Design API Coalition (DAPIC)

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EDA Challenges

The Big

Coping with the Large

The Bad

Managing the Diverse

The Ugly

Harnessing the Physics of Small

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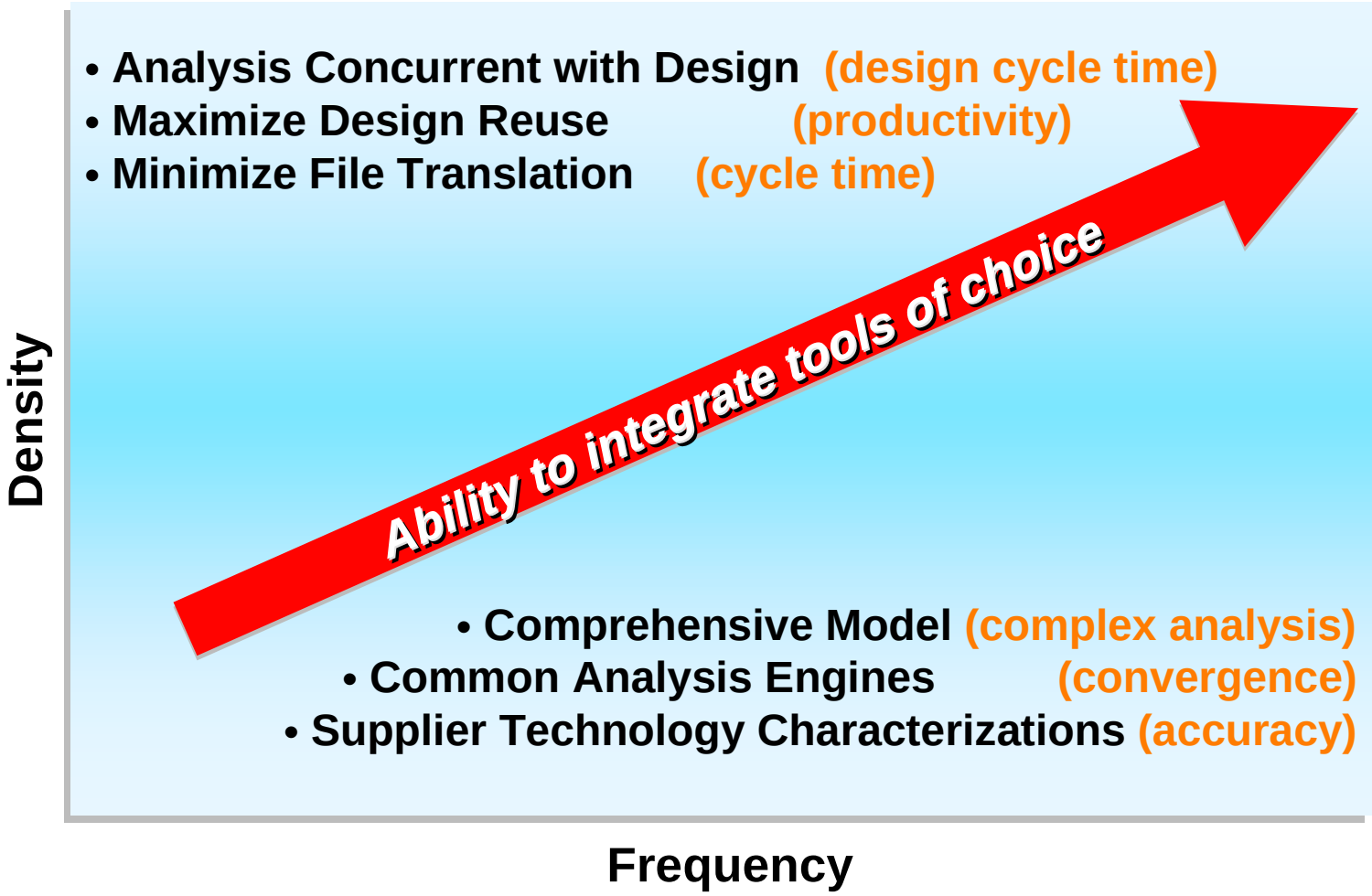
EDA Needs



