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Supplementary Materials for

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Materials and Method

1 Observation-based datasets

2 Monthly river flow time series (calculated from daily records) were obtained from the
3 Global Streamflow Indices and Meta data archive (GSIM) (18, 47). The Global Runoff Data
4 Centre (48) (GRDC) database, offering river flow at monthly scale that are excluded by
5 GSIM, are used as a complementary dataset. To compute RFS with minimal bias, two
6 selection standards were formulated: i) the study period ranges from 1965 to 2014 to ensure
7 sufficient stations for analysis with wide spatial coverage; ii) monthly discharge is used to
8 calculate annual seasonality index only when there are 10 or more months of data available in
9 a year. Given rapidly changing climate, we extended our analysis to include more recent
10 years by combining five regularly updated river flow datasets (Table S3) from national to
11 global level for 2017-2019. All GRDC stations in countries that have a national or a
12 continental database (e.g. USGS data within the US) were replaced to avoid duplicated time
13 series of river flow when combining datasets.

14 To achieve a global scale coverage, a recently published global gridded monthly
15 reconstruction of runoff (GRUN) data set was used (19). GRUN is developed from *in-situ*
16 monthly river flow observations from the GSIM with a 0.5° spatial resolution covering the
17 period from 1902 to 2014 (19). It is derived by training a machine learning algorithm based
18 on the gridded observations of precipitation and temperature from the Global Soil Wetness
19 Project Phase 3 (GSWP3) dataset (19), therefore, GRUN is not able to explicitly account for
20 the effects of HWLU. Observed monthly river discharge from the GRDC dataset and
21 multimodel simulations from phase 2a of the Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison
22 Project (ISIMIP2a) reconstructions are used for its validation (19). Four additional members
23 in the newly published G-RUN ENSEMBLE which overlap in 1965-2014 were used to
24 account for the uncertainty of atmospheric forcing datasets on runoff, including runoff
25 reconstructions forced with CRUTSv4.04, GSWP3-W5E5, GSWP3-EWEMBI and PGFv3
26 (49). The spatial pattern of AE trends from G-RUN ENSEMBLE coinciding with GRUN
27 supports use of GRUN to conduct climate change detection and attribution analysis and
28 further confirms the robustness of our results (Fig. S17). In summary, *in-situ* observations
29 incorporate the impacts from climate change (including ACC, natural forcing, and natural
30 climate variability) and human activities (such as reservoirs, human water management, and
31 land-use change, abbreviated as HWLU). Instead, GRUN and G-RUN ENSEMBLE only
32 account for the impacts from climate change. To exclude impacts of reservoirs on the spatial
33 pattern of RFS trends from *in-situ* observations, HydroBASIN subbasin units (Pfafstetter
34 level 12) (50) are integrated with degree of regulation (DOR) provided by Grill et al. (51) to
35 distinguish gauge stations into those influenced by reservoirs (DOR>0) and those unaffected
36 by reservoirs (DOR=0). The DOR at the subbasin unit level is represented by selecting the
37 maximum value of DOR at the river reach scale. There are 6,150 stations identified as free
38 from reservoir influence, while 3,914 stations are situated in subbasins or downstream of
39 reservoirs (with 49 stations located outside the HydroBASINS range due to their presence on
40 islands, and another 7 stations lacking DOR information).

41 Snow-dominated regions were identified worldwide by the average snow to precipitation
42 ratio in the period 1979-2000 from the WFDE5 dataset (52), which contains global
43 precipitation and snow flux at a resolution of 0.5°. Time series of snow fraction during 1965-
44 2014 is calculated from the fifth-generation atmospheric reanalysis (ERA5) for full time
45 coverage (53). To rule out precipitation seasonality, observed monthly gridded precipitation
46 data from the Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC) (54) at a resolution of 2.5 ×
47 2.5° for the period of 1965-2014 at monthly scale was used. Mean air temperature data from
48 the CRUTEM5 dataset at a resolution of 5 × 5° for the period 1965–2014 were used (55). The

49 permafrost and glacier maps are from the International Permafrost Association (IPA) and
50 Randolph Glacier Inventory (RGI) (56, 57).

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52 Model simulations

53 We used the ISIMIP simulation round 2b (ISIMIP2b) outputs of global daily discharge
54 to investigate whether ACC impacts on RFS can be detected. Seven global hydrological
55 models (GHMs) (CLM4.5, H08, MATSIRO, MPI-HM, LPJmL, PCR-GLOBWB and
56 WaterGAP2) under the framework of ISIMIP2b were obtained (58). Each GHMs is run under
57 different climate scenarios with different social and economic scenarios in four bias-corrected
58 global climate models (GCMs) contributing to the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 5
59 (CMIP5) archive, except for MPI-HM (only three GCMs, Table S2), thereby providing us
60 with 27 GCM-GHM combination datasets of gridded daily discharge. All models considered
61 water consumption sectors (for irrigation / domestic / industrial purposes), reservoir
62 management, and land-use change, apart from CLM45 and MPI-HM, which only considered
63 irrigation water use without reservoir operation. The scenarios of GCM-GHM combinations
64 considered are listed below (Table S2):

65 1. Picontrl&1860soc: pre-industrial control (Picontrl, including natural climatic
66 variability) simulations under 1860 social and economic scenarios (1860soc) run from 1661-
67 1860. All available Picontrl&1860soc simulations were split into non-overlapping 50-year
68 segments, resulting in a total of 108 segments, to account for natural climate variability. This
69 simulation is used in the subsequent climate change detection and attribution method.

70 2. Picontrl&HWLU: the Picontrl simulations run from 1861-2005 are used to drive
71 GHMs that account for HWLU, which do not account for ACC. For 1965-2005, the
72 simulations are forced with histsoc (except for CLM45 with 2005soc). For 2006-
73 2014, HWLU is kept at the constant level of 2005soc.

74 3. HIST&HWLU: simulations under historical climate forcing (HIST, including
75 anthropogenic climate forcing, natural forcing, and natural climatic variability) are used to
76 drive GHMs that account for HWLU. For 2006-2014/2006-2019, the medium–high emission
77 scenarios (Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 6.0) is used to extend the study
78 period (38).

79 To understand the effect of soil moisture on RFS, monthly gridded soil moisture
80 modeled data from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) soil moisture dataset for the period
81 1965–2014 were analyzed. These data are monthly averaged soil moisture water height
82 equivalents with a spatial resolution of 0.5°.

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84 Seasonality index

85 After acquisition of data, both the reconstructed and modelled data were interpolated to
86 a 2.5×2.5° grid using the second-conservative regridding method from their respective
87 original grids. We assessed the seasonal variation of monthly river flow using an information
88 theory metric known as Apportionment Entropy (AE). This metric is non-parametric and may
89 even encompass high-order moments, in contrast to other seasonality indices based on
90 standard deviation, Fourier decomposition, and circular statistics (13–15, 23). AE is therefore
91 very well suited to analyzing river discharge distributions globally. Moreover, information
92 theory metrics have been widely used as a measure of rainfall seasonality in both hydrologic
93 and climatological contexts (21, 22). In our case, higher AE values imply lower seasonal
94 variation, and lower AE imply higher seasonal variation.

95 To estimate AE of river flow over the year k , we firstly calculated the sum of monthly
96 values x_m ($m=1,2,\dots,12$) in year k , denoted as X_k .

$$X_k = \sum_{m=1}^{12} x_{m,k} \quad (1)$$

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The AE at year k can be calculated as (20):

$$AE_k = - \sum_{m=1}^{12} \frac{x_{m,k}}{X_k} \log_2 \left(\frac{x_{m,k}}{X_k} \right) \quad (2)$$

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which by definition, when monthly river flow is uniformly distributed, river flow is equal in each month, and AE reaches its maximum, $\log_2 12$. In contrast, if the annual river flow is concentrated in one month and there is no discharge for the rest of the months, AE = 0.

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Anomalies of annual AE were computed by subtracting the long-term mean over the full 1965–2014/1970–2019 period for each station or grid cell. All datasets were masked for overlapping pixels between observational reconstructions and model simulations to achieve the same spatial coverage. We directly use GRUN runoff to calculate RFS, since river flow can be assumed to equal the runoff multiplied by the drainage area (area weighted discharge) at a monthly timescale, where water losses through e.g. channel evaporation are negligible except for in few very large basins (19).

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AE characterized the magnitude change of the RFS. Our findings suggest that the trends in river flow timing may not be significant at the stations with significant AE trends included in our analysis, particularly at a monthly scale. This is because flow changes in no high-flow months offset the shift in the centroid timing of river flow (Fig. S5).

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Trend and reliability analysis

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Sen's slope is a robust and nonparametric method to reflect time series trends, commonly used in hydro-meteorological analysis to estimate linear trends (59). Stahl et al. developed a method using the Sen's slope k to calculate change ratio expressed in units of percent change per decade to represent trend magnitudes (60):

$$\text{change ratio} = \frac{k \cdot 10}{\bar{x}} * 100 \quad (3)$$

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where \bar{x} is the mean discharge in the study period. This method is robust to outliers (60). In addition, trend estimates from catchments with different sizes and climate are comparable with this method (47). Significance of trends is estimated by the Mann-Kendall statistical test (61).

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Previous literature suggested that trend analysis can be considered when at least 70% of the data-years for stations are available (47). However, long-term hydrological data are

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deficient in high latitudes, where RFS is stronger. To overcome this lack of long-term station-based river flow observations, the length of record (LOR) method is adopted to characterize the uncertainty associated with the application of shorter record lengths when data are limited (61, 62). This LOR analysis was used to determine how many years of data were required to achieve a specified level of statistical certainty for any flow gauging station (62). Here, a 90% confidence interval for data to be within 5% of the long-term mean was selected to define AE uncertainty. To do this, the whole available period for each station was used to assess the variability of river flow AE and determine the length of record required in calculations when there are at least 35 years record with at least 20 years in the period being studied. Finally, the AE trend was calculated only when there are i) ≥ 35 years (70% of the 1965-2014/1970-2019 time period) available or ii) ≥ 20 years but no more than 20 years record length was required to constrain AE to be within 5% of the long-term mean with 90%

138 confidence interval. Typically, large rivers flowing through flat lowlands required shorter
139 record lengths to represent the flow regime because their discharge is characterized with
140 relatively lower intra-and interannual variability than highland streams (62).

