the upslope area, defined as the total catchment area that is
168 upstream of a grid center or short length of contour (Moore et al., 1991), was calculated
169 based on the flow direction. Finally, an area threshold was defined to identify the slope
170 lands and derive the river drainage networks from accumulated drainage areas. In a grid
171 cell, if the upslope area was larger than the predefined threshold, it was considered as a
172 river drainage network; otherwise, it was defined as slope lands. The generated slope
173 lands and river network were verified through field surveys or satellite images-based
174 estimates. Generally, the river drainage networks present low slopes and hydraulic
175 conveyance, which is subject to flooding. Therefore, these areas should be discretized
176 using fine grids to represent the flooding process in high resolution. However, in the
177 slope lands, fine grids were not required and coarse grids were used to improve
178 computational efficiency. Because the regions of interest were of high resolution, the
179 reliability of the prediction would not deteriorate, although the number of grid cells was
180 considerably reduced, which can increase model efficiency and capability for flood
181 simulations over large domains. Compared with manual work, the grid generation
182 based on the D_∞ algorithm can both reduce workload and time.



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Figure 2 Grid generation based on the D_{∞} algorithm

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A schematic of grid generation is shown in Figure 3. Two types of connecting

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interfaces are presented, which divide the computing domain into three parts. The first

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type is the red line (Variable Interpolation Interface, VII) between the coarse and fine

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grids. The grid cell size changes suddenly on both sides of this line. The second type

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(Coupling Moving Interface, CMI) is marked in blue on fine grids, which is moving

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and time-dependent. The first part represents the coarse-grid areas, where the

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hydrologic model is used to simulate rainfall-runoff. The other two parts are located in

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the fine-grid areas. The regions between VII and CMI are defined as intermediate

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transition zones, where the hydrologic model is used to simulate the flooding process.

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These transition zones facilitate the application of different time steps in different grid

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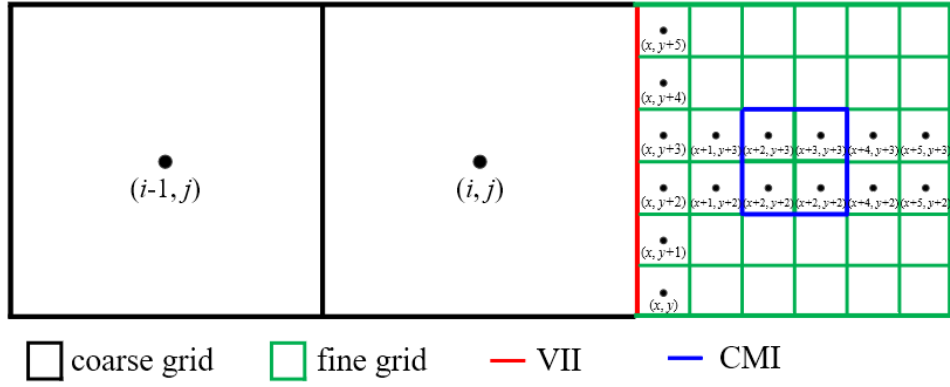
cell sizes to improve computational efficiency. The hydrologic and hydrodynamic

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models are dynamically coupled to represent the flooding process on fine grids, and the

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CMI is a coupling boundary.



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199 Figure 3. Schematic diagram of grid generation, where i and j are the coordinates of
 200 coarse grid; x and y are the coordinates of fine grid; VII is the Variable Interpolation
 201 Interface and CMI is the Coupling Moving Interface

202 **2.2 Variable interpolation between coarse and fine grids**

203 During a flow computation, if a cell has a neighbor of different size, interpolation
 204 may be required to approximate variables in certain locations so that the governing
 205 equation can be solved smoothly. An example is presented in Figure 4(a), where the
 206 coarse grid has two eastern neighbors that are half its size. In this case, the variable
 207 values of the smaller cells are obtained from those of larger cells. In the traditional
 208 method, these variables are directly calculated using certain interpolation methods.
 209 There are shared (P_1, P_2) and hanging (Q) nodes at the interface between the coarse and
 210 fine grids. In Shen et al. (2021), the variable values on shared nodes can be transmitted
 211 directly, while the values on hanging nodes were obtained by linear interpolation of the
 212 shared nodes. This method is simple, feasible and easy to use. However, the variable
 213 values are stored at the cell center, and there are no values at the interface nodes. Shen
 214 et al. (2021) assumed that the values at the interface nodes were equal to that at the cell
 215 center. It is inaccurate to make such an assumption, which can bring errors. And the
 216 resulting error will increase as the cell size increases.

217 To overcome these drawbacks, ghost cells and bilinear interpolation method were

218 used to interpolate variables between coarse and fine grids.

219 Figure 4(a) shows the variable interpolation between the coarse and fine grids.
 220 Two ghost fine cells were created, which were overlaid with partial coarse grids. The
 221 variables on the ghost fine cells were interpolated through the coarse and fine grids
 222 between the interface, which were then used as the boundary conditions for the
 223 calculation of the fine grids at the next time step. The bilinear interpolation method was
 224 applied. The variable interpolation may involve variables at locations $c_1, c_2, c_3, f'_{v1}, f'_{v2},$
 225 f_1 and f_2 . As the variables are stored at the cell center, the variables at c_1, c_2, c_3, f_1
 226 and f_2 are available directly. The values at f'_{v1} and f'_{v2} are obtained via natural
 227 neighbor interpolation, as follows:

$$228 \quad U_{f'_{v1}} = U_{c_1} + \frac{U_{c_2} - U_{c_1}}{y_{c_2} - y_{c_1}} (y_{f'_{v1}} - y_{c_1}) \quad (1)$$

$$229 \quad U_{f'_{v2}} = U_{c_3} + \frac{U_{c_1} - U_{c_3}}{y_{c_1} - y_{c_3}} (y_{f'_{v2}} - y_{c_3}) \quad (2)$$

230 where $U_{f'_{v1}}, U_{f'_{v2}}, U_{c_1}, U_{c_2}, U_{c_3}$ are the variables at locations $f'_{v1}, f'_{v2}, c_1, c_2, c_3$ respectively;
 231 $y_{f'_{v1}}, y_{f'_{v2}}, y_{c_1}, y_{c_2}, y_{c_3}$ are the coordinates in y directions at $f'_{v1}, f'_{v2}, c_1, c_2, c_3$ respectively.

232 And then, the variables of ghost fine cells at f_{v1} and f_{v2} can be calculated based
 233 on that at f'_{v1} and f'_{v2} , as follows:

$$234 \quad U_{f_{v1}} = U_{f'_{v1}} + \frac{U_{f_1} - U_{f'_{v1}}}{x_{f_1} - x_{f'_{v1}}} (x_{f_{v1}} - x_{f'_{v1}}) \quad (3)$$

$$235 \quad U_{f_{v2}} = U_{f'_{v2}} + \frac{U_{f_2} - U_{f'_{v2}}}{x_{f_2} - x_{f'_{v2}}} (x_{f_{v2}} - x_{f'_{v2}}) \quad (4)$$

236 where $U_{f_{v1}}, U_{f_{v2}}$ are the variables of ghost fine cells; U_{f_1}, U_{f_2} are the variables at f_1, f_2 ,
 237 respectively, which were calculated in the last time step; $x_{f_1}, x_{f_2}, x_{f'_{v1}}, x_{f'_{v2}}, x_{f_{v1}}$ and $x_{f_{v2}}$

238 are the coordinates in x directions at $f_1, f_2, f_{v1}, f_{v2}, f_{v1}', f_{v2}'$ respectively.

