

Greenland Ice Cores as Proxy for European Extremes

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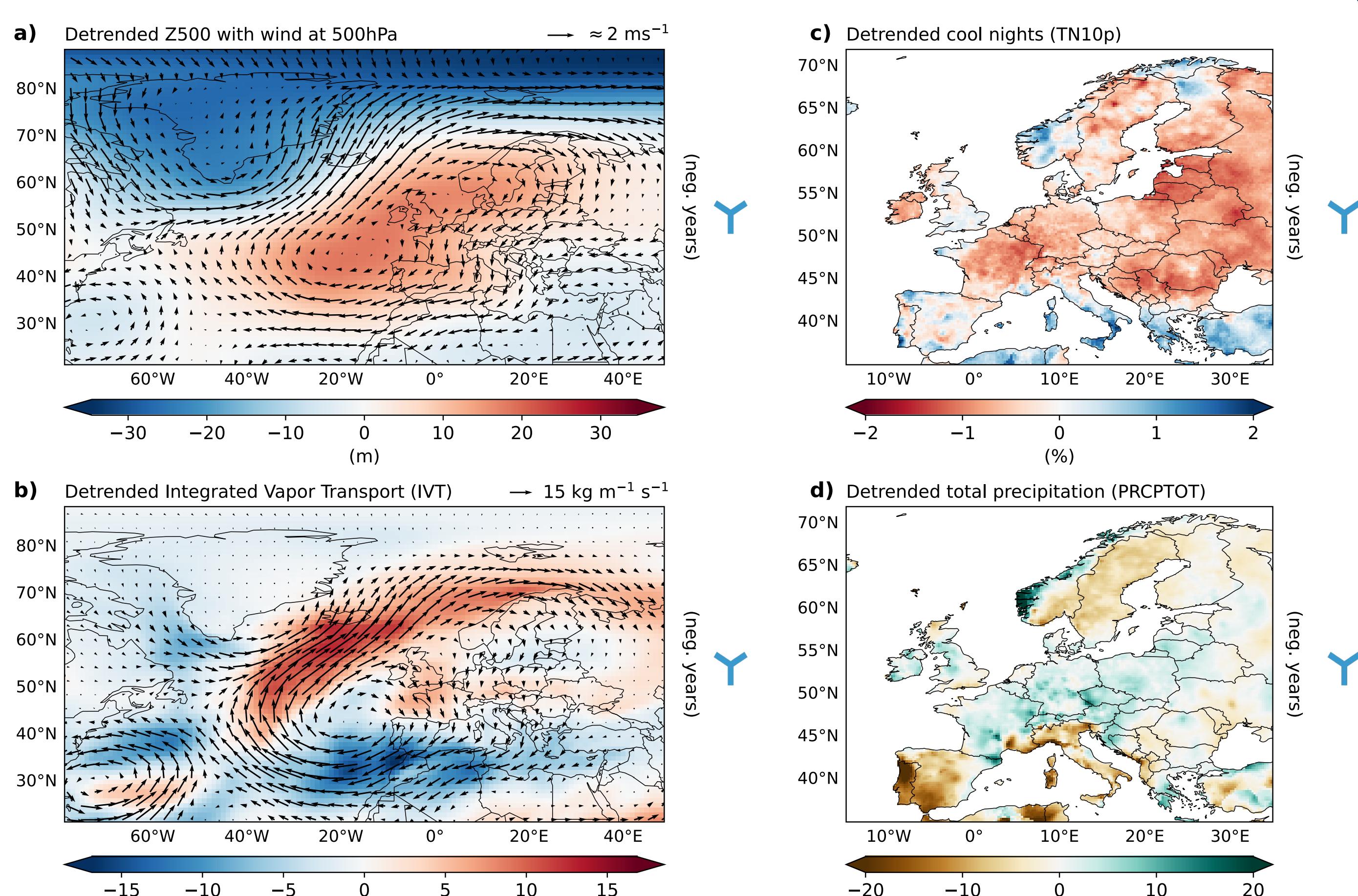
1. Background

