Interactive comment on “The International Soil Moisture Network: a data hosting facility for global in situ soil moisture measurements” by W. A. Dorigo et al.

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This paper is intended to serve science but it does not present new science itself. Therefore it is not a "Research Article" in the classical sense, but more a review/state of the art/description of available resources (here the ISMN in particular).

As an editor, I believe that such papers should be part of our scientifically published and peer reviewed literature. Hence I have accepted it into HESS-D. Naturally, it is up to the scientific peer review process to evaluate whether it serves its intended purpose adequately or even if a paper of such focus is acceptable as a HESS publication.

The paper is intended to become the main reference to the ISMN and concentrates on C60

Enjoy,

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