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**ABSTRACT.** This report describes the hydrodynamic modeling framework for the U.S. EPA Lake Michigan Mass Balance Study. It consists of a three-dimensional lake circulation model, surface flux model for atmospheric input, and a wind wave model. These models provide a description of the physical environment for sediment resuspension and transport models, as well as eutrophication and toxic contaminant models. The models are validated using an extensive array of long-term measurements of temperature, currents, water levels, and wind waves in Lake Michigan during the 1982-83 calibration period and the 1994-95 Mass Balance Study period.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

In order to develop improved strategies for management and control of toxic chemicals in the coastal environment, the USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office has undertaken a program to measure and model the transport, fate, and bioaccumulation of four particular chemicals in Lake Michigan: PCB's (industrial compounds once widely used in a variety of products, banned since 1982), trans-nonachlor (a chlorinated hydrocarbon originally registered as a pesticide in 1948, banned by EPA in 1988), atrazine (the most widely used herbicide in U.S. corn and sorghum production), and mercury (a toxic element which occurs both naturally and anthropogenically). The project consists of a large monitoring program, including tributary inputs, atmospheric inputs, sedimentary processes, and biological processes, and also a modeling program.

1.1 LMMBS Modeling Framework

The modeling framework for LMMBS (Figure 1) consists of a series of linked submodels which can be divided into three groups: computational transport models, mass balance models, and bioaccumulation models. The computational transport models include a hydrodynamic model to estimate the three dimensional velocity and temperature fields, a wave model, and a sediment and particulate transport model. A surface flux model is used to convert raw meteorological data into gridded estimates of heat and momentum flux suitable for use as forcing functions in the hydrodynamic, wave, and sediment transport models.

The eutrophication, sorbent dynamics, and transport and fate models will be used in conjunction with the results of the computational transport models and the measured constituent loadings to simulate the seasonal cycle of primary production in the lake as well as the transport, intermedia exchange, phase distribution, and biogeochemical transformation of the target chemicals through the water column and the sediments. In the original project design, these models were intended to be applied on a collapsed (Level II) computational grid with considerably less resolution than the computational transport models (Level III). The drawbacks of this approach are well known, particularly the loss of spatial resolution as well as the difficulty of providing realistic estimates of



Figure 1. LMMBS modeling framework.

dispersion coefficients for chemical constituents in the collapsed grid calculations. In order to minimize these problems, the original plan was modified to include a provision for applying computational transport and mass balance models with the same computational grid resolution (5 or 10 km horizontal resolution with 20 vertical levels). With this approach, results from the transport models may not be as realistic as results with higher grid resolution, but the mass balance computations should be considerably more realistic than results using the collapsed grid approach.

The data collection phase of LMMBS provided information on atmospheric and tributary loadings, as well as in situ chemical concentrations for model validation for 1994-1995. The hydrodynamic models were applied for this entire period, and the results will be used to provide three dimensional transport fields for the mass balance models. Mass balance models predict chemical concentrations in water and sediment, as well as the bioavailability of toxic chemicals. The food web bioaccumulation model will then be used to estimate the accumulation of chemical constituents in various elements of the food web, ranging from benthos and zooplankton to forage fish and the top predators (lake trout and coho salmon).

#### 1.2 Hydrodynamic Modeling Program Overview

The main goal of hydrodynamic modeling program is to calculate three-dimensional fields of currents and temperature, and wind wave characteristics for the period of study. The wind wave model used in this task is the GLERL/Donelan parametric wind wave model developed by Schwab et al. (1984a, 1984b). The wave model has been successfully applied to Lake Erie (Schwab et al., 1984a) and Lake Michigan (Liu et al., 1984), as well as the Baltic Sea and several other lakes and embayments around the world. Schwab et al. (1984a) compared wave model results to wave measurements from an instrumented tower in Lake Erie and found root mean square differences on the order of 0.2 m for wave height and 1 sec for wave period. Liu et al. (1984) showed a high correlation between model results and lake-wide synoptic wave height measurements from an airborne laser altimeter in Lake Michigan. The GLERL/Donelan model is also used operationally by the NWS (Johnson et al., 1992) and has proven to be highly accurate when wind forecasts are accurate.

While there has been significant progress in hydrodynamic modeling simulation of wind waves in the Great Lakes, long-term circulation modeling efforts were rare in the past (Schwab, 1992). For example, since the pioneering works of Simons (1974, 1980) created the basis for numerical studies of circulation and thermal structure in the Great Lakes, Lake Michigan experienced only two long-term modeling exercises: Allender and

Saylor (1979) simulated three-dimensional circulation and thermal structure for an 8-month period, and Schwab (1983) studied circulation with a two-dimensional barotropic model also for an 8-month period.

Nowadays, with increases in computer power, seasonal variations in thermal structure and circulation can be more easily studied using three-dimensional hydrodynamic models. The numerical circulation model used in this task is a three-dimensional ocean circulation model developed at NOAA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab at Princeton University for coastal ocean applications by Blumberg and Mellor (1987) and subsequently adapted for Great Lakes use at GLERL (Schwab and Bedford, 1994, O'Connor and Schwab, 1994). The Princeton Ocean Model has been used extensively for coastal and estuarine applications, including the Middle Atlantic Bight, the South Atlantic Bight, The California Shelf, the Santa Barbara Channel, and New York Harbor. The Great Lakes version is used operationally in the Great Lakes Forecasting System (Bedford and Schwab, 1990, Schwab and Bedford, 1994) for Lake Erie. Extensive validation tests with observed currents, water level fluctuations, and surface temperature distributions have been carried out in the development of the Great Lakes Forecasting System (Kuan et al., 1994). The physical parameters predicted by the model are the three-dimensional velocity distributions, the temperature field, turbulent kinetic energy, turbulent mixing length, and the free surface water level.

In this study, the Princeton model was applied to Lake Michigan for two 2-year periods: 1982-1983, and 1994-1995. The first 2-year period was chosen for the model calibration because of an extensive set of observational data (Figure 2) including surface temperature observations at two NDBC weather buoys, and current and temperature observations during June 1982 - July 1983 at several depths from 15 subsurface moorings (Gottlieb et al., 1989).

There is no ice modeling component in the present version of the model, which can be a problem for the annual cycle modeling in general, because ice cover can cause significant changes in winter circulation patterns in a large lake (Campbell et al., 1987). The Great Lakes are usually at least partially covered with ice from December to April. Maximum ice extent is normally observed in late February, when ice typically covers 45% of Lake Michigan (Assel et al., 1983). Fortunately enough, it was not the case for the chosen periods of study: the 1982-83 and 1994-95 winters were among the warmest winters of the century and therefore practically ice-free (Assel et al., 1985).

#### 2. MODEL DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 Wave Model

The wave model is a numerical finite-difference solution to the two-dimensional wave momentum conservation equation. The wave energy spectrum is parameterized at each point on a rectilinear computational grid in terms of total wave energy, peak energy period, and predominant wave direction. Momentum is transferred from the wind to the waves using Donelan's (1979) formulation, which depends on the difference between the phase velocity of the waves and the local wind velocity. The momentum balance equation is

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_g \bullet \nabla M = \tau_w \tag{eq. 1}$$

where  $\nabla$  is the horizontal gradient operator, and M and  $v_g$  are the total momentum vector and the corresponding group velocity vector, and  $\tau_w$  is that part of the momentum input from the wind that produces net wave momentum growth. Assuming equipartition of kinetic and potential wave energy in the wave field, the momentum vector can be expressed as

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \end{pmatrix} = \rho_w g \int \int \frac{F(f,\theta)}{c(f)} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix} d\theta df$$
(eq. 2)



where  $\rho_w$  is the water density, c(f) the phase speed and  $F(f,\theta)$  the two-dimensional frequency spectrum of wave energy as a function of frequency f and direction  $\theta$ . Assuming further that the wave energy has a cosine-squared angular dependence about the mean angle independent of frequency and that there is no energy for

$$|\theta - \theta_0| > \pi/2$$
, we use

$$F(f,\theta) = \frac{2}{\pi} E(f) \cos^2(\theta - \theta_0)$$
 (eq. 3)

where E(f) is the one-dimensional spectral energy density. Since we are concerned with total momentum, we define the mean-square surface elevation:

$$\sigma^{2} = \iint F(f,\theta) df d\theta = \frac{|\mathbf{M}|c_{p}}{\rho_{w}g}$$
(eq. 4)

where  $|M| = (M_x^2 + M_y^2)^{1/2}$  and  $c_p$  is the deep-water phase speed of the peak of the spectrum,  $c_p = g/(2\pi f_p)$ . Applying deep-water linear theory, Schwab et al. (1984a) have shown that

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_x M_x \\ v_x M_y, v_y M_x \\ v_y M_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{|\mathbf{M}|c_p}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \\ \cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_0 \\ \sin^2 \theta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(eq. 5)

We calculate  $\tau_w$  as

$$\tau_w = 0.028\rho_a D_f | \boldsymbol{U} - 0.83\boldsymbol{c}_p | (\boldsymbol{U} - 0.83\boldsymbol{c}_p)$$
(eq. 6)

where  $c_p$  is a vector with magnitude  $c_p$  in the direction of the wave momentum vector, i.e.  $c_p = c_p M / |M|$ ,  $\rho_a$  is the air density, U the 10 m wind vector,  $D_f$  the form drag coefficient given by

$$D_f = [0.4/\ln(50/\sigma)]^2$$
 (eq. 7)

with  $\sigma$  in meters. The factor 0.028 is the empirical fraction of the wind stress that is retained by the waves.

To solve momentum balance equation we still need a relationship between wave momentum and wave height. We use the following empirical relation derived from JONSWAP relations (Hasselman et al., 1973) and linking  $\sigma^2$  with peak energy frequency  $f_p$  and wind speed U:

$$\sigma^{2} = 6.23 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{f_{p}U}{g}\right)^{-10/3} \frac{U^{4}}{g^{2}}$$
 (eq. 8)

The model is thus semi-empirical and parametric. A simple numerical integration scheme can then be applied to momentum balance equation. Forward time differences are used to calculate the momentum components at the center of the grid squares, and a combination of upwind and centered differences are used to evaluate the momentum advection terms at the edges of the grid squares. Model output at each grid point consists of significant wave height (defined by  $H_{1/3} = 4\sigma$ ), peak-energy wave period and average wave direction.

