

# Hydromechanical model of land subsidence in Chousui River Alluvial Fan

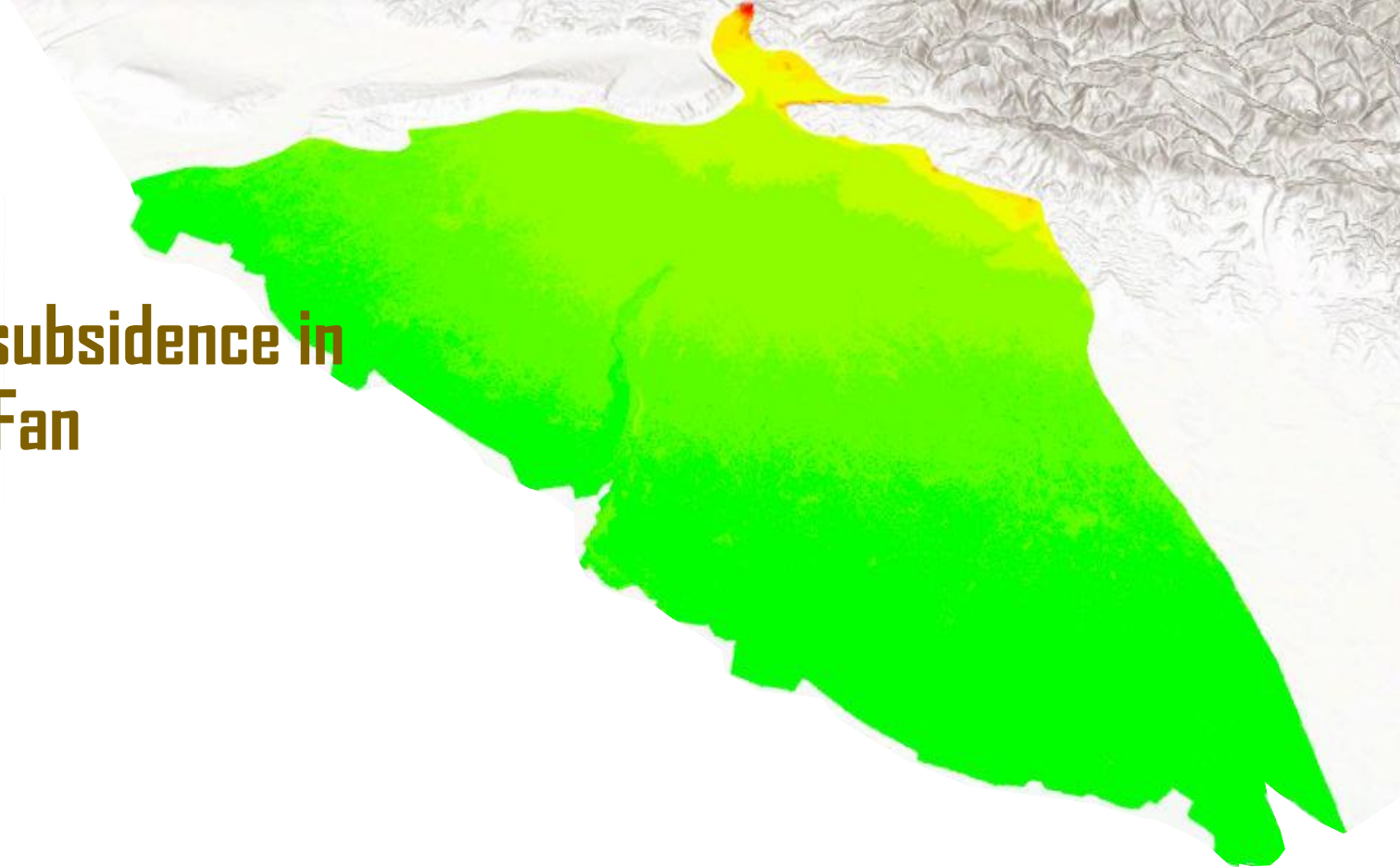


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# Outline



**i**ntroduction



**m**ethodology



**P**reliminary  
result



**S**ummary and conclusion



**f**uture work

## What is land subsidence?

- Land subsidence is a sudden sinking or gradual settling of the Earth's surface (Hoffmann et al. 2003)
- Extend for a long period of time (months to years)

## Distribution

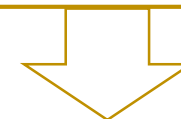
Alluvial basins or coastal plains.

## Problem related to subsidence

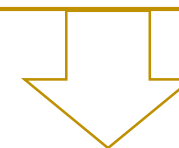
Structure failure, flooding, intrusion of seawater

## The Causes Of Land Subsidence

- Growths of population and economy
- Surface water resources are insufficient to meet the demand

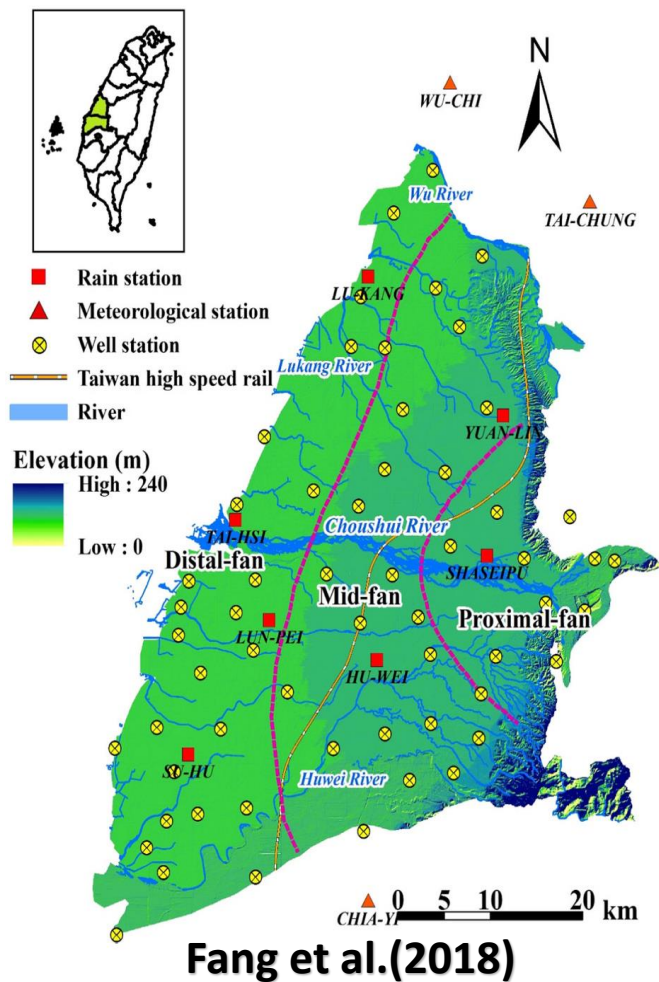


- Excessive use of groundwater

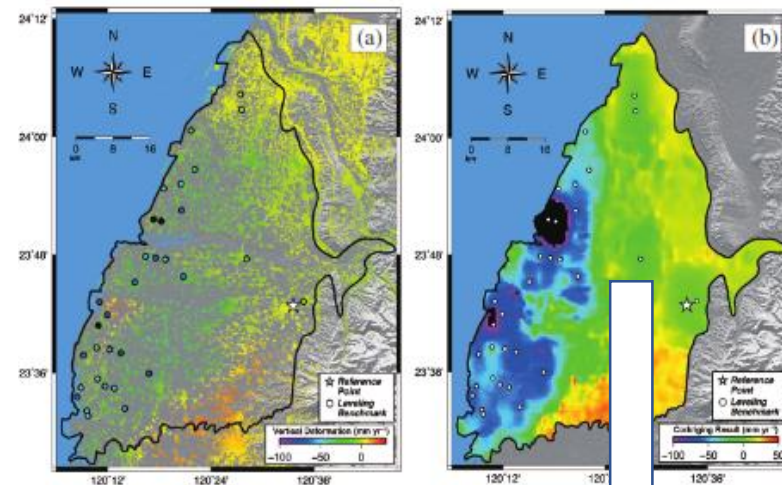


- Triggered Land Subsidence

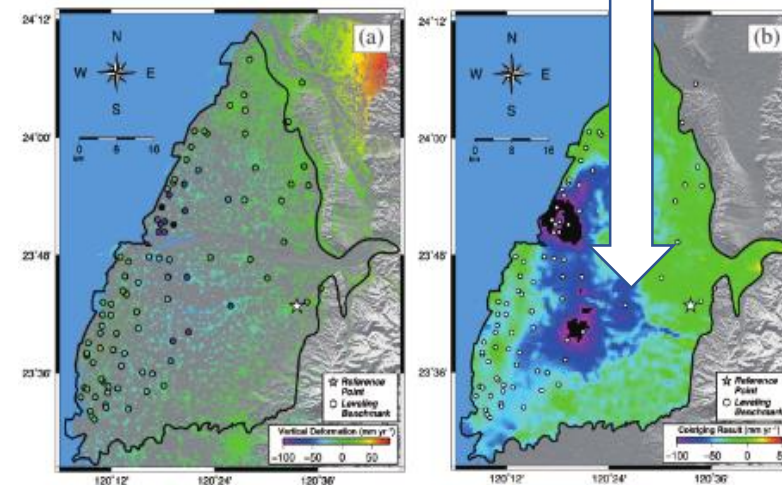
CRAF suffered severely from land subsidence



The pumping of groundwater has been restricted !!!



