## Introduction

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In this example, a simulation of surface water-groundwater coupled model is presented. The model area is around Barron Lake located in Niles, Michigan. The general model setup includes the following features:

- DEM is used for the aquifer top, and a bedrock top raster based on well records is used as aquifer bottom
- Michigan statewide Wellogic borehole data is used to create a 3D geology model using the Transition Probability (TP) geostatistical approach, and this 3D TP model is imported to create a 3D conductivity field for the groundwater model
- Barron lake is modeled as a surface water lake
- A pumping well located near the lake pumps water from deep aquifer into the lake.
- There are lake level measurements available from 2006 to 2013 and groundwater monitoring has been carried out at 11 private wells since 2013. Only measurements in 2013 are used to calibrate the model. The groundwater monitoring wells are used to infer transient boundary conditions around the lake. The groundwater transient boundary condition is modeled as a polygon river and is imported as a shapefile.

## **Modeling Steps**

- 1. Download the provided .zip folder with project data to your local machine
- 2. Navigate to the IGW-NET modeling platform: <u>https://www.magnet4water.net/magnet</u>
- 3. Login to your MAGNET4WATER Account (follow the Quick Helper if needed)
- 4. Load the domain polygon using the provided text file: Domain.txt





- 5. Assign Domain Polygon Attributes
  - Specific Yield: 0.08

- Conductivity: from TP (zone-based feature)... domain value will be ignored/overridden
- Specific storage: 1.e-6 1/ft
- Top elevation: DEM (default)
- Bottom elevation: Data Center (spatial aquifer thickness layer for State of Michigan)
- Surface drainage discharge: 1 d<sup>-1</sup> (default value)
- Recharge -- select Data Center (spatial data layer for State of Michigan)



- 6. Create zone with identical shape/size of domain ... a 'DM Zone'
  - a. 'Conceptual Models Tools' > 'Zones' > 'Zone=DM'



- 7. Use DM Zone to assign the 3D TP model as input for a 3D conductivity field
  - a. Under Flow Properties (default tab), check the box next to 'Conductivity'
  - b. Select Borehole Simulation sub option and click '...' options button. This launches the Borehole Simulation Options interface.
  - c. Check the box next to 'Import' and click the link to browse to and select the TP result file: BarronLakeTP.tp

- d. Assign typical x- (west-east) direction conductivity values (K<sub>xx</sub>) typical values for the 4 material types from the geology model:
  - i. Material 1: 53 ft/day || Material 2: 5 ft/day || Material 3: 0.01 ft/day || Material 4: 0.001 ft/day
  - ii. Use default values for K<sub>xx</sub>/ K<sub>yy</sub>, K<sub>xx</sub>/ K<sub>zz</sub>, etc. Click 'OK' to save changes and close the Borehole Simulation Options interface.



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- **<u>8.</u>** Use DM Zone to assign data inputs for overland / watershed modeling (recharge as input to the groundwater model; runoff as input to the lake water balance).
  - a. Click the 'Overland Flow...' button towards the bottom-right of the Flow Properties tab. This opens the Surface Water Overland Flow Options menu.
  - b. Check the box next to 'Overland Flow' to direct IGW-NET to simulate land surface hydrologic processes (runoff, recharge, evapotranspiration, etc.)
  - c. Assign Land Use and Cover from a raster data layer available from the MAGNET4WATER Data Center
  - d. Change to the Climate tab and assign Rainfall data input from the MAGNET4WATER Data Center
    - i. Make sure the box next to 'Rainfall' is checked and select From Rain Gauges sub option, then click 'Edit/Load from file
    - ii. The Load Time Series Data interface will appear; make sure 'From Data Center' is selected and click 'OK'
  - e. Still within the Climate tab, check the box next to 'Temperature' and assign input minimum and maximum temperatures from the MAGNET4WATER Data Center (similar to process for rainfall data).
  - f. Change to the Soil Type tab. Make sure the box next to 'Soil Type' is checked and select 'Raster and 'From Data Center' sub option, then click 'Lookup Table'.
    - i. In the Lookup Table interface that appears, change all values in the 'CtaO' column to -1.0. This indicates to IGW-NET that the initial soil moisture contents for each soil type will be pulled from an initial soil moisture file (see below).
  - g. Change to the Root Zone Depth tab. Make sure the box next to 'Root Zone depth' is checked. Then select the 'Raster' option and 'From Data Center' sub option.
  - h. Change to the Evaporation tab. Make sure the box next to 'EVT' depth is checked. Then select the Priestley-Taylor Equation' option for estimating evapotranspiration. Use the default values for adjustment factors.
  - i. Change to the Snow Pack tab. Make sure the box next to 'Snowpack' is checked. Use all default values.



