

# Climate science: strong in 2009, stronger in 2025

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The central focus of attribution science is **understanding and quantifying the role human-caused climate change is playing** in changing environmental hazards and their consequences.

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## Human contribution to the European heatwave of 2003

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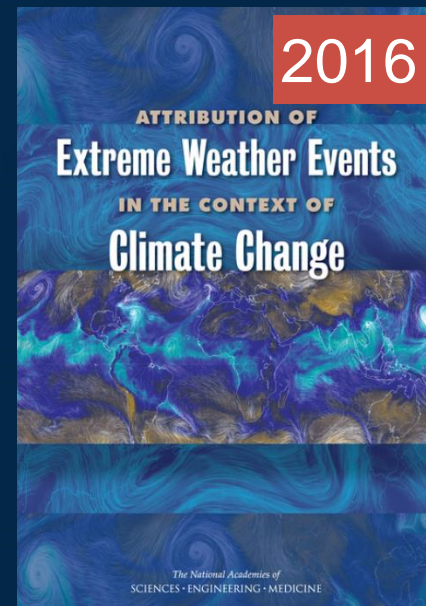
Climate change likely increased extreme monsoon rainfall, flooding highly vulnerable communities in Pakistan



Without human-caused climate change temperatures of 40°C in the UK would have been extremely unlikely

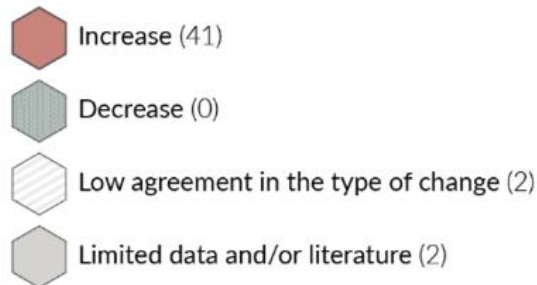


Climate change increased heavy rainfall, hitting vulnerable communities in Eastern Northeast Brazil

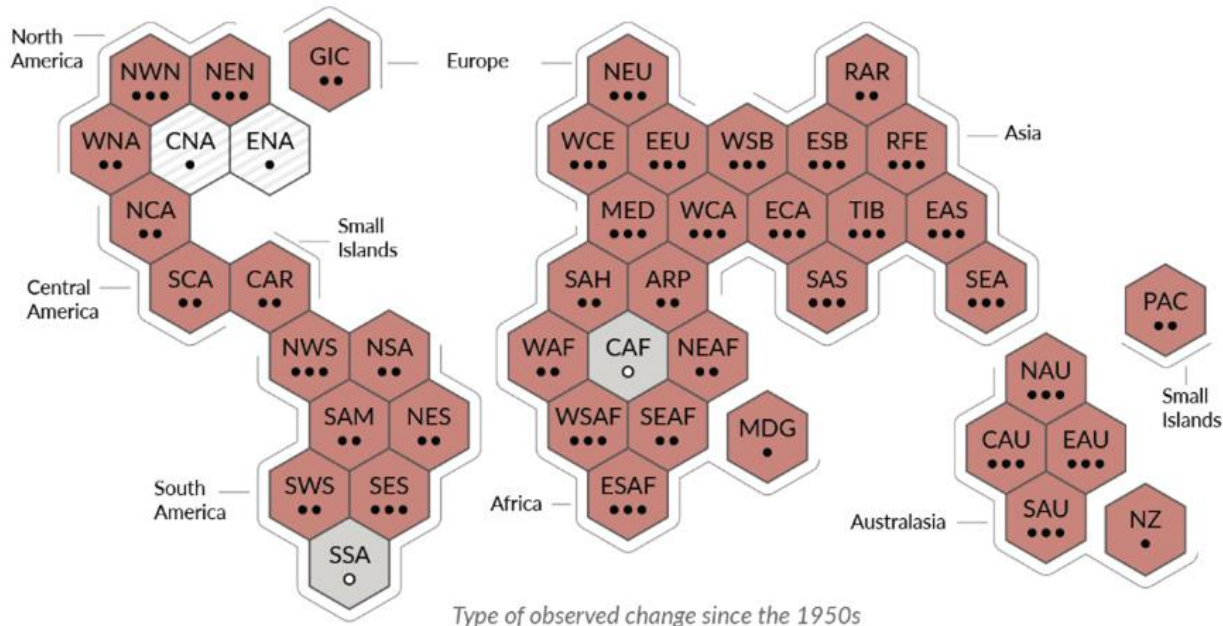
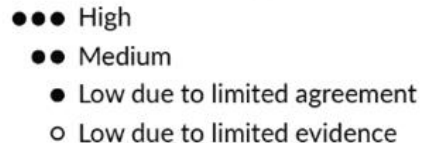


