

Grid – Distributed Computing at Scale

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New world of distributed computing

Old World

Static

Silo

Physical

Manual

Application



New World

Dynamic

Shared

Virtual

Automated

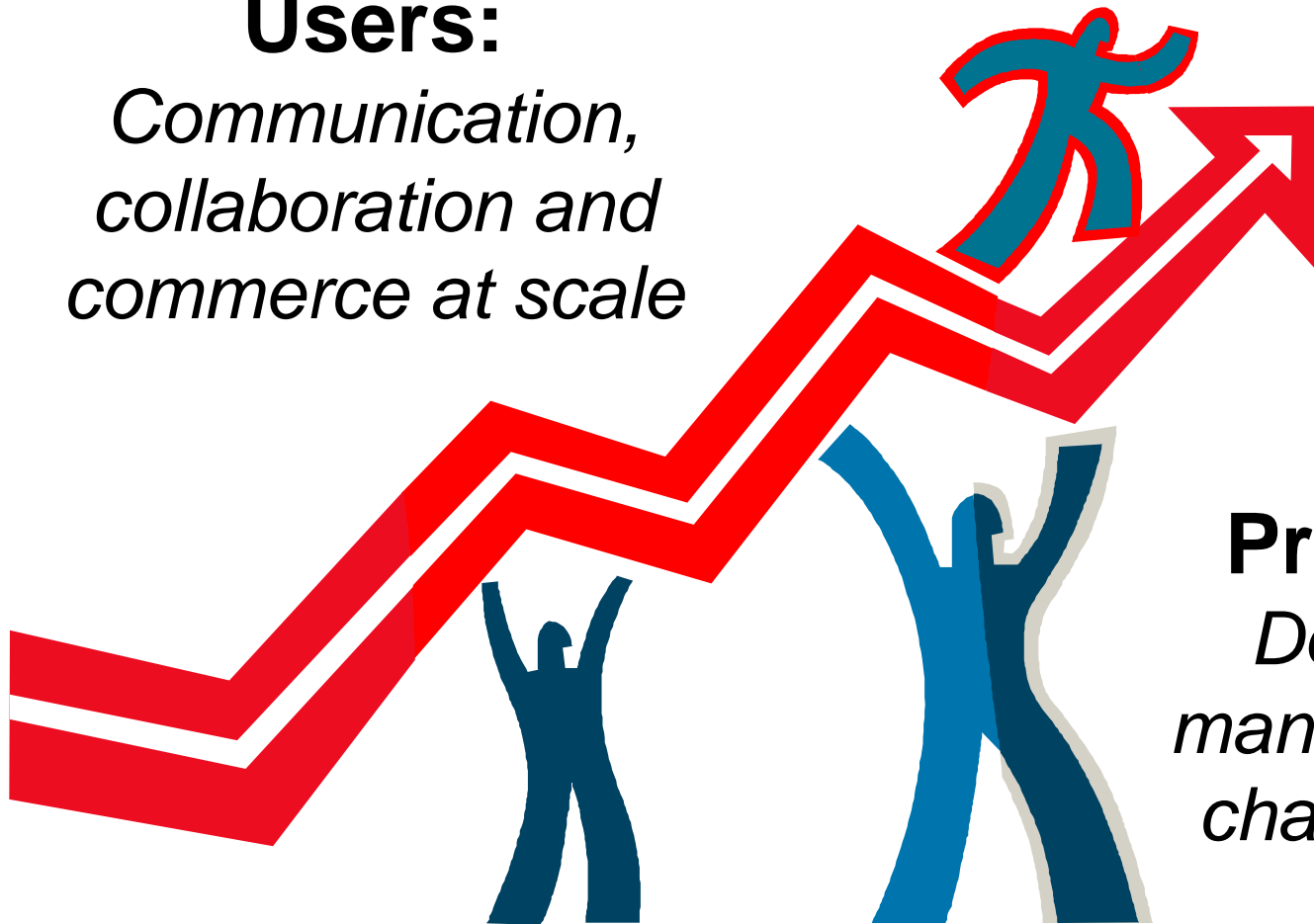
Service

A new world of opportunity and challenges

Users:

