Interactive comment on “Estimating the disequilibrium in denudation rates due to divide migration at the scale of river basins” by Timothée Sassolas-Serrayet et al.

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I enjoyed reading this manuscript and appreciate the strong effort at quantifying intra-basin variability under regional quasi-steady state conditions. It’s an important problem and I think this is a very good approach with interesting results. I just wanted to draw the authors’ attention to our paper from last year which they might find relevant. We quantified divide migration from event-triggered landslides and found that, although divides generally moved in directions predicted by cross-divide gradients in the Gilbert metrics (which we have attempted to place in the context of progress toward regional steady-state in Taiwan), landslide stochasticity introduces a lot of complications that
would be especially pronounced in small basins. Additionally, we had similar struggles with the use of $\Delta \chi$, finding that it works well at predicting divide migration where identifying base level is very simple and poorly where it is not. I thought this was relevant to mention, as many of our conclusions drawn from cross-divide observations at the timescale of a single earthquake/storm agree with the authors' long timescale basin-scale observations.

Here is the paper in question:
