

On the utility of self-organizing maps (SOM) and k-means clustering to characterize and compare low frequency spatial and temporal climate impacts on marine ecosystem productivity

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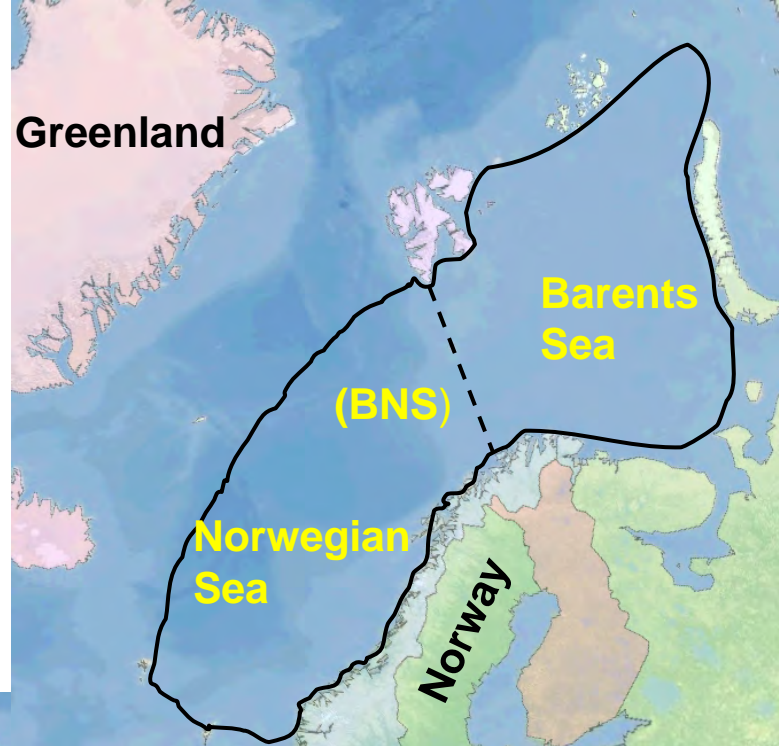
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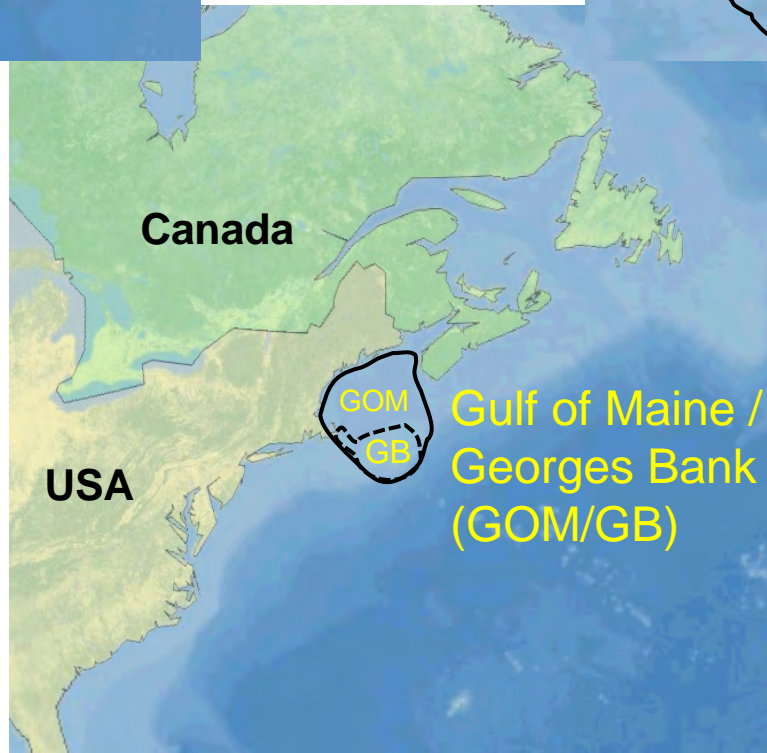


Outline

- Motivation and rationale: temporal and spatial of R and S variability compared
- Describe Self organizing maps (SOM)
- Apply to time series trends in the $\ln(R/S)$ response variable
- Discuss the utility of SOM



4 Major Ecosystems

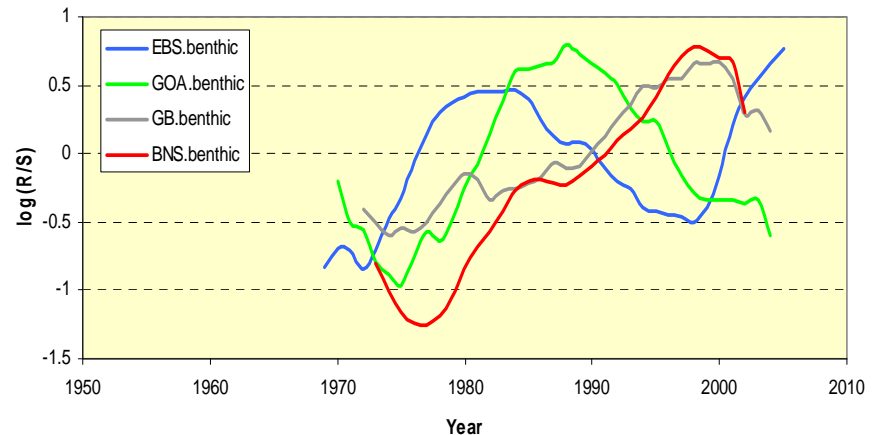
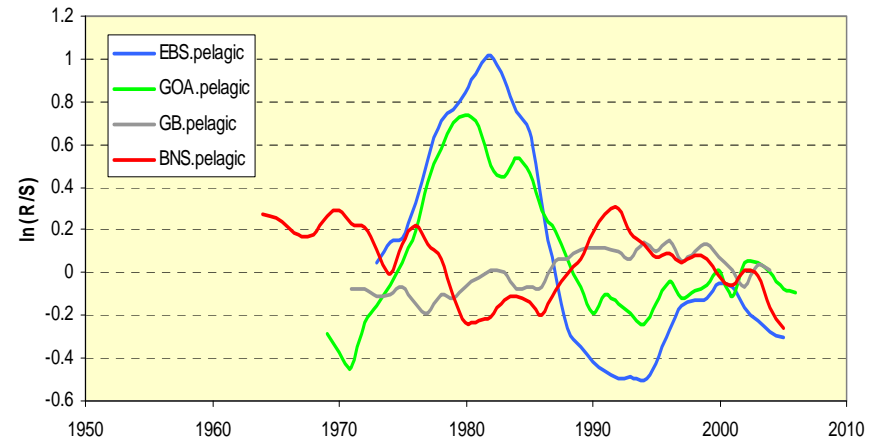
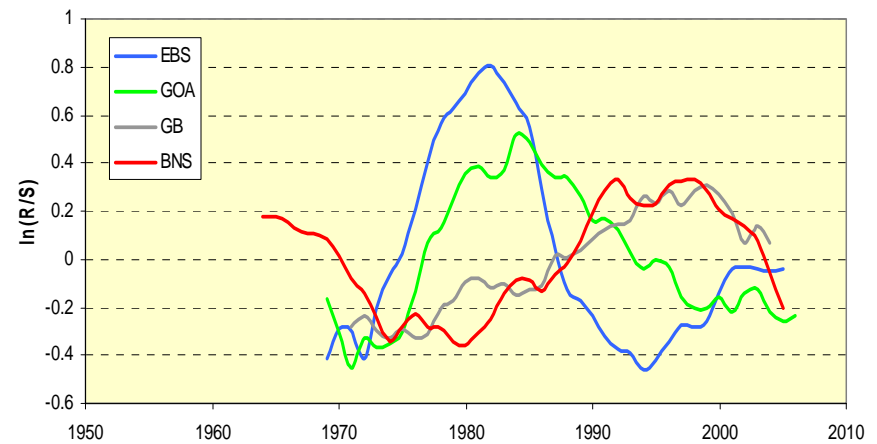


Trends in Recruitment Time Series Anomalies

- Temporal and spatial patterns of R and S variability from 17 stocks were compared among functionally analogous species and similar feeding guilds from four marine ecosystems.
- Calculate the anomaly in $\ln(R/S)$,
- Pool by feeding guild (benthic vs. pelagic) or ecosystem (EBS, GOA, GB/GOM, BNS) by calculating the average anomaly per year
- Look for within and cross ecosystem trends

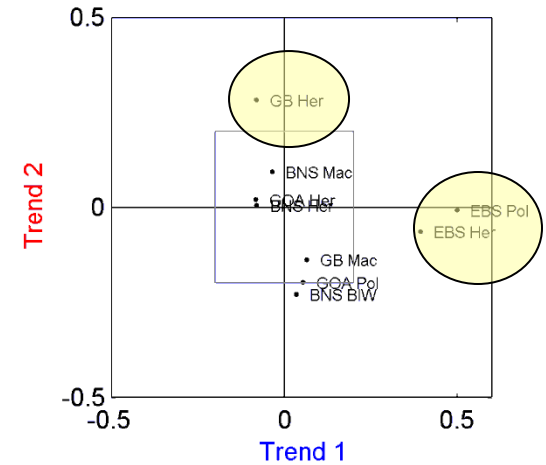
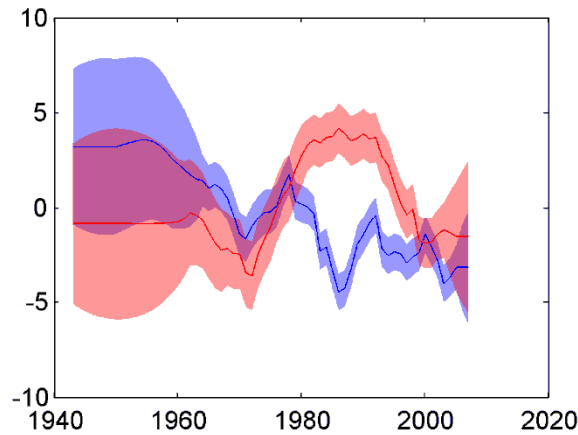
In(R/S) Response Variable

- EBS and GOA follow same trend ($r=0.64$, $p<0.01$)
- GB and BNS follow same trend ($r=0.89$, $p<0.01$)
- EBS/GOA out of phase with GB/BNS ($r=-0.67$, $p<0.01$)
- Declining survival since mid-90's for all but EBS. Declining pelagic survival for GB and BNS.
- Improving benthic survival for GB and BNS since late 1970's. Declining benthic survival for EBS and GOA over same period.
- Recent upturn in benthic survival in EBS since late 1990's and in pelagic survival since mid 1990's.

