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Physics-guided statistical modelling of flood inundation for rapid deployment

用于快速部署的洪水淹没物理指导统计 模型

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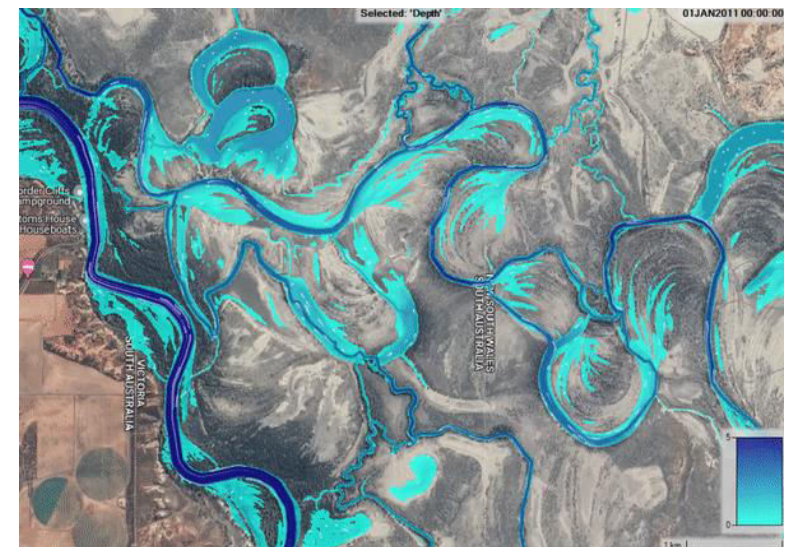