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142 Interpreting AE from high and low flows

143 To understand the trends of seasonal variability of river flow qualitatively, the annual
144 mean trends of river flow were also included to help identify potential reasons for seasonal
145 variations of river flow for global regions. To interpret the results, low- (high-) flow months
146 were defined as three calendar months when the long-term monthly means of river flow is
147 lowest (highest). Here, we developed a suite of six alteration metrics ascribed as T_{LH} (trends
148 of low flows and high flows) (L-H*, L-H+, L*H+, L*H-, L+H-, L+H*) based on the
149 change directions of AE and the signs and significance of annual mean river flow changes,
150 dividing gauges into six distinct categories. Notation - and + represent the change direction
151 of river flow in low- and high- flow month, * indicates that the change is not predominant.
152 Only stations with significant AE trends were considered. Therefore, we excluded L+H+,
153 L-H-, and L*H* as we assumed stations with significant AE trends would not exhibit the
154 same predominant changes in both low- and high- flow months.

155 The significant seasonal variations ($p < 0.05$) of river flow at each gauge can be
156 attributed to the variations of high flows and low flows. For example, a station with a
157 significant ($p < 0.05$) increasing AE trend and insignificant ($p > 0.05$) annual mean river flow
158 trend can be assigned to L+H- (increasing low flows and decreasing high flows).
159 Specifically, L-H* indicates that decreasing low flows is dominant assuming that both
160 annual mean river flow and AE are experiencing significantly decreasing trends, L-H+
161 indicates decreasing low flows and increasing high flows contribute to the significant
162 decreasing trends of AE with insignificant annual mean trends, L*H+ indicates that
163 increasing high flows is prominent in the situation of decreasing AE and increasing annual
164 mean trends, L*H- indicates that decreasing high flows is prominent under the condition of
165 significantly increasing AE and decreasing annual mean trends, and L+H* indicates low
166 flows are significantly increasing in the case of significantly increasing AE and annual mean
167 trends. A few stations with significant AE trends, such as L+H+ in the upper Midwest of
168 CONUS and L-H- in southeast Brazil, are outside our classification framework.
169 Nevertheless, there is still a predominant change in low- or high-flow months overall, which
170 would result in a significant RFS trend (Fig. S5).

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172 Climate change detection and attribution

173 To quantify possible influences of external forcings in the observed/reconstructed RFS,
174 we conducted climate change detection and attribution analyses on AE over the NHL (above
175 50°N) over the 1965-2014/1970-2019 period. We used two methods to test robustness of the
176 results: one is a correlation-based method (17, 34, 35) and the other is the optimal
177 fingerprinting approach (63) with a regularized covariance estimate (36).

178 The correlations between the multimodel mean and the observations / pre-industrial
179 control, that is $\text{corr}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ and $\text{corr}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$, respectively, quantifies the
180 similarity between the estimated response to human-induced climate change and the observed
181 response or a consequence of natural climate variability (17, 34, 35). The null hypothesis is
182 that there is no signal in the observations resulting from human-induced climate change, that
183 is, the $\text{corr}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ will be approximately zero and not distinguishable from
184 $\text{corr}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$. On the contrary, if $\text{corr}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ is significantly larger than zero,
185 e.g. greater than almost all the estimates of $\text{corr}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$, then the null hypothesis is
186 rejected with high confidence. This indicates that the observed response includes a signal
187 stemming from the external forcing given by human-induced climate change. A normal

188 distribution using the mean and standard deviation of $\text{corr}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$ was assumed for
189 providing the 95% and 99% confidence levels in comparison with $\text{corr}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ (34, 35).

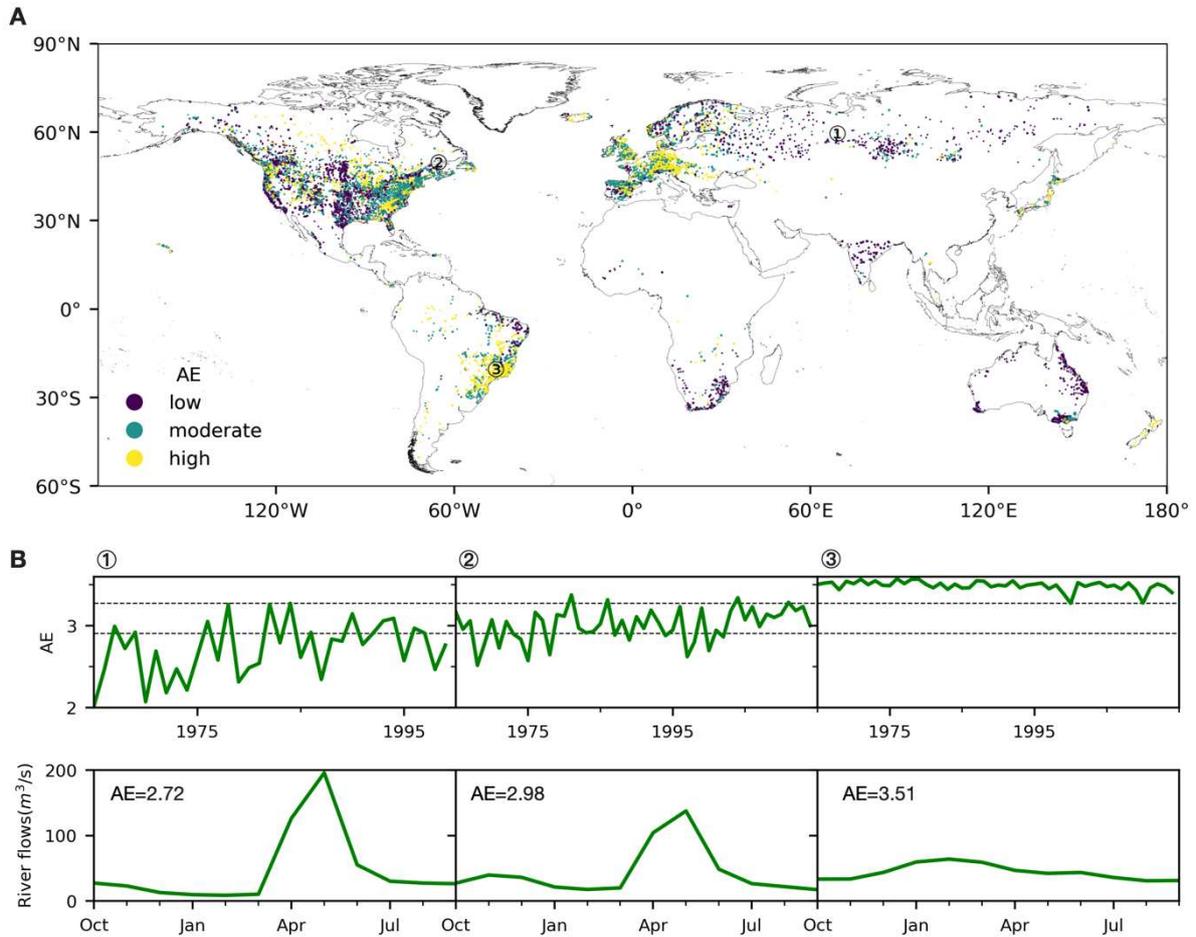
190 For the correlation approach, all available Picontrol simulations were used and divided
191 into multiple nonoverlapping 50-year segments with the last segment discarded if shorter than
192 50 years to match the time span of our study period, providing 216 (8×27) chunks of
193 Picontrol simulations span 1661–2099 in total. It is noted that there is no difference if we
194 exclude Picontrol&1860soc simulations in the correlation method (Fig. S18), since the
195 impacts of HWLU on RFS are underrepresented in simulations (Fig. 3C). The Spearman
196 correlation coefficient was used because of its resistance to outliers.

197 We used the correlation method to examine the spatial and temporal consistency of AE
198 changes between the multimodel mean of historical simulations and the observation, as
199 opposed to estimates from Picontrol. We did this by comparing spatial $\text{corr}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ with
200 spatial $\text{corr}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$ of AE trends (%/decade), denoted as $\text{corr}_{\text{spatial}}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ and
201 $\text{corr}_{\text{spatial}}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$, distinguished from the temporal correlation coefficient of AE
202 anomalies, denoted as $\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{HIST}, \text{obs})$ and $\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$.

203 Optimal fingerprinting was applied to detect and attribute changes in the observational
204 reconstructed magnitude of the AE in the NHL (above 50°N) from 1965-2014/1970-2019.
205 The optimal fingerprint method is based on the generalized linear regression of the observed
206 or reconstructed AE as a combination of climate responses to external forcing plus internal
207 variability (36). The regression model for the one-signal climate change detection and
208 attribution analysis is:

$$\begin{cases} y = x^* \beta + \varepsilon \\ x = x^* + v \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

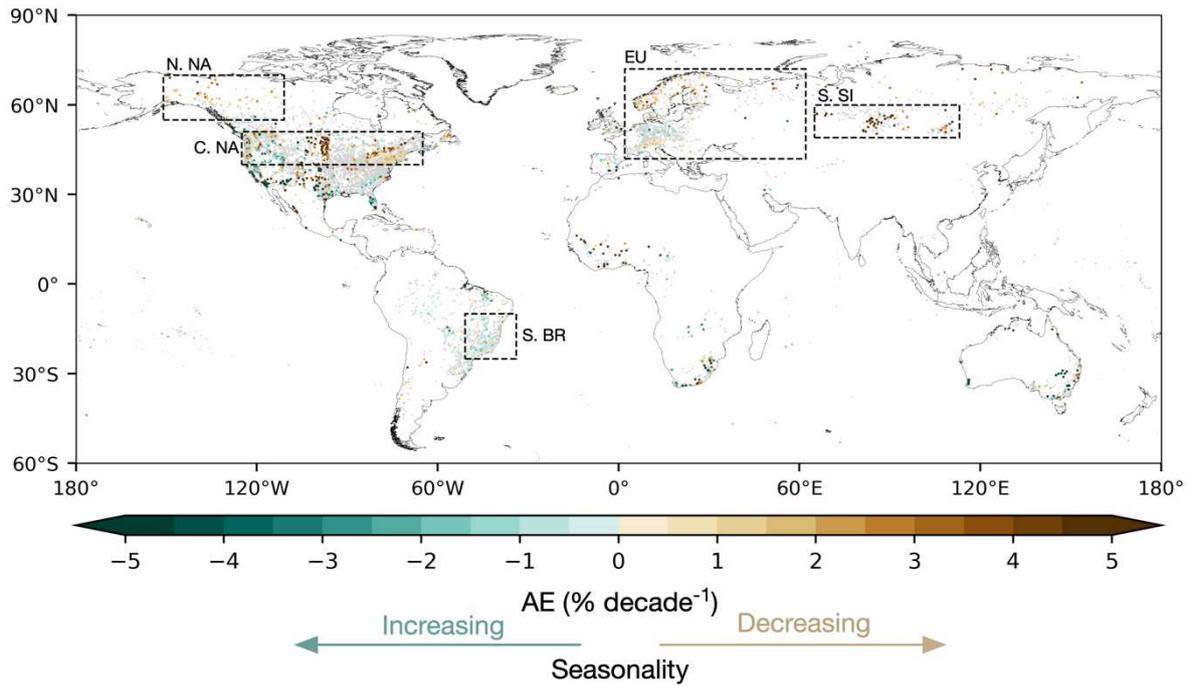
209 where observation vector y and the simulation ensemble average response matrix x
210 are known, the actual regressor of x^* in response to external climate forcing can be obtained
211 with the noise term v . v represents the effect of internal variability that remains in x resulting
212 from sampling since multimodel averaging of forced runs cannot remove all internal
213 variability because the size of the latter is usually small. The observations are acquired from
214 the actual regressor x^* by multiplying the scaling factor β plus the noise term $\varepsilon \sim N(0,$
215 $\Sigma)$, with Σ being a covariance matrix derived from 108 (27×4) groups of unforced Picontrol
216 simulations under 1860soc accounting for natural variability and uncertainty of multimodel
217 means. To derive the best estimate of β and the associated confidence intervals, Σ is divided
218 into two equally independent groups Σ_1 and Σ_2 following previous research (17, 35). To
219 account for uncertainty of randomly splitting Picontrol&1860soc simulations into two halves,
220 we replicate the procedure 2,000 times, resulting in 2,000 β and corresponding 99%
221 confidence intervals. Median of the resamples was considered as best estimate of 0.5-99.5%
222 uncertainty ranges of β . A signal is detected if the lower confidence bound of β is above
223 zero. Furthermore, if the confidence interval of β includes one, the magnitude of the mean
224 response of AE is consistent with the observations. In this study, x^* is estimated using the
225 ensemble mean of the HIST&HWLU simulations (36). If simulations include the drivers of
226 anthropogenic climate forcing, that is HIST&HWLU, are consistent with the observation,
227 then it is possible to claim attribution. The consistency of the unexplained signal ε with
228 internal variability was also assessed using a residual consistency test (RCT) (36). The RCT
229 uses a non-parametric estimation of the null distribution through Monte Carlo simulations,
230 and its p value is estimated. If $p > 0.1$, the RCT passed, which indicates the consistency
231 between the regression residuals and the model-simulated variability (36). The optimal
232 fingerprinting detection and attribution analyses were performed using code provided in ref.
233 (36).



