

# Towards an Initial Taxonomy of DAOs

But what's a DAO?



# Decentralized Autonomous Organization

software-based organizational frame lowering cost of institutional guarantees  
and using incentive design to coordinate for common goals

We can iterate on and validate this definition through the process of taxonomy design

Moloch

# Genesis DAO





# Taxonomy

# Taxonomy

a system that describes how different concepts are related and organized within a specific hierarchical structure

In the context of this workshop...

# Taxonomy

a set of **dimensions** consisting of mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive **characteristics**

# Taxonomy

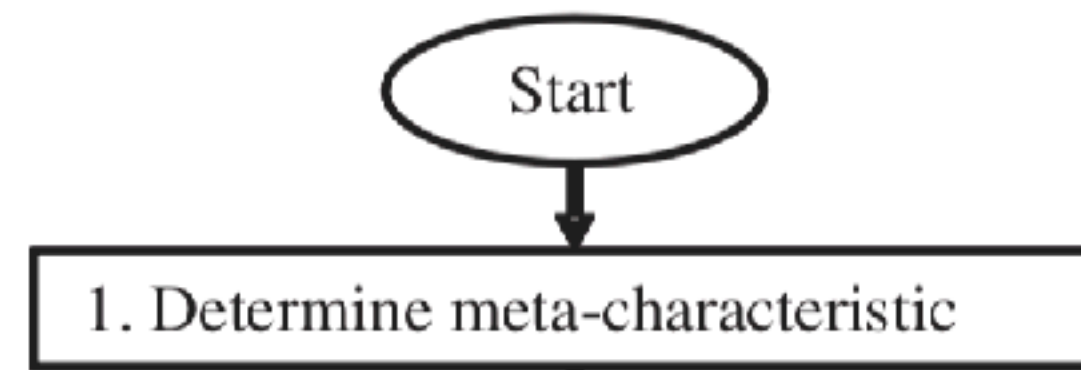
a set of **dimensions** consisting of mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive **characteristics**