*Communication,
collaboration and
commerce at scale*

Applications



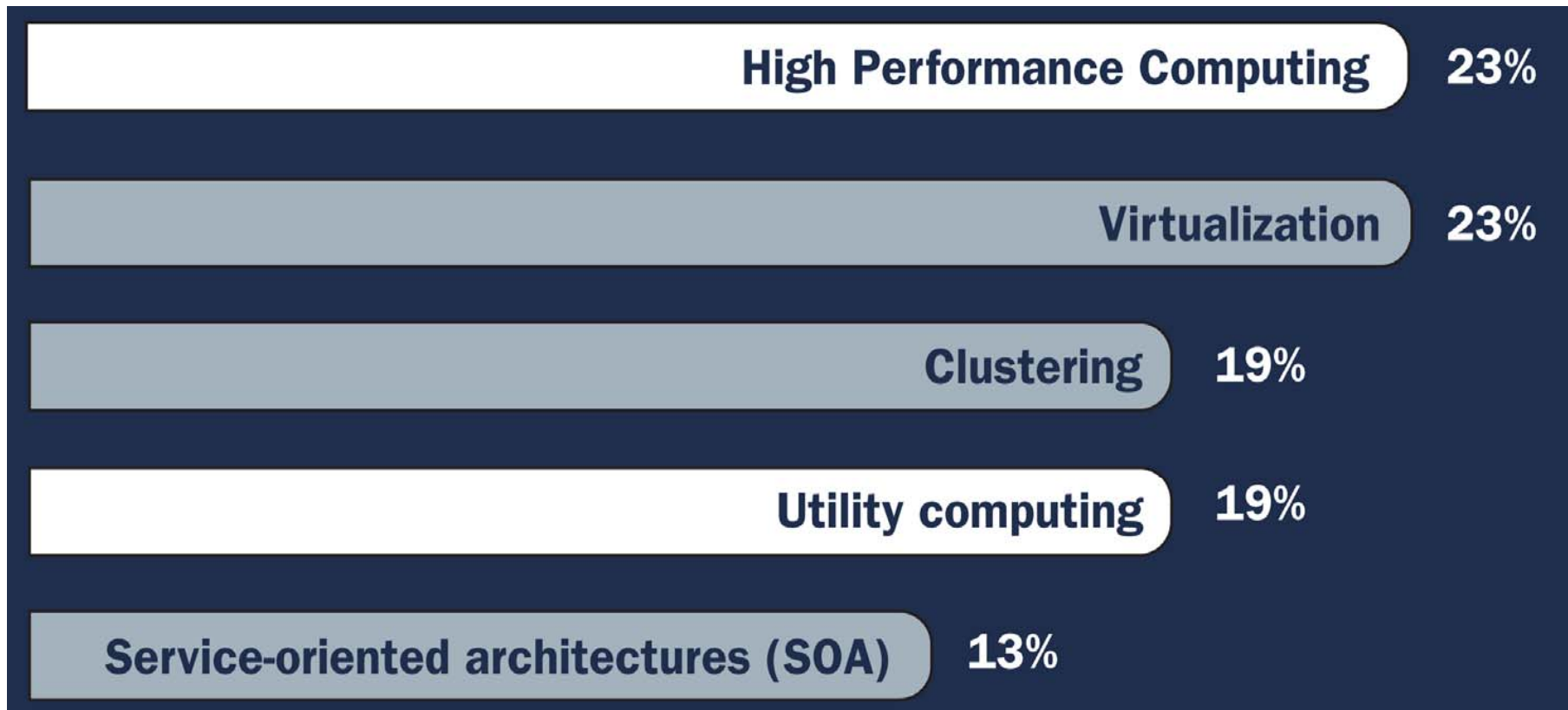
Infrastructure

Providers:
*Deployment,
management and
change at scale*

Industry is still “storming, forming, and norming” on the terms



70% of respondents said there is a better term than ‘grid’ to describe their distributed computing architecture



