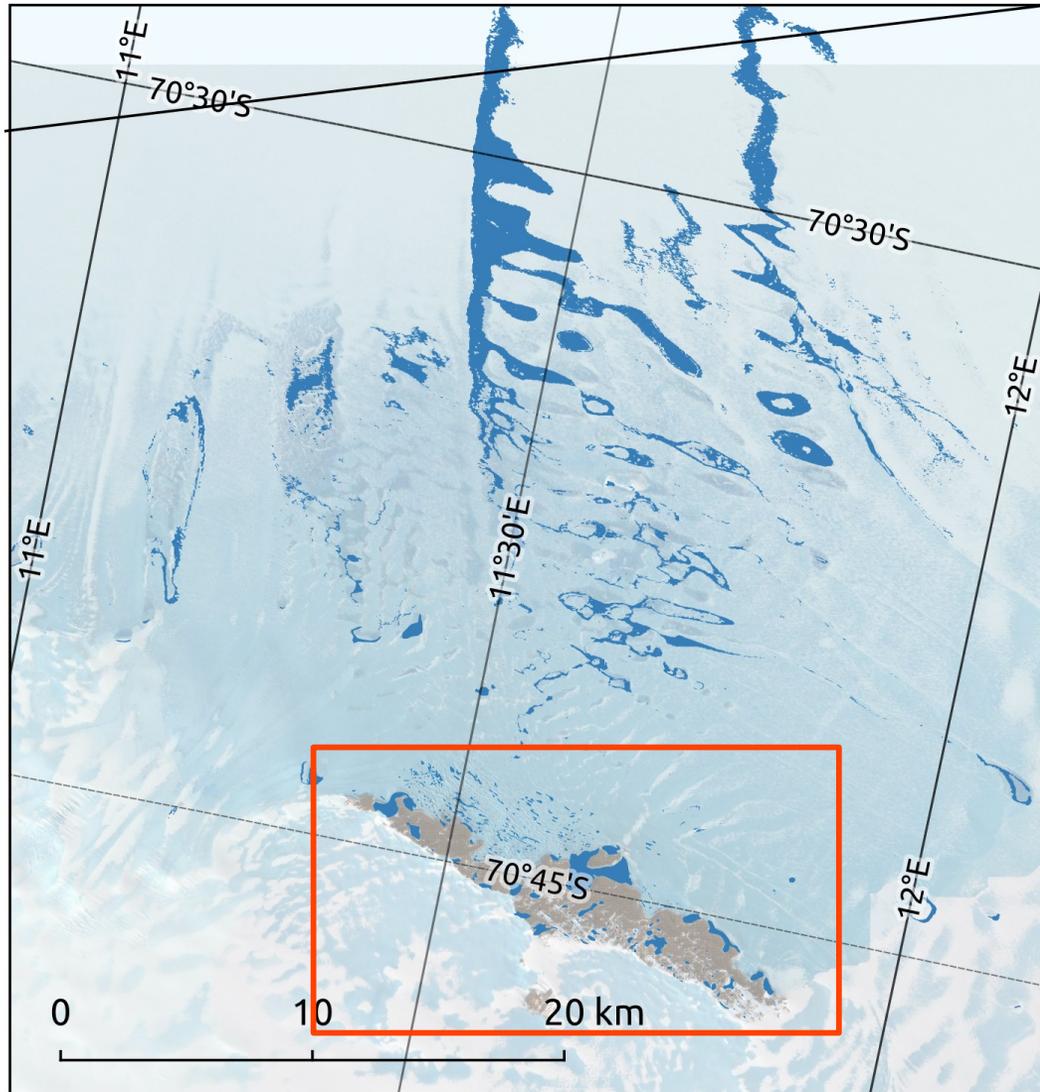


# Summertime evaporation over two glacial lakes in the Schirmacher oasis East Antarctica



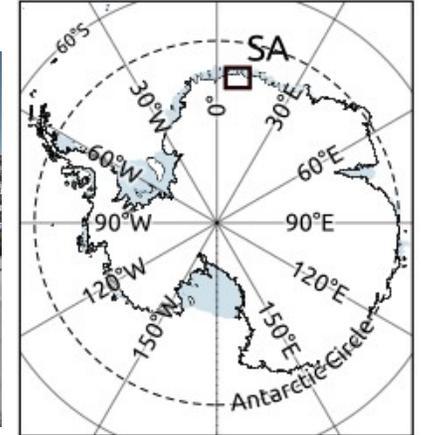
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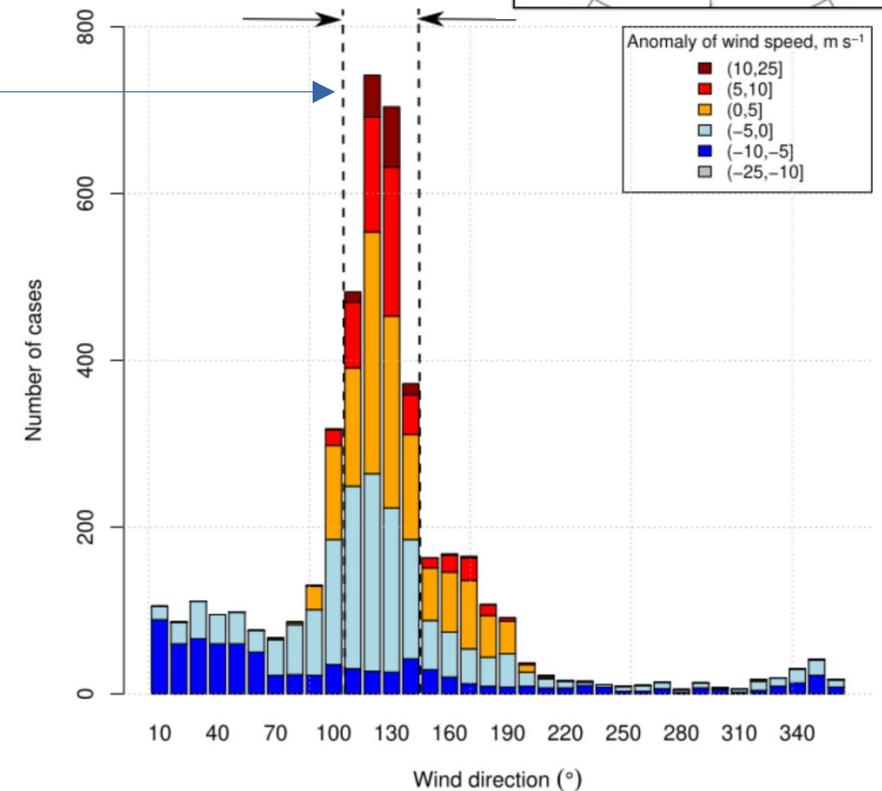
# The Schimacher oasis [SA]: 80 km from the coast of Lazarev Sea, Dronning Maud Land.

