

# Greenland Ice Cores as Proxy for European Extremes

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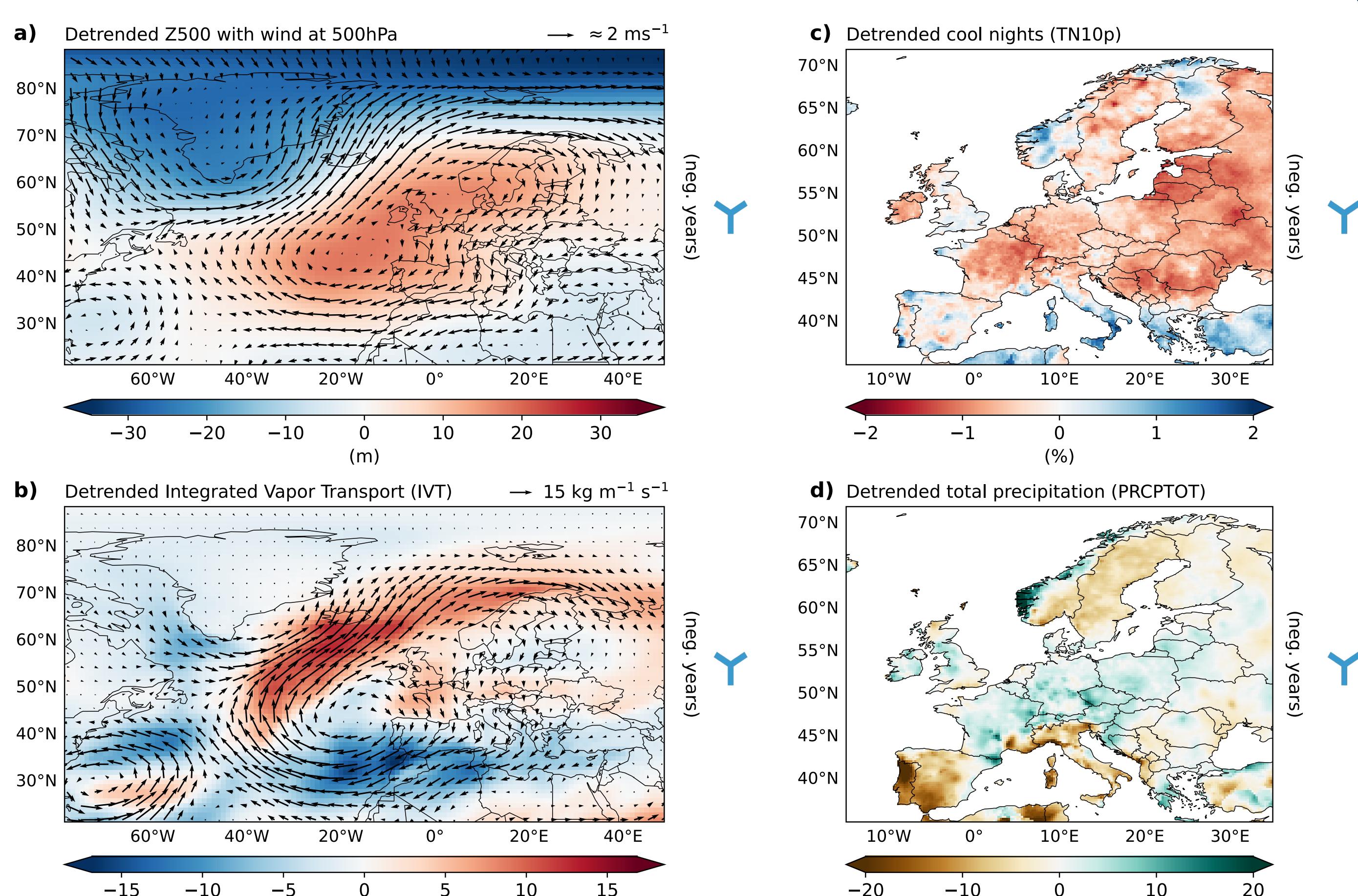
## 1. Background

