



# Deep Learning -Based Algal Bloom Prediction for Lake Okeechobee Using Multi -Source Data Fusion

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# Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

- Overgrowth of algae
- Large accumulation of phytoplankton
- Eutrophication: excess nutrients
  - Rapid reproduction
  - *Microcystis aeruginosa*



(1) Cyanobacteria: “Blue-green” algae

# Economic & Ecological Impacts

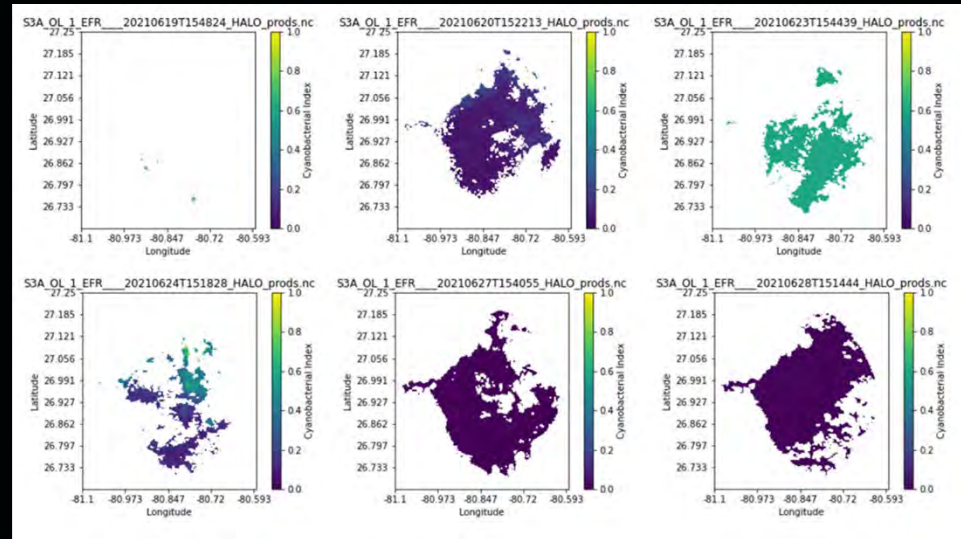
- Microcystin: Hepatotoxin
  - Drinking water supply
  - Closed tourist locations
  - Marine aquaculture & fisheries
- Hypoxia - low O<sub>2</sub>
  - Mammal mortality - dead zones



(2) Lake Okeechobee: 2nd largest freshwater lake

# Satellite Sensors

- Used for remote sensing (RS) images
- Missing information - discontinuity
  - Dead pixels
  - Thick clouds
  - Sun glint
  - Water turbidity



(3) Lake Okeechobee RS images from satellites 3A, 3B

# Multi -Source Prediction Model

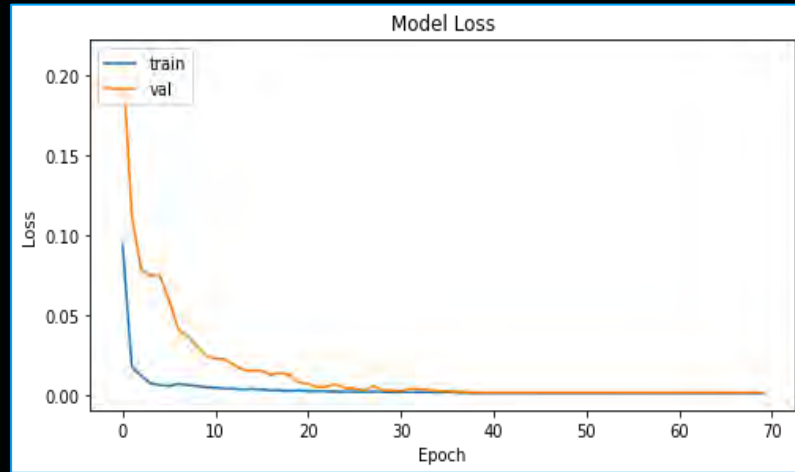
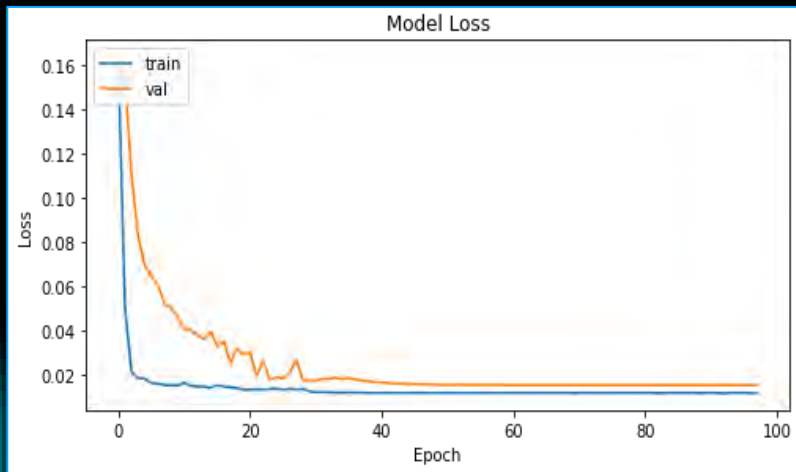
- Hybrid dataset
  - Satellites – RS
  - Simulated data
    - Hydrodynamic-biological model
- Forecasting prediction
  - Single-day
  - Rolling window



