



# Diffusive heat transport in the Budyko-Widiasih climate model

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Geological and paleomagnetic evidence indicate that during at least two Neoproterozoic glacial periods (~630 Ma and ~715 Ma) continental ice sheets flowed into the ocean near the equator.

# Geological evidence: An example

### • Occurrence of glacial debris near sea level in the tropics





Hoffman, P.F. & Schrag, D.P., 2000. Snowball Earth. Scientific American 282, 68-75

Lots more evidence!

P. Hoffman & D. Schrag, The snowball Earth hypothesis: testing the limits of global change, *Terra Nova*, Vol 14, No. 3, 129–155.



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#### Concern about the survival of life

--evidence that photosynthetic eukaryotes thrived both before and immediately after the Snowball episodes (organism whose cells contain complex structures enclosed within membranes)

--evidence that multiple lineages of sponges may have survived these glaciations (more complex marine animals)

## Two critical points remain controversial:

--extent of the ice cover

--Marinoan glaciation (~630 Ma): static event vs. repeated glaciations



M. Bender, Paleoclimate, Princeton University Press (2013)

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