



Striped bass spawning habitat: impact of winter storms on the dynamics of zooplankton populations

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From monitoring to prediction: possible?

Importance of Plankton

- *Base for the marine food web*

- Ichthyoplankton & forage fish, e.g., critical period hypothesis
- Affecting global fisheries
- Ecosystem structure and functions, e.g., junk-food hypothesis

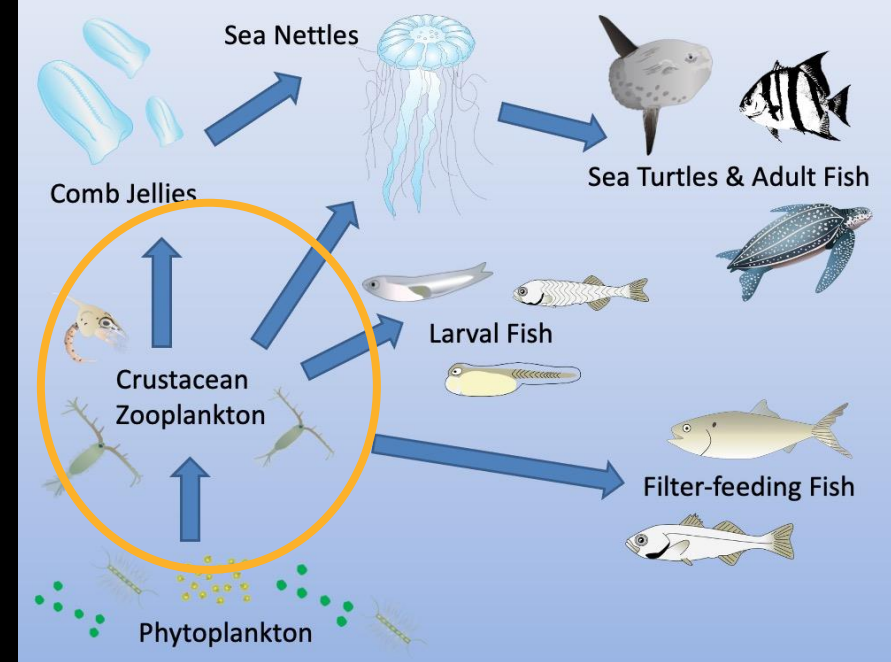
- *In the Chesapeake Bay, the large copepod *Eurytemora* is a key prey for striped bass larvae, and their abundance and timing can affect the recruitment of striped bass*



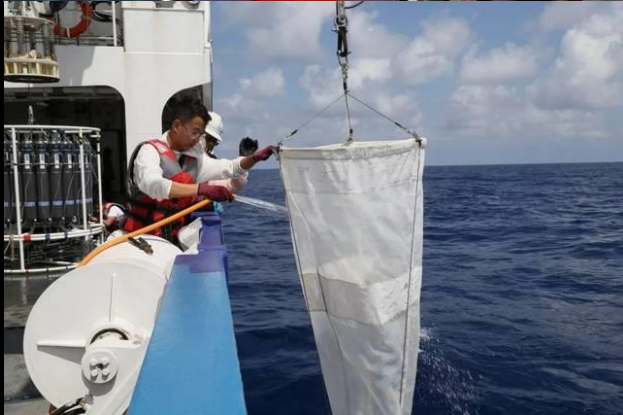
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- *Excellent indicators for integrated ecosystem and climate assessment*

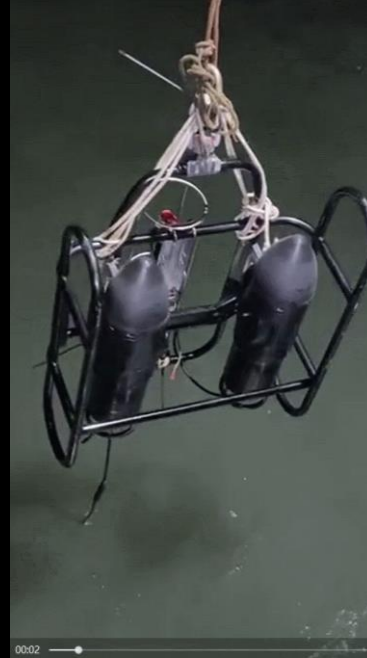
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Plankton Sampling

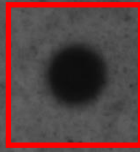


Net sampling
Discrete in time
Integrative in space



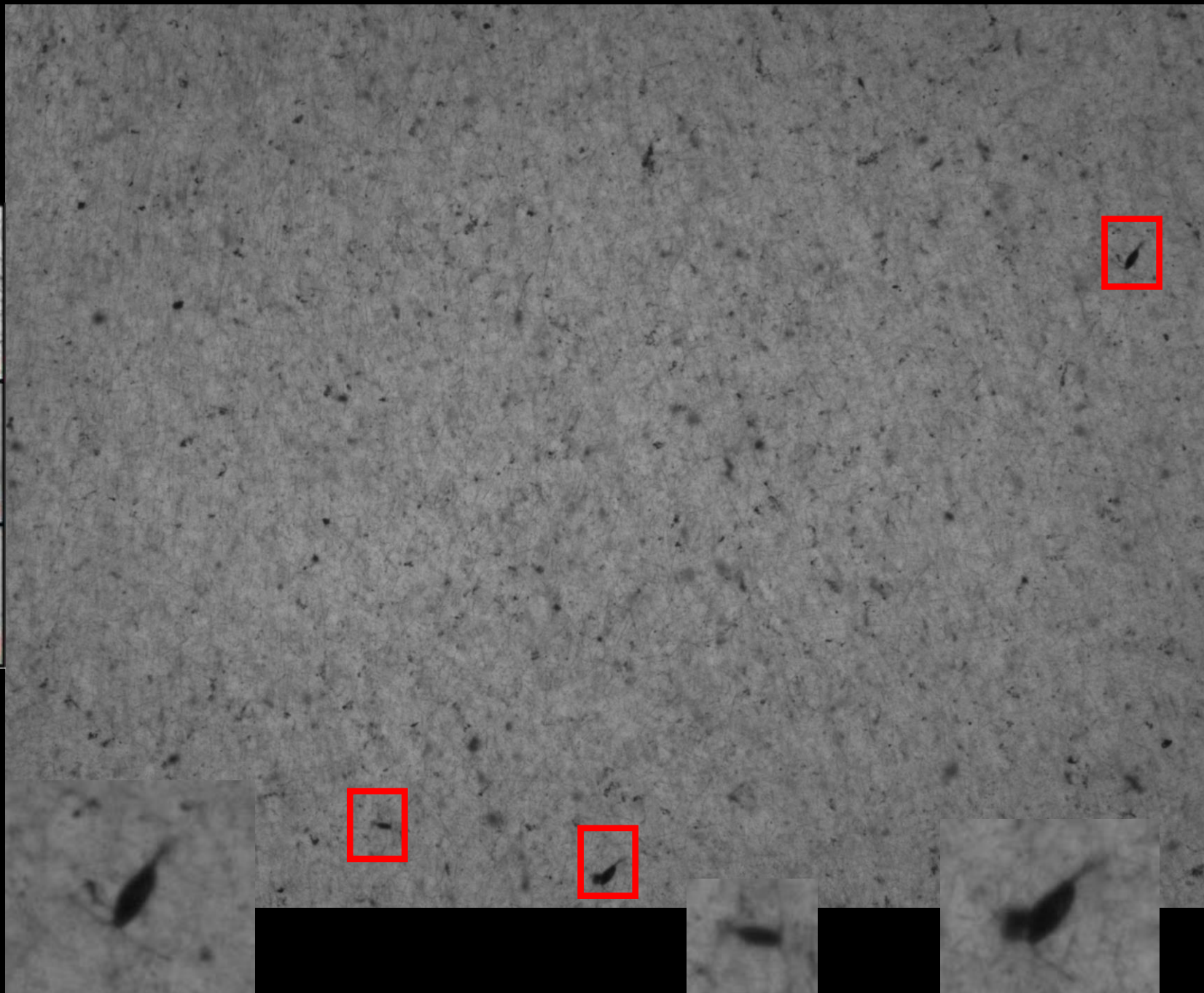
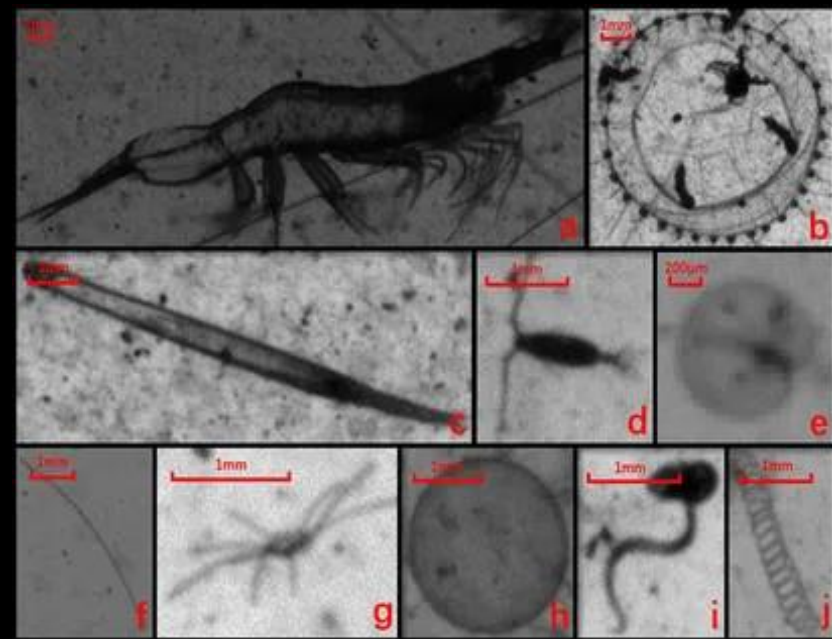
In situ imaging system

