

# Assessment of the Direct Economic Losses of Flood Disasters Based on the Spatial Valuation of Land Use and Quantification of Vulnerabilities: A Case Study of the 2014 Flood in Lishui city, China

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**Abstract.** The refined assessment of the direct economic losses of flood disasters is important for emergency dispatch and risk management in small- and medium-sized cities. ~~There are still great challenges in the accuracy and timeliness of the previous research methods.~~ In this study, a single flood disaster in Lishui city in 2014 was taken as an example to study and verify a method for the rapid and refined assessment of direct economic loss. First, based on a field investigation, the inundation ~~range and submerged depth data~~ simulated by the ~~flooding one-dimensional hydrodynamic~~ model and geographic information system (GIS) analysis method were verified. Next, the urban land use status map and high-~~precision~~ resolution land use classifications based on remote sensing ~~classification~~ data were fused and combined with expert questionnaire surveys, thereby providing the 47 types and values of ~~disaster-bearing bodies, land use~~. Then, ~~based on the existing previous depth-damage function, the vulnerability curve database was summarized, and the curves of 47 types of land use in Liandu district were calibrated~~ fitted by the lognormal cumulative distribution function and optimized using disaster loss ~~reporting~~ report data. Finally, the spatial distributions of the ~~flood disaster~~ loss ratio and loss value were estimated by spatial analysis. It is found that the constructed land use ~~map~~ data has detailed types and value attributes as well as high-~~precision~~ spatial information resolution. Secondly, the vulnerability curves after function fitting and calibration effectively reflect the change characteristics of land use loss ratio in this area. Finally, ~~except for the 3 types of land for agriculture, recreational and sports facilities, and parks green spaces, the optimized simulated total loss is 322.6 million yuan, which is 0.16% higher than the statistics report data. The~~ estimated loss ratio and loss value ~~distributions~~ can accurately reflect the ~~spatial~~ distribution pattern of ~~flood disaster loss~~ losses, which is useful for the government to formulate effective disaster reduction and relief measures.

**Key words:** Flood disaster, Direct economic loss, Loss assessment, Vulnerability curve

## 1 Introduction

Refined assessments of the direct economic losses of flood disasters are very important in disaster emergency rescue and urban flood risk management (Li et al., 2017; UNISDR, 2015). The results of a rapid quantitative assessment of disaster losses with

high spatial resolution not only provide suggestions for the government to formulate emergency dispatch management measures, such as releasing disaster information, deploying rescue forces and relief materials, and the emergency resettlement of disaster victims, but also lay a data foundation for decision-makers to plan sponge cities and formulate flood risk management systems and climate change adaptation policies (Alfieri et al., 2016; Merz et al., 2010). Among them, sponge city refers to a city that can be as flexible as a sponge in adapting to environmental changes and natural disasters. It absorbs, stores, infiltrates and purifies water when it rains, and releases and reuses the stored water when necessary (Yu et al., 2015). In order to solve the problems of water shortage, waterlogging and water pollution caused by rapid urbanization, the Chinese government launched the sponge city construction plan on December 31, 2014 (MHURD, 2014), which can effectively alleviate urban waterlogging, reduce runoff pollution, save water resources and improve ecological environment.

As a key component of flood risk assessment, flood loss assessment has been extensively analyzed by researchers (Falter et al., 2015; Koks et al., 2015). The flood loss data obtained from a comprehensive high-quality field survey after a disaster can accurately reflect the disaster loss situation and has important reference value for the establishment and verification of flood loss models (Carisi et al., 2018). However, given that loss data can only be obtained after a flood, these data cannot provide timely guidance for disaster relief. In addition, the collection of the Collecting-loss data is also time-consuming and laborious, which supports the further development of flood loss assessment models.

Due to the development of existing flood loss assessment models, there are relatively mature methods and tools (EMA, 2002; Scawthorn et al., 2006), and the popularization of flood insurance provides relatively complete socioeconomic and disaster loss data, thus, disaster losses can be quickly assessed when floods occur (Hsu et al., 2011). The United States (Smith D., 1994-Custer and Nishijima, 2015; USACE, 2006), the United Kingdom (Stephenson and D'Ayala, 2013), Japan (Dutta et al., 2003), Canada (NRC, 2017), Australia (Hasanzadeh Nafari et al., 2016b, 2016a; Wehner et al., 2017), Italy (Amadio et al., 2016), China (Li et al., 2012; Penning-Rowsell et al., 2013), and other flood-prone countries have carried out a large number of loss assessment studies using different classification systems of exposure data-disaster-bearing-bodies and then used the existing loss database and post-disaster investigation data to establish local flood vulnerability functions.

In addition, with the development and application of hydrological models and hydrodynamic models, geographic information systems (GISs), remote sensing (RS), hydrological models, and hydrodynamic models (Elkhrachy, 2015; Jonkman et al., 2008), flood loss assessment models based on depth-damage functions have been improved (Komolafe et al., 2018). However, there are still some problems. First, there is a lack of a depth-damage functions for use in specific areas, which need to be constructed through extensive post-disaster survey data (Albano et al., 2018). Second, the effect and accuracy of the assessment are affected by the scale of the exposure data-disaster-bearing-body. The microscale loss assessment model for each affected object (building, infrastructure object, etc.) has poor applicability. However, mesoscale exposed-disaster-bearing body data mainly refer to land use obtained through remote sensing (RS) interpretation (Merz et al., 2010). Although mesoscale data can effectively be used to extract the spatial distribution of buildings, it is difficult to identify the occupancy types of buildings. These problems lead to high uncertainties and disparities in flood loss assessments (Gerl et al., 2016; Pinelli et al., 2020).

65 With the introduction of fuzzy mathematics, gray system models, genetic algorithms, and other mathematical methods, the  
rapid estimation and prediction of regional flood direct economic loss can be realized (Qie and Rong, 2017; Zhao et al., 2014;  
Zhou et al., 2006), which can effectively reflect the overall situation of economic losses in a large region and reduce the  
investment in human and material resources. However, due to the lack of high-resolution ~~spatial~~-location information, this  
70 approach cannot provide timely and effective suggestions for the government to formulate targeted emergency scheduling  
plans.

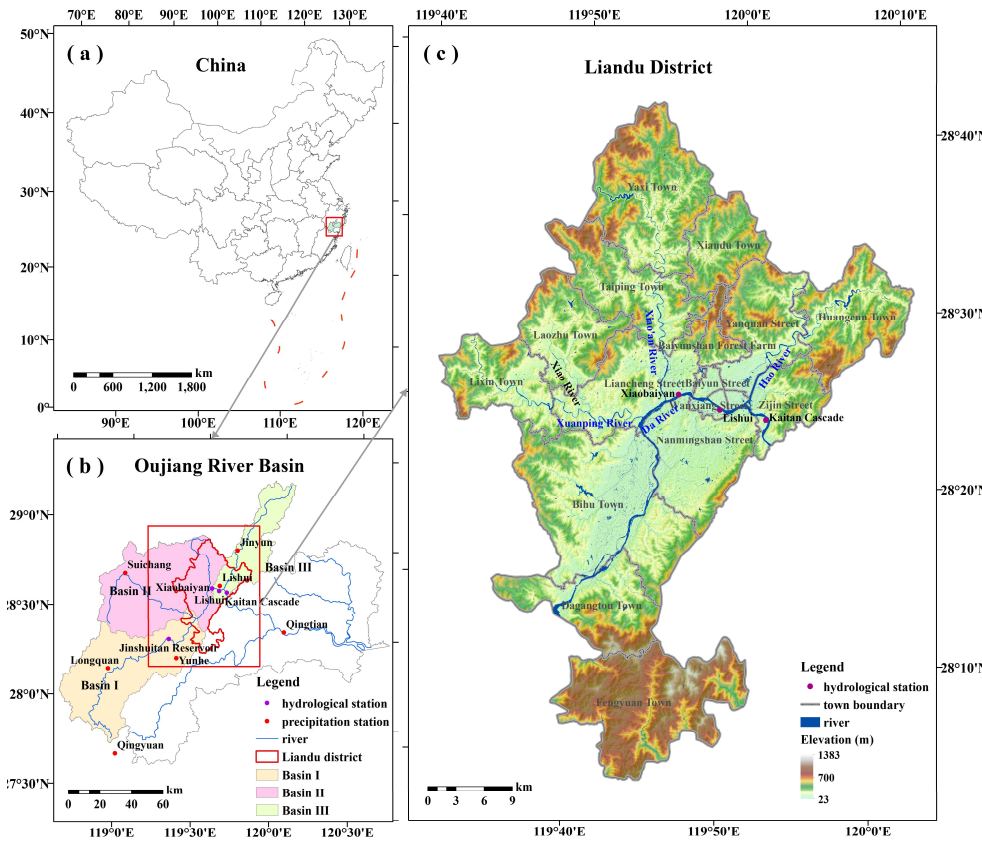
To effectively improve the accuracy, timeliness, and practicability of flood disaster loss assessment, a refined assessment  
model of single-flood disaster losses in small- and medium-sized cities ~~is~~was explored in this paper. The heavy rainfall from  
18 August 2014 to 20 August 2014 caused ~~serious~~severe river backflow and urban waterlogging, and many houses and roads  
were flooded in Lishui city. Therefore, taking this flood disaster as an example, a refined assessment model for the direct  
75 economic losses of regional flooding disasters was constructed. The model ~~includes~~included flood inundation ~~models, the~~  
~~spatial distribution of~~simulation, land use ~~types, the type~~ fusion, land use value quantification ~~of land use values~~, vulnerability  
~~curve~~function fitting, and optimization, as well as loss ratio and loss value ~~estimations~~estimation.

