

# GLOS DMAC

Great Lakes Observing System:  
Data Management and Communications

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# Overview

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- Philosophical Preamble
- Some Technical Detail
- A Few Illustrations



## Stem Cell Energetics

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## The Availability of Research Data Declines Rapidly with Article Age

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### Highlights

- We examined the availability of data from 516 studies between 2 and 22 years old
- The odds of a data set being reported as extant fell by 17% per year
- Broken e-mails and obsolete storage devices were the main obstacles to data sharing
- Policies mandating data archiving at publication are clearly needed

### Summary

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# Virtuous Data Management

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- ***vir·tu·ous*** /'vərCHōōəs/. *Having or showing high moral standards.*
- ***mor·al*** /'môrəl/. *Concerned with the principles of right and wrong behavior and the goodness or badness of human character.*

**Managing data to ensure its availability and utility is a ~~good~~ best practice to be strongly encouraged.**

# What's Virtuous?

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- Virtuous Data Management is based on discoverability, transparency and interoperability:
  - Development and publication of metadata in accessible catalogs.
  - Use of appropriate detail and a controlled vocabulary in metadata and datasets.
  - Publication of data using open standards.

# What's Virtuous?

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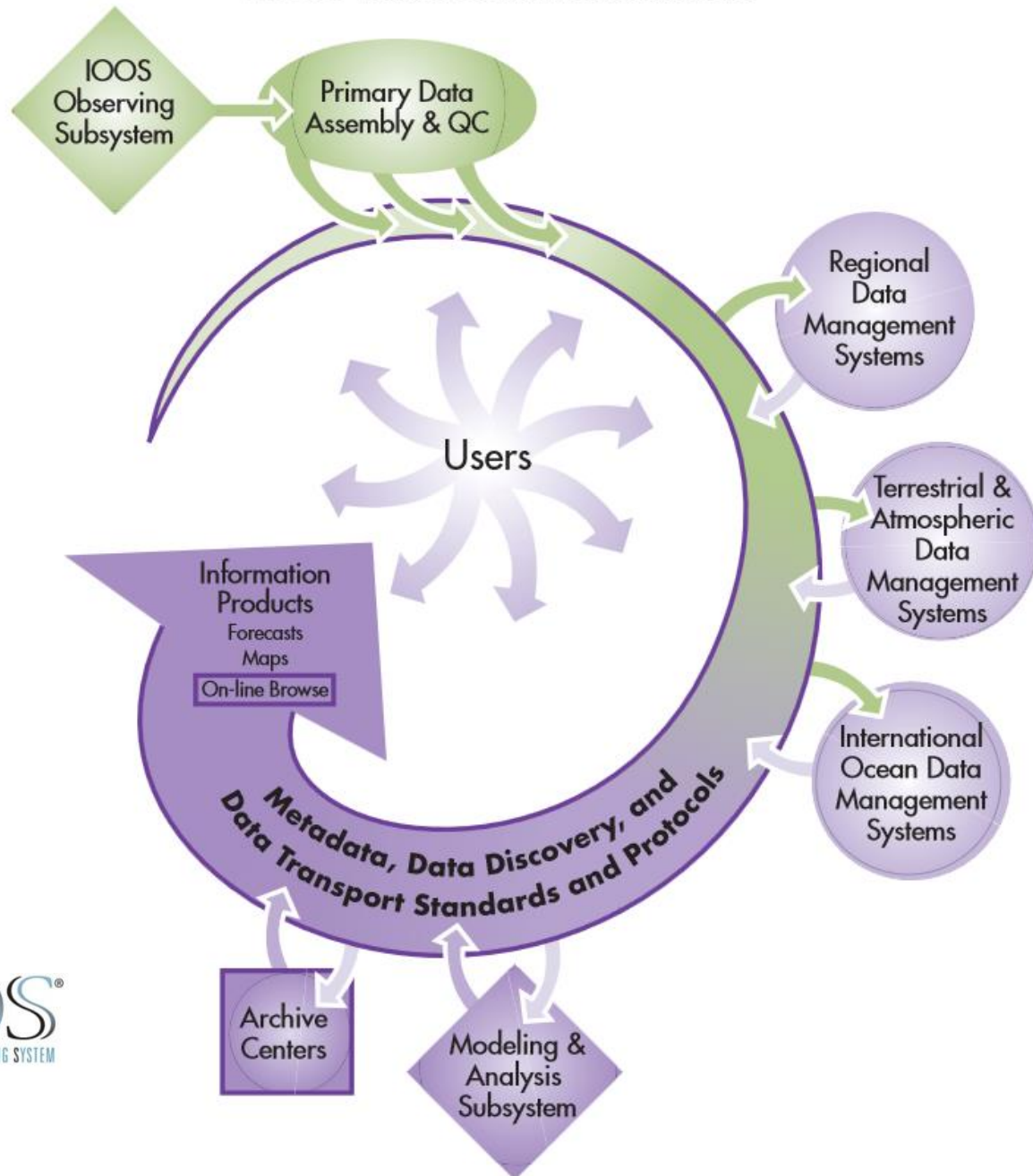
- Sustainability and provenance, too:
  - Long-term access to metadata and data
  - Credit where it's due.