- No clogging or reduced filtering efficiency
- Nonintrusive, no damage to fragile organisms
- High spatial and temporal resolution
- Simultaneous measurements on a suite of plankton groups
- Size, behavior, bloom status etc.



Striped bass spawning habitat

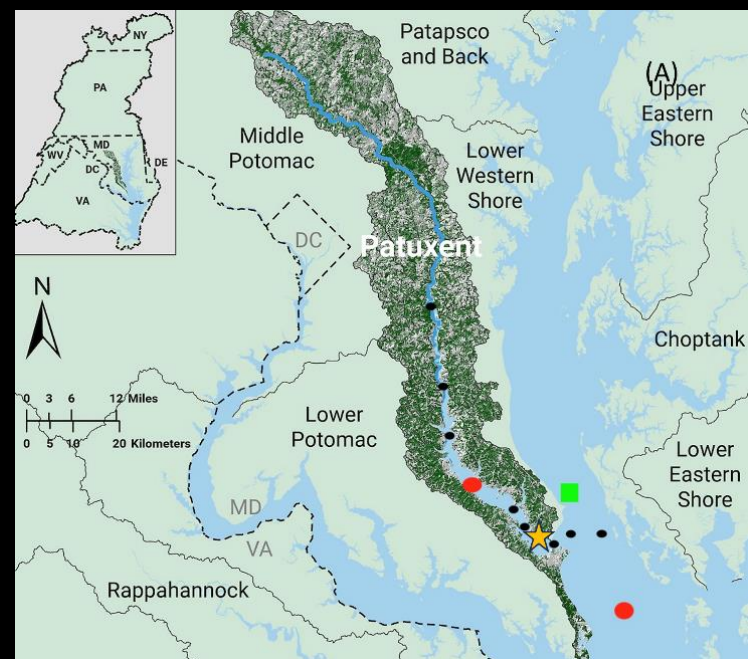
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PART TWO

PlanktonScope
Image Analysis



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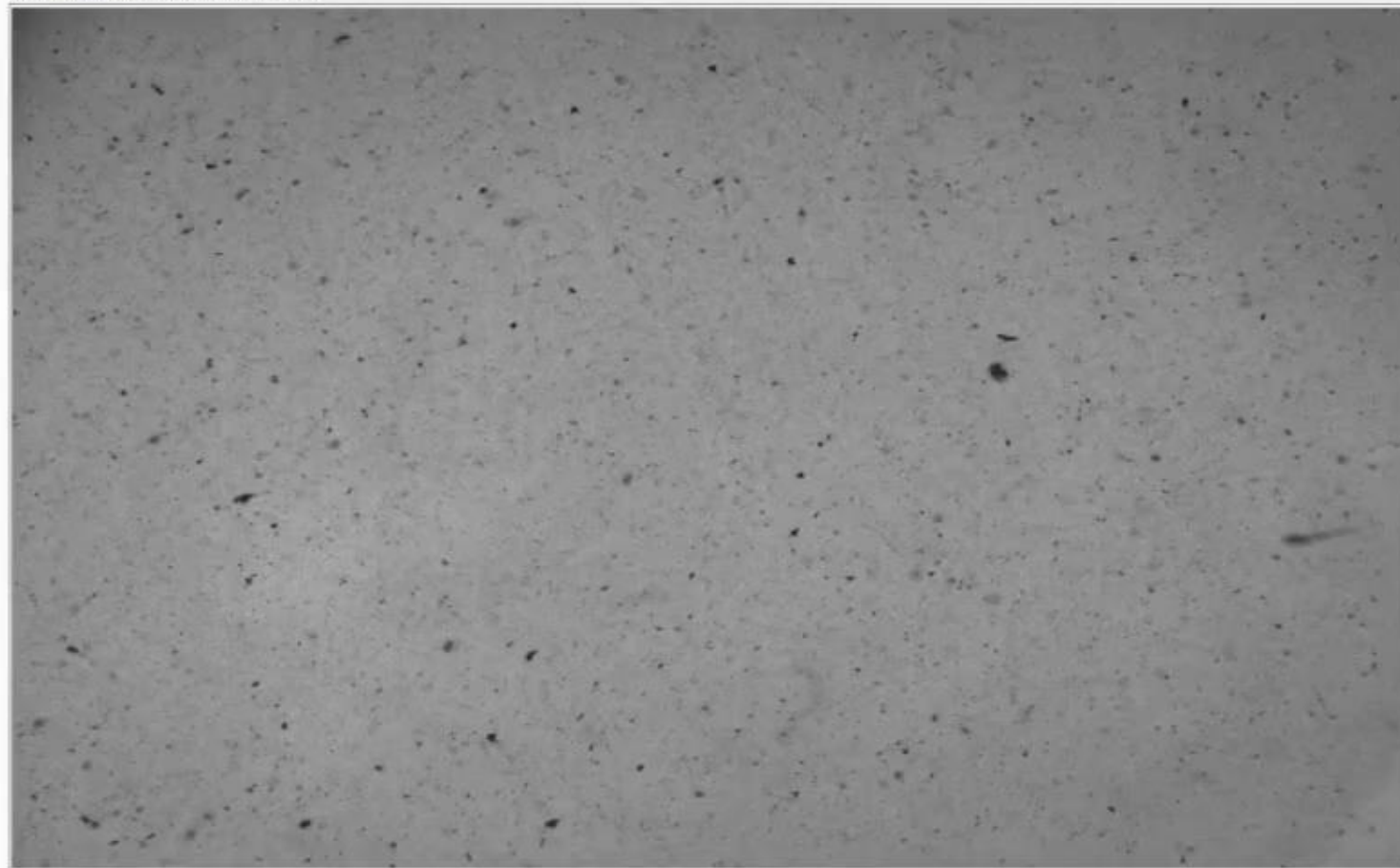
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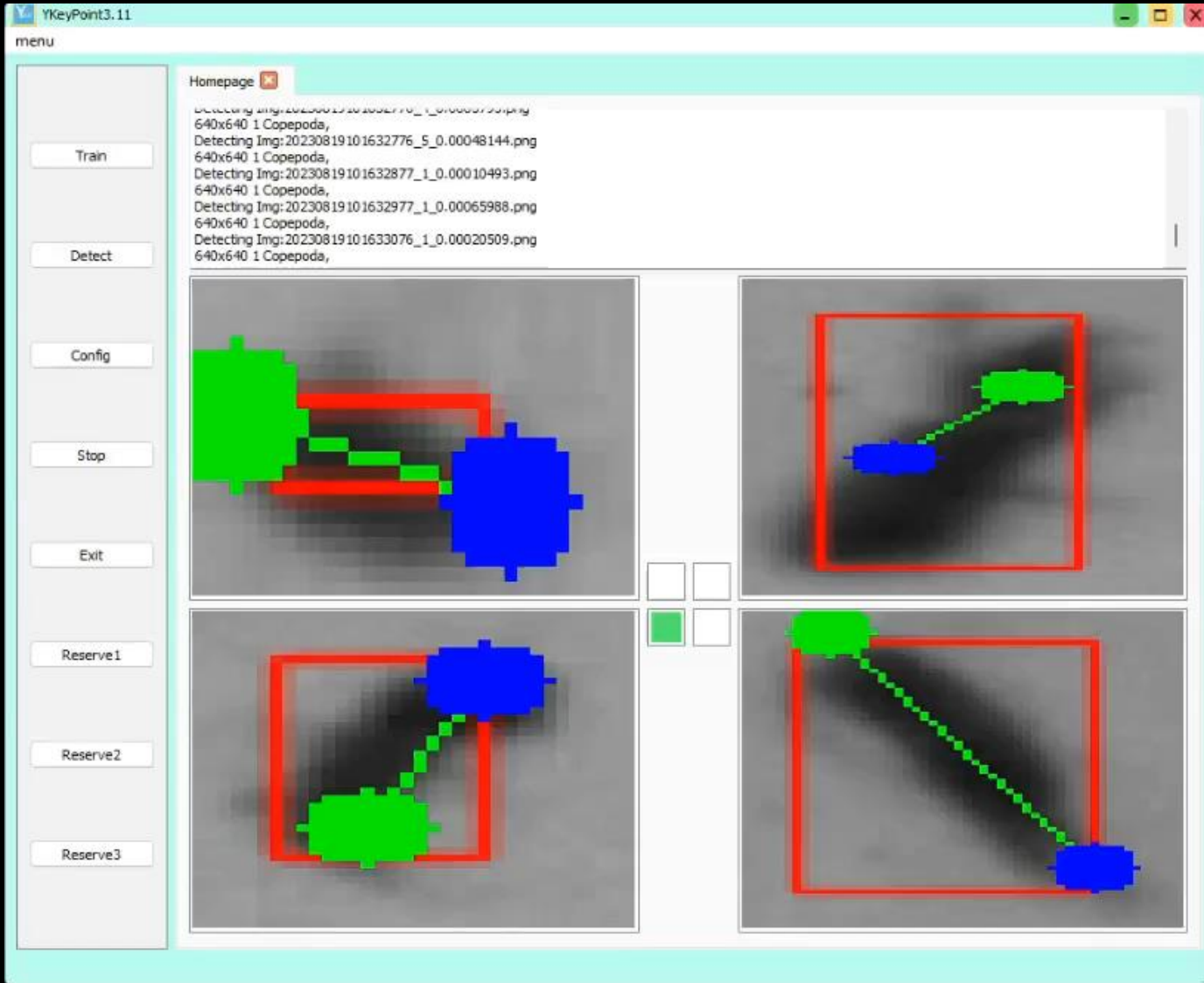
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Stop

