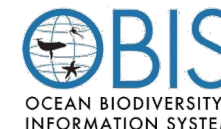
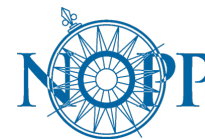
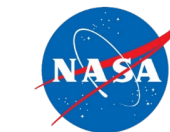
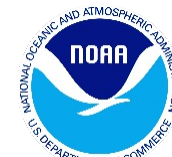


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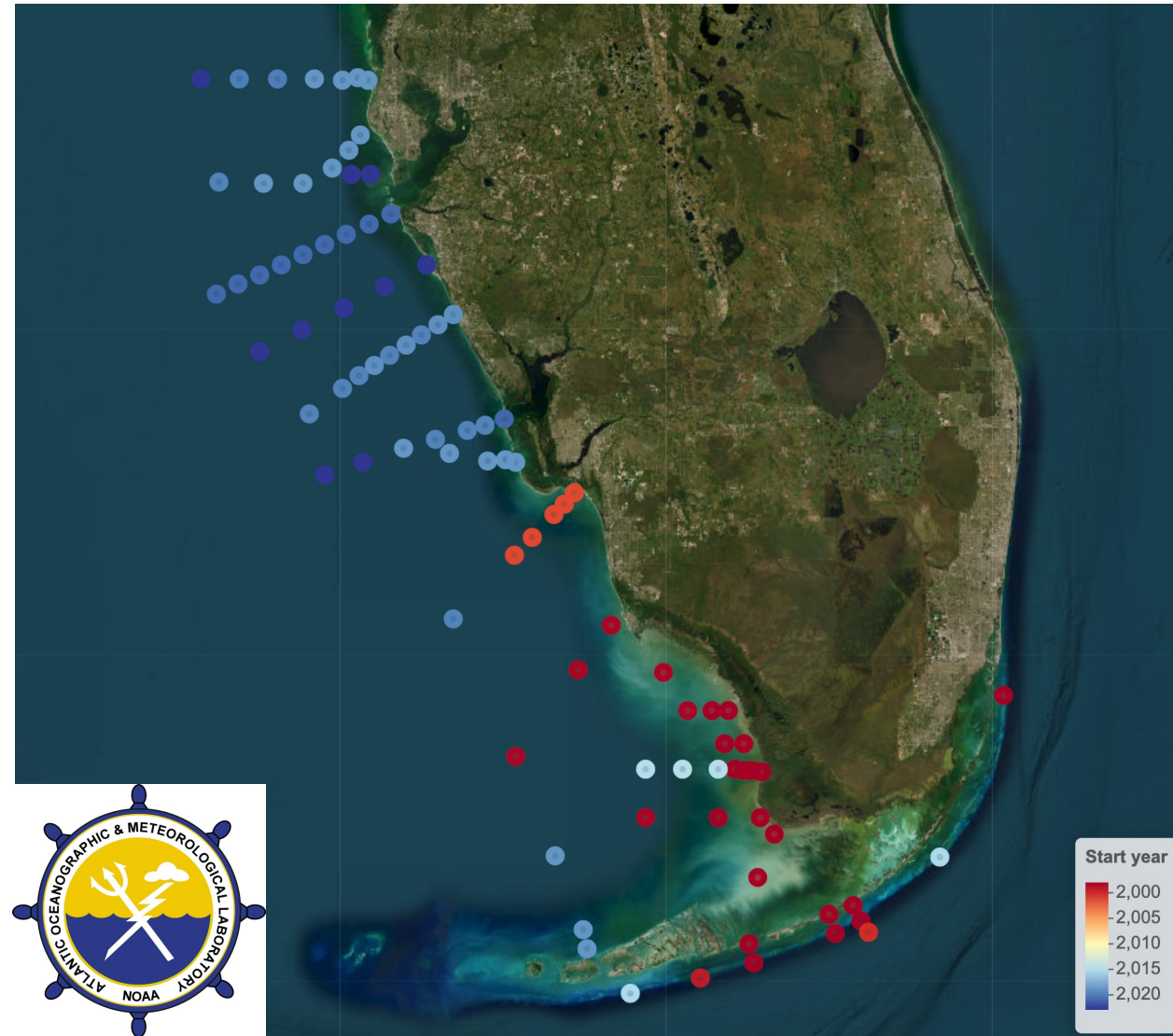
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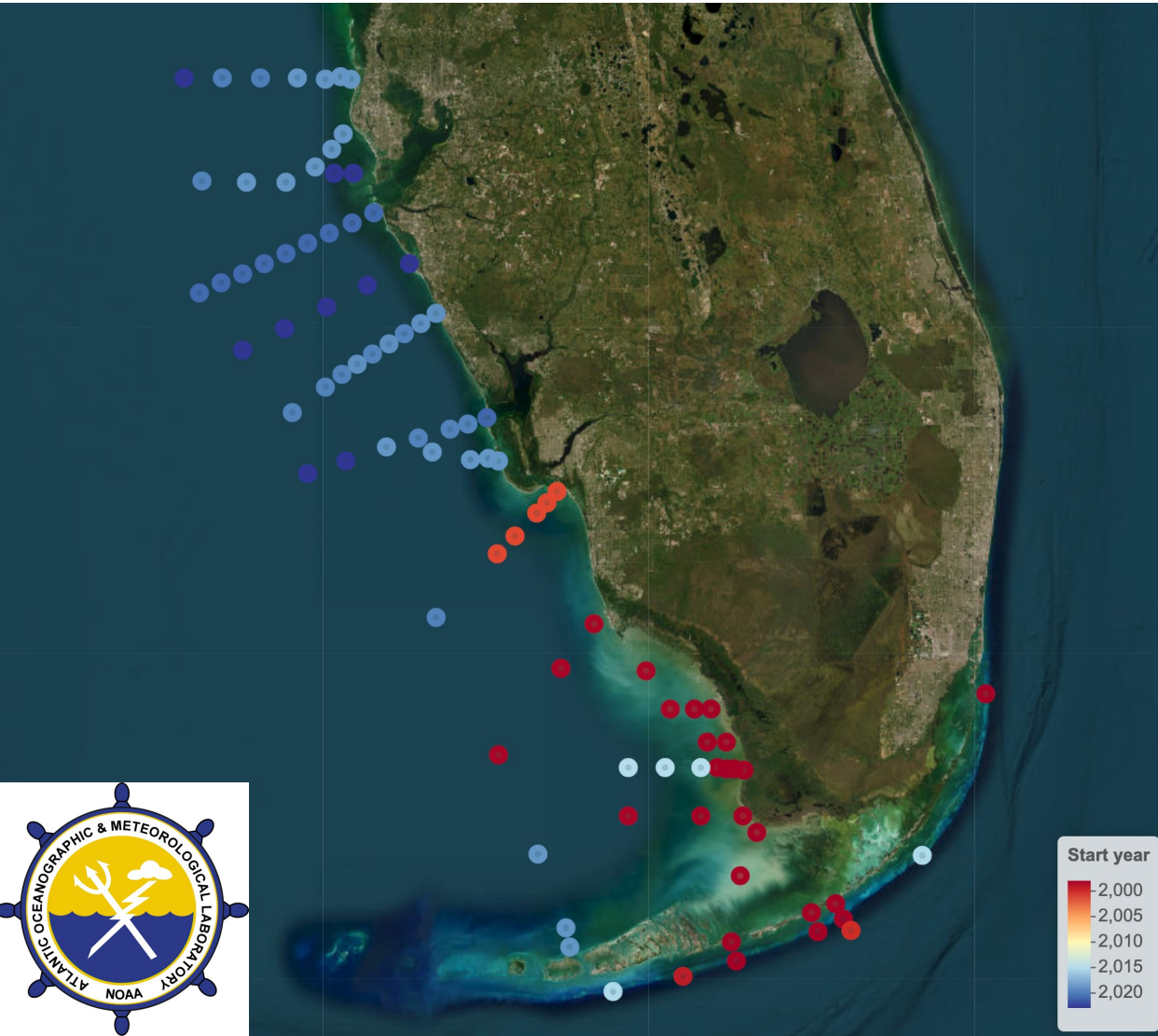
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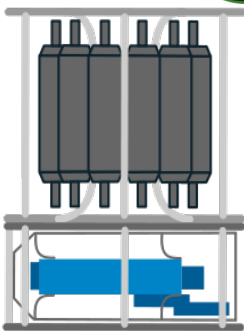
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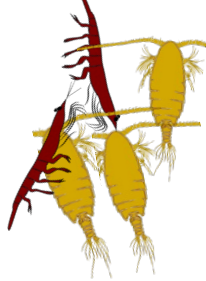
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Hydrography
trace metals
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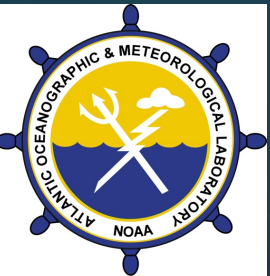
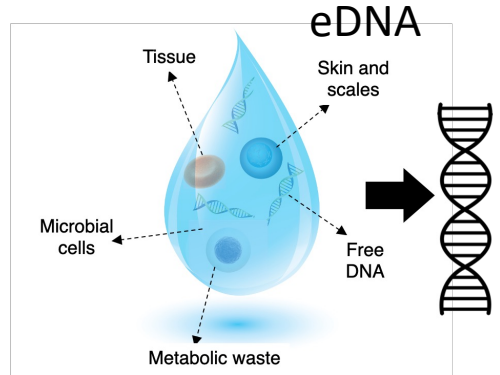
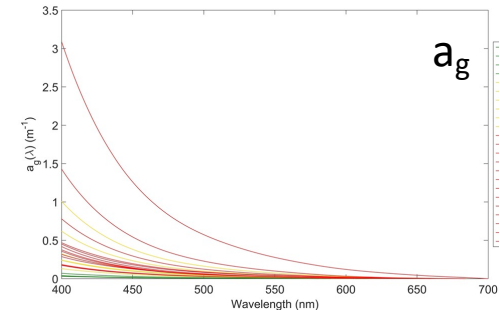
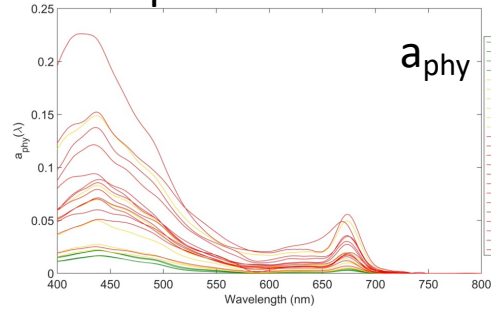
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Net tows and imaging



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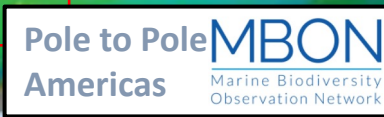
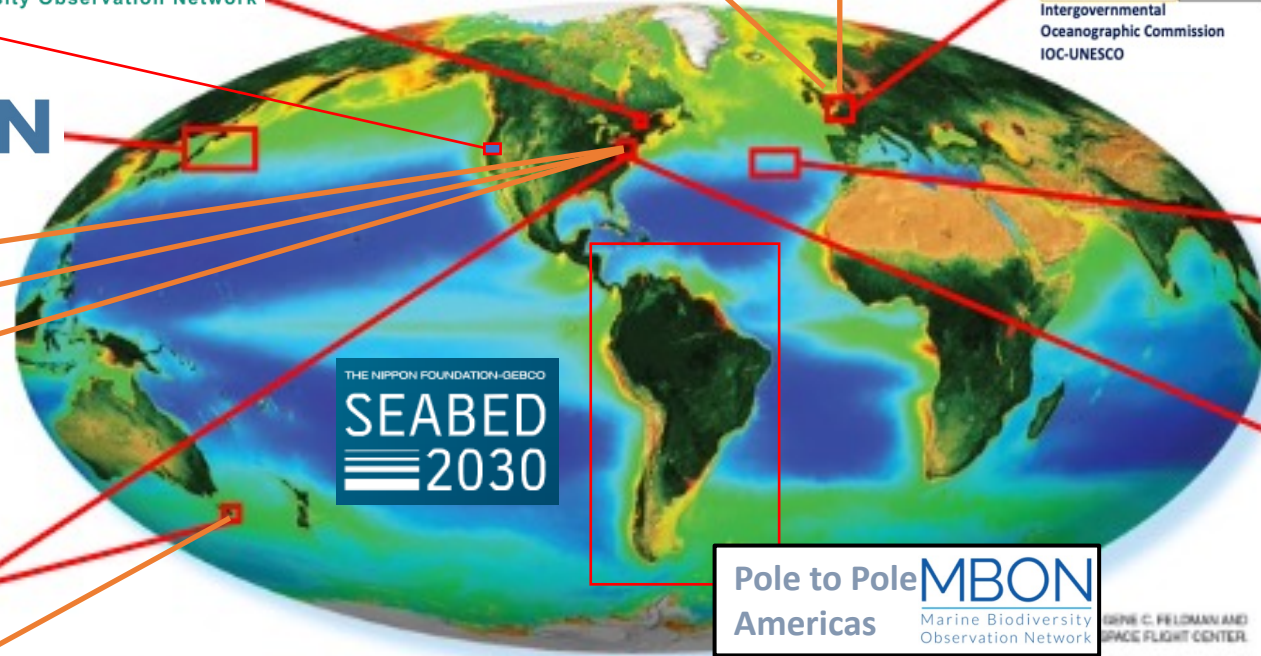