The output from the 5 km wave model (wave height, wave period, and wave direction) will be used in the sediment transport model to estimate bottom shear stress in each computational grid square at each time step.

#### 2.2 Hydrodynamic Model

The Princeton model is a nonlinear, fully three-dimensional, primitive equation, finite difference model that solves the equations of fluid dynamics. The model is hydrostatic and Boussinesq so that density variations are neglected except where they are multiplied by gravity in the buoyancy force. The model uses time-dependent wind stress and heat flux forcing at the surface, zero heat flux at the bottom, free-slip lateral boundary conditions, and quadratic bottom friction. The drag coefficient in the bottom friction formulation is spatially variable. It is calculated based on the assumption of logarithmic bottom boundary layer using constant bottom roughness of 1 cm.

In order to simplify the discussion of model physics, we present the dynamical equations in Cartesian coordinates. The velocity components (u, v, w) are in the (x, y, z) directions. The mass continuity equation is

$$\nabla \bullet V + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \tag{eq. 9}$$

where V = (u, v) is the horizontal velocity. The horizontal momentum equations are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \bullet \nabla u + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - fv = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ A_M \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ A_M \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ K_M \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right]$$
(eq. 10)

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \bullet \nabla v + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + fu = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ A_M \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ A_M \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ K_M \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right]$$
(eq. 11)

where  $\rho$  is density, *p* is pressure, *f* is the Coriolis parameter, and  $A_M$  and  $K_M$  are the horizontal and vertical momentum eddy viscosities, respectively. The Eulerian derivatives at a point are the result of the horizontal and vertical velocity advections, horizontal pressure gradient force, Coriolis force, and horizontal and vertical momentum diffusion. The model is hydrostatic and Boussinesq, so that density variations are neglected except where they are multiplied by gravity in the buoyancy force. The internal energy conservation equation with no sources or sinks of heat, gives an expression for the temperature *T*:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \bullet \nabla T + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ A_H \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ A_H \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ K_H \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right]$$
(eq. 12)

where  $A_H$  and  $K_H$  are the horizontal and vertical thermal diffusivities, respectively.

The finite difference form of the Princeton model is described by Blumberg and Mellor (1987). Horizontal diffusion is calculated with a Smagorinsky eddy parameterization (with a multiplier C=0.1) to give a greater mixing coefficient near strong horizontal gradients.

$$A_{m} = C\Delta x \Delta y \Big[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^{2} / 2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^{2} \Big]^{1/2}$$
(eq. 13)

Horizontal momentum diffusion will be assumed to be equal to horizontal thermal diffusion, as is common practice in hydrodynamic models where the primary horizontal mixing process is eddy diffusion (Blumberg,

1986). The equation of state (Mellor, 1991) calculates the density as a function of temperature, salinity, and pressure. For applications to the Great Lakes, the salinity is set to a constant value of 0.2 ppt.

The terrain following vertical coordinate system (sigma-coordinate) replaces the vertical coordinate, z, with a normalized vertical coordinate,  $\sigma = (z - \eta)/(d + \eta)$ , where d is the local depth and  $\eta$  is the surface elevation. The advantage of this system is that in the transformed coordinate system, the bottom corresponds to a uniform value of the vertical coordinate ( $\sigma = -1$ ), thus simplifying the governing transport and continuity equations. The disadvantage is that an extra term is introduced in horizontal gradient terms that can lead to artificial vertical diffusion of heat and momentum, particularly in areas of large topographic gradients. The Princeton model calculates the bottom friction coefficient,  $C_z$  based on the water depth d, and bottom roughness length  $z_0$ . Using law of the wall, near-bottom velocity at the height  $z_b$  can be described by:

$$u_b = (u_* / k) \ln(z_b / z_0)$$
(eq. 14)

where k=0.40 is the von Karman constant, and  $u_*$  is the bed-shear velocity, which meets the following relation:

$$u_*^2 = C_z u_b^2$$
 (eq. 15)

The friction coefficient can be found from (14)-(15):

$$C_z = [k/\ln(z_b/z_0)]^2$$
 (eq. 16)

To provide sufficient bottom friction in deep water, in the POM

$$C_z = \max\{0.0025, 0.16/[\ln(z_b/z_0)]^2\}$$
 (eq. 17)

In shallow water  $z_b$  can be less than  $z_0$  as it was found in Lake Erie simulations by O'Connor and Schwab (1994). Therefore, the model uses  $z_b = 2z_0$  in such cases. In earlier versions of POM, bottom roughness length was depthdependent:  $z_0=0.01(1+100/d)$ . In the latest version of POM,  $z_0$  is assigned a constant value of 0.01 m. For the vertically integrated mode of POM, the drag coefficient is taken as a constant 0.0025.

Although the current version of the model can incorporate a curvilinear, coastline-following coordinate system, this feature is not used in the Great Lakes version. We felt that the additional complications of a curvilinear coordinate system in (1) the interpolation and analysis of model results, and (2) the effect of variable grid size on numerical truncation errors were not justified by the potential for increased accuracy in the hydrodynamic model. The equations are written in flux form, and the finite differencing is done on an Arakawa-C grid using a control volume formalism. The finite differencing scheme is second order and centered in space and time (leapfrog).

A stratified body of water such as a lake has two types of motions, the barotropic (density independent) mode and the baroclinic (density dependent) mode. The Princeton model uses a mode splitting technique that solves the barotropic mode for the free surface and vertically averaged horizontal currents, and the baroclinic mode for the fully three-dimensional temperature, turbulence, and current structure. This necessitates specifying both a barotropic and baroclinic mode time step in accordance with the Courant-Friedrich-Lewy computational stability criterion.

The model includes the Mellor and Yamada (1982) level 2.5 turbulence closure parameterization. The vertical mixing coefficients for momentum  $K_M$  and heat  $K_H$  are calculated from the variables describing the flow regime. The turbulence field is described by prognostic equations for the turbulent kinetic energy  $q^2/2$  and turbulent length scale l,

$$\frac{\partial q^2}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{V} \bullet \nabla q^2 + \frac{\partial w q^2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ K_q \frac{\partial q^2}{\partial z} \right] + 2K_M \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{2g}{\rho_0} K_H \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} - \frac{2q^3}{B_1 l} \qquad (eq. 18)$$

$$\frac{\partial(q^2l)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \bullet \nabla(q^2l) + w \frac{\partial(q^2l)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left[ K_q \frac{\partial(q^2l)}{\partial z} \right] + E_l l K_M \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] + E_l l \frac{g}{\rho_0} K_H \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} - \frac{q^3}{B_l} W \right]$$
(eq. 19)

The first term on the right in each equation arises from the vertical diffusion of turbulent kinetic energy, and  $K_q$  is the diffusivity for this variable. The next two terms arise from the production of turbulent kinetic energy from shear and from buoyancy, respectively. The last terms with  $q^3$  represent the dissipation of turbulent energy. The  $B_1$ and  $E_1$  are empirical constants, g is the acceleration of gravity, and  $\psi_{T}$  is the empirical wall proximity function which approaches unity away from the surface. The problem is closed by expressing the vertical mixing coefficients for momentum, heat, and turbulent kinetic energy in the form

$$K_M = lqS_m \tag{eq. 20}$$

$$K_H = lqS_h \tag{eq. 21}$$

$$K_q = lqS_q$$
 (eq. 22)

where  $S_m$ ,  $S_h$ , and  $S_q$  are analytically derived algebraic stability functions. Details of this procedure are given by Blumberg and Mellor (1987).

The hydrodynamic model of Lake Michigan has 20 vertical levels and a uniform horizontal grid size of 5 km. Vertical levels were spaced more closely in the upper 30 m of water and near the bottom to better resolve both the seasonal thermocline and bottom boundary layer (Table 1).

The external mode time step is 30 s, the internal mode time step is 5 min. In the Princeton Ocean model, there is an option to allow a portion of the short-wave radiation to penetrate the upper part of the water column according to one of the Jerlov's (1976) five optical categories (I, IA, IB, II, III). We have found that allowing for short-wave radiation penetration improved the simulated vertical thermal structure in the multi-annual hydrodynamic model runs over runs with no short-wave radiation penetration. However, more work needs to be done to determine the optimal parameterization of short-wave radiation penetration for the Great Lakes. We use the default optical category (IPSWR=2, NTP=2) in the model. We also set a minimum water temperature in the model (0°C) to prevent negative water temperatures in winter due to the lack of an ice model. An alternative procedure for

Level	σ	Level	σ
1	.000	11	2270
2	0227	12	2724
3	0454	13	3405
4	0681	14	4313
5	0908	15	5448
6	1135	16	6810
7	1362	17	7945
8	1589	18	8853
9	1816	19	9534
10	2043	20	-1

handling water temperatures below 0°C in the model would be to allow water temperature to become negative, and then eliminate surface momentum flux in grid squares where surface water temperature was less than 0°C (A. Blumberg, personal communication). We felt that because ice cover in the 1982-83 and 1994-95 winters was so low (maximum ice cover reached only 17% in 1982-83 and 20% in 1994-95 versus 45% during a normal year) the first procedure would be adequate and would have negligible effect on conservation of heat in the model.

Table 1. Vertical  $\sigma$ -levels used in hydrodynamic model.

There is no open boundary in the model, which means that we neglect the influence of tributaries and outflow through the Straits of Mackinac on large-scale lake circulation. In Lake Michigan the hydraulic flow is at least an order of magnitude smaller than typical wind-driven and density-driven currents. However, hydraulic flow may be more important for longer time scale simulations.

