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**【Abstract】:** At present, researches on urban short-duration rainstorm patterns mainly focus on single-peak rainstorm patterns, and rarely involve double-peak rainstorm patterns, or convert double-peak patterns into single-peak patterns directly, even ignore the impact of double-peak patterns, which directly affects the urban flood planning and early warning and rescue. To scientifically and rationally deduce the urban short duration double-peak rain pattern, this paper proposes a new function fitting rain pattern method by constructing double-peak virtual rain peak rainfall and virtual rain peak coefficient (RPC), based on the idea of convert double-peak to single-peak, then revert to the double-peak, directly deducing the double-peak rain pattern. The results show that (1) The rain pattern derived by the function fitting rain pattern method (FFRPM) can effectively improve the accuracy of the double-peak rain pattern, and is also more practical; (2) The fitting degree of function fitting rainfall pattern and actual rain

23 pattern is more than 90%, accounting for 80%, the fitting degree of main and  
24 secondary peak rainfall is more than 90%, with an average of about 95%; the accuracy  
25 of the main and secondary peak positions is also relatively high; (3) Compared with the  
26 P&C rain pattern method(RPM), whether the overall accuracy or local peak rainfall,  
27 the FFRPM has the higher accuracy, especially more accurate on rain peak rainfall.

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29 Function fitting rain pattern; P&C rain pattern

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### Highlights

- 32 ● This paper proposes a new function fitting rain pattern method by constructing  
33 double-peak virtual rain peak rainfall and virtual rain peak coefficient.
- 34 ● And put forward the calculation formula of the double peak virtual rain peak  
35 coefficient based on the assumption.
- 36 ● Then based on the assumptions, a series of calculation formulas for the peak rainfall  
37 of the double peak rain are proposed.
- 38 ● There are few methods for estimating double-peak rain patterns in the world. The  
39 method for estimating double-peak rain patterns proposed in this paper greatly  
40 improves the overall accuracy of double-peak rain patterns.
- 41 ● Compared with the traditional P&C rain pattern, the rainfall pattern proposed in  
42 this paper is more realistic and more accurate overall.

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## 45 **1. Introduction**

46 Urban waterlogging caused by the large-scale short-duration rainstorm can pose a  
47 serious threat to the safety of people's lives and property. According to China's 2020  
48 statistics, there are 178.96 billion RMB (Jun S, Linli C, Zhan T, 2020) loss in property  
49 caused by urban rainstorm and flood disasters. Usually, the short-duration rainstorm  
50 triggers urban waterlogging more easily. Short-duration rainstorm refers to a rainstorm  
51 within 120 minutes (Chunwei G et al., 2015), and its rain pattern shows the temporal  
52 distribution process of rainfall, namely the rainstorm intensity changes with time  
53 (Khaled H et al., 2015). Actually, the proportion of short-duration single-peak rainstorm  
54 is far higher than that of double-peak rainstorm, and it is with sudden rise and fall  
55 pattern, and more prone to cause flood disaster. Therefore, the characteristics of single-  
56 peak rainstorm, especially its rain pattern, are often the focus in the current study of  
57 urban storm flood, and currently many abundant research achievements are available  
58 and also are used to guide urban flood control and waterlogging planning and practice  
59 work (Dingkun Y et al., 2020). For example, by studying the relationship between  
60 rainfall intensity and duration, the Chicago rain pattern was analyzed and then proposed  
61 (Keifer et al., 1957), and the rainfall data of rainfall stations in central and eastern  
62 Illinois was analyzed and summarized, the time is divided into 4 types of rainfall (Huff  
63 et al., 1967), and the rainfall type is obtained through a sequential average method  
64 (Pilgrim et al., 1975). Proposed a single-peak triangle Shape rain pattern, used to  
65 calculate runoff in drainage area of small watershed (Yen B C, Chow V T, 1980) .

66 However, affected by climate changes and urbanization development, some

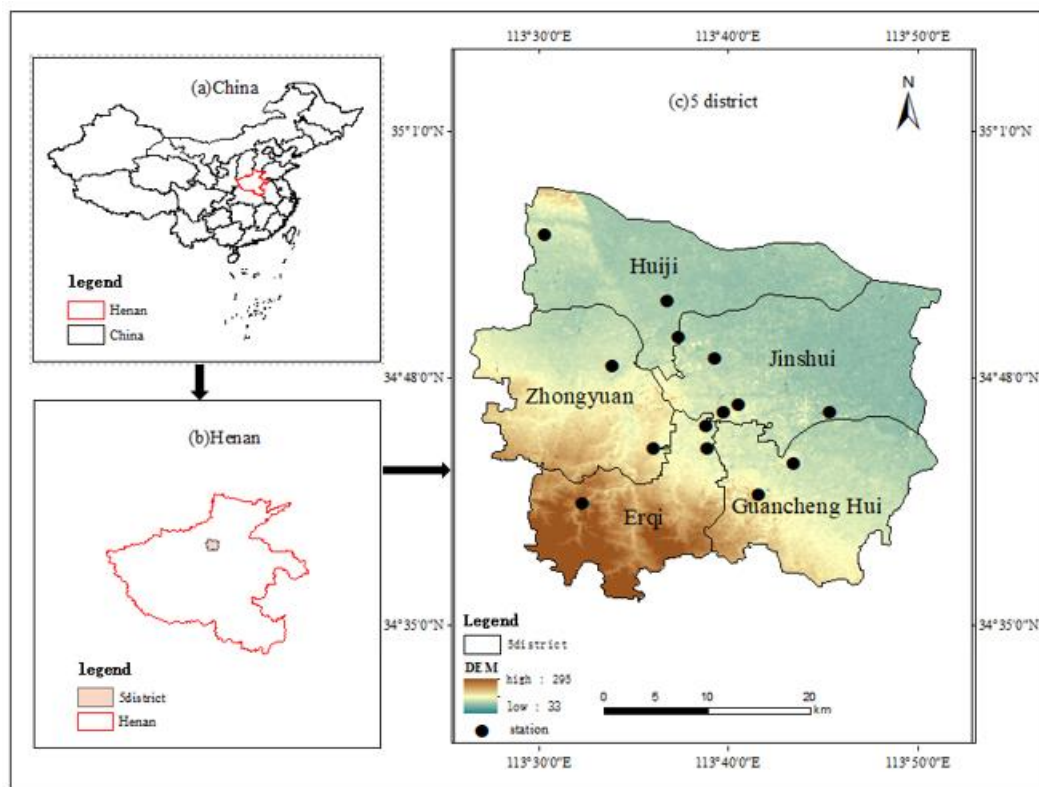
67 scholars found that the double-peak rainstorm occurred more frequently and even  
68 occupies about 20.5% of the short-duration rainstorms in China. So the urban  
69 waterlogging caused by double-peak rainstorm can not be ignored anymore, and it must  
70 be paid more attention. Nevertheless, it is rare in the study on double-peak rainstorm  
71 now, and the existing research is simply to convert double-peak rainstorm into single-  
72 peak (Yuan-Yuan L et al., 2020). This converting double-peak into single-peak method  
73 (CDPISPM) is simply and convenient, and it has certain precision, which can simplify  
74 the research and calculation process. In fact, the key features of double-peak  
75 rainstorm——The double peak rainfall and its location play a crucial role in urban  
76 rainstorm warning and emergency response. but it is fuzzed by the CDPISPM, so it can  
77 not truly reflect the characteristics of actual double-peak rainstorm, and this will reduce  
78 the accuracy of rainstorm forecasting and affect urban drainage and waterlogging  
79 prevention and emergency early warning. Therefore, this study proposes a new FFRPM  
80 to fit the actual double-peak rain pattern method (DPRPM).

81 The paper aims to that (1) analyzing the characteristics of short-duration double-  
82 peak rainstorm in China firstly; (2) by constructing double-peak combined virtual rain  
83 peak coefficient (DPCVRPC), the double-peak rainstorm is converted into single-peak  
84 rainstorm firstly, and then they are reverted again, thus the FFRPM is derived; (3) by  
85 fitting the actual urban double-peak rainstorm, the FFRPM is verified, and also  
86 compared with the P&C RPM.

## 87 **2. Data and methods**

### 88 *2.1 Data sources*

89 Zhengzhou city lies in the north-central part of Henan Province of China, and also  
 90 in the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River. It belongs to the north temperate  
 91 continental monsoon climate with four distinct seasons (Chi WF, Shi WJ, Kuang WH,  
 92 2015). The annual average of rainfall is about 640mm in Zhengzhou City and more  
 93 concentrated rainfall is in summer, which causing serious urban waterlogging.



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 95 **Fig. 1.** Distribution map of five districts and rainfall stations in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province  
 96 The study area is the five districts within Zhengzhou City, and data uses the 10-  
 97 minute rainstorm excerpts from the ground hydrological station from 2009 to 2018 ,  
 98 including Jinshui District, Huiji District, Erqi District, Zhongyuan District and  
 99 Guancheng Hui Nationality District. There are 14 rainfall observation stations (as  
 100 shown in Fig.1), respectively located in North China University of Water Resources  
 101 and Electric Power, Zhengzhou Hydrology Bureau, Water Conservancy Design  
 102 Institute, Shibalihe River, High-tech Zone, Shangjie District, Huiji District, Zhengzhou

103 Earthquake Bureau , Railway Bureau, Economic Development Zone, Provincial Party  
104 Committee, Yellow River Tourist Area, Laoyachen, and Water Conservancy Bureau.

### 105 *2.2 Short-duration rainstorm classification*

106 According to the actual investigation and statistical data analysis, the rainstorm  
107 causing the flood disaster in Zhengzhou city is mainly the short-duration rainstorm  
108 within 2 hours (Dingkun Y et al., 2020). Short-duration rainstorm refers to a rainstorm  
109 lasting no more than 120min, and usually 30, 60, 90 and 120min are used as the rainfall  
110 statistics periods. According to the 10-minute observed rainstorm data from 2009 to  
111 2018, the rainstorm events are classified by no rainfall or rainfall less than 0.1mm  
112 within 2 hours, thus a series of continuous rainfall data are classified into several  
113 independent rainstorm events (WenLin Y, Lei F,2019). The classification of rainstorms  
114 events are shown in Table 1.

115 **Table 1**

116 The classification of rainstorms events

Rainfall duration (min)	30	60	90	120
The critical value (mm)	$\geq 10$	$\geq 12$	$\geq 15$	$\geq 20$

### 117 *2.3 Selection of double-peak rainstorm samples*

118 Double-peak rainstorms in Zhengzhou City are mainly concentrated within 1h and  
119 1.5h, especially within 1.5h, there are 19 events of double-peak rainstorms accounting  
120 for 47.5% of the total rainstorms. Fig. 2 and Table 2 show the main peak-rain (MPR)  
121 and secondary peak-rain (SPR) of double-peak rainstorm within 1.5h as well as their  
122 locations.

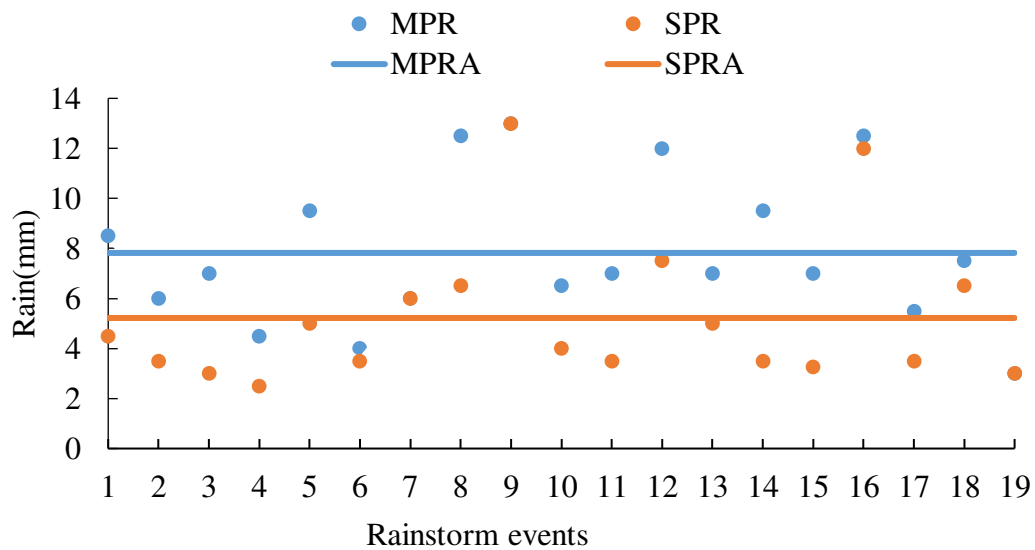


Fig. 2. MPR and SPR of double-peak rainstorm

Table 2

Peak rain and location of double-peak rainstorm within 1.5h

Features	MPR (mm)	SPR (mm)	Difference of MPR and SPR (mm)	Proportion of front main peak - rain (FMPR)	Proportion of behind main peak - rain (BMPR)
Average value	7.82	5.22	2.60	57.9%	42.1%

Based on the amount of statistical analysis of double-peak rainstorms (Diomedea T et al.,2008), it is known that in the double-peak rainstorm event, the value of SPR can not be too small, otherwise the impact of SPR on the whole rain pattern will be lower that will result in unevidently double-peak rain. Similarly, the ratio of SPR to MPR as well as the difference between SPR and trough should reach a certain value so as to reflect the double-peak characteristics. The selection standard of double-peak rainstorm are used in Table 3.

