

# Great Lakes Net Basin Supply and Water Level Modeling

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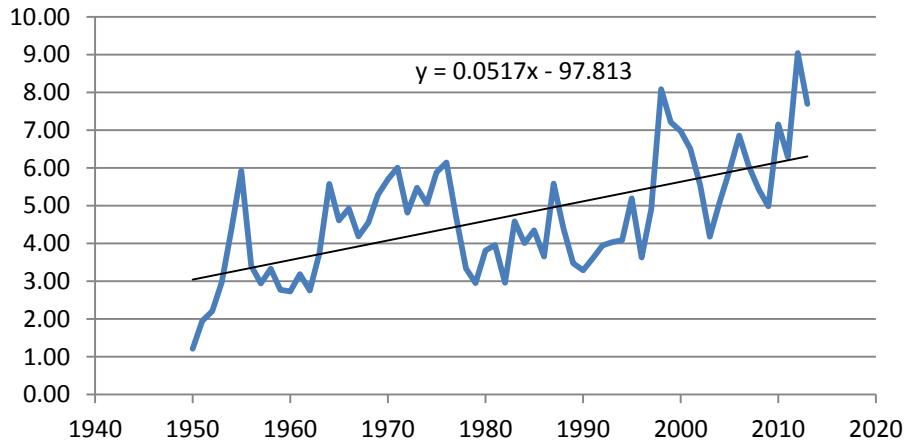
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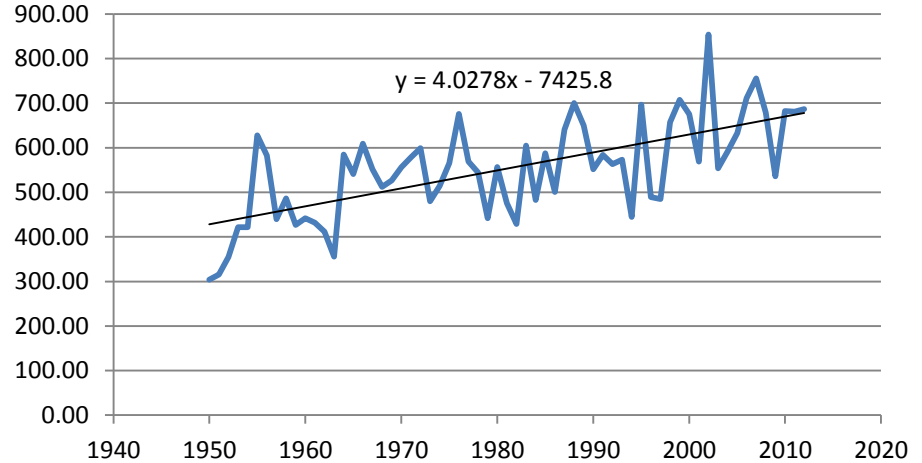
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# Hydroclimatic Data for Lake Superior

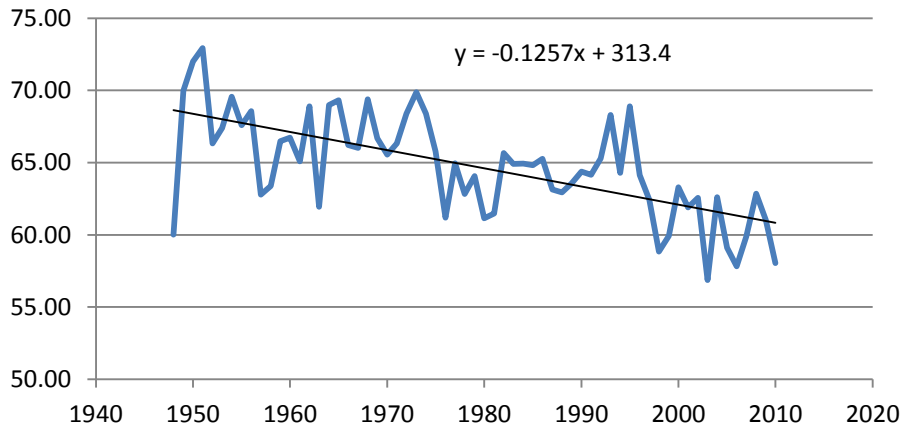
## Lake Temperature (modeled)



