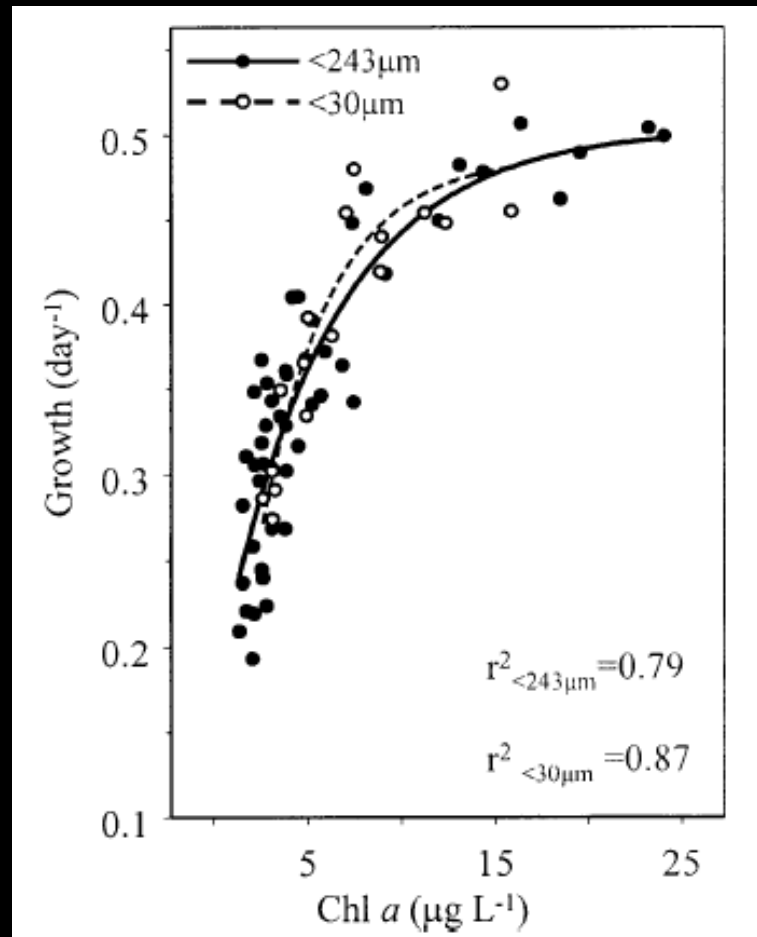


Response of chlorophyll to reduced phosphorus concentration in the Delta and the Rhine River

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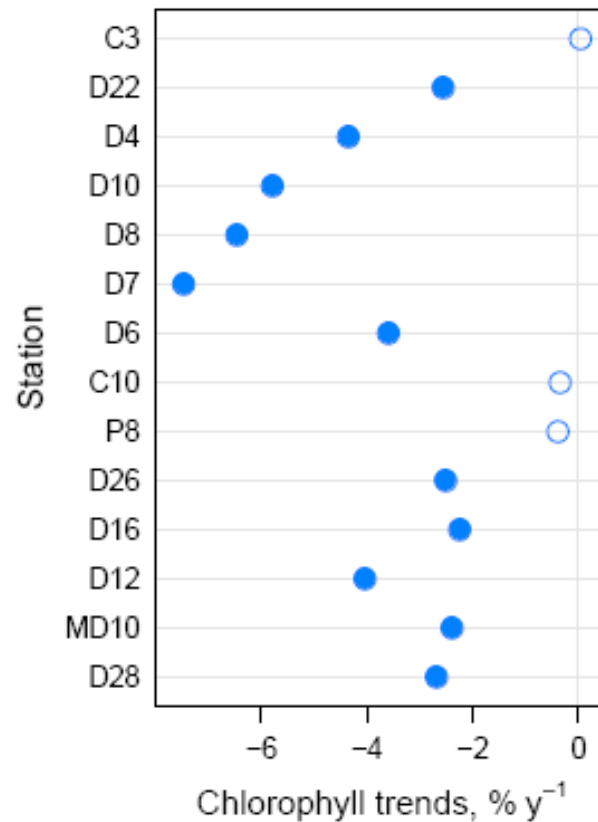


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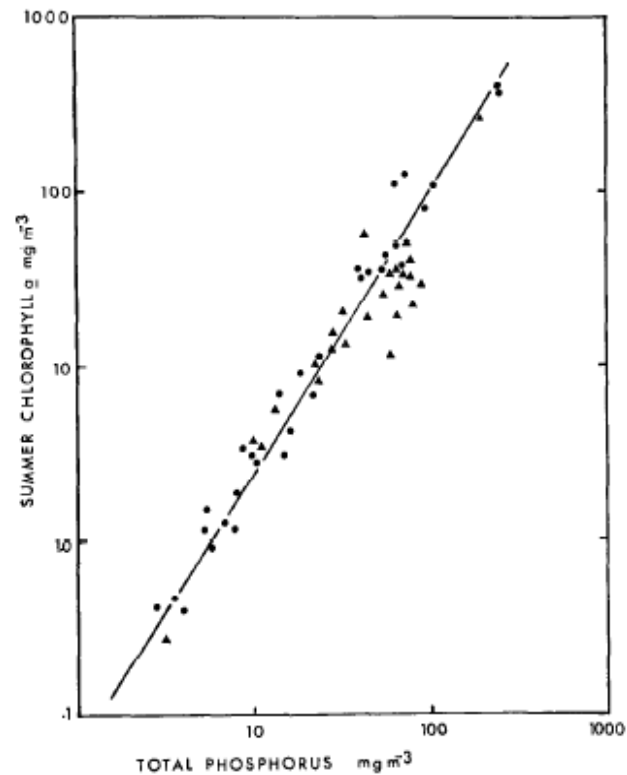
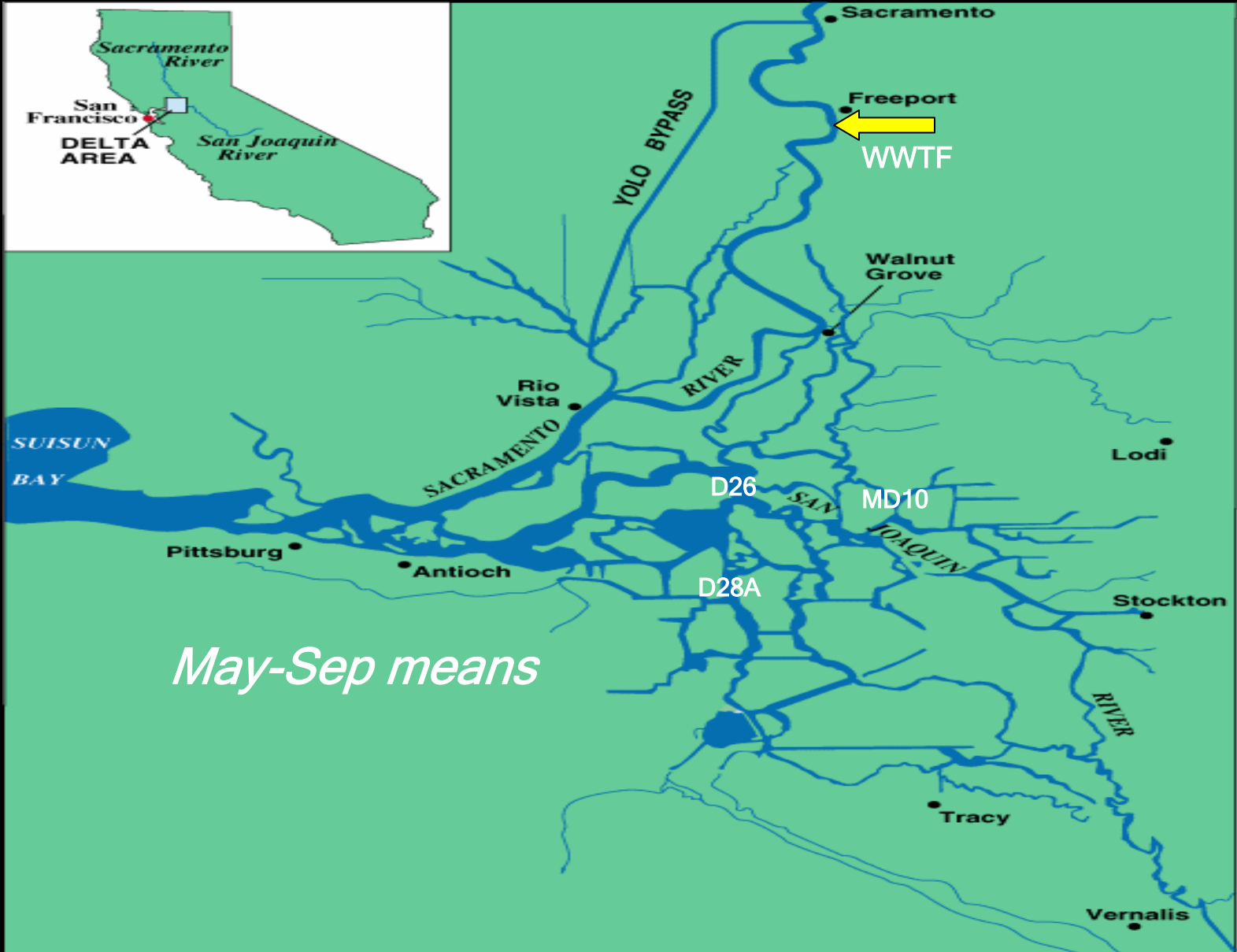
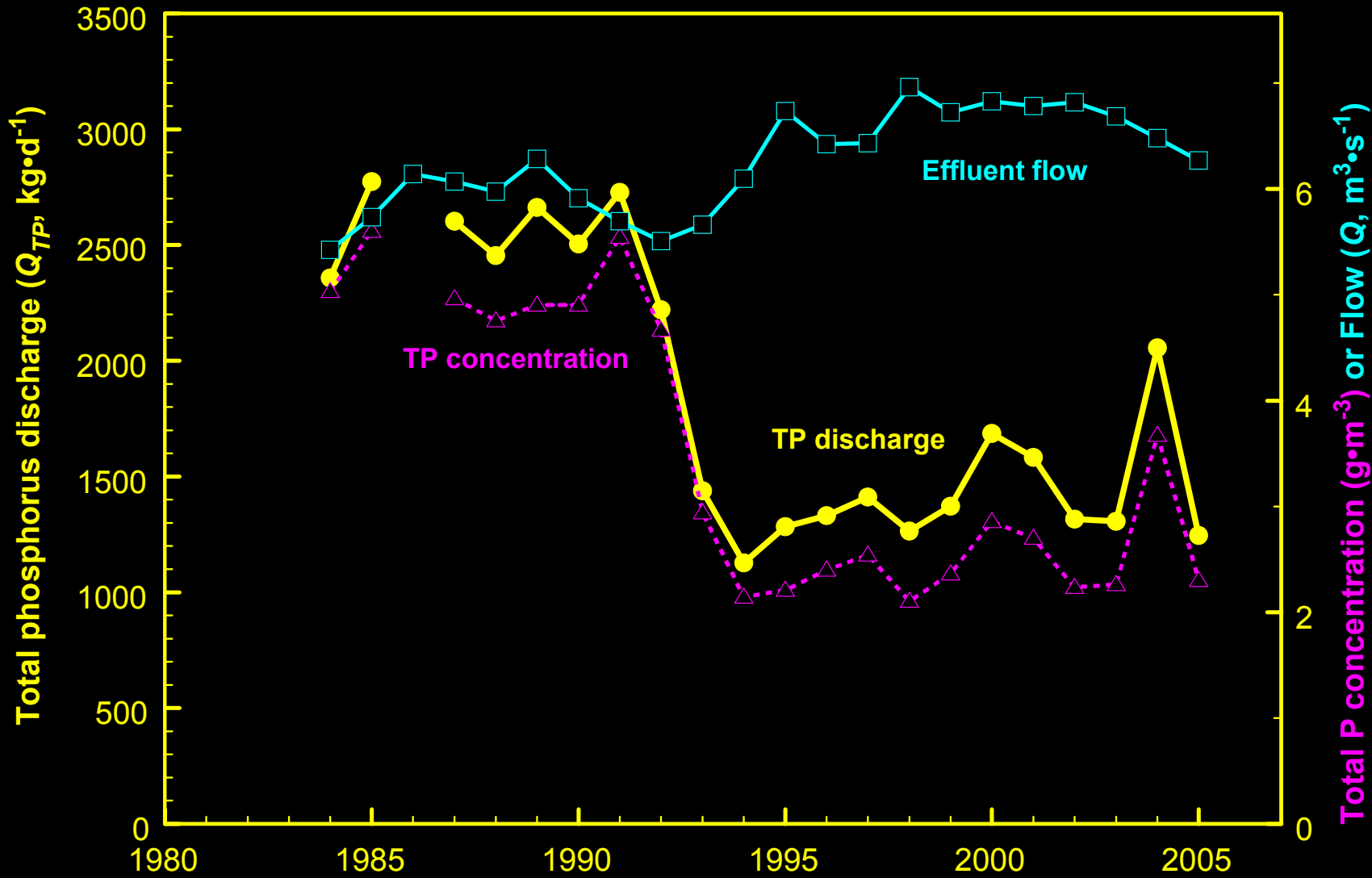


