

Interactive comment on “Simulating asymmetric growth and retreat of Hardangerjøkulen ice cap in southern Norway since the mid-Holocene” by H. Åkesson et al.

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While studying this manuscript I could not find any hint towards the Medieval Climate Anomaly (MCA). This is a phase which was anomalously warm in the study region and which was generally associated with a major glacier melt episode. Why is the MCA not featured in the article? The most likely driver of the MCA warming is high solar activity during this phase, requiring an adequate radiative forcing to produce an effect in the theoretical models. I strongly recommend to include a discussion on the MCA in the paper. Reference to the Little Ice Age requires an analysis of the preceding climatic event, i.e. the MCA, otherwise the discussion is incomplete.

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