Exit

Reserve2





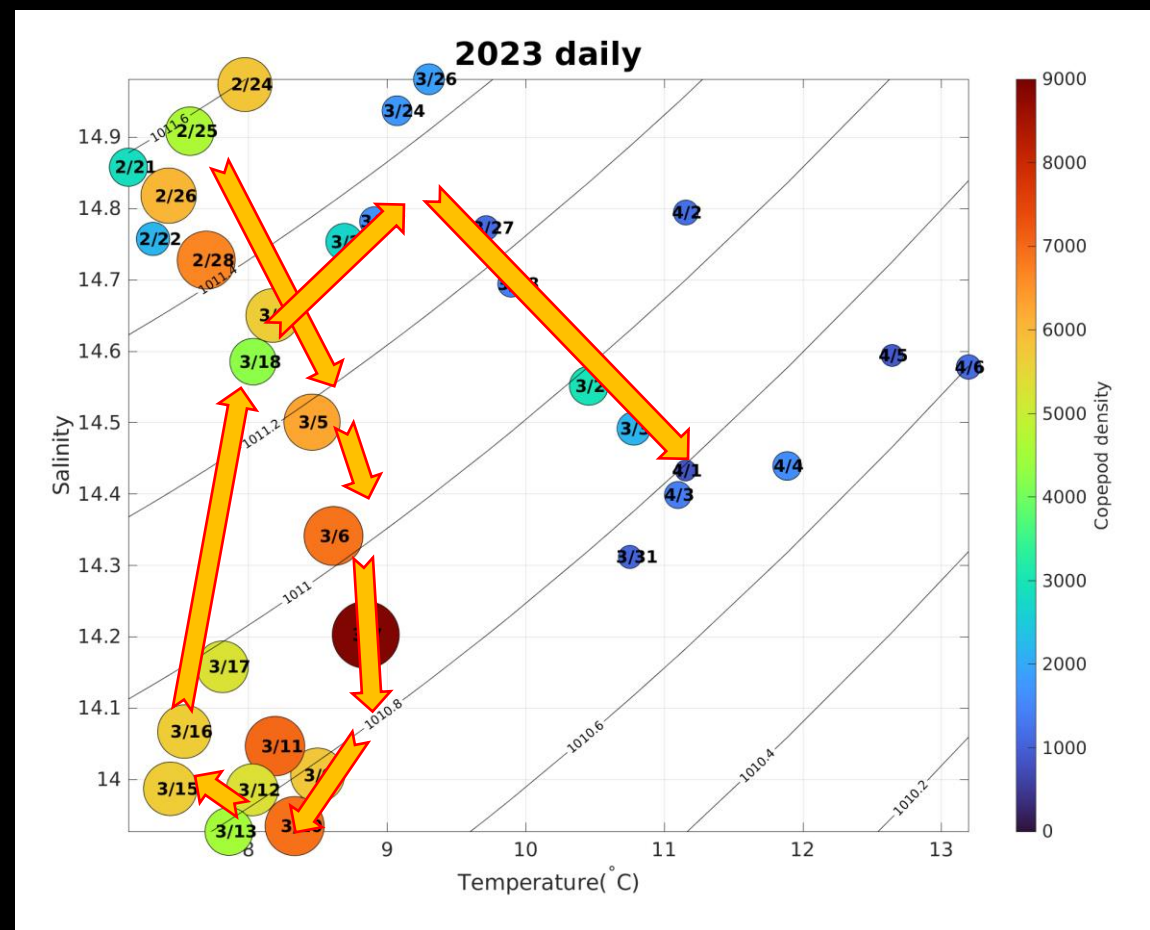
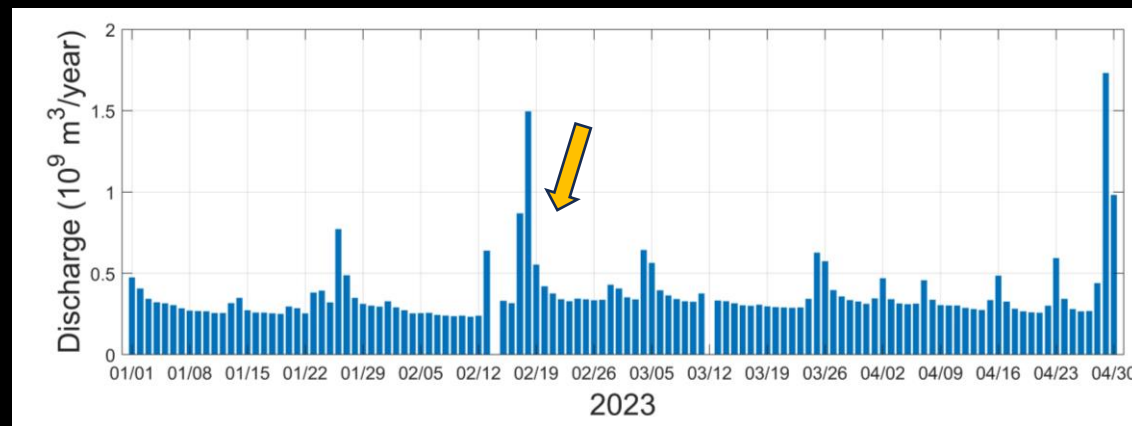
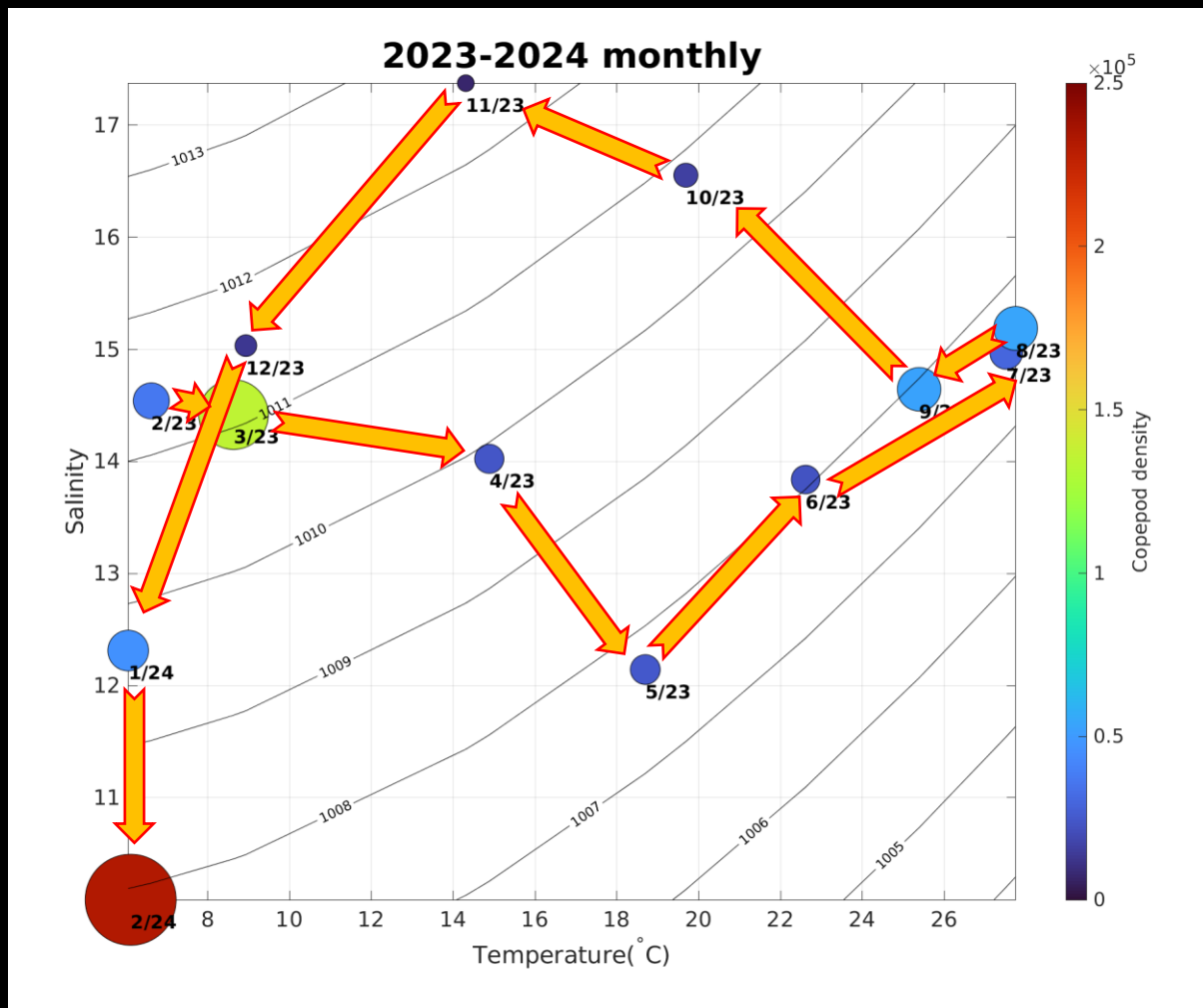
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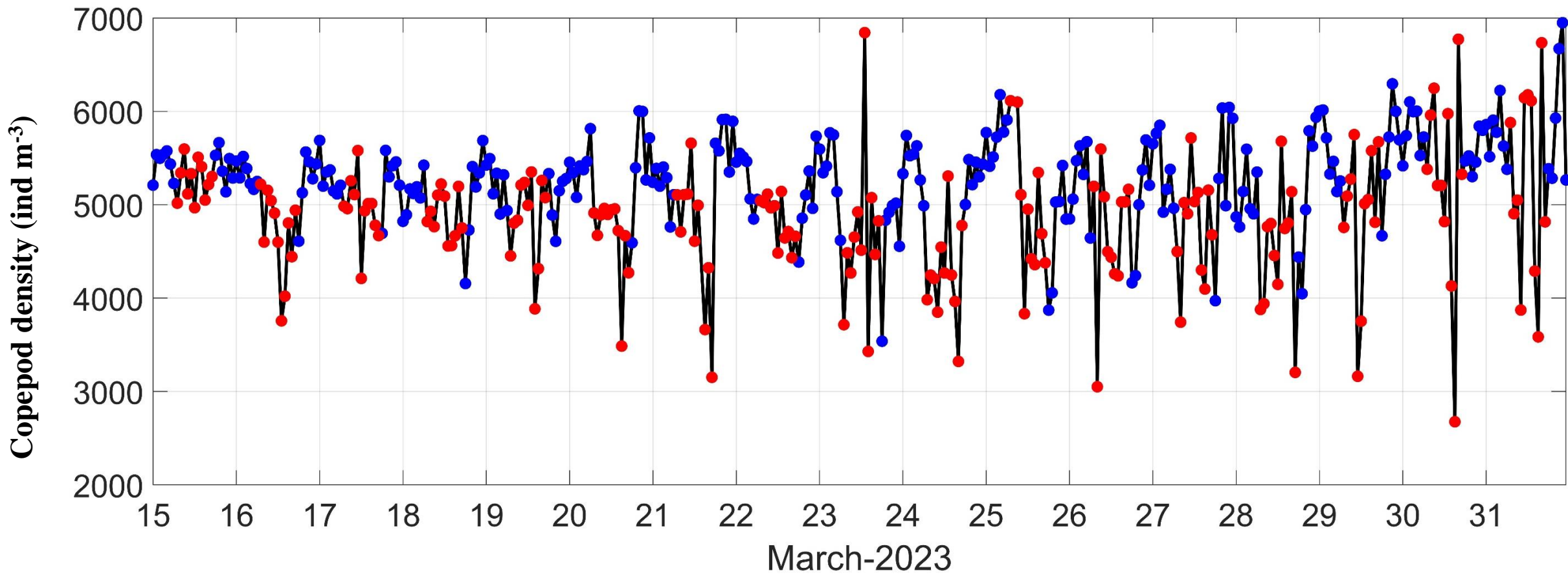
Mean error : 2.34%