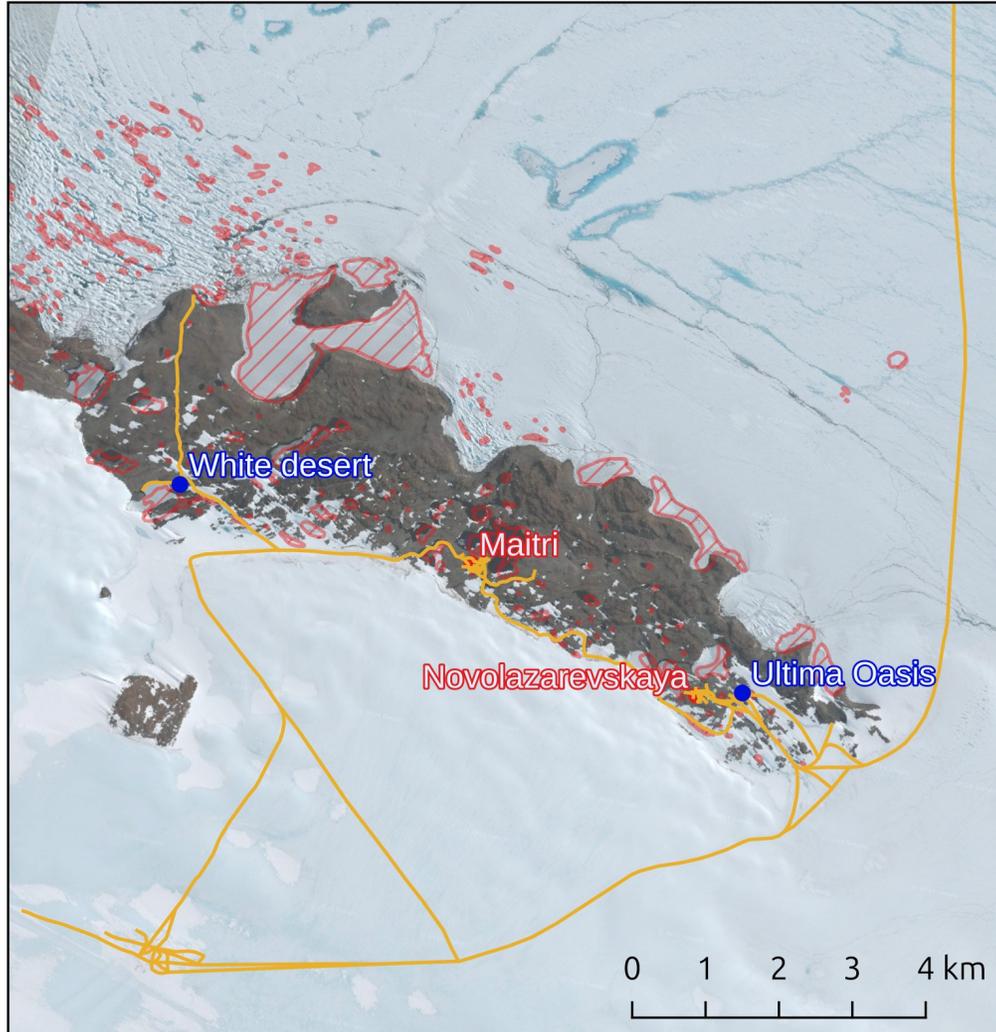


**Climate:** polar desert, katabatic winds

Meteorological parameter	1961–2010		
	* December	January	February
Air temperature, °C	−3.9/−1.0/1.5	−2.5/−0.4/1.4	−4.7/−3.3/−1.0
Relative humidity, %	47/56/69	49/56/66	41/49/59
Atmospheric pressure, Pa	965/975/991	964/976/986	964/973/987
Wind speed, m s <sup>−1</sup>	4.3/7.4/10.3	3.1/7.0/10.4	5.8/9.4/13.1
Soil surface temperature, °C	3.0/6.7/10.0	3.0/6.7/11.0	−2.0/0.2/4.0
Precipitation, mm	0.0/5.3/54.8	0.0/2.6/38.0	0.0/2.9/25.9

\* austral summer (DJF)





## Lakes approx. 300 lakes (ADD):

- free of ice in 6-12 weeks
- no thermal stratification
- no snow on lake ice
- freshwater / saline

## Infrastructure (ADD, Streetmap): year-round bases<sup>(RED)</sup>, seasonal camps<sup>(BLUE)</sup>, ice airbase and roads<sup>(YELLOW)</sup>



# Motivation

## NO recommendations on what indirect method to apply

### 10 EXAMPLE VALUES OF LAKE EVAPORATION BY WMO REGION

#### Methods for the quantification of evaporation from lakes

prepared for the World Meteorological Organization's Commission for Hydrology

Jon Finch and Ann Calver 2008

See table on next four

WMO Regions:

- I Africa
- II Asia
- III South America
- IV North America, Central America and the Caribbean
- V South-West Pacific
- VI Europe



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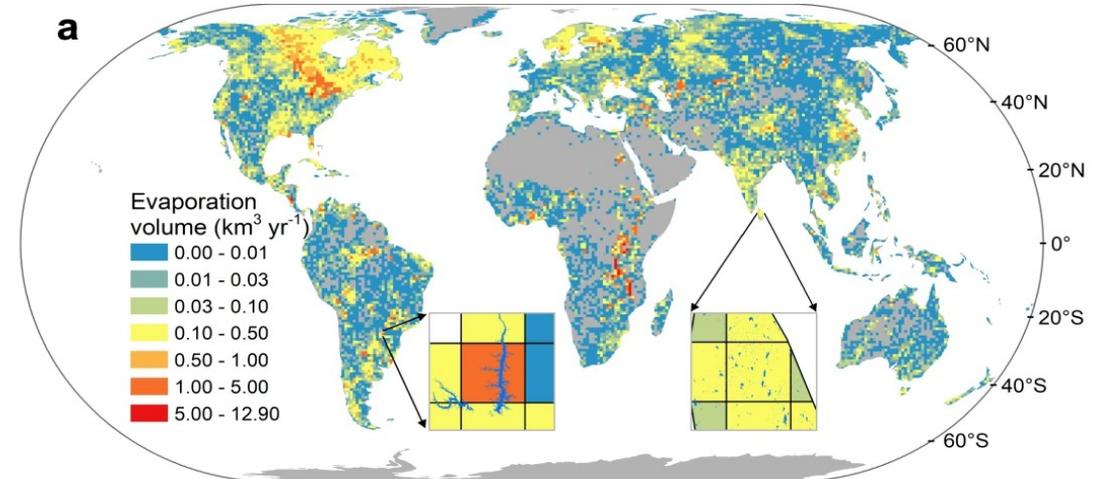
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## Evaporative water loss of 1.42 million global lakes

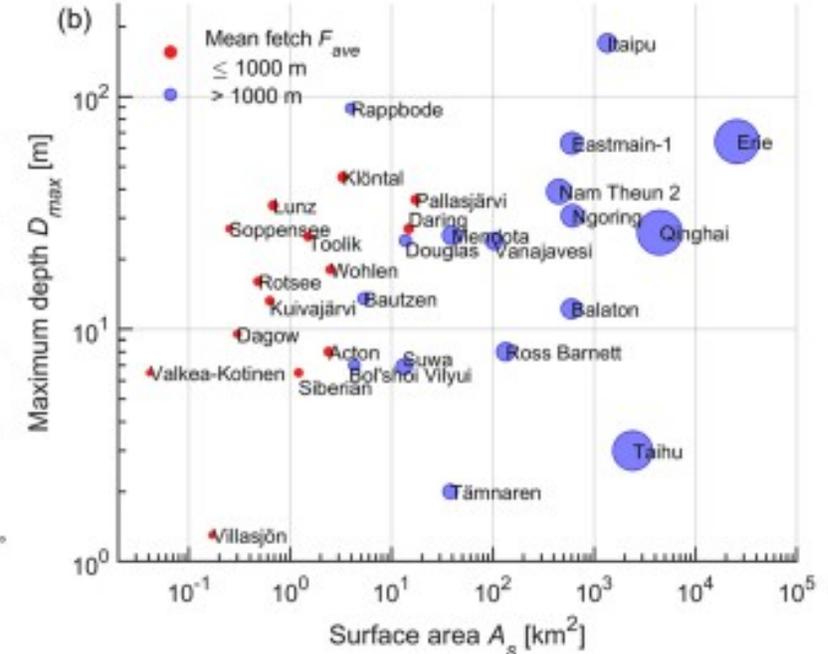
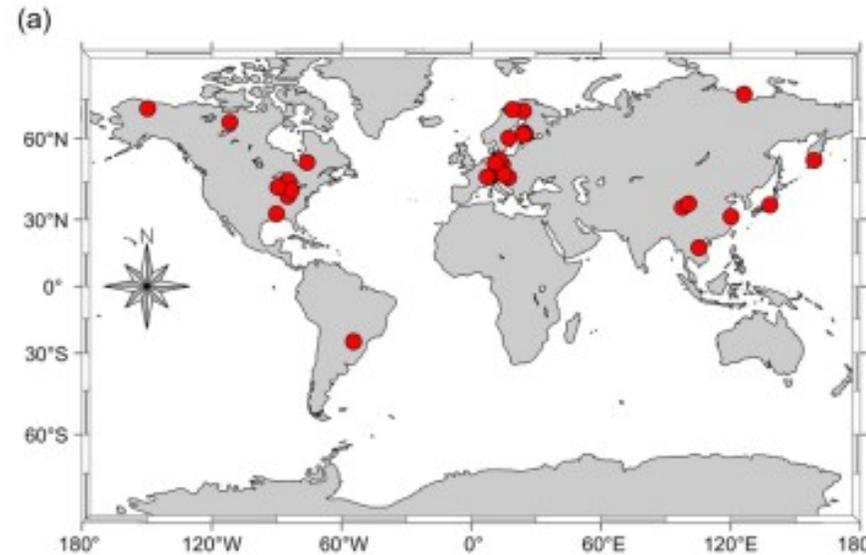
Gang Zhao<sup>1,2</sup>, Yao Li<sup>2</sup>, Liming Zhou<sup>3</sup> & Huilin Gao<sup>2,✉</sup>



