

Where did the dissolved phosphorus come from?

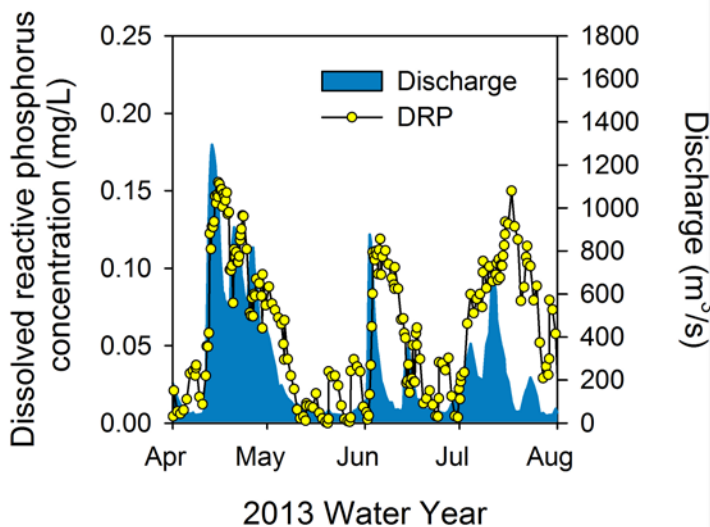
Dissolved phosphorus is highly bioavailable to algae

Indicators of non-point sources
e.g., land runoff
Example: Maumee River

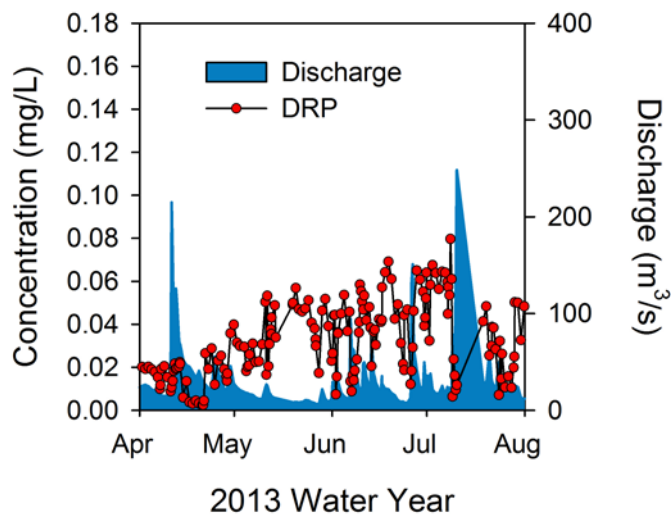


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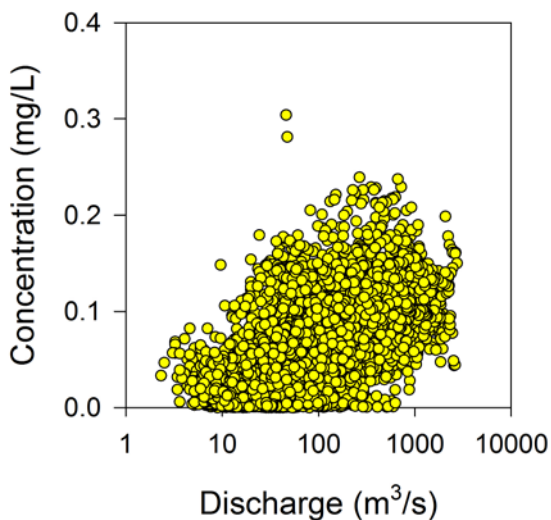
1) Concentration increases during storms



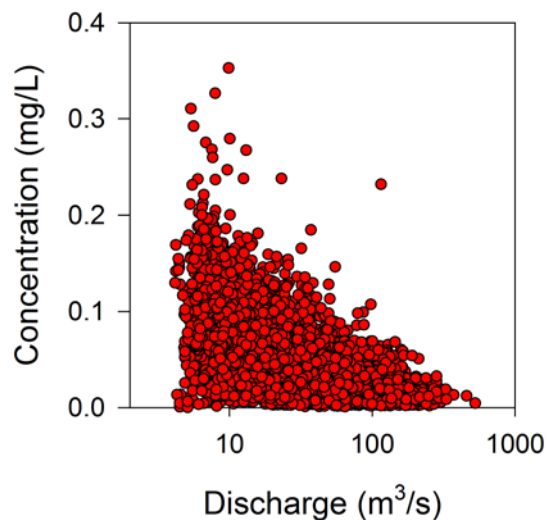
1) Concentration increases during low flow



