

ISTIDEN THE ICE AGE

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Istiden

Det virker fremmed for os europæere. Den østgrønlandske kyst. Indlandsis. Gletsjere, der langsomt glider mod havet. Dybe fjorde fyldt med isbjerge og iskosser.

Faktisk er det Europa for ikke så lang tid siden. En gang var Europa også midt i en istid. En istid er en periode i jordens historie som kendetegnes af, at store landområder er dækket med is.

Danmark bliver ofte dækket af is. Fire gange har der været istid inden for de seneste 500.000 år. Istiderne har varet i 100.000 år, de varme perioder imellem varer blot 20.000 år.

Årsagen til, at der bliver istid, er, at indstrålingen fra solen forandres over tid. Det skyldes igen Jordens hældning i forhold til solen.

Det, der i dag repræsenterer Danmark, har været dækket af is i fire omgange. Hver gang har der været tale om Indlandsis, da isen dækkede Danmark og dele af Tyskland, hele Skandinavien og størstedelen af Rusland. Indlandsisen var tre kilometer tyk.

Hvornår kommer den næste istid? Sidste istid var for 100.000 år siden. Næste burde komme om cirka 8-10.000 år.

The Ice Age

To Europeans it seems strange. The coast of East Greenland. The Greenlandic Ice Sheet. The glaciers slowly sliding towards the sea. The deep fjords filled with icebergs and ice floes.

In fact, it is Europe not so long ago. Once, Europe also experienced an ice age. An ice age is a period in the history of the earth characterized by the fact, that large territories of land are covered with ice.

Denmark is often covered in ice. Four times there has been an ice age in the last 500,000 years. The ice ages have lasted for 100,000 years, the warm periods between only last 20,000 years.

The reason, why there will be ice age, is that the influx of light from the sun changes over time. This is again due to the earth's inclination in relation to the sun.

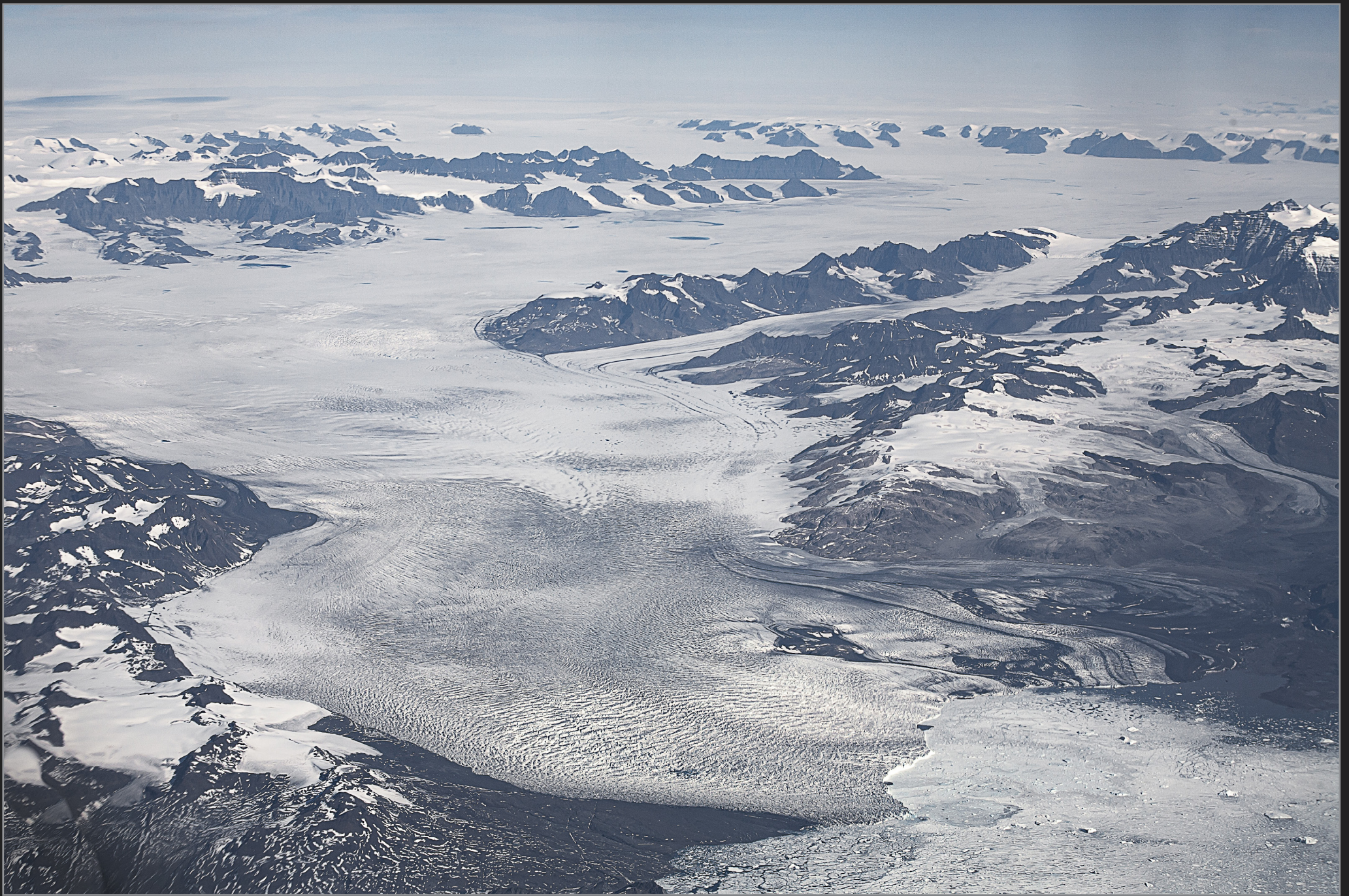
For four rounds, what today represents Denmark has been covered in ice. Each time an ice sheet has been formed. The ice sheet covered Denmark and parts of Germany, all of Scandinavia and most of Russia. The ice sheet has a thickness of three kilometres.