# Motivation

Guseva et al 2023

NO measurements of lake evaporation



## Aim (A) and objectives (O)

A: To quantify the uncertainties of the indirect methods applied to estimate the summertime evaporation over the lakes in Antarctica

O... to measure lake evaporation

O... to calculate the uncertainties of indirect methods

+methods  
**Indirect methods,  $E_{mod}$**

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Mass balance

Energy budget

Bulk or mass transfer

Combination equations

Equilibrium temperature method

Empirical factors

Evaporation  $E$ ,  $\text{mm d}^{-1}$

**Heikinheimo et al., 1999**

**Penman, 1948;  
Doorenbos and Pruitt, 1975;  
Odrova, 1979,  
Shuttleworth, 1993**

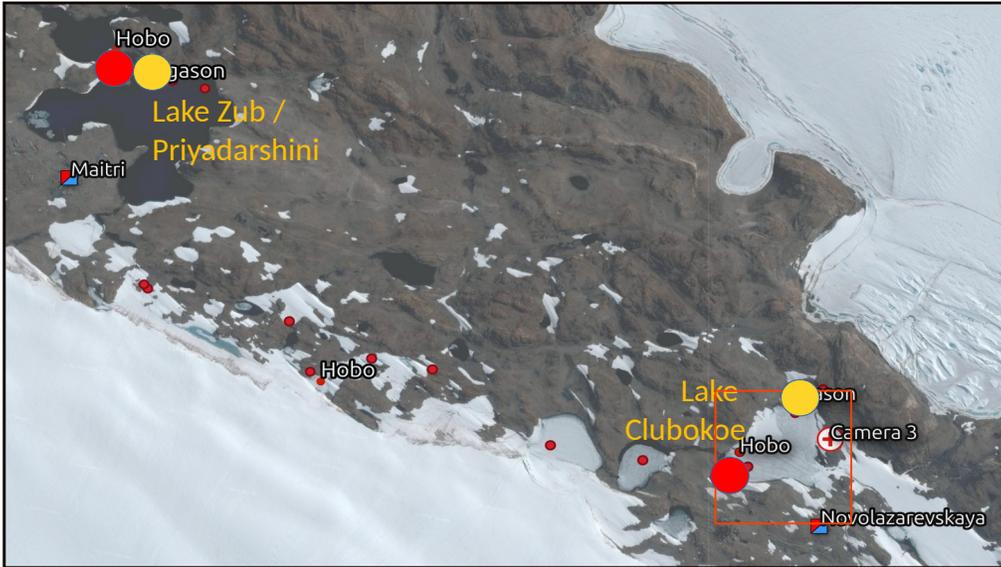
**Direct EC method,  $E_{EC}$**

Scopes: Pearson correlation coefficient, Root Mean Square Error and  $s/\sigma$  criteria (Popov, 1976).

$$s = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (E_{EC}^i - E_{mod}^i)^2 / (n - m)}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (E_{EC}^i - \bar{E}_{EC})^2 / n}$$

# Field experiments: 2017 – 2018 and 2019 – 2020 summer (DJF)



Lake	Mean/Max depth, m	Volume, 10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	LSWT, °C
<b>A:</b> Zub Priyadarshini	2.9 /6.0	10	0.2 – 9.9
<b>B:</b> Glubokoe	13.1/34.5	1930	0.6 – 5.4

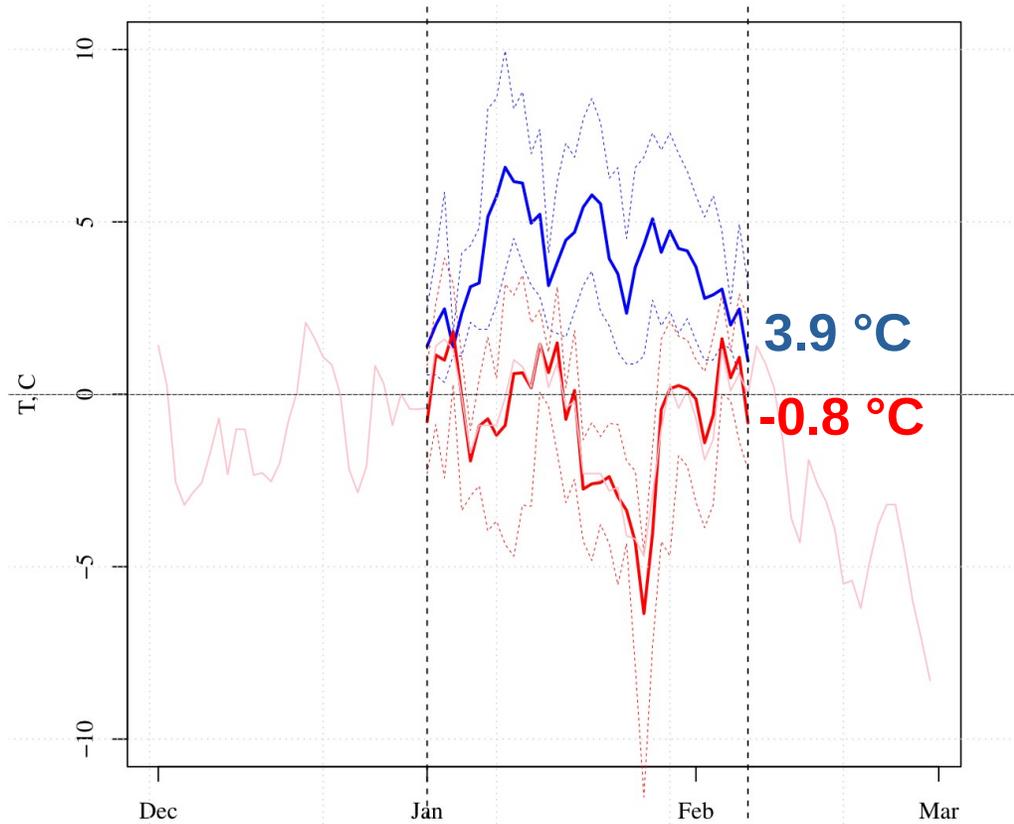
## Instrumentation

Site/sensor (Fig. 1c)	Elevation, m	Measured variables	Accuracy/ (precision)	Time series used in the analysis
IRGASON site 	124.2	air temperature, °C; H <sub>2</sub> O concentration, g m <sup>-3</sup> ; wind speed, m s <sup>-1</sup>	±0.15/(0.025) ±0.037/(0.00350) –	30 min
HOBO 	122.0	water temperature, °C	±0.44/(0.10)	daily average



