Chap 2: Motions of Earth and the Moon a. Celestial Sphere & Coordinates b. Time, Calendar, & Navigation c. Longterm Climate Change

Chapter 2a: The Celestial Sphere

- The English word astronomy originated from Greek ἀστρονομία, where ἄστρον means astron, "star" and -νομία means -nomia "law".
- "Star arrangements" on the sky changes as geological location and time changes
 - Constellations the arrangement of stars
 - Celestial Sphere: (Alt-Az) & (RA, Dec) coordinates
- Diurnal motion caused by the spin of the Earth
- Seasons caused by the orbit and tilt of the Earth
- Moon phases and eclipses caused by relative angles between the Moon and the Sun, as Aristotle realized around 350 BC
- Fine motion of the Earth Precession of the Earth's spin axis
 - Causes of Ice Ages (Could it also cause the climate change?)

Time Keeping, Celestial Navigation, and Astro Observations

- RA & Dec of an object: predefined on sky charts
- Calendar & Time
 Geological location + Sky Position ⇒ Date & Time
- Celestial navigation:

Time + Sky Position \Rightarrow Geological location

Astronomical Observations
 Time + Geological location ⇒ Sky Position

Chapter 2b: Time & Calendar

- How do we keep time? through astronomical observations
- What do A.M. & P.M. mean? Latin: *ante/post meridiem (of Sol)*
- How do we make calendar? Originally for the purposes of agriculture and religious rituals
- How do we predict the position of objects on the sky? Based on date, time, geological location, and celestial coordinates
- How do we navigate through the sea? *With astronomical observations and marine chronometer*

The calendar we use today originated from this ancient city, what is it?

> Roman Kingdom (753–509 BC), Roman Republic (509–27 BC), and Roman Empire (27 BC–476 AD).

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The Names of Months (from Romulus[753BC, Lunar]-Julian[63BC, Solar] Calendar)

- 1. March Mars, the god of war
- 2. April Latin aperio "to open"
- 3. May Goddess Maia
- 4. June Goddess Juno
- 5. July Julius Caesar, Roman Emperor (renamed in 44 BC)
- 6. August Augustus, Roman Emperor (renamed in 8 BC)

- 7. September Latin 7th
- 8. October Latin 8th
- 9. November Latin 9th
- 10. December Latin 10th
- 11. January Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transition
- 12. February Februa, a festival for springtime cleaning and washing

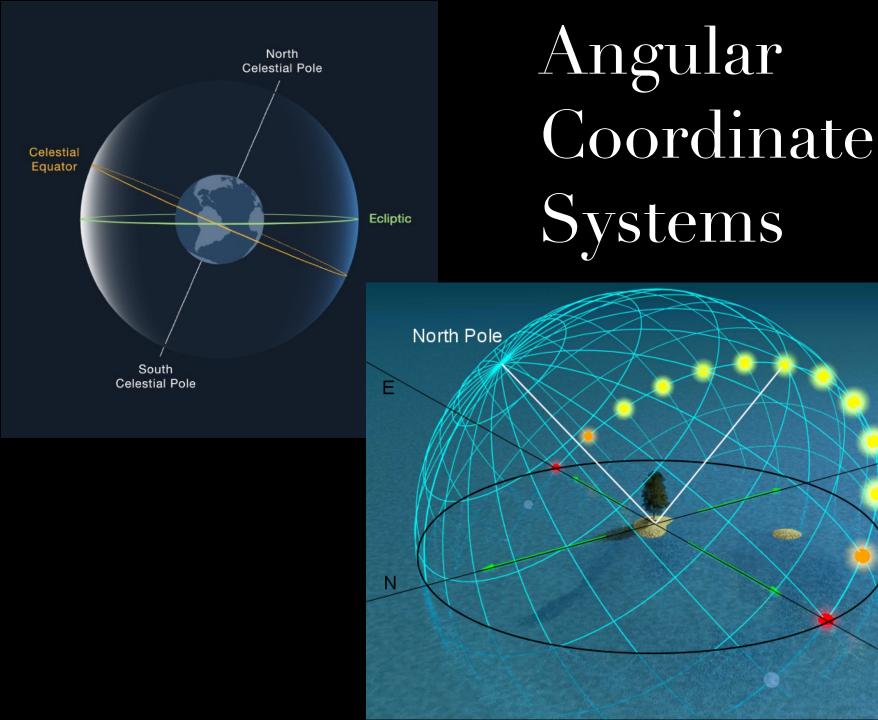
The Days of a Week (invented by Babylonians of Akkadian Empire 2300 BC, renamed by Romans)

- 1. Monday in Latin *dies Lunae* (*Luna*)
- 2. Tuesday dies Martis (Mars)
- 3. Wednesday dies Mercurili (Mercury)
- 4. Thursday dies Jovis (Jupiter)

- 5. Friday dies Veneris (Venus)
- 6. Saturday dies Saturni (Saturn)

7. Sunday - dies Solis (Sol)

Italian - lunedi, martedi, mercoledi, giovedi, venerdi, sabato, domenica



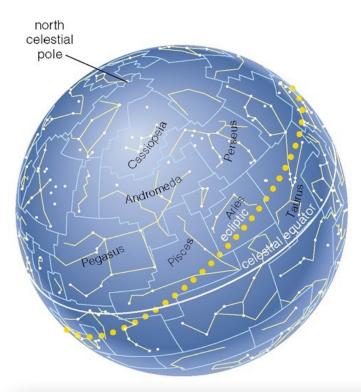
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Constellations on the celestial sphere



Constellations based on Greece-Roman Mythology



- The entire sky is broken up into 88 regions (48 original): constellations
- Stars within each region create arbitrary patterns
- Resulting myths from human imagination



The division of the celestial sphere is arbitrary: e.g., Lunar Mansions (East Asia) vs. Zodiac Constellations (Europe)

- The stars along the path of the Moon are divided into four quadrants
 - Azure Dragon of the East
 - Black Tortoise of the North
 - White Tiger of the West
 - Vermilion Bird of the South
- Each quadrant has seven lunar mansions
- These 28 lunar mansions correspond to the 12 Zodiac constellations

Betelgeuse



Stars in the Same Constellation are not at the same distances to us. And brighter stars are not necessarily closer than fainter stars

M42 - The Orion Nebula

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Stars in a constellation are not related. e.g., see the Orion Constellation in 3D

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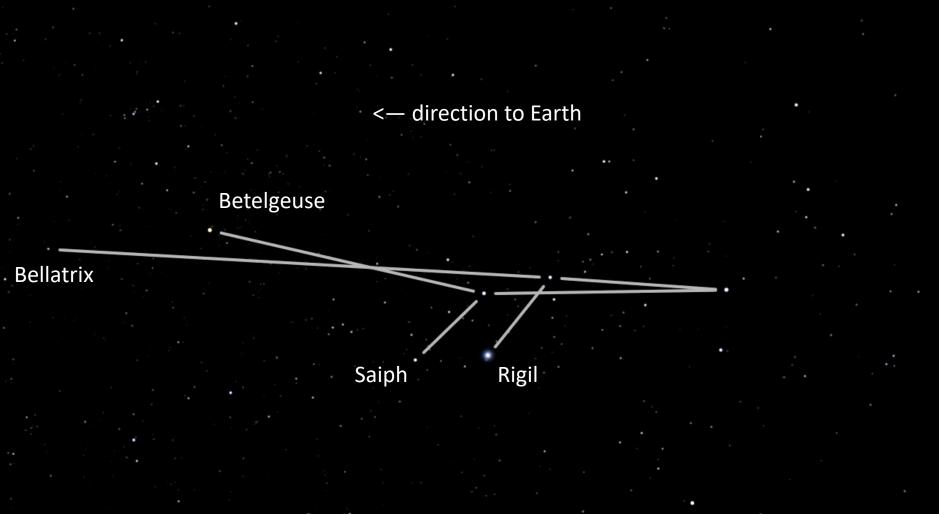
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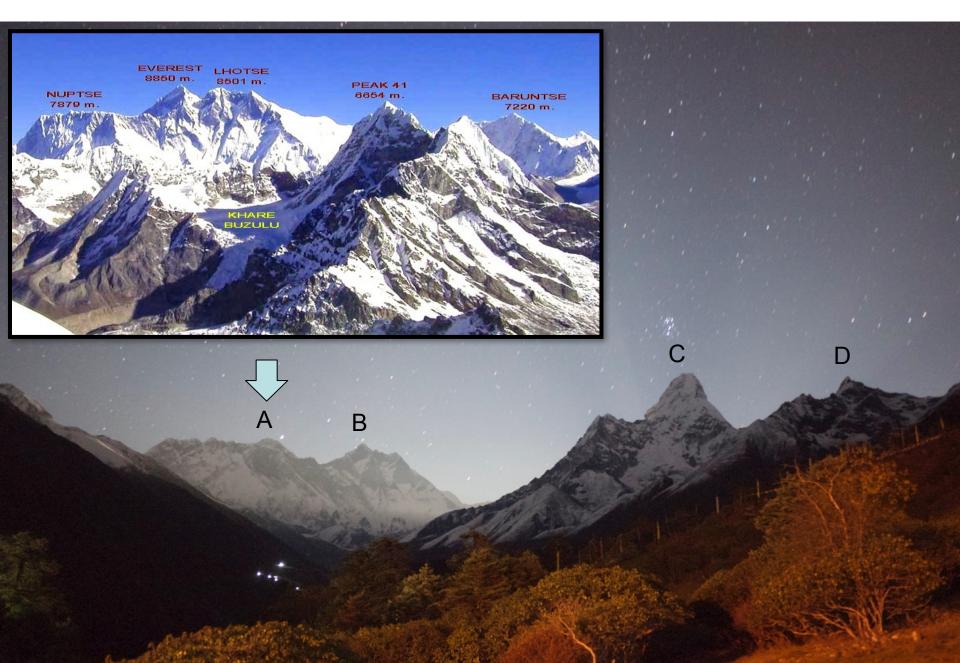
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Brighter stars are not necessarily closer than fainter stars, because they could have very different luminosities



Where is Mt. Everest?

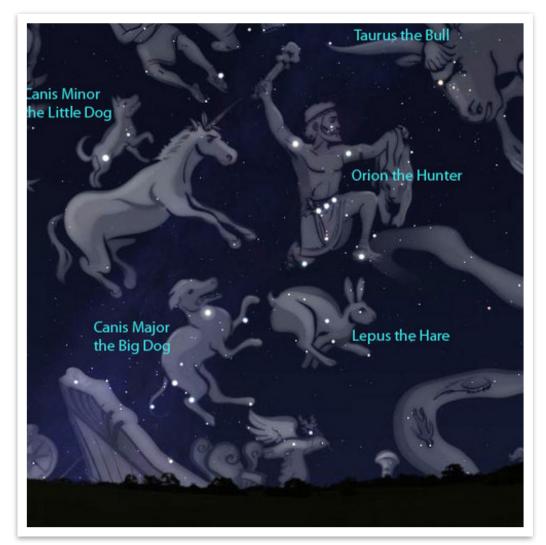


So what is a constellation?

A region of the sky with bright stars forming a **projected pattern** that evokes *imaginations*

These projected patterns change over time because stars move (proper motion)

These projected patterns are arbitrary (meaningless)



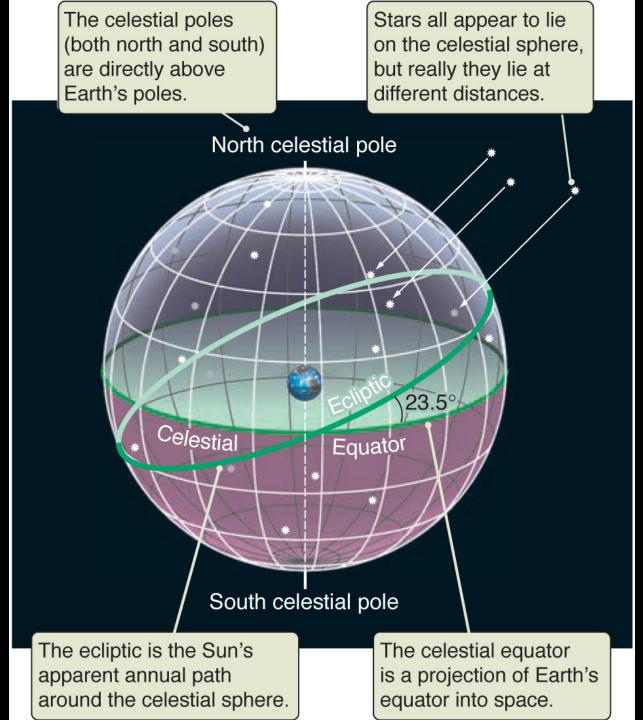
Angular Coordinates on the Celestial Sphere

Right Ascension and Declination (RA, Dec) are **defined** using an intuitive coordinate system

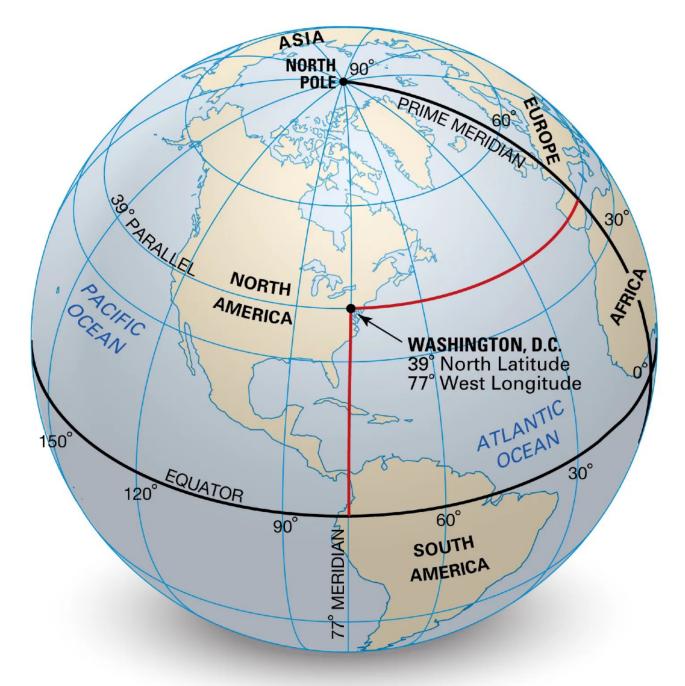
They do not change over decades for objects outside off the Solar system

Stars appear fixed on the imaginary celestial sphere,

while the Sun, the Moon, and other Solar system objects move across the celestial sphere

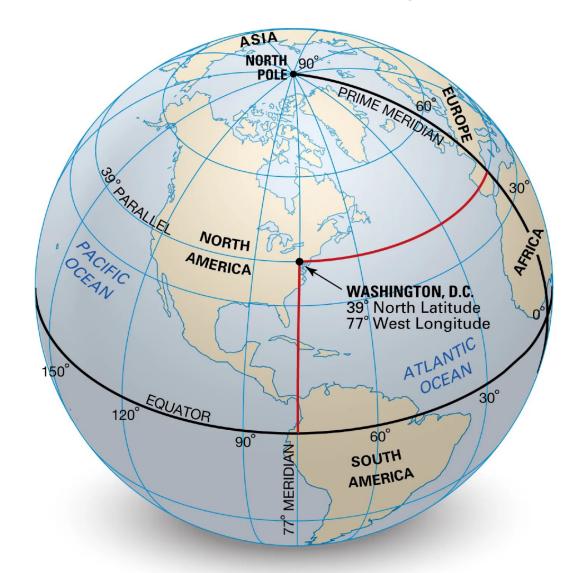


RA & Dec are similar to Longitude and Latitude

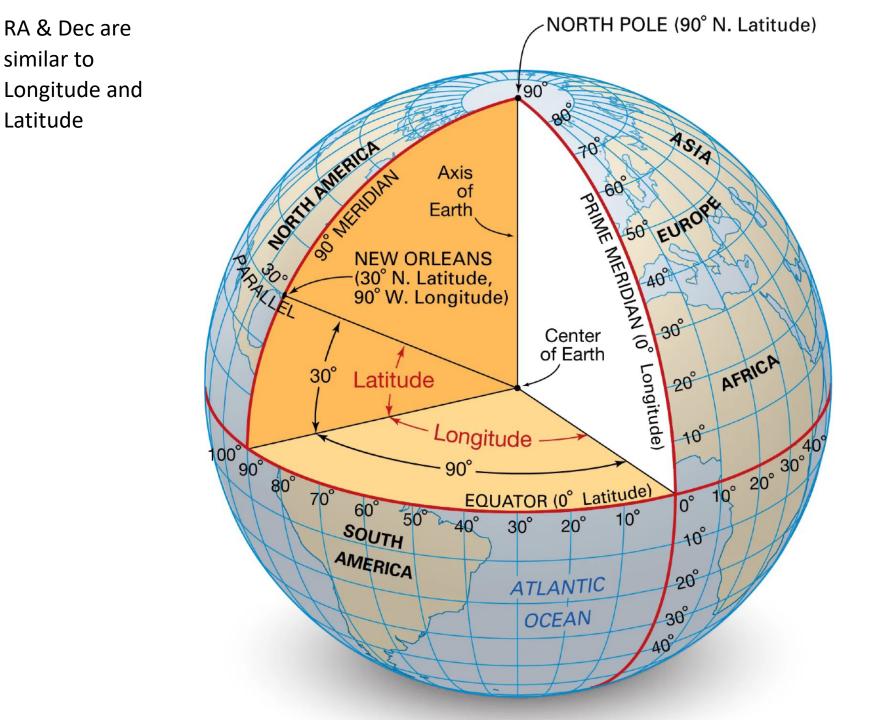


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HW Q2: Predict the time difference between the local noon at Iowa City and the local noon at Des Moines. Local noon is defined as the time when the Sun transits the local meridian. You are given the following information: (1) the radius of the Earth is measured to be 6350 km, (2) the distance between Iowa City and Des Moines is 115 miles according to Google Map, and (3) both Iowa City and Des Moines are at a latitude of +42 degrees. Choose a sensible unit for your result.

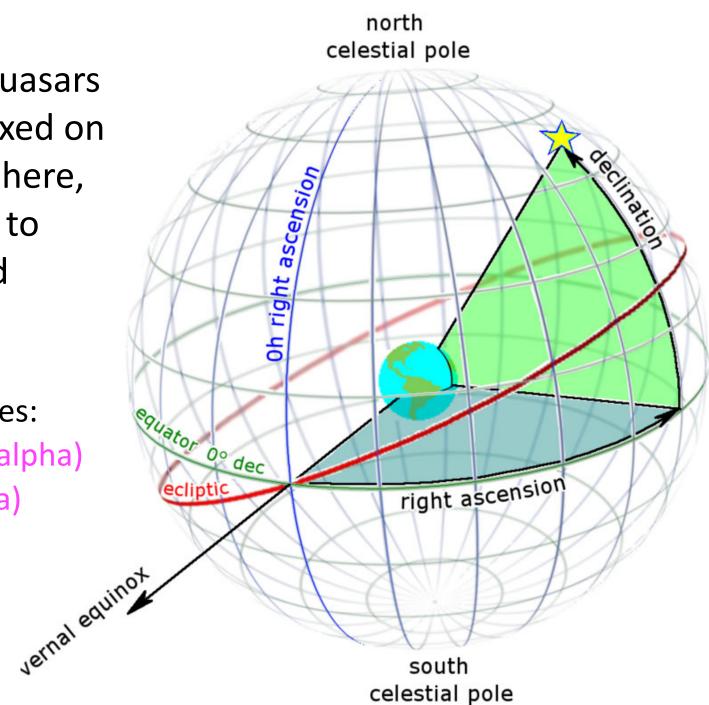


Hint: If you didn't use the latitude, your solution is incorrect.



Because stars, galaxies, and quasars appear to be fixed on the celestial sphere, it makes sense to give them fixed coordinates

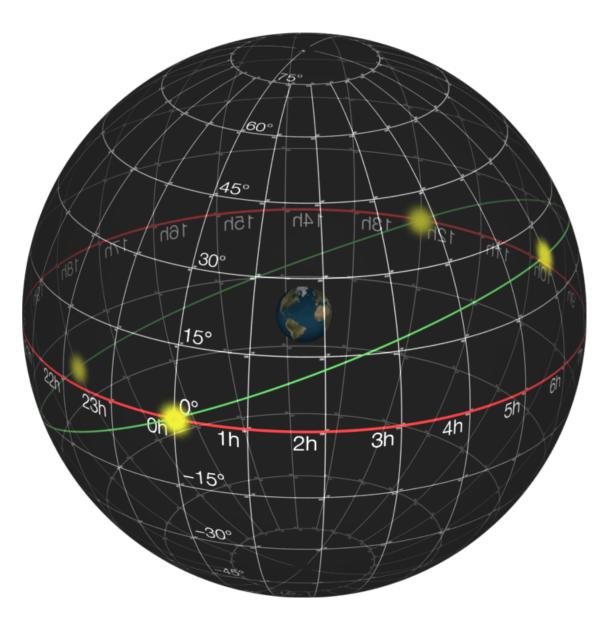
We use two angles: right ascension (alpha) declination (delta)



The Sun and other solar system objects have time-varying coordinates, which are provided as tables called ephemeris

Still with two angles: right ascension (RA) declination (Dec)

but as functions of time



Ephemeris of Mars

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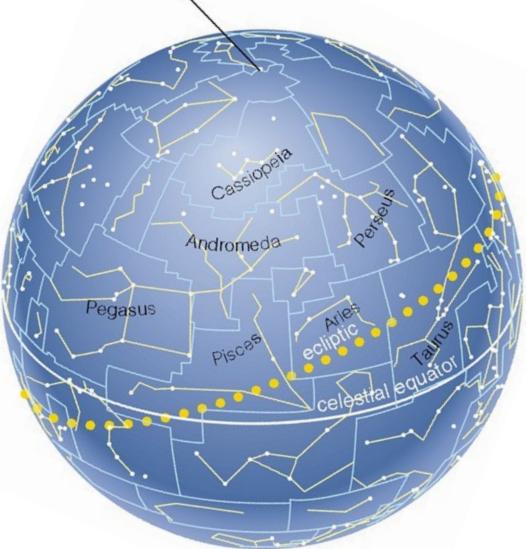
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04	27	16.46	+20	28	19.2	-0.175
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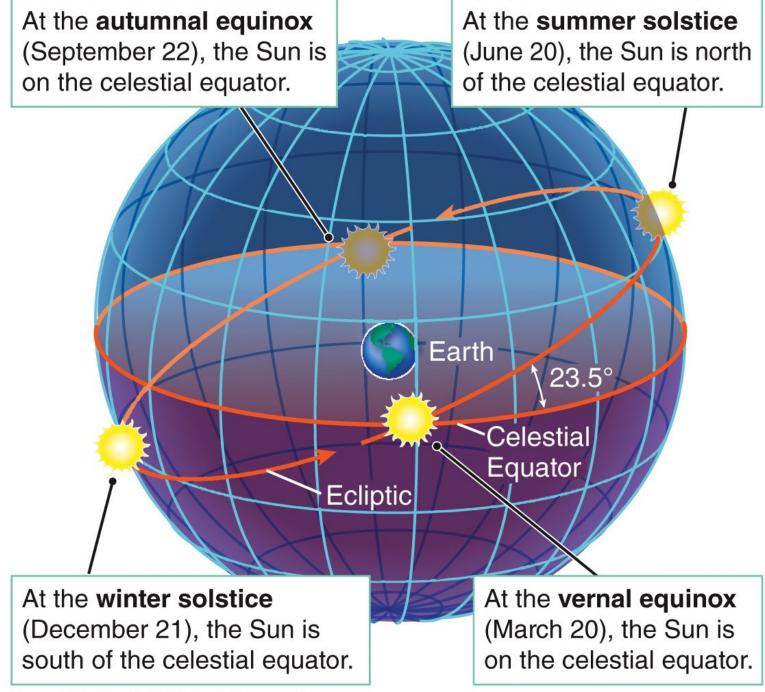
A simplified ephemeris of the Sun

	RA	Dec	Notes
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Summer Solstice (Jun 21)	6 hr	+23.5 deg	longest day in a year
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The ecliptic: the path of the Sun on

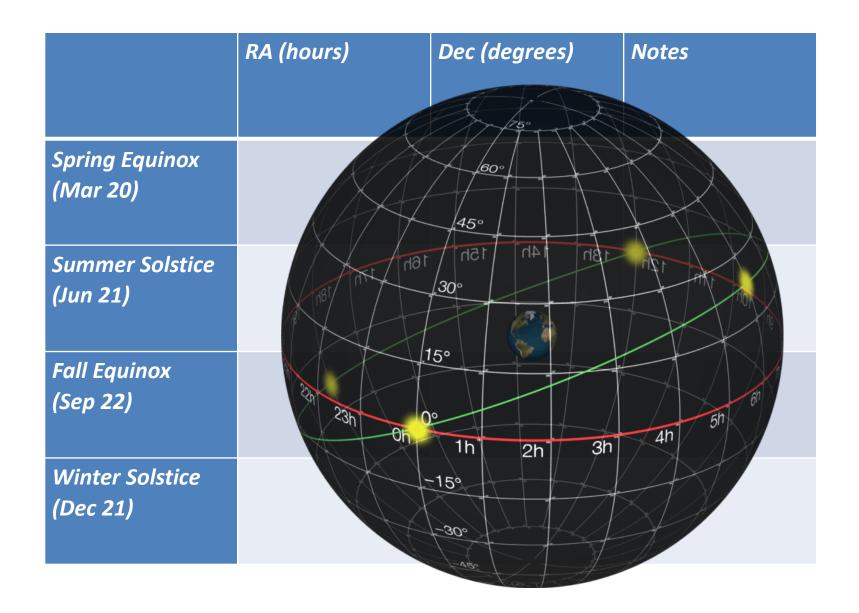


The ecliptic is tilted 23.5 degrees from the celestial equator, because Earth's spin axis is tilted 23.5 degrees from the plane of its orbit around the Sun

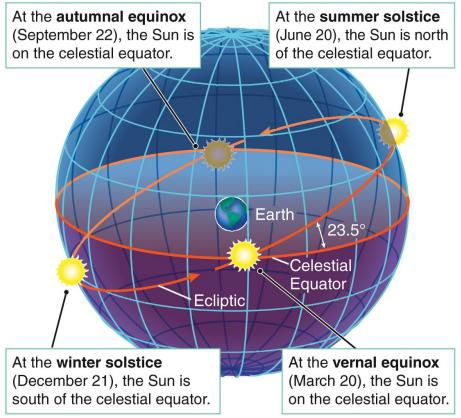


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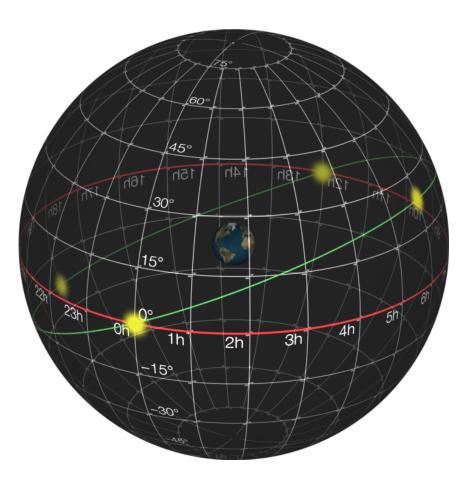
Work out (RA, Dec) coordinates of the Sun on the four special dates



• Work out (RA, Dec) coordinates of the Sun on the four special dates



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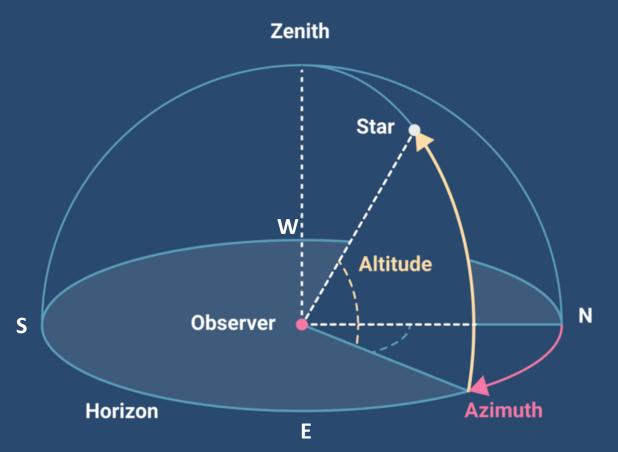
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Angular coordinates measured by an observer

Altitude and Azimuth (Alt, Az) are what we measure on the ground

They change all the time: Alt(t), Az(t)

From the perspective of an observer on the ground, each object's direction can be described by another two angles (Alt & Az)

