

# Intelligent Service Agent at ZEISS Harnessing the Power of Knowledge Graph and Semantic Search Technology

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# Should I listen or get a coffee during this talk? This is what we are going to talk about...



- Key learnings in a successful implementation of a semantic application driven by
  - Agile project management
  - High user involvement
- Smart information delivery based on
  - Knowledge graphs
  - LLMs/GPT
- Live since March '23
  - Customer service application for ZEISS microscopy, the leading one-stop microscope manufacturer
  - Context-based recommender to support service engineers in service tasks with expert knowhow

Interesting, right?

# About Today's Speakers Andreas & Max







Head of Knowledge Management, ZEISS Digital Partners

Project role: Lead architect in the architectural board

Key expertise Machine Learning, Natural language processing, LLMs, knowledge graphs, enterprise architecture



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Project role: Developer and member of architectural board;

Key expertise knowledge graphs, technical (product) information, application development





#### ISA Initiators and Business Owners





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RMS-XI Head of
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**Project role: Chief Product Owner** 

Key expertise Information Architecture



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RMS-XI Product Owner Knowledge Management, ZEISS Research Microscopy Solutions

Project role: Product
Owner and UX Lead

Key expertise User Experience Research





# Agenda



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02	Intelligent Service Agent
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#### Motivation & collaboration





'Our primary objective is to empower new service employees with an intelligent system, ensuring they achieve the same level of knowledge as experienced service technicians.'

Martin Fischer, Head of Sales & Service at ZEISS Microscopy



#### **ZEISS Microscopy**

- ZEISS Microscopy is the world's only onestop manufacturer of light, electron, Xray and ion microscope systems and offers solutions for correlative microscopy
- Products and services for life sciences, materials and industrial research, as well as education and clinical practice



#### **ZEISS Digital Partners**

 ZEISS Digital Partners is the ZEISS-wide partner of choice for designing, developing, scaling and operating the digital and data solutions of ZEISS-SBUs



#### **PANTOPIX**

- Turning information into value with intelligent solutions for Technical Documentation
- Data Modeling, Knowledge Graphs, Metadata, AI, CCMS, PIM, iiRDS, DITA, Publication Processes, Service Information









