Geology 2000:

Geochemical Cycles and the Earth System





Used to do a LOT of climbing...











Photosynthesis, Respiration

$CO_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow CH_2O + O_2$ (gas) (water) (organic matter) (gas)

Geological Cycling:

Intertropical convergence zone

Paleontology: Ancient Life

✓ Fossils tell us about conditions in the past

The Earth has done "experiments" for us that we cannot do ourselves - the geologic record informs us about how life is affected by major changes in the Earth System.

Faint Young Sun Paradox

Die aus der Frühzeit der Fotografie stammende Aufnahme von Frédéric Martens um 1856 zeigt den Rhonegletscher mit seiner grössten Ausdehnung.

mass)

Atoms consist of:

Vucleus, containing protons and neutrons, and thus most of the mass of the atom (proton mass = $1.6726231 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$; neutron mass = $1.6749286 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$) "Shells" consisting of electrons in "orbitals" around the nucleus, contributing the volume (electron mass = 0.910938 x 10⁻³⁰ kg; this is 1/1836.1527 of the proton

The Silicon Surface

Things to remember about atoms:

- Atomic Number = # protons in nucleus
- The number of protons controls the chemical "identity" of an atom (that is, what element the atom is)...(why?)

Isotope:

A selection of atoms, each with the same number of protons, may have different numbers of neutrons and thus different masses. These are **ISOTOPES** of the element; example: ¹²C, ¹³C, ¹⁴C

Ions

 An electrically neutral atom has equal numbers of protons and electrons

✓ Atoms or molecules that have an electric charge are called IONS.

NaCl \rightarrow Na⁺ + Cl⁻

Positive ion = cation Negative ion = anion

Atomic weight:

- \checkmark 1 dozen = 12 of something
- ✓ 1 mole = 6.0221367 x 10²³ of something (hopefully not donuts)
- The atomic weight, in the periodic table, is the weight in grams of one mole of that element.

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 Standing waves
Different ways of "fitting" waves around a nucleus

