

Extreme Precipitation: Historical & Future Trends

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Extreme Precipitation Events



Vermont 1998



New York 2006

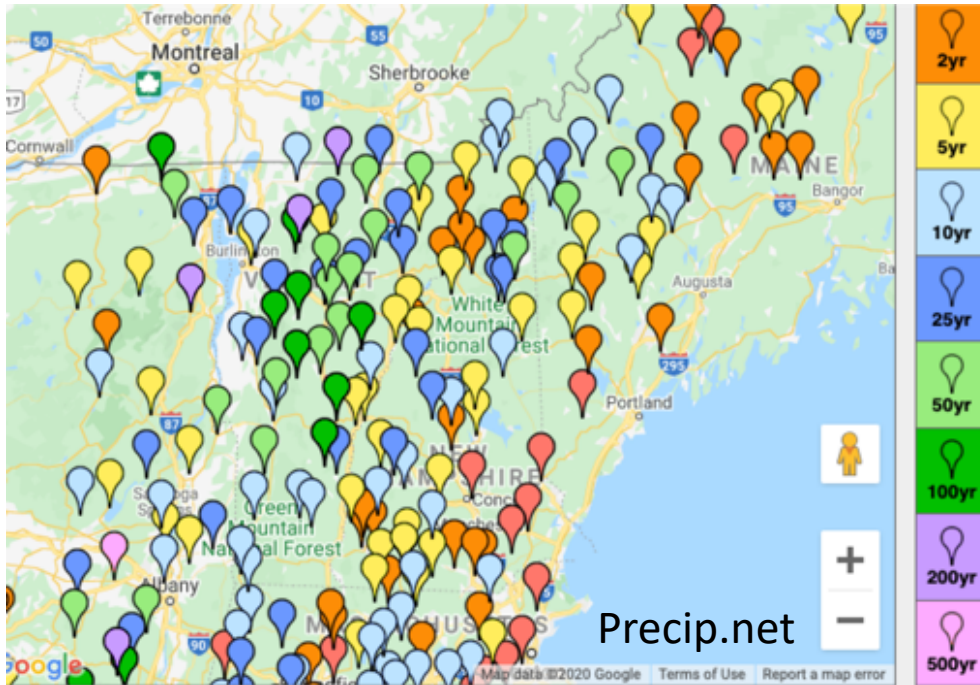


New England 2010

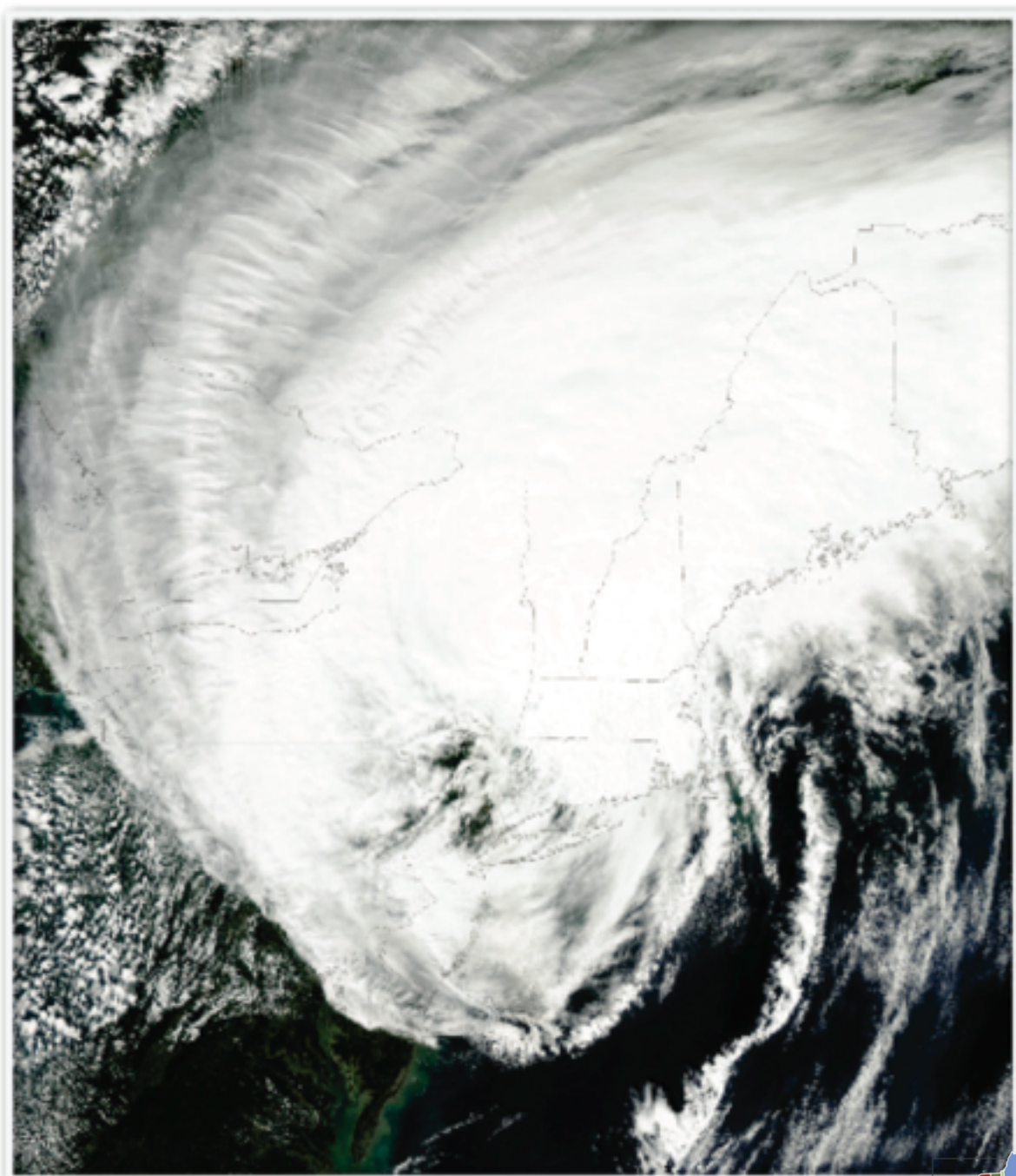
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8/28-29/2011

