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Algae and Pollen Grains Provide Evidence of Remarkably Warm Period in Antarctica's History

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Researchers studying Antarctic sediment core samples gathered as part of the ANDRILL program discovered palynomorphs, or dust-size organic material such as pollen, spores and cysts of dinoflagellates and other algae found in warmer climates. The discovery provides hard evidence that Antarctica underwent a brief but rapid period of warming about 15 million years before the present. Full Story

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