Change in pattern of subsidence area



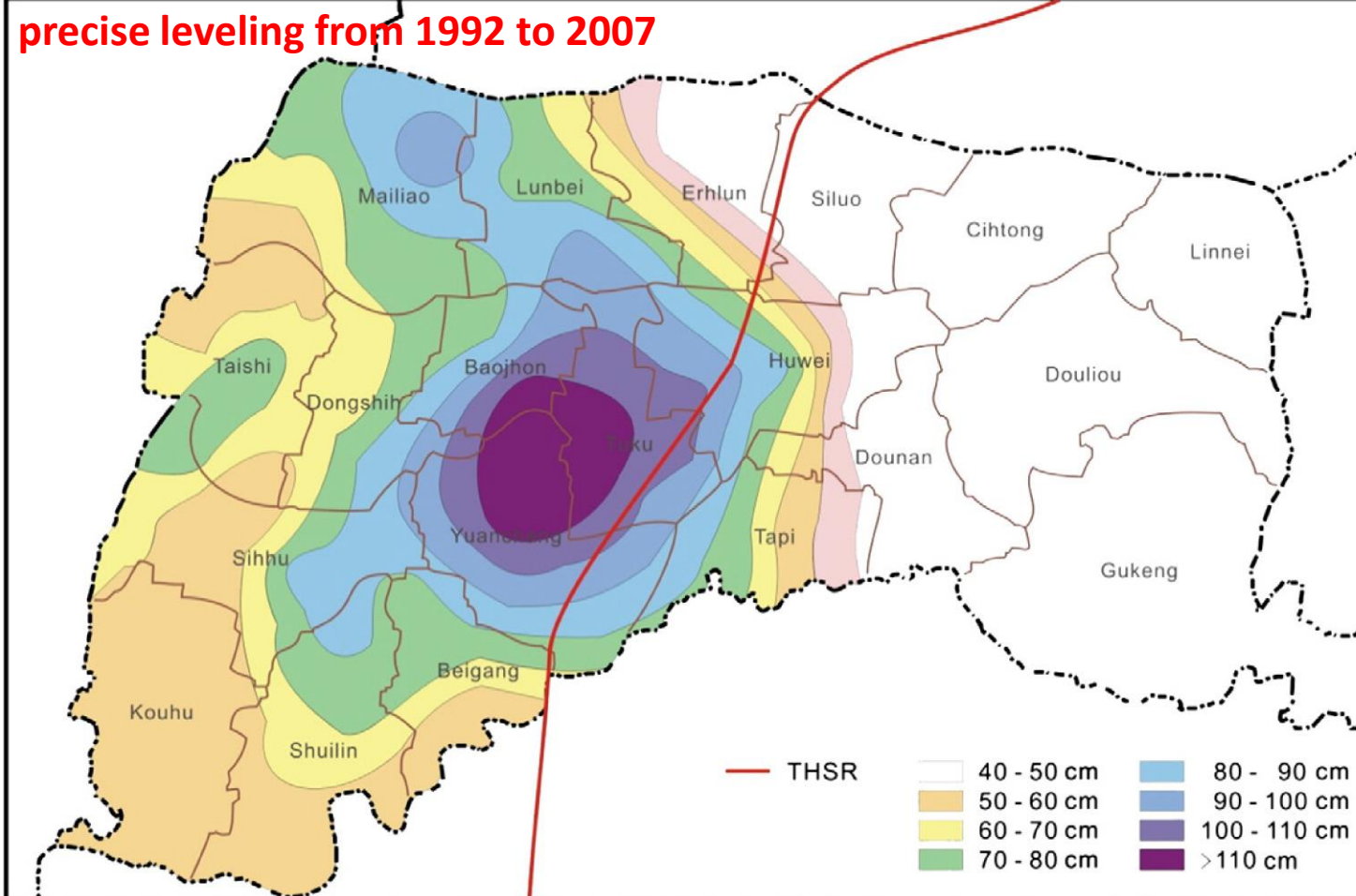
data obtained between 1998 and 2003

The high demands of agriculture, aquaculture, industry and domestic water

precise leveling and PSI

Lu et al. (2016)





Maximum cumulative land subsidence

**> 110 cm !!!**

## 1. Excessive groundwater pumping

More than 100,000 wells installed

## 2. Unconsolidated alluvial layer

Gravel, Sand, silt, mud and clay

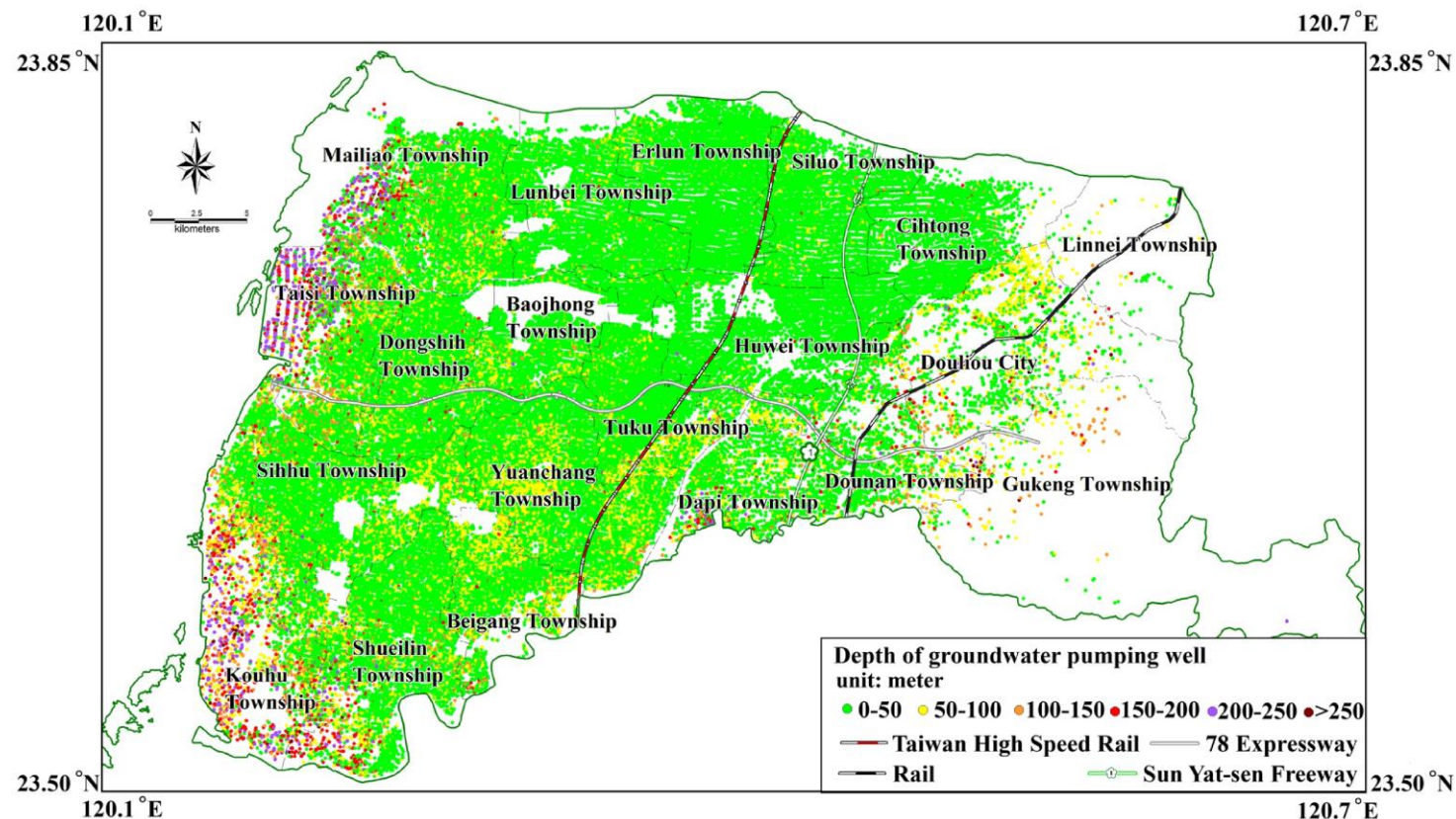
## 3. Groundwater recharge aren't sufficient

The rainfall in the Yunlin area varies greatly

## 4. Aquaculture & Agriculture

>> 4010 ha (year 2002)

Lin et al.(2016)



Hung et al.(2021)

**Annual Recharge:**

551.89 million m<sup>3</sup>

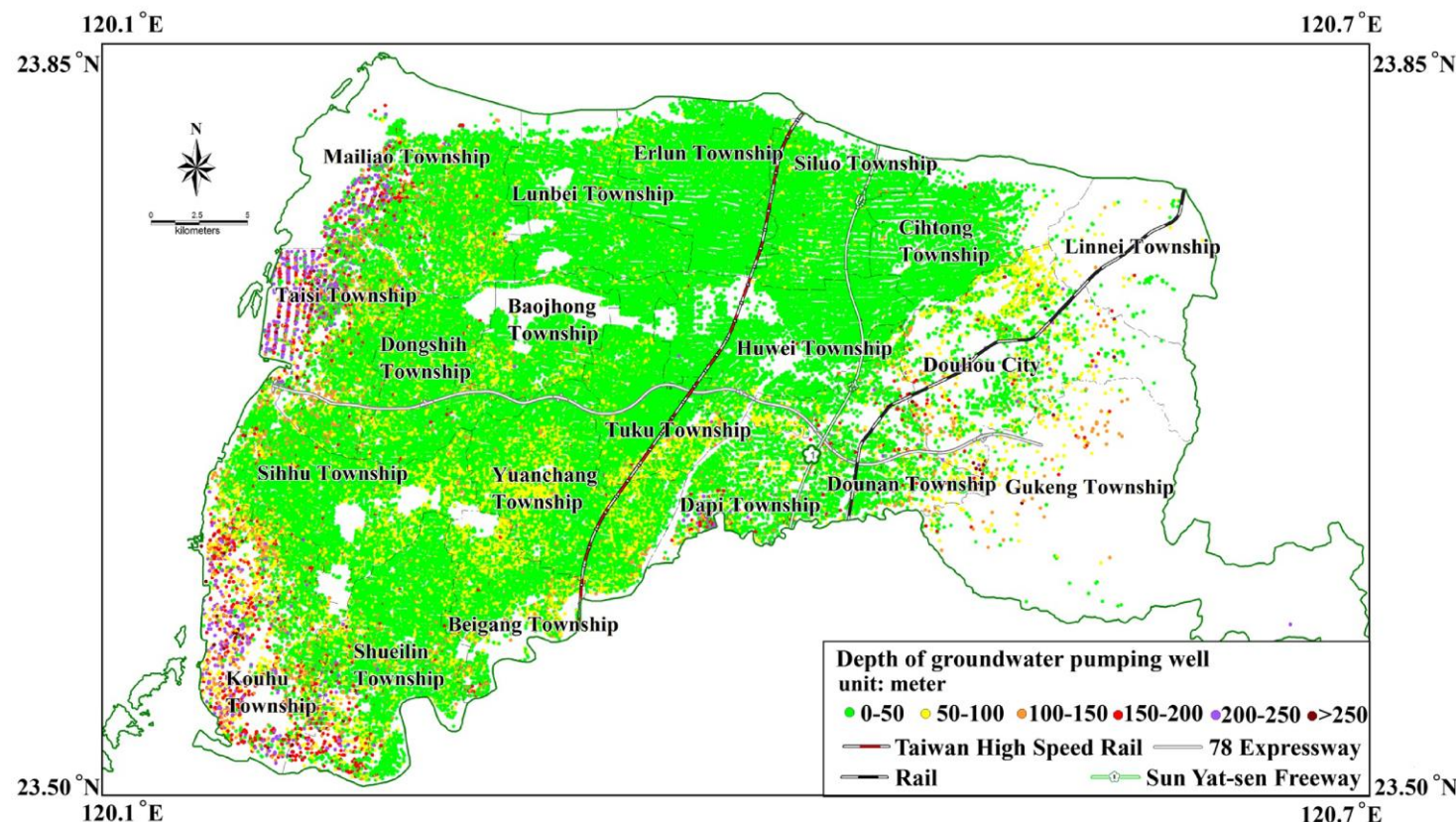
**Withdrawal:**

745.37 million m<sup>3</sup>

**Aquaculture:**

471.76 million m<sup>3</sup> (63.3 %)

