

# Cloud Computing Is Driving Infrastructure Innovation

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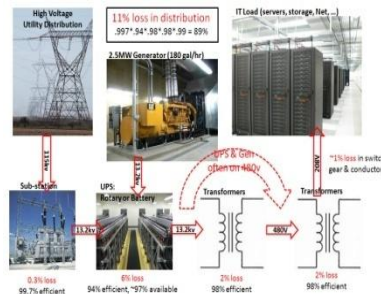
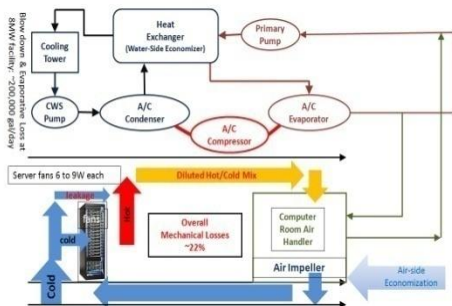
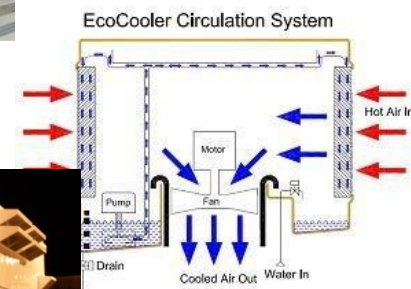
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- Technology Backdrop

- Infrastructure innovation
- Memory Wall & Storage Chasm

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# Pace of Innovation

- Datacenter pace of innovation increasing
  - More innovation in last 5 years than previous 15
  - Driven by cloud service providers and very high-scale internet applications like search
  - Cost of infrastructure dominates service cost
  - Not just a cost center
- High focus on infrastructure innovation
  - Driving down cost
  - Increasing aggregate reliability
  - Reducing resource consumption footprint



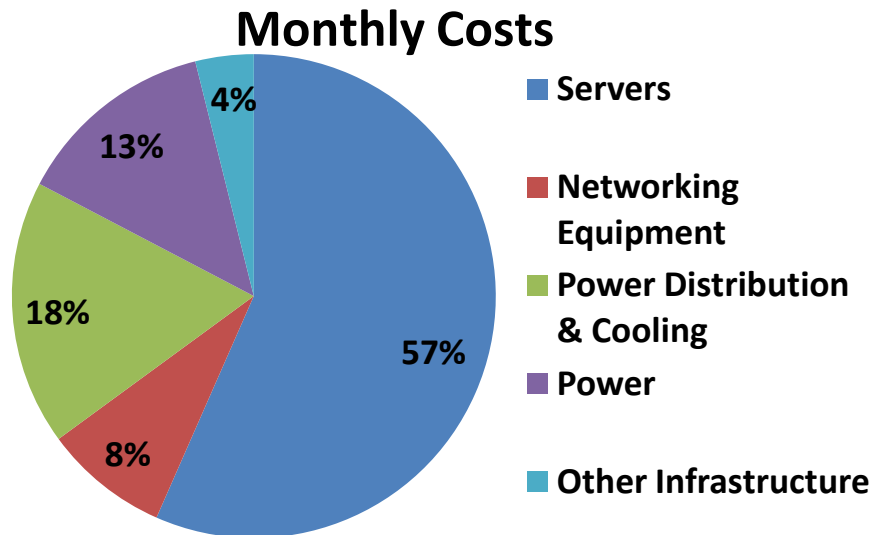
# Perspective on Scaling



# Where Does the Money Go?

- **Assumptions:**

- Facility: ~\$88M for 8MW critical power
- Servers: 46,000 @ \$1.45k each
- Commercial Power: ~\$0.07/kWhr
- Power Usage Effectiveness: 1.45



3yr server & 10 yr infrastructure amortization

- **Observations:**

- 31% costs functionally related to power (trending up while server costs down)
- Networking high at 8% of overall costs & 19% of total server cost (many pay more)

From: <http://perspectives.mvdirona.com/2010/09/18/OverallDataCenterCosts.aspx>





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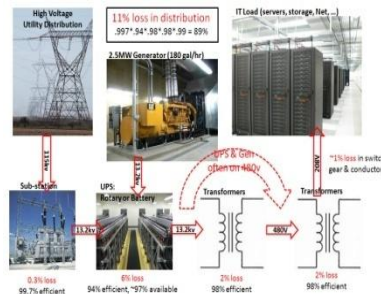
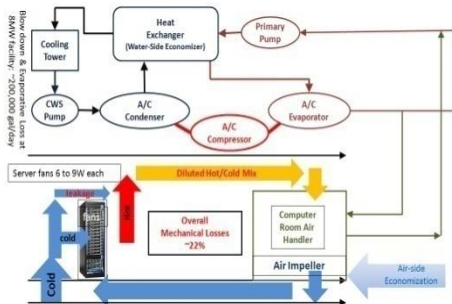
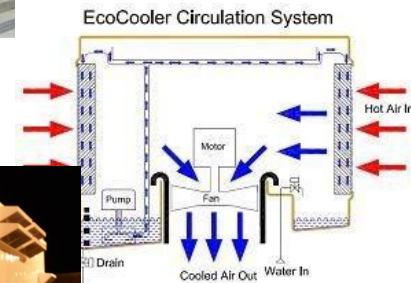
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# Power Distribution