# Extremes are increasing. We know it's climate change.

## Type of observed change in hot extremes



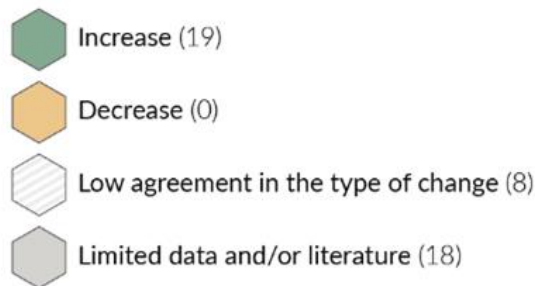
## Confidence in human contribution to the observed change



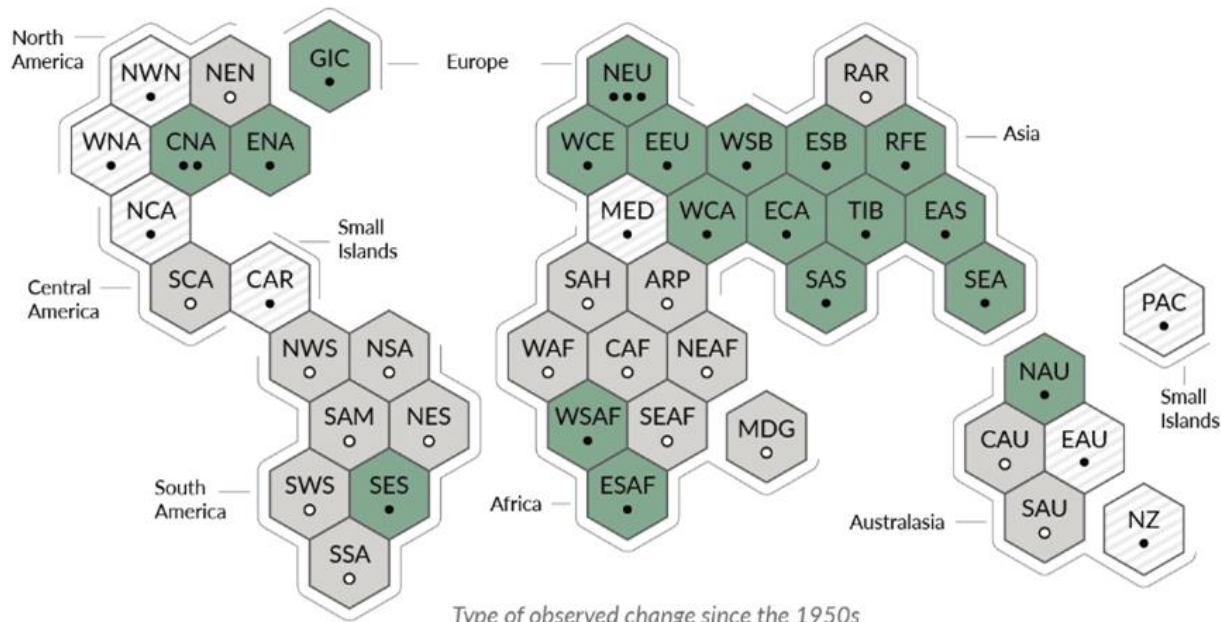
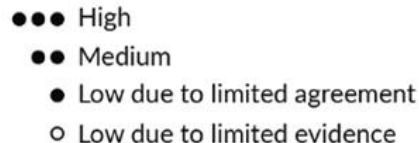
[IPCC AR6 WGI SPM, 2021](#)