- 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

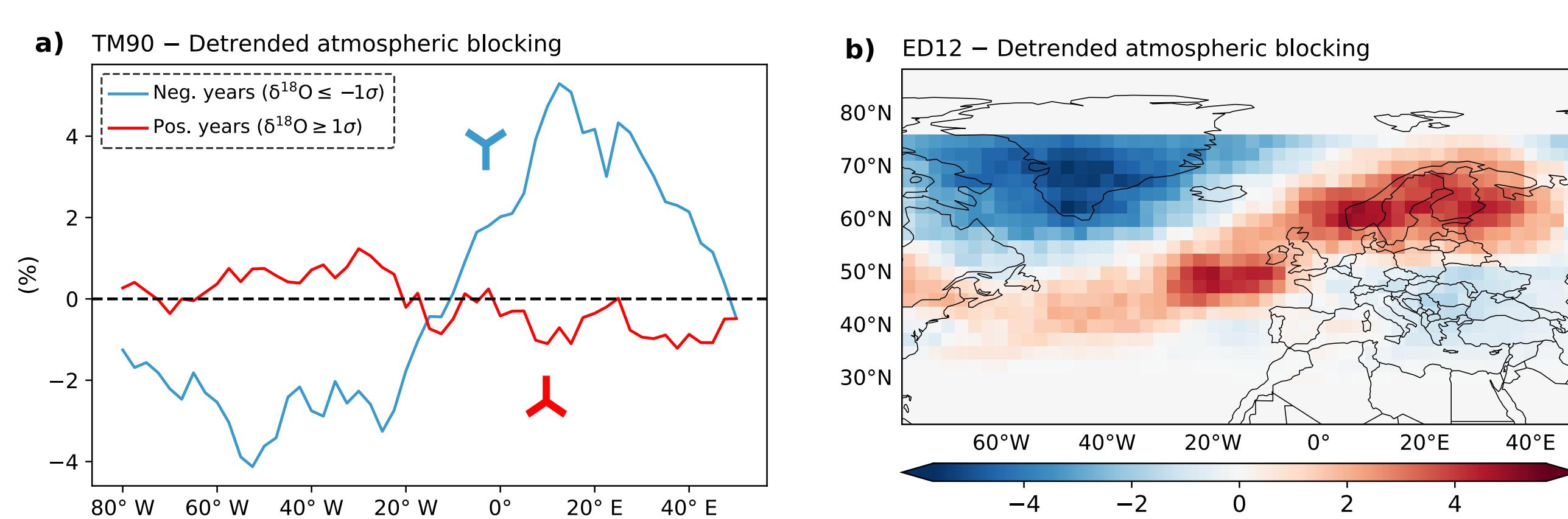
3. Data

- Northern Greenland Transect (NGT) stacked ice core (Hörhold, 2023):
 - Time resolution and range: Annual, 1602 – 2011
- 20th 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 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$;