High Voltage  
Utility Distribution



115kv

Sub-station



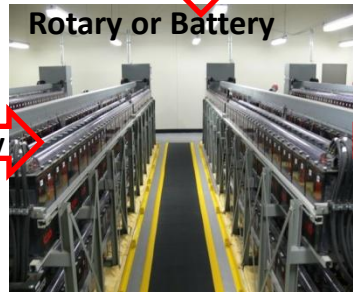
0.3% loss  
99.7% efficient

Generators



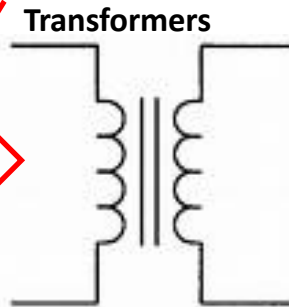
13.2kv

UPS:  
Rotary or Battery



6% loss  
94% efficient, ~97% available

UPS & Gen  
often on 480V

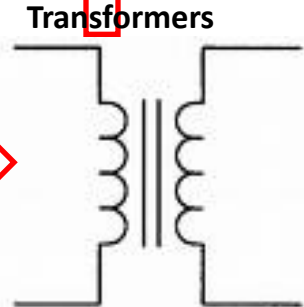


2% loss  
98% efficient

IT Load (servers, storage, Net, ...)



480V



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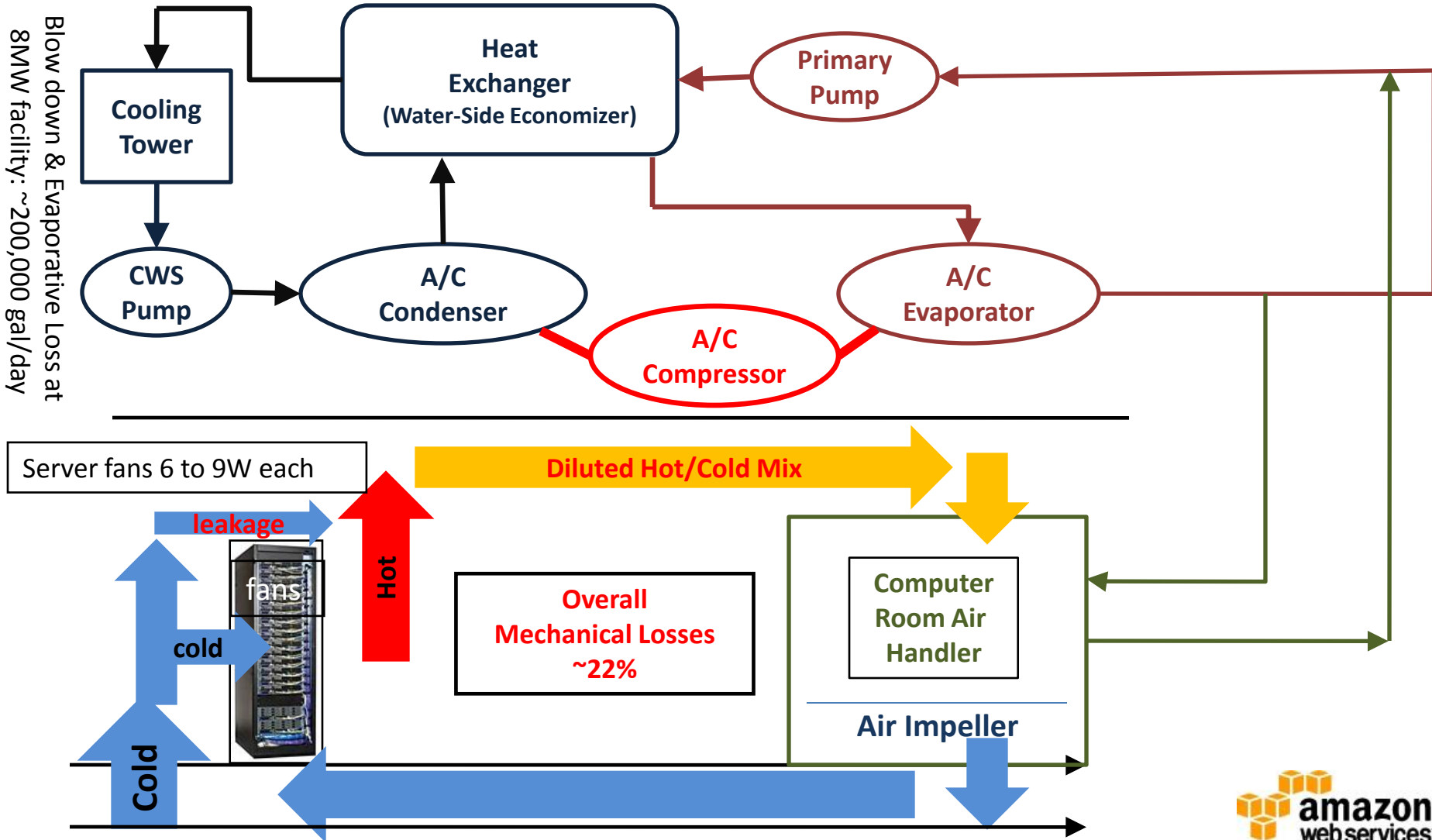
~1% loss in switch  
gear & conductors