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Common Infrastructure is Key

- To enable design reuse and IP portability
- For showcasing the full performance of VDSM
- Enabling full performance VDSM flows is superceding the importance of any particular EDA tool
- A natural ingredient of market maturity (e.g., applications like SAP complement DB providers like Oracle)

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And …

- A hedge to protect proprietary infrastructure creates consumer concerns over placing too much at stake with that supplier, resulting in limited commitments

DAPIC Goals

- **Ease integration of internal and external tools**
- **Better utilize startup technology and university research**
- **Ease collaborative development with partners**
- **Ease integration of external IP**
- **Lessen internal development**
- **Provide infrastructure for *tighter* design flows**

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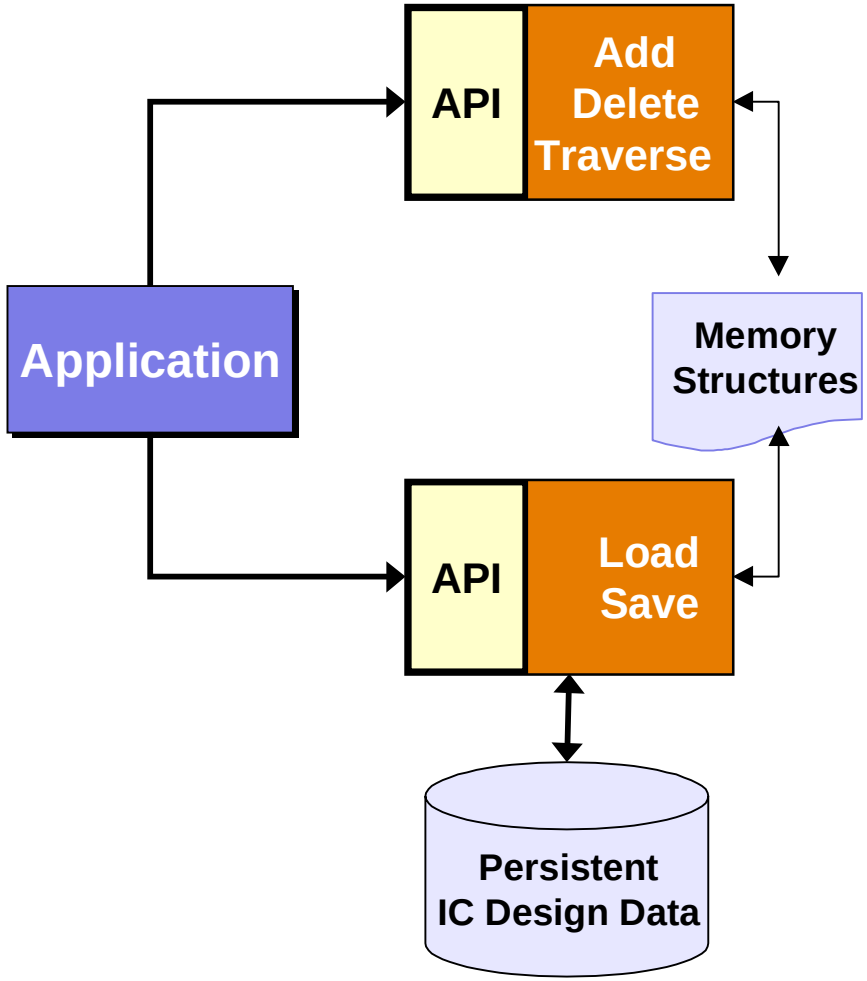
DAPIC Model

- One open data access API specification
- Free access
- Open, unbiased change management
- No requirement for a particular database implementation
- API to become an accredited standard
- Available compliance test process