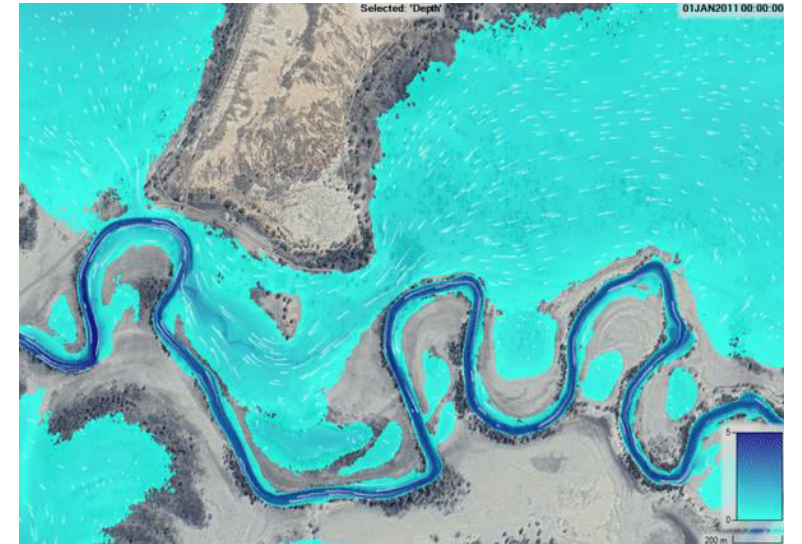
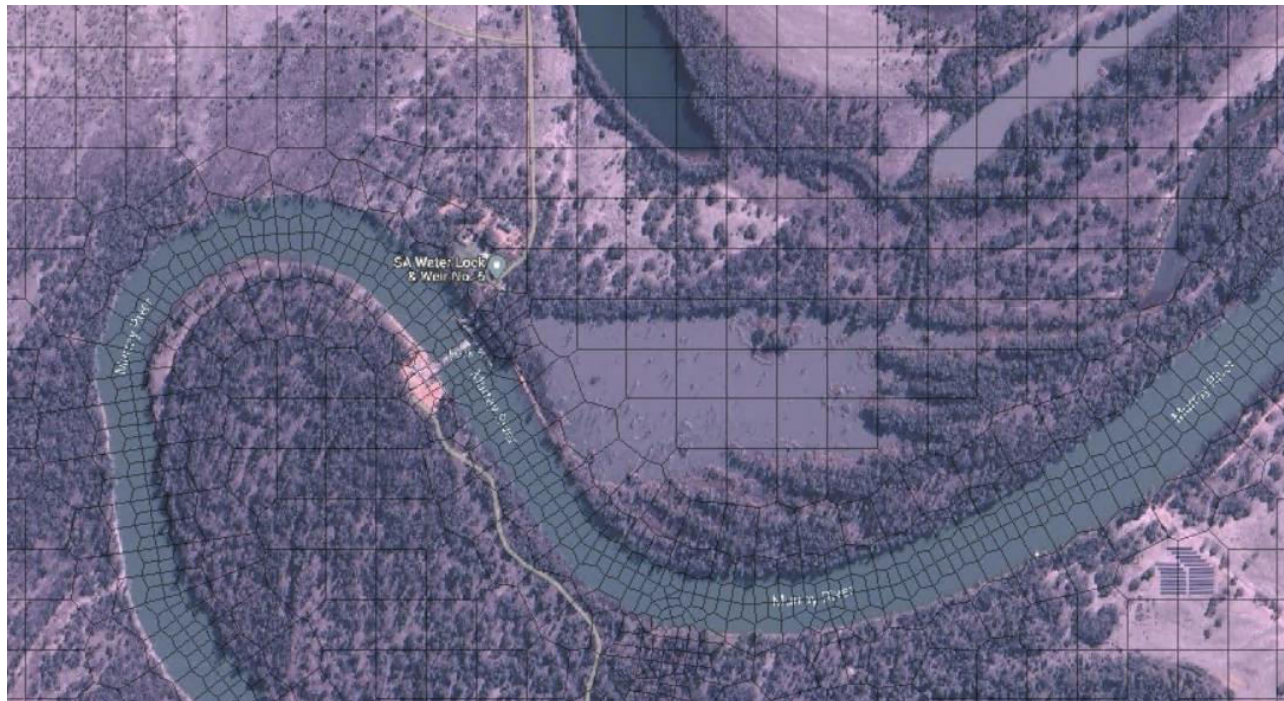
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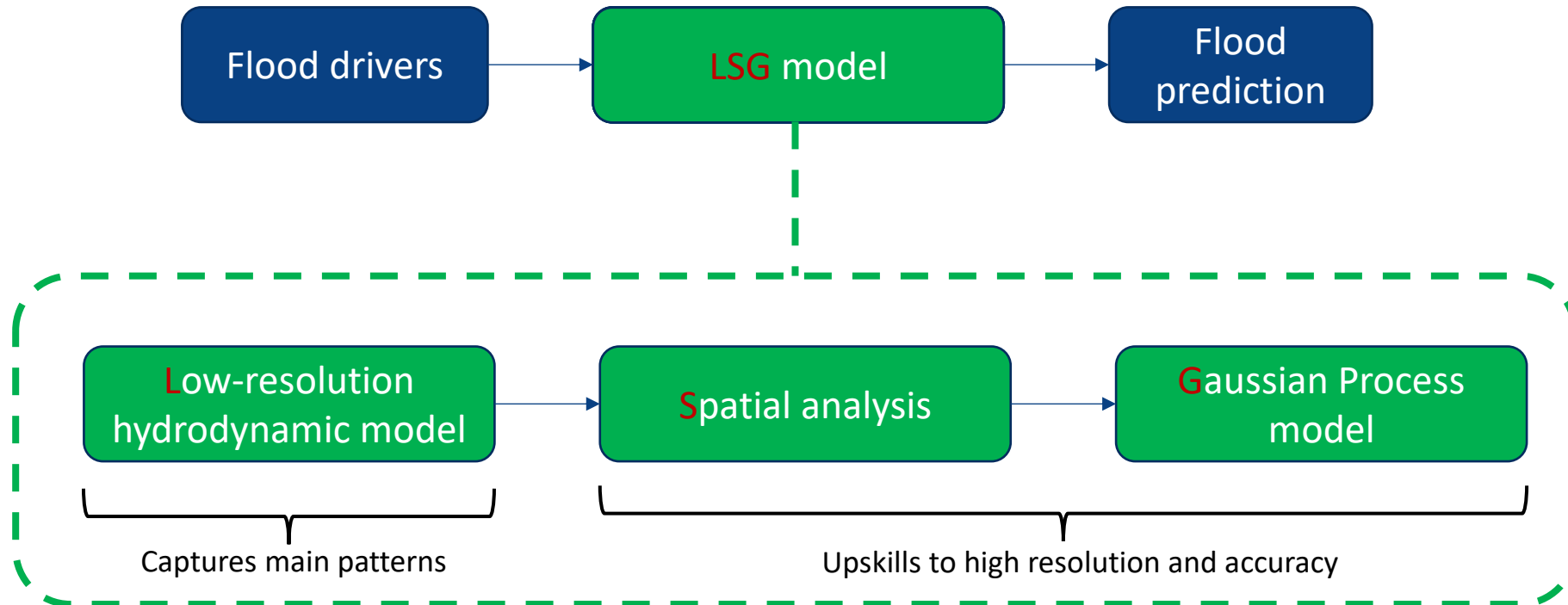
The problem: flood inundation modelling

