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## Highlights

- The evaluation index system of urban water supply system is further improved, and the indexes are qualitatively classified and quantitatively analyzed.
- The cloud model is used to simulate the four indexes of the study case to ensure the reliability of the simulation.
- The whole water supply system is added as one of the toughness evaluation indexes to ensure the integrity of evaluation.
- The toughness of urban water supply system was evaluated and compared by two methods.
- According to the four system dimensions of urban water supply system, the paper puts forward the targeted promotion strategy.

## Abstract

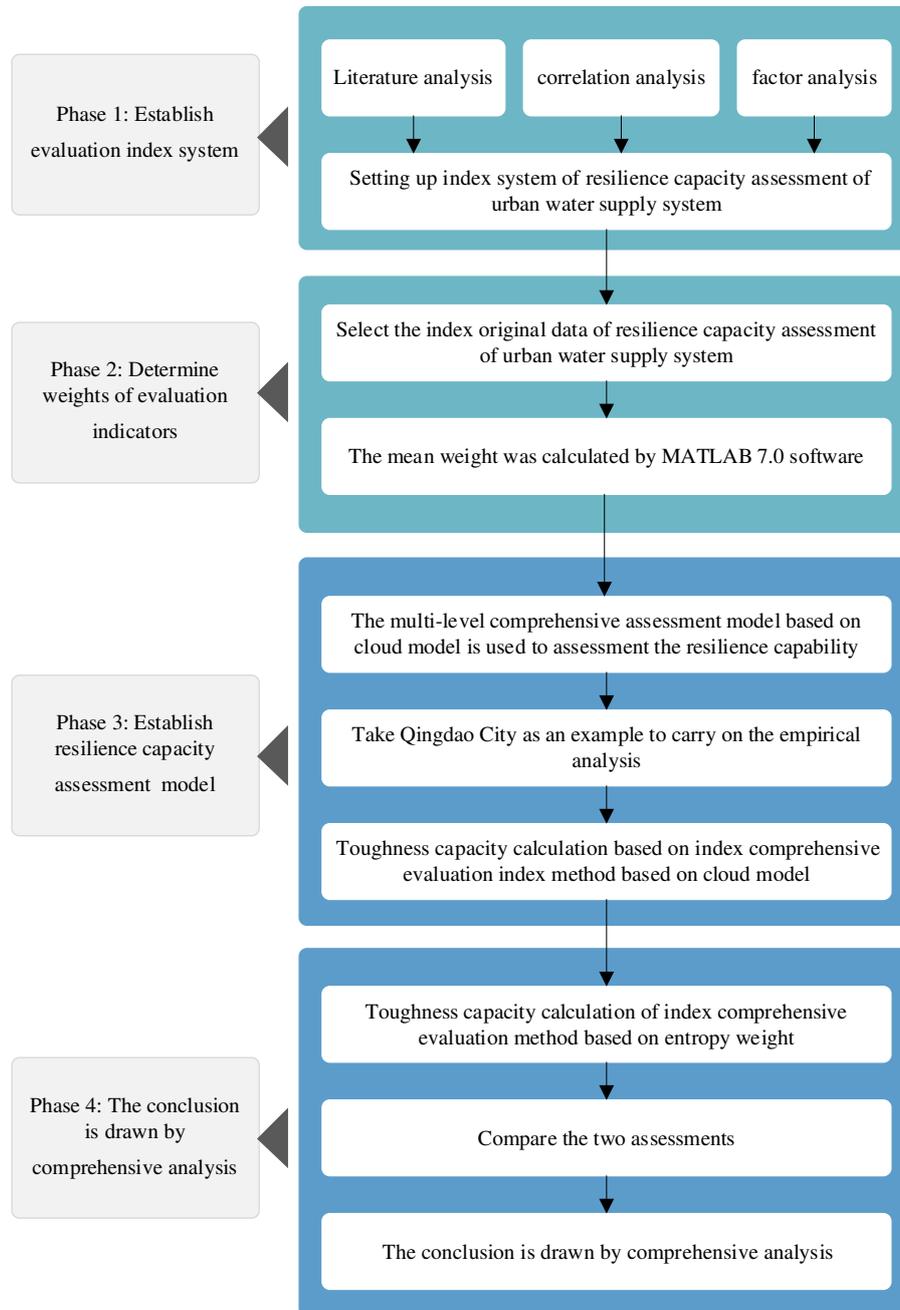
Under the influence of global climate change, urban flood and drought disasters occur frequently, so that is extremely important to construct the resilience capacity of urban water supply system. Based on the framework of system toughness and capability analysis, using correlation analysis and factor analysis to construct the index system of resilience capacity assessment of urban water supply system, which reflects the four dimensions of water source, water plants, water supply and distribution network and users, and five dimensions of social, natural environment, economy, physics and organization, and the weights of all indexes are given. The multi-level comprehensive evaluation model based on cloud model and the index comprehensive evaluation index method based on entropy weight were used to evaluate the resilience of the water supply system in Qingdao under flood and drought disasters, and the evaluation results of the two methods were compared. Finally, based on the evaluation results, the influencing factors of water supply system resilience were analyzed, and the corresponding strategies to improve the resilience of water supply system were proposed, in order to provide decision support for the planning and construction of urban water supply system resilience in the near and long term.

**Keywords:** flood and drought disaster; urban water supply system; index system; resilience capacity; cloud model

## Introduction

For the past few years, the global climatic variation is severe, and extreme weather events occur frequently. The frequency and impact degree of urban flood and drought disasters is gradually increasing, and the urban water supply system is facing more severe challenges<sup>[1]</sup>. Especially in China, on August 16, 2011, high temperatures occurred in eastern Sichuan, Chongqing, most of Hubei, northeastern Guizhou and most of the south of the Yangtze River. Eighty-seven counties (cities and districts) in Guizhou Province were affected by the drought to varying degrees, and more than 20 million people affected by the drought were facing drinking water difficulties. On July 21, 2012, heavy rain hit most parts of China, with Beijing and its surrounding areas hit by the heaviest rainstorms in 61 years. As a result of the torrential rains, 62 counties (cities and districts) in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei provinces (municipalities directly under the central government) suffered floods, affecting 5.4 million people, affecting 530 thousand hectares of crops, collapsing 30,000 houses, damaging 50 reservoirs, 3,427 dikes with 1,032 kilometers of water, 2,565 bank embankments, and 1,053 sluices. The rainstorm in Fangshan District alone damaged 200 kilometers of water supply pipelines, resulting in a direct economic loss of 33.1 billion RMB. In the flood season of 2016, the cumulative rainfall in Qingdao, Yantai, Weifang and Weihai in Jiaodong region was 30~50% less than that in the same period of the year. In addition, affected by the drought in the previous three years, the underground water level continued to decline, and the reservoirs generally lacked water. As of September 30, the total volume of large and medium-sized reservoirs in the four cities of Jiaodong was 653 million cubic meters, 54.6% less than that in the same period of the year. There were 21 large and medium-sized reservoirs below the dry or dead water level, accounting for 95% of the total number of dry reservoirs in the province. In July, Qingdao and Weifang were once 107,000 cubic meters short of daily water supply, and 150 million cubic meters short of daily water supply, which seriously affected normal urban water use. In late August 2018, affected by typhoons "Capricorn" and "Vimbiya", many places in Weifang. Shandong Province suffered from torrential rain and flood disasters rarely seen in history, causing serious damage to water supply and power facilities. Thus, in the event of sudden disaster, the urban water supply system becomes extremely fragile. The failure of the urban water supply system not only affects the normal production and life of the city, but also may lead to the collapse of the entire city operation<sup>[2]</sup>. With the continuous acceleration of China's urbanization, how to effectively ensure the safety of urban water supply and improve the resilience of the water supply system has become an instant problem to be solved. Therefore, this article from the perspective of urban water supply system under inundation and drought resilience, for urban water supply system, based on the correlation analysis and factor analysis to build resilience ability evaluation system for urban water supply system, the multi-level evaluation model based on cloud model of urban water supply system resilience ability are analyzed in the simulation, It is expected to provide theoretical support for

60 toughness evaluation of water supply and distribution system in different cities. The toughness capacity assessment  
 61 framework of urban water supply system constructed of this research is shown in Figure 1.



