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Work experience

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Zurich, ZH, Switzerland

VISITING SCIENTIST, ENVIRONMENTAL PHYSICS GROUP

Jun. 2025 - **present**

- Continuing my postdoctoral work at the University of New South Wales
- Lecture assistant for the course CLIM1001 Introduction to Climate Change (one day/week workload)

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Woods Hole, MA, United States

VISITING SCIENTIST, CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CHANGE LAB

Aug. 2024 - Jun. 2025

- Continuing my postdoctoral work at the University of New South Wales
- Writing a National Science Foundation grant proposal as a co-principal investigator

University of New South Wales

Sydney, NSW, Australia

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, CENTRE FOR MARINE SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (CMSI) & AUSTRALIAN

Jun. 2023 - **present**

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ANTARCTIC SCIENCE (ACEAS)

- Investigating the impact of interannual to decadal natural climate variability on Antarctic dense shelf water formation
- Running sensitivity simulations in the 1/10° configuration of ACCESS-OM2 (which combines the MOM5.1 ocean model with the CICE5.1.2 sea ice model)

University of New South Wales

Sydney, NSW, Australia

PHD CANDIDATE, CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH CENTRE (CCRC) & AUSTRALIAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN CLIMATE

Jun. 2019 - May 2023

EXTREMES (CLEX)

- Setting up, preparing, running and analysing output from ACCESS-OM2 in all three horizontal configurations (1°, 1/4° and 1/10°)
- Publishing PhD thesis chapters in high-impact scientific journals
- Presenting research outcomes at national and international workshops, seminars and conferences
- Contributing to proposals for computational time and storage on the Gadi supercomputer through the annual Australian National Computational Merit Allocation Scheme (2018 - **present**)

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Hobart, TAS, Australia

PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY VOYAGE PARTICIPANT ON *RV Investigator*

May 2021 - June 2021

- Recovering and re-deploying moorings at 27°S to measure property transports in the East Australian Current
- Operating, sampling and analysing Conductivity, Temperature and Depth (CTD) measurements
- Deploying Argo, Biogeochemical Argo floats and XBT probes

MeteoSwiss/Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Zurich, ZH, Switzerland

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep. 2018 - Apr. 2019

- Organising, running and planning meetings as the research project lead
- Analysing coupled climate simulation output from the single large ensemble CESM12-LE and CMIP5 models
- Scientific manuscript writing
- Publication #2 ([see below](#)) resulted from this work

University of New South Wales

Sydney, NSW, Australia

RESEARCH INTERN, CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH CENTRE (CCRC) & AUSTRALIAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN

Sep. 2017 - Jul. 2018

CLIMATE EXTREMES (CLEX)

- Self-organising and self-funding a research stay in Sydney to complete my Master's thesis abroad
- Designing, running and analysing sensitivity simulations in the global ocean-sea ice model MOM-SIS-025
- Giving seminar and workshop presentations
- Writing of the thesis in \LaTeX

Education

University of New South Wales

Sydney, NSW, Australia

PHD IN CLIMATE SCIENCE

Jun. 2019 - May 2023

- Thesis title: Processes and Dynamics of Global to Regional Ocean Heat Uptake and Variability
- Web link to my thesis: <https://doi.org/10.26190/unsworks/25224>
- [Two-page summary on github](#)
- Supervisors: Dr. Ryan M. Holmes & Prof. Matthew H. England

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Zurich, ZH, Switzerland

MSC ETH IN ATMOSPHERIC AND CLIMATE SCIENCE

Sep. 2016 - Jun. 2018

- Thesis title: Mechanisms Driving Ocean Heat Uptake and Warm Water Volume Variability During Idealized ENSO Events
- [PDF on github](#)
- Supervisors: : Dr. Ryan M. Holmes, Prof. Matthew H. England, Dr. Iselin Medhaug & Prof. Reto Knutti
- Grade: 6. Grading scale: 6 is the highest, 1 is the lowest grade; pass mark is 4

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Zurich, ZH, Switzerland

BSC ETH IN EARTH SCIENCES

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2016

- Thesis title: Ocean Heat Storage and Implications on Sea Level Rise Using CCSM4 Model Output for 1993-2016
- [PDF on github](#)
- Supervisors: Dr. Iselin Medhaug & Prof. Reto Knutti
- Grade: 5.5

