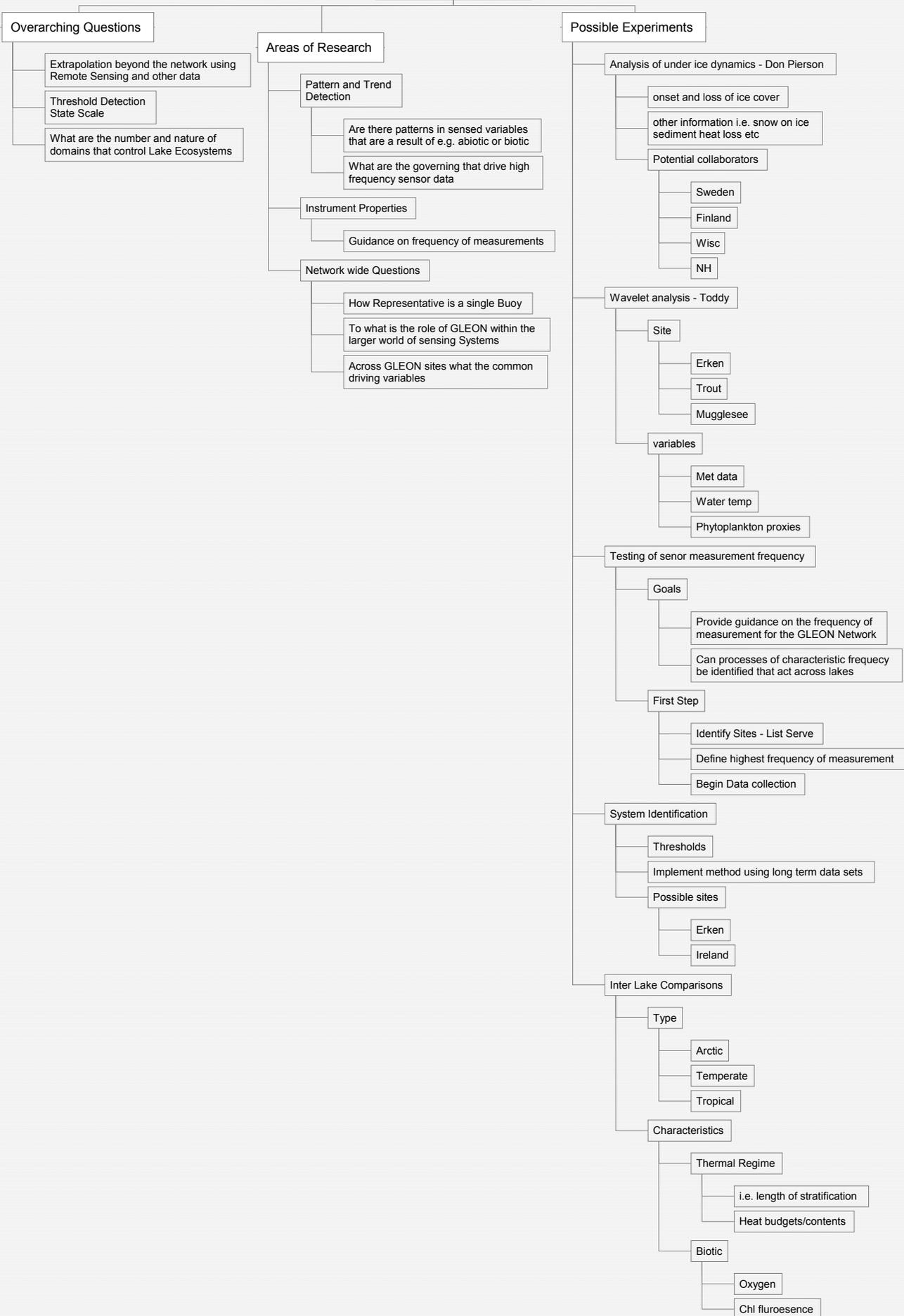


Domains of Control



GLEON Domains of Control Working Group

First Draft Notes by Don Pierson

Larger Questions

There were a number of overreaching questions that were discussed by the group. These can be characterized as questions that will define the long term activities of the group and influence the direction of research carried out by the group, but at the same time are too large to be answered by any single research project.

1. How can the highly detailed temporal data collected by GLEON sensors be extrapolated beyond the network using Remote Sensing and other data?
2. How can Sensor data be used to detect changes in ecosystem state? At what scale can state changes be detected? What are the Thresholds of Detection and how can these be determined?
3. What are the number and nature of domains that control lake ecosystems?

Areas of Research

Three general areas of research were identified that could be addressed by the domains of control group. In our initial discussions there was a strong emphasis on testing different methods (i.e. spectrum analysis, wavelet analysis) as means of identifying the frequency of variation in key (measurable) ecosystem properties that can be linked to variations in controlling variables acting on the ecosystem.

1. Pattern and Trend Detection
 - a. Are there patterns in sensed variables that are a result of specific abiotic or biotic processes?
 - b. What are the governing processes that can be detected using high frequency sensor data?
2. Instrument Properties - guidance on frequency of measurements.
3. Network wide Questions
 - a. How Representative is a single Buoy?
 - b. What is the role of GLEON within the larger world of sensing Systems?
 - c. What the common driving variables across GLEON sites?

Proposed Experiments

A number of experiments were identified by the group that could be started in the next few months, be carried out using data from multiple sites within the GLEON network, and which hopefully would lead to manuscripts within the next 12-18 months..

1. Analysis of ice cover dynamics using water temperature measurements -
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 - a. Automated detection of onset and loss of ice cover

- b. Other information could also be derived i.e. snow on ice sediment heat loss etc
- 2. Wavelet analysis - **Thorsten Blenckner**
 - a. Sites
 - i. Erken
 - ii. Trout Lake
 - iii. Mugglesee
 - b. Variables
 - i. Met data
 - ii. Water temp
 - iii. Phytoplankton proxies
- 3. Testing of sensor measurement frequency - **Who is in charge???**
 - a. Goals
 - i. Provide guidance on the frequency of measurement for the GLEON Network
 - ii. Can processes of characteristic frequency be identified that act across lakes within GLEON Network
 - b. First Steps
 - i. Identify Sites
 - ii. Define highest frequency of measurement
 - iii. Modify data logger programs at selected sites in order to collect data at the frequency of measurement defined by the group discussion. Begin data collection.
- 4. System Identification -**Fang-Pang Lin**
 - a. Thresholds
 - b. Implement method using long term data sets
 - c. Possible sites
 - i. Erken
 - ii. Ireland