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 63 **Figure 1.** Toughness capacity assessment framework of urban water supply system(From top to bottom, the figure  
 64 shows the logical process and methods of toughness evaluation of urban water supply system in four parts)

## 65 **Research status of resilience capacity assessment of urban water supply system**

66 The toughness of urban water supply system has been concerned by more and more scholars at home and abroad. The  
 67 categories are summarized below.

### 68 ● **The research of foreign scholars**

69 Fiering<sup>[3]</sup>, Hashimoto<sup>[4]</sup> et al. studied the water source toughness in urban water supply system earlier, and evaluated the

70 water source toughness in urban water supply system with a mathematical model. The model was easy to understand, but  
71 the actual case was difficult to apply or the application progress was slow. Yu<sup>[5]</sup> et al. established a set of toughness  
72 evaluation system for water resources system and classified the toughness of the water resources system with fuzzy  
73 clustering method. The index system was comprehensive, but the system resilience was not considered. Tanner<sup>[6]</sup> et al.  
74 evaluated water resource resilience from the perspective of social policy, but the indicators were not quantitative and did not  
75 consider the resilience of urban ecological environment system. Simonovic<sup>[7]</sup> and Jim<sup>[8]</sup> et al. studied the water toughness  
76 and evaluated the water toughness with a mathematical model. Based on layer theory, Kong<sup>[9]</sup> et al. used network analysis  
77 method to dynamically evaluate the interdependent toughness of urban water supply network, communication network and  
78 power network. Pandit and Crittenden<sup>[10]</sup> summarized the six network attributes of the urban water supply system, and  
79 proposed a new water supply system resilience index based on the network topology of the water supply system, and used  
80 the analytic hierarchy process to assign weights to the six network attributes. Rehak<sup>[11-12]</sup> et al. designed the CIERA  
81 framework for the toughness assessment of key infrastructure elements, which carried out nonlinear aggregation of point,  
82 line and plane infrastructure elements to effectively identify the weak links of the system and put forward targeted measures  
83 and suggestions to increase the strength and toughness of system elements.

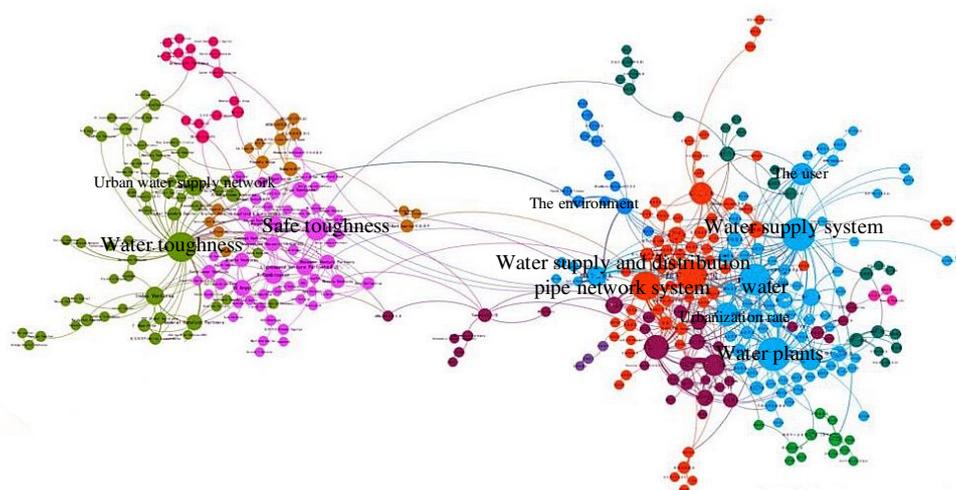
#### 84 ● **Studies by Chinese scholars**

85 Zhao Sixiang<sup>[13]</sup> et al. studied the recovery strategy of the water supply system under sudden water pollution events and  
86 established the recovery strategy optimization and selection model. The study showed that reasonable strategy optimization  
87 and selection could effectively shorten the emergency recovery time and improve the recovery ability of the water supply  
88 system. Xu Tao<sup>[14]</sup> et al. established a grey box model based on the concept and connotation of urban waterlogging  
89 resilience, and built an evaluation system of urban waterlogging resilience including three dimensions of resistance,  
90 resilience and adaptability with the help of principal component analysis, and evaluated the waterlogging resilience of 238  
91 prefecture-level and above cities in China. Liu Jian and Huang Wenjie<sup>[15]</sup> constructed a simple index system for the  
92 resilience of urban water supply system, which reflected the absorptive capacity, adaptive capacity and resilience of the  
93 system, and conducted a visual evaluation of the resilience of the water supply and distribution system using GIS. Yu  
94 Kongjian<sup>[16]</sup> et al. described the application of the concept of elasticity in the field of urban water system, and commented  
95 on the evaluation methods and elasticity strategies of water system elasticity. Li Qian<sup>[17]</sup> et al. put forward that the meaning  
96 of seismic toughness of water supply system should include seismic safety and post-earthquake resilience based on the  
97 previous research results on seismic safety and post-earthquake resilience of water supply system. The evaluation method is  
98 also presented from the perspectives of earthquake safety and post-earthquake recovery capacity, and the evaluation model  
99 framework of comprehensive multiple evaluation indexes is proposed. It is pointed out that the seismic toughness  
100 evaluation standard of water supply system should match the requirements of the current seismic codes and fortification

101 standards.

## 102 ● Literature Visualization Analysis

103 CiteSpace 5.7.R2 software was used to conduct a visual analysis of the literature related to urban water supply system in the  
104 recent 10 years, and the results were shown in Figure 2. The study found that,urban water supply system usually includes  
105 subsystems such as water source, water plants, water supply and distribution pipe network and users. However, at present,  
106 there are many researches on toughness evaluation of water source system and water supply and distribution pipe network  
107 system in urban water supply system, and a series of research achievements have been made to enrich the connotation of  
108 toughness of water supply and distribution system. However, research often focuses on a certain subsystem in the water  
109 supply system, and there are few studies on the construction of the resilience index system and the resilience assessment of  
110 the entire water supply system under flood and drought disasters.



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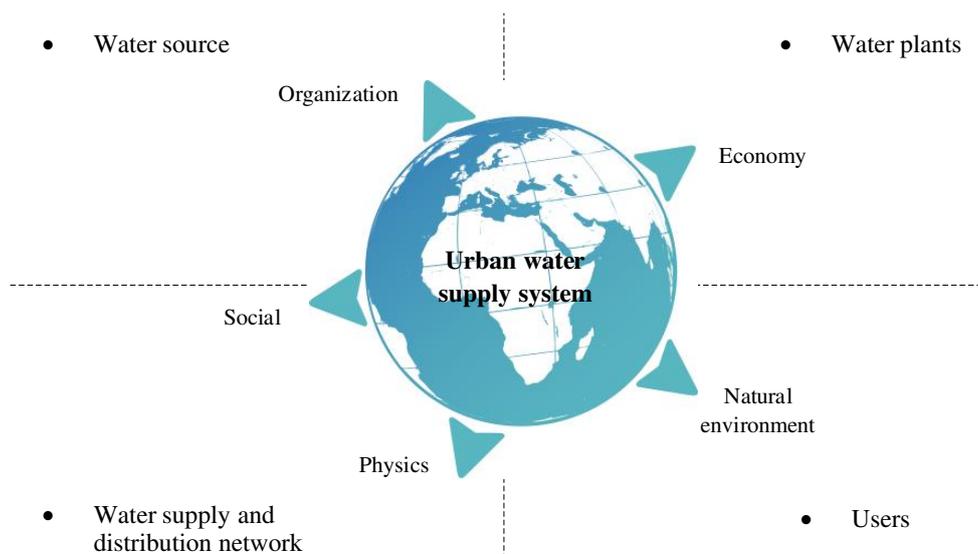
112 **Figure 2.** Visual analysis diagram of literature related to urban water supply system(The figure shows a visual analysis of  
113 literature in the last 10 years, with foreign countries on the left and China on the right)

## 114 Index system of resilience capacity assessment of urban water supply system

115 This paper improves the resilience assessment framework of urban water supply systems constructed by Balaei<sup>[18]</sup> and  
116 Lukuba<sup>[19]</sup> et al., and applies it to the assessment of resilience capacity of urban water supply systems in China(This is  
117 shown in Figure 1). On the basis of considering the whole process management of urban water supply system (water source,  
118 water plants, water supply and distribution pipe network system and user), fully consider the minimum necessary associated  
119 urban management systems closely related to urban water supply system (as shown in Figure 3), such as social, natural  
120 environment, economic, physical, organizational and other systems.The toughness capacity evaluation index system of  
121 urban water supply system has been further improved.

