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Interactive comment on "ICON-ART 1.0 – a new online-coupled model system from the global to regional scale" by D. Rieger et al.

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