



# APPLICATE

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Advanced prediction in Polar regions and beyond

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## INTERACT Annual Meeting

### 22 October 2017



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# 16 partners from nine countries



... and many collaborators!





- Budget: €8 Mio + separate Russian contribution
- 1 November 2016 – 31 October 2020 (4 years)

## Mission Statement

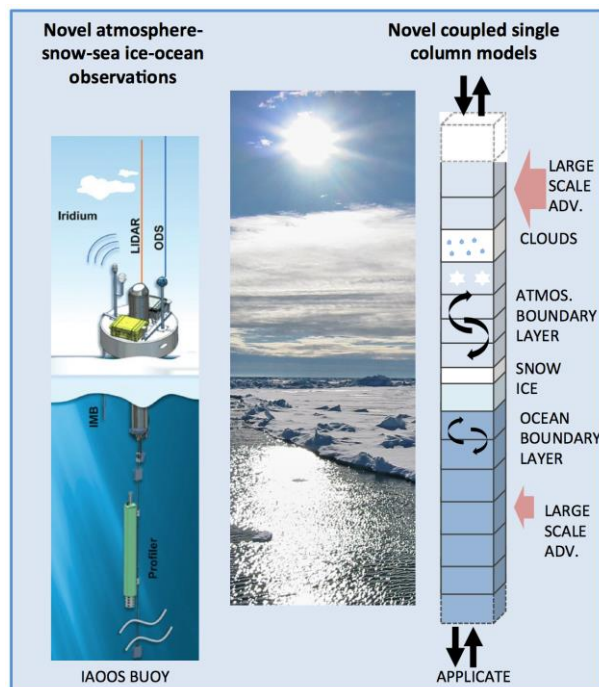
*Develop enhanced predictive capacity for weather and climate in the Arctic and beyond, and determine the influence of Arctic climate change on Northern Hemisphere mid-latitudes, for the benefit of policy makers, businesses and society.*



# General approach



- Bring together the NWP and climate communities
- Involve experts on the Arctic and midlatitudes
- Engage operational centres for maximizing impact
- Effectively combine models and observations



