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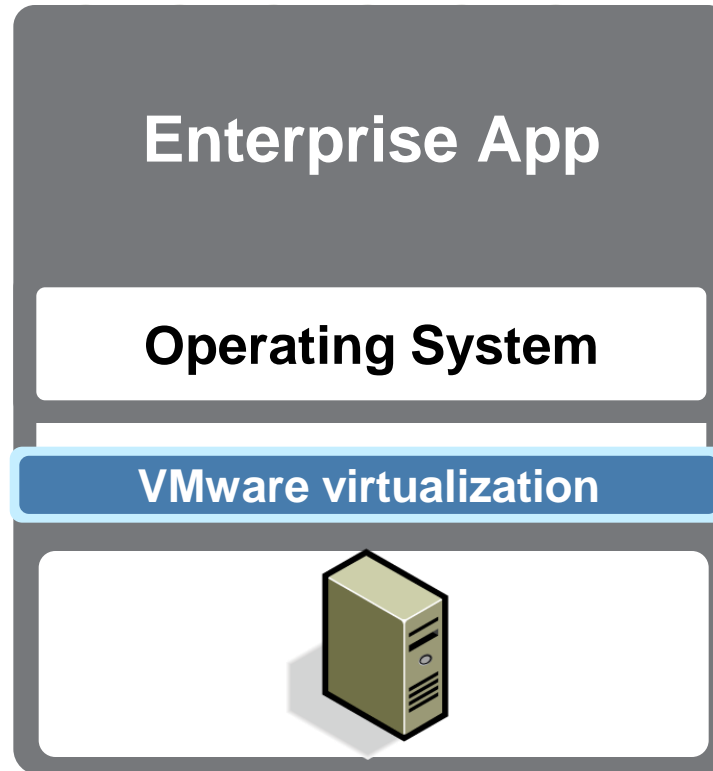
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Virtualization



Virtualization Overview

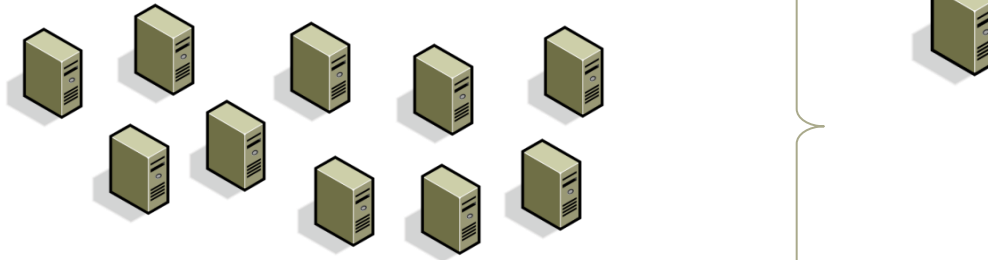
- VMware decouples software from hardware :



Source: VMware Overview Presentation to PG&E

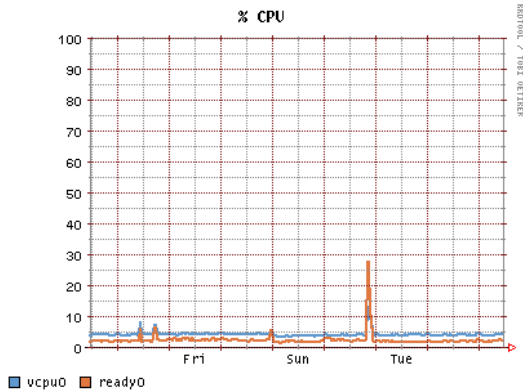
Challenge: Server Proliferation

Server Sprawl



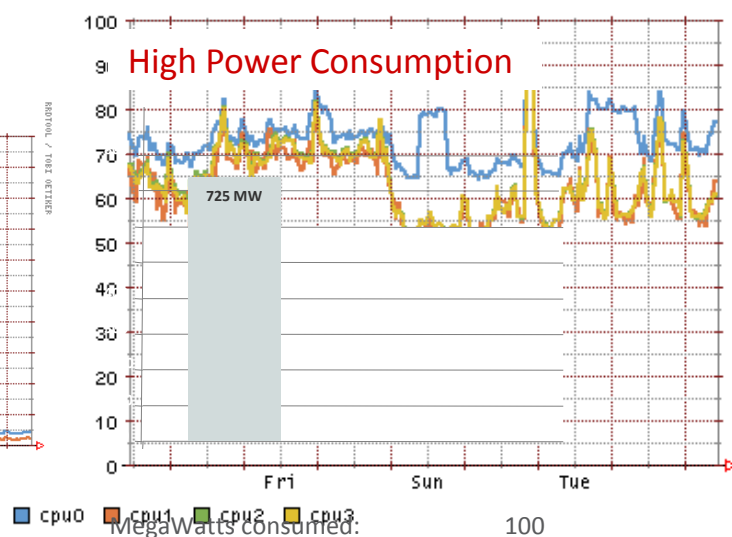
- ▶ Consolidate servers
- ▶ Increase utilization
- ▶ Reduce hardware and cooling costs

Low Utilization



Avg. utilization rate/server

High Power Consumption



MegaWatts consumed per server
Higher Utilization

725 MW

104 MW

Lower Consumption

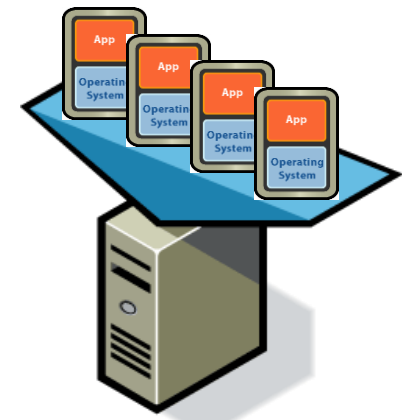
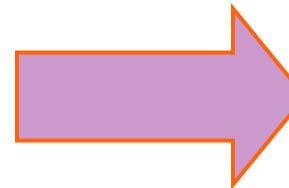
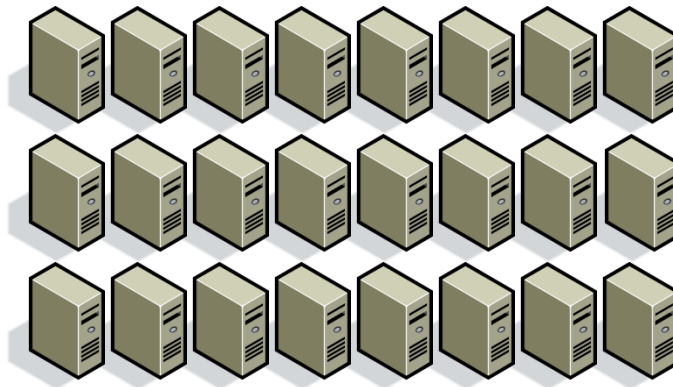
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Server, Storage and Network Consolidation

BEFORE VMware

AFTER VMware

Servers	1,000	80
Storage	Direct attach	Tiered SAN and NAS
Network	3000 cables/ports	300 cables/ports
Facilities	200 racks 400 power whips	10 racks 20 power whips