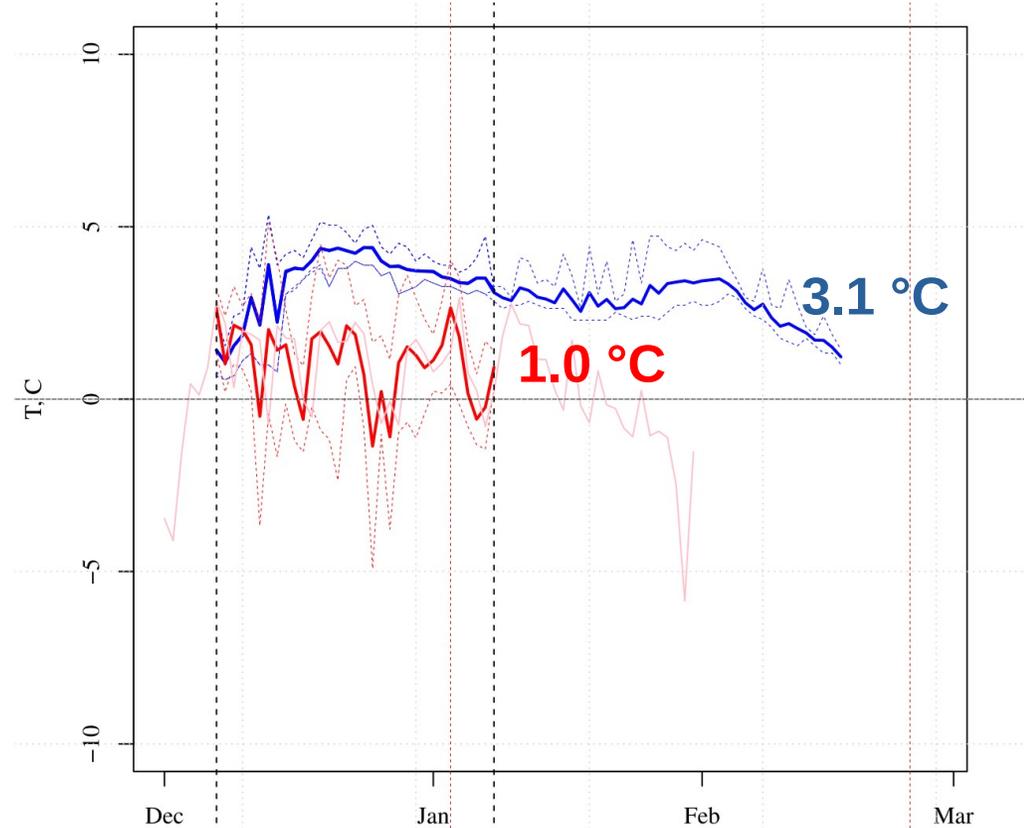
Daily minimum, average and maximum air temperature,  $T$  °C (red) and lake surface water temperature, LSWT °C (blue).

### Lake Zub/Priyadarshini



30.12.2017 – 8.02.2018 (38 days)

### Lake Glubokoe



8.12.2019 – 13.01.2020 (32 days)

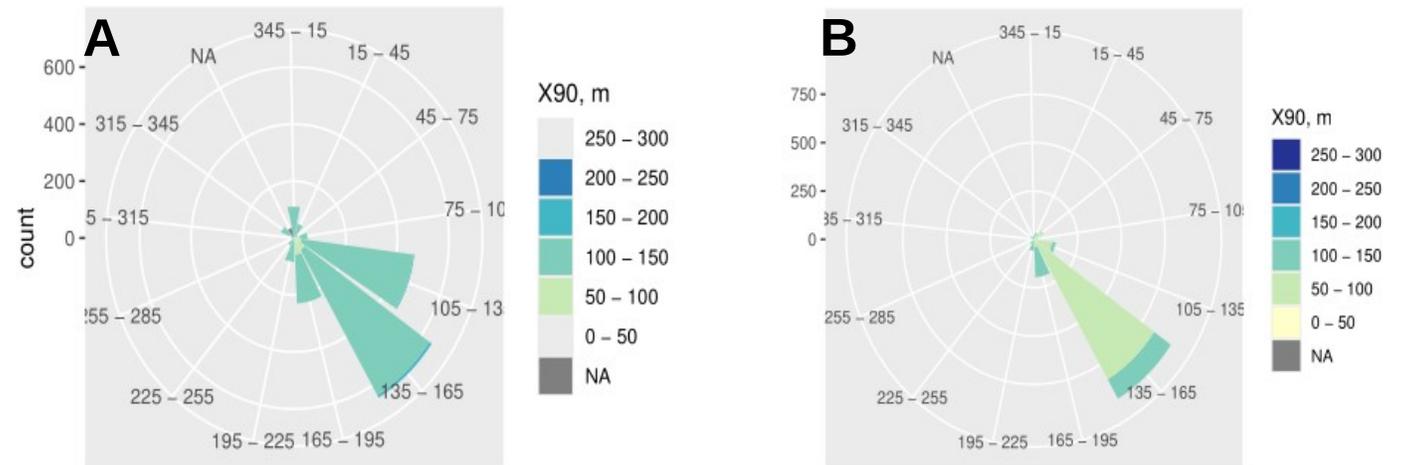
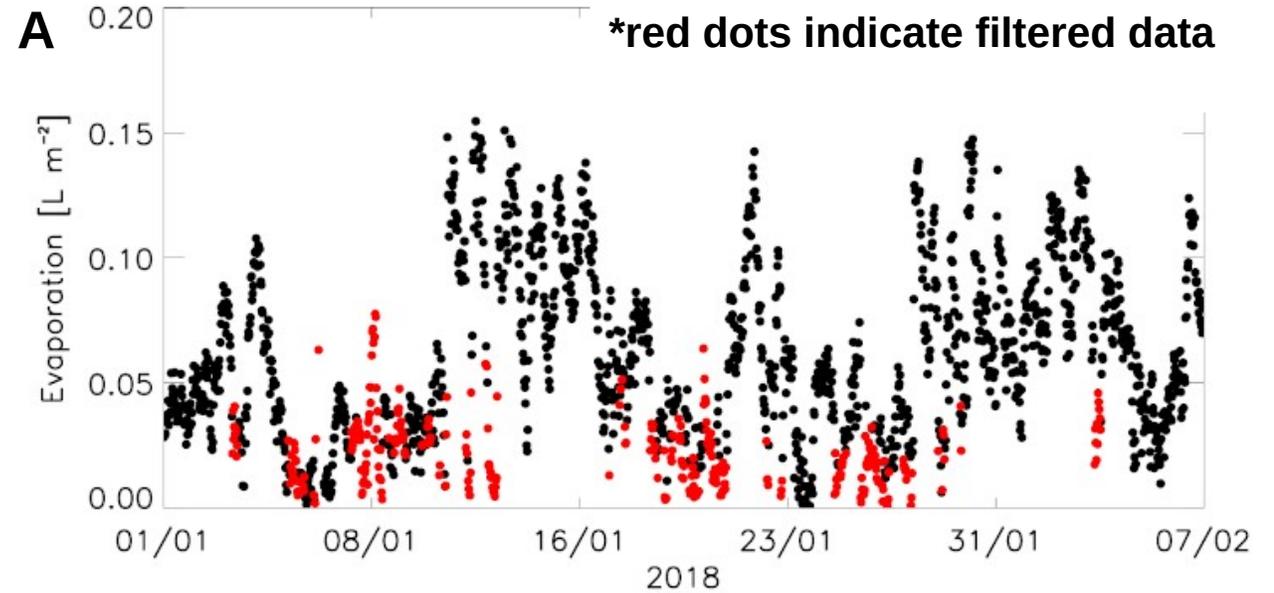
The lakes are warmer than the ambient air

## + EC method

### Data processing:

- excluding the intervals with less than 50 % of total measurements;
- excluding the data with non zero values in the flags and with gas signal strength less than 0.7;
- Excluding the data outside the footprint (lake surface)

Data quality: good (>80%).

