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The Agile Enterprise Real World Experience in Creating Agile Companies

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AGILE DEVELOPMENT



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- **CTO/VP Engineering of 9 software companies**

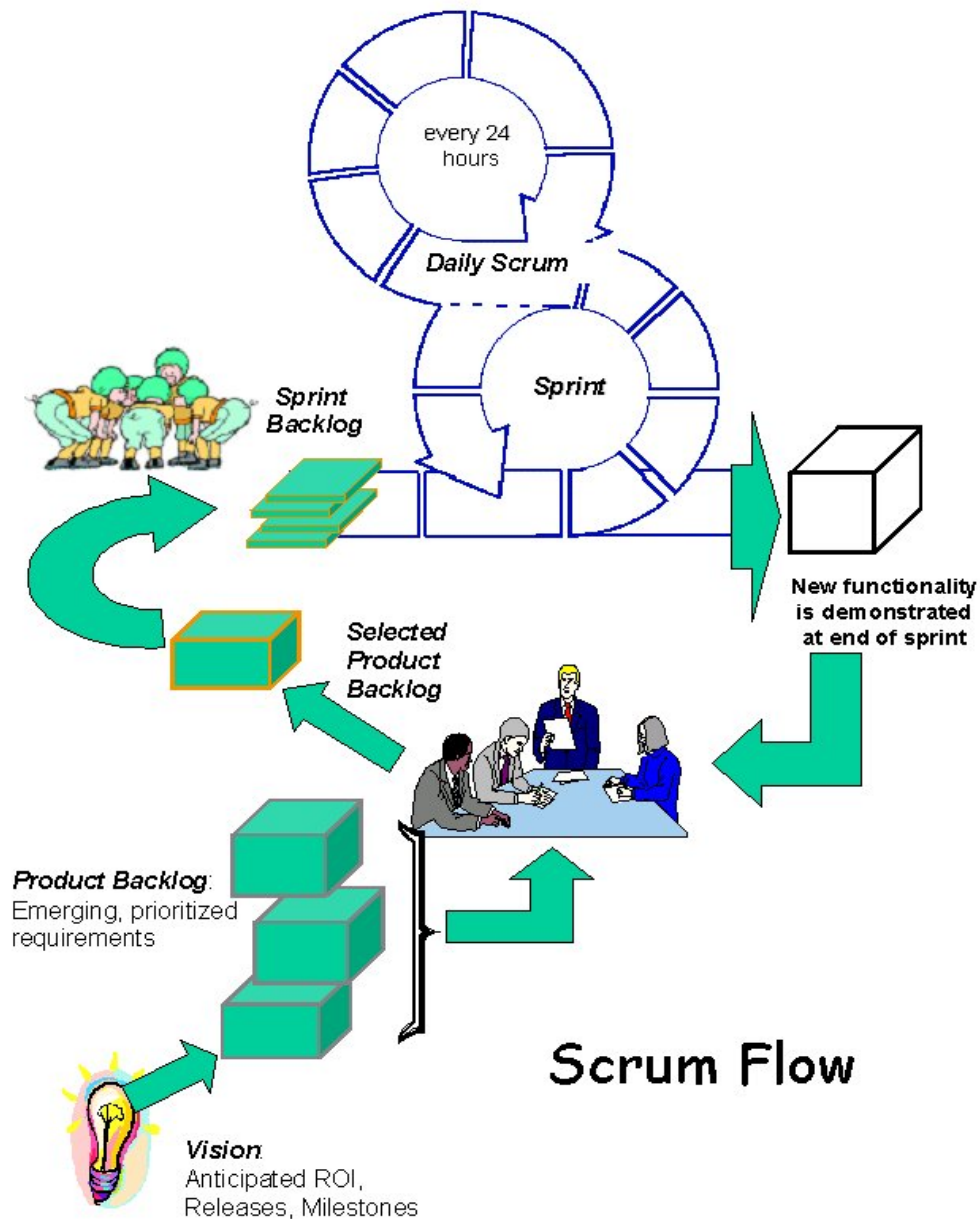
- Prototyped Scrum in 4 companies
- **Conceived and executed first Scrum at Easel Corp. in 1993. Rolled out Scrum in next 5 companies**
- Scrum consultant to leading companies in Europe, North and South America, and Russia.
- Senior Advisor, OpenView Investments, LLC

- **Signatory of Agile Manifesto**

- **CTO of PatientKeeper and Senior Advisor, OpenView Investments LLC**

- ***I find that the vast majority of organizations are still trying to do too much stuff, and thus find themselves thrashing. The only organization I know of which has really solved this is PatientKeeper. Mary Poppendieck, author of Lean Software Development.***

Scrum



- Three Roles
 - Product Owner
 - ScrumMaster
 - Team
- Three Ceremonies
 - Sprint Planning
 - Sprint Review
 - Daily Scrum
- Three Artifacts
 - Product Backlog
 - Sprint Backlog
 - Burndown Chart

Scrum Operational Requirements

■ Iterations

- Fixed time
- Working software that is tested
- Agile specification

■ Product Owner has Product Backlog

- Prioritized
- Estimated by Team

■ Team has Burndown Chart

- Knows velocity
- No disruptions

Disruptions go to:
Next Sprint
Support allocation
Stop the line

Characteristics of Real World Agile Companies

- Agile is strategic initiative
- Scrum and/or XP is institutionalized
- Teams pass the Nokia test for Scrum
- Senior management and developers are totally involved
- Scrum is used in all areas of the company, not just development
- Companies have dramatic growth in size and revenue. Products are best of breed and projects are best in class.
- Product companies move into GartnerGroup magic quadrant.

