

# Long-term homogenised precipitation data sets for Norway

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# **Objectives**

- Establish a quality assurance tools to identify and adjust for homogeneity breaks
- Develop methodology to generate "homogenized" daily values of precipitation and temperature for given locations
- Produce homogenized monthly and daily values of temperature and precipitation for a number of long climate series
- Faciliate analysis by providing homogenized data to external users

# **Background for this work**

- Cooperation on the field of homogenization of the Norwegian meteorological institute and Czech hydrometeorological institute (past, around 2004 - 2010, air temperature) and Global Change Research Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences (now, 2016 - X, precipitation)
- Air temperature records finished in the last years (Home.R, MASH), now the task is precipitation
- Homogenization results applying SNHT, Home.R and MASH
- New results (for precipitation):
  - November 2016, the first version
  - March 2017, cleaned version from main problems (detected in the first version, time shift etc.)

#### **Precipitation homogenization, past**

- About 20 years ago (1991-96) the SNHT method was used on some Norwegian annual precipitation series and monthly temperature series.
- The first results were presented in the DNMI report KLIMA publications (Hanssen-Bauer et al. 1991) and (Førland and Hanssen-Bauer, 1992, in Norwegian).
- The last one was published in English in 1994 (Hanssen-Bauer and Førland).
- In the first one 151 annual precipitation series of 75 years length were tested; 52 stations were classified as homogeneous, 99 with at least one break point

Homogenizing Long Norwegian Precipitation Series. Source: I. Bauer-Hanssen and E.J. Førland, MET NO *AMS* 1994 (7) No. 6



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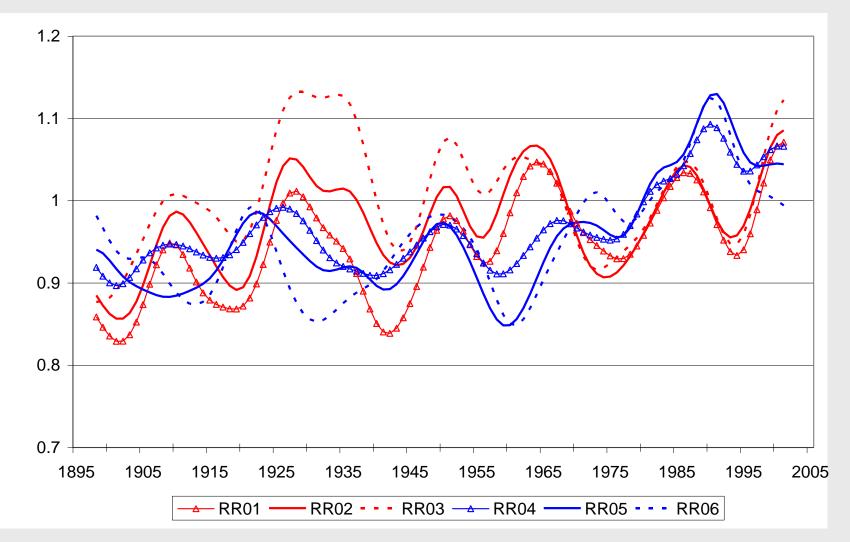
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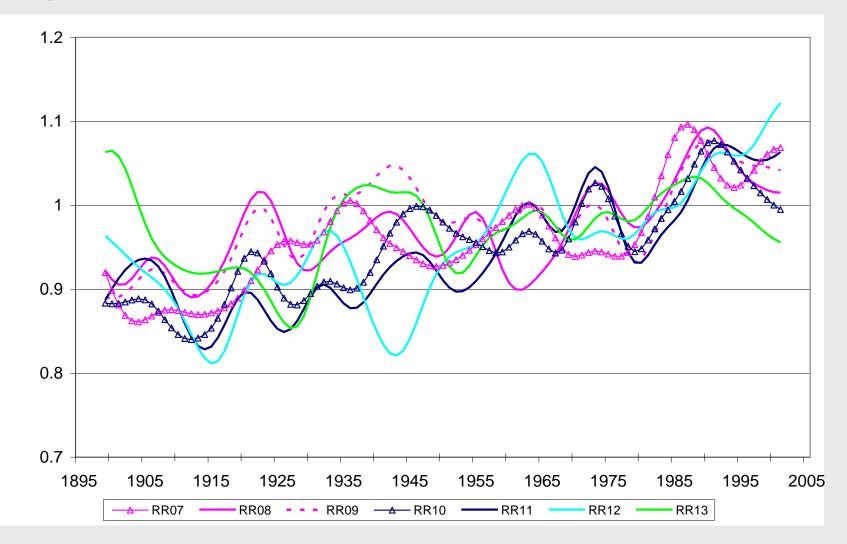


The norwegian precipitation regions

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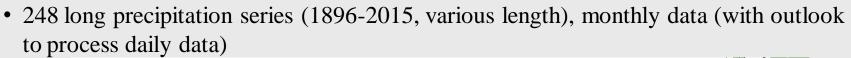