## 2 Materials

### 2.1 Study area







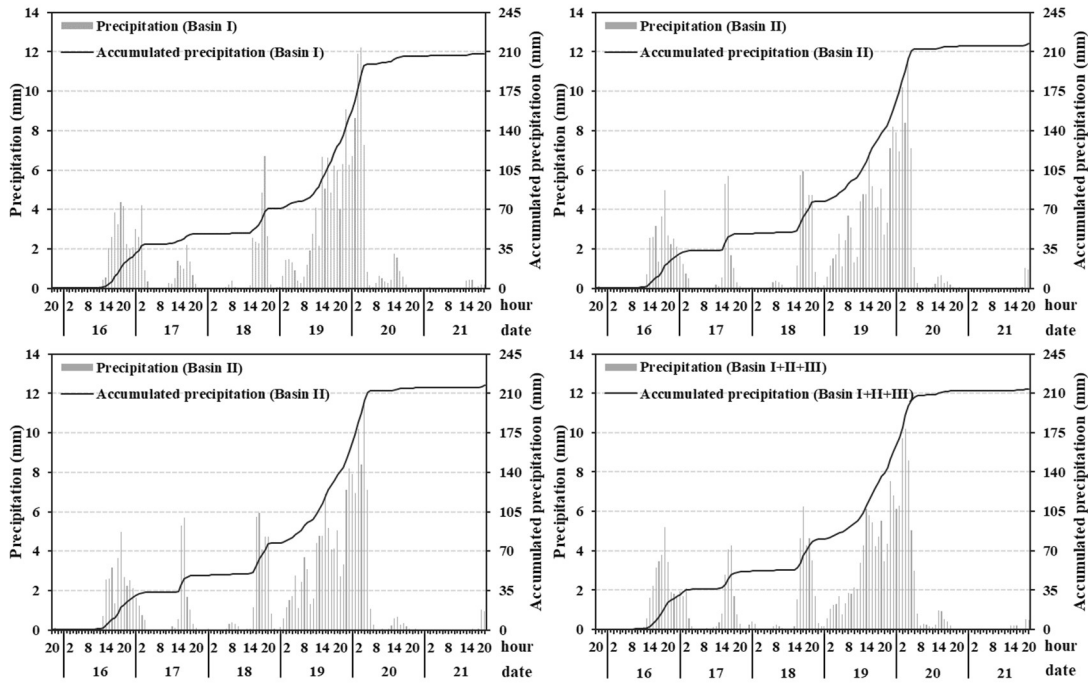
**Figure 1.** Location of the study area. (a. The location of Oujiang River Basin in China. b. The distribution of hydrological stations, precipitation stations, rivers and sub basins in Oujiang River Basin, and the location of Liandu District in Oujiang River Basin. c. The terrain distribution and town boundary of Liandu district.)

Liandu District is in southwestern Zhejiang Province, between 28°06' N-28°44' N and 119°32' E-120°08' E (Figure 1). This district is in the middle reaches of the Oujiang River Basin, surrounded by hills and mountains with plains and a plain in the middle, spanning with a total area of approximately 1,502 km<sup>2</sup>. Liandu District is situated within a district under the jurisdiction of Lishui city, with a relatively concentrated population and socioeconomic status. As a result of both urban planning and topography, the flood disaster in Liandu District caused heavy losses. Because topography has a great impact on hydrology and hydrodynamics, it is easy to ignore regional differences based on administrative units. Considering the impact of the Jinshuitan Reservoir operation, the upper reaches of the Oujiang River Basin are divided into three sub watersheds (Figure 1b).

## 2.2 Precipitation

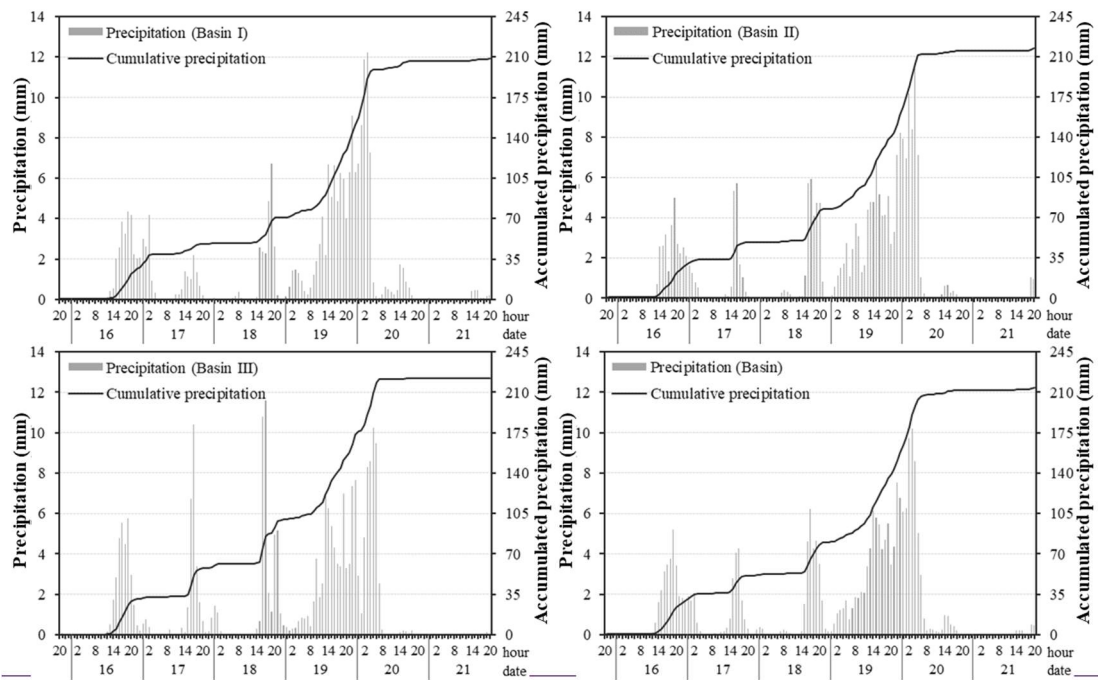
The gridded precipitation data come from the hourly precipitation data set of the National Meteorological Information Center, which integrates China's automatic station data with the NOAA CDR Climate Prediction Center morphing technique

(CMORPH) product with a resolution of 0.1°. The overall error is within 10%, and the accuracy in areas with heavy rainfall and sparse sites is greater than in similar international products (Shen et al., 2014). The data can effectively reproduce the spatiotemporal pattern of rainfall and are suitable for simulating flood inundation.



**Figure 2. Distribution of hourly and accumulated precipitation in the upper reached of the Oujiang River Basin (Basin I + II + III)entire basin and each sub\_basin. (The grey column is hourly precipitation, and the black curve is eumulative-accumulated precipitation. The precipitation time is from 20:00 on August 15<sup>th</sup> to 20:00 on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.)**

