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FEMA Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study

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RiskMAP
Increasing Resilience Together



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ASFPM's Mission

Mitigate the losses, costs, and
human suffering caused by flooding.

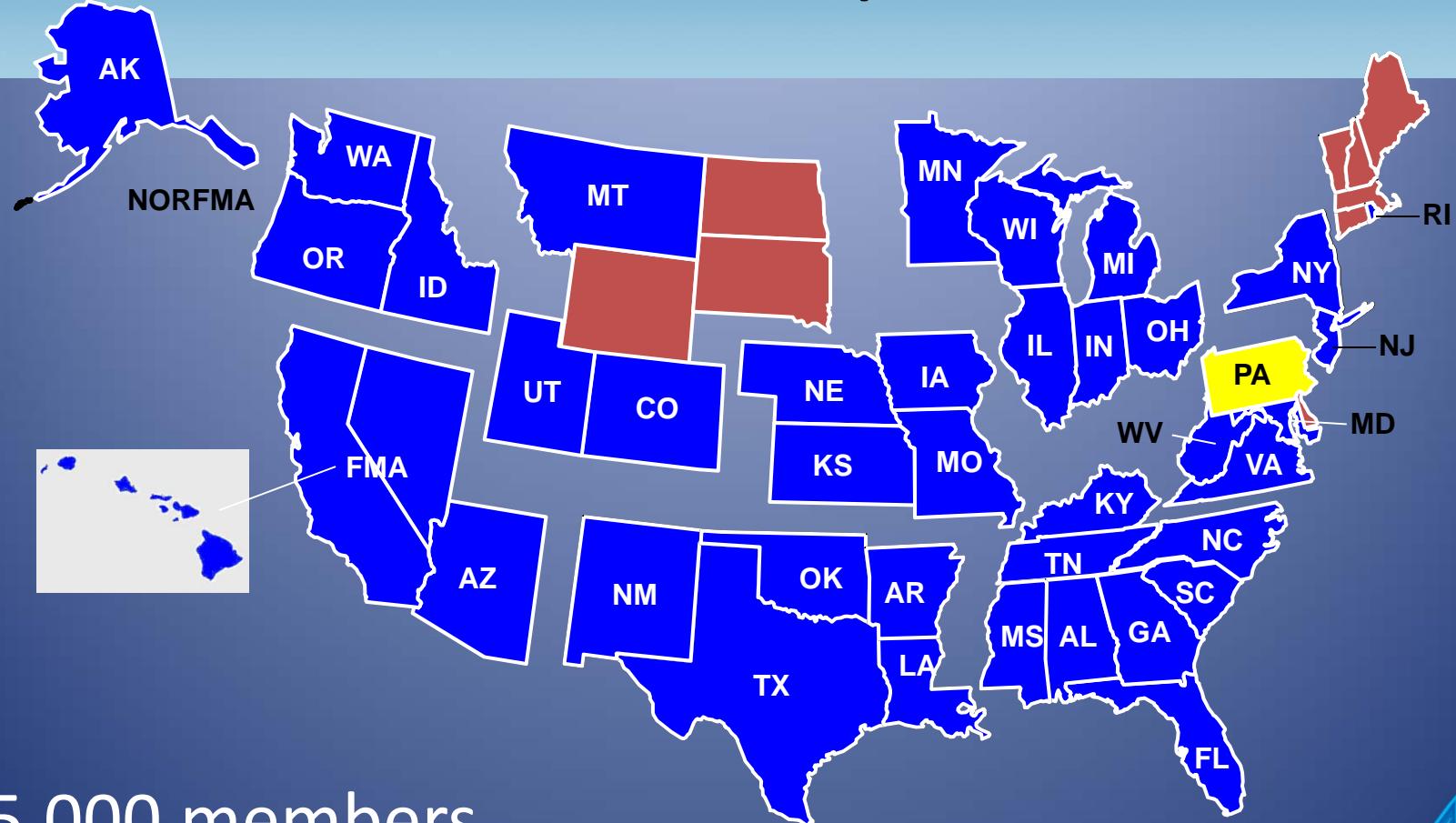
and

Protect the natural and beneficial
functions of floodplains.





ASFPM Chapters



15,000 members

■ 35 Chapters

■ State Associations & Pending Chapters





Title

- Water levels (short title)
- Why is FEMA mapping flooding hazards when lake levels are low?

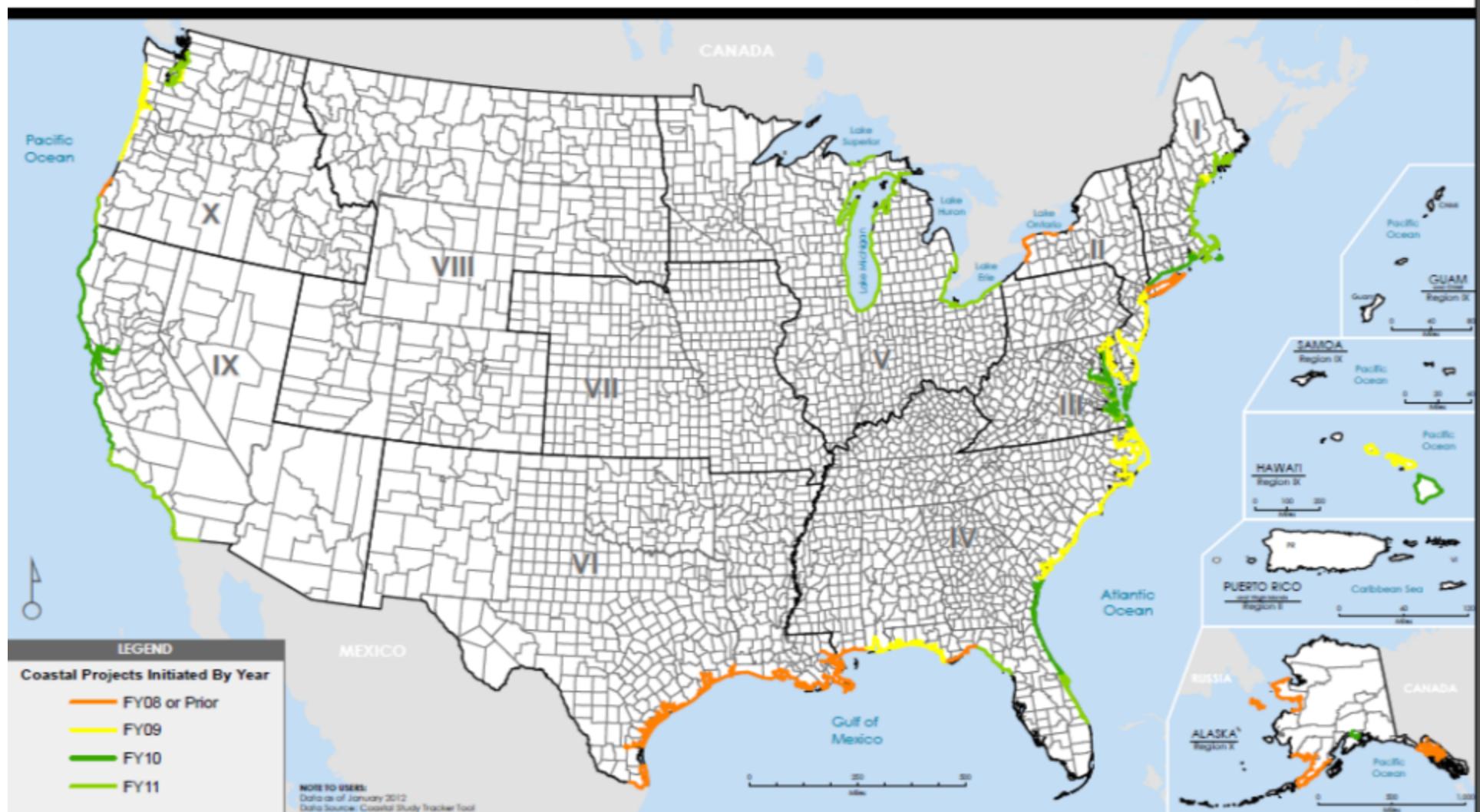


FEMA Coastal Studies

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
Coastal Projects Initiated By Year



FEMA
March 28, 2012





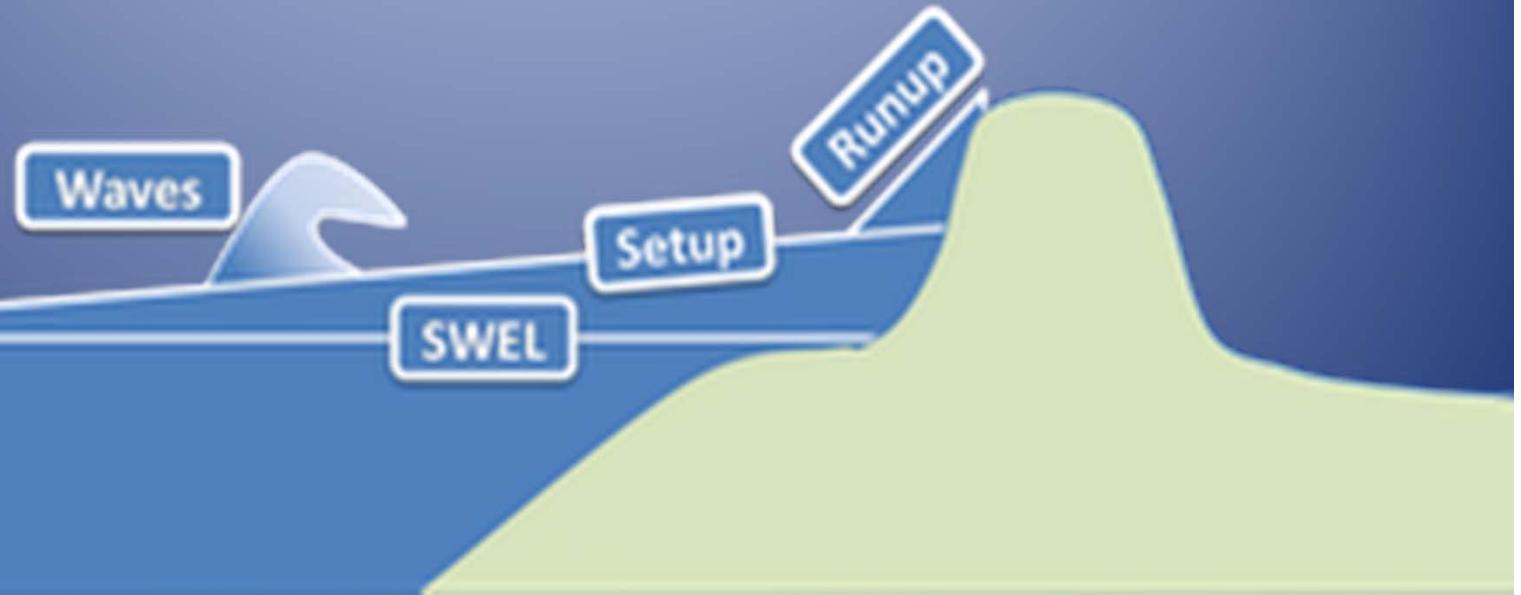
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The initiative is a system-wide solution that provides a comprehensive analysis of storm and high water events within the Great Lakes Basin



