

Interactive comment on “The Hydrological Open Air Laboratory (HOAL) in Petzenkirchen: a hypotheses driven observatory” by G. Blöschl et al.

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The paper benefited from insights comments and queries from two reviewers. The authors have responded in a positive way - I am confident that with the revisions that the authors have undertaken to do, the paper will become a significant contribution to the design and operation of comprehensive environmental observatories. The HOAL experimental set up is an example of a comprehensive observatory that is able to test complementary interdisciplinary (interconnected) hypotheses of a group of PhD and post-doctoral scientists, which is very unique. It is very different from single issue experimental set ups one is more familiar with. I am looking forward to reviewing the

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revised manuscript.

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