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TABLE S.2 FINAL LIST OF QUESTIONS^{1,2}

Antarctic Atmosphere and Global Connections

- **1.** How is climate change and variability in the high southern latitudes connected to lower latitudes including the Tropical Ocean and monsoon systems?
- 2. How do Antarctic processes affect mid-latitude weather and extreme events?
- **3.** How have teleconnections, feedbacks, and thresholds in decadal and longer term climate variability affected ice sheet response since the Last Glacial Maximum, and how can this inform future climate projections?
- **4.** What drives change in the strength and position of Westerly winds, and what are their effects on ocean circulation, carbon uptake and global teleconnections?
- 5. How did the climate and atmospheric composition vary prior to the oldest ice records?
- 6. What controls regional patterns of atmospheric and oceanic warming and cooling in the Antarctic and Southern Ocean? (*Cross-cuts "Southern Ocean"*)
- 7. How can coupling and feedbacks between the atmosphere and the surface (land ice, sea ice and ocean) be better represented in weather and climate models? (*Cross-cuts "Southern Ocean" and "Antarctic Ice Sheet"*)
- 8. Does past amplified warming of Antarctica provide insight into the effects of future warming on climate and ice sheets? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctica Ice Sheet"*)
- **9.** Are there CO₂ equivalent thresholds that foretell collapse of all or part of the Antarctic Ice Sheet? *(Cross-cuts "Antarctic Ice Sheet")*
- **10.** Will there be release of greenhouse gases stored in Antarctic and Southern Ocean clathrates, sediments, soils, and permafrost as climate changes? (*Cross-cuts "Dynamic Earth"*)
- **11.** Is the recovery of the ozone hole proceeding as expected and how will its recovery affect regional and global atmospheric circulation, climate and ecosystems? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life" and "Human"*)

Southern Ocean and Sea Ice In A Warming World

- **12.** Will changes in the Southern Ocean result in feedbacks that accelerate or slow the pace of climate change?
- **13.** Why are the properties and volume of Antarctic Bottom Water changing, and what are the consequences for global ocean circulation and climate?
- **14.** How does Southern Ocean circulation, including exchange with lower latitudes, respond to climate forcing?
- **15.** What processes and feedbacks drive changes in the mass, properties and distribution of Antarctic sea ice?
- **16.** How do changes in iceberg numbers and size distribution affect Antarctica and the Southern Ocean?
- 17. How has Antarctic sea ice extent and volume varied over decadal to millennial time scales?
- 18. How will changes in ocean surface waves influence Antarctic sea ice and floating glacial ice?
- **19.** How do changes in sea ice extent, seasonality and properties affect Antarctic atmospheric and oceanic circulation? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere"*)
- **20.** How do extreme events affect the Antarctic cryosphere and Southern Ocean? (*Cross-cuts* "*Antarctic Ice Sheet*")
- **21.** How did the Antarctic cryosphere and the Southern Ocean contribute to glacial-interglacial cycles? *(Cross-cuts "Antarctic Ice Sheet")*
- **22.** How will climate change affect the physical and biological uptake of CO₂ by the Southern Ocean? *(Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life")*
- **23.** How will changes in freshwater inputs affect ocean circulation and ecosystem processes? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life*")

Antarctic Ice Sheet and Sea Level

- 24. How does small-scale morphology in subglacial and continental shelf bathymetry affect Antarctic Ice Sheet response to changing environmental conditions? (*Cross-cuts "Dynamic Earth"*)
- 25. What are the processes and properties that control the form and flow of the Antarctic Ice Sheet?

 $^{^1}$ Questions are assigned numbers for ease of referencing and do not indicate relative importance or rank-order within or between clusters.

² Questions that cross-cut clusters are indicated in red.

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- **26.** How does subglacial hydrology affect ice sheet dynamics, and how important is it? (*Cross-cuts* "*Dynamic Earth*")
- 27. How do the characteristics of the ice sheet bed, such as geothermal heat flux and sediment distribution, affect ice flow and ice sheet stability? (*Cross-cuts Dynamic Earth*")
- **28.** What are the thresholds that lead to irreversible loss of all or part of the Antarctic ice sheet?
- **29.** How will changes in surface melt over the ice shelves and ice sheet evolve, and what will be the impact of these changes?
- **30.** How do oceanic processes beneath ice shelves vary in space and time, how are they modified by sea ice, and do they affect ice loss and ice sheet mass balance? (*Cross-cuts "Southern Ocean*")
- **31.** How will large-scale processes in the Southern Ocean and atmosphere affect the Antarctic Ice Sheet, particularly the rapid disintegration of ice shelves and ice sheet margins? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere" and "Southern Ocean"*)
- **32.** How fast has the Antarctic Ice Sheet changed in the past and what does that tell us about the future?
- 33. How did marine-based Antarctic ice sheets change during previous inter-glacial periods?
- **34.** How will the sedimentary record beneath the ice sheet inform our knowledge of the presence or absence of continental ice? (*Cross-cuts "Dynamic Earth"*)