used to explain and operationalize a category of objects

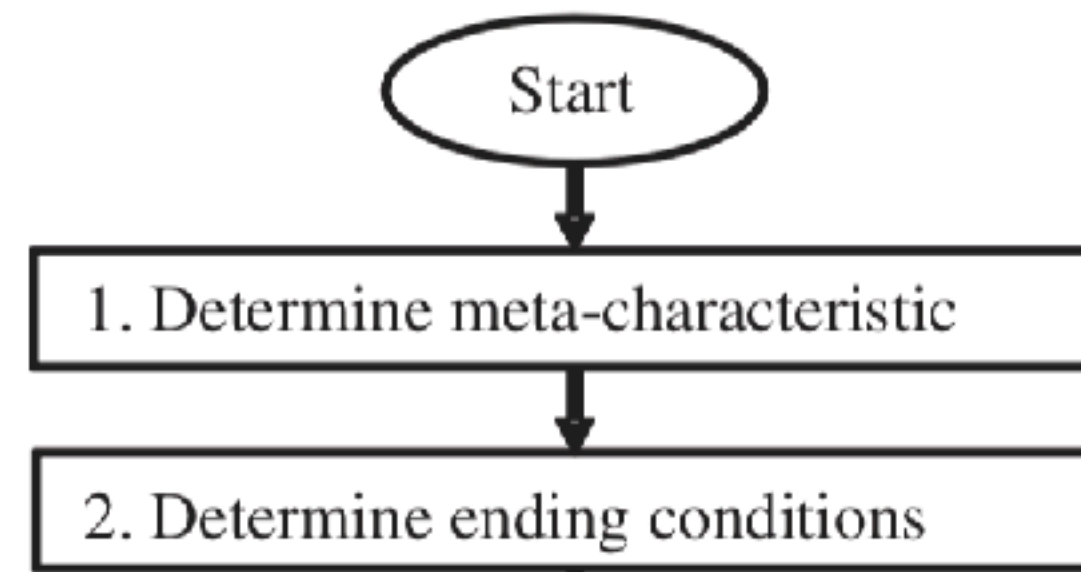
Start



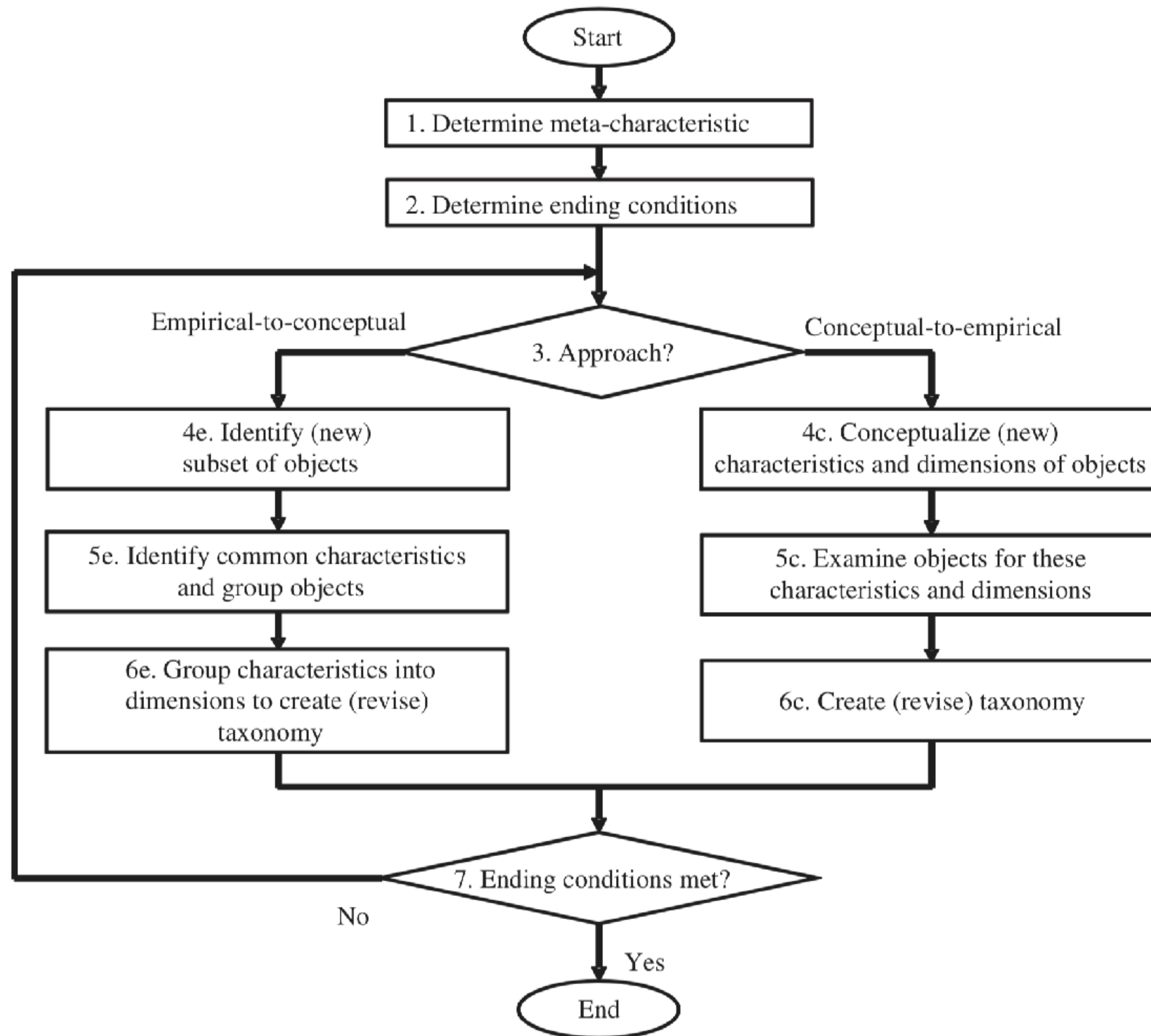
1. Determine meta-characteristic



*High-level interaction between  
the DAO participant ('member') and the DAO  
('organization')*



To conclude an initial taxonomy,  
we will map a sample set of DAOs in mutually  
exclusive and collectively exhaustive  
characteristics.





# Taxonomy

a set of **dimensions** used to consisting of mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive **characteristics**

# Taxonomy Framework

*Dimension*

*Characteristic*

*Characteristic*

*...*

# Taxonomy Framework

<i><b>Dimension</b></i>	<i>Membership entrance</i>
<i><b>Characteristic</b></i>	<i>Permissioned</i>
<i><b>Characteristic</b></i>	<i>Permissionless</i>
<i><b>...</b></i>	<i>Closed</i>

# Taxonomy Framework

<i><b>Dimension</b></i>	Membership entrance	<i><b>...Dimension</b></i>
<i><b>Characteristic</b></i>	Permissioned	<i><b>...Characteristic</b></i>
<i><b>Characteristic</b></i>	Permissionless	<i><b>Characteristic</b></i>
<i><b>...</b></i>	Closed	<i><b>...</b></i>

# Look at this convenient worksheet.



[https://v.gd/daos\\_devcon5](https://v.gd/daos_devcon5)

# Suggested Evaluation Instructions

- Choose 2-3 DAO instances to evaluate. Use the suggested instances or choose your own.
- Mark their dimensions & characteristics in the column.