Getting there: Xerox Parc innovations



Personal Workstation



Mouse



Ethernet



Windows Interface



Laser Printer

```
Class new title: 'Window';
fields: 'name';
selfFollow?
This is a superclass for presenting windows on the display. It
holds control over the display to depressed outside. While it
holds control, it distributes messages to itself based on user
actions.
Inheritance
super:
[Name constant, name =>
self name
repeat
[Name constant, name =>
[keyboard active => [self keyboard]
mouse down => [self mouseDown]
self outside => []
mouse down => [self home]]
]
]
Default Event Responses
mouse [self show]
leave
outside [hide]
penDown
keyboard [keyboardEvent: from: back]
Image
show
show: [Name offset: 2
selfName pos: self title at: from: origin + title loc.
selfName complement]
...
etc.
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Smalltalk

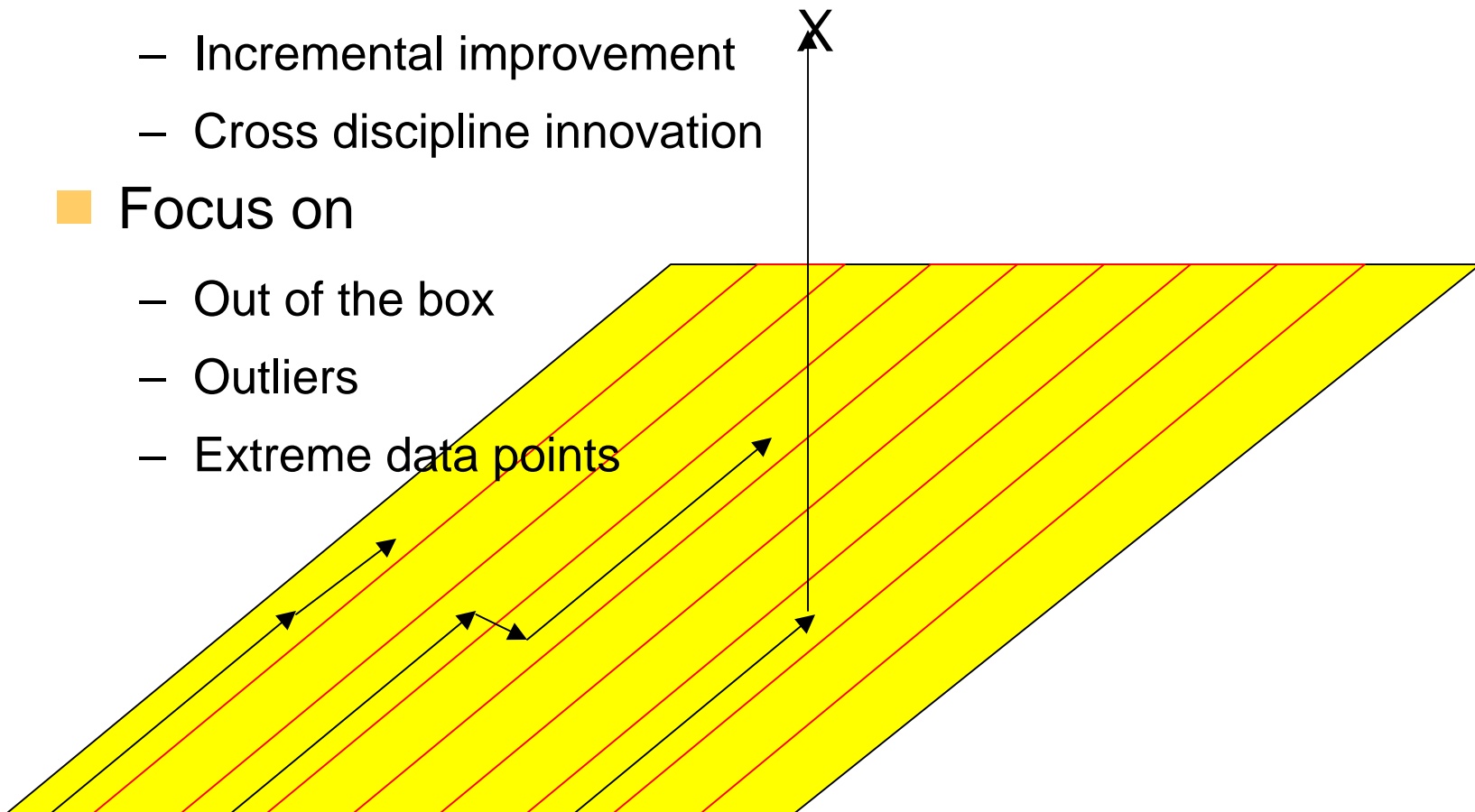
Alan Kay's Strategy

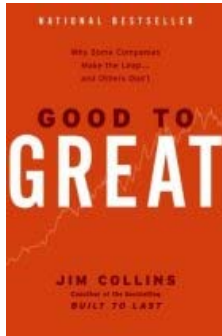
■ Forget about

- Incremental improvement
- Cross discipline innovation

■ Focus on

- Out of the box
- Outliers
- Extreme data points

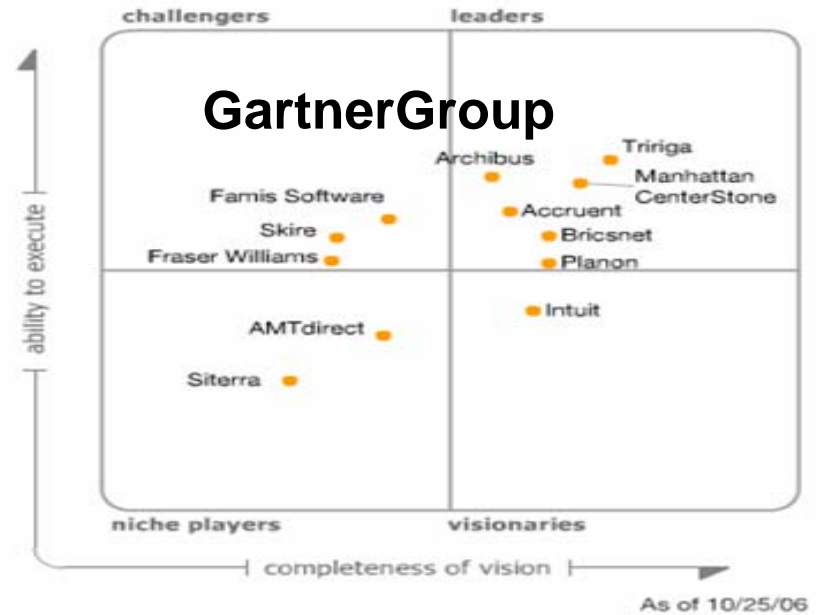




Out of the Box

- Scrum looked at projects that were off the plate
 - IBM surgical team
 - Borland Quattro Project
 - Takeuchi and Nonaka new product development strategies
- *Scrum: A Pattern Language for Hyperproductive Software Development*