问题：洪水淹没模拟

- Hydrodynamic models (MIKE, TUFLOW, HEC-RAS)



Our approach 我们的方法



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Feature/pattern matching ?





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- Statistical upskilling/calibration of the reduced variables 改进/校准减维后的变量
- Reverse back to high dimensions 反算回到高维



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- Reducing dimensions 减维
 - Empirical orthogonal function (EOF) analysis 经验正交函数分析
- Statistical upskilling/calibration of the reduced variables 改进/校准减维后的变量
 - Gaussian process 高斯过程

Reverse back to high dimensions 反算回到高维

- Reverse EOF analysis

Case studies

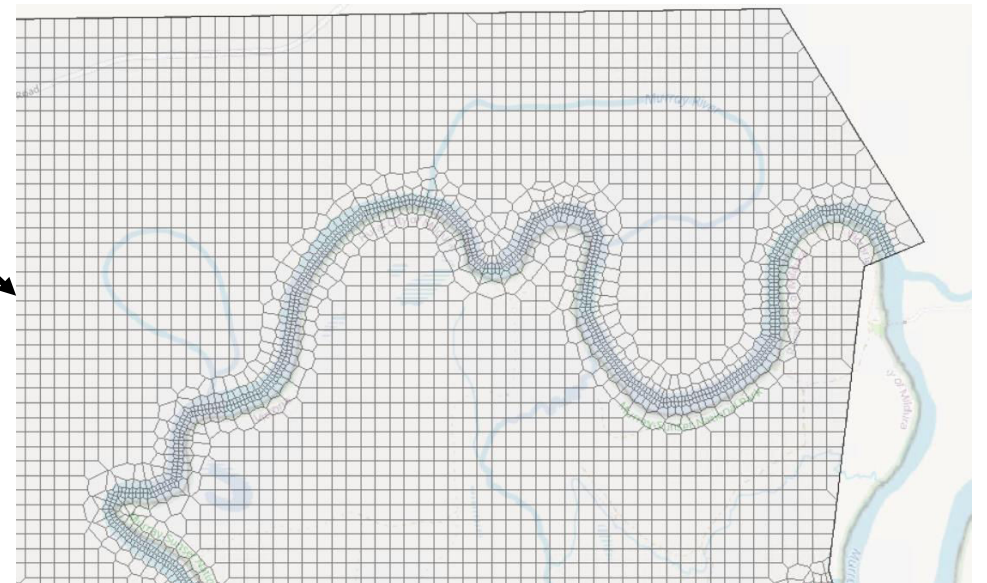
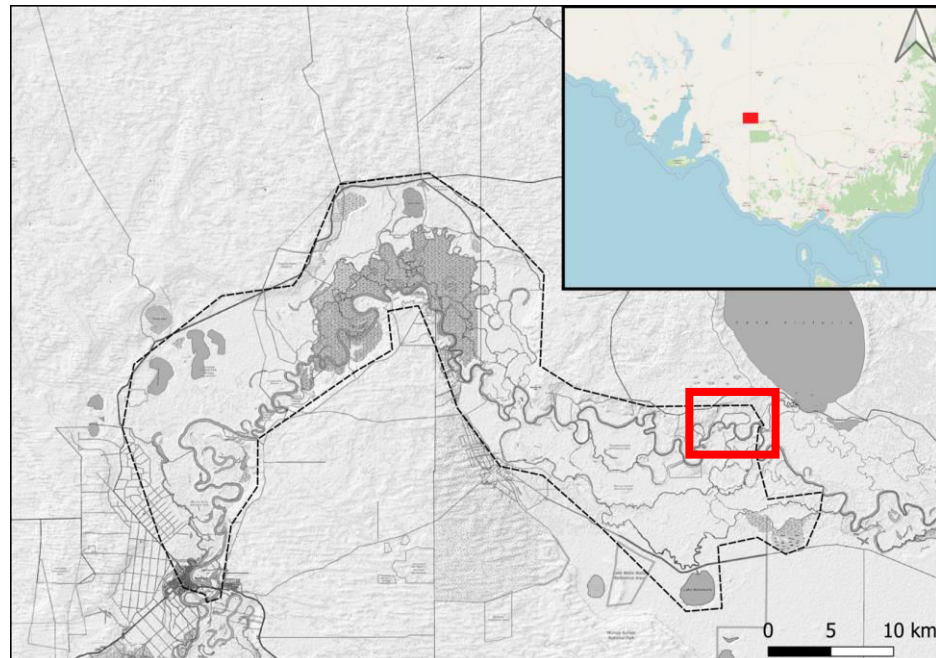
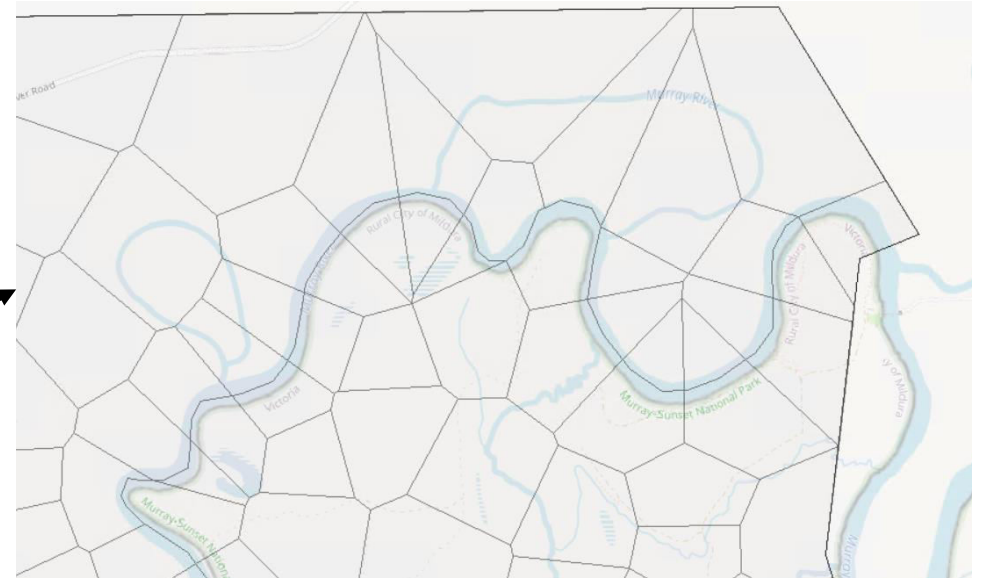
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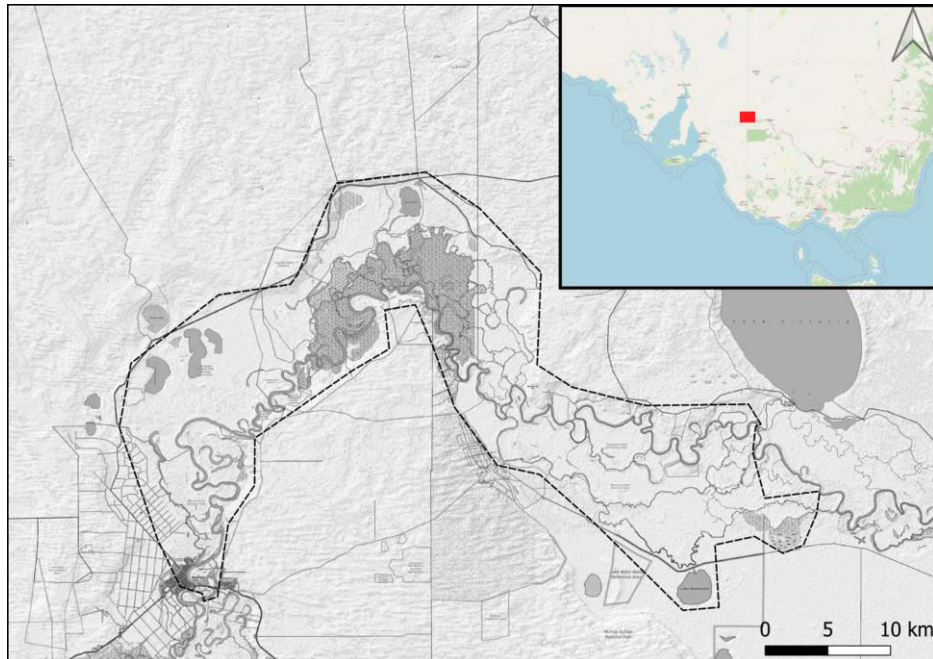
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Burnett river (1,479 km²)

