

# Spatial Variation of Sea-Level Sea level reconstruction

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# Problem definition

## □ Recap of last presentation

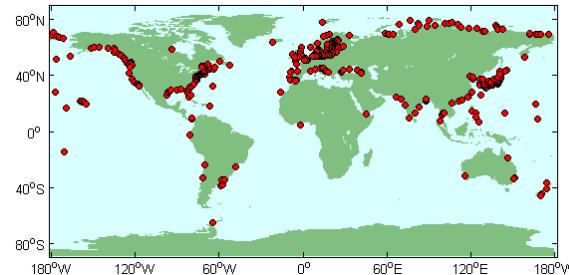
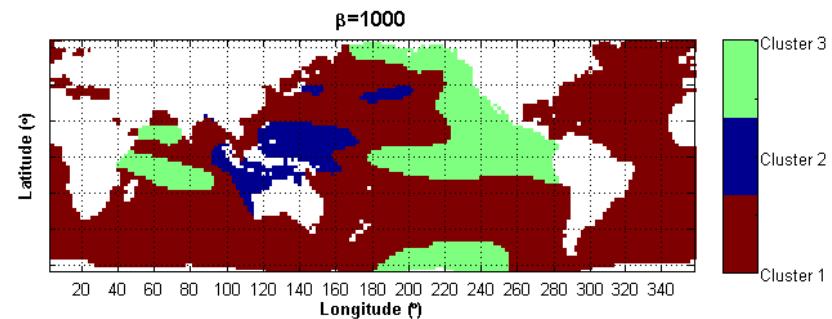
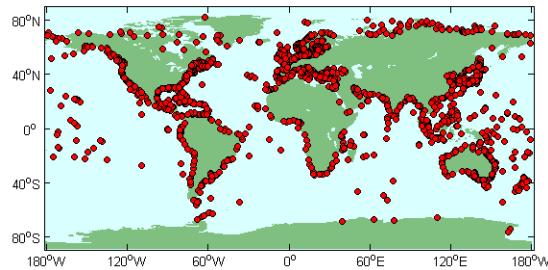
- Fuzzy C-Means
- Non-spherical shapes in the attribute domain
- Spatial contiguity in the geographic domain
- Mean silhouette value → number of clusters

## □ Subsequent work

- Semi-empirical modeling
- Definition of “**empirical**”:  
*adj.* based on, concerned with, or verifiable by **observation** or **experience** rather than theory or pure logic ([http://oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american\\_english/empirical](http://oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/empirical))

## □ Observation shortage

- Temporal coverage of spatial sea level data: 1950 to 2001
- Tide gauge stations (observational data):



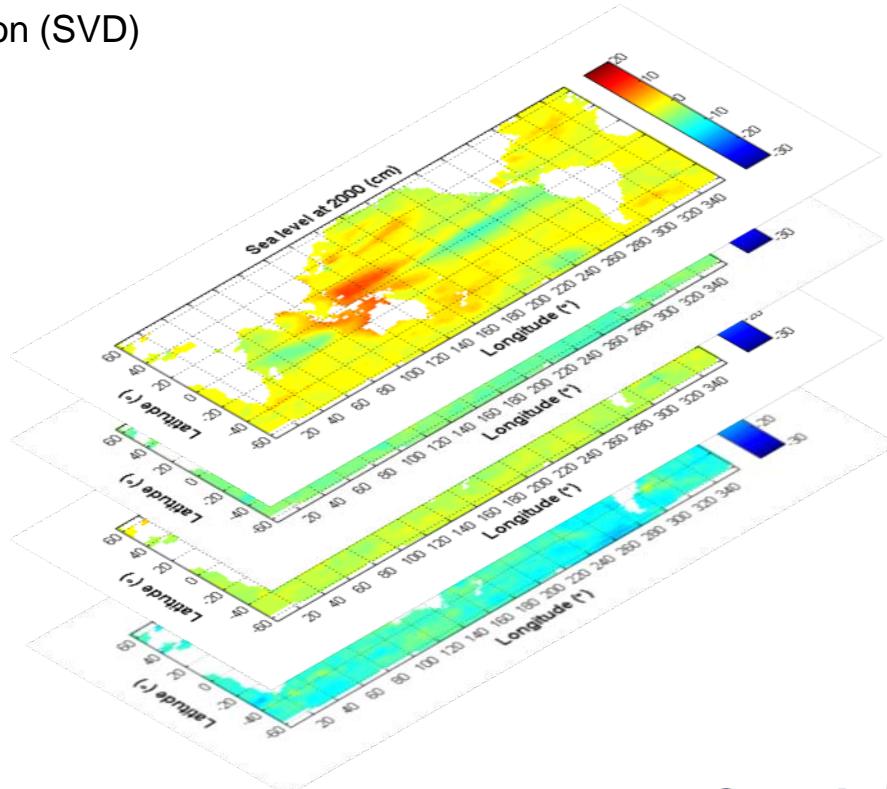
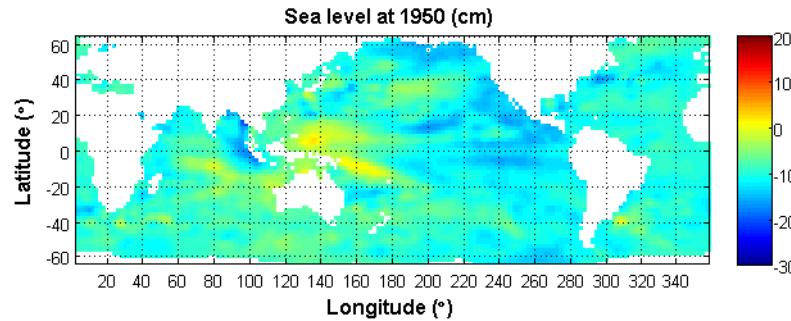
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## □ The basic ideas

- Filter out noise
- Capture spatial pattern
- Fill data gaps

## □ Review of previous methods

- Originated from Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)



