

Interactive comment on “Exploring the distance between nitrogen and phosphorus limitation in mesotrophic surface waters using a sensitive bioassay” by Enis Hrustic et al.

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The essential point of the mathematics is to find a surface that fits the data and use this as an objective tool to draw the line separating the P- and N-limited parts of the experimental matrix of N,P-additions. The important argument that this works seems to us that to be that the residuals are relatively small, and with no apparent systematic pattern. The fitting itself is done using standard procedures from Matlab, not derived by us.

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