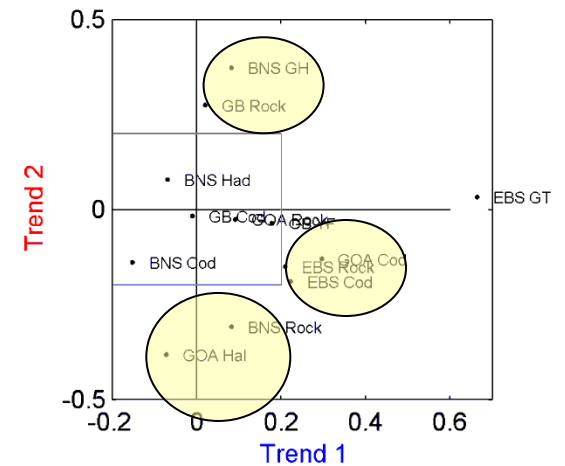
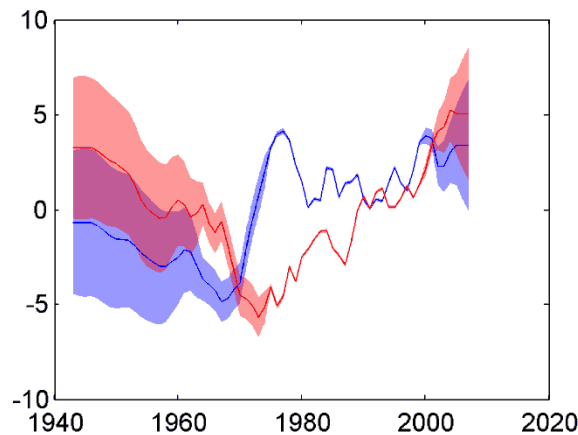


Dynamic Factor Analysis In(R/S)

Pelagic
Species



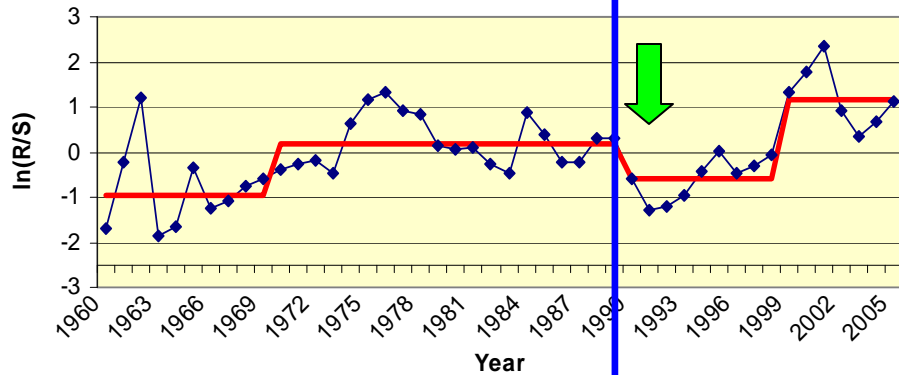
Benthic
Species



Survival Changes all Four Ecosystems: Benthic Regime Shift ~ 1989?

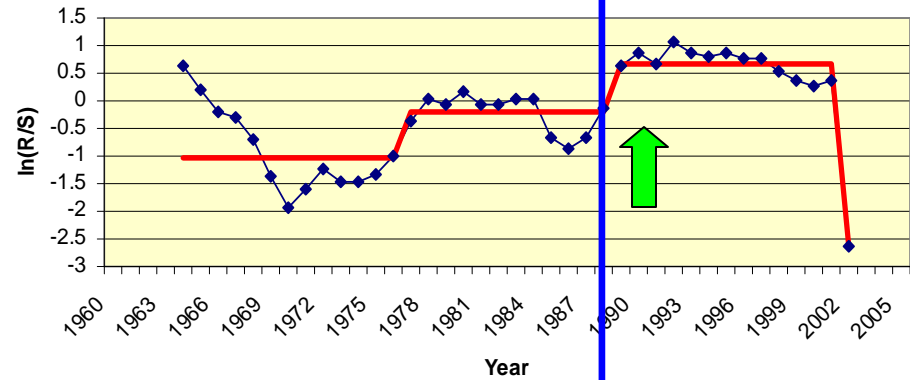
EBS.Benthic, 1960-2005

Probability = 0.1, cutoff length = 10, Huber parameter = 1



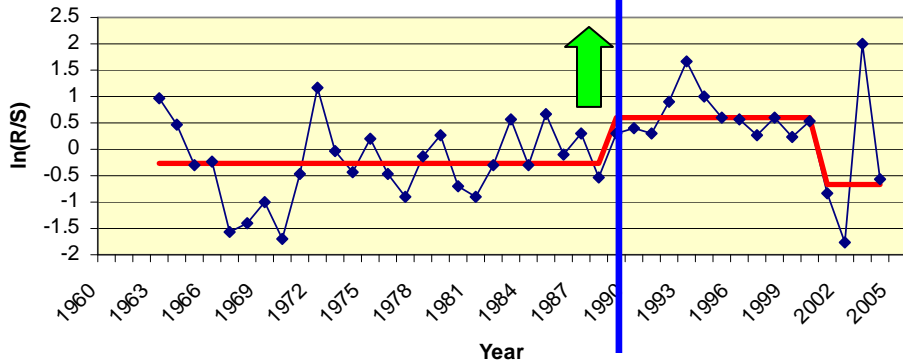
BNS.Benthic 1964-2002

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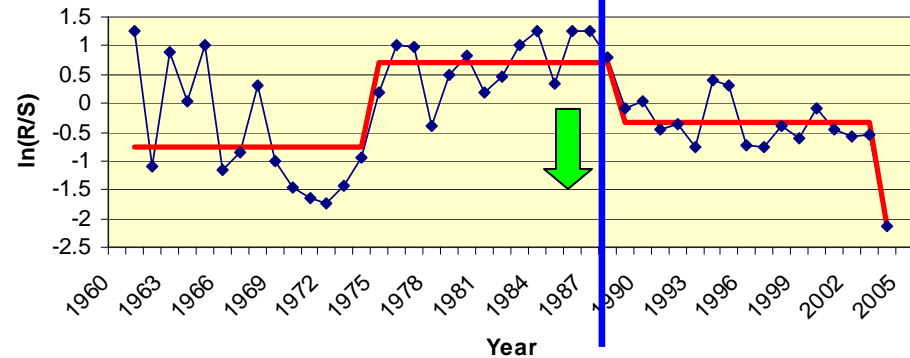
GB.Benthic, 1963-2004

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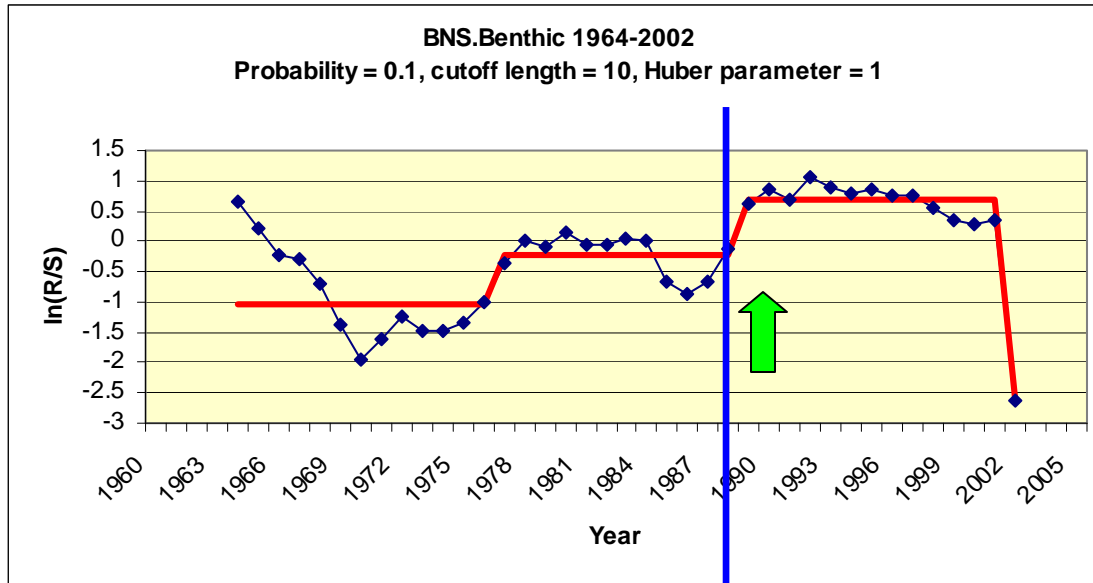


GOA.Benthic, 1961-2004

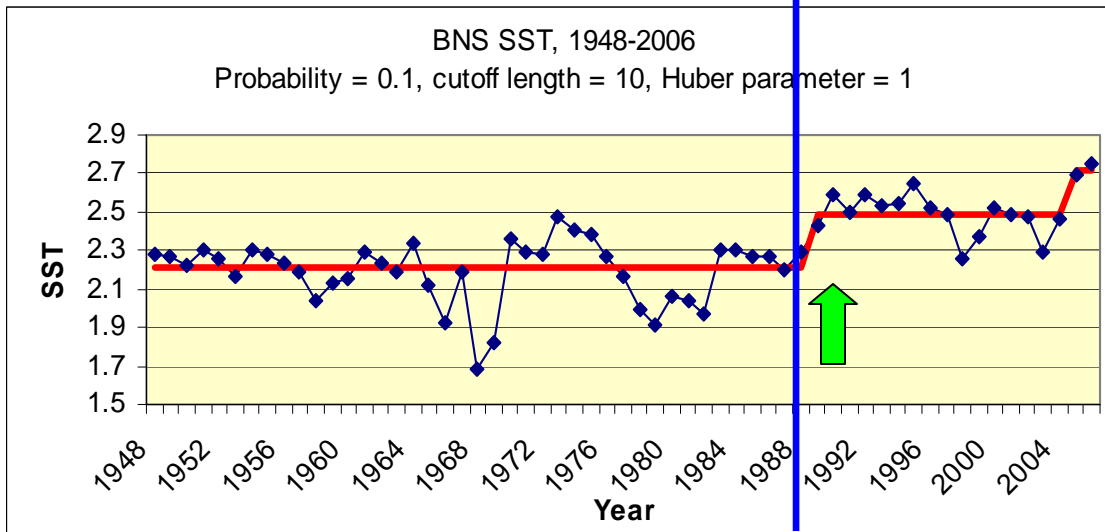
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Climate forcing of the Barents/Norwegian Sea?



BNS Pelagic In(R/S)



BNS SST

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Methods

- Artificial neural network (ANN)
 - Self organizing mapping (SOM)

Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-organizing_map

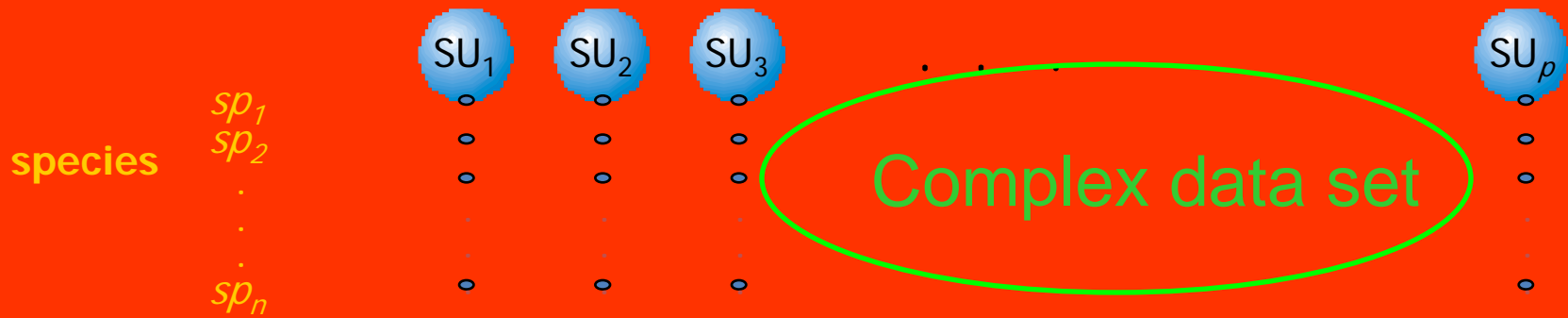
A **self-organizing map (SOM)** or **self-organizing feature map (SOFM)** is a type of [artificial neural network](#) that is trained using [unsupervised learning](#) to produce a low-dimensional (typically two-dimensional) map. Self-organizing maps are different from other artificial neural networks in the sense that they use a neighborhood function to preserve the [topological](#) properties of the input space.