## Evaporation (mm) - GLERL Lake Evap. Model



## Cloud Cover over Lake (%)

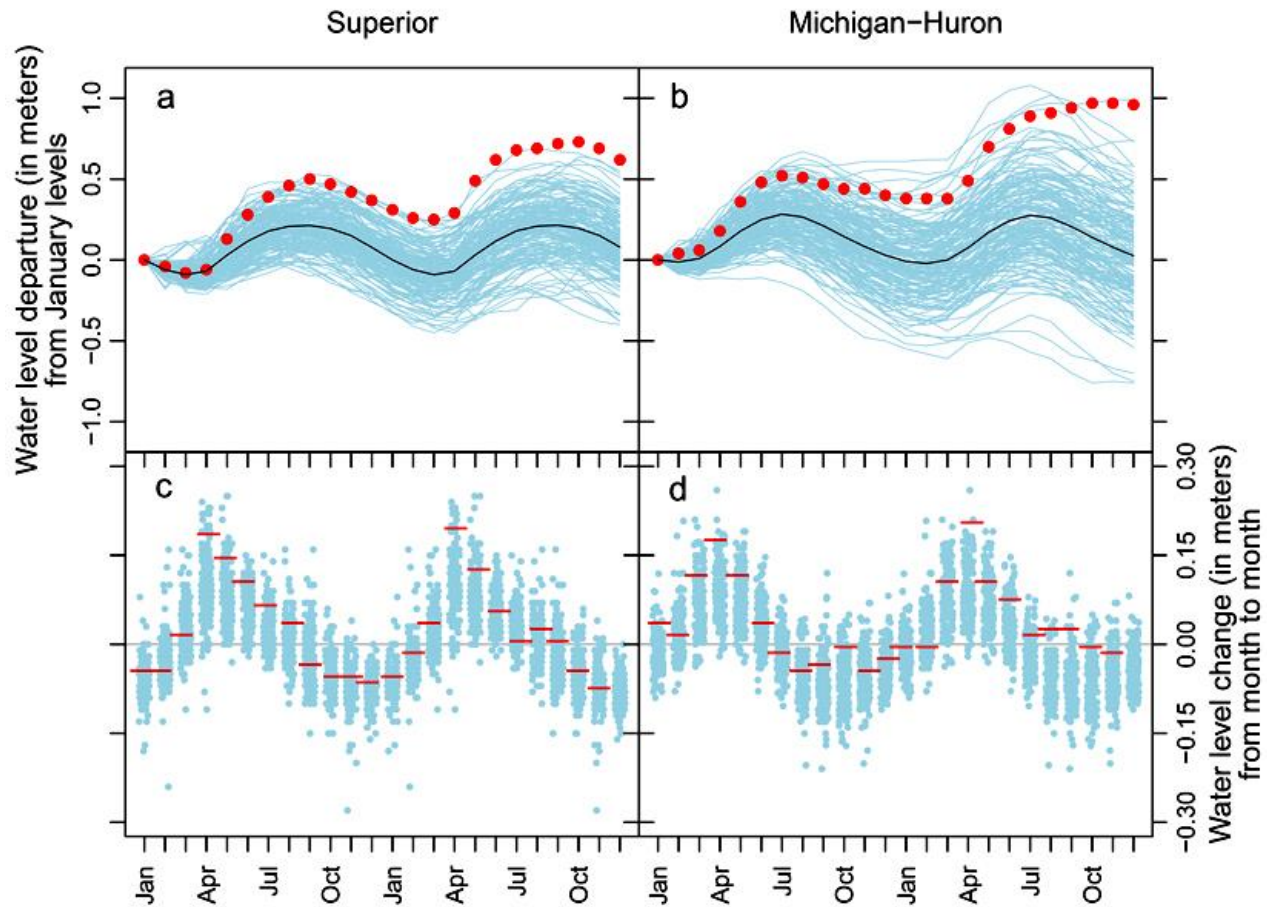


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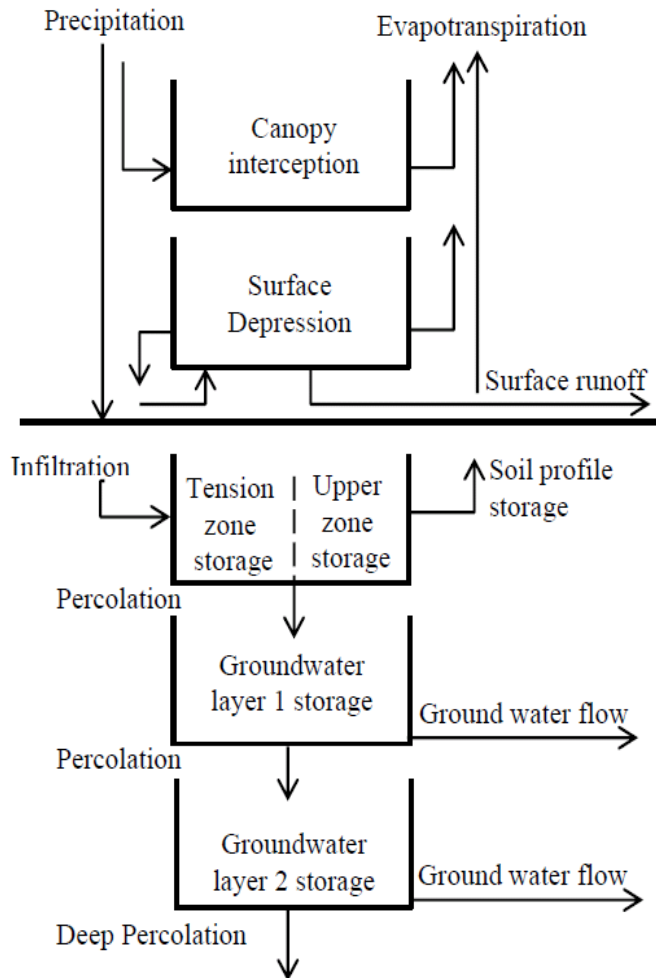
# Surging Water Levels in 2013-14



