

eInfrastructures Concertation Event

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OGF Vision & Mission



Our Vision:

The Open Grid Forum accelerates grid adoption to *enable scientific discovery and business value.*

Our Mission:

The Open Grid Forum accelerates grid adoption by providing an open forum for grid innovation and developing open standards for grid software interoperability.

OGF Value



Events & Forums

Bring communities together to share, innovate, workshop and outreach

Community Practice

Leverage expertise & experience of the community to enable successful building and operating of grids

Industry Standards

Align with/influence other SDOs and/or develop specifications that lead to interoperable software standards

Starting with...the good news



- Grids and eInfrastructures have enabled increased productivity in:
 - Research & Scientific Computing (HPC)
 - Early Commercial Adopters (Finance, Pharma)
 - Broader Commercial Adoption
 - Business intelligence
 - Digital Media
 - 'Scale-out' infrastructures
 - Data consolidation
 - Shared, multi-facility infrastructures

For example...

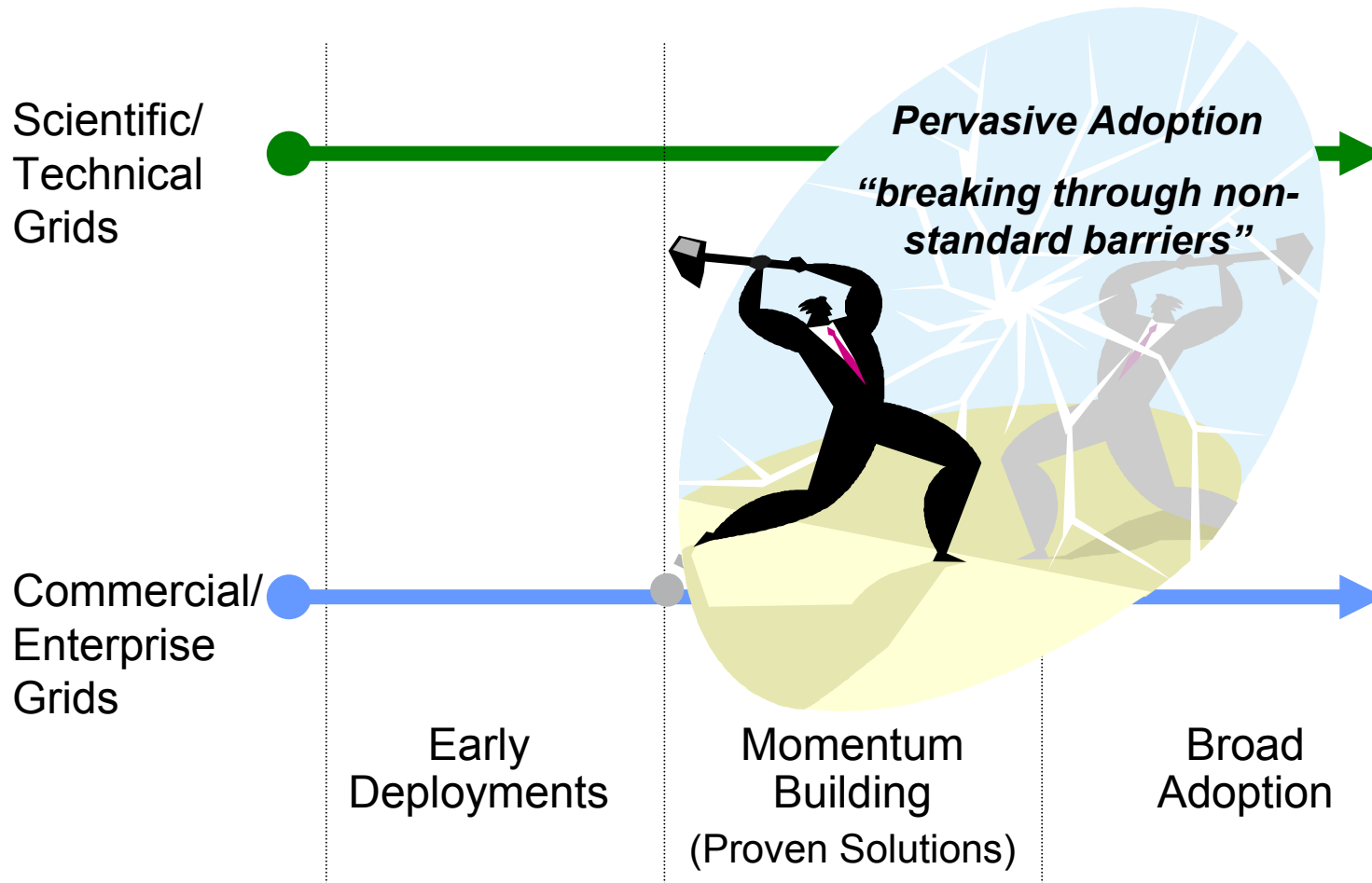


- Draft gene sequencing 6 years ahead of schedule
- Access compute power at 10% of the cost for a more traditional architecture
- 90% cost savings on hardware - saving millions of dollars
- Process 20-50% more genetic data daily

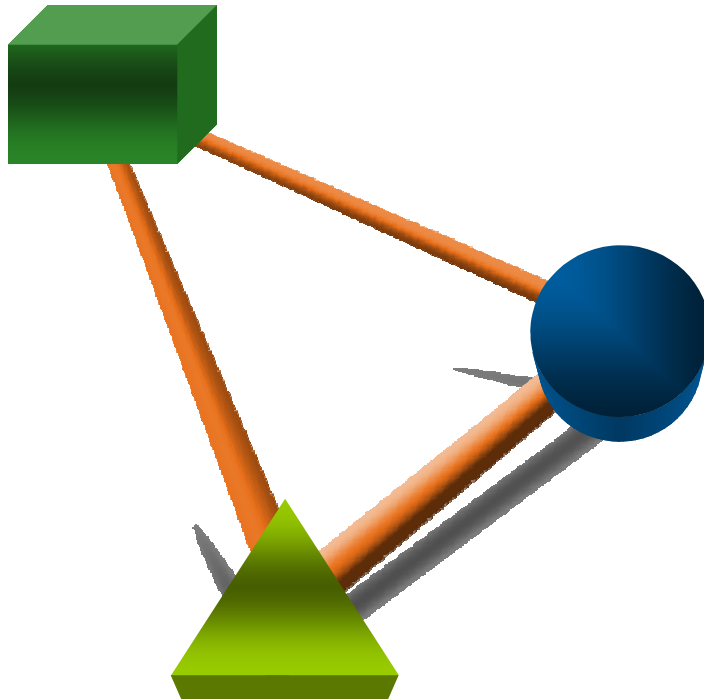
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- Geographically distributed users enabled access to full set of distributed compute resources
- Simplified job submission and greater visibility to job execution (thanks to a web-based portal)
- Better utilization and sharing of compute resources
- Significant increase in number of simulations resulting in better decision making on expensive drilling, etc.

