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**Jens Esmark’s Christiania (Oslo) meteorological observations
1816-1838: The first long term continuous temperature record
from the Norwegian capital homogenized and analysed**

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Abstract

In 2010 we rediscovered the complete set of meteorological observation protocols made by professor Jens Esmark (1762-1839) during his years of residence in the Norwegian capital of Oslo (then Christiania). From 1 January 1816 to 25 January 1839 Esmark at his house in Øvre Voldgate in the morning, early afternoon and late evening recorded air temperature with state of the art thermometers. He also noted air pressure, cloud cover, precipitation and wind directions, and experimented with rain gauges and hygrometers. From 1818 to the end of 1838 he twice a month provided weather tables to the official newspaper *Den norske Rigstidende*, and thus acquired a semi-official status as the first Norwegian state meteorologist. This paper evaluates the quality of Esmark’s temperature observations, presents new metadata, new homogenization and analysis of monthly means. Three significant shifts in the measurement series were detected, and suitable corrections are proposed. The air temperature in Oslo during this period is shown to exhibit a slow rise from 1816 towards 1825, followed by a slighter fall again towards 1838.

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36 **1 Introduction**

37 The current concern with climate change has increased the interest in early
38 meteorological observation series and evaluation of their quality (e.g. Bergström
39 & Moberg, 2002; Auer et al., 2007). In a recent paper we analysed the temperature
40 record for the Norwegian capital made 1837-2012 by the astronomical
41 Observatory at the University of Oslo and the Norwegian Meteorological Institute
42 (MET Norway) (Nordli et al., 2015). Previous to 1837 long term observations of
43 the Oslo weather were known to have been made by Jens Esmark (1762-1839),
44 professor of mining sciences at the University of Oslo (then Christiania). A first
45 reanalysis of Esmark's observations was made by meteorologist B. J. Birkeland
46 (Birkeland, 1925). Our rediscovery in 2010 of Esmark's original meteorological
47 observation protocols has provided an opportunity to digitize, homogenize and
48 analyze his data with modern methods.

49 Esmark is today mostly remembered for his pioneer ascents of many of
50 Norway's highest peaks (Esmark 1802, 1812; Hestmark 2009), his discovery of
51 Ice Ages, and his astronomical explanation of such dramatic climate change as
52 caused by variations in the eccentricity of the orbit of the Earth, a hypothesis now
53 recognized as a precursor of the theories of James Croll and Milutin Milankovich
54 (Esmark, 1824, 1826; Andersen, 1992; Worsley, 2006; Rudwick, 2008; Berger,
55 2012; Krüger, 2013). In his own lifetime he was primarily known as a skilful
56 mineralogist and geologist. Throughout his life Esmark maintained a passion for
57 meteorological observation with instruments he crafted himself in accordance with
58 the highest contemporary standards. His main inspiration for this activity were his
59 teachers at Copenhagen University, which he attended 1784-89; first among them
60 the Astronomer Royal, professor Thomas Bugge (1740-1815), who in his
61 observatory tower Rundetårn in the middle of Copenhagen made daily
62 measurements of the weather (Willaume-Jantzen 1896). Esmark also befriended
63 Bugge's instrument maker, the Swede Johan(nes) Ahl (1729-1795) (Esmark, 1825;
64 Anonymous 1839). In addition Esmark followed the lectures of Christian Gottlieb
65 Kratzenstein (1723-1795), professor of medicine and experimental physics, a
66 'hands on' practical man who enjoyed crafting instruments and all sorts of
67 mechanical machines (Kratzenstein 1791, Snorrason, 1974, Splinter, 2007). From
68 1789 to 1791 Esmark studied mining sciences at the Norwegian silver town of
69 Kongsberg, and after further studies in Freiberg, Saxony and Schemnitz in today's

70 Slovakia, he in 1798 moved back to Kongsberg to take up a position as Assessor in
71 the central mining administration (*Overbergamtet*) of the dual kingdom Denmark-
72 Norway. At Kongsberg he also lectured in mineralogy, geology and experimental
73 physics at the Royal Norwegian Mining Seminar, acting as its temporary Inspector
74 from 1799, and permanent Inspector 1802-1815. From 1 January 1799 he three
75 times a day recorded observations of the Kongsberg weather - air pressure on
76 mercury barometers (in inches and lines), and air temperature in degrees of
77 Reaumur; documented in a series of small notebooks running continuously with
78 some lacunae until 16 September 1810, and rediscovered by the authors in 2010
79 (Esmark 1799-1810). When Esmark in 1815 moved to the Norwegian capital
80 Christiania (now Oslo) to become the first professor in the mining sciences at the
81 University he continued this habit. At least from January 1816 up to and until the
82 day before his death on 26 January 1839 he recorded air temperature and
83 barometric pressure three times a day. The complete set of his 23 Christiania
84 observation protocols, long believed lost, was rediscovered in 2010 by the authors,
85 and is now safely deposited in the Norwegian National Archive (Riksarkivet)
86 (Esmark 1816-1838). They provide a unique and detailed picture of the weather in
87 Oslo in the early 19th century. From January 1818 to December 1838 tables of
88 Esmark's observations were published every fortnight in the official newspaper
89 *Den norske Rigstidende* (cf. Appendix A), and he thus acquired a semi-official
90 position as Norway's first state meteorologist. Based on a number of previously
91 unpublished documents (cited as Document 1 etc, with archival location in
92 Reference list) we here present new metadata for Esmark's meteorological
93 observations from Christiania, and homogenize, analyse and evaluate his original
94 temperature data with modern statistical tools to characterize the temperature
95 variations in the Norwegian capital in this period.

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97 **2 Metadata**

98 **2.1 The location - No. 308, Vestre Rode - Øvre Vollgate 7.**

99 Esmark's observations were made at his home (cf. Esmark 1823: *De ere tagne i*
100 *min Bopel*), and there is no evidence indicating that he changed the location. On 19
101 August 1815 Esmark was registred as owner of property No. 308 in Vestre Rode
102 (i.e. Western Quarter), one of the four old quarters of Christiania town (Document

103 1). It was a modest one-and-half storey house built late in the 18th century with an
104 adjoining garden. Esmark's continued residence at this address until his death is
105 documented in annual censuses and tax protocols (Document 2). Property No. 308
106 was situated on the north-western side of the street Øvre Vollgate (Øvre
107 Woldgaden), laid out literally *on* what used to be the outermost western rampart
108 (*voll*) of nearby Akershus Castle and Fortress (Fig. 1). It was a natural rock
109 promontory above a meadow to the west where the poor fishing village Pipervigen
110 would develop later in the 19th century, today the site of Oslo Town Hall. In 1815
111 Øvre Vollgate constituted the south-western limit of Christiania, a town with only
112 about 15000 citizens (Myhre 1990). Until 1814 the main administration centre of
113 the dual kingdom was in Copenhagen, but with Christiania in that year acquiring
114 the new parliament and government after the separation of Norway from
115 Denmark, the town expanded rapidly. When street numbers were introduced,
116 Esmark's property was numbered Øvre Vollgate No. 7. The present Øvre Vollgate
117 7 – an office highrise – comprises previous numbers Øvre Vollgate 3, 5 and 7.

118 Esmark's property No. 308 and all neighbouring properties were measured
119 and mapped for the new matriculation of Christiania in the summer of 1830, and
120 thus we have very precise data on his house and the surrounding properties at the
121 relevant time (Document 3). The whole property roughly constituted an elongated
122 rectangle, approximately 14 m x 60 m (Fig. 2). The unit used in these
123 measurements was the 'Norwegian alen' (*Norsk alen*), determined by law in 1824
124 to be 62.75 cm. It was divided into two feet, each divided into 12 inches, each
125 divided into 12 lines. No. 308 was measured to 2026 square alen, of which the
126 house (including a yard) was 733 ½ and the garden 1292 ½ square alen (1 square
127 alen = 0.3937 m²). Thus the whole property was ca. 800 m², and the house
128 (including yard) ca. 290 m². The house had a 22 alen 6 inch (ca. 14 m) long
129 façade towards the street Øvre Voldgate, constituting the south eastern border of
130 the property, with windows, doors, and a gate leading in to the back yard (Fig. 3).
131 Øvre Vollgate street runs from SW to NE at an angle of roughly 32° NE (400
132 degrees). At the back the house surrounded a small yard, with a narrow passage
133 opening out to the garden in the NW. As it would have been hazardous to place the
134 meteorological instruments on the street-side of the house, where passers-by could
135 tinker with them, it is almost certain that they were placed in Esmark's back yard,
136 a wellguarded space. When the house was finally demolished in 1938, it was in

137 such a bad condition that the Oslo city health authorities demanded the whole
138 property to be sprayed with hydrocyanic acid and that none of the fungus-infected
139 material be used for construction elsewhere (Document 4).

140 Esmark's garden on the NW side of the house and court yard was a
141 continuous slope, dropping ten alen (6,25 m) down along 66 alen length towards
142 Pipervika. Here it was most probably limited by a fence towards the Præste Gade
143 street which later changed name to today's Rosenkrantz street. In 1841, a couple of
144 years after Esmark's death, most of this garden was indeed sectioned out and sold
145 to form the new property Rosenkrantz gate 26. In Esmark's time, however, the
146 promontory remained an open garden space. His neighbours on both sides (No.
147 307 and No. 309) had the same arrangement of house and garden, with facades to
148 Øvre Vollgate and gardens sloping down on the back to Præstegaden (Document
149 5). To the north of the lowermost part of Esmark's property was an open space
150 called Jomfru Wold's Løkke (No. 368). South of this lower part of the garden was
151 the street Pipervigbakken, leading down from Rådhusgaten street passing by the
152 outer ramparts of Akershus fortress and Castle. The sea with Pipervika bay
153 (Piperviks Bugten) was less than 200 m south of Esmark's garden. His garden was
154 not an entirely constant environment. In 1823 for instance, he received several
155 fruit trees from a Danish friend which he planted in the garden (Document 6).

156 It was a modest residence for a professor, situated in a comparatively poor
157 part of town, with mainly craftsmen, tradesmen and artisans in the neighbourhood
158 (Myhre 1990: 40). Here Esmark, a widower since 1811, moved in with his three
159 sons Hans Morten, Petter and Lauritz, a maid and a manservant (Document 2).
160 His daughter Elise resided with her grandparents in Copenhagen, but later returned
161 to Norway to take up residence in No. 308.

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163 **2.2 The observers**

164 The great majority of the Christiania observations were made and noted down by
165 Esmark himself who has an easily recognizable handwriting. His position as
166 professor in the mining sciences did however sometimes cause him to leave town
167 on short or long field excursions, some lasting several months. He was away from
168 Christiania on long voyages in 1818 (Hallingdal), 1819 (Kristiansand), 1822
169 (Bergen), 1823 (round-trip south Norway), 1826 (Setesdalen), 1827 (Trondhjem)
170 and 1829 (Copenhagen). In his absence his sons seem to have been instructed to

171 continue daily observations, and there are extremely few missing data points. The
172 oldest son Hans Morten Thrane Esmark (b. 1801) in 1825 became a chaplain in
173 Brevig and moved from Christiania; Axel Petter (b. 1804) became a sailor and was
174 often away from home; Lauritz Martin (b. 1806), later a professor of zoology at
175 the Christiania University, and daughter Elise Cathrine (b. 1800) remained at home
176 until Esmark's death. The sons evidently did not fully share their father's passion,
177 and although instrument readings were meticulously maintained, the qualitative
178 notes on weather are often restricted to a single word in Esmark's absence. A
179 claim (Birkeland 1925: 5) that the botanist Martin Flor performed the observations
180 in Esmark's absence has not been substantiated, and anyway Flor committed
181 suicide in 1820.

