

governance, IA and capacity building (II)

SEA for governance enhancement

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setting the context

to what extent can SEA contribute to governance enhancement by promoting sustainable public policy-making and act as a political support instrument for advanced SD?

governance as a relational concept that provides legitimacy to the exercise of power

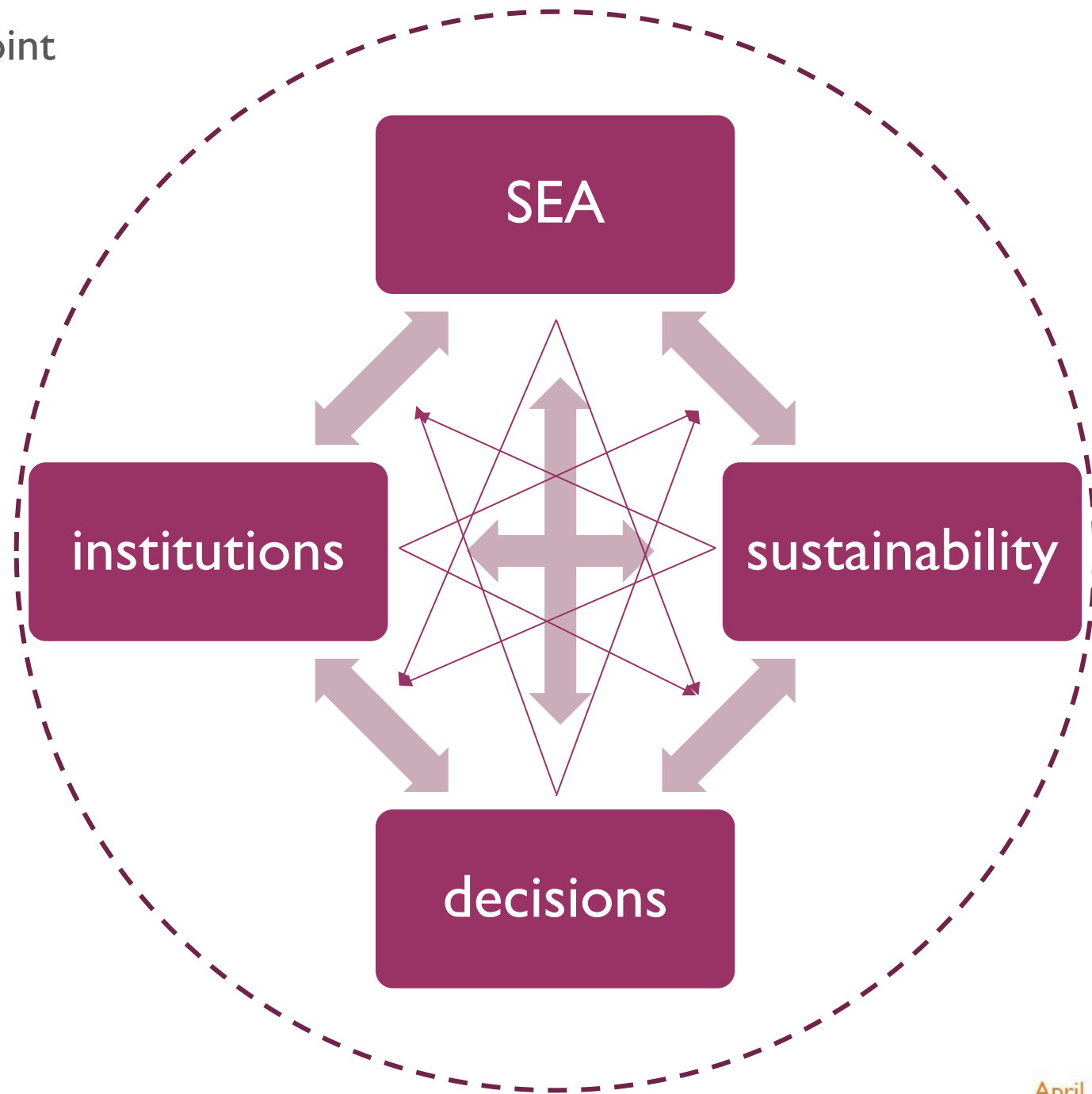
(e.g. Monteiro and Partidário, in development; Klijn 2008; Meuleman 2008; Meuleman 2009; Jessop 2002; Stocker 1998; Voss 2006)

SEA as a political support instrument – the strategic role sets SEA in the political arena, at highest levels of decision-making

(e.g. Cashmore *et al.* 2010; van Buuren and Nootboom 2010; Partidário 2007; Partidário 2012; Richardson 2005)

my starting point

first approach



research questions

- 1) can SEA enable the integration of social, economic, environmental and institutional aspects in public policy formulation for governance enhancement?
- 2) what influence has power distribution and institutional behaviours in the performance of SEA?
- 3) can SEA play a proactive role in securing institutional legitimacy and sustainable decisions in public policy formulation?

