

Interactive comment on “HESS Opinions “Crash tests for a standardized evaluation of hydrological models”” by V. Andréassian et al.

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Dear Jens-Christian,

Thank you for your comment and for clarifying the terminology to be used.

We entirely agree with you that the "crash testing" of a given model structure cannot be considered as a sufficient step. It is just a necessary step (verification step as you present it in your paper). It cannot replace a site-specific test.

However, an interesting point to discuss further would be how to behave when a "site-specific" model fails during the structure testing phase (or conversely). How far should we trust such a model structure?

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