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183 **2.3 The hours of day**

184 Esmark's Christiania observation protocols do not indicate the precise hours when
185 the observations were made. The columns are given as morning, noon (really
186 afternoon) and evening (*Morgen, Middag, Aften*). A note on the first published
187 table in *Den norske Rigstidende* on 24 January 1818, also says *Morgen, Middag og*
188 *Aften* without further specification (Fig. 5). In a summary table of 15 years (1818-
189 1832) published 1833 Esmark is more explicit: 'The barometer observations have
190 been made daily in the morning, afternoon and evening; in later years at 8 ½
191 o'clock morning, at 3 ½ o'clock afternoon and 9 ½ o'clock evening; thermometer
192 observations at the same times in the afternoon and evening and in the morning
193 with the help of the night thermometer. From this the middle height is
194 taken.' (*Barometerobservationerne ere dagligen gjorte om Morgen, Eftermiddagen og Aften; i de senere Aar Kl. 8 ½ Morgen, Kl. 3 ½ Eftermiddag og Kl. 9 ½ Aften; Thermometerobservationerne paa samme Tider om Eftermiddagen og Aften og om Morgen ved Hjælp af Natthermometret. Heraf er taget Middelhøiden.*) (Esmark 1833: 235). Thus 8.30 AM, 15.30 (PM), 21.30 (PM). The hour 3 ½ PM probably coincided with Esmark's return to his house from the lectures at the University just a few blocks away. He regularly lectured from 2 to 3 PM. The phrasing "in later years" suggests that the hours had not been constant throughout the whole series, and we address this problem in the analysis.

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204 **2.4 The instruments and their position**

205 In a note to his first table presented in the journal *Den norske Rigtidende*, on 24
206 January 1818, Esmark provides a few details of his measurements: “The
207 observations are made 34 Rhinelandic feet [i.e. 10.68 m] above the sea, and are the
208 middle value of observations made morning, noon and evening. The barometer
209 heights are corrected as they would have been if the barometer was subject to a
210 temperature of 0°. The thermometer hangs freely against north.’ (*Observationerne*
211 *ere anstillede 34 Rhinlandske Fod over Havet, og ere Middeltallet af*
212 *Observationer, anstillede Morgen, Middag og Aften. Barometerhøiderne ere*
213 *corrigerede saaledes, som de skulle være, dersom Barometret havde været udsat*
214 *for 0° Temperatur. Thermometret hænger frit imod Nord.*) (Fig. 5). Esmark also
215 notes that ‘The barometer height is reduced to 0° R. If one wants it reduced to sea
216 level, one must add a line or 1/12 of an inch to its height, so that the barometer
217 height at sea level becomes 28.1,20 in French measure.’ (*Barometerhøiden er*
218 *reduceret til 0° R. Vil Man have den reduceret til Havets Overflade, maa Man til*
219 *den anførte Høide lægge en Linie eller 1/12 Deel af en Tomme, saa at*
220 *Barometerhøiden ved Havets Overflade bliver 28.1,20 i Fransk Maal.*) (Esmark
221 1833: 235).

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223 *Thermometers*. Esmark all his life used the Reaumur scale; R. The precision of his
224 Reaumur thermometer was 1/2 of a degree. On a table of averages for the years
225 1816-1822 Esmark notes: ‘The thermometer observations are made in shadow in
226 free air with a Reaumur thermometer, which boiling point is determined at 28
227 inches 2 lines (French measure) barometric height.’ (*Thermometerobservationerne*
228 *ere gjorte i Skyggen i fri Luft med et Reaumurs Thermometer, hvis Kogepunkt er*
229 *bestemt ved 28 Tommers 2 Liniers (fransk Maal) Barometerhöide.*) (Esmark
230 1823). In Esmark’s observation protocol for the year 1816 some instrumental
231 corrections are given for what is claimed to be Esmark’s thermometer. They are
232 not written by Esmark himself, most probably they are notes written by Birkeland,
233 who says he has them after Hansteen 1821-23, but it is not certain that they belong
234 to the thermometer used by Esmark. The corrections are listed in Appendix B but
235 have not been used in the present paper.

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237 *Barometer*. Of the barometer used Esmark (1833: 235) states: ‘The barometer is a
238 simple barometer, the tube of which is 2 ½ line in diameter and which capsul is 40

239 lines in diameter, and calibrated after a siphon barometer.' (*Barometret er et*
240 *simpelt Barometer, hvis Rør er 2 ½ Linie i Diameter og hvis Capsel er 40 Linier i*
241 *Diameter, samt justeret efter et Hævertbarometer.*)

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243 **2.5 The protocols and data recorded**

244 Esmark's Christiania protocols are handmade, folded sheets of white paper cut up
245 and sewn in with a thin grey cardboard cover, one protocol for each year, 23
246 protocols in all (Esmark 1816-1838). Esmark interfoliated the official printed
247 *Almanach* for Christiania. This had for each month 16 days on each page, and thus
248 Esmark wrote down his data for 15 or 16 days on the first page of a month and the
249 remaining days from 17 to 28, 29, 30 or 31 on the next page (Fig. 4). The protocols
250 start on 1 January 1816 and end 31 December 1838, only 26 days before his death;
251 altogether 8401 days of continuous measurements. There are only a few small
252 lacunae. Photographs of all the protocols are available at MET Norway (Klimadata
253 samba server, HistKlim skanna dokument), and digitized values, converted from
254 °R to °C, can be downloaded from MET Norway's home page: <http://www.met.no>.
255 Esmark & sons continued observations in January 1839 until the day before his
256 death 26 January, but these observations are only known through the newspaper
257 *Morgenbladet*, which had published Esmark's daily measurements since 1834.

258 Three times a day Esmark recorded temperature to a half degree, and air
259 pressure in inches and lines (Fig. 4). In the right hand margin he noted the weather
260 (*Veirliget*) with qualitative terms; see also Esmark (1833). He used a fairly limited
261 number of categories: *Precipitation: lidt Regn (a little rain); Fiin Regn (drizzle);*
262 *Regn (rain); Regn Bygger/Bjgger (showers); Regn af og til (Rain now and then);*
263 *megen Regn (much rain); Sne (snow); Sne Flokker (snowflakes); Sne Bygger*
264 *(snow showers). Cloud cover: Klart (clear), enkelte Skyer (a few clouds); tynde*
265 *Skyer (thin clouds); skyet (cloudy); skyer i Horizonten (clouds in the horizon);*
266 *disig (haze); Taage (fog). The most common category was tykt (thick) which*
267 *means a grey day with haze, often with precipitation. Wind: Wind direction was*
268 *usually recorded only once a day, in the afternoon, with categories N, S, V and O,*
269 *and combinations , e.g. N. O. (nord ost/north easterly). Other: Torden (thunder);*
270 *Nordlys (northern lights); Flekker i Solen (sunspots); one or two circles around the*
271 *sun; Høyt vand (high sea level). In June 1818 Esmark introduced a new parameter:*
272 *precipitation, measured with a rain gauge, and in the June summary, he could*

273 announce: ‘In this month there has, according to the rain gauge, fallen rain to a
274 height, which, if it had been standing, had constituted a height of 1 inch and 9 and
275 7/12 line. The rain gauge is situated 15 feet above sea level.’ The low altitude of
276 the rain gauge suggests that it was placed at the lower part of the slope in his
277 garden. In October 1820 he presented the readers of *Rigstidende* to his new design
278 for a hygrometer – an instrument to measure air humidity (Esmark, 1820). It was
279 modified from a model developed by John Livingstone, a M.D. from Canton,
280 China, published in the *Edinburgh Philosophical Journal* in 1819 (Livingstone
281 1819). The general idea was to put a moisture absorbing/releasing chemical
282 substance (Livingstone used pure sulphuric acid, which was also used to produce
283 ice) on one side of a balance, balanced against a weight on the other side. The
284 balance was placed under a glass jar open in the bottom to let air freely flow in and
285 out, and to protect it from precipitation. Esmark made two new hygrometers
286 according to this model. ‘Anyone who desires to see these hygrometers, can see
287 them at my house’ (*Enhver, som har Lyst dertil, kan see disse Hygrometere hos*
288 *mig.*)(Esmark, 1820) He had tested them for several months, and thought they
289 could be used by farmers to predict weather change as a substitute for barometers.
290 He did not, however, use the hygrometer data for his meteorological tables. For the
291 year 1821 he presented more regular monthly data on precipitation in inches –
292 from 1 May through October – apparently the months without frost.

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294 **2.6 The published tables**

295 Starting on Saturday 24 January 1818, with a table presenting weather data for the
296 first half of the month, the semi-official daily *Den norske Rigstidende* published
297 Esmark’s meteorological observations, which thus acquired an official air. (Fig. 5).
298 It became a regular series, published twice a month – one table for the first half of
299 the month, one for the second half – a total of 24 tables each year, all with the
300 same title ”Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania [year], anstillede af Prof.
301 Esmark.” (Meteorological observations in Christiania [year], made by Prof.
302 Esmark) etc. This series running from 1 January 1818 to 15 December 1838 is
303 absent from all previously published bibliographies of Esmark’s works, but in fact
304 runs to no less than 503 published tables (!) (Appendix A). They present 7665 days
305 of continuous observations. In addition comes the two full years of 1816 and 1817,
306 only published summarily by Esmark (1823) but with complete record preserved

307 in the original protocols. The whole year 1818 was summed up on 8 January 1819
308 with means etc., and here Esmark also compared the Christiania data to those
309 obtained by Wargent in Stockholm, by Bugge in Copenhagen, and (no
310 observator given) in St. Petersburg, Russia. It was not a weather forecast but
311 rather a weather ‘backlog’, and this may have dimmed their public interest
312 somewhat. The data given in these published tables differ from the raw data of the
313 protocols by being daily averages. For each day he gave the barometric pressure
314 and temperature, averaged from observations made in the morning, afternoon, and
315 evening (at first without further precision of hour). To calculate these averages he
316 apparently used the formula:

$$317 \quad T_m = 1/4 (T_I + 2T_{II} + T_{III}) \quad (1)$$

318 where T_m is Esmark’s daily ‘mean’ temperature, and T_I , T_{II} , and T_{III} are the
319 observed temperature morning, afternoon and evening, respectively. To the tables
320 for the second half of each month, he also appended a note with the mean
321 barometric pressure and temperature for the entire month, and indicated which
322 days had the maximum and minimum air pressure and temperature. The mean
323 temperature was given to $1/100^{\text{th}}$ degree (a spurious precision). The series
324 continued in 1820, now also with the daily wind direction. Esmark evidently
325 trusted only himself to calculate the means and set up the tables, and thus the
326 readers of *Rigstidende* sometimes had to wait for months to read the weather for
327 the last fortnight when he was off on some excursion. From 1834 Esmark’s
328 observations were also published in the Christiania newspaper *Morgenbladet* every
329 day, with two days delay, i.e. observations for the 1st day of the month were
330 published on the 3rd etc. This was initiated after Christiania doctors suspected a
331 connection between the weather and the cholera epidemics which struck Norway
332 from 1833 and forward.

