

Supplementary Information for

**A high-resolution history of the South American Monsoon from Last
Glacial Maximum to the Holocene**

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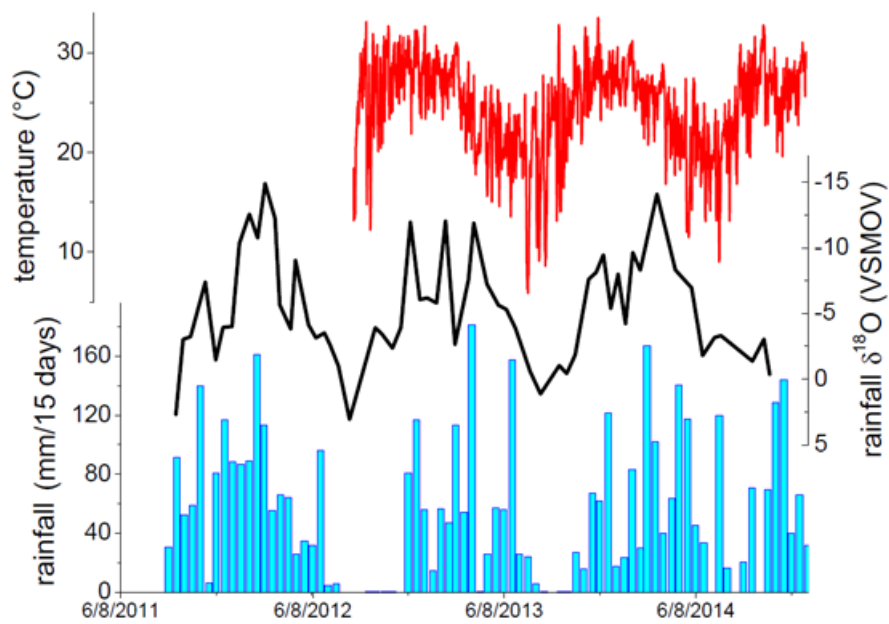


Figure S1. Comparison between biweekly (15 day) accumulated precipitation (blue), rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (black) and daily mean air temperature (red). Sampling site located close to Jaraguá cave. Note that scale for rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ is inverted.

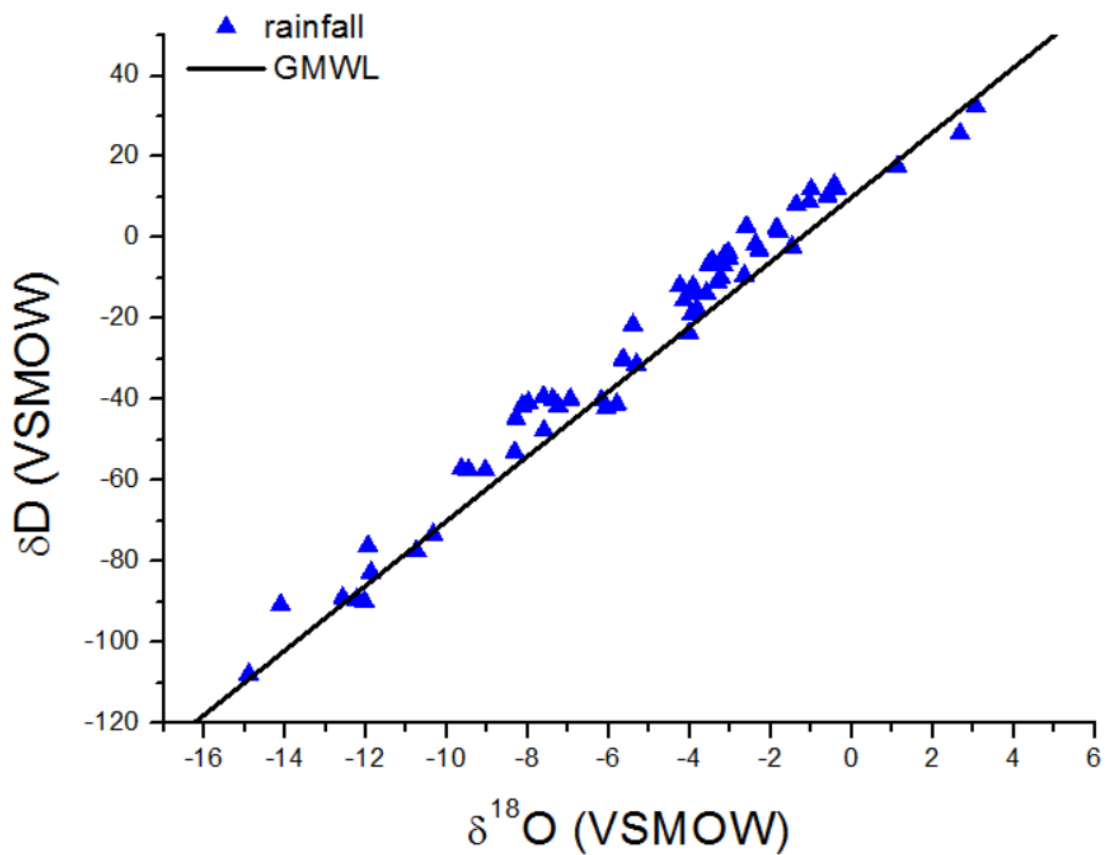


Figure S2. Relationship between δD and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of rainfall at sampling site located close to Jaraguá cave, plotted alongside the Global Meteoric Water Line¹.

