

## ***Interactive comment on “Seasonal evaluation of the land surface scheme HTESSEL against remote sensing derived energy fluxes of the Transdanubian region in Hungary” by E. L. Wipfler et al.***

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I thank the reviewers of this manuscript for their time and valuable comments.

All reviewers did point out the importance and significance of the subject matter of the contribution:

"The subject matter (evaluation of model-derived fluxes against observations) is important" (Reviewer 1)

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"This paper is an attempt at one of the greatest challenge in the community which is to compare on an equal footing surface fluxes derived from remote sensing information with those simulated by models." (Reviewer 2)

"I think this paper displays an honest and useful approach to evaluating a land-surface model run in a distributed way." (Reviewer 3)

The major objection of 2 reviewers is that the "[...] assumption in the text "that the SEBAL fluxes (derived from remote sensing) are accurate enough to constitute "truth" for the evaluation." The authors address this in their response. Several other issues are raised.

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as is, 0x accepted subject to minor revisions, 1x accepted subject to major revisions,  
1x rejected

I invite the authors to submit a revised manuscript for additional peer review based on  
the reviews and the responses of the authors to the review.

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