

# Big Data Infrastructure

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# Why big data?

Science

Engineering

Commerce

Society

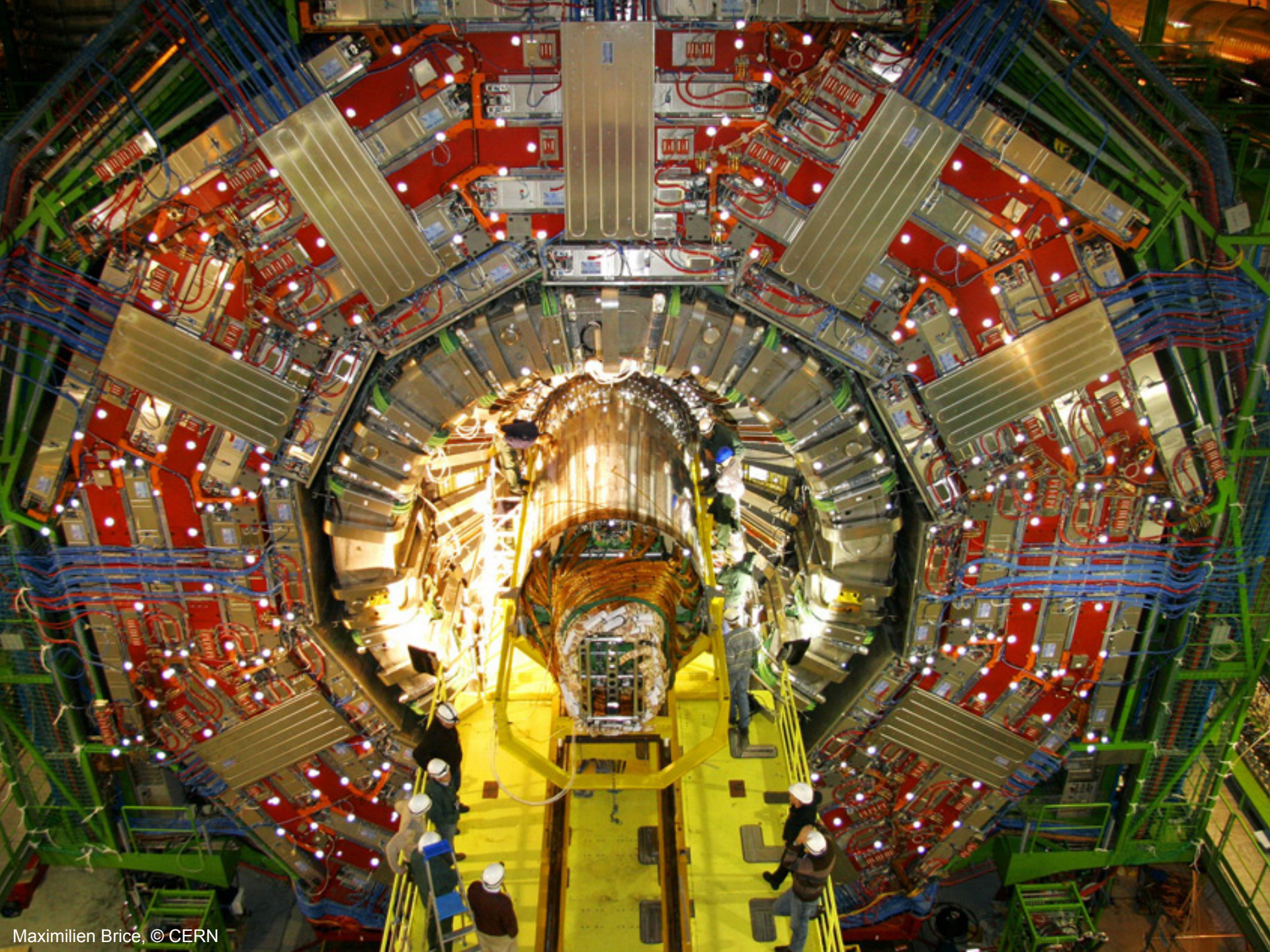


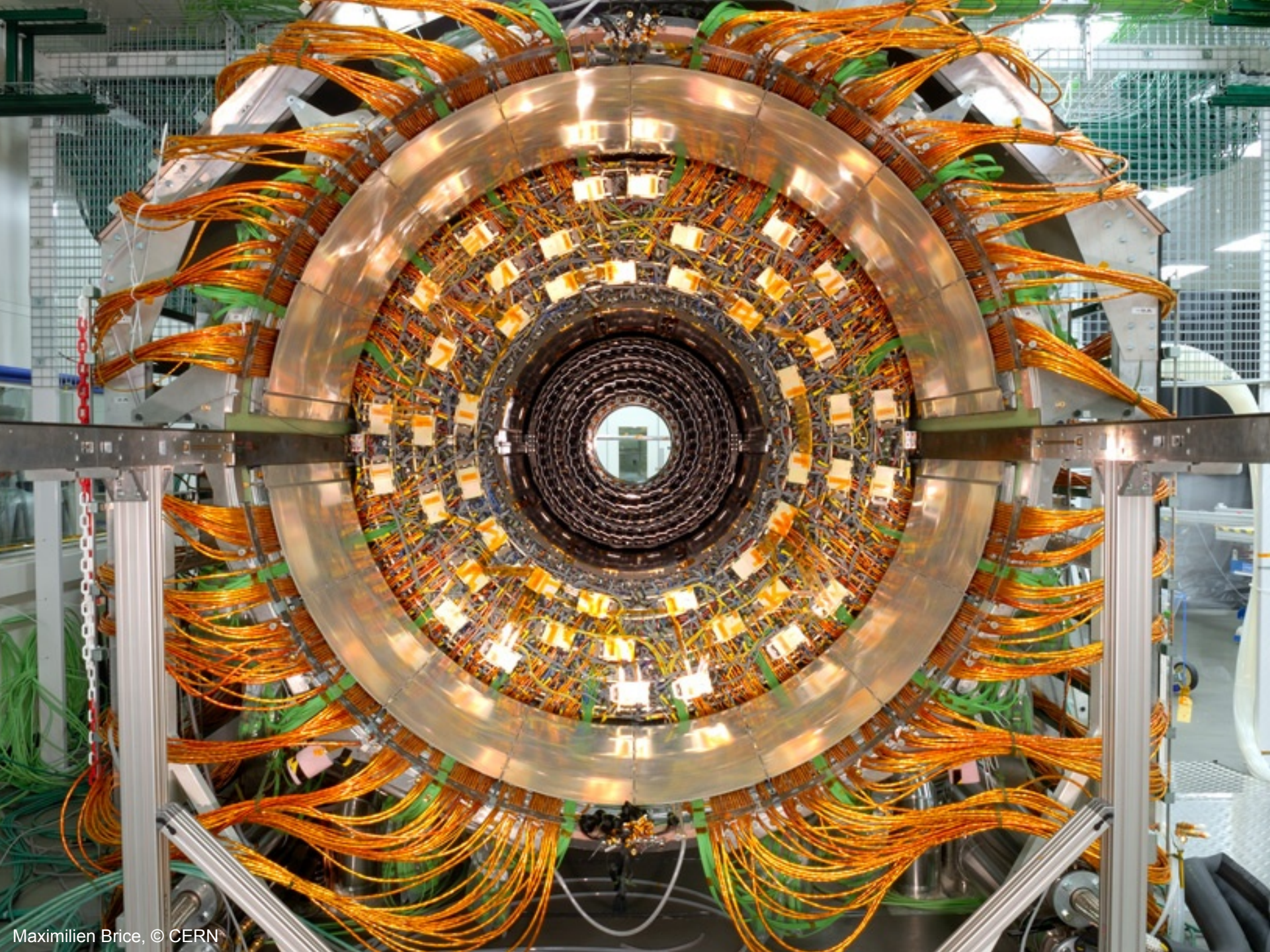


# Science

Emergence of the 4<sup>th</sup> Paradigm