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335 **3 Methods**

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337 **3.1 Homogeneity testing**

338 A homogenous climatic time series shows variations in climate without being disturbed by
339 other factors involved, like changes in the environment, observational procedures or

340 instrument calibration. For the study of climate variations the use of homogenous series is of
341 paramount importance, otherwise the climate analysis might be wrong (e.g. Auer et al., 2007;
342 Moberg and Alexandersson, 1997; Tuomenvirta, 2001). For testing the homogeneity of
343 Esmark's temperature series we selected the Standard Normal Homogeneity Test (SNHT)
344 with significance level = 0.05, which has been widely used for testing of both precipitation
345 series and temperature series (Alexandersson, 1986; Alexandersson and Moberg, 1997;
346 Ducré-Robitaille et al., 2003). The first version of the test (Alexandersson, 1986) had one step
347 change as the only possibility, whereas in the version of 1997 both double shifts and a trend
348 were possible outcomes of the test. In any year the significance of a potential break is
349 examined. The testing followed the principle of comparing a candidate series (the series under
350 testing) against a reference series. The reference might be series from one or more
351 neighbouring stations. A candidate series might also be observations at one particular time of
352 the day, which are compared with other observation times for the same station. In the latter
353 case we call it "internal testing". Contemporary neighbouring series overlapping Esmark's
354 observations are too short to be used in the homogeneity testing. The nearest stations that
355 could have been used are Stockholm/Uppsala about 350 km from Oslo. The problem with
356 using series so far away is that spatial temperature variations could be interpreted as
357 inhomogeneities. Therefore our chosen method is internal testing. Later measurement series
358 from observation stations in the Oslo area may however be of some use in some analyses, and
359 these are listed with Esmark's in Table 1 with their national station number (identifier) and
360 name. While the official names of the stations refer to their sites we will in the text for
361 convenience often refer to the names of the observers, i.e. the column 'additional information'
362 in Table 1. Before the analysis started all observations in degrees of Reaumur were converted
363 into degrees of Celsius by multiplying by the factor 1.25.

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365 **4 Results**

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367 **4.1 Detection of inhomogeneities**

368 First we will use SNHT for detection of the inhomogeneities and thereafter treat each
369 inhomogeneity in more detail, and come up with corrections. The testing was performed both
370 for seasonal (Table 2) and monthly (Table 3) resolutions where observations taken in the
371 morning (I), midday (II) and evening (III) were compared with each other. By comparing
372 several test results it was possible to decide at which observation time a shift (inhomogeneity)
373 occurred. Most striking are the huge shifts detected in spring, summer and autumn when the

374 morning observation was involved. The most probable year for the shift was 1827; in
375 particular this was true for the single shift test. Here we apply the common convention to
376 define the shift year as the last year before the shift. We have to conclude that the morning
377 observation is inhomogeneous. Further investigation of the daily observations (not shown)
378 suggested that the change took place in the month of March 1828.

379 When the evening observation was tested against the midday observation a shift
380 seemed to occur in 1820 or 1821, most probably in 1821. But this break in homogeneity was
381 much less than that of the morning observation, cf. Table 2. The shift seems to be absent or
382 very weak during winter so exact dating was impossible. For convenience the end of 1821
383 was adopted as the time of the inhomogeneity.

384 Tests including the midday observation revealed no additional shifts than those
385 already detected. The occurrence of the shifts in the tests I vs II and III vs II seemed to reflect
386 shifts either in the morning or in the evening observations. For the winter season a shift in the
387 last part of the series was detected, possible shift years were 1832, 1833 or 1834.
388 The large shift in the morning observation could have masked possible smaller shifts in the
389 series on both sides of this shift. Therefore the single shift SNHT was applied on two different
390 parts of Esmark's series: 1816.01-1828.02 and 1828.03-1838.12, parts 2 and 3 in Table 2.
391 However, no further shifts in the series were detected.

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393 Thus there are three shifts that seem reliable, one in 1821 for the evening observation, one in
394 1827 (probably 1828.02) for the morning observation and one during winter with possible
395 shift years 1832, 1833 or 1834. We now proceed to propose corrections.

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397 **4.2 Correcting the shift in 1821.12 in the evening observation**

398 This inhomogeneity was corrected by using the midday observation that came out of the
399 SNHT as homogenous. The monthly mean difference between the midday observation and the
400 evening observation on each side of the shift was calculated. Then the evening observation
401 was corrected by adding monthly correction terms so that this mean difference was constant
402 on each side of the shift. It is most common to correct the early part of the series so this was
403 done also here. Therefore the period 1816.01-1821.12 was corrected, whereas the rest of the
404 series was not. The corrections are given in Table 4.

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406 The corrections are largest in the months where the daily temperature wave is largest, so one
407 could hypothesize that a change in the observation time was the reason for the shift. Strictly

408 speaking we know Esmark's observation times only in 1833, so this hypothesis is not in
409 contradiction to metadata. But observation times cannot be the only reason for the shift,
410 because it appeared also in midwinter when the daily temperature wave is weak. Moreover,
411 the amounts of the corrections are so large that only observation times near midnight would
412 compensate for the low values of the evening observation. Observation times that late seem
413 unlikely. There is some indication that a changed environment could have played a role for
414 this inhomogeneity as Esmark in 1823 planted fruit trees in his garden, cf. Metadata. A one
415 year mismatch of the shift detected by the SNHT is not uncommon.

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417 **4.3 Correcting the shift in 1828.02 in the morning observation**

418 Esmark (1833) relates that he uses "a night thermometer" for the morning observation. Our
419 hypothesis is that in Esmark's terminology the "night thermometer" was a minimum
420 thermometer. That means that he at some point started to note the night minimum temperature
421 in the column for the morning temperature, rather than the actual morning temperature when
422 he read the barometer. This hypothesis was tested by studying the difference between
423 Esmark's evening observation and the morning observation the following day for the three
424 homogenous intervals, Table 5, (the winter inhomogeneity in the 1830s was ignored). For
425 comparison we used the hourly observations (1993.09-2015.09) at the modern station Oslo –
426 Blindern (18700 Oslo), where the difference between the observation at 21 UTC and the
427 minimum temperature for the following night is presented in row 4 in Table 5. The interval
428 for the night minimum was from 21 to 08 UTC, i.e. the same observation times as Esmark
429 used at least for his barometric observations in 1833.

430

431 In the earliest time interval (row 1) the differences in Esmark's observations are very much
432 smaller than those from Blindern, so it is impossible that Esmark in this early interval could
433 have recorded the nightly minimum temperature in the column for the morning observation.
434 In the next interval (row 2) the differences are somewhat larger, but far too small compared to
435 Blindern so the same conclusion has to be drawn: no minimum thermometer was in use.
436 However, in the third interval (row 3) the differences are nearly the same as those for
437 Blindern. Even the monthly variations throughout the year correlate well. We conclude that
438 Esmark for the 'morning observation' used a minimum thermometer in the period 1828.03-
439 1838.12. Before that he observed temperature in the morning with an ordinary thermometer.

440 Minimum thermometers were certainly available by 1828. Already in 1790 a spirit
441 thermometer with a glass index, very much like those used up to this day at manual stations,
442 was described to the Royal Society in Edinburgh (Middleton, 1966: 152).

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444 If the minimum thermometer was set at the evening observation, the values in the column for
445 morning observation should always be equal or lower than the evening temperature the
446 previous day. In December this is not true for 26% of the observations and in June for 6%.

447 These figures reduce to 6% and 2% in December and June respectively for violations no more
448 than 1°C. In practice different exposure of the two thermometers may violate this test, and one
449 should also take into account the possibility of instrumental errors in Esmark's thermometers.

450 We may conclude that the percentage of violation is not large enough to contradict our
451 conclusion that a night minimum thermometer was in use. The normal procedure for
452 meteorological institutes when minimum thermometers are introduced is to change the
453 formula for monthly mean calculation. Therefore the morning temperature will not be
454 corrected. Homogeneity in the monthly means will be obtained by changing formula for
455 monthly mean calculation, see section 4.5.

456

457 **4.4 Correcting the shift in the 1830s**

458 A significant inhomogeneity in winter for the morning observation (in this period
459 identified as minimum temperature) was detected by the SNHT double shift, Table 2 part
460 1 I vs II, and also by the single shift test when the time window was 1828.03-1838.12,
461 Table 2, part 3. Formally a significant shift in spring was also detected, Table 2 III vs
462 II, but with only three years on one side of the shift its significance was considered
463 doubtful. The shift in winter was firstly examined by plotting the morning temperature
464 against the evening temperature, which revealed that there was not an abrupt shift in the
465 difference, but rather a steady state 1829-1931 followed by a trend. The graphical plotting
466 was followed by applying the Multiple Linear Regression procedure (MLR) also known as the
467 Vincent test (Vincent, 1998). The significant inhomogeneity was confirmed and also the
468 change point year of 1831. The trend line was found by least square regression analysis, Fig 6.
469 An explanation for the trend might be a change in the observation times. According to Esmark
470 (1833) his observation times were, see Metadata.

- 471 • Morning: 08:30 ChT = 08:43 CET = 7:43 UTC
- 472 • Midday (afternoon): 15:30 ChT = 15:43 CET = 14:43 UTC
- 473 • Evening: 21:30 ChT = 21:43 CET = 20:43 UTC

474 ChT = Christiania time i.e. local time for Christiania (Oslo), CET = Central European
475 Time, UTC = Universal Time Coordinated.

476 These observation times were for the barometric pressure, but in the afternoon and evening
477 the thermometer was read at the same time as the barometer, but Esmark does not explicitly
478 say that the morning thermometer was read at the same time as the barometer. He also use the
479 term “in the later” years so we do not know from which year these observation times were
480 introduced or if he continued to use them also in the following years 1834-1838.

481 Our hypothesis is that Esmark has had another observation time for the temperature
482 observations in the morning than for the pressure observations. Pressure could be observed
483 inside the house, but for the temperature observations he possibly had to leave the house for
484 his garden. Esmark might originally have observed temperature and pressure at the same time
485 also in the morning, but with the introduction of the minimum thermometer he could have
486 thought that the observation time for the morning temperature was not important. In spring,
487 summer and autumn he obviously was right in his thinking as minimum temperature occurs
488 earlier than the morning observation (8:30 ChT), but in winter the minimum temperature
489 often occurs later in the day as the systematic daily temperature wave is weak. This can
490 explain the changing difference during winter and the stable differences during the other
491 seasons. As Esmark grew older and more frail he may have got up in the morning later and
492 later. Progressive illness and susceptibility to cold in his later years (Anonymous 1839) could
493 have made it less convenient to leave the house for the garden in the morning. Following this
494 hypothesis the minimum temperature was corrected, ΔT , by use of formula (2) for the winter
495 season in accordance with the regression line shown in Fig. 6, where a = year (period 1832-
496 1838). No correction was undertaken for the period 1829-1831.

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$$498 \Delta T = 0.2861 \cdot a - 523.85 \quad (2)$$

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500 **4.5 Homogenisation of the monthly mean temperature.**

501 Esmark observed only three times a day, so it is far from obvious how monthly mean
502 temperature should be calculated without bias. This problem confronts meteorological
503 institutes worldwide so formulas for such calculations have been developed (see Appendix C).
504 The formulas contain specific constants valid for each month and site. Strictly speaking the
505 constants were unknown for Esmark’s observation site at Øvre Vollgate, but are well known
506 for the station 18700 Oslo – Blindern, situated 3.4 km to the north of Esmark’s site.
507 Fortunately there are indications that the constants for Blindern could be used also for Øvre

508 Vollgate (see Appendix C). Given the constants the calculation of homogenous monthly mean
509 temperature was trivial when the homogenised version of the observations at fixed hours was
510 used. We found that the corrections for seasonal means vary from 0.0°C to +0.4°C, the annual
511 corrections from 0.0°C to +0.3°C. How the corrections changed throughout the period of
512 observation are shown in Fig. 7. For the period 1822.12-1831.12 no corrections were applied.

513 **4.6 The Christiania (Oslo) climate in Esmark's period of observation, 1816-1838**

514 Esmark's observations exhibit a long-term variation pattern characterised by lower values in
515 the start and in the end of the period, whereas the middle of the period was somewhat warmer,
516 cf. Fig. 8. This is true not only for the annual means, but also for all seasons of the year except
517 for winter. For individual years 1822 is warmest except in summer and autumn. The coldest
518 year is 1838 followed by the years 1816, 1829 and 1820.