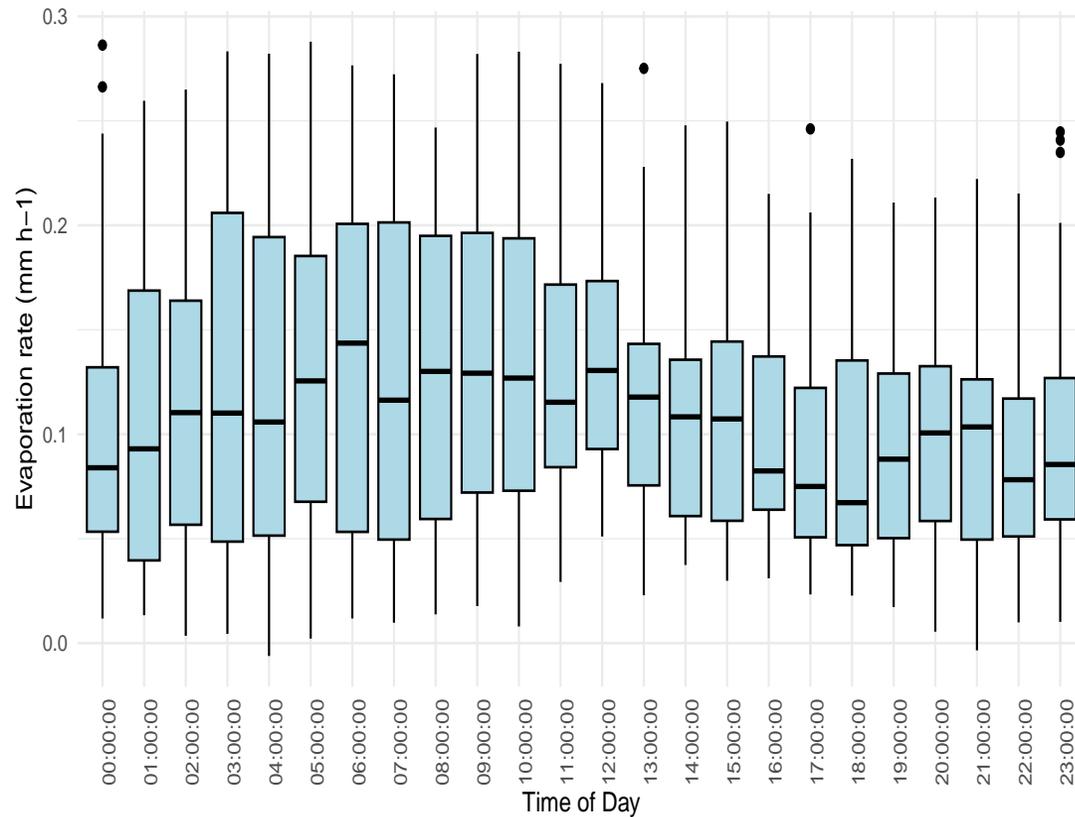


The footprint of the EC measurements

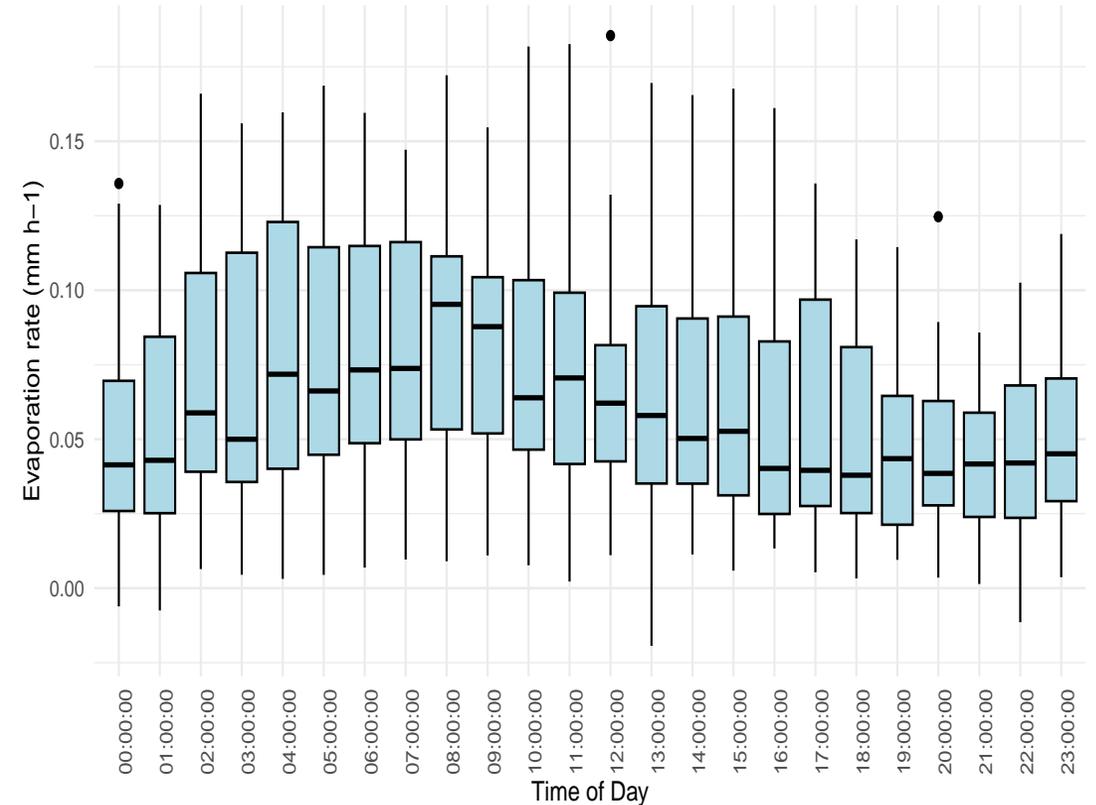
The evaporation over the lakes varied from 0.3 to 5.0 mm d<sup>-1</sup>. It takes on average 1.7 mm d<sup>-1</sup> in December and 3.0 mm d<sup>-1</sup> in January-February.

+intra daily cycle

## Lake Zub/Priyadarshini



## Lake Glubokoe



The evaporation peaks in the early morning (6:00 – 8:00 AM); and then, it gradually decreased until late evening (9:00 and 11:00 PM)

# Indirect methods: Estimates and Scopes

$E_{EC}$

3.0 mm d<sup>-1</sup> in January-February

1.7 mm d<sup>-1</sup> in December

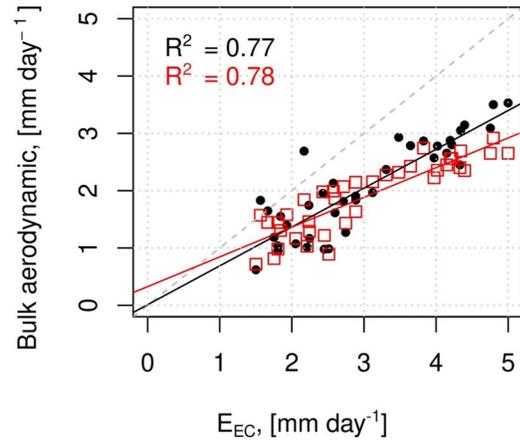
Methods	Lake Zub/Priyadarshini $s/\sigma$			Lake Glubokoe $s/\sigma$		
	$E_{mod}$ *	RMSE		$E_{mod}$	RMSE	
BA:Heikinheimo etal.(1999)	2.0 / 3.5	1.0	1.1	–	–	–
Penman (1948)	1.3 / 2.0	1.8	2.0	0.6 / 1.7	1.1	2.2
Doorenbos and Pruitt (1975)	1.8 / 2.9	1.3	1.6	0.8 / 2.4	1.0	2.1
Odrova (1979)	0.8 / 1.3	2.2	2.4	0.4 / 1.1	1.1	2.4
Shuttleworth (1993)	1.0 / 1.8	2.1	2.3	–	–	–
Shevnina etal. (2022)	–	–	–	1.5 / 5.1	1.2	2.5

\*mean/max

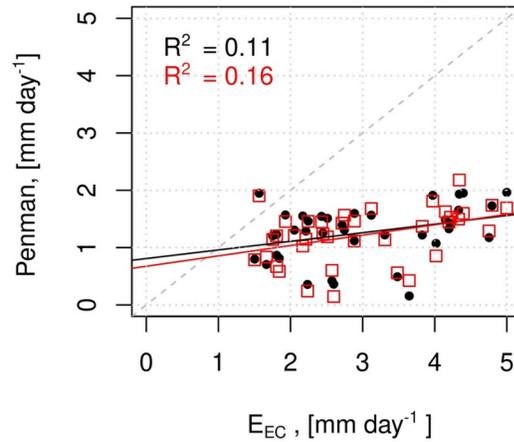
On average, the methods underestimated the evaporation for 32–72 %.  
The bulk aerodynamic method demonstrates the best scopes.