# What is DMAC?

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# IOOS Data Communications



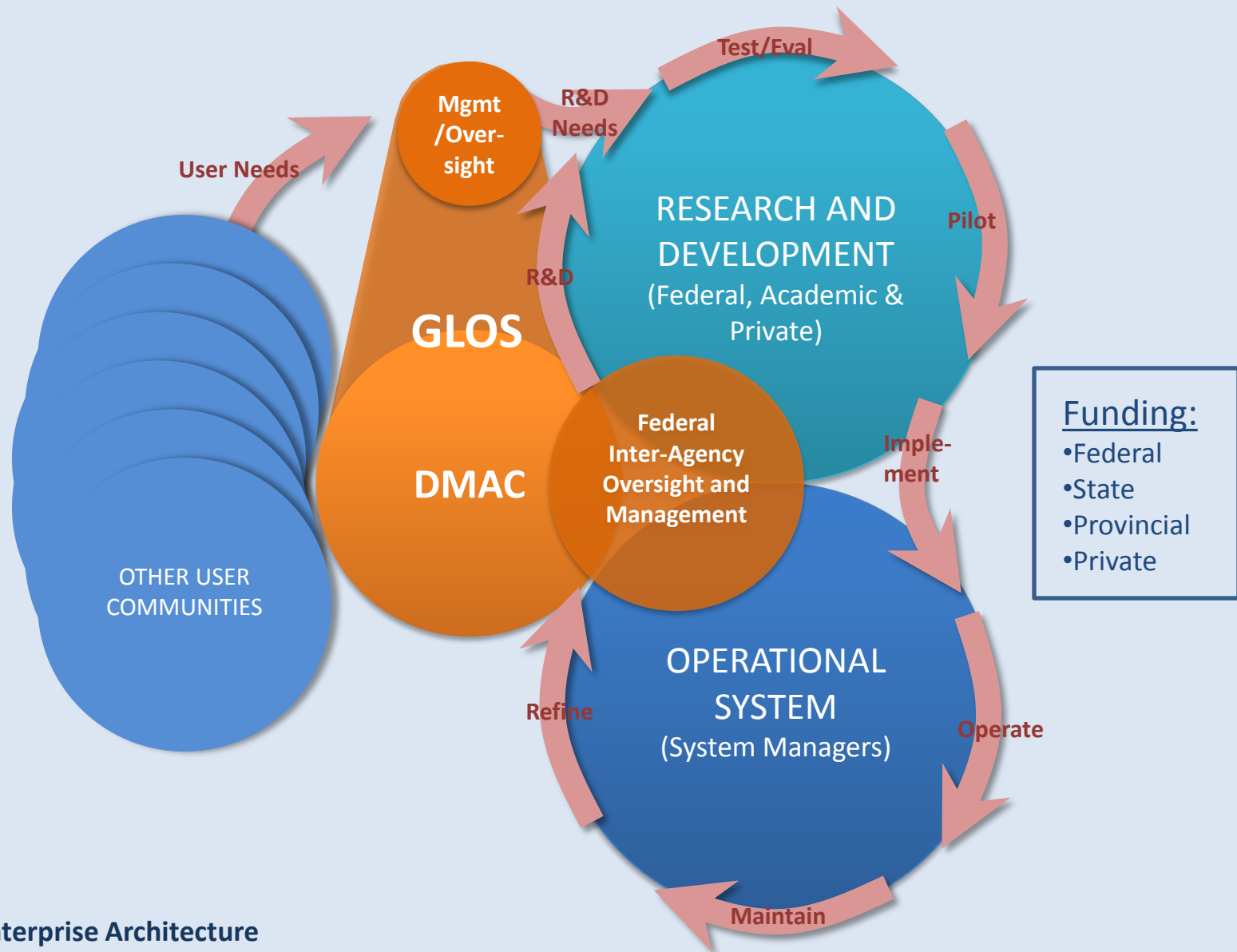
# What is DMAC?

