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Study on the Optimization of the Industrial Structure in a Mining Economic Region: Taking Carbon Emissions as a Restriction

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Abstract: In the first decade of the 21st century, as a typical coal province and mining economic region, Shanxi province made a great contribution to the national economic construction and reform. At the same time, coal mining has caused serious damage to the ecological environment, excessive use of resources, the deterioration of the ecological environment and a decline in the sustainable development capacity. Overreliance on a resource-based economy leads to problems such as a poorly developed economy and a single industrial structure. In this context, Shanxi province has to take actions to transform its industrial structure into a low-carbon development model as soon as possible. This paper measures the values of the consumption coefficients of capital investments, electric power and CO₂ emissions by establishing a Grey Model (1, 1) using the data from 2007 to 2011 and designing the optimization scheme of the three industrial structures from 2015 to 2020 by establishing a grey dynamic linear programming model for Shanxi province. The results show that the industrial structure in Shanxi province needs to be improved. It is revealed that the proportion of three industries in Shanxi province should change from 6:46:48 in 2015 to 6:41:54 in 2020. At the same time, among the seven largest sectors in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry, Shanxi government may continue to

promote the development of the coal-bed methane and the coal chemical industry in the coal industry, while the other six sectors should be limited.

Keywords: low carbon economy; industrial structure optimization; Grey Model (1, 1); grey dynamic linear programming model; mining economic region

1. Introduction

The global economy has developed rapidly since the industrialization period, which is closely linked to the abundant supply of resources. According to the theory of comparative advantage, abundant natural resources are the foundation of industrialization and economic development. Natural resources can provide the necessary material basis for economic growth and also improve national welfare.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, issues regarding energy, particularly energy security, have received more attention. Energy is an important material basis for economic and social development, and a steady supply of energy is the premise of stable economic growth. Energy security is related to national security. For a long time, because of the endowment characteristics of the energy resources in China, coal has been the basic energy source and an important raw material in China, occupying an important strategic position in the national economy. In the coming few decades, coal resources will account for a decreasing ratio of the energy structure in China, while the status of coal as the main body of energy supply will remain unchanged. Shanxi province possesses rich coal resource and runs a typical resource-based economy in China. Coal resources occupy an important position in its industrial structure and economic development. The verified coal reserves in Shanxi province reach 2664 million tons—making it the second-largest reserve in China—and account for 22.6% of China's coal resources [1].

In the “11th Five-Year Plan” period, Shanxi province produced 3.22 billion tons of coal, which corresponds to an average annual increase of 6.32% and makes up approximately 23% of the total coal production in China over the same period. The amount of coal exported reached 2.49 billion tons, accounting for more than 70% of the inter-provincial coal transfer quantity.

Shanxi province has provided significant coal resources, making a great contribution to the national economic construction and reform. At the same time, coal mining has caused serious damage to the ecological environment, excessive use of resources, the deterioration of the ecological environment and a decline in the sustainable development capacity. This overreliance on a resource-based economy has led to problems such as an undeveloped economy and a single industrial structure. Therefore, the traditional model of economic development must be changed to improve the industrial structure.

A low carbon economy (LCE) is characterized by low consumption, low pollution and low emission. Adjusting the industrial structure will affect energy consumption and environmental pollution. Thus, adjusting the industrial structure to achieve LCE is a problem not only for Shanxi province but also for the sustainable development of the national economy.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Research on Grey System Model

Grey system model has been widely used in agriculture, medicine, economy, ecology, culture, education, weather, traffic, transportation, management, industrial control and other fields by grey correlation analysis, gray prediction, grey clustering, gray decision, gray controlling, gray optimization and so on, to solve the practical problems in production, life and scientific research.

Mao, Duan, Li *et al.* [2] proposed and verified grey-correlation theory to analyze factors that may affect the selection of deep water platform, by choosing 13 main factors. The results showed that the optimal platform was identified as the one that had the highest relevance. Based on the grey prediction, Xiang, Xu, Li *et al.* [3] proposed a co-operative control mechanism to control the air supply flow of the air compressor. The statistical results demonstrated that the presented control mechanism could effectively reduce about 22% energy consumption of the air compressor. Wang, Cai, Xu *et al.* [4] developed a hybrid nonlinear grey-prediction and quota allocation model (HNGP-QAM) for China's carbon intensity reduction in 2020. The results showed that the total abatement cost would be 92.07×10^9 and 98.93×10^9 , as well as 180.57×10^9 and 194.19×10^9 RMB for provincial and departmental allocation schemes under the reduction ratios of 40% and 45%, respectively. Liu, Shen, Tan *et al.* [5] recognized an effective grey clustering analysis method that has been put forward to deal with overseas project loans decision-making. Tai, Lin, Chen *et al.* [6] used a grey relation analysis and analytic hierarchy process to study the product development and competitiveness of an enterprise from limited data, taking a precision mechanical manufacturer as an example and proved this method feasible to make investment decisions.

