#### 1 Reviewer #1

The first aspect highlighted by Reviewer #1 is the fact that the online portal was not fully functional at the time of the review process. We have been working on it during the last weeks and users can now perform data browsing, visualization and download. We are however still working on it to build the upload feature and a "Help" section. These are the four functions included in the original project, but we are highly open to suggestions and collaborations concerning the implementation of additional features to our online portal.

Reviewer #1 also mentioned the fact that it may be more appropriate for this article to 9 be submitted to a "data-orientated" journal. We however estimate that our article is 10 addressed to various data users, especially when we highlight the urgent need to find 11 an agreement for the format of metadata and age modelling data. This issue needs 12 to be discussed by a large panel of palaeoclimatologists, including data producers, 13 modelers, gatherers, and we consequently believe that it would be less appropriate 14 to submit it to a somehow specialized journals that may be addressed to a more 15 16 restricted and specific audience.

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#### 18 Reviewer #2

## 19 Scientific comments

#### 20 Unclear goal

21 Thank you for stressing this issue, and we have done our best to clarify our goals in the revised version. This paper had indeed two main original goals. The first one was 22 23 to provide a simplified and homogenous format for the isotopes data published without any common format or protocol during the last decades, and to compile all 24 25 these records in a common database. Secondly, as this standard format offers new possibilities in terms of interaction with the data, we wanted to link this database to 26 27 an online portal. We estimated that the existing repositories were somehow limited in terms of interactivity, and that additionally to the new frame for datasets, it would be 28 29 useful to provide new features for the sometimes fastidious online data browsing process, such as dynamic data browsing and visualization. This simultaneous effort 30

to simplify the datasets format and improve data browsing makes the database and online portal highly interlinked. We estimated that this comment could be a good opportunity to clarify the original aim of this project in the article and therefore add some modifications to the abstract and introduction. We also agree that the original title of the article may have been somehow inappropriate and thus modified it as "Water and carbon stable isotope records from natural archives : a new database and interactive online platform for data browsing, visualizing and downloading".

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# 39 Generalizability

We are favorable to the idea of sharing code and published data from our project. As the construction of the online portal is still ongoing, we cannot yet contribute to code repository, but will include it as soon as the version described in the article is fully functional and open to the community. As mentioned to Reviewer #1, we are also highly open to suggestions and collaboration with other institutions to upgrade our database and online portal.

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## 47 Data standardization.

We think that LiPD data format might be a helpful improvement for data storage. 48 However, we also think that a standard should be accepted by the whole community. 49 and that all the data repositories should adopt this standard or a similar one. As we 50 explain in a new paragraph of the manuscript, this format is a great opportunity to 51 store and organize data from future publications. We however think that the fastest 52 and less fastidious way to compile hundreds of previously published heterogeneous 53 datasets is a single spreadsheet. This work was done in the frame of a post-doctoral 54 fellowship so time and manpower were very limited to compile data and by the time 55 of this data compilation (2013 to late 2014), we were not aware of the existence of 56 this LiPD format. Nevertheless, we encourage the community to adopt the LiPD as a 57 new standard for metadata disposition, and we think that, if this format if finally 58 accepted, our database could be relatively easily converted into such a structured 59 standard. In the revised manuscript, we make explicit reference to this issue. 60

62 Data synthesis :

The LiPD standard and LinkedEarth project are indeed particularly promising. At the 63 beginning of our work (2013), we were not aware of the existence of these projects 64 and we adopted our own structure following what had been performed earlier for the 65 66 MARGO project. The LiPD standard will highly facilitate future data storage with a comprehensive structure. We think that the original idea between the two concepts 67 (metadata storage in a single spreadsheet versus individual files or tabs) may be 68 different. LiPD is a great standard for future publications, as each author will be able 69 to directly associate data and metadata in a hierarchical structure. However, 70 considering the limited time and manpower, and as we had to compile and harmonize 71 the existing datasets published along the last forty years, the single spreadsheet 72 remained the fastest and most convenient solution for compiling metadata from these 73 hundreds of datasets. 74

We also think that it would be feasible, with the participation of the community, to 75 extract the information contained in our metadata spreadsheet and convert it to a 76 structured format, and the LiPD seems particularly appropriate for that. Note that the 77 time required to fill in the LiPD is approximately 10 minute per entry, and therefore 78 the conversion is a workload way beyond our internal capabilities, and will require a 79 community effort, as currently ongoing with the PAGES2k project. As we have also 80 exchanged metadata information with the ISO2k project, we expect that the most 81 recent records from our data base will be soon also available in the LiPD format. We 82 therefore added a paragraph in the manuscript to highlight the need for the 83 community to validate a definitive and interoperable format for metadata before 84 starting to convert all the information from the compiled datasets. 85

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## 87 Age modelling :

The original aim of this work performed in the frame of a post-doctoral position was the conversion of hundreds of heterogeneously formatted (age format, file disposition,...) datasets into homogenous records, so we had a very limited time and manpower to additionally gather and compile age-model information, as these data

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are particularly fragmented. We however agree that the next step in paleoclimate 92 data formatting should be focused on age model information. Similarly to what we 93 mentioned for the metadata, an agreement on the contents and format disposition 94 has to be found within the paleoclimate community, before starting compiling data, 95 otherwise numerous new "standards" types of containers will emerge and the 96 problem of homogeneity will persist. Also, as mentioned by reviewer #2, age model 97 precision and uncertainties became more and more crucial during last years, 98 particularly for the study of fast and abrupt climatic events and transitions. 99 100 Consequently, it is more and more important to gather all parameters used for the establishment of age models, as well as their associated uncertainties. Unfortunately, 101 102 many of the records we collected were published more than twenty years ago, and the associated information concerning age model establishment is very limited and 103 104 incomplete, notably concerning uncertainties.

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#### 106 Chronology ratings

Rating age models involves both qualitative and quantitative factors, and although we 107 did our best to find a clear rating procedure, we thus agree that the expert judgment 108 associated with qualitative aspects might inevitably be challenged. We believe that 109 evaluating qualitative information on measurements such as the posterior distribution 110 of ages is a constructive idea. We also think that asking the authors to provide this 111 information with their future publications will contribute to enhance the evaluation of 112 age models, but we also consider that calculating this distribution for the hundreds of 113 published datasets might necessitate considerable time and manpower. We would be 114 favorable to include this information in our database and evaluation of the age 115 models, but we would definitively need a collective effort to perform this task. 116

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## 118 Statistical analysis

The significance of the difference between two different PMIP time slices (A and B) was assessed by simply comparing the offset between the average isotopic value of these two periods ( $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{B}$ ), to the average value of the standard deviations of the isotopic record for each of the two periods ( $\sigma A$  and  $\sigma B$ ).

# 123 $\overline{A} - \overline{B} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sigma A + \sigma B)}{2}$

We consider that the isotopic offset is (not) significant if the absolute value of the offset is greater (smaller) than the average standard deviation along the two periods.

126 This information is now provided in the appendix of the revised manuscript.

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# 128 Editorial Comments

We modified the manuscript and figures according to the constructive comments of reviewer #2. We however tried to modify the figures in A1 to A4 by making classes of number of datapoints but we estimate that this treatment leads to a loss of information and thus decided to keep the original figures as they were submitted although we agree that some of them might look a bit spiky.

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137 Revised version of the manuscript (see below).

Text changes following the comments of the reviewers are highlighted in
 green. Figures at the end of the manuscript were also modified.

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## 165 Abstract

Past climate is an important benchmark to assess the ability of climate models to simulate key processes and feedbacks. Numerous proxy records exist for stable isotopes of water and/or carbon, which are also implemented inside the components of a growing number of Earth system model. Model-data comparisons can help to

constrain the uncertainties associated with transfer functions. This motivates the 170 need of producing a comprehensive compilation of different proxy sources. We have 171 put together a global database of proxy records of oxygen ( $\delta^{18}$ O), hydrogen ( $\delta$ D) and 172 carbon ( $\delta^{13}$ C) stable isotopes from different archives: ocean and lake sediments, 173 corals, ice cores, speleothems and tree-ring cellulose. Source records were obtained 174 from the georeferenced open access PANGAEA and NOAA libraries, complemented 175 by additional data obtained from a literature survey. About 3,000 source records were 176 screened for chronological information and temporal resolution of proxy records. 177 Altogether, this database consists of hundreds of dated  $\delta^{18}O$ ,  $\delta^{13}C$  and  $\delta D$  records in 178 a standardized simple text format, complemented with a metadata Excel catalog. A 179 180 guality control flag was implemented to describe age markers and inform on chronological uncertainty. This compilation effort highlights the need to homogenize 181 and structure the format of datasets and chronological information, and enhance the 182 distribution of published datasets that are currently highly-fragmented and scattered. 183 We also provide an online portal based on the records included in this database with 184 an intuitive and interactive platform (http://climateproxiesfinder.ipsl.fr/), allowing one 185 to easily select, visualize and download subsets of the homogeneously-formatted 186 records that conform this database, following a choice of search criteria, and to 187 upload new datasets. In the last part, we illustrate the type of application allowed by 188 our database by comparing several key periods highly investigated by the 189 palaeoclimate community. For coherency with the Paleoclimate 190 Modelling Intercomparison Project (PMIP), we focus on records spanning the past 200 years, 191 the mid-Holocene (MH, 5.5-6.5 ka; calendar kilo years before 1950), and the Last 192 Glacial Maximum (LGM, 19-23 ka), and those spanning the last interglacial period 193 (LIG, 115-130 ka). Basic statistics have been applied to characterize anomalies 194 between these different periods. Most changes from the MH to present day, and LIG 195 to MH appear statistically insignificant. Significant global differences are reported 196 from LGM to MH with regional discrepancies in signals from different archives and 197 complex patterns. 198

## 199 **1. Introduction**

In the context of increasing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, exploring future climate change risks relies on climate models (IPCC AR5, 2013), and it becomes essential to assess their intrinsic skills and limitations (Braconnot et al.,
203 2012; Flato et al., 2013).

