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**AI in the Wild**  
**ECIR 2018 Industry Day**

**“From Research to Production”**

# Company Overview

**Founded:** 2011

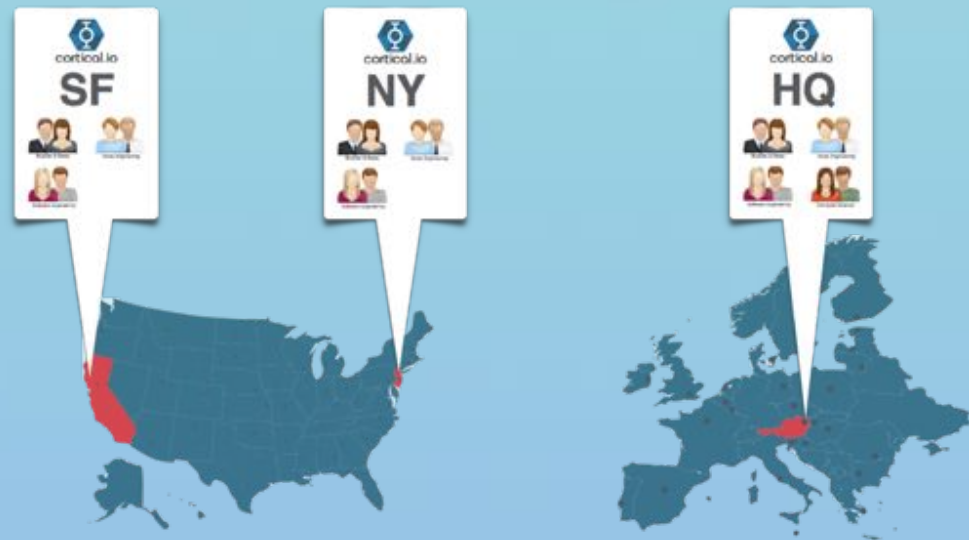
**Focus:** AI powered enterprise solutions

**Customers:** Fortune 500 companies in multiple domains (Banking, Service Providers, Technology Companies, Car Manufacturers)

## Locations:

- Vienna, Austria (HQ)
- New York
- San Francisco

**Employees:** 25+



# Shared Challenges - Different Focus

## Academia

### Focus: Controlled Experimentation

- > Formally defined tasks
- > Static test scenarios
  - >> Test collections
  - >> Fixed time frame
- > Attention on one specific aspects
  - >> Effectiveness
  - >> Efficiency
  - >> Scalability

## Enterprise

### Focus: Business Value

- > Not formally defined business workflows
  - >> Workflows are dynamic
  - >> Longitudinal aspect
- > Solution is not defined
- > Many crucial aspects to consider
  - >> Maintainability
  - >> Adaption / Configuration
  - >> Scalability
  - >> Model Governance
  - >> Integration into operational systems
  - >> User Training

