Planetary climate systems II



Steffen et al. (PNAS, 2018)

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Glacial inception by CO₂ emission

Ganopolski et al. 2016, Nature

- Interglacials occur during periods of high summer insolation in the high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere. (Milankovitch theory)
- In the past, a decrease in Northern Hemisphere insolation to below its present-day level always led to the end of interglacials and rapid growth of continental ice sheets.
- However, at present, although summer insolation at 65°N is close to its minimum, there is no evidence for the beginning of a new ice age.
- Glacial inceptions have occurred in the past under similar orbital configurations.

- The current interglacial would have ended if the CO₂ concentration had stayed at a level of about 240 parts per million (ppm), as was the case at the end of MIS19 (800 kyr BP). However, during the late Holocene (完新世:現代含む) before the beginning of the industrial era, the CO₂ concentration was about 280 ppm, leading to escape from glacial inception.
- It has been proposed that pre-industrial land-use at least partly contributed to the high Holocene CO₂ level.
- If carbon emission continues, glacial inception is very unlikely within the next 100,000 years. Anthropogenic interference will make the initiation of the next ice age impossible.



Figure 1 [Orbital parameters, Comparison of Earth's orbital parameters and CO_2 concentrations for MIS1 (green), MIS11 (blue) and MIS19 (black). The vertical dashed line corresponds to the present day for MIS1 and the minima of the precessional component of insolation for MIS11 and MIS19.

Mars



Polar cap deposits



recurrent slope lineae

transition between different climate regimes ?





Subsurface ice

Mars Odyssey Neutron Spectrometer (NS) and High-Energy Neutron Detector (HEND) Global Distribution of Water on Mars



Schorghofer and Aharonson (2005)



Figure 8. Color indicates depth to the ice table in g cm⁻² when ice is in equilibrium with the atmospheric water vapor. Ground ice is unstable in the white area. Black segments indicate finite burial depths larger than 150 g cm⁻². Missing data points are shown in gray. Assumed volume fraction of ice is 40%, but the geographic boundary between icy and ice-free soil is independent of the ice fraction. Solid contours indicate water-equivalent hydrogen content in percent determined from neutron spectroscopy [Feldman et al., 2004]. The dotted lines are 200 J m⁻³K⁻¹S⁻¹⁵ contours of thermal inertia.

Comparison with models

Near equilibrium at high latitudes ?

 色:大気中の水蒸気との平衡状態を 仮定して計算される氷床までの深さ
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Laskar et al. (2002)

Seasons of Mars





- 火星は公転軌道の離心率が大きいため季 節変化が著しく南北非対称
- 南半球の夏に太陽までの距離が近くなる

Kieffer and Zent (Kieffer et al. eds, Univ. Arizona Press, 1992)



- low obliquity → cold pole → massive polar cap → dry atmosphere → retreat of ice sheet
- high obliquity → warm pole → thin polar cap → moist atmosphere → growth of ice sheet, ice accumulation in the tropics



Figure 3. Mean annual surface temperature for a range of obliquities. The eccentricity is 0.12, and the L_S at which petihelion occurs is 270, corresponding to southern summer. A thermal inertia of 250 J m⁻² s^{-1/2} K⁻¹, an albedo of 0.25, a surface pressure of 600 Pa, and an infrared dust opacity of 0.1 are assumed. Discontinuities in the slope of each curve are due to the effects of seasonal CO₂ frost.



Formation of glaciers on Mars by atmospheric precipitation at high obliquity Forget et al. (2006)

• The model predicts ice accumulation in regions where glacier landforms are observed, on the western flanks of the great volcanoes and in the eastern Hellas region



Buried glaciers



Water transport by Hadley circulation

• Warmer southern summer than northern favors net northward transport of water.





Montmessin et al. (2004)

5 10 15 25 35 50 60 75 100 150 250 350 500 1000 ppm (Water vapor)

Seasonal variation of dust, clouds, and H₂O vapor observed by an infrared spectrometer (TES) on Mars Global Surveyor





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Figure 5. A comparison of water ice accumulation rates predicted by the model in the south polar region for the two perihelion configurations. Present-day map shows net accumulation only at the south pole itself (equivalent to 1 grid point in the model) where the prescription of a CO_2 cold trap forces a local and permanent deposition of water ice. In the reversed perihelion simulation (Figure 5, right), the CO_2 cold trap has been removed and the pattern of accumulation is only controlled by a precipitation versus sublimation positive balance on an annual average.



Fig. 2. Selection of typical water vapor volume-mixing ratio profiles in the (A) northern and (B) southern hemisphere. Black curve, modeled profile by the LMD-GCM; red curve, the retrieved SPICAM results; blue curve, saturation water vapor-mixing ratio. Supersaturation exists where the red values are greater than the blue ones.



Fig. 3. Saturation ratio for all orbits of the campaign. (A) Northern hemisphere. (B) Southern hemisphere. The vertical line marks the value of 1, which corresponds to the saturated state.

Global dust storm



- Global dust storms tend to occur in southern spring-summer
- Positive feedback between dust heating and the intensification of winds is expected in the development of global dust storms.



Fig. 7. Timeline of the detection of regional and planet-encircling obscurations, clouds and storms. These events are listed in Table III. Earth dates are indicated at the top, and perihelion (and thus Mars years) at the bottom of the dust-storm timeline. The second timeline indicates periods of photographic coverage of Mars, defined in terms of the percentage of L, degrees that photographs were taken. Coverages of <1%, of 1 to 20% and >20% are indicated. The third timeline indicates the apparent size of Mars, as seen from Earth, on a scale of 0 to 30 seconds of are (figure from Zurek and L. Martin 1992).





- Solar energy flux reaching the Venus surface (17W/m²) is much less than that of the Earth (168W/m²).
- Greenhouse effect of massive CO₂ and small amount of H₂O explains the high temperature.

Fig. 2. Comparison between the observed temperature structure of Venus' lower atmosphere and that of several models, which are described in the main text.

Pollack et al. (1980)

Origin of clouds



Variability of SO₂ above clouds







Long-term variations of the UV albedo of Venus (Lee et al. 2019)





long-term variation of zonal wind in deep clouds (Peralta et al. 2018)



Radiative relaxation time

- Times cale of infrared cooling/solar heating
- The meridional overturning time is usually considered to be similar to the radiative relaxation time.
- Radiative relaxation time is longer for larger atmospheric heat capacities.
 - Mars : 3 Earth days
 - Earth : 100 Earth days
 - Venus : 50 Earth years

* The dynamical time scale of Venus's atmosphere can also be very long \rightarrow Internal oscillation ?

Spontaneous oscillation of the atmosphere

• Earth : Quasi-biennial oscillation (QBO)



成層圏中下部(高度31~17km付近)の 東西風速分布の断面図 (Wikipedia)

- ・システム内部の素過程の相互作用の手がかり
- ・惑星では、木星の準4年振動(QQO)、火星のglobal dust stormの不 定期発生、金星のスーパーローテーションの年々変動 など