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Interactive comment on "Technical note: Problem specific variators in a genetic algorithm for the optimization of drinking water networks" *by* Karel van Laarhoven et al.

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Dear reviewer, First of all many thanks for your suggestions. Following you comment on different types of evolutionary algorithms, we learned that the term 'genetic algorithms' seems to be specifically tied to the use of a binary representation of the problem. If that is the case, our approach is not a GA at all, since we use a natural discription of the problem and use problem specific operators. Accordingly, we intend to forsake the term GA throughout the paper in favour of EA. Would you consider this appropriate? Best regards, Karel

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