Past climate variations resulted from the changing natural external forcings, and 204 internal climate variability. Quantitative records of past climate variations therefore 205 provide unique benchmarks against which is it possible to assess the ability of 206 climate models to resolve the processes at play (e.g. Braconnot et al., 2012, Schmidt 207 et al., 2014). However, evaluating climate models against paleoclimate data remains 208 challenging, due to uncertainties on both simulations and reconstructions (Masson-209 Delmotte et al., 2013; Flato et al., 2013). On the one hand, uncertainties associated 210 with the simulation of past climates are related to changes in boundary conditions 211 (e.g. ice sheet topography and melt fluxes, https://pmip3.lsce.ipsl.fr/) and dust 212 radiative feedbacks (Rohling et al., 2012). On the other hand, uncertainties also arise 213 from the age scales of proxy records, and from the application of transfer functions 214 used to convert proxy records into climate variables. For instance, while  $\delta^{18}$ O is used 215 as a temperature proxy in polar ice cores, the relationship between ice core  $\delta^{18}O$  and 216 temperature is known to vary trough time and between drilling sites (Masson-217 Delmotte et al., 2011a; Guillevic et al., 2013; Buizert et al., 2014). Similarly, the 218 relationship between  $\delta^{18}$ O from tree rings cellulose and climate may be impacted by 219 220 several factors, including local monthly or annual temperature and precipitation, while the response of trees to climate changes may differ according to inherent 221 222 physiological differences of the various tree species (Stuiver and Braziunas, 1987; McCarroll and Loader, 2004). 223

In order to constrain the second source of uncertainty, a growing number of 224 components of climate models are being implemented with the explicit simulation of 225 tracers such as water and carbon stable isotopes. Since the pioneer work of 226 Joussaume et al. (1984), many models are being equipped with  $\delta^{18}$ O,  $\delta$ D and also 227  $\delta^{17}$ O water isotopes, including land surface models (Yoshimura et al., 2006; 228 Henderson-Sellers et al., 2006), regional atmospheric models (Sturm et al., 2010) 229 general circulation models (Schmidt et al., 2007 for the coupled ocean-atmosphere 230 231 GISS model; Lee et al., 2008 for NCAR CAM2; Tindall et al., 2009 for HadCM3; Risi et al., 2010 for LMDZ4; Werner et al., 2011 for ECHAM5wiso; Yoshimura et al., 2011 232 for IsoGSM; Dee et al., 2015) as well as intermediate complexity climate models 233

(Roche et al., 2013 for iLOVECLIM). Similarly, carbon stable isotopes are also 234 implemented in a growing number of land surface and ocean components (e.g. 235 Tagliabue et al., 2009; Menviel et al., 2012; Sternberg et al., 2009). These new 236 functionalities of climate models open the possibility to directly comparing the proxies 237 measured in natural archives with model output, with the double interest of improving 238 the understanding of proxy records, and model evaluation. For instance, Risi et al. 239 (2010) evaluated LMDZ4 performance against oxygen stable isotope data from 240 terrestrial and ice archives for the MH and LGM, and Oppo et al. (2007) compared 241 the GISS Model-E output with Pacific marine  $\delta^{18}$ O records encompassing the MH. 242 Recently, Caley and Roche (2013) have focused on the difference between the LGM 243 and the Late Holocene (last 1000 years) for the comparison of the simulation from 244 the iLOVECLIM model and proxy data, and selected 17 polar ice core records, 10 245 speleothems, and 116 deep sea cores with a test on age control following the 246 protocol previously applied for the synthesis of temperature reconstructions by the 247 Multiproxy Approach for the Reconstruction of the Glacial Ocean surface (MARGO) 248 collaborative effort (Waelbroeck et al., 2009). Also, Jasechko et al. (2015) compiled 249 88 isotope records from ground water, speleothems and ice cores spanning the 250 251 period from the LGM to the Late Holocene and compared these data to five general circulation models. These model-data comparisons have only used limited 252 253 information extracted from a fraction of available proxy records, while much broader information has been accumulated during decades of field and laboratory work 254 255 worldwide.

The NOAA 256 main open-access databases are hosted on the (http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/paleoclimatology-data) and PANGAEA 257 (http://www.pangaea.de) websites. These multi-proxy online data depositories are 258 continuously updated with recent datasets uploaded by the respective authors on a 259 voluntary basis. In some cases, datasets are also available as supplementary 260 261 information to publications, and practices depend on communities. For instance, there is no standard practice for archiving the growing number of stable isotope 262 263 records obtained from tree ring cellulose, even though some efforts emerged recently to create a data bank (Csank, 2009). Although the two repositories have been 264 265 intensively used by scientists to archive and distribute their datasets, the systematic exploration of these records remained limited by the heterogeneity of reporting, data 266

formats including chronological information, and the impossibility to easily download 267 all the datasets related to one type of proxy. Moreover, these databases have limited 268 interactivity. The lack of features allowing an online pre-visualization of selected 269 datasets obliges the users to download the data if they want to assess the relevance 270 of the records for their scientific questions (e.g. to explore the resolution of the 271 records, or the quality of the chronology for a given time interval). Altogether, 272 unintuitive ergonomics and/or limited interactivity make data browsing and gathering 273 274 fastidious.

Based on this observation, we decided to produce a compilation of existing records, 275 standardising the chronological information (age markers) into a common format, and 276 implementing an online tool to facilitate the search process throughout different 277 archives with intuitive data browsing, online functions for datasets graphical pre-278 visualization, as well as easy download features. In a first step, we focus here on 279  $\delta^{18}\text{O},~\delta\text{D}$  and, if available on the same archive,  $\delta^{17}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}.$  This choice is 280 motivated by the following reasons: (i) these proxies have been widely used during 281 the last decades; (ii) they are available for a variety of marine, ice and terrestrial 282 archives (sediments, speleothems, ice and tree-ring cellulose), and (iii) they trace 283 interactions between different components of the climate system involved in the 284 global water and carbon cycles, and provide therefore integrated signals for 285 evaluating respectively water and carbon cycle processes within climate simulations. 286 A strong motivation for this compilation is the integration of marine and terrestrial 287 records (Bar-Matthews et al., 2003; Hughen et al., 2006; Cruz et al., 2006; Leduc et 288 al., 2009; Carré et al., 2012; Bard et al., 2013; Grant et al., 2012 & 2014). It is also in 289 line with ongoing efforts to build consistent chronologies for marine and ice core 290 records (e.g. the INTIMATE project, see Blockley et al., 2012). In order to document 291 the four dimensional structure of ocean circulation changes, we included datasets 292 from deep-sea sediments, using both surface and deep water proxies. 293

While in principle our methodology could allow one to explore transient climatic changes (Marcott et al., 2013; Shakun et al., 2012), such an approach would require an accurate assessment of age scale uncertainties, which is beyond the scope of this work. In this manuscript, we therefore focus on records providing sufficient age control and resolution for selected time slices, chosen for consistency with the Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project (PMIP), and for which numerous source records are available. The selection of target periods is described in Section 2. The protocols and methods used to build the database are then depicted in Section 3, followed by the description of the software developments required for the online search and visualization platform (Section 4). For the four considered time slices, we then illustrate the data coverage and spatial distributions (Section 5). Conclusions provide recommendations to facilitate such data syntheses, and propose future database developments.

## 307 2. Selection of target periods

Although the database contains full length published records, allowing the investigation of transient climatic changes, our data synthesis in the frame of this manuscript is focused on key periods for which there is a specific interest in the paleoclimate modeling community: the last 200 years, the Mid-Holocene (MH; 6 ka), the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) and the last interglacial period (hereafter LIG). The methodology used to estimate the isotopic offset between the different periods and the determination of its significance are provided in the appendix.

