

Reservoir Operation to Minimize Sedimentation

Dyah Ari Wulandari¹, Djoko Legono², Suseno Darsono¹

 ¹ Civil Engineering Department, Diponegoro University, Semarang, Indonesia.
 ² Civil Engineering Department, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Coorresponding Author: dyahariwulandari@yahoo.co.id

Abstract - The Wonogiri Reservoir capacity decreases rapidly, caused by serious sedimentation problems. In 2007, JICA was proposed a sediment storage reservoir with a new spillway for the purpose of sediment flushing / sluicing from The Keduang River. Due to the change of reservoir storage and change of reservoir system, it requires a sustainable reservoir operation technique. This technique is aimed to minimize the deviation between the input and output of sediments. The main objective of this study is to explore the optimal Wonogiri reservoir operation by minimizing the sediment trap. The CSUDP incremental dynamic programming procedure is used for the model optimization. This new operating rules will also simulate a five years operation period, to show the effect of the implemented techniques. The result of the study are the newly developed reservoir operation system has many advantages when compared to the actual operation system and the disadvantage of this developed system is that the use is mainly designed for a wet hydrologic year, since its performance for the water supply is lower than the actual reservoir operations.

Keywords — Reservoir Operation, Sediment Control, Wonogiri Reservoir, Mathematic Model

Submission: 1 Juny 2013

Corrected : 24 October 2013

Accepted: 26 October 2013

Doi: 10.12777/ijse.6.1.16-23

[How to cite this article: Wulandari, D.A., Legono, D., and Darsono, S., 2014. Reservoir Operation to Minimize Sedimentation. International Journal of Science and Engineering, 5(2),61-65. Doi: 10.12777/ijse.6.1.16-23]

I. INTRODUCTION

In many practical situations, operating rules are established at the planning stage of the proposed reservoir, and these rules will provide guidelines for reservoir releases to meet planned demands. After reservoir operate a few years, important presumably to evaluate and renew operating patterns, to adjust to change the existing. Improvement system of the operation of this may be caused due to the following reasons (1) change in demands (2) change in hydrology and (3) change in reservoir storage. Therefore, adequate reservoir operations information could provide insight for reevaluating the system-wide water resources planning and management for planning purposes (Tu et al. 2003, Tu et al. 2008 and Wulandari et al. 2012). The evaluations of the storage-yield and the operational performance of a reservoir form an important part in the study of water resources development. Application of the mode, ling for reservoir system analysis involves studies especially to reevaluate storage-yield and operation performance for existing reservoir systems. Such periodic evaluation may be required to assess the responsiveness of a system to prevailing conditions and demands arising out of ever changing water use patterns (Srivastava,

2009). Research on the reservoir operation in relation to control reservoir sedimentation have done by some researchers, as follows Nicklow & Mays (2000), Chang et al. (2003), Ji (2006) and Hadihardaja (2009). The research show due to sedimentation problems in reservoir, it becomes necessary to develop reservoir operation for control sediment and the operation produce the performance of good.

The Wonogiri Reservoir is a multipurpose reservoir, located at the Bengawan Solo River in the Wonogiri Regency, Central Java Province of Indonesia. The reservoir copes with the problems of rapid capacity decrease, deposition of sediment in and around the intake and the reduction of effective storage. Sedimentation leads to reduction of the reservoir's economic life, disruption of operations due to intake clogging from The Keduang River debris and a decrease in the water reservation ability, especially during the dry season. Reservoir sedimentation measurements were carried out in 2011 by PJT I and it was found that the remaining of dead storage capacity is only 50% with a remaining effective storage capacity of only 70 % of the design storage capacity. According to the result of this recent study, the Wonogiri reservoir is only able to fulfill 72% of its water demand.