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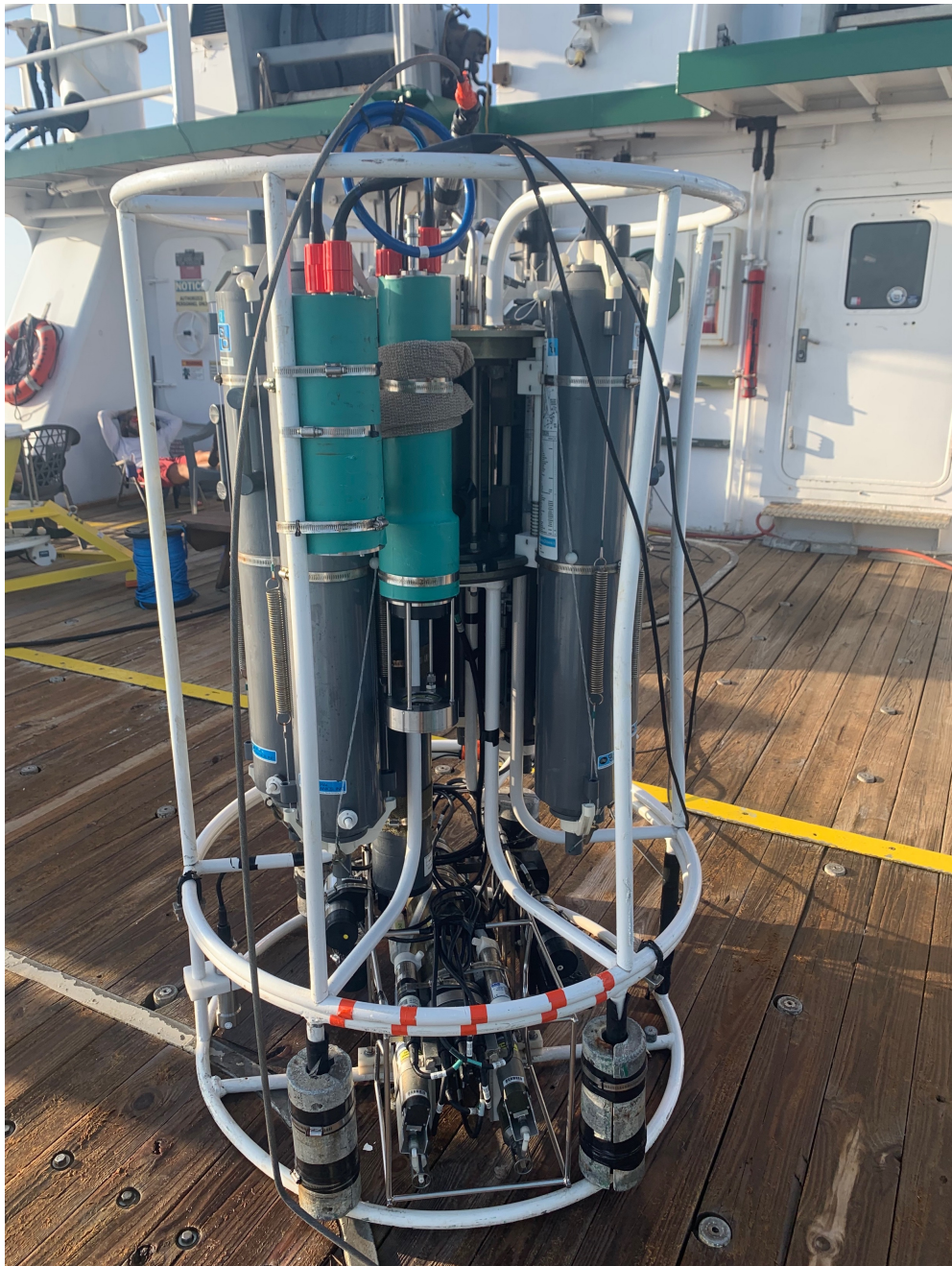
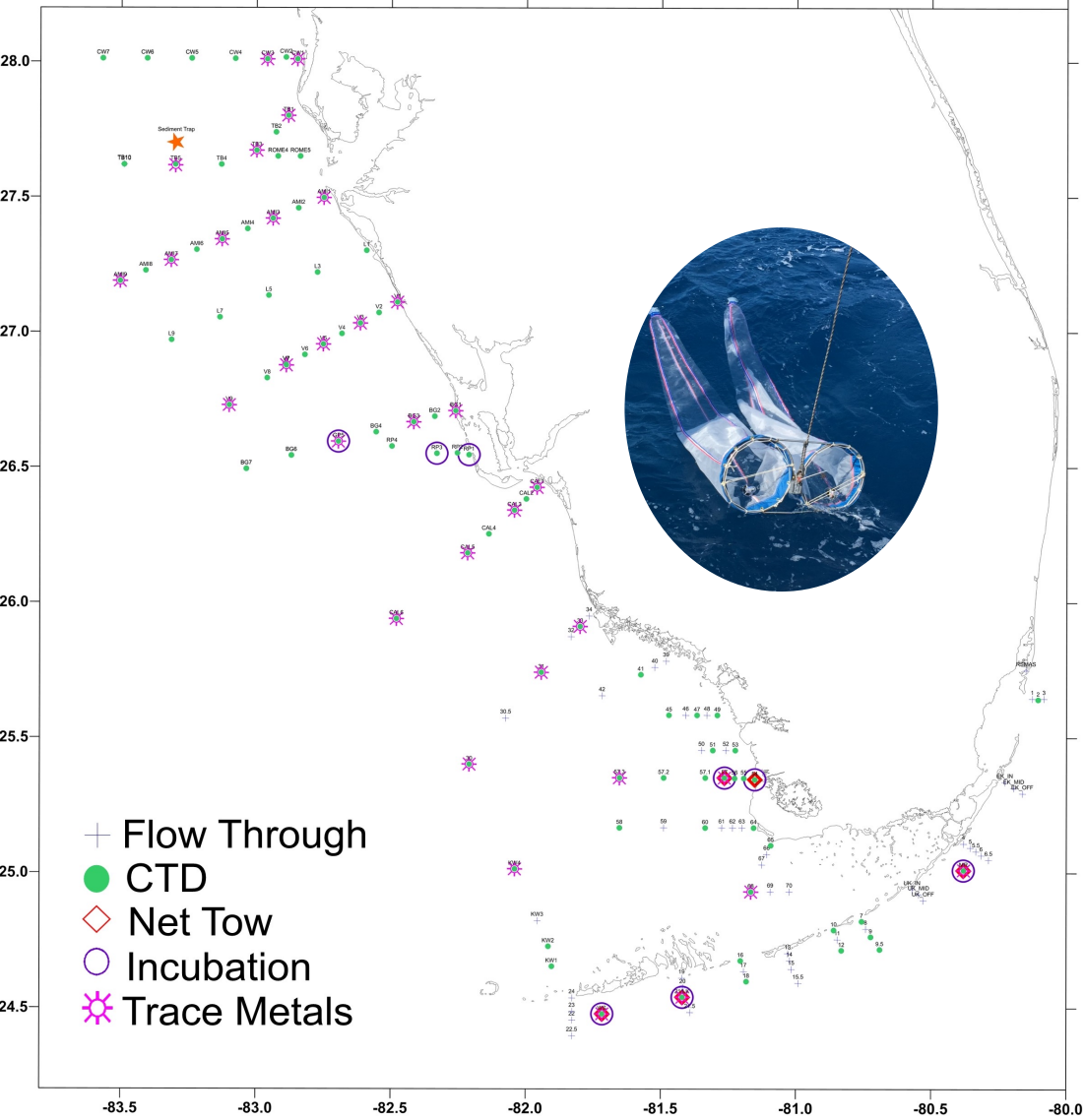
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What are the spatiotemporal distributions of large phytoplankton and meso-zooplankton taxa?

How do plankton assemblages respond to episodic disturbances and climate-driven processes?

Can satellite seascapes help us to better understand biogeographic and phenological distributions of observed plankton groups?

Plankton imaging

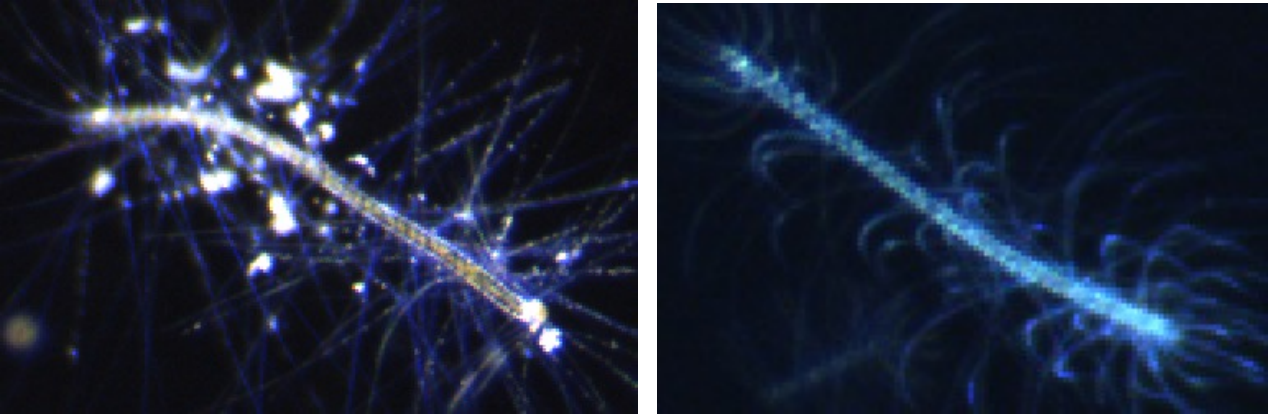


Continuous Particle Imaging and Classification System (CPICS)



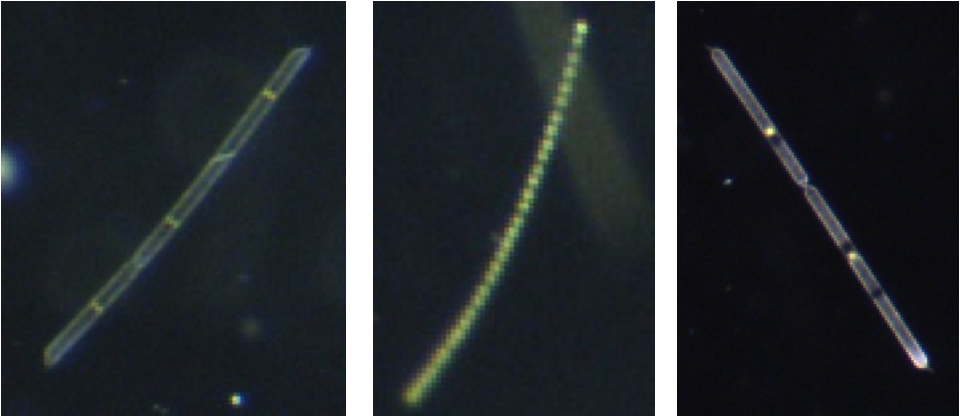
Phytoplankton groups analyzed

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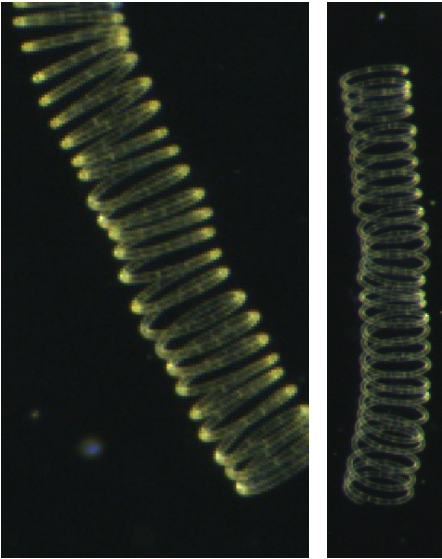


