

Year of Polar Prediction – Few months left until the YOPP Southern Hemisphere (YOPP-SH) Special Observing Period Commences (Part I)

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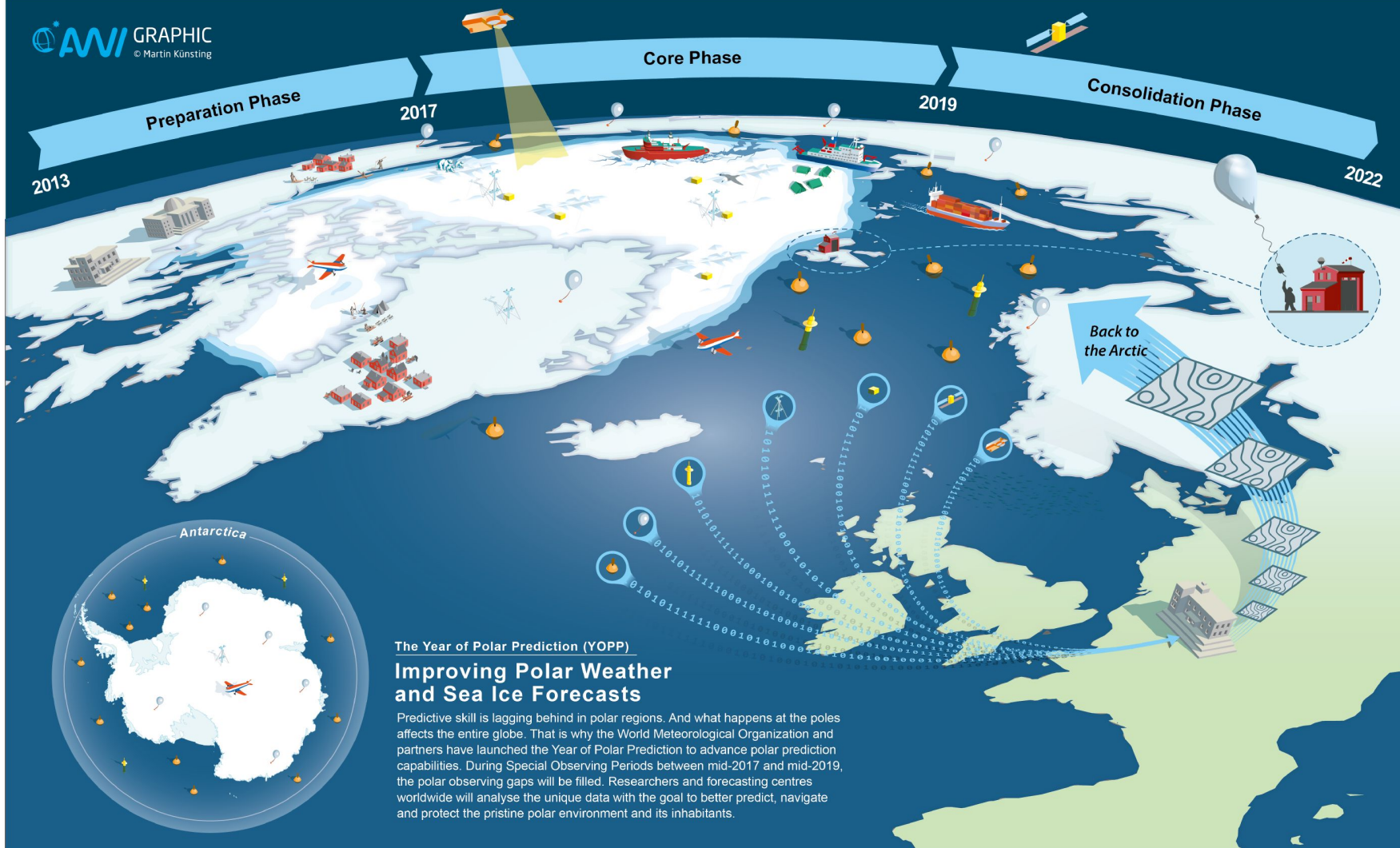
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Year of Polar Prediction (YOPP)

Mission statement:

Enable a significant improvement in environmental prediction capabilities for the polar regions and beyond, by coordinating a period of intensive observing, modelling, prediction, verification, user-engagement and education activities.