The output from the lake circulation model can be used to provide estimates of horizontal advection and bottom shear stress for the sediment resuspension and transport model, as well as the water quality models. In addition, the turbulence closure scheme in the circulation model can provide estimates of physical dispersion coefficients for water quality and toxics models.

#### 2.3 Bathymetric Grids

Three bathymetric grids were developed for LMMBS: 2 km, 5 km, and 10 km. The bathymetry was derived from the 2 km gridded bathymetric data compiled by Schwab and Sellers (1980). The 5 km gridded depths are slightly smoothed by adjusting the depths to ensure that the relative depth change between adjacent grid squares was less than 0.5 while still preserving the volume of the original grid. The 2 km grid was used only in the idealized upwelling -Kelvin wave studies (Beletsky et al.,1997). The 5 km grid (Figure 2) was used through the course of our study as the main grid, for which all model evaluations were done. The 10 km grid was developed for prototype testing of the coupled hydrodynamic- biogeochemical model.

#### **3. FORCING FUNCTIONS**

In order to calculate heat and momentum flux fields over the water surface for the lake circulation, sediment transport, and wave models, it is necessary to estimate wind, temperature, dew point, and cloud cover fields at model grid points. Meteorological data were obtained from the NWS weather stations and buoys as well as additional marine observations from U.S. Coast Guard stations and ships of opportunity in Lake Michigan (Table 2). These data are routinely collected and quality-controlled at the Cleveland Weather Service Forecast Office. In addition, data from several meteorological stations in the LMMBS air sampling network around Lake Michigan were used. The marine observation network is shown in Figures 3 and 4 (in 1982-83 simulations only NWS weather stations and buoys data were available). These observations form the basis for generating gridded overwater wind, temperature, dew point, and cloud cover fields. Figures 3 and 4 also show observation networks of currents and temperature at moorings (Tables 3 and 4), temperature at municipal water intakes (Table 5), and water levels (Table 6) that were used for model evaluation.

Three main steps are required to develop overwater fields from the marine observation data base: (1) height adjustments, (2) overland/overlake adjustment, and (3) interpolation. First, measurements must be adjusted to a common anemometer height. Ship observations are usually obtained at considerably higher distances above the water surface than buoy measurements. Measurements are adjusted to a common 10 m height above the water surface using profile methods developed by Schwab (1978) and described more thoroughly by Liu and Schwab (1987). The wind and temperature profiles are represented as

$$u_w(z) = (u_* / k) [\ln(z / z_0) - \Psi_m]$$
 (eq. 23)

$$T_a(z) = T_0 + (T_* / k) [\ln(z / z_0) - \Psi_h]$$
(eq. 24)

where *u* is wind speed; *z* is the vertical coordinate;  $u_*$  is friction velocity, k=0.4 is the von Karman constant;  $T_a$  is air temperature;  $T_0 = T_a(0)$  is the surface temperature,  $T_*$  is the scaling temperature; and  $\psi_m$  and  $\psi_h$  are functions of dimensionless stability height given by Long and Shaffer (1975). In conjunction with the Charnock (1955) relation for overwater surface roughness,  $z_0=0.045 u_*^2/g$ , these equations can be solved iteratively to obtain  $z_0$  and  $u_*$ , yielding profiles for  $u_w(z)$  and  $T_a(z)$ .



Figure 3. Observation network for 1982-1983.



Figure 4. Observation network for 1994-1995.

Station	Location	Lat	Lon
45002	NDBC Data Buoy 02	45.30	86.40
45007	NDBC Data Buoy 07	42.70	87.00
45010	NDBC Data Buoy 10	43.00	87.80
SGNW3	Sheboygan Brkwtr WI	43.75	87.69
0Y2	Sturgeon Bay CG WI	44.80	87.31
17C	Ludington CG MI	43.95	86.40
20C	St. Joseph CG MI	42.12	86.48
Y09	Charlevoix CG MI	45.32	85.27
GSRW3	Gills Rock WI	45.30	86.98
BEH	Benton Harbor MI	42.13	86.43
CIU	Sault Ste. Marie MI	46.25	84.48
ESC	Escanaba MI	45.75	87.10
GRB	Green Bay WI	44.48	88.13
ISWBVI	Beaver Island MI	45.73	85.54
ISWIDN	Indiana Dunes IN	41.63	87.09
ISWIIT	Illinois Inst Tch IL	41.83	87.62
ISWKEN	Kenosha WI	42.51	87.81
ISWMSK	Muskegon MI	43.23	86.34
ISWMTW	Manitowoc WI	44.08	87.68
ISWSBR	Sleeping Br Dunes MI	44.76	86.06
ISWSHV	South Haven MI	42.46	86.17
MKE	Milwaukee WI	42.95	87.90
MKG	Muskegon MI	43.17	86.23
ORD	OHare Field Chi IL	41.98	87.90
SBN	South Bend IN	41.70	86.32
TVC	Traverse City MI	44.73	85.58
Y62	Sault Ste. Marie MI	46.50	84.30

Table 2. Meteorological station locations.

Table 4. Mooring locat	ions, 1994-95.
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Mooring	Lat Lon	L
1	43.01 87.8	0
2	43.00 87.8	6
3	43.08 87.8	4
4	43.01 87.5	7
5	43.04 87.0	3
6	43.05 86.6	5
7	42.72 87.0	6
8	42.29 86.6	4
10	42.00 86.6	9
19	43.05 86.6	6
23	43.23 86.4	2
24	43.19 86.3	9
27	43.19 86.4	3
33	42.93 86.2	.9
34	42.93 86.2	6
35	42.93 86.3	3

Table 3. Mooring locations, 1982	-83	3.
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Mooring	Lat	Lon
1	42.69	86.42
2	42.05	87.04
3	42.69	87.52
4	43.32	87.77
5	43.89	87.41
6	43.75	87.35
7	43.61	87.29
8	43.49	87.21
9	43.37	87.17
10	43.33	87.14
11	43.46	86.73
12	43.86	86.86
13	44.51	86.83
23	42.71	87.06
33	45.30	86.30

Table 5. Municipal water intake locations.

Station	Location	Lat	Lon
101	Benton Harbor, MI	42.13	86.49
108	Bridgman, MI	41.94	86.60
121	Grand Haven, MI	43.06	86.27
109	Holland, MI	42.80	86.23
102	Ludington, MI	43.96	86.47
103	Muskegon, MI	43.21	86.35
110	Muskegon Heights, MI	43.18	86.32
111	St. Joseph, MI	42.10	86.50
112	Cudahy, WI	42.96	87.82
113	Green Bay, WI	44.49	87.47
114	Kenosha, WI	42.59	87.79
115	Manitowoc, WI	44.08	87.62
116	Marinette, WI	45.10	87.60
104	Sheboygan, WI	43.67	87.67
117	Oak Creek, WI	42.87	87.83
105	East Chicago, IN	41.66	87.40
106	Borman Park, IN	41.64	87.34
118	Ogden Dunes, IN	41.63	87.20
119	Michigan City, IN	41.74	86.90
107	Whiting, IN	41.46	87.49
120	Chicago, IL	41.90	87.59
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Table 6.	Water	level	gauge	locations.
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Station	Location	Lat Lon
7023	Ludington	43.95 86.45
7031	Holland	42.47 86.20
7044	Calumet Harbor	41.73 87.53
7057	Milwaukee	43.00 87.88
7068	Kewanee	44.47 87.50
7072	Sturgeon Bay	44.80 87.32
7079	Green Bay	44.53 88.00
7096	Port Inland	45.97 85.87

The second problem in dealing with the combination of overland and overwater measurements is that overland wind speeds generally underestimate overwater values because of the marked transition from higher aerodynamic roughness over land to much lower aerodynamic roughness over water. This transition can be very abrupt so that wind speeds reported at coastal stations are often not representative of conditions only a few kilometers offshore. Schwab and Morton (1984) found that wind speeds from overland stations could be adjusted by empirical methods to obtain fair agreement with overlake wind speeds measured from an array of meteorological buoys in Lake Erie. For meteorological stations that are

more representative of overland than overwater conditions, namely airports and other "surface stations" in the marine observation network (Figures 3-4), we apply the empirical overland-overlake wind speed adjustment from Resio and Vincent (1977). For wind speed, these take the form

$$u_{w} = u_{l}F_{l}(u_{l})F_{2}(\Delta T) \tag{eq. 25}$$

where  $F_1(u_l) = 1.2 + 1.85/u_l$  (m/s), and  $F_2(\Delta T) = 1 - (\Delta T/|\Delta T|) \{ 1 - (|\Delta T|/1920)^{1/3} \}$ ,  $u_w$  is the over water wind speed;  $u_l$  is over land wind speed; and  $\Delta T = T_a - T_w$  (Degrees C).

For heat flux calculations, we also need to know overwater humidity to calculate latent heat flux. Dew point observations are only available from land stations. Phillips and Irbe (1978) used a simple empirical formula to estimate overwater dew point temperature from overland values:

$$T_{dw} = T_{dl} - c_l (T_{dl} - T_w)$$
 (eq. 26)

where  $T_{dw}$  is the dewpoint temperature over water;  $T_{dl}$  is the dewpoint temperature over land; and  $c_1$  is on the order of 0.35 for neutral stability. Air temperature reports from overland stations are adjusted with similar empirical formula:

$$T_a = 0.4T_{al} + 0.6T_w$$
 (eq. 27)

where  $T_a$  is the air temperature over water;  $T_{al}$  is the air temperature over land; and  $T_w$  is lake-averaged surface water temperature.

