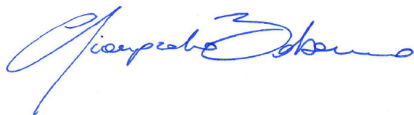


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Dear Editors of HESS,

Following the review procedure of HESS-D, we would like to submit our thoroughly revised contribution. The point-by-point response has been uploaded on the HESS-D as reply to each single Reviewer's comment. We look forward to the final steps of the process towards publication in HESS and we remain available for any further improvement you may judge necessary.

Kind regards,
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