

Study on the Correlation Analysis of Energy Consumption in Economic Industries and Evaluation of Carbon Emission Decoupling in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

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ABSTRACT

A deep exploration of the correlation analysis of energy consumption in economic industries and evaluation of carbon emission decoupling in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region can provide important reference for its government departments in decision-making to accelerate the formulation and improvement of energy consumption control policies and systems. In this paper, by use of the grey incidence analysis, the correlation analysis model of energy consumption and economic growth in the economic industries of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region was built to analyse the correlation characteristics of industrial energy consumption and economic growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. Meanwhile, based on the indexes of economic output value and carbon emission efficiency in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, a carbon emission increment model was set up to measure the contributions of carbon emission structure increment and efficiency increment in the region. And the Tapio elastic coefficient method was adopted to identify the decoupling trend of carbon emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. Finally, the corresponding countermeasures and suggestions were put forward to provide support for the government departments of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region to accelerate the formulation and improvement of policies and measures for decoupling economic growth from energy consumption and carbon emissions in the economic industries of this region.

Keywords: Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, Industry, Energy consumption, Carbon emissions, Decoupling, Evaluation.

1. INTRODUCTION

Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is one of the three most dynamic economic growth poles in China. In April 2015, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee adopted the *Outline of the Coordinated Development Plan for Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region*. This lifted the coordinated development of

the region to a major national strategy, stressed the need to enhance the resource and energy guarantee capacity of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, and made industrial upgrading and transfer and ecological and environmental protection the key fields for the coordinated development of the region. From 1996 to 2016, the energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region showed a continuous growth trend. Among the three, Beijing increased its energy consumption from 37.345 million tons to 69.617 million tons, which nearly doubled; Tianjin from 23.741 million tons to 80.414 million tons, up by more than 2 times; and the increase of energy consumption in Hebei was about 6.5 times that of Beijing and 3.7 times that of Tianjin. Facing the strategic needs of industrial transformation and

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upgrading and ecological environment protection in the process of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development, a research on the correlation analysis of energy consumption in economic industries and evaluation of carbon emission decoupling in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region is of great practical significance to accelerate industrial transformation and upgrading, control and reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, and promote high-quality economic development in the region.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

In the 1960s, the scholar Carter [1] first discussed the decoupling problem between economic development and environmental pressure. German scholars Weizsacker and Schmidt-Bleek [2-3] put forward the important conclusion of "realizing the decoupling of resource and energy consumption and economic growth and promoting sustainable development" at the end of the 20th century. In the early 2000s, the OECD defined decoupling as breaking the link between "environmental harm" and "economic wealth" [4]. Since the 21st century, the decoupling between energy consumption and economic growth has attracted extensive attention from scholars at home and abroad. Scholars mainly focus on the construction pattern of decoupling indicators and the division of decoupling states. For example, OECD and Tapio proposed the OECD decoupling indicator model [4] and Tapio decoupling indicator model [5] respectively. Vehmas and Tapio et al. [5-7] summarized 3 types of decoupling and 8 types of decoupling states. At the meantime, scholars combined with the national conditions of each country to conduct quantitative research on the relationship between energy consumption and economic growth decoupling. For example, Kraft [8], Paul [9], Climentd [10], Voet [11-12] and others have constructed energy consumption decoupling indexes, which respectively verified the long-term decoupling relationship between energy consumption and economic growth in the United States, India, Spain and EU member states.

Since 2010, China has become the world's largest energy consumer and carbon emitter. The pressure of energy conservation and emission reduction has become more prominent. How to decouple energy consumption carbon emissions from economic growth on the premise of ensuring high-quality economic development in China has become a research hotspot of the government authorities and domestic scholars. With the

application of decoupling index method, complete decomposition model and other models and methods, scholars have conducted practical exploration on the decoupling of energy consumption carbon emissions and economic growth from the perspectives of industrialization, urbanization and carbon emissions, focusing on two aspects: different spatial scales [13-23] and different industrial development [24-27]. These findings provide an important reference for clarifying the decoupling trend and driving factors between energy consumption carbon emissions and economic growth at the national, provincial and industrial levels. In addition, Cheng Haisen et al. [28-33] focused on a quantitative study on the decoupling relationship between energy consumption, carbon emissions and economic growth in the process of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development.

In this paper, the correlation analysis of economic and industrial energy consumption and the evaluation of carbon emission decoupling in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region are discussed. On the one hand, the grey incidence analysis method was adopted to construct the correlation analysis model of industrial energy consumption and economic growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, and to analyse the correlation characteristics of industrial energy consumption and economic growth in the region. On the other hand, according to the economic output value index and carbon emission efficiency index of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the carbon emission increment model of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region was built to measure the contribution of the carbon emission structure increment and efficiency increment in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The Tapio elastic coefficient method was also used to identify the decoupling trend of carbon emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. Finally, corresponding countermeasures and suggestions were put forward to support the government departments of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in accelerating the formulation and improvement of policies and measures for decoupling economic growth and energy consumption and carbon emissions in the economic industries of this region.