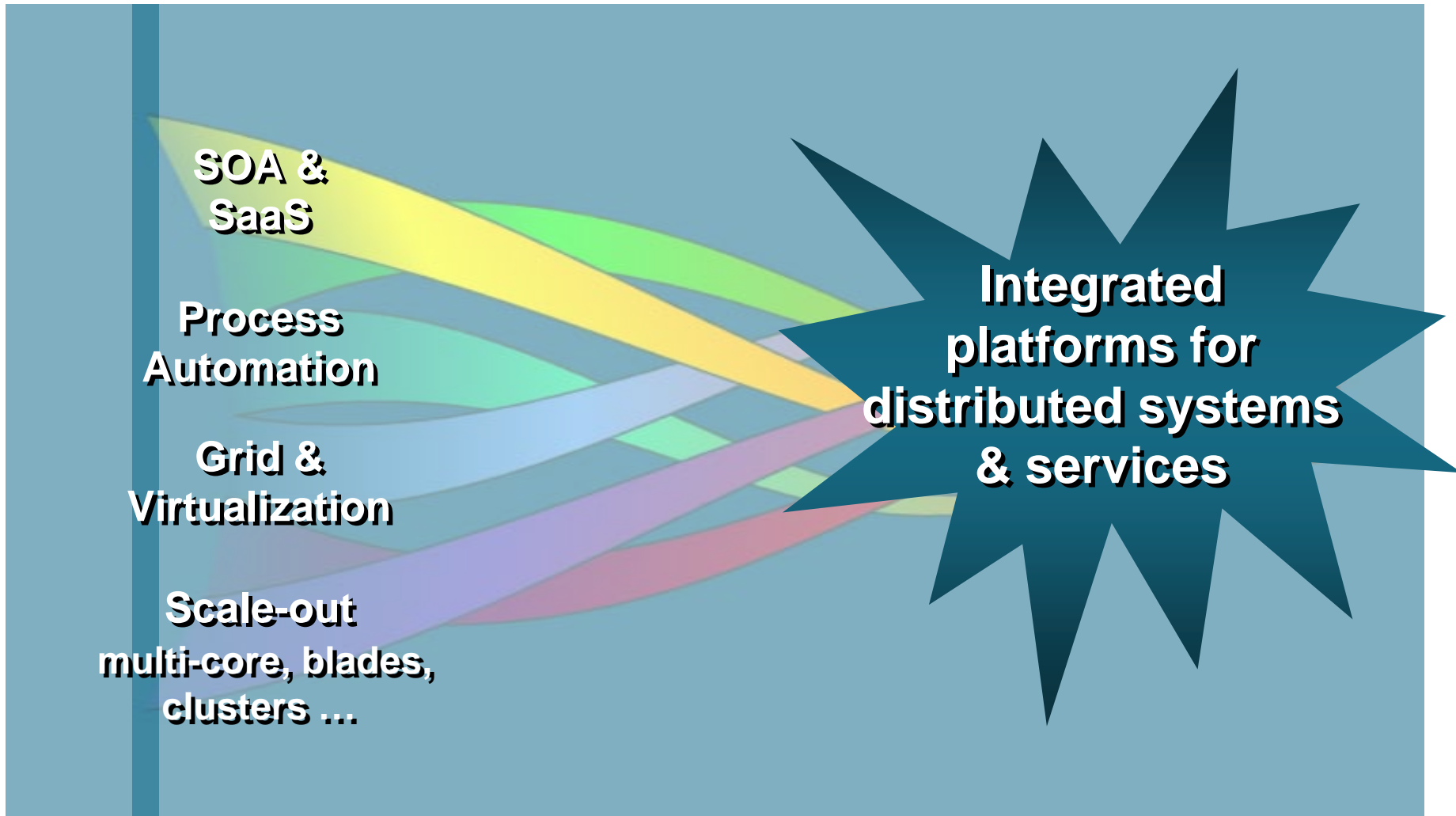
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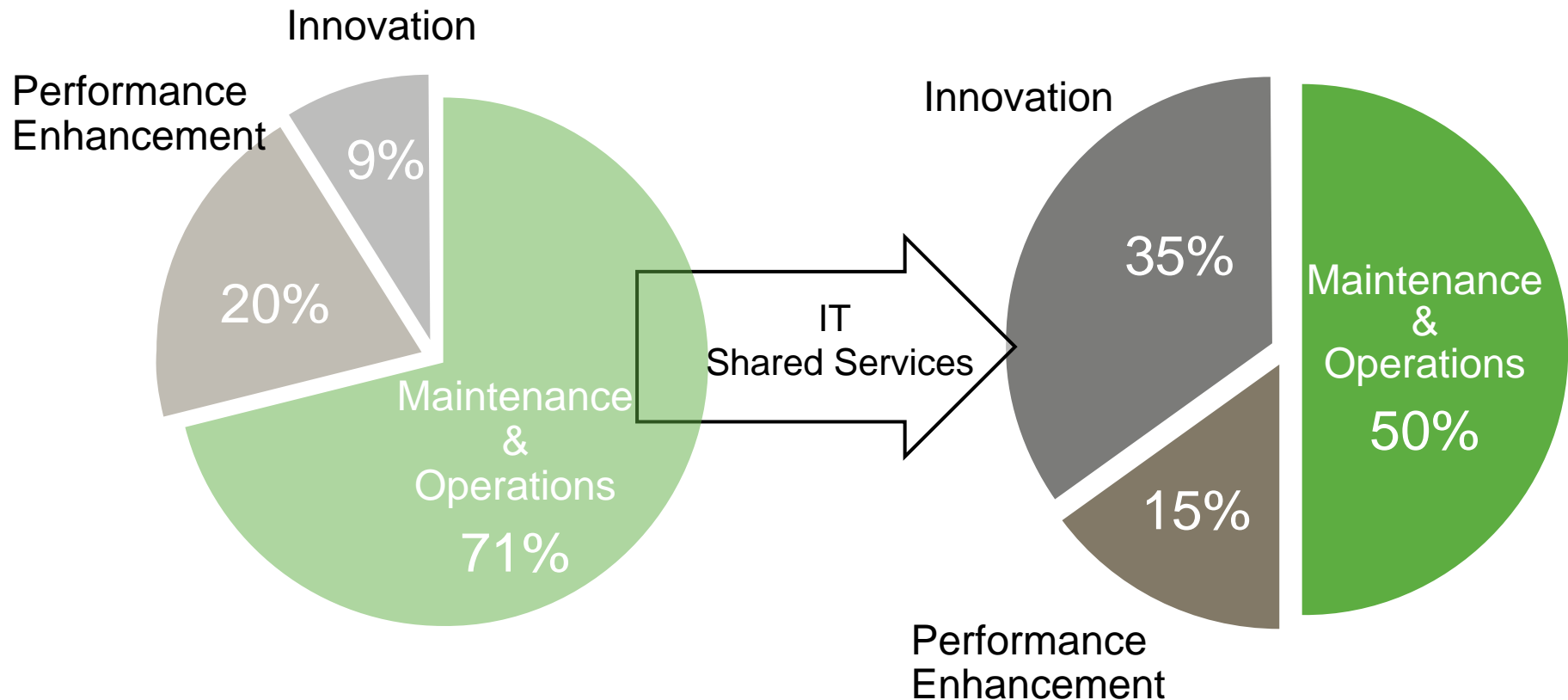
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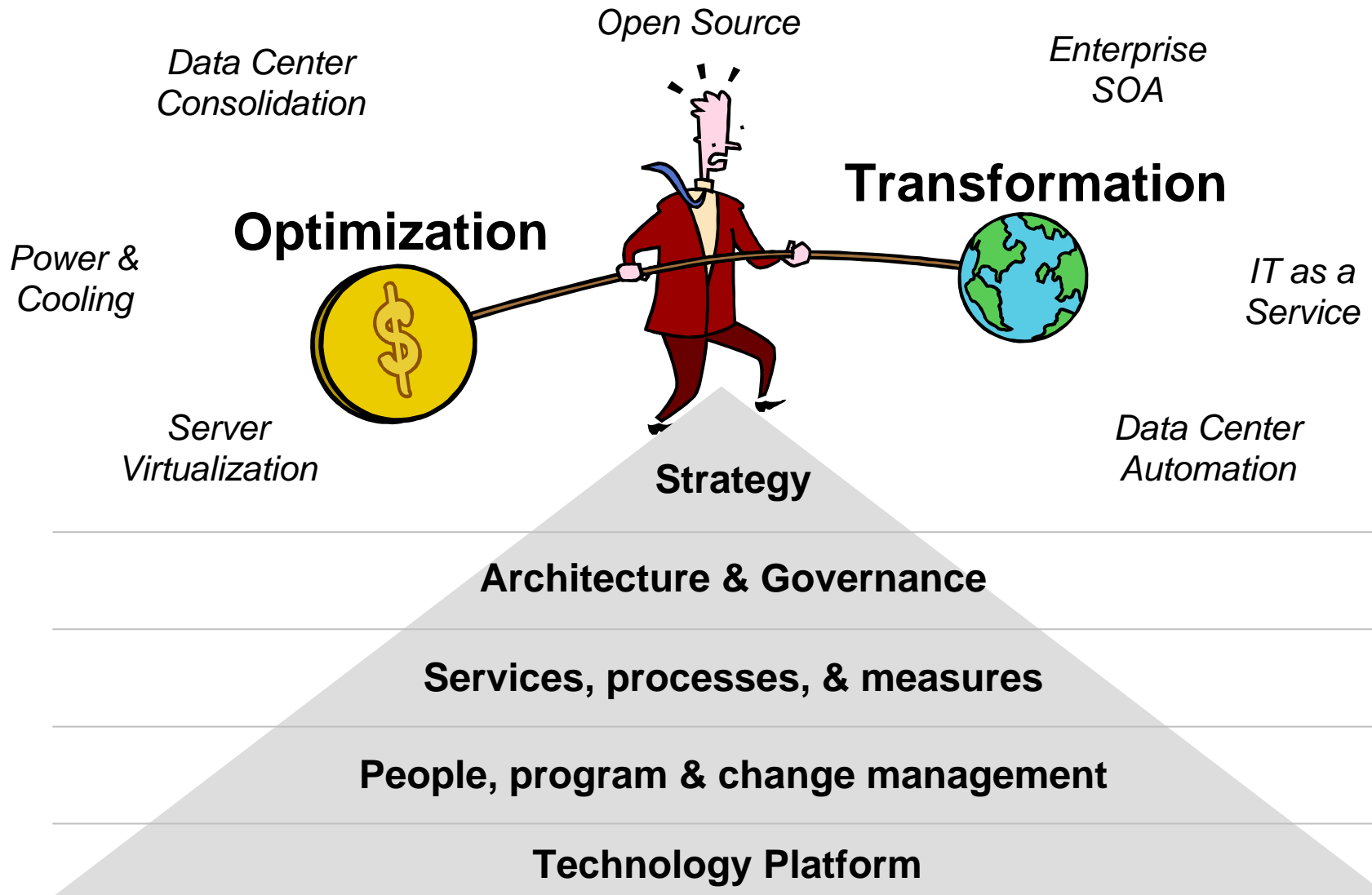
... as the technology threads are brought together