Additional scientific training

Australian Research Council Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science

Triabunna, TAS, Australia

WINTER SCHOOL ON SEA LEVEL CHANGE

17 - 24 Jun. 2024

Australian Research Council Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science

Kioloa, NSW, Australia

AUTUMN SCHOOL ON SEA ICE - BIOLOGY TO PHYSICS

22 - 26 May 2023

University of Tasmania, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

Hobart, TAS, Australia

QUANTITATIVE MARINE SCIENCE PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY COURSE

31 Jan. - 4 Feb. 2022

Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes

Melbourne, VIC, Australia

WINTER SCHOOL ON CLIMATE MODELLING

24 - 28 Jun. 2019

Engagement, Impact and Leadership

Grant Reviewer

Woods Hole, MA, United States

FOR POLAR SCIENCE EARLY CAREER COMMUNITY OFFICE (PSECCO) CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Jun. 2025

Session Co-convener

Vienna, Austria

ORGANISING THE EUROPEAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION 2025 SESSION OS1.6 - THE SOUTHERN OCEAN IN A CHANGING

CLIMATE: PHYSICAL, BIOGEOCHEMICAL, AND ECOSYSTEM PROCESSES

Nov. 2023 - **present**

ECR Participant

Sydney, NSW, Australia

GIVING INPUT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC SCIENCE DECADAL PLAN (2023 - 2033) IN WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND SURVEYS

Jun. 2023 - **present**

Workshop Organising Committee Member

Hobart, TAS, Australia

PLANNING THE ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ANTARCTIC SCIENCE (ACEAS) WORKSHOP

Oct. - Nov. 2023

Seminar Committee Member

Sydney, NSW, Australia

RUNNING THE MONTHLY ACEAS AND CCRC RESEARCH CENTRE SEMINARS

2022 - 2023

Reviewer

Sydney, NSW, Australia

GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS

Jul. - Aug. 2022

- Finding buddies for new PhD students
- Organising practise talks for centre-wide formal PhD reviews
- Forwarding administrative information
- Organising student meetings

Publications

I have a profile on [Google Scholar](#) and on [ORCID](#). My scientific publications include **four** as first-author and **two** as a co-author.

In progress:

7. Huguenin, M. F., Ryan, S., Ummenhofer, C. C., & England, M. H. (2024) Linking the recent decrease in Weddell Sea dense shelf water formation to shifts in the Interdecadal Pacific Oscillation. *In preparation*.

Peer-reviewed and published:

6. England, M. H., Li, Z., Huguenin, M. F., Kiss, A. E., Sen Gupta, A., Holmes, R. M., & Rahmstorf, S. (2024) Drivers of the largest ever recorded marine heat wave in the North Atlantic. **Nature**. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08903-5>.
5. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. M., Spence, P., & England, M. H. (2024). Subsurface warming of the West Antarctic continental shelf linked to El Niño-Southern Oscillation. **Geophysical Research Letters**, 51, e2023GL104518. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023GL104518>.
4. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. M., & England, M. H. (2022). Drivers and distribution of global ocean heat uptake over the last half century. **Nature Communications**. 13, 4921. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32540-5>.
3. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. M., & England, M. H. (2020). Key Role of Diabatic Processes in Regulating Warm Water Volume Variability Over ENSO Events. **Journal of Climate**. 33, 9945–9964. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-20-0198.1>.
2. Huguenin, M. F., Fischer, E. M., Kotlarski, S., Scherrer, S. C., Schwierz, C., & Knutti, R. (2020). Lack of Change in the Projected Frequency and Persistence of Atmospheric Circulation Types Over Central Europe. **Geophysical Research Letters**, 47. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GL086132>.
1. Santoso, et al. (2019). Dynamics and Predictability of El Niño-Southern Oscillation: An Australian Perspective on Progress and Challenges. **Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society**, 100, 403-420. <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0057.1>.