Source: VMware Overview Presentation to PG&E March 2008

Power Savings from Consolidation

BEFORE

1 CPU	300	475 W
2 CPU	500	550 W
4 CPU	200	950 W
8 CPU	--	1600 W

Max
Power
Capacity
Rating

% of Max

kW / Yr

Cost / kWh

Cost / Yr

Savings /
Year

x 67%

407 kW/hr x 24 x 365

x \$0.10

= Power: \$356,554

= Cooling: \$445,693

AFTER

1 CPU	--	594 W
2 CPU	38	688 W
4 CPU	38	1188 W
8 CPU	4	2000 W

x 67%

53 kW/hr x 24 x 365

x \$0.10

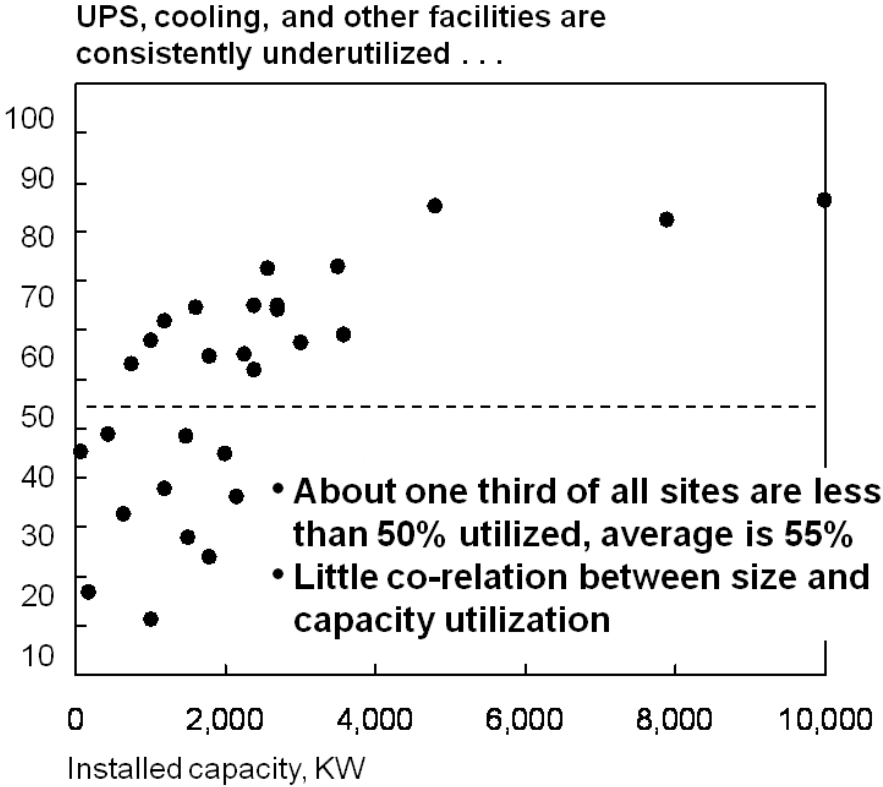
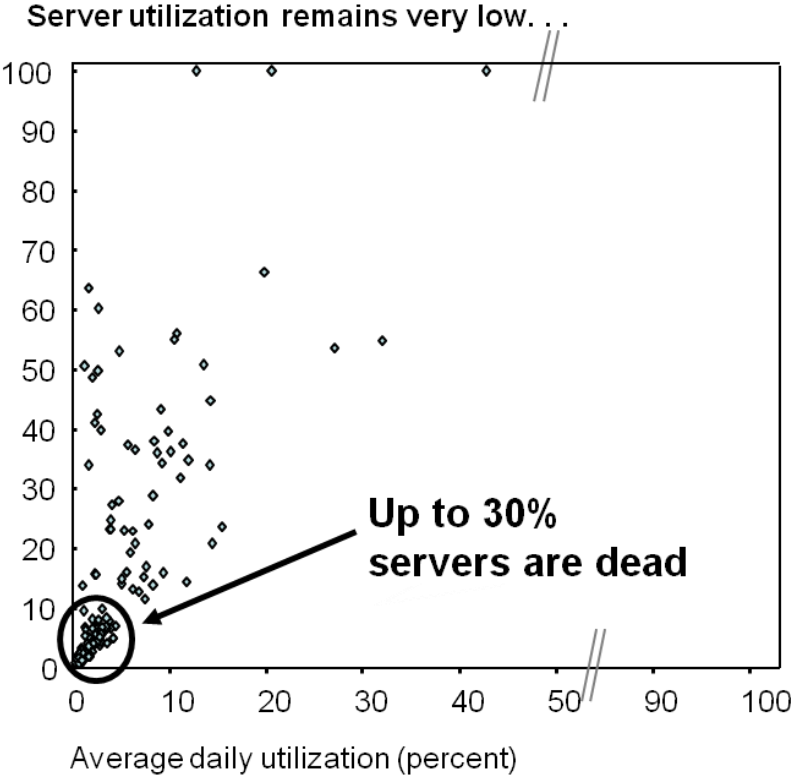
= Power: \$46,513

= Cooling: \$58,141

**= Savings: \$697,593
(86%)**

Rule of thumb: ~\$700 and 7,000 kWh saved per year per workload virtualized

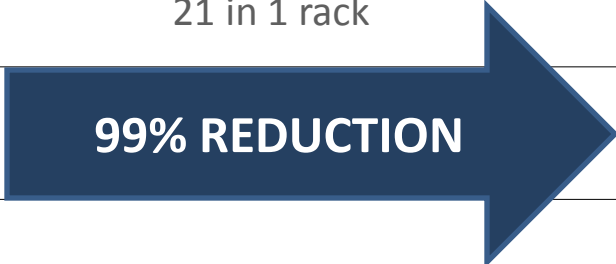
Data Centers are often under utilized



* Sample size – 45 data centres
 Source: Uptime Institute, McKinsey Data Center Report

- ▶ Savings from removing “dead” or decommissioned servers often included in virtualization benefits – but can be done without virtualization

Replace Old Servers (Refresh!)

	2005	2009	2013
Product	Intel Xeon Single Core (3.8GHz w/ 2M cache)	Intel Xeon 5680 (6 cores, 3.33GHz)	Intel Xeon E5-4650 (4-socket, 8 cores)
Performance per Server	50,970bops SPECjbb2005	765,000bops SPECjbb2005	2,818,988 SPECjbb2005
KWh per server per day	6.704 (382 W active / 228 W idle)	4.936 (383 W active / 117 W idle)	3.216 (402 W active / 98 W idle)
Desired Performance	9.4 million business operations per second	9.4 million business operations per second	9.4 million business operations per second
Servers Needed	315 in 15 racks	21 in 1 rack	6 Servers
Estimated Annual Energy Cost (2.0 PUE)	\$154,581	99% REDUCTION 	
			\$1,410

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High Efficiency UPS Equipment

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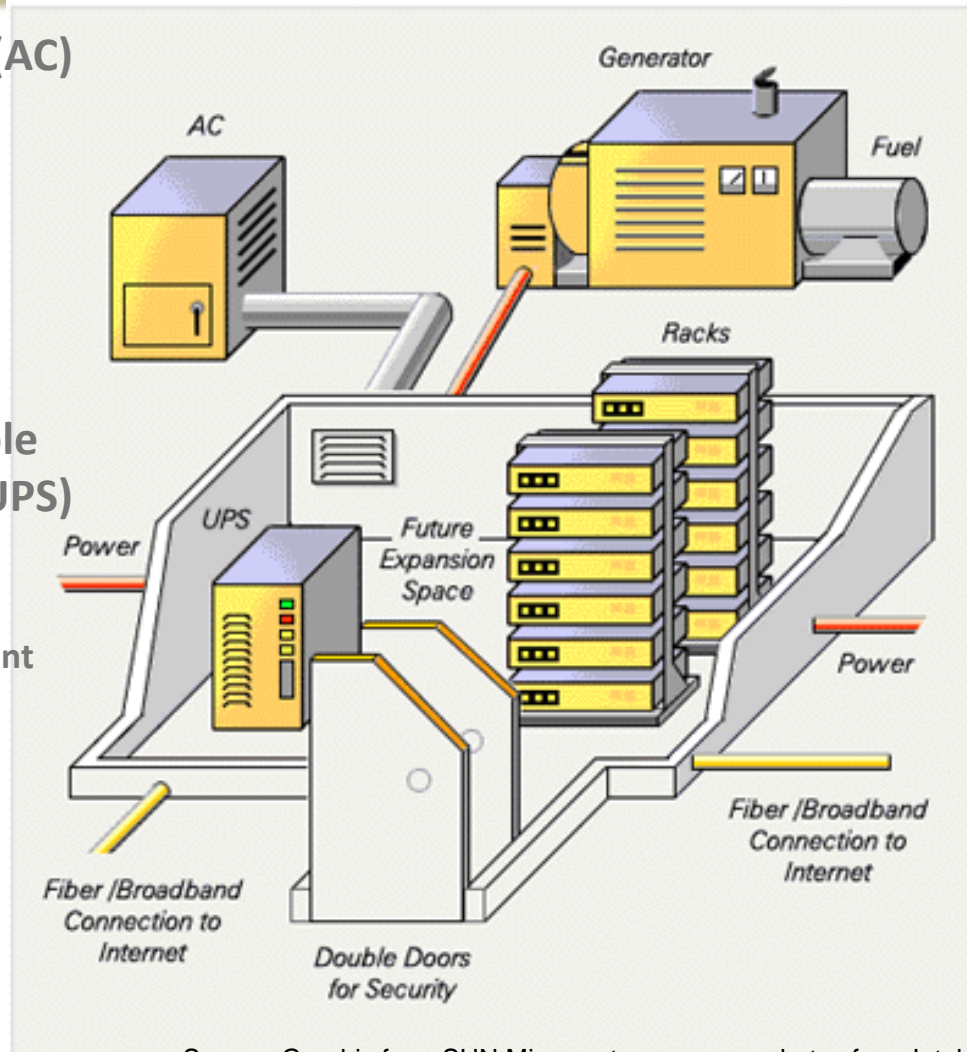
Components of a data center

Air Conditioning (AC)