Dynamic Earth - Probing Beneath Antarctic Ice

- **35.** How does the bedrock geology under the Antarctic Ice Sheet inform our understanding of supercontinent assembly and break-up through Earth history?
- **36.** Do variations in geothermal heat flux in Antarctica provide a diagnostic signature of sub-ice geology?
- **37.** What is the crust and mantle structure of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, and how do they affect surface motions due to glacial isostatic adjustment?
- **38.** How does volcanism affect the evolution of the Antarctic lithosphere, ice sheet dynamics, and global climate? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere" and "Antarctic Ice Sheet"*)
- **39.** What are and have been the rates of geomorphic change in different Antarctic regions, and what are the ages of preserved landscapes?
- **40.** How do tectonics, dynamic topography, ice loading and isostatic adjustment affect the spatial pattern of sea level change on all time scales? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Ice Sheet"*)
- **41.** Will increased deformation and volcanism characterize Antarctica when ice mass is reduced in a warmer world, and if so, how will glacial- and ecosystems be affected? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life"*)
- **42.** How will permafrost, the active layer and water availability in Antarctic soils and marine sediments change in a warming climate, and what are the effects on ecosystems and biogeochemical cycles? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life"*)

Antarctic Life on the Precipice

- **43.** What is the genomic basis of adaptation in Antarctic and Southern Ocean organisms and communities?
- **44.** How fast are mutation rates and how extensive is gene flow in the Antarctic and the Southern Ocean?
- **45.** How have ecosystems in the Antarctic and the Southern Ocean responded to warmer climate conditions in the past? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere" and "Oceans"*)
- **46.** How has life evolved in the Antarctic in response to dramatic events in the Earth's history? *(Cross-cuts "Dynamic Earth")*
- **47.** How do subglacial systems inform models for the development of life on Earth and elsewhere? *(Cross-cuts "Eyes on the Sky")*
- **48.** Which ecosystems and food webs are most vulnerable in the Antarctic and Southern Ocean, and which organisms are most likely to go extinct?
- **49.** How will threshold transitions vary over different spatial and temporal scales, and how will they impact ecosystem functioning under future environmental conditions?
- **50.** What are the synergistic effects of multiple stressors and environmental change drivers on Antarctic and Southern Ocean biota?
- **51.** How will organism and ecosystems respond to a changing soundscape in the Southern Ocean?" (*Cross-cuts "Human*")
- **52.** How will next-generation contaminants affect Antarctic and Southern Ocean biota and ecosystems?

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- **53.** What is the exposure and response of Antarctic organisms and ecosystems to atmospheric contaminants (e.g. black carbon, mercury, sulphur, etc.), and are the sources and distributions of these contaminants changing? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere" and "Human"*)
- **54.** How will the sources and mechanisms of dispersal of propagules into and around the Antarctic and Southern Ocean change in the future?
- **55.** How will invasive species and range shifts of indigenous species change Antarctic and Southern Ocean ecosystems? (*Cross-cuts "Human*")
- **56.** How will climate change affect the risk of spreading emerging infectious diseases in Antarctica? *(Cross-cuts "Human")*
- **57.** How will increases in the ice-free Antarctic intertidal zone impact biodiversity and the likelihood of biological invasions?
- **58.** How will climate change affect existing and future Southern Ocean fisheries, especially krill stocks? (*Cross-cuts "Human*")
- 59. How will linkages between marine and terrestrial systems change in the future?
- **60.** What are the impacts of changing seasonality and transitional events on Antarctic and Southern Ocean marine ecology, biogeochemistry, and energy flow?
- **61.** How will increased marine resource harvesting impact Southern Ocean biogeochemical cycles? *(Cross-cuts "Human")*
- **62.** How will deep sea ecosystems respond to modifications of deep water formation, and how will deep sea species interact with shallow water ecosystems as the environment changes?
- **63.** How can changes in the form and frequency of extreme events be used to improve biological understanding and forecasting? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere"*)
- **64.** How can temporal and spatial "omic-level" analyses of Antarctic and Southern Ocean biodiversity inform ecological forecasting?
- **65.** What will key marine species tell us about trophic interactions and their oceanographic drivers such as future shifts in frontal dynamics and stratification?
- **66.** How successful will Southern Ocean Marine Protected Areas be in meeting their protection objectives, and how will they affect ecosystem processes and resource extraction? (*Cross-cuts "Human"*)
- **67.** What ex situ conservation measures, such as genetic repositories, are required for the Antarctic and Southern Ocean? (*Cross-cuts "Human*")
- **68.** How effective are Antarctic and Southern Ocean conservation measures for preserving evolutionary potential? (*Cross-cuts "Human*")

Near-Earth Space and Beyond - Eyes on the Sky

- **69.** What happened in the first second after the Universe began?
- 70. What is the nature of the dark Universe and how is it affecting us?
- **71.** What are the differences in the inter-hemispheric conjugacy between the ionosphere and that in the lower, middle and upper atmospheres, and what causes those differences?
- **72.** How does space weather influence the polar ionosphere and what are the wider implications for the global atmosphere? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere"*)
- **73.** How do the generation, propagation, variability and climatology of atmospheric waves affect atmospheric processes over Antarctica and the Southern Ocean? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Atmosphere"*)

Human Presence in Antarctica

- 74. How can natural and human-induced environmental changes be distinguished, and how will this knowledge affect Antarctic governance? (*Cross-cuts all other Clusters*)
- **75.** What will be the impacts of large-scale, direct human modification of the Antarctic environment? *(Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life")*
- **76.** How will external pressures and changes in the geopolitical configurations of power affect Antarctic governance and science?
- **77.** How will the use of Antarctica for peaceful purposes and science be maintained as barriers to access change?
- 78. How will regulatory mechanisms evolve to keep pace with Antarctic tourism?
- 79. What is the current and potential value of Antarctic ecosystem services?
- **80.** How will humans, diseases and pathogens change, impact and adapt to the extreme Antarctic environment? (*Cross-cuts "Antarctic Life"*)