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Homogenization of monthly precipitation series in Norway

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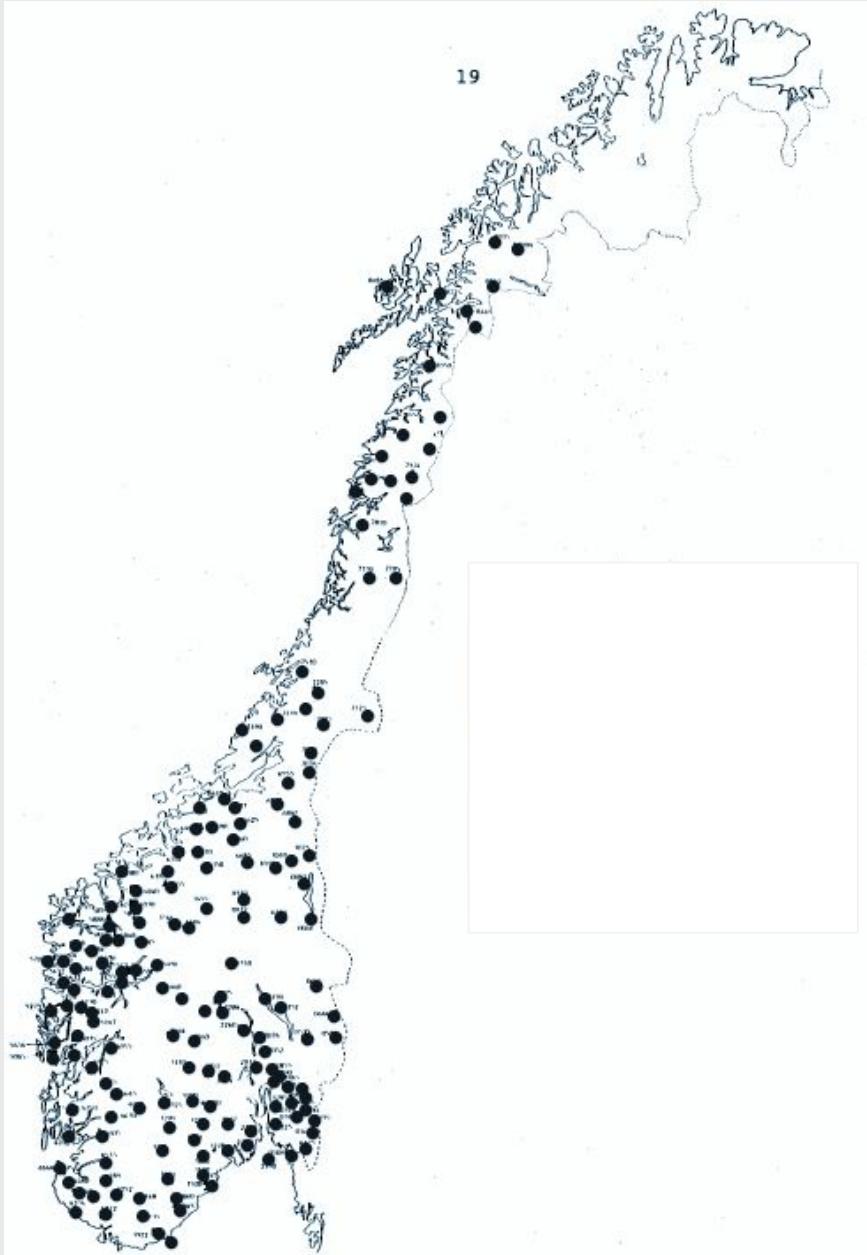
Previous work

