



# Integrated modelling of lakes in the climate system - a summary from ASLO Granada and more

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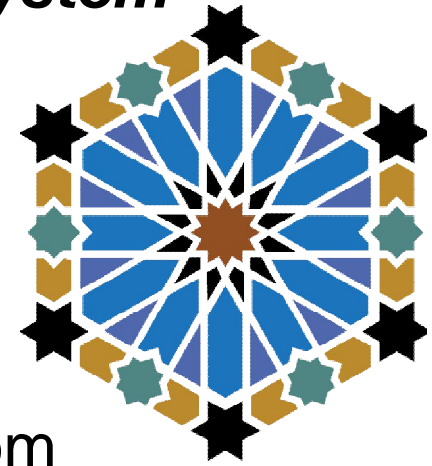
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4<sup>th</sup> workshop on “Parameterization of Lakes in Numerical Weather Prediction and Climate Modelling”, Évora, Portugal, 7. – 9. May 2015

## ***Integrated Lake Modelling in the Climate System Lake Ice Dynamics***

- were two sessions at the ASLO conference in Granada Feb. 2015
- attracting each 12 presentations ranging from
  - modelling hydrodynamic processes in lakes,
  - coupling with ecosystem models,
  - running multi-lake and multi-model approaches, and
  - coupling with regional climate models
  - coupling to atmospheric RCM and SCM



Here we present a subset of presentations, where only a snapshot for each can be shown.

Abstracts of all presentations are available as pdf files. <sup>3</sup> |

## Contents of presentation

### ***Part I – ASLO presentations***

- 10 selected presentations
- Summary

### ***Part II – LakeMIP projects***

- 4 new projects
- community publication



If you have specific questions on the presentations,  
please contact Klaus via mail: [klaus.joehnk@csiro.au](mailto:klaus.joehnk@csiro.au)  
as he - as the ASLO session organizer - is not present at  
the workshop

## **Modelling hydrodynamic processes in lakes**

- The understanding of internal, hydrodynamic processes is essential to accurately simulate exchange with the atmosphere, on short (<hours) to large time scales (days, seasonal), e.g.
  - Surface water temperature
  - Ice cover
  - Gas exchange (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>)

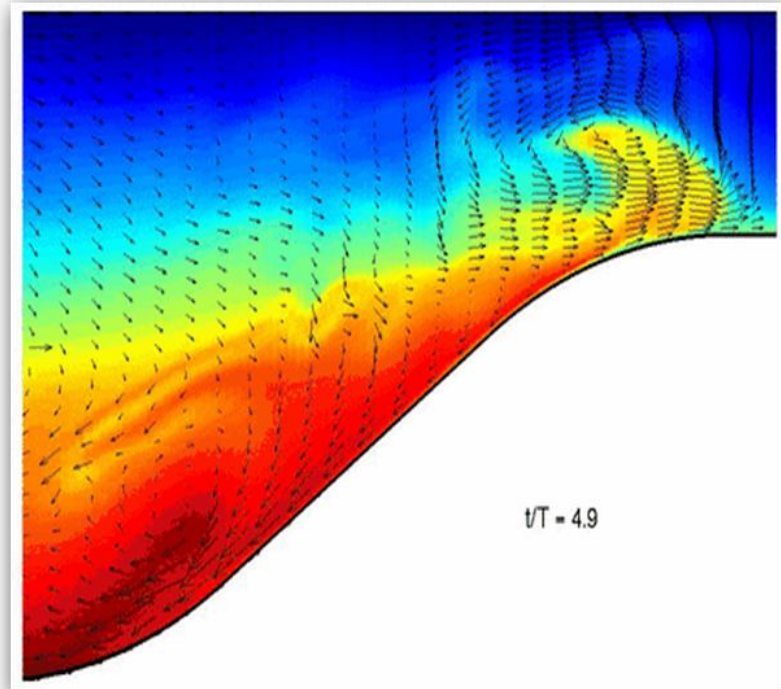
Sally MacIntyre – UCSB, USA

Capturing the consequences of non-linear internal waves in hydrodynamic models

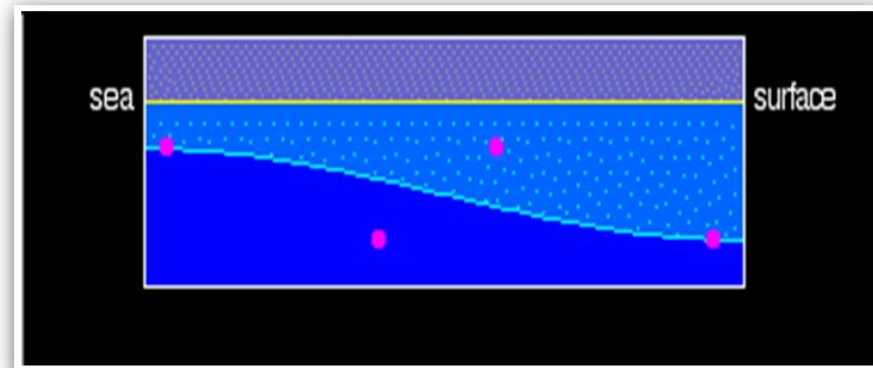
Elisa Lindgren – U. Helsinki, Finland

Transmission of solar radiation through melting ice in an arctic lake

Sally MacIntyre, Capturing the consequences of non-linear internal waves in hydrodynamic models



Extent of wave breaking depends on thermocline tilt.  
→ **Vertical fluxes result.**  
Predicted from Lake / Wedderburn number



$$W = \frac{g}{\rho} (\partial \rho) (h^2) / (u_{*w}^2 * L)$$

W drops to critical values when winds increase and density gradient decreases during cold fronts.  $L_N$  is an integral form of W.

Sally MacIntyre, Capturing the consequences of non-linear internal waves in hydrodynamic models

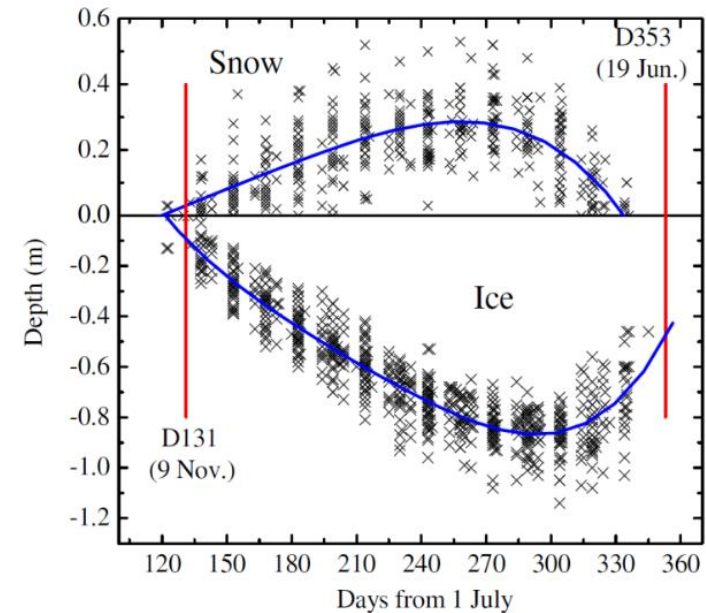
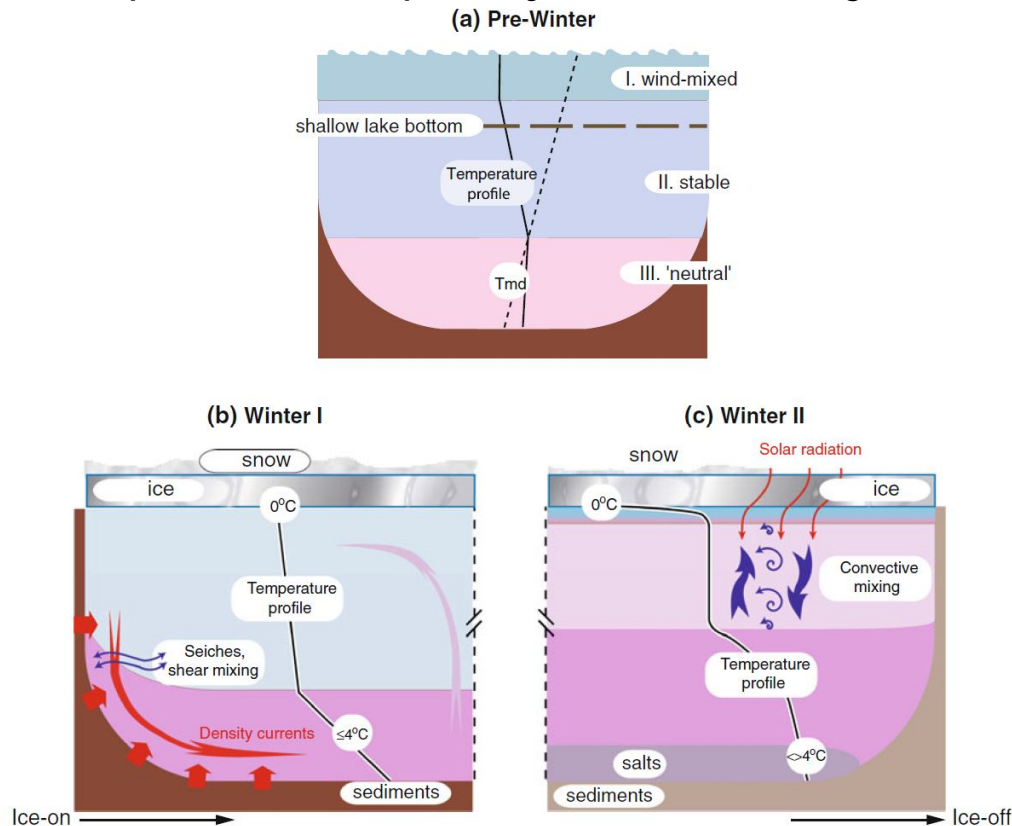
- Internal wave motions moderate shear at the top of the metalimnion.
- When  $1 < W$  or  $L_N < 10$ , partial upwelling occurs with larger vertical exchanges near lateral boundaries
- When  $\sim 0.1 < W$  or  $L_N < 1$  full upwelling with exchange between epi- and hypolimnion. Extent of exchange is not fully known, but causes errors particularly in 1 D models.
- Extent of **vertical exchange** depends on basin morphometry with larger fluxes when lake margins slope moderately rather than steeply.
- Modeling accuracy will be improved by inclusion or with improved parameterizations of these waves.



