EVAPORATION ON THE GREAT LAKES



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Great Lakes Evaporation



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Water level fluctuations



The dipping water levels in Lake Michigan have left docks out of the water and beaches extending hundreds of feet into West Grand Traverse Bay northwest of Traverse City. (John L. Russell / Great Lakes Images)



Measurements



Source: Great Lakes IMDS



Precipitation





Flow





GLEN





Great Lakes Evaporation Network

More overlake evaporation measurements are needed



Great Lakes Evaporation Network (GEEN)

Measuring Evaporation

Eddy Covariance



Energy Balance



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Measuring Evaporation

Energy Eddy **Balance** Covariance SW LW Е Π Licor



Eddy Covariance Instrumentation





Measuring Evaporation

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$$E \approx \frac{R_{net} - S + Q_{sed}}{1 + B + c_w/L_v(T_s - T_L)}$$

E:	Evaporation rate
R _{net} :	Net radiation (shortwave and longwave)
S:	Rate of heat storage in lake
Q _{sed} :	Sediment heat flux
B:	Bowen ratio (= k $\overline{U \cdot \Delta T} / \overline{U \cdot \Delta e}$)
c _w :	Specific heat of water
L _v :	Latent heat of vaporization
T _s :	Water surface temperature
T _L :	Average lake temperature

Energy Balance

Solve for evaporation by measuring energy budget

Can be very accurate (5-10%)

Measure: relative humidity, wind, air and water temperature, radiation

Lenters (2014)





Solve the energy balance in real-time





Hukseflux Net Radiometer

Vaisala Hygrometer







Bowen Ratio drifter

Only measures variables related to Bowen Ratio Simpler, cheaper, but requires calibration constant (k)







Drifter

150WX Wind, Temp/RH

Thermocouple















SBD Iridium Satellite Module



A Hierarchical architecture for evaporation data







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Buoy

Drifters







Preliminary Results

	Average
August	135 mm
September	175 mm
October	205 mm















Motivation



- Temperature
- Dew Point
- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- Air Pressure
- SST
- Radiation
- Cloud cover

Source: GLERL CoastWatch





Motivation



2014: all observations







Optimal Sensor Placement





Thank You









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Solve the energy balance in real-time



Calibration constants Once energy balance is solved, a correlation between evaporation and vapor pressure arises



$$E = kU\Delta e$$





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Bowen Ratio Energy Balance (BREB)

Use buoy data to calibrate drifter readings