239 The values at f_{v1}, f_{v2} were used as the boundary conditions for the calculation of
240 fine grids.

241 The variable interpolation from fine to coarse grids is presented in Figure 4(b),
242 where one ghost coarse cell was established. The variables of ghost coarse cells were
243 determined according to the fine and coarse grids between the interface. The variable
244 interpolation may involve variables at locations c_v', c_1, f_1, f_2 . As the variables are stored
245 at the cell center, the variables at c_1, f_1, f_2 are available directly. The values at c_v' are
246 obtained via natural neighbor interpolation, as follows:

$$247 \quad U_{c_v'} = U_{f_2} + \frac{U_{f_1} - U_{f_2}}{y_{f_1} - y_{f_2}} (y_{c_v'} - y_{f_2}) \quad (5)$$

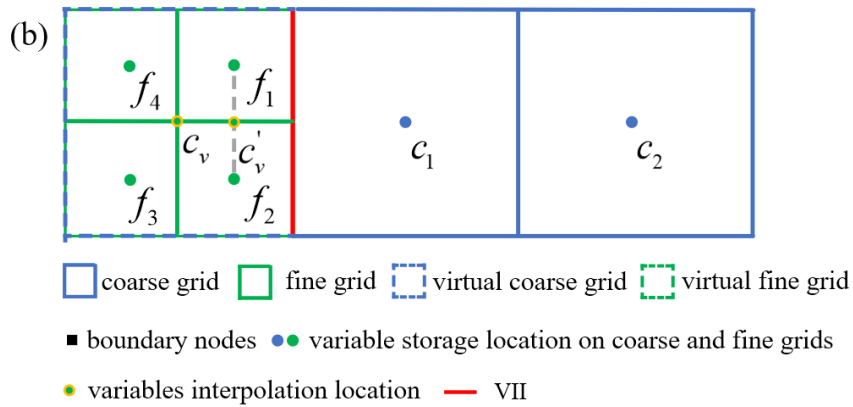
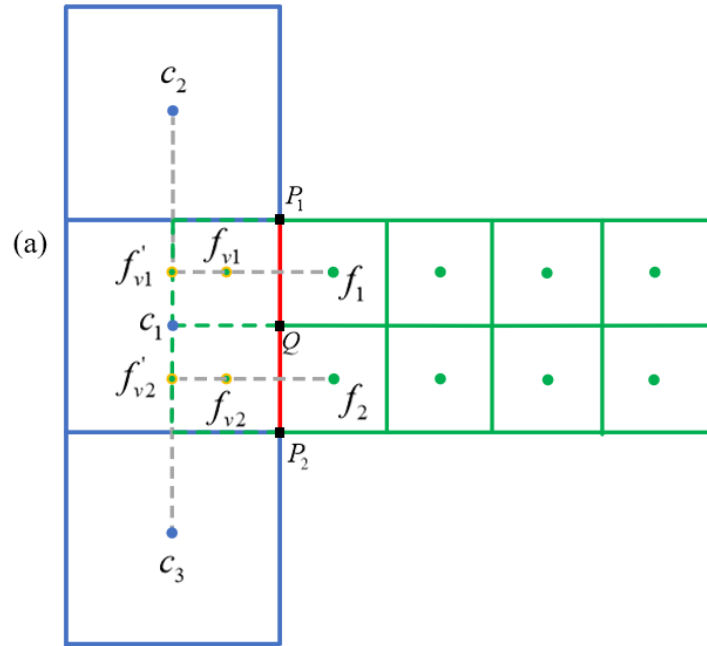
248 where $U_{c_v'}, U_{f_1}, U_{f_2}$ are the variables at c_v', f_1, f_2 respectively; $y_{c_v'}, y_{f_1}, y_{f_2}$ are the
249 coordinates in y direction at c_v', f_1, f_2 respectively.

250 And then, the variables of ghost coarse cells at c_v can be calculated based on that
251 at c_v', c_1 , as follows:

$$252 \quad U_{c_v} = U_{c_v'} + \frac{U_{c_1} - U_{c_v'}}{x_{c_1} - x_{c_v'}} (x_{c_v} - x_{c_v'}) \quad (6)$$

253 where U_{c_v} are the variables of ghost fine cells; U_{c_1} are the variables at c_1 , which were
254 calculated in the last time step; $x_{c_1}, x_{c_v'}, x_{c_v}$ are the coordinates in x direction at c_1, c_v', c_v
255 respectively.

256 The values at c_v were used as boundary conditions for the calculation of coarse
257 grids at the next time step.



coarse grid
 fine grid
 virtual coarse grid
 virtual fine grid
 boundary nodes
● variable storage location on coarse and fine grids
● variables interpolation location
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260 Figure 4. Variables interpolation between coarse and fine grids: (a) from coarse to

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fine grids and (b) from fine to coarse grids

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2.3 Numerical models

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2.3.1 Hydrologic model

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In this study, referring to the runoff calculation in the Storm Water Management

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Model (SWMM), a 2D NLR model, including water balance and Manning equations,

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was used to simulate rainfall-runoff. In SWMM, the watershed is divided into many

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water tanks or reservoirs, where 1D NLR model including water balance and 1D

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Manning equations is used to simulate the runoff (Rossman, 2015). It is a simple and

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efficient method to calculate the runoff routing. In reality, however, the runoff routing

270 is a 2D way, so it is not accurate to calculate the 2D runoff routing using 1D NLR model.
 271 Also, it is difficult to directly couple the 1D NLR model with 2D hydrodynamic model.
 272 Therefore, the 2D NLR model was used to simulate the 2D surface runoff routing in
 273 this study, as shown in Eqs. (7-11).

$$274 \quad \frac{V_i^{n+1} - V_i^n}{\Delta t} = (Q_x)_{in\ i} - (Q_x)_{out\ i} + (Q_y)_{in\ i} - (Q_y)_{out\ i} + A_i q_{r\ i}^n \quad (7)$$

$$275 \quad (Q_x)_{in\ i} - (Q_x)_{out\ i} = -\sum_{l=1}^L (q_{x\ \Gamma}^n \cdot n_x)_l \Delta L_l \quad (8)$$

$$276 \quad (Q_y)_{in\ i} - (Q_y)_{out\ i} = -\sum_{l=1}^L (q_{y\ \Gamma}^n \cdot n_y)_l \Delta L_l \quad (9)$$

$$277 \quad q_x = \frac{h^{5/3} S_x^{1/2}}{n_r} \quad (10)$$

$$278 \quad q_y = \frac{h^{5/3} S_y^{1/2}}{n_r} \quad (11)$$

279 where the superscript n and $n+1$ is the time step; V is the water volume of grid (m^3);
 280 $(Q_x)_{in\ i}, (Q_x)_{out\ i}$ is the inflow and outflow of grid i in x direction (m^3/s);
 281 $(Q_y)_{in\ i}, (Q_y)_{out\ i}$ is the inflow and outflow of grid i in y direction (m^3/s); $q_{r\ i}$ indicates
 282 runoff rate of grid i (mm/h), which is rainfall intensity minus infiltration rate; A_i is the
 283 area of grid i (m^2); q_x, q_y are the unit discharge stored at cell-center along x and y
 284 direction (m^2/s), with h, u and v being water depth (m), flow velocity (m/s) in x and y
 285 directions, respectively; $q_{x\ \Gamma}, q_{y\ \Gamma}$ are the unit discharge at grid boundary in x and y
 286 direction, respectively (m^2/s), which are calculated based on q_x, q_y ; ΔL_l is the side
 287 length of grid (m); $l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, L$ is the number of edges of cell; n_r is the Manning
 288 roughness coefficient; S_x and S_y are water level gradients along x and y direction,

289 respectively, $S_x = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z_b + h)$, $S_y = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z_b + h)$, where z_b is the surface elevation.

290 2.3.2 Hydrodynamic model

291 The 2D SWEs, consisting of mass and momentum conservation equations (Toro
292 2001), were used to represent the hydrodynamic model.

$$293 \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = S \quad (12)$$

$$294 \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu \\ hv \end{pmatrix}, F = \begin{pmatrix} hu \\ hu^2 + gh^2/2 \\ huv \end{pmatrix}, G = \begin{pmatrix} hv \\ huv \\ hv^2 + gh^2/2 \end{pmatrix}, S = \begin{pmatrix} q_r \\ -gh \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{g}{C^2} u \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \\ -gh \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - \frac{g}{C^2} v \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

295 where U is the conserved variables; F , G are the convection term in the x and y
296 directions; S is the source term; C is Chezy's coefficient, $C = \frac{1}{n_r} R^{1/6}$, where n_r is the

297 Manning roughness coefficient and R is the hydraulic radius.

298 The Finite Volume Method for Conservative Scheme was used to solve the SWEs,
299 which can ensure local mass and momentum conservation in each control volume cell.

300 The Eq. (12) can be discretized based on structured grids, as follows:

$$301 \quad U_{i,j}^{n+1} = U_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{A_{i,j}} \sum_{l=1}^L [F^l(U_{i,j}^n) dy - G^l(U_{i,j}^n) dx] + \frac{\Delta t}{A_{i,j}} S(U_{i,j}^n) \quad (13)$$

302 where the superscript n and $n+1$ is the time step; the subscript i, j refers to the grid i, j ;
303 dx and dy are the grid edge length. The meaning of other symbols is the same as before.

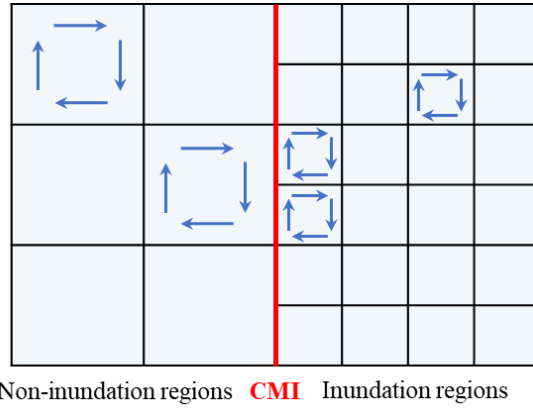
304 The Harten-Lax-van Leer contact (HLLC) approximate Riemann solver was used
305 to solve the convection term. The second-order accuracy in temporal and spatial
306 discretization was obtained based on the Runge-Kutta method and Monotone
307 Upstream-centered Schemes for Conservation Laws (MUSCL) (Van Leer, 1979). The

308 solution of SWEs was detailed in many references (Toro 2001).