HVAC, Chillers
ACU, CRAC

Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) - batteries

AC – Alternating Current
DC - Direct Current



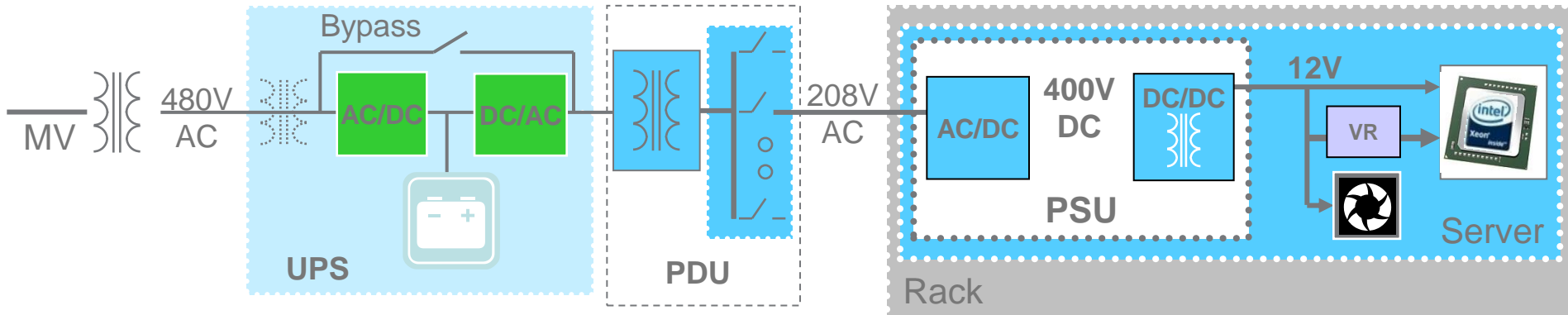
Emergency Generator “Gen-set”

Computer (Server) Racks



Source: Graphic from SUN Microsystems, server photos from Intel

Increase Component Efficiency

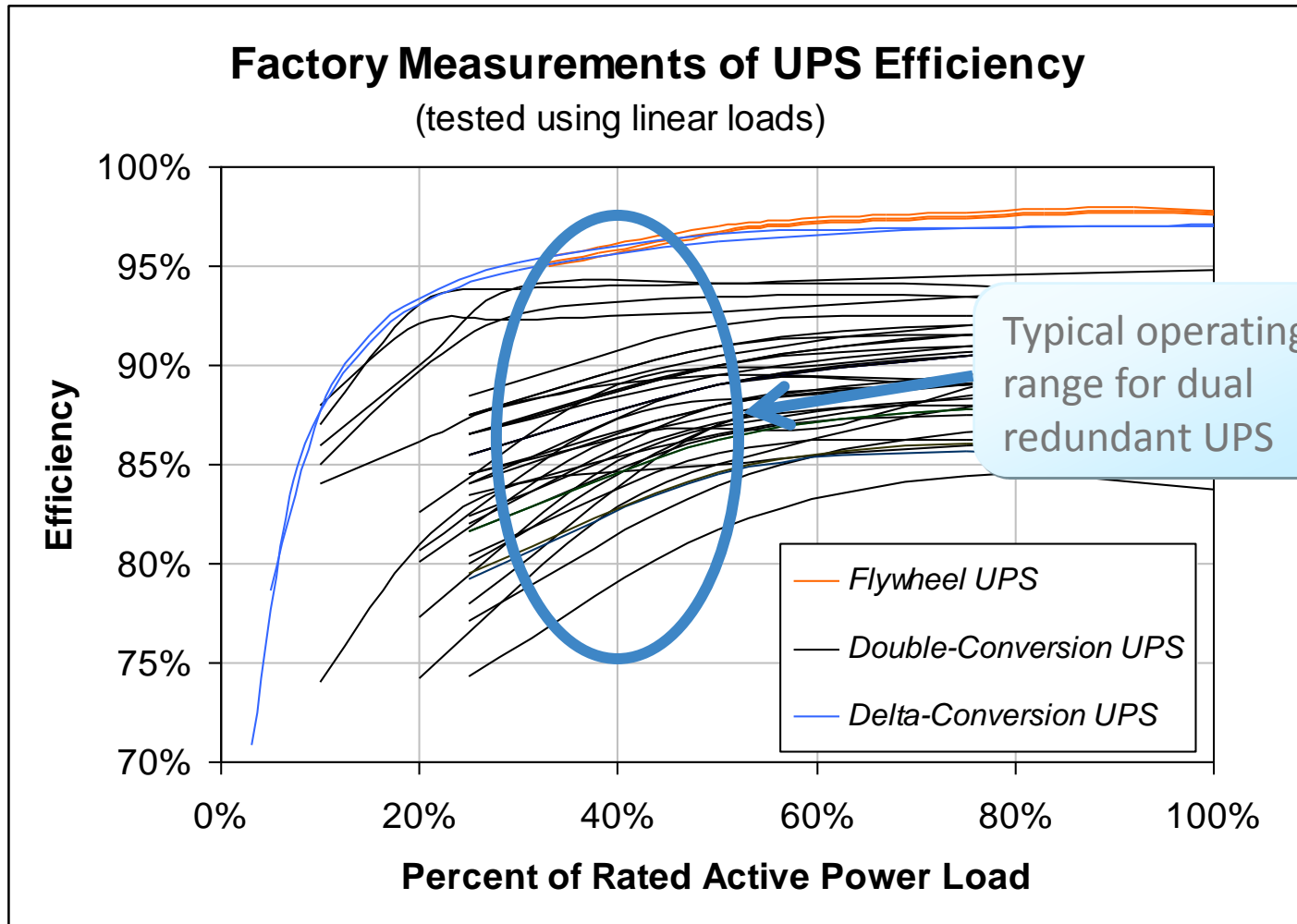


Source: Intel Public Presentation on benefits of DC Data Centers

Typical	89%	x	93%	x	75%	x	81% = 52%
Better	94%	x	94%	x	88%	x	87% = 68%
Best?	96%	x	95%	x	94%	x	91% = 78%

- ▶ Assume rack mount Dual Processor server and centralized UPS
- ▶ PDU includes cable losses
- ▶ Heavy load efficiencies
- ▶ **High efficiency components: reduce input power by 30%**
 - ▷ For PSU, can recoup higher cost of high efficiency unit in < 1 year

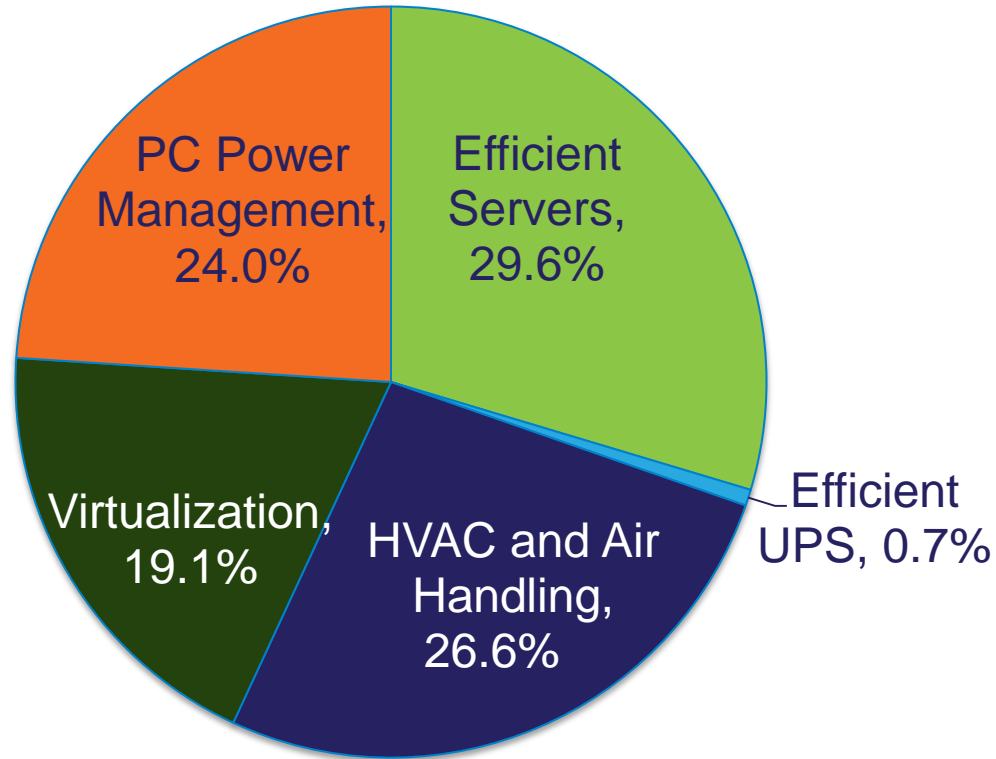
Purchase High Efficiency Power Equipment



Source: US Department of Energy

Where is the Savings?

