

*How are you currently using or plan to  
use the data from the hypoxia stations  
to support projects?*

## 4-dimensional (4-D) interpolator

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# Goal for BORG team & 4-D tool

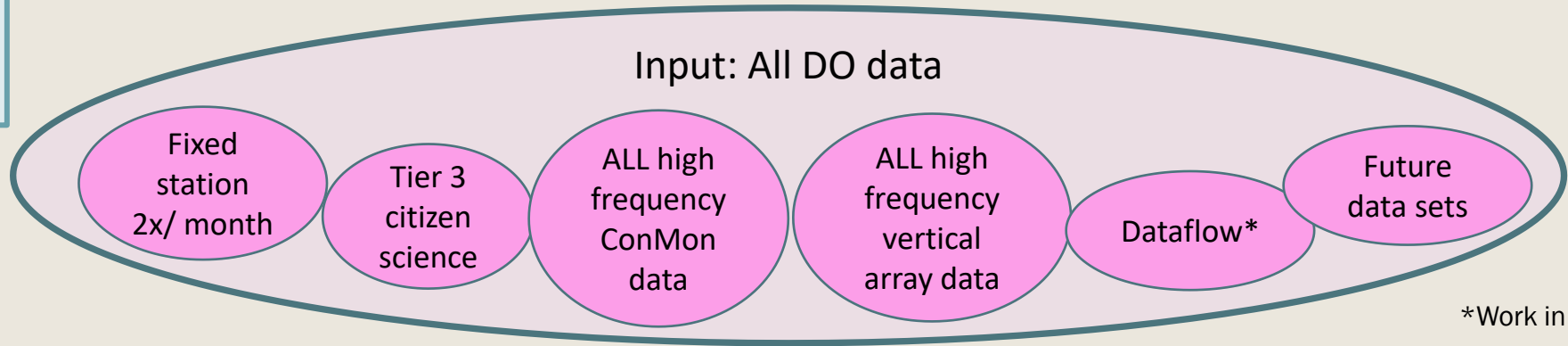
To develop a spatial-and-temporal interpolation tool for water quality monitoring data collected in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay, thus enabling the evaluation of both long- and short-duration water quality criteria.

Specifically, the tool should be able to:

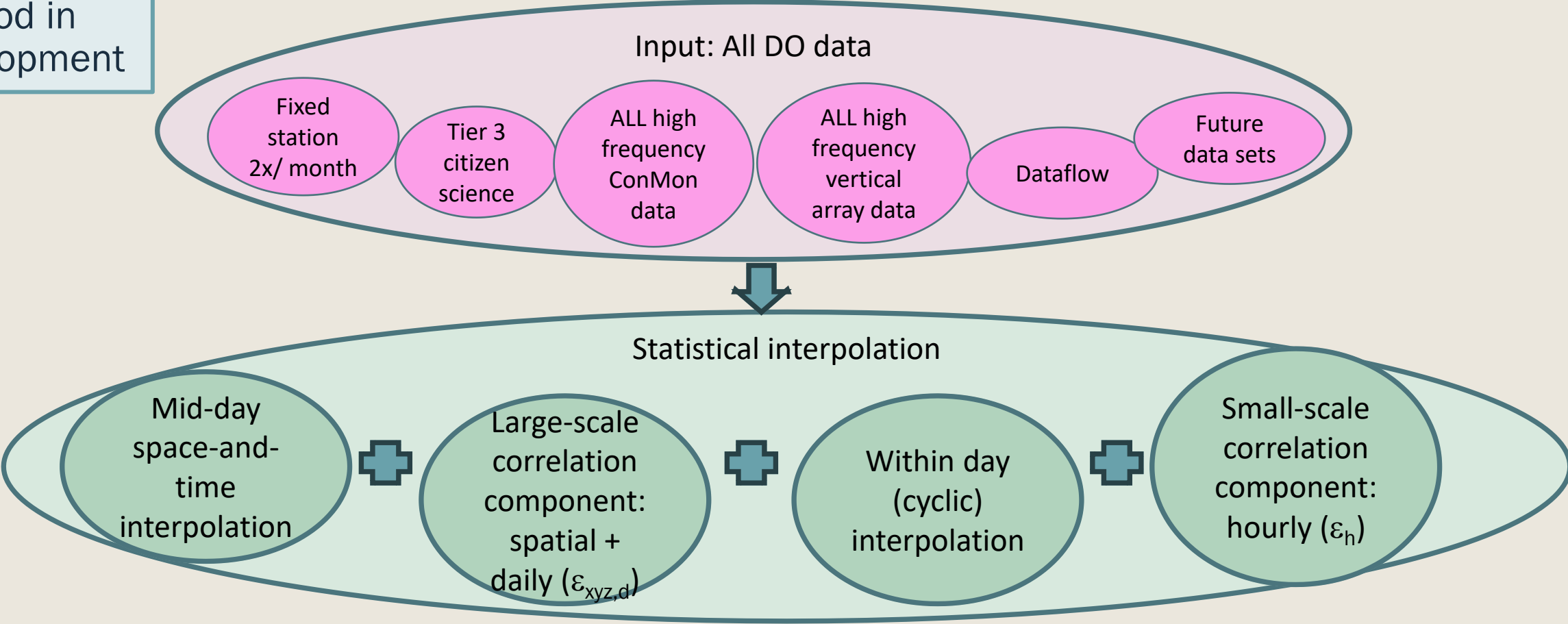
- *Interpolate observed dissolved oxygen in space and time (“4D”), \**
- *Provide statistical estimates of uncertainty,*
- *Reproduce daily and hourly variability of the data, and*
- *Allow for post-processing of the interpolation output into designated uses (DU).*