3. CORRELATION ANALYSIS MODEL OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN ECONOMIC INDUSTRIES IN BEIJING-TIANJIN-HEBEI REGION

The correlation characteristic analysis of economic industrial energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is to measure the correlation degree between the energy consumption and output value of economic industrial in different periods from the perspective of change quantity and change rate, so as to determine the dependence degree of the output value growth of economic industries in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region on its energy consumption. Grey incidence analysis is a measure of the similarity and magnitude of the development trends of two sequence curves. In other words, it is the measure of the absolute correlation degree, relative correlation degree and comprehensive correlation degree of the two sequence curves according to the absolute value of the area between the two sequence curves. [34] Therefore, the grey incidence analysis method was adopted to measure the correlation degree between the economic industrial energy consumption in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the economic industrial output value of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei respectively, taking the industrial output value of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei as the reference sequence. The comprehensive correlative degree of energy consumption of the *j* industry and the output value of the *j* industry in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region can be presented by the formula γ_{0ij} :

$$\gamma_{0ij} = \theta\alpha_{0ij} + (1 - \theta)\beta_{0ij}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \alpha_{0ij} &= \frac{1 + |s_{0j}| + |s_{ij}|}{1 + |s_{0j}| + |s_{ij}| + |s_{ij} - s_{0j}|} \\ \beta_{0ij} &= \frac{1 + |s'_{0j}| + |s'_{ij}|}{1 + |s'_{0j}| + |s'_{ij}| + |s'_{0j} - s'_{ij}|} \end{aligned} \right. \quad (1)$$

In formula (1), α_{0ij} and β_{0ij} represent the absolute correlation and relative correlation between the energy consumption in the *j* industry and the *j* industry in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, respectively (*i* = 1, 2, 3 represent Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei, separately; *j* = 1, 2, 3 represent the primary, secondary and tertiary industries respectively); θ is the resolution ratio, and $\theta \in (0, 1)$, is usually at 0.5.

In formula (1), $|s_{0j}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} x_{0j}^0(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_{0j}^0(n) \right|$ represents the area enclosed by the sequence curve of industrial output value in the *j* industry of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and the horizontal axis; $|s_{ij}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} x_{ij}^0(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_{ij}^0(n) \right|$ represents the area enclosed by the sequence curve of energy consumption in the *j* industry in the *i* area of the region and the horizontal axis; $|s_{ij} - s_{0j}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} (x_{ij}^0(t) - x_{0j}^0(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (x_{ij}^0(n) - x_{0j}^0(n)) \right|$ represents the absolute value of the area between two sequence curves of the energy consumption in the *j* industry and the industrial output value of the *j* industry in the *i* area of the region. In it, $X_{0j}^0(t) = \{x_{0j}(t) - x_{0j}(1), t=2, 3, \dots, n\}$, in which $x_{0j}(t)$ represents the industrial output value of the *j* industry of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period *t*; $x_{ij}^0(t) = \{x_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(1), t=2, 3, \dots, n\}$, in which $x_{ij}(t)$ represents the energy consumption of the *j* industry of the *i* area in the region in period *t*.

In formula (1), $|s'_{0j}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} x_{0j}^0(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_{0j}^0(n) \right|$, represents the area enclosed by the sequence curve of industrial output value in the *j* industry of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and the horizontal axis; $|s'_{ij}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} x_{ij}^0(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_{ij}^0(n) \right|$, represents the area enclosed by the sequence curve of energy consumption in the *j* industry in the *i* area of the region and the horizontal axis; $|s'_{0j} - s'_{ij}| = \left| \sum_{t=2}^{n-1} (x_{ij}^0(t) - x_{0j}^0(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (x_{ij}^0(n) - x_{0j}^0(n)) \right|$, represents the absolute value of the area between two sequence curves of the energy consumption of the *j* industry and the industrial output value of the *j* industry in the *i* area of the region; and $X_{0j}^0(t) = \left\{ \frac{x_{0j}(t) - x_{0j}(1)}{x_{0j}(1)}, t=1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$, and $X_{ij}^0(t) = \left\{ \frac{x_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(1)}{x_{ij}(1)}, t=1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$.

4. EVALUATION MODEL OF CARBON EMISSION DECOUPLING IN BEIJING-TIANJIN-HEBEI REGION

4.1 Carbon Emission Increment Model

According to the index of economic output value and carbon emission efficiency in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the total amount and increment of carbon dioxide emission in the region can be determined, which can be expressed by the formula:

$$\begin{cases} E_i^t = Y_i^t \cdot EG_i^t \\ C_i^t = Y_i^t \cdot CG_i^t \\ \Delta E_i^t = E_i^t - E_i^0 = Y_i^t \cdot EG_i^t - Y_i^0 \cdot EG_i^0 \\ \Delta C_i^t = C_i^t - C_i^0 = Y_i^t \cdot CG_i^t - Y_i^0 \cdot CG_i^0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In formula (2), ΔC_i^t represents the increment in carbon dioxide emissions of the i area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t ($i=1,2,3,4$ represent Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei and Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, respectively). C_i^t and C_i^0 separately represent the total carbon dioxide emissions of the i area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t and the base period; Y_i^t represents the total economic output value of the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t , and CG_i^t is the carbon emission efficiency of the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t , that is the carbon emissions per 10,000 yuan of GDP of the i area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t ; Y_i^0 is the economic output value of the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in the base period; CG_i^0 represents the carbon emission efficiency of the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in base period.