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Observing Platforms



Environmental Forecasting



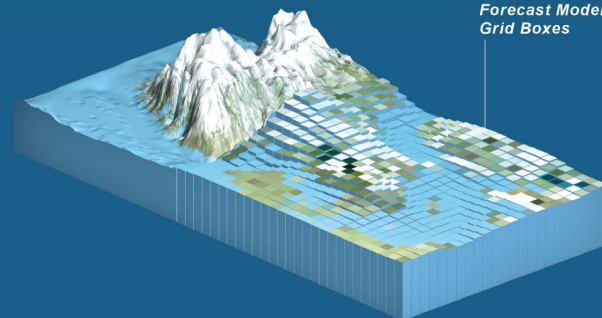
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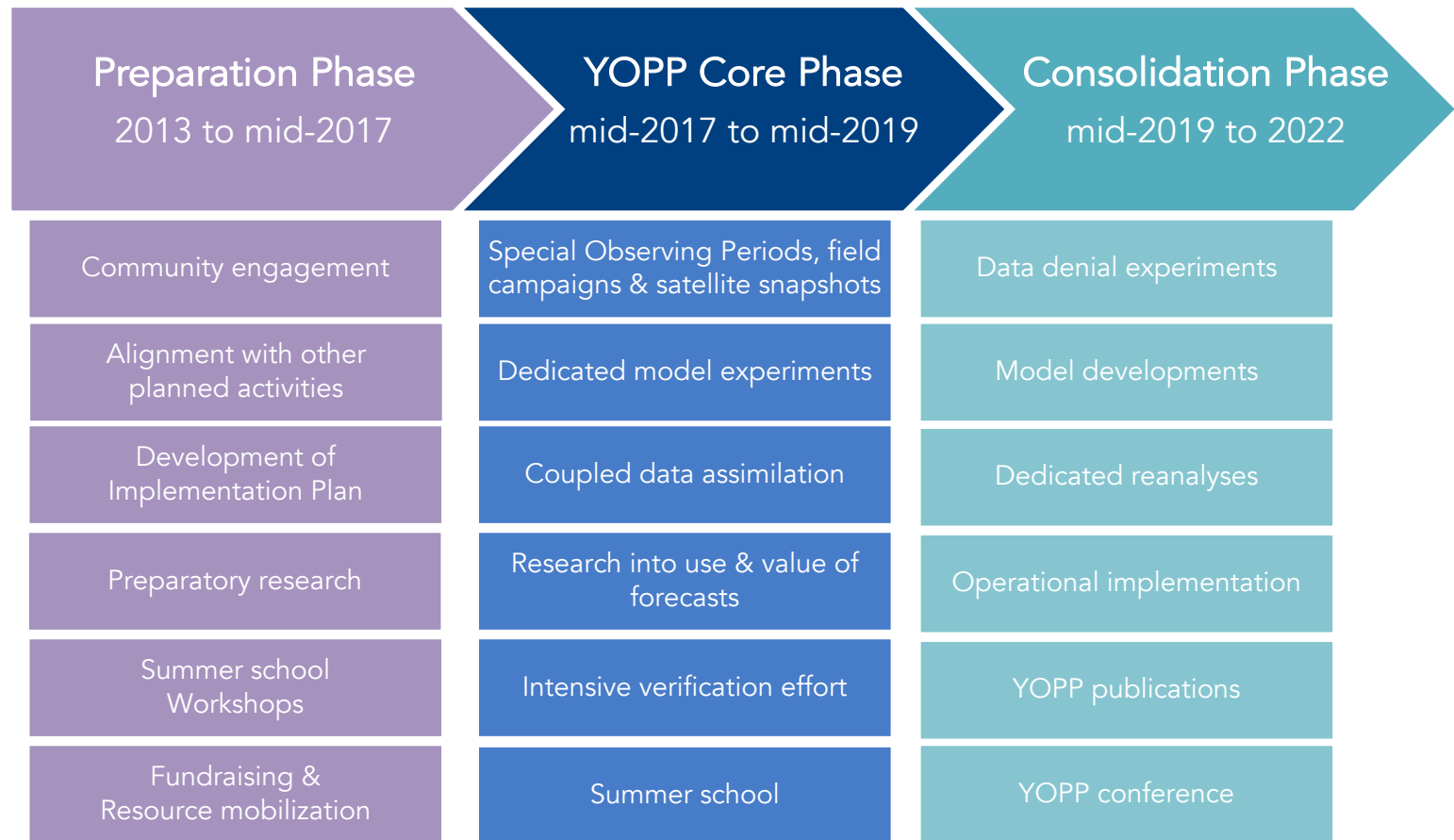
Weather and Sea Ice Modeling

To predict weather and sea ice, scientists use weather and climate models – computer programs that divide the Earth's atmosphere, ice, land and oceans into a network of grid boxes. After being fed with actual meteorological and oceanographic observations, the models calculate how the physical state changes step by step into the future.

Forecast Model Grid Boxes



YOPP Time Line



Jung et al. (2016), *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*

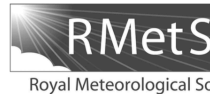
Preparation Phase: Selected Highlights

Community engagement – YOPP Summit



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Preparatory research – Publications



ADVANCING POLAR PREDICTION CAPABILITIES ON DAILY TO SEASONAL TIME SCALES

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This paper presents the argument for why users' needs and outlines possible solutions.

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

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Additional Arctic observations improve weather and sea-ice forecasts for the Northern Sea Route

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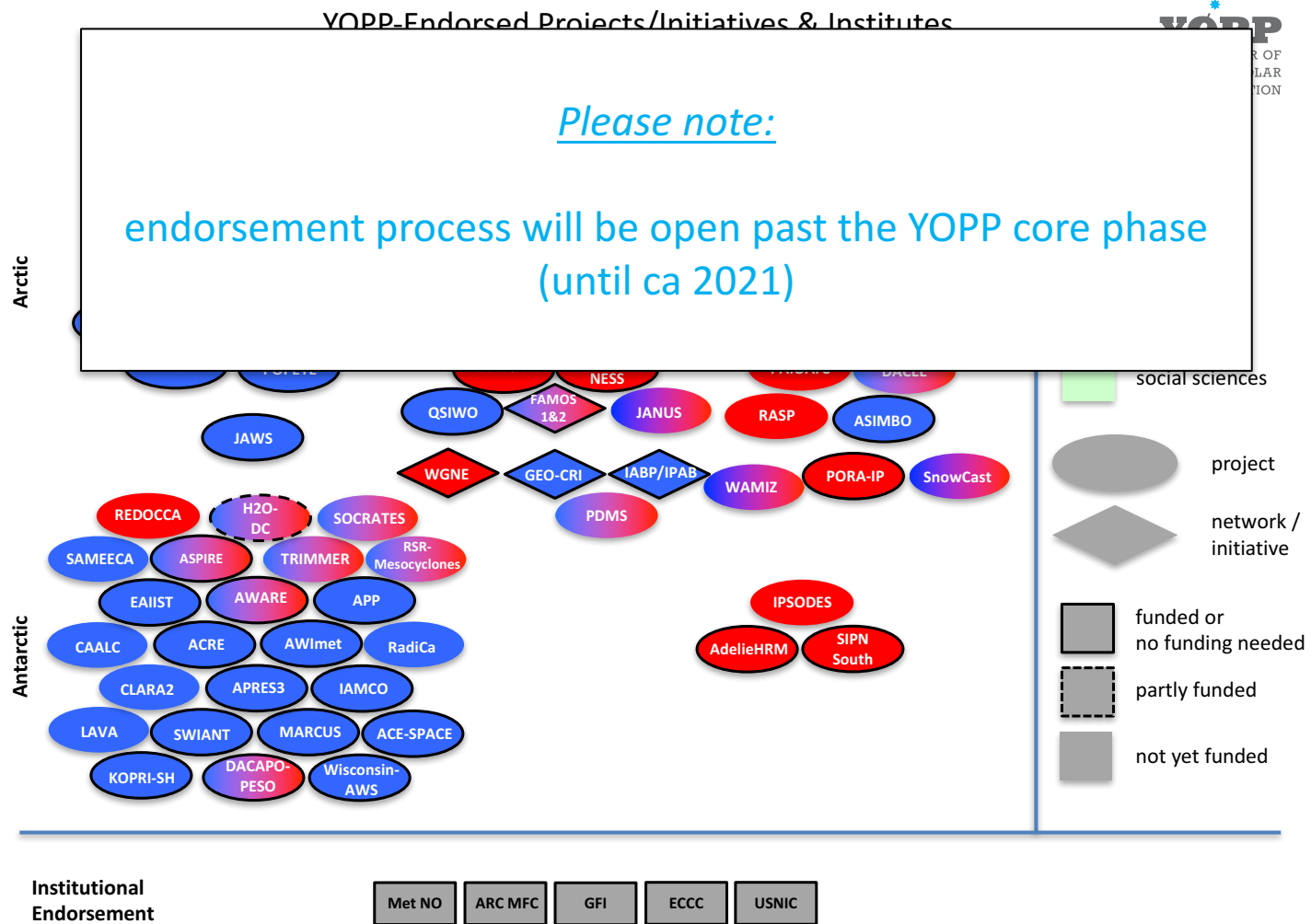
During ice-free periods, the Northern Sea Route (NSR) could be an attractive shipping route. The decline in Arctic sea-ice extent, however, could be associated with an increase in the frequency of the causes of severe weather phenomena, and high wind-driven waves and the advection of sea ice could make ship navigation along the NSR difficult. Accurate forecasts of weather and sea ice are desirable for safe navigation, but large uncertainties exist in current forecasts, partly owing to the sparse observational network over the Arctic Ocean. Here, we show that the incorporation of additional Arctic observations improves the initial analysis and enhances the skill of weather and sea-ice forecasts, the application of which has socioeconomic benefits. Comparison of 63-member ensemble atmospheric forecasts, using different initial data sets, revealed that additional Arctic radiosonde observations were useful for predicting a persistent strong wind event. The sea-ice forecast, initialised by the wind fields that included the effects of the observations, skillfully predicted rapid wind-driven sea-ice advection along the NSR.