# Elisa Lindgren, Transmission of solar radiation through melting ice in an arctic lake



- Convection is the strongest driver of under-ice mixing in spring, driven by solar radiation penetrating the ice.
- Transmission of solar radiation is critical for the heat and mass balance of lake ice, and for biological processes.
- Only few studies about transmissivity and ice structure of lakes have been performed, especially in the arctic regions.



Snow depth (1972-2008) and ice thickness (1964-2008) at Lake Kilpisjärvi, Finland (Lei et al., 2012).

Fig. Adapted from Kirillin et al. (2012)





## Elisa Lindgren, Transmission of solar radiation through melting ice in an arctic lake



- The amount of **solar radiation penetrating the ice is high** (transmittance 0.6-0.9) close to ice break-up and in the absence of snow and snow-ice
  - Explains the **fast warming** of the water
  - Light conditions **favorable for primary production?**
- Melting of congelation ice was fast (up to 4 cm per day)
  - Internal melting at the crystal boundaries produced candled ice
  - Accounts for the high transmittance
- In natural waters the ice sheet is far from homogeneous
  - Differential light conditions under the ice, melting, and heating of water

Fig 11. Lake Kilpisjärvi on 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2013.



## **Coupling with ecosystem models**

- Connecting ecosystem models with lake hydrodynamic models
- needs the knowledge of nutrient transport between connected systems (lakes, wetlands, streams)
- establish unified connectors between heterogeneous model environments

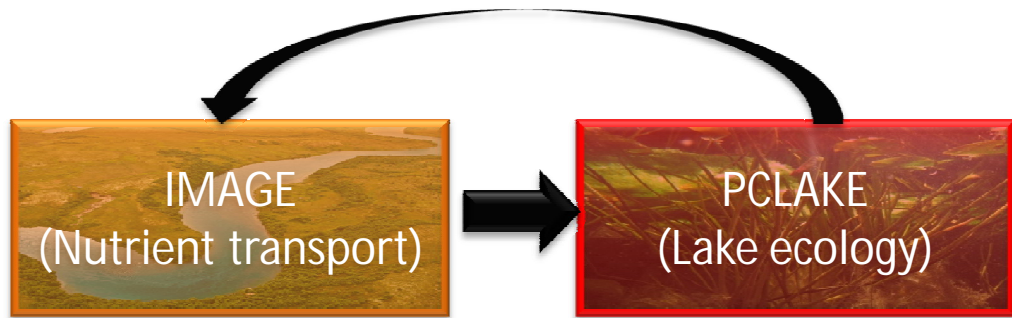
Annette Janssen - NIOO KNAW, Netherlands

Global variation in lake response to anthropogenic stresses: an integrated modeling approach

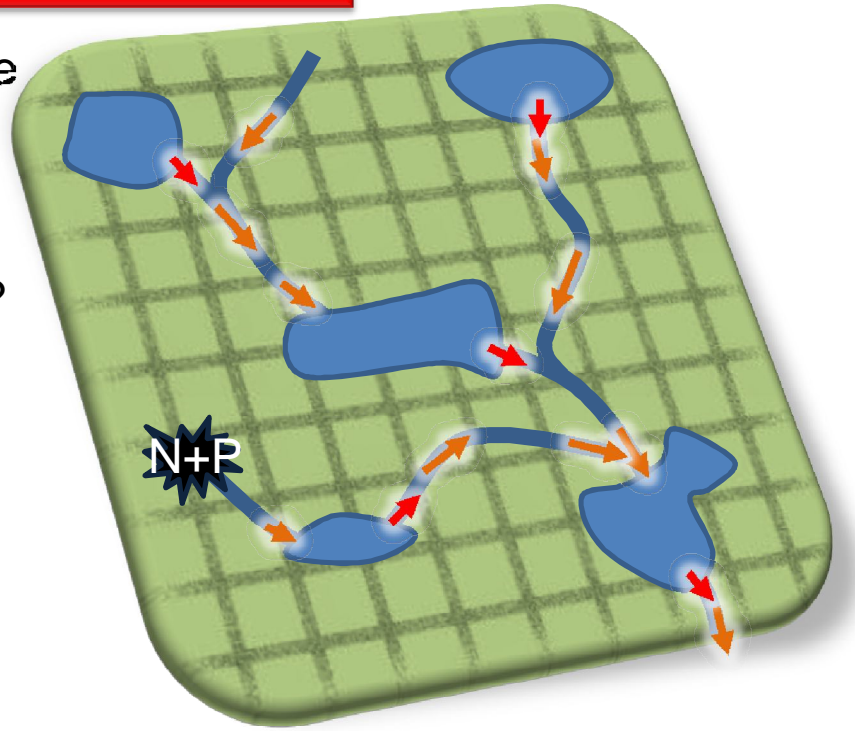
Thomas Bueche – LMU Munich, Germany

The mixing behaviour of a medium-sized lake in Southern Germany. A modeling approach by the implementation of the new community model GLM and FABM

# Annette Janssen, Global variation in lake response to anthropogenic stresses: an integrated modeling approach



1. Anthropogenic pressures on lakes increase  
|->Lakes become eutrophic
2. Climate change prediction  
|->Why not algal blooming prediction?
3. Link lake ecology with nutrient transport  
|-> **IMAGE + PCLake**
4. Usage:  
|-> Investigate global variation  
|-> Scenario Analysis  
|-> Global management