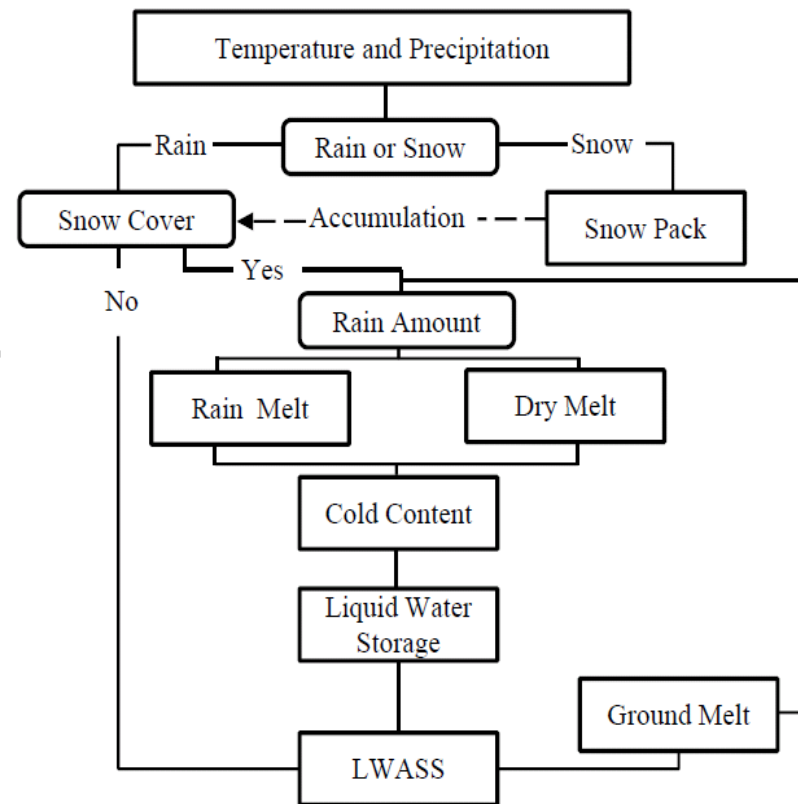
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# Hydrologic Models: Physically Based

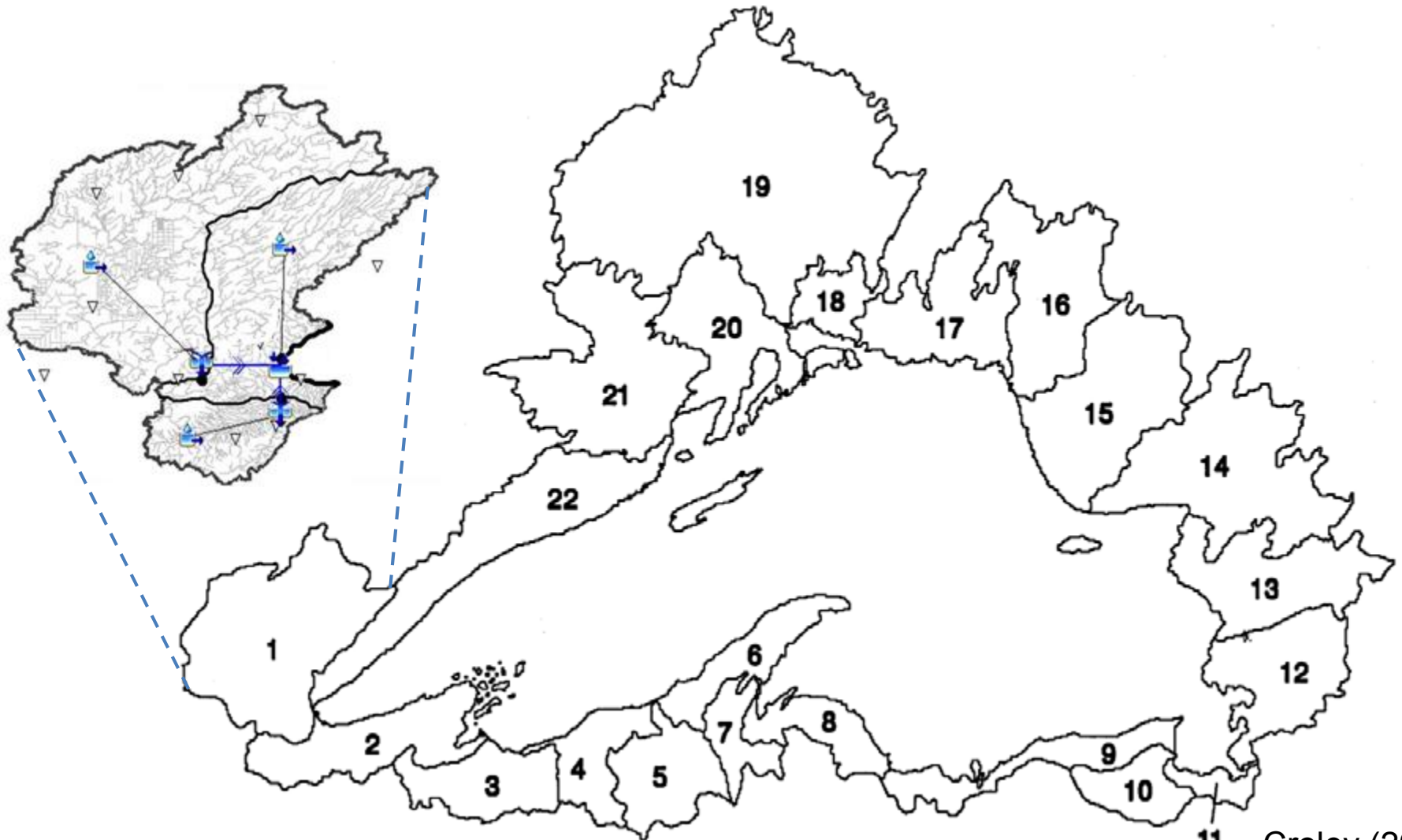
Soil Moisture Accounting Algorithm in HEC-HMS



