



## Initialization of a simple ENSO model

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An initialization procedure is performed on a stripped-down coupled model of the El Nino-Southern Oscillation. Employing a dynamical systems approach, the phase space is extended to incorporate the seasonal cycle, the normal modes of the system are found and the slow modes determined. The initialization method, based on results from infinite dimensional dynamical systems, ensures that the initial state is close to the models attractor.