

Interactive comment on “Hydrodynamics of long-duration urban floods: experiments and numerical modelling” by A. Arrault et al.

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The paper deals with flood propagation in urban areas. Authors performed laboratory experiments in a typical urban district, containing 7 streets along each direction (in total 49 intersections). In total, 16 tests were conducted (i.e. 16 inflow conditions). The authors apply a 2D shallow-water model to simulate the experimental set-up and investigate the role of roughness and turbulence model. They also discuss the up-scaling of the laboratory observations to the field. The topic of the paper is of interest for NNESS readers. The paper is well structured and generally well-written. The laboratory experiments are new and complete the existing ones, although I regret that neither velocity nor flow depth in street intersections were measured, which would provide a nice assessment of the performance of numerical models. Many researchers have provided empirical equations giving the flow partition in street-intersections, but authors cannot use their laboratory measurements to assess some equations (which

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are actually useful when 1D models are used for simulating urban floods) because the experimental flow partition between is not available in-between all the intersections. The 2D numerical simulations and comparisons with the laboratory observations are sound. I particularly appreciated the discussion section. I would recommend acceptance of the paper with minor revisions. There are still some issues to be addressed by the authors. The most important are summarized in the document here enclosed

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