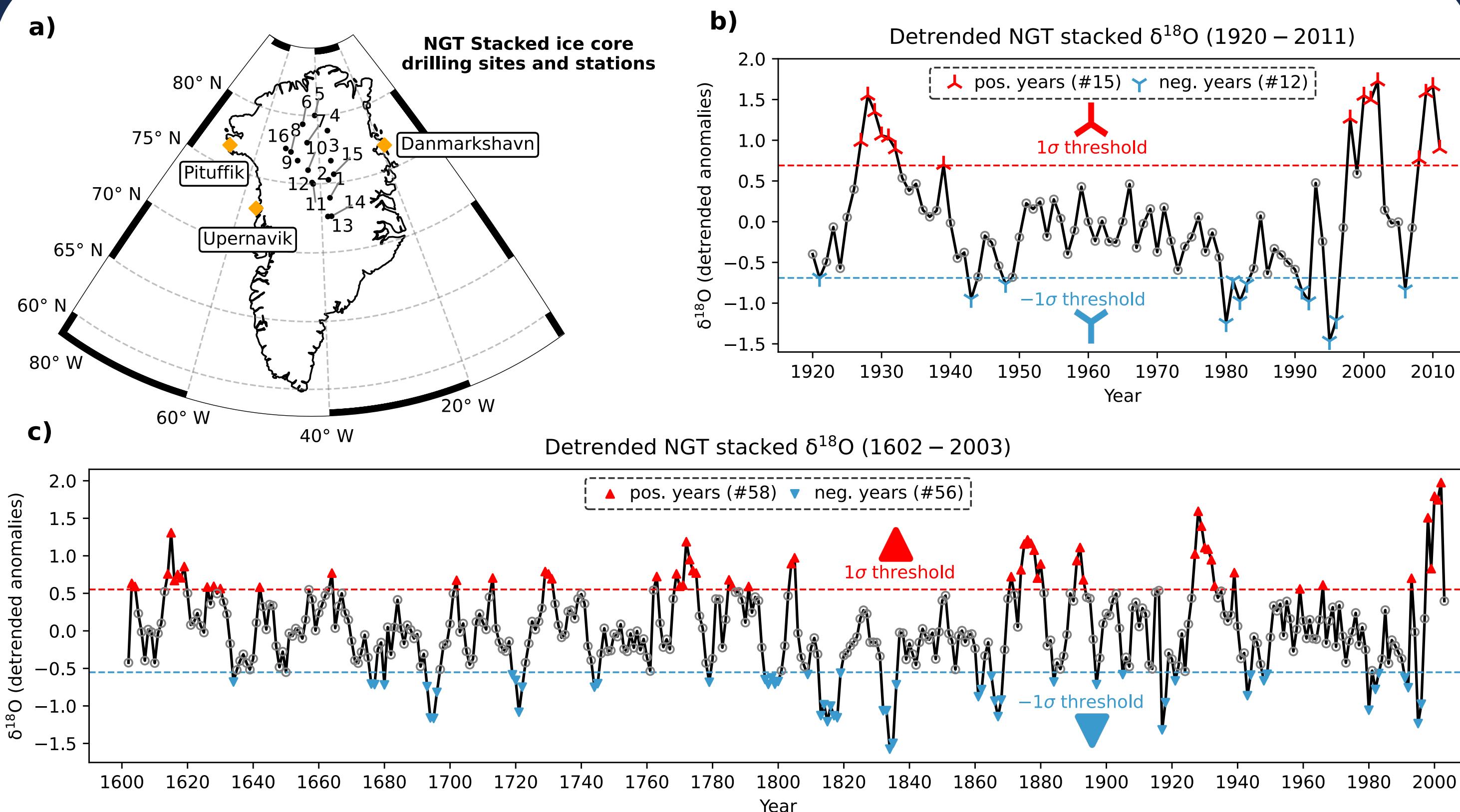
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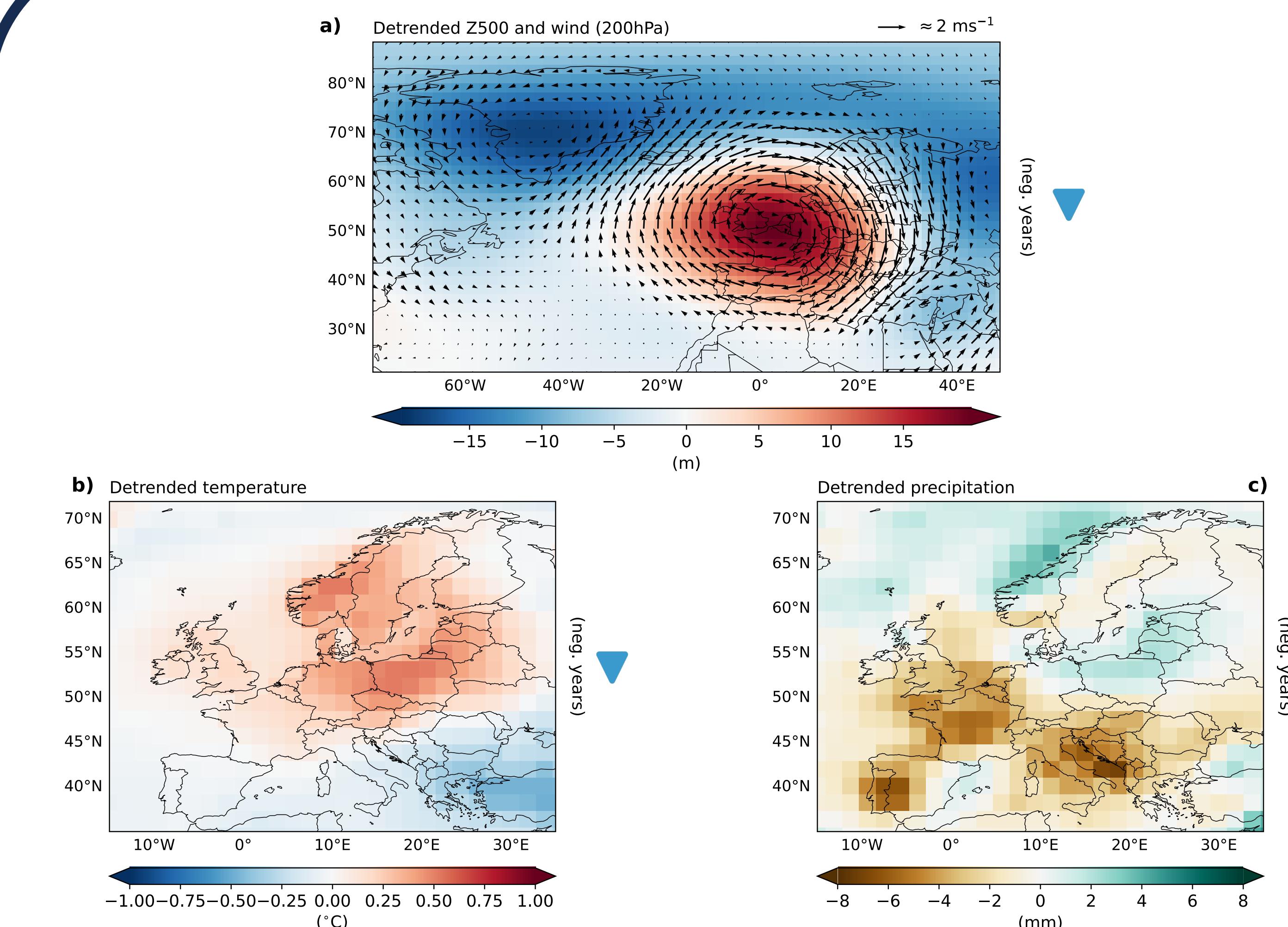
2. Research Question

- 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