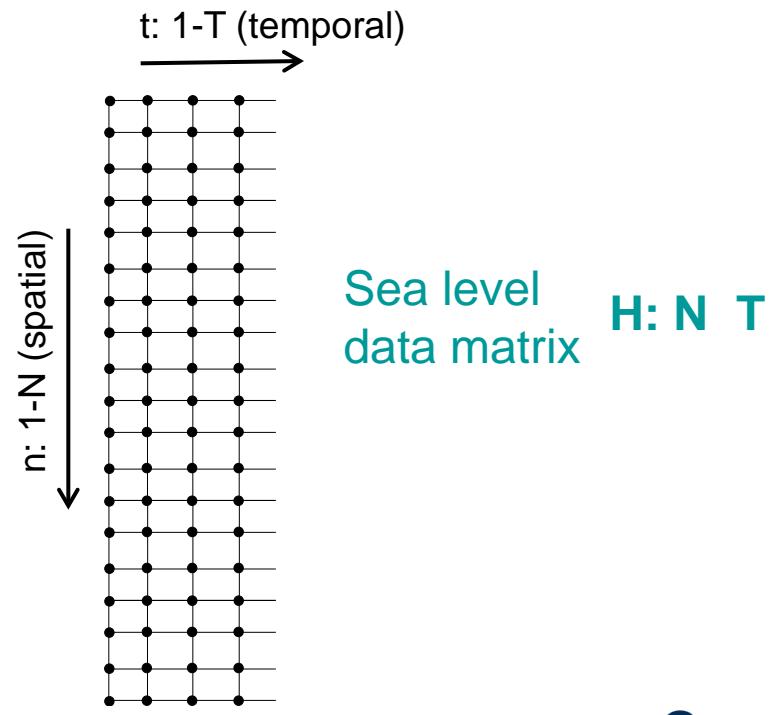
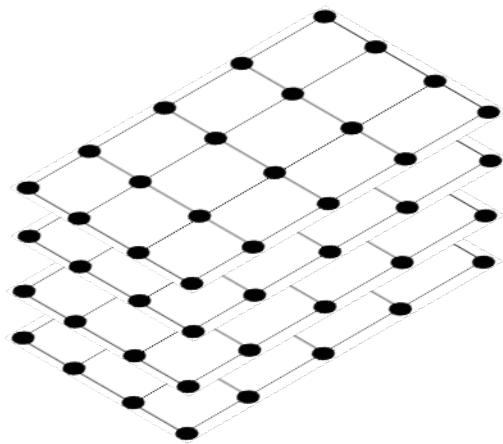
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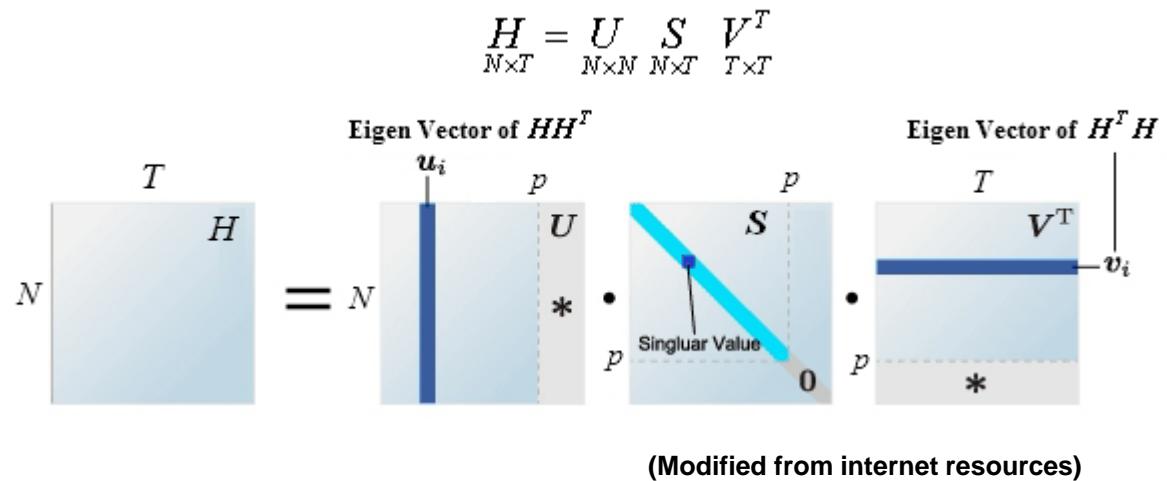
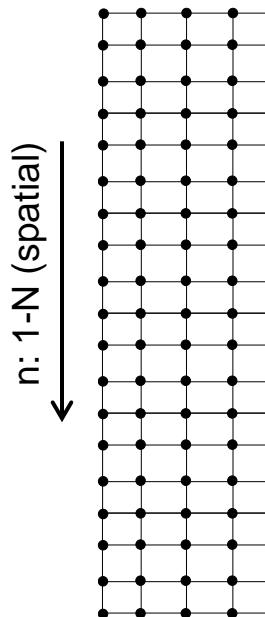
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t: 1-T (temporal)



(Modified from internet resources)



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$$U'_{N \times p}$$

## □ Review of previous methods

- “Reduced SVD”

$$\begin{matrix} H & \cong & U'_{N \times T} & S_{N \times p} & V^T_{p \times T} \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} H & \cong & U'_{N \times T} & A_{N \times p} & p \times T \end{matrix} \longrightarrow h(t) \cong \begin{matrix} U'_{N \times 1} & \alpha(t)_{p \times 1} \end{matrix}$$

- Reconstruction: going beyond T
    - At time  $t'$ , only  $R$  observations, data at  $N-R$  points need to be reconstructed
- $$\begin{matrix} hr(t') & \cong & Ur'_{R \times p} & \alpha(t')_{p \times 1} \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} \alpha(t') & & & p \times 1 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} h(t') & \cong & U'_{N \times 1} & \alpha(t')_{p \times 1} \end{matrix}$$
- Alternative names in climate studies: empirical orthogonal functions (EOFs), reduced space optimal interpolation (Smith et al., 1996; Kaplan et al., 2000; Church et al., 2004)



# Methodology of reconstruction

## □ Our method of data reconstruction

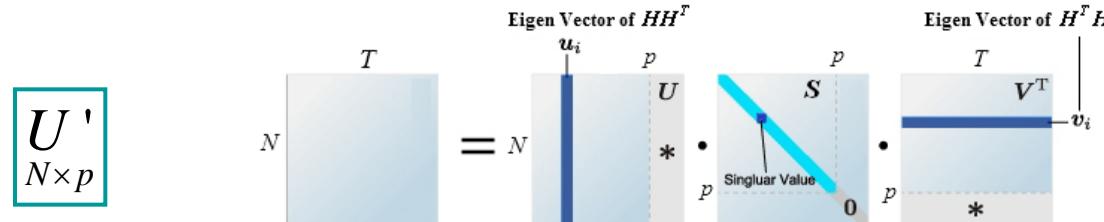
- Why not “reduced SVD” ([Church et al., 2004](#)) ? → different tasks

- Data gap vs data famine
- Construction of spatial pattern
- Uncertainty issue

$$h(t) \cong U' \alpha(t)$$

$N \times 1$        $N \times p$        $p \times 1$

- Ideas in “reduced SVD” to serve in the development of new methods
  - Certain spatial relationships do not change over time



- Magnitudes of major spatial components can be calibrated during reconstruction

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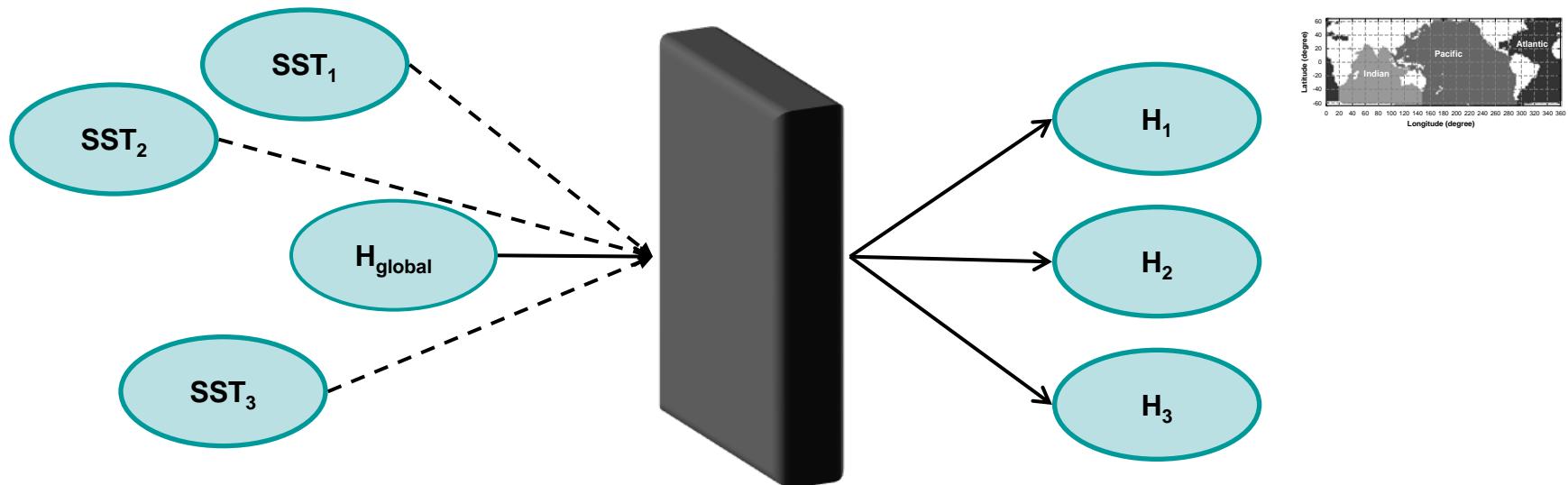
# Methodology of reconstruction