\*Note: Focus on development so far has been on dissolved oxygen, but ultimately chlorophyll a and clarity may be evaluated as well.

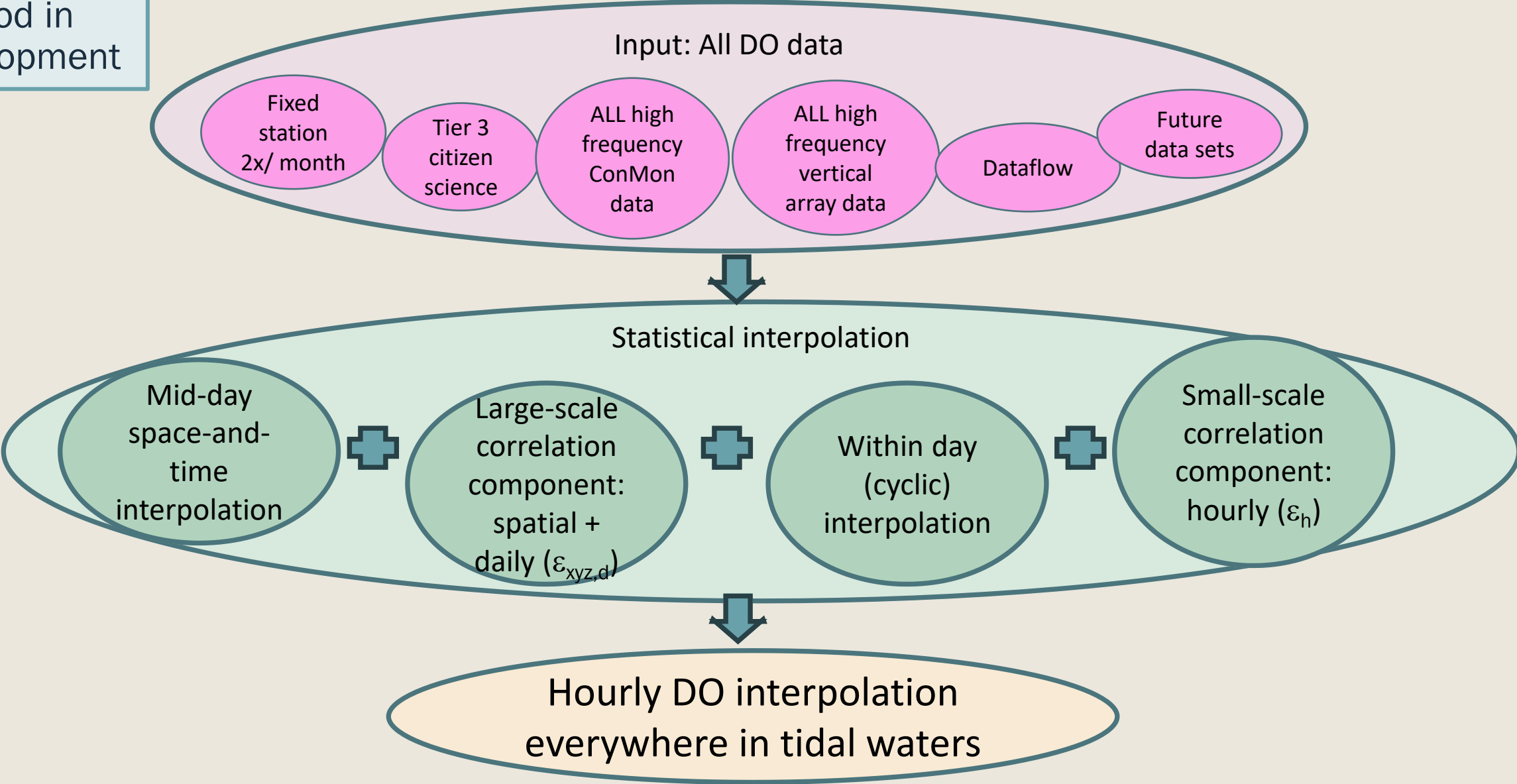