- Stable oxygen isotope concentration  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  gives valuable information on climate variations from seasonal to multidecadal and longer time scales.
- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  variability depends on:
  - Local parameters (temperature, precipitation, etc.)
  - Atmospheric and oceanic circulation patterns

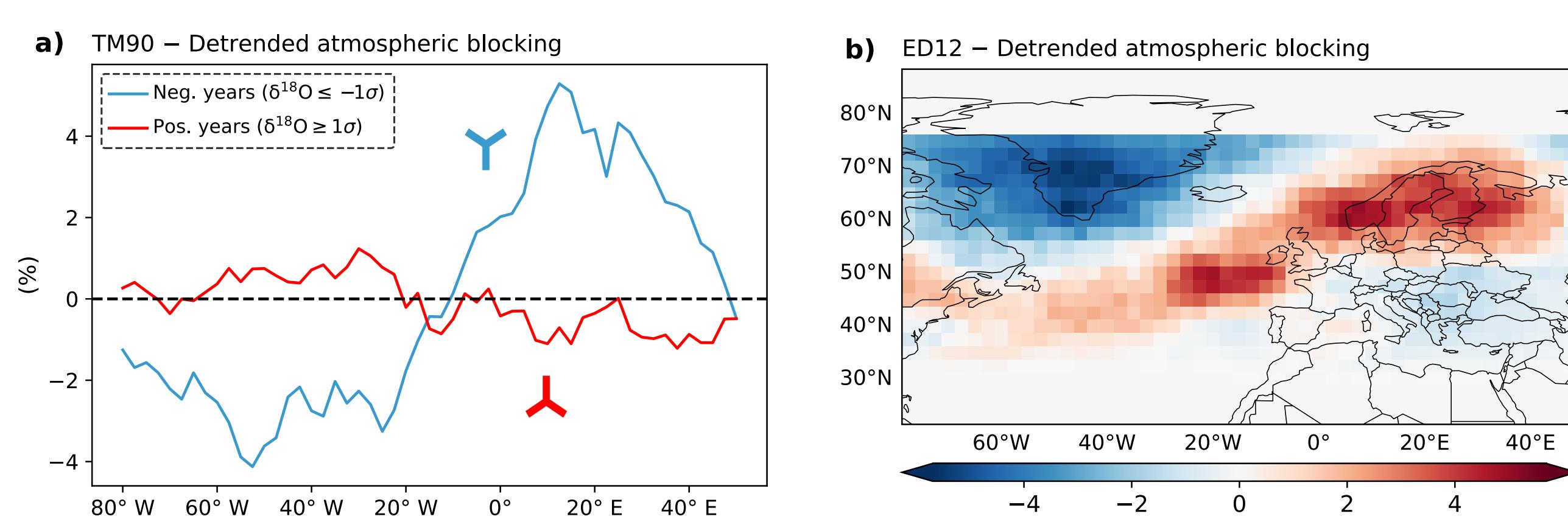
## 3. Data

- Northern Greenland Transect (NGT) stacked ice core (Hörhold, 2023):
  - Time resolution and range: Annual, 1602 – 2011
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Reanalysis v3 (Slivinski, 2019):
  - Time resolution/range: Daily (winter season: DJF), 1920 – 2011
  - Spatial resolution: 1.0° x 1.0°
- E-OBS (Cornes, 2018):
  - Time resolution/range: Daily (winter season: DJF), 1920 – 2011
  - Spatial resolution: 0.25° x 0.25°
- Ensemble Kalman Filter v2 Paleo Reanalysis (Valler, 2022):
  - Time resolution/range: Monthly (winter season: DJF), 1602 – 2003
  - Spatial resolution: 1.875° x 1.86°

## 5. Observational Period (1920 – 2011)



## 5a. Atmospheric Blocking



## 7. Key Findings

- Variability of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in NGT stacked ice core is a good proxy of occurrence of extreme hydroclimatic events over Europe;
- Atmospheric blocking: wetter conditions in Norway and drier conditions over Southern Europe
- Asymmetrical atmospheric circulation in years of higher and lower values of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ;

