The Phosphorous Distribution by SWAT Model for Inshore Alluvial Plain River System in North Jiangsu, China

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Background

 Recently, some studies about non-point source (NPS) pollution in plain river networks were taken in China. But, most of them were focused on field scale and regional simulations of NPS by model were insufficient.

• The study area is characterized by dense river system and less difference in elevation. Agricultural activities in this region are extremely heavy for its farm land accounts for 87.47% of the whole area.



Study Area



Research area: Dafeng City, Jiangsu Province, China



 In this area, the river system is complex and there are three outlets of the watershed.
 Rivers of the area are discharged into Yellow Sea directly.

The major landuse types are paddy (25.19 %), arid (32.14 %) and orchard(30.14%)



1:250000 river system of study area



 The local ecological system is very sensitive for there are two national natural reserves.

 Mechanical models are rarely used in this region for the complexity of hydrological process. Thus, NPS researches were usually concentrated in statistics analysis of monitoring data or fertilizer usage.



Condition of Dafeng river channel

Farmland condition of Dafeng

- Fertilizer rate in study area was extremely high and water quality of the area are degraded continuously.
- To study fertilizer reduction will be a reasonable and useful practice in order to control the degraded water environment.



Objectives





Data sources



Input data



To draw the digital river is very hard because of flat terrain



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digital river obtained by traditional method





Manually designed watersheds and streams

Because of less than 8 meters' difference in elevation, extremely intensive river network and the complicated hydraulic connection among the rivers. Considering the distribution of bridges(culverts) and sluice gates, the subbasins were delineated based on roads and rails network.





Result and discussion



Flowchart of sub-basins delineation and the final result of the manually designed sub-basins



Calibration Results

- We selected monitoring data of three watershed outlets as to carry out calibration and validation.
- SWAT-CUP software was used to calibrate the model, with the Sequential Uncertainty Fitting (SUFI-2) method to model Uncertainty analysis and calibration.



Calibration Results

The monitored data of hydrology, organic phosphorus and mineral phosphorus from 2003 to 2008 is used. Four groups of 700 times SWAT simulation could lead to a reasonable results. The following is the parameters we chose to calibrate.

parameters	parameters	parameters	parameters
rCN2.mgt	vBC2.swq	vGWQMN.gw	vRchrg_Dp.gw
vALPHA_BF.gw	vBC3.swq	vREVAPMN.gw	vSOL_SOLP(1-2).chm
vGW_DELAY.gw	vAl1.wwq	vUsle_P.mgt	vPSP.bsn
vCH_N2.rte	vAI5.wwq	vCh_Cov.rte	vERORGP.hru
vCH_K2.rte	vAl6.wwq	vCh_Erod.rte	vRS2.swq
vALPHA_BNK.rte	vK_N.wwq	vSpcon.bsn	vRS5.swq
vSOL_AWC(1-2).sol	vNPERCO.bsn	vSpexp.bsn	vK_P.wwq
rSOL_K(1-2).sol	vSOL_NO3(1-2).chm	vRSDCO.bsn	vAl2.wwq
aSOL_BD(1-2).sol	vSOL_ORGN(1-2).chm	rSLSUBBSN.hru	vERORGN.hru
vSFTMP.bsn	vPhoskd.bsn	vRS3.swq	vERORGN.hru
vCANMX.hru	vPperco.bsn	vRS4.swq	vERORGN.hru
vESCO.hru	vSol_Orgp(1-2).chm	vBC1.swq	vERORGN.hru

Calibrating Results of SWAT model

Watershed	Items	Pearson Correlation(R ²)	Nash-Sutcliffe
Doulonggang	Water Flow	0.96	0.80
	Organic Phosphorus	0.77	0.56
	Mineral Phosphorus	0.93	0.43
Simaoyou	Water Flow	0.99	0.96
	Organic Phosphorus	0.62	0.34
	Mineral Phosphorus	0.97	0.57
Wanggang	Water Flow	0.79	0.69
	Organic Phosphorus	0.73	0.71
	Mineral Phosphorus	0.81	0.77

In the table, we could find that simulation results of Doulonggang watershed was better than others.



Comparing the simulation results with monitoring data of water flow, organic P and mineral P simulation in Doulonggang watershed





- From the figure, the water flow displayed an excellent simulation.
- The simulation of organic P and mineral P were not as good as water flow. But the results were acceptable.
- In water flow simulation, the most significant feature was the flood peaks of simulation obviously higher than those of monitor data.
- This phenomenon was caused by the flood storage of dense river system. In Dafeng city, river system was extended to every single field. Even the farmer's house was surrounded by streams. While a rainfall reaches the streams, overflow will not appear until the river way is filled.



Spatial distribution of rainfall and TP in Dafeng area from 2003 to 2008



- Spatial distribution of rainfall and TP showed relatively coincident result.
- Water flow and TP in east were higher than the west.
 There was no obvious difference in north and south.
- Downstream of Simaoyou and Wanggang watersheds has the highest rainfall (59.0mm/month) and TP.



BMPs Design

- The scenarios were designed based on the actual fertilizer rate of 2005.
- A step 3% was chosen for its short enough to reveal the possible details of response and long enough to represent the potential downward capability of total fertilizer rate.
- The range was limited between 85% and 100% of the fertilizer rate in 2005. The fertilizer database consists of phosphate fertilizer and compound fertilizer.



The scenarios of fertilizer rate

Items	Fertilizer usage kg/ha	Nitrogenous fertilizer kg/ha	Phosphate fertilizer kg/ha	Compound fertilizer kg/ha
Increasing 3% based on actually used in 2005	1094.797	557.1991	371.6549	144.7047
Actually used in 2005	1062.91	540.97	360.83	140.49
Reducing 3% based on actually used in 2005	1031.023	524.7409	350.0051	136.2753
Reducing 6% based on actually used in 2005	999.1354	508.5118	339.1802	132.0606
Reducing 9% based on actually used in 2005	967.2481	492.2827	328.3553	127.8459
Reducing 12% based on actually used in 2005	935.3608	476.0536	317.5304	123.6312
Reducing 15% based on actually used in 2005	903.4735	459.8245	306.7055	119.4165





Organic P, soluble P and sediment P in three land use types

From the chart, arid land contributed the most phosphorus and the phosphorus coming from the orchard was significant less than other two landuse types.

Conclusions



Relationship

The scenarios concluded that phosphorus loads were linear correlation to the fertilizer rates in three different landuse types. Sensitivity with fertilizer reduction: Soluble P> Sediment P >Organic P; Paddy field presented great P reduction response. Arid land and orchard were moderate response.

Response



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