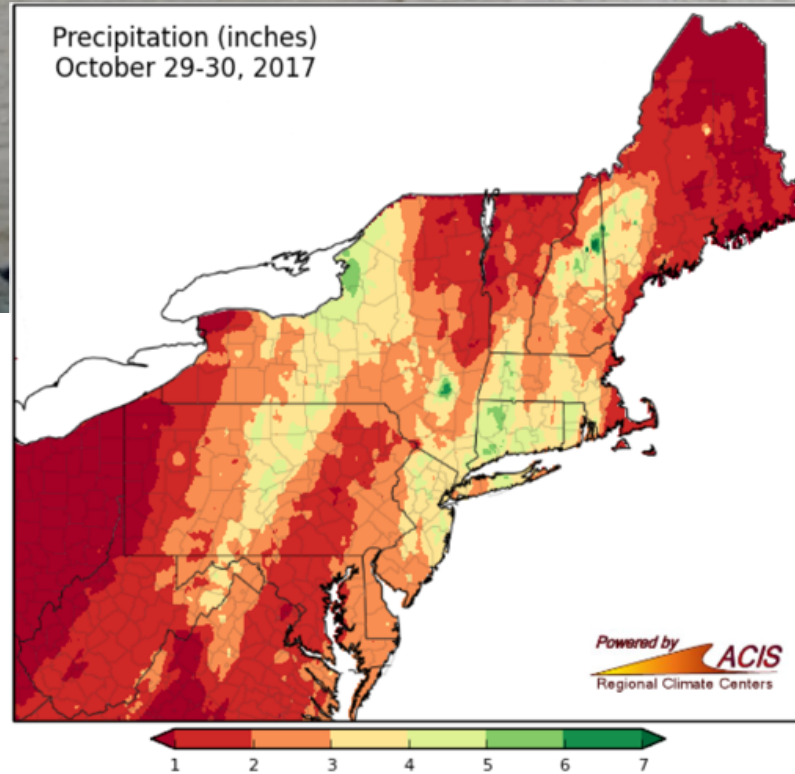
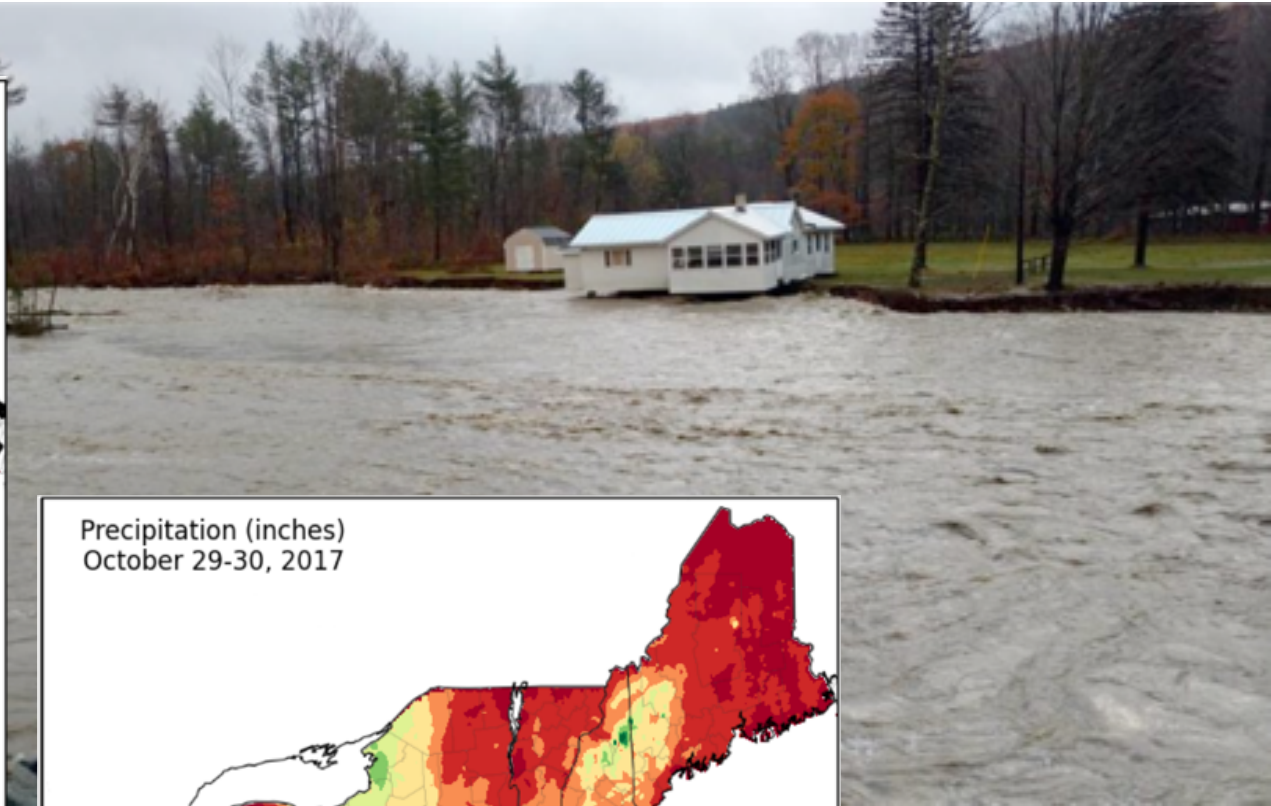
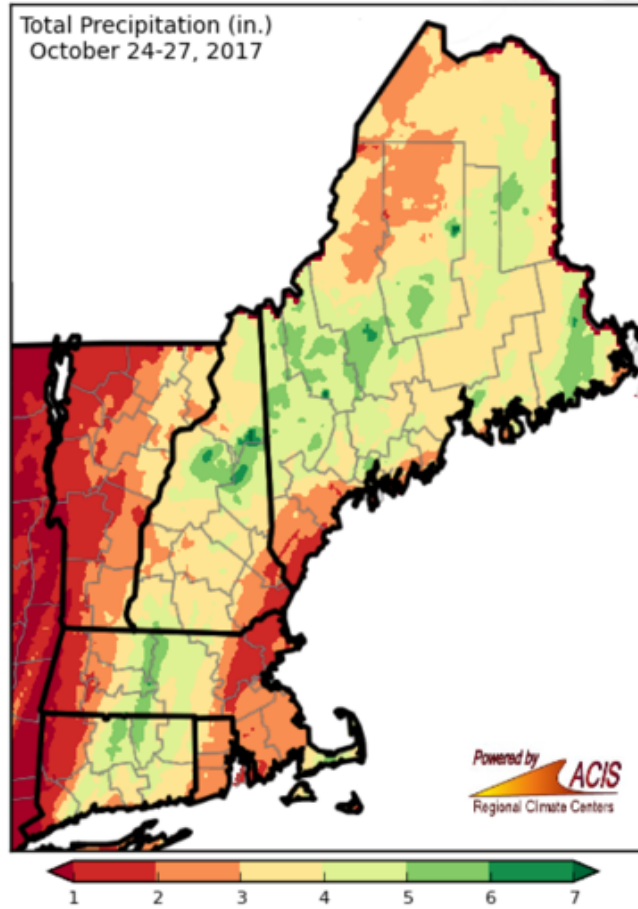
2-Day storm events on 8/28-29/2011



