

Pushing Database Wiki out of the nest

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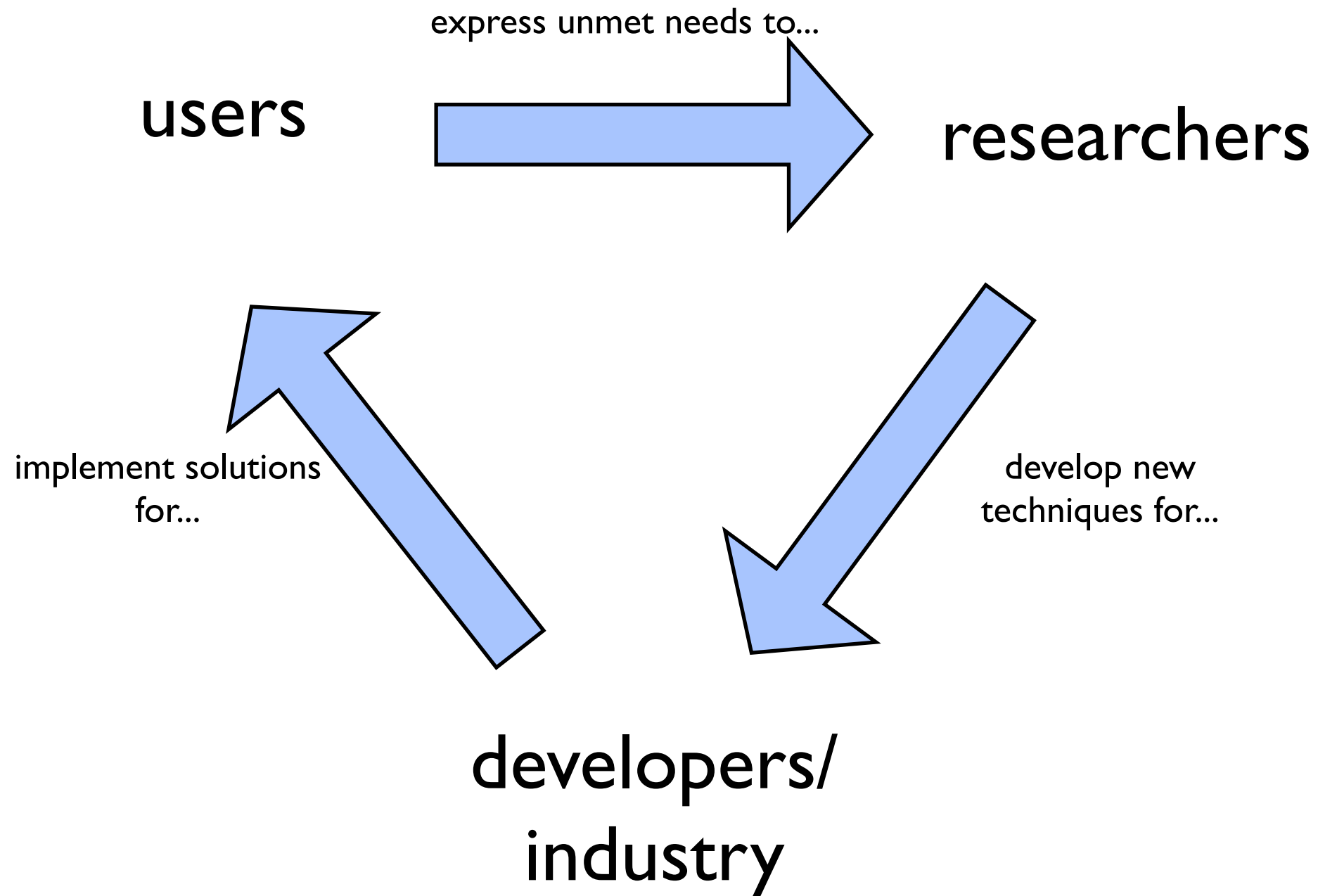
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- On reflection, clear that my idea not suitable for RDS project mechanism
 - Participation has been valuable anyway!
- Instead, I want to use this "pitch" to persuade you of something else

