# Flood Forecast and dam operation optimization systems

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### Floods in Asia Pacific Region

• Heavy rainfall brings expected rainfall for agriculture but they might also turn into floods causing damages.

#### Need 1: Emission of flood warning to perform evacuation timely

• Basins with existing gated dams when operated effective are able to reduce flood damage.

Need 2: Dam release decision to reduce flood peaks and store volume for water-use



Decision support Systems under heavy rainfall

• <u>Flood Warning Support System (FLOWSS)</u>

**Goal: Emit flood warning to perform evacuation timely** 

• <u>Dam Release Support System</u> (DRESS)

Goal: Dam release decision support to reduce flood peaks and store volume for water-use

# Flood Warning System FLOWSS

- Using Quantitative Precipitation Forecasts
- Based on Ensemble Method
- Applied in the Huong River, Vietnam







#### **Huong River basin**















Date		Nov.					
		24	25	26	27	28	29
Predicted exceedance probability (%)	W.L.3		8	<b>52</b>	$\bigcirc$		
	W.L.2		74	96	72	$\bigcirc$	
	W.L.1	6	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	96	96
Observed	W.L.	0.9	3.1	3.5	3.5	2.4	1.7



### DRESS system





#### Ensemble member generation of QPF $GP(x, y)_{k} = Max \{ QPF(x, y) \times (1 + A\varepsilon N(0, 1) \times wi_{sub} + B\varepsilon N(0, 1) \times wi_{tot}), 0 \}$ Saavedra, Koike et al., 2010 N(0,1) : Gaussian normal distribution $wi_{sub}$ : weight per sub basin; $wi_{tot}$ : weight per sub basin A, B : preference Ensemble precipitation Ensemble discharge weight = 3weight = 2weight = 1weight = 013 17 21 25 29 33 37 41 45 49 53 57 61

### Dam release uncertainties event 9-10 Jul 2002



Saavedra, Koike et al., 2010

### Results: event 2002 Jul 9~11





## Contributing to IWRM

- FLOWSS and DRESS need to be run continuously as in realtime operation
- They can also be used for Climate change impact assessment