Based on the results of the JICA study in 2007, a sediment storage reservoir with a new spillway for the purpose of flushing/sluicing the sediments from The Keduang River, was built. This countermeasure is only focused on controlling the sediment inflow from The Keduang River, whereas other tributaries which account for about 60% are not taken into consideration. It therefor becomes necessary to develop new operating rules, to overcome the aspect not covered by the actual situation. The new operating rules should take into consideration the sediment control by adjusting the reservoir operation, minimizing the difference between inflow and outflow of sediments. The main purpose of this study is the development of an optimization operating rule for minimizing the sediment's trap.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE WONOGIRI RESERVOIR

The reservoir watershed measures 1,305 km² and is located in the Southeast part of the Central Java province (Figure 1). The location has a mountainous area of situated at the Upper Bengawan Solo river basin. The Wonogiri watershed consists of eight sub-watersheds namely: Keduang (420.95 km²), Tirtomoyo/Wiroko (230.64 km²), Temon/Beling (62.59 km²), Bengawan Solo Hulu (205.52 km²), Alang (169.38 km²), Ngunggahan (82.39 km²), Wuryantoro (44.17 km²) and the Remnant Area (27.67 km²). Annually average rainfall is 1900 - 2100 mm annually. The latitude of the watershed fluctuates between 50 - 150 m above the sea level.

The reservoir functions for flood control, water supply for industrial and drinking water, irrigation, hydropower, fisheries and tourism and maintenance of the Bengawan Solo River. The storage at the elevation of 135.3 to 138.3 m is allocated for flood control. Priorities of the reservoir purposes are: irrigation and industrial and drinking water, while the purpose of hydropower is in accordance with the actual discharge. The water storage provided for this purpose is situated at the elevation of 127-136 m, while the dead storage is positioned at an elevation below 127 m.

The outflow from the reservoir goes through the spillway, turbine outlet and hollow jet valve (river outlet). The release through spillway is designed for flood conditions, and the release for water supply through the turbine outlet is conducted to maximize the induced hydropower. If the power plant does not operate and a demand for the water supply occurs, the release is directed through the hollow jet valve. At flooding, the power plants continue to operate. In this case the discharge amount through the turbine outlet and spillway has a maximum of 400 m³/sec. The turbine does not show any damage due to abrasion since it operation started in the mid-1980s, indicating that only the fine sediments passes through the turbine. It could be well concluded that the turbine is safe from abrasion (JICA, 2007b).

The reservoir intake position for the dead storage easily gets clogged by sediments and trash from the Keduang River. To overcome this issue, a sediment storage reservoir with a new spillway is currently being built. Here the construction is separated into two reservoirs, one for sediment storage purposes and another as main reservoir (Figure 2). The sediment storage reservoir functions to hold the incoming sediment and trash from The Keduang River and for flushing / sluicing the sediments from The Keduang River *without* lowering the water level in the main reservoir. The sediment storage reservoir is equipped with a spillway gate having a width of 30 m and crest elevation of +127.00 m. When the Keduang reservoir water level is between 127-136 m, water use is directed through a conduits, and when the water elevation is above 136 m, the water is guided through the overflow dike.



Fig. 1. Map of The Wonogiri Reservoir (JICA, 2007a).



Fig. 2. Sediment storage reservoir sketch.

III. METHODS

For this study, first we defined objective function and constraints, and then do the optimization. The result of optimization is new operating rules. The new operating rules then simulated for last five years period, to show the effect and performance of the techniques implemented. Based on actual reservoir operation last 5 years seen its performance, and then compared with the simulation results and the new operating rules to be evaluated.

3.1 Model Formulation

The model was developed to regulate the release in controlling the sediment as well as to fulfill irrigation needs, industrial and drinking water, and river maintenance purposes. For hydropower purpose, the release is in accordance with the water supply. The water supply elevations for these objectives are elevation at 127 m to 136 m, and for flood control the elevation is between 135.3 m to 138.3 m. The reservoir is distinguished into two storage parts, i.e. the Keduang Reservoir and the Wonogiri Reservoir. The Keduang Reservoir and the Wonogiri Reservoir are operated in series (Figure 3). Inflow from the Keduang River is used for the Keduang Reservoir flushing/ sluicing, during the period of February to middle April. Surplus from The Keduang reservoir is spilled out to the Wonogiri reservoir through the conduits or spillway. The Wonogiri Reservoir sediment control is directed through the intake and spillway and is operated during the rainy season (November till April). The average inflow is 1,298 million m³ and the designed water demand is around 600 million m³, resulting in a 600 million m³ water surplus that can be used for sediment flushing (Table 1).