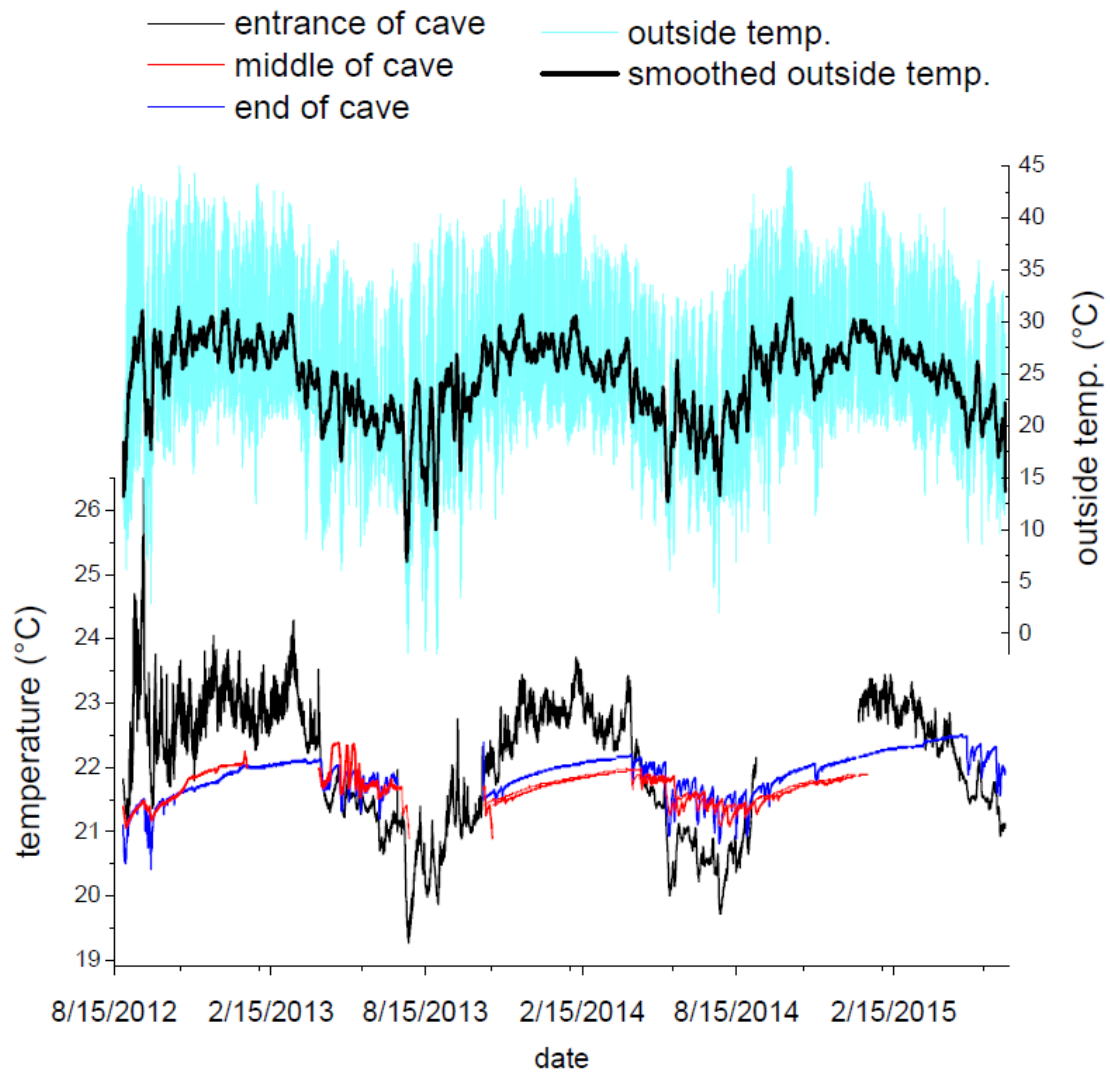


Figure S3. Bottom: Air temperature monitored at the entrance (black), middle (red) and end (blue) of Jaraguá cave. Top: Outside air temperature hourly (light blue) and the smoothed average (black).

