

Scenario-based Analysis of Collaborative Enterprise Architecture Management Tools

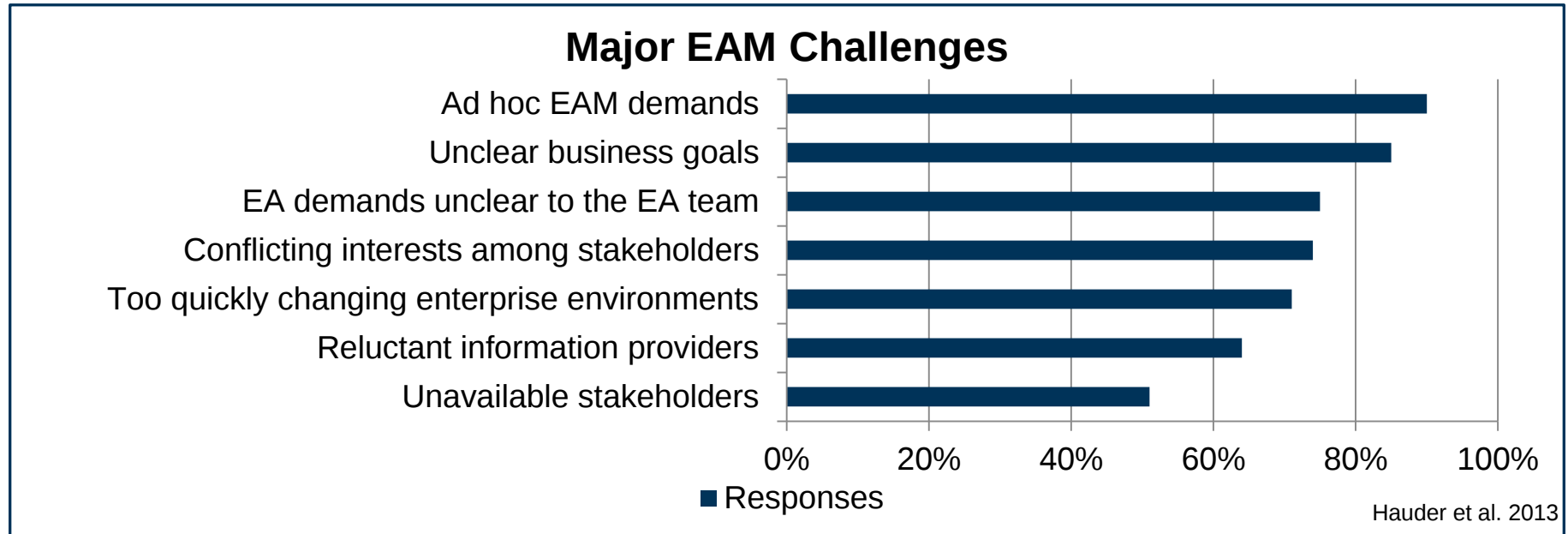
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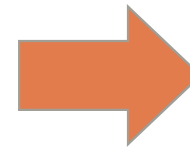
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Major problems:

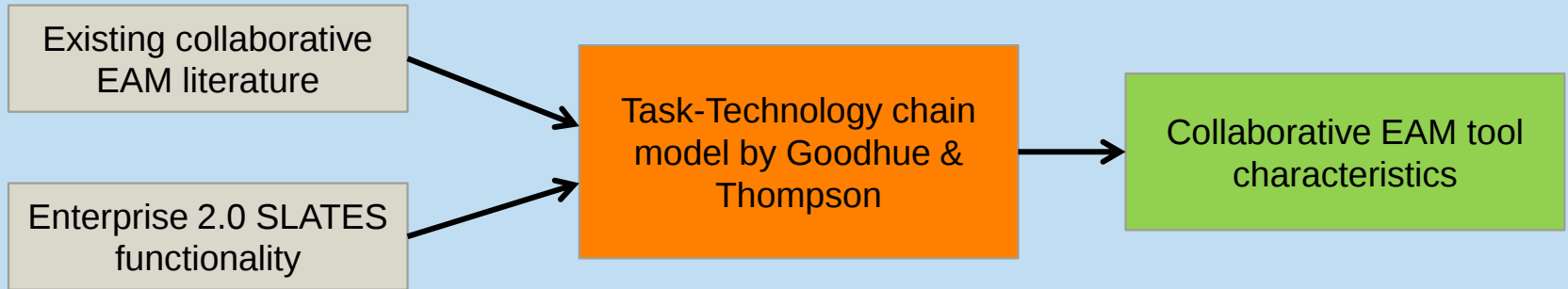
- Missing communication among stakeholders
- Unclear demands
- Changes occurring at high pace



