

***Interactive comment on “Skill and reliability of  
climate model ensembles at the Last Glacial  
Maximum and mid Holocene” by J. C. Hargreaves  
et al.***

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Thanks to both reviewers for their helpful and detailed comments on our manuscript. We have reshuffled and clarified quite a lot of the manuscript, and improved the first two figures. I hope that the readability is now improved. Our results are unchanged by the additional sensitivity tests conducted on the data error estimates. Thanks also for the suggestion to look at the SSTs at the mid-Holocene in isolation, which we had not considered doing due to the relative paucity of data points. Somewhat to my surprise, we find our results are indeed in agreement with those previous papers that found a positive correlation between models and data. Our full response to your comments

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and a diff file are included as a supplement to this comment.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.clim-past-discuss.net/8/C3289/2013/cpd-8-C3289-2013-supplement.pdf>

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