



Interactive comment on “Seasonal cycling of phosphorus in the southern bight of the North Sea” by C. van der Zee and L. Chou

Anonymous Referee #2

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Dear Authors, thanks for your comment. I indeed appologize for not having read graph correctly. The combination of the graphs (and the legend) is however very misleading. I do suggest to add graphs that shows the total P C and N content in the water column instead of the relative composition. This can be discussed in the light of butler The relative composition of the suspended matter is interesting and could be presented and commented separately. For instance assuming only fresh diatoms maxing up the suspended matter a composition of about 25 mmol C/gram can be expected (if I calculate correctly).

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