## **Appendix**

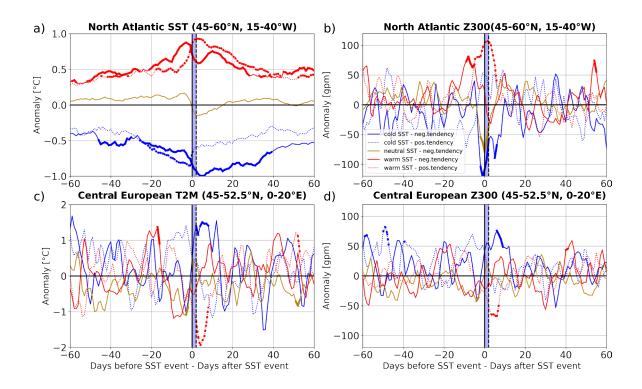
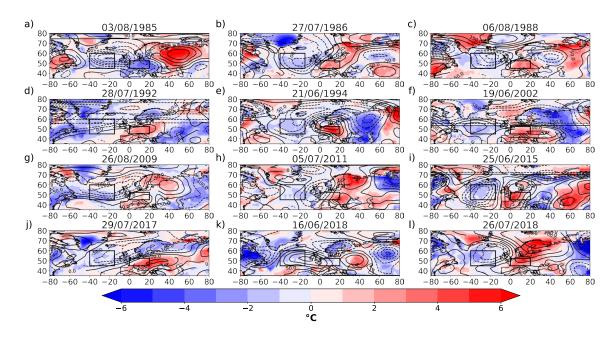
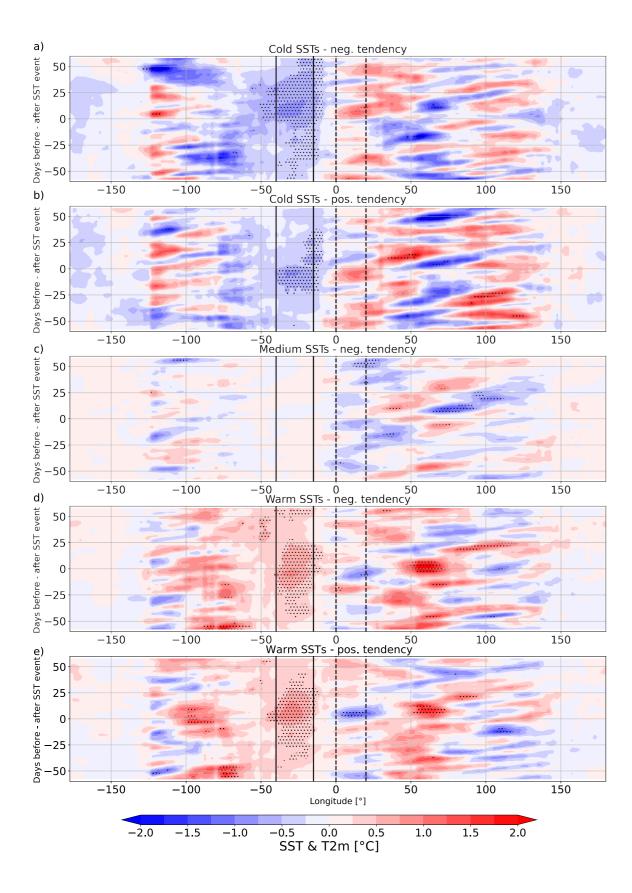


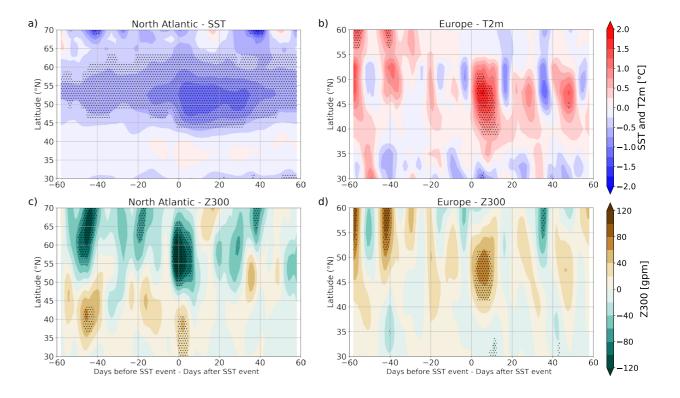
Fig. A1: Same as Fig. 2, but here without the 5-day running mean applied.