 - By M. Beedle, M. Devos, Y. Sharon, K. Schwaber, and J. Sutherland. In Pattern Languages of Program Design. vol. 4, N. Harrison, Ed. Boston: Addison-Wesley, 1999, pp. 637-651.
- First Scrum was a hyperproductive Scrum. Management and sales asked the team to slow down.
- Latest Scrum is a hyperproductive revenue generating Scrum. The Board asked the company to slow down revenue recognition.

Planon Type B Scrum



- Great means you are the industry leader in your market and revenue is skyrocketing
- Anyone can aspire to be great!
- That aspiration will make you and your company better

Are you doing Scrum?

The Nokia Test by Bas Vodde



- First, you must be doing iterative development
 - Iterations must be timeboxed to less than six weeks
 - Software must be tested and working at the end of an iteration
 - Iteration must start before specification is complete
- Then you must meet the Nokia Scrum test

1969 - Earliest published reference to Iterative Incremental development

Robert Glass. Elementary Level Discussion of Compiler/Interpreter Writing. ACM Computing Surveys, Mar 1969

See Larman, Craig and Basili, Vic. Iterative and Incremental Development: A Brief History. IEEE Computer, [June 2003 \(Vol. 36, No. 6\)](#) pp. 47-56

OpenView Venture Partners

- Invest only in Agile companies
- Scrum and XP are Oracle and SQL Server of Agile processes. Portfolio companies must use them.
- Portfolio companies must pass the Nokia test