Table 3



135 The selection standard of double-peak rainstorm pattern

SPR (mm)	ratio of SPR to MPR	difference between SPR and trough (mm)
$\geq 2.5$	$\geq 1/4$	$\geq 1.5$

136 Therefore, the double-peak rainstorm samples within 1.5h can be obtained by the  
137 following two steps: (1) classfing the short-duration rainstorm according to Table 1 to  
138 obtain the rainstorm data within 1.5h firstly, and finding out all double-peak rainstroms,  
139 then arranging them in order of total rainfall from large to small; (2) with the selection  
140 standard in Table 3, the double-peak rainstorm samples are selected to derive the  
141 double-peak rainstorm pattern.

## 142 2.4 Calculation of DPCVRPC

### 143 2.4.1 Double-peak virtual rain peak coefficient (DPVRPC)

144 For a single-peak rainstorm, its RPC (Dan C, Zhenghong C , Yi F,2015 ) is  
145 calculated as follows:

$$146 \quad r_i = \frac{t_i}{T} \quad (1)$$

147 Where  $i$  is the  $i$ -th rainstorm,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $r_i$  is the single-peak RPC,  $t_i$  is the  
148 peak occuring time, and  $T$  is the total duration of the whole rainstorm.

149 For double-peak rainstorm, its double rain peaks is divided into the MRP and the  
150 SRP, so if the formula (1) is used, there will be two rain peak coefficients. However,  
151 these two rain peaks can be converted into one peak with the formula (1) by the  
152 CDPISPM. The idea of the CDPISPM is to assume a virtual rain peak of single-peak  
153 rainstorm which is located between the MRP and the SRP of double-peak rainstorm,

154 and also just at the position of the combined CRPC, thus the position of this virtual rain  
155 peak is called as the virtual rain peak coefficient of double-peak rainstorm.

156 Based on the above assumption, the double-peak virtual rain peak coefficient  
157 (DPVRPC) is calculated as:

$$158 \quad r_i = \frac{t_i \left( \frac{h_i}{h_i + h_j} \right) + t_j \left( \frac{h_j}{h_i + h_j} \right)}{T} \quad (2)$$

159 Where  $r_i$  is the DPVRPC,  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  are the occurring time of the MRP and SRP  
160 in double-peak rainstorm,  $h_i$  and  $h_j$  are the MPR and SPR respectively, and  $T$  is the  
161 total duration of rainstorm.

#### 162 2.4.2 DPCVRPC

163 The DPCVRPC of double-peak rainstorm within 1.5h is (Guoping C, Jin S,  
164 Rongsheng F,1998) expressed as follows:

$$165 \quad r_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \quad (3)$$

166 Where  $r_j$  represents the DPCVRPC,  $n$  represents the total number of double-  
167 peak rainstorm within 1.5h, and  $r_i$  represents the DPVRPC of each double-peak  
168 rainstorm.

$$169 \quad x_k = r_j n \quad (4)$$

170  
171 In the formula,  $n$  represents the number of time periods, and  $x_k$  is the position  
172 corresponding to the comprehensive virtual rain peak coefficient(CVRPC).

#### 173 2.5 Calculation of double-peak virtual peak rain (DPVPR)

174 For a double-peak rainstorm with the FMPR and behind BSPR, suppose the MPR  
175 is  $h_i$ , the SPR is  $h_j$ , and the DPVPR is  $H_i$  satifying the following requirements (1)-  
176 (4):

177 (1) After the conversion of double-peak to single-peak, the virtual rainfall peak  
178 value meets the following requirements:

$$179 \quad H_i = h_i y_i + h_j y_j \quad (5)$$

180 Where  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  respectively represent the coefficients of MRP and SRP.

181 (2) The virtual rain peak rainfall should also satisfy the following requirements:

$$182 \quad h_j < H_i < h_i + h_j \quad (6)$$

183 Where  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  satisfies  $0 < a \leq y_i \leq 1, 0 < b \leq y_j \leq 1, a, b \in (0, 1)$ .

184 If  $y_i = y_j = 1$ , the MRP and SRP are both at the position of the DPVRPC, thus the  
185 double-peak rainstorm pattern become the single-peak one.

186 (3) The DPVRPC is related to the position of MRP and SRP. If the position of  
187 the MRP  $x_i$  is closer to the DPVRPC, the coefficient  $y_i$  in formula (5) is more larger,  
188 and the relationship between  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  is linear. Similarly, if the position  $x_j$  of the  
189 SRP is closer to the DPVRPC, the coefficient  $y_j$  in formula (5) will be larger, and the  
190 relations between  $x_j$  and  $y_j$  is linear as well.

191 (4) Set any initial value in the range of a and b, and then carry out linear fitting for  
192 the DPVPR and the total rainfall. If the best fitting is found and the DPVPR also  
193 satisfies the formula (6), the corresponding values of a and b at this time are the required  
194 values.

195 For a double-peak rainstorm with the front secondary peak rain (FSPR) and  
 196 BMPR,  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  represent the coefficients of SRP and MRP in formula (5)  
 197 respectively, and  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  represent the positions of SRP and MRP respectively.

198 Based on the above assumptions, it can be derived:

199 if  $x_i \in [1, x_k]$ ,  $y_i$  in formula (5) is calculated as:

$$200 \quad y_i = \frac{a-1}{1-x_k} x_i + \frac{1-ax_k}{1-x_k} \quad (7)$$

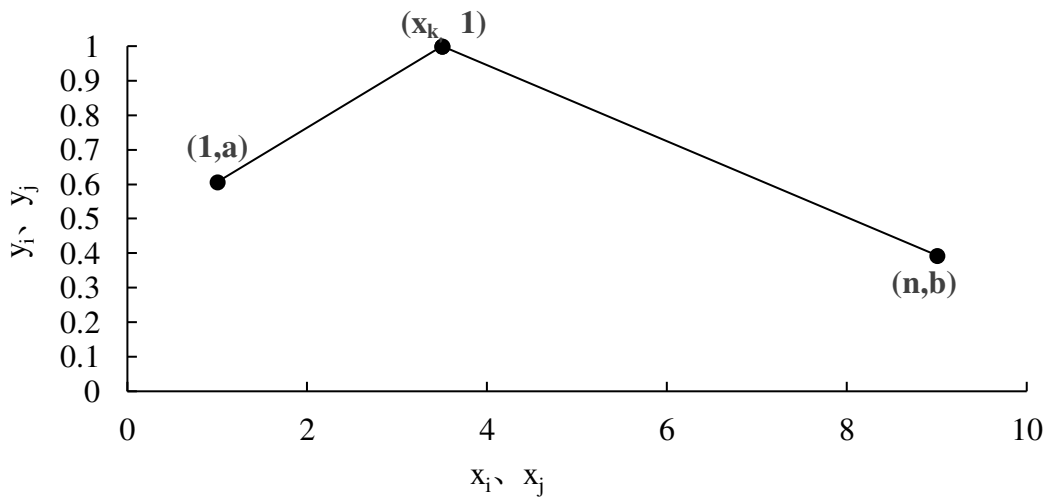
201 if  $x_j \in [x_k, n]$ ,  $y_j$  in formula (5) is calculated as:

$$202 \quad y_j = \frac{1-b}{x_k-n} x_j + \frac{bx_k-n}{x_k-n} \quad (8)$$

203 Where,  $n$  represents the number of time periods (for example, if the rain data  
 204 extracted every 10 minutes in the rainstorm lasting 1.5h,  $n$  is 9).

205 The relations between  $y_i, y_j$  and  $x_i, x_j$  in the formula (7) and (8) are shown in

206 Fig.3:



207

208 **Fig. 3.** The relations between  $y_i, y_j$  and  $x_i, x_j$

209 It can be seen from Fig.3 that if the MRP is in front,  $y_i \in [a, 1]$  and  $y_j \in [b, 1]$ ;

210 conversely, if the MRP is in behind,  $y_i \in [b, 1]$  and  $y_j \in [a, 1]$ , so the DPVPR can be

211 derived as follows:

212 For the MRP:  $H_i = \left(\frac{a-1}{1-x_k}x_i + \frac{1-ax_k}{1-x_k}\right)h_i + \left(\frac{1-b}{x_k-n}x_j + \frac{bx_k-n}{x_k-n}\right)h_j$  (9)

213 For the BMP:  $H_i = \left(\frac{a-1}{1-x_k}x_i + \frac{1-ax_k}{1-x_k}\right)h_j + \left(\frac{1-b}{x_k-n}x_j + \frac{bx_k-n}{x_k-n}\right)h_i$  (10)

214 In formulas (9) and (10),  $H_i$  is the DPVPR, the rests are the same meaning as  
215 before.

216 *2.6 Calculation of double-peak rainstorm pattern (CDPRPP) ——FFRPM*

217 ①The peak coefficient and location of the main peak and secondary peak of  
218 double-peak rainstorm were statistically analyzed, Calculate the mode and average of  
219 the main and secondary peak positions, and select the position with the best fit as the  
220 position of the main and secondary peaks in the rain pattern of the double-peak  
221 rainstorm design;

222 ②The virtual peak coefficients of double-peak rainstorm pattern in all measured  
223 events are calculated by formula (2), and the comprehensive virtual peak coefficient of  
224 double-peak rainstorm pattern is obtained by formula (3).

225 ③Take any initial value of coefficient a and b in (0,1) through step (4) in 2.5, and  
226 substitute it into formula (9) and formula (10). The least square method is used to  
227 perform linear fitting for the peak rainfall and total rainfall of the double-peak virtual  
228 rain in all events,fields, when the fitting is optimal, the values of a and b are the desired  
229 values.

230 ④Substituting the values of a and b into Equations (9) and (10), the calculation  
231 formula of virtual peak rainfall of double-peak rainstorm can be obtained, from which  
232 the virtual peak rainfall of double-peak rainstorm can be calculated.



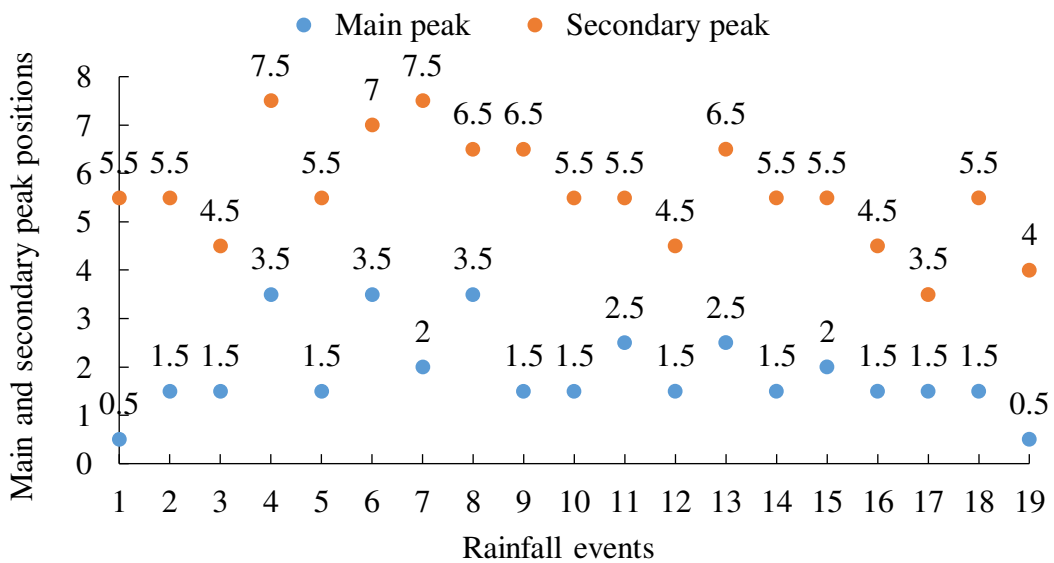
254 
$$T = \frac{1}{P} \tag{12}$$

255 In formulas (11) and (12),  $P$  is the frequency,  $m$  is the rainfall number of the  
 256 events,  $n$  is the total rainfall events, and  $T$  is the return period.