Fig. 3. The reservoir system scheme.

Table 1 : Outflow, inflow and water demand (1983-2012)

Description	Annual Volume (MMC)
Average outflow from intake	913.25
Average outflow from spillway	228.11
Water demand design	566.69
Average inflow	1,298.63

3.1.1 Stage, State Variables and Decision Variables

Stage in this research has a two-week period (within one year, 24 stages exist). The state variable in this study is the initial reservoir storage of the i^{th} period. The deciding variable for this study is taken for the release at the i^{th} (Xi) period.

3.1.2 Objective Function

Optimization objectives in this study are:

- For The Keduang Reservoir: minimization of the difference between sediment inflow and outflow, with the following objective function: $Min Z = Ax \sum_{i=1}^{N} |Vsi_{1,i} - Vso_{1,i}|$

- For The Wonogiri Reservoir: minimization of the trapping sediment by sediment control during the rainy season, having the following objective function:

 $Min Z = Bx \sum_{i=1}^{N} |Vsi_{2,i} - Vso_{2,i}| + Cx \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{|T_{2,i} - X_{2,i}|}{T_{2,i}}$ (2) If there is sediment control A = 1 and if there is no

sediment control A = 0

If there is sediment control B = 1, and if there is no sediment control B = 0

If there is sediment control C = 0 and if there is no sediment control C = 1

Where:

 $i^{th} = stage$

- N = number of the period under review
- F_i = release for Flushing / sluicing of the ith period
- X_i = release of the ith period

 T_i = Target water demand of the ith period

Vsi = sediment inflow Volume

Vso = sediment outflow Volume

3.1.3 State Transformation Function

To express the relationship of the reservoir conditions storage for one period to the next, the reservoir water balanced equation (Nandalal & Bogardi, 2007) is chosen:

$$S_{1,i} = S_{1,i-1} + I_{1,i} - O_{1,i} - X_{1,i} - OF_{1,i}$$
(3)

If there is flushing/ sluicing $O_{1,i} = 0 \text{ dan } X_{1,i} = 0$

- For The Wonogiri Reservoir :

$$S_{2,i} = S_{2,i-1} + I_{2,i} - O_{2,i} + O_{1,i} + X_{1,i} - X_{2,i} - E_{2,(i-1,i)}$$
(4)

Where:

 $I_{j,i} \mbox{ = total reservoir inflow from tributaries j of the i^{th} period}$

S_{j,i} = Storage of reservoir j of the ith period

- $S_{j,i-1}$ = Storage of reservoir j of the (i-1)th period
- $OF_{j,i}$ = release reservoir j for flushing / sluicing of the ith period

 $O_{j,i}$ = spill out reservoir j of the i^{th} period

- $E_{j,(i\text{-}1,i)} = evaporation \ in \ reservoirs \ j \ between \ the \ (i\text{-}1)^{th} \\ and \ the \ i^{th} \ period$
- $X_{j,i}$ = release reservoir j of the ith period

3.1.4 Constrains

Constrain is the limitation factor of the storage and release, as following:

The water storage reservation for the water supply is situated at the elevations of 127 m to 136. Base on Capacity-Elevation Curves the storage limitation factor are obtained as follows:

The Keduang Reservoir :
$$0.17 \le Si \le 14$$
 MMC (5)

The Wonogiri Reservoir: $59.3 \le Si \le 350.94$ MMC (6) The Keduang Reservoir release is limited by Conduit capacity :

$$0 \le Xi \le 12.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$
 (7)

If there is sediment control then Xi = 0 The Wonogiri Reservoir release is limited by intake capacity and target as follows:

$$0 \le Xi \le 75 \text{ m}^3/\text{ s}$$
 (8)

In dry season :
$$Xi \leq Target$$
 (9)

Release and spill out The Keduang Reservoir and The Wonogiri reservoir are limited by maximum river discharge downstream as follows:

 $\begin{array}{l} OF_{1,i} + X_{2,i} + O_{2,i} \leq 400 \ m^3/s & (10) \\ If inflow \geq 4.000 \ m^3/s \ then \ OF_{1,i} + X_{2,i} + O_{2,i} \geq 400 \ m^3/s \end{array}$

