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An aerial photograph of a lake with a marina and forested hills. The marina is filled with many small boats. The hills are covered in dense green trees. The water is a deep blue color.

Ottawa County Beach Forecasting Model Talk Outline

- 1. Need for Models**
- 2. Statistical Models**
- 3. Deterministic Models**
- 4. Combined Forecast Models**
- 5. Future Plans Beach Water Quality Forecasting**



The National Park Service



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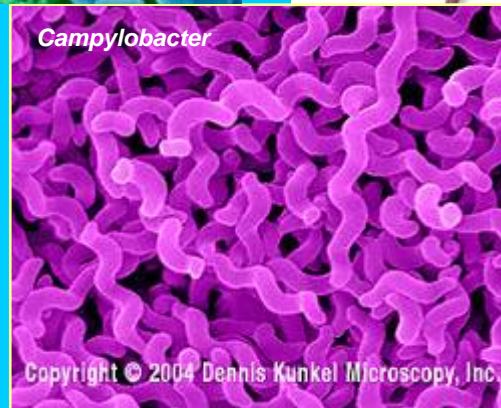
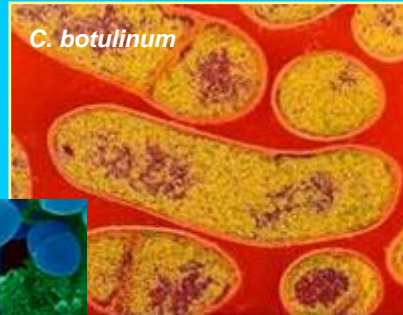
*Head over heels
in love with our water!*



*We just don't look at it or drink it,
we play in it!*



Recreational Water Illness





The Public Demands Action!



Protect Swimmer Health

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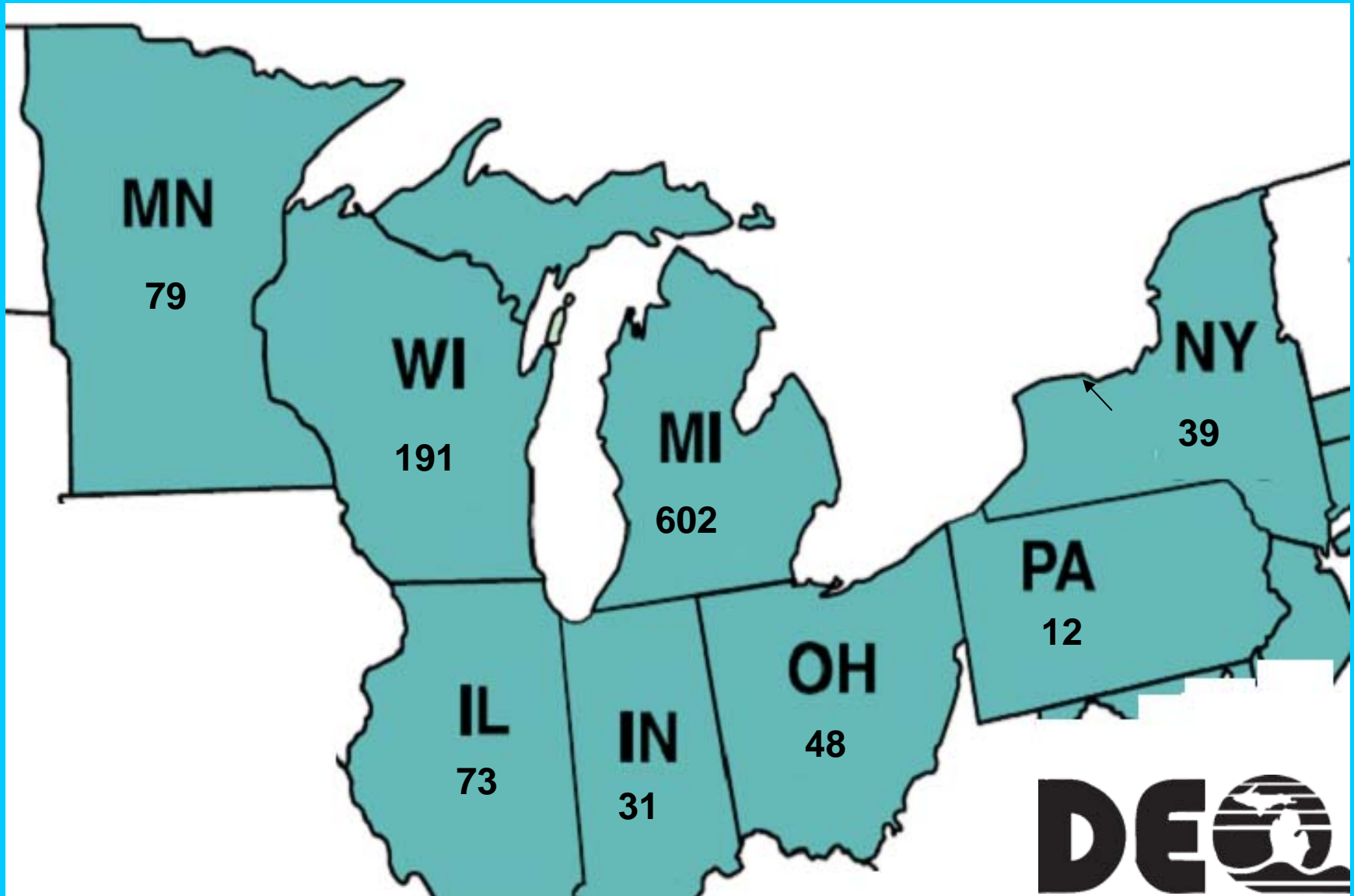


Your link to 800 beach buddies!

We transfer our expertise and experience in
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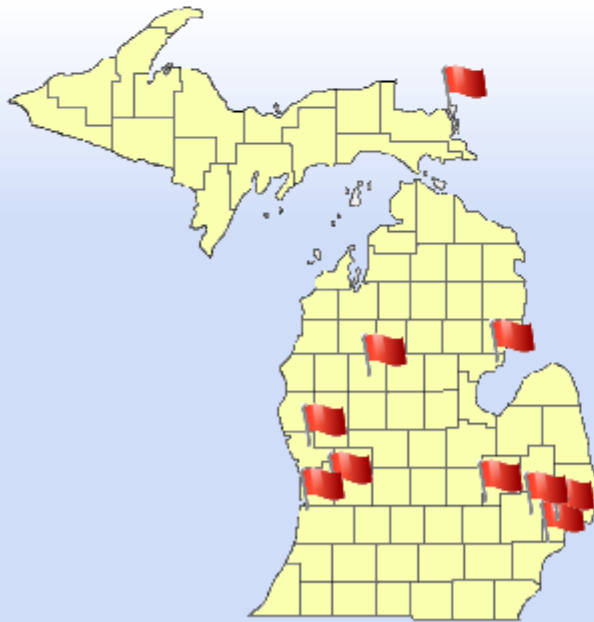


Great Lakes Public Beaches



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Department of Environmental Quality Michigan.gov logo and navigation menu (Home, Michigan.gov Home, Search, RSS, About, Log In). Below the menu is a search box and a welcome message: "Welcome to the Michigan BeachGuard System. Select a county from the map below to see beach information for that county. Use the search box in the navigation bar to find by beach or waterbody by name."



Current closures and advisories are displayed above

Michigan Beaches

1178 Public Beaches

438 Private Beaches

11 Closures and Advisories

Waterbody and Location Name	County
Saginaw Bay-Lake Huron - Singing Bridge Beach	Arenac
Maplewood Lake - Maplewood Lake Park	Ottawa
Twin Lake - Twin Lake County Park Beach	Muskegon
Sunrise Lake - Sunrise Lake Park	Osceola
Lake Macatawa - Dunton Park	Ottawa
Fenton Lake - Township Hall	Genesee
Lake St. Clair - St. Clair Shores Blossom Heath Beach	Macomb
Stoney Creek Lake-Impoundment - Stoney Creek Metropark-Baypoint Beach	Macomb
Lake St. Clair - New Baltimore Park Beach	Macomb
St. Mary's River - Sugar Island Township Park	Chippewa
Stoney Creek Lake-Impoundment - Stoney Creek Metropark-Eastwood Beach	Macomb

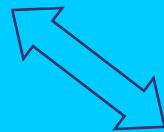
Federal Agency Research

- **USGS Beach Health Initiative
Ocean Research Priorities Plan**
- **EPA Advanced Monitoring Initiative
Research**
- **NOAA Center of Excellence
Great Lakes and Human Health**