According to Equation (2), carbon dioxide emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region were affected by changes in industrial structure and carbon emission efficiency. For this reason, ΔE_i^t and ΔC_i^t were decomposed to determine the carbon emission structure increment and efficiency increment in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_i^t &= \Delta E_{is}^t + \Delta E_{ie}^t \\ \Delta C_i^t &= \Delta C_{is}^t + \Delta C_{ie}^t \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta E_{is}^t = EG_i^0(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) + \frac{1}{2}(EG_i^t - EG_i^0)(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) \\ \Delta E_{ie}^t = Y_i^0(EG_i^t - EG_i^0) + \frac{1}{2}(EG_i^t - EG_i^0)(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) \\ \Delta C_{is}^t = CG_i^0(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) + \frac{1}{2}(CG_i^t - CG_i^0)(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) \\ \Delta C_{ie}^t = Y_i^0(CG_i^t - CG_i^0) + \frac{1}{2}(CG_i^t - CG_i^0)(Y_i^t - Y_i^0) \end{cases}$$

In Formula (3), ΔC_{is}^t represents the structural increment of carbon emission in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during period t , that is the increment of carbon dioxide emission caused by the change of economic output value in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during period t ; ΔC_{ie}^t represents the carbon emission efficiency increment of the i area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during period t , that is the increment of carbon dioxide emissions caused by the change of carbon emissions of per 10,000 yuan GDP in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during period t .

According to Equation (3), the contribution of carbon emission structure increment and efficiency increment in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is measured, which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} E\alpha_i^t + E\beta_i^t &= 1 \\ C\alpha_i^t + C\beta_i^t &= 1 \\ \left\{ \begin{aligned} E\alpha_i^t &= \frac{|\Delta E_{is}^t|}{|\Delta E_{is}^t| + |\Delta E_{ie}^t|} \\ E\beta_i^t &= \frac{|\Delta E_{ie}^t|}{|\Delta E_{is}^t| + |\Delta E_{ie}^t|} \\ C\alpha_i^t &= \frac{|\Delta C_{is}^t|}{|\Delta C_{is}^t| + |\Delta C_{ie}^t|} \\ C\beta_i^t &= \frac{|\Delta C_{ie}^t|}{|\Delta C_{is}^t| + |\Delta C_{ie}^t|} \end{aligned} \right. \quad (4)$$

In formula (4), $C\alpha_i^t$ represents the contribution of structural increment of carbon emission in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, and $C\beta_i^t$ represents the contribution of the carbon emission efficiency increment in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. If the $C\alpha_i^t$ is larger than $C\beta_i^t$, it indicates that the contribution of carbon emission structure increment in the i area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period t

exceeds the contribution of efficiency increment. On the contrary, it shows that the carbon emission efficiency increment of the *i* area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period *t* exceeds the contribution degree of the structural increment.

4.2 Decoupling Model of Carbon Emission Evaluation

With reference to the decoupling identification framework constructed by OECD [4], the three

Table 1. A framework for identifying the trend of carbon emission decoupling in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region

index of driving force	change of index		change of elastic coefficient	decoupling trend
	pressure index	efficiency index		
increase	decrease	enhancement	<0	strong decoupling
increase	growth	enhancement	(0, 0.8)	weak decoupling
recession	decrease	enhancement	>1.2	decelerative decoupling
recession	growth	reduction	>0	strong negative decoupling
recession	decrease	reduction	(0,0.8)	weak negative decoupling
increase	growth	reduction	>1.2	expansive negative decoupling
increase	growth	—	(0.8, 1.2)	growing link
recession	decrease	—	(0.8, 1.2)	decaying link

^a Note: Eight energy sources, including coal, coke, gasoline, kerosene, diesel, fuel oil, natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas, were selected to calculate the carbon emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region; the reference value of the carbon dioxide emission coefficient of IPCC was adopted as the carbon emission coefficient. Carbon dioxide emission coefficient = average low calorific value of fossil fuels × carbon content per unit calorific value of fossil fuels × oxidation rate of fossil fuels in combustion process ×44/12 (3.67). Among them, the carbon dioxide emission coefficients of natural gas and coal refer to the carbon dioxide emission coefficients of natural gas and raw coal in the oilfield respectively.

