



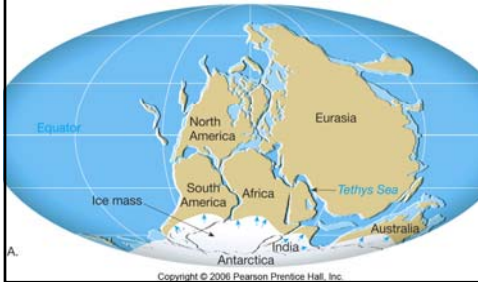
## Past Glacial Ages

- Pliocene-Pleistocene
  - Ice in Antarctica starting about 40 m.y.a.
  - Widespread N. Hemisphere ice about 3 mya
  - Advances every 40,000 to 100,000 years
- Karoo Ice Ages
  - 260 to 350 mya
  - Lasted 90 million years
  - Wegener's evidence of continental movement

## Location of 300 MY Continental Glaciation



## Location of 300 MY Continental Glaciation with continents located 300 mya



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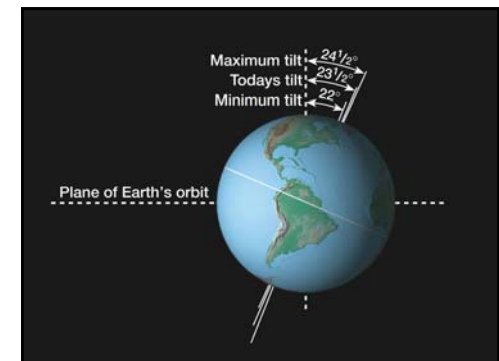
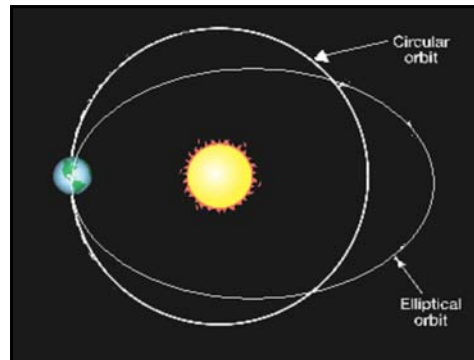
- Andean-Saharan Ice Ages
  - 430 to 460 mya
  - Lasted 30 million years
- Cryogenian
  - 630 to 850 mya
  - Lasted 200 million years
  - Periods of all Earth covered with glacier
- Huronian
  - Over 2 billion years ago
  - Lasted 300 to 400 million years

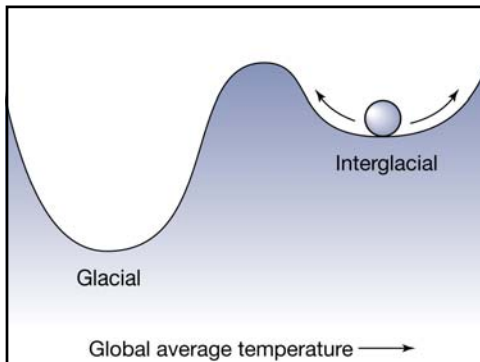
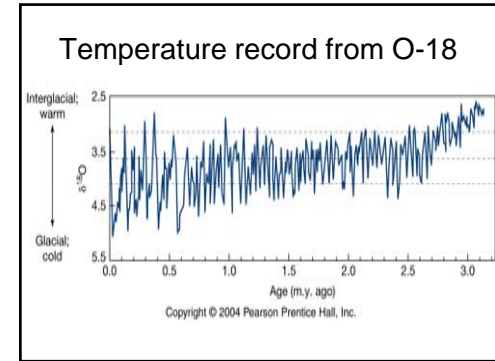
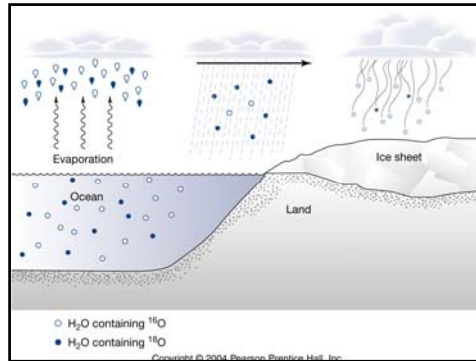
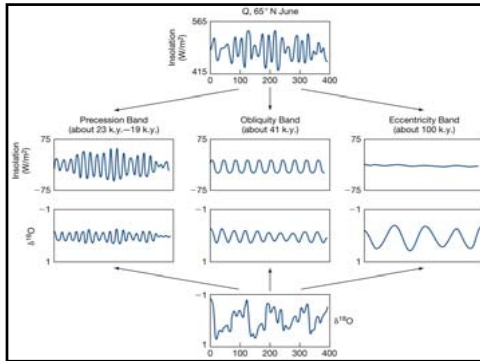
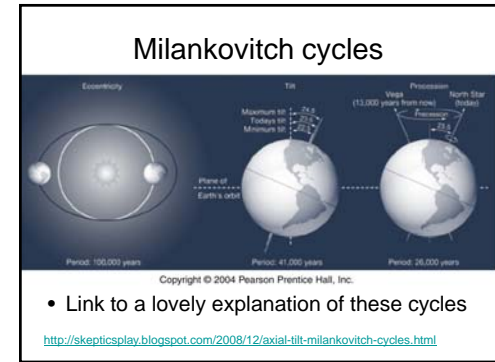
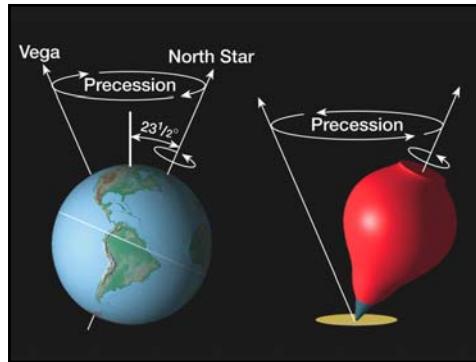
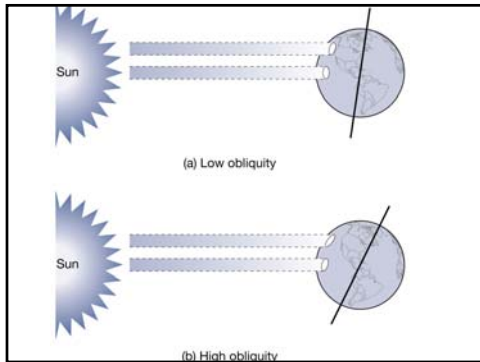
## Documentation