# Thomas Bueche, The mixing behaviour of a medium-sized lake in Southern Germany

## GML-FABM

### GLM

#### (General Lake Model)

- Water temperatures (stratification, ice cover, etc.)
- Salinity

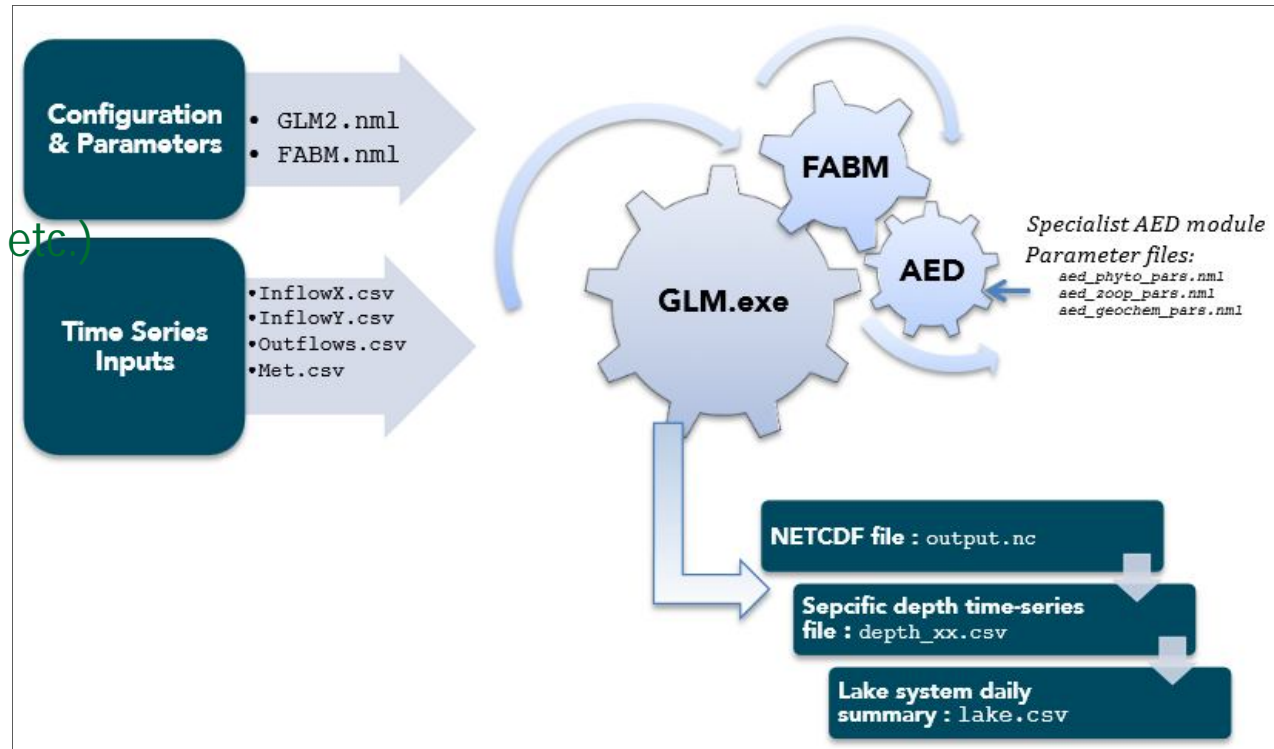
### FABM

#### (Framework of Aquatic and Biochemical Models)

→ AED modules

(Aquatic Ecodynamics)

- O<sub>2</sub>, Nutrients, etc...
- Tracer (virtual)



(Hipsey et al., 2014)

## Settings for Lake Ammersee

### Simulation period:

four complete hydrological years + 10 months “warm-up”

### Implemented inflow data (inflow.csv)

Dissolved oxygen, nitrogen (NO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>), silica, phosphorus, DOC

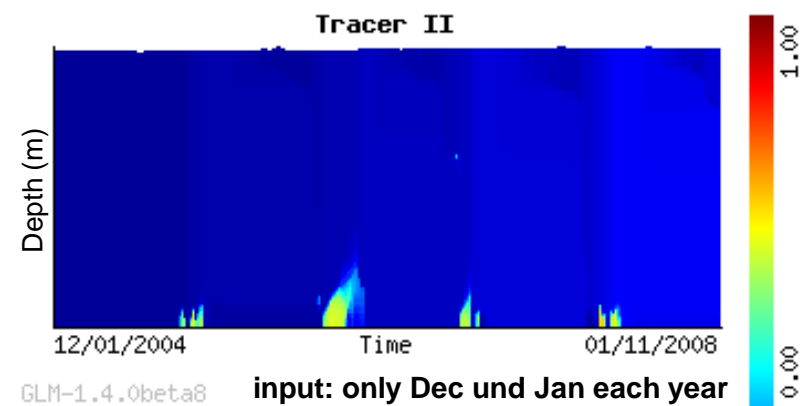
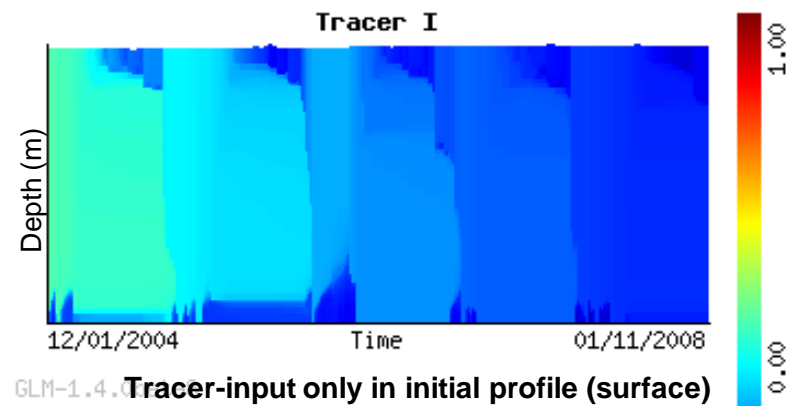
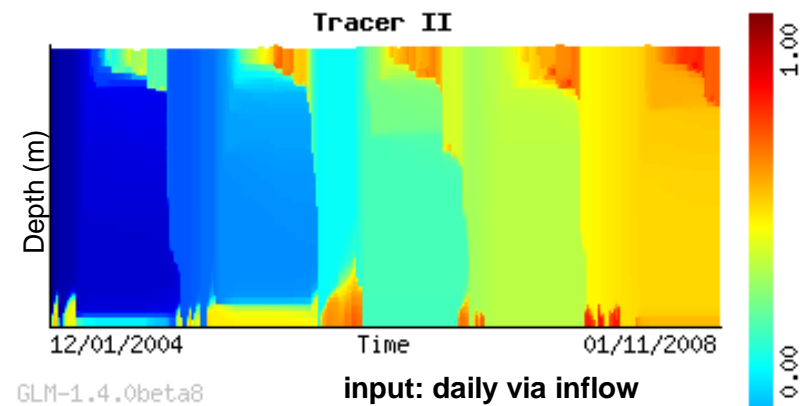
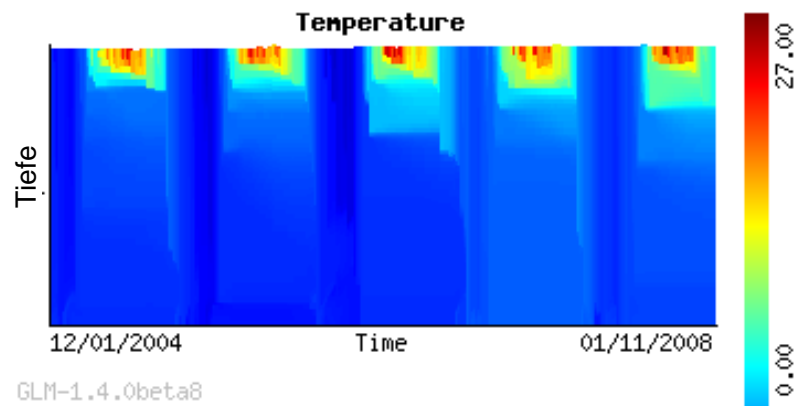
Saison	Typ	with ice cover
2004/05	D2	
2005/06	D2	
2006/07	Mo	
2007/08	Mo	

# Thomas Bueche, The mixing behaviour of a medium-sized lake in Southern Germany

## Simulation results Ammersee

Simulation of lake mixing using FABM tracer-tool (*aed\_tracer*)

→ Definition in initial profile and input via inflow



## Part I – ASLO presentation

### **Multi-lake and multi-model approaches**

- Need simple, fast, and accurate simulation tools for e.g. long-term predictions
- Computer power can be utilized to manage large scale lake simulations (multi-lake)
- Model ensemble approaches can highlight differences in implemented processes
- Prediction of future lake states need weather generator

Marco Toffolon – U. Trento, Italy

How lakes respond to air temperature changes: a lumped model for long-term predictions