Cavendish, VT: 7.60" = 100 yr storm event
Gorham, NH: 6.71" = 50 yr storm event
Andover, ME: 6.22" = 50 yr storm event

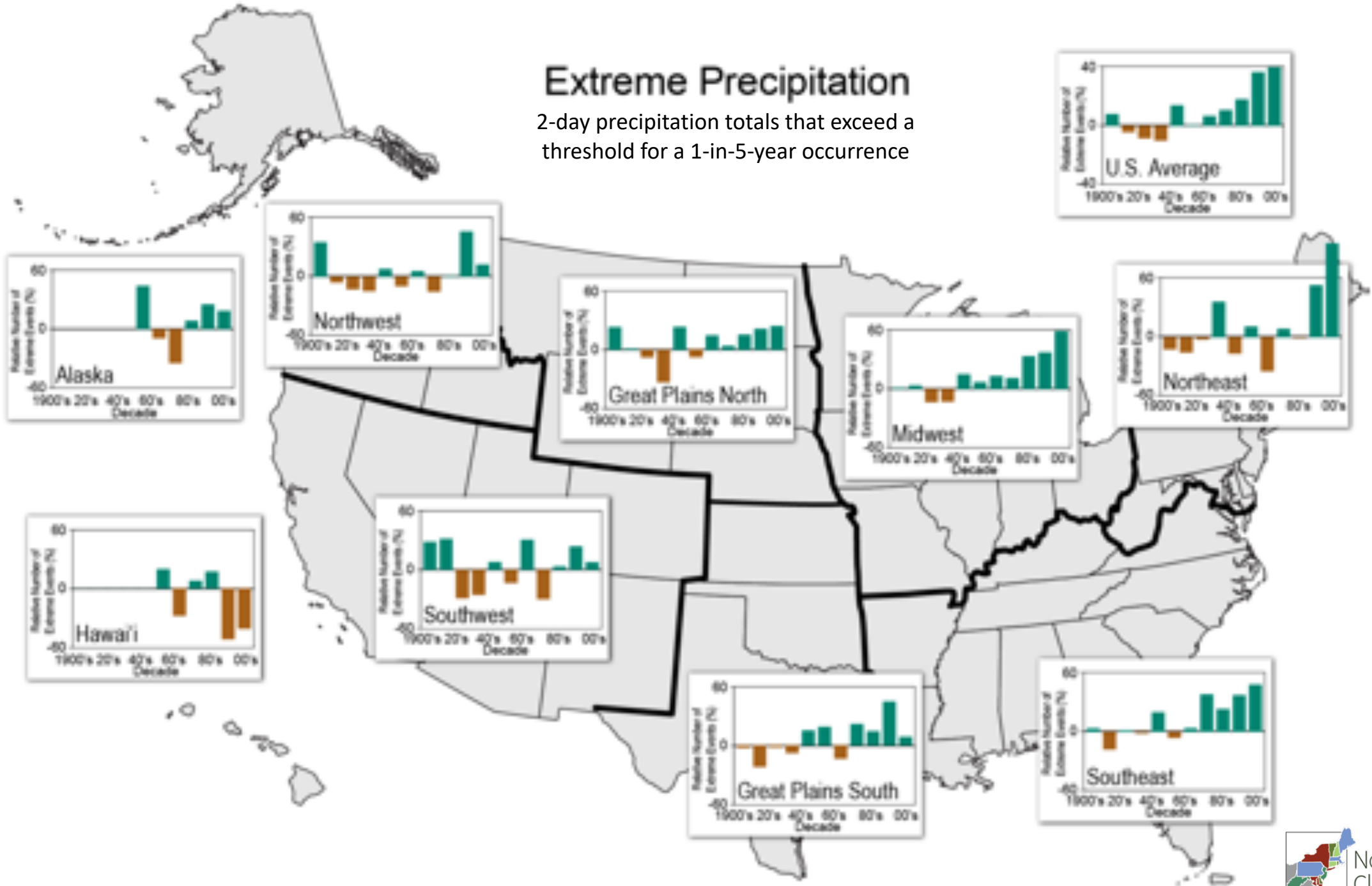