# AI - IA

Solutions are not well defined – new ground – scorched earth

Artificial Intelligence

Intelligence Amplification

Starting points are business problems / opportunities

Cope with the amount of information

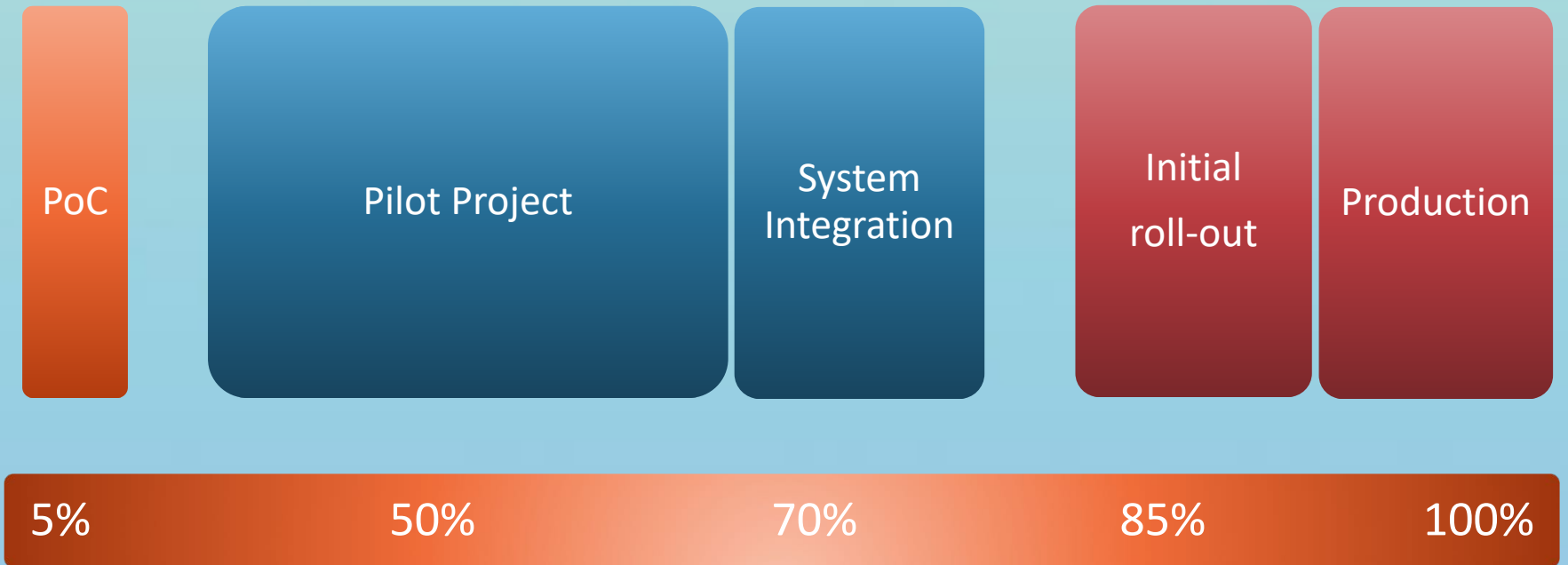
Scale use of information

Challenges stem from ML, organizational, regulatory, project related, ...