Generalized Coastal Zone Schematic







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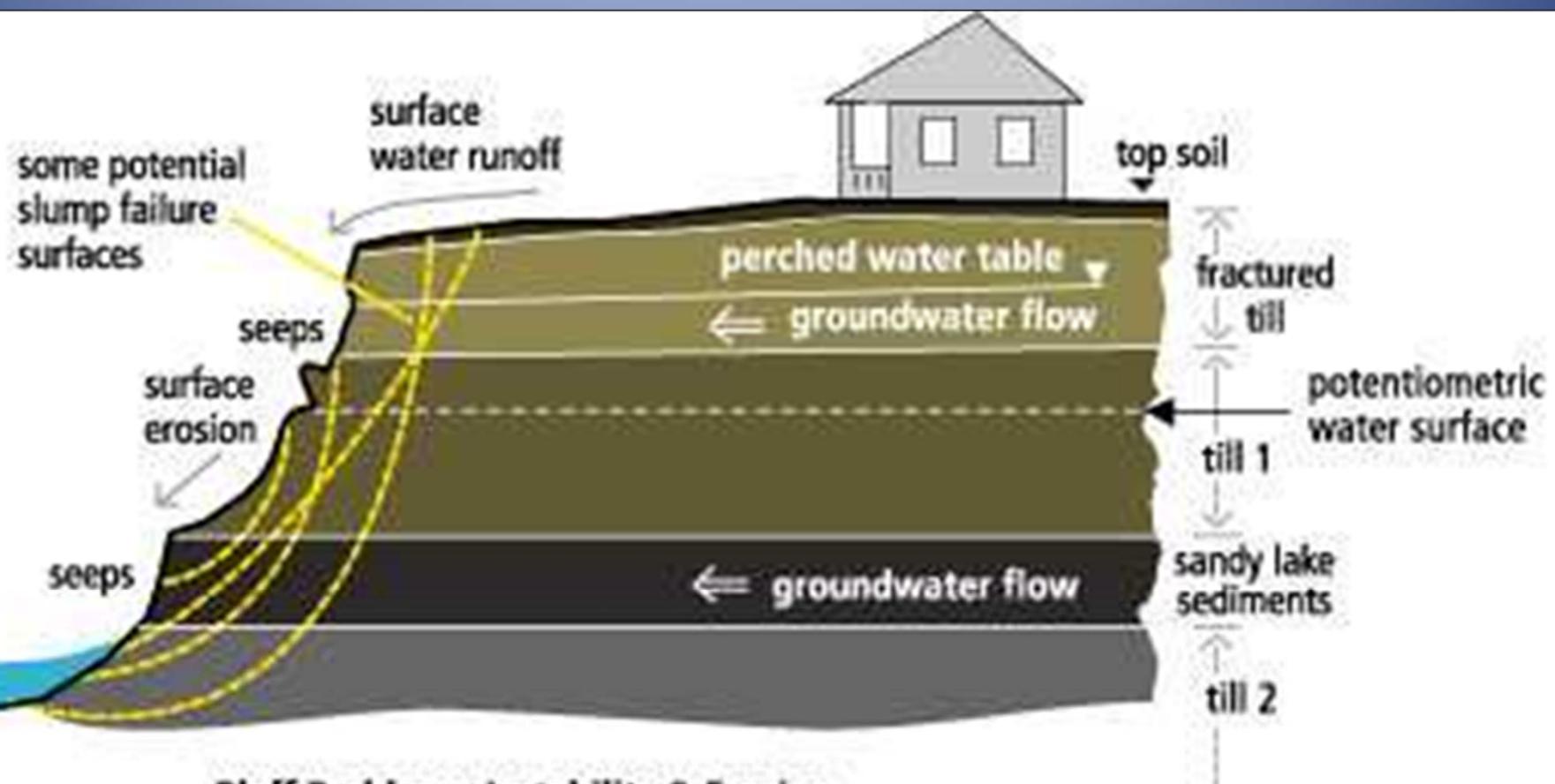




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**Bluff Problems: Instability & Erosion
Surface Water Runoff Groundwater Seepage**



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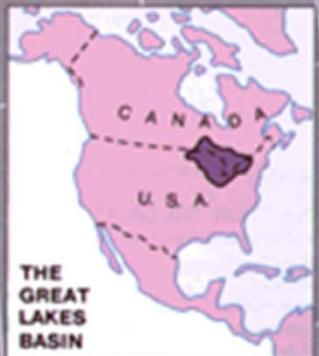


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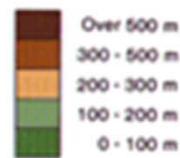
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ELEVATIONS ABOVE SEA LEVEL



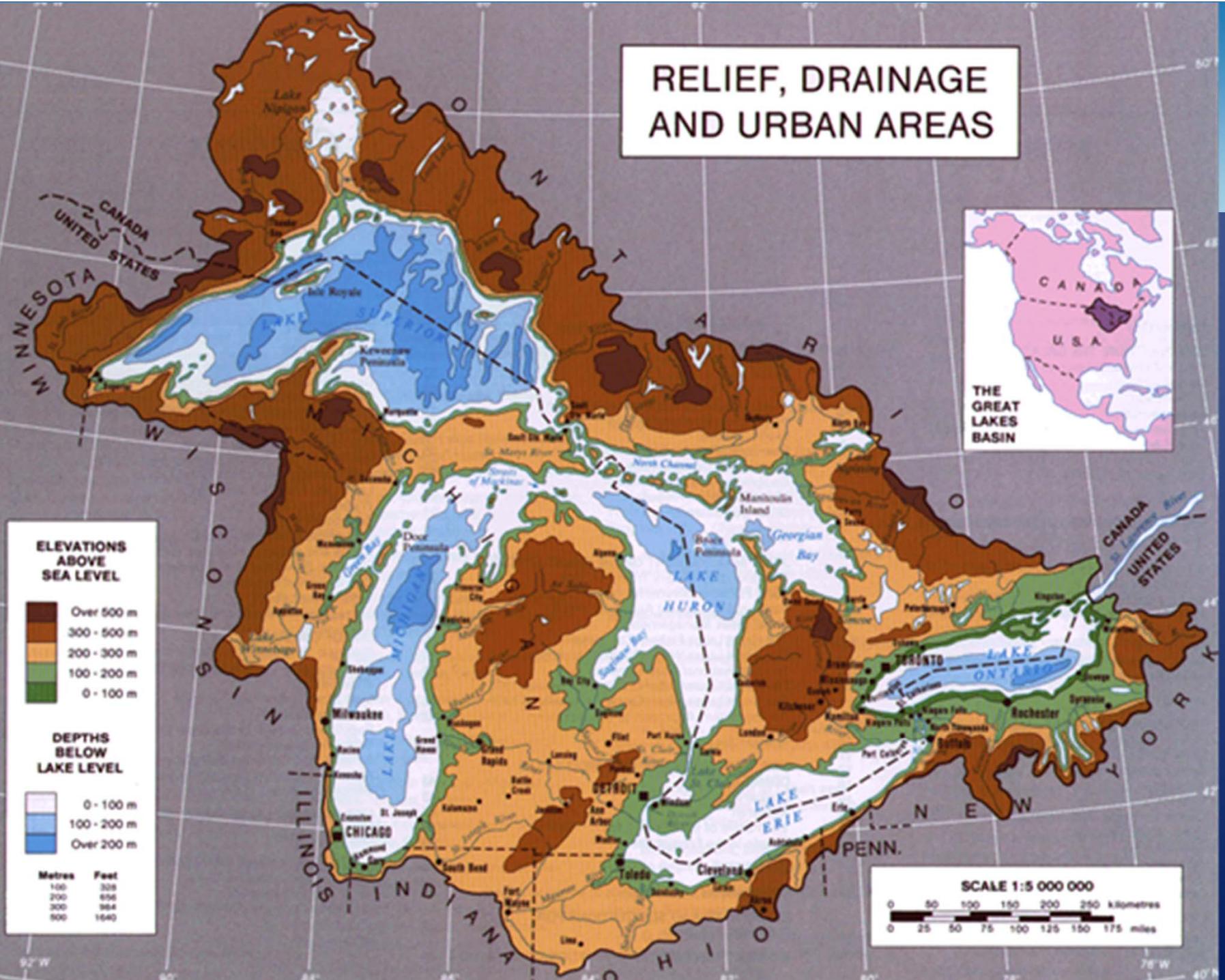
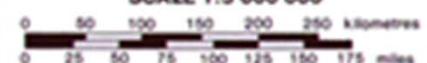
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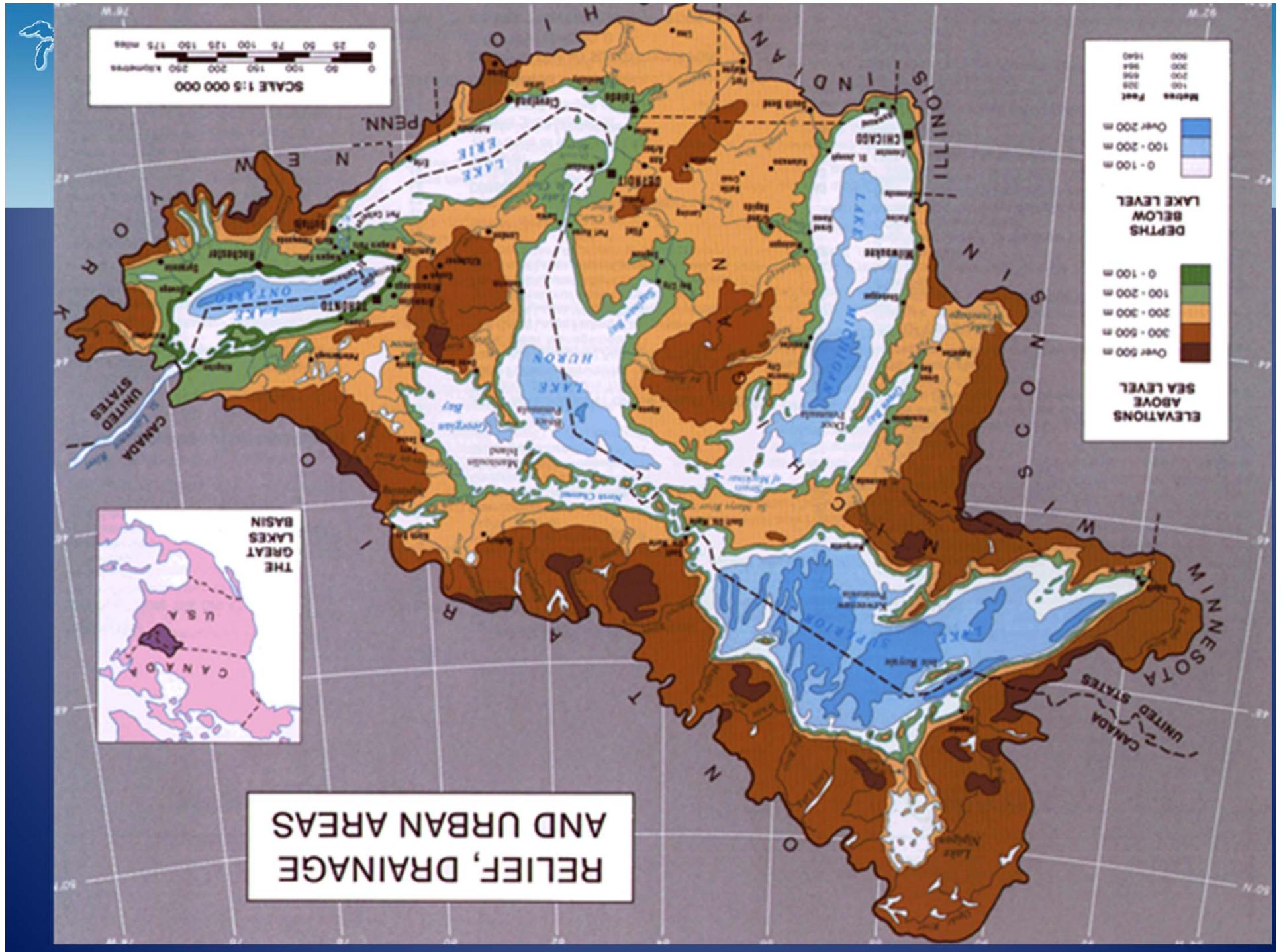