309 **2.4 Dynamic bidirectional coupling of hydrologic and hydrodynamic models**

310 The hydrologic and hydrodynamic models were coupled dynamically and bi-
311 directionally. A water depth threshold was defined in advance and used to determine
312 the state of the cell. In a grid cell, if the water depth was lower than the predefined
313 threshold, it was defined as a non-inundation region where the hydrologic model was
314 applied. Conversely, if the water depth was higher than the threshold, it was considered
315 an inundation region where the 2D hydrodynamic model was applied. When the rainfall
316 intensity increased, the water depth increased because of the gradual accumulation of
317 surface water volume. Once the water depth exceeds the predefined threshold, the non-
318 inundation regions defined last time step may change to the inundation regions. The
319 inflow discharge positions, flow path, and discharge values subsequently changed.
320 Therefore, a CMI was formed between the inundation and non-inundation regions and
321 the hydrologic and 2D hydrodynamic models were coupled bi-directionally through this
322 CMI.

323 The hydrologic model is rational for the continuous non-inundation regions, and
324 the hydrodynamic model is rational for the continuous inundation regions. However,
325 since discontinuity existed at the CMI, the single hydrologic or hydrodynamic models
326 were not acceptable, which was a challenge for the model calculation, as shown in
327 Figure 5. The key issue with the coupled model was to establish a reasonable approach
328 for determining the fluxes passing through the coupling interface, which should
329 integrate the effect of the current flow state obtained from these two models on both
330 sides of the coupling interface.



Non-inundation regions **CMI** Inundation regions

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332 **Figure 5 Model calculation at inundation regions, non-inundation regions and CMI**

333 **A pair of characteristic waves was used to determine the fluxes calculation**
 334 **methods through the CMI. The characteristic waves were calculated as follows:**

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$$S_L = u_{i,j} - \sqrt{gh_{i,j}} \quad (1)$$

336
$$S_R = u_{i+1,j} - \sqrt{gh_{i+1,j}} \quad (2)$$

337 **where S_L and S_R are the characteristic waves; u is the flow velocity (m/s); h is the**
 338 **water depth (m); subscript (i, j) and $(i+1, j)$ refer to the cells in non-inundation and**
 339 **inundation regions, respectively.**

340 **If $S_R > 0$ and $S_L > 0$, the fluxes through the CMI were calculated by the**
 341 **hydrologic model, and the CMI may move toward the non-inundation regions.**
 342 **Therefore, the non-inundation regions shrunk, whereas the inundation regions**
 343 **expanded. Only mass conservation through the CMI can be considered in this situation.**

344 **If $S_L < 0 < S_R$, the fluxes were calculated by both hydrologic and hydrodynamic**
 345 **models, and the CMI remained unchanged.**

346 **If $S_L < 0$ and $S_R < 0$, the fluxes are calculated by the hydrodynamic model, and**
 347 **the CMI may move toward inundation regions. Therefore, the inundation regions**
 348 **shrunk, whereas the non-inundation regions expanded. Both the mass and momentum**
 349 **conservation through the coupling boundary were obtained in the latter two situations.**

350 The couplings were detailed in Jiang et al. (2021) and Shen et al. (2021).

351 2.5 Time step

352 An explicit scheme was used to solve the hydrologic and hydrodynamic models
353 over time. The time step was constrained by the Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy condition
354 (Delis and Nikolos, 2013), where the time step was a dynamic adjustment based on the
355 velocity and water depth in the computational domain. Different time steps were
356 adopted for the coarse and fine grids, and the time step of the fine grids was determined
357 as follows:

$$358 \quad \Delta t_f = C \cdot \min \left(\frac{\min(\Delta x_f)}{\max(|u_f| + \sqrt{gh_f})}, \frac{\min(\Delta y_f)}{\max(|v_f| + \sqrt{gh_f})} \right) \quad (14)$$

359 where Δt_f is the time step of fine grids; C is a constant used to maintain format stability;

360 Δx_f and Δy_f are the side lengths of fine grid in x and y directions; u_f and v_f are the
361 flow velocities on fine grids along x and y directions, respectively; h_f is the water depth
362 on fine grids.

363 The time step of the coarse grids (Δt_c) was determined based on that of the fine
364 grids. If the size of the coarse grid was k times that of the fine grid, the time step of the
365 coarse grid was determined to be $\Delta t_c = k\Delta t_f$.

366 3 Results

367 The performance of the IM-DBCM was analyzed by applying it to two 2D rainfall-
368 runoff experiments and one real-world flooding process. And the OM-DBCM
369 developed by Shen et al. (2021) was applied to the same cases for comparison with the
370 IM-DBCM.

371 3.1 Rainfall over a plane with varying slope and roughness

372 In this case, a sloping plan measuring $500m \times 400m$ was designed, with slopes

373 $S_{ox} = 0.02 + 0.0000149x$ and $S_{oy} = 0.05 + 0.0000116y$ along the x and y directions,
 374 respectively (Jaber and Mohtar, 2003). The Manning coefficient is equal to
 375 $n = \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}$, where $n_x = 0.1 - 0.0000168x$ and $n_y = 0.1 - 0.0000168y$. The rainfall
 376 intensity is given by a symmetric triangular hyetograph $r = r(t)$, with
 377 $r(0) = r(200 \text{ min}) = 0$ and $r(100 \text{ min}) = 0.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$. The total simulation time was
 378 14,400 s.

379 Different cases with various grid resolutions were developed to divide the
 380 computational domain based on the D_∞ algorithm, as listed in Table 1. In these cases,
 381 the size of all the fine grids was $1m \times 1m$. The grid discretization of different cases is
 382 shown in Figure S1 in Supplement.

383 Table 1 Different cases designed to simulate

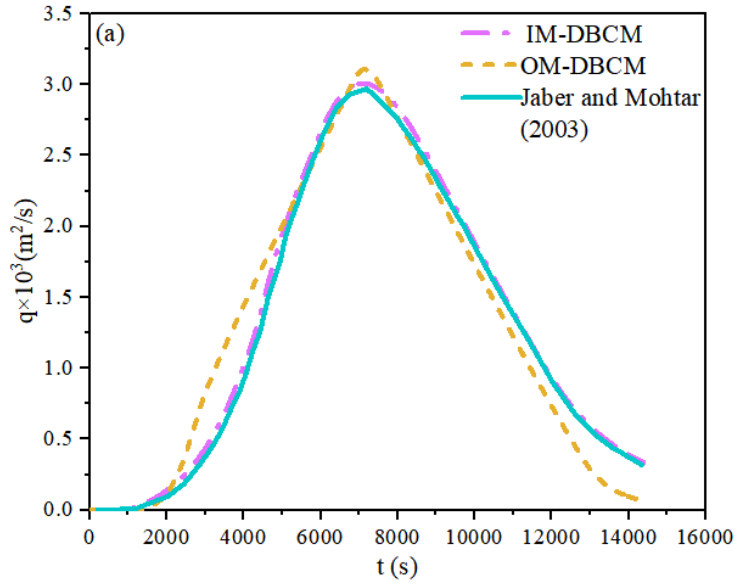
Cases	The ratio of coarse to fine grids	Number of grids
case12	1:2	112,100
case15	1:5	86,840
case10	1:10	83,220

384 The hydrographs at the outlet node of coordinates of (500m, 400m) obtained from
 385 different models are shown in Figure 6. A model proposed by Jaber and Mohtar (2003)
 386 was also used to simulate the overland runoff. Because finer grids and small time step
 387 were used to divide the computational domain to obtain more accurate results in the
 388 model developed by Jaber and Mohtar (2003), the results calculated by Jaber and
 389 Mohtar (2003) can be used as a reference solution.