The last 214 years (1800 to 2013 CE, Common Era, noted as "last 200 years" for 315 simplification) have been selected because (i) they encompass instrumental 316 measurements (precipitation or seawater isotopic composition, air and water 317 temperature, rainfall, sea level pressure...), and because (ii) isotopic atmospheric 318 models can be nudged towards atmospheric historical reanalyses, thus providing a 319 realistic framework for model-data comparisons (e.g. Yoshimura et al., 2008). It is 320 here in fact extended back to 1800 to encompass, if possible, the climate response to 321 the large 1809 and 1815 volcanic eruptions. This period is particularly important for 322 detection and attribution of climate change, and, so far, the short duration of isotopic 323 measurements in precipitation samples (i.e. at best 60 years for  $\delta^{18}$ O in central 324 Europe; Araguas-Araguas et al., 2000; GNIP Database, IAEA/WMO, 2015), has 325 limited systematic investigation of recent trends. Here, we aim at expanding this 326 documentation from highly-resolved proxy archives (mostly ice cores and tree-ring 327 cellulose). Note that the records do not necessarily span the entire key periods (i.e. a 328 record spanning only the last 50 years would be included in our statistics for the 329 330 present-day period).

The MH (6  $\pm$  0.5 ka, thousand years before 1950) has been selected as a target for 331 paleoclimate modeling (https://pmip3.lsce.ipsl.fr) as a compromise between the 332 magnitude of orbital forcing, and climate responses at the end of the glacial ice sheet 333 decay. The orbital configuration produces enhanced (reduced) insolation in the 334 northern (southern) hemisphere during boreal (austral) summer, associated with 335 warming in mid and high northern hemisphere latitudes as well as enhanced northern 336 hemisphere monsoons (Braconnot et al., 2012). So far, most quantitative model-data 337 comparisons for this period have focused on sea surface (Hessler et al., 2014) or 338 surface air temperature inferred from marine and pollen data, and precipitation 339 changes inferred from pollen or lake level data (Harrison et al., 2013). They suggest 340 that models tend to underestimate the magnitude of latitudinal temperature gradients, 341 as well as the magnitude of continental precipitation changes (Flato et al., 2013). 342 343 While the signal-to-noise ratio is often small, this recent period is well documented in many well-dated, high-resolution archives, motivating a synthesis of proxy 344 345 information.

346 The LGM (19-23 ka) corresponds to a major global climate change, in response to decreased greenhouse gas concentration and expanded continental ice sheets, with 347 an amplitude of global cooling of around 4°C, comparable to the magnitude of 348 projected 21<sup>st</sup> century high-end warming (Collins et al., 2013). Due to the magnitude 349 of the radiative perturbation associated with changes in atmospheric composition and 350 ice sheet albedo, this period is particularly relevant for climate sensitivity (Masson-351 Delmotte et al., 2013; Rohling et al., 2012; Schmidt et al., 2014). Moreover, the LGM 352 has been widely investigated through well-preserved natural archives with improved 353 chronologies (Reimer et al., 2013). A synthesis of marine data has been achieved 354 within the MARGO collaborative effort (Waelbroeck et al., 2009), leading to a 355 database of multi-proxy sea surface temperature estimates, complementing surface 356 357 air temperature change between the LGM and present-day inferred from pollen and ice core records (Braconnot et al., 2012). This period is marked by changes in the 358 thermohaline circulation (Duplessy et al., 1988; Shin et al., 2003; Yu et al., 1996), 359 large scale atmospheric circulation (Chylek et al., 2001; Justino and Peltier, 2005, 360 Murakami et al., 2008), El Niño - Southern Oscillation (ENSO; Tudhope et al., 2001; 361 Stott et al., 2002) as well as the monsoon and Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone 362 (ITCZ) position (Van Campo, 1986; Braconnot et al., 2000; Broccoli et al., 2006; 363

Leduc et al., 2009; Bolliet et al., 2011; Sylvestre, 2009). The large uncertainties associated with changes in ocean circulation and their role for the carbon cycle and the tropical water cycle have already motivated data syntheses and model-data comparisons (Bouttes et al., 2012; Caley et al., 2014, Risi et al., 2010).

Finally, the last interglacial period (115-130 ka) is characterized by large changes in 368 369 orbital forcing, together with reduced volume of the polar ice sheets (Kukla et al., 2002; Govin et al., 2012; Masson-Delmotte et al., 2013; Capron et al., 2014). While 370 global mean temperature is estimated to be less than 2°C warmer than today, based 371 on syntheses of temperature reconstructions and simulations (Otto-Bliesner et al., 372 2013), northern hemisphere summer warming in this period can reach the same 373 magnitude of feedbacks than in future projections (Masson-Delmotte et al., 2011a). It 374 is also characterized by enhanced inter-hemispheric and seasonal contrasts 375 (Nikolova et al., 2013). Large uncertainties also reside on the conversion of 376 Greenland and Antarctic ice core water stable isotope records to temperature, with 377 implications for assessing the vulnerability of ice sheets to local warming (Masson-378 Delmotte et al., 2011a; Sime et al., 2009 & 2013; NEEM community members, 2013). 379 Climate models have been shown to underestimate the magnitude of Arctic warming 380 and to fail capturing Antarctic temperature trends (Lunt et al., 2013; Bakker et al., 381 2014). This may arise from vegetation and land ice feedbacks, which were not 382 resolved in the simulations. While all of the above motivate a proxy record synthesis 383 for this period, highly-resolved archives remain scarce (Pol et al., 2014), and large 384 age-scale uncertainties constitute a major obstacle, especially given the 385 asynchronous climate change detected in both hemispheres (Stocker, 1998; Masson-386 Delmotte et al., 2010; Bazin et al., 2013; Capron et al., 2014). 387

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#### 390 **3. Database construction steps**

The first step consisted in gathering all the  $\delta^{18}$ O,  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta$ D data available from the two main online paleoclimate data depositories (NOAA and PANGAEA), together with marine sediment records from the LSCE (Gif-sur-Yvette, France), paleoceanography internal database (Caley et al., 2014) and literature survey and personal communication (2013,2014) with authors. This work was performed fromMay 2013 to July 2014.

A metafile has been built in order to list the main parameters of these datasets: core 397 name, reference, associated publication Digital Object Identifier (DOI), core site 398 latitude, longitude and elevation or depth coordinates. We have also inserted a flag to 399 describe the quality of age models for marine sediment cores (see next section). All 400 ages were converted into thousand years before present (ka), using 1950 CE as the 401 reference year. For each archive, we have stored the depth / age / proxy value data 402 into a separate three-column file. This protocol was applied to each archive and 403 proxy record. For instance, for a publication reporting  $\delta^{18}$ O time series based on four 404 different foraminiferal species, extracted from two deep sediment cores, we have 405 produced eight files, using a simple text tabulated standard format. This 406 407 standardization was adopted in order to facilitate the comparison of records, and to allow future automated calculations. The name of this standard data file was inserted 408 409 into the metafile. The name of output files was established based on the name of the original file provided by authors. We thus simply added the acronym "SIMPL" (for 410 411 "simplified") to the data-only file name. For publications presenting several records, the different cores, species and/or proxies were indicated to the individual data files. 412 "stott2007\_MD81\_cmund\_corrected\_SIMPL" For instance, and 413 "Stott2007 MD81 cmund SIMPL" are the output files for the  $\delta^{18}$ O records from core 414 MD98-2181 published by Stott et al. (2007), based on the benthic foraminifera 415 416 *Cibicidoides mundulus* with and without adjustment for vital effect, respectively.

All the available information describing the associated age model was extracted and 417 compiled into a separate spreadsheet named after the original data file, with the 418 addition of the "TIEPTS" (for "tie points") to the file name, as well as the core 419 reference in case of articles based on multiple records. This spreadsheet contains 420 sample reference and depth, raw and/or calendar ages from radiometric dating with 421 422 the name of the species or the type of material measured, tie points used for core-tocore correlation, and the amount of dated material. The name of this file was also 423 listed in the metafile, and this information was used to evaluate the age model (see 424 425 next section).

This database was used to calculate basic statistics (number of data points, average proxy value, standard deviation) for the MH, the LGM, the last Interglacial, and for the reference present-day climate (last 200 years).

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## 430 **4. Age model evaluation**

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## 432 **4.1 Deep sea sediment cores**

Following the protocol developed for the MARGO project (Waelbroeck et al., 2009),
quality flags were attributed to the chronology of the deep sea sediment cores and
speleothems. For this purpose, several factors were taken into account:

436 1. The density of chronologic markers: AMS <sup>14</sup>C and/or U-Th dates, core-to-core
 437 correlation tie points, reference horizons (tephra, paleomagnetic excursions...).

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2. The position of age markers, especially at the boundary of our target periods. For
 instance, we consider that the LGM (19-23 ka) is better constrained with two AMS
 <sup>14</sup>C dates at 19 and 23 ka than with four dates within the 20-22 ka interval.

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3. The presence of sedimentary disturbances (turbidites, hiatus, bioturbation) and post-deposition or coring events (gaps, core breaks, post-depositon reorganization of speleothems crystals). This aspect of the age-model evaluation is however restricted to the information provided by authors concerning the possible presence of such disturbances.

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449 4. The level of detailed description of the age model: raw <sup>14</sup>C and U-Th ages, 450 samples reference, type of material or species analyzed, reservoir age and 451 calibration program or curve used in case of marine material. Reservoir ages still 452 remain vigorously discussed (Soulet et al., 2011; Siani et al., 2013). Here, we used 453 the reservoir ages as originally published.