**MOSAIC**  
The International Arctic  
Drift Expedition



**YOPP**  
YEAR OF  
POLAR  
PREDICTION



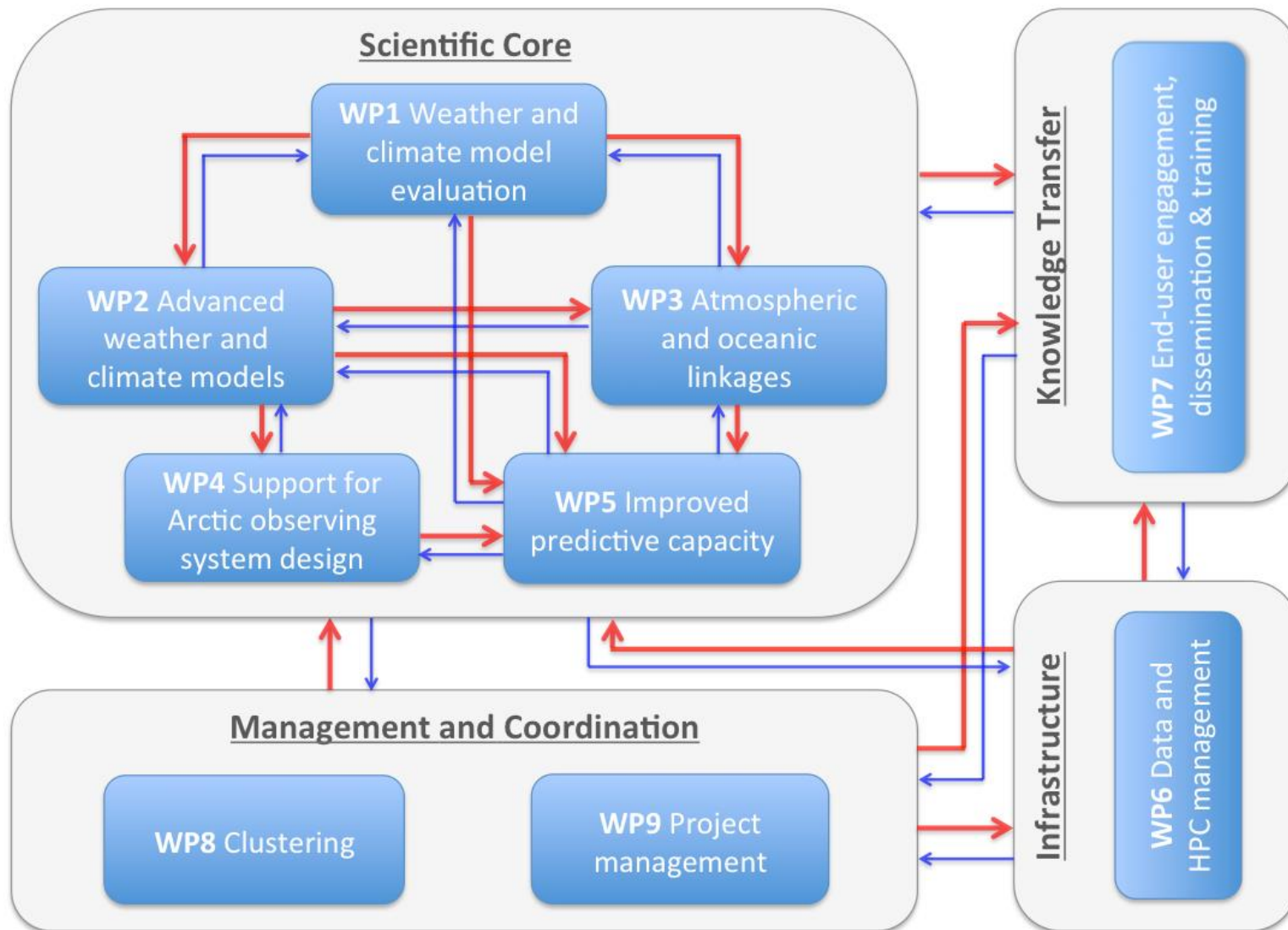
## Understanding Arctic-Midlatitude Linkages

- Coordinated multi-model approach
- Employ atmosphere-only *and* coupled models
- Study linkages also from a short-term prediction perspective
- Repeat with enhanced models

## Knowledge Exchange

- Focus on three key areas:
  - User engagement
  - Dissemination
  - Training
- Exploit existing “channels” from APPLICATE partners

# WP structure



# WP1: Weather + Climate model evaluation



**Leads: Thomas Jung and Len Shaffrey**

## So far...

- Developed a Model Assessment Plan
- Progressing with the list of user-relevant parameters for model evaluation
- APPLICATE representative has joined the ESMValTool core development team and linkages to other relevant groups (e.g. SIMIP) established

## Upcoming activities:

- Development of process-based and user-relevant metrics for the Arctic and implementation in the ESMValTool
- Evaluation of CMIP5 models and first CMIP6 experiments





**Leads: Gunilla Svensson and Matthieu Chevallier**

## So far...

- Inventory of planned developments, identification of commonalities (parametrizations, bibliography)
- First case study with the coupled atmosphere-ocean single column model (AOSCM)
- Coordination with YOPP modelling plan

## Upcoming activities:

- Further developing components (sea ice features, atmosphere, etc.)
- Finalise and submit description of the AOSCM (GMD)
- Co-sponsored workshops to be held soon (e.g. November in Stockholm)



# WP3 Atmospheric + Oceanic Linkages



**Leads: Doug Smith and Helge Drange**

## So far...

- Coordinated experiment design discussed at two international meetings
- Resulted in a new CMIP6 project - Polar Amplification MIP (PA-MIP), to investigate the causes and consequences of polar amplification
- Application submitted to CMIP6 panel for endorsement

## Upcoming activities:

- Test experimental design
- Write GMD paper documenting PA-MIP





**Leads: Peter Bauer, Thierry Fichefet**

## So far...

- 1<sup>st</sup> results from observation impact monitoring of operational ECMWF analysis for the period 2014-2016
- Started assessment of the quality and reliability of existing reanalyses of natural climate variability in the Arctic
- Produced ensemble dataset of sea-ice reanalysis (1979-2016) for generation of initial conditions.