Technical Savings Potential Pacific NW



Source: Integrated Data Centers Opportunity Assessment – Final Report , 2013, PECl report to NEEA

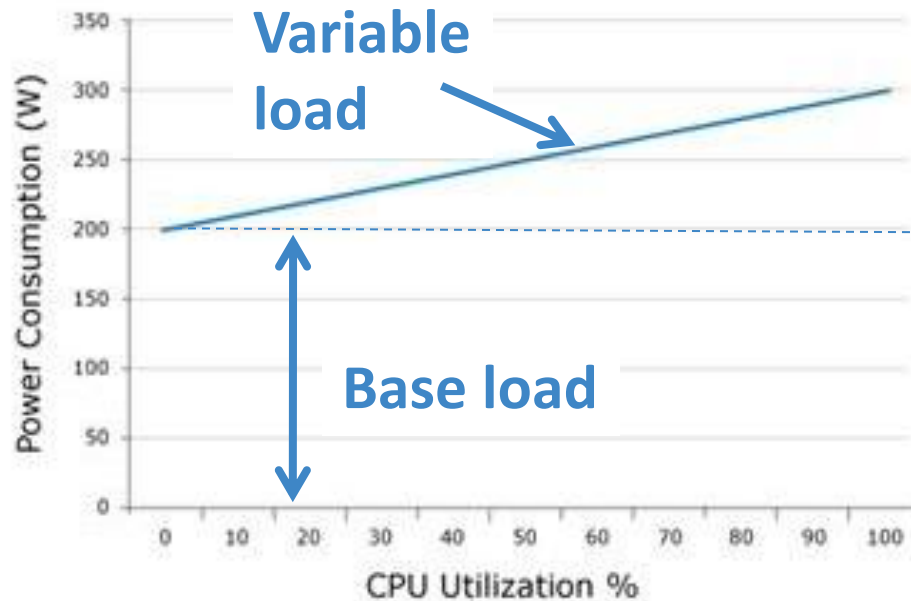
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Server Power Demand vs. Utilization



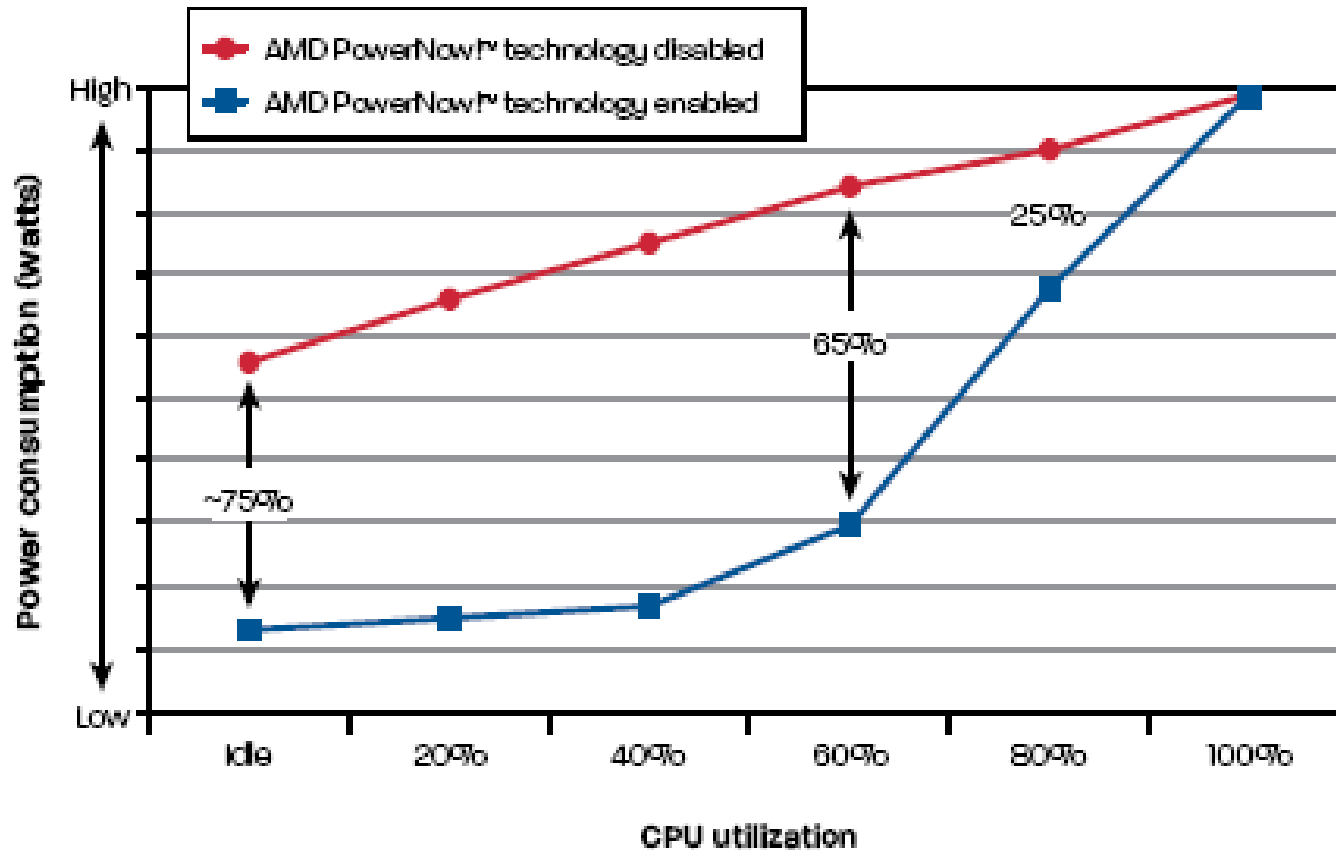
Source: US DOE Energy Matters

CPU power use varies with utilization

Memory, Disk Drives, Cooling Fans, & I/O are fairly constant

- ▶ Idle or Low Utilized Servers & PC still use 60-70% of power of servers at fully capacity