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- “... the DMAC [Data Management and Communications] subsystem must make data and products discoverable and accessible, and must provide essential metadata regarding information sources, methods, and quality.”
  - Delivery of accurate and timely data;
  - Full life-cycle management of observations;
  - Robust yet flexible data exchange.
  - [http://www.ioos.gov/library/dmac\\_implementation\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ioos.gov/library/dmac_implementation_2010.pdf)

# DMAC and Concept of Operations:

## GLOS Enterprise System Management, Development, and User Framework



# How is DMAC Virtuous?

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- Discoverability: ISO-compliant metadata
  - CSW (GeoNetwork)
- Interoperability: adherence to standards
  - SOS, WMS, WFS (52N SOS, ncWMS)
  - OPeNDAP, NetCDF (TDS)
- Transparency: vocabulary and harmonization
- Sustainability and provenance; QA/QC

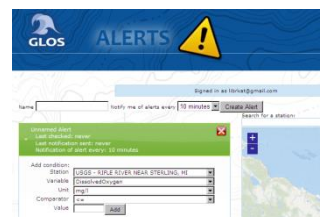


Metadata / XML  
database

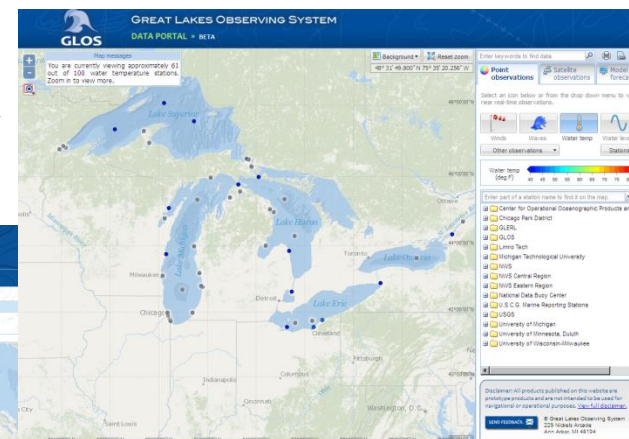


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Harvested data



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GeoNetwork Metadata



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# Illustrations

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# Great Lakes Metadata Catalog

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## What?

Any of the words

Title

Abstract

Keywords

Catalog  
- Any -

Category  
- Any -

### Map type

- ☐ Digital ☐ Interactive  
☐ Hard copy ☐ Downloadable

### Search accuracy

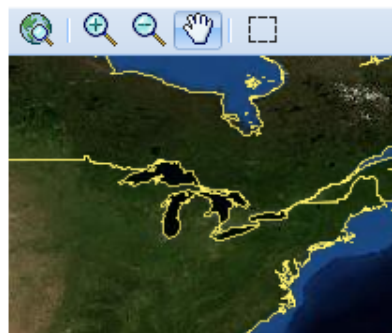
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## Where?

lat (max)

long (min)



long (max)

lat (min)

Type

overlaps

Region

- Any -

## When?

☒ Anytime

☐ Metadata change date

From  To

☐ Temporal Extent

From  To

## Welcome to the Great Lakes Geospatial Metadata Catalog

Aggregate Results matching search criteria : 1-10/97 (page 1/10), 0 selected




Abstract

Keywords



### COHESIVE SHORELINE EROSION MODELLING FRAMEWORK

Geomorphic Solutions developed a modelling framework document that outlines the modelling tools that would be used as well as the COHESIVE SHORELINE, CORMODEL, EROSION, MODELLING

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IUGLS Database 2010  
Responses from municipal, industrial and power generations facilities on the Upper Great Lakes are provided in response to a comprehensive questionnaire.