#### Regional precipitation the last 100 years Region 7-13



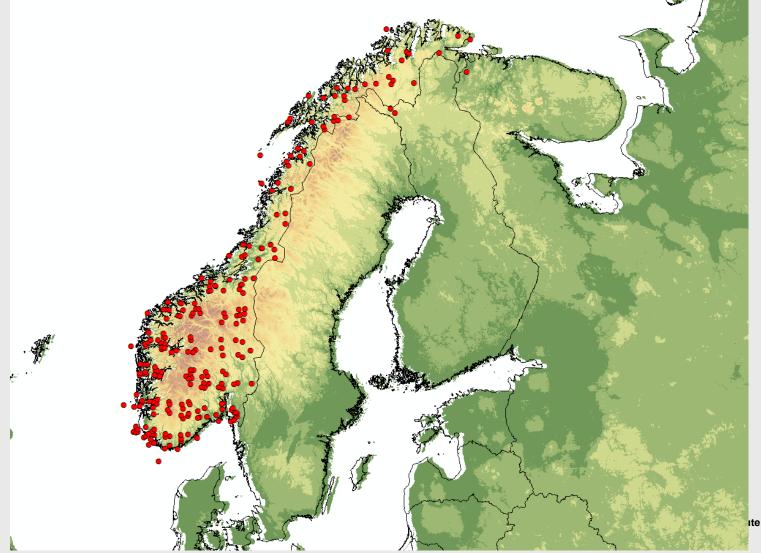
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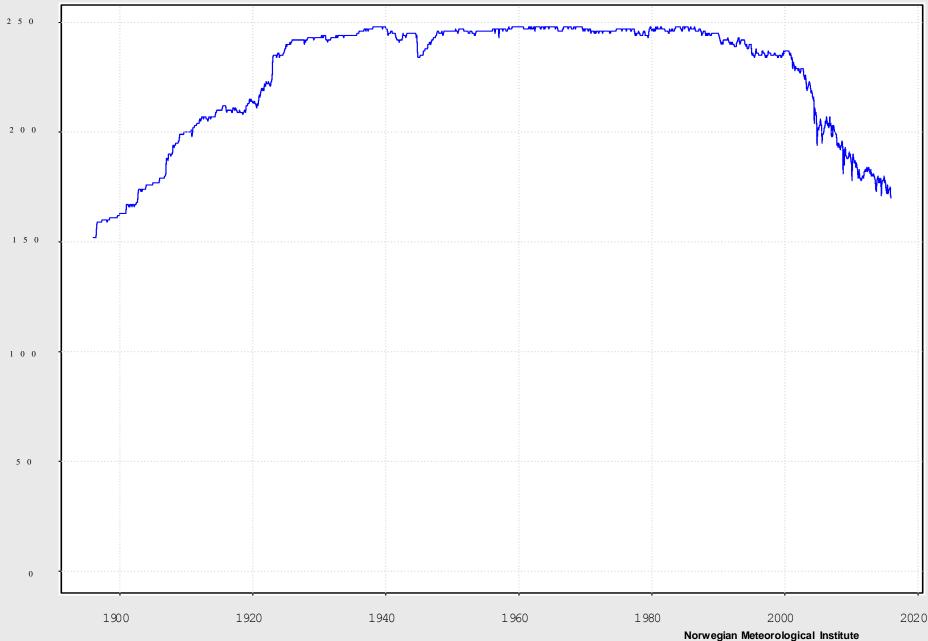


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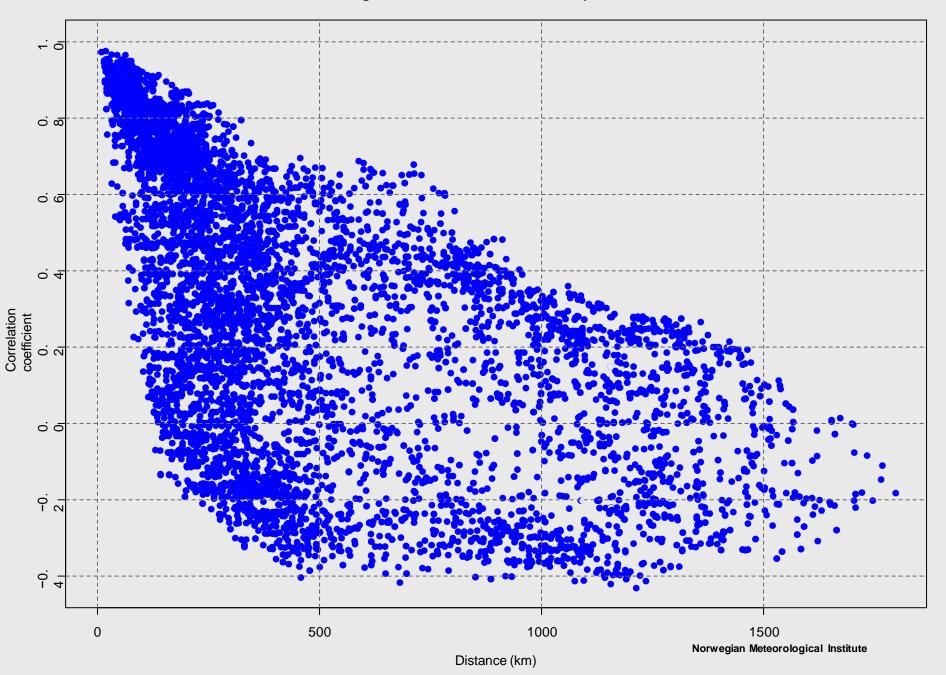
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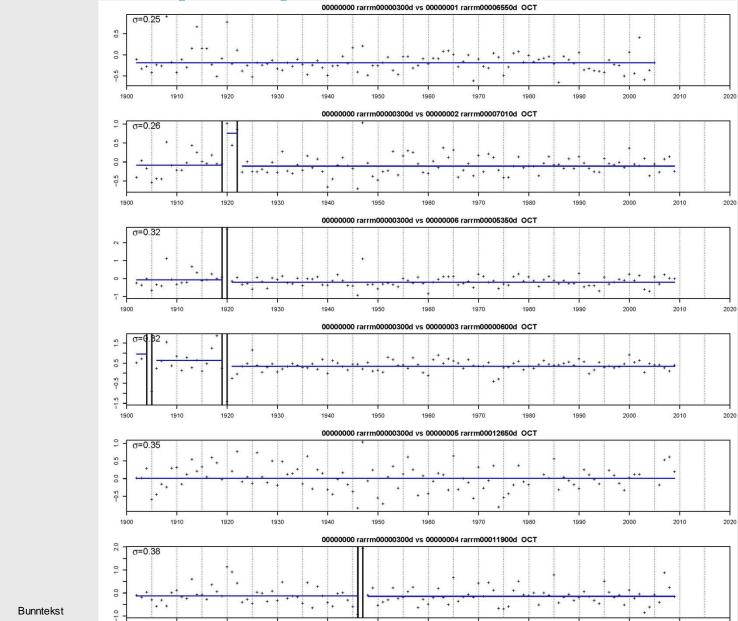
Correlogram of first difference 100 sampled series