Liu, Zhi, Wang *et al.* [7] designed a grey forecasting-optimal control scheme for a symmetric rotor bearing system based on the grey forecasting model Grey Model (GM) (1, 1) and the result shows that this theory and method of grey forecasting-optimal control was efficient and feasible for the vibration control of the rotor system. Wang and Tang [8] analyzed the agriculture and forestry herding fishery total production value structure, grain output structure, the meat output structure of Liaoning province using the grey incidence analysis of grey system theory, and this paper also used the GM (1, 1) model to predict the research series. Zhu and Gao [9] used grey correlation analysis and grey system prediction to analyze the forestry industrial structure of Heilongjiang Province and provided suggestions for optimizing and adjusting the forestry industrial structure of Heilongjiang Province.

2.2. Research on LCE and Industrial Structure Adjustment

Research on LCE had started based on the consideration of global climate change. There was strong scientific evidence that climate change has occurred and has been accelerated by human activities. In this situation, the UK government first proposed LCE in 2003 [10]. Since then, LCE has become a symbol of economic development. LCE is characterized by low energy consumption, low pollution and low emissions. LCE is the best pattern of economic development in the world to reduce the emission of greenhouse gas and mitigate climate change. LCE is more about the transform mode of economic development rather than a simple technical or mechanism issue. The core of the transformation of economic growth pattern is the industrial structure optimization.

Most studies mainly focused on the relationship between LCE, economic growth and industrial structure adjustment. Soytas *et al.* [11] studied the relationship between energy consumption, economic growth and carbon emissions in the United States. The results revealed that a causal relationship existed between energy consumption and carbon emissions. Zhang and Xue [12] established a linear regression model on how the adjustment of the industrial structure impacts the carbon dioxide emissions based on the relevant time-series data of 1996–2009. The empirical results showed that (1) the type of industrial structure directly determined carbon emissions; (2) the secondary industry was positively related to carbon emissions; (3) and the development of a tertiary industry reduced carbon emissions. Liu, Duan, Zhang *et al.* [13] analyzed the process of low carbon development (LCD) and the industrial structure in the typical countries to reveal the causality relationship between LCD and industrial structure. The results revealed that the tertiary industry of China was the Granger cause of LCD with a 98% confidence interval, which suggested that the industrial structure should be adjusted before LCD, particularly the development of a tertiary industry. Zhang and Huang [14] analyzed the effects of industrial restructuring on carbon reduction and calculated both direct and indirect carbon emissions in 1997, 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2007 in Jiangsu province using an input-output analysis. The results indicated that the high carbon-reducing efficiency of a certain sector might be caused by its high direct carbon intensity, indirect carbon intensity or high economic status. Dong, Fujita, Zhang *et al.* [15] recognized that industrial symbiosis could contribute to a low-carbon city in terms of co-benefits.

The main concern regarding the optimization of the industrial structure is industry structure rationalization and gentrification. The rationalization of an industrial structure is a dynamic process of inter-industry coordination and mutual association. Regarding industry structure rationalization, much attention has been paid to judgment standards in foreign research. Industry structure gentrification is a dynamic process of an industry developing from a lower to a higher structure. The judgment standard is the standard structure of the value structure index or the labor structure index. Experts and scholars on industrial economics have conducted research on industrial structure and industrial structure gentrification since Kuznets' relevant research. Heston and Rouwenhorst [16] examined the influence of the industrial structure on the cross-sectional volatility and correlation structure of the country index returns for 12 European countries between 1978 and 1992. The results showed that the industrial structure explained very little of the cross-sectional differences in the country return volatilities. Peneder [17] applied dynamic panel estimations based on data of 28 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, and the results confirmed that the industrial structure had been a significant determinant of macroeconomic development and growth in the 1990s. Zhang, Deng [18] made use of environmental influence modulus of industrial departments (EIMID) and quantitatively evaluated the entire eco-environmental impact of the industrial structure change in Chongqing from 1997 to 2008 by integrated eco-environmental influence modulus of industrial structure (IEIMIS). The results showed that the industrial structure had experienced two significant transformations since the establishment of the municipality in 1997 and that IEIMIS presented an approximate U-shaped curve with an ascent trend after an initial decline and fluctuated in a certain range. Chivu and Ciutacu [19] approached the restructuring of the Romanian industry. The paper addressed the decomposition and recomposition of Romania's industrial structure from a national perspective, without ignoring the trends in the European industrial strategies and policies.

