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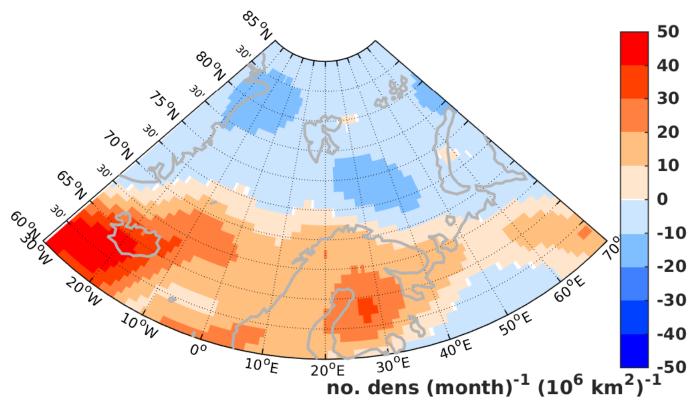
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- Total precipitation (*Ptot*) OND 1979-2014 over the Nordic Seas from ERA-Interim
- 2. Standardization: $Ptot_{yr,standardized} = \frac{Ptot_{yr} \mu_{Ptot}}{\sigma_{Ptot}}$
- 3. Wet seasons:
 - $Ptot_{vr,standardized} \ge +1 STD$
 - [1983, 1986, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013]
- 1. Dry seasons:
 - $Ptot_{yr,standardized} \leq -1 STD$
 - [1987, 1989, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2010]
- 1. Cyclone tracking and statistics (TRACK)



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- 1. Precipitation mainly from cyclones in the North Atlantic Ocean, Norwegian and Baltic seas.
- 2. More Arctic cyclones in dry seasons.

