Reply on AC1
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Chief editor comment on "Effects of point source emission heights in WRF–STILT: a step towards exploiting nocturnal observations in models" by Fabian Maier et al., Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-2021-386-CEC2, 2022

Dear authors,

Yes, being bad enough that NOAA does not make HySplit openly available, you must provide a repository with the code you have developed. Others in the past did not have problems publishing their work on STILT (for example, https://gmd.copernicus.org/articles/11/2813/2018/).

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