 - One product owner, one product backlog, estimated by developers
 - Fixed iterations with software done (working and tested)
 - Teams have burndown charts and know their velocity
 - No external disruption of teams during Sprint

Experiences with people doing Scrum

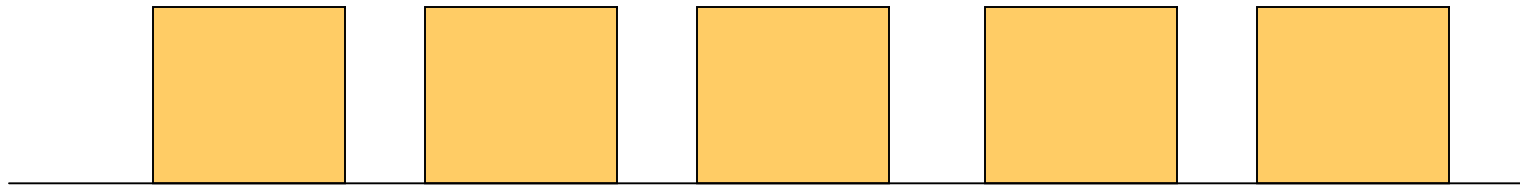
Hyperproductive Scrum Teams

- It is easy to double productivity with Scrum by implementing only high business value features.
- To quadruple productivity (Toyota effect) requires surfacing impediments and removing them (inspecting and adapting).
- Scrum was designed for 5-10 times productivity improvement. This has been experienced in three types of teams:
 - *The first Scrum team and similar colocated teams.*
 - *The first distributed Scrum team.*
 - *Large distributed/outsourced projects.*
- Understanding hyperproductive Scrum teams can help improve your software development with Scrum.

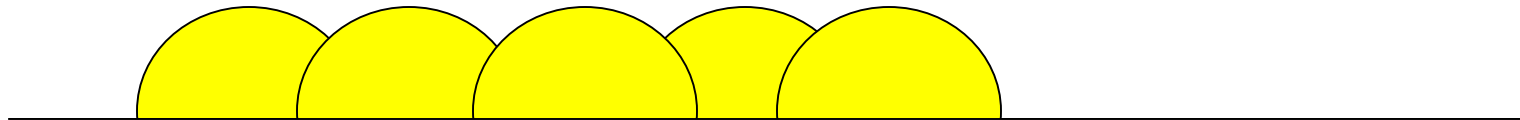
Outsourcing

- Outsource \$2M development
- Outsourcing costs - \$1.6M
 - Industry data show 20% cost savings on average
- Introduce Scrum locally
 - 240% improvement at IDX, for example
- Local Scrum costs – \$0.83M
- SirsiDynix radically reduced outsource costs making outsourcing reasonable for:
 - Gaining expertise that is unavailable locally
 - Expanding and contracting development staff without layoffs

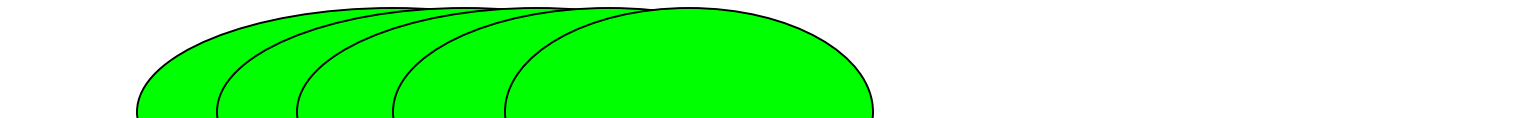