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PART THREE

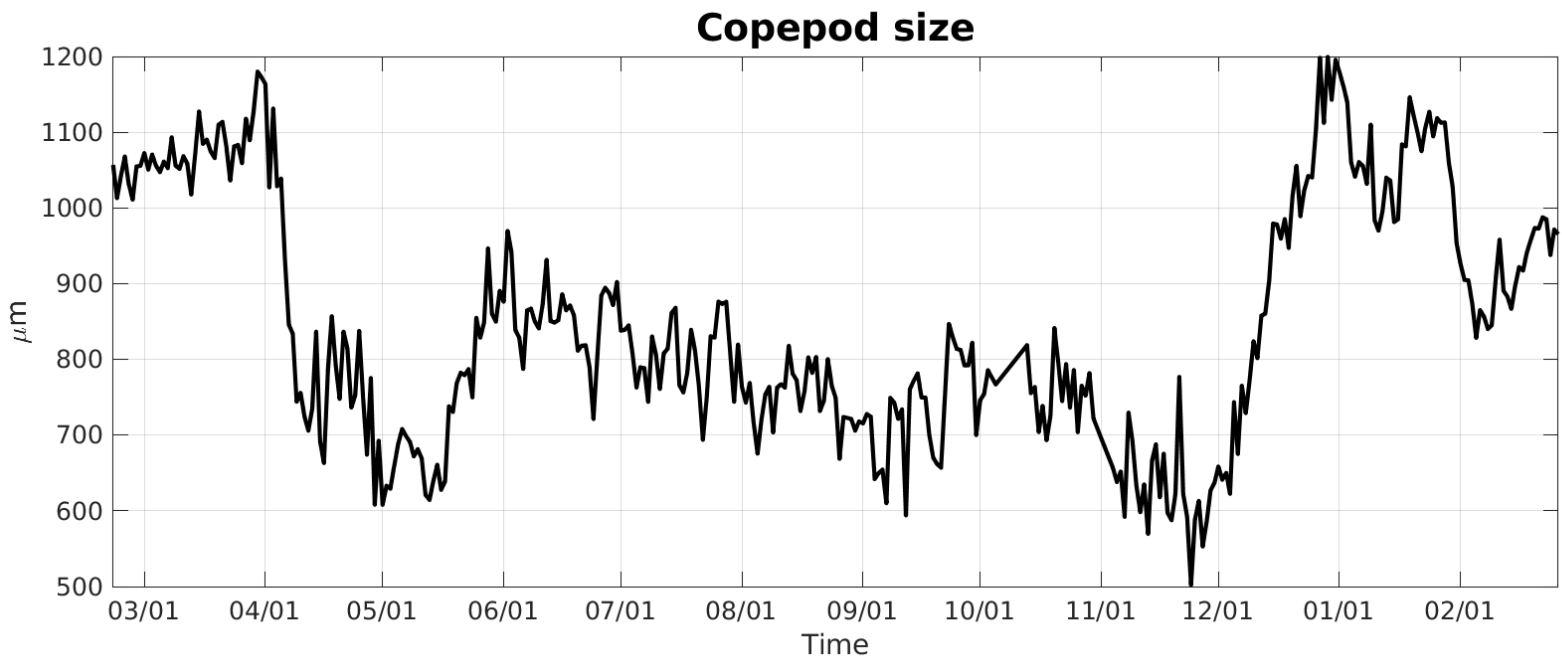
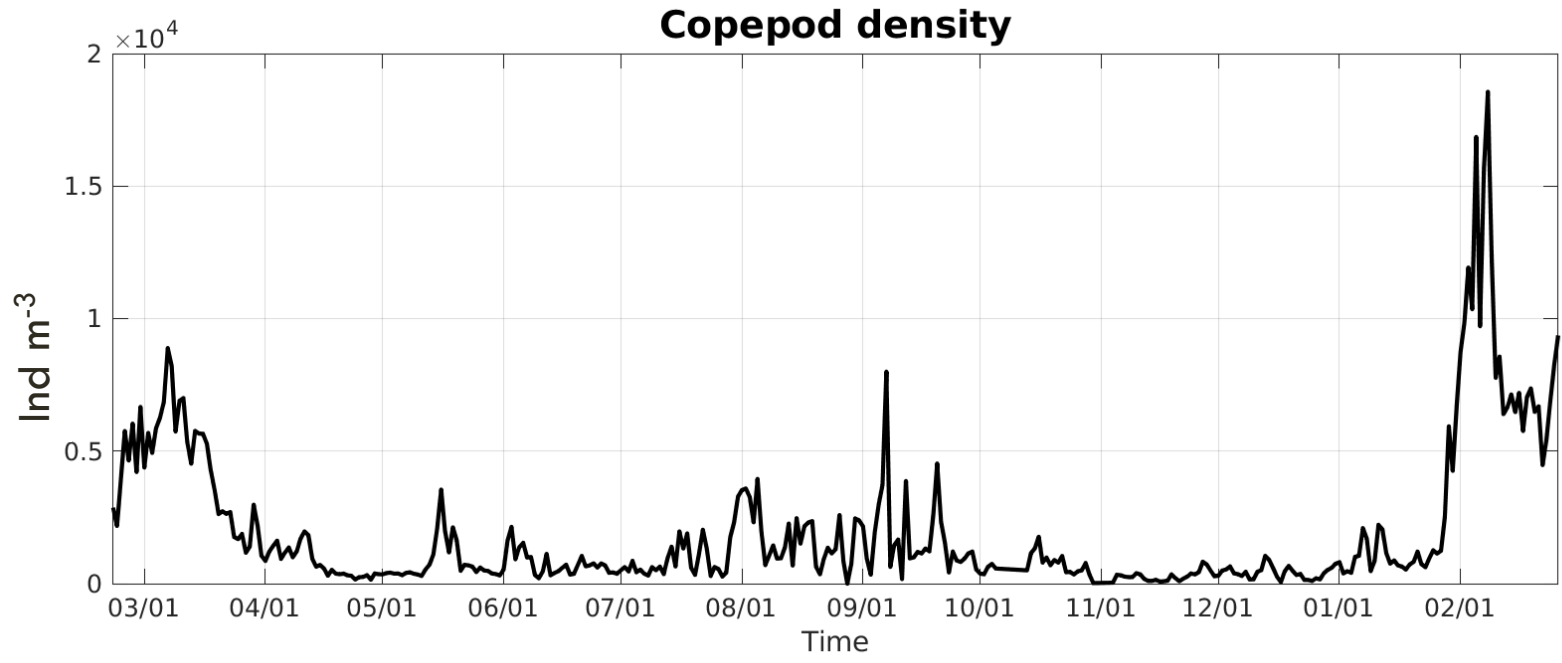
Deployment
Plankton dynamics