The study on the optimization of the industrial structure in China stemmed from the readjustment of the industrial structure to achieve steady economic growth. Zhou [20] recognized that China's industrial structure had been improved and that the ratio of agriculture, light industry, heavy industry in the national economy was becoming more balanced. Wang and Liu [21] calculated the total benefits in all sectors and quantified the sectors of the national economy to optimize the industrial structure using the input-output method. According to the scientific development concept, Ning and Xu [22] analyzed the development of the coal industry in Shanxi province.

Qiao [23] analyzed the structure of the Shanxi coal industry in regards to industrial quality and found that the structure was insufficient, the primary processing and deep processing was inharmonious, and the development of related industries was relatively lagging behind. Man, Zhu [24] studied the industrial structure of Yunnan province using the grey relational model. Li [25] optimized the industrial structure of Henan province using the gray dynamic linear programming. Based on rough set theory, Li, Li and Wang [26] evaluated the rationalization of the industrial structure in Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps during the period from 2001 to 2010. The results showed that the rationalization of the industrial structure in Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps was gradually rising; however, overall, the rationalization level of the industrial structure was still not high.

Reviewing literature on LCE and industrial structure adjustment, the paper found the following deficiencies:

- (1) Previous research rarely discusses LCE together with industrial structure optimization, where either the optimization of the industrial structure or LCE is focused.
- (2) The way to achieve LCE with the optimization of the industrial structure is seldom discussed in previous literature. LCE will be the main pattern of future economic development. Different development patterns will fit to different regions. So it is important to discuss the different ways for different regions to achieve LCE.

Coal-dominated industrial structure is the current development situation of the energy industry in Shanxi province. There are certain limitations regarding the coordinated development of the economy and environment in Shanxi province. The optimization of the three industrial structures and the energy industrial structure is currently of utmost importance in the transformation of Shanxi province. Therefore, this paper mainly studies the optimization of the industrial structure in Shanxi province under the background of an LCE development pattern.

3. Model and Data

At first, this paper predicts the coefficients of the capital investments, power and CO₂ emissions using the Grey Model (1, 1) (GM (1, 1)). Secondly, according to the objective function, constraints and the coefficients of the capital investments, power and the CO₂ emissions predicted by the GM (1, 1) model, the paper establishes the dynamic grey linear programming model of the optimization of industrial structure for Shanxi province during the period from 2015 to 2020.

3.1. GM (1, 1) Model

Grey system theory, fuzzy mathematics and probability statistics are the three research methods used most commonly of uncertainty system. The grey system model is suitable for incomplete information, which is able to reduce the uncertainty of the model that fuzzy mathematics, probability statistics cannot (Table 1) [27]. In 1980s, Professor Julong Deng proposed the theory of grey system. By establishing the differential equation model, the grey system model utilizes and processes the dynamic information. In the process of building the model, the grey system theory makes full use of the information displayed by the limited data and the underlying information.

Table 1. Comparison of the three kinds of uncertainty research methods.

Subject	Grey System	Probability Statistics	Fuzzy Mathematics
subject investigated	uncertain poor information	uncertain random	uncertain cognition
elementary set	Grey hazy set	Cantor set	fuzzy sets
method	overlying information	mapping	mapping
ways and measure	grey sequence operator	frequency statistics	cut set
data requirement	random distribution	canonical distribution	knowing membership grade
focus	connotation	connotation	extension
objective	realistic law	historical statistical law	cognitive expression
feature	small sample	big sample	by experience

GM (1, 1) model is a grey system model. At present, to reveal the change law of the main factors and the future trend, the GM (1, 1) model is a dynamic grey prediction model that is mainly used for value fitting and forecasting of a major factor in a complex system [28]. GM (1, 1) model is a differential equation model with first-order and a variable [27].