Distributed Scrum Styles



Isolated Scrums



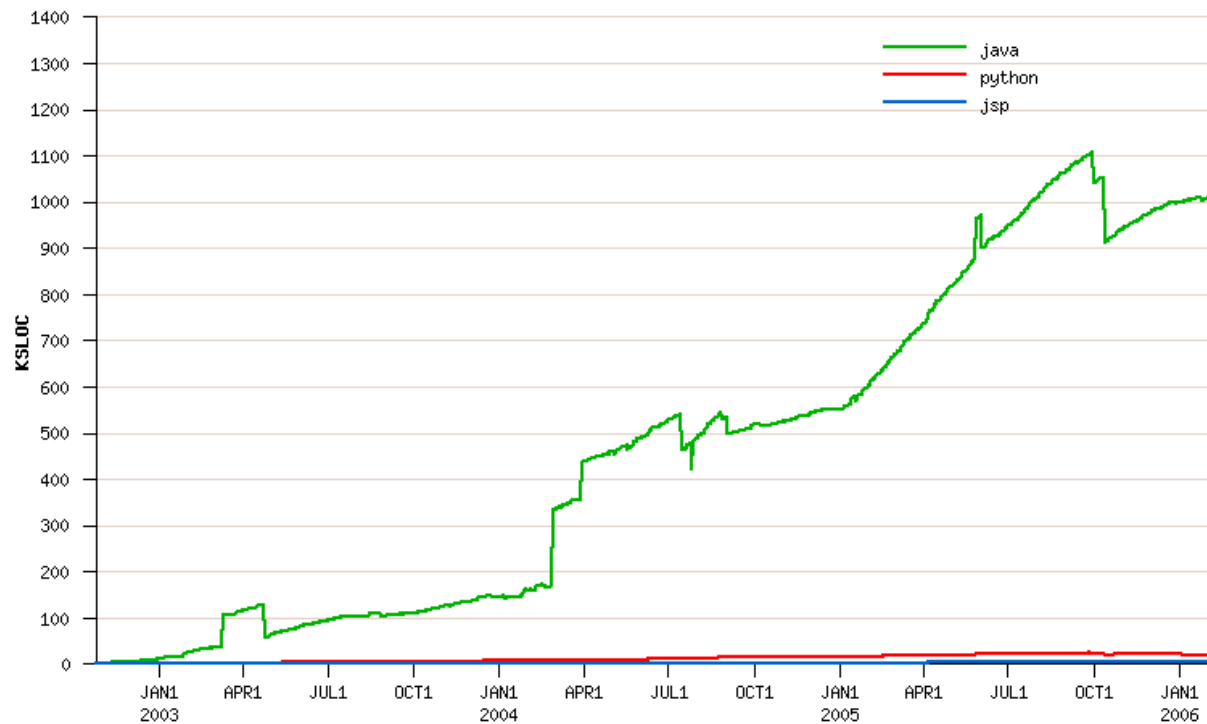
Distributed Scrum of Scrums



Totally Integrated Scrums

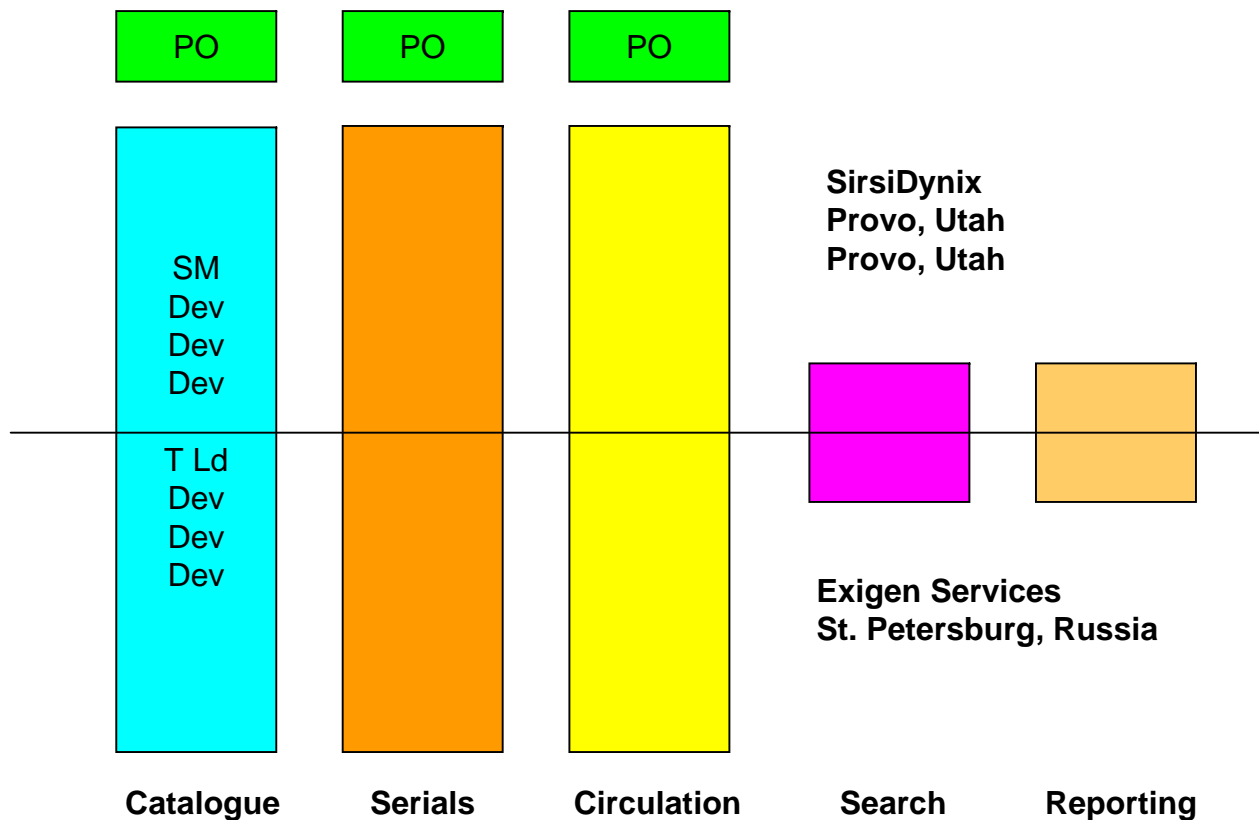
SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum

- Over a million lines of Java code



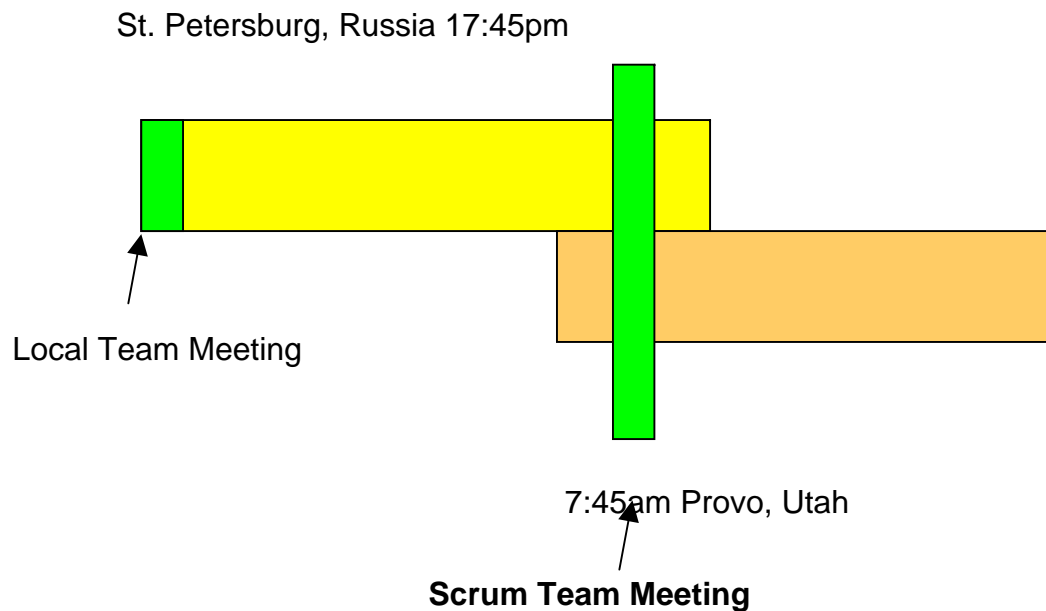
SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum

- 56 developers distributed across sites



SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum

- Scrum daily meetings



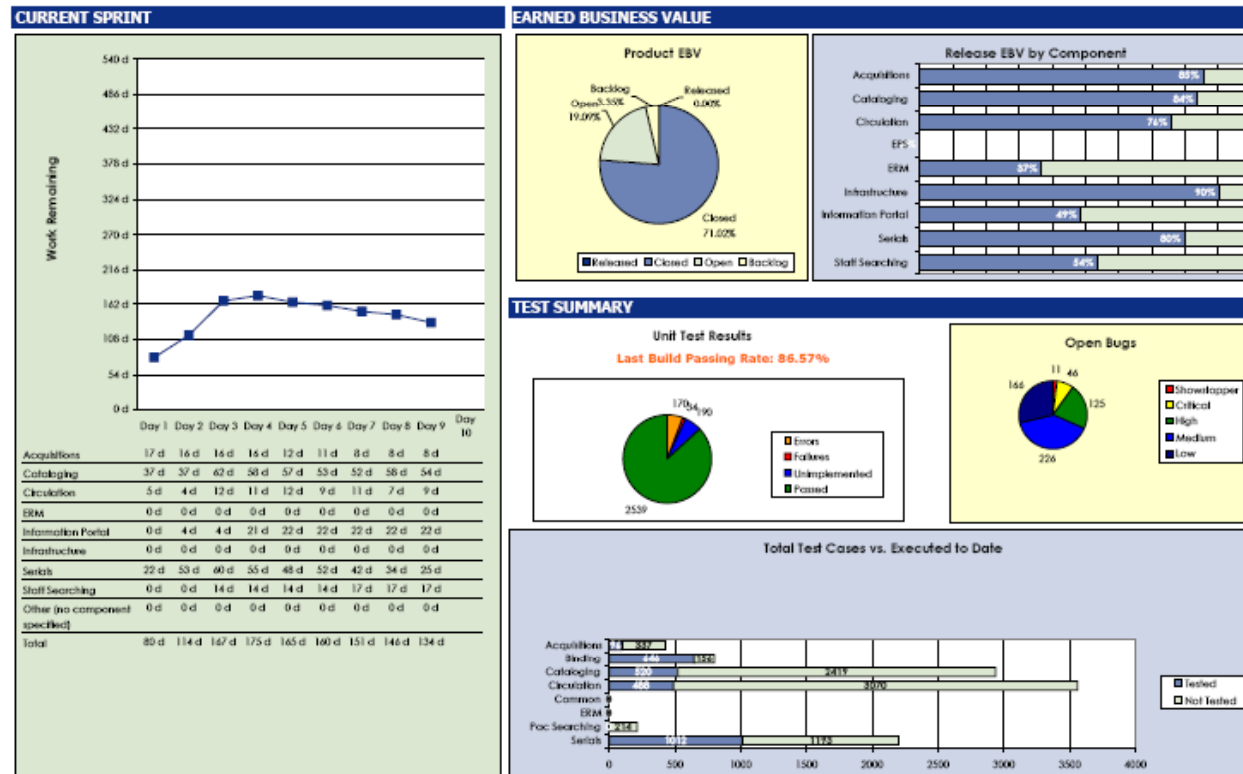
SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum

Common tools



Horizon 8.0

Report Ending: Monday, 17 Oct 2005



SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum

■ Uncommon performance

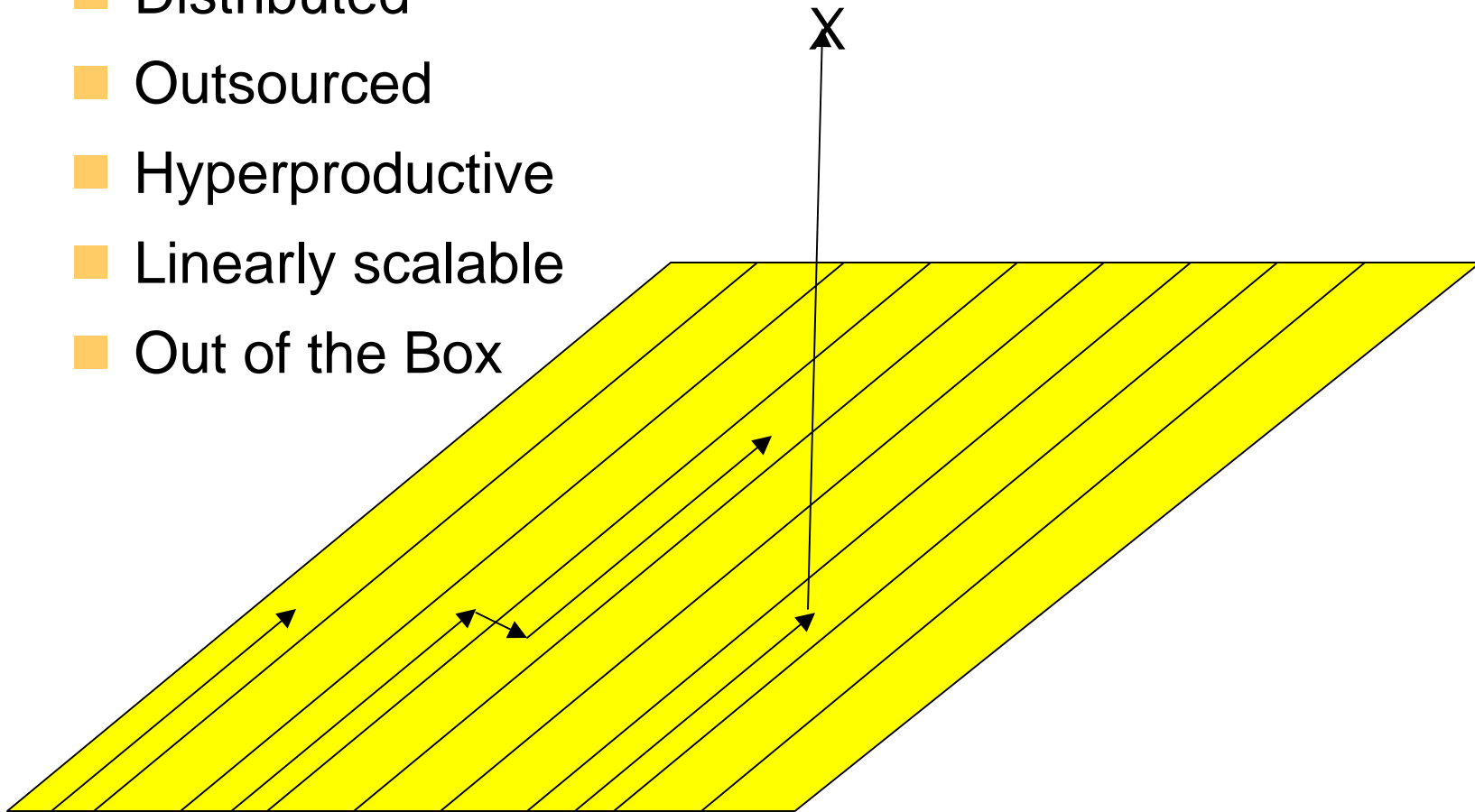
	Colocated Scrum*	Waterfall*	SirsiDynix Distributed Scrum**
Person Months	54	540	827
Lines of Java	51,000	58000	671,688
Function Points	959	900	12673
FP per dev/month	17.8	2.0	15.3

*M. Cohn, User Stories Applied for Agile Development. Addison-Wesley, 2004

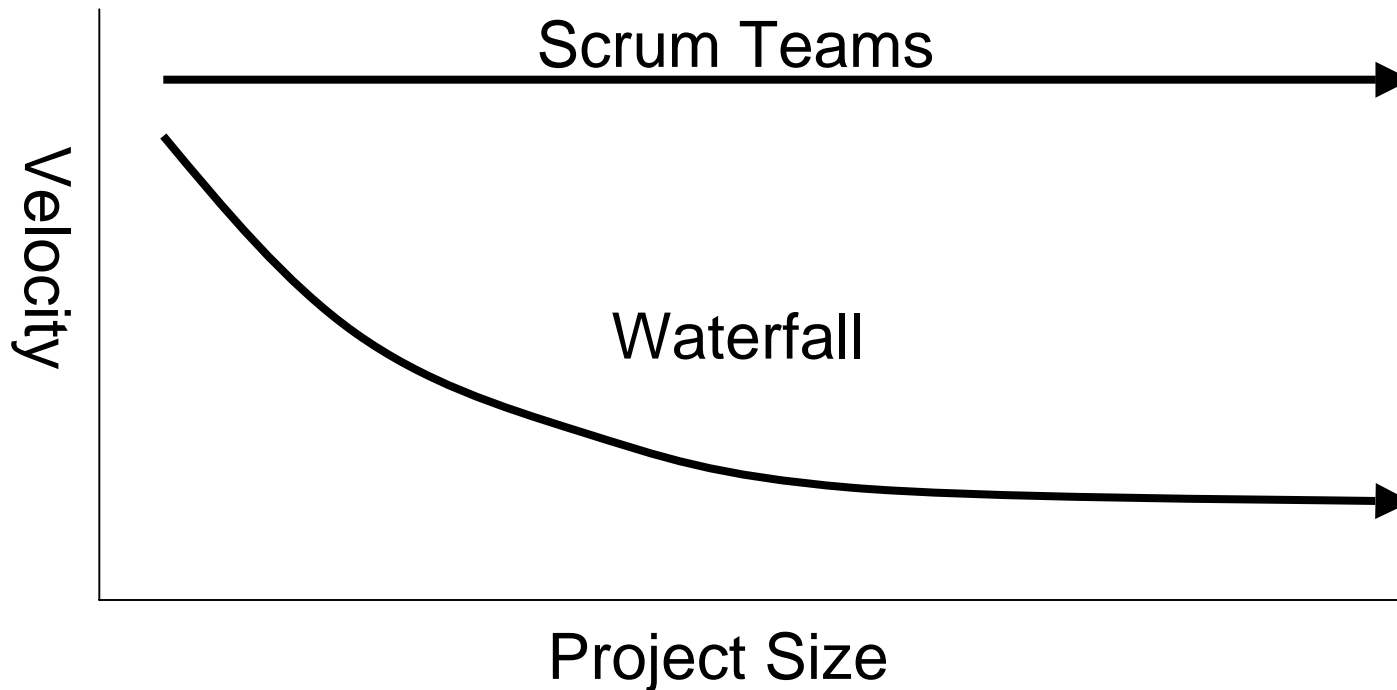
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SirsiDynix was off the charts

- Distributed
- Outsourced
- Hyperproductive
- Linearly scalable
- Out of the Box

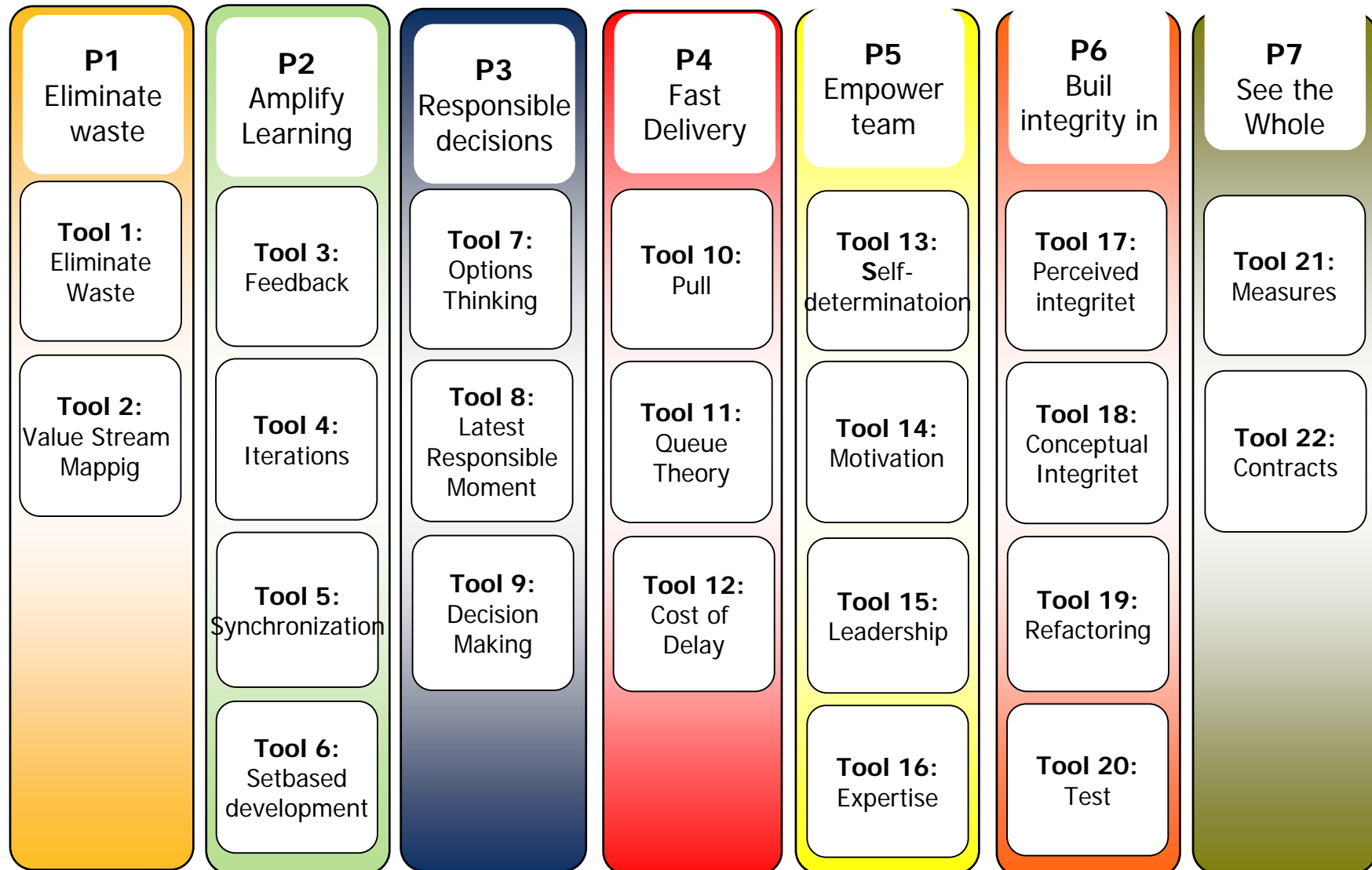


First Demonstration of Linear Scalability

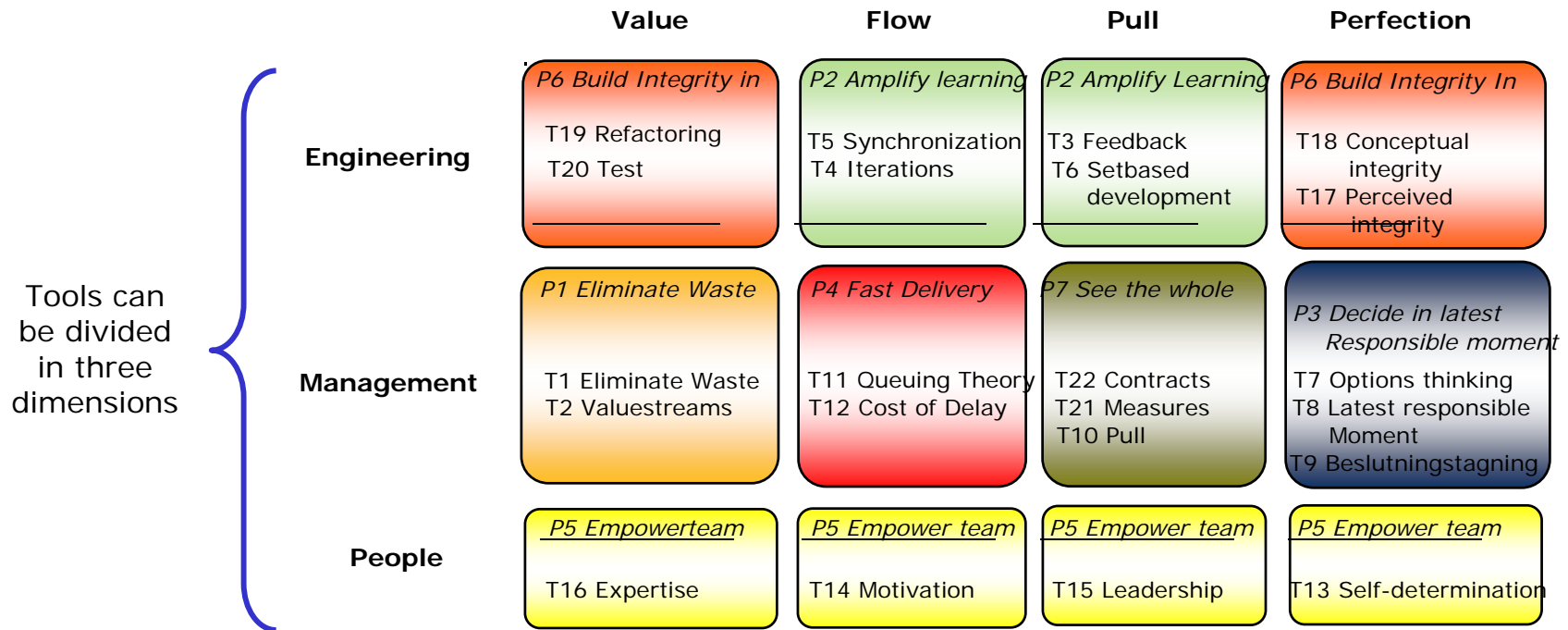