$$\sim 11\% \text{ lost in distribution}$$
$$.997 \times .94 \times .98 \times .98 \times .99 = 89\%$$

Note: Two more levels of power conversion at server



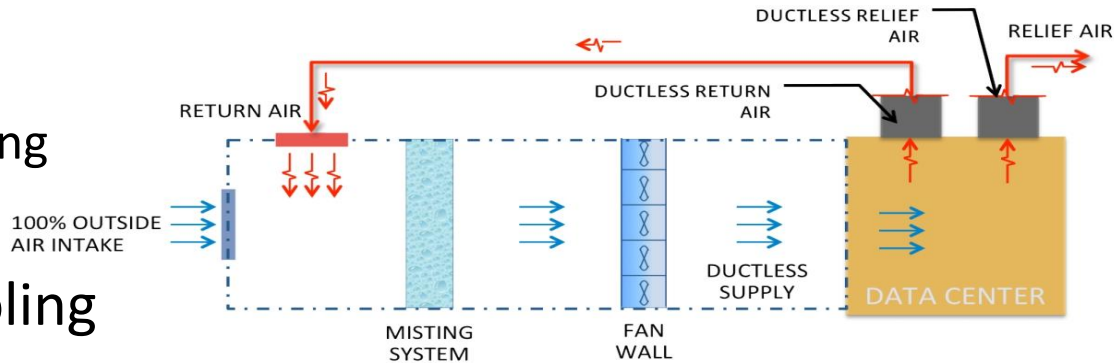
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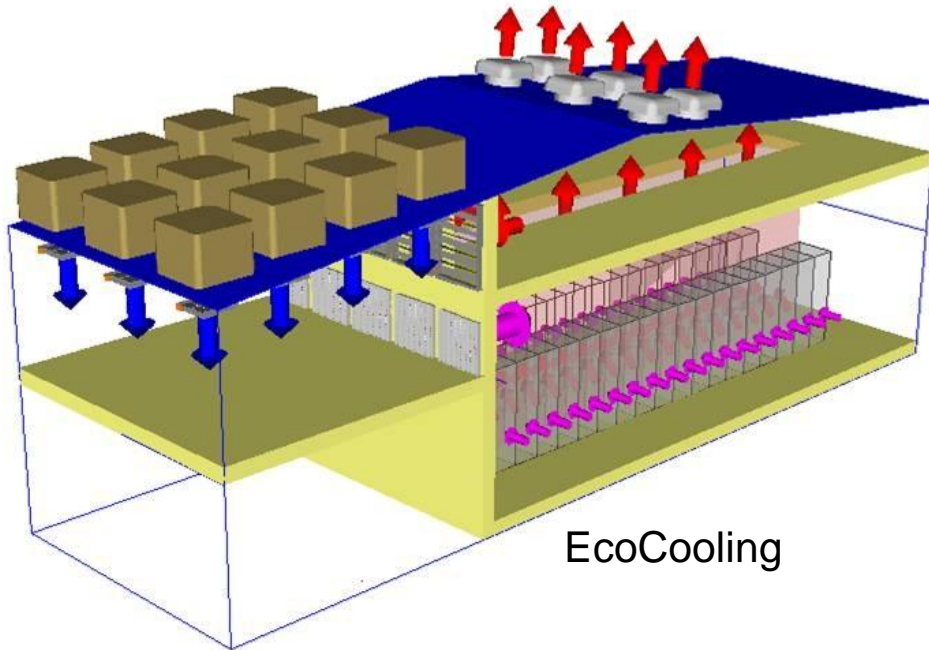