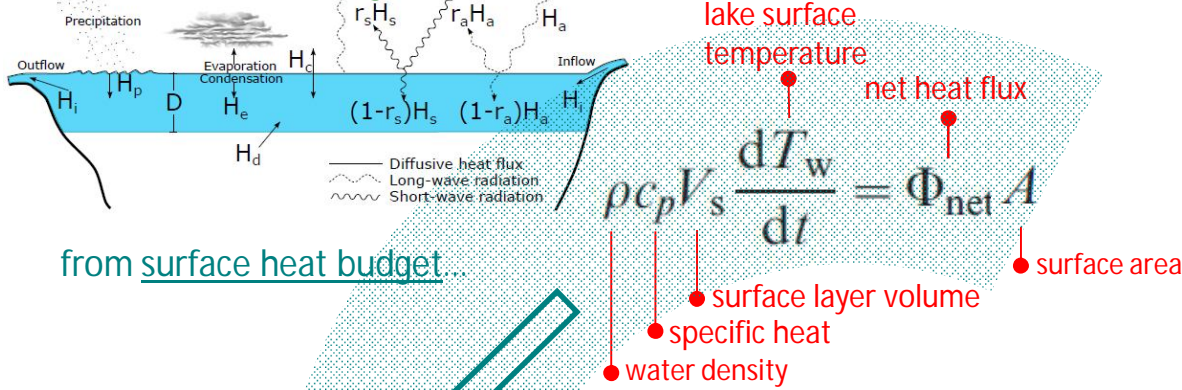
Koji Tominaga – U. Oslo, Norway

Physical status of lakes in Northern Europe for the next hundred years

Gideon Gal – IOLR, Israel

Ensemble modeling of the impact of increased frequency of climatic disturbances on a subtropical lake ecosystem

# Marco Toffolon, How lakes respond to air temperature changes: a lumped model for long-term predictions



from surface heat budget...

... to air2water model

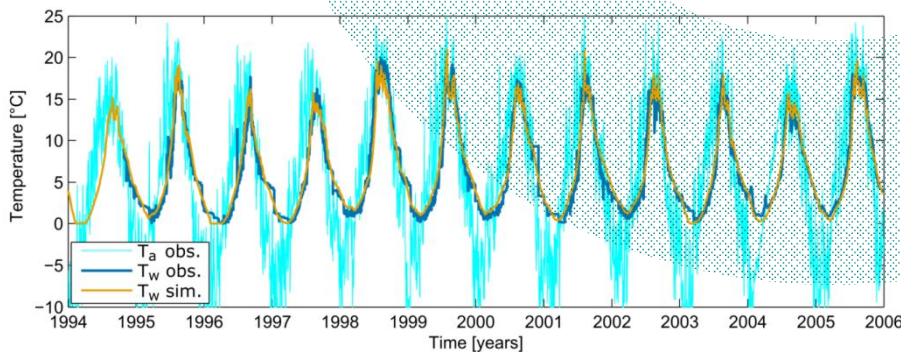
$$\frac{dT_w}{dt} = \frac{1}{\delta} \left\{ a_1 + a_2 T_a - a_3 T_w + a_5 \cos \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{t_y} - a_6 \right) \right] \right\}$$

air temperature

dimensionless surface layer volume (function of  $T_w$  and 3 parameters)

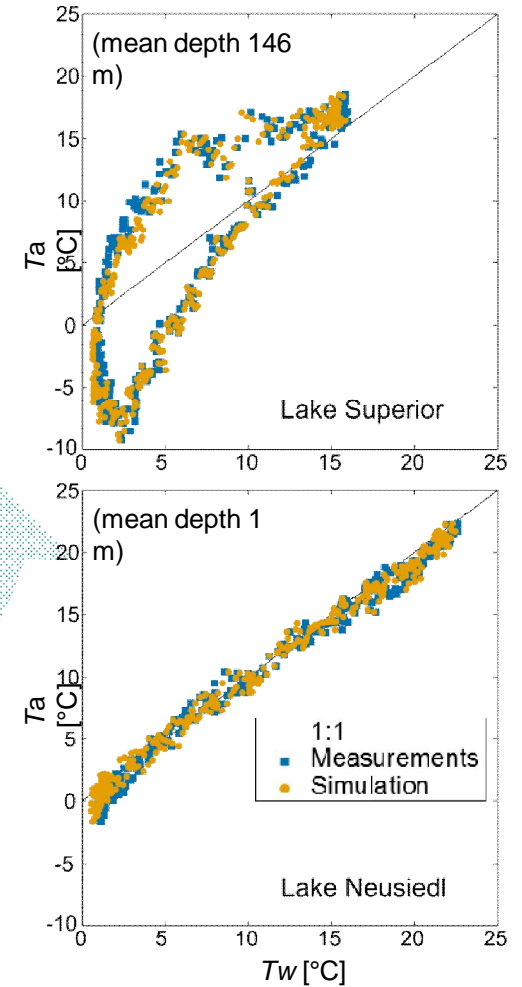
seasonal forcing term

calibration of parameters with measurements



results comparable to physically-based models

the model captures annual hysteresis in deep lakes

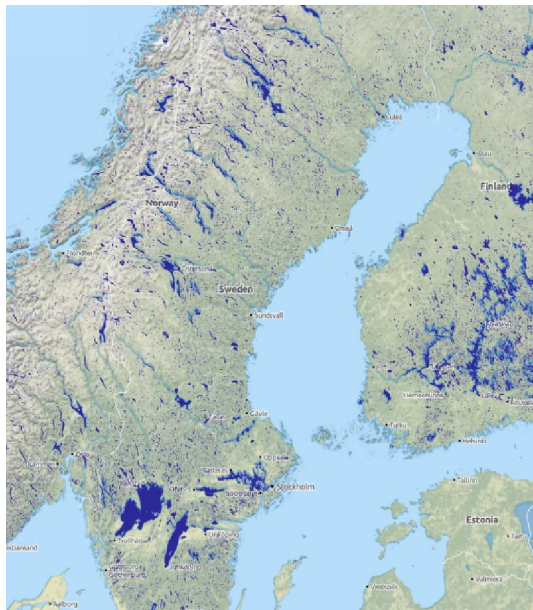


# Koji Tominaga, Physical status of lakes in Northern Europe for the next 100 y

August lake water temperature in Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Warming or opening of ice is projected, and projection differs depending on

- i) GHG concentration pathway and
- ii) regional climate model.



Surface

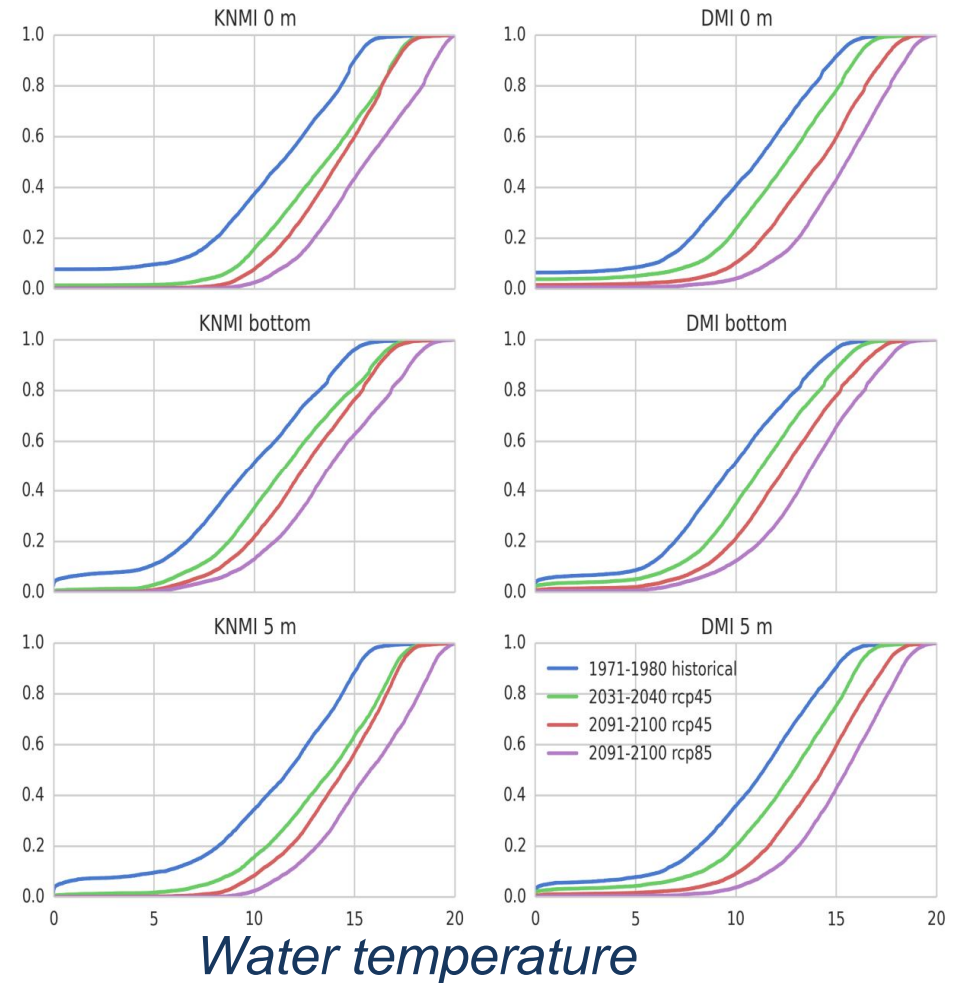
Bottom

4-5 m (if applicable)