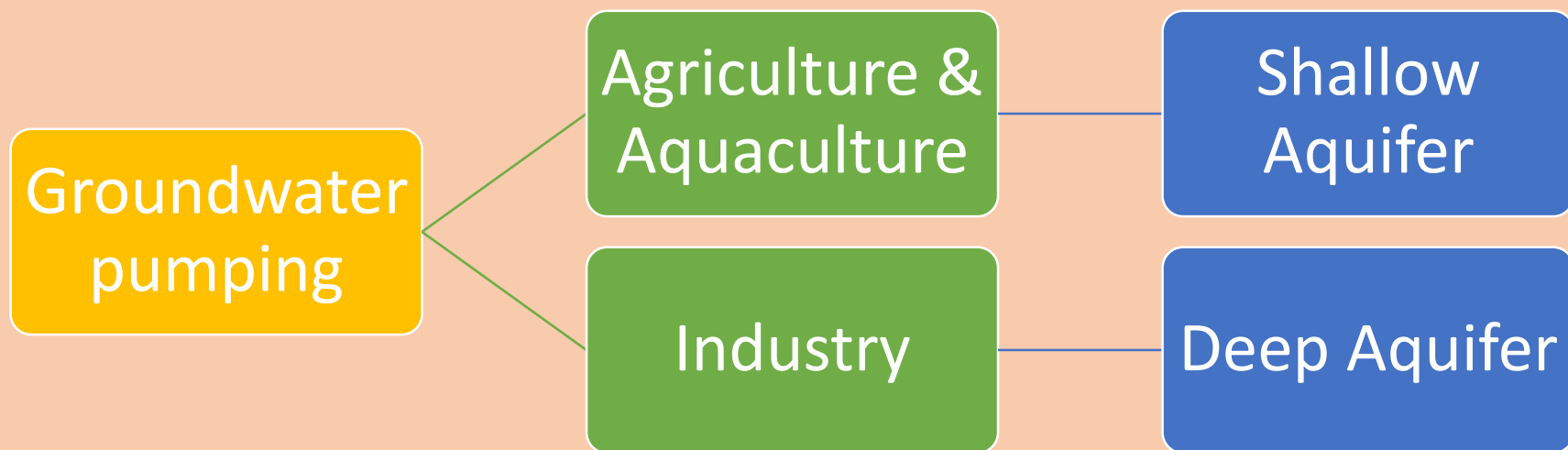
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# Land Subsidence



**Agriculture & Aquaculture? Or Industry?**

**Shallow aquifer pumping? Or Deep aquifer pumping?**

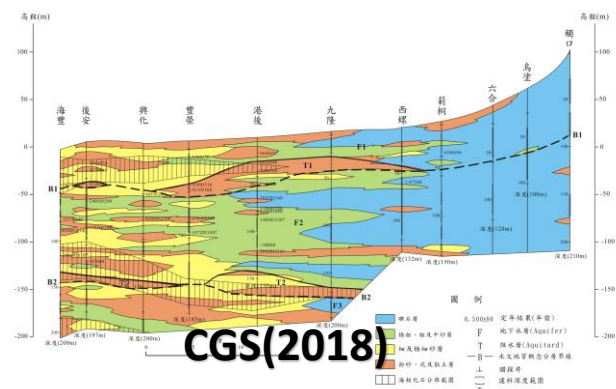
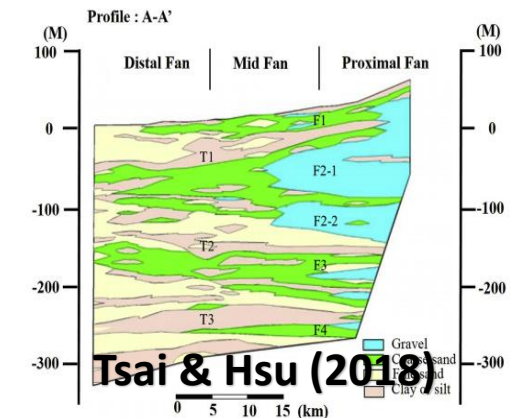
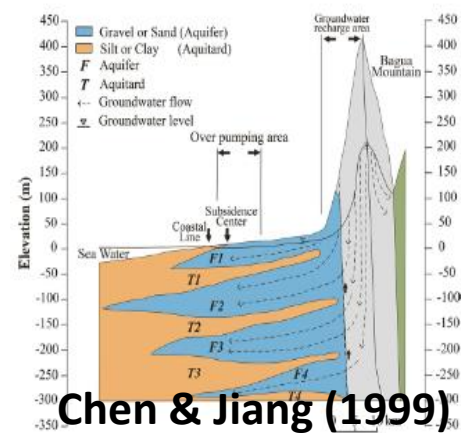
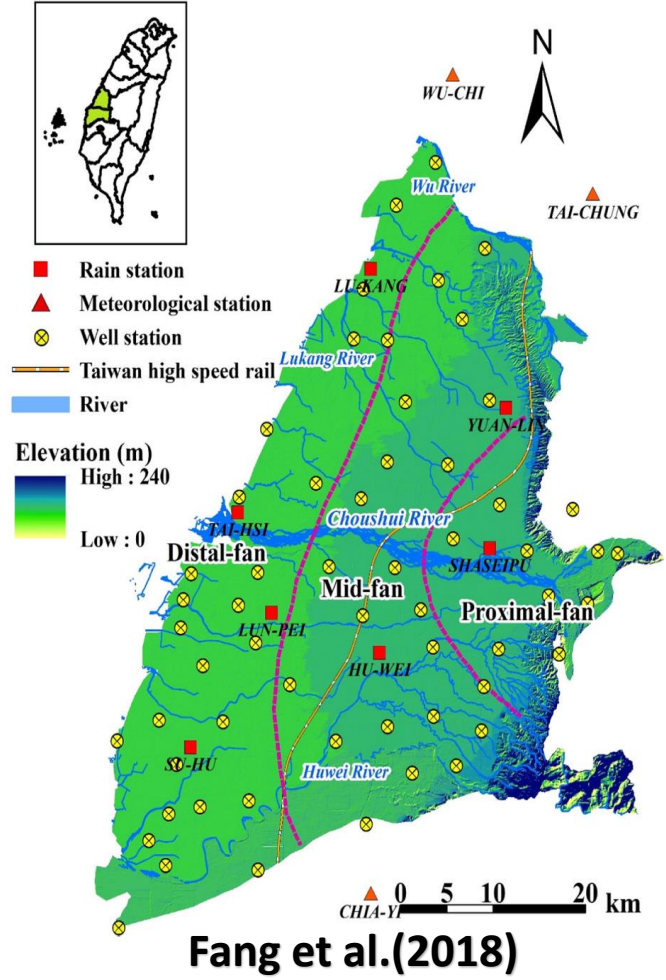


**Motivation:**

Understanding the contribution of shallow aquifer pumping to existing land subsidence in the chousui river alluvial fan

**Objectives:**

1. Build a numerical model to simulate subsidence and aquifer-system compaction for water-table
2. Calculate each layer compaction and its contribution to total subsidence



## Elevation:

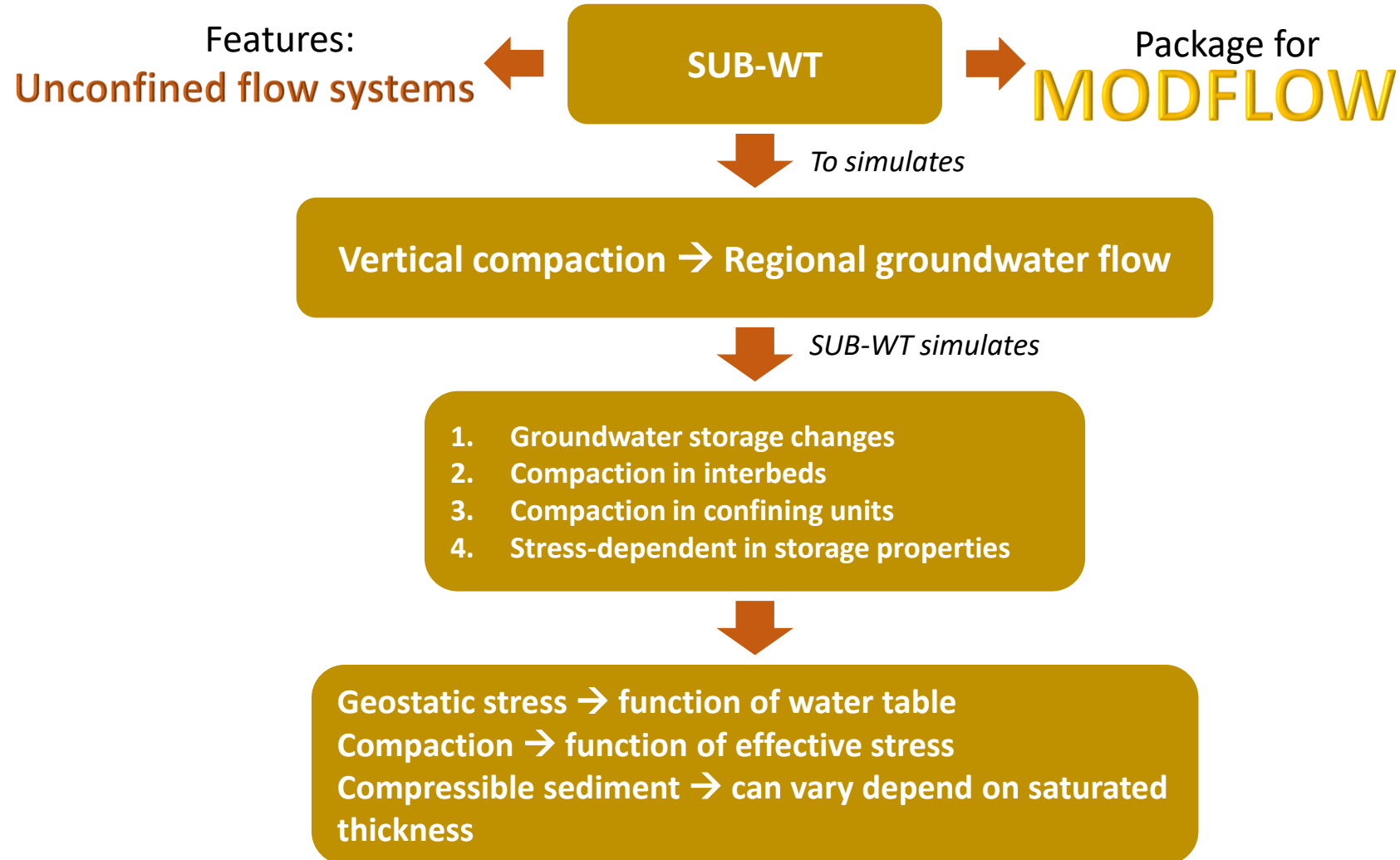
0 – 100 m (asl)

## Materials:

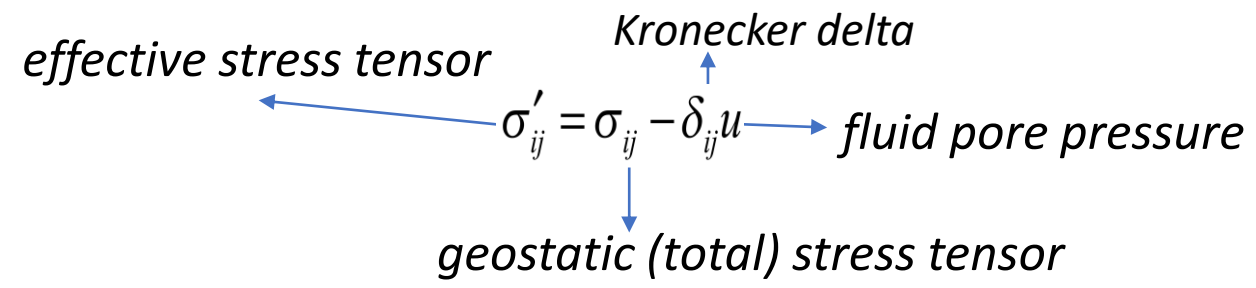
- Gravel, coarse sand (Proximal)
- Fine-medium sand (Mid)
- Inter-bedded clay, silt (Distal)