2) Concentration increases with flow



2) Concentration decreases with flow

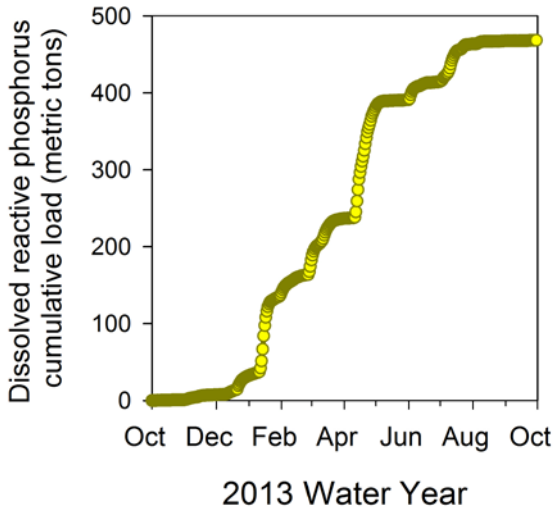


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3) Load is pulsed over time



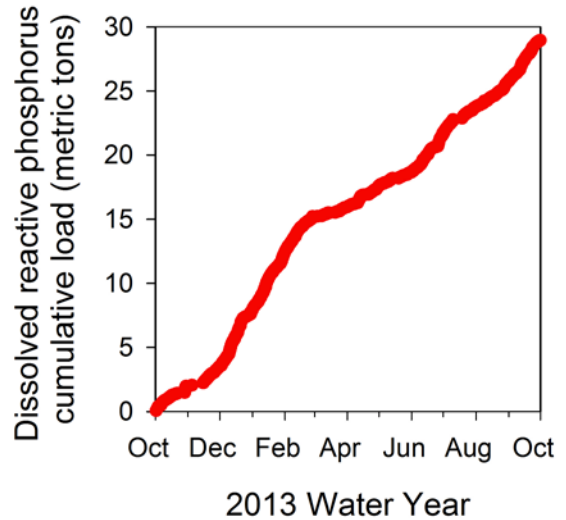
82% of the load delivered in the highest 25% of flows

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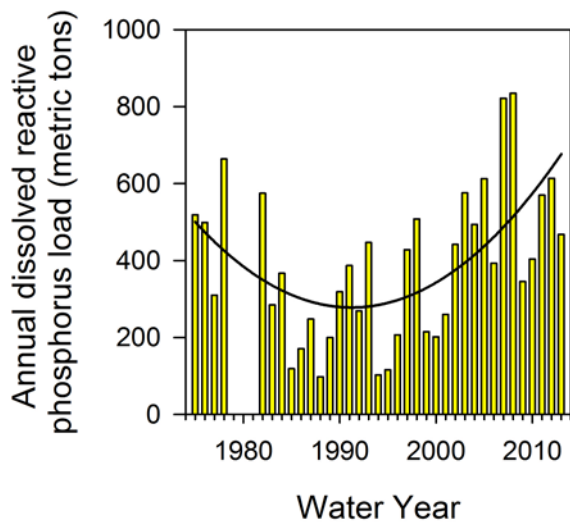
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3) Load is constant over time

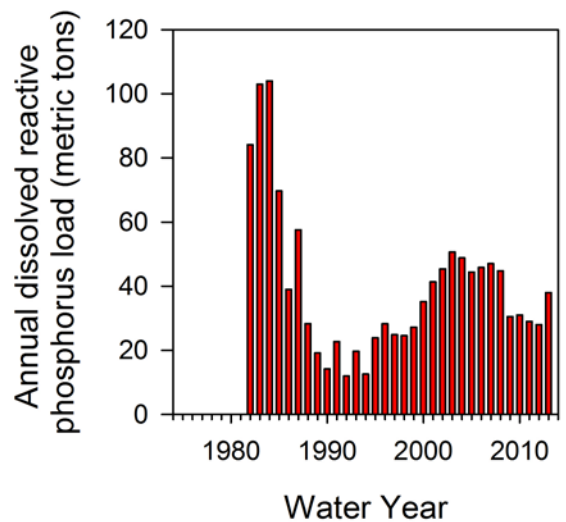


40% of the load delivered in the highest 25% of flows

Since 1995, dissolved phosphorus has been increasing in agricultural watersheds



Since 1995, dissolved phosphorus has been low compared to the early 1980's



Loading between March and June has the strongest effect on Lake Erie bloom intensity

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