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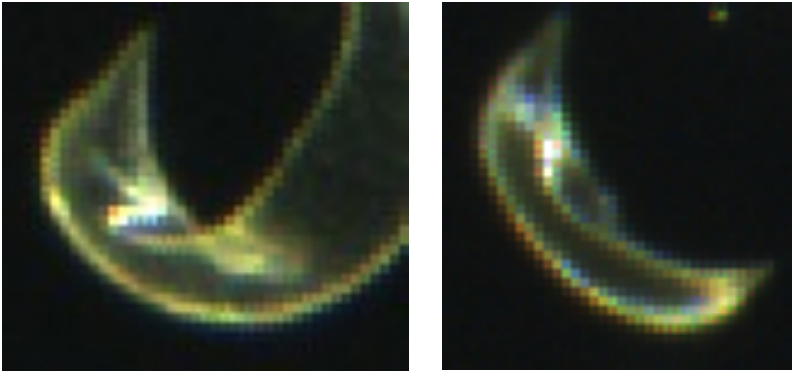
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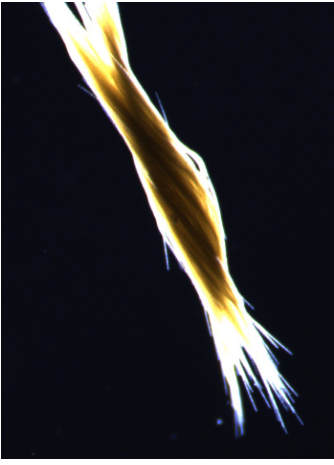
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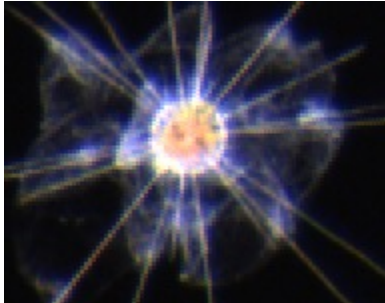


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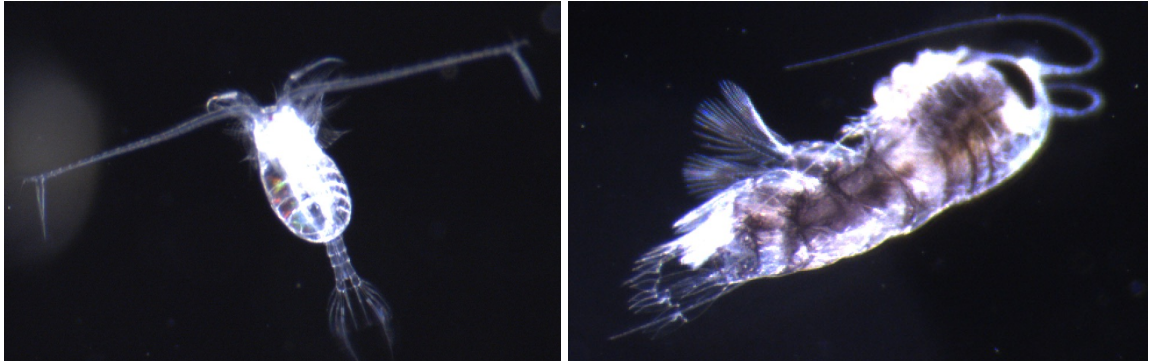


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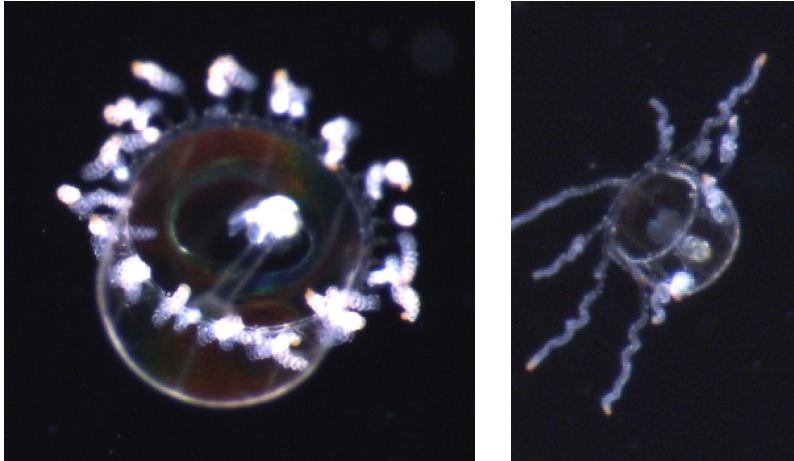
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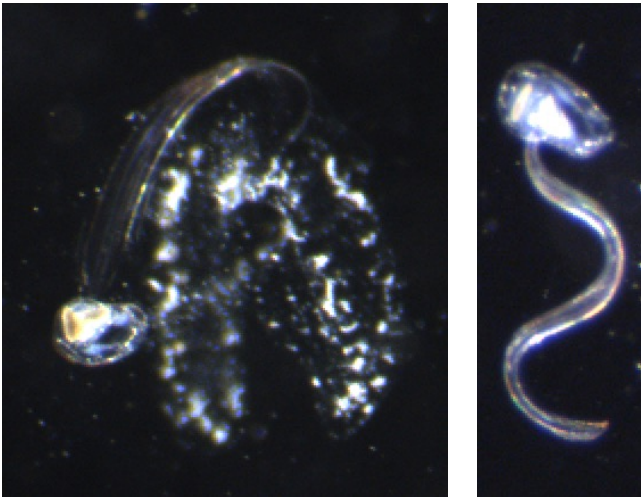
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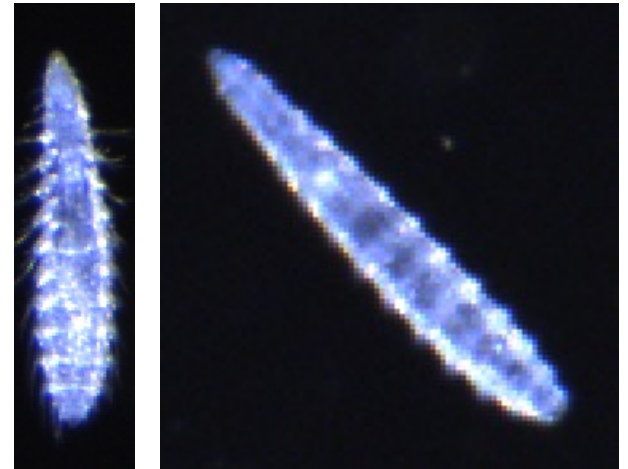
Echinoderm larvae



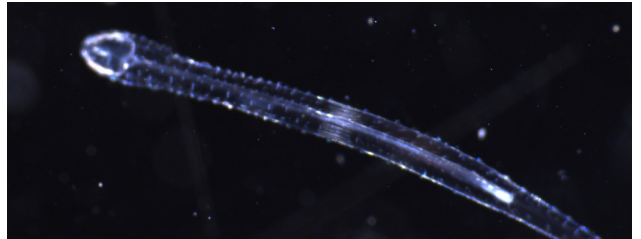
Appendicularians



Polychaete larvae

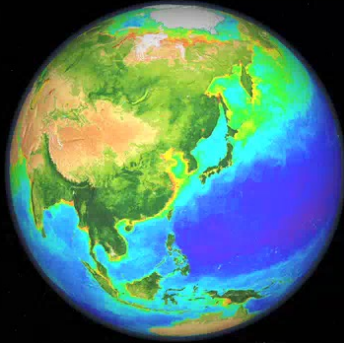


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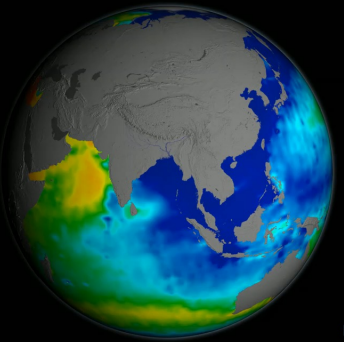


Dynamic pelagic satellite seascapes

Multiple NASA assets



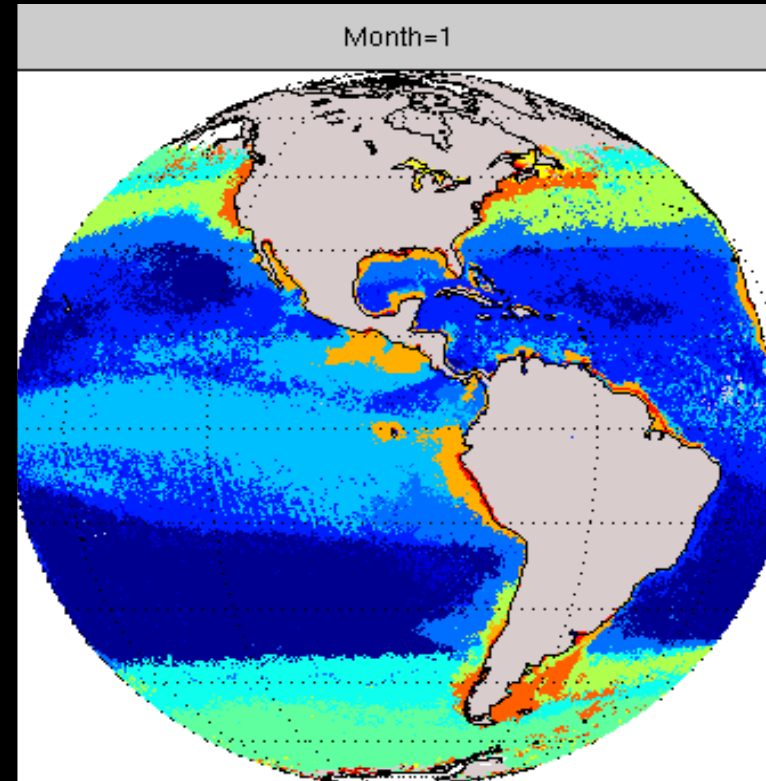
Biology: Ocean Color



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Physics: e.g.
SSS, SST, winds, SSHa