#### Precipitation homogenization, update

- Home.R and MASH applied in the first step
- But Home.R (applying former definition of the regions): even if it worked excellently for air temperature, it was not the case for precipitation (finding outliers, finding breaks, ... )
- Only MASH could be used so far
- Need to compare it with another independent source (verification): AnClim + ProClim DB solution

#### **Other Home.R precipitation issues**



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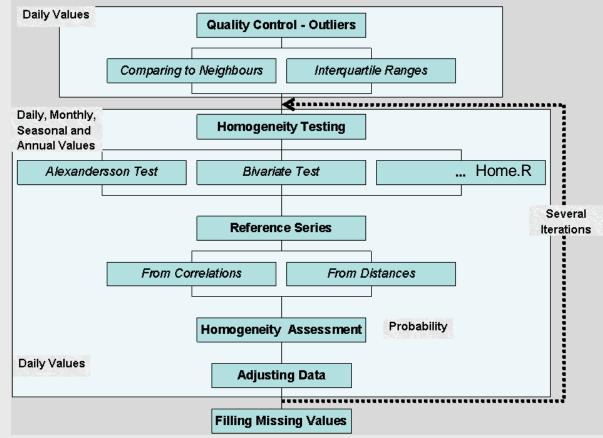
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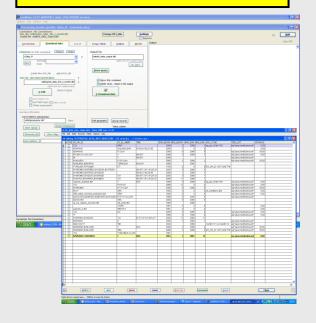
#### Homogenization using AnClim and ProClimDB

- Being developed since 1996
- Combination of several methods (break detection & correction, spatial interpolation)
- Experience with data from other countries (Slovakia, Austria, Germany, USA, Croatia, Bhutan and others)



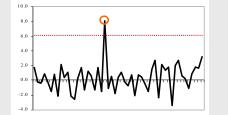
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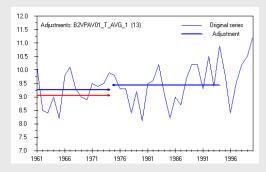




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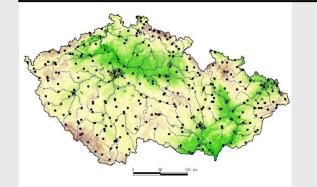
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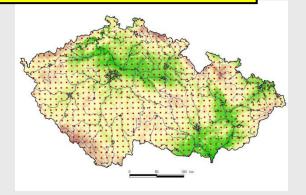




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(ProClimDB)