In "Table 1", the elastic coefficient of decoupling between carbon emissions and economic growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases} A_i(t) = \frac{\Delta E_i(t)/E_i(0)}{\Delta GDP_{ij}(t)/GDP_{ij}(0)} \quad (5) \\ B_i(t) = \frac{\Delta C_i(t)/C_i(0)}{\Delta GDP_i(t)/GDP_i(0)} \end{cases}$$

In formula (5), $A_i(t)$ and $B_i(t)$ represent the elastic coefficients of decoupling between carbon emissions and economic growth in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period *t*, respectively; $\Delta E_i(t)$ and $\Delta C_i(t)$ represent the carbon dioxide emission increment in the *i* area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period *t* relative to the base period; $E_i(0)$ and $C_i(0)$ represent the carbon dioxide emissions in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in the base period respectively; $\Delta GDP_{ij}(t)$ represents the increment of economic output value in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in period *t* relative to the base period; $GDP_i(0)$ represents the economic

types of indicators were coupled to construct the decoupling index taking the gross economic output as the driving force index, the carbon emission as the pressure index, and the energy consumption and carbon emission per 10,000 yuan of GDP as the efficiency index. According to the change of decoupling indicators, the Tapio elastic coefficient method was adopted to identify the decoupling trend of carbon emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region (see "Table 1").

output value in the *i* area of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in the base period.

5. EMPIRICAL STUDY

The data in this paper are from *China Energy Statistical Yearbook*, *Beijing Statistical Yearbook*, *Tianjin Statistical Yearbook* and *Hebei Statistical Yearbook* from 1995 to 2016.

5.1 Correlation Analysis of the Energy Consumption in the Economic industries

5.1.1 Correlation Characteristics of Energy Consumption at Regional and Industrial Levels

Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is one of the three most dynamic growth nuclei of in Chinese economy. From 1996 to 2016, the GDP of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region increased from 595.03 billion yuan to 4.714.18 billion yuan, with an average annual growth rate of about 10%. At the same time, the problem of energy consumption in this region was prominent, showing a sustained growth.

Among them, Beijing saw its energy consumption increased from 37.345 million tons to 69.617 million tons, with an average annual growth of about 1.53 million tons. Tianjin increased from 23.741 million tons to 84.414 million tons, with an average annual growth of about 2.7 million tons. As an industrial province, Hebei's energy consumption is about 6.5 times that of Beijing and 3.7 times that of Tianjin. Therefore, according to the evolution trend of energy consumption and economic development in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the correlation between energy consumption and economic and industrial development in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region from 1996 to 2016 was measured from two levels: regional level and industrial level.

5.1.1.1 Correlation Characteristics of Energy Consumption at the Regional Level

Table 2. The correlation between energy consumption and the overall economic development of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei during 1996-2016

correlative degree	Beijing	Tianjin	Hebei
absolute	0.561	0.572	0.869
correlative degree	0.601	0.684	0.748
relative correlative degree	0.581	0.628	0.809
comprehensive correlative degree			

5.1.1.2 Correlation Characteristics of Energy Consumption in Industrial Layer

In 2016, having already stepped into the post-industrial stage, Beijing saw its tertiary industry accounting for more than 80%. Tianjin was in the late stage of industrialization, with the secondary industry accounting for 42.4%. Hebei was still in the middle stage of industrialization, with the secondary industry as the leading industry accounting for 47.6%. From the perspective of energy consumption changes of the three industries

Taking the overall GDP of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region as the reference sequence and the energy consumptions of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei as the comparison sequence, the grey incidence analysis method was adopted to calculate the correlation between the energy consumption of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the overall economic development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region (see "Table 2"). The study showed that there were significant differences in the impact of energy consumption in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei on the economic growth of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The comprehensive correlation between energy consumption and the overall economic development of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei is as follows: Hebei (0.809) > Tianjin (0.628) > Beijing (0.581), that is, the energy consumption of Hebei has the greatest impact on the overall economic development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, followed by Tianjin and Beijing.

in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei, the energy consumption of the three industries in the region continued to rise and gradually stabilized. Among them, the energy consumption of the secondary industry accounted for the largest proportion in the overall energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, which maintained about 80%, and the change trend was similar to that of the overall energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region (see "Figure 1").

