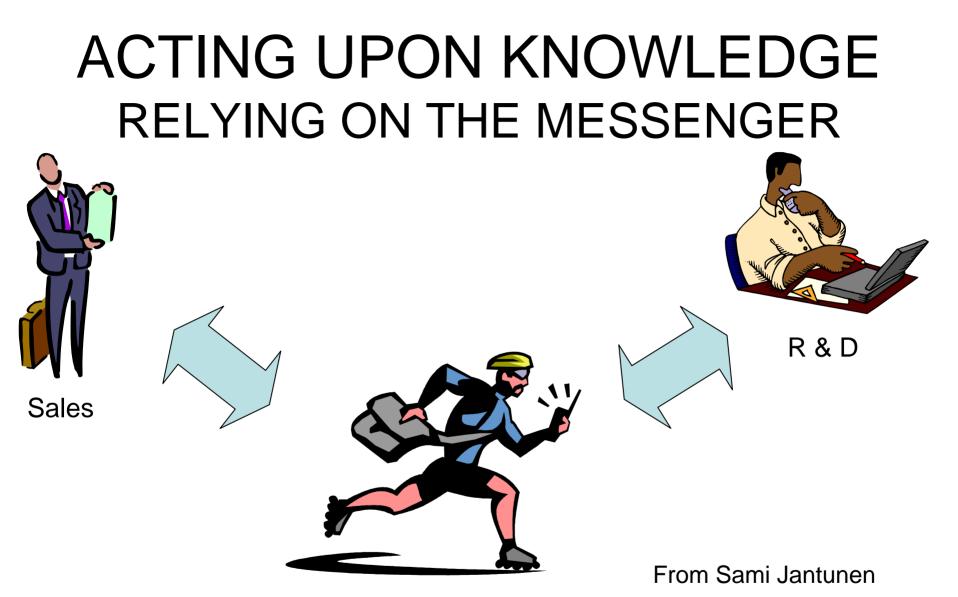
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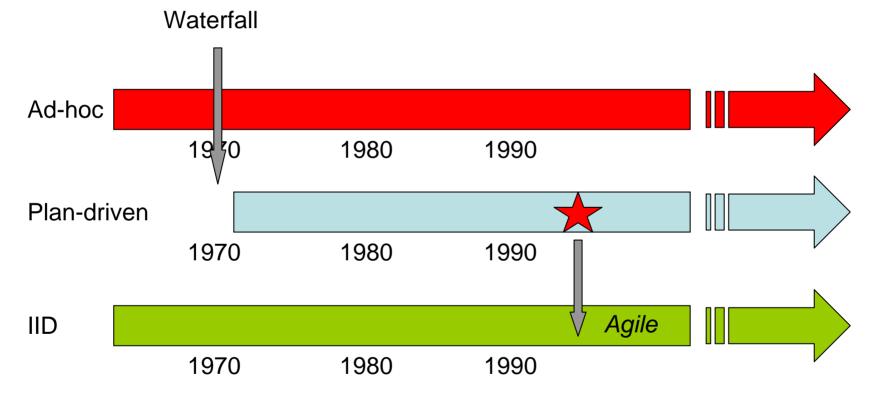
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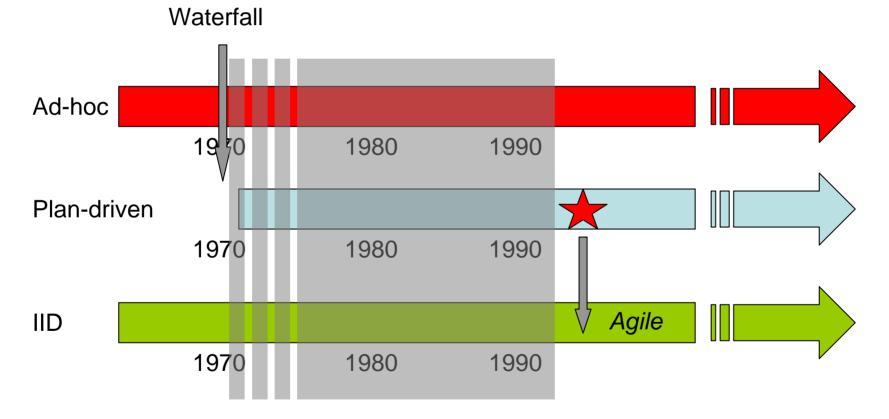
Agile Methods in Context 1