# Some extremes are more attributable than others...

## Type of observed change in heavy precipitation



## Confidence in human contribution to the observed change



# Some extremes are more attributable than others...

## Type of observed change

in agricultural and ecological drought

● Increase (12)

● Decrease (1)

○ Low agreement in the type of change (28)

○ Limited data and/or literature (4)

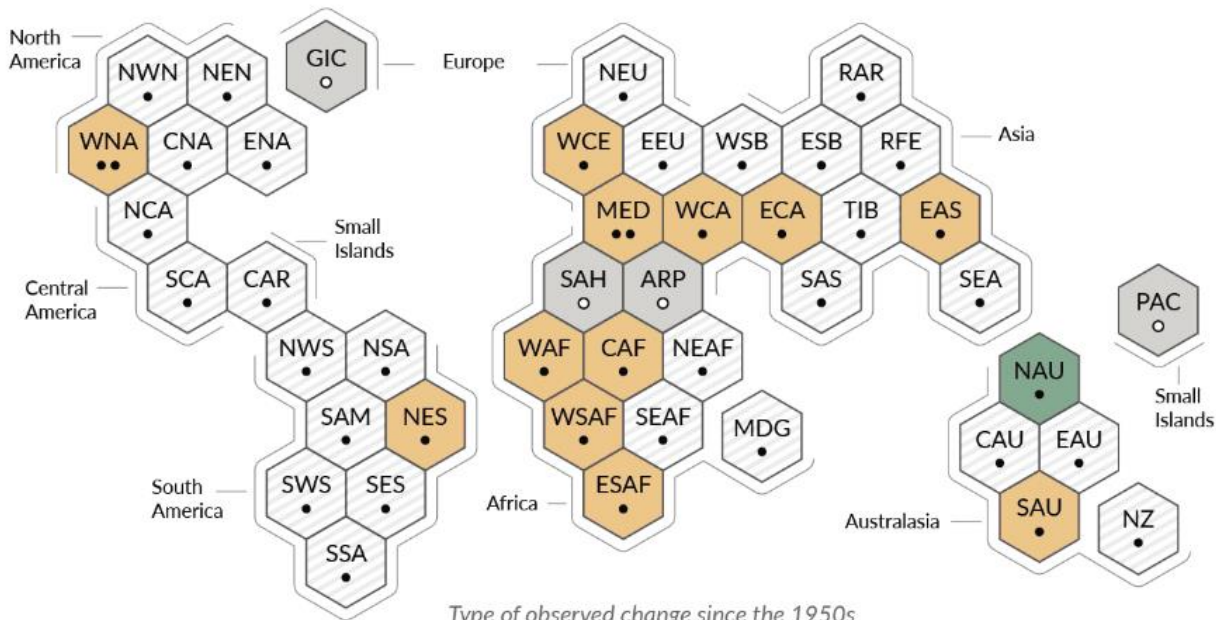
## Confidence in human contribution to the observed change

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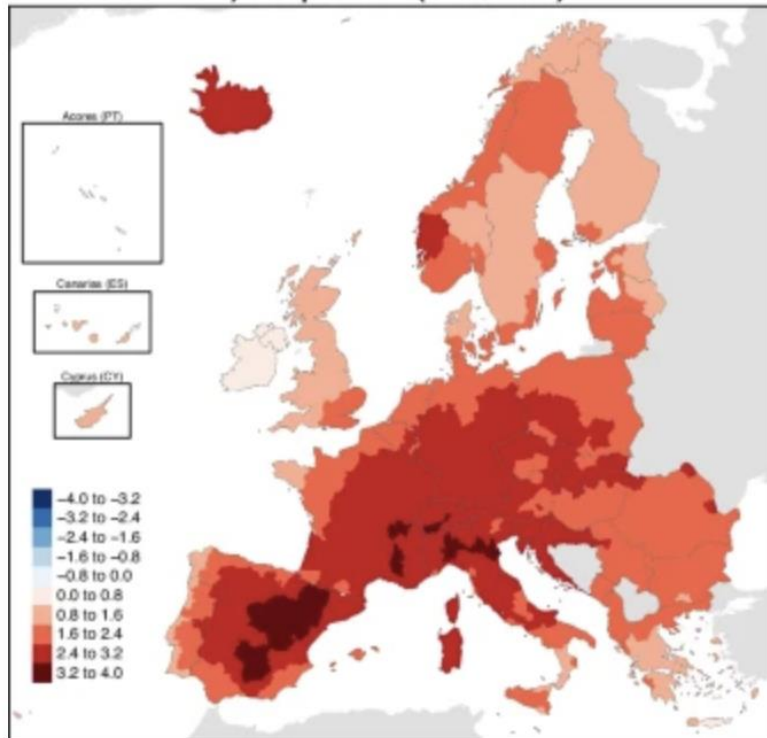
●● Medium