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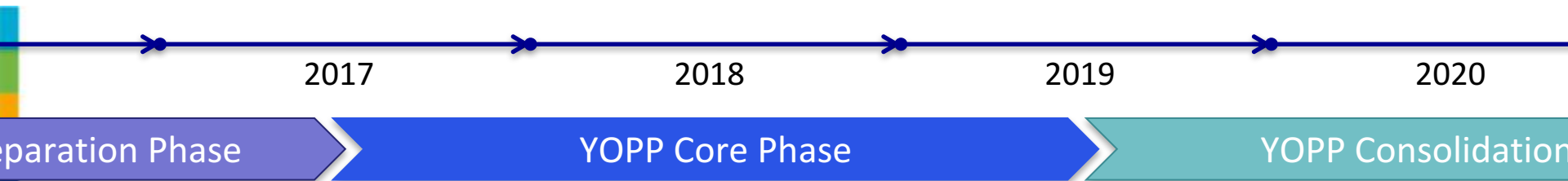
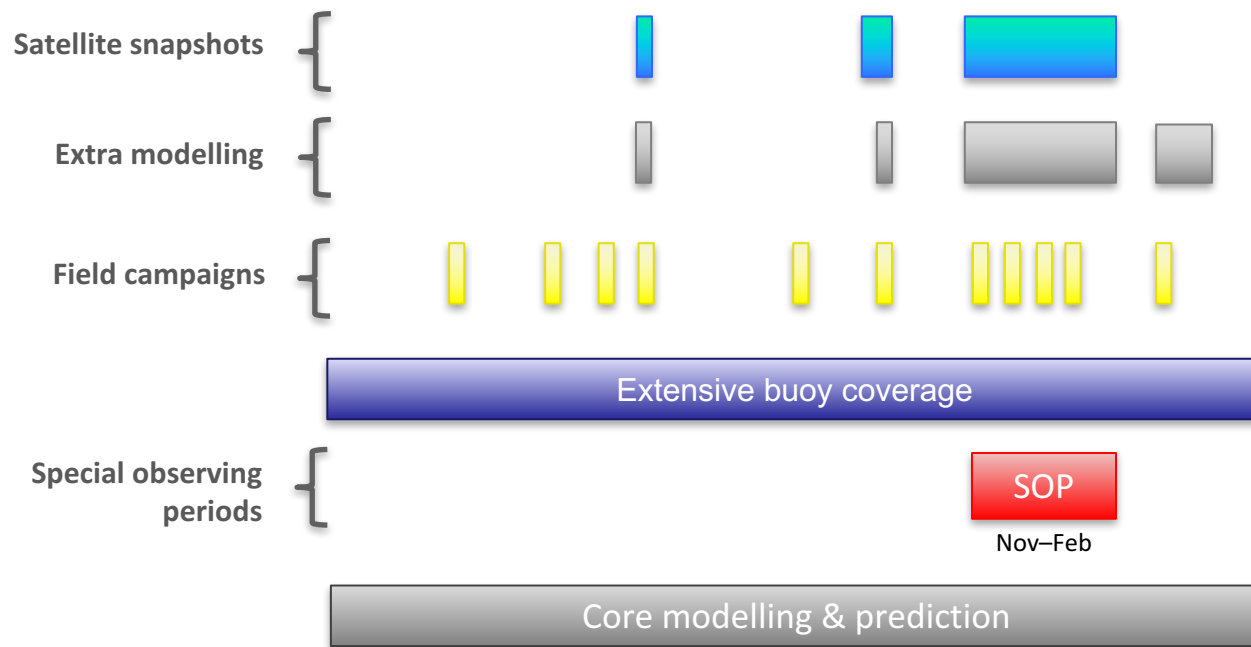
The climate of the Arctic has been changing rapidly in recent decades than any other part of this planet. The rapid rise in near-surface temperatures, about twice as fast as the global average (Hansen et al. 2010), is called the Arctic amplification (e.g., Holland and Bitz 2003). Its impact on the Arctic region is not only in terms of decrease in sea ice coverage but also in terms of new opportunities, but at the same time new risks. Using the Northern Sea Route, for example, to reduce the distance of their journey between Europe and the North Pacific region by more than 4,000 km, journeys through the Arctic, which to become increasingly feasible as climate continues (Smith and Stephenson 2013), is an opportunity for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, the environmental consequences in the Arctic, such as oil spills, are worse than in other regions (Emmer 2012). To effectively manage the opportunities and risks associated with climate change, it is essential to improve our understanding of the Arctic environment.