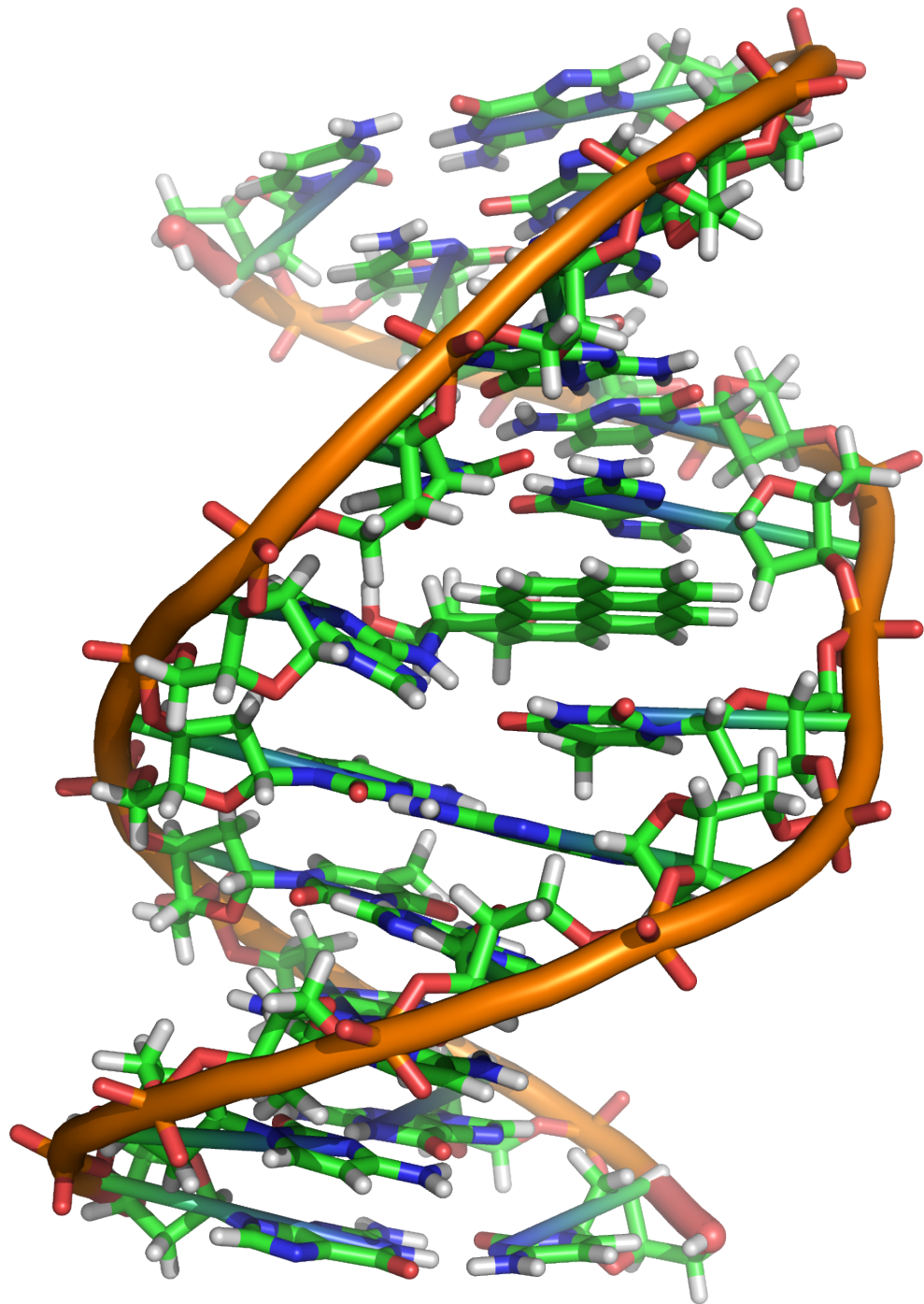
Data-intensive e-Science

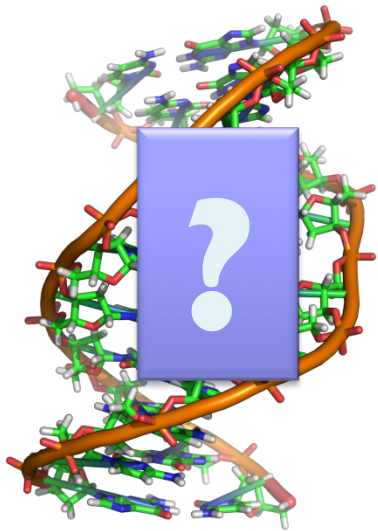




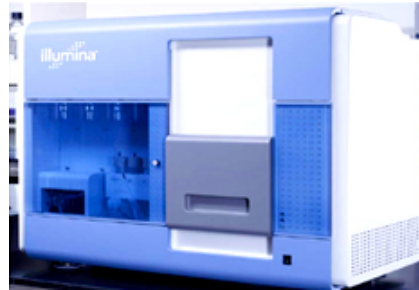


Source: Wikipedia (Galaxy)





**Subject genome**



**Sequencer**

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**Reads**

Human genome: 3 gbp  
A few billion short reads  
(~100 GB compressed data)



# Engineering

The unreasonable effectiveness of data  
Search, recommendation, prediction, ...



English Spanish French English - detected



How does Google's translation system work?