Adoption will occur in stages



Standards critical to pervasive adoption

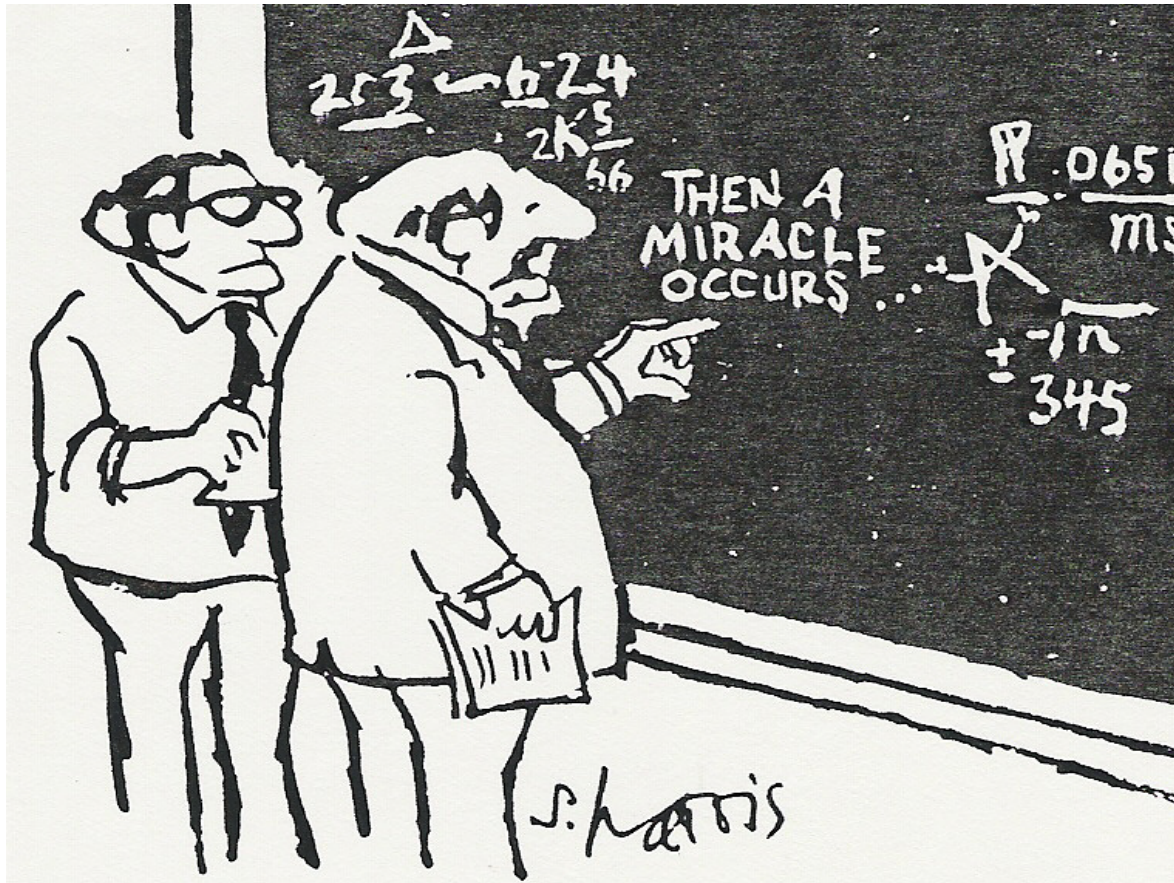


It's a heterogeneous world

Benefits ...

- Abstraction and Interoperability
- Investment and leverage
- Choice and diversity
- Trained, available expertise