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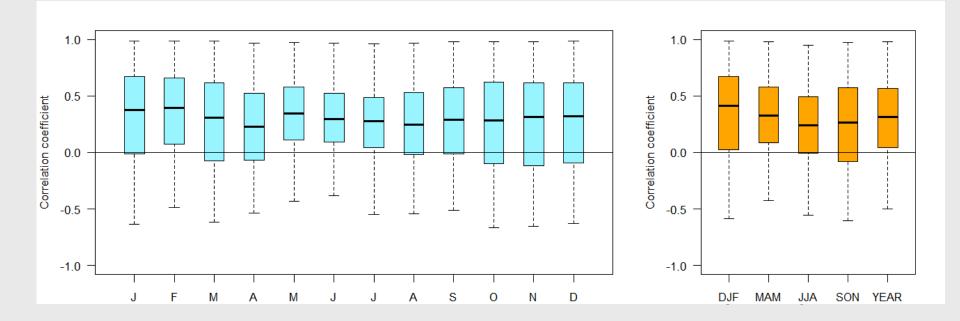
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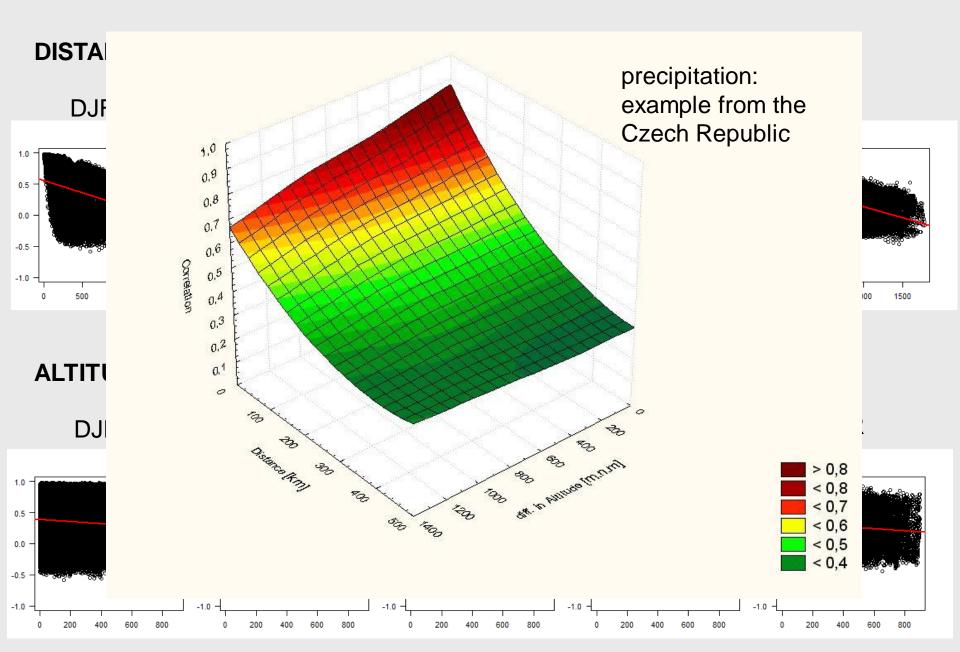
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## **Spatial dependence**

- A strong spatial dependence is crucial for successful homogenization
- Precipitation may occur very locally
- With distance and higher altitude difference, correlations drops quickly down
- In case of Norway we find the strongest dependence in winter and lowest in summer or autumn. From individual months, the weakest correlation is in April

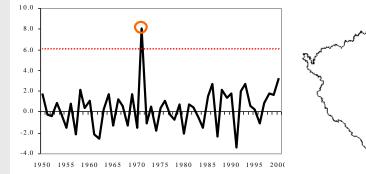


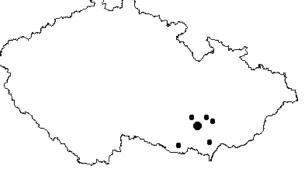
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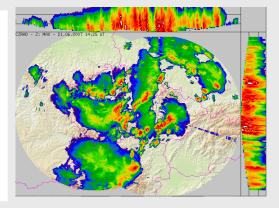


# **Data Quality Control**

• Own approach, combination of several methods







Interquartile ranges

Comparing with neighbours Comparing with expected values

Comparing with radar information (not possible for Norway)

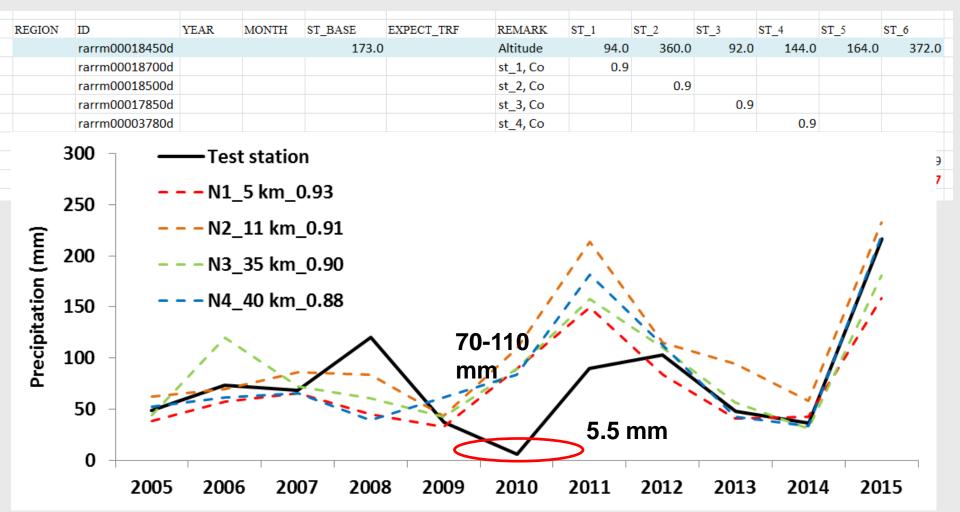
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T_03:30	O3PRER01_T_03:30			Ī			st_3, di			59,12			
T_03:30	O2OLOM01_T_03:30						st_4, di				62,88		
T_03:30	O1CERV01_T_03:30						st_5, di					91,95	
T_03:30	B2BTUR01_T_03:30	2006	6	25	27,30	17,28		17,30	16,10	15,50	15,80	16,10	-7