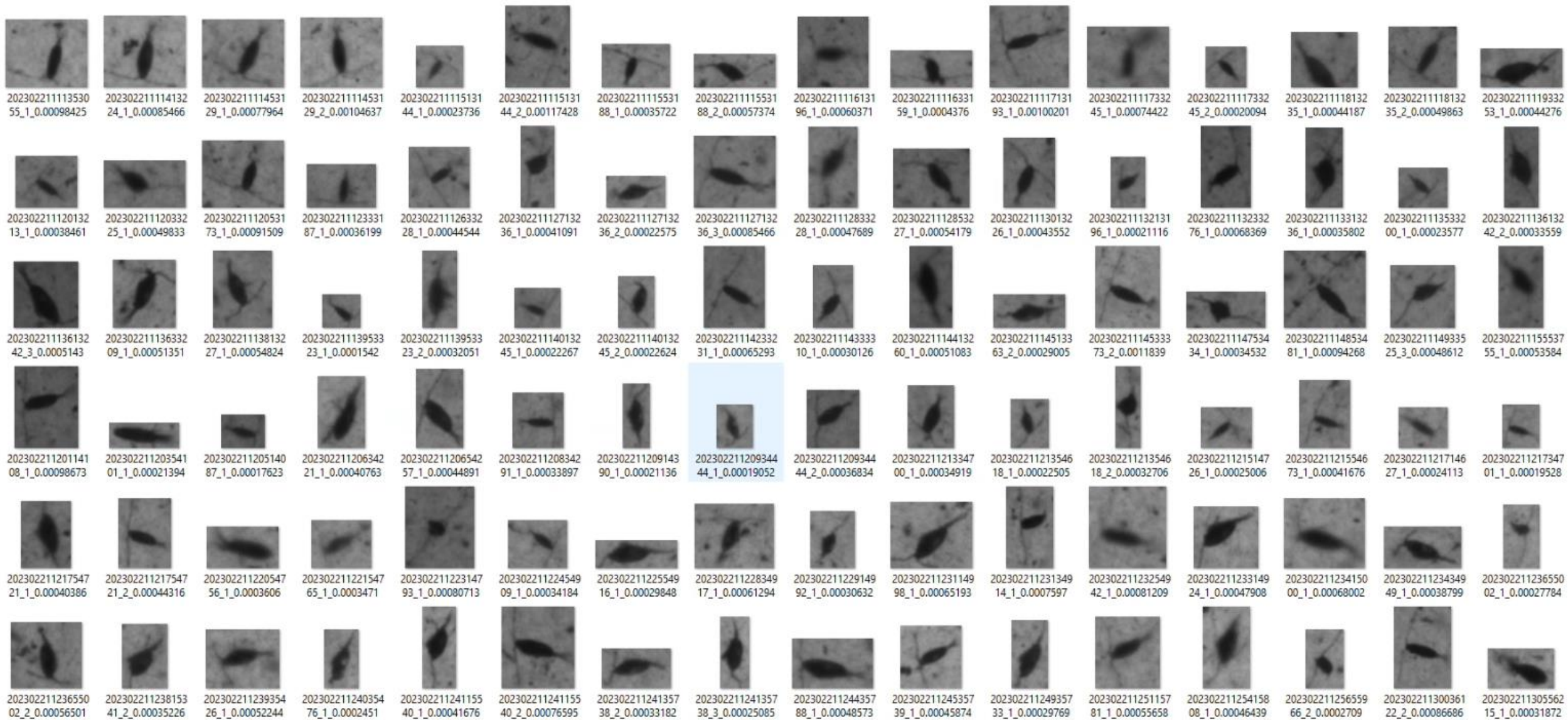




Hourly data
Red dots: daytime
Blue dots: nighttime







































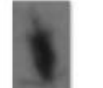









































































Nighttime: Higher density on average
Daytime: Larger variation





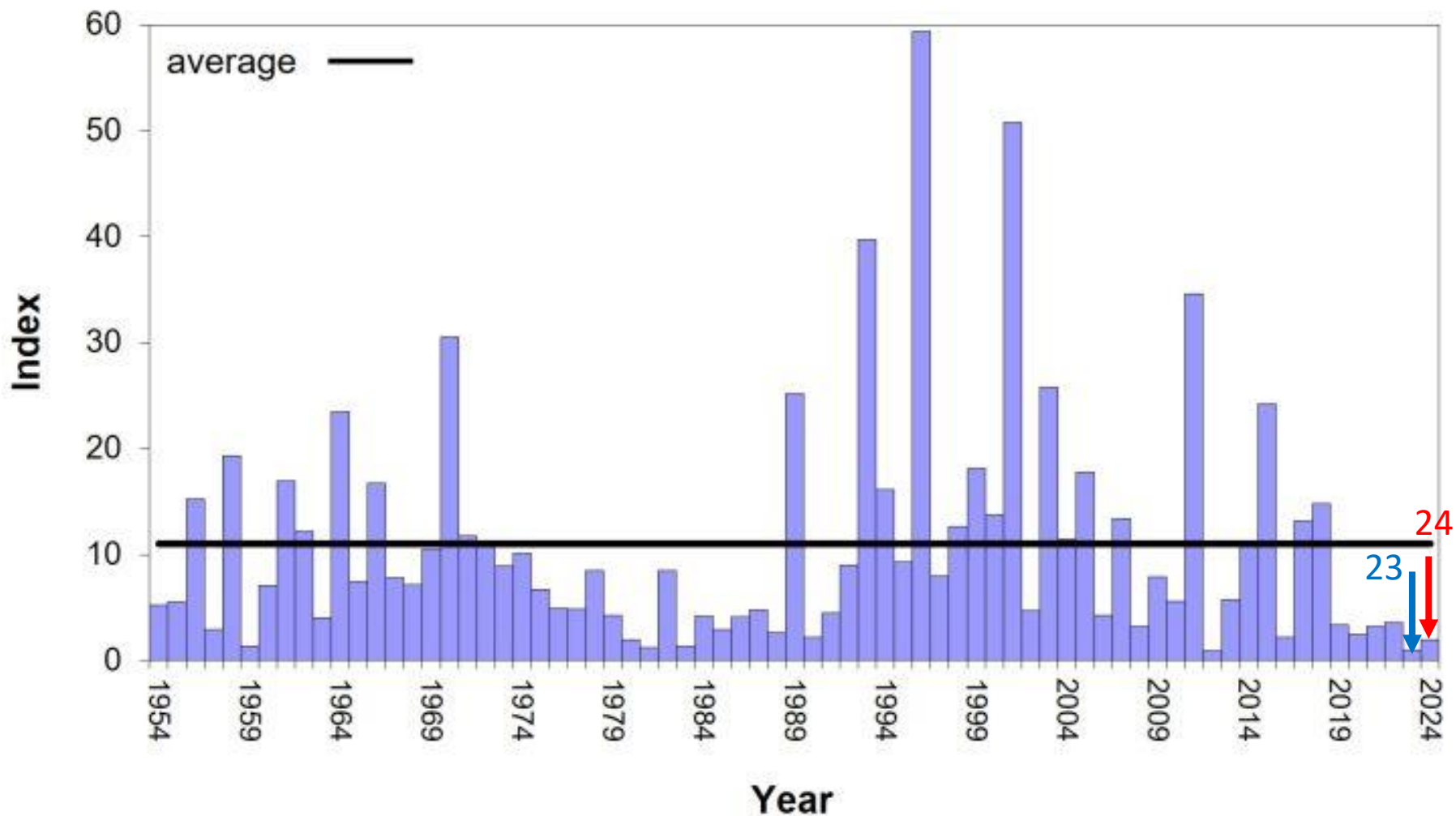
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Maryland's Juvenile Striped Bass Index Arithmetic Mean (AM) Catch per Haul



2019: 3.4
 2020: 2.5
 2021: 3.2
 2022: 3.6
 2023: 1.0
 2024: 2.0

Maryland DNR


