FEEDBACK CONTROL FOR LEVEL AND FLOW MANAGEMENT

Multivariable Control of Lake Levels and Stream Flows in the Namakan Reservoir/Rainy Lake Watershed

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MOTIVATIONS

RAINY RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN

Source: International Rainy Lake Board of Control (now IRLWWB)

1993 FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

"To offset the potential for the proposed rule curve modifications to increase the frequency of spring flood events, the IJC should enforce the provision of its 1970 Supplemental Order requiring the dam operators to anticipate inflows and maximize the discharge capabilities of the dams to prevent emergency water levels.

"The Steering Committee believes that diligent use of the existing network of upstream lake level gauges and currently available hydrologic models can make this IJC mandate a reality and improve the accuracy and reliability of reservoir level control."

Source: Rainy Lake & Namakan Reservoir Water Level International Steering Committee, Final Report and Recommendations, November, 1993.

CURRENT PRACTICE

RULE CURVE CHANGES IN 2000

Source: Github Repository for this paper.

IMPUTED CHANGE IN FLOWS TO RAINY RIVER

The change in rule curves implies a change in flows to Rainy River. Assuming midpoints of the rule curves ...

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RULE CURVE PERFORMANCE 1970–1999

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RULE CURVE PERFORMANCE 2000–2014

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RULE CURVE PERFORMANCE - RAINY LAKE LEVELS

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RULE CURVE PERFORMANCE - INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

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UPPER RAINY RIVER DISCHARGE CHARACTERISTICS

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IMPLEMENTING RULE CURVES WITH MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL

MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL FOR RAINY LAKE

MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL

Source: Martin Behrendt

MATLAB/SIMULINK IMPLEMENTATION

Source: Github Repository for this paper.

ASSESSMENT OF SIMULATION RESULTS

SIMULATION RESULTS

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SIMULATION RESULTS - RAINY LAKE LEVELS

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SIMULATION RESULTS - INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

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SUMMER HIGH WATER EVENTS (MAY–SEPTEMBER), 1970-99

		Historical	w/MPC
Rule Curve Exceeded			
	Frequency	15.8%	6.5%
	Median	0.07 m	0.08 m
	95th Percentile	0.37 m	0.32 m
Emergency High Water			
	Frequency	8.3%	5.0%
	Median	0.06 m	0.07 m
	95th Percentile	0.34 m	0.25 m
All Gates Open			
	Frequency	2.4%	1.3%
	Median	0.10 m	0.06 m
	95th Percentile	0.29 m	0.14 m

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SUMMER HIGH WATER EVENTS (MAY–SEPTEMBER), 2000-14

		Historical	w/MPC
Rule Curve Exceeded			
	Frequency	18.0%	18.1%
	Median	0.25 m	0.15 m
	95th Percentile	0.91 m	0.78 m
Emergency High Water			
	Frequency	14.6%	15.0%
	Median	0.21 m	0.14 m
	95th Percentile	0.94 m	0.80 m
All Gates Open			
	Frequency	9.9%	7.3%
	Median	0.20 m	0.23 m
	95th Percentile	0.82 m	0.69 m

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SIMULATION RESULTS - INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

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IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RULE CURVE REVIEW

CONCLUSIONS

The rule curve review needs to include control implementation within the scope of its work.

1. Contrary to the 1993 Report, there is little evidence for "diligent use of existing network of upstream lake level gauges and currently available hydrological models can make this IJC mandate a reality and improve the accuracy and reliability of reservoir level control."
2. The 2000 rule curves are not a feasible mandate for level management on Rainy Lake. Namakan and Rainy Lake rule curves require 'harmonization'.
3. Consideration should be given to an integrated control strategy for flow control points on the Rainy-Lake of the Woods watershed coupled with significant rule curve revisions.

DISCUSSION

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