

**Эмпирическая реконструкция режимов
погоды средних широт как метастабильных
состояний атмосферы**

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Circulation of mid-latitude atmosphere

Time scales:

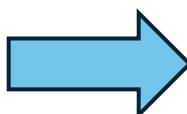
synoptic (weather), intra- and inter-seasonal, interannual, decadal, etc.

Low-frequency variability (LFV)

LFV modulates synoptic activity:

weather regimes – recurrent and persistence patterns of planetary scale

Metastable states in phase space

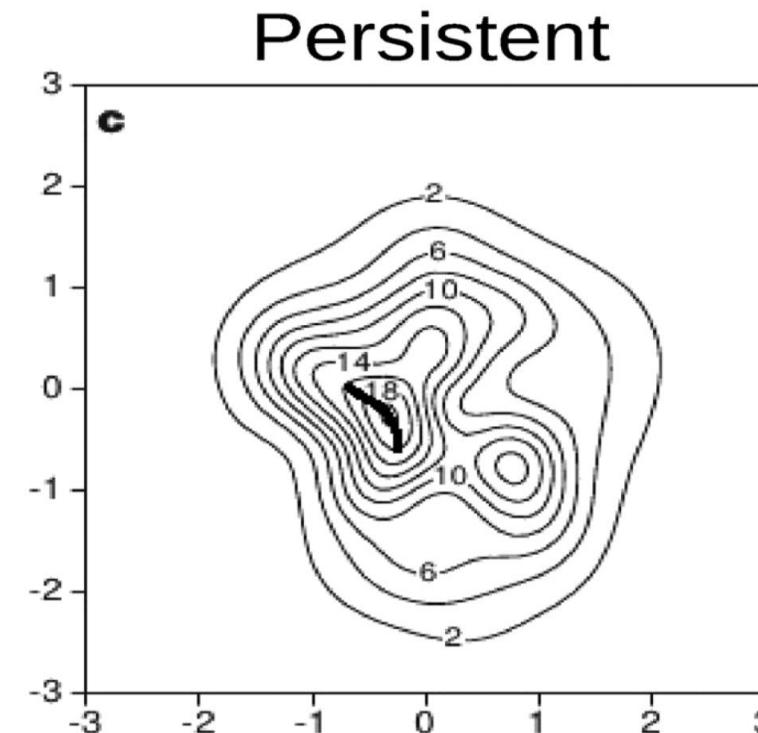
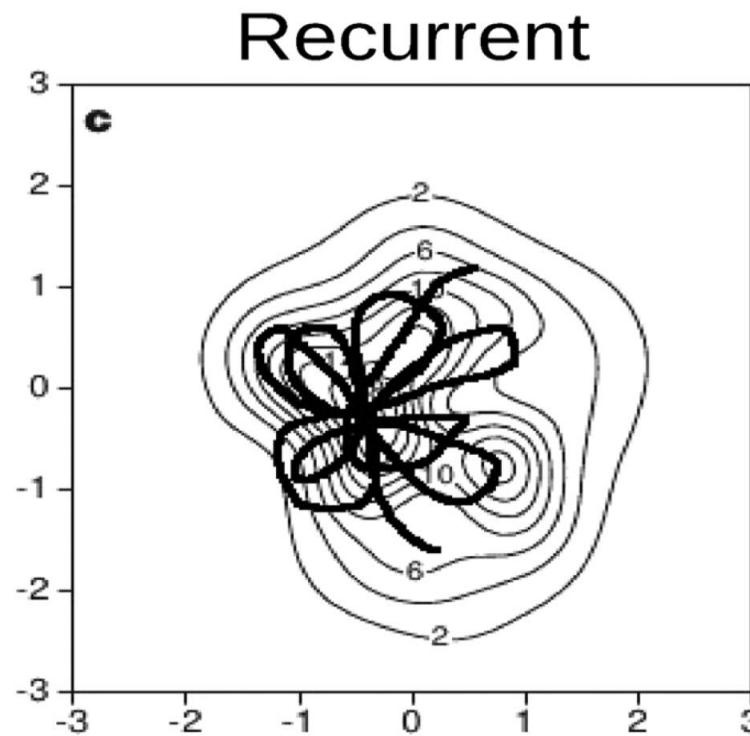


Recurrent persistent patterns (weather regimes)

Hannachi, A., et al. (2017). *Reviews of Geophysics*, 55(1), 199–234. <https://doi.org/10.1002/2015RG000509>

Ghil, M., et al. (2019). *Sub-Seasonal to Seasonal Prediction*. Elsevier, 119–142. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-811714-9.00006-1>

Many works look for *recurrent* rather than *persistent* patterns



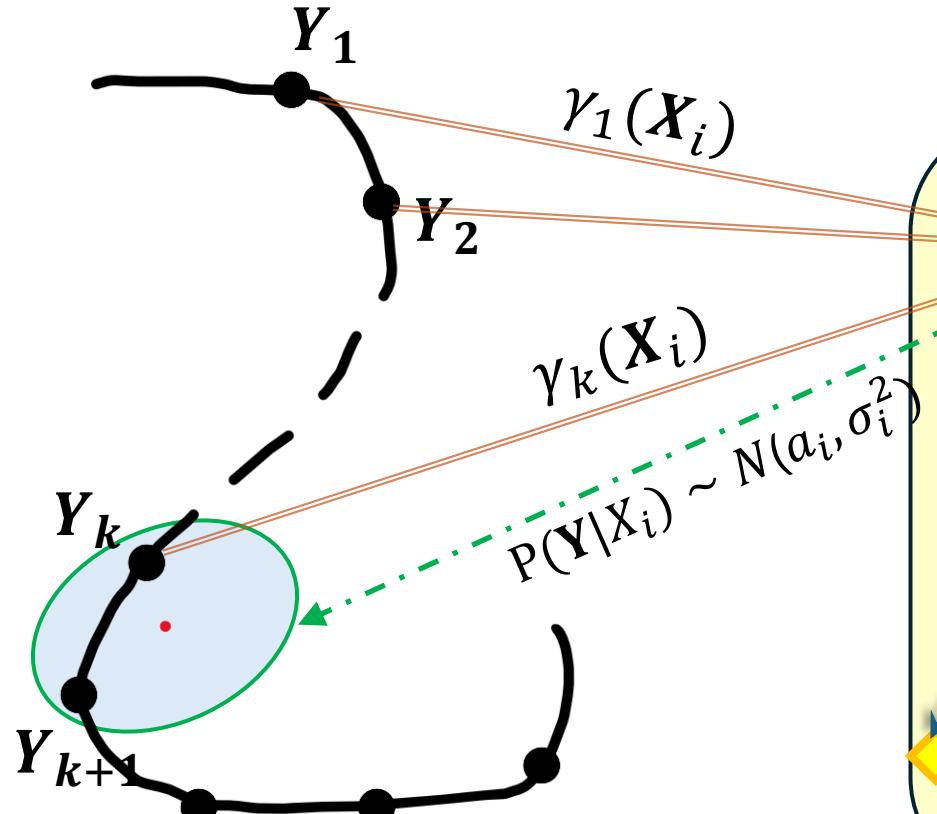
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We need an evolution operator to find persistent (metastable) states

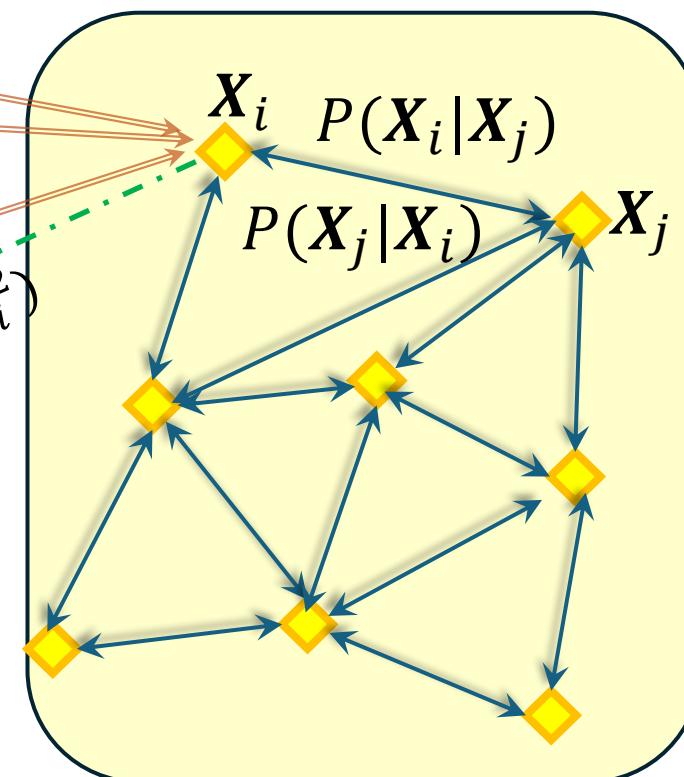
Hidden Markov model

Emission probabilities: $P(Y|X_i) \sim N(a_i, \sigma_i^2)$

**Dynamic variables
(state space)**



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**Hidden states
(discrete representation
of state space)**

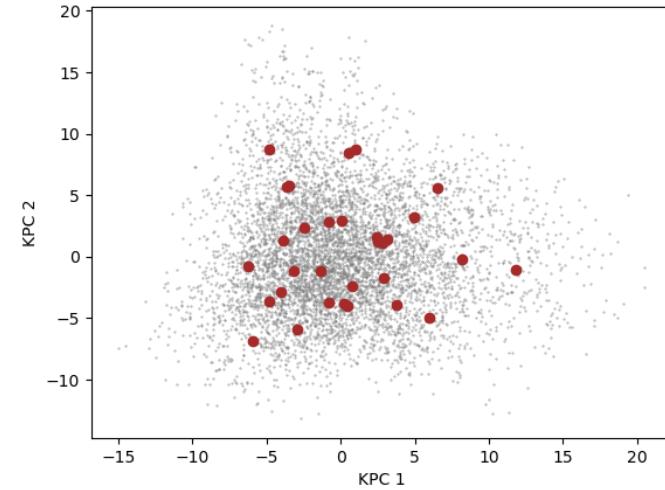
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Invariant distribution

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Q^k q = \pi$$



We use backward-forward algorithm to obtain Q, a, σ .

Also, it allows estimating occupation probabilities $\gamma_t(X_i)$ for each observation.

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“If the state space S of X can be decomposed in two or more sets with relatively infrequent transitions between those sets, the Markov chain is said to be metastable.”

Franzke, C., D. Crommelin, A. Fischer, and A. J. Majda, 2008: A Hidden Markov Model Perspective on Regimes and Metastability in Atmospheric Flows. *J. Climate*, **21**, 1740–1757

Hidden Markov model

Metastable states

Idea: division of many states into communities, providing the greatest probability of remaining within the community



Reducing the transition matrix into a block matrix

Finding the partition $\{A_k\}$ maximizing the quantity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle P_Q(J \in A_k | J \in A_k) - P_{Q^\infty}(J \in A_k | J \in A_k) \rangle_{A_k} \\ &= \sum_k [P_Q(J \in A_k | J \in A_k) - \pi(A_k)] \pi(A_k) \end{aligned}$$

$$M = \sum_{A_k} \sum_{i,j \in A_k} [Q_{ij}\pi_j - \pi_i\pi_j] = \sum_{i,j} [Q_{ij}\pi_j - \pi_i\pi_j] g_{ij} = \sum_{i,j} B_{ij}g_{ij}$$

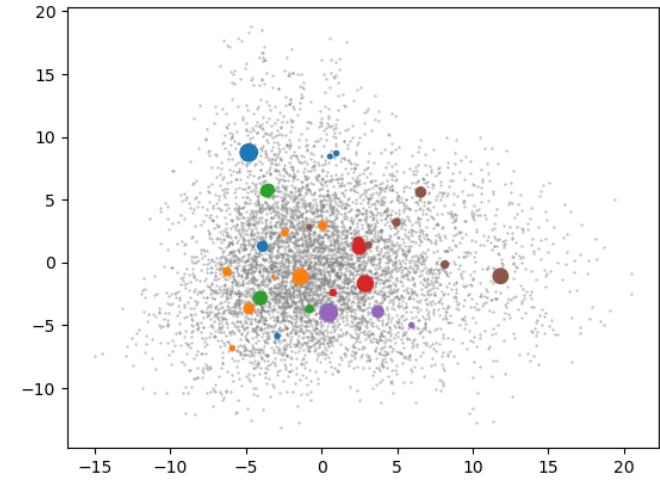
$$\left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} A_1 & & & \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & A_2 & & \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot & \ddots & \\ \cdot & \cdot & & A_K \end{array} \right]$$

Hidden Markov model

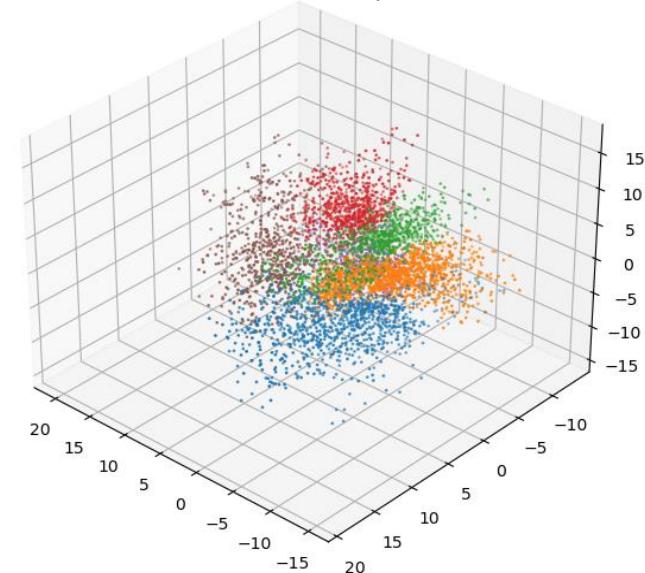
Finding metastable states

The matrix partition provides us with:

- a set of communities $\{A_k\}$ associated with regimes
- a matrix of transitions between the communities
- stability ranking of states inside a community
- probabilities of belonging of each observation to each community



$$\gamma_t(A_k) = \sum_{i \in A_k} \gamma_t(X_i)$$



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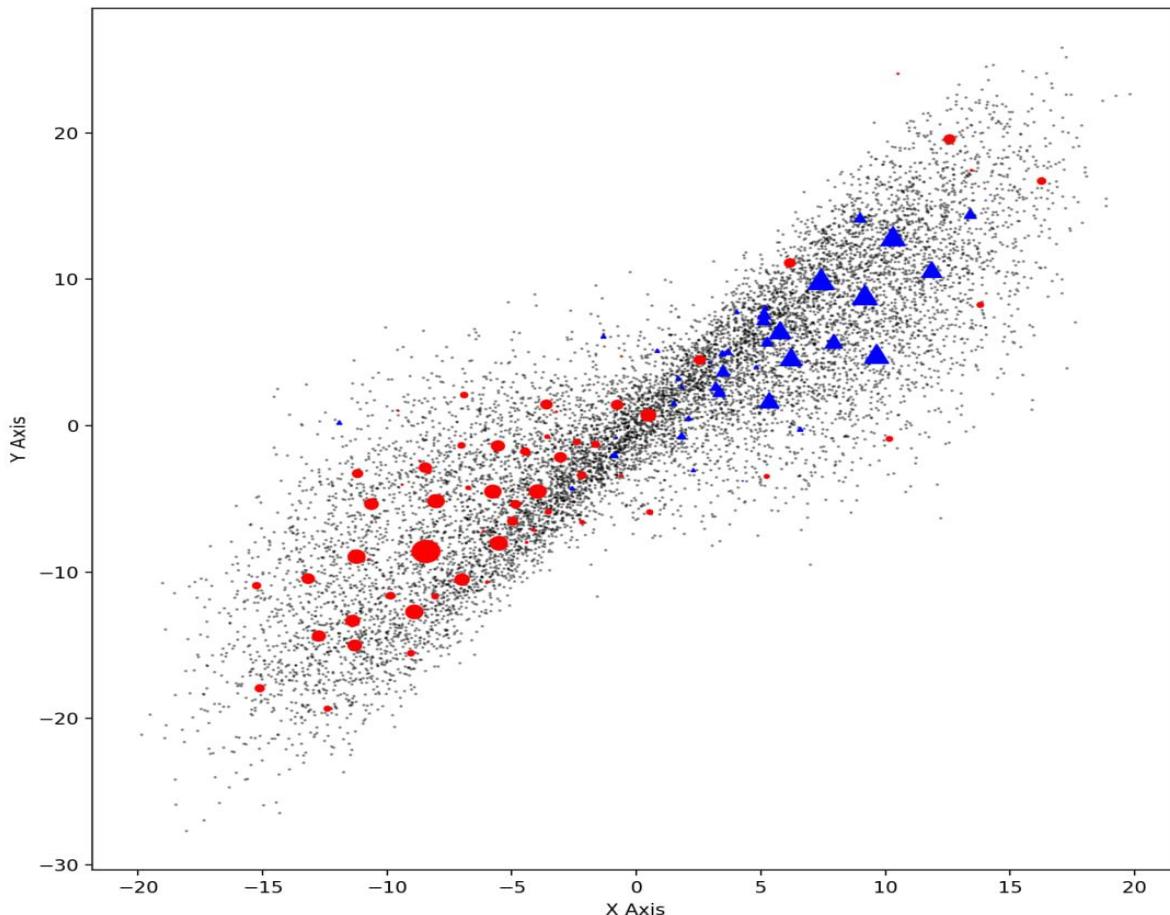
Finding metastable states

Lorenz model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= 10(y - x), \\ \dot{y} &= x(r - z) - y, \\ \dot{z} &= xy - \frac{8}{3}z + s\xi.\end{aligned}$$

Lorenz Attractor | n_comps = 100 | step = 10 | num div = last

regime 0
regime 1



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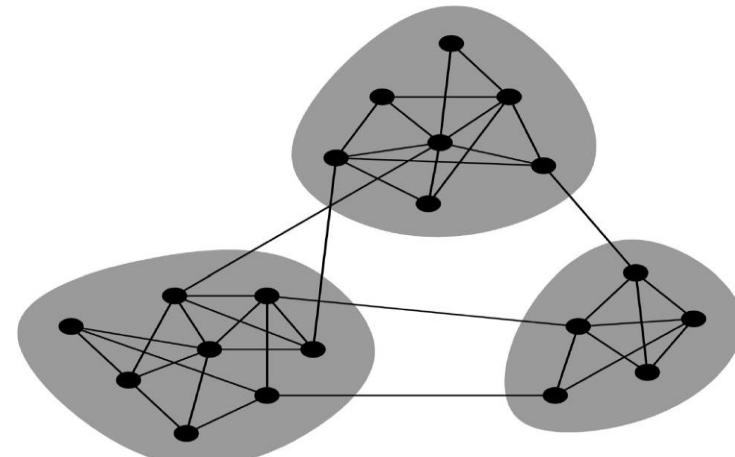
Dmitry Mukhin, Abdel Hannachi, Tobias Braun, and Norbert Marwan, "Revealing recurrent regimes of mid-latitude atmospheric variability using novel machine learning method", Chaos 32, 113105 (2022)

<https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0109889>

Mode detection:

recognizing communities of nodes, so that there are significantly more connections within communities than between them.

M. E. J. Newman. Modularity and community structure in networks. (2006)
PNAS, 103 (23) DOI: 10.1073/pnas.0601602103



Two basic steps:

- 1. Use KPCA to obtain a phase space projection that emphasizes the similarity of states.**
- 2. Construct Markov chain on this subspace and determine its metastable states.**

Hidden Markov model

Choosing time step

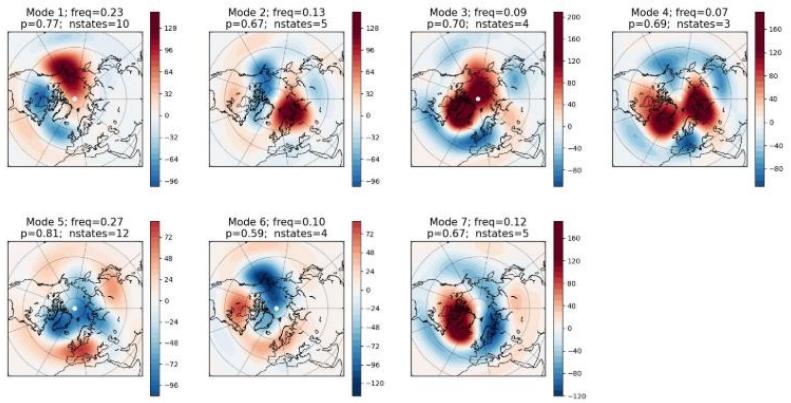
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***k* is the time step**

*We use every data point for learning HMM, but look at the evolution across *k* steps*

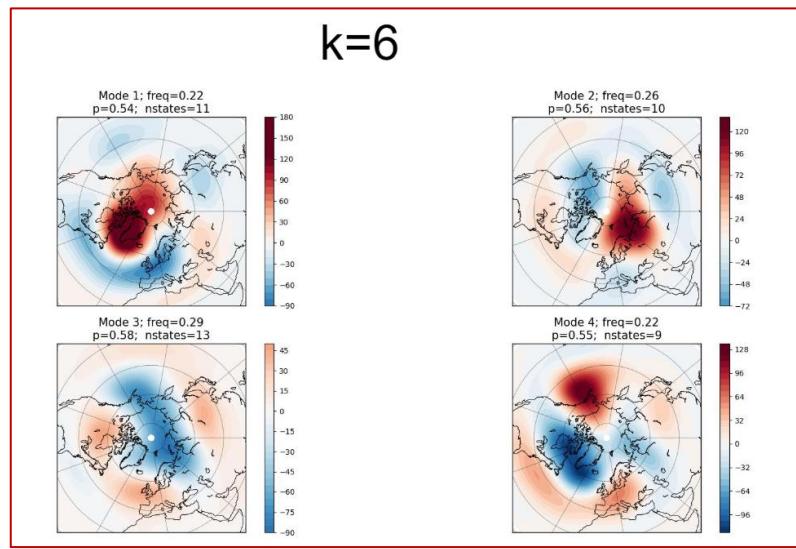
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Hidden Markov model

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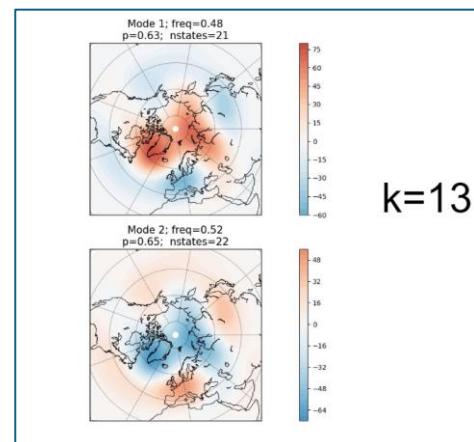
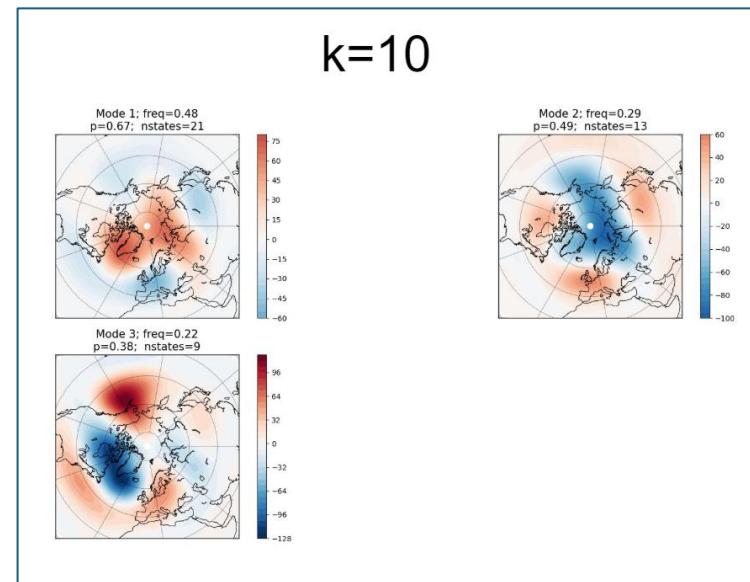
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$$\langle Y_t | A_k \rangle = \frac{\sum_t Y_t \gamma_t(A_k)}{\sum_t \gamma_t(A_k)}$$

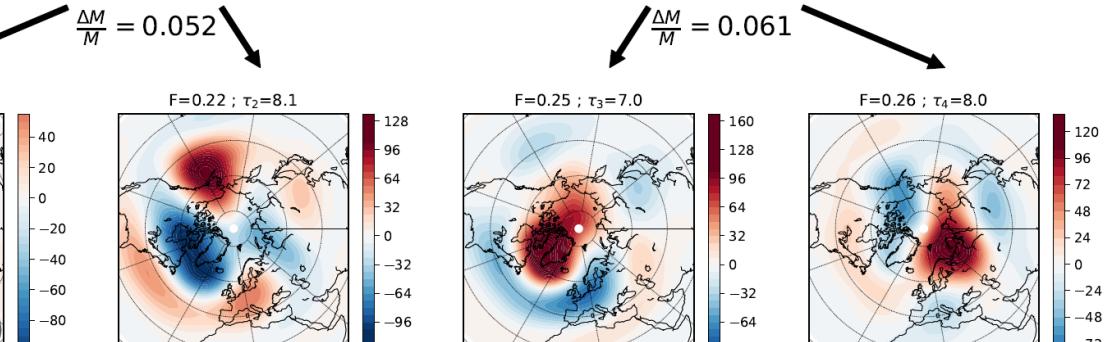
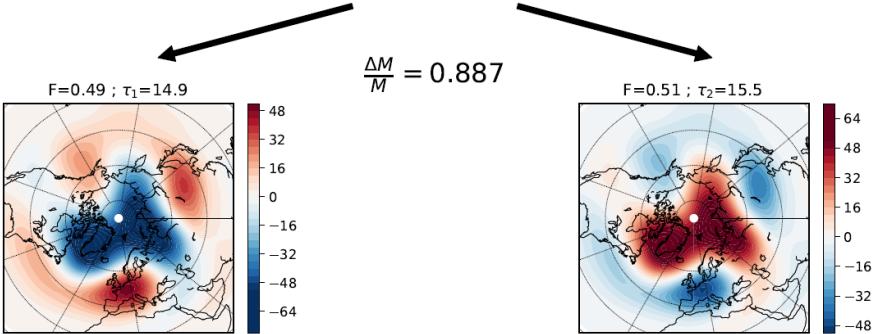
From $K = 6$
the most stable results are
obtained

$k=10$

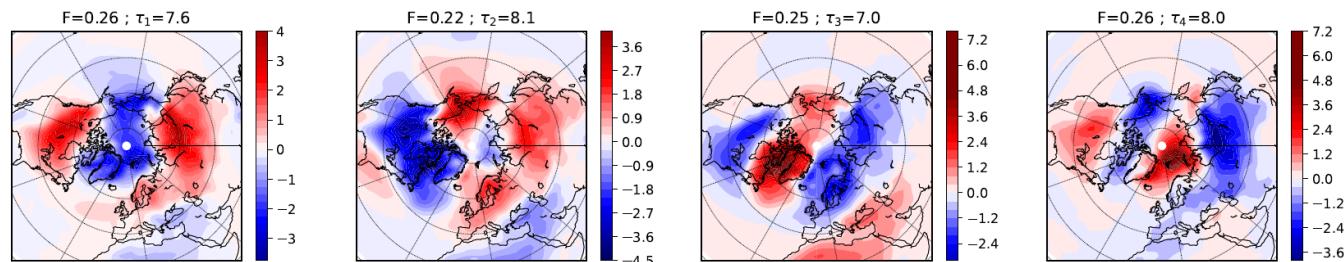


Reanalysis data: HGT-500, 1950-2023, winters (NCEP/NCAR reanalysis)

500 hPa geopotential height anomalies, m

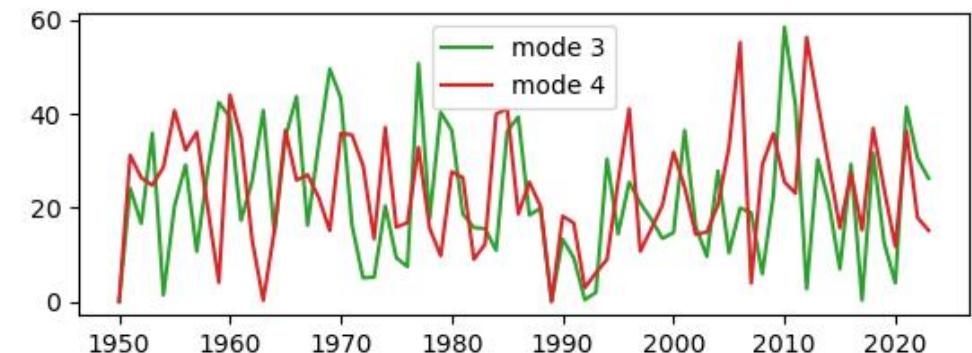
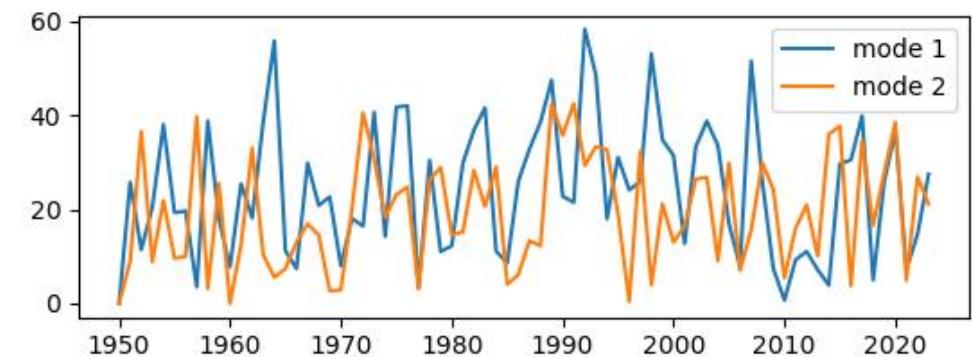


Surface air temperature anomalies, °C

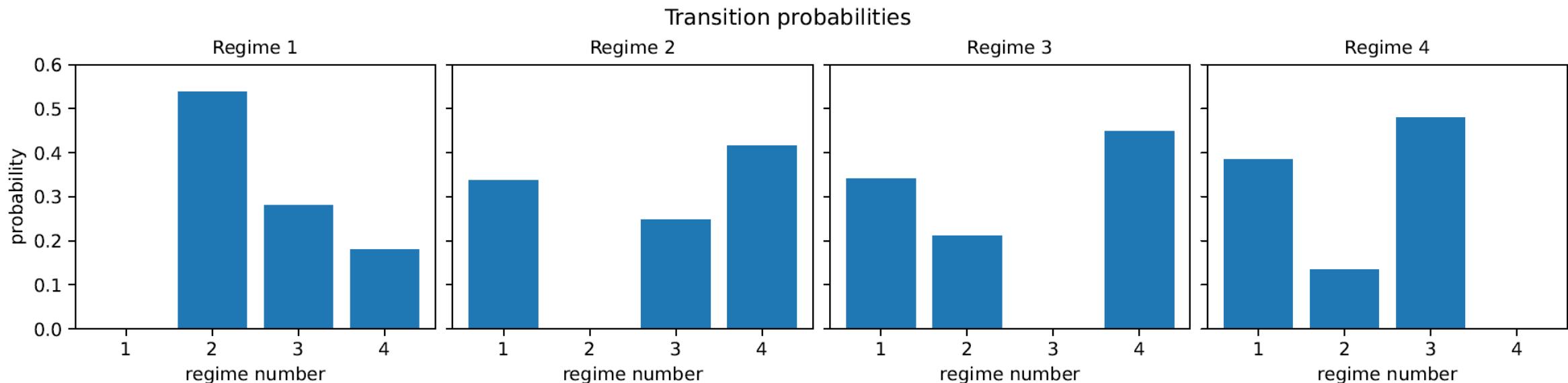


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Regime frequencies (number of days per winter):

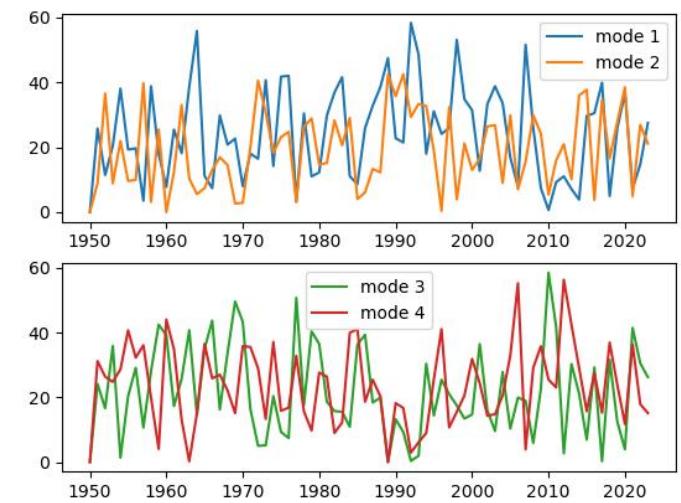
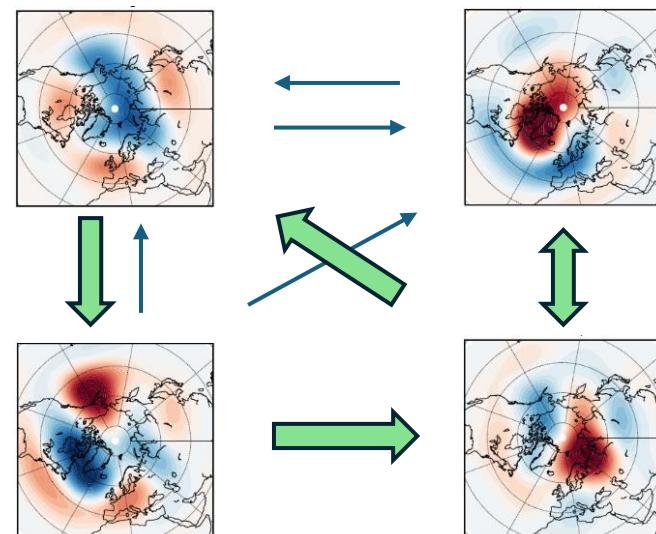


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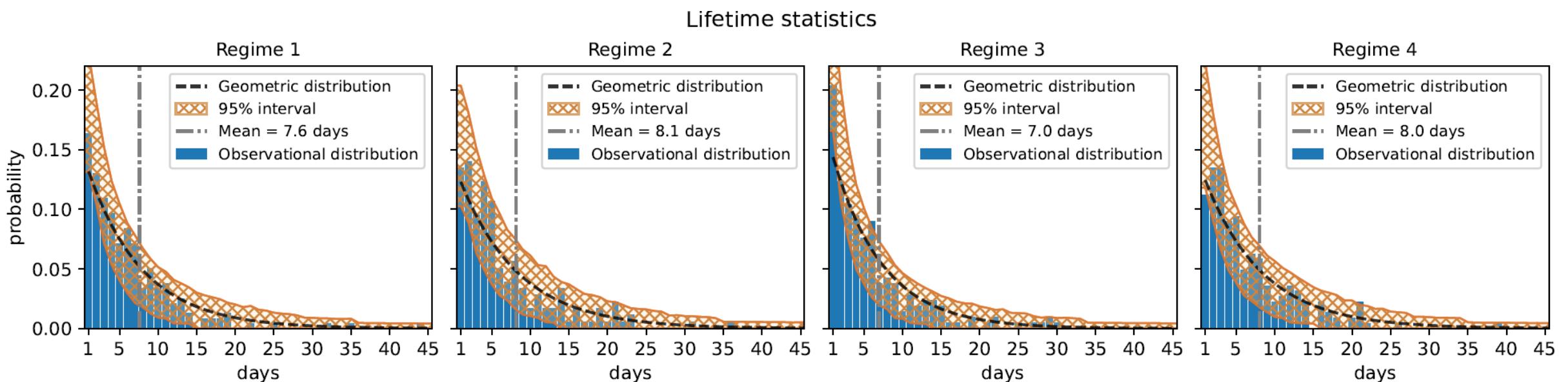
**Reduced transition matrix
(transitions between the regimes)**

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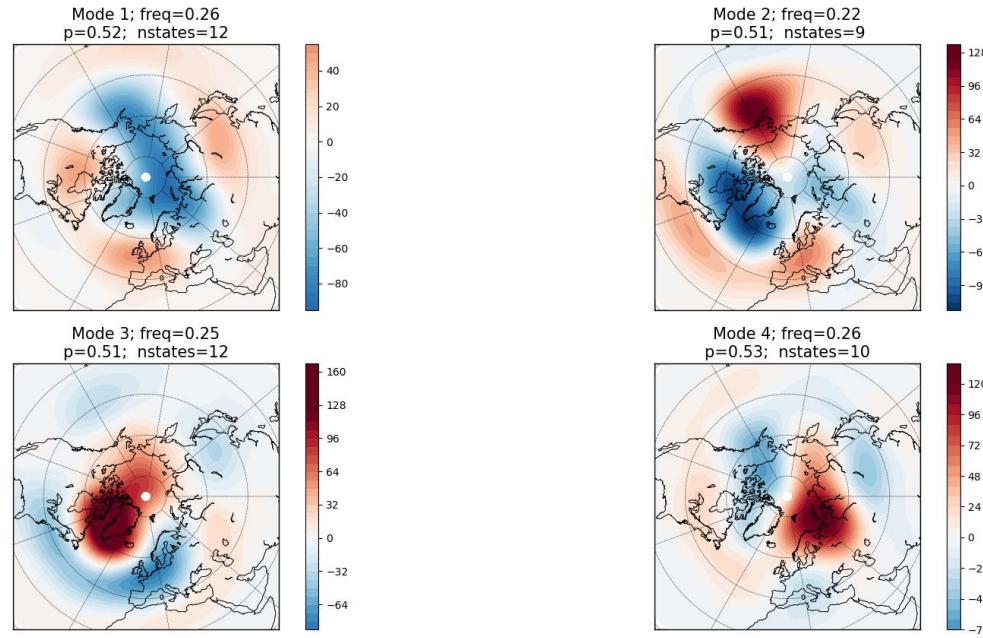
Geometric distribution

$$P(\tau) = q^\tau (1 - q)^{\tau+1}$$

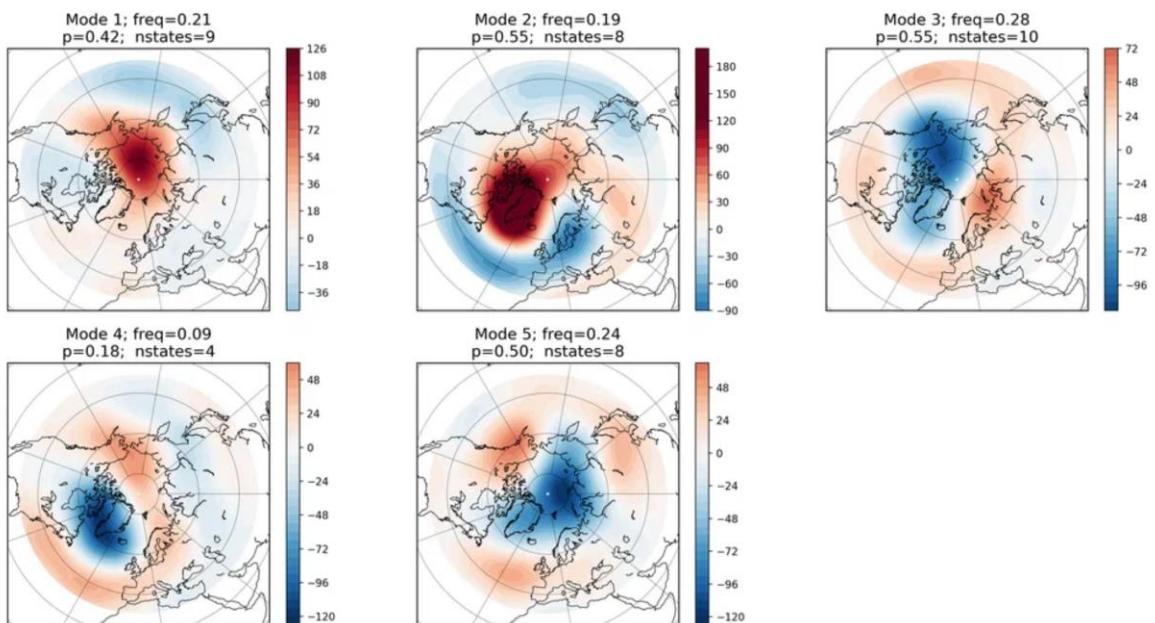
Open problems

- **Constructing full-year models. Interseasonal forecasting**
- **Forced and coupled Markov models. Studying interaction of regimes in different systems (e.g. stratosphere and troposphere, tropics and extratropics, etc.)**
- **Interaction of regimes with Arctic sea ice dynamics**
- **Using non-Markovian data-driven models.**
(Semyon Safonov's poster today about RNN-based model)
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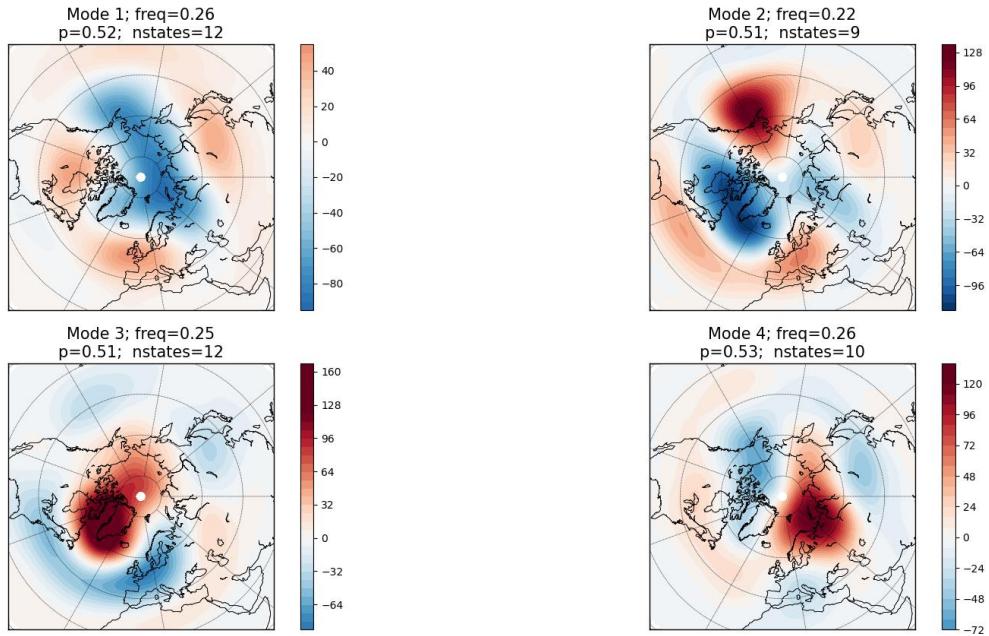
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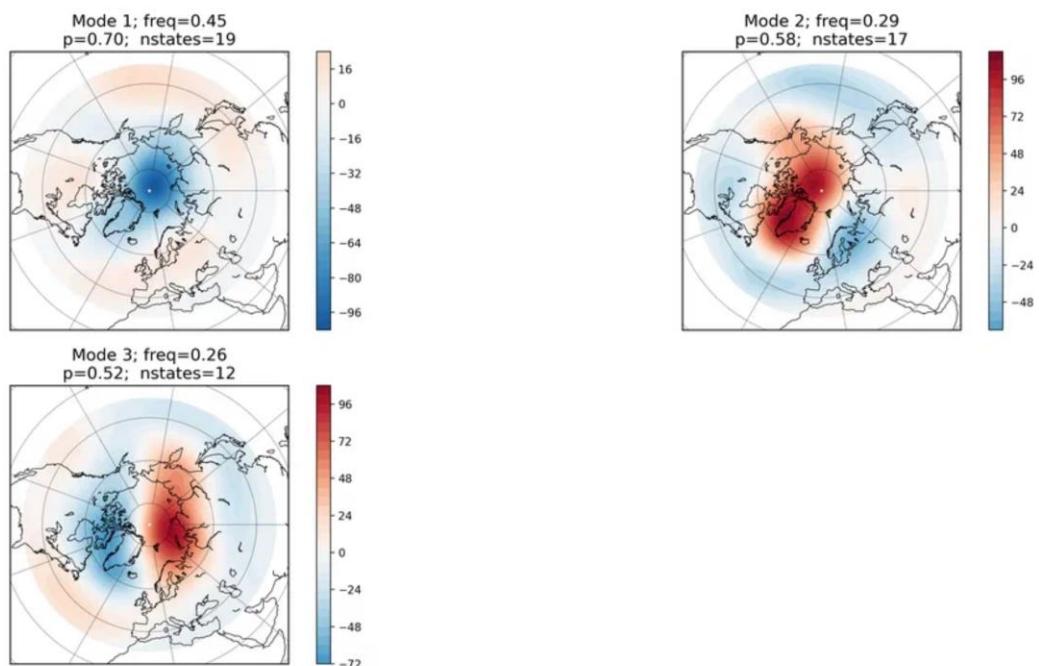
INMCM5 data: HGT-500, 1950-2014, winters (historical experiment)



Reanalysis data: HGT-500, 1950-2023, winters (NCEP/NCAR reanalysis)



INMCM5 data: HGT-500, 1950-2014, winters (preindustrial experiment)



Kernel PCA:

**Constructing phase
space projection based
on similarity**

Distance matrix $d_{ij} = d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$



$$K_{ij} = \exp\left\{-\frac{d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)^2}{2a^2}\right\}$$



Decomposing K into orthogonal basis:

$$K = \sum_l P_l P_l^T + \bar{K}$$

$\bar{K} = K - K_C$ - deviation from the centered K

P_l is l th principal component

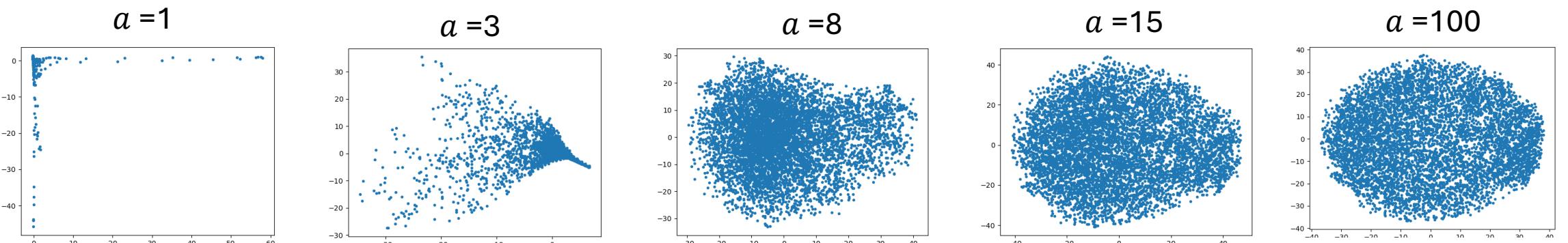
Clusters of similar states are well-separated in the space of a few leading component P

$$\text{Gaussian kernels: } K(x_i, x_j) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{d(x_i, x_j)^2}{2a^2} \right\}$$

Parameter a regulates nonlinearity of the transform. The larger a , the closer the transform to linear PCA:

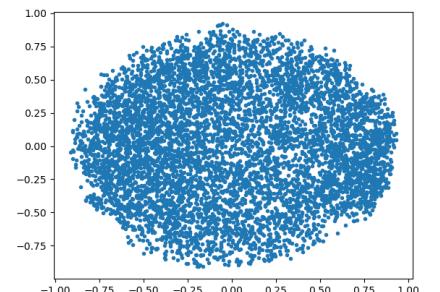
$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{d(x_i, x_j)^2}{2a^2} \right\} \approx 1 - \frac{d(x_i, x_j)^2}{2a^2} = 1 - A(x_i) \cdot A(x_j) + \frac{1}{a^2} (x_i, x_j)$$

After centering: $K(x_i, x_j) = \frac{1}{a^2} (x_i, x_j)$



Reanalysis data: HGT-100, 1950-2023,
winters (NCEP/NCAR reanalysis)

EOF
decomposition:



Nonlinear principal component analysis: Kernel PCA

Constructing a nonlinear embedding of the data space

$$\Phi: \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_D(t) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_M(t) \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \text{Linear PCA in y-space}$$

Temporal covariances (*dot products*) in a new M-dimensional space:

$$W_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^M \varphi_k(\mathbf{x}(t_i)) \varphi_k(\mathbf{x}(t_j)) = K(\mathbf{x}(t_i), \mathbf{x}(t_j)), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$



Kernel function $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ – all we need to know for obtaining PCs (φ_k is unknown).

The kernels emphasizing similarity between two states (spatial patterns) $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}(t_i), \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{x}(t_j)$:

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$d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ – distance between the states

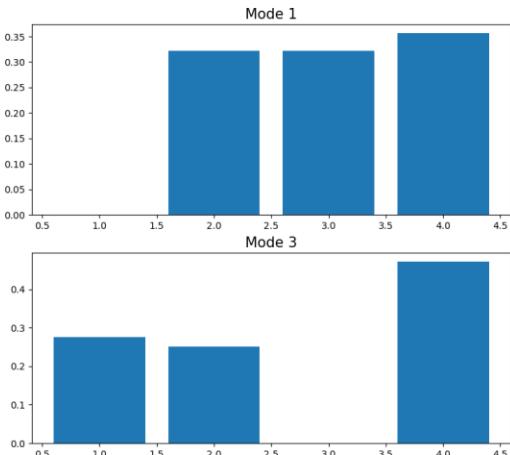
$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma_k \varphi_k(\mathbf{x}_i) \varphi_k(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

Formally, we do the linear PCA in an infinite dimensional space

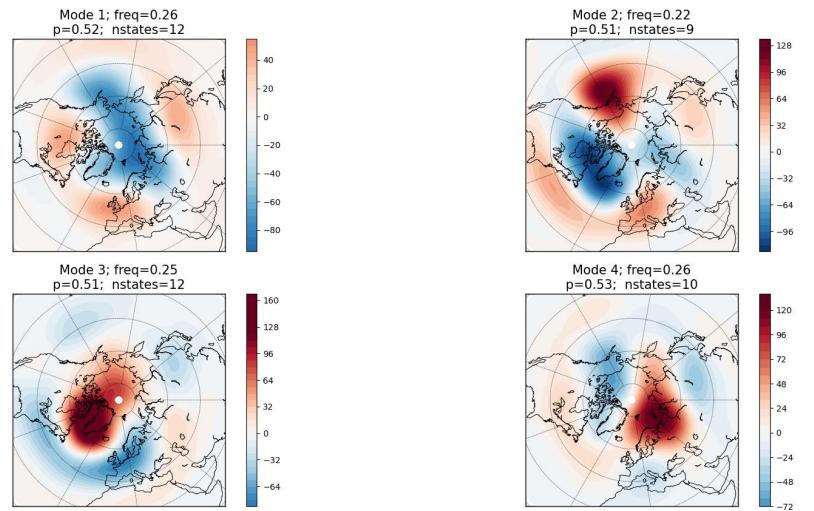
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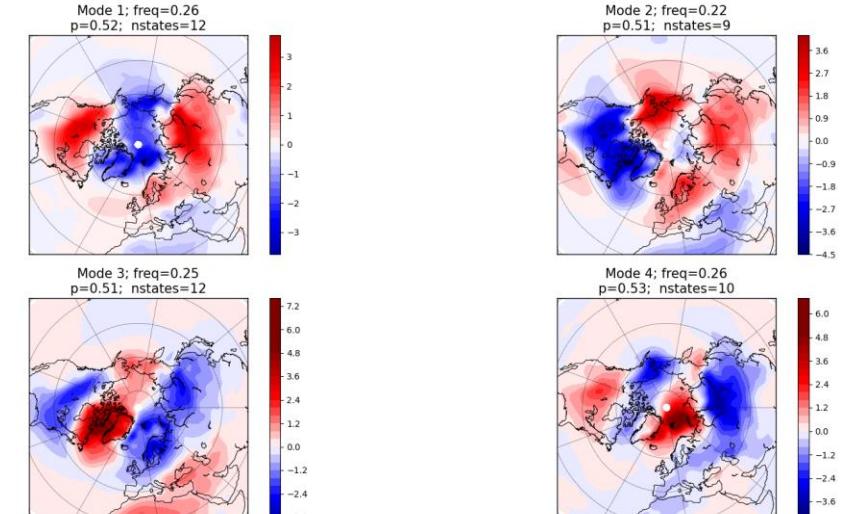
Probability of transitions to given
regime from other regimes



HGT composites:



SAT composites:



Distance

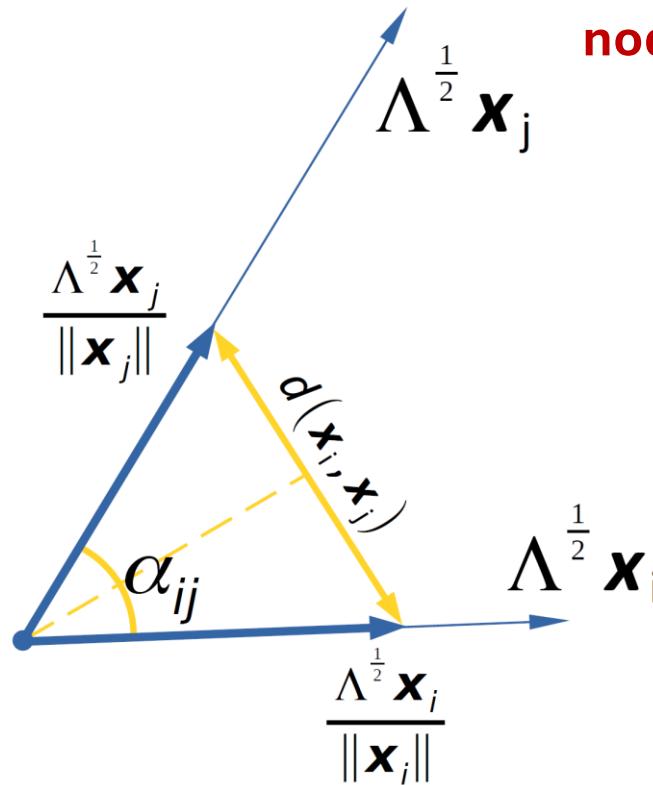
We use metric

$$d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \left\| \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{\|\mathbf{x}_i\|} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{x}_j\|} \right\| = 2 \left| \sin \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} \right|$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = (\mathbf{x}^T \Lambda \mathbf{x})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

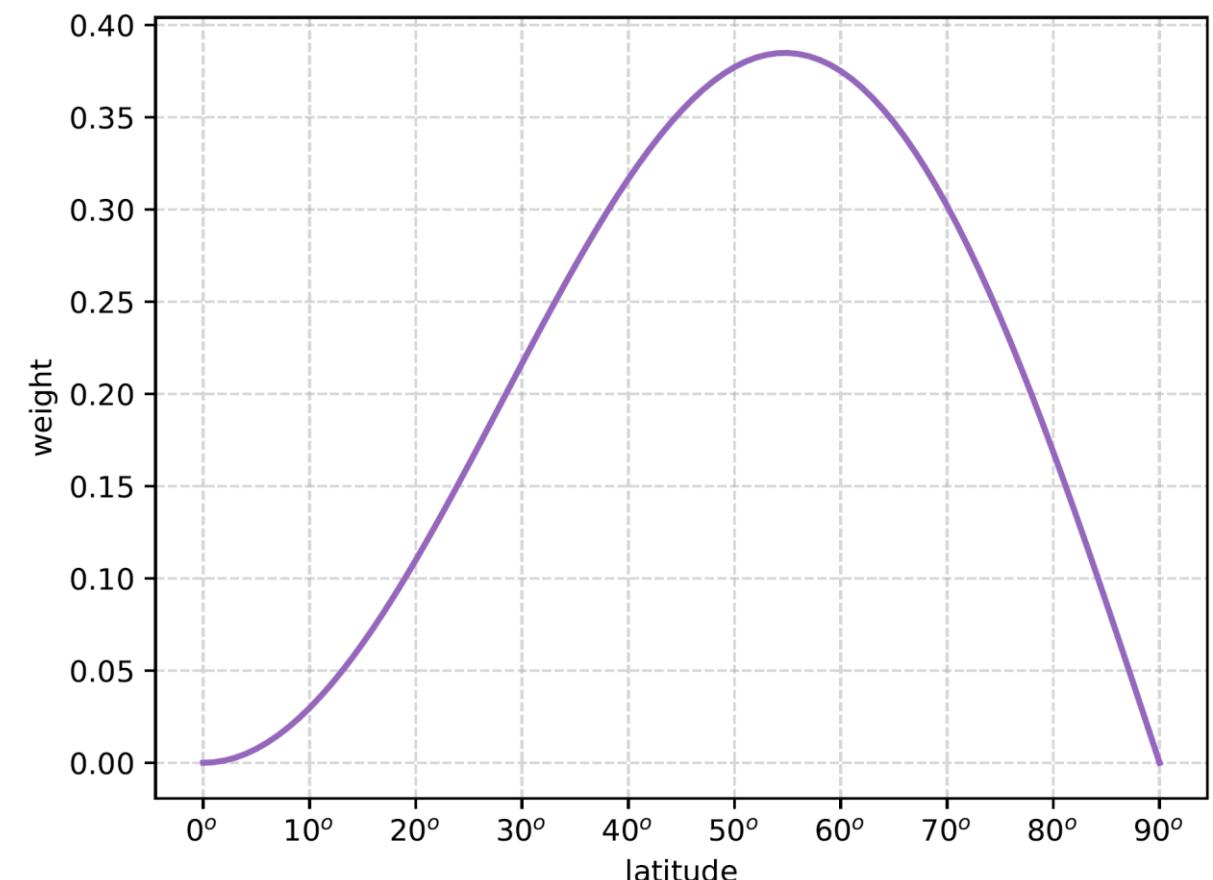
$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

- weights of grid nodes



$$\Lambda_{mm} = \cos \theta_m \sin^2 \theta_m$$

- Latitudinal dependence



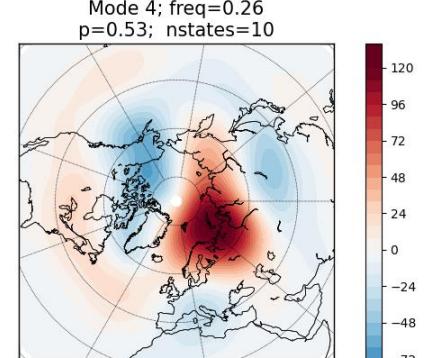
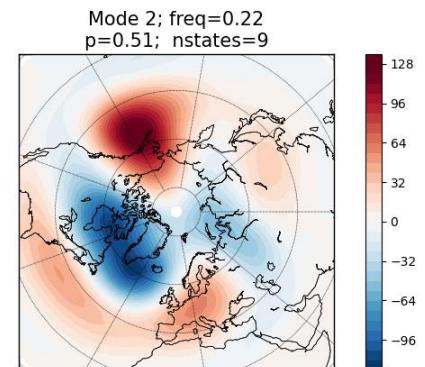
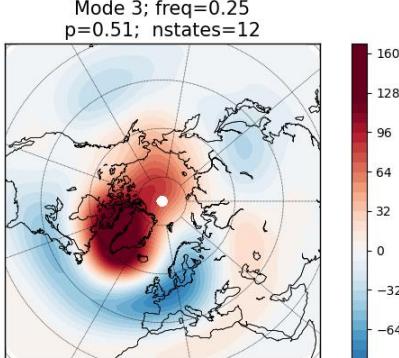
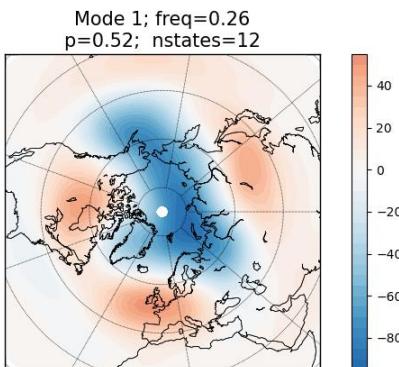
Hidden Markov model

Composite patterns

Reanalysis data: HGT-500, 1950-2023, winters [\(NCEP/NCAR reanalysis\)](#)

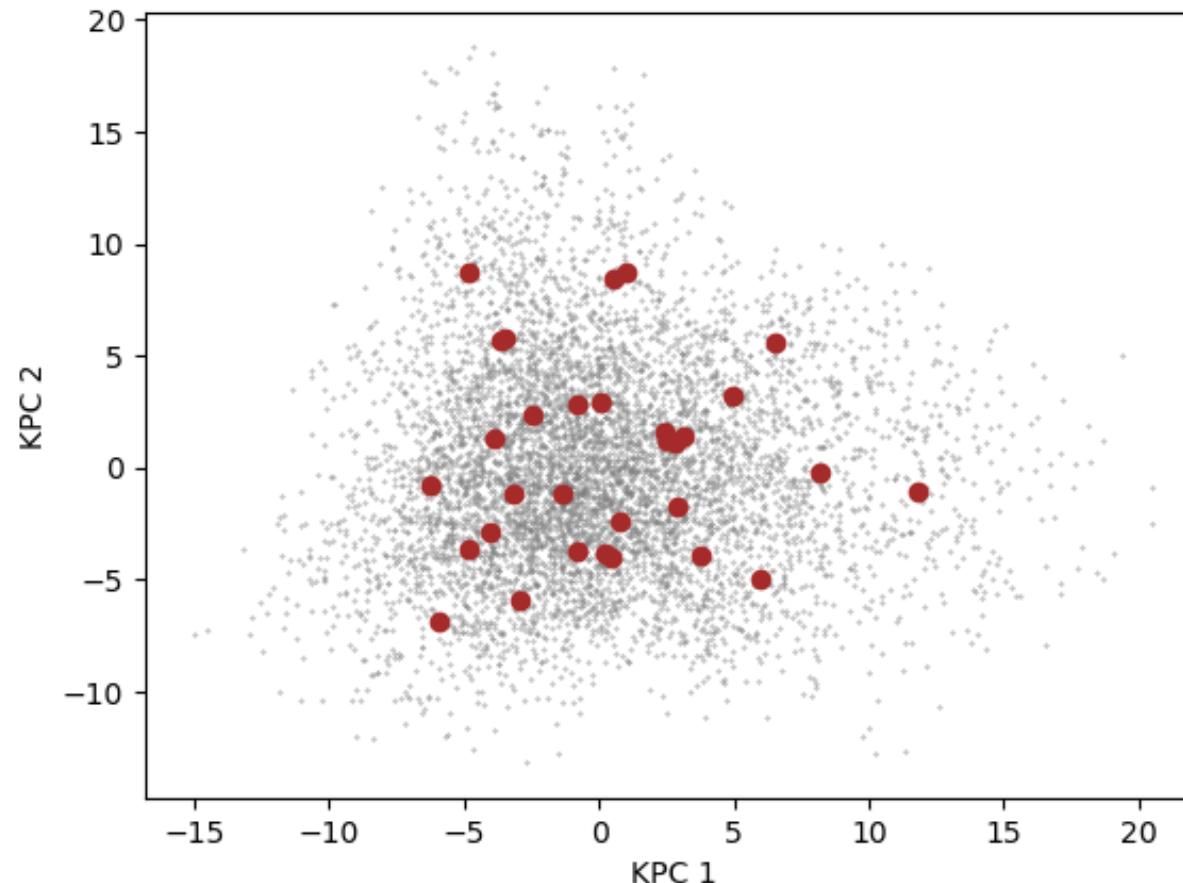
*mean observed pattern given
a community A_k :*

$$\langle Y_t | A_k \rangle = \frac{\sum_t Y_t \gamma_t(A_k)}{\sum_t \gamma_t(A_k)}$$



Two leading
KPC projection

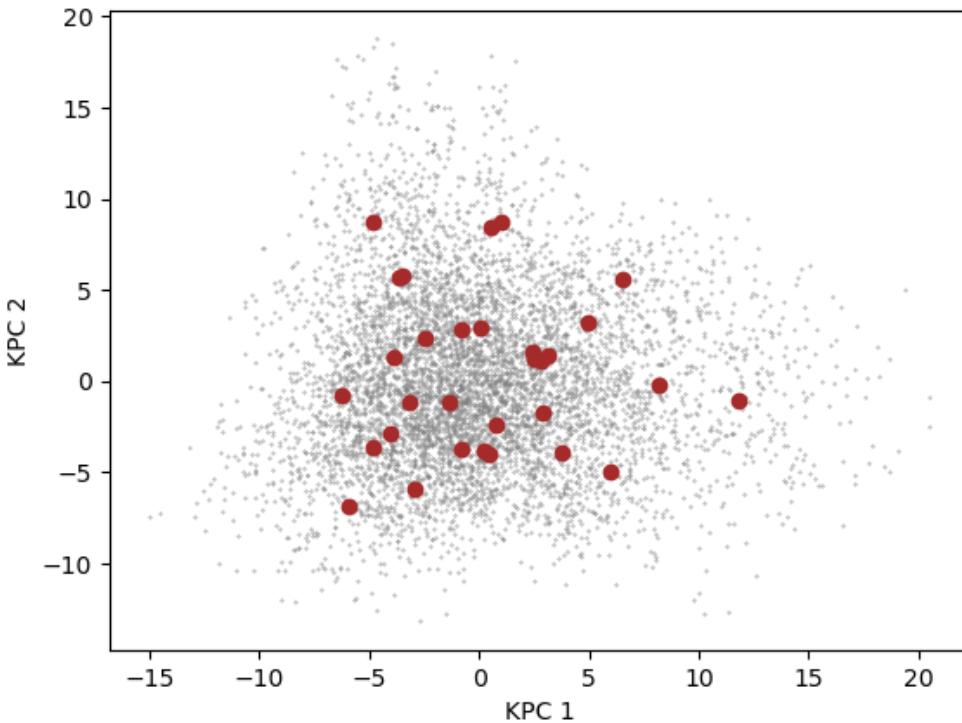
centers of
hidden states
are shown



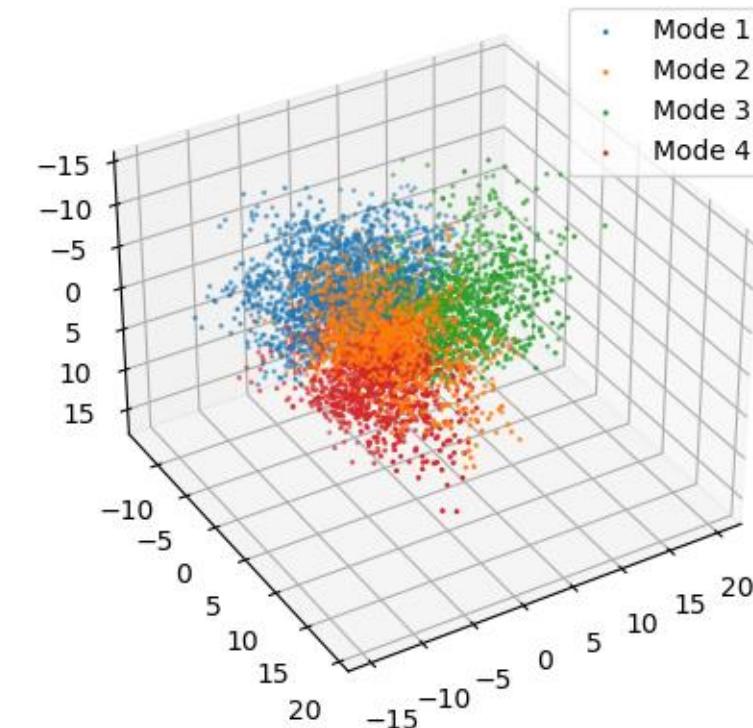
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Finding metastable states

Belonging of observed measurements to communities (in the space of 3 leading KPCs):

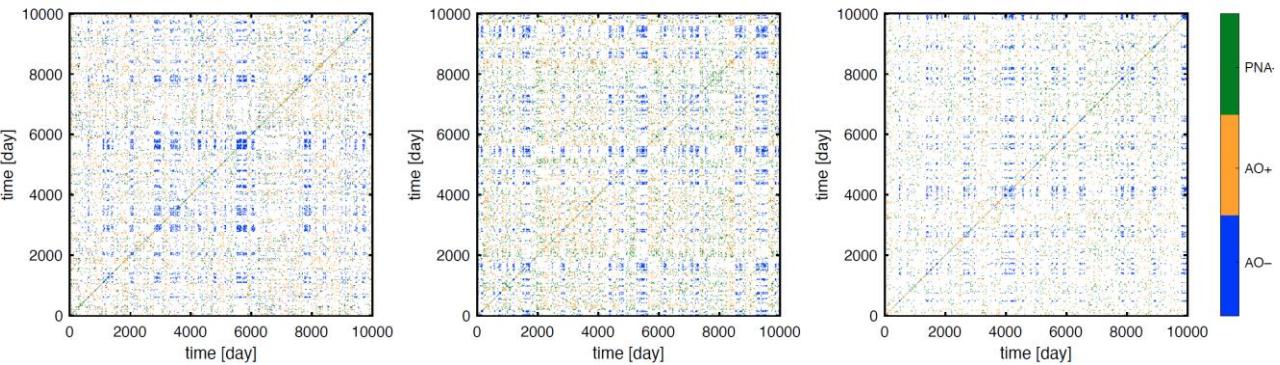


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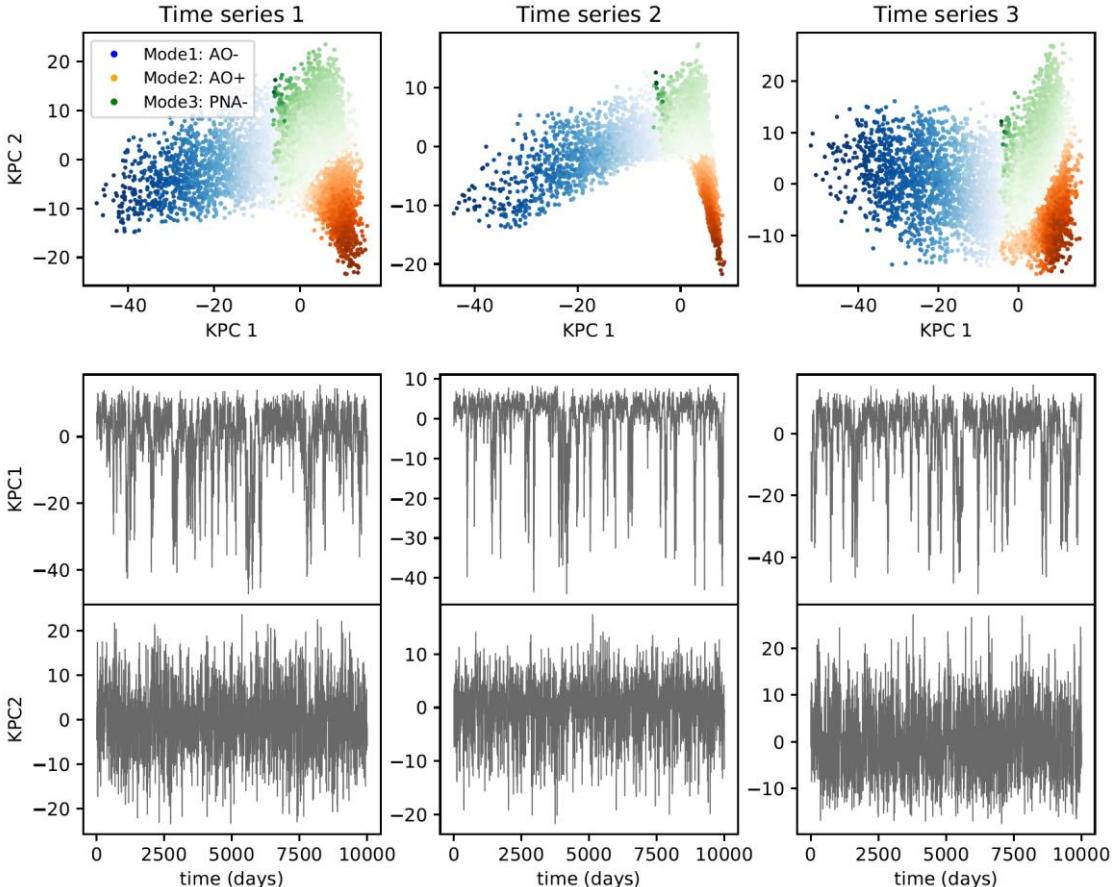


- Quasigeostrophic 3-layer (QG3) model of the winter North Hemisphere atmosphere.
- Data is the stream function field anomalies from the middle layer (500 hPa).
- Here we show 3 time series of 10,000 days duration each.

Recurrence plots

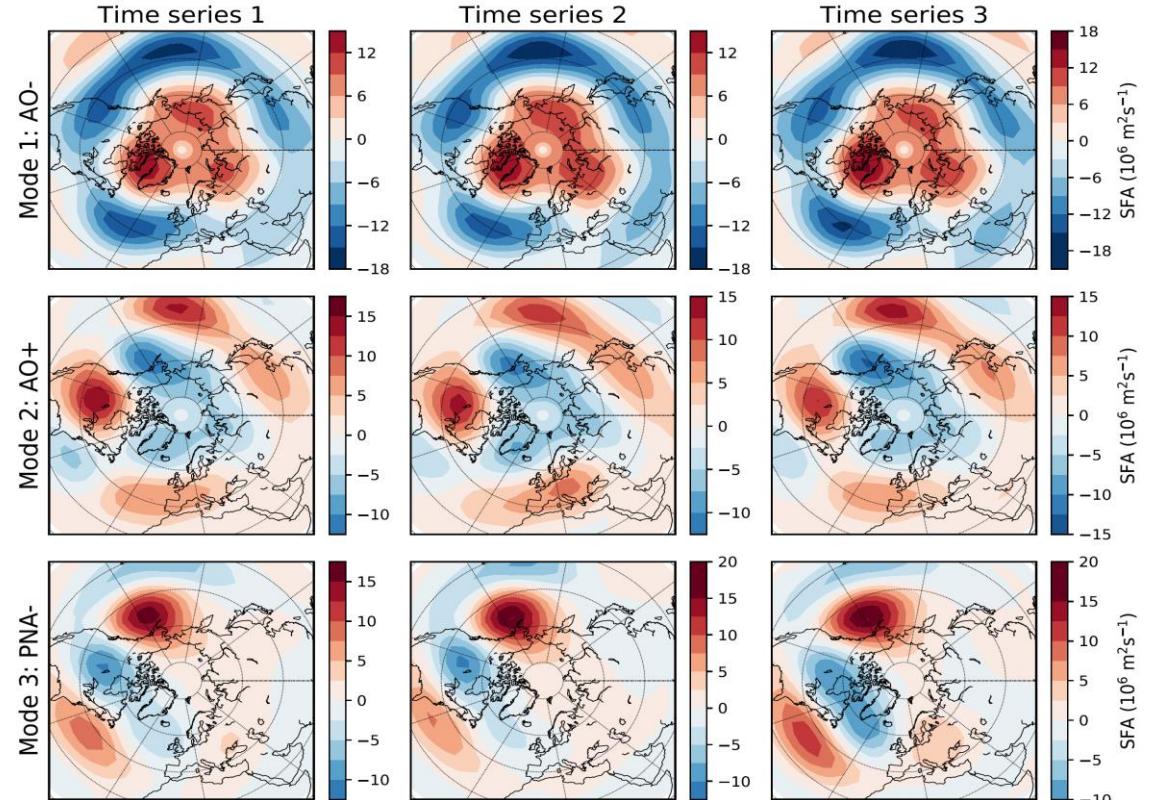


Modes in the kernel PC space



Composite patterns

(means over 20% most central points for each mode)



Kernel PCA

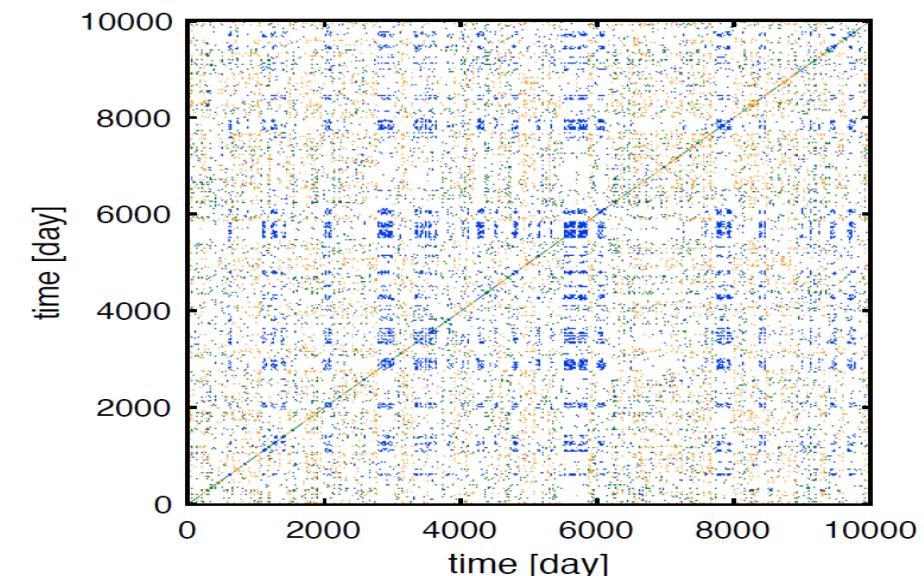
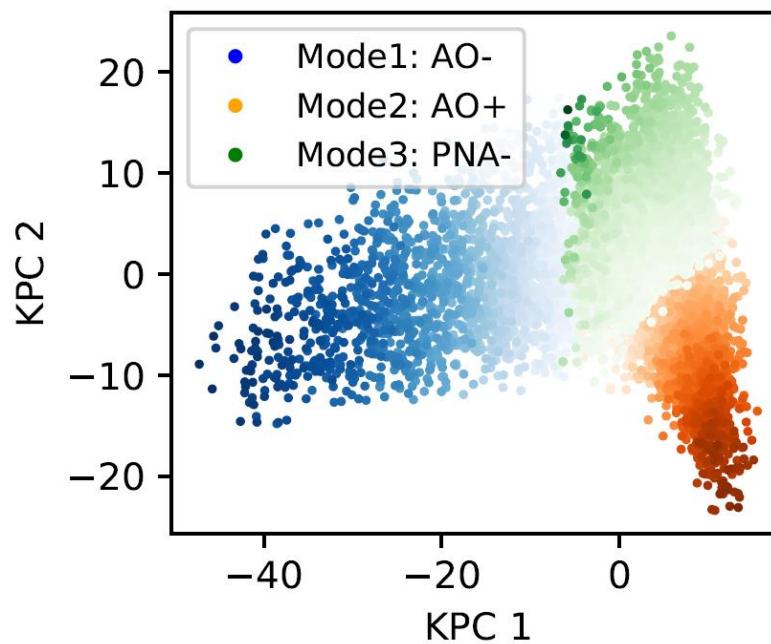
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Time series 1



Circulation of the mid-latitude atmosphere:

Weather regimes

Nonlinear theory: the regimes are associated with metastable states in the phase space

Example:

3-layer quasigeostrophic model

$$\frac{\partial q_1}{\partial t} = -J(\psi_1, q_1) + D_1(\psi_1, \psi_2) + S_1,$$

$$\frac{\partial q_2}{\partial t} = -J(\psi_2, q_2) + D_2(\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3) + S_2,$$

$$\frac{\partial q_3}{\partial t} = -J(\psi_3, q_3) + D_3(\psi_2, \psi_3) + S_3,$$

More than 100 positive Lyapunov exponents

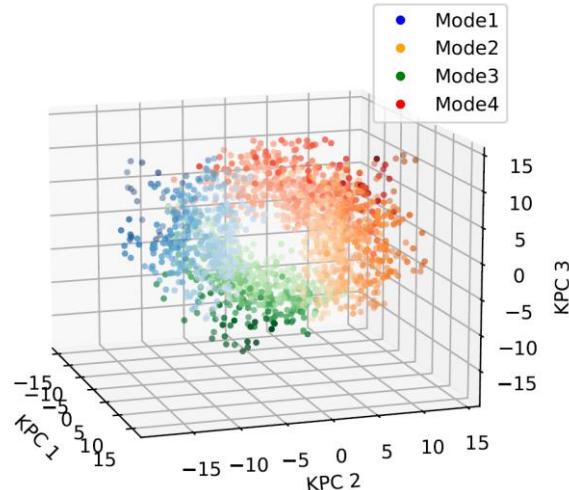
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Unstable periodic orbits

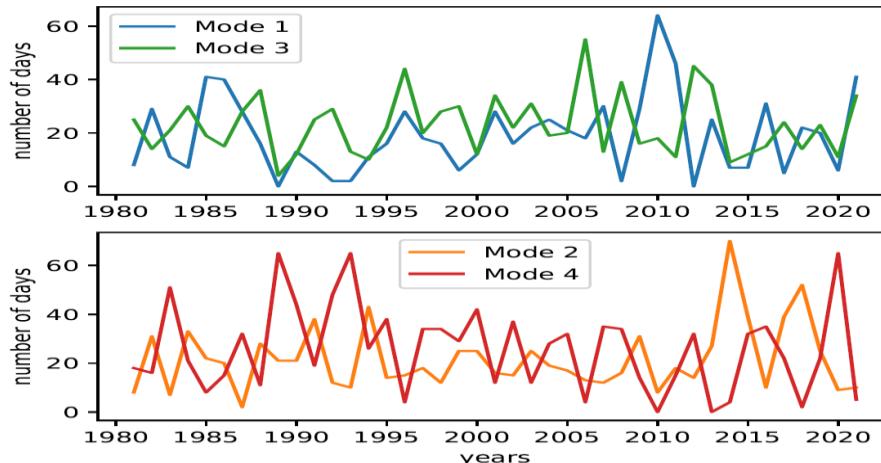
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Modes in the kernel PC space

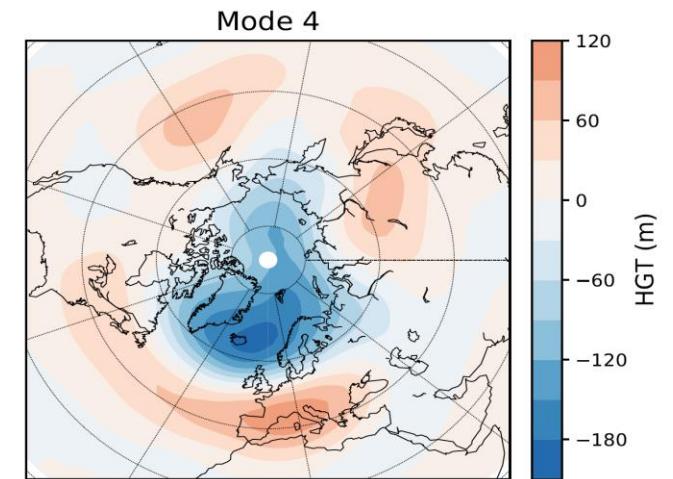
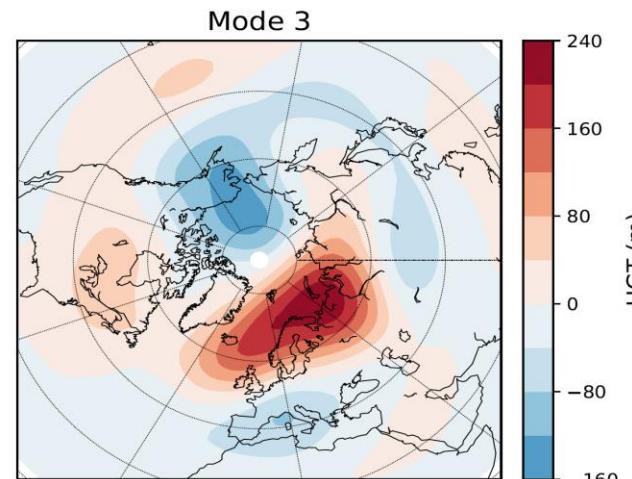
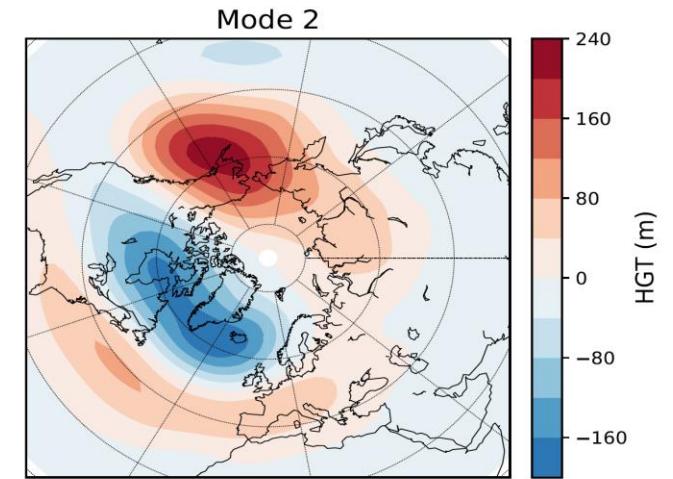
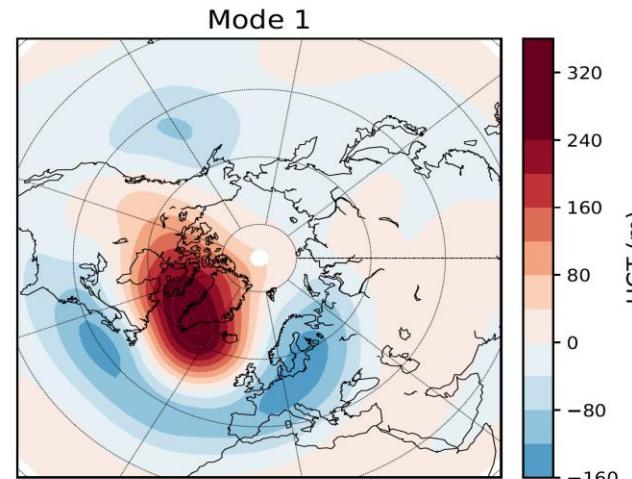


Days per winter



Composite patterns

(means over 20% most central points for each mode)



Problems:

- **Detecting clusters in phase space is an incorrect problem**
- **Selecting a proper projection (subspace) of the phase space**
- **Both the dimension of a subspace and number of clusters are unknown**
- **The clusters may be non-Gaussian**

Note on non-Markovian dynamics

Model with memory can be represented as Markov model in extended space

$$\mathbf{U}(t_{k+1}) = \mathbf{U}(t_k + \tau),$$

$$\mathbf{U}(t_{k+1} + \tau) = \mathbf{U}(t_k + 2\tau),$$

⋮

$$\mathbf{U}[t_{k+1} + (m-1)\tau] = \mathbf{f}\{\mathbf{U}(t_k), \mathbf{U}(t_k + \tau), \dots, \mathbf{U}[t_k + (m-1)\tau]\}$$

Reduced matrix :

$$\overline{Q}_{kl} = \frac{\sum_{\substack{i \in A_k, j \in A_l}} Q_{ij} \pi_j}{\sum_{j \in A_l} \pi_j}$$

**Expected lifetime of
regime k :**

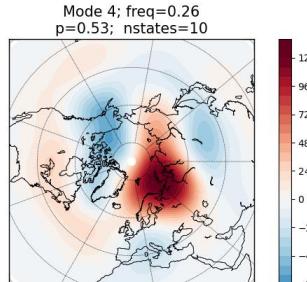
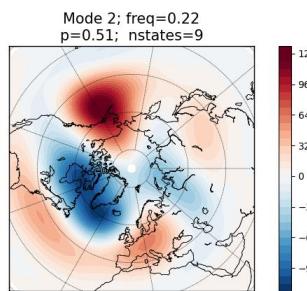
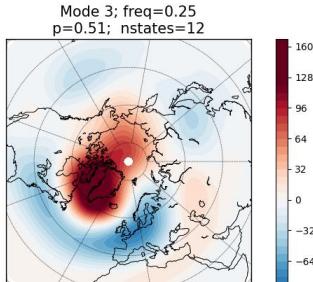
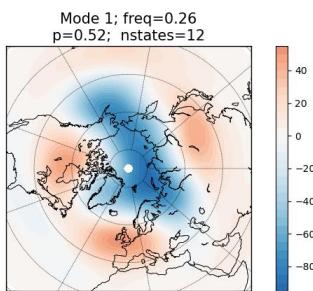
$$\overline{Q}_{kk} / (1 - \overline{Q}_{kk})$$

Hidden Markov model

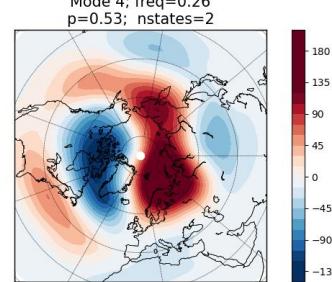
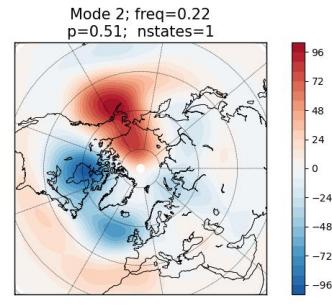
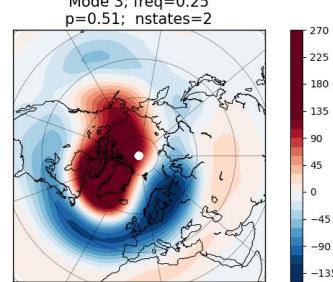
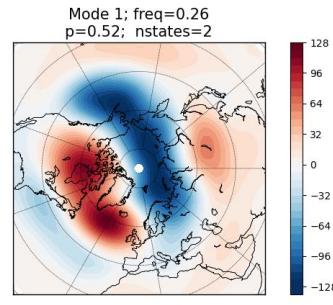
Composite patterns

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**Composite of all states
associated with the regime:**



**The most stable hidden state of
the regime:**

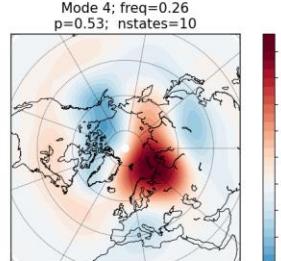
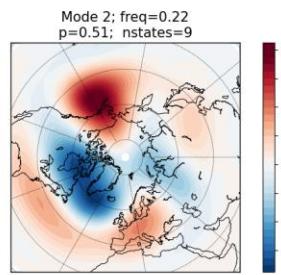
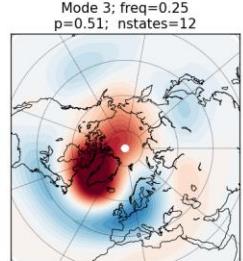
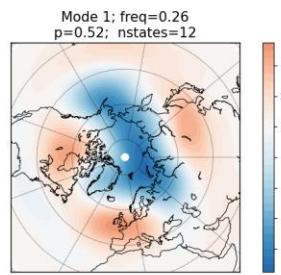


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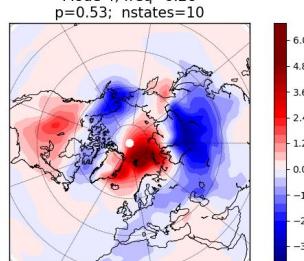
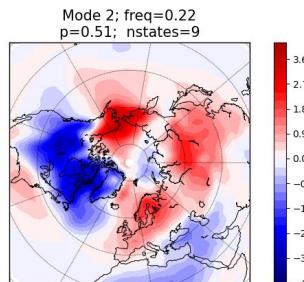
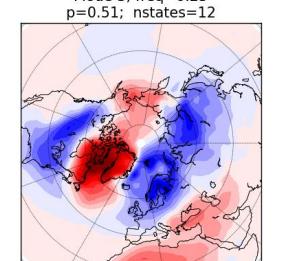
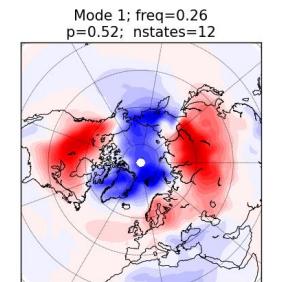
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Impact to surface atmosphere temperatures (SAT)

HGT composites:



SAT composites:

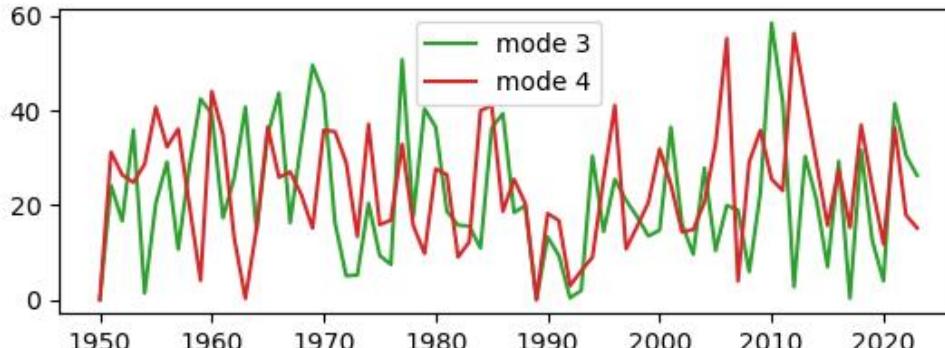
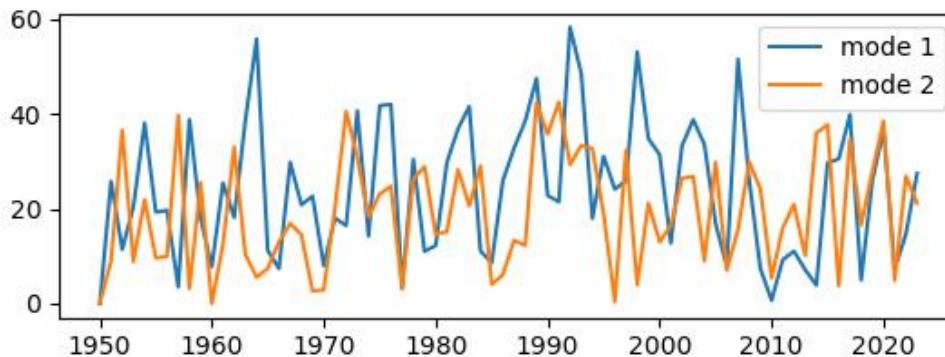


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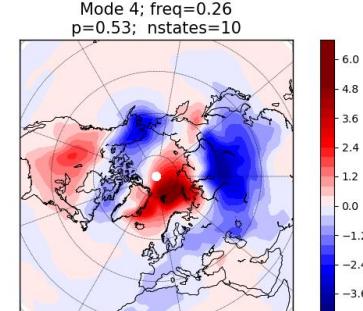
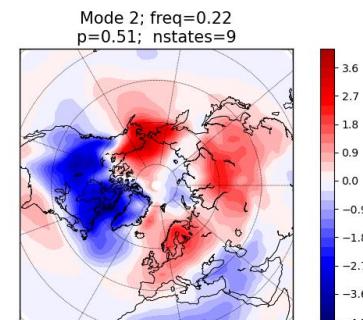
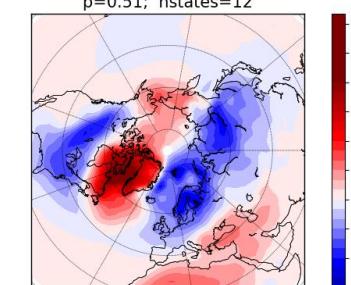
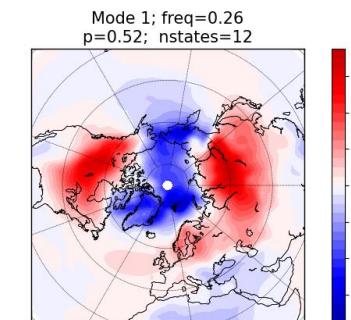
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Regime frequencies (number of days per winter):



SAT composites:



Hidden Markov model