# Innovative Building Designs

- Evaporative cooling only
  - Right: High pressure misting
  - Below: Wet media cooler
- Ductless full building cooling



Facebook Prineville above & below



# Modular and Pre-fab DC Designs



Microsoft ITPAC



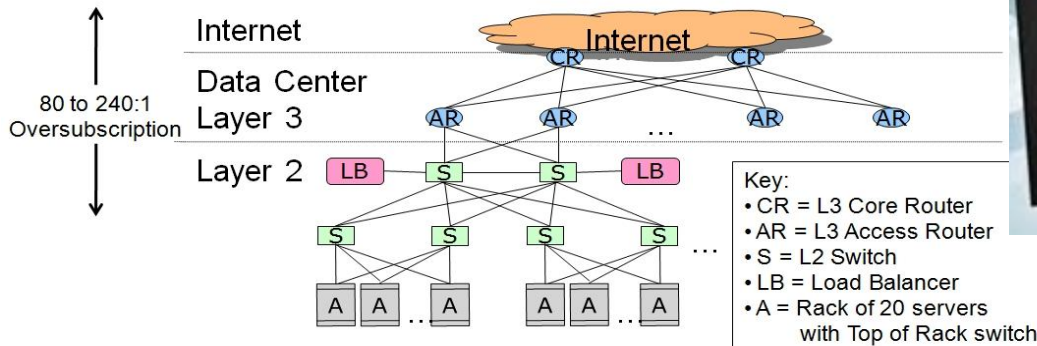
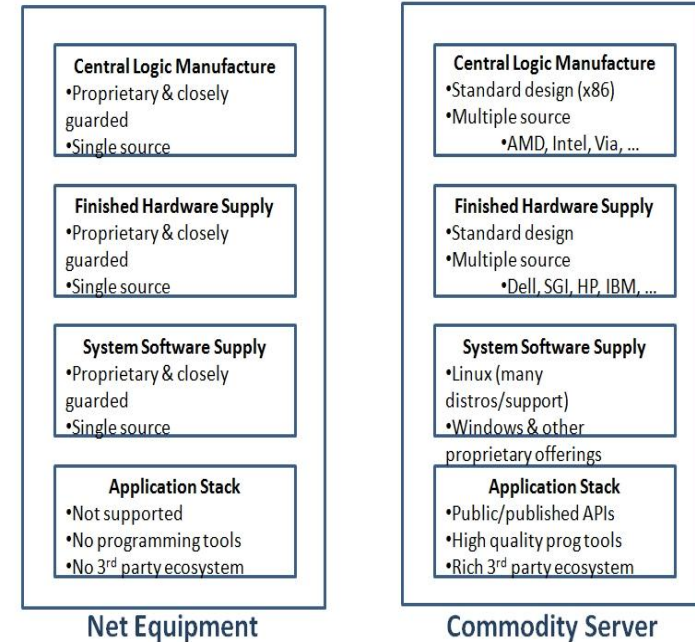
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- Fast & economic deployments
- Sub-1.15 PUE designs
- Air-side economized
  - No mechanical cooling
- ISO standard shipping containers offered by Dell, HP, SGI, IBM, ...



# Sea Change in Networking

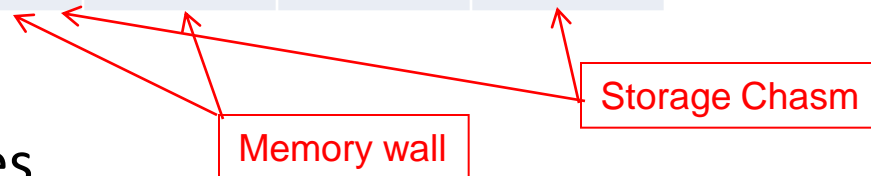
- Current networks over-subscribed
  - Forces workload placement restrictions
  - Goal: all points in datacenter equidistant
- Mainframe model goes commodity
  - Competition at each layer over vertical integ.
- Get onto networking on Moores Law path
  - ASIC port count growth at near constant cost
  - Competition: Broadcom, Marvell, Fulcrum,...





