

Interactive comment on “Aggregation in environmental systems: seasonal tracer cycles quantify young water fractions, but not mean transit times, in spatially heterogeneous catchments” by J. W. Kirchner

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Dear author,

you received three in-depth and detailed reviews for which I thank the reviewers. The three reviewers of your manuscript have recognized the value of your study, they agree on novelty and scientific rigour and interest for the community. I agree with the reviewers. The reviewers agree the papers is extensive but at the same time ask for some extra explanation.

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You seriously replied to all questions, concerns and critics. And I agree with the suggestions of revisions you described in your reply.

I think this paper is extensive but for this type of research, I think it is of acceptable length. I ask you to resubmit, taking all comments and discussion into account (especially details on determining Fyw, in this part 1 - paper already indicating how Fyw can be applied in catchment hydrology and adding some sub-headings, etc).

I look forward receiving a revised version of the paper in due time.

Kind regards, Thom Bogaard

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