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Research priorities in hydropeaking

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Flexible hydropower and the energy system







Turbine operations and river flows





The controversy of hydropower





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How can we improve sustainability of peaking hydropower?





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What are the most pressing questions?











research network

Alp et al. (2023). River Res Appl. 39(3), 283-291.



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Aim:

To identify **100 high-priority**, policy-relevant questions in the hydropeaking research and management field.

Key steps





Key steps – global survey



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Working on hydropower and loving surveys?

We've got an exciting one for you.

#hydropeaking Click here: ww2.unipark.de/uc/HyPeak/h812/

Less than 2 weeks left to join.

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Daniel S. Hayes @DanielSHayes · Dec 27, 2021
 In case you missed it, we decided to extend the hydropeaking survey.

¿ Join us by the end of January to share your expertise on #hydropeaking research and management.

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Wishing you a prosperous year 2022! 🎉 📈

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What are unanswered research questions in the field of hydropeaking?

In the field of hydropeaking research, what do you think are unanswered research questions related to each topic? List as many as you feel are relevant.

We encourage you to think widely and also to consult with those outside your particular expertise.

Question 1:

Hydropeaking hydrology

What do you consider the most important and unanswered research questions related to this topic? List as many as you feel are relevant.

(e.g., regarding wave and flow regime characterization, groundwater interactions, ice formation, spatial localization, tools for impact assessment and mitigation, ...)

Key steps





Key steps





Topic areas





Questions – some examples

Hydrology	Physico-chemical properties of water	River morphology and sediment dynamics	Ecology and biology
 How does the temporal resolution of streamflow (or river stage) data affect assessments of hydropeaking hydrology? 	 How does hydropeaking affect the water quality of the downstream river sections when released from eutrophic reservoirs? 	 How does hydropeaking affect the riverbed composition in terms of fine sediment content, sorting processes and particle size distribution? 	 How does hydropeaking affect riparian or gravel bar invertebrate communities?
Socio-economic topics	Energy markets	Policy and regulation	Management and mitigation measures
• What respective roles do different stakeholders and institutions play in shaping decision- making about hydropeaking?	 To what degree does the grid stability and the production flexibility of different countries rely on hydropeaking? 	 How can hydropeaking mitigation be more consistently integrated into environmental flows policy? 	 What are the most effective nature-based mitigation measures (e.g. habitat structures, bedforms, natural ponds) for hydropeaking?



Download all 100 questions

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Conclusions

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