If you have a question about the details of a DAO, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

***DAO Instance***

*Membership entrance*

*Permissioned  
Permissionless*

*Closed* **Add an X in this column**

# Look at this convenient worksheet.



[https://v.gd/daos\\_devcon5](https://v.gd/daos_devcon5)

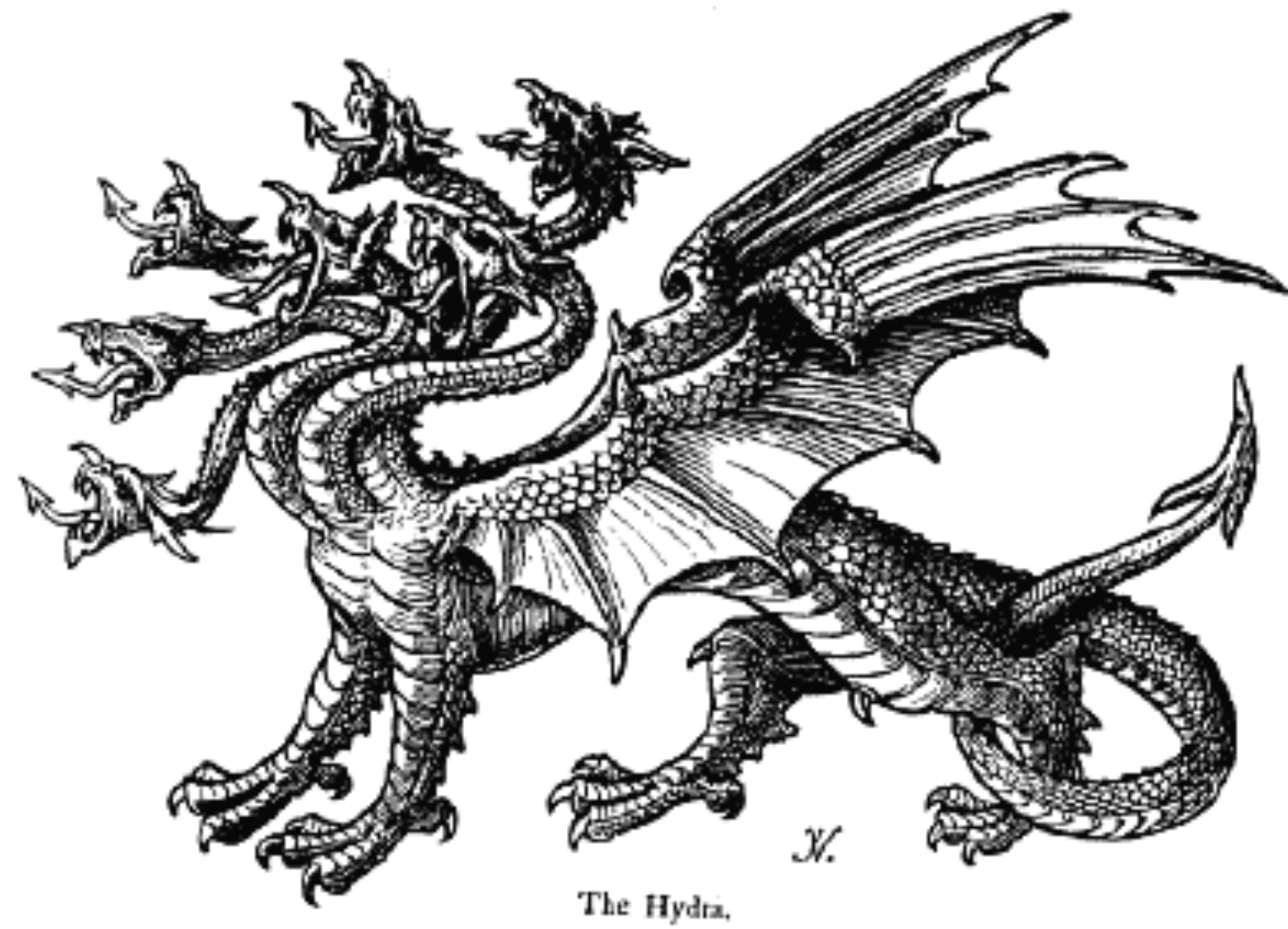
Next?



# Next?

Using the gathered data to analyze groupings of DAOs and begin to  
formulate a taxonomic language of reference

Thanks.



@stellarmagnet  
@keikreutler