122 Therefore, this paper argues that, the toughness capacity of water supply and distribution system is defined as the ability of  
123 the water supply and distribution system to withstand disasters, reduce disaster losses, and reasonably allocate resources to

124 quickly recover normal water supply from disasters.



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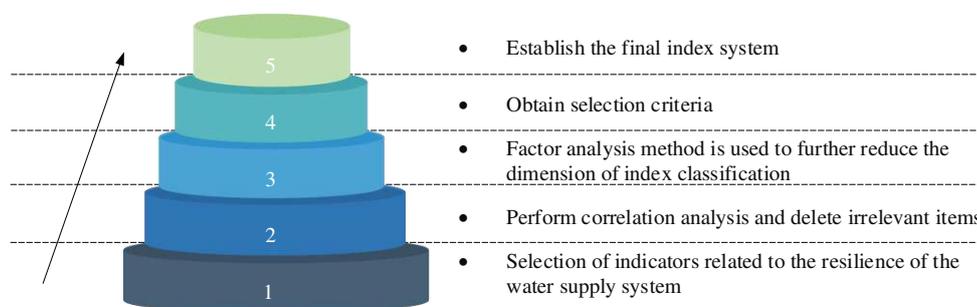
126 **Figure 3.** urban water supply systems(The figure shows four dimensions of whole-process water supply system and  
127 five dimensions of urban management system)

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### 128 ● Principles and methods of index selection

129 According to the principles of comparability, representativeness, feasibility, relevance, non-reproducibility and conformance  
130 to toughness implication, the toughness evaluation indexes of urban water supply system were selected<sup>[20]</sup>. Based on the  
131 above principles, an open "cylinder index selection model" was established in this paper, as showed in Figure 4. After layers  
132 of filtration, toughness indexes of urban water supply system were selected.

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135 **Figure 4.** Selection model of toughness index of urban water supply system(According to the arrow direction, from bottom  
136 to top, show the establishment process of toughness index selection model of urban water supply system)

### 137 **Basic data preparation -- audition**

138 According to the above selection model and selection principles for toughness indicators, all the indicators related to the  
139 toughness of the water supply system, including the water source, water supply and water consumption, can be included in  
140 the alternative index system. However, due to various reasons, some index data of the selection are unavailable or  
141 discontinuous. For example, the degree coefficient of process equipment at the water plant is not available. The net value  
142 and original value data of fixed assets of Tianjin, Xinjiang and Gansu are not available in China Urban Water Supply  
143 Yearbook, so it is impossible to calculate the degree coefficient of process equipment. Therefore, some of the indicators in

the audition should be selected first, and those indicators whose data are unavailable or discontinuous should be eliminated.

### ***Index correlation analysis***

So as to ensure the scientific nature, rationality and representativeness of the indicators, sample data from provincial capitals of 31 provinces and municipalities in China from 2014 to 2019 were selected, and 48 indicators were retained based on feasibility and continuity. According to the research background of the problem, considering that the threat of flood and drought disasters will also have an impact on the resilience of the water supply and distribution system, two indicators of flood and drought disaster substitution attribute are added to the above indicators, namely, the amount of reservoir storage at the year-end and the quantity of people affected by flood and drought. Indicators and data sources: "National Hydrological Statistics Annual Report", "Statistical Yearbook of China's Urban Construction", "National Bureau of Statistics", "Provincial Water Resources Bulletin", relevant references.

By calculating the Pearson correlation coefficient between each index and water resources per capita, comprehensive production capacity of water supply, water consumption of urban residents, water consumption of industrial enterprises and the quantity of people affected by flood and drought, the correlation degree and significance test value can be obtained. The threshold value of the significance level test was set at 0.01 to carry out strict screening. Delete by the analysis of population density, population and 6 years old above college degree and above 6 years old,, water supply pipe network leakage rate loss modulus, water conservancy facilities as a result of small, regional GDP index correlation index, finally be related to urban water supply system resilience has 42 indicators (five kinds of index overlap, overlapping indicators calculated only once).

### ***Index selection is based on principal component factor analysis***

Since the two indexes of total water supply and total water use are highly correlated, it is not appropriate to conduct a factor analysis. After eliminating the total water use index after comprehensive consideration, factor analysis is conducted for the remaining 41 indexes. Before factor analysis of the data, KMO and Bartlett tests should be carried out, and the final results are shown in Table 1.

Sampling the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin measure of adequacy		0.822
Bartlett's test for sphericity	Approximate chi-square	11443.479
	<i>df</i>	820
	<i>Sig.</i>	0.000

**Table 1.** KMO and Bartlett test results

KMO value is 0.822, and the corresponding *Sig* value is 0.000, indicating that the original data used for the indicators in this paper are suitable for factor analysis. Factor analysis was performed on the data to get the total variance explained, as showed in Table 2. The extraction method was the principal component analysis.

Composition	Initial eigenvalue	Sum of squares of the extraction load	Sum of the squares of the rotating loads
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	Characteristic root	Variance %	Cumulative %	Characteristic root	Variance %	Cumulative %	Characteristic root	Variance %	Cumulative %
1	15.524	37.863	37.863	15.524	37.863	37.863	12.046	29.381	29.381
2	5.888	14.361	52.224	5.888	14.361	52.224	5.712	13.933	43.314
3	3.810	9.292	61.516	3.810	9.292	61.516	3.264	7.961	51.275
4	1.905	4.646	66.163	1.905	4.646	66.163	2.796	6.820	58.095
5	1.630	3.977	70.139	1.630	3.977	70.139	2.536	6.185	64.280
6	1.512	3.689	73.828	1.512	3.689	73.828	2.352	5.736	70.016
7	1.465	3.572	77.400	1.465	3.572	77.400	1.990	4.852	74.869
8	1.136	2.770	80.170	1.136	2.770	80.170	1.756	4.282	79.151
9	1.067	2.602	82.772	1.067	2.602	82.772	1.485	3.621	82.772

**Table 2.** Total variance explained

According to the analysis in the above table, 9 common factors with feature roots greater than 1 were extracted through principal component analysis, and the single contribution rate of these 9 common factors changed slightly after the factor rotation, but the cumulative value of the contribution rate was 82.77%, which did not change before and after the factor rotation. Combined with the factor load matrix, the correlation between these 9 common factors and specific indicators is further analyzed, so as to further classify and reduce the dimension of indicators. According to the impact load coefficient, the load coefficient is set to be above 0.5. Finally, 14 indexes are deleted and 27 indexes are retained, this is shown in Table 3.

Systems	Indicators
Water source $B_1$	Reservoir capacity at the year-end $C_1$
	Quantity of permanent residents at the year-end $C_2$
	Urbanization rate $C_3$
	Water resources per capita $C_4$
	Water consumption per 10,000 RMB of industrial added value $C_5$
	Water consumption per 10,000 RMB GDP $C_6$
Water plants $B_2$	Domestic water consumption of urban residents $C_7$
	Comprehensive production capacity of water supply $C_8$
	Personnel employed in urban units in the management of water conservancy, environment and public facilities $C_9$
	Urban sewage treatment rate $C_{10}$
	Total water supply $C_{11}$
	Investment in waste water treatment project has been completed $C_{12}$
Water supply and distribution network $B_3$	Length of water supply pipe $C_{13}$
	Density of water supply pipeline in built-up area $C_{14}$
	Investment in fixed assets of water conservancy, environment and public facilities management industry $C_{15}$
Users $B_4$	The quantity of people affected by floods and droughts $C_{16}$
	Percentage of urban basic medical insurance coverage at year-end $C_{17}$
	Quantity of people enrolled in unemployment insurance $C_{18}$

	Quantity of community health service centers $C_{19}$
	State funds for education $C_{20}$
	GDP per capita $C_{21}$
	Per capita disposable income of urban residents $C_{22}$
	More old population dependency ratio $C_{23}$
	Urban registered unemployment rate $C_{24}$
	Natural population growth rate $C_{25}$
	Economize water consumption $C_{26}$
	Water consumption exceeding the planned quota $C_{27}$

**Table 3.** Urban water supply system index classification

By referring to relevant toughness theoretical literature and combining with the above factor analysis results, the research team discussed together and regarded the above 9 common factors as the 9 factors affecting the toughness of the water supply and distribution system and classified and named them. Combined with the above toughness capability analysis framework, the following 5 index system dimensions were finally formed: Organization—Factor No. 1, Economy—Factor No. 2, Natural environment—Factor No. 3 and No. 7, Physics—Factor No. 4, No. 8 and No. 9, Social—Factor No. 5 and No. 6. Factor classification results, this is shown in Table 4.