## □ Our approach to realize the basic ideas

- Filter out noise → clustering and subsequent spatial averaging within clusters
- Capture spatial pattern → artificial neural network (NN)
- Fill data gaps → utilizing global mean sea level and spatial SST data

## □ Neural network architecture

- Starting from the “black box” perspective



Temporal coverage: 1880-2001

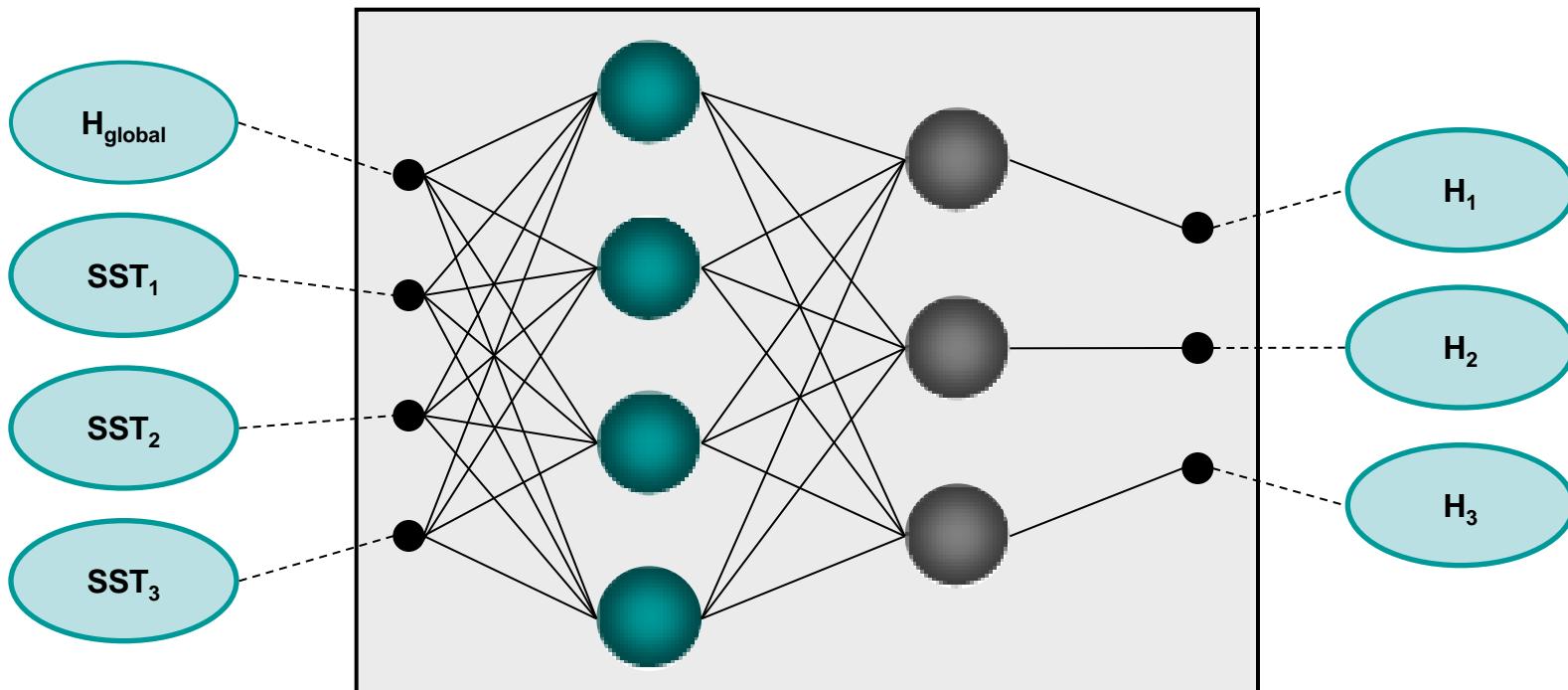
Temporal coverage: 1952-2001



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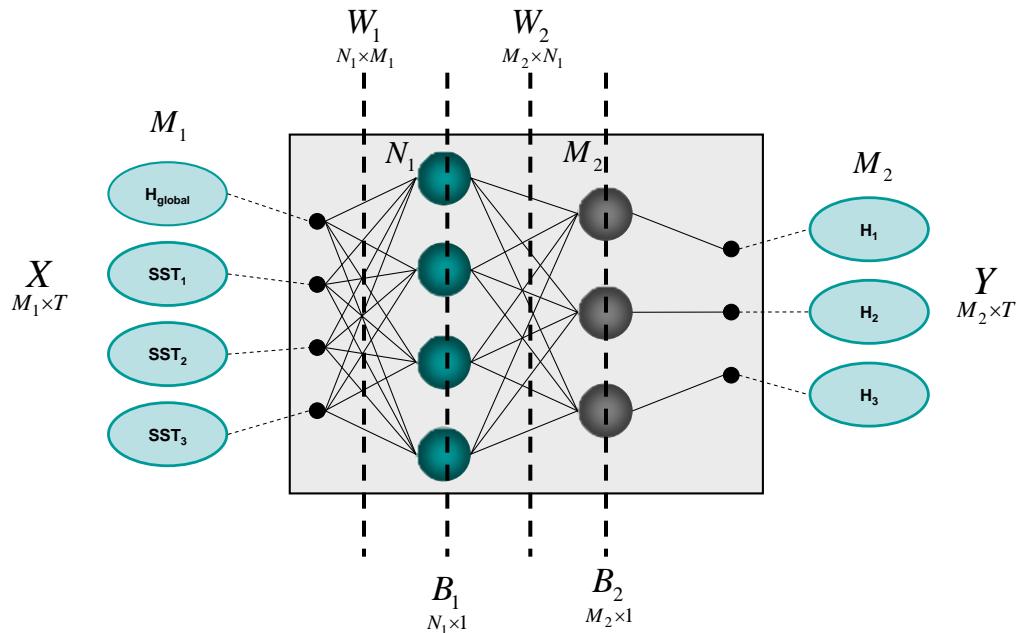
- Inside the “black box”
  - Type of neural network: feedforward
  - Neurons: layer and number
  - Within neuron: weight, bias, transfer function
  - Pre- and post- processing



# Methodology of reconstruction

## □ Mathematics of NN

- Weights and biases

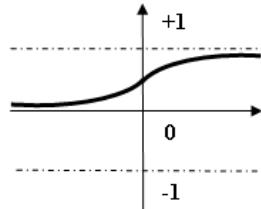


$$A_1 = \underset{N_1 \times T}{\text{TransFcn1}}(W_1 \mathbf{X} + B_1)$$

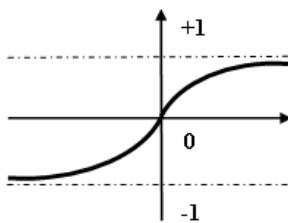
$$\mathbf{Y} = \underset{M_2 \times T}{\text{TransFcn2}}(W_2 A_1 + B_2)$$

- Transfer functions

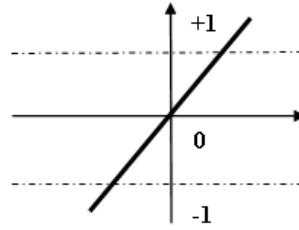
$$\text{Log-Sigmoid : } y = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



$$\text{Tan-Sigmoid : } y = \frac{2}{1+e^{-2x}} - 1$$



$$\text{Linear transfer : } y = x$$

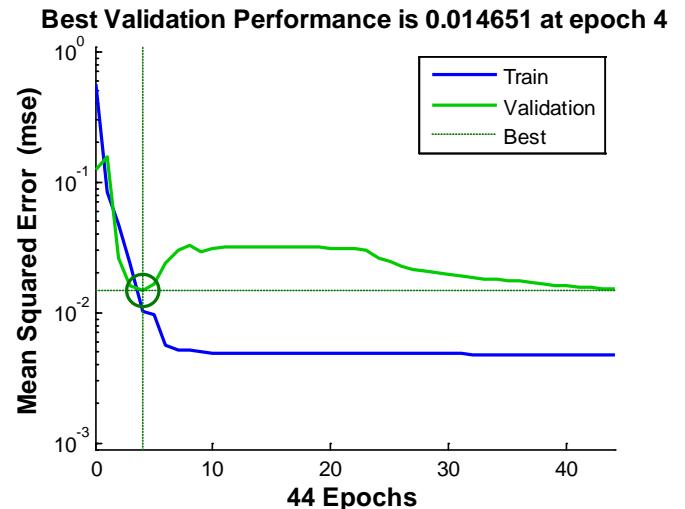


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## □ Training and validating NN