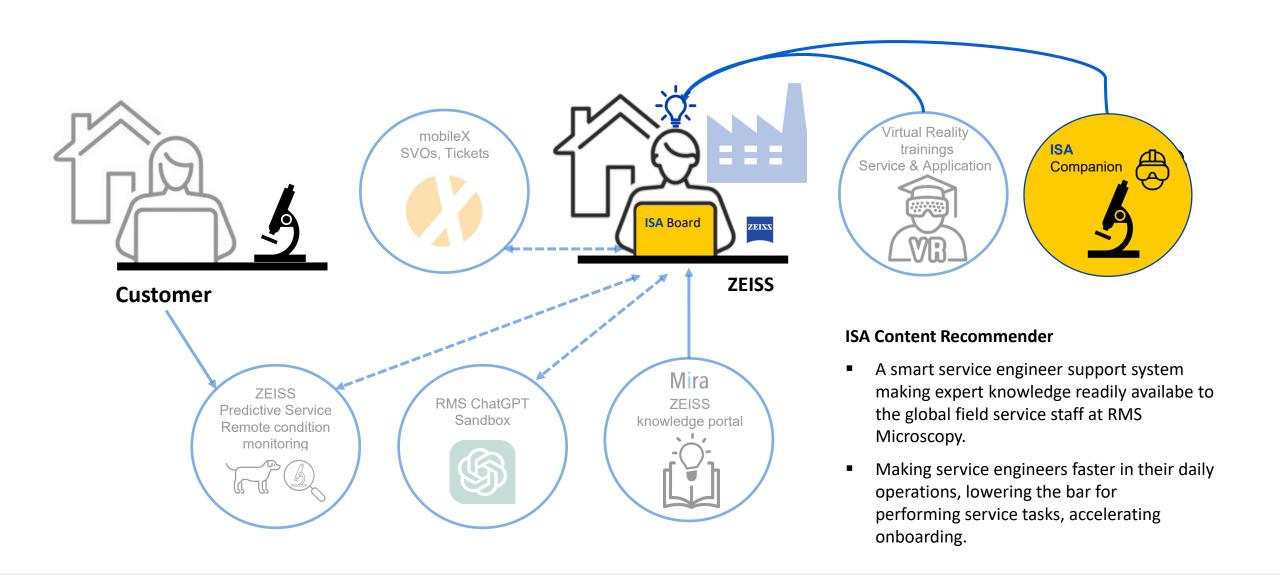


# Intelligent Service Agent



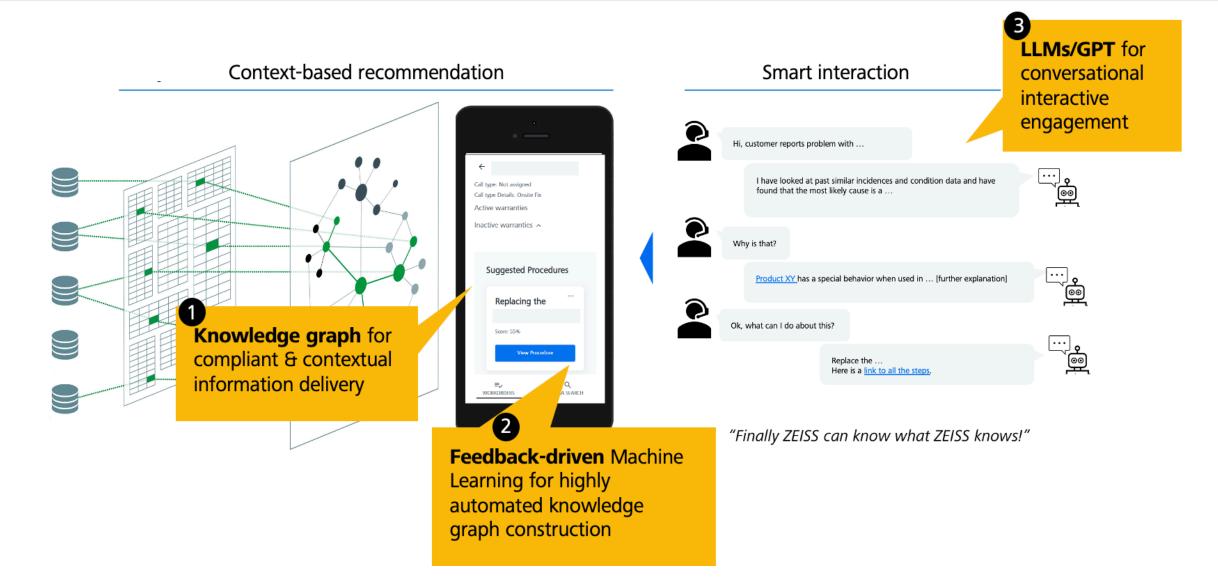
# Our solution - Intelligent Service Agent