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Poppendieck Lean Thinking Tools

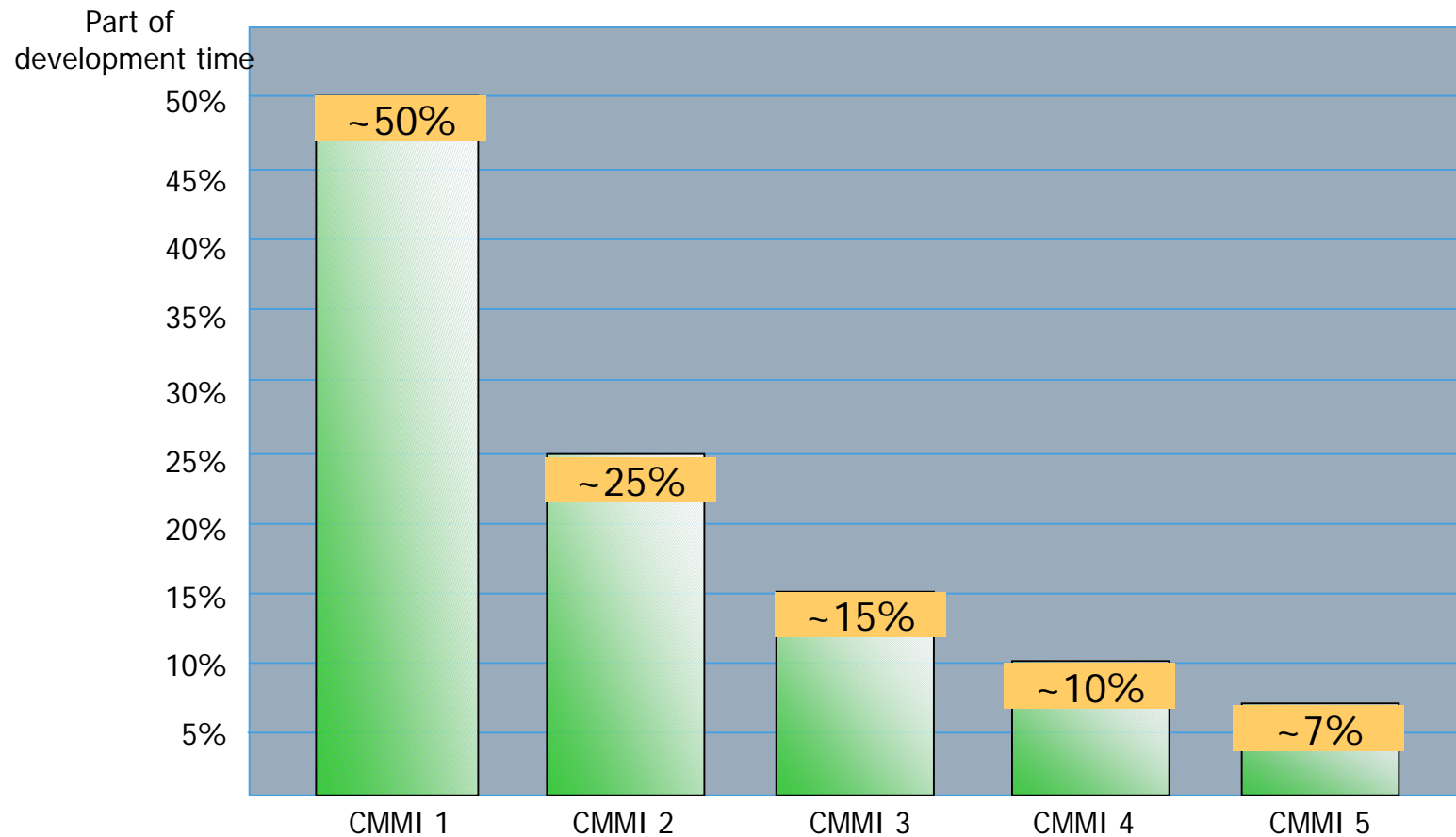


Systematic's new model for Lean SW development



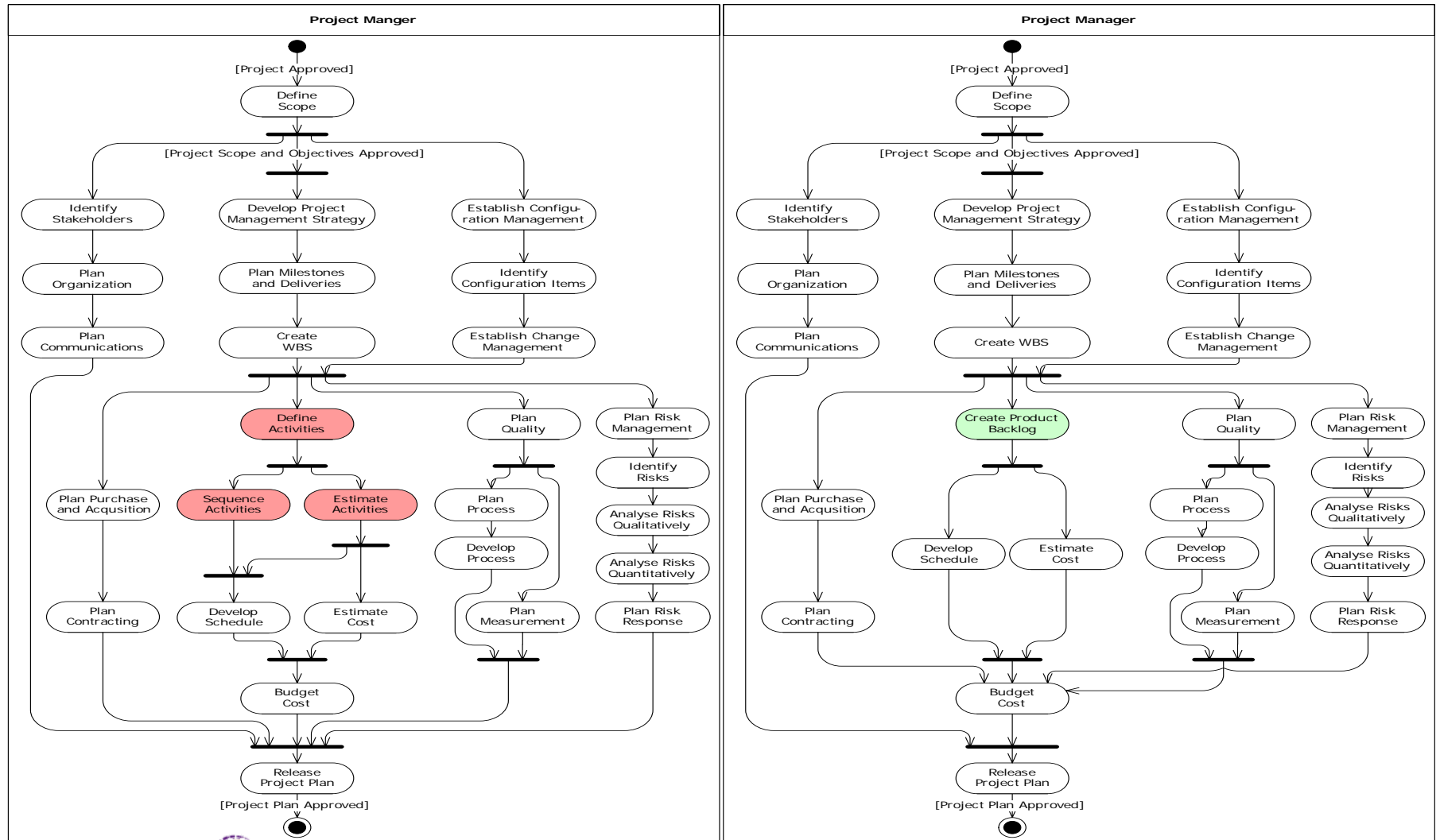
These are thinking tools – Projects and employees knows best how to transform them

Published experiences with "rework"



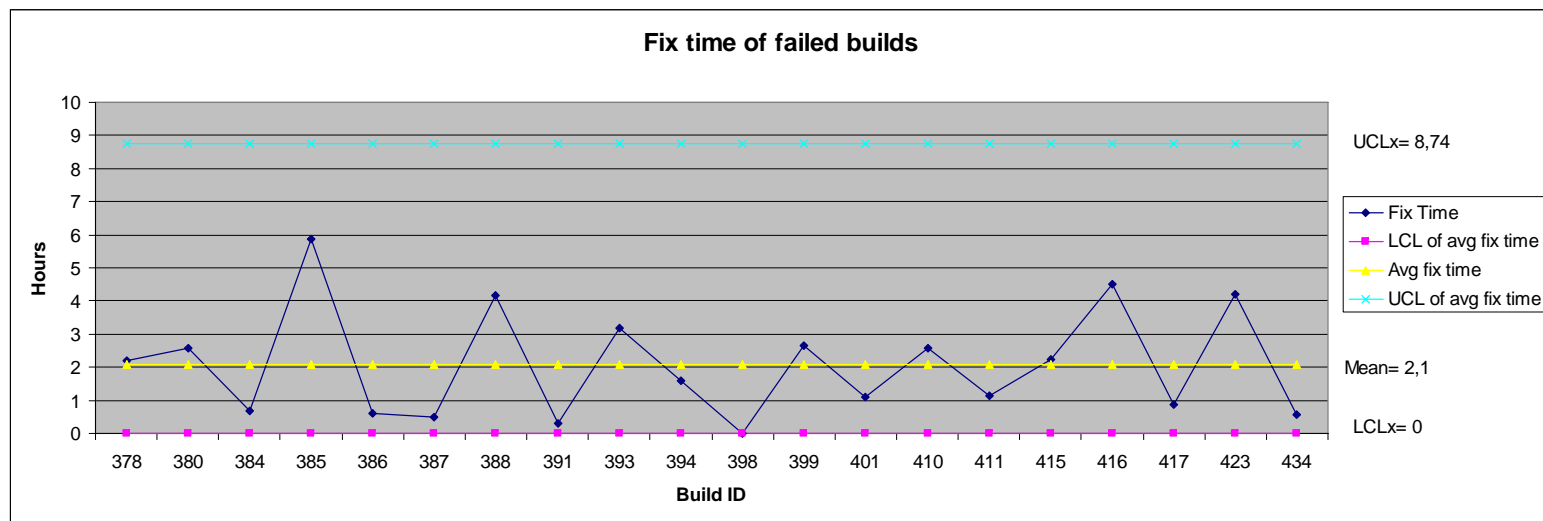
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Diaz & King, CrossTalk, Mar 2002

SCRUM and PDP-Common



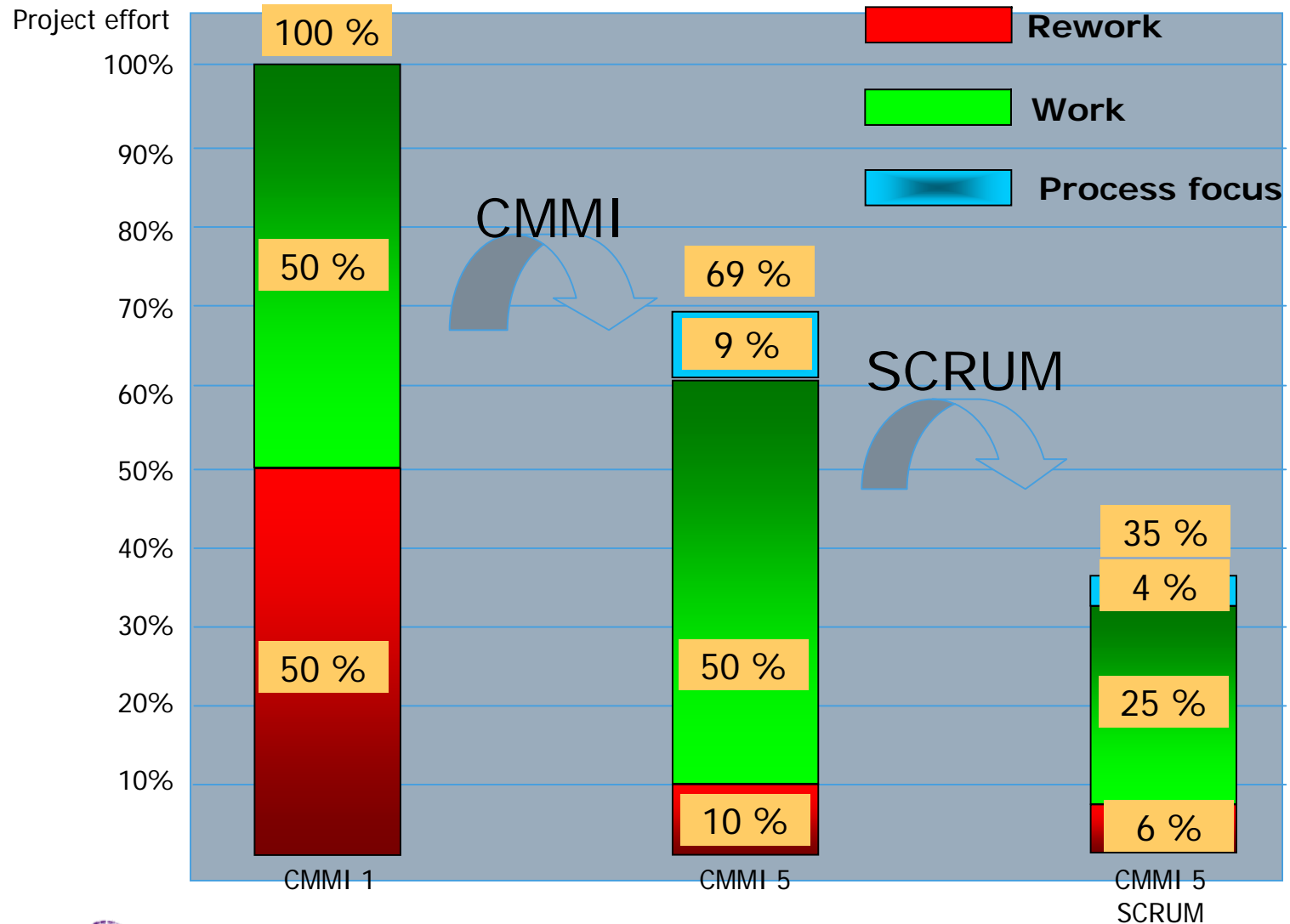
Control chart of build process

Build errors
Unit test errors
FXCop failed



Scrum applied to CMMI Level 5 company

– 6 month results



Systematic CMMI 5 Analysis

First six months of Scrum

- 80% reduction in planning and documentation costs
- 40% reduction in defects
- 50% reduction in rework
- 100% increase in overall productivity
- Systematic decided to change CMMI Level 5 process to make Scrum the default mode of project management
- When waterfall project management is required, they are now need to be contracted for twice the price of Scrum projects
 - Required by some government agencies
 - Lower business value with fewer features
 - Lower customer satisfaction
 - Lower quality
 - Twice the cost

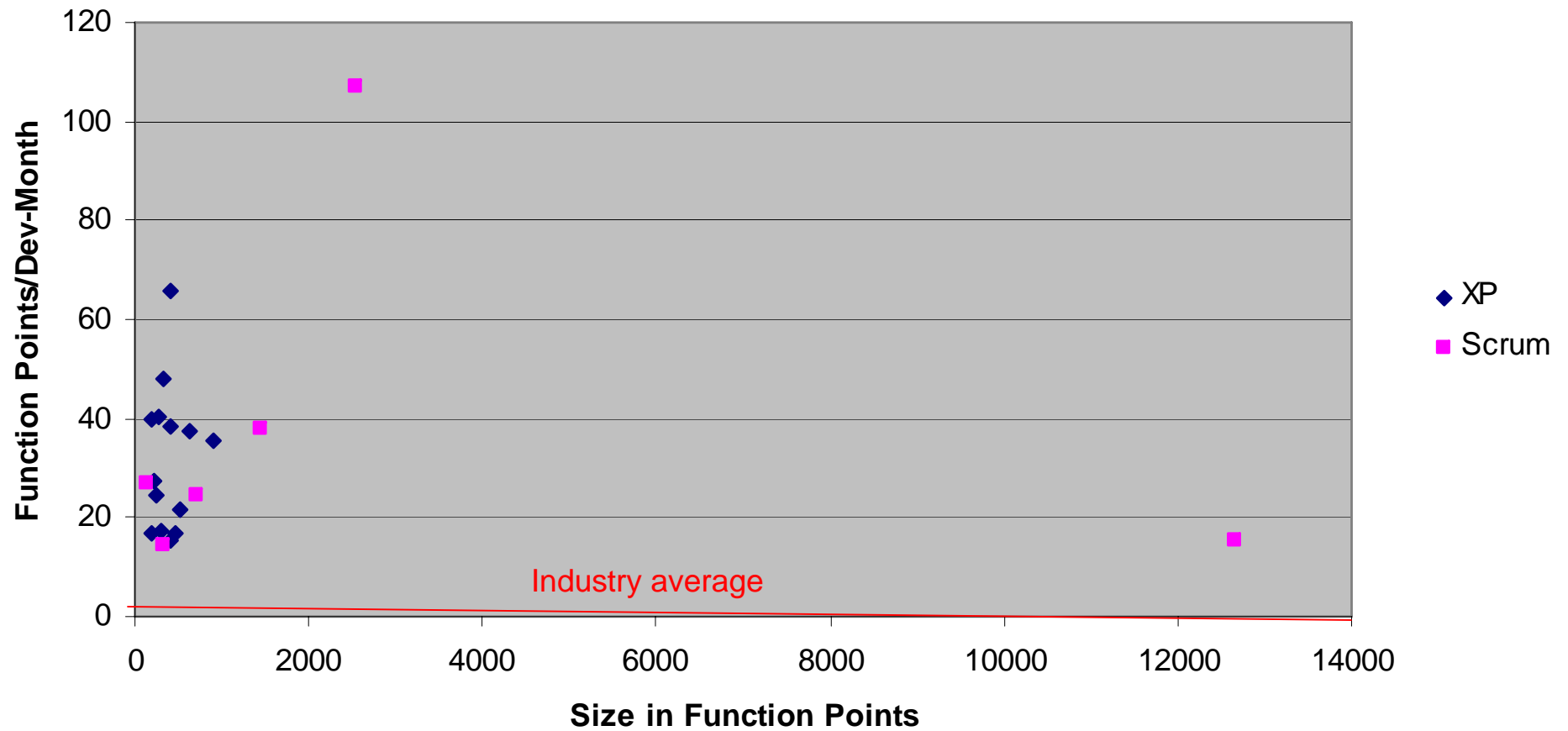


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Exigen Services Productivity

August 2007 Data

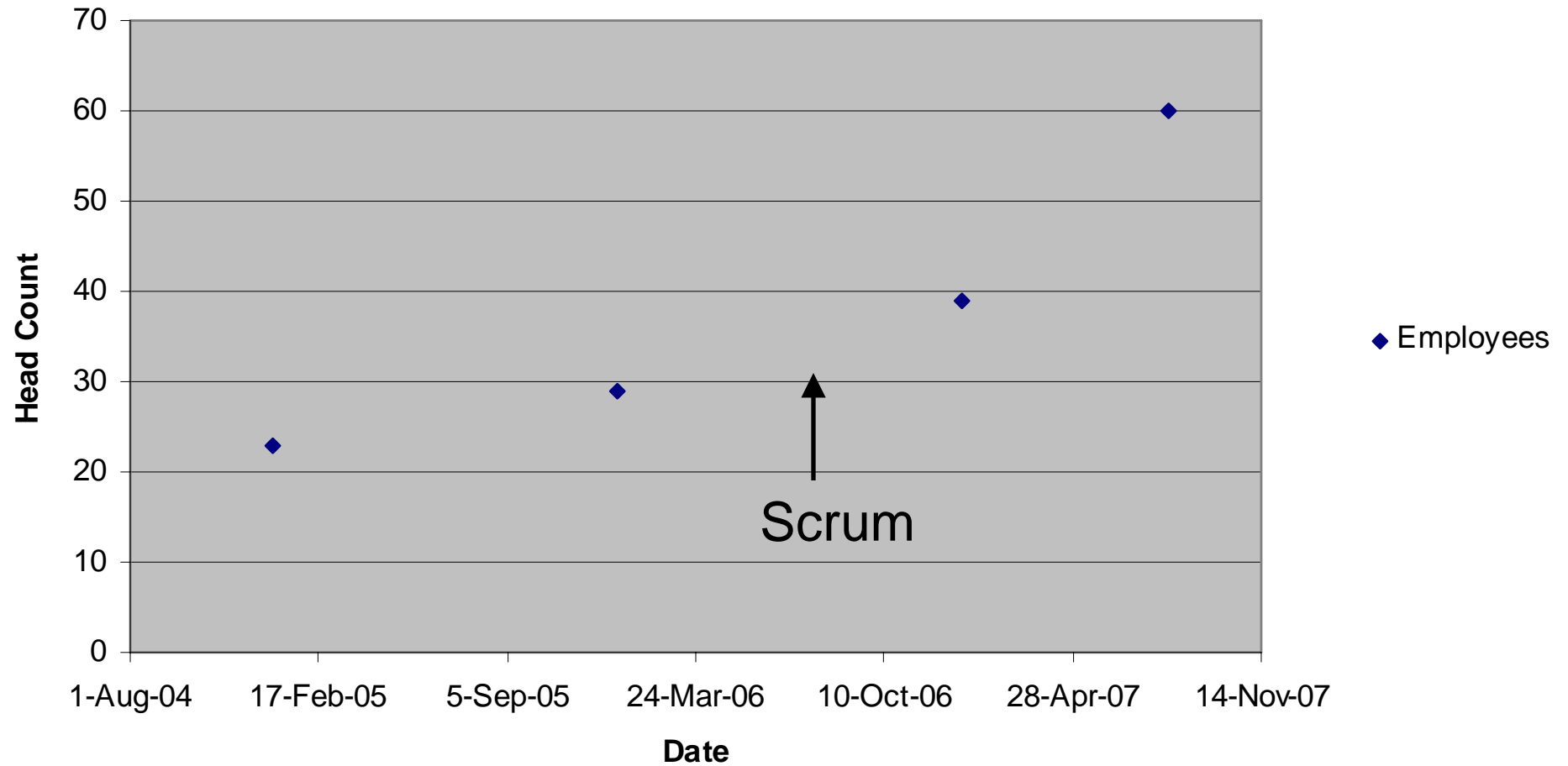