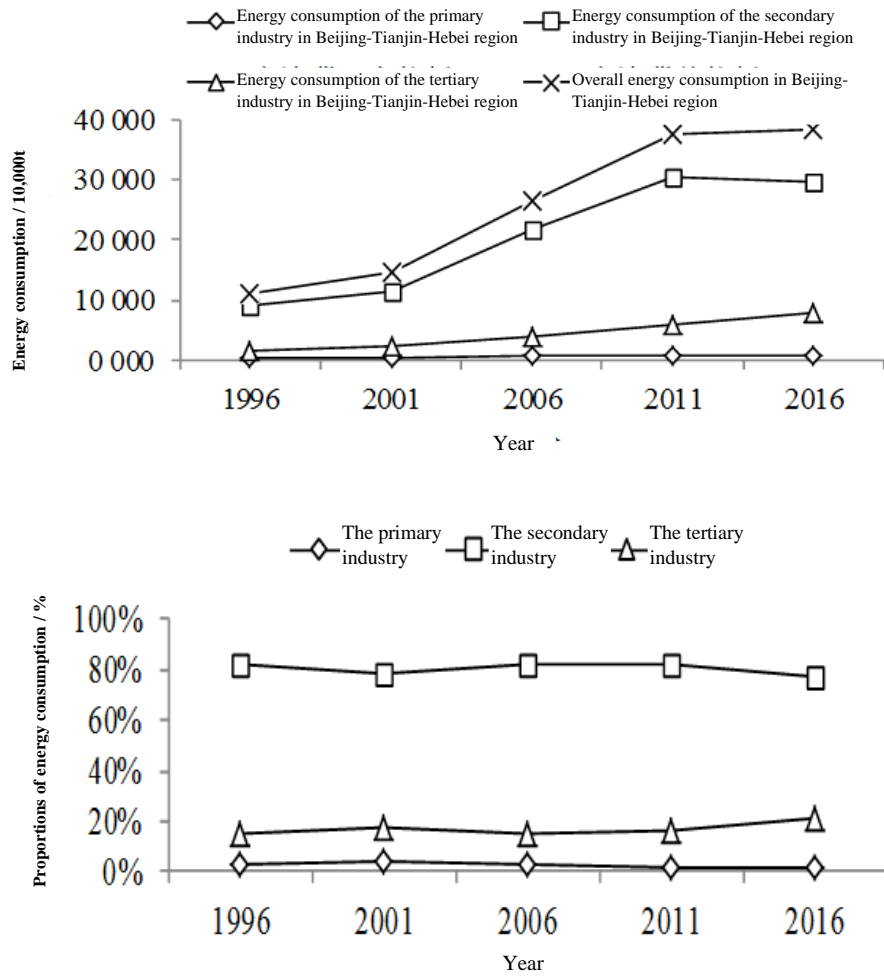


Figure 1 The overall industrial energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during 1996-2016 (up) and its industrial energy consumption ratio (below).

Taking the overall GDP of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region as the reference sequence and the energy consumption of its three industries as the comparison sequence, the grey incidence analysis method was adopted to calculate the correlation between the energy consumption of the three industries of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and its economic development (see "Table 2"). The results showed that the comprehensive correlation between

energy consumption of three industries and economic development in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region was as follows: energy consumption in the secondary industry (0.815) > energy consumption in the tertiary industry (0.696) > energy consumption in the primary industry (0.637). That is, the overall energy consumption of the secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region had the strongest correlation with economic development.

Table 3. The correlation between industrial energy consumption and economic development in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during 1996-2016

correlative degree	the primary industry	the secondary industry	the tertiary industry
absolute	0.513	0.881	0.586
relative	0.761	0.750	0.806
comprehensive	0.637	0.815	0.696

According to "Table 1" and "Table 2", from the regional level and the industrial level, the energy consumption in Hebei and the overall energy

consumption of secondary production in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region had the greatest impact on the overall economic development of the region. It

could be seen that the energy consumption of the secondary industry in Hebei had a significant impact on the overall economic development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. Therefore, the correlation between the energy consumption of the secondary industry in the three provinces and cities of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the overall GDP of the secondary industry in the region was further calculated using the overall GDP of the secondary industry in in region as the reference sequence and the energy consumption of the secondary industry in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei as the comparison ("Table 4"). The research showed that the comprehensive correlation degree between the

energy consumption of the secondary industry and the GDP of the overall secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei was as follows: the energy consumption in the secondary industry of Hebei (0.848) > in the secondary industry of Tianjin (0.743) > in the secondary industry of Beijing (0.677). That is, the energy consumption of Hebei secondary industry has the strongest correlation with the overall development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei secondary industry. The energy consumption of Hebei secondary industry has a significant impact on the overall development of the secondary industry in this region.

Table 4. Correlation degree between energy consumption of secondary industry and the overall development of secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region from 1996 to 2016

correlative degree	Beijing	Tianjin	Hebei
absolute	0.575	0.634	0.741
relative	0.780	0.851	0.956
comprehensive	0.677	0.743	0.848

5.1.2 Correlation Characteristics of Energy Consumption in the Economic Industries in Different Planning Periods

From the perspective of energy consumption changes in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, during the "Ninth Five-year Plan" to "Twelfth Five-year Plan" period, the secondary industry is the largest energy consumer in the region, accounting for about 80% of energy consumption in the region (see "Figure 2").