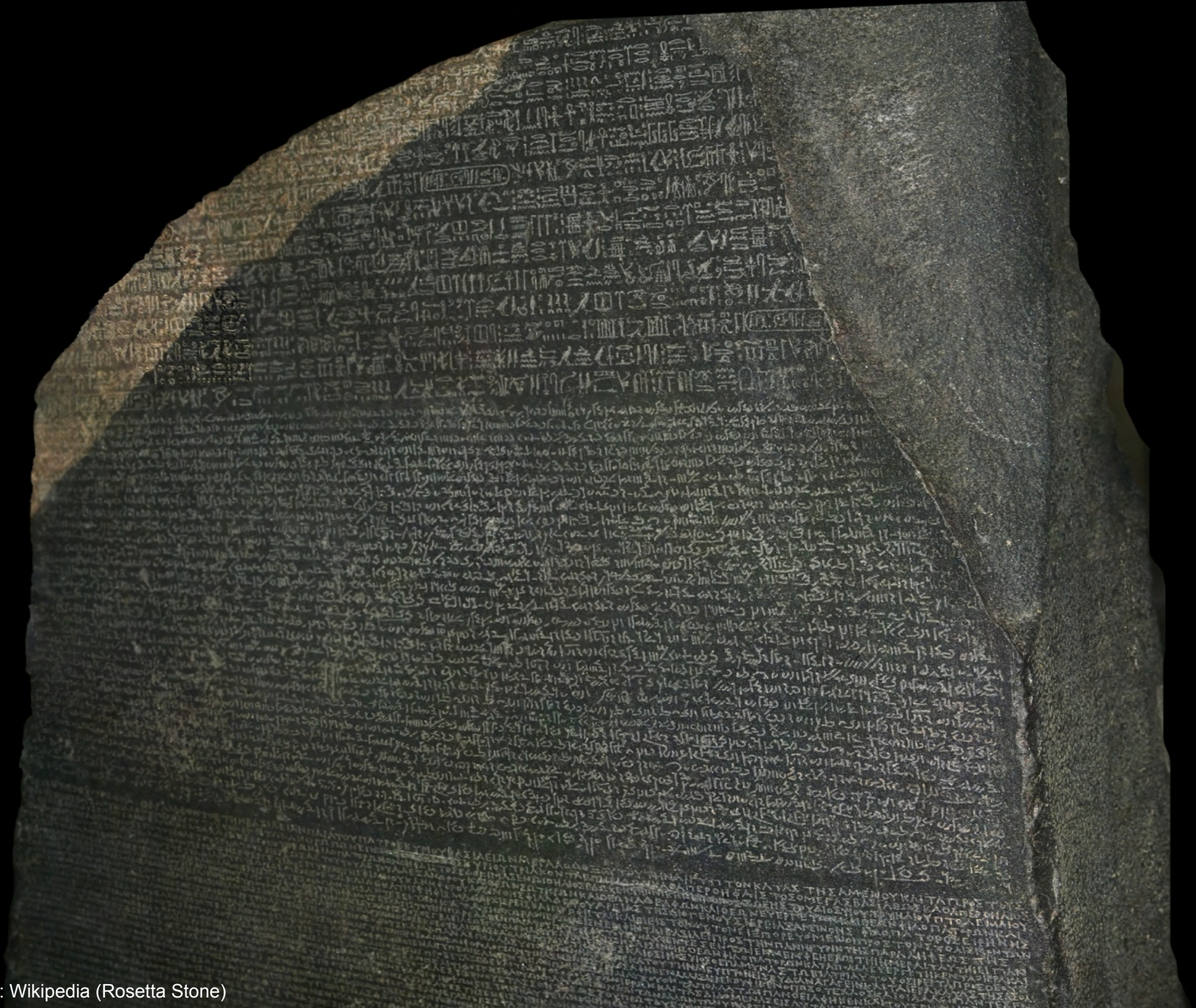


如何谷歌的翻译系统的工作?



Wrong?