# GREAT LAKES OBSERVING SYSTEM

## HURON-ERIE CORRIDOR WATERWAYS FORECAST SYSTEM

Date: 2012-03-20 15:00:00 GMT

Change Time Zone

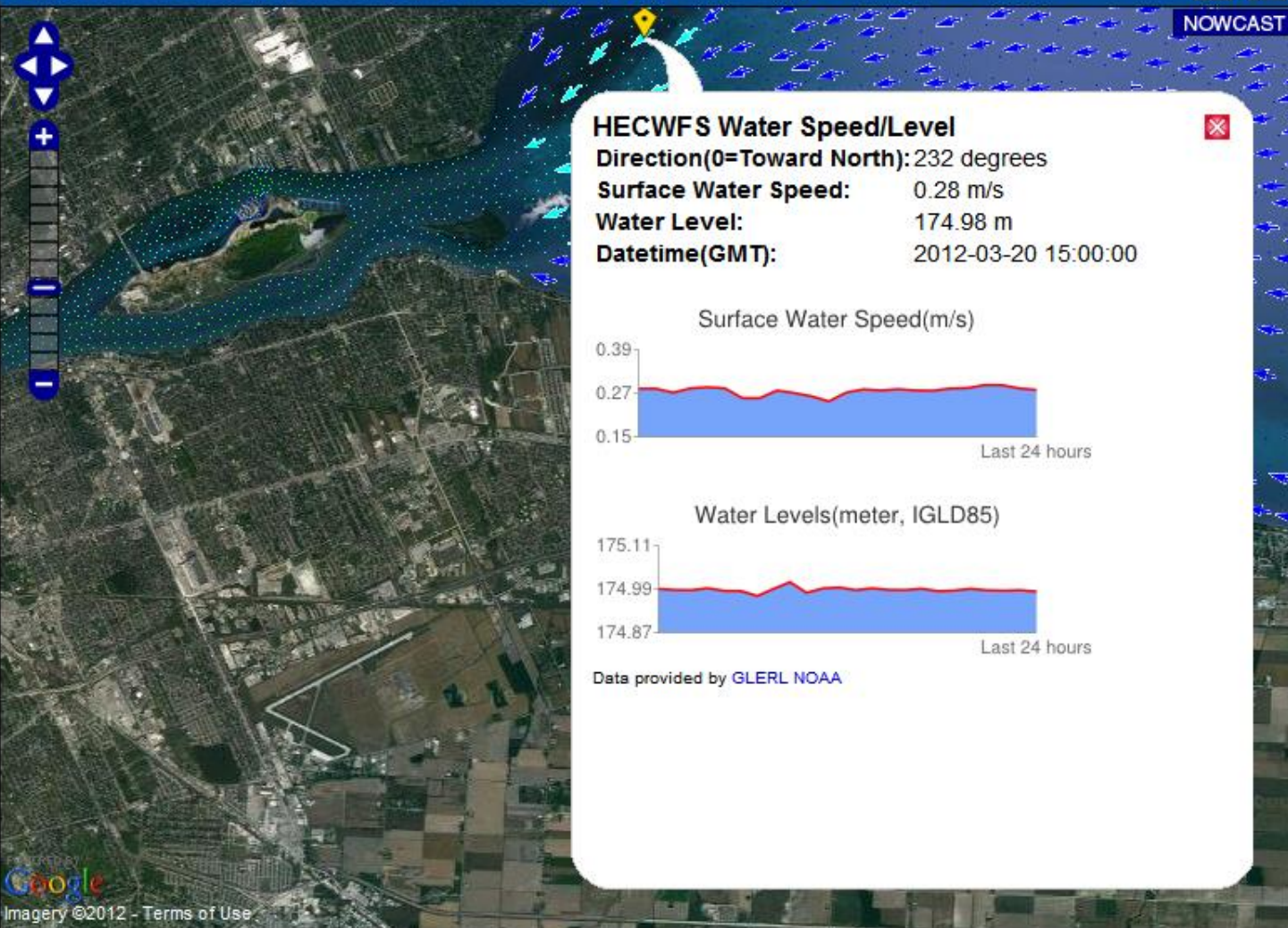
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### HECWFS Water Speed/Level

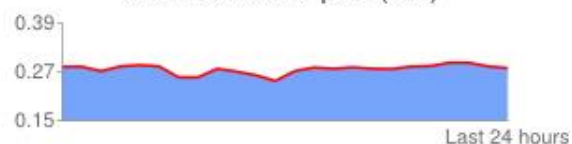
Direction(0= Toward North): 232 degrees

Surface Water Speed: 0.28 m/s

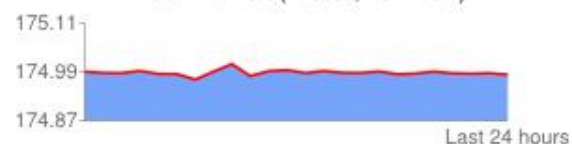
Water Level: 174.98 m

Datetime(GMT): 2012-03-20 15:00:00

Surface Water Speed(m/s)



