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Vulnerability of Mountainous Water Resources and Hydrological Regimes

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Mountains serve as a significant source of freshwater for nearby lowlands and, by extension, for ecosystems and society. Recent studies suggest that mountain blocks may provide resilience to water resource development through storage and delayed discharge in glaciers, snowpacks, permafrost, and complex mountain aquifers. Nonetheless, the effects of water storage and delayed discharge as a regionally important buffer have been greatly underestimated. Not only that, but our advances in mountain runoff regimes have also slowed down other fields of hydrology. Moreover, mountainous catchments are extremely sensitive and vulnerable to climate change and human activities. Therefore, it is vital to understand the mechanisms and long-term changes of runoff in mountainous areas and thus quantify the vulnerability of water resources for resilience utility. [...]

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