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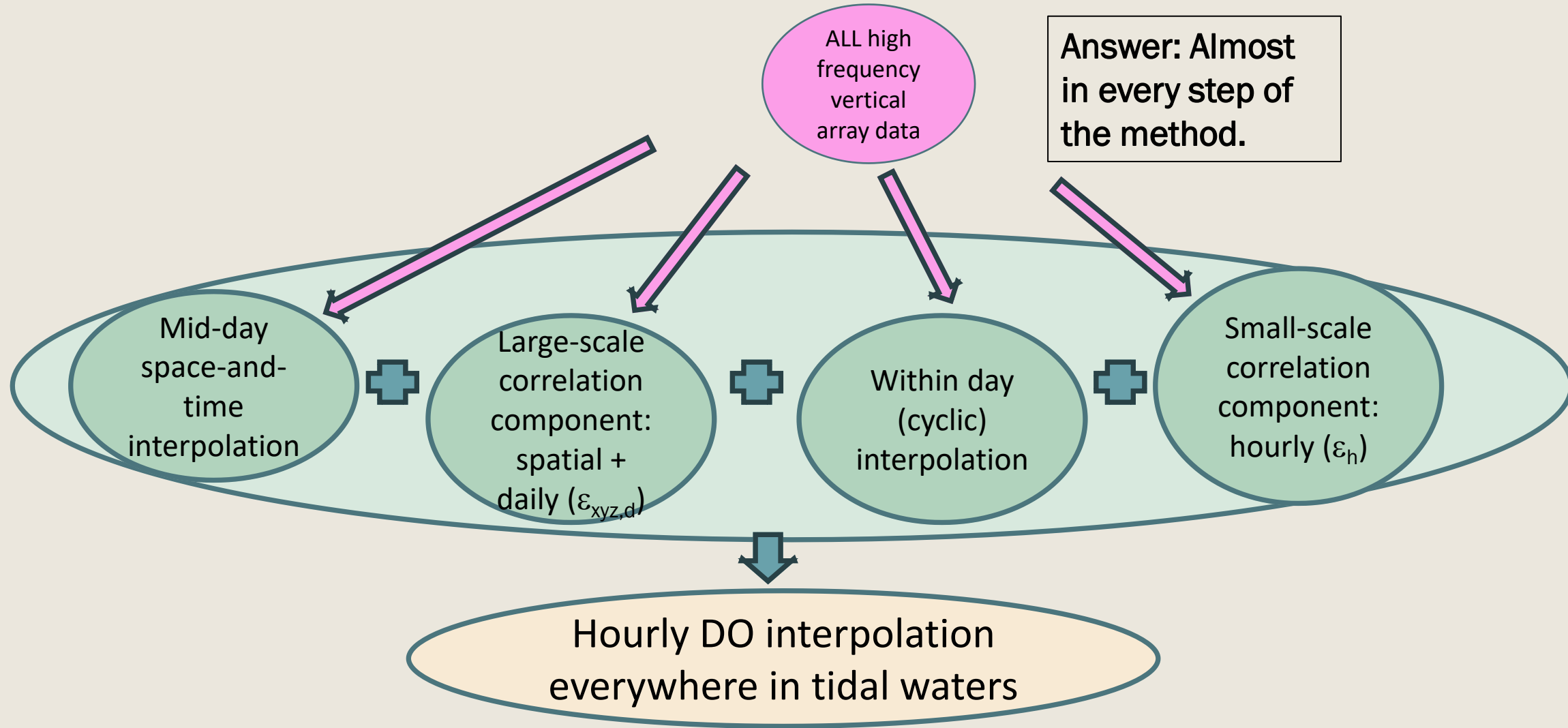
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Question: Where is/will the vertical array data be used?