# Storage & Memory B/W lagging CPU

	CPU	DRAM	LAN	Disk
Annual bandwidth improvement (all milestones)	1.5	1.27	1.39	1.28
Annual latency Improvement (all milestones)	1.17	1.07	1.12	1.11

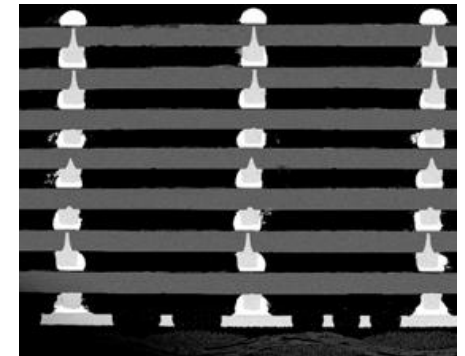


- CPU out-pacing source data rates
- Disk & memory getting “further” away from CPU
  - Core limiting factor: power consumption & data availability
  - Powered CPU cores have no value without data
- Large sequential transfers better for both memory & disk
- Lets look first at efficient memory solutions

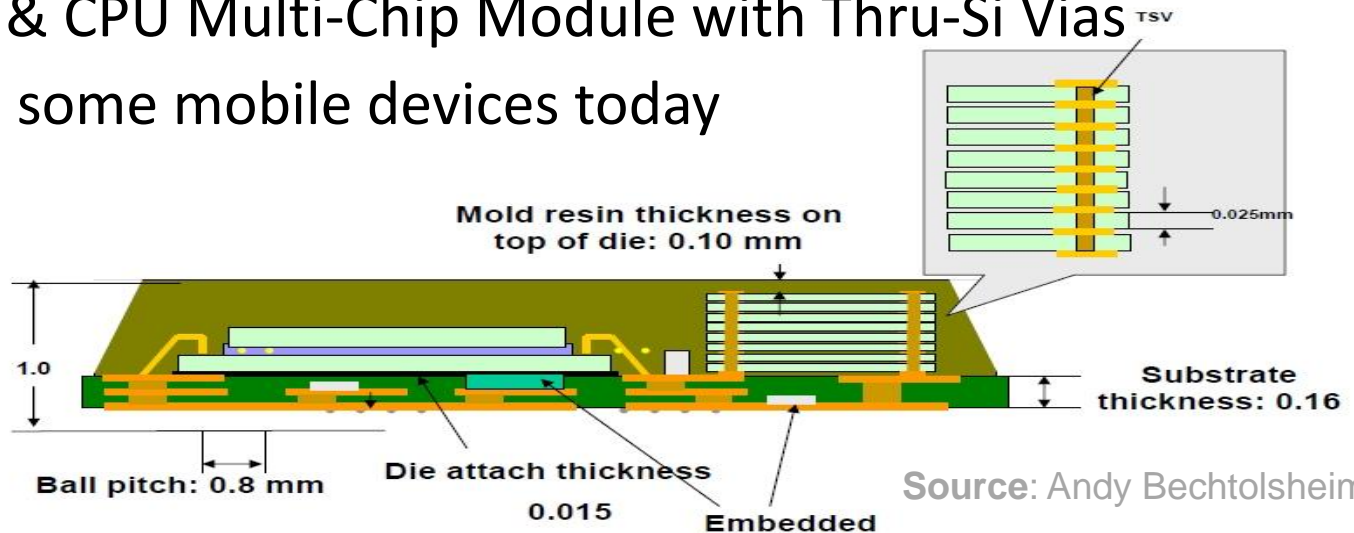
**Source:** Dave Patterson: Why Latency Lags Bandwidth and What It Means to Computing

# Memory Wall

- Adding processor I/O pins has a positive impact but at significant power cost
  - Positive but bounded impact
- Most probable memory wall solution:
  - Mem & CPU Multi-Chip Module with Thru-Si Vias
  - Lab & some mobile devices today