## Three pillars of smart information management & delivery

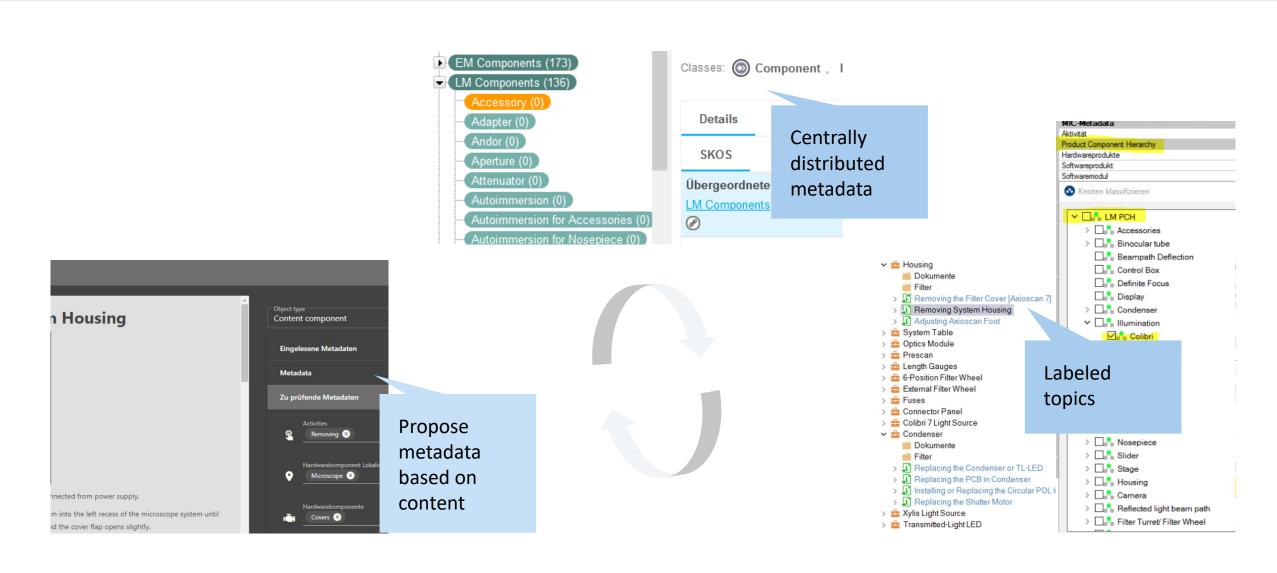




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# Use of taxonomies in the authoring process