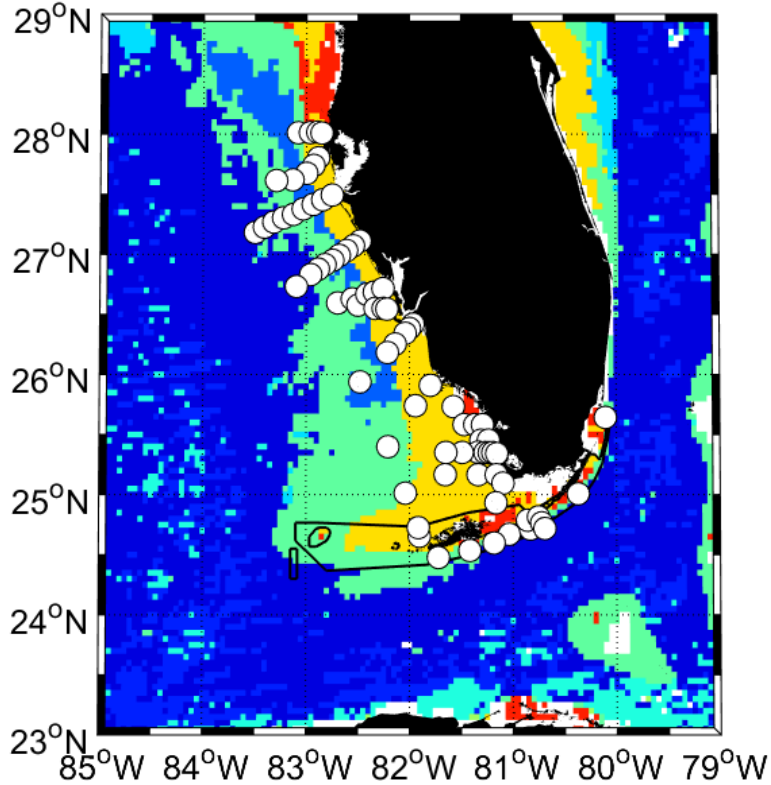
Global dynamic classification



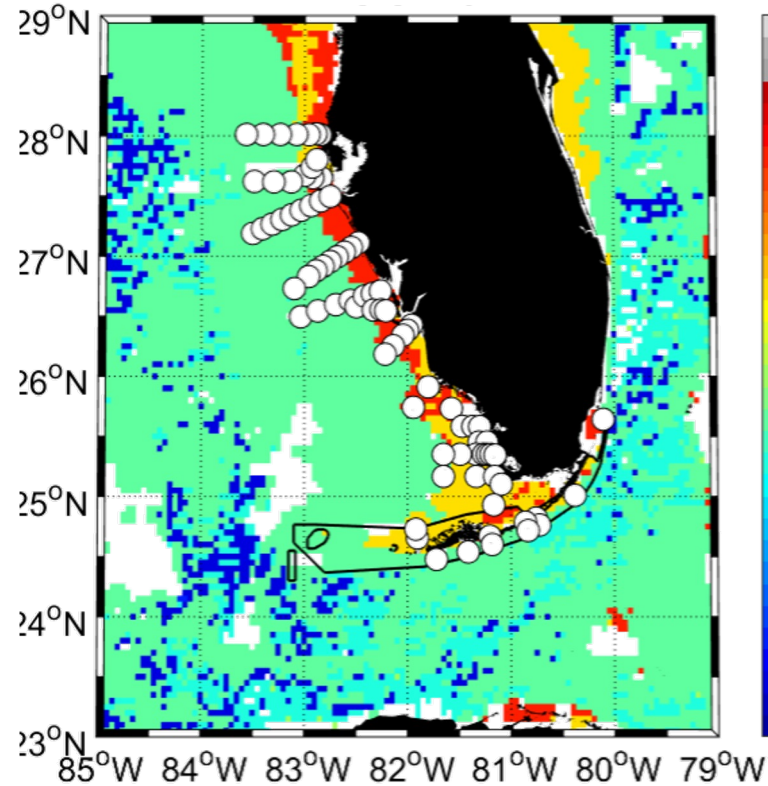
- Globally relevant variables:
 - SST, Chl-a, nFLH, ADT, SSS, CDOM, ice cover
- 8-day and monthly composites
- 5 km pixel resolution
- N= 33 (including sea ice)

Integrating field plankton and satellite seascape observations

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Nov 10-15, 2023

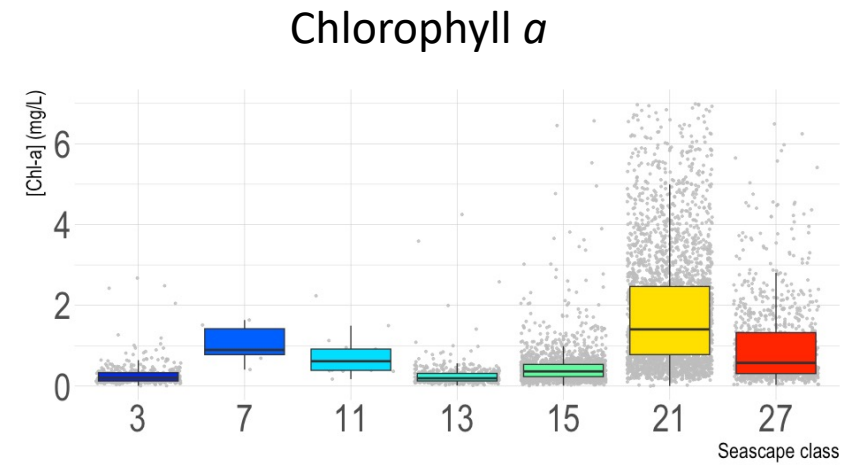
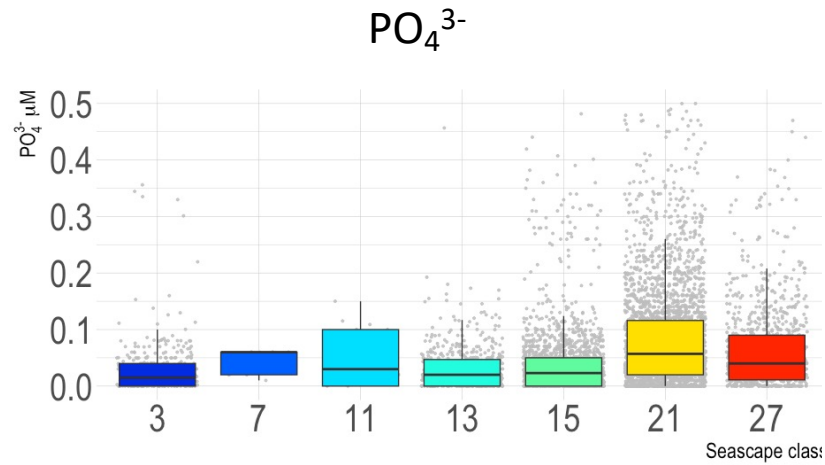
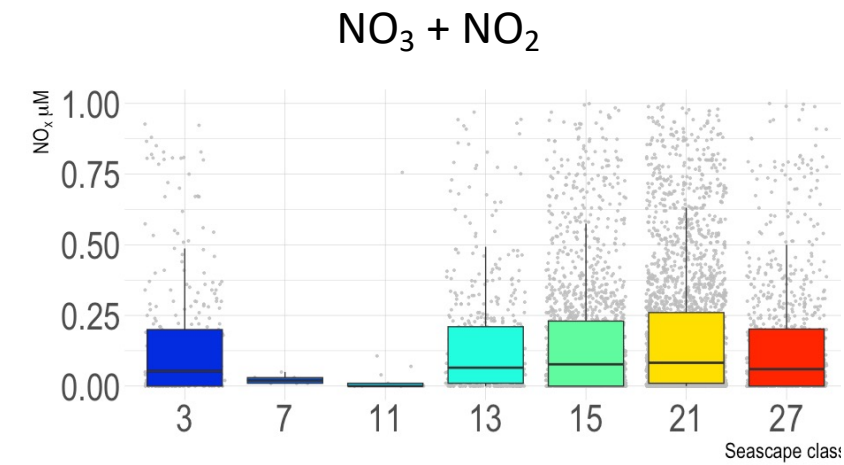
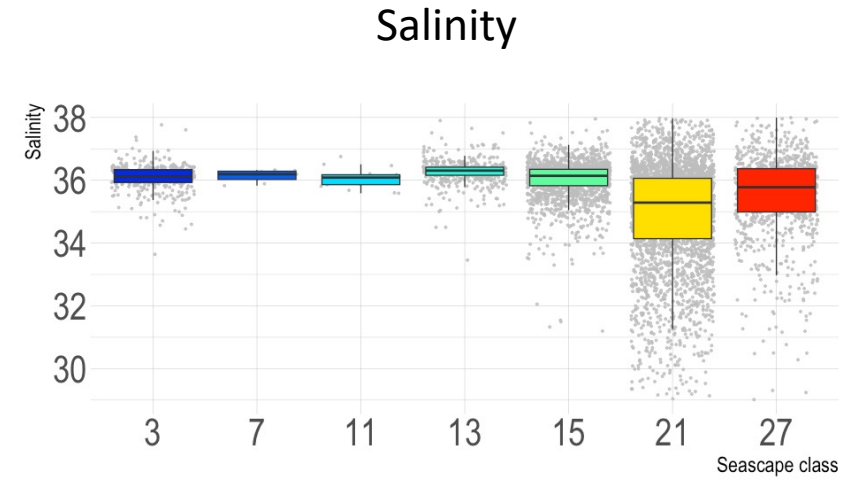
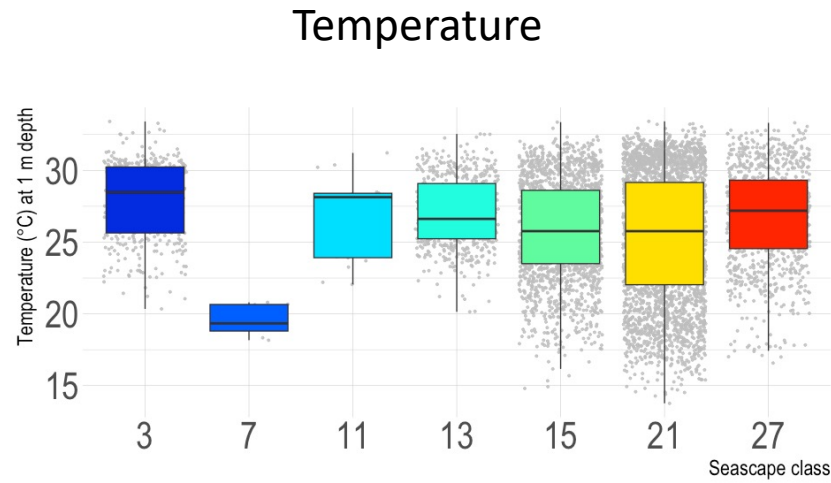
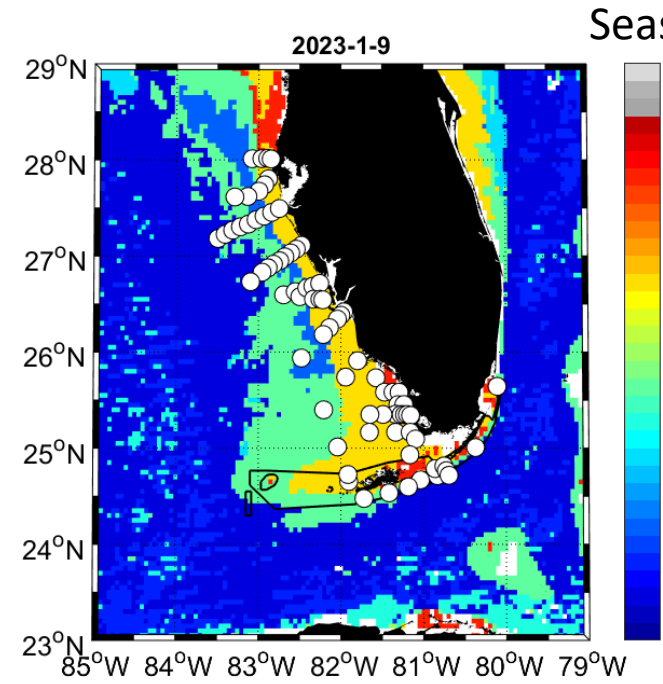


