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Data Center Scale Architecture  
Data Center and TCO Analysis  
Edge vs Cloud Datacenter

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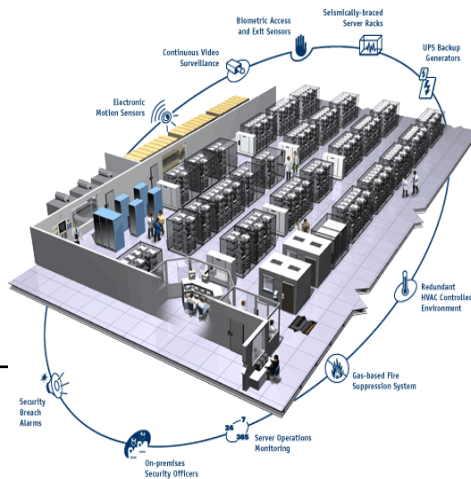
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# Datacenters: The What?



□ Large numbers of servers, storage devices, and network switches housed in a single facility

□ Types of Datacenters:  
- Traditional Enterprise Datacenters  
- Warehouse Scale Computers





## Kinds of Datacenters

### Traditional DCs

- Consolidated infrastructure of different organizational units
- Large number of small/medium sized apps
- Often 3<sup>rd</sup> party software
- E.g. Those in Financial Services, Pharma, etc.

### Warehouse-Scale Computers

- Single organization/unit
- Small number of very large apps
- Software built in-house
- E.g. Google, Microsoft, Facebook, etc.

# Introduction

- Warehouse-scale computer (WSC)
  - Provides Internet services
    - Search, social networking, online maps, video sharing, online shopping, email, cloud computing, etc.
  - Differences with HPC “clusters”:
    - Clusters have higher performance processors and network
    - Clusters emphasize thread-level parallelism, WSCs emphasize request-level parallelism

# Introduction

- Important design factors for WSC:
  - Cost-performance
    - Small savings add up
  - Energy efficiency
    - Affects power distribution and cooling
    - Work per joule
  - Dependability via redundancy
    - Commodity HW and software based redundancy
  - Network I/O
    - Consistency and interface to world
  - Interactive and batch processing workloads
    - Search but also calculate meta data (rank pages)
    - Online and off-line jobs, collocation

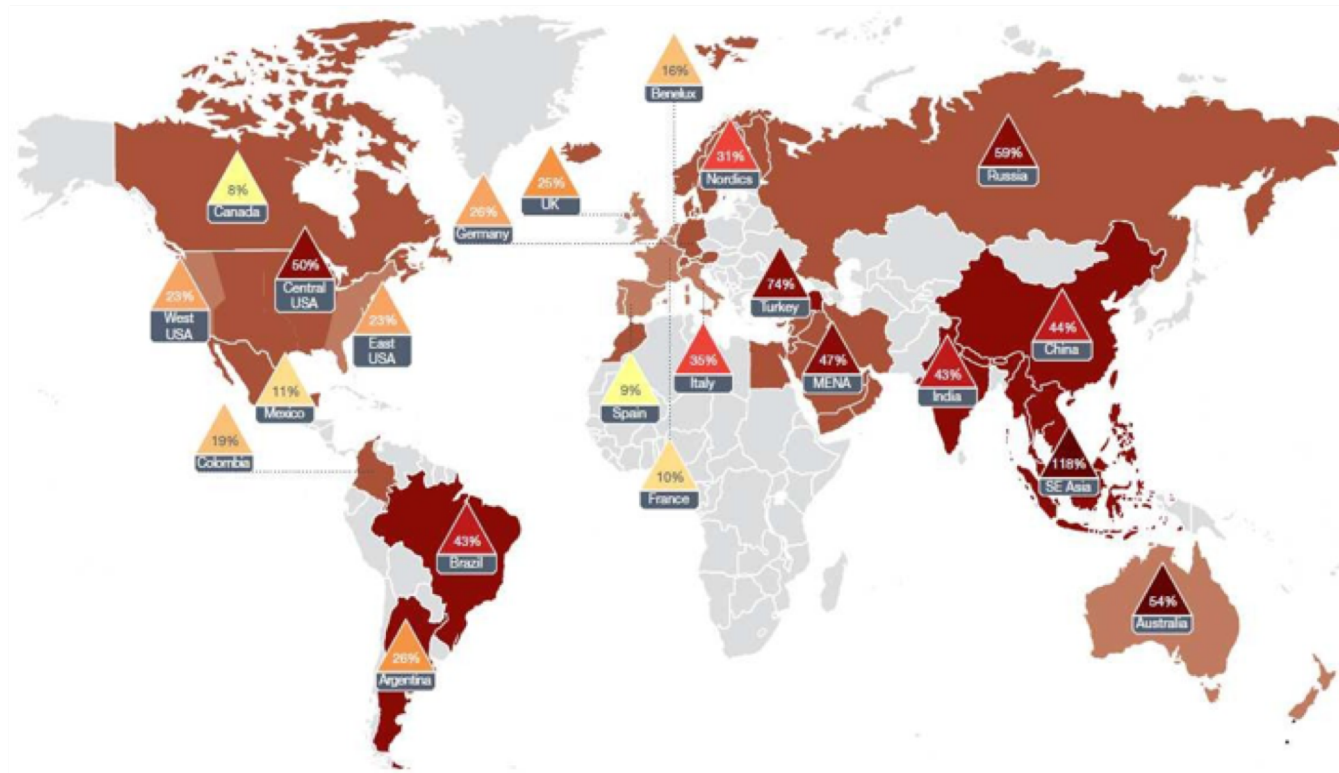
# Introduction

- Important design factors for WSC:
  - Computational parallelism is not important
    - Most jobs are totally independent
    - “Request-level parallelism”
    - Mostly read and often write to not shared data
    - Data in storage for batch
  - Operational costs count
    - Power consumption is a primary, not secondary, constraint when designing system
  - Scale and its opportunities and problems
    - Can afford to build customized systems since WSC require volume purchase.
    - Large scale means failures more common

## Some statistics

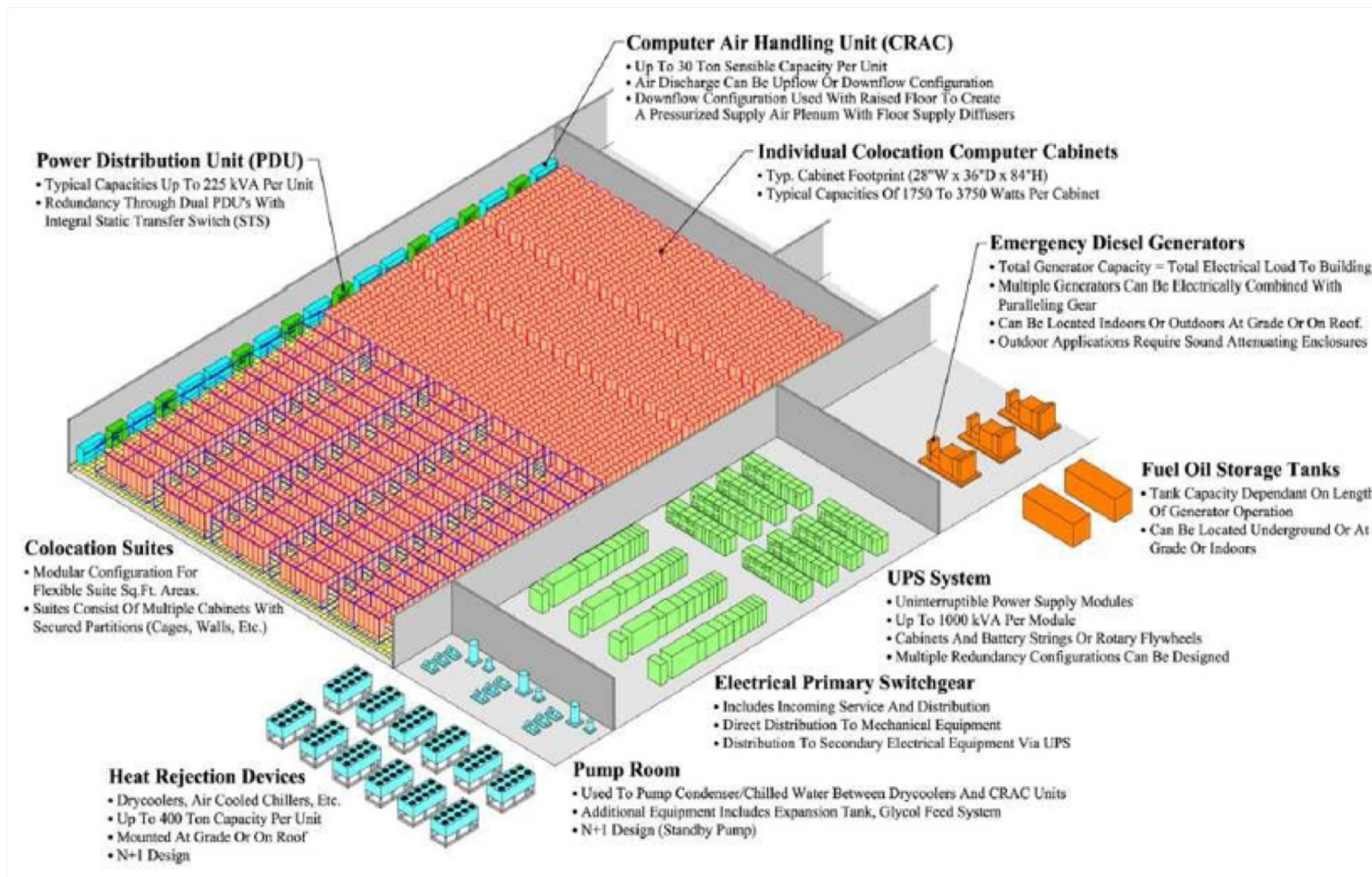
- Number of Datacenters: **510,000** [Src: Emerson, 2011]
- Real Estate of Datacenters: **285 Million** (\$~6000 football fields) [Src: Emerson, 2011]
- New Investments in 2012: **\$105 Billion**, up from \$ 86 Billion in 2011 [Src: Computer Weekly]
- Power Demand in 2012: **38 GW**, up from 24 GW in 2011 [Src: Computer Weekly]
- Electricity Consumption in 2010: **285 Billion KWH**, 1.5% of world consumption [Src: NY Times]. If IT Sector viewed as a country, fifth largest electricity consumer.
  
- Carbon Footprint: **2%** of Global footprint

# Continuing Growth in Datacenters



Projected Growth 2011-2012. Src: Datacenter Dynamics

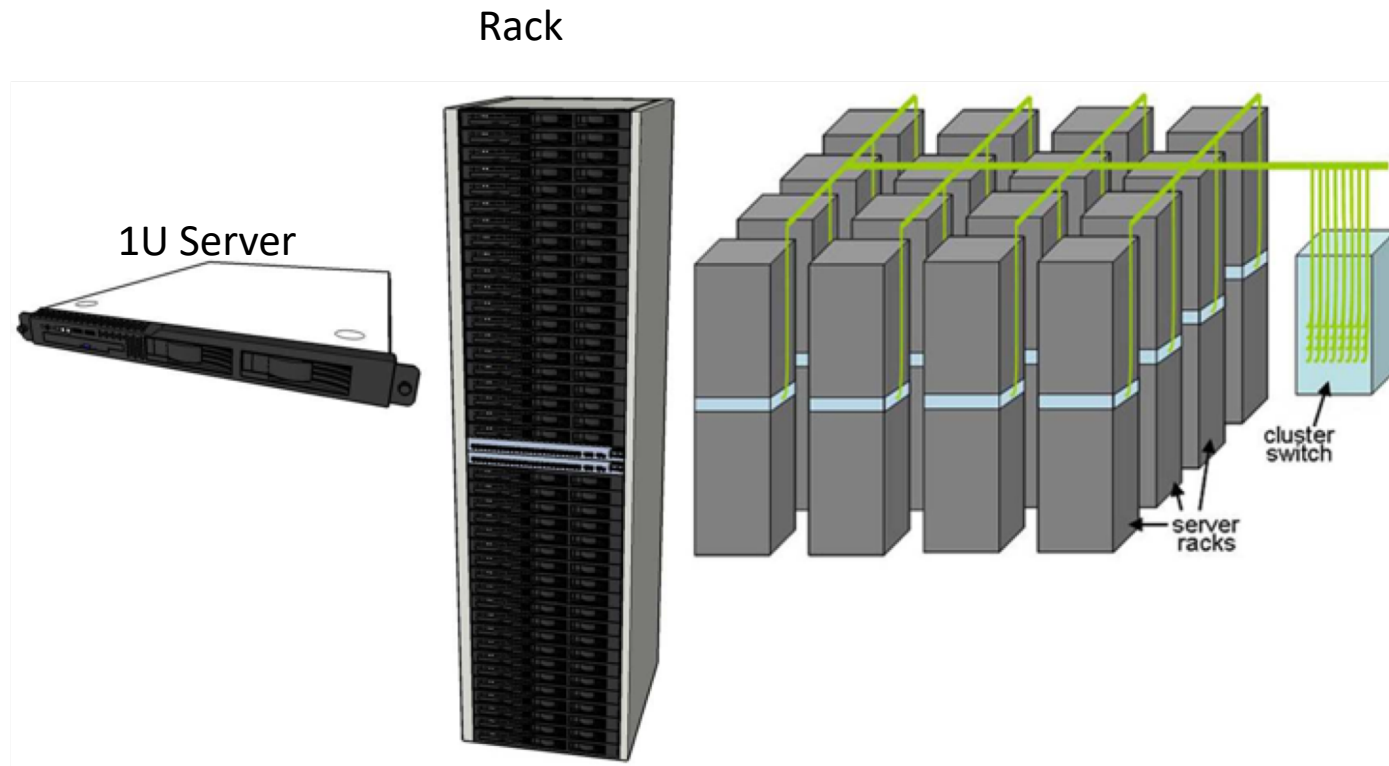
# Datacenter Infrastructure





# Computer Architecture of WSC

## The Computing Infrastructure





# Computer Architecture of WSC

- WSC often use a hierarchy of networks for interconnection
- Each 19" rack holds 48 1U servers connected to a rack switch
- Rack switches are uplinked to switch higher in hierarchy
  - Uplink has  $48 / n$  times lower bandwidth, where  $n = \#$  of uplink ports
    - “Oversubscription”
  - Goal is to maximize locality of communication relative to the rack

# Storage

- Storage options:
  - Use disks inside the servers, or
  - Network attached storage through Infiniband
  
  - WSCs generally rely on local disks
  - Google File System (GFS) uses local disks and maintains at least three replicas
    - Magnetic storage vs SSD

# WSC Memory Hierarchy

- **Servers can access DRAM and disks on other servers using a NUMA-style interface**

