



Generic Framework for assessing impacts of offshore Arctic operations

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Main objective

Generic framework to qualify and quantify environmental impacts of offshore operations in the Arctic.

Results

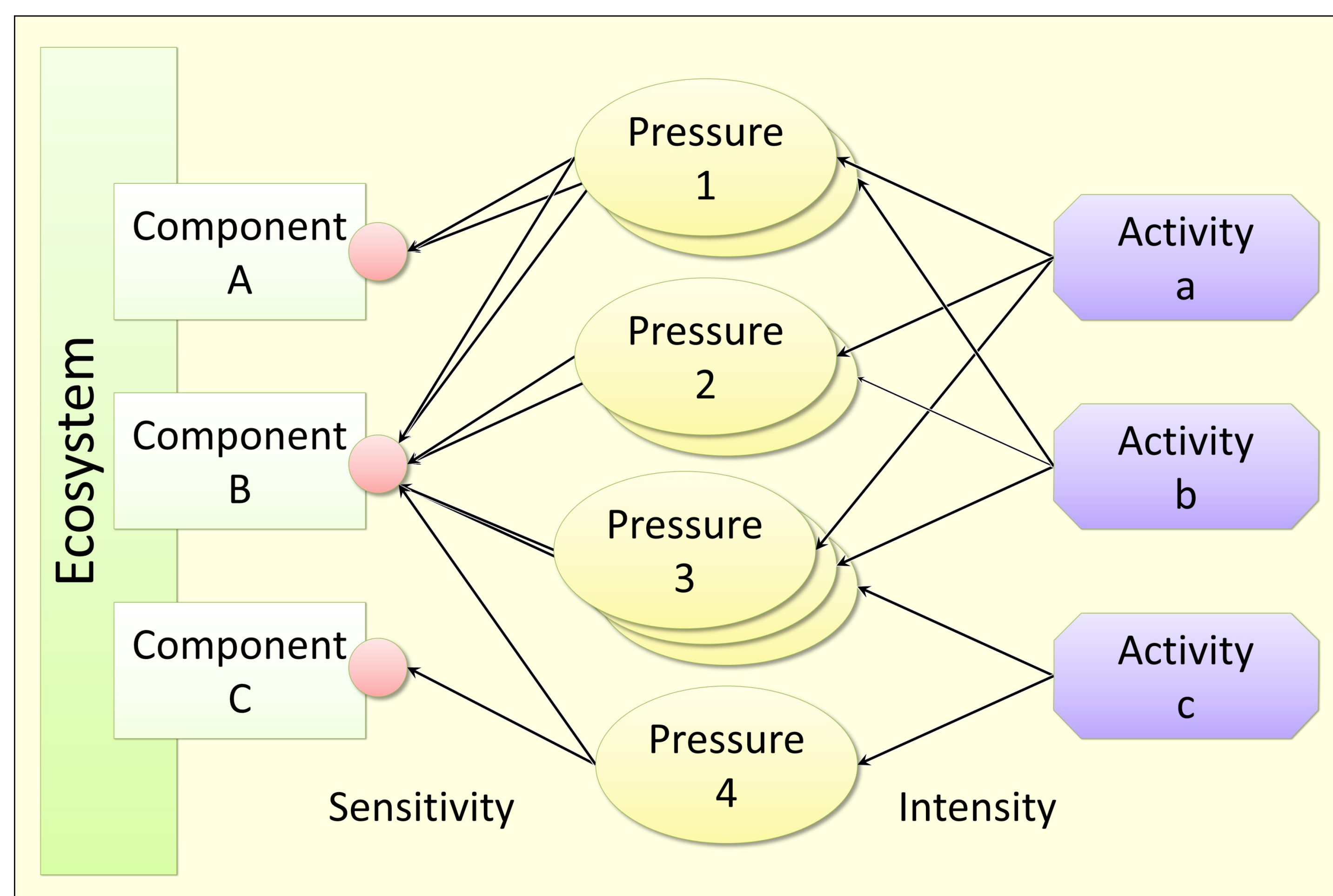
- Standard procedure for EIA
- Cumulative Impact Assessment & Ecosystem Effect Chain
- Effects are a function of the intensity of pressures and the sensitivity of ecosystem components
- Interactions of ecosystem components are included
- Both negative effects as positive effects
- Qualitative approach as scoping for semi-quantitative and quantitative approach
- Semi-quantitative approach results in relative effects
- Quantitative approach results in actual effects