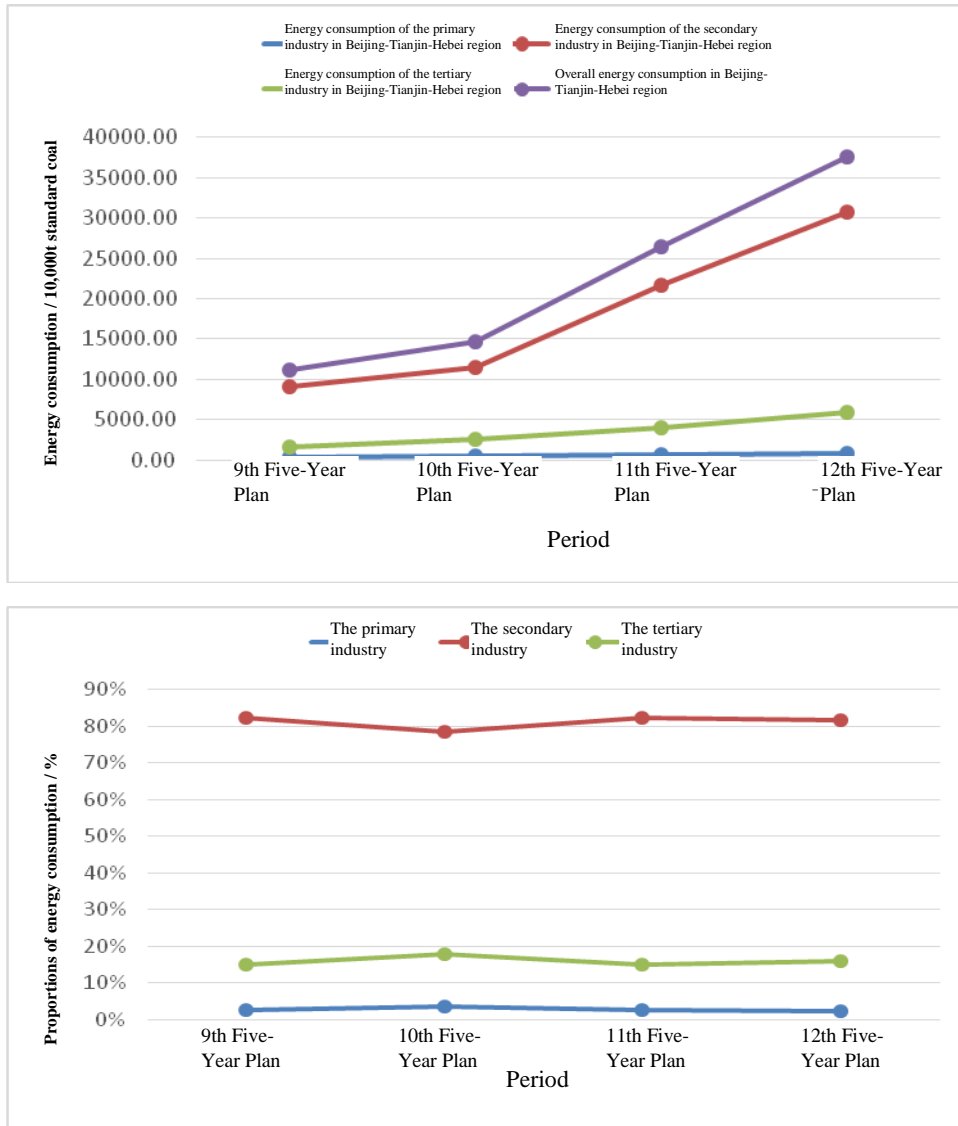


Figure 2 Energy consumption in the economic industries of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region from the 9th Five-Year Plan to the 12th Five-Year Plan (left) and the proportions (right).

According to Figure 1, based on the evolution trend of economic and industrial energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the correlation degree between the economic and industrial energy consumption in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and the economic and industrial growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the Ninth Five-year Plan period and the Twelfth Five-year Plan period was measured in combination with Formula (1) (see "Table 4").

Table 5. The correlation between industrial energy consumption and industrial economic growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in different periods

area	period	the primary industry			the secondary industry			the tertiary industry		
		α_{0i1}	β_{0i1}	γ_{0i1}	α_{0i2}	β_{0i2}	γ_{0i2}	α_{0i3}	β_{0i3}	γ_{0i3}
Beijing	the 9th Five-Year Plan	0.582	0.501	0.542	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.653	0.500	0.577
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	0.523	0.500	0.512	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.638	0.500	0.569
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	0.511	0.500	0.505	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.613	0.500	0.557
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	0.509	0.500	0.504	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.593	0.500	0.546
Tianjin	the 9th Five-Year Plan	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.631	0.501	0.566
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.562	0.500	0.531	0.539	0.500	0.520
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	0.502	0.500	0.501	0.592	0.500	0.546	0.530	0.500	0.515
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	0.514	0.500	0.507	0.604	0.500	0.552	0.530	0.500	0.515
Hebei	the 9th Five-Year Plan	0.738	0.510	0.624	0.792	0.500	0.646	0.529	0.500	0.514
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	0.965	0.504	0.734	0.785	0.500	0.643	0.560	0.500	0.530
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	0.889	0.504	0.696	0.852	0.500	0.676	0.573	0.500	0.537
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	0.807	0.503	0.655	0.963	0.500	0.731	0.572	0.500	0.536