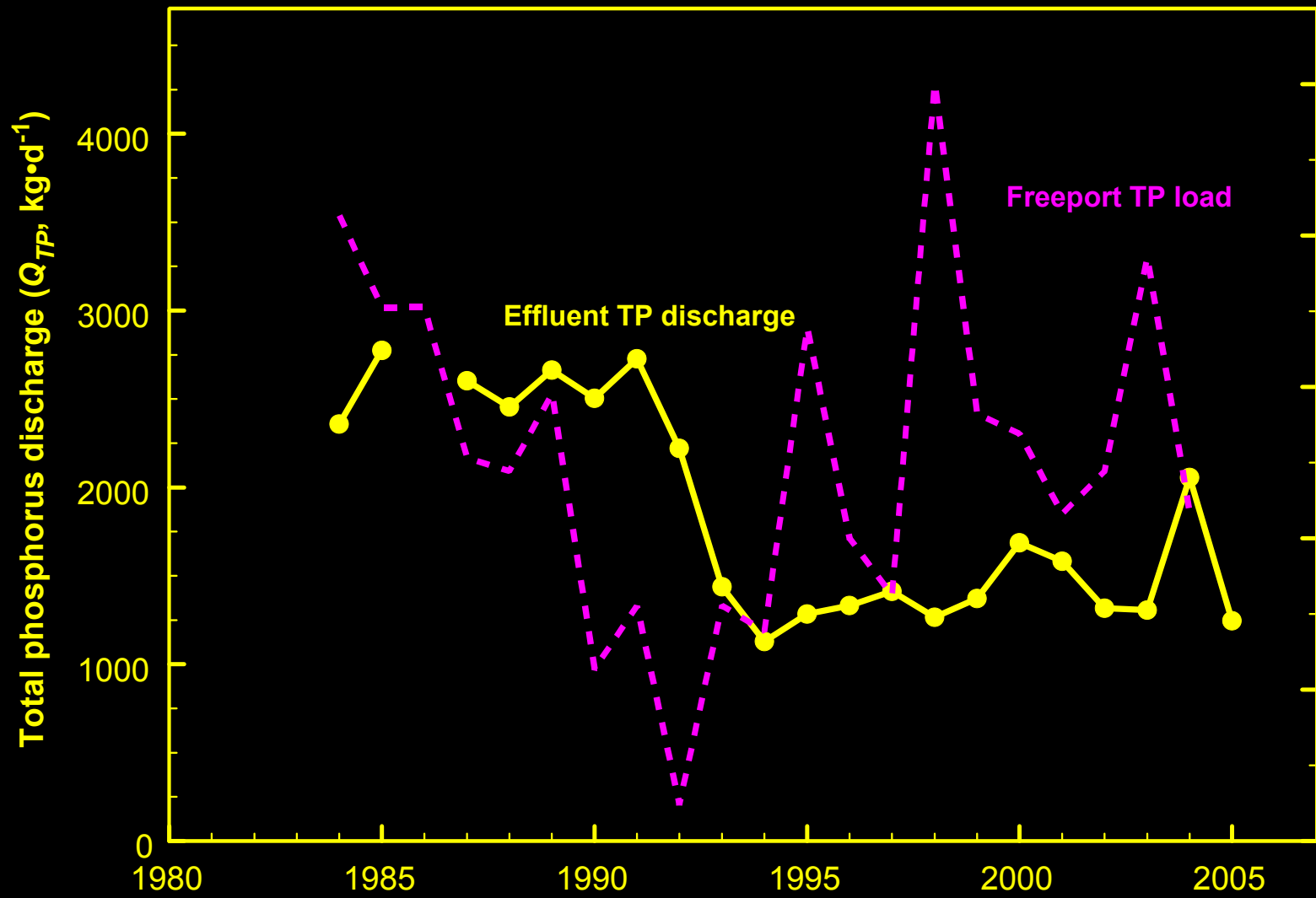
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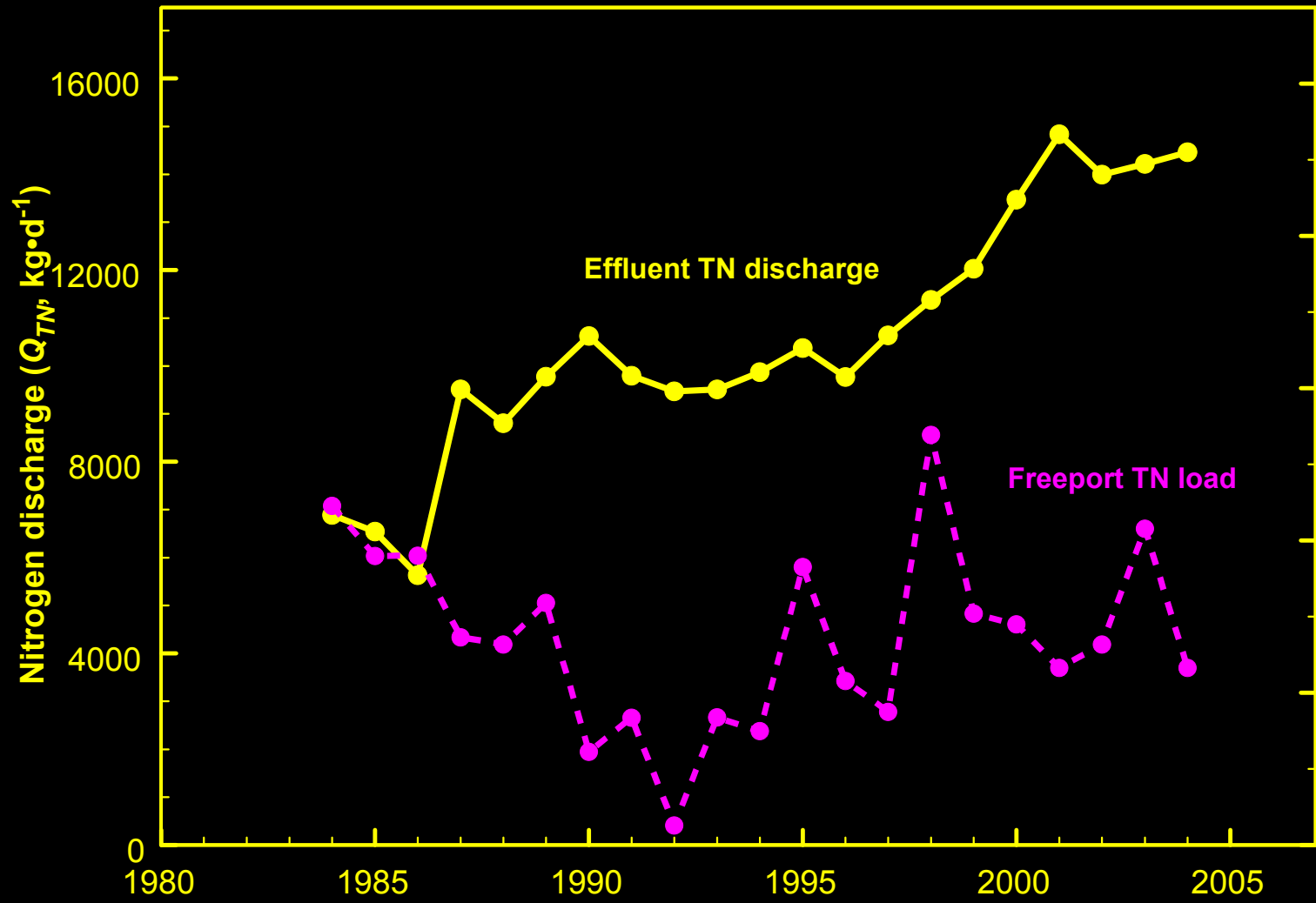
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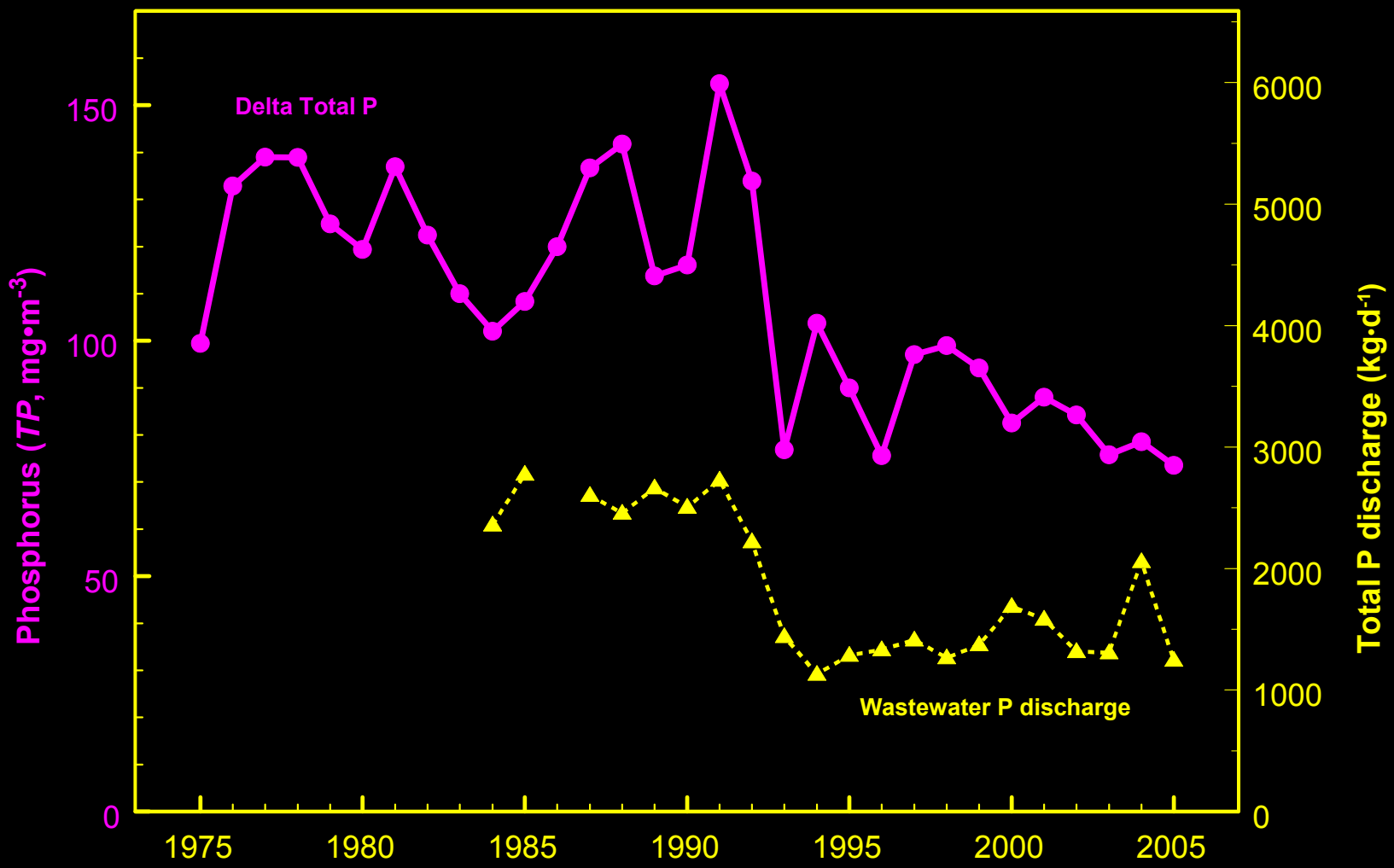
- Document Delta's chlorophyll response to phosphorus reduction
- Compare to the Rhine River's response
- Compare to an empirical model for flowing waters