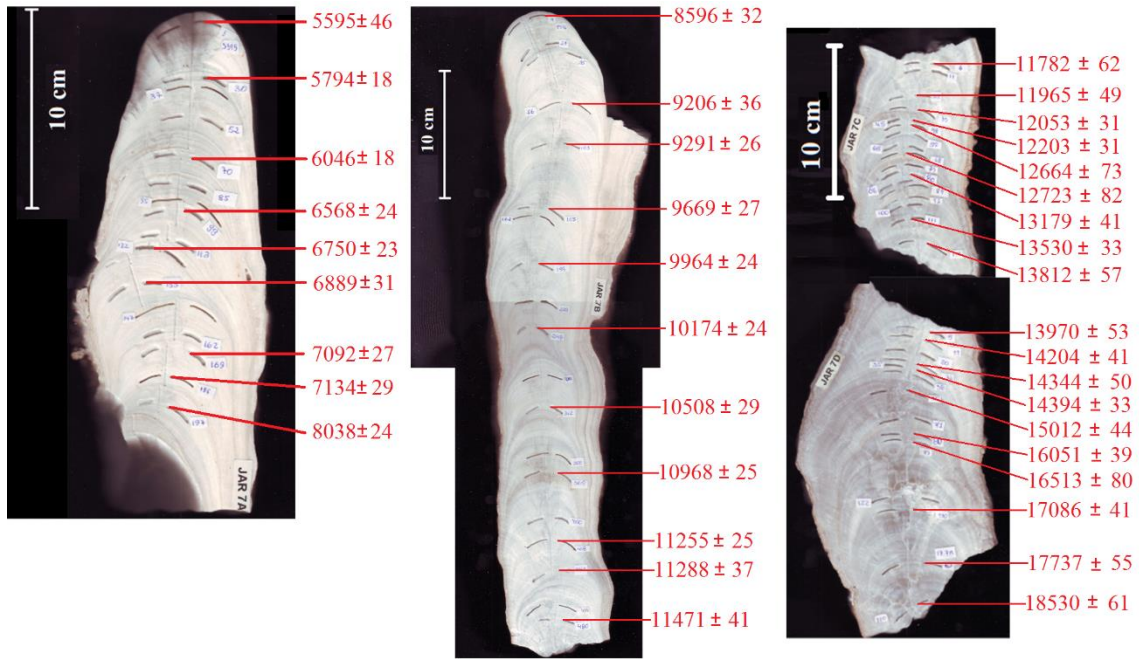


Figure S4. Stalagmite JAR7 with the position of U/Th ages.

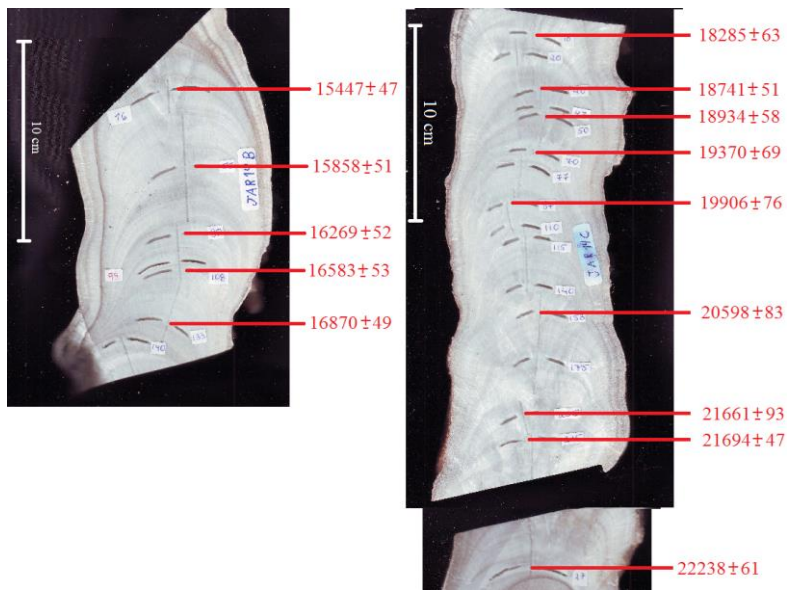


Figure S5. Stalagmite JAR14 with the position of U/Th ages.