- Coastal river
- Steep and canyon like topography
- Fast flowing water

Low-resolution model: HEC-RAS (15,256 cells)

High-resolution model: TUFLOW (3,697,597 cells)



Results – Computational time

结果 - 计算时间

Chowilla floodplain (3.5 month event)

Low-resolution model: HEC-RAS

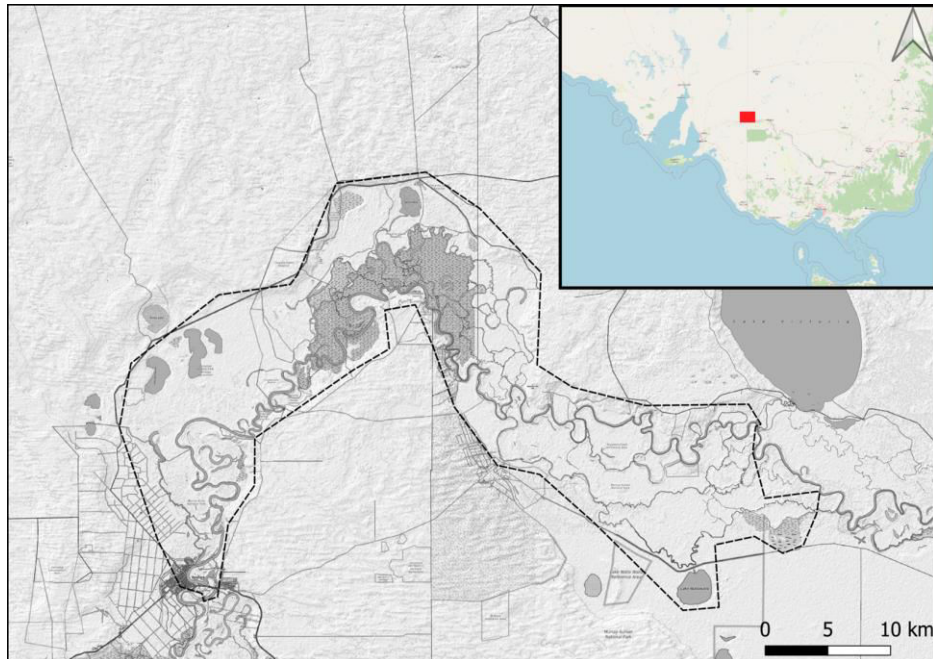
- 28 s

Upskilling

- 5 s

High-resolution model: HEC-RAS

- 10 hr 43 min 34 s



Burnett river (430 hr event)