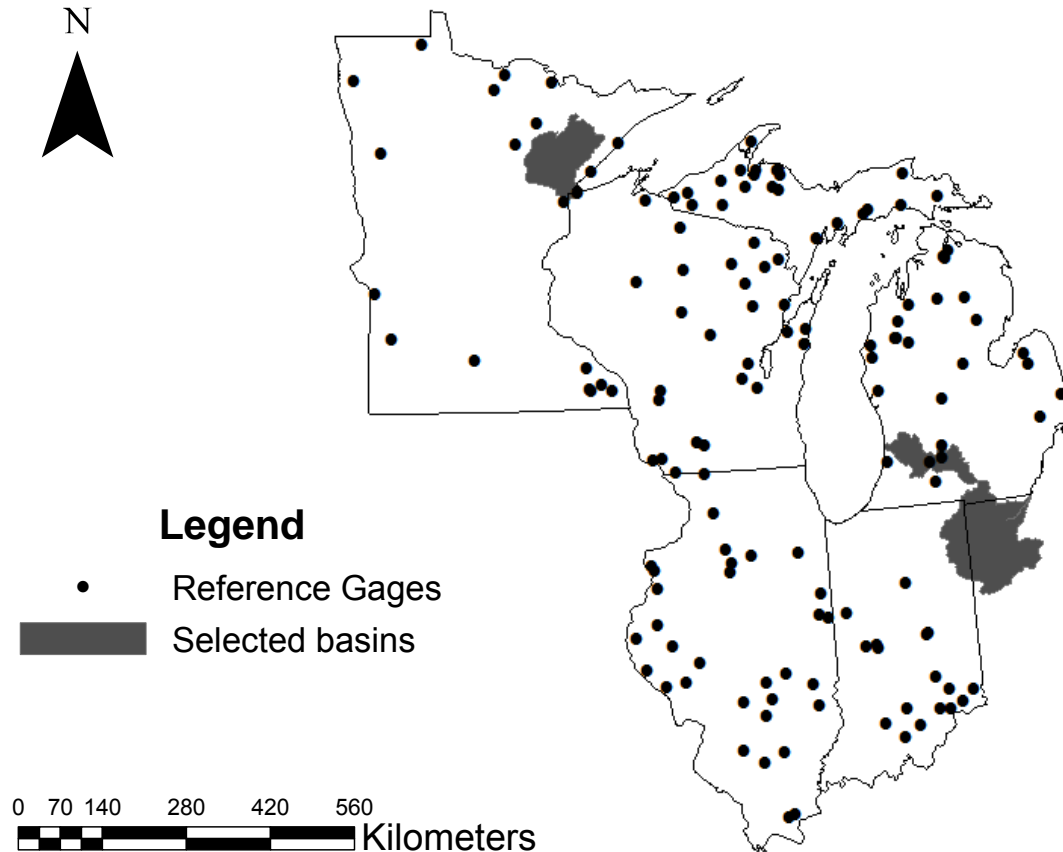
Snow Melt Algorithm (USACE, 2008)



# Hydrologic Models: Lumped and Semi-Distributed



# Hydrologic Models: Regional Regression Models

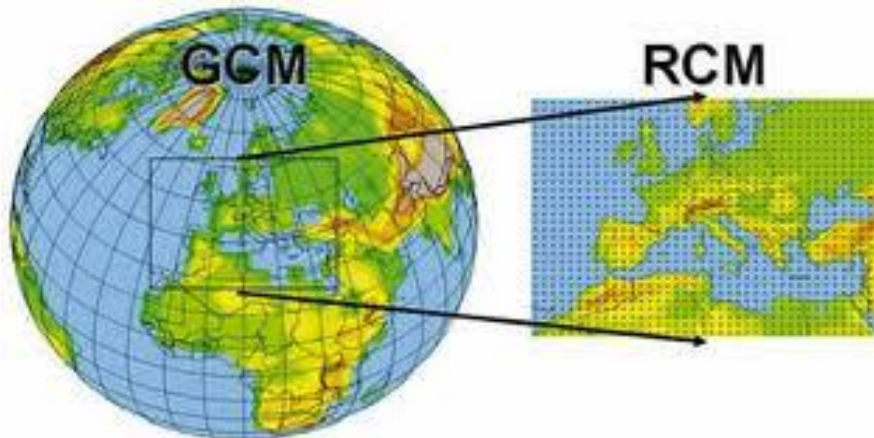


**Geospatial Attributes of Gages for Evaluating Streamflow, version II**, provides geospatial data and classifications for 9,322 stream gages maintained by the USGS (Falcone, 2012).