Assuming that there are N observations in the time series,

$$x^{(0)} = [x^{(0)}(1), x^{(0)}(2), \dots, x^{(0)}(n)] \tag{1}$$

The new sequence additionally generated is:

$$x^{(1)} = [x^{(1)}(1), x^{(1)}(2), \dots, x^{(1)}(n)] \tag{2}$$

Assuming $z^{(1)}$ is close to the mean generation sequence of $x^{(1)}$:

$$z^{(1)} = [z^{(1)}(2), z^{(1)}(3) \dots, z^{(1)}(n)] \tag{3}$$

$$z^{(1)}(k) = 1/2[x^{(1)}(k - 1) + x^{(1)}(k)] \tag{4}$$

Making:

$$x^{(0)}(k) + az^{(1)}(k) = b \tag{5}$$

the grey differential equation model of GM (1,1).

Where:

a is the developmental quotient, showing the development trends of $x^{(0)}$ and $x^{(1)}$;

b is the endogenous control grey number; and

$z^{(1)}(k)$ is the sequence value of the white background.

The paper chooses and establishes the GM (1, 1) model using the existing data to forecast the investment, power input, and carbon emissions in future periods. Then, the GM (1, 1) model is established again to predict the coefficients of the resources and environment consumption.

3.2. Dynamic Grey Linear Programming Model

The optimization of the industrial structure mainly refers to the process of coordinated development, which can continuously improve the overall level of the industry. Its essence is the optimization of resource allocation and efficient utilization to realize a stable and coordinated development in the industrial economy.

Against the background of LCE, to achieve stable and rapid economic growth in Shanxi province, the paper takes economic growth as the objective function, and the resources, environment, investment and output value of the three industries as the constraint conditions to build the optimization model. In the short term, the industrial development scale of the three industries changes only slightly; therefore, this paper constrains the output value scale of industry i to be between GDP minus 2% and GDP plus 2%.

Based on the objective and the constraints of the industrial structure optimization in Shanxi province, the paper designs the model of the optimization of industrial structure [29]. The output value of the primary industry, the secondary industry and the tertiary industry is expressed by x_1 , x_2 and x_3 , respectively, a_1 and b_2 represent the capital investments (100 million yuan) and power inputs (100 million kilowatt-hours), respectively, and c_3 represents the total CO₂ emissions.

At the same time, the paper defines that:

a_{1i} is the capital investment needed in 100 million yuan in the three industries in Shanxi province (100 million yuan/100 million yuan);

b_{2i} is the power needed in 100 million yuan in the three industries in Shanxi province (100 million kilowatt-hours/100 million yuan);

c_{3i} is the direct emission coefficient of CO₂ in 100 million yuan in the three industries in Shanxi province.

The grey dynamic linear programming model established is as follows:

$$\max Z(x) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \tag{6}$$

Constraint conditions:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 \leq a_1 \\ b_{21}x_1 + b_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 \leq b_2 \\ c_{31}x_1 + c_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 \leq c_3 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

First, the paper establishes the GM (1, 1) model using the relevant data from 2007 to 2011; then, a_1 , b_2 , c_3 and a_{1i} , b_{2i} , c_{3i} are predicted. Based on the prediction results, the paper calculates the consumption coefficients of the resources and the environment from 2015 to 2020.

According to the objective function and the constraints established, the paper builds the grey dynamic linear programming model from year n to year $n + m$ in the future. Thus, the optimal industrial structure during the period from 2015 to 2020 can be calculated.

$$\begin{aligned} \max Z_n &= x_1^n + x_2^n + x_3^n \\ \begin{cases} a_{11}^n x_1^n + a_{12}^n x_2^n + a_{13}^n x_3^n \leq a_1^n \\ b_{21}^n x_1^n + b_{22}^n x_2^n + b_{23}^n x_3^n \leq b_2^n \\ c_{31}^n x_1^n + c_{32}^n x_2^n + c_{33}^n x_3^n \leq c_3^n \\ x_1^n \geq 0, x_2^n \geq 0, x_3^n \geq 0 \\ \dots \dots \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max Z_{n+m} &= x_1^{n+m} + x_2^{n+m} + x_3^{n+m} \\ \begin{cases} a_{11}^{n+m} x_1^{n+m} + a_{12}^{n+m} x_2^{n+m} + a_{13}^{n+m} x_3^{n+m} \leq a_1^{n+m} \\ b_{21}^{n+m} x_1^{n+m} + b_{22}^{n+m} x_2^{n+m} + b_{23}^{n+m} x_3^{n+m} \leq b_2^{n+m} \\ c_{31}^{n+m} x_1^{n+m} + c_{32}^{n+m} x_2^{n+m} + c_{33}^{n+m} x_3^{n+m} \leq c_3^{n+m} \\ x_1^{n+m} \geq 0, x_2^{n+m} \geq 0, x_3^{n+m} \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