## Hydrostratigraphy:

- 4 Aquifer (F1, F2, F3, F4)
- 4 Aquitard (T1, T2, T3, T4)



The development is based on the Terzaghi (1925) theory of one-dimensional consolidation that ignores horizontal strains and stress gradients

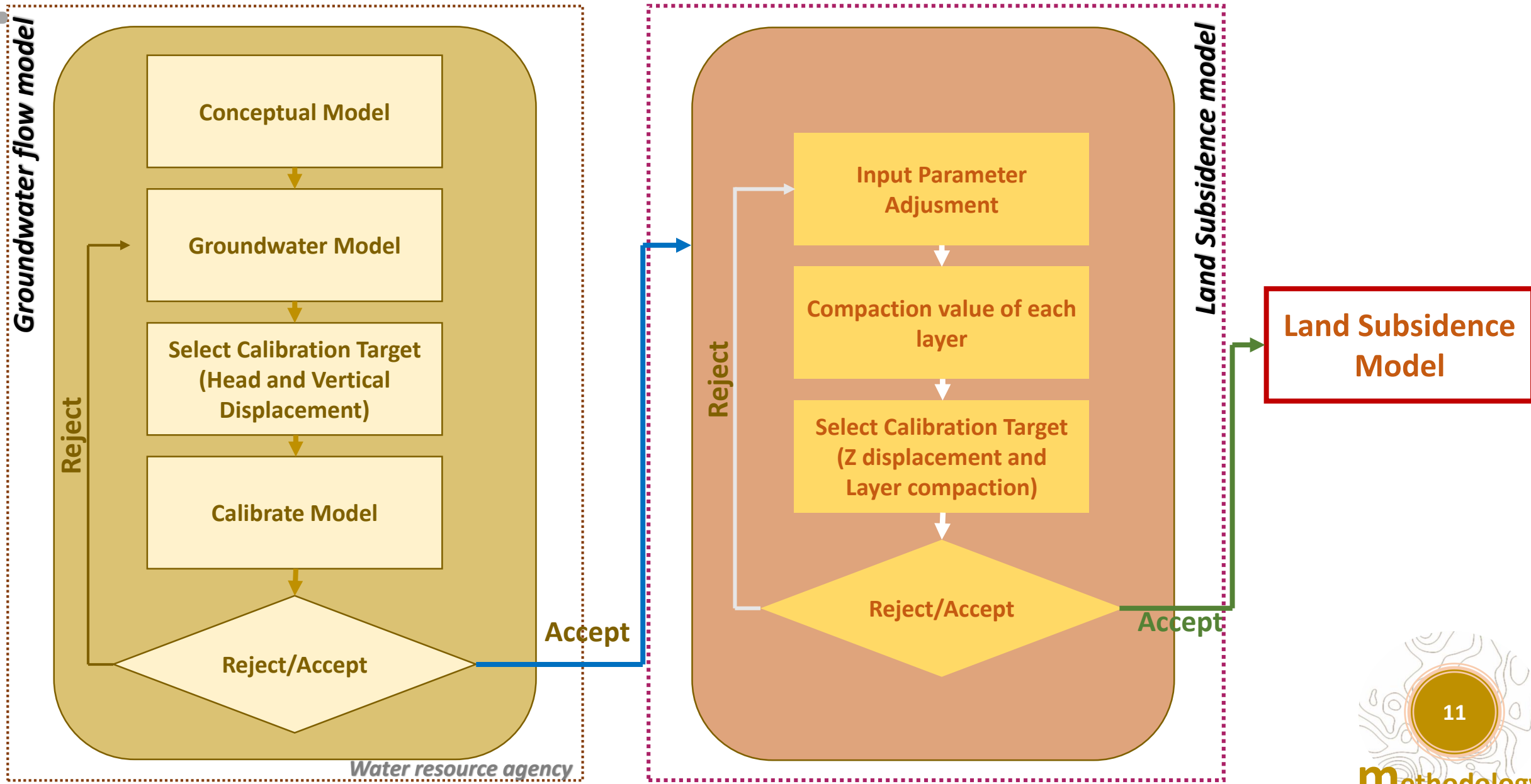


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( K_{xx} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( K_{yy} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{zz} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right) - W = S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

Can be approximated with finite differences

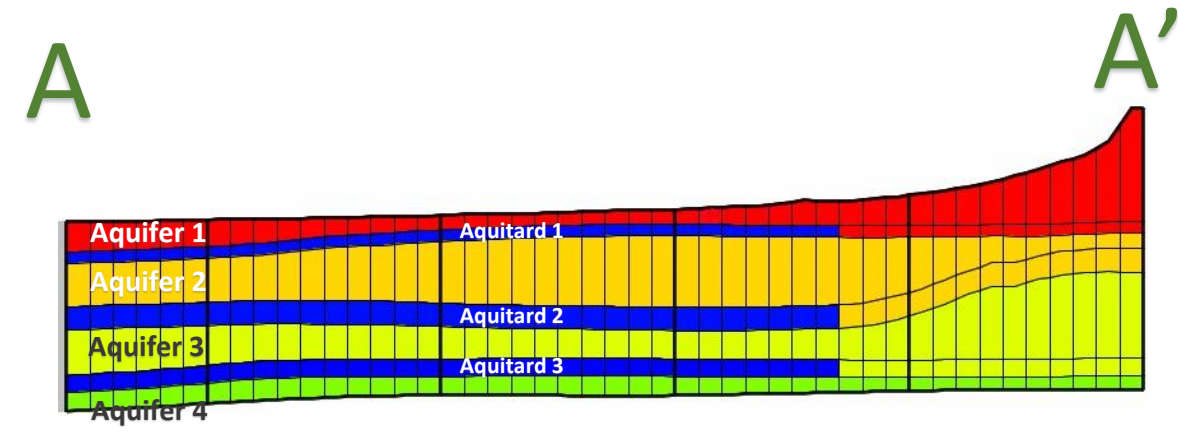
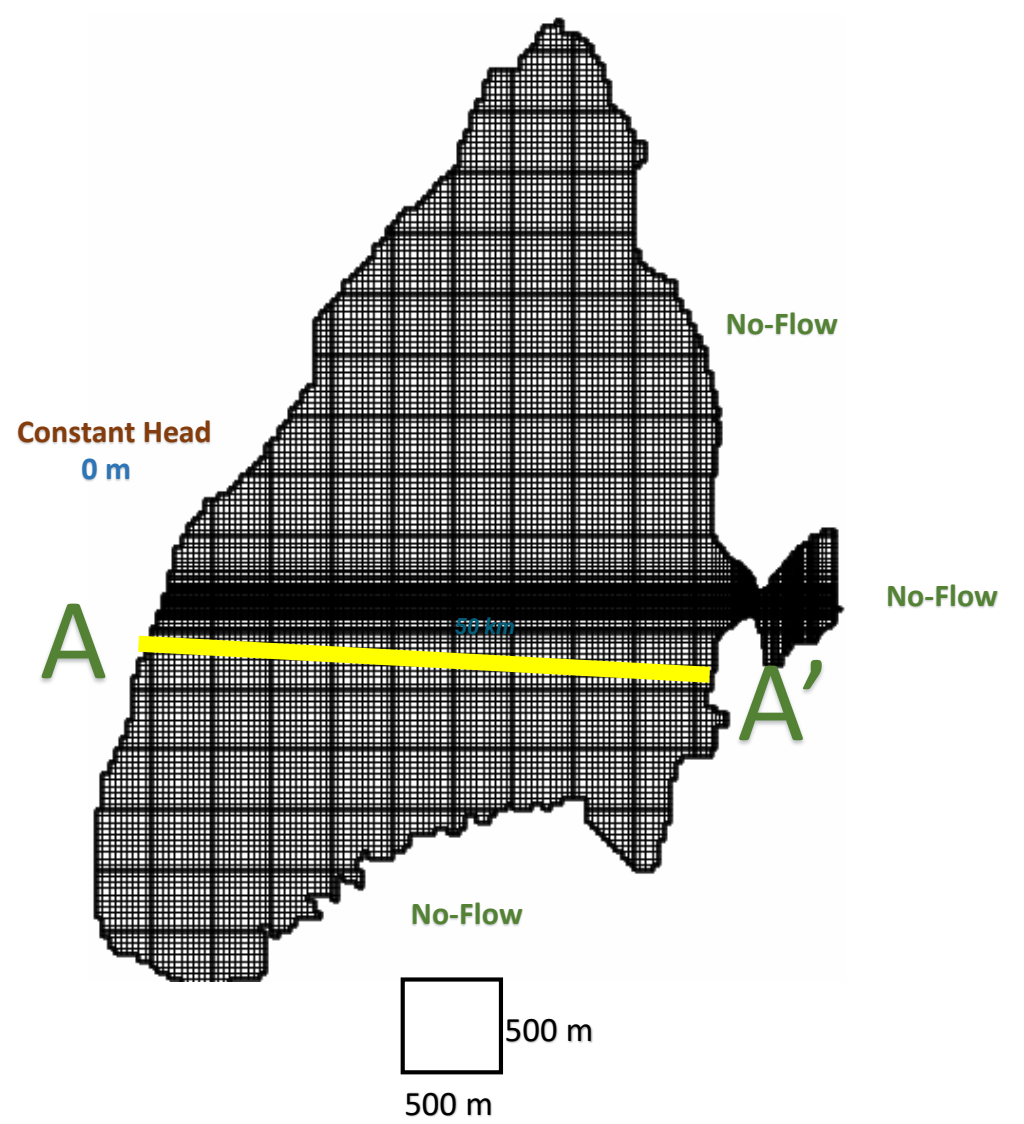


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## Model Discretization



151 Columns  
189 Rows

- 7 Layers:
- Four Aquifer Layers
  - Three Aquitard Layers

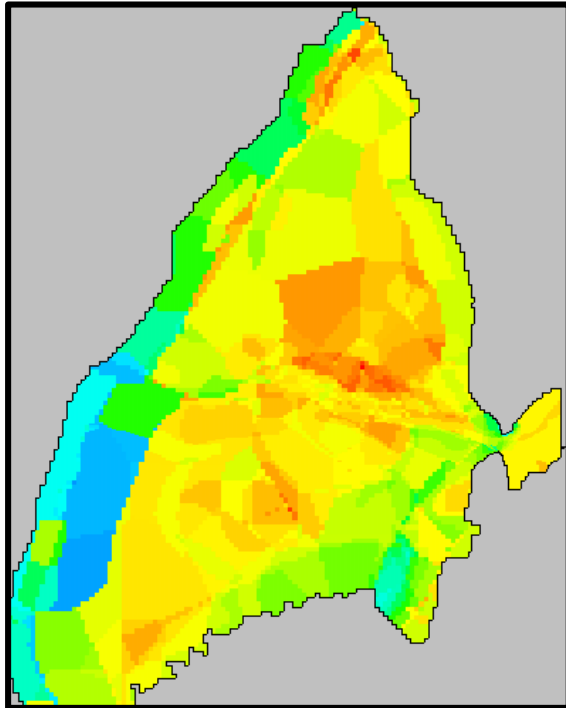
**Source:**  
Water resource agency (2016)  
Top Elevation: SRTM Digital Elevation Model (DEM)  
Layer Elevation: Central Geological Survey (1995)  
Boundary Condition: Central Geological Survey (1995)