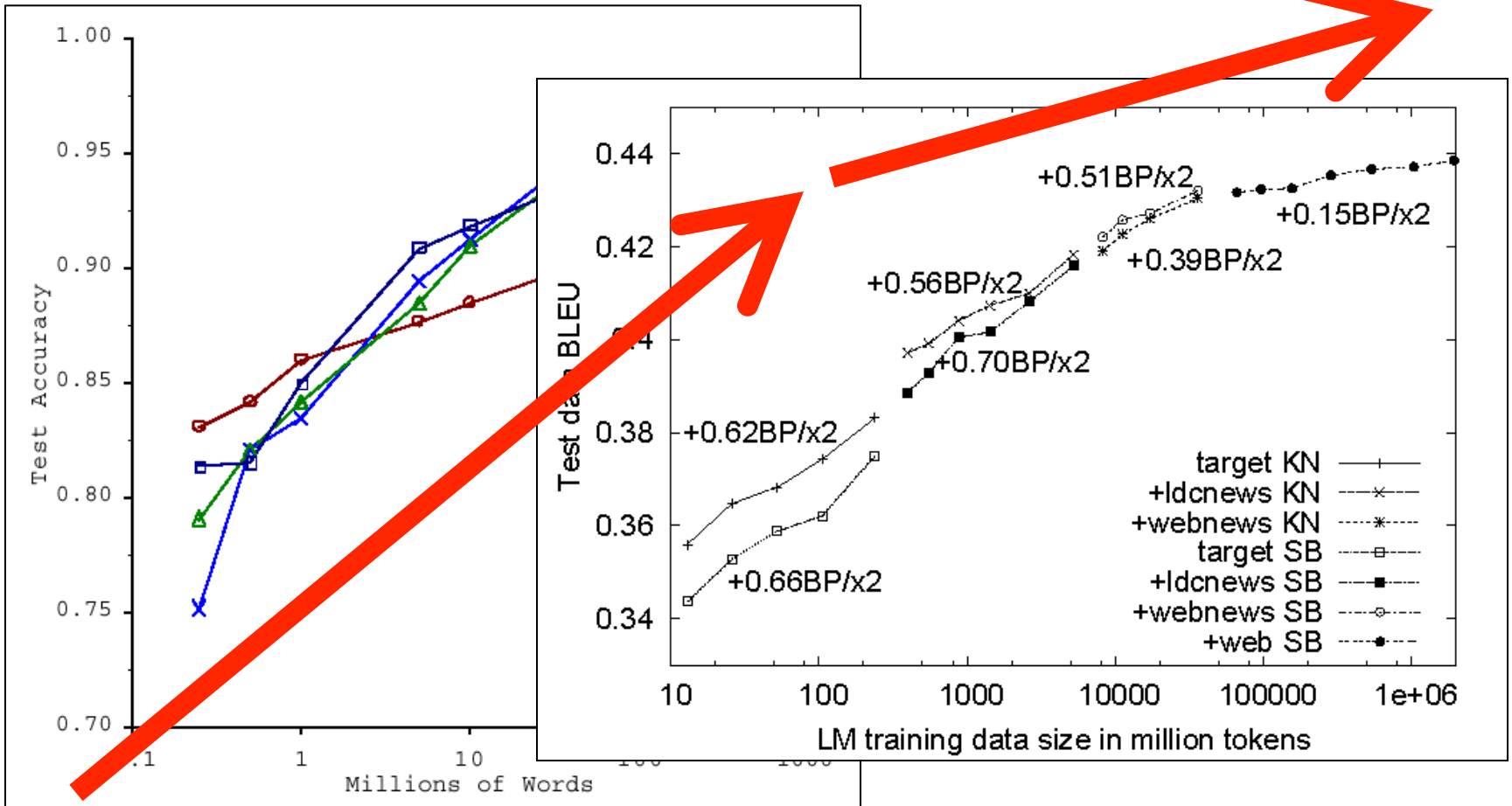
Rúhé gǔgē de fānyì xìtǒng de gōngzuò?



