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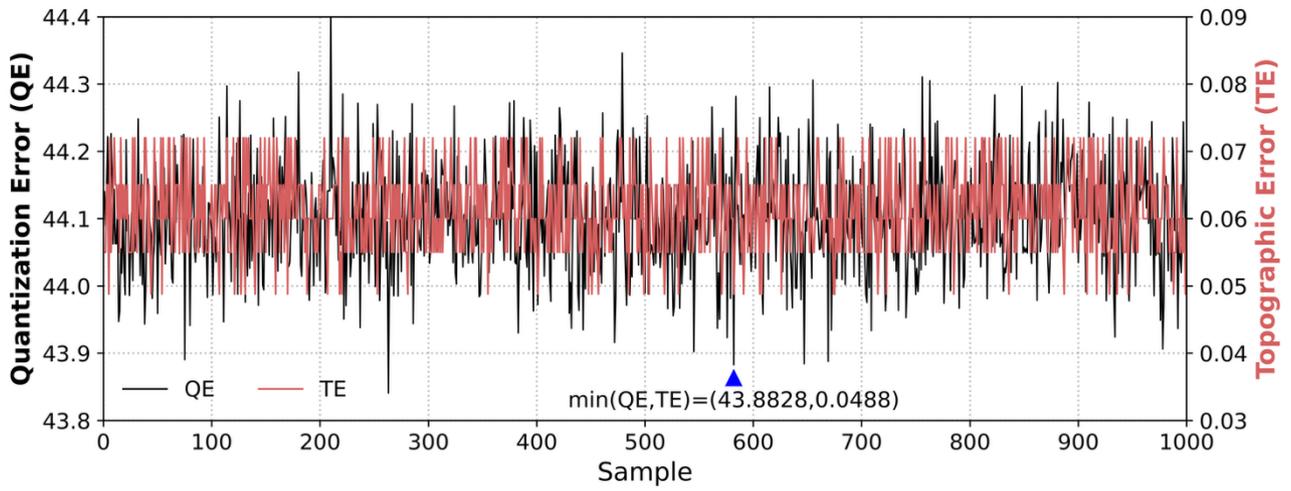**onset and application to seasonal prediction**

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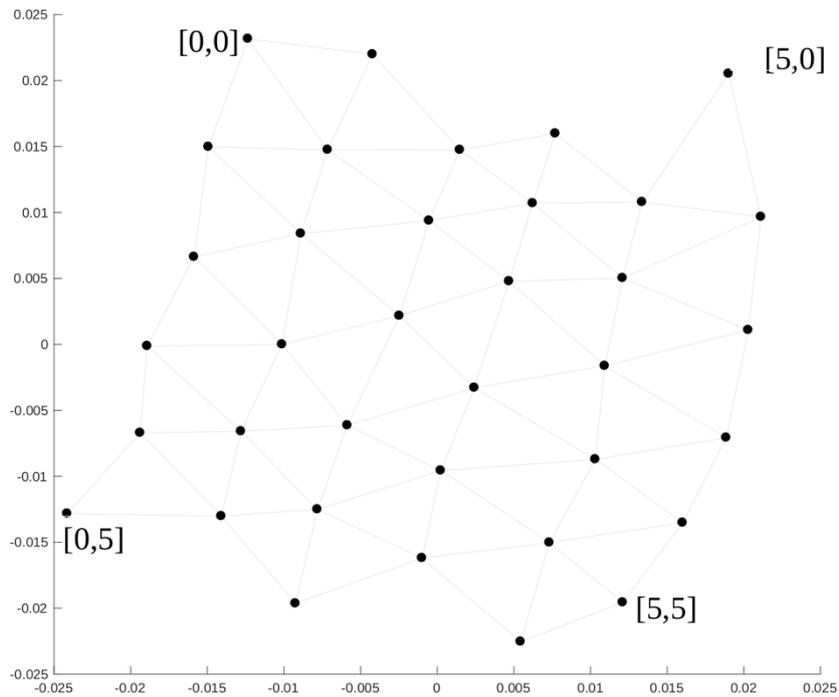
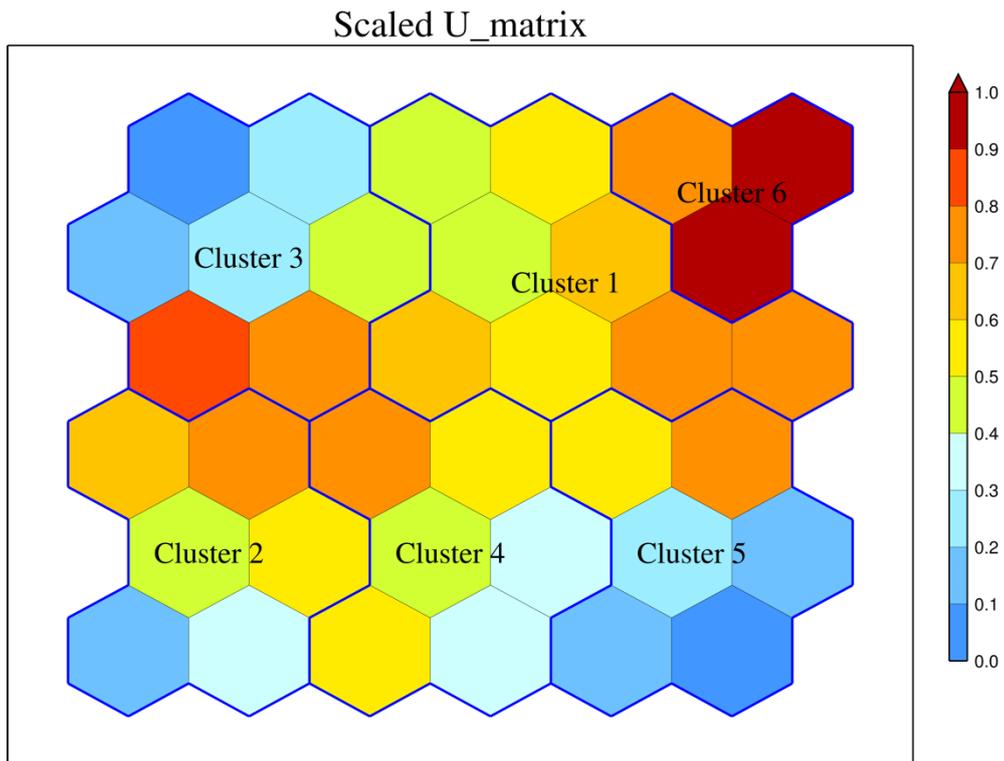**Contents of this file**

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Supplementary Figure S1: The Quantization Error (QE) and Topographic Error (TE) of 1000 SOM maps

using bootstrap learning algorithm. The blue marks denote the optimal master SOM.

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Supplementary Figure S2: Sammon map for the master SOM with the four corner nodes labelled.

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Supplementary Figure S3: Scaled U-matrix of the master SOM with the optimum clustering by K-means shown.