

ANNUAL REPORT  
**2019**



**HydroCen**  
NORWEGIAN RESEARCH CENTRE  
FOR HYDROPOWER TECHNOLOGY







HydroCen is a research centre for environmentally friendly energy. Our main objective is to enable hydropower to meet complex challenges and exploit new opportunities through innovative technological solutions.

The main research partners in HydroCen are The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), SINTEF Energy Research and Norwegian institute for nature research (NINA). The centre has a total budget of 400 million NOK over eight years and is financed by the Norwegian Research Council (50%), the research institutions (25%) and partners from the hydropower industry (25%).



**WP 1**  
Hydropower structures



**WP 2**  
Turbine and generator



**WP 3**  
Market and services



**WP 4**  
Environmental design





Ole Gunnar  
Dahlhaug

## INTRODUCTION

*HydroCen has ramped up the activity level year by year since the start in 2017, and the centre has achieved many important results in 2019. The report describes some of these achievements, which are results from all participants in the centre stepping up to the challenge. The board and management group want to acknowledge the effort. Well done!*

HydroCen had a total of 42 directly funded and associated projects in 2019. This resulted in a high rate of scientific publication, many conference presentations and extensive student involvement. We are confident that the results will significantly impact the Norwegian hydropower sector in the time to come. The conclusion is simply - **2019 was a successful year in terms of hydropower science.**

The HydroCen research is also profitable. This is shown in an evaluation performed by Impello, and companies that have implemented results. The main conclusion is **-Investing in research is profitable.**

In 2019, the Norwegian Research Council granted 55 million NOK to upgrade and refurbish HydroCen's laboratories. The HydroCen laboratories are a very important tool for positioning Norwegian scientists at the forefront of the international hydropower research. This is an important step for strengthening the position of hydropower in the efforts towards the green transition.

The launch of the project AlternaFuture project in 2019 was an important step towards bringing researchers from very different disciplines closely together to support the multi-disciplinary nature of HydroCen. It has shown the potential that lies in the borders between engineering and environmental disciplines, and the

project shows that there is still major opportunity to develop hydropower - **Congratulations to the project team!**

HydroCen has been fortunate to have Hege Brende as its director the first four years of operation. We are grateful for the time, effort and contributions Hege has given all of us, and we recognize that HydroCen would not be the same without her. The communication between the researchers, professors, students and partners has become joyful. The visibility of hydropower both nationally and internationally has improved a lot. **Thank you, Hege!**

Liv Randi Hultgreen is the new director starting June 1st 2020, in the meantime Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug is acting director.

Looking ahead, HydroCen will have to add new projects to the portfolio. New project proposals will be initiated in order to utilize the research capacity in the coming four years of the centre. Also, we need to start looking beyond the HydroCen period - this multidisciplinary team is viable and important far beyond 2024. We are confident that the challenges will be managed by the excellent HydroCen community.

On behalf of the management and board,

**Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug**



Hege Brende  
Former Director  
HydroCen

## PROUD OF HYDROCEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

*2019 reinforced our ambition as a world-leading research centre and showed us that a lot of hard work has quickly gained impressive results.*

In this year's annual report you will gain insight into several of our main achievements for 2019. We have also continued our targeted work to secure international collaboration and position, both in Europe and globally.

I am very happy to oversee how our Joint Programme Hydropower in EERA has become operational and produced its first strategic research agenda. Amazing to see representatives from more than 14 countries and 28 institutions come together to found a common research agenda for hydropower in the future!

I am very proud that we could close a top-level agreement between the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy and the US Department of Energy on hydropower research. I am impressed and humble for all the support I have experienced from both sides in order to make this come through!

In a rapidly changing clean energy transition, the need for innovation is crucial. It is assuring to see that our PhD candidates are able to focus both on academic production and innovation value. During 2019 we have received several new potential innovation results in several fields, both within technology and natural sciences.

It is also a fact that I myself took a difficult decision before Christmas in 2019. I accepted a new job offer and thus decided

to leave HydroCen. It was a hard and heart-breaking decision since HydroCen and the hydropower sector have become an integral part of my professional life. But, sometimes it is good to move on although it hurts in the moment. I am also very aware that our centre and all it stands for is the result of a joint effort of many exceptional people. I am very sure that HydroCen will continue its successful journey!

So, lastly I will give my warmest appreciation and acknowledgements to my management team and all our scientists, my board, the members of our technical committees and our international relations. Special thanks to Energy21 and the Research Council of Norway and its excellent team who has facilitated and enabled our impressive portfolio on hydropower over the last years; from the establishment of the Norwegian Hydropower Centre to the realisation HydroCen FME.

A closing remark: I have worked with R&D in the hydropower industry for the last 12 years. It has been a blast! Clean energy is of outmost importance for us all, and I am extremely happy to have worked with the best people in a sector with a social impact and a valuable contribution to the future! I wish all of you, and HydroCen, all the best onwards!

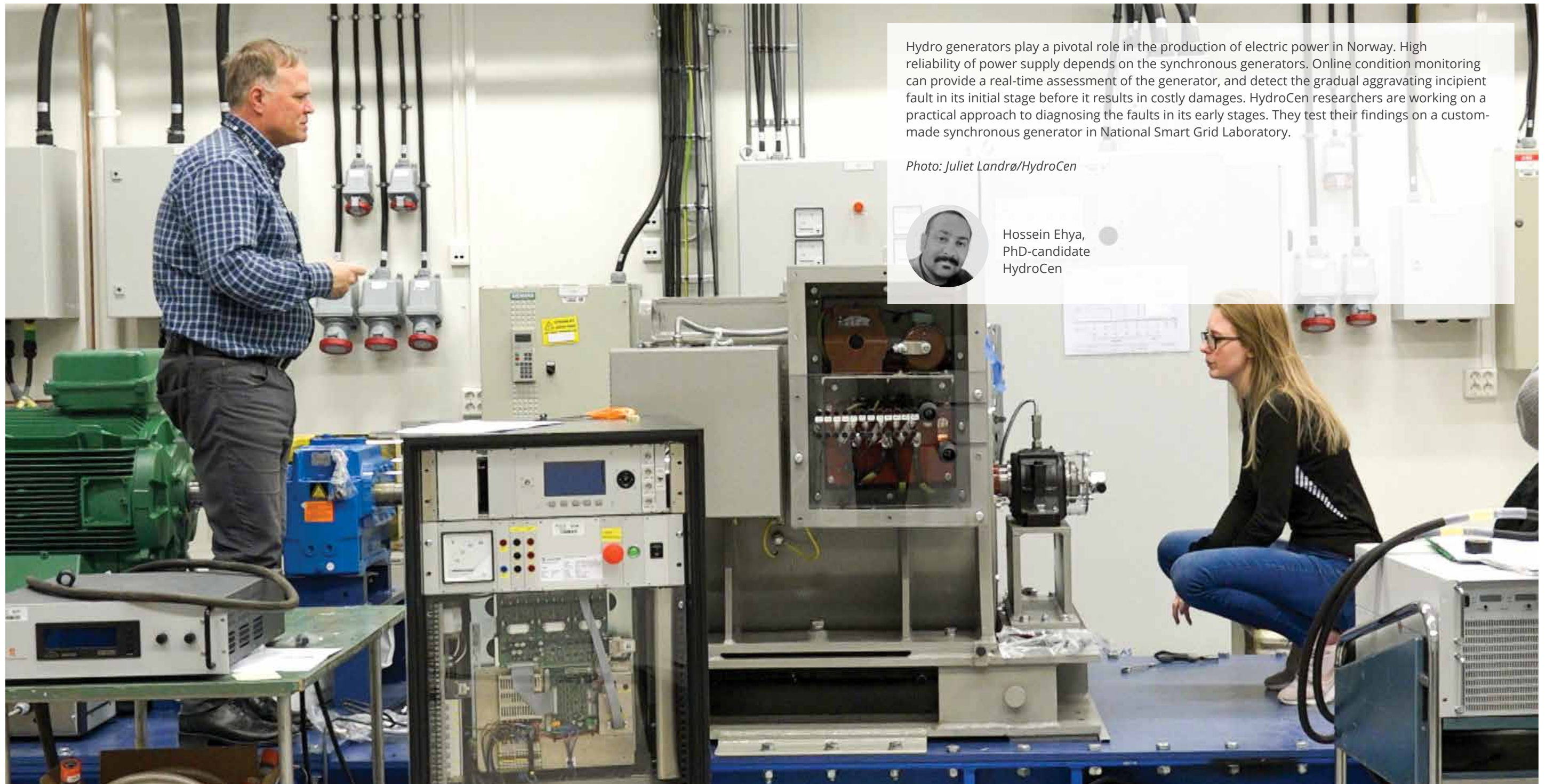
**Hege Brende**  
Former Director, HydroCen