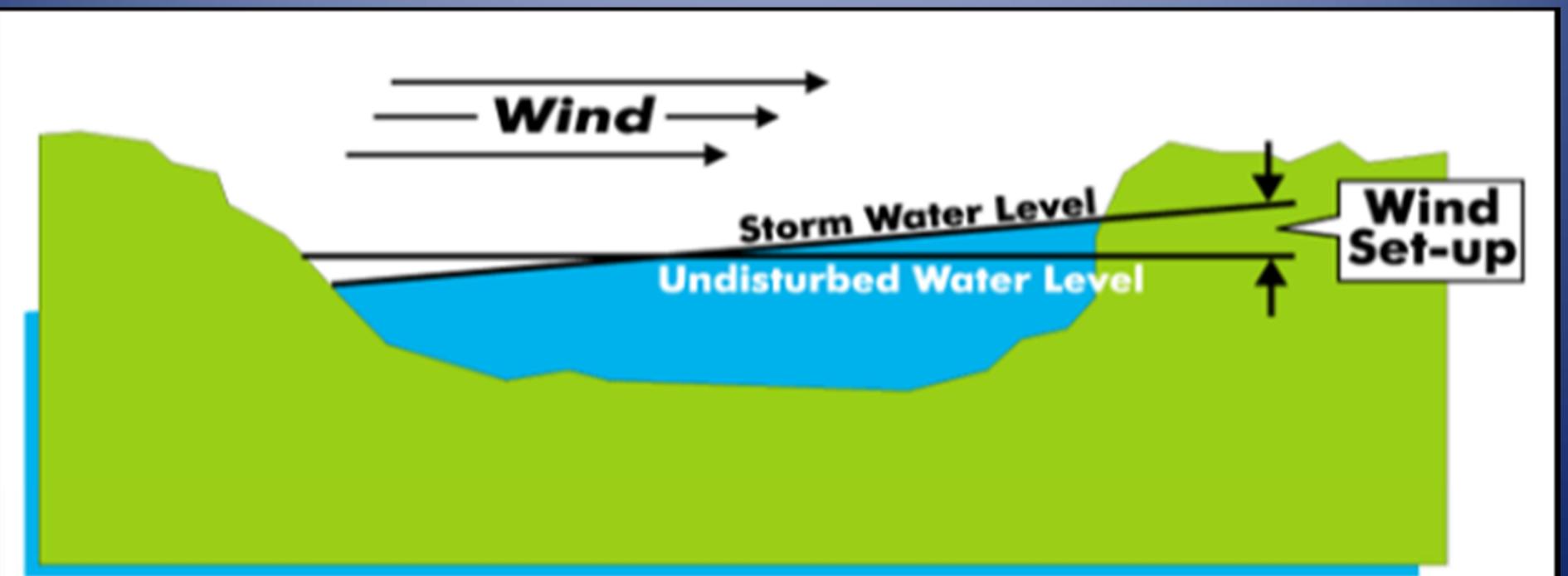
Metres Feet

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200	656
300	984
400	1312

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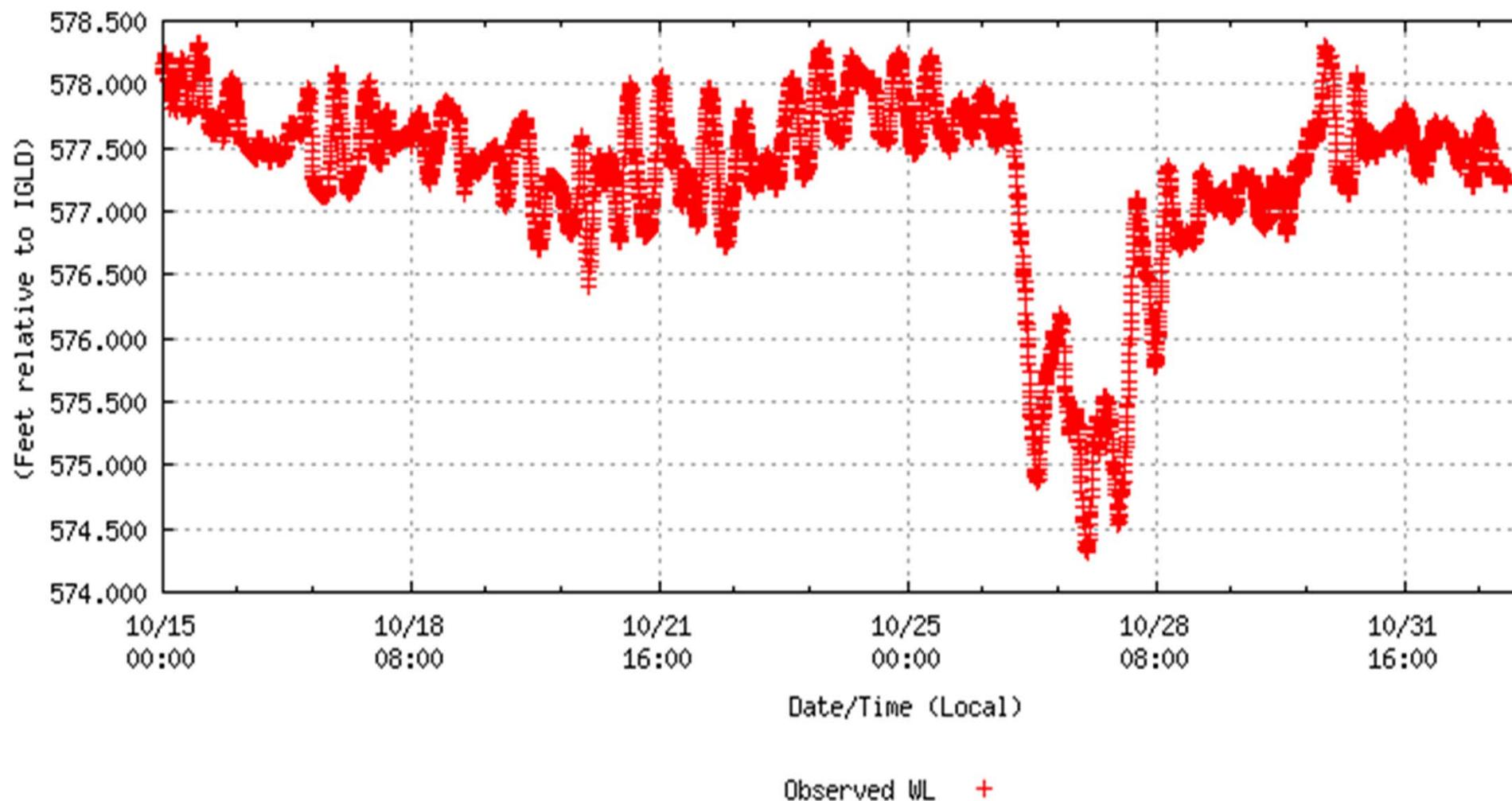




Lake profile showing wind set-up

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USACE-Detroit District and Great Lakes Commission

NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS
Verified Water Level Plot
9087079 Green Bay, WI
from 2010/10/15 - 2010/11/03









Great Lakes Flood Hazard Mapping (GLFHM)

Collaborative Project
Between:

FEMA Region 5 (Lead)

