

# Alpine Spring Water and Global Change

Evidence from Temperature, Chemistry and O-18 measurements

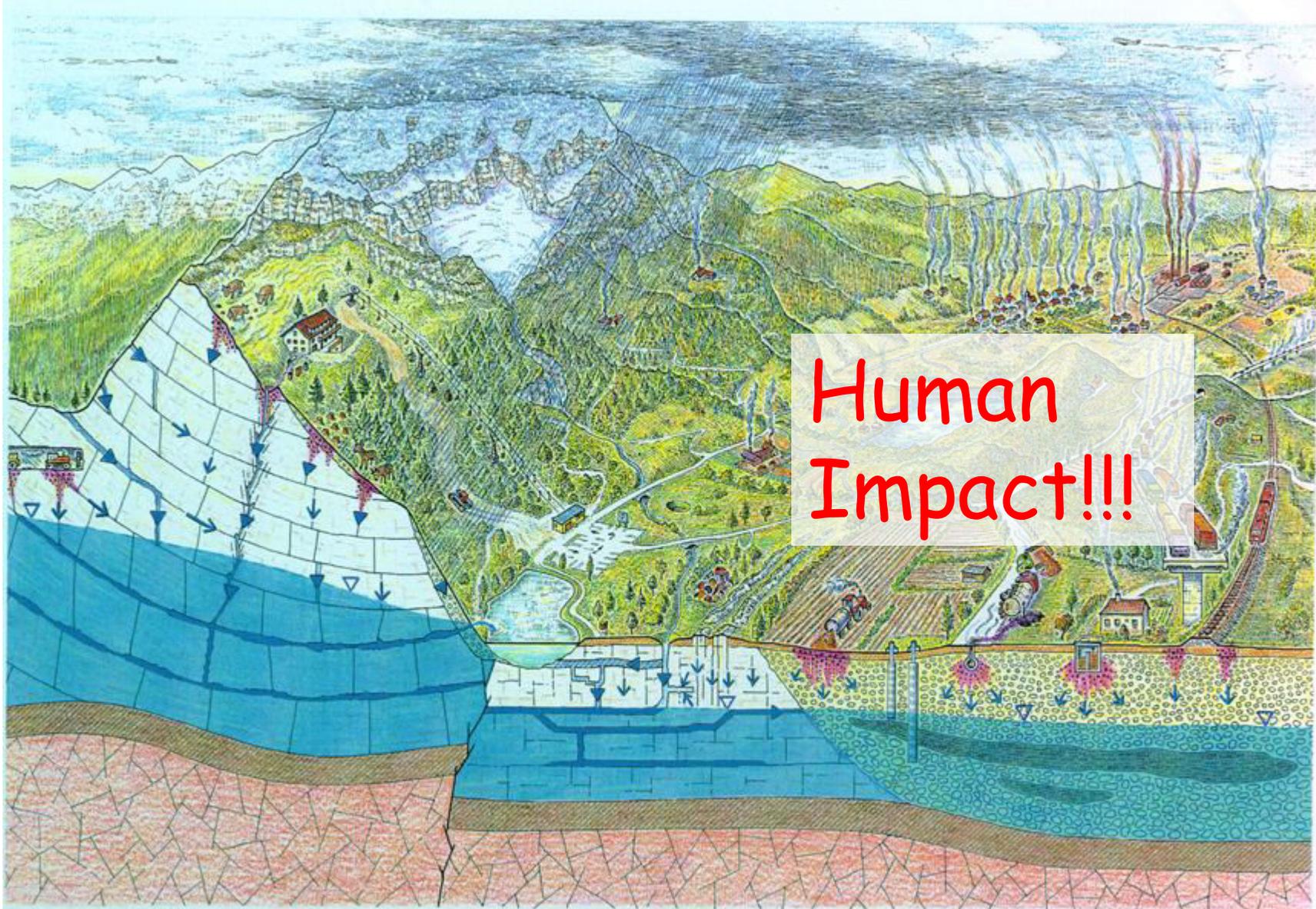
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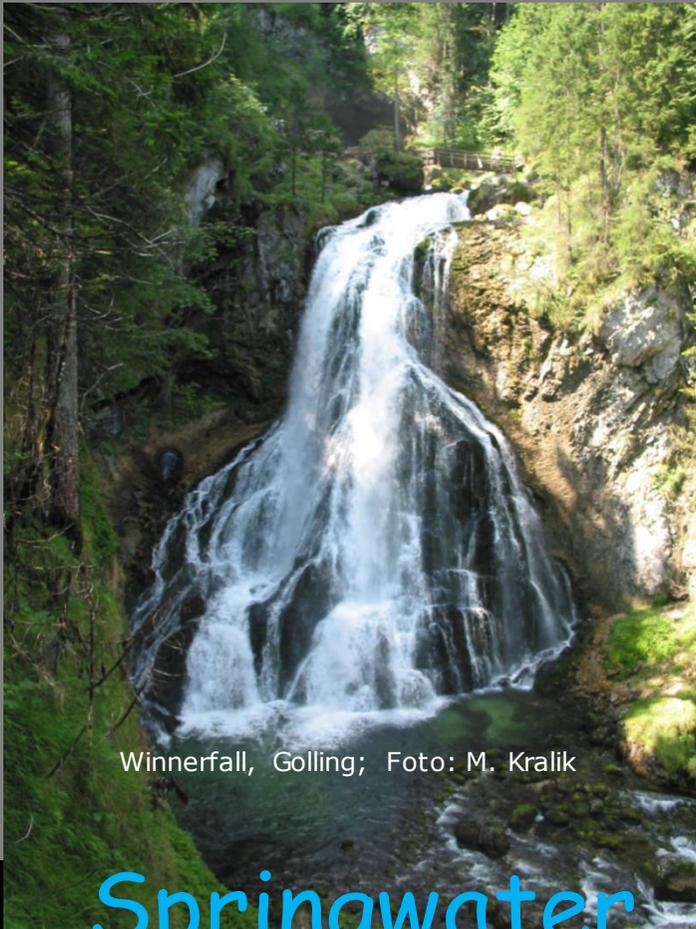
- Austrian Hydrological Network of Discharge, Temperature, EC (ehyd)
- Austrian Water Quality Network (GZÜV)
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- Conclusions





Human  
Impact!!!