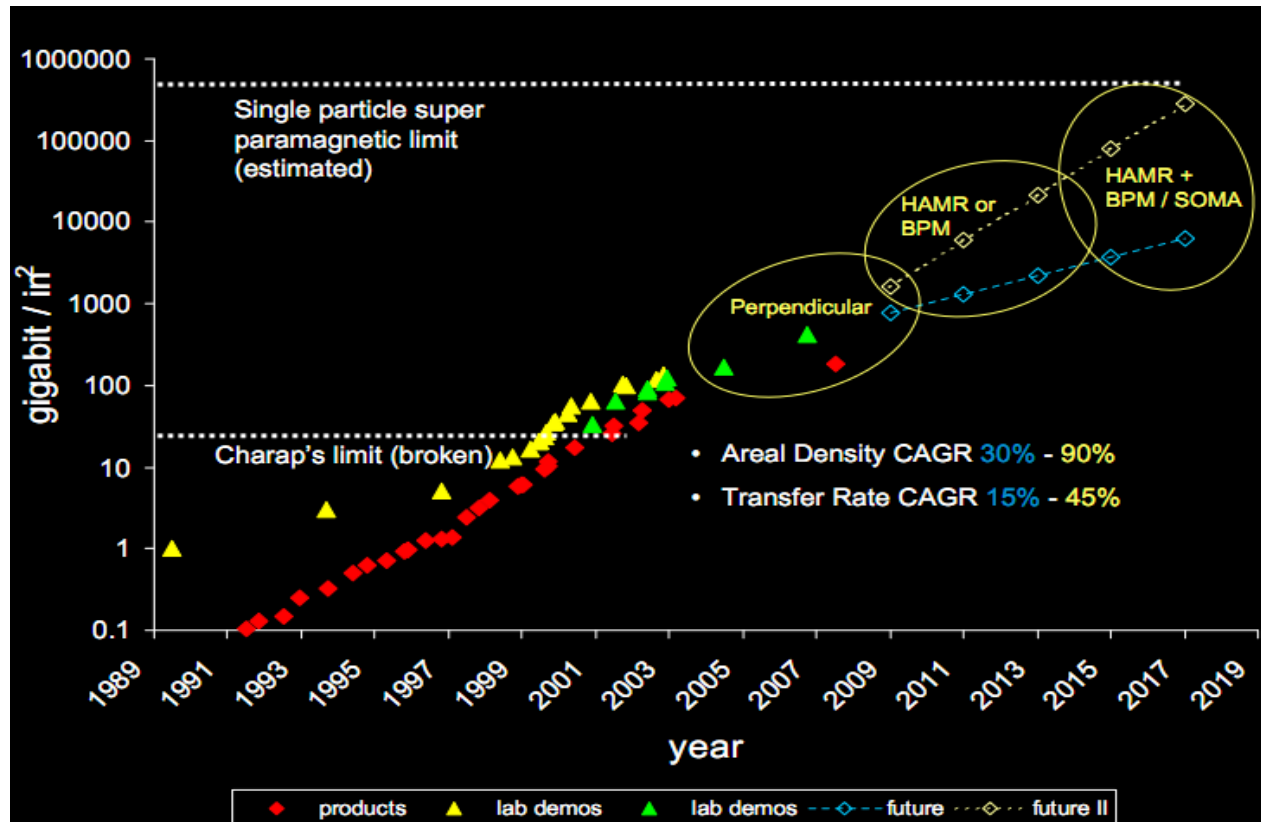
Multi-Chip Module



- But what about HDD & storage chasm

# HDD: Capacity

- Capacity growth continues unabated



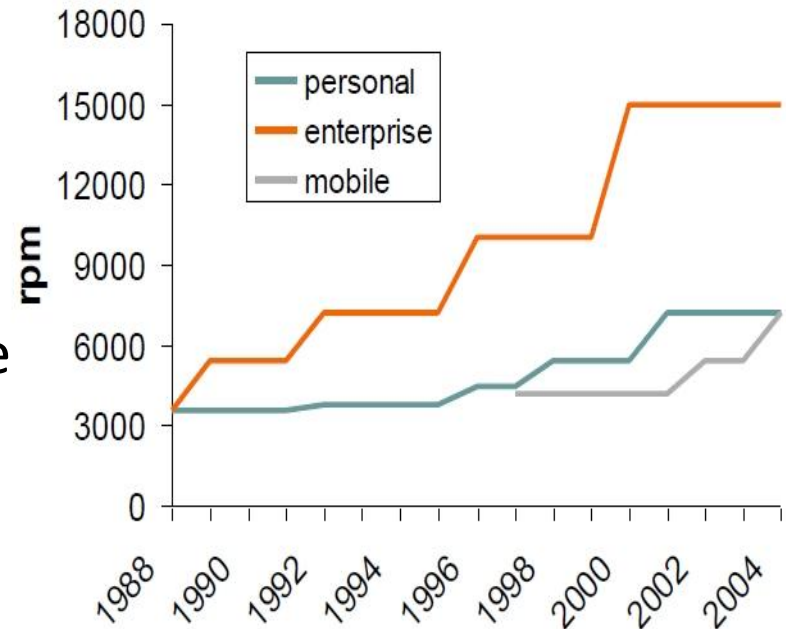
- Capacity isn't the problem
  - What about bandwidth and IOPS?

Source: Dave Anderson



# HDD: Rotational Speed

- RPM contributes negatively to:
  - rotational vibration
  - Non-Repeating Run Out (NRRO)
- Power cubically related to RPM
- >15k RPM not economically viable
  - no improvement in sight
- RPM not improving & seek times only improving very slowly
- IOPS improvements looking forward remain slow
- Even sequential BW growth insufficient