165 precipitation series

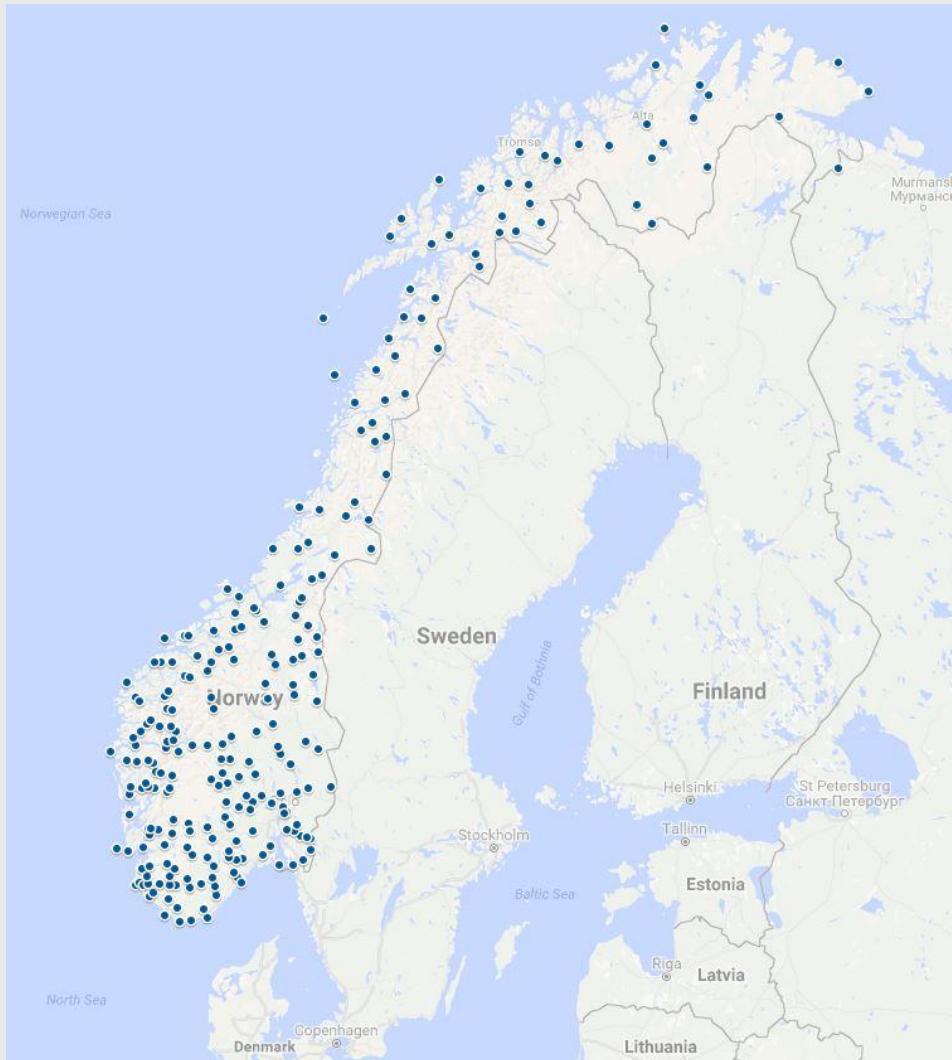
Long-term series (>75 years)
1895-1991

Double mass analysis
SNHT

Førland & Hanssen-Bauer 1992



Current work