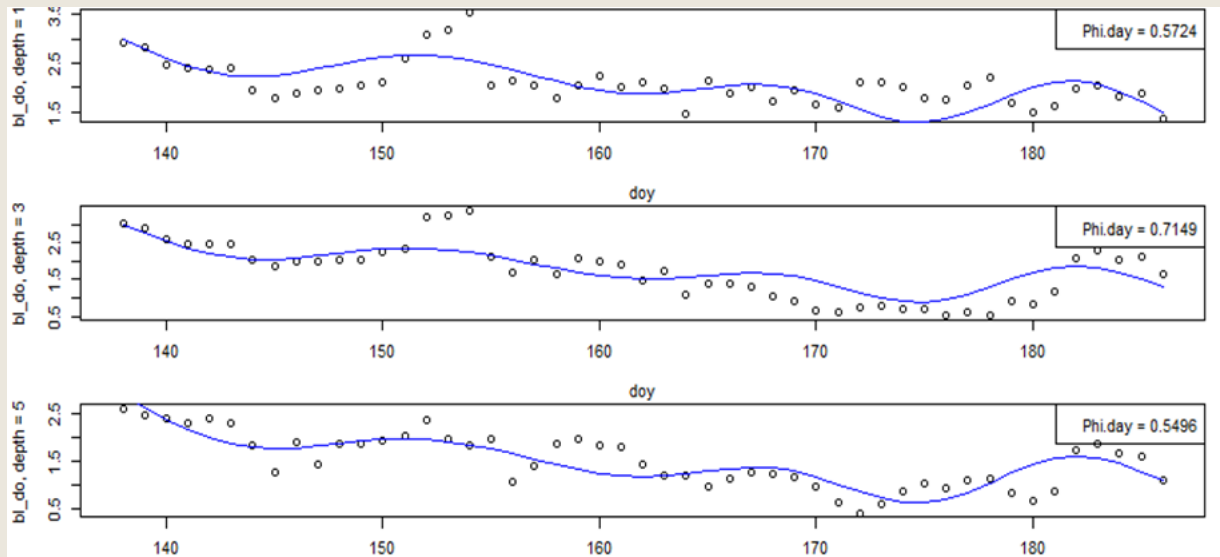


# Uses/plans for vertical array data to-date:

1. Development and Testing
2. Parameterization
3. Implementation

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From Elgin Perry

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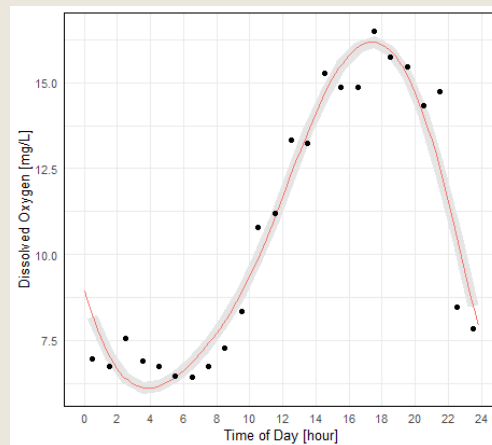
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  - *Hourly: Finding cyclic parameters for hourly variability, figuring out how to represent them with depth, season, space*