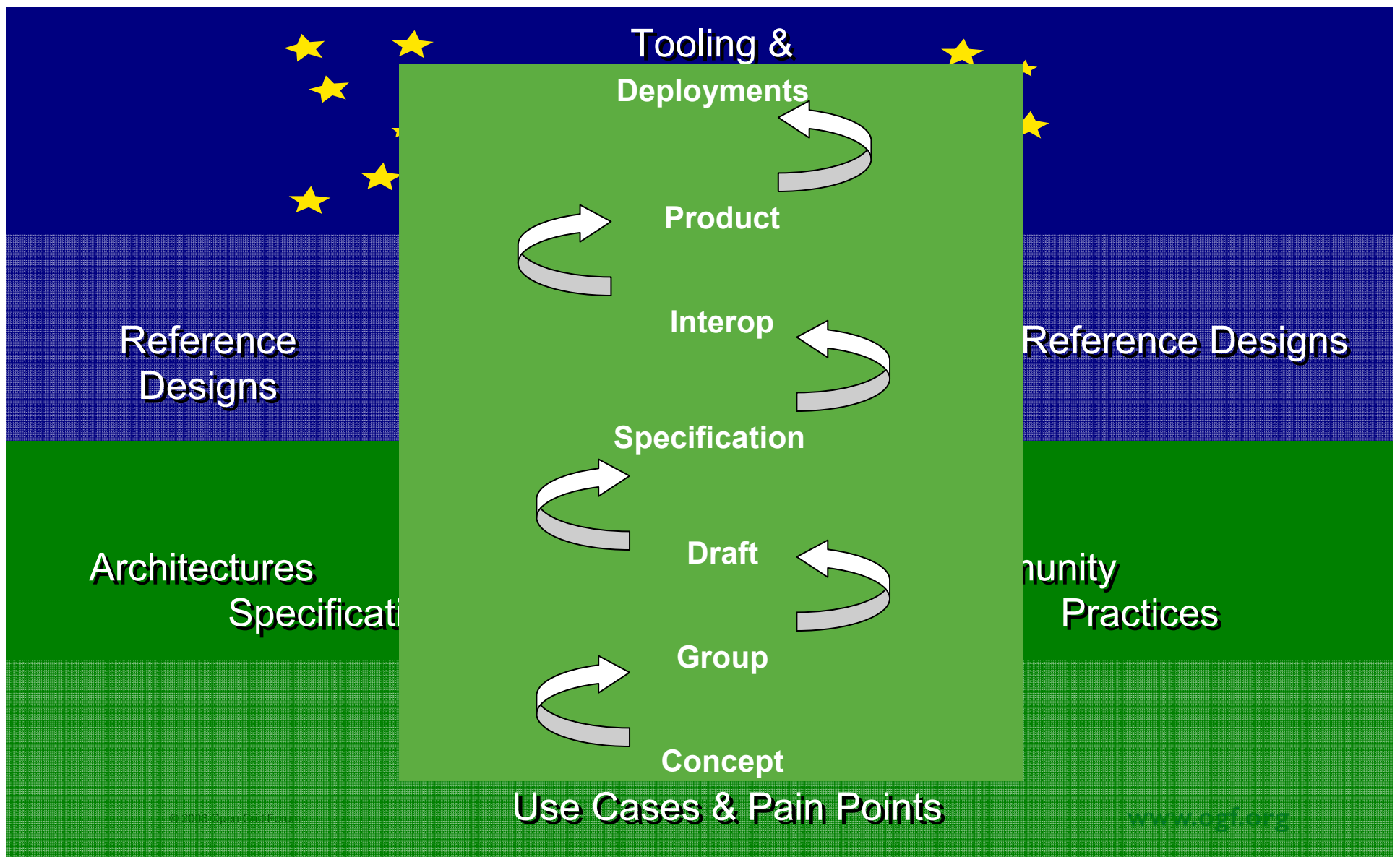
The problem with standards



- Expectations
- Process
- Politics

“I think you should be more explicit here in step two”

In theory – step-by-step process



In practice – organic, somewhat chaotic process

Architects

This is how the house should be built



My “grid house” must fit my needs at a cost I can afford with the quality I deserve

