

Interactive comment on “Numerical experiments on isotopic diffusion in polar snow and firn using a multi-layer energy balance model” by Alexandra Touzeau et al. A. Kerkweg kerkweg@uni-bonn.de Received and published: 7 November 2017

Dear authors, In my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial version 1.1: <http://www.geosci-model-dev.net/8/3487/2015/gmd-8-3487-2015.html> This highlights some requirements of papers published in GMD, which is also available on the GMD website in the ‘Manuscript Types’ section: http://www.geoscientific-model-development.net/submission/manuscript_types.html.

In particular, please note that for your paper, the following requirements have not been met in the Discussions paper:

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Thus please add the models name (SURFEX/Crocus ?) and the version number to the title of your article. Additionally, it would be good if the explicit version described in this article would be archived in a permanent archive providing a DOI (e.g. Zenodo). Yours, Astrid Kerkweg

We apologize for not including the model references in the article title. We will add the relevant information to the title:

I. 1: ‘Numerical experiments on vapor diffusion in polar snow and firn and its impact on isotopes using the multi-layer energy balance model Crocus in SURFEX V8.0’

We will also update our code availability section. The model SURFEX is open-source and available online after free registration through the platform cnrm-game-meteo.fr. Therefore it is not necessary to provide a copy on Zenodo.

We have updated the code availability section:

I. 762: 'The code used in the manuscript is a **development of the open source code for SURFEX/ISBA-Crocus model based on version V8.0, hosted on an open git repository at CNRM (https://opensource.umr-cnrm.fr/projects/surfex_git2).** Before downloading the code, you must register as a user at <https://opensource.umr-cnrm.fr/>. You can then obtain the code used in the present study by downloading the revision tagged 'Touzeau_jan2018' of the branch touzeau_dev (last access: January 2018). The meteorological forcing required to perform the runs is available as a supplement.'

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