Finally, in order to interpolate meteorological data observed at irregular points in time and space to a regular grid so that it can be used for input into numerical wave, sediment transport, and circulation models, some type of objective analysis technique must be used. The complexity of the analysis technique should be compatible with the complexity of the observed data, i.e., if observations from only a few stations are available, a best-fit linear variation of wind components in space might be an appropriate method. If more observations can be incorporated into the analysis, spatial weighting techniques can be used. For LMMBS we used the nearest-neighbor technique, with the addition of a spatial smoothing step (with a specified smoothing radius). The nearest neighbor technique assigns the value of the nearest measurement station to each point in the regular grid, similar to the Thiessen polygon weighting scheme (Thiessen, 1911). The spatial smoothing step replaces each value on the regular grid with the average of all grid points within the specified smoothing radius. In the nearest neighbor technique, we also consider observations from up to three hours before the interpolation time to three hours after the interpolation time. In the nearest-neighbor distance calculations, the distance from a grid point to these observation points is increased by the product of the time difference multiplied by a scaling speed. The interpolation scaling speed is taken as 10 km/hr. Interpolation smoothing distance is 30 km. We found that the nearest-neighbor technique provided results comparable to results from the inverse power law or negative exponential weighing functions.

Figure 5 shows the average of the first 30 days of hourly wind fields for 1982 generated by this procedure.

After we have produced hourly gridded overwater fields for wind, dew point, air temperature, and cloud cover, the momentum flux and heat flux can be calculated at each horizontal grid square in the three-dimensional lake circulation model at each model time step. To calculate momentum flux, the profile theory described above for anemometer height adjustment is used at each grid square at each time step to estimate surface stress, using the surface water temperature from the circulation model. This procedure provides estimates of bulk aerodynamic transfer coefficients for momentum and heat. Surface heat flux, *H*, is calculated as

$$H = H_{sr} + H_s + H_l + H_{lr}$$
(eq. 28)

where  $H_{sr}$  is short-wave radiation from the sun,  $H_s$  is sensible heat transfer,  $H_l$  is latent heat transfer, and  $H_{lr}$  is long wave radiation. The heat flux procedure follows the methods described by McCormick and Meadows (1988) for mixed-layer modeling in the Great Lakes.  $H_{sr}$  is calculated based on latitude and longitude of the grid square, time of day, day of year, and cloud cover (*CL*).

$$H_{sr} = H_{cs} F_{3}(CL) \tag{eq. 29}$$

where  $H_{cs}$  is a clear sky value and  $F_3$  is a cubic function of cloud cover that ranges from 1.0 for clear sky to 0.36 for total cloud cover.  $H_s$  and  $H_l$  are calculated using the bulk aerodynamic transfer formulas:

$$H_s = C_h C_p \rho_a u_w \,\Delta T \tag{eq. 30}$$

$$H_l = C_d q_l \rho_a u_w \left( h_a - h_w \right) \tag{eq. 31}$$

where  $C_h$  is bulk heat coefficient,  $C_p$  is specific heat of air at constant pressure,  $\Delta T$  is water-air temperature difference,  $C_d$  is drag coefficient,  $q_l$  is latent heat of vaporization,  $h_a$  is specific humidity of air, and  $h_w$  is specific humidity at water surface.  $H_{lr}$  is calculated as a function of  $T_a$ , T, and cloud cover according to Wyrtki (1965). Figure 6 shows the average of the first 30 days of hourly net surface heat flux fields for 1982.

McCormick and Meadows (1988) showed that this procedure works quite well for modeling mixed layer depth in the Great Lakes. The gross thermal structure generated in the three dimensional model using these heat flux fields is similar to the profile that would be obtained from a one dimensional model. However, there is considerable horizontal variability in the three dimensional temperature field due mainly to wind forcing.

#### 4. MODEL RESULTS AND COMPARISON WITH OBSERVATIONS

#### 4.1 1982-83 Period

To initialize the model, we used surface temperature observations at two buoys (45007 and 45002) located in the southern and northern parts of the lake respectively. The model run starts on March 31, 1982. Vertical temperature gradients are very small because of convection during that time of the year when the water temperature is less than the temperature of maximum density (4°C). Therefore, we set vertical temperature gradients to zero, but retained horizontal gradients. The horizontal temperature distribution at the beginning of the run depends on depth (*d*) and latitude (converted to *j*- coordinate) according to the formula:

$$T = \max(0.0161 \ d - 0.0167 \ j, \ 0)$$
 (where  $1 < j < 102$ , 5 km grid) (eq. 32)

This formula was chosen so that initial temperature distribution matched observed surface water temperature at NDBC buoys 45002 and 45007 and also exhibited decreasing temperatures toward shallow water consistent with existing observations for that time of year.





Figure 6. 30-day average total surface heat flux, April 1982.

The typical range of water temperature in Lake Michigan for that time of year is from 0 to 3°C. Extensive experiments with different initial conditions for the 1994-95 period revealed that statistically, model results were insensitive to specified initial temperature conditions (necessarily simplified due to insufficient observations) if the mean lake temperature difference between different model runs was within approximately 0.5-1°C. Based on that fact, it would probably be fair to say that for the 1982-83 period, any chosen realistic three-dimensional temperature field yielding mean lake temperature about 1.5°C will provide results close to the ones that used initialization scheme in (32). For both the 1982-83 and 1994-95 Lake Michigan simulations, the initial velocity field is set to zero. Because of the strongly wind-driven character of the circulation in the lake, the effect of the initial condition for velocity on calculated currents disappears within the first few weeks of the simulation or even first few days if there is a strong wind event. The model run ends on November 20, 1983, after 600 days of integration.

#### 4.1.1 Temperature

The most distinctive feature of the physical limnology of the Great Lakes is a pronounced annual thermal cycle (Boyce et al., 1989). By the end of fall, the lakes usually become vertically well-mixed from top to bottom at temperatures near or below the temperature of maximum density for freshwater, about 4°C. Further cooling during winter can lead to inverse stratification and ice cover. Springtime warming tends to heat and stratify shallower areas first, leaving a pool of cold water (less than 4°C and vertically well-mixed because of convection) in the deeper parts of the lake. In spring, stratified and homogeneous areas of the lake are separated by a sharp thermal front, commonly known as the thermal bar. (See surface temperature plots on the Final Report CD.) Depending on meteorological conditions and depth of the lake, the thermal bar may last for a period of from 1 to 3 months. Stratification eventually covers the entire lake, and a well-developed thermocline generally persists throughout the summer. In the fall, decreased heating and stronger vertical mixing tend to deepen the thermocline until the water column is again mixed from top to bottom. When the nearshore surface temperature falls below the temperature of maximum density, the fall thermal bar starts its propagation from the shoreline toward the deeper parts of the lake. Thermal gradients are much smaller during this period than during the springtime thermal bar.

The model was able to reproduce all of the basic features of thermal structure of Lake Michigan during the 600 day period of study: spring thermal bar, full stratification, deepening of the thermocline during the fall cooling, and finally an overturn in the late fall (Figure 7). Observed temperatures from surface buoys and subsurface moorings were compared to model output (Figure 8). The comparison is quite good for the horizontal distribution and time evolution of the surface and bottom temperature, but it is worse in the thermocline area where internal waves are also much less pronounced than in observations. We think that because the model tends to generate excessive vertical diffusion, the modeled thermocline is too diffuse and hence temperature fluctuations are decreased. On the other hand, the simulation of the surface temperature is much more accurate, which shows correct calculation of heat fluxes near the surface. We should also note that the accuracy of surface temperature predictions is similar in the first and second year of simulations (we do not have subsurface observations for the second year summer) which we attribute to the rapid adjustment of the surface temperature field to the boundary conditions. Statistics of temperature field validation are presented in Table 7. To insure comparability with the 1994-95 period, only temperature and current observations longer than 300 days were used. In the table, RMSD is the root mean square difference (error) between observed and computed temperatures, Max Error is the maximum temperature difference, Avg. is the arithmetic mean, and CC is the correlation coefficient. In Table 7, the correlation coefficient gives the usual statistical indication of the strength of the linear relationship between computed and observed variables. We have found it to be a good measure of the agreement of the timing of events in computed and observed time series. Values greater than 0.5 usually indicate significant correlation in timing.

#### 4.1.2 Currents

Wind-driven transport is a dominant feature of circulation in the lakes. As shown by Bennett (1974), Csanady (1982), and others, the response of an enclosed basin with a sloping bottom to a uniform wind stress consists of longshore, downwind currents in shallow water, and a net upwind return flow in deeper water. The streamlines of

	RMSD	Max Error	Avg. (obs)	Avg. (comp)	CC
Surface	1.2	6.6	12.1	12.1	0.99
Subsurface epilimnion hypolimnion	2.5 0.7	10.6 3.3	7.1 4.2	6.4 4.3	0.87 0.78

Table 7. 1982-83 Hydrodynamic model evaluations for surface temperature at NDBC buoys (45002 and 45007) and subsurface temperature at GLERL current meter moorings (28 instruments).



Figure 7. Simulated mean temperature profile for 1982-1983.



Figure 8. Time-series of simulated water temperature versus observed at 45007 and 45002 for 1982-1983. Red line is observation, blue is model simulation.

the flow field form two counter-rotating closed gyres, a cyclonic gyre to the right of the wind and an anticyclonic gyre to the left (in the northern hemisphere). As the wind relaxes, the two-cell streamline pattern rotates cyclonically within the basin, with a characteristic period of about 4 days corresponding to the lowest mode topographic wave of the basin (Saylor et al., 1980). Numerical models approximating actual lake geometry have proven to be effective in explaining observed short-term circulation patterns in lakes (Simons, 1980, Schwab, 1992). The results of these modeling exercises show that the actual bathymetry of each of the Great Lakes tends to act as a combination of bowl-shaped sub-basins, each of which tends to support its own two-gyre circulation pattern.

Besides bathymetry and geometry, two other important factors tend to modify the simple two-gyre lake circulation model described above, namely nonuniform wind forcing and stratification. Thus, during the stratified period, longshore currents frequently form a single cyclonic gyre circulation pattern driven by onshore-offshore density gradients. The effect of horizontal variability in the wind field enters through the curl of the wind stress field (Rao and Murthy, 1970). Any vorticity in the forcing field is manifest as a tendency of the resulting circulation pattern toward a single gyre streamline pattern, with the sense of rotation corresponding to the sense of rotation of the wind stress curl. Because of the size of the lakes, and their considerable heat capacity, it is not uncommon to see lake-induced mesoscale circulation systems superimposed on the regional meteorological flow, a meso-high in the summer (Lyons, 1971) and a meso-low in the winter (Petterssen and Calabrese, 1959). There are also indications that nonlinear interactions of topographic waves can contribute to the mean single gyre cyclonic circulation (Simons, 1985).