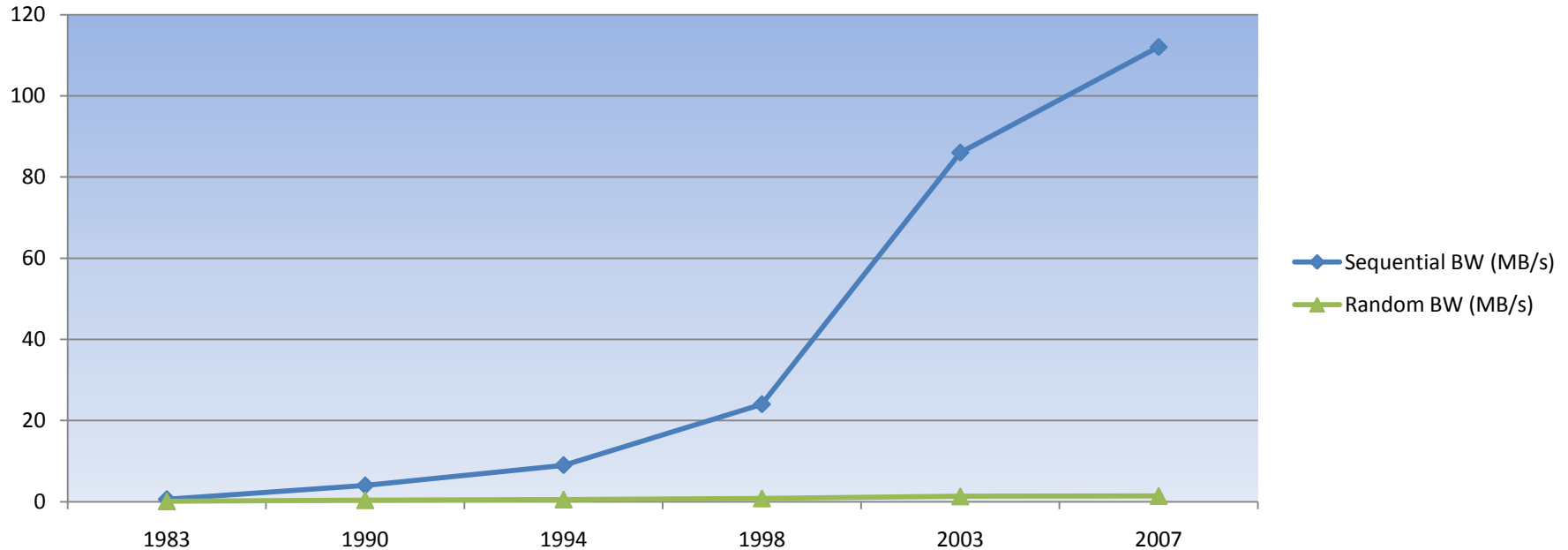


*product information for Seagate and Control Data disc drives since 1988, mobile includes Toshiba drives since 1997*

**Source:** Dave Anderson



# HDD Random BW vs Sequential BW



- Disk sequential BW growth slow
- Disk random access BW growth roughly 10% of sequential
- Storage Chasm widening
  - BW a long term problem & IOPS growth very slow

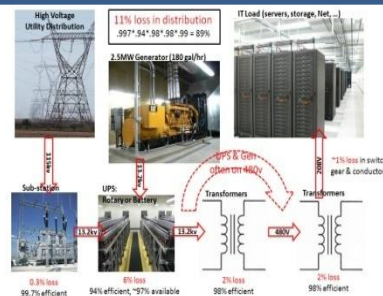
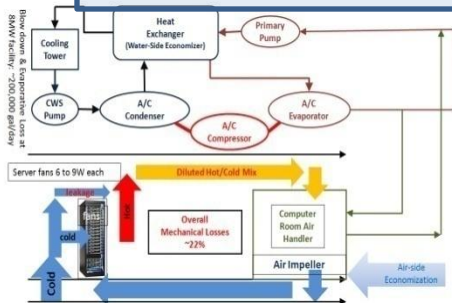
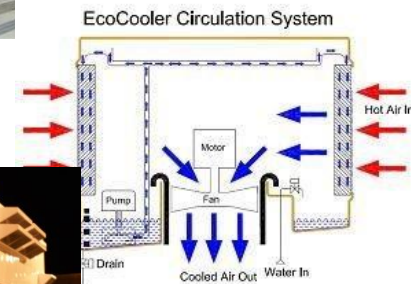
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# Disk Becomes Tape

- Hubble's Expanding Universe:
  - Everything is getting further away from everything else [Pat Helland]
- Non-persistent memory and cache
  - Data is being pulled up the memory hierarchy
  - Thru Si Via for very large on-package memories
- Persistent Storage
  - Data is being pulled up the storage hierarchy
  - Latency of disk random access increasingly impractical
  - Random read 2TB disk:
    - 20.6 days @ 140 IOPS with 8kb page
  - Disk increasingly impractical for random workloads