Winnerfall, Golling; Foto: M. Kralik

## Springwater



Schiffehen Sandsteine, Schweiz Foto: R. Kozel

## Porous Groundwater

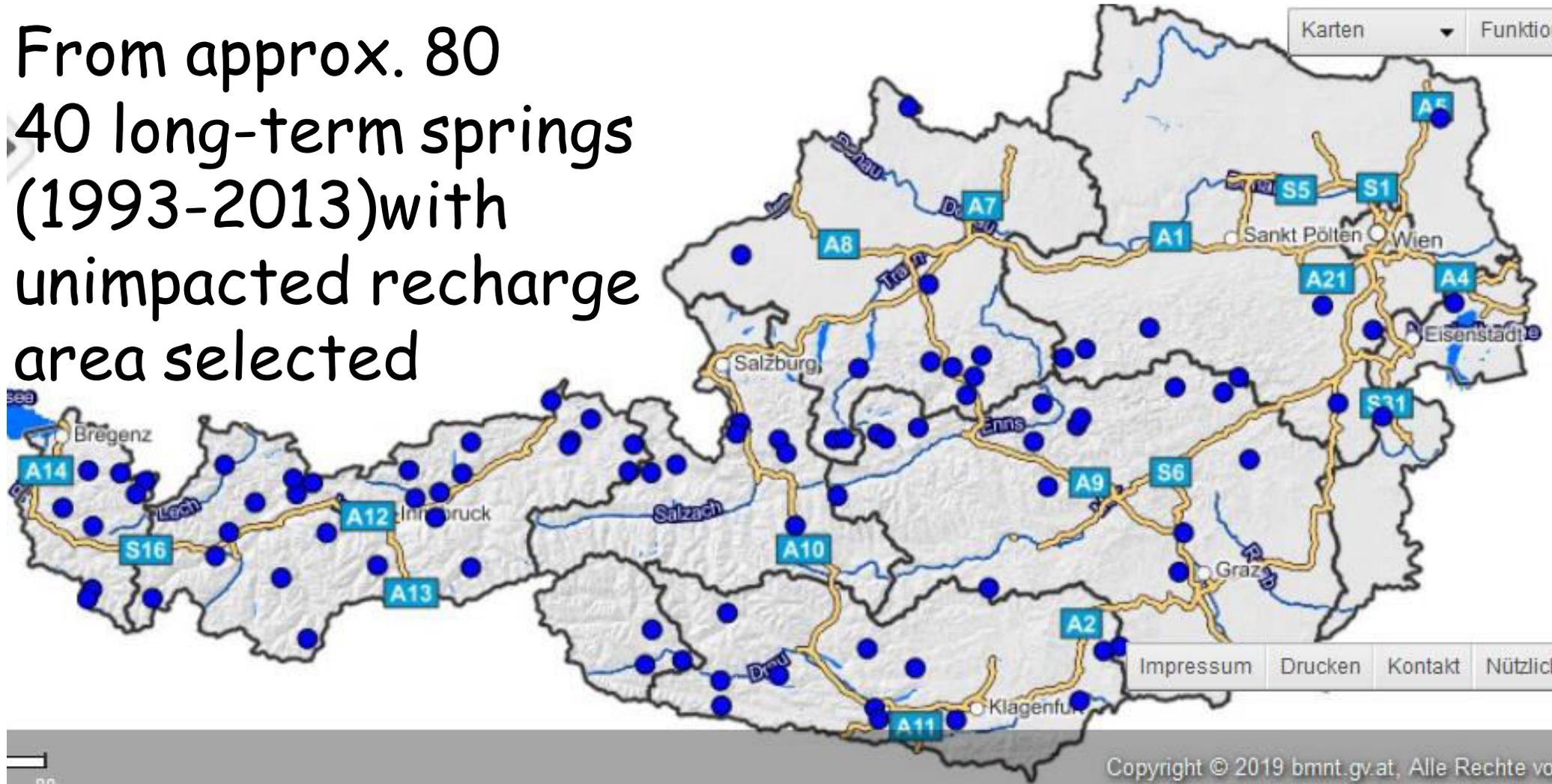
100% Groundwater

50% : 50% Drinking water supply

Hydrological on-line Data (ehyd):  
L/s - °C - EC ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , 25°C)  
Every 15 min. > daily mean



From approx. 80  
40 long-term springs  
(1993-2013) with  
unimpacted recharge  
area selected





36 Lehnbach S.



29 Friedlbrunn S.



7 Wasseralm S.



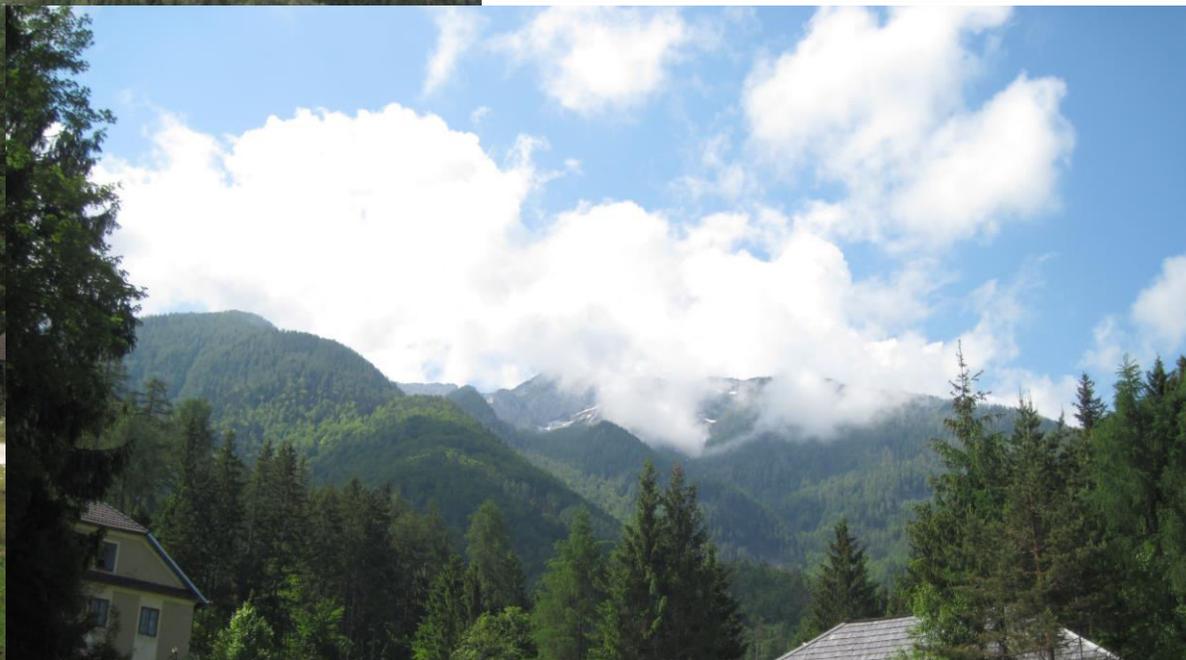
37 Goldbach S.



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30 Schreiender Brunnen



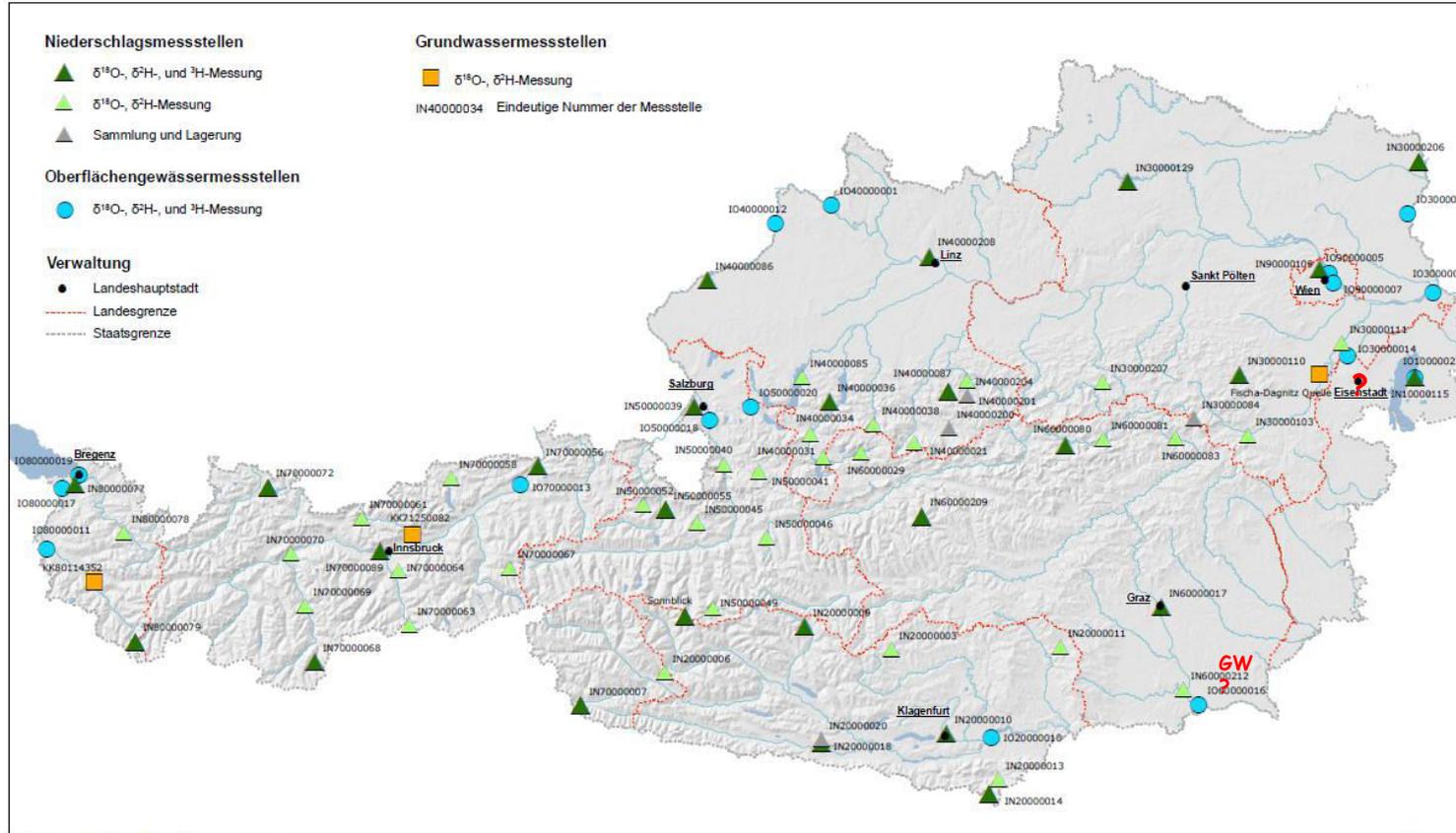
Water quality data (GZÜV):  
°C, EC, pH, O<sub>2</sub>  
Ca, Mg, Na, K, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub>, Cl, NO<sub>3</sub>  
4x / year



