

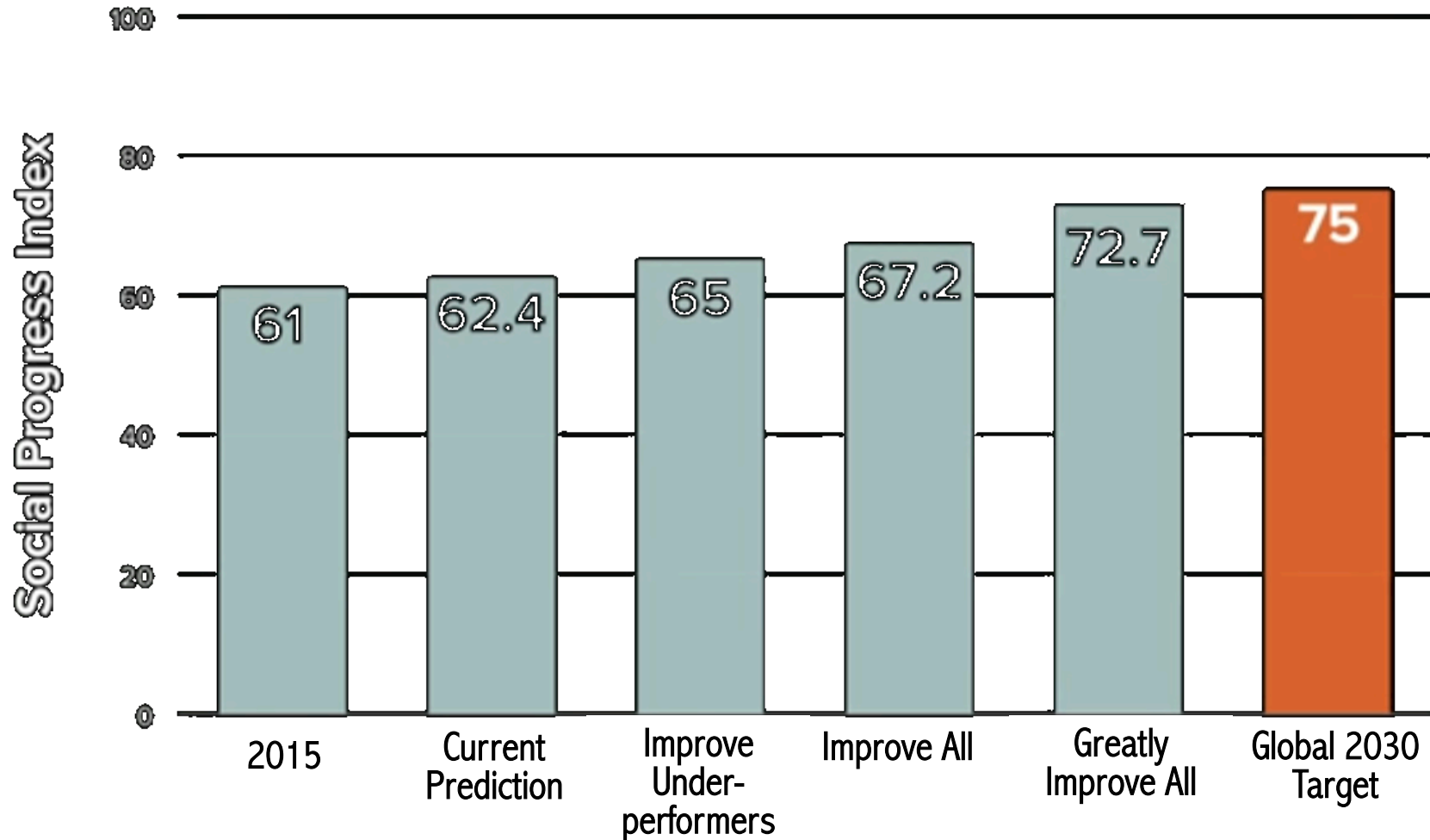
2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals Framework

**2030 agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity:
The SDGs are where we, humanity, want to be (in 15 years)**



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- A person wearing a red jacket is seen from behind, holding a black umbrella. They are standing in a vast field of bright yellow flowers, likely rapeseed. In the background, there are rolling hills and a sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.
- **Origins in Rio+20 Summit in 2012 – MDGs.**
 - **Three-year process involving 83 national surveys and over 7 million people, the biggest consultation in UN history.**
 - **From governance experts to climate researchers, the academic community largely supports the goals. The International Council for Science.**
 - **Not everyone agrees:**
 - The Lancet: “fairy tales, dressed in the bureaucratese of intergovernmental narcissism, adorned with the robes of multilateral paralysis, and poisoned by the acid of nation-state failure”.**
 - William Easterly: “The SDGs Should Stand for Senseless, Dreamy, Garbled”**
 - **SDGs are about universal values, with broad legitimacy among all parties – a big deal.**

The Social Progress Index (SPI) eschews GDP entirely and focuses on 53 social and environmental output indicators under three headings: basic needs, the foundations of well-being and opportunity.



