

Interactive comment on "Coupling of eastern and western subpolar North Atlantic: salt transport in the Irminger Current" *by* A. Born et al.

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We also thank Reviewer #2 for his thoughtful and comprehensive analysis on our work. We agree that Frankignoul et al. (2009) is an important reference to be discussed in the manuscript and we will consider adding the EOFs of SSH for better comparison with Hatun et al. (2005) and observations.

A comprehensive reply to all remarks of both reviewers and the corresponding changes will be included in a revised version of the manuscript.

Sincerely, A. Born, T.F. Stocker, A.B. Sandø

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