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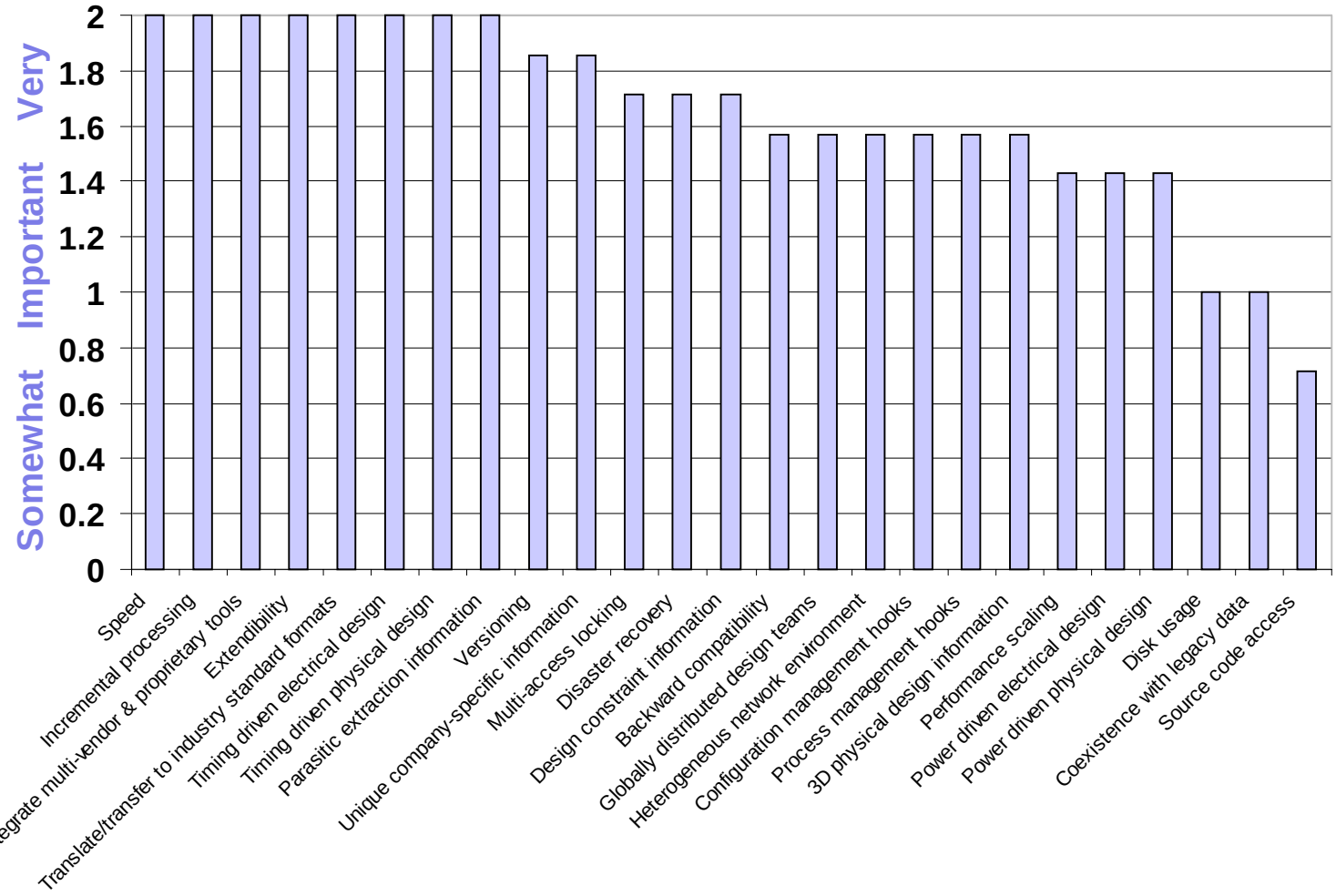
Prioritized Database Requirements