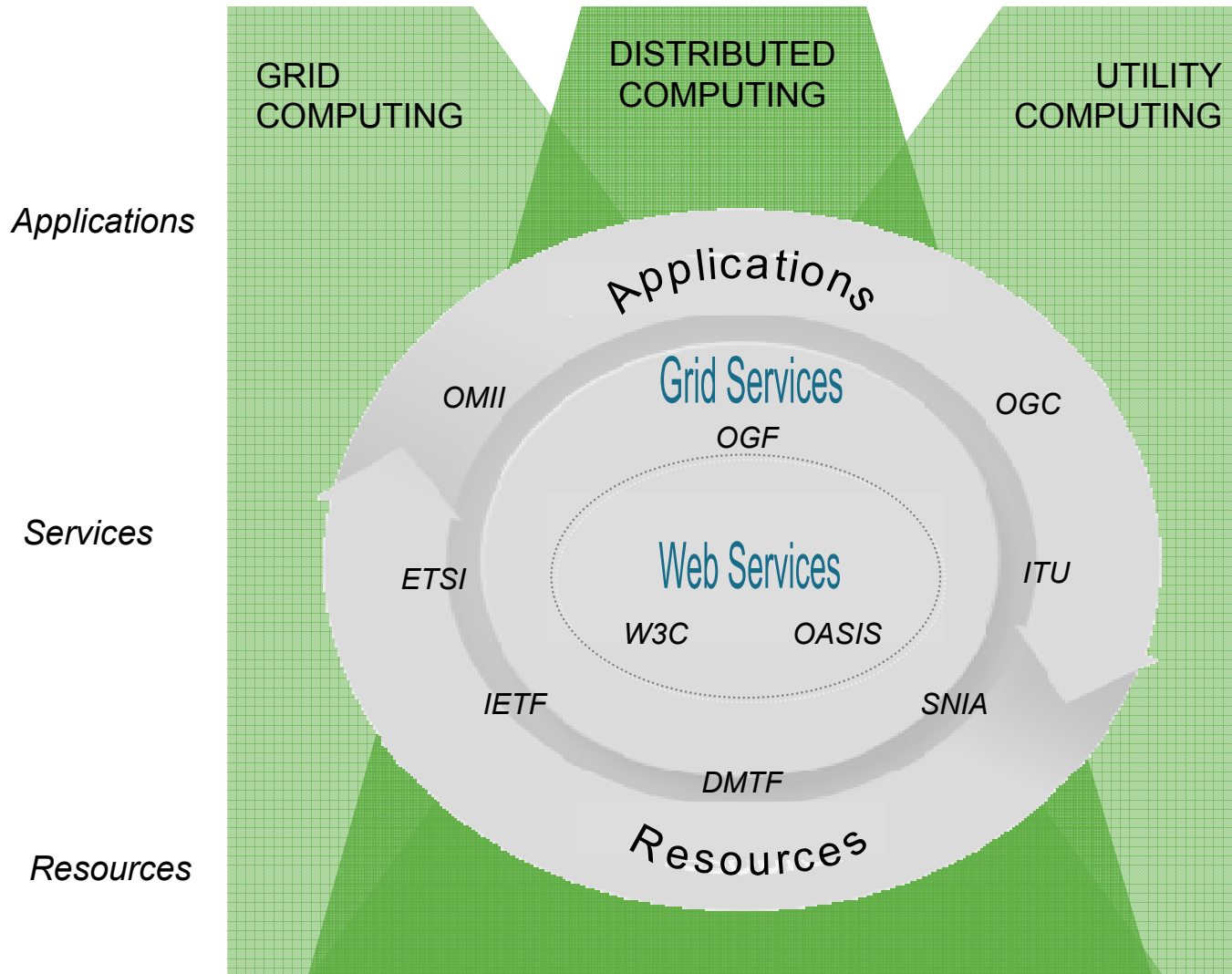
Vendors

I have better tools and materials than my competitors

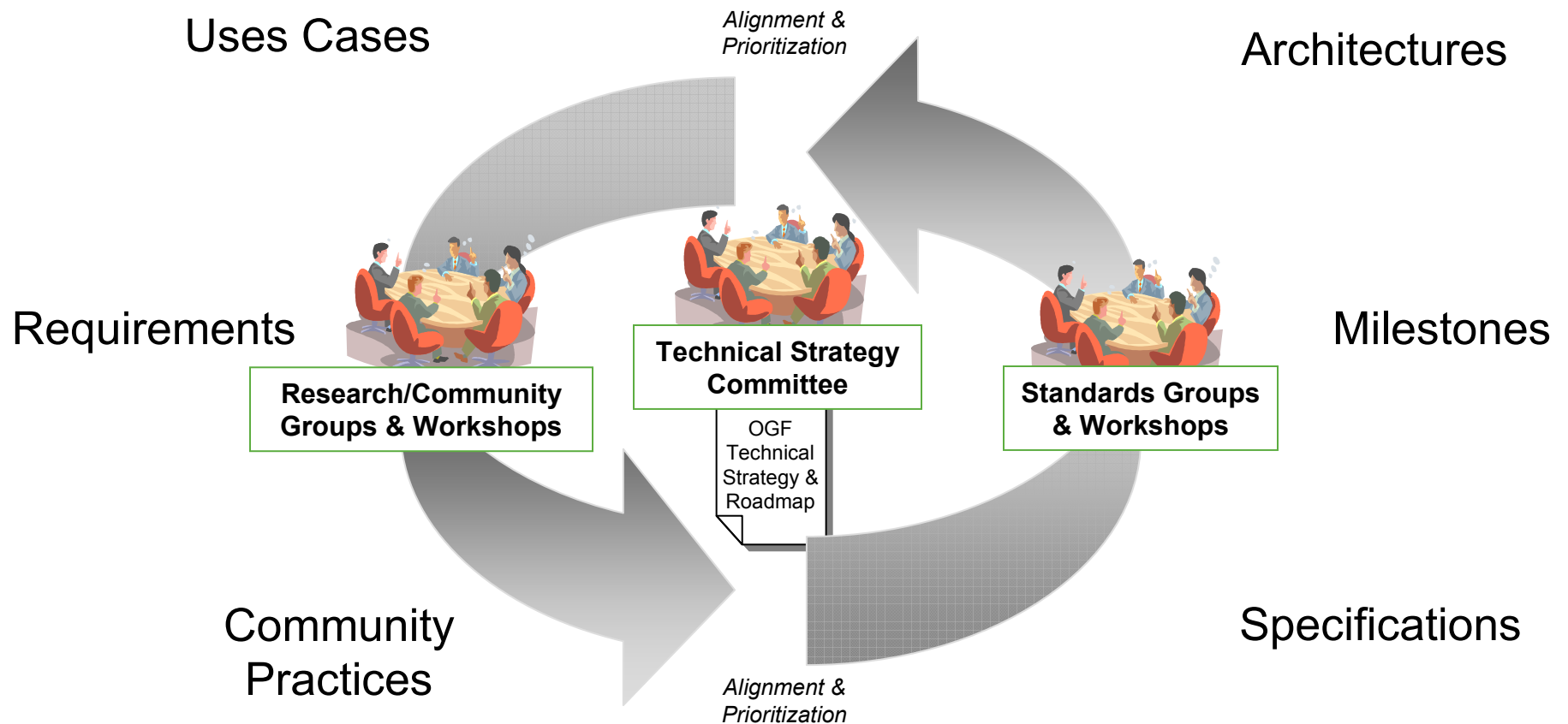
Builders

Our home owner needs a quality house built by next month

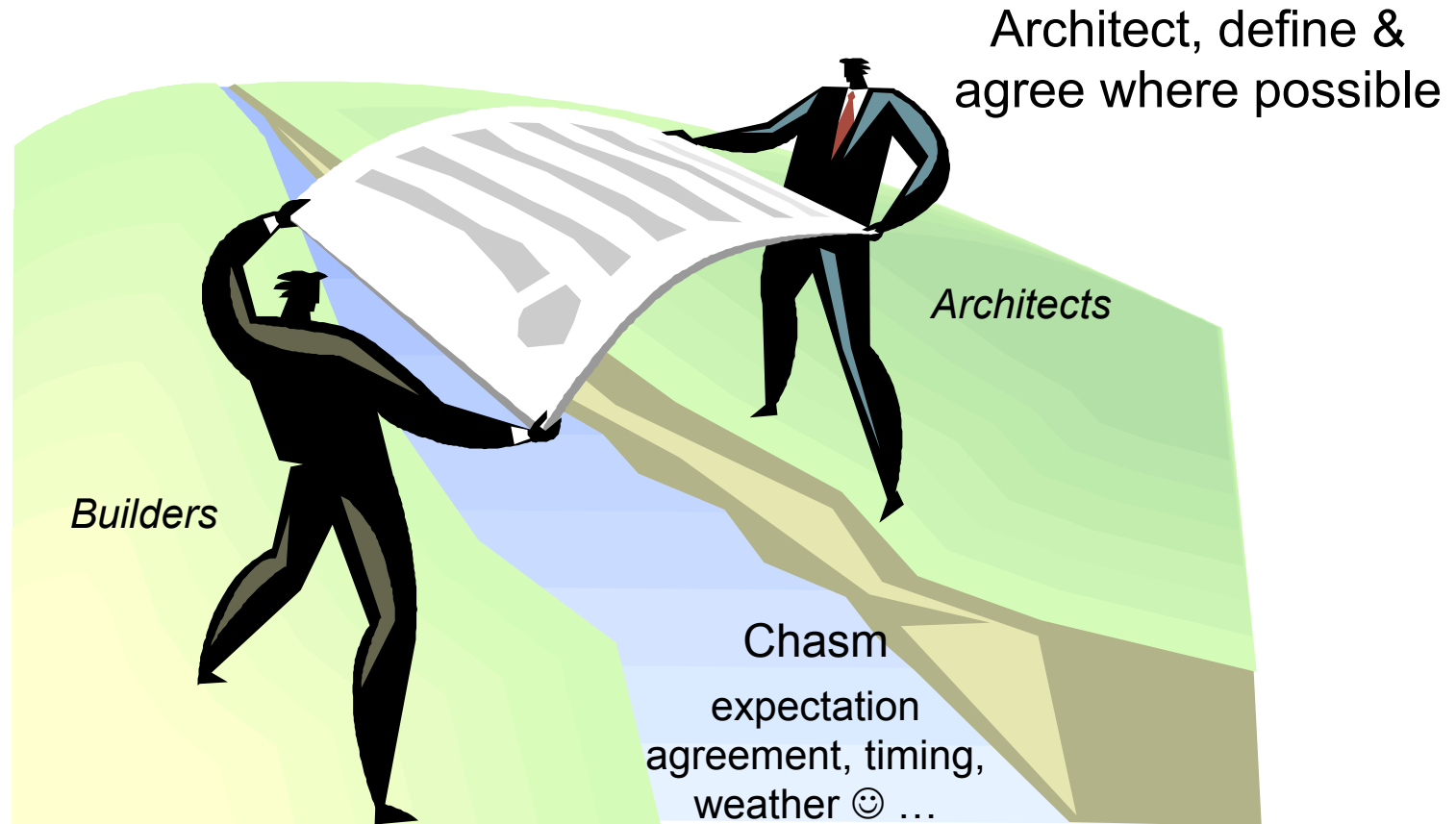
... that requires collaboration across the landscape



... extensive alignment of technical directions and requirements



... and must accommodate adjustments along the way



Build, improvise, & re-factor where necessary

A desirable future...



- Grids and related infrastructures become much easier to build, maintain, and secure
- Grids and related infrastructures must become transparent (utility-like)
 - to the user
 - to the application builders
- Grids and related infrastructures must simplify data access, movement, and management
- Grids and related infrastructures must facilitate collaborative delivery of services (e.g, VO's)