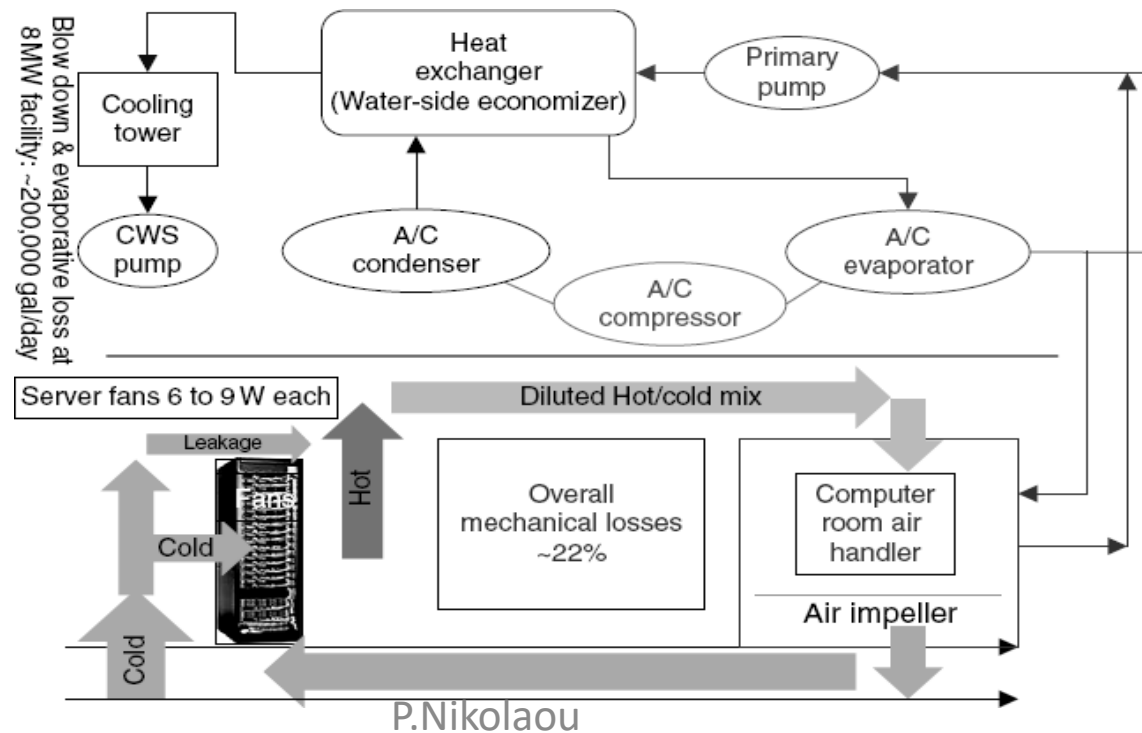
	Local	Rack	Array
DRAM latency (microseconds)	0.1	100	300
Disk latency (microseconds)	10,000	11,000	12,000
DRAM bandwidth (MB/sec)	20,000	100	10
Disk bandwidth (MB/sec)	200	100	10
DRAM capacity (GB)	16	1,040	31,200
Disk capacity (GB)	2000	160,000	4,800,000

# Infrastructure and Cost correlation of WSC (CAPEX cost)

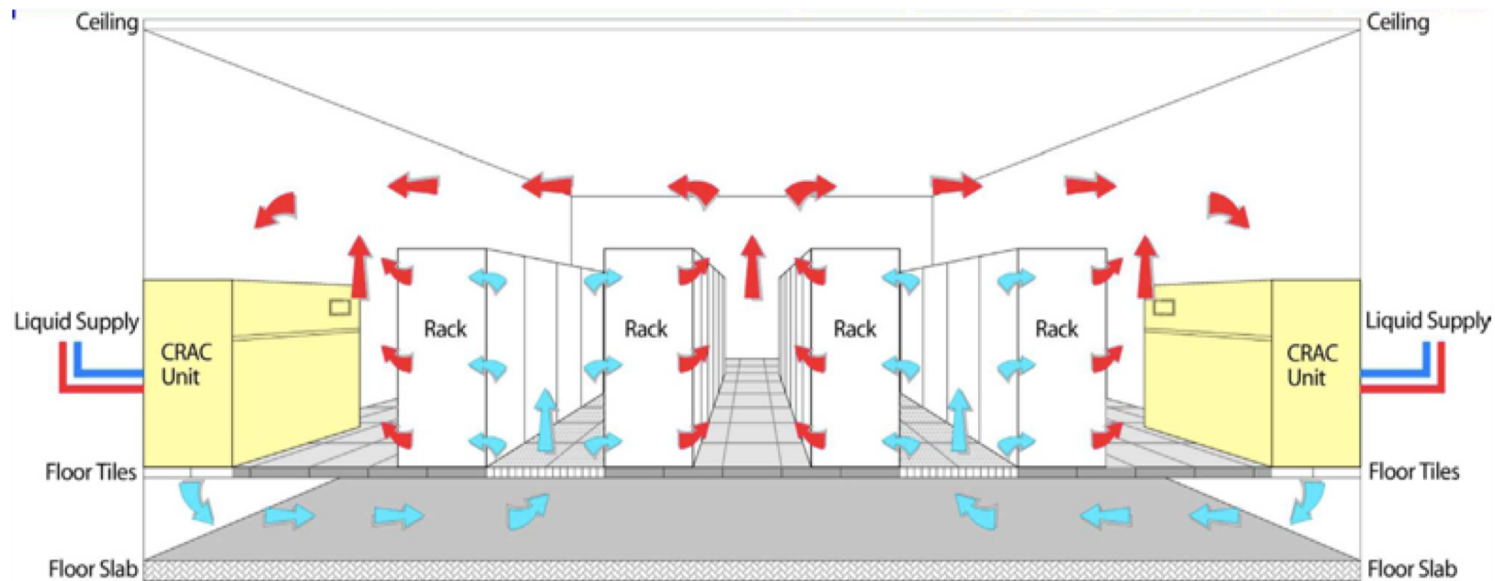
- Location of WSC
  - Proximity to Internet backbones, electricity cost, property tax rates, low risk from earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes

# Infrastructure and Costs of WSC

- **Cooling**
  - Air conditioning used to cool server room
  - 64 F – 71 F
    - Keep temperature higher (closer to 71 F)
  - Cooling towers can also be used
    - Minimum temperature is “wet bulb temperature”



## Cooling: Inside the Machine Room



- CRAC = Computer Room Air Conditioning
- Cold Air goes into servers (sucked in by fans) from Cold Aisles and comes out to the Hot Aisle
- Cold Aisles ~18-22C, Hot Aisles > 35C

# Container-Based Datacenters

## Microsoft DC in Chicago, IL

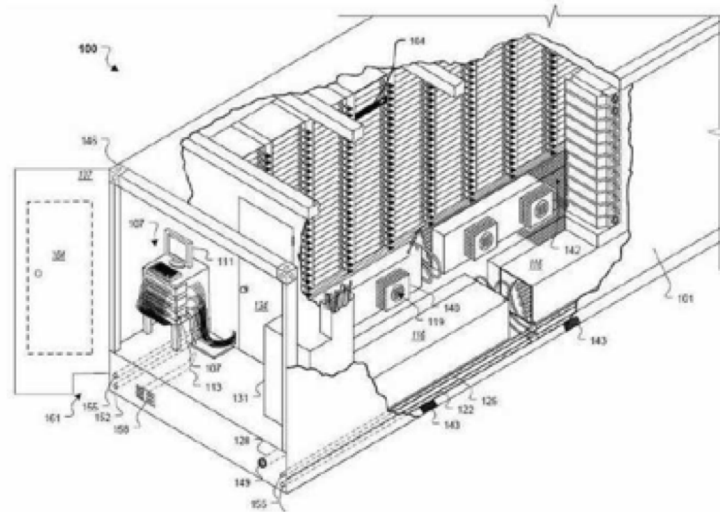
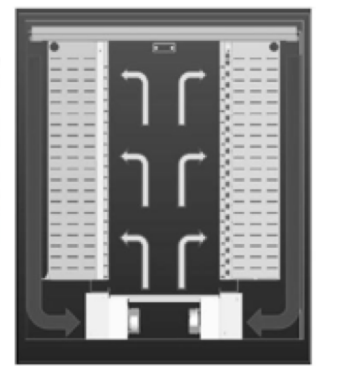
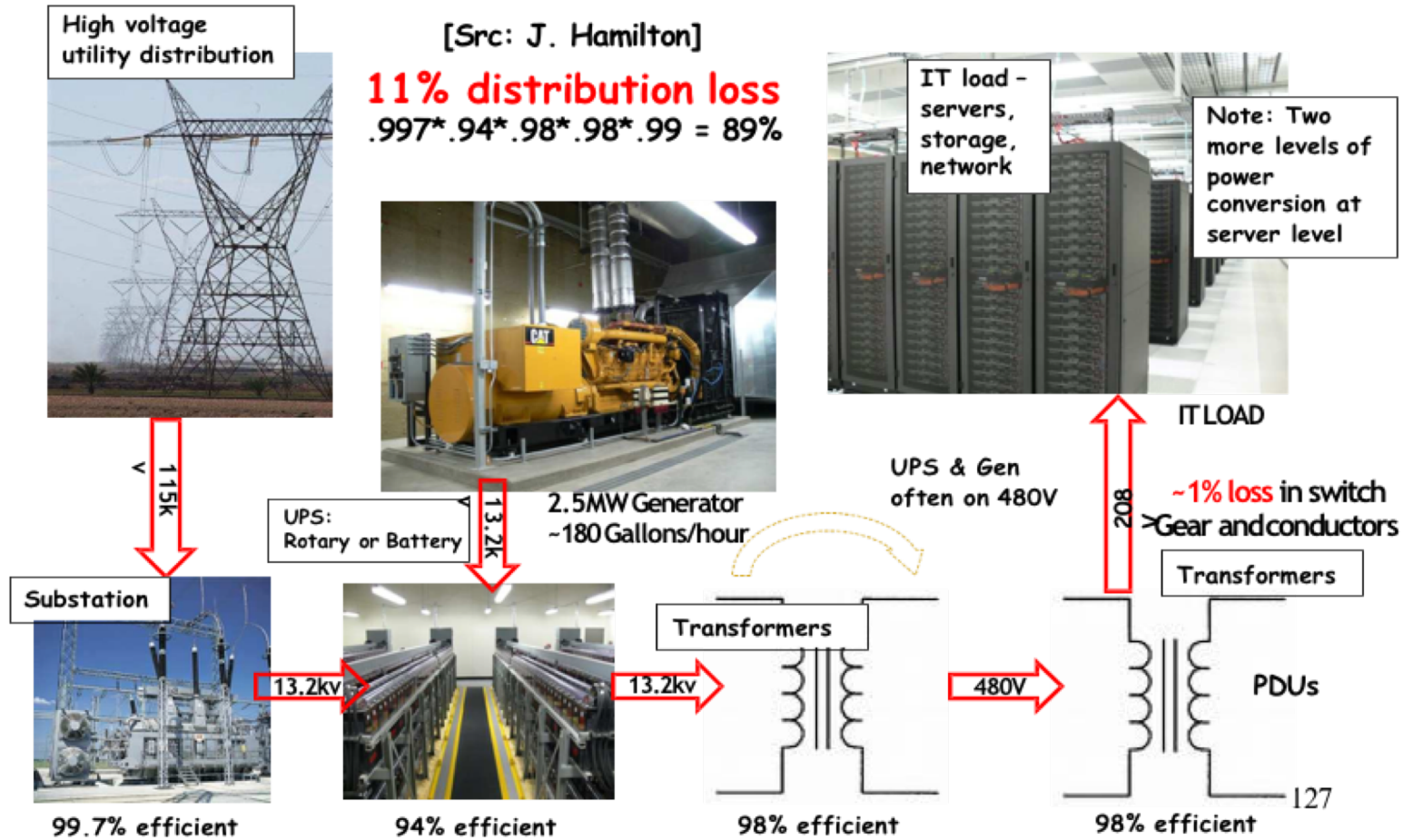


Figure 6.19 Google customizes a standard 1AAA container: 40 x 8 x 9.5 feet (12.2 x 2.4 x 2.9 meters). The servers are stacked up to 20 high in racks that form two long rows of 29 racks each, with one row on each side of the container. The cool aisle goes down the middle of the container, with the hot air return being on the outside. The hanging rack structure makes it easier to repair the cooling system without removing the servers. To allow people inside the container to repair components, it contains safety systems for fire detection and mist-based suppression, emergency egress and lighting, and emergency power shut off. Containers also have many sensors: temperature, airflow pressure, air leak detection, and motion-sensing lighting. A video tour of the datacenter is found at <http://www.google.com/corporate/green/datacenters/summit.html>. Microsoft, Yahoo, and many others are now building modular datacenters based upon these ideas but they have stopped using ISO standard containers since the size is inconvenient.

## Google, Circa 2007

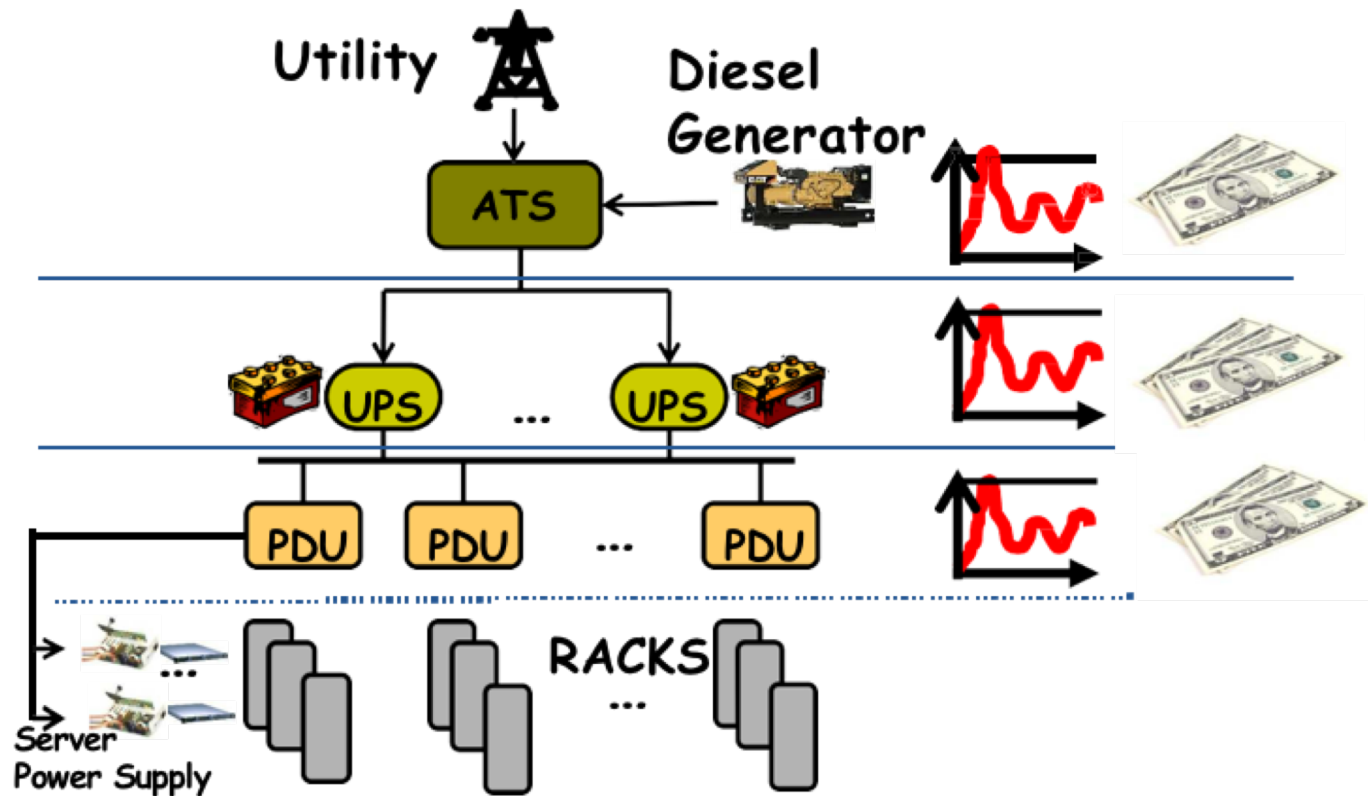


# Power Infrastructure





# Peak Power - Cap-Ex Costs



Costs further shoot up with the need for redundancy!