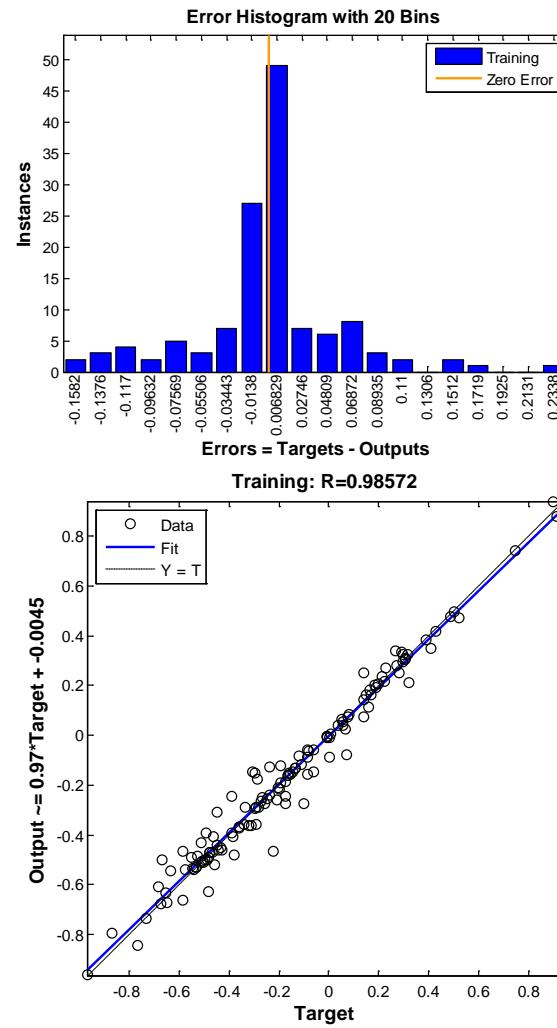
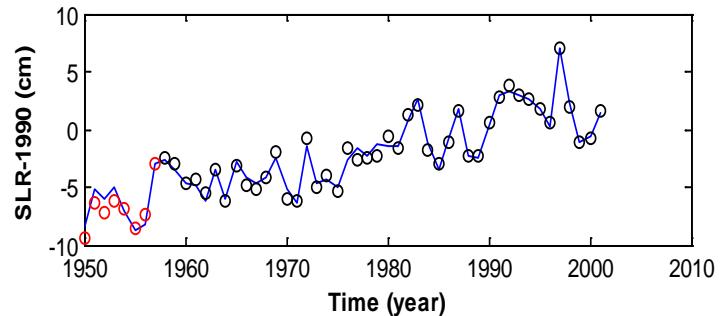
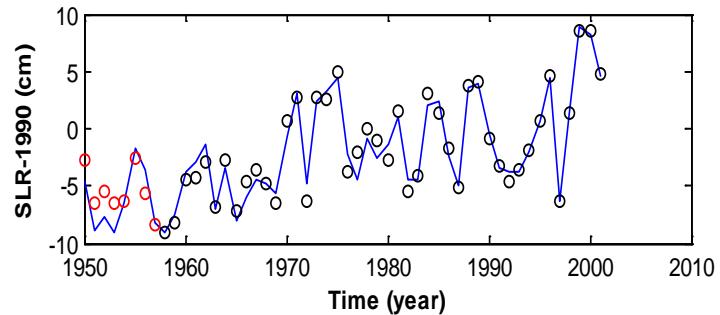
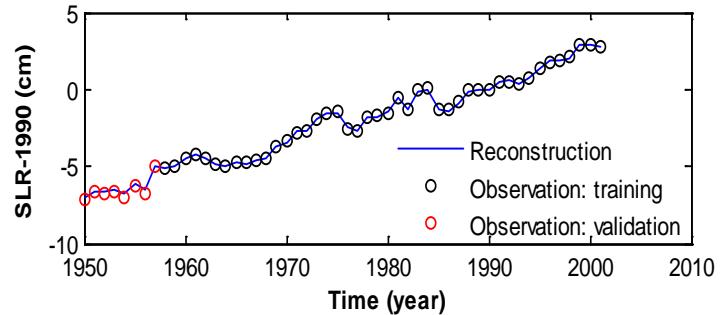
- NN training is first an optimization problem
  - Gradient descent and related
  - Conjugate gradient and related
  - [Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm](#)
  - Other
- Validating NN to improve generalization
  - The best training vs. the best generalization

$$\beta_{k+1} = \beta_k - [\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{J}_k + \lambda \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \mathbf{J}_k^T [Y - f(\beta_k)]$$
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# Results of reconstruction

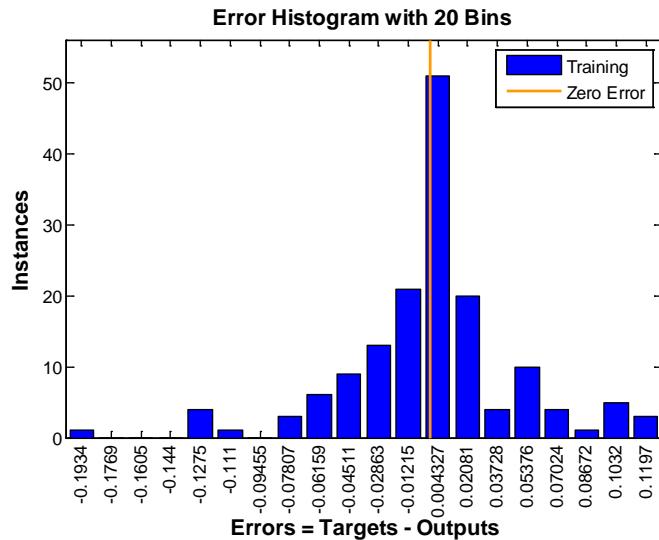
## □ Training and validation: example



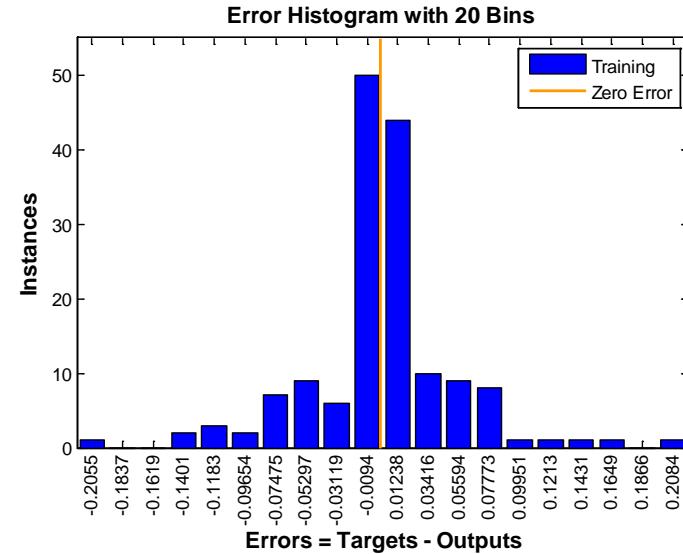
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## □ Issue 1: local minimum + initial weights/biases