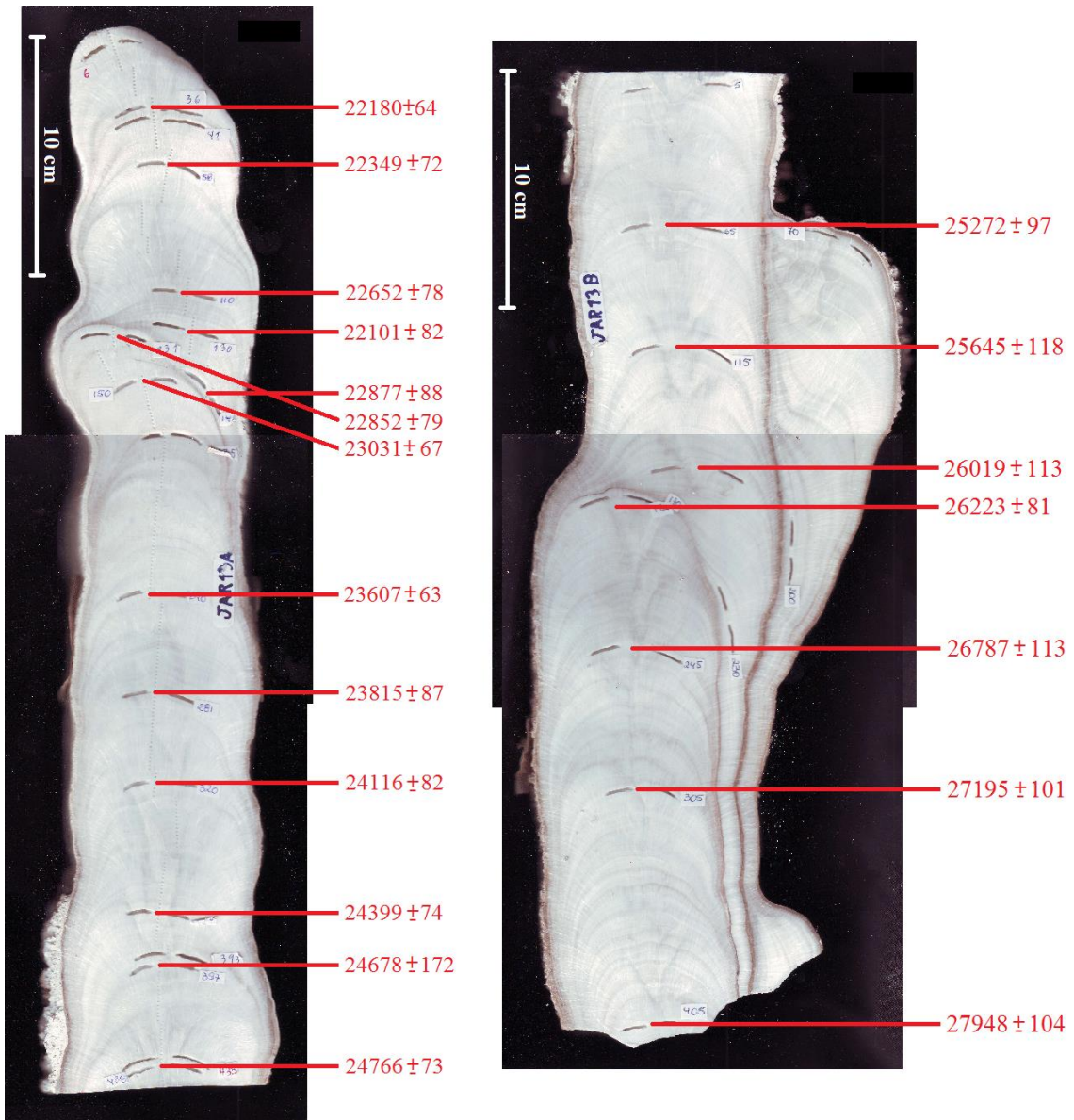


Figure S6. Stalagmite JAR13 with the position of U/Th ages.