(3) True color RS images of central HAB

# Advanced Deep Learning Model

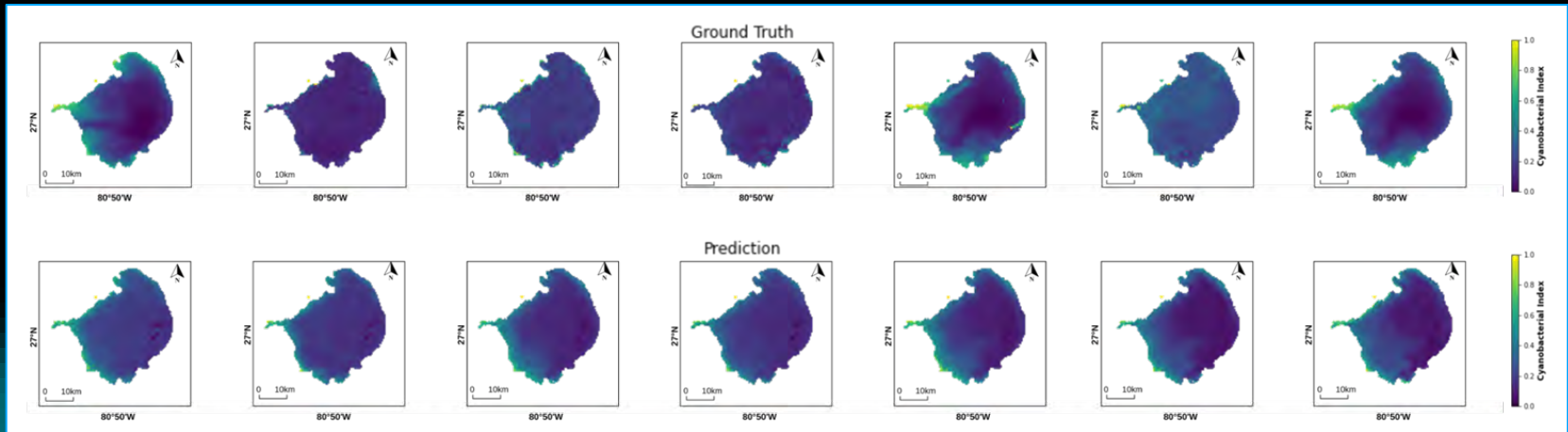
- Convolutional Long-Short Term Memory (ConvLSTM)
  - Captures temporal & spatial correlations in data simultaneously
  - 14-14 & 14-1 predictions



Training & validation loss for 14-14 and 14-1: Convergence is observed showing model is learning from data

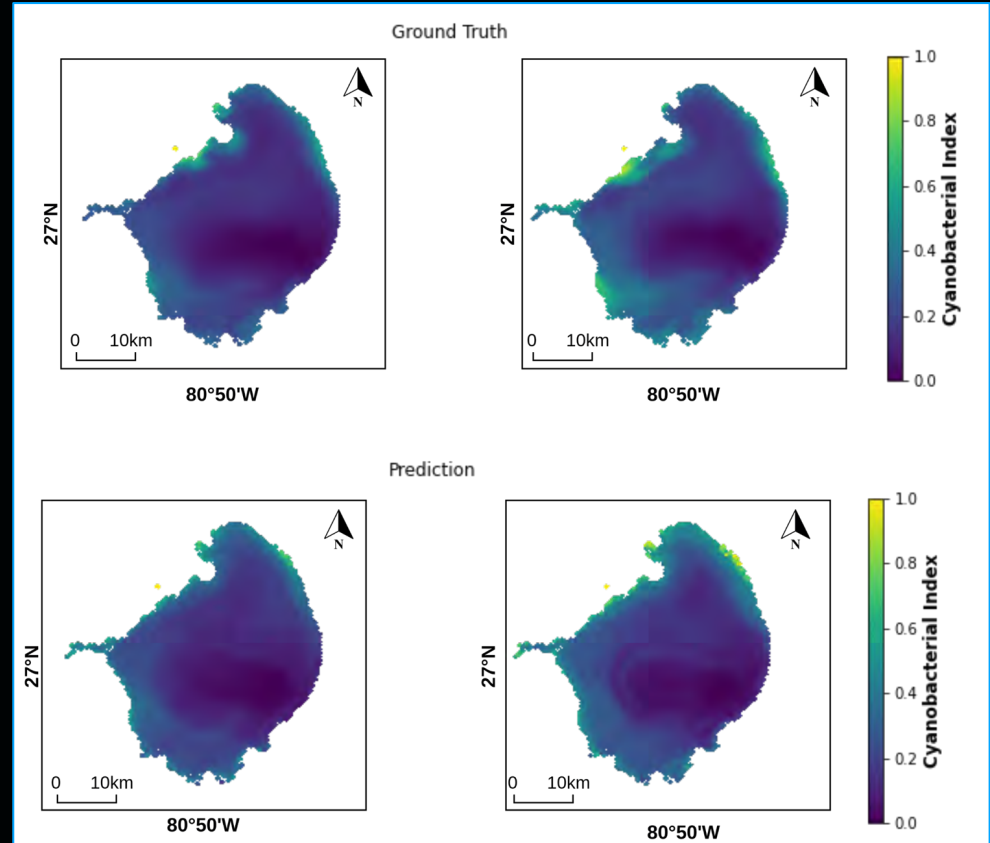
# Prediction Results for 7 -7

- Root Mean Square Error (RMSE): 0.0033599667
- Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR): 49.47330001523929
- Structural Similar Index Measure (SSIM): 0.9916645337059432