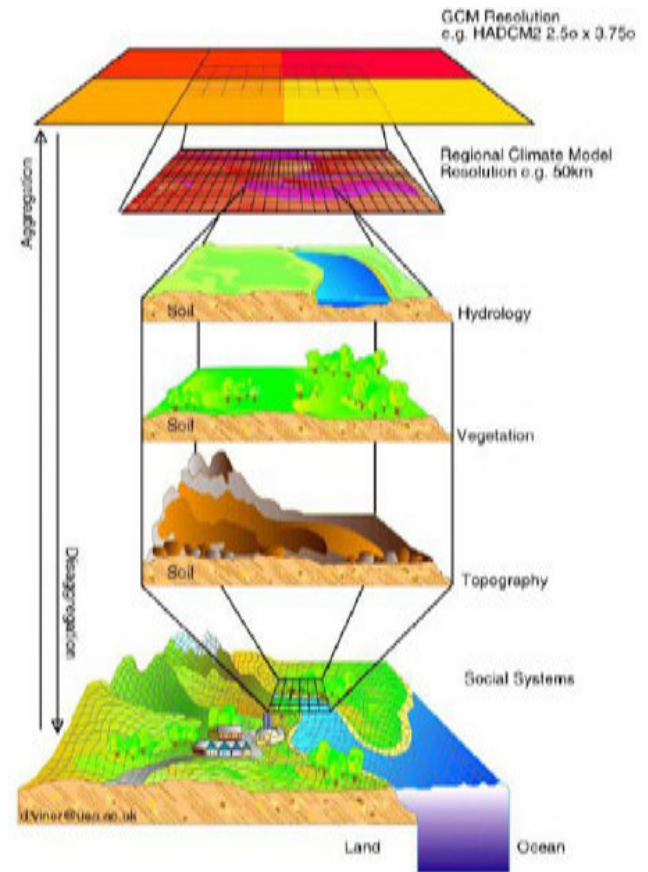
$$\ln(Q_i) = \ln(\beta_0) + \beta_1 \ln(Z_{i1}) + \beta_2 \ln(Z_{i2}) \dots + \beta_p \ln(Z_{ip}) + \varepsilon$$

# Climate Change Projections

## Dynamical Downscaling



## Statistical Downscaling



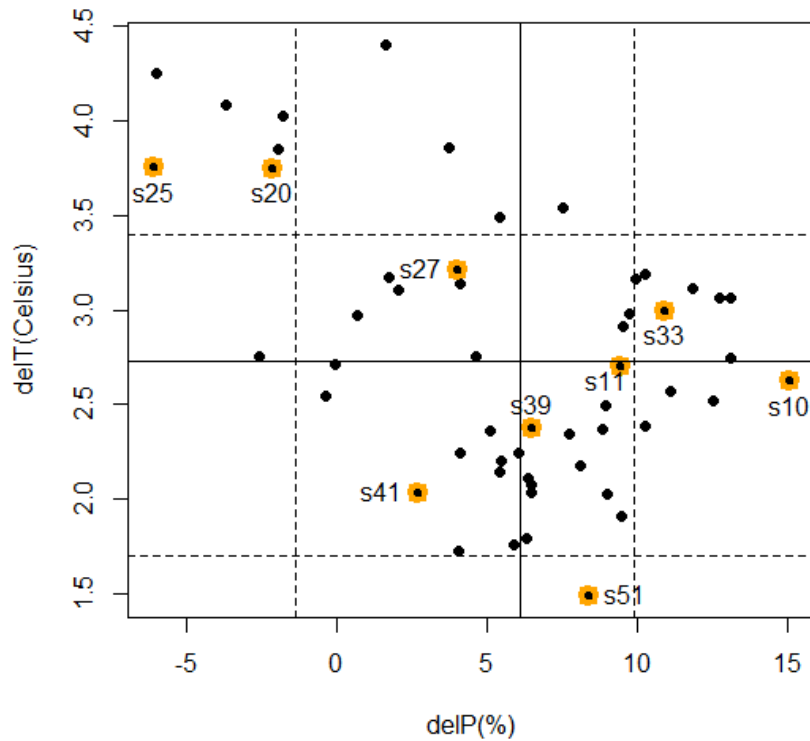
### Some Regional Climate Models:

- Regional Atmospheric Modeling System (RAMS)
- Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies (PRECIS)
- Canadian Regional Climate Model (CRCM)