## **Data quality control**

		Year/ Month	Te valu	est E Jes v	Expect values	Ν	leight	oours	statio	ons		
REGION	ID	YEAR	MONTH	ST_BASE	EXPECT_TRF	REMARK	ST_1	ST_2	ST_3	ST_4	ST_5	ST_6
	rarrm00018450			173		Altitude	94.0			144.0	164.0	372.0
	rarrm00018700	)d				st_1, Co	0.9			Dict	ance	
	rarrm00018500	)d				st_2, Co		0.9		DISL	ance	
	rarrm00017850	)d				st_3, Co	<u>Co</u>	rrelatio	<b>n</b> 0.9			
	rarrm00003780	Dd				st_4, Co	00	relatio		0.9		
	rarrm00004050	)d				st_5, Co					0.9	
	rarrm00020520	)d				st_6, Co						0.9
	rarrm00018450	Dd 2010	) 9	9 5	<mark>.5</mark> 85.4	.07	89.1	109.5	89.5	83.5	71.3	79.7
	00000000			070	0	Altitude	720.0	020.0	100.0	474.0	(20.0	000.0
	rarrm00029600 rarrm00025300			870	.0		720.0		166.0	474.0	628.0	890.0
	rarrm00029800					st_1, Co	0.9	0.9				
	rarrm00029800					st_2, Co		0.9	0.9			
	rarrm00024890					st_3, Co st_4, Co			0.9	0.8		
	rarrm00022730					st_4, Co st_5, Co				0.0	0.8	
	rarrm00022840					st_5, Co st_6, Co					0.8	0.8
	rarrm00029600		' 6	5 173	<mark>.8</mark> 82.5		74.2	70.0	59.6	137.5	68.3	92.1
	rarrm00039750	Dd		207	.0	Altitude	278.0	504.0	220.0	295.0	151.0	245.0
	rarrm00041480	)d				st_1, Co	0.9					
	rarrm00041550	)d				st_2, Co		0.9				
	rarrm00038800	)d				st_3, Co			0.9			
	rarrm00037740	)d				st_4, Co				0.9		
	rarrm00039220	)d				st_5, Co					0.9	
	rarrm00038600	)d				st_6, Co						0.9
	rarrm00039750	0d 2011		9 49	<mark>.2</mark> 201.8	65	307.0	266.5	223.8	179.0	289.1	183.5

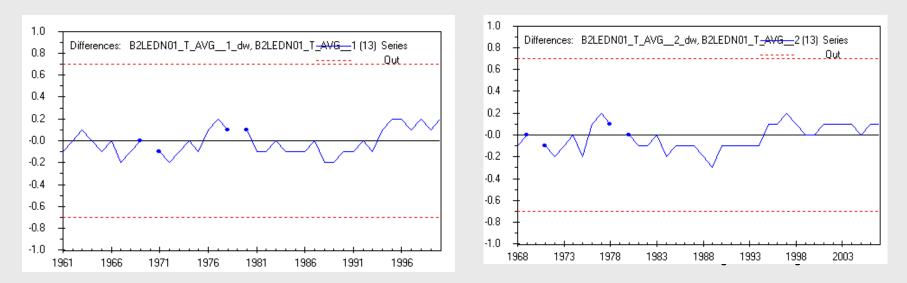
## **Data quality control**

- 22 suspicious values detected in first version
- 19 suspicious values detected in second clean-up version



## Homogenization

- Detection monthly data
- Two types of reference series
  - one reference series calculated from the nearest or the best correlated neighbours stations
  - **Pair-wise detection** comparison with each neighbours station individually
- SNHT, Bivariate and t-test, and Home.R



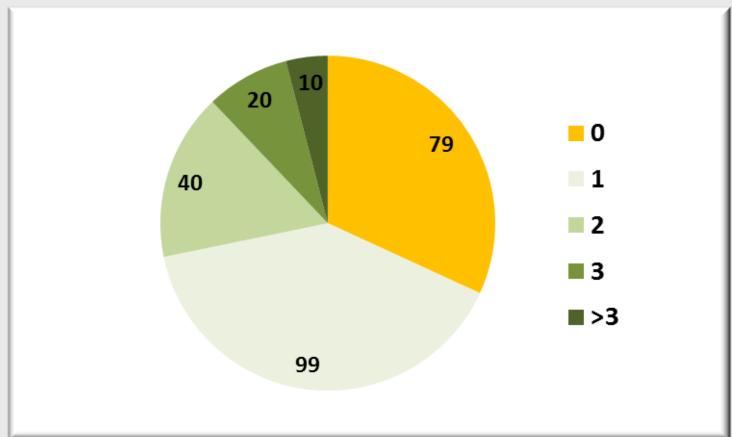
## Homogenization

• Ensemble approach – results from many tests, for all month, seasons and annual value

Test	Ref	Ι	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х	XI	XII	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut	Year
Α	avg	1927	1929	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
Α			1930															
Α	corr	1927	1927	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
Α				1939		1938	1939	1940	1922						1937	1937		1935
Α	dist	1927	1928	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
Α			1930								1940							1918
В	avg	1927	1928	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
В									1922									
В	corr	1927	1927	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
В				1936		1938	1939	1944	1922					1935	1937	1937		1935
В									1937									
В	dist	1927	1928	1927	1927	1927	1928	1927	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1927	1927	1927	1926	1927
В		1930									1940			1931			1913	1918
V	corr													1927			1926	
V															1937	1922		1935
V																1937		
V	dist													1927	1927	1927		
V																		1918

#### **Homogenization - results**

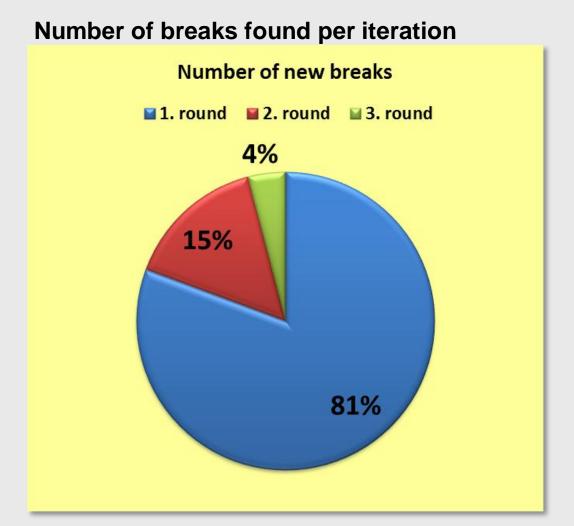
- 1st version: 245 stations and 307 detected breaks
- 2nd version (cleanup): 248 stations and 222 detected breaks