“zero” initialization



random [-1, 1] initialization



## □ Solution:

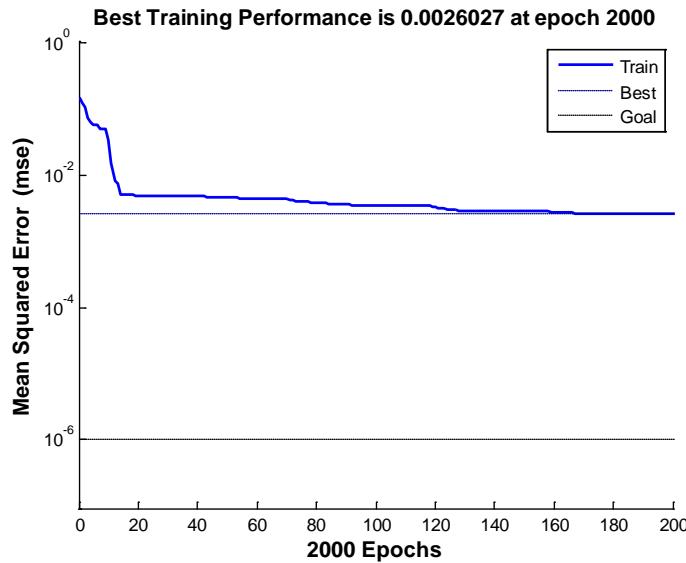
- Multiple trainings with random initial weights/biases (1000 reps)



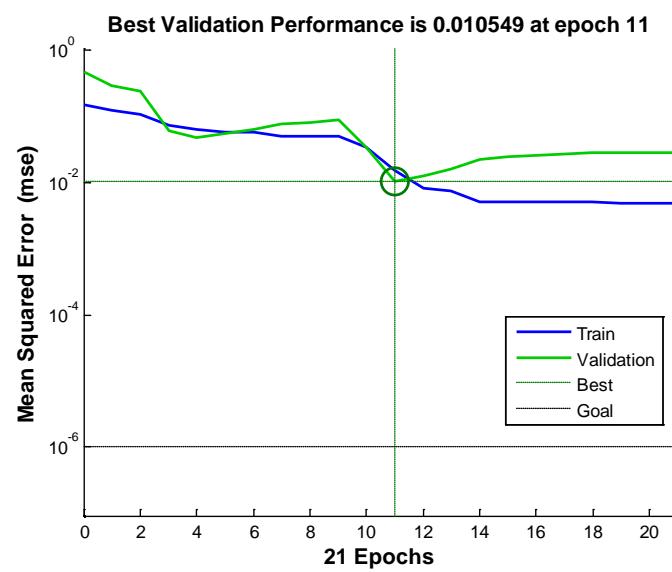
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## □ Issue 2: generalization

Training without validation check



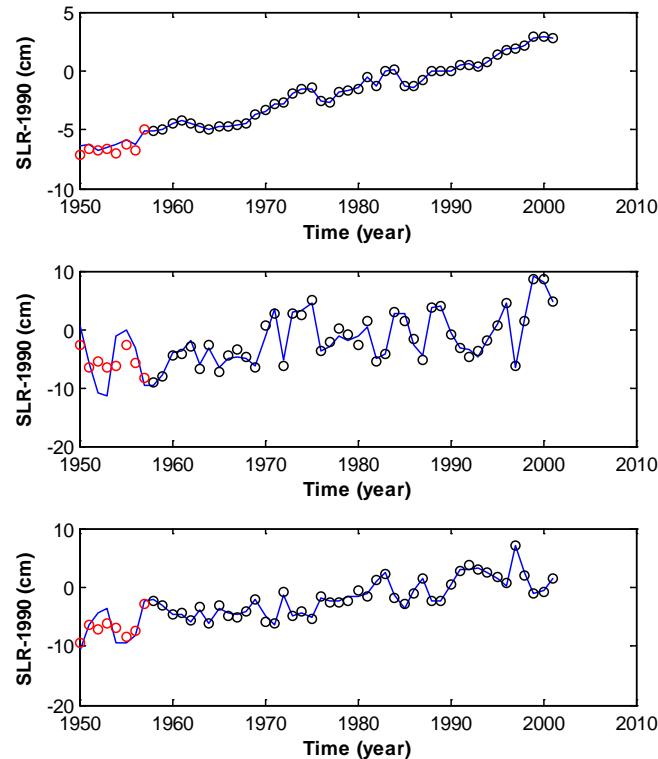
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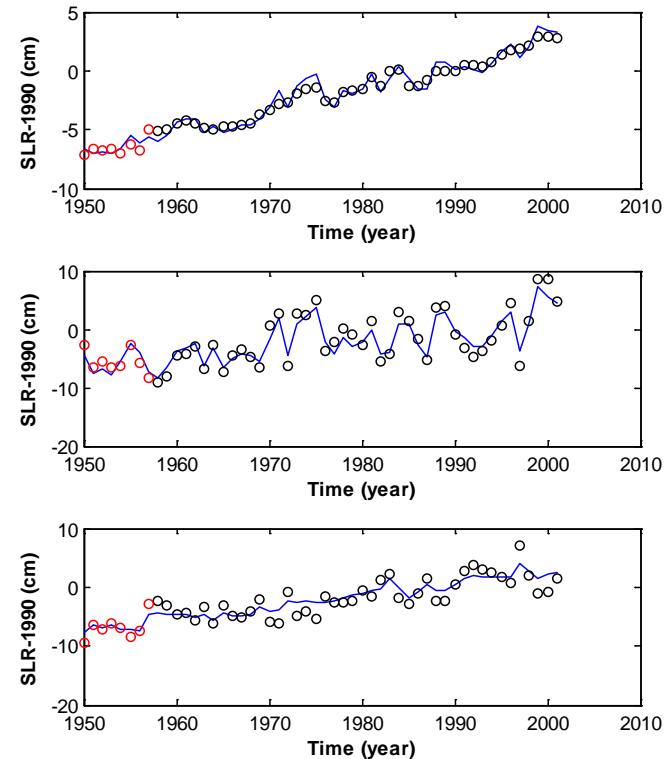
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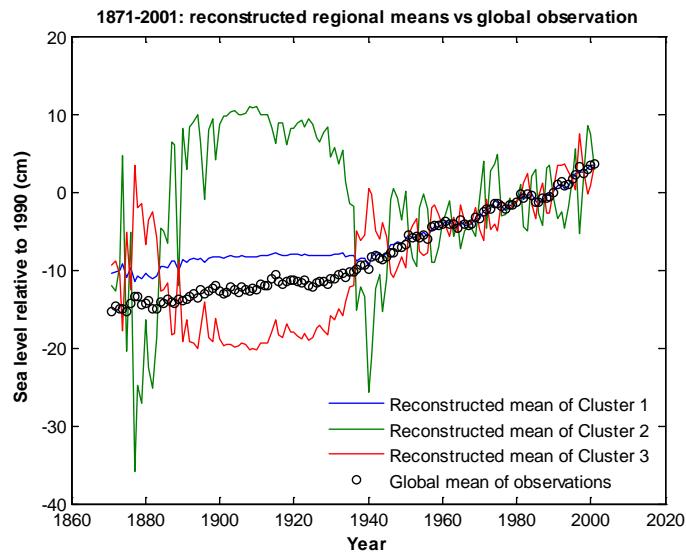
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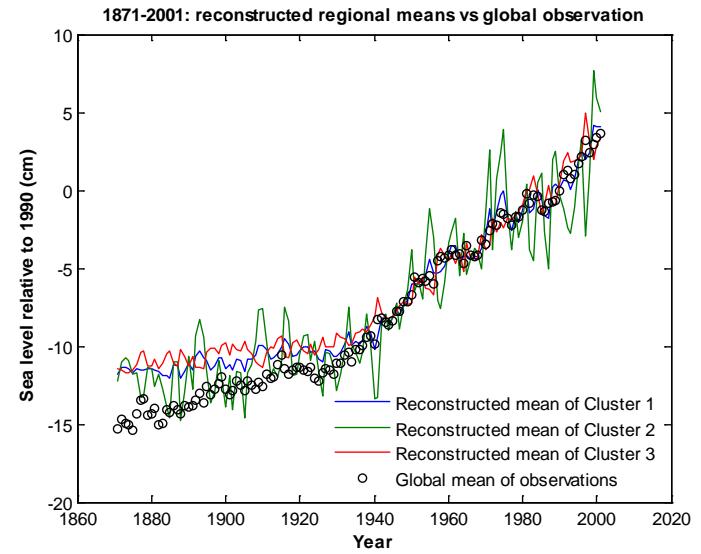
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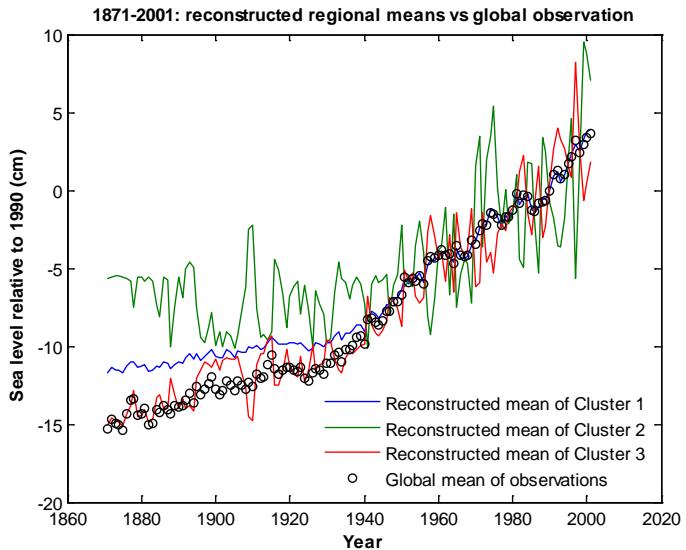
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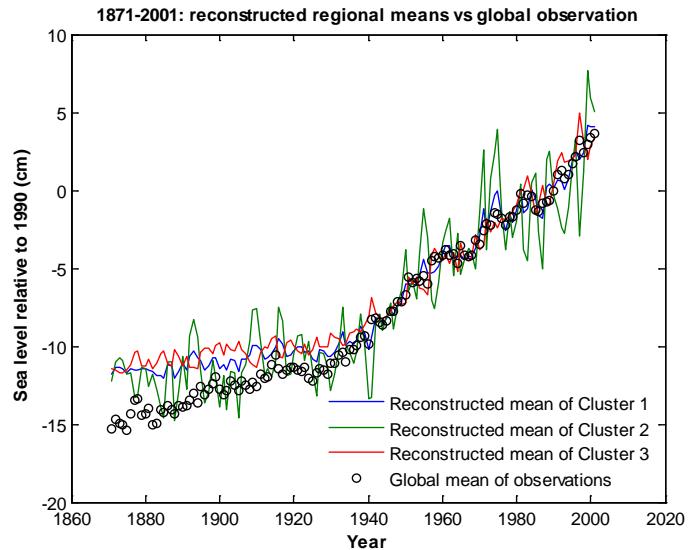
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## □ Issue 2: generalization

