

Response to the editors

Dear editors, we highly appreciate that our manuscript now is ready for acceptance and was suggested as a highlight paper by the editors. We are very grateful for the time and the energy you have spent to our manuscript. We also would like to thank the reviewers for their suggestions which – we believe – improved the manuscript to a large extent.

Base on your last comments we have discussed the issue of authorship. We decided to follow your suggestion for change of senior authorship. We also rearranged the appearing position of different authors and added more specific information to make the different contributions clearer. There is one more thing regarding authorship: We have now included Zhiqiang Zhang as co-author, which we had – due to editorial error forgotten to include before. This may seem to be an unfortunate twist, however we can assure you that Zhiqiang Zhang contributed substantially to the manuscript. He reviewed the first draft of the manuscript and contributed to the revision by reviewing the reply to the comments and editing the text (see text on personal contributions). We hope this new arrangement is accepted by HESS.

Best regards,
Shengping Wang