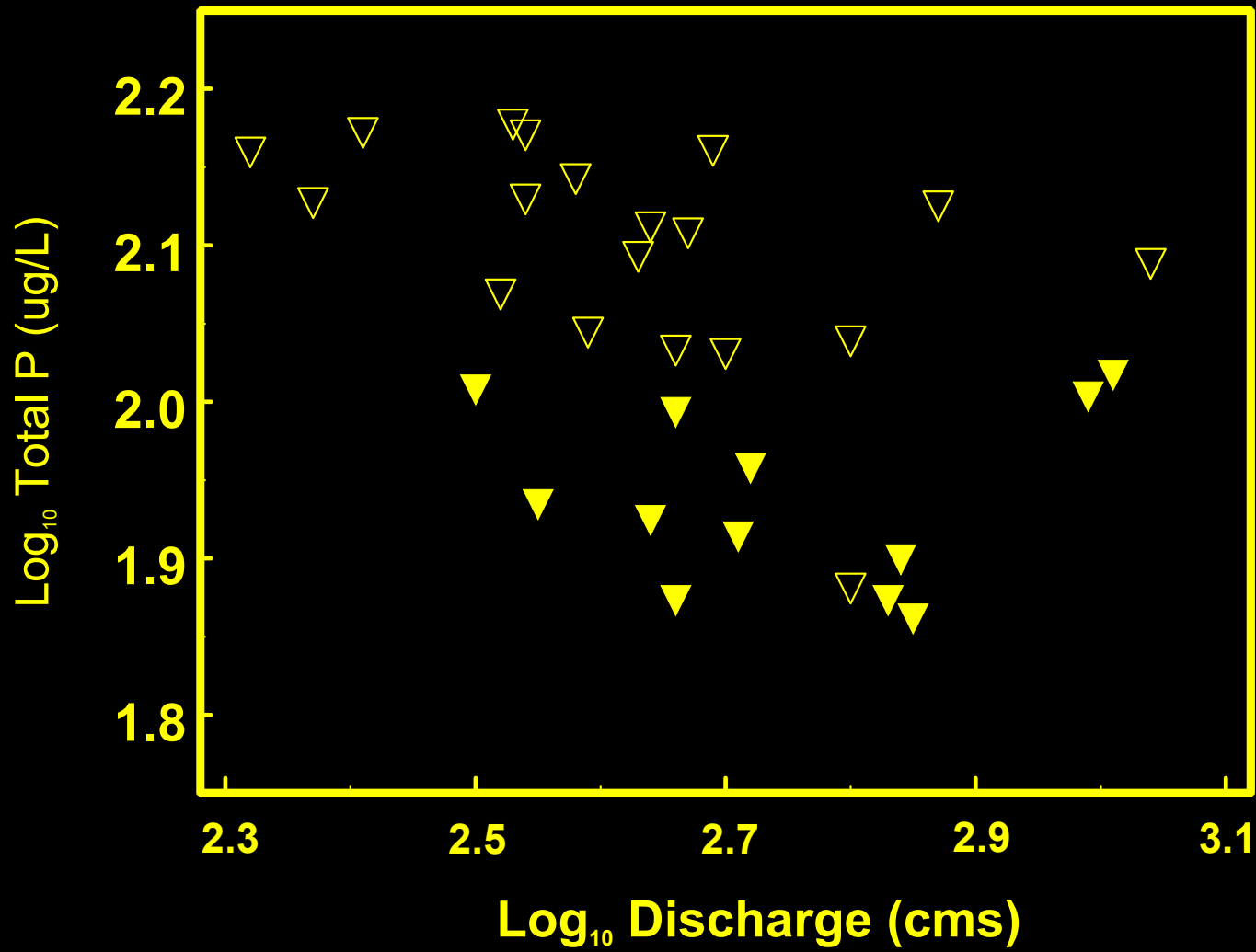


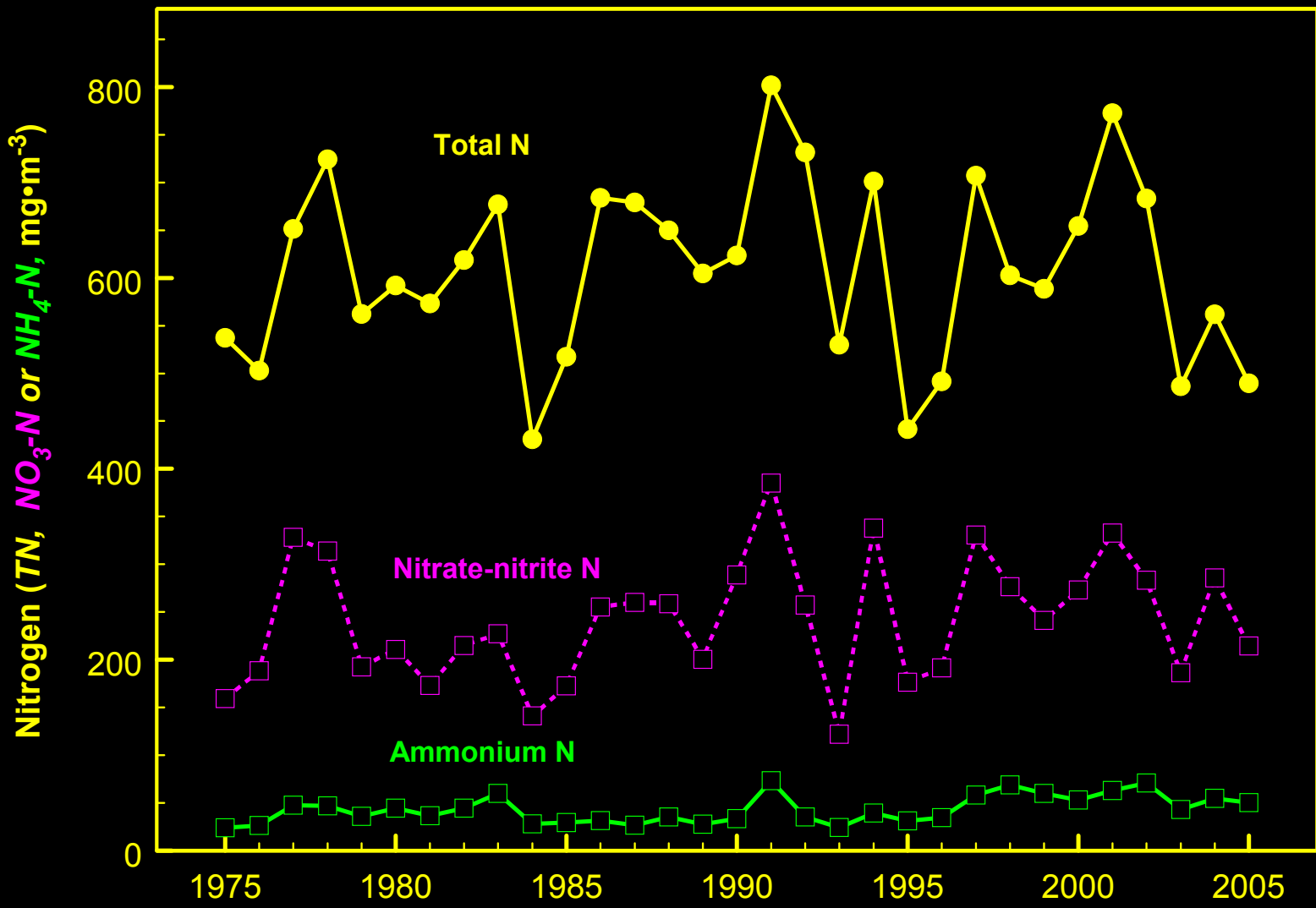


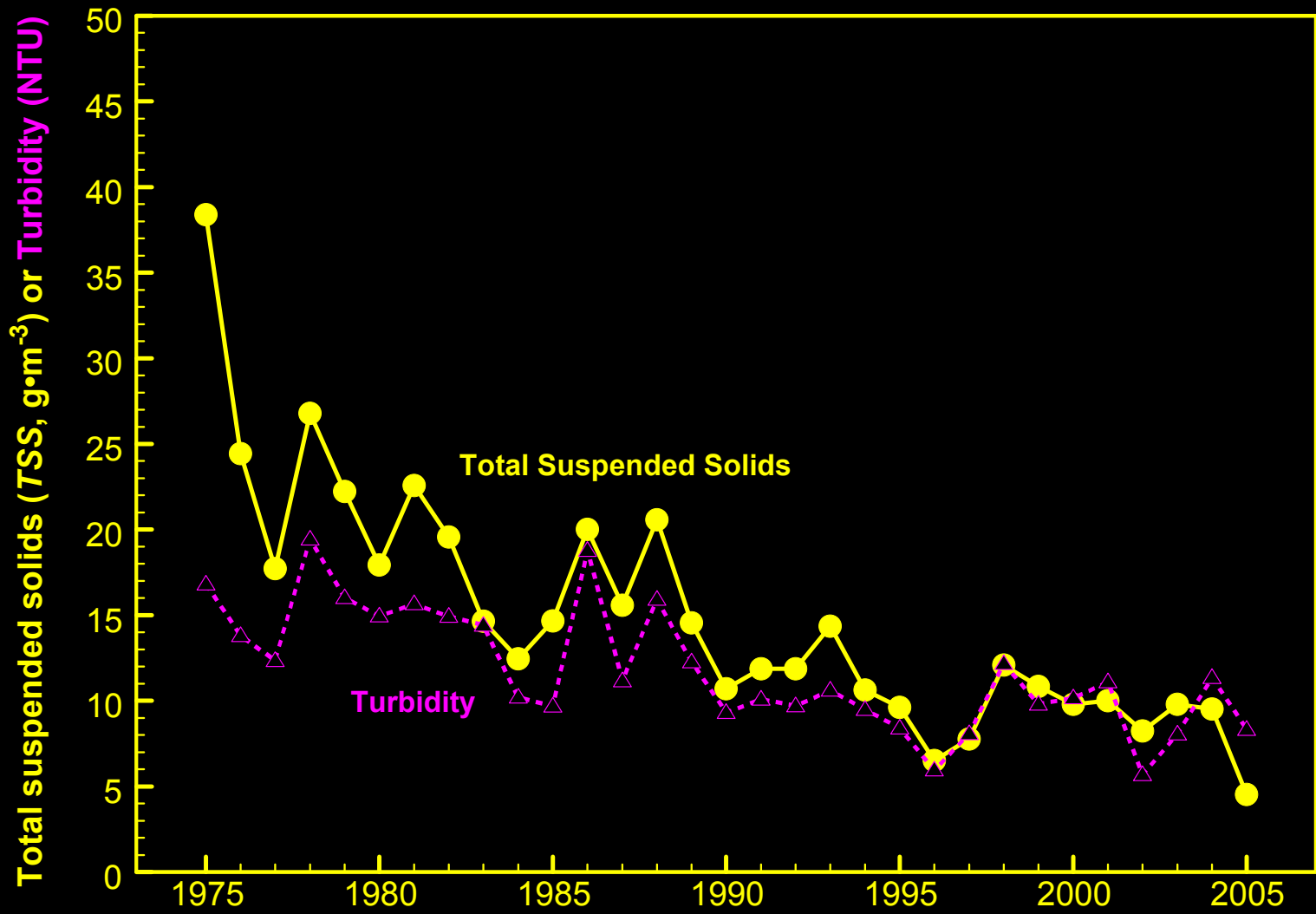


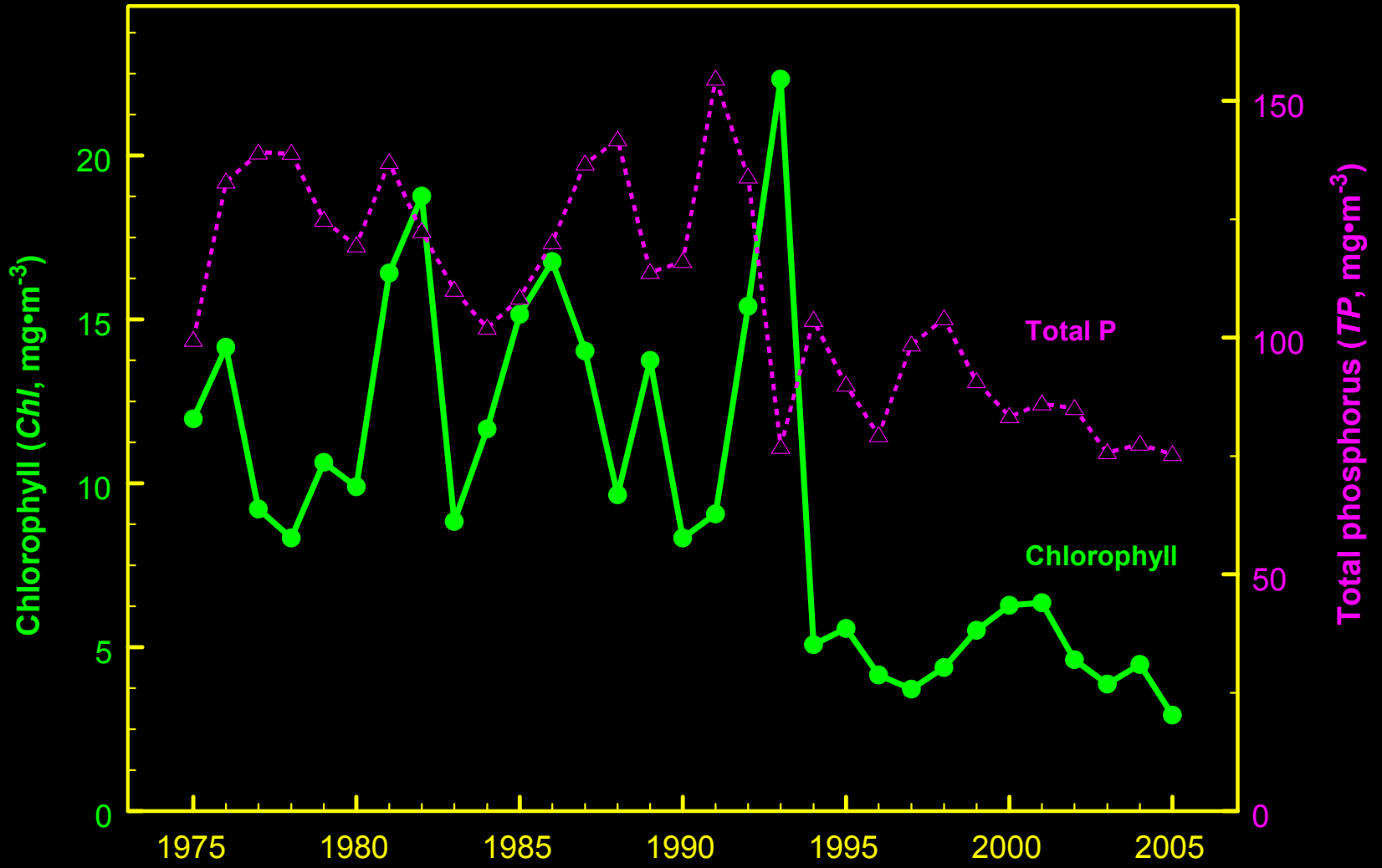


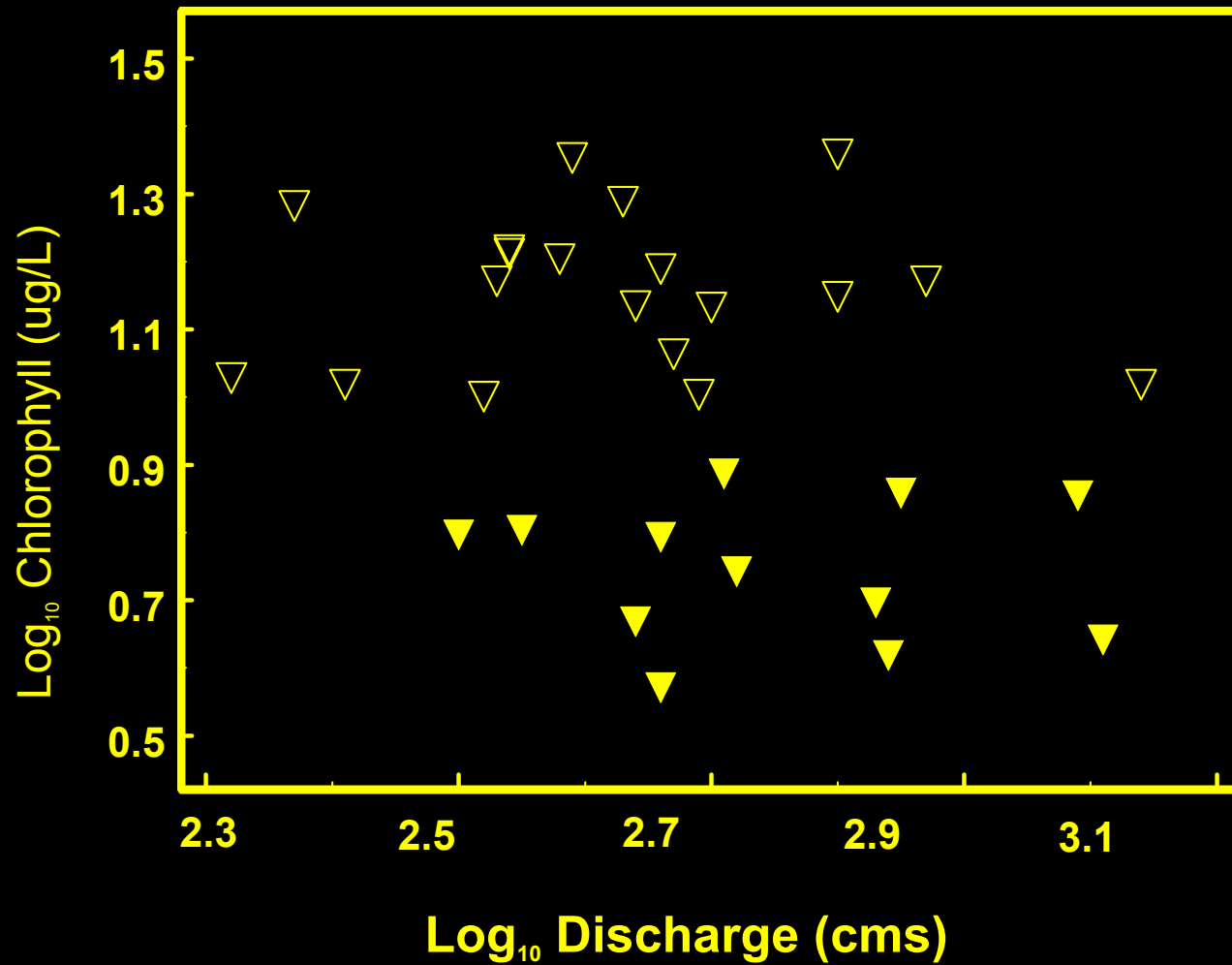




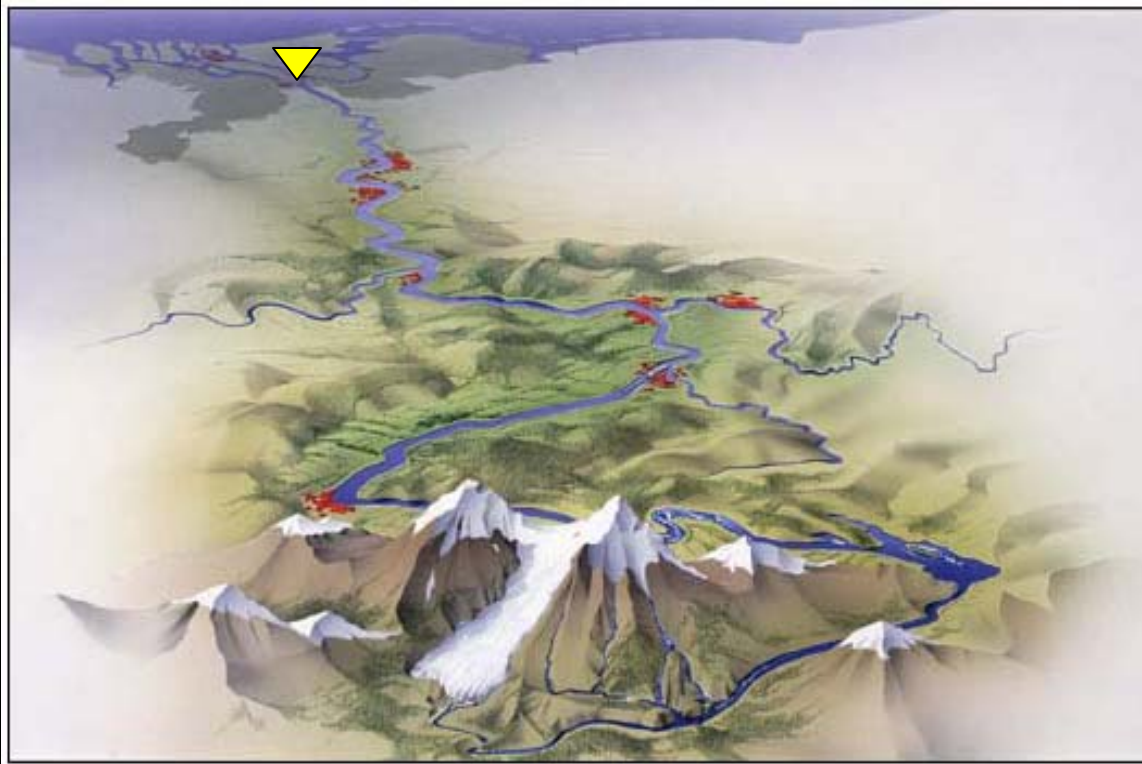