3.3. Data

The data of the three industries and the seven largest carbon-emitting industries in the secondary industry from 2007 to 2011 in Shanxi province are all from the Shanxi statistical yearbooks from 2008 to 2012 and the calculated results.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Structure Optimization in the Three Industries

The data of GDP, the total capital investments and the capital investments needed per 100 million yuan, the total power used and the power needed per 100 million yuan, the total carbon emissions and carbon emissions per 100 million yuan in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 are shown in Tables 2–5.

The paper establishes the GM (1, 1) model using the grey system theory and predicts the capital investment, power input and CO₂ emissions of Shanxi province from 2015 to 2020. The prediction results are shown in Tables 6–9 in the following.

According to the objective function and the constraints established, the paper establishes the grey dynamic linear programming model to design the structure optimization of the three industries from 2015 to 2020 using Lingo 9.0 (Lindo Systems Inc., Chicago, IL, USA). The optimization design of the three industrial structures is shown in Table 10.

Table 2. GDP in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (100 million yuan) [30–34].

Year	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2007	311.97	3438.6	2257.99
2008	313.58	4179.7	2759.46
2009	477.59	1800.1	2886.92
2010	554.48	5234	3412.38
2011	641.42	6635.3	3960.87

Table 3. The total capital investments and the capital investments needed per 100 million yuan in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (100 million yuan) [30–34].

Year	The Total Capital Investments			The Capital Investments Needed per 100 Million Yuan		
	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2007	83.8947	1617.15	1226.12	0.2689191	0.4702936	0.5430134
2008	111.9701	1868.89	1654.28	0.3570703	0.4471351	0.5994937
2009	220.3844	2163.60	2649.55	0.461451	1.2019343	0.9177764
2010	281.2813	2628.13	3443.19	0.5072885	0.5021261	1.0090294
2011	271.2048	3348.58	3753.27	0.4228194	0.5046616	0.9475878

Table 4. The total power used and the power needed per 100 million yuan in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (100 million Kwh) [30–34].

Year	The Total Power Used			The Power Needed per 100 Million Yuan		
	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2007	28.38	1086.48	91.05	0.090970	0.315967	0.040323
2008	27.32	1036.13	95.07	0.087123	0.247896	0.034452
2009	32.04	967.64	102.36	0.067087	0.537548	0.035456
2010	35.14	1127.39	113.24	0.063375	0.215397	0.033185
2011	38.74	1291.57	126.02	0.060397	0.194651	0.031816

Table 5. The total carbon emissions and carbon emissions per 100 million yuan in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (100 million tons). Sources: Calculating according to the data from [30–34].

Year	The Total Carbon Emissions			Carbon Emissions per 100 Million Yuan		
	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2007	0.03871974	5.900752	0.2996645	0.00012411	0.001716	0.000133
2008	0.03662482	5.669543	0.4050779	0.00011680	0.001356	0.000147
2009	0.05852801	5.465144	0.5245357	0.00012255	0.003036	0.000182
2010	0.05843123	5.94221	0.4903828	0.00010538	0.001135	0.000144
2011	0.059593	6.443358	0.520116	0.00009292	0.000971	0.000131

Table 6. Predicted values of the capital investment, power input and CO₂ emissions.

Year	Capital Investment/ 100 Million Yuan	Power Input/ 100 Million Kilowatt-Hours	CO ₂ Emissions/ 100 Million Tons
2015	18970.63	2249.32	371.36
2016	23876.37	2512.45	426.84
2017	30051.06	2806.42	490.46
2018	37823.01	3134.82	563.58
2019	47605.49	3501.74	746.59
2020	59918.75	3911.66	744.12

Table 7. Predicted values of the capital investments needed per 100 million yuan (100 million yuan).