# Datacenter Opex costs

- Maintenance
- Energy
- Personnel Costs
  
- **Maintenance:**
  - **Use replicas of data across different servers**
  - **If one slow or fails start on another**
  - **Use relaxed consistency:**
    - **No need for all replicas to always agree**

# Causes of Outages and Anomalies (2400 servers 1<sup>st</sup> yr)

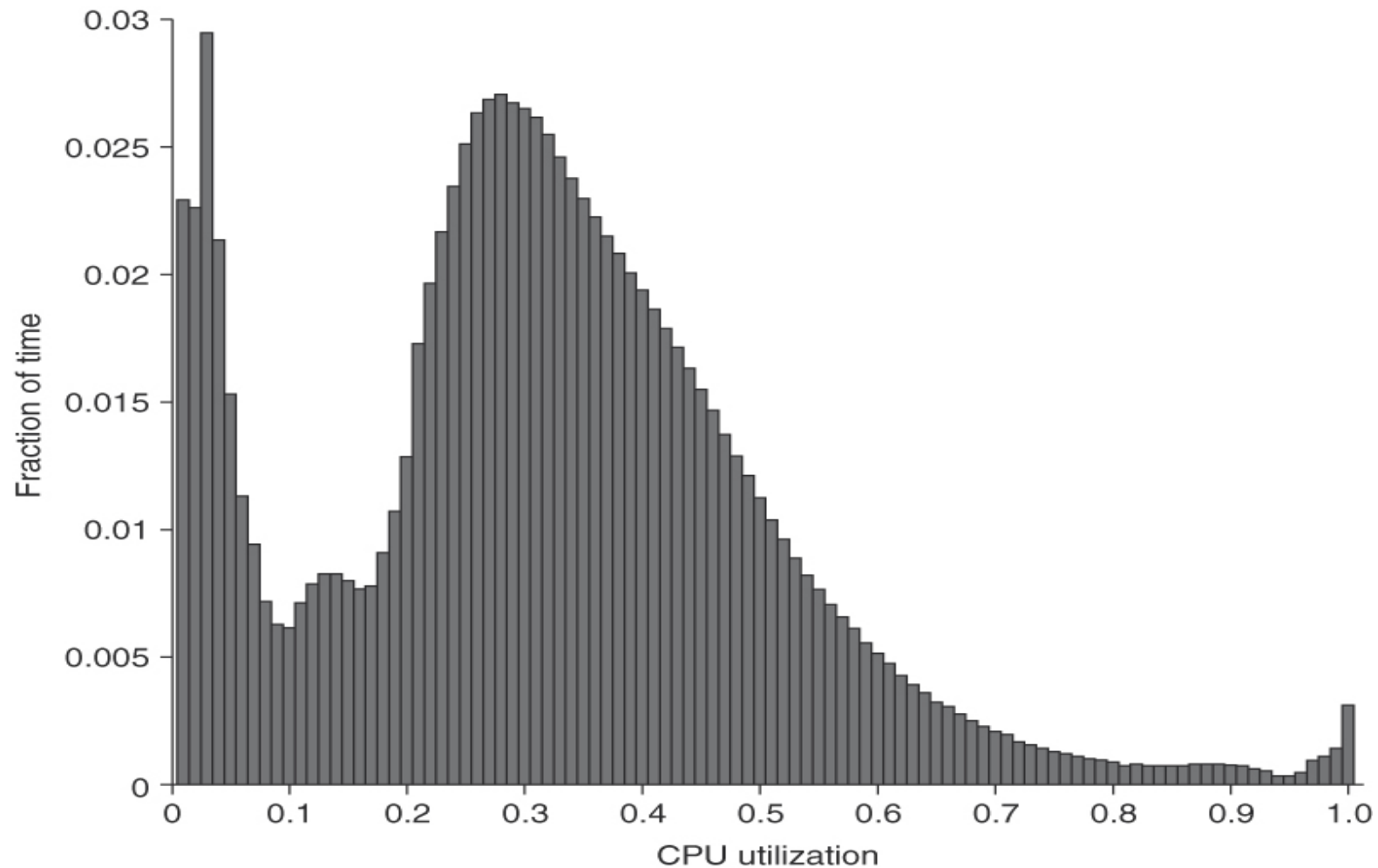
Number	Cause
1-2	Power outage
4	Upgrades
1000s	Hard-disk
	Dram
	Problematic machines
5000	Server crashes

Difference between server and service unavailability.

# Energy consumption

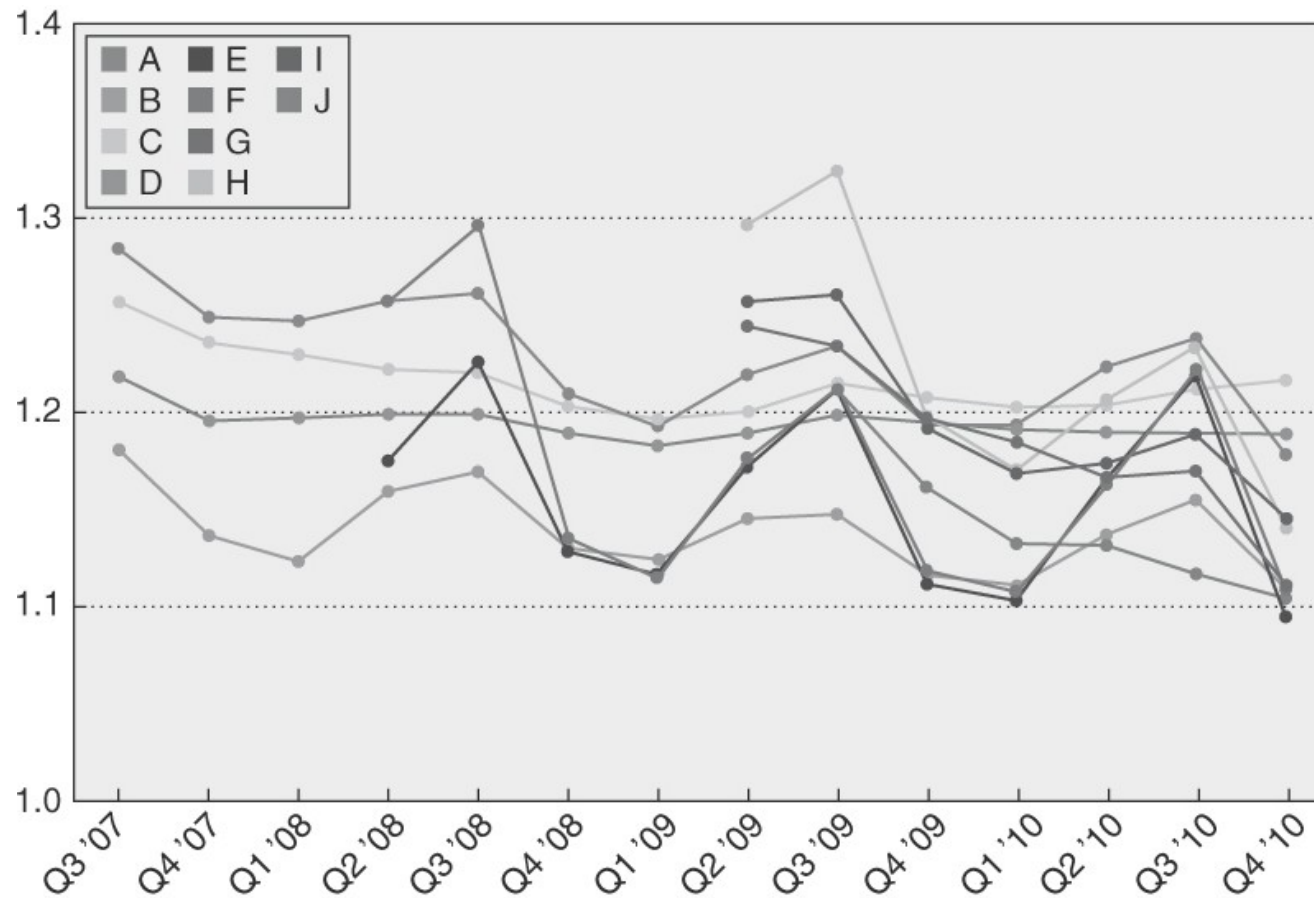
- **Power Utilization Effectiveness (PUE)**
  - = Total facility power / IT equipment power
  - Median PUE on 2006 study was 1.69
  - Today large facilities close 1.1
- **Performance**
  - Latency is important metric because it is seen by users
  - Bing study: users will use search less as response time increases
  - Service Level Objectives (SLOs)/Service Level Agreements (SLAs)
    - E.g. 99% of requests be below 100 ms

# CPU Utilization and Energy Consumption



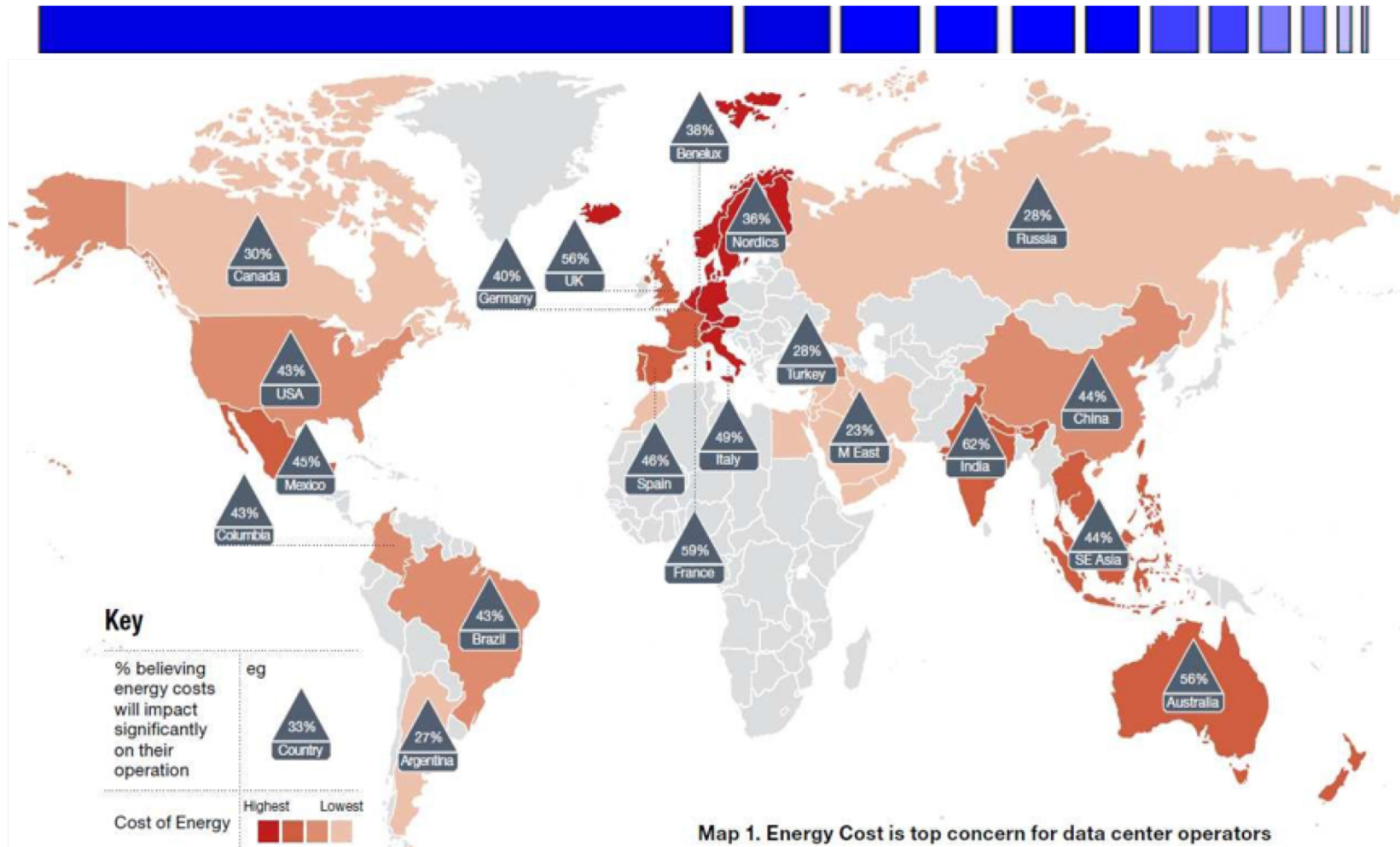
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# Power usage effectiveness (PUE) of 10 Google WSCs over time.



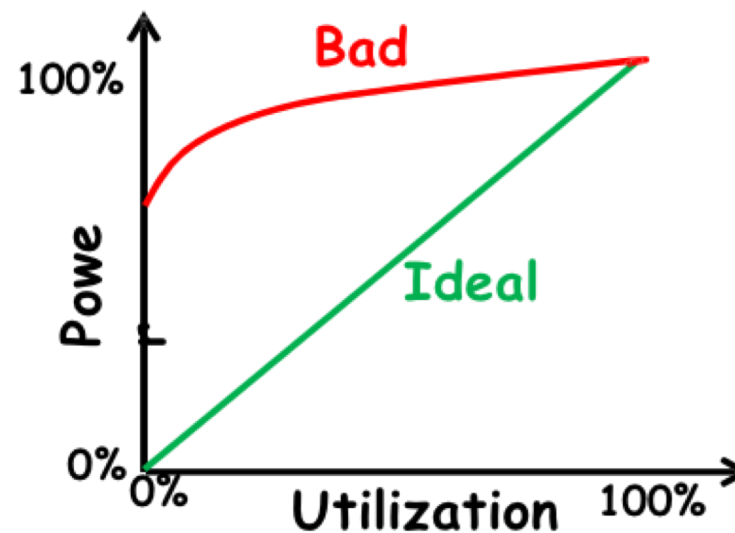
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# Energy Op-Ex Importance



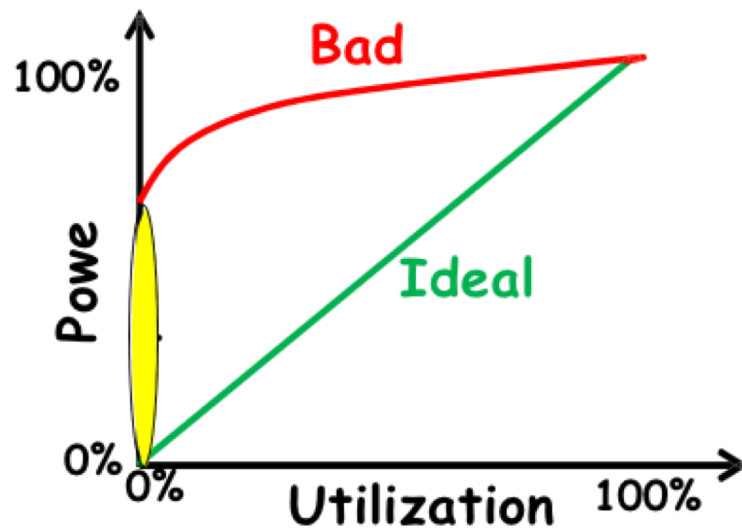
# Built Energy Proportional Systems

1. No power when Idle
2. Consumption linearly increases with work (utilization) till Max Power





## Cutting Idle Power

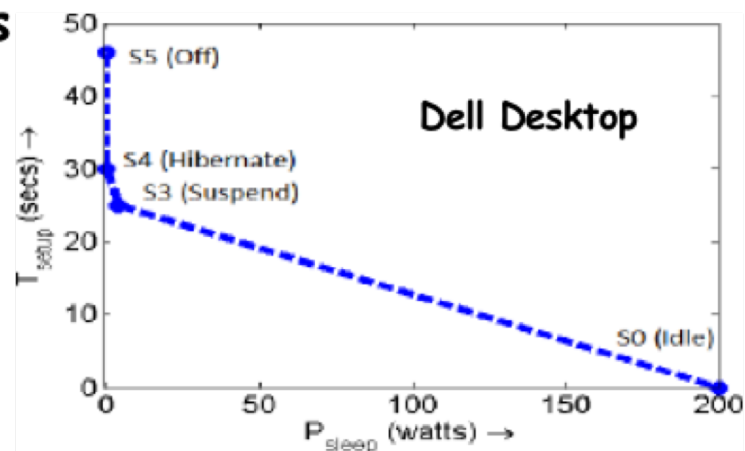


- When idle, we want our servers to be close to 0 power
- Need to ensure negligible latency to become active again