Tape is Dead  
Disk is Tape  
Flash is Disk  
RAM Locality is King

Jim Gray  
Microsoft  
December 2006

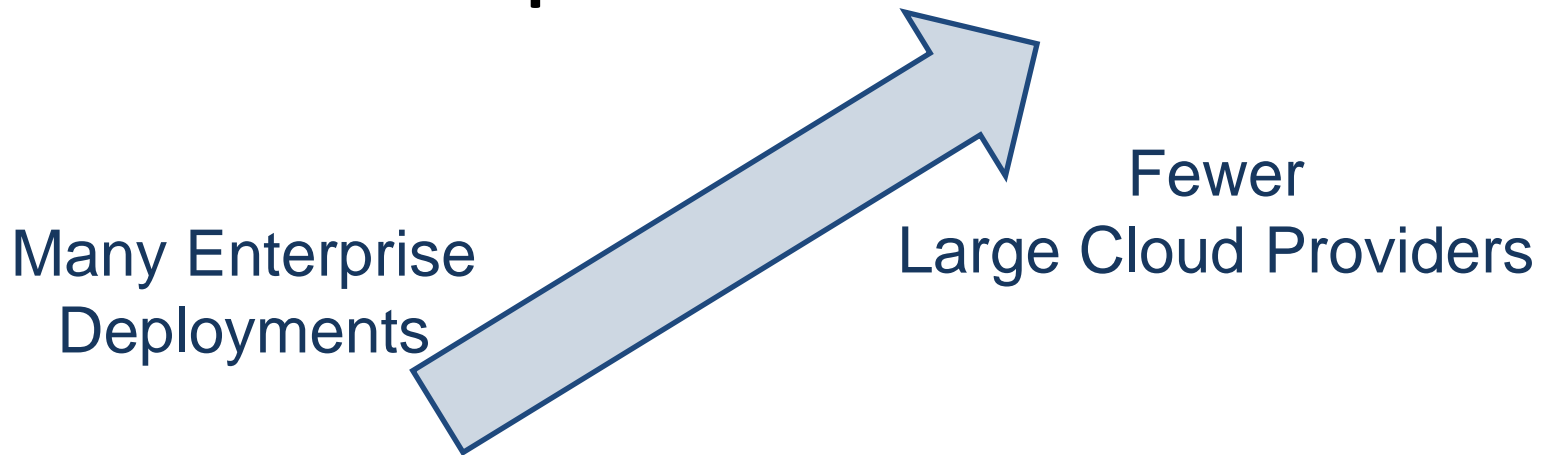


# Client Storage Migration

- Client disk rapidly replaced by local semiconductor caches
  - Much higher performance, Lower power dissipation, smaller form factor, greater shock resistance, scale down below HDD cost floor, greater humidity range, wider temp range, lower service costs, ...
  - Flash becoming primary client storage media
- Same trend in embedded devices
  - Well connected with cloud-hosted storage
- Clients storage drives cloud storage
  - Value added services, many data copies, shared access, indexed, classified, analyzed, monetized, reported, ...
  - Overall HDD-based client storage continuing to expand rapidly but primarily off device in the cloud



# Enterprise to Cloud



- Direct component supplier relationship with major operators rather than via distribution channel
- Cloud computing 5x to 10x improved price point
  - Low margin, high volume business
  - Yet still profitable, sustainable, & supporting re-investment
  - Incompatible with on-premise enterprise S/W & H/W profit margins
  - Good for customers & good for providers
- Expect many cloud winners rather than single provider



# Accelerating Compute & Storage Growth

- Rapidly declining cost of computing
  - Driven by technology improvements & cloud computing economies of scale
- Traditional transactional systems scale with business
  - Purchases, ad impressions, pages served, etc.
  - Computational trading & related machine-to-machine systems limited only by value of transaction & cost of computing
- Warehousing & analytical systems scale inversely with cost
  - Cheaper storage allows more data to be analyzed
  - Lower compute costs allows deeper analysis



# Cloud Storage Market is Different

- Will trade warrantee & frills for cost reduction
  - Help address the 50% “no problem found” disk RMA issue
- Will trade reliability for lower cost
  - “Reliable” never good enough so we store redundantly
  - With redundancy, we can manage failure impact
  - Good at disk replacement
- Specialization: will tailor H/W & S/W
  - Most systems internally developed
  - Willing to change any systems aspects to achieve goals
  - e.g. large disk sector sizes



# Summary

- Client and Device Storage
  - Disk resident data migrating to Flash and the cloud
  - Client produced data rapidly expanding and most will end up on HDD in cloud
- Server Storage
  - Historically disk resident data migrating up storage hierarchy
  - HDD storage lost to data migration up hierarchy more than made up by:
    - Overall super-Moore growth of persistent storage exceeds losses
    - Tape losing to HDD due to volume market dynamics
  - Smaller number of very large buyers