# Austrian Network of Isotopes in Precipitation, Surfacewater and Groundwater „Input“

## Isotopen - Messstellen 2016 - 2018

Arbeitskarte



Quelle: Gewässerzustandsüberwachungsverordnung (GZÜV) BGBl. Nr. 479/2008 i.d.g.F.; BMLFUW, Sektion IV, Abteilung IV 3 Nationale und internationale Wasserwirtschaft; Ämter der Landesregierungen;

Auswertung/Graphik: Umweltbundesamt GmbH, 2015

Briellmann 2015

umweltbundesamt

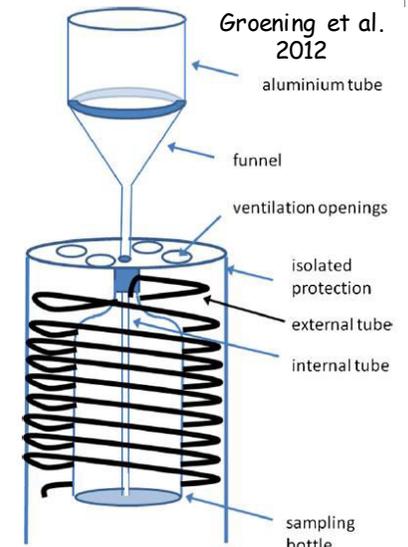


Fig. 3. Schematics of the precipitation water sampler. Marked in black

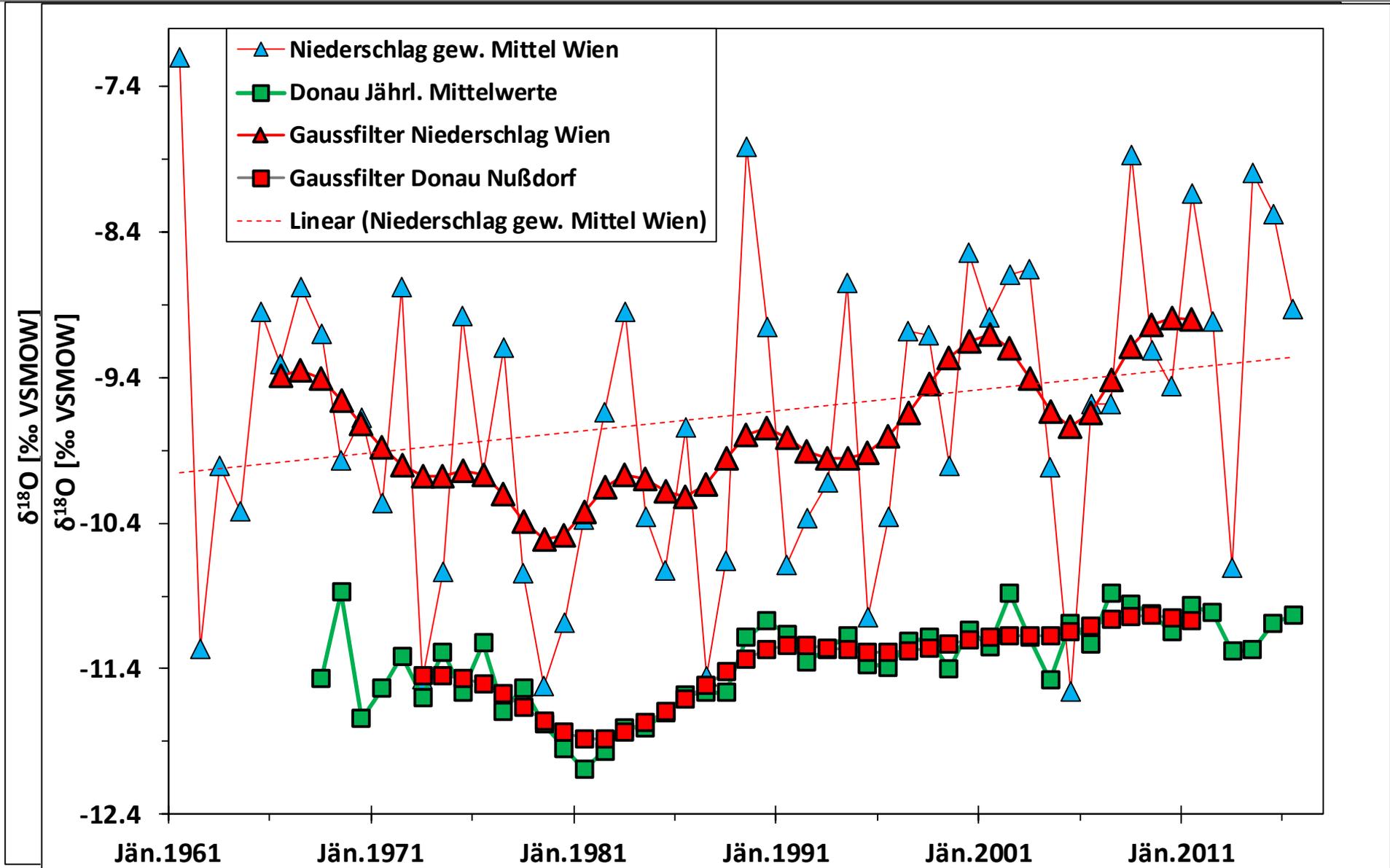


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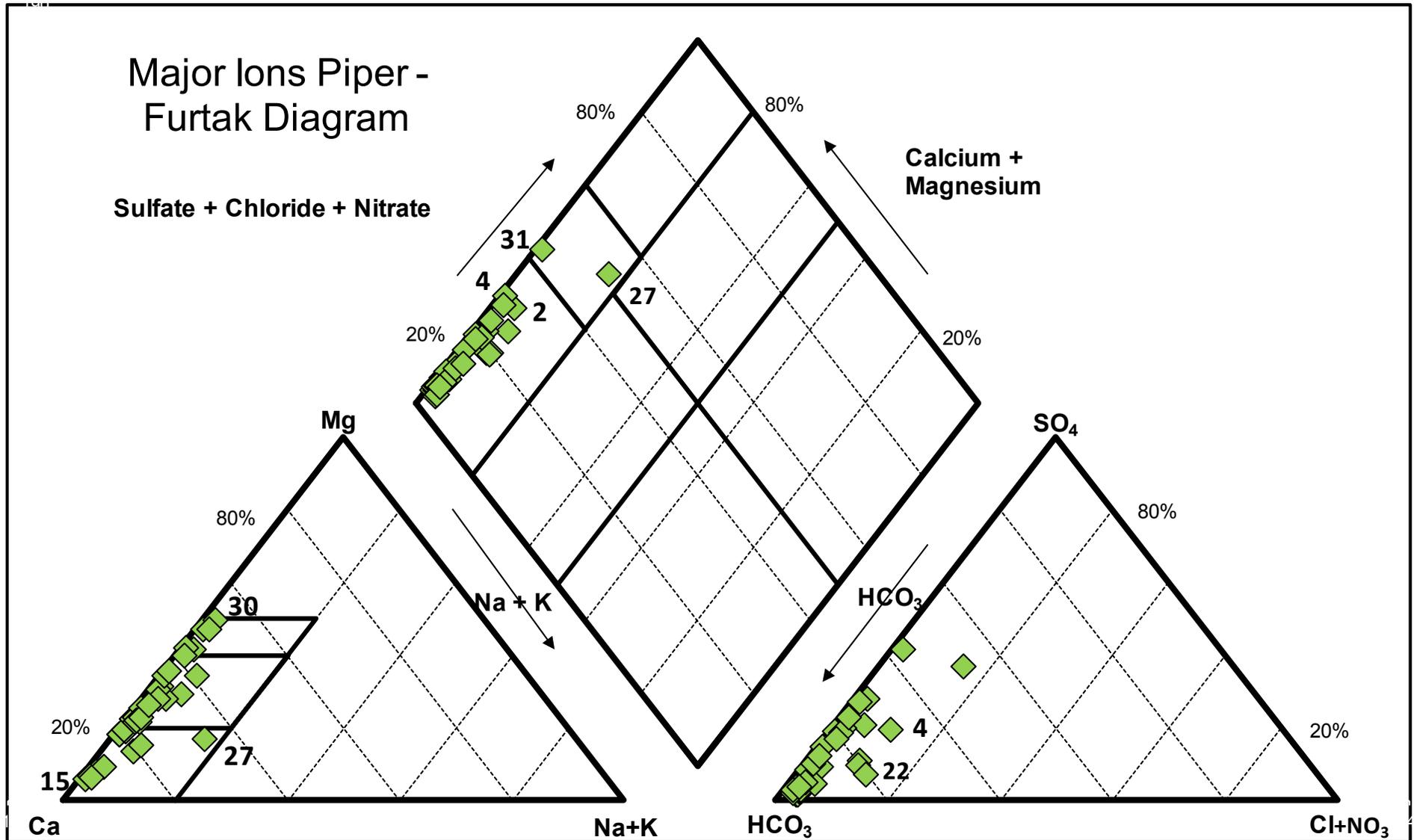
## Trends:

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and **11,500** chemical analyses of **40**  
springs with natural recharge areas were  
evaluated for trends (1993 - 2013)

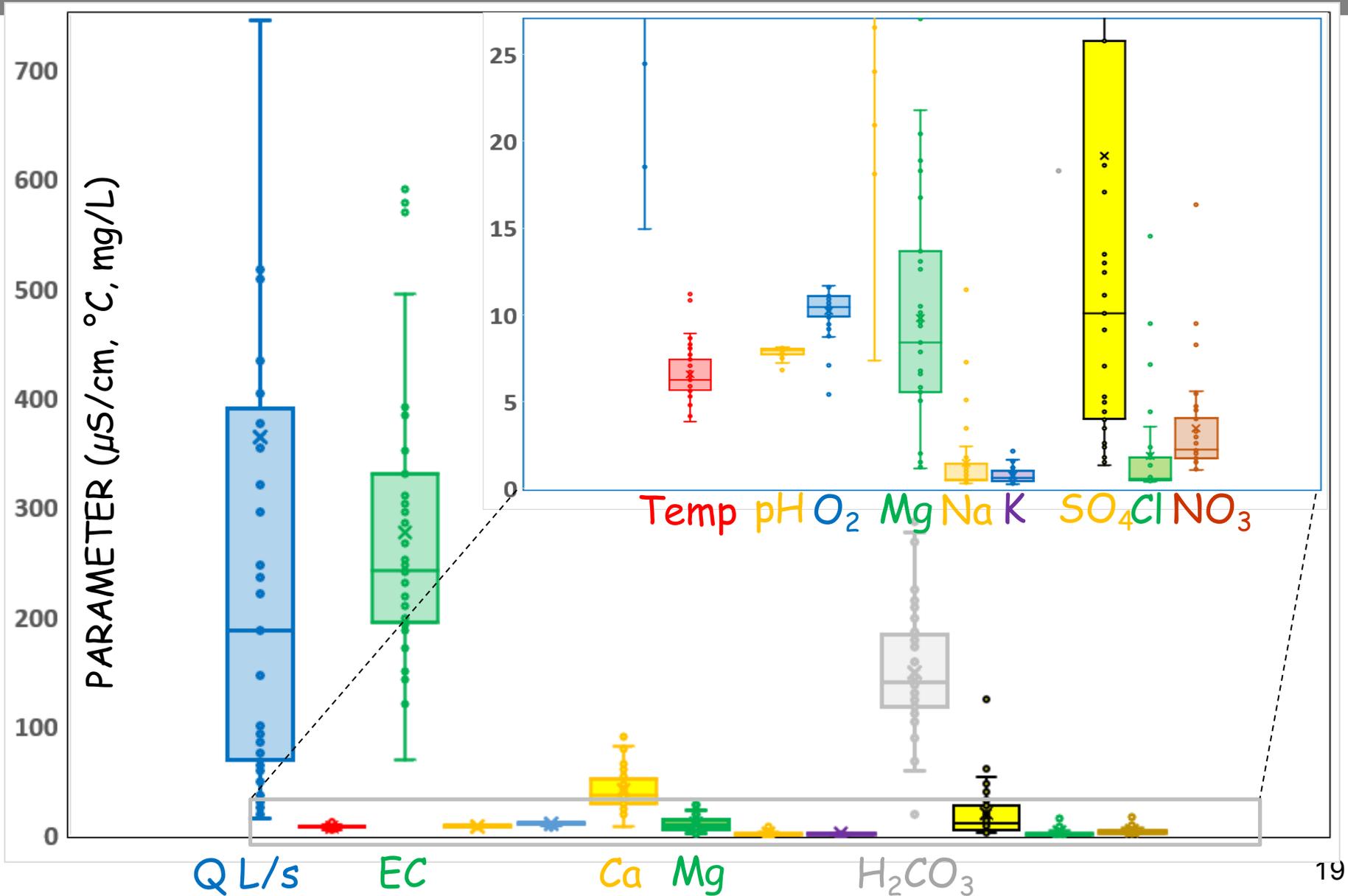
# Trends: Gauss - Filter

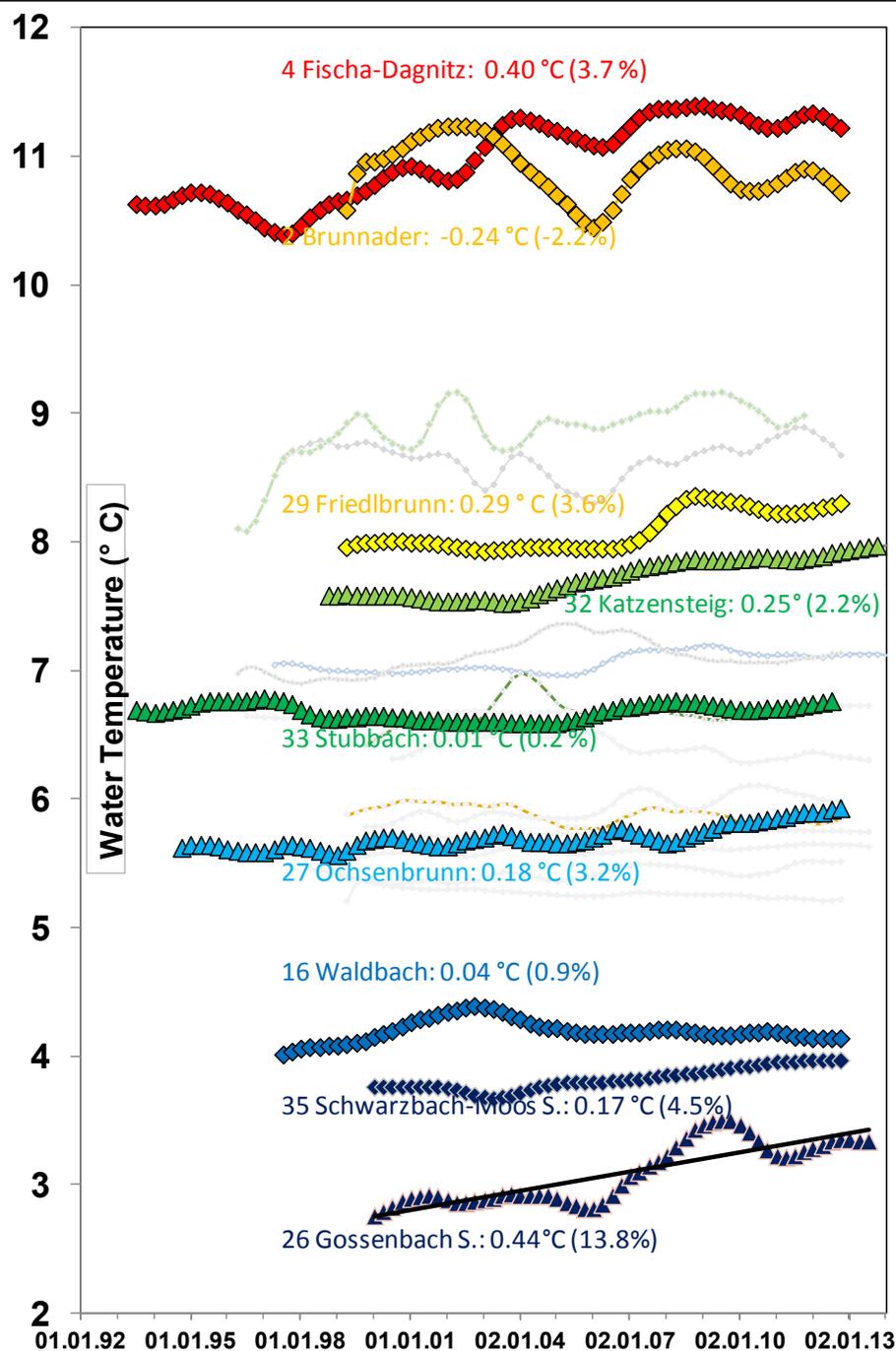


# Results:

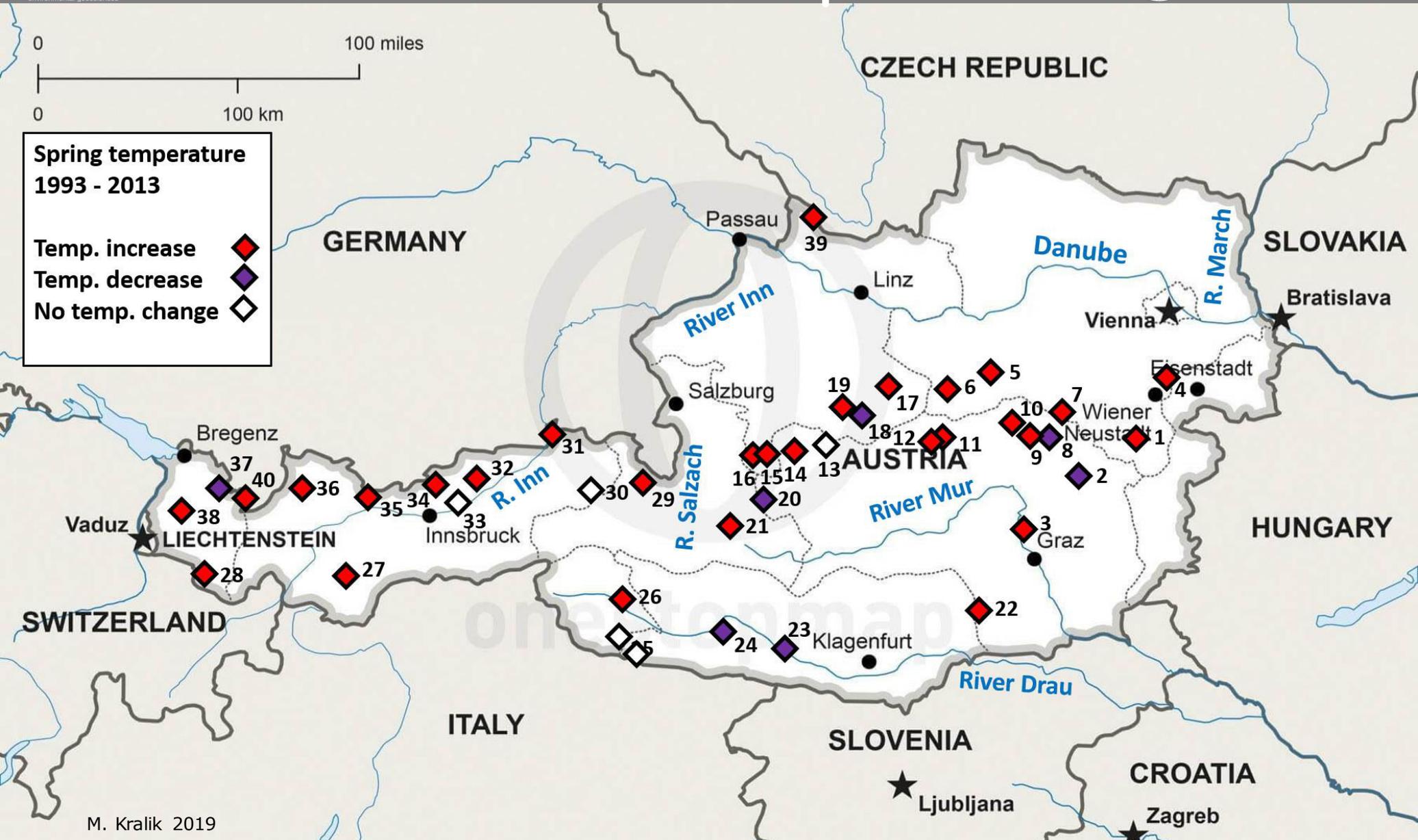


# Major parameter

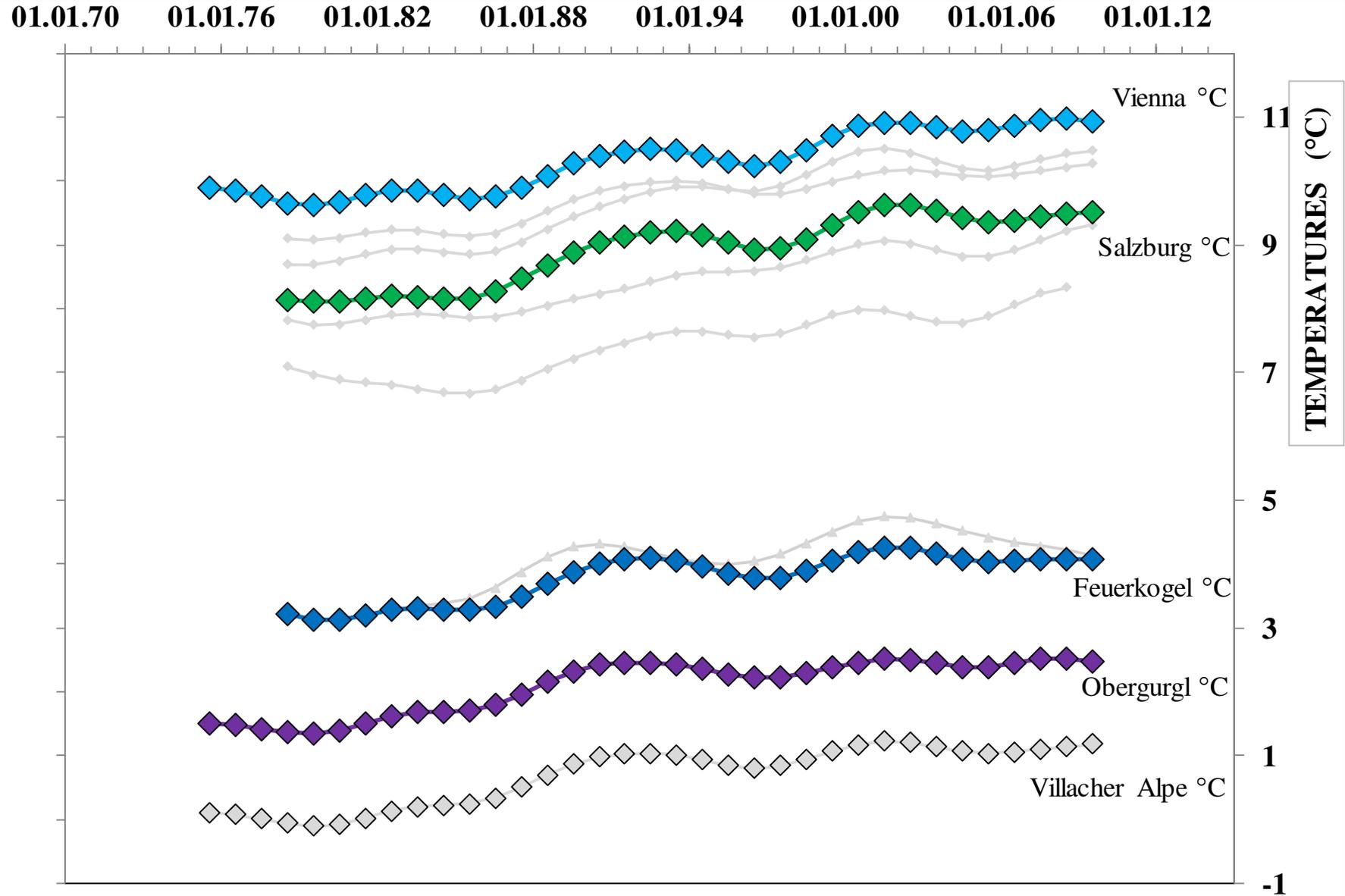