*Cumulative distribution*

RCM KNMI

RCM DMI





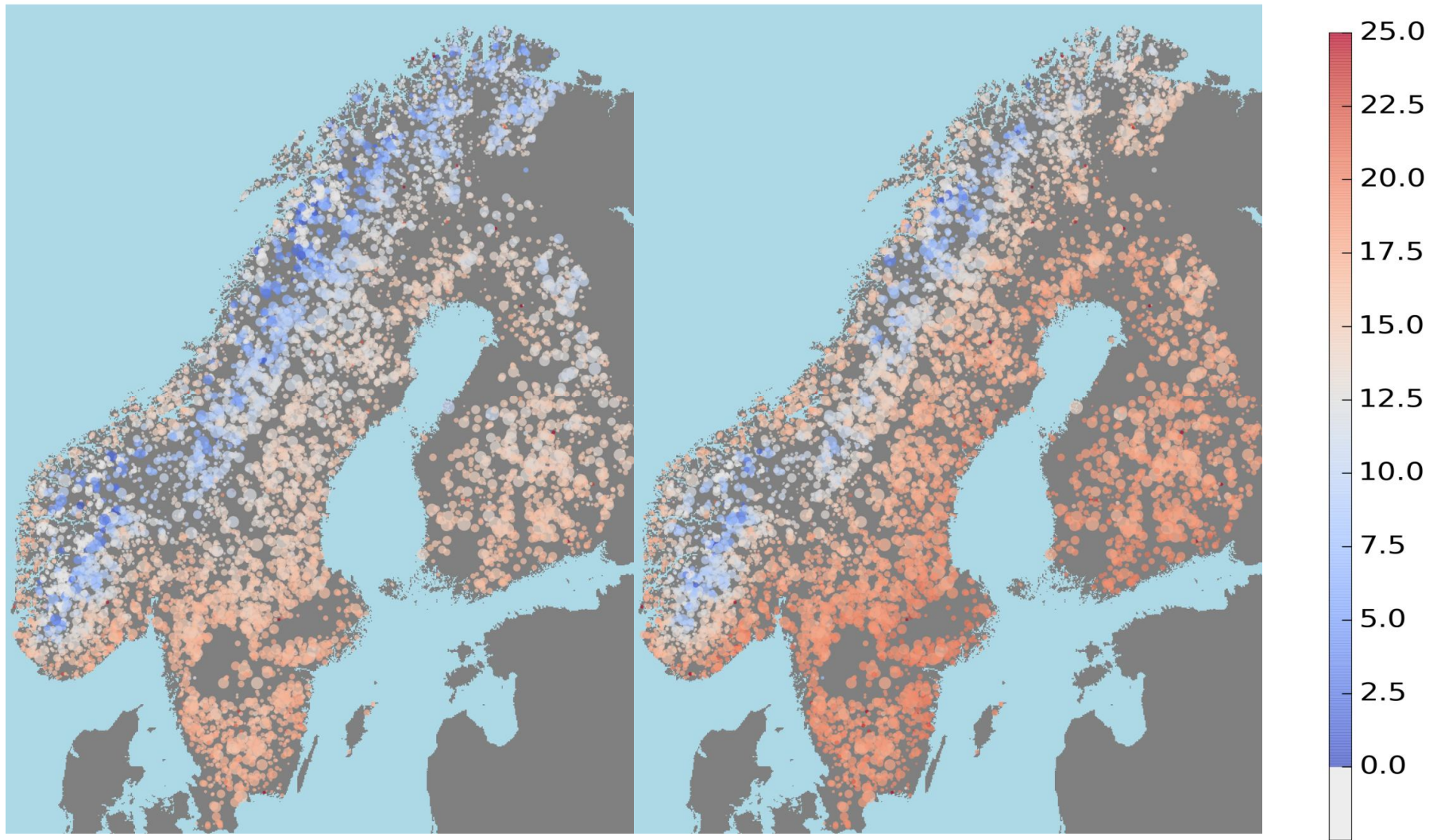
Koji Tominaga, **Physical status of lakes in Northern Europe for the next 100 y**

Late August lake surface water temperature in Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Projected warming throughout the region

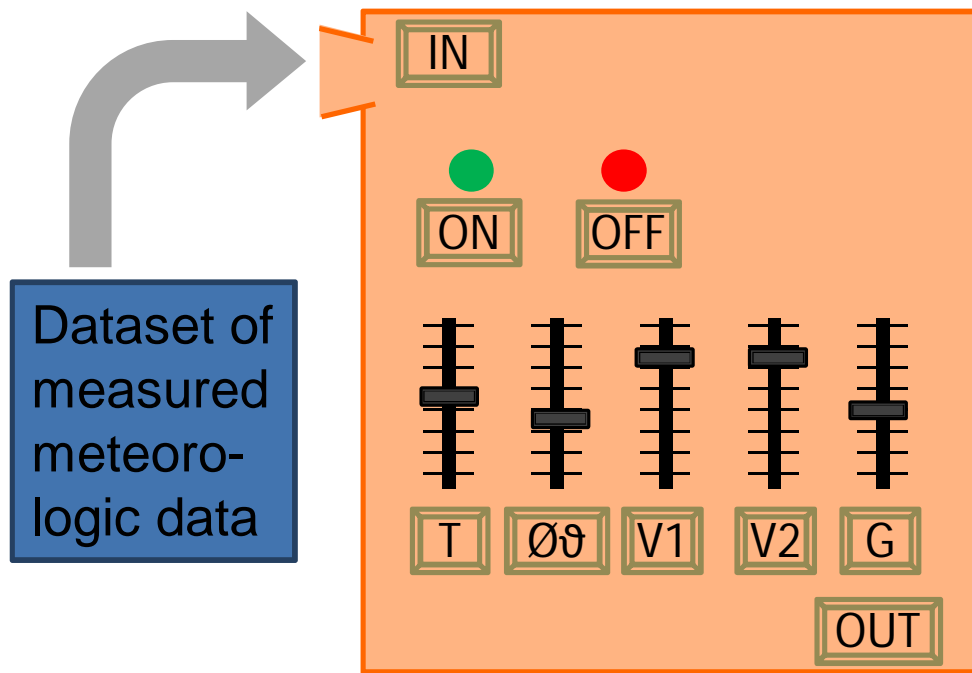
DMI (median 1971-1980 DOY:210)

DMI (median 2091-2100 DOY:210)



# Gideon Gal, Ensemble modeling of the impact of increased frequency of climatic disturbances on a subtropical lake ecosystem

## Vector-autoregressive weather Generator VG



- ▶ Lake Kinneret Hourly Data
- ▶ 1.1.1997- 31.12.2007
- ▶ Air temp., SW & LW radiation, vapor pressure, wind

## Scenarios

1. Unchanged
  2. Gradual: 2°C increase over 30 years (2010-2039)
  3. Spicy: increasing frequency of heat waves but no gradual increase
  4. Gradual + heat waves (2 + 3)
- Total of 100 realizations of each scenario
  - No interannual variation in gradual and unchanged scenarios
  - 30 year simulations (2010-2039)
  - Ensemble of 1-D Hydrodynamic models:
    1. DYRESM
    2. GLM