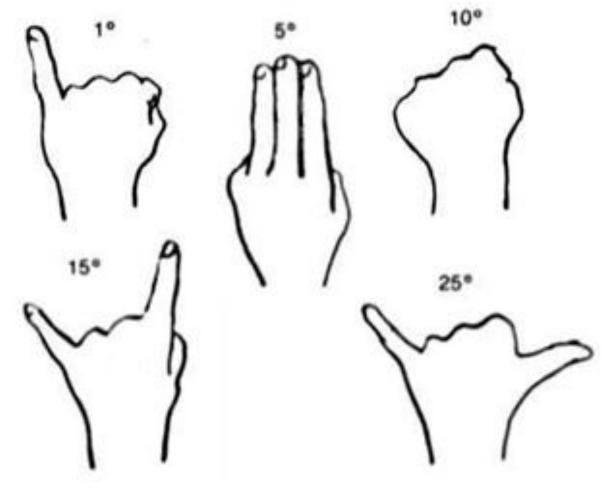


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Measuring azimuth with a compass



Measuring altitude with your hand (this week's lab)





Measuring altitude with a sextant



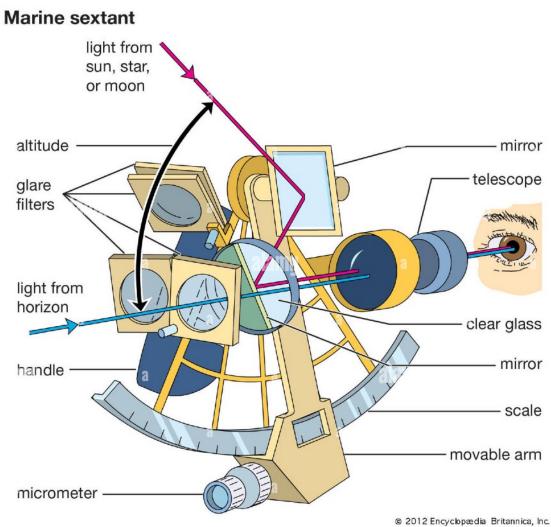


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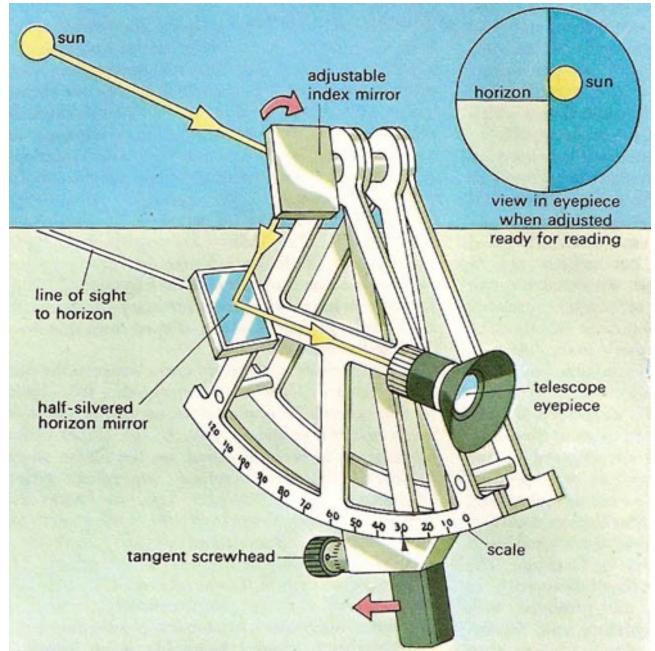
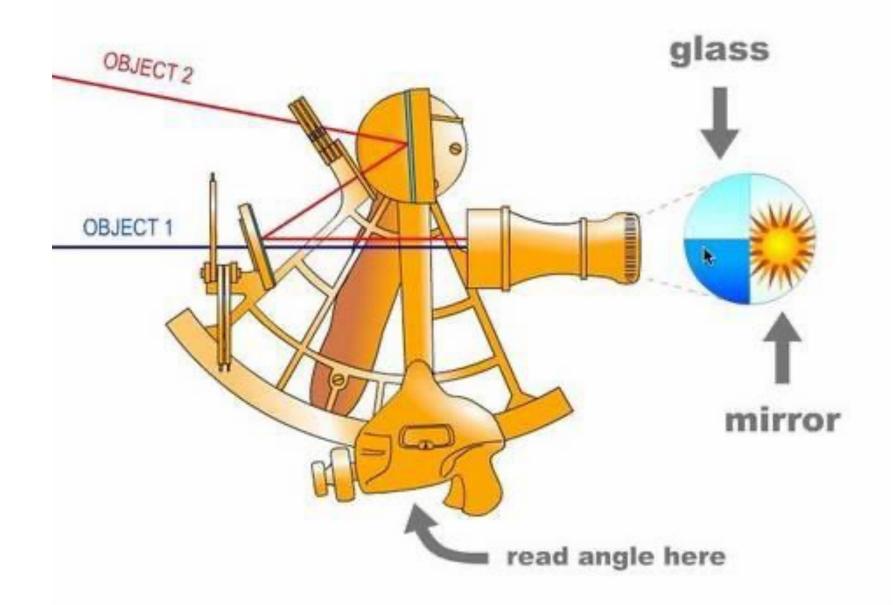
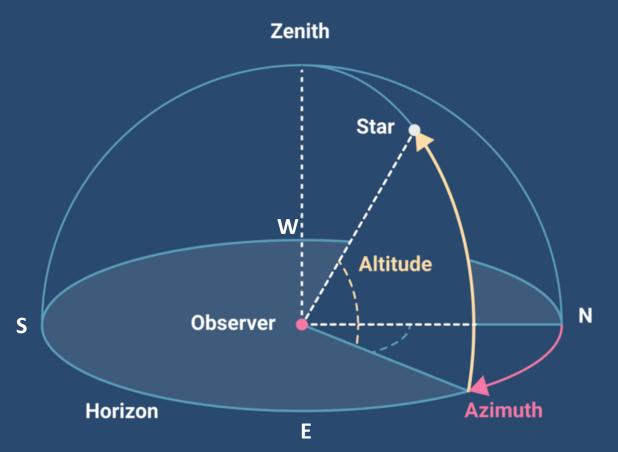


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Diurnal (Daily) motion of objects on the sky

The diurnal motion of objects on the sky is caused by Earth's daily spin around its poles



Spin of the Earth, animated for Summer Solstice (around June 20)

Evidence of Earth's Spin: Foucault's Pendulum

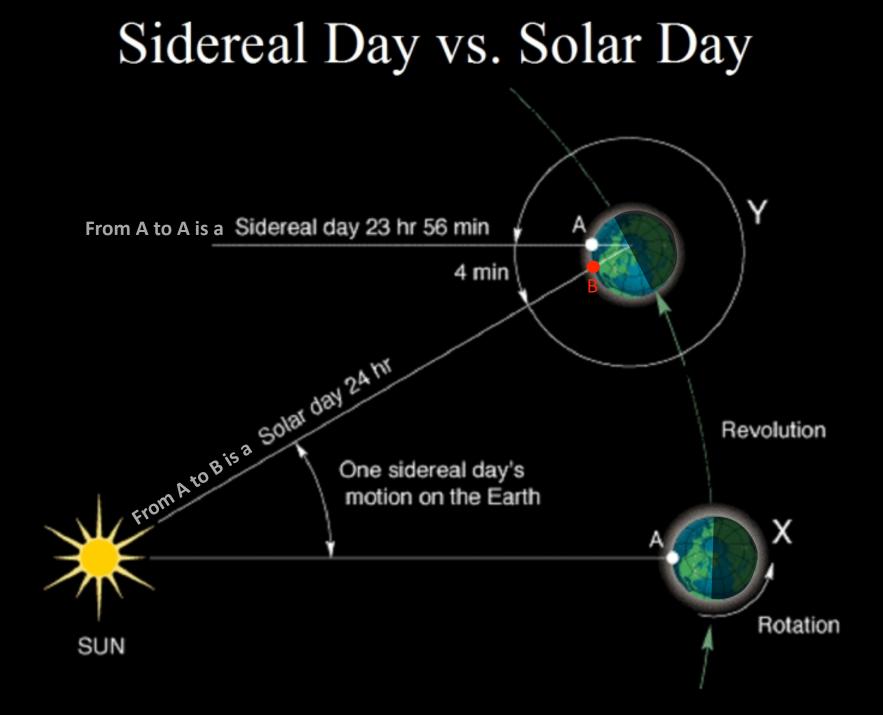
On the pole, Foucault pendulum completes one cycle in 23h56m.

Why not 24h?

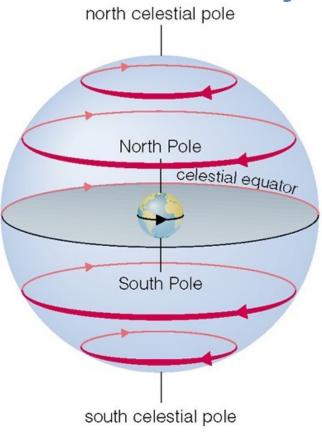
Foucault's pendulum in the Panthéon, Paris (200 ft, 60 lb)

(not the Pantheon in Rome built in 126 CE)



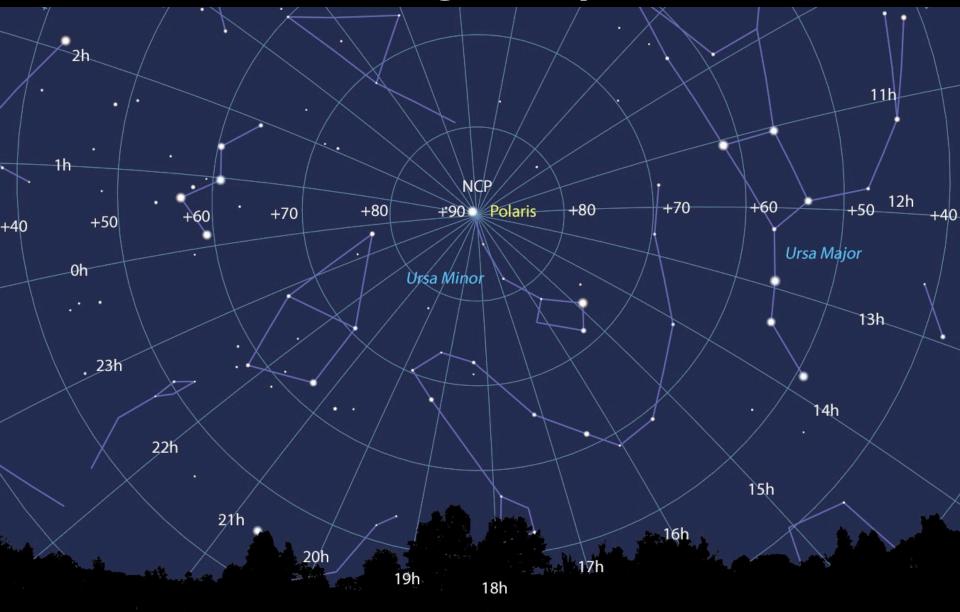


Directions of the diurnal motion of objects on the sky

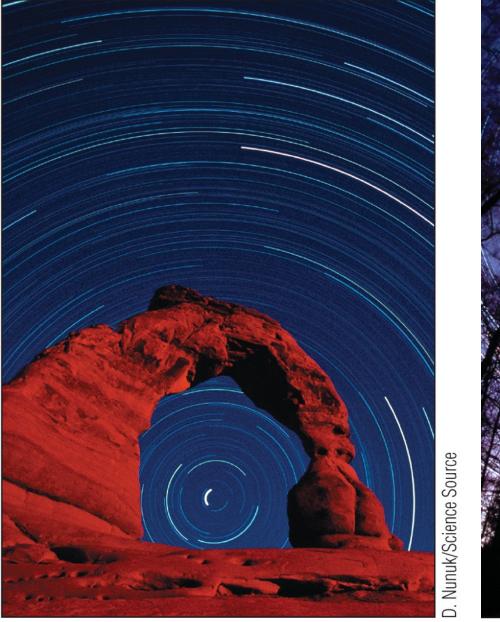


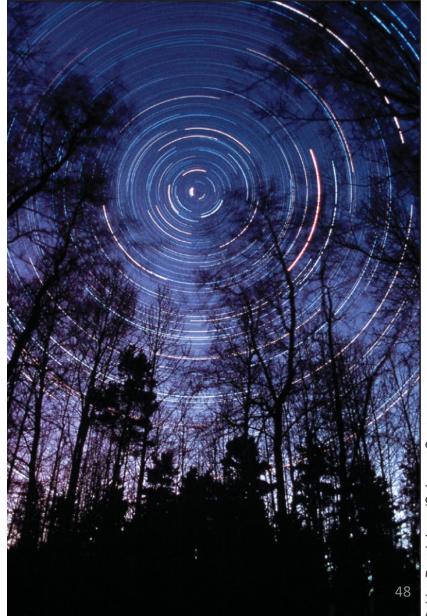
- As the Earth rotates, the sky appears to us to rotate in the opposite direction.
- Imagine you are at the North pole, which direction do stars rotate? CW or CCW? What about the South pole?

Views of the night sky vs. Latitude



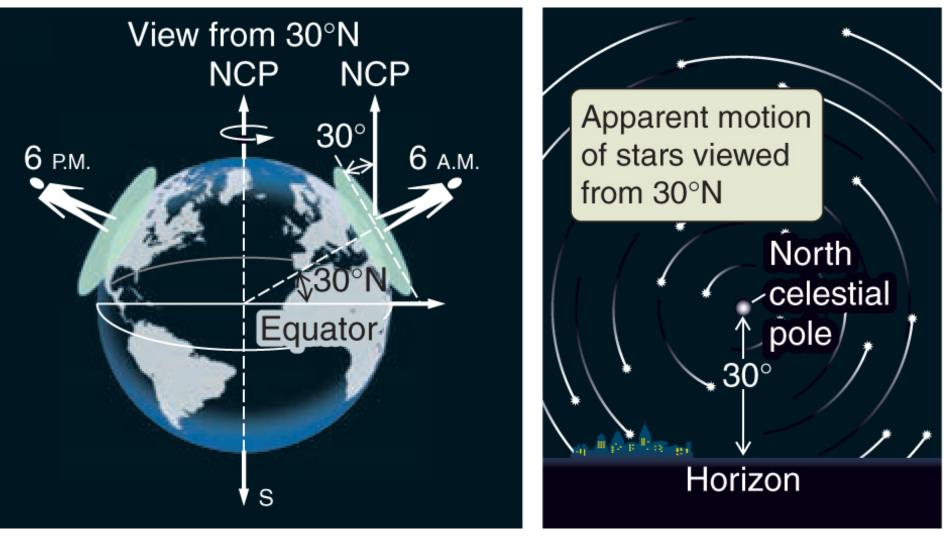
Can you tell which place is at a higher latitude?



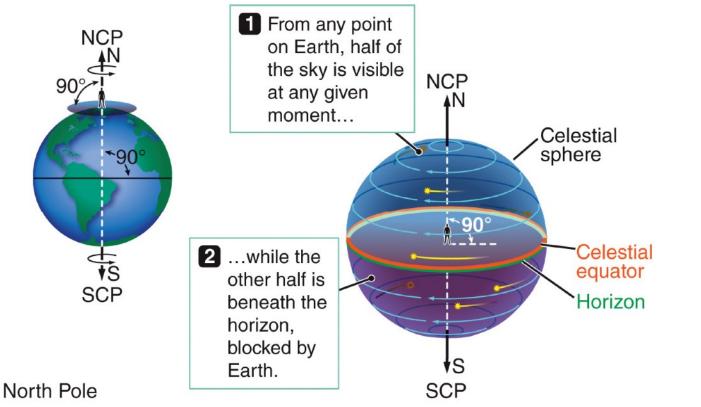


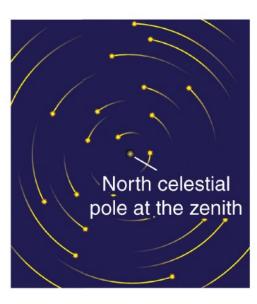
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- The altitude of stars depend on its coordinates on the celestial sphere (RA & Dec), the latitude, and the local time of the observer
- From the diagram below, you can see that the altitude of the NCP (close to Polaris) equals the latitude and stars within 30 deg of the NCP never set.



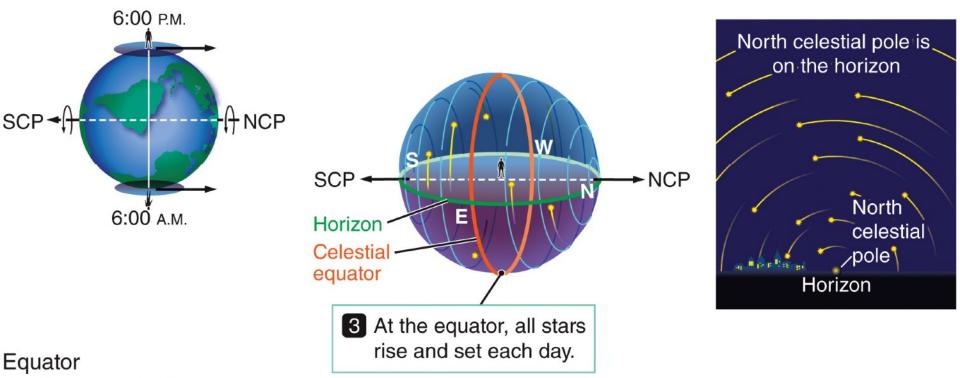
- At Earth's pole, no stars rise and set.
- The celestial pole is at the zenith
- Observers can see half of the celestial sphere as it rotates.
- All visible stars are circumpolar stars





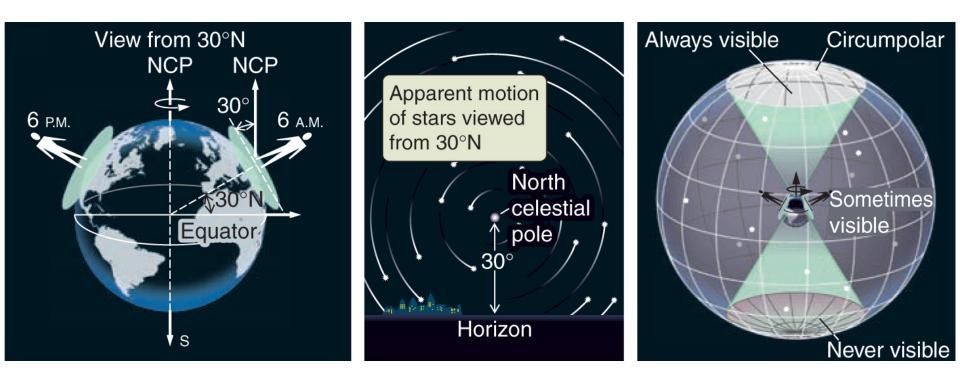
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- At Earth's equator, all stars rise and set.
- The celestial poles are on the northern and southern horizons.
- Observers can see the whole celestial sphere as it rotates.
- All stars rise and set, no circumpolar stars

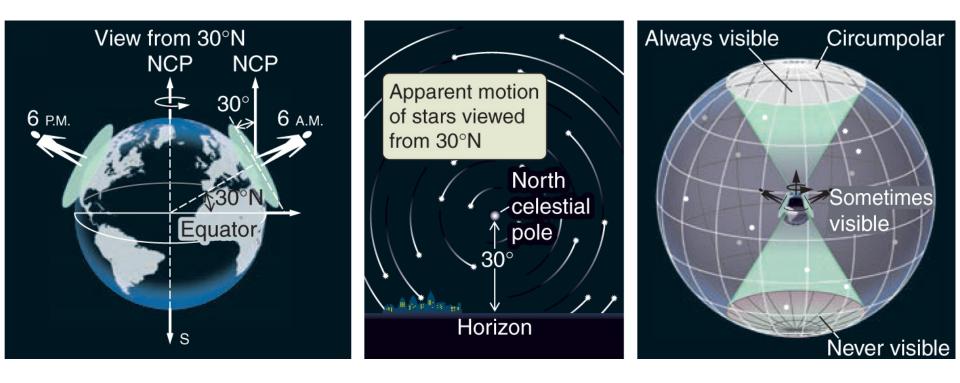


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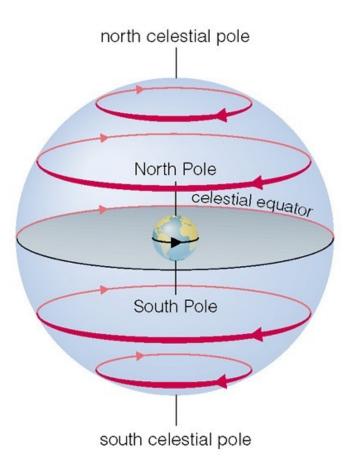
- At intermediate latitudes,
- Some stars are circumpolar (never sets); What's their Declination range?
- Some stars rise and set. *What's their Declination range?*
- Some stars are never visible. *What's the Declination range?*



In Iowa City (42° N), which stars are circumpolar? Give their range in Declination.



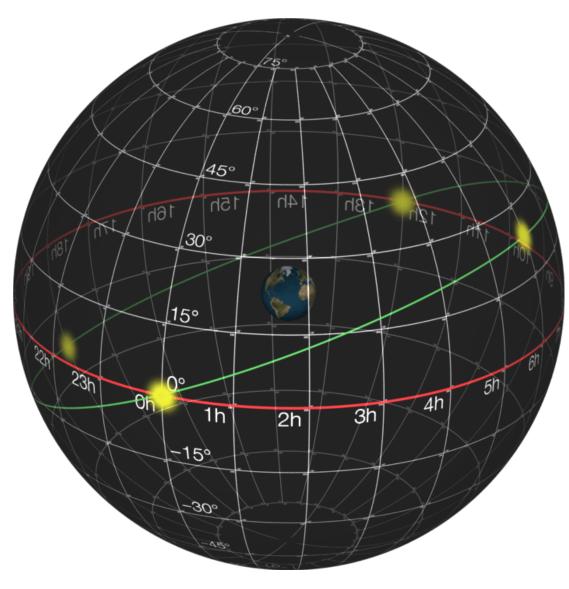
If you're at the south pole, which stars are circumpolar? Give the ranges of RA & Dec.



Recap:

NCP, SCP, Equator, Ecliptic -> (RA, Dec) Horizon, Zenith, Meridian -> (Alt, Az)

Every distant object on the celestial sphere has a *fixed* "longitude & latitude" called RA and Dec.



The celestial sphere of (RA & Dec) is **aligned** with Earth's (Lon, Lat).

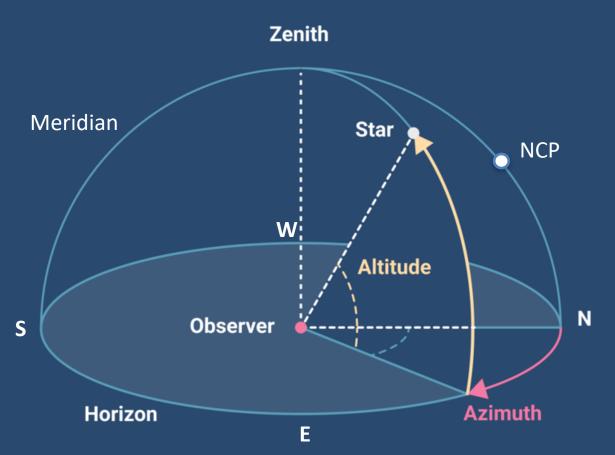
The two spheres **rotate relative to each other** because of Earth's spin, on a period called a **sidereal day** (shorter than a **solar day** by ~4 minutes)

RA & Dec of a distant object *does* change significantly over centuries

A simplified ephemeris of the Sun

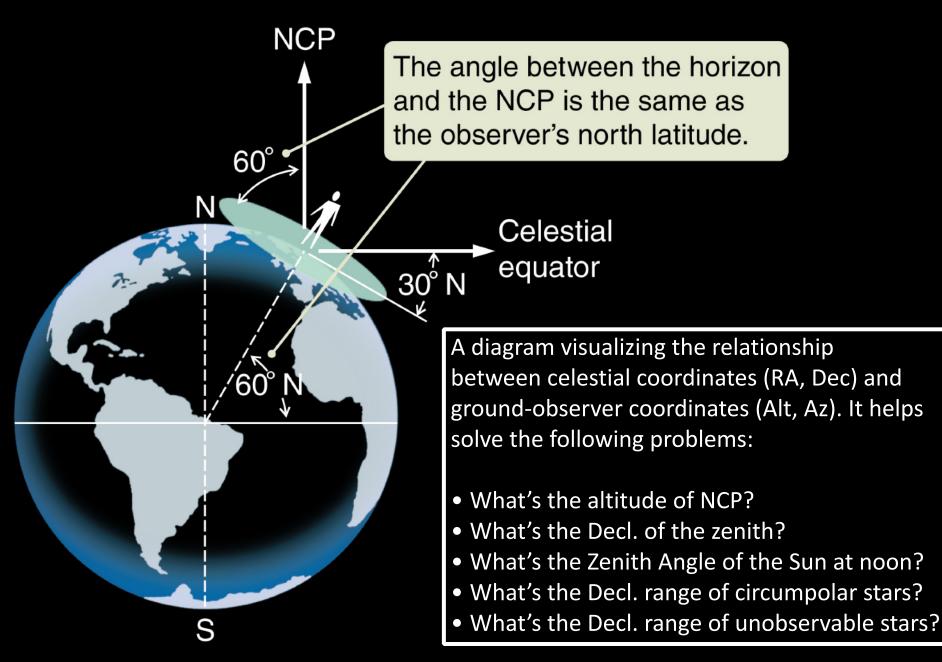
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Separately from (RA, Dec), each object's direction from the perspective of an observer on the ground are described with another two angles (Alt & Az)



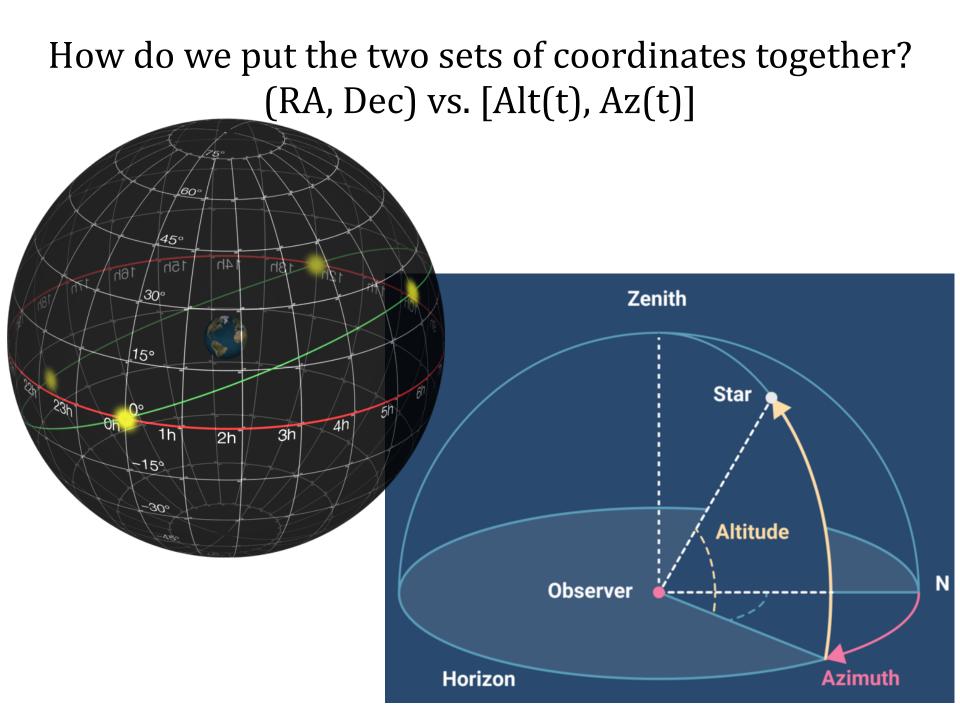
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Latitude 60°N



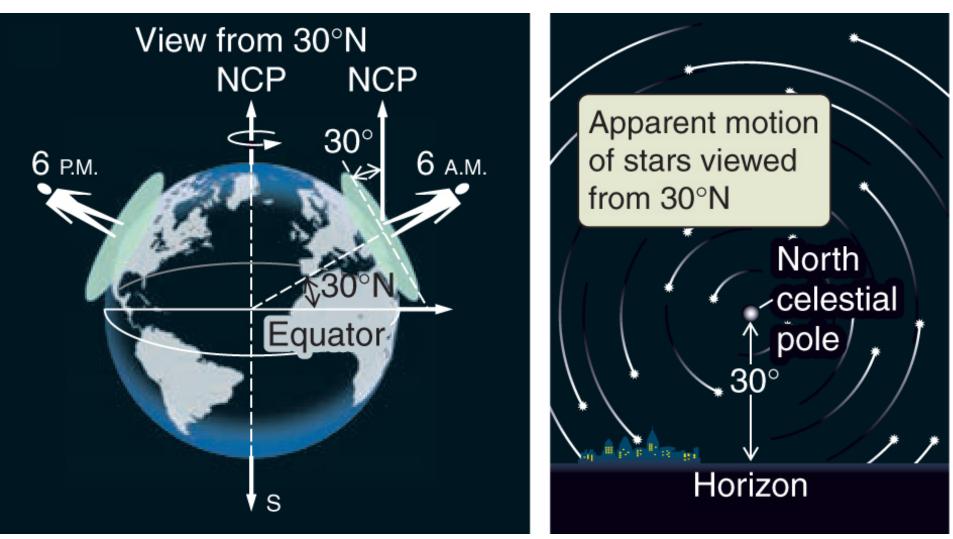
Simple Coordinate Conversion

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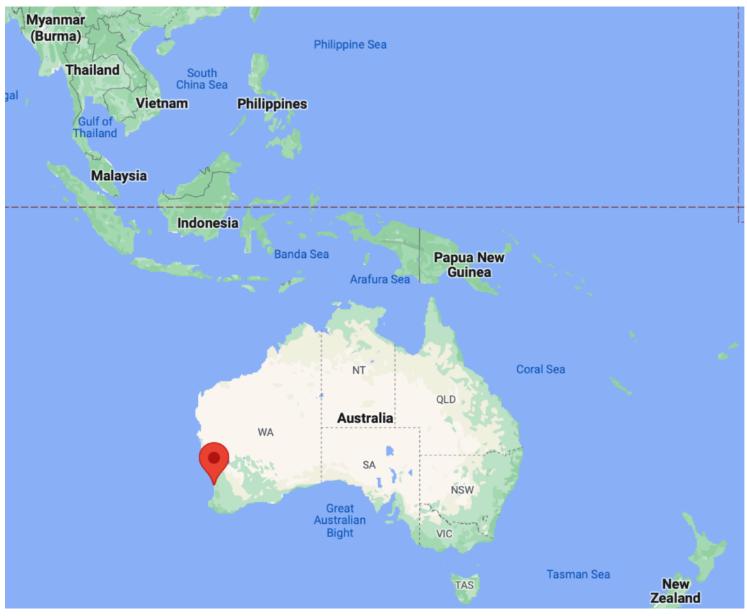


Simple Coordinates Conversion: (Alt, Az) of NCP and SCP

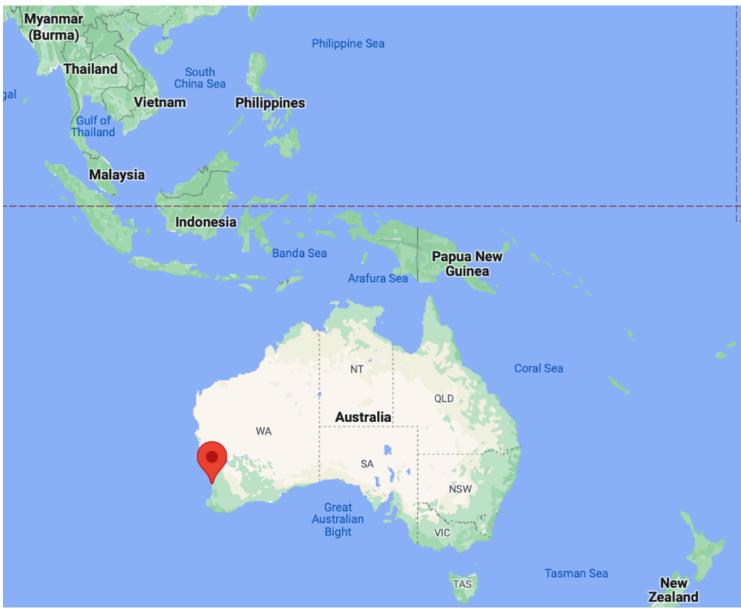
- The altitude and azimuth of stars depend on its coordinates on the celestial sphere (RA & Dec), your latitude, and the local *sidereal* time
- For example, from the diagram below, you can see that the altitude of the NCP (close to Polaris) equals the latitude and its Azimuth is always 0 deg.