#### Number of stations with given number of breaks

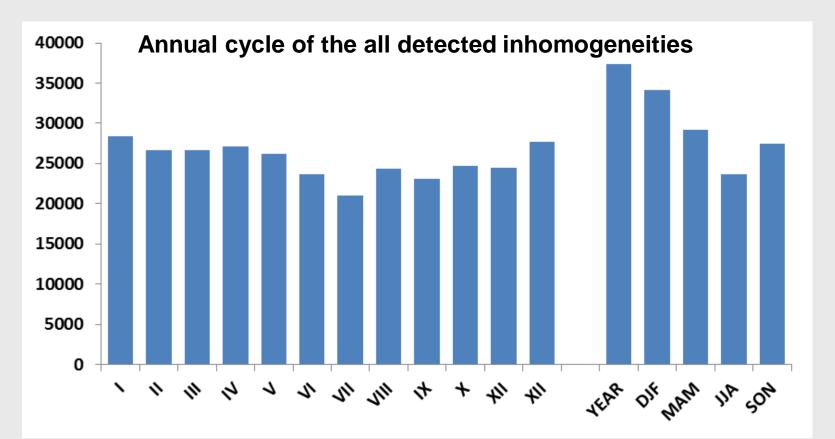
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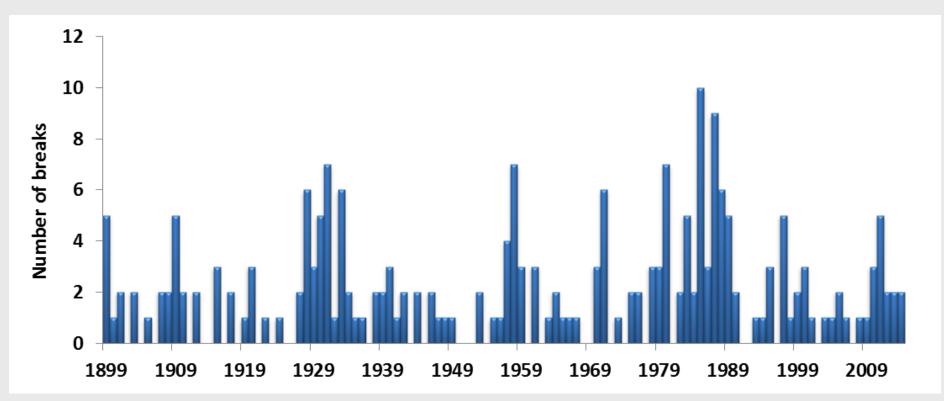
## **Inhomogeneities detection**

- Large number of detections (tens of thousands)
- It is necessary to establish threshold significance (empirically or through testing)
- Most inhomogeneities are detected in winter months and in annual values

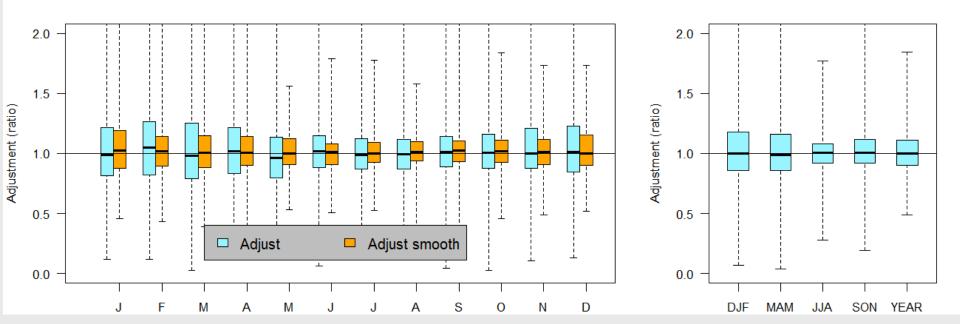


#### **Inhomogeneities detection**

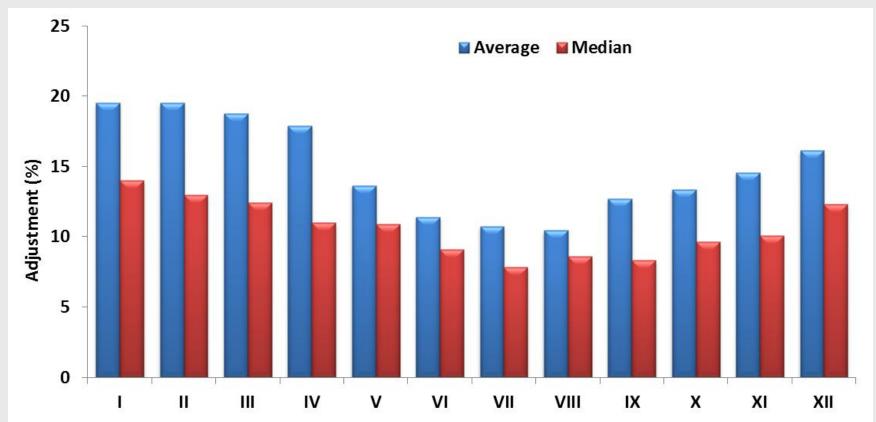
#### Number of breaks in individual years