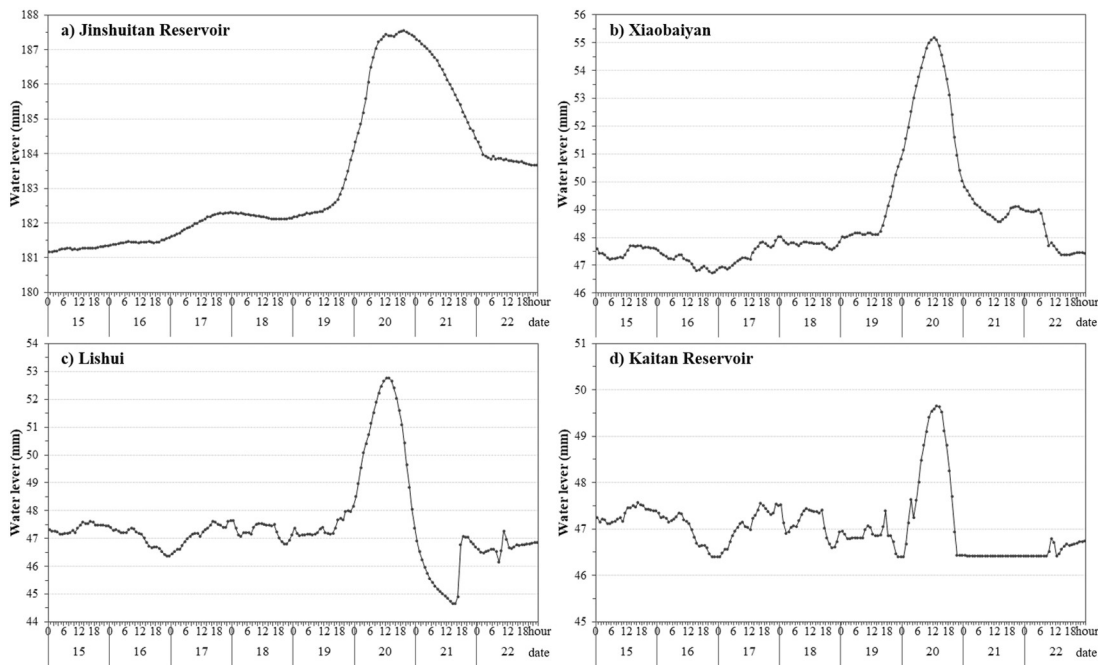
Based on the hourly precipitation levels, the mean accumulated precipitation of the ~~middle and~~ upper reaches of the Oujiang River Basin and the 3 sub watersheds were calculated (Figure 2). The precipitation change trend of each sub watershed ~~iswas~~ generally the same, with the accumulated precipitation exceeding 210 mm. The precipitation increased rapidly after 5:00 on August 18<sup>th</sup>, and the entire precipitation process basically ended at 10:00 on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Figure 2. Distribution of hourly and accumulated precipitation in the entire basin and each subbasin. (The grey column is hourly precipitation, and the black curve is cumulative precipitation. The precipitation time is from 20:00 on August 15<sup>th</sup> to 20:00 on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.)**

### 2.3 Water level and flood inundation

The water level data come from the hourly observations of hydrological stations of the Zhejiang Water Resources Department, including the measured water level, warning water level, and guaranteed water level. Xiaobaiyan and Lishui are river stations, and the Jinshuitan Reservoir and the Kaitan Reservoir are reservoir stations (Figure 1). Based on the hourly measured water level, beginning at 12:00 on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the water levels of the Jinshuitan Reservoir, Xiaobaiyan, and Lishui increased significantly, while the water level of the Kaitan Reservoir first dropped slightly and then increased significantly, and the water levels at these stations reached a peak at approximately 12:00 on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The water levels at Xiaobaiyan, Lishui, and the Kaitan Reservoir returned to normal at 00:00 on August 21<sup>st</sup>, while that at the Jinshuitan Reservoir dropped to a certain water level at 00:00 on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the subsequent downward trend was slow (Figure 3).



**Figure 3. Distribution of hourly water levels at hydrological stations. (The time of water level data is from 00:00 on August 15<sup>th</sup> to 00:00 on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014)**

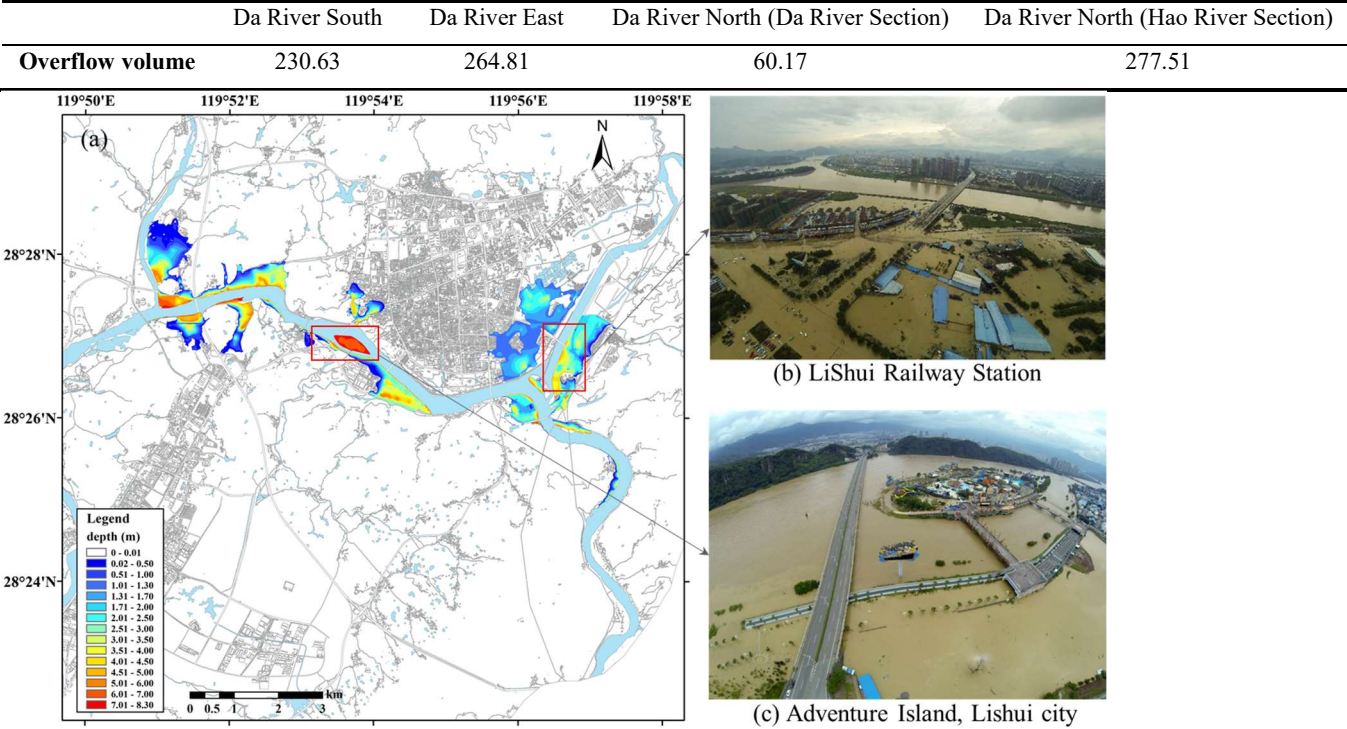
The flood inundation was calculated from the Yuxi to Kaitan Reservoir hydraulic model constructed by *Zhejiang Design Institute of Water Conservancy & Hydro-Electric Power*. In this study, the middle and upper reaches of the Oujiang River Basin were generalized into a mathematical model, the unsteady flow partial differential equations of the Saint-Venant open channel ~~are~~ were used to construct a one-dimensional hydrodynamic model. Then, based on the measured channel section, water level, reservoir discharge, and high-precision topography, describe the flood evolution process, and the implicit difference method was used to transform it into a difference equation. Newton iteration and Gaussian principal component elimination method ~~are~~ were used to solve the problem time by time, so as to obtain the water level and discharge of each section, and then the parameters are calibrated by the measured water level (Kang and Chen, 2007). After multiple verifications, the difference between the measured and calculated water levels was between 0 m and 0.09 m. (Kang and Chen, 2007). This model considered weirs, gates, water-blocking bridges, water exchange between intervals, and flood detention areas, etc., and can be applied to the quantitative analysis and calculation of the flood evolution of this section of the river.

In order to make the flood evolution calculation can better simulate the water depth of this basin, the measured river section and the flood in 2014 were selected for simulation calculation to verify the accuracy of the mathematical model of the flood evolution calculation, and determine the parameters of the model. The simulation result of the measured flood on August 20, 2014 was carried out. The upper boundary used the discharge process of each reservoir and the measured data from the hydrological station, and the lower boundary used the measured water level. Comparing the model result with the measured flood traces and the measured process at the hydrological station, the difference in water level between the two was 0 m - 0.09

m, which shows that the model parameters were reasonable. The flood volume was calculated based on the simulated water level and the elevation of the embankment (Table 1). When compared with the site survey and flood traces, the result is similar to the actual submerged depth (Table 1). Based on the overflow volume and topographic data, the submerged area and inundation depth were estimated by GIS tools. Through measured flood traces, field surveys and aerial photograph, it was found that the simulated submergence results can well reflect the actual flood.

Based on the simulated maximum submerged depth distribution (Figure 4a) and real time aerial photographs (Figure 4b, Figure 4c), the flood inundation area is mainly concentrated in the river confluence and both sides of the river, the submerged depth decreases from the river bank to both sides, and the submerged depth of the central island is generally greater than 7 m.