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235 **Fig. S1.**

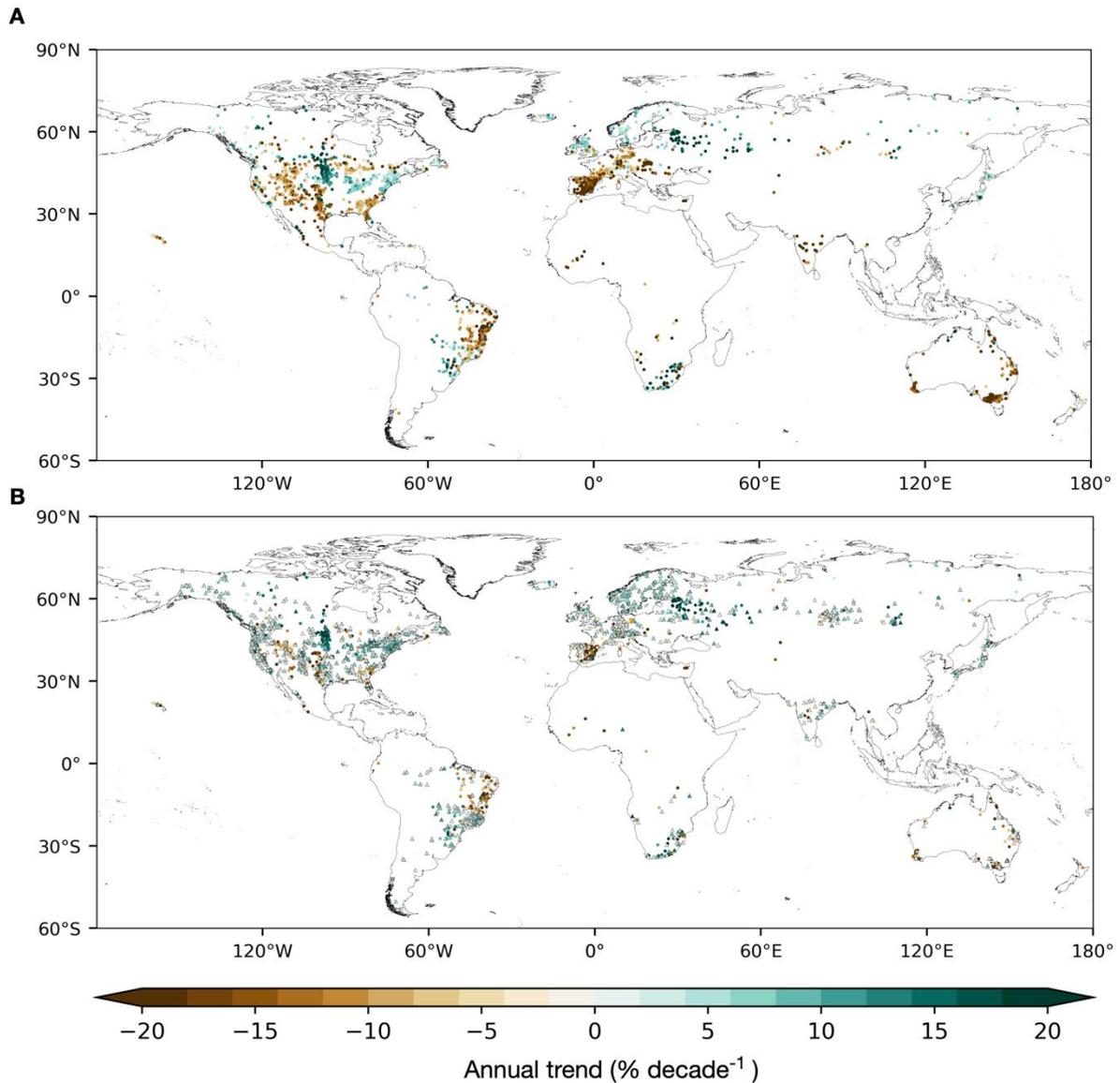
236 Classification of river flow seasonality. (A) Distribution of low, moderate, and high
 237 apportionment entropy (AE), corresponding to high, moderate, and low river flow
 238 seasonality, respectively, based on 30th and 70th percentile of mean AE (2.91 and 3.28, two
 239 dashed lines in (B)) in the 1965-1994 baseline period. (B) Time series of low, moderate, and
 240 high AE corresponding to three types of flow regimes with similar annual mean river flow
 241 (40~45m³/s) in the stations of ① Bogadinskoje, south Serbia; ② near Fort Kent Maine,
 242 northeast CONUS; and ③ Rio Pardo, southeast Brazil, respectively. 30 years referenced
 243 mean AE are noted in the left corner. River flow observations are not available after 2000 in
 244 Bogadinskoje.



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246 **Fig. S2.**

247 River flow seasonality trends represented by apportionment entropy (AE) (% decade⁻¹) over
 248 50 years (1970–2019). Similar to Fig. 1A in the main text, but with study period replaced
 249 with 1970-2019.