FEMA Region 2

FEMA Region 3

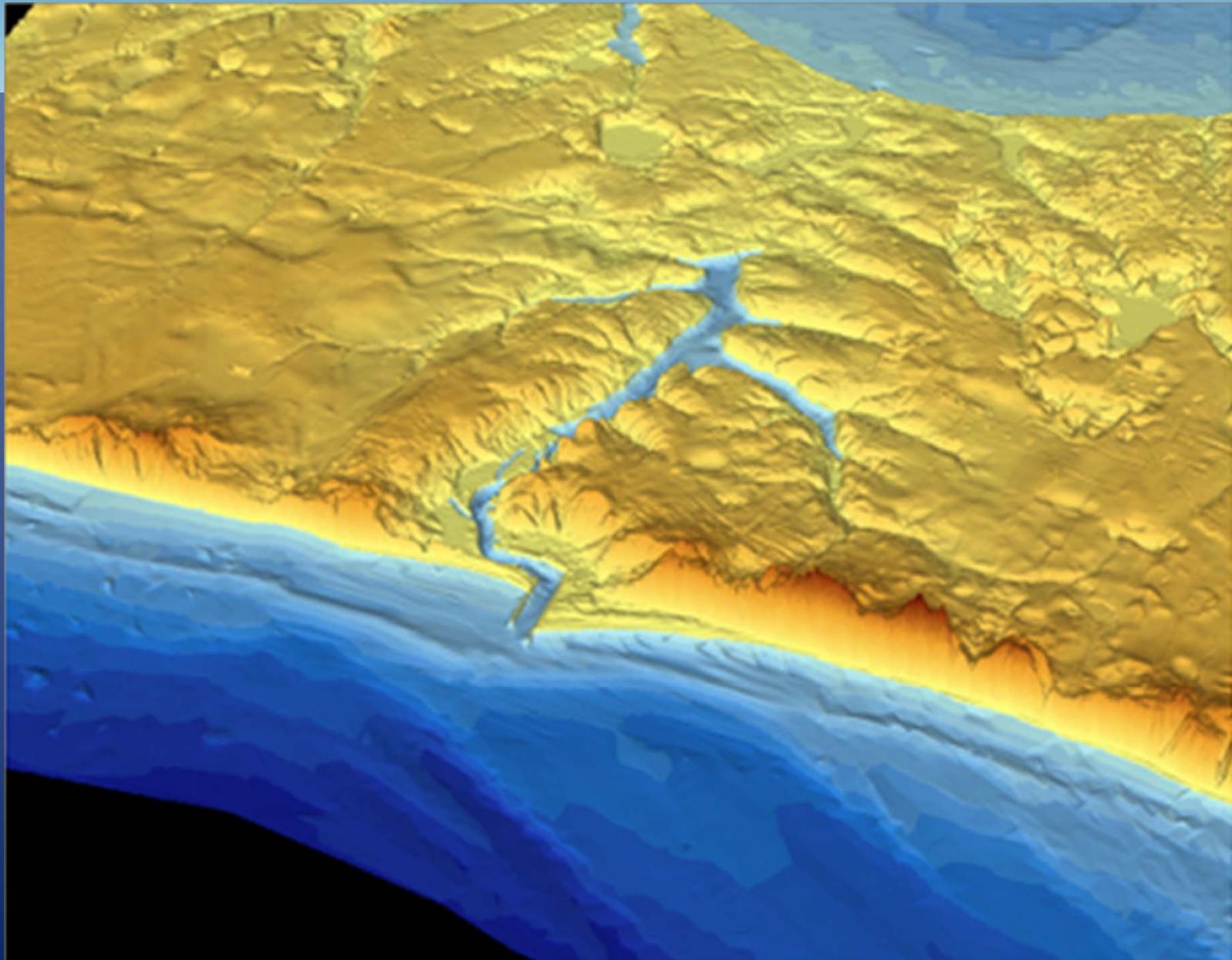
Detroit District USACE





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Firefox Great Lakes Coastal Oblique Photo Viewer +

floodatlas.org/wcmp/obliqueviewer/

Wisconsin Shoreline Inventory and Oblique Photo Viewer

Kenosha County

Legend

- 1976 Lake Superior Photos
- 2007 Lake Superior Photos
- 1976 Lake Michigan Photos
- 2007 Lake Michigan Photos
- Wisconsin Counties

87.86326, 42.51981
1000 m
2000 ft

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Technical Resources

Project Data Centers

- **C-STORM** [cstormdb.erdc.dren.mil] – Basin wave and storm surge database platform, for access to wind, waves, pressure, ice, and water level data at near-shore “Save Points”

Note: This site will start with Lake Michigan data, followed by Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie data.

- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes Oblique Photo Viewer** [greatlakes.usace.army.mil]

- **LiDAR** [csc.noaa.gov] – High-resolution bathymetric and topographic data housed at NOAA’s Coastal Service Center

- **Great Lakes Shoreline Geodatabase (.gdb)** [2.4 MB .zip]

- **CSHORE** [sites.google.com] – CSHORE is a one-dimensional time-averaged nearshore profile model for predictions of wave height, water level, wave-induced steady currents, and profile evolution.

Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study, 2012 Federal Inter-Agency Initiative: Guidance Documents and Reports

- **Statistical Analysis and Storm Sampling for Lakes Michigan and St. Clair** [3.68 MB .pdf],

*Norberto C. Nadal-Caraballo, Jeffrey A. Melby, and Bruce A. Ebersole, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Final Published Report, September 2012)*

- Lake Michigan Prediction of Sand Beach and Dune Erosion for Flood



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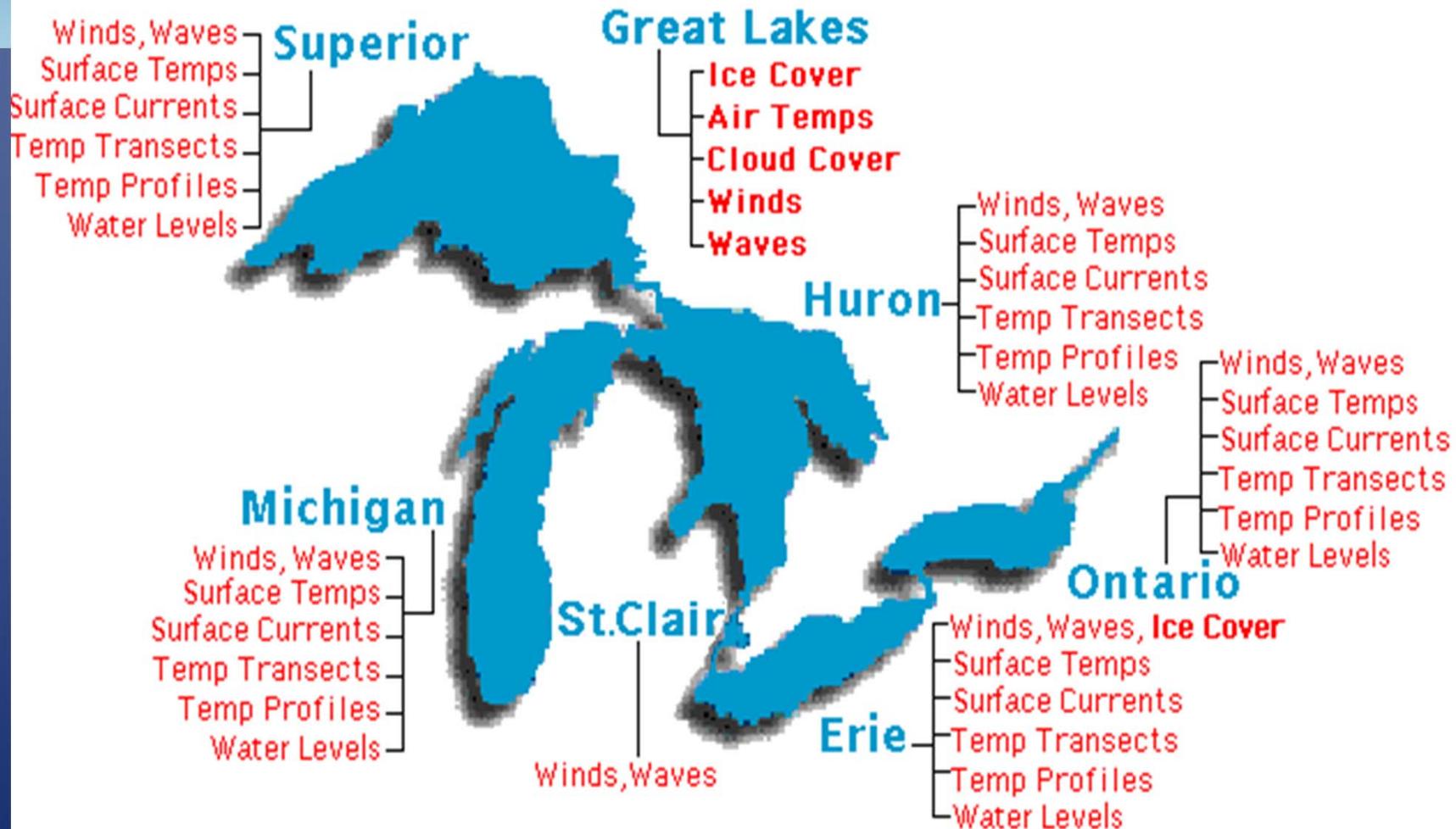
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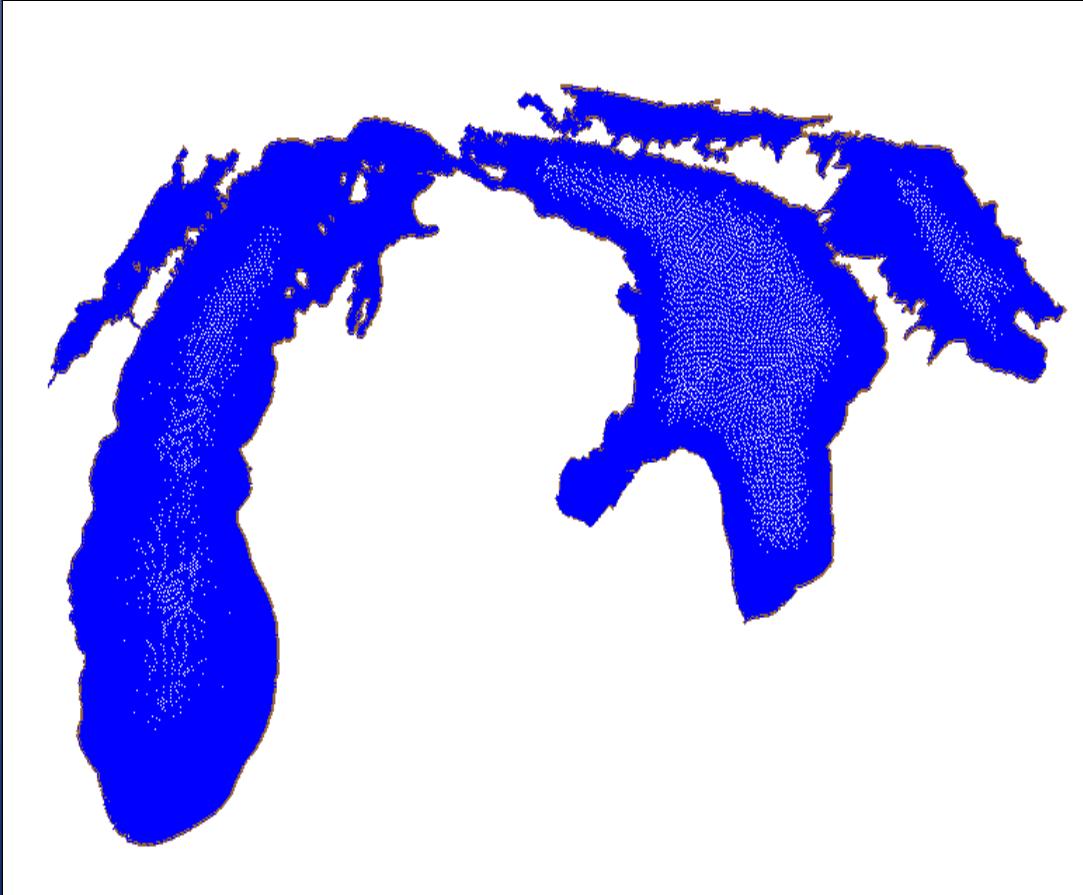


Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System

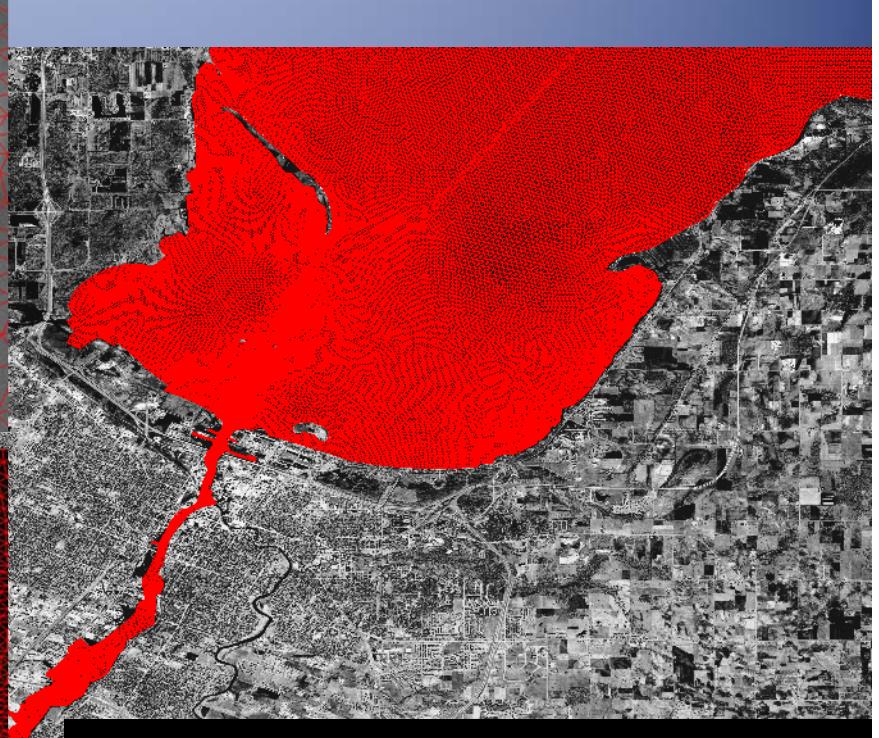
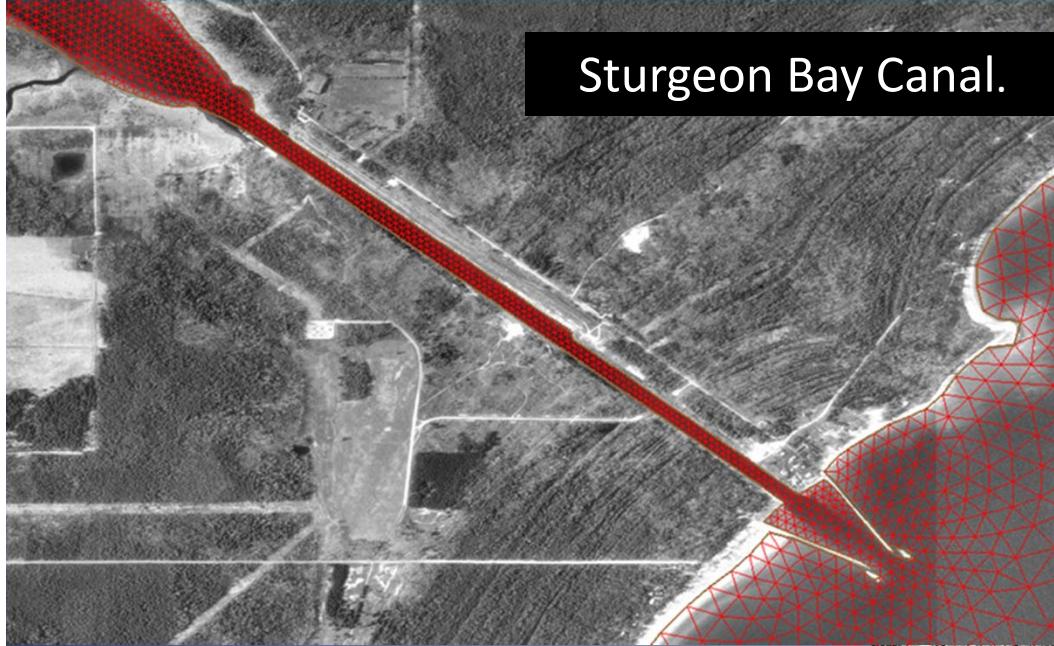




Storm Surge Modeling with ADCIRC



- Coupling of lakes required to accurately model water exchange between lakes associated with moving low pressure systems
- Can increase water level throughout Lake Michigan and Green Bay by as much as 1.5 ft



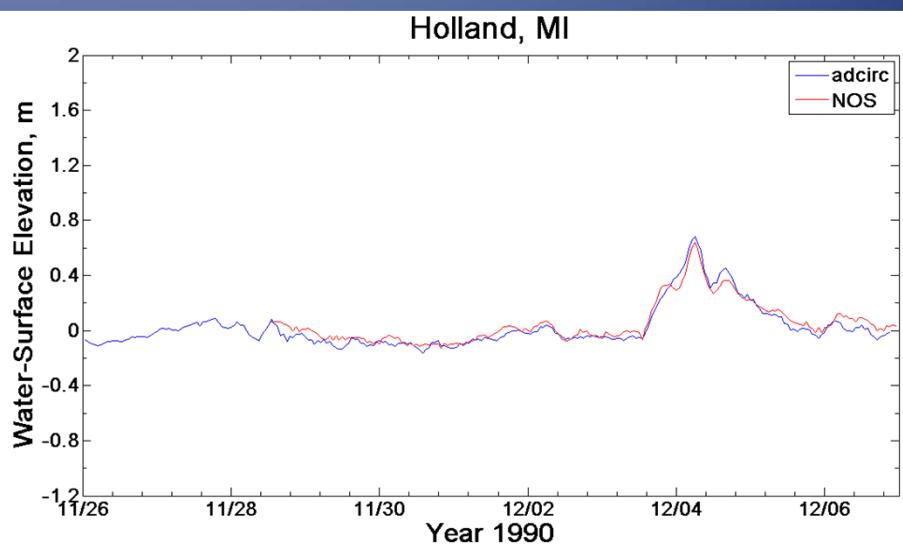
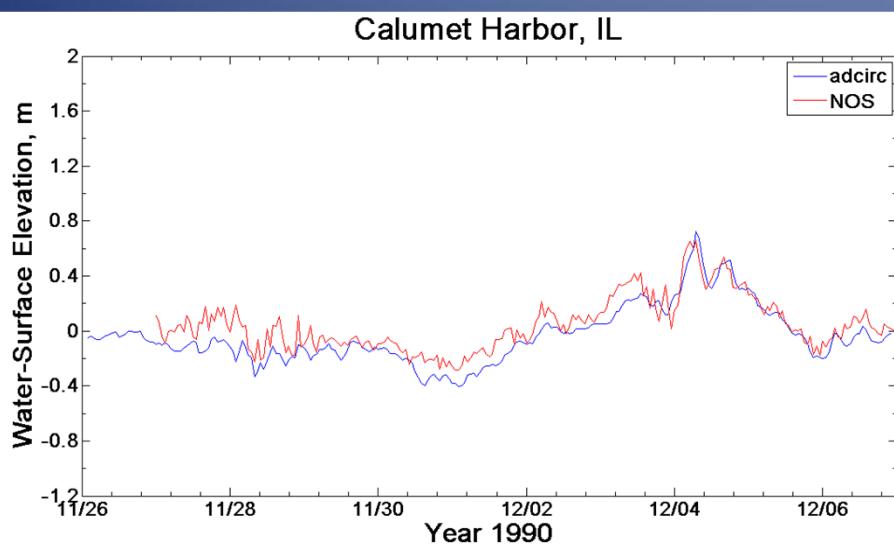
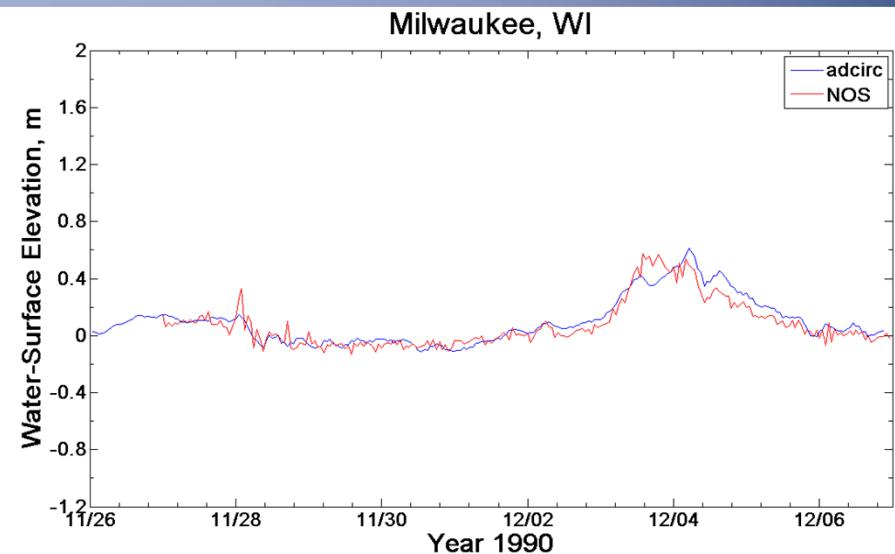
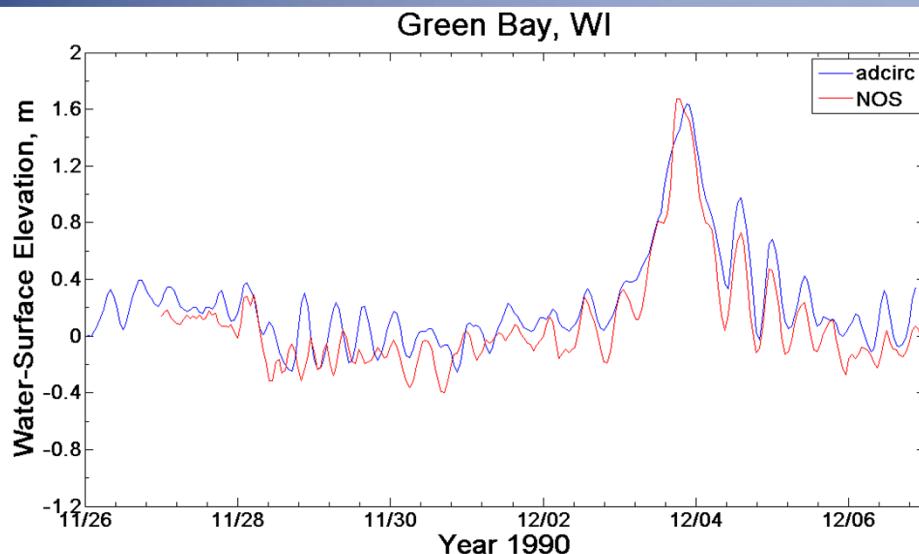