Water Levels(meter, IGLD85)



Data provided by GLERL NOAA

### Base Layers

- ☒ Satellite Map
- ☐ Street Map
- ☐ Hybrid Map
- ☐ Terrain Map

### HECWFS Visualization

- ☒ Surface Water Speed
- ☐ Model Grid

### Legend

#### Surface Water Speed (m/s)

- 0 - 0.25
- 0.25 - 0.50
- 0.50 - 0.75
- 0.75 - 1.00
- 1.00 - 1.25
- 1.25 -

### Tools Legend

- Pan The Map
  - Reveal Data for Map
- Points

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## LAKE ERIE

Lake Superior

Lake Michigan

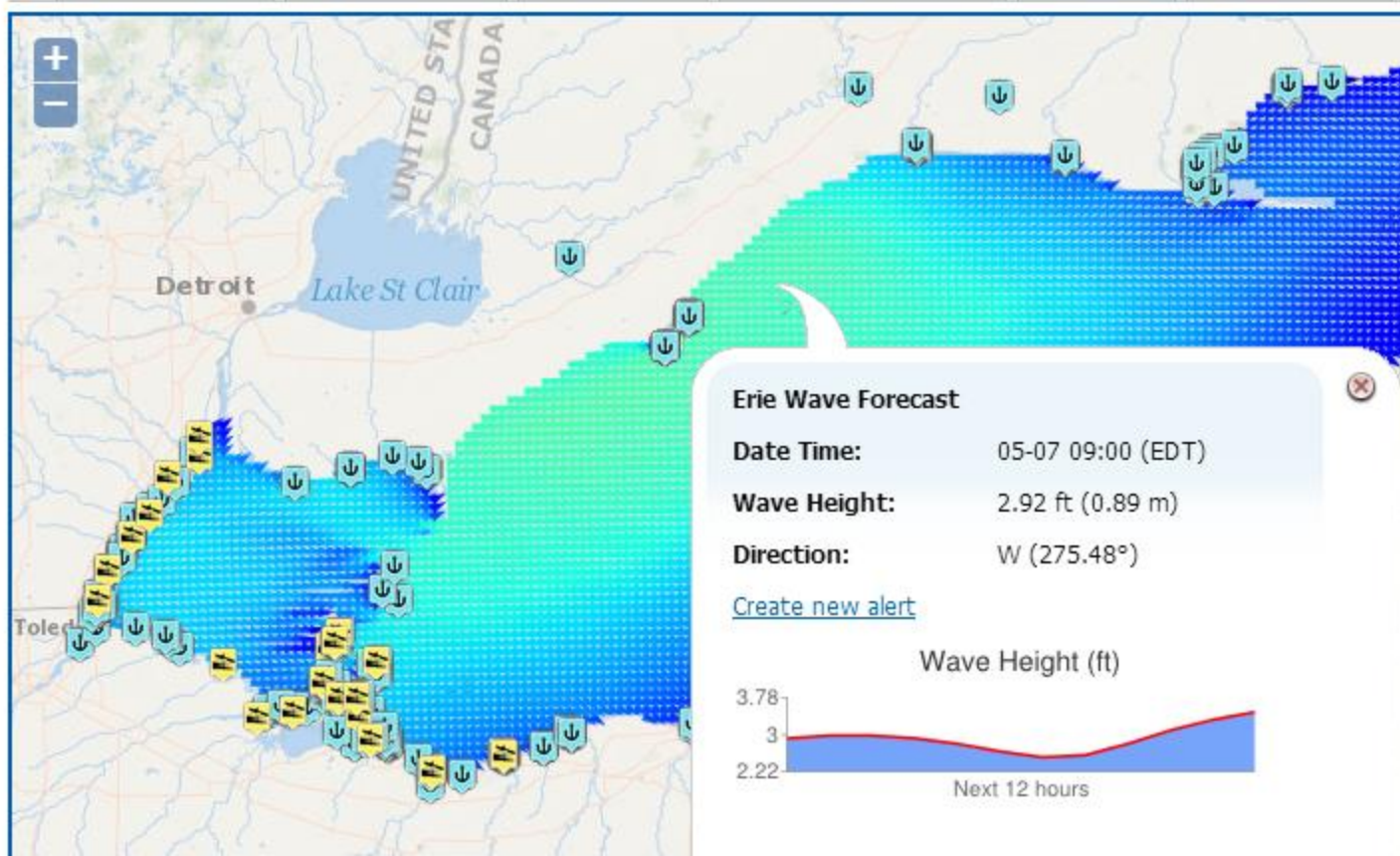
Lake Huron

Huron-Erie Corridor

Lake Erie

Lake Ontario

St. Lawrence River



### Map Options and Legend

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### Show map data for

Model Time Latest: 05/07 09 EDT

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Reset zoom

40° 26' 16.188" N 78° 23' 25.728" W

48°00'00"N

46°00'00"N

44°00'00"N

Lake Superior

Lake Michigan

Milwaukee

Chicago

Indiana

