

Interactive comment on “Assimilation of ASCAT near-surface soil moisture into the French SIM hydrological model” by C. Draper et al.

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A few minor comments:

- 1) There is only one single SIM model (no other SIM models). Hence the title perhaps should be “Assimilation of ASCAT near-surface soil moisture into the SIM hydrological model over France”.
- 2) What is “data cut-off”?
- 3) Is “anomaly correlation” really needed given absolute correlation? Does it really add new information that is not given by absolute correlation?

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- 4) The details in Fig 7 and Fig 8 are not obvious with the current y-axis scale selection. Using the minimum and the maximum values as the y-axis limits could help.

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