- The average Joe (and his SME) must receive clear benefit

The needed resources...



- Thought Leadership (research is not done!)
- Community Practices
- Technical people committed to & funded for standards development
- Collaborative efforts with other Standards bodies
- Mature, standards-based software
- Clever yet simple applications for the masses
- Concerted outreach, training, and education
- Organizations and governments that can fund a sustainable open standards process

OGF can be a place where...



- Computer scientists can collaborate to solve numerous challenges (data, security, etc.)
- Middleware developers agree to produce short-term practices that pave the way for standards
- Application developers can adopt standard API's that leverage underlying dynamic infrastructures
- Vendors can collaborate to develop and then adopt specifications

THE USERS WILL COME!!!

A word about OGF-EUROPE



- Status: In negotiations
- Two-year concerted effort to:
 - Leverage EU's past investments in grid
 - Give Europe a stronger voice in OGF strategies and deliverables
 - Ensure that OGF standards comprehend European requirements
 - Mobilize new and existing EU-based user communities through international events, outreach seminars and tutorials
 - Survey the landscape of grid adoption in research and industry
 - Build near-term interoperation practices

OGF23

- June 2-6, 2008 in Barcelona
- First OGF-EUROPE hosted event (pending negotiations)
- Locally hosted by BSC
- Co-location with BEinGRID Industry Event
- Excellent opportunity to execute dissemination and standardization activities described in project work plans

Note also OGF22 in Cambridge, MA February 25-29

Questions?

THANKS!
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