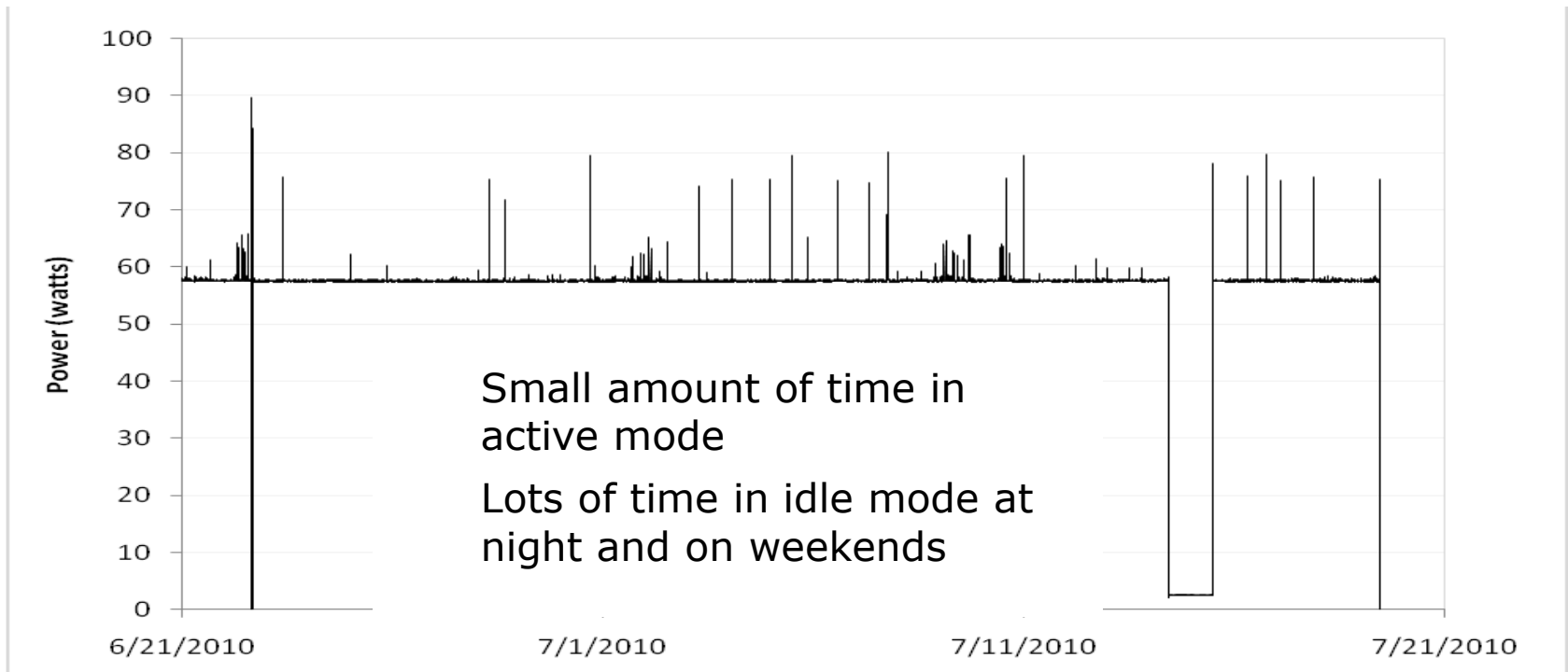
Enable CPU Power Management



Source: AMD Whitepaper: Power and Cooling in the Data Center

Computers left on overnight & Weekend

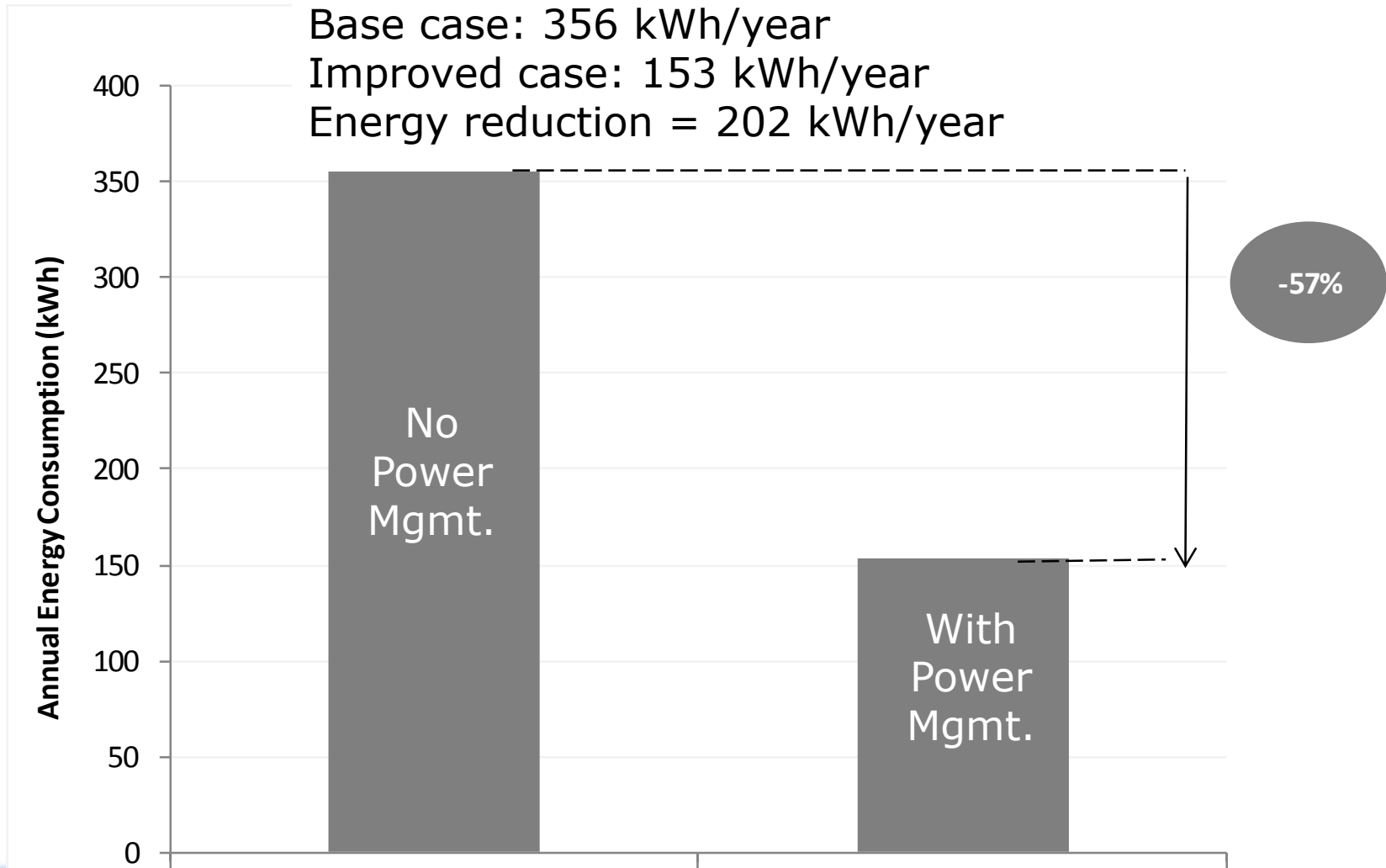
Power meter data of a desktop computer at the small office



62% of desktop computers at the small office and 40% of staff (non-public) computers at the library were often left operating in active or idle mode overnight and on weekends.

Source: Ecova PEIR Plug Load Study

Power Management: Desktop Computer



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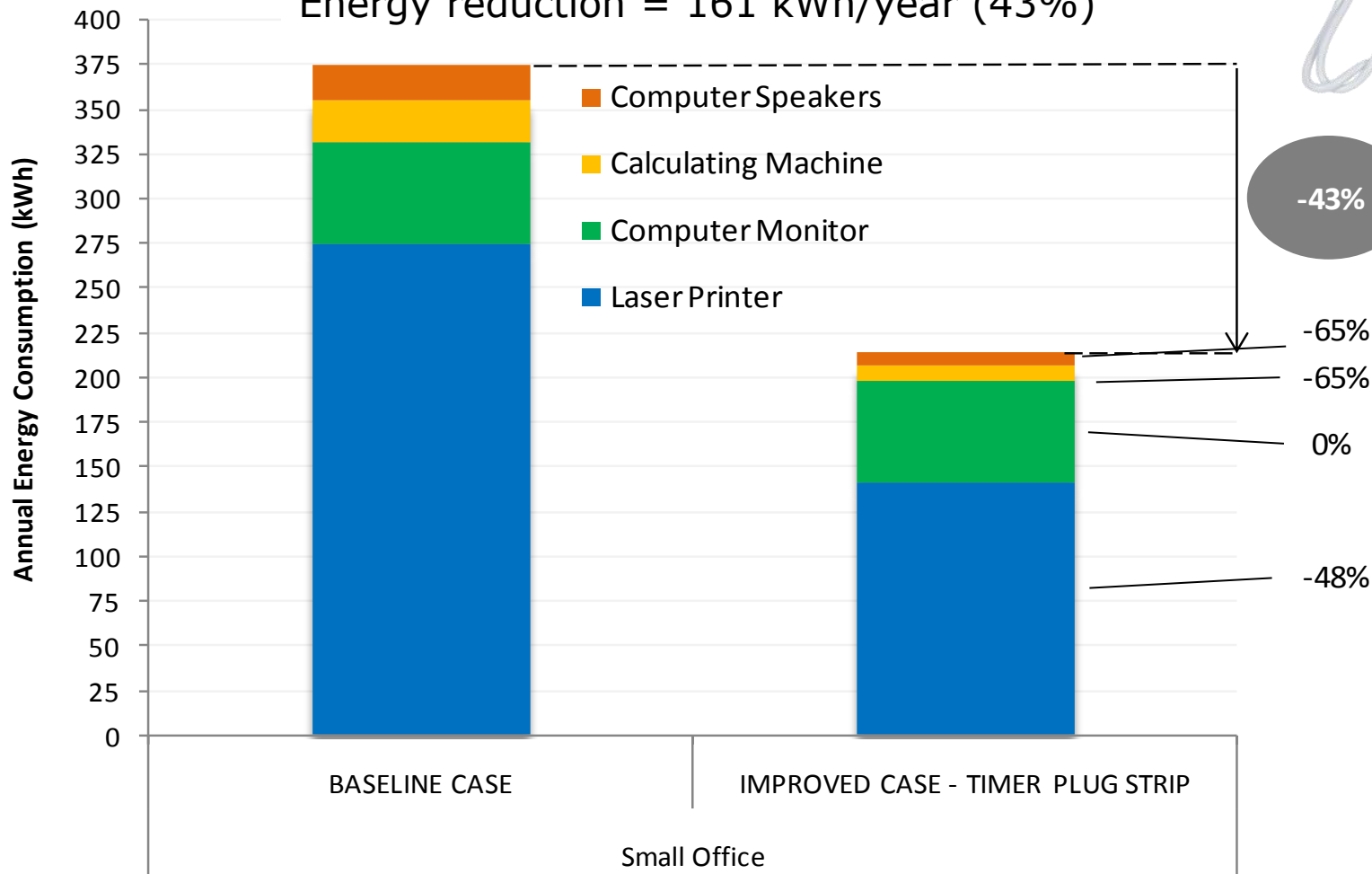
Quick Links:

- [Low Carbon IT Home Page](#)
- [Put your computers to sleep](#)
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- [Save energy in the data center](#)
- [Benchmark your data center's energy efficiency](#)
- [Design effective data center energy-efficiency programs](#) (737KB)
- [Reduce peripheral energy consumption](#)

ENERGY STAR maintains a list of two dozen enterprise software packages for power management.

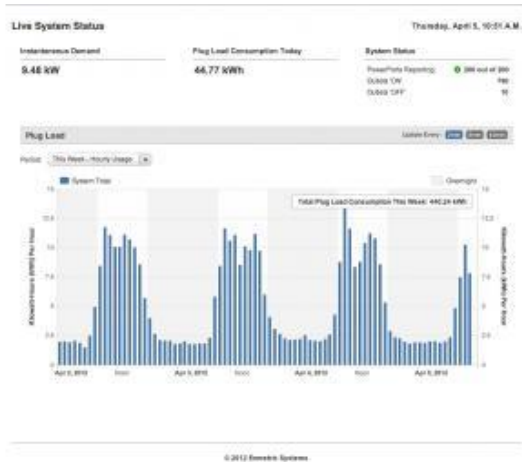
Timer Plug Strip: Workstation at the Small Office

Base case: 375 kWh/year
Improved case: 214 kWh/year
Energy reduction = 161 kWh/year (43%)



-43%

Smart Plug Strips 2.0



Wirelessly networked
Centrally managed
Dashboards
BEMS integration

BUT...

Pricy

What's the right form factor?

Is this overkill?