519

520 The year 1816 is of particular interest as it has gone into history as “the year without
521 summer”, with an average decrease in global temperatures often ascribed to volcanic activity,
522 resulting in a food shortage many places in the Northern Hemisphere. However, Esmark's
523 observations show that this summer (JJA) was not extraordinary in Oslo, as the following
524 summer of 1817 and 1821 were approximately 1°C colder. The spring temperature in 1816 is
525 however the coldest one in the series. The three first years of Esmark's series must have been
526 very unfavourable for agriculture due to low temperature. In the grain growing months
527 (AMJJA) the mean temperature was about 10°C for the three consecutive years 1816, 1817
528 and 1818, i.e. the lowest temperatures in Esmark series of observation.

529 **5 Discussion**

530

531 **5.1 Overheating of the midday observation?**

532 The midday observation turned out to be homogenous, but it may have been overheated by
533 insufficient radiation protection in Esmark's yard or simply the confined space allowing less
534 air flow (wind). This was tested by comparison with the Oslo – Blindern station (18700),
535 which is well protected by a Stevenson screen. Differences between the midday observation
536 and the evening observation exhibit characteristic variations throughout the year, not only for
537 Blindern, but also for the Esmark series and the Oslo II series (Astronomical Observatory,
538 18651), cf. station list Table 1 and Fig. 9. Whereas the differences between the Blindern series
539 and Esmark's series were relatively small in the months August – April, they are much larger

540 in the months May – July, when the sun is highest on the sky and the radiation reaches its
541 annual maximum. Therefore one possible interpretation is that Esmark’s thermometer was
542 overheated at the midday observation in midsummer, MJJ, by (reflected) short wave radiation.
543 However, when compared to the diurnal pattern at the Oslo II station (Astronomical
544 Observatory), it is seen that the curve representing Esmark’s observations quite closely
545 follows the Oslo II curve, also in midsummer, Fig 9. At the Astronomical observatory there
546 were three thermometers on different walls – N, E and W. (Nordli et al. 2015). At least one of
547 these thermometers was in shadow and therefore available for use at every observation time.
548 This is our main reason for not correcting for a possible overheating of Esmark’s midday
549 observation, see also the following 5.2 and 5.3. The deviation of the Blindern station may be
550 due to this site being more exposed to wind chill and its situation significantly higher above
551 sea level than Esmark’s house and the Astronomical Observatory, cf. Table 1.

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553 The meteorological observations at the Astronomical Observatory started in April 1837
554 (Nordli et al., 2015), so this series overlaps Esmark’s series by 21 months. The difference of
555 their uncorrected monthly means is shown in Fig. 10. It is evident that for all seasons but
556 winter Esmark’s temperatures are somewhat lower than those from the Observatory. Esmark
557 died on 26 January 1839 (see Metadata), so possibly the quality of the latest months of his
558 series might be questioned. However, we cannot see any decline in quality directly from his
559 observation protocols. This is relevant also for the discussion of a possible correction of
560 Esmark’s midday observation due to overheating. If Esmark’s midday observation had been
561 corrected the discrepancy between Esmark’s series and Observatory series would have been
562 larger.

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564 **5.2 Comparison with Hansteen’s observations at the street Pilestredet in Oslo**

565 During the period 1822.11-1827.02 the Christiania professor Christopher Hansteen carried
566 out observations at his home in Pilestredet at the corner of Keysersgate, at the center of town
567 (Hansteen 1823, 1824, 1828; Birkeland, 1926: 12), cf Table 1 for some further information.

568 The distance from Esmark’s site was only about 600 m. Hansteen’s observation times varied
569 much but for each month he gives the observation times together with the data (Hansteen,
570 1824). The distribution of the observation times in UTC is as follows: morning 06^h 4%, 07^h
571 44%, 08^h 52%; midday 13^h 20%, 14^h 78%, 15^h 2%; evening 21^h 6%, 22^h 88%, 23^h 6%.

572 Hansteen’s observations were corrected to Esmark’s observation times, approximately 08, 15
573 and 21 UTC by use of the mean daily temperature wave at Blindern so that Esmark’s

574 observations could be compared with the corrected ones of Hansteen, Fig 11. It is seen that
575 Hansteen's morning observation is much warmer than that of Esmark except during winter.
576 Most likely the thermometers of Hansteen had been overheated as they were hanging at the
577 southern and northern side of the house (Birkeland, 1925: 12). Then it must have been
578 difficult to find shadow in the morning. Also the midday observation is warmer at Hansteen's
579 site than by Esmark. This is probably due to the fact that Hansteen's garden was protected by
580 the surrounding houses and gardens of the town which reduced wind, while Esmark's garden
581 was directly exposed to the winds from the adjacent bay. The evening temperatures at
582 Hansteens house, however, agrees well with those from Esmark during summer unlike for the
583 two other observation times. The evening observations occurred after sunset at both sites,
584 whereas the two other observations occurred after sunrise.

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586 Unlike the situation during summer, Hansteen's temperatures are lower than those of Esmark
587 in the period November – March (Fig. 11). In many weather situations the air loses energy by
588 long wave radiation because the short wave radiation is too small to compensate for the loss.
589 The result is that the coldest air is found at the lowest places in the local terrain, not
590 necessarily at the lowest sites above sea level. Esmark's house lies high in the local terrain at
591 the edge of a slope down to Pipervika cf. Metadata, whereas Hansteen's house lies low in the
592 local terrain at a floor of a small valley. The difference in winter temperature is therefore
593 possibly an effect of topography.

594

595 **5.3 Comparison with Stockholm and Copenhagen**

596 The Stockholm and Copenhagen series were not used as reference stations for the
597 homogeneity testing. Their distances from Oslo were considered to be too long, 350 km and
598 450 km respectively. However, comparison with the Stockholm Observatory and Copenhagen
599 old Botanical Garden (Closter et al. 2006) with Esmark's observations may provide some
600 indications of the quality of the homogenisation, see Fig 12. Compared to Esmark Stockholm
601 seems to be relatively warmer in the first four years, 1816-19, than the rest of the series.

602 Without correction for the years 1816-21 the differences would have been even larger.

603 Therefore comparison with Stockholm supports the correction of the series. Probably there
604 might be another shift in the series in 1819. Some support for this is seen in the homogeneity
605 testing cf. Table 2, part 2. However, the reason might also be spatial temperature differences
606 between Stockholm and Oslo, the long distance between the stations taken into account. And,
607 in spite of homogenisation there might also be small inhomogeneities in the Stockholm series.

608 Comparison between Copenhagen and Oslo give no reason for expecting any shift in the
609 series, but four years is missing from the Botanical Garden series

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611 **5.4 The summer of 1816 in Christiania (Oslo)**

612 Several volcanic eruptions affected global climate in the first years of Esmark's period of
613 observation, the Tambora eruption in Asia in 1815 being the largest in terms of sulphur mass
614 ejected and general impact (Stothers 1984, Oppenheimer, 2003). It has given rise to the
615 paradigm for 1816: "the year without a summer". Esmark's observations show, however, that
616 the summer of 1816, though cold, was not extraordinary cold in Oslo. And in Stockholm
617 ("Bolin Centre Database,") that summer was rather warm, No 17 of the 23 summers from
618 1816-1838, ranked from low to high (Table 6). May, however, was very cold in both cities,
619 and July quite warm in both cities, but in June and August Oslo was much colder relative to
620 the mean value than Stockholm.

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622 Esmark's observations may also be compared to other independent reconstructions of
623 temperature in Norway in the period 1816-1838 (Table 7). One reconstruction for FMA for
624 Austlandet, South Eastern Norway, is based upon ice loss mainly from Lake Randsfjorden
625 (Nordli et al., 2007). Four reconstructions are based upon the first date of grain harvest:
626 Austlandet (Nordli, 2001a), Vestlandet (Bergen), Western Norway, (Nordli et al., 2003),
627 Lesja (Nordli, 2001b) and Trøndelag, Mid Norway (Nordli, 2004). The grain harvest date is a
628 proxy for AMJJA temperature in the southern lowland areas, whereas in the mountain valleys
629 (Lesja) and northern areas (Trøndelag) it is a proxy for MJJA temperatures. We also included
630 a gridded multi proxy series for the nearest grid point to Oslo (Luterbacher et al. 2004). The
631 three reconstructions for Austlandet all have the spring-summer of 1816 as the coldest one in
632 the period, whereas in the Esmark series it is listed as No. 3. The reconstructions for the two
633 other temperature regions, Vestlandet and Trøndelag, show a very different picture with
634 relatively warm 1816 summers like the summer in Stockholm based on instrumental
635 observations. Vestlandet and Trøndelag belong to other climate regions than Austlandet
636 (Hanssen-Bauer and Førland, 2000), so for a specific summer it might reflect real temperature
637 differences. The very low temperature for spring in 1816 seems to have had a strong influence
638 on agriculture so the harvest had been delayed in south eastern Norway. This is reflected in
639 the AMJJA temperature reconstruction. In Fig. 13 proxy and instrumental summer
640 temperatures (JJA) are shown for the whole period of Esmark's observations. The proxy data
641 of Oslo (Luterbacher et al. 2004) agree with the homogenised Esmark's series that the three

642 summers 1816-18 were quite cold, not warm like those in Stockholm. The summer of 1819,
643 however, was warm in Oslo (and also in Stockholm) but not in the reconstruction. It is also
644 evident that the variability in the reconstructed series is too small.

645

646 The summer temperatures of 1816 have recently been analysed by Luterbacher and Pfister
647 (2015). Their study shows a positive gradient from a cold core of air lying over France with a
648 positive temperature gradient towards Eastern and Northern Europe, so the paradigm of the
649 severe summer of 1816 has to be modified when it comes to Scandinavia and Eastern Europe
650 to take into account significant geographical variation. The authors state that “in eastern
651 Europe, western Russia and parts of eastern Scandinavia, summer temperatures were normal
652 or slightly warmer than average”.

653 **6 Conclusions**

654 Homogeneity testing (SNHT) of Esmark’s temperature observations 1816-1838 in Christiania
655 (Oslo) demonstrated three significant shifts, and we propose corrections for these. First there
656 is a shift in the evening observation in 1821-22. Before the shift the evening observation was
657 corrected by about +1.3° for the summer months, but only by about +0.5°C in winter.

658 A very large shift in the morning temperature was detected in 1827-28. From Esmark himself
659 we know that he used a “night thermometer” in 1833, identified as minimum thermometer.

660 This change of instrumentation explains the lower values for the morning observation. During
661 the years 1831 to 1838 the nightly minimum temperature decreased steadily in the winter
662 season, i.e. it was inhomogenous. The reason seems to be later and later reading of the
663 minimum temperature in the morning. The seasonal corrections of the series are less than
664 0.5°C, and for annual means less than 0.4°C. In the time interval 1822-1831 no corrections are
665 applied. The homogenized temperature series 1816-1838 exhibit low temperature at both
666 ends, with higher temperature in the middle, i.e. in the 1820s. The starting year, 1816, is of
667 particular interest as it has been referred to as ‘the year without a summer’. That summer in
668 Oslo was cold, but not extraordinary cold, as it was only the fifth coldest in the period of
669 observation. However, March and May that year were the coldest ones in the period of
670 Esmark’s data, and 1816 and 1838 had the lowest annual means. The first three years of
671 Esmark’s observation, 1816-1818, were particularly cold in the grain growing season, April-
672 August, and lends support to the historians’ view that these were years of hardship and
673 famine.