## Upcoming activities:

- Start satellite and SYNOP OSE at ECMWF; continue surface pressure buoy OSE including optimal sampling study
- Start optimal sea-ice sampling study: derive coverage and the frequency of sampling needed to achieve skillful predictions
- Continue reanalysis efforts and explore different techniques of initialization by assessing impacts on predictive skill.



# WP5 Improved Predictive Capacity



**Leads: Virginie Guemas and Morten Køltzow**

## So far...

- Experimental protocol for stream 1 / stream 2 defined and stream 1 experiments started
- State-of-the art model / forecast quality assessment started (shows larger forecast errors in the Arctic than at lower latitudes)
- Extreme events of particular interest identified: record low winter 2016 sea ice extent and record low precipitation in central Europe

## Upcoming activities:

- Stream 1 experiments completed
- Build atlas of prediction scores / score card for stream 1 and other forecast systems / CMIP simulations
- Process analysis – understanding sources of predictability for Arctic sea-ice and its linkages with the mid-latitude climate



**Leads: Øystein Godøy and Thomas Jung**

## So far...

- Development of a Data Management Plan
- Provision of the ECMWF-YOPP Analysis and Forecast Dataset
- Launch of the YOPP Data Portal

## Upcoming activities:

- Revision of the Data Management Plan
- Going live with the post processing environment at met.no
  - Hardware is allocated and setup, currently undergoing internal testing to ensure data throughput
  - Developing user guidelines
- Going live with the APPLICATE Data Portal
  - Linking post processing storage environment to the data portal for data publication



**Leads: Halldor Johannsson, Isadora Jimenez, Gerlis Fugmann**

## So far...

- Established working framework: Communication and dissemination plan / User engagement plan / Training plan
- APPLICATE website, <https://applycate.eu/> and other outreach material available and constantly updated
- Polar Prediction Matters (PPM) blog, jointly developed and maintained with YOPP and Blue Action. Launched: 1 September
- Active participation in the EU Arctic Cluster development

## Upcoming activities:

- Face-to-face meeting of the User Group at the Arctic Circle Assembly, followed by participation in the APPLICATE General Assembly in Barcelona in January 2018 (6-10 people)
- Encouraging contributions from stakeholders to the PPM blog
- Polar Prediction School 2018 (Abisko, April 2018)



**Leads: Thomas Jung and Peter Bauer**

## So far...

- Coordination related to PA-MIP
- Good collaboration within the EU Arctic Cluster
  - Agreement to coordinate stakeholder engagement
  - Joint organisation of (side) events
- EU Model Evaluation Workshop in Brussels

## Upcoming activities:

- Organize EU Model Development Workshop
- Side events at major upcoming meetings (e.g. COP23)
- Scientific session at Arctic Frontiers 2018 with MOSAiC, YOPP, etc.
- Make progress in EU Arctic Cluster Task Teams:
  - Stakeholder
  - Data management
  - Communication



## 15-17 January 2018, Barcelona

### **Mon 15 Jan AM:**

- User Group meeting

### **Mon 15 Jan PM:**

- WP progress reports
- EU-Arctic Cluster session
- Stakeholders talks
- Ice breaker

### **Tue 16 Jan AM:**

- SAB keynote lectures (2x)
- Early career scientist presentations

### **Tue 16 Jan PM:**

- WP breakout groups
- Conference dinner

### **Wed 17 Jan AM:**

- Reports from breakout sessions
- SAB concluding statements
- Joint EB and SAB meeting
- Early career scientist meeting (parallel)