# **Key Aspects of Implementation**



## Iteration, high user involvement, and team reflection



#### "Walk the talk"

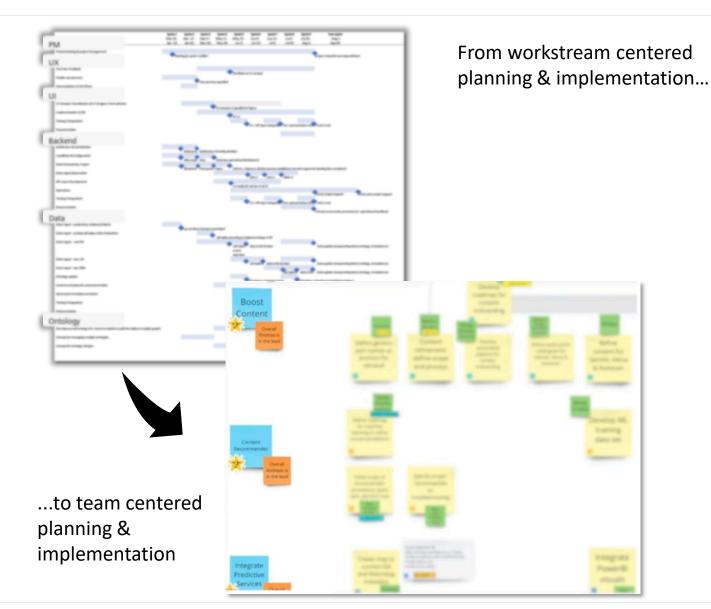
- Hackathon
- Prototype
- MVP

#### End users as main stakeholders

- Feedback-driven development
- 100% Content

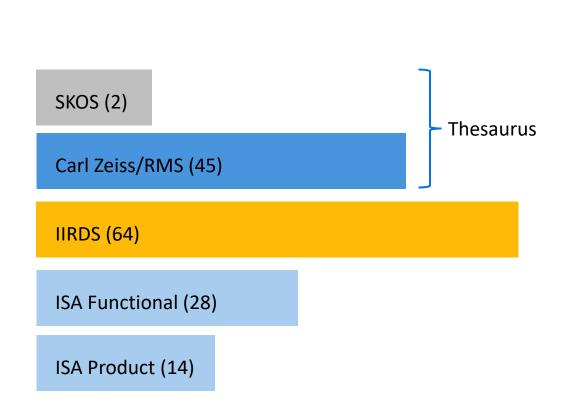
#### **Experiments!**

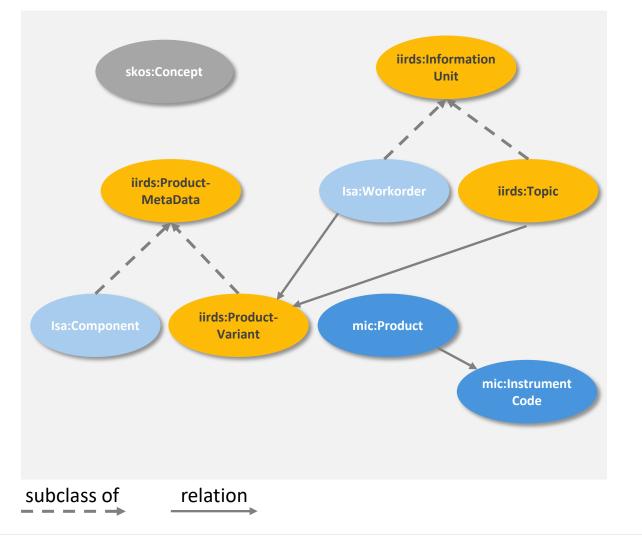
- "Law of 2 feet"
- Change of sprint duration
- Development of team architecture