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850 **APPENDIX A. ESMARK'S METEOROLOGICAL TABLES IN**

851 ***DEN NORSKE RIGSTIDENDE.***

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854 Prof. Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* 1818, No. 7 (24 January); No. 10 (4
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856 28 (8 April), No. 32 (22 April); No. 37 (9 May); No. 40 (20 May), No. 45 (6
857 June), No. 49 (20 June), No. 54 (8 July); No. 59 (25 July); No. 63 (8
858 August); No. 67 (21 August); No. 71 (5 September); No. 83, (17 October);
859 No. 84 (21 October), No. 86 (28 October); No. 88 (4 November); No. 95 (28
860 November); No. 98 (9 December); No. 102 (23 December); No. 3 (8 January
861 1819).

862 Esmark, J. 1819/20. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1819, anstillede af
863 Prof. Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* No. 6 (19 January); No. 11 (5
864 February); No. 16 (23 February); No. 19 (5 March); No. 24 (23 March); No.
865 26 (6 April); No. 33 (23 April); No. 36 (4 May); No. 41 (21 May); No. 48
866 (15 June); No. 49 (18 June); No. 54 (6 July); No. 62 (3 August); No. 65 (13
867 August); No. 67 (20 August); No. 78 (28 September); No. 79 (1 October)
868 No. 82 (12 October); No. 84 (19 October); No. 89 (5 November); No. 95 (26
869 November); No. 99 (10 December); No. 103 (24 December); No. 2 (7
870 January 1820).

871 Esmark, J. 1820/21. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1820, anstillede af
872 Prof. Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 7 (25 January); No. 11 (8
873 February), No. 14 (18 February); No. 18 (3 March); No. 24 (24 March) ; No.
874 28 (7 April); No. 32 (21 April); No. 37 (9 May); No. 41 (23 May); No. 47
875 (13 June); No. 50 (23 June); No. 54 (7 July); No. 58 (21 July); No. 63 (8
876 August); No. 68 (25 August); No. 72 (8 September); No. 77 (26 September);
877 No. 81 (10 October); No. 85 (24 October); No. 88 (3 November); No. 94 (24
878 November); No. 98 (8 December); No. 103 (26 December); No. 3 (9 January
879 1821).

880 Esmark, J. 1821/22. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1821, anstillede af
881 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 7 (23 January), står bare
882 snee, men ikke mengde, ; No. 11 (6 February); No. 16 (23 February); No. 21
883 (13 March); No. 23 (20 March); No. 29 (10 April); No. 33 (24 April), No. 38

884 (11 May); No. 41 (22 May); No. 45 (5 June); No. 52 (29 June); No. 55 (10
885 July); No. 58 (20 July); No. 63 (6 August); No. 68 (24 August); No. 72 (7
886 September); No. 76 (21 September); No. 80 (5 October); No. 85 (22
887 October); No. 89 (5 November); No. 93 (19 November)(nytt moderne
888 plusstegn); No. 98 (7 December); No. 102 (21 December); No. 2 (7 January
889 1822).

890 Esmark, Jens 1822/23. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1822, anstillede
891 ved Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 5 (18 January); No. 10
892 (4 February); No. 15 (22 February); No. 18 (4 March); No. 23 (22 March);
893 No. 28 (8 April); No. 32 (22 April); No. 36 (6 May); No. 42 (27 May); No.
894 45 (7 June) not nedbørmåling; No. 50 (24 June); No. 81 (11 October); No. 82
895 (14 October); No. 83 (18 October); No. 84 (21 October); No. 87 (1
896 November); No. 89 (8 November); No. 90 (11 November); No. 92 (18
897 November); No. 94 (25 November); No. 96 (2 December); No. 98 (9
898 December); No. 102 (23 December); No. 2 (6 January 1823).

899 Esmark, J. 1823/24. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1823, anstillede ved
900 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* No. 7 (24 January); No. 11 (7
901 February) ; No. 15 (21 February); No. 20 (10 March); No. 24 (24 March);
902 No. 27 (4 April); No. 31 (18 April); No. 36 (5 May); No. 40 (19 May); No.
903 46 (9 June); No. 49 (20 June); No. 75 (19 September); No. 76 (22
904 September); No. 77 (26 September); No. 78 (29 September); No. 79 (3
905 October); No. 81 (10 October); No. 82 (13 October); No. 84 (20 October);
906 No. 88 (3 November); No. 93 (21 November); No. 98 (8 December); No. 102
907 (22 December); No. 2 (5 January 1824).

908 Esmark, J. 1824/25. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1824, anstillede ved
909 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* No. 6 (19 January); No. 11 (5
910 February); No. 15 (19 February); No. 20 (8 March); No. 24 (22 March); No.
911 29 (8 April); No. 33 (22 April); No. 37 (6 May); No. 42 (24 May); No. 45 (3
912 June); No. 50 (21 June); No. 54 (5 July); No. 59 (22 July); No. 64 (9
913 August); No. 68 (23 August); No. 74 (13 September); No. 77 (23
914 September); No. 80 (4 October); No. 86 (25 Oktober); No. 89 (4 November);
915 No. 96 (29 November); No. 98 (6 December); No. 103 (23 December); No. 2
916 (6 Januar 1825).

917 Esmark, J. 1825/26. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1825, anstillede ved
918 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* No. 7 (24 January); No. 11 (7.
919 February), No. 15 (21 February); No. 18 (3. March); No. 24 (24 March); No.
920 29 (11 April); No. 33 (25 April); No. 36 (5 May); No. 40 (19 May); No. 45
921 (6 June); No. 49 (20 June); No. 53 (4 July); No. 70 (1 September); No. 71 (5
922 September); No. 73 (12 September); No. 74 (15. September); No. 76 (22
923 September); No. 79 (3 October), No. 85 (24 October); No. 89 (7 November);
924 No. 93 (21 November); No. 97 (5 December); No. 102 (22 December); No. 2
925 (5 January 1826).

926 Esmark, J. 1826/27. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1826, anstillede ved
927 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* No.8 (26 January); No. 12 (9
928 February); No. 17 (27 February); No. 19 (6 March); No.23 (20 March); No.
929 28 (6 April); No. 33 (24 April); No. 36 (4 May); No. 43 (29 May); No. 45 (5
930 June); No. 50 (22 June); No. 55 (10 July): No.58 (20 July); No. 62 (3
931 August); No. 67 (21 August); No. 72 (7 September); No. 77 (25 September);
932 No. 80 (5 Oktober); No. 84 (19 October); No. 88 (2 November); No. 93 (20
933 November); No. 97 (4 December); No. 102 (21 December); No. 2 (4 January
934 1827).

935 Esmark, J. 1827/28. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1827, anstillede ved
936 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* , No. 7 (22 January); No. 11 (5
937 February); No. 16 (22 February); No. 19 (5 March); No. 24 (22 March); No.
938 28 (5 April); No. 32 (19 April); No. 37 (7 May); No. 43 (28 May); No. 48
939 (14 June); No. 50 (21 June); No. 54 (5 July); No. 58 (19 July); No. 79 (1
940 October); No. 80 (4 October); No. 81 (8 October); No. 82 (11 October); No.
941 83 (15 October); No. 84 (18 October); No. 89 (5 November); No. 94 (22
942 November); No. 97 (3 December); 102 (20 December); No. 2 (7 January
943 1828) – also sums up last ten years, compares with Stockholm, the coldest
944 years have been 1819 and 1820, the mildest 1822 and 1826.

945 Esmark, J. 1828/29. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1828, anstillede ved
946 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* , No. 6 (21 January); No. 10 (4
947 February); No. 15 (21 February); No. 18 (3 March); No. 24 (24 March); No.
948 27 (3 April – mange solpletter); No. 32 (21 April); No. 36 (5 May); No. 40
949 (19 May); No. 45 (5 June); No. 49 (19 June); No. 53 (3 July); No. 59 (24
950 July); No. 63 (7 August); No. 78 (29 September); No. 79 (2 October); No. 81

951 (9 October); No. 84 (20 October); No. 88 (3 November); No. 94 (24
952 November); No. 98 (8 December); No. 102 (22 December); No.2 (5 January
953 1829).

954 Esmark, J. 1829/30. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1829, anstillede ved
955 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* , No. 8 (26 January); No. 11 (5
956 February); No. 15 (19 February); No. 19 (5 March – den strengeste vinter på
957 mange år); No. 24 (23 March); No. 27 (2 April); No. 33 (23 April); No. 37 (7
958 May); No. 42 (25 May); No. 46 (8 June); No. 50 (22 June); No. 54 (6 July);
959 No. 78 (28 September); No. 79 (30 September); No. 80 (5 October); No. 81
960 (8 October); No. 85 (22 October); No. 87 (29 October); No. 89 (5
961 November); No. 90 (9 November); No. 94 (23 November); No. 99 (10
962 December); No. 103 (24 December); No. 2 (7 January 1830).

963 Esmark, J. 1830/31. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1830, anstillede ved
964 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 7 (25 January); No. 11 (8
965 February); No. 14 (18 February); No. 18 (4 March); No. 22 (18 March); No.
966 27 (5 April); No. 31 (19 April); No. 36 (6 May); No. 40 (19 May); No. 46 (9
967 June); No. 50 (23 June); No. 53 (5 July); No. 57 (19 July); No. 63 (9
968 August); No. 70 (1 September); No. 73 (13 September); No. 78 (29
969 Septmerber); No. 81 (11 October); No. 84 (21 October); No. 91 (15
970 November); No. 95 (29 November); 98 (9 December); No. 102 (23
971 December); No. 3 (10 January 1831).

972 Esmark, J. 1831/32. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1831, anstillede ved
973 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende* , No. 10 (3 February); No. 11 (7
974 February); No. 17 (28 February); No. 20 (10 March); No. 25 (28 March); No.
975 28 (7 April); No. 33 (25 April); No. 39 (12 May); No. 43 (22 May); No. 52
976 (12 June); No. 57 (23 June); No. 63 (7 July); No. 70 (24 July); No. 75 (4
977 August); No. 85 (28 August); No. 88 (4 September); No. 97 (25 September);
978 No. 102 (10 October); No. 110 (3 November); No. 112 (10 November); No.
979 118 (1 December); No. 119 (4 December); No. 1 (1 January 1832) ; No. 2 (5
980 January 1832).

981 Esmark, J. 1832/33. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1832, anstillede ved
982 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No.10 (2 February); No. 11 (5
983 February); No. 19 (4 March); No. 20 (8 March); No. 26 (26 March); No. 30
984 (12 April); No. 33 (22 April); No. 37 (6 May); No. 43 (20 May); No. 52 (10

985 Juni); No. 57 (21 Juni); No. 63 (5 July); No. 70 (22 July); No. 78 (9 August);
986 No. 86 (28 August – usedvanlig kold sommer); No. 92 (11 September); No.
987 98 (25 September); No. 103 (7 October); No. 108 (25 October); No. 111 (4
988 November); No. 117 (25 November); No. 122 (13 december); No. 127 (30
989 December); No. 4 (13 January 1833).

990 Esmark, J. 1833/34. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1833, anstillede ved
991 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No.10 (3 February); No. 12 (10
992 February); No. 18 (3 March); No. 24 (24 March); No. 25 (28 March); No. 30
993 (14 April); No. 35 (2 May); No. 37 (9 May); No. 44 (26 May); No. 50 (9
994 June); No. 58 (27 June); No. 63 (9 July); No. 77 (11 August); No. 80 (18
995 August); No. 86 (1 September); No. 91 (12 September); No. 97 (26
996 September); No. 103 (13 October); No. 105 (20 October); No. 110 (7
997 November); No. 115 (24 November); No.120 (12 December); No. 123 (22
998 December); No. 2 (5 January 1834).

