Interactive comment on "Unsaturated zone model complexity for the assimilation of evapotranspiration rates in groundwater modeling" *by* Simone Gelsinari et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

Revisiting the initial review, I agree that my tone was in parts unprofessional, and I want to apologize for any emotional distress it may have caused. As I stated in my previous response, it was not my intention to disparage the authors, and I'm sorry if the review came across this way. I will endeavour to be more careful in this regard in the future.

While I can see that the tone may have partly undermined the message, I do hope that the detailed review provided, and the illustrations and code snippets created for it, remain a testament to a commitment to constructive criticism. Engaging with a manuscript in greater detail can sometimes be exasperating and generally reduces emotional distance. However, this is not an excuse for letting communication standards

slip, and for that I apologize sincerely.

I do hope the points raised in the review remain useful for the revision of the manuscript. I can provide an edited version of the initial review should the editor wish to replace the original.