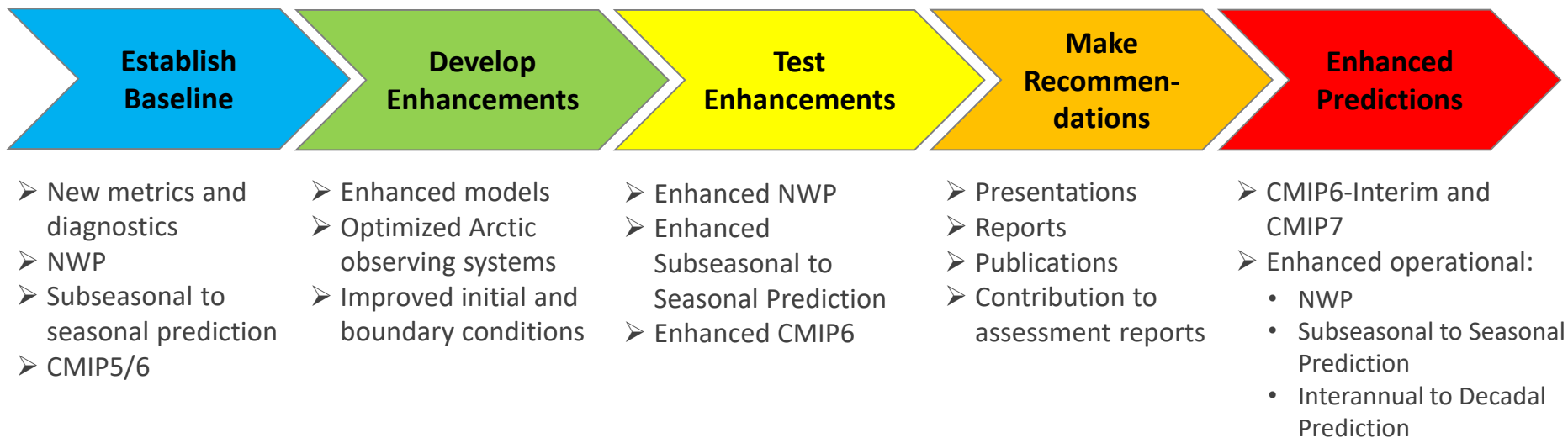
# Summary



- In general, APPLICATE is on course
- Some delays in the coming months expected (e.g. hiring, PA-MIP protocol)
- APPLICATE General Assembly 2018 will be next opportunity of getting together



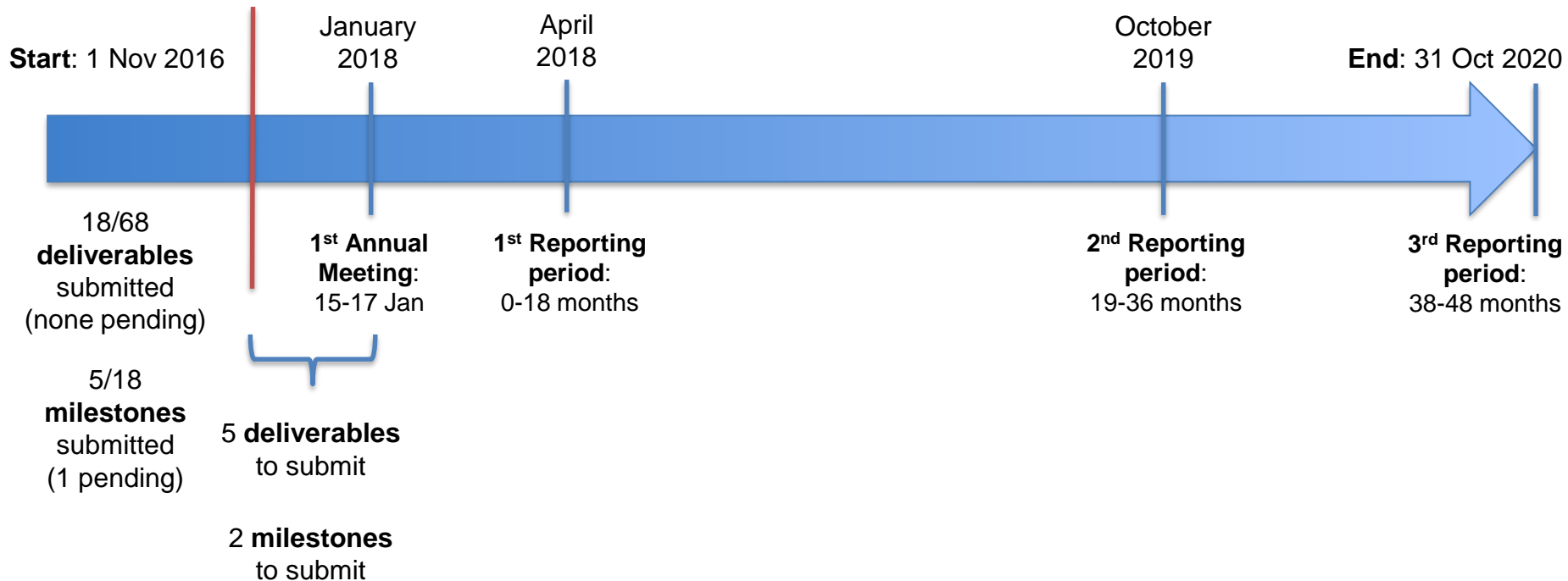
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# Progress



