



# UTILIZATION OF FLOOD PREVENTION FUNCTION OF PADDIES AS AN ADAPTIVE COUNTER-MEASURE



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- 1) In 2011 Cho Phraya R. B. in Thailand experienced a heavy storm in June, followed by tropical low-pressure storms from July thr. Sep. It continued into Oct.
  - North & Central low lands → regional floods
- 2) ① Total rainfall = 1.2 -1.8 times of the normal (1/50-y R.P.) → ② Damage in low-lying agri. Lands, ③ Destructive one in Industrial & residential areas of North-Central BKK
- 3) What kind of roles were carried out by water storage of paddies adjacent to the megalopolis against urban floods ?



## Chao Phraya R. Basin and Important Agricultural Facilities [Thailand]

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Catchment Area: 160,000km<sup>2</sup>

- i) **Upstream**: Ping Wang, Yom, Nan Rivers joints at Nakhon Sawan.
- ii) **Downstream**: a delta area with elevation below 20m
- iii) **Huge** perennial-stor.-type **dams** (irrig. & hydro-power): **Bhumibol** (S.C., 13.5 bill.m<sup>3</sup>) and **Sirikit** (9.5 b.m<sup>3</sup>) **Dams**



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## Characteristics or the Targeted Irrigation Paddies

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Target area: 2,500km<sup>2</sup>

- i) RID controls and manages **Diversion Dam** at Chainat for irrigation and floods.
- ii) At Ayuthaya, Pasak River (14,500km<sup>2</sup>) with a **dam** (flood control, 0.96 bill.m<sup>3</sup>) joints.
- iii) **An irrigated paddy region (5 sections, 2,260km<sup>2</sup>)** ringed by the main stream, the Chainat-Pasak Canal and the Pasak River



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## State of the Flood and Damage

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### Upstream

- 1 month early rain start + successive 6 storms
  - Full storage at Bhumibol D. (early Oct.) and Sirikit D. (early Sep.)
- ↓
- 1) **No rooms** to store floods by the Dams
  - 2) Flooding at Nakcon Sawan (Sep.), Max dis.:  $4,690\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  (10/13) [Left overflow  $Q > 2,500\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ ]

### Downstream

- Upstream floods return to the main stream thr. tributaries
- ↓
- 1) Max:  $3,700\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  on 21 Sep.
  - 2) Overflows and **dike breaks** (10 pts., 9/14-10/7)
  - 3) **Devastating floods** at BKK (business areas)

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## Record Flood in the lower Chao Phraya River (2011, Bangkok, Thailand)

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Black part: flooded area

Along  
Ntnl.  
Road  
No.1



Industrial  
area of  
Japanese  
companies



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## Flooding Situation in the lower Chao Phraya River

Don Mueang  
Intl. Airport



Flooding along Rangsit  
Canal, north of BKK  
(Road: evacuation  
parking)



Flood  
protection by  
sand bags



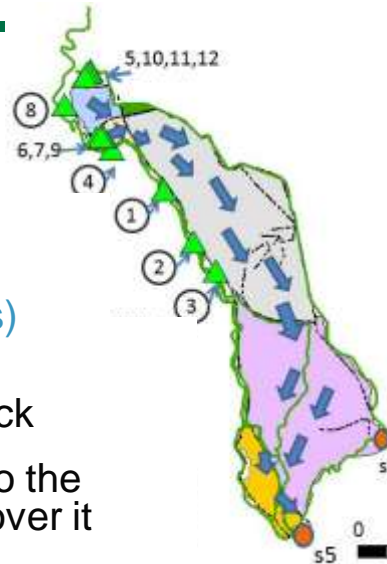
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## Flood Storage Function of Paddy Areas to the Total Delta

### Assumed flooding process in paddies

- i) Flooded water thr. dike breaks: stored in a divided block by **main roads and/or river dikes (served as roads)**
- ii) Fulfilled in a block → **Weir flow** over roads → Next block
- iii) At the end, drained back into the Pasak River or discharged over it into the downstream



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## Flooding Process in Paddy Areas (1)

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*Photo:* Flooding process (2<sup>nd</sup> Dike with road function as No. ⑧)



*Photo* Right side: paddy area, The left: drainage canal, **main road** (out of photo), and paddy area

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## Flooding Process in Paddy Areas (2)

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(a) Flow from the upper-left to the lower-right