Heavy Rainfall & Flooding – NH 2017



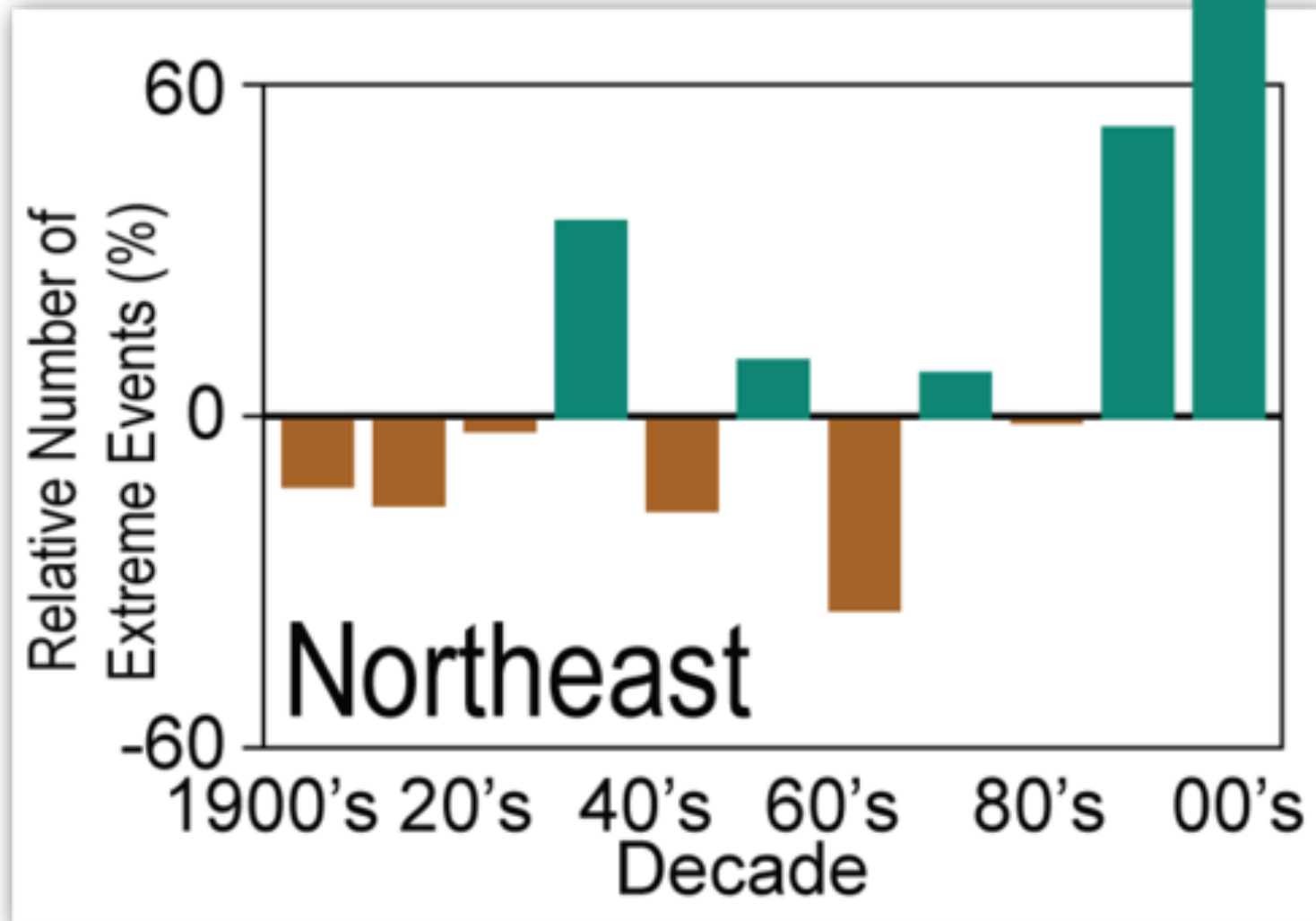
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