**Table 1. Overflow volume of Liandu District in 2014 based on the hydraulic model (10,000 m³)**



**Figure 4. (a) MaximumDistribution of maximum simulated submergence depth-distribution, (b, c) Aerial photographs of Liandu District in 2014.**

Based on the simulated maximum inundation submerged-depth distribution (Figure a) and real-time aerial photographs (Figure b, Figure c), the flood inundation area was is mainly concentrated in the river confluence and both sides of the river, the inundation submerged-depth decreased decreases from the river bank to both sides, and the inundation submerged-depth of the central island was is generally greater than 7 m.

## 2.4 Disaster loss reporting



The disaster loss report ~~is was~~ obtained from the Lishui Civil Affairs Bureau ~~and is conveyed, which was reported~~ by the local government. The report ~~records recorded~~ 41 statistical indicators, including the affected population, affected area of crops, agricultural losses, infrastructure losses, public welfare facility losses, household property losses, and direct economic losses. According to these statistics, a total of 167,300 people ~~were was~~ affected in Liandu, 17,330 people were relocated in emergencies, 247 rural houses collapsed, and the direct economic loss was approximately 377.15 million yuan.

The insurance claim ~~data come dataset came~~ from the auto insurance list of the catastrophe “Zhejiang 0819 Rainstorm” of the Lishui branch of the People’s Insurance Company of China (PICC), and the ~~data record dataset recorded~~ 19 indicators, including the policy number, the information of the insured, the estimated compensation, and the compensation paid. As of August 24<sup>th</sup>, a total of 1,045 motor vehicle insurance reports were received, with a reported loss of 50.7969 million yuan and a decided compensation of 50.6893 million yuan. According to the analysis of the market share of various insurance types in Zhejiang Province in December 2014, PICC motor vehicle insurance accounted for approximately 48.357% of Lishui city.

### 3 Methods

In this study, an assessment model of the direct economic loss ratio and loss value of flood disasters was constructed by utilizing methods such as land use type fusion, land use value estimation, vulnerability curve fitting, and optimization.

#### 3.1 Data fusion of land use types

The distribution of land use types ~~is was~~ obtained through the fusion of current land use data in Lishui city with ~~a high-precision high resolution land use classification results based on~~ remote sensing ~~classification data~~. The former data ~~come came~~ from the urban and rural space development current status map of the Natural Resources and Planning Bureau in 2013, which ~~is divided into 47 categories according to the Urban Land Classification and Planning and Construction Land Standards (GB 50137-2011, 2011). The remote sensing classification is was divided into 47 categories (Table 2) according to the Code for classification of urban land use and planning standards of development land (MHURD, 2011). The land use classification results were~~ derived from the Gaode map with a resolution of 2.3870768 m, including 5 categories: transportation, grassland, waters, agriculture and forest, and buildings. The ~~fusion~~ steps of vector ~~data~~ and raster ~~fusion data~~ are as follows.

1) ~~The First, we selected the unified geographic coordinate system is adopted, the nearest neighbor method is used in this study. In order to resample be consistent with the flood inundation results, we interpolated the land use classification results into raster data onto with a grid with a spatial resolution of 2 m, and geometric correction and spatial registration are performed on by the nearest neighbour interpolation method. Then the vectorized land use data current land use data was spatial adjusted to make it overlap with the position of the land use classification results.~~

2) ~~The building pixels in the remote sensing classification are traversed, the Second, we extracted the land use type in the current land use data corresponding current land type is queried by to the location of each building pixel in the land use classification result, and the grid is reassigned using assigned the type to the corresponding building pixel.~~ The building pixels

that have not been reassigned ~~are were~~ assigned according to the adjacent building types. In addition, the road within 2 m of the residence ~~is was~~ set as community parking, and ~~the~~ buildings far from urban areas ~~are were~~ set as ~~rural residence~~ the village construction land.

3) The water, agriculture and forest, and road in the ~~remote sensing land use~~ classification ~~are results were~~ assigned as water, agriculture and forest, and urban road, respectively. The agriculture and forest in areas with urban buildings and the agriculture and forest and grassland in park areas ~~are were~~ assigned as park green land.

4) Whether there ~~are were un-reassigned~~ pixels in the ~~remote sensing land use~~ classification ~~that have not been reassigned is checked results~~. If so, these pixels were reclassified according to the corresponding current land type ~~is determined, and all pixels are classified~~.

### 3.2 Estimation of land use values

The value of land use obtained from expert questionnaires is relatively reliable, and the steps are as follows.

1) Based on the Lishui City Master Plan (2013-2030), Lishui City 13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, and Lishui City Statistical Yearbook in 2015, we gave the reference information ~~such as of~~ current area, planned area, planned investment, unit area budget, and description of land use types ~~are given~~.

2) ~~As Due~~ to the different disaster characteristics of land use, the four major categories of residential, commercial, ~~industrial~~, public management, and public services ~~are used to estimate the, and industrial were estimated the exposure~~ value of the indoor properties, and the other categories were estimated the value or cost per unit area ~~is estimated for others, as shown in~~ Table 2.

3) ~~Questionnaires are~~ We issued questionnaires to 7 experts in fields such as municipal engineering design, construction industry, water design, ecological city planning, and natural disasters, and invited experts ~~are invited~~ to estimate the land use value based on their professional background knowledge and the actual situation of the study area.

4) The value of each land use ~~is was~~ determined by collating the questionnaires and calculating the average values.

### 3.3 Calibration of vulnerability curves

Although the vulnerability curves of different regions are different, there are similarities in the trend of the loss ratio with the ~~water depth, which we can learn from. Therefore, based on the existing vulnerability curves in many countries and regions (Coto, 2002; Dutta et al., 2003; FEMA, 2017; Mo and Fang, 2016; NRC, 2017; Reese and Ramsay, 2010; Shi, 2010; Wehner et al., 2017), the steps of vulnerability curve fitting in~~ inundation depth, and we can learn from them. Therefore, based on the existing vulnerability curves in many countries and regions (Coto, 2002; FEMA, 2013; Mo and Fang, 2016; Shi, 2010), the fitting and optimization steps of vulnerability function are as follows.

1) ~~The According to the existing depth-damage database, the relationship between the flooding in~~ inundation depth and loss ratio ~~is formulated of each land use in Liandu based on existing databases. district was constructed. Since the HAZUS-Flood has FLOOD had a relatively complete classification, so a mapping building occupancy class, this study mainly referred to it. First, we constructed the comparison~~ table between the database building occupancy class in HAZUS-FLOOD and the land

use type of Liandu is established. The in Liandu district. Second, based on the inundation depth in Liandu district and the water depth in HAZUS-FLOOD, the range of inundation depth in the depth-damage function was set and the unit of water depth was converted to meters. Finally, the HAZUS-FLOOD was summarized according to the building occupation class, and the average loss ratio of the corresponding type of HAZUS functions as a all samples for each building occupancy class under each inundation depth was calculated, which was used as the reference for of the loss ratio of Liandu-corresponding land use types under the same inundation depth in Liandu district. If there is was no similar building occupancy type in HAZUS-FLOOD, other databases are were referenced. (Figure 6).

2) The vulnerability curve can be fitted by a polynomial, a power function (Büchele et al., 2006), or logistic regression (Cao et al., 2016), and it can also be smoothed by nonparametric forms such as the kernel density (Merz et al., 2004). The lognormal cumulative distribution function (Limpert et al., 2001) with a high fitting degree is selected to fit the vulnerability curve, and the formula is as follows:

2) The appropriate function was selected to fit the curve of inundation depth and loss ratio for each land use type constructed in step 1. In the previous study, the vulnerability curve can be fitted by a polynomial, a power function (Büchele et al., 2006), or logistic regression (Cao et al., 2016), and it can also be smoothed by nonparametric forms such as the kernel density (Merz et al., 2004). In this paper, the lognormal cumulative distribution function (Limpert et al., 2001) was selected to fit the vulnerability curve. The formula is as follows:

$$y = F(x, scale, shape) = F(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x \frac{1}{t} e^{-\frac{(\log t - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt, \quad x > 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $Fy$  is the direct economic loss ratio,  $x$  is the submerged inundation depth, and  $\sigma$  and  $\mu$  are the standard deviation and mean of the logarithm of  $x$ , respectively. For lognormal cumulative distribution function  $F$ , the shape parameter  $shape = \sigma$ , which affects the shape of the distribution, and scale parameter  $scale = e^\mu$ , which affects the stretching and shrinking of the distribution.