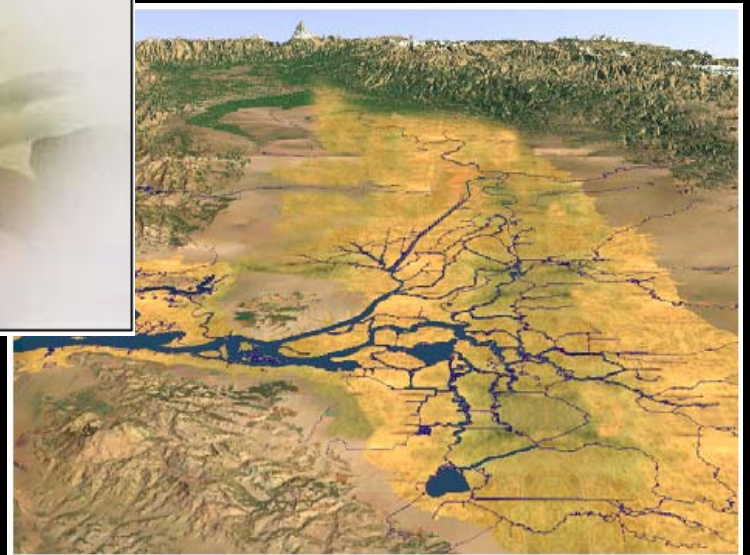




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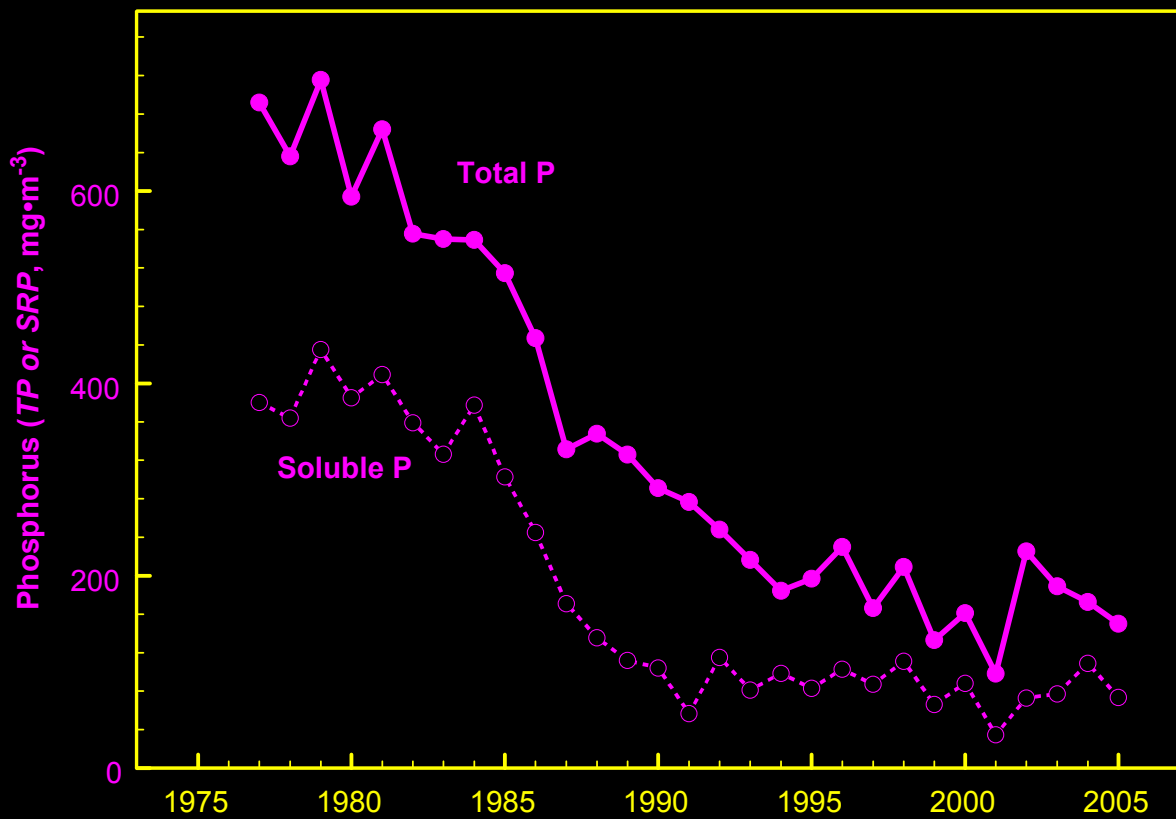


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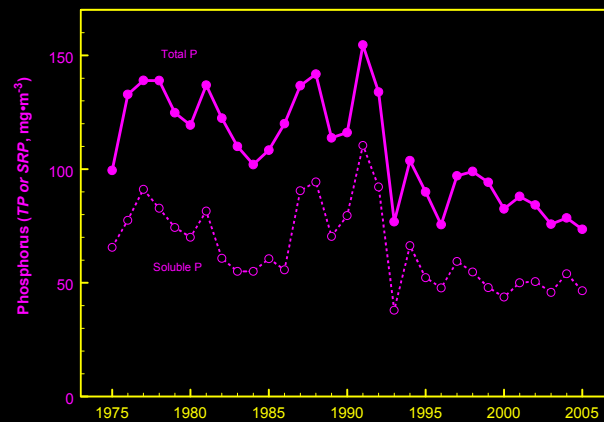


System	Area (km²)	Flow (cms)	Depth (m)	<i>TSS</i> (mg/L)
