

Reviewer Comment-blue shade

Response to reviewer:

We once again thank the reviewer for the helpful and detailed comments on our manuscript. Here we ask the reviewer if they can give clarification on the first comment in their review.

Discussion of major point 1:

Reviewer point 1) Much of this is contained in the abstract and concluding section reasonably well. But in between, it is hard to pick out, split up by lengthy detailed discussions and background. If the above basic content can be communicated succinctly and stands out in the main body of the paper, then the paper will reach many more readers, as it deserves. Perhaps the intervening text can be streamlined and shortened, with simpler and clearer writing style, leaving out non-central discussion or moving some parts to Appendices.

The authors agree that the paper is long and dense despite long efforts on our part to streamline it. It would be very helpful if the reviewer could highlight some specific suggestions, such as paragraphs that may be superfluous, enabling us make the manuscript more readable.