Factor No.	Indicators	Amount
1	$C_2, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{13}, C_{17}, C_{18}, C_{19}, C_{20}$	9
2	$C_3, C_{14}, C_{21}, C_{22}$	4
3	$C_4, C_5, C_{10}$	3
4	$C_{15}, C_{23}$	2
5	$C_{26}, C_{27}$	2
6	$C_{24}, C_{25}$	2
7	$C_1, C_{16}$	2
8	$C_6, C_{11}$	2
9	$C_{12}$	1

**Table 4.** Factor classification results

### ● Construction of toughness ability index system of urban water supply system

Based on the above composition of urban water supply system, as showed in Figure 3, and combined with the result of factor analysis, construct an index system for the resilience of urban water supply systems, as showed in Table 5.

Dimension	Water source	Water plants	Water supply and distribution network	Users
Organization	$C_2$	$C_7, C_8, C_9$	$C_{13}$	$C_{17}, C_{18}, C_{19}, C_{20}$
Economy	$C_3$	—	$C_{14}$	$C_{21}, C_{22}$
Natural environment	$C_1, C_4, C_5$	$C_{10}$	—	$C_{16}$
Physics	$C_6$	$C_{11}, C_{12}$	$C_{15}$	$C_{23}$
Social	—	—	—	$C_{24}, C_{25}, C_{26}, C_{27}$

**Table 5.** Index system for resilience capacity assessments

## Methods for assessing resilience of urban water supply systems

### ● Index weighting -- entropy weight method

#### Calculation steps

##### (1) Standardization of index data

As the measurement units of each index are unified and the quantity is very different, the standardization of the index can eliminate the influence of different index dimensions on the program decision<sup>[21]</sup>. Indicators can be divided into two categories according to their nature. One is the bigger the better indicator, also known as the positive indicator. The other type is the smaller the better indicator, also known as the negative indicator. According to the characteristics of the indexes, the corresponding standardized treatment forms are adopted. Let's say I have  $m$  samples,  $n$  evaluation indicators, and  $T$  years of data.

For the positive indicators:

$$\bar{x}_{ijt} = \frac{x_{ijt} - \min_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt}}{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt} - \min_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt}} \quad (1)$$

For the negative indicators:

$$\bar{x}_{ijt} = \frac{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt} - x_{ijt}}{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt} - \min_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_{ijt}} \quad (2)$$

Where:  $x_{ijt}$  is the original index value of index  $j$  in city  $i$  in the  $t$  year, and  $\bar{x}_{ijt}$  is the standardized value of index  $j$  in city  $i$  in the  $t$  year.  $i=1, 2, \dots, m; j=1, 2, \dots, n; t=1, 2, \dots, T$ .

(2) Calculate the characteristic proportion of the appraisal value in the  $t$  year of city  $i$  of index  $j$ :

$$P_{ijt} = \frac{\bar{x}_{ijt}}{\sum_{i=1}^m \bar{x}_{ijt}}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m; j=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3)$$

(3) Calculate the information entropy ( $E_{jt}$ ) and differential coefficient ( $d_{jt}$ ) of the  $j$  index in the  $t$  year:

$$E_{jt} = -\frac{1}{\ln(n)} \sum_{i=1}^m P_{ijt} \ln(P_{ijt}), \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m; j=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (4)$$

$$d_{jt} = 1 - E_{jt}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (5)$$

(4) Calculate the weight of each evaluation index in the  $t$  year:

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$$W_{jt} = \frac{d_{jt}}{\sum_{j=1}^n d_{jt}} \quad (6)$$

214 (5) In order to obtain the uniform weight of each index, the average value of the sample index data in  $T$  year is taken, and  
 215 using arithmetic average method to calculate the uniform weight of the index:

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$$\bar{W}_{jt} = \sum_{t=1}^T W_{jt} \quad (7)$$

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### **Calculation of unified weight**

218 When determining the weight of the comprehensive evaluation index of toughness capacity of urban water supply system  
 219 with multi-year and multi-region direction, the weight of the index calculated varies from year to year due to the different  
 220 data each year. Therefore, the comprehensive evaluation value lacks comparability in the longitudinal comparison, which  
 221 affects the final evaluation result<sup>[22]</sup>. Therefore, this article put forward considering the index data of different areas more  
 222 than one year averaged them, based on this data to get the weight of a unified, and the weight as a fixed value, when to stay  
 223 also adopt the unified when the appraisal object weight to calculate the toughness value, so quickly to evaluate an area  
 224 water supply and distribution system resilience, And make the calculated results more comparable.

225 Therefore, when calculating the unified weight, this paper adopts the original data of toughness index of the water supply  
 226 and distribution system from 31 provinces and cities in China from 2014 to 2019. The results of average weight calculation  
 227 by MATLAB 7.0 software are shown in Table 6.

Systems	Indicators	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Average weight
$B_1$ 0.3300	$C_1$	0.072	0.072	0.075	0.075	0.067	0.063	0.071
	$C_2$	0.013	0.013	0.014	0.014	0.015	0.015	0.014
	$C_3$	0.011	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.012
	$C_4$	0.217	0.205	0.214	0.230	0.234	0.235	0.223
	$C_5$	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.006
	$C_6$	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
$B_2$ 0.1689	$C_7$	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.005
	$C_8$	0.043	0.045	0.045	0.046	0.044	0.046	0.045
	$C_9$	0.016	0.016	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.020	0.018
	$C_{10}$	0.006	0.008	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.005
	$C_{11}$	0.040	0.040	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.043	0.041
	$C_{12}$	0.061	0.055	0.057	0.048	0.048	0.059	0.055
$B_3$ 0.1098	$C_{13}$	0.046	0.045	0.049	0.050	0.052	0.051	0.049
	$C_{14}$	0.039	0.031	0.030	0.031	0.035	0.033	0.033

	$C_{15}$	0.035	0.029	0.027	0.025	0.026	0.026	0.028
$B_4$ 0.3912	$C_{16}$	0.005	0.006	0.017	0.011	0.007	0.006	0.009
	$C_{17}$	0.036	0.046	0.048	0.041	0.039	0.038	0.041
	$C_{18}$	0.044	0.043	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.040	0.044
	$C_{19}$	0.028	0.028	0.030	0.031	0.033	0.034	0.030
	$C_{20}$	0.029	0.028	0.028	0.029	0.027	0.027	0.028
	$C_{21}$	0.034	0.037	0.039	0.045	0.041	0.039	0.039
	$C_{22}$	0.058	0.062	0.064	0.065	0.064	0.049	0.060
	$C_{23}$	0.020	0.017	0.017	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.015
	$C_{24}$	0.022	0.030	0.017	0.017	0.022	0.033	0.024
	$C_{25}$	0.020	0.020	0.017	0.014	0.016	0.017	0.017
	$C_{26}$	0.076	0.090	0.066	0.069	0.070	0.068	0.073
$C_{27}$	0.015	0.006	0.011	0.009	0.008	0.009	0.010	