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455 5. Marine Core-top constrains. It is customary among paleoceanographers to assign456 "0 BP" to the uppermost sample of the core. Many late Holocene records are also

dated using extrapolated ages between the most recent datum and the top of the core. This implies that the top of deep-sea cores is often poorly chronologically constrained. Although arbitrarily dated, these data points were integrated to the calculation of present-day average values.

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6. For records older than the <sup>14</sup>C reliability interval (~35 ka to 60 ka, where the uncertainty on the calibration into calendar ages strongly increases, Plastino et al., 2001; Bronk-Ramsey et al., 2013), the quality flags are based on the number of tie points, and the type of material used for core-to-core correlation (e.g.: well dated high resolution ice core vs. low resolution sediment core).

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468 Quality flags ranging from 1 (very good) to 5 (poor) were therefore included in the 469 metafile for each deep-sea sediment core and speleothem dataset. This evaluation 470 protocol was not applied to archives such as tree rings, varved lacustrine cores, high 471 accumulation ice cores, modern corals or mollusk shells where annual counting 472 allows building accurate chronologies. We thus assigned the best quality flag to 473 these records.

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In order to illustrate the chronological quality flag, we describe hereafter fiveexamples:

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a) Quality flag 1 (excellent): Marine Core A7 (27.82°N, 126.98°E investigated by Sun 478 et al., 2005) is constrained by 15 well-distributed AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates ranging from 1 to 479 17.5 ka, corresponding to the time period where oxygen stable isotope data are 480 available. There is therefore no significant arbitrary-dated interval. The authors used 481 a dated ash layer to establish a precise correction of the theoretical reservoir age, 482 and the effect of local turbidites was precisely monitored. The dating protocol is 483 484 described in detail, and reports samples labels, reservoir age, and the calibration curve. Despite the lack of information on the selected species and the amount of 485 material used for <sup>14</sup>C dating, we assigned the maximum guality flag to this age 486 model. 487

488 <u>b) Quality Flag 2 (good):</u> Marine Core GEOB3129/3911 (4.61°S, 36.64°W) is dated
 489 through 16 AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates spanning the 1.8-20 ka interval, which coincides with the

490 period covered by isotope measurements (Weldeab et al., 2006). The dating protocol
491 is relatively well described although reservoir ages and the amount of measured
492 material are not directly mentioned. With one date at 20 ka and another one at 16.9
493 ka, the distribution of dates does not provide a precise picture of the timing of the
494 starting date of the last deglaciation.

<u>c) Quality Flag 3 (average):</u> Marine Core KNR159-5-33GGC (27.56°S, 46.18°W;
Tessin and Lund, 2013) is constrained by 14 AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates between 1.6 and 18.5
ka, and the entire dating protocol is well described. However, the AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates are
not homogenously distributed, with only 4 data points within the 1.6-14 ka interval
and 10 dates between 15.4 and 18.5 ka. The chronology of the Holocene is therefore
poorly constrained. Moreover, anomalously old material is intercalated between
younger sediment, interpreted as deep burrying (Sortor and Lund, 2011).

d) Quality Flag 4 (below average): the age scale of Core RC10-196 (54.70°N, 502 177.08°E) is particularly well described by Kohfeld and Chase (2011). However, only 503 three AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates and one  $\delta^{18}$ O data point for oxygen isotope stratigraphy are 504 available between 10 and 22 ka, while the  $\delta^{13}C$  and  $\delta^{18}O$  records span a 505 considerably wider time interval (10-86 ka). The starting point of Termination I is not 506 well defined in  $\delta^{18}$ O, making the datum at 22 ka relatively imprecise. Although the 507 authors did not focus on the last deglaciation, we incorporated this record in the 508 database, because only very few records have been recovered in this part of the 509 North Pacific. 510

511 <u>e) Quality Flag (poor)</u>:  $\delta^{18}$ O record from Core M44/3\_KL83 (32.60°N, 34.13°E; 512 Sperling et al., 2003) spanning the last 13 kyrs. This record is constrained by only 513 one <sup>14</sup>C AMS date (7.6 ka), leading to large uncertainties in the timing of the whole 514 Holocene.

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#### 516 **4.2 Other archives**

#### 517 **Ice cores**

518 Dating ice cores is a crucial issue, as these highly-resolved archives are often 519 compared to marine cores and speleothems to assess the timing of climatic events

between high and lower latitudes. Ice core chronologies are regularly updated using 520 available age markers and dating is synchronized among different ice cores (e.g. 521 Rasmussen et al., 2006; Vinther et al., 2006; Ruth et al., 2007; Bazin et al., 2013; 522 Veres et al., 2013), with estimates of associated age scale uncertainties. For that 523 reason, it was decided not to attribute dating quality flags for ice cores chronologies 524 in this database. For the last interglacial period, LGM and MH, most ice cores 525 chronologies would be flagged as good to excellent, depending on the dating 526 strategy. For the last 200 years, the quality of ice core chronologies can vary from 527 528 excellent for high accumulation areas (where annual layer counting and volcanic horizons are available) to good in the driest central Antarctic areas. 529

#### 530 Speleothems

Dating speleothems generally involves radiometric methods or, in rare cases, 531 counting of annual laminae when they are visible. In the majority of cases, it is based 532 on uranium series methods (schematically <sup>234</sup>U decays into thorium <sup>230</sup>Th); when the 533 U/Th method is not possible because of too large detrital content, some authors may 534 use AMS <sup>14</sup>C with a correction of dead carbon producing quite large errors. U-Th 535 method on speleothems can have a <1% 2-sigma error bar and the age limit of the 536 537 method is close to 450 ka; but depending on the detrital content of the calcite and on the method used (i.e. TIMS, MC-ICPMS or alpha counting for old records), errors 538 539 may be variable. Chronologies based on radiometric dating were evaluated similarly to what was done with marine cores, with quality flags based on the resolution and 540 distribution of the dated samples, and taking into account the possible sedimentary 541 issues (recrystallizations, hiatus not caused by climate fluctuations). In the case of 542 543 dating by lamina counting, similarly to what was done to modern coral records, we considered that the error on the chronology is low, and assigned the maximum 544 quality flag to the age model of these cores. 545

## 546 Lacustrine records

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The construction of age models for lacustrine cores is somewhat similar to what is applied for marine cores. Most of the chronologies are based on AMS <sup>14</sup>C dating measured on carbonate or organic compounds. Similarly to what was performed for marine datasets, the quality flags for lacustrine records are based on the density of <sup>14</sup>C dates and their position relatively to key transitions. We also took the sedimentary disturbances (e.g. sedimentation hiatuses) into account as well as the presence of potential corrections for residence time and reservoir effects revealing an effort for considering the impact of the lake circulation dynamics in the sediment age. The chronology of some of the compiled lacustrine records was performed by counting of seasonal varve, generally resulting in a high accuracy (Sprowl, 1993). As a result, we attributed the "excellent" quality flag to varve-based chronologies.

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# 560 Tree-ring records

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Tree-ring are generally short and well-dated records. The dating method is based on precise counting of single rings produced each year by individual trees. Although some chronologies can be affected by a few double or missing rings, tree-rings may be the archive presenting the most robust chronologies and allow the attribution of a precise calendar year to each of the rings. We therefore assigned the "excellent" quality flag to all of the tree-ring records of our database.

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## 569 **5. Interactive visualization tool**

570 NOAA and PANGEA open-access online libraries host a huge amount of 571 palaeoclimatic datasets, but browsing and downloading these data may sometimes 572 not be optimal. Each dataset must indeed be downloaded individually, without having 573 the possibility to quickly visualize the records online.

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575 This is particularly critical when users need to download a large amount of records 576 not corresponding to a specific site and/or author. This lead us to develop a tool that 577 optimizes the datasets browsing step, with an online data plotting function, and a 578 user-friendly tool for downloading multiple datasets.

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580 One of the main objectives of this application (http://climateproxiesfinder.ipsl.fr/) is to 581 ease exploration of multi-dimensional data assembled from mutiple proxy records 582 containing common features. This approach is relatively new and benefits from the 583 latest interactive data visualization techniques (d3.js [https://d3js.org/], dc.js

[https://dc-js.github.io/dc.js/], Leaflet [http://leafletjs.com/], bokeh 584 [http://bokeh.pydata.org]). Fig. 1a shows the layout of the Climate Proxies Finder 585 which consists of a world map (top row) and four charts representing, respectively, 586 the proxy depth, age (oldest, most recent), archive type (ice, lake, ocean, 587 speleothem, tree) and material (e.g. carbonate, coral, etc.). A table of the available 588 records is also displayed at the bottom of the screen (first 100 only). This table 589 displays information about the records (depth, age [most recent, oldest], archive, 590 material, DOI, and the reference of the corresponding scientific paper). The DOI is 591 hyper-linked to the google scholar search engine. The user can interactively filter the 592 dataset by clicking or brushing on any of these charts or by dragging and zooming in 593 and out of the map. Since all charts are inter-connected, they will automatically be 594 updated according to the filter selections. Fig 1b shows an example of this interactive 595 filtering with the selection of ocean archive type near the surface (0 - 500 m). 596 Accordingly, due to the crossfiltering functionality, all other charts and the table reflect 597 only the proxies selected by these filters. This application also allows the user to 598 display an interactive plot of the time series of the available isotopes by clicking on a 599 600 map marker (see Fig. 1c for an illustration). 601 602 Lastly, the user is able to download in a zip file the selected proxy data as CSV files

and time series plots by clicking on the shopping cart icon.