Validation dataset used as training data



Training with validation check



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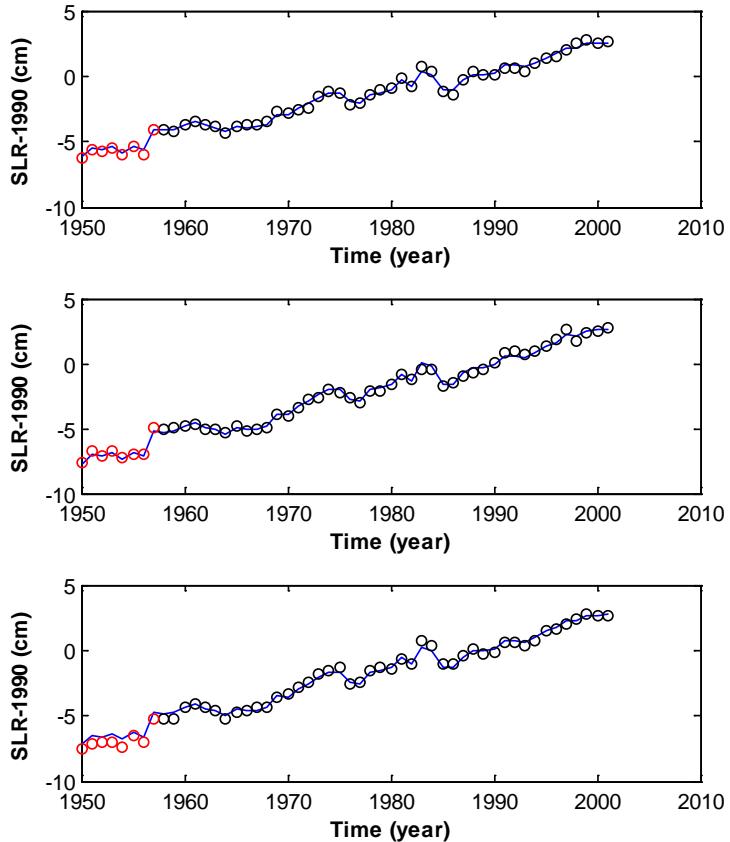
- Training with validation check (15%)



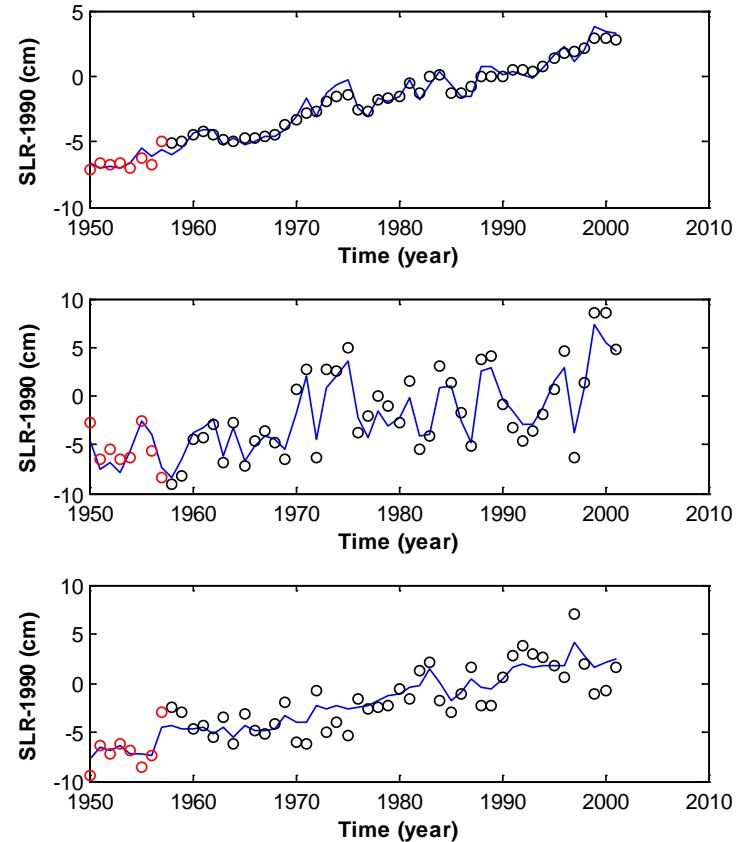
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## □ Impact of region division