- Reference series calculated from 5 neighbours best correlated or nearest stations
- Correction factor is calculated from differences 20 years before and after breaks
- Final correction factor is smooth by Gauss low pass filter for individual month
- Normally we use own method for correcting daily data, in this phase we used only monthly data

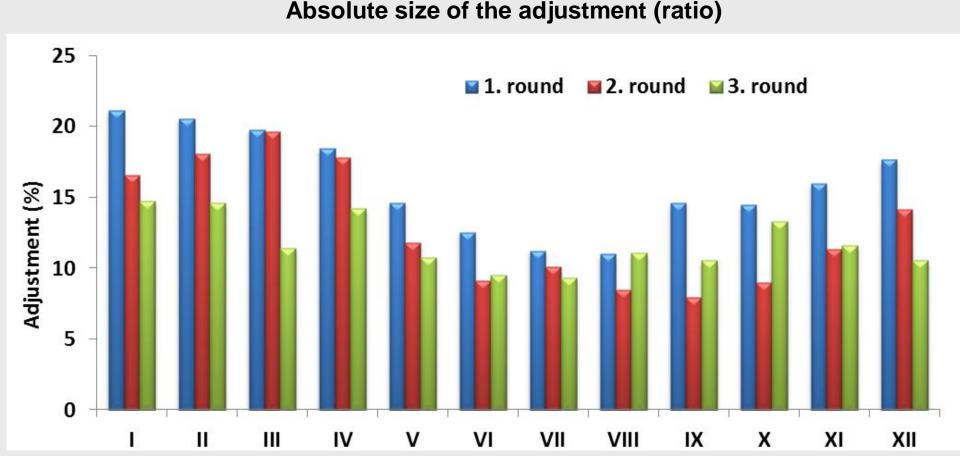


- Average absolute size is much higher than median mainly in winter months
- Average correction factor is 14.9 % and median is 10.6 %
- In winter months correction is two times higher than in summer

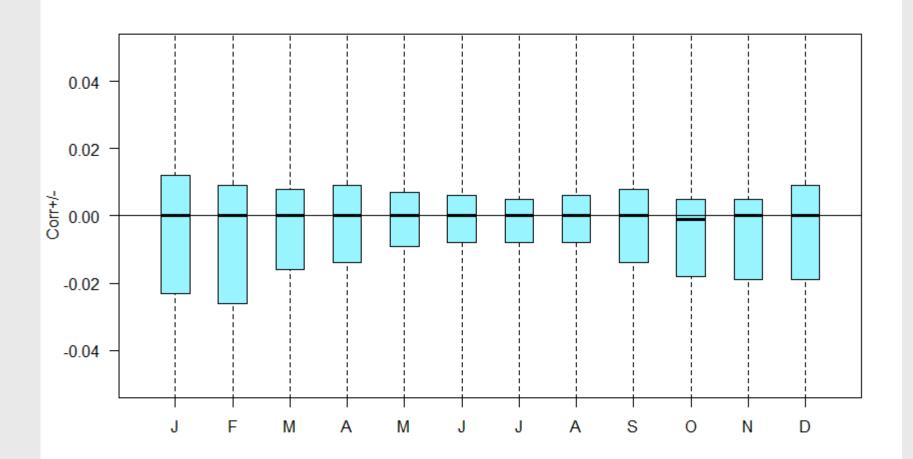


#### Absolute size of the adjustment (ratio)

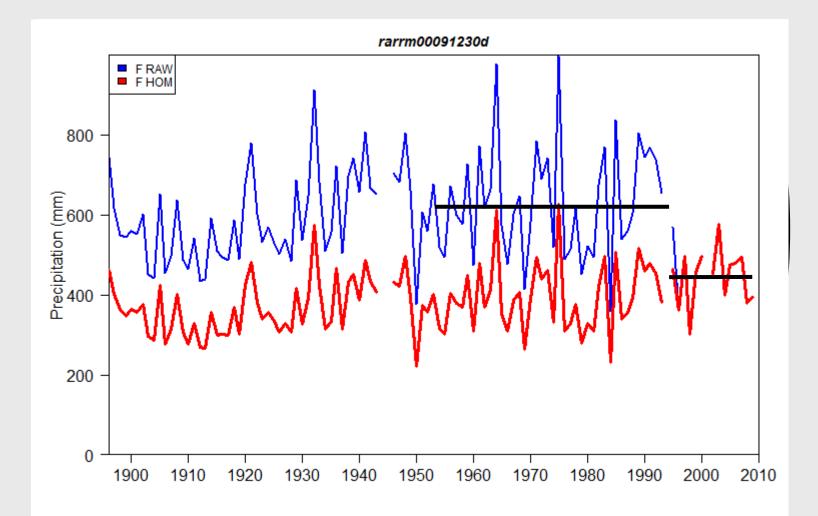
- Correction factor was higher in the 1st iteration of detection/correction (largest breaks were detected in the 1st iteration)
- 1st iteration (16.8 %), 2nd iteration (12.8 %), 3rd iteration (11.8 %)



Change of the correlations after adjustment (in case of negative correlations, the series were not adjusted)