process

influence

results

the existing knowledge


- ✓ current practice of SEA more 'traditional SEA' oriented (reactive EIA-based approaches) – theory vs. practice (e.g. Monteiro and Partidário 2012)
- ✓ need to emphasize governance and institutions in SEA research (e.g. Axelsson *et al.* 2012; Jiliberto 2012; *IAIA FasTips no.4* by Meuleman 2013; Slootweg and Jones 2011)
- ✓ recognition of the role of power actors and the legitimization of SEA by international institutions and organizations with influence on how SEA is interpreted and carried out (e.g. Partidário and Sheate 2013; Richardson and Cashmore 2011; Jiliberto 2012)
- ✓ importance of metagovernance in SEA as a coordinative mechanism in highly complex contexts (Monteiro *et al.*, in development)
- ✓ SEA success dependents on the political-social-administrative contexts (styles of governance influence SEA institutionalized regulation and practice) (Monteiro *et al.* in development)

objectives

relationship between institutionalized practices of SEA and governance systems

how institutional behaviours and power distribution can affect SEA role for governance enhancement

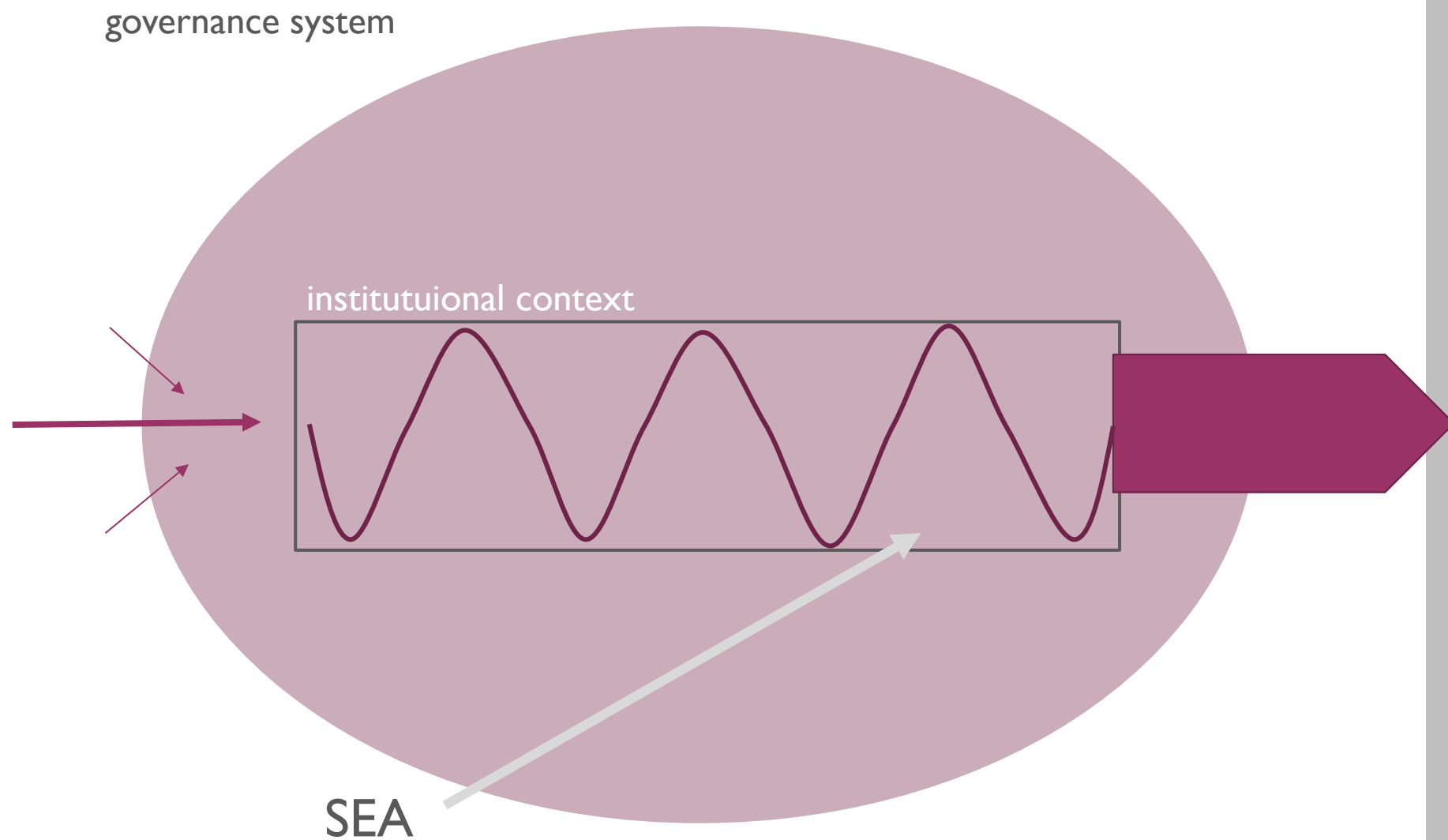
necessary shifts in the institutionalization of SEA to pursuit sustainable public policies