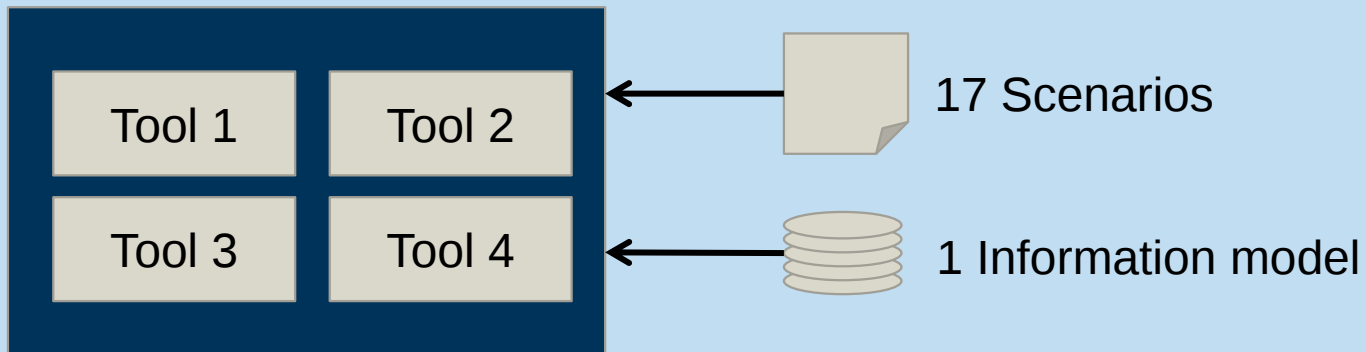
Collaborative EAM

Tool support for collaborative EAM?

Theoretical analysis



Practical Evaluation



Specific Functionality Scenarios

- Importing, Editing, and Validating
- Creating Visualizations
- Interacting with, Editing of, and Annotating Visualizations
- Communication and Collaboration Support
- Flexibility of the Information Model
- Handling large scale Application Landscapes
- Reporting
- Usability