Year	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2015	0.4765373	0.4985370	1.5235776
2016	0.4820308	0.4971360	1.6883489
2017	0.4875908	0.4957384	1.8709404
2018	0.4932122	0.494345	2.0732773
2019	0.4988983	0.4929555	2.2974992
2020	0.5046527	0.4915698	2.545967

Table 8. Predicted values of the power needed in 100 million yuan (100 million kilowatt-hours).

Year	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2015	0.04069853	0.12094684	0.027997677
2016	0.037038651	0.10737497	0.02706383
2017	0.033712301	0.09532608	0.026160247
2018	0.030680587	0.0846289	0.025286528
2019	0.027921686	0.07513242	0.02444315
2020	0.025412684	0.06670138	0.023626596

Table 9. Predicted values of the total CO₂ emissions in 100 million yuan (100 million tons).

Year	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
2015	0.00491449	0.01833998	0.00758821
2016	0.00433323	0.01668411	0.00750765
2017	0.00336881	0.01517773	0.00742795
2018	0.00297036	0.01380737	0.00734910
2019	0.00261904	0.01256073	0.00727108
2020	0.00230927	0.01142665	0.00719389

Table 10. Optimization design of the three industrial structures in Shanxi province (%).

Year	The Primary Industry	The Secondary Industry	The Tertiary Industry
	The GDP Proportion of the Output Value	The GDP Proportion of the Output Value	The GDP Proportion of the Output Value
2015	5.62	46.16	48.22
2016	5.65	44.83	49.53
2017	5.69	43.62	50.69
2018	5.75	42.52	51.73
2019	5.81	41.51	52.68
2020	5.88	40.58	53.54

From Table 10, it can be seen that the three industrial structures are 5.62:46.16:48.22 in 2015, which can be changed to 5.88:40.58:53.54 in 2020. The GDP proportion of the output value of the primary industry remains basically unchanged. Because of resource depletion, environmental pollution and some other reasons, Shanxi province should vigorously promote the economy's move toward a low carbon development pattern. Thus, the GDP proportion of the output value of the secondary

industry continues to decline. The GDP proportion of the output value of the tertiary industry increases steadily, which is consistent with the sharp rise in investment of the tertiary industry in Shanxi province.

4.2. Structure Optimization of the Seven Largest Sectors in Terms of Carbon Emissions in the Secondary Industry

Taking carbon emissions as the indicator, the paper chooses the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry for optimization, which are the coal-mining and washing industry, the oil-processing and coking industry, the chemical raw materials manufacturing industry, the ferrous metal smelting industry, the non-ferrous metal smelting and processing industry, the electric power production and supply industry and the construction industry using the data of Tables 11–17. The predicted results are shown in Tables 18–22.

According to the objective function and the constraints established, the paper establishes the grey dynamic linear programming model to design the structure optimization of the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry from 2015 to 2020 in Table 22 using lingo 9.0.

From Table 22, it can be seen that in the optimization design of the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry, the GDP proportion of the output value of the coal-mining and washing industry increases steadily, while the proportions of the output value in the other six industries continue to decline.

4.3. Discussion

In contrast to the previous research that mainly focused on the relationship between LCE, economic growth and industrial structure, this paper analyzes the optimization of the industrial structure in Shanxi province against the background of LCE development. The reliance of the methods and results depends on the following explanation.

(1) On the model

This paper utilizes the GM (1, 1) model and the dynamic grey linear programming model to optimize the industrial structure in Shanxi province from 2015 to 2020. This method is appropriate because the grey system models are suitable for incomplete information and increase the certainty. Li [17] and Dang *et al.* [20] also used the same models, and their results showed that the models are suitable to optimize industrial structure.

(2) On the optimization results

In the structure optimization of the three industries in Shanxi province from 2015 to 2020, the GDP proportion of the output value in the primary industry remained basically unchanged, which will maintain the fundamental position of agriculture. The GDP proportion of the output value in the secondary industry continues to decline. Due to the development of the secondary industry, resource exhaustion and environmental pollution in Shanxi province is increasing, which should promote the economy move towards a low carbon development pattern. The GDP proportion of the output value in the tertiary industry increases steadily, which is consistent with a transformation of the resource-based economy in Shanxi province.

Table 11. Gross output value of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand yuan) [30–34].

