

exNGT: an overview of various correlation and other analyses

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Introduction

This document summarises various analyses of the NGT firn core stack:

- comparison of the NGT stack with other temperature data sets from the Arctic2k compilation and weather station measurements;
- comparison of individual NGT firn cores with the Arctic2k data set;
- comparison of the mean temperature anomalies derived from the NGT stack between the recent 15 year period and the reference period 1961-1990 as well as the entire 20th century.

Prepare data

Load relevant source files and packages:

```
source("init.R")
library("dplyr")
```

Set the running mean filter window size (yr) and the isotope-temperature slope (K/‰):

```
filter.window <- 11
permil2temperature <- 1 / 0.67
```

Load the NGT data, filter it and calculate the isotope stack:

```
stackedNGT <- processNGT() %>%
  filterData(window = filter.window) %>%
  stackNGT()
```

Load the Arctic2k and weather station data and filter it:

```
filteredArctic2k <- readArctic2k() %>%
  filterData(window = filter.window)

filteredDMI <- readDMI() %>%
  makeAnomalies() %>%
  filterData(window = filter.window)
```

Convert the filtered NGT stack data to temperature:

```
filteredStackedTemperatureNGT <- stackedNGT %>%
  dplyr::mutate(stack = permil2temperature * stack)
```

Comparison of NGT temperature stack with Arctic2k

- Overall correlation between NGT temperature stack and Arctic2k compilation 1000–2000 CE:

```
t <- 1000 : 2000

cor(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t, "stack"),
    subsetData(filteredArctic2k, t, "TempAnomaly")) %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.31
```

- Correlation between NGT temperature stack and Arctic2k compilation for the 20th century:

```
t <- 1901 : 2000

cor(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t, "stack"),
    subsetData(filteredArctic2k, t, "TempAnomaly")) %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] -0.13
```

Comparison of individual NGT firn core records with Arctic2k

We here use those NGT records which are also part of the Arctic2k compilation to assess the extent to which these records contribute to the overall Arctic2k temperature reconstruction. These firn cores are GRIP, GISP2, NGRIP, B16, B18 and B21 and we use the merged versions when redrilled cores are available.

```
mergedFilteredNGT <- processNGT() %>%
  filterData(window = filter.window) %>%
  stackNGT(stack = FALSE)

t <- 1000 : 2000
a2k <- subsetData(filteredArctic2k, t, "TempAnomaly")
grip <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "GRIP")
gisp2 <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "GISP2")
ngrip <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "NGRIP")
b16 <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "B16")
b18 <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "B18")
b21 <- subsetData(mergedFilteredNGT, t, "B21")
```

```
cor(grip, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.17

cor(gisp2, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.01

cor(ngrip, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.11

cor(b16, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] -0.02

cor(b18, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.29
```

```
cor(b21, a2k, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.36
```

Comparison of NGT isotope stack with DMI temperature data

We calculate the correlations of the NGT isotope stack with the temperature data from three coastal Greenland weather stations for the time period 1901–2011.

```
t <- 1901 : 2011
ngt <- subsetData(stackedNGT, t, "stack")
pituffik <- subsetData(filteredDMI, t, "Pituffik")
upernavik <- subsetData(filteredDMI, t, "Upernavik")
danmarkshavn <- subsetData(filteredDMI, t, "Danmarkshavn")
```

- Correlation of NGT isotope stack and Pituffik weather station temperature:

```
cor(ngt, pituffik, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.89
```

- Correlation of NGT isotope stack and Upernavik weather station temperature:

```
cor(ngt, upernavik, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.77
```

- Correlation of NGT isotope stack and Danmarkshavn weather station temperature:

```
cor(ngt, danmarkshavn, use = "pairwise") %>%
  round(digits = 2)
#> [1] 0.87
```

Temperature increase of recent 15 years relative to past

We compare the mean temperature over the recent 15 years of the NGT stack with the mean value of the 1961-1990 period and the mean value of the 20th century (1901–2000). We do this assuming the standard spatial isotope–temperature slope for Greenland as well as assuming stronger and weaker values from the temporal slopes derived by Vinther et al. (2009) and Masson-Delmotte et al. (2015).

Get NGT temperature stack data for the alternative isotope–temperature slopes:

```
permil2temperature.max <- 2.1 # Vinther et al. (2009)
permil2temperature.min <- 1 / 1.1 # Masson-Delmotte et al. (2015)

maxFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT <- stackedNGT %>%
  dplyr::mutate(stack = permil2temperature.max * stack)

minFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT <- stackedNGT %>%
  dplyr::mutate(stack = permil2temperature.min * stack)
```

- Recent 15 years versus 1961-1990 reference period:

```
t1 <- 1997 : 2011
t2 <- 1961 : 1990
```

```

# spatial slope
(mean(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 1.6

# minimum slope
(mean(subsetData(minFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(minFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 1

# maximum slope
(mean(subsetData(maxFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(maxFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 2.3

```

- Recent 15 years versus 20th century (1901-2000):

```

t1 <- 1997 : 2011
t2 <- 1901 : 2000

# spatial slope
(mean(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(filteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 1.5

# minimum slope
(mean(subsetData(minFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(minFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 0.9

# maximum slope
(mean(subsetData(maxFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t1, var = "stack")) -
 mean(subsetData(maxFilteredStackedTemperatureNGT, t2, var = "stack"))) %>%
  round(digits = 1)
#> [1] 2.1

```

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