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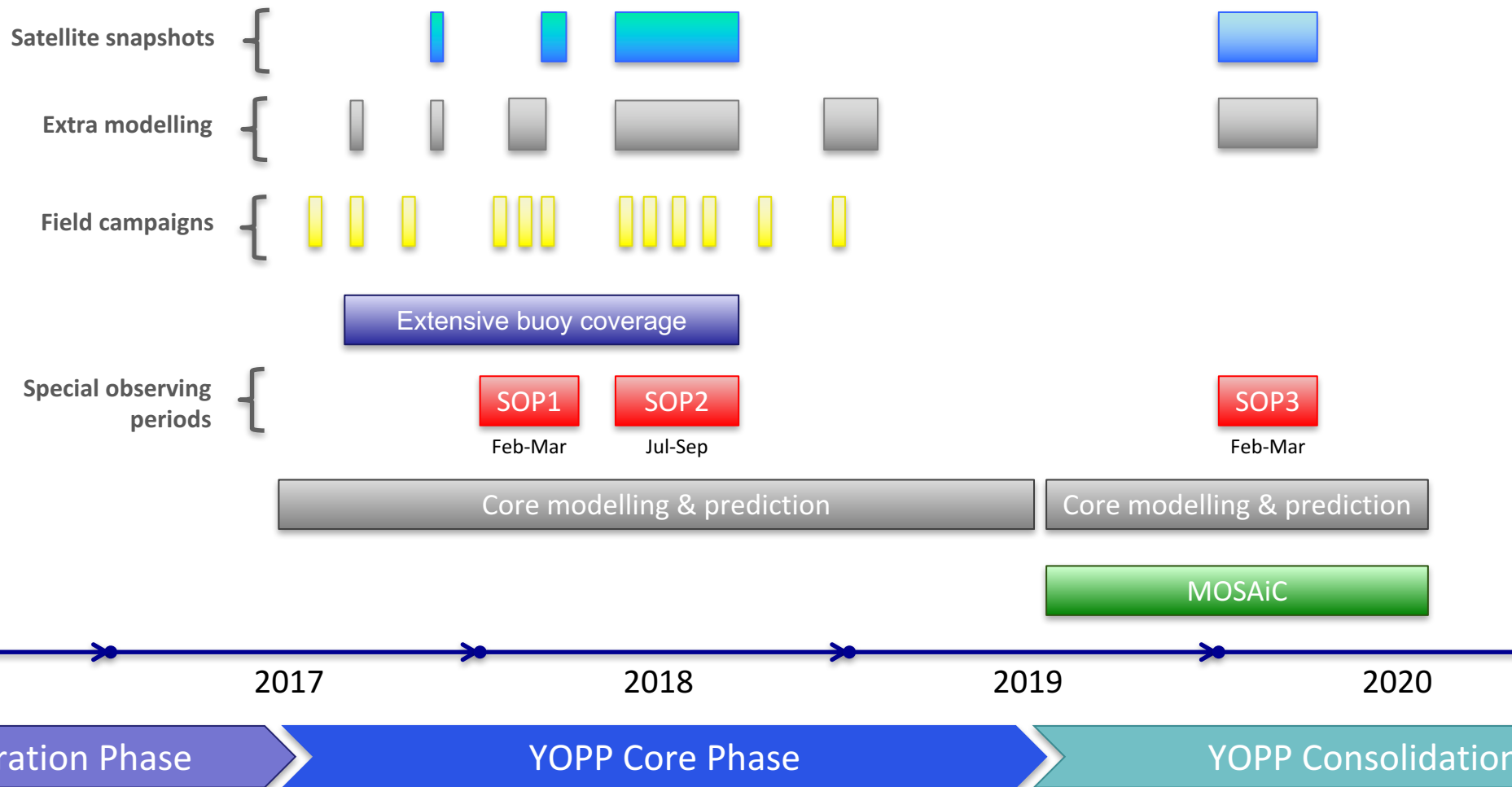
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YOPP Core Phase in Antarctica



YOPP Core Phase in the Arctic



Arctic Special Observing Periods SOP1 & SOP2)



SOP1: 1.990 extra
sondes from 16
different sites
Involving 7 nations

SOP2: almost 2,300
expected extra sondes
from Arctic sites and
YOPP campaigns

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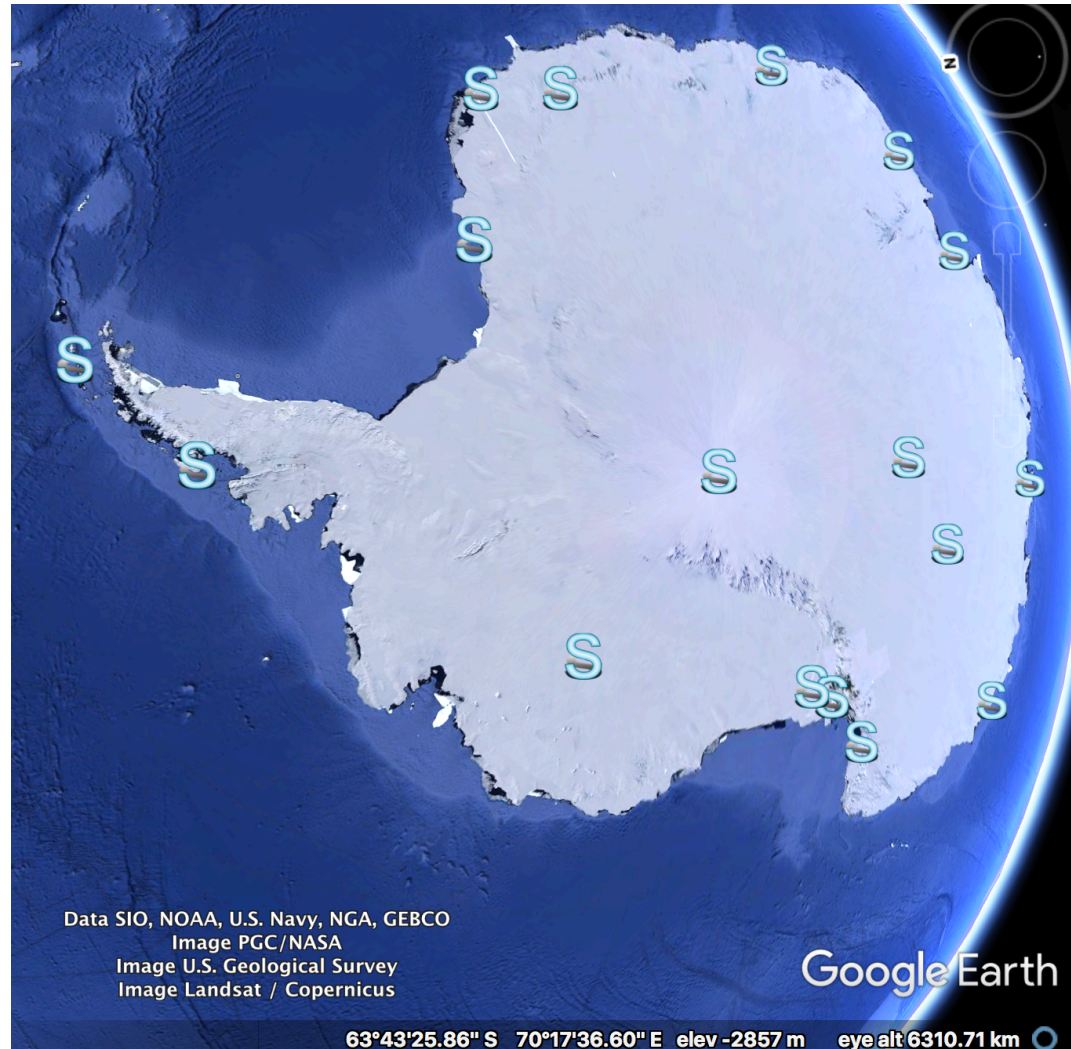