# System idle low-power states

## □ System idle low-power states or ACPI "S-states"

- **S0** = operating state
- **S1** = CPU caches are flushed; CPUs stop executing instructions
- **S2** = CPU caches are flushed; CPUs are turned off
- **S3** = All context is lost, except for RAM; RAM & devices on
- **S4** = All context is lost (some saved to disk); RAM & devices off
- **S5** = Same as S4, except that OS doesn't save the context

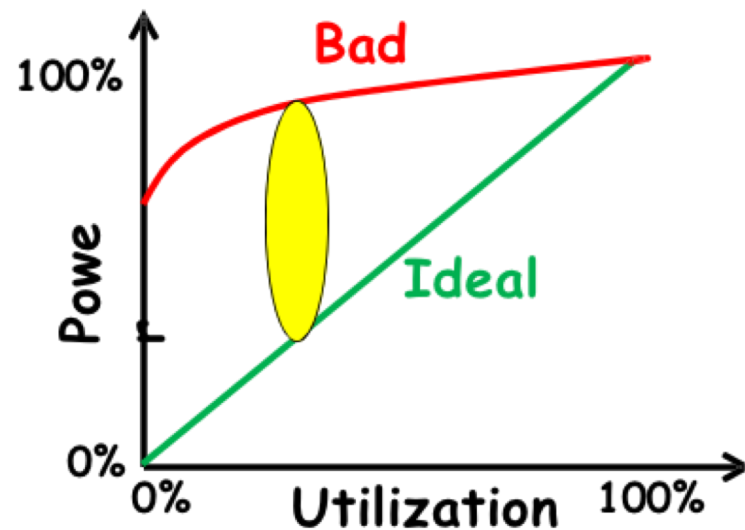


[Src: Gandhi et al., HotPower'11]

Transitions effected in software

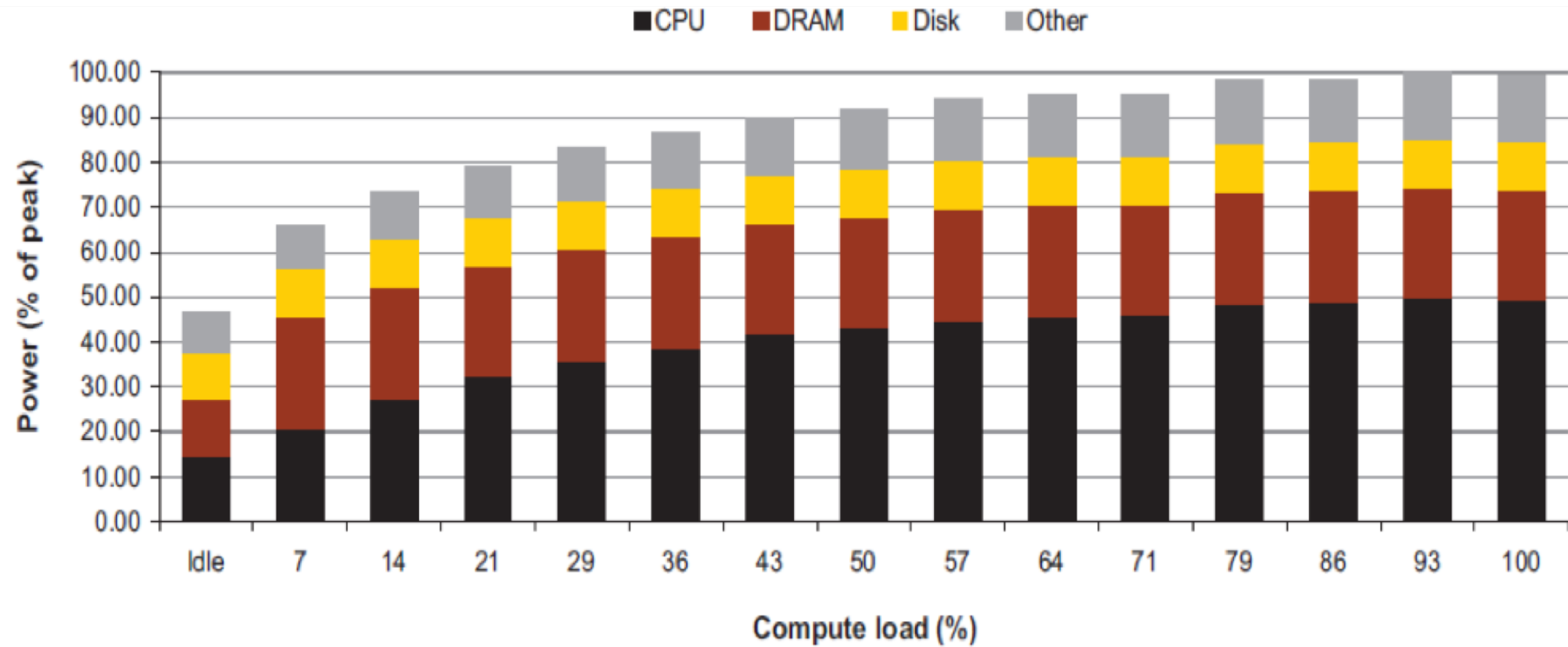
Transitions can take significant energy and multiple secs.

## Making Power Linear with Work



Need to make power consumption commensurate with the utilization (work done) by the system (each of its components)

But



**FIGURE 5.8:** Subsystem power usage in an  $\times 86$  server as the compute load varies from idle to full usage.

# CPU DVFS

- Reduce Power
- Reduce Energy (especially if performance is impacted by lower frequency)
- Power Capping
- Dynamic Thermal Management
- Continuous Monitoring and Control Loop to accommodate Dynamic Variations

# DRAM DVFS

Operation		
ACT_PRE	514	Active and precharge operation (1st bank 643mW)
Read/Write		
RD	1864	Read burst out
WR	2121	Write burst in
I/O		
RD_OUTPUT	477	Driving read output
WR_TERM	554	Terminating write output
RD_TERM_OTH	1179	Terminating read/write output of other DIMMs within the channel;
WR_TERM_OTH	1306	available for multi-DIMMs per channel system.

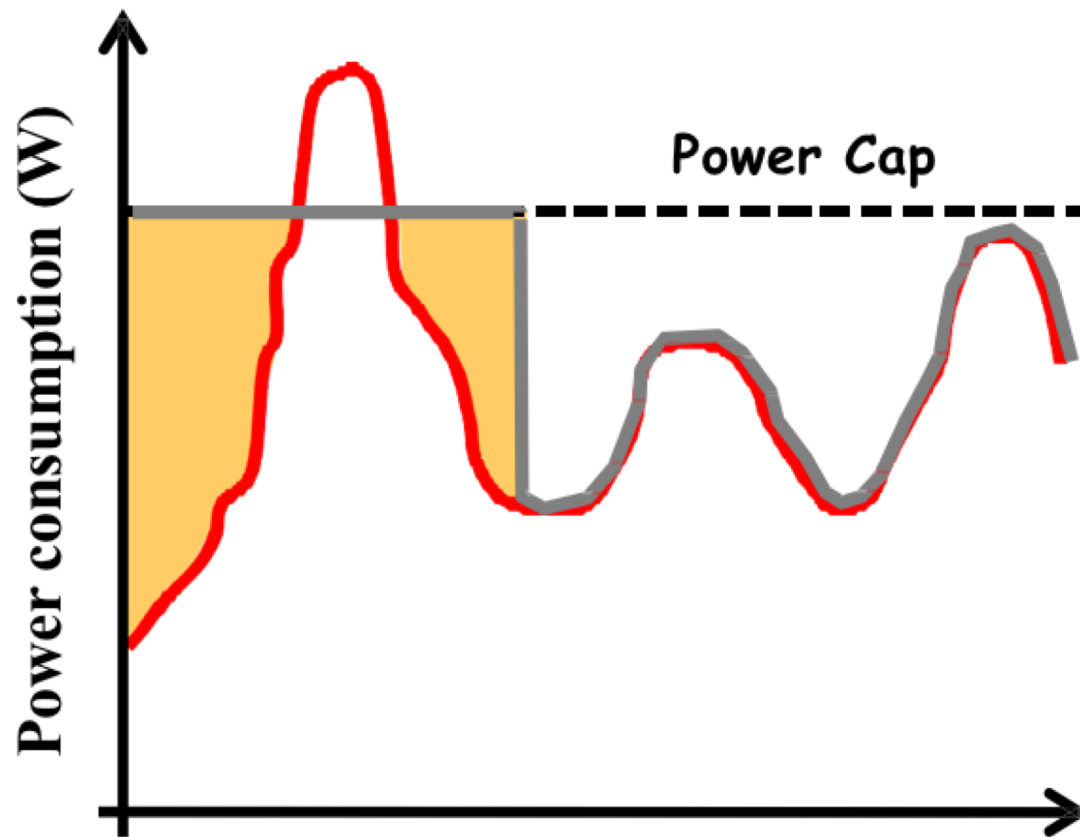
Dynamic On-die Termination to adjust impedance for signal integrity

- Memory active low-power modes [Deng et al., ASPLOS'11]
  - DVFS of the memory controller and PLL
  - DFS of the memory bus, DIMM interface, and DRAM devices

## Power Caps to handle Power Emergencies

- Already covered many of these knobs:
  - DVFS and other Low Power Active States
  - Deep Sleep/Shutdown of some servers
  - Migration of load
    - Even within power hierarchy with emergency (consolidate and shutdown reduces power)
    - Elsewhere in the Datacenter
    - To an entirely different Datacenter
  
- All of these can have performance consequences

## Power Capping Approach





# Inside Google's Datacenter

Watch Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZmGGAbHqa0>

# Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

- Key optimization metric
- Capture both capex and opex
- Capital Expenses: land, building, servers, switches, power, cooling, sw licences
- Operational Expenses: energy, spares, maintenance, personnel

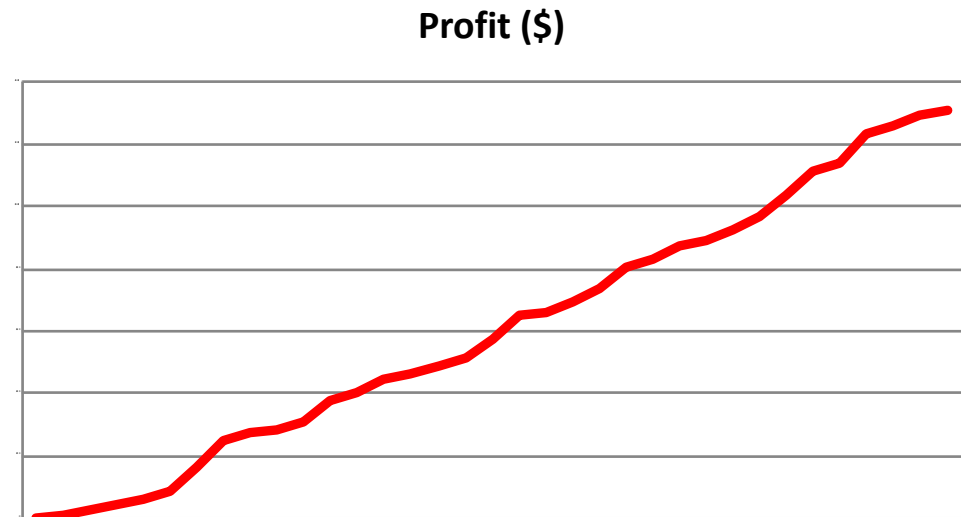
# Why TCO is important?

## Data center research became very important

- Large industry with economic and society impact
- Environmental impact
- Big investment

## Main target of all data center research is to finally reduce the TCO and increase profit

- Energy reduction
- Power efficiency
- Green data centers
- Efficient maintenance
- New server designs
- etc.



This makes TCO the **primary metric** to evaluate Datacenters.

# TCO tools

**Tools that main purpose is to calculate TCO  
Can be used for assessing Datacenter design trade-offs through  
design space exploration.**

**TCO tools can be useful both for**

- 1) research - estimate how new server designs, power management techniques and etc. affect TCO
- 2) enterprise environment – plan Datacenter, monitor monthly Datacenter costs

**TCO tools are important because they allow you to assess the most important Datacenter efficiency metric which is off-course TCO.**

# Overview of existing TCO tools

## Public available TCO tools

Spreadsheet based tools

James Hamilton spreadsheet

True TCO calculator by Uptime Institute

Web based tools

Calculators for calculating TCO savings on specific company's products

Usually companies use them to communicate the benefits of their solution

Research Tools

Developed to evaluate different case studies

## In-house models

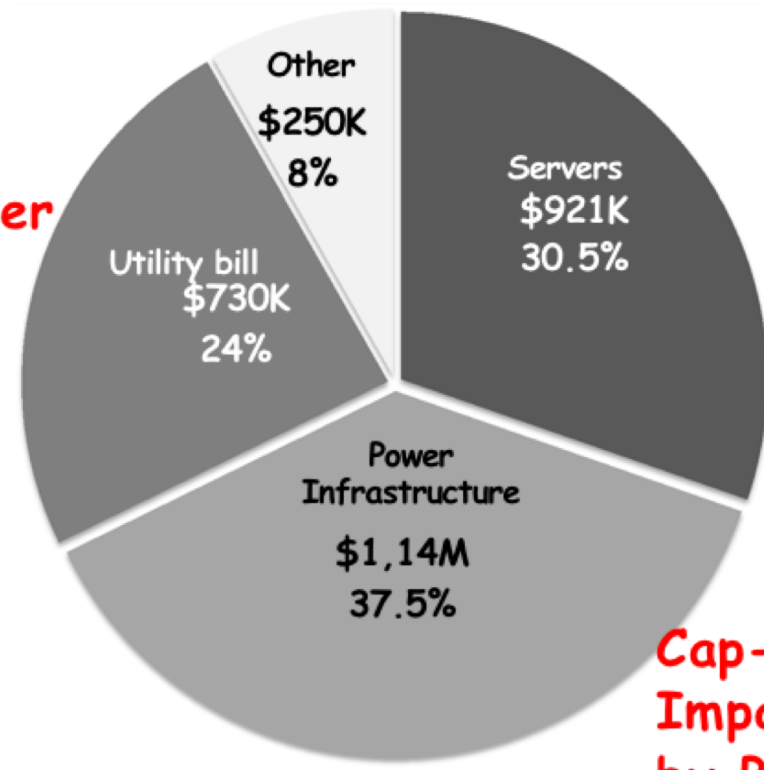
Academic tools

Facebook, Google, IBM and for sure many other companies

## Companies that provide TCO services

# TCO

Op-Ex  
Impacted by  
Energy & Power



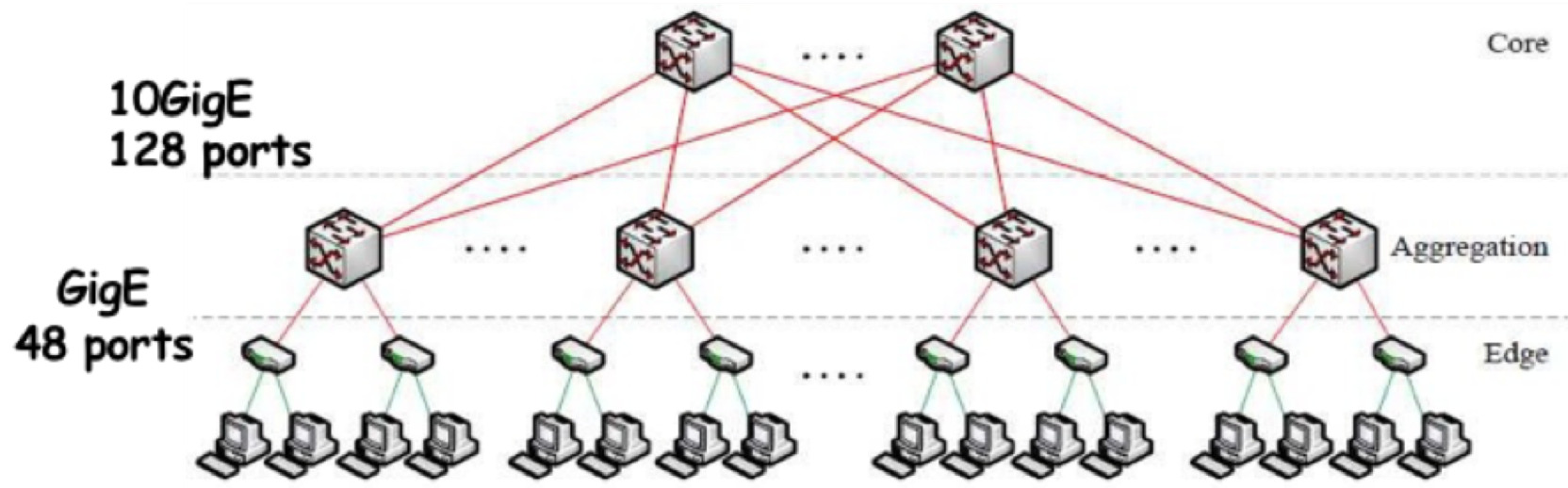
Cap-Ex  
Impacted mainly  
by Power

*Assumption: 20,000 servers, 1.5 PUE, 15\$/W Cap-ex, 4yr server & 12 yr infrastructure amortization (Tier-2)*

