

Dear Dr. Sprenger,

This is very good news that the manuscript (hess-2020-180) was finally accepted by the journal. I was very happy to receive your email. On behalf of colleagues, I would like to express my deep thanks to your acceptance as a handling editor and your enthusiastic work, and suggestions together with the reviewers to improve the manuscript. Also my many thanks are to the HESS publication team for their work and support to speed up the publication process.

There are some minor changes in the accepted version of manuscript.

*Line 447 The suggestion from reviewer 2 at line 447 was revised.*

*Line 656: The acknowledgment for two reviewers was added*

*Line 658: one sentence regarding publication processing charges was added.*

*Fig. 9 line 1018: "cyan, solid red, and solid blue dots denote" – "cyan dots, solid red lines, and solid blue lines denote"*

If you have further requirements or information, please kindly let me know.

We wish you all the best and stay strong during the Corona pandemic.

With kind regards

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