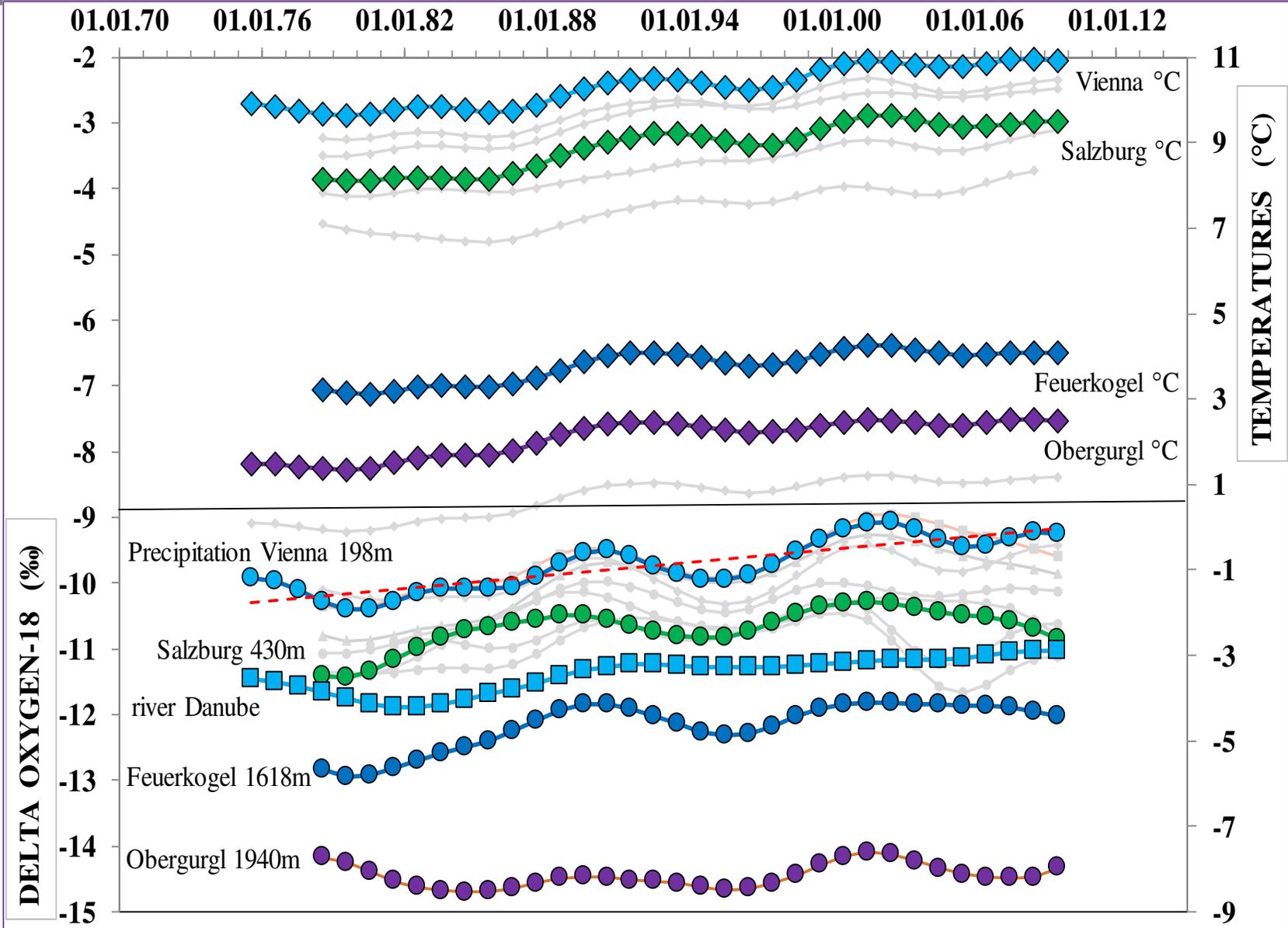


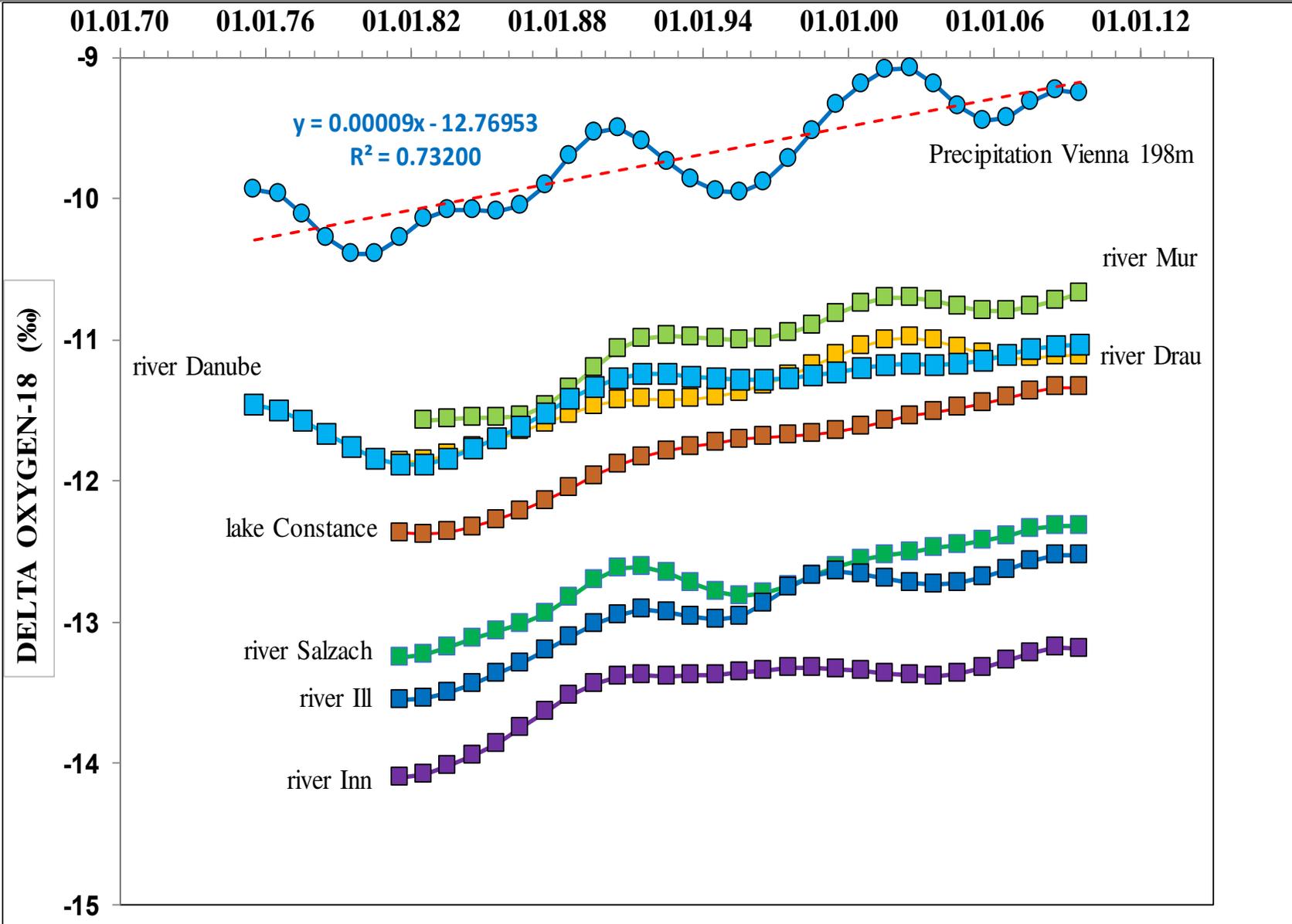
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 > 0.17 °C per decade



