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Two Possible Approaches

- “Top-Down” Choose a driver and see how it affects the key topics
 - Ex: Effect of sea-ice melt
- “Bottom-Up” Choose an intriguing observable and try to explain/predict it
 - Changing distribution of fish
 - Storage of anthropogenic carbon
 - Expanding O₂ minimum zones

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- Modeling: need very high-resolution models, want to be able to predict for next 20 years

Anthropogenic Carbon Storage

- Need to know about:
 - Phytoplankton, stratification, circulation, elemental ratios
 - Connectivity between basins; Freshwater Input

Link back to incorporate most of the major “commonalities” shown on the first slide

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