According to "Table 5", from the perspective of the correlation between energy consumption and output value of the primary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the Ninth Five-year Plan to the Twelfth Five-year Plan period, (1) absolute correlation changes were shown as follows: Beijing continued to decline (from 0.582 to 0.509), Tianjin continued to rise (from 0.501 to 0.514), and Hebei rose first and then fell (from 0.738 to 0.807). However, Hebei consumed far more energy than Tianjin and Beijing, indicating the strongest correlation between the energy consumption of Hebei's primary industry and the output value of the primary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. (2) The relative correlation degree of Beijing and Tianjin was stable at about 0.500, while that of Hebei was slightly decreased from 0.510 to 0.503. This indicated that there was no significant difference in the correlation between the energy consumption of the primary industry in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the output value change rate of the primary industry in the region in different periods. (3) The changes in the comprehensive correlation were as follows: Beijing continued to decline (from 0.542 to 0.504), Tianjin was stable and increased slightly (from 0.501 to 0.507), and Hebei rose first and then decreased (from 0.624 to 0.655). In general, the energy consumption of Hebei's primary industry has the

most significant correlation with the development of the primary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

From the perspective of the correlation degree between the energy consumption of the secondary industry and the output value of the secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the 9th Five-Year Plan to the 12th Five-Year Plan period, (1) the absolute correlation degree changes were as follows: Beijing stabilized (maintained at around 0.500), Tianjin increased slightly (from 0.500 to 0.604), and Hebei increased significantly (from 0.792 to 0.963). Hebei was far ahead of Tianjin and Beijing. It showed that the energy consumption of the secondary industry in Hebei had the strongest correlation with the output value of the secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. (2) The change of relative correlation degree was as follows: Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei were all stable at about 0.500. This indicates that there was no significant difference in the correlation between the energy consumption of the secondary industry in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the output value of the secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in different periods. (3) The changes of comprehensive correlation degree were as follows: Beijing was stable (maintained at about 0.500), Tianjin was slightly increased (from 0.500 to 0.552), and Hebei was

significantly increased (from 0.646 to 0.731). In general, the energy consumption of the secondary industry in Hebei has the most significant correlation with the development of the secondary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

From the perspective of the correlation between the energy consumption of the tertiary industry and the output value of the tertiary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the "Ninth Five-Year" to "12th Five-Year" period, (1) the absolute correlation showed a continuous decline in Beijing (from 0.653 to 0.593), a decline and stabilization in Tianjin (from 0.631 to 0.530) and a slight increase in Hebei (from 0.529 to 0.572). Among them, Beijing surpassed Tianjin and Hebei. The correlation between energy consumption of the tertiary industry in Beijing and output value of the tertiary industry in the whole region was the strongest. (2) The change of relative correlation degree was as follows: Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei were all stable at about 0.500. This indicated that there was no significant difference in the correlation between energy consumption of the tertiary industry in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and

the change rate of output value of the tertiary industry in the whole region in different periods. (3) The comprehensive correlation degree showed a continuous decrease in Beijing (from 0.577 to 0.546), in Tianjin (from 0.566 to 0.515) and only in Hebei (from 0.514 to 0.536). In general, the correlation between energy consumption of the tertiary industry in Beijing and the development of the tertiary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region was the most significant, while the correlation between energy consumption of the tertiary industry in Hebei and the development of the tertiary industry in the region was prominent.

5.2 Evaluation of Carbon Emissions Decoupling

"Table 6" shows the structure increment and efficiency increment of carbon dioxide emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the Ninth Five-Year Plan period and the 12th Five-Year Plan period.

Table 6. Structure increment and efficiency increment of carbon dioxide emission in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in different periods and their contribution

area	period	Increment in CO2 emissions $\Delta C/10,000$	Structural increment and its contribution		Efficiency increment and its contribution		Elastic coefficient	decoupling trend
			$\Delta C_s/10,000t$	$C\alpha/\%$	$\Delta C_e/10,000t$	$C\beta/\%$		
Beijing	the 9th Five-Year Plan	118.16	6489.16	50.5	-6371.01	49.5	0.01	weak decoupling
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	1817.69	7494.93	57	-5677.24	43	0.19	weak decoupling
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	906.53	7645.22	53	-6738.69	47	0.09	weak decoupling
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	-1521.39	5171.96	44	-6693.35	56	-0.22	strong decoupling
Tianjin	the 9th Five-Year Plan	423.11	3965.45	53	-3542.33	47	0.08	weak decoupling
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	3388.66	7080.10	66	-3691.45	34	0.4	weak decoupling
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	3816.60	10692.22	61	-6875.62	39	0.28	weak decoupling
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	1269.22	8771.64	54	-7502.42	46	0.12	weak decoupling
Hebei	the 9th Five-Year Plan	6062.11	15245.10	62	-9182.99	38	0.34	weak decoupling
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	22602.66	27359.91	85	-4757.25	15	0.78	weak decoupling
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	15691.53	44114.59	61	-28423.06	39	0.29	weak decoupling
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	6760.06	26621.92	57	-19861.86	43	0.22	weak decoupling
Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region	the 9th Five-Year Plan	6603.38	26512.50	57	-19909.12	43	0.2	weak decoupling
	the 10th Five-Year Plan	27809.01	43301.90	74	-15492.89	26	0.57	weak decoupling
	the 11th Five-Year Plan	20414.66	63042.62	60	-42627.96	40	0.26	weak decoupling
	the 12th Five-Year Plan	6507.89	44952.04	54	-38444.15	46	0.12	weak decoupling

According to "Table 6", with the transformation and upgrading of industrial structure in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region during the "9th Five-year Plan" to "12th Five-year Plan" period, the carbon dioxide emission increment in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei showed an overall trend of "first rising and then falling", but the average efficiency increment and its contribution were still smaller than its structural increment and its contribution. Only in the 12th Five-Year Plan period, the carbon dioxide emission increment in Beijing is negative, and the efficiency increment and its contribution are greater than the structural increment and its contribution.

