

## ***Interactive comment on “Optimisation of LiDAR derived terrain models for river flow modelling” by G. Mandlbürger et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #2**

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As a reviewer with little expertise in subject matter discussed in this paper, I will base my opinion on the papers structure and try to leave the technical details to those who have a better understanding of them. I think that the goals of the study are well stated. The methods used to achieve these goals are also very clear.

The only issue that I have is with the discussion of this methods benefits. It is clear from the online discussion with Referee1 that it is not within the focus of this paper to compare model results with observational data. The author does however state that this method compares better with real flooding (pg 3624 ln 10-13). Supporting information (pg 3623 ln 3-6) is presented, but a more thorough discussion along with some corroboration (data or reference) would make for a stronger line of argument.

Other than that small point I think that this paper makes a good contribution to the literature and is well within the scope of HESS.

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