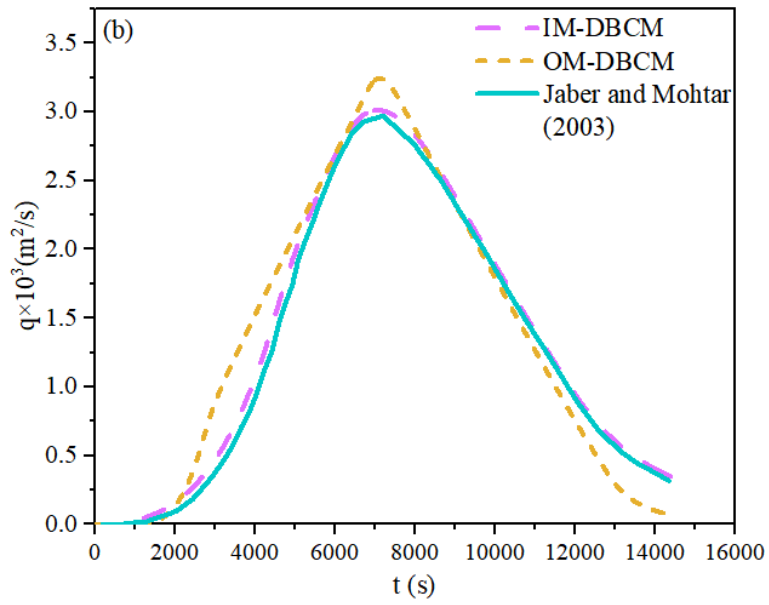
390 From Figure 6, the IM-DBCM held a shape close to the results simulated by Jaber
 391 and Mohtar (2003) in all cases, as well as the peak discharge. But the peak discharge
 392 of the hydrograph is slightly overestimated by the OM-DBCM, which may be attributed
 393 to the difference in the variable interpolation between the coarse and fine grids. In the

394 OM-DBCM, variables at the interpolation interface were equal to that at the cell center,
395 which was then used to interpolate variables between the coarse and fine grids through
396 shared and hanging nodes. This interpolation method had two drawbacks. Firstly, it is
397 not reasonable to assume the variables at the interpolation interface are equal to that at
398 the cell center, and the resulting error could increase as the grid size increases. Besides,
399 compared with bilinear interpolation, the values at the hanging nodes are calculated by
400 linear interpolation through shared nodes, which may result in relatively large errors.
401 The results show that the methods to interpolate variable between the coarse and fine
402 grids by developing ghost cells proposed in this study has acceptable accuracy.

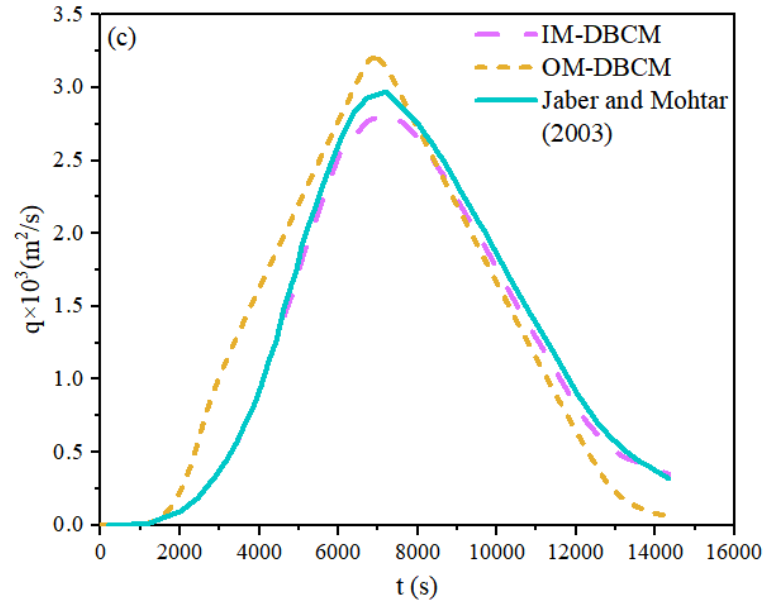
403 To quantitatively assess the performance of IM-DBCM, the Root Mean Square
404 Error (RMSE) of different cases was computed. The RMSEs of case12, case15 and
405 case10 were $4.01E-04$, $7.85E-03$ and $3.25E-02$, respectively. It is showed that the error
406 gradually increased with the increasing of the ratio of coarse to fine grids. The IM-
407 DBCM may capture the shape of the hydrograph in case12 and case15, both in limbs
408 and peak discharge, but the peak discharge is slightly underestimated in case10. A
409 possible explanation is that, compared to the coarse grids, the fine grids could better
410 capture the geometry of the channel cross-sections. High-resolution grids can better
411 represent small-scale topographic features and flow passages (Hou et al., 2018);
412 consequently, the simulation results on case12 and case15 are more satisfactory than
413 those on case10. Similarly, the simulation accuracy of the OM-DBCM also gradually
414 decreased with the increasing of the ratio of coarse to fine grids. Overall, the benefit of
415 using the IM-DBCM for the flood simulations is evident.



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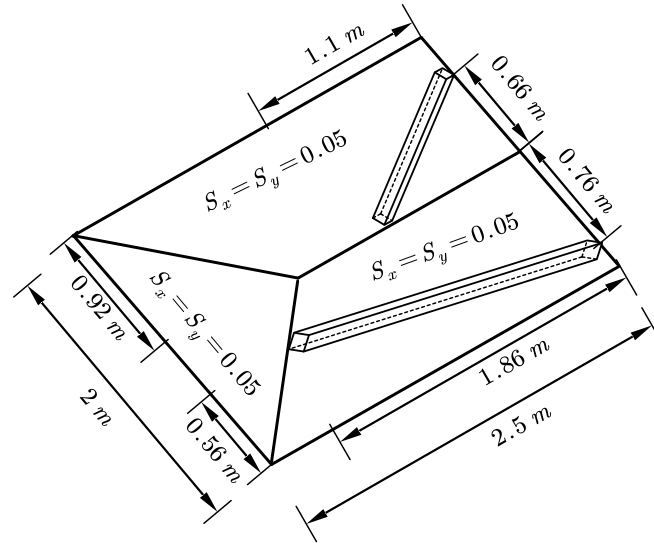


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419 Figure 6 Hydrographs obtained from different models: (a) case12, (b) case15 and (c)
 420 case10

421 **3.2 2D rainfall-runoff experiment**

422 In this case, the IM-DBCM was used to compute the hydrograph generated by
 423 uniform rainfall conditions over a simple 2D geometry. The numerical results were
 424 compared with experimental data obtained in a laboratory model developed by Cea et
 425 al. (2008). The 2D geometry used in the experiment comprised a rectangular basin
 426 composed of three stainless-steel planes, each with a slope of 0.05. The basin had two
 427 walls that increased the residence time of the runoff in the basin and the length of the
 428 outlet hydrograph. The geometric dimensions of the basin are shown in Figure 7.



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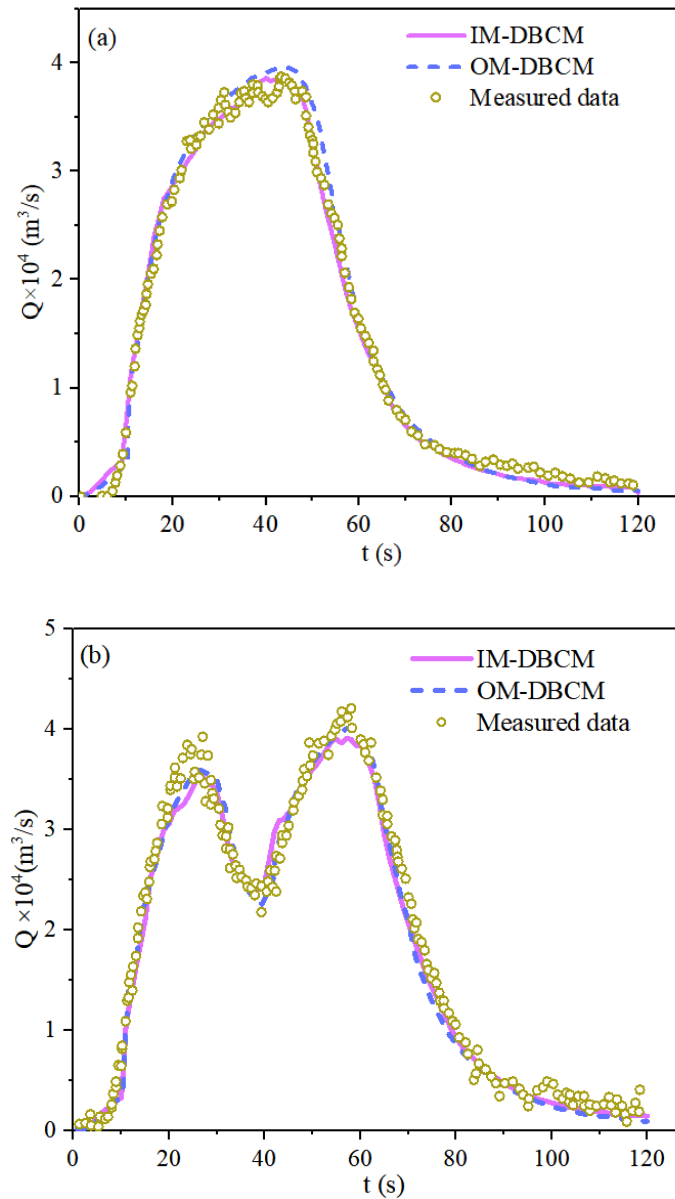
430 Figure 7. Geometry and size of the 2D basin for the rainfall-runoff experiment

431 Two rainfall intensities were simulated. In case01, the rainfall intensity was 317
 432 mm/h for 45 s. In case02, the rainfall had an intensity of 320 mm/h for 25 s, then it
 433 stopped for 7 s and started again continuing for 25 s with an intensity of 328 mm/h.