Perth is at a latitude of 32° S. (RA, Dec) of SCP = (Undefined, -90d) What is the altitude and azimuth of the **south** celestial pole (SCP)?



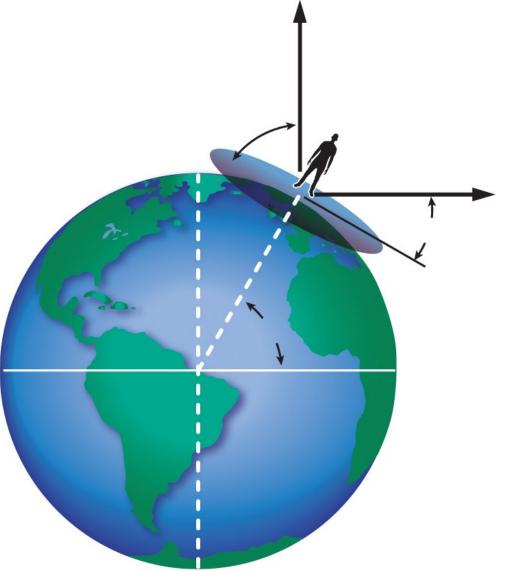
Perth is at a latitude of 32° S. What is the altitude and azimuth of the **NCP**?



Simple Coordinates Conversion: (RA, Dec) of Zenith

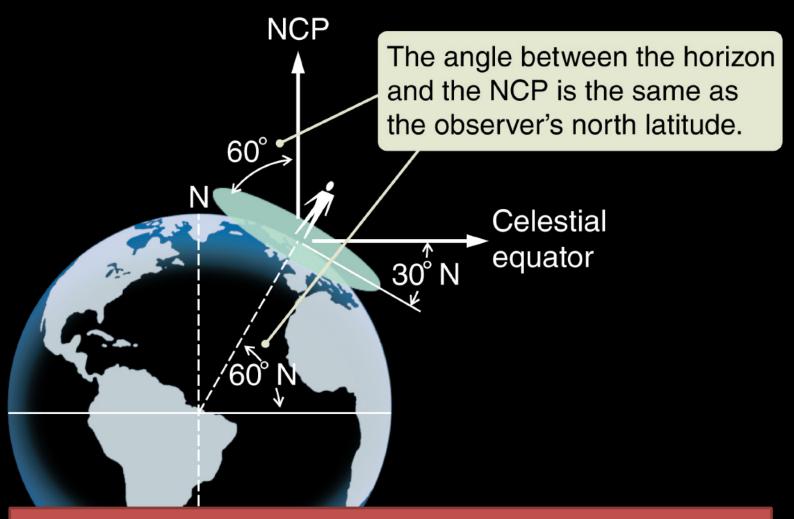
The RA & Dec of Local Zenith

- (Alt, Az) of local
 Zenith = (90 deg, 0 deg)
- What is the Declination of a star at Zenith?
- What is the Right Ascension of a star at Zenith?



Iowa City is at a latitude of 41.7° N.
What is the **Declination** of the **Zenith**?

Latitude 60°N



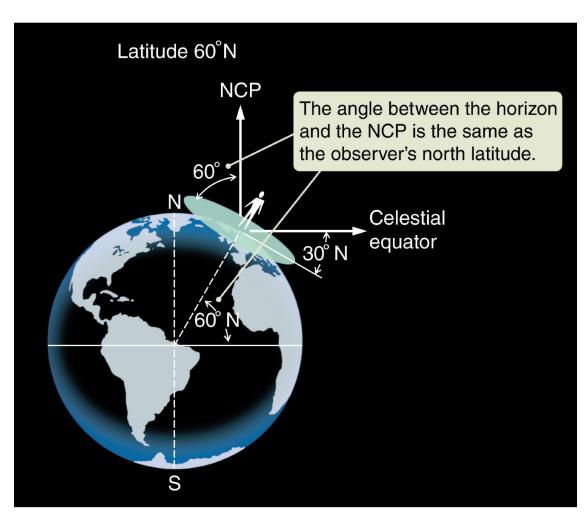
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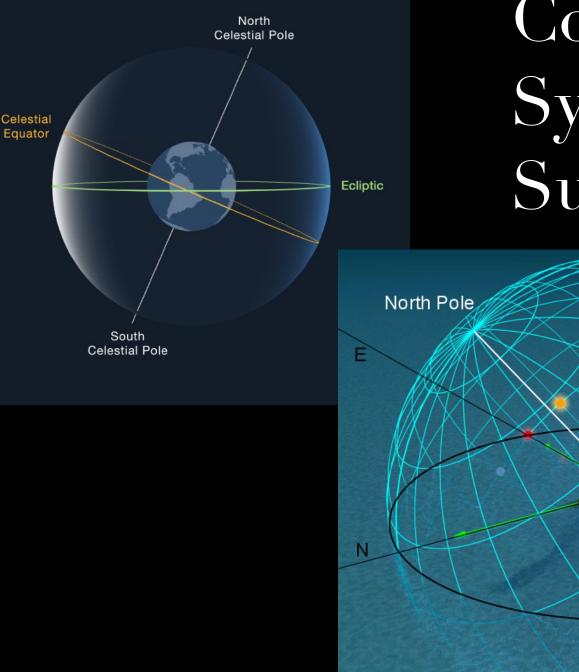




Practice: Estimate the altitude of Pleiades

- Pleiades cluster (M45) RA 3h47m, Dec +24.1°
- Iowa City coordinates Long = 91.5° W, Lat = 41.6° N
- At LST = 03:47, estimate the Altitude of Pleiades



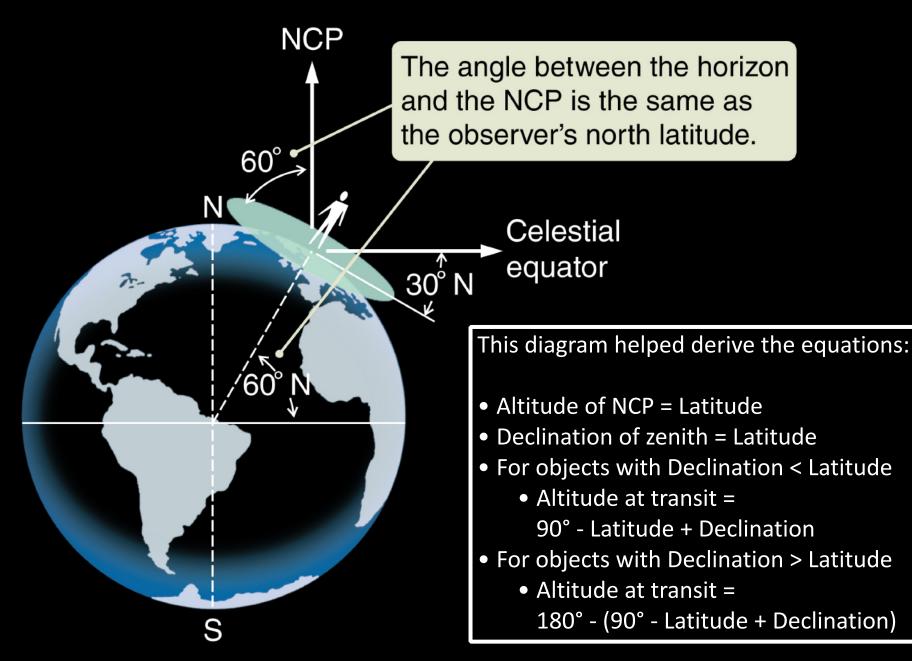


Coordinate Systems: Summary

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Latitude 60°N



Full Coordinate Transformation Formulae: From (RA, Dec) to (Alt, Az)

- RA, Dec, Alt, Az, LST, HA, Latitude = α , δ , a, A_z , t, h, ϕ
- (a, A_z) varies with time, so we first convert the object's RA (α) to HA (h) at LST (t): $h = (t - \alpha) \times 15^{\circ}/\text{hr} = (t - \alpha)/12 \text{ hr} \times \pi \text{ rad}$
- Next, with spherical trigonometry, we can derive: $\sin a = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos h$ $\tan A_z = \sin h/(\cos h \sin \phi - \tan \delta \cos \phi)$
- Sanity check: calculate (a, A_z) for h = 0, i.e., transit the meridian

Self-test Questions for Coordinate Systems

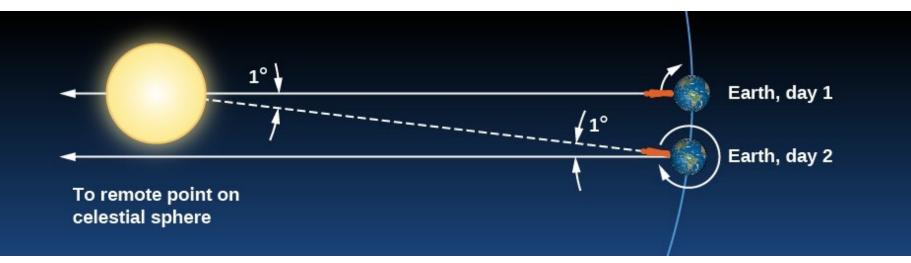
- Definitions & Diagrams:
 - NP+SP, Equator, Prime Meridian (Longitude, Latitude)
 - NCP+SCP, Equator, Ecliptic (RA, Dec)
 - Horizon, Zenith, Meridian (Alt, Az)
- Simple Coordinate Transformation (at a given location):
 - Calculate the altitude of the Sun at noon on a given date (e.g., June 20).
 - Calculate the altitude of a star (e.g., Rigel) when it transits the meridian.
 - Calculate the declination of a star for which you have measured the altitude when it transits the meridian.
- Navigation Part I: Latitude measurements
 - Describe at least two astronomical methods; List the tools needed
- Calendar and Date
 - How would you determine the length of a year?
 - How would you determine the length of a day?

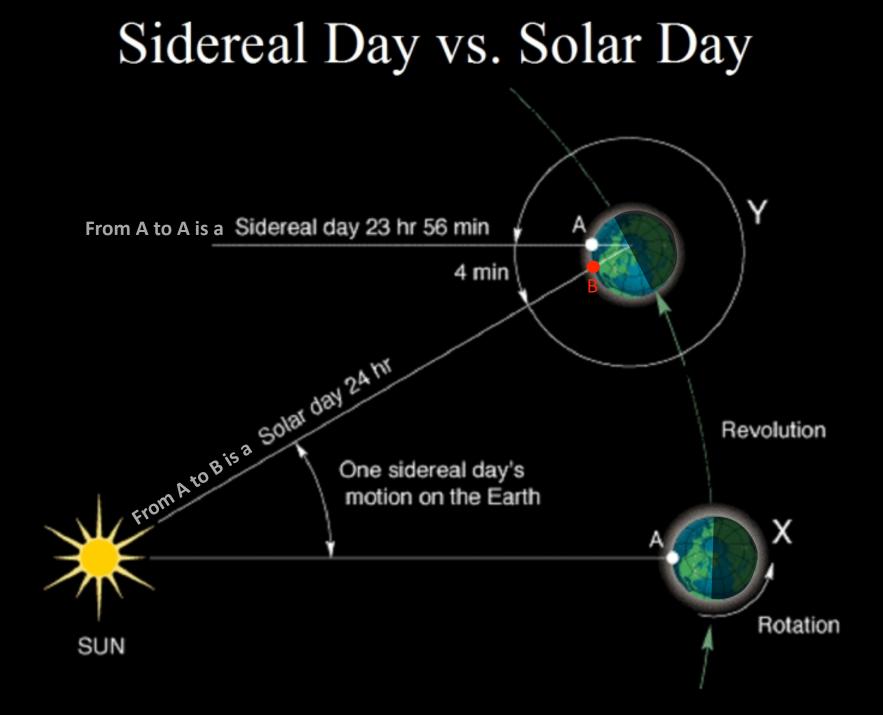
SOLAR DAY VS. SIDEREAL DAY

Why are there two different days?

Solar Day vs. Sidereal Day

- A (Mean) Solar Day = the time interval between two consecutive noons (averaged over a year)
- A Sidereal Day = the time interval between two consecutive transits of a distant star



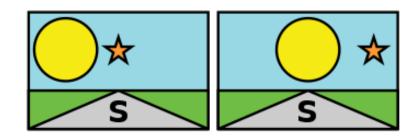


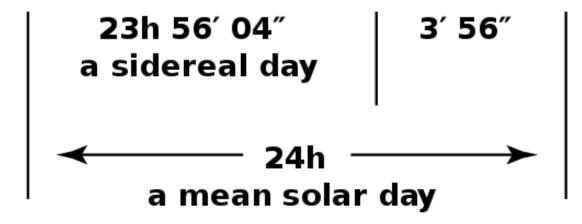
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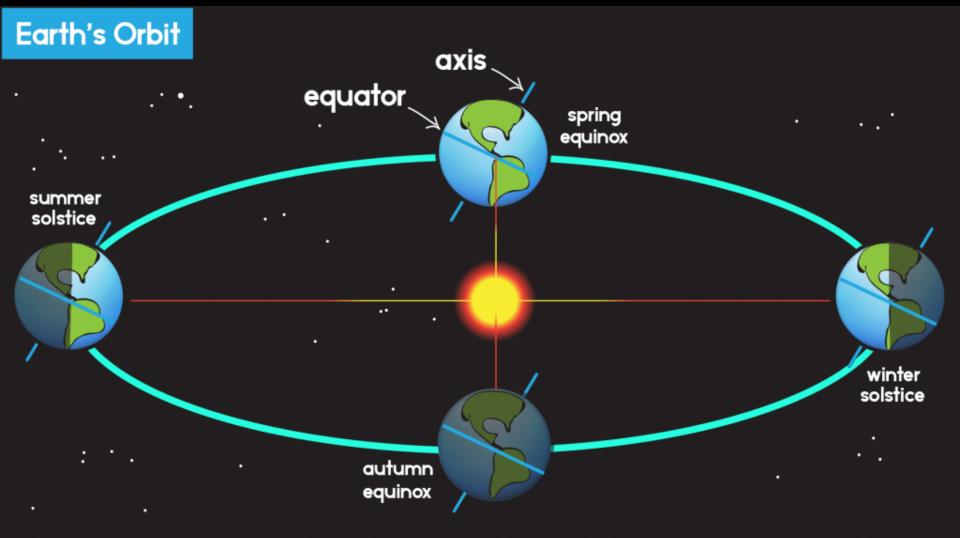
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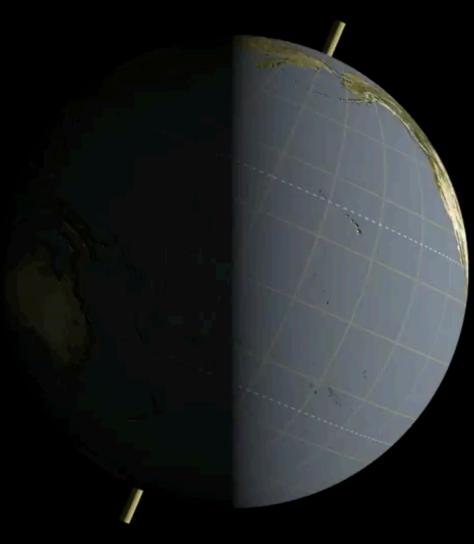




Motions of the Earth and Obliquity: *The Causes of Earth's Seasons*

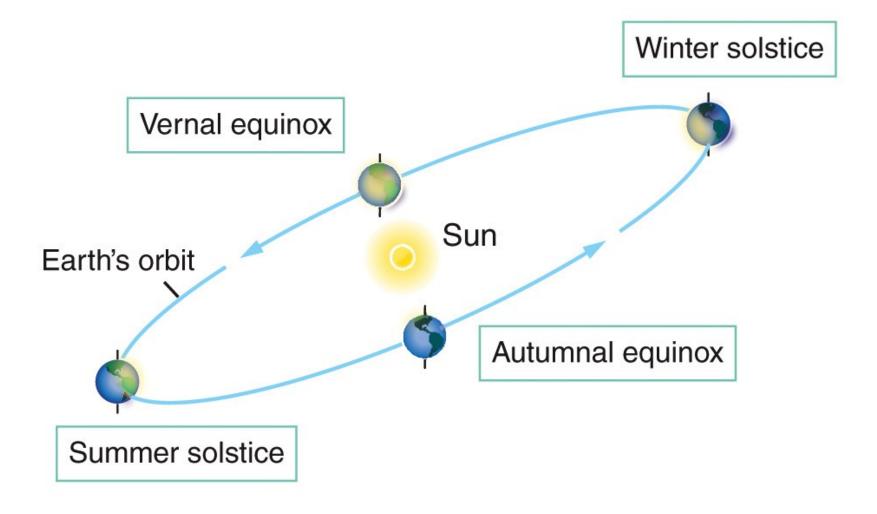


Daily Rotation: The Earth spins around its poles every sidereal day (23h56m), causing diurnal motions of objects in the sky

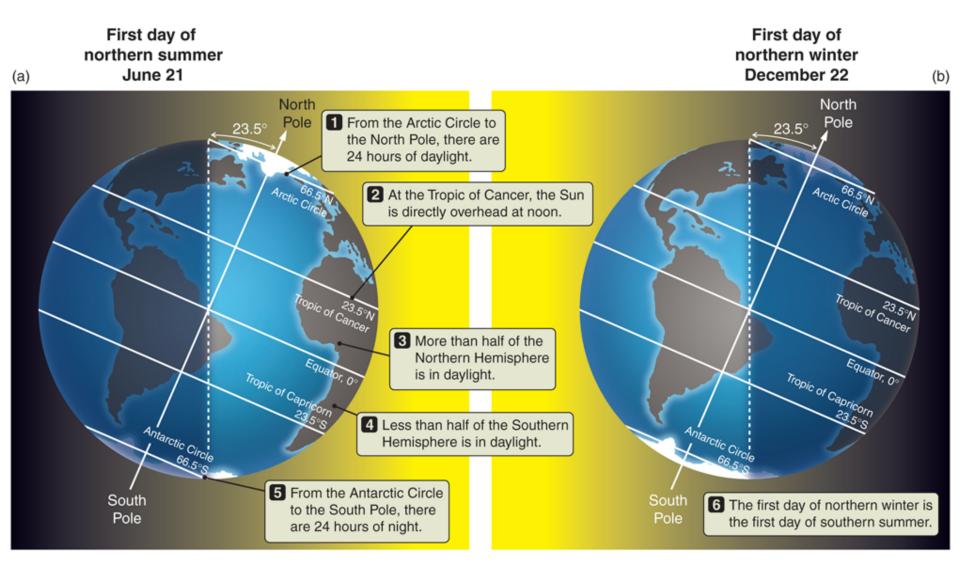


Spin of the Earth, animated for Summer Solstice (around June 20)

Yearly Revolution: Earth orbits around the Sun every year (365.2422 days), causing the 4-minute longer solar day (24h) and the annual motion of the Sun along the ecliptic



Obliquity: Earth's spin axis is tilted from the pole of the ecliptic by 23.5 degrees, causing Earth's seasons

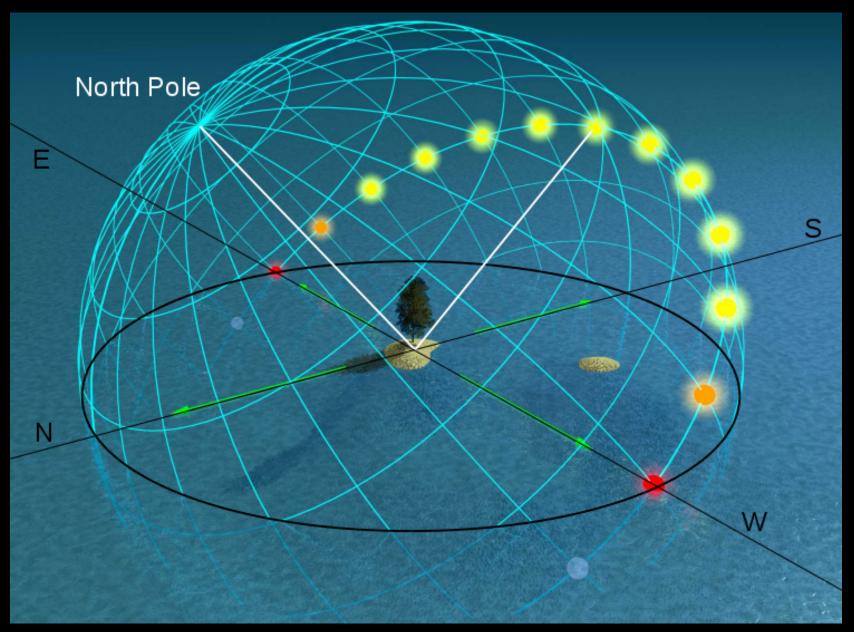


The combination of Earth's orbit and its obliquity results in the ephemeris of the Sun below

		RA	Dec	Notes	
How will the ephemeris change if the obliquity changes from 23.5 degrees to 5 degr					
	Spring Equinox (Mar 20)	0 hr	0 deg	Origin of Celestial sphere: aka, vernal equinox	
	Summer Solstice (Jun 21)	6 hr	+23.5 deg	longest day in a year	
	Fall Equinox (Sep 22)	12 hr	0 deg	equal day and night, same as Spring Equinox	
	Winter Solstice (Dec 21)	18 hr	-23.5 deg	longest night in a year	

Season Factor I: The length of daytime increases with the Sun's declination

The Sun stays above the horizon longer as its declination increases



Season Factor II: The altitude of the Sun at noon increases with the Sun's Declination

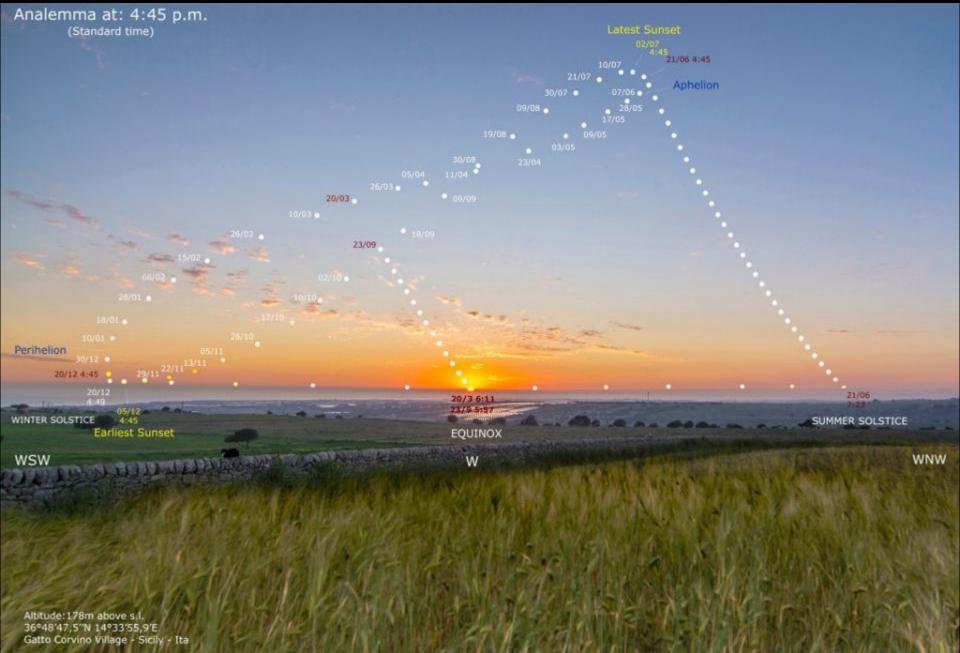
The Solar Analemma over Edmonton, AB

June 21, 2013 - June 2, 2014 09:45 MT Solar analemma from Sulmona, Italy

A compilation of images of the Sun taken at the same time (12pm) every ten days and at the same place



altitude of Sun at noon = (90 deg - latitude) + declination of Sun

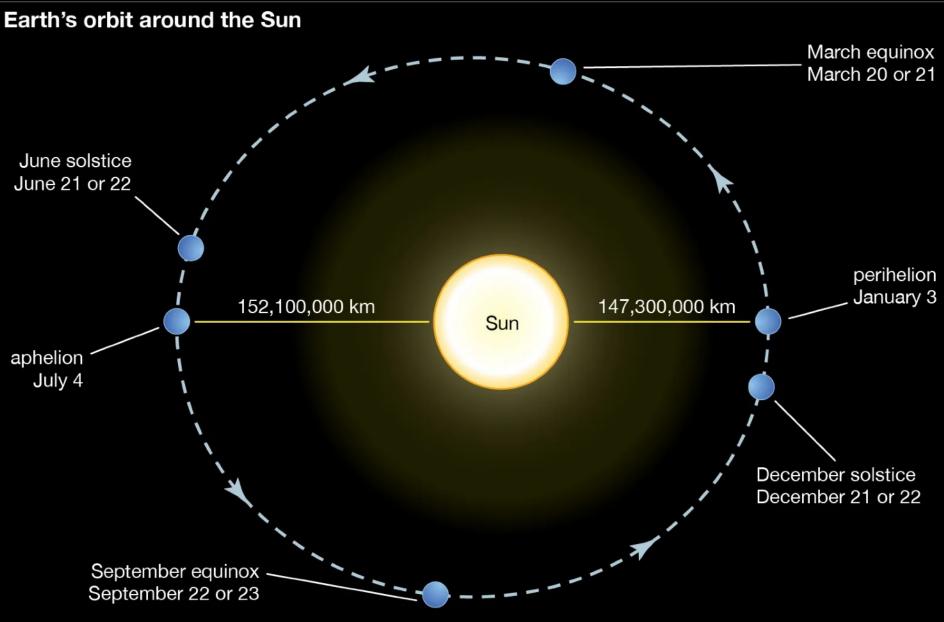


Chichen Itza - Temple of Kukulcan (800-1200 AD) side slope = 47 deg ~ altitude of the Sun at Winter Solstice *What's the latitude of Chichen Itza?*