Climate scenario

## Coupling with regional climate models

- Several coupled models between lake and regional climate models or atmosphere models exist
- FLake is the most widely used candidate, but cannot fully handle lake internal hydrodynamic processes
- WRF CLM includes a Hostetler type lake model
- Single-column atmospheric-lake (SIMSTRAT) applied to Lake Geneva
- Coupling is often implemented as one-way from climate model into the lake
- A better understanding for effects of lakes on the climate is necessary
- For large lakes a direct influence on regional climate is evident
- **Two-way coupled lake – RCM or SCM needed**

## **Coupling with regional climate models**

Lijuan Wen – CAREERI, CAS, China

Impact of lake salinity on local climate with the WRF\_CLM model

Wim Thiery – KU Leuven, Belgium

Modeling the influence of the African Great Lakes on the regional climate

Stephane Goyette – U. Geneva, Switzerland

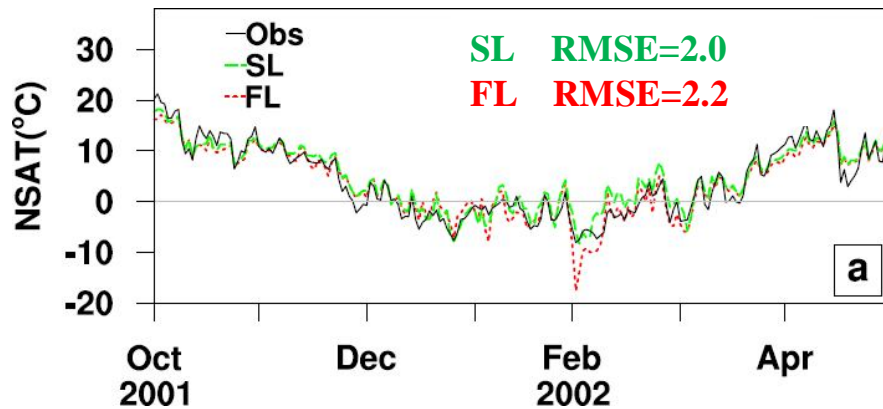
On a single column atmospheric model framework to study lake processes: The case of deep Lake Geneva

Marjorie Perroud – U. Geneva, Switzerland

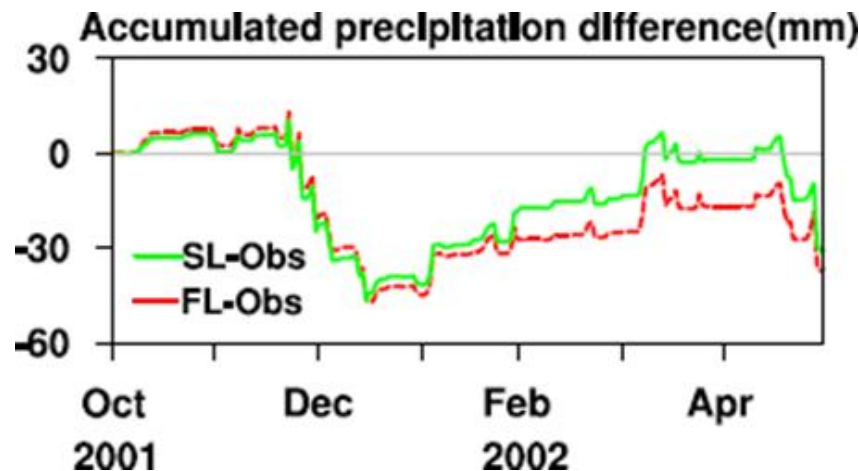
Development and validation of a coupled single-column lake – atmospheric model to simulate thermal profiles in Lake Geneva

## Observation and simulation over the Great Salt Lake

- ✓ **SL**: with salinity parameterizations
- ✓ **FL**: similar to SL experiment, but without salinity



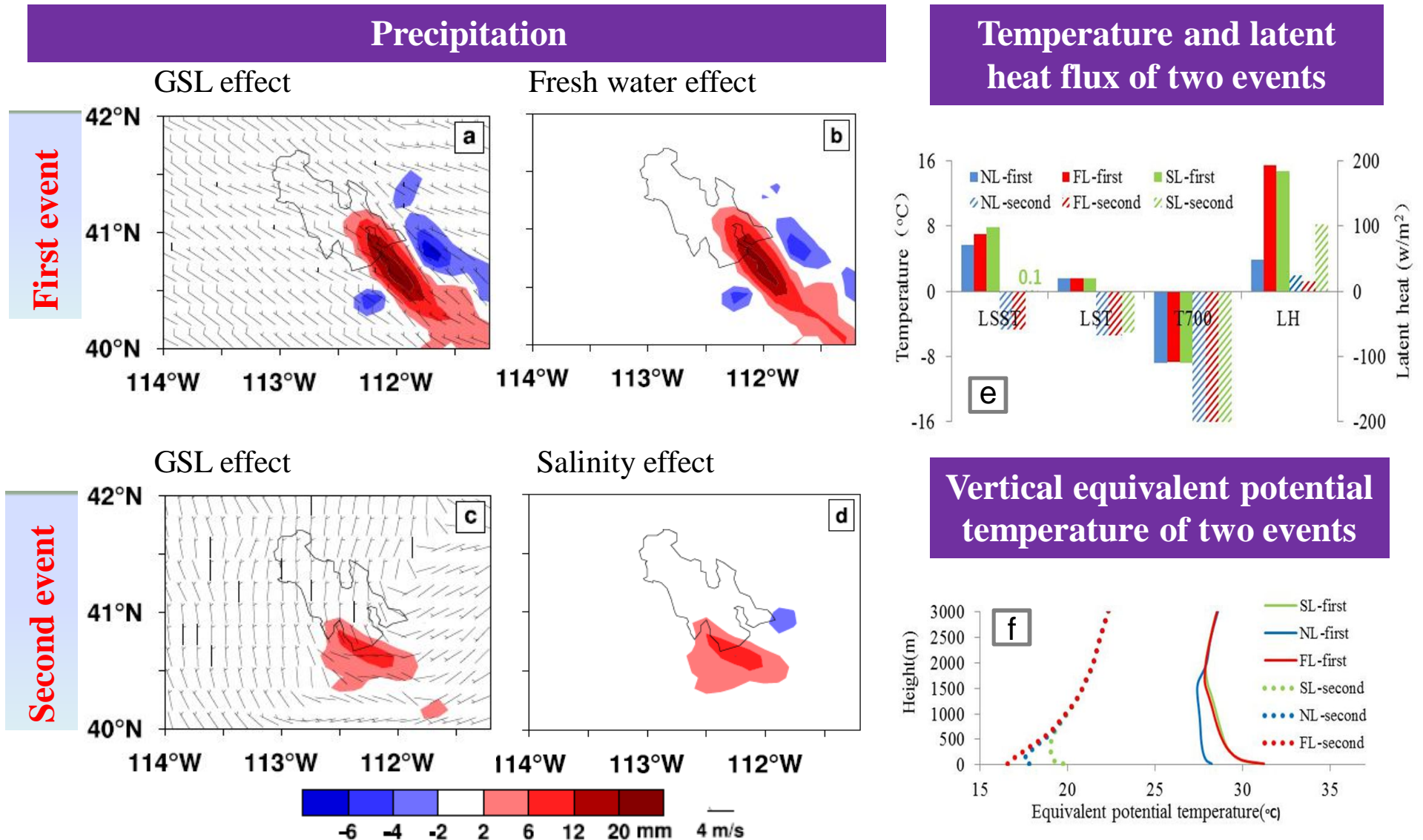
**SL** and **FL** both caught variations of NSAT (near surface air temperature) well. But the simulated temperature was too low in the very cold event in FL.



SL experiment had better precipitation simulation at Garfield station.

The WRF\_CLM model with salinity parameterizations could more accurately simulate temperature over and in the GSL, and downstream precipitation of the GSL.