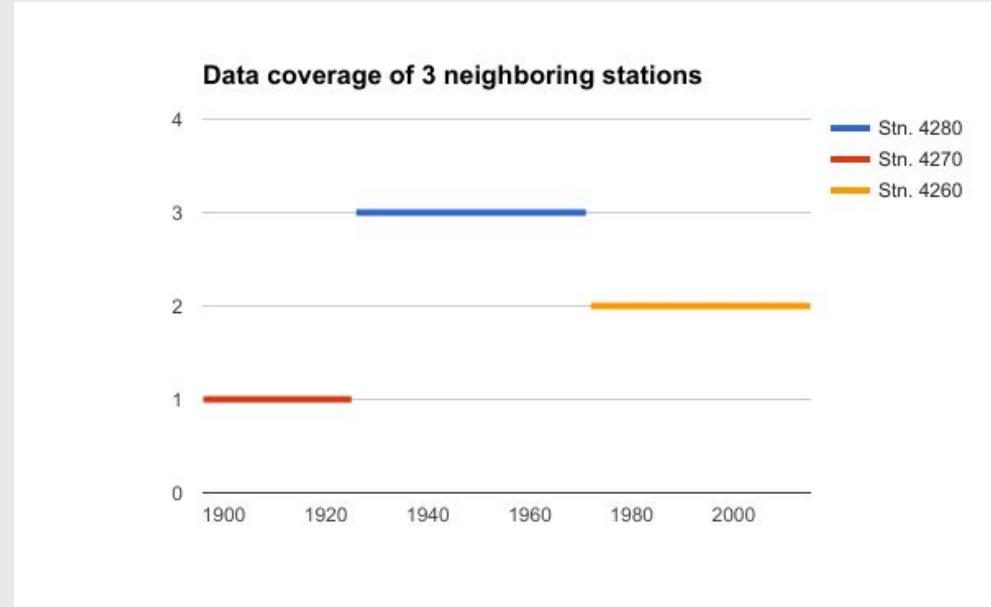
248 series

>80 years

1896-2015

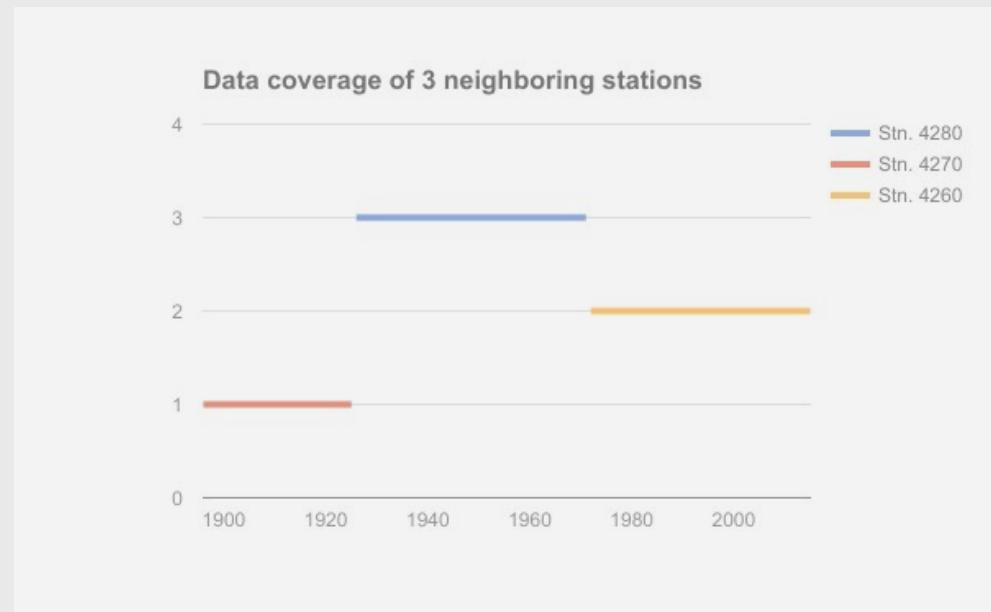
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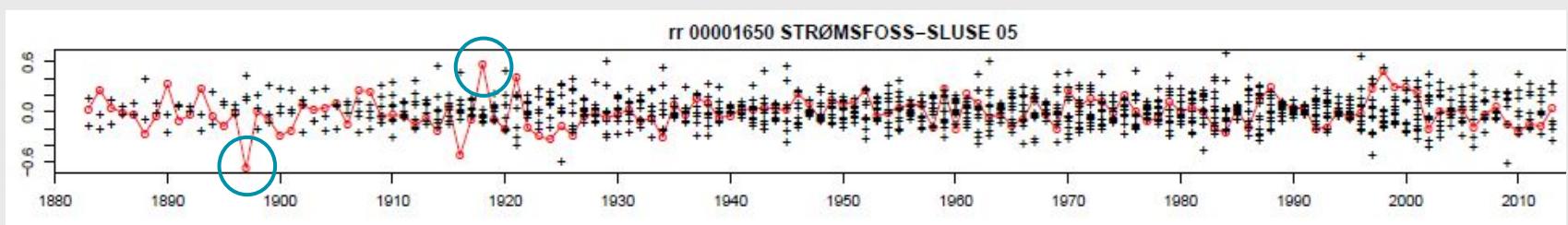