SEA  decision-making
policy-making
governance

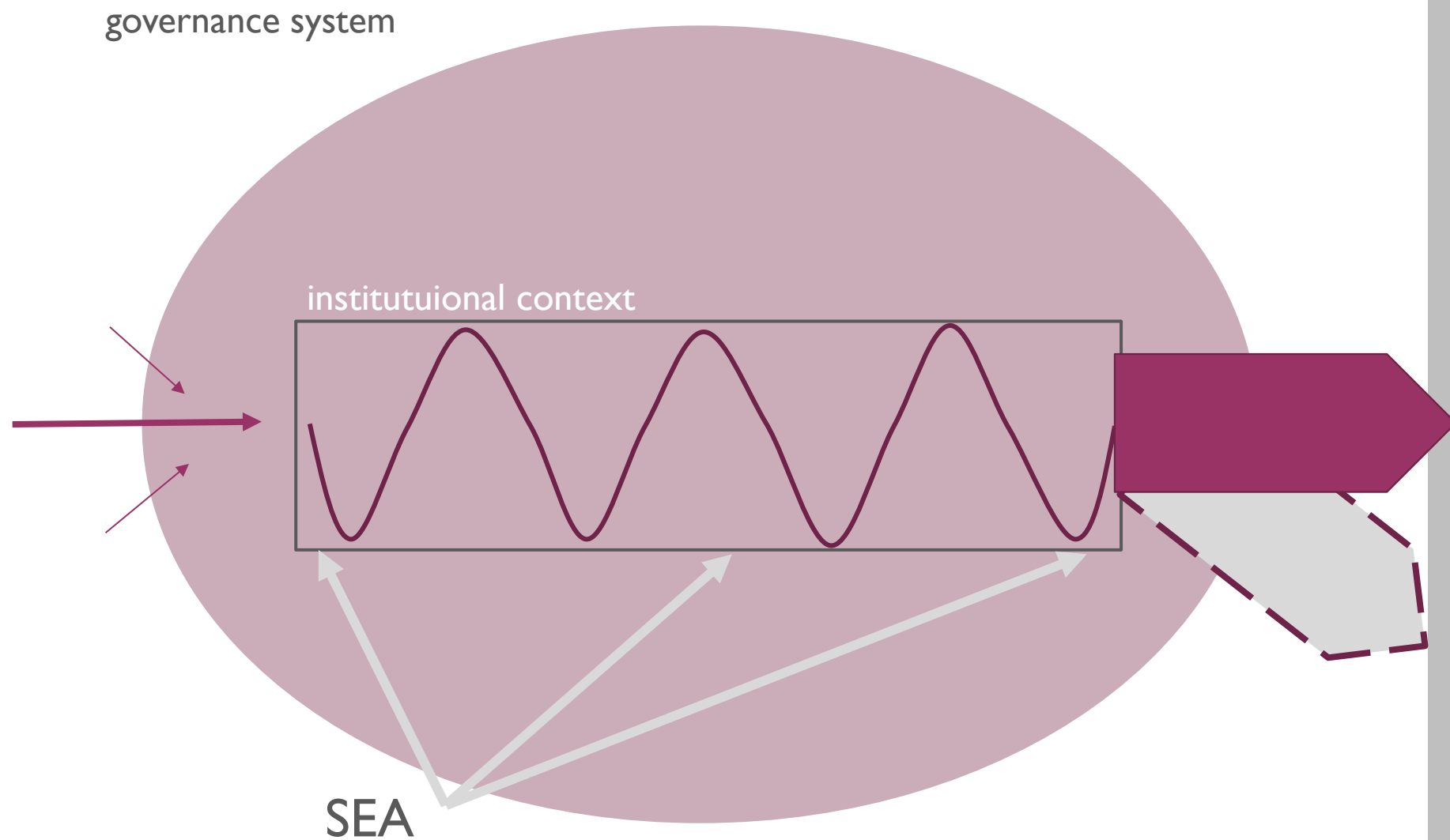
new institutionalism SEA

application of conceptual framework to case studies

from real practice...



to the
expected
results...



thank you for your attention!

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