Data sets and analysis code

6. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. H., Spence, P. & England, M. H. (2024). ENSO-Antarctica_data (Version 20240118) [Data set]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10526062>.
5. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. H., Spence, P. & England, M. H. (2024). ENSO-Antarctica_scripts (20240126_v2) [Analysis code]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10570459>.
4. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. H. & England, M. H. (2023). ACCESS-OM2 1° resolution global repeat decade full forcing interannual simulation data for 1972-2018 (1.0) [Data set]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8343648>.
3. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. H. & England, M. H. (2023). ACCESS-OM2 1° resolution global repeat decade forcing control simulation data for 1972-2018 (1.0) [Data set]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8339578>.
2. Huguenin, M. F., Holmes, R. H. & England, M. H. (2022). Data and analysis scripts for Huguenin et al. (2022), Nature Communications (20220721_v2) [Analysis code]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6873094>.
1. Huguenin, M. F., Fischer, E. M., Kotlarski, S., Scherrer, S. C., Schwierz, C., & Knutti, R. (2020) maurice-huguenin/europe_circulation_types: Analysis Scripts and Data (20240628_v2) [Analysis scripts and data]. **Zenodo**. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12578019>.

Selected conference presentations and seminars

I have presented my research at more than [12](#) international conferences and various domestic/international workshops and seminars. A full list of my presentations can be seen on my [homepage](#).

Invited speaker for the University of Rhode Island Physical Oceanography Seminar Series

Kingston, RI, USA

PROCESSES AND DYNAMICS OF GLOBAL TO REGIONAL OCEAN HEAT UPTAKE AND VARIABILITY

28 Feb. 2025

Invited participant for the Physical Oceanography Dissertations Symposium

Lihu'e, HI, United States

PROCESSES AND DYNAMICS OF GLOBAL TO REGIONAL OCEAN HEAT UPTAKE AND VARIABILITY

21 Oct. 2024

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Physical Oceanography Seminar

Woods Hole, MA, United States

PROCESSES AND DYNAMICS OF GLOBAL TO REGIONAL OCEAN HEAT UPTAKE AND VARIABILITY

1 Oct. 2024

Invited speaker for the Ocean Circulation and Climate Dynamics Colloquium

GEOMAR Kiel, online

DRIVERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF GLOBAL OCEAN HEAT UPTAKE OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY

26 Jun. 2023

Invited speaker for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Climate, Atmospheric Sciences, and Physical Oceanography Seminar

La Jolla, CA, United States

UNDERSTANDING THE DRIVERS OF INTERANNUAL TO MULTI-DECADAL GLOBAL AND REGIONAL OCEAN TEMPERATURE CHANGE

6 Dec. 2022

Invited speaker for the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences Seminar

Oregon State University, online

KEY ROLE OF DIABATIC PROCESSES IN CHANGING WARM WATER VOLUME VARIABILITY DURING ENSO EVENTS

17 Nov. 2020

Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Annual Meeting

Darwin, NT, Australia

DIABATIC CONTRIBUTION TO OCEAN HEAT VARIABILITY DURING ENSO EVENTS, OCEAN SCIENCES MEETING (POSTER & ORAL PRESENTATION)

11 - 14 Jun. 2019

European Geophysical Union Annual Meeting

Vienna, Austria

CHANGES IN THE FREQUENCY AND PERSISTENCE OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN CIRCULATION TYPES (POSTER PRESENTATION)

9 - 12 Apr. 2019

Research proposals

NSF Office of Polar Programs

United States

SVENJA RYAN, MAURICE F. HUGUENIN & CAROLINE C. UMMENHOFER

12 Dec. 2024

- Title: Variability and Trends in Southern Hemisphere Subpolar Gyres in High-Resolution Ocean and Climate Models: Implications for Dense Water Formation and Major Antarctic Ice Shelves
- Amount of request: USD 312,862
- Project not funded.

National Computational Merit Allocation Scheme

Australia

MATTHEW H. ENGLAND ET AL.