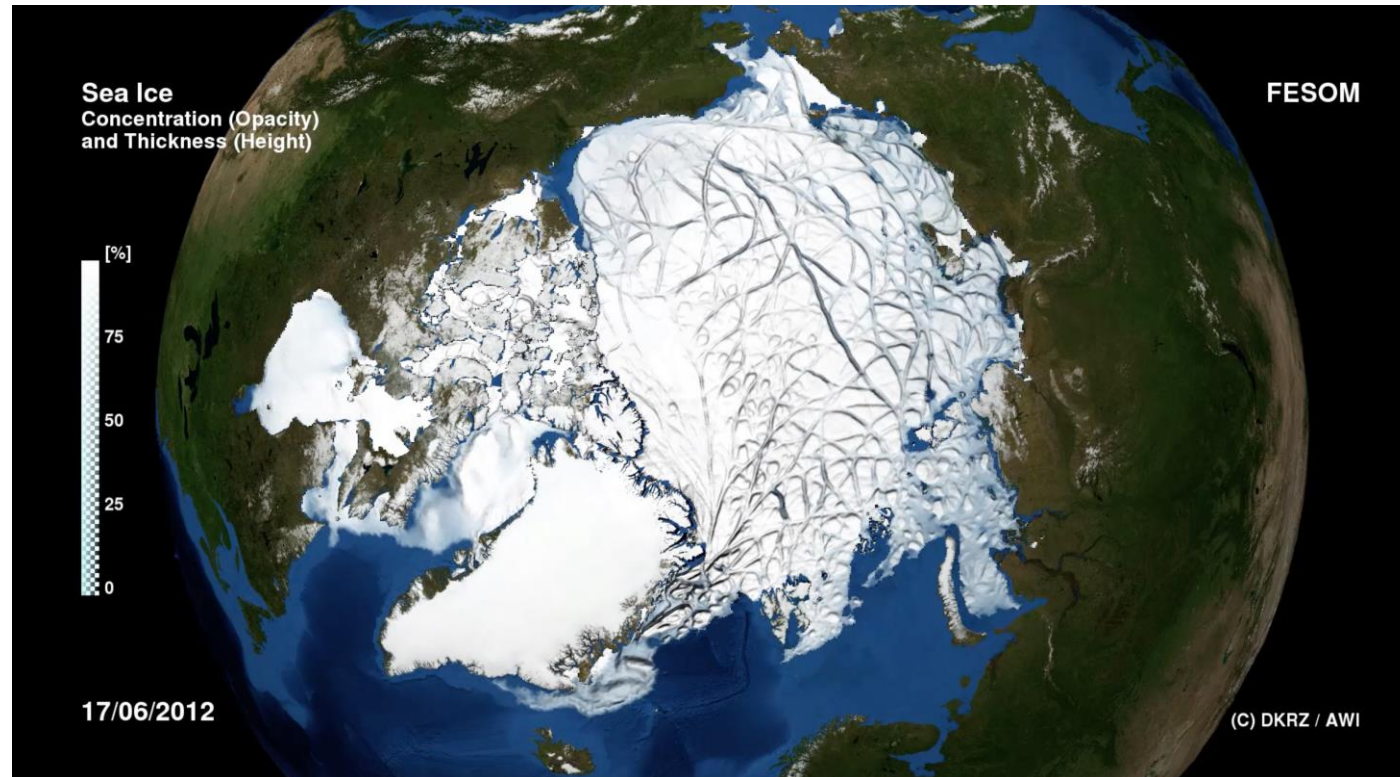
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# General approach