Seascape
Class

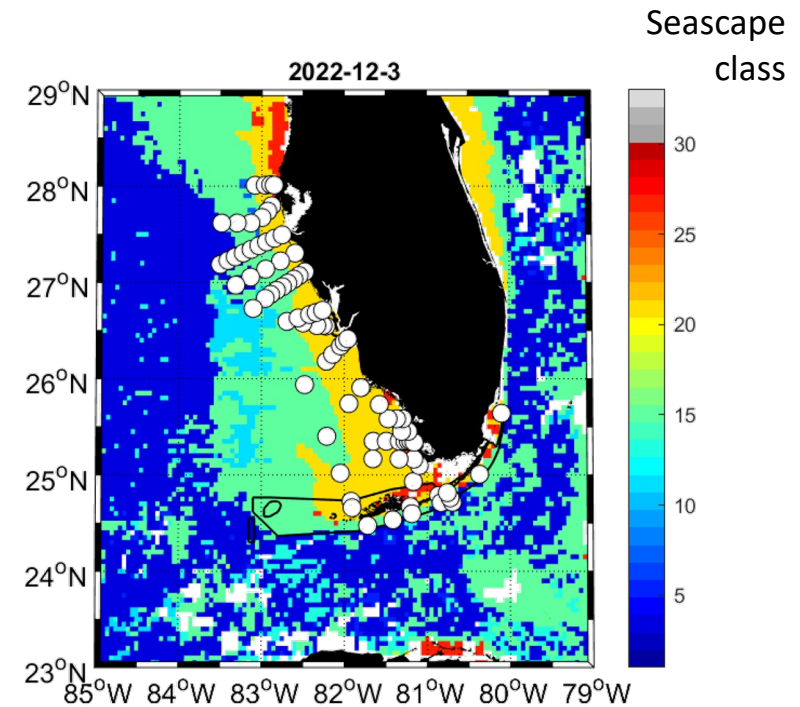
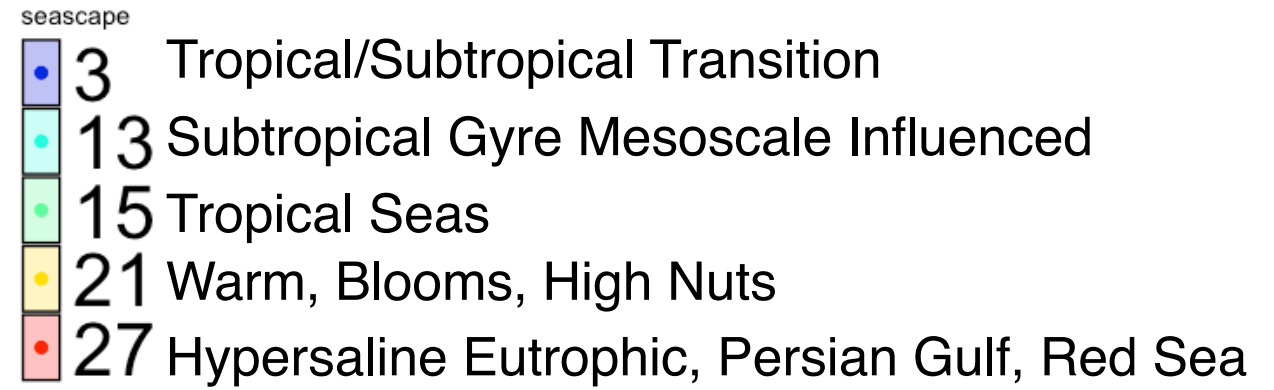
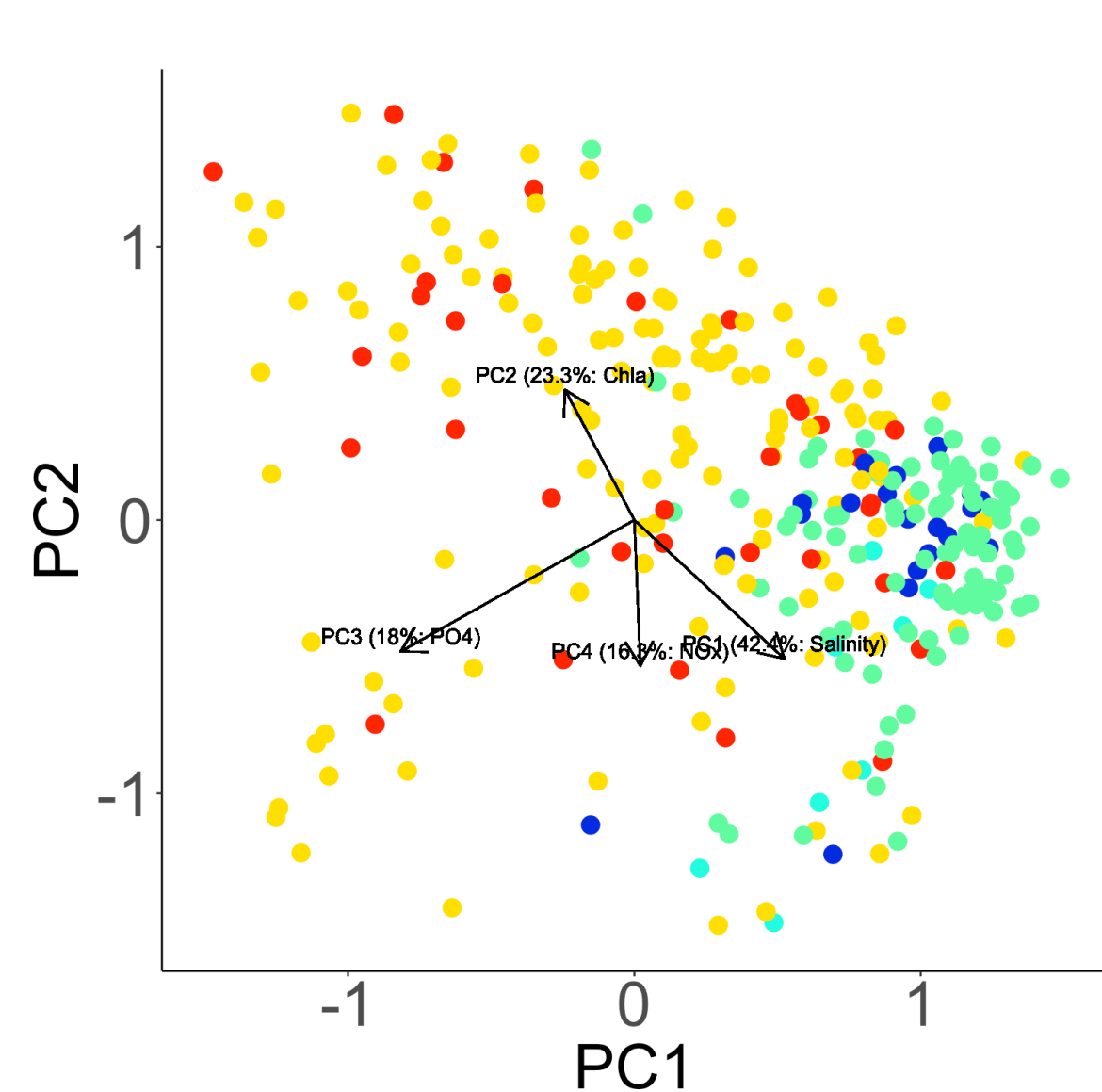
- CLASS 27: Hypersaline Eutrophic, Persian Gulf, Red Sea
- CLASS 21: Warm, Blooms, High Nuts
- CLASS 15: Tropical Seas
- CLASS 13: Subtropical Gyre Mesoscale Influenced
- CLASS 11: Tropical/Subtropical Upwelling
- CLASS 7: Temperate Transition
- CLASS 3: Tropical/Subtropical Transition

- 7 surveys every 6 weeks between Dec 2022 and Nov 2023
- 5 dominant seascape classes occupied
- 1,723 zooplankton records
- 7,093 phytoplankton records

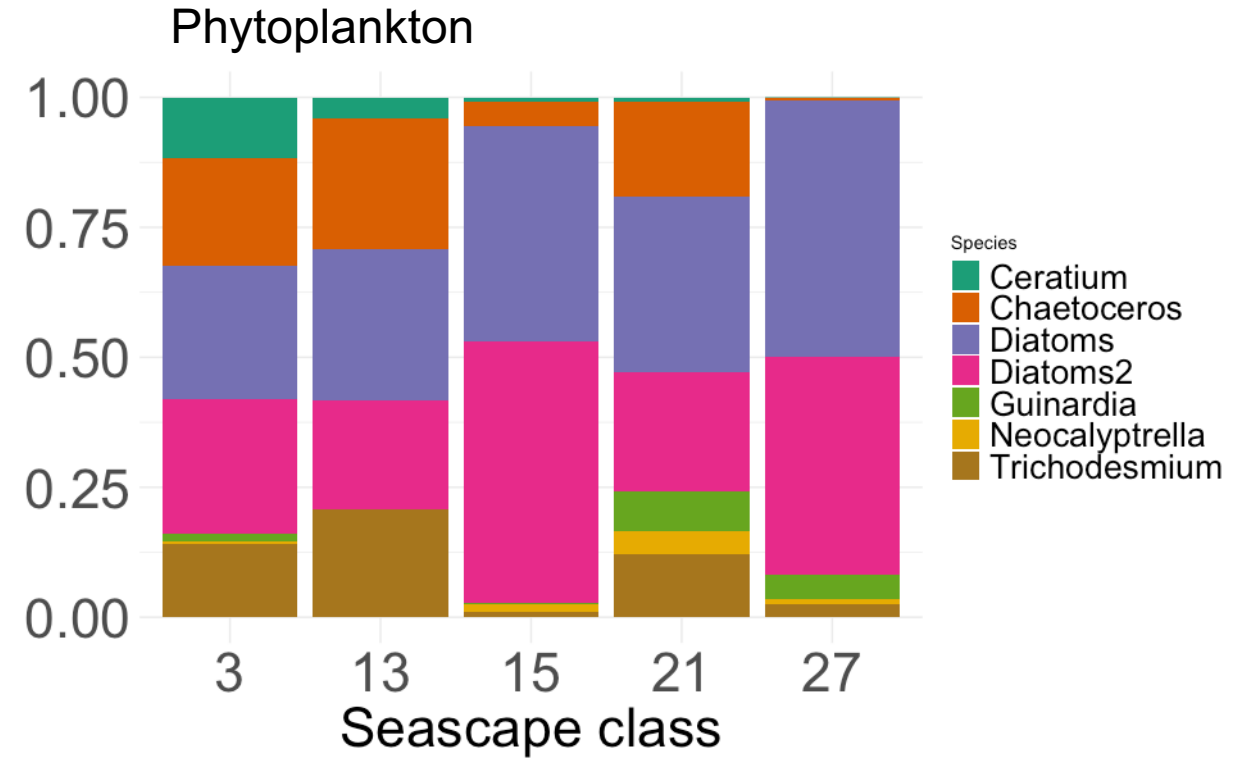
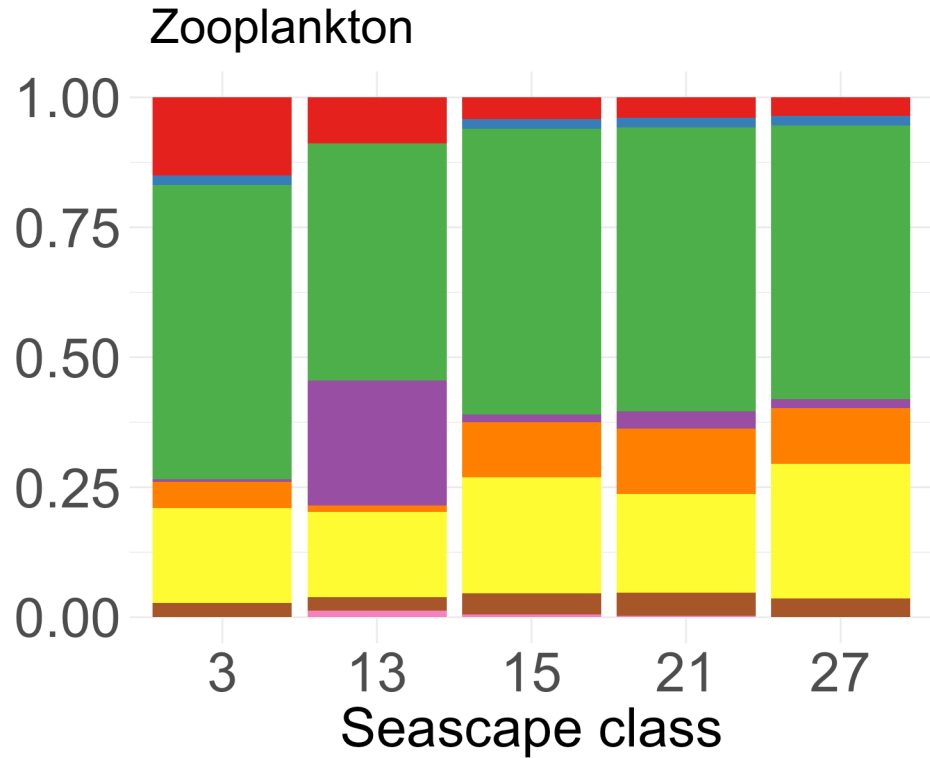
Physical / biogeochemical makeup of seascapes – *in situ* (2003-present)



