

Interactive comment on “Global sensitivity analysis of the climate–vegetation system to astronomical forcing: an emulator-based approach” by N. Bounceur et al.

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I apologize for some technical glitches that slowed down the review process.

That said, I am happy to note that the two reviews are of very high quality and their critiques seem to be very much on point. The development and use of climate emulators is a rapidly evolving field and I think there is great opportunity in a discussions journal like ESDD for some meaningful open dialogue on the conceptual and practical challenges that are faced with this approach. To that end I have asked for an extension of the discussion period in order to provide an opportunity for a dialogue. By my reading, there is a quite a lot that is right about this paper, a bit that is wrong, and then a

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wide grey area. The wrong parts will need to be fixed. The grey zone might be clarified through dialogue. I encourage the authors, reviewers, and other interested parties to discuss further.

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