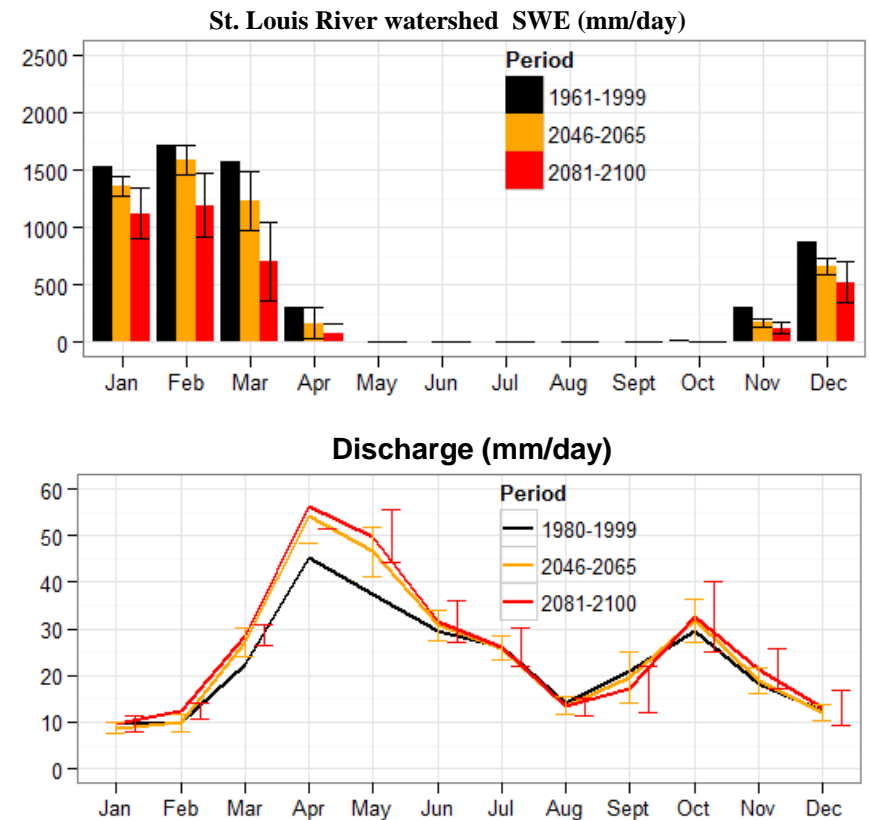
Wilby and Dawson (2004)