Rhine	185,000	2,052	6.0	31
Delta	90,650	561	5.5	15

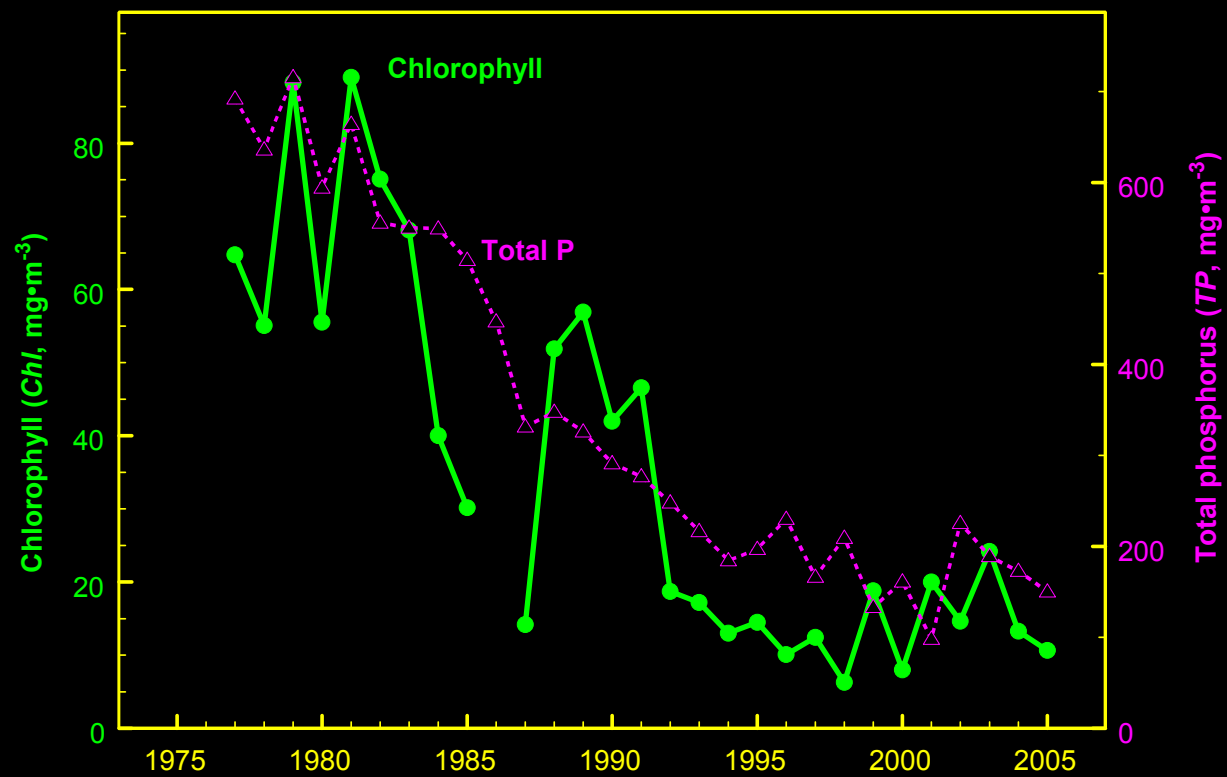
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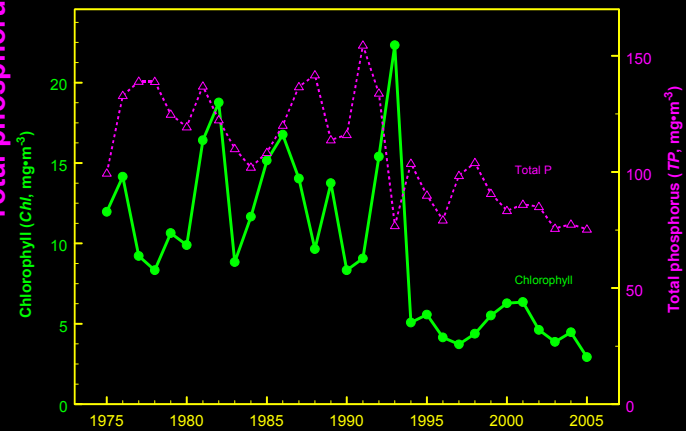
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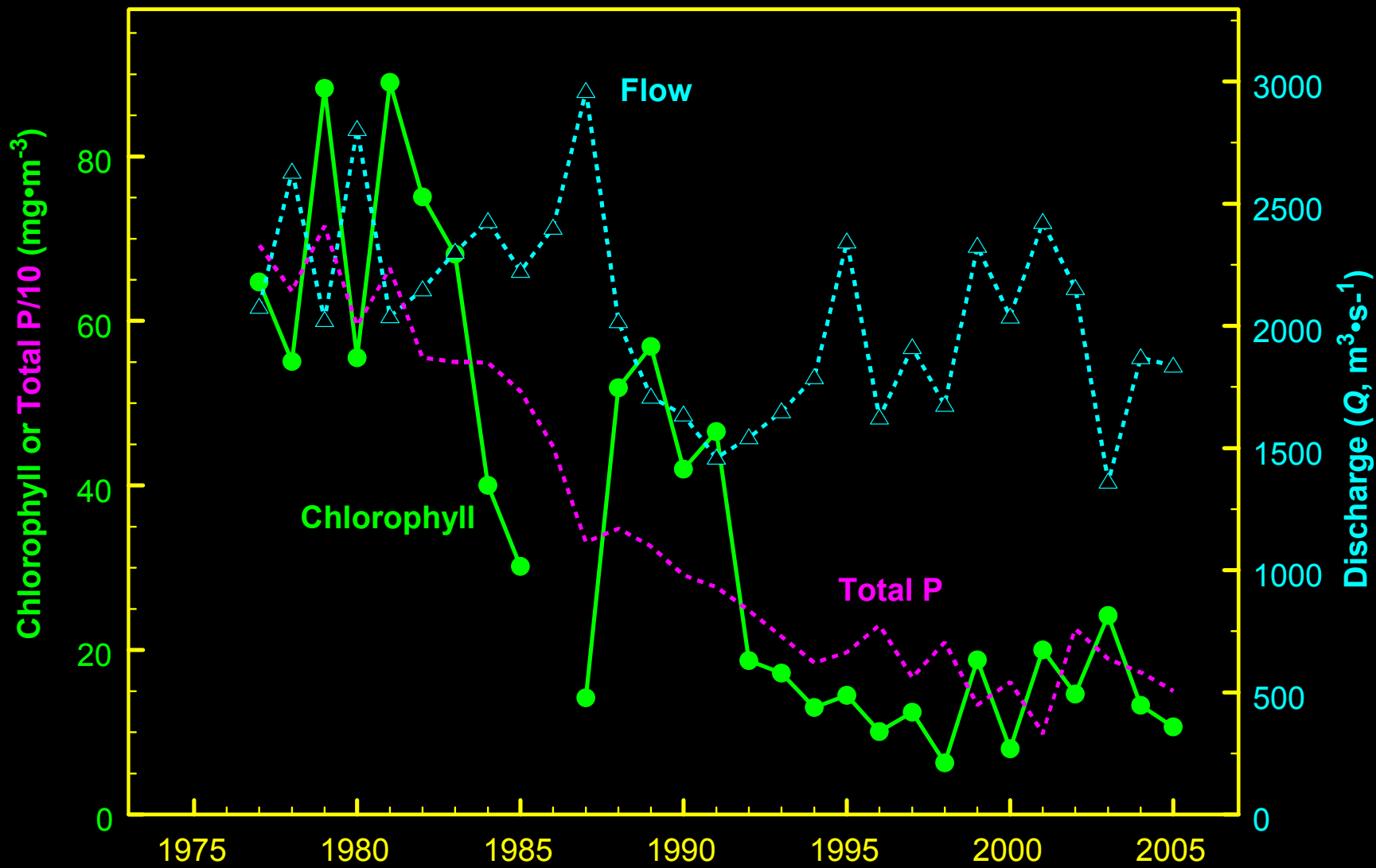