**Table 6.** Weight of indexes for resilience capacity assessment

## ● A cloud model for assessing resilience of urban water supply systems

### **Cloud model concept**

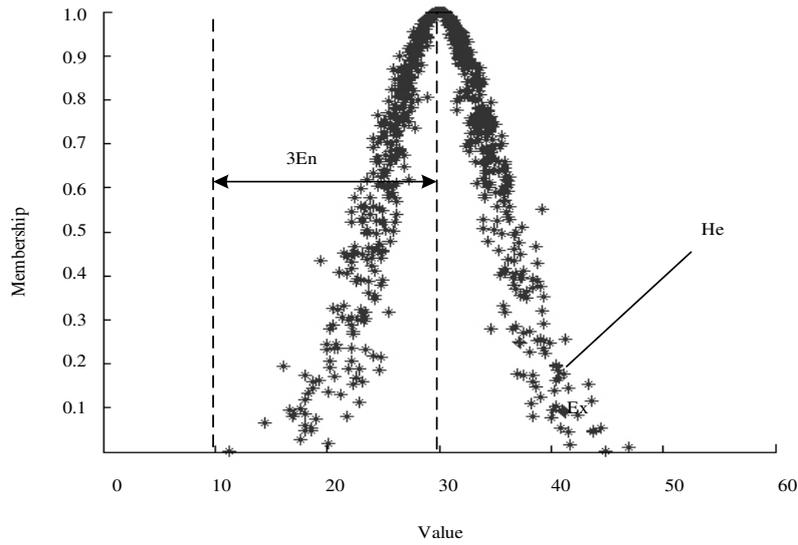
Academician Li Deyi<sup>[23]</sup> first defined the concept of a cloud model, which is a mathematical model in which a qualitative description and quantitative concept transform each other with uncertainty. The existing qualitative evaluation mainly has the problems of subjectivity and arbitrariness. The advantage of the cloud model is that it can overcome the above disadvantages and effectively evaluate the evaluation object.

Let  $u$  be a quantitative domain expressed by numerical value, and  $C$  be a qualitative concept on  $U$ . If the quantitative value  $x \in U$  is a random realization of the qualitative concept  $C$ , the certainty of  $x$  for  $C$ ,  $u(x) \in [0,1]$  is a random number with a stable tendency:

$$u: U \rightarrow [0,1], \forall x \in U, x \in u(x) \quad (8)$$

Then the distribution of  $x$  in the domain  $U$  is called the cloud model (cloud for short), decided as  $C(x)$ ; Each  $x$  is called a cloud droplet.

When representing a concept as a whole, three digital features are used to realize it, namely, expectation  $Ex$ , entropy  $En$  and hyperentropy  $He$ , as showed in Figure 5.



243  
244 **Figure 5.** Schematic illustration of the digital features of the cloud

245 ***Cloud model construction steps***

246 When determining the membership degree, the traditional fuzzy membership degree is a fixed value. However, when the  
247 cloud model is used to calculate the membership degree of the index in the cloud, the membership degree of the index for  
248 the evaluation set is not accurate and unique, thus reducing the subjectivity and difficult<sup>[24]</sup>.

249 Establishment steps of multi-level comprehensive evaluation model based on cloud model<sup>[25-26]</sup>:

250 (1) Factor field  $U$  and comment field  $V$  are established for the evaluation objects.

251 (2) The index weight  $W$  calculated in Section 2.3 is adopted.

252 (3) A single factor evaluation was conducted between  $U$  and  $V$ , and a fuzzy relational matrix  $R$  was established. Let the  
253 factor  $i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ) corresponding grade  $j$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ ) the upper boundary value is  $x_{ij}$  and the lower boundary value  
254 is  $x'_{ij}$ , then the qualitative concept of level  $j$  corresponding to factor  $I$  can be represented by the normal cloud model, where:

255 
$$Ex_{ij} = (x_{ij} + x'_{ij}) / 2 \quad (9)$$

256 Since the boundary value is the transition value of two adjacent levels, and the membership degree of the two levels is equal,  
257 there are:

258 
$$\exp\left\{-\frac{(x_{ij} - x'_{ij})^2}{8(En_{ij})^2}\right\} = 0.5 \quad (10)$$

259 Namely

260 
$$En_{ij} = (x_{ij} - x'_{ij}) / 2.355 \quad (11)$$

261 (4) The cloud model membership matrix  $C'=(c_{ij})_{n \times m}$  for each index corresponding to each level of the system layer is  
262 calculated from the index value of the evaluation object, where  $C_{ij}$  is the average value under different membership degrees

263 (normal cloud generator under  $X$  condition is run  $N$  times) :

264 
$$C_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^n C_{ij}^k \quad (12)$$

265 (5) The fuzzy subset  $B'$  on the evaluation set  $V$  of the system layer is obtained through the fuzzy transformation between the  
266 weight set  $W'$  of the indicator layer and the membership matrix  $C'$  :

267 
$$B' = W' * C' = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m) \quad (13)$$

268 In the formula:

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$$b_j = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i c_{ij}, \quad j = 1, \dots, m \quad (14)$$

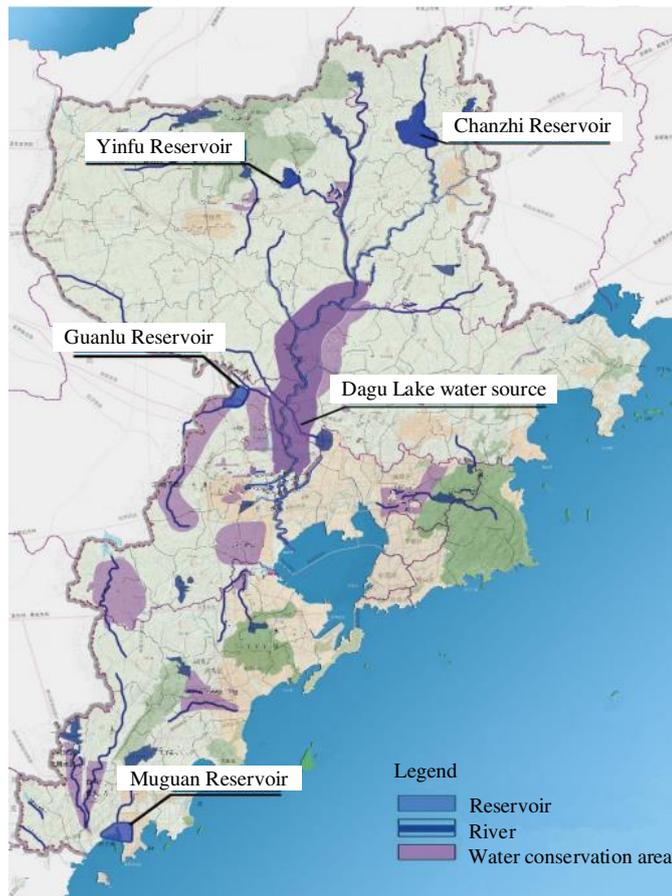
270  $b_j$  represents the membership degree of the object to be evaluated to the comments in Article  $j$ . According to the principle of  
271 maximum membership degree, the  $i$  evaluation grade corresponding to the maximum membership degree of article  $j$   
272 comments was selected as the result of system-level evaluation.

273 (6) Similarly, the fuzzy subset  $B$  of the target layer is obtained by the high-level fuzzy transformation between the weight  
274 set  $W$  of the system layer and the fuzzy subset  $B'$  of the system layer. Finally, according to the principle of maximum degree  
275 of membership, the comprehensive evaluation grade of the target layer is obtained.

## 276 Case analysis

### 277 ● Study areas and data source

278 Qingdao has more people and less water, and the spatial and temporal distribution of precipitation is uneven. Especially in  
279 recent years, severe water supply crisis caused by extreme weather has appeared. With the rapid economic growth and the  
280 continuous improvement of urbanization, the safety of the water supply has become an important factor restricting the  
281 sustainable economic and social development of Qingdao. Therefore, Qingdao has built a large water supply and  
282 distribution system of "three sources" raw water supply, "four vertical and three horizontal" pipe network transmission and  
283 distribution in the main urban area, and "one ring and three lines" unified allocation in Qingdao. This paper takes Qingdao  
284 as an example. The data are from 2010-2019 "Qingdao Water Resources Bulletin", "Qingdao Statistical Yearbook",  
285 "Qingdao Statistical Bulletin", "Shandong Province Statistical Yearbook" and so on. At present, the distribution of water  
286 resources in Qingdao is shown in Figure 6. The status quo of the main water supply projects in Qingdao is shown in Table 7.