# Some Results

## Climate Projections (CMIP 3)

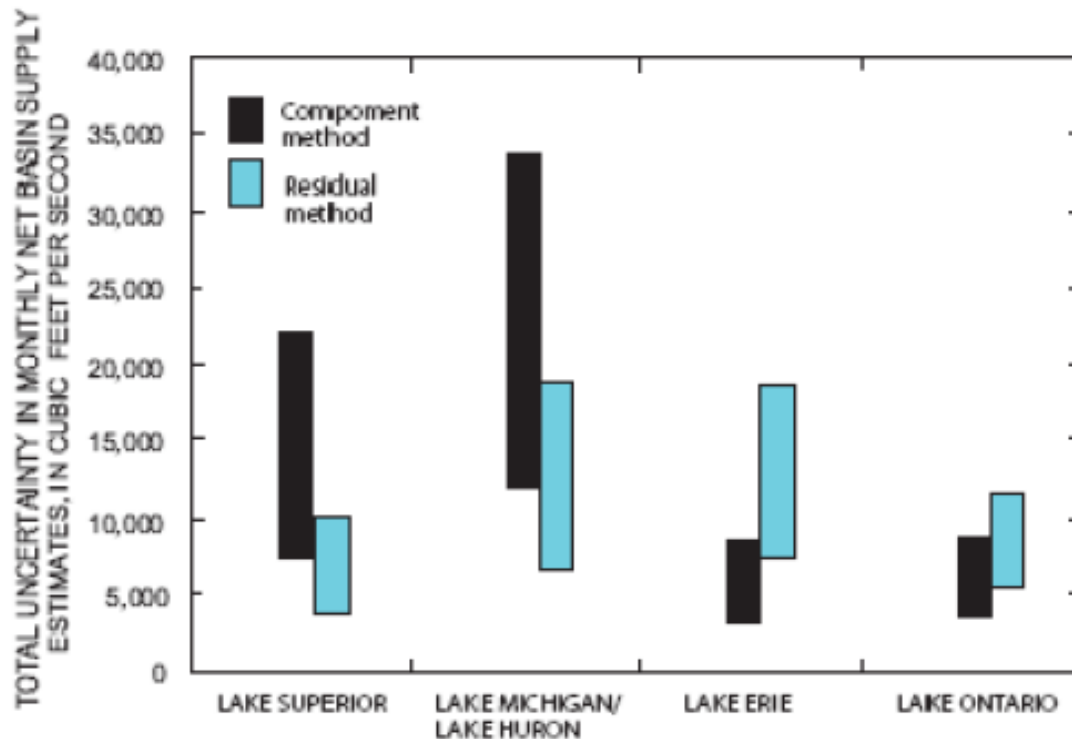


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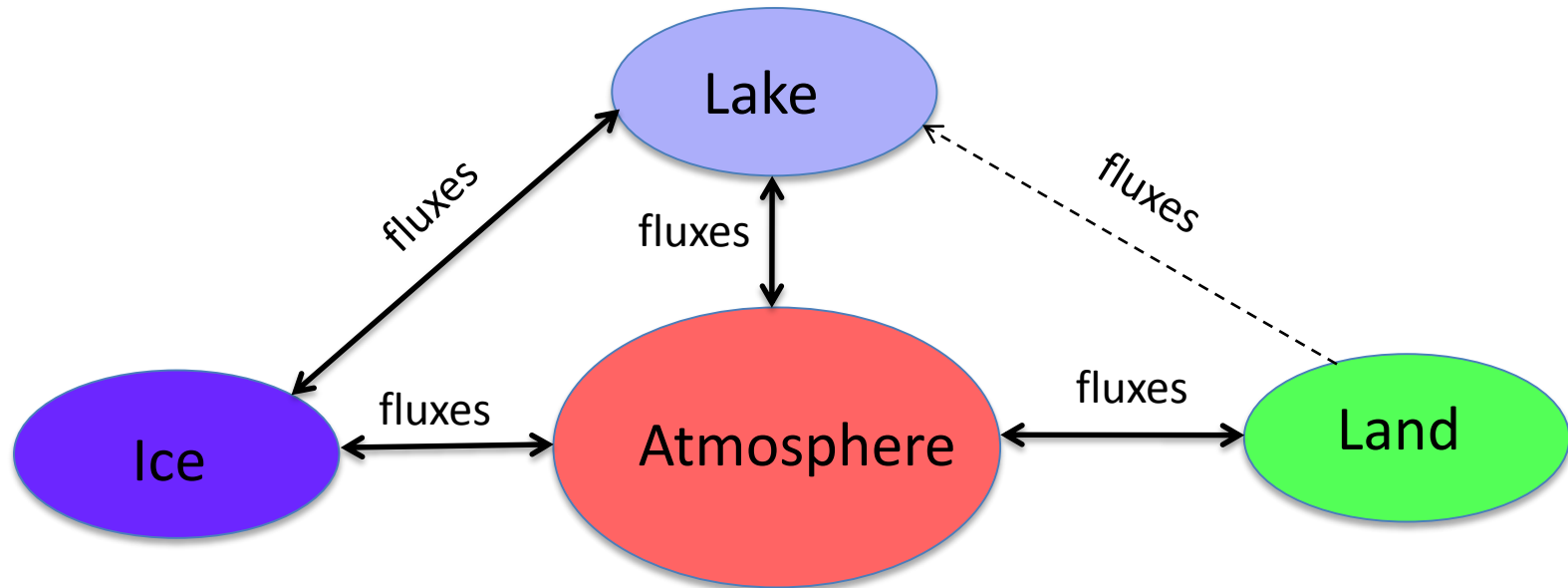


# Uncertainty in Net Basin Supplies



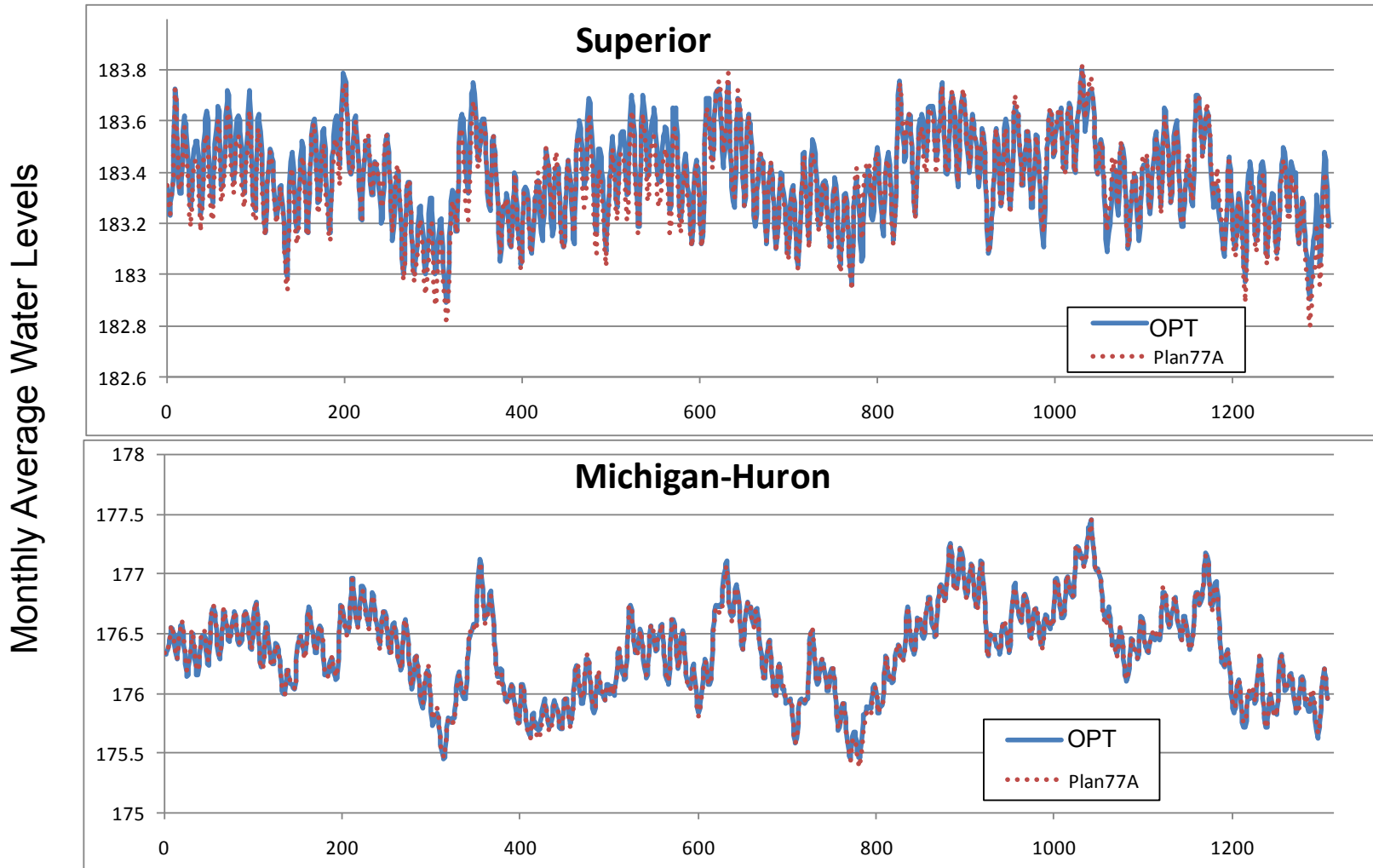
Uncertainty in net basin supply using component and residual methods. (Neff and Nicholas, 2005)