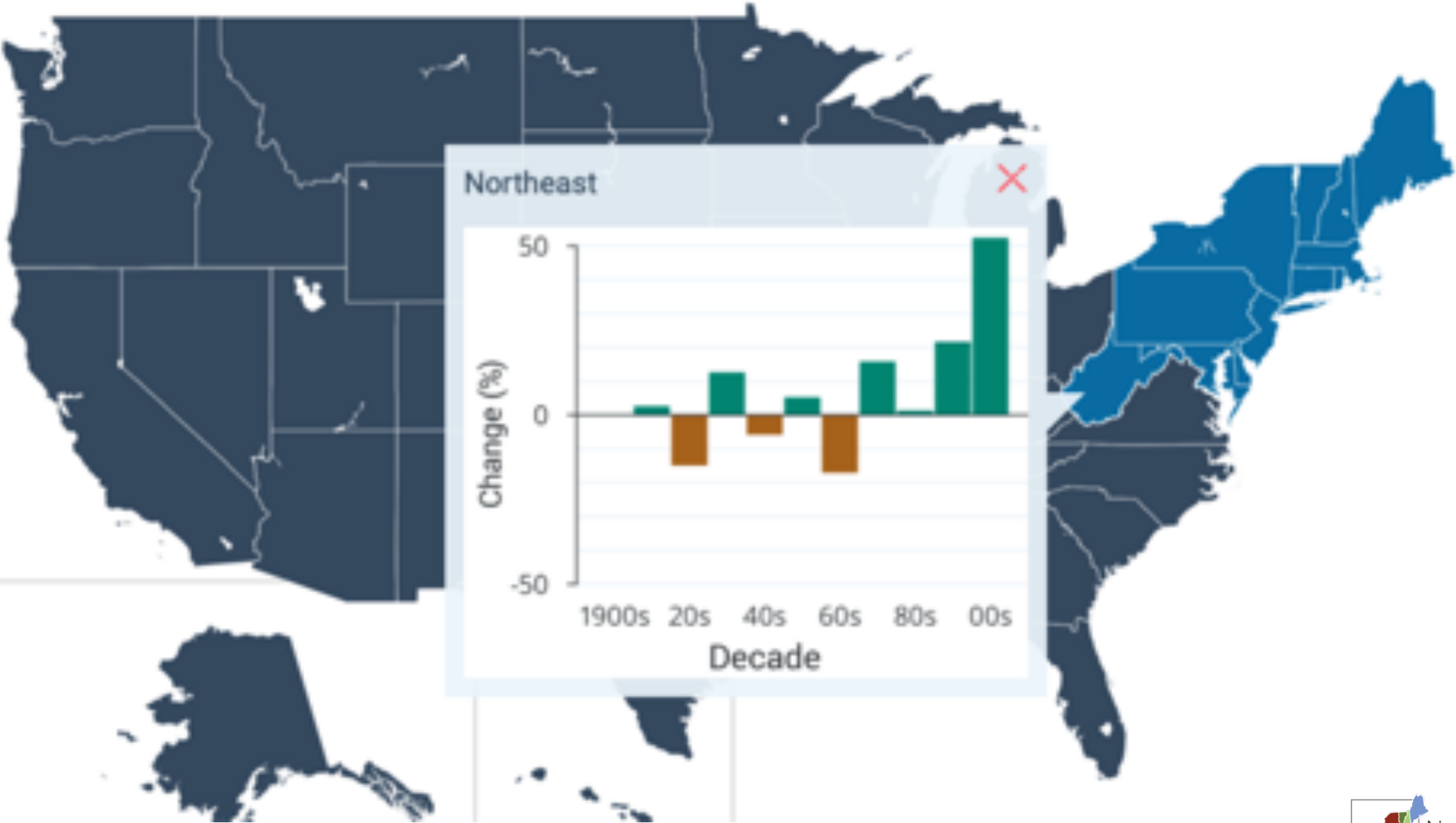
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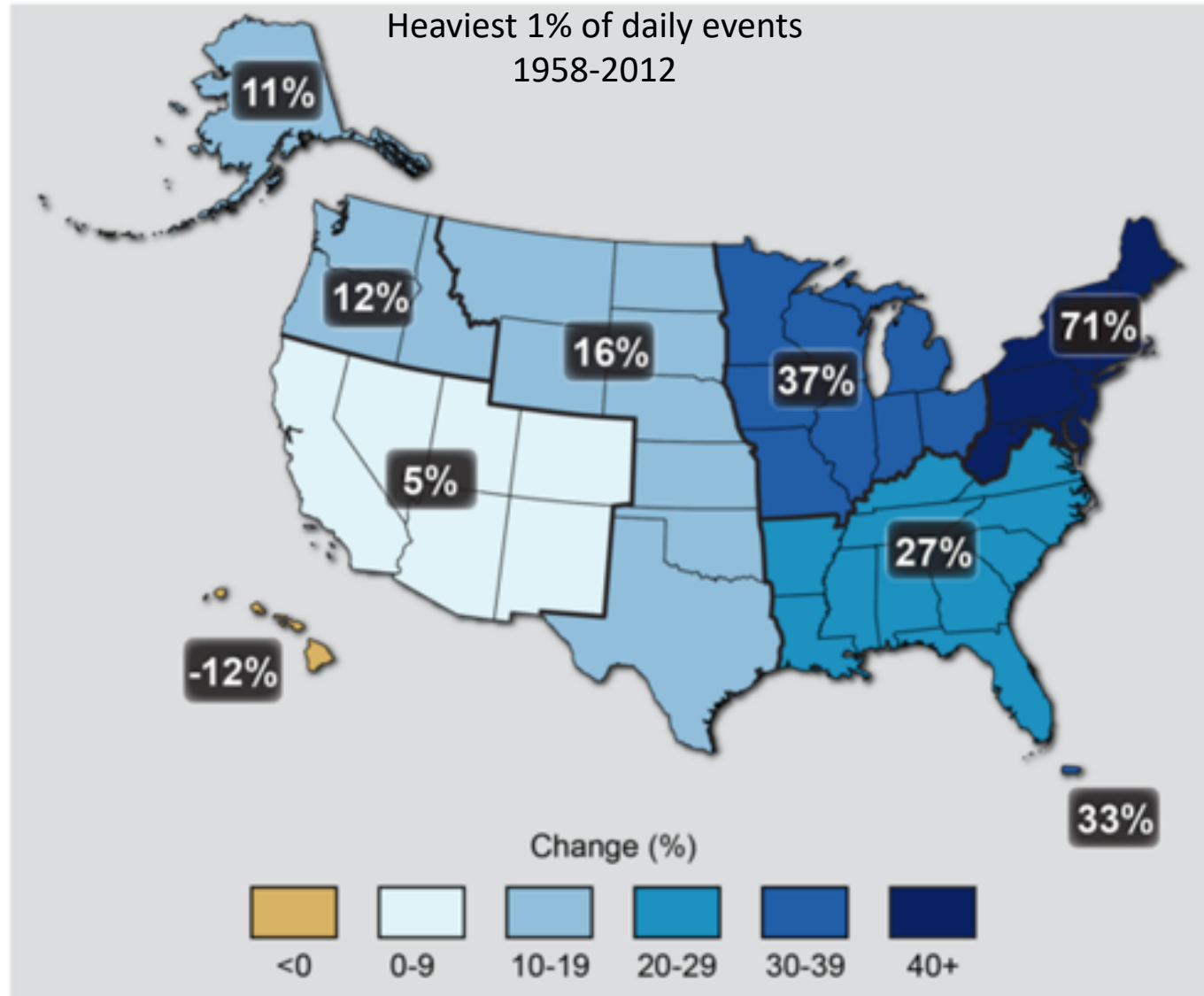