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	21,703,894	9,932,739	4,266,570	17,365,064	4,265,023	7,499,370	10,607,041
2008	33,561,157	15,609,468	4,684,572	18,999,334	4,221,897	8,254,442	13,554,415
2009	34,215,763	11,554,569	4,166,784	15,325,316	2,743,905	9,261,297	18,261,040
2010	47,412,112	14,620,883	5,094,686	19,975,177	4,041,938	11,094,353	21,434,591
2011	64,505,823	17,017,687	6,245,288	26,714,122	5,163,591	12,737,036	23,249,108

Table 12. The total capital investments of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand yuan) [30–34].

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	3,639,235	923,172	1,058,665	1,876,299	392,544	4,188,752	95,085
2008	4,640,781	1,014,761	1,539,122	1,475,297	847,459	4,757,173	168,864
2009	5,986,723	1,025,476	1,028,347	1,193,801	726,107	5,360,840	216,531
2010	9,295,058	964,168	1,111,495	1,147,203	721,708	5,196,638	166,365
2011	12,402,352	984,261	1,666,503	1,345,978	1,145,792	5,476,398	89,150

Table 13. The capital investments needed per 10 thousand yuan of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand yuan).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	0.167676	0.092942	0.24813	0.10805	0.092038	0.558547	0.008964
2008	0.138278	0.065009	0.328551	0.07765	0.200729	0.576317	0.012458
2009	0.174969	0.088751	0.246796	0.077897	0.264625	0.578843	0.011858
2010	0.196048	0.065945	0.218168	0.057431	0.178555	0.468404	0.007762
2011	0.192267	0.057837	0.266842	0.050385	0.221898	0.429959	0.003835

Table 14. The total power used of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand Kwh) [30–34].

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	1,425,100	679,600	1,436,100	2,009,100	1,735,300	1,627,800	81,400
2008	1,783,300	505,500	1,522,300	1,701,800	1,707,300	1,670,600	94,500
2009	1,508,300	252,001	1,257,700	1,799,600	1,380,200	1,680,900	112,000
2010	1,718,500	303,000	1,323,400	2,096,400	1,639,100	2,725,600	161,800
2011	1,943,100	405,300	1,500,005	2,223,300	1,822,400	2,934,000	206,100

Table 15. The power needed per 10 thousand yuan of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand Kwh).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	0.06566	0.068420	0.336594	0.115698	0.406868	0.217058	0.007674
2008	0.053135	0.032384	0.32496	0.089572	0.404392	0.202388	0.006972
2009	0.044082	0.021809	0.30184	0.117427	0.503006	0.181497	0.006133
2010	0.036246	0.020723	0.259761	0.10495	0.405523	0.245675	0.007549
2011	0.030122	0.023816	0.240182	0.083226	0.352933	0.230352	0.008865

Table 16. The total carbon emissions of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand tons). Sources: Calculating according to the data from [30–34].

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	1,778,868	870,800	1,792,292	2,512,179	2,164,377	2,042,162	101,590
2008	2,226,749	650,491	1,899,871	2,128,707	2,129,233	2,095,886	117,956
2009	1,884,004	333,158	1,569,999	2,250,237	1,721,167	2,108,982	139,775
2010	2,146,578	397,604	1,651,545	2,621,066	2,043,790	3,413,503	201,825
2011	2,426,590	527,210	1,872,339	2,780,140	2,272,340	3,673,778	257,018

Table 17. The carbon emissions per 10 thousand yuan of industries in Shanxi Province from 2007 to 2011 (10 thousand tons).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2007	0.081961	0.08767	0.420078	0.144669	0.507471	0.272311	0.009578
2008	0.066349	0.041673	0.405559	0.112041	0.504331	0.25391	0.008702
2009	0.055062	0.028833	0.376789	0.146831	0.627269	0.22772	0.007654
2010	0.045275	0.027194	0.32417	0.131216	0.505646	0.307679	0.009416
2011	0.037618	0.03098	0.2998	0.10407	0.44007	0.288433	0.011055

Table 18. Predicted values of the capital investment, power input and CO₂ emissions.