Innovation inspired by nature: "Singing stay vanes" is a phenomena where a high frequency noise is created from unwanted vibrations in the stay vanes of hydropower turbines. These vibrations can cause fatigue of the blades and propagate in machinery and building stock and cause costly repairs or break downs in the hydro-power plant. The current method for dealing with this phenomena can be ineffective, and unwanted vibrations sometimes still occur. Inspired by the silent flight of an owl, Pål-Tore Storli has designed a new type of trailing edge for such vanes that could prevent the problem. The new vanes are designed with a serrated edge like the feathers on an owl's wing. Read more: <https://www.ntnu.edu/hydrocen/new-design-of-guide-vanes>

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Hydro generators play a pivotal role in the production of electric power in Norway. High reliability of power supply depends on the synchronous generators. Online condition monitoring can provide a real-time assessment of the generator, and detect the gradual aggravating incipient fault in its initial stage before it results in costly damages. HydroCen researchers are working on a practical approach to diagnosing the faults in its early stages. They test their findings on a custom-made synchronous generator in National Smart Grid Laboratory.

*Photo: Juliet Landrø/HydroCen*



Hossein Ehya,  
PhD-candidate  
HydroCen



# FLEXIBLE HYDROPOWER PROVIDING VALUE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION

*Flexibility resources are crucial for a secure and robust power system. As an increasing share of variable renewable energy sources (VRE) is integrated into electricity systems, the need for flexibility and energy storage also increases.*

-Hydropower is the largest source of renewable energy today. It can play an important role in integrating and balancing variable energy sources, says researcher Linn Emelie Schäffer.

Together with researcher Atle Harby she lead the work on the white paper from Annex IX, IEA Hydropower that describes the role of hydropower and the need for flexibility in the future electricity system.

Hydropower is a mature technology, but many older plants need upgrades and up-to-date modes of operation,

– In the report we've provided a high-level overview of key issues with the intent of identifying priority areas for further in-depth reviews and analyses, she says.

## The key topics discussed are:

- Future energy systems with large shares of variable renewable energy sources
- The need for flexibility at time scales ranging from seconds to months
- The status and capabilities of hydropower to contribute to these needs
- The value of flexibility in the energy system

We also looked into the increasing importance of supplying the right capacity at the right time, and how the value of flexibility in the power system should be reflected in the market, says Schäffer.

## The report also outlines the needs for further work:

- Further assessment of technological, market, policy and regulatory requirements to ensure appropriate investments in the energy system.
- How to optimise market mechanisms to ensure sufficient flexibility at the right scale and the right time

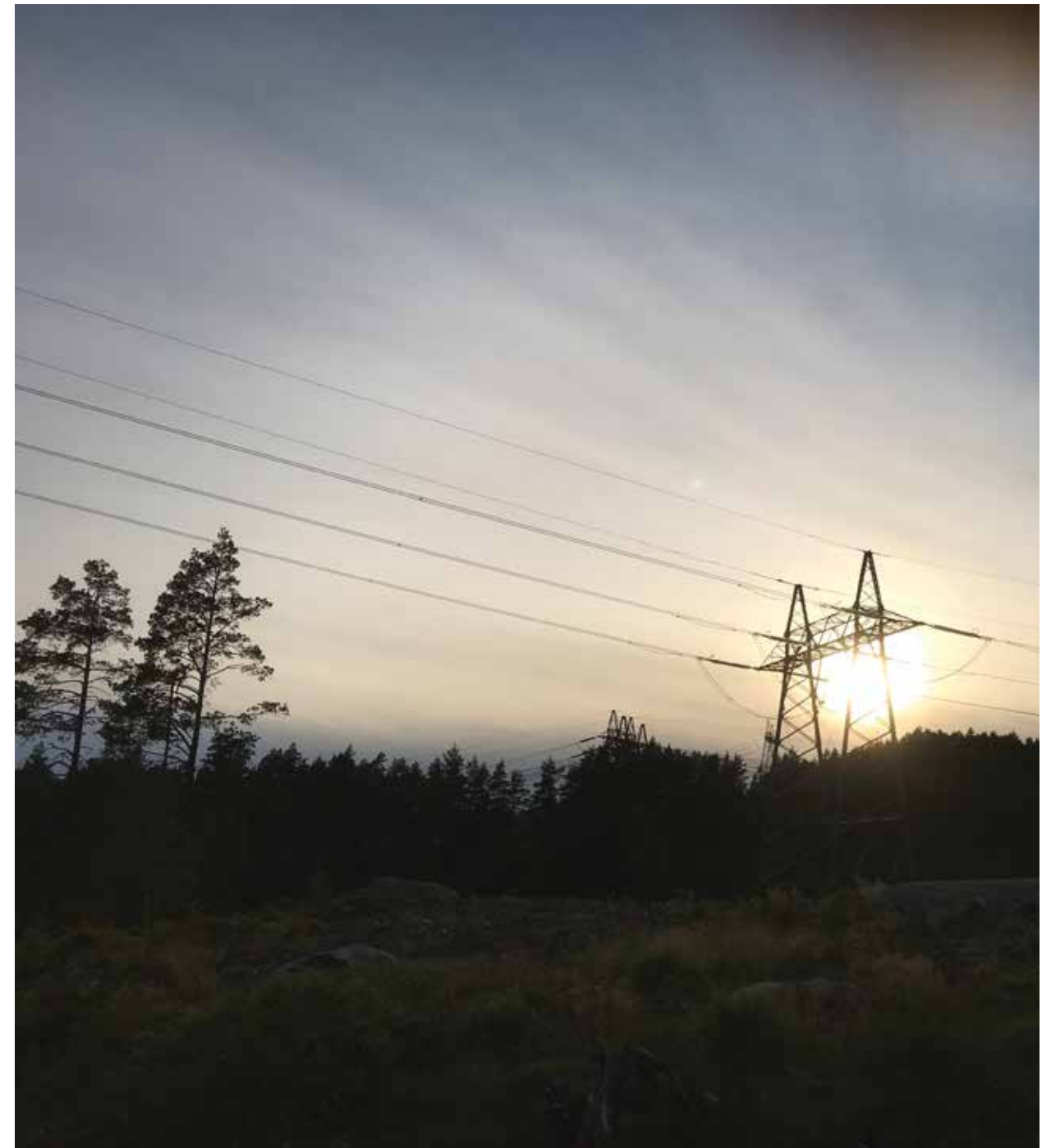
The paper can be read and downloaded:  
<https://www.ieahydro.org/annex-ix-hydropower-services>



Linn Emelie Schäffer



Atle Harby







Hydropower production and operation not only supplies Norway with green electricity, it also plays a crucial role during flood events. Flood dampening of hydropower reservoirs is important for flood protection.