Division based on ocean basins

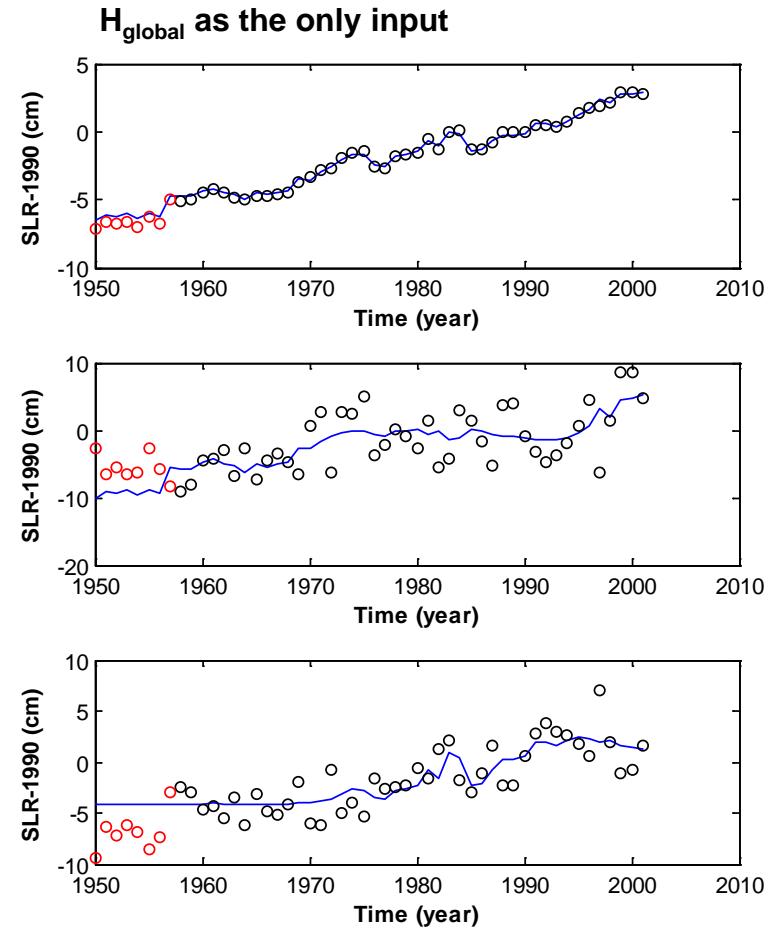
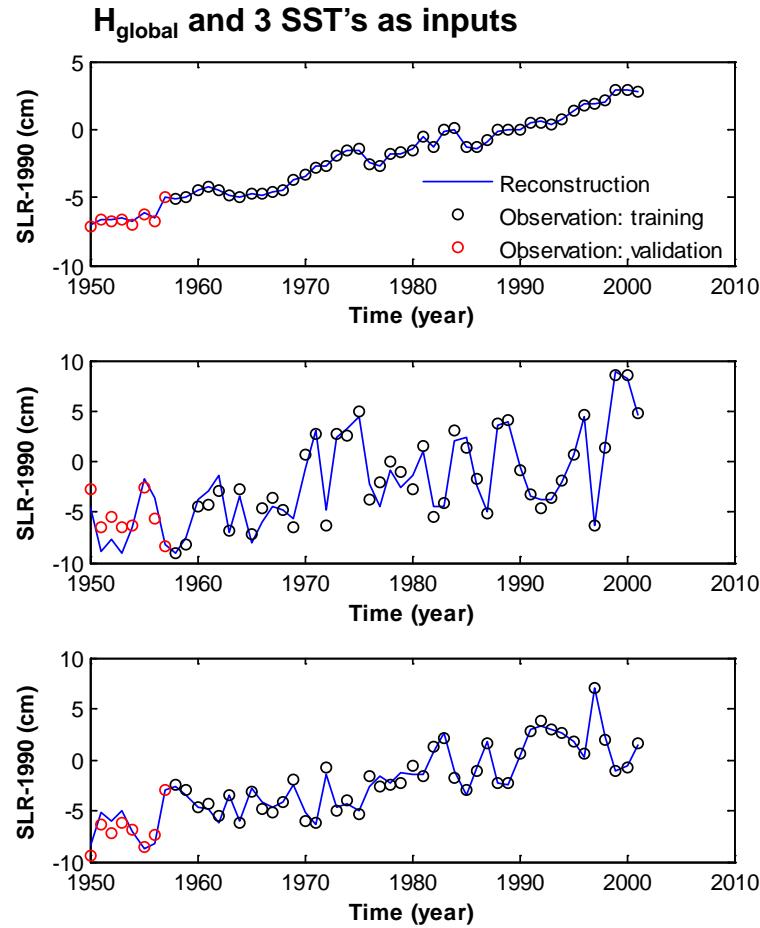


Division based on clustering



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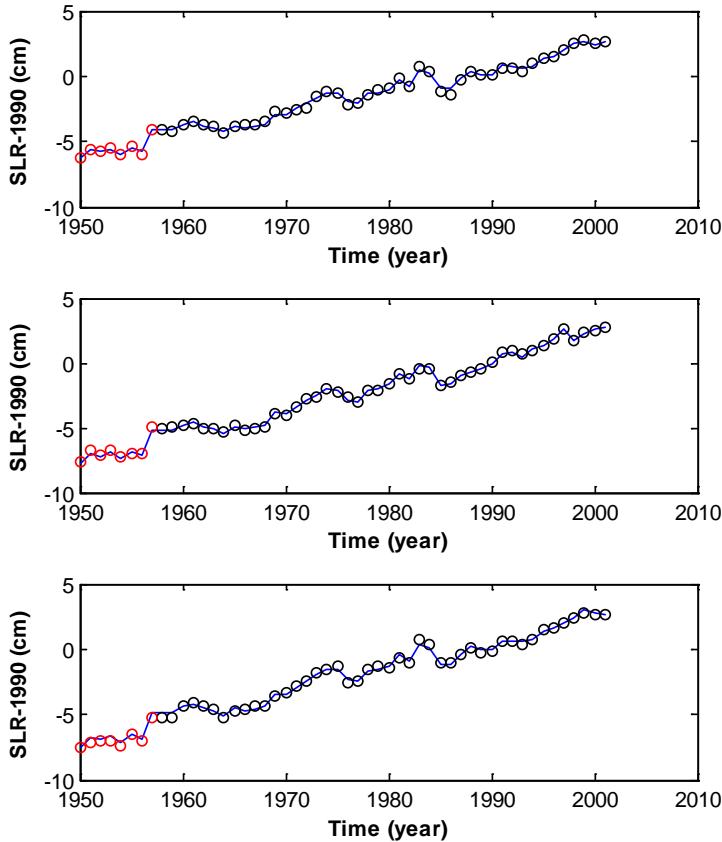
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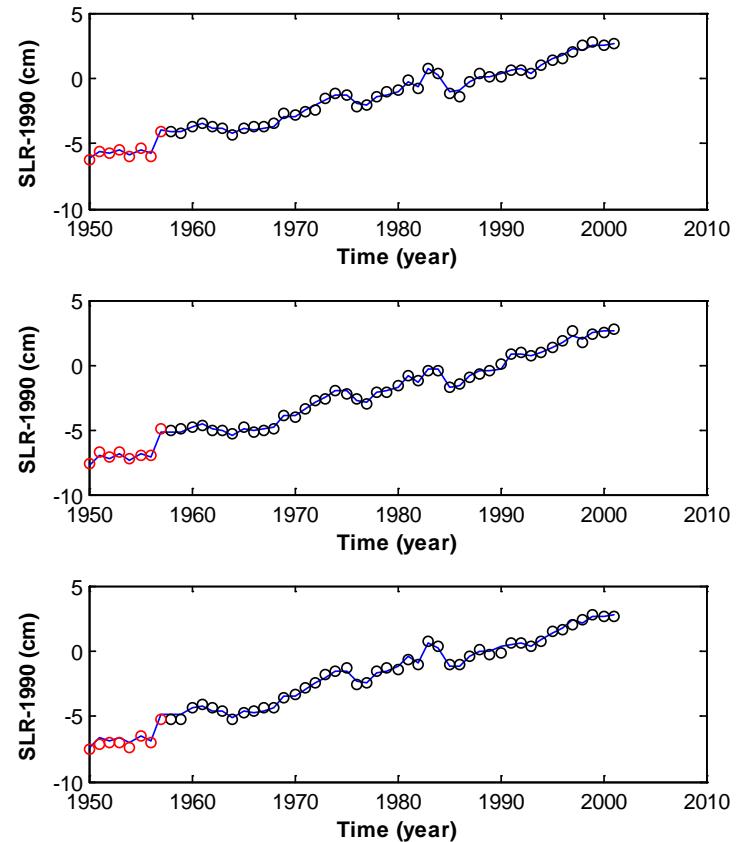
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$H_{\text{global}}$  and 3 SST's as inputs