3) Based on the fitted vulnerability curve of land use function fitted in step 2, the loss ratio is calculated by and loss value of land use in Liandu district were estimated. First, the two attributes of the submerged depth and raster layers of land use type and inundation depth were overlaid. Then, the loss value is ratio of each grid was calculated based on the loss ratio and land use value, and the formula is as follows: vulnerability function. If the inundation depth of the grid was 0 m, the loss ratio was also 0. Otherwise, the corresponding vulnerability function was searched according to the land use type of the grid, and its loss ratio was calculated based on the inundation depth of the grid. Finally, the loss value of each grid was calculated by Eq. 2.

$$L = DR * V \quad (2)$$

where  $L$  is the loss value of the land use,  $DR$  is the loss ratio of the land use, and  $V$  is the value of the land use.

4) Based on the The vulnerability function was optimized by disaster loss reporting data. First, the mapping relationship table between the disaster statistical indicators of disaster loss reporting and land use types in Liandu district was constructed (Table 2). Second, the simulated direct economic losses are summarized, and total loss of land use in Liandu district corresponding to the nonlinear loss reporting data of indicator  $k$  was calculated by Eq. 3. Then, the non-linear equation



iswas established with the minimum error ofbetween the disaster statistiealreporting loss and the simulated total loss as the objective function. The, and the scaling factor  $a_k$  was solved by the least square method is.

$$TL_k = \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \sum_{j=1}^{m_{ik}} L_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \sum_{j=1}^{m_{ik}} F(x_{ij}, shape_i, a_k * scale_i) * value_i \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, 5) \quad (3)$$

where  $TL_k$  is the simulated total loss,  $n_k$  is the number of land use types corresponding to the disaster loss reporting indicator  $k$ ,  $m_{ik}$  is the number of grids of the land use type  $i$  corresponding to the indicator  $k$ ,  $L_{ij}$  and  $F(x_{ij}, shape_i, a_k * scale_i)$  are the loss value and loss ratio of the grid  $j$  of the land use type  $i$ , respectively.  $value_i$  is the asset value or cost per unit area of land use type  $i$ ,  $x_{ij}$  is the inundation depth of the grid  $j$  of the land use type  $i$ ,  $shape_i$  and  $scale_i$  are the parameter of the vulnerability function of the land use type  $i$ ,  $a_k$  is the scaling factor of the indicator  $k$ , and the initial value is 1.

5) Based on the optimized vulnerability function, we used to solve the nonlinear equation to optimize the scale parameters, and then the optimized vulnerability curve is used the method in step 3 to re-estimate the disaster loss loss ratio and loss value of land use in Liandu district.

## 4 Results and Analysis

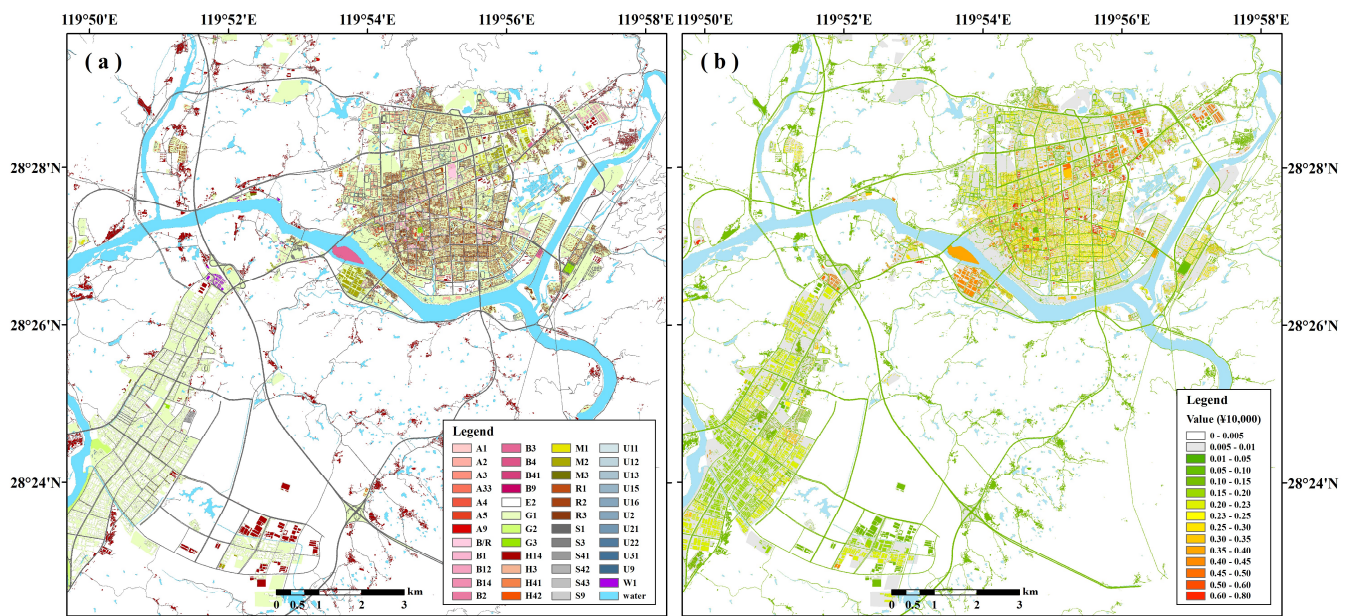
### 4.1 Distribution of land use types

The distribution of high-resolution land use types in Liandu iswas obtained by implementingusing the data fusion method (Figure 5a), and the names and codes of land use types arewere shown in Table 2. The fused land use type data effectively integrate the correspondingrespective advantages of the current urban land use and land use classification results based on remote sensing classificationimages. The data not only have high-resolution spatial location information but also reflect the detailed types of land use.

Agricultural and forestry land in Liandu Distrietdistrict is the most widely distributed type. Woodlands are mainly distributed in the hilly areas of the north, east, south, and northeast. The built-up area of Liandu Distrietdistrict is distributed along the river in a block shape, among which residential land is mainly distributed in communities near the river. Industrial land is mainly distributed in northeasternnorth-eastern Wanxiang Street and the Economic and Technological Development Zone, which is currently in the development stage, and many industrial plants have been built.

To strengthen intraregional connections, the roads and traffic facilities are relatively complete, with an urban road area of 4.33 km<sup>2</sup>. Commercial, warehouse, public management, and public service facilities are relatively small and scattered. They are mainly concentrated near residential and industrial land, providing various services. Park green space is distributed along the river or close to residential and commercial land, while square green space, protective green space, and public facilities are small and scattered.

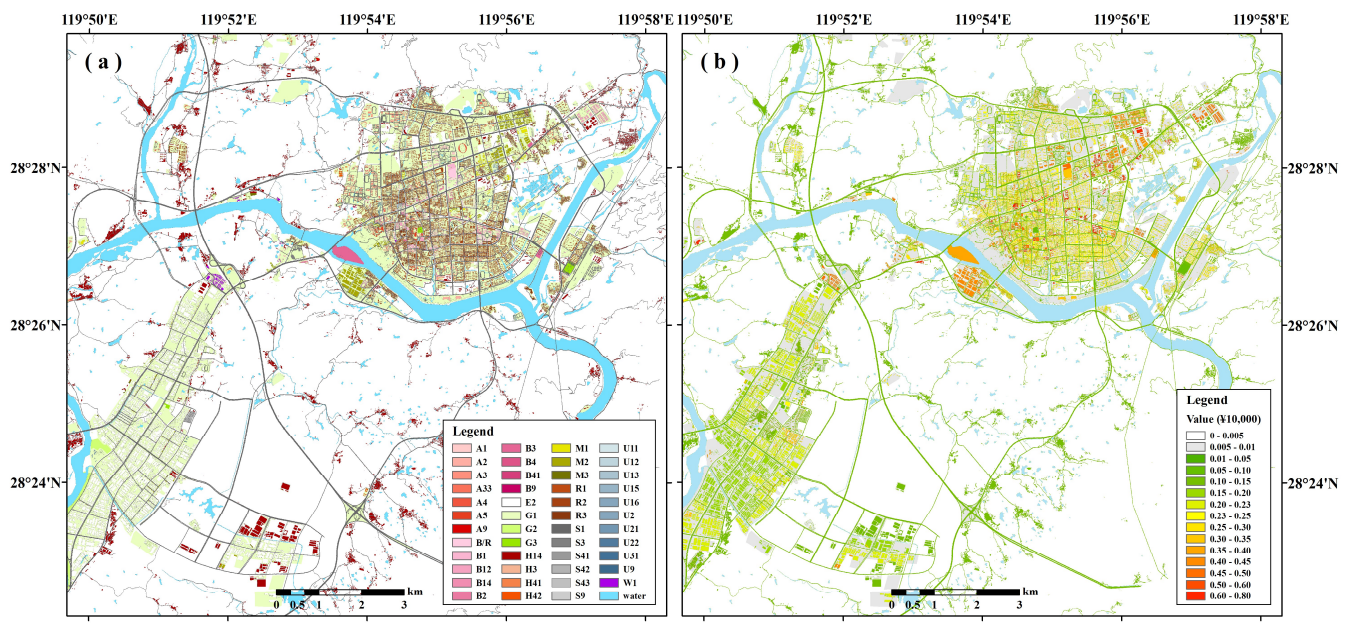
### 4.2 Distribution of land use values



**Figure 5. Distribution of land use types (a) and land use values (b) in the central urban area of Liandu District in 2013.**

The asset value or cost per unit area of land use types iswas estimated based on expert questionnaires (Table 2). Commercial and industrial land has many internal equipment and items with the highest asset unit price. Public management and public service facilities and residential land have a higher indoor property value. The value of agricultural and forestry land is the lowest.

