

Interactive comment on “The implications of initial model drift for decadal climate predictability using EC-Earth” by Andreas Sterl

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Dear Dr. Sterl, while the reviewers appreciate aspects of the manuscript, a very major revision will be required in order to overcome all or most of their objections. I will leave it to your good judgement to decide on what course to take. I realize that decadal prediction is a tough problem with a dearth of easy results (I once heard it characterized as the problem with the least in the way of "low hanging fruit").

Wishing you the best. Sincerely, –Matthew Hecht

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