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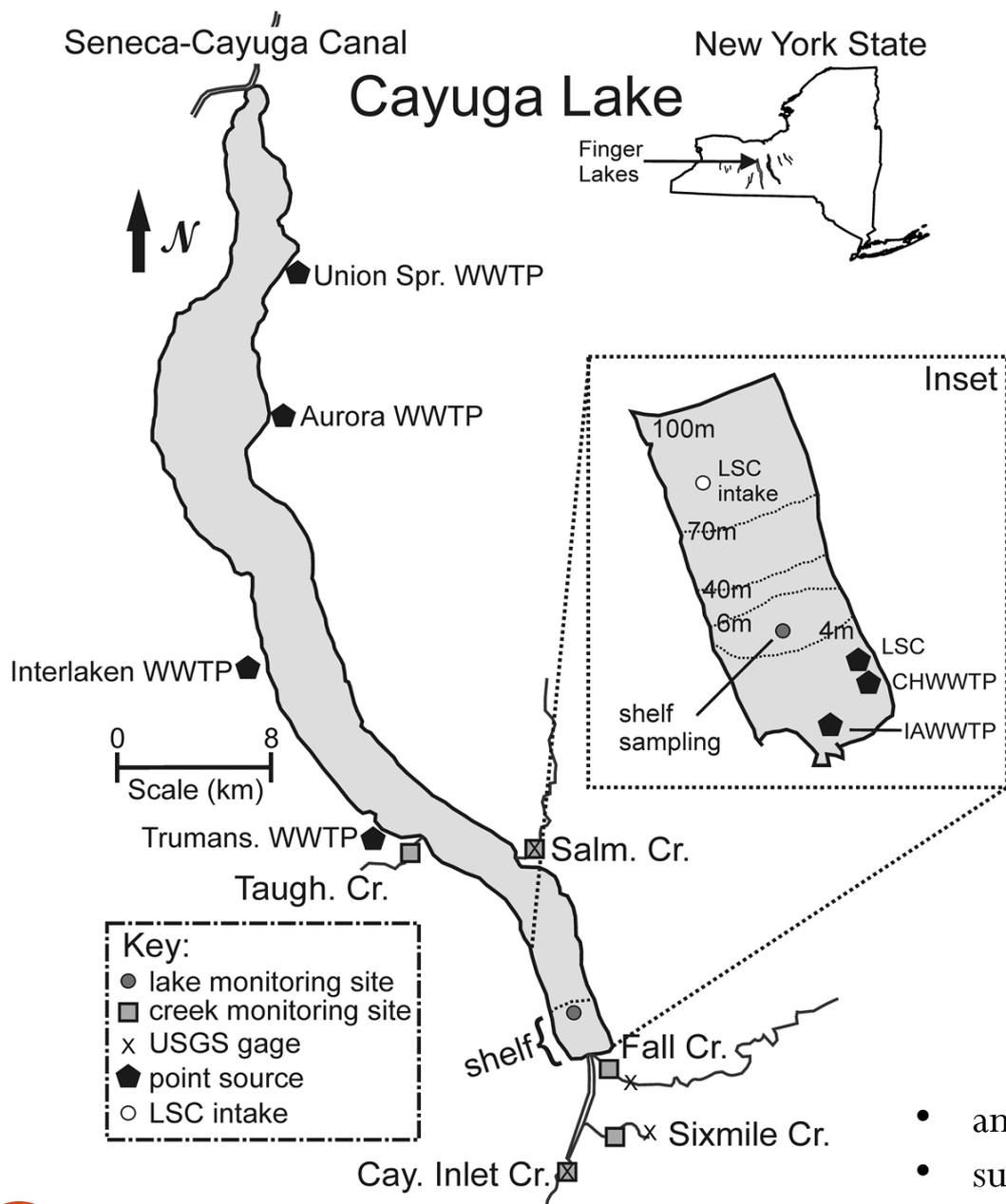
A. Introduction to Meeting

goals, key elements, timely input for management

Goals for October 2015 meeting related to Cayuga Lake

- document key features of progress
- provide timely scientific support for related management deliberations





A key Finger Lake and aquatic resource of New York

- second largest
 - volume = $9.4 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3$
 - surface area = 172 km^2
- City of Ithaca
- “shelf” area of particular interest
 - <5% of total lake surface area
 - receives ~ 40% of inflow
- multiple lake uses/classifications, management focus on shelf, mesotrophic, P-limited system
- substantial program underway to develop P-eutrophication/water quality model
- ambitious 2013 study, tributaries and lake
- support, from other studies

Project work schedule (Phase 2): Phosphorus (P)/eutrophication modeling project, Cayuga Lake

No.	Component Description	2015 ●				2016 ●			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	individual constituent modeling analysis NO _x , DOC, TP, SUP, POC	→							
2	inlet channel adjustment to loads		→						
3	minerogenic particle submodel	→							
4	optics submodel			→					
5	nutrient-phytoplankton submodel development			→					
6	overall water quality model			→					
7	land use - lake models linkages				→				
8	long-term model simulations					→			
9	Phase 2 report						→		

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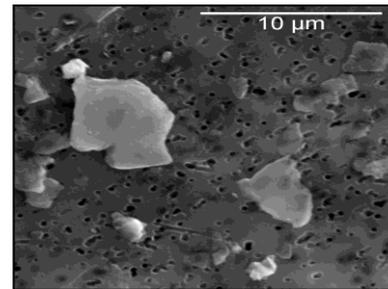
- on pace with all identified items
- noteworthy additions
 - simulations of the contributions of minerogenic particles to particulate phosphorus (PP) concentrations - PP_{m/u} model
 - completion of 2015 loading estimates for most constituents
 - submission of certain findings to peer-reviewed journals