257 (3) Obtain the rainfall of 15mm, 28.7mm, 38mm, 46mm corresponding to the  
 258 return period of 1a, 3a, 5a, and 10a. Choose four rainstorms with similar or the same  
 259 total rainfall to replace 1a, 3a, 5a, 10a, and select the total rainstorm results to be  
 260 15.5mm, 28mm, 38mm, 46mm.

261 *3.1.2 Determination of Main and Secondary Peak Locations*

262 The positions of the main peak and the secondary peak during the 1.5h double-  
 263 peak rainstorm are shown in Fig.4.



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265 **Fig. 4.** location of main and secondary peaks

266 In Fig.4, in the first 11 double-peak rainstorms, the relative position of the main  
 267 and secondary peaks is that the main peak is in the front and the secondary peak is in  
 268 the back, while in the second 12-19 double-peak rainstorms, the relative position of the

269 main and secondary peaks is that the main peak is in the back and the secondary peak  
 270 is in the front.

271 **Table 4**

272 Location statistics of main and secondary peaks of 1.5h double-peak rainstorm

Classification	Average value of main peak position	Average value of secondary peak position	Main peak position mode	secondary peak position mode
The main peak is ahead	2.6	6.6	2	6
The main peak is behind	5.4	2.1	6	2

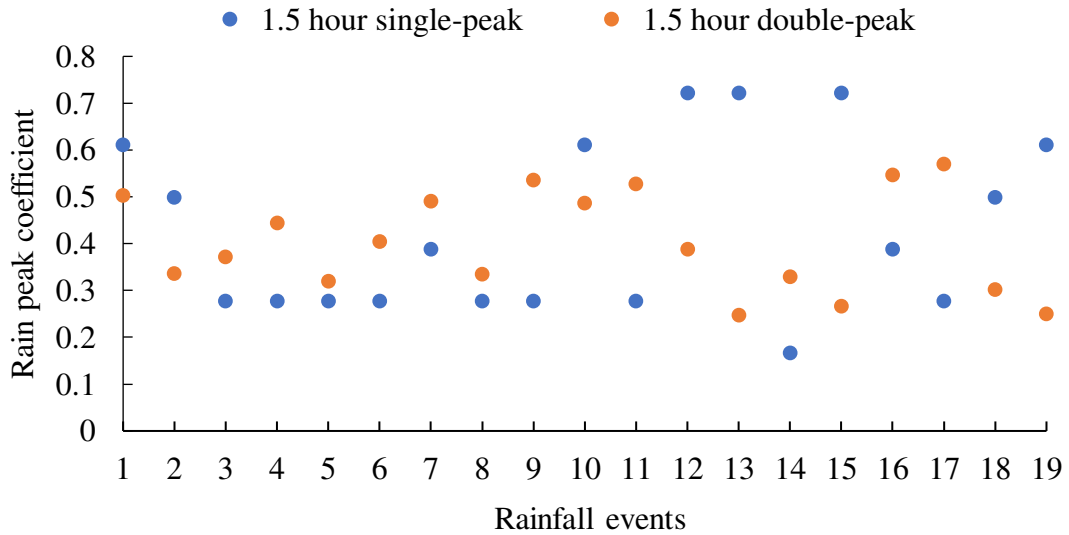
273 It can be seen from Table 4 that when the main peak is in the front, the average  
 274 positions of the main peak and the secondary peak are 2.6 and 6.6 respectively, and the  
 275 positions where the main peak and the secondary peak appear most are 2 and 6; when  
 276 the main peak is in the back, the average positions of the main peak and the secondary  
 277 peak are 2.1 and 5.4 respectively, and the positions where the main peak and the  
 278 secondary peak appear most are 6 and 2. Taking into account the CVRPC and the fitting  
 279 degree of rain pattern, the positions of the main and secondary peak of the double-peak  
 280 are 2 and 6 when the main peak is in the front and the secondary peak is in the back,  
 281 and 5 and 2 when the main peak is in the back and the secondary peak is in the front.

282 *3.1.3 Double-peak CVRPC*

283 According to equations (2) and (3), the virtual rain peak coefficients and  
 284 comprehensive virtual rain peak coefficients of all 1.5h measured double-peak  
 285 rainstorms are obtained. In order to facilitate comparison, the rain peak coefficients of



286 all 1.5h measured single-peak rainstorms are also calculated. The rain peak coefficients  
 287 of 1.5h measured single-peak and double-peak rainstorms are shown in Fig.5 and Table  
 288 5 below.



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 290 **Fig. 5.** Comparison chart of 1.5h single-peak and double-peak rainstorm peak coefficient

291 **Table 5**

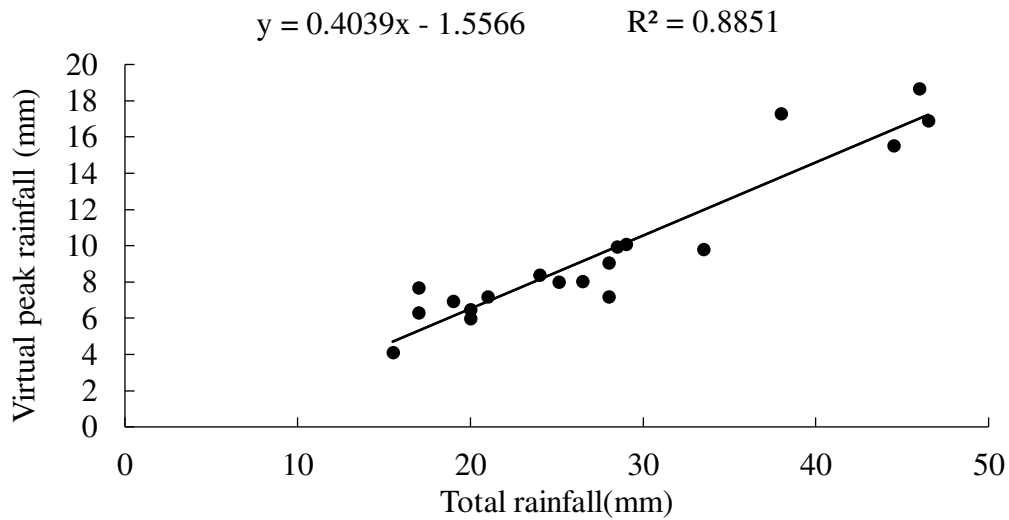
292 Ratio of 1.5h single-peak and double-peak coefficient

Classification	Coefficient $\leq 0.5$	Coefficient $> 0.5$	CRPC
Single-peak	73.6%	26.4%	0.40
Double-peak	68.4%	31.6%	0.39

293 As shown in Table 5, the RPC of 1.5h single-peak rainstorm is very similar to that  
 294 of double-peak rainstorm. The proportion of  $RPC \leq 0.5$  is relatively high, and the peak  
 295 rainfall is mainly in front, and the difference between the two comprehensive rain peak  
 296 coefficient(CRPC) is not significant.

297 *3.1.4 Calculation of double-peak virtual peak rainfall*

298 (1) Take any value in (0,1) for a and b, and then put them into formula (9) and (10)  
 299 to calculate the virtual peak rainfall, and then make linear fitting between the virtual  
 300 peak rainfall and the total rainfall to make the best fitting. At this time, a = 0.5 and b=  
 301 0.5, as shown in Fig. 6.



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303 **Fig.6.** relationship between total rainfall and virtual peak rainfall

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304 (2) Substitute a=0.5 and b=0.5 into Equations (9) and (10), and  $r_j=0.39$  into  
 305 Equation (4) to get the rainfall and the position of virtual rain peak.

306 The main and secondary peak coefficient formula:

307 
$$x_i \in [1, 3.5], \quad y_i = 0.2x_i + 0.3 \quad (13)$$

308 
$$x_j \in [3.5, 9], \quad y_j = -0.0909x_j + 1.3182 \quad (14)$$

309 Therefore:

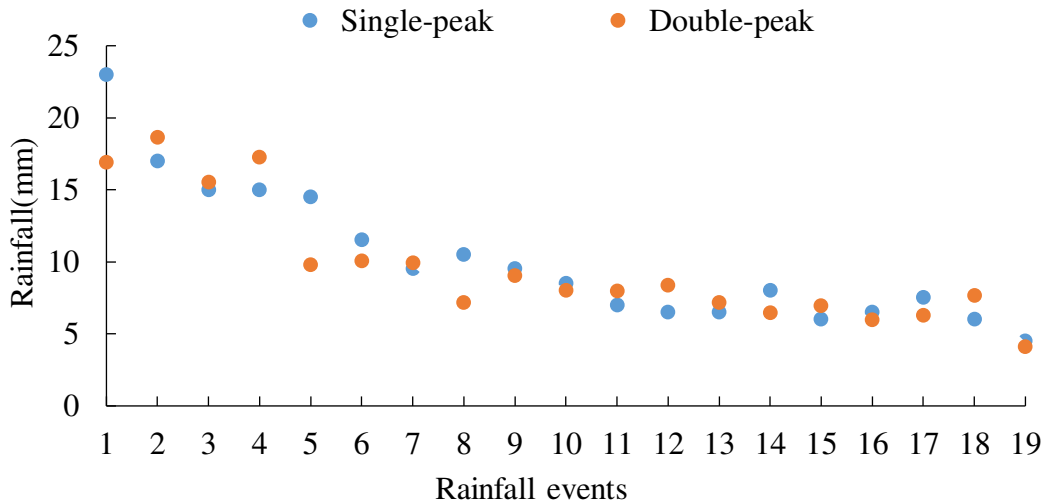
310 When the main peak is in front, the peak rainfall of the virtual rain peak is:

311 
$$H_i = (0.2x_i + 0.3)h_i + (-0.0909x_j + 1.3182)h_j \quad (15)$$

312 When the main peak is behind, the peak rainfall of the virtual rain peak is:

313 
$$H_i = (0.2x_i + 0.3)h_j + (-0.0909x_j + 1.3182)h_i \quad (16)$$

314 According to formulas (18) and (19), the virtual peak rainfall of the double-peak  
 315 rainstorm can be calculated in 1.5h for 19 events, and the peak rainfall of the single-  
 316 peak rainstorm in 1.5h for 21 events can be compared. The results are shown in Fig. 7  
 317 and Table 6.



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319 **Fig .7.** Comparison of 1.5h measured Single-peak and Double-peak rainfall

320 **Table 6**

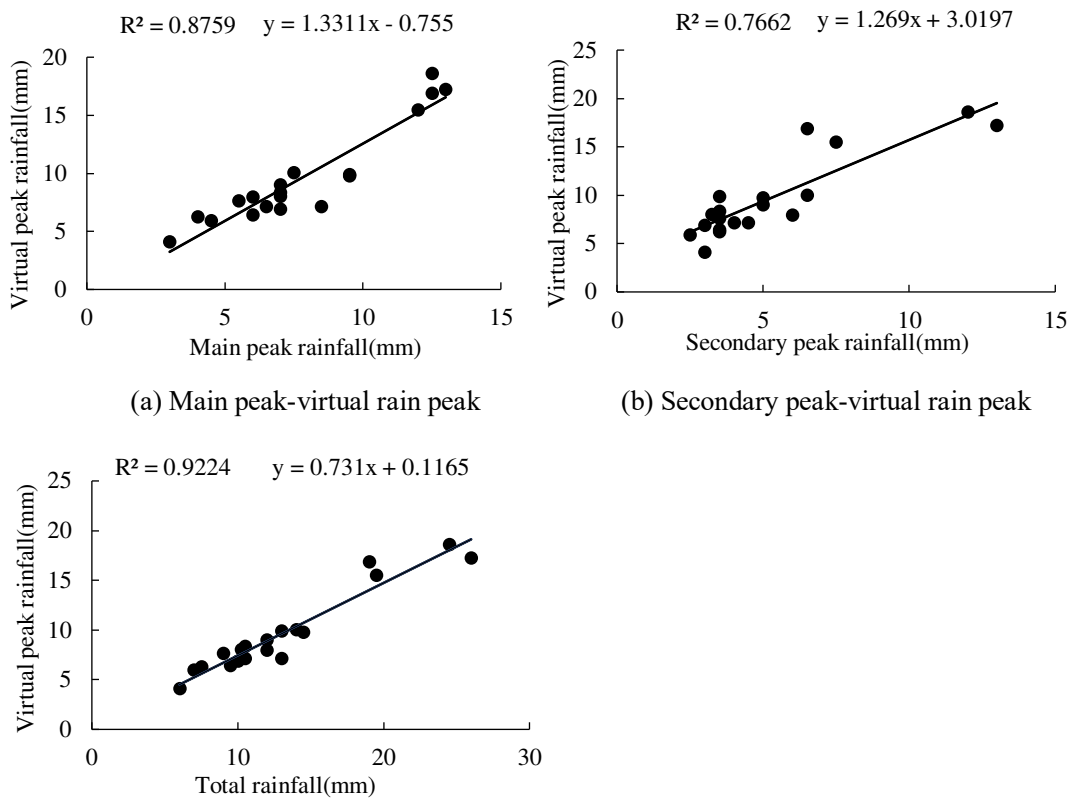
321 Comparison of statistical characteristic values of 1.5h single-peak rainfall and double-peak virtual  
 322 rainfall

Eigenvalues	Average(mm)	Median(mm)	Standard deviation
Single-peak	10.64	9.5	4.99
Double-peak	10.54	9.1	4.43

323 It can be seen from Fig. 7 and Table 6 that the peak rainfall of the single-peak and  
 324 double-peak rainstorms during the 1.5h field measurement are in good agreement,  
 325 whether it is the average value, median, or sample standard deviation, the peak rainfall  
 326 of double-peak and single-peak The result of peak rainfall is very close.