Low-resolution model: HEC-RAS

- 10 s

Upskilling

- 17 s

High-resolution model: TUFLOW

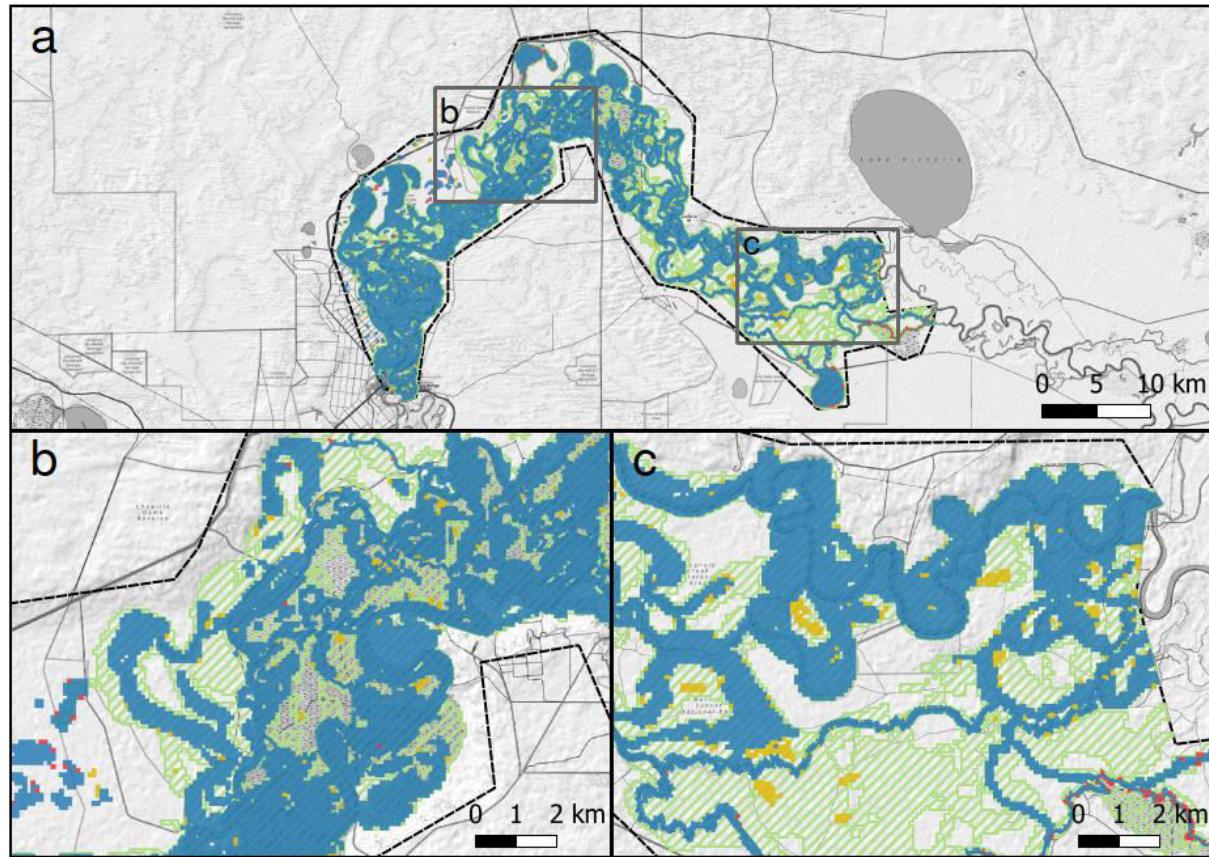
- 36 hr 20 min 0 s



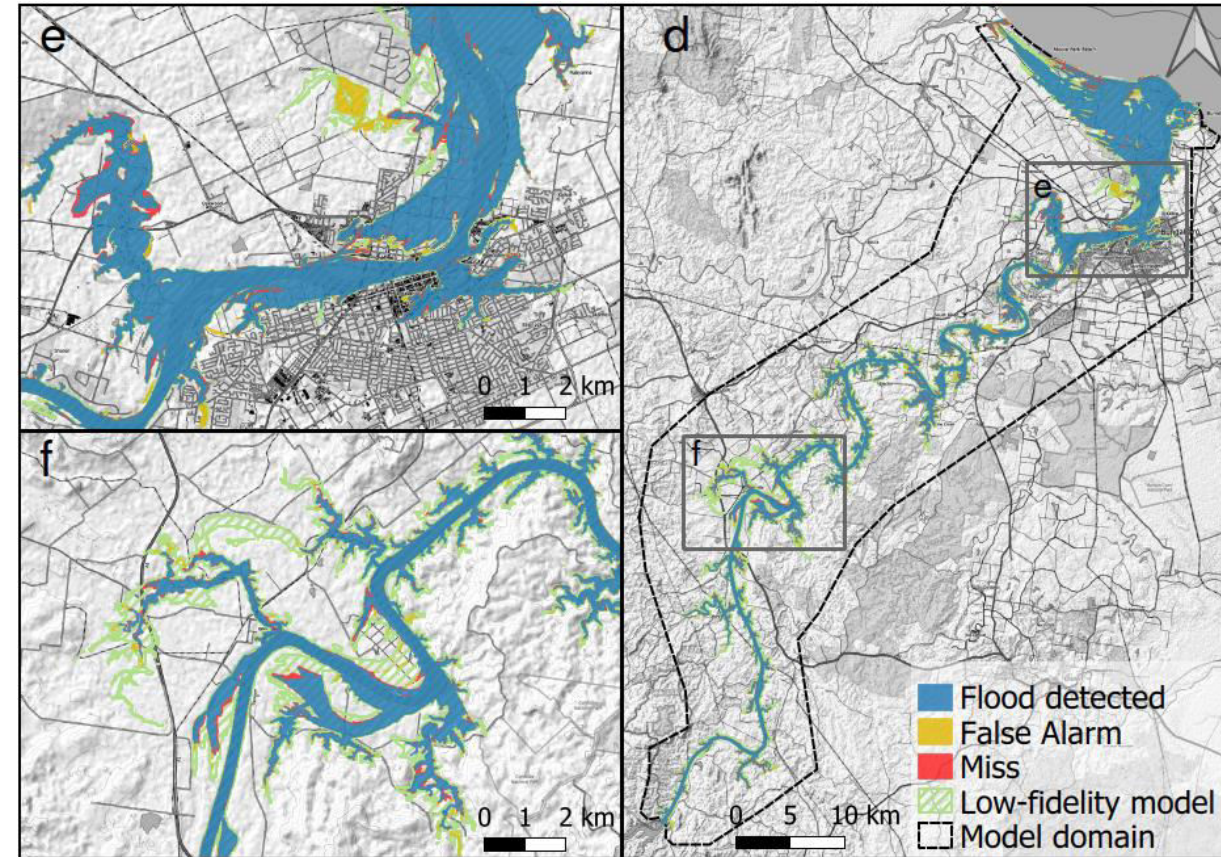