3.1.5 Recursive equation

The function between the optimal decision of the i^{th} period and the optimal decision of the $(i+1)^{th}$ period is expressed by the following relationship :

$$F_{i}(S_{i}) = \min_{X_{i}} [f_{i}(S_{i}, X_{i}) + F_{i+1}(S_{i+1})]$$
(11)

Where :

- $F_i(S_i)$ = minimum value of the objective function until the end of the ith period
- $f_i(S_i,X_i)$ = the difference between release and water demand
- $F_{i+1}(S_{i+1}) = minimum value of the objective function until$ the end of the (i+1)th period

3.16 Input Model

1. Irrigation Purpose Target

Water demand for irrigation, industrial and drinking water, and river maintenance purposes were calculated for the cropping period of 2008/2009 by the BBWS Bengawan Solo, starting on the first day of November.

2. Inflow

Reservoir inflow recording equipment is not available. The discharge inflow data are based on the recorded hourly / daily operation historical reservoir data, during the time span of 1983 - 2012

3. Evaporation

Based on the daily evaporation rate data between 1990 to November 2012, the monthly day evaporation rate is obtained. The relationship between the surface area and reservoir storage was developed based on capacity measuring from 2011 obtained by the PJT I. Evaporation of the ith period is calculated with the following equation :

$$E_i = e_i x \left[0,00007 x \left(\frac{S_i + S_{i+1}}{2} \right)^2 + 0,055 x \left(\frac{S_i + S_{i+1}}{2} \right) + 0,909 \right]$$
(12)

Where :

$$E_i$$
 = evaporation
 e_i = evaporation rate

4. Sediment Inflow and Sediment Outflow

Sediment inflow and outflow discharge are calculated with the equation (13), parameters a and b for each tributary are as shown in Table 2.

$$Qs = aQw^b \tag{13}$$

Where:

Qs = suspended sediment discharge Qw = water discharge a and b = non linear coefficients

Table 2	Values	ofand	hf	for oach	tributary	and	outflow
Table 2.	values	oi a anu	υı	or each	ti ibutai y	anu	outilow

Tributaries	а	b
Keduang	0.00027	1.601
Tirtomoyo	0.0004	1.477
Temon	0.00052	1.522
Solo	0.00105	1.388
Alang	0.00037	1.628
Ngunggahan	0.00049	1.628
Wuryantoro	0.00049	1.628
Remnant Area	0.00049	1.628
Downstream PLN	0.00008	0.491

Source : JICA, 2007b

For The Keduang Reservoir :

- Sediment inflow : base on inflow from Keduang river
- Sediment outflow : base on spillout from new spillway For The Wonogiri Reservoir
- If there is sediment control in Keduang Reservoir then sediment inflow : base on inflow from the others tributaries
- If there is no sediment control in Keduang Reservoir then sediment inflow : base on inflow from the others tributaries and outflow from Keduang reservoir
- Sediment outflow : base on release and spillout from Wonogiri reservoir

6. Discretization

Discretization is mandated to obtain the decision variables and state variables. A fine discretization will yield in a more accurate result, but a fine discretization also consequences in a longer running iteration process and extensive time.

7. Incremental Dynamic Programming

Base on the theory as outlined by Nandalal & Bogardi (2007), for a multiple-reservoir system it is necessary to obtain an operation policy for all the reservoirs, simultaneously. The main reason is that the optimum condition of the system cannot be investigated by considering reservoirs individually. This requirement, which implies the "curse of dimensionality," prohibits the use of conventional DP for a multiple-reservoir system.

The IDP technique is considered to be a suitable method to overcome the high dimensional problem. In this technique the reservoir storages and releases are assumed to be the state variables and decision variables, respectively. The IDP procedure begins with the selection of a trial trajectory. A trajectory is the initial value of the objective function (Nandalal & Bogardi, 2007). For optimization the CSUDP software by Labadie, is chosen (Labadie, 2003).