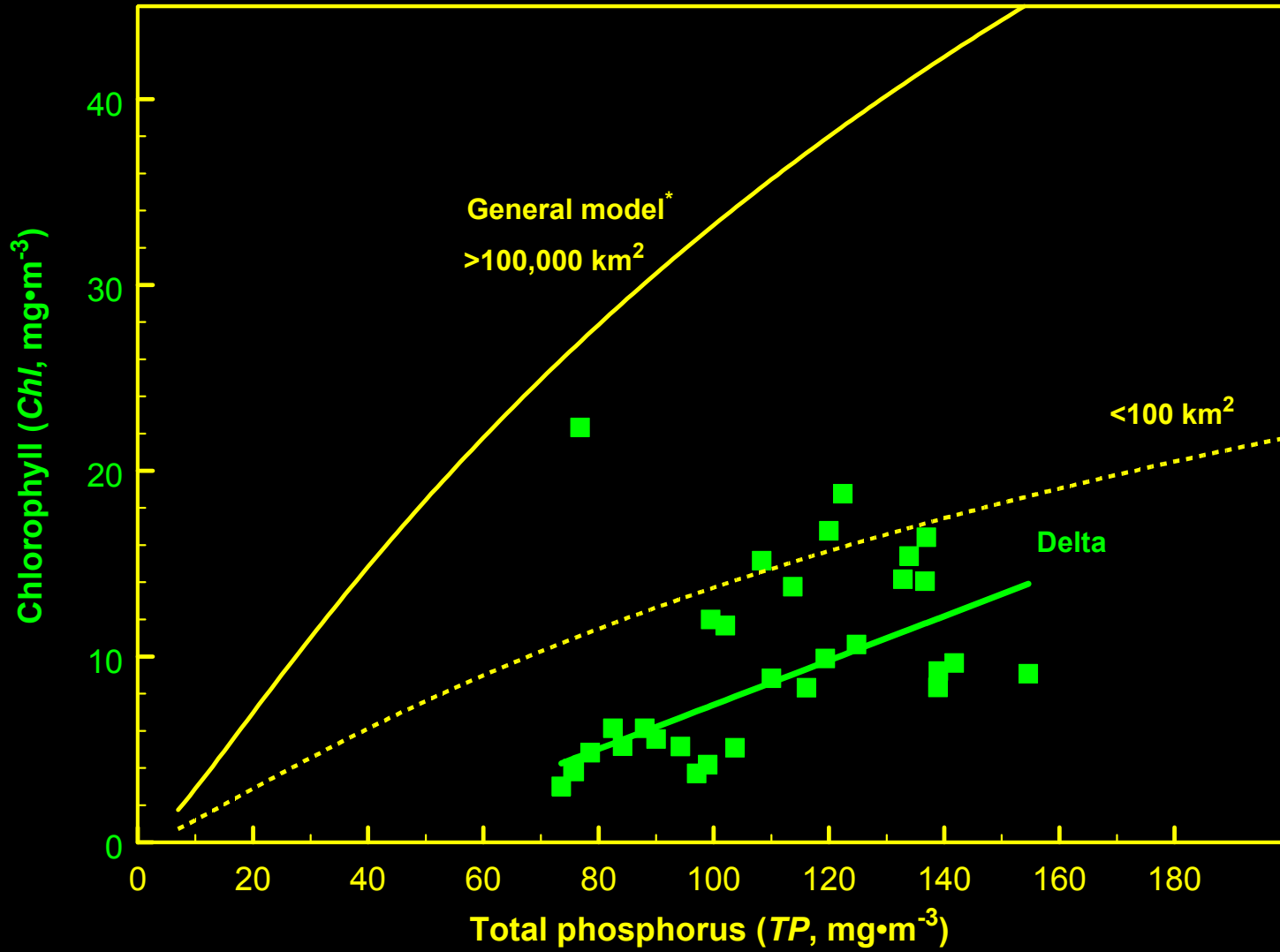
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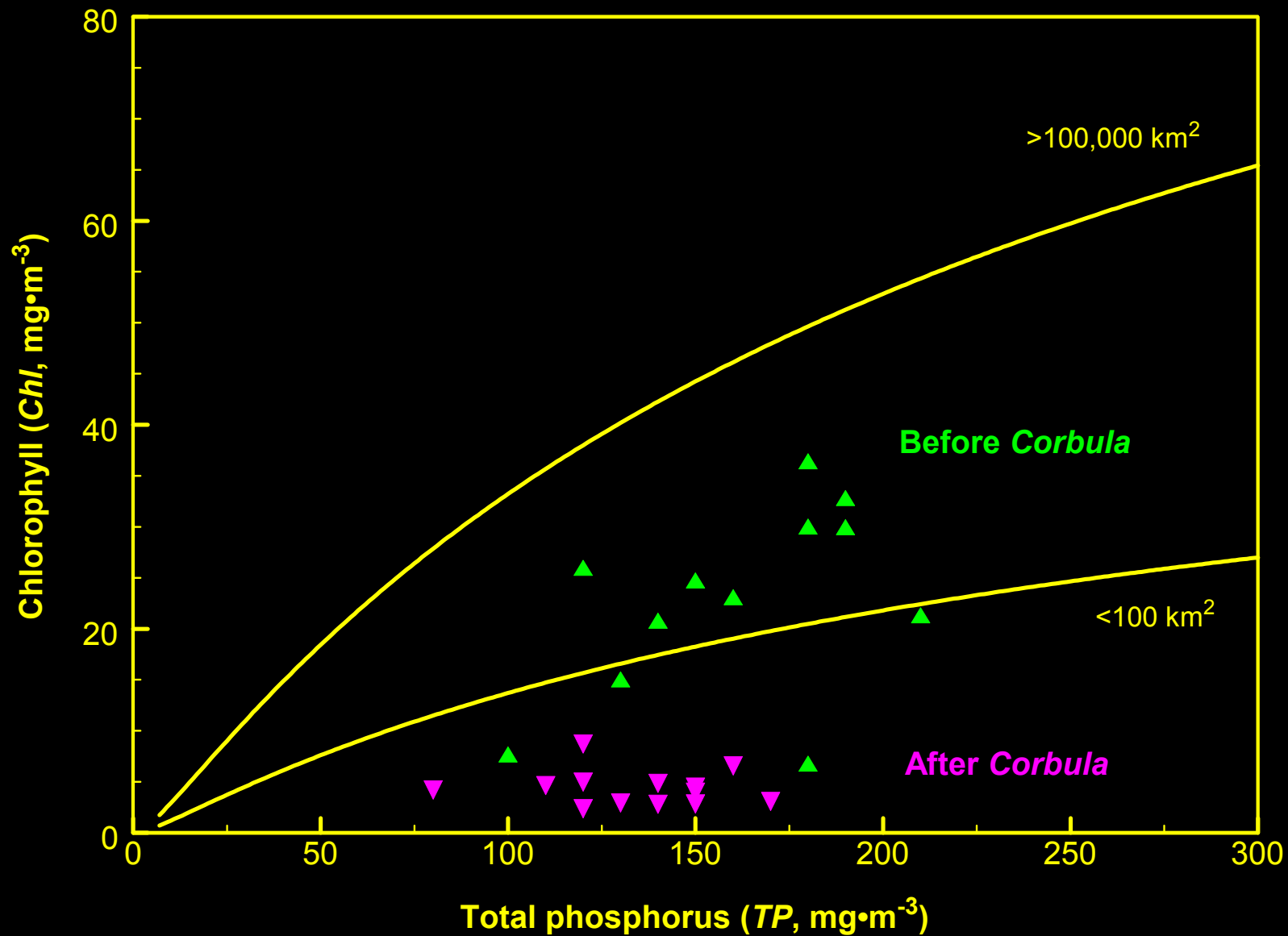
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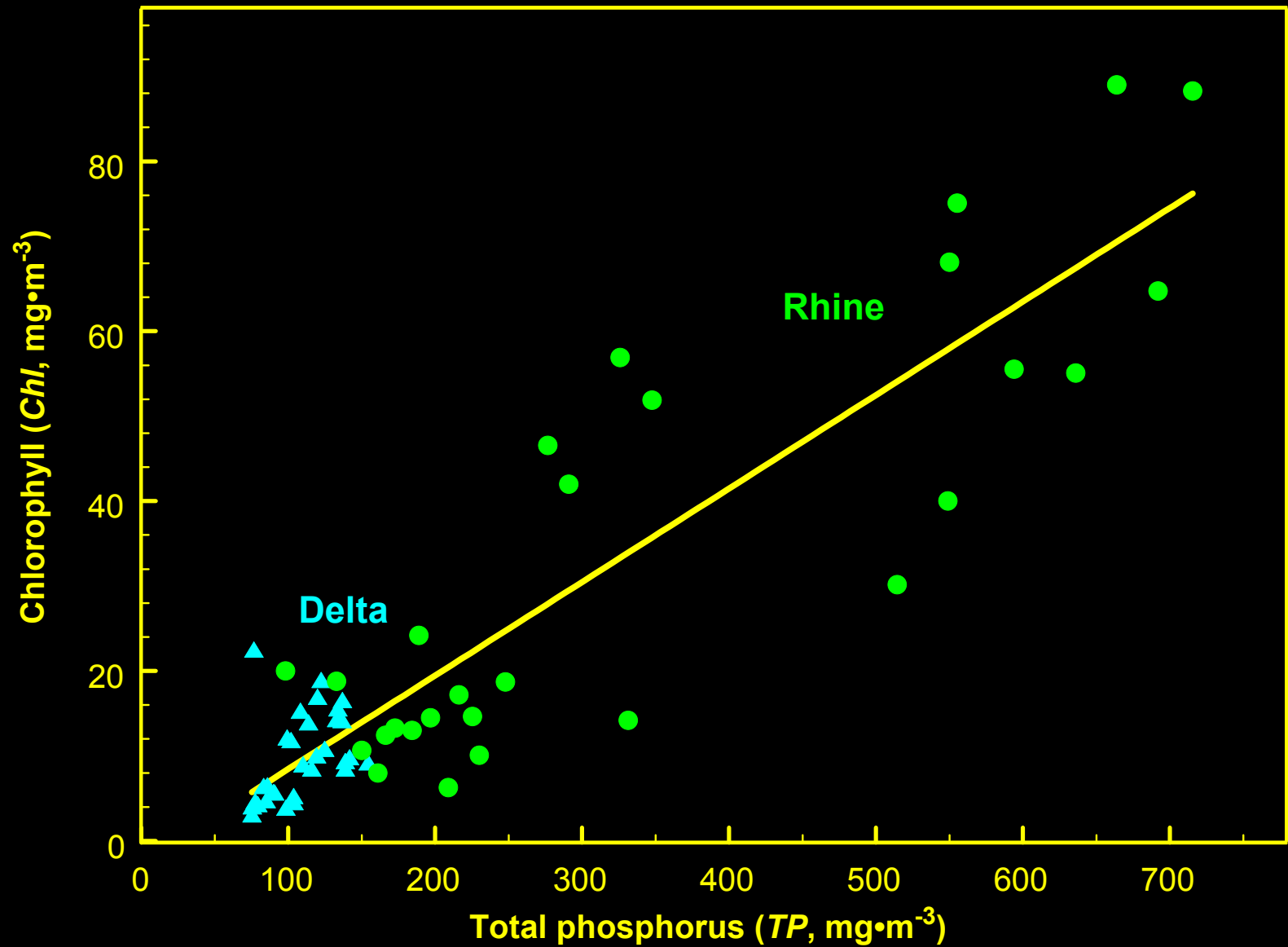


