

Interactive comment on "Towards convection-resolving, global atmospheric simulations with the Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS): an extreme scaling experiment" by D. Heinzeller et al.

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Dear authors,

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Therefore it is desirable that you meet the following requirements for a model description paper, which have not been met in the Discussions paper:

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Yours,

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