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Core Phase: Selected Highlights

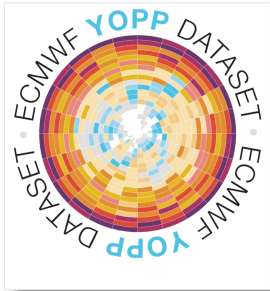
YOPP Supersites

Model centres provide **model output** for **comparison** with high-frequency **observations** at **YOPP Supersites** (remote talk by Barbara Casati Thursday)



Core Phase: Selected Highlights

YOPP model datasets



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polar regions and beyond



ECMWF Operational Ensemble Forecasts

- Period: July 2017 to June 2019
- Analysis fields (fc step 0)
- Coupled forecasts out to day 15
- Tco639 ($\approx 18\text{km}$) + 91 levels
- Data available on native mesh
- Available through the YOPP Data Portal: yopp.met.no

Sea Ice Forecasts (Arctic and Antarctic) from U.S. NRL

- Period: 1 Feb 2018 to 15 Feb 2019
- Navy Earth System Model (NESM): fully coupled atmosphere-ocean-sea ice model
- Each week, a time-lagged 4 member ensemble starting on Sat-Sun-Mon-Tue is run out 45 days

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2nd Polar Prediction School



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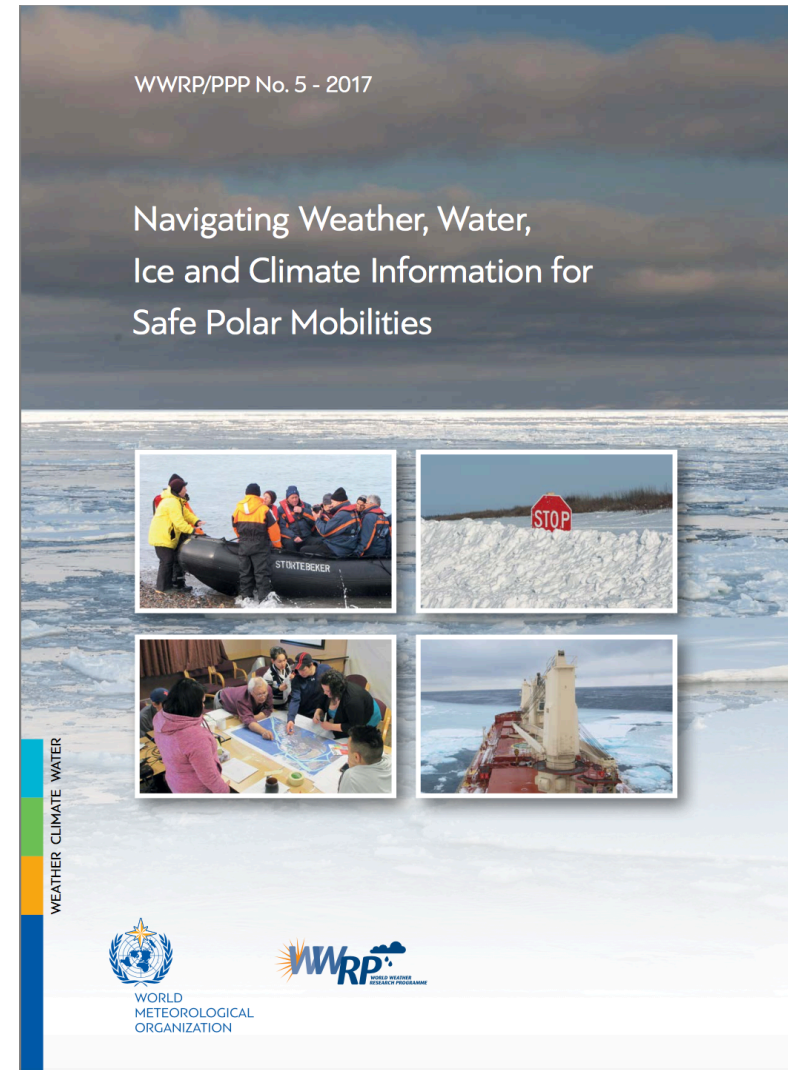
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World Climate Research Programme



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YOPP User Engagement: PPP-SERA Scoping Document

- „This report ... aims to explore how weather, water, ice and climate (WWIC) information is currently being used and produced in the Polar Regions, by whom, and for what reasons.“
- „The report also identifies, frames and articulates important areas of research related to the use and provision of environmental prediction services that should be prioritized and further developed during, and beyond, the Year of Polar Prediction (YOPP, 2017–19).“