The spatial distribution of land use value in Liandu in 2013 iswas calculated through grid assignment (Figure 5b). The value of assets per unit area in the northern city and Wanxiang Street is generally high due to the concentration of commercial, industrial, residential, public management, and public service facilities in the area. There is a water amusement project on the central island, which has a higher value per unit area. Many industrial plants are distributed in the Economic and Technological Development Zone, but due to the development stage and incomplete internal facilities, the unit price of the industrial land in this zone is calculated at half of the estimated value. Agricultural and forestry land is widely distributed and low in value, so most areas of Liandu have low values.



**Figure 5.** Distribution of land use types (a) and land use values (b) in the central urban area of Liandu district in 2013.

### 4.3 Fitted vulnerability curves

The vulnerability curves of all land use types ~~arewere~~ fitted by a lognormal cumulative distribution function based on the matrix of the ~~submergedinundation~~ depth and loss ratio. ~~By-comparingBased on the comparison of~~ simulated losses and disaster loss ~~reportingreport data~~ (Table 2), ~~we optimized~~ the scale ~~parameterparameters~~ of the vulnerability ~~curve-is-optimized~~ function (Figure 6) through the ~~least-squarevulnerability curve calibration~~ method (Figure 6)-(Section 3.3). ~~The loss ratios of residential, industrial, commercial, warehousing, public management, and public service land are very high, mainly due to indoor properties being soaked or washed away by floods. As the submerged depth increases, the loss ratio increases rapidly. When the depth is higher than 3 m, the loss ratio increases, and the rate of increase is unclear.~~

**Table 2** The Classification, value, inundated area of land use types, and the comparison of simulated loss before optimization, simulated loss after optimization and statistics loss of each land use type in Liandu ~~Districtdistrict~~.

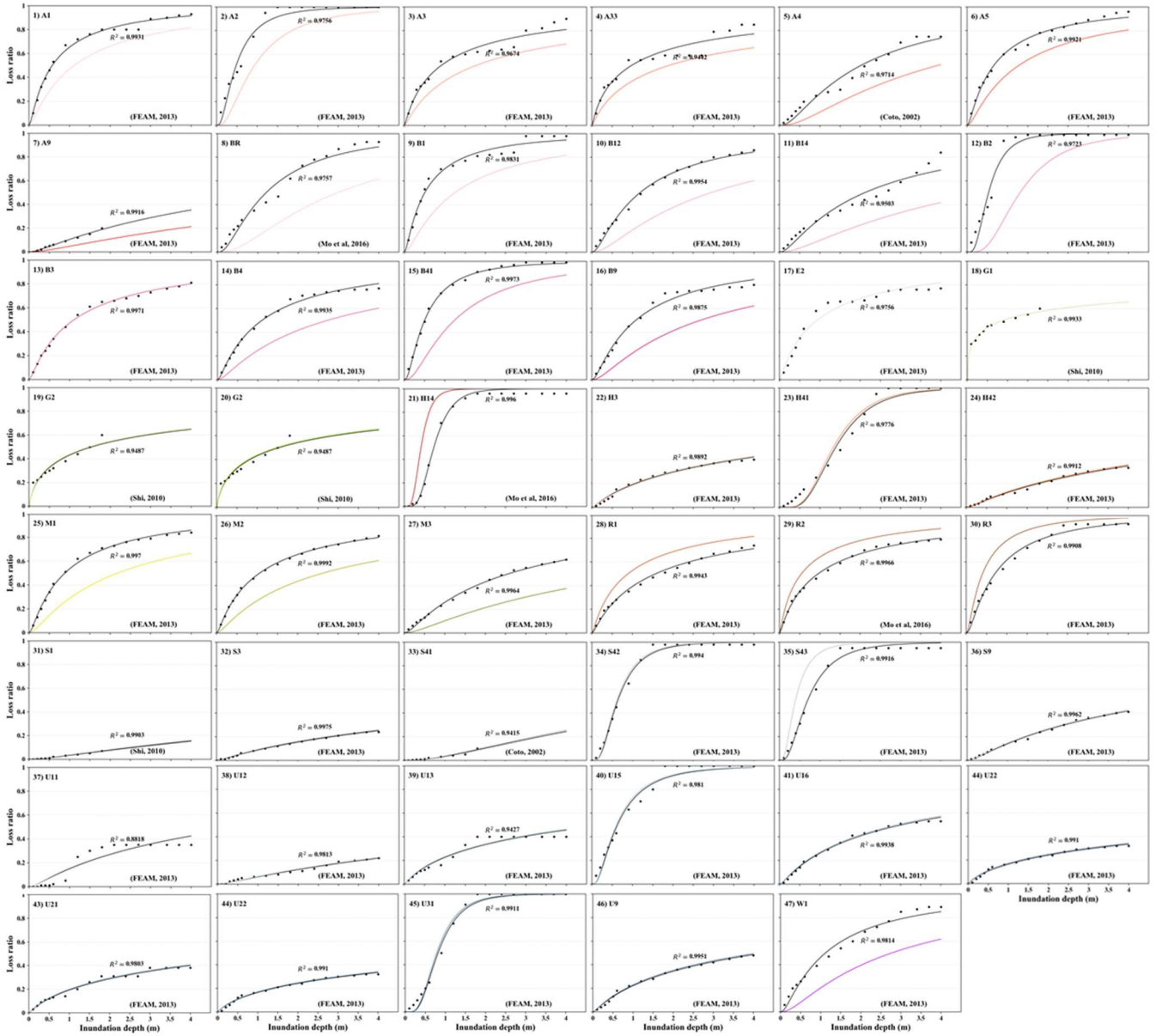
Code	Classification	Value (¥10,000/4 m <sup>2</sup> )	Total value (¥10,000)	Inundated area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Mean loss ratio of inundated area	Simulation loss before optimization (¥10,000)	Simulation loss after optimization (¥10,000)
A1 <sup>*</sup>	administrative office	0.40	<del>13891.60</del> <u>13,892</u>	<del>20202,020</del>	0.79	<del>160.41</del>	<del>130.81</del> <u>131</u>
A2 <sup>*</sup>	cultural facilities	0.35	<del>3309.60</del> <u>3,310</u>	24	0.81	<del>1.71</del> <u>7</u>	<del>1.13</del> <u>1</u>
A3 <sup>*</sup>	educational and scientific research	0.25	<del>13914.00</del> <u>13,914</u>	<del>1598015,980</del>	0.64	<del>639.38</del>	<del>499.98</del> <u>500</u>
A33 <sup>*</sup>	primary and secondary schools	0.20	<del>5946.60</del> <u>5,947</u>	<del>72967,296</del>	0.31	<del>111.98</del> <u>112</u>	<del>77.36</del>
A4 <sup>*</sup>	sports land	0.30	<del>1311.45</del> <u>1,311</u>	0	0.00	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>