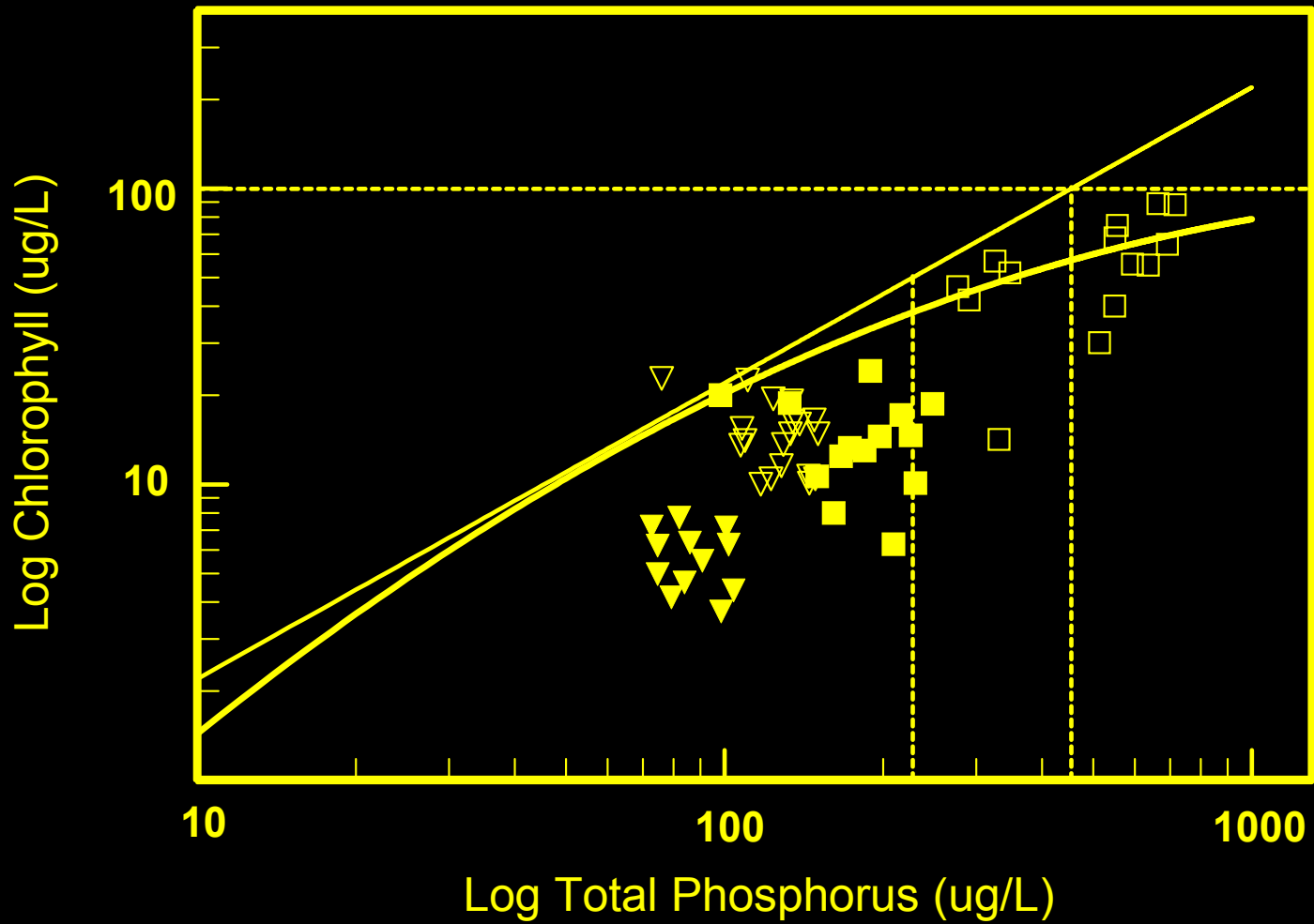




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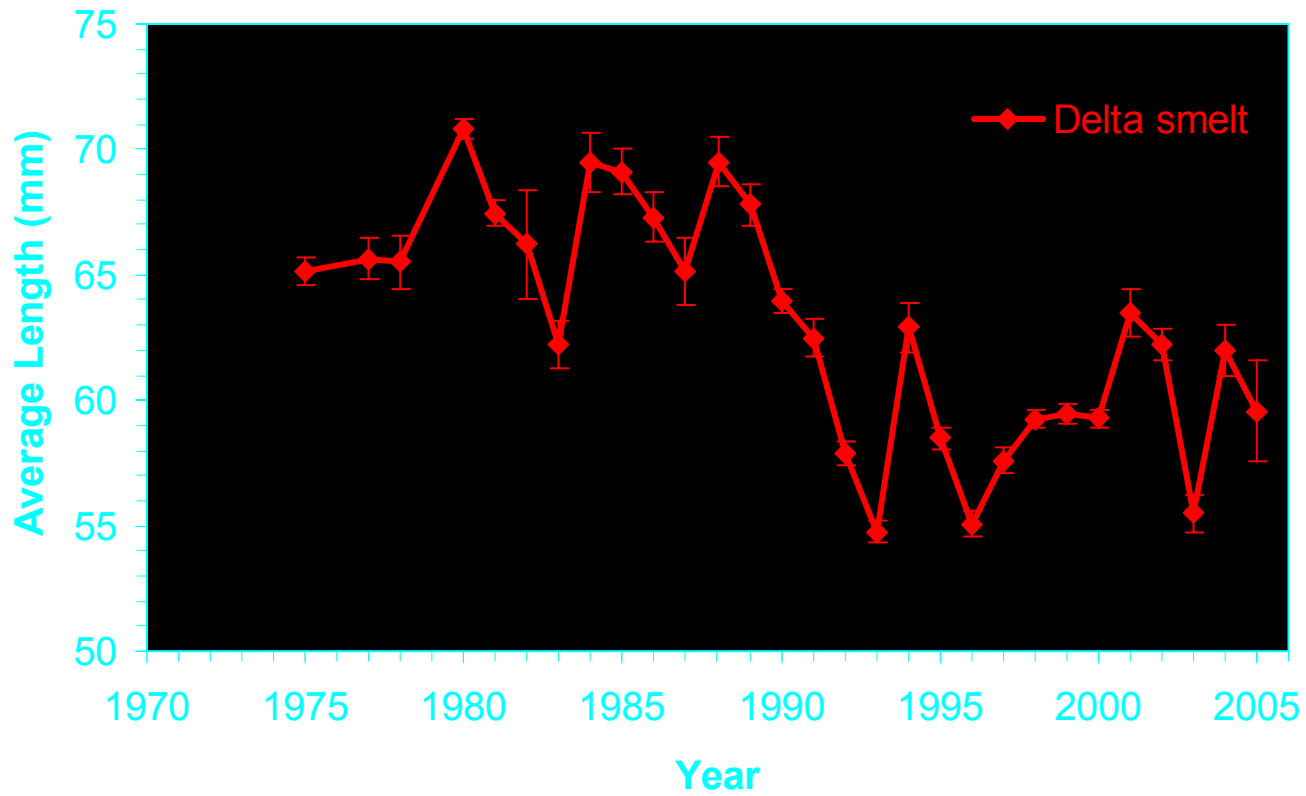
Conclusions

- Delta is phosphorus-limited
- Delta *Chl:TP* is low because loss is high
- To boost Delta *Chl*, increase *TP* and reduce loss
- Need whole-system scale experiment

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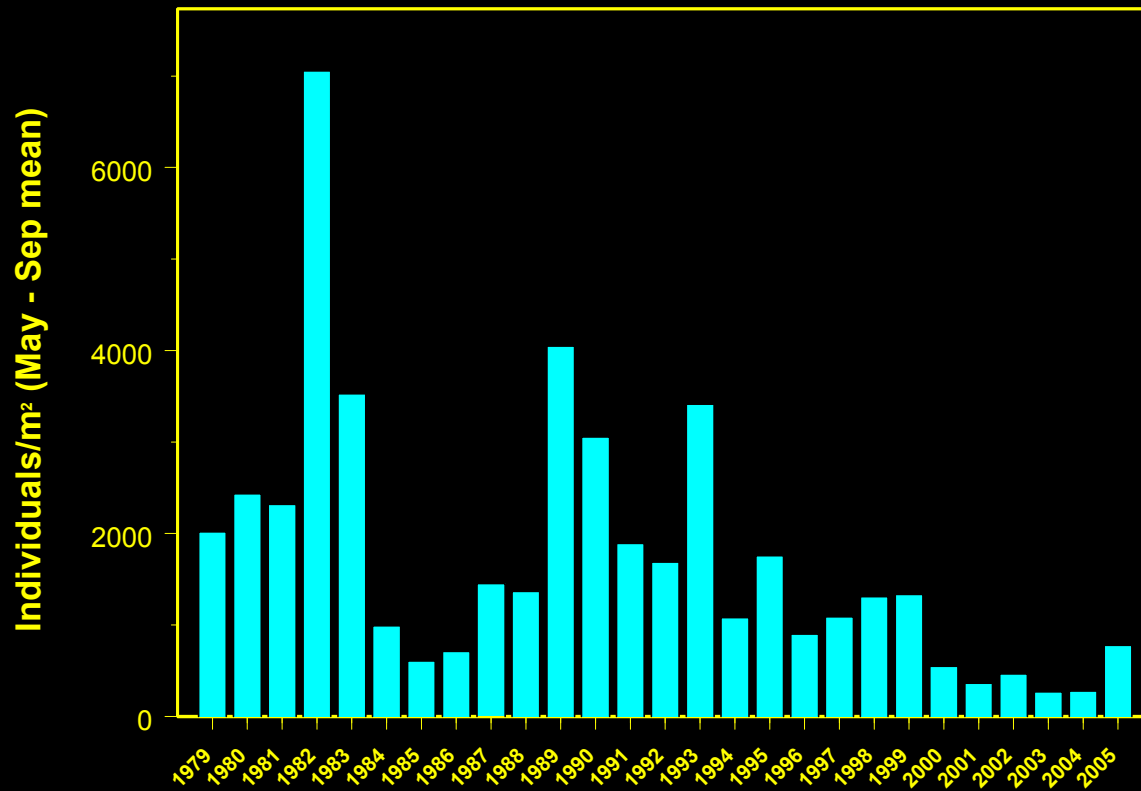
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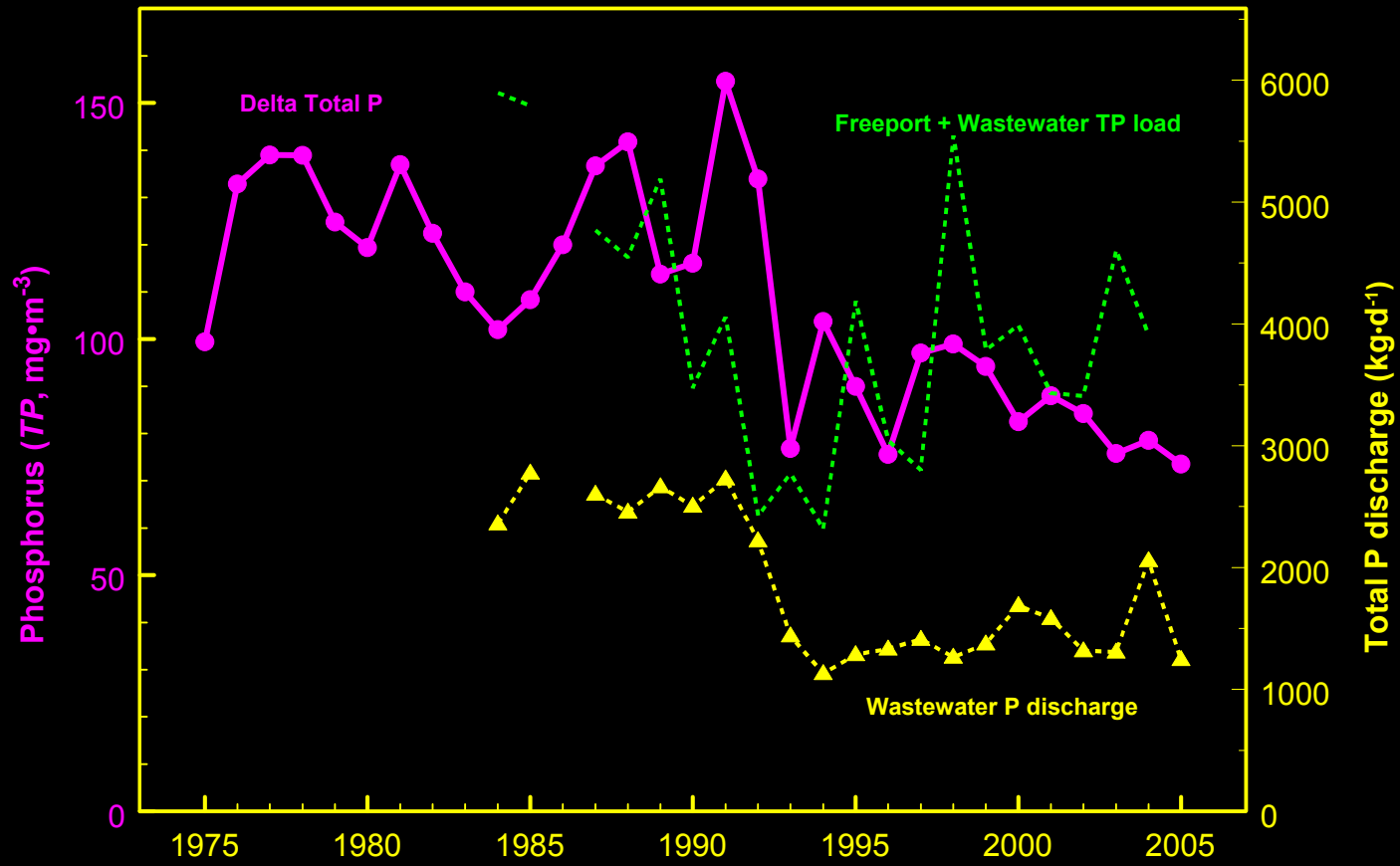