**Figure 6.** Distribution of water resources in Qingdao(The figure shows the distribution of reservoirs, rivers and water conservation areas in Qingdao)

No.	Water sources	Water plants	Water supply area	Water supply capacity* (10000 m <sup>3</sup> /d)
1	Chanzhi reservoir	Zhangezhuang waterworks	Laixi city	10
2	Chanzhi reservoir	Baishahe waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	8
3	Yinfu reservoir	Xingping waterworks	Pingdu city	2
4	Yinfu reservoir	Baishahe waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	4
5	Huangshan reservoir	Xingping waterworks	Pingdu city	0.3
6	Zhangling water source	Yunshan waterworks	Pingdu city	2.2
7	Wangquan reservoir	Shibei waterworks	Jimo city	2
8	Songhuaquan reservoir	Shibei waterworks	Jimo city	0.2
9	Nuocheng reservoir	Tongji waterworks	Jimo city	12
10	Shipeng reservoir	Shinan waterworks	Jimo city	2
11	Moshuihe water source	Wuqi waterworks	Jimo city	1
12	Water source	Baishahe waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	10
13	Qingnian reservoir	Zhuanglitou waterworks	Jiaozhou city	0.5

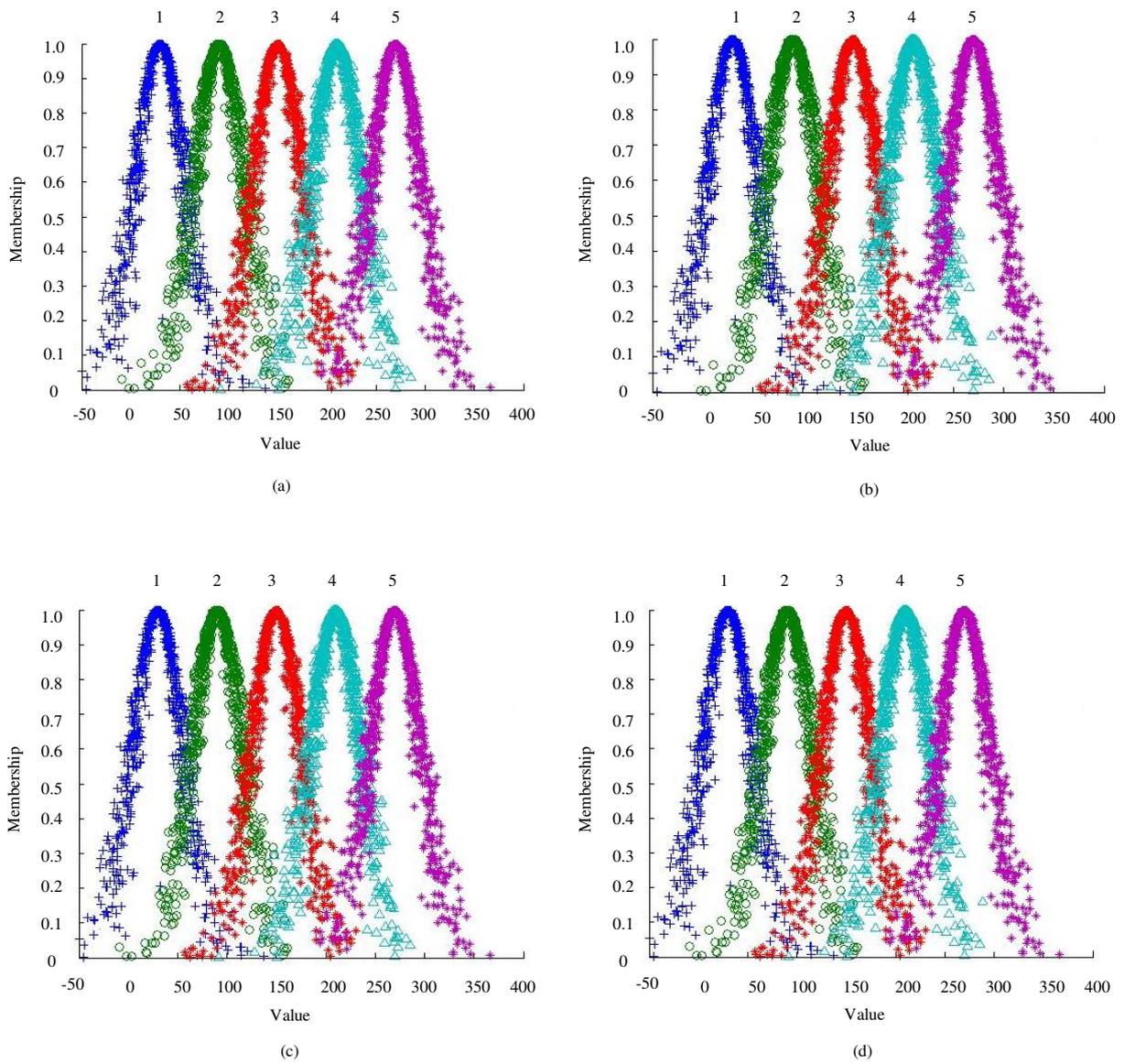
14	Shanzhou reservoir	Zhuanglitou waterworks	Jiaozhou city	1
15	Shuyuan reservoir	Jiangjiazhuang waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	1.5
16	Laoshan reservoir	Laoshan waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	7.5
17	Baishahe water source	Xiazhuang waterworks Shuanglong waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	3.5
18	Xiaozhushan reservoir	Xiaozhushan waterworks	Huangdao district	2
19	Jilihe reservoir	Gaojiatai waterworks	Huangdao district	5.5
20	Tieshan reservoir	No.3 waterworks	Huangdao district	2
21	Douyazi reservoir	No.5 waterworks	Huangdao district	6
22	Fenghe water source	No.2 and No.4 waterworks	Huangdao district	5.8
23	Jihongtan reservoir	Xianjiazhai waterworks	Five districts in Qingdao	23.5
24	Jihongtan reservoir	Kaifaqu waterworks	Jiaozhou city	1.5
25	Jihongtan reservoir	Guanjialou waterworks	Huangdao district	10
26	Jihongtan reservoir	Hongshiya waterworks	Huangdao district	16
27	Jihongtan reservoir	Western water supply office	Five districts in Qingdao	3
28	Chanzhi reservoir	Huashan waterworks Huangjiashan waterworks	Jimo city Chengyang district Laoshan district	10

**Table 7.** Present situations of the main water source and water supply project in Qingdao(Data from Qingdao Water Resources Construction and Allocation "Thirteenth Five-Year Plan")

● **Multi-level comprehensive evaluations of toughness**

According to the established toughness capability index system and index standard, the normal cloud model is used to represent the grade standard of each index in Equations (9) and (11).

Indicators with higher weights were successively selected, such as per capita water resource  $C_4$ , completed investment of wastewater treatment project  $C_{12}$ , length of water supply pipeline  $C_{13}$ , and water consumption saving  $C_{26}$ . Equation (1) and cloud matrix R were used to establish the normal cloud membership function of evaluation index standard, as showed in Figure 7. The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the ordinate of Figure 7 correspond to the low level, a slightly lower level, medium level, slightly higher level and high level of the evaluation grade respectively. The  $X$  conditional cloud generator was used to obtain the membership matrix of each index value. Assuming that the number of cloud droplets generated was  $N=800$ , the data of Qingdao City from 2010 to 2019 were substituted into the repeated calculation for 800 times to obtain the average membership of each evaluation grade.