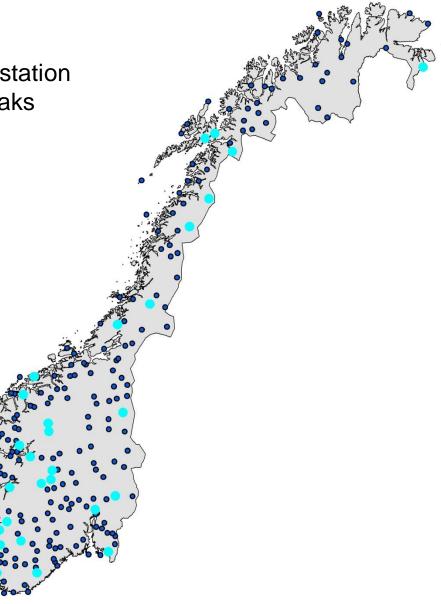
#### **Homogenization – new series**

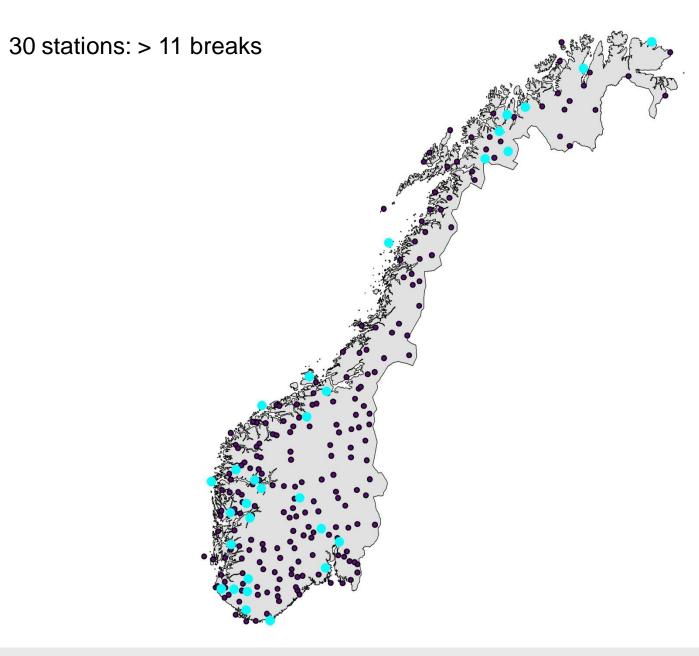


#### **MASH homogenization results**

#### 1314 Breaks

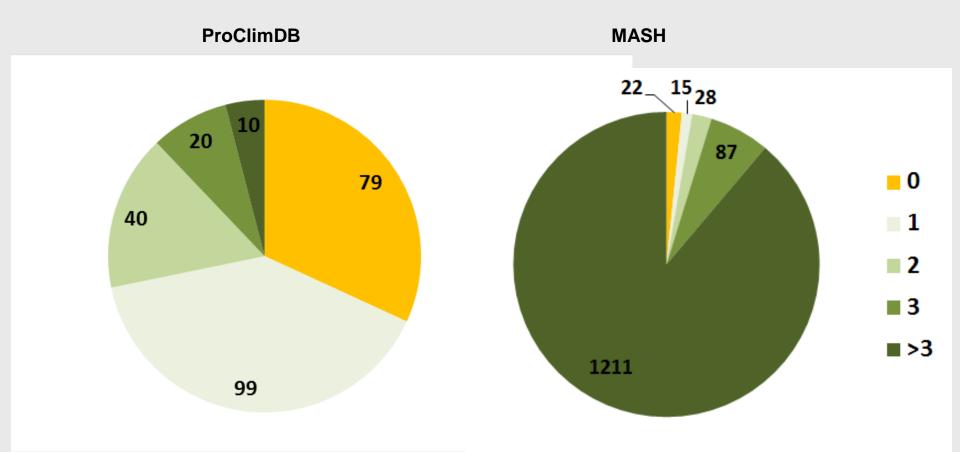
- Average 5,2 breaks pr station
- 30 stations without breaks





## **Comparison with MASH results**

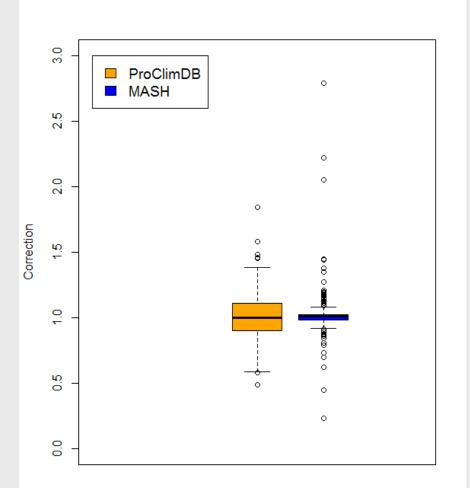
#### Number of stations with given number of breaks



# **Comparison with MASH results**

Inhomogeneities adjustment (correction factor)

- ProClimDB:
  - Average is 14.9 %
  - median is 10.6 %
- MASH (six times more breaks):
  - Average is 3,9 %
  - median is 2.0%



#### **Lesson Learned**

Won knowledge and experience with state-of-the-art algorithms for homogeneity testing (Home.R, MASH)

The algorithms are essentially suitable, but must be interpreted and compared carefully with metadata series.

Important to analyze annual, seasonal and monthly values.

Benefit to apply various algorithms, provide more robust detection of violations.

Homogenization of daily values are important (tails of the frequency distribution and extreme values) - it will be the next step





#### **Thanks for the attention!**

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