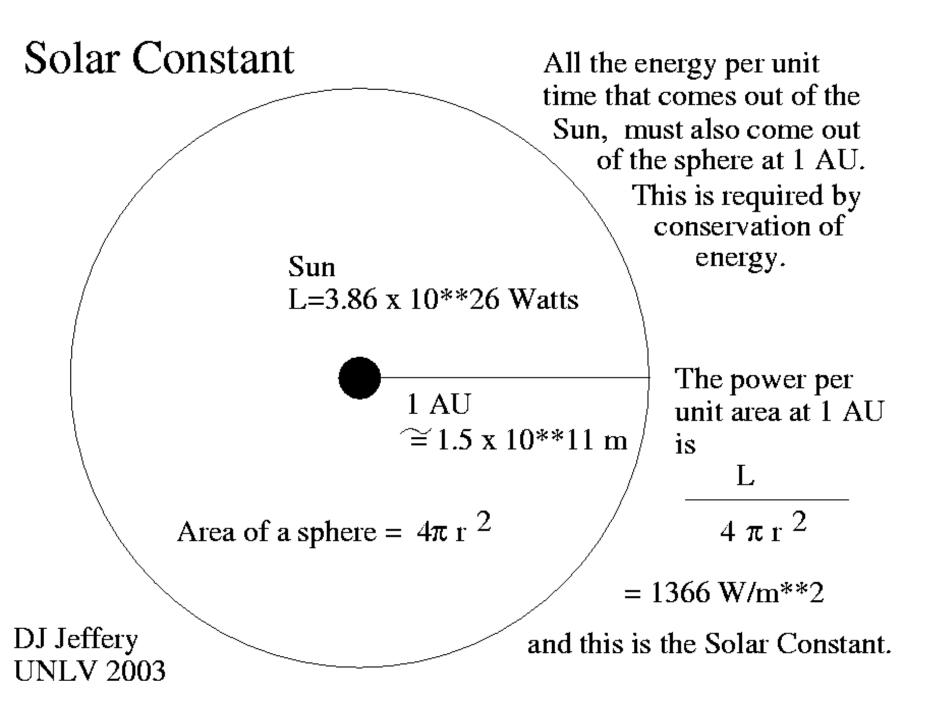


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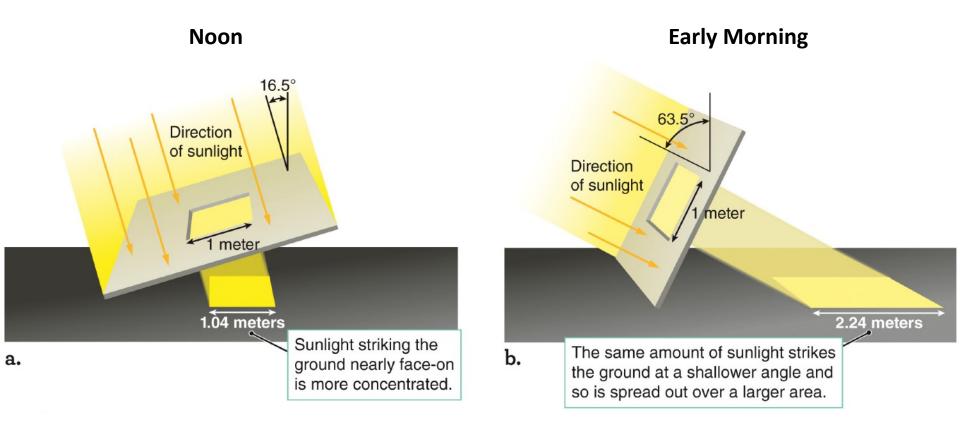
The Slight Elliptical Orbit of the Earth



Ellipticity cannot explain why the Northern & the Southern hemisphere have opposite seasons



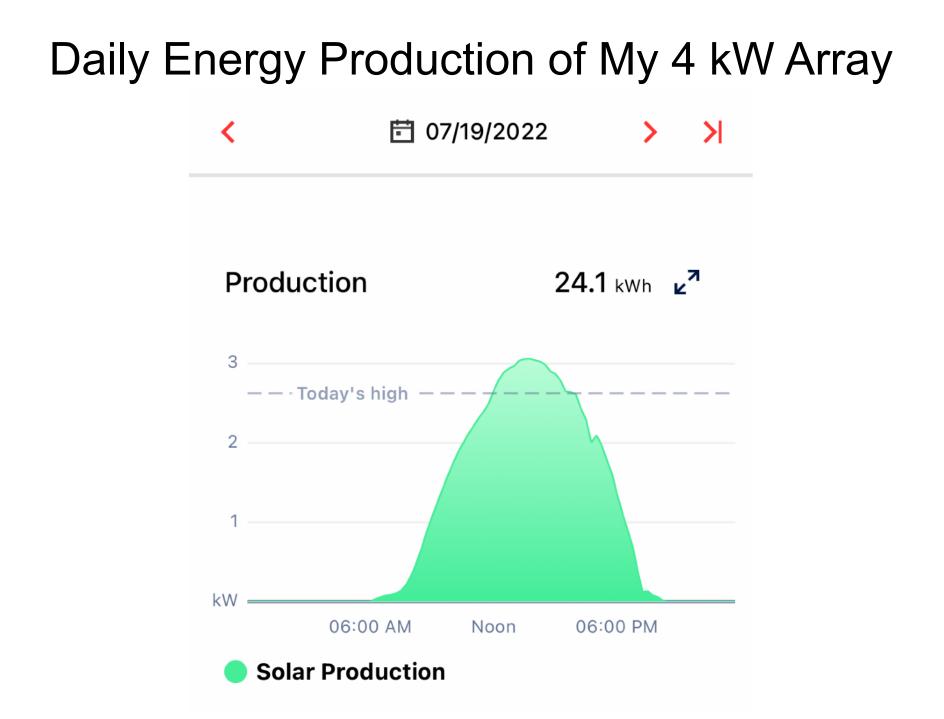
Altitudes of the Sun in the morning vs. noon cause ground temperature to change.



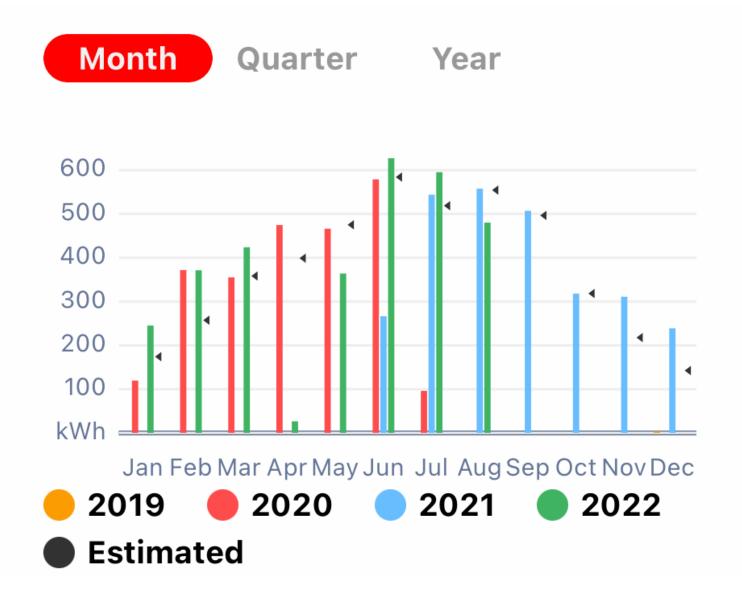
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Check out solar energy production



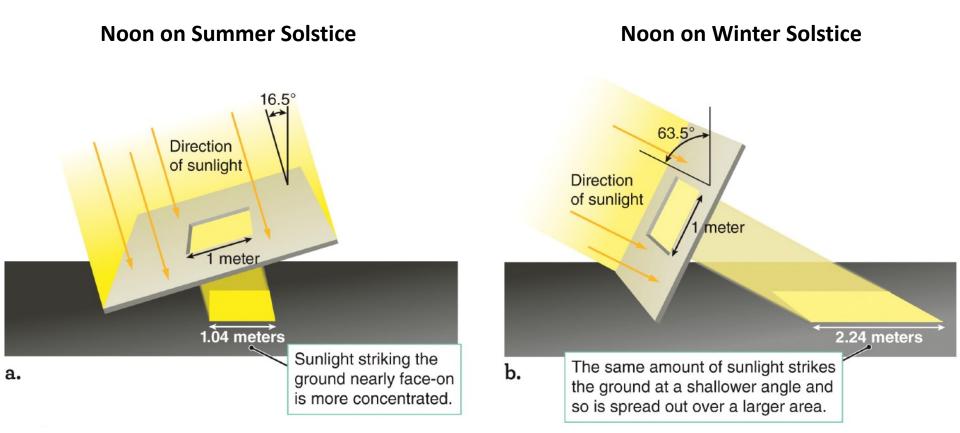


Monthly Production of My Solar Array

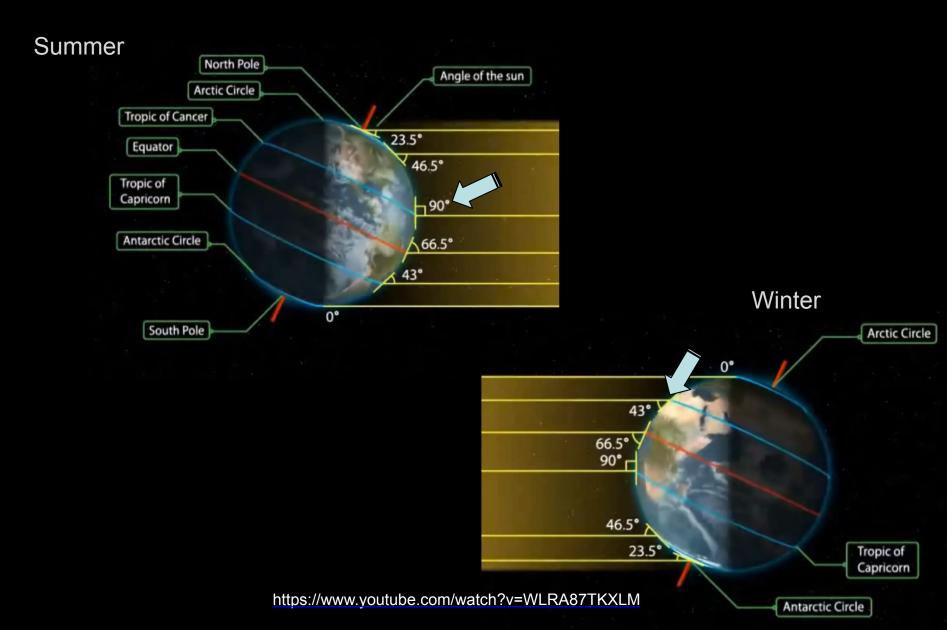


How does the altitude of the Sun affect ground temperature?

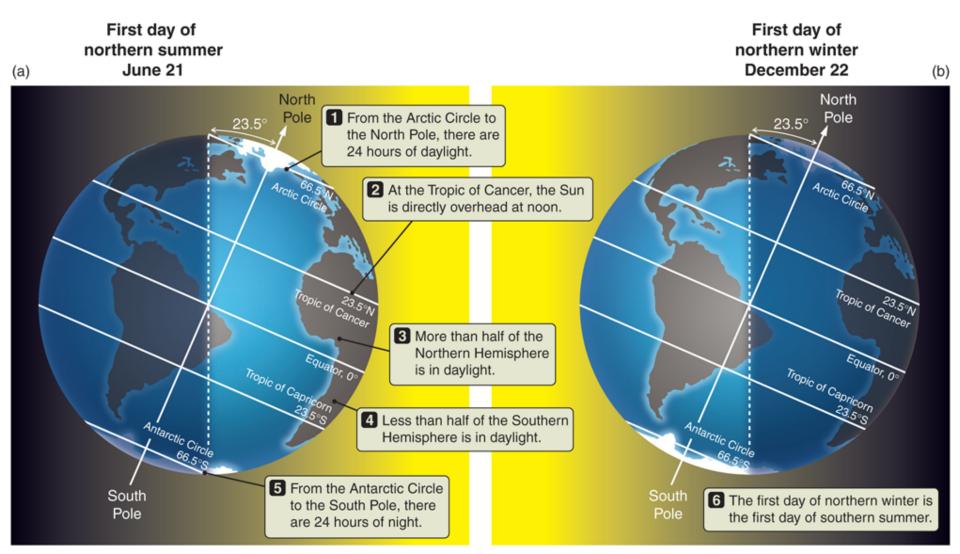
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Obliquity & Seasons



Zenith Angle of the Sun in Summer vs. Winter

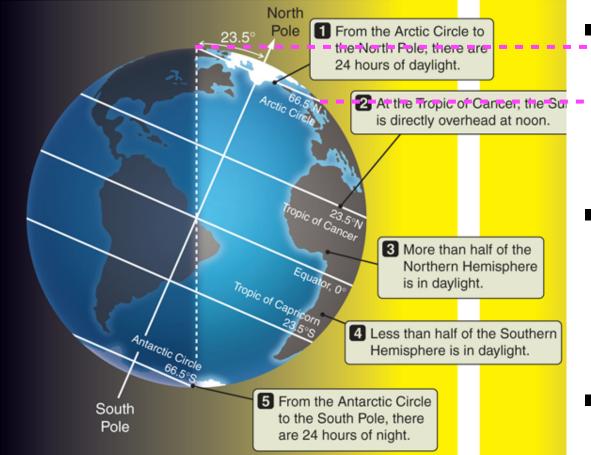


First day of northern summer

June 21

(a)

The Northern Arctic Circle



 Seeing the midnight sun in the arctic
 circle on summer solstice

- Magenta lines: direction towards the Sun at noon and midnight
- arctic circle:
 latitude > +66.5d



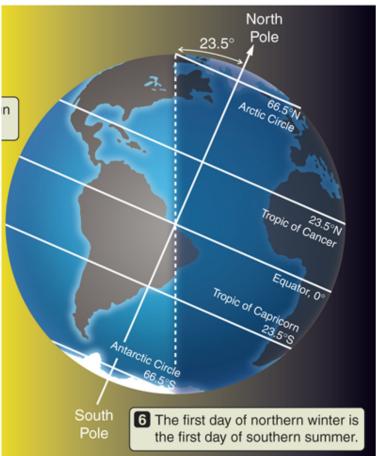
Dr. Juerg Alean/Science Source

The Southern Arctic Circle

First day of northern winter December 22

(b)

- Seeing the midnight sun in the Antarctic circle on winter solstice
- Antarctic circle: latitude < -66.5d





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Obliquity & Seasons Animation

The axis of rotation of the Earth is not perpendicular to the plain of revolution around the Sun but is tilted 23.5°.

Summary: Obliquity & Seasons

- The 23.5-deg obliquity has the following effects on Earth:
 - The angle of sunlight is more direct in summer, thus the received solar energy is higher per unit surface area.
 - The sun stays above the horizon longer in the summer, shorter in the winter, so the ground receives more energy on a summer day
- The ellipticity of the Earth's orbit has negligible effect on the seasons we experience.
- Southern Hemisphere experiences the opposite situation of the Northern Hemisphere.

Celestial Navigation

NAVIGATORS COCKPIT FOR TRANS-OCEANIC AIRDLANES DESIGNED BY EMORY B. BRONTE-LIEUT, USNR

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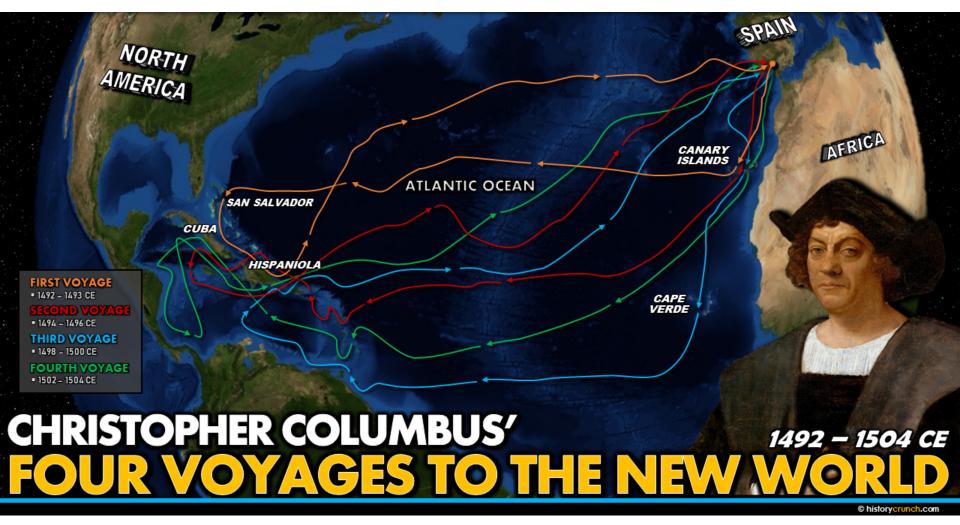
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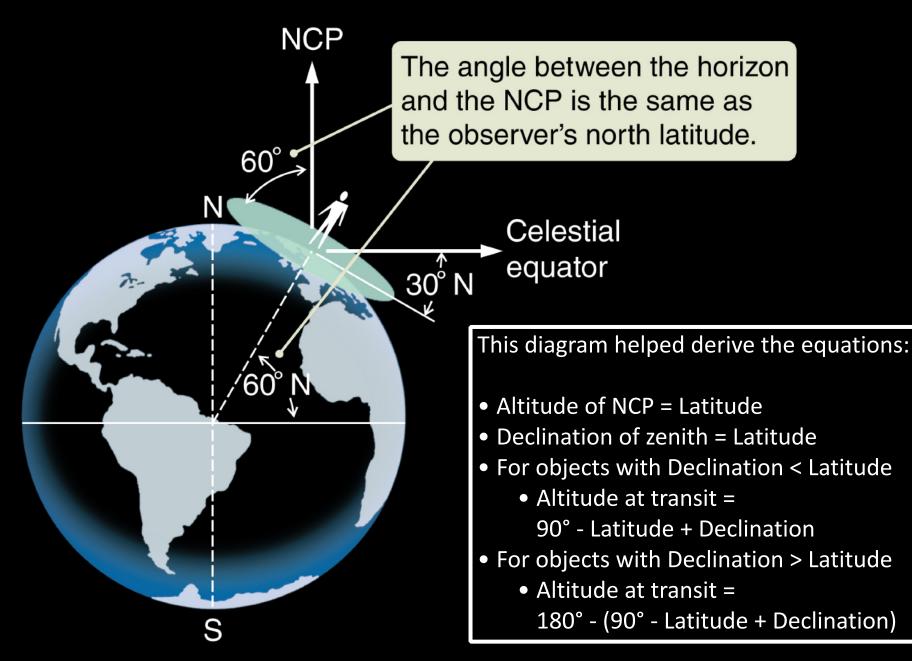


- To navigate through the sea, we need to know both our **latitude** and our **longitude**.
- To measure **latitude**, we can use the **altitude** of Polaris, the **altitude** of the Sun at noon given the date, or the **declination** of a star near zenith
- To measure **longitude**, we need a clock that measures the precise **local time** at a known geological location (home port). That local time could be either **sidereal time** (for nighttime navigation) or **solar time** (for daytime navigation).



LATITUDE: ALTITUDE OF NCP DECLINATION OF ZENITH ALTITUDE OF SUN

Latitude 60°N

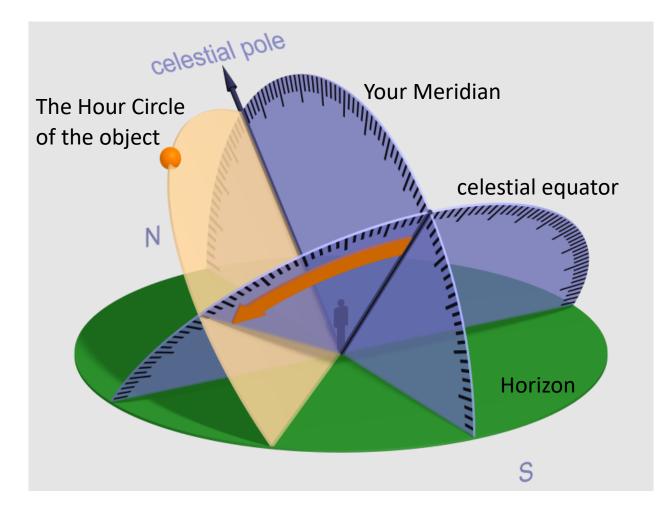


THE ASTRONOMICAL DEFINITION OF TIME

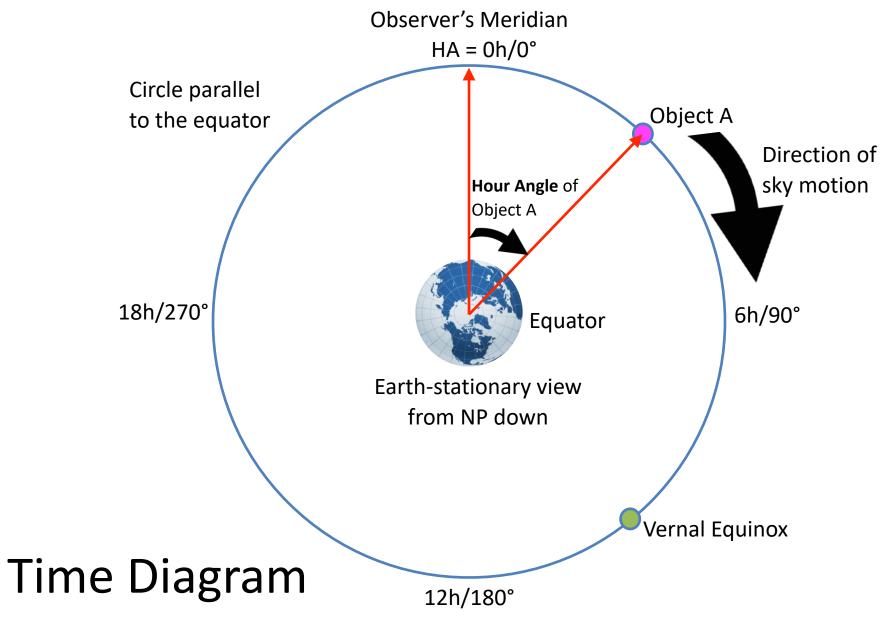
Time is the Hour Angle of Celestial Objects

To keep time, we use Hour Angle

- hour angle (h) is measured to the west from the local meridian to the hour circle passing through the object (Unit: hr or deg)
- hour circle: the great circle through a given object and the two celestial poles

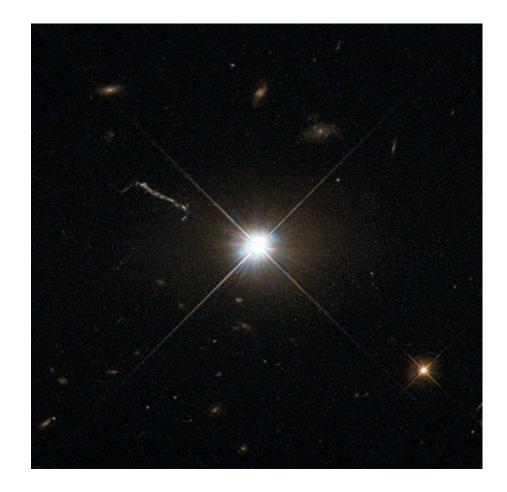


Hour Angle is the angle measured to **clockwise** from the **local meridian** to the **hour circle** passing through the object. The diagram below shows that $HA_{Obj} = RA_{Meridian} - RA_{Obj}$, since both HA and RA are measured along the equator but measured in opposite directions.



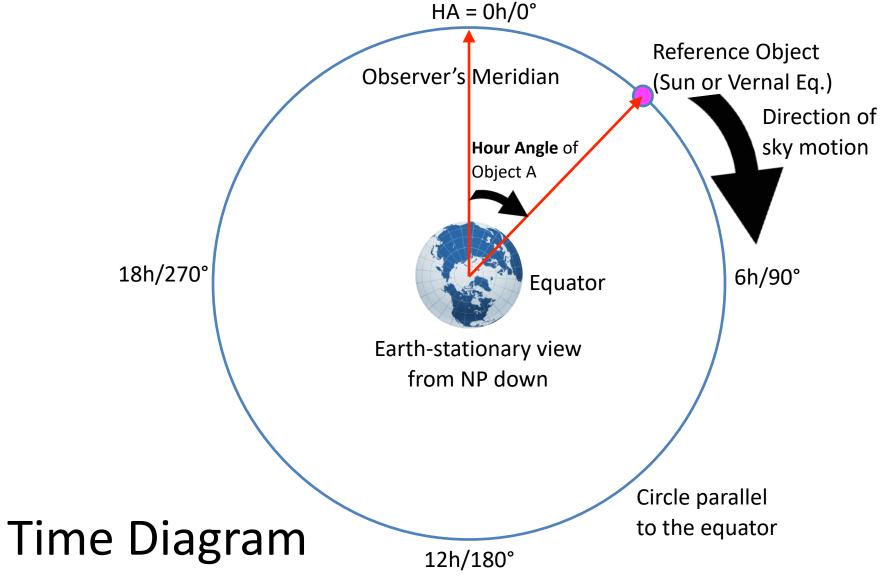
Practice: Hour Angle Calculation

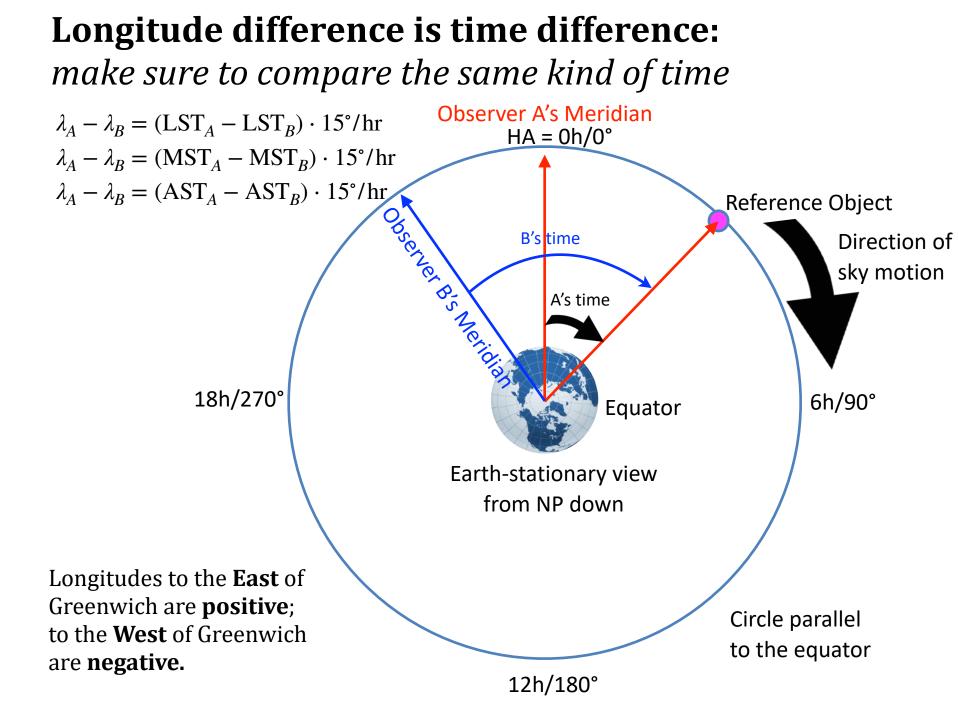
- Quasar 3C 273 is at RA = 12h29m, Dec = +02d
- Your Zenith is at RA = 7h40m
 Dec = +42d
- What is the hour angle of 3C 273?