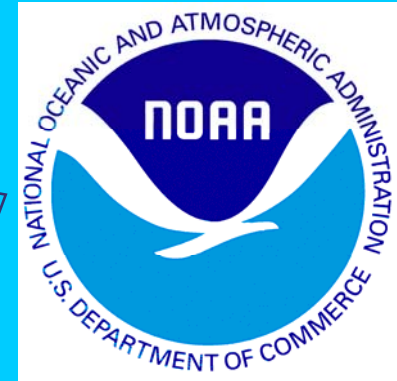
Federal Collaboration on Beach Health in the Great Lakes



Remediation, Decision Support,
& Environmental Research



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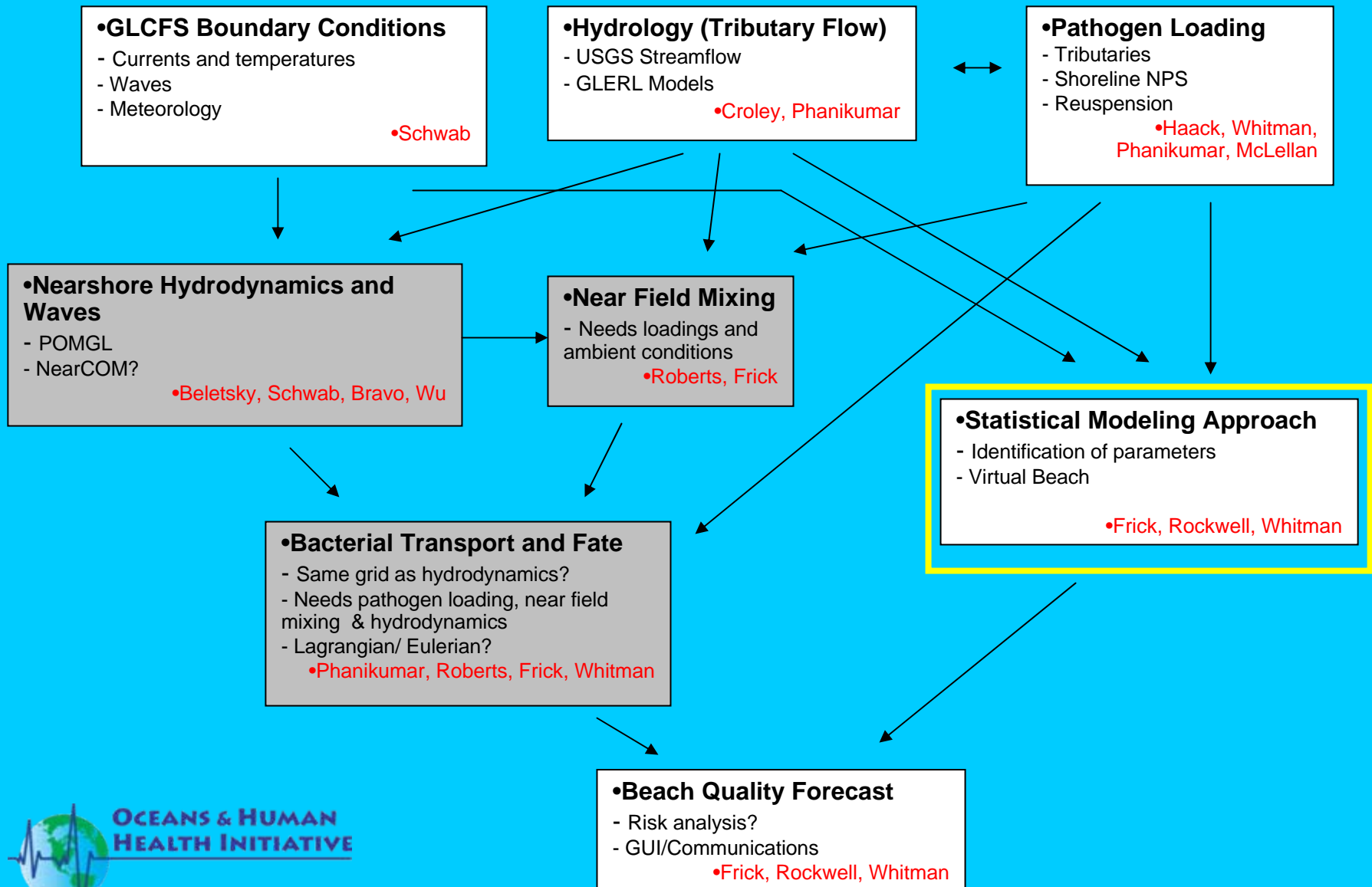
Operational Forecasting
& Research

**Beach Water Quality
Forecasting
Coordinator**



Monitoring & Modeling
Research

•Statistical Beach Quality Modeling Approach



Predictive Variables for Statistical Beach Forecasting Models *(Mednick, 2009: Accessing Online Data for Building and Evaluating Real-Time Models to Predict Beach Water Quality)*

•Near Shore Conditions

- - Wave height *
- - Turbidity
- - Lake current speed and direction *
- - Water temperature *
- - Lake level *

•Weather Conditions

- - Antecedent rainfall *
- - Wind speed and direction *
- - Air temperature *
- - Sunlight *

•Onshore Conditions

- - Number of bathers
- - Presence of algae
- - Number of gulls

•Watershed Conditions

- Stream flow *

•* Available from GLCFS



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Project S.A.F.E.

Friday, May 25, 2007



Swimming Advisory Forecast Estimate

For Lake St., Marquette Park, Wells St., and Ogden Dunes beaches

Project by US Geological Survey in cooperation with the City of Gary, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Recreational Water Quality

Project S.A.F.E. will begin it's daily updates on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007.

Beach

SAFE Estimate

Lake St.

Marquette Park

Wells St.

Ogden Dunes

Anticipated Beach Conditions

Rain 24 h total (in)

Wind Speed (kts)

Wind Direction

Air Temperature (°F)

Water Temperature (°F)

Wave Height (ft)

UV Index (forecast)

Surf (ft) (forecast)

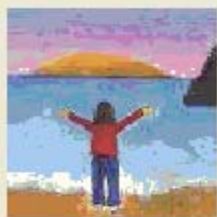


Predictive Modeling

- Refine and evaluate procedures for building water quality models used for notification and advisories/closures
- Virtual Beach Software for Statistical Modeling
- **Model Builder** for developing multiple linear regression models for indicator prediction and
- **Beach Advisor for** providing user friendly beach advisory decision support for non technical users



General | Empirical Model



Virtual Beach



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- Develop sustainable forecasting tools to minimize risk to human health in coastal environments.
- Identify sources and causes



- Water Quality
- Beach closures
- Harmful Algal Blooms



NOAA develops Great Lakes algal bloom forecasts



TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. - An experimental system that uses satellite data and computer modeling will help forecast the direction and intensity of ugly, smelly algae blobs in the Great Lakes.

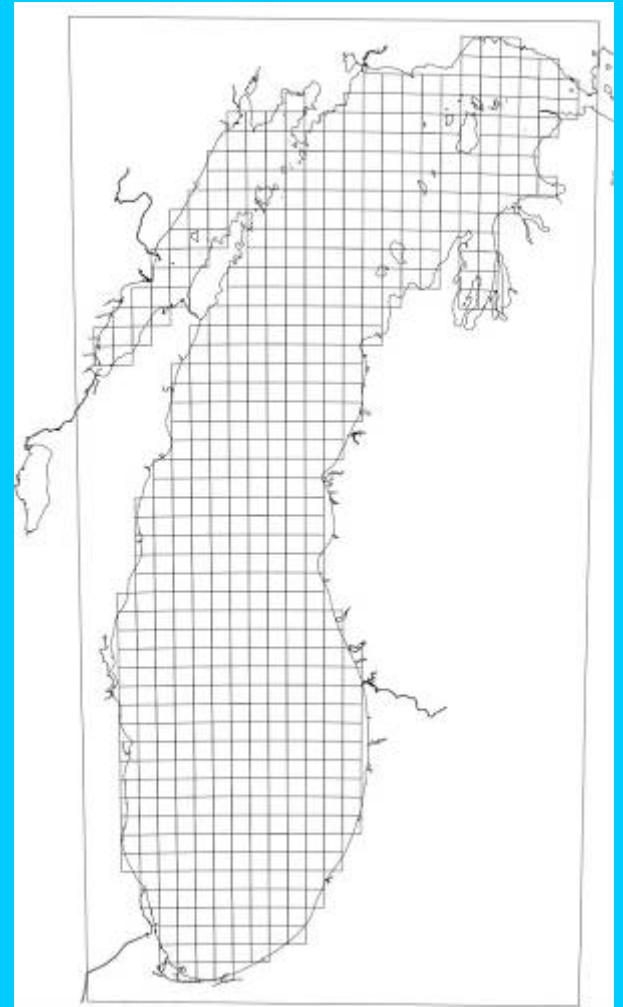
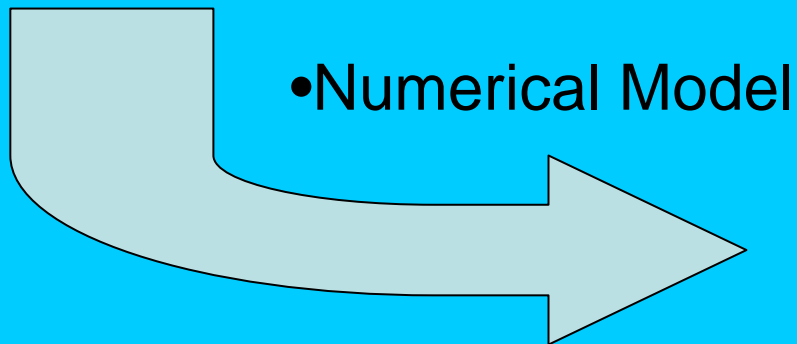
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9/17/2009.