**Fig. A2:** Maps of SST (ocean) and T2m (continent; coloured) and Z300 (contours) anomalies based on the state 5 days after the onset of the respective 12 cold North Atlantic SST events with a negative tendency; the title includes the respective date of the event consistent with the dates listed in Table 1.



**Fig. A3:** Hovmöller diagrams of SST (ocean) and T2m (continent) anomalies obtained after a latitudinal average over 40 – 60 N based on composite mean of all 5 composites based on North Atlantic SSTs; stippling indicates significance according to the 95% confidence interval based on the bootstrap method; solid vertical lines illustrate the longitude boundaries of the North Atlantic box (15 – 40°W) and dashed lines the boundaries of the European box (0 – 20°E).



**Fig. A4:** Hovmöller diagrams based on composite mean of cold North Atlantic SST events with a negative tendency obtained after a longitudinal average for a) North Atlantic SST anomalies (15 – 40°W) and b) European T2m anomalies (0 – 20°E); c) and d) Same as a) and b) but for Z300 anomalies; stippling indicates significance according to the 95% confidence interval based on the bootstrap method.

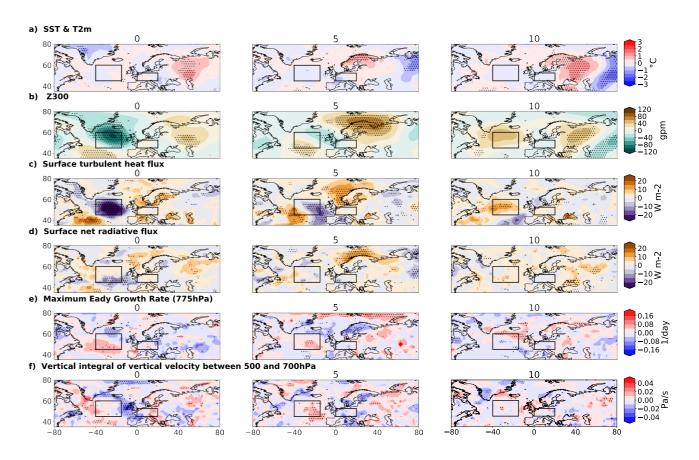
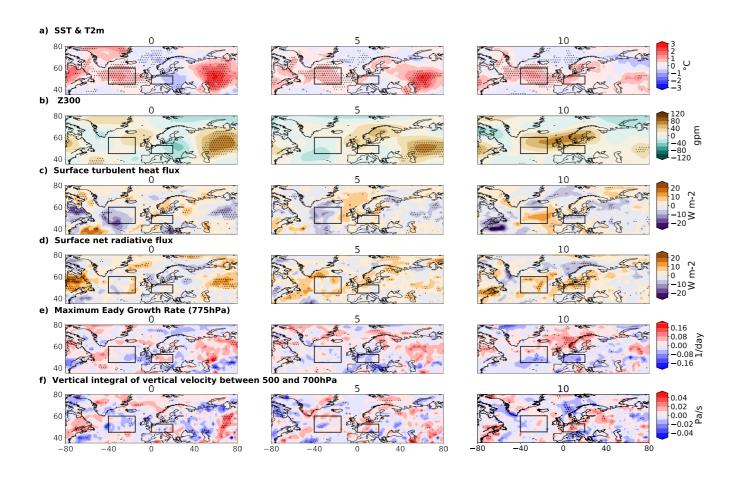
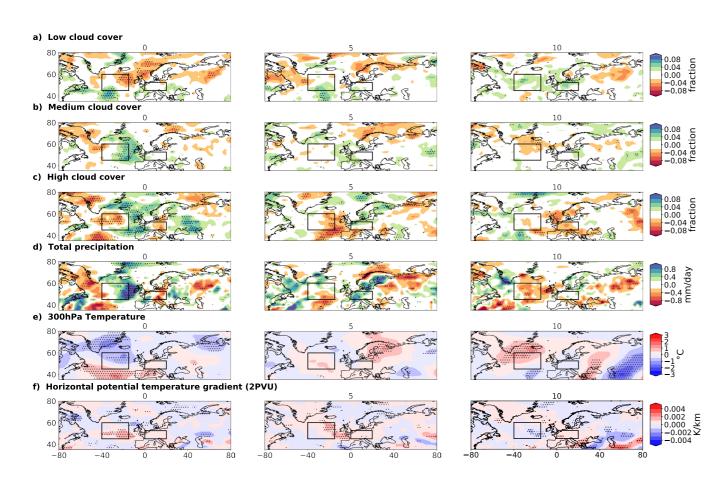