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This Was the CHDStd Goal

- **Attempts to develop CHSTD as an accepted industry standard have had disappointing results to date**
  - No “natural” adoption
  - No commercial access
- **Commercial EDA is driven by the commodity marketplace**
- **Implementing to the CHDStd is a significant business decision**
  - Expense vs. Revenue
  - Autonomy
  - Competitive advantage

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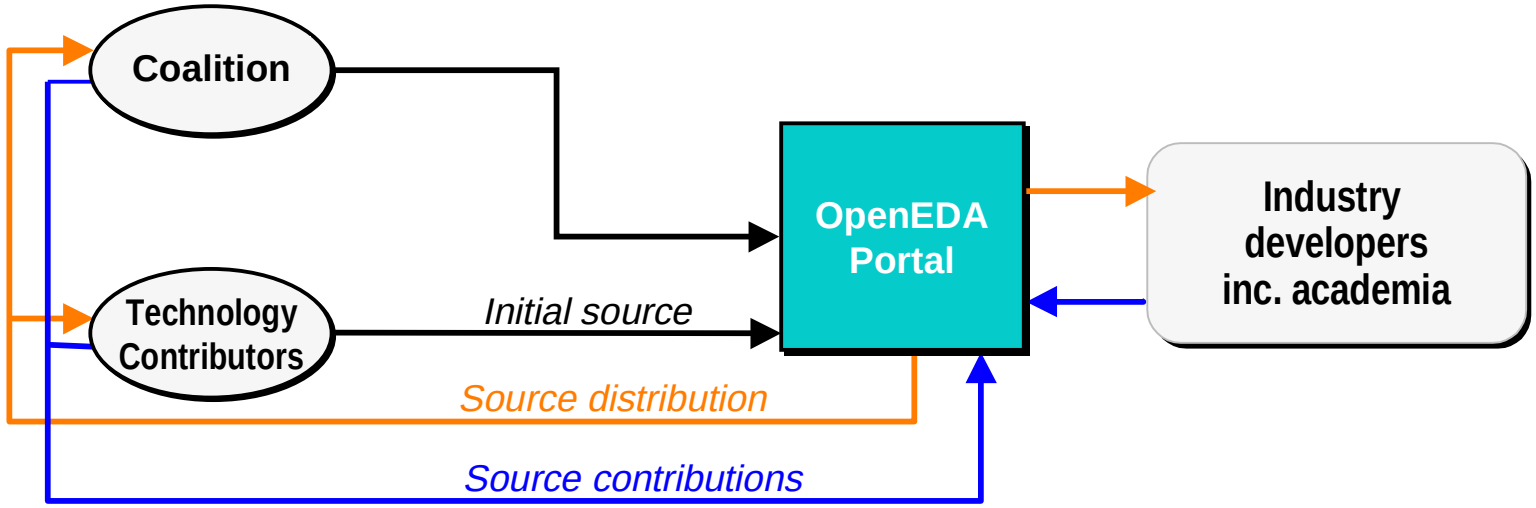
DAPIC Direction

- **Commercial availability is of top priority**
- **Available support - reasonable cost and equitable**
- **Public open-source - available to all**
- **Equitable non-biased change management**



What Does Open Source Mean?

- Anyone **can download the Standard version**
- Anyone **can modify source for use internally and propose changes to the Standard version**
- Anyone **can embed the Standard version in commercial product and redistribute**
- Anyone **can create a derivative and redistribute in a commercial product**
  - however, changes must be posted and they must not refer to it as the Standard version
- Anyone **can purchase services such as frequent updates, binaries, and technical support for a reasonable fee**

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Open: A Win-Win Business Strategy

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EDA Supplier

Gives

- Infrastructure technology
- Focus on methodology - not just tools
- Cooperation on interoperability
- Increased resources on new products/services