Source: Wikipedia (Rosetta Stone)

# No data like more data!

s/knowledge/data/g;



(Banko and Brill, ACL 2001)  
(Brants et al., EMNLP 2007)

Know thy customers

Data → Insights → Competitive advantages

# Commerce

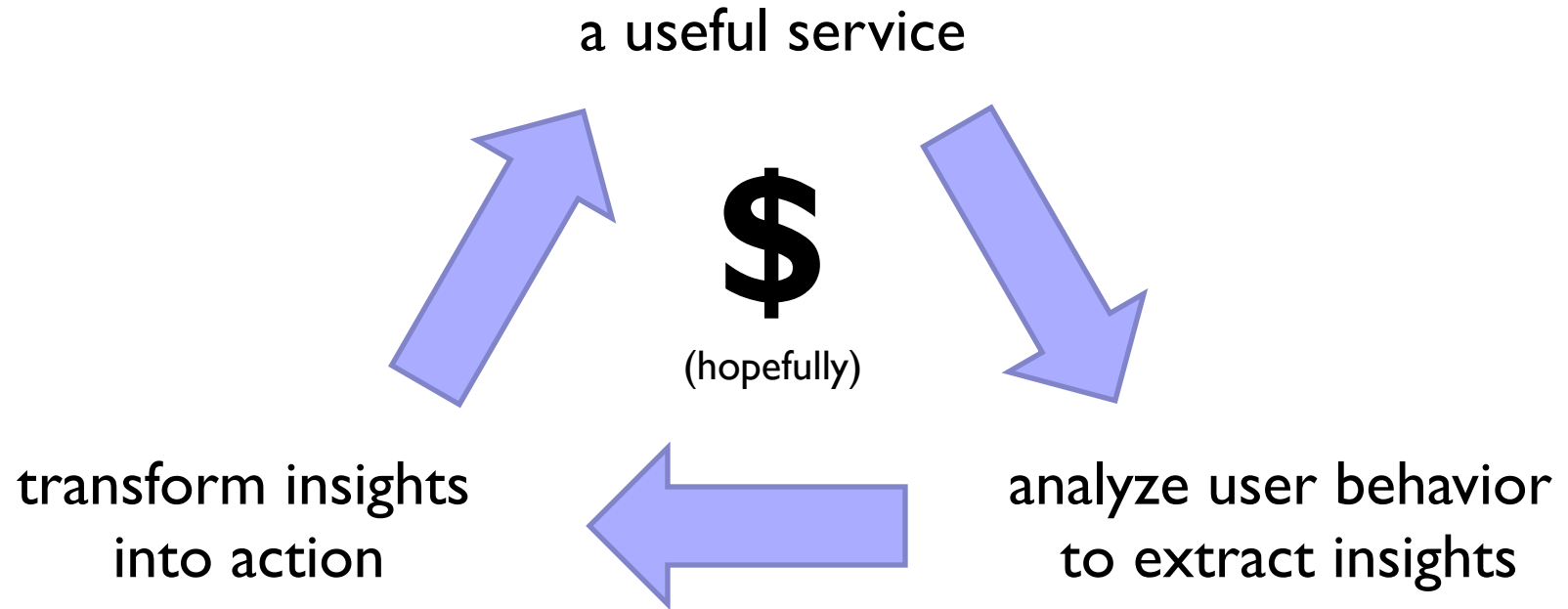


# **Business Intelligence**

An organization should retain data that result from carrying out its mission and exploit those data to generate insights that benefit the organization, for example, market analysis, strategic planning, decision making, etc.

**Duh!?**

# Virtuous Product Cycle



Google. Facebook. Twitter. Amazon. Uber.

