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Community comment on "Long-term atmospheric emissions for the Coal Oil Point natural marine hydrocarbon seep field, offshore California" by Ira Leifer et al., Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2020-1234-CC1>, 2021

I feel that Reviewer 2, was triggered by the word Novel, as while Gaussian plume inversion is clearly not novel, its application to the seep field community is clearly novel. Even where other seep researchers have collected data that could be analyzed by inversion, it is not. So we should have said (and now do state) novel application.