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The Climate Proxies Finder application continues to evolve as new features are needed, such as adding a filter for proxy chronological information quality.

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## 609 6. Results

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The overall increase in the number of records and publications per year over the last 50 years (Fig. 2) reflects the growing investment in obtaining stable isotopes records to document and understand past climates. The peak in the number of records published in 1998 and 1994 are mostly due to the presence of some publications compiling a large number of previously unpublished marine records from the Atlantic Ocean (Sarnthein et al., 1998; Sarnthein et al., 1994). 617

# 618 6.1 Geographical distribution of data and temporal resolution

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This section briefly describes the status of the database for marine and terrestrial records (Fig. 3), and provides a synthesis of stable isotope data for each focus period.

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A total of ~6,400 records were collected from the NOAA and PANGAEA data 624 repositories as well as from the internal LSCE database. About 3300 marine records 625 were rejected, as they are not yet published. Following the settings of our online 626 portal, we also isolated about 300  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C published records not dated (~200 627 records) or containing no information about the core site elevation or depth (~100 628 records). We thus accumulated about 1,700  $\delta^{18}$ O records from ~900 sites, about 900 629  $\delta^{13}$ C records from 450 sites, and about 230  $\delta$ D records from 60 core sites (with 20 630 additional deuterium excess records). When considering the different types of 631 archives, we compiled about 1,200  $\delta^{18}$ O and ~700  $\delta^{13}$ C records from 600 marine 632 sediment cores, 200  $\delta^{18}$ O and 75  $\delta^{13}$ C speleothems records from 60 caves, 200 633 dated  $\delta^{18}$ O records from 50 ice cores (with about 60 additional dated  $\delta$ D datasets and 634 ~20  $\delta^{17}$ O records), 60  $\delta^{18}$ O and 60  $\delta^{13}$ C lacustrine records (with  $\delta$ D datasets), as well 635 as 85  $\delta^{18}O$  and 80  $\delta^{13}C$  records from tree rings. 636

Among all the 1,900 collected marine records, about 850 do not present any 637 information about the construction of their age model and about 950 records are 638 associated with age model tie points or by default associated with an excellent 639 chronology (e.g. modern corals), while most of the lacustrine cores and speleothems 640 are associated to chronological information. We also note that, when not considering 641 tree-rings records, about 500 dated records do not present any sampling depth or 642 643 distance scale. The absence of the age scale and/or chronological tie-points clearly prevents any comparison with other records or with climate model output. Similarly, 644 the absence of a depth scale prevents the detection of potential sedimentary or 645 chronological issues, and therefore the correction with existing age models. 646

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## 648 6.1.1 Geographical distribution

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For each period of interest, although the amount of compiled records is large enough, 650 the geographic distribution of marine cores is not homogenous, as 75% of the  $\delta^{18}O$ 651 and  $\delta^{13}$ C dated records are located in the Northern Hemisphere, with a maximum 652 density in the northern sub-tropical band (Fig. 3 and 4). The Atlantic Ocean is the 653 654 best documented (about half of all marine records). Most of the compiled records for the Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans come from sediment cores recovered on 655 656 continental margins, because a part of the seafloor in the open ocean is deeper than the carbonate compensation depth in these basins (Berger and Winterer, 1974), and 657 the sedimentation rate is particularly low in the large oligotrophic areas of the open 658 ocean. This lack of suitable core sites constitutes a critical limitation for the 659 documentation of the past open-ocean circulation and mechanisms affecting the 660 entire Indian and Pacific basins, such as ENSO, latitudinal migrations of the ITCZ, 661 fluctuations in the thermohaline circulation, with possible formation of past North 662 Pacific intermediate and deep water (Mix et al., 1999; Ahagon et al., 2003; Max et al., 663 2014), and storage of carbon in the Southern Ocean (Skinner et al., 2010; Burke and 664 Robinson, 2011). Vast areas remain virtually undocumented in the Indian, Pacific and 665 Southern Oceans. A large majority (about 90%) of the records of the ocean database 666 are based on foraminifera, while corals are much scarcer and only few studies use 667 molluscs or diatoms. 668

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The distribution of continental records (Fig. 3) naturally depends on the position of 670 caves, lakes, forests as well as ice sheets and glaciers. Speleothem  $\delta^{18}$ O records are 671 found on each continent, but with a very heterogeneous distribution. In fact, due to 672 the distribution of caves presenting exploitable speleothems, several large areas 673 (Russia and central Asia, northern and tropical Africa, Canada, central South 674 America) remain undocumented, while the density of records is large in Europe, 675 USA, Central America and China. While they have provided highly resolved records 676 of regional climate variability (e.g. the monsoon and ITCZ, circum-mediterranean 677 continental climate), speleothems do not provide a global coverage. Lacustrine 678 records are also very unevenly distributed, with very few dated isotopic records in 679 South America, Africa, Russia and Australia, although these regions present 680 numerous lakes. 681

Oxygen and carbon stable isotopes from tree rings cellulose have recently emerged 682 as powerful paleoclimate proxies, albeit with heavy sample preparation (Libby et al., 683 1976; Long, 1982; Ehleringer and Vogel, 1993; Switsur and Waterhouse, 1998). This 684 feature, and the fact that few tree ring isotopes datasets are available online, lead to 685 relatively scarce archives at a global scale. Most of the available records are located 686 in Europe, while the remaining other datasets (mainly  $\delta^{13}$ C records) are restrained to 687 a few sites in Asia, South America, Siberia, Costa Rica and USA. This distribution of 688 records implies that associated large-scale climate reconstructions are somewhat 689 690 constrained to Europe.

691 With respect to ice cores, 75% of the compiled  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta$ D are from Greenland and 692 Antarctica. Few cores indeed were recovered from high elevation ice caps and 693 glaciers from the Andes, Alaska, Arctic Russia, Svalbard, Mount Kilimanjaro and the 694 high-latitude Canadian islands, close to Greenland (Fig. 3). We stress the fact that 695 most published ice core records from Tibet spanning the past centuries are not 696 available from open-access sources.

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698 Contrary to the geographical distribution, the vertical distribution of marine cores 699 along the water column is relatively homogenous for the global ocean (Fig. 5), with 700 more than 100 datasets in each of the 500 m-thick layers from the surface down to 701 4000m, while data are scarce below this level.

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## 704 6.1.2 Temporal distribution

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We now describe the distribution of records throughout the different periods of interest (Fig. 6). Marine  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C records are well represented over the four periods, with at least 200 records available for each of the time slices. However, many marine sediment core tops are poorly dated, and thus the number of marine data delivering a robust characterization of recent oxygen and carbon isotopic composition is limited. About half of the marine records have only one data point over

the last 200 years (about 50% of the  $\delta^{18}$ O records and 60% of the  $\delta^{13}$ C records) and 712 most of them have fewer than ten data points over the last 200 years (~65% of  $\delta^{18}$ O 713 and  $\delta^{13}$ C records). When considering the other PMIP key periods, it appears that the 714 distribution is similar for the MH (about 90% of the  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C records have fewer 715 than ten data points), while the resolution is slightly better for the LGM (65% of  $\delta^{18}$ O 716 and 70% of  $\delta^{13}$ C records have fewer than ten data points) and for the large time 717 interval assimilated here to the last interglacial (~50% records have fewer than ten 718 data points). 719

720 Speleothem records span a large variety of time-intervals, ranging from seasonal to glacial/interglacial scale. Due to the heterogeneity of the time slices spanned by 721 speleothems records, the information provided is relatively fragmented. As a result, 722 although we compiled more than 200 speleothem  $\delta^{18}$ O records, none of the four key 723 time-slices selected by the PMIP project contains more than 60 records (30 for  $\delta^{13}$ C), 724 725 due to the fact that many records span time intervals are in between these timeslices. Also, only three dated speleothem  $\delta^{18}$ O records span the entire time interval 726 from the last interglacial period to present-day, and only 14 records span both the 727 728 LGM and the MH. In general, speleothem records have a better temporal resolution than marine records. For each of the four key periods, at least 60% of the records 729 display more than ten data points. One difficulty arises from the fact that 730 exceptionally long speleothem records such as the one obtained from the Hulu and 731 Dongge caves records (Wang et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2005) have been obtained 732 from the compilation of measurements performed on several speleothems/cores from 733 one single cave. These multiple individual cores may present significant and varying 734 offsets which can be identified over different periods of overlap (see Wang et al., 735 2001 and Yuan et al., 2004). As a result, establishing a robust composite record 736 allowing calculation of anomalies between different past periods is particularly 737 delicate for these archives. For this reason, we decided to keep the individual short 738 datasets separated as they were published, and did not build long and continuous 739 composite records. Therefore, composite records cannot be displayed in our LIG-MH 740 comparison map (Figure 9). 741

 $\delta^{18}$ O records from ice cores are relatively scarce for the oldest PMIP time slices, with only ~45 records spanning the MH, ~40 for the LGM, and 14 concerning the LIG (13, 13 and 6 for  $\delta D$ , respectively). Only five  $\delta^{18}O$  records are continuous from the LIG to the Holocene. Ice core records however provide a wealth of information on the spatial and temporal variability of surface snow isotopic composition over the last decades, as about 140 of the ~180 compiled  $\delta^{18}O$  dated records spanning the last 200 years exhibit at least ten data points within this period (50 out of 55 dated records for  $\delta D$ and deuterium excess).