We are using the hydrological model HYPE to predict waterflow in all Norwegian rivers and large reservoirs. In the model, we divide the Norwegian mainland into hydrological units and calculate river flow. This model can calculate the water-balance of almost 400 lakes and reservoirs in Norway.

Using different scenarios, we can simulate and assess how the operation of hydropower has had a positive impact on flood dampening in the past and for future climate scenarios.

On the map, lakes and reservoirs are in light blue and the green borders shows the model structure.



Lennart Schönfelder,  
researcher



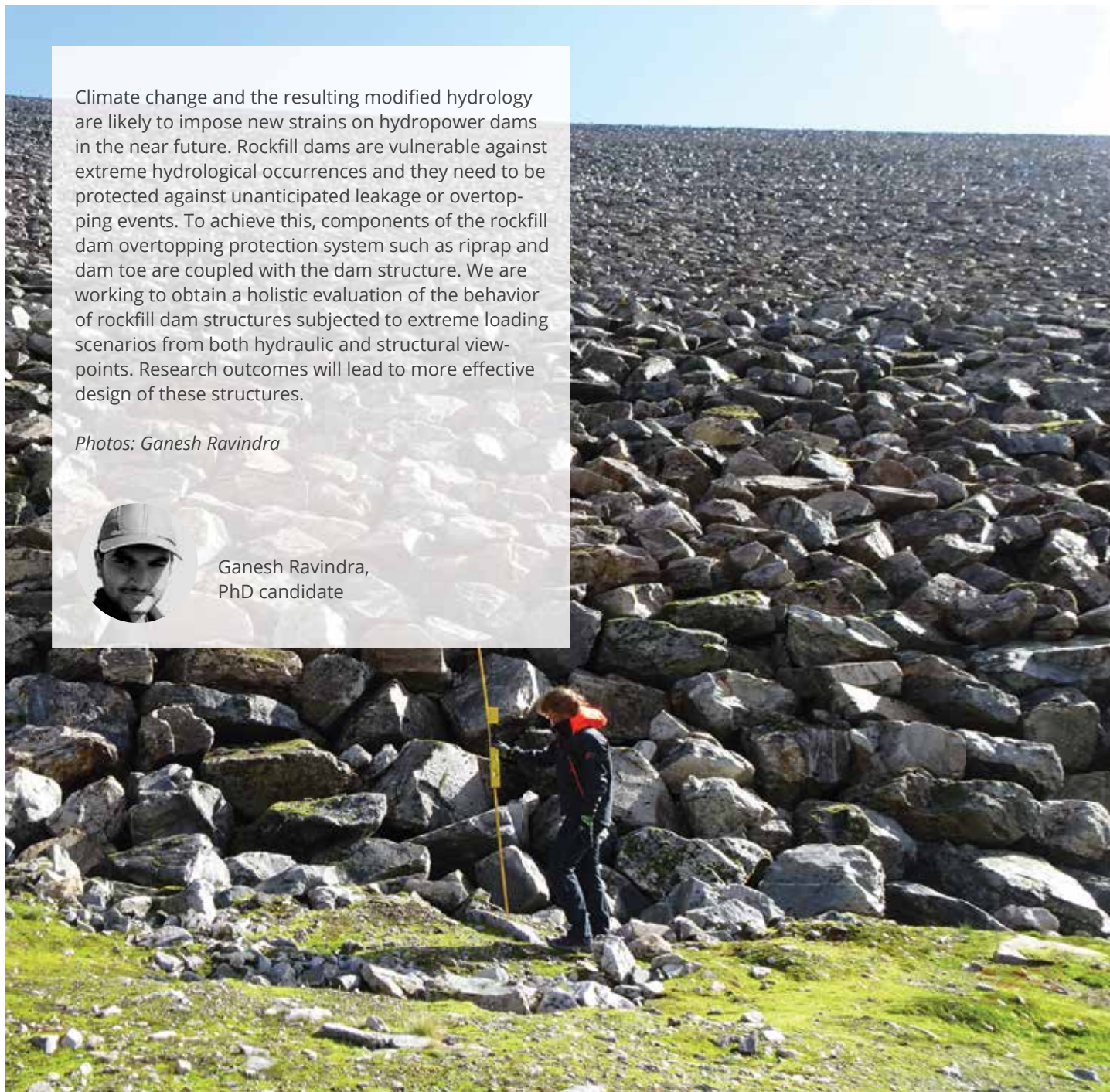


Climate change and the resulting modified hydrology are likely to impose new strains on hydropower dams in the near future. Rockfill dams are vulnerable against extreme hydrological occurrences and they need to be protected against unanticipated leakage or overtopping events. To achieve this, components of the rockfill dam overtopping protection system such as riprap and dam toe are coupled with the dam structure. We are working to obtain a holistic evaluation of the behavior of rockfill dam structures subjected to extreme loading scenarios from both hydraulic and structural viewpoints. Research outcomes will lead to more effective design of these structures.

*Photos: Ganesh Ravindra*



Ganesh Ravindra,  
PhD candidate







# FIELD WORK FOR FISH MIGRATION



Researchers are trying to find better ways to guide fish past hydropower plants during the spawning season. Different fish-species such as eel, trout and salmon have different strategies, and abilities, to get past the power intakes and many continue to end up in small pieces downstream after taking an unwanted trip through the power plant turbines.

In order to characterize the flow environment associated with such unwanted trips through the turbines, HydroCen is developing advanced numerical models that can simulate the different flow patterns around hydropower intakes. In 2019 Marcell Szabo-Meszaros, Lennart Schönfelder and Halvor Kjærås carried out various tests in the rivers by Hunderfossen (Norway) and Herting (Sweden) power plants to calibrate their computer models. Hopefully, this will lead to a better understanding of why fish swim into the intakes, and will help us develop and test new solutions to guide fish safely downstream.

Photos: Lennart Schönfelder





## Can we do extreme upgrading of existing hydropower systems while improving environmental conditions?

That has been one of the main questions in the project AlternaFuture.

– We’ve used this opportunity to force ourselves to think new, and without the limitations that exist in today’s power system and reality, says project leader Kaspar Vereide.

A multidisciplinary team of experts on environmental research, hydrology, geology, engineering, market structures and the hydropower industry, have used the Mandal river system as a case study to discover different scenarios and research needs that can arise in the near future.

The project is carried out as a desk study with some field inspections, aiming to get an overview of challenges and needs for new research.

– We made different scenarios and put them together in various combinations of hydropower development and environmental projects, that should ultimately benefit nature, says Vereide.

### Can triple the installed capacity

In one of the scenarios they found that it is possible to triple the installed capacity of the power system in the Mandal river, and at the same time improve the environmental conditions.

– It is not economically profitable today, but in the future it could be, says Vereide.

Other scenarios involve considerable flood control with a combination of flood power plants and pumped storage plants that together could reduce a damaging 200-year flood to a harmless 20-year flood.

### Strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and future research projects

Traditionally the hydropower system, and research, is segmented into specific areas, such as turbines, generator, environment and markets. HydroCen’s goal is to look at the entire watercourse and power system as a whole, where everything connects to - and influences - everything else. This has also been one of the main issues in AlternaFuture, where they have found that the multidisciplinary approach triggered many new research issues and ideas.

– We have identified 18 possible research projects that we could look into, and have started one of them already, says Vereide.

