

An Adaptable Framework to Reduce the Flood Risk Under Climate Change Scenarios - A Case Study in Taipei Basin

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An Acceptable Framework to Predict the Flood Stage Under Climate Change Scenarios – A Case Study in Taipei Basin

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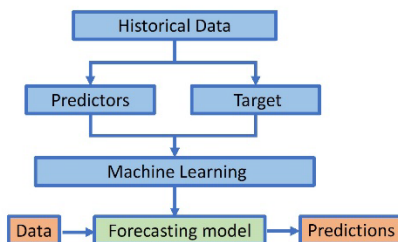
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Abstract

The Summary for Policymakers (IPCC, 2014) indicated that climate change is continuing in this century. In Taiwan, the flood risk in the capital, Taipei City, is expected to increase due to its low altitude and extreme rainfall in the near future. In order to deal with the thorny problem, this study aims to apply support vector machines(SVMs) to develop a hourly typhoon flood stage forecasting model under 4 scenarios(RCP 2.6, 4.5, 6, 8.5) in the near future(2021-2040). Firstly, rainfall data were applied as input from the Central Weather Bureau and Water Resources Agency. The data of river stage from Taipei Bridge station were collected as target for river stage forecasting as well. Secondly, the Taiwan Climate Change Projection and Information Platform Project offers future projections with a spatial resolution of 5km * 5km in which some key factors for the flood risk such as temperature (°C) and increase of precipitation(%). Finally, 18 historical flood events and 2 typhoon events name AERE(2004) and HAITANG(2005) were used to calibrate and validate the forecasting model, respectively. Moreover, the 2 typhoon events were also applied to estimate the future stage under 4 scenarios based on the increase of precipitation.

Key words: support vector machines, river stage forecasting, climate change

Flow chart



Study Area and Data Set

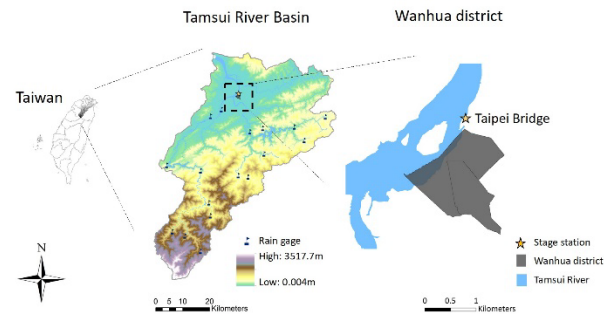


Figure 1. Study area and the locations of hydrological stations

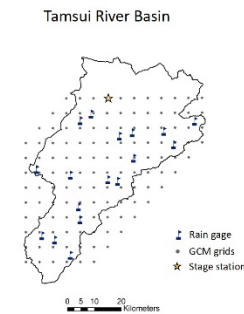
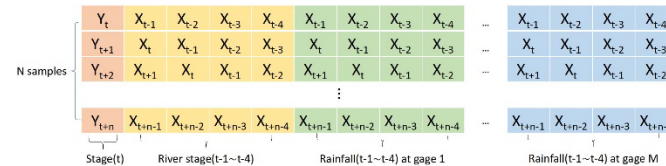


Figure 2. Distribution of rain gauge and GCM grids

Forecasting model

Training function



Test function

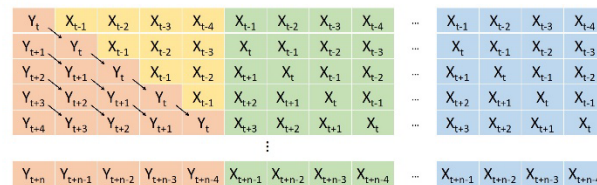


Table 1. Train and test events

No	Event	Date
1	DUIJUAN	2015-09-27
2	SOUELOIR	2015-08-06
3	FUNG-WONG	2014-09-19
4	MATMO	2014-07-21
5	USAGI	2013-09-19
6	TRAMI	2013-08-20
7	SOULIK	2013-07-11
8	TEMBIN	2012-08-21
9	SAOLA	2012-07-30
10	NANMADOL	2011-08-27
11	MEGI	2010-10-21
12	FANAPI	2010-09-17
13	MORAKOT	2009-08-05
14	JANGMI	2008-09-26
15	SINLUKU	2008-09-11
16	FUNG WONG	2008-07-26
17	KALMAEGI	2008-07-16
18	MINDULLE	2004-06-28
19	AERE	2004-08-23
20	HAITANG	2005-07-16

Training data Testing data

Results

Testing event (SCC : 0.897)

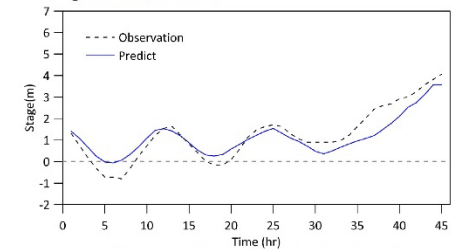


Figure 3. The river stage simulation of typhoon AERE (2004)

Testing event under 4 scenarios

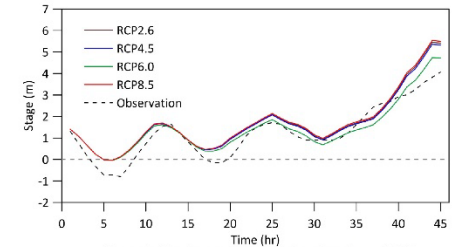


Figure 4. The river stage simulation of typhoon AERE (2021-2040)

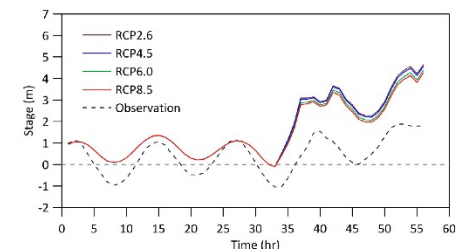


Figure 5. The river stage simulation of typhoon HAITANG (2021-2040)

Conclusions

1. This study applies machine learning method-SVMs to construct an acceptable stage forecasting model in Taipei basin.
2. The prediction of river stage forecasting model on testing event - AERE(2004) shows appropriate performance which squared correlation coefficient is 0.897.
3. Finally, this study assumes that two new typhoons strong as testing events – AERE and HAITANG will make landfall in Taiwan again during 2021-2040. And the rainfall of these two future typhoon at each station under 4 scenarios are estimated by the increase of precipitation(%) at each GCM grid. The results show the river stage will increase 1-2 m in the pick of stage.