DECISION 2024: STRIPED BASS
 A PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE



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PART FOUR

Prediction
Possible?



- Plankton
- Environmental variables
- High resolution

- Periodic process
- Episodic process

Real time
Observation

Ecological
Processes

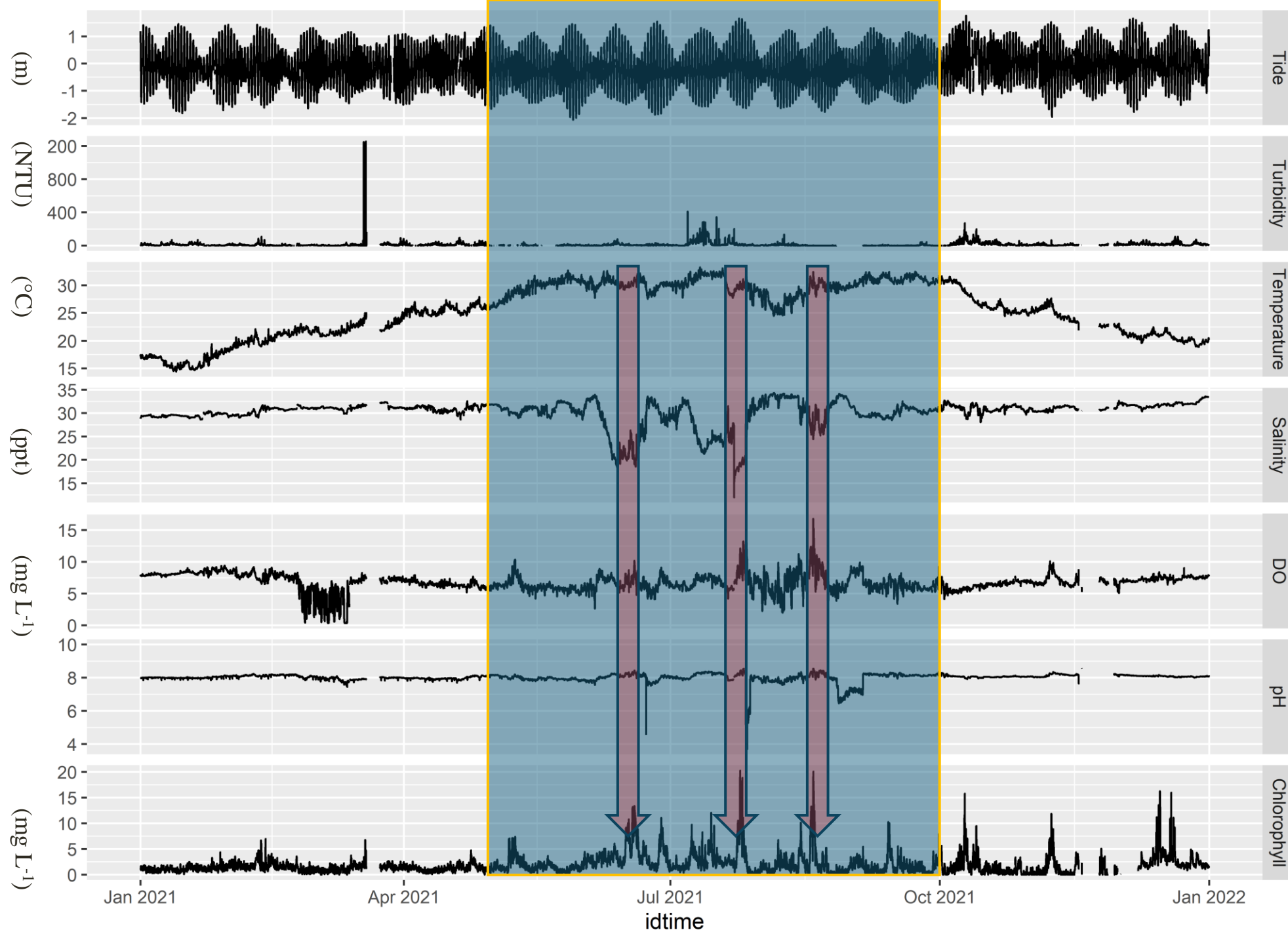


Validation
Predicting

Developing
models

- Short term
- Long term
- Ecosystem status

- Deep Learning
- N-BEATS
- Real time + variables

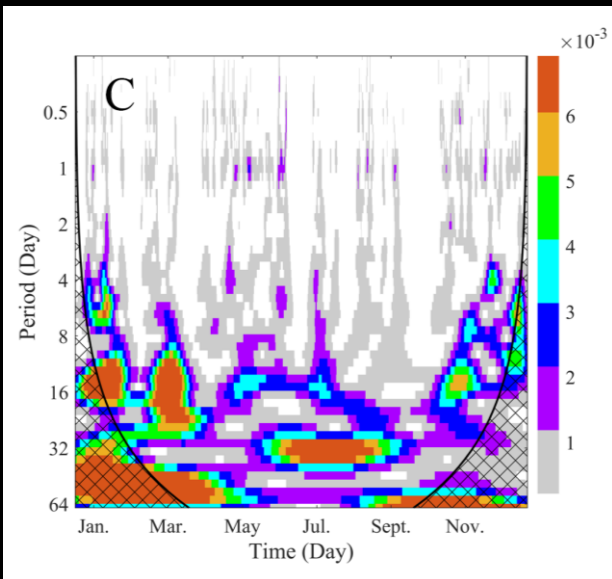
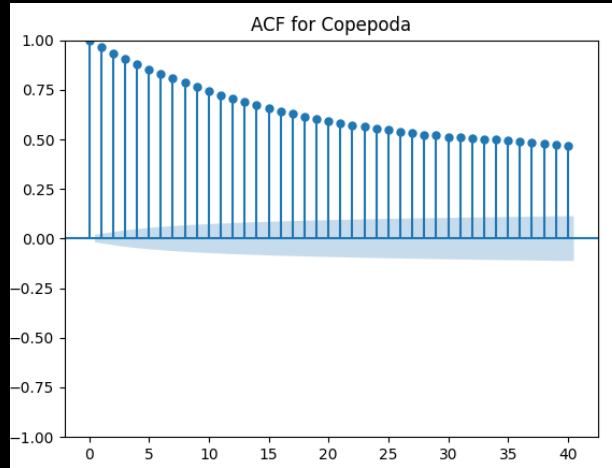