Results – Inundation extent

结果 - 淹没范围

Chowilla floodplain



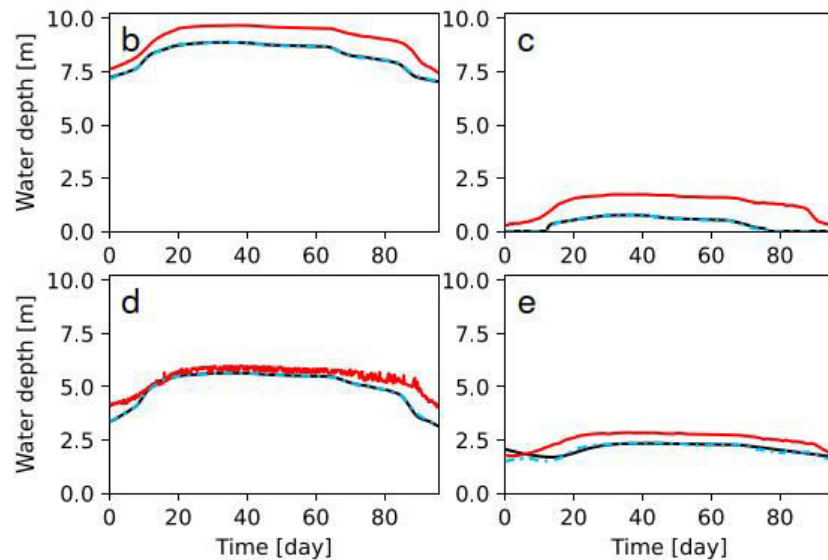
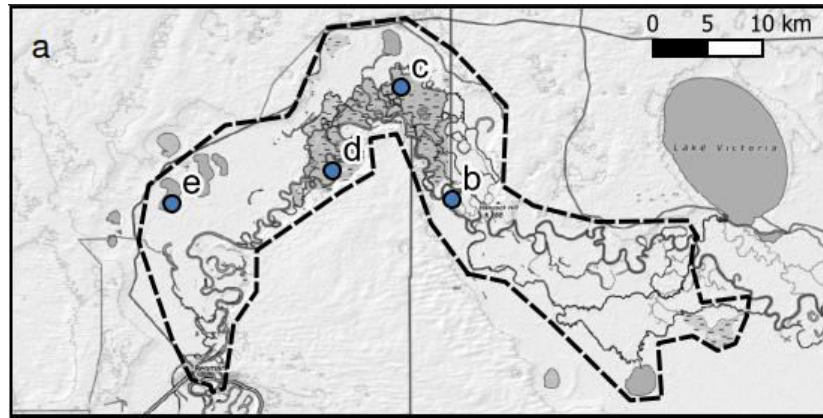
Burnett river