Funding the transition requires a focus on the economics ...

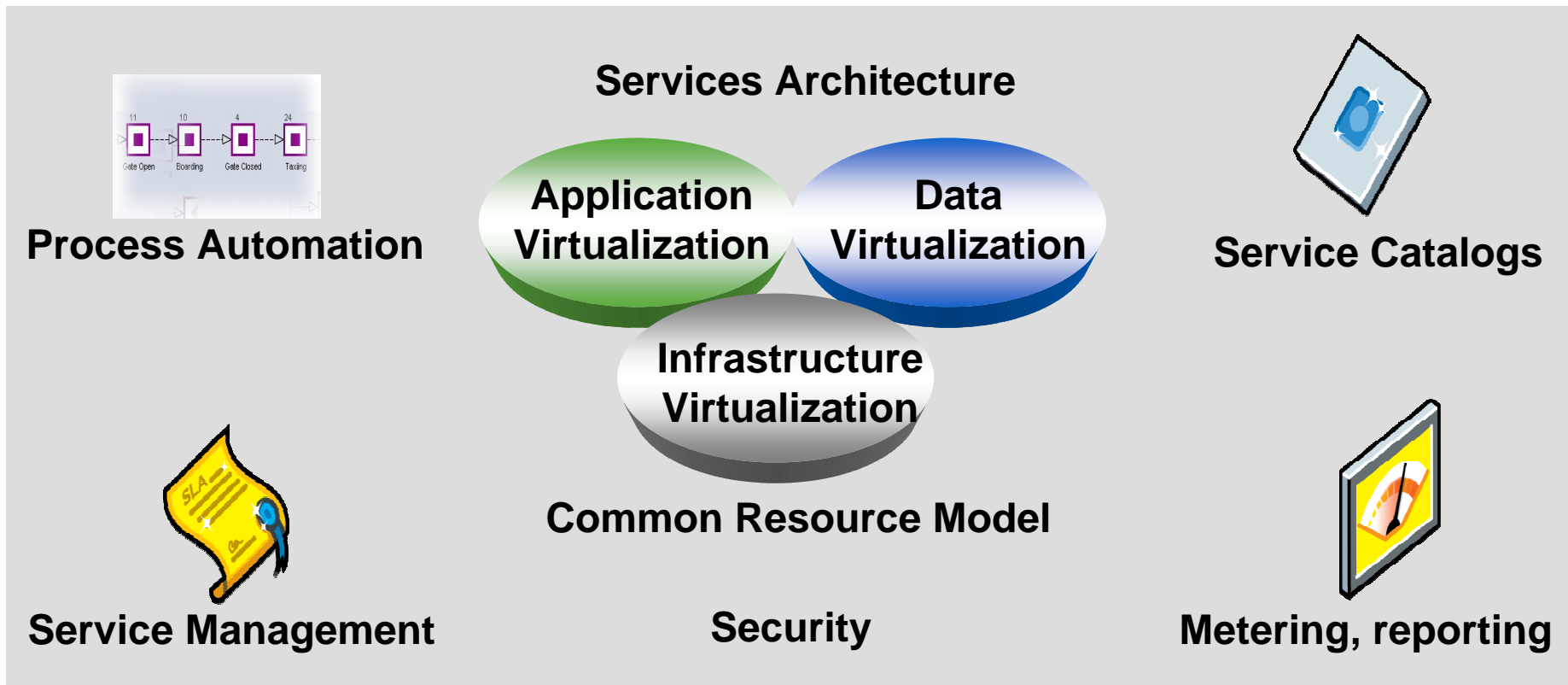


... while balancing short and longer term aspects of the journey



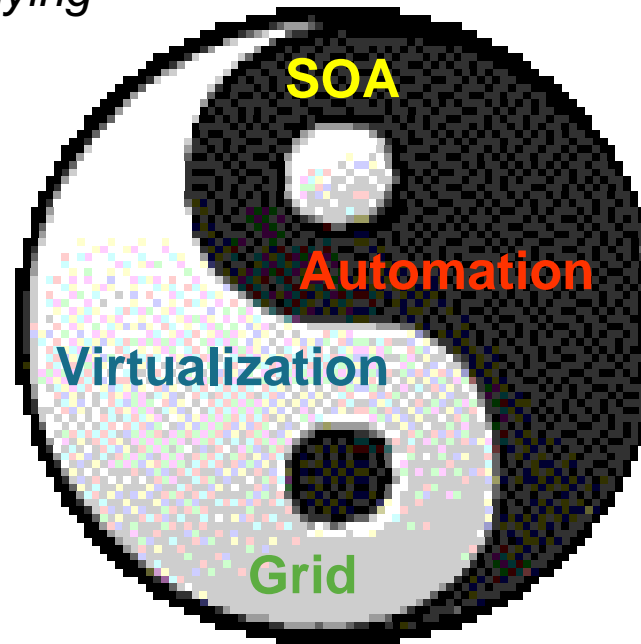
... and maturing the technology platform over time