RDM technology transfer is hard

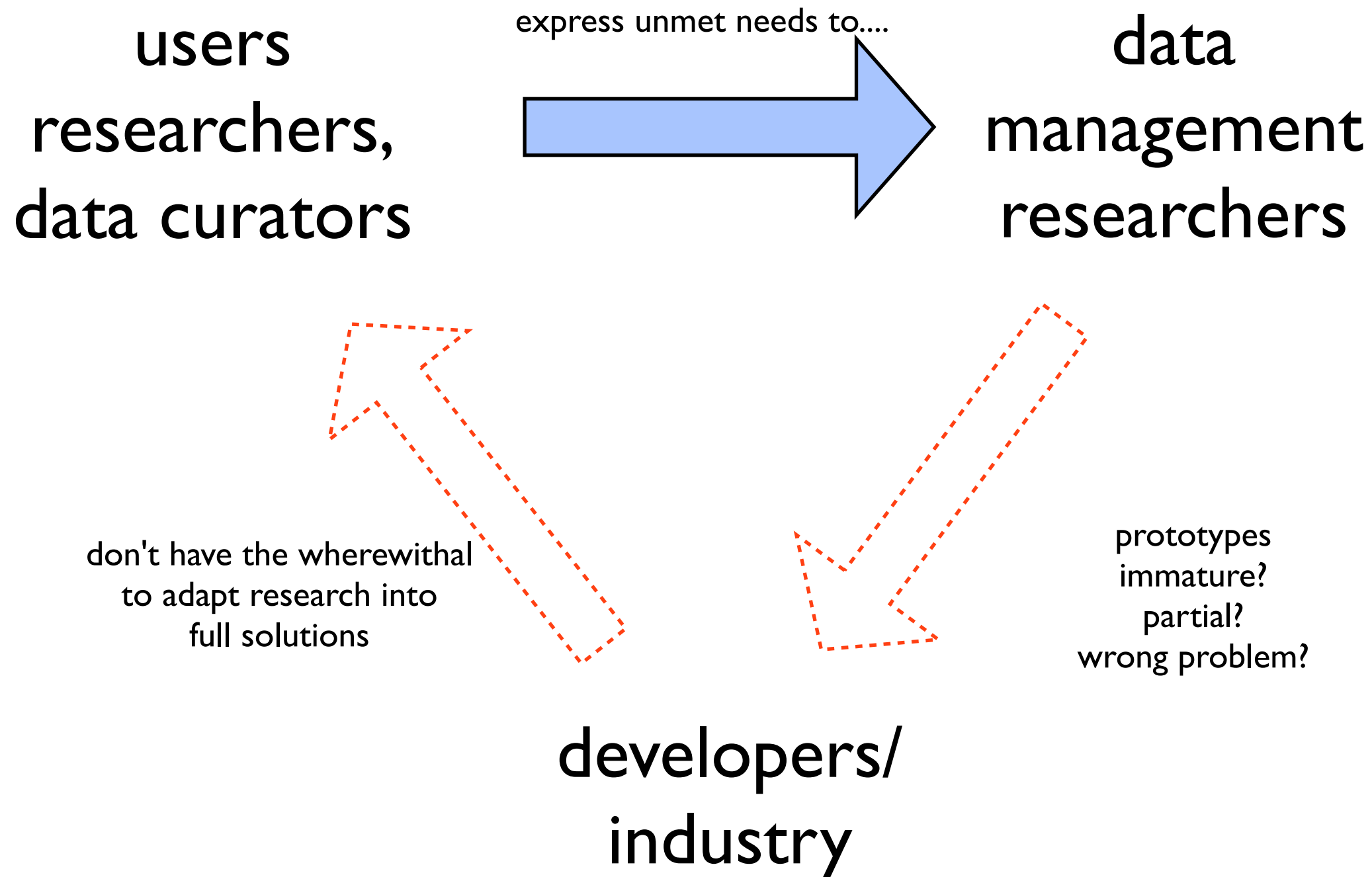
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Ideal R&D cycle



Reality: Nope!



What are the problems?

- RDM Technology transfer seems to require
 - better communication
 - joint activity
 - overcoming risk aversion **in multiple communities**
- (very hard to get resources for this!)
- RCUK-style **mandates** and **negative reinforcement** not enough
 - **support** and **rewards/incentives** also needed

Risks all around

- Users:
 - (Justifiably!) Risk-averse to new / possibly time-wasting technological innovations
- Systems researchers:
 - technology transfer high-risk, may not pay off in publications/"impact"
- Developers:
 - May not have time/resources or be able to take on risk of trying to push research ideas into practice

There is a leadership vacuum

- Maybe JISC (and to some extent DCC, SSI) could fill it
 - and are in a position to make recommendations that will carry weight
 - (or at least in a better position than I am)
- A concrete step: maybe a workshop about this?
 - with stakeholders from all 3 stages of the cycle?