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- **<u>9.</u>** Load the lake polygon using the provided text file: BarronLake.txt:
  - a. You will see a few prompts after browsing to and selecting the text file.
    - i. One will ask you to enter a tolerance (for polygon smoothing purposes). Make sure to change the tolerance to 0 before clicking 'OK'. (No smoothing applied)
    - ii. The other will ask if you want to delete all existing attribute zones. Make sure to select 'Cancel'.
  - b. After completing the prompts the lake polygon (zone) will be added to the map display and its Zone Attributes interface will open.



## 10. Parameterize the lake zone

- a. In the Zone Attributes interface, change to the Source and Sinks Head Dependent tab.
- b. Check the box next to 'Two-way Head Dependent'. Assign an initial lake level and leakance
  - i. Select the 'Const' sub option and enter a value of 230.0259392m. This is the initial lake level for coupled groundwater-lake modeling.
  - ii. Enter a value of 0.1 day<sup>-1</sup> for lake leakance
- c. Enter -999999 in the text field next to 'River Bed'. This tells IGW-NET a bathymetry (water depth) file is being used for computing lakebed elevations, with the DEM used as the reference elevation.
- d. Select 'IsBathymetry' option and then check the box next to 'Import' and click the link. Browse to and select the bathymetry text file: WaterDepth.txt
- e. Check the box next to the 'From coupled SW/GW modeling' button under Stage. This tells IGW-NET that stage will be computed as part of the groundwater-lake coupled modeling process.
- f. Click the 'From coupled...' button to open the Surface Water Source and Sink interface.
  - i. Under 'SW Prescribed Source/Sink', select the 'Transient' option and click on the '...' additional options button. This opens the Transient Data Input interface.
  - ii. Click 'Load File' and browse to and select the provided csv file: Qsw.csv. This loads transient pumping rate data for the water from the lake augmentation well that becomes direct input into lake. Click 'OK' to save the changes.
- g. Check the box next to 'SW Stage Measurement' and click the '...' additional options button. This again opens the Transient Data Input interface. This time, browse to and select the csv file: LakeLevel2013.csv. Click 'OK' to save the changes.
- h. Use all other default settings /values in the Surface Water Source and Sink menu. Click 'OK' to save the changes.







**<u>11.</u>** Set up watershed / overland flow solver for recharge and runoff modeling.

- a. Open up the Domain Attributes interface
- b. Change to the Simulation Settings tab and click the 'Watershed Solver' button.
- c. Change the number of SW sub-time steps to 1 (i.e., one surface water time step for every groundwater time step)
- d. Under 'Import Initial Soil Storage', check the box next to 'Import' and click on the link. Browse to and elect the provided file: Cta0000.T. When the file is done uploading, click on the link again and browse to and select: Cta0000.V.
- e. Check the box next to 'SW Infiltration as GW Recharge'
- f. Use the default overland flow solver: non-processed based



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**<u>12.</u>** Add the augmentation well to the groundwater model.

- a. Draw a well anywhere on the map: Conceptual Model Tools > Wells > DrawWell ...then clicking on the map places the well and launches the Well Input Options menu
- b. Enter the correct coordinates for the well:
  - i. Latitude = 41.8479458145246
  - ii. Longitude =-86.1756223309731
- c. Next upload the time-varying pumping rate file:
  - i. Check box next to 'Transient' and click the button
  - ii. Click 'Load File' and browse to and select the provided csv file: Qpumping.csv. This loads transient pumping rate data for the lake augmentation well (water taken from the aquifer).
  - iii. Click 'OK' to save the changes. Click 'OK' once more to close the Well Input Options menu. Note the updated position of the augmentation well in the map display.