Heavy Downpours Increasing

Heaviest 1% of daily events



Observed Change in Very Heavy Precipitation





Projections?

Projected Change in Heavy Precipitation Events

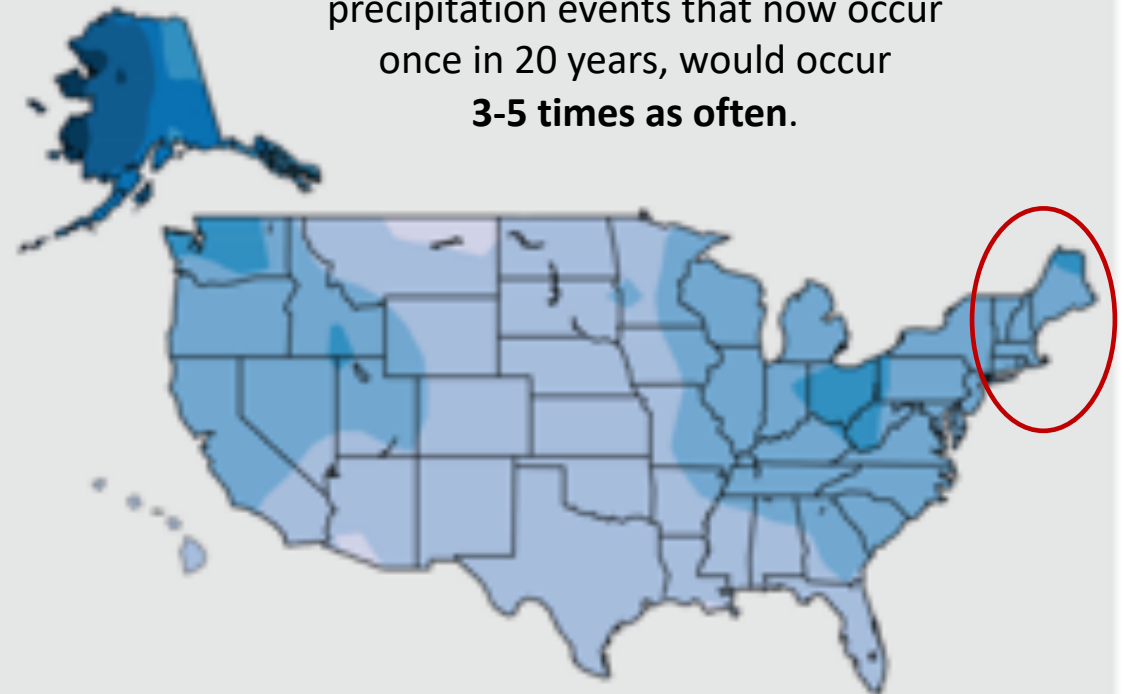
Rapid Emissions Reductions (RCP 2.6)

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Continued Emissions Increases (RCP 8.5)

By late century (2081-2100) daily precipitation events that now occur once in 20 years, would occur **3-5 times as often.**



Future Change Multiplier



Annual Maximum Precipitation

Precipitation falling on the wettest day of the year.