## GSL effect precipitation events



Wim Thiery – KU Leuven, Belgium

## Modeling the influence of the African Great Lakes on the regional climate

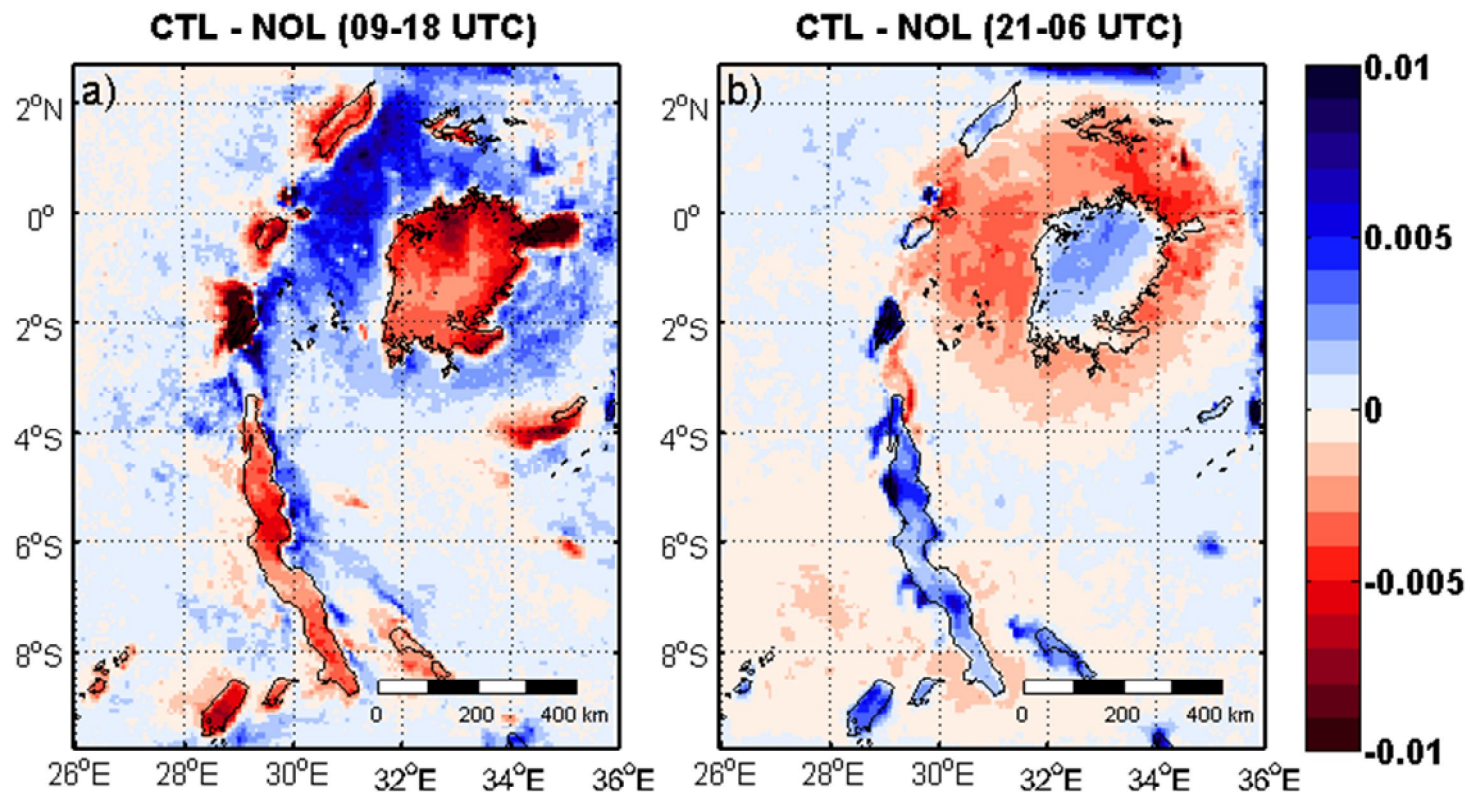
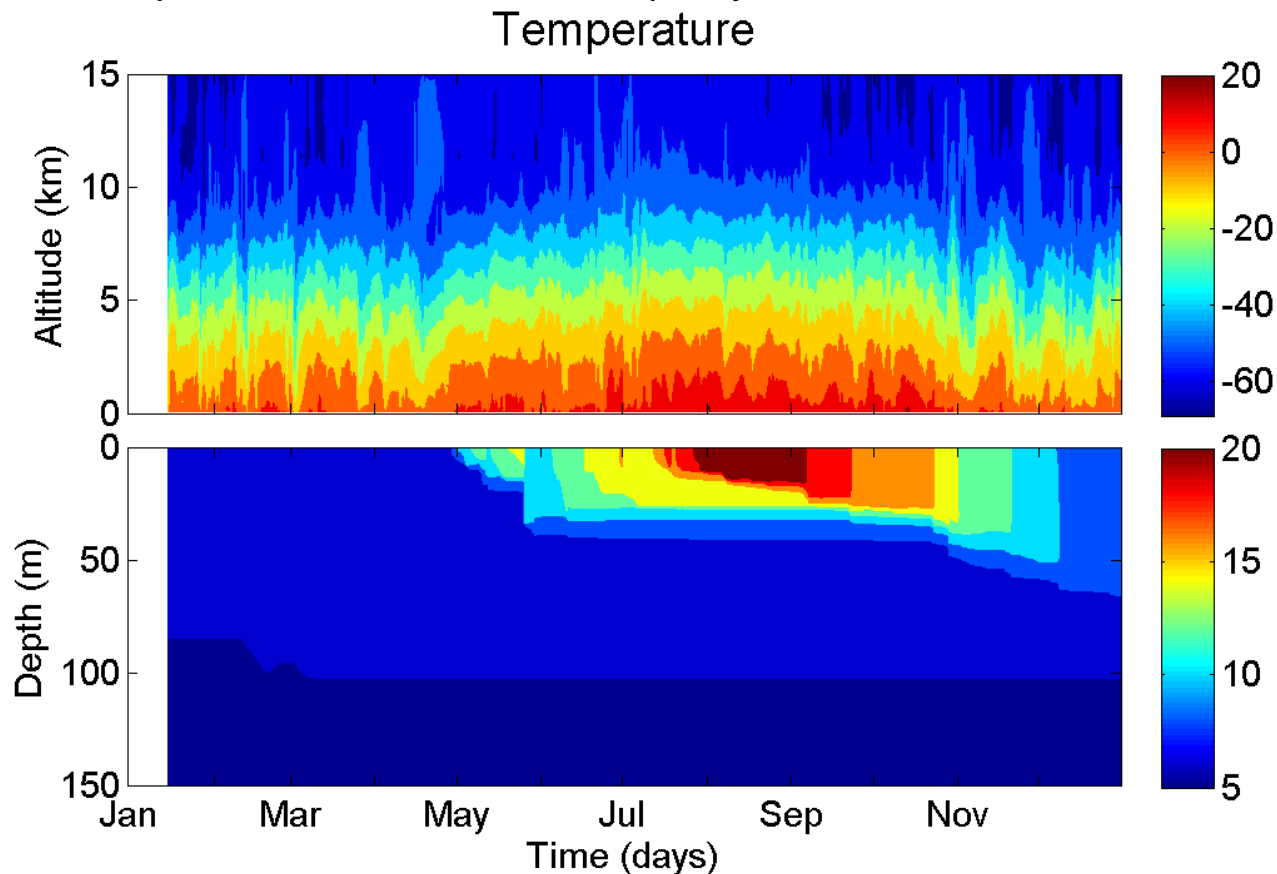
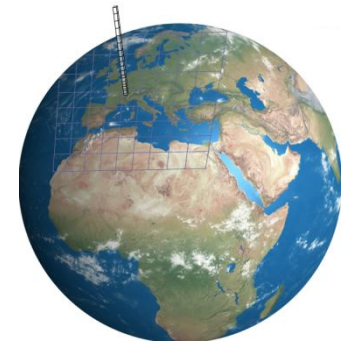


Figure 1. Evidence of lake impact on convective mass flux density

- The AGL reduce offshore near-surface air temperature by about  $-0.57\text{K}$  and enhance precipitation by  $+732\text{ mm yr}^{-1}$  ( $+87\%$ ) over their surface.
- During daytime, the lake breeze transports cold air across the lake borders and generates over-land updrafts and over-lake subsidence, effectively suppressing convection from the unstable surface layer (Fig. 1a).
- At night, the thermal inertia of the lake surface generates a positive temperature anomaly and a pressure deficit, and maintains the daytime evaporation rates, inputting large amounts of moisture into the boundary layer (Fig. 1b).