As the effect of burial on  $\delta^{18}$ O of fossil wood cellulose remains poorly known (Richter et al., 2008), we selected records exclusively based on living trees or timber wood. Consequently, the compiled records from tree ring cellulose can only be used to monitor the climate fluctuations of the last millennium at the very best. We have identified ~80 tree ring cellulose  $\delta^{18}$ O records which cover the past 200 years (~80 for  $\delta^{13}$ C). Most of the records have been provided at seasonal to decadal temporal resolution.

Lacustrine cores are generally short and records generally span relatively limited time intervals. As a result, only the PD and MH are covered by a relatively large number of records (~35  $\delta^{18}$ O, 30  $\delta^{13}$ C and ~135  $\delta$ D records for PD; 25  $\delta^{18}$ O, 30  $\delta^{13}$ C and ~45  $\delta$ D records for MH), while datasets spanning the LGM and LIG are very scarce (30 when considering  $\delta^{18}$ O,  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta$ D records).

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## 763 Datasets temporal resolution

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Supplementary Fig. A1 (see Appendix) shows the variety of temporal resolutions in 765 the compiled records spanning the past 200 years (1800-2013 CE). Dating of marine 766 sediment core tops remains a critical issue, due to alterations during the coring 767 process as well as sediment reworking and bioturbation. In fact, the upper first 768 centimetres are generally water-soaked and thus often lost or altered during the 769 recovering of marine cores, which, in case of moderate or low sedimentation rates, 770 771 leads to the loss of material spanning the last hundreds or thousands years. Additionally, bioturbation can alter the upper sediment down to 10 cm below the 772 773 water-sediment interface (Boudreau, 1998). As a result, many core tops provided as present day references might actually reflect older conditions (from several centuries 774 775 to few millennia, Barker et al., 2007; Löwemark et al., 2008; Fallet et al., 2012).

Solving these issues might require a precise investigation of bioturbation tracks in the 776 upper layers of sediment cores and drastic improvement of the coring and analysis 777 techniques, as suggested by the final conclusions of Keigwin and Guilderson (2009) : 778 "Until we can directly radiocarbon date individual foraminifera, the role of bioturbation 779 will always be a problem in core top calibration studies". These sedimentary issues 780 are often accompanied by insufficient resolution and quality of the sediment core-tops 781 dating procedure. In fact, present-day conditions are represented by only one data 782 point in about half of the datasets, generally dated via linear extrapolation of deeper 783 tie-points. About 95 marine  $\delta^{18}$ O and 35  $\delta^{13}$ C records exhibit a decadal to annual 784 resolution, generally arising from corals (65% of the records) with robust layer-785 counted annual chronology. 786

While chronology is not an issue for tree ring cellulose records, the number of 787 individual tree samples combined for each year can be a limiting factor. Several 788 studies have investigated the signal to noise ratio, and demonstrated the importance 789 of combining at least 4-5 trees from a forest to extract the common climate signal 790 (e.g. McCarroll and Loader, 2004; Daux et al., 2011; Labuhn et al., 2014). The same 791 issue arises for ice core records, especially for the past centuries when the noise 792 793 caused by processes such as wind scouring can be significant when compared to the small climatic signal (e.g. Fisher et al, 1985; Masson-Delmotte et al., 2015). As a 794 795 result, the records resulting from stacks combining several ice cores from a given site have stronger climatic relevance than records based on individual ice cores. 796 797 However, the non-polar ice cores experience their best dating on this period. The dating is usually based on the multi-proxy annual layer counting which is based on 798 the seasonal variations of insoluble particles and the isotopic composition of ice. 799 Moreover, the natural radioactive material decay of suitable radionuclides (Pb<sup>210</sup> for 800 example) and the identification of prominent horizons of known age from radioactive 801 fallout after atmospheric thermonuclear test bombs (Cs<sup>137</sup>, Sr<sup>90</sup>, Am<sup>241</sup>) provide 802 absolute reference horizons, and are currently used in the Southern Hemisphere 803 (Vimeux et al., 2008, 2009a for example in the Andes). 804

Several recent speleothem and short ice core records benefit from annual layer counting, with an accurate chronology, but this is not systematic. Ice core datasets encompass a large proportion (~70%; 120 records) of highly-resolved (decadal to annual) records, while this percentage is significantly reduced for speleothems (about one half of the 90 records spanning the last 200 years).

For the MH and LGM, marine records also have the lowest temporal resolution, as 810 80% of these datasets exhibit 4 data points or less over the 5.5-6.5 ka interval, and 811 none of the records are available with a resolution better than respectively 20 and 40 812 years (Fig. A2 and A3 in Appendix). Ice core records spanning the MH and the LGM 813 are relatively scarce (55 and ~50 datasets, respectively), and most of them exhibit 814 decadal to centennial resolution. Speleothem records are slightly more abundant 815 than ice core records (90 and 55 records for the MH and the LGM, respectively), with 816 very variable resolution, from millennial to sub-decadal. Speleothems and ice core 817 records spanning the Last Interglacial are scarce (about 35 and 15 records, 818 respectively; Fig. A4 in Appendix) and only some of them present a centennial 819 820 resolution or better, while marine records are abundant, but most of them have millennial or lower temporal resolution. 821

Lacustrine data can roughly be divided into two groups, with about half of the records covering only the last decades, while the other records are generally much longer, spanning the Holocene period, and few datasets cover the glacial period.

The present day is somewhat well resolved, as about 65 % of the  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C 825 records spanning this time interval exhibit at least ten data points. This trend is also 826 827 observed for the MH, with about 65 % of the records presenting ten or more data 828 points.  $\delta D$  records appear to be much less well resolved, mostly because a large number of records originate from surface sediment studies based on dated core tops, 829 resulting in a single data point. As a result, only 20 % on the  $\delta D$  records show at least 830 ten data points for the PD. This lower resolution for  $\delta D$  is also verified for the MH, as 831 none of the records present more than ten data points. 832

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## 834 Age model quality evaluation

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Results from the evaluation of the quality of chronologies are highly variable from marine and lacustrine cores to speleothems (Fig. 7). The overall quality of age models for marine records is moderate. In fact, we note that most of the records published in the 20<sup>th</sup> century present a missing or crude age model based on an insufficient number of AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates, with a lack of reported technical information. Although this result is somewhat deceiving, the quality of age controls has strongly improved during the last 15 years, thanks to better dating technologies and the 843 growing awareness of the absolute necessity to publish robust and well detailed 844 chronologies to precisely reconstruct past climate fluctuations.

Age models in speleothems are much better constrained, as most of the records 845 present an "excellent" or "good" quality flag. Speleothem records are indeed 846 generally constrained by abundant U-Th dates and authors often provide highly 847 detailed technical information. Age anomalies such as age reversals, outliers and 848 hiatuses are nevertheless identified in many records. These anomalies can be 849 caused by analytical issues (e.g. sample contamination, Th adsorption; Musgrove et 850 al., 2001; Wainer et al., 2011) or natural factors occurring simultaneously or after 851 sedimentation process (diagenetic alteration). Hiatuses may be induced by climatic 852 (e.g. severe droughts or permafrost impacts) or post-deposition (e.g. carbonate 853 854 dissolution) factors (Lachniet, 2009; Breitenbach et al., 2012).

The age models of lacustrine records are relatively good overall, with however larges 855 discrepancies in the quality of chronologies, depending on the dating technique. In 856 fact, some lacustrine records are dated by counting annual/seasonal varves or 857 laminations, leading to an excellent chronology. This dating technique is however 858 generally limited to relatively short records. Records providing longer signals (i.e. 859 spanning several thousand years) are generally dated by AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates. Similarly to 860 what is observed for marine core dating, we note the possible lack of technical 861 862 information in publications, as well as limited resolution of dates, which prevent the establishment of robust age-models. Also, the potential adjustment applied to <sup>14</sup>C 863 ages to correct from radiocarbon reservoir and residence time effects is not 864 systematically provided, as well as the presence of possible hiatuses. 865

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#### 867 6.2 Changes between PMIP key periods

 $\delta^{18}$ O from oceans and atmospheric water (and therefore continental archives) vary in an opposite directions with climate fluctuations. We thus reversed  $\delta^{18}$ O fluctuations from ocean records in order to map coherent  $\delta^{18}$ O trends from all the different archives. We however report the original values in the text. We report anomalies with respect to the MH for coherency.