Technology platform



Grid and related concepts are essential to maturing the technology platform

*Applications/Services
abstracted from the underlying
IT infrastructure.*



*Business & IT processes
automated and adjusted
based on policy*

*Resources shared and
aggregated to support
dynamic workloads.*

*Data in any format, at any location,
accessed and integrated while
masking complexity*

Grids can be view from several perspectives

Narrow

Grids as application-specific deployments



Broad

Grids as application-agnostic infrastructure



On the one hand ...Grid adoption begins application specific ...




- Level 5** Multiple applications on linked grids, with more extensive resource sharing, looking at broad enterprise applications
- Level 4** Multiple applications on basic linked grids, with limited resource sharing and centralized control
- Level 3** Multiple applications on silo'd grids, operated by lines-of-business
- Level 2** Single application run in single line-of-business
- Level 1** Trials/Proof of concept

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On the other hand, Grids can be viewed more broadly

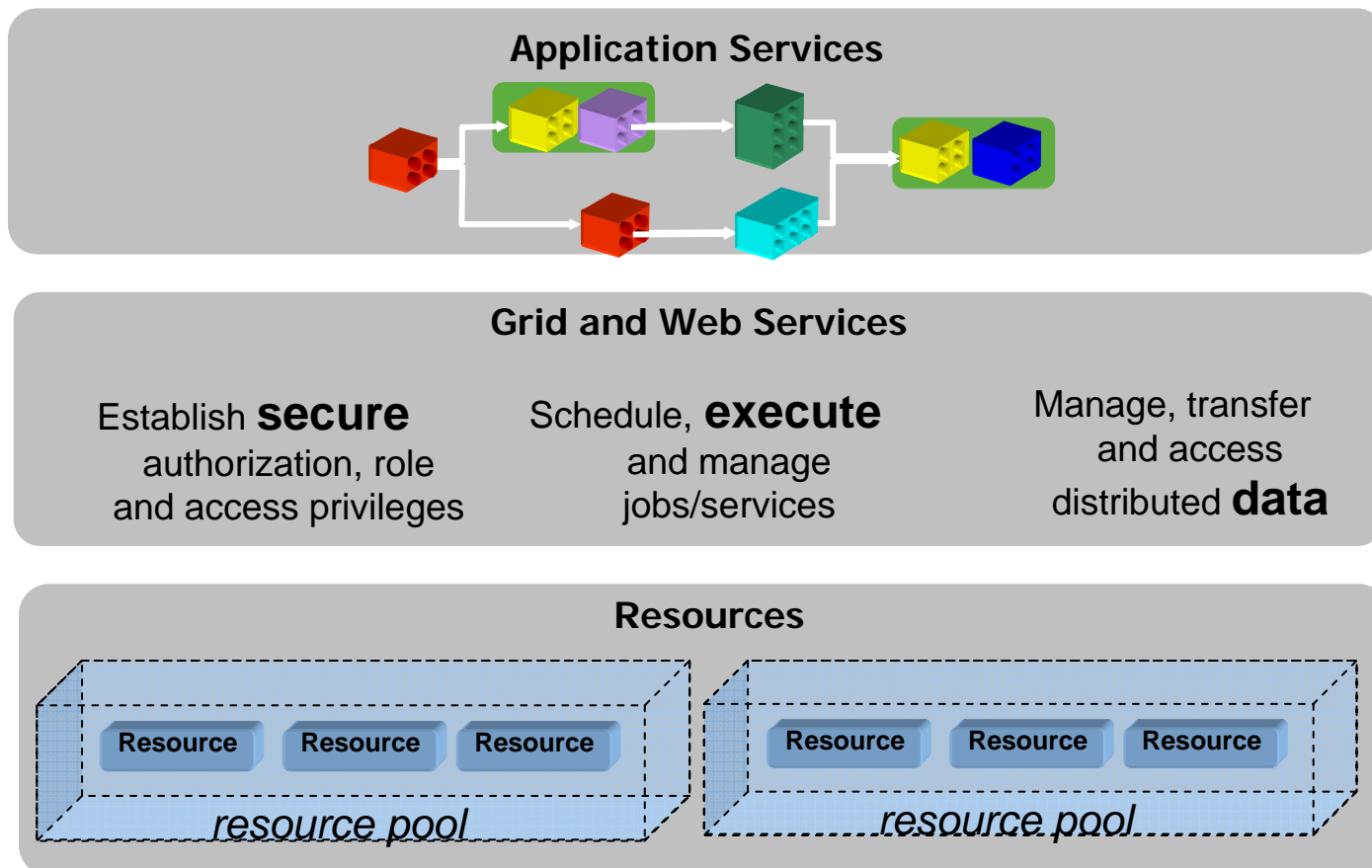


“In a broader sense, grids are the integrated platforms for all network-distributed applications or services, whether they are computationally or transactionally intensive.”

Paul Strong, eBay

The “broad” interpretation of Grid is realized through ...