A5*	medical and health land	0.35	<u>4601.274,601</u>	568	0.80	<u>39.8240</u>	<u>31.7232</u>
A9*	religious land	0.10	<u>288.70289</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
B/R*	commercial and residential land	0.35	<u>8415.998,416</u>	144	0.45	<u>5.667</u>	<u>1.879</u>
B1*	commercial facilities	0.46	<u>9944.749,945</u>	<u>59085,908</u>	0.89	<u>602.53603</u>	<u>473.27</u>
B12*	wholesale market land	0.50	<u>15358.2515,358</u>	<u>1625216,252</u>	0.48	<u>981.98982</u>	<u>457.98458</u>
B14*	hotel land	0.30	<u>3247.503,248</u>	<u>25202,520</u>	0.29	<u>54.5155</u>	<u>19.38</u>
B2*	business facilities	0.60	<u>11071.8011,072</u>	<u>11001,100</u>	0.10	<u>16.17</u>	<u>2.00</u>
B4*	business outlets of public facilities	0.35	<u>18.5519</u>	148	0.47	<u>6.15</u>	<u>3.20</u>
B41*	gas station	0.44	<u>249.70250</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
B9*	other service facilities	0.23	<u>350.06</u>	<u>23082,308</u>	0.64	<u>84.37</u>	<u>48.19</u>
M1*	class I industrial	0.60	<u>20913.6020,914</u>	336	0.81	<u>40.9241</u>	<u>30.04</u>
M2*	class II industrial	0.40	<u>146229.20146,229</u>	<u>3259232,592</u>	0.52	<u>1692.031,692</u>	<u>1059.571,059</u>
M3*	class III industrial	0.30	<u>39283.5039,284</u>	<u>1013210,132</u>	0.55	<u>418.00</u>	<u>237.72238</u>
W1*	Warehouse	0.50	<u>7500.007,500</u>	<u>79047,904</u>	0.85	<u>836.18</u>	<u>606.79607</u>
E2**	agriculture and forest	0.004	<u>1398391.701,398,392</u>	<u>39432243,943,224</u>	0.65	<u>637.25</u>	<u>637.25</u>
R1*	class I residential	0.35	<u>3312.053,312</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
R2*	class II residential	0.25	<u>104612.25104,612</u>	<u>232924232,924</u>	0.53	<u>7666.897,667</u>	<u>9435.069,435</u>
R3*	class III residential	0.20	<u>35893.5035,894</u>	<u>7867278,672</u>	0.70	<u>2756.772,757</u>	<u>3189.113,189</u>
H14*	village construction	0.13	<u>425820.70425,821</u>	<u>176868176,868</u>	0.78	<u>4507.904,508</u>	<u>5189.185,189</u>
S43*	community parking	0.50	<u>63235.5063,236</u>	<u>6646866,468</u>	0.75	<u>6191.586,192</u>	<u>7266.657,267</u>
H3**	regional public facilities	0.15	<u>349.80350</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
H41**	military sites	0.30	<u>629.70630</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
H42**	security	0.08	<u>467.60468</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
S1**	urban road	0.12	<u>1055377.421,055,377</u>	<u>931240931,240</u>	0.07	<u>2047.783,048</u>	<u>2141.033,141</u>
S3**	transportation hub	0.28	<u>5559.965,560</u>	<u>45924,592</u>	0.08	<u>25.16</u>	<u>26.12</u>
S41**	public transport station	0.40	<u>0.808</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
S42**	social parking	0.60	<u>2106.602,107</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
S9**	other transportation facilities	0.15	<u>284.70285</u>	4	0.44	<u>0.07</u>	<u>0.07</u>
U11**	water supply	0.27	<u>857.25</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
U12**	power supply	0.30	<u>930.90931</u>	8	0.06	<u>0.04</u>	<u>0.04</u>
U13**	gas supply	0.40	<u>108.40</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
U15**	communication facilities	0.80	<u>3294.403,294</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
U16**	radio and television facilities	0.80	<u>808.80809</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
U2**	environmental facilities	0.50	<u>140.50141</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
U21**	drainage facilities	0.45	<u>757.35</u>	<u>33523,352</u>	0.25	<u>94.22</u>	<u>96.50</u>
U22**	sanitation facilities	0.15	<u>197.40</u>	544	0.17	<u>3.444</u>	<u>3.535</u>
U31**	fire control facilities	0.30	<u>727.20</u>	0	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>



U9**	other public facilities	0.15	21.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
G2**	protection greenbelt	0.01	713.45	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
G3**	square land	0.08	1178.961179	2819228.192	0.41	230.44	233.69234
G1**	park green space	0.01	48264.8948,265	16080961.608,096	0.55	2211.922,212	2211.922,212
B3*	recreational and sports facilities	0.38	18234.6818,235	161216161,216	0.88	13540.9513,541	13540.9513,541

\* The estimated exposure value is the indoor property value; \*\* the estimated value is the value or cost per unit area.

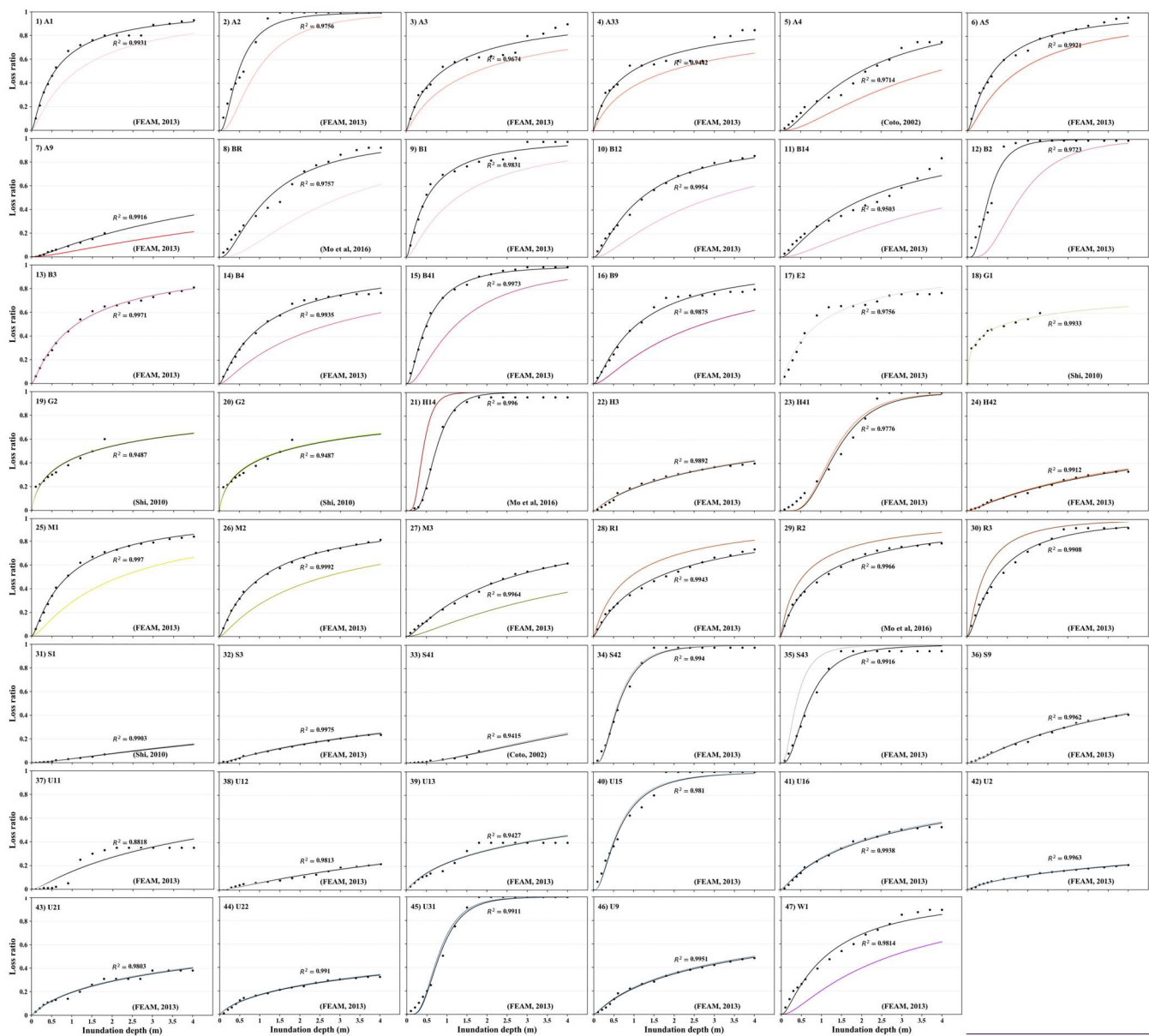


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Figure 6. Fitting and optimization of vulnerability curves of land use in Liandu District (The black dots refer to the inundation depth and loss ratio based on the reference, the black curve is the fitting result of the black dots by the lognormal CDF, and the color curve is the optimized result based on the disaster loss reporting).

The loss ratios of residential, industrial, commercial, warehousing, public management, and public service land are very high, mainly due to indoor properties being soaked or washed away by floods. As the inundation depth increases, the loss ratio increases rapidly. When the depth is higher than 3 m, the increase of loss ratio is not obvious.

The direct impact of floods on public facilities and roads is relatively small, and the loss ratio is generally low. However, the indirect loss caused by the suspension of roads, communications, and electricity is relatively large but is not calculated in this study. Green space and square land are less affected by floods, and the loss ratio is relatively low.



**Figure 6. Fitting and optimization of The scale parameters of the vulnerability curves of the land use type corresponding to each statistical indicator in Liandu District (The black curve is the fitting result, and the color curve is disaster report selected the optimized result).**

The same optimization coefficients are selected for coefficient, and the scale parameters of the same type of land use vulnerability curve and are coefficient was obtained by solving the nonlinear equation. The vulnerability curve of family property is stretched, that of infrastructure is stretched slightly, and those of public welfare facilities, industry, and commerce shrink. This comparison shows that the simulated loss after optimization is consistent with the disaster loss reporting, and the optimization effect is good (Table 2).