### LimnoTech Station Holland Buoy

#### LimnoTech Station Holland Buoy

8:30 am today (EDT)

AirTemperature	<a href="#">46.69 F</a>	WaterTemperature	<a href="#">view plot</a>
Dew Point	<a href="#">36.48 F</a>	(profile)	
Significant Wave Period	<a href="#">2.620333 s</a>	Wind Gust	<a href="#">19.05 knots</a>
SignificantWaveHeight	<a href="#">1.74 ft</a>	WindDirection	<a href="#">110.4 deg</a>
WaterTemperature	<a href="#">36.51 F</a>	WindSpeed	<a href="#">14.99 knots</a>
			<a href="#">17.25 mph</a>

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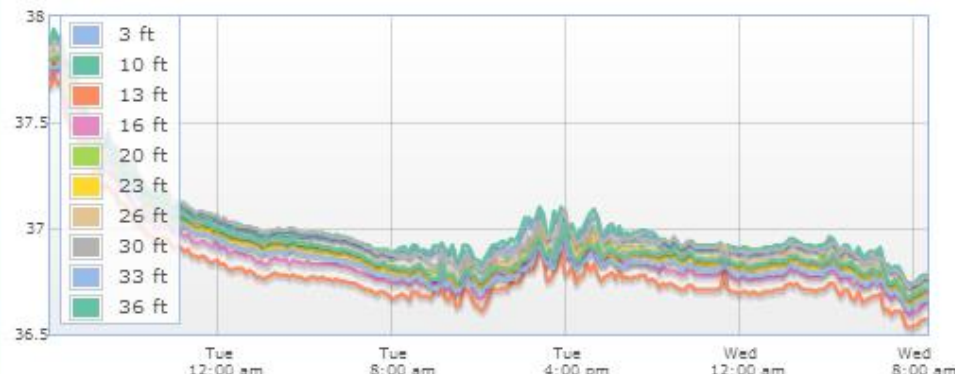
### LimnoTech Station Holland Buoy

View as chart

View as data table

Export data

#### WaterTemperature (F)



Mouseover the line to view details. Times are in EDT.

Enter keywords to find data.

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Model forecasts

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Winds



Waves



Water temp



Water level

Other observations

Stations

Wave height (ft)