Table S1

Sample name	positions in relationship to top (mm)	²³⁸ U (ppb)	²³² Th (ppt)	²³⁰ Th / ²³² Th (atomic $\times 10^{-6}$)	d ²³⁴ U* (measured)	²³⁰ Th / ²³⁸ U (activity)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (uncorrected)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (corrected)	d ²³⁴ U _{Initial} ** (corrected)	
JAR7A-5	4.9	1013 ± 5	184 ± 5	5300 ± 134	167 ± 5	0.05854 ± 0.00038	5,600 ± 46	5,595 ± 46	170 ± 6	
JAR7A-30	37.7	3779 ± 9	307 ± 6	12500 ± 256	186.9 ± 1.7	0.0615 ± 0.0002	5796 ± 18	5794 ± 18	190 ± 2	
JAR7A-70	73.4	6526 ± 15	107 ± 3	64087 ± 1493	185.4 ± 1.5	0.0640 ± 0.0002	6046 ± 18	6046 ± 18	189 ± 2	
JAR7A-99	101.2	7161 ± 22	399 ± 8	21163 ± 434	220.9 ± 1.7	0.0715 ± 0.0002	6570 ± 24	6568 ± 24	225 ± 2	
JAR7A-122	121.6	4062 ± 10	468 ± 9	10369 ± 210	204.7 ± 1.7	0.0725 ± 0.0002	6753 ± 23	6750 ± 23	209 ± 2	
JAR7A-135	139.8	6899 ± 25	238 ± 5	34517 ± 721	176.9 ± 2.0	0.0722 ± 0.0003	6889 ± 31	6889 ± 31	180 ± 2	
JAR7A-169	175.6	6810 ± 22	191 ± 4	44296 ± 929	196.9 ± 1.8	0.0755 ± 0.0003	7092 ± 27	7092 ± 27	201 ± 2	
JAR7A-185	188.9	2426 ± 7.0	109 ± 3	27945 ± 817	205.3 ± 2.0	0.0765 ± 0.0003	7135 ± 29	7133 ± 29	209 ± 2	
JAR7A-197	203.8	4102 ± 9	212 ± 4	26741 ± 551	178.1 ± 1.5	0.0839 ± 0.0002	8039 ± 24	8038 ± 24	182 ± 2	
JAR7B-4	324.3	2195 ± 4.7	732 ± 15	4600 ± 93	224.2 ± 2.2	0.0931 ± 0.0003	8604 ± 31	8596 ± 32	230 ± 2	
JAR7B-74	391.3	2183 ± 4	3184 ± 425	1142 ± 152	239.8 ± 1.6	0.1010 ± 0.0002	9240 ± 27	9206 ± 36	246 ± 2	
JAR7B-103	426.6	3217 ± 6	394 ± 8	13188 ± 269	195.5 ± 1.6	0.0979 ± 0.0002	9294 ± 26	9291 ± 26	201 ± 2	
JAR7B-155	478	2532 ± 5	373 ± 8	11765 ± 239	235.2 ± 1.6	0.1051 ± 0.0003	9672 ± 27	9669 ± 27	242 ± 2	
JAR7B-199	522.6	3233 ± 5	577 ± 12	10020 ± 204	237.9 ± 1.5	0.1084 ± 0.0002	9968 ± 24	9964 ± 24	245 ± 2	
JAR7B-248	572.9	1924 ± 4	574 ± 12	6089 ± 123	233.2 ± 1.7	0.1102 ± 0.0003	10181 ± 28	10174 ± 29	240 ± 2	
JAR7B-312	637	1947 ± 4	527 ± 11	7056 ± 143	257.3 ± 1.6	0.1159 ± 0.0003	10514 ± 29	10508 ± 29	265 ± 2	
JAR7B-365	684.7	1907 ± 3	231 ± 5	16353 ± 338	250.1 ± 1.5	0.1200 ± 0.0002	10971 ± 25	10968 ± 25	258 ± 2	
JAR7B-420	740	1270 ± 2	140 ± 3	19128 ± 395	296.6 ± 1.5	0.1276 ± 0.0002	11258 ± 25	11255 ± 25	306 ± 2	
JAR7B-422	760.6	1392 ± 3	609 ± 12	4807 ± 99	289.9 ± 1.7	0.1274 ± 0.0003	11298 ± 36	11288 ± 37	299 ± 2	
JAR7B-470	798.4	1057 ± 2.1	485 ± 10	4774 ± 97	322.9 ± 2.1	0.1327 ± 0.0004	11481 ± 41	11471 ± 41	334 ± 2	
JAR7C-6	842.4	3148 ± 3	9678 ± 194	710 ± 14	280.4 ± 1.3	0.1323 ± 0.0004	11851 ± 38	11782 ± 62	290 ± 1	
JAR7C-33	864	2303 ± 5	431 ± 9	11945 ± 254	300.0 ± 2.1	0.1357 ± 0.0005	11969 ± 49	11965 ± 49	310 ± 2	
JAR7C-35	873.6	3032 ± 3	768 ± 16	8828 ± 190	291.0 ± 1.5	0.1357 ± 0.0003	12059 ± 31	12053 ± 31	301 ± 2	
JAR7C-45	880.5	1533 ± 3	375 ± 8	9336 ± 189	301.8 ± 1.6	0.1384 ± 0.0003	12209 ± 31	12203 ± 31	312 ± 2	
JAR7C-48	883.8	148.7 ± 0.1	52 ± 2	6729 ± 202	306.2 ± 1.6	0.1439 ± 0.0008	12672 ± 73	12664 ± 73	317 ± 2	discarded age
JAR7C-65	897.6	1139 ± 2	130 ± 3	20486 ± 446	304.2 ± 1.5	0.1416 ± 0.0003	12483 ± 31	12481 ± 31	315 ± 2	
JAR7C-68	903	103.8 ± 0.1	57 ± 1	4328 ± 105	302.0 ± 2.0	0.1441 ± 0.0008	12735 ± 82	12723 ± 82	313 ± 2	
JAR7C-80	916.6	1310 ± 2	272 ± 6	11194 ± 236	261.4 ± 1.6	0.1411 ± 0.0004	12883 ± 40	12879 ± 40	271 ± 2	
JAR7C-89	924.6	88.8 ± 0.1	68 ± 2	3214 ± 83	265.3 ± 1.6	0.1492 ± 0.0011	13626 ± 106	13608 ± 107	276 ± 2	discarded age
JAR7C-100	927.6	1413 ± 3	256 ± 5	13002 ± 277	250.0 ± 1.9	0.1429 ± 0.0004	13183 ± 41	13179 ± 41	259 ± 2	
JAR7C-111	946.9	977 ± 1	234 ± 5	10129 ± 208	257.0 ± 1.5	0.1473 ± 0.0003	13535 ± 33	13530 ± 33	267 ± 2	
JAR7C-127	1106.9	524 ± 0.7	726 ± 15	1792 ± 37	258.9 ± 1.7	0.1507 ± 0.0005	13842 ± 53	13810 ± 57	269 ± 2	
JAR7D-5	989	2079 ± 4	521 ± 11	10017 ± 210	261.7 ± 1.8	0.1523 ± 0.0005	13970 ± 53	13964 ± 53	272 ± 2	
JAR7D-11	992.4	2041 ± 2	1336 ± 27	3896 ± 80	260.0 ± 1.3	0.1547 ± 0.0004	14219 ± 40	14204 ± 41	271 ± 1	
JAR7D-32	1009.9	2620 ± 2	1483 ± 31	4477 ± 94	240.7 ± 1.2	0.1537 ± 0.0005	14357 ± 49	14344 ± 50	251 ± 1	
JAR7D-35	1013.4	1218 ± 2	472 ± 10	6592 ± 133	247.2 ± 1.4	0.1549 ± 0.0003	14403 ± 33	14394 ± 33	257 ± 1	
JAR7D-50	1027.8	2139 ± 4	567 ± 11	9925 ± 201	235.8 ± 1.6	0.1596 ± 0.0004	15018 ± 44	15012 ± 44	246 ± 2	
JAR7D-80	1056.6	1829 ± 3	336 ± 7	15528 ± 316	257.8 ± 1.4	0.1730 ± 0.0003	16055 ± 39	16051 ± 39	270 ± 1	
JAR7D-85	1061.9	172.8 ± 0.2	40 ± 1	12642 ± 410	246.8 ± 1.4	0.1761 ± 0.0008	16518 ± 80	16513 ± 80	259 ± 2	
JAR7D-122	1097.4	2956 ± 7	7894 ± 9857	1041 ± 1300	269.9 ± 1.9	0.1686 ± 0.0062	15458 ± 611	15397 ± 617	282 ± 2	discarded age
JAR7D-130	1106.9	3705 ± 3	1542 ± 32	7346 ± 152	271.2 ± 1.3	0.1854 ± 0.0004	17095 ± 40	17086 ± 41	285 ± 1	
JAR7D-167	1142	2494 ± 4.5	555 ± 11	14085 ± 285	14085 ± 285	259.1 ± 1.8	17742 ± 55	17737 ± 55	272 ± 2	
JAR7D-200	1173.4	2681 ± 5	499 ± 12	17405 ± 409	17405 ± 409	0.1964 ± 0.0005	18534 ± 61	18530 ± 61	263 ± 2	