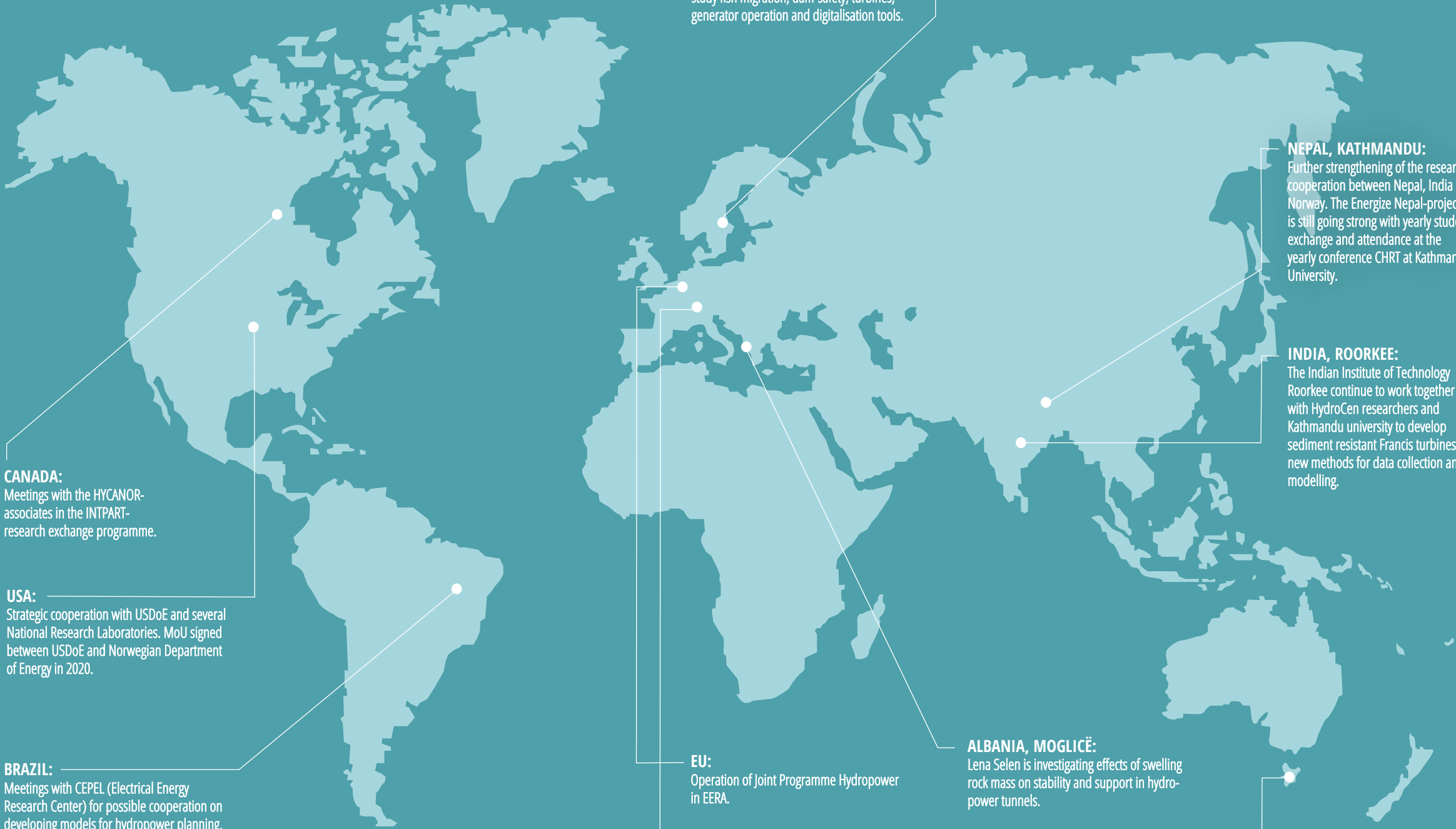
*Photos: Kaspar Vereide*





# INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN HYDROCEN

In 2019 the interest for HydroCen's research has expanded far beyond the Norwegian borders. There has been researcher-to-researcher cooperation, PhD- and researcher exchange and signing of several MoU's (Memorandum of Understanding) with universities and policy makers. We have also facilitated and participated in high-level political meetings and research cooperation with developing countries through NORAD and the World Bank.



**CANADA:**  
Meetings with the HYCANOR-associates in the INTPART-research exchange programme.

**USA:**  
Strategic cooperation with USDoE and several National Research Laboratories. MoU signed between USDoE and Norwegian Department of Energy in 2020.

**BRAZIL:**  
Meetings with CEPEL (Electrical Energy Research Center) for possible cooperation on developing models for hydropower planning.

**SWEEDEN, ÄLVKARLEBY:**  
Vattenfall became new partner i HydroCen, contributing with world class laboratories to study fish migration, dam-safety, turbines, generator operation and digitalisation tools.

**EU:**  
Operation of Joint Programme Hydropower in EERA.

**SWITZERLAND:**  
Researcher cooperation, and Scientific Committee-member Prof Dr.Thomas Staubli.

**ALBANIA, MOGLIČË:**  
Lena Selen is investigating effects of swelling rock mass on stability and support in hydro-power tunnels.

**NEPAL, KATHMANDU:**  
Further strengthening of the research cooperation between Nepal, India and Norway. The Energize Nepal-project is still going strong with yearly student exchange and attendance at the yearly conference CHRT at Kathmandu University.

**INDIA, ROORKEE:**  
The Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee continue to work together with HydroCen researchers and Kathmandu university to develop sediment resistant Francis turbines and new methods for data collection and modelling.

**AUSTRALIA:**  
Meetings and cooperation with Hydro Tasmania, and MOU with the state government of Tasmania.





## 55 MILLION NOK FOR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

**New research challenges and aging equipment in the laboratories has lead the Norwegian Research Council to grant HydroCen labs 55 million NOK to upgrade, refurbish and expand laboratories for hydropower research.**

– This will be a national revival of research-infrastructure that will contribute to position Norwegian scientists at the forefront of the international hydropower research, says project leader Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug.

The research infrastructure at the Waterpower Laboratory (established 1917) and the Hydraulic Laboratory (established 1958) at NTNU have played a major role in making Norway a world leading nation of hydropower technology. Today they are in dire need of upgrading. Without sufficient research facilities and the multi-disciplinary research groups at the Norwegian Research Centre for Hydropower Technology – HydroCen - the Norwegian hydropower industry cannot meet their future challenges of adapting an aging sector to future energy markets.

### **Long term plan for massive upgrades**

First, the goal is to upgrade the Waterpower Laboratory and Hydraulic Laboratory so researchers can find new solutions for flexible hydropower in a renewable energy system.

– Secondly, we wish to link these two laboratories with research infrastructure on smart grids, generators, geology and fish behaviour, says Dahlhaug.

In the application HydroCen showed the need for 199 million NOK over the next 8 years. The project is divided in 3 phases to achieve this. The first phase has been granted 55 million NOK. The work for the

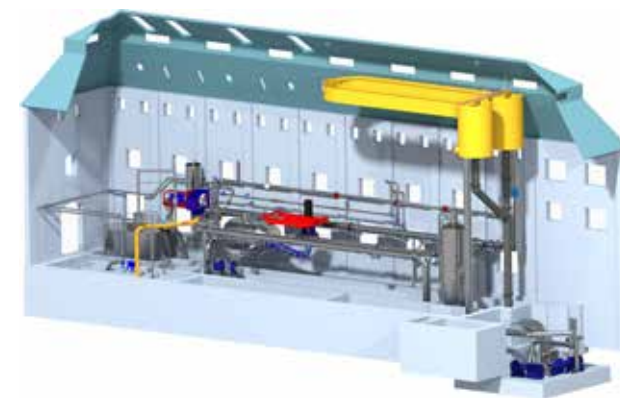
first phase begins in 2020 and most of the new or refurbished infrastructure will be operational by 2023. – New infrastructure in HydroCen laboratories will position Norwegian scientists at the forefront of the international hydropower research, says Dahlhaug.

