

Guiding input for the ACCESS-NRI
from high-latitude ocean group:

ACCESS Discussion Day

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Ocean (sea ice/BGC) high latitude Southern Ocean

	Idea	Short (< 1 year) Medium (1-2 yr) Long (2-5 yr)	NRI team
8	Hardening evolving model parameterisations	Medium/long	Software
9	High-latitude model assessment with evolving model versions and for global vs regional models	Medium/long	Ocean-Sealce
10	Atmospheric snow - wind-blown, deposition, shading algae; precip in general	Medium	Atmosphere/S oftware
11	Atmospheric regional	Medium/long	Atmosphere
12	BGC in WOMBAT, coupled to atmosphere aerosols & chemistry (Likely already covered by Atm Chem group)	Medium	Software
13	Script maintenance, i.e., post processing, harvesting, plots, summarizing, high-level information, et	Medium/long	User
14	Assessment metrics needed	Short/medium/long	Software

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1	High-latitude parameterisations/configurations tailored for Antarctic, e.g. sea ice, cloud. This may require software modification.	Short/medium	Ocean- Sealce, Atmosphere, Software
2	Multi-resolution configuration management to support cross-resolution studies, parameterisation, etc.	Short/medium/long	Software
3	Provide MOM6/CICE6/WW3 coupling for the community	Short/medium	Coupled
4	Add new prognostic tracers into models, e.g., DMS into WOMBAT for ocean BGC or MSA in atm model.	Medium/long	Software
5	Include under-ice-shelf ocean circulation in MOM6 for improved deep water masses	Medium	Ocean- Sealce
6	Inclusion of snow model or parameterisation in atm and ocean models, i.e., with view to improve physical and BGC processes.	Medium	Coupled
7	Hardening of evolving model parameterisations assisting from observations to process parameterisation to global model	Medium	Software

More information on any of the NRI ideas

- The community is starved for sufficient and high quality observations.
- SOOS would appreciate advice out of ACCESS to guide target areas to fill data gaps. ACCESS NRI to enhance this via fit-for-purpose infrastructure for synthesis. -> End user pathway.
- Atm model: BoM: Pan-antarctic modelling... to provide high-res atm forcing for near-coastal processes. I.e., katabatics for sea-ice forcing etc. Important for (short-term) forecasting and climate processes.
- Snow is central to the phys and the ecosystems:
 - Part 1 (in atm model): Snow precip
 - Part 2 (in sea-ice model): snow on cryosphere needs to be improved. → cloud, radiation, snow on ice... → BGC & Primary Production
- Sea ice (e.g., CICE6 coupling to MOM6): critical for global climate - in collaboration with COSIMA
- Need to have model configuration allowing wave/ice-shelf interaction, i.e., correct wave propagation.
- Fully coupled needed... but allowing some functions to be turned off/on depending on focus of research to avoid compute and data overhead where not needed.
- Highly adaptable DA system required.
- Need for Machine Learning tools to harvest model output.
- Location for ACCESS-NRI staff: Some to be embedded regionally, i.e., in Hobart, Sydney, Melb, etc?

Any other notes

- Need for interactive iceberg model (advection, shear, melt)
- Interactive coupling with ice sheets: ice-shelf cavity and coastal boundaries.
- Improved high-res atmospheric forcing is a must, especially for polar processes.
- Need more obs data → Establish sustained long-term monitoring sites/transects.