Stalagmite JAR14 (14 analysis)									
Sample name	positions in relationship to the first sampled point top (mm)	²³⁸ U (ppb)	²³² Th (ppt)	²³⁰ Th / ²³² Th (atomic x10 ⁻⁶)	d ²³⁴ U* (measured)	²³⁰ Th / ²³⁸ U (activity)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (uncorrected)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (corrected)	d ²³⁴ U _{initial} ** (corrected)
JAR14B-16	5.5	3970.3 ±5.6	371 ±9	28077 ±712	199.8 ±1.8	0.1591 ±0.0003	15449 ±41	15447 ±41	209 ±2
JAR14B-55	45	3223 ±8	371 ±7	23680 ±480	215.3 ±1.6	0.1652 ±0.0004	15861 ±51	15858 ±51	225 ±2
JAR14B-90	78	2301 ±5	3055 ±61	2159 ±43	244.3 ±1.5	0.1738 ±0.0004	16327 ±47	16296 ±52	256 ±2
JAR14B-108	107.8	1978 ±4	483 ±10	11675 ±245	220.9 ±1.7	0.1730 ±0.0005	16589 ±53	16583 ±53	231 ±2
JAR14B-133	131.2	1657 ±3	133 ±3	35937 ±819	214.0 ±1.5	0.1747 ±0.0004	16872 ±49	16870 ±49	224 ±2
JAR14C-10	141.7	2228 ±5	994 ±20	7139 ±145	244.3 ±1.9	0.1932 ±0.0005	18296 ±63	18285 ±63	257 ±2
JAR14C-40	170.7	1480 ±2	525 ±11	9828 ±200	329.1 ±1.6	0.2113 ±0.0005	18749 ±51	18741 ±51	347 ±2
JAR14C-50	182.7	1648 ±3	169 ±4	33098 ±724	287.4 ±1.8	0.2064 ±0.0005	18936 ±58	18934 ±58	303 ±2
JAR14C-70	202.7	1825 ±4	406 ±8	15180 ±311	250.6 ±2.2	0.2047 ±0.0006	19375 ±69	19370 ±69	265 ±2
JAR14C-97	229.7	1484 ±3	213 ±5	23809 ±528	236.2 ±1.8	0.2074 ±0.0007	19909 ±76	19906 ±76	250 ±2
JAR14C-153	286.7	1778 ±4	285 ±6	21865 ±457	229.6 ±2.5	0.2128 ±0.0006	20602 ±83	20598 ±83	243 ±3
JAR14C-205	336.7	2877 ±6	1280 ±26	8281 ±171	232.5 ±1.7	0.2234 ±0.0008	21672 ±92	21661 ±93	247 ±2
JAR14C-215	347.2	2208 ±3	528 ±11	15553 ±314	242.0 ±1.3	0.2254 ±0.0004	21700 ±47	21694 ±47	257 ±1
JAR14D-27	373.7	3177.7 ±4.6	837 ±18	14131 ±302	212.8 ±1.7	0.2258 ±0.0005	22333 ±60	22327 ±61	227 ±2