• HA(Obj) = RA(Meridian) - RA(Obj)

Time is the **Hour Angle** of a **reference celestial object**: If the object is the Sun, we have the **Apparent Solar Time**; If the object is the Vernal Equinox, we have **Local Sidereal Time**.





ΔLONGITUDE FROM ΔSIDEREAL TIME

Local Sidereal Time (LST)

• Definition:

 \Rightarrow

LST := Hour Angle of the Vernal Equinox = RA_{Meridian} - RA_{Ver. Eq.}

$LST = RA_{Meridian}$

- As shown on the Time Diagram, we can calculate the HA of any object using a local sidereal clock: $HA_{Obj} = RA_{Meridian} - RA_{Obj} = LST - RA_{Obj}$
- Rearranging the above relation, we realize that we can also measure the LST using any objects, not necessarily on the meridian:

 $LST = RA_{Obj} + HA_{Obj}$

Celestial Coordinates of the Local Zenith



localsiderealtime.com

Local Sidereal Time 7:17:09

UTC 14:16:43

Longitude: -91.5323

What is Sidereal Time?

$RA_{Zenith} = LST$

The LST tells us the RA of the Zenith because the Zenith is on the Meridian

Dec_{Zenith} = Latitude The Latitude tells us the Declination of the Zenith

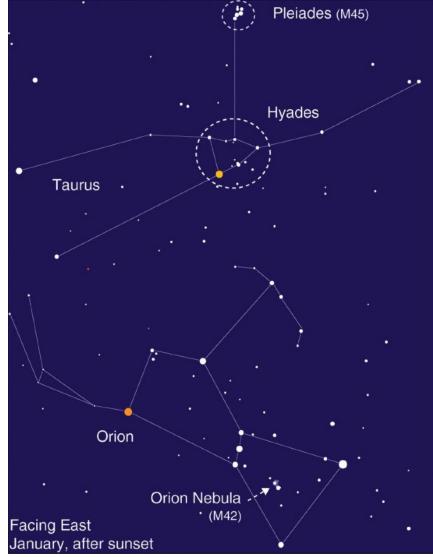
Difference in Longitude = Difference in Sidereal Time x 15°/hr RA = Oh $\lambda_A - \lambda_B = (\text{LST}_A - \text{LST}_B) \cdot 15^\circ/\text{hr}$ LST(A) 6h 18h LST(B) Longitudes to the **East** of Greenwich are **positive**; to the West of Greenwich 12h are **negative**.

Celestial Navigation with Star at Zenith

- The simplest way is to find the **(RA, Dec) of a star closest to the Zenith** using a star chart
- You also need a **sidereal clock** that keeps the LST of a place A at a known longitude, often the **GMST** (Greenwich Mean Sidereal Time; $\lambda_A = 0^\circ$).
- Your current location B's longitude (λ) and latitude (ϕ) can then be calculated as:
 - $\lambda(B)-\lambda(A) = [LST(B) LST(A)] \times 15^{\circ}/hr$ = [RA(Zenith) - LST(A)] x 15°/hr
 - $\varphi(B) = Dec(Zenith) = Alt(NCP)$
- Positive $\Delta \lambda$ means B is to the East of A.

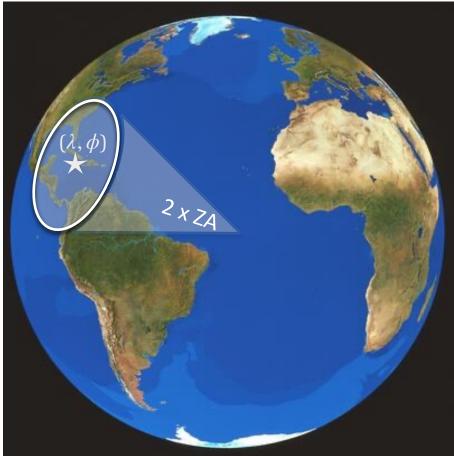
Practice: Celestial Navigation with Objects near Zenith

- At an unknown location, you saw Pleiades directly overhead. You then looked up its coordinates with a star chart you carried:
 - Pleiades cluster (M45) RA 3h47m, Dec +24.1°
- You also carried a sidereal clock calibrated to the LST of Iowa City at Longitude = 91.5° W and Latitude = 41.6° N. The sidereal clock reads
 - LST of Iowa City = 23:17
- What are your geological coordinates?
 - Latitude = ?
 - Longitude = ?
- Equation:
 - $\lambda(B)-\lambda(A) = [LST(B) LST(A)] \times 15 deg/hr$, where Positive $\Delta \lambda$ means B is to the East of A.



Celestial Navigation with Stars not on Zenith

- The more practical way is to measure the zenith angle of a bright star (ZA = 90°-Alt), for which you know its (RA, Dec) from a chart
- You also need a **sidereal clock** that keeps the **LST** of a place A with a known longitude, often the **GMST** ($\lambda_A = 0^\circ$).
- The (RA, Dec) of the star and GMST tell us the geological location of the place on Earth where the star is at its zenith:
 - $\lambda = (RA GMST) \cdot 15^{\circ}/hr$
 - $\phi = \text{Dec}$
- Your location must be along the circle centered on (λ, ϕ) with a radius of the Zenith Angle you measured.



ZENITH DISTANCE

ZENITH

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Celestial Navigation with Two Stars

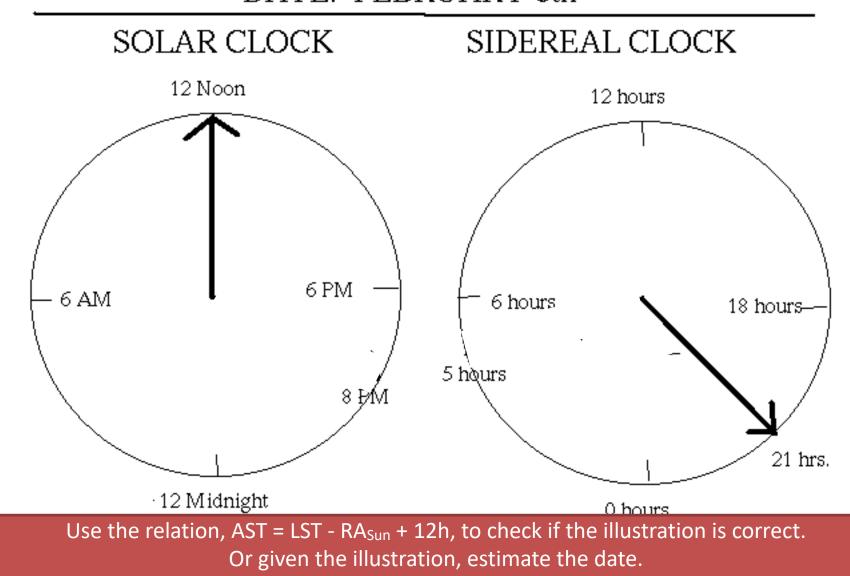
- The more practical way is to measure the zenith angles of two bright stars (ZA = 90°-Alt), for which you know their (RA, Dec) from a star chart
- You also need a **sidereal clock** that keeps the LST of a place A with a known longitude, often the **GMST** ($\lambda_A = 0^\circ$).
- The (RA, Dec) of the stars and GMST tell us the geological locations of the two places on Earth where the two stars are at their zenith:
 - $\lambda_A = (RA_A GMST) \cdot 15^\circ/hr$, $\lambda_B = (RA_B - GMST) \cdot 15^\circ/hr$
 - $\phi_A = \text{Dec}_A, \phi_B = \text{Dec}_B$
- You then draw two circles on the globe, each with a radius equal to the zenith angle you measured. The two circles intersect at two points, and you must be at one of the two positions.
- To break the ambiguity, you can observe the zenith angle of the third star, and draw the third circle.

ΔLONGITUDE FROM ΔSOLAR TIME

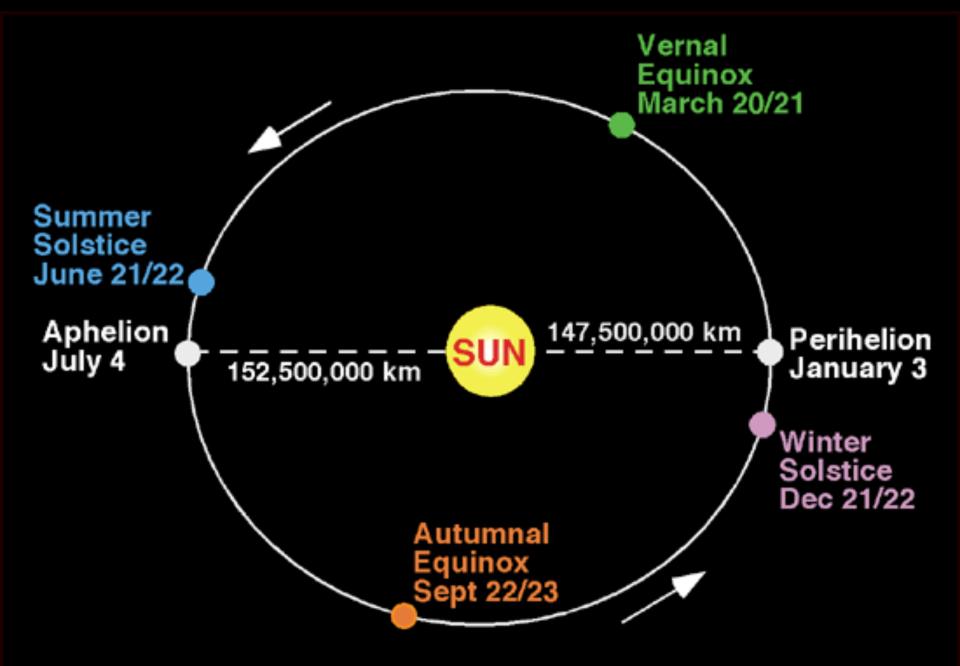
Apparent Solar Time vs. Local Sidereal Time

- Apparent Solar Time (AST):
 - AST := 12h + Hour Angle of the Sun = 12h + (RA_{Meridian} - RA_{Sun})
- Local Sidereal Time (LST):
 - LST := HA_{Ver.Eq.} = RA_{Meridian}
- Given the above two equations, we obtain:
 - $AST = LST RA_{Sun} + 12h$
 - *Homework Question:* on which day, AST equals LST?

Apparent Solar Time vs. Local Sidereal Time DATE: FEBRUARY 6th



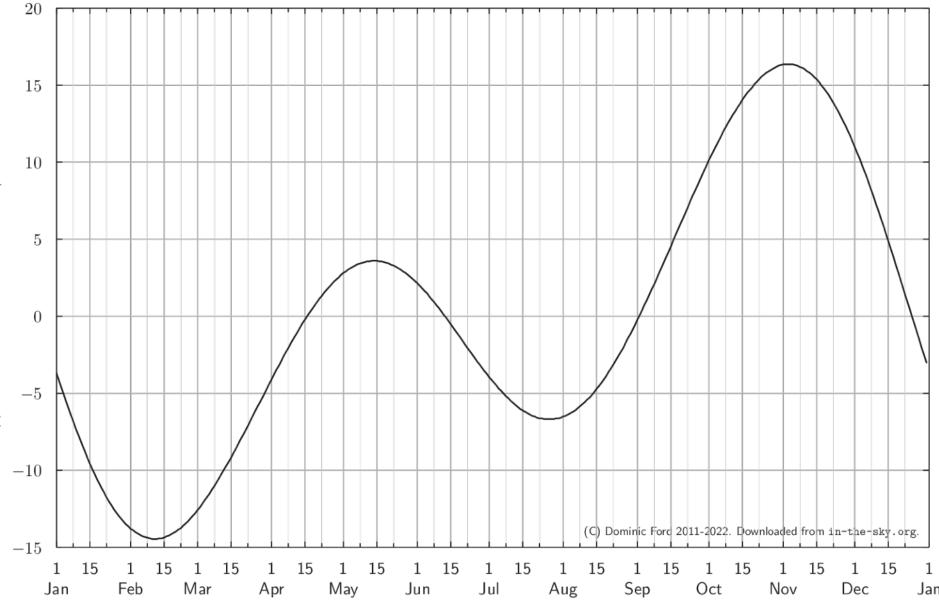
The Length of a Solar Day varies because of the elliptical orbit of the Earth



The Two Types of Local Solar Time

- Apparent Solar Time (AST)
 - AST = 12 hrs + (HA of the Sun / 15 deg/hr)
 - Length varies because of the elliptical orbit
- Mean Solar Time (MST)
 - Duration defined as the average length of a solar day (*this is the 24 hours we use daily*)
 - Tracks a theoretical mean Sun with a uniform motion along the celestial equator

Equation of Time: a diagram giving the difference between AST and MST as a function of date in a year



Solar analemma:

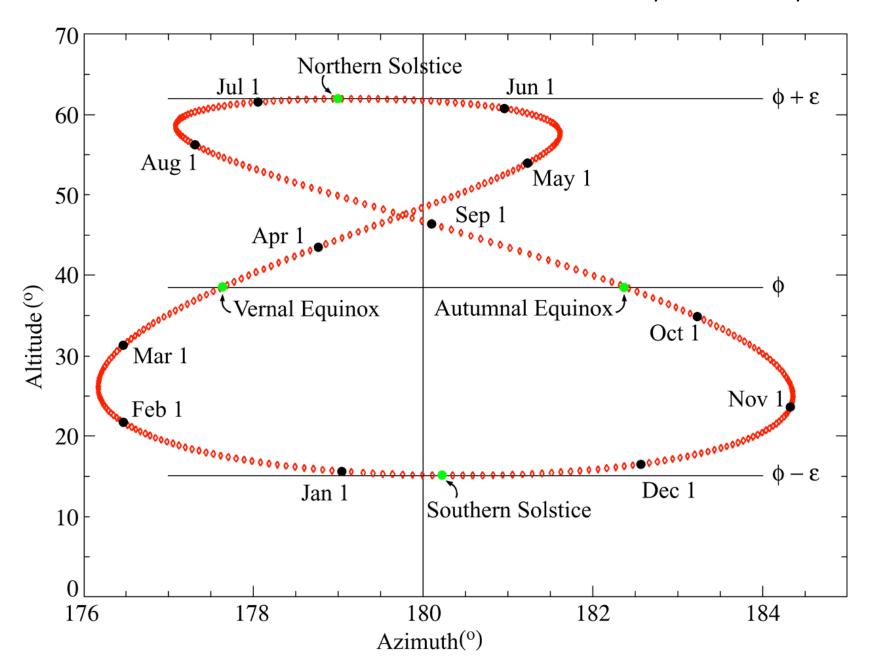
A compilation of pictures of the Sun taken at 12PM every ~10 days at the same location on Earth

Technical definition:

A diagram showing the position of the Sun in the sky as seen from a fixed location on Earth at the same mean solar time, over the course of a year.



Solar analemma from Sulmona, Italy



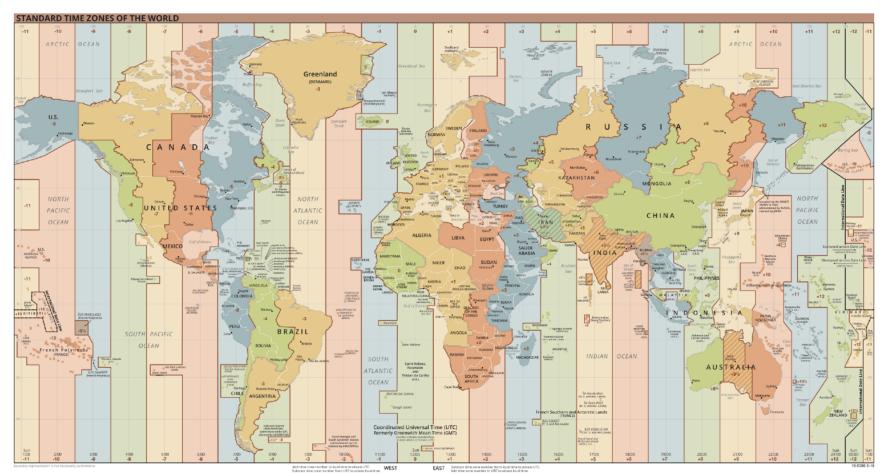
Analemma at **mean solar time** *noon* from Greenwich Royal Observatory

Simple Celestial Navigation with the Sun

- Measure the Sun's **altitude** when it transits the meridian. At that moment, the **apparent solar time** is 12:00PM.
- At that moment, use the chronometer onboard to look up the mean solar time at a known longitude (A): e.g., Greenwich
- Given the **date**:
 - Correct the 12:00PM Apparent Solar to Mean Solar Time with the **Equation of Time**
 - Look up the **Declination** of the Sun from the ephemeris
- We can now calculate our current location (B):
 - $\lambda(B)-\lambda(A) = [MST(B) MST(A)] \times 15 deg/hr$
 - $\varphi(B) = [90 Altitude(Sun)] + Dec(Sun)$

What time do we use everyday? Standard Mean Solar Time at a Time Zone

- Mean solar time has a precise dependency on longitude, making it difficult to use (e.g., *Des Moines is 8 min [2 deg] behind IC*). So we all use **Standard Time**
- UTC/UT = mean solar time at Greenwich (0 deg longitude)
 EST, CST, MST, PST keeps the mean solar time at λ = 75, 90, 105, 120 deg W
- CT = CST + 1 hr (Daylight Saving), between March 12 and November 5.



Summary of Time Conversions

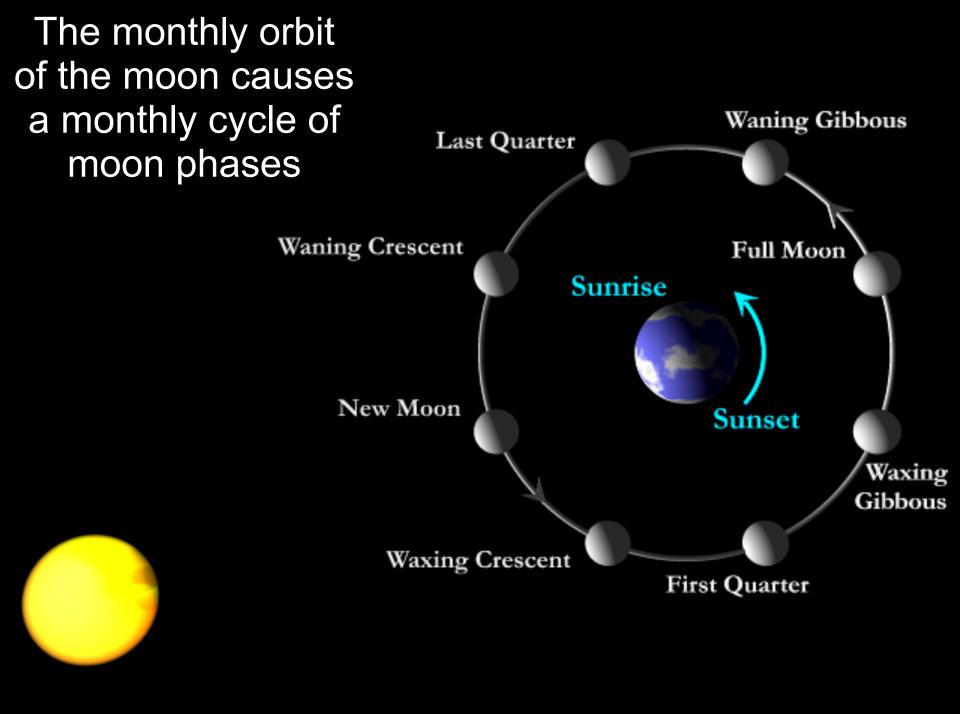
- LST := HA_{Ver.Eq.} = RA_{Meridian}
- $AST := HA_{Sun} = LST RA_{Sun} + 12h$
- MST = AST (AST-MST)_{Date} [need to look up the Eq. of Time diagram]
- **MST ST** = $(\lambda_{MST} \lambda_{ST})/(15^{\circ}/hr)$ [Western longitudes are negative]
- UTC, EST, CST, MST, PST, HST keeps the MST at λ = 0°, 75°W, 90°W, 105°W, 120°W, 150°W
- e.g., CST = UTC 6hr, because 90°W means 6 hrs behind

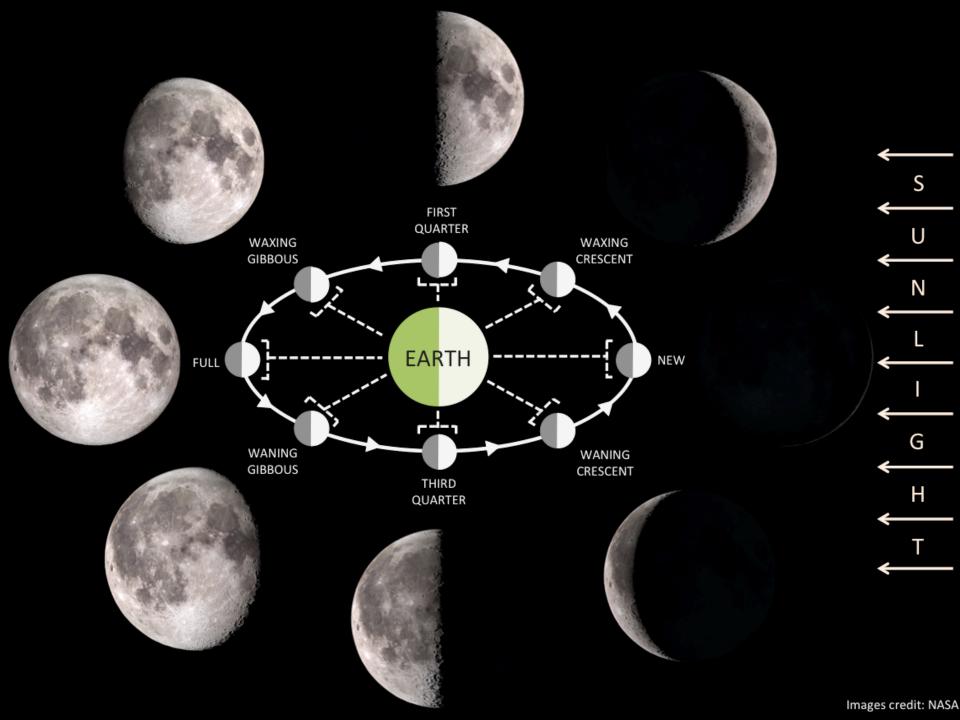
Motions of the Moon

Teotihuacán - Pyramid of the Moon, near Mexico City, built around 100 AD



Phases of the Moon due to its orbit around Earth

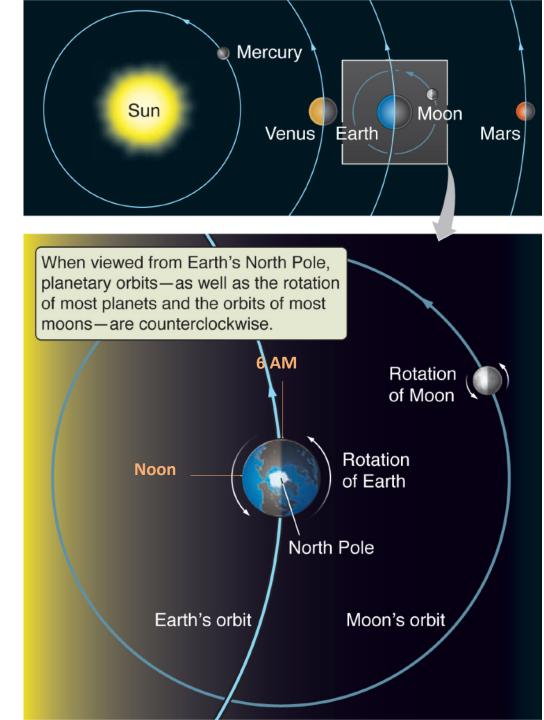




Moon Phases fast-forwarded



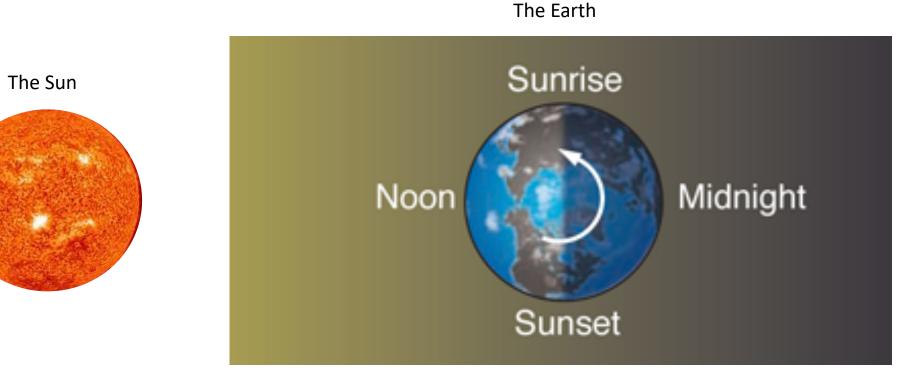
Moon Phase Diagram



This diagram sets the observer above the **ecliptic north pole**, *ignoring* the 23.5° **obliquity**. From this angle, everything moves **counterclockwise**:

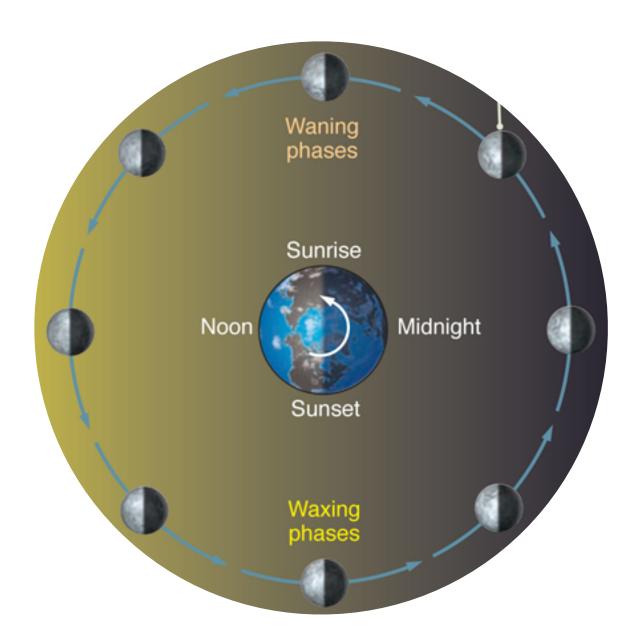
- Earth spins on its axis counterclockwise
- The orbit of the Earth around the Sun goes counterclockwise
- The orbit of the Moon around the Earth goes counterclockwise

Part 1: Earth's Spin and Apparent Solar Time



Sunrise ~ 6AM | Noon ~ 12PM | Sunset ~ 6PM | Midnight ~ 12AM

Part 2: The orbit of the Moon and moon phases



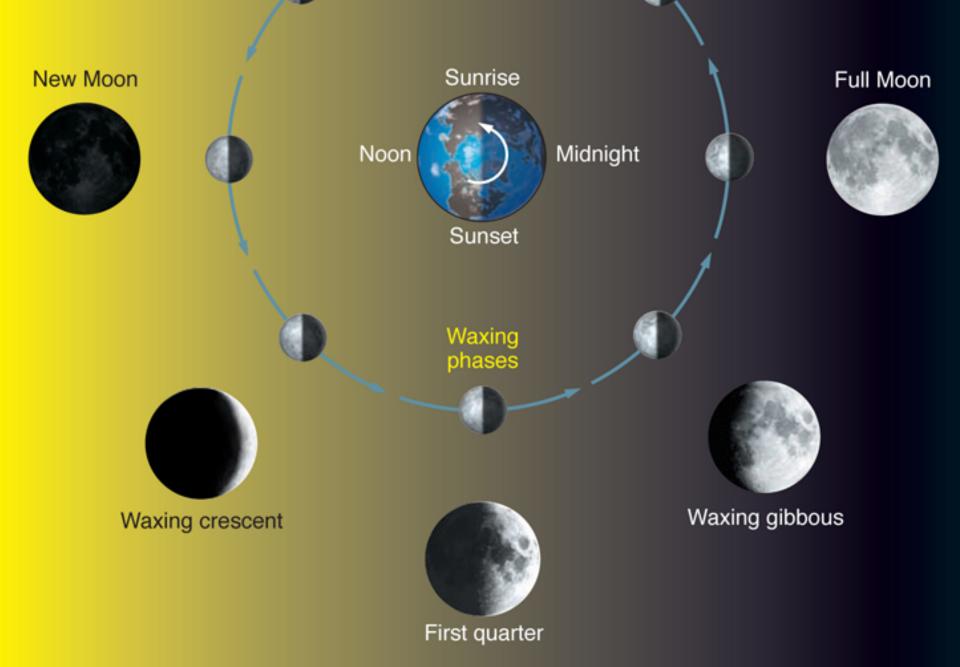
Chose eight representative positions along a orbit of the Moon.