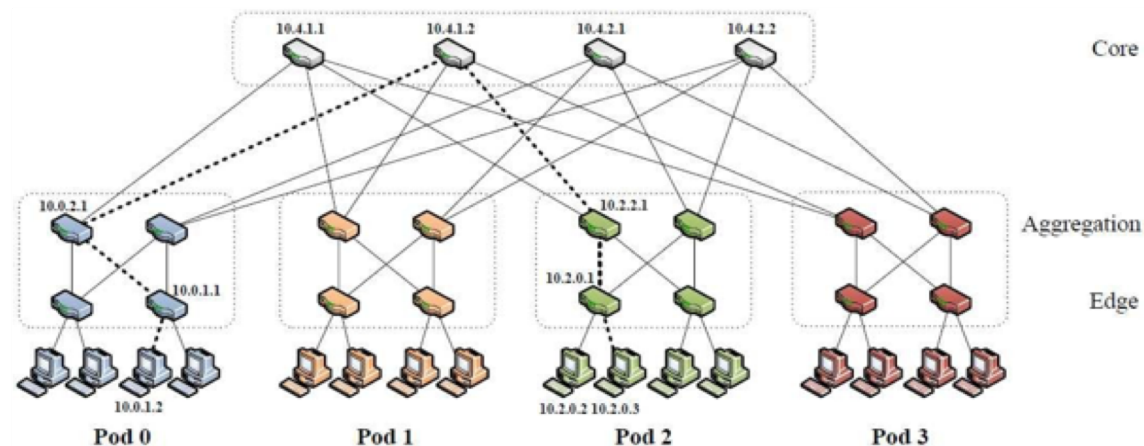
# Datacenter Networks

## Conventional Hierarchical Design

[Src:Al Fares et al., Sigcomm'08]



# Fat-Tree Design with Wimpy Switches



Year	Hierarchical design			Fat-tree		
	10 GigE	Hosts	Cost/ GigE	GigE	Hosts	Cost/ GigE
2002	28-port	4,480	\$25.3K	28-port	5,488	\$4.5K
2004	32-port	7,680	\$4.4K	48-port	27,648	\$1.6K
2006	64-port	10,240	\$2.1K	48-port	27,648	\$1.2K
2008	128-port	20,480	\$1.8K	48-port	27,648	\$0.3K



# Services Provided by Datacenters

Google

amazon.com<sup>®</sup>



Microsoft<sup>®</sup>  
Office 365



Google docs



# These things are really big

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, green, blue, red).

100 billion searches per month

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

1.15 billion users

The Amazon.com logo, featuring the text "amazon.com" in black lowercase letters with a curved orange arrow underneath the "a" and "z" characters.

120+ million users

# Services Provided by Datacenters

- **Online Workload:** Web Search
- High level view
  - Clients
  - Front-end
  - Index
  - Document Servers
- Index can be huge
- Highly partitioned and replicated
- Metric of interest (Quality of Service QoS)
  - Average response time but also tail latency
  - 99<sup>th</sup> % less than 100s ms

# Offline Workload

- Batch processing framework: MapReduce
  - **Map:** applies a programmer-supplied function to each logical input record
    - Runs on thousands of computers
    - Provides new set of key-value pairs as intermediate values
  - **Reduce:** collapses values using another programmer-supplied function

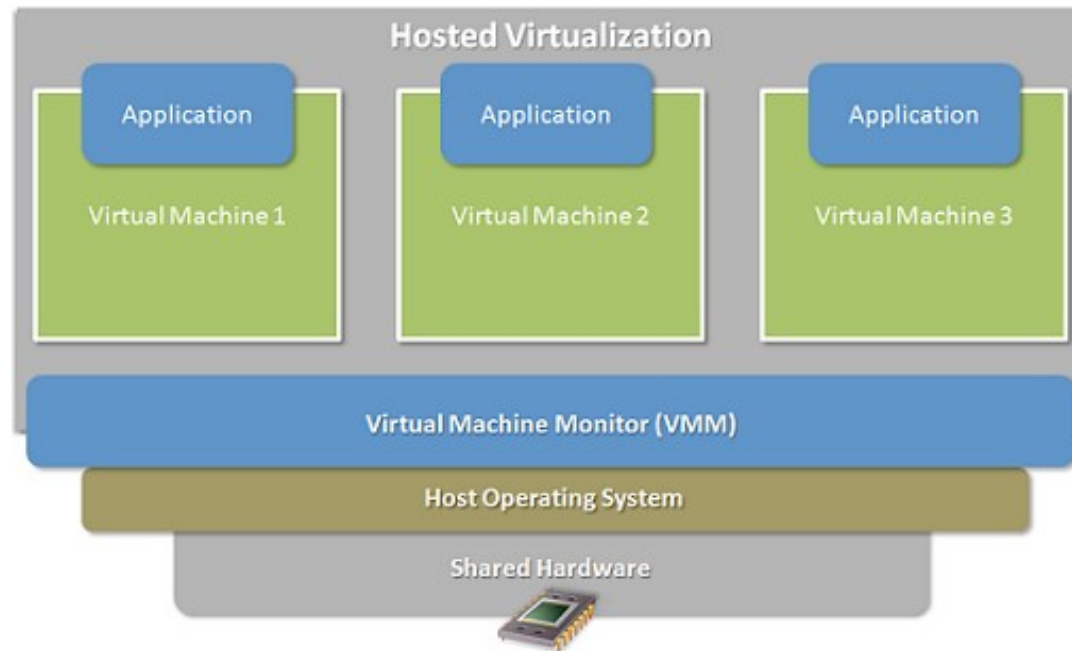
# Map Reduce

- Example:
  - **map (String key, String value):**
    - // key: document name
    - // value: document contents
    - for each word w in value
      - EmitIntermediate(w,"1"); // Produce list of all words
  - **reduce (String key, Iterator values):**
    - // key: a word
    - // value: a list of counts
    - int result = 0;
    - for each v in values:
      - result += ParseInt(v); // get integer from key-value pair
    - Emit(AsString(result));

# Cloud Computing

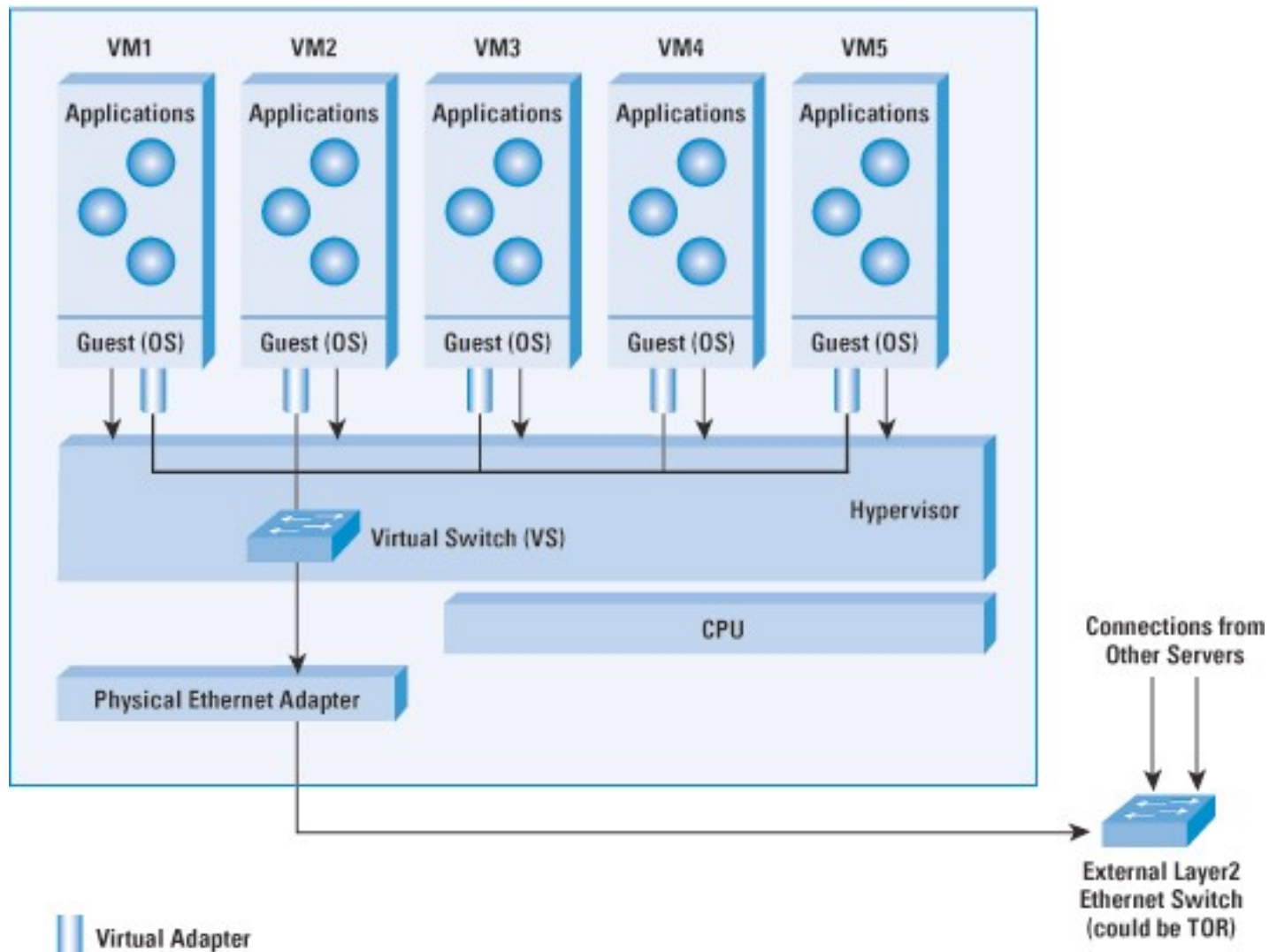
- WSCs offer economies of scale that cannot be achieved with a datacenter:
  - 5.7 times reduction in storage costs
  - 7.1 times reduction in administrative costs
  - 7.3 times reduction in networking costs
  - This has given rise to cloud services such as Amazon Web Services
    - “Utility Computing”
    - Based on using open source virtual machine and operating system software

# Host Virtualization



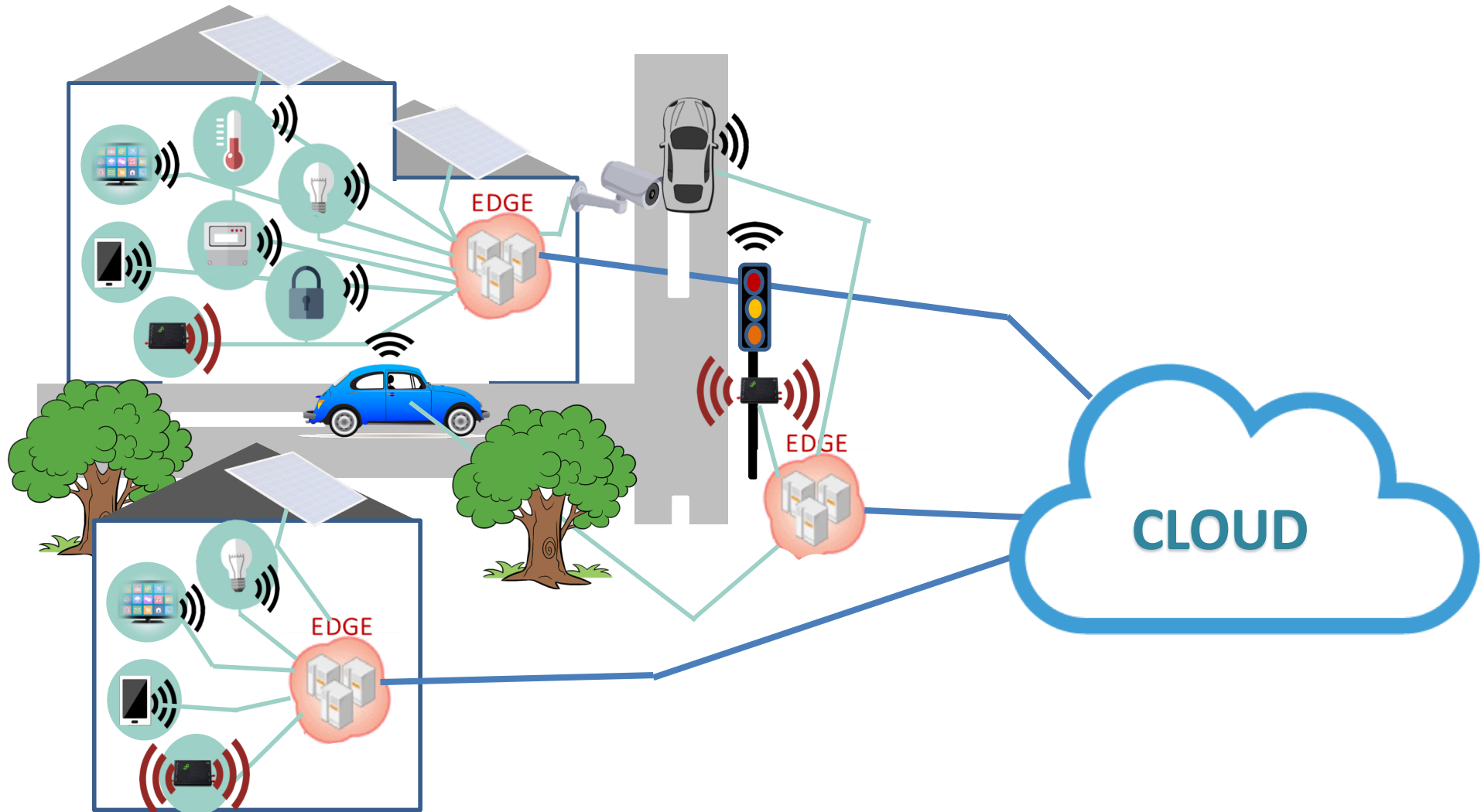
- Multiple virtual machines on one physical machine
- Applications run unmodified as on real machine
- VM can migrate from one computer to another