(b) Flow from the left to the right

*Photo* Situation of the **flow on main roads** after when **fully stored in paddy area** (left)

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## Flood Marks

Max.  
Flood  
Depth



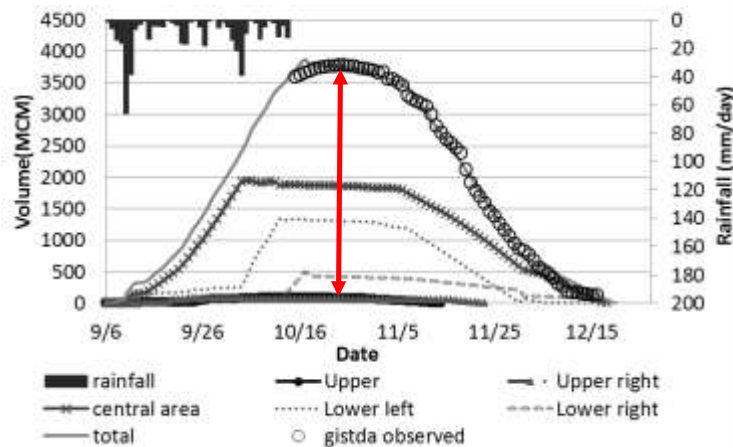
Photo: Flood mark on utility poles (overflow from the left to the right); the overflow starts on the road with the left paddies filled full of water.



## Transition of Paddy Storage Based on the Flooding Process

Flooded  
volume  
estimated

Maximum  
volume







## Conclusion

1. We analyzed the 2011 catastrophic flood due to consecutive rainfall in Thailand and surmised flood processes in paddies.
2. We estimated the effects of flood storage by paddy regions for the devastation flood in the Chao Phraya River.
3. The precise model development of a seamless calculation for agricultural water use and flood for the whole basin including urban areas (just undergoing) → Integration of flood storage by paddies in emergency into watershed management → Non-structural management

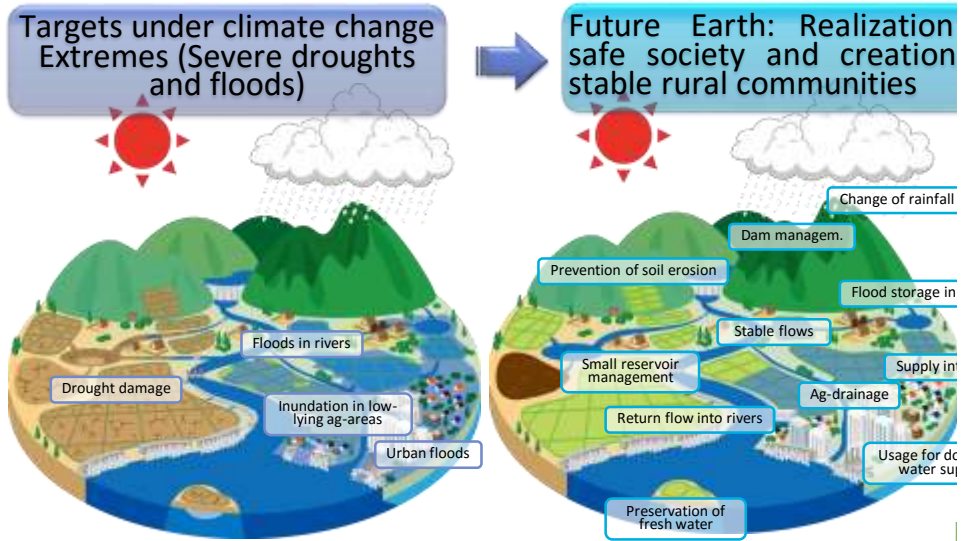


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Thank you for your attention.



## [Proposal] Final Goal of the Management

- Future image (CC adaptation, Adaptive managem.)



## Quantification of Roles of Paddies

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### [A] Adaptation of flood prev. function of Paddies

- 1) Situation of flooding without paddy storage?
  - Without dike breaks ?
  - Assuming overflow ?
  - With all the volume flowed to the downstream ?
- 2) Details for activating its func. (Flood management) ?
  - Type selection of facilities
  - Problem of flood insurance
  - Determination of paddy levees
  - Selection of urgent pumping management
- 3) Comparison of future measures against floods

### [B] Other causes ?

- 1) Affect of the release of Pasak Dam flooding in and around Ayutthaya area
- 2) Others