Technologies and approaches adopted by the project science/modeling team

- consistent with the evolution of earlier work in New York (NYSDEC, USEPA)
 - multiple forms of phosphorus (P)
 - bioavailability of forms of P
 - importance of minerogenic particles
 - SAX-PAV_m characterizations of minerogenic particles
 - optical metrics of water quality
 - importance of runoff events
 - two-dimensional hydrothermal transport models
 - multiple particle size class models
 - advanced features adopted in this study program
 - accepted and/or supported by regulatory agencies in New York



bioavailability assays

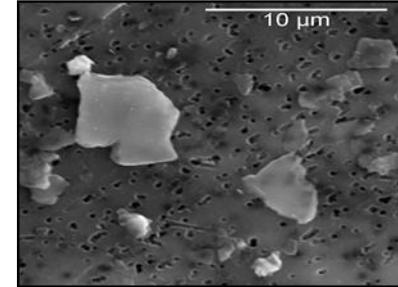


minerogenic particles



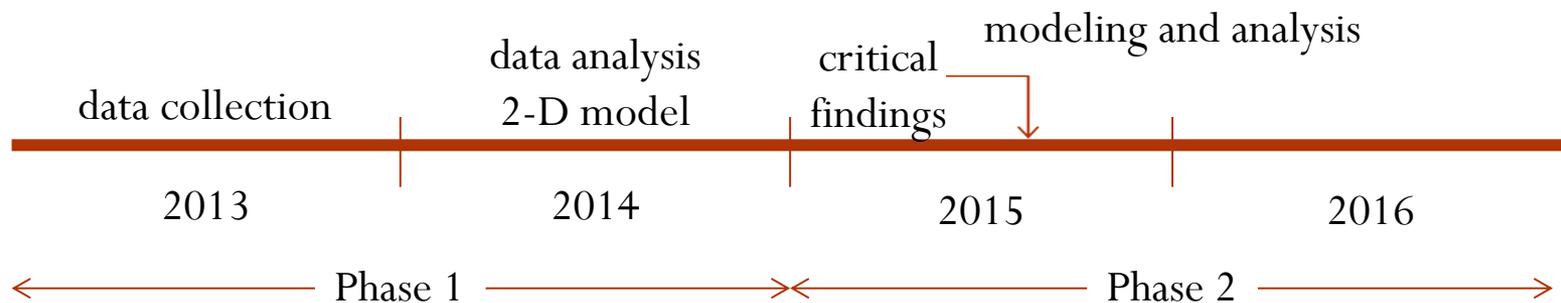
Focus of the technical presentation of project findings for this meeting

- P-apportionment of bioavailable P loads
- minerogenic particles in the tributaries and lake, importance to water quality metrics
- inseparability of minerogenic particles delivered to lake and in-lake concentrations of P
- the low bioavailability of P associated with minerogenic particles
- development and testing of a multiple size class minerogenic particle model, and associated water quality
- development and testing of a model for unavailable P associated with minerogenic particles
- *other secondary technical elements – provided as attachments*
 - *loading estimates from Inlet Channel and comparisons to inputs – Inlet Channel analysis*
 - *loading estimates for above 2 models – refer to manuscripts*
 - *optics submodel – refer to manuscripts*
 - *individual diagnostic constituent modeling analyses for selected constituents*



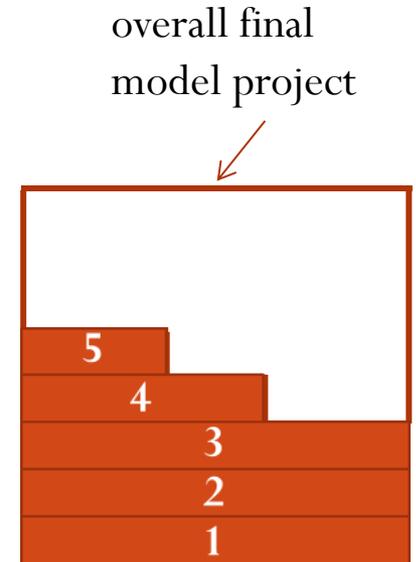
Salient considerations related to timing of delivery of project information

- several of the completed work elements have outputs and findings that will not change
- these outputs are likely critical to the management initiative
- delay in the consideration of this information to the project's overall end would have disadvantages
 - no justification for the delay of key information and related deliberations
 - limits team collaborations
 - promotes potential for dilution of the key “now” findings with the overall project products



Manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals, for completed work elements, support credibility of findings and non-advocacy of scientific team

- seeking support from independent expert review (Assoc. Editor plus ≥ 2 anonymous reviewers, per paper)
- items/papers – mostly completed in 2015
 1. external P loads – Prestigiacomo et al. 2015,
 2. hydrothermal/transport model – Gelda et al., 2015a,
 3. optics submodel – multiple papers – Effler and Peng 2014, Effler et al. 2014, Peng and Effler 2015, Effler et al. 2015a, 2015b
 4. minerogenic particle patterns, impacts, and submodel – Peng and Effler 2015, Gelda et al. 2015b
 5. minerogenic PP submodel – Gelda et al. 2015c
- credibility of key project “building blocks” established



elements completed in 2015

Certain key recently available information should be considered now