**data products**

**data science**

# Society

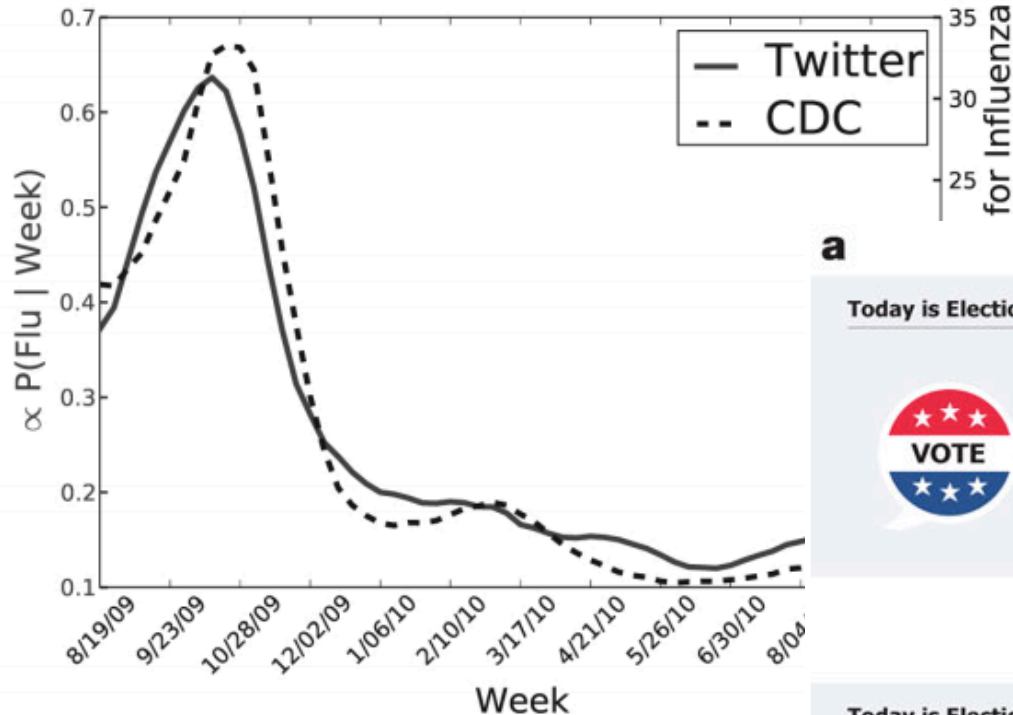
Humans as social sensors

Computational social science





# Predicting X with Twitter



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Informational message

Today is Election Day What's this? • close

Find your polling place on the U.S. Politics Page and click the "I Voted" button to tell your friends you voted.

**01155376**  
People on Facebook Voted

**I Voted**

Social message

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**I Voted**

Jaime Settle, Jason Jones, and 18 other friends have voted.

