



GLERL Radiation Transfer Through Freshwater Ice, Version 1

USER GUIDE

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1 DATA DESCRIPTION

1.1 Summary

Radiation transfer through clear ice, refrozen slush, and brash ice, from the ice surface to the ice-water interface in the 400-700 nanometer range was measured at two freshwater lake sites: Silver Lake (46 degrees, 46 minutes North, 83 degrees, 43 minutes West) and Lake Superior (Whitefish Point, 46 degrees, 46 minutes North, 84 degrees, 57 minutes West). Silicon photodiodes were used to measure transmittance. The data are relevant to studying the survival of plants and animals in freshwater lakes with ice or ice and snow cover. These data were collected by the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL), Ann Arbor, MI.

1.2 File Information

1.2.1 Format

The data are in ASCII format.

Total data set size: 86.8 KM.

Table 1. File Structure

Field name	Position
Surface sensor reading (nanometers)	1- 4
Surface scale	5- 8
Under-ice sensor reading (nanometers)	9-12
Under-ice sensor scale	13-16
Hour	17-18
Minute	19-20
Month	21-22
Day	23-24
Year	25-26
Ice thickness (centimeters)	27-40
Water depth (centimeters) (99=depth not measured; -1 = very deep; other negative value = estimated depth)	41-44
Under-ice sensor depth (centimeters)	45-48
Site number	49-50
Site letter	51-51
Lake name	61-72

1.2.2 File Contents

Sample data record

```
.3551000.315 300 930122276 24          64  0 1          SILVER LAKE
.3601000.970 100 934122276 24          64  0 1          SILVER LAKE
.3681000.330 300 935122276 24          64  0 1          SILVER LAKE
.3711000.750 100 937122276 24          64 -45 1         SILVER LAKE
.5601000.390 3001055122276 24          64  0 1          SILVER LAKE
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2 VERSION HISTORY

Table 2. Version History Summary

Version	Release Date	Description of Changes
1.0	1995	Initial release
	2006	Document reformatted. F. Fetterer reviewed this document.
	2017	A. Windnagel fixed the broken links in the References section.
	2020	Converted to PDF

3 RELATED DATA SETS

- [GLERL Great Lakes Air Temperature/Degree Day Climatology](#)
- [GLERL Great Lakes Ice Thickness Data Base, 1966-1979](#)
- [GLERL Great Lakes Ice Concentration Data Base, 1960-1979](#)
- [Great Lakes Surface Ice Reports from U.S. Coast Guard](#)

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