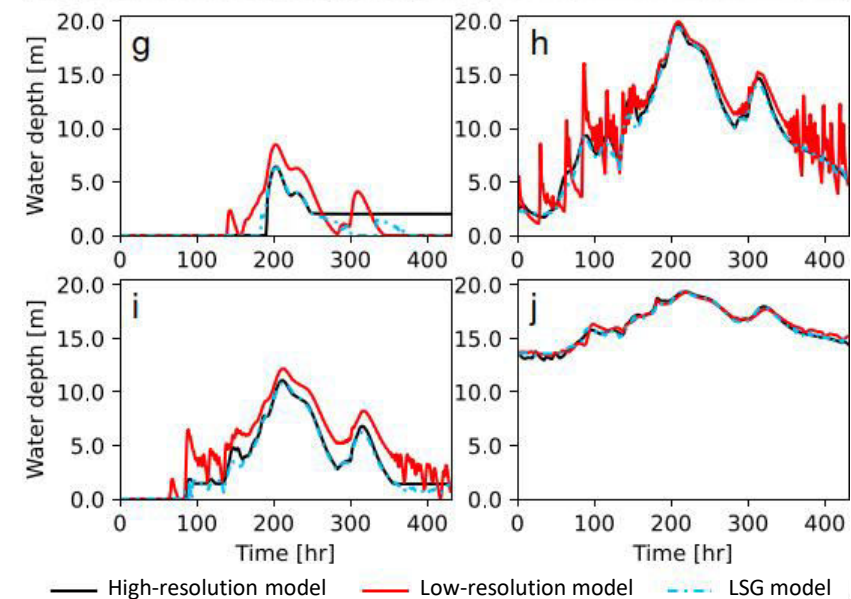
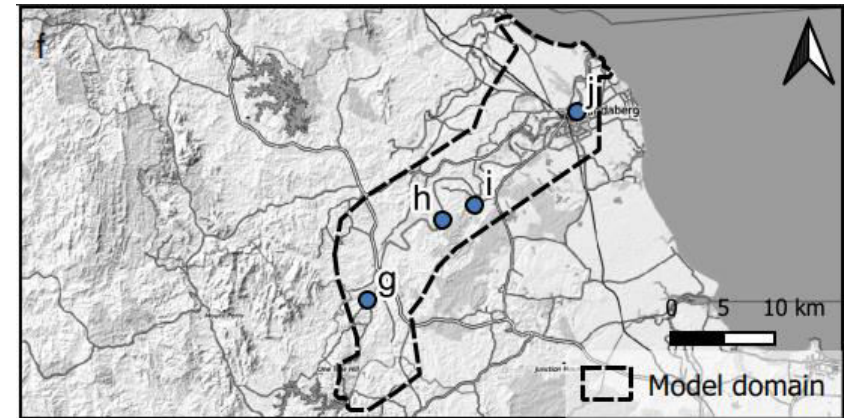
Results – Water depth

结果 – 淹没深度

Chowilla floodplain



Burnett river





Conclusions 结论

- The LSG model compared to traditional high-resolution models
 - Over 1000 times faster
 - Has similar accuracy
- Real-time flood forecasts for large domains
- Informed decisions by emergency response
- Probabilistic design flood for infrastructure planning



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