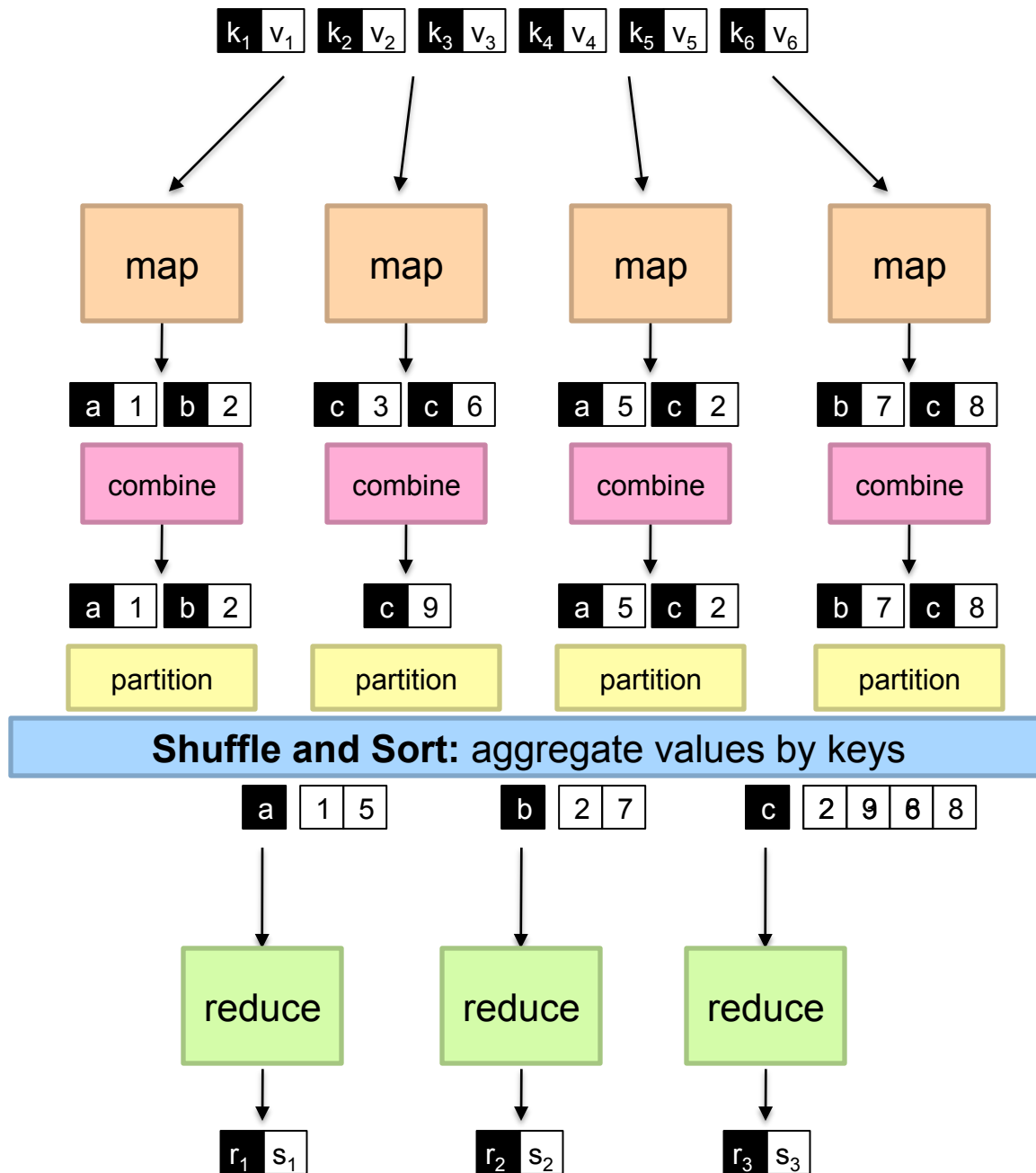
2010 US Midterm Elections:  
60m users shown "I Voted" Messages