+ im

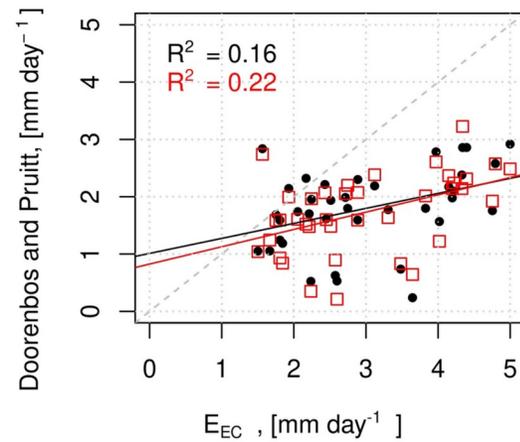
### Lake Zub/Priyadarshini



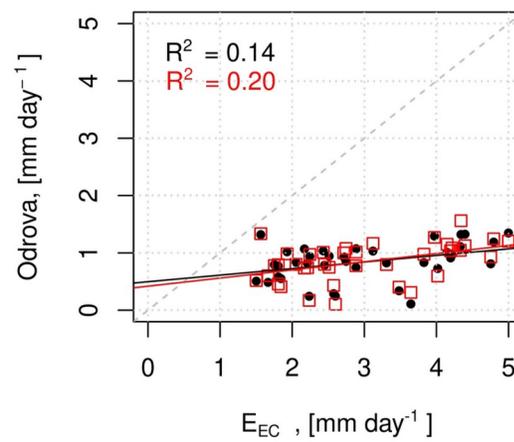
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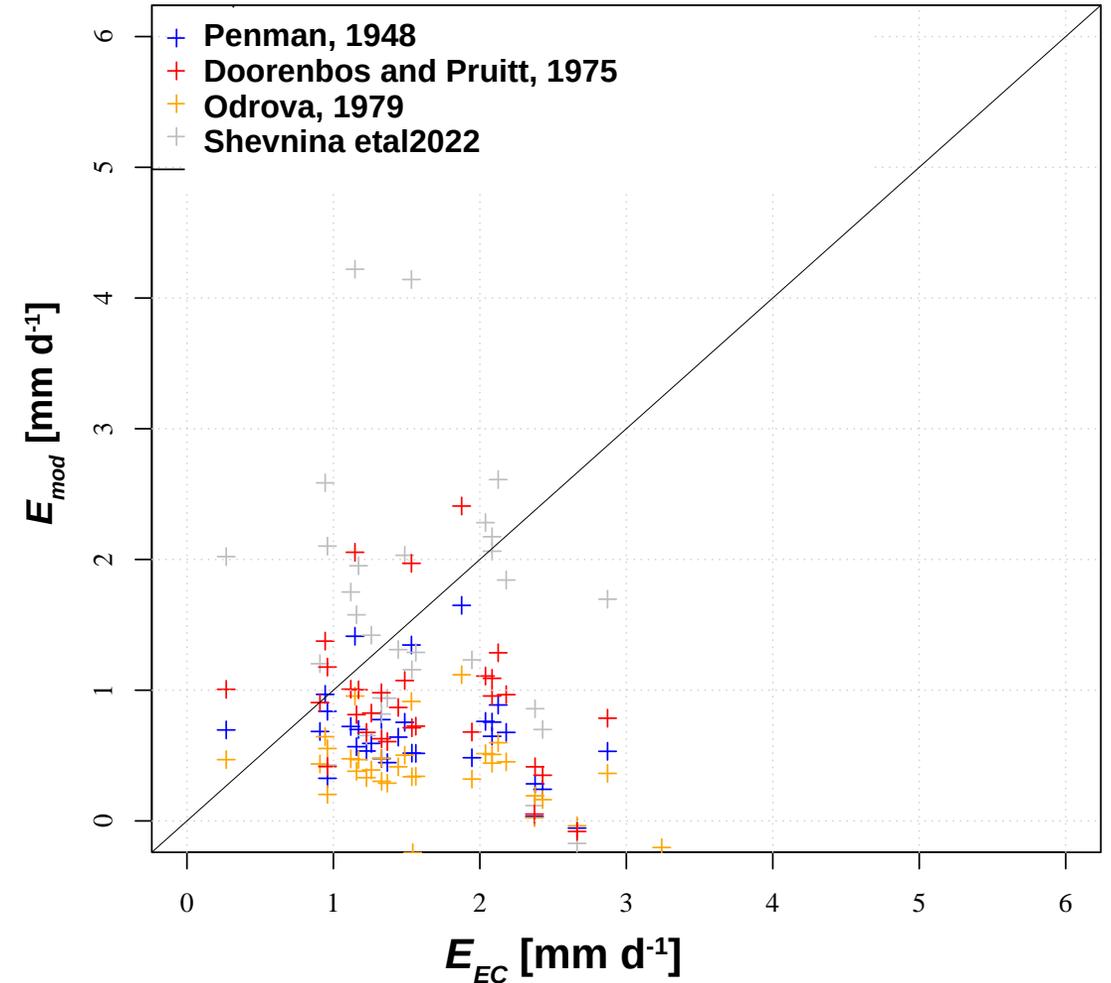
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c)



### Lake Glubokoe

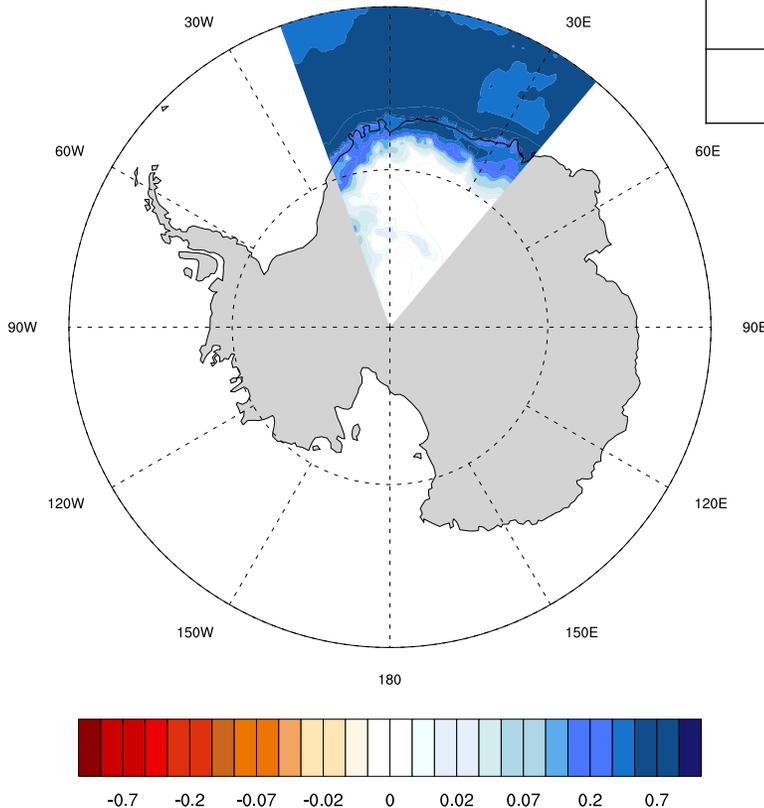


The bulk- aerodynamic method and combination formulas are weak in simulation of day-by-day evaporation.