... a horizontal layer of integration software that aggregates a network of resources into a system on which to run applications services



Whether broad or narrow, Grids are about scaling IT

Build *at scale*



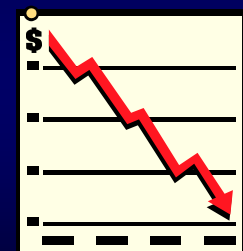
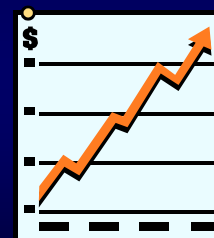
Operate *at scale*



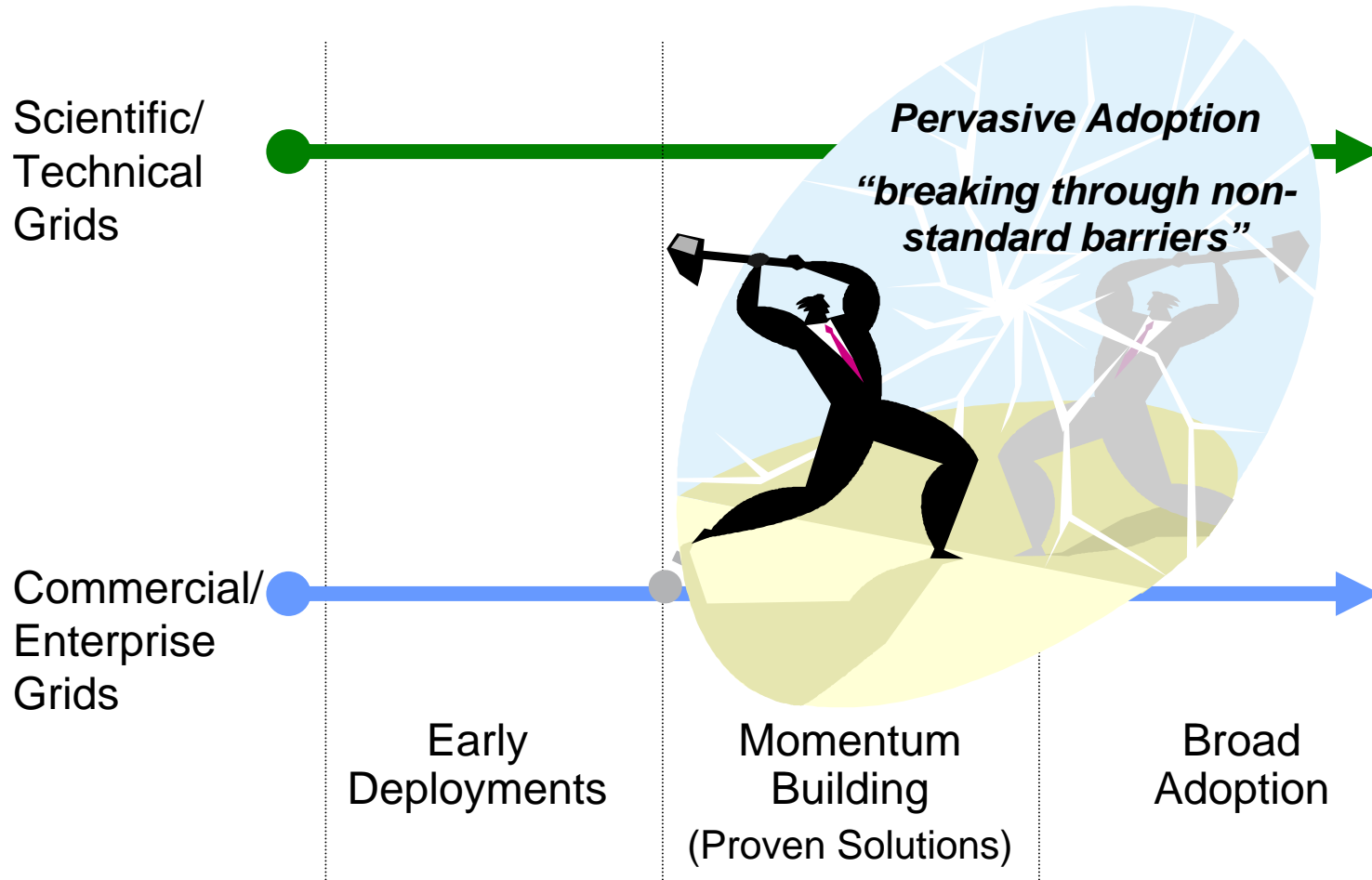
Manage *at scale*



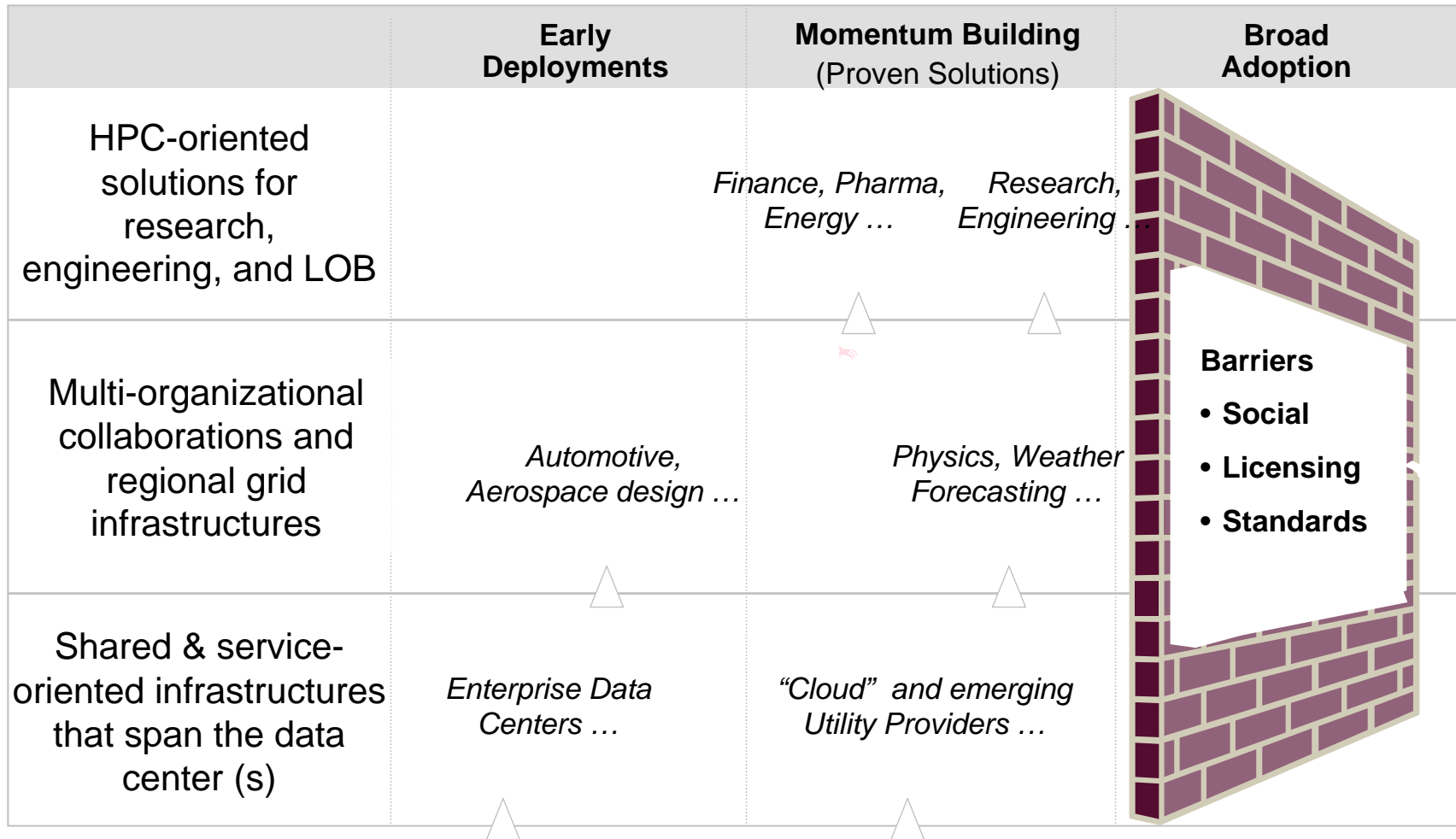
Change *at scale*



Adoption is progressing in stages



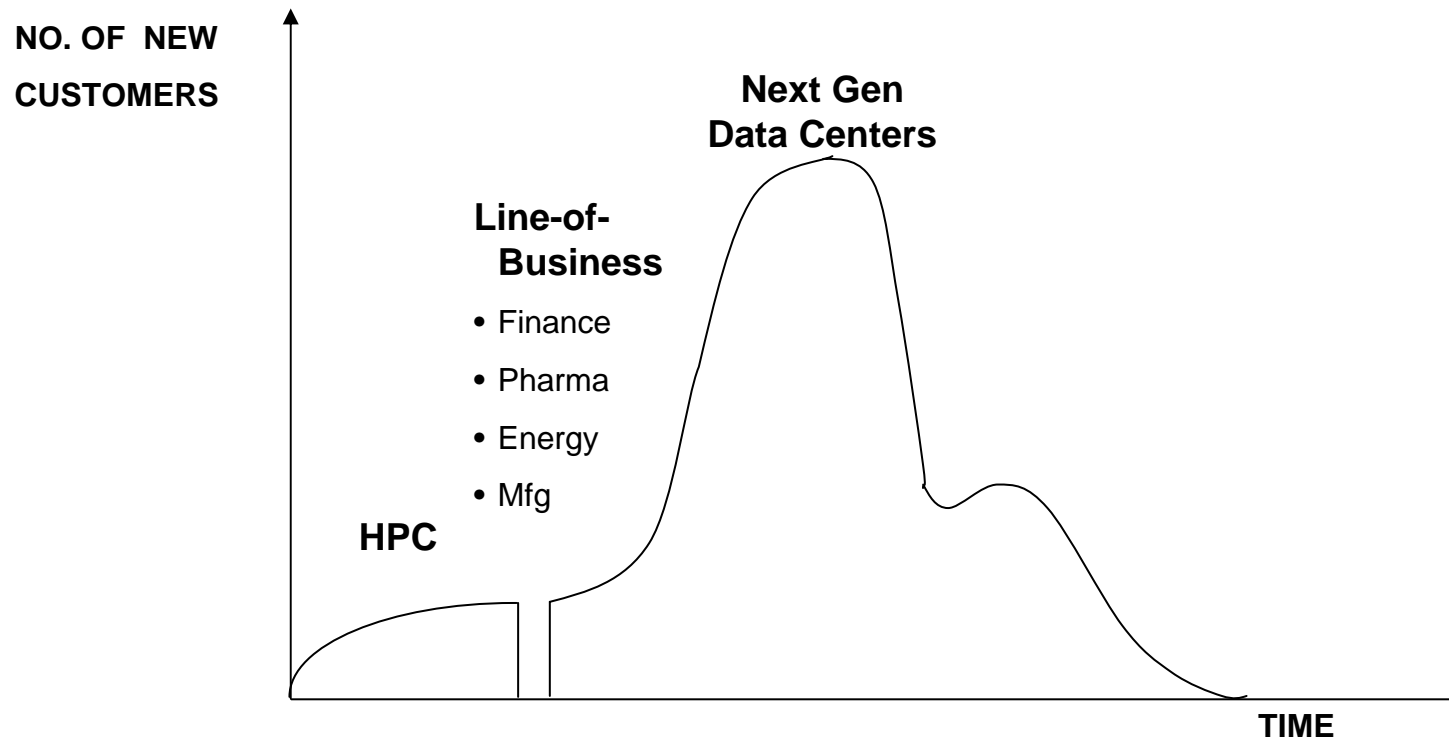
Popular Grid usage patterns are emerging ...