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- As a test case location for putting all 4 pieces of the tool together (Elgin's work)

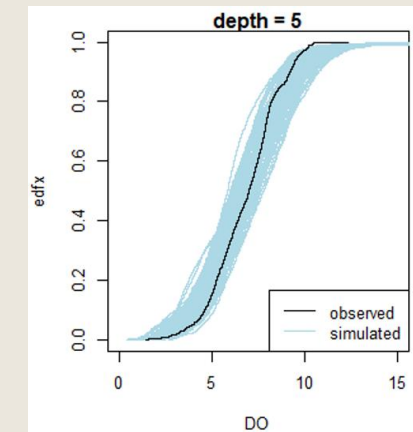
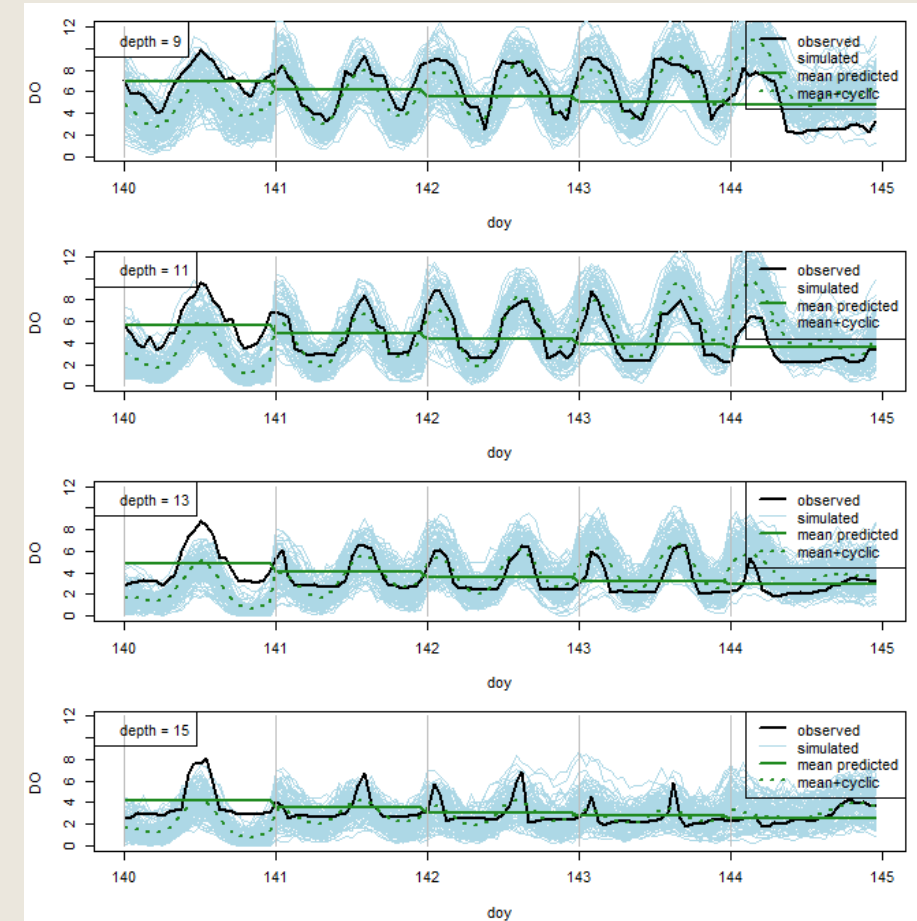
West Gooses Profiler Data Simulation Overview  
Presentation to BORG  
9/16/2024, Elgin Perry

Goals:

Test if the interpolation will mimic within day cycles and hour-to-hour correlation.

