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Based on your 14 August message, we believe that the main issues have been sufficiently resolved.

It is a bit funny that this is what you understood from my August 14th message, because what I said there was exactly the opposite. Nonetheless, I will leave this issue aside now.

Just one last comment: it is unfortunate that only after I published my comments in public (which I did since I saw no other choice in the absence of a serious response on your side), you bothered to refer to them in detail. While I don't agree with many of the things you say in your reply, I still think that if all this dialogue was kept between us in the form of e-mail exchange, it would have been better. I am willing to suggest that both I and you will remove our arXiv comments now. Agreed?

Let me conclude by expressing the hope that any future encounter between us would be more pleasant and positive.

All the best,  
Neri