Solid State Drives (SSDs)



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Micah Sweeney – Project Engineer/Scientist

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Conventional Hard Disk Drives (HDDs)

- Invented in 1956
- Data stored magnetically on solid disk
- Disk spinning
- Latency of moving arm
- Prone to random mechanical failure
- Typically 12-15 W for servers
- Common speeds: 5400, 7200, 10k, 15k rpm

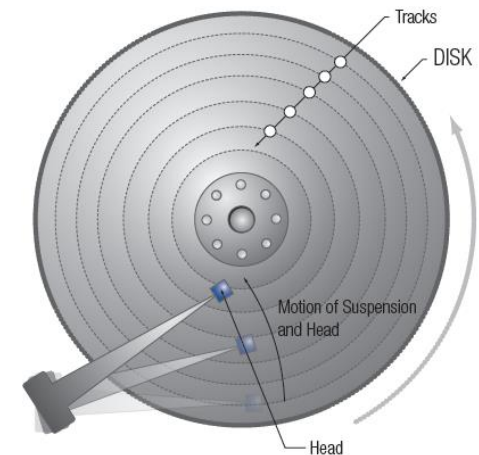
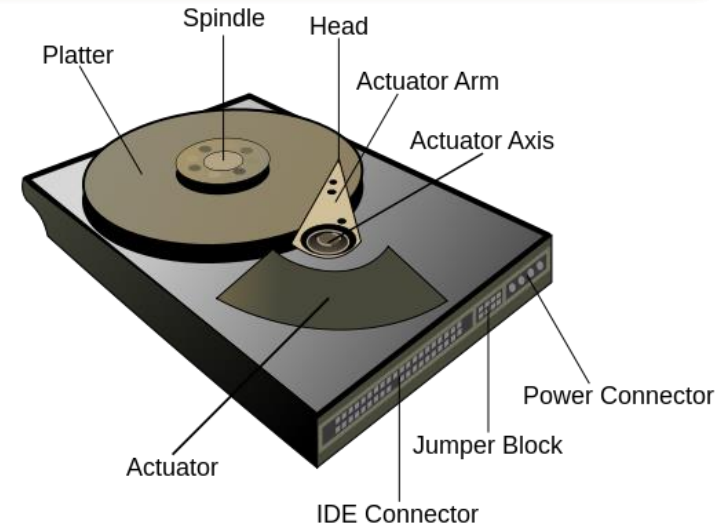
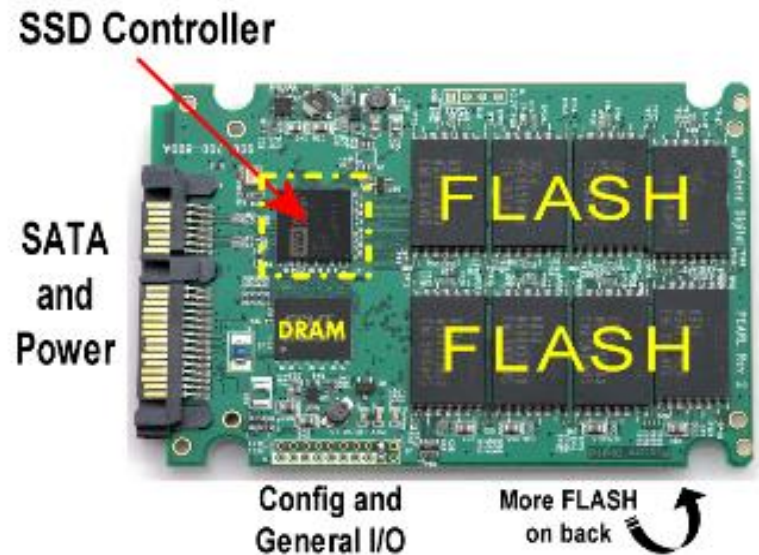


Figure 1. HDD Mechanical Characteristics

Solid State Drives (SSDs)

- Flash-based data storage
- No moving parts
- Faster Response (low access latency)
- Low power
- High cost / GB
- Little impact to shock, vibration
- Lifetime based on write-endurance



10x faster at 50% power of 15k rpm HDDs

SSD vs. HDD

	HDD (15k)	Enterprise SSD
Rated Power	8-15 W	1-4 W
Response time (latency)	4-7 ms	<0.1 ms
Bandwidth (sequential)	100-150 MB/s	100-150 MB/s
Throughput (random)	200-500 IOPS	3,000-60,000 IOPS
Capacity	HUGE!	Price coming down...

- IOPS – input / output operations per second
- About half the power of HDD per drive

SSD Technology Merits

	GB/\$	MB/s/\$	IOPS/\$	GB/W	MB/s/W	IOPS/W
HDD	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Orange	Red
SSD	Red	Yellow	Green	Orange	Green	Green

 Worst

 Average

 Better

 Best

IOPS – Random read/write

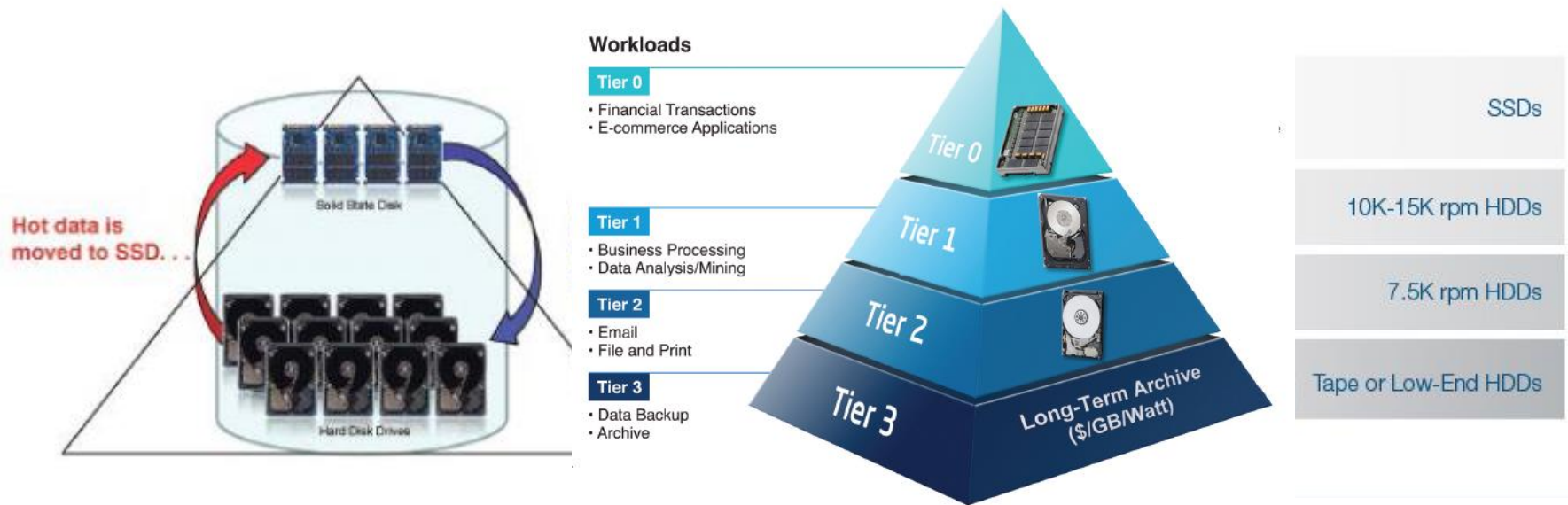
MB/s – Sequential read/write

GB – Capacity

- Comparable capacity per watt
- Superior performance per watt
- Up to 100x IOPS/W over HDD

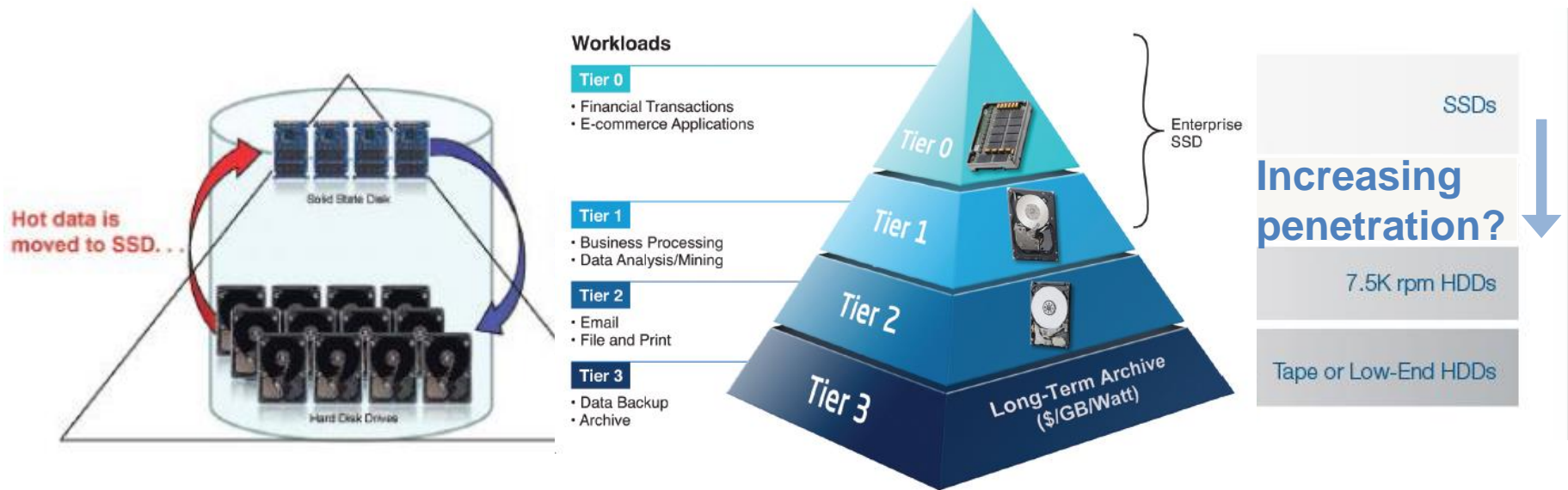
Tiered Storage

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Killer App: Short-Stroke HDDs