### **The Waterpower-, Smart Grid- and Material Testing laboratories**

Procurement, refurbishment and installation of new equipment to make the laboratories suitable for high quality research on hydropower technologies. Among other things, low-, and high pressure systems, generator multi-stress rig and virtual mechanical connection between the Waterpower laboratory and Smart Grid facility.

### **The Hydraulic laboratory and Geology facility**

The upgrades will ensure a hydraulic laboratory with an infrastructure and instrumentation suited for the hydropower industry, to investigate and solve future societal water related challenges. New flumes, equipment for hydraulic measurement and model construction, new water circulation system and experimental equipment for testing rock stability are some of the measures that are planned. In the next phase, investments for equipment to study fish behavior will be initiated.



## INCREASED COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION

*As part of NTNU's increased focus on research-based innovation, Jonas Bergmann-Paulsen has joined the HydroCen team as "innovation manager", and will work to ensure that our results also lead to value creation and social benefits.*



Several of HydroCen's research projects have now reached a level where piloting, prototyping and implementation are imminent, and Bergmann-Paulsen works closely together with HydroCen's "Innovation Forum". The group of experts from research and industry partners was formed at the end of 2019 and they work to ensure that research innovation is tested and adopted by the industry.

All projects and innovations are linked to the UN Sustainable Development goals to visualize the potential for value creation and the social benefits.

### **Ready for full scale testing**

HydroCen aims to develop new research and enable hydropower to meet complex challenges and opportunities in a future renewable energy system and climate. To achieve this goal researchers work

closely with the industry and across disciplines. Researchers at HydroCen are presently planning a full scale test with Agder Energi to test a new way of guiding fish past the power plant. Another project has investigated turbines suited for variable speed operation and in our associated project FranSed, India's largest hydropower supplier NHPC is considering a full scale test of a turbine that can handle the sedimented water of the Himalayas.

### **The members of the Innovation Committee are:**

Jonas Bergmann-Paulsen (manager)  
Frode Fossøy, NINA  
Simen Vogt-Svendsen, Statkraft  
Martin Holst, EDR  
Inge Hovd Gangås, SINTEF  
Gunnar Gran, Dynavec





**Mats Billstein - New partner**

PhD, R&D Manager  
Hydro, Vattenfall AB

What is your assignment/ expertise/contribution in HydroCen?

*Vattenfalls contribution to HydroCen is field- and plant measurements and our laboratory facilities. We have world class facilities in many areas where HydroCen is active. To mention some of the facilities:*

- *A fish drome with flow capacity up to 2 m/s and 16 m3/s for experiments with fish and fish migration for environmental adaptation of hydro.*
- *An embankment dam (4 m high and 20 m wide) with well defined defects for a blind test of geophysical measurements for improved dam safety.*
- *A turbine test rig for transient testing in order to increase the flexibility. Runner diameter up to 500 mm can be tested.*
- *A 4 m high vertical rotor rig for rotor dynamic experiments, vibrations, damping and validation of numerical codes for operation dependent fatigue.*
- *A rig for discharge and energy dissipation studies in scale 1:10 for improved dam safety.*
- *Game of Drones – a new test/research/education facility for digital inspections (drones, USV,ROV) for more efficient operation.*
- *Porjus U8/U9 - 2\*10 MW (Kaplan and Francis) units for full scale R&D and education.*

What is your motivation to be a part of HydroCen?

*NTNU, NINA and SINTEF are a really strong research community. Together with Vattenfalls laboratory facilities and R&D competence HydroCen will be the strongest research community in Europe. Vattenfall and Norway share a lot of the challenges and possibilities in the Nordic region in comparison with the rest of Europe. Therefore, it is logical to join HydroCen in order to unify and speak with one voice.*

What are your expectations for HydroCen looking forward?

*In the short term, increase the exchange of R&D between Vattenfall, NTNU, NINA and SINTEF in generally all areas (dam safety and infrastructure, environment, turbines and generators, and flexible generation) and particularly in environmental design. In the long term, I expect HydroCen to deliver R&D-results to be implemented in the hydropower daily operation. It is only when results are implemented there will be an impact – and that is really important for Vattenfall.*



**Tonje Aronsen -  
New in the management team**

Research Director  
NINA

What is your assignment/ expertise/contribution in HydroCen?

*I represent NINA in the executive management team (EMT). My contribution in HydroCen is therefore mostly related to administrative and strategic tasks. I hope that I can contribute to good decision-making in the EMT, that this will benefit the researchers in HydroCen, the contribution HydroCen will make to the hydropower sector in general and specifically the mitigation of negative environmental effects of hydropower.*

What is your motivation to be a part of HydroCen?

*My motivation is to represent NINA as one of the research partners in the EMT, but also to emphasize the importance of the environmental and social sciences in HydroCen. The reports from IPCC — Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and IPBES - The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services stresses the need for a continued focus on the effects of climate change and human induced degradation of biodiversity and ecosystem functions. In addition, we need a better understanding of social acceptance in relation to hydropower.*

What are your expectations for HydroCen looking forward?

*This year (2020) will be an exciting year for HydroCen, we will have a new Centre Director, and it is time to identify important new research areas for HydroCen and hopefully initiate exciting new projects.*



**Hossein Ehya -  
New PhD-candidate, HydroCen**

PhD-candidate HydroCen

What is your assignment/ expertise/contribution in HydroCen?

*I am working on 'Electromagnetic Analysis and Fault Diagnosis of Synchronous Machines' at the Department of Electric Power Engineering. At the same time, I am also co-supervisor of master students who are also working on this project.*

What is your motivation to be a part of HydroCen?

*HydroCen provides a chance to examine the theoretical founding in different laboratories and power plants not only in Norway, but also internationally due to HydroCen's vast collaboration with different research institutes, universities, and industry partners. Also, the multidisciplinary course that enables us to collaborate and learn from researchers with diverse backgrounds is a great achievement and advantage.*

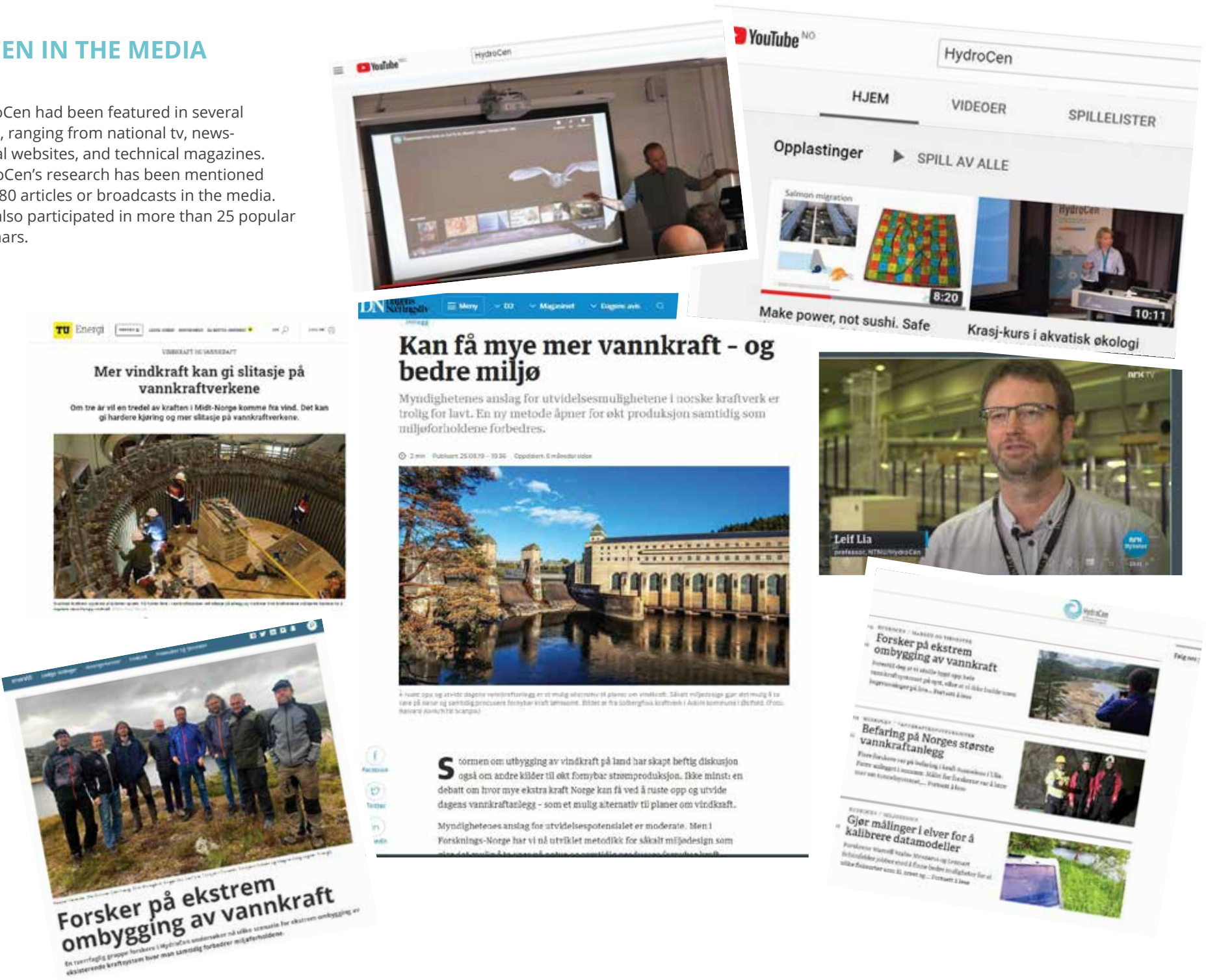
What are your expectations for HydroCen looking forward?

