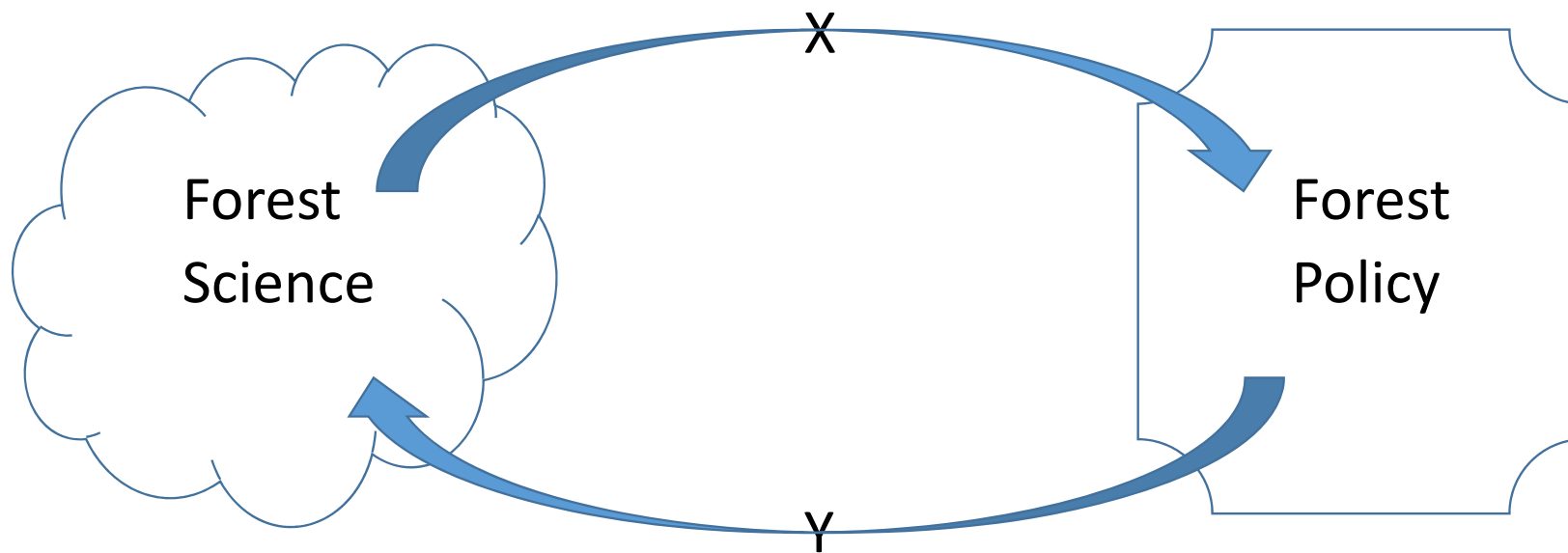


Forest Science – Policy Interaction in Sweden

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X = How science is used to support policy making

Y = How policy affects the development of science

How does policy influence research?

- Policy decisions affect allocation of research funds
- Policy decisions create hot topics of research
- Implemented policies are in many cases are the subject of empirical research

How do research results affect policy making?

- Policy makers seek scientific support for their policy proposals/arguments
- Researchers attempt to influence policy-making
- Third-party organizations use research results to influence policy-making

The process of legislation in Sweden

1. Initiative to legislation changes
2. Government investigation (Statlig utredning)
3. Comments by relevant agencies and organizations
4. Government and Parliamentary processing

Examples of Official Investigation of the State

- SOU 2017:81 Legal overview of forestry legislation
- SOU 2009:30 Forest without boundaries?
- SOU 2008:103 How should the forest policy be implemented in Gotland?
- SOU 2006:81 Added value forests
- SOU 2005:39 Forest for the benefits of all?
- SOU 2002:40 State-owned forests and protected land

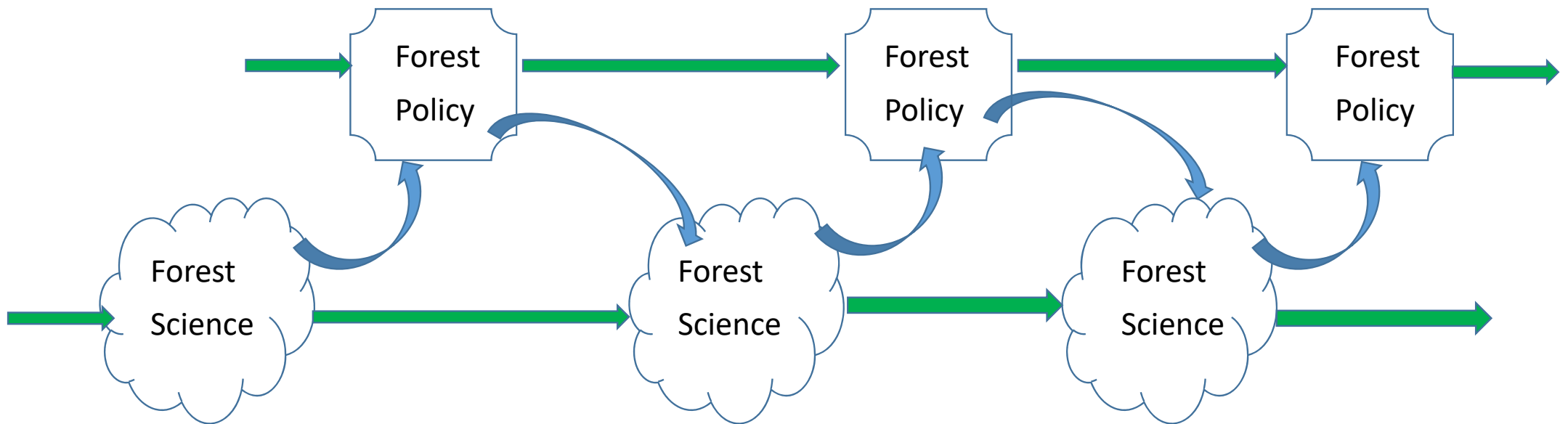
Some personal reflections

1. The quality of scientific evidence

- Research results affect policy making through consequence analysis
- Consequence analysis is conducted through synthesis of existing original research results
- Correct but inconvenient results vs. convenient but biased results
- The quality of synthesis
- Interpretation of evidence

Some personal reflections

2. The dynamic process of science-policy interaction



Some personal reflections

3. The role of researchers, knowledge brokers, and policy makers in enhancing scientific support to policy making.