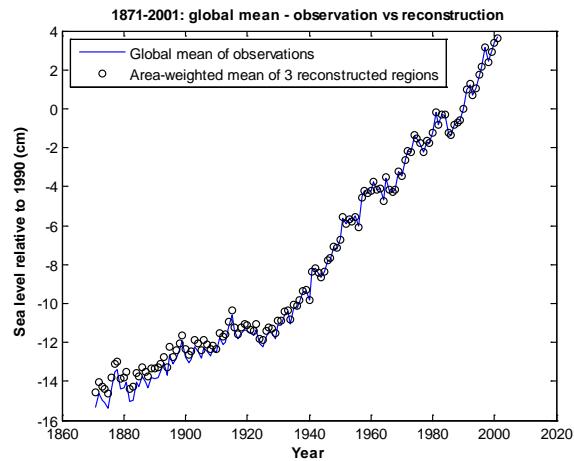
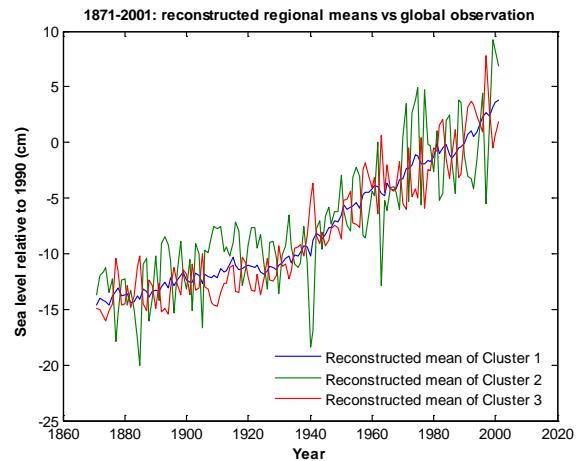
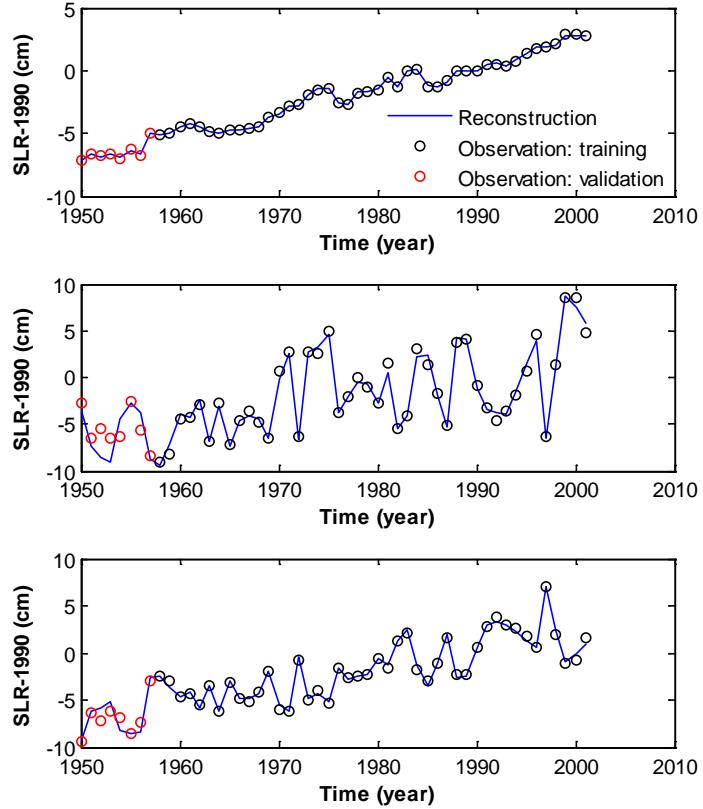


$H_{\text{global}}$  as the only input



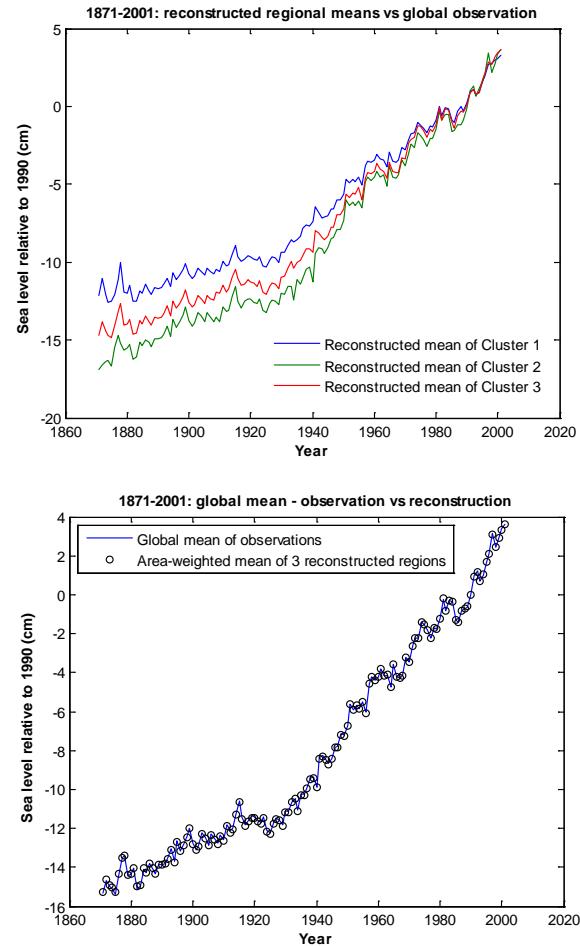
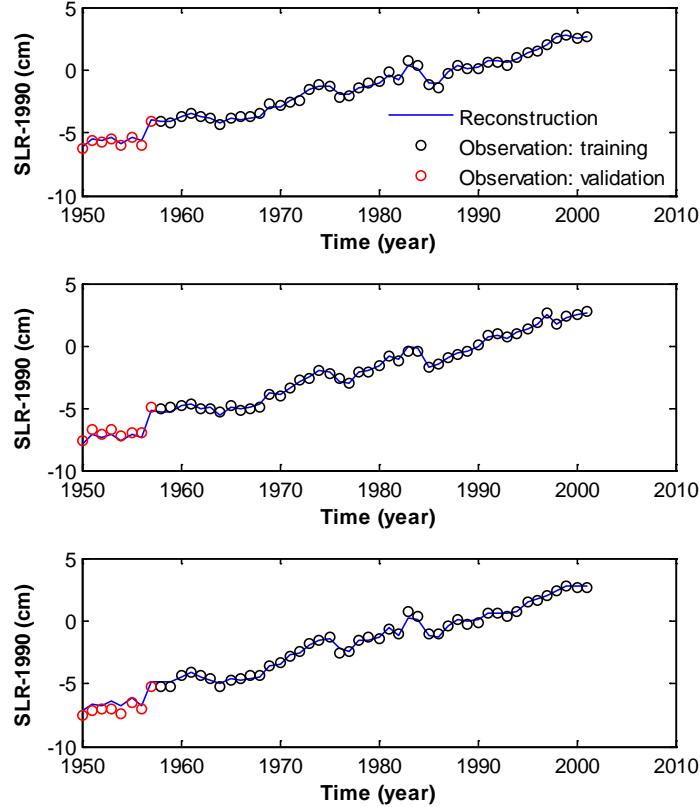
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## □ Final results: clustering



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# The End

*Thanks!*