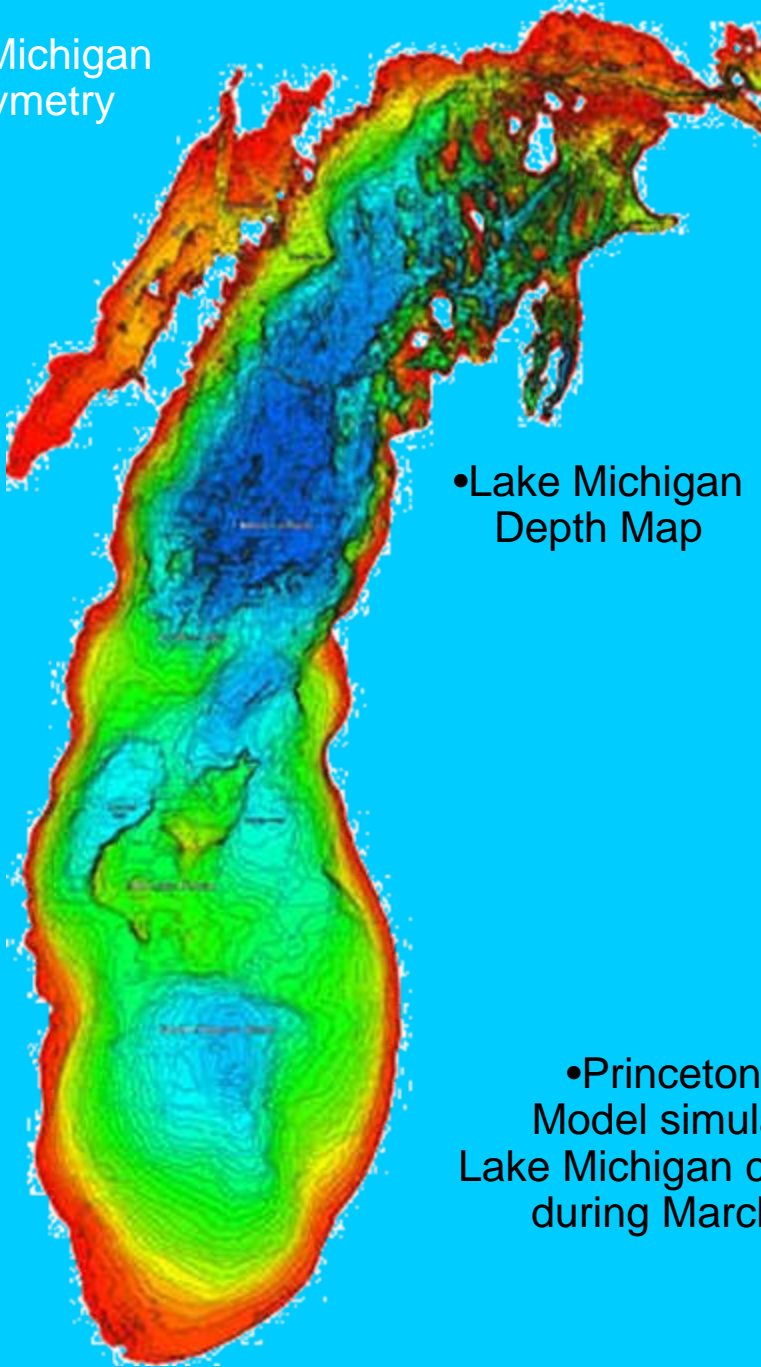
Nested grid plume trajectory model

Factors Affecting Lake Circulation

- Wind stress
- Bottom topography
- Earth's rotation
- Temperature gradients



•Lake Michigan
Bathymetry



•Lake Michigan
Depth Map

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BMP decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

•Princeton Ocean
Model simulation of
Lake Michigan currents
during March, 1998



•Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System: www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/glcfs

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Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System, GLCFS

GLCFS NOWCAST: 05/25/2007 (DOY 145) 0600 GMT

Nowcasts are generally posted at about 0325, 0925, 1525, and 2125 EDT

NEW Great Lakes Nowcast Surface Temps (KML)

NEW Great Lakes Nowcast Wave Heights (KML)

NEW GLSEA Ice Cover (KML)



GLCFS FORECAST: 05/25/2007 (DOY 145) 0000 GMT - Experimental

Forecasts are generally posted by about 1115 and 2315 EDT



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Links:

- [CO-OPS Great Lakes Operational Forecast System \(currents, water levels, temps\)](#)
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Project Write-up

[Research Program Page](#)

•- Five separate models based on POM with 2-5 km horizontal resolution and 20 sigma layers

•- Provides nowcasts and forecasts of water level, currents, temperature, and waves (GL wave model)

•- Runs automatically 4 times per day for nowcasts, 2 times per day for forecasts (out to 60 hrs)

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Grand Haven Area Nowcast

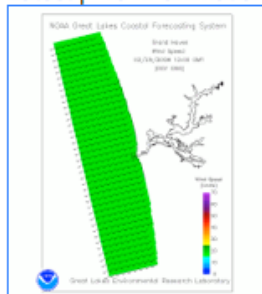
Check out [Grand River Plume: Aerial Photos vs Model Simulation](#) (updated Jul 20, 2007)
See also [Forecast](#)

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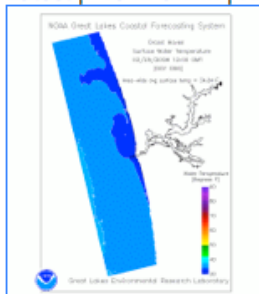
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[Latest](#) | [-48 hr animation](#)



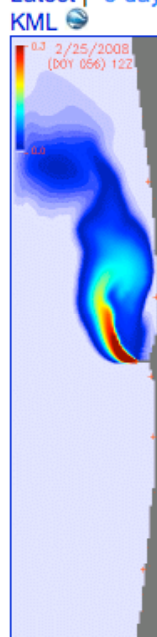
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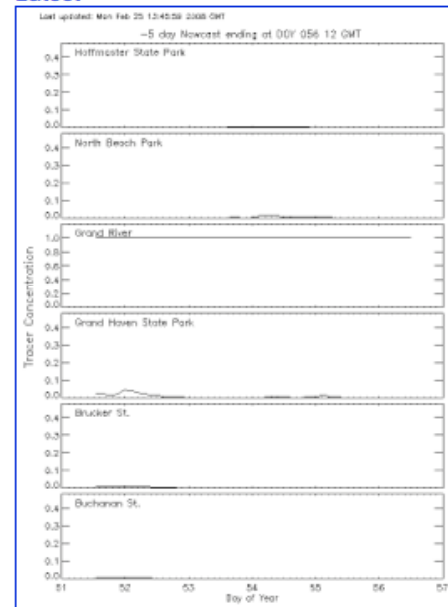
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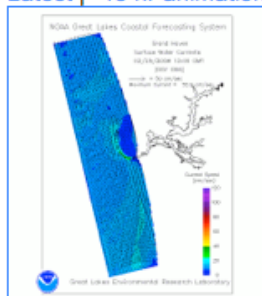
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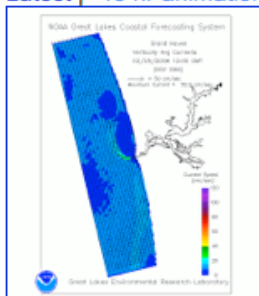
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Vertically Avg Currents:

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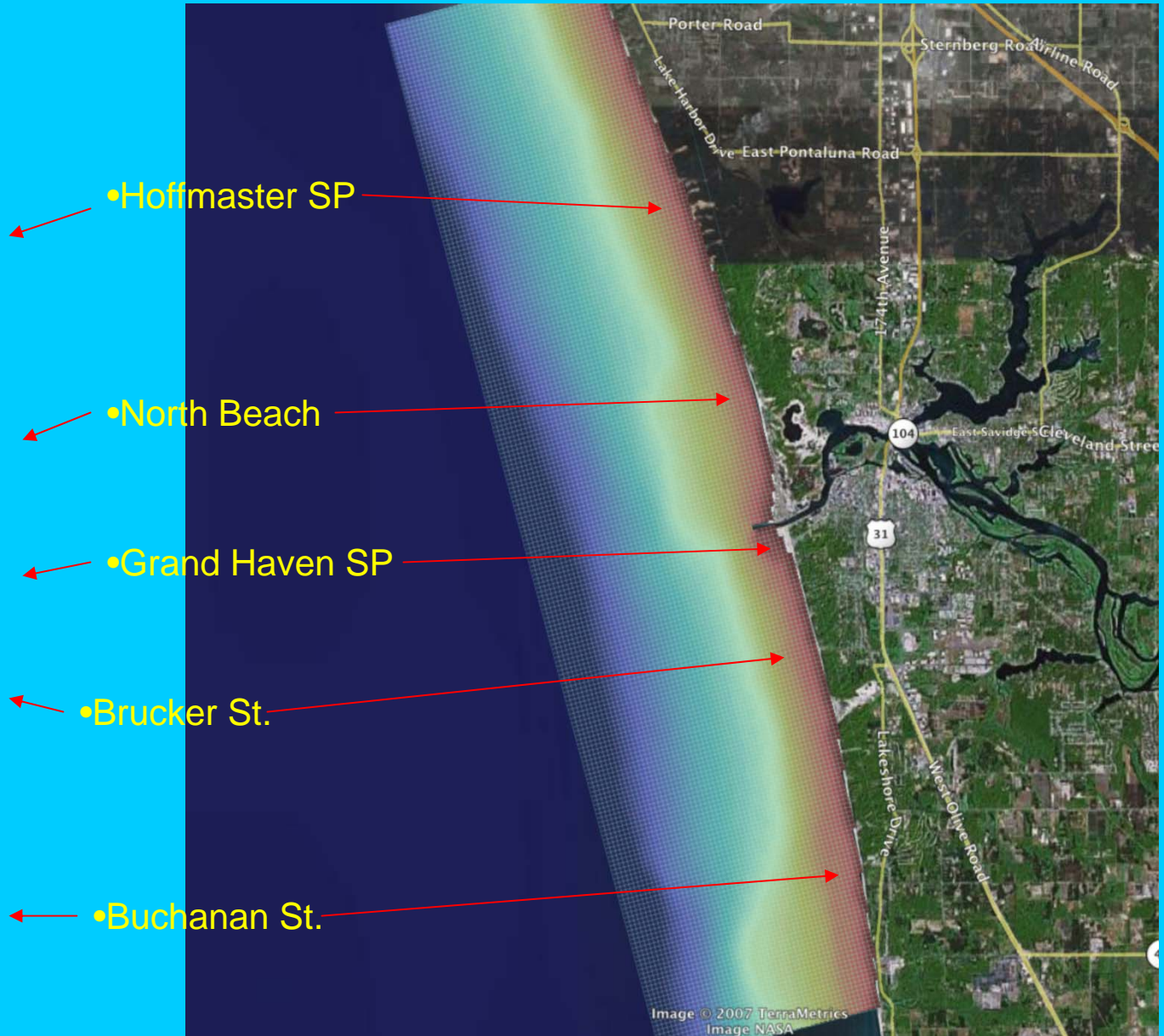
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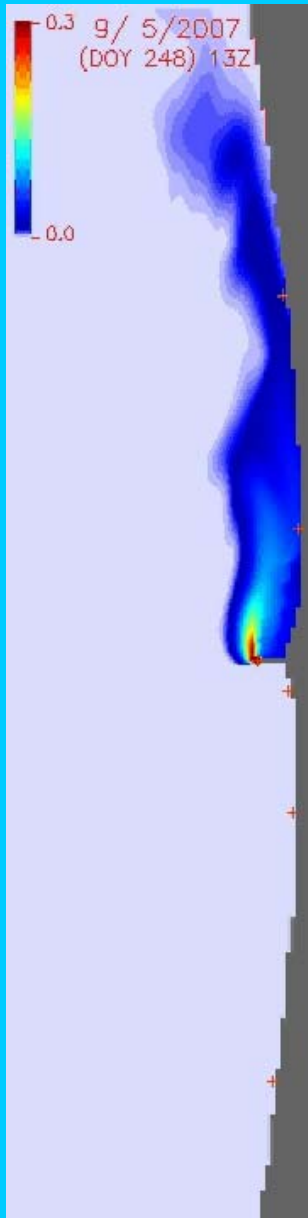
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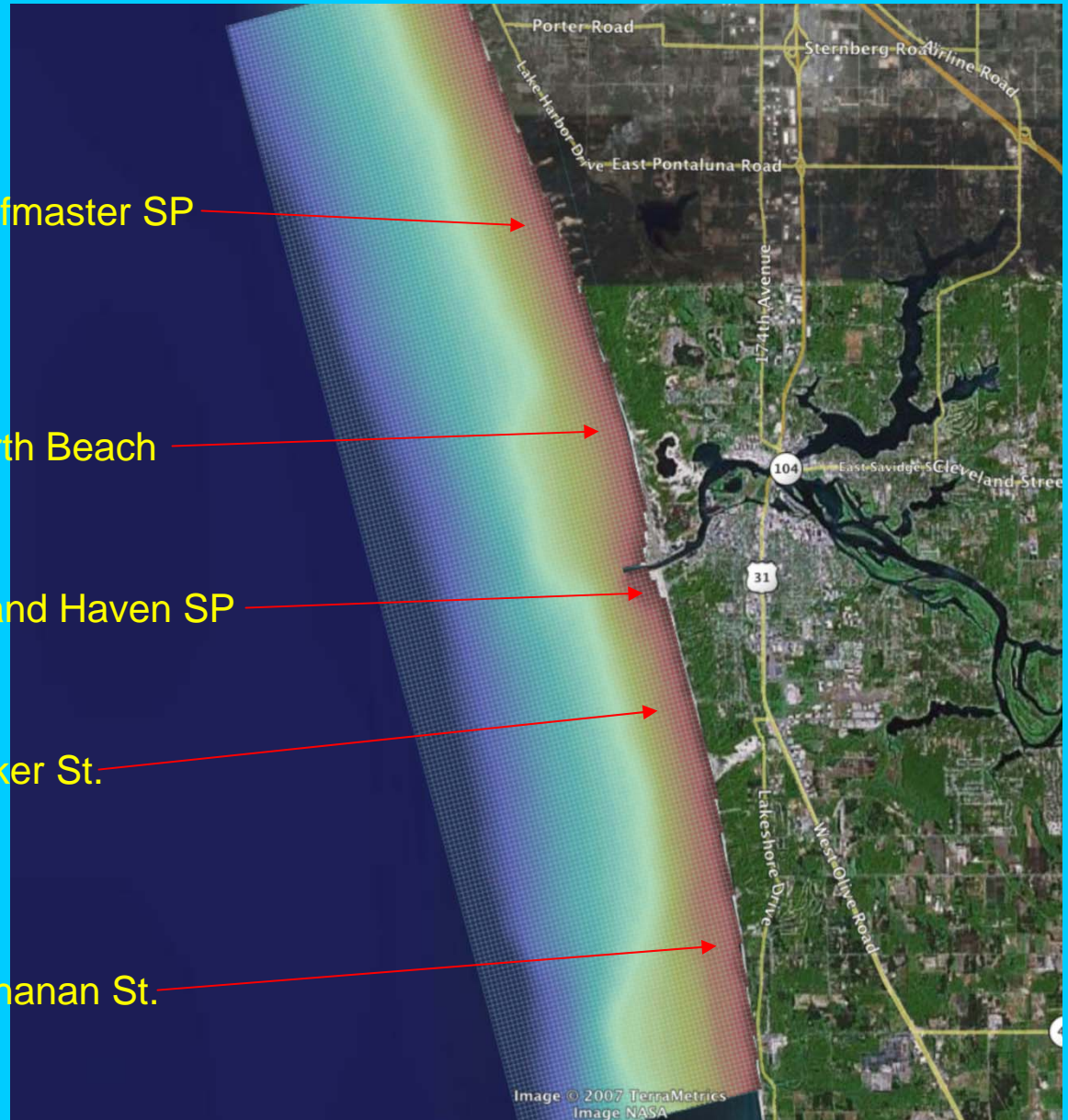


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- Hoffmaster SP
- North Beach
- Grand Haven SP
- Brucker St.
- Buchanan St.