327 *3.1.5 Calculation of MASPRA*

328 The best linear fit is performed on the sum of the virtual peak rainfall and the  
 329 secondary peak rainfall, the main peak rainfall, the MASPRA of all the measured  
 330 double-peak rainstorms, and the results are shown in Fig. 8 a, b, and c. The rain peak-  
 331 correlation coefficient is the worst at 0.7662, so the MASPRA can be obtained  
 332 according to the relationship between total rainfall-virtual rain peak, main peak-virtual  
 333 rain peak, major and secondary peaks and-virtual rain peak.



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(a) Main peak-virtual rain peak

(b) Secondary peak-virtual rain peak

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(c) Relationship between primary and secondary peaks and virtual rain peak

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**Fig.8.** The relationship between Main peak or secondary peak or total peak with virtual rain peak

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### 3.1.6 Rainfall distribution in other periods

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After subtracting the MASPRA from the total rainfall, the rainfall during the rest

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of the period is calculated by the P&C RPM, and finally the distribution ratios of the

342 main peak before and after the main peak of the double-peak rainstorm can be  
 343 obtained respectively, such as Table 7 and Table 8:

344 **Table 7**

345 Rainfall ratio based on fitting method (main peak in front)

Period (10min)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Proportion	0.1315		0.2682	0.1753	0.1227		0.1303	0.1263	0.0457

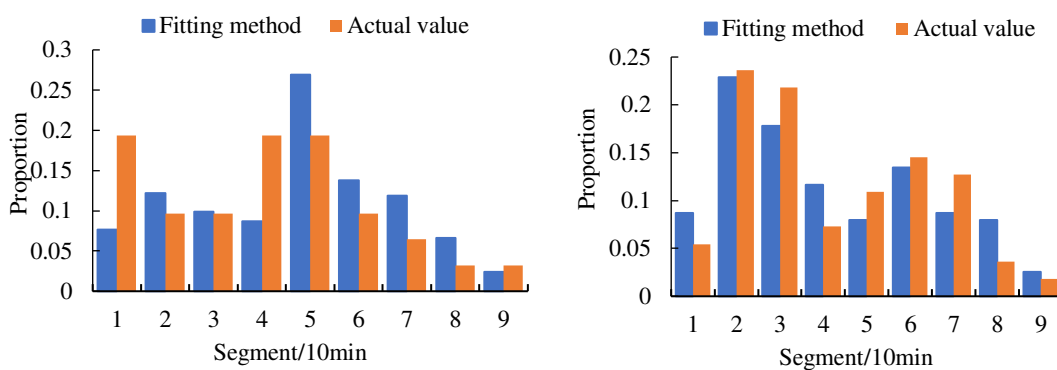
346 **Table 8**

347 Rainfall ratio based on fitting method (main peak in behind)

Period (10min)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Proportion	0.1259		0.1623	0.1428		0.2261	0.1948	0.1082	0.0398

348 *3.1.7 Fitting rain pattern results*

349 Selecting four double-peak rainstorms with the return period of 1a, 3a, 5a, and 10a  
 350 as examples, the compared results of fitting rain pattern and actual rain pattern are  
 351 shown in Fig.9.

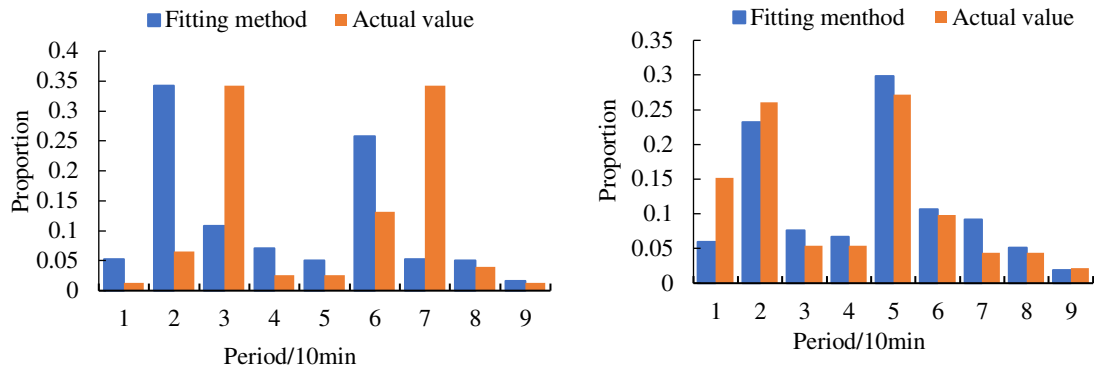


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(a) 1a

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(c) 5a

(d) 10a

**Fig. 9 .** Comparison of the fitted rain pattern and the actual rain pattern with the different return period

### 3.2 P&C rain pattern method

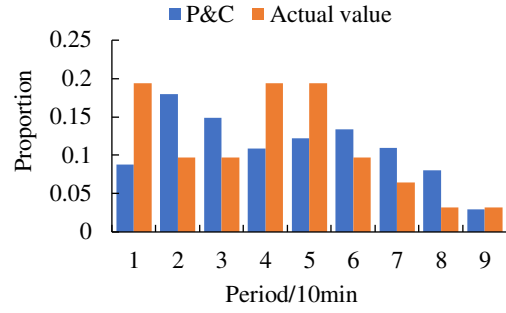
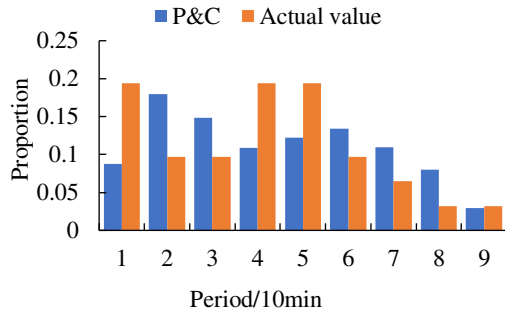
According to the obtained 1.5h double-peak rainstorm data, and apply with the P&C method, the rainfall proportion results of each period within 1.5h double-peak rainstorm can be obtained, as shown in Table 9.

**Table 9**

The average rainfall proportion based on P&C method

Period (10min)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Proportion	0.0877	0.1797	0.1487	0.1089	0.1220	0.1341	0.1094	0.0802	0.0293

Thus, the rain pattern time distribution of the four double-peak rainstorms with the different return periods of 1a, 3a, 5a, and 10a can be achieved. Fig. 10 is the comparison of the P&C rain pattern and actual rain pattern with the different return periods below.

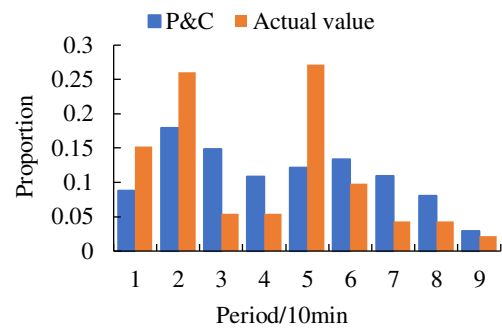
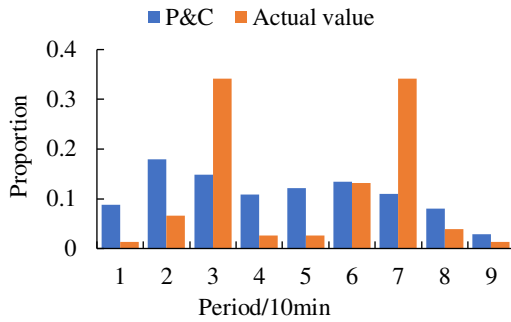


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(a) 1a

(b) 3a



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(c) 5a

(d) 10a

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**Fig. 10** Comparison results of the P&C rain pattern and actual rain pattern with the

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different return periods

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### 3.3 Comparison of results between FFRPM and P&C RPM

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#### 3.3.1 Analysis of results of P&C RPM

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##### (1) Overall rain pattern fitting analysis

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Using the fuzzy recognition method (Abhishekh Srivastava et al.,2019), the fitting

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degree of the rainstorm patterns and the corresponding measured rainstorm pattern can

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be calculated as fourmula (17).

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$$e = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

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(17)

381 where  $e$  is the overall rain pattern fitting degree,  $x_i$  is the distribution ratio for the  
 382  $i$ -th period of the measured rainstorm,  $y_i$  is the distribution ratio for the  $i$ -th period of  
 383 the corresponding P&C rain pattern,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

384 The overall rain pattern fitting degree of the P&C RPM is shown in Table 10.

385 **Table 10**

386 The overall rain pattern fitting degree of the P&C RPM

Return period	1a	3a	5a	10a
Fitting degree	0.934	0.961	0.940	0.923

387 Larger value of fitting degree means the P&C RPM is more available, so from  
 388 Table 10, it can be seen that the P&C RPM is relatively good for the overall rain pattern  
 389 fit for the double-peak rainstorm with the return period of 1a, 3a, 5a, and 10a.

390 (2) Main and secondary peak analysis

391 The main and secondary peak fitting formula (18) is used to calculate and analyze  
 392 the main and secondary peak errors of the four rainstorm types, the results are shown  
 393 in Table 11, and the formula is as follows:

394 
$$e = 1 - \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} \quad (18)$$

395 In formula (18),  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively represent the proportion of the main  
 396 peak rainfall and the secondary peak rainfall calculated by the P&C rain pattern to the  
 397 total rainfall, and  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  respectively represent the proportion of the main peak  
 398 rainfall and the secondary peak rainfall of the measured rainfall in the total rainfall. The  
 399 larger the value of  $e$ , the higher the degree of fitting, so as to verify the accuracy and  
 400 rationality of the fitting of P&C rain patterns on the local main and secondary peaks.





	difference/mm			
Percentage of total rainfall	26.5%	14.2%	42.6%	29.5%

420 *3.3.2 Analysis of the results of FFRPM*

421 Through the comparison and analysis with the measured rainstorm data, the  
 422 calculation results of the fitting degree of the overall rain pattern, the fitting degree of  
 423 the main and secondary peaks, and the difference of total rainfall can be obtained as  
 424 shown in Table 13, Table 14 and Table 15:

425 **Table 13**

426 Calculation result of rain pattern fit degree

Return period	1a	3a	5a	10a
Fit degree	0.936	0.968	0.838	0.962

427 **Table 14**

428 Calculation results of fit degree of main and secondary peaks

Return period	1a	3a	5a	10a
Fit degree	0.939	0.987	0.916	0.962

429 **Table 15**

430 Calculation results of total rainfall difference

Return period	1a	3a	5a	10a
Total rainfall	4.385	3.500	19.900	11.529
difference /mm				
Proportion in total rainfall	28.3%	12.5%	52.4%	25.0%

431 *3.3.3 Comparison of results between FFRPM and P&C RPM*

432 From Table 10, Table 11 and Table 12, it can be seen that for the double-peak  
 433 rainstorms with the return period of 1a and 3a, the P&C RPM has a better fit between  
 434 the main and secondary peaks, but for the double-peak rainstorm with return period of  
 435 5a and 10a, the P&C RPM has a large gap between the main and secondary peaks and

436 the true value, and the calculated main peak is only about half of the actual value; And  
437 the P&C RPM cannot distinguish between the main peak in the front and the main peak  
438 in the back.