434 The computational basin was divided into coarse and fine grids based on the $D\infty$
 435 algorithm. The size of the fine grids was $0.01\text{m} \times 0.01\text{m}$, whereas that of the coarse
 436 grids was $0.02\text{m} \times 0.02\text{m}$. The grid partition is presented in Figure S2 in Supplement.
 437 According to Cea et al. (2008), the Manning coefficient was $0.009 \text{ s/m}^{1/3}$.

438 Figure 8 shows a comparison between the numerical and experimental outlet
 439 hydrographs. The shape of hydrographs was well predicted in both cases, indicating
 440 that the IM-DBCM could capture the flow process and exhibited satisfactory accuracy.
 441 In case02, the first peak discharge rate occurred when the rainfall stopped for the first
 442 time. Subsequently, the discharge rate began to decrease. After 7 s, rainfall started again,
 443 and the discharge rate continued to decrease. The RMSEs of discharge simulated by
 444 IM-DBCM in case01 and case02 were 0.107 and 0.023, respectively. The numerical
 445 results were in good agreement with the experimental data. Compared to the results
 446 obtained from OM-DBCM, the simulation results obtained from IM-DBCM were

447 closer to the experimental data. The results for case01 were slightly over-predicted by
448 the OM-DBCM.



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451 Figure 8. Simulated and measured discharge rate at different cases: (a) case01 and (b)

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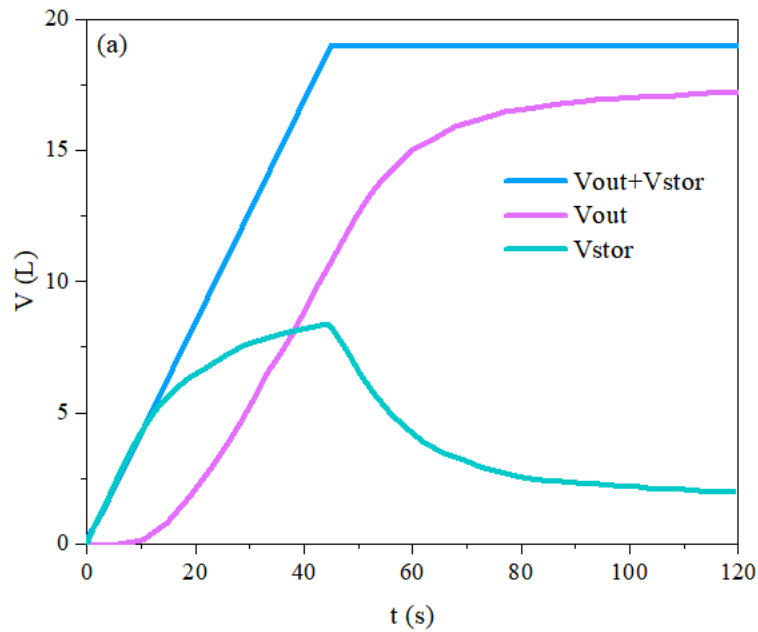
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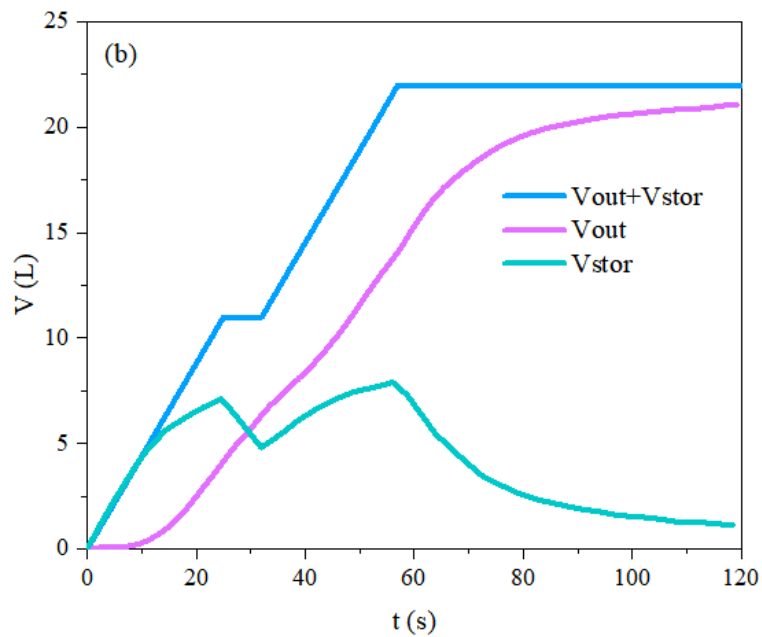
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To verify the conservation of the IM-DBCM, the inflow and outflow of different cases were determined to represent the water balance, as shown in Figure 9. In case01, the outflow increased with the increasing of simulation time, whereas the water storage increased first and then decreased. When the rainfall stopped at 45 s, water was

457 discharged from the basin; therefore, the water storage decreased. The sum of the
 458 outflow and storage was equal to the accumulated rainfall, indicating that the IM-
 459 DBCM can ensure the conservation of water mass. In case02, the outflow continuously
 460 increased. Two peak flows were observed for the water storage, which was caused by
 461 the intermittent rainfall. Overall, the sum of the outflow and water storage was equal to
 462 the accumulated rainfall, indicating that the IM-DBCM ensured mass conservation.



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465 Figure 9. Inflow and outflow for different cases: (a) case01 and (b) case02, where

466 “Vout” refers to the outflow and “Vstor” refers to water storage in the computational
467 basin

468 **3.3 Flood simulation in a natural watershed**

469 The Goodwin Creek watershed, located in Panola County, Mississippi, USA, is
470 often selected as a benchmark to assess the capability of flood models because of
471 sufficient available observed data. Drainage is westerly to Long Creek which flows into
472 the Yocona River, one of the main rivers of the Yazoo River, a tributary of the
473 Mississippi River. The Goodwin Creek watershed covers an area of 21.3 km². The
474 overall terrain gradually decreased from northeast to southwest, which is consistent
475 with the trend of the main channel, and the elevation ranged from 71 to 128 m. The
476 computational basin and bed elevations are shown in Figure 10.

477 Land use in this watershed was divided into four classes including forest, water,
478 cultivated, and pasture, and their Manning coefficients were 0.05, 0.01, 0.03, and 0.04,
479 respectively (Sánchez, 2002). The infiltration coefficients of different soil types were
480 determined according to Blackmarr (1995). The rainfall event in sixteen rain gages (see
481 Figure 10) of October 17, 1981 was chosen for simulation (Sánchez, 2002), and the
482 inverse distance interpolation method (Barbulescu, 2016) was used to calculate the
483 precipitation over the entire watershed. The rainfall duration was 4.8 h. Rainfall was
484 spatially distributed at different times, as shown in Figure S3 in Supplement. There
485 were measured data in six observation stations (i.e., 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 14) (Blackmarr,
486 1995), whose locations were shown in Table S1 in Supplement, and the simulated
487 results were compared with the measured data in these stations.

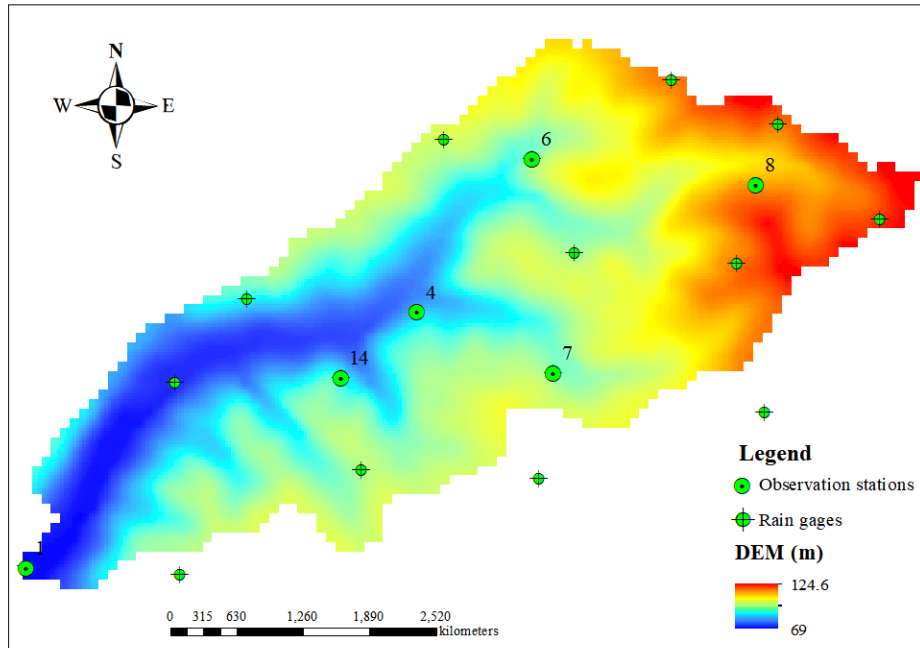


Figure 10. Overview of the Goodwin Creek watershed

The simulations were performed for 12 h. Different cases with various grid resolutions were developed to verify the computational efficiency and numerical accuracy of IM-DBCM, as listed in Table 2. In M-DBCM, the rivers were covered by fine-grid cells with dimensions of $10 \text{ m} \times 10 \text{ m}$, whereas the coarseness in the rest of the domain was increased to higher levels, as presented in Figure S4 in Supplement.