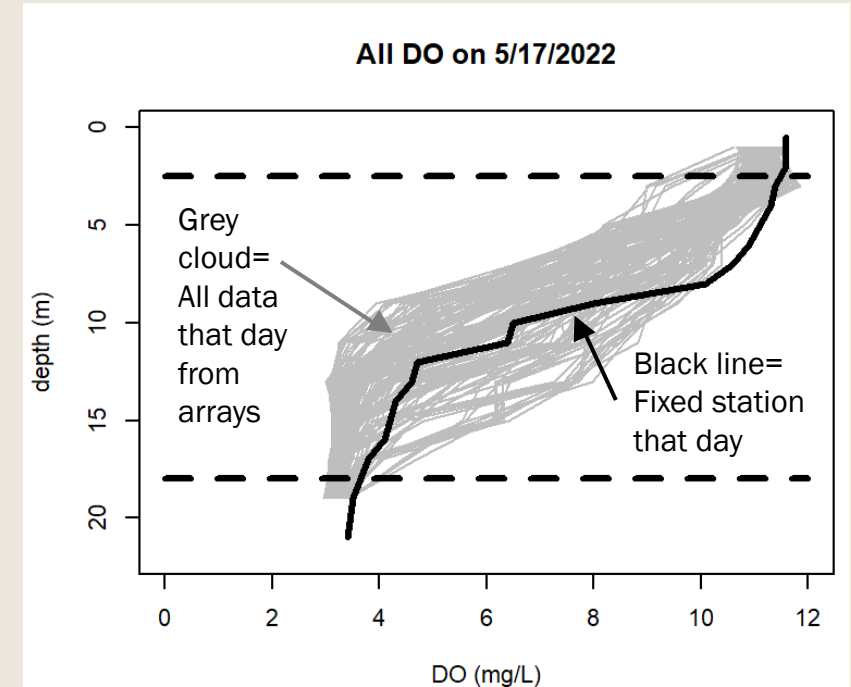
Test concepts for simultaneously predicting temporal and spatial correlation.

Test if a cloud of multiple interpolations covers the observed data.



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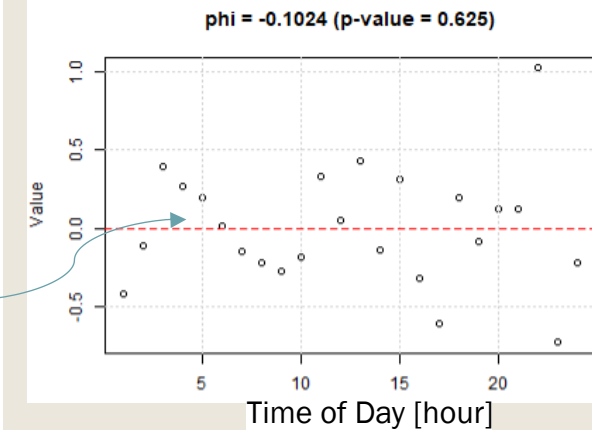
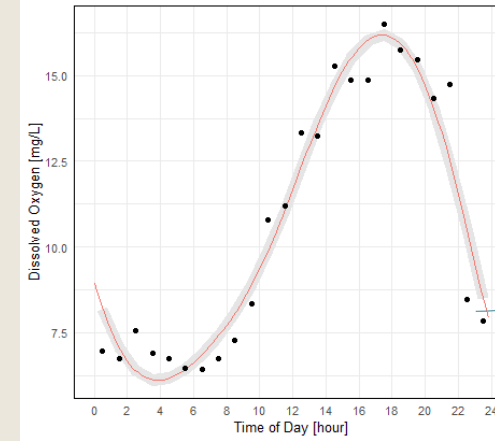
- Pycnocline movement at high frequency: TBD
  - *Will use the salinity and temperature data collected*



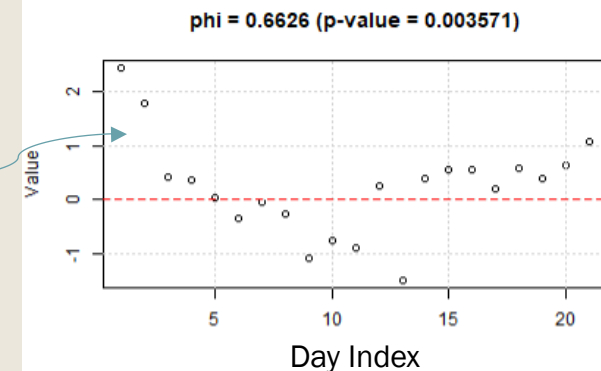
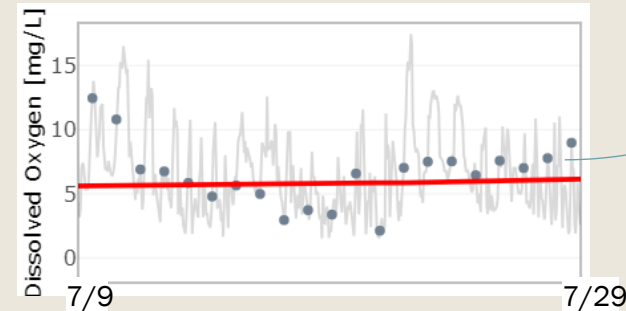
## 2. Parameterization