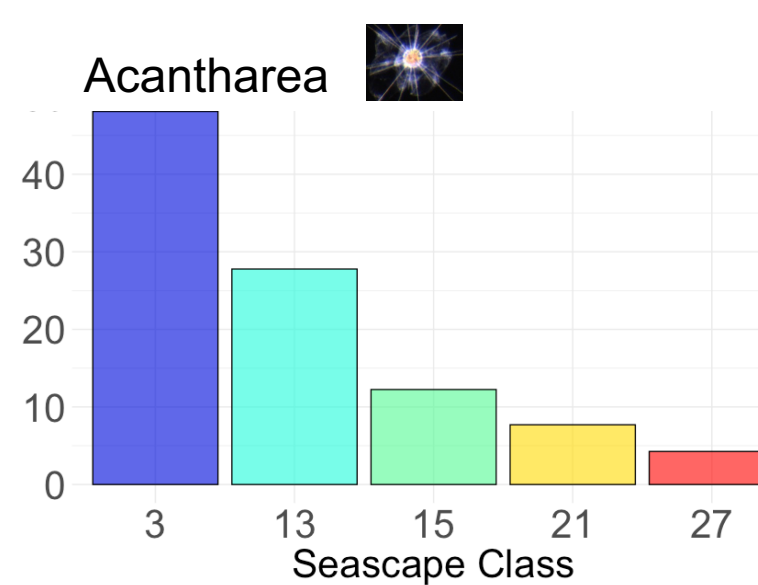
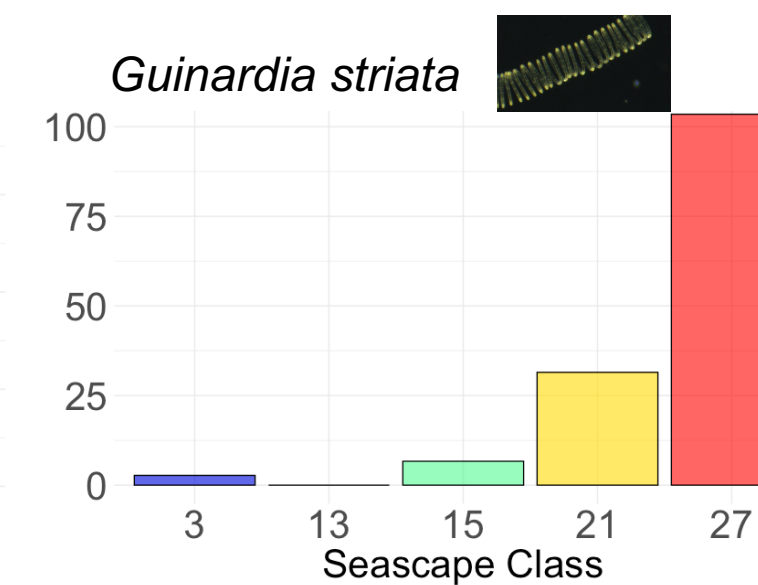
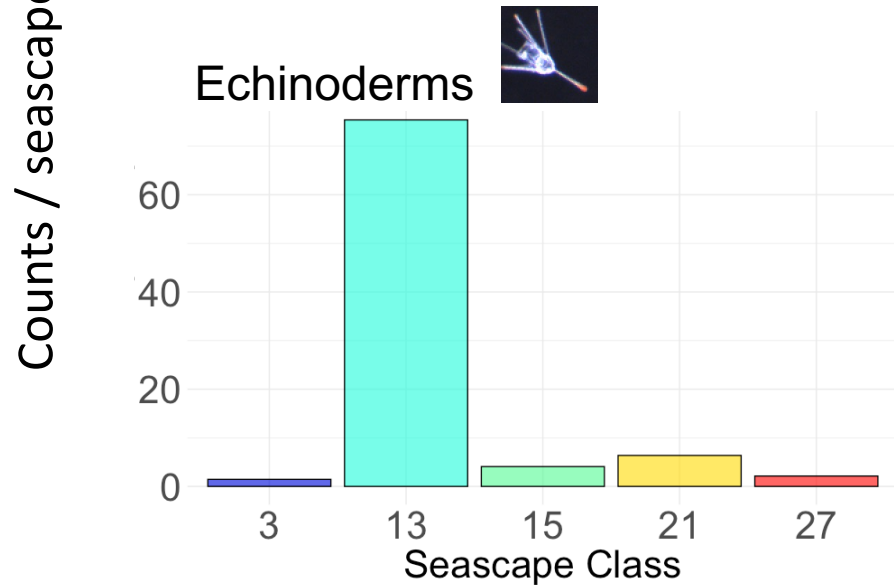
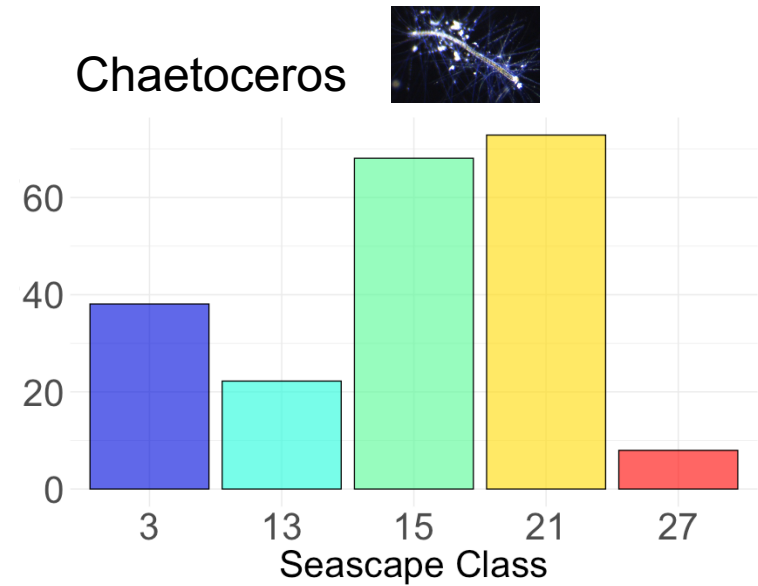
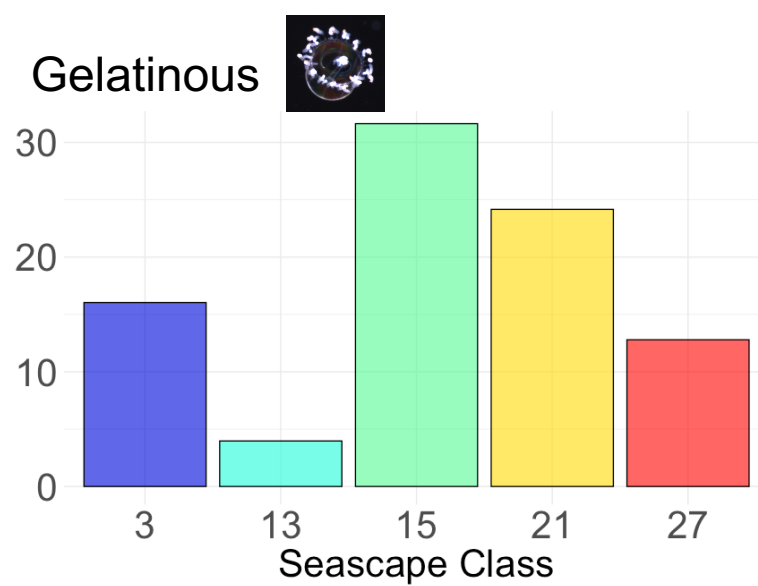
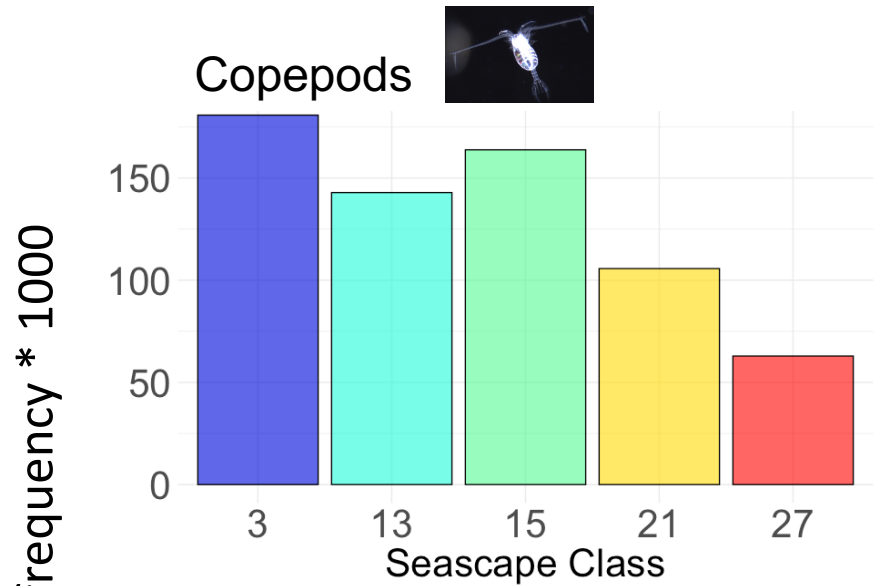
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Plankton relative abundance per sampled seascape class

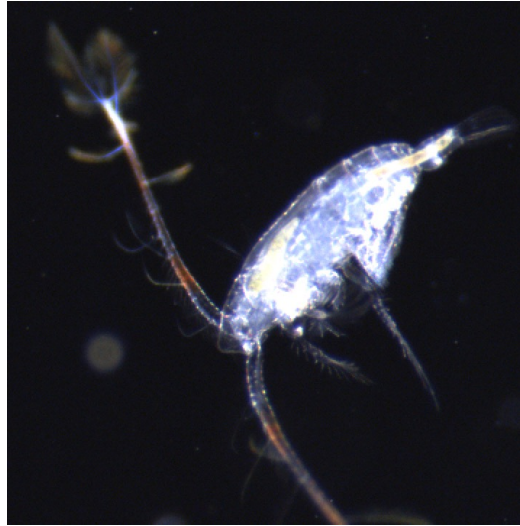


Plankton affinities to seascapes

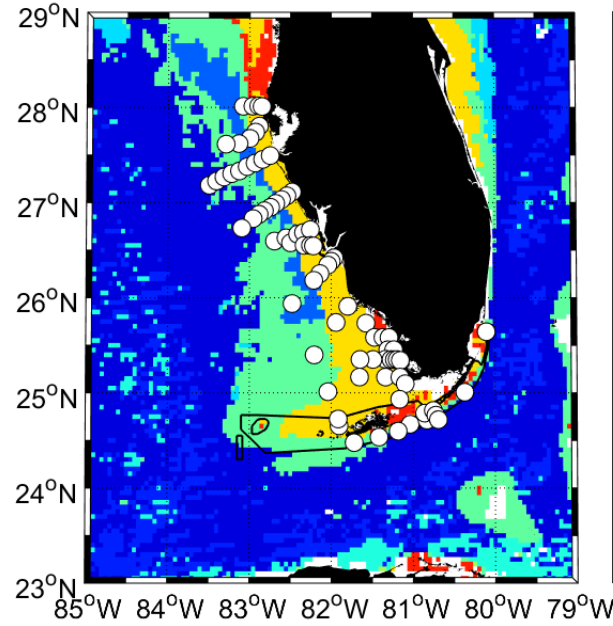


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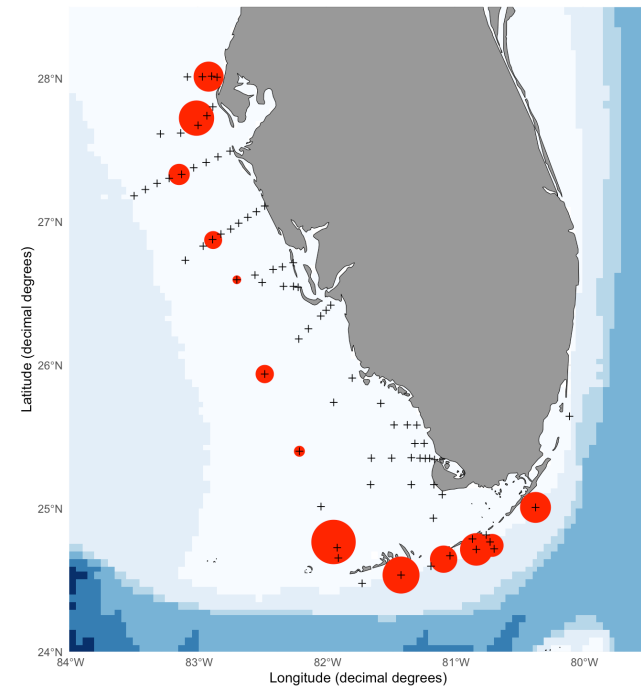
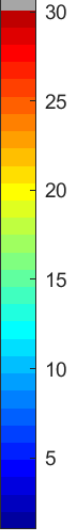
e.g. Calanoida, Cyclopoida, Harpacticoida