# Marjorie Perroud, Development and validation of a coupled single-column lake – atmospheric model to simulate thermal profiles in Lake Geneva

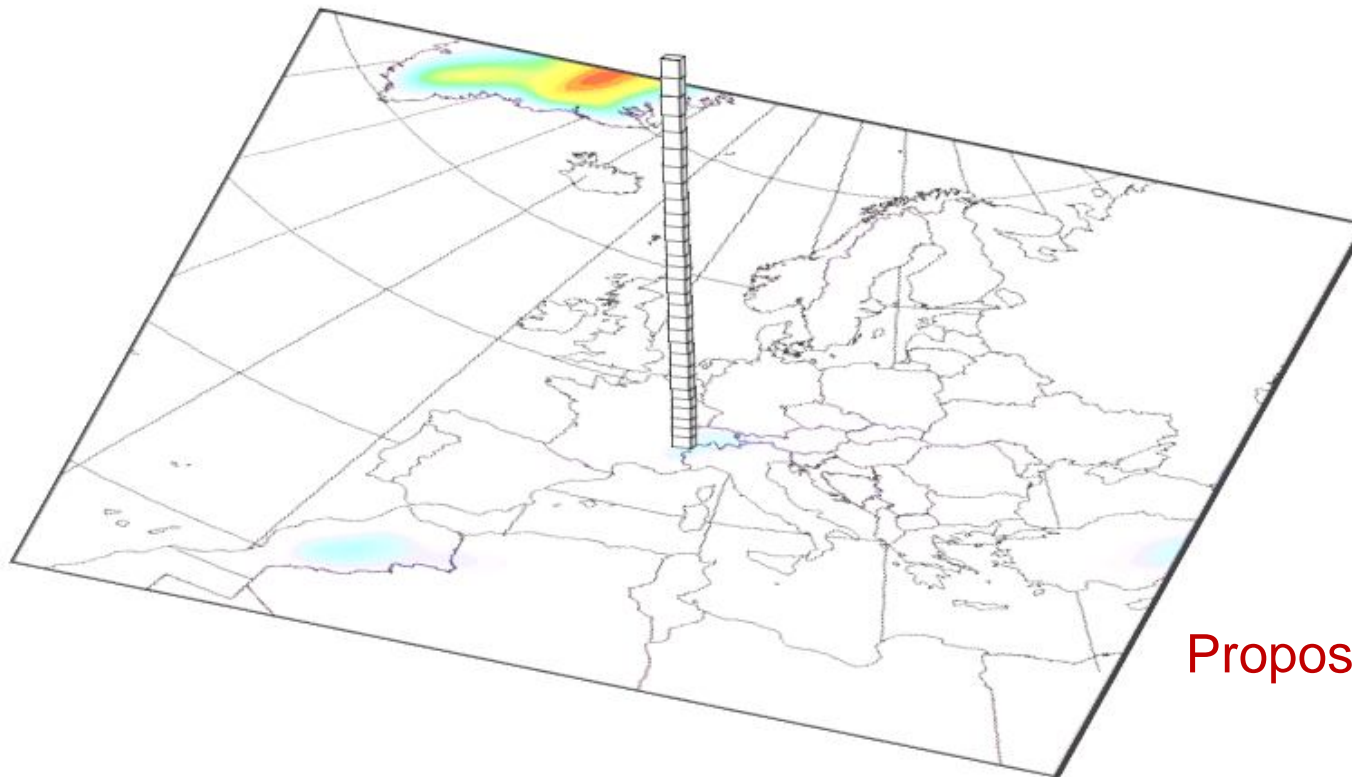
- A column embedded within the Canadian RCM grid over western Switzerland and coupled to lake model SIMSTRAT to simulate the thermal evolution of Lake Geneva
  - atmosphere driven by NCEP-NCAR reanalyses
- Simulated lake water temperature profiles under the simulated atmospheric profiles are rather realistic
  - some improvements related to coupler yet needed





## Stéphane Goyette, On a single column atmospheric model framework to study lake processes: The case of deep Lake Geneva

- 60 km grid mesh (current computational domain below),
- 10 min timestep, 29 vertical levels, 6-hr archival frequency,
- few annual cycles are currently available but a long continuous run is planned (e.g. 1960 – 2014),
- land surface and a lake model (SIMSTRAT) available
- **an option to use many lake models is planned**



**Proposed LakeMIP project**

### **LakeMIP**

1. Model ensemble (Klaus Joehnk)
2. Harp Lake model (Victor Stepanenko)
3. Single column model (Stéphane Goyette)
4. Fully coupled 3D lake-atmosphere RCM intercomparison (Wim Thiery)

### **Community publication**

Challenges of modelling lakes as components of regional climate systems

### 1. **Model ensemble (Klaus Joehnk)**

- Use a large number of lake models to simulate a large number of lakes in different climate regions
- Determine differences in lake characteristics  
Surface temperature, stratification (thermocline depth), seasonal characteristics
- Apply all models on all lakes with a single set (per model) of parameters to test model generality
- Use a subset of well monitored lakes with all models individually calibrated to test specific model characteristics
- 16 lake models, 17 lakes (will be reduced to a set of 10).

## LakeMIP model ensemble

## Lake models and modellers

User/Developer	Model name	
Klaus Jöhnk	LAKEoneD	k-e
Victor Stepanenko	LAKE	k-e
Stéphane Goyette	SCM-Simstrat	k-e
Marjorie Perroud	Simstrat	k-e
Karsten Bolding	GOTM	k-e
NA	PROBE	k-e
Georgiy Kirillin, Wim Thiery	FLAKE	similarity
Deniz Özkundaci, Bertram Boehrer, Louise Bruce, Nihar Samal, Gideon Gal	GLM (two should switch to DYRESM?)	energy
Thomas Bueche Mark Vetter	DYRESM	energy
Jordi Prats	EOLE	bulk
Xing Fang	Minlake	bulk
Raoul Couture Koji Tominaga	MyLake	bulk
Brigitte Vincon-Leite, Bruno Lemaire, Frederic Soulignac	1DV	bulk
Huaxia Yao	Hostetler	bulk
Lijuan Wen Siguang Zhu	CLM	bulk
Marco Toffolon	air2water	empirical 28

LakeMIP model ensemble

Lakes

(pending confirmation on IP)

**Valkea Kotinen, Finland**  
**Kuivajärvi, Finland**  
**Stechlin, Germany**  
**Müggelsee, Germany**  
**Kossenblatter Lake, Germany**  
**Rappbode Reservoir, Germany**  
**Ammersee, Germany**  
**Lake Constance, Germany**  
**Lake Geneva, Switzerland**  
**Harp Lake, Canada**  
**Lake Kivu, Africa**  
**Lake Tanganyika , Africa**  
**Ashokan Reservoir, USA**  
**Otsego Lake, USA**  
**Lake Kinneret, Israel**  
**Toolik Lake , USA**  
**Sparkling, USA**

**Lake in Nigeria**  
**Norwegian Lakes (several)**

## 2. Harp Lake model (Victor Stepanenko)

- Test the effect of stratification on the transport across the thermocline using different lake models
- Simulate gas exchange with the atmosphere in and out
- Test the effect of ice cover on gas exchange
- Focus on CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>

### 3. **Single column model (Stéphane Goyette)**

- A Single Column Model for the atmospheric component will be used for an assessment of many lake models over a large variety of lake environments.  
This can be considered a necessary step before implementing a lake model within a particular RCM.
- One can use this approach to
  - assess many lake model performances over Lake Geneva (thermal profiles and other variables are available)
  - evaluate the impacts of feedbacks in the vertical dimension (a model option allows a "one-way" driven lake model as is the case when this model is driven by observations where no feedback is allowed)

### 4. **Fully coupled 3D lake-atmosphere RCM intercomparison (Wim Thiery)**

- Apply RCM with operational lake model to a region with large lakes (Laurentian or African Great Lakes, Baikal,...)
- Unify initial and lateral boundary conditions and horizontal resolution, and compare the output.

#### Participants

- Stéphane Goyette, CRCM5.
- Wim Thiery, CCLM<sup>2</sup>.
- ! ... more ... !



## Part II – Discussion on LakeMIP projects

### **Community publication**

(titles will certainly change)

#### Challenges of modelling lakes as components of regional climate systems

- We could raise the interest of >15 scientist at ASLO
- Frontiers in Environmental Science – Interdisciplinary Climate Studies  
or Tellus A (open discussion)

#### Challenges in lake ice modelling

- We could raise the interest of >15 scientist at ASLO (that was at 6pm on the last day ;)
- Frontiers in Environmental Science – Interdisciplinary Climate Studies

**We welcome more participants. Please send mail to Klaus Joehnk**

# Thank you

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