...as Grids “cross the chasm” toward broader adoption

Application-driven

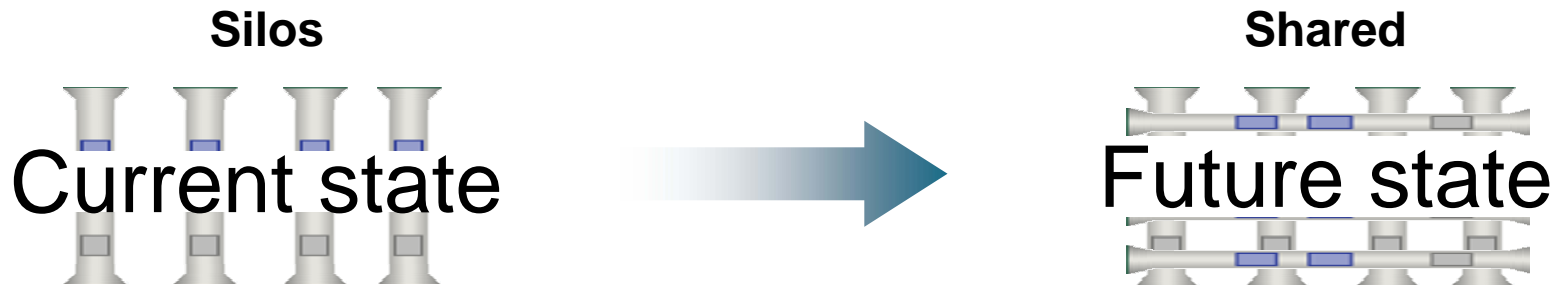
Infrastructure-driven



eScience (1x)

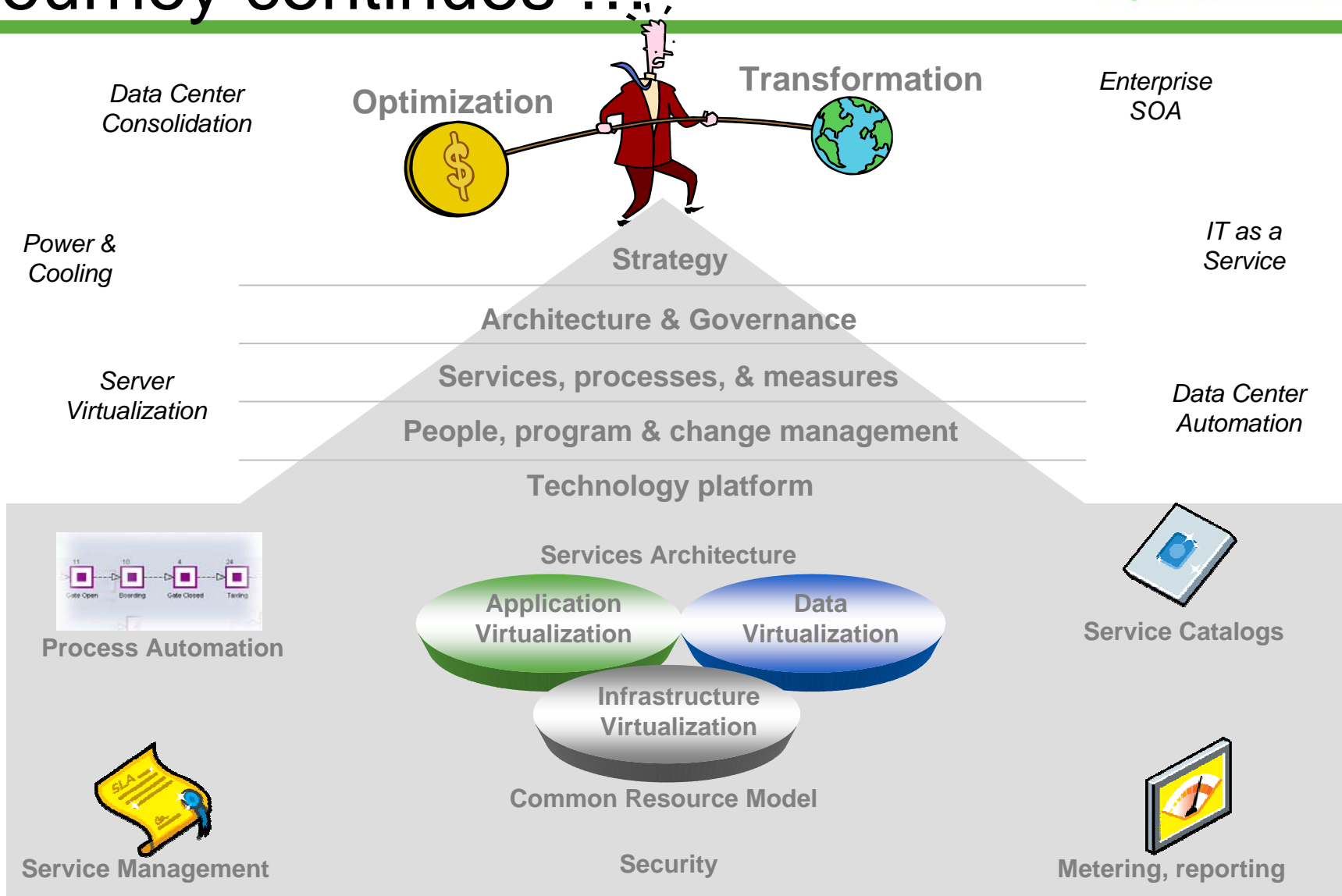
eBusiness (10x)

Grids and Next Generation Data Centers



- **Break the static links** between applications, data and the underlying infrastructure
- **Manage resources and relationships** based on workload, automated processes, and policies
- **Move toward enterprise-wide shared services** that support multiple lines-of-business & partners

Grids – essential technology as the journey continues ...



For more information



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