Water Level Measurement Locations



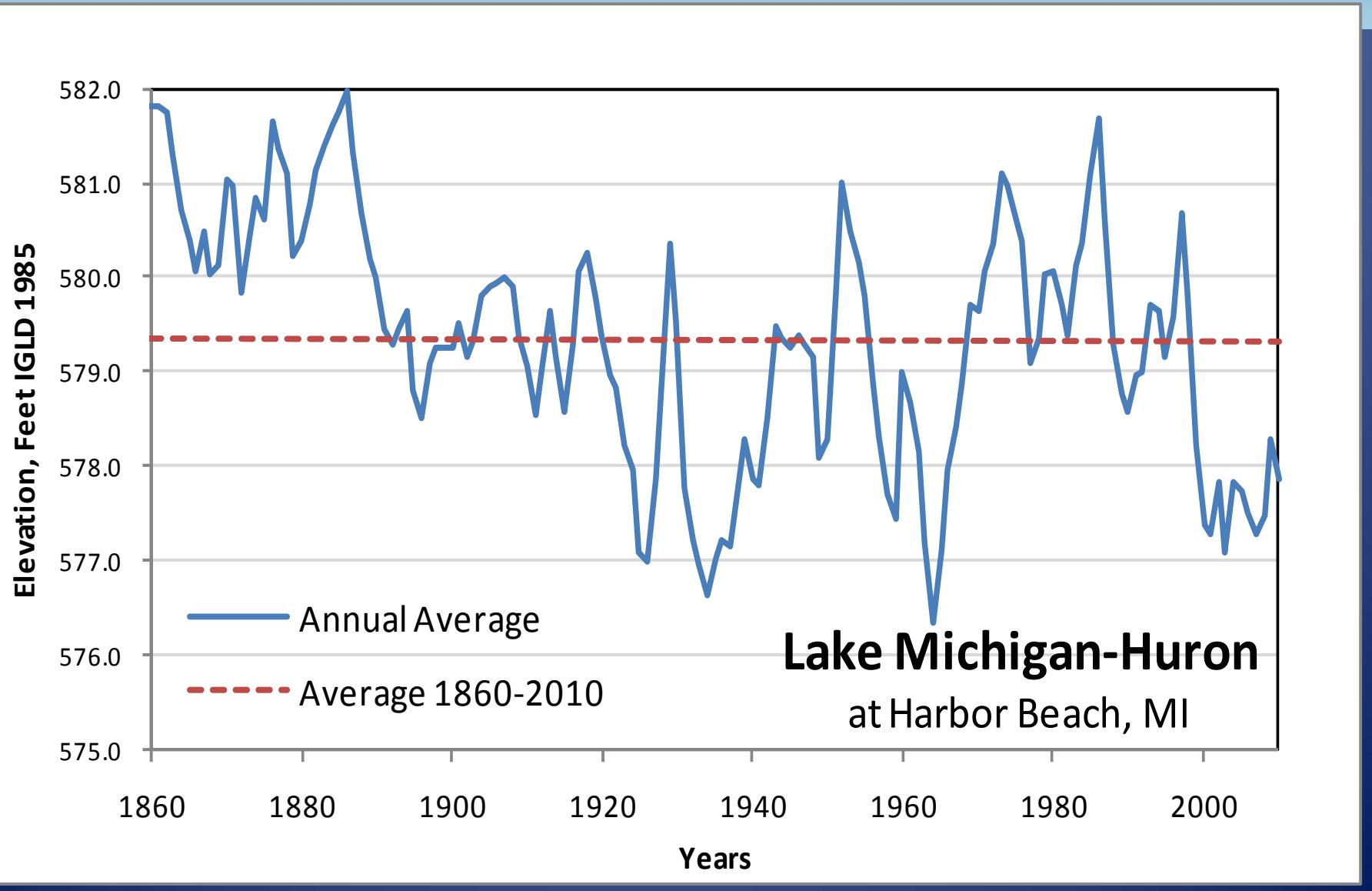


ADCIRC Model Comparisons to Measurements (Dec 1990 Storm)





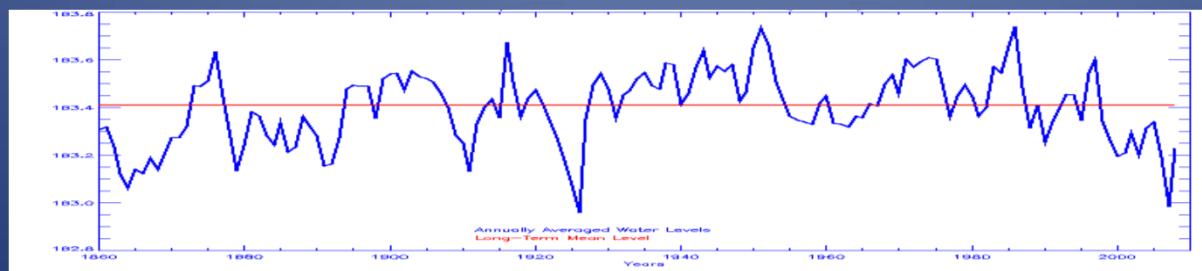
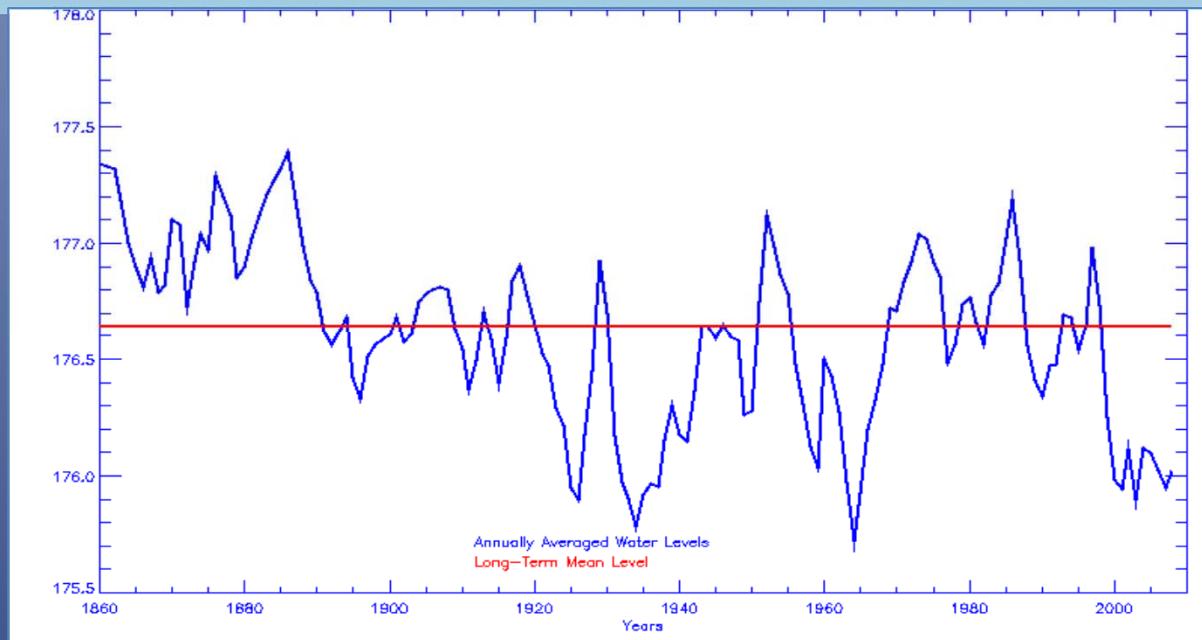
Lake Michigan-Huron





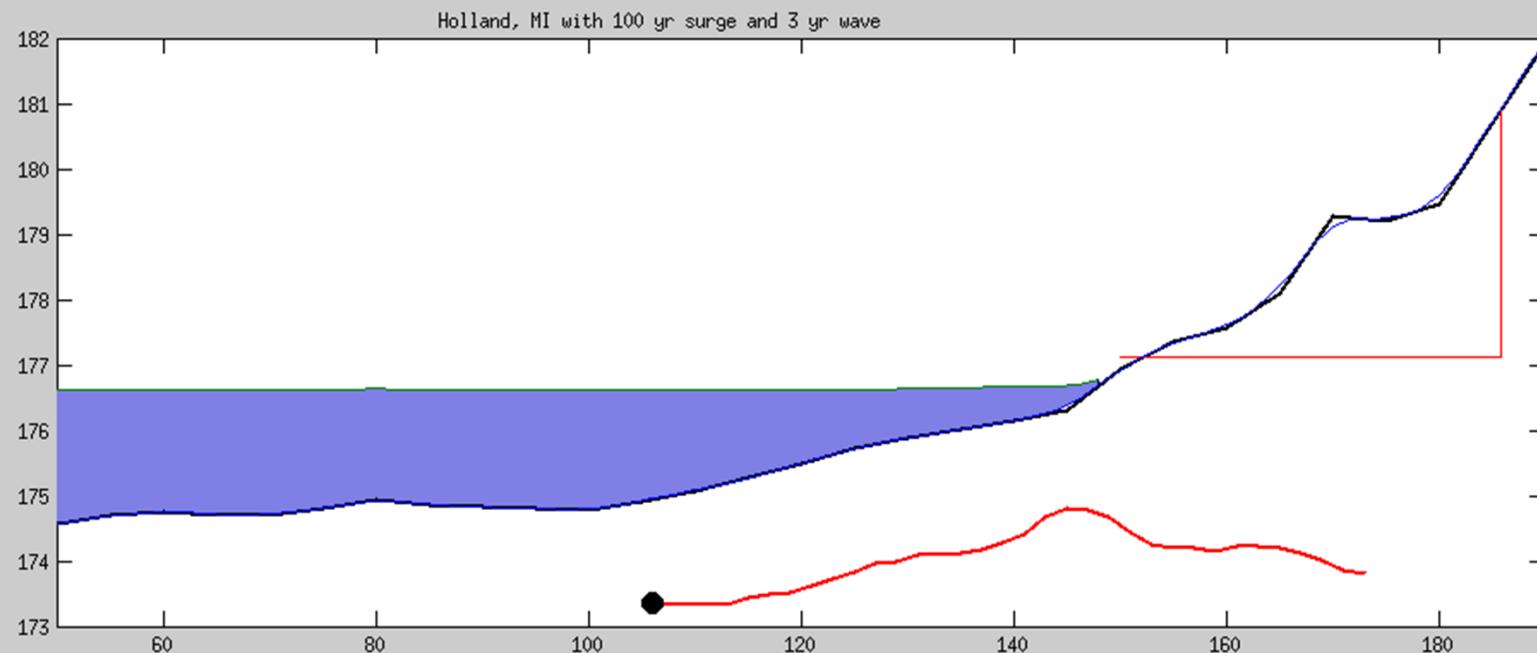
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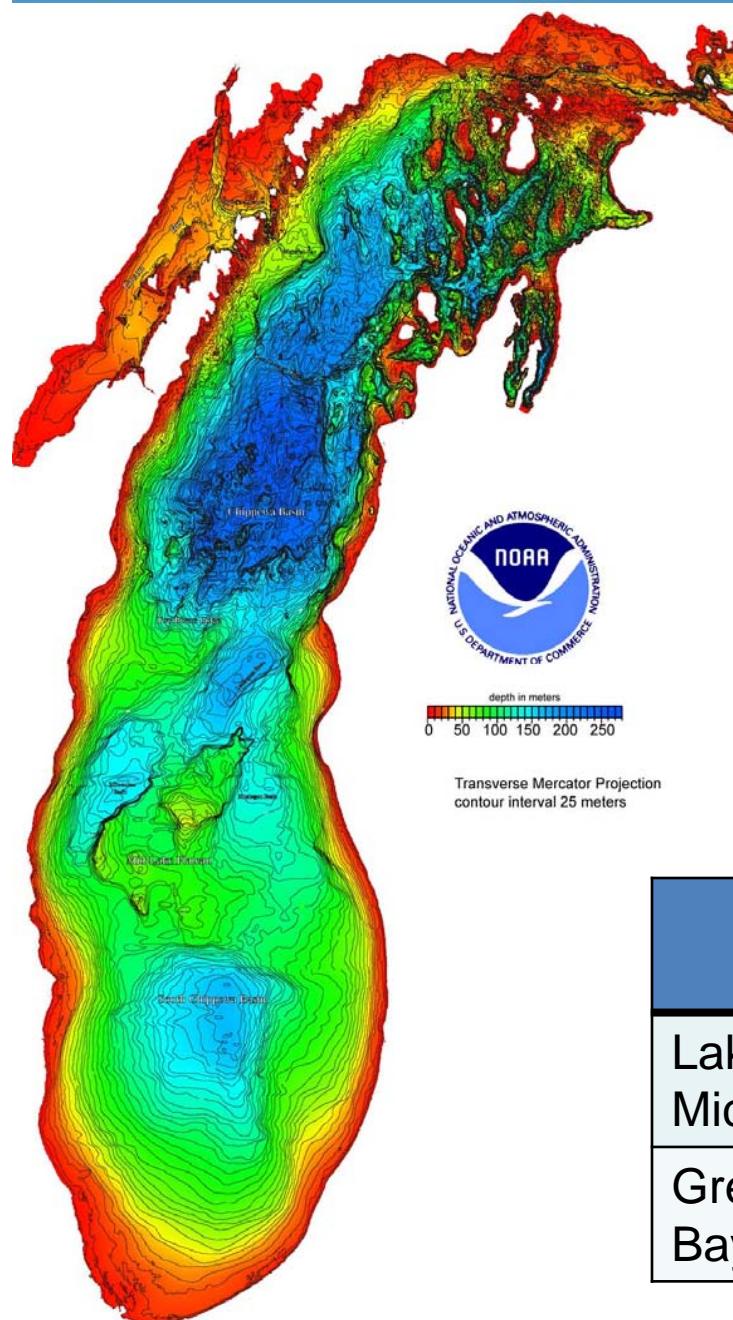




