

# ***Interactive comment on “Linking hydraulic traits to tropical forest function in a size-structured and trait-driven model (TFS v.1-Hydro)” by Bradley O. Christoffersen et al.***

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Referee #2, thank you for your thorough read and your comments. Our apologies that certain aspects of the paper were not easy to understand. I would like to request some further clarification about which parts of the paper were not readily understandable. It is very important to us that the revised version of the paper is clear and concise without leaving out important information.

From your comment's "Minor suggestions", the main areas you have highlighted that generate confusion are: - the motivation for the study and the particular type of model we are advocating (your #1) - the empirical evidence and arguments flowing from it in the intro (your #3) - too much detail given in the Tissue water relations section 2.1.2

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(your #7)

My question is if the three bullets I have listed above encompass everything which you found difficult to understand. Are there either additional sections you found difficult to understand? Are there any further specifics about the bullets above which made these parts of the paper unclear?

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