• Agile Methods bring a freshness to IID



GSD in Context - 1

GSD has been practiced before Agile

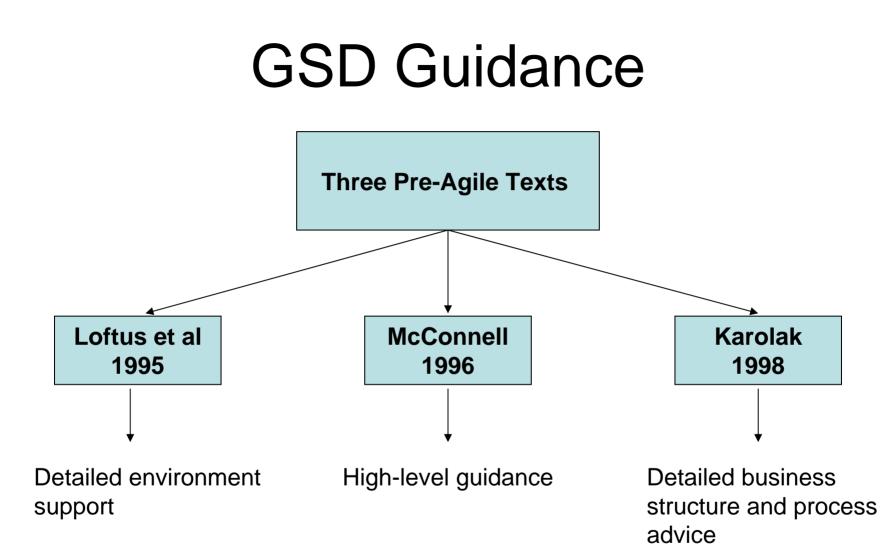


GSD in Context - 2

• Industry Drivers

Global Software Market]
	Strategic Partnerships
Joint Ventures	
	Global Companies

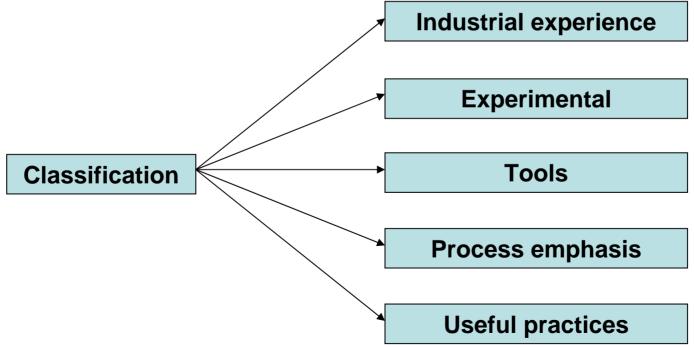
Component-based D	ev	
		Open Systems Adoption
Increased Standardisation		
	R	eduction in Mainframe Environments
Improved Communications	_	



The guidance is good irrespective of method

Agile GSD Research Papers 1

 Papers from XP/Agile conference 2001-2005 addressing some aspect of Agile GSD

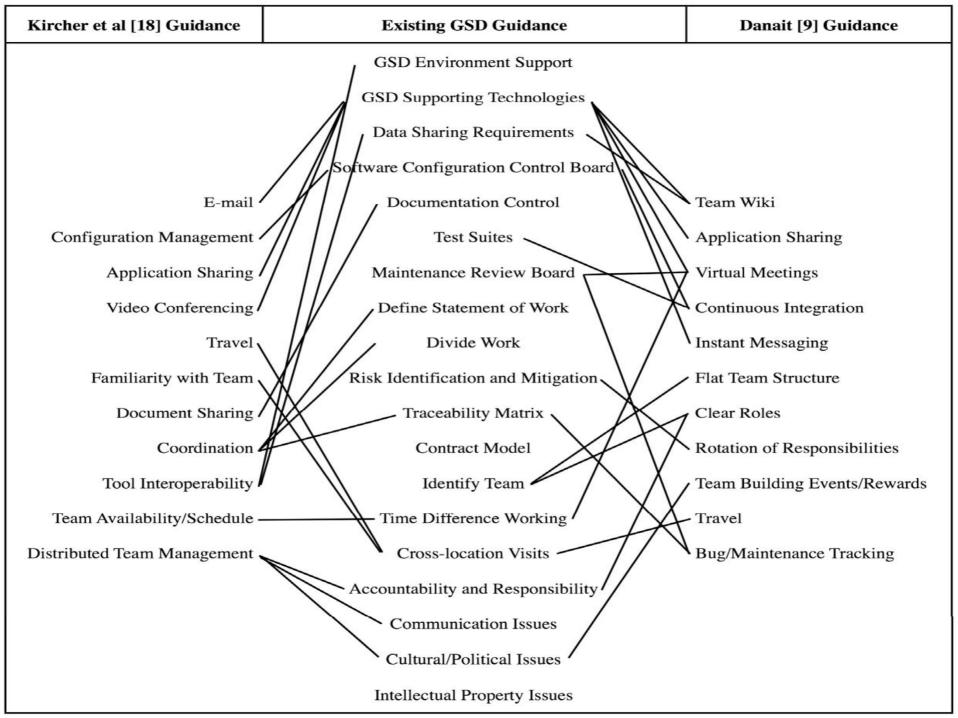


Agile GSD Research Papers 2

- 14 papers addressing Agile GSD
 - 7 experimental research and 8 industrial experience
 - -7 papers deal with tool support
 - 10 papers present useful practices
 - 4 papers on distributed pair programming
 - 0 papers deal with process improvement issues for Agile GSD
 - 0 papers reference the 3 pre-agile texts
 - 3 papers make reference to GSD texts

Problems with Agile GSD Experience Reports 1

- Implicit Assumptions:
 - Novelty of Agile Methods
 - Specific Agile Methods are fixed
 - Specific Agile Method practices must be replicated in a GSD context
 - Development context
 - Agile Methods are mature and without criticism



Conclusions

- Future research and practice of Agile GSD will be strengthened through the following:
 - Agile GSD within context of GSD
 - Study the feasibility of Agile GSD
 - Capture the state of practice
 - Research methods and challenges
 - Increased community building within Agile GSD and with other expertise
- How can we move Agile GSD forward?