These 8 positions represent 8 different moon phases because their Sun-Moon-Earth angles are different.

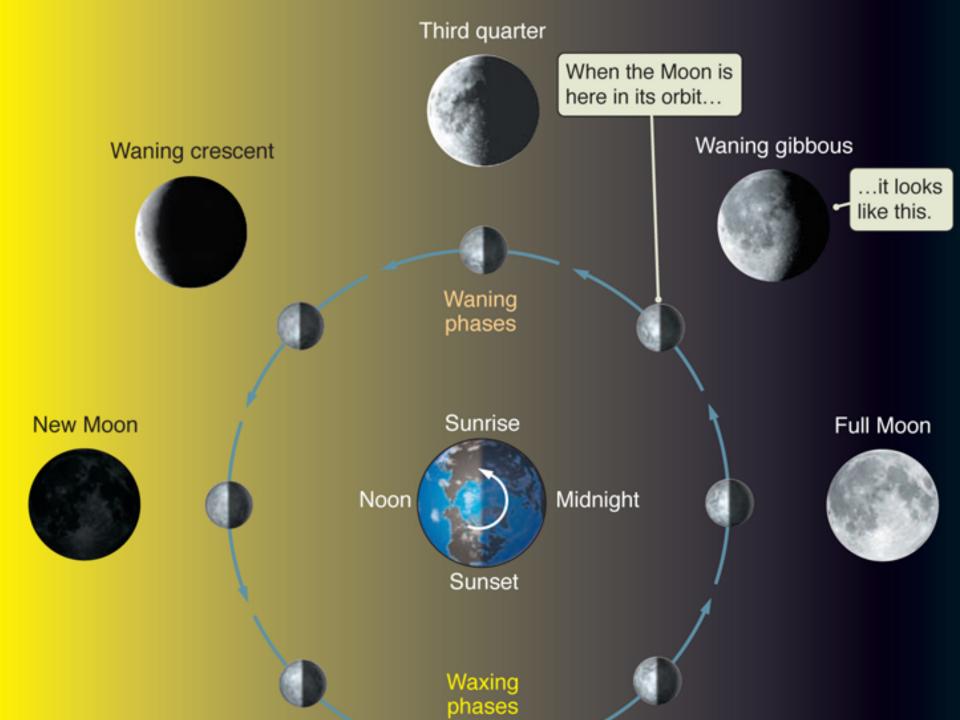
Note that the moon moves just slightly in an Earth day.

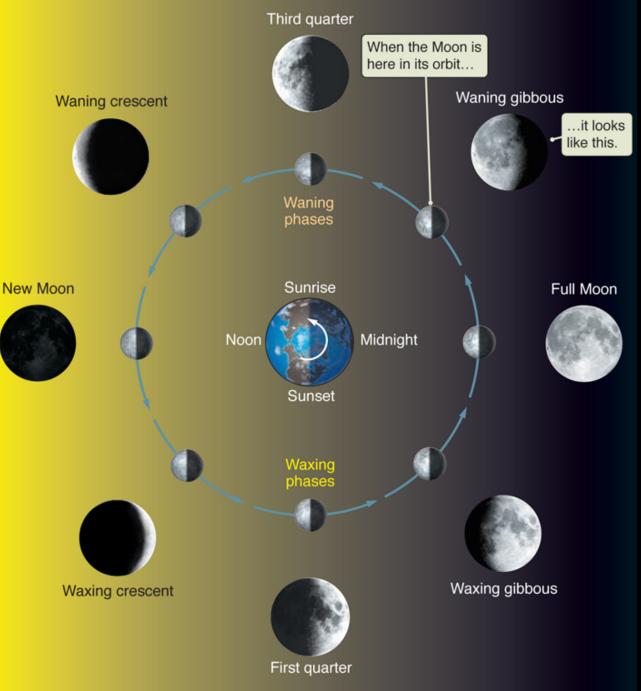
Part 3: The appearance of the Moon from Earth at each moon phase





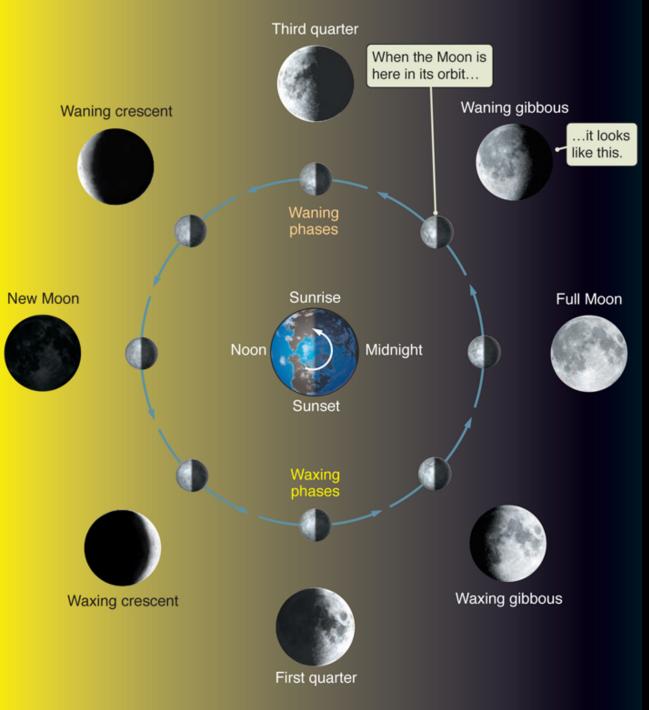
Phases: the appearances of the Moon at the eight phases





Moon Phase Diagram

- Apparent Solar Time
- Orbit of the Moon
- Appearance of the moon at 8 equally spaced positions in the orbit
- Names of the moon phases

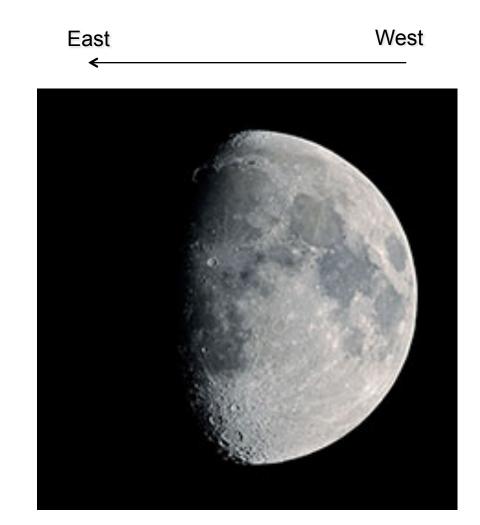


Moon Phase Diagram

- New Moon
- Waxing crescent
- First Quarter
- Waxing gibbous
- Full Moon
- Waning gibbous
- Third quarter
- Waning crescent

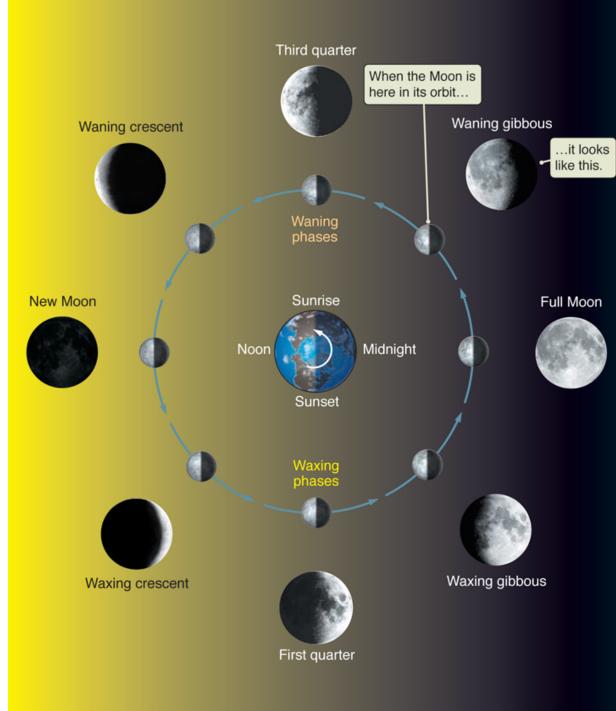
Which phase is the Moon in?

- A. First quarter
- **B**. Waxing gibbous
 - C. Waning gibbous
 - D. Third quarter
 - E. Waxing crescent



How to estimate apparent solar time from Moon phases?

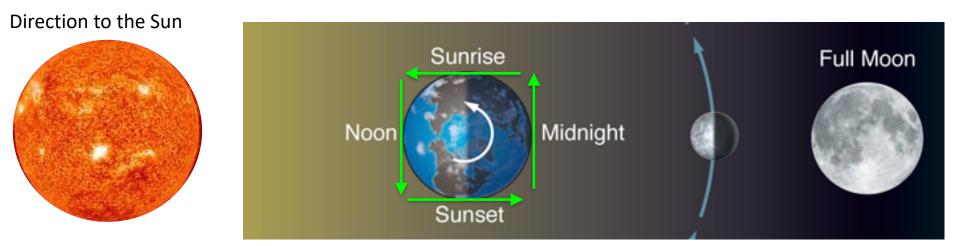
Suppose today's moon phase is full, when'll it rise from the horizon?



How to estimate the apparent solar time when a given-phase moon rises, transits, and sets? For example, the full moon.

Note 1: Everywhere in the world sees the same moon phase, so for simplicity, just imagine yourself on the equator.

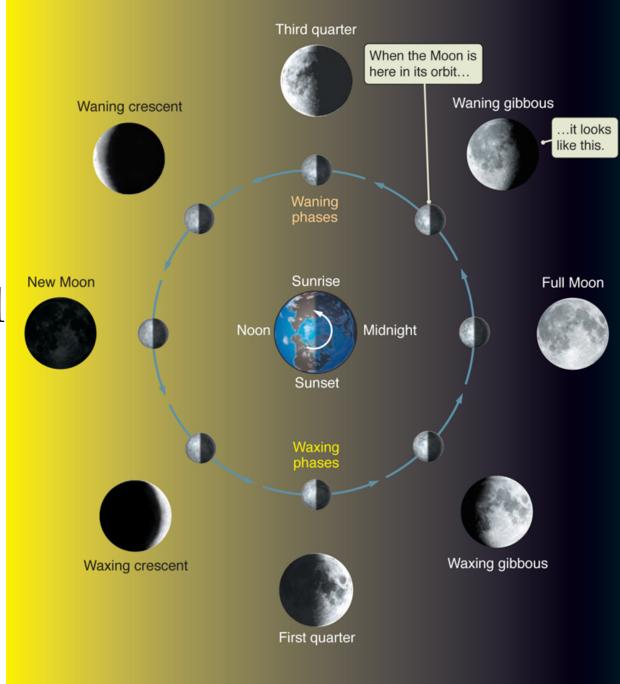
Note 2: This diagram is not to scale, and the moon is very far away than it appears on this diagram (no significant parallax)



Sunrise ~ 6AM | Noon ~ 12PM | Sunset ~ 6PM | Midnight ~ 12AM

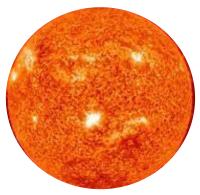
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When will a full moon rise?



When will the full moon rise?

Direction to the Sun

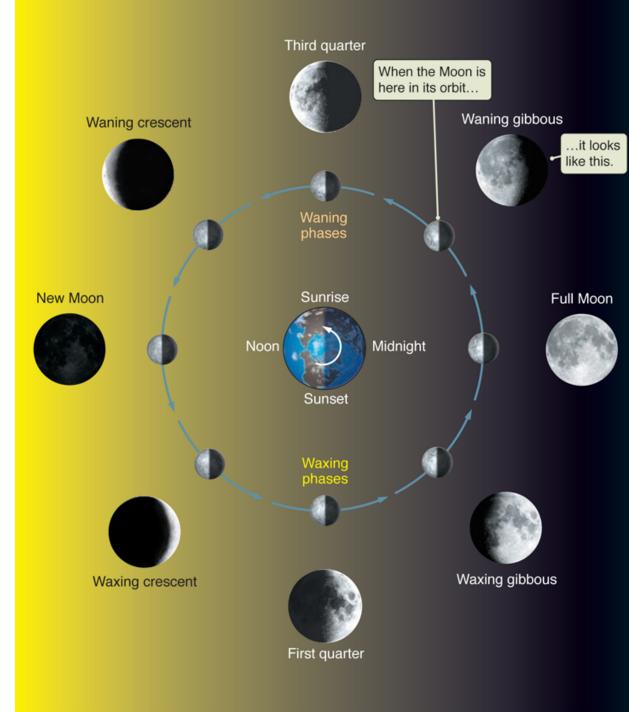




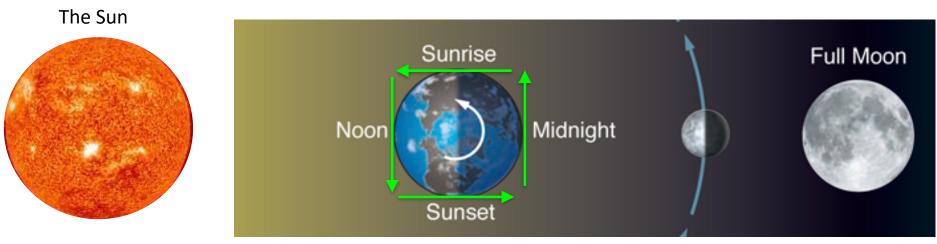
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You saw a full moon directly to the South, what time is it?



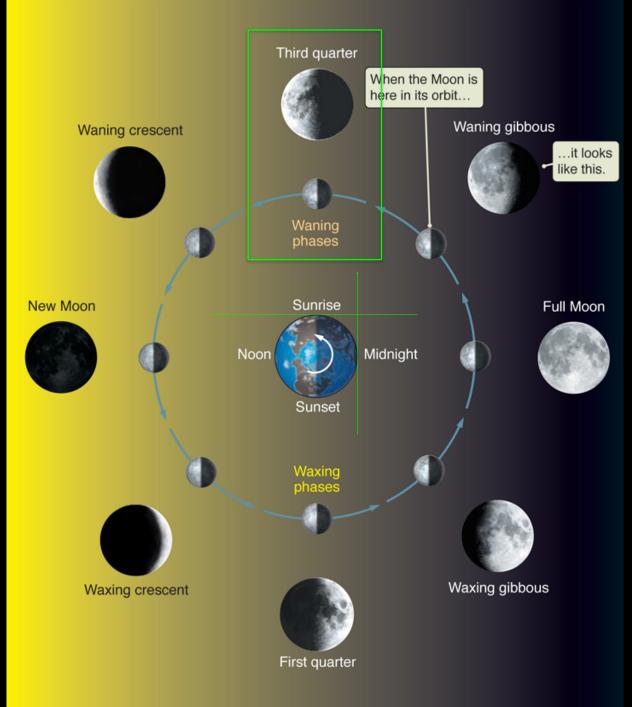
When will the full moon transit?



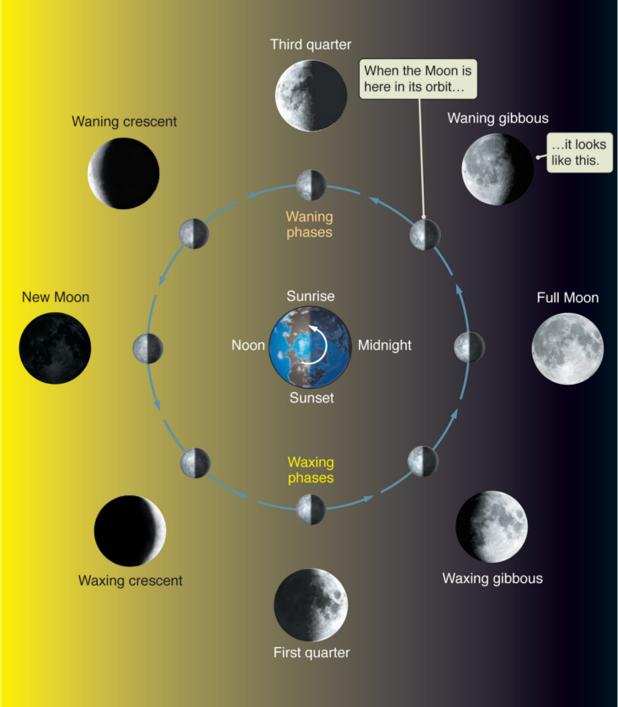
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When will a third quarter moon rise (from the horizon)?



You see a third quarter moon directly to the South, what time is it?



Earth's Fine Motions & Climate Change (a quick 15 min intro)

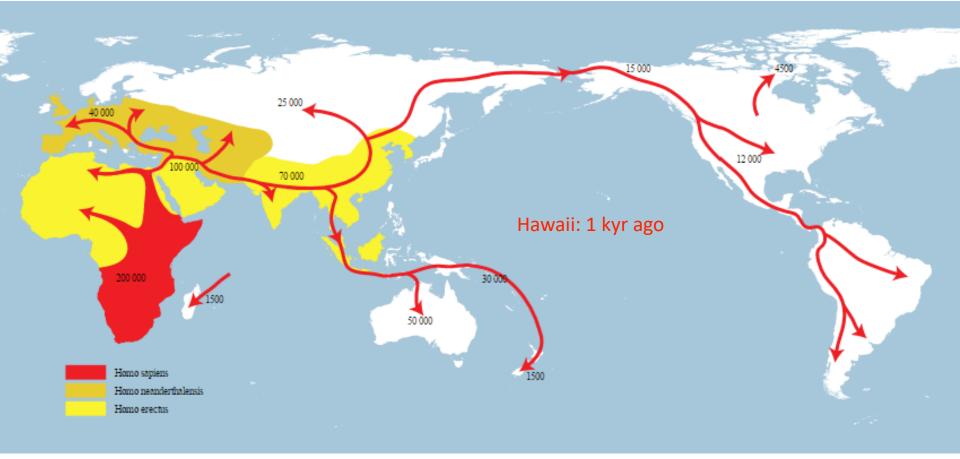
The Last Ice Age: 115-12 kyrs ago Maximum Ice Coverage: 26-20 kyrs ago Ice covered all of Canada, down to Missouri

The Spread of Homo Sapiens across the Continents

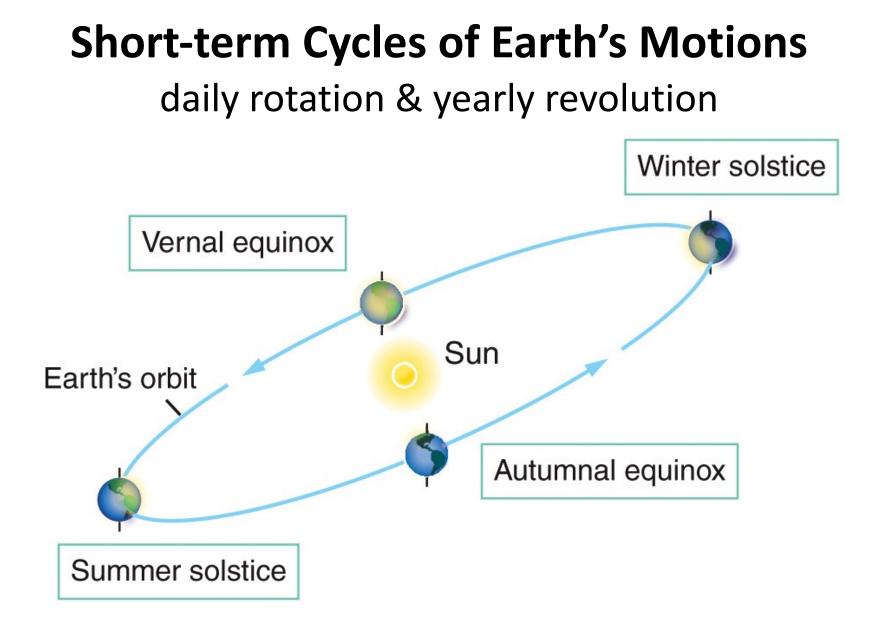
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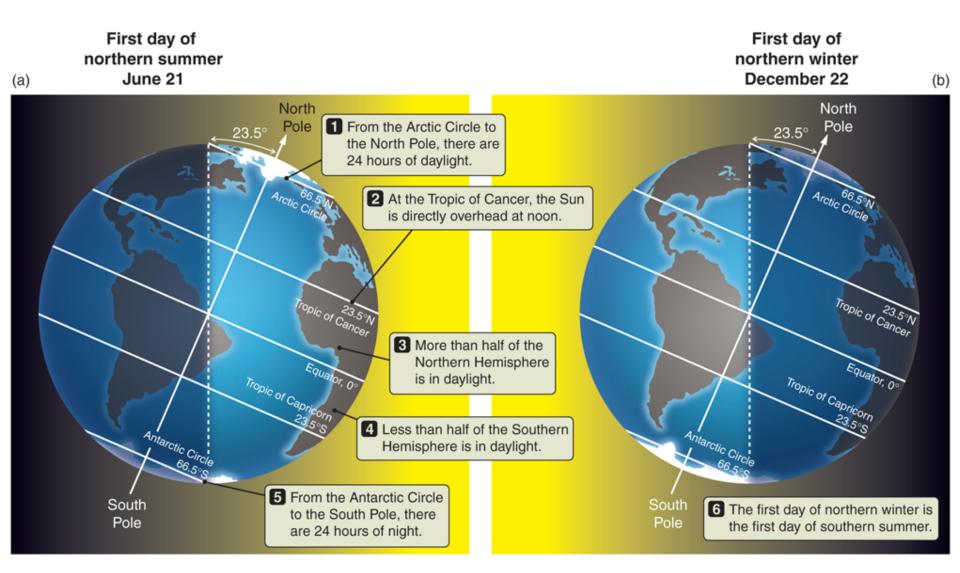
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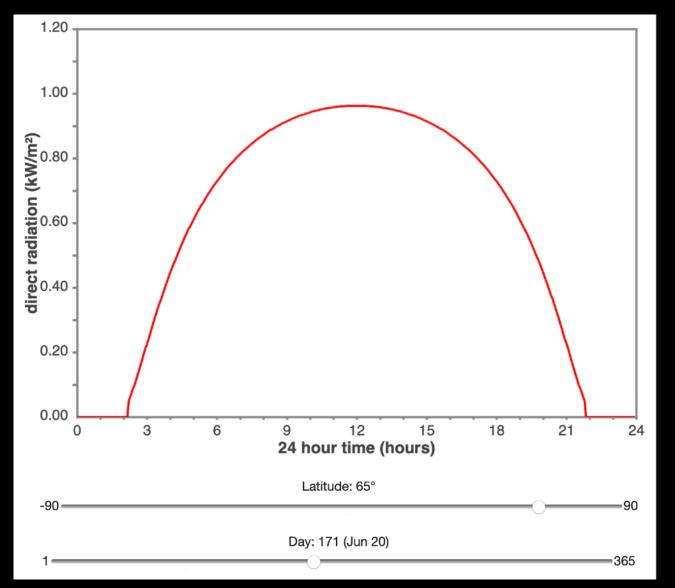
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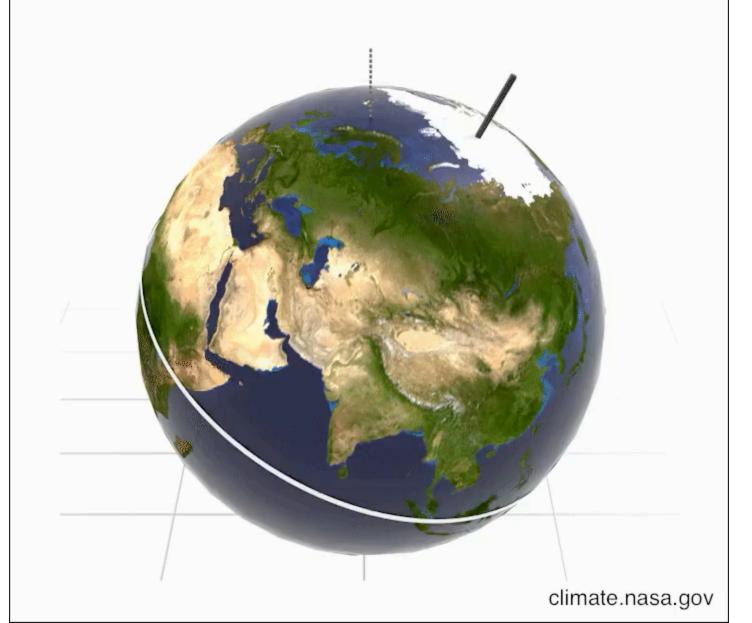
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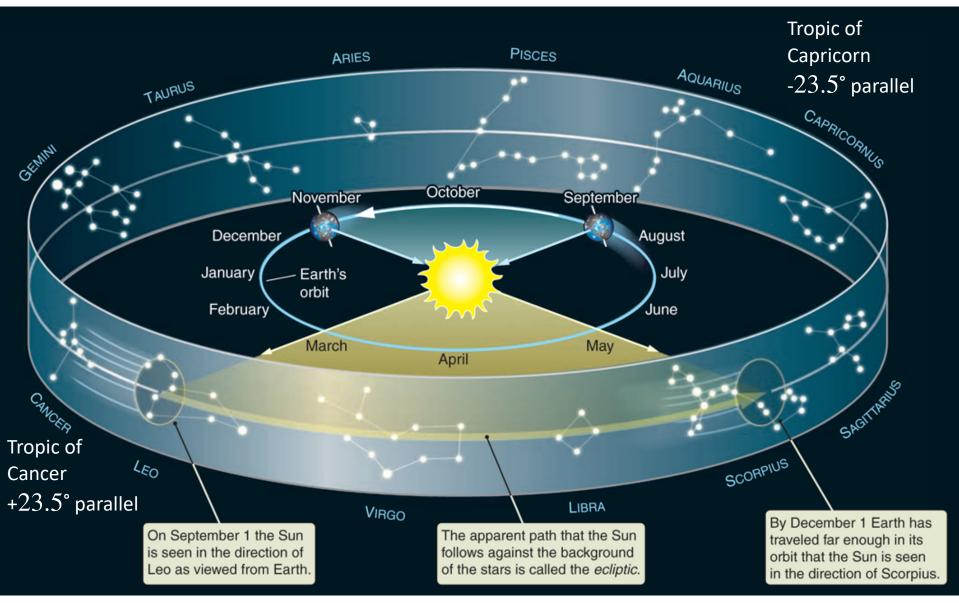
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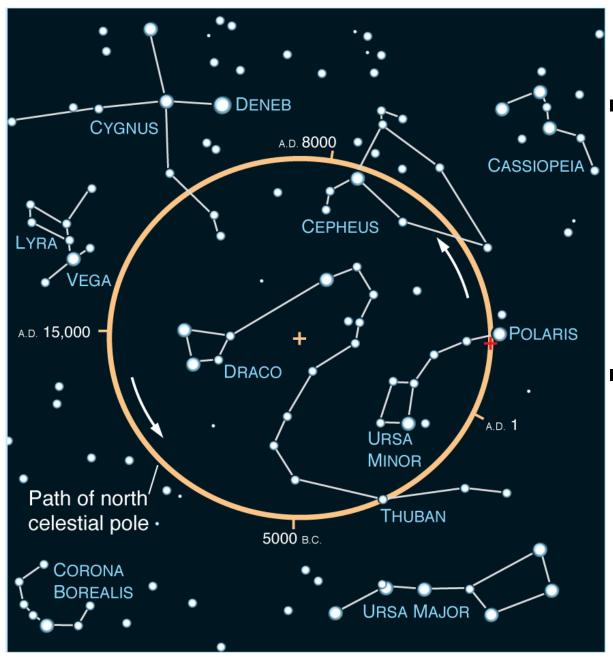
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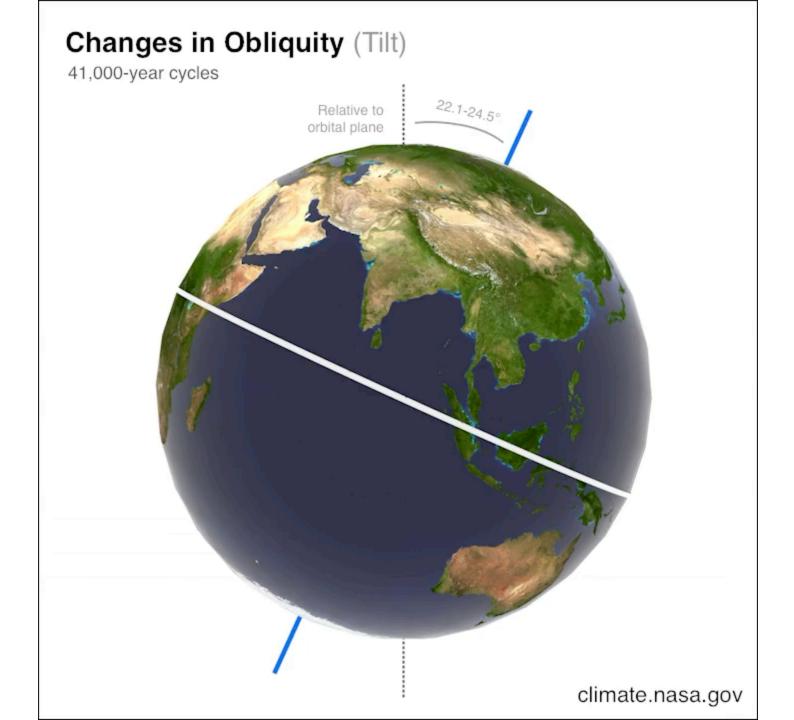
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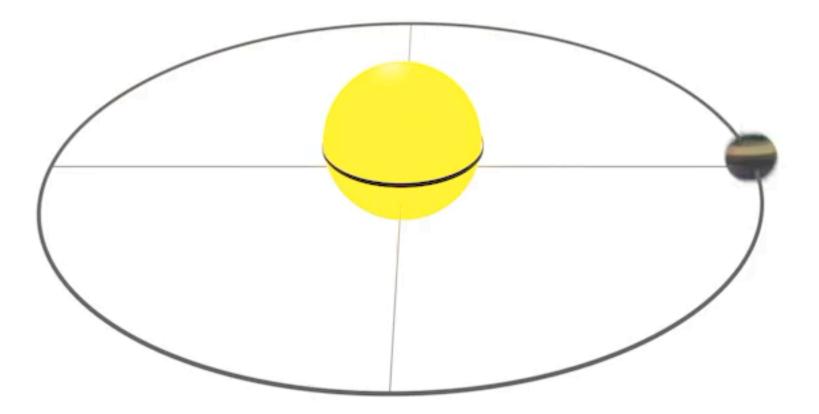
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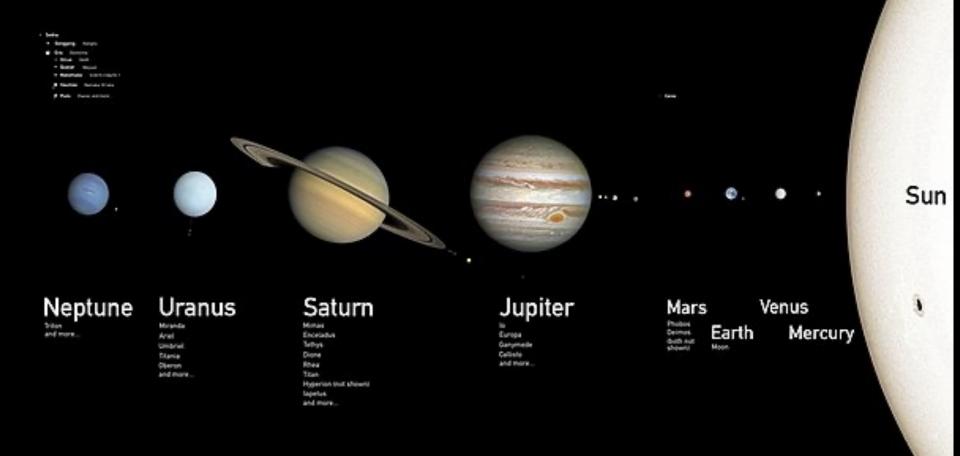
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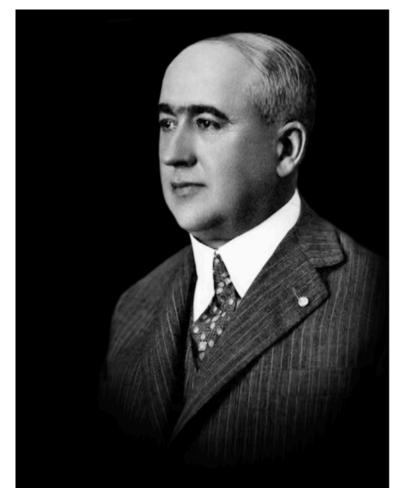