Recent long-term current observations in Lake Michigan suggested a cyclonic large-scale circulation pattern, with cyclonic circulation within each subbasin, and anticyclonic circulations in ridge areas (Gottlieb et al., 1989). Our model results coincide with their conclusions. To study seasonal changes in circulation patterns, we averaged model results over two 6-month periods: from May to October (summer period), and from November to April (winter period). The selected averaging periods roughly correspond to the stratified and non-stratified periods. Circulation is more organized and more cyclonic in winter than in summer, which is in agreement with Gottlieb et al. (1989) and earlier findings of Saylor et al. (1980). One can also notice the presence of the computational noise in the summer circulation by the small scale wiggles in the streamfunction contour lines. Because winter circulation is stronger than summer circulation, annual circulation looks very similar to winter circulation (Figure 9).

We also compared progressive vector diagrams of simulated and observed currents (Figure 10). The largest currents occur in the fall and winter, when temperature gradients are lowest, but winds are strongest. Nearshore currents appear to be much stronger than offshore currents, in agreement with existing conceptual models and observations (Csanady, 1982). Still, even driven by the nearshore currents similar to ones that are depicted in Figure 10, it takes a passive particle about a year to complete a round trip of Lake Michigan, which would be about 1000 km. The point to point comparison of currents was most successful in the southern basin, which is characterized by a relatively smooth bathymetry. It was more successful in fall-winter months than in summer, most probably because the horizontal resolution of the model is not adequate for proper simulation of baroclinic processes with horizontal length scales comparable to the Rossby deformation radius (which is around 5 km for summer months). In addition, model resolution was too coarse to describe precisely the dynamics in the areas of strong depth gradients, even in the fall and winter when lake dynamics are essentially barotropic.

The statistics of simulated currents evaluation is presented in the form of the Fourier norms (rms difference). The Fourier norm of time-series of observed current vectors  $v_0$  and computed  $v_c$  is defined as

$$\left\|\boldsymbol{v}_{o},\boldsymbol{v}_{c}\right\| = \left(\frac{1}{M}\sum_{t=\Delta t}^{M\Delta t} \left|\boldsymbol{v}_{o}-\boldsymbol{v}_{c}\right|^{2}\right)^{1/2}$$
(eq. 33)

We use a normalized Fourier norm:  $F_n = ||\mathbf{v}_o, \mathbf{v}_c|| / ||\mathbf{v}_o, \mathbf{o}||$ . In the case of perfect prediction  $F_n$ =0. In the case  $0 < F_n < 1$ , model predictions are better than no prediction at all (zero currents). Using  $F_n$  not only allows us to



Figure 9. Stream-function for summer and winter circulation for 1982-1983.



use one number for characterization of model skills in predicting vector quantities, but also to compare our model results more objectively with previous model results. For example, in one of the earlier modeling exercises, Allender (1977) obtained  $1.00 < F_n < 1.11$ . Later, Schwab calculated  $0.79 < F_n < 1.01$ . In the 1982-83 simulations  $0.70 < F_n < 0.98$ . The normalized Fourier norm can also be thought of as the relative percentage of variance in the observed currents that is unexplained by the calculated currents. So, for the 1982-83 simulations, the hourly computed currents account for 2-30% of the total variance observed in the hourly current meter records.

#### 4.1.3 Water levels

Lake water levels are routinely measured on an hourly basis by NOAA National Ocean Service at 8 sites around Lake Michigan as shown in Figure 3. Because of its considerable depth, Lake Michigan exhibits considerably smaller short term water level fluctuations than Lake Erie, where the wind-induced changes in water level often exceed 1 m (Schwab, 1978). In Lake Michigan, typical wind-induced water level fluctuations are only in the range of 10-20 cm, which makes it more difficult to use them for model validation purposes.

The free surface water level fluctuation is one of the dynamic variables simulated by the hydrodynamic model. The hydrodynamic model simulation does not include seasonal changes in lakewide mean water level due to precipitation and evaporation. Therefore, in order to compare measured water levels to output from the hydrodynamic model, it is necessary to remove the seasonal fluctuation of mean lake level from the individual water level records. Hourly water levels were assembled and an hourly average was computed for all stations except Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay. Green Bay was excluded because it is not on the main part of the lake and is highly sensitive to local influences, and Sturgeon Bay was excluded because it is on a canal connecting Green Bay with the lake proper and again may not be representative of conditions in the main part of the lake. The average time series was smoothed with a 12 hour running mean filter and the subtracted from the observed hourly values at all stations. The resulting water level fluctuations represent the combined effects of wind, atmospheric pressure gradients, and local bathymetry. Since the hydrodynamic model forcing does not include atmospheric pressure gradients, and the hydrodynamic model resolution of 5 km is too coarse to resolve many local effects (harbor resonance, edge waves, etc.), the comparison of modeled water levels to observations is expected to be less satisfactory than for Lake Erie, where the wind-induced part of the water level fluctuation is much larger than the part due to atmospheric pressure gradients, or local effects.

A sample of the observed and computed water level fluctuation for Calumet Harbor, Milwaukee, and Green Bay for the period JD 265-325, 1983 is shown in Figures 11a-c. Calumet Harbor and Green Bay show the highest fluctuations (up to 50 cm), while Milwaukee does not exhibit as high an amplitude. At all stations there is a significant amount of high frequency (> 0.5/hr) fluctuation with amplitude on the order of 5 cm apparent in the observed water level record which is not seen in the computed water levels. We believe this difference is due mainly to local water level fluctuations in the harbors and coastal areas where the water level gauges are located which cannot be represented on the 5 km hydrodynamic grid.

The statistical comparison between observed and computed water level fluctuations is presented in Table 8. In the table, Npts is the number of water level observations available at that station (out of a possible 14400), Avg is the arithmetic mean, RMSV is the root mean square value, Diff. is the difference in the means, RMSD is the root mean square difference, and CC is the correlation coefficient. It can be seen from Table 8 that the RMSV of the observations is significantly greater than the RMSV of the computed water level fluctuations at all stations except Green Bay. This is probably due to the high frequency fluctuations which are seen in the observations, but not as much in the model. The RMSD between model results and observations is also reflective of this difference. Correlation coefficients are highest at Calumet Harbor and Port Inland which are located at the south and north ends of the main lake respectively, and which exhibit the largest amplitude wind-induced water level fluctuations.

4.1.4 Waves



Figure 11. Time series of simulated water levels versus observed for October-November 1983. Green Bay, WI (a); Milwaukee, WI (b); Calumet Harbor, IL (c).

Gauge	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	RMSV (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	RMSV (Comp.)	Diff.	RMSD	CC
7023	14371	-0.28	3.45	0.59	0.95	-0.87	3.32	0.39
7031	13730	0.33	2.73	0.67	1.64	-0.35	2.39	0.51
7044	14253	0.63	7.03	0.58	4.67	0.05	5.50	0.62
7057	14233	-0.27	3.46	0.12	1.64	-0.39	3.22	0.39
7068	13123	-0.07	3.42	-0.25	0.97	0.18	3.39	0.17
7072	14366	-0.13	2.97	-0.17	1.01	0.04	2.92	0.22
7079	14368	0.27	9.72	0.46	12.20	-0.18	12.30	0.39
7096	14283	-0.32	5.70	0.33	2.73	-0.65	4.61	0.61

Table 8. Statistical comparison of 1982-83 observed and computed short-term water level fluctuations (cm).

NOAA routinely operates two weather buoys in Lake Michigan during the ice-free season which provide hourly observations of surface meteorology, as well as wave height and wave period. Wave data from the buoys (45002 and 45007 in Figure 13) were assembled and compared to calculated wave height and wave period. As shown in Table 9, calculated wave heights compared well to observed wave heights, with root mean square differences of 0.34 and 0.30 m and correlation coefficients of 0.89 and 0.92 at buoys 45002 and 45007 respectively. The model has a tendency to underestimate the wave period as shown in Table 10. Observed mean wave periods were 0.71 and 0.64 s greater than calculated periods at 45002 and 45007. Monthly averaged simulated wave height for April, 1982 is presented in Figure 12. Figure 13 shows an example of the model output wave height, period, and direction, and the buoy observations at 45002 for the period April to May 1982.

#### 4.2 1994-95 period

The first three months of 1994 were more challenging for modeling because of the extensive ice cover during the winter of 1993-94. Maximum ice cover reached 78% (Assel et al., 1996). In the absence of an ice model, we chose to keep the water temperature steady at 2°C until April when the ice is gone. Therefore, the model was run in a diagnostic mode (constant temperature) until April 1. We experimented with different initial conditions based on the AVHRR-derived lake surface temperature and vertical temperature profile at one mooring in southern Lake Michigan. Those experiments suggested that qualitatively and quantitatively neither method of initialization provided better results in 1994-95. Therefore, we switched the model to a prognostic mode on April 1 keeping the same uniform temperature distribution.

#### 4.2.1 Temperature

As in the 1982-83 case, the second year winter was very mild and practically ice-free. Therefore, water temperature was close to the temperature of maximum density (4°C). The result of that lake preconditioning was a much shorter thermal bar period in the second spring. Observed temperatures from surface buoys and subsurface



Figure 12. 30-day average wind wave height, April 1982.



Figure 13. Time series of simulated wave height versus observed for April-May 1982, NDBC buoy 45002.

Buoy	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	Diff.	RMSD	CC
45002	10356	0.85	0.69	0.17	0.34	0.89
45007	10217	0.82	0.70	0.12	0.30	0.92

Table 9. Statistical comparison of 1982-83 observed and computed wave heights (m).