2022 - present

- Title: Past, present and future climate variability and change in the Southern Ocean
- Annual call to submit proposals for computational walltime and storage on Australia's Gadi National Computational Infrastructure
- Amount of request: typically 15 Million Service Units & 60 TB storage, varying with group size

Teaching experience

Lecture assistant

Sydney, NSW, Australia

CLIM1001-GENS0401 COURSE INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Jun. - Aug. 2025

- Moderation of online forum discussions for 70 students for the full course period
- Marking of summary reports
- One day/week workload

A Fun Introduction to LaTeX

Sydney, NSW, Australia

CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH CENTRE FUN SEMINAR SERIES

25 Mar. 2024

- Lecture material available at https://github.com/mauricehuguenin/introduction_latex

Graduate teaching assistant

Sydney, NSW, Australia

CLIM1001-GENS0401 COURSE INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

2019 & 2023

- Moderation of online forum discussions for week 7: Global circulation and climate variability
- Marking of individual student and group reports

Memberships and communities

APECS	Association of Polar Early Career Scientists , Community member	2022 – present
ACEAS	Australian Research Council Australian Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science , PhD student and Postdoctoral research associate	2022 – present
EGU	European Geophysical Union , Full member	2018 – present
CLEX	Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes , PhD student and Associate investigator	2018 – 2024
AGU	American Geophysical Union , Full member	2019 – 2022
AMOS	Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society , Full member	2017 – 2022

Honours & Awards

Early Career Scientist's Travel Support

Vienna, Austria

TOWARDS ATTENDING THE EUROPEAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION ANNUAL MEETING IN 2025

10 Jan. 2025

- EUR 575 conference registration fee waiver + refund of abstract processing charge

Polar Science Early Career Community Office (PSECCO) Conference Travel Grant

Boulder, CO, United States

TOWARDS ATTENDING THE EUROPEAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION ANNUAL MEETING IN 2025

2 Oct. 2024

- USD 700

Selected participant

Līhu'e, HI, United States

PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY DISSERTATION SYMPOSIUM (PODS) XIII

19 Jul. 2024

- Boston - Līhu'e return flights and accommodation, meals & incidentals during the week-long workshop in Hawai'i

Best lightning presentation

Canberra, ACT, Australia

ANNUAL COSIMA OCEAN MODELLING WORKSHOP

8 Sep. 2023

- Choice of pottery

Best PhD Student Paper published in the centre in 2022

Lorne, VIC, Australia

ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR CLIMATE EXTREMES (CLEX)

17 Nov. 2022

- AUD 500

Best PhD Student Presentation

Sydney, NSW, Australia

CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH CENTRE POSTGRADUATE REVIEWS

13 May 2022

- AUD 100 gift voucher

Scientia PhD Scholarship

Sydney, NSW, Australia

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

29 Nov. 2018

- Awarded to PhD candidates who have shown exceptional research quality, and is valued at over AUD 200,000 across four years

Media and outreach

A full list of my outreach activities can be seen on my [homepage](#).

- WHOI PO News: [Experiencing an International Geophysics Conference as a Postdoc](#).
- The Conversation: [Heat from El Niño can warm oceans off West Antarctica – and melt floating ice shelves from below](#). This article reached over 18,000 readers worldwide.
- The Academic Minute Podcast: [Southern Ocean Takes on the Heat of Climate Change](#).
- UNSW Newsroom: [Southern Ocean takes on the heat of climate change](#).
- The Conversation: [The Southern Ocean absorbs more heat than any other ocean on Earth, and the impacts will be felt for generations](#). This article reached over 46,000 readers worldwide, and was featured in [The Guardian](#) and [Science Alert](#).
- CLEX Newsletter: [Towards an increased understanding of the East Australian Current – My voyage aboard RV Investigator](#).
- CLEX Research Brief: [Current climate models do not project a more persistent Central European weather](#).

Skills

Operating Systems Unix-based high-performance computing at the National Computational Infrastructure, Canberra, AU

- Numerical modelling**
- [MOM-SIS](#) and [ACCESS-OM2](#): setting up the model via github, performing spin-up, creating input, running sensitivity experiments and analysing model output
 - CESM12-LE and CMIP5: analysing coupled large ensemble and multi-model output

Programming languages Python, MATLAB, R, \LaTeX , bash

Tools and software Jupyter kernels, emacs, version control systems like git, github, Climate Data Operators (CDO)

Web Rmd, HTML

- Languages**
- German (native)
 - English (full professional proficiency, IELTS 8.5 \equiv CEFR Level C2)
 - French & Spanish (limited professional proficiency)