*To support the project so the scientific outcomes could turn into a start-up company to be used in industries and bring funding back to HydroCen.*



HYDROCEN IN THE MEDIA

In 2019 HydroCen had been featured in several media outlets, ranging from national tv, newspapers to local websites, and technical magazines. In total, HydroCen’s research has been mentioned in more than 80 articles or broadcasts in the media. Researchers also participated in more than 25 popular science webinars.



OUR OULETS



**Newsletter:**  
Public newsletter, 4 publications, 204 subscribers and an opening ratio of 30-50%



**Blog:**  
34 blog posts with information and news from Hydrocen in 2019, more than 13 000 visitors and 20 000 views.



**Vannposten:**  
Weekly newsletter for researchers. 23 publications and 200 recipients.



**Website:**  
Information and contact details for all projects and researchers in HydroCen. Publications and innovations are also accessible from [www.hydrocen.com](http://www.hydrocen.com)



**Webinar:**  
#GodForskerMorgen by Multiconsult, and 19 webinars by HydroCen on YouTube.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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**Twitter:**  
9 000 views per month and 474 followers.



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430 followers and increased activity

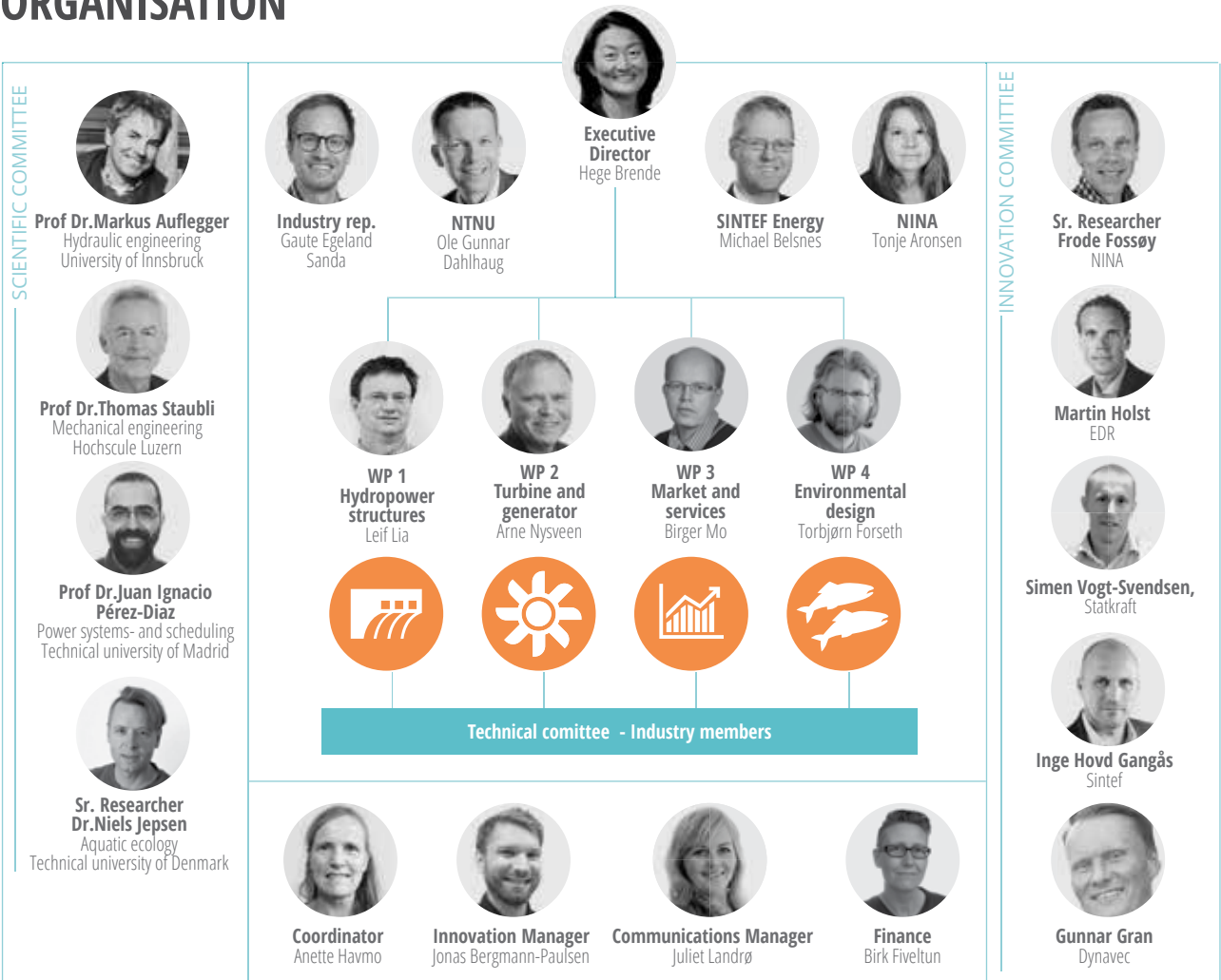


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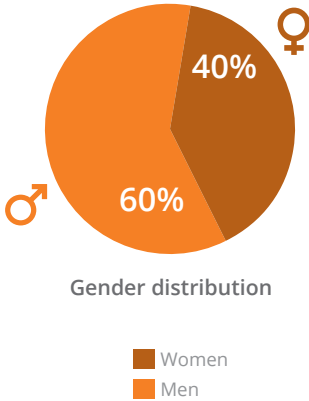
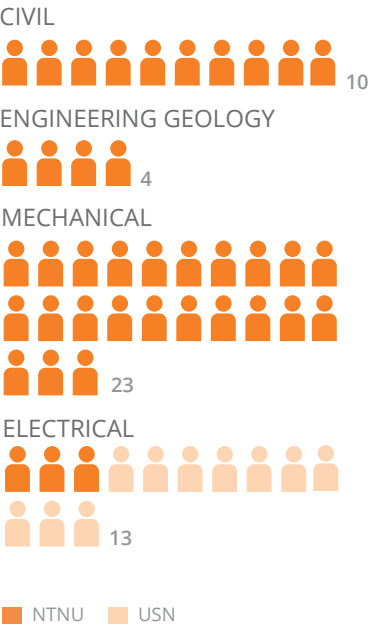
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Fjóla G. Sigtryggdóttir	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Jonas Kristiansen Nøland	NTNU	Turbine and generators
Kaspar Vereide	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Kjetil Uhlen	NTNU	Turbine and generators
Knut Alfredsen	NTNU	Environmental design
Krishna Panthi	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Leif Lia	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Magnus Korpås	NTNU	Market and services
