

# PMIP4-CMIP6 ice-sheet data

You will find on this page the boundary condition data that you have to use for the [Last Glacial Maximum](#) and the [Last Deglaciation](#) experiments



Please make sure to read the [HOWTO](#) section in order to use the data correctly!

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## How to use the data

- Choose the type of boundary condition you want to use. Look at the available data below, and at the [ice-sheet gallery](#) page.
  - Do not forget to document what you have chosen!
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- After processing the boundary condition data, send a copy the BC data *as seen by your model* to [Jean-Yves Peterschmitt](#): netCDF file and plot

## Ice-sheet data

The input data for the boundary conditions is available in **netCDF files** provided by Dick Peltier and Lev Tarasov. You will find below some technical details about the data, and the related publications to cite

### Data history

The data files may change a bit (rename or standardize the data, etc...) and you will find the change list below

### Peltier ICE-6G-C for PMIP4

#### Grid

- nb\_lat, nb\_lon = 1080, 2160 (regular 10 minutes intervals)

- latitude\_values = [ -89.91667175, -89.75, -89.58334351, ... 89.58333588, 89.75 , 89.91666412 ]
- longitude\_values = [ 0., 0.16666667, 0.33333334, ... 359.5, 359.66668701, 359.83334351 ]
- NO time axis (1 time step per file)

## Time steps and data files

- 48 time steps in 48 files, from 0k to 26k BP : data every 500 years from 0k to 21k BP, then every 1000 years till 26k BP
- file names = I6\_C.VM5a\_10min.<time\_slice>.nc with <time\_slice> in [0, 0.5, 1, ..., 20, 20.5, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26]
- all the variables for the same time step are in the same file

## Variables

- **Topo**: Topography (Point-value altitude), meters
  - on continents: surface altitude (including grounded ice sheet)
  - on ice-free oceans, and where there is floating ice (ice shelves): bathymetry
- **Orog**: Orography (Point-value surface altitude), meters
  - on continents: altitude (including grounded ice sheet)
  - on ice-free oceans: 0.0 (zero)
  - on ice-shelves: surface altitude
- **sftlf**: Point-value Landmask, %
  - values are 0 (not land) or 100 (land)
  - does not include floating ice
- **sftgif**: Point-value Icemask, %
  - values are 0 (not ice) or 100 (ice)
  - floating ice is included

## Notes:

- Computing the sftlf - sftgif difference yields:
  - 100: where there is land without ice
  - -100: where there is floating ice-sheet
  - 0: elsewhere

## References

Please cite **all** following papers:

- Describe the new Antarctic component of the model: Argus, D.F., Peltier, W.R., Drummond, R. and Moore, A.W. - **The Antarctica component of postglacial rebound model ICE-6G\_C (VM5a) based upon GPS positioning, exposure age dating of ice thicknesses, and relative sea level histories**. Geophys. J. Int., 198, 537-563, 2014, [10.1093/gji/ggu140](https://doi.org/10.1093/gji/ggu140)
- Describe the complete model: Peltier, W.R., Argus, D.F. and Drummond, R. (2015) **Space geodesy constrains ice-age terminal deglaciation: The global ICE-6G\_C (VM5a) model**. J. Geophys. Res. Solid Earth, 120, 450-487, [doi:10.1002/2014JB011176](https://doi.org/10.1002/2014JB011176)

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## Tarasov GLAC-1D for PMIP4

### Grid

- nb\_lat, nb\_lon = 360, 360
- latitude\_values = [ -89.75, -89.25, -88.75, ... 88.75, 89.25, 89.75 ]
- longitude\_values = [ 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, ... 357.5, 358.5, 359.5 ]
- time axis: see the *Time steps* section below

### Time steps and data files

- 261 time steps in one file, from 0k to 26k : data every 100 years, from 0k to 26k BP
- time\_values = [ -26. , -25.9, -25.8, ... -0.2, -0.1, 0. ]
- all the variables and all the time steps are in the same file:  
TOPicemsk.GLACD26kN9894GE90227A6005GGrBgic.nc

### Variables

- **HDC**: GLAC contemp. elevation(masl), meters
  - on continents (including ice sheets) and ice shelves: surface altitude (including ice sheets/shelves)
  - on ice-free ocean: bathymetry
- **HDCB**: GLAC contemp. elevation(masl), bathymetry for floating ice, meters
  - on continents (including ice sheets) and ice shelves: surface altitude (including ice sheets)
  - on ice-shelves: altitude of the bottom of the floating ice
  - on ice-free ocean: bathymetry
- **ICEM**: GLAC ice mask, fraction
  - ice fraction values between 0.0 (no ice) and 1.0 (100% ice)

### Notes:

- The land-sea mask can be computed with:
  - $HDCB > 0$  : ls\_mask = 1 (land)
  - $HDCB \leq 0$  : ls\_mask = 0 (no land)
- Computing the HDC-HDCB difference yields:
  - ice-shelves thickness where there are ice shelves
  - 0.0 everywhere else

### References

Please cite **all** the following papers:

- L. Tarasov and W. Richard Peltier **Greenland glacial history and local geodynamic consequences**, Geophysical Journal International, 150, 198-229, [doi:10.1046/j.1365-246X.2002.01702.x](https://doi.org/10.1046/j.1365-246X.2002.01702.x)
- Lev Tarasov, Arthur S. Dyke, Radford M. Neal and W.R. Peltier, **A data-calibrated distribution of deglacial chronologies for the North American ice complex from glaciological modeling**, Earth and Planetary Science Letters, Volumes 315–316, 15 January 2012, Pages 30–40, [doi:10.1016/j.epsl.2011.09.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2011.09.010)
- Robert D. Briggs , David Pollard , Lev Tarasov, **A data-constrained large ensemble analysis of Antarctic evolution since the Eemian**, Quaternary Science Reviews, Volume 103, 1 November 2014, Pages 91–115, [doi:10.1016/j.quascirev.2014.09.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2014.09.003)
- 4th paper to be added here (Eurasian component)

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