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Quality control



Softwares



Multiple Analysis of Series for Homogenization
(M A S H v3.03)



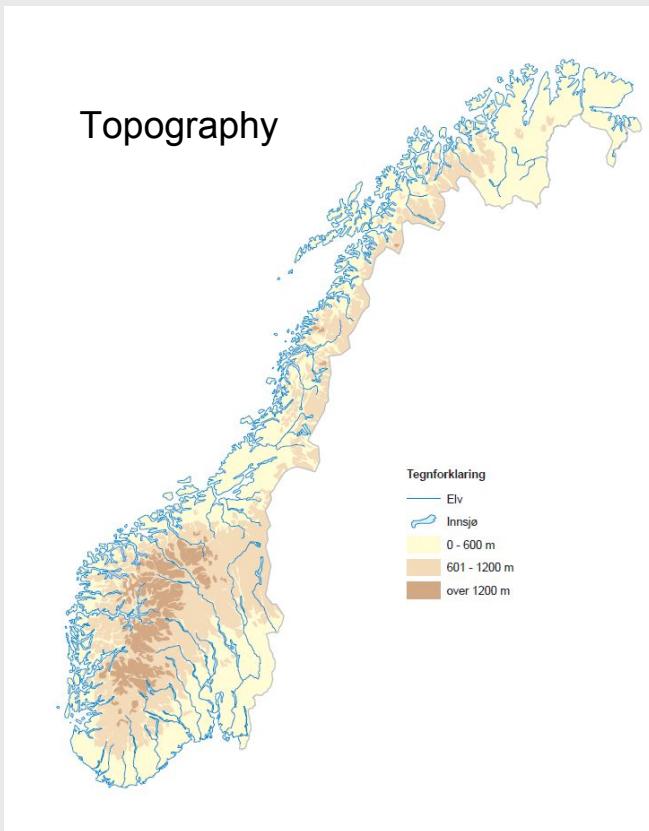
HOMER

Climatol

ProClimDB

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Photo: Ingve Djuvik



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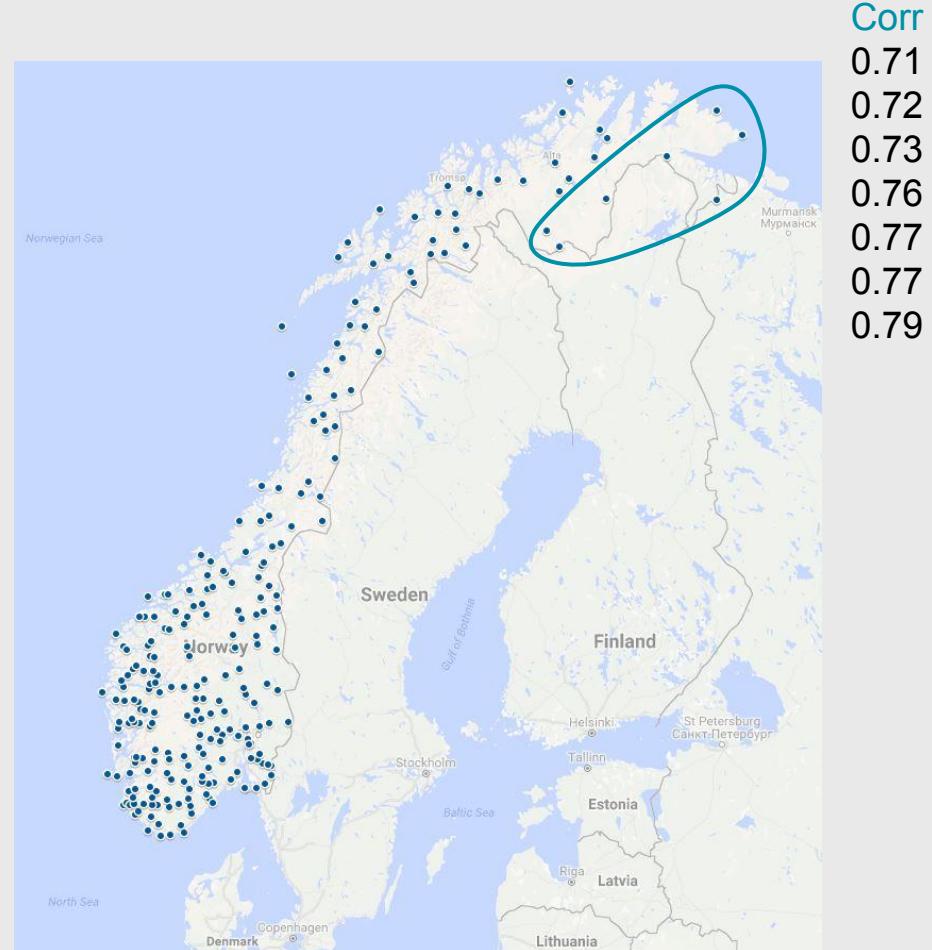
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- noise
- low correlations
- outliers detected as inhomogeneity

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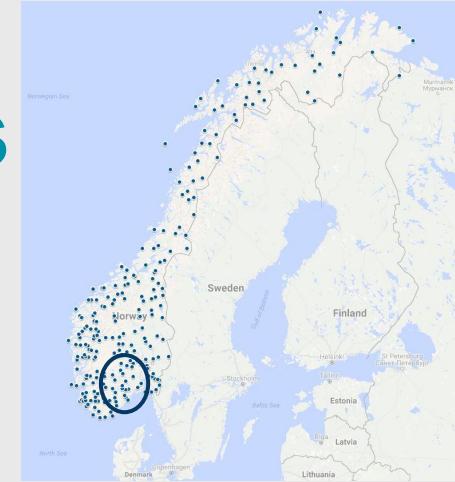
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Metadata

Comparison of test results



Tørdal

Break year	MASH	HOMER	Metadata
1898	0.97		missing
1919	1.01	1.07 (1920)	missing
1931	1.01		missing
1950	1.01	1.09 (1952)	Relocation 1952
1958	0.99		outlier may 1959
1959	1.01		outlier may 1959

