

***Interactive comment on* “Reviews and syntheses: Turning the challenges of partitioning ecosystem evaporation and transpiration into opportunities” by Paul C. Stoy et al.**

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We were fortunate in the open review process to receive important technical inputs by an expert, Dr. Anne Klosterhalfen. As a consequence, we invited Dr. Klosterhalfen to further improve the subsection on flux-variance similarity and the manuscript as a whole, and we felt that her intellectual contributions warranted coauthorship. In the original submission we included a subsection that described the work of Dr. Angela Rigden, and subsequently felt that it would be more appropriate to have Dr. Rigden write this subsection with the input of other authors rather than describe her work without her input. We followed a strategy in which experts were primarily responsible for

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subsections of the manuscript and these subsections were subsequently edited by coauthors. By adding Dr. Rigden as a coauthor we were able to apply this coauthorship structure consistently throughout the manuscript. We also sought advice about novel approaches to partition evaporation and transpiration for which Dr. Miriam Coenders-Gerrits is an expert. We solicited her opinions on the future directions section and felt that her valuable advice throughout the manuscript and attention to detail dramatically improved the manuscript and warranted coauthorship.

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