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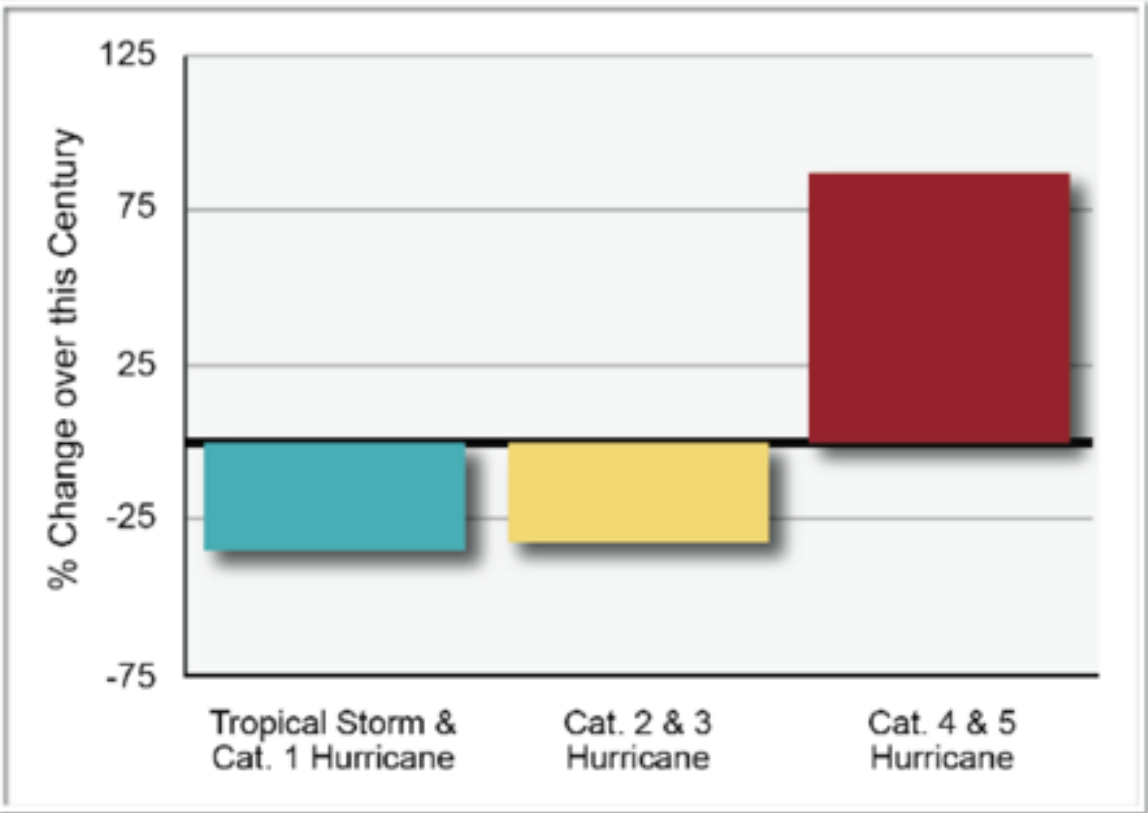
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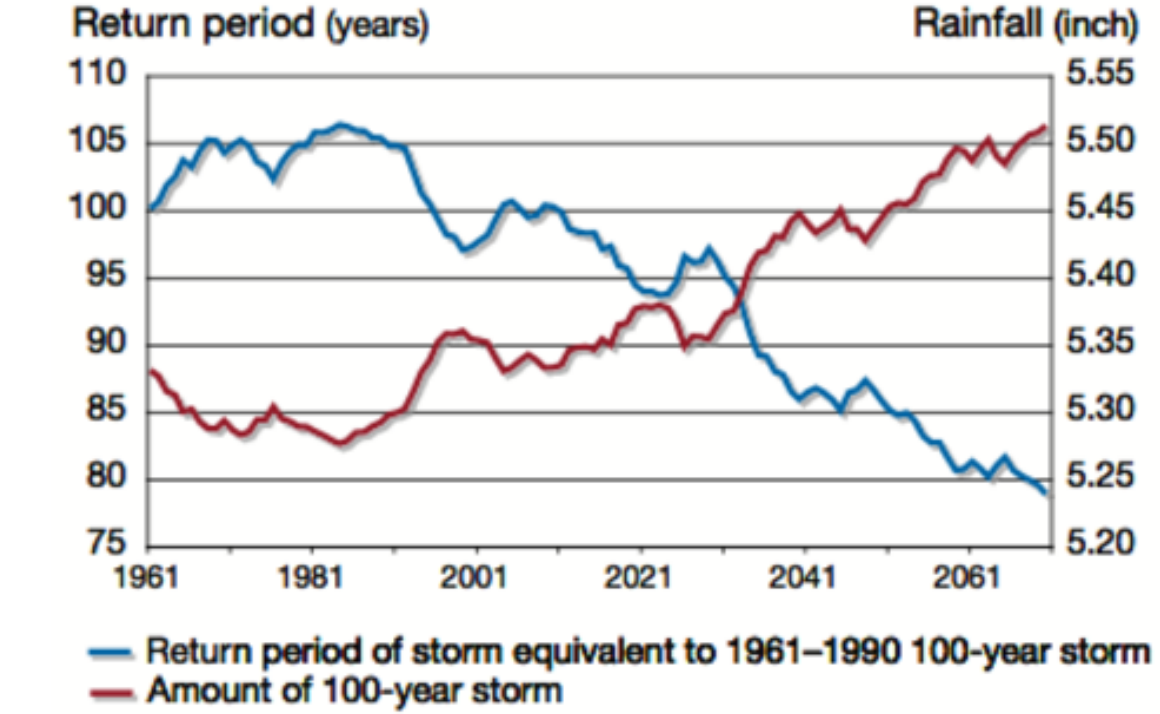
Change (%)