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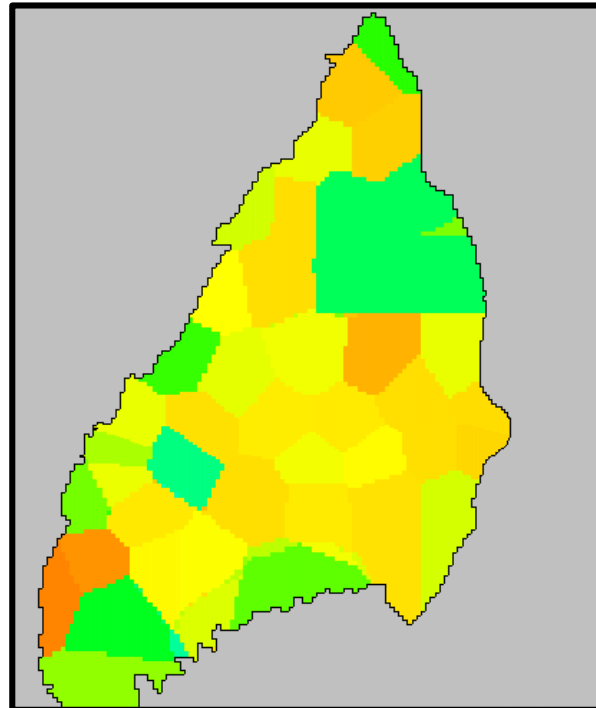
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## Hydraulic Conductivity (K)

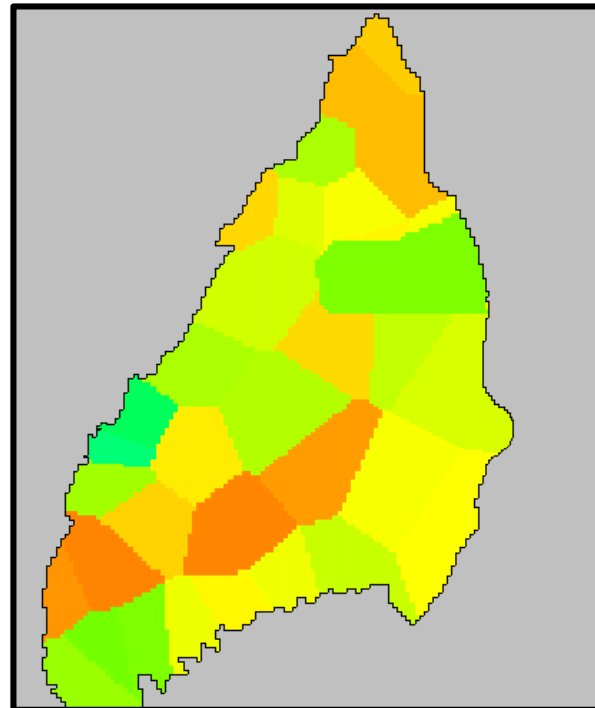
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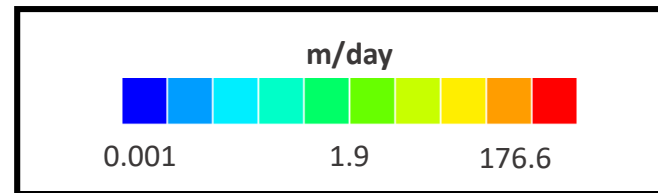
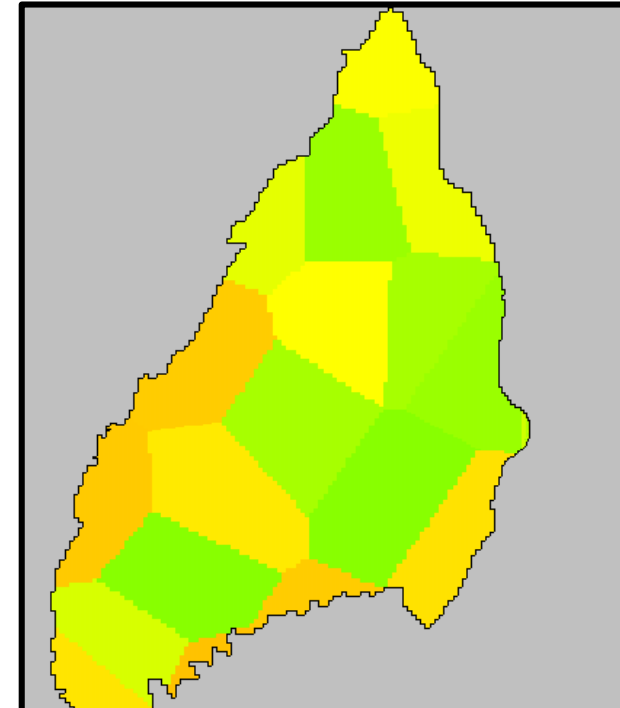
### Aquifer 2



### Aquifer 3



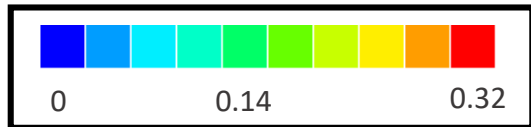
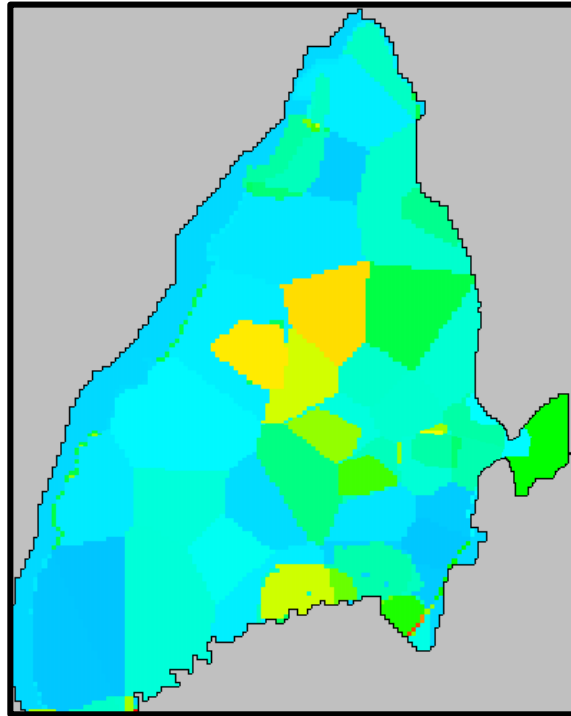
### Aquifer 4



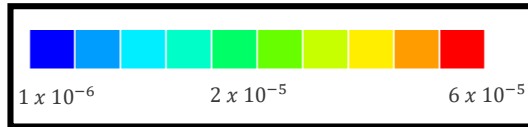
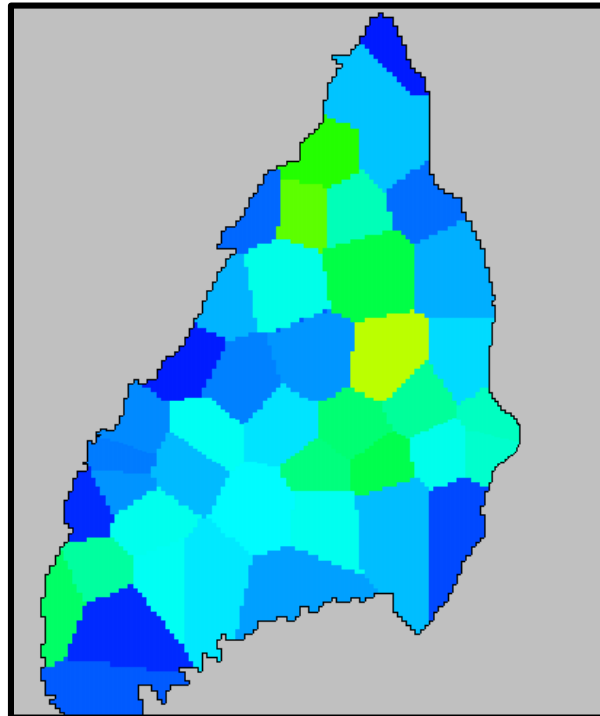
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## Specific Yield and Specific Storage

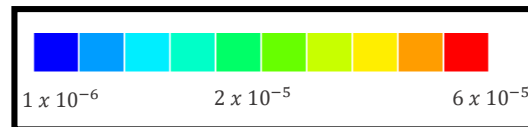
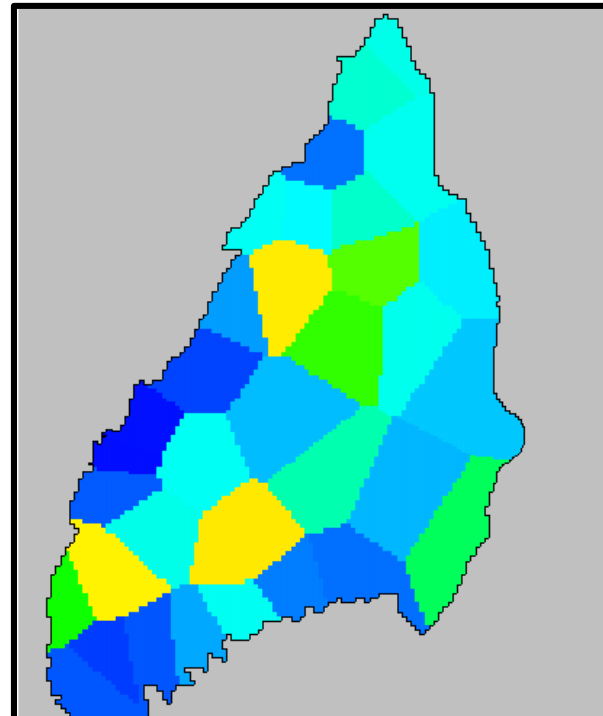
Aquifer 1



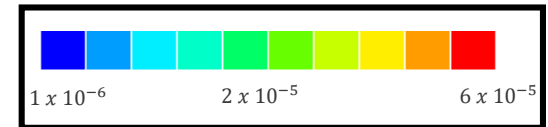
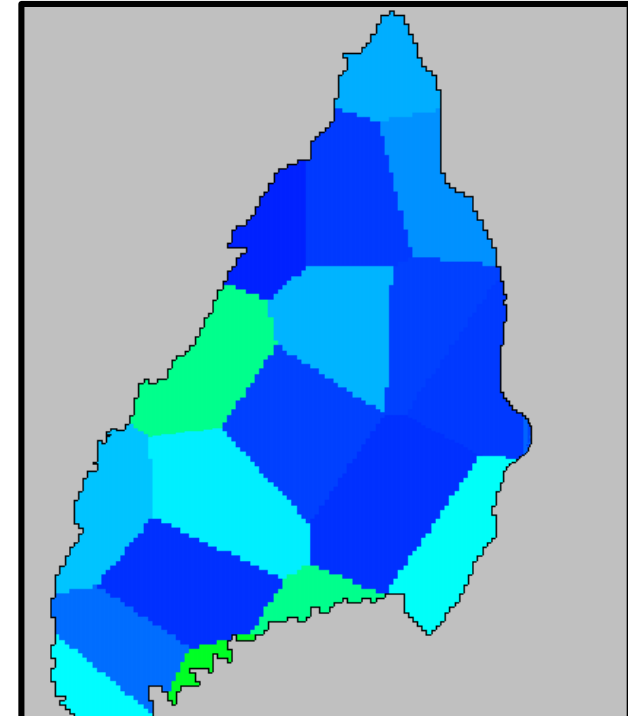
Aquifer 2



