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The current strategy paper for POF V focuses in combination with the Research goals of the Federal Ministry for Education and Science, and the mission of the Helmholtz Society all are very much directed towards application of scientific results for the benefit of society. Where we all agree that this is of course very necessary, there is a certain risk that this will create tension between the freedom of science, and discovery and outside pressures. Here we will discuss how this affects research at AWI in this and coming POF periods, how we can adapt to societal needs and at the same time continue to work towards scientific discovery.

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