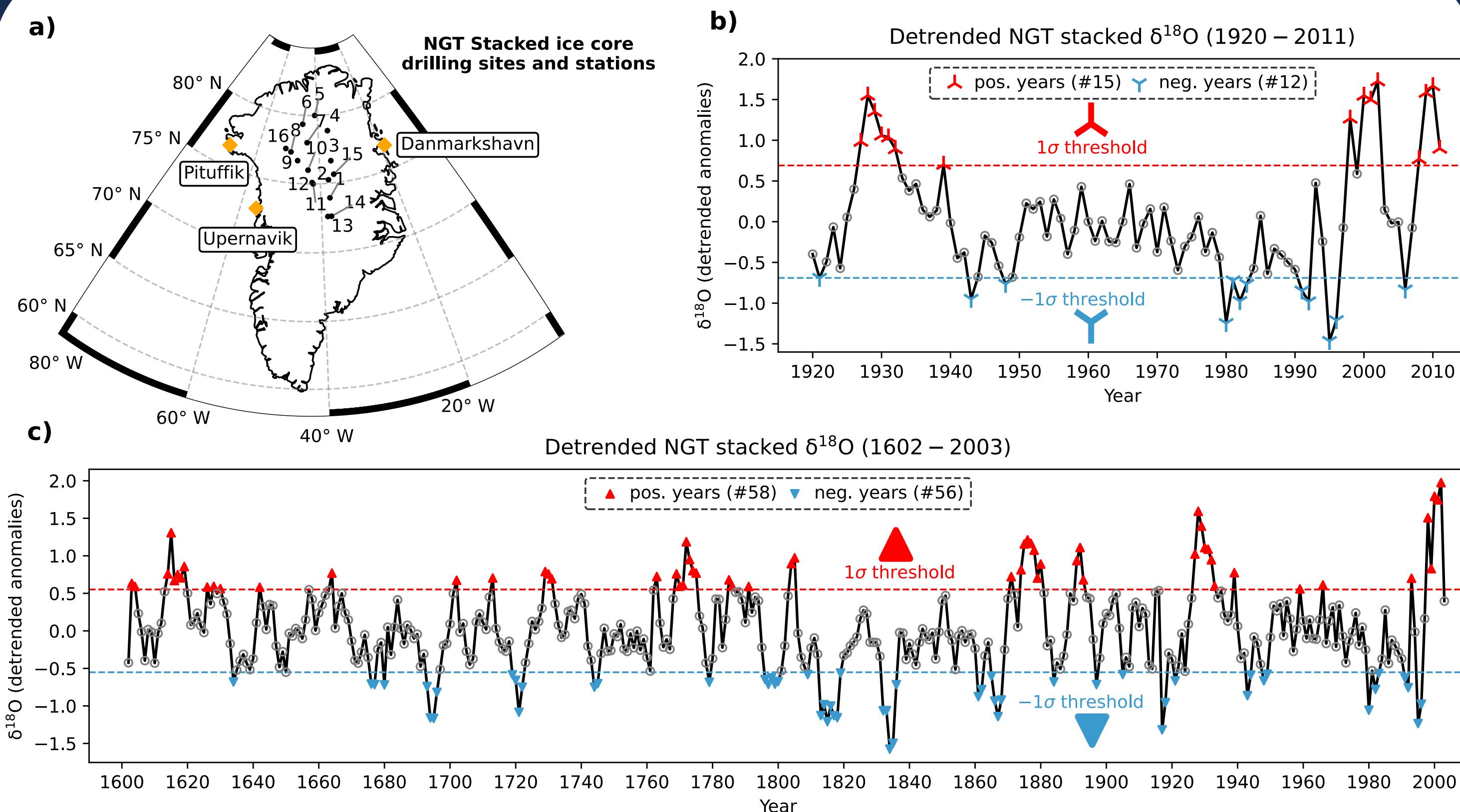
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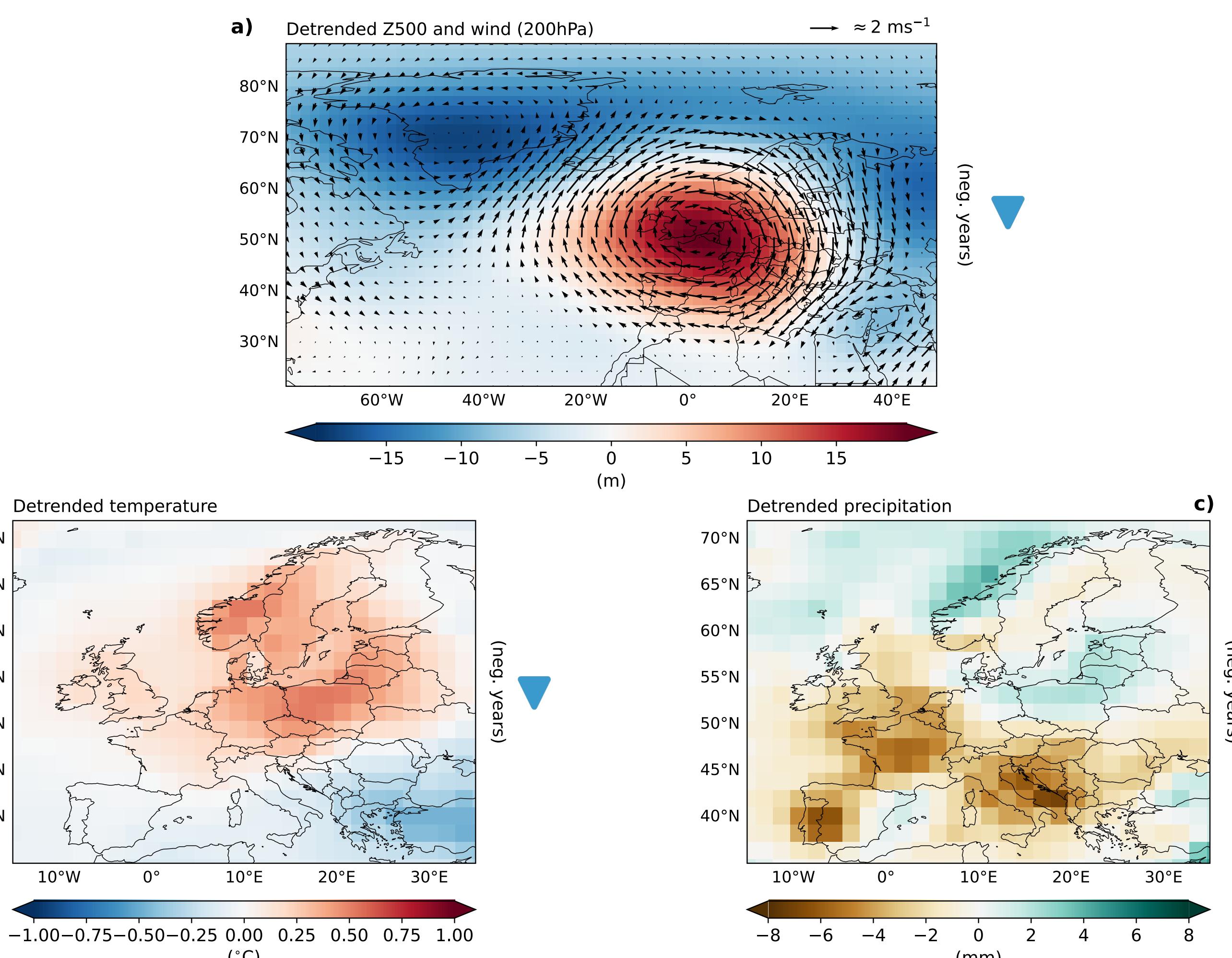
## 2. Research Question

- Is variability of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in Greenland ice cores be a proxy for the occurrence of extreme hydroclimatic events over Europe?

## 4. NGT Stacked Ice Core



## 6. Long-term Perspective (1602 – 2003)



## 6a. Hydroclimatic Indexes