Aquifer 3



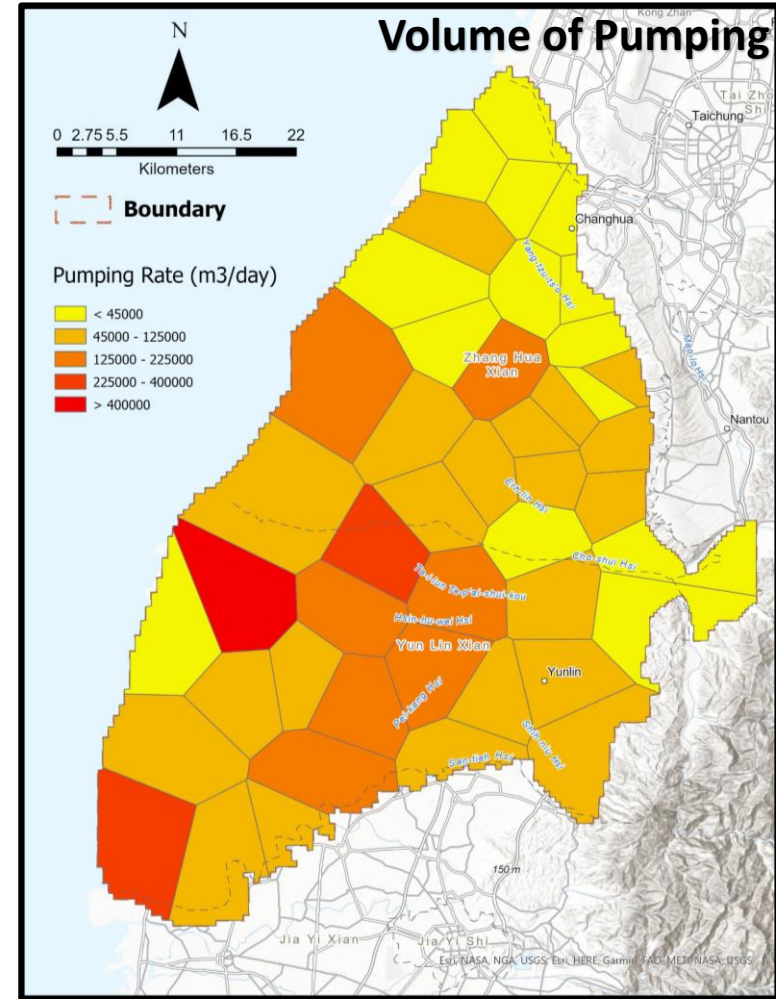
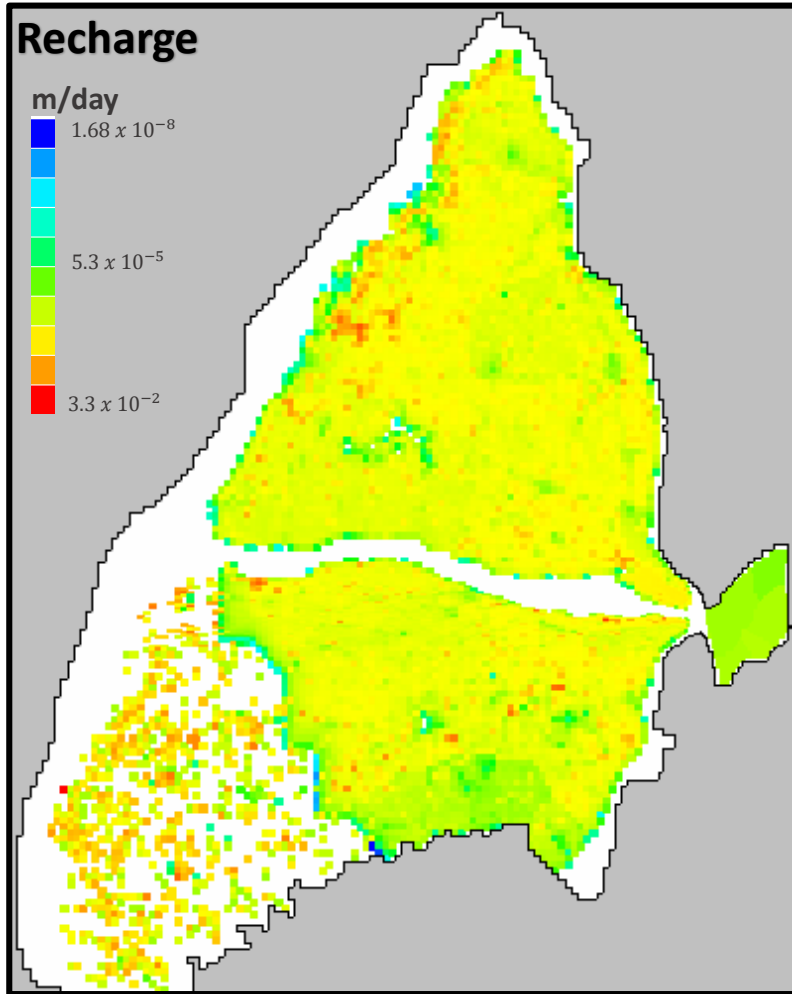
Aquifer 4





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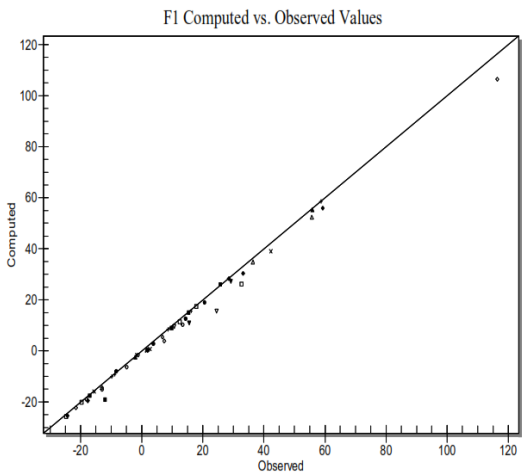
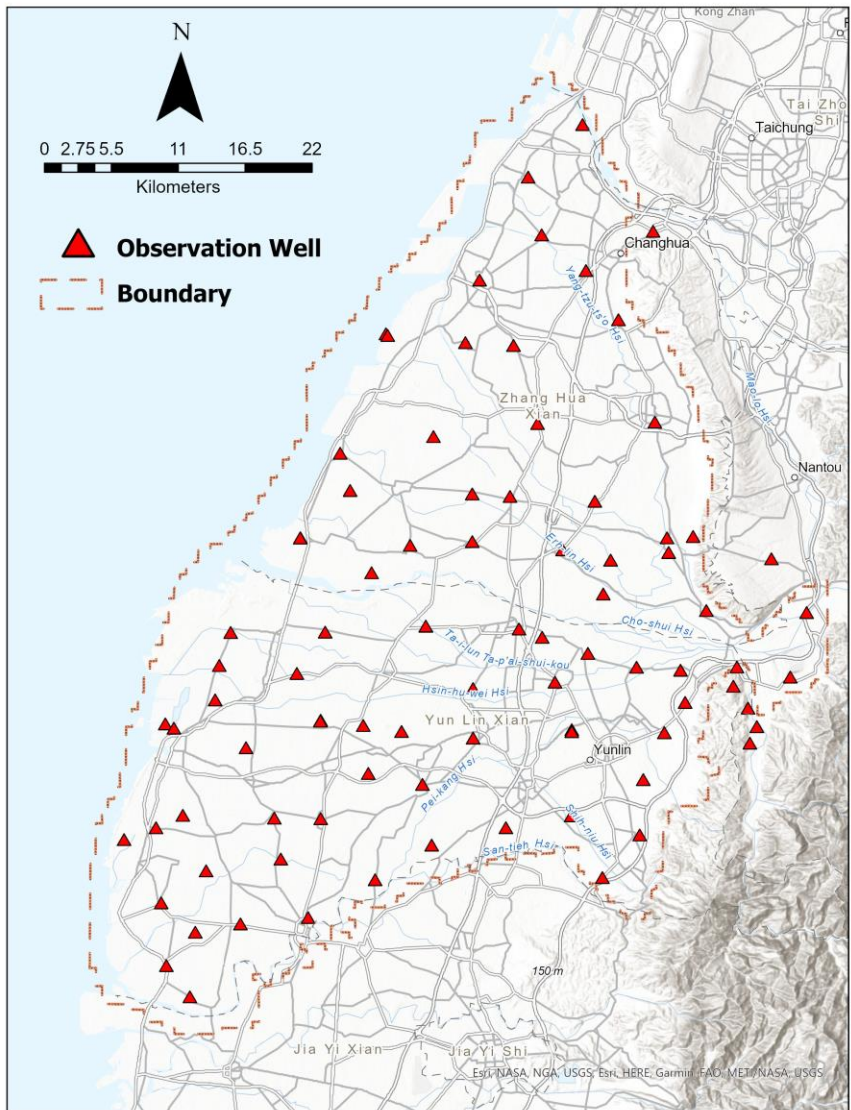
## Recharge & Pumping Well



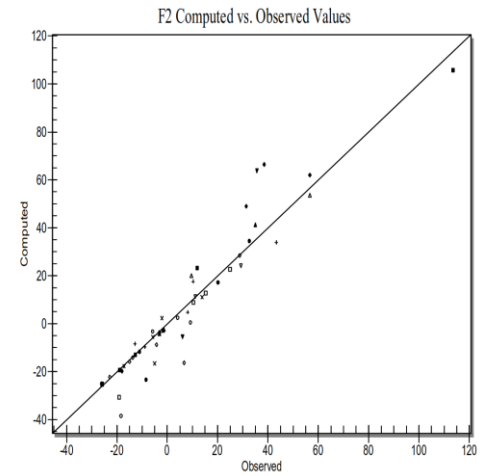
Source:  
Water Resource Agency (2016)

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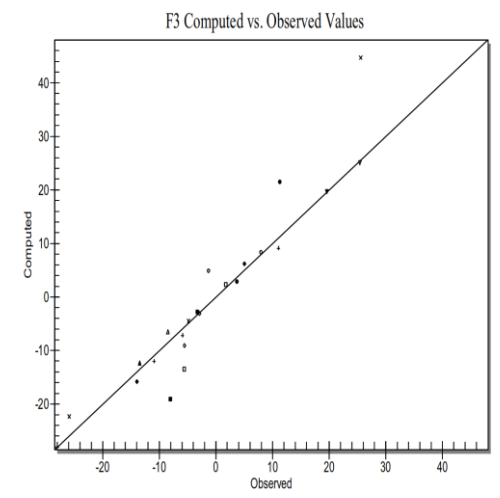
## Parameter Calibration