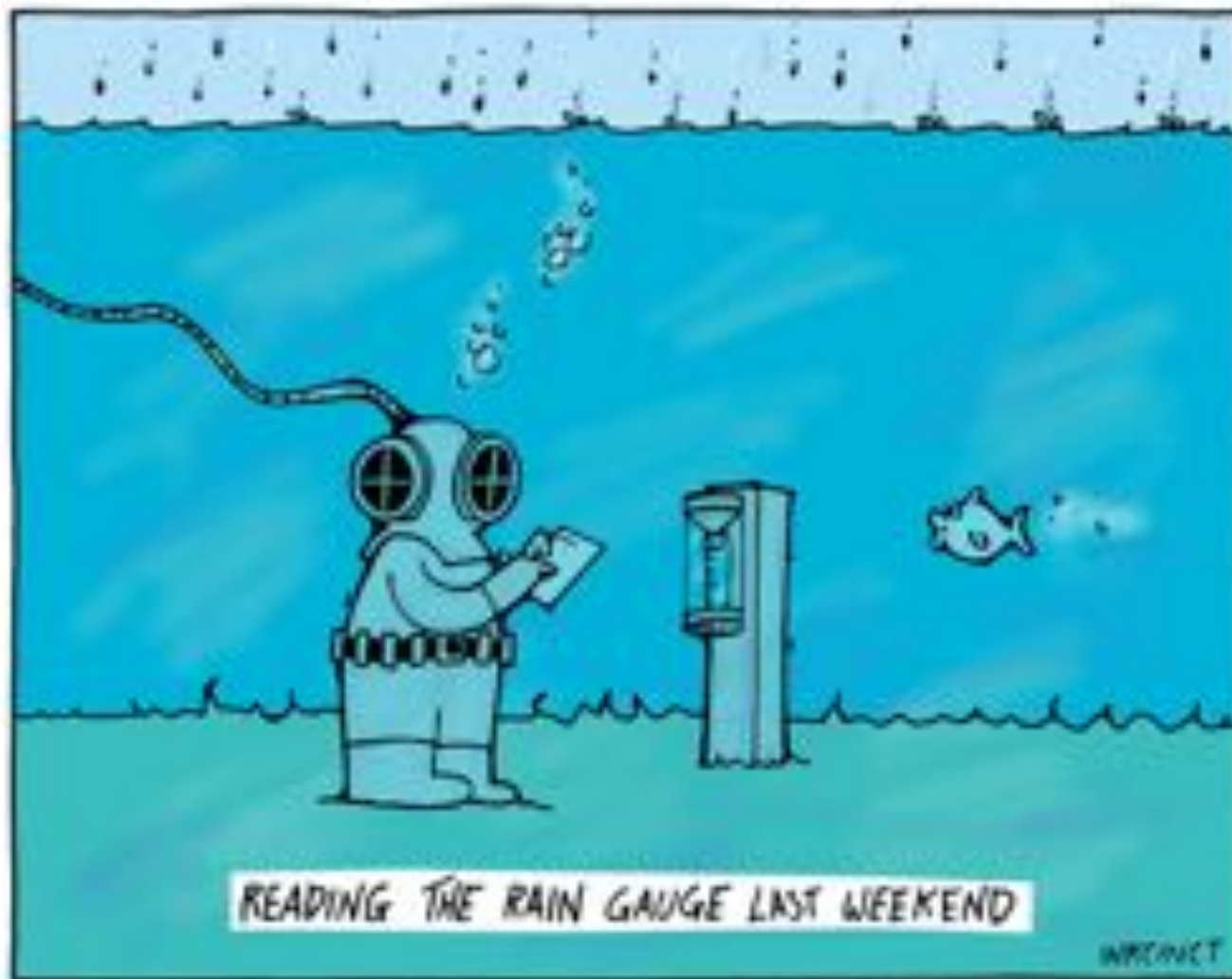


Projected Changes in Atlantic Hurricane Frequency by Category



Projected Rainfall & Frequency of 100-year storm





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