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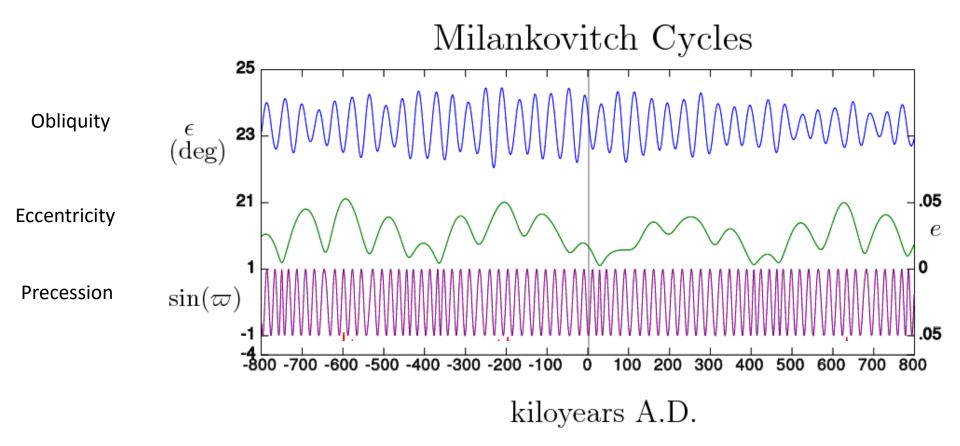
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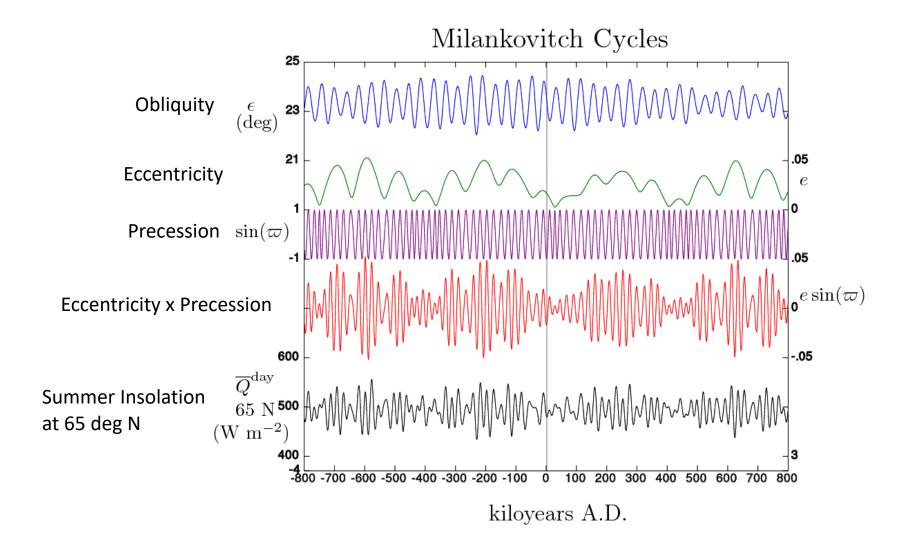
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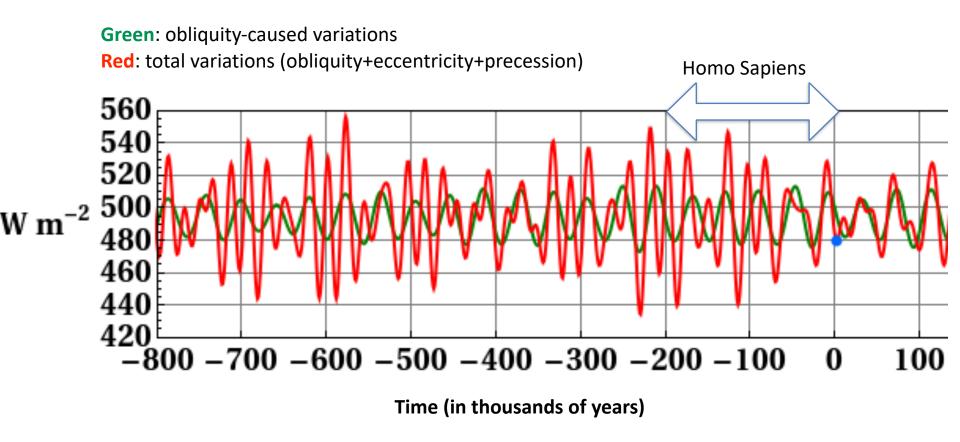
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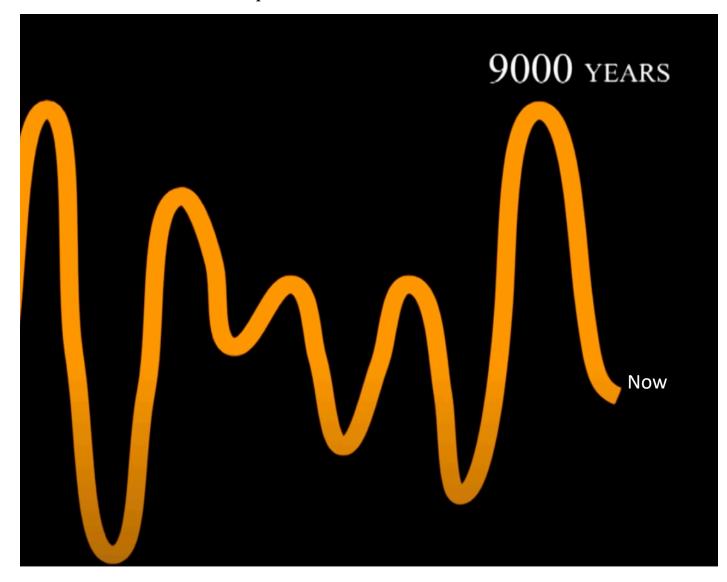
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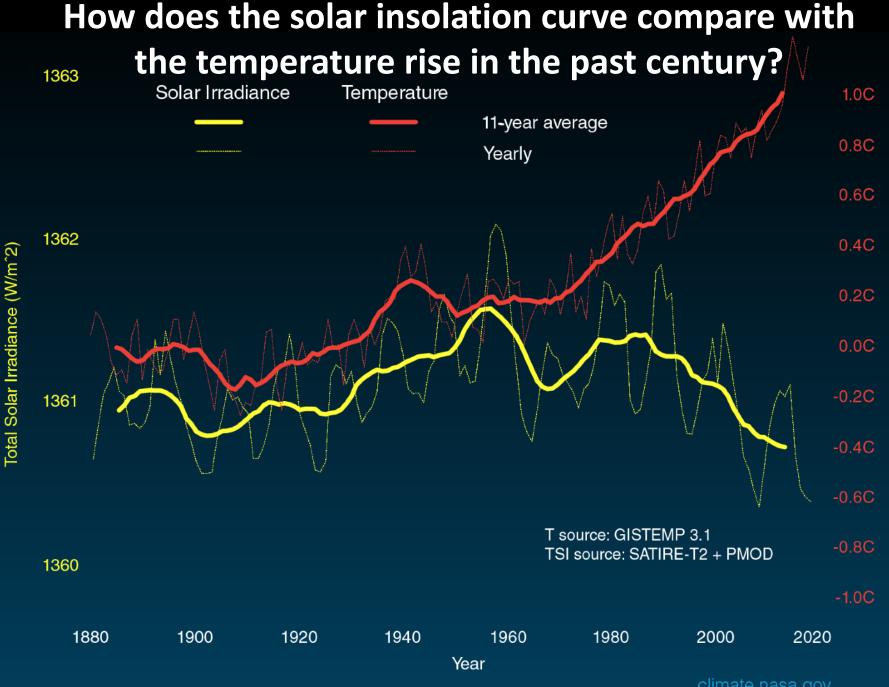


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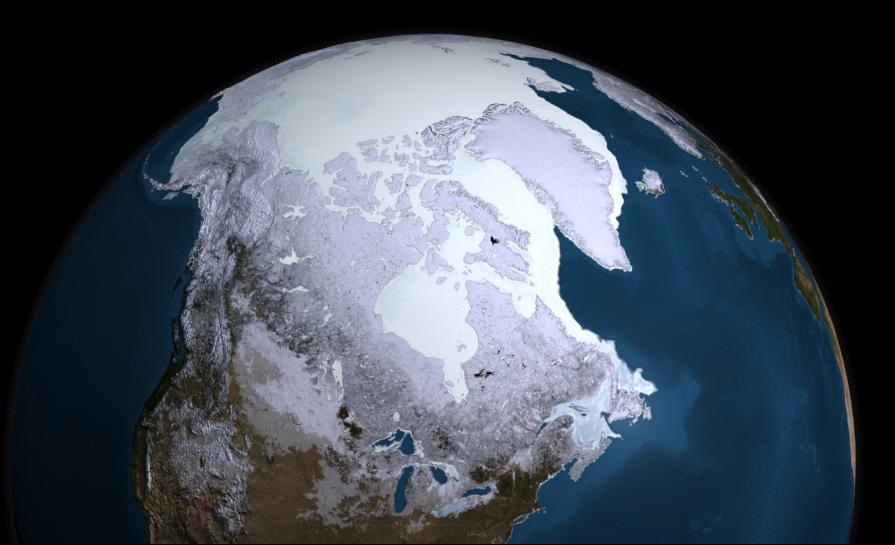


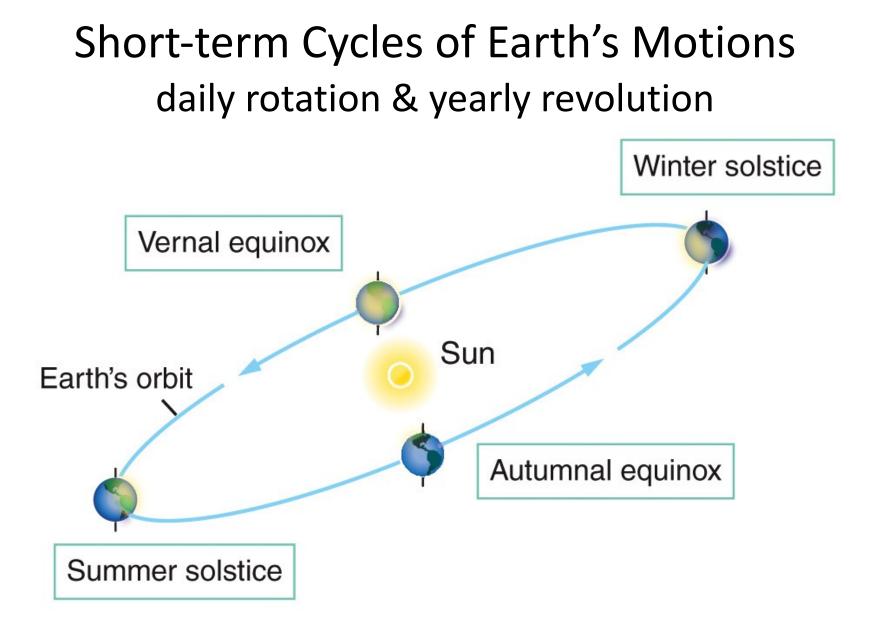


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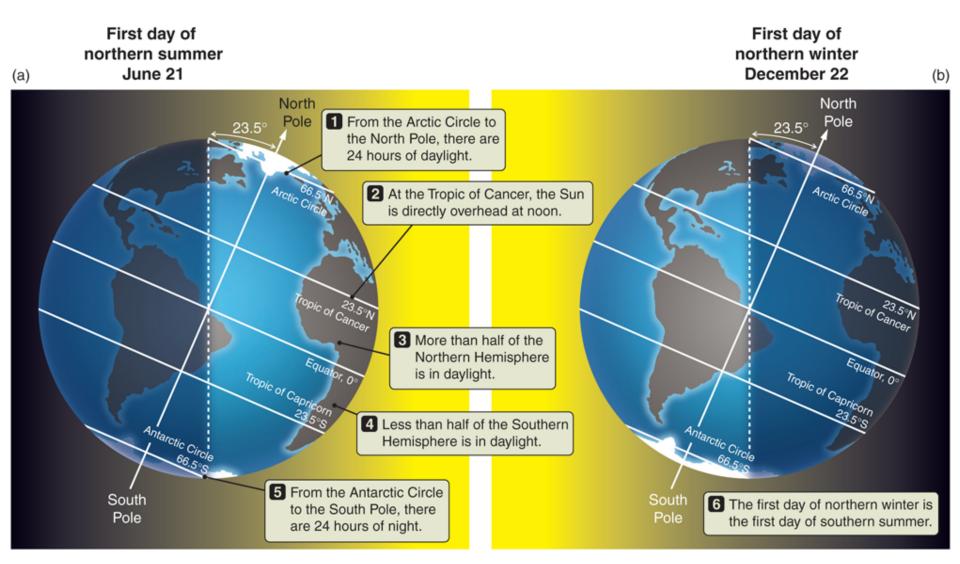
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Longterm Climate Change & Earth's Fine Motions





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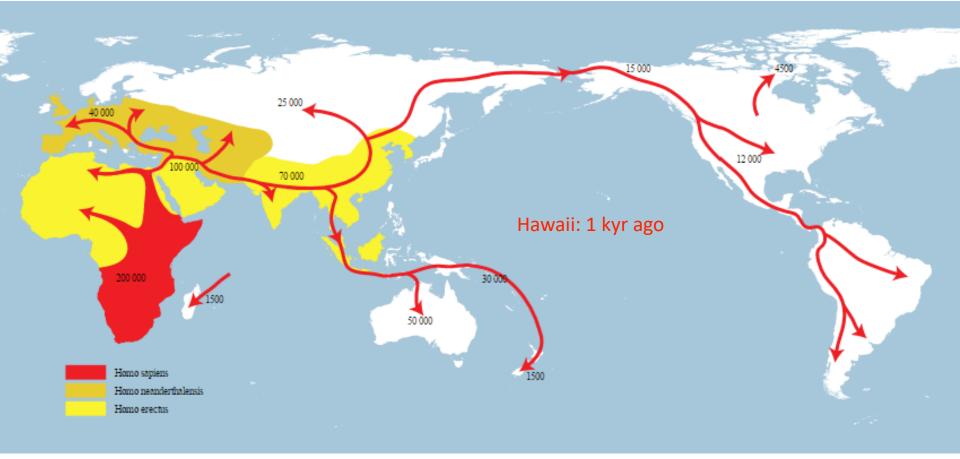
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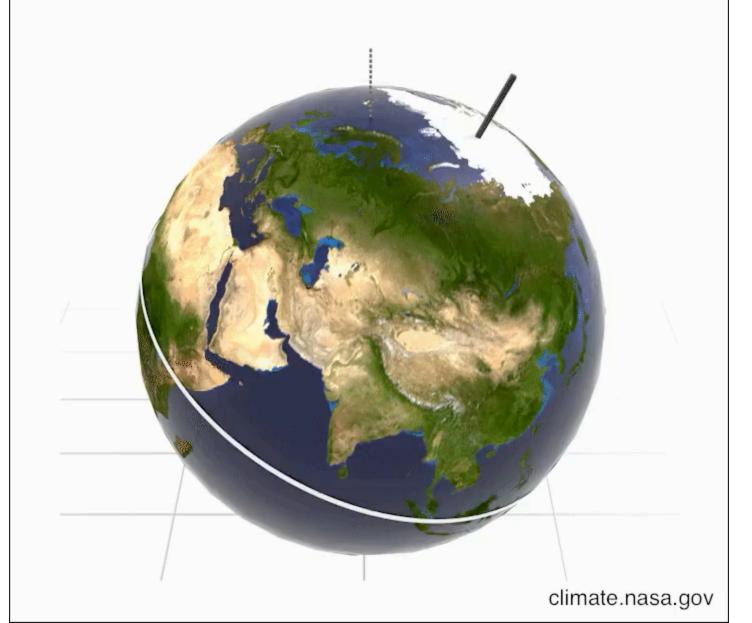
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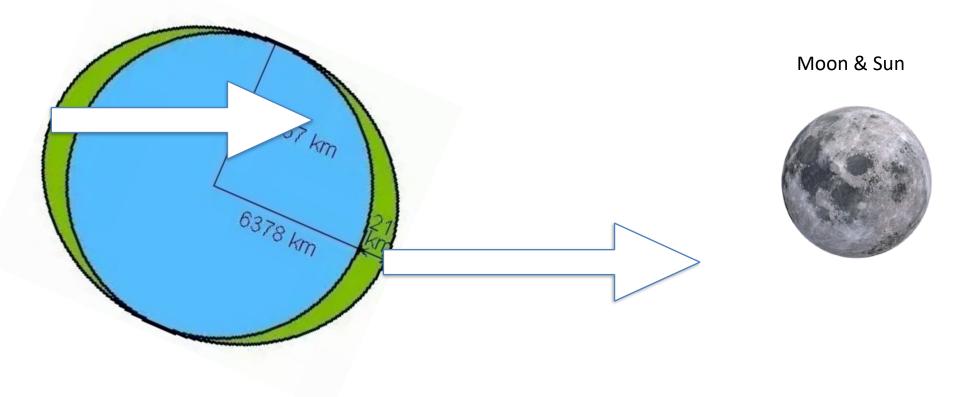
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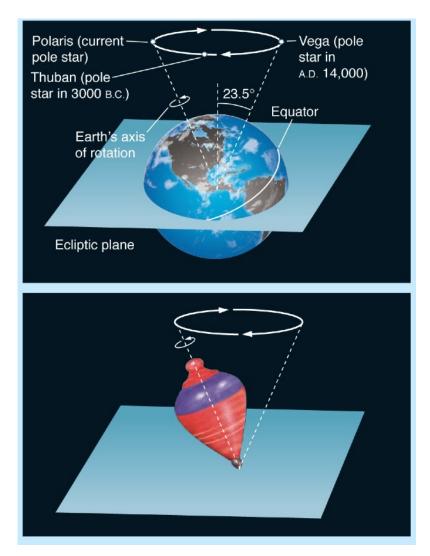
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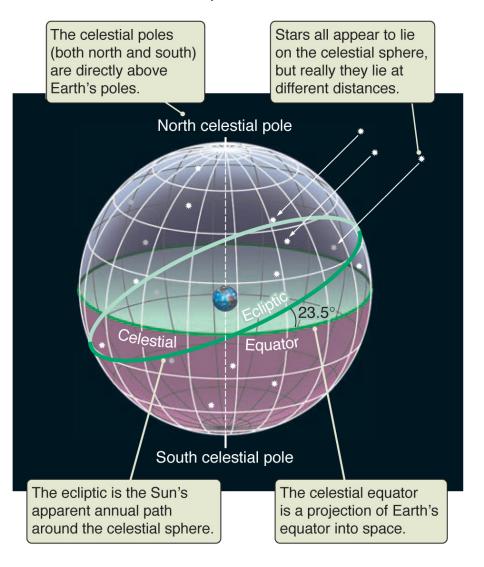


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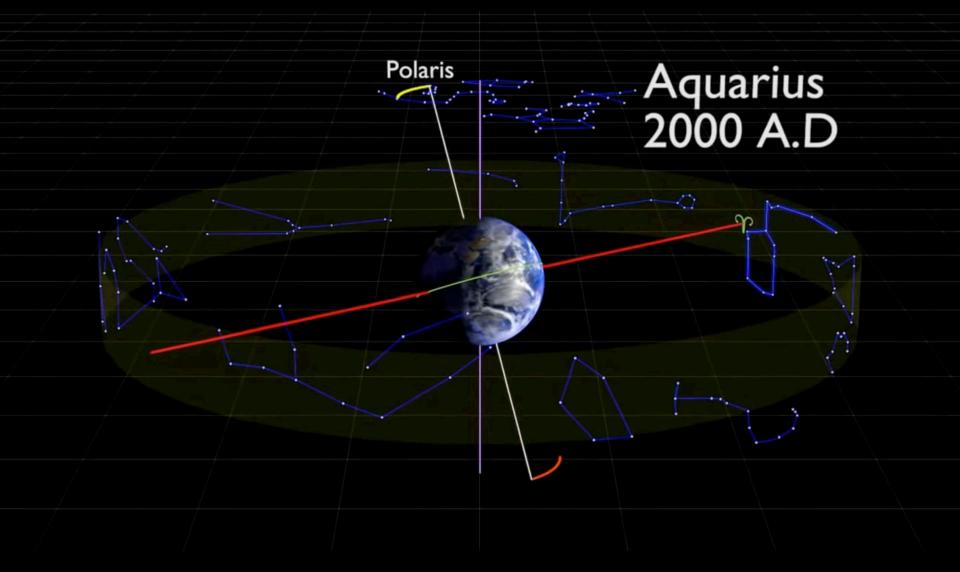


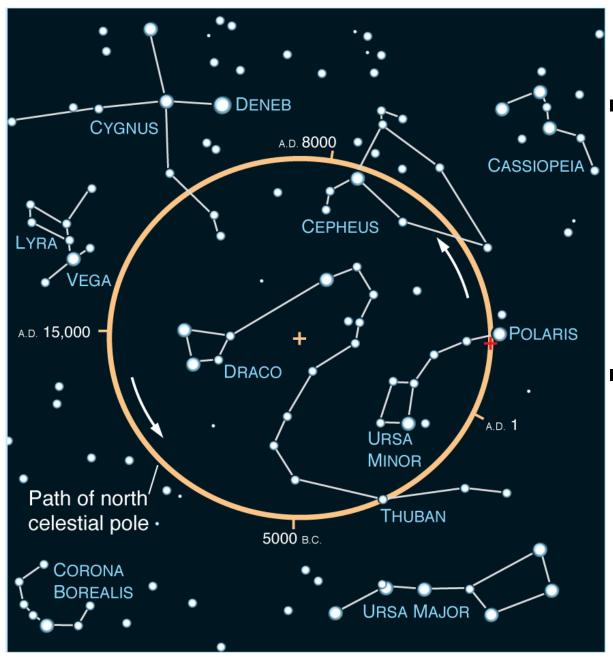
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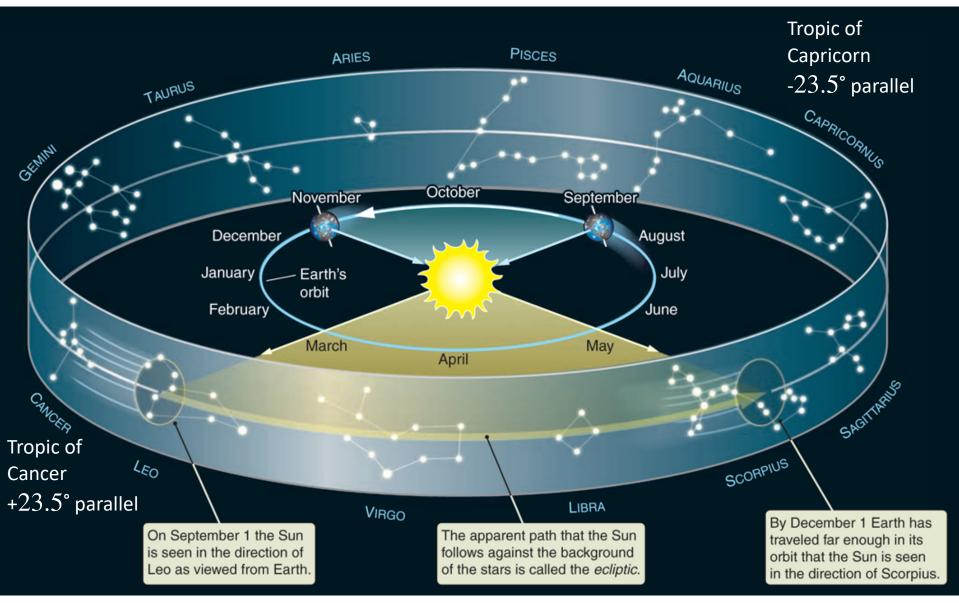