# Modular Ontology plus SKOS-based Thesaurus

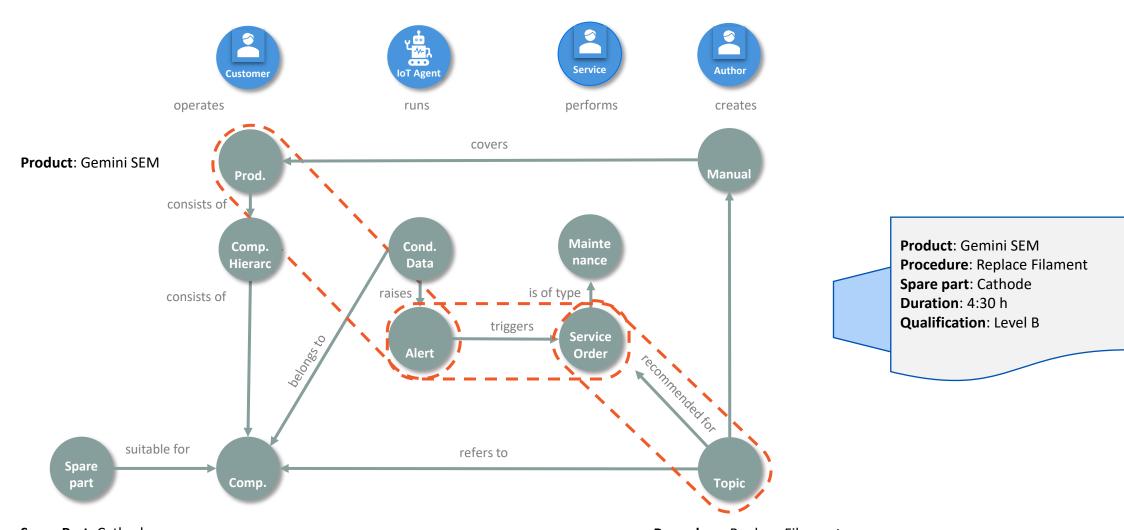






# Taxonomy as point of integration for data instances





Spare Part: Cathode Procedure: Replace Filament



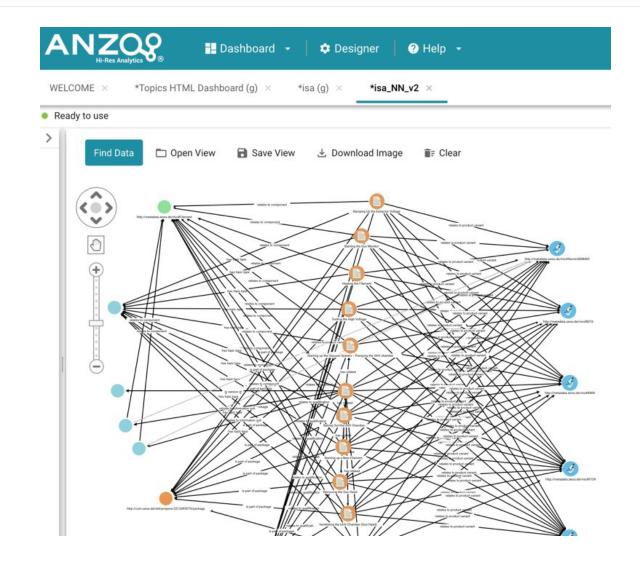
# Key Learnings



## Not all processes can or must be automated ...at least initially



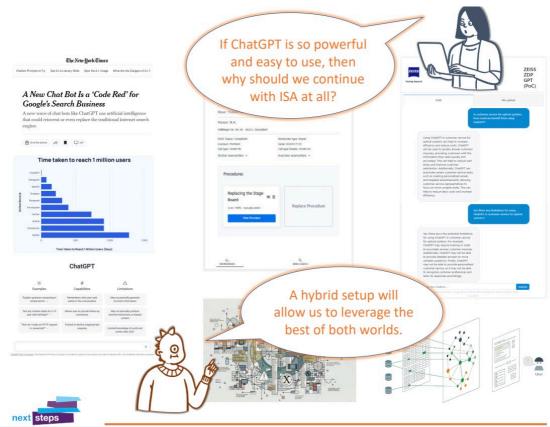
- Avoid premature optimization
- It is more important to gather feedback early
- Examples of manual steps that can evolve
  - Labeling data, e.g. classification of topics
  - Adding metadata to ingestion tasks, e.g. missing relations between spare parts and topics
  - Custom crafted triples to fill gaps in the graph, e.g. simulating topics with pre/post semantics
  - Ontology/Taxonomy publishing



## Dealing with LLM hype during the project



- LLMs/ChatGPT enable conversational interactivity and scalable information extraction
- The knowledge graph provides regulatory compliance by augmenting and validating results and provides context for situation-specific information delivery
- → The Field Service Engineer benefits through better recommendations, relieving the Tech Support who can focus on core tasks, the content developer creates more relevant content faster



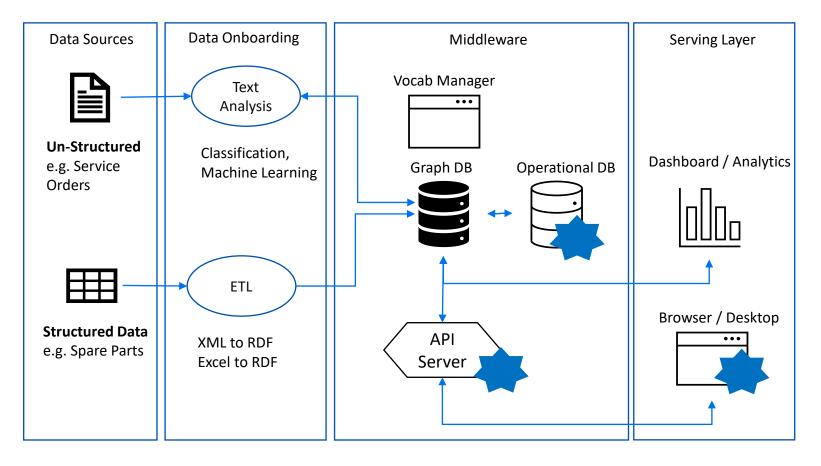
'With its continued innovation and development, GPT is undoubtedly inevitable in to stay in the race.'

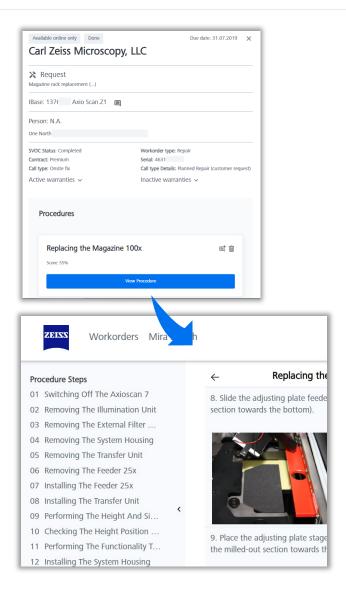
Dr. Oliver Clarke, Head of Global Service and Customer Care at ZEISS Microscopy

# How far do you get with standard software, what's left?



#### **Simplified Architecture**







# **Next Steps**



## What's next?







#### Scaling is our goal

- Scaling to all products and further stakeholders
- Service across ZEISS segments
- Transfer to similar use cases

#### **Additional Features**

- Predictive Maintenance
- Virtual Reality
- Digital Twin

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