Trifork



- Company wide Scrum
- Goals
 - Every employee a Certified ScrumMaster
 - Every part of company run by Scrum
- Sales force are Certified ScrumMasters and only execute Agile contracts
- JAOO run by Scrum – bigger than Agile 2007

Trifork 2004-2007

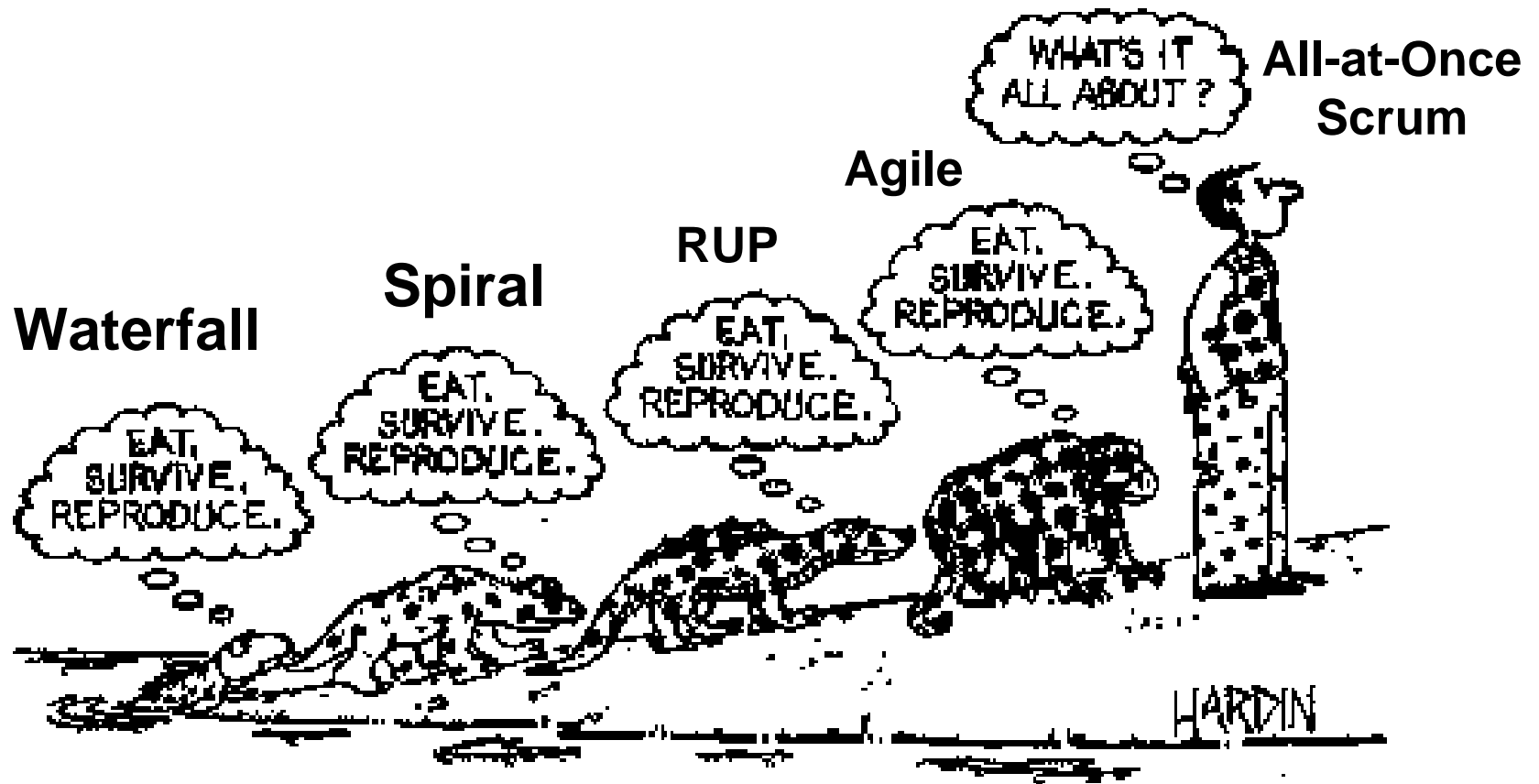


Company Structure

Whimsical	Bureaucracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigid rule enforcement • Extensive written rules and procedures • Hierarchy controls 	Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowered employees • Rules and procedures as enabling tools • Hierarchy supports organizational learning
	Autocracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top down control • Minimum rules and procedures • Hierarchy controls 	Organic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowered employees • Minimum rules and procedures • Little hierarchy
	Coercive	Empowering

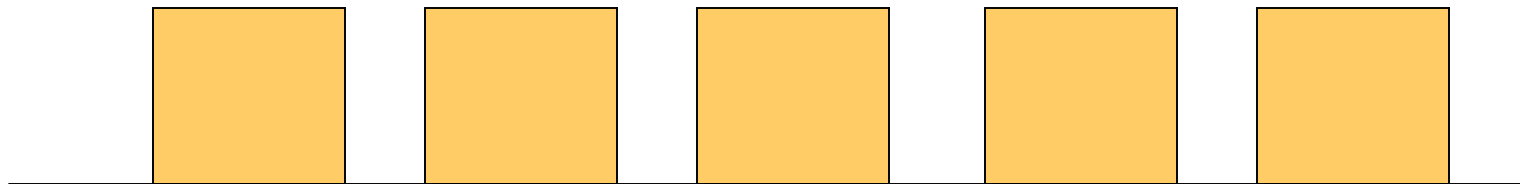
Adapted from Liker, JK (2004) The Toyota Way. McGraw Hill.

Climbing out of the tar pit ...

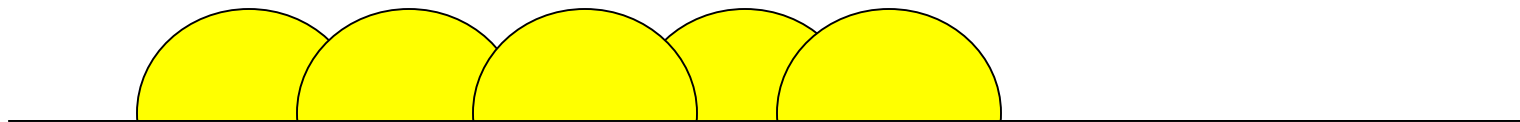


Theory: Scrum Evolution

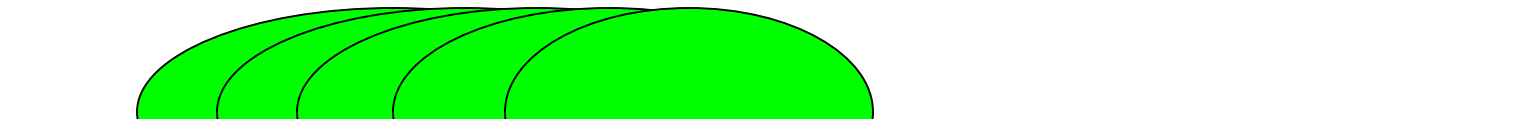
Type A, B, C Sprints



Type A – Isolated cycles of work



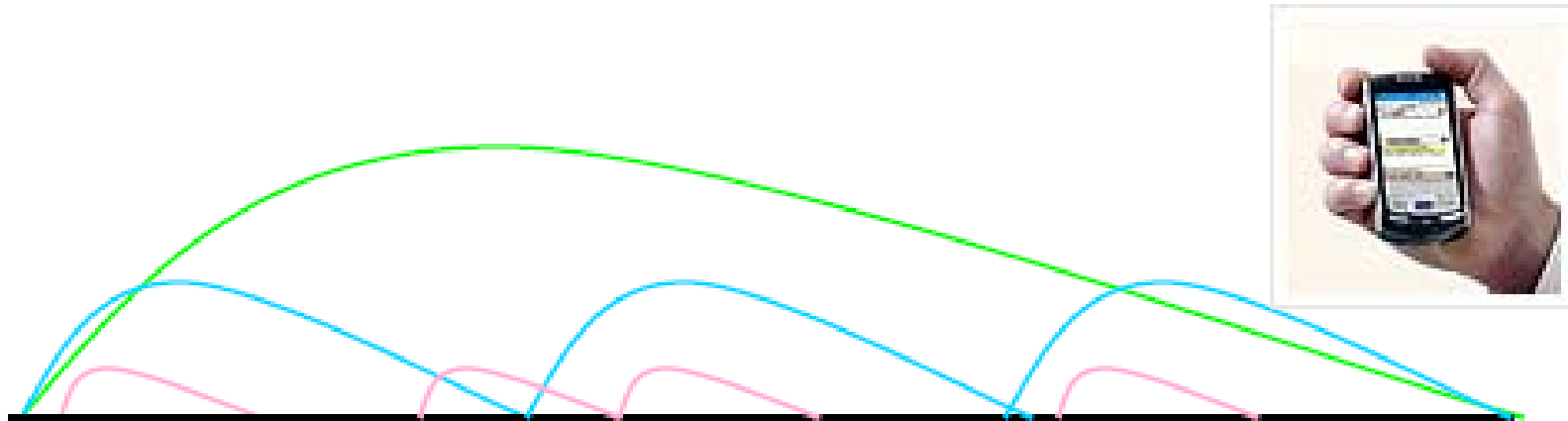
Type B – Overlapping iterations



Type C – All at once

The overlapping of phases does away with traditional notions about division of labor. Takeuchi and Nonaka (1986)

