

11-811 If the Earth's polar caps melt, they'd flood

the oceans, which would rise by  $\sim 30\text{m}$ .

At the poles, all that ice is close enough to the axis of rotation to not add much to  $I_{\text{Earth}}$ .

Spread out over everything, it's as if the Earth's

radius increased by  $\sim 30\text{m}$ , so  $R_{\oplus} = R_{\oplus} + 30\text{m} = R_{\oplus}'$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}, \text{ so } \frac{\omega'}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi/T'}{2\pi/T} = \frac{T}{T'}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{\omega' - \omega}{\omega} = \frac{\omega'}{\omega} - 1 \text{ subst in } T' = \frac{T}{T'} - 1 = \frac{\Delta T}{T'}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} \approx \frac{\Delta T}{T} \text{ (if } T' \text{ not so different from } T)$$

Conserve ang. momentum  $L = I\omega$

$$\text{or } I\omega = I'\omega' : \Delta L = 0 = \Delta(I\omega) = I\Delta\omega + \omega\Delta I$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{\Delta I}{I} \text{ for a sphere, } I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{\Delta R_{\oplus}^2}{R_{\oplus}^2} = \frac{(6.37 \times 10^6 + 30\text{m})^2}{(6.37 \times 10^6)^2} = 1.0000094$$

$$\text{There are } 86400 \text{ s in a day, so } \frac{\Delta T}{T} = (1.0000094)(86400) =$$

$$= 0.81 \text{ seconds more!}$$