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## A Study of Sediment Yield in the Deji Reservoir Watershed Using Risk Analysis

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## Introduction

The purpose of this study is to respond to the "Forward-Looking Infrastructure Planning -Water Environment Construction", strengthen the protection and management of reservoirs in the basin, reduce the amount of sedimentation in reservoirs, and alleviate the decline of water storage capacity in the Deji reservoir.

### Study area

#### Deji Reservoir

- Located in the upper reaches of Dajia River, Heping District, Taichung City.
- The upstream catchment area of Deji
  Reservoir is about 523.8 square kilometers.
- The storage area of the reservoir is about 454 hectares.
- The dam is a hyperbolic thin concrete arch dam with a height of 180 meters. And it is the highest dam in Taiwan.





## Materials

| Data           | Source  | Resolution     | Usage                                     |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| DEM            | Department of Land<br>Administration, MOI       | 5m*5m          | Hydrological and<br>Geographical analysis |
| Rainfall       | Central Weather Bureau                          | Daily rainfall | Runoff estimation                         |
| Land use       | National Land Surveying<br>and Mapping Center   | 1/5000         | Curve Number                              |
| Soil map       | Forestry Bureau                                 | 1/5000         | Curve Number                              |
| Discharge      | Water Resources Agency                          | Daily flow     | Runoff verification                       |
| Suspended load | Water Resources Agency,<br>Taiwan Power Company | Sediment yield | Sediment yield verification               |

# Methods

The SCS Curve Number method was pioneered by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the estimation of rainfall loss in the catchment area is an important basic work for estimating runoff in hydrological analysis.

$$Pe = \frac{(P-0.2 S)^2}{(P+0.8 S)}, (P > 0.2 S)$$

*Pe* : Excessive rainfall

- P : Rainfall
- *S* : Maximum water storage

The relationship between excessive rainfall and rainfall that derived from hard rain direct runoff. The total effective rainfall depth is equal to the total direct runoff depth of the catchment area.

Curve Number is affected by factors such as soil type, pre-hydrological status, land use status and soil and water conservation engineering measures.

$$S(mm) = \frac{25400}{CN} - 254$$

#### *CN* : Curve Number

When the value is higher, it means that it is less likely to infiltrate, causing rain to form surface runoff.

## Spatial distribution of soil texture

The CN value is determined by the soil texture and land use. The soil type is determined according to the drainage characteristics by the SCS-CN.Type A soil represents with good water permeability, Type A soil is not easy to produce direct runoff. The permeability of the soil gradually decreases from Type A to Type D, so Type D soil represents with bad water permeability and Type D soil is easy to produce direct

| Category | Soil Texture  | SCS | N        |
|----------|---|-----|----------|
| 0        | Coarse sand, Sandy soil   |     | $\wedge$ |
| 1        | fine sand,Loamy sand,<br>Loamy coarse sand                      |     |          |
| 2        | Loamy fine sand,Coarse sand loam,<br>Sandy loam,Fine sandy loam | А   |          |
| 3        | Very fine sand,Loamy very fine sand,<br>Very fine sandy loam    |     |          |
| 4        | Silty loam, Silt  | D   |          |
| 5        | Loam  | В   |          |
| 6        | Sandy clay loam   | С   |          |
| 7        | Clay loam,Silty clay loam                                       |     |          |
| 8        | Silty clay,Sandy clay   | D   |          |
| 9        | Clay  |     | 0 2 4    |



## Spatial distribution of land use

The land cover conditions vary according to different land use, farming type, and hydrological conditions. With soil texture and land use, Curve Number can be checked by the SCS-CN table.



## Spatial distribution of maximum water storage



## Spatial distribution of excessive Rainfall

After the rainfall data of each event is made, and the maximum water storage is used in accordance with the empirical formula, the excessive rainfall of each event can be obtained.



# Topographic Wetness Index(TWI)

The formula of Topographic Wetness Index (TWI) is as follows :

$$\omega = \ln\left(\frac{A_s}{\tan\theta}\right)$$

In the formula,  $A_s$  is the specific catchment area;  $\theta$  is the slope. The larger the TWI value, the easier the water flow is to remain in this area, and the more prone to disasters, so the vulnerability is also higher. On the contrary, the smaller the TWI value, the lower the vulnerability.



## Sediment Delivery Ratio(SDR)

The slope sediment yield is transmitted from the erosion to the downstream exporter, which is different from soil loss amount, so SDR should be considered. To calculate the Sediment Delivery Ratio, it is assumed that the slope surface sand is mainly driven by the surface water of the slope surface, and is transported to the channel (steady water) and lost. Therefore, the sand transfer at any grid point on the slope of the catchment area The assumption is the ratio of the area upstream of the grid to the total area of the grid. The closer to the river, the darker the color, the higher the rate of being transfer.



## **Risk Model**

Using the concept of risk analysis, quantify and evaluate each data to consider the impact factors of producing sediment process, the risk formula is as follows :

#### Risk = Hazard X Vulnerability X Exposure

In the formula, Hazard is the source of external force or the possible impact, Vulnerability is the internal conditions that affect the risk or the ability to bear the risk, and Exposure is the location or facility where the individual is likely to be adversely affected.



# Results

Verification of runoff volume estimation model

Regression verification was carried out by using the observation data and models of three hydrologic stations in the watershed of Deji reservoir.



# Results

#### Verification of sediment yield estimation model

Using Taiwan Power Company (2019)" Deji Reservoir overall anti-silting plan", the reservoir siltation volume from 2009 to 2017 is used as the actual measured value, and the sediment yield index is estimated by the formula (X=*Pe* × *TWI* × *SDR*), the model ( $y = 2 \times 10^7 x^2 - 2 \times 10^7 x + 5 \times 10^6$ ) presents a quadratic curve, and  $R^2 = 0.74$ .

| 年度  | Measure time<br>(year.month) | Current siltation<br>(10 <sup>5</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ) | Desilting amount<br>(10 <sup>5</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ) | Actual siltation<br>(10 <sup>5</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-----|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 98  | 98.12                        | 587.47   | 22.05   | 609.53  |
| 99  | 99.11                        | 153.16   | 1.60  | 154.76  |
| 100 | 100.11                       | 39.16  | 1.75  | 40.91   |
| 101 | 101.12                       | 277.26   | 6.12  | 283.38  |
| 102 | 102.12                       | 177.04   | 2.98  | 180.02  |
| 103 | 103.12                       | 11.82  | 6.46  | 18.28   |
| 104 | 104.12                       | -336.33  | 3.01  | -333.32   |
| 105 | 105.12                       | 258.31   | 2.17  | 260.48  |
| 106 | 106.12                       | 265.62   | 2.12  | 267.74  |

Source : Taiwan Power Company (2019)" Deji Reservoir overall anti-silting plan"



# Conclusion

- Using the environmental index to calculate excessive runoff and the data of hydrologic station for verification, the relationship between the calculated runoff volume and the measured volume is obtained as :
  - y =  $0.9561 \times x + 3 \times 10^6$  ( $R^2 = 0.9414$ , P<0.001) °
- The regression analysis of the sediment yield index, the model presents a quadratic curve, and  $R^2 = 0.74$ .

When the sediment yield index is greater than 0.55, due to the higher rainfall in the year, the amount of siltation is also high; when the sediment yield index is less than 0.55, the amount of soil sand is inversely proportional. It is relatively difficult to deliver to the reservoir, so there is no obvious positive correlation.

### Thank your attention