

Interactive comment on “An integrated model for the assessment of global water resources – Part 2: Anthropogenic activities modules and assessments” by N. Hanasaki et al.

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Dear Dr. Hanasaki and colleagues,

The reviewers of the two papers were different, but their reviews show quite some similarity regarding the comments made. Again, the reviewers stress the need to focus on the most important aspects and try to reduce the padding around main points currently a bit hidden in the papers. A strong focus of the first paper on motivation for the model, the module descriptions including a discussion of the assumptions made (and their consequences) in the first paper; and a focus on application (including challenges) and

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a thorough discussion of the implications of the model results (for science and/or management) in the second paper. Both papers should discuss the problem of uncertainty in such a modeling effort and its potential implications. This would provide a two-part paper with significant impact which would be very suitable for publication in HESS after some additional review since several reviewers recommended major changes. Again, I strongly recommend revision of the second paper considering all of the reviewers suggestions and submitting the revised papers for publication in HESS. Simplification of the text will help readers to focus on the important points more easily.

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