**<u>13.</u>** Create transient boundary conditions for the groundwater flow model.

- Time-varying boundary conditions are based on regional flow patterns (not shown here) and water level records from private water wells, and are modeled as transient "rivers" with a very high leakance (i.e., these zones mimic time-varying prescribed head boundary conditions but are conceptualized as two-way head-dependent source/sink zones).
  - a. First load the zones into the map display:
    - i. Conceptual Model Tools--> Zones-->Zone from a shapefile. This open the Shapefile Import Options Interface
    - ii. Use the 'Choose File' buttons to upload: StagePolygons.shp, StagePolygons.dbf, and StagePolygons.prj
    - Select 'MUNICIPLTY' filter and select all entries in the corresponding text field. Then click 'Next'
    - iv. Under 'Select Attributes Options', choose 'Used as Zone'. More sub options will appear.
    - v. Choose 'Shape-specified' and again select 'MUNICIPLTY' from the drop-down menu. This tells IGW-NET to give a name to each zone based on its MUNICIPLTY entry.
    - vi. Check the Two-way flux option. Use 'River' as group name to differentiate mass balance bar names in mass balance chart. Select constant water depth=1 meter and assign a constant Leakance=5000 day<sup>-1</sup>
    - vii. Click 'Add to MAGNET4WATER Model to finish the process
  - b. Add time-varying "stage" data to a zone.
    - Select a zone for editing: Click Other Tools > Utilities > Geometry unlock, then click inside of the zone for editing. A prompt will tell you which Zone you selected (based on 'MUNICIPLTY' name)
    - ii. Navigate to the 'Source and Sinks Head Dependent Tab' and make sure the box next to 'Two way Head Dependent' is checked
    - iii. Choose the 'Const' option, and check the box next to 'Transient' and click the button
    - iv. Click 'Load File' and browse to and select the appropriate Stage csv file e.g., StageMyer.csv, StageKelly.csv, etc. This loads transient water level ("Stage") data for the zone feature.
    - v. Copy the initial water level, XXXXX (0,XXXXX in data table).

- vi. Click 'OK' to save the changes. Then paste the initial water level into the text field next to 'Const'. This assigns the pasted value as the initial value for transient simulation. Click 'Save' to finish.
- c. Repeat step 13b until stage data have been added to all "boundary condition" zones.





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## **14.** Create transient boundary conditions for the groundwater flow model.

- a. Open the Domain Attributes interface and go to the 'Simulation Settings' tab.
- b. Under 'Grid & Layer Settings', assign 80 grid cells in the X- (west-east) direction (NX=80) and 5 layers in the vertical direction ('Number of SubLayers=5 and box checked).
- c. Check the box next to 'Modeling Transient Flow' and enter the following time settings:
  - i. Start date: 6/25/2013
  - ii. Time step: 1 day
  - iii. Simulation Length: 135 days
- d. Check the box next to 'Overwrite with Steady State Solution at t=0'. IGW-NET will first solve the steady state problem and use the results as the initial condition for transient simulation.
- e. Change the "threshold" for recharge: 'Recharge=0 when K<=' 0.005 ft/day



15. Run the simulation and view the results

- a. Go to: Simulation Tools > 'SIMULATE'
  - i. Accept the suggested projection system for the model (click 'OK').
  - ii. Follow the Status Bar (green text field at top of application) as the modeling steps are completed. Once the first time-step (1 day) is solved, the head contours and velocity vectors will appear in the model in the map display.
- b. Open the charts for model analysis: 'Analysis Tools' > 'Analysis' > 'Display Charts'. This launches the full set of charts for groundwater and surface water (lake) analysis.
  - i. Clean up the display (rearrange charts in the map display)
  - ii. Click the '>>' options button in the 'Cross Section Diagram' and check the boxes next to 'Conductivity (K<sub>zz</sub>)' and 'Big Plot'. Then click 'Redraw'
  - iii. The Cross Section Diagram will update after a few moments. The colors indicate vertical conductivity (red=high; blue=low).
- c. In the 'SW Lake Chart', again click the '>>' button and then check the boxes next to 'Show Obs Data' and 'Lake Budget'. Clicking 'Redraw' will add lake level data imported in step 10g to the SW Lake Chart and launch the 'SW Lake Budget Chart: Barron Lake'

d. Observe the time-varying results in realtime, as the simulation proceeds. When the simulation is finished, you will see the prompt "Flow max simulation time reached at 135 days". Note the good agreement between simulated and observed lake levels.