439 It can be seen from Table 12 that the P&C RPM only has a small total rainfall  
440 difference in 3a, the total rainfall difference between 1a and 10a is relatively large, and  
441 the 5a total rainfall deviation is the largest, with a deviation ratio of 42.6%.

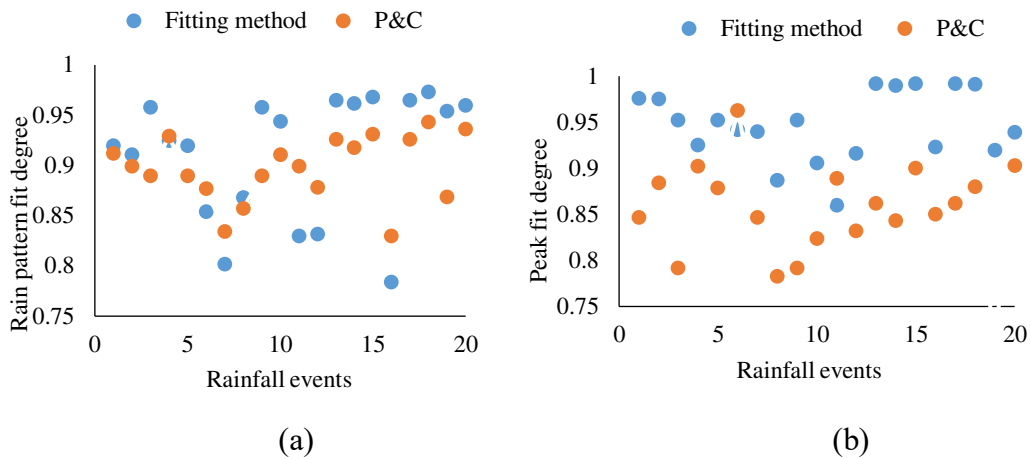
442 From Table 13, Table 14 and Table 15, it can be seen that the fitting rain pattern  
443 method is superior to P&C method in three events of the overall rain pattern. Except  
444 for the rainstorm with a recurrence period of 5a, the fitness of the main and secondary  
445 peaks are higher than that of P&C method. Because FFRPM divides double-peak  
446 rainstorm into two types, i.e. the front of main peak and the back of main peak, the  
447 calculation results are more realistic than P&C method which does not distinguish the  
448 position of main and secondary peak. On the total rainfall difference, the difference  
449 between the total rainfall of 3a and 10a is smaller, the difference between the total  
450 rainfall of 1a is larger, and the difference between the total rainfall of 5a is the largest,  
451 and the comparison results are similar to P&C method. It can be seen that the FFRPM  
452 improves the fitness of main and secondary peaks greatly, and is more accurate in the  
453 similarity of the overall rain pattern, which is more in line with the actual situation.

#### 454 *3.4 Deducing results of all double-peak rainstorms with short-duration in Zhengzhou* 455 *City*

456 The short-duration double-peak rainstorms were mainly concentrated within 1h  
457 and 1.5h, there were a total of 20 double-peak rainstorms within 1h, accounting for 23%,

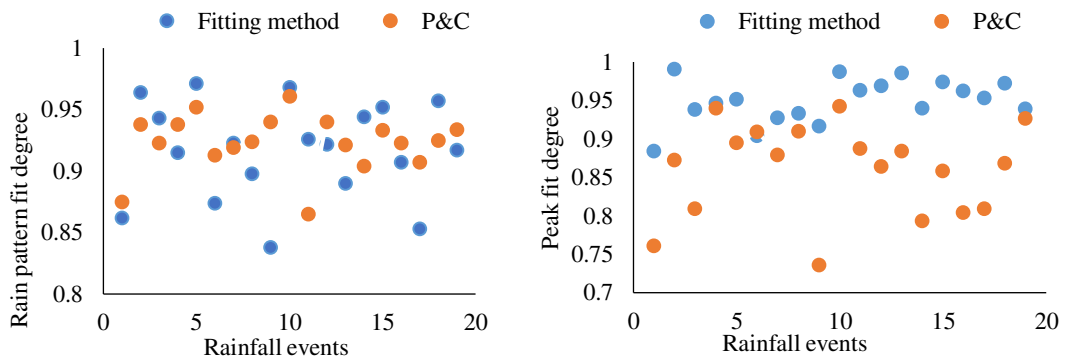
458 and 19 double-peak rainstorms within 1.5h, accounting for 47.5%. In order to more  
 459 clearly verify the practicability of the FFRPM proposed in this paper, P&C method and  
 460 FFRPM are respectively used to calculate and compare all 1h and 1.5h double-peak  
 461 rainstorms in Zhengzhou City the calculation steps are the same as above.

462 (1) The fitting degree of rain pattern and the main and secondary peak fitting  
 463 degree of double-peak rainstorm 1h 20 rainstorms were analyzed, and the results are as  
 464 follows: Fig.11 a and b:



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466 (a) (b)  
467 **Fig.11.** Schematic diagram of fit results

468 (2) Analyze the fit degree of the double-peak rainstorm pattern and the fit degree  
 469 of the main and secondary peaks during 1.5h19 in Zhengzhou City, and the results are  
 470 shown in Fig.12 a and b:



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(a)

(b)

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**Fig.12.** Schematic diagram of fit results**Table 16**

475 1h and 1.5h double-peak rainstorm pattern fit and the average value of the main and secondary peak  
476 fit

Fit degree	1h rain pattern fit	1h peak fit	1.5h rain pattern fit	1.5h peak fit
Fitting method	0.913	0.946	0.920	0.949
P&C method	0.897	0.852	0.923	0.860

**Table 17**

478 Average value of 1h and 1.5h total rainfall difference

Methods	1h total rainfall difference	1.5h total rainfall difference
P&C method (mm)	5.67	7.61
P&C method proportion	25.4%	27.5%
Fitting method (mm)	4.41	7.62
Fitting method proportion	19.7%	27.5%

479 It can be seen from Fig. 11 (a, b), the overall rain pattern fitting degree of 20

480 double-peak rainfall within 1h shows that the fitting degree of 14 of 20 double-peak

481 rainfall events is greater than that of P&C, and only 6 events are less than that of P&C;

482 In the fitting degree of local main and secondary peak rain patterns, the fitting method

483 was larger than P&C method in 18 of 20 events, and only 2 events were smaller than

484 that of P&C method; It can be seen from Fig. 12 (a, b), for 1.5h 19 double-peak

485 rainfall overall rain pattern fit, 11 of 19 overall rain pattern fits are greater than the P&C

486 method and 8 are less than the P&C method; For the fitting degree of local primary and

487 secondary peak rain patterns, the fitting method was larger than P&C method in 18 of

488 19 events, and only 1 event was smaller than P&C method; On the whole, whether it is

489 1h or 1.5h double peaks, the fitting method is better than the P&C method in the degree

490 of fit between the primary and secondary peaks; It can be seen from Table 16 that the

491 fitting degree of overall rainfall pattern, main and secondary peak rainfall pattern in 1H  
492 is greater than that of P% C method, the fitting degree of main and secondary peak rain  
493 patterns is improved more, , and the main and secondary peak rain pattern fitting degree  
494 of 1.5h is slightly lower than that of the P&C method, but the main and secondary peak  
495 rain pattern fitting degree are also greatly improved. The fitting method is superior to  
496 the P & C method in 1 and 1.5 hours for the overall rain pattern fitting degree.

### 497 *3.5 Discussion*

498 The fitting rain pattern method proposed in this paper is based on the  
499 characteristics of short-duration double-peak rainstorm patterns and the characteristics  
500 of P&C rain pattern. The advantage of this method is that the rainfall of the main peak  
501 and the secondary peak in the double-peak can be calculated very accurately, at the  
502 same time, the rest of the rainfall also maintains a higher accuracy, so that the overall  
503 rain pattern can maintain a higher similarity.

504 In order to better explain the applicability of FFRPM, this paper takes P&C rain  
505 pattern method as an example to compare and analyze the differences between them.,  
506 and the rain pattern of rainfall is always unchanged, which is quite inconsistent with  
507 the actual short-duration rainstorm in the city(Shufang O et al.,2018). Compared with  
508 P&C rain pattern, the precision of fitting rain pattern, main and secondary peak  
509 rainfall and location are improved, especially the precision of MASPR is improved  
510 more. Urban flood disasters are often caused by the large and concentrated quantity of  
511 main and secondary peaks. This method can effectively estimate the peak quantity,  
512 which is of great significance to urban flood control and waterlogging prevention.

513 For rainfall with a return period of 3a, it can be seen that in the FFRPM, the  
514 MASPRA differs greatly from the measured rainfall. The main reason is that the  
515 locations of the main and secondary peaks are not accurate enough. The measured  
516 locations are 3 and 7, while the deduced locations are 2 and 6, there is a big difference  
517 between them. At present, no matter the research of double-peak rain pattern or single-  
518 peak rain pattern, it is impossible to accurately determine the location of the rain peak  
519 of each rainstorm.

520 For the rainfall with a return period of 1a, it can be seen that in the measured  
521 rainfall, there are three identical rainfall locations 1, 4 and 5(all peak rainfall is 6mm),  
522 and there should be a higher peak between 4 and 5. However, due to the low precision  
523 of data, the main peak location can only be set as 4.5, and 6mm for the peak rainfall.  
524 This leads to certain errors in the location of the rain peak and the rainfall of rain peak,  
525 and the final result is not accurate enough. This study is based on the 10-minute  
526 rainstorm extract data of Zhengzhou City. If there are 5-minute or 1-minute rainstorm  
527 extract data, it is believed that the simulation result will be more accurate.

#### 528 **4. Conclusions**

529 (1) Based on the idea of CDPISPM and then reverting to double-peak, the  
530 proposed FFRPM can be used to calculate the DPRPM with short-duration in  
531 Zhengzhou City.

532 (2) The short-duration double-peak rainstorms mainly concentrated within 1h and  
533 1.5h. The comprehensive peak coefficient of double-peak rainstorms is 0.3918 by using

534 the FFRPM, indicating that the rainfall of double-peak rainstorms mainly concentrated  
535 in the first half, which is consistent with the performance of single-peak.

536 (3) Compared with the traditional P&C method, the fitting degree of the overall  
537 rain pattern of the fitting method is 0.75 ~ 1, and the fitting degree of the main and  
538 secondary peak rainfall is 0.9 ~ 1, and the location accuracy of the MASPR is also  
539 higher.

540 (4) In the rain pattern fitting method, the fitting degree of a few overall rain  
541 patterns, and main and secondary rain peaks are low, mainly because of the inaccurate  
542 locations of main and secondary peaks, or the insufficient data accuracy. Therefore, the  
543 overall rain pattern can be properly corrected by combining P&C RPM, which is more  
544 in line with the reality. For the location of rainstorm peak, the data accuracy should be  
545 improved and the duration of rainstorm extraction should be shortened, so as to further  
546 improve the location accuracy of rainstorm peak.