Model validation

A photograph of a beach scene. The ocean is in the background with waves crashing onto the shore. In the foreground, a man and two children are sitting on the sand, playing. A yellow bucket is visible on the sand. The text "Model validation" is overlaid in the center of the image.

•Grand River Plume Tracking Experiments, 2006-2007



•Rhodamine-WT dye release



•Moorings



•Aerial Photography



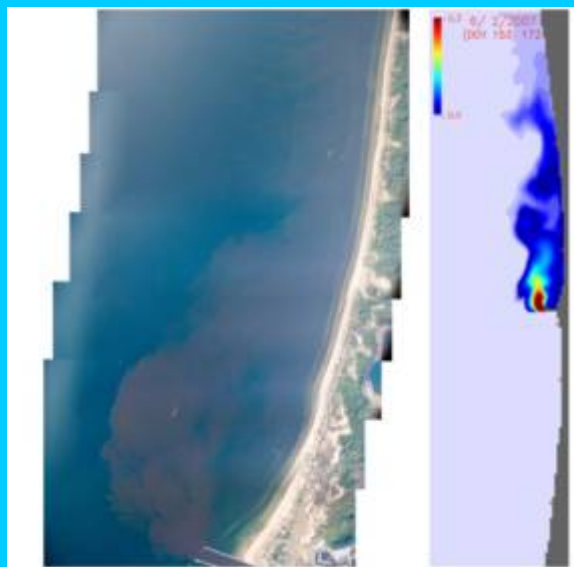
•Dye tracking, CTD mapping and bacterial sampling



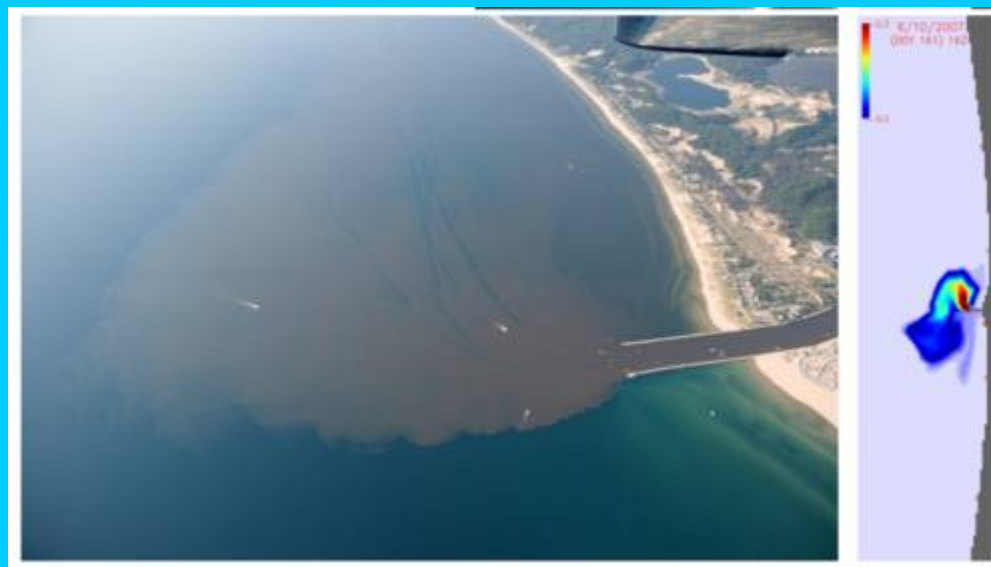
•GPS drifter buoy release

•Grand River Plume Aerial Photography and Model Simulations

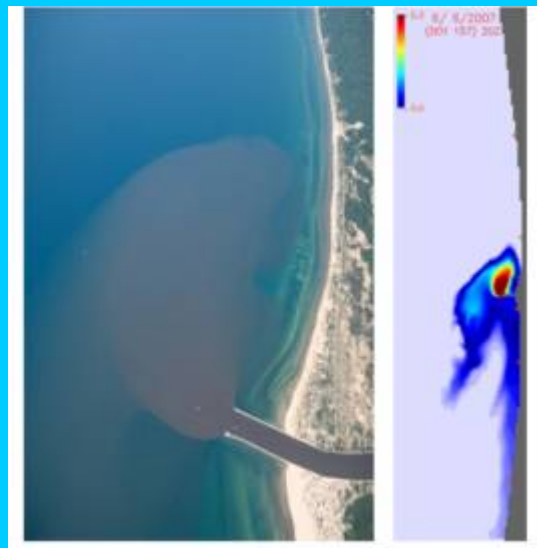
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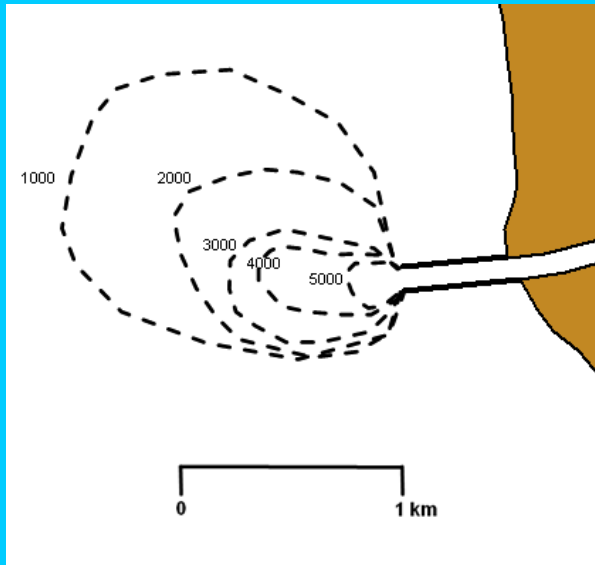
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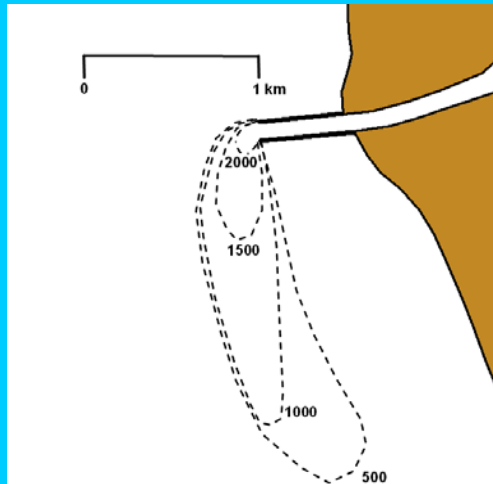
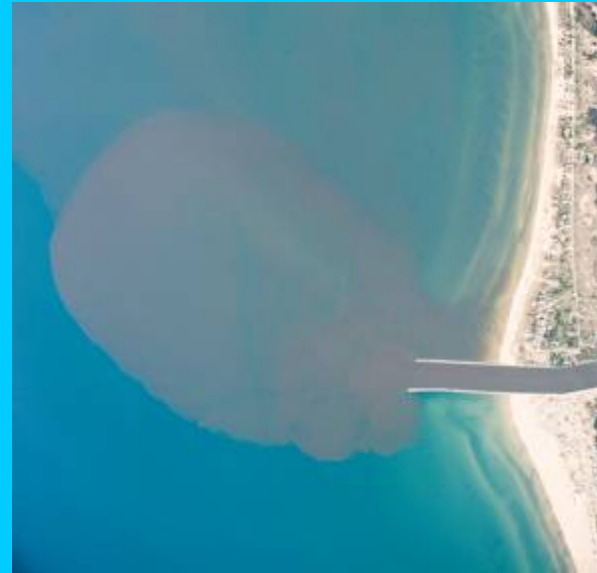
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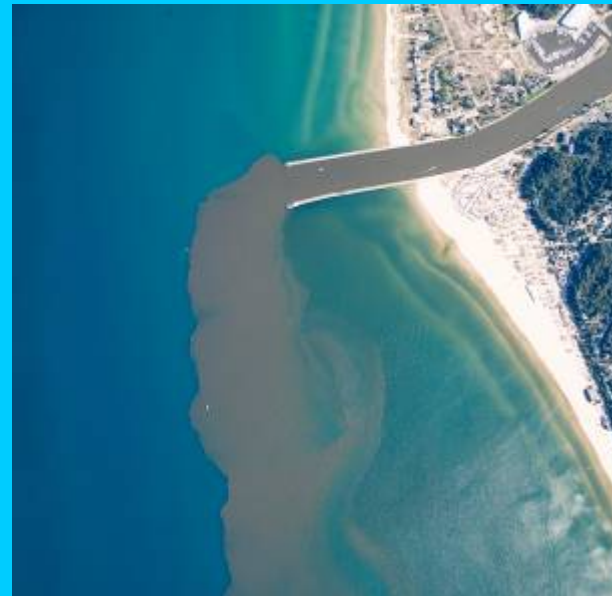
•Sulfur Hexafluoride Tracer Measurements Compared to Aerial Photography