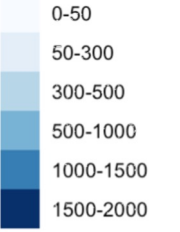
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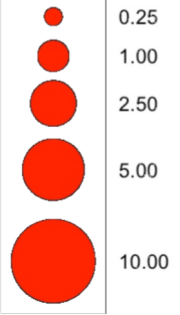
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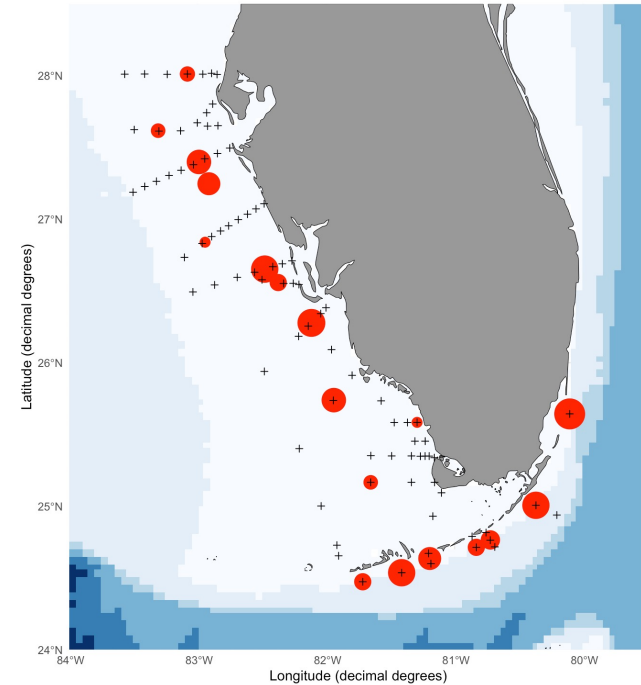
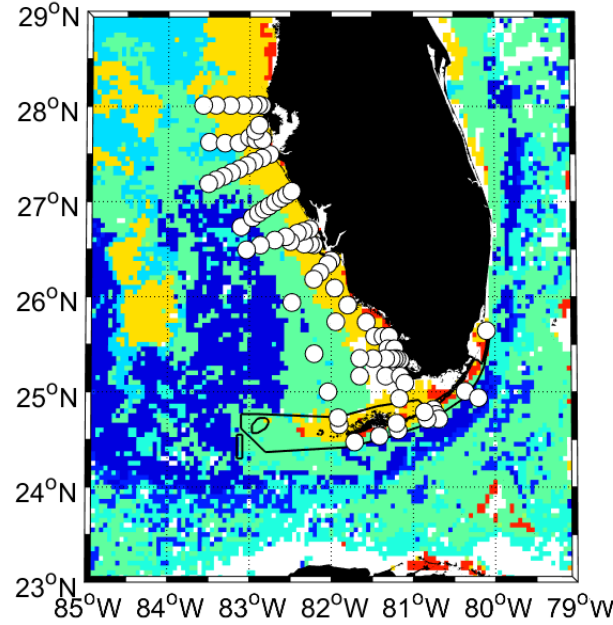
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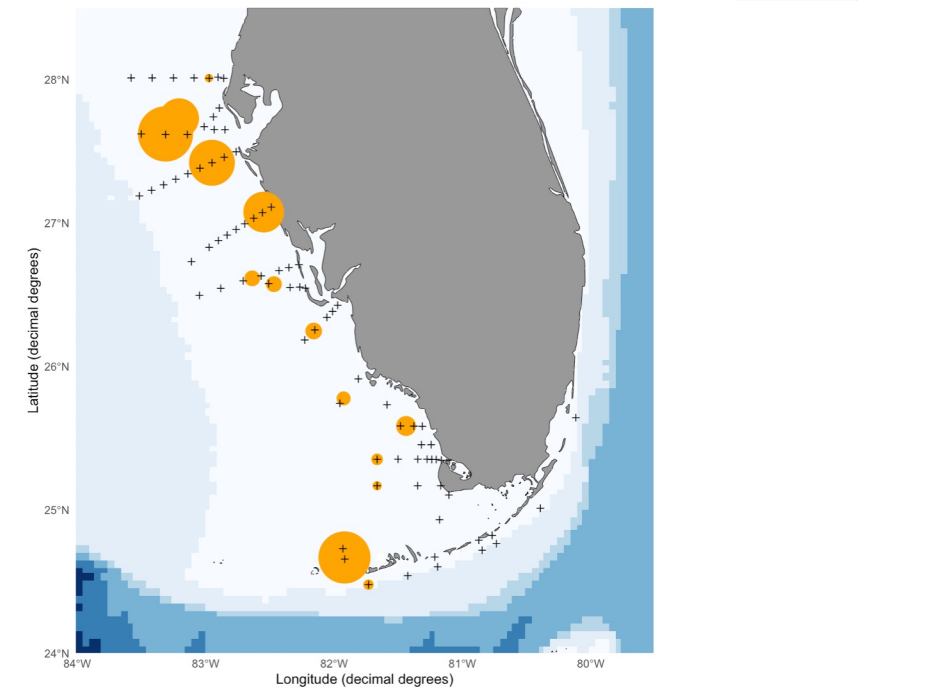
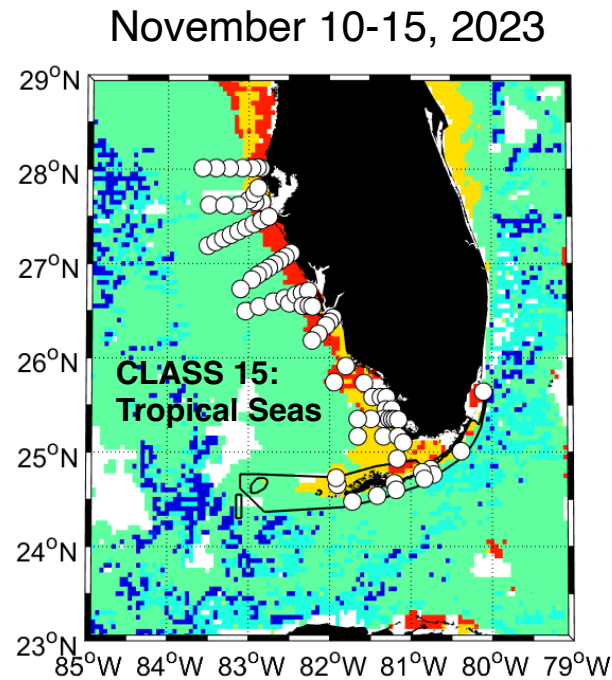
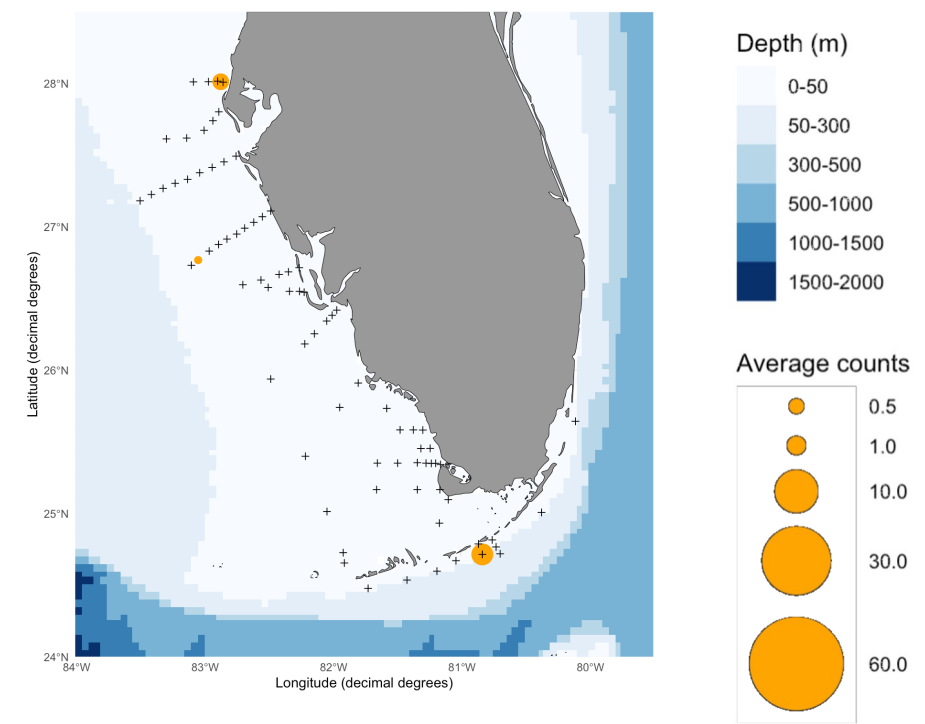
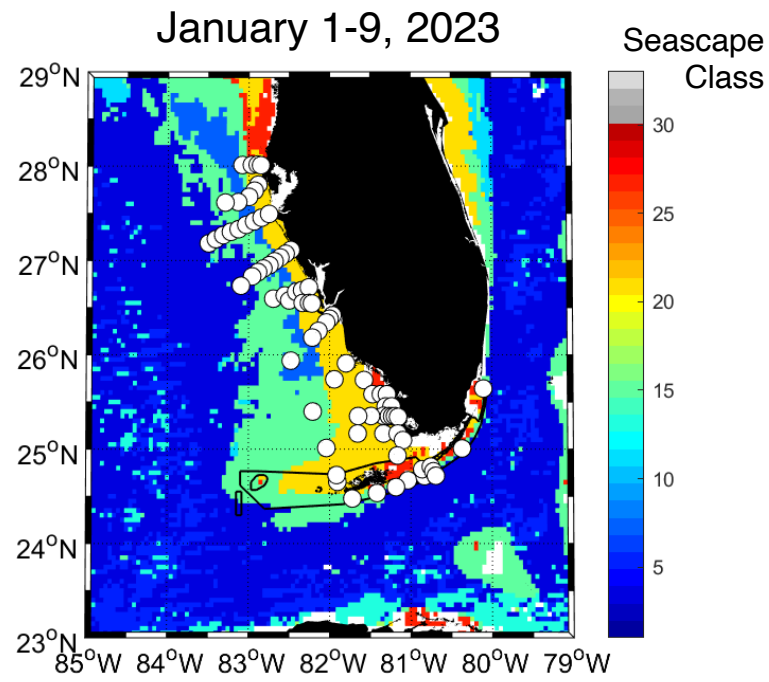
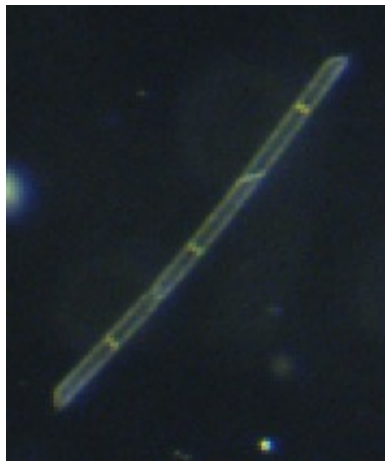
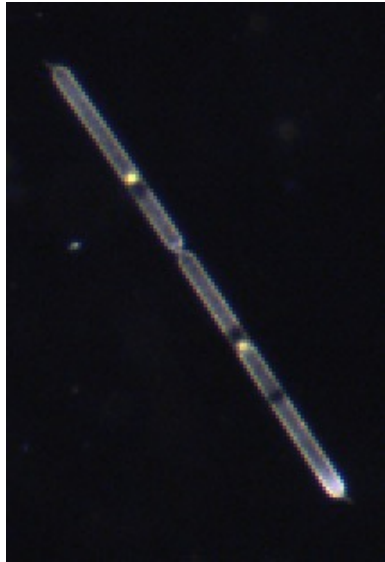
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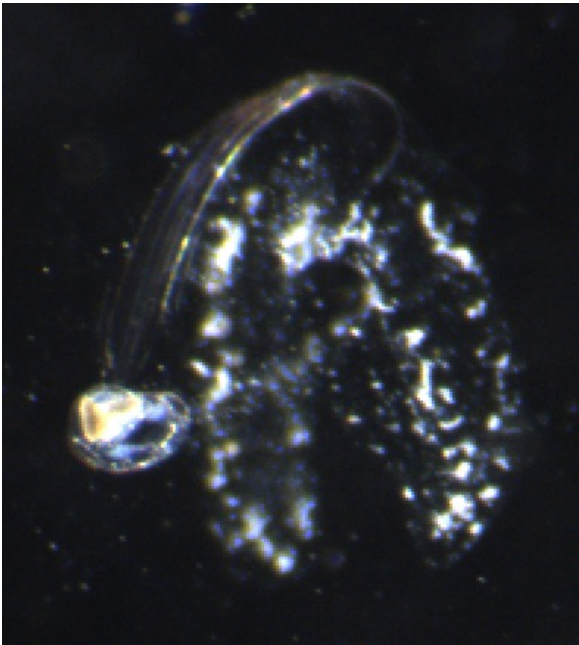
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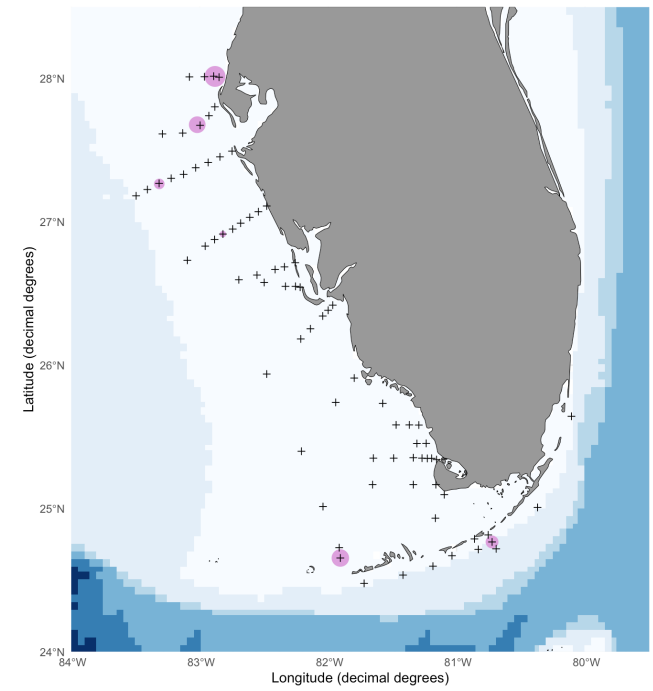
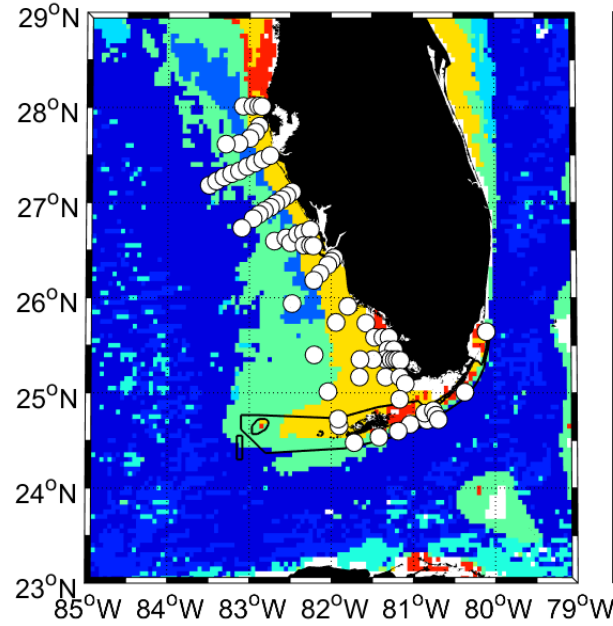
Chain diatoms:
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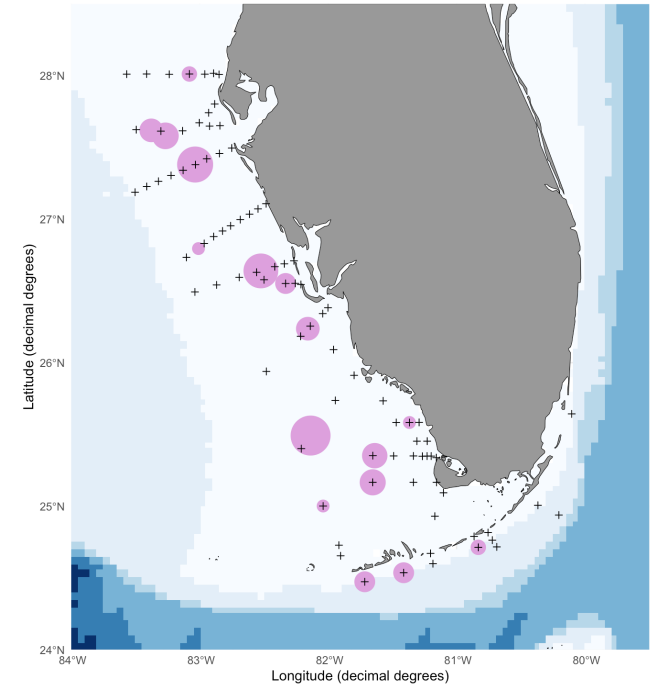
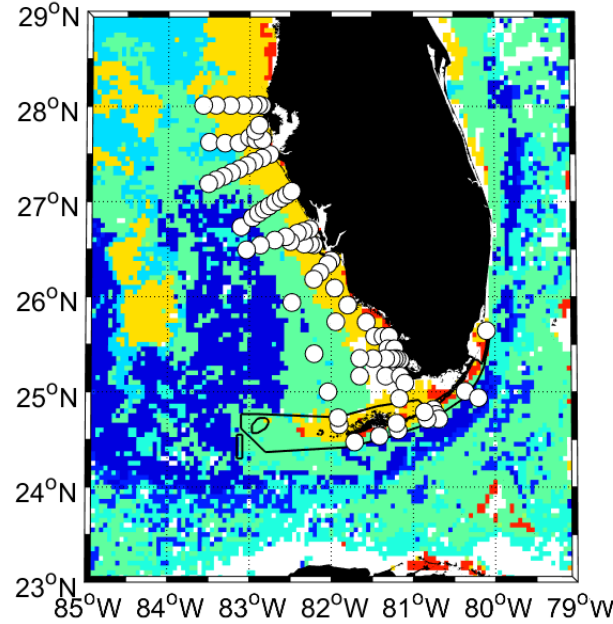
Appendicularia:



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Conclusions

- Satellite seascape carry distinct physical and biogeochemical properties
- Chain diatoms and appendicularians showed high preference for nutrient-rich, coastal seascapes
- *Acantharea spp* and echinoderm larvae had strong affinity to low-nutrient seascapes
- Challenges:
 - Taxonomic identification
 - Resolving taxonomy to species level
 - Imagery metadata standards not readily available
 - No common approaches for automated classifications
 - In situ imaging very limited in turbid waters

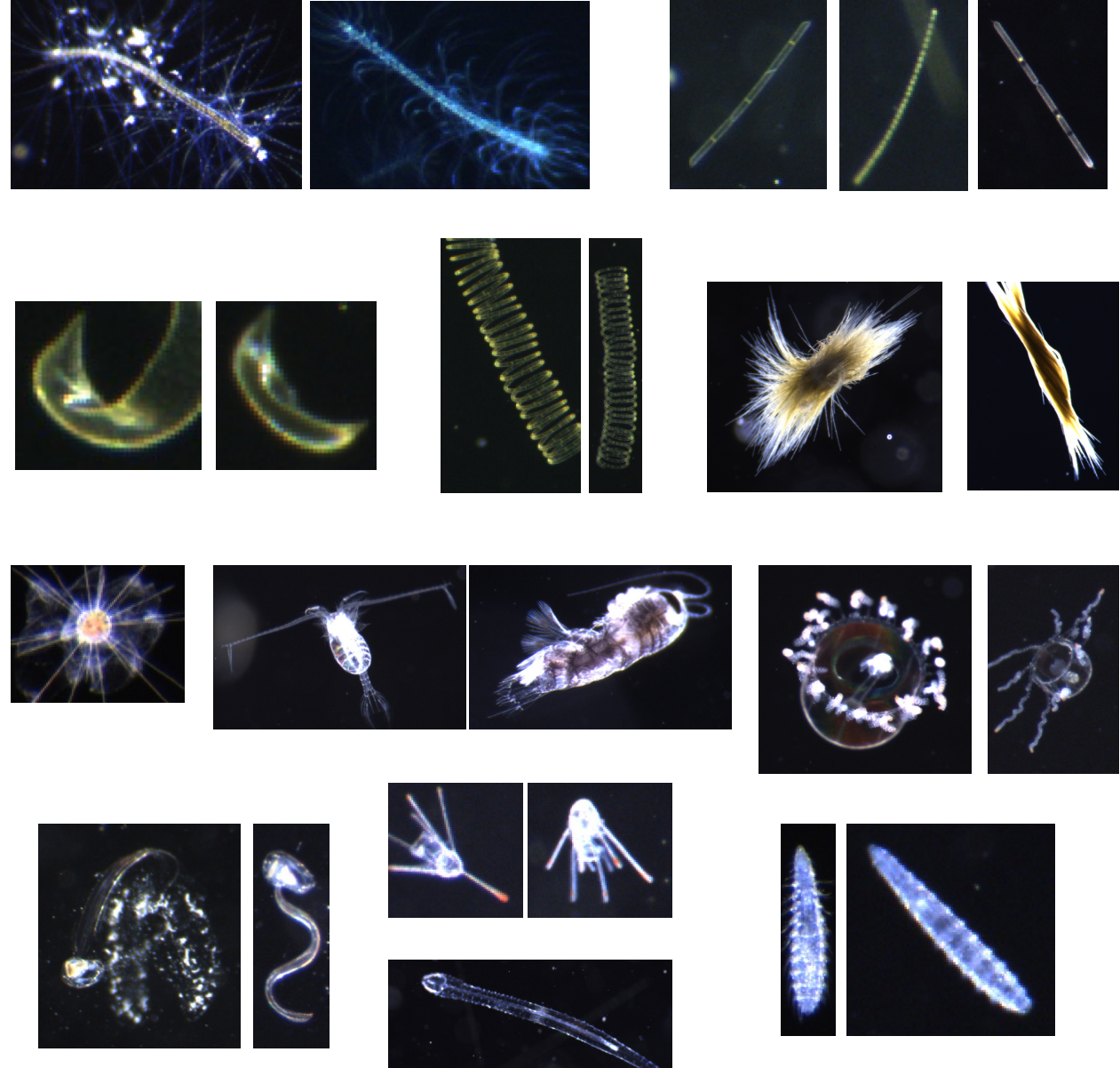
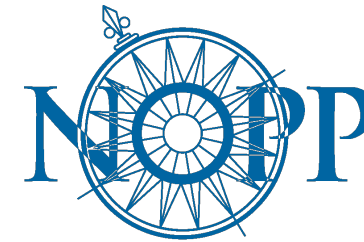




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