Table 2. Different cases designed to simulate the Goodwin Creek watershed

Cases	The ratio of coarse to fine grids	Number of grids
case12	1:2	104,555
case15	1:5	65,240
case10	1:10	59,431

The OM-DBCM was also used to simulate the rainfall runoff with the same resolutions. The Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency (NSE) was used to quantify errors in each model. The NSEs of IM-DBCM and OM-DBCM are shown in Table 3. From this table, the NSEs of IM-DBCM were higher than that of OM-DBCM at most stations, which was probably caused by the different interpolation method at the interface between coarse and fine grids. It is verified that the IM-DBCM has relatively high accuracy in

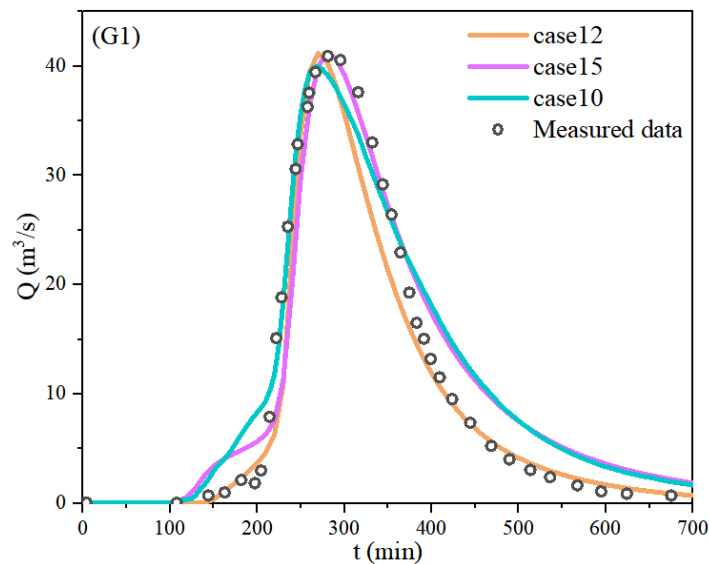
502 simulating rainfall-runoff. In OM-DBCM, it is unreasonable to make the variables at
 503 the interface between coarse and fine grids equal to that at the cell center, which can
 504 bring errors. The induced error will increase as the ratio of coarse and fine grids increase.
 505 Therefore, it is also observed that the NSEs of OM-DBCM decreased with the increased
 506 ratio of coarse and fine grids. It is indicated that the ghost cells and bilinear interpolation
 507 used in the IM-DBCM to interpolate variables between coarse and fine grids can make
 508 the simulation more reasonable.

509 Table 3 NSEs of different models (“IM” and “OM” refer to IM-DBCM and OM-
 510 DBCM, respectively)

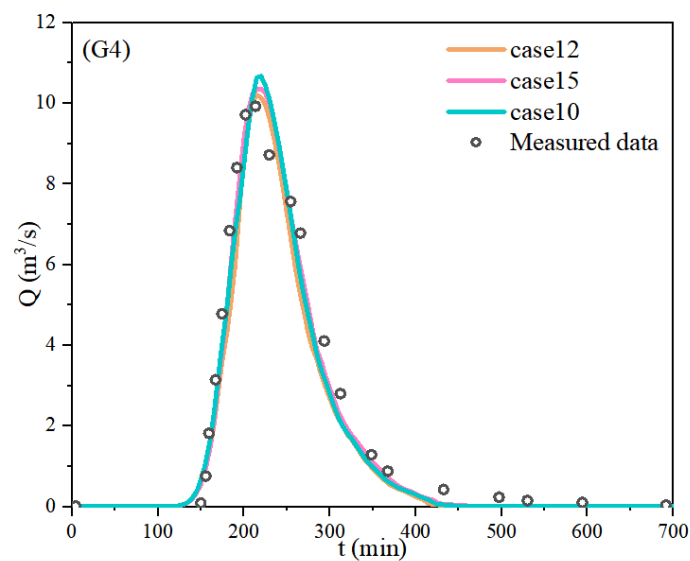
Station	G1		G4		G6		G7		G8		G14	
Model	IM	OM	IM	OM	IM	OM	IM	OM	IM	OM	IM	OM
case12	0.9496	0.9108	0.9611	0.9011	0.9904	0.8982	0.9658	0.9004	0.9435	0.9104	0.9311	0.8804
case15	0.9399	0.8766	0.9404	0.8800	0.9426	0.8819	0.9258	0.8931	0.9341	0.8942	0.9001	0.7942
case10	0.9207	0.8261	0.8907	0.8435	0.9513	0.7977	0.9358	0.8525	0.9358	0.8678	0.9135	0.8078

511 Figure 11 shows a comparison of the measured and simulated hydrographs by IM-
 512 DBCM at the monitoring gauges, whose locations are presented in Figure 10. At all
 513 gauges, the hydrographs obtained from different cases were well aligned with the
 514 measured data, which indicates that the IM-DBCM could reliably reproduce the flood
 515 wave propagation in the complex topography. The results of case12, in general, were
 516 better than those of case15 and case10, especially at station G1. A possible explanation
 517 is that a finer grid is needed to better capture the watershed geometry and obtain more
 518 satisfactory simulation accuracy. The cell size of case15 and case10 is larger than that
 519 of case12.

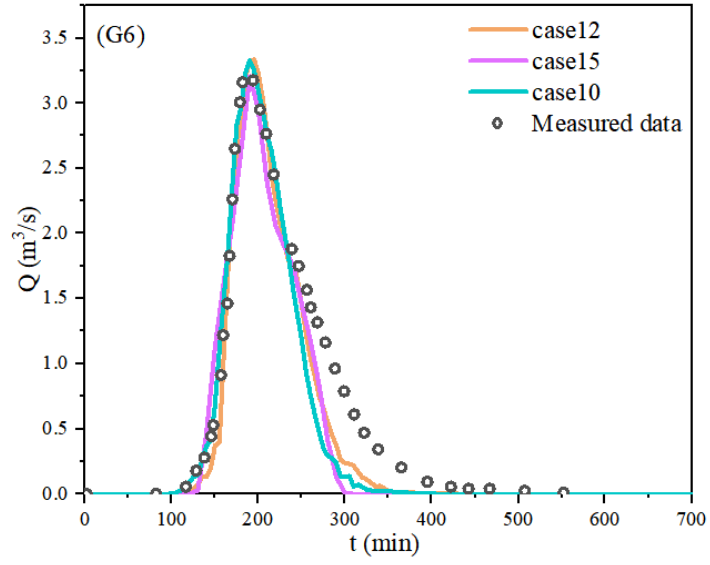
520 Compared with other stations, at station G1, the simulation results obtained from
521 case15 and case10 deviated substantially from the measured data, especially at receding
522 limb of the hydrographs. We deduced that the reason for this discrepancy is not the
523 mesh partitioning, but the location of the G1. G1 is located at the watershed outlet,
524 where water flows out of the watershed from here. The errors generated upstream may
525 be accumulated at this station. Despite the deviation, the overall trend of the
526 hydrographs indicated that the IM-DBCM is satisfactory and can reliably reproduce
527 flood wave propagation in complex topography.