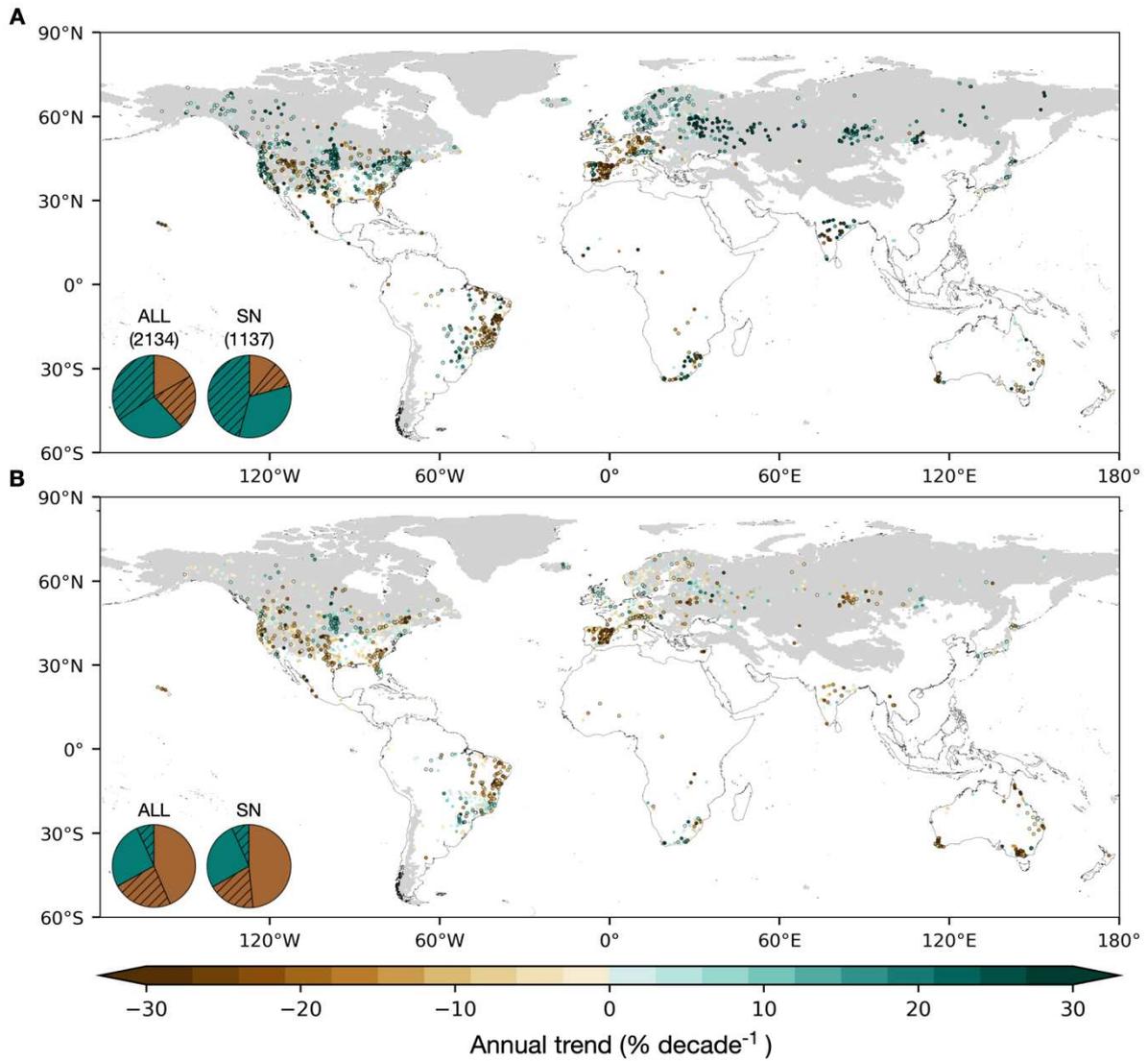


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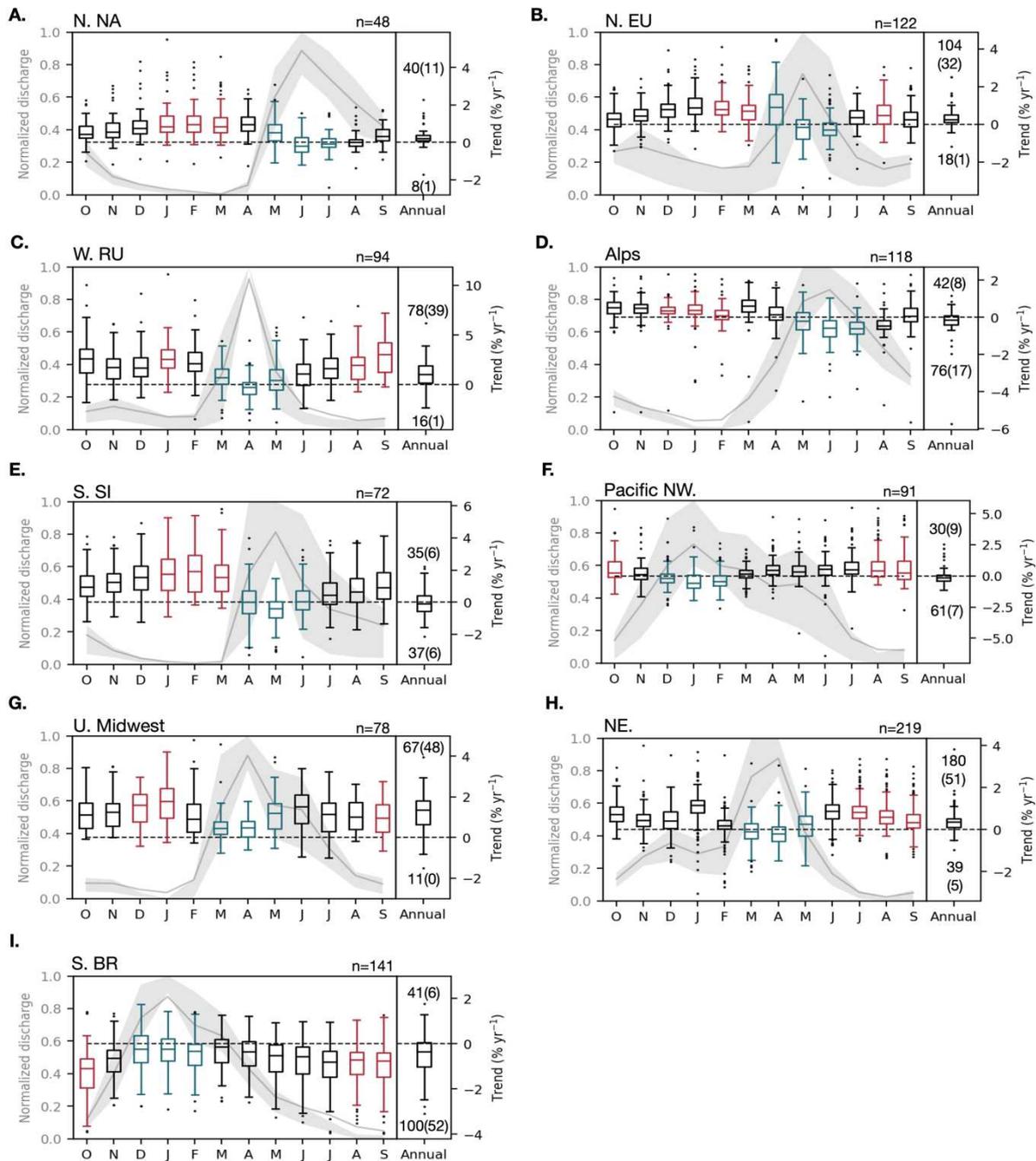
252 Trends of annual mean river flow (% decade⁻¹) over 50 years (1965-2014) in the stations with
 253 (A) significant ($p < 0.05$) annual mean trends (2301 stations) or (B) significant ($p < 0.05$)
 254 seasonal trends (2134 stations). In (B), stations without significant annual mean trends are
 255 represented as black edged triangles, which account for 65% (1380 stations) of the stations
 256 with significant seasonal trends.



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258 **Fig. S4.**

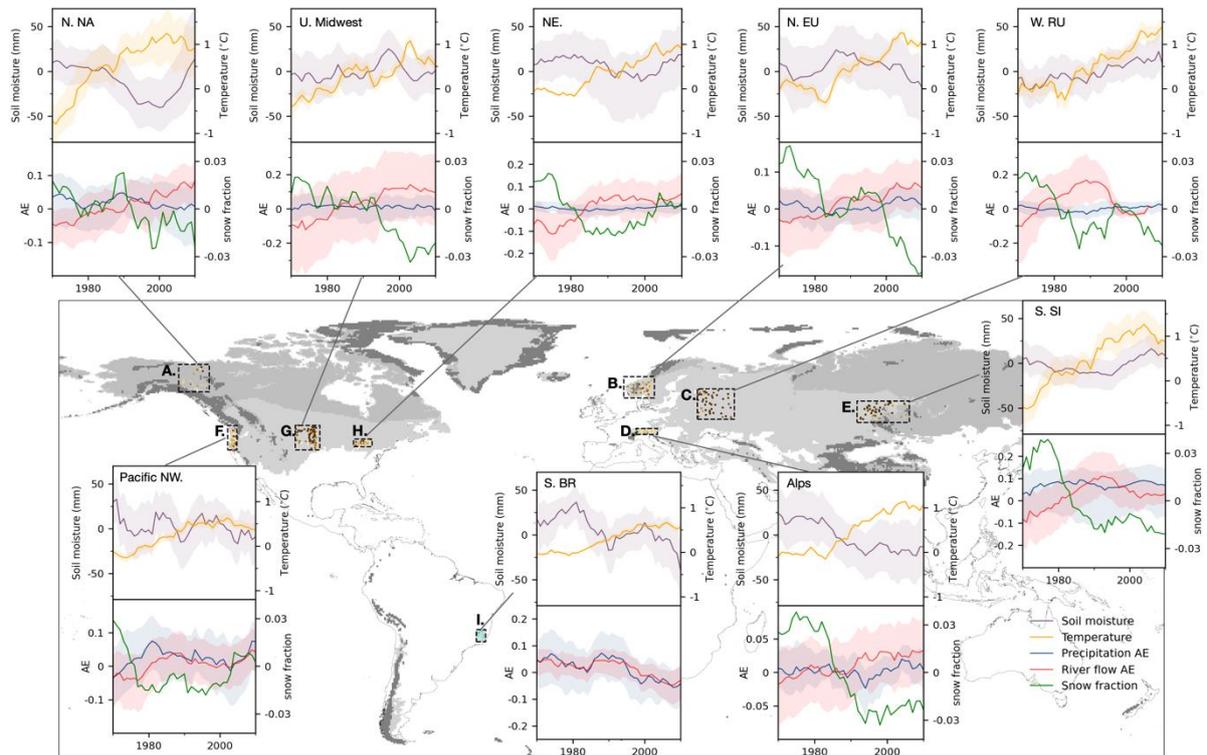
259 Trends of river flow in (A) low- and (B) high- flow months (%decade⁻¹) over 50 years (1965-
 260 2014). Stations with significant trends ($p < 0.05$) are circled with black. The number of
 261 stations included is indicated in parentheses. Regions where snow fraction in precipitation is
 262 larger than 0.2 are showed in grey as snowmelt-dominated areas. The pie charts depict the
 263 proportions of stations with significant trends (hatched, $p < 0.05$) and insignificant trends
 264 (solid) worldwide (ALL) and in the snowmelt-dominated areas (SN).



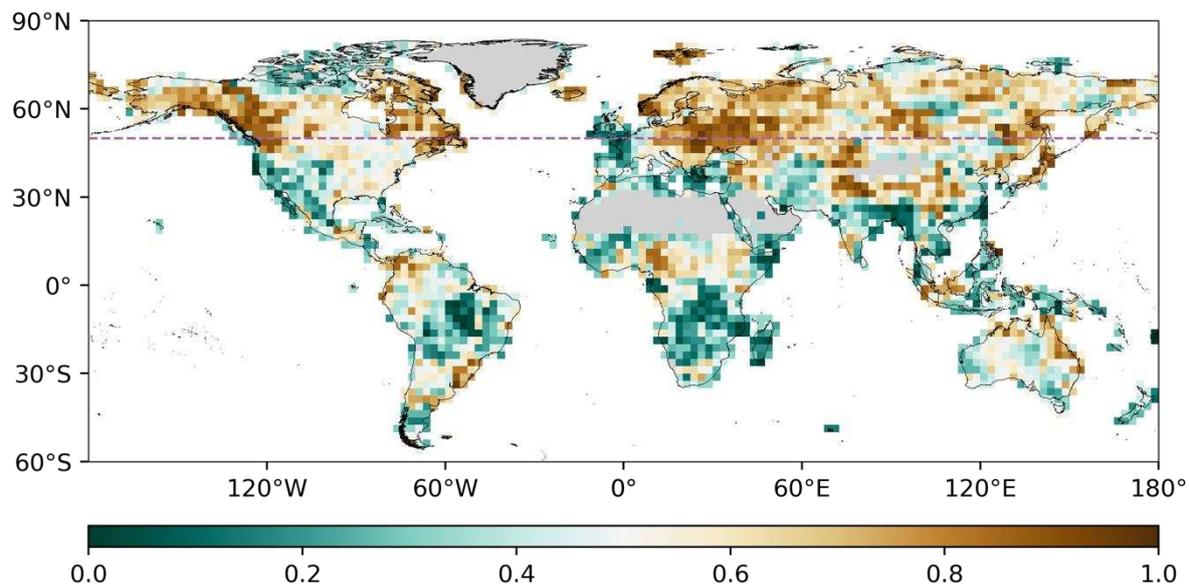
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Fig. S5.