During the 9th Five-Year Plan to the 12th Five-Year Plan period, under the superimposed effect of carbon dioxide emissions from Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei, the contribution of structural increment of carbon dioxide emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region decreased from 57% to 54%, while its contribution of efficiency increase increased from 43% to 46%. In general, the increase of carbon dioxide emissions in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is the most sensitive to Hebei (see "Figure 3").

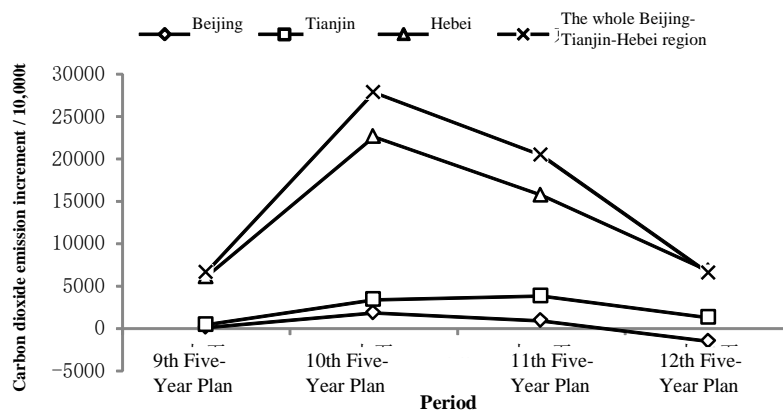


Figure 3 Change trend of carbon dioxide emission increment in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in different periods.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper constructed and analyzed the correlation characteristics of energy consumption in the economic industries and economic growth in different periods in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, measured the contribution degree of structural increment and efficiency increment of the carbon emissions, and distinguished the decoupling trend of carbon emission in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The results showed that: during the 9th Five-Year Plan period and the 12th Five-Year Plan period, the energy consumption of Hebei's primary and secondary industries has the most significant correlation with the growth of the primary and secondary industries in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The energy consumption of the tertiary industry in Beijing has the most significant correlation with the growth of the tertiary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. On the whole, the key path to the decoupling between carbon emissions and economic growth in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is "optimizing the industrial structure" and "improving energy consumption efficiency".

That means to realize the "zero growth" or "negative growth" of energy consumption in the secondary industry and the tertiary industry in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region while ensuring the "zero growth" of energy consumption in the primary industry in the region. To this end, countermeasures and suggestions from three aspects are put forward as follows:

6.1 Further Accelerating the Agricultural Structural Transformation in Tianjin and Hebei Based on the Resource Endowment, Environmental Carrying Capacity and Agricultural Development in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

Specific measures include: developing urban modern agriculture as the main direction, highlighting the six functions of service, ecology, quality, science and technology, income increase and inheritance, promoting the five key tasks, so as to optimize the agricultural industrial structure; vigorously developing ecological circular

agriculture, and striving to build an ecological conservation circle around Beijing and Tianjin; constructing an innovative highland of agricultural science and technology with the emphasis on seed industry and informatization; focusing on the construction of an agriculture that serves cities, is livable and ecological, of high quality and efficiency, is innovative in science and technology, enriches farmers, and inherits agricultural civilization, so as to make agriculture present countryside landscape, serve as industrial park, be diversified in functions, develop green and ecological environment, and play a leading role in making breakthroughs.

6.2 *Accelerating the Industrial Restructuring of the Secondary and Tertiary Industries In Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, and Further Accelerating the Structural Transformation of the Secondary and Tertiary Industries in Hebei and Tianjin*

The measures include: vigorously transforming traditional industries and continue to promote high energy consumption industries to resolve overcapacity; actively developing new and high-tech industries and reduce the proportion of high pollution and high energy consumption structures in the secondary industry, so as to promote the optimization and upgrading of industrial structures in Hebei and Tianjin from being led by industry to by service steadily.

6.3 *Intensifying Scientific and Technological Innovation in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, and Further Improving the Energy Efficiency of the Secondary and Tertiary Industries in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei*

Specific measures include: promoting scientific and technological collaboration, building an open, unimpeded and shared platform for scientific and technological resources, and establishing a mechanism for connecting work, projects and investment; increasing spending on research and development for energy consumption control and input in scientific research personnel, accelerating the development of strategic emerging industries and high-tech industries, the construction of key laboratories and research centers at or above the provincial level, and the construction of national

high-tech zones and science and technology parks. Finally, through government-industry-university-research cooperation and innovation, the energy consumption efficiency of the second and third industries in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei will be improved, and the contribution of efficiency increment in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei will be greater than the contribution of structural increment.

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