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# 875 6.2.1 Changes between MH and Present-Day

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The relatively large number of dated  $\delta^{18}$ O datasets covering both the last 200 years 877 (PD) and the Mid-Holocene (MH) allows us to estimate possible offsets between 878 these two periods (MH-PD; ~100 records from 70 sites; Fig. 8). We restrict the record 879 selection to datasets presenting multiple data points for each of the two periods of 880 interest, thus documenting both the signal (average value) and noise (standard 881 deviation). Results indicate a large dispersion of data, ranging from large positive to 882 negative offsets, while most of the records depict in fact very similar values for the 883 two periods. This feature reflects the spatial heterogeneity of the response to climate 884 changes, making particularly difficult the establishment of large-scale patterns. In a 885 given region, differences also emerge between records from different archives (e.g. 886 opposite sign of changes in speleothem vs lake records in Eastern Europe). The 887 average difference is low in ice cores, but the overall negative offset observed in ice 888 cores indicates a polar cooling during the last 6 ka, except around the Ross Sea in 889 890 Antarctica. Particularly remarkable is also the positive anomaly from Chinese speleothems, commonly attributed to changes in Asian summer monsoon with a 891 decrease in rainfall amount through the Holocene (Cai et al., 2010). The standard 892 deviation of the data for the two periods of interest are however quite large in most 893 894 cases. In fact, in the three types of archives, this noise is either of the same order or higher than the calculated PD-MH offset. As a result, the relatively weak isotopic 895 896 change between these two periods is not significant in 2/3 of the records. Because we did no account the analytical error associated with  $\delta^{18}$ O measurements (as this 897 indication was missing in some of the datasets), we may underestimate the noise 898 899 level, and thus the number of records presenting an insignificant PD-MH offset.

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## 901 6.2.2 Changes between the Last interglacial and MH

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We now apply the same approach for the change between LIG and MH (Fig. 9). This 903 relies on 75  $\delta^{18}$ O records from ~45 sites presenting multiple data points for both of 904 the two periods of interest. We observe more enriched continental (more depleted 905 marine)  $\delta^{18}$ O values for LIG than during the MH in ~20 records, suggesting relatively 906 warmer conditions during LIG, with no apparent geographical trend. However, about 907 908 half of the LIG-MH anomalies are in the range of the natural standard deviation, and thus cannot be considered as statistically significant. Considering only the records 909 presenting a significant offset nevertheless suggests warmer conditions (enriched 910 continental and depleted marine  $\delta^{18}$ O) values during the LIG than MH. 911

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Recent syntheses have shown contrasting results in temperature changes between 913 the Last Interglacial period and present day (e.g. Otto-Bliesner et al., 2013), with 914 positive temperature anomalies at both poles, but not occurring simultaneously 915 (Capron et al., 2014), and negative temperature anomalies in some tropical areas. 916 Contrasted regional patterns are expected from the different orbital configurations. 917 Several studies have also highlighted a large magnitude of climate variability during 918 the LIG period (Cheddadi et al., 1998; Lototskava and Ganssen, 1999; Hearty et al., 919 920 2007; Rohling et al., 2007; Pol et al, 2014).

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Due to the limited amount of well-dated marine  $\delta^{18}$ O records covering both the LGM and present day with more than one data point, we compare the LGM and the Mid-Holocene for investigating the isotopic amplitude of last termination (Fig. 10). The LGM-MH comparison reveals a significant negative (positive) offset in almost all the terrestrial (marine) records, with only few speleothem and coral records showing the opposite trend, mostly in the subtropics where they may reflect precipitation or atmospheric circulation effects rather than local temperature variations.

The highest deglacial amplitude is recorded in high elevation and polar ice core records, while the offset is less marked in oceans and speleothems. Marine datasets reveal a latitude-independent general amplitude of ~1.45 ‰ (1.55 ‰ when

considering only foraminiferal records, with a similar average value for benthics and 934 planktonics), out of which ~1 ‰ is due to the change in land ice volume. In addition, 935 we observe specific regional patterns. Larger amplitudes are identified in marine 936 records from the north and South-East Atlantic (about 1.7 %), which contrast with 937 smaller amplitudes in the tropics (~1.5 ‰) and maximum signals in the 938 Mediterranean Sea (about 2.5 %). In this basin, this strong isotopic change is 939 understood to reflect large SSTs deglacial warming and salinity changes induced by 940 shifts in the regional atmospheric circulation (Bigg, 1994; Emeis et al., 2000; Hayes 941 et al., 2005; Mikolajewicz, 2011). Statistics based on benthic foraminiferal  $\delta^{18}$ O 942 records (including datasets presenting only one data point in the periods of interest) 943 reveal that there is no influence of core site depth on the amplitude of the LGM to MH 944 945 transition ( $R^2 = 0.0029$ ; n = 180).

Ice cores records from high latitudes are all marked by a -3.3 to -7.7  $\& \delta^{18}$ O shift, 946 with however regional differences such as East-West gradients in both Greenland 947 and Antarctica. Such regional differences may be induced by changes in ice sheet 948 topography and different amplitudes of surface elevation changes at different 949 locations (e.g. Vinther et al., 2009). Similar mechanisms may be at play in Antarctica, 950 but remain poorly documented (e.g. Masson-Delmotte et al, 2011b). There is also 951 evidence for regional differences in the response of Antarctic temperature to climatic 952 changes (Turner et al., 2005, Steig et al., 2009; Steig and Orsi, 2013). The larger 953 954 amplitude of glacial-interglacial isotopic changes in West Antarctica has been suggested to reflect regional processes coupling the Southern Ocean, sea ice extent 955 956 and atmospheric heat transport (WAIS Divide Project Members, 2013). It is worth noting that Andean ice cores spanning the last glacial-interglacial transition show a 957 similar deglacial isotopic shift (Vimeux, 2009b). The water stable isotopic composition 958 959 in those ice cores is likely reflecting precipitation changes at regional scale and such 960 a similar deglacial structure is explained by simultaneous cold conditions in the high latitudes and wetter conditions in the Andes (Vimeux et al., 2005; Chiang and 961 Koutavas, 2008). 962

Different patterns emerge from speleothem records covering the LGM and MH, as only half of the datasets are marked by a more depleted glacial  $\delta^{18}$ O level. Depending on the location, speleothem calcite  $\delta^{18}$ O may reflect either paleotemperature and/or past changes in atmospheric water cycle (including

precipitation and circulation). Additional site-specific factors (cave microclimate, 967 mixing and evaporation of source waters through the soil and the epikarst, kinetic 968 fractionation during carbonate precipitation) may also influence the signal (Lachniet, 969 2009). Regional effects may also be at play in the western Middle East, where 970 speleothem records can be directly influenced by changes in the Mediterranean or 971 the Black Sea, which had diverging oceanographic evolutions between the LGM and 972 the MH, with the opening of the Bosphorus Strait. Individual records must therefore 973 be understood in their own regional environmental context, a feature also evidenced 974 975 by different amplitudes of change arising from different source archives. Thus, Fig. 8-10 might be considered as an inventory of the available datasets, rather than a 976 977 cartography of the amplitude of climatically-relevant signals, expected to be representative of the amplitude of annual mean precipitation or sea water isotopic 978 979 composition changes.

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## 981 **7. Conclusions, recommendations and perspectives**

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983 Our compilation of hundreds of records from different sources highlights the needs for a standardized protocol of data storage. The output files provided by the different 984 depositories have different archiving formats. Several ongoing projects rely on 985 massive and automated extraction of datasets provided by authors. This effort would 986 be made easier if the data and publication information (core site specifications, 987 references, article title and abstract) were stored in individual CSV (Comma-988 Separated Values) text files, rather than within files specifically designed for 989 spreadsheet software (e.g. Microsoft Excel/Apache OpenOffice), sometimes 990 containing several spreadsheets, that may not be readable by automated data 991 992 extraction programs. We also think that building a fixed disposition for datasets constitutes a preliminary step and that it is essential for the existing and future data 993 994 depositories to find an agreement for an harmonized disposition, structure and labelling for metadata and age modelling data storage. Some projects are following a 995 promising philosophy of homogenously-structured metadata (e.g. LiPD; McKay and 996 Emile-Geay, 2015). We highly encourage these constructive initiatives, as it becomes 997 urgent for the palaeoclimate research community to definitively adopt a universal file 998 format and metadata disposition, and define the type of contents to be included, 999 before starting compiling data, otherwise this will lead to a high risk of incompatibility 1000

or of conflicting information from different sources or projects. Adopting this universal
 format will however necessitate a clear agreement between data producers, users,
 and compilers, as it requests at the end a unique structure compatible with all types
 of archive and proxies, which may lead to some complications due to the variable
 number of parameters to be included for each proxy and archive. When a universal
 standard format will be definitively adopted, the conversion of our metadata
 spreadsheet into a hierarchical structured may be relatively easy and fast.