When will the next ice age occur? The last ice age was 100,000 years ago. Next should start in about 8-10,000 years.



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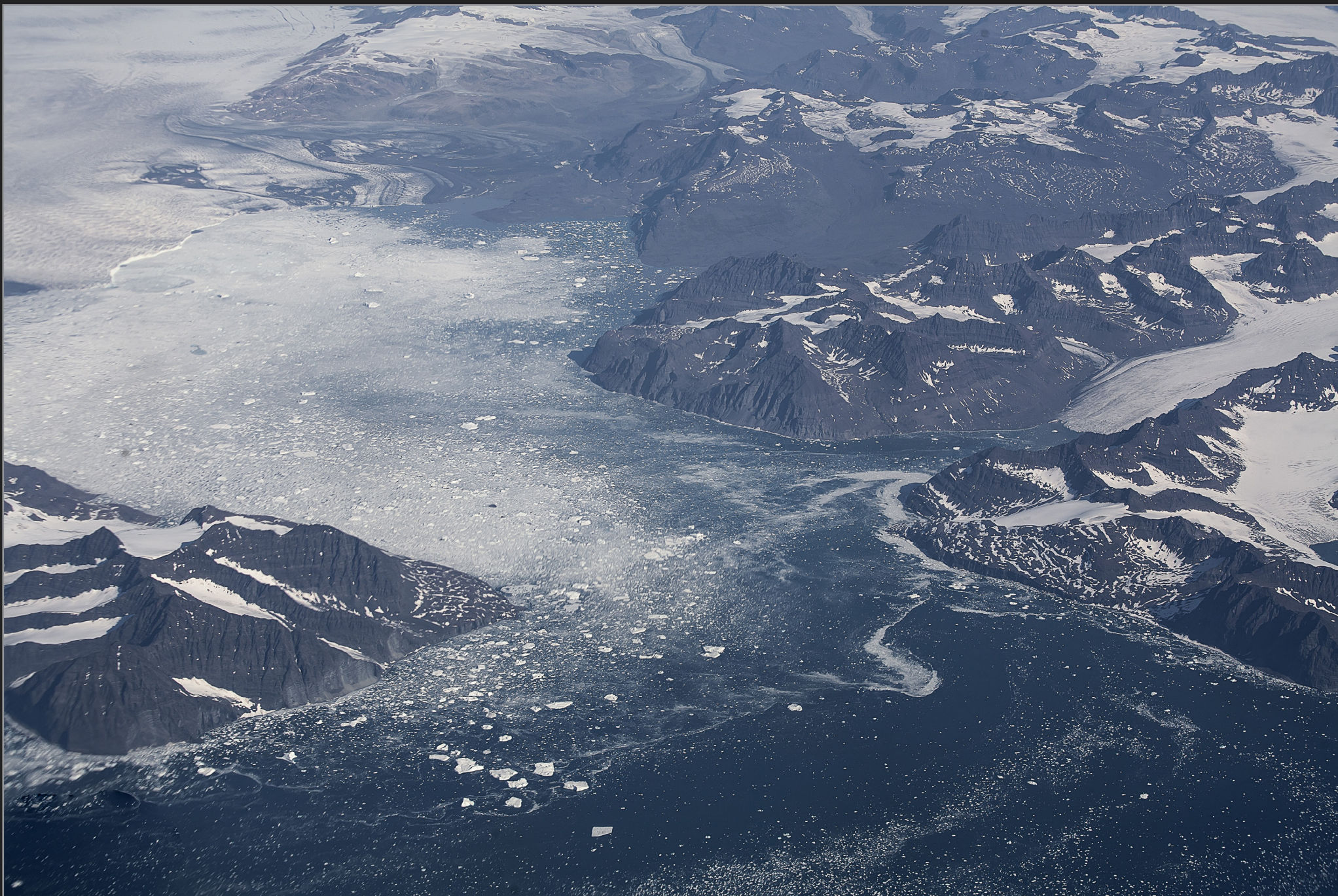
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