# Prediction Results for 14 -2

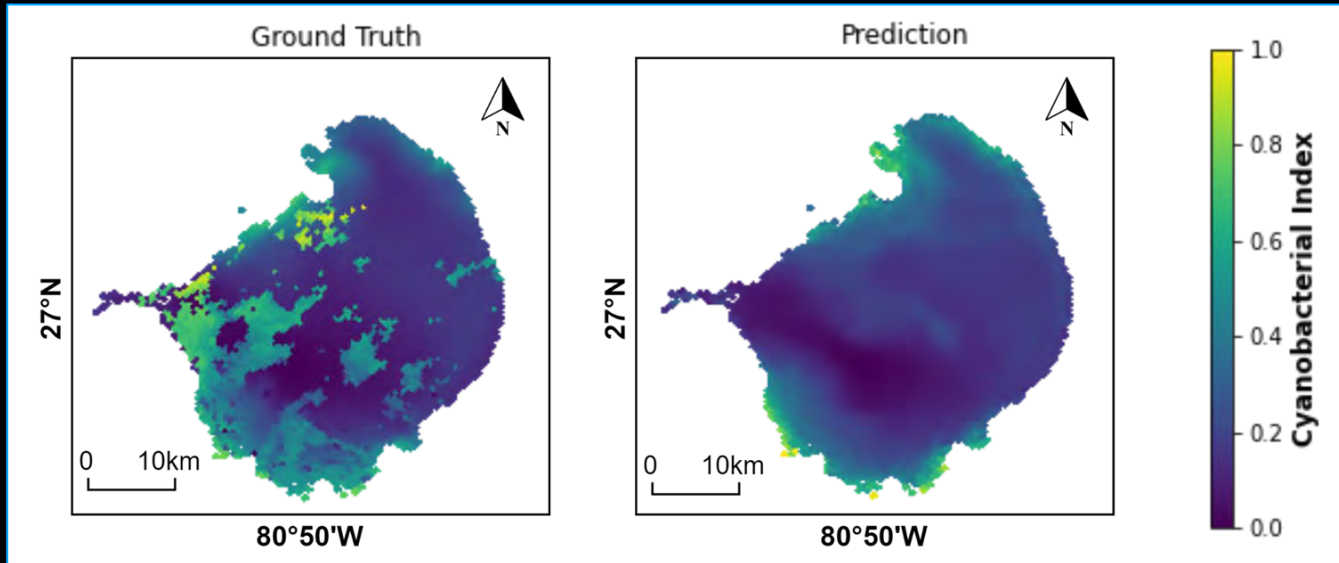
- RMSE: 0.0029430606
- PSNR: 50.624015366344025
- SSIM: 0.9950491670550674





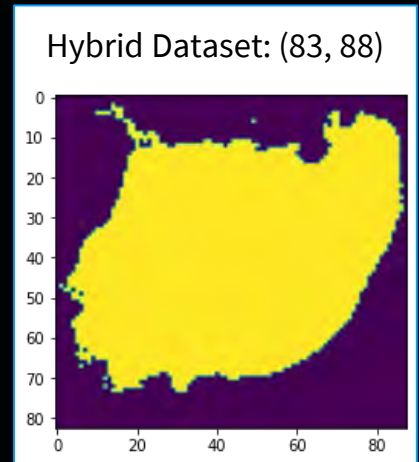
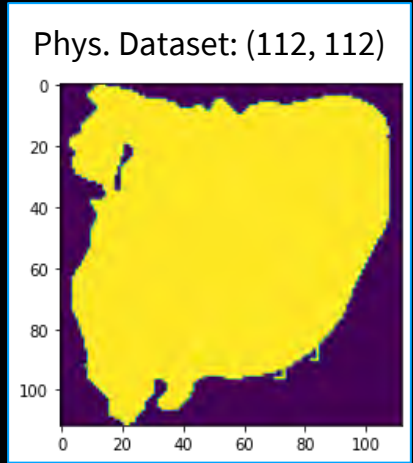
# Challenges with HAB Model

- Blurs in ground truth and prediction images
  - Model rolling prediction & downsampling
- Increase RS usable data
  - Patching & reconstruction



# Future Work

- Paper being reviewed
  - IEEE Journal
  - Listed in acknowledgement section
- Yingqi changing mask
  - Match size for phys. and hybrid datasets
- Upload to website - forecasting



# THANKS!

Questions?



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