Supplement Information of

Millennial-scale atmospheric CO₂ variations during the Marine Isotope Stage 6 period (190-135 kyr BP)

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Figure S1: Comparison of climate related signals during MIS 3 (left) and 6 (right) period. A: 21 June insolation at 65°N (Berger, 1978). B: Ice-rafted debris (IRD) input in the Iberian margin core MD95–2040 (de Abreu et al., 2003). C: δ^{18} O of planktonic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). D: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). D: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). D: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). D: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). E: Temperature in Antarctica from δ D composition of the EDC ice core (Jouzel et al., 2007).



Figure S2: Atmospheric CH₄ concentrations from EDC ice core during MIS 6. Both the dark green squares (Loulergue et al., 2008) and the light green dots (this study) were measured at IGE.



Figure S3: δD and $\delta^{15}N$ from EDC ice core plotted as a function of depth. For $\delta^{15}N$, 88 new data points are added to the previous measurements (Landais et al., 2013). The error bar indicates the standard deviation of replicate measurements.



Figure S4: The Lock-In Depth in Ice Equivalent (LIDIE) calculated in AICC2012 (Bazin et al., 2013) and the LIDIE deduced from δ^{15} N in this study.



Figure S5: Blue dots: Atmospheric CO₂ from EDC on the revised AICC 2012 age scale. Green dots: Atmospheric CO₂ from EDC on the AICC 2012 age scale. Grey line: δ D of water from EDC (temperature proxy) (Jouzel et al., 2007).

Definition of the onset of abrupt climate change in the NH

Over the last glacial period, rapid CH_4 jumps were always synchronous with abrupt temperature increases in Greenland within ± 50 ppb (Huber et al., 2006). We pick intervals when CH_4 increases rapidly by at least 50 ppb over a time period of less than 1 kyr that correspond with Antarctic isotope maxima (Loulergue et al., 2008). The timing of abrupt CH_4 increases was defined

5 as the midpoint between the beginning of the increase of CH_4 and its maximum. The age uncertainty of the midpoint is defined by the time difference between the midpoint and either of the two endpoints.

We found three abrupt CH₄ increases during MIS 6 period at 171.1 ± 0.2 , 175.4 ± 0.4 and 181.5 ± 0.3 kyr BP (Figure S6). Due to the low accumulation rate and low temperature at the site during glacial periods, abrupt changes of CH₄ concentration might be smoothed, and identifying abrupt changes of CH₄ is more difficult than for interglacial periods. The climate change at 175.4

10 kyr BP does not seem to occur as abruptly as the other two, since CH₄ varied slowly over ~800 years. However, we include this event because corresponding data of δ^{18} O composition of planktonic foraminifera (Shackleton et al., 2000) indicate a rapid warming, and therefore an abrupt climate change in NH. Rapid increases during the last glacial period (MIS 3 and 5) are also calculated using this method to identify the onset of abrupt warming in NH. In total, eight changes are selected during this period (Figure S7–S9).



Figure S6: Atmospheric CH₄ records from EDC during MIS 6 period. Three boxes show CH₄ jumps at 171.1 ± 0.2 , 175.4 ± 0.4 and 181.5 ± 0.3 kyr BP.



Figure S7: Atmospheric CH₄ records from EDML during the MIS 5 period. Two boxes show CH₄ jumps at 72.3 \pm 0.1, 76.0 \pm 0.1, 84.1 \pm 0.2, 100.8 \pm 0.5 and 106.0 \pm 0.2 kyr BP.



Figure S8: Atmospheric CH₄ records from the Byrd ice core during MIS 5 period. Three boxes show CH₄ jumps at 72.2±0.1, 76.0±0.2 and 84.1±0.04 kyr BP.



Figure S9: Atmospheric CH₄ records from TALDICE during MIS 3 period. Three boxes show CH₄ jumps at 46.7 \pm 0.2, 54.2 \pm 0.1 and 59.7 \pm 0.1 kyr BP.

Definition of minima and maxima of atmospheric CO₂

A two-steps procedure was used in order to select the maxima and minima of CO_2 concentrations during the penultimate glacial periods, and calculate the associated age uncertainty (Figure S10 and Table S1). First, inflection points were selected by finding zero values in the second Savitsky–Golay filtered derivative of the data. The parameters of the Savitsky–Golay filters were

- 5 chosen in order to remove sub-millennial scale variations. We use the same parameters for MIS 3, MIS 5 and 6. Second, a Monte Carlo simulation was conducted, in which the original data were resampled within their uncertainty, and the absolute minima and maxima between pairs of inflection points were selected. This allows us to assign an approximate uncertainty to the timing of each minimum/maximum. The square of the age uncertainty associated with sampling (taken to be the mean sampling resolution) was added to the squared uncertainty calculated in the Monte Carlo procedure to calculate a total
- 10 uncertainty value.

	CDM 6c.1			CDM 6c.2			CDM 6d.1			CDM 6d.2			CDM 6e.2		
	Min	Max	Min												
Age (kyr BP)	156.3	160.6	162.6	162.6	164.2	167.2	167.2	169.6	172.7	172.7	174.1	177.2	177.2	181.3	184.9
2δ (kyr BP)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.8

Table S1: The minima and maxima locations of atmospheric CO₂ during the MIS 6.



Figure S10: The red and yellow points are the minimum/maximum measured points of atmospheric CO_2 during MIS 6 respectively. Blue dots indicate atmospheric CO_2 . The bars indicate the timing and CO_2 uncertainty for each minimum/maximum.



Figure S11: Comparison of climate with atmospheric CO₂ during MIS 3 (left) and 6 (right) period. A: 21 June insolation at 65°N (Berger, 1978). B: Ice-rafted debris (IRD) input in the Iberian margin core MD95–2040 (de Abreu et al., 2003). C: Atmospheric CH₄ in EDC during MIS 3 (Loulergue et al., 2008) and composite data of atmospheric CH₄ in EDC during MIS 6 (Loulergue et al., 2008; this study). D: δ^{18} O of planktonic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). E: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). E: δ^{18} O of Benthic foraminifera in the Iberian margin marine Core MD01–2444 (Margari et al., 2010). F: Temperature in Antarctica from δ D composition of the EDC ice core (Jouzel et al., 2007). G: Composite data of atmospheric CO₂ in Antarctic ice cores during MIS 3 (Bereiter et al., 2015) and atmospheric CO₂ in EDC during MIS 6 (this study). Dashed lines indicates the timing of AIM events. The numbers of AIM events are written at the bottom of the dashed lines.

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