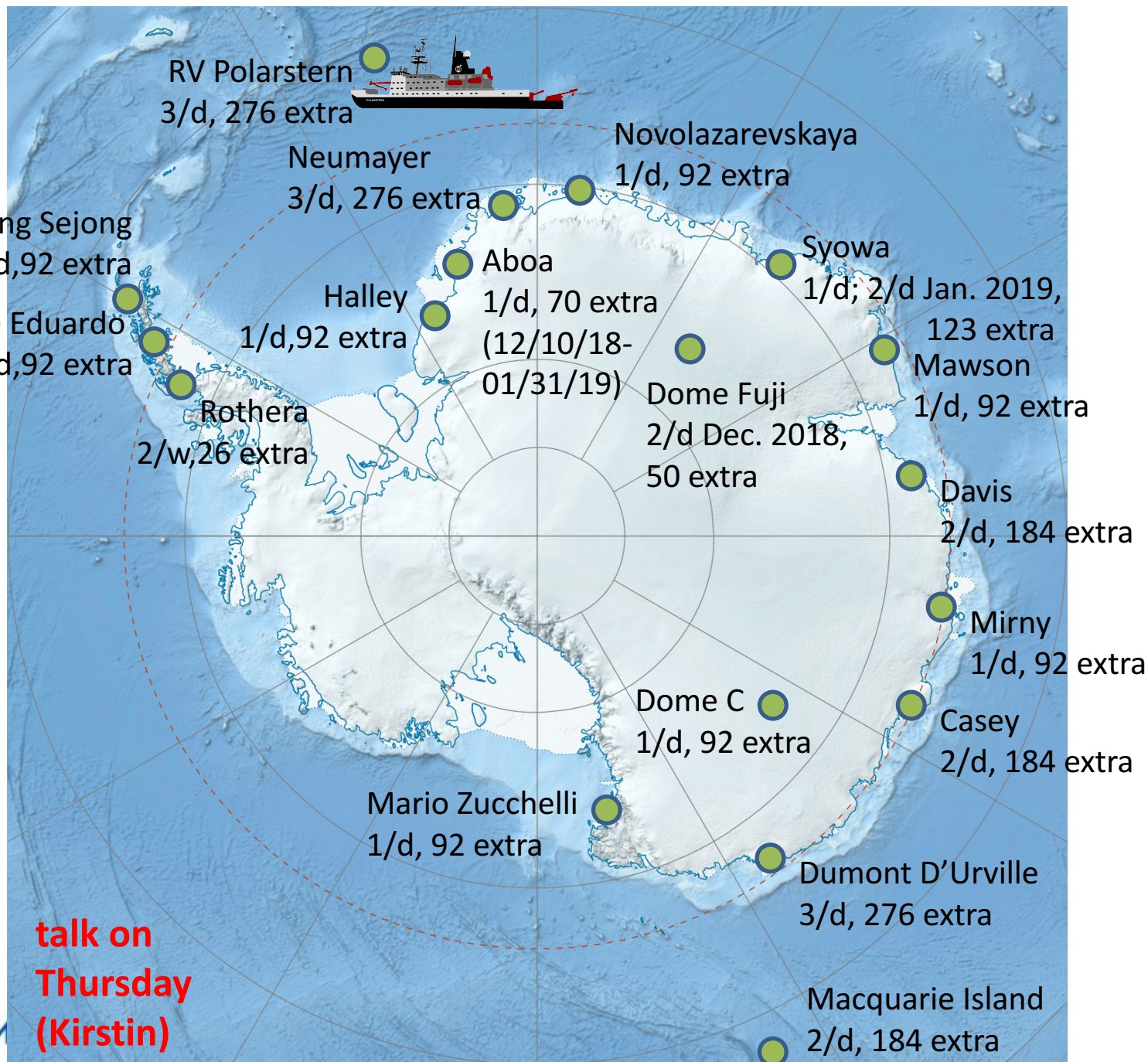
YOPP Southern Hemisphere

- **Coordination Committee** consists of representatives from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, UK, USA, SOOS, SORP, lead: Dave Bromwich
- **Antarctic Special Observing Period:**

November 16, 2018 to February 15, 2019

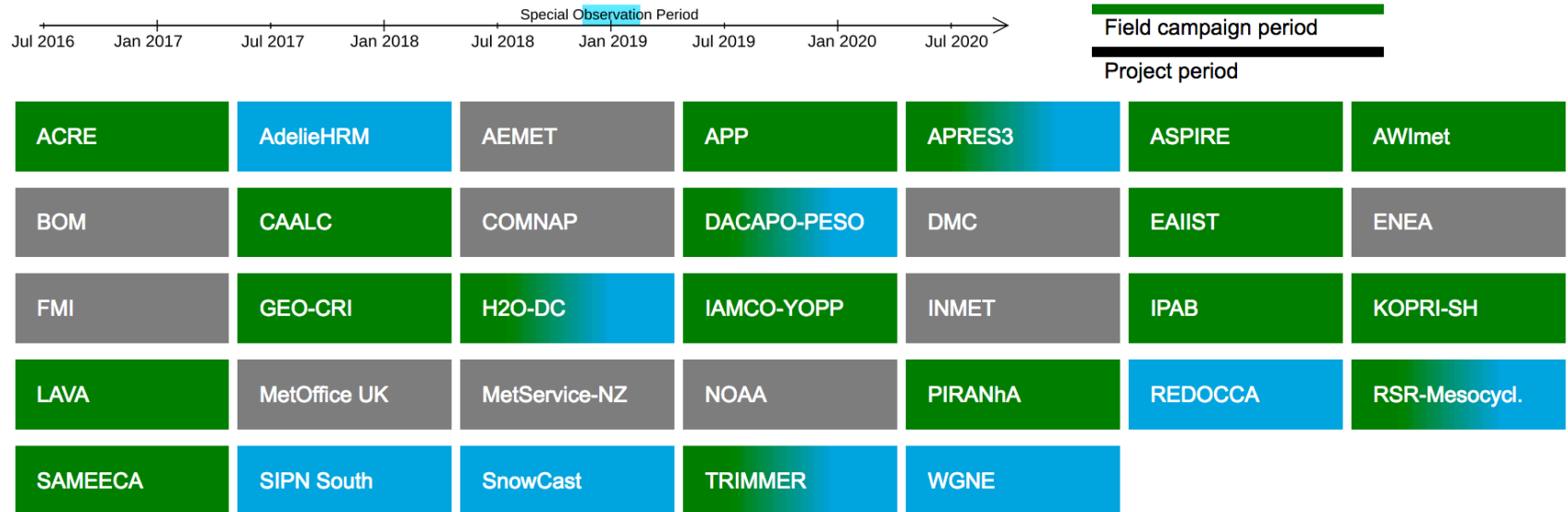
- **Website:** <http://polarmet.osu.edu/YOPP-SH/>

ca 2,380
extra
radiosonde
launches
during
YOPP-SH
Special
Observing
Period



talk on
Thursday
(Kirstin)

YOPP-Endorsed Project Campaigns



Display projects with a project period in a certain time span or observations during the Special Observation Period:
 SOP-SH: 16. Nov. 2018 - 15. Feb. 2019.