Beach Erosion Simulations



Holland, MI morphology change using CSHORE



Contributors to BFEs

Approximate Magnitudes

- Long-term lake level changes
- Seasonal lake level changes
- Storm waves and surge

	Lake Level	Storm Surge	Waves	Beach Run-up
Lake Michigan	+/- 3 ft	3 ft	H = 20 ft T= 8 sec	4 to 7 ft
Green Bay	+/- 3 ft	5 ft	H = 9 ft T = 6 sec	2 to 3 ft

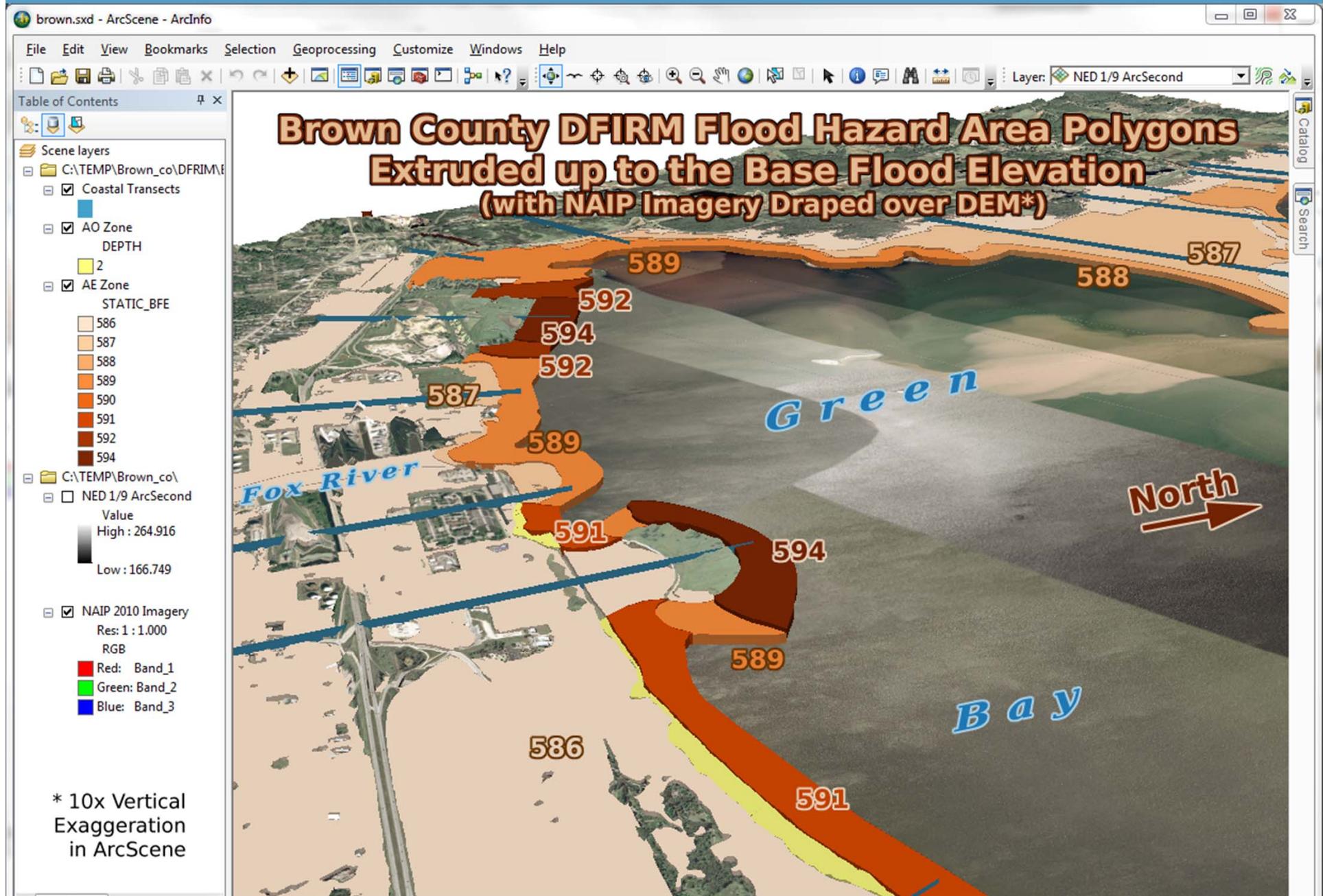






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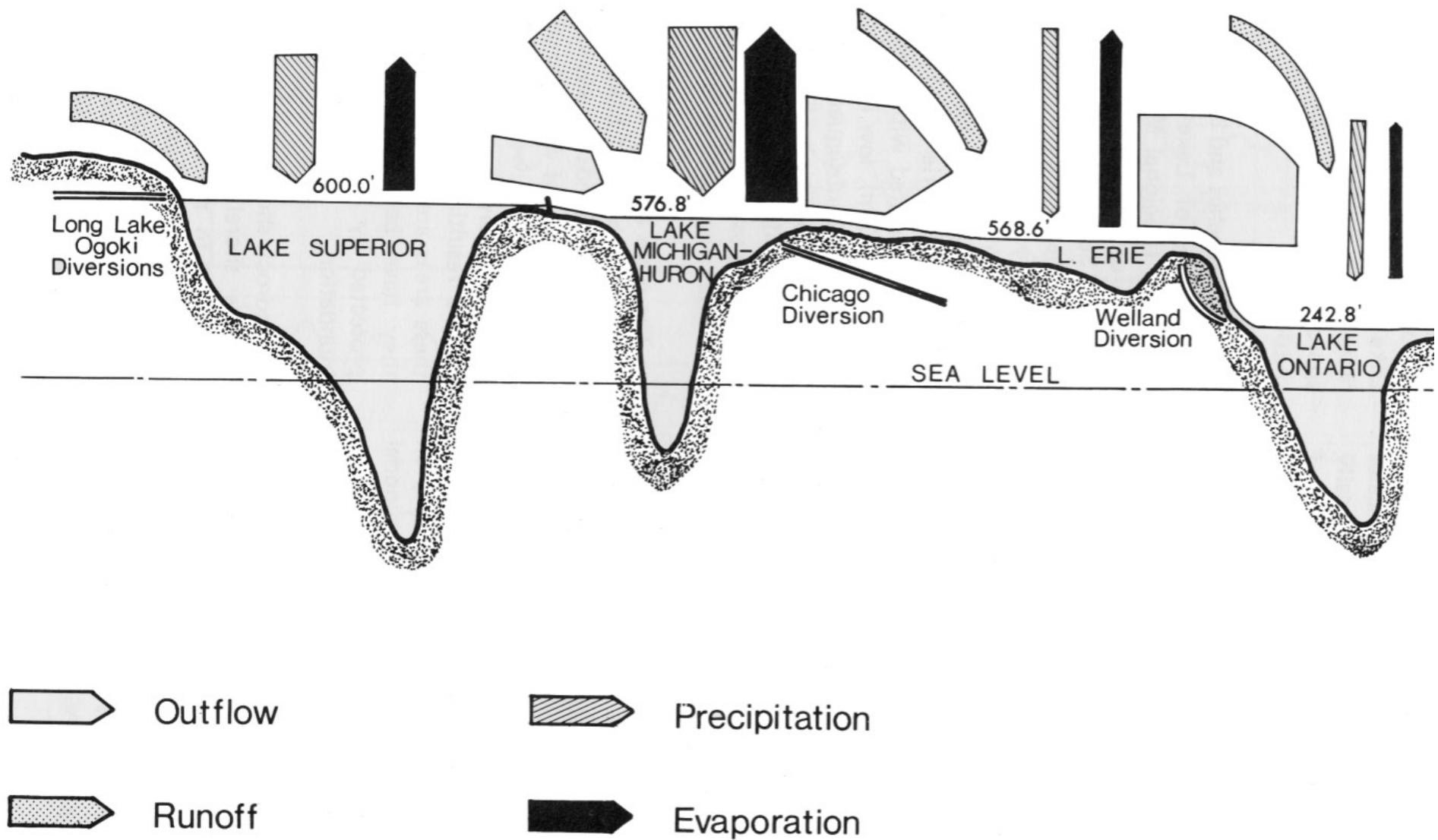
Summary

