

Dear Dr. Leeuw,

Thank you very much for your comments. We modified all descriptions regarding Figure 9 in Section 5 following your list and throughout the abstract and conclusion. To answer your last question, we mentioned in our last couple sentences that we are trying to put this change to global scale, which then can be put into our operational code. Some tests are done, but more global testing is needed. The research data from this paper is definitely open for interested party to use. Research data over this region beyond winter 2013 can be generated upon request as well.