**Contract Intelligence  
Solutions**

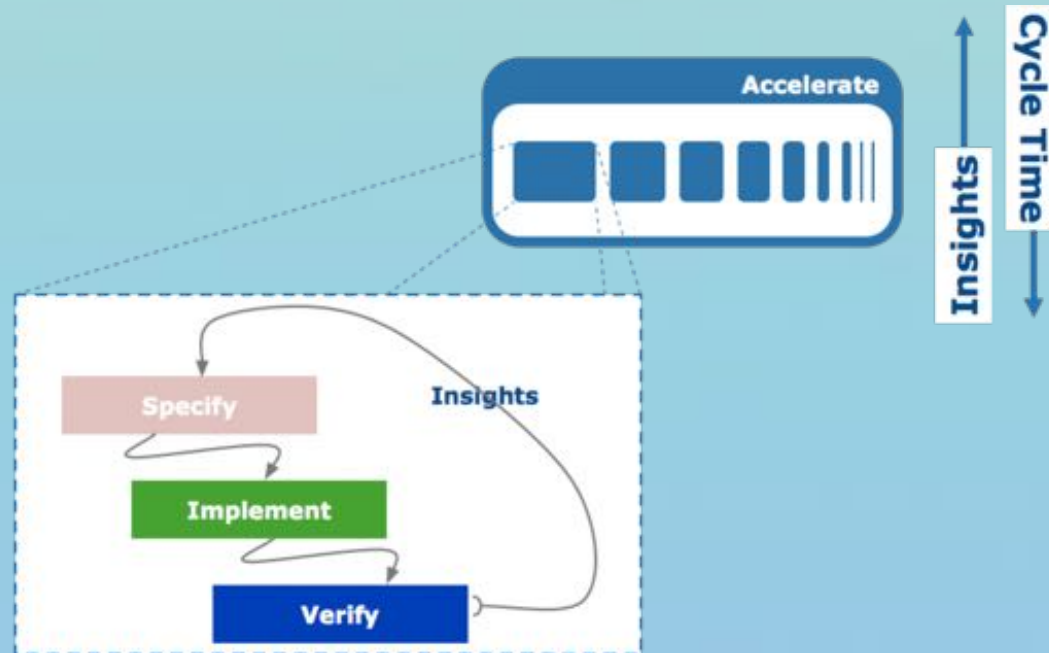
**Support Intelligence  
Solutions**

# Iterative Development



# Insight Cycles

Impact of waterfall model on machine intelligence projects.



Acceleration of insight cycle crucial to project success.

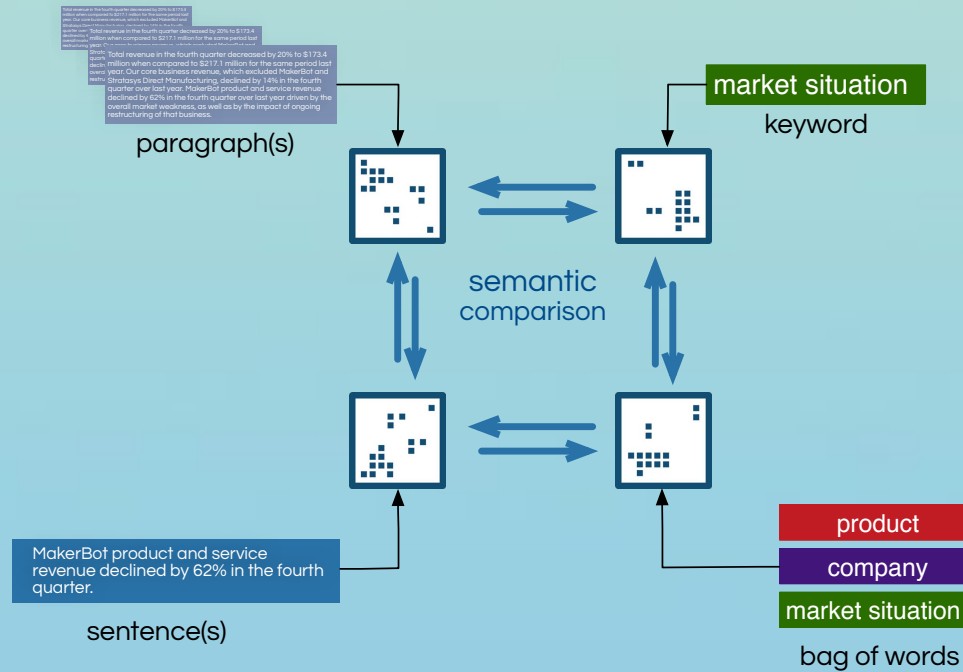
# Interpretability

- Simplicity & comprehensibility of the workings of the system.
- Interpretability at the Subject Matter Expert (SME) level.
- Detect bias and optimise training material (variable sparsity, topology of NN, traceable samples)



Contrast: academic task of outlier identification  
Peter Norvig: Debuggability

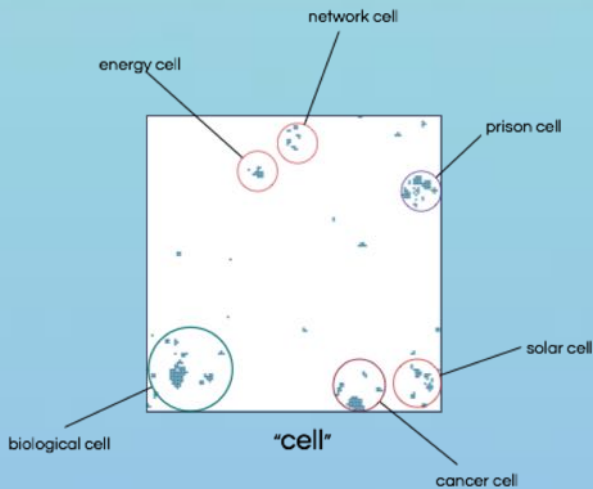
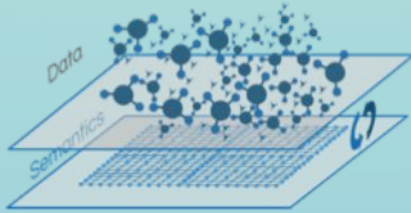
# Dynamic Composition of Meaning