EA Management Support Scenarios

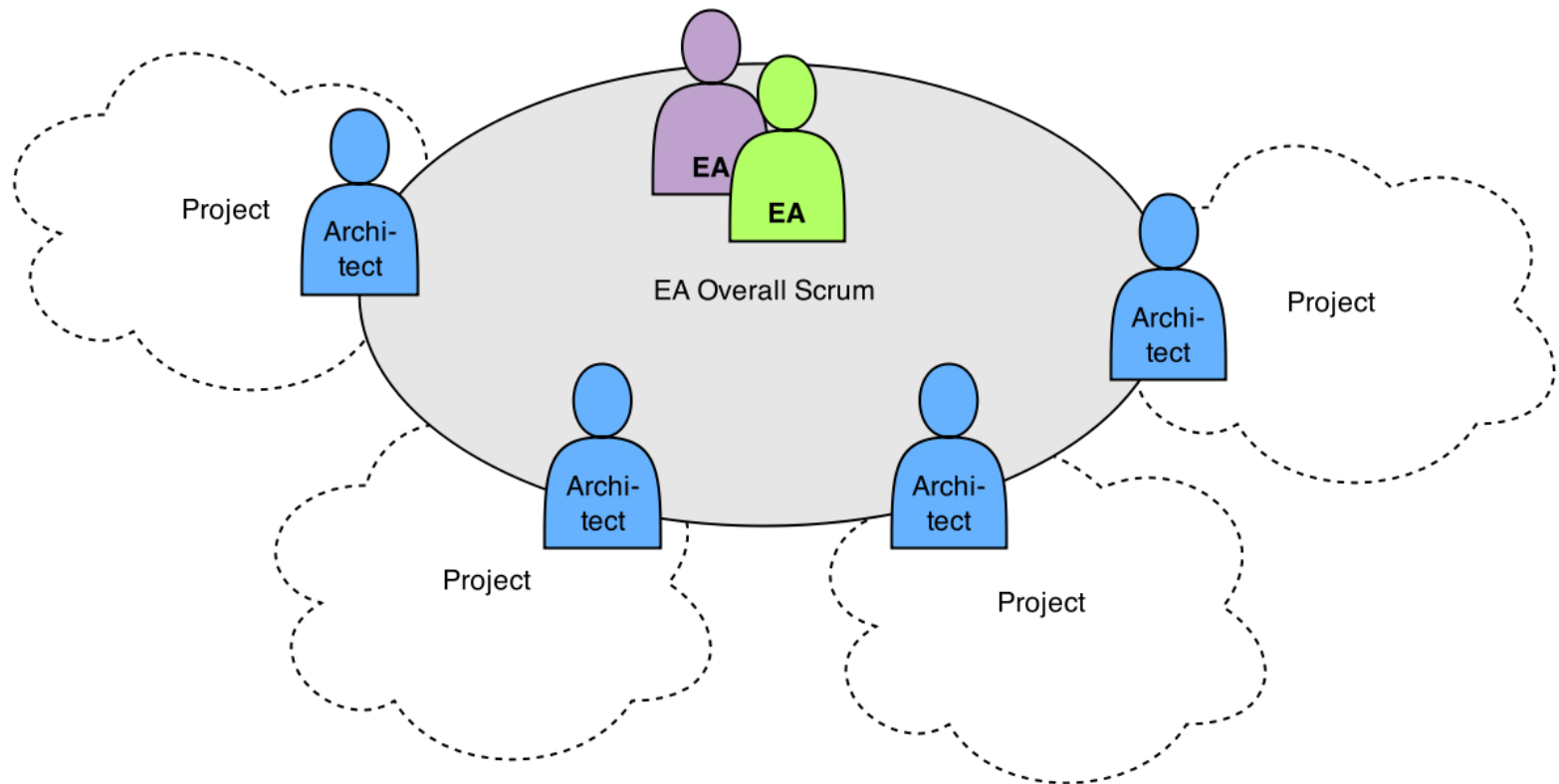
- Landscape Management
- Demand Management
- Project Portfolio Management
- Synchronization Management
- Strategies and Goals Management
- Business Object Management
- SOA Transformation
- IT Architecture Management
- Infrastructure Management