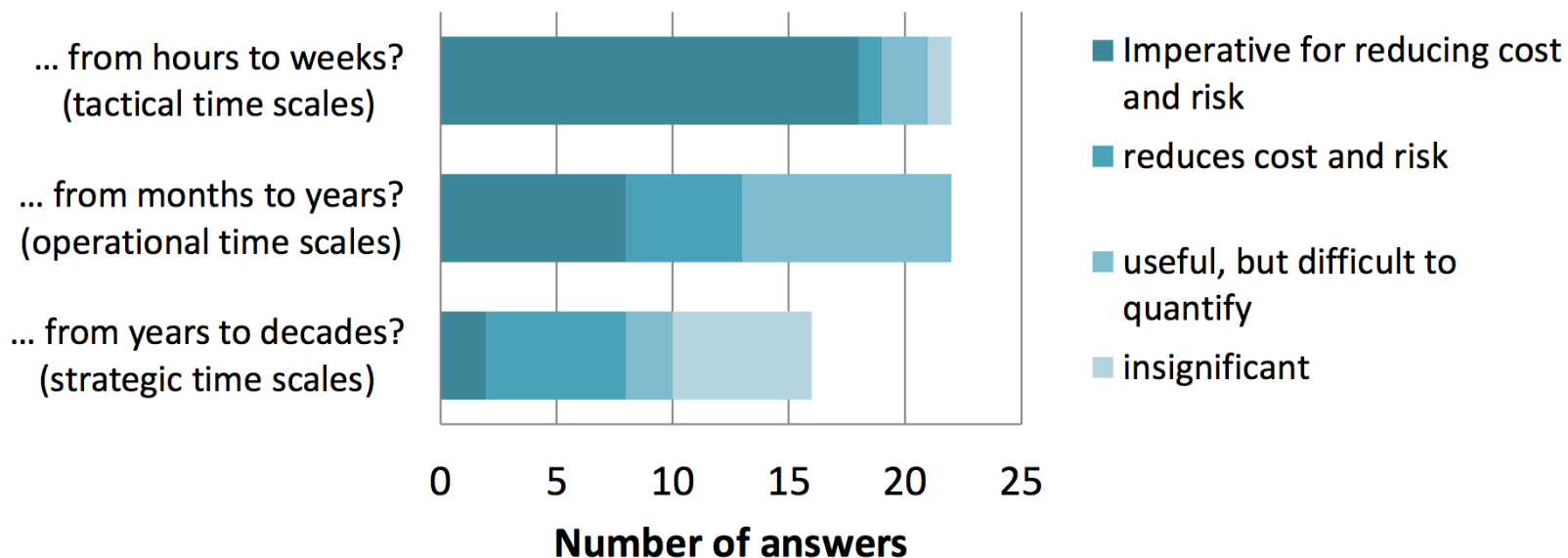


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## How important are Arctic predictions...



# APPLICATE Advisory Board



| Name               | Area of expertise                        | Country |
|--------------------|--|---------|
| Cecilia Bitz       | Model development and sea ice prediction | USA     |
| Gilbert Brunet     | Weather and climate prediction           | Canada  |
| Clara Deser        | Arctic-midlatitude linkages              | USA     |
| Veronika Eyring    | Model evaluation and CMIP                | Germany |
| Inger Hansen-Bauer | Climate and weather services             | Norway  |
| Jean-Noel Thepaut  | Copernicus Climate Change Services       | UK      |
| Tero Vauraste      | Stakeholder representative               | Finland |

