Cost OptimisatioN Framework for Implementing blue-Green infrastructURE(CONFIGURE)



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Background

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The cost-effectiveness of Blue-Green Infrastructure (BGI) in reducing urban flood risk is assessed using hydrodynamic flood models. However, simulating a wide range of BGI placement options becomes computationally impractical, requiring an intelligent way to find the optimal locations for BGI implementation. CONFIGURE offers such a smart approach by integrating an optimisation algorithm (Genetic Algorithm) with the state-of-the-art CityCAT hydrodynamic model.

CONFIGURE working & outputs

CONFIGURE evaluates the cost and efficiency of randomly selected combinations of permeable zones and iteratively evolves them (*referred to as generations*) to identify the optimal combinations, thereby deriving



the most economical intervention locations.



Parking areas and pavements were considered for permeable surface interventions. To evaluate the cost-efficiency of different parts, the intervention area was divided into varying numbers of zones.



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