Stalagmite JAR13 (23 analysis)									
Sample name	positions in relationship to the first sampled point top (mm)	²³⁸ U (ppb)	²³² Th (ppt)	²³⁰ Th / ²³² Th (atomic x10 ⁻⁶)	d ²³⁴ U* (measured)	²³⁰ Th / ²³⁸ U (activity)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (uncorrected)	²³⁰ Th Age (yr) (corrected)	d ²³⁴ U _{initial} ** (corrected)
JAR13A-36	37.5	4438.3 ±7.5	155 ±7	94394 ±4053	81.7 ±1.6	0.1996 ±0.0004	22180 ±64	22180 ±64	87 ±2
JAR13A-58	61.5	3215 ±7	1136 ±23	9530 ±192	99.2 ±1.5	0.2043 ±0.0005	22359 ±72	22349 ±72	106 ±2
JAR13A-110	120	4582 ±12	211 ±4	73507 ±1532	90.7 ±1.5	0.2051 ±0.0006	22653 ±78	22652 ±78	97 ±2
JAR13A-130	136.5	5739 ±12	648 ±14	29171.8 ±652.3	86.5 ±1.8	0.1998 ±0.0006	22105 ±82	22101 ±82	92 ±2
JAR13A-145	154.5	3461 ±9	606 ±13	19756 ±410	105.3 ±1.7	0.2099 ±0.0007	22882 ±88	22877 ±88	112 ±2
JAR13A-131	160.04	2635 ±3.4	317 ±9	28513 ±794	95.5 ±1.5	0.2077 ±0.0006	22855 ±79	22852 ±79	102 ±2
JAR13A-150	184	3486 ±7	407 ±8	29430 ±604	90.9 ±1.3	0.2083 ±0.0005	23034 ±67	23031 ±67	97 ±1
JAR13A-240	276.84	2553 ±5	287 ±6	31212 ±643	89.0 ±1.3	0.2126 ±0.0004	23610 ±63	23607 ±63	95 ±1
JAR13A-281	318.4	3699 ±9	189 ±4	69157 ±1469	89.8 ±1.9	0.2144 ±0.0006	23816 ±87	23815 ±87	96 ±2
JAR13A-320	356.8	3602 ±9	188 ±4	68655 ±1430	95.1 ±1.5	0.2179 ±0.0006	24117 ±82	24116 ±82	102 ±2
JAR13A-375	411.2	4316 ±8	596 ±12	26279 ±534	94.4 ±1.6	0.2201 ±0.0005	24402 ±74	24399 ±74	101 ±2
JAR13A-397	435.2	3456 ±10	267 ±15	46748 ±2653	78.5 ±1.8	0.2190 ±0.0013	24680 ±172	24678 ±172	84 ±2
JAR13A-438	322.4	3320 ±7	262 ±5	46299 ±956	87.7 ±1.4	0.2216 ±0.0005	24768 ±73	24766 ±73	94 ±1
JAR13B-5	495.4	4245 ±13	623 ±13	25088 ±512	85.2 ±1.8	0.2231 ±0.0007	25024 ±104	25020 ±104	91 ±2
JAR13B-65	554.6	4090 ±12	264 ±6	57768 ±1215	90.3 ±1.8	0.2262 ±0.0007	25274 ±105	25272 ±105	97 ±2
JAR13B-115	605.8	3896 ±13	290 ±6	50979 ±1061	96.4 ±2.1	0.2305 ±0.0008	25647 ±118	25645 ±118	104 ±2
JAR13B-170	658.6	3912 ±12	265 ±6	56852 ±1190	94.9 ±1.9	0.2332 ±0.0008	26021 ±113	26019 ±113	102 ±2
JAR13B-174	209.6	3897.1 ±7.5	125 ±6	117741 ±6033	87.3 ±1.9	0.2299 ±0.0006	25822 ±88	25821 ±88	94 ±2
JAR13B-183	710.9	4170.9 ±7.2	222 ±7	71865 ±2379	80.2 ±1.7	0.2315 ±0.0005	26224 ±81	26223 ±81	86 ±2
JAR13B-245	772.4	3983 ±10	235 ±5	66364 ±1345	85.2 ±1.6	0.2371 ±0.0007	26788 ±100	26787 ±100	92 ±2
JAR13B-305	832.4	4153 ±10	252 ±5	64928 ±1315	80.1 ±1.7	0.2391 ±0.0007	27197 ±101	27195 ±101	87 ±2
JAR13B-338	863.9	3391.9 ±6.1	487 ±11	27388.2 ±645.6	81.1 ±1.9	0.238465 ±0.00056	27088 ±92	27084 ±92	88 ±2
JAR13B-405	932.9	3762 ±10	619 ±12	24449 ±494	76.1 ±1.8	0.2440 ±0.0007	27953 ±104	27948 ±104	82 ±2

$$\alpha_{\delta^{234}\text{U}} = ([^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}]_{\text{activity}} - 1) \times 1000.$$

$\beta_{\delta^{234}\text{U}_{\text{initial}}}$ corrected was calculated based on ²³⁰Th age (T), i.e., $\delta^{234}\text{U}_{\text{initial}} = \delta^{234}\text{U}_{\text{measured}} \times e^{\lambda_{234} \times T}$, and T is corrected age.

^c $[\frac{^{230}\text{Th}}{^{238}\text{U}}]_{\text{activity}} = 1 - e^{-\lambda_{230}T} + (\delta^{234}\text{U}_{\text{measured}}/1000)[\lambda_{230}/(\lambda_{230} - \lambda_{234})](1 - e^{-(\lambda_{230} - \lambda_{234})T})$, where T is the age.