# VMM Virtual Switches

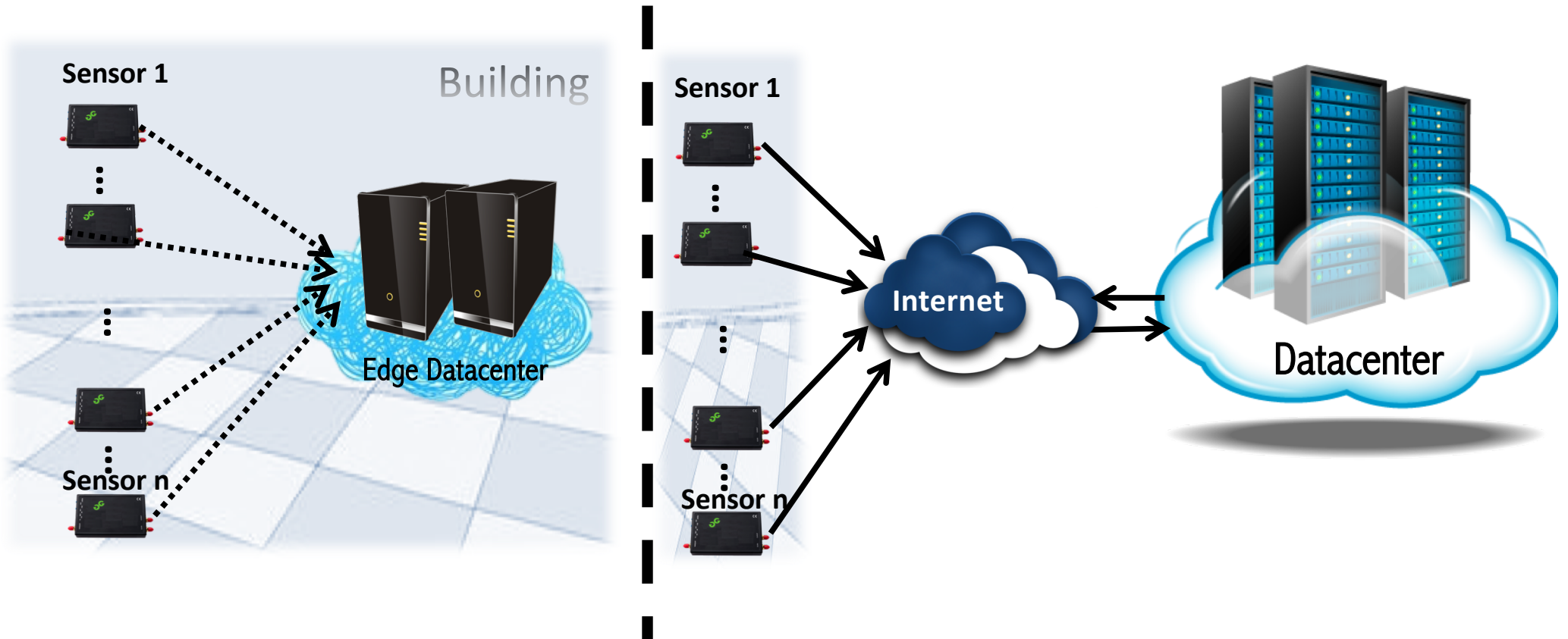




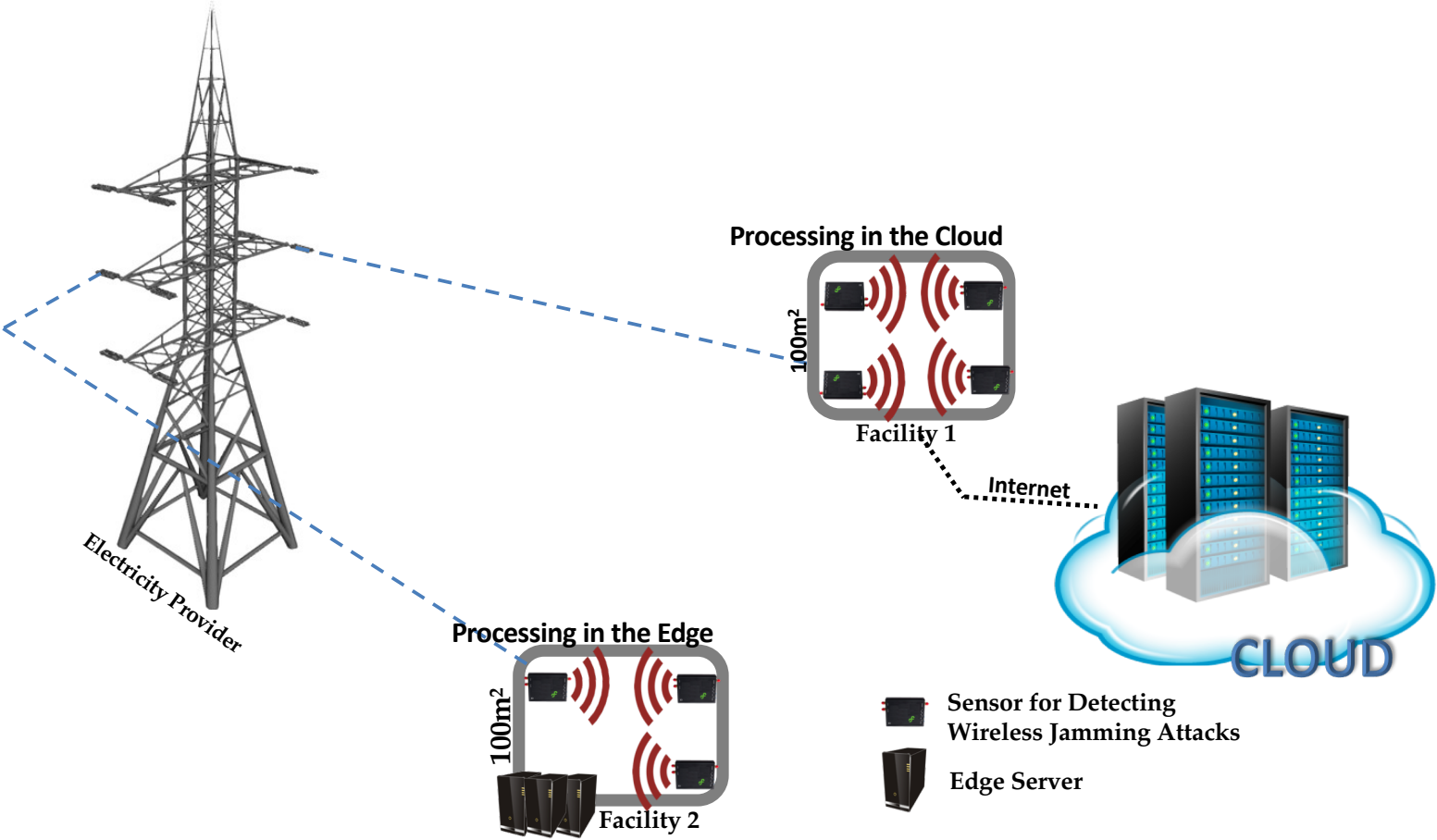
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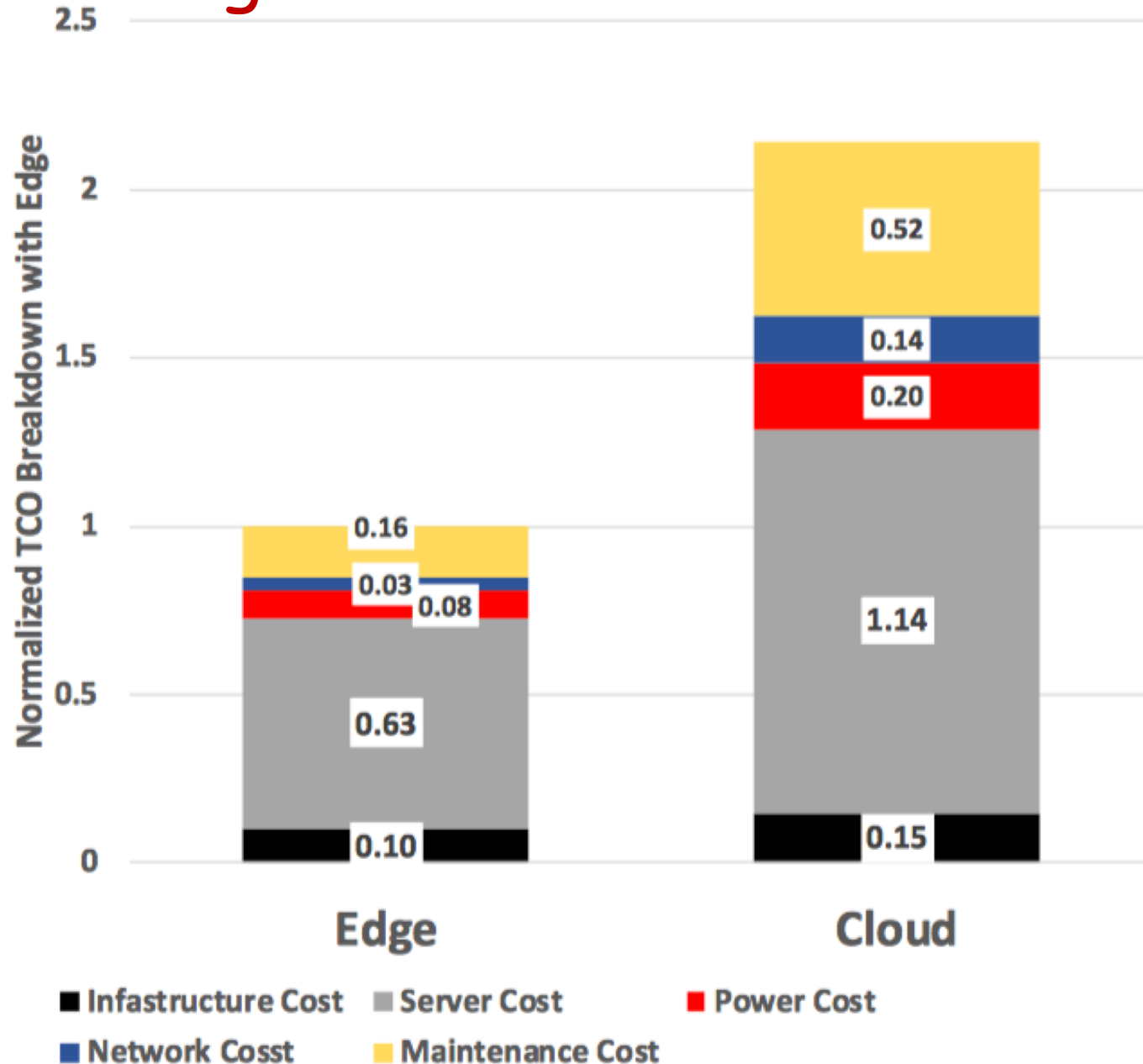
# Edge Vs Cloud Architecture



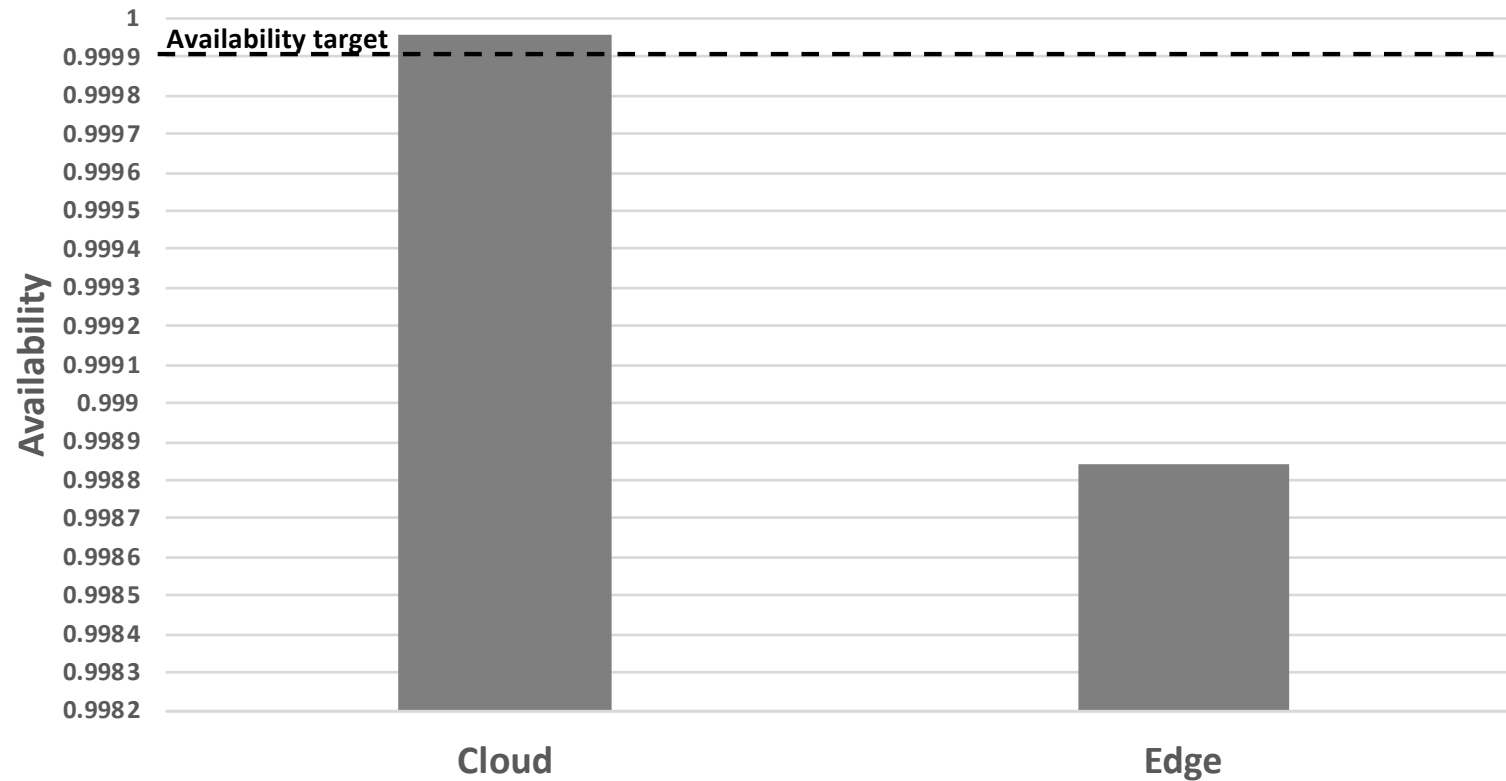
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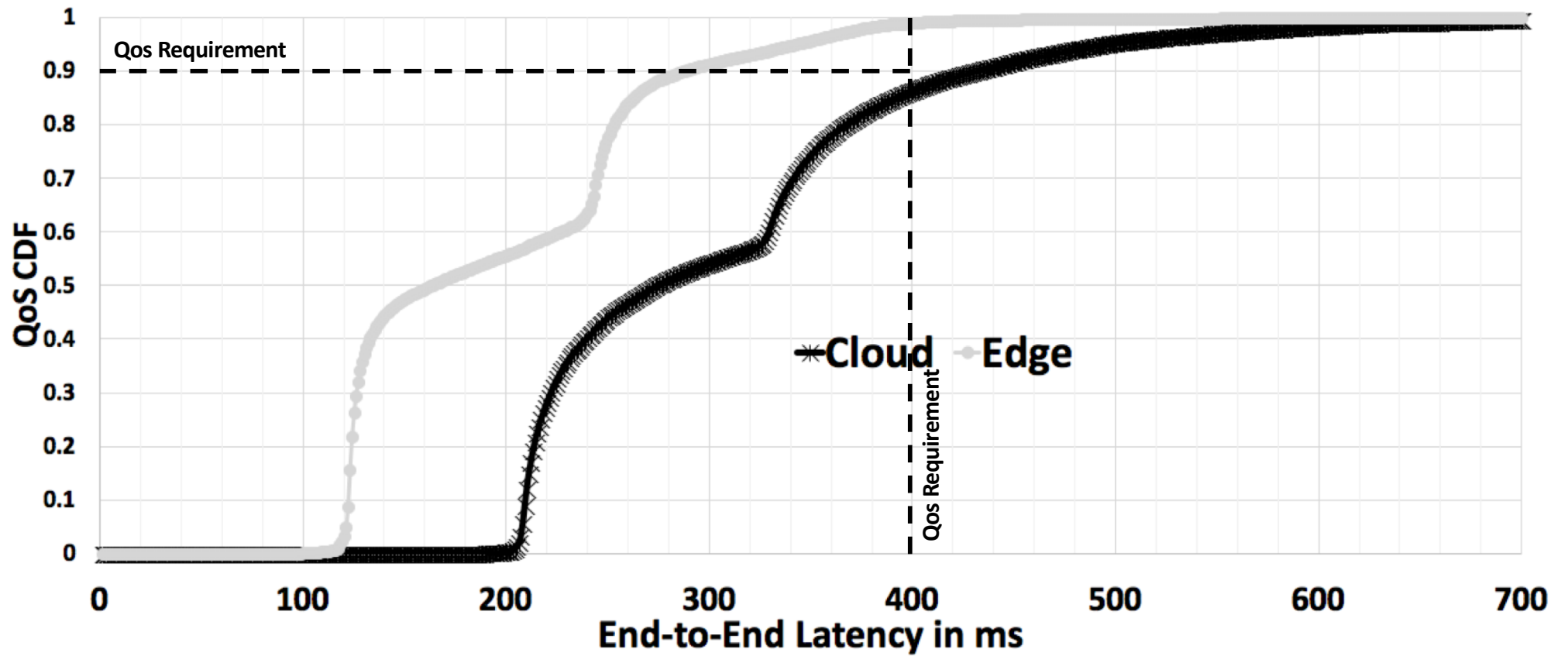
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# Edge Vs Cloud Availability

