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Mechanisms of Quaternary Climate Change Modes of Variability in the Climate System: Past-Present-Future

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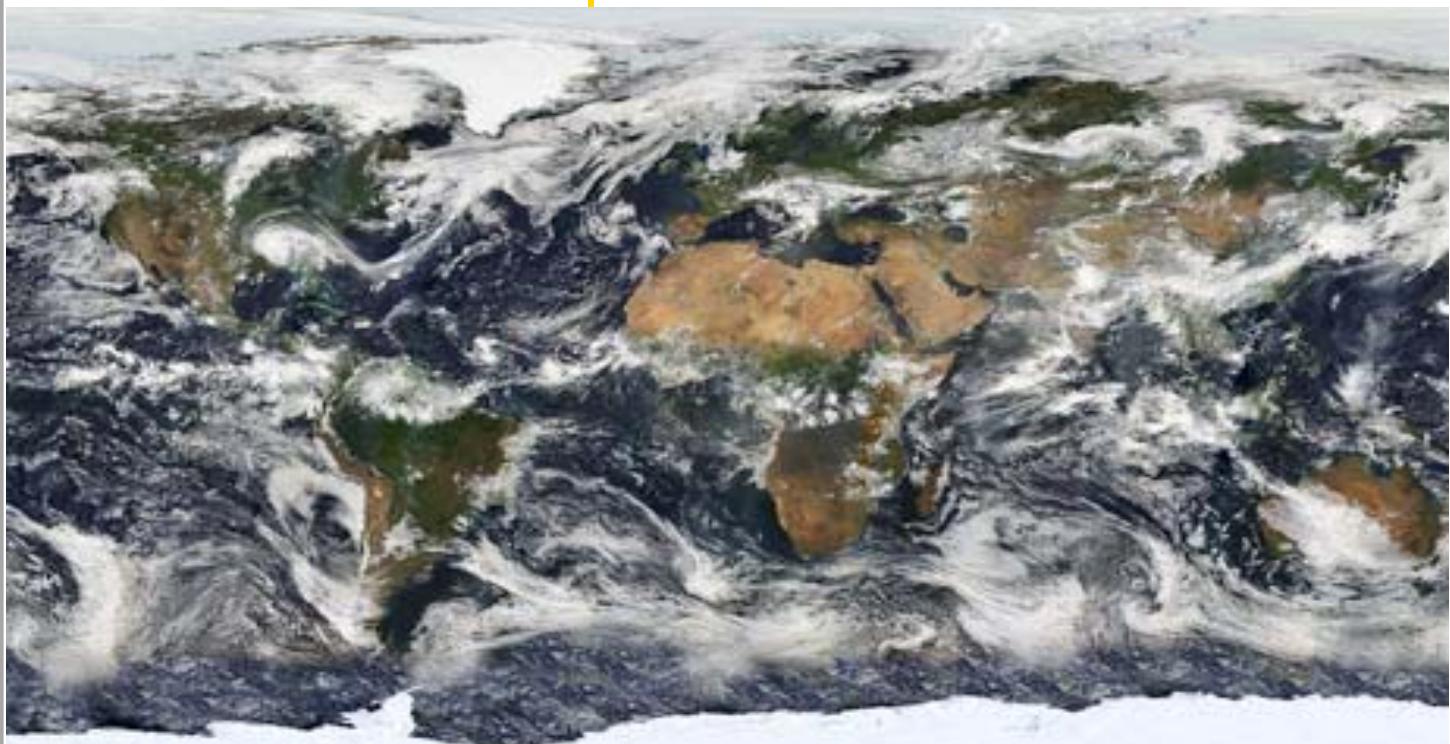
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Scope

The ongoing climate warming requires a detailed understanding of global and regional climate variations and forecasting of their future changes using climate models. These changes pertain not only to the average global warming but also to changes in regional climate, circulation patterns and their temporal variability. To decrease the uncertainty in these model predictions, climate models have to be validated using paleoclimate data as provided by natural climate archives. Spatially representative climate modes and teleconnection patterns and their temporal variability allow for this validation and represent the vehicles to contrast rather coarsely resolved climate models to point-wise paleoclimate data.

Accordingly, the Conference "Modes of Variability in the Climate System: Past-Present-Future" aims at putting together the world's most renowned scientists in the field of past and future global change and in particular experts in the current operation of modes in the climate system and their past variability. The conference presentations will characterize the mechanisms behind the most important modes and teleconnection patterns in the ocean, atmosphere and on land at all latitudes and their changes in the past in order to improve predictability of climate variability in the future. This includes past and future changes of modes and climate variability as well as feedbacks of those changes in climate modes on biogeochemical cycles that may lead to amplification of climate changes.

Invited Speakers will include

- Zhengyu Liu
University of Wisconsin, USA
Global teleconnections in the atmosphere and ocean – An overview
- David Thompson
Colorado State University, USA
Polar annular modes
- Thomas Felis
University of Bremen, D
NAO teleconnections in middle latitudes from coral records
- Matthew England
University of South Wales, AU
Links of modes and physical oceanography
- Bette Otto-Bliesner
NOAA, Boulder, USA
Deglacial changes of climate modes
- Jerome Chappellaz
LGGE-CNRS,Grenoble, F
Climate mode impacts on the global methane cycle
- Fillipo Giorgi
Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, I
Projections of regional climate changes
- Yongjing Wang
Nanjing University, China
Past Hydrological Changes in the Monsoon System?
- Bo Vinther
University of Copenhagen, DK
The North Atlantic Oscillation in Greenland
- Rainer Zahn
University of Barcelona, E
Southern Ocean circulation modes: Driver or co-driver
- Camille Li
Bjerkness Center, Bergen, N
Changes in atmospheric modes during the glacial
- Amaelle Landais
LSCE-CNRS, Paris, F
Impact of rapid climate changes on bioproductivity

- Gerald Haug
ETH Zurich, CH
Changes in climate modes – Effects on human societies in the late Holocene
- Joy Singarayer
University of Bristol, U.K.
Transient changes in the climate system
- Clara Deser
NCAR, Boulder, USA
Ocean and sea ice response to climate modes in high latitudes
- Joellen Russell
University of Arizona, USA
Carbon feedback of ocean ventilation changes in past and future climates
- Johann Jungclaus
Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, D
Impacts of rapid changes in the North Atlantic
Overturirning Circulation
- Natalie Mahowald
Cornell University, USA
The influence of aerosol on the climate system - Present and Past
- Masa Kageyama
CNRS-LSCE, Paris, F
Coupling of atmospheric circulation and changes in the AMOC
- Alexander Tudhope
University of Edinburgh, U.K.
Past El Nino variability
- David Bromwich
Ohio State University, USA
Ice sheet influence on extratropical teleconnections in the glacial
- Christine Klaas
Alfred Wegener Institute
The impact on marine ecosystems and the carbon cycle today and in the past
- Jens Christensen
DMI, Copenhagen, DK
Climate modes in the future – risk and effects