Year	Capital Investment /100 Million Yuan	Power Input /100 Million Kilowatt-Hours	CO ₂ Emissions /100 Million Tons
2015	59,539,891	16,518,971	19,206,750
2016	78,991,852	18,898,763	20,793,691
2017	106,227,835	23,884,807	22,562,780
2018	143,730,132	27,844,252	24,546,656
2019	195,919,754	32,649,139	26,786,167
2020	268,633,928	38,496,441	29,332,778

Table19. Predicted values of the capital investments needed per 10 thousand yuan (10 thousand yuan).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2015	0.788957	0.018344	0.027518	0.028374	0.030657	0.103417	0.002734
2016	0.831843	0.013972	0.022417	0.022801	0.025994	0.080959	0.002014
2017	0.865263	0.0105	0.018017	0.018075	0.021743	0.064939	0.001463
2018	0.894543	0.007842	0.014392	0.014242	0.018077	0.049848	0.001057
2019	0.91798	0.005814	0.011411	0.011139	0.014918	0.037981	0.000758
2020	0.936512	0.004285	0.008995	0.008661	0.012239	0.028769	0.00054

Table 20. Predicted values of the power needed per 10 thousand yuan (10 thousand kilowatt-hours).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical Raw Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2015	0.132404	0.012005	0.14954	0.19858	0.122863	0.347657	0.03695
2016	0.120698	0.009116	0.148128	0.190924	0.111694	0.37698	0.042461
2017	0.0996	0.006266	0.132825	0.166167	0.091918	0.459054	0.044169
2018	0.089104	0.004669	0.129121	0.156786	0.082006	0.488503	0.049812
2019	0.079252	0.003459	0.124793	0.147077	0.072739	0.516831	0.055849
2020	0.070098	0.002548	0.119942	0.137205	0.064162	0.543772	0.062272

Table 21. Predicted values of the total CO₂ emissions per 10 thousand yuan (10 thousand tons).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical Raw Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric Power Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2015	0.142249	0.029627	0.154097	0.183148	0.143705	0.307594	0.039579
2016	0.137037	0.029403	0.15601	0.179434	0.139358	0.31071	0.048048
2017	0.131716	0.029114	0.15759	0.175398	0.134836	0.313149	0.058196
2018	0.126271	0.028753	0.158769	0.171004	0.13012	0.314779	0.070303
2019	0.120684	0.02831	0.159472	0.166215	0.125187	0.31546	0.084671
2020	0.11494	0.027777	0.159617	0.160994	0.12002	0.315033	0.101618

Table 22. Optimization design of the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry in Shanxi province (%).

Year	Coal-Mining and Washing Industry	Oil-Processing and Coking Industry	Chemical-Raw-Materials Manufacturing Industry	Ferrous-Metal Smelting Industry	Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Processing Industry	Electric-Power-Production and Supply Industry	Construction Industry
2015	57.55	8.61	2.25	10.85	1.76	5.33	13.65
2016	64.95	7.31	1.61	8.27	1.23	4.13	12.5
2017	68.35	6.68	1.35	7.15	1.02	3.6	11.85
2018	71.53	6.07	1.13	6.15	0.84	3.12	11.16
2019	74.46	5.48	0.94	5.26	0.69	2.69	10.48
2020	77.16	4.93	0.77	4.48	0.56	2.32	9.78

In the structure optimization of the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry, the GDP proportion of the output value of the coal-mining and washing industry increases steadily, which will support the development of coal-related industries such as coal liquefaction and coal gas in Shanxi province. The GDP proportions of the output value of the other six industries continue to decline, which are also consistent with the further development of the tertiary industry in Shanxi province.

5. Conclusions

Based on the statistical data from 2007 to 2011, the paper calculated the investment efficiency, energy efficiency and environment efficiency of the three industries and the coal-mining and washing industry, the oil processing and coking industry, the chemical raw materials manufacturing industry, the ferrous metal smelting industry, the non-ferrous metal smelting and processing industry, the electric power production and supply industry and the construction industry of Shanxi province. Then, the paper optimized the structure of the three industries and the seven largest industries in terms of carbon emissions in the secondary industry using the grey dynamic linear programming model in Shanxi province from 2015 to 2020. The conclusions are as follows:

(1) Combining the advantages and disadvantages of the current situation regarding the energy industry development, Shanxi province may continue to develop coal resource and power industry in the adjustment of its industrial structure. However, clean mining should be a breakthrough to promote green production and technological innovation, low carbon development of coal and the related industries should be strongly promoted. (2) Shanxi province may vigorously develop its non-coal industry rather than sole resource oriented industry of coal. For example, Shanxi province may try to develop other industries such as finance and historical mining tourism rather than industries which are strongly reliant on the coal resources as chemical industry, *etc.*

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