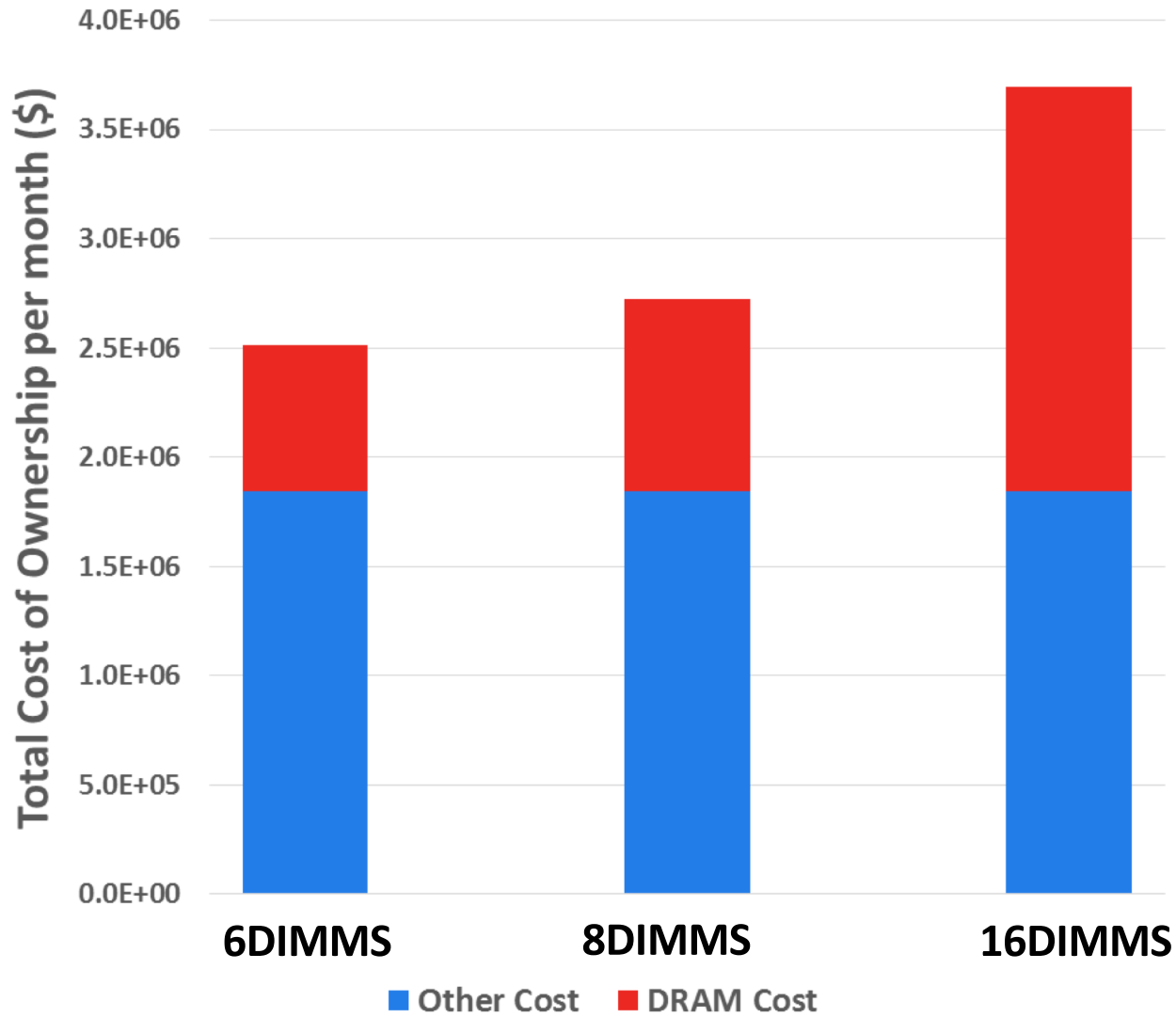


# Edge Vs Cloud End to End Latency



# DRAM Architecture

# DRAM Contribution on the TCO

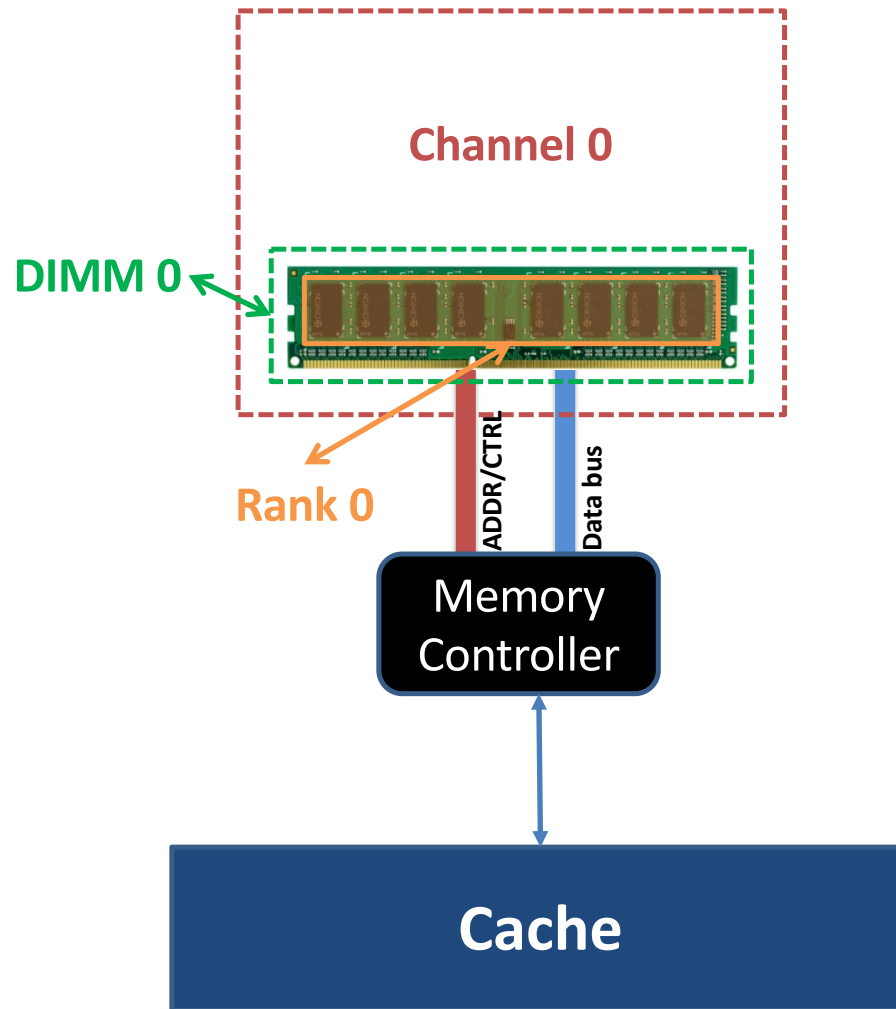


**DRAM Cost is Significant!!**

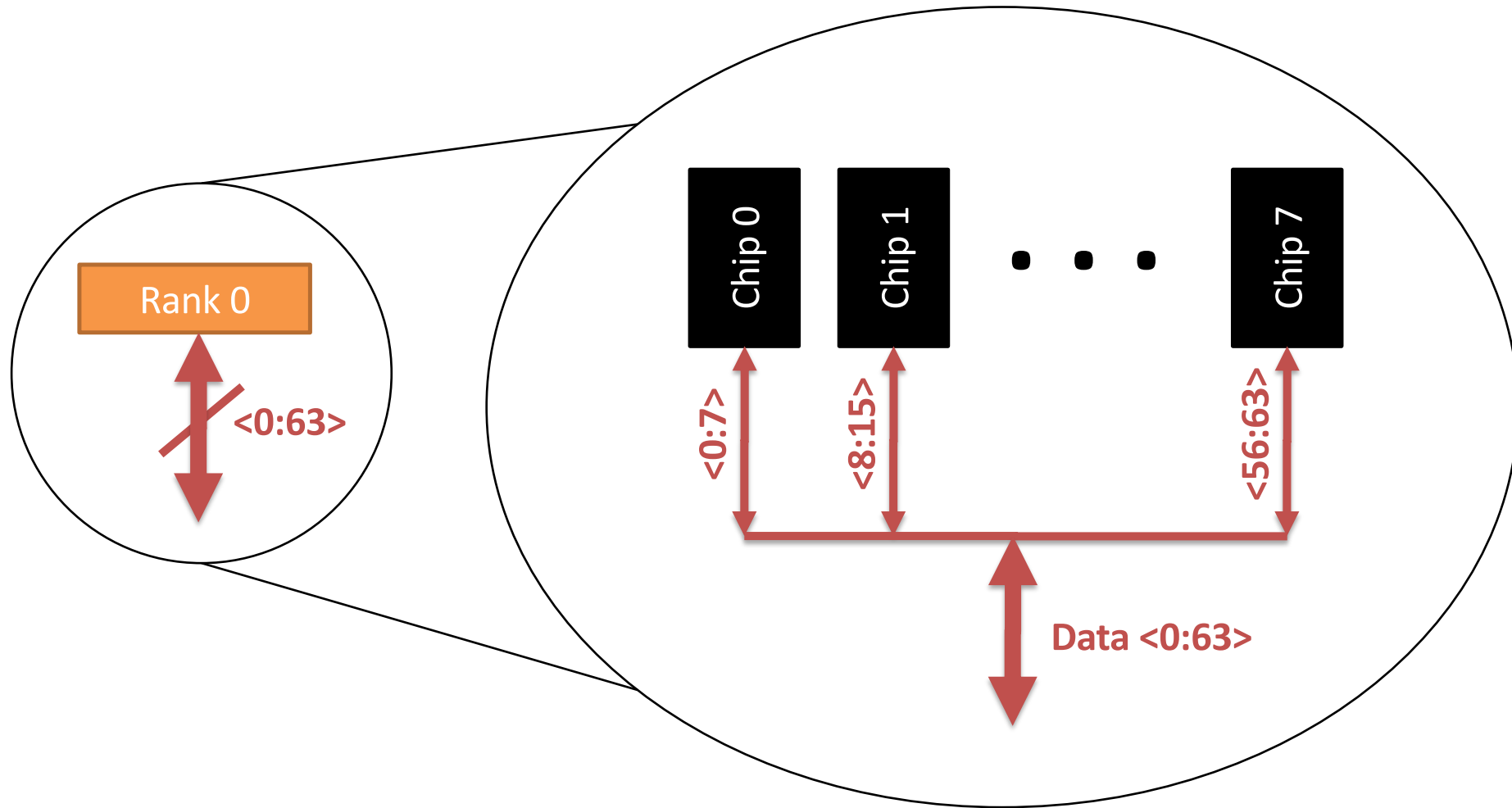




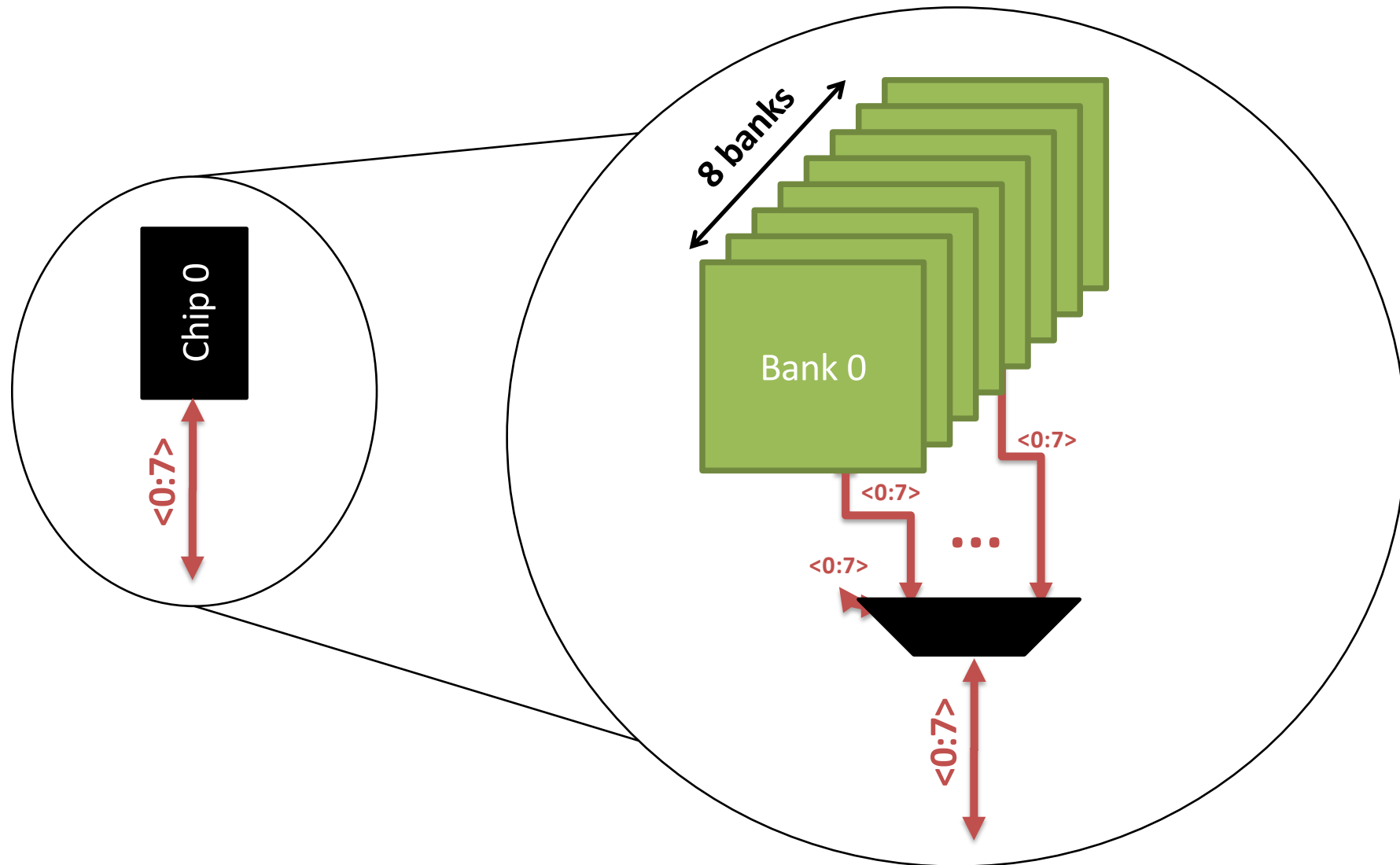
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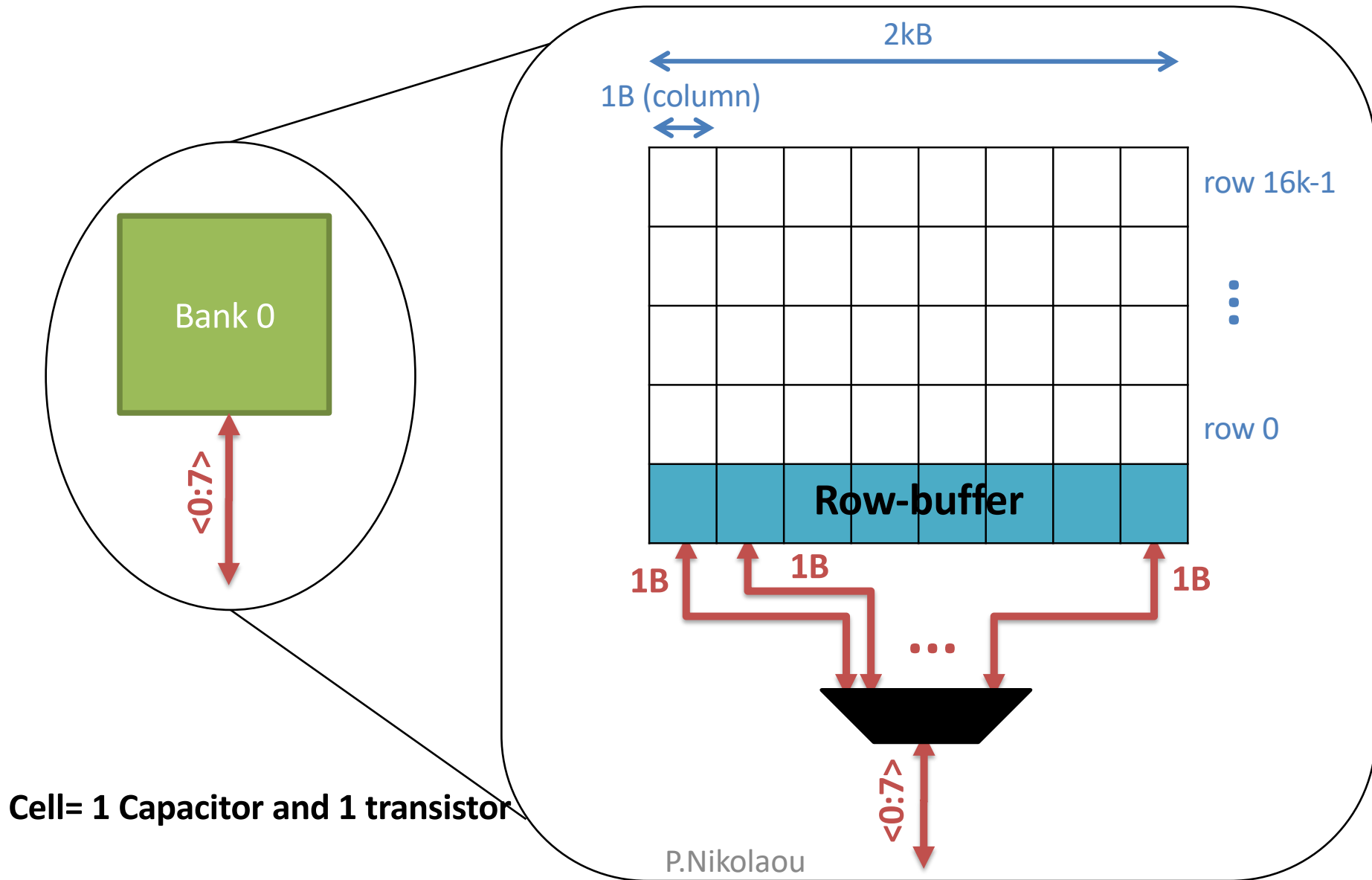
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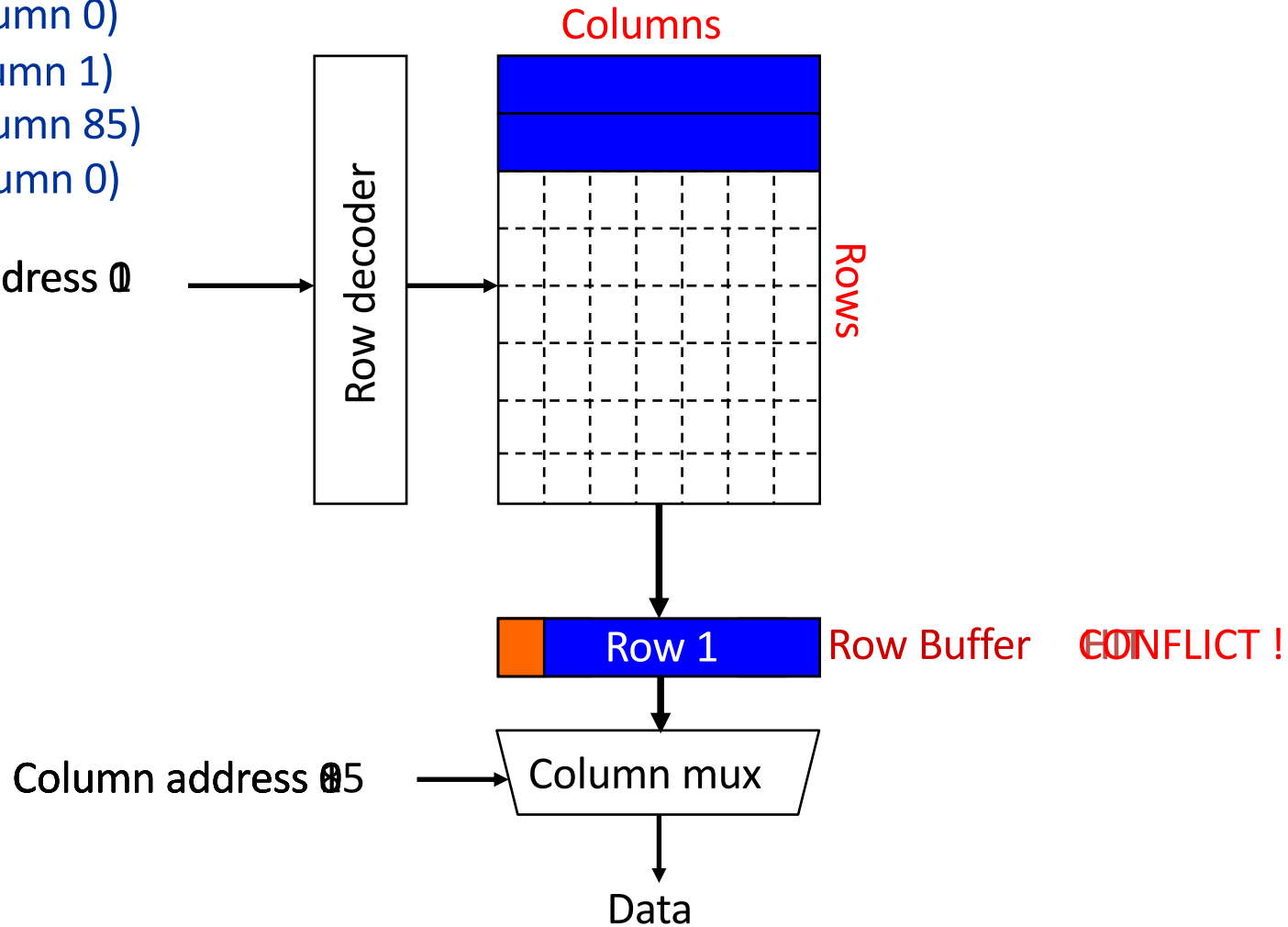
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# DRAM array Organization

Access Address:  
(Row 0, Column 0)  
(Row 0, Column 1)  
(Row 0, Column 85)  
(Row 1, Column 0)

Row address 0



# DRAM vs SRAM

	DRAM	SRAM
Capacity	 1 capacitor + 1 transistor per bit	 6 transistors per bit
Performance	 Refresh + probably larger transistors	 No Refresh + probably smaller transistors
Total Power	 Consumes power even when not used (periodic refresh)	 Access power
Cost		
Reliability	 P.Nikolaou	

# Memory Protection

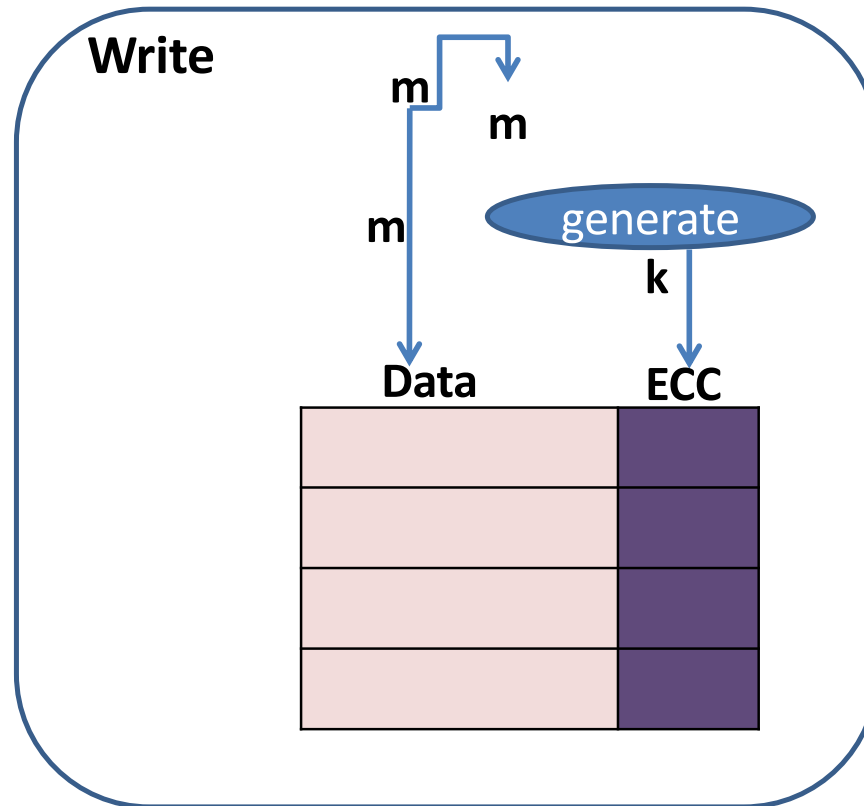
- **Data redundancy**
  - Error Detection/Correction Codes (EDC/ECC) [Hamming 1950, Hsiao 1970]
  - Applies in DRAM and cache
  - In DRAM, extra memory chips for ECC protection
  - Found in many variations