- Correlation components of the model are being parameterized with available data. Vertical array data is very useful for this:

### Hour-by-hour autocorrelation



### Day-to-day autocorrelation



From Jon Harcum, see: [BORG Sept meeting](#)

### And depth-to-depth residual correlation

## Example Application

### CB4MH + Eastern Bay

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- York River**
- Fixed Station**
- FALSE (Black dot)
  - TRUE (Red dot)
- In Subestuary**
- FALSE (Tan background)
  - TRUE (Blue background)

### Observation count by station and depth

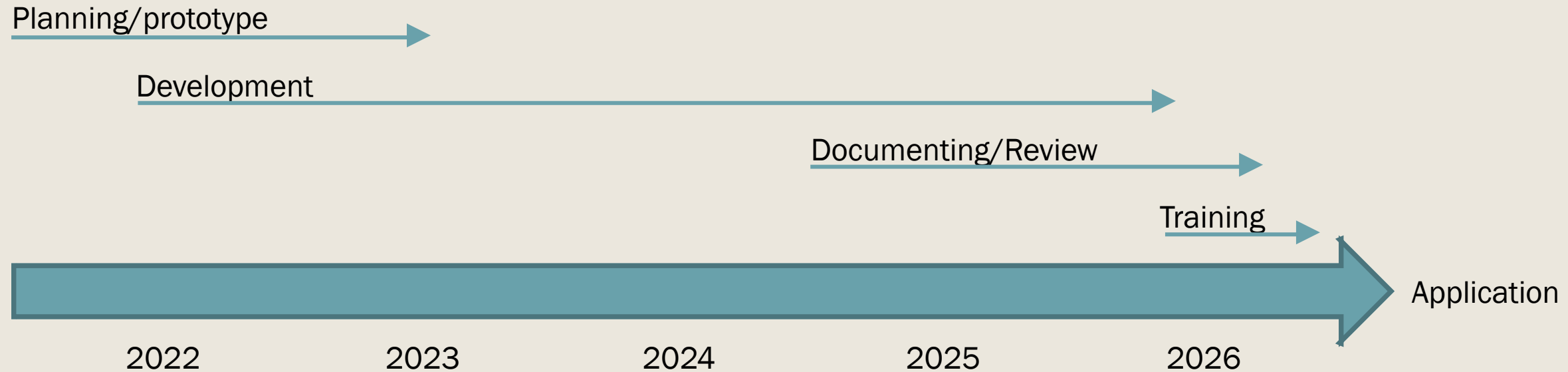
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# Summary

- Vertical array data has already been used in development and testing for all parts of the 4-D tool.
- Parameterization is underway, and current data collection will very likely be used to inform the correlation part of the interpolation going forward.
- Vertical array data will be important for interpolation each year, especially at deep depths where we have little other high frequency data.