267 Normalized monthly mean flow regime (grey line) within the 25th and 75th percentile range
 268 (grey shading) and boxplot of monthly and annual mean river flow trends (% yr⁻¹) in (A)
 269 northern North America, (B) northern Europe, (C) western Russia, (D) higher elevation
 270 European Alps, (E) south Siberia, (F) Pacific Northwest, (G) upper Midwest, (H) northeast
 271 CONUS, (I) southeast Brazil. Low (high) flow months are defined as three calendar months
 272 with lowest long-term monthly means of river flow noted in red (blue). Only stations whose
 273 seasonal trends are significant ($p < 0.05$) and the same as the dominant change direction in
 274 each region are included in statistics. Numbers within annual boxplots indicate the number of
 275 positive and negative trends, excluding trends equal to zero. Numbers in parentheses indicate
 276 the count of trends that were significant ($p < 0.05$).

279 **Fig. S6.**

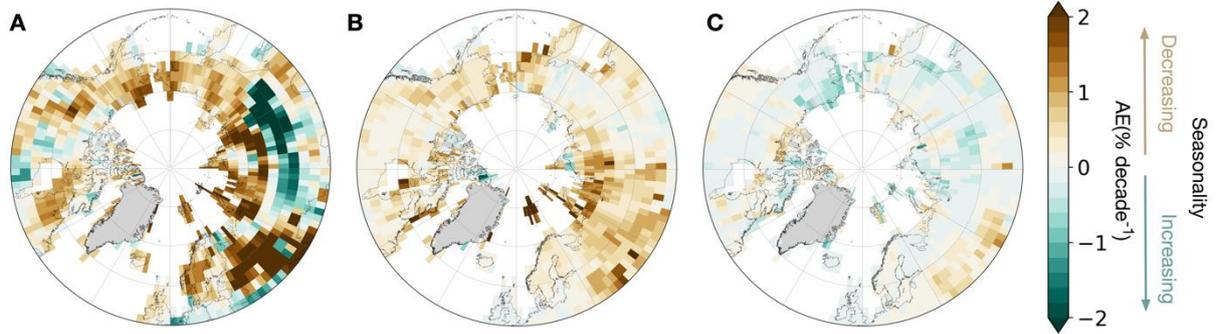
280 Temporal evolution of river flow seasonality with their potential climatic drivers for
 281 subspaces in the nine hotspots in (A) northern North America, (B) northern Europe, (C)
 282 western Russia, (D) higher elevation European Alps, (E) south Siberia, (F) Pacific Northwest,
 283 (G) upper Midwest, (H) northeast CONUS, (I) southeast Brazil. Data show anomalies of soil
 284 moisture in high-flow months (purple), temperature (yellow), precipitation (blue), river flow
 285 seasonality (red) seasonality, and snow fraction (green) changes. Solid lines show the median and shaded
 286 bands indicate the spatial variability within the subspaces (25th and 75th percentiles). Bands
 287 are not shown for snow fraction to enhance readability of the plot. Regions where snow
 288 fraction in precipitation is larger than 0.2 are shown in light grey as snowmelt-dominated
 289 areas. Permafrost and glacier distributions are shown in medium and dark grey, respectively.
 290 All times series are smoothed by a 10-yr running mean and indexed to the middle year.



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292 **Fig. S7.**

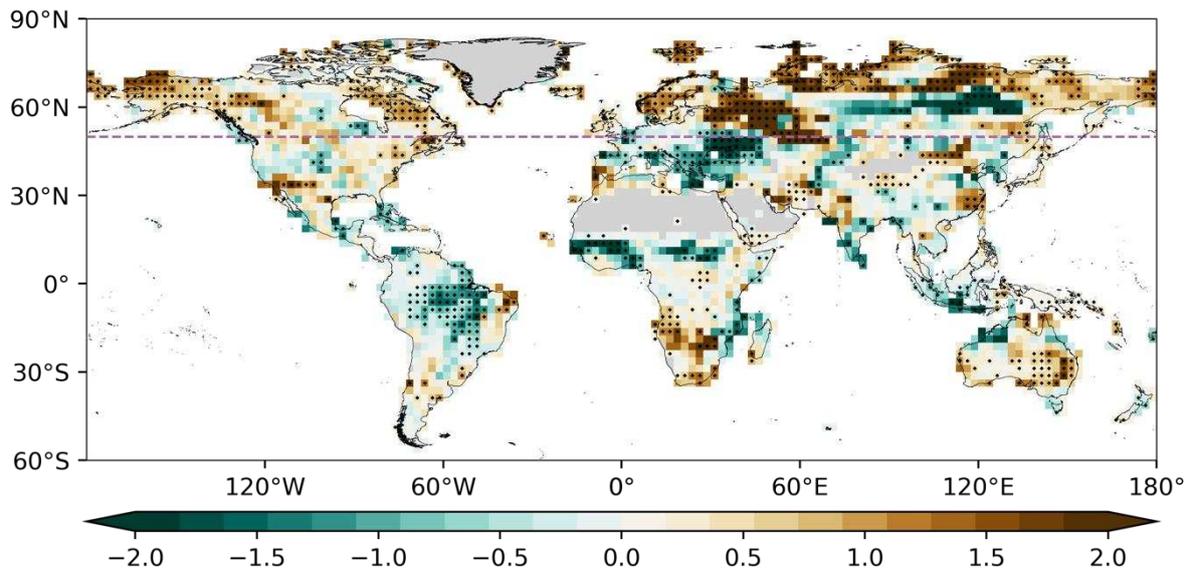
293 Agreement of seasonality trends from 27 GHMs under HIST&HWLU. Fraction of GHMs
 294 with weakening river flow seasonality at each grid cell. The purple dashed line at 50°N
 295 highlights the boundary of the northern high latitudes defined in this study. Areas of annual
 296 precipitation below 100 mm and Greenland are masked in grey.



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298 **Fig. S8.**

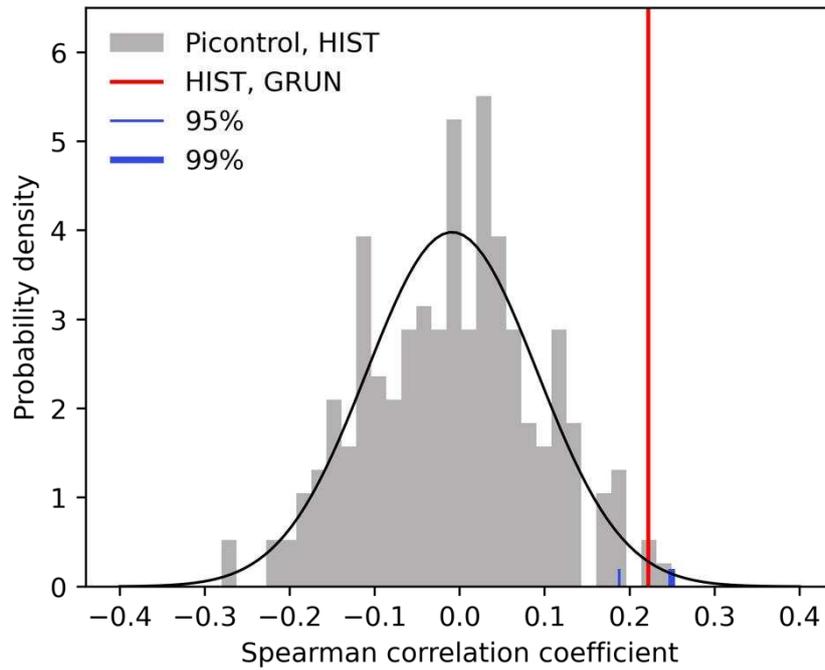
299 Similar to Fig. 3A-3C in the main text, but with study period replaced with 1970-2019. Note
 300 (A) shows AE trends from CRU-TS, which is one observational runoff reconstruction driven
 301 by the CRUTSv4.04 atmospheric forcing dataset in the G-RUN ENSEMBLE. (B, C)
 302 Simulated changes based on multimodel mean that account for historical water and land use
 303 (HWLU) under either historical radiative forcing (HIST) (B) or pre-industrial control
 304 (Picontrol) (C). Areas with annual precipitation below 100 mm and Greenland are masked in
 305 grey.



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307 **Fig. S9.**

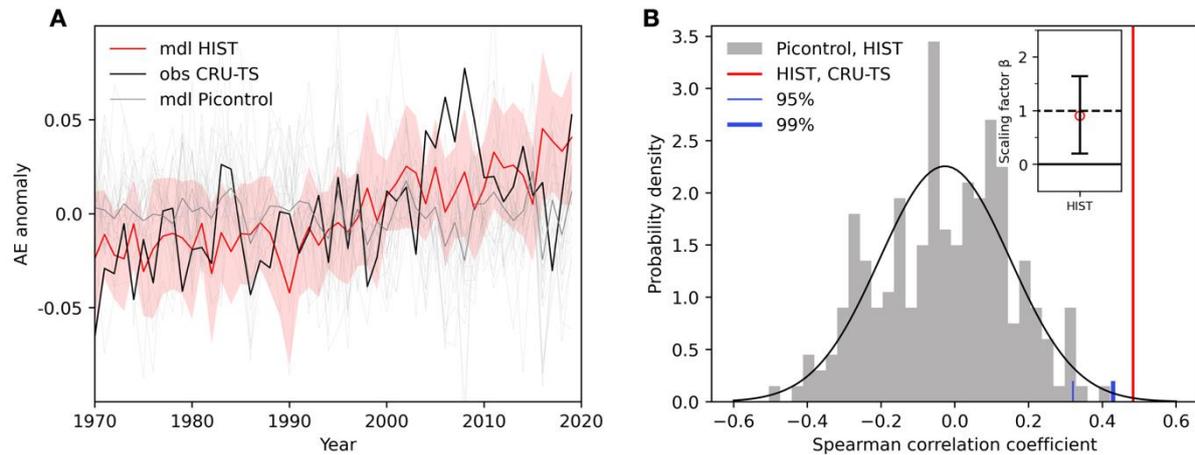
308 Observational reconstruction of river flow apportionment entropy (AE) trends (% decade⁻¹)
 309 for the G-RUN ENSEMBLE member driven with CRU-TS in 1970-2019. Black dots indicate
 310 a trend significance at 0.05. The purple dashed line at 50°N highlights the boundary of the
 311 northern high latitudes defined in this study. Areas of annual precipitation below 100 mm and
 312 Greenland are masked in grey.



