

## ***Interactive comment on “Coupling Library Jcup3: Its philosophy and application” by Takashi Arakawa et al.***

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First of all, we appreciate the reviewers who carefully reviewed the article.

All reviewers criticized at first that there is no technically new aspect in the coupling library Jcup. As reviewers pointed out, the technically new aspects about coupling software are not mentioned in this paper.

The theme of this paper is to discuss that when the user community and the development community have a specific relationship, what kind of function should be had in the coupling library as the basic software, or what kind of function should not be had. The conclusion obtained from the consideration is that a coupling library as basic software should not include factors that impede extensibility/versatility, and as a result should

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not have advanced functions that will require future renovation about it. The coupling library Jcup introduced in this paper is designed, implemented and utilized based on this policy.

In that sense, it is reasonable to point out that there are no technically new aspects, but, on the other hand, it is regrettable that the novelty or superiority of design concept which the authors most wanted to appeal was not appreciated. Of course, it is the responsibility of the authors that the discussion concentrated on technical novelty, not on design superiority, and we recognize that a considerable amount of rewriting is necessary for correct evaluation. Therefore, we withdraw the submission of the paper according to the judgment of the editor.

We appreciate once again to all the reviewers who gave valuable comments.

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