999 Esmark, J. 1834/35. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1834, anstillede ved
1000 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 7 (23 January); No. 10 (2
1001 February); No. 16 (23 February); No. 18 (2 March); No. 24 (23 March); No.
1002 27 (3 April); No. 32 (20 April); No. 37 (4 May); No. 43 (18 May); No. 53
1003 (10 June); No. 60 (26 June); No. 68 (15 July)(regnet som falt på en
1004 kvadratfods flate utgjorde 4 rhinlandskae tommer eller 576 kubikktommer);
1005 No. 71 (22 July); No. 79 (10 August), No. 83 (19 August); No. 90 (7
1006 September); No. 96 (21 September); No. 102 (5 October); No. 107 (23
1007 October); No. 111 (6 November); No. 117 (27 November); No. 119 (4
1008 December); No. 126 (28 December); No. 2 (8 January 1835).

1009 Esmark, J. 1835/36. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1835, anstillede ved
1010 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 10 (1 February); No. 12 (8
1011 February); No.15 (19 February); No. 20 (8 March); No. 24 (22 March); No.
1012 28 (5 April); No. 34 (26 April); No. 40 (10 May); No. 50 (2 June); No. 54
1013 (11 June); No. 58 (21 June); No. 65 (7 July); No. 72 (23 July); No. 79 (9
1014 August); No. 88 (30 August); No. 91 (6 September); No. 99 (24 September);
1015 No. 105 (11 October); No. 107 (18 October); No. 112 (5 November); No.
1016 118 (26 November); No. 120 (3 December); No. 126 (24 December); No. 3
1017 (10 January 1836).

1018 Esmark, J. 1836/37. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1836, anstillede ved
1019 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 7 (24 January); No. 15 (21
1020 February); No. 17 (28 February); No. 19 (6 March); No. 23 (20 March); No.
1021 27 (3 April); No. 32 (21 April); No. 38 (5 May); No. 45 (22 May); No. 50 (2
1022 June); No. 59 (23 June); No. 66 (10 July); No. 70 (19 July); No. 78 (7
1023 August); No. 85 (23 August?) ; No. 92 (8 September); No. 98 (22
1024 September); No. 105 (9 October); No. 111 (30 October); No. 112 (3
1025 November); No. 119 (27 November); No. 125 (18 December); No. 126 (22
1026 December); No. 3 (5 January 1837).

1027 Esmark, J. 1837/38. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1837, anstillede ved
1028 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 10 (22 January); No. 17 (7
1029 February); No. 22 (19 February); No. 22 (2 March); No. 34 (19 March); No
1030 41 (4 April); No. 48 (20 April); No. 53 (2 May); No. 61 (21 May); No. 67 (4
1031 June); No. 74 (20 June); No. 82 (9 July); No. 86 (18 July); No. 93 (3
1032 August); No. 100 (20 August); No. 106 (3 September); No. 113 (19
1033 September); No. 120 (5 October); No. 126 (19 October); No. 132 (2
1034 November); No. 139 (19 November); No. 145 (3 December); No. 152 (19
1035 December); No. 2 (4 January 1838).

1036 Esmark, J. 1838. Meteorologiske Iagttagelser i Christiania 1838, anstillede ved
1037 Professor Esmark. *Den Norske Rigstidende*, No. 10 (18 January); No. 19 (3
1038 February); No. 29 (20 February); No. 36 (4 March); No. 45 (20 March); No.
1039 53 (3 April); No. 62 (19 April); No. 70 (3 May); No. 79 (19 May); No. 87 (2
1040 June); No. 98 (19 June); No. 108 (4 Junly); No. 117 (19 July); No. 127 (2
1041 August); No. 137 (19 August); No. 148 (6 September); No. 156 (20
1042 September); No. 164 (4 October); No. 173 (20 October); No. 181 (3
1043 November); No. 190 (18 November); No. 199 (4 December); No. 207 (18
1044 December).

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1046 **Appendix B. Corrections of Esmark’s thermometer?**

1047 The corrections are very small for the frequent winter temperatures, but as high as 0.5°C for
 1048 frequent summer temperatures. Due to the uncertainty with the identification of Esmark’s
 1049 thermometer we have not applied these corrections to his observations. It should also be kept
 1050 in mind that Esmark used another thermometer, i.e. a minimum thermometer for the period
 1051 1828.03-1838.12, which might also have instrumental corrections. However, he was a skilled
 1052 instrument builder, so it is not likely that he used thermometer with larger corrections than
 1053 those in Table B1.

1054

1055 Table B1... Instrument correction (Corr) for thermometer readings (Temp.). The thermometer may
 1056 have been used by Esmark, 1816-1838.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Temp. (°C) | 25.00 | 18.75 | 12.50 | 6.25 | 0.00 | -6.25 | -12.50 | -18.75 | -25.00 |
| Corr. (°C) | +0.50 | +0.50 | +0.38 | +0.38 | +0.13 | +0.13 | +0.13 | +0.13 | +0.63 |

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1059 **Appendix C**

1060 MET Norway calculates monthly mean temperatures for manual stations by Mohn’s (also
 1061 called the C-formula) and Köppen’s formulas (Birkeland, 1936; Gjelten et al., 2014; Nordli et
 1062 al., 2015), so we chose to use those formulas also for Esmark’s observations: The monthly
 1063 mean temperature, T, may be calculated by Mohn’s formula and a modified Köppen’s
 1064 formula, Table C1.

1065

1066 Table C1. Formulas for calculation of monthly mean temperature, T, where T_{08} , T_{15} and T_{21} , are
 1067 monthly means at observation times 08, 15 and 21 UTC respectively, and T_n is monthly mean night
 1068 temperature, k_g and k_f are constants. Mohn’s formula is also often called the C-formula.

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|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Mohn’s formula | $T = T_c + C$ | $T_c = \frac{T_{08} + T_{15} + T_{21}}{3}$ |
| Köppen’s formula | $T = T_f - k(T_f - T_n)$ | $T_f = \frac{T_{15} + T_{21}}{2}$ |

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1071 A “true” monthly mean temperature, T, may be calculated by the arithmetic mean of hourly
 1072 observation according to definition, so for a station that have hourly observations the
 1073 constants, C and k_f , are easily calculated by rearranging Mohn’s and Köppen’s formulas. For

1074 Esmark's series from Øvre Vollgate the constants were unknown. It was assumed that the
1075 constants from Blindern could be used also for Øvre Vollgate. An indication of the robustness
1076 of this assumption was tested by comparison with a short series of hourly observations from
1077 the station 18815 Oslo – Bygdøy, 15 m a.s.l. The test procedure started with calculation of the
1078 constants for the Blindern series based on the period 2012.12-2015.09. These constants were
1079 then used for the calculation of mean monthly temperatures for Bygdøy for the same period,
1080 which were compared with the “true” monthly means, i.e. those calculated by the hourly
1081 observations. For Mohn's formula the deviation from the true means varied from -0.06°C in
1082 December to $+0.31^{\circ}\text{C}$ in September that gave $+0.10^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the whole year. For seven of the
1083 months the deviation from the true value was less than $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$. Corresponding figures for
1084 Köppen's formula were -0.06°C in July, $+0.16^{\circ}\text{C}$ in September and $+0.01^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the whole
1085 year.
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1088 **Tables**

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1090 Table 1. Esmark's station at Øvre Vollgate 7 as well as other observation stations used in this article:

1091 national station number (identifier) and name, period of observation, station altitude and some

1092 additional information. The star before the start year marks the start of hourly observations. H_s is m

1093 above sea level.

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| No. and name | Period (from-to; year, month, day) | H _s (m) | Additional information |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 18651 Oslo II | 1837.04.02-1933.12.31 | 25 | Astronomical Observatory |
| 18654 Oslo - Øvre Vollgate | 1816.01.01-1838.12.31 | 11 | Esmark's observations |
| 18655 Oslo - Pilestredet | 1822.10.19-1827.02.28 | 16 | Hansteen's observations |
| 18700 Oslo - Blindern | *1993.01.05 to present | 94 | Main building, MET Norway |
| 18815 Oslo - Bygdøy | *2012.01.01 to present | 15 | Mainly rural station |

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1097 Table 2 The SNHT test used for comparison of observations at time x versus observations at time y (x

1098 vs y). The shifts (°C) are given by the last year of each part of the series. For the single shift test also

1099 the corrections needed for the x-series to be homogenous with y-series are given. It should be applied

1100 from the start year to the end year of the inhomogeneity (Non-significant results are given in italic).

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| Part 1, 1816.01-1838.12: The whole length of the series | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SNHT tests | Obs. times | Winter | Spring | Summer | Autumn | Year |
| Single shift | I vs II | 1833; -1.1 | 1827; -2.1 | 1827; -3.3 | 1824; -1.4 | 1827; -1.8 |
| Single shift | I vs III | 1832; -1.5 | 1826; -2.8 | 1827; -4.0 | 1827; -1.7 | 1827; -2.4 |
| Single shift | III vs II | 1821; 0.7 | 1820; 1.5 | 1821; 1.3 | <i>1821; 0.6</i> | 1821; 0.9 |
| Double shift | I vs II | 1826; 1834 | 1818; 1827 | 1817; 1827 | 1824; 1829 | 1823; 1827 |
| Double shift | I vs III | 1819; 1832 | 1820; 1826 | 1818; 1828 | 1823; 1829 | 1818; 1827 |
| Double shift | III vs II | <i>1821; 1832</i> | 1819; 1835 | 1821; 1835 | <i>1817; 1834</i> | 1821; 1835 |
| Part 2, 1816.01 – 1828.02 | | | | | | |
| SNHT-tests | Obs. times | Winter | Spring | Summer | Autumn | Year |
| Single shift | II / I | <i>1826; 0.8</i> | <i>1818; 0.7</i> | <i>1817; 0.8</i> | 1824; 1.0 | <i>1823; 0.5</i> |
| Single shift | I / III | 1818; -1.0 | 1820; -1.7 | 1818; -1.7 | 1821; -0.9 | 1818; -1.3 |
| Single shift | III / II | <i>1821; -0.6</i> | 1819; -1.4 | <i>1821; -1.2</i> | <i>1817; -0.8</i> | 1821; -0.8 |
| Part 3, 1828.03 – 1838.12 | | | | | | |
| SNHT-tests | Obs. times | Winter | Spring | Summer | Autumn | Year |
| Single shift | I / II | 1834; -1.0 | <i>1834; 0.4</i> | <i>1830; -0.4</i> | <i>1829; -0.4</i> | <i>1830; -0.5</i> |
| Single shift | I / III | 1832; -1.3 | <i>1836; -0.6</i> | <i>1836; -0.8</i> | <i>1829; -0.9</i> | <i>1836; -0.8</i> |
| Single shift | III / II | <i>1833; 0.4</i> | 1835; 0.8 | <i>1835; 0.9</i> | <i>1834; 0.6</i> | <i>1835; 0.7</i> |

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1104 Table 3. The same as Table 1, but the single shift test used on monthly resolution. In the 1st and 3rd
 1105 rows the years of the shifts are shown, and in the 2nd and 4th rows the adjustments. Period of
 1106 observation 1816.01-1838.12.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| I/II | 1834 | 1826 | 1826 | 1830 | 1827 | 1827 | 1827 | 1827 | 1825 | 1827 | 1824 | 1833 |
| | -1.2 | -1.4 | -1.0 | -2.2 | -3.3 | -3.4 | -3.5 | -2.9 | -1.9 | -1.1 | -1.5 | -1.2 |
| III/II | 1828 | 1832 | 1820 | 1819 | 1819 | 1826 | 1821 | 1821 | 1821 | 1820 | 1834 | 1820 |
| | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 |

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1109 Table 4. Corrections (°C) of the evening observation during the period 1816.01-1821.12

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 |

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1111 Table 5. Difference, Diff (°C), of median temperature between Esmark's evening observations and the
 1112 observations the following morning. For comparison the differences between the observation at 21
 1113 UTC and the minimum temperature the following night are shown for the modern station Oslo –
 1114 Blindern. The night is defined by the interval 21 - 08 UTC. STD (°C) = standard deviation for the
 1115 differences.