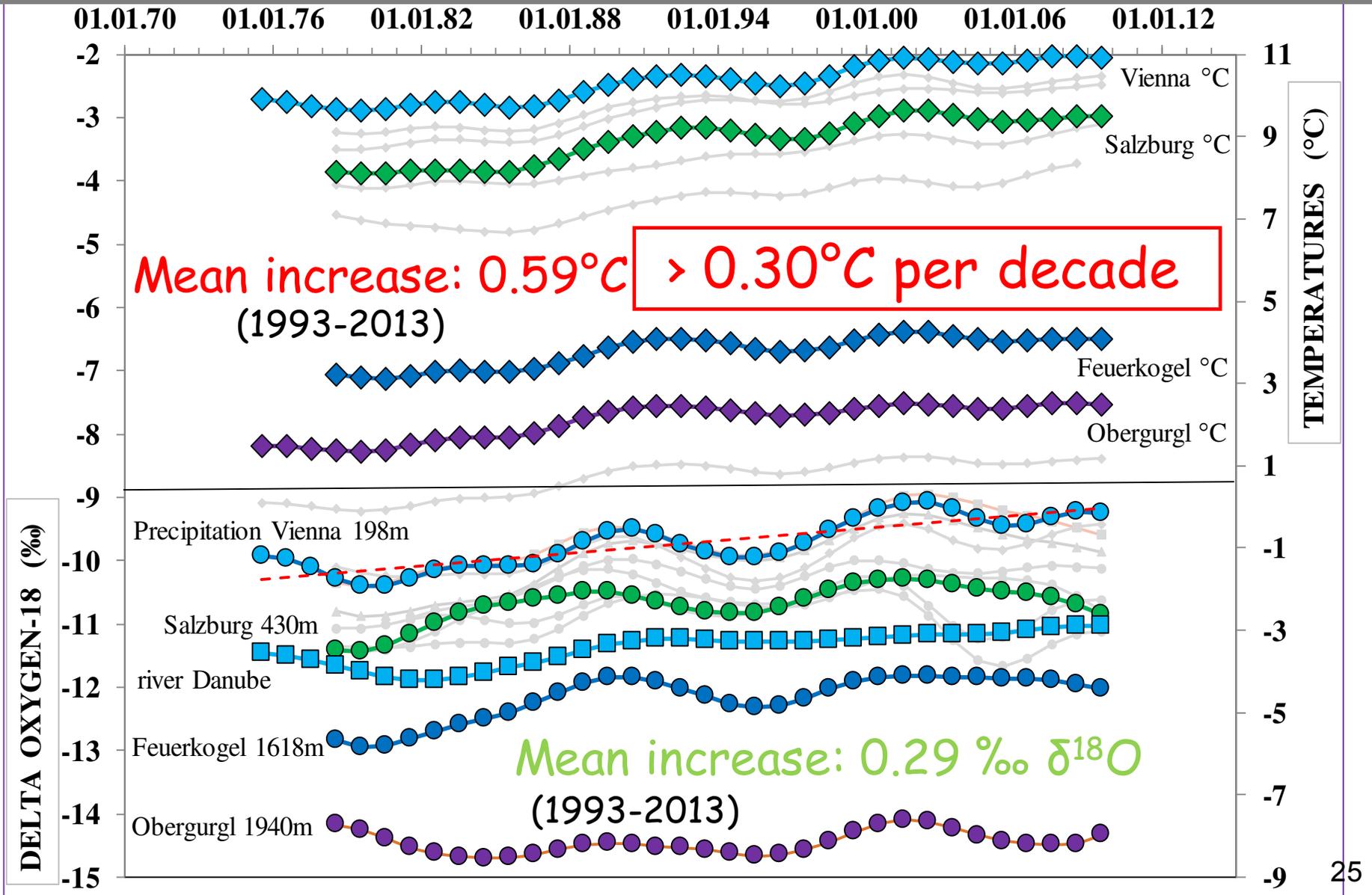
# Trends: Air-Temperatures



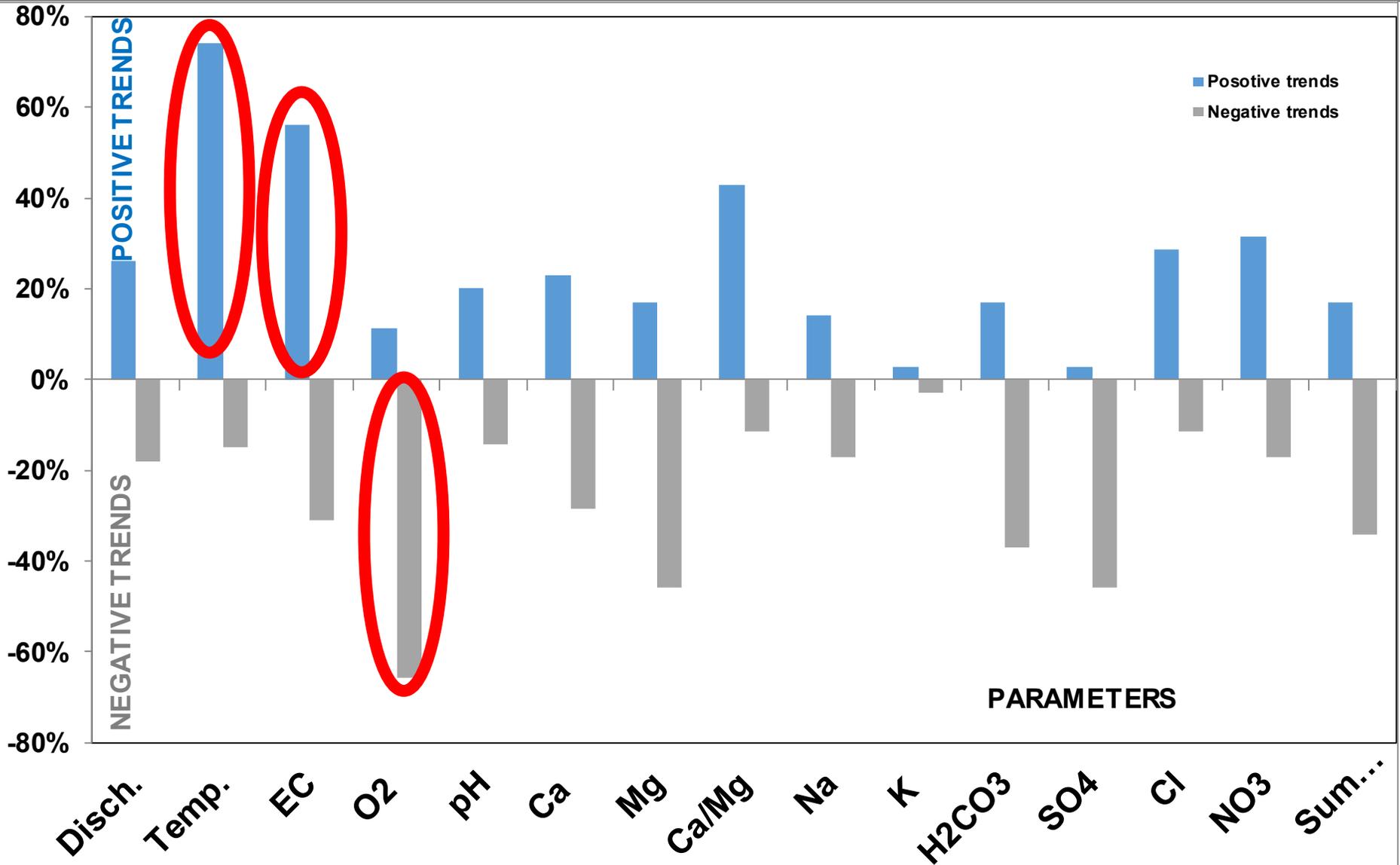




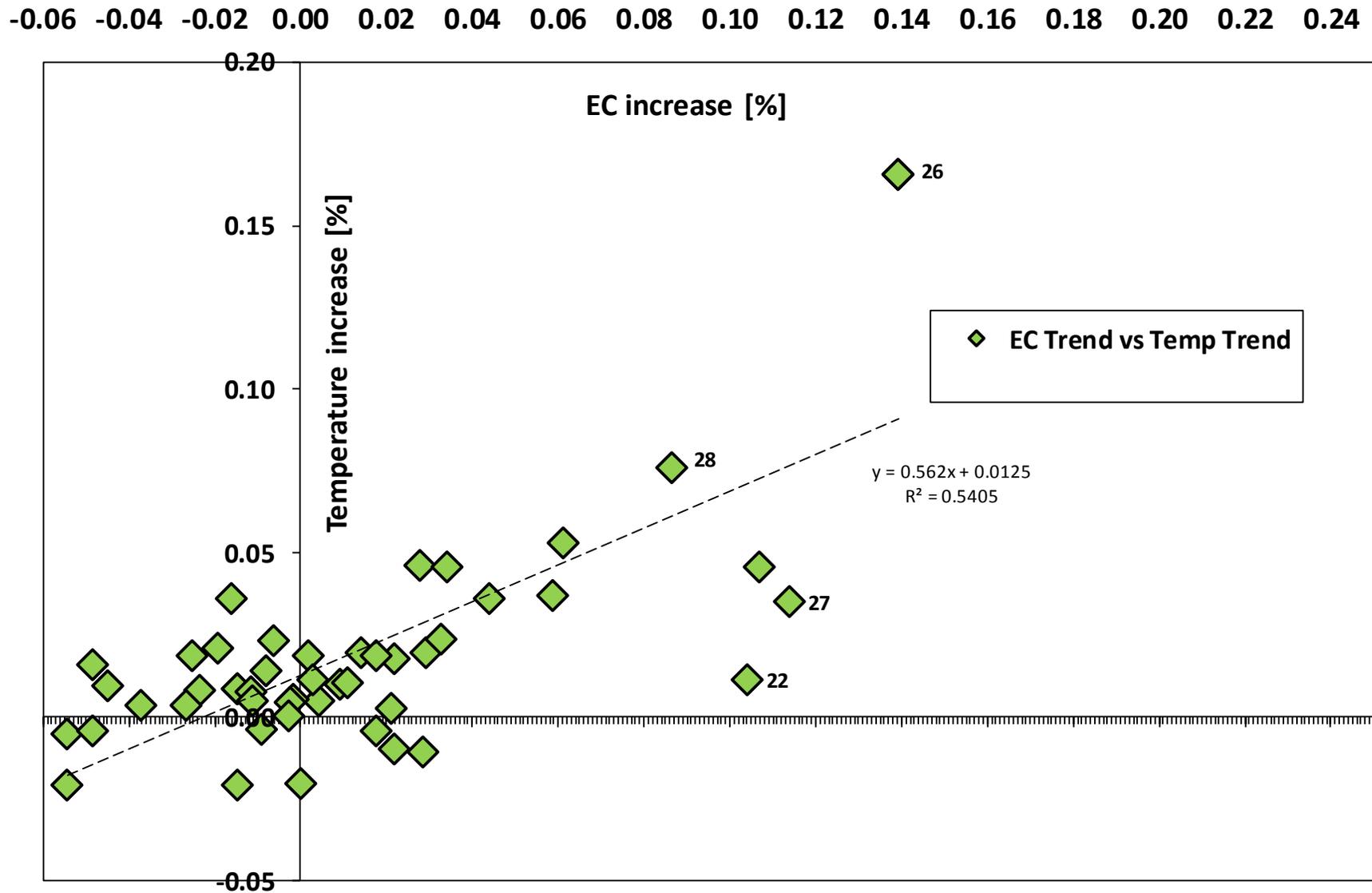
# $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ increase $\rightarrow$ Global Warming?

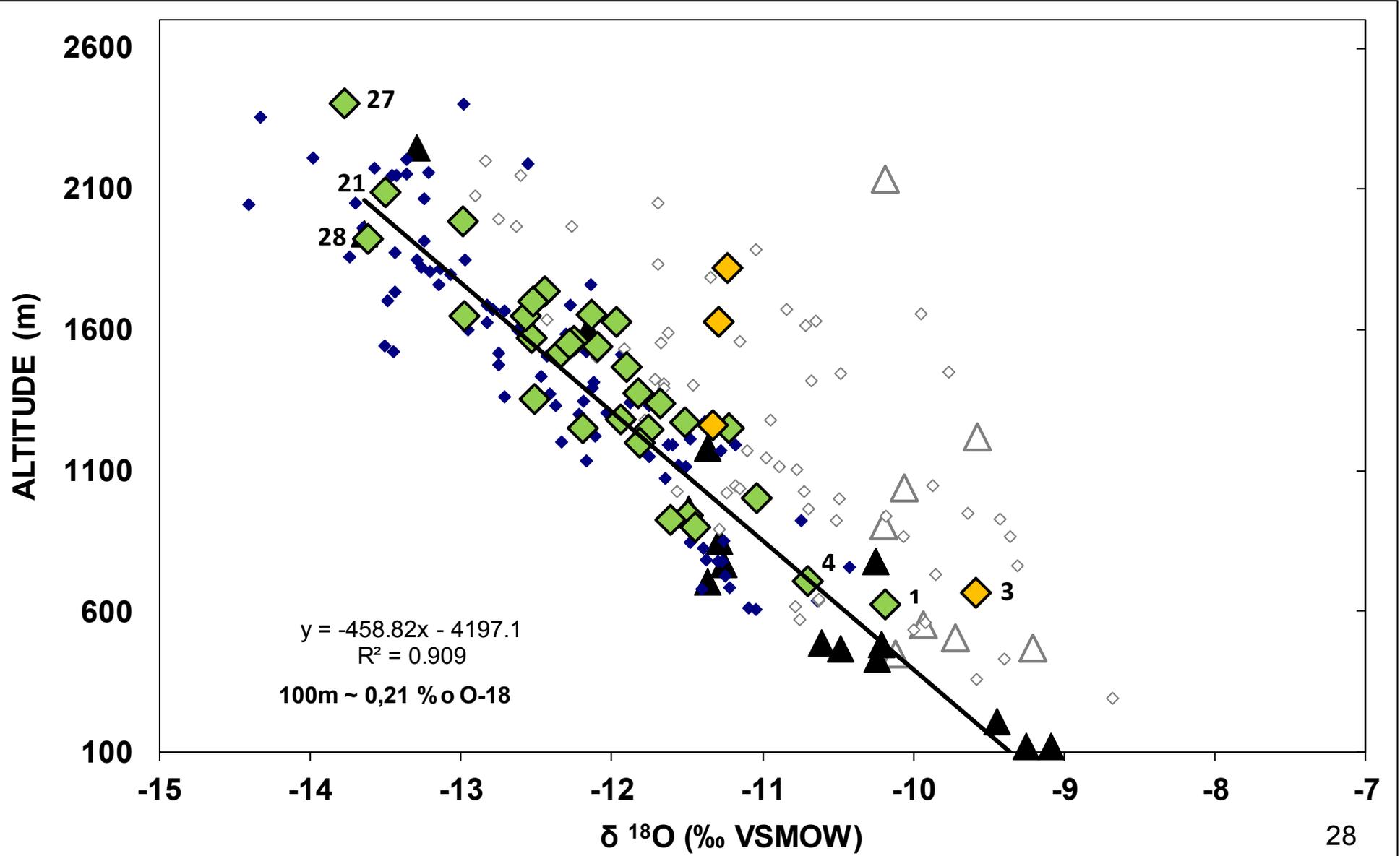


# Positive + negative trends (40 springs)



# %: EC - Temp. increase





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- 29 (74%) of the selected springs show a significant increase in water temperature with a mean of  $0.34\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $0.06 - 1.03$ ). This means a decadal temperature increase of  $0.17\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} / 10$  years.
- 34 (77%) Meteorological stations and surface waters close to the recharge areas show a nearly double mean temperature increase of  $0.59\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $0.13-1.19$ ) over the the same time range
- The electric conductivity (EC) linearly increased in 21 (55%) of the investigated springs at about 4%.
- In 23 (72%) springs the content of dissolved oxygen decreased over these 20 years at about 9%.

**Thank you for  
your attention !**

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**ANIP – Austrian Network of Isotopes in Precipitation (2019):  
SEhyd – Hydrographische Daten (2019): Bundesministerium für Nachhaltigkeit  
und Tourismus;  
Gewässerzustandsüberwachungsverordnung (GZÜV; BGBl. II Nr. 479/2006  
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