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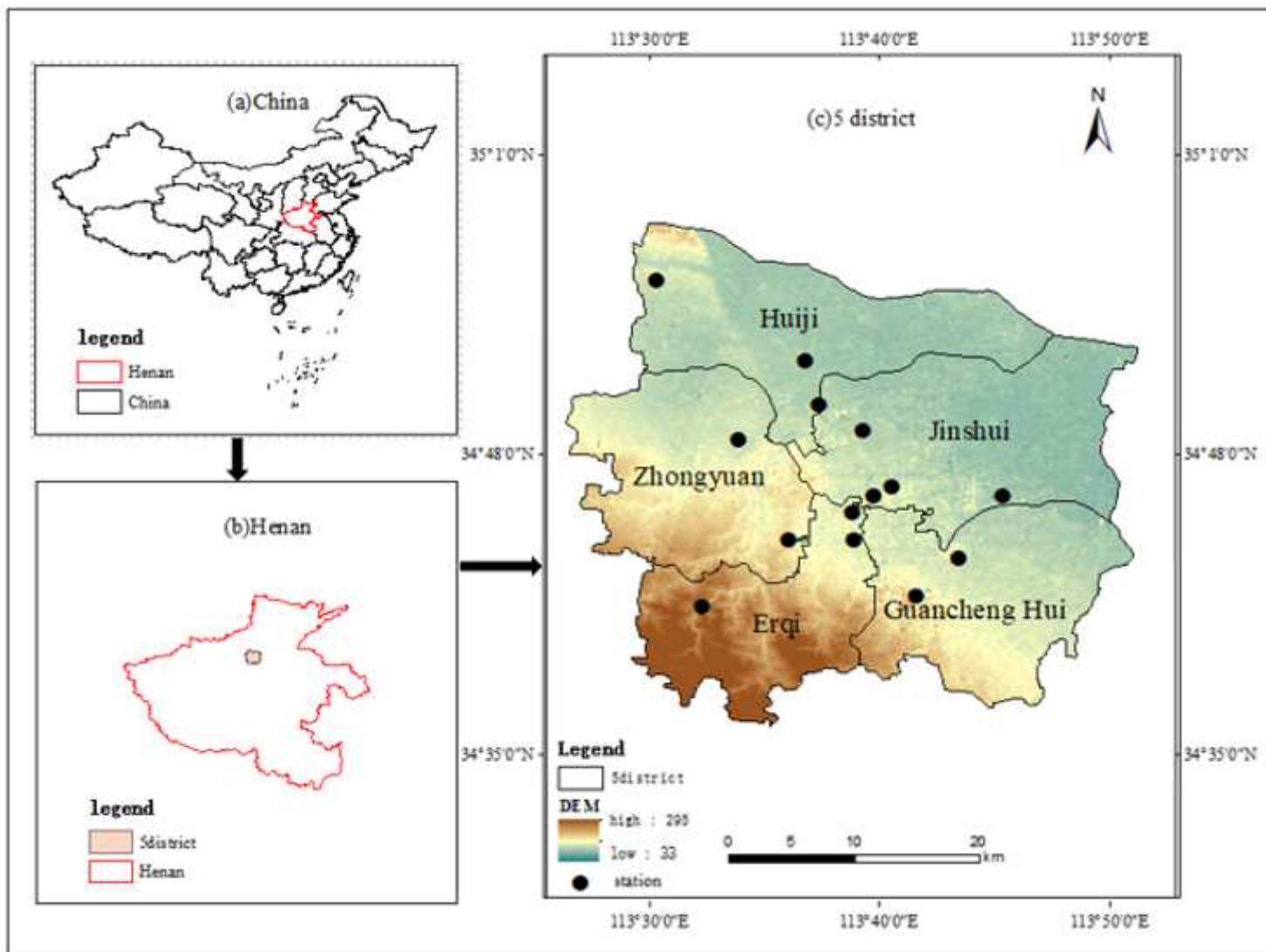
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# Figures



**Figure 1**

Distribution map of five districts and rainfall stations in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province Note: The designations employed and the presentation of the material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of Research Square concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. This map has been provided by the authors.

