

## *Interactive comment on* "Oscillatory behavior of two nonlinear microbial models of soil carbon decomposition" by Y. P. Wang et al.

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We appreciate the constructive comments by reviewer 1. We have revised the manuscript by carefully taking account of all comments. (B1) If the authors could provide some guidelines on when and where to stop adding more complexities, it will greatly benefit the development of new and better soil carbon models. Reply: We have added a new paragraph presenting our view what a better soil model should do and the steps for developing it (see new text on L493-514).

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