

## ***Interactive comment on “Soil buffer limits flash flood response to extraordinary rainfall in a Dutch lowland catchment” by C. C. Brauer et al.***

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The authors have been well served by four excellent, and generally positive, reviews. I would like the authors to respond to each reviewer separately and in detail, and revise the paper to address the main criticisms. It is rare to have an observational network in place when an extreme event of this kind hits the area, as the potential to learn is highest. In this sense this study could be illuminating. My own sense of the paper, and what I am gleaming from the review comments, is that the authors could approach this problem more critically: don't just describe but analyze with a view to generating transferable knowledge and understanding. I challenge the authors to try harder in their revision

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