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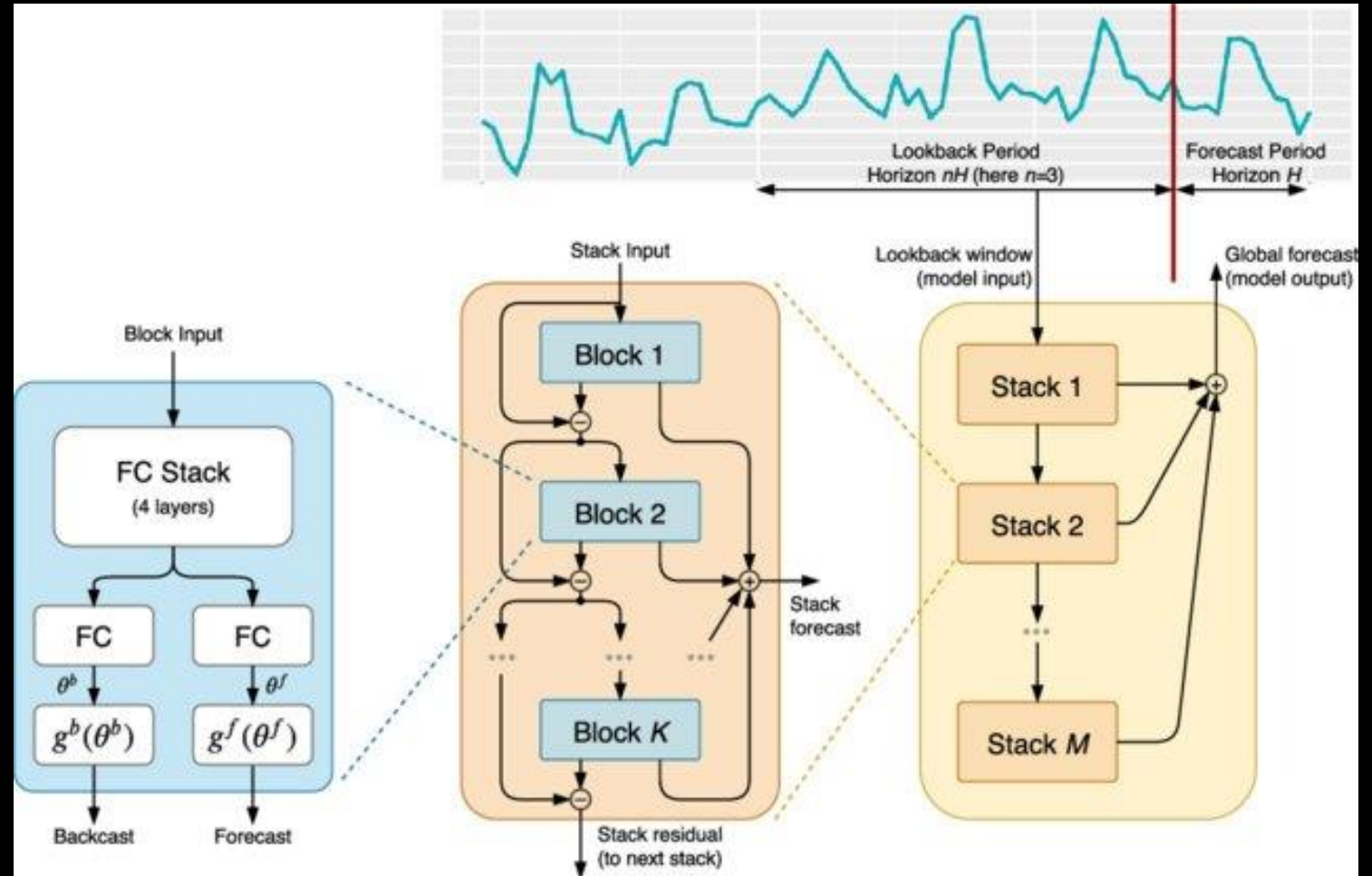
Seasonal

