

Interactive comment on “Orbit related sea level errors for TOPEX altimetry at seasonal to decadal time scales” by Saskia Esselborn et al.

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Unfortunately I have only one of the two reviews expected. I am not expert to review this myself, but can comment that this reads as a well-conceived study of a question that is important to confident estimation of sea-level trends and variability, regionally and globally. In turn, (trends of) sea-level statistics are an important subject scientifically and with social impact. In order to move the process on, I am writing this comment to formally complete this review stage. I do very much want to receive a second expert review and will transmit this as soon as available. Meanwhile I suggest that the authors make their response to the comments of the first reviewer and "minor revisions" suggested. If the second review does not appear "in parallel" there may have to be a short second review stage.

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