Gets

- Longer term partnerships

EDA Consumer

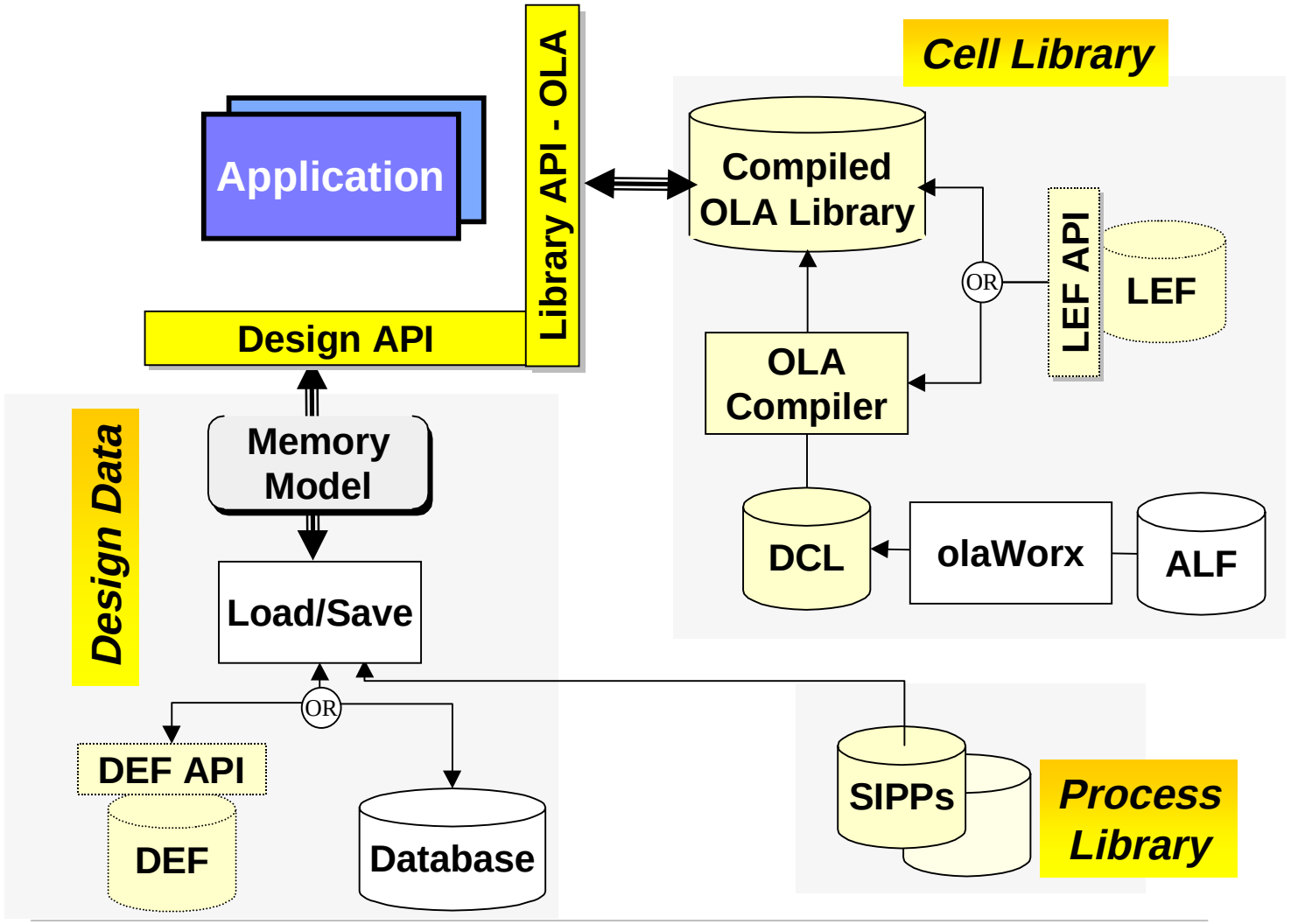
Gives

- Migration to newer tools
- Access to silicon and design content via open infrastructure
- Spends more $ on tools and services - less on integration

Gets

- Innovative solutions with fewer constraints

Infrastructure Roadmap Vision



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