... This makes SOM useful for [visualizing](#) low-dimensional views of high-dimensional data, akin to [multidimensional scaling](#). The model was first described as an artificial neural network by the [Finnish](#) professor [Teuvo Kohonen](#), and is sometimes called a **Kohonen map**.

... Therefore, SOM forms a semantic map where similar samples are mapped close together and dissimilar apart. This may be visualized by a U-Matrix (Euclidean distance between weight vectors of neighboring cells) of the SOM.

SOM may be considered a nonlinear generalization of [Principal components analysis](#) (PCA) SOM has many advantages over the conventional feature extraction methods such as Empirical Orthogonal Functions (EOF) or PCA.

Sample units

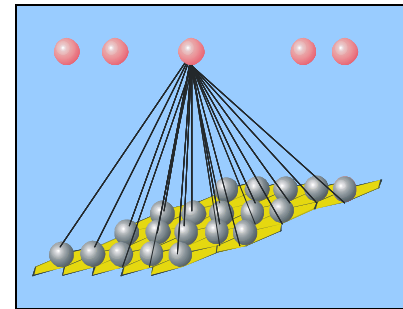


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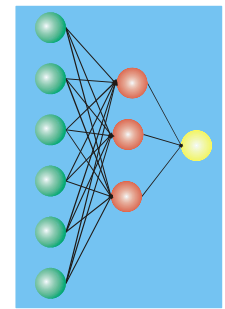
- Polar Ordination (PO)
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Correspondence Analysis (CoA)
- Nonlinear Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS)
- ...

• Classification

• Artificial Neural Network (ANN)



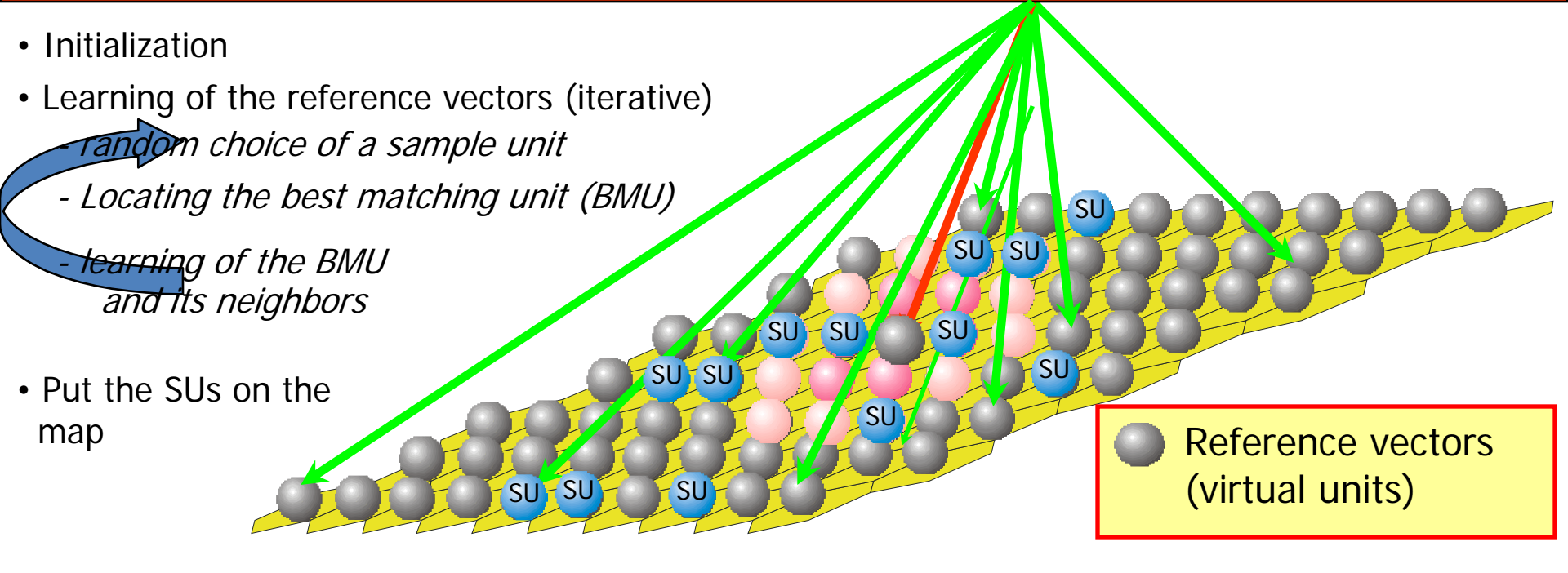
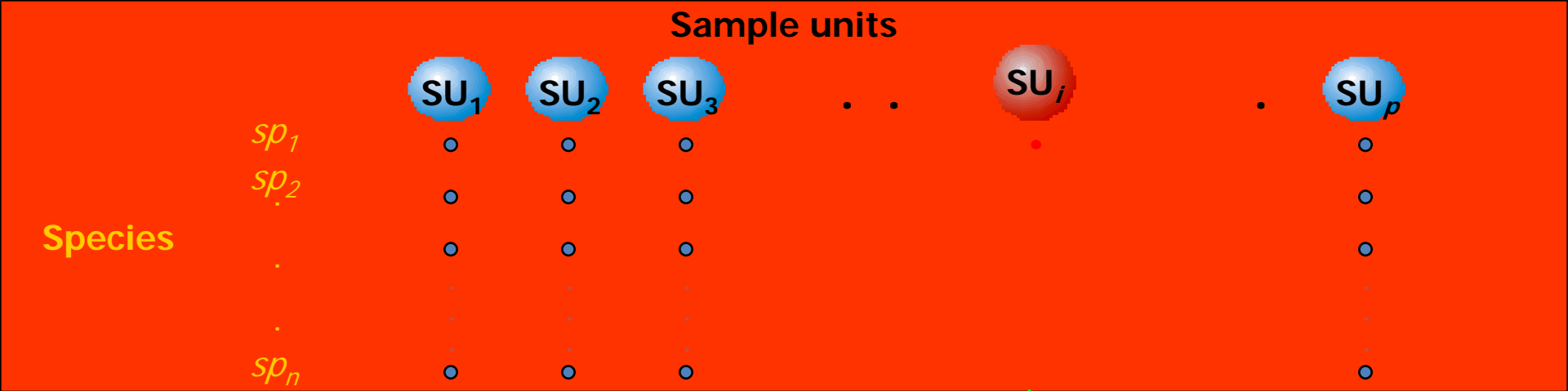
SOM



BP

Interpretation

*Self Organizing Maps, a good tool to simplify high dimensional dataset.
Bacpropagation neural network, for prediction and discrimination.*



In each hexagon, a virtual unit (VU) will be considered. The virtual units are virtual sites with species abundance to be computed. The modifications of the VUs are made through an ANN.

Clustering with Self-Organizing Maps

- Teaching the SOM: the species abundance is computed for each virtual units.
- Computing the U-matrix.
- Mapping the Sample Units onto the U-matrix.
- Making the clustering structure apparent for the human expert of the dataset by selecting the brightness of the display.

Clustering with Self-Organizing Maps

- With a large dataset, when dendrograms become very difficult to read, the SOM and the U-matrix are able to provide a very convenient visualisation.
- U-matrix is not a "ready made" clustering algorithm but rather a tool for the inspection of high dimensional data.
- The clusters have to be « seen » on the map by the human dataset expert.
- The expert can define all types of clusters including the non-convex ones.

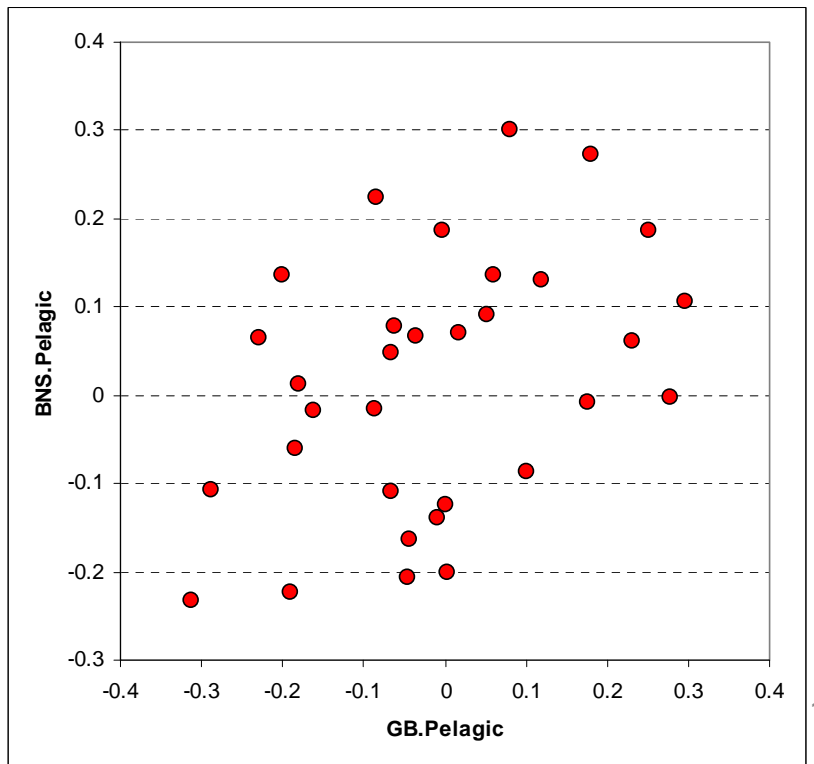
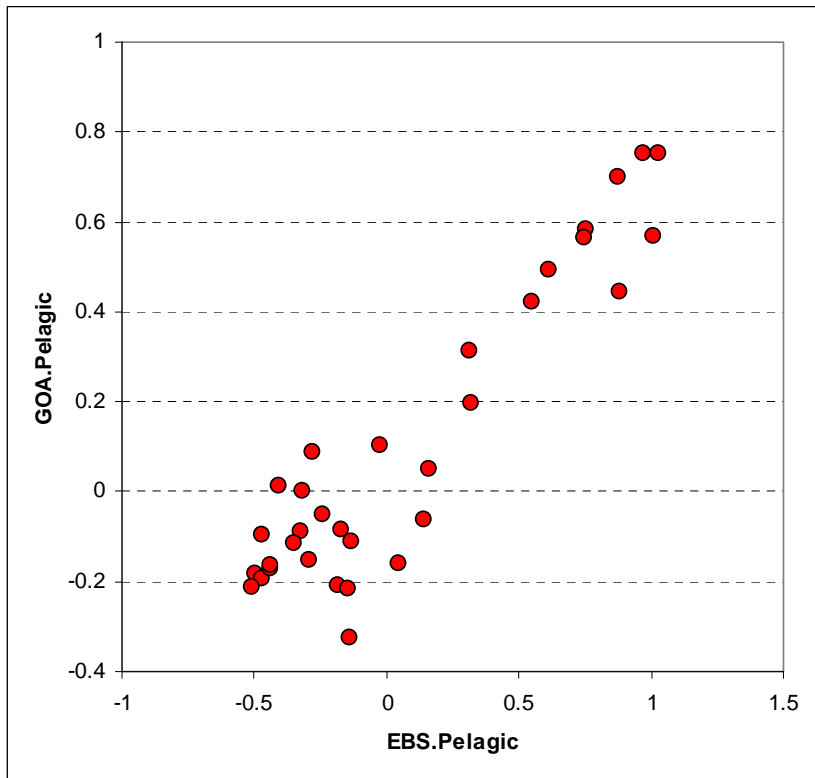
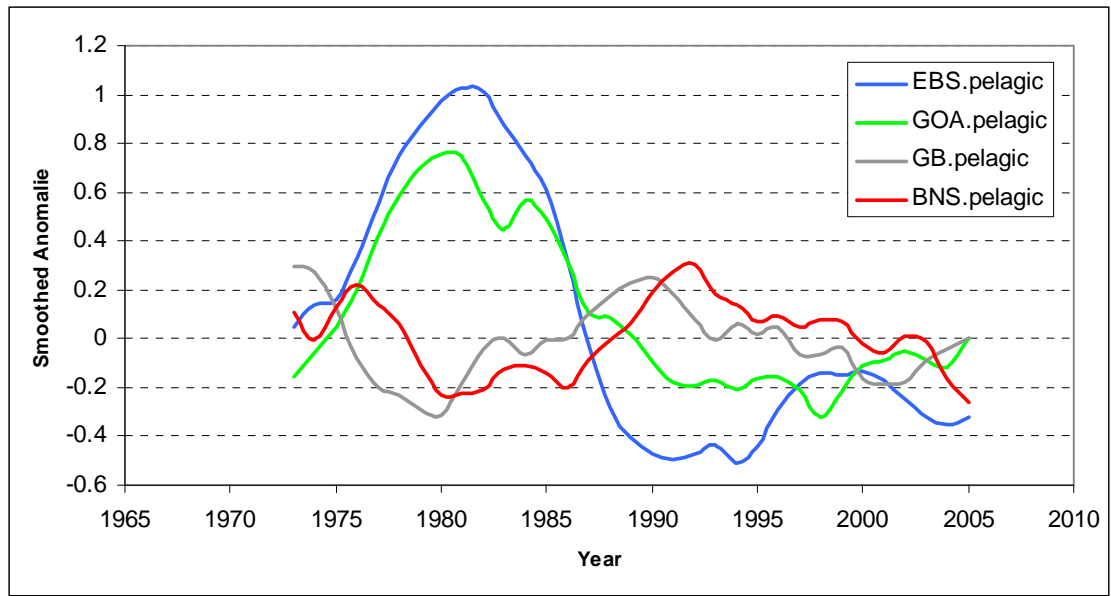
K-means Clustering