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314 **Fig. S10.**

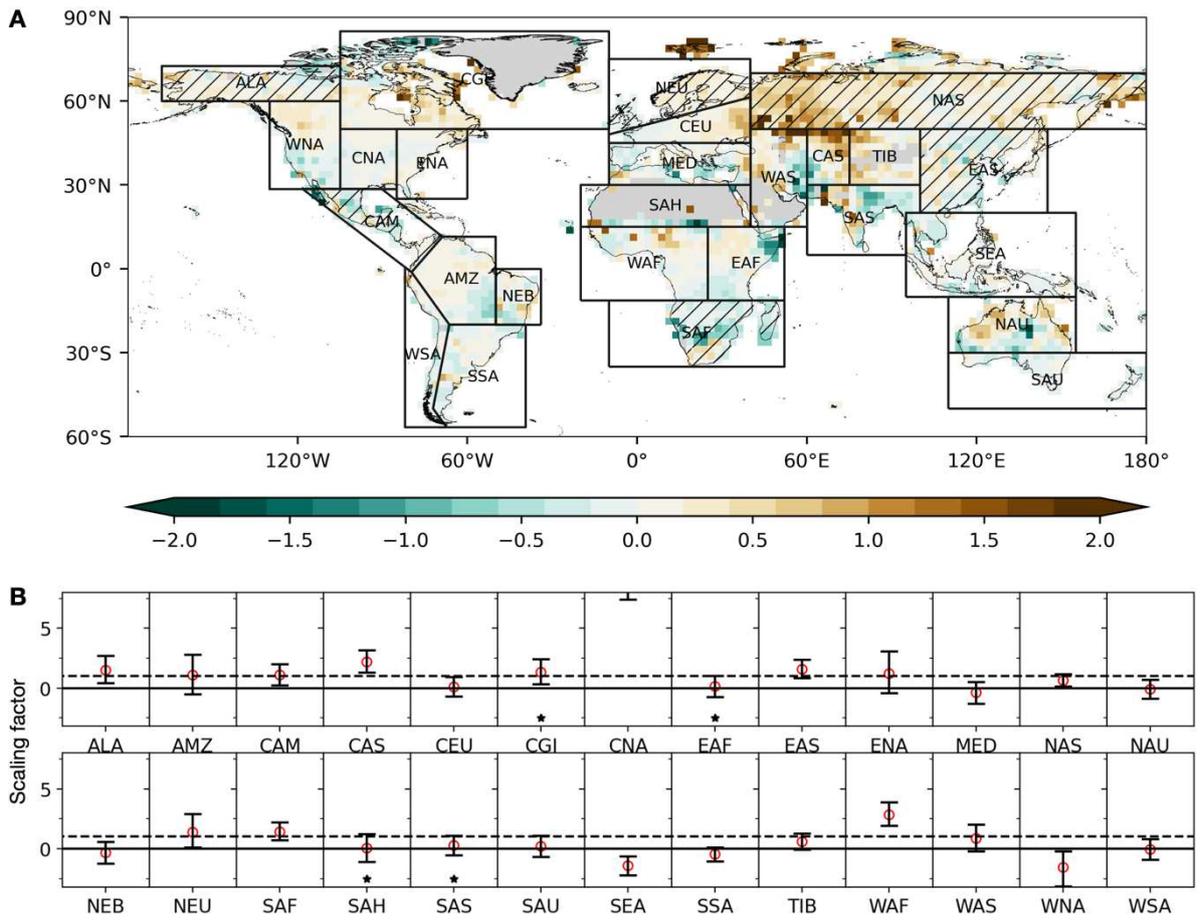
315 Spatial Spearman correlation coefficient of apportionment entropy (AE) trends for 1965-2014
 316 ($\% \text{ decade}^{-1}$) between the multimodel mean from HIST&HWLU and observed changes from
 317 GRUN ($\text{corr}_{\text{spatial}}(\text{HIST}, \text{GRUN})$, red) compared with an empirical distribution of correlation
 318 coefficients from 216 chunks of Picontrol simulations ($\text{corr}_{\text{spatial}}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$, grey).
 319 Vertical blue lines mark the 95% and 99% cumulative probability of an assumed normal
 320 distribution for the correlations.



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322 **Fig. S11.**

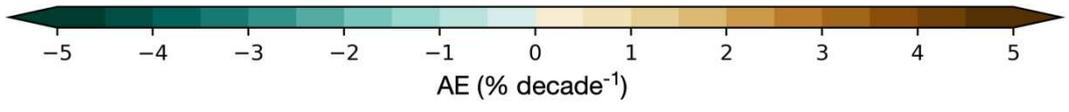
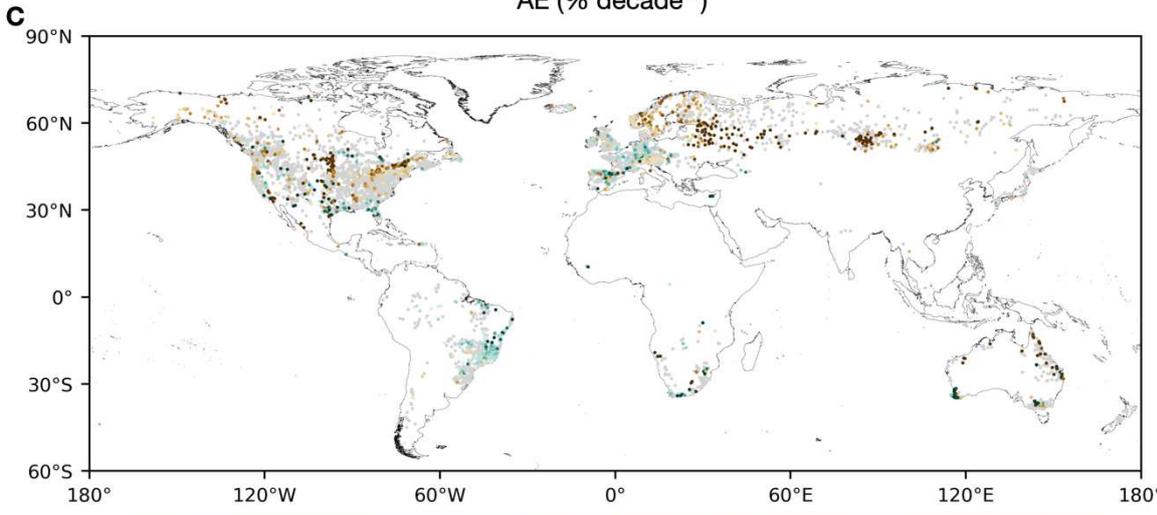
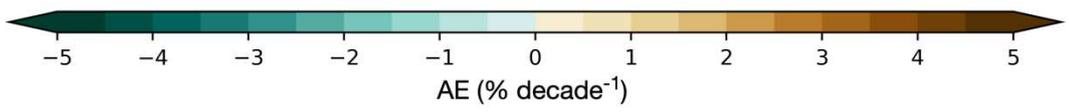
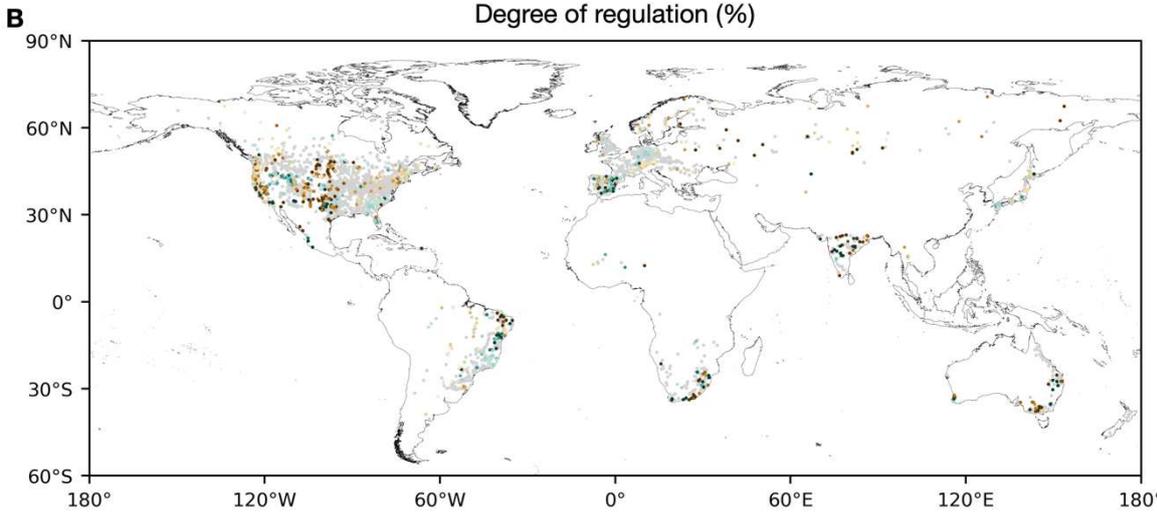
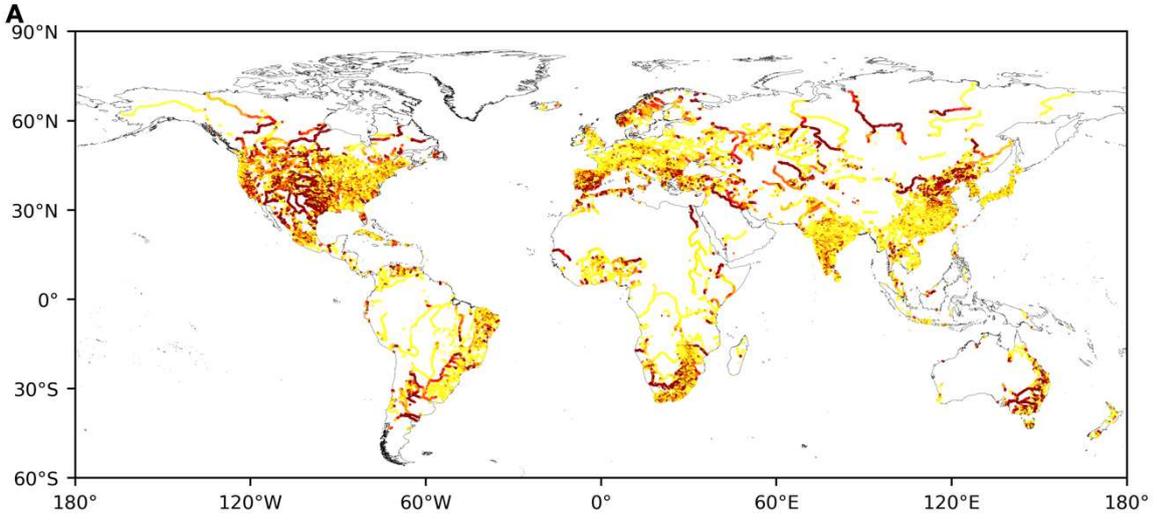
323 Similar to Fig. 3D and 3E in the main text, but with study period replaced with 1970-2019
 324 and observational runoff replaced with CRU-TS, which is one observational runoff
 325 reconstruction driven by CRUTSv4.04 atmospheric forcing dataset in the G-RUN
 326 ENSEMBLE. (A) Global multimodel (mdl) mean time series of apportionment entropy (AE)
 327 anomalies for HIST&HWLU and Picontrl&HWLU response and CRU-TS observations
 328 above 50°N. The red spread is ensemble standard deviation of HIST&HWLU, and thin grey
 329 lines are 27 model results of Picontrl&HWLU. (B) Correlation coefficient of AE anomalies
 330 between simulations with and without ACC ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{Picontrl}, \text{HIST})$) or observation-
 331 based reconstructions ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{HIST}, \text{CRU-TS})$) across 50°N-90°N. Correlation
 332 coefficient between the mdl mean from HIST&HWLU simulations and 216 chunks of
 333 Picontrl simulations with 50-yr segments are shown as an empirical probability density
 334 function in grey. Vertical blue lines mark the 95% and 99% cumulative probability of an
 335 assumed normal distribution for the correlations. The inset shows the confidence interval of
 336 the scaling factor from the optimal fingerprinting method with 0.5-99.5% uncertainty range.
 337 A signal is detected if the lower confidence bound is above zero (the solid line). The
 338 amplitude of the mean response is consistent with the observations if the confidence interval
 339 includes one (the dashed line). The residual consistency test (RCT) passed ($p >$
 340 0.1), indicating the consistency between the regression residuals and the model-simulated
 341 variability.