# Coupled Atmosphere-Surface Modeling

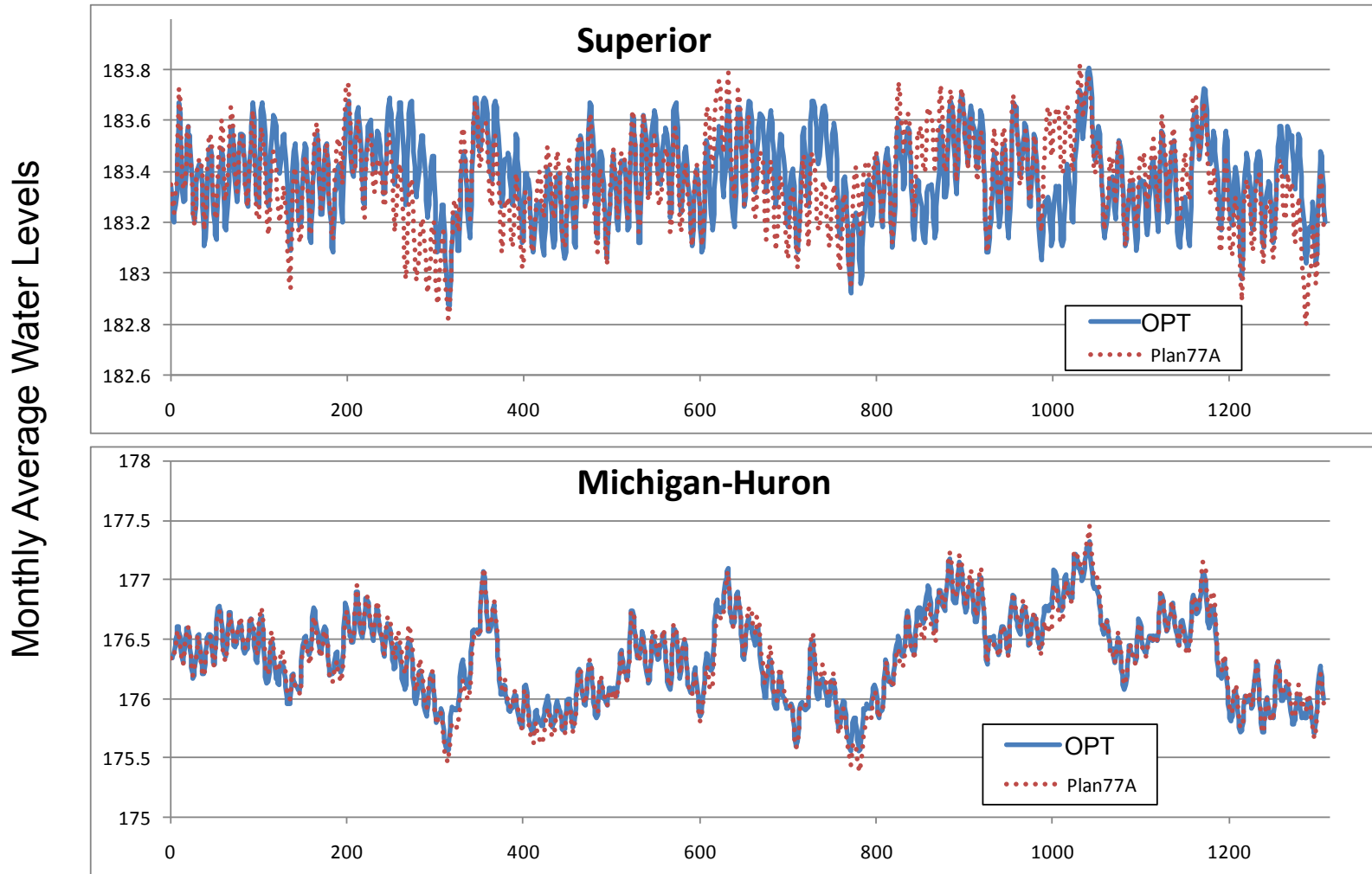


- The understanding that air temperature *causes* evapotranspiration has prevailed in the past.
- Coupled atmosphere-surface modeling recognizes energy constraints and feedbacks. - Lofgren (2010)

# Robust Lake Regulation Plan



# Potential Value of Seasonal Forecasts



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A stylized map of the United States is shown in a light green color. Overlaid on the map are several darker green shapes representing major water bodies: the Great Lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario), the Mississippi River, and the Gulf of Mexico. The word "Questions?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the map.

**Questions?**