3.2 Reservoir Performance

Operating performance is an indicator of reservoir in operation to meet the needs. Some performance indicators to assess the performance of reservoir operation is the reliability, resilience and vulnerability. Reliability is an indicator of how often the reservoir to meet the needs of the targeted during the operation. Resilience is to measure the ability of the reservoir to return to a satisfactory state of a failed state. If the reservoir back to a satisfactory state faster, it can be said that the reservoir is more resilient so that the consequences of failure smaller. Vulnerability is the magnitude of the failure is obtained from the difference between the capacity of the reservoir and the amount of water needed, divided by the amount of water needed (Suharyanto, 1997).

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After Wonogiri Reservoir operate about 30 years, it is important to evaluate and develop new operating rule, to adjust to the change of reservoir storage and reservoir system. The evaluation is an important part in the study of water resources development (Tu et al. 2003, Tu et al. 2008, Srivastava, 2009 and Wulandari et al. 2012).

To obtain an optimization for the reservoir operation pattern, a new reservoir system, separating the old reservoir system into two reservoirs, namely The Keduang reservoir and The Wonogiri reservoir, is developed. The Wonogiri reservoir and The Keduang Reservoir are distinguished as two reservoirs, operating in series. The optimization is performed by the Incremental Dynamic Programming technique using the CSUDP program package. For the Keduang Reservoir, during the period of February till mid-April, sediment flushing / sluicing is only performed through the spillway (by JICA 2007). As for the Wonogiri reservoir, the optimization is conducted by flushing / sluicing sediment during rainy season. Based on optimization results for sediment flushing / sluicing during the months of November to April, the minimum objective function value was found to be 0.915. The initial storage was 307.11 million m³ at a water surface elevation of 135 m. The pattern of reservoir operation optimization results can be seen in Figure 6.

Based on the obtained optimal reservoir operation pattern, a simulations over a period of the past five years

(years 2007-2012) was performed. This simulation was conducted to determine the effects of sediment control, based on the new operating rules. The graph (Figure 7 - Figure 11) shows the storage and release based on the simulation.

The reservoir performance simulation results based on the new operating rule as compared to the actual data, recorded during the operating period of 2007 - 2012 can be seen in Table 3. Based on Table 3 it was found that for the water supply, the actual operation gives a better result when compared to the new operation. As for the purpose of sediment minimization, the new operating rule yields in a higher volume of flushed sediments, suggesting *a more efficient water* use as compared to the actual reservoir operations. For the flushing 11.31 m³ of sediments, the required water was 1 MMC. In terms of flood control, the new operating rule also performs better than the actual operation, because the maximum reservoir water surface elevation is *lower* than the actual maximum reservoir water surface (Figure 8). This means that a higher leverage for flood control is provided. For fisheries and recreation, the new reservoir operation gives a better result since the minimum reservoir water level is higher than the actual minimum reservoir water level (Figure 8). For hydropower, the new reservoir operation advances in terms that the actual reservoir water-flow through the intake, is larger (Figure 10 and 11). Accordance with the overall objective functions, the new reservoir operations gives a more sophisticated and efficient result. However, the operation of the new reservoirs should be considered to be performed only in a wet hydrologic year, since its performance for the water supply is lower than the actual reservoir operations.

V. CONCLUSION

The newly developed reservoir operation system has many advantages when compared to the actual operation system. The volume of sediments flushed through the reservoir with the same amount of water is larger, thus water use is more effective and efficient. The system also provides a better flood control, while for fishery and recreation, a higher water level is maintained, providing a better environment for these purposes. A larger water-flow through the intake reserves a benefit for hydropower target. The disadvantage of this developed system is that the use is mainly designed for a wet hydrologic year, since its performance for the water supply is lower than the actual reservoir operations.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This study is part of Doctoral Higher Education research grant in 2013. Thanks to Higher Education for funding this research.







