

Optimal Allocation of Water Resources in the Kaidu-Kongque River Basin (Postprint)

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Abstract

Water resources are a critical factor for maintaining the coordinated development of society, economy, and ecological environment in inland river basins. In response to the current situation of water resource shortage, establishing an optimal allocation scheme that balances ecological, production, and domestic water use is an effective means to improve water use efficiency and alleviate the contradiction between supply and demand. This study takes the Kaidu-Kongque River Basin as the research area, employs a two-stage interval optimization algorithm, and constructs a water resource optimization model based on historical meteorological, hydrological, land use, and socioeconomic data to conduct multi-scale optimal allocation (annual, monthly, and decadal) of municipal, ecological, and water use across agricultural, industrial, and service sectors. This method combines the characteristics of interval and probabilistic optimization, enables accurate analysis of uncertainties in multi-source water supply and multi-user water demand, and achieves optimal water resource allocation under different policy scenarios. The research shows that: water demand for municipal, livestock, and secondary/tertiary industries in the basin can be largely met; water shortage mainly occurs in agriculture, ecological water use, and water transfer to the lower Tarim River. In terms of regional distribution, agricultural water shortage is most significant in Korla and Hejing County; ecological water shortage mainly occurs in Bohu County and Korla City, with the ecological water delivery unit in the lower reaches of the Tarim River experiencing the most severe shortage, still facing a deficit of $0.27 \times 10^8 \sim 0.92 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$ even under high inflow conditions. The maximum intra-annual water allocation occurs in July, and the minimum in January; September experiences the highest degree of water shortage, with agricultural and ecological water shortages of $0.36 \times 10^8 \sim 1.43 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3$ and $0.90 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3$, respectively. Different water resource management policies will lead to significant changes in basin-wide system benefits; compared with other policy scenarios, the scenario prioritizing economic benefits enables the system to achieve higher water-use benefits, representing a relatively optimal

water resource allocation scheme.

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Optimized Redistribution of Water Resources in the Kaidu-Kongque River Basin Based on Two-Stage Interval Optimization Algorithm

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Abstract

Water resources are the key factor for maintaining harmonious social, economic, and ecological development in inland river basins. To address the current water shortage situation in the study area, establishing an optimal water resources allocation plan is an effective method for improving water use efficiency and alleviating the contradiction between supply and demand. This paper takes the Kaidu-Kongque River Basin as the study area, and based on historical, meteorological, hydrological, land use, social, and economic data, uses a two-stage interval optimization algorithm to develop a water resources optimization allocation model. The optimized redistribution schemes for various industries were analyzed, which could precisely analyze uncertainties of water sources and users, and achieve optimized water resources allocation. The results show that water consumption for urban residents, animal husbandry, and secondary/tertiary industries can be basically satisfied, while water shortages are severe in agriculture, ecology, and ecological water conveyance to the lower reaches of the Tarim River. Regionally, agricultural water shortage occurs mainly in Korla City and Hejing County, ecological water shortage occurs mostly in Bohu County and Korla City, and the water shortage for the lower Tarim River ecological conveyance is most serious in high-flow years, reaching $0.27 \times 10^9 - 0.92 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$. The highest and lowest water shortages occur in July and January respectively; the most severe shortage occurs in September, with agricultural and ecological water shortages of $0.36 \times 10^9 - 1.43 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3$ and $0.90 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3$ respectively. Different water management policies could lead to significant changes in system benefits. Compared with other policy scenarios, the system prioritizing economic benefits could achieve higher water use efficiency.

Keywords: two-stage interval optimization algorithm; water resources; optimized water redistribution; policy analysis; inland river basin

Figures and Tables

[Figure 1: see original paper] Sketch map of the study area

[Figure 3: see original paper] Optimized annual water volumes for different industries in all the counties (cities)

[Figure 5: see original paper] Optimized monthly water volumes for different industries

[Figure 6: see original paper] Optimized water volumes for all the counties in April and July

[Figure 7: see original paper] Optimized water volumes for different industries in April and July

[Figure 8: see original paper] Compared results of redistributed water volumes for different industries under different conditions

Comparison of comprehensive benefits under different conditions ($10 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$)

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