

## ***Interactive comment on “Using expert knowledge to increase realism in environmental system models can dramatically reduce the need for calibration” by S. Gharari et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #1**

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This paper is interesting and well written. I recommended minor revision for this one. But I was also asked to review another companion paper, hess-2013-520, and I share with the 1st reviewer, Dr. Gong, the same concern on the seemly overlapping between these two manuscripts. A substantial revision of hess-2013-520 and better balancing between these two manuscripts are therefore needed. Overall, hess-2013-520 could be positioned as documenting a generic methodology framework, and the current paper, hess-2013-519, should follow as an illustration at a real case.

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