Simultaneous Overlapping Sprints



Red - weekly

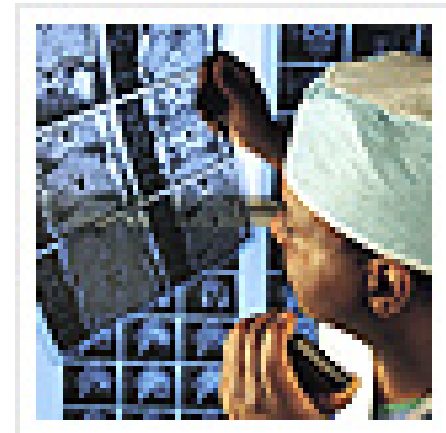
Blue - monthly

Green - quarterly

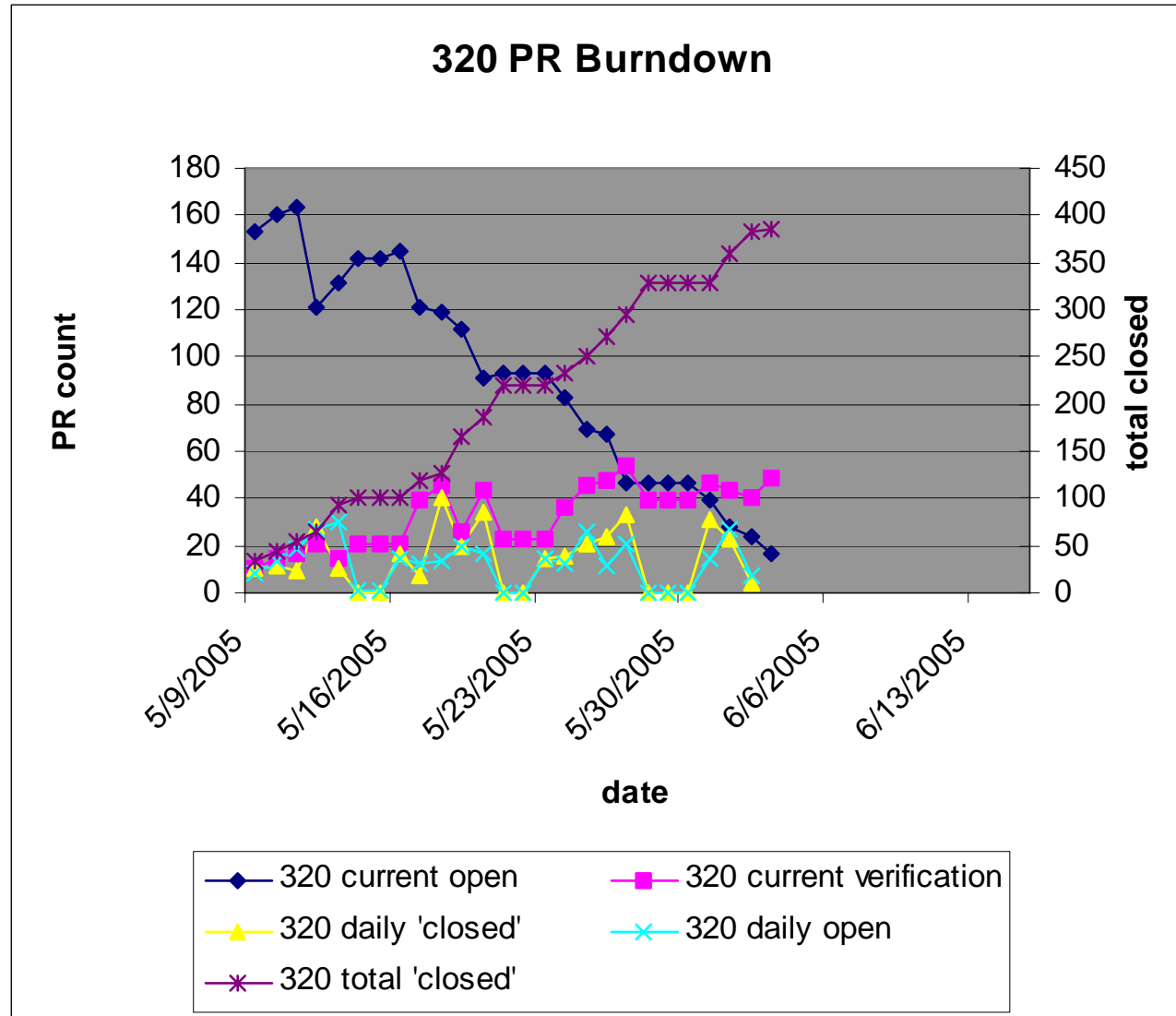
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PatientKeeper Strategy for Done, Done, Done, Done

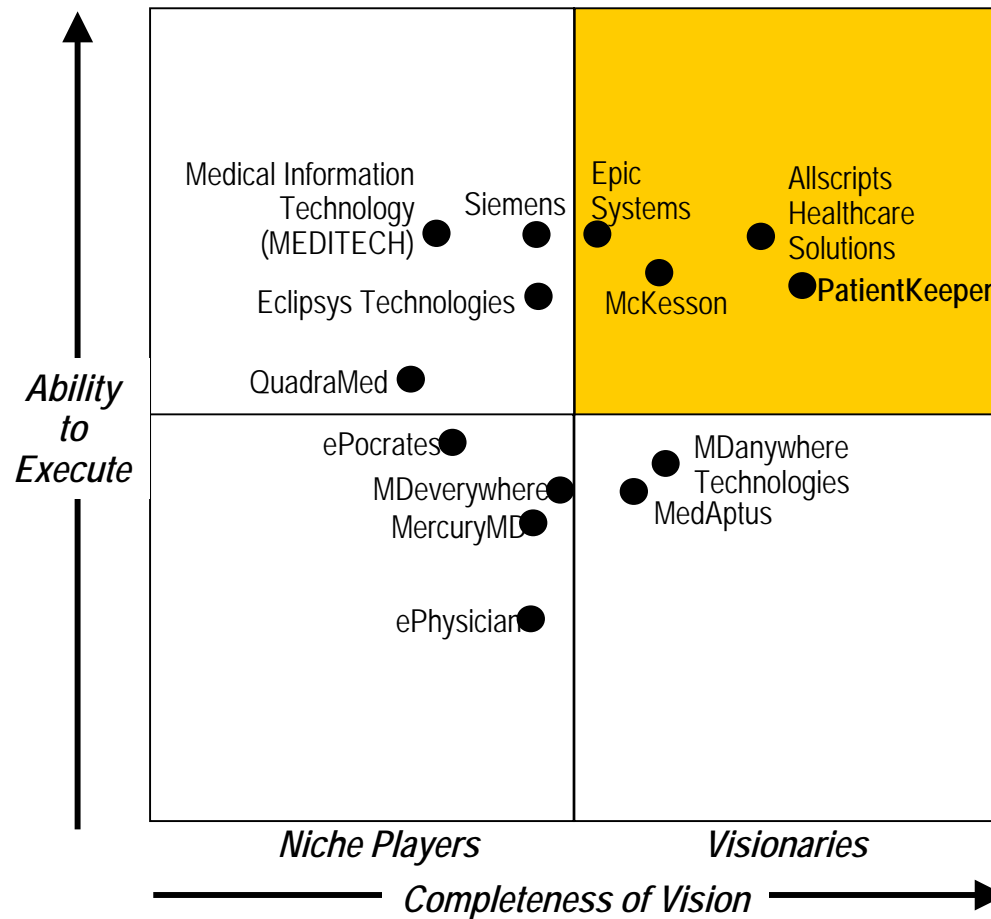
- **Sprint Planning**
 - **Product Backlog must be “ready” (estimable and testable)**
- **Week 1**
 - **Develop Agile technical specifications**
 - **Testers update test plans with delta**
 - **Developers put code in build**
 - **Smoke test ensures build never fails**
 - **Testers immediately test completed stories**
- **End of Week 2**
 - **Install Release Candidate 1 at customer sites**
- **End of Week 3**
 - **Install Release Candidate 2 at customer sites**
- **End of Week 4**
 - **Complete all customer requests, bugs, testing**
 - **Install final Release Candidate at customer sites**
- **Last day of Sprint**
 - **Train users and go live!**
- **Sprint Review**
 - **Did customers complain/rejoice?**



PatientKeeper Burndown



PatientKeeper All-at-Once Scrum



- First Scrum showed hyperproductive software development - NOT revenue
- PatientKeeper first company to achieve hyperproductive revenue state driven by Scrum in July 2007
- All-at-Once Type C Scrum designed for hyperproductive software AND revenue

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