

Interactive comment on “Short Communication: TopoToolbox 2 – an efficient and user-friendly tool for Earth surface sciences” by W. Schwanghart and D. Scherler

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Dear authors,

The discussion phase of this submission is now over, as you have been informed. With this message, I would like to communicate my impressions based on the discussion phase to you .

I think both reviews are clear about the fact that the recent development of TopoToolbox 2 is very welcome to the community. I also believe that both raise a number of legitimate smaller concerns and one more significant concern: that the communication is not clear enough about how novel and/or significant it is.

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I believe that your paper has the makings of a very valuable contribution to ESurfD as a short communication, and that indeed it fits within the definition of such communications: Short Communications report new developments (...) of experimental (...)methods and techniques (...).

This translates into my suggestion to take the reviewer's suggestions seriously, in particular where they suggest benchmarking and comparing with other toolboxes and or models. Some clear hints at how to do this were given by Tom Hengl, in particular. Both chief editor Tom Coulthard and myself hope very much that you take the time to improve the communication in this way.

I look forward to your revised submission.

Best regards,

Arnaud Temme

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