



Who governs climate adaptation?

Exploring the scope for public and private responsibilities



Research objective

Development and empirical application of a conceptual framework for the exploration of responsibilities, through:

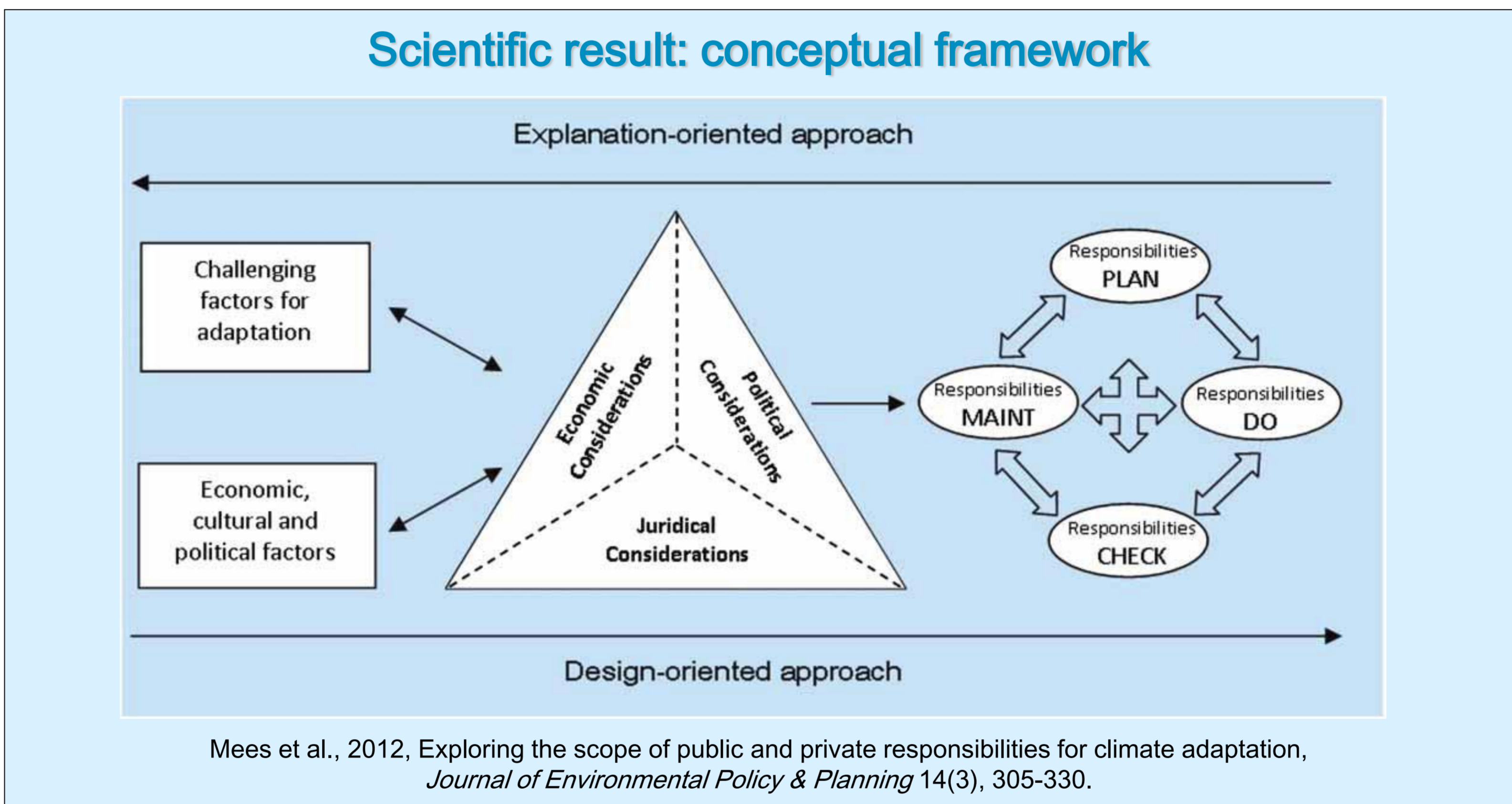
- comparative case study research on governance arrangements in
 - Urban water storage
 - Urban water safety
 - Rural fresh water supply

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Empirical results (2011) Water Storage

Research on green roof governance arrangements in five cities: Basel, Chicago, London, Rotterdam & Stuttgart



Key conclusion:
 Public responsibility is salient for getting green roofs off the ground.

Mees et al., 2012. Who governs climate adaptation? Getting green roofs for storm-water retention off the ground. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*. First published online.

Empirical results (2012) Water Safety

Research on adaptive flood risk management in three cities: Rotterdam, Hamburg & Helsinki (work in progress)



First conclusion:
 Different governance arrangements reflect different ways of attaining legitimacy.