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BSV Seminar

Visual Analysis of the Evolution of Moisture Transport Patterns in the North Atlantic for different Climate Scenarios

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Introduction

- Climate change \neq global temperature rising
- Moisture Transport is a very important factor in precipitation
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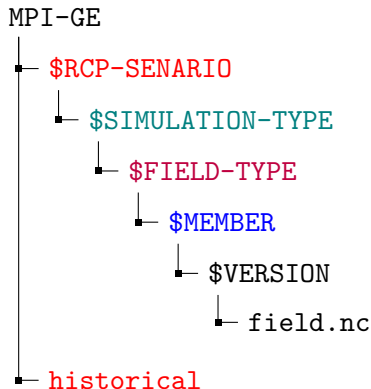
Research Questions

- How do the Patterns of Moisture Transport change in the face of various climate scenarios?

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Quick Facts:

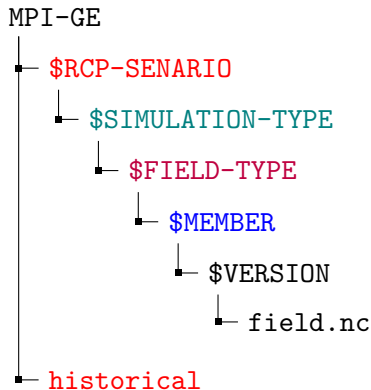
- released in 2019 [4]
- 86 Terabyte of data
- unfortunately not publicly available anymore



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Simulation Time Scopes

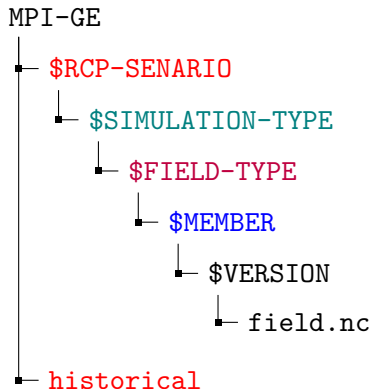
- Future simulations in the form of RCP scenarios (Representative Concentration Pathway)
- simulation from 2005-2099 (stringent pathway (rcp2.6), intermediate scenario (rcp4.5), worst case (rcp8.5))
- also a historical (1850-2005) and prehistorical (2000 years) control simulation



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Field Types

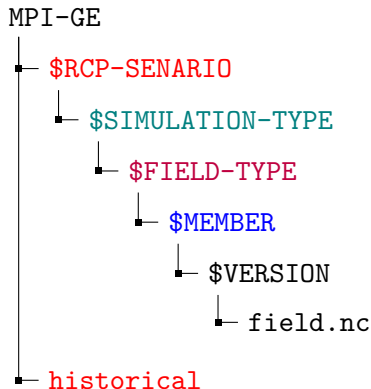
- 32 different fields for the atmosphere
- Resolution: Lat/Long: 1.875° , Time: monthly averages, Vertical: 26 Levels from 10 to 100000 Pa
- Examples: evaporation, precipitation, horizontal wind speed, specific humidity



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Simulation Models

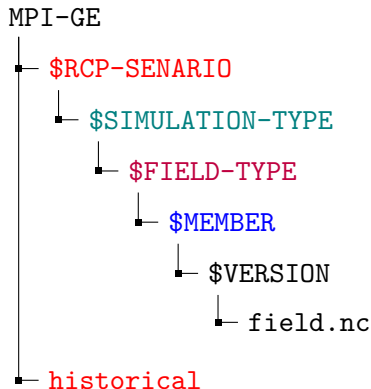
- different simulation models for different areas: land, ocean, atmosphere ...
- my focus: atmospheric parts



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Simulation Members

- 100 Members per field → 100 different simulations
- tries to catch the chaotic nature of climate



Moisture Transport

1. Vapor Integration

- Integrated Water Vapor (IWV)
- Integrated Water Vapor Transport (IVT) [1–3, 5–7]
- Moisture Budgets

2. Lagrangian Model

3. stable oxygen isotope investigation

Pattern Analysis with EOF

- For those familiar: its basically PCA
- or to be more specific:
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Challenges of visualizing uncertain Fields

- 100 Ensemble Members \rightarrow 100 different results

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