- High-performance application demanding 100k IOPS
- Baseline: 200 “short-stroked” HDDs
- Replaced with 2 SSDs
- 100:1 reduction
- 50% energy savings per drive
- **99.5% energy savings**
- Lower cost
- 100x lower latency



Short-Stroke Savings Potential

- Storage accounts for about 24% of IT power (9% of total data center)¹
- Short-stroked HDDs account for 5% of market – iSuppli 2009
- 99.5% savings through 100:1 drive reduction
- **Roughly 300-400 GWh savings annually**



¹Source: J Koomey. *Growth in data center electricity use 2005 to 2010*. (2011)

SAN/IP Convergence



Impacts to network design and power consumption

John Seger – Data Center Infrastructure Architect

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Acronym Breakdown

- [SAN](#) – Storage Area Network
- [FC](#) – Fibre Channel
- [IP](#) – Internet Protocol – Ethernet – “Network”
- [FCoE](#) – Fibre Channel over Ethernet
- [NIC](#) – Network Interface Card (IP)
- [HBA](#) – Host Bus Adapter (FC)
- [CNA](#) – Converged Network Adapter

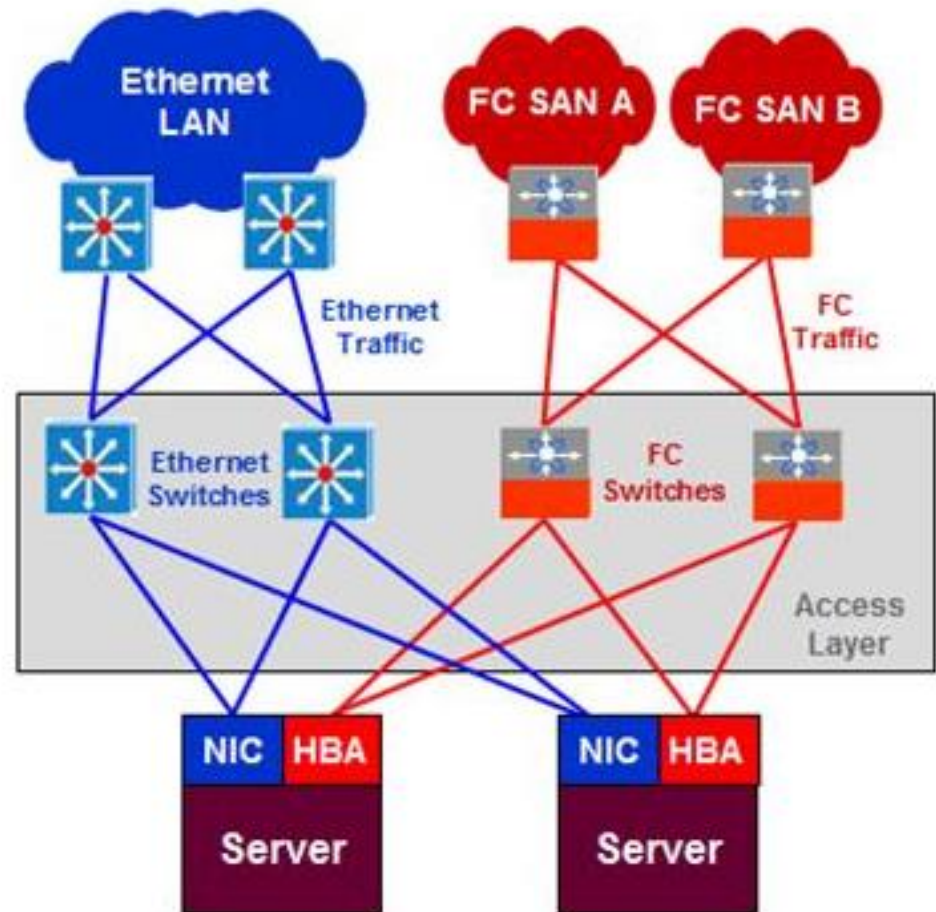
– All links lead to Wikipedia entries

Background

- Typical DC Network designs included two distinct and separate systems – SAN and Network (IP)
- SAN – Storage Area Network: Low Latency access from servers to block storage equipment that appears to be internal to the server operating system. FC dominates
- IP – Ubiquitous across all networks, but has design characteristics that limit scalability in a SAN arrangement

Typical Topography

- IP Network (Enet LAN) and SAN connectivity to each server
- Top level units are large chassis based core or director class switches
- SAN typically fiber optic while LAN typically copper at access layer with a copper or fiber core
- “Access Layer” switches are smaller in-row or Top Of Rack