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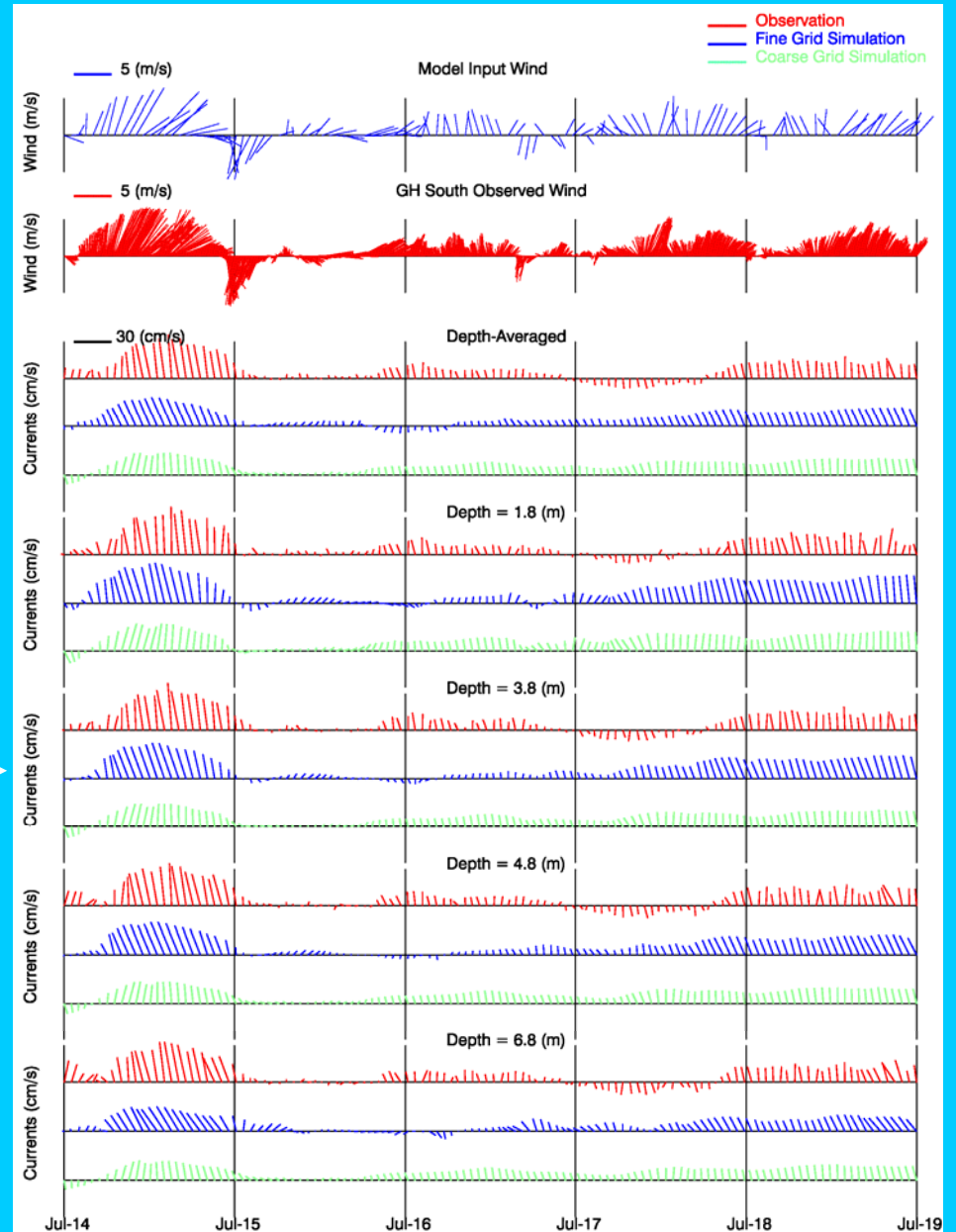


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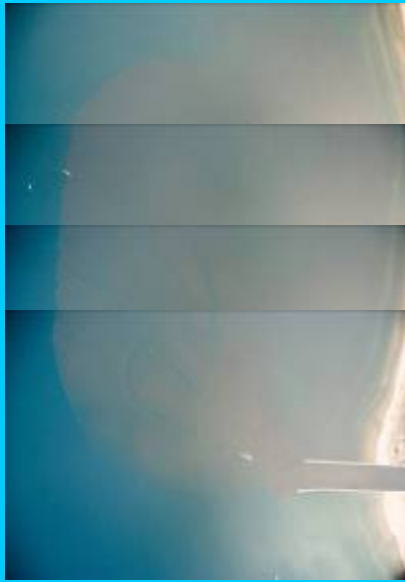
Model Evaluation with ADCP Measurements