Nils Reidar Bøe Olsen	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Nils Ruther	NTNU	Hydropower structures
Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug	NTNU	Turbine and generators
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Stein-Erik Fleten	NTNU	Market and services
Tor Haakon Bakken	NTNU	Market and services
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Ana Teixeira da Silva	NINA	Environmental design
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Audun Ruud	NINA	Environmental design
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Richard Hedger	NINA	Environmental design
Terje Bongard	NINA	Environmental design
Tonje Aronsen	NINA	Environmental design
Torbjørn Forseth	NINA	Environmental design

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Arild Helseth	SINTEF	Market and services
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Christian Øyn Naversen	SINTEF	Market and services
Eivind Solvang	SINTEF	Turbine and generators
Espen Eberg	SINTEF	Turbine and generators
Hans Ivar Skjeltbred	SINTEF	Market and services
Hans Olaf Hågenvik	SINTEF	Market and services
Hans Petter Fjeldstad	SINTEF	Environmental design
Henrik Enoksen	SINTEF	Turbine and generators
Ingeborg Graabak	SINTEF	Market and services
Julie Charmasson	SINTEF	Hydropower structures
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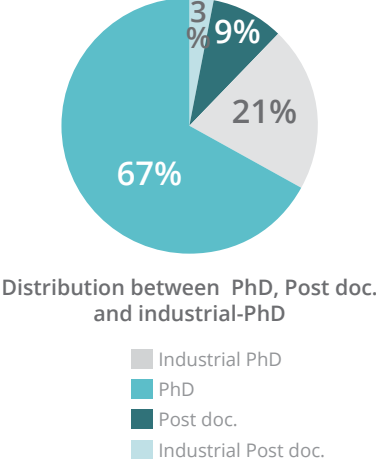
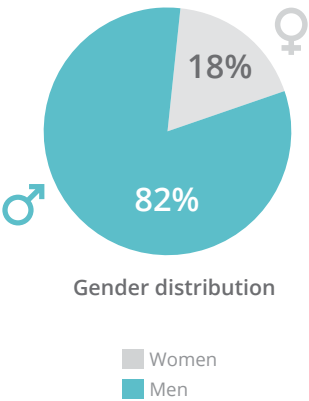
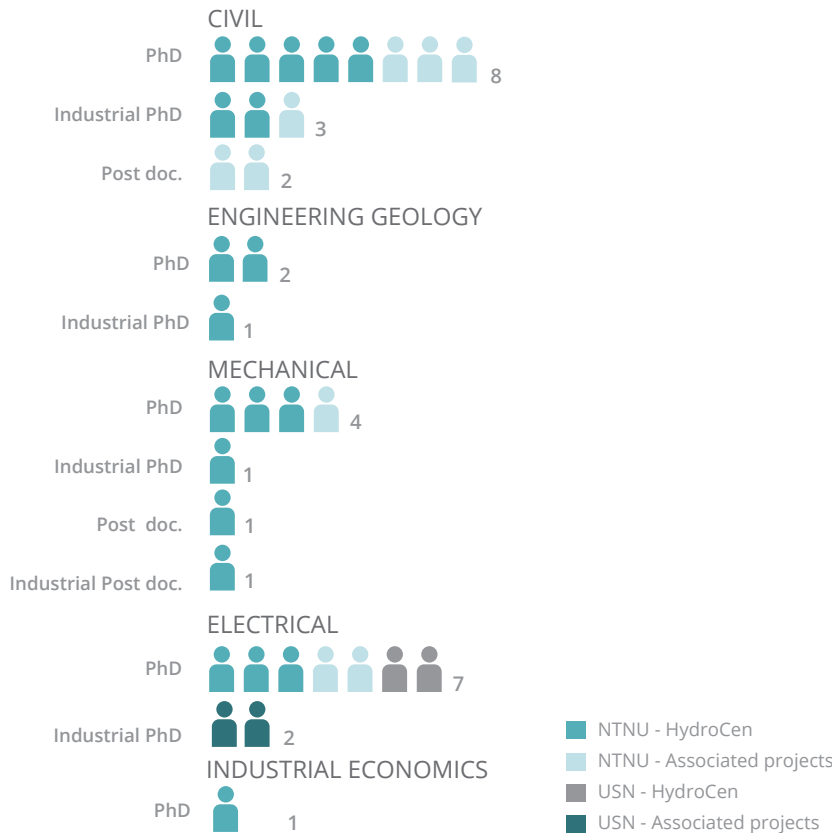
MASTER STUDENTS

In 2019 we had a total of 50 master students at NTNU and The University of South-Eastern Norway (USN) within the field of hydropower. The distribution between the disciplines Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Engineering Geology is shown in the figure below.



PHD AND POST DOCS.

In 2019 a total of 33 PhD and Post doc. in HydroCen and HydroCen-associated projects. They worked within Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Economy, and Engineering Geology.



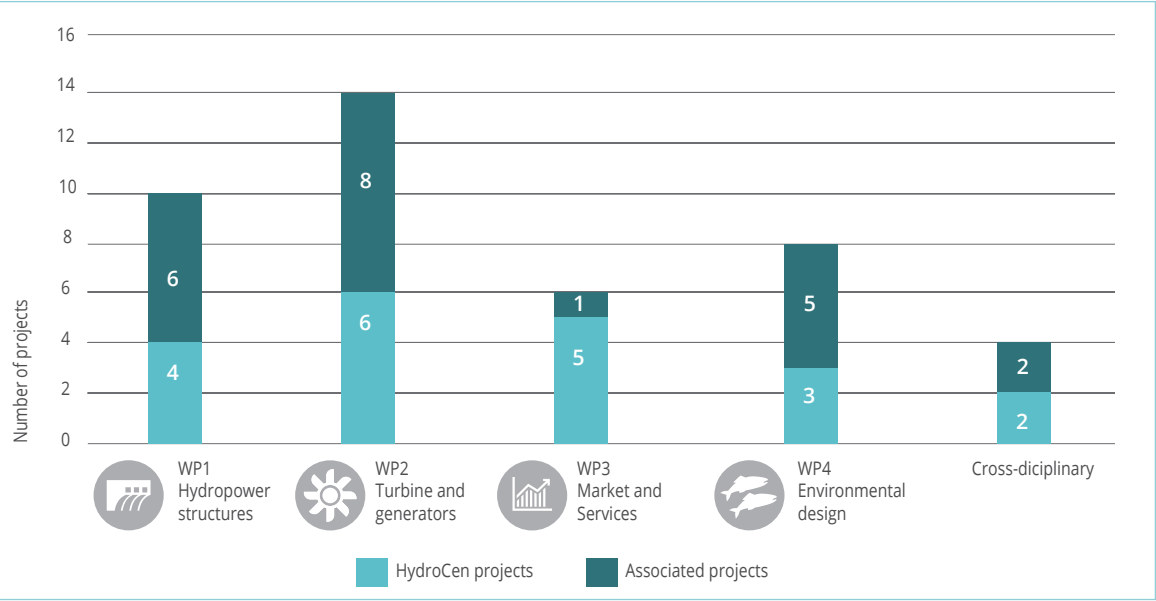
PhD and Post doc. in HydroCen, active in 2019