**Figure 7.** Membership functions for Normal cloud( (a) Take the index of water resources per capita as an example, (b) Take waste water treatment project investment index as an example, (c) Take the length index of water supply pipeline as an example, (d) Take the index of saving water consumption as an example)

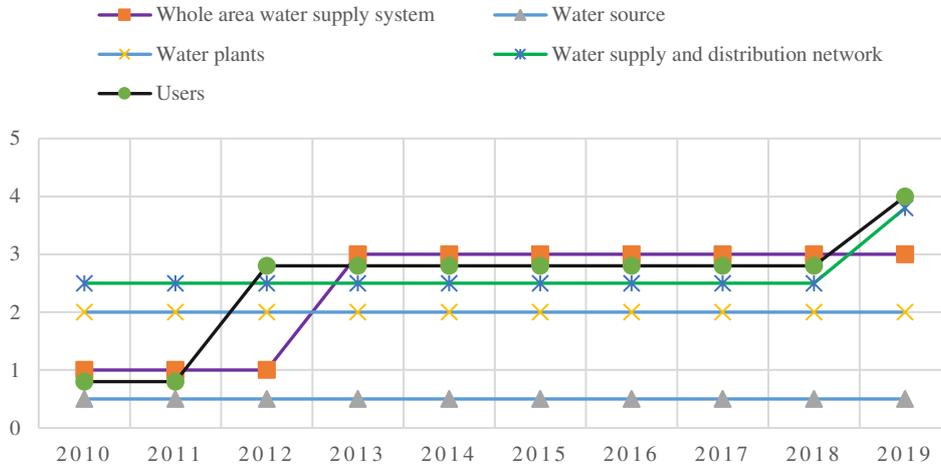
Finally, according to steps (5) and (6) of the cloud model, the comprehensive evaluation results are obtained, as showed in Table 8 and Figure 8. In order to ensure the integrity of the evaluation, the whole water supply system ( $B_0$ ) is added as one of the toughness evaluation indexes.

Year	Systems	Low level	Slightly lower level	Medium level	Slightly higher level	High level	Rating
2019	$B_0$	0.069	0.063	0.087	0.079	0.032	3
	$B_1$	0.194	0.035	0.080	0.013	0.008	1
	$B_2$	0.007	0.062	0.040	0.061	0.012	2
	$B_3$	0.000	0.015	0.040	0.056	0.001	4
	$B_4$	0.011	0.101	0.128	0.148	0.068	4
2018	$B_0$	0.077	0.049	0.087	0.073	0.024	3

	$B_1$	0.224	0.005	0.043	0.016	0.005	1
	$B_2$	0.007	0.076	0.050	0.042	0.008	2
	$B_3$	0.000	0.029	0.049	0.029	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.006	0.081	0.150	0.148	0.053	3
2017	$B_0$	0.079	0.056	0.101	0.052	0.022	3
	$B_1$	0.229	0.007	0.040	0.014	0.007	1
	$B_2$	0.008	0.074	0.070	0.015	0.004	2
	$B_3$	0.000	0.034	0.066	0.030	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.006	0.095	0.175	0.105	0.050	3
2016	$B_0$	0.068	0.086	0.144	0.050	0.007	3
	$B_1$	0.197	0.064	0.130	0.016	0.005	1
	$B_2$	0.007	0.081	0.024	0.063	0.014	2
	$B_3$	0.001	0.028	0.051	0.031	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.006	0.123	0.234	0.077	0.007	3
2015	$B_0$	0.071	0.065	0.125	0.055	0.009	3
	$B_1$	0.202	0.005	0.046	0.085	0.014	1
	$B_2$	0.011	0.085	0.069	0.006	0.002	2
	$B_3$	0.000	0.025	0.075	0.011	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.007	0.118	0.230	0.063	0.011	3
2014	$B_0$	0.070	0.073	0.122	0.031	0.023	3
	$B_1$	0.197	0.004	0.039	0.042	0.052	1
	$B_2$	0.010	0.085	0.055	0.007	0.001	2
	$B_3$	0.002	0.030	0.082	0.008	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.009	0.138	0.231	0.037	0.014	3
2013	$B_0$	0.084	0.090	0.108	0.018	0.032	3
	$B_1$	0.222	0.013	0.044	0.027	0.067	1
	$B_2$	0.014	0.095	0.047	0.003	0.005	2
	$B_3$	0.006	0.025	0.076	0.012	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.020	0.171	0.196	0.018	0.023	3
2012	$B_0$	0.084	0.078	0.082	0.015	0.035	1
	$B_1$	0.177	0.003	0.020	0.028	0.077	1
	$B_2$	0.013	0.096	0.050	0.006	0.000	2
	$B_3$	0.002	0.032	0.079	0.010	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.058	0.145	0.148	0.008	0.023	3
2011	$B_0$	0.099	0.076	0.071	0.035	0.013	1
	$B_1$	0.179	0.003	0.040	0.081	0.021	1
	$B_2$	0.015	0.121	0.046	0.003	0.000	2
	$B_3$	0.002	0.033	0.077	0.009	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.096	0.130	0.107	0.018	0.016	2
2010	$B_0$	0.108	0.082	0.081	0.016	0.018	1
	$B_1$	0.213	0.028	0.099	0.034	0.011	1
	$B_2$	0.016	0.073	0.018	0.002	0.053	2

	$B_3$	0.000	0.018	0.072	0.008	0.000	3
	$B_4$	0.090	0.149	0.095	0.010	0.012	2

**Table 8.** Comprehensive assessment results of resilience capacity



**Figure 8.** Trends in cloud assessment levels of resilience capacity

Based on the comprehensive evaluation results, it can be seen that from 2013 to 2019, the toughness level of Qingdao's water supply and distribution system was at a medium level, and in 2010, 2011 and 2012, it was at a low level. The overall development trend of the toughness level was good. Among all water supply subsystems, the resilience of water source system is always at a low level and has not been improved in the past ten years. The toughness of user system was at a low level in 2010 and 2011. At a medium level from 2012 to 2018, and at a high level in 2019, showing a step-like upward trend. The toughness of the water plant system has been at a low level for ten years. The toughness of the water supply and distribution pipe network system has been stable and at a medium level from 2010 to 2018, and has risen to a higher level in 2019. Since 2012, toughness of all subsystems has been ranked in order. The user system and the water supply and distribution pipe network system have the same toughness and rank the highest, followed by the water plant system and the water source system.

### ● Calculation of Resilience Capacity of Index Comprehensive Evaluation Index Method Based on Entropy Weight

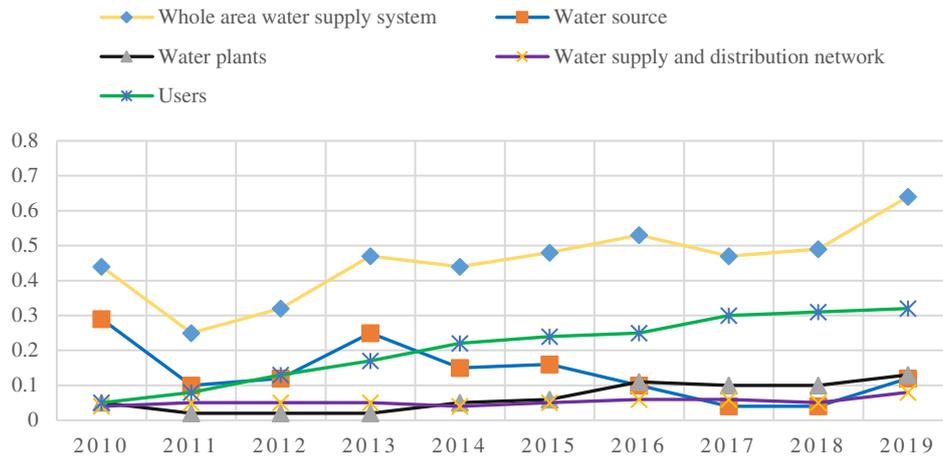
The weight of the regional water supply and distribution system adopts the unified weight value  $W_j$  calculated by the Entropy Weight, and the toughness evaluation index system of the regional urban water supply system constructed in Section 3.2. The evaluation indexes go through the process of data acquisition, input and data standardization.

Here the original index data is standardized by the extremum method (the *Min-max* normalization method) to eliminate the dimensionality effect.