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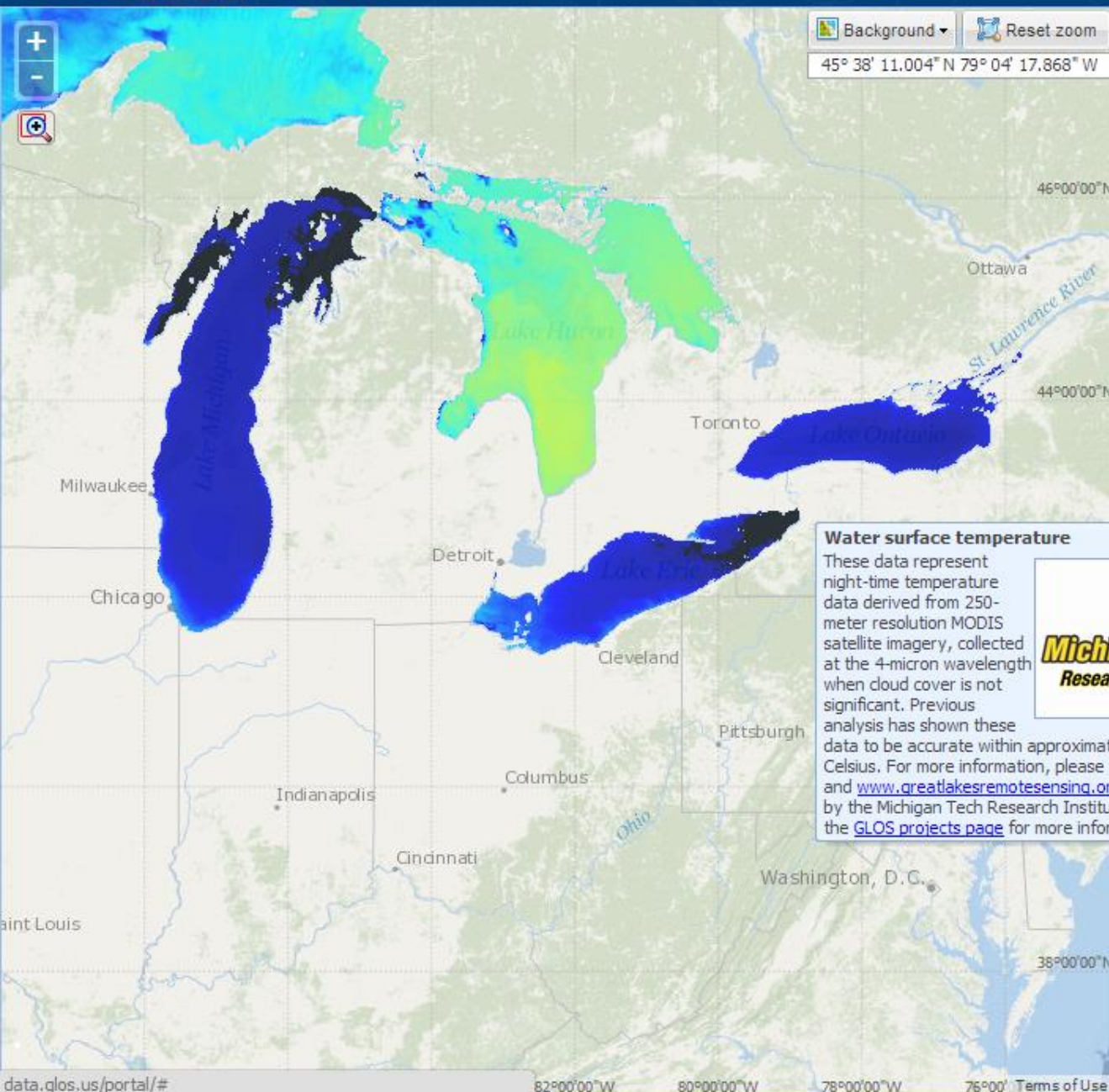
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Point observations

Satellite observations

Model forecasts

These overlays are in near-real time. The weather hazard layers are controlled separately below.

Type Water surface temperature

Contrast

Water surface temperature (deg F)  
**Satellite data generally unavailable from early November to late March due to cloud cover.**  
Lake Erie : Apr 19  
Lake Huron : Oct 15  
Lake Michigan : Apr 23  
Lake Ontario : Apr 24  
Lake Superior : Oct 10

