

Looking at Water-Energy Nexus via Reservoirs : An Integrated Approach of Algorithms, Modeling and Decision Making

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Reservoirs: Global Scale



Distribution of about 8000 major reservoirs from NASA's (GranD) Dataset

Source: <u>http://atlas.gwsp.org/</u> And NASA

> There are about **515,149 reservoirs in the globe**

Developing Country: Build more and more dams for many purposes

> Developed Country: More efficiently **operation and management**

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Reservoirs: State / Inter-basin Level

- Reservoirs are vital infrastructures for Inter-basin, Water Transferring Project



Nearly 75% of California's water supply is in Northern half

Almost 65% of California's demand is in the **Central and** Southern half



Nearly 35% of the entire population (> 1 billion) of China is at the mega cities (Beijing and Tianjin) at the northern part. However, 80% of water supply is from the southern and eastern coastal areas.



Reservoirs: Regional Level



Source: California DWR

Water cascaded down the emergency spillway of Oroville Dam, triggering the evacuation of more than 180,000 people downstream of Lake Oroville on February 11, 2017. During Harvey, when more floodwater accumulated behind the dams than ever before, about 8000 of those homes flooded. Before Harvey, the neighborhoods inside the reservoirs had been some of the most desirable places to live in Houston.

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Hydropower: Fact from Data



Annual U.S. renewable electricity net generation (terawatt-hours per year), electric power sector, 1950–2015 (Source: DOE Energy Information Administration 2016)

Vision From DOE: Hydropower



The *Hydropower Vision* report is grounded on three equally important foundational pillars arrived at through extensive stakeholder input.



Credit: DOE - Water and Wind Power Office Manager, Hoyt Battey U.S. Dept. of Energy Science Review Meeting, Washington DC. 2017 Hydropower Vision Report (<u>https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/hydropower-vision-report-full-report</u>)

Reservoirs: A direct linkage to Water Energy and food



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Integrate Approach: to advance Algorithms, Modelling Capabilities, and make them useful for Decision-Making and Users.



Multi-Functional Reservoir Requires Multi-Objective Optimization

Reservoir

Spills **†**



 Utopia Point
 Global Pareto Front
 Spin

 Figure. Concept of Trade-offs
 Reservoir
 car

Spillways- Once water is spilled, it cannot be recovered for hydropower

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Physical and Statistical Modeling



Physical-Based Modeling V.S.



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Modeling Approach





Figure. Modeling area and the models for the sub-basins (background map taken from Bonneville Power Administration, 2013, SOW)

 Markets the power produced from the federal dams within the constraints and requirements for other river purposes

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Summary

- All kinds of **optimization algorithms, tools, and models** have been developed in the field of hydrology and water resources.
- It is particularly important to ensure that newly-invented technologies and advances can be **transferred as quickly as possible to relevant external** stakeholders, and operation agencies.
- It is needed to build a foundation of knowledge, technologies, human capabilities, and relationships that position the universities and research institutes to continue to thrive in a future with constrained energy and water resources in a changing global climate.