3. Collaborative EAM Guidelines



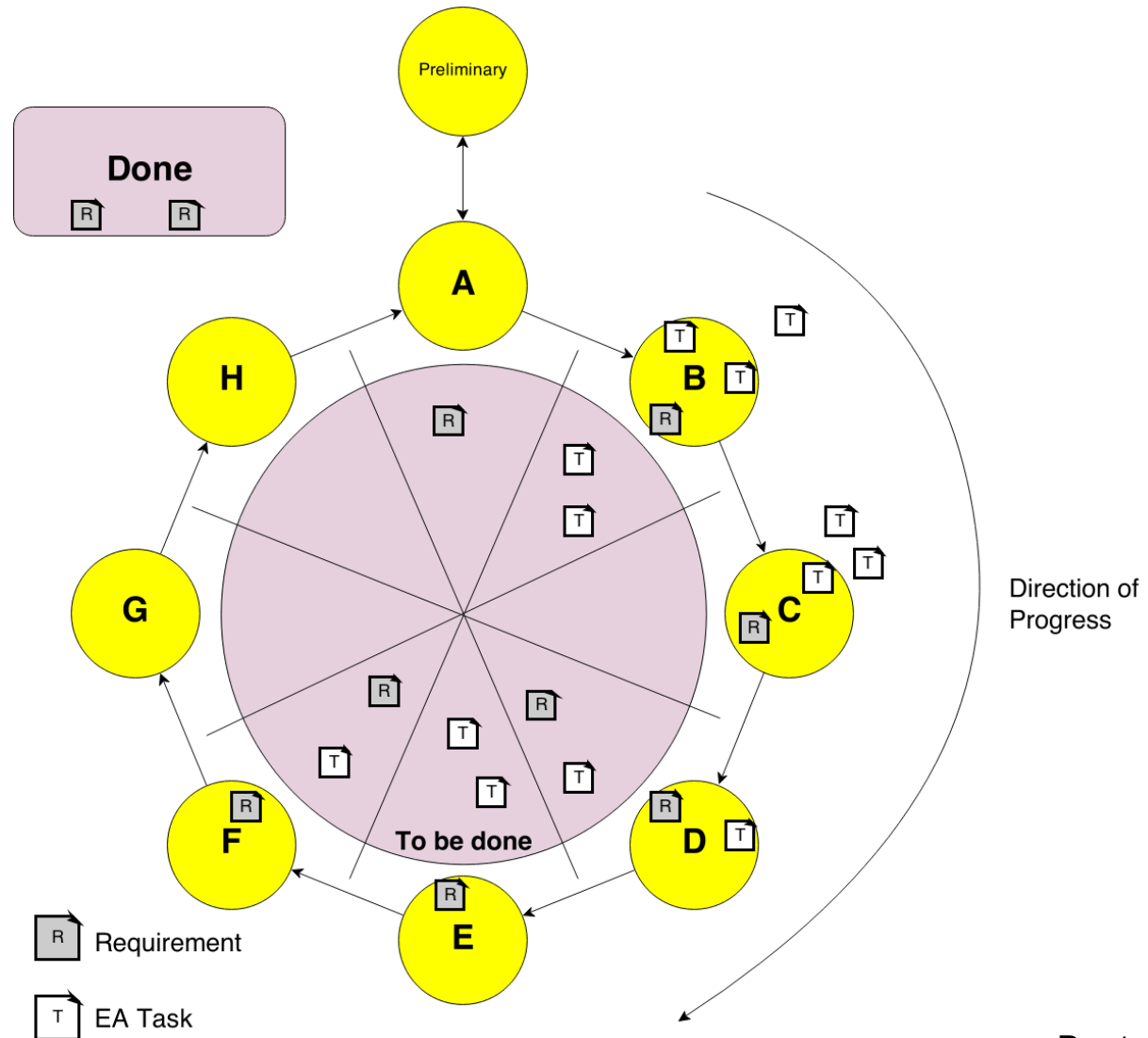
Bente et al. 2012

3. Collaborative EAM – Example: EA Overall Scrum



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3. Collaborative EAM – Example: EA Kanban Board



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4. Collaborative EAM Tools – Characteristics

Characteristic	Purpose	Implementation options
Search	Quick and easy content access	Well-positioned search bar
Links	Links Interconnection of architectures and objects	Linked objects provided through drop-down lists, social bookmarks
Authoring possibility	User-based knowledge gathering	Comment and feedback functionality, blogs
Tag feature	Structured content	Tagging service
Signal feature	Notifications on EAM updates	Feeds, subscriptions, user notifications
Lean User Interface	Effective and easy to use EAM tool	Simple user interface with good usability and reduced complexity

4. Collaborative EAM Tools – Evaluation results

Collaborative Characteristic	Bizzdesign Architect	Iteraplan	leanIX	SAP Powerdesigner
Search	✓	✓	✓	✓
Links		✓	✓	
Authoring			✓	
Tagging			✓	
Signaling		✓	✓	
Lean UI		(✓)	✓	



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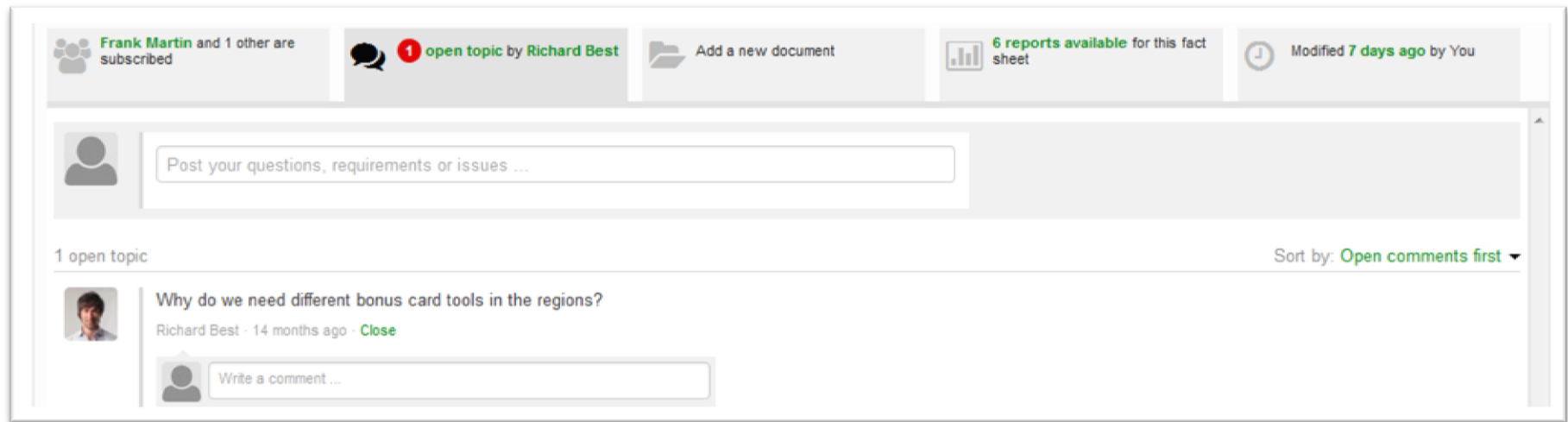