Fig. 7. Storage The Keduang Reservoir, period November 2007 - October 2012



Fig. 8. Storage The Wonogiri Reservoir, period November 2007 - October 2012



Fig. 9. Outflow from The Keduang Reservoir period November 2007 - October 2012



Fig. 10. Outflow from The Wonogiri Reservoir new operating rule in period November 2007 - October 2012



Fig. 11. Outflow from The Wonogiri Reservoir actual operation in period November 2007 - October 2012

Table 3 Reservoir Performance						
	Operatio	n				
Description	New operating rule	Actual				
For Irrigation, Industrial & drinking water, maintenance Solo river						
Reliability	0.57	0.66				
Resiliency	0.13	0.22				
Vulnerability						
- Average deficit ratio	3.45	2.09				
- Maximum deficit ratio	1.00	1.00				
- Maximum deficit	23.46	22.75				
For Minimizing Sediment						
Volume sediment Flushed out (m3)	75833.60	71633.12				
Outflow (MMC)	6704.54	6448.77				
efficiency	11.31	11.11				
For Flood Control, Fisheries and tourism						
Max Reservoir water level (m)	135.29	136.61				
Min reservoir water level (m)	131.77	127.64				
For Hydropower						
Outflow from intake (MMC)	5959.60	4414.96				

. . .

ABBREVIATION

BBWS = Balai Besar Wilayah Sungai (River Basin Office)

- JICA = Japan International Cooperation Agency
- PJT I =Perum Jasa Tirta I (Public Water Service Corporation)

REFERENCES

- Chang, Fi John; Lai, Jihn Sung & Kao, Li Shan, 2003. "Optimization of Operation Rule Curve and Flushing Schedule In A Reservoir".. *Hydrological Processes*, Volume 17, Issue 8, pp. 1623-1640
- [2] Hadihardaja, Iwan K., 2009. "Decision Support System for Optimal Reservoir Operation Modeling Within Sediment Deposition Control". Water Science & Technology, 59.3, pp. 479-489
- [3] Ji, Un, 2006. Numerical Model For Sediment Flushing At The Nakdong River Estuary Barrage. PhD Dissertation, Departement of Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, xviii+195p
- [4] JICA, 2007a. Volume II: Main Report The Study On Countermeasures For Sedimentation in The Wonogiri Multipurpose Dam Reservoir In The Republic Of Indonesia, Dirjen SDA Kementerian Pekerjaan Umum
- [5] JICA, 2007b. Volume III : Supporting Report I The Study On Countermeasures For Sedimentation in The Wonogiri Multipurpose Dam Reservoir In The Republic Of Indonesia, Dirjen SDA Kementerian Pekerjaan Umum

- [6] Labadie, John W., 2003. User Guide Generalized Dynamic Programming Package CSUDP, Colorado State University, iv+87p
- [7] McMahon, Thomas A,; and Russel G. Mein, 1978. Reservoir Capacity and Yield, Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, Amsterdam, pp. 171-180
- [8] Nandalal, K.D.W. and Bogardi, J.J., 2007. Dynamic Programming Based Operation of Reservoir : Applicability and Limits. Cambridge University Press, New York, pp. 16-30
- [9] Nicklow, J.W., and Mays, L.W., 2000. "Optimization of Multiple Reservoir Network for Sedimentation Control." *Journal of hydraulic Engineering*, vol. 126, No. 4, pp. 232-242.
- [10] Srivastava, D.K. and Taymoor A. Awchi, 2009. Storage Yield Evaluation and Operation of Mula Reservoir, India, *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, Vol. 135, No. 6, pp. 414-425
- [11] Suharyanto. 1997. Analisa Unjuk Kerja Waduk, Media Komunikasi Teknik Sipil, Edisi VIII, pp. 51-57.
- [12] Tu, Ming-Yen; Nien-Sheng Hsu; and William W.-G. Yeh, Hon, 2003. Optimization of Reservoir Management and Operation with Hedging Rules, *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, Vol. 129, No. 2, pp. 86-97.
- [13] Tu, Ming-Yen; Nien-Sheng Hsu; Frank T.-C. Tsai; and William W.-G. Yeh, Hon, 2008. Optimization of Hedging Rules for Reservoir Operation, *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, Vol. 134, No. 1, pp.3-13.
- [14] Wulandari, D.A., Darsono, S., and Legono, D., (2012). Optimasi Pemanfaatan Air Waduk Wonogiri Dengan Program Dinamik, *Proceeding PIT HATHI XXIX*, Bandung.