

## Interactive comment on "On the Future Role of the most Parsimonious Climate Module in Integrated Assessment" by Mohammad M. Khabbazan and Hermann Held

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We have received an appeal from the authors regarding the editorial decision to reject the manuscript.

This appeal was based on two aspects: First, the authors argue that reviewer #1 essentially wanted a different study even though the manuscript contains no fundamental flaws, and second, the editor did not seem to consider the reply of the authors in the description of the editorial decision.

The first issue could have been clarified by being more active during the discussion

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phase, and, possibly, by a clearer description of the goals of the study, while the second issue could have been avoided by a more extensive explanation of the editorial decision.

After consulting the authors and the editor involved, we decided to re-open the discussion and obtain a third review for the assessment of this manuscript.

Axel Kleidon on behalf of the ESD Chief Editors

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