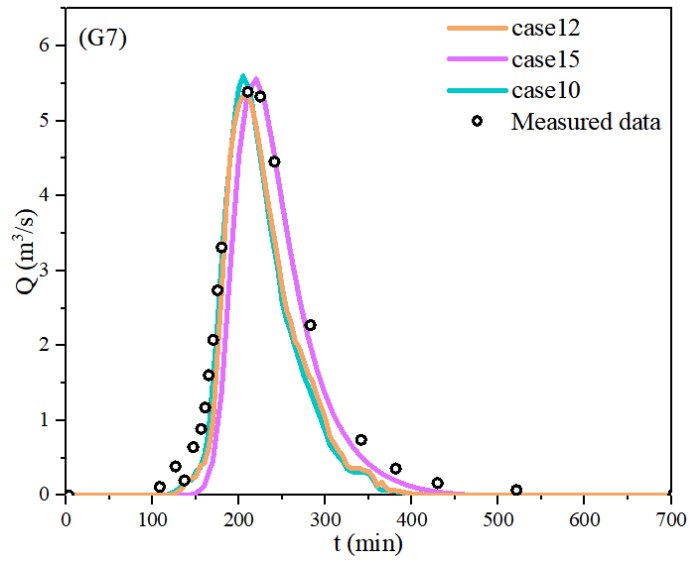
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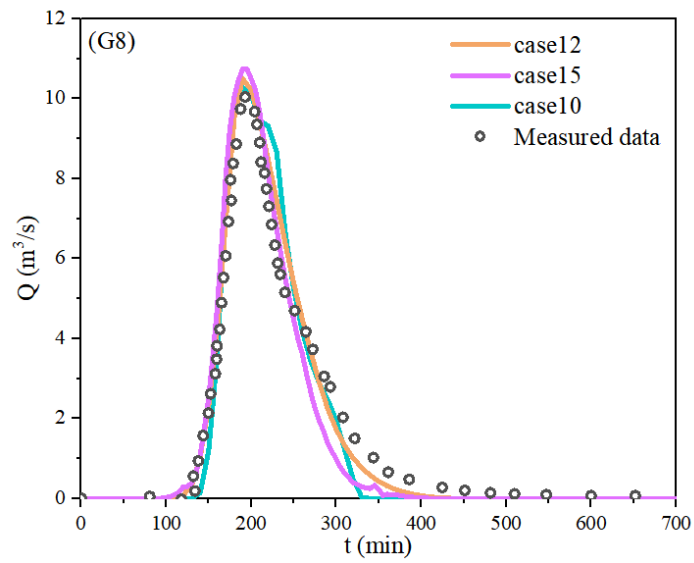
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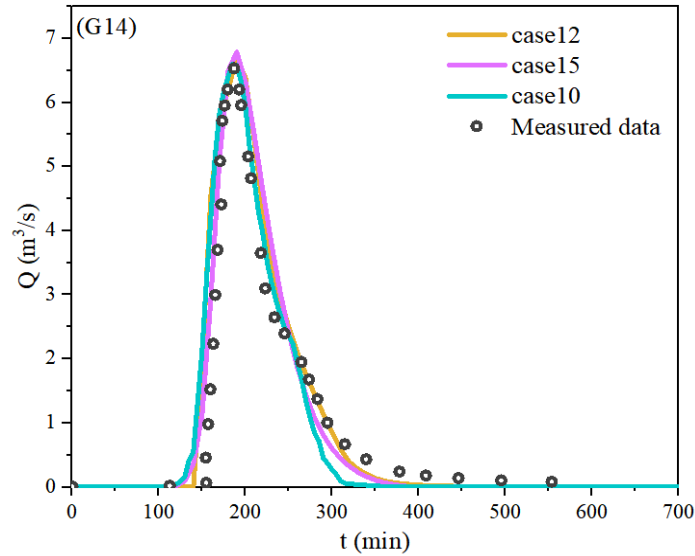
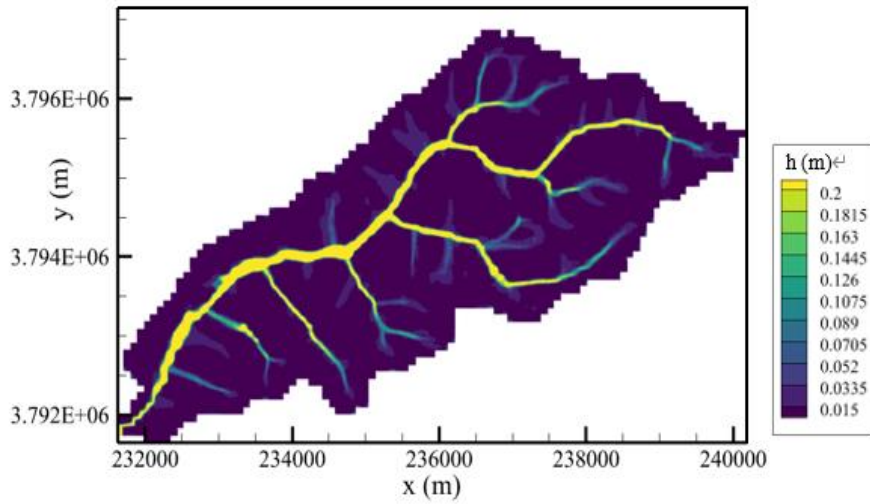


Figure 11. Hydrographs obtained from different cases

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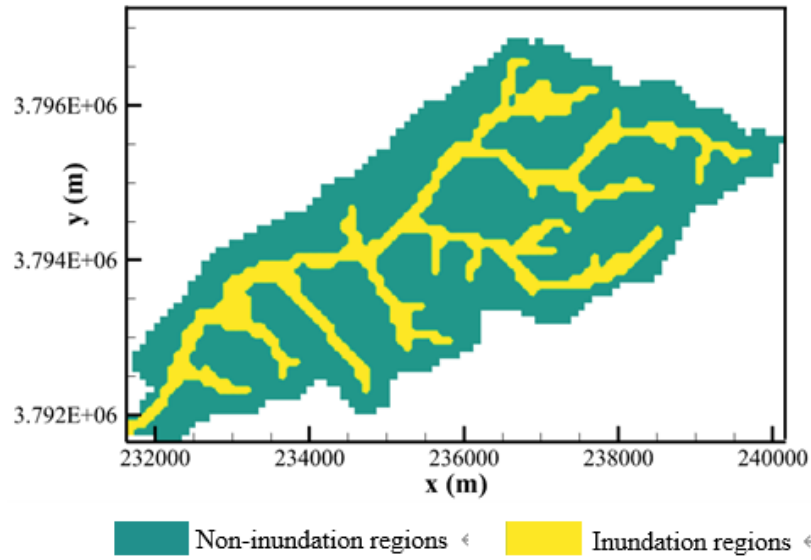
535 The water depth and location of the coupling interface at different times are shown
 536 in Figure 12. The position of the coupling interface was time-dependent. From 0 to 5 h,
 537 the water depth in the computational basin increased with the rainfall. Once the water
 538 depth was higher than the predefined threshold, the regions were defined as inundation
 539 regions and the hydrodynamic model was used to simulate the rainfall runoff. The water
 540 depth peaked in the watershed at 5 h, as shown in Figure 12(a1), and most of the regions
 541 were defined as inundation regions, as shown in Figure 12(a2). After 5 h, when rainfall
 542 stopped, the water depth in the computational basin decreased (Figure 12(b1)). When
 543 the water depth was lower than the predefined threshold, the inundation regions defined
 544 **last time step** became non-inundation regions. Accordingly, as shown in Figure 12(b2),
 545 the non-inundation regions expanded, whereas the inundation regions decreased. The
 546 location of the coupling interface was shifted to the inundation regions defined at the
 547 **last time step**. The results indicated that the coupling interface shifted during the
 548 simulation, which was consistent with the flood migration process.



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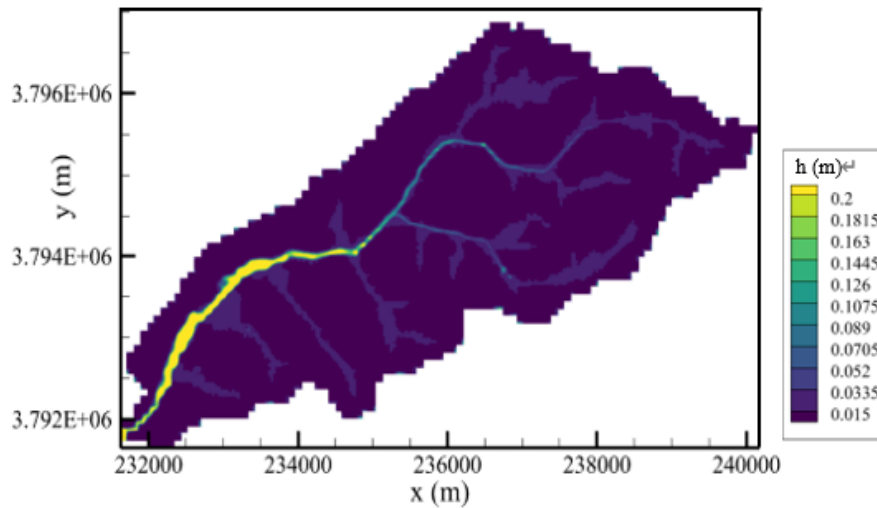
(a1) Water depth at $t = 5$ h