Buoy	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	Diff.	RMS	CC
45002	10356	4.07	3.36	0.71	1.31	0.67
45007	10217	4.00	3.37	0.64	1.39	0.67

Table 10. Statistical comparison of 1982-83 observed and computed wave periods (s).

moorings were compared to model output. Again, the comparison is better for the surface and bottom temperature, but it is worse in the thermocline area where internal waves are also much less pronounced than in observations (Figure 14). In 1994-95 an additional set of surface temperature data was available from the NDBC buoy 45010 located in the coastal zone off Milwaukee, WI (Figure 15). Statistics of temperature field validation are presented in Table 11. As with the 1982-83 period, only time-series longer than 300 days were used. The accuracy of surface temperature predictions was similar in the first and the second year of simulations, which is in agreement with the 1982-83 findings. On the other hand, the accuracy of subsurface temperature predictions does improve in the second year, especially in the thermocline area, as was shown from data collected from the only mooring with 1994-95 summer observations (Figure 14). Another piece of information on nearshore thermal structure was obtained from 23 municipal water intakes around Lake Michigan. These data were used mostly for qualitative assessment (Figure 16) because unlike typical in-situ measurements, water temperature is measured at the municipal water plants, not in the lake itself. There were also seven large-scale GLNPO temperature surveys of Lake Michigan during the 1994-95 period that allowed us to compare observed and simulated evolution of temperature profiles at some 20 locations (one example is shown in Figure 17) and several nearshore transects done by USGS (two examples are shown in Figure 18). Note that model bathymetry is somewhat smoothed as discussed in 2.3. Finally, solar radiation measurements at several ISWS stations were available for comparison with calculated solar radiation. That comparison showed good agreement between measured and calculated short-wave radiation (one example is shown in Figure 19).

#### 4.2.2 Currents

Currents measurements in 1994-95 were not as comprehensive as in 1982-83. Statistics of simulated currents evaluation showed that  $0.80 < F_n < 1.08$ , which is slightly worse than in the 1982-83 case. Calculated circulation patterns were somewhat different from the 1982-83 case. Winter circulation was predominantly cyclonic (Figure 20). Summer circulations exhibit cyclonic circulations around the deepest portions of northern and southern basin, but also an anticyclonic circulation in the mid-lake ridge area. Analysis of wind field vorticity showed that it has its maximum cyclonic vorticity during the winter, and minimum during summer. It is likely that as wind field cyclonic vorticity approaches zero, more and more anticyclonic circulations emerge. More research is needed to support this hypothesis.

4.2.3 Water Levels

In 1994-95, the same eight water level stations were available for comparison with model output. The results of the comparisons are shown in Table 12. The same conclusions apply as for the 1982-83 water levels, although the correlation coefficients between observed and computed water level fluctuations are somewhat lower in 1994-95.

4.2.4 Waves

In 1994-95, a third NDBC buoy was deployed near Milwaukee in Lake Michigan (Figure 4) as part of a limitedterm nearshore hydrodynamics experiment funded by NOAA. Wave height and period from this buoy as well as the other two NDBC buoys are compared to calculated wave height and period in Tables 13 and 14. The root mean square differences in wave height were somewhat lower in 1994-95 than in 1982-83, but correlation coefficients were not any higher. There is still a tendency for the model to underestimate wave period, although not as much at 45010.

#### 5. AGGREGATION OF HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL OUTPUT FOR LEVEL II WATER QUALITY MODELING

In order to use computed hydrodynamic transport in LMMBS Level II water quality models, we developed aggregation protocols for linking the Level II and Level III model grids. The Level II (aggregated) grid would be created as an overlay on the Level III (hydrodynamic) grid. The Level II grid can be specified either by indicating the boundaries between segments or by describing the area of the segments in terms of Level III grid. We have









	RMSD	Max Error	Avg (obs)	Avg (comp)	CC
Surface	1.5	6.1	13.1	13.3	0.96
Subsurface epilimnion hypolimnion	2.4 1.3	9.2 5.2	7.3 4.5	7.7 5.3	0.93 0.87

Table 11. 1994-95 Hydrodynamic model evaluations for surface temperature at NDBC buoys (45002, 45007, and 45010) and subsurface temperature at GLERL current meter moorings (10 instruments).



Gauge	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	RMSV (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	RMSV (Comp.)	Diff.	RMSD	CC
7023	17249	2.06	3.80	0.14	1.21	1.92	4.08	0.32
7031	16571	0.69	2.83	0.65	1.95	0.04	2.55	0.48
7044	16705	-0.29	6.95	0.81	4.23	-1.10	6.06	0.52
7057	17243	0.34	3.69	0.07	2.01	0.27	3.45	0.39
7068	15746	-0.72	3.53	-0.31	1.19	-0.41	3.42	0.28
7072	17272	-0.99	3.12	-0.24	1.34	-0.74	3.04	0.34
7079	16827	-0.38	10.11	-0.09	12.82	-0.29	13.58	0.32
7096	16147	-2.27	5.74	0.06	3.09	-2.33	5.52	0.49

Table 12. Statistical comparison of 1994-95 observed and computed short term water level fluctuations (cm.)









Figure 20. Stream-function for summer and winter circulation for 1994-1995.

Buoy	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	Diff.	RMS	CC
45002	6993	0.77	0.85	-0.08	0.31	0.87
45007	7848	0.67	0.71	-0.04	0.23	0.91
45010	4529	0.57	0.55	0.02	0.23	0.88

Table 13. Statistical comparison of 1994-95 observed and computed wave heights (m).

Buoy	Npts	Avg (Obs.)	Avg (Comp.)	Diff.	RMS	CC
45002	6993	3.89	3.77	0.12	1.47	0.61
45007	7848	4.19	3.48	0.71	1.24	0.65
45010	4529	3.30	3.02	0.28	1.70	0.59

Table 14. Statistical comparison of 1994-95 observed and computed wave periods (s).

also developed programs to convert from one description to the other.

A ten segment Level II grid was developed (Fig. 21). Aggregated average surface heat flux (on an hourly time scale) and average vertical temperature profiles (on a six-hourly time scale) were computed for each of the 10 segments for both the 1982-83 period and the 1994-95 period. In addition, inter-segment transports averaged over 1 day and 6 day intervals were computed.

We have also developed programs for aggregating the 3-d hydrodynamic model results for 3-d Level II grids. We provided LLRS with daily averages and 6-day averages of horizontal and vertical inter-segment transport for the 10 segment Level II grid with 5 vertical layers: layer one 0-10m, layer two 10-20, layer three 20-30, layer four 30-50, and layer five 50-bottom.

All data sets and computer programs associated with Level II aggregation are on the Final Report CD.

#### 6. INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION

Our general conclusion is that overall, the models simulated the large scale thermal structure, circulation, and waves quite realistically on the 5 km grid. We want to mention some problems, though. These problems reflect principal limitations of hydrodynamical modeling approach: limitations of model physics, coarse spatial discretization, errors in specification of forcing functions and initial conditions. First, the lack of an ice model will be a serious problem if the model is applied during a year with normal or severe ice conditions. It will cause both significant violations of lake's heat balance and errors in calculating transfer of momentum from air to water because of the difference in surface roughness of ice and water and momentum absorption by the ice.

Second, the exclusion of tributaries and outflow through the Straits of Mackinac (while having negligible effect on lake circulation) can potentially influence the mass balance of constituents over a long period of time. The flow in the vicinity of the Straits of Mackinac is probably the biggest challenge due to the lack of detailed information on currents and temperature, which is needed on the open boundary. As Saylor and Sloss (1976), Schelske et al. (1976), and Beeton and Saylor (1995) showed, there is a significant intraseasonal and interseasonal variability of currents and temperature in that area. In summer, there is a persistent flow of deep water from Lake Huron into Lake Michigan caused by temperature gradients in the vicinity of the Straits. It is not clear how far Lake Huron water penetrates into Lake Michigan, although it is probably fair to say that it should effect the Lake Michigan's northern basin water quality since the amount of water in this inflow is sufficient to decrease the residence time of Lake Michigan from 137 to 69 years (Quinn, 1977). Therefore, accurate time-dependent simulation of water exchange through the Straits of Mackinac will most probably require a simulation of the entire Lake Michigan - Lake Huron system since neither 1982-83 nor 1994-95 current and temperature observations are available. Other alternatives for including the Straits of Mackinaw in the model are 1) to specify the measured water level at that grid cell and allow the model to compute inflow and outflow or 2) to specify the time-dependent vertical profile of current and temperature at the Straits (this would require that appropriate measurements be available).

Third, the model did not perform as well in the thermocline area as it performed near the surface. The simulated thermocline was too diffuse. To study the effect of vertical resolution on the vertical temperature gradients, we carried out a model run with 39 sigma levels, e.g. double the vertical resolution. In this run we noticed only moderate improvement in the thermocline area. We also ran the model with a zero horizontal diffusion to test for artificial diffusion along sigma surfaces. Again, we did not notice a significant improvement in model results. On the other hand, experiments with the 1-dimensional version of the model showed that the Mellor-Yamada scheme can provide a sharp thermocline (which is also sensitive to the choice of extinction coefficient which possess significant spatial and temporal variability in large lakes but was kept constant in our calculations). The extinction coefficient determines how much incoming heat is absorbed in each vertical layer in each grid square in the hydrodynamic model. Extinction coefficient vary with concentration of chlorophyll, suspended solids/turbidity,



and dissolved organic carbon. At the time of these model runs, there was not sufficient information about the temporal and spatial variability of these parameters to try to include a spatially and temporally variable extinction coefficient. We think that the problem of the thermocline being too diffuse will most likely be solved by increasing the horizontal resolution. We feel that a horizontal resolution of 2 km should improve the results for Lake Michigan, but even higher resolution may be required for accurate simulation of vertical thermal structure. Unfortunately, 2 km and finer horizontal resolution is still beyond the limits of available computer resources, especially for water quality models. Another option would be to use a z-level type of model instead of sigma-level model. There are only a few direct comparisons between different types of models. For a problem of wind-induced upwelling and wave propagation on the existing thermocline, the results from z-level and  $\sigma$ -level model is suited better for a simulation of the developing (decaying) thermocline on the sloping bottom because of the superior vertical resolution in the coastal areas of the Great Lakes.