● Low due to limited agreement

○ Low due to limited evidence

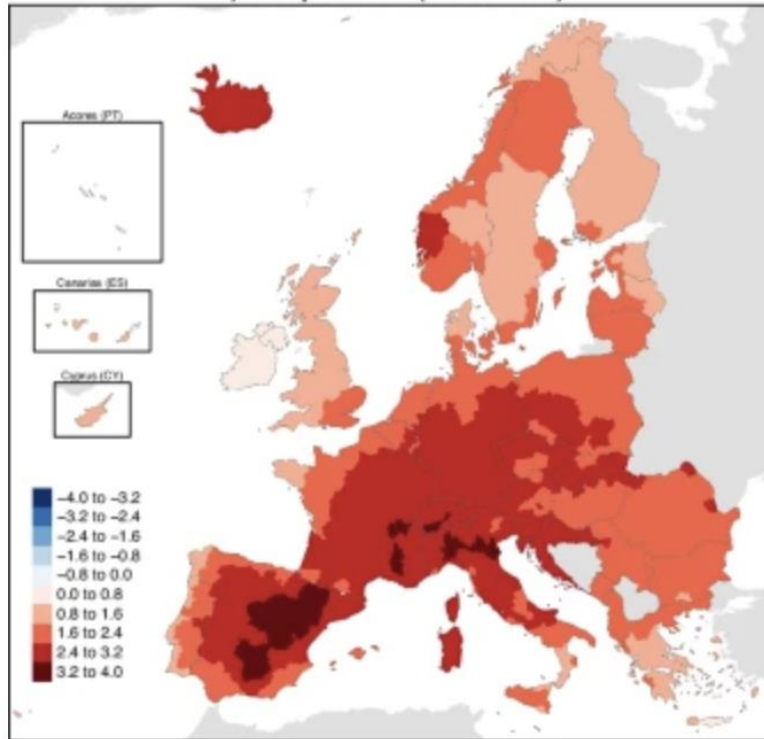


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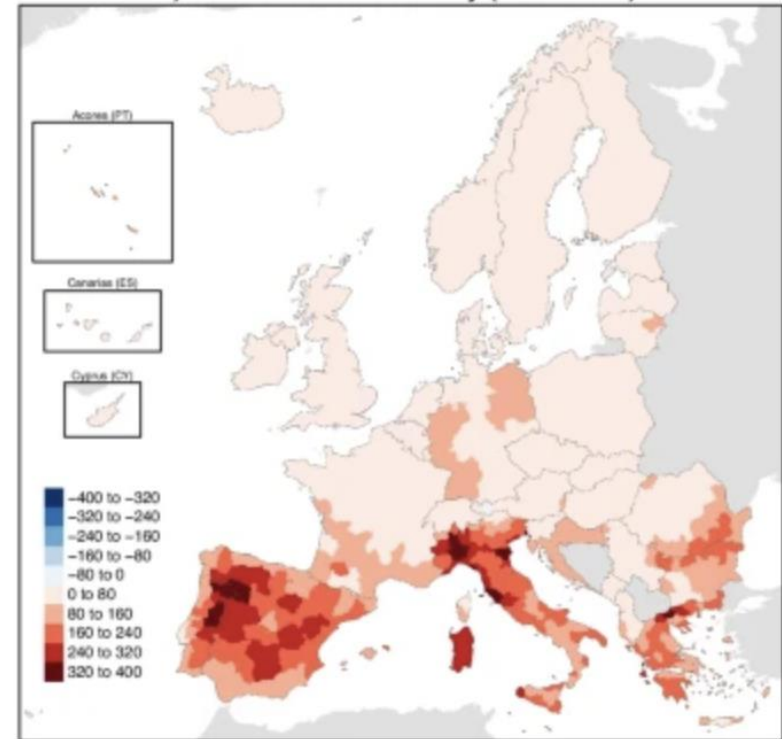