Verburg et al., 2016, GEC

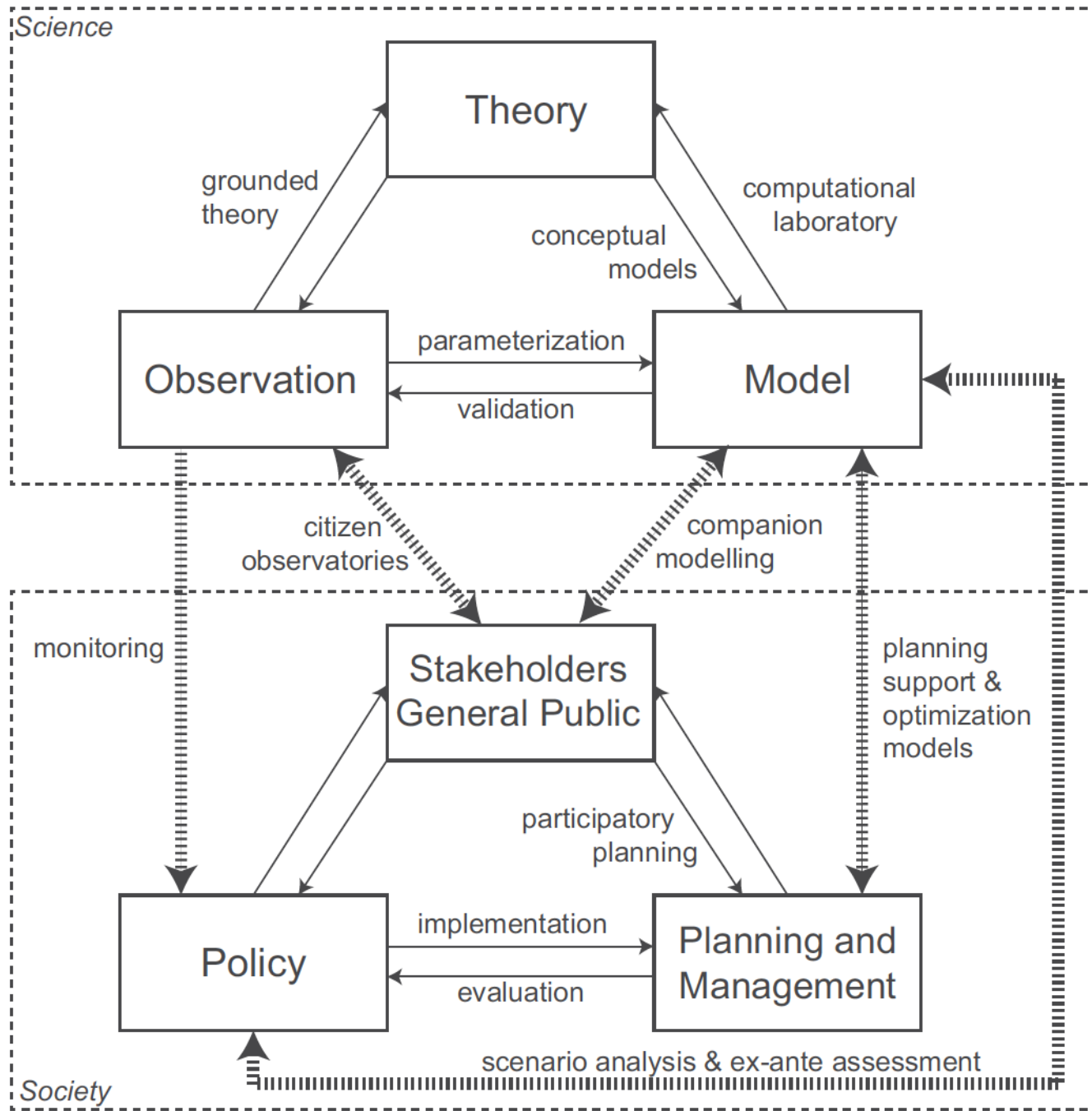
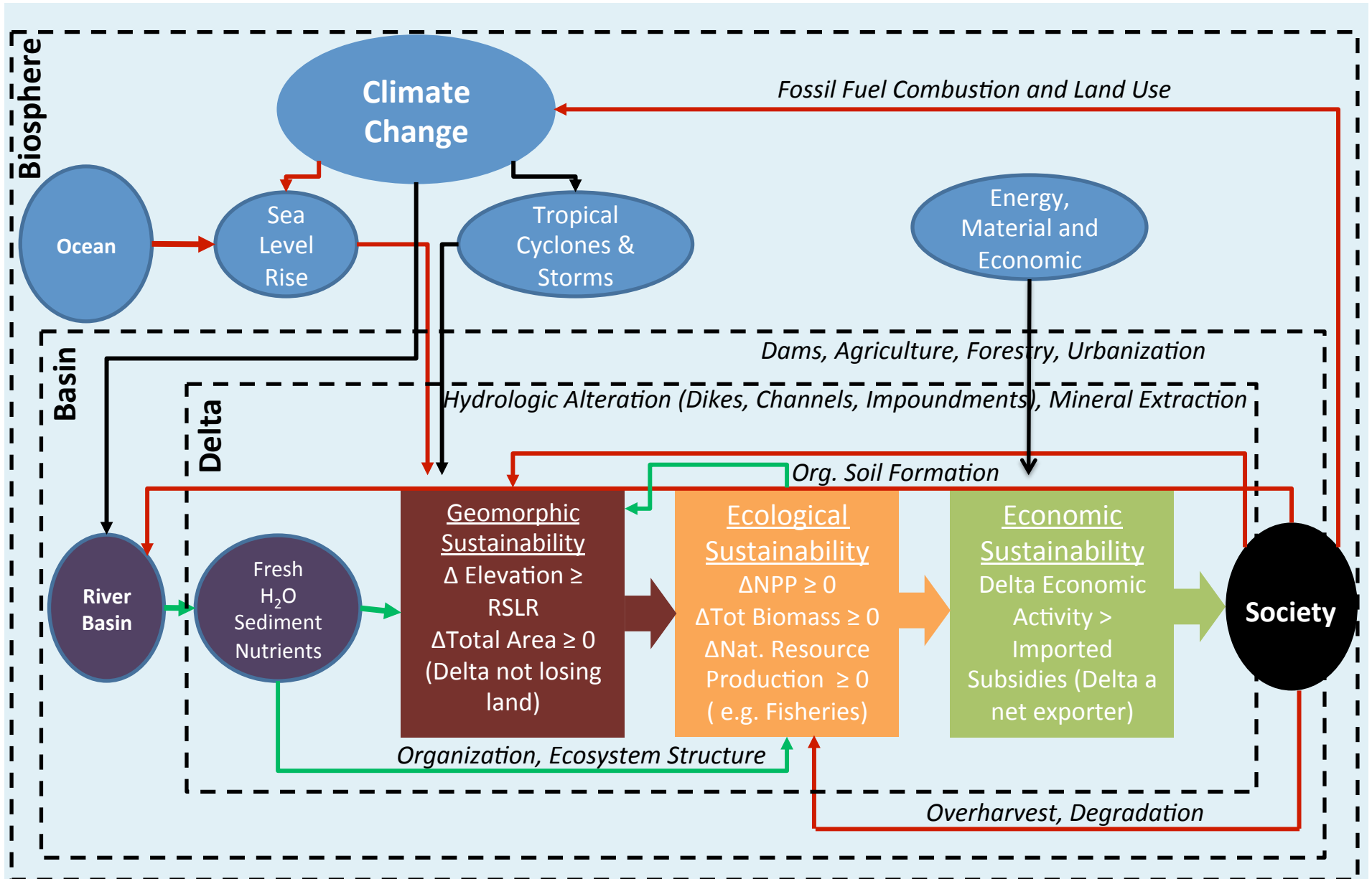


Fig. 3. Overview of different interactions between science and society related to modelling.



Feedbacks reducing sustainability are **red** and flow from the society to the delta, basin, and biosphere.

Feed-backs supporting sustainability are **green** and originate from the river.

Feed-backs that alter the delta in both positive and negative ways are **black**.