+ reanalyses

Evaporation, mm d<sup>-1</sup>

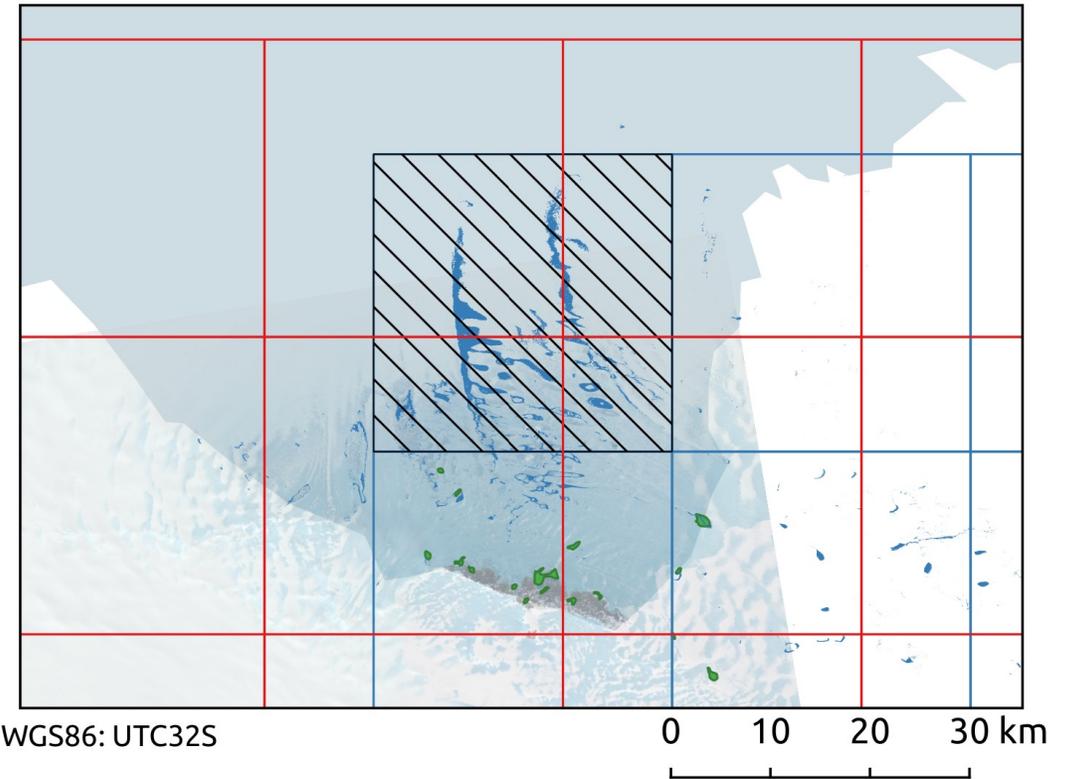
November – March



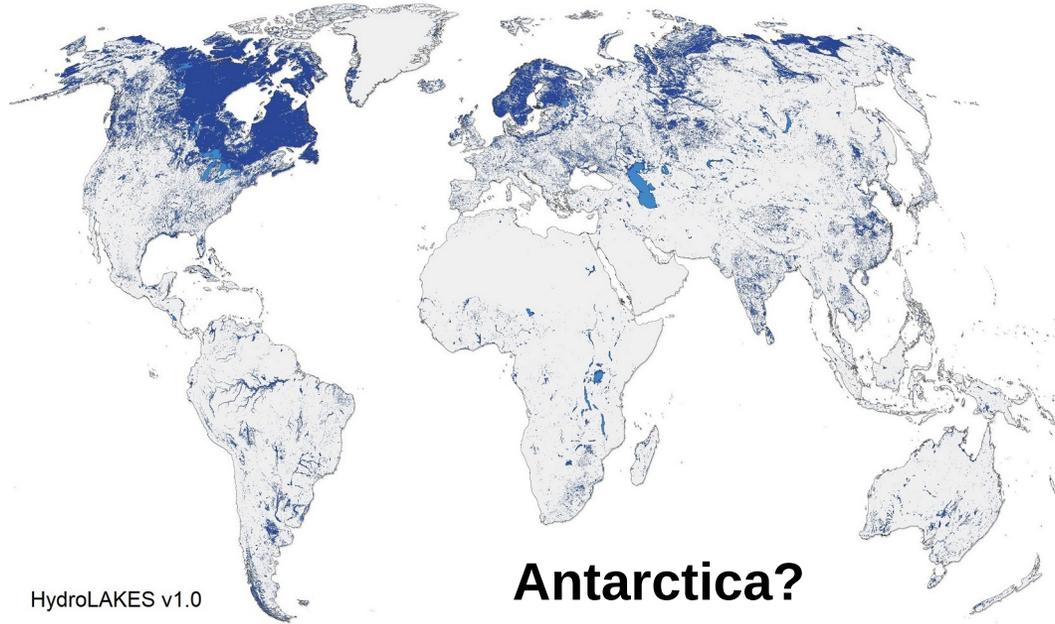
Evaporation, mm d<sup>-1</sup>

Open ocean (ice < 50%)	Sea ice (ice > 50 %)	Slopes (el > 2000 m)	Plateau (el > 2000 m)
0.71	0.85	0.25	0.00

**Bulk-aerodynamic method is implemented in NWP: the surface moisture flux [evaporation/sublimation]**

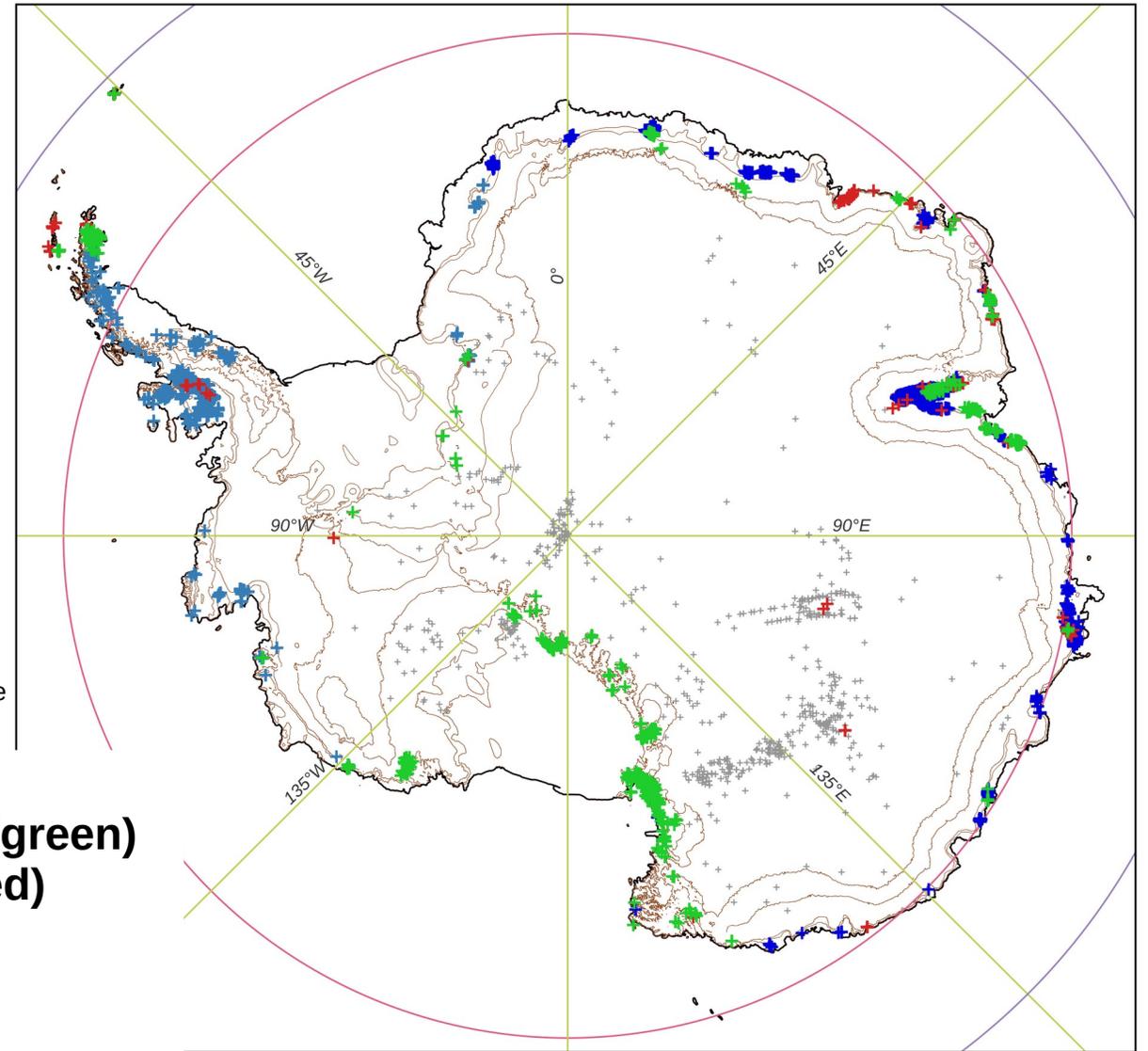


## + permanent/seasonal water in NWP



Messenger, M.L., Lehner, B., Grill, G., Nedeva, I., Schmitt, O. (2016). Estimating the volume and age of water stored in global lakes using a geo-statistical approach. Nature Communications, 7: 13603. <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms13603>