Name	PhD Post doc.	Gender	Nationality	Topic	Period
Igor Iliev	PhD	M	Macedonian	Design of a high-head Francis turbine for variable speed configurations	2016-2019
Helene Dagsvik	PhD	F	Norwegian	Reversible Pump-Turbines in Existing Power Plants	2017-2020
Kristian Sagmo	PhD RSO	M	Norwegian	Flow manipulation for improved operation of hydraulic turbines	2017-2020
Celine Faudot	Post doc.	F	French	Fatigue Loads on Turbines attached to a Conduit System	2017-2020
Ganesh Ravindra	PhD	M	Indian	Embankment dam safety under extreme loading conditions	2017-2020
Livia Pitorac	PhD	F	Romanian	Upgrading of hydropower plants to pumped storage plants: reconstruction and improvements of the tunnel system	2017-2020
Håkon Sundt	PhD	M	Norwegian	Environmental design for multiple interests under future flexible hydropower operation	2017-2020
Andreas Kleiven	PhD	M	Norwegian	Investment Decisions in Upgrading and Refurbishment of Hydropower Plants	2017-2020
Ola Haugen Havrevoll	PhD RSO	M	Norwegian	Rock traps in pumped storage and peaking power plants	2017-2021
Bibek Neupane	PhD	M	Nepalese	Long-term impact on unlined tunnels of hydropower projects due to frequent start stop sequences	2017-2021
Lena Selen	PhD	F	Norwegian	Effects of swelling rock and swelling clay in water tunnels	2017-2021
Henki Ødegaard	PhD RSO	M	Norwegian	Optimization of test methods and design of transition zones in unlined pressure tunnels	2017-2021
Raghendra Tiwari	PhD RSO	M	Nepalese	Frequency converter solutions and control methods for variable speed operation of pump storage plant	2018-2020
Bjørn Solemslie	Post doc. RSO	M	Norwegian	Resonance and pressure pulsations in High Head Francis Runner	2018-2020
Tor Inge Reigstad	PhD RSO	M	Norwegian	Grid Integration of Variable Speed Hydro Power Plant	2018-2021
Hossein Ehya	PhD	M	Iranian	Electromagnetic Analysis and Online Fault detection of Hydropower Generators	2018-2021
Nirmal Acharya	PhD	M	Nepalese	Design of a Francis turbine that accomodates high sediment concentration	2018-2021
Diwash Lal Maskey	PhD	M	Nepalese	Sediment handling at the intake of the hydropower plants: A toolbox for decision making	2018-2021
Shohreh Monshizadeh	PhD	F	Iranian	The Flexible Hydro Power Unit	2018-2021
Halvor Kjærås	PhD RSO	M	Norwegian	Modeling of fish guidance by floating devices	2018-2022
Geir Helge Kiplesund	PhD	M	Norwegian	Damsikkerhet og bruddutvikling i fyllingsdammer	2019-2022



PROJECTS OVERVIEW 2019

A total of 42 projects related to hydropower were ongoing in 2019. 22 of these are associated projects within hydropower where HydroCen’s researchers are involved.



HydroCen Projects		
Project name	Project leader	Field of study
1.1 Tunnels, penstocks and surge chambers	Bjørn Nilsen	Hydropower structures
1.2 Dam construction and dam safety	Fjola G. Sigtryggsdottir	Hydropower structures
1.3 Sediment handling	Nils Rüther	Hydropower structures
1.4 Fish friendly hydropower intakes	Leif Lia	Hydropower structures
2.1 Variable speed operation	Arne Nysveen	Turbine and generators
2.2 Fatigue loads on turbines	Torbjørn Nielsen	Turbine and generators
2.3 Pump turbines in existing power plants	Pål-Tore Storli	Turbine and generators
2.4 Turbine and Generator Lifetime	Thomas Welte	Turbine and generators
2.5 Flexible Hydropower Unit	Kjetil Uhlen	Turbine and generators
2.6 New Design of Guide Vanes	Pål-Tore Storli	Turbine and generators
3.1 Future market structures and prices	Birger Mo	Market and services
3.2 Remaining useful life, failure probability	Arnt Ove Eggen	Market and services
3.3 Optimal hydro design in the future power system	Birger Mo	Market and services
3.4 Environmental constraints and uncertainties – impact on revenues	Arild Helseth	Market and services
3.5 Water resources assessment tool	Lennart Schönfelder	Market and services
4.1 Governance and social acceptance	Audun Ruud	Environmental design
4.2 Fish migration	Ana da Silva/ Torbjørn Forseth	Environmental design
4.3 Multiple interests under future flexible hydropower operation	Atle Harby	Environmental design
AlternaFuture	Kaspar Vereide	AlternaFuture
Francis turbine for sediment laden waters (FranSed)	Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug	Direct Project

Associated Projects				
Project name	Project leader	Field of study	Type	Project owner
HiFrancis FSI Toolkit	Martin Holst	Hydropower Structures	IPN	EDRMedeso
DIRT-X	Nils Rüther	Market and services		
HydroCen Labs	Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug	Environmental Design		
EnergizeNepal	Nawaraj Sanjel	Environmental Design	MFA	Kathmandu University
FiTHydro	Peter Rutschmann	Turbine and generators	EU H2020	Koordinator Technical University of Munich, Germany
Elvemuslingens miljøkrav	Bjørn M. Larsen	Hydropower Structures	Government	NINA
HYCANOR	Ingeborg Palm Helland	Turbine and generators	INTPART	NINA
HYPOS - Hydropower Suite	Nils Rüther	Turbine and generators		
JP hydropower/ EERA	Sara Heidenreich	Cross-disciplinary		
LiTRo	Morten Kjeldsen	Hydropower Structures		
HydroFLEX	Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug	Turbine and generators	EU H2020	NTNU
Fancis -99	Chirag Trivedi	Environmental Design	Intern	NTNU
SediPASS	Nils Rüther	Turbine and generators	KPN	NTNU (NVKS)
TunnelRoughness	Jochen Aberle	Cross-disciplinary	KPN	NTNU (NVKS)
HydroStator	Arne Nysveen	Hydropower Structures	KPN	NTNU (NVKS)
HiFrancis	Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug	Environmental Design	KPN	NTNU (NVKS)
MonitorX	Maren Istad	Hydropower Structures		
Levetidsberegning for Francis	Petter Østby	Turbine and generators	IPN	EnergiNorge
PRIBAS	Arild Helseth	Hydropower Structures	KPN	SINTEF Energi
Fleksibel Sandfang (FlexS)	Kaspar Vereide	Turbine and generators	Industry	Sira Kvina Kraftselskap
Miljødesignhåndbok for ørret i magasin	Ingeborg Palm Helland	Turbine and generators	Government	Miljødirektoratet
HyMo	Atle Harby	Environmental design	Government	Miljødirektoratet

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HYDROCEN 2019

All figures in 1000 NOK			
Funding	Funding	In-kind	Total
The Research Council of Norway	36,469		36,469
Industry partners	9,401	4,421	13,822
Research partners		18,967	18,967
Total funding 2018	45,870	23,388	69,258
Revenue 2019	Funding	In-kind	Total
Sintef Energi	14,853	5,365	20,218
NINA	6,904	3,493	10,397
NGI		689	689
USN	1095	138	1,233
KU	270		270
NTNU	22,748	9,282	32,030
Industry in-kind		4,421	4,421
Total Costs 2018	45,870	23,388	69,258



## PUBLICATIONS

HydroCen researchers have contributed to 177 scientific publications in 2019. As well as presenting their findings as papers at a large number of conferences for researchers and hydropower industry, they have also published 25 Level 1 and 2 papers.

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