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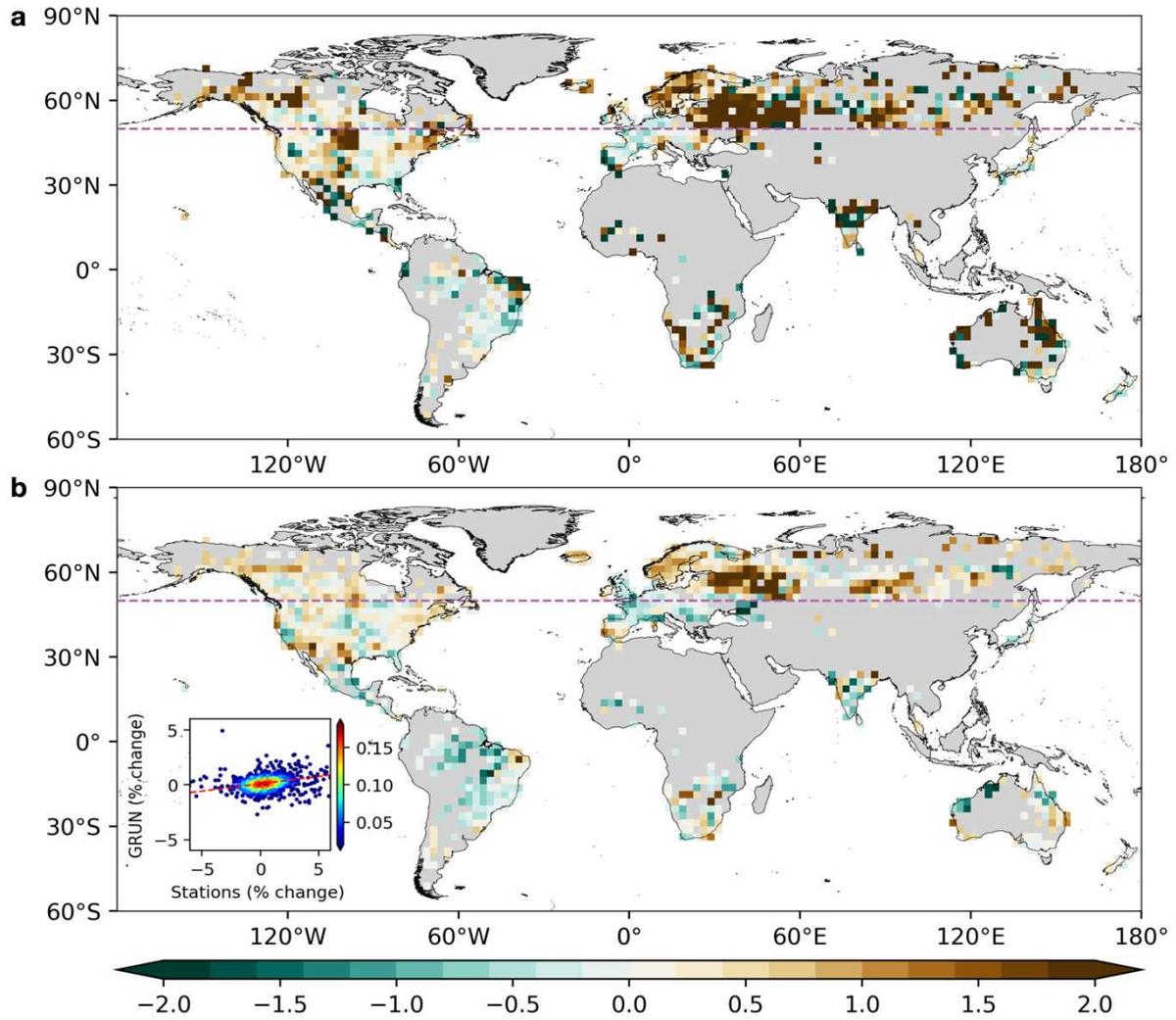
343 **Fig. S12.**

344 Results of the climate change detection and attribution analyses for the Apportionment
 345 Entropy (AE) of river flow in 26 IPCC SREX regions for 1965-2014. (A) Trends of AE in
 346 river flow from multimodel mean of global hydrological models ($\% \text{ decade}^{-1}$), the same as
 347 Fig. 3B but at global scale. (B) The scaling factor plots from 26 IPCC SREX refer to 10-90%
 348 uncertainty ranges from the detection analysis, * indicates a residual consistency test was not
 349 passed ($p < 0.1$). Regions with detected signal (lower confidence bound of scaling factor is
 350 above zero (the solid line)) and attributable to ACC (the confidence interval includes one (the
 351 dashed line)) are marked with dashes in (A). The ranges of scaling factor are truncated to
 352 enhance readability of the plot if confidence intervals exceed the ordinate.



354 **Fig. S13.**

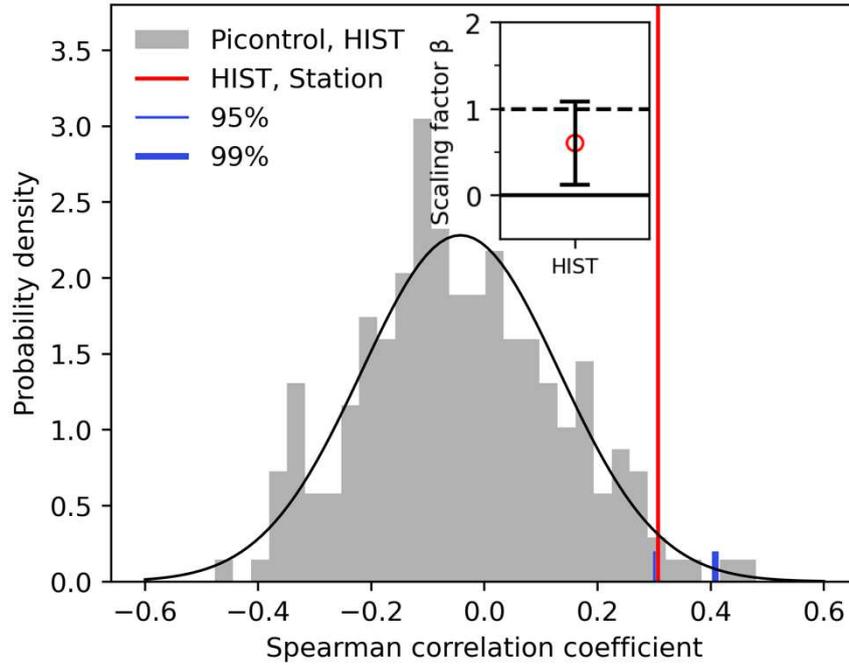
355 River flow seasonality trends represented by apportionment entropy (AE) (% decade⁻¹) over
356 50 years (1965–2014). (A) Degree of regulation (%) of rivers influenced by reservoirs. (B, C)
357 illustrate the AE trends in the stations influenced by reservoirs (3,914) and those unaffected
358 by reservoirs (6,150), respectively.



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360 **Fig. S14.**

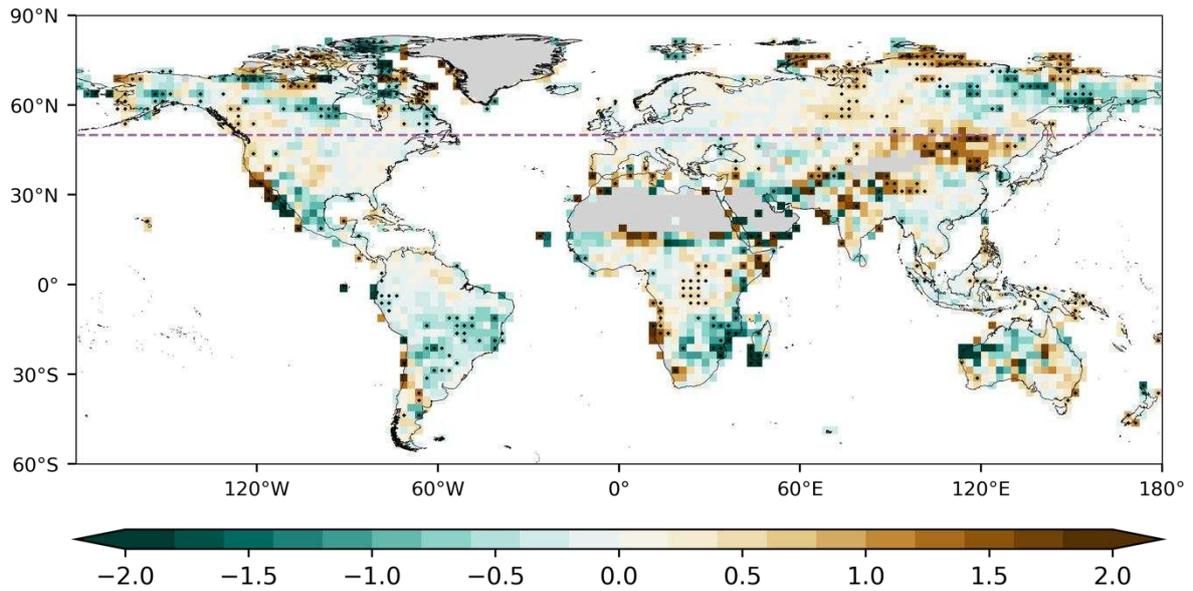
361 Comparison of apportionment entropy (AE) trends from (A) stations and (B) GRUN (%
 362 decade⁻¹). Each grid cell is the median trend for all the stations. Grid cells containing at least
 363 one station were included. Inset is a scatterplot showing the trends from stations and GRUN
 364 with linear regression in a red dashed line. Color shows the relative density of data points.
 365 Stations with trends larger than $\pm 6\%$ are not showed in the scatterplot, which occupied $\sim 4\%$
 366 of 10,120 stations. The purple dashed line at 50°N highlights the boundary of the northern
 367 high latitudes defined in this study.