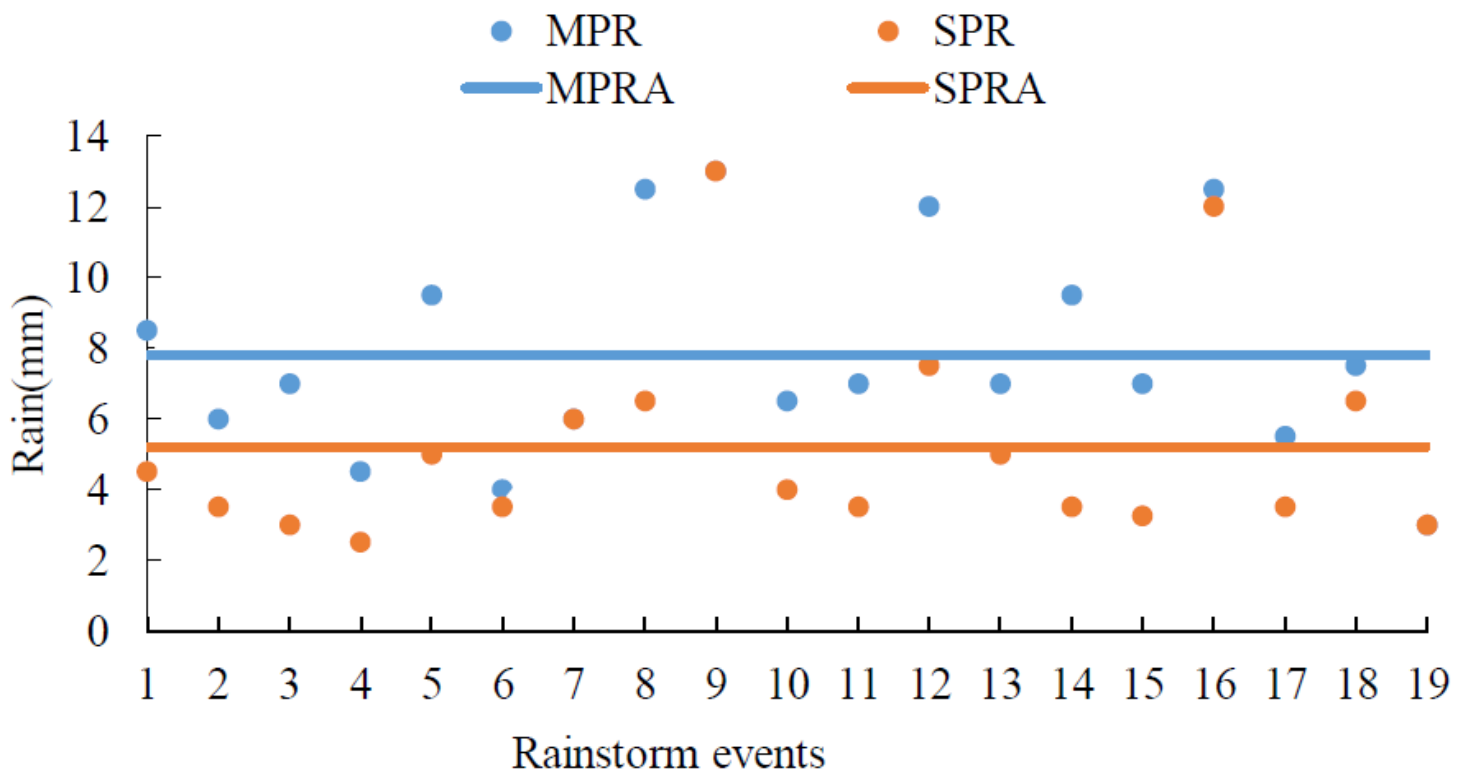


Figure 2

MPR and SPR of double-peak rainstorm

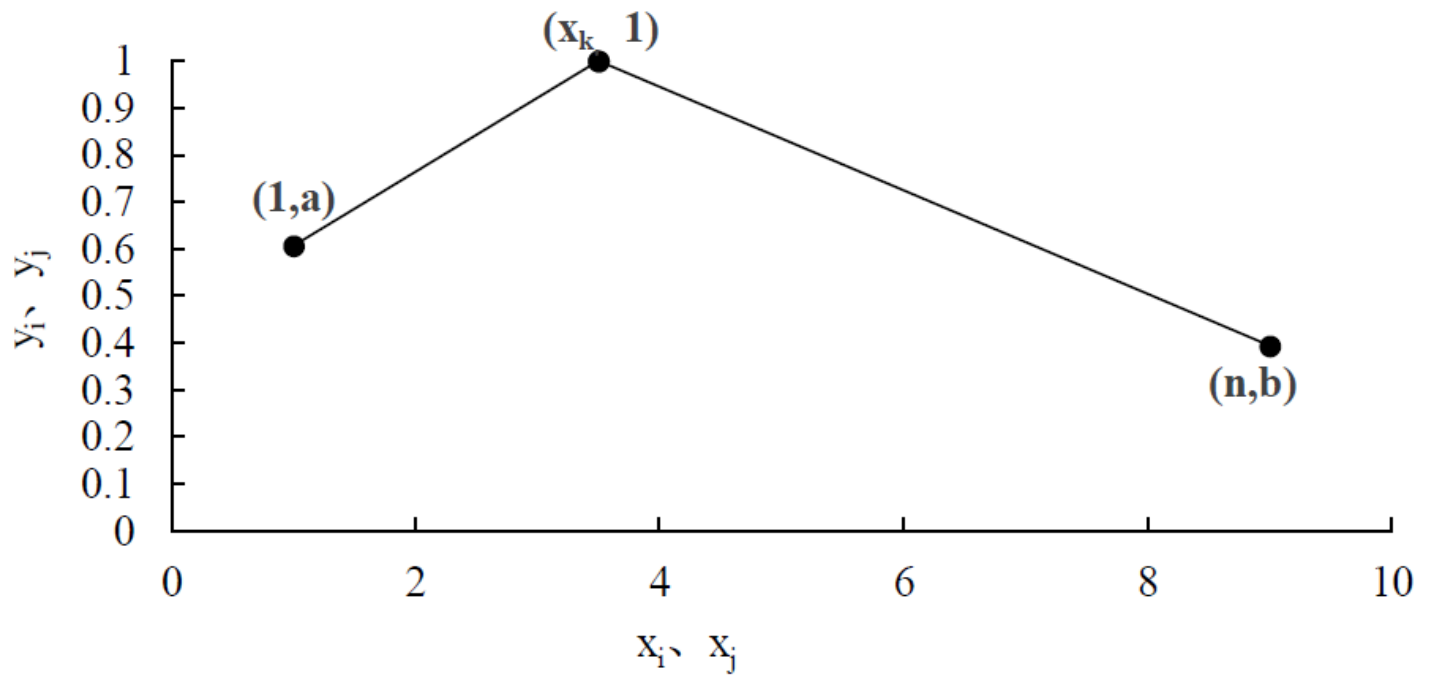


Figure 3

The relations between  $y_i, y_j$  and  $x_i, x_j$

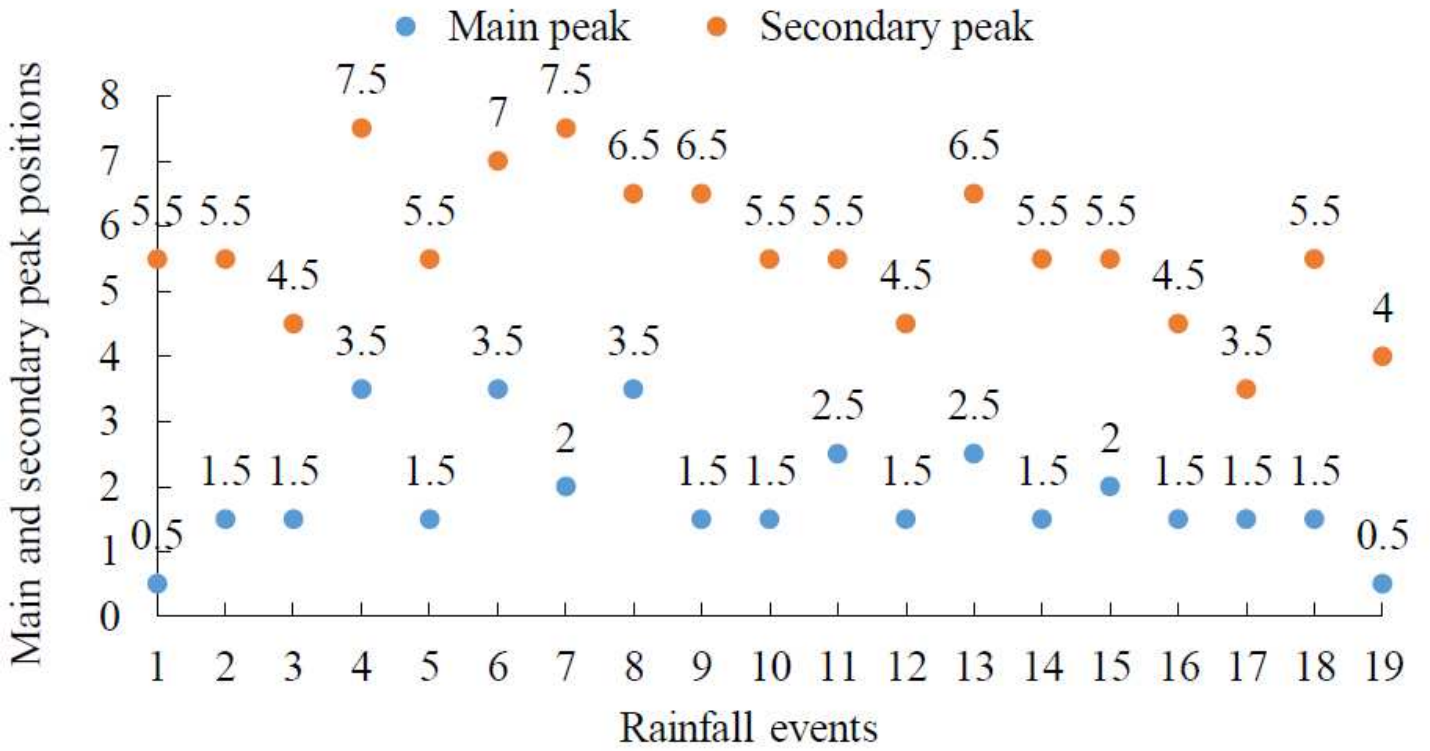


Figure 4

Location of main and secondary peaks

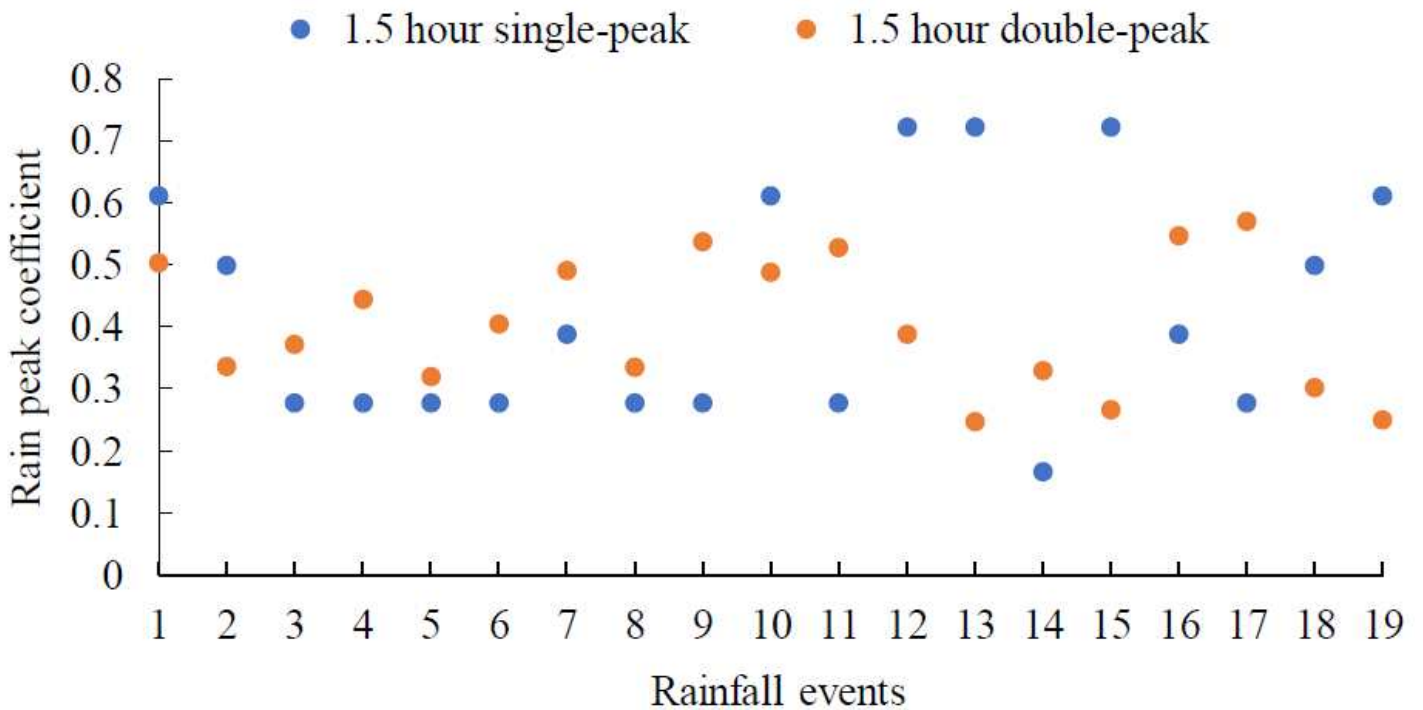


Figure 5

Comparison chart of 1.5h single-peak and double-peak rainstorm peak coefficient

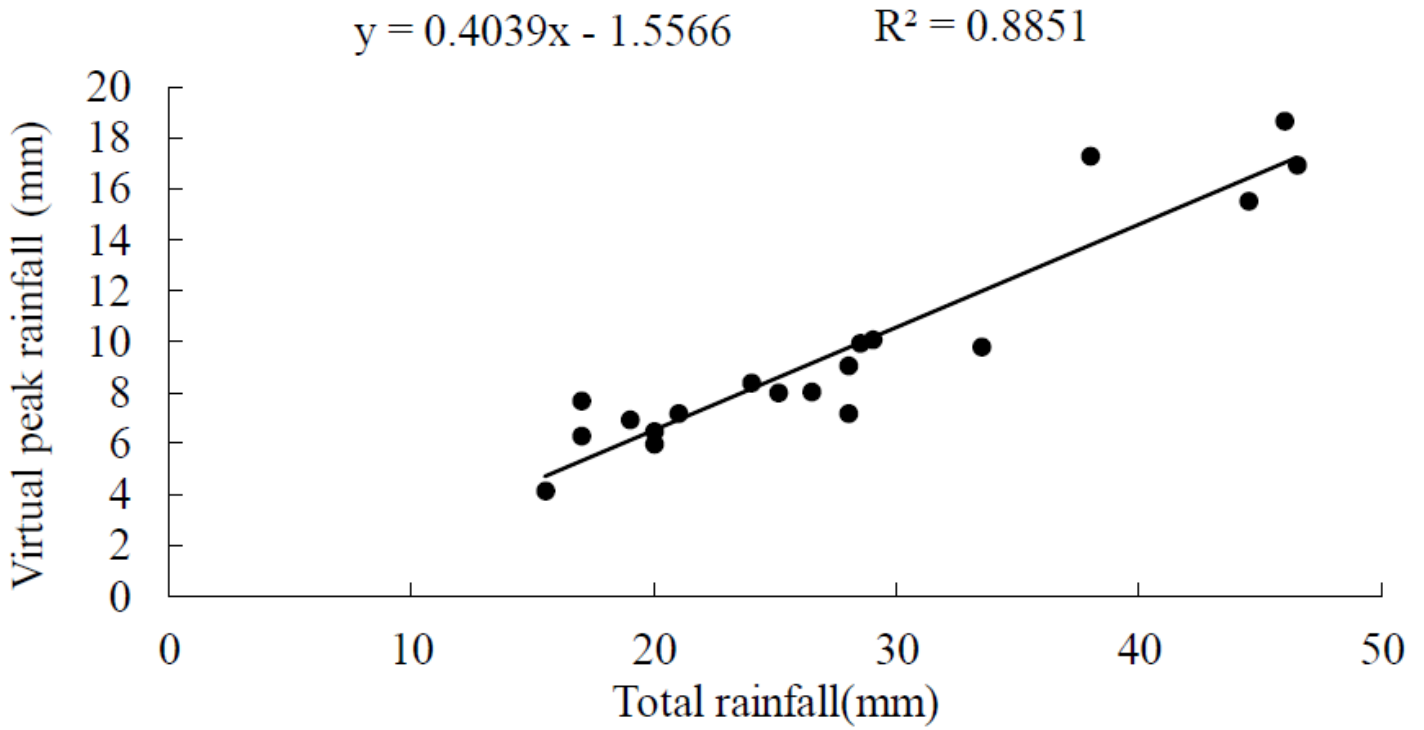


Figure 6

Relationship between total rainfall and virtual peak rainfall

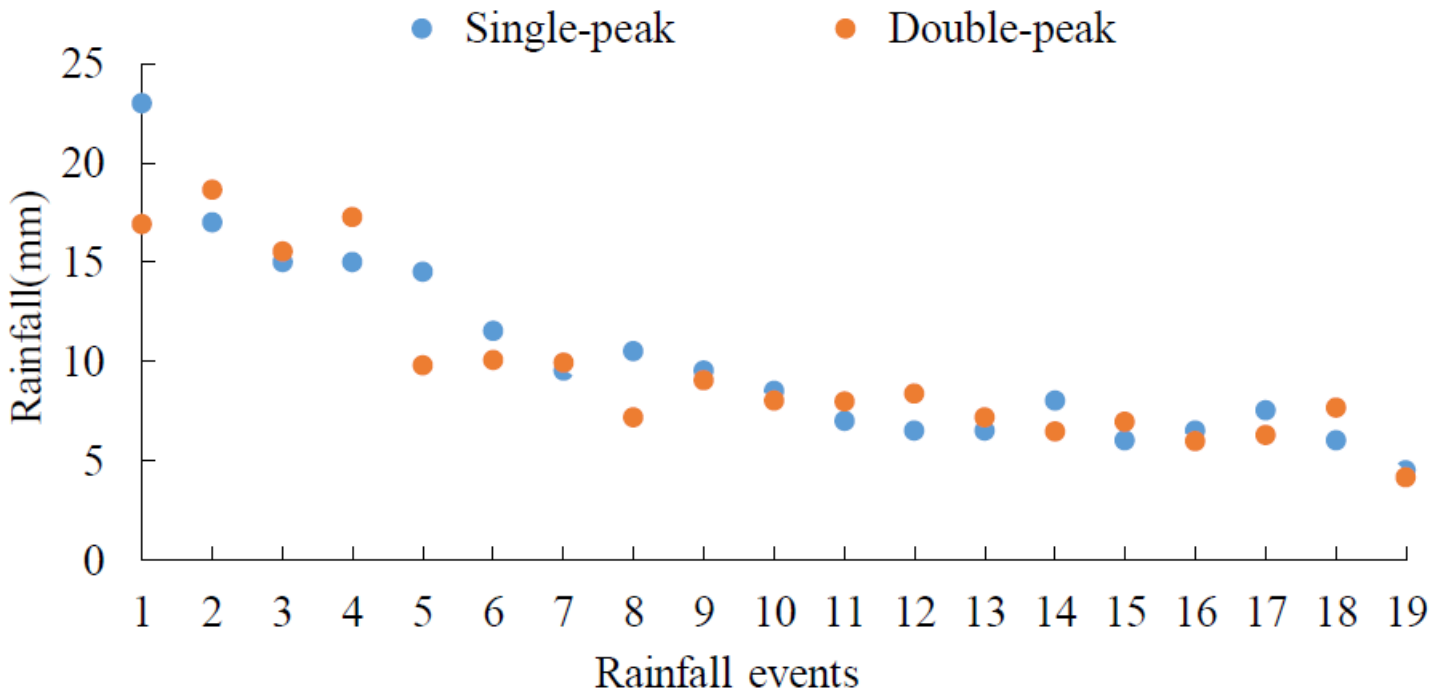


Figure 7

### Comparison of 1.5h measured Single-peak and Double-peak rainfall

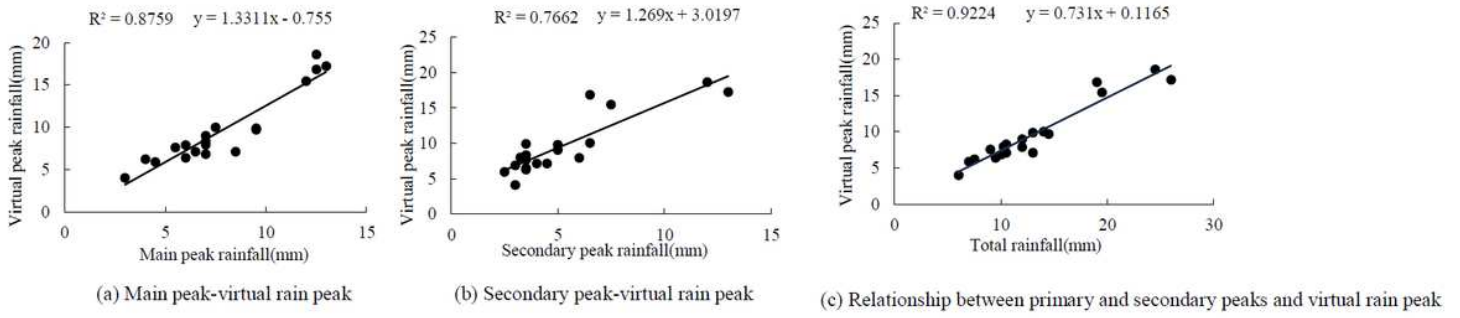


Figure 8

The relationship between Main peak or secondary peak or total peak with virtual rain peak