Typhoon

Traditional Stats Vs Deep learning



A zero-shot time-series forecasting

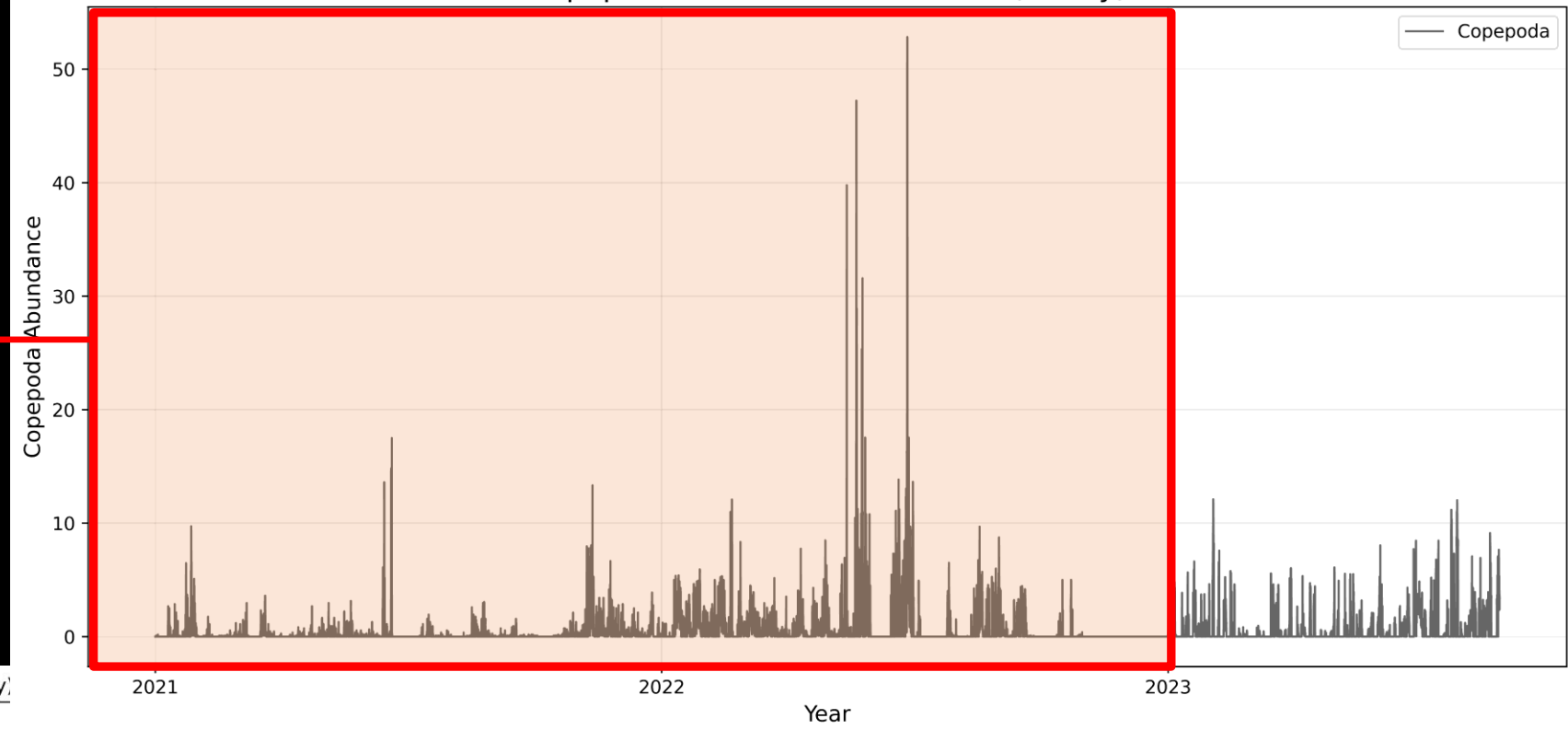


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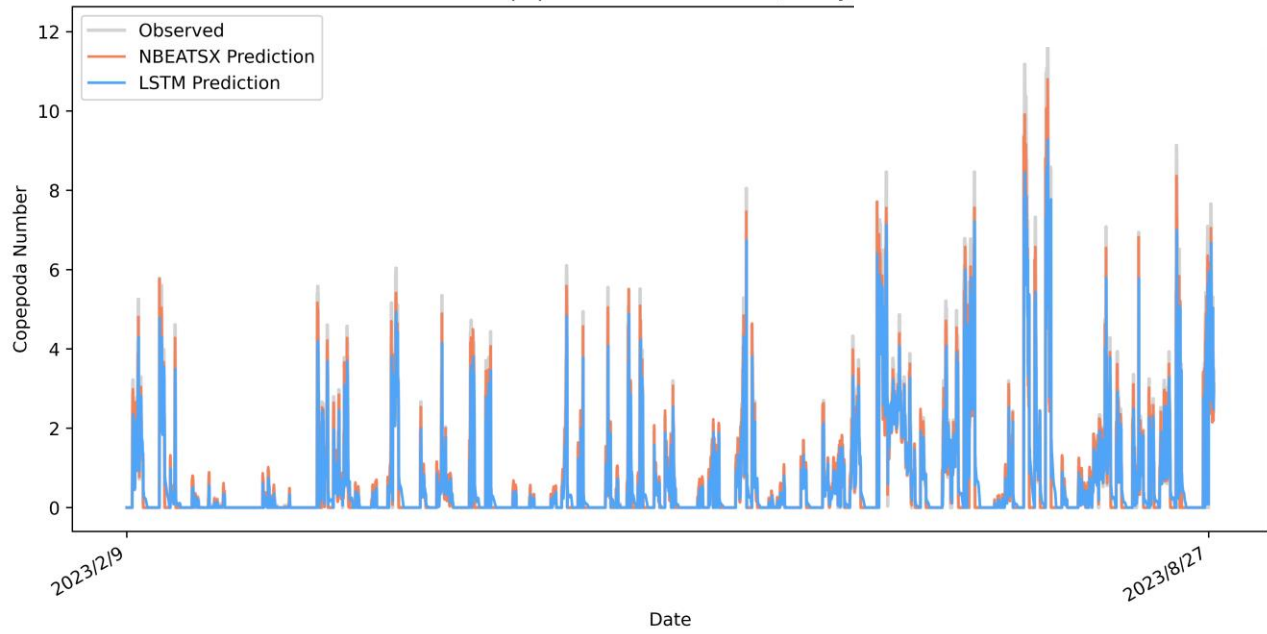
Use 2021-2022 data. >17,500 hourly data points to train the deep learning model

Predict 2023: input 6 hours and forecast 1 hour.

Copepoda Abundance Over Time(hourly)



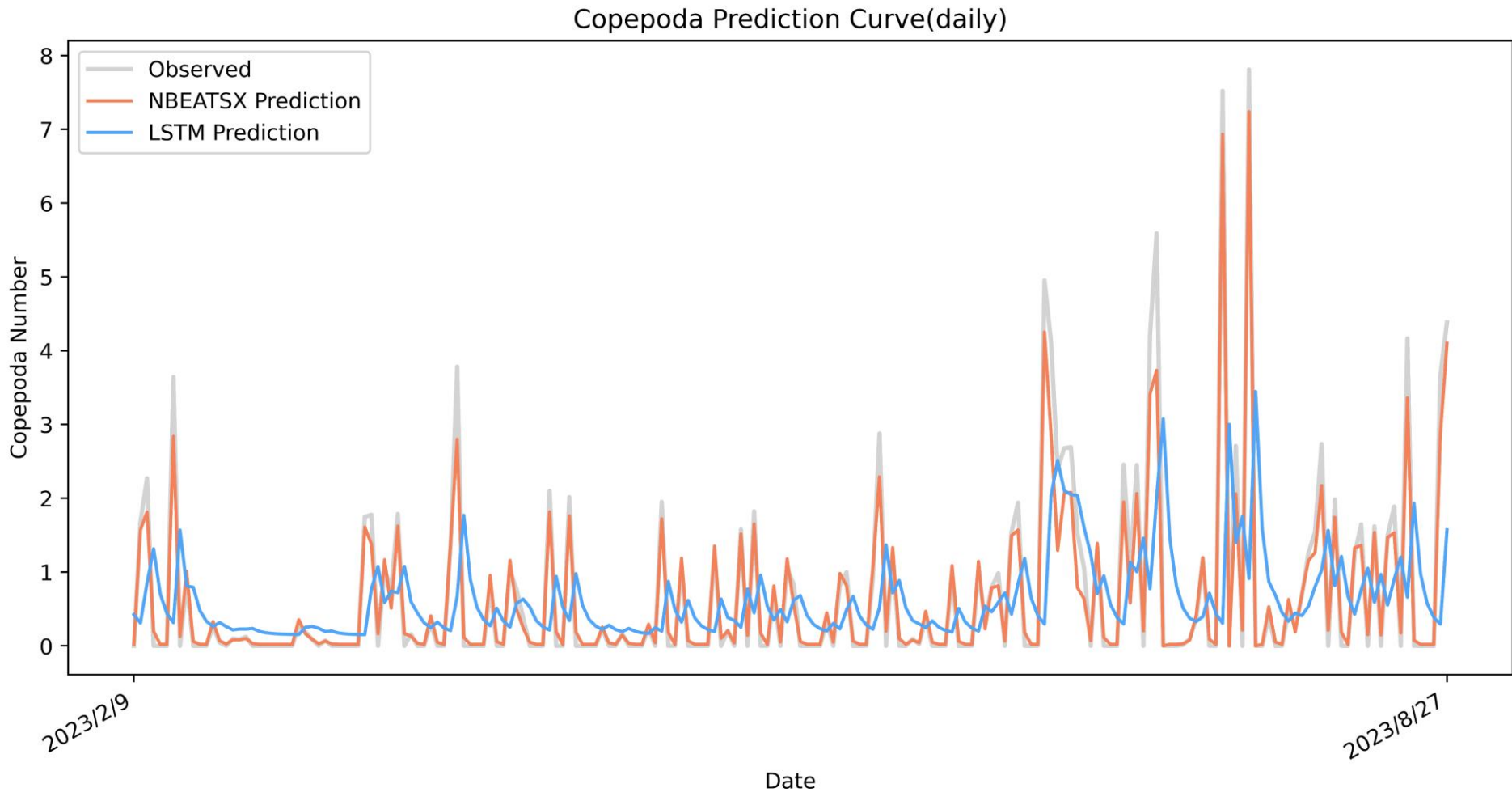
Copepoda Prediction Curve(hourly)



LSTM model : $R^2 = 0.86$

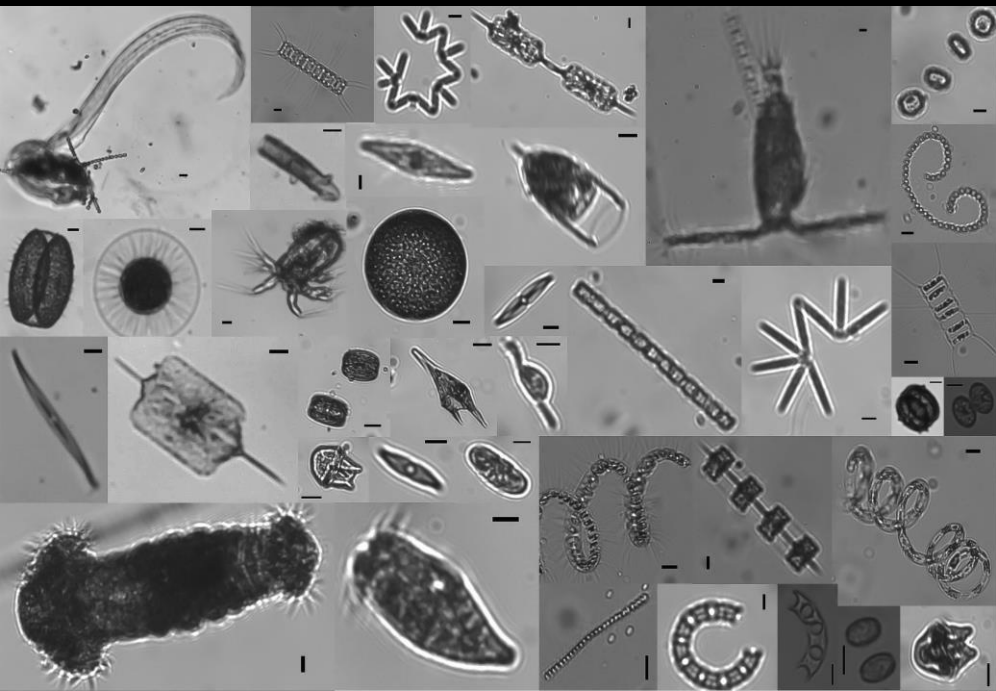
BEATS-x model $R^2 = 0.99$

- 1. Periodic components: quadratic term and wavelet
- 2. External variables



LSTM model : $R^2 = 0.16$

BEATS-x model $R^2 = 0.98$



From Observing to Predicting Plankton

- Model selection
 - Traditional biophysical models require intensive computation and are characterized by high uncertainty in biological processes, primarily predicting bulk measurements such as chlorophyll.
 - Satellite data have sub-optimum spatial and temporal resolution, no species-specific information
- Deep learning models
 - New deep learning models like NBEATS-x and Transformer with attention network are promising
 - For short-term predictions, such as hourly to daily, environmental factors play a minor role, emphasizing the importance of in situ biological observations
 - The performance of traditional deep learning models like LSTM declined rapidly
 - Environmental factors, particularly forward-looking or indicative variables, are likely to play critical roles in long-term predictions

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