

Dear Dr. van den Hurk,

We would like to thank you for your thoughtful remarks and helpful comments. We also are very grateful to the two anonymous reviewers that helped us to improve our paper by providing insightful comments.

Herewith we would like to submit the revised version of our paper. We provided point-by-point response to reviewers' comments at earlier stage. In the revised version we have addressed their remarks accordingly.

We also incorporated comments given by you in the revised version.

We hope that you find this revisions satisfactory.

Kind regards,

Poolad Karimi

On behalf of all co-authors