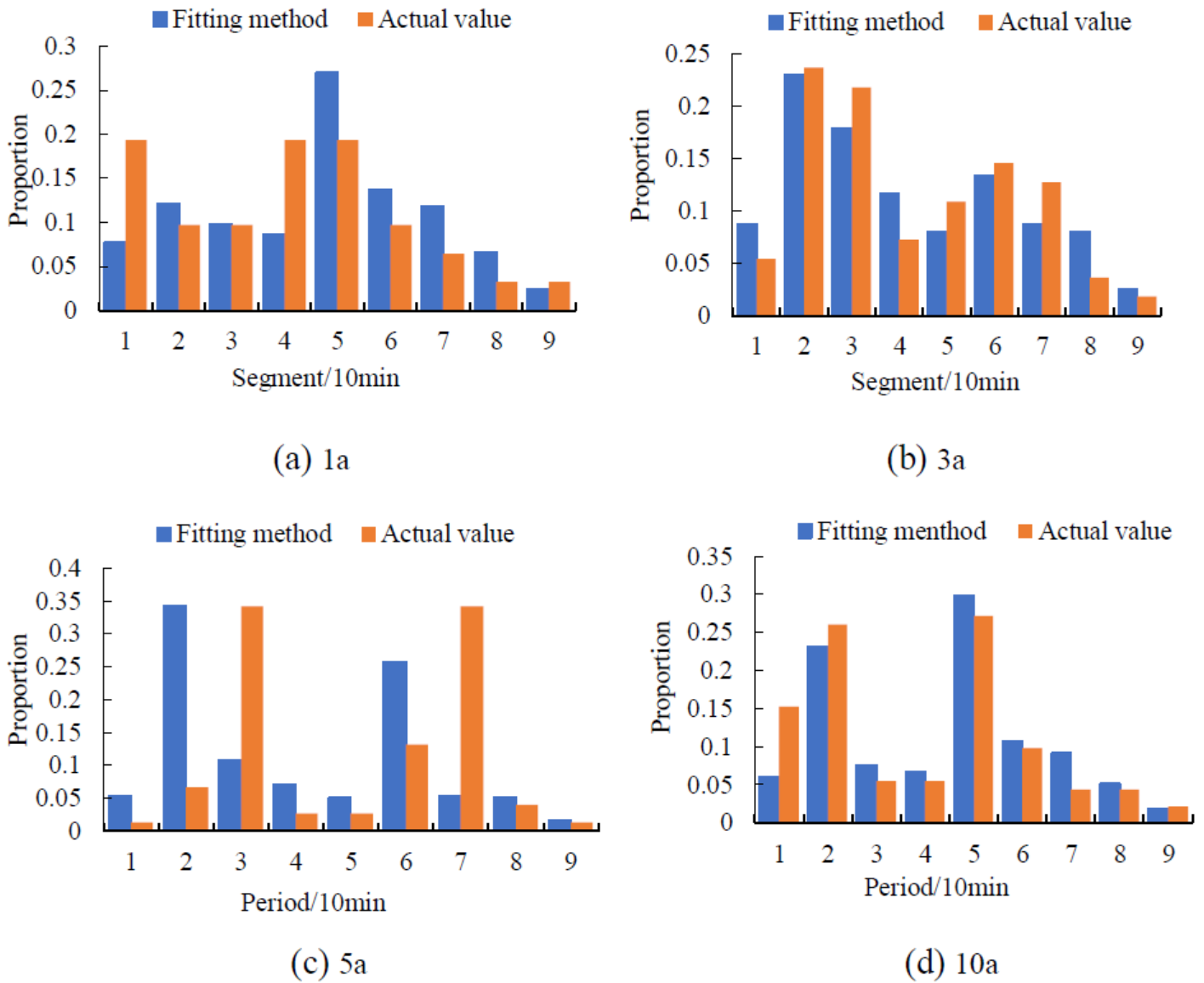
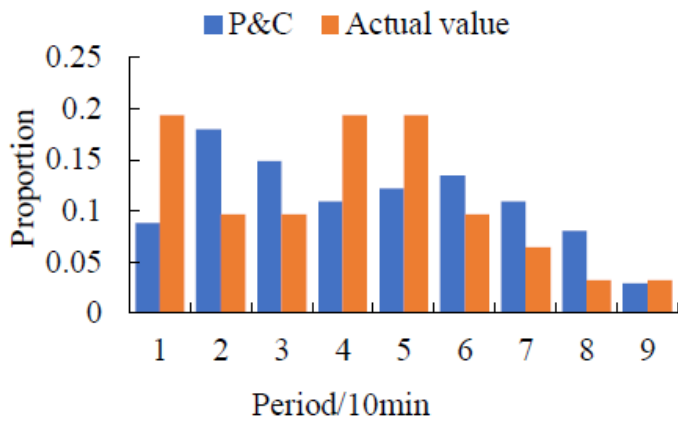
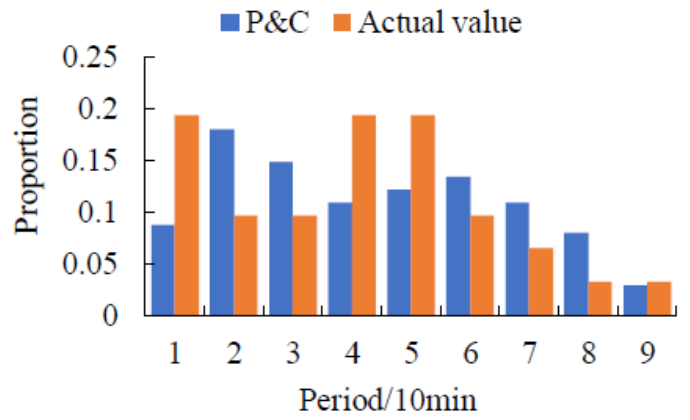


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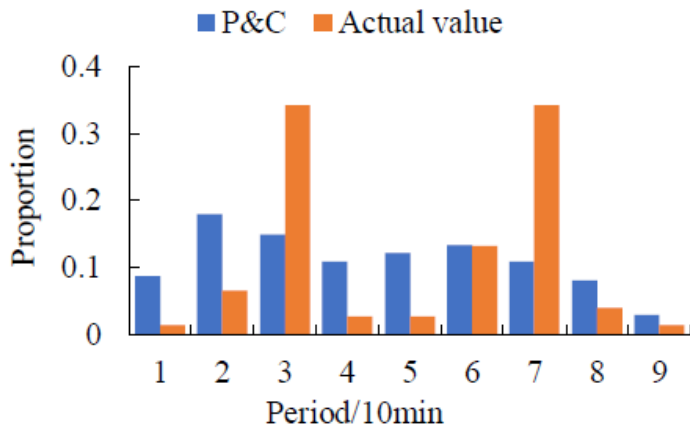
Comparison of the fitted rain pattern and the actual rain pattern with the different return period



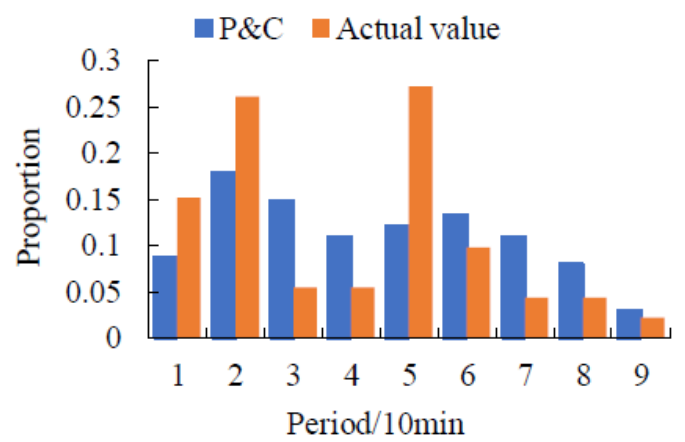
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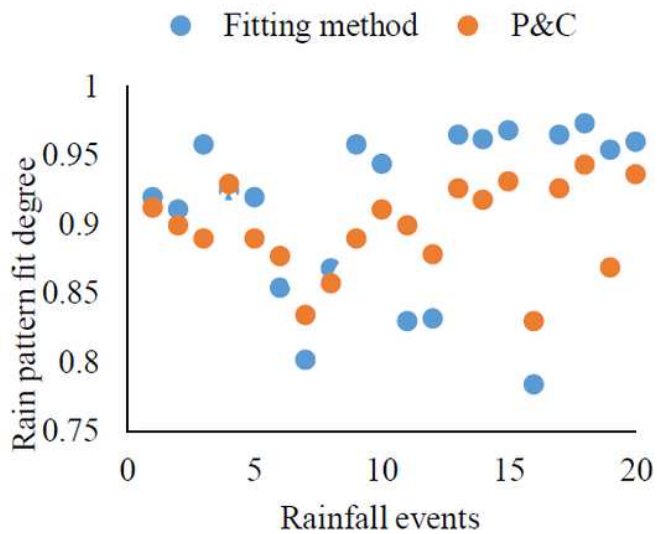


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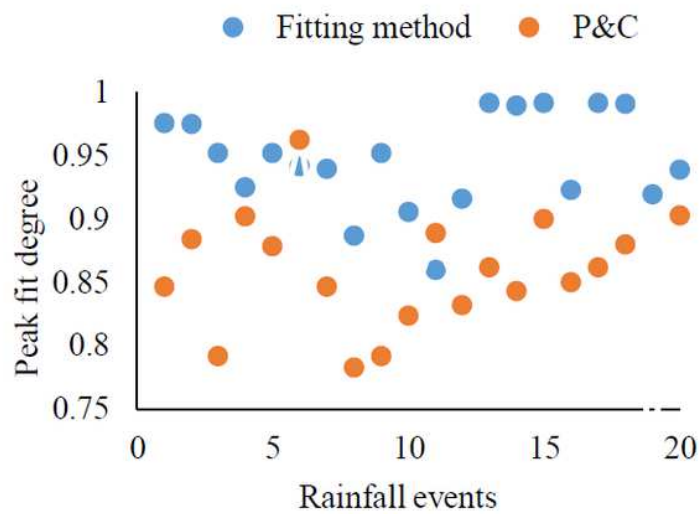
Figure 10

Comparison results of the P&C rain pattern and actual rain pattern with the different return periods





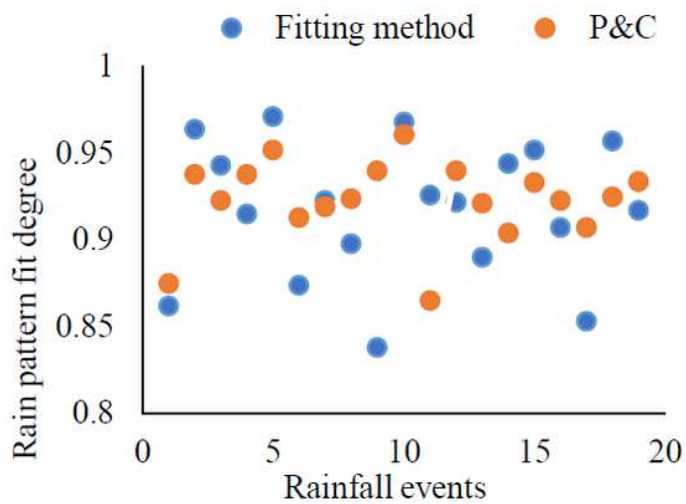
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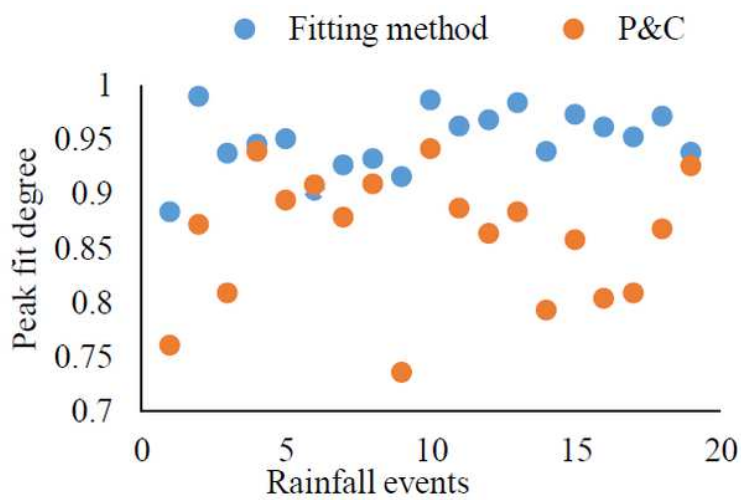
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**Figure 11**

Schematic diagram of fit results



(a)



(b)

**Figure 12**

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