    - SEC-DED: Single Error Correction-Double Error Detection [Hamming 1950, Hsiao 1970]
    - DEC-TED: Double Error Correction-Triple Error Detection
    - ChipkillDC: corrects all errors that appear in a single memory chip and detects all errors that appear in two memory chips [AMD 2010, AMD 2014]
    - ChipkillSC: corrects all errors that appear in a single memory chip but cannot detect all errors that appear in two memory chips [AMD 2010, AMD 2014]

# Protecting data from errors

## How it works:

### Write:

- Generate ECC bits( $k$ ) from data bits ( $m$ )
- Store data and ECC bits in the array



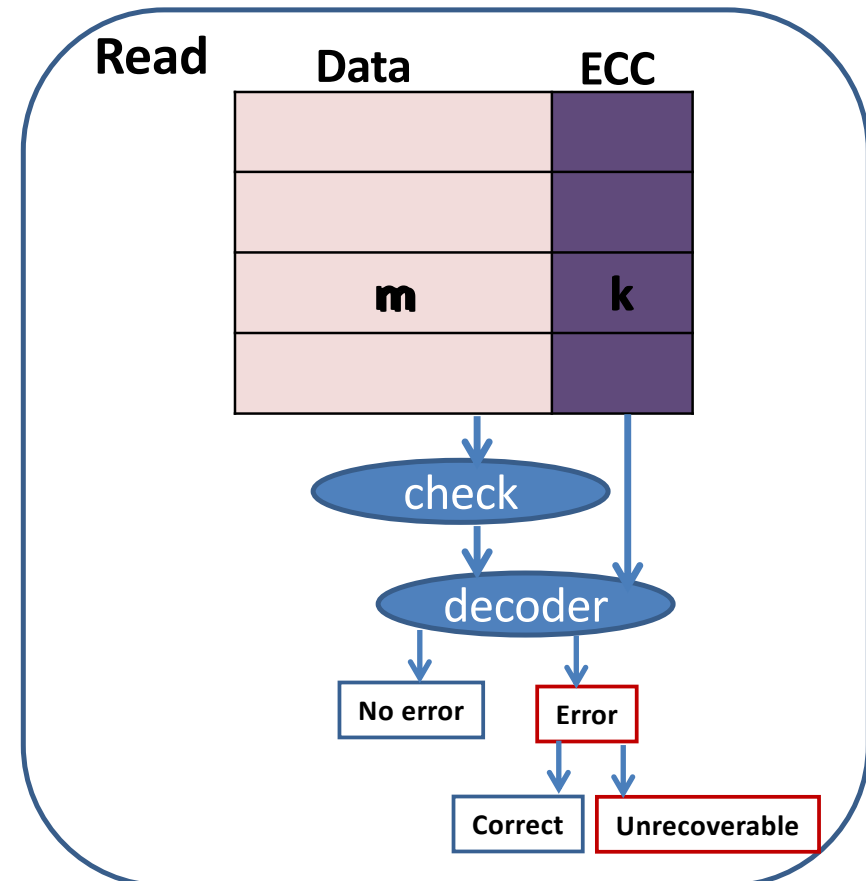


# Protecting data from errors









## How it works:

### Read:

- Read data bits ( $m$ ) and ECC bits ( $k$ ) from the array
- Perform error checking
- The decoder indicates:
  - No error
  - Error:
    - Correctable
    - Uncorrectable



# ChipkillSC Vs ChipkillDC

	ChipkillSC	ChipkillDC
Reliability	 Cannot detect all the errors in 2 devices Corrects all the errors in 1 device	 Detect all the errors in 2 devices Corrects all the errors in 1 device
Bandwidth	 Access one DIMM	 Access two DIMMs
Latency	 Codeword in two bursts	 Codeword in one burst
Power	 Access one DIMM	 Access two DIMMs