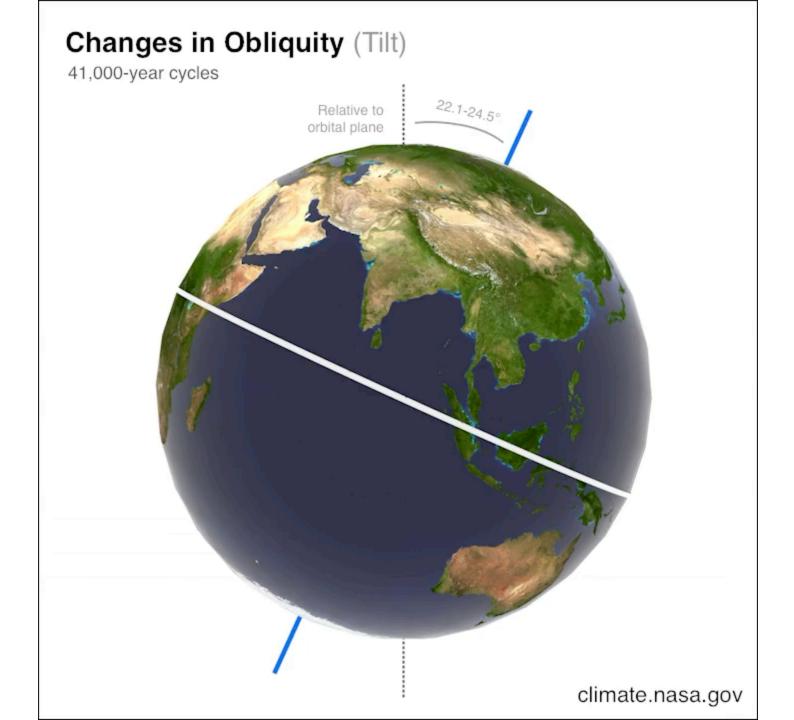


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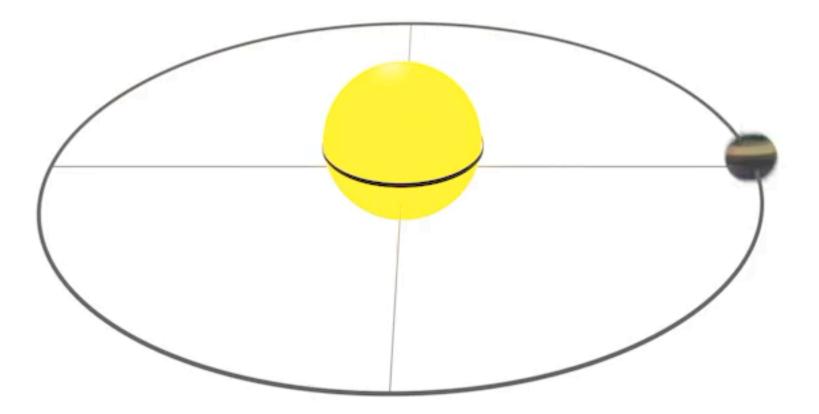
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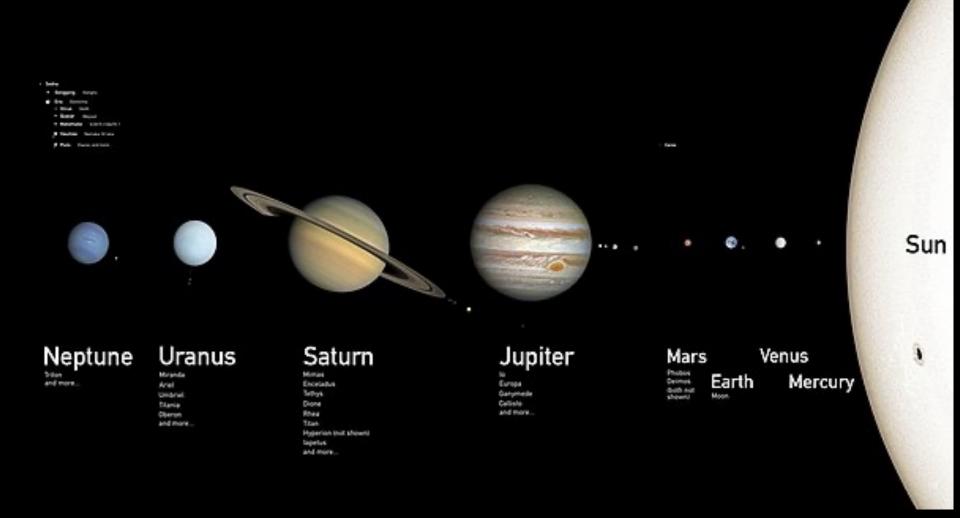
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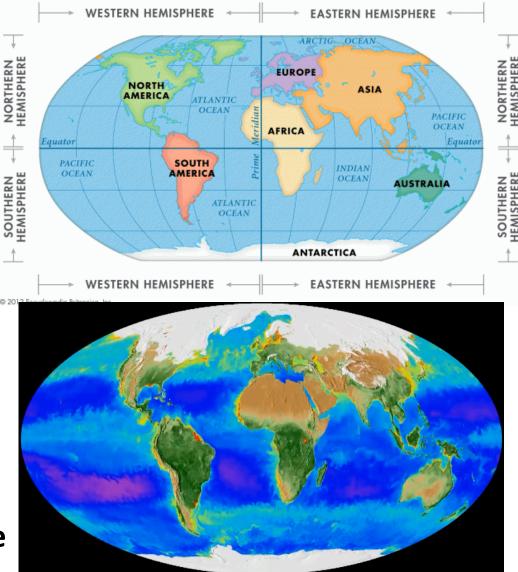


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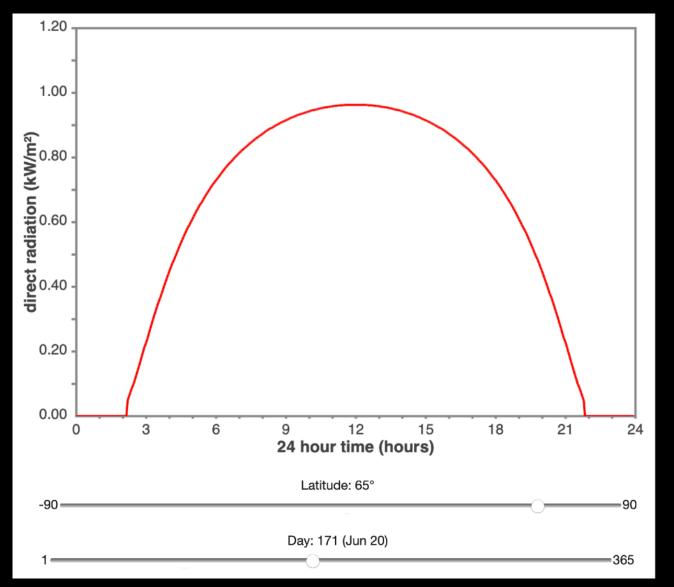
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How to make an ice age?

- The key is to reduce the amount of ice melting in the northern summer
- Northern Hemisphere: 40% land, 60% ocean
- Southern Hemisphere:
 20% land, 80% ocean
- milder summer in northern hemisphere -> less ice melt during the summer -> more reflection of sunlight -> colder average temperature



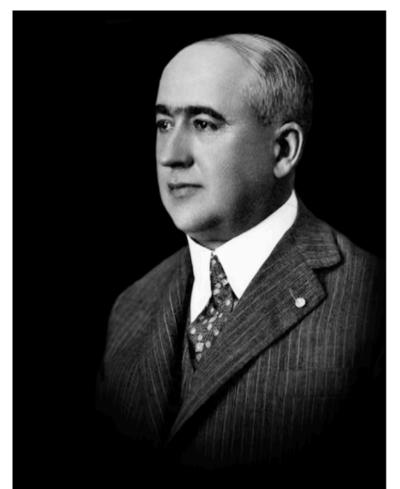
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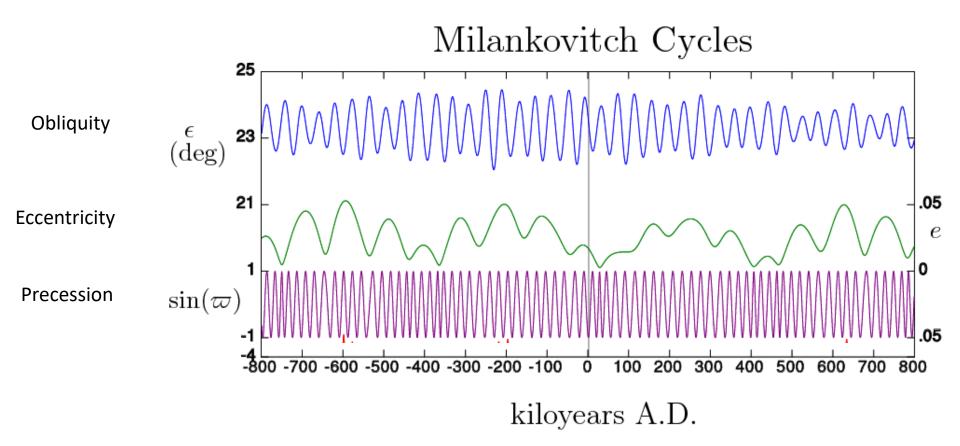
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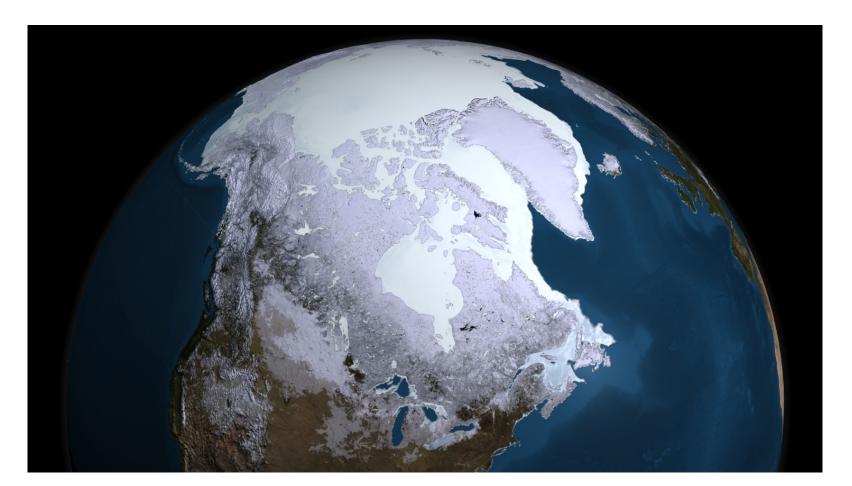


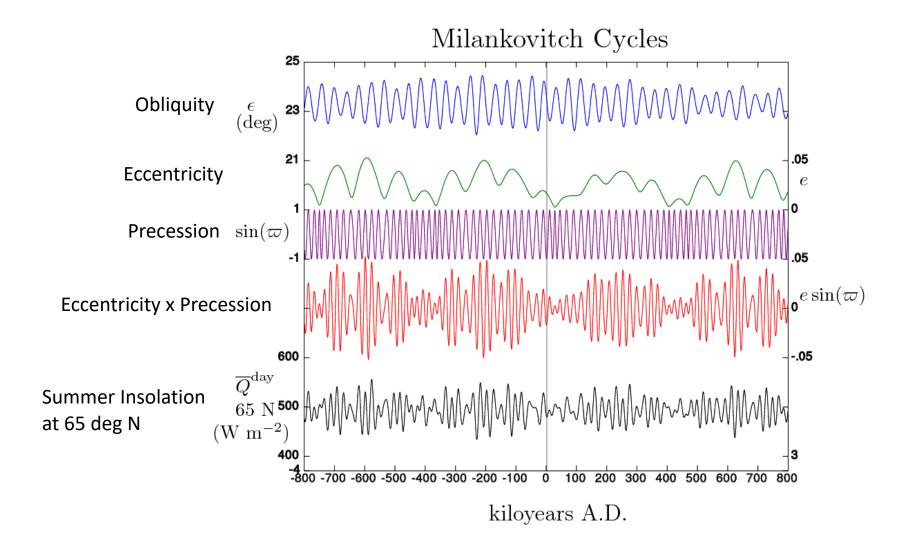
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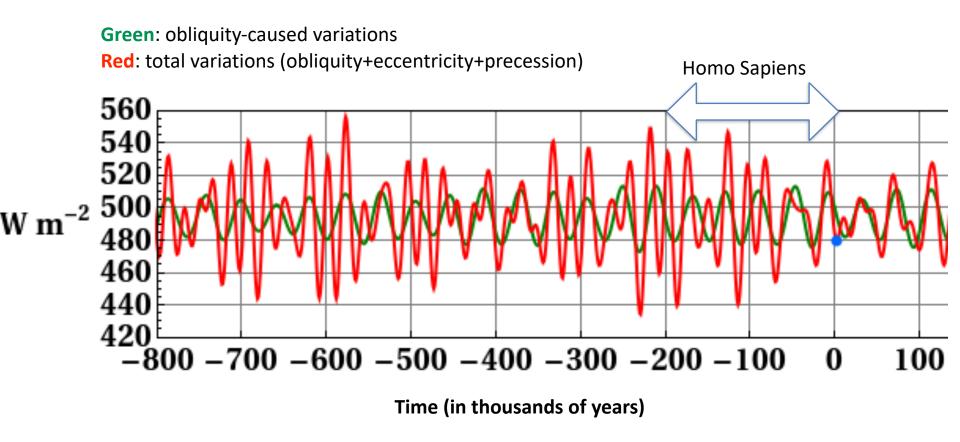
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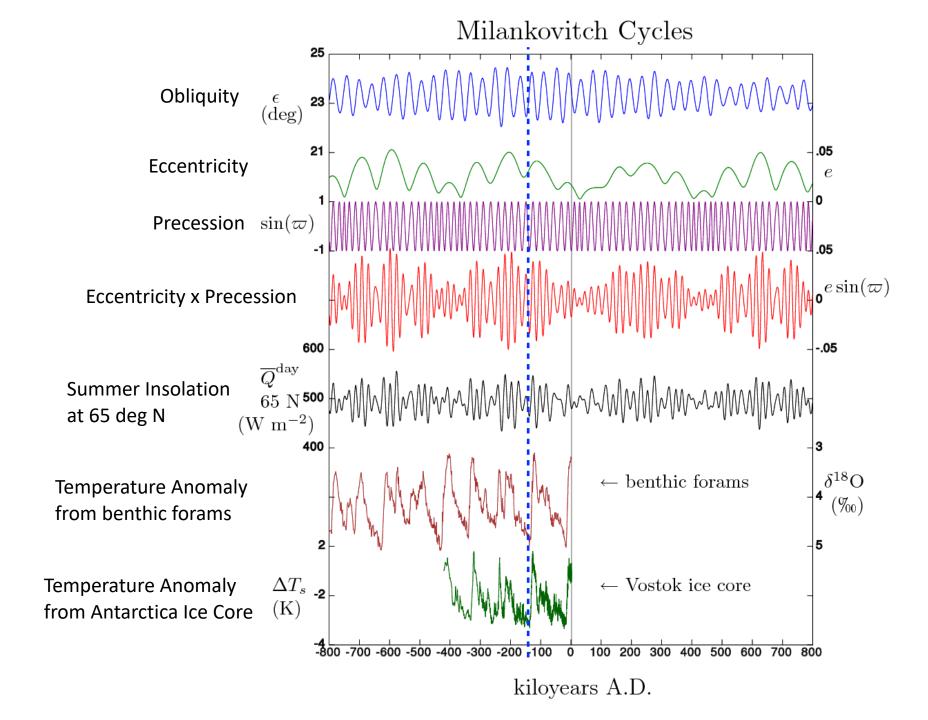




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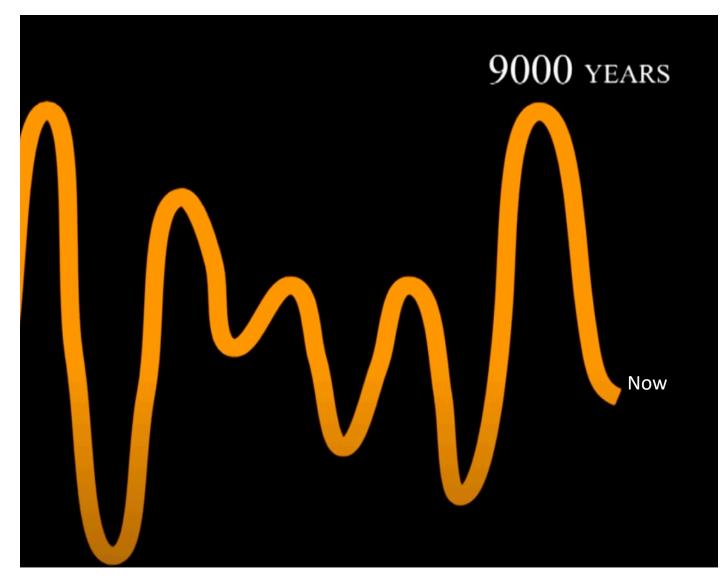


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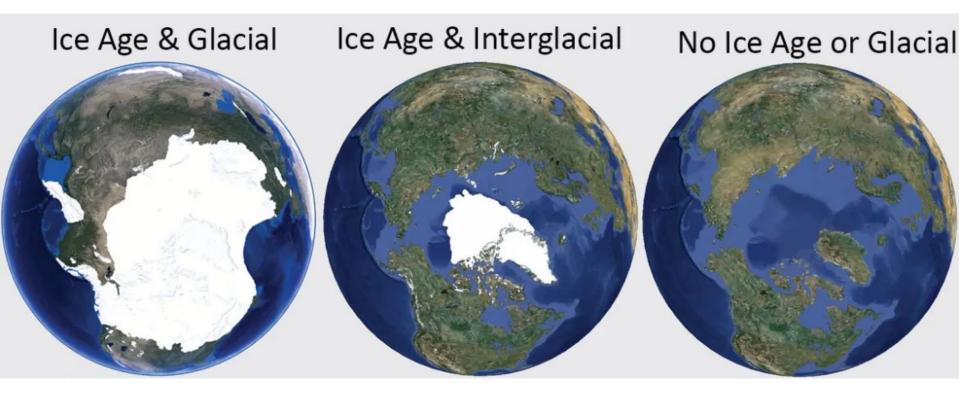


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50,000 years later

present

9000 years ago

Milankovitch Cycles & Recent Global Warning

Glaciers on Tian Shan Mountains





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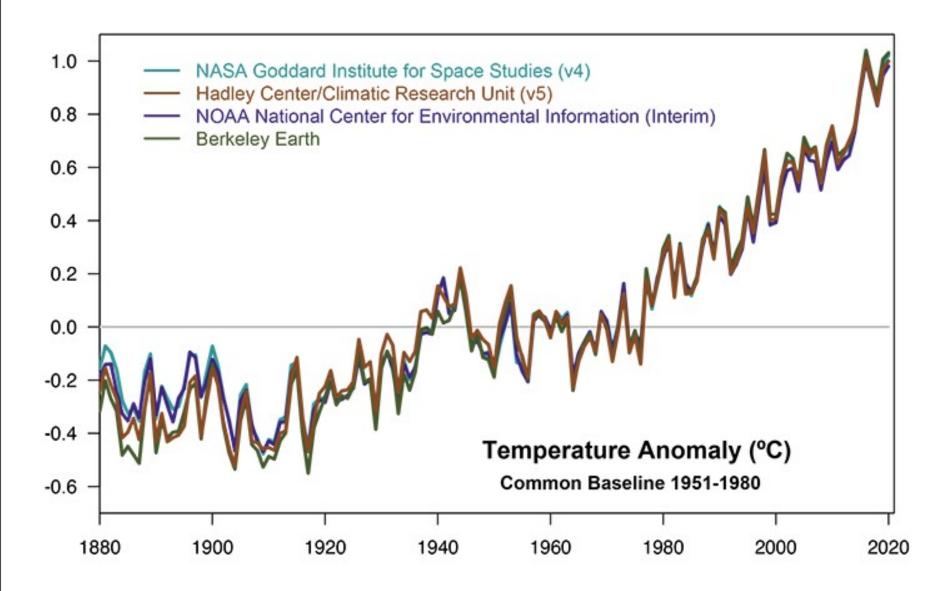






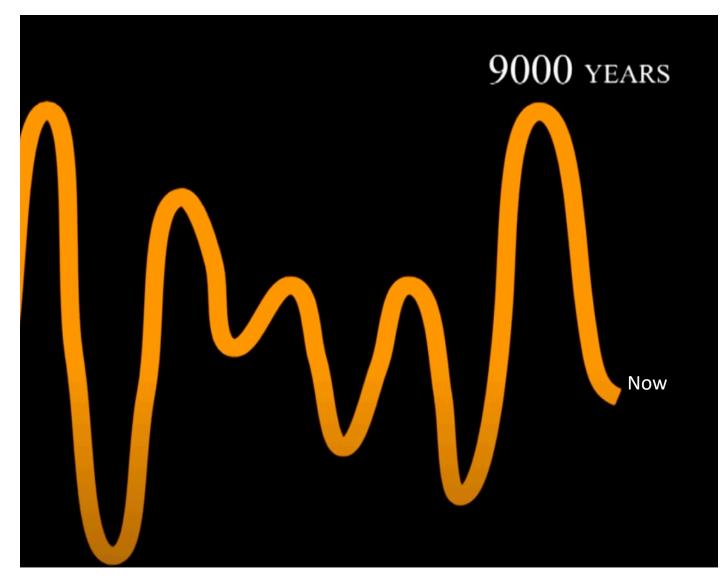
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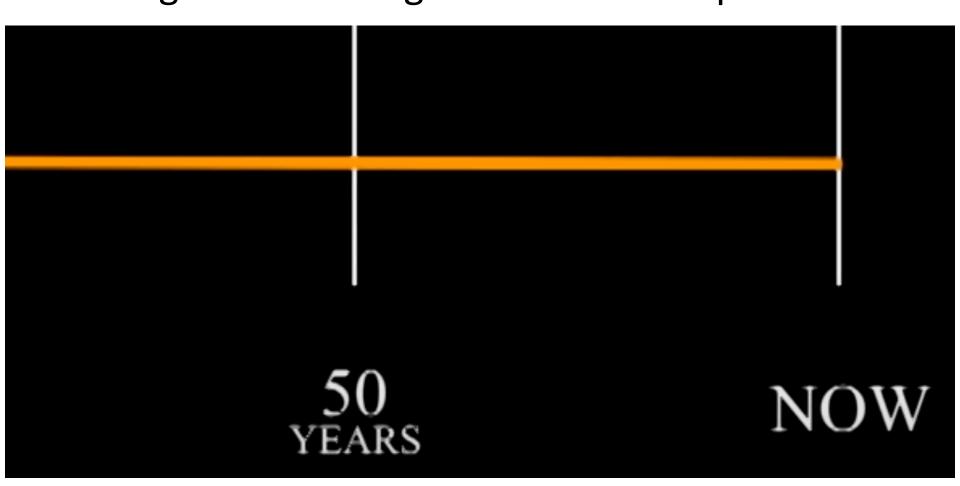


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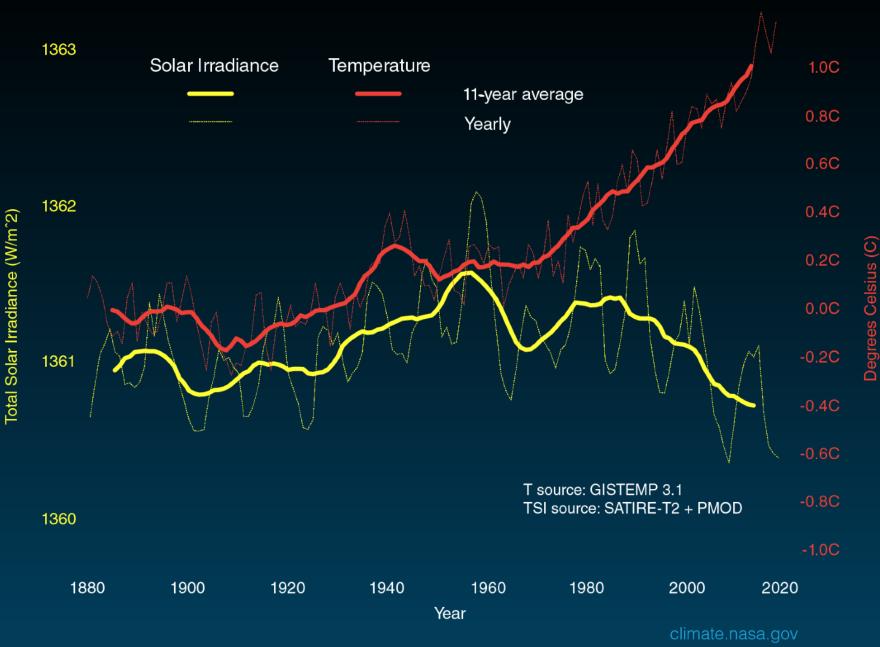
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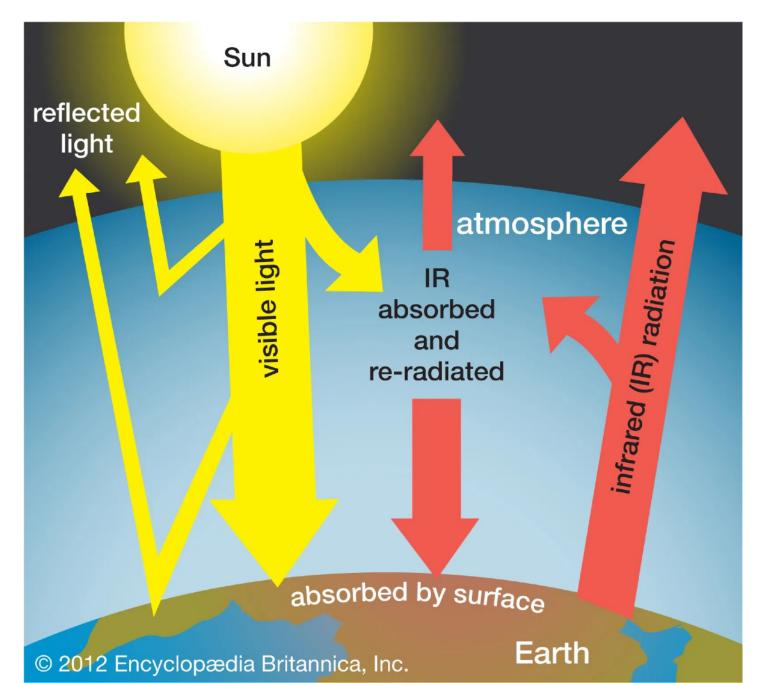
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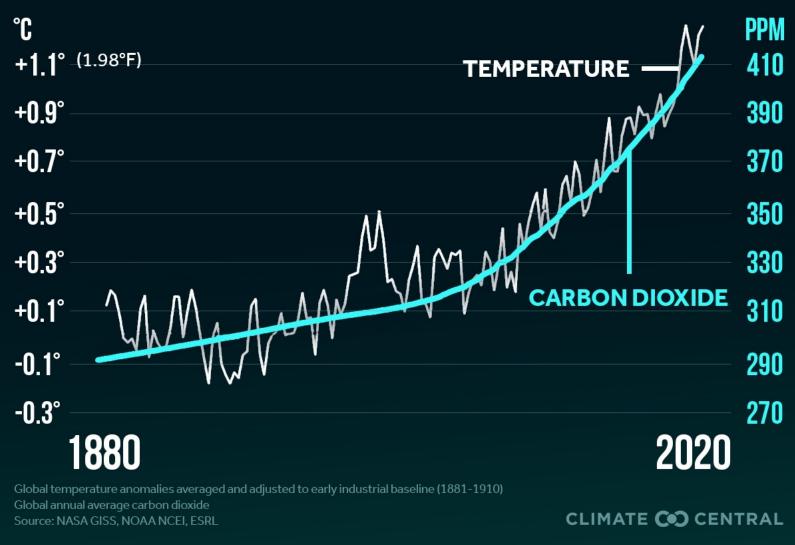


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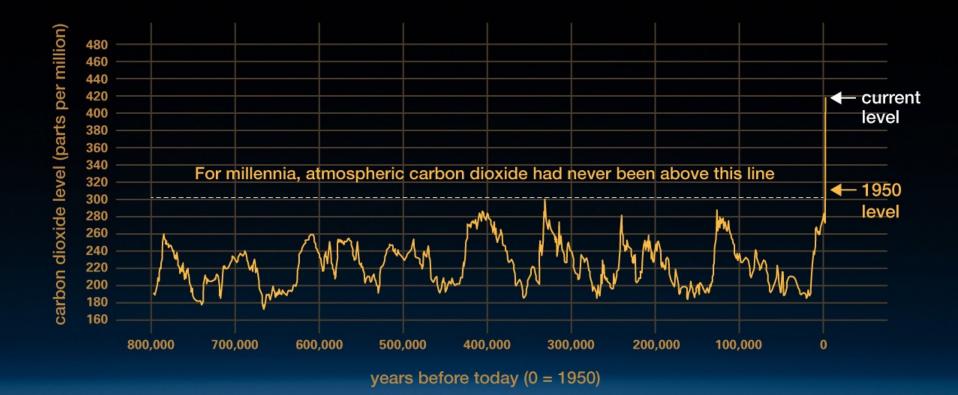
GLOBAL TEMPERATURE & CO₂



1 deg C = 1.8 deg F

PPM: parts per million

CO2 Level in the past 800 kyrs



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