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1009 Divergences in data units also constitute a major obstacle for automated extraction, inter-comparison of records, and model-data comparisons. An illustrative example is 1010 1011 the use of various time units (years CE, years or before 2000 CE, years before 1950 CE, kiloyears BP, and million years BP). The establishment of standard time units for 1012 1013 palaeoclimatology such as use of ka (calendar kiloyears before 1950) would avoid errors and homogenization of future datasets. Several discrepancies also exist with 1014 1015 respect to the geographical coordinates of core sites. Although the most common format found in the literature is DMS (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds; e.g.: 25°22'34"N, 1016 1017 38°16′43″W), it is not supported by most mapping programs. Here, we converted all 1018 the geographical coordinates into decimal degrees. We again highly encourage the adoption of a standard notation, with the systematic presence of the decimal degree 1019 version of the coordinates; we observe that an increasing number of authors now 1020 provide both DMS and decimal formats. 1021

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Gathering information about the age models was a particularly critical step of the 1023 1024 construction of this database, in particular for the inclusion of lacustrine and deep sea 1025 cores as well as speleothems. We highly encourage the authors to systematically provide both depth and age scales as well as a comprehensive description of the 1026 methodology used to establish the age scale, when available. While our earlier 1027 1028 comment was centered on deep sea cores, the same features apply for the description of lake sediment cores, ice cores and speleothem chronologies. Even if 1029 the methodology developed for the successive chronologies of deep ice cores is 1030 usually precisely documented, no standardized reporting protocol exists for ice cores 1031 from tropical and temperate glaciers. There is however no existing standard 1032 procedure for the description of age models. The available information is often 1033 fragmented, with missing information (raw AMS <sup>14</sup>C dates, calibration program/curve 1034

used to compute calendar ages, species used for analysis, amount of material 1035 measured, marine reservoir ages, tie points, identification of hiatuses in 1036 speleothems...). A standardized format including all the information related to the 1037 establishment of the age models would be a major step forward. Finding a common 1038 structure might however constitute a fastidious task, particularly because the samples 1039 dating techniques are radically different for the different types of archives. A first step 1040 would constitute in finding a standard structure to be adopted for AMS <sup>14</sup>C 1041 measurements performed, for instance, on speleothems, marine and lacustrine 1042 1043 cores. Many old records are associated to very limited information concerning their 1044 chronology, which prevents any tentative to reproduce the age model. Consequently, it becomes necessary to adopt a common format which would be interoperable 1045 between the different data repositories, and would include all the necessary 1046 information to recalculate age models. For age models based on AMS <sup>14</sup>C dating, we 1047 suggest that the following information should become mandatory: 1048 1049 - Core ID 1050 - Sample ID, lab name 1051 - Sample depth with indication of any depth correction 1052 - Type of material analysed, including species. 1053 Indication of sedimentary disturbances (hiatuses, turbidites, tephras, etc...) 1054 and their corresponding depth 1055 AMS <sup>14</sup>C ages and the associated error 1056 Calibrated ages and the associated error 1057 Program/calibration curve used for <sup>14</sup>C dates calibration 1058 Reservoir age for marine cores, and the associated uncertainties 1059 Dates removed from the construction of the age model and the reason why 1060 they were eliminated. 1061 1062 Additional information might include the type of equipment used for analysis and the 1063 date of measurement, the posterior probability distributions of <sup>14</sup>C dates, the 1064 treatment applied for sample cleaning and the amount (weight or number of 1065 1066 specimens) of material analysed. 1067

We have noticed a clear improvement of the quality of age models and of dating 1068 techniques description during the last two decades, and most of the low quality 1069 1070 chronologies were published more than 20 years ago. This improvement of age models is particularly critical with respect to the sequences of events during fast 1071 1072 transient climate reorganizations. In fact, previous studies have shown that many past major climate changes involved abrupt responses (e.g. de Menocal et al., 2000; 1073 Genty et al., 2006; Carlson et al., 2007; Zuraida et al., 2009; Clark et al., 2012; Rach 1074 et al., 2014) as well as short delays between different proxy records and regions, like 1075 1076 the vigorously debated date and triggering of the onset of Termination I (Schaeffer et al., 2006; Stott et al., 2007; Koutavas and Sachs, 2008; Smith et al., 2008; Bromley 1077 1078 et al., 2009; Clark et al., 2009; Shakun et al., 2012; Parrenin et al., 2013). In this context of successive rapid climatic events and keeping in mind the growing interest 1079 1080 on transient climate simulations, it thus becomes necessary to have a large amount of precisely dated and well defined records. Reservoir ages remain a critical issue in 1081 1082 palaeoceanography as well as their uncertainties. Many efforts have been deployed during the last decade to better estimate reservoir ages. Several publications have 1083 1084 also suggested changes in reservoir ages between glacial and interglacial periods (e.g. Waelbroeck et al., 2001; Bondevik et al., 2006; Sikes et al., 2016). In this 1085 context, the age model of many old records may be outdated, and even considered 1086 to be wrong. Unfortunately, the lack of information concerning the construction of 1087 these initial age models makes the construction of an updated age model virtually 1088 impossible. In this study, we did not aim to evaluate the accuracy of published 1089 reservoir ages, which remain sometimes vigorously debated. We encourage authors 1090 of publications to systematically justify their choice of a reservoir age, to describe the 1091 associated uncertainties, together with the detailed age model information. 1092

Our database may in the future allow the implementation of statistical age models built on the existing age markers. Reporting the exact number of source records for tree rings and ice cores is also important with respect to the signal to noise issue; this is not always a standard practice.

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Our software tool was designed to make the update of the database user-friendly and easy, in order to allow future extension. Indeed, major synthesis efforts as the MARGO project (Waelbroeck et al., 2009) are time limited (MARGO only includes

records published prior to 2005). Options for an automatic update include a regular 1101 browsing of new published data, but we highly encourage authors to upload their new 1102 data in our database using the user-friendly interface on the online platform. This 1103 constitutes a fast and easy way to disseminate new data and increase their visibility, 1104 1105 and a unique opportunity for the scientific community to access and exploit newly published datasets. This allows "data producers" to easily compare their records with 1106 other existing records in a given area or at the global scale, and climate modelers to 1107 access easily the data, and to the source references and their authors. 1108

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In the future, and if manpower resources are available, the database and web 1110 interface could be easily opened to other proxies (paleotemperature proxies and 1111 nitrogen isotopes for seawater, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> from ice cores, tree rings width and 1112 boreholes, pollens, circulation tracers such as <sup>14</sup>C and Pa/Th, etc.) of past and future 1113 datasets. We also hope that our database, associated with current and upcoming 1114 1115 projects focusing on time-series age control (INTIMATE PROJECT, COST Action ES0907) and chronological data managing (Mulitza and Paul, in prep.), would in the 1116 future facilitate the use of paleoclimate datasets for data comparison and integration 1117 into models with an homogenous and robust chronological frame. This is expected to 1118 strengthen the use of proxy information for model-data comparisons, a topic 1119 promoted in the Stable Water Isotope Intercomparison group (SWING) and the 1120 isotope modeling working group of the Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison 1121 project, with the potential to better document projections (Schmidt et al, 2014). 1122

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Figure captions 1928 1929 Figure 1: Web portal screen captures illustrating the search criteria (A), the resulting 1930 maps (B), and the time series plot (C). 1931 1932 Figure 2: Number of publications and records in the database versus year of 1933 publication. 1934 1935 Figure 3: Map indicating the position of archives with different symbols representing 1936 the type of archive for dated  $\delta^{18}$ O (top)  $\delta^{13}$ C (center) and  $\delta$ D records (bottom) 1937 available on the online portal. Note that these maps only display the location of dated 1938 records, and stack and multi-sites composite records are not included. 1939 1940 Figure 4: Diagram showing the distribution of ice cores, tree-ring, lacustrine, 1941 speleothem and marine records as a function of latitude (°). 1942 1943 Figure 5: Diagram showing the distribution of ice cores, tree-ring, lacustrine, 1944 1945 speleothem and marine records as a function of coring site elevation. 1946 **Figure 6**: Diagrams showing the number of  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C records from marine and 1947 lake cores, speleothems, ice cores, and tree ring cellulose for each PMIP time slice. 1948 1949 Figure 7: Location of lacustrine (triangles), speleothems (squares) and marine 1950 records (circles) where chronological information is available, and with guality flags 1951 1952 for age model quality evaluation. 1953 **Figure 8**: Map showing the location of  $\delta^{18}$ O records spanning the MH and PD with 1954 the symbols reflecting the type of source archive and colors documenting the 1955 amplitude of  $\delta^{18}$ O variations between these two periods (MH-PD). The bottom figure 1956 shows the color scale as well as the fraction of records as a function of the MH-PD 1957

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## 2011 Figure 8



## 2014 Figure 9











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- Statistical analysis Estimation of the significance of the offset between PMIP
  time slices.
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- The significance of the difference between two different PMIP time slices (A and B) was assessed by simply comparing the offset between the average isotopic value of these two periods ( $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{B}$ ), to the average value of the standard deviations of the
- isotopic record for each of the two periods ( $\sigma A$  and  $\sigma B$ ).
- 2031  $\overline{A} \overline{B} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(cA + cB)}{2}$
- 2032 We consider that the isotopic offset is (not) significant if the absolute value of the 2033 offset is greater (smaller) than the average standard deviation along the two periods.
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