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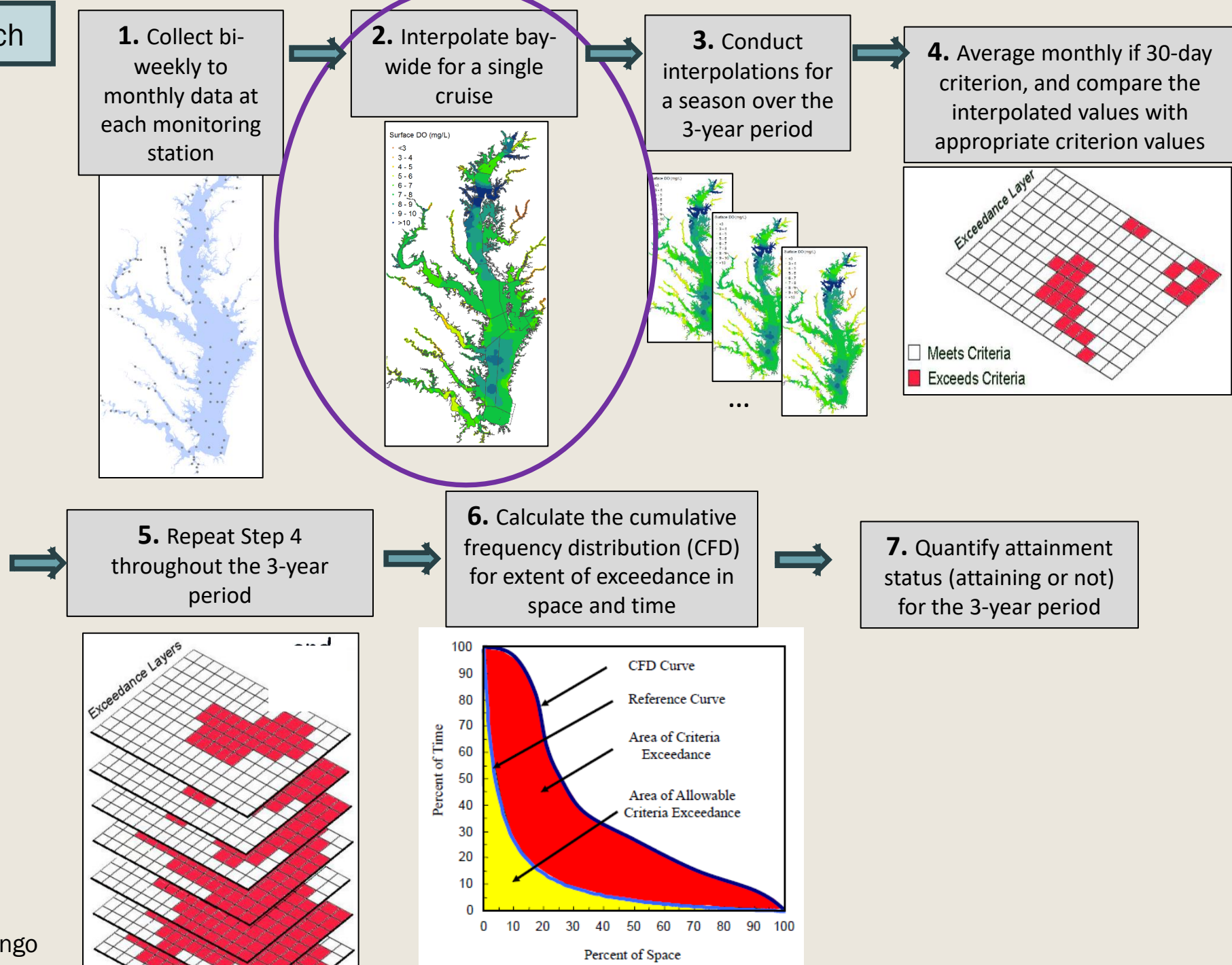
# 4d interpolator development timeline





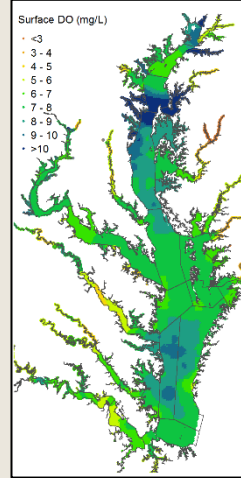
# WQS Criterion Assessment

## Current approach



# Current interpolation

## 2. Interpolate bay-wide for a single cruise



### Problems with current interpolation

- Does not use the high frequency data (except the calibration data).
- Vertical layers interpolated horizontally and stacked;
- One cruise at a time, meaning a 2-week period assumed static; and
- Not statistical.

### This NEW interpolation will:

- Use **ALL high frequency data** (ConMon and vertical array)
- Interpolate all data together, not in layers.
- Interpolate in time, so that we do not have to artificially split time periods.
- Statistical – allowing for uncertainty bounds if needed.