

## ***Interactive comment on “A New Approach for Rainfall Rate Field Space-Time Interpolation for Western Europe” by Guangguang Yang et al.***

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Dear Authors, dear Referee,

I talked to the Editor-in-Chief Erwin Zehe about the referee reporting large overlap (content and wording) of the submitted manuscript and the first author's PhD thesis published at the University of Portsmouth. The conclusion is: All EGU journals have the policy that while plagiarism and self-plagiarism are invalid in general, this does not apply to PhD theses that are so far only published as grey literature (e.g. in an institute's series of publications). This applies to the manuscript submitted by the authors. I will therefore not reject the manuscript for plagiarism, but will instead decide based on the referee's evaluation of the content.

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Yours sincerely,

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