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TE WĀNANGA ARONUI O TĀMAKI MAKAU RAU

Unveiling Movement Patterns Across Habitats and Time; Insights from Continuous Otolith Microchemistry Data



## **Otoliths are biological chronometer**





# Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS)



## **Time-series data**





• We analysed archaeological and modern otoliths spanning entirety of human existence in upper north island of NZ





### **Behavioural Change Point Analysis (BCPA)**

- By combining Behavioural Change Point Analysis (BCPA) with k-means clustering, we were able to cluster otolith element time-series into three distinct "behaviours".
- *Riverine*: Ba (18.2 ± 0.3 ppm) Sr (1,717 ± 5 ppm);
- *Estuarine*: Ba (8.01 ± 0.11 ppm) Sr (1,767 ± 4 ppm);
- *Marine*: Ba (9.38 ± 0.13 ppm) Sr (2,603 ± 6 ppm).

### **Estuarine, Riverine, Marine**

#### Archaeological



#### Synchronised cluster succession





#### **Stochastic cluster succession**

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# **Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)**

- Originally developed for recognition of speech patterns in 1951
- Has become a popular time series analysis tool
- Can be applied to microchemistry time series

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#### **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

Let's do the time warp again: non-linear time series matching as a tool for sequentially structured data in ecology

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### Hierarchical dendrogram showcasing the clustering of snapper otolith chemical profiles using DTW





Distance [µm]

















# **Proof of concept**

• Our advanced time-series analysis and machine learning approach can unlock new fine-scale information from otolith chemistry.

ImplicationsA window into the shifting baseline of disrupted nursery habitat-use?



# Implications

- Can we reconstruct fine-scale movement patterns across snapper's entire lifetime?
- Infer mixing of different stocks?





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