Start date: End date:

Observational Commitments for YOPP-SH SOP

(more on Thursday during YOPP-SH #03 meeting)

- Drifting buoy deployments in the Southern Ocean
(remote talk Ignatius Rigor)
- Ship observations from the Southern Ocean
(presentation Isa Rosso)
- Ocean Observatories Buoy at 55S, 90W (west of Drake Passage) will continue through YOPP-SH SOP. Surface weather, fluxes, water column observations.



YOPP Newsletter: PolarPredictNews



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It was about -30°C when Tomash Petrovsky and his team from AARI deployed two EUMETNET buoys (Mariyn-Yug SVP-B drifter with a standard set of sensors) in April this year on 180 cm thick first-year ice close to the North Pole. While drifting across the central Arctic, the buoys will measure air temperature and pressure (photo: Tomash Petrovsky/AARI).

- Featured Research Publications (*send your papers!*)
- YOPP-endorsed projects



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16 Publications

Characteristics of a Convective-Scale Weather Forecasting System for the European Arctic |

Authors compare the convective-scale weather prediction system AROME Arctic with the coarser resolution global ECMWF forecasting systems. The regional forecast system AROME Arctic operated by Met Norway adds value in surface characteristics of wind and temperature. A major limitation for kilometer-scale atmospheric forecasting systems in the Arctic is the representation of sea ice and ocean surface characteristics. This challenge is illustrated by analysing currently available sea-ice and surface temperature products and discussing their shortcomings.

Müller, M., Batrak, Y., Kristiansen, J., Koltzow, M.,

Predictability of Arctic Sea Ice on Weather Time Scales |

Simulations with a high-resolution sea ice-ocean model driven by atmospheric ensemble forecasts are used to determine the predictability of the Arctic sea-ice pack in winter. Understanding is limited in terms of the predictability of sea-ice deformation along so-called Linear Kinematic Features (LKFs) including sea-ice leads that are relevant for marine operations. Results show that the predictability of LKFs is almost completely lost after four to eight days, probably due to the low predictability of near surface wind divergence and vorticity.

Mohammadi-Aragh, M., Goessling, H., Losch, M., Hutter, N., Jung, T., 2018: Predictability of Arctic

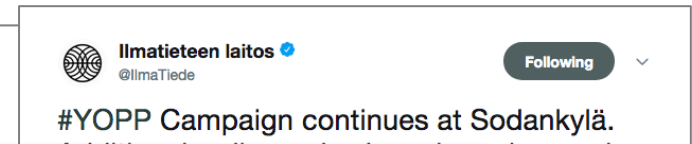
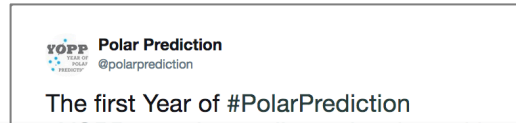
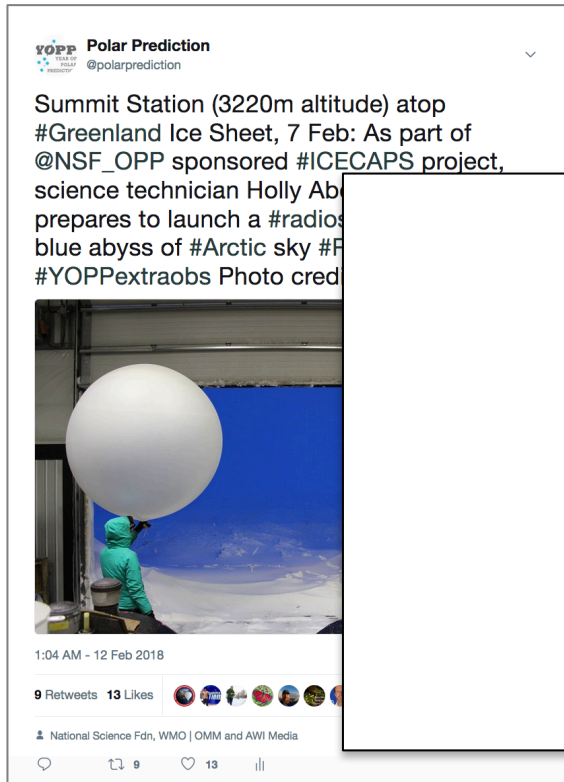


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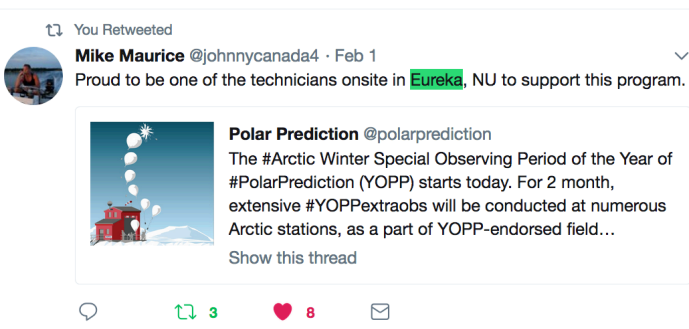
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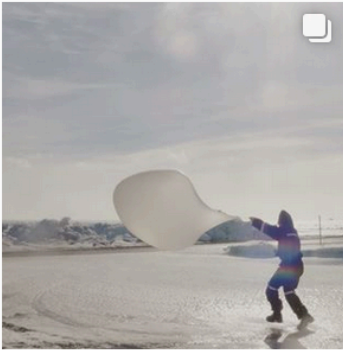
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Polar Prediction Matters – A Dialogue Platform to Engage with Forecast Users