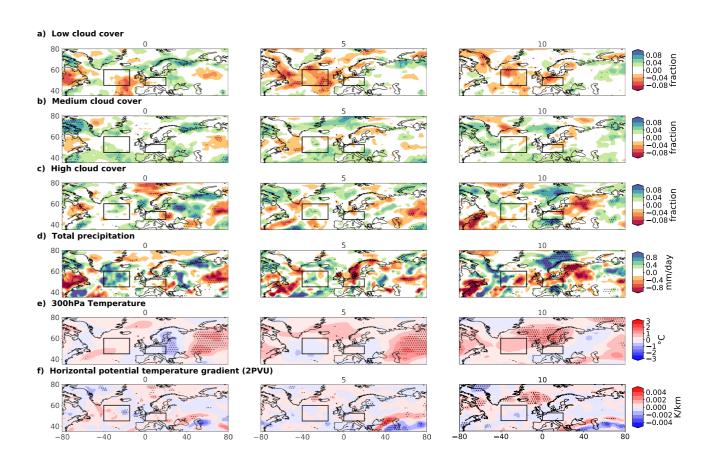
Fig. A5: Same as Fig. 4, but here for composite of neutral SST events with negative tendency.



**Fig. A6:** Same as Fig. 4, but here for composite of warm SST events with negative tendency.



**Fig. A7:** Same as Fig. 5, but here for composite of neutral SST events with negative tendency.



**Fig. A8:** Same as Fig. 5, but here for composite of warm SST events with negative tendency.

Composite	Description	Anomaly (lag= -1)	Anomaly (lag= 0, 1, 2)
1	Warm North Atlantic SST events with a positive tendency	SST < SST <sub>0.9</sub>	SST > SST <sub>0.9</sub>
2	Cold North Atlantic SST events with a positive tendency	SST < SST <sub>0.1</sub>	SST > SST <sub>0.1</sub>
3	Warm North Atlantic SST events with a <i>negative</i> tendency	SST > SST <sub>0.9</sub>	SST < SST <sub>0.9</sub>
4	Cold North Atlantic SST events with a negative tendency	SST > SST <sub>0.1</sub>	SST < SST <sub>0.1</sub>
5	Neutral North Atlantic SST events with a negative tendency	SST > SST <sub>0.5</sub>	SST < SST <sub>0.5</sub>
6	European heat events	T2m < T2m <sub>0.95</sub>	T2m > T2m <sub>0.95</sub>

**Table A1:** List of five composites based on North Atlantic SSTs (1–5) and one composite based on European heat events (6). The parameters  $SST_q$  and  $T2m_q$  denote the threshold, where q is the quantile. An event is detected when the anomaly crosses the respective threshold for three consecutive days marked as lag= 0, 1, 2.