Learn more about this data

Hazards? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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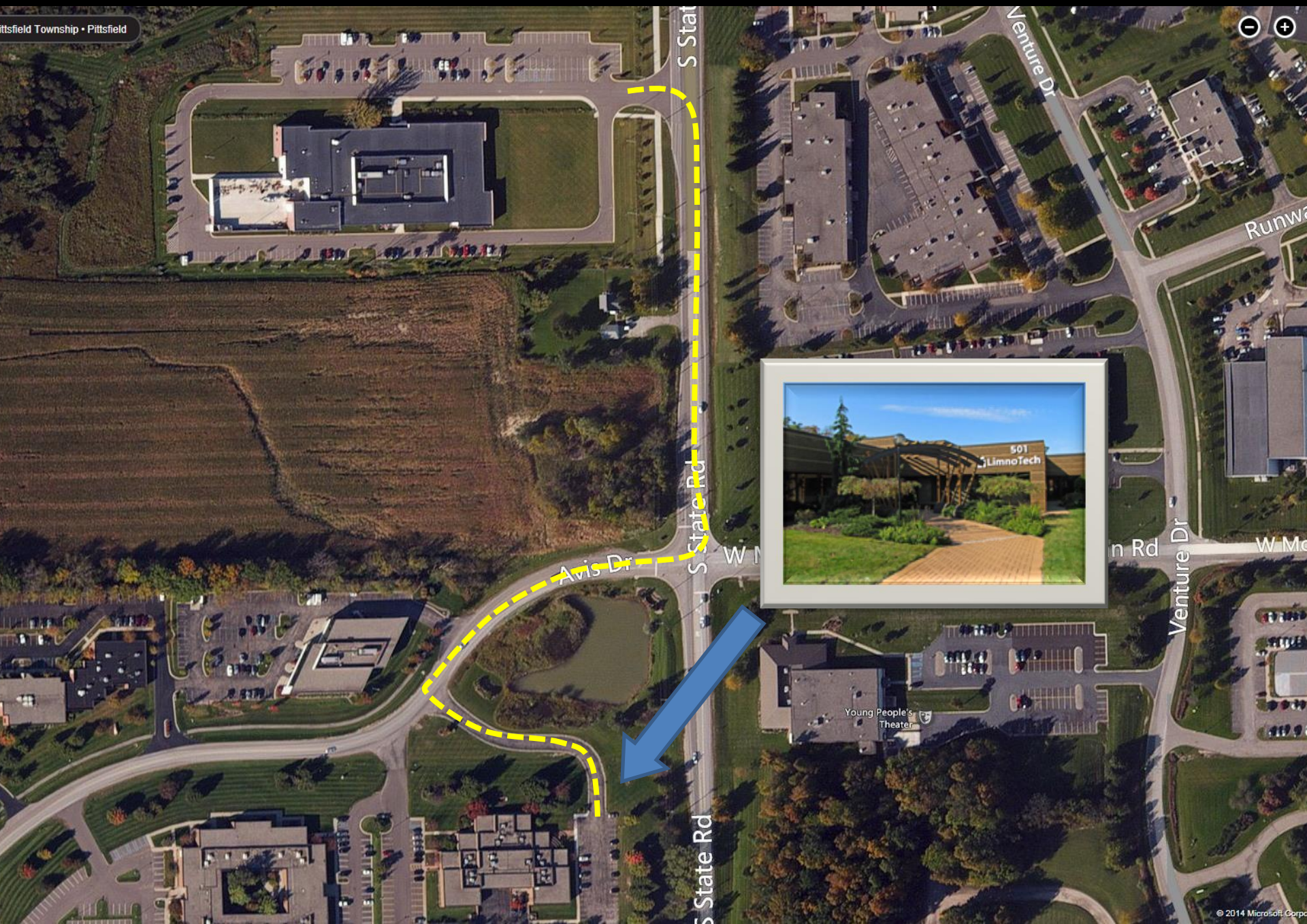
- There are best management practices for data
  - Discoverable, transparent, interoperable, sustainable, creditable
- IOOS/GLOS DMAC implements virtuous data management
  - Based on open standards and technology
- Can GLOS help me?

# Who is DMAC?

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- GLOS staff and contractors (LimnoTech, RPS, GLC, MTRI):
  - Kelli, Tad, Kelly, Guan, Nate;
  - Joe, Eoin, Christine, Colin.
- IOOS and other NOAA groups.
- Data and product contributors.

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# Heavy use of equations impedes communication among biologists

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## Abstract

Most research in biology is empirical, yet empirical studies rely fundamentally on theoretical work for generating testable predictions and interpreting observations. Despite this interdependence, many empirical studies build largely on other empirical studies with little direct reference to relevant theory, suggesting a failure of communication that may hinder scientific progress. To investigate the extent of this problem, we analyzed how the use of mathematical equations affects the scientific impact of studies in ecology and evolution. The density of equations in an article has a significant negative impact on citation rates, with papers receiving 28% fewer citations overall for each additional equation per page in the main text. Long, equation-dense papers tend to be more frequently cited by other theoretical papers, but this increase is outweighed by a sharp drop in citations from nontheoretical papers (35% fewer citations for each additional equation per page in the main text). In contrast, equations presented in an accompanying appendix do not lessen a paper's impact. Our analysis suggests possible strategies for enhancing the presentation of mathematical models to facilitate progress in disciplines that rely on the tight integration of theoretical and empirical work.



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