The horizontal resolution of the model was only sufficient for a description of large-scale circulation patterns. Point to point comparison of observed and simulated currents (as indicated by smallest Fourier norms,  $F_n \sim 0.7$ -0.8) was successful only in the fall-winter months in the southern basin, which is characterized by a smooth bathymetry. Comparison of observed and predicted progressive vector diagrams (Figure 10) showed that the modeled currents agreed qualitatively with the observed long-term flow in the southern basin, with modeled current speeds approximately 10-30% higher than observed speeds. Obviously, 5 km horizontal grid resolution is too coarse to adequately resolve baroclinic motions in summer. The point to point comparison was the worst ( $F_n \sim 1.0$ ) in the areas of strong depth gradients where model resolution was inadequate. The circulation was stronger in winter than in summer, and also more organized and cyclonic, which is in agreement with observations. Since the lake is essentially homogeneous in winter, there are two most probable explanations: existence of stronger cyclonic wind vorticity in winter, or existence of residual mean cyclonic circulation driven by nonlinear interactions of topographic waves. More research is needed to clarify the role of each factor.

Finally, there is potential for improvement in the specification of forcing functions and initial conditions. Currently, meteorological observations are 30-50 km apart, which means that we may miss details of mesoscale meteorology. The 1994-95 observation network had more stations than 1982-83, but model predictions did not improve noticeably. Perhaps the reason is that almost all new added stations were land stations, while the most significant changes in the air characteristics should occur over water. Initialization of 3-dimensional temperature field also presents a significant challenge because only surface temperature from two NDBC buoys is usually available for that purpose supplemented by episodic satellite observations.

#### 7. CONCLUSIONS

We have described the hydrodynamic modeling components of the LMMBS including the surface flux model, the wave model, and the three dimensional circulation model. We expect that these models will provide estimates of the physical environment in the lake with a spatial resolution of tens of kilometers and a temporal resolution of hours. These space and time scales are significant for many of the important chemical and biological processes that are being modeled as part of the LMMBS, particularly sediment resuspension and transport and lower food web modeling. Hydrodynamic models generally have very few system-specific adjustable parameters, so they are much easier to apply to new conditions, outside the conditions encountered during the project years. It is our conclusion that hydrodynamic and water quality models are essential for assessing regional impacts of the types of pollutants being studied in LMMBS. As a result of this study, we have identified several areas for future research including coupling of near-field and far-field models, closer linkages between hydrodynamic and water quality models, and more coordinated sampling programs for physical, biological, and chemical parameters. It is our hope that the LMMBS modeling framework, which is based on the hydrodynamic models, will provide a sound basis for the development of management tools for Lake Michigan.

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9.3 Final Report CD: Graphics, Programs, Observations, and Selected Model Results (including averages and aggregation)

The Final Report CD supplements this report with extensive collection of plots of model results and observations in the form of HTML and GIF files. It also contains all IDL, FORTRAN, HTML, and C-shell programs, observed data, selected model results (mainly various types of averages), and this report in the pdf format. The Final Report CD contains the following directories:

data	observation files
graphics	GIF files
html	HTML files
model_results	1D files, averages, aggregates
programs	aggregate, graphics, interpolation, pomgl, wmgl and XDR programs
report	this report

The full CD directory structure is as follows:

data	various observation data
<pre>   -ctd    -intakes    -marobs    -moorings    -ndbc    -transects   \-wlevels</pre>	<pre>temperature observations (GLNPO CTD surveys,1994-95) temperature and turbidity at water intakes (1994-95) marobs data files (1982-83; 1994-95) temperature and currents at moorings (1982-83; 1994-95) NDBC data files (1982-83; 1994-95) temperature observations (USGS CTD surveys, 1994-95) water level data (1982-83; 1994-95)</pre>
  graphics	plots generated for this study
    averages 	30 day average plots
-meteo     \-model	plots of meteorological data plots of model data
-ctd    -profiles	GLNPO survey temperature plots USGS survey temperature transect plots
   \time_series	60 day time series plots
<pre>    -currents    -meteo    -temperature    -waves   \-wlevels</pre>	mooring current and temperature plots meteorological plots water intake and NDBC temperature plots wave height model results vs observed plots water level model results vs observed plots
  html	html files
   \images	images used in the html pages
   \-stations	locations of meteorological stations
  -index.html	the starting point for your web browser
  model_results 	selected model results

-1d    -aggregate   ∖-averages	XDR files with time-series of simulated variables XDR files with aggregated transports XDR files used in 30 day averages plots
  programs	programs used in the lmmbs study
    idl	idl programs
<pre>    -averages     -buoys   -ctd   -ctd   -currents   -maps   -meteo   -meteo   -miscellan   -solar   -transects   -waves   -wlevels</pre>	programs used to plot 30 day averages programs to plot temperature at NDBC buoys programs to plot temperature obtained in GLNPO CTD surveys program used to generate 60 day temp & current meter plots programs to plot temperature at municipal water intakes programs to plot observation networks program used to generate meteorological plots observations coordinates and miscellaneous subroutines programs to plot short-wave solar radiation program used to generate temp. profiles programs used to generate 60 day wave plots programs used to generate 60 day water level plots
    interp    pomgl    wmgl   \xdr	programs for interpolation of meteorological observations hydrodynamic model code and shell scripts wave model code and shell scripts XDR I/O programs
\report	IINAI report in Adobe Acrobat (pdi) Iormat

#### 9.3.1 Model Codes

Lake Michigan bathymetric grids are in files mich2.dat, mich5.dat, and mich10.dat in the programs/pomgl subdirectory. Hydrodynamic model code includes files pomgl-main.f, pomgl-subs.f, pom-subs.f, and pomgl.h (common block file). Hydrodynamic model initialization code is in the file pomglrin.f (common block file pomglrin.h). Interpolation model code is in the file interpgl.f. Idealized boundary conditions (wind stress and heat flux) can be created with the program pomglflx.f. Wave model code is in the file wmgl.f in the programs/wmgl subdirectory. A description of a sample single period model run is given below. Section 9.3.2 describes how a multi-year simulation (consisting of several periods) was implemented.

As an example of how to run the hydrodynamic model, we will describe the steps required for one 60-day period. The example covers the 60 day period from May 1, 1994 0000Z to June 30, 1994 0000Z. Meteorological forcing functions are based on station observations from airports, NDBC buoys, and LMMBS atmospheric deposition monitoring stations. The initial condition is read in from the file m94061.rst.

There are two steps involved in the hydrodynamic model simulation. First, the station meteorological data is interpolated to the hydrodynamic grid. Second, the hydrodynamic model is run.

The wave model can also be run for the same time period using the interpolated meteorological data created in step 1. The wave model run is independent of the hydrodynamic model run.

Approximate execution times on HP C160 workstation:

interpce: 10 mins. pomgl: 6 hrs. wmgl: 10 mins.

\_\_\_\_\_ Step 0. Compile C interface to XDR I/O routines on your system \_\_\_\_\_ 0.1 Copy source code to working directory: hpxdrc.c (or sunxdrc.c) from programs/xdr subdirectory 0.2 Rename to xdrc.c 0.3 Compile interface routines: cc -c xdrc.c \_\_\_\_\_ Step 1. Interpolate station meteorological data to hydrodynamic grid \_\_\_\_\_ 1.1 Copy source code and input files to working directory from programs/interp subdirectory: interpce.f interpsubs.f xdrsubs.f interp.in mich5.dat stations.dat m94121.mmo 1.2 Compile interpolation program 'interpce'. f77 -o interpce -O interpce.f interpsubs.f xdrsubs.f xdrc.o Run program interpce. 1.3 interpce < interp.in > interp.out 1.4 The following files are created: interp.adj \* interp.e \* interp.s \* m94121.at m94121.cl m94121.dp m94121.wu m94121.wv m94121.wt \* \* = temporary file which is not required for pomgl model run

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# Step 2. Run hydrodynamic model

2.1 Copy source code and input files for hydrodynamic model to working directory from programs/pomgl subdirectory:

pomgl-main.f pomgl-subs.f pomgl.h xdrc.o pomgl.in mich5.dat

2.2 Compile hydrodynamic model f77 -o pomgl -O pomgl-main.f pomgl-subs.f pom-subs.f xdrc.o

- 2.3 Run hydrodynamic model pomgl < pomgl.in > pomgl.out
- 2.4 The following xdr files are created: m94121.1d m94121.utm m94121.vtm m94121.rst m94121.tmz

Step 3. Run wave model (Does not require step 2)

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- 3.1 Copy source code and input files for wave model to working directory from programs/wmgl subdirectory: wmgl.f wmgl.in xdrc.o mich5.dat
- 3.2 Compile wave model f77 -o wmgl -O wmgl xdrc.o
- 3.3 Run wave model wmgl < wmgl.in > wmgl.out
- 3.4 The following xdr files are created: m94121.wvh m94121.wvp m94121.wvd wmgl.rst
  - 9.3.2 Shell Scripts

UNIX C-shell scripts were used during sorting/interpolation of meteorological data, and model runs. Interpolation script is in the file interp.csh in the programs/interp subdirectory.

Model run script (in the file s\_m82h\_crunch1 or s\_m94z11\_crunch1) in the programs/pomgl subdirectory makes changes in the dimensions of arrays, archives current model code, and then compiles the program. A typical model run consists of several separate 60-day periods, therefore, several control files (pomgl.in) are needed. The first control file is created in the beginning of the script, and is used as a template for creation of subsequent control files by means of stream editor sed. After that, the script starts an initialization program to specify initial temperature and velocity fields in the lake, and begins execution after that. In the 1994-95 case, we ran the model in a diagnostic mode for the first three months. Therefore, the second 60-day period consists of a 30-day barotropic run followed by a separate 30-day baroclinic run. The script combines two 30-day periods into a regular size period and the proceeds to normal 60-day period runs. In the end of the script we combine all files with extension '1d' and 'tmz'.