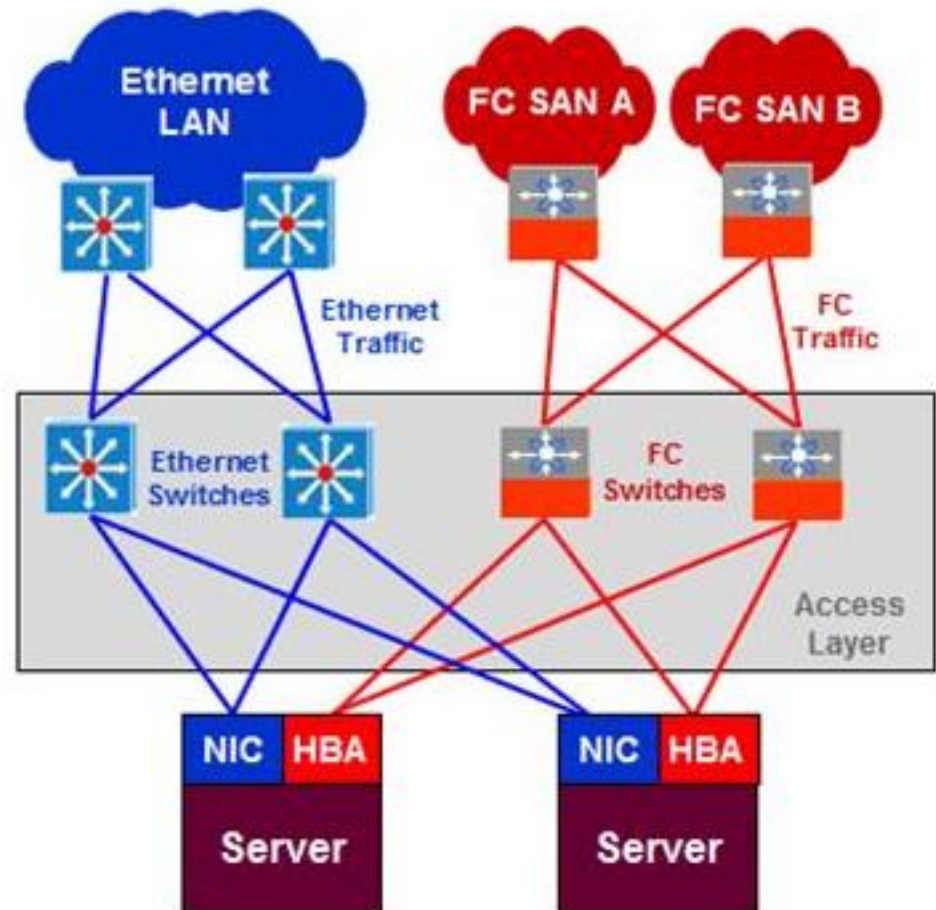


Typical Connectivity

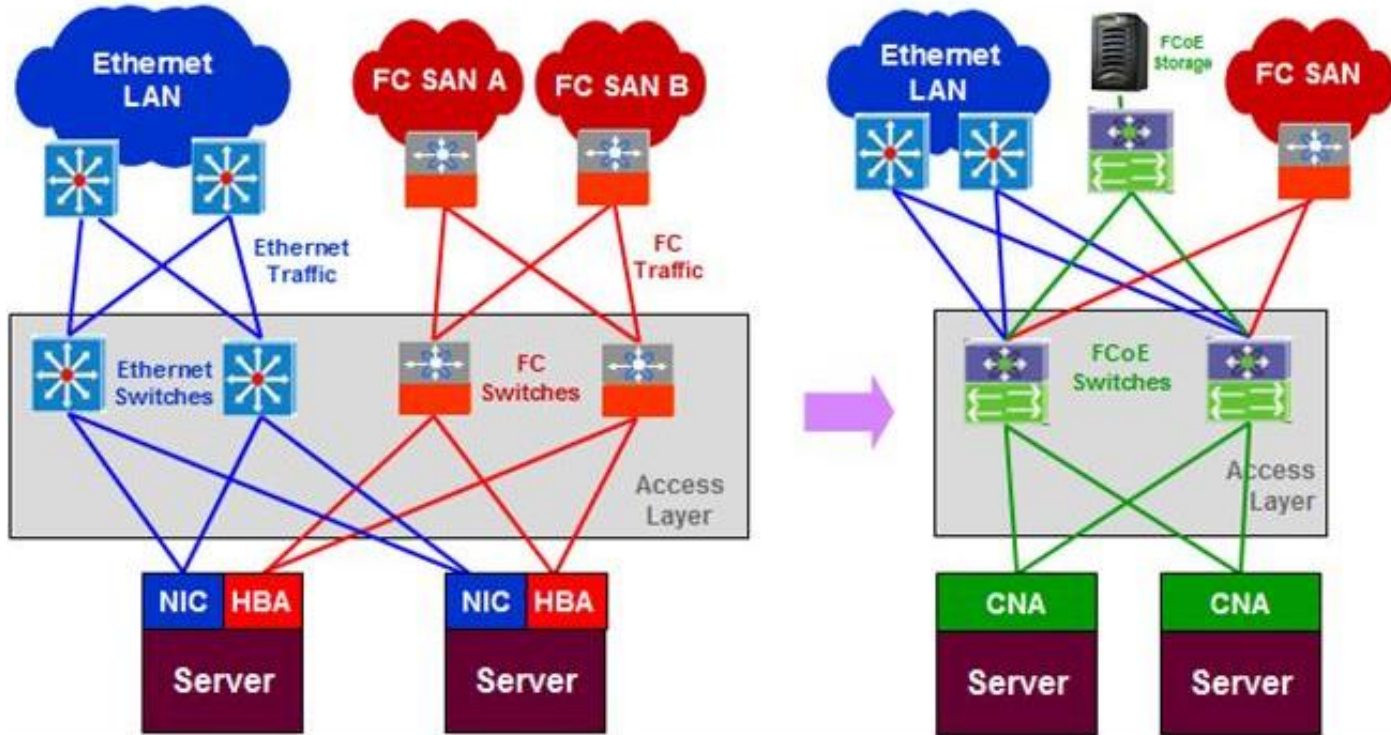
- IP connections in small to mid-tier DC's are largely copper – 1Gbps moving to 10Gbps quickly
 - Approx. 1W at 1G and 2 to 4W+ at 10G up to 100Meters
- SAN connections are fiber based – 2 to 4Gbps (FC) moving to 8Gbps now.
 - Less than 1W at any speed, .7W typical

Model Power Consumption at 10G

- Enet LAN fiber = 8 ports – 8W
- Enet LAN Copper = 8 ports – 24W (3Wpp)
- SAN = 16P – 16W
- **Total power (Ports only) – 48W**

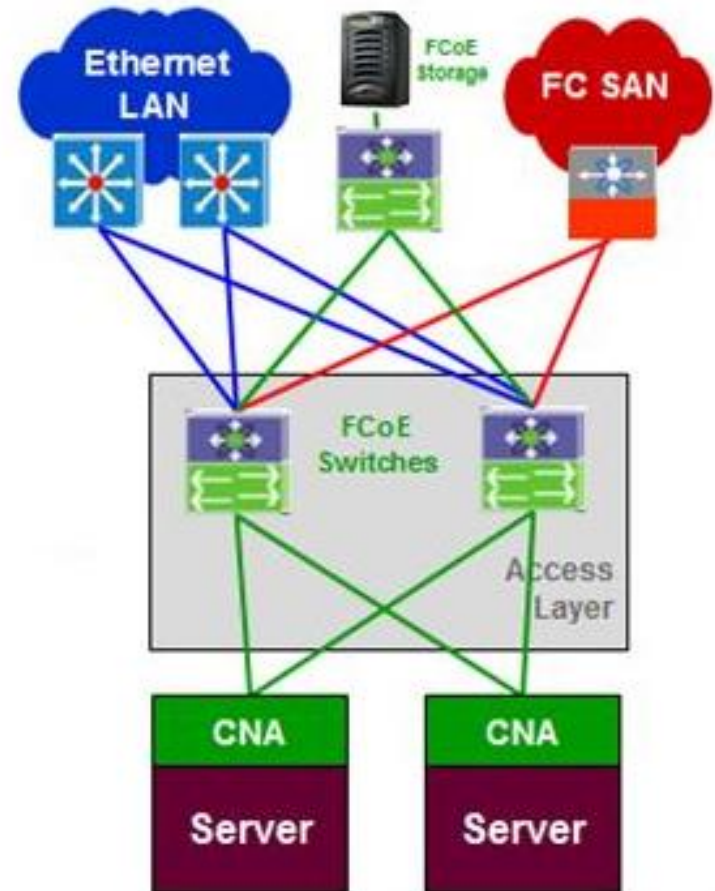


Converged Network



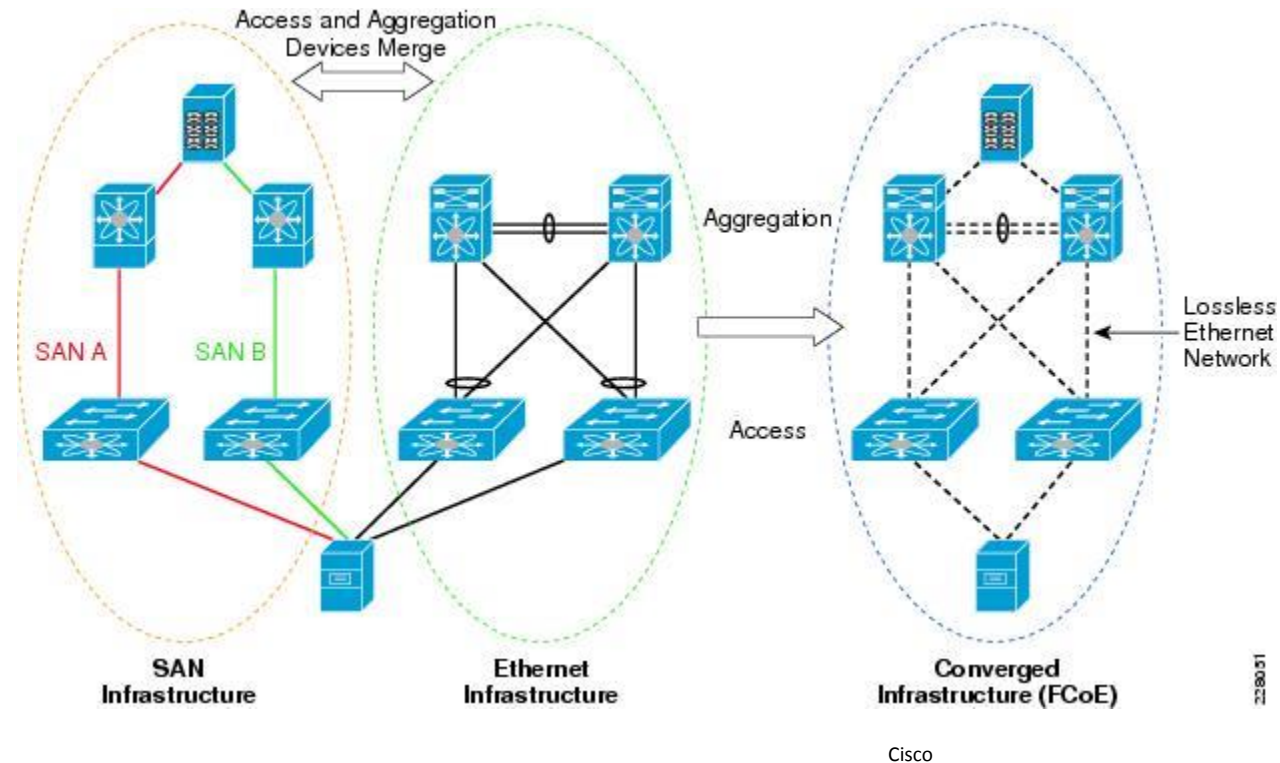
Model Power Consumption

- Enet LAN fiber = 8 ports – 8W
- FCoE = 4 ports – 4W
- SAN = 4P – 4W
- CNA = 8 ports – 8W
- **Total power (Ports only) – 24W**



Equipment reduction

- Many options and paths to network convergence exist
- Simplified view of end goal results in a reduction in deployed switch equipment
- Reduced footprint, power and cost



Questions?

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