

Interactive comment on “HESS Opinions “The art of hydrology”¹” by H. H. G. Savenije

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I would like to thank Geoff Pegram for his very thoughtful reaction to my opinion paper. I am very glad he wrote it, because he made it clear that in my opinion paper I gave a wrong impression of my view on science and engineering. In the final paper I will have to correct this.

He pointed out that in emphasising the difference between hydraulics and hydrology, I introduced a separation between the two disciplines that we should avoid. I fully agree with him. With Wolfgang Kinzelbach I would like to say that engineering and science are the Yin and Yang of scientific progress. Technology and Science cannot exist without each other and society requires engineering for the many challenge we

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face. Of course I did not mean to say that one is above the other. I think I particularly mentioned that in the paper. So I fully agree that we should not fall into the trap of creating a separation between "we scientists" and "they engineers". I feel strongly about that, being an engineer myself.

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