4. Collaborative EAM Tools – leanIX

The screenshot displays the leanIX web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the leanIX logo, a 'News' tab, and links for 'Inventory' and 'Reporting'. A 'Jump to a Fact Sheet' button is also present. On the left, a user profile for 'Nikolaus Katinsky' is shown with a 'Filter' section. The main content area is a newsfeed titled '0 new entries' containing five entries. Each entry shows a user icon, a title in green, a description, and a timestamp. The titles are: 'Accounting and Costing System (2300): Information updated in Fact Sheet', 'Monetary Transaction System (2200): Information updated in Fact Sheet', 'Accounting and Costing System (2300): Information updated in Fact Sheet', 'Monetary Transaction System (2200): Information updated in Fact Sheet', and 'Accounting and Costing System (2300): Information updated in Fact Sheet'. The descriptions include details about data objects and interfaces. Each entry has an 'Application' button. On the right, a sidebar shows 'ACTIONS' (Mark all as read, Subscribe to feed) and 'RECENTLY VIEWED' (Monetary Transaction System (2200), Replacement of the Customer Satisfaction Analysis System by the Data..., Consolidation of Monetary Transaction Systems, VAT change in Price Tag Printing System, VAT change in POS System).

Signal: newsfeed & object subscription

4. Collaborative EAM Tools – leanIX



Authoring: open topic functionality

4. Collaborative EAM Tools – leanIX

The screenshot displays a web application interface for the 'Accounting and Costing System (2300)'. On the left, there is a sidebar with a blue 'Application' button and a section titled 'Information' containing a 'NAME & I' field. The main content area features a 'TestAttribute' section with a list of tags: 'Headquarter', 'Subsidiary Munich', 'Subsidiary Hamburg', and 'Subsidiary London'. Below this is an 'Other Tags' section with tags for 'Americas', 'Software', 'AsiaPacific', 'Europe', and 'Service'. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the tag list. A green 'Save' button is located in the top right corner of the main content area.

Tag functionality

4. EAM Tools – Scenario Comparison

Scenario	Bizzdesign Architect	Iteraplan	leanIX	SAP Powerdesigner
Importing, Editing, and Validating				
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Business Object Management				
SOA Transformation				
IT Architecture Management				
Infrastructure Management				
= barely implemented = partially implemented = fully implemented				

4. EAM Tools – Categorization

Dimension	Category	Bizzdesign Architect	Iteraplan	leanIX	SAP Powerdesigner
Degree of flexibility	Information model-centered				(✓)
	Method-centered	✓	✓		
	Process-centered		✓	✓	
Customization effort	EAM off the shelf solution	✓	✓	✓	✓
	EAM platform		✓		
Integration approach	Automatic integration				
	Manual import	✓	✓	✓	✓
EAM type	Traditional EAM	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Collaborative EAM		(✓)	✓	

- Evaluate further EAM tools on collaborative characteristics
- Investigate application of collaborative tool characteristics in practice
- Analyze potential tradeoff between complexity reduction and user-specific configuration options
- Use tool evaluation results for further publications (EAMTS2014)

Thank you for your attention.
Questions?



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	Search	Links	Authoring	Tagging	Extensions	Signaling
Defining the IT Strategy	✓	✓				✓
Modeling the Architecture	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evolving the IT Landscape	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Assessing and Developing Capabilities	✓		✓	✓		✓
Developing and Enforcing Standards and Guidelines	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monitoring the Project Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Leading or Coaching Projects	✓		✓			✓
Managing Risks Involved in IT	✓	✓		✓		✓