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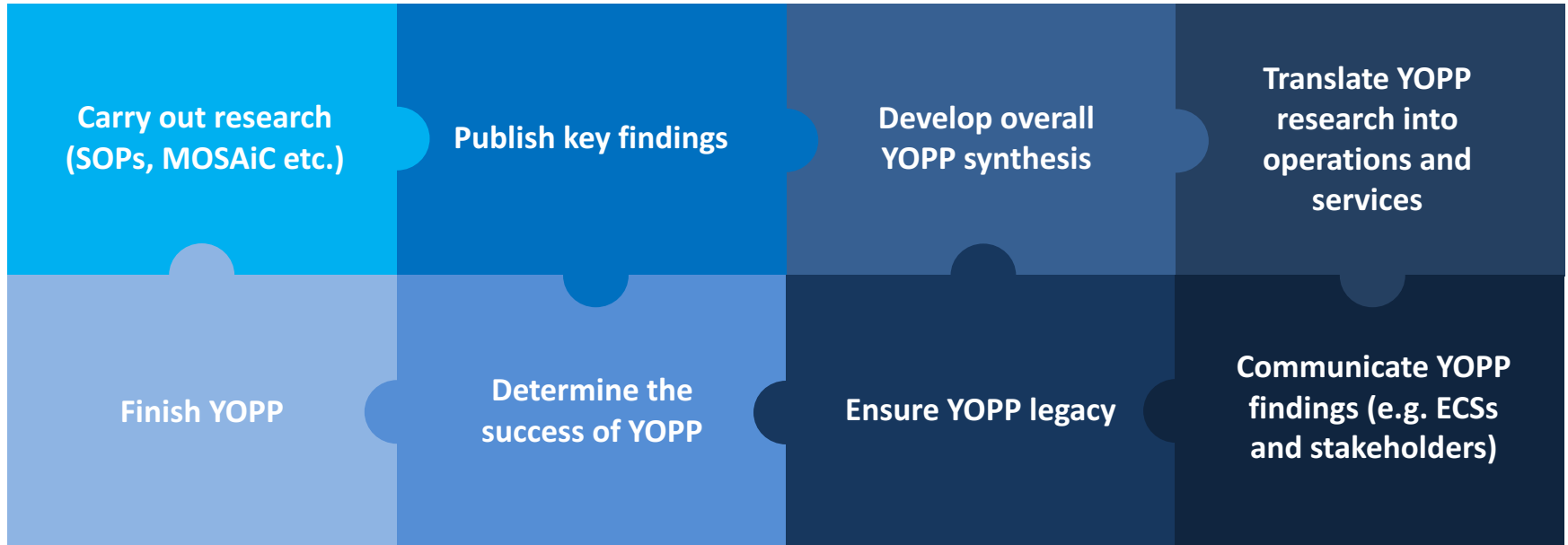
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YOPP Consolidation Phase



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Special issue:
Antarctic Meteorology and Climate: Past, Present and Future

Call for papers

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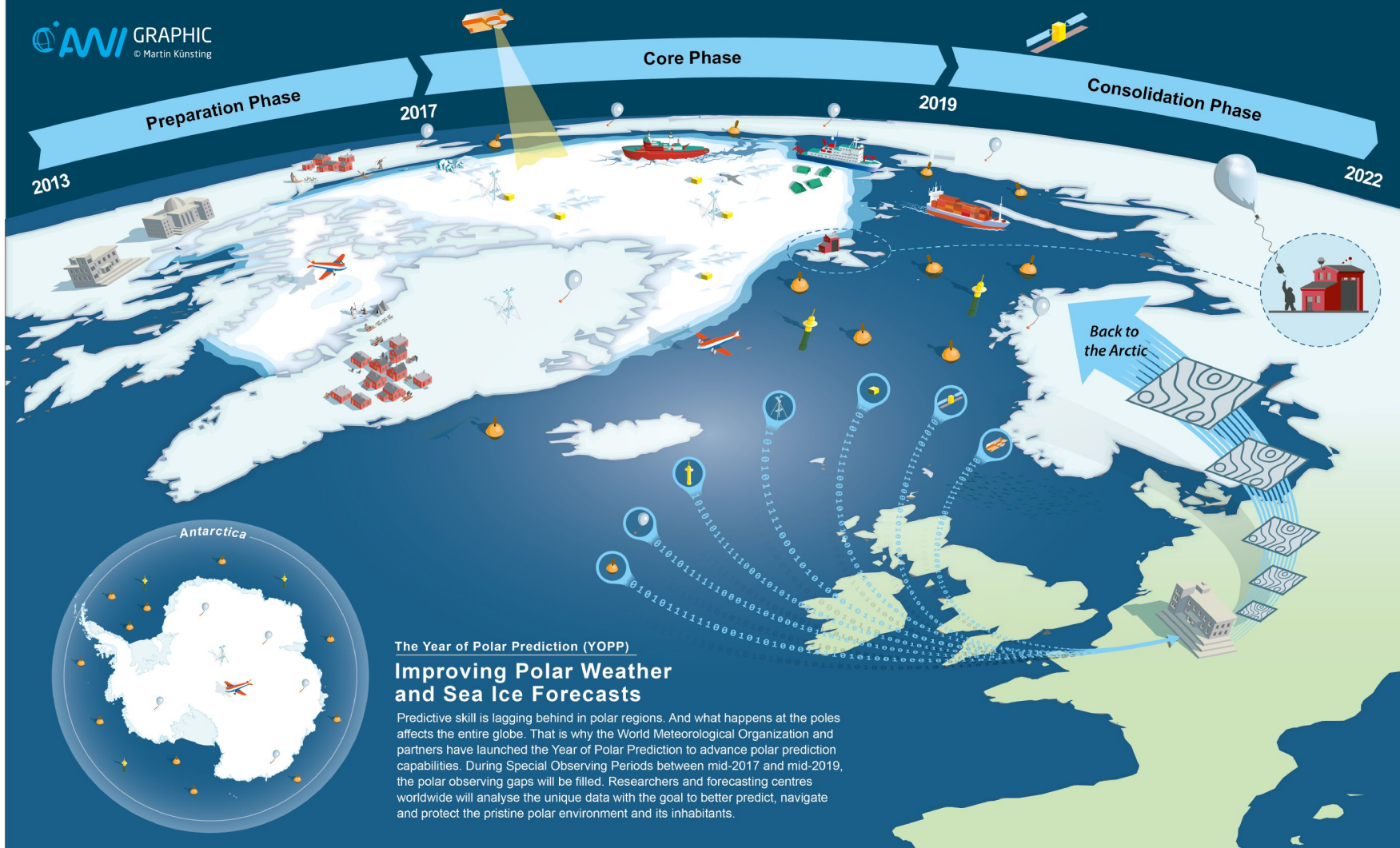
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Scope:

The Antarctic, including the continent of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, is a critically important part of the Earth system. Scientific research in the Antarctic has always been, and remains, a challenging endeavor. The ongoing effort of the Year of Polar Prediction (YOPP) in the Antarctic provides a stimulus for a focused research





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