Decay constants are $9.1577 \times 10^{-6} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ²³⁰Th, $2.8263 \times 10^{-6} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ²³⁴U, and $1.55125 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ²³⁸U (Cheng et al., 2000).

^d The degree of detrital ²³⁰Th contamination is indicated by the $[\frac{^{230}\text{Th}}{^{232}\text{Th}}]$ atomic ratio instead of the activity ratio.

^e Age corrections were calculated using an average crustal ²³⁰Th/²³²Th atomic ratio of $4.4 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.2 \times 10^{-6}$.

Those are the values for a material at secular equilibrium, with the crustal ²³²Th/²³⁸U value of 3.8. The errors are arbitrarily assumed to be 50%.

sample name	Number of isotopic analyses	Number of U-Th ages	mean resolution (years)	Period covered (years BP*)
JAR7	1924	43	6.8	5550 - 18660
JAR14	863	14	8	15395 - 22370
JAR13	603	23	10	21915 - 27970

Table S2. Number of isotopic analyses and U-Th ages, resolution and period covered by the stalagmites that compose the JAR record. (*) The year of 2014 (C.E) is considered the present year.

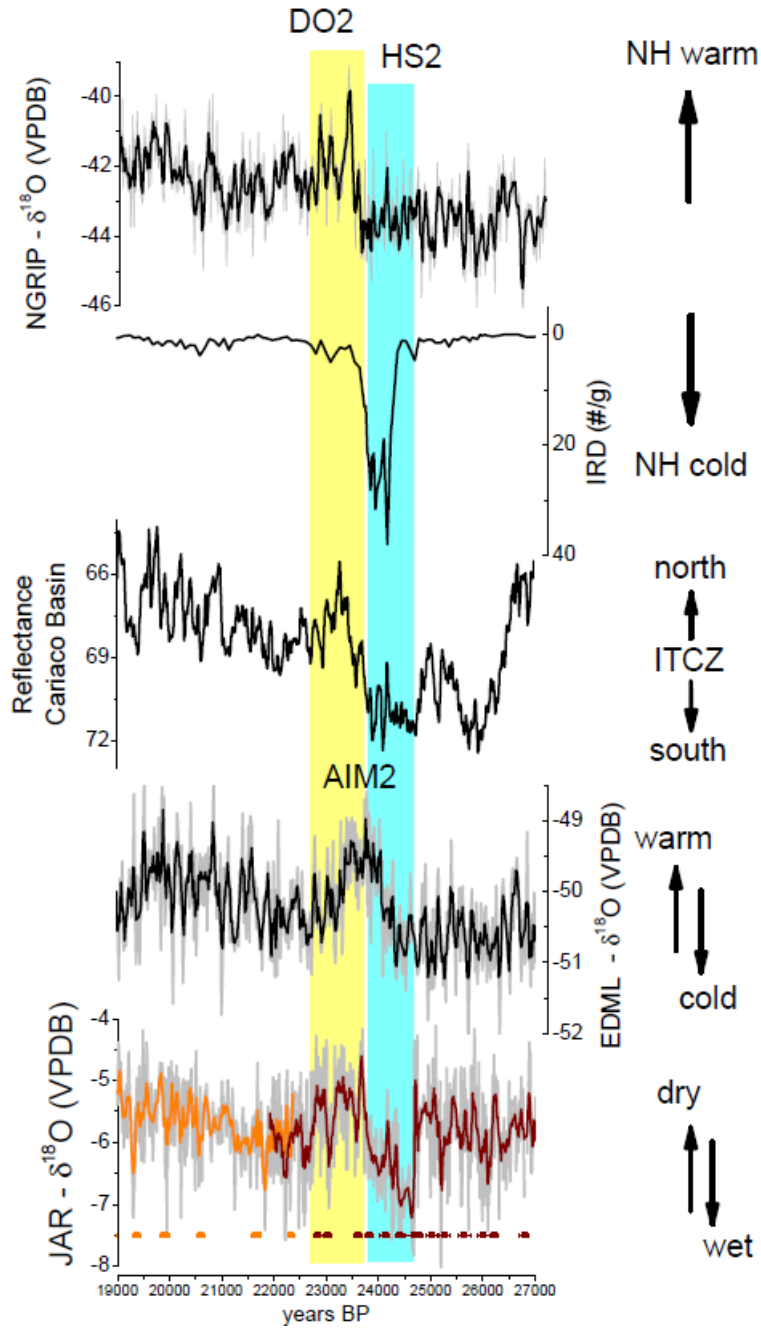


Figure S7. Comparison of paleoclimate records documenting the AIM2 and HS2 events. Detailed comparison of AIM2 recorded in JAR record (smooth line represents 9-point running mean) with EDML ice core (3-point running mean) from Antarctica², reflectance of sedimentary core record from Cariaco Basin³, Ice-Rafted Debris (IRD) content in ocean sediment⁴ and NGRIP $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ice core record (3-point running mean) from Greenland⁵.

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