- **Antarctic Digital Database: Gerrish etal2020 (green)**
- **Composite Antarctic Gazetteer: CAG 2019 (red)**
- **Qantarctica: Matsuoka etal 2021: (grey)**
- **Stokes etal2019 (blue)**
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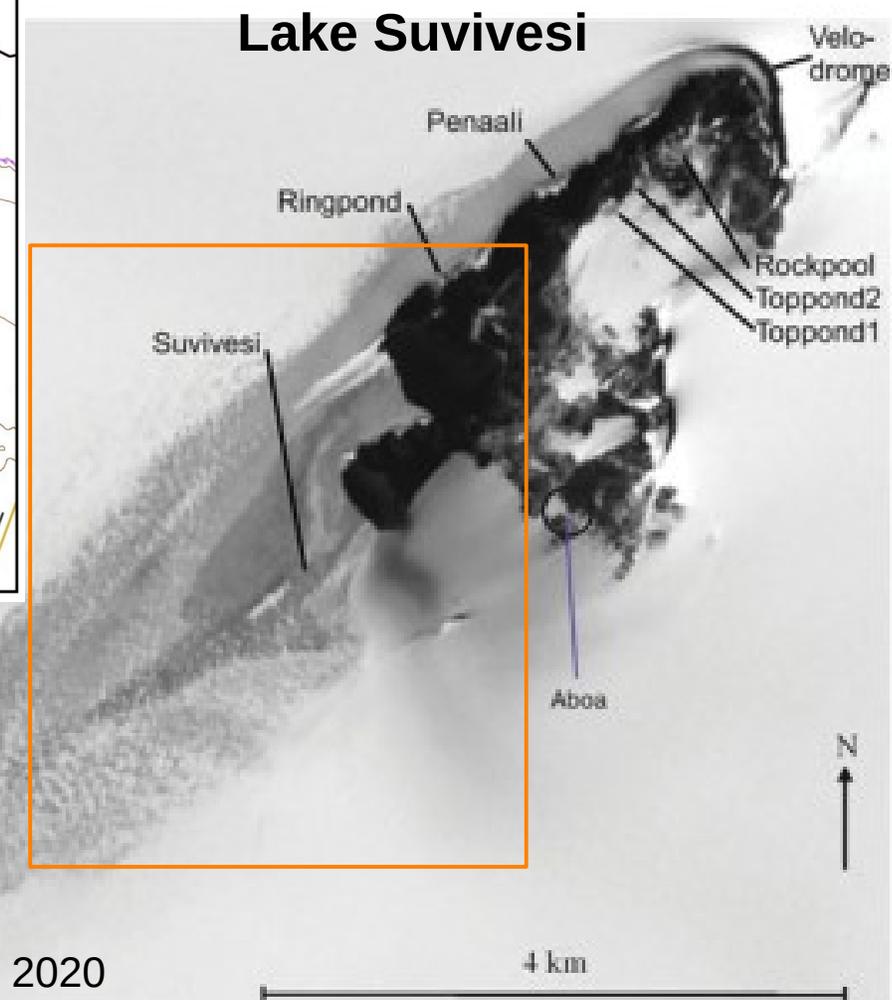
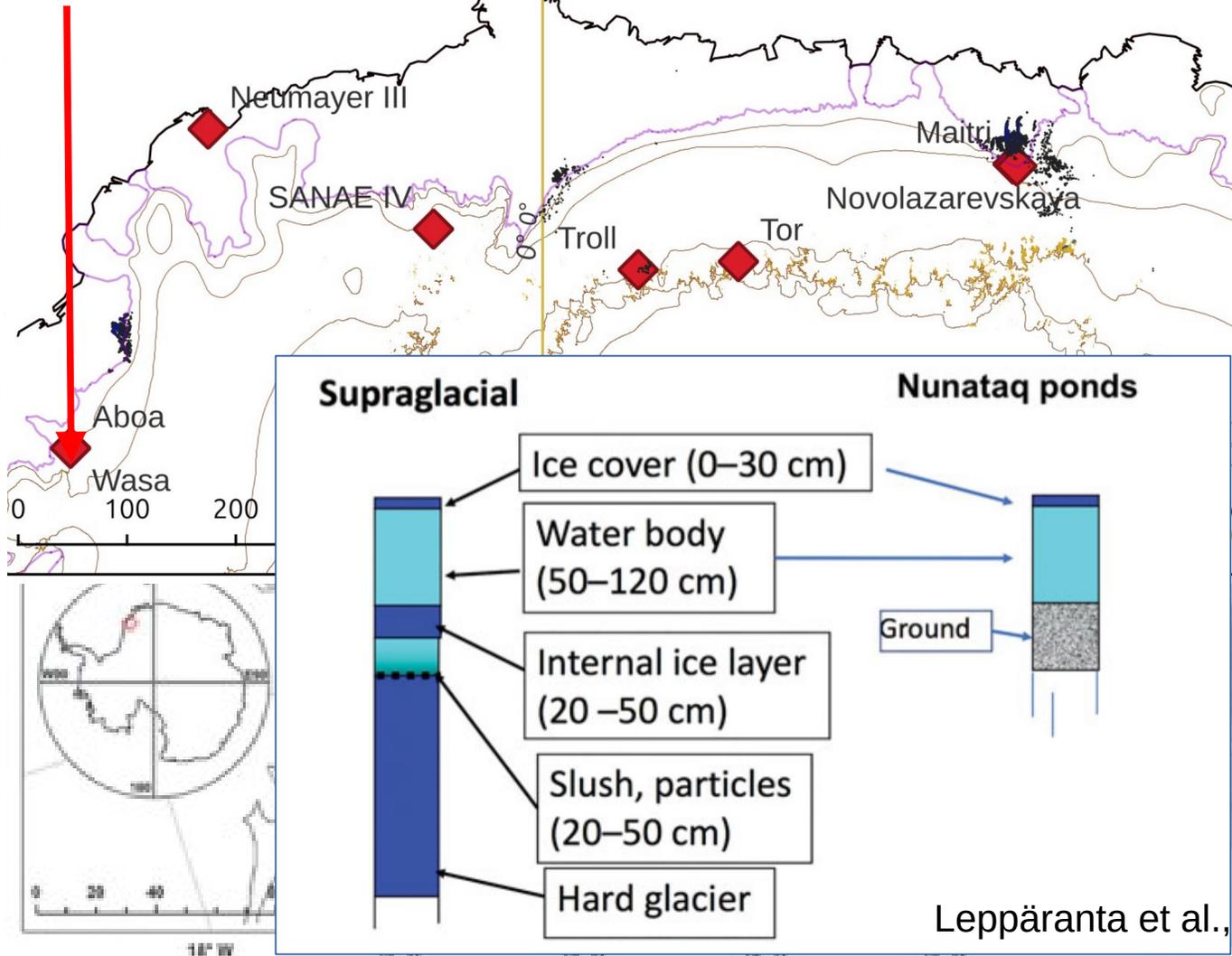


**+ to (re-)inventor of the surface lakes in Droning Maud Land**

## + [permanent / seasonal water] land cover maps in NWP: revision for Antarctica

- **Antarctic Digital Database, (ADD) approx. 1300 lakes mixed the surface and subsurface lakes;**
- **ADD misses approx. 450 surface lakes in Dronning Maud Land, Enderby Land and Mary Byrd Land;**
- **Composite Antarctic Gazetteer, CAG: sourced the ancillary data for the lakes (depth) for approx. 700 surface lakes;**
- **Quantarctica: replicated lakes from the ADD and extended the information on the subsurface lakes;**
- **Approx. 95 % of the surface lakes are not included in the land cover map (lakes of the supraglacial type).**

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Leppäranta et al., 2020



**Thanks for the attention!**

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