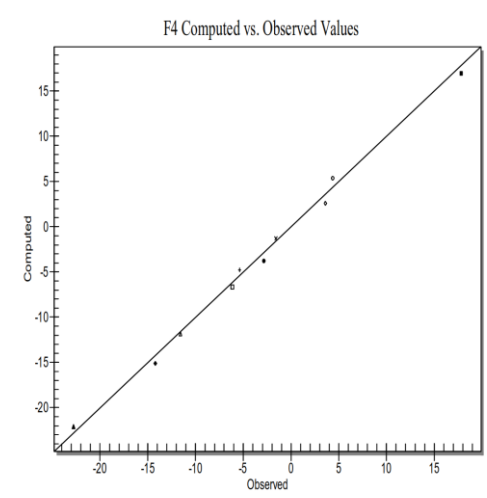
**Aquifer 1**



**Aquifer 2**



**Aquifer 3**



**Aquifer 4**

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## SUB-WT Parameter

(Zhu 2012; Das, Sobhan et al. 2016; Chang, et. al. 2020)

Geostatic Stress	Init.Preconsolidation Stress	Specific Gravity Saturated	Specific Gravity Unsaturated	Compression Index	Initial Compaction	Initial Void Ratio	Recompression Index
0.75	2	2	1.7	0.25	0	0.82	0.01

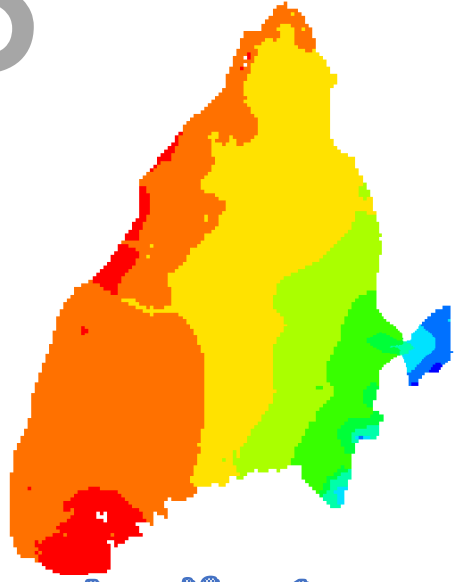
	Sske	Sskv
Layer 1	2.10E-04	9.12E-02
Layer 2	7.50E-05	7.50E-03
Layer 3	4.20E-04	1.80E-03
Layer 4	2.25E-04	2.25E-03
Layer 5	7.00E-04	4.00E-03
Layer 6	7.50E-05	7.50E-03
Layer 7	5.40E-04	3.40E-03

Focused on unconfined aquifer (layer 1)

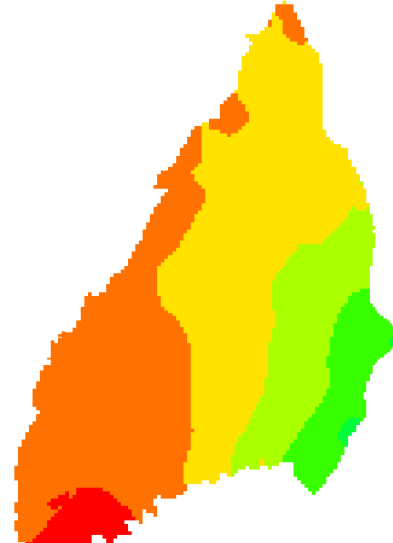
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Preliminary result

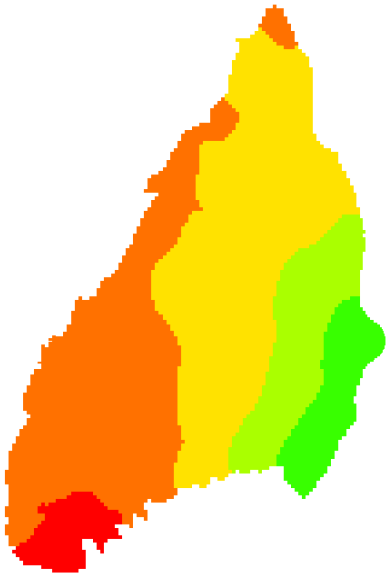
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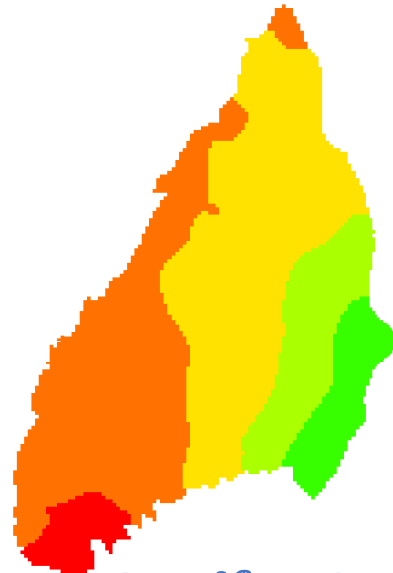
Aquifer 1