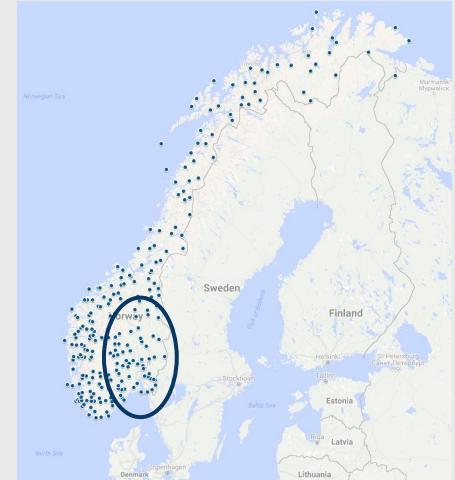
Some preliminary results

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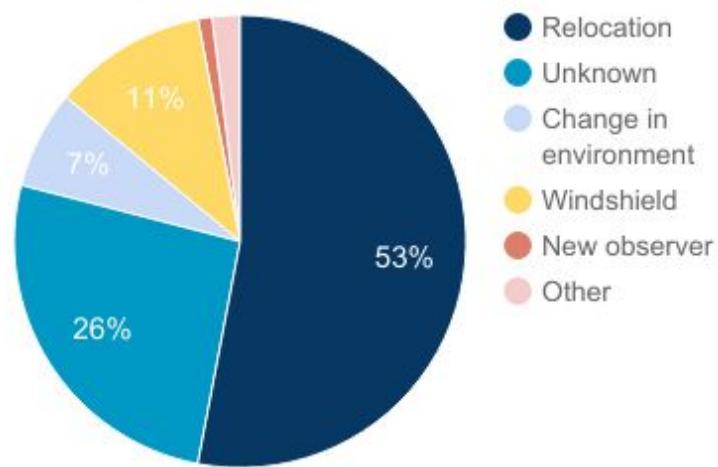
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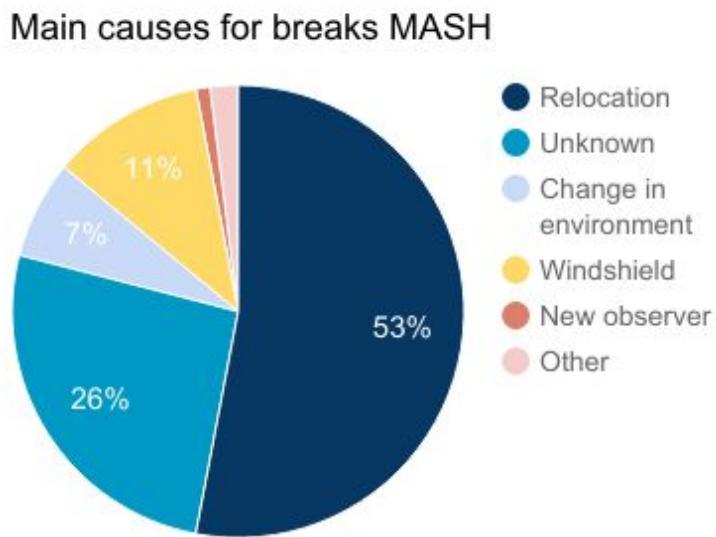
Main causes for breaks MASH



