

Dataset for “Future projections for the Antarctic ice sheet until the year 2300 with a climate-index method” (*Journal of Glaciology*, doi: 10.1017/jog.2023.41)

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19 model experiments (for details see Table 1 and the paper)

- HIST: historical simulation 1990–2015.
- CTRL (Exp. #0): constant-climate projection control experiment 2015–2301.
- Exps. #5–10, 12–13, A5–A8, B6–B10: future-climate experiments 2015–2301; see Table 1.
- SICOPOLIS run-specs header files in archive run_specs_headers.zip.

Variables

The variable names follow closely the ISMIP6 convention (e.g., Table A1 of <https://tinyurl.com/ismip6-wiki-ais>). However, years are used instead of seconds as the time unit (1 a = 3.1556926×10^7 s). Time itself is counted in years CE.

2D variables are provided on the native 8-km grid of SICOPOLIS (EPSG:3031).

2D state variables (in archives hist.zip, ctrl_proj_ext.zip, exp05_ext.zip, ..., expB10_ext.zip)

lithk	– Ice thickness (m)
orog	– Surface elevation (m)
base	– Ice base elevation (m)
topg	– Bedrock elevation (m)

xvelsurf	– Surface velocity in x (m a^{-1})
yvelsurf	– Surface velocity in y (m a^{-1})
zvelsurf	– Surface velocity in z (m a^{-1})
horvelsurf	– Horizontal surface velocity (m a^{-1})
xvelbase	– Basal velocity in x (m a^{-1})
yvelbase	– Basal velocity in y (m a^{-1})
zvelbase	– Basal velocity in z (m a^{-1})
horvelbase	– Horizontal basal velocity (m a^{-1})
xvelmean	– Mean velocity in x (m a^{-1})
yvelmean	– Mean velocity in y (m a^{-1})
horvelmean	– Horizontal mean velocity (m a^{-1})
litemptop	– Surface temperature (K)
litempbot	– Basal temperature (K)
strbasemag	– Basal drag (Pa)
sftgif	– Land ice area fraction (–)
sftgrf	– Grounded ice sheet area fraction (–)
sftflf	– Floating ice shelf area fraction (–)

These variables are provided as snapshots for the following years:

hist: 1991 (1) 2015, all other experiments: 2035 (20) 2295, 2301.

Time variable: 'time'.

2D flux variables (in archives hist.zip, ctrl_proj_ext.zip, exp05_ext.zip, ..., expB10_ext.zip)

acabf	– Surface mass balance flux ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$)
libmassbf	– Basal mass balance flux ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$)
licalf	– Calving flux ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$)
dlithkdt	– Ice thickness imbalance (m a^{-1})
hfgeoubed	– Geothermal heat flux (W m^{-2})

These variables are provided as averages over the intervals bounded by the following years:

hist: 1990 (1) 2015, all other experiments: 2015 (20) 2295 + a final snapshot for 2301.

Time variables: 'time', 'time_bnds'.

Scalar state variables (in common archive all_scalar.zip)

lim	– Total ice mass (kg)
limnsw	– Mass above floatation (kg)
iareagr	– Grounded ice area (m^2)
iareafi	– Floating ice area (m^2)

These variables are provided as yearly snapshots for the following full years:

hist: 1991–2015, all other experiments: 2016–2301.

Time variable: 'time'.

Scalar flux variables (in common archive all_scalar.zip)

dlimdt	–	Total ice mass change (kg a^{-1})
tendacabf	–	Total surface mass balance flux (kg a^{-1})
tendlibmassbf	–	Total basal mass balance flux (kg a^{-1})
tendlibmassbffl	–	Total basal mass balance flux beneath floating ice (kg a^{-1})
tendlicalvf	–	Total calving flux (kg a^{-1})

These variables are provided as yearly averages over the intervals bounded by the following years:

hist: 1990–2015, all other experiments: 2015–2301.

Time variables: 'time', 'time_bnds'.

Note

For further details on the variables, see the metadata in the netCDF files (e.g., by Linux command 'ncdump -h' or MATLAB command 'ncdisp').

Exp. #	GCM	Scenario	Ocean forcing	Ice-shelf fracture	
0	—	CTRL	—	—	Control exp.
5	NorESM1-M	RCP8.5	Medium	No	Core experiments (Tier 1)
6	MIROC-ESM-CHEM	RCP8.5	Medium	No	
7	NorESM1-M	RCP2.6	Medium	No	
8	CCSM4	RCP8.5	Medium	No	
9	NorESM1-M	RCP8.5	High	No	
10	NorESM1-M	RCP8.5	Low	No	
12	CCSM4	RCP8.5	Medium	Yes	
13	NorESM1-M	RCP8.5	PIGL-Medium	No	
A5	HadGEM2-ES	RCP8.5	Medium	No	
A6	CSIRO-Mk3.6.0	RCP8.5	Medium	No	
A7	IPSL-CM5A-MR	RCP8.5	Medium	No	
A8	IPSL-CM5A-MR	RCP2.6	Medium	No	
B6	CNRM-CM6-1	SSP5-8.5	Medium	No	CMIP6 extension (Tier 2)
B7	CNRM-CM6-1	SSP1-2.6	Medium	No	
B8	UKESM1-0-LL	SSP5-8.5	Medium	No	
B9	CESM2	SSP5-8.5	Medium	No	
B10	CNRM-ESM2-1	SSP5-8.5	Medium	No	

Table 1. Extended ISMIP6-Antarctica Tier-1 and Tier-2 future climate experiments for the period 2015–2301 (= end of 2300). See the paper for further details.