Gaps

- Testing & validating in case study
- Interactions between ecosystem components in semi-quantitative assessment
- Sensitivity & uncertainty analysis
- Modelling tool for quantitative assessment

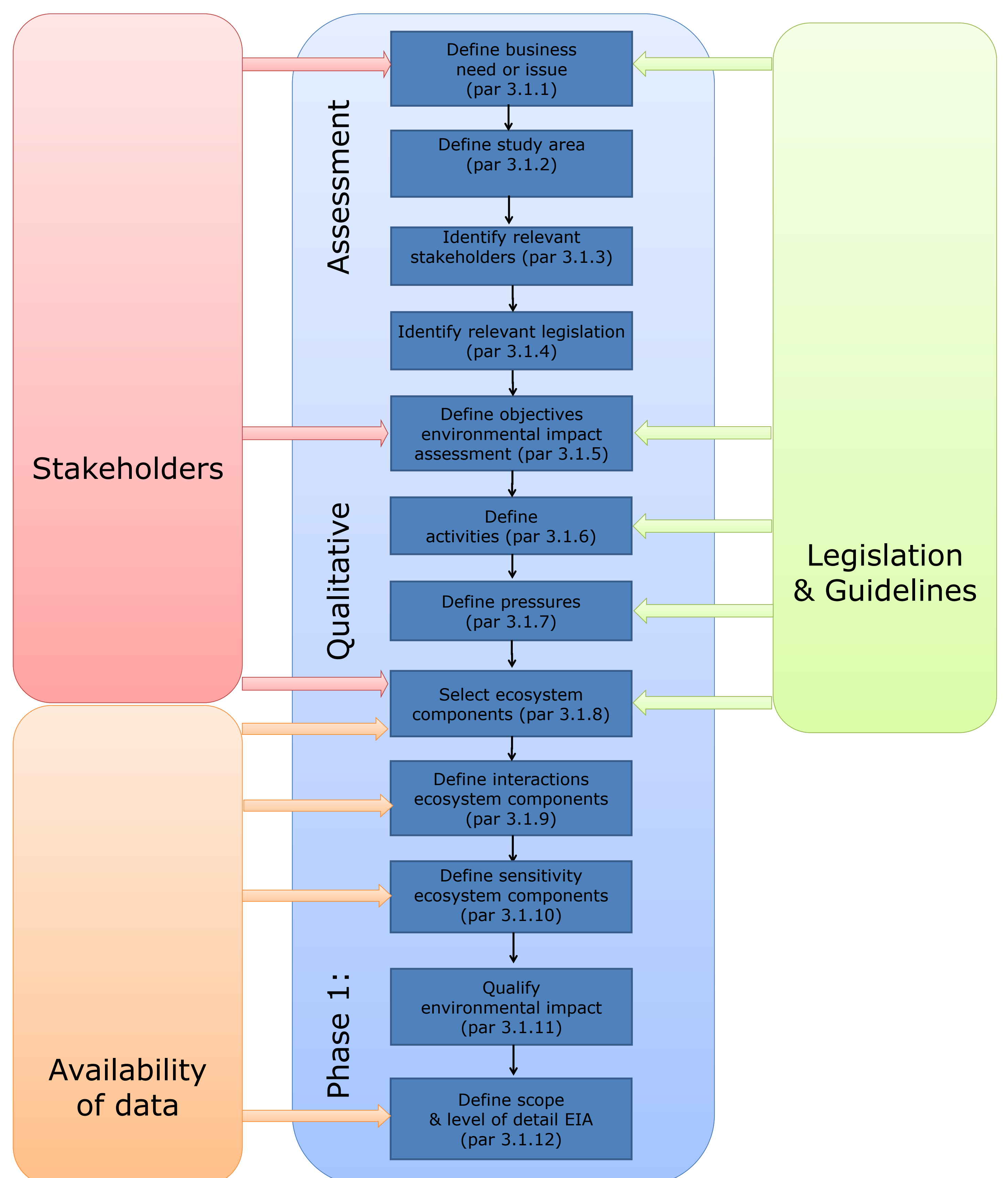


Fjord in Norway (Adrian Zenz)



Network approach

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Qualitative assessment

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