Some preliminary results

Windshields installed at 46 of 70 stations

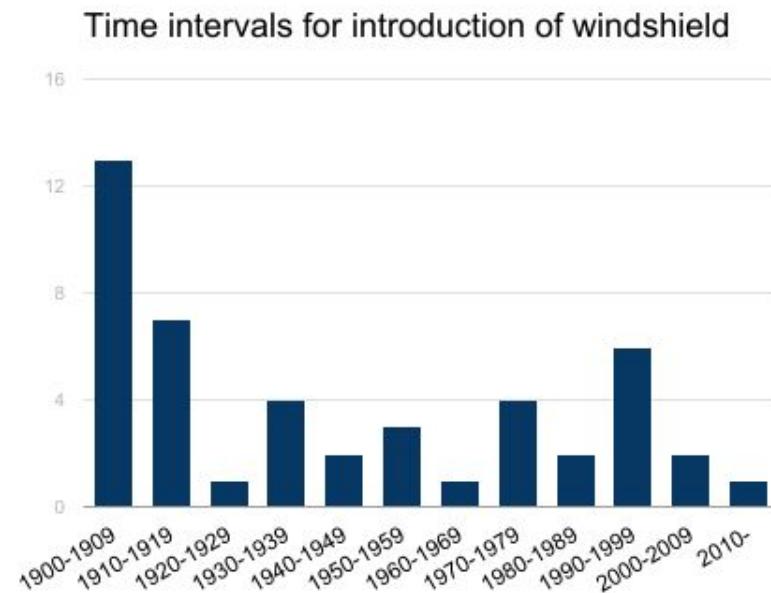
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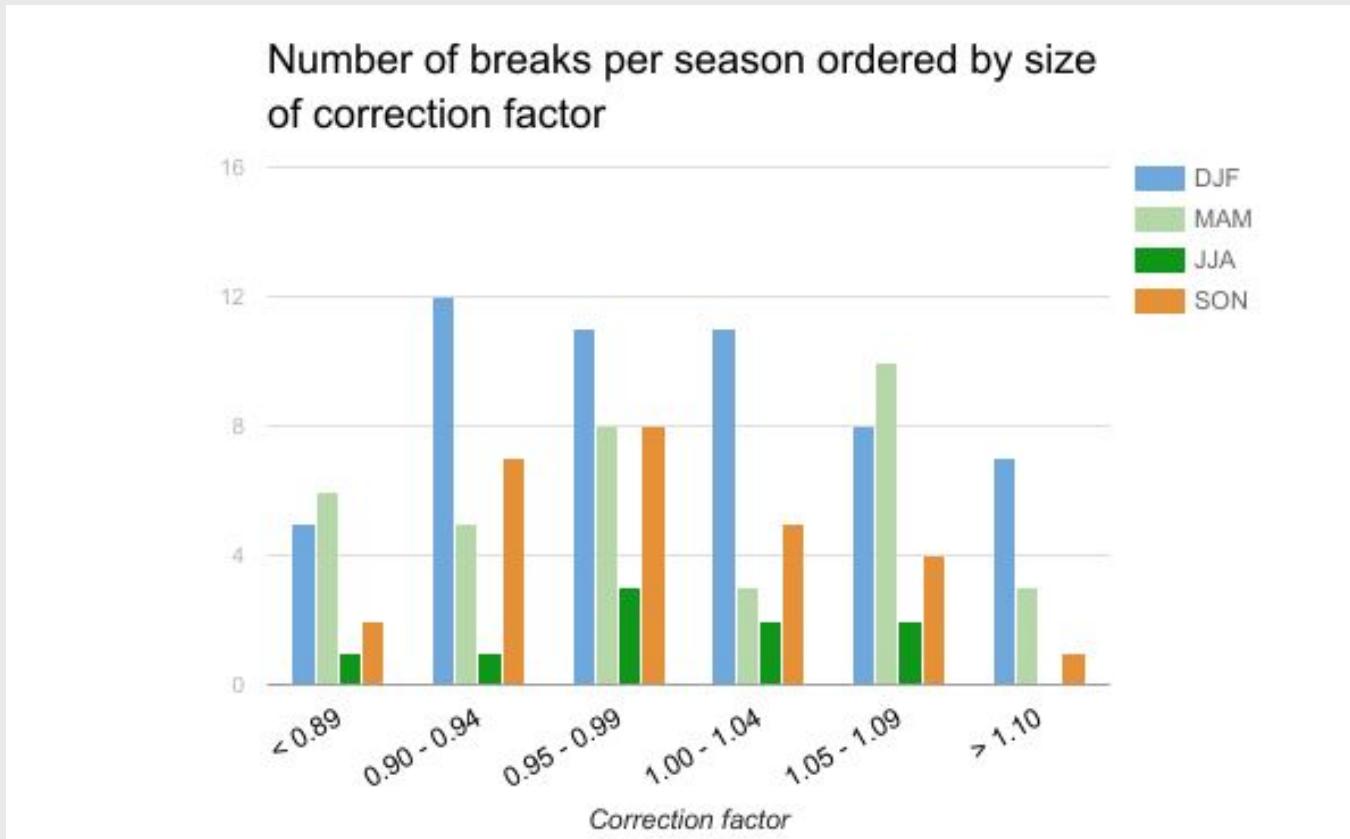
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Outlook

Finish MASH and metadata

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Thank you for your attention!