4.4 Distributions of the loss ratio and loss value

The loss ratio (Figure 7a) and loss value (Figure 7b) distributions of the flood disaster in Liandu District are obtained based on a spatial analyst algorithm.

Based on the land use type and value data, the inundation depth distribution, and the optimized vulnerability functions of the land use, the distribution of loss ratio (Figure 7a) and loss value (Figure 7b) of Liandu district were estimated by the method in step 3 of Section 3.3.

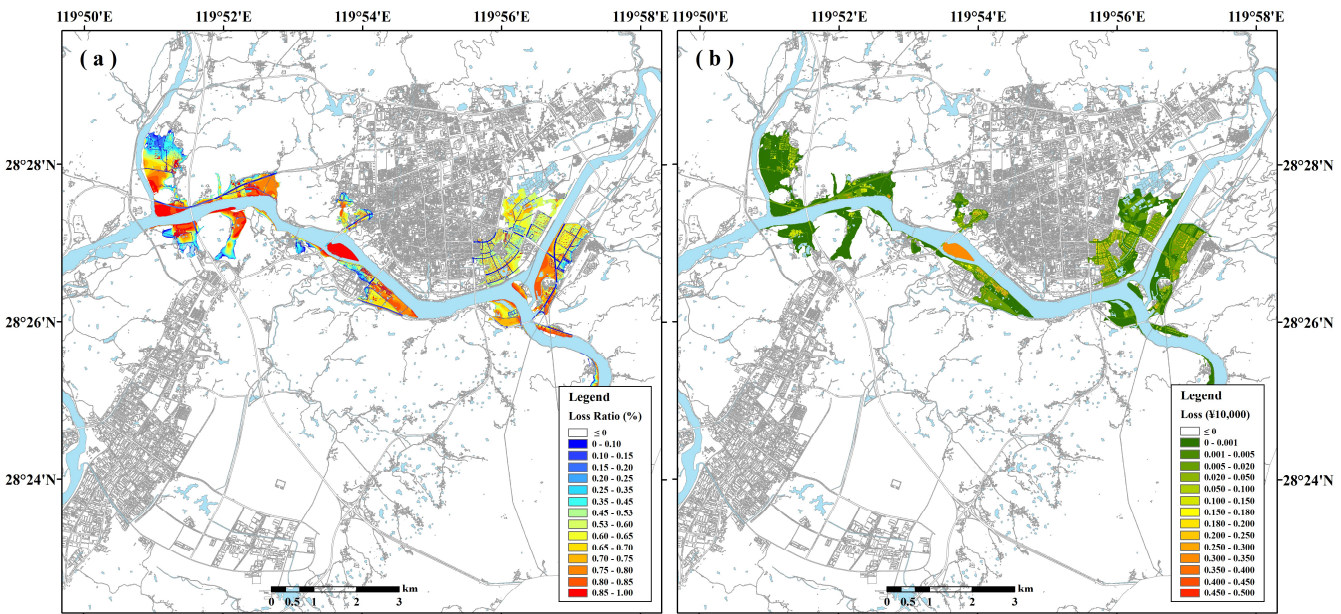


Figure 7. Spatial distribution of the flood loss ratio (a) and loss values (b) in the central urban area of Liandu District in 2014.

Due to the high inundation depth at the river confluence and both sides of the river as well as the wide distribution of agricultural land in the area, the mean loss ratio of these areas is approximately 0.63. The submerged inundation depth of the island is more than 7 m, and there are entertainment facilities on it, so the loss ratio is more than 0.6. In addition, the submerged inundation depth on both sides of the Hao River is more than 1 m. The west side of the river is mainly residential land, and the east side is the Lishui railway station, so the indoor property loss ratio is high. However, traffic land is less directly affected by floods, so the loss ratio is less than 0.2 (Figure 7a).

The loss value of a flood disaster is affected by the unit value and loss ratio of the land use. Therefore, the distribution characteristics of the loss ratio and loss value are different. The loss ratio of this flood is relatively high, but due to the wide distribution of agricultural land in the submerged area, the loss value per unit area is low. The loss ratio and unit area value of recreational and sports facilities, residential, industrial, commercial, public management, and public service facilities are high, so the loss values are also high. The loss ratio of traffic facilities is very low, yet the loss value is relatively high due to the high construction cost (Figure 7b).



Liandu ~~Distriet~~district is surrounded by high mountains, and the overland flow, affected by the topography, was formed by rainfall flowing into the Da River through the rivers in the north. The occurrences of heavy rainfall in the middle and upper reaches of the Oujiang River are similar, causing the whole basin to experience the flood peak period at the same time, which is not conducive to flood diversion efforts. To relieve the flood pressure on the basin, the Jinshuitan Reservoir was opened twice. At the same time, rapid urbanization has brought about great changes in the morphology of river channels and waters. These factors caused the river's water level to rise rapidly, overtopping the flood dyke and submerging low-lying areas along the riverbed. In addition, due to the high population density and highly concentrated economy in the northern area of Liandu ~~Distriet~~district, serious economic losses will inevitably occur when floods exceed the fortification standard of dyke.

## 5 Conclusion and discussion

The research and verification of the refined assessment of single-flood disaster loss was carried out by utilizing the refined types and values of land use and quantitative vulnerability curves, and the main conclusions are as follows.

The 47 types of land use ~~type~~ data obtained by the fusion of vector and raster data overcome the limitations of the original data. This procedure not only refines the data into detailed urban land use types but also has a high spatial resolution. In addition, in the absence of a comprehensive and detailed survey of exposure data, the unit area costs or asset values obtained through the collection of written ~~sources and a survey of experts via~~materials and expert questionnaires can reflect the overall distribution of the value of the exposure data to a questionnaire are more reasonable. The ~~land use~~ types and values of land use constructed by the above methods provide ~~fine~~precise and reasonable ~~disaster-bearing bodies~~exposure data for ~~athe~~ refined assessment of disaster losses, ~~thus laying a data foundation~~.

Based on lognormal cumulative distribution function fitting and scale parameter optimization, the vulnerability curves of 47 land use types ~~of disaster-bearing bodies~~ accurately reflect the characteristics of the land use loss ratio ~~of the disaster-bearing bodies~~ varying with the submerged inundation depth in Liandu ~~Distriet~~district and provide a reliable stagedepth damage function curve for refined loss assessment. Among these ~~disaster-bearing bodies~~land use types, residential, industrial, commercial, public management, and storage land are seriously affected by flooding. Other land uses are relatively less affected, and the loss ratio increases slowly. In the absence of a large amount of post-disaster field survey data, the method proposed in this study can be used to construct vulnerability curves in accordance with the regional situation.

A refined assessment model of the direct economic loss of a single flood disaster is constructed in accordance with the regional characteristics based on the refined research and verification of each link in the disaster loss assessment. The estimated spatial distributions of the loss ratio and loss value of the flood disaster accurately reflect the intensity and spatial pattern of disaster loss ~~and provide scientific guidance for disaster prevention, mitigation,~~ which is conducive to the government's rational deployment of rescue forces and effective emergency rescue. ~~In addition to assistance, especially in areas with severe disasters to increase rescue forces and evacuate the people in time to reduce losses to a certain extent. Expect for~~ park green space, recreational and sports facilities, and agricultural and forestry land, the ~~losses~~total loss of other land use types after

380 optimization ~~are consistent with the loss reporting~~is 322.6 million yuan, which is 510,000 yuan higher than the loss report data.  
The error between the two is relatively small, indicating that the loss assessment model of this study can be effectively applied  
to this area.

The loss assessment model constructed in this study can be used to estimate flood disaster losses under ~~different~~various  
climate change and ~~socio-economic-development~~ scenarios, providing a basis for flood risk assessment and management in  
385 small- and medium-sized cities. This, in turn, will help the government formulate reasonable climate adaptation policies and  
sponge city planning. (MHURD, 2014).

In this study, only the inundation and disaster loss reporting of one precipitation event are collected, thereby affecting, to a  
certain extent, the optimization results of the vulnerability curves. In the future, the data of several precipitation events will be  
collected to better calibrate the vulnerability curves and render the final optimized vulnerability curves more suitable for the  
390 region. Furthermore, the flood disaster caused serious direct economic losses to Liandu ~~Distriet~~district. The disaster also  
stimulated a large amount of disaster relief investment, even as it disrupted public services and traffic, caused production losses  
for companies outside the flooded area, reduced agricultural production, and affected related industries (~~Jonkman et al.,~~  
2008)(Jonkman et al., 2008). Therefore, it is necessary to carry out further research regarding the refined assessment of the  
indirect economic losses of flood disasters.

395 **Code and data availability.** The data used in the study are available at <https://github.com/Haixia-Zhang/Flood-loss-assessment.git>

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