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369 **Fig. S15.**

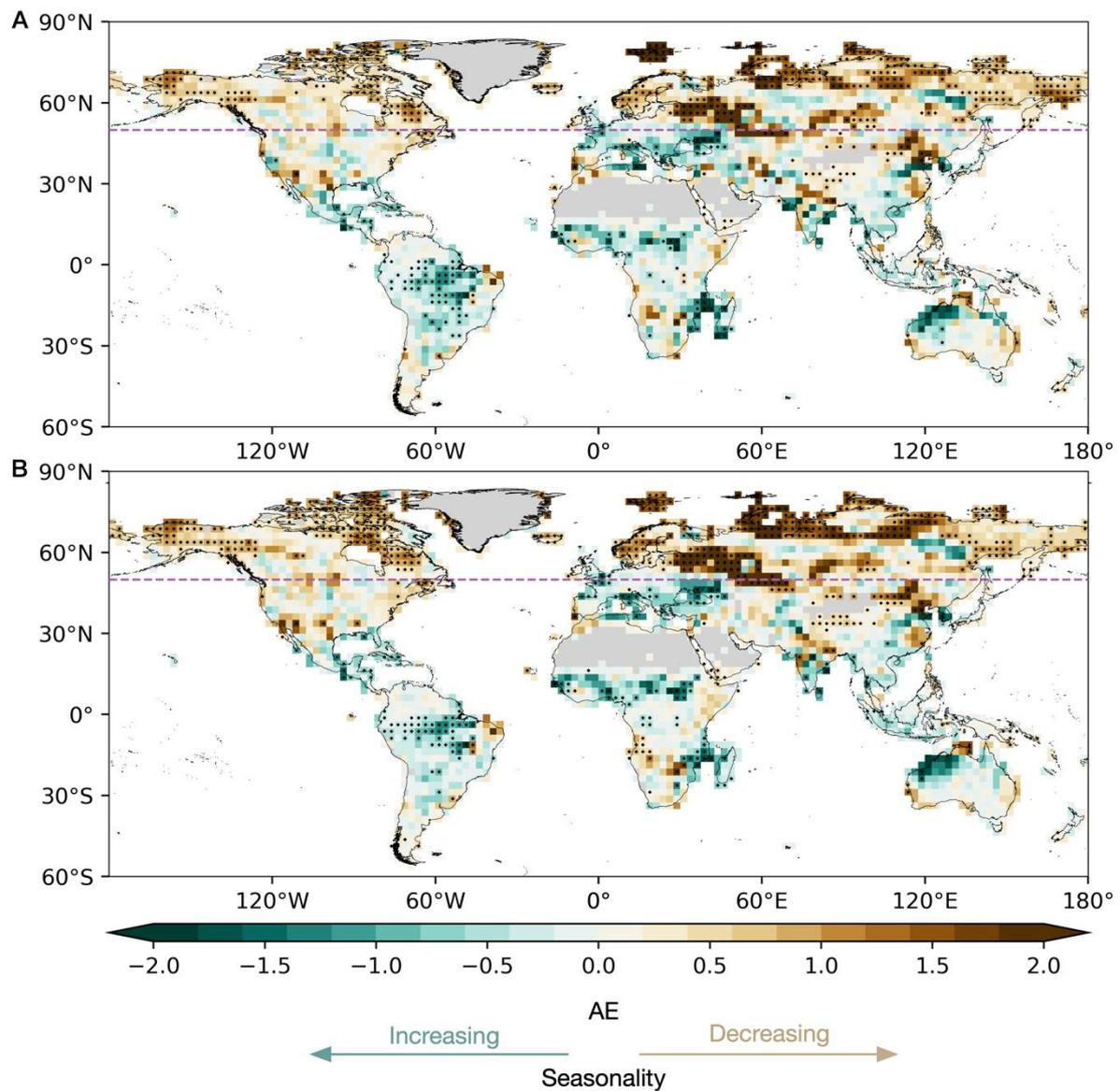
370 Similar to Fig. 3E in the main text, but we replace GRUN with gauged-based observations,
 371 and the spatial coverage is restricted to grid cells that contain at least one station in the
 372 northern high latitudes (above 50°N). Correlation coefficient of AE anomalies between
 373 simulations with and without ACC ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$) or observation-based
 374 reconstructions ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{HIST}, \text{Station})$) across 50°N-90°N. Correlation coefficient
 375 between the multimodel mean from HIST&HWLU simulations and 216 chunks of Picontrol
 376 simulations with 50-yr segments are shown as an empirical probability density function in
 377 grey. Vertical blue lines mark the 95% and 99% cumulative probability of an assumed
 378 normal distribution for the correlation. The inset shows the confidence interval of the scaling
 379 factor plot from the optimal fingerprinting method with 10-90% uncertainty range.



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381 **Fig. S16.**

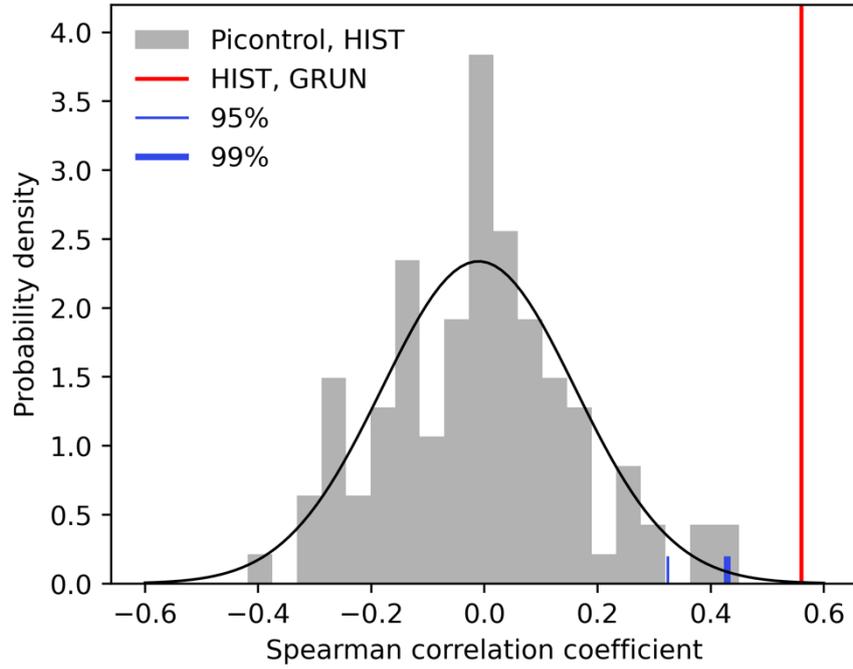
382 Trends in Apportionment Entropy (AE) ($\% \text{ decade}^{-1}$) of precipitation from GPCC in 1965-
 383 2014. Black dots indicate a trend significance at 0.05. The purple dashed line at 50°N
 384 highlights the boundary of the northern high latitudes defined in this study. Areas of annual
 385 precipitation below 100 mm and Greenland are masked in grey.



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388 **Fig. S17.**

389 Trends in Apportionment Entropy (AE) ($\% \text{ decade}^{-1}$) of (A) river flow from GRUN and (B)
 390 G-RUN ENSEMBLE, reconstructed from observation in 1965-2014. Black dots indicate a
 391 trend significance at 0.05. The purple dashed line at 50°N highlights the boundary of the
 392 northern high latitudes defined in this study. Areas of annual precipitation below 100 mm and
 393 Greenland are masked in grey.



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395 **Fig. S18.**

396 Similar to Fig. 3E in the main text, but with Picontrol simulations restricted in
 397 Picontrol&HWLU. Correlation coefficient of AE anomalies between simulations with and
 398 without ACC ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{Picontrol}, \text{HIST})$) or observation-based reconstructions
 399 ($\text{corr}_{\text{temporary}}(\text{HIST}, \text{GRUN})$) across 50°N-90°N. Correlation coefficient between the
 400 multimodel mean from HIST&HWLU simulations and 108 chunks of Picontrol simulations
 401 with 50-yr segments are shown as an empirical probability density function in grey. Vertical
 402 blue lines mark the 95% and 99% cumulative probability of an assumed normal distribution
 403 for the correlation.

404 **Table S1.** Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between the river flow AE with
 405 precipitation AE, soil moisture, snow fraction, and air temperature in the nine hotspots of Fig.
 406 S6. * indicates the trends are significant ($p < 0.05$).

Regions	precipitation AE	soil moisture	snow fraction	air temperature
N.NA	-0.57*	-0.58*	-0.8*	0.9*
N.EU	0.37*	0.01	-0.87*	0.86*
W.RU	-0.78*	-0.15	-0.63*	-0.07
Alps	0.06	-0.77*	-0.78*	0.86*
S.SI	-0.04	-0.58*	-0.67*	0.55*
Pacific NW.	0.65*	-0.17	-0.11	0.32*
U. Midwest	-0.2	0.37*	-0.89*	0.83*
NE.	0.04	-0.47*	-0.55*	0.7*
S. BR	0.93*	0.27		-0.64*

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Table S2. Ensemble simulations and hydrology models included in our analysis.

		climate scenario						
		Pre-industrial control (Picontrol)			Historical (HIST)		RCP6.0	
	Simulation period social & economy scenarios	1661- 1860	1861-2005		2006- 2099	1861-2005		2006- 2099
GHM/LSM	GCM	1860soc	histsoc	2005soc	2005soc	histsoc	2005soc	2005soc
CLM45	GFDL-ESM2M	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
	MIROC5	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
H08	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
LPJmL	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
MATSIRO	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
MPI-HM	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
PCR- GLOBWB	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
WaterGAP2	GFDL-ESM2M	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	HadGEM2-ES	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
	MIROC5	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y

410 **Table S3.** Monthly streamflow databases included in the analysis during 1970-2019.

Database	Spatial coverage	Data access information
Global Runoff Data Centre (GRDC) (48)	Global	https://www.bafg.de/GRDC/
United States Geological Survey water data (USGS)	USA	https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis
Canada National Water Data Archive (HYDAT)	Canada	https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/
Brazil National Water Agency (ANA)	Brazil	http://hidroweb.ana.gov.br/
African Database of Hydrometric Indices (ADHI) (64)	Africa	https://doi.org/10.23708/LXGXQ9

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