# Buoy based multi-sensor, high resolution camera system



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## **Objective**



- Study albedo properties of 3 types of material and 1 control area
- Small fresh water lake in the Sierras, near lake Tahoe, California
- Deploy just before the lake freezes and remove after melt
- 1-2 person deployment

### What to measure/study



- Water temperature
- Atmospheric conditions (wind, temperature, incoming solar and UV radiation)
- Reflected radiation
- Pictures
- •Tilt and compass

#### **Hardware**

- Buoys and platform
- Solar panels
- Wifi
- Tilt Sensor and Compass
- Solar Sensors
- Weather station
- Temperature Acquisition String
- Cameras
- Ultrasonic Sensor

#### WiFi



- UA Wifi
  - -40° Celsius
  - Magnets
  - USB
  - Linux driver
- Amped AP and Antenna
  - Good output power
  - Change-able antenna
  - About a mile range
  - Local configuration



#### **Accelerometer**



- Phidget
- •3 -Axis Compass, Gyroscope, Accelerometer
- High Resolution accelerometer measurements at < ± 2g</li>
- Connects directly to a USB Port
- Low power 55mA
- -40° Celsius
- Linux Driver

#### **Davis Solar Sensor**



- 40° Celsius
- Simple A/D (0 to +3VDC); 1.67 mV per W/m2
- Spectral Response 400 to 1100 nm
- Resolution 1W/m2
- Range 0 to 1800 W/m2

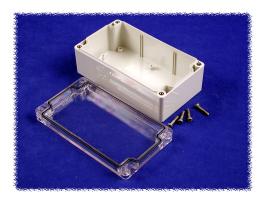
## Ultrasonic Sensor (snow fall measurement)



- Maxbotix
- Outdoor ready IP67
- -40° Celsius
- A/D conversion
- 1mm, 5/10 meter range
- Temperature sensor

#### **Cameras**





- Logitech c920
- 4 Cameras
- 1920 x 1080 pixels
- fswebcam to grab frames
- Hammond Enclosures
- Water proof USB connectors

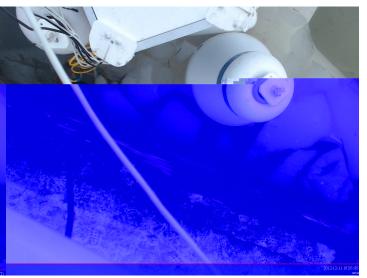
#### **Other Hardware**



- Beaded Stream, TAC. Measures from
  -55°C to +125°C with ±0.1°C accuracy
- West Marine Taper Buoys (75lbs)
- Davis Weather Station
- Moxa USB hub
- Charge controller
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Camera mounts

#### **Issues**





- Linux drivers
- Frame grabbing at higher resolution with multiple cameras
- Water proofing and enclosure issues
- Cabling issues
- Physical deployment issues
- Magnets on the Wifi adapter
- Power
- No dark materials
- Snow issues