The normalized index  $r_{ij}$  of  $j$  evaluation indexes in the  $i$  year was calculated, and then the comprehensive evaluation index  $V = W_j * r_{ij}$  was synthesized. In the case of 2019, the calculation process is similar for the other years. The final toughness

Systems	Index	Standardized values	Index weight	Composite
$B_1$ 0.3300	$C_1$	0.4013	0.0706	0.0283
	$C_2$	0.0000	0.0140	0.0000
	$C_3$	1.0000	0.0121	0.0121
	$C_4$	0.2621	0.2226	0.0583
	$C_5$	0.9464	0.0057	0.0054
	$C_6$	1.0000	0.0049	0.0049
$B_2$ 0.1689	$C_7$	0.0000	0.0051	0.0000
	$C_8$	1.0000	0.0448	0.0448
	$C_9$	0.9231	0.0175	0.0162
	$C_{10}$	1.0000	0.0053	0.0053
	$C_{11}$	0.9529	0.0414	0.0395
	$C_{12}$	0.4000	0.0548	0.0219
$B_3$ 0.1098	$C_{13}$	1.0000	0.0487	0.0487
	$C_{14}$	0.0000	0.0331	0.0000
	$C_{15}$	1.0000	0.0280	0.0280
$B_4$ 0.3912	$C_{16}$	0.0000	0.0086	0.0000
	$C_{17}$	1.0000	0.0414	0.0414
	$C_{18}$	1.0000	0.0439	0.0439
	$C_{19}$	1.0000	0.0304	0.0304
	$C_{20}$	1.0000	0.0279	0.0279
	$C_{21}$	1.0000	0.0393	0.0393
	$C_{22}$	1.0000	0.0602	0.0602
	$C_{23}$	0.0000	0.0154	0.0000
	$C_{24}$	0.1944	0.0236	0.0046
	$C_{25}$	0.2765	0.0174	0.0048
	$C_{26}$	0.6667	0.0734	0.0489
$C_{27}$	0.9080	0.0098	0.0089	

**Table 9.** Toughness capability evaluation indexes are comprehensive evaluation index



**Figure 9.** Comprehensive evaluation index trend of toughness capability by entropy weight method

It can be seen from Figure 9 that, in general, toughness of Qingdao's water supply and distribution system during the period from 2010 to 2019 showed a wavy upward trend, although some years showed a decline. Each subsystem toughness index change trend of water supply, water supply subsystem comprehensive index of the whole year of a downward trend and the final year of the initial drop apparently, user subsystem comprehensive index is on the rise and growth of apparent, waterworks subsystem have been falling and rising trend, for water distribution network system is slightly rising trend, the growth is not obvious.

### ● Comparison of the two evaluation results

By comparing the multi-level comprehensive evaluation results of the cloud model with those of the comprehensive evaluation index method of entropy weight index, it can be seen that the latter is to calculate the fixed comprehensive index value, the index value and index weight into positive correlation, while the reflect of the subsystems of the water supply and distribution system and the overall dynamic change trend, However, it is difficult to describe in detail the degree to which each evaluation unit belongs to a certain level. For example, in the example, the index per capita water resource has a large weight. If the index comprehensive evaluation index method based on Entropy Weight is adopted to calculate, it will have a large and positive impact on the toughness of the system. If the multi-level evaluation model of the cloud model is used, the toughness level is at a low level, which has a great but negative impact on the toughness of the system. Moreover, the multi-level evaluation result based on cloud model is more flexible, which examines the extent to which the evaluation unit belongs to a certain level, and the boundary of the level also changes within a certain acceptable range. All subsystems in the water supply and distribution system determine the toughness of a water supply and distribution system. However, the overall toughness of the water supply and distribution system is not simply composed of the superposition of all subsystems, but the interaction and mutual influence of all subsystems. Therefore, toughness capability is more in line with the fuzzy connotation of the cloud model theory.

### ● Discussion

358 According to the further analysis of the status quo of water supply in Qingdao, the economic development level and  
359 urbanization rate of Qingdao have been improving year by year in recent years, and the social security system has been  
360 increasingly improved. In 2019, the per capita GDP of Qingdao has exceeded 119,000 yuan, the urbanization rate is 72.57%,  
361 and the proportion of urban basic medical insurance participation at the year-end is 91%. Therefore, the increasing  
362 economic level, gradually increasing organizational management and social service security capabilities may be the main  
363 reasons for the star-like rise in the level of user system resilience. In September 2018, Qingdao municipal government  
364 issued "Qingdao water source construction and allocation" the 13th Five-Year Plan ", in which the water source construction  
365 projects mainly include reservoirs, pond DAMS and other storage projects and rainwater collection projects, recycled water  
366 utilization and seawater utilization and other water source and water supply projects; Water resources allocation engineering  
367 refers to the pipeline from water intake to water plant and supporting pumping station and other water transport  
368 infrastructure. The construction period of water supply and distribution pipeline is short. The input-output efficiency is high,  
369 and the improvement effect of system toughness ability is obvious, which is consistent with the change of toughness ability  
370 evaluation grade of water supply and distribution pipeline network. The toughness ability grade has increased from the  
371 medium level in 2018 to the high level in 2019. The construction period of the water source and water plant is long, and the  
372 actual benefits can only come into play after it is put into use and operation. Therefore, the toughness ability level of the  
373 water source and water plant has a longer growth period and a smaller improvement in the short term, which can be verified  
374 by combining with the evaluation results of 2018 and 2019. Although the resilience of users and water supply and  
375 distribution pipe network system has been improved in 2019, its contribution to the overall resilience level of the water  
376 supply and distribution system is limited, and the overall resilience of the water supply and distribution system in 2019 is  
377 still at a medium level. It is found that the low level of resilience of the water supply and distribution system is the main  
378 reason for this phenomenon, and the scarcity of water resources is the shortcoming of the overall resilience development of  
379 the water supply and distribution system in Qingdao. Improving water supply conditions and the construction of water  
380 sources is crucial for improving the resilience of the water supply and distribution system.

## 381 **Resilience ability improvement strategy**

382 Through comparative analysis, it can be seen that the main factors affecting the resilience of the water supply system can be  
383 summarized into four aspects<sup>[27-30]</sup>: water source ecological conditions, economic development level, user water efficiency,  
384 and key water supply infrastructure. Therefore, the strategies to enhance the resilience of the urban water supply system will  
385 be discussed in the following part from the perspectives of the above four main factors.

386 (1) Abandon the development model of "pollution first, treatment later, treatment while pollution", and stick to the three  
387 development red lines of ecological function guarantee baseline, natural resource utilization limit, and ecological security  
388 bottom line.

389 (2) With the acceleration of urbanization, the demand for water in the suburbs and towns is gradually increasing, which  
390 poses a severe challenge to the integration of urban and rural water supply. Therefore, while ensuring the economic growth  
391 of urban areas, we should also increase the investment in the suburbs and towns, vigorously promote the new urbanization,  
392 so as to narrow the internal differences of the regional economy.

393 (3) Implementing both water supply and water use control, improving water use efficiency, and making major water use  
394 efficiency indexes such as water consumption per 10,000 RMB of GDP and water consumption per 10,000 RMB of  
395 industrial added value reach the leading national and advanced international level.

396 (4) Adhere to the allocation of regional water sources, strengthen the construction of water supply network, strengthen the  
397 connection between municipal water supply backbone network and regional water supply network, enhance the toughness  
398 of water supply system, and ensure the safety of water supply in the whole region.

## 399 **Conclusion**

400 In this research, the assessment of resilience of urban water supply system under flood and drought disasters is studied.  
401 Based on correlation analysis and factor analysis, the toughness evaluation index system of urban water supply system was  
402 constructed. The entropy weight method was used to determine the unified weight value of each index, and the  
403 comprehensive evaluation results of toughness of Qingdao water supply system based on cloud model were given.  
404 According to the evaluation, the overall resilience of the water supply system in Qingdao is at a medium level, and the main  
405 factors affecting the resilience are the ecological conditions of water sources, the economic development level , the  
406 efficiency of users' water use, and the key water supply infrastructure. In order to ensure the continuous improvement of the  
407 resilience of the urban water supply system, this paper discussed the resilience improvement strategy from the perspective  
408 of four main factors affecting the resilience of the water supply system in Qingdao, so as to provide decision support for  
409 further improving the resilience of the water supply system.

410 This study also has some shortcomings. The toughness model created in this paper is static, and the toughness of the water  
411 supply system is often its dynamic behavior in response to disturbance. Therefore, the dynamic evaluation of toughness  
412 under disturbance will be the focus of the next study.

## 413 **Data Availability**

414 No data is used to support this research.

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