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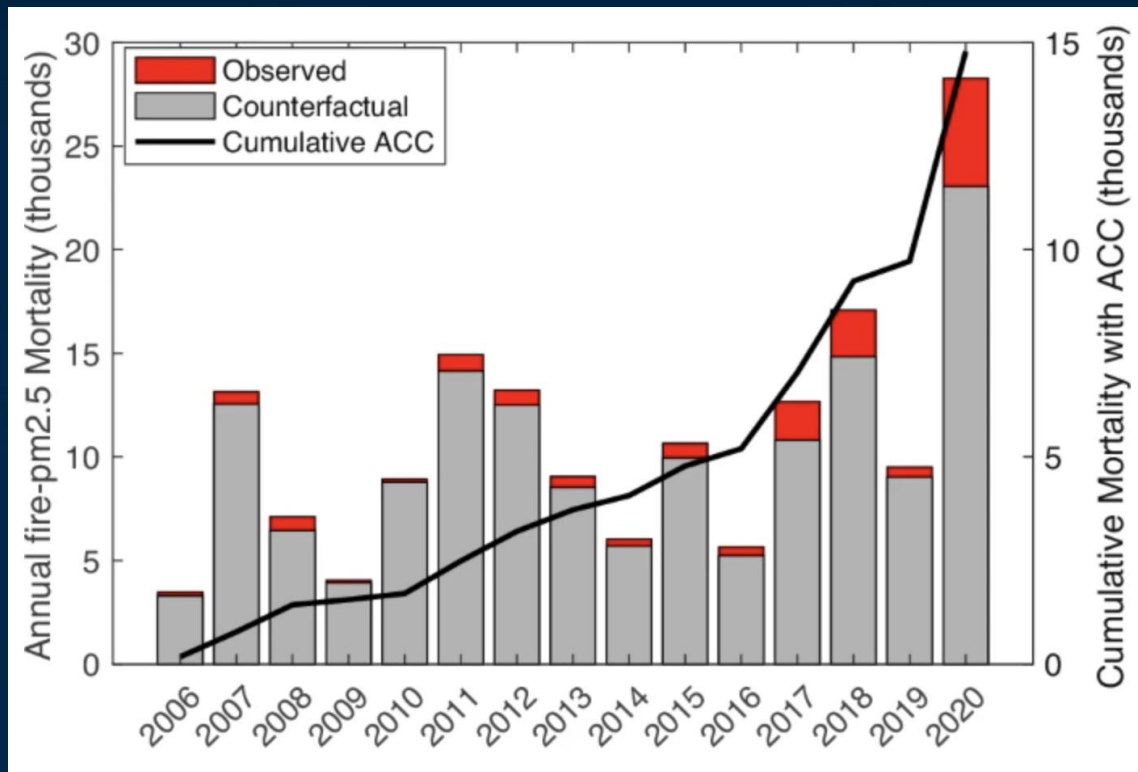
f) Heat-Related Mortality (Difference)



“The record-breaking temperatures in Europe during the 2022 summer were associated with over 60,000 heat-related deaths...We attribute **half of this mortality burden** to anthropogenic warming.”

[Beck et al., 2024](#)





“Climate change contributed to approximately 15,000 wildfire particulate matter deaths over 15 years...and a cumulative economic burden of \$160 billion.”

[Law et al., 2025](#)