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Esmark | Diff | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -1.8 | -1.6 | -1.3 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1816.01-1821.12 | STD | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Esmark | Diff | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 1822.01-1828.02 | STD | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Esmark | Diff | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| 1828.03-1838.12 | STD | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.7 |
| Blindern | Diff | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 1993.09-2015.09 | STD | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 |

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1118 Table 6. The rank of mean temperature in 1816 for months and seasons during the years 1816-1838
 1119 for Oslo (Esmark's observations). For comparison also Stockholm is included. The rank runs from low
 1120 to high values, so that the lowest temp. is ranked no.1.

| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | Yr | Wi | Sp | Su | Au |
|-----------|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Oslo | 14 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Stockholm | 14 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 18 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 3 |

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 1122 Table 7. The rank of 1816-temperature for seasons during the period 1816-1838 for Oslo (Esmark's
 1123 observations), and for climate reconstructions from proxy data at different places in Norway. For
 1124 comparison also Stockholm is included. The rank runs from low to high values, so that the lowest
 1125 temp. is ranked 1. The grid point (59.75°N, 10.75°E) differ only slightly from Esmark's house (59.91°N,
 1126 10.74°E).

| Place, County | Feb- Apr | Apr- Aug | May- Aug | Jun- Aug | References |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Oslo, South-eastern Norway | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | Esmark's observations |
| Austlandet, South-eastern Norway | 2 | | | | Nordli et al. 2007 |
| Austlandet, South Eastern Norway | | 1 | | | Nordli 2001a |
| Lesja, South-eastern Norway | | | 1 | | Nordli 2001b |
| Bergen, Western Norway | | 18 | | | Nordli et al. 2003 |
| Trøndelag, Mid Norway | | | 18 | | Nordli 2004 |
| Stockholm, Sweden | 3 | 10 | 9 | 17 | Bolin Centre Database |
| Grid point (59.75°N, 10°75E) | | | | 1 | Luterbacher et al. 2004 |

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1130 **Figure texts**

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1132 Fig. 1. Map of Christiania (now Oslo) 1811 with the location (red star) of
1133 Esmark's house in Øvre Vollgt. 7 marked.

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1135 Fig. 2. Matriculation and survey 1830 of Esmark's property No. 308, Øvre Voldgate 7, in
1136 Oslo Byarkiv (Oslo City Archive). Arrow indicates N. Garden to the left, house surrounding
1137 backyard to the right.

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1139 Fig. 3. Street view of Esmark's house in Øvre Voldgate 7. Photograph from around 1900.
1140 Oslo Bymuseum, No. OB.F00897. High buildings on each side built late 19th century.

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1142 Fig. 4. The January page from Esmark's meteorological observation protocol from
1143 1823, the year he discovered ice ages. Now deposited at Riksarkivet (National
1144 archives), Oslo. S-1570. Det norske meteorologiske institutt. F/Fa. Materiale etter
1145 professorer. L0002.

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1147 Fig. 5. Esmark's first published Christiania weather table, from *Den norske*
1148 *Rigstidende*, 24 January 1818. Maltese crosses are intended as + signs.

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1150 Fig. 6. The temperature difference (°C) between Esmark's evening observation and the
1151 morning observation the following day for the winter season (Dec-Feb) in the period 1831-
1152 1838.

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1154 Fig. 7. Corrections added to Esmark's series for each season during his period of observation,
1155 1816-1838.

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1157 Fig. 8. Annual and seasonal means of Esmark's temperature series (symbols), and Gaussian
1158 filter (curves) with standard deviation 3 in the Gaussian distribution (e.g. Nordli et al., 2015),
1159 corresponding roughly to a 10 year rectangular filter.

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1161 Fig. 9. Temperature differences (°C) between the observations at 15 UTC and at 21 UTC for
1162 the following stations: Oslo - Blindern for the period 1993.01-2015.09, Esmark 1816.01-
1163 1838.12. (The corrections of the evening observations, Table 4, are added to the data for the
1164 period 1816.01-1821.12 before the calculation of the differences) and Oslo II (Astronomical
1165 Observatory) 1837.04-1867.12.

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1167 Fig. 10. Differences in mean monthly temperature between Esmark's observations at Øvre
1168 Vollgate and those at the Astronomical Observatory (Esmark minus Observatory) during the
1169 period 1837.04-1838.12. Temperatures are not corrected.

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1171 Fig. 11. Difference between Esmark's observations at Øvre Vollgate and Hansteen's
1172 observations at Pilestredet (Esmark minus Hansteen) during the period 1822.11-1827.02 at
1173 08, 15 and 21 UTC.

1174 Fig. 12. Annual mean temperatures from Stockholm Observatory and Copenhagen old
1175 Botanical Garden compared to Esmark's observations at Øvre Vollgate in Oslo.

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1177 Fig. 13. Summer mean temperature (JJA) for Stockholm Observatory, for Øvre Vollgate in
1178 Oslo (Esmark's observations), and also for grid point 59.75°N, 10.75°E (Oslo) reconstructed
1179 by Luterbacher et al. (2004).

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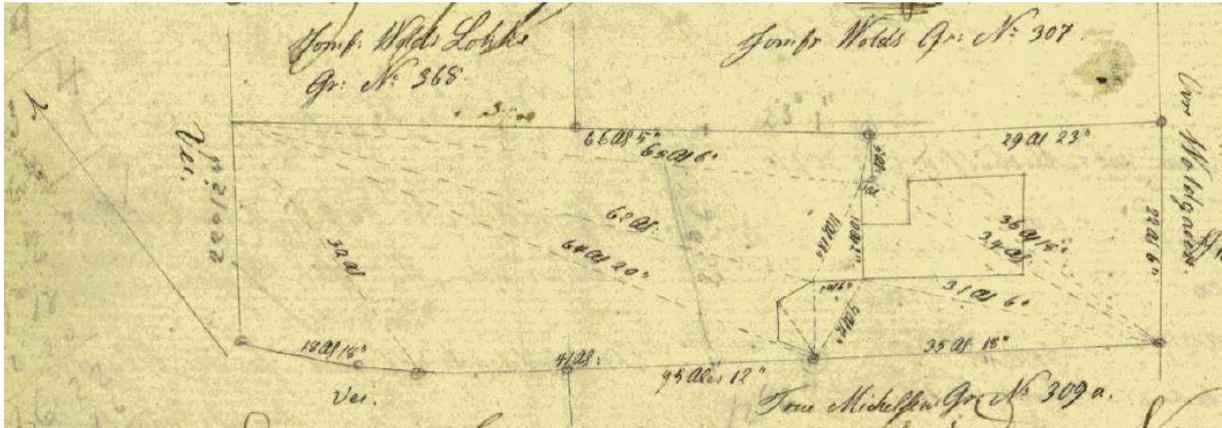
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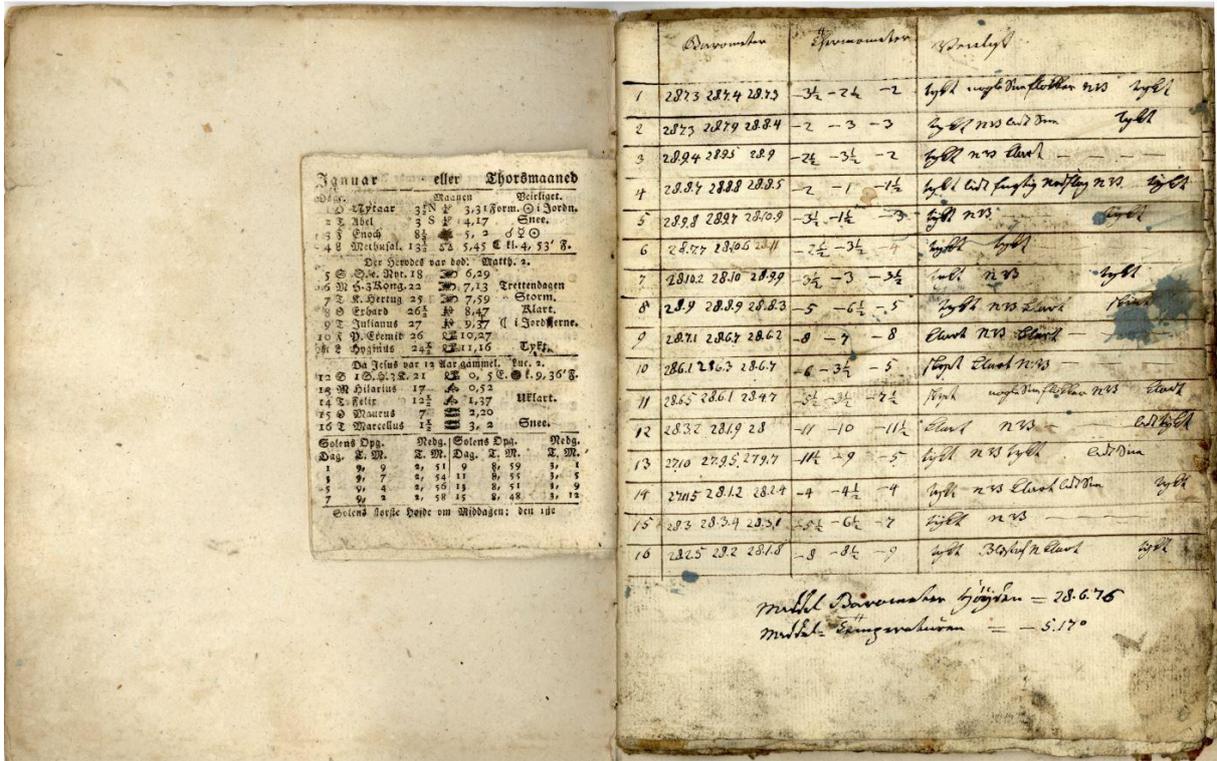
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Meteorologiske Jagtagelser i Christiania 1818,
 anstillede af Prof. Esmark.

| Januar. | Barometret. | Thermom. | Veirliget. |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 28 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 L. | — 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ ⁰ | Taae og tykt Veir |
| 2 | 28 | — 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Ekyet. |
| 3 | 28 | — 8 $\frac{2}{3}$ | Tykt Veir. |
| 4 | 28 | — 11 $\frac{1}{6}$ | Lidt Sne. |
| 5 | 28 | — 9 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Lidt Sne. |
| 6 | 27 | 11 $\frac{2}{3}$ | Tykt og lidt Sne. |
| 7 | 27 | 6 $\frac{1}{6}$ ✕ | Tykt Veir. |
| 8 | 27 | 5 $\frac{1}{6}$ ✕ | Stærk Taae. |
| 9 | 27 | 10 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Taae. |
| 10 | 27 | 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ✕ | Bl. af S., Nordlys |
| 11 | 27 | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ✕ | Klart Veir. |
| 12 | 27 | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ✕ | Sn. og Regn S V |
| 13 | 27 | 5 $\frac{1}{6}$ 0 | Sn. og Regn S V |
| 14 | 27 | 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ ✕ | Klart. |
| 15 | 26 | 10 $\frac{1}{3}$ ✕ | Snee og Bl. af S. |