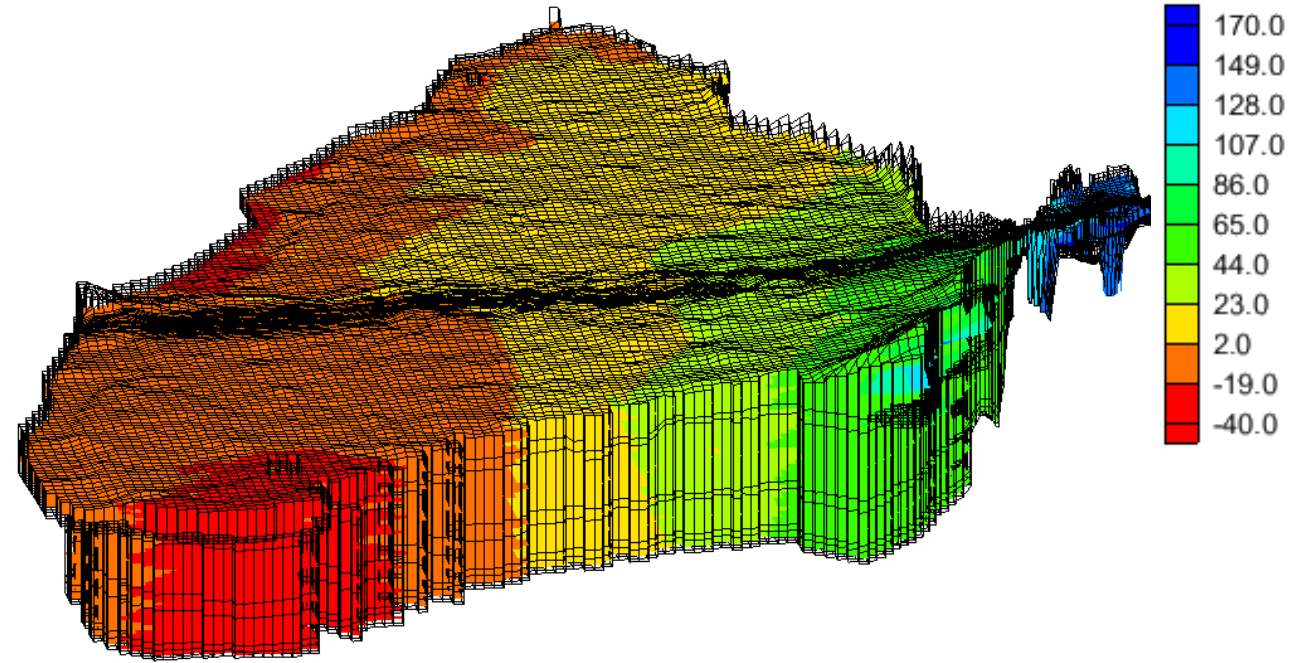
Aquifer 2



Aquifer 3

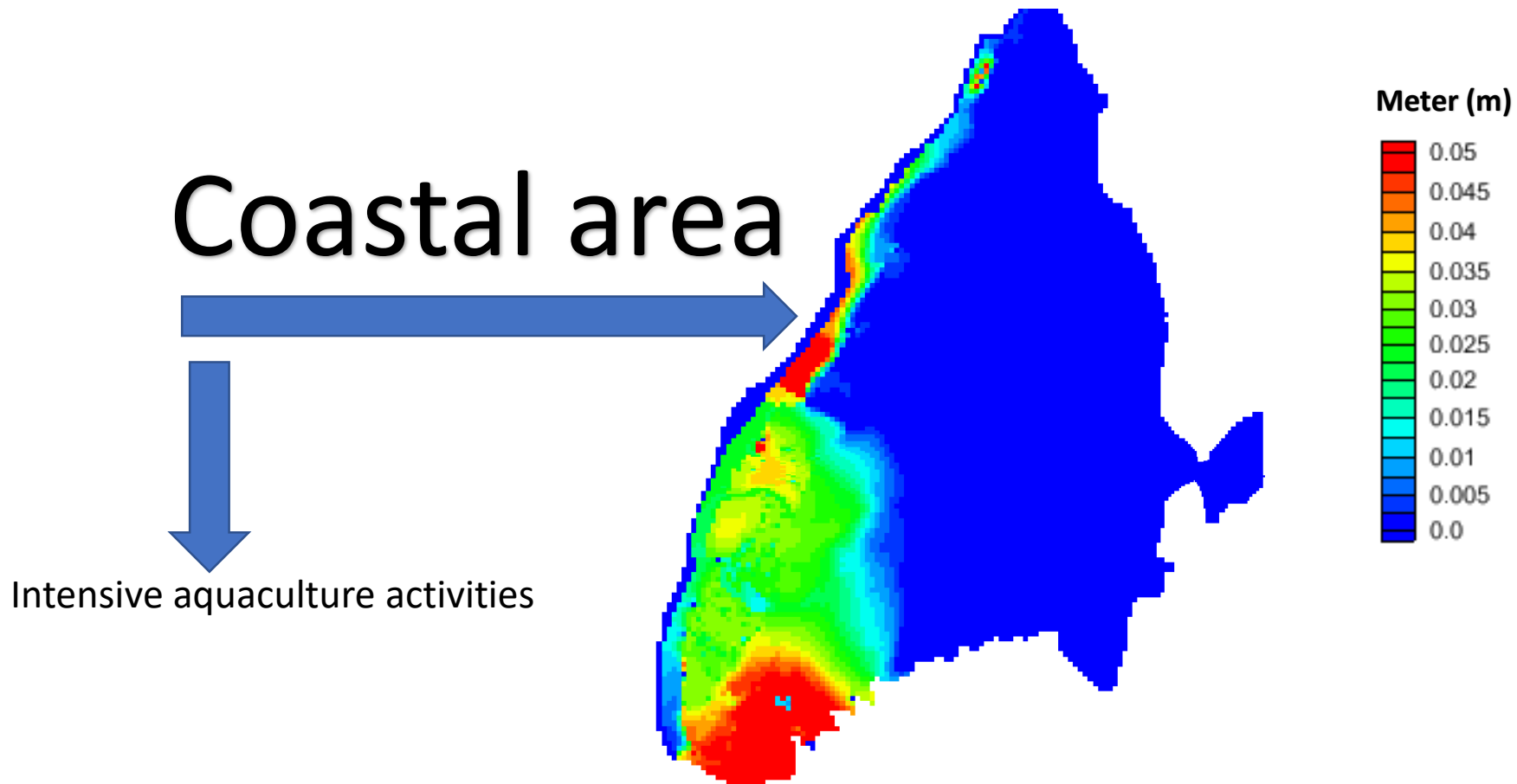


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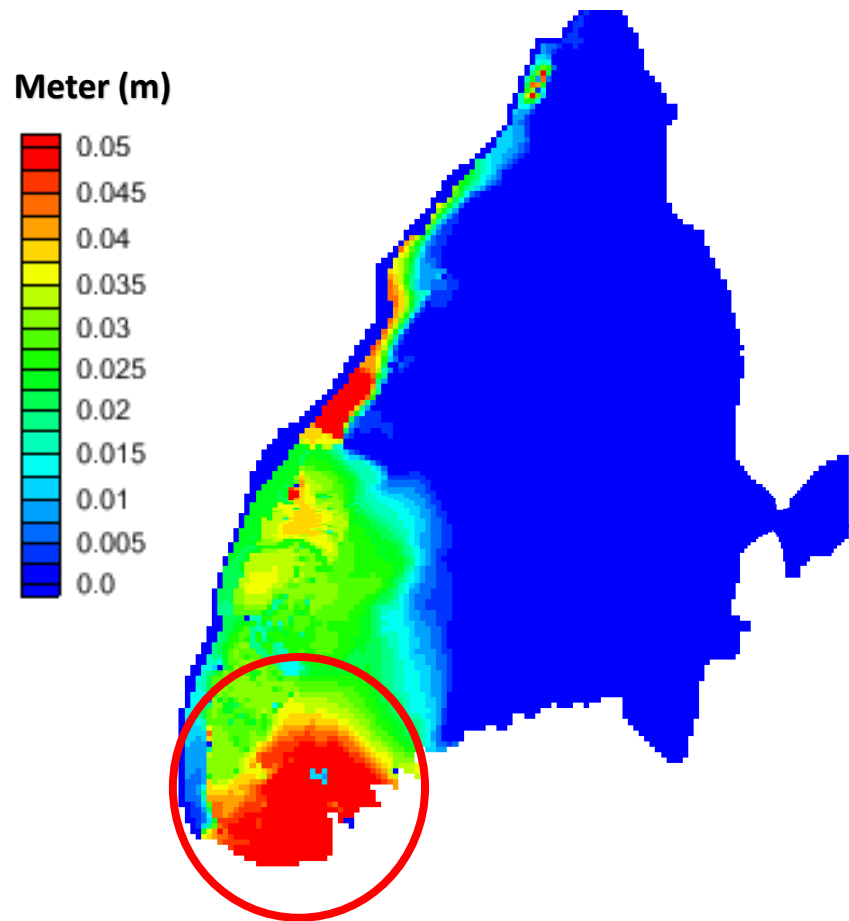




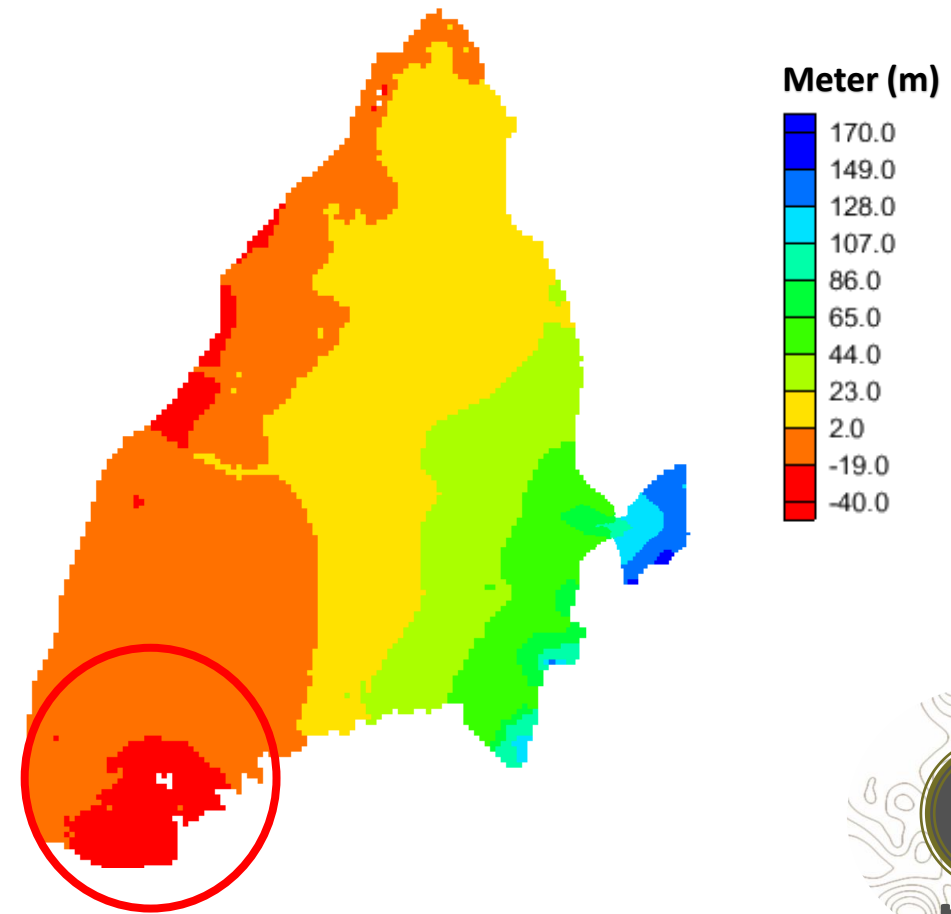
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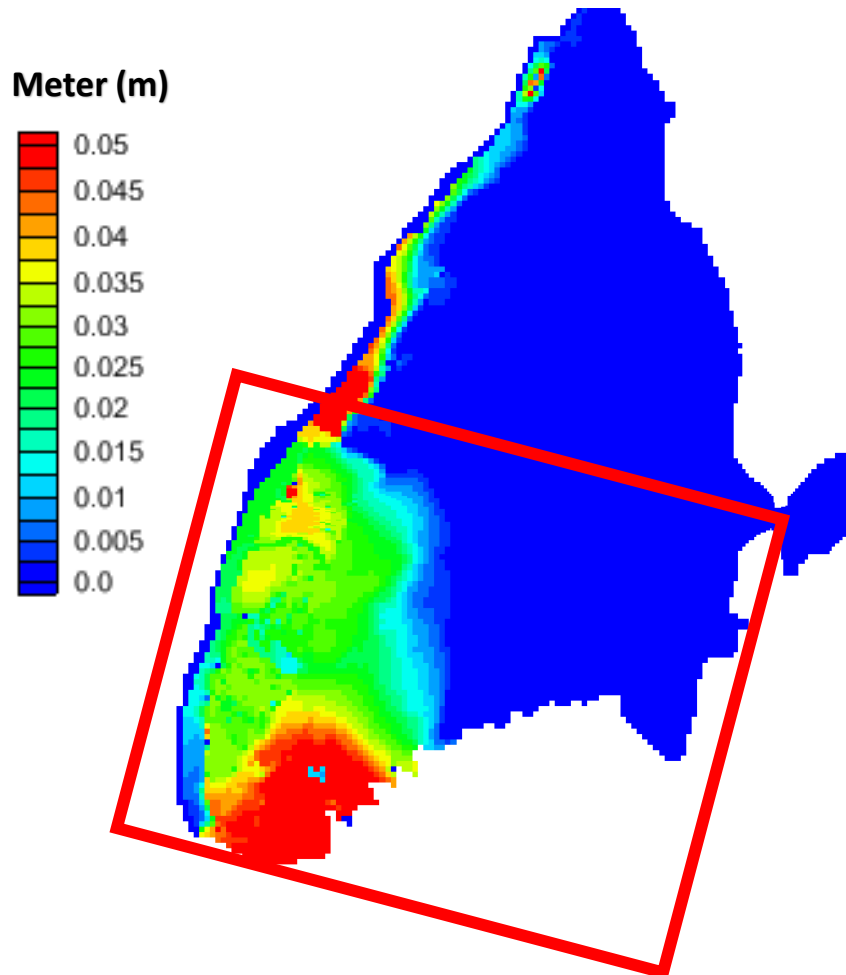
Preliminary result

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5 cm/year



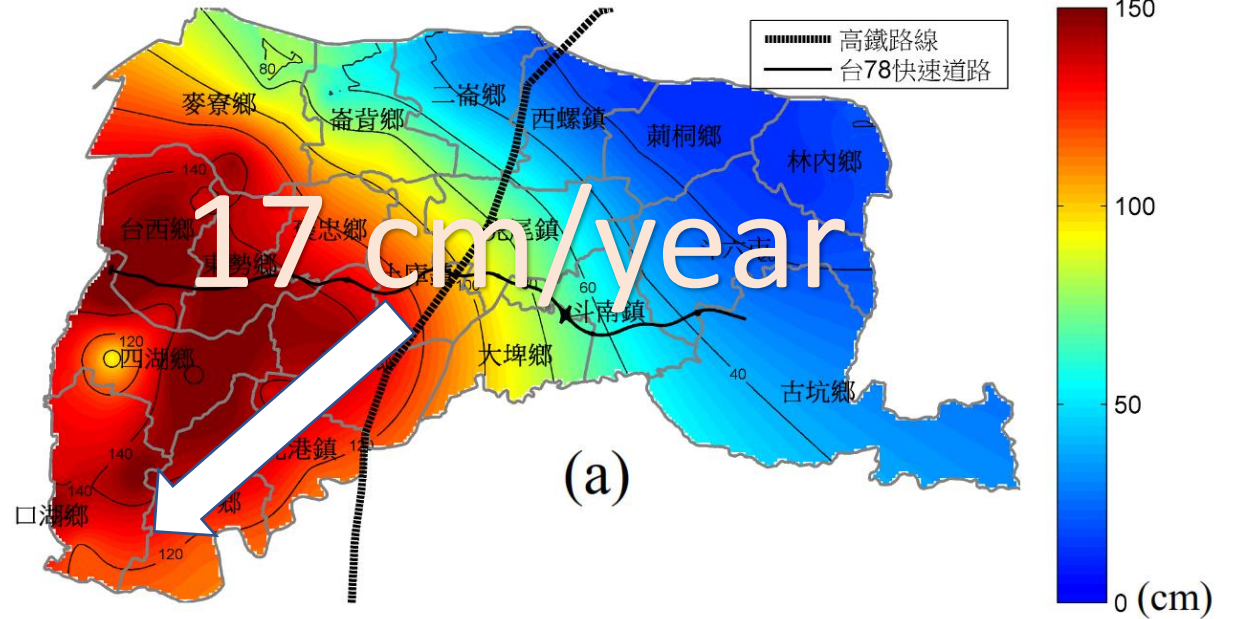
30 %



# Subsidence in Yunlin County

Lin et al.(2016)

1992 to 2001



(a)



# 4

## Summary and conclusion

1. The subsidence in the unconfined aquifer part can be modelled using SUB-WT
2. The highest Subsidence rate reach to 5 cm/year
3. Excessive groundwater pumping in the aquaculture and agriculture area can cause serious land subsidence
4. Excessive groundwater pumping in the unconfined aquifer can contribute significantly to land subsidence



## 5

## Future Works

- Extend the boundary of numerical model with smaller grid.
- Calibrate numerical model of land subsidence with observed data