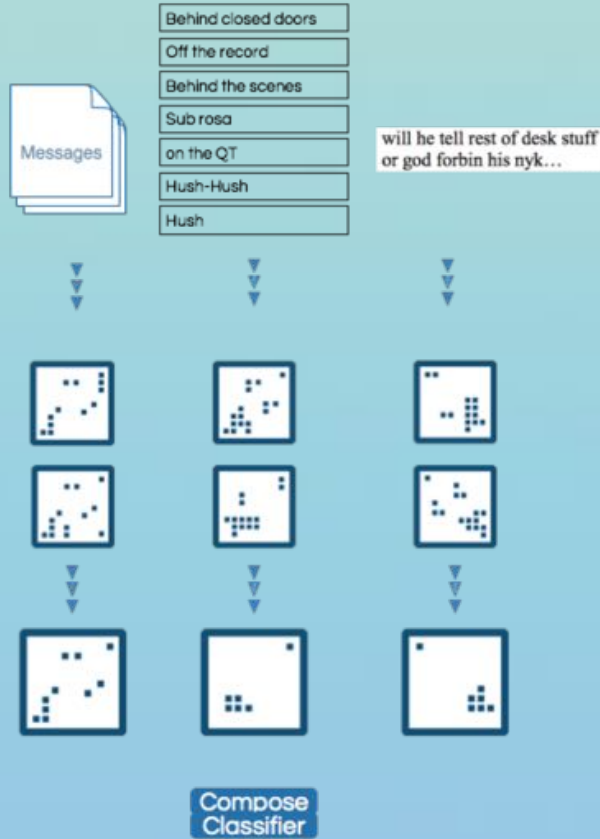
- Direct semantic comparison between keywords, sentences, paragraphs, bag of words based on pre-trained fingerprints
- Dynamic composition enables fast experimentation and adaptation of solutions
- Task Adaptability



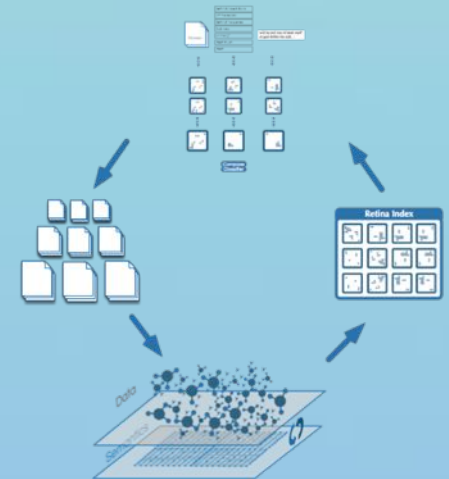
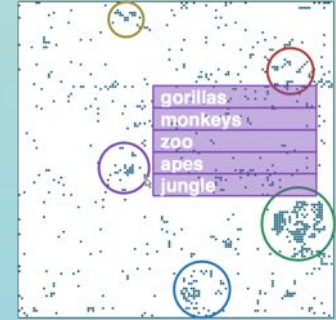
# Insight Cycles



Task Agnostic Representations



Dynamic Composition & Manipulation of Meaning



Interpretability

# Insight Cycles

## Cycle Time Reduction

- Unsupervised learning
- Semi-supervised learning
- Existing resource integration

## Interactive ML / AI

- Interpretability
- Task Adaptability
- IR versus Classification

## SME shaped Solutions

- Data scientists are a bottleneck
- SME interaction is not optional

-> Edwin Hutchins *“Cognition in the Wild”*



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