- Drift
- Loess and marine deposits
- Oxygen isotope ratio in shells
- Air trapped in ice—CO<sub>2</sub> levels

## Causes

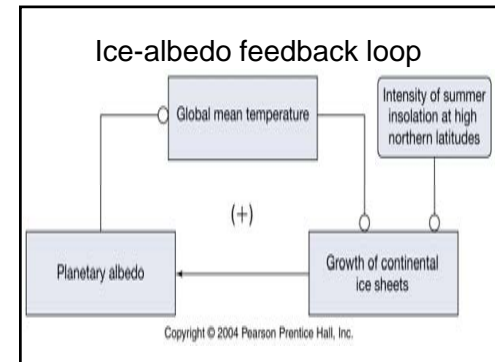
- Land mass configuration
  - High latitude land mass—Antarctica
  - High elevation in westerlies—Andes, Cascades
- Coincidence of astronomical variations of Earth in relation to Sun
  - Orbit shape: eccentricity
  - Axial tilt amount: obliquity
  - Tilt direction superimposed on orbit shape: progression of the equinox
- CO<sub>2</sub> levels—may be effect and not cause





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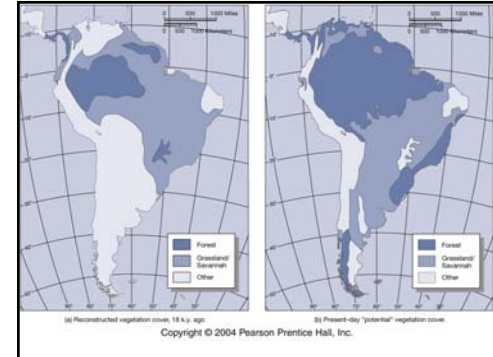


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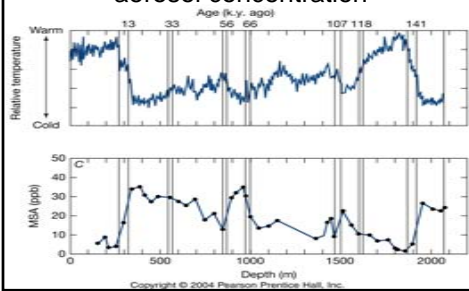
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- Glacial periods result in larger arid areas, increasing delivery of iron nutrients to sea, increasing algae productivity, lowering CO<sub>2</sub> levels, and temperature
- Lowering sea level will expose reefs to weathering. Reaction consumes CO<sub>2</sub>, lowering temperature. Rising sea level has opposite effect: reef preserved, does not consume CO<sub>2</sub>

### Negative Climate Feedback Loop

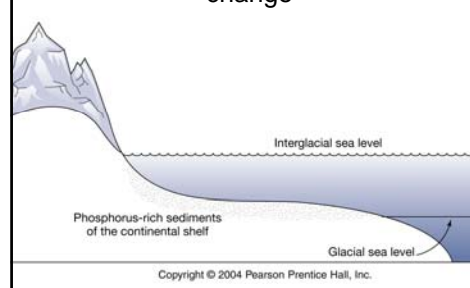
- Forest die out during glacial ages, reducing mechanism to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from atmosphere, increasing CO<sub>2</sub>, allowing temperature to increase



### Temperature compared to sulfur aerosol concentration



### Nutrients related to sea level change



### Nutrient cycle