9.3.3 Programs for input/output analysis (IDL)

Programs that were used to create graphic output on Final Report CD in programs/idl subdirectory:		
a82atp.pro -	plots 30-day average air temperature (1982-83)	
a82clp.pro -	plots 30-day average cloud cover (1982-83)	
a82cp.pro -	plots 30-day average currents (1982-83)	
a82dpp.pro -	plots 30-day average dew point (1982-83)	
a82hfp.pro -	plots 30-day average total surface heat flux (1982-83)	
a82mwp.pro -	plots 30-day maximum wave height (1982-83)	
a82sfp.pro -	plots 30-day average transport stream function (1982-83)	
a82tp.pro -	plots 30-day average surface water temperature (1982-83)	
a82uvp.pro -	plots 30-day average wind field (1982-83)	
a82whp.pro -	plots 30-day average wave height (1982-83)	
a82wsp.pro -	plots 30-day average wind stress (1982-83)	
a94atp.pro -	plots 30-day average air temperature (1995-95)	
a94clp.pro -	plots 30-day average cloud cover (1995-95)	
a94cp.pro -	plots 30-day average currents (1995-95)	
a94dpp.pro -	plots 30-day average dew point (1995-95)	
a94hfp.pro -	plots 30-day average total surface heat flux (1995-95)	
a94mwp.pro -	plots 30-day maximum wave height (1995-95)	
a94sfp.pro -	plots 30-day average transport stream function (1995-95)	
a94tp.pro -	plots 30-day average surface water temperature (1995-95)	
a94uvp.pro -	plots 30-day average wind field (1995-95)	
a94whp.pro -	plots 30-day average wave height (1995-95)	
a94wsp.pro -	plots 30-day average wind stress (1995-95)	
plot82buoy.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of surface water temperature at NDBC buoys 45002 and 45007	
	(1982-83)	
plot94buoy.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of surface water temperature at NDBC buoys 45002 and 45010	
	(1994-95)	
plot94buoy2.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of surface water temperature at NDBC buoy 45007(1994-95)	
ctd.pro -	plots temperature profiles at CTD survey locations (1994-95)	
tcurrent.pro plot_intake.pro- plots 60-day time-series of observed versus simulated temperatures at water intakes		
	locations (1994-95)	
plot_marobs.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of observed air temperature, water temperature, dew point, cloud	
	cover, wind speed and direction	
plot_solar.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of observed versus simulated short-wave solar radiation (1994-95)	
plot_transect.pro -	plots observed versus simulated water temperature at several transects (1994-95)	
plot_82wave.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of observed versus simulated wind wave height, period and direction	
	(1982-83)	
plot_94wave.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of observed versus simulated wind wave height, period and direction	
	(1994-95)	

plot_wl.pro -	plots 60-day time-series of observed versus simulated water level elevations
table_01.txt -	location of moorings, water level gauges and NDBC buoys (1982-83)
table_03.txt -	location of moorings, water level gauges and NDBC buoys (1994-95)

There are several files in directory programs/idl/miscellaneous with coordinates of other observations:

ctdlog.dat - CTD surveys intakes.dat - water intakes stations1.dat - meteorological observations

9.4 Model input and output on CD - binary (XDR) and ASCII

There are 10 CDs with 1982-83 and 12 CDs with 1994-95 binary (XDR) model input and output, and also ASCII input and output model files. Each CD corresponds to a single 60 day period and contains three directories: circulation, meteorology, and waves. Fields are stored at hourly (meteorology and waves), 3-hourly (currents), and 6-hourly (water temperature) intervals on the 5 km Lake Michigan hydrodynamic grid. For the 1982-83 simulation, the period covered is from 31 March 1982 through 20 November 1983 (600 days). There are 10 files for each field, corresponding to the 10 consecutive 60 day periods during this interval. For the 1994-95 simulation, the period covered is from 1 Jan. 1994 to 21 Dec. 1995 (720 days). There are 12 files for each field, corresponding to the 12 consecutive 60 day periods during this interval. The file names are mYYJJJ.ppp where YY is the year for the first data field in the file (94 or 95), JJJ is the day of the year (1-365), and ppp indicates which parameter is stored in the file as shown above. The filenames for the 1982-83 simulations are: m82090, m82150, m82210, m82270m, m82330, m83025, m83085, m83145, m83205, and m83265. The filenames for the 1994-95 simulations are: m94001, m94061,m94121, m94181, m94181, m94241, m94301, m94361, m95056, m95116, m95176, m95236, and m95296. We illustrate the contents of the CD set using first 60 day period of 1994-95 simulations as a template.

The directory 'meteorology' contains four ASCII files:

m94001.mmo - meteorological observations file

m94001.in - input file for interpolation program interpce.f

m94001i.out - output of the interpolation program

m94001.wt - lake-averaged climatological surface water temperature.

The rest of the directory contains XDR files with hourly meteorological data at all grid points on the 5 km Lake Michigan grid:

m94001.at - air temperature at 10m height (C)

m94001.cl - cloud cover (percent)

m94001.dp - dew point at 10m height (C)

m94001.wu - eastward component of wind velocity at 10m height (m/sec)

m94001.wv - northward component of wind velocity at 10m height (m/sec)

The directory 'waves' containes 2 ASCII files:

m94001.win - wave model input file

m94001w.out - wave model output file.

There are also three XDR files with hourly wave data:

- m94001.wvh significant wave height from wave model (m)
- m94001.wvp peak energy wave period from wave model (sec)

m94001.wvd- wave direction from wave model (degrees, 0 = toward east)

The directory 'circulation' contains four ASCII files: m94001.in - hydrodynamic model input file m94001.out - hydrodynamic model output file m94001.err - hydrodynamic model error message file m94001.outrin -output of the initialization program

The last file occurs only in the beginning of the model run as well as the XDR initialization file m94001.ini which is an equivalent of the XDR restart file m94001.rst generated in the end of each model run.

There are 11 hourly XDR files (we omit the model run suffix here for brevity):

- m94001.t.000.000.101 surface water temperature (C) X-component of momentum flux  $(m^{**2/s^{**2}})$ m94001.tx m94001.ty -Y-component of momentum flux  $(m^{**2/s^{**2}})$ Net surface heat flux out of lake (W/m\*\*2) m94001.hf m94001.swr -Short wave radiation  $(W/m^{**2})$ Long wave radiation  $(W/m^{**2})$ m94001.lwr m94001.shf -Sensible heat flux  $(W/m^{**}2)$ Latent heat flux (W/m\*\*2) m94001.lhf m94001.eg -Surface water level (m) Miscellaneous model output at specified locations m94001.1d -
- m94001.tmz Lake-averaged vertical temperature profile (C)

Currents are saved 3-hourly, and water temperature is saved 6-hourly in the following XDR files:

- m94001.t water temperature (C)
- m94001.um X component of 3D current field
- m94001.vm Y component of 3D current field
- m94001.utm X component of 2D current field (depth-averaged)

m94001.vtm - Y component of 2D current field (depth-averaged)

For the 1994-95 simulation, the water temperature in the hydrodynamic model of Lake Michigan is held constant at 2 degrees for the first 90 days of the run, so surface water temperature fields will indicate a constant 2 degrees at all grid points during this period. During the first 90 days the model does not calculate surface heat flux, so these values are 0.

The wu, wv, at, dp and cl files all start at hour 00Z on the indicated day and include 1441 hourly fields. All the other fields are based on model output and start at 01Z on the indicated day and include 1440 hourly fields.

All fields except tx,um,utm and ty,vm,vtm represent values at the centers of the non-land grid cells in the Lake Michigan 5 km hydrodynamic grid. There are 2318 non-land cells. The tx, um and utm fields are calculated at upoints in the computational lattice (the center of the west side of each grid cell). The ty, vm, and vtm fields are calculated at v-points in the computational lattice (the south side of each grid cell). There are 2162 interior u-points and 2223 interior v-points respectively. Note also that the sign convention for tx and ty is the opposite of wu and wv, that is a positive tx is a westward stress and a positive ty is a southward stress.

The data are stored in XDR format, which is a machine independent method for representing data. Each type of UNIX machine has its own subroutines for converting XDR data into native format. You can usually find out more about XDR on your UNIX machine by typing 'man xdr'. The UNIX system routines to read and write XDR files are usually callable only from a C program, so if you want to use a Fortran program to read the files it is necessary to provide a set of C routines that are callable from Fortran which will link to the system's native XDR routines. We have provided a set of these routines for several different UNIX systems in the files hpxdrc.c (HP), sunxdrc.c (SUN), and decxdrc.c (DEC) in the programs/xdr area on the graphics CD. These routines need to be compiled on your system with the C compiler and the object file saved for inclusion with your Fortran program.

The command for compiling the XDR linkages is usually 'cc -c hpxdrc.c', or the name of the appropriate routines for your system. This procedure should create an object file named 'hpxdrc.o' (or the appropriate name for your system) which can be included in the compilation of your Fortran program to provide a link to the system XDR routines.

We are providing an example of a FORTRAN program (readxdr.f) in the programs/xdr area on the Final Report CD to extract the data from the files on the model output CDROMs and create either time series of data from a single point, or the entire gridded fields for each time step. You will have to include the XDR linkage routines when you compile this program. On our system, the compilation command is 'f77 -o readxdr readxdr.f hpxdrc.o'. The data are stored in the XDR files only for the lake (non-land) grid squares in the 5 km hydrodynamic grid. There are 2318 such squares in the 53 x 102 grid. The example program includes the subroutines needed to map the data back into the 2-dimensional hydrodynamic grid. We are also providing a program (gridinfo.f) to list the geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) of each grid square, the 5 km grid itself (depth at each grid square), and a vector representation of the shoreline (lat-lon) that you can use in your plotting programs. The grid and shoreline are in the file mich5.dat.