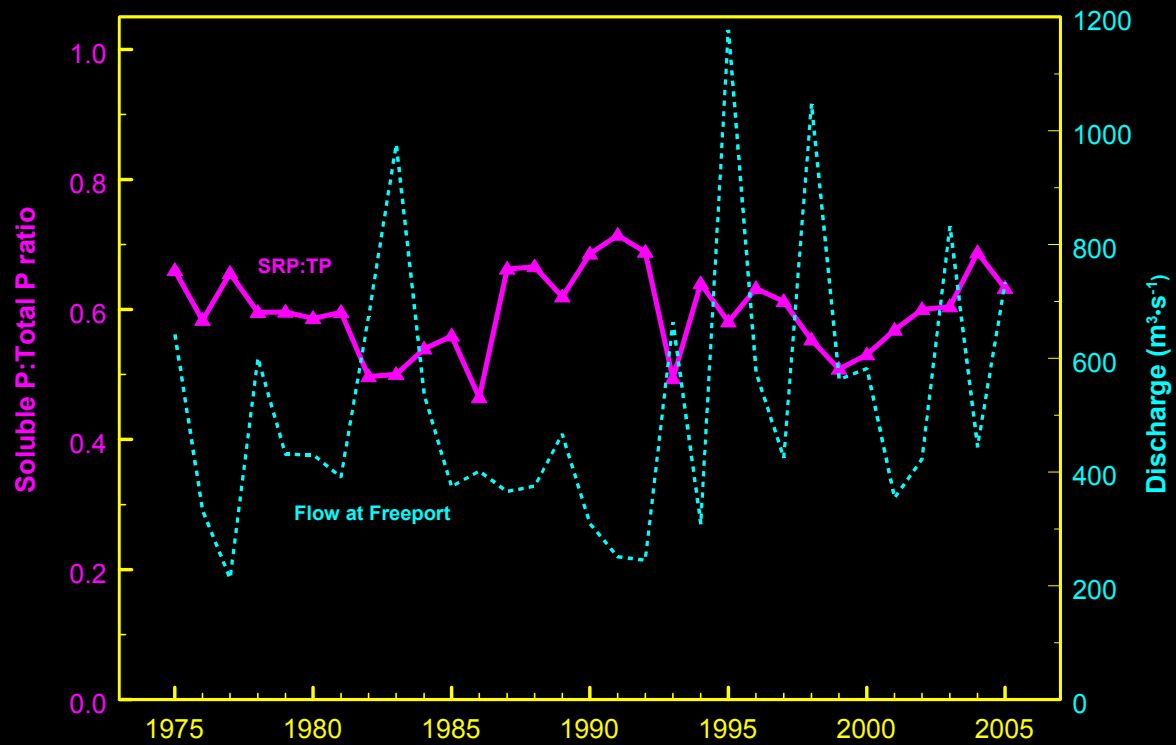


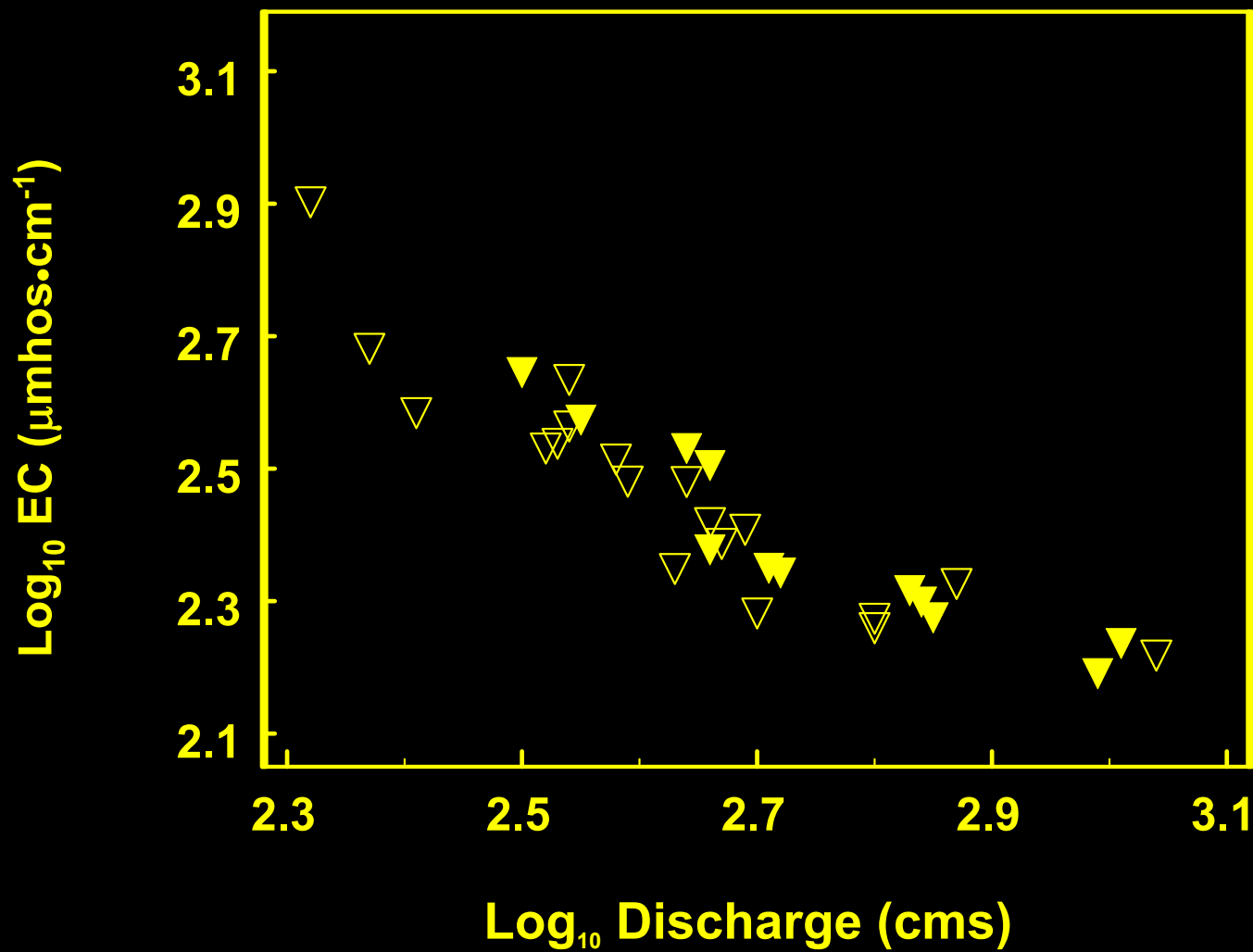
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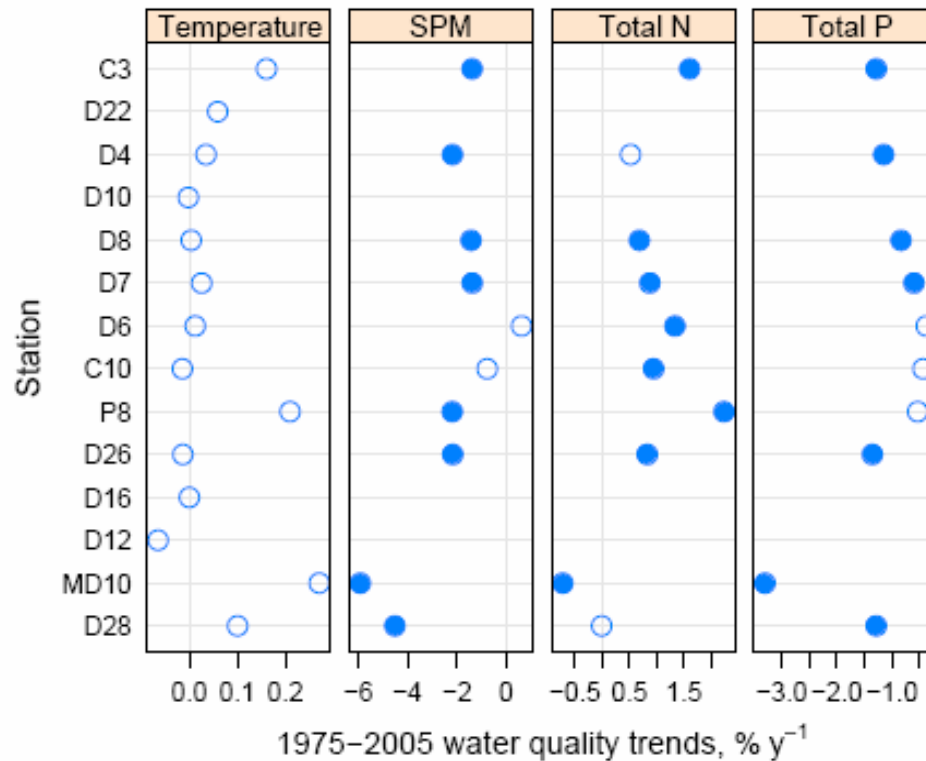


Figure 12. Long-term trends in water quality variables during 1975–2005. Trends are expressed as the Theil-Sen slope divided by the long-term median for the station. Trends are adjusted for river inflow and *p*-values are corrected for seasonal serial correlation. Trends are not plotted for stations with inadequate data during this period. *Solid circles*, *p* < 0.05 level according to the Seasonal Kendall test.

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