- Technically superior methodology
- Detailed wave and surge modeling under way for ~150 storms per lake
- Does not address future conditions



Great Lakes – major factors impacting water levels

- Water
 - Inflow (precip + watershed runoff)
 - Evaporation
- Land
 - Isostatic Adjustment
- Anthropogenic Impacts



Width of arrows represents relative magnitudes of various factors



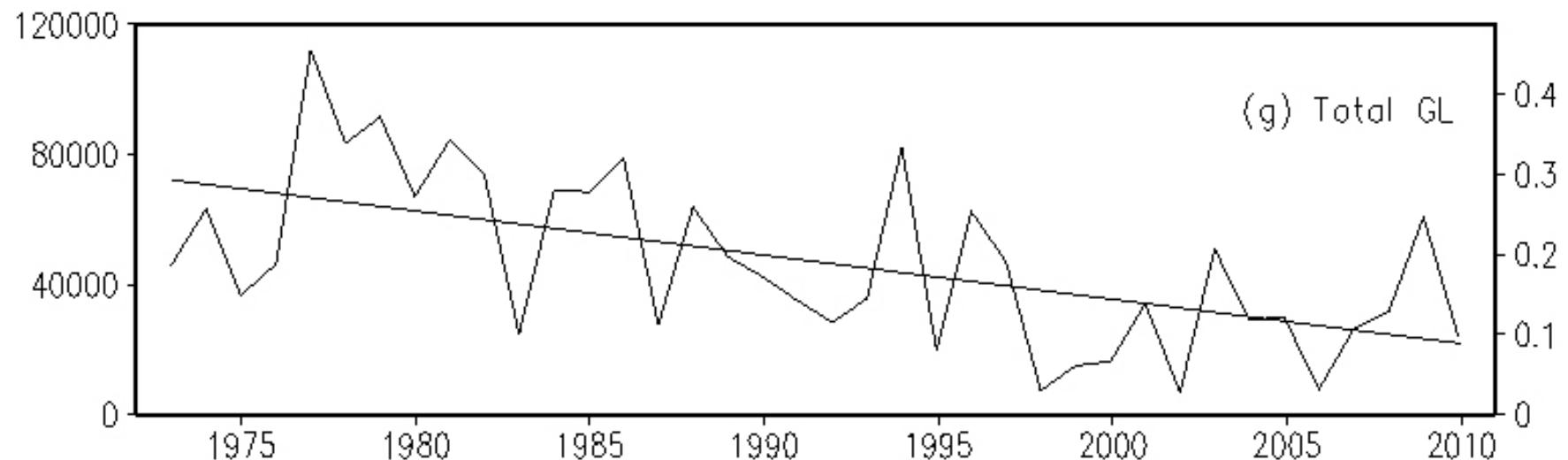
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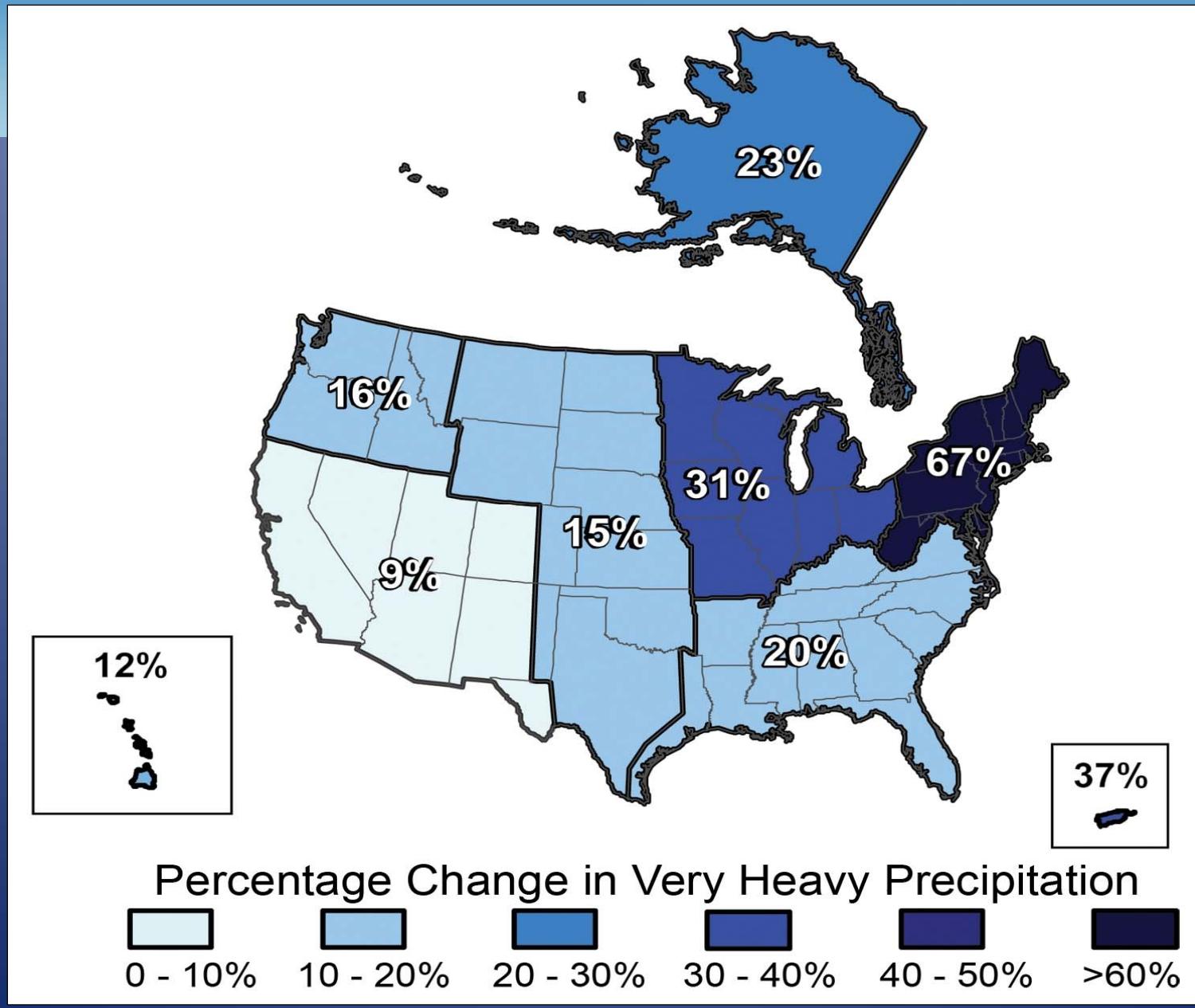
Great Lakes – ice cover





% decrease from 1973 to 2010

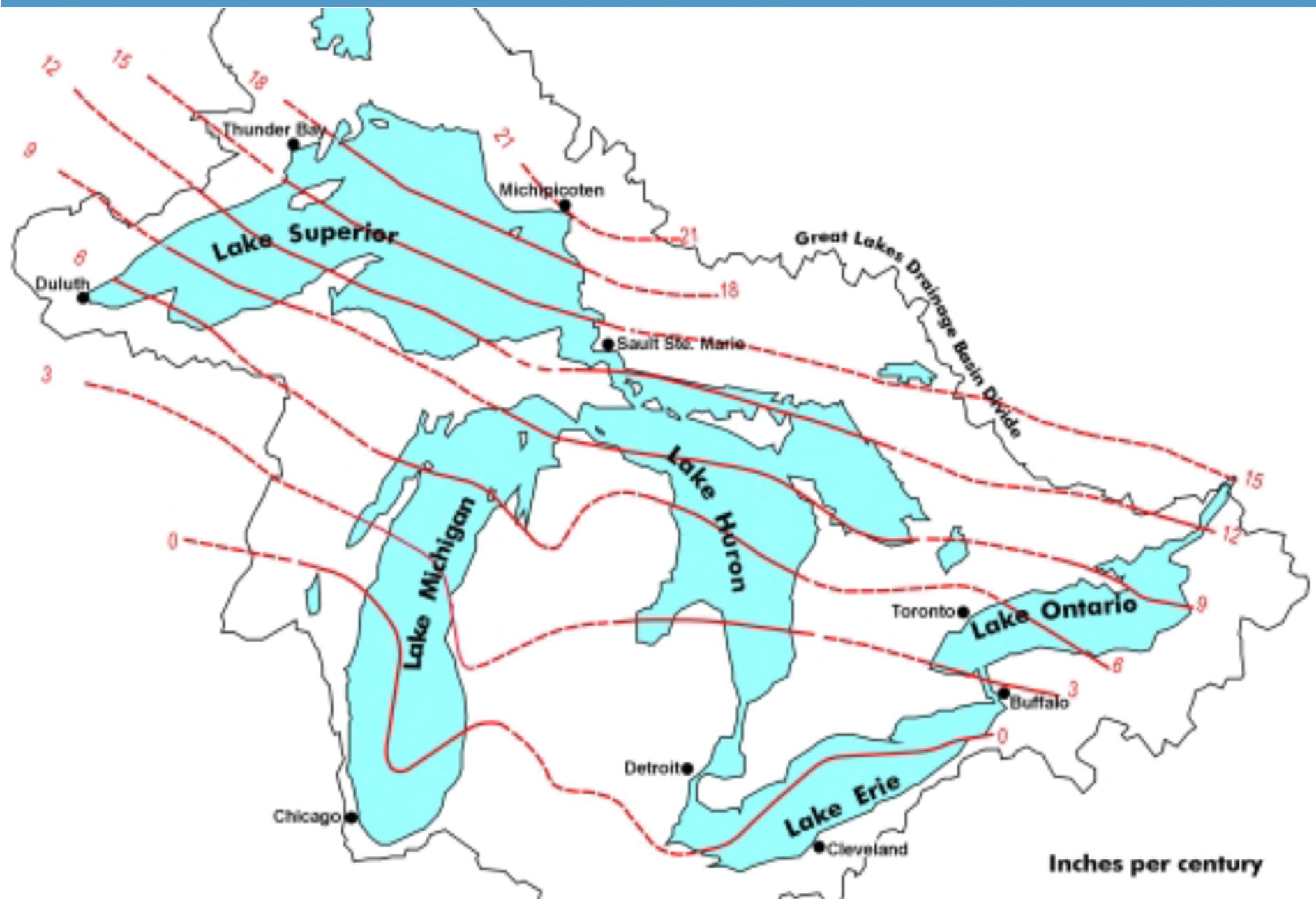
- Superior 79
- Michigan 77
- Huron 62
- St. Clair 37
- Erie 50
- Ontario 88
- Total GL 71





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A wide-angle photograph of a coastal sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds, with bright sunlight breaking through the upper layers. The horizon shows a calm sea with gentle waves. In the foreground, dark silhouettes of rocks and low-lying vegetation are visible. On the right side, a dark, silhouetted forested headland or peninsula extends into the water.

Thank you for your time!

Questions???



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