

Dear Drs Feng Liu and Xin Li,

I think your paper is now basically acceptable. I however also think that some further editing is necessary. I just give two examples.

1. Taken literally, eq. (20) makes no sense, since it would require that the sum of the two integrals on the rhs of the last line to be equal to zero. I do not think that results from a typographical error, since you give an explanation for a similar apparent inconsistency in eq. (24). But please explain.

2. On a less basic point, the Proof, ll. 22-25, p. 11, contains useless repetitions. Please shorten it (actually, the proven result is obvious).

Please go carefully through your paper, and correct all ambiguities or inconsistencies. When you send your final version, please mention clearly all changes you will have made.

With regards,

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