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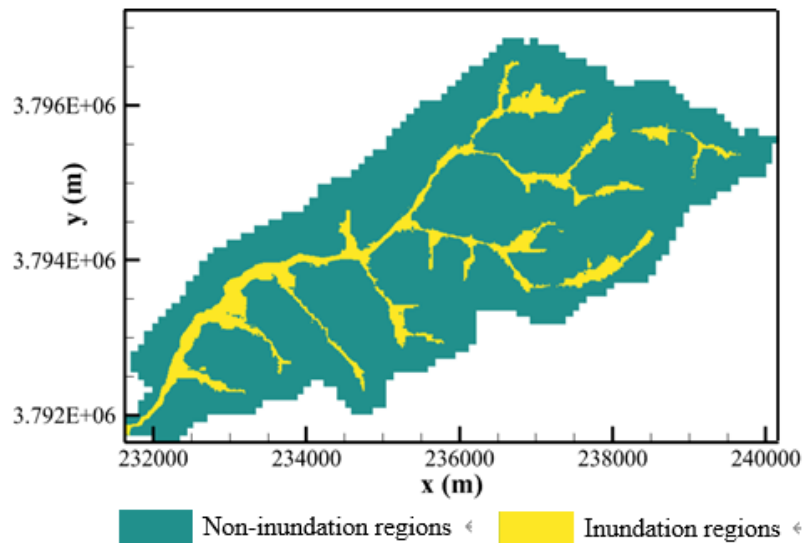
(a2) Position of the coupling interface at $t = 5$ h



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(b1) Water depth at $t = 8$ h



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(b2) Position of the coupling interface $t = 8$ h

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Figure 12. Water depth and position of the coupling interface of the hydrologic-

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hydrodynamic model at different times

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In terms of efficiency, the total execution time of IM-DBCM was compared with

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the uniform grid-based model (case00), as shown in Figure 13. The total execution time

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of the different cases ranked from highest to lowest is as follows: case00> case12>

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case15> case10. Uniform fine grids were used to divide the computing zones in case00,

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and 207,198 computational grids were generated. Compared with case00, most of the

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areas were discretized with coarse grids, and only a small part of the regions was

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calculated based on fine grids in IM-DBCM; the computational grids of the multi-grid-

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based model (Table 2) were considerably lower than that of case00. The advantages of

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using IM-DBCM based on multi-grids for flood simulations are evident. The difference

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in total runtime between the IM-DBCM and OM-DBCM is the time spent on mesh

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generation. In the OM-DBCM, the computational domain is divided manually, which

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is highly subjective, and the computational time varied from person to person.

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Furthermore, case12 required more computational time than case15 and case10. Fewer

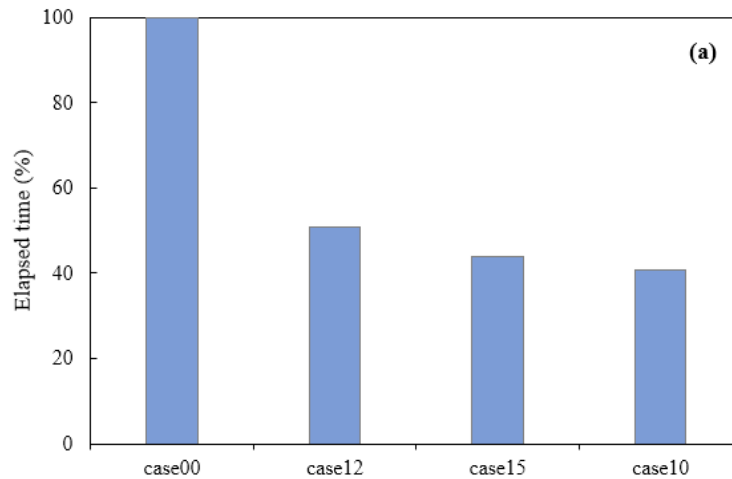
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computational grid nodes were presented in case15 and case10, which required less

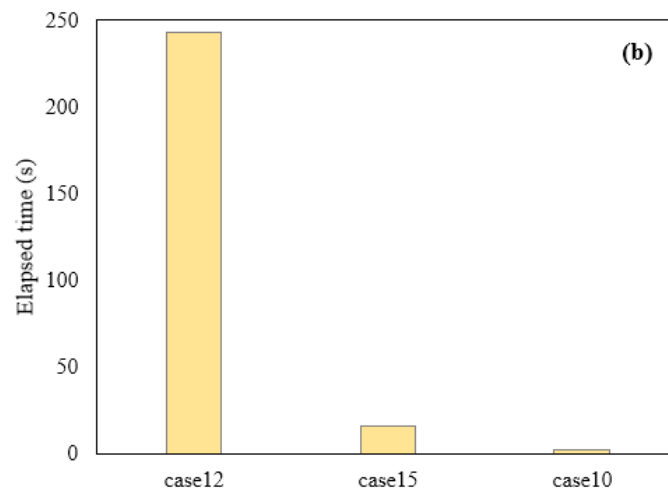
573 time for calculation, and the computational efficiency could be further improved.

574 However, there was not a significant difference in the computation time among
575 these three cases. The calculation time for coarse grids is shown in Figure 13(b). It is
576 observed that the runtime for coarse grids decreases rapidly in different cases. In case12,
577 case15 and case10, the number of coarse grids is 42517, 7425, and 2153, respectively.
578 As the number of coarse grids decreased significantly, the runtime for these grids also
579 decreased rapidly. The number of fine grids is consistent in case12, case15, and case10,
580 with a calculation time of 4800s. The fine grids number is much greater than that of the
581 coarse grids, especially in case15 and case10. The 2D hydrodynamic model was solved
582 in the fine-grid regions, which cost more computation time compared with the coarse
583 grids where the hydrologic model was applied. The calculation time for fine grids is
584 significantly longer than that for coarse grids, comprising a substantial portion of the
585 overall execution time.

586 In many watersheds, the 2D inundation regions account for a minor proportion of
587 the total watershed area. The fine grids were employed to partition the small inundation
588 regions, while the coarse grids were utilized to discretize the majority of the non-
589 inundation regions. The computational efficiency can be significantly enhanced due to
590 the smaller proportion of fine grids and larger proportion of coarse grids. In the IM-
591 DBCM, the 1D rivers and 2D inundation regions were not distinguished, resulting in
592 their division using fine grids. Consequently, the 2D hydrodynamic model was applied
593 to both regions, leading to an increased computational time. In future studies, the 1D
594 hydrodynamic model will be used to compute the flood evolution specifically in the 1D
595 rivers, leading to a reduction in computational time. Hence, the computational
596 efficiency advantages of the proposed IM-DBCM are more pronounced.



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599 **Figure 13** Computation time of different cases: (a) the relative difference of uniform-
 600 **grid-based model and multi-grid-based models; (b) the runtime for coarse grids**

601 **4 Conclusions**

602 An improved dynamic bidirectional coupled hydrologic-hydrodynamic model
 603 based on multi-grid (IM-DBCM) was presented in this study. A multi-grid system was
 604 generated based on the D_∞ algorithm, dividing regions that required high-resolution
 605 representation using fine grids and the rest using coarse grids to reduce computational
 606 load. A two-dimensional non-linear reservoir was adopted in the hydrologic model,
 607 while two-dimensional shallow water equations were applied in the hydrodynamic
 608 model. The hydrologic model was applied to the coarse-grid regions, whereas the
 609 hydrologic and hydrodynamic models were coupled in a bidirectional manner for the

610 fine-grid areas. Different time steps were adopted in coarse and fine grids. Ghost cells
611 and bilinear interpolation were used to interpolate variables between coarse and fine
612 grids. The hydrologic and hydrodynamic models were dynamically and bidirectionally
613 coupled with a time-dependent and moving coupling interface.

614 The performance of IM-DBCM was verified using three cases. The IM-DBCM
615 was demonstrated to effectively simulate flow processes and ensure reliable simulation.
616 Compared with the OM-DBCM, the results obtained from the IM-DBCM were well
617 aligned with the measured data, and it could reliably reproduce the flood wave
618 propagation in complex topography. In addition to producing numerical results with
619 similar accuracy, the IM-DBCM saved computational time compared with the model
620 on fine grids. Furthermore, a moving coupling interface between the hydrologic and
621 hydrodynamic models was observed in the IM-DBCM. The IM-DBCM has both high
622 computational efficiency and numerical accuracy, which was adapted adequately to the
623 real-life flooding process and provided practical and reliable solutions for rapid flood
624 prediction and management, especially in large watersheds.

625 The IM-DBCM accurately and efficiently reproduces the flooding process and has
626 the potential for a wide range of practical applications. Adding a one-way
627 hydrodynamic model to the model could further enhance its performance. A one-way
628 model can simulate flow in a narrow river, saving more time than using a two-way
629 hydrodynamic model.

630 **Data availability**

631 Model simulation and calibration data are available upon request from the
632 corresponding author. Digital elevation model data are provided by the Geospatial Data
633 Cloud at <http://www.gscloud.cn>. The data sets of Soil Properties and Land cover are
634 provided by Sánchez (2002) and Blackmarr (1995). The rainfall and measured data

635 were Blackmarr (1995).

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638 provided the original model input data. The study was supervised by Chunbo Jiang.
639 Yanxia Shen prepared the first draft of the manuscript and Zhenduo Zhu revised and
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