Anmærkninger: Observationerne ere anstillede
 de 34 Rhinlandske Fod over Havet, og ere Mid-
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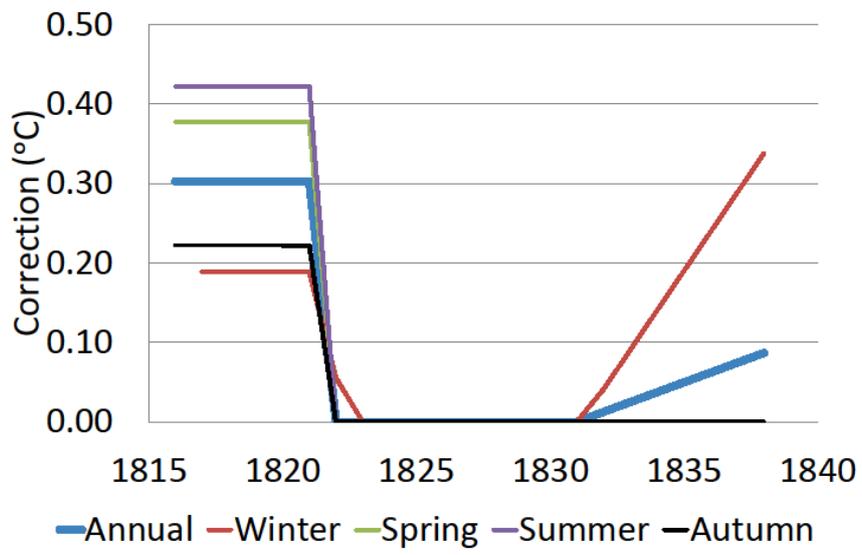
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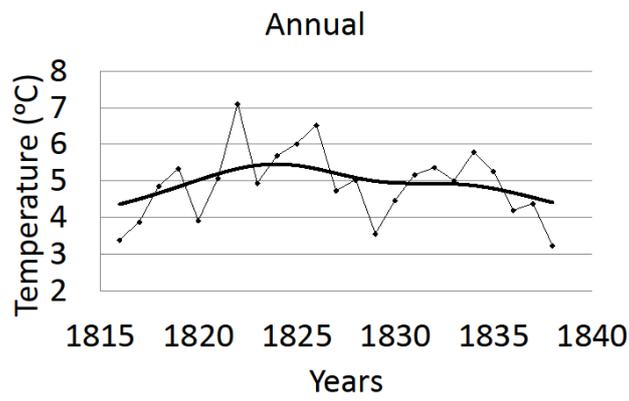


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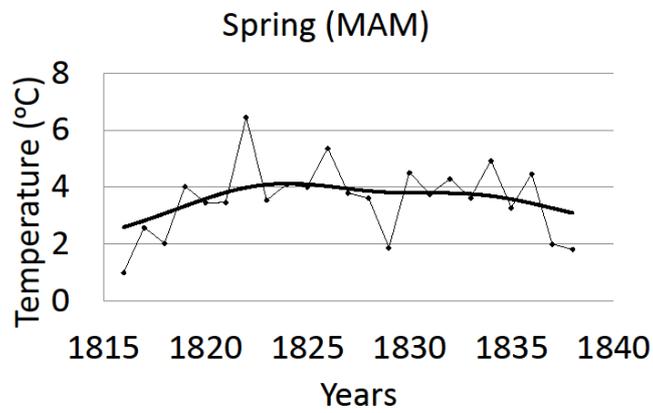
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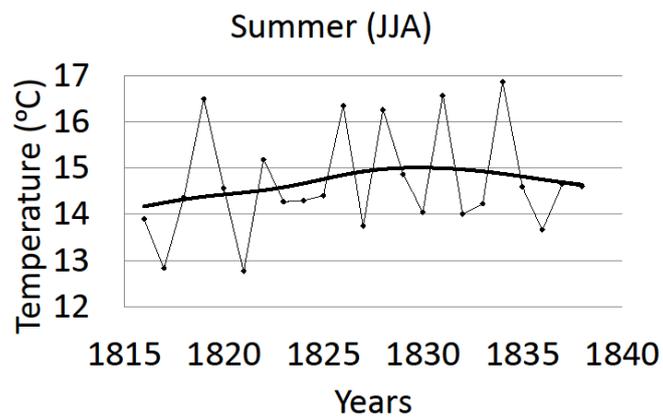
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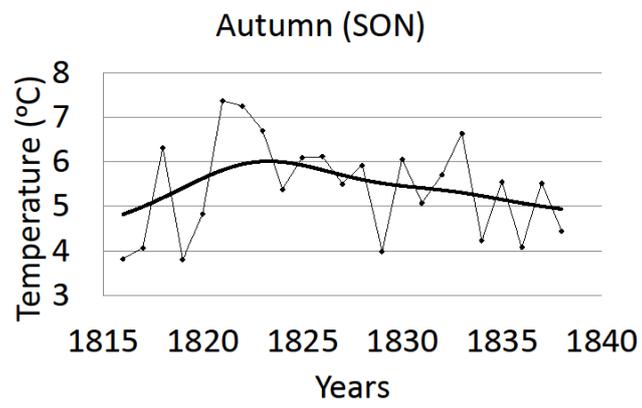
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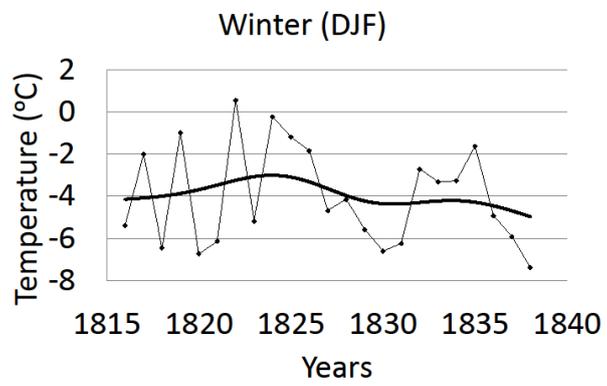
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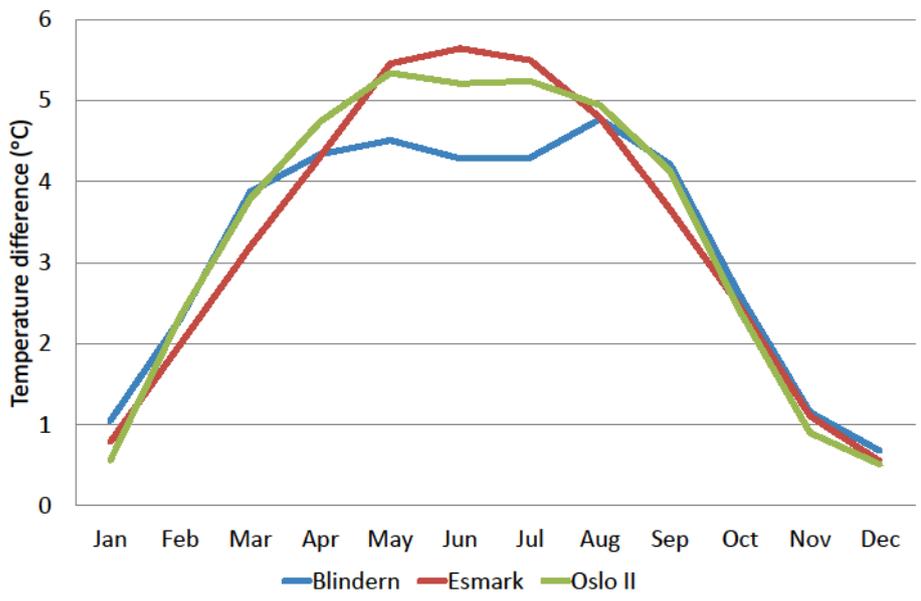


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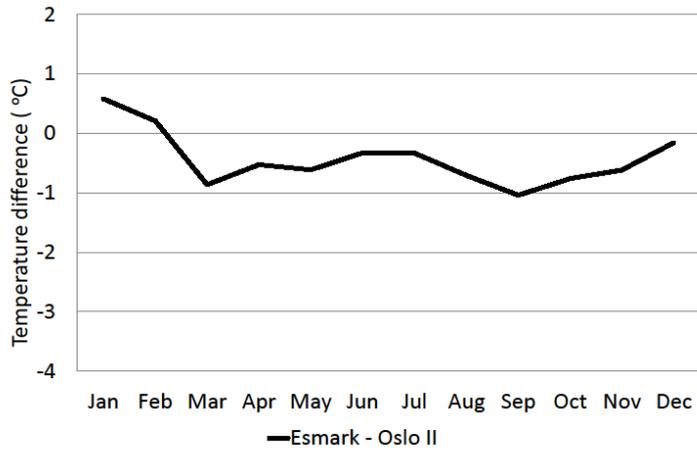
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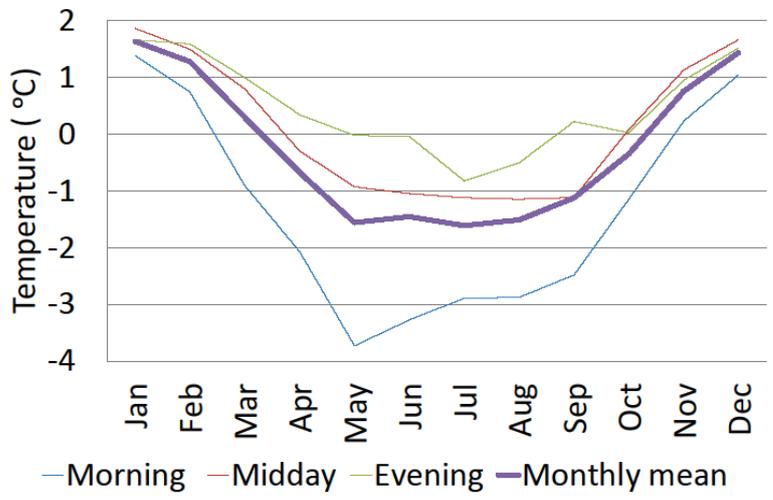
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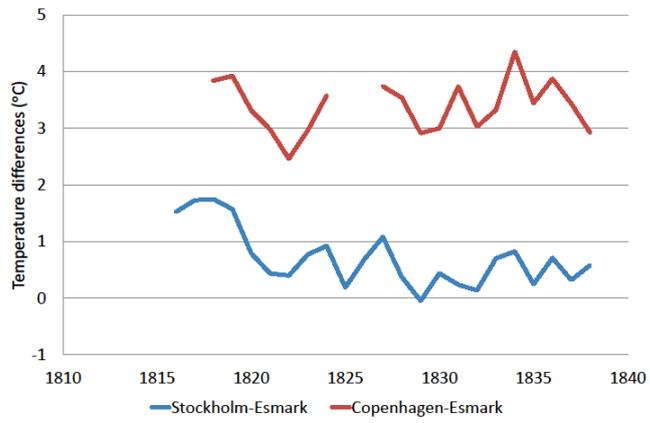
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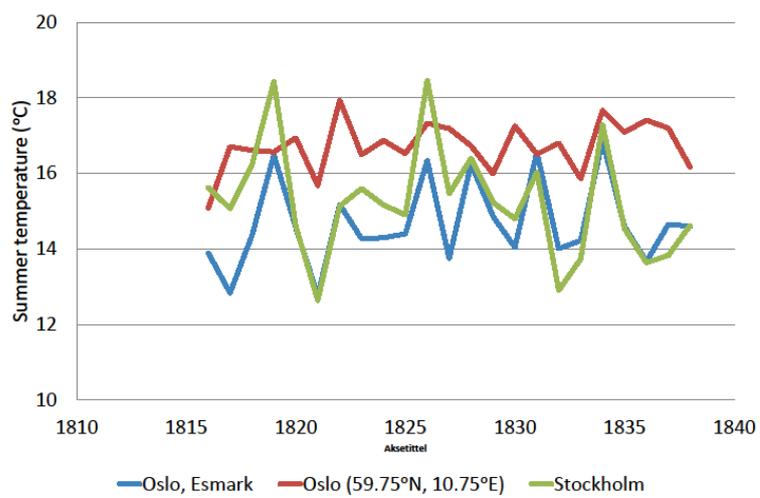
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