

## ***Interactive comment on “TerrSysMP-PDAF (version 1.0): a modular high-performance data assimilation framework for an integrated land surface–subsurface model” by W. Kurtz et al.***

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Dear authors,

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Yours,

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