• July 14-19, 2007



•Drifter Buoy Tracks and Aerial Photos

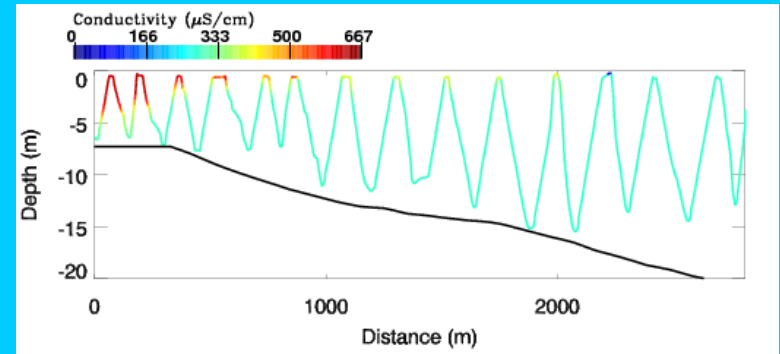
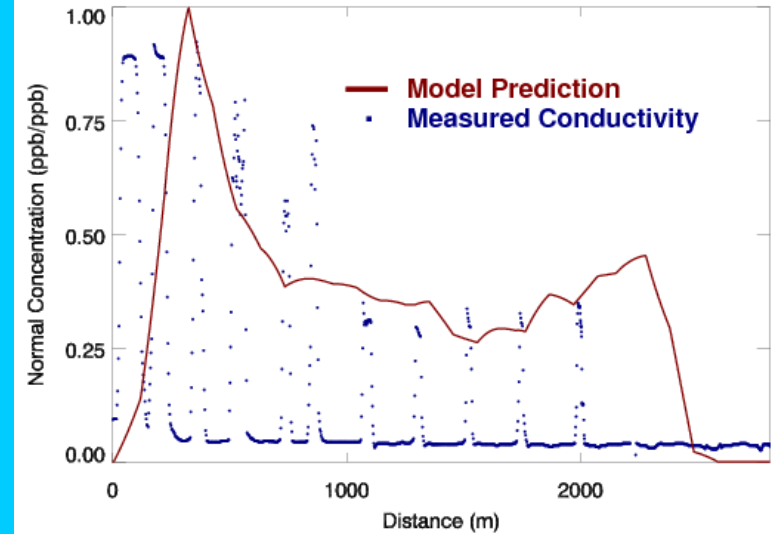
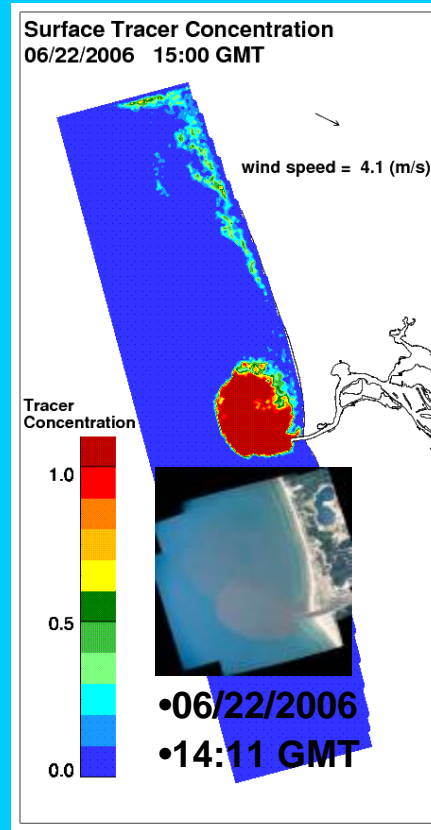
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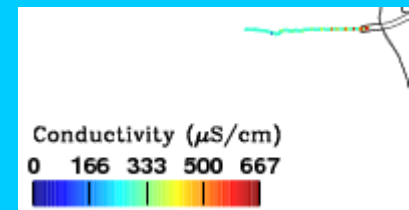
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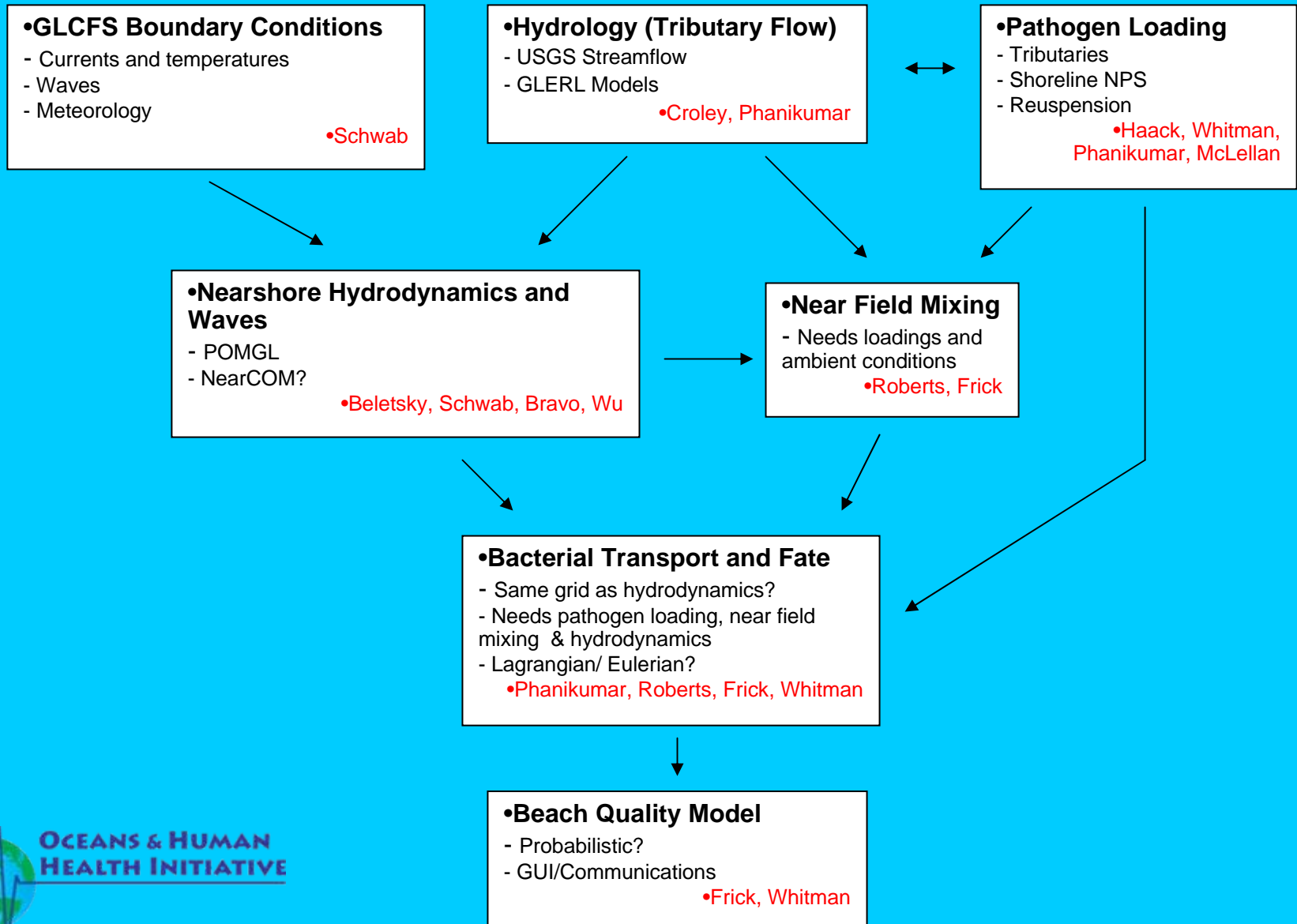
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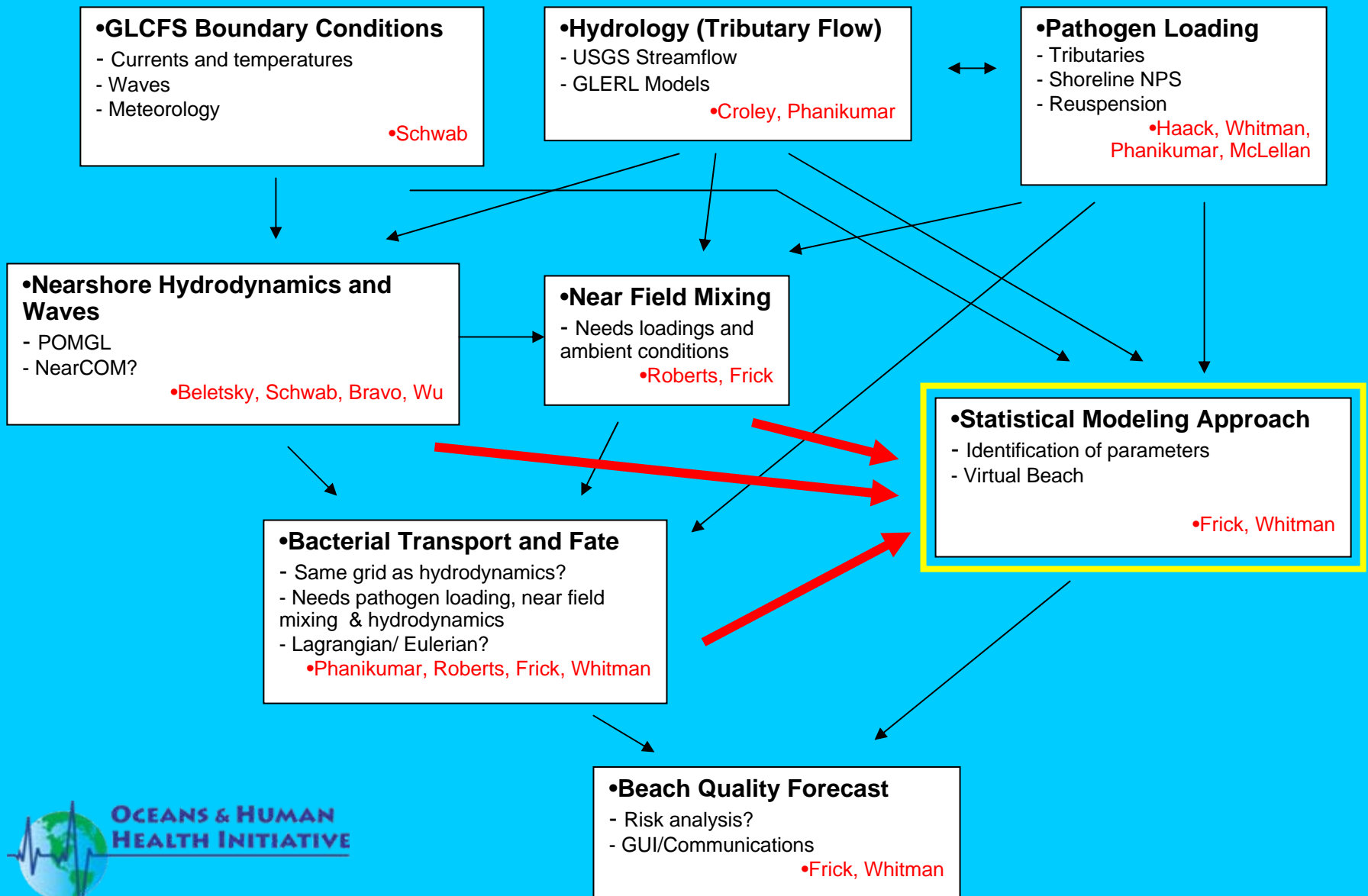
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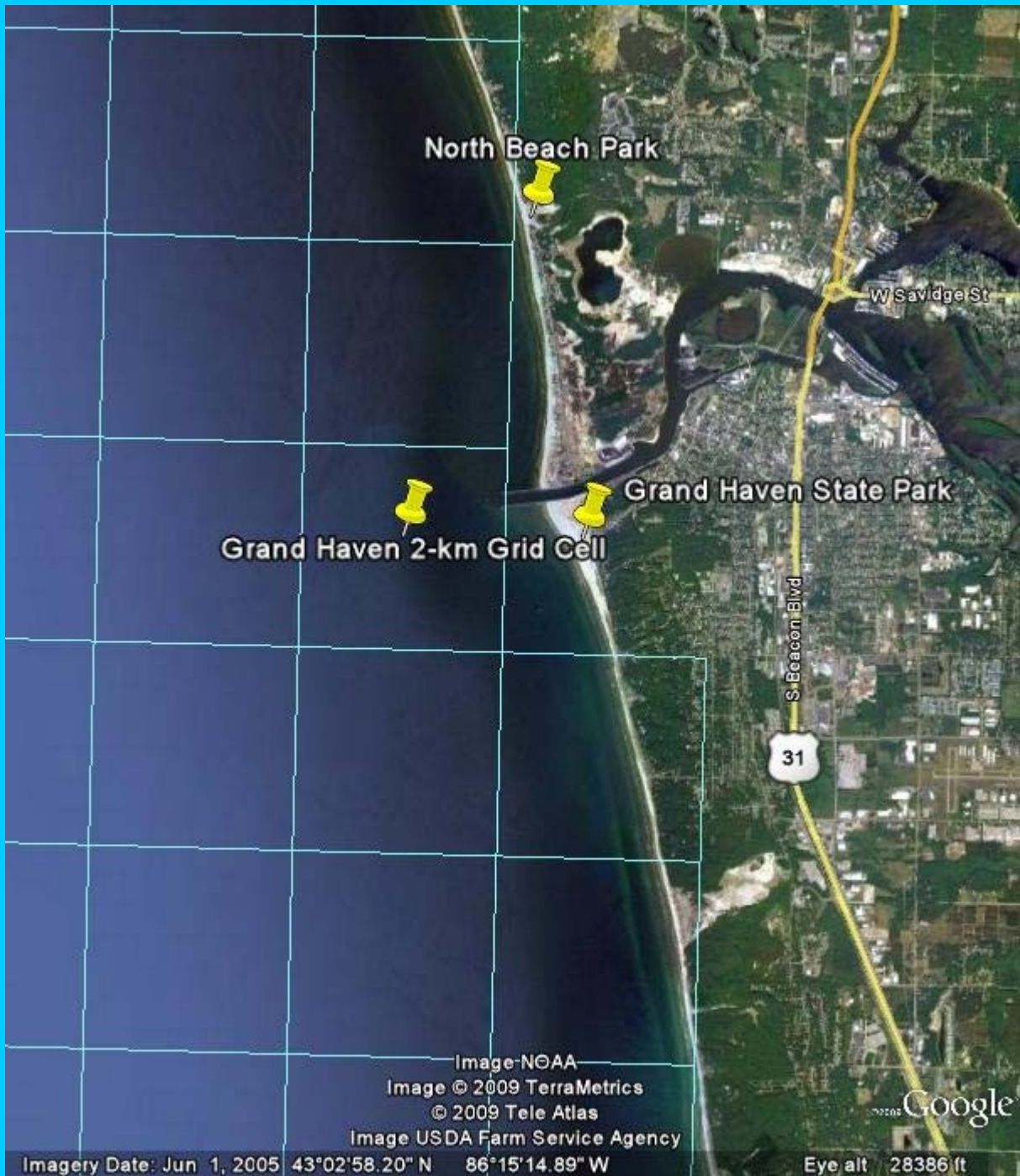


•Deterministic Beach Quality Modeling Approach



•Combined Beach Quality Modeling Approach





North Beach Park

W Savidge St

Grand Haven State Park

Grand Haven 2-km Grid Cell

S. Beacon Blvd

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Imagery Date: Jun 1, 2005 43°02'58.20" N 86°15'14.89" W

Eye alt 28386 ft

Grand Haven State Park Beach Ottawa Co. Michigan 2002-2009

MLR model : $E[\ln(E. Coli)] = \text{Const} + \text{Coef1} \times \text{Var1} + \dots + \text{Coef4} \times \text{Var4}$

Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-Statistic	p-Value*
Const	- 0.29	0.49	- 0.48	0.64
1. SWT9	0.12	0.031	3.88	0.00018
2. OSC	5.21	1.88	2.77	0.0067
3. WVH0	1.23	0.51	2.41	0.018
4. CC0	0.89	0.37	2.42	0.017

R-square = 26.0% Adj. R-square = 25.2% Model standard error = 1.24 N=114

- **SWT9** Surface Water Temperature Average of Preceding 9 Hours
- **OSC** On Shore Current (positive East)
- **WVH0** Wave Height at time of Sampling
- **CC0** Cloud Cover fraction at time of Sampling

- **SWT9** + coefficient => higher temperatures increase *E. coli* conc.
- **OSC** + coefficient => onshore current increases *E. coli* conc.
- **WVH0** + coefficient => larger waves increase *E. coli* conc.
- **CC0** + coefficient => less sun light increases *E. coli* conc.

North Beach Park Beach Ottawa County, Michigan 2002-2009
MLR model: $E[\text{Log}_{10}(E. coli)] = \text{Const} + \text{Coef1} * \text{Var1} + \dots + \text{Coef6} * \text{Var6}$

Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-Statistic	p-Value*
Const	179.39	41.98	4.27	4.01E-5
1. AT24	0.064	0.015	4.22	4.93E-5
2. OSC	1.81	0.72	2.52	0.013
3. WVH0	0.43	0.21	2.04	0.043
4. CC24	0.78	0.21	3.64	0.00040
5. DATE	- 0.089	0.021	-4.29	3.80E-5
6. GRD	0.0074	0.0031	2.37	0.020

R-square =38.7% Adj. R-square =35.6% Model standard error = 0.5062 N=123

AT24 Interpolated Air Temps average of sample & preceding 23 hourly readings
OSC On Shore Current (positive East)
WVH0 Wave Height at time of Sampling
CC24 Cloud Cover fraction average of sample & preceding 23 hourly readings
DATE Calendar Year (not Julian Date)
GRD Grand River Flow Measured at Grand Rapids

AT24 + coefficient => higher temperatures increase *E. coli* conc.
OSC + coefficient => onshore current increases *E. coli* conc.
WVH0 + coefficient => larger waves increase *E. coli* conc.
CC24 + coefficient => less sun light increases *E. coli* conc.
DATE - coefficient => *E. coli* conc. declining at NBPB over time.
GRD + coefficient => more runoff increases *E. coli* conc.



Current Conditions

Local forecast by City, State

City, St

Weather Warnings



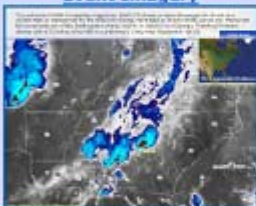
Doppler Radar



River and Lake Levels



Event Imagery



Drought Outlook



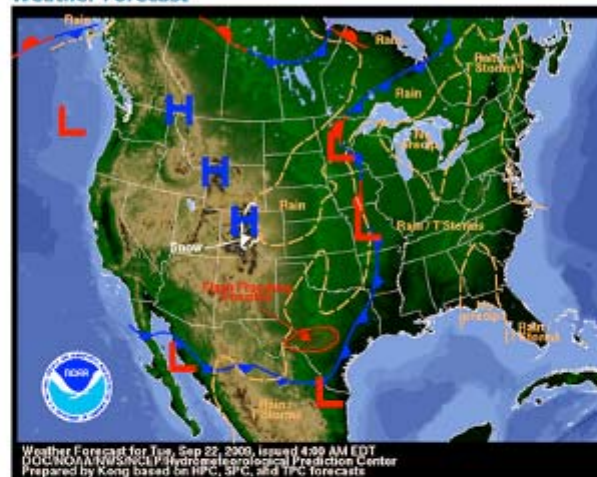
Surface Weather Charts



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NOAA's All Hazard Monitor

Weather Forecast



Weather Map - Click to Enlarge

Weather Outlook for Tuesday

Tue, 22 Sep 2009 06:45:00 EDT

An upper level low is forecast to move into the central High Plains today where it is expected to remain for the next several days, producing chilly conditions across much of the central and southern Intermountain West and Rockies, with dry and windy conditions along the West Coast. Showers and thunderstorms with some embedded heavy rains area forecast to occur along or near this low's associated frontal boundary which is forecast to push out through the Mid and Lower Mississippi Valley while extending back across southern Texas before stalling and gradually weakening. More scattered rains are forecast from the central Appalachians northward through the Northeast as a string of weak upper level disturbances interact with an axis of above normal moisture. Along the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic coasts, a landfalling tropical wave will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms across the region. [Latest local weather forecasts, warnings, watches, and advisories...](#)

Deadly Flooding Across Southeast

Tue, 22 Sep 2009 07:10:48 EDT

Heavy rains from a stationary storm system across the Southeast since last weekend have caused widespread flash, river and stream flooding, and at least 7 fatalities. Rainfall amounts in central Georgia reached as much as 15.2 inches, with a broad area of 4 to 6 inches from central Mississippi across Alabama, Georgia into Tennessee. Major flooding is reported on several creeks and the Chattahoochee River.

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