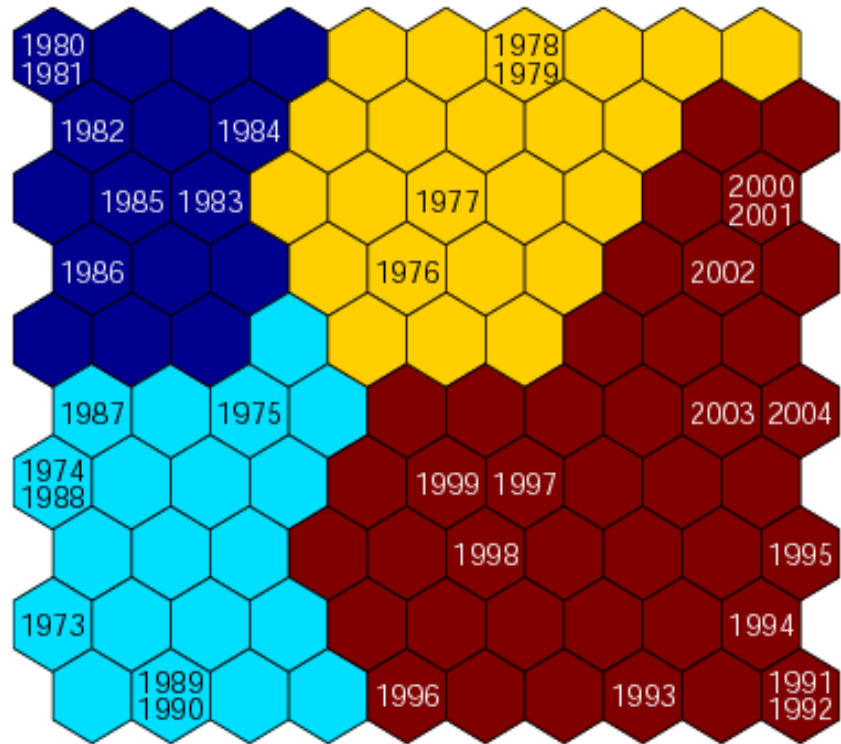
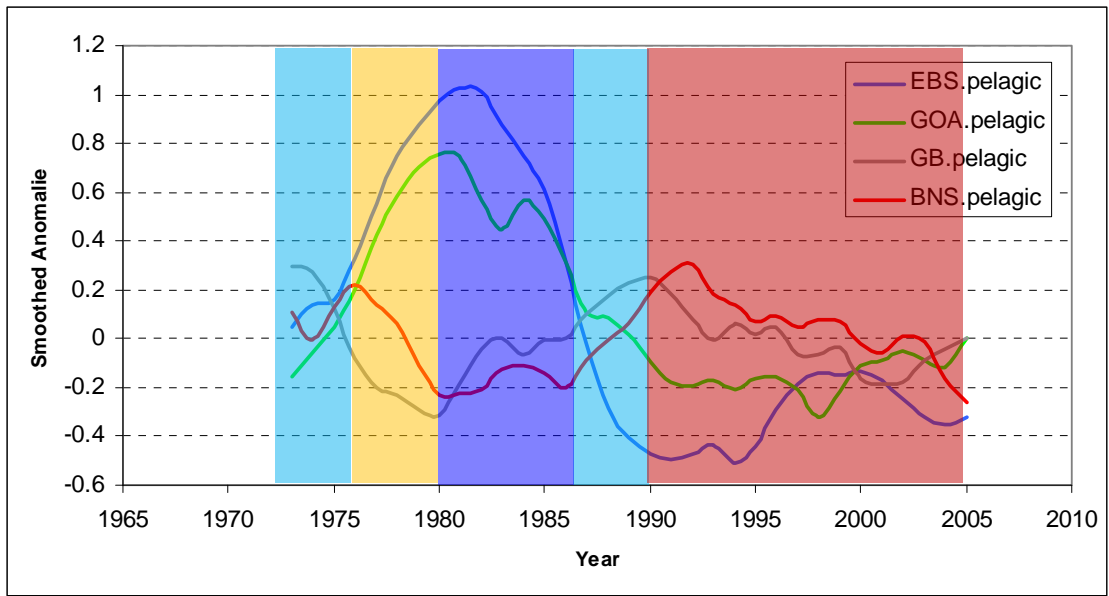
k-means clustering is a method of [cluster analysis](#) which aims to [partition](#) n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest [mean](#). It is similar to the [expectation-maximization algorithm](#) for mixtures of [Gaussians](#) in that they both attempt to find the centers of natural clusters in the data.

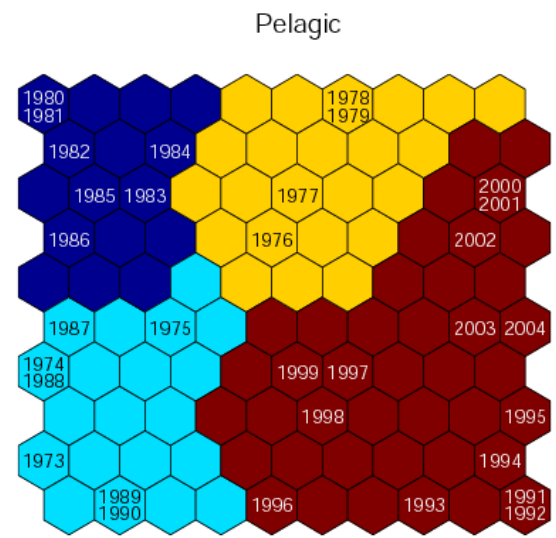
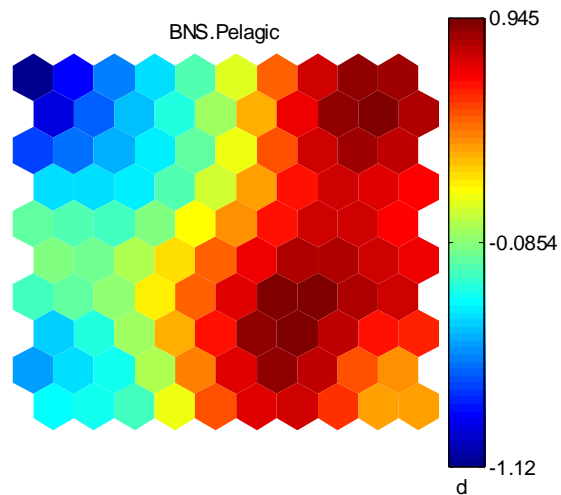
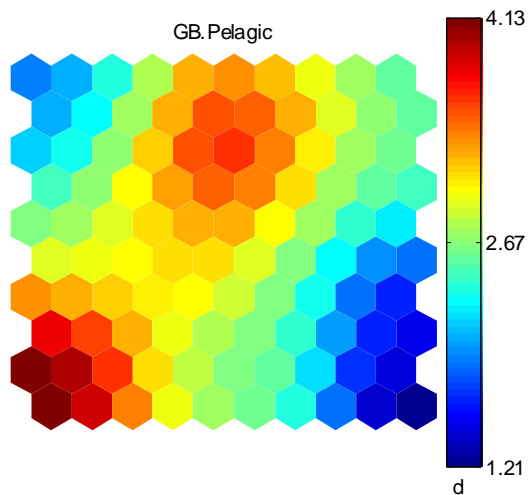
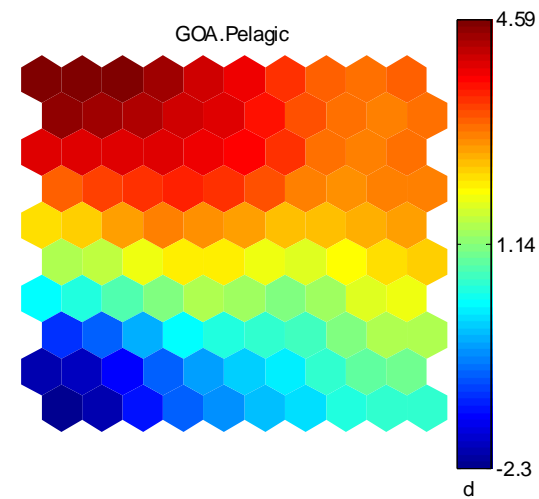
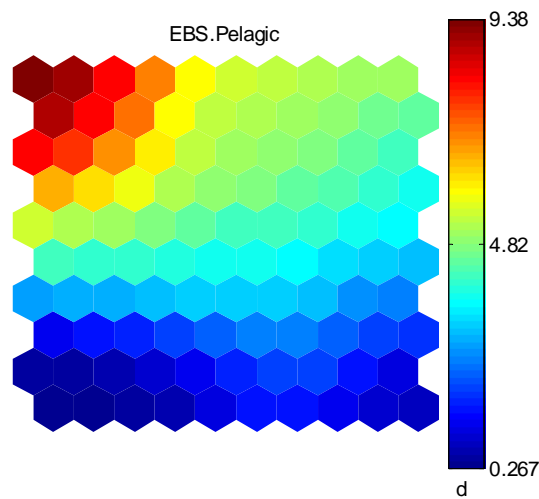
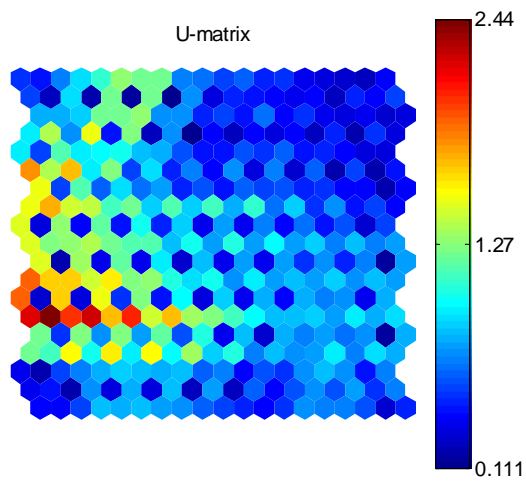
It has been shown that the relaxed solution of k -means clustering, specified by the cluster indicators, is given by the PCA ([principal component analysis](#)) principal components, and the PCA subspace spanned by the principal directions is identical to the cluster centroid subspace specified by the between-class scatter matrix.

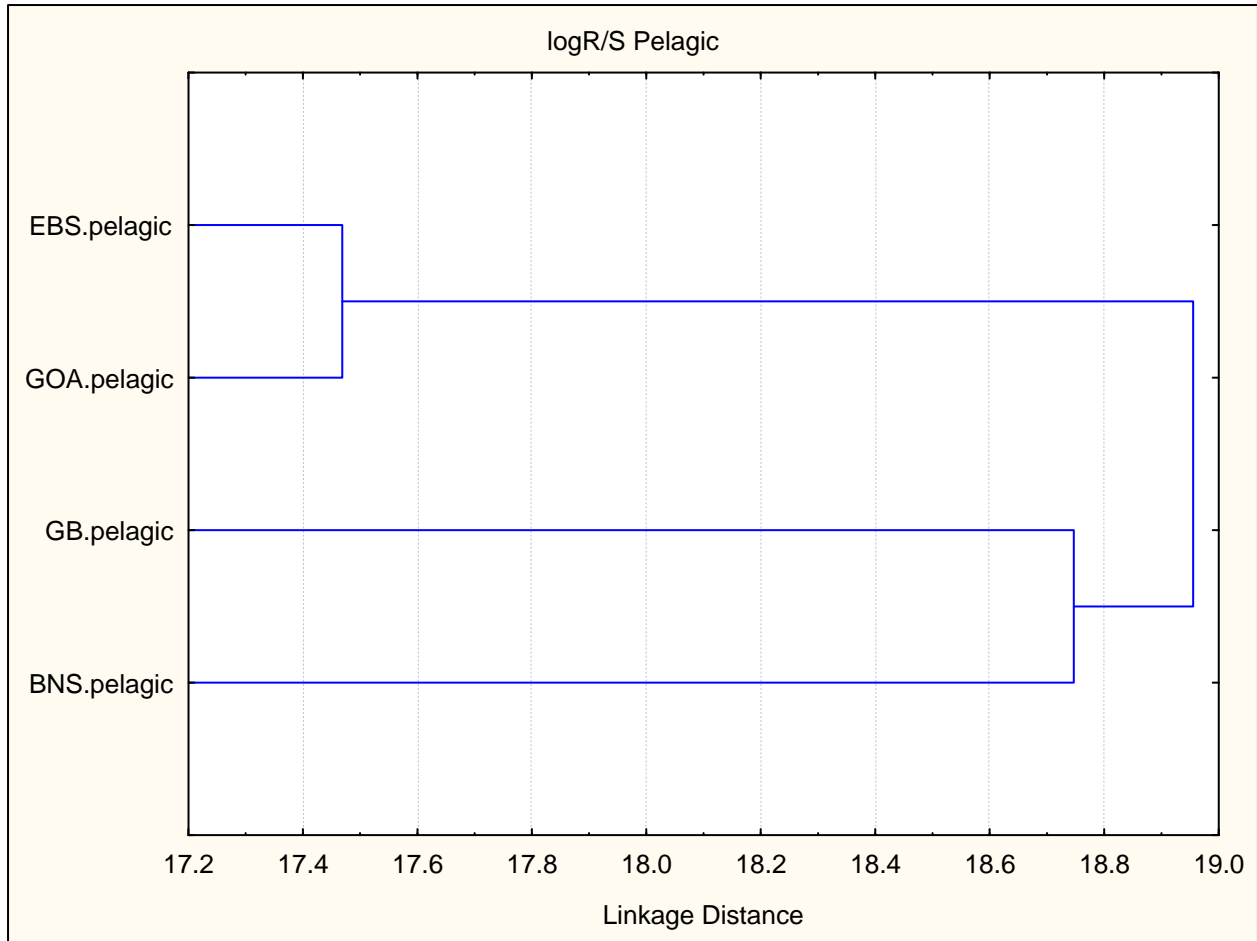
Apply model to four ecosystem data

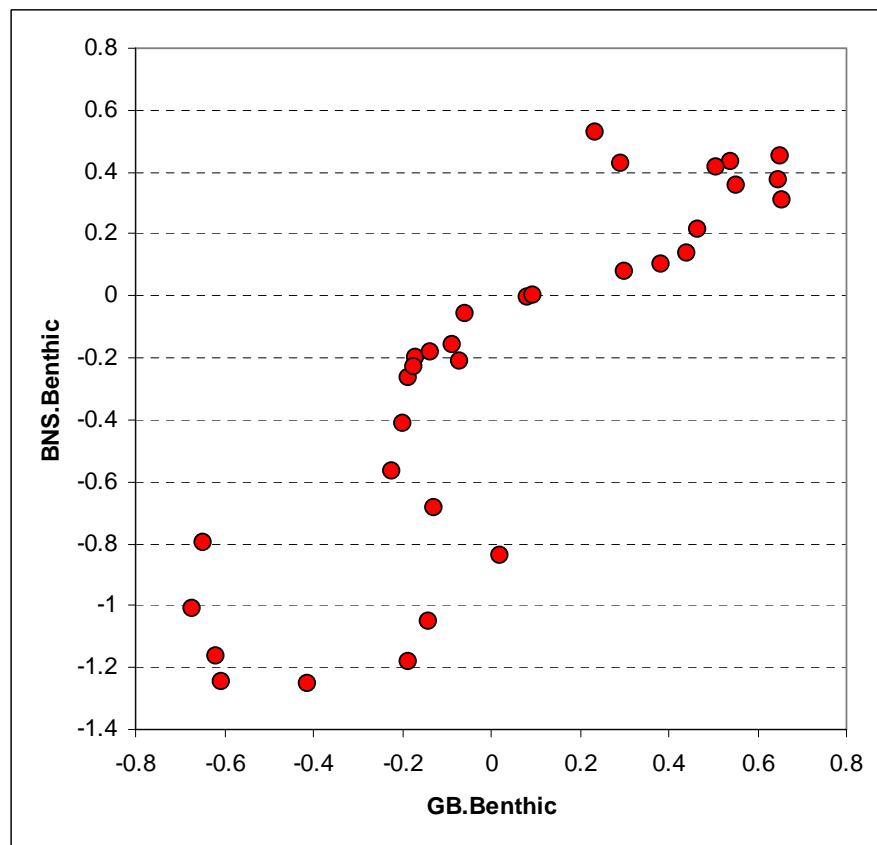
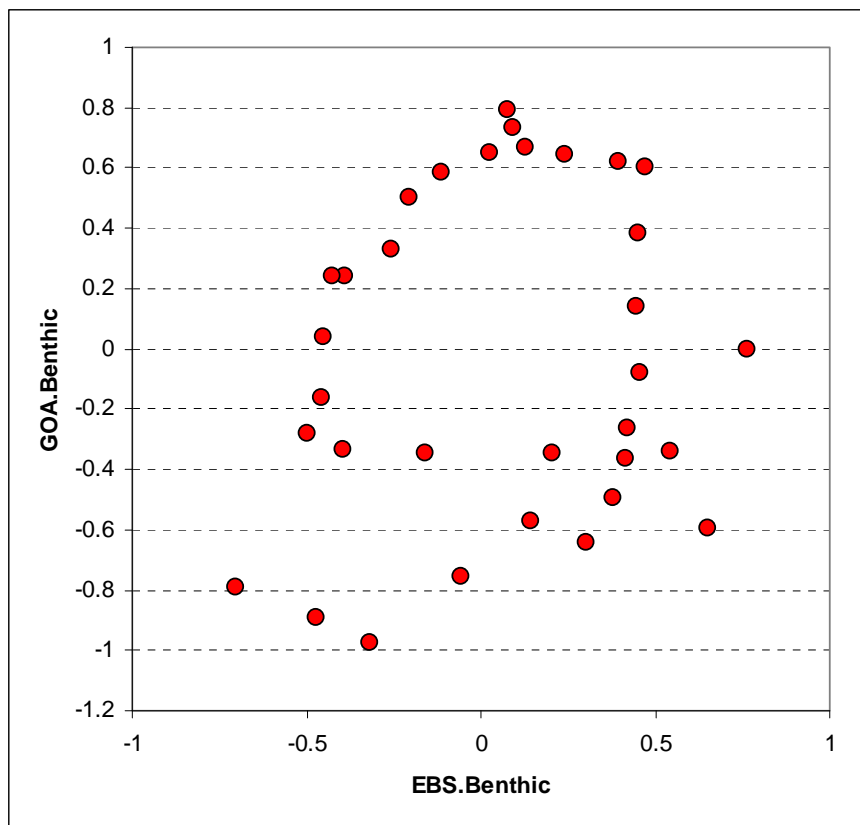
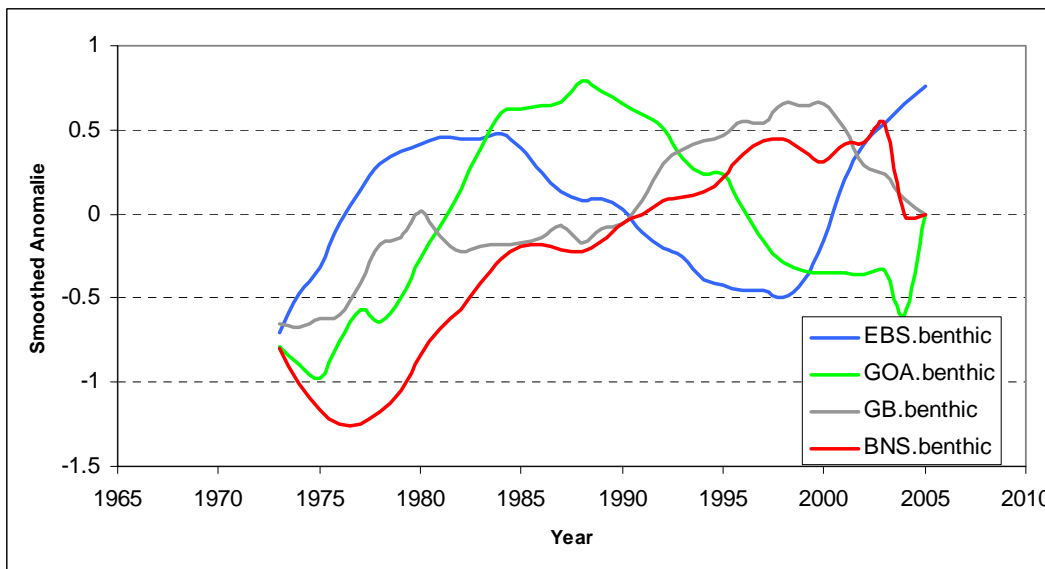
- $\ln(R/S)$ of pelagic
- $\ln(R/S)$ of benthic
- $\ln(R/S)$ of the pooled for ecosystems

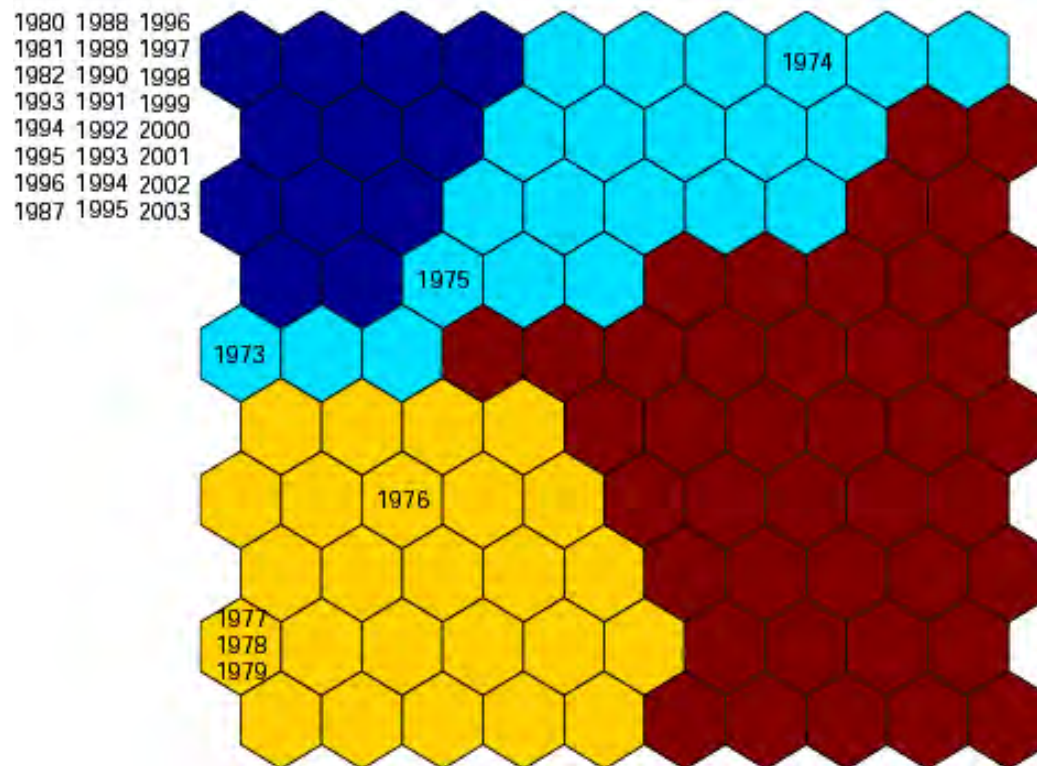
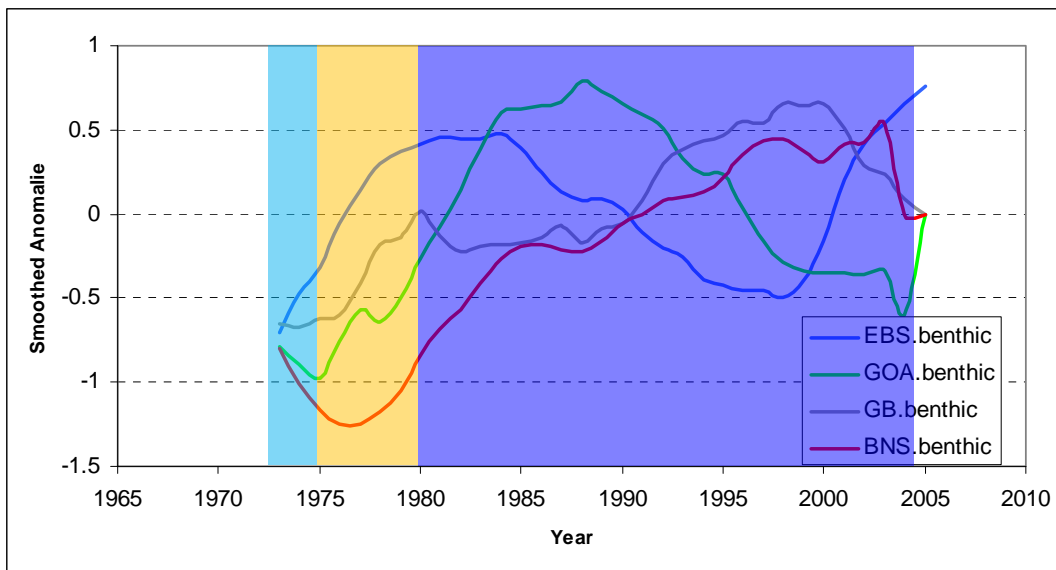


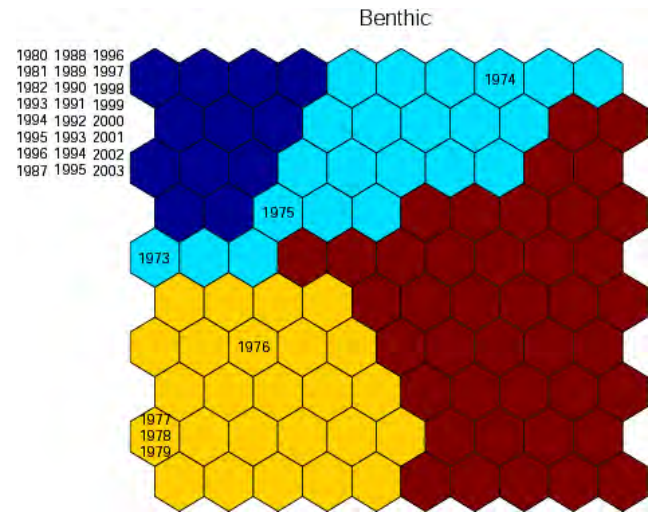
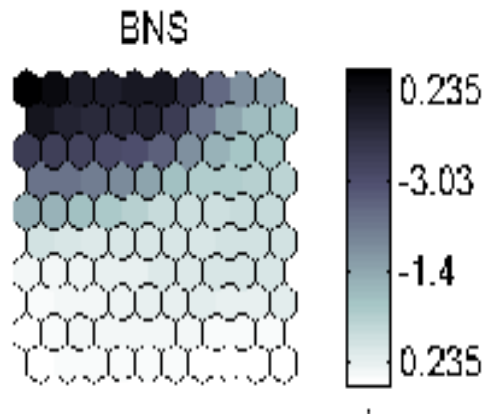
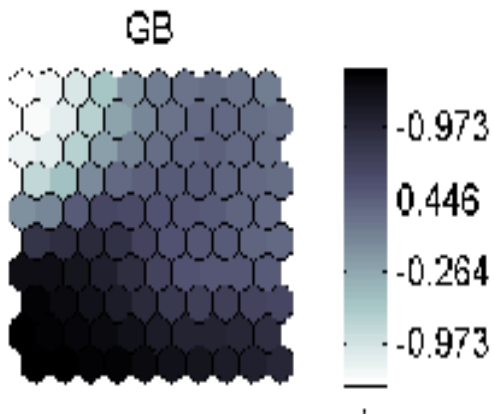
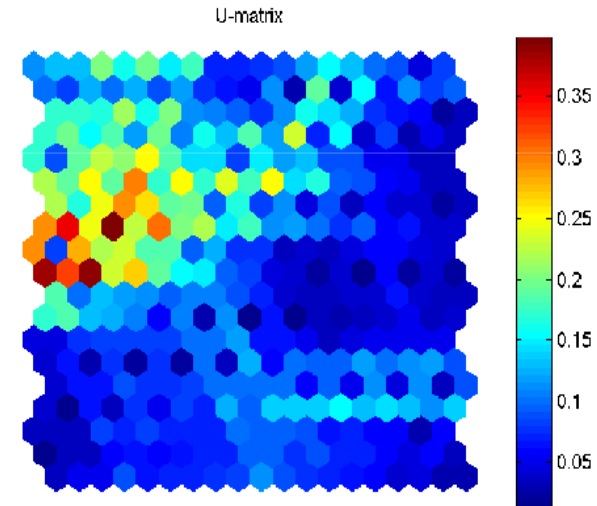
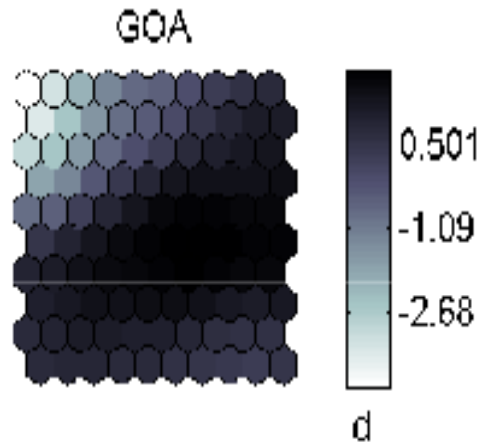
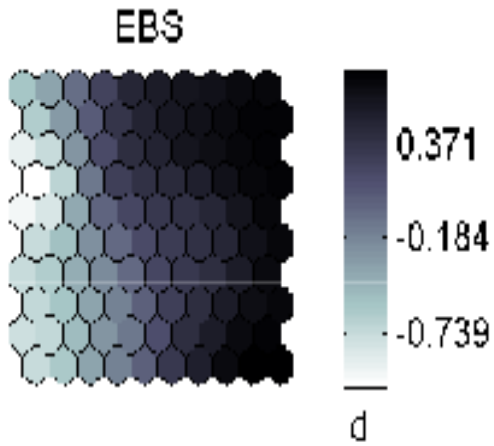


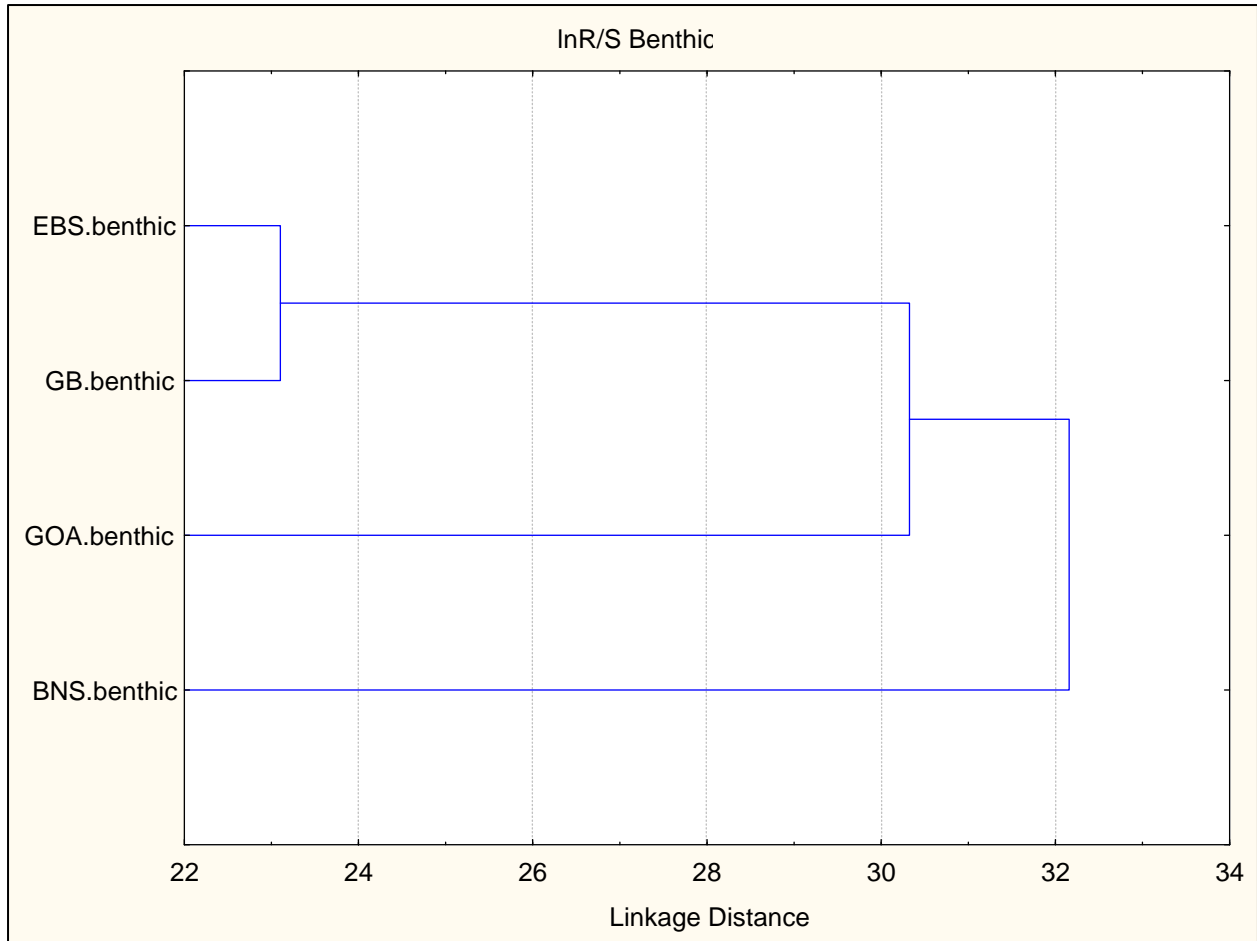


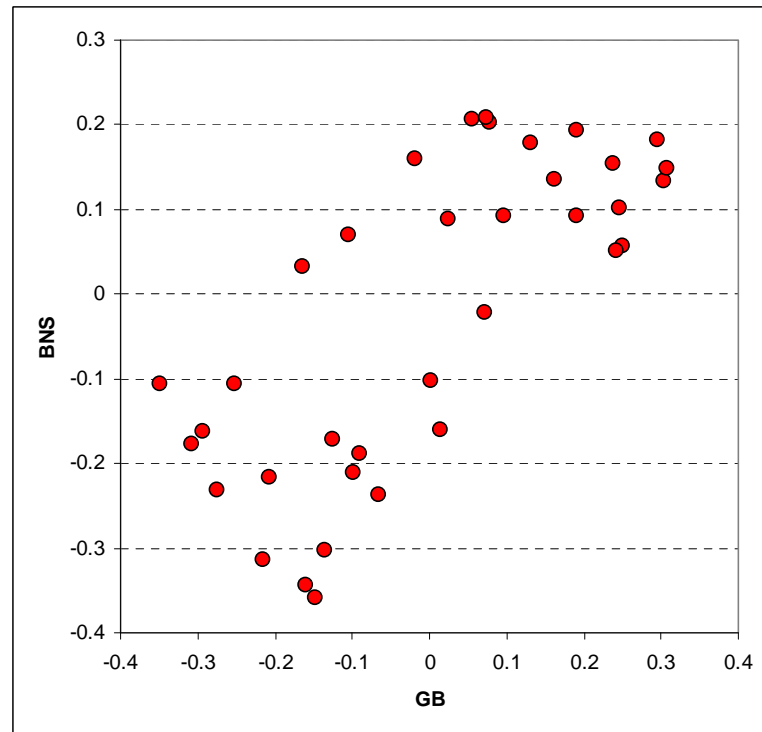
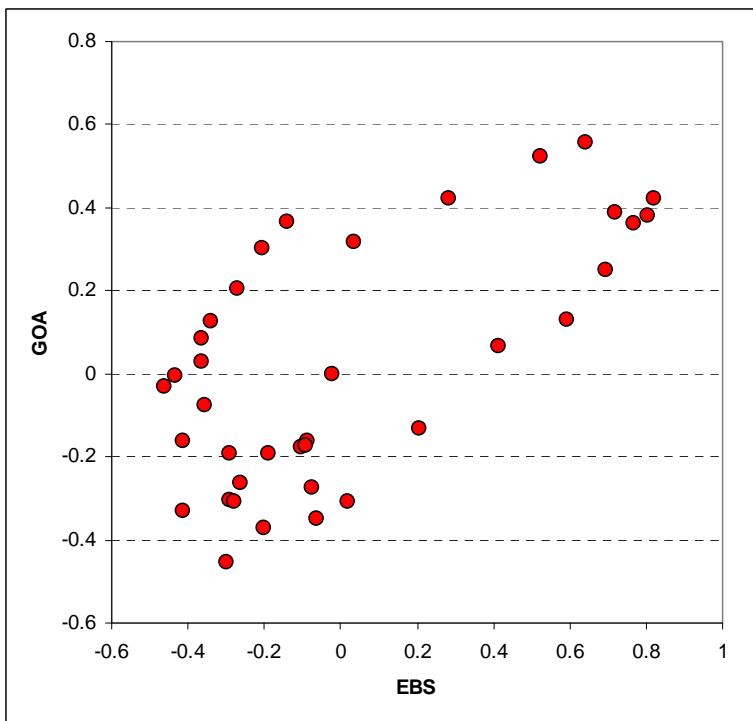
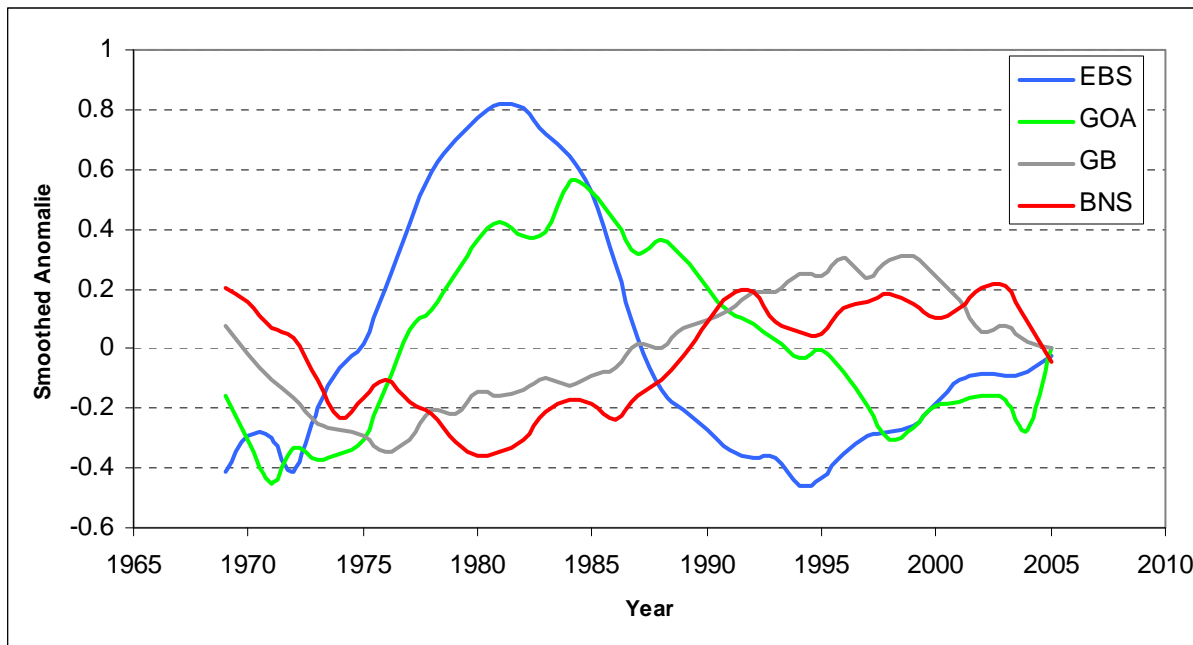


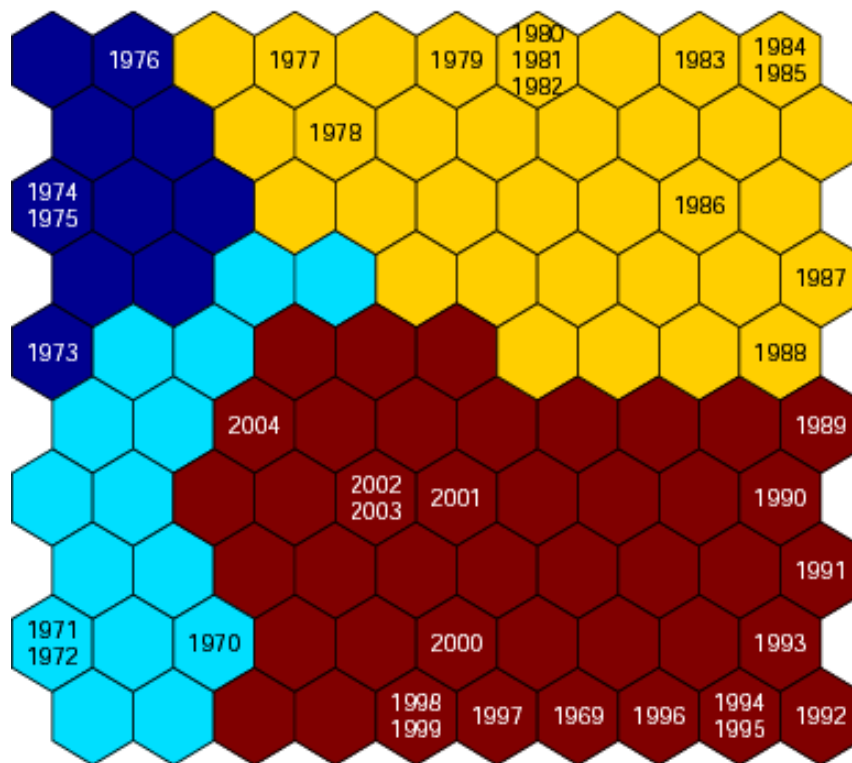
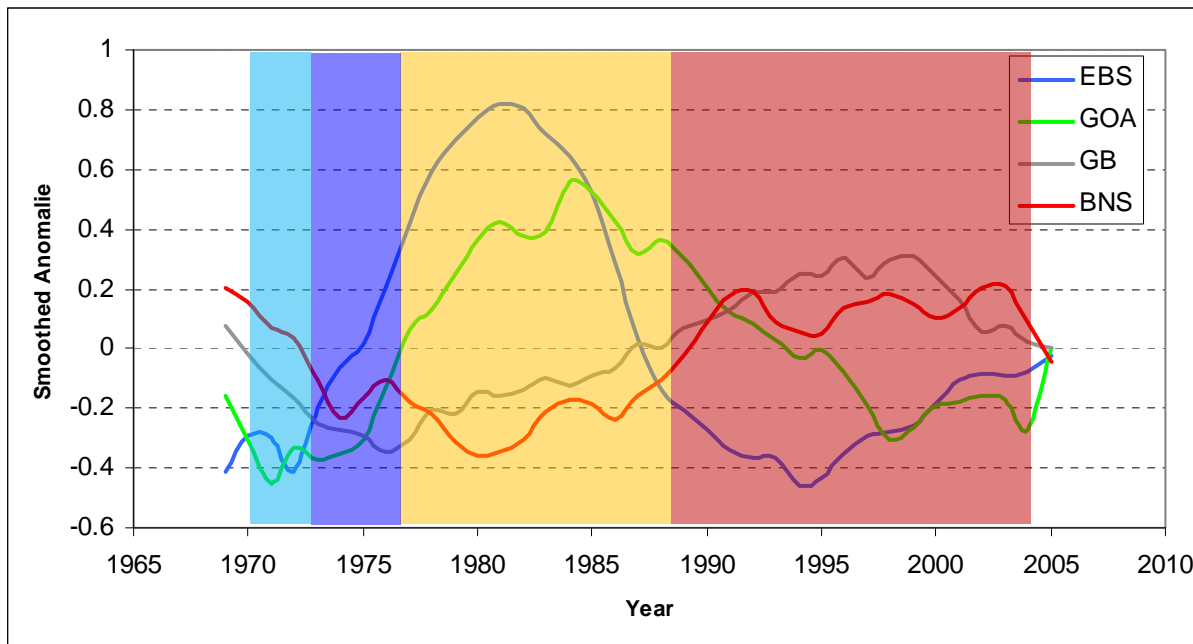


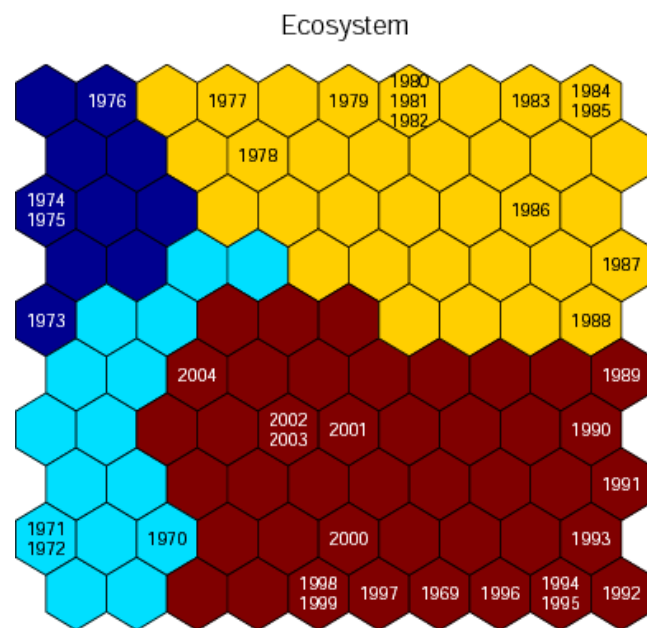
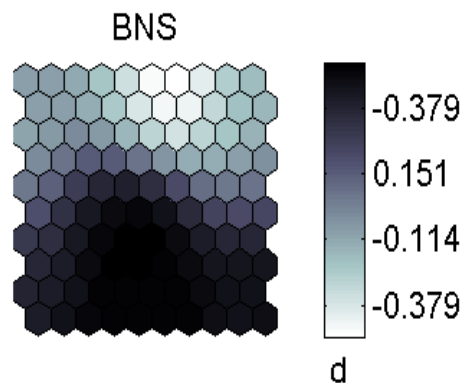
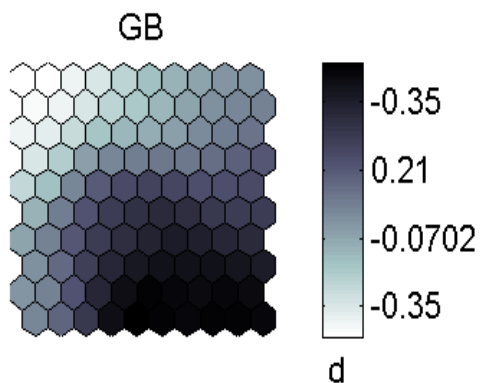
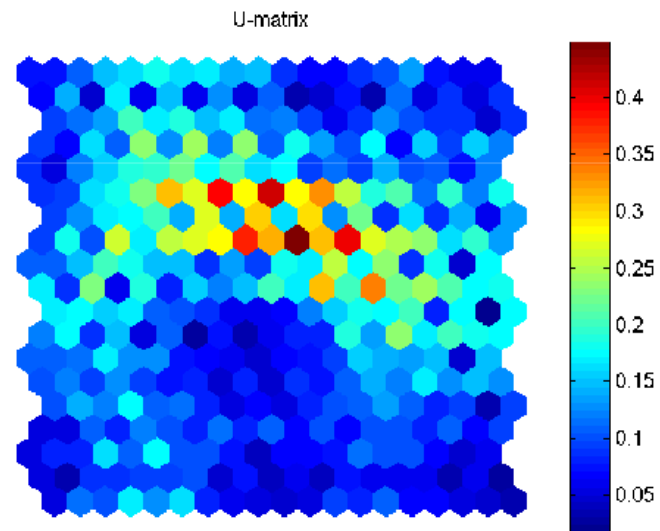
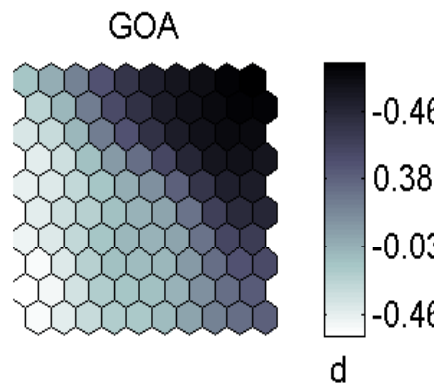
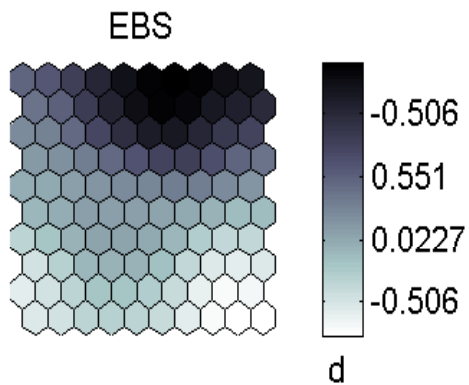




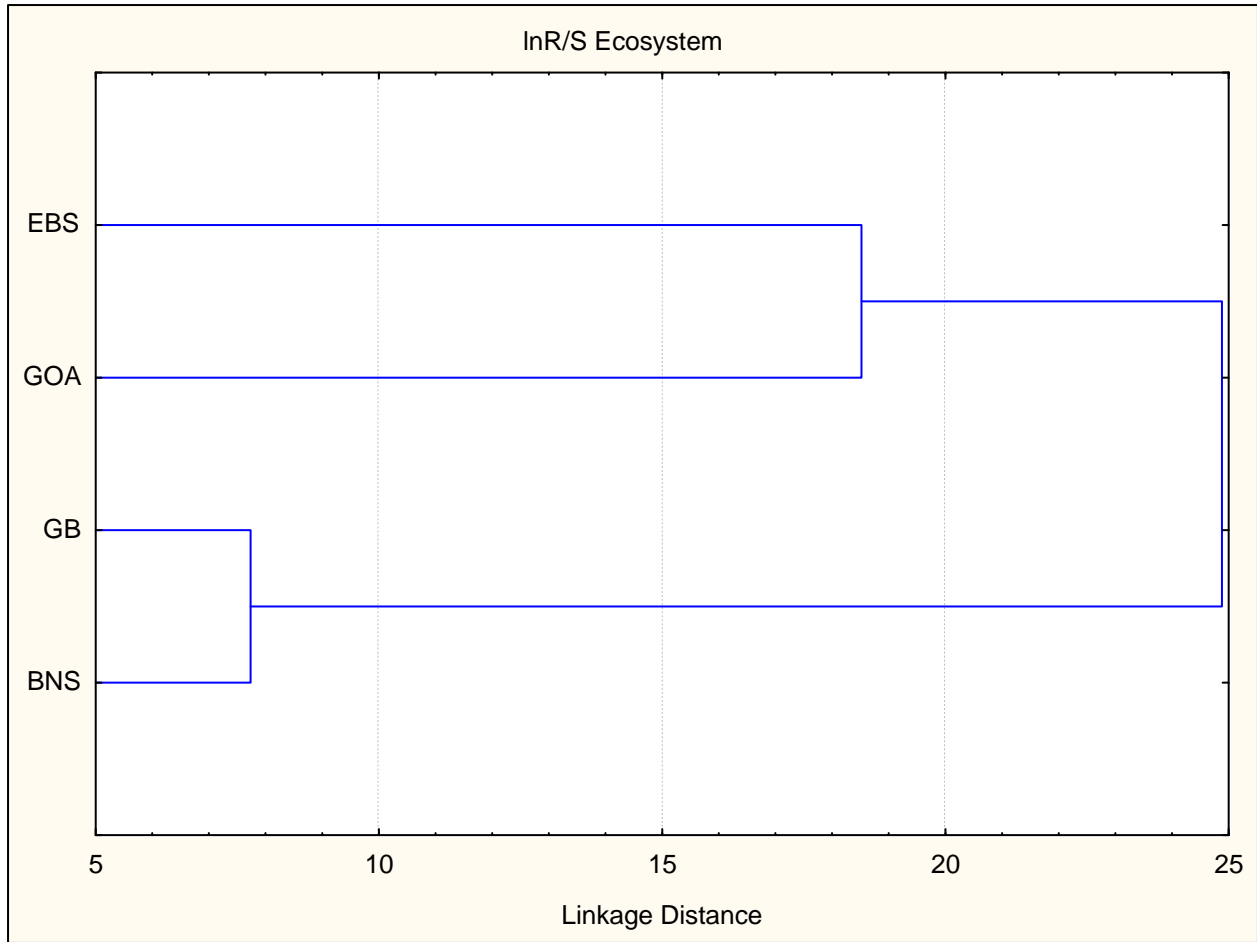








Ecosystem



Conclusions

- SOMS and k-means clustering provide a highly visual tool to easily identify patterns in the timing of high or low productivity years across both species and ecosystems.
- Many of the peaks in the time series were synchronous within an ocean basin and opposing alternations in patterns of productivity were observed in ecosystems in between the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean basins.
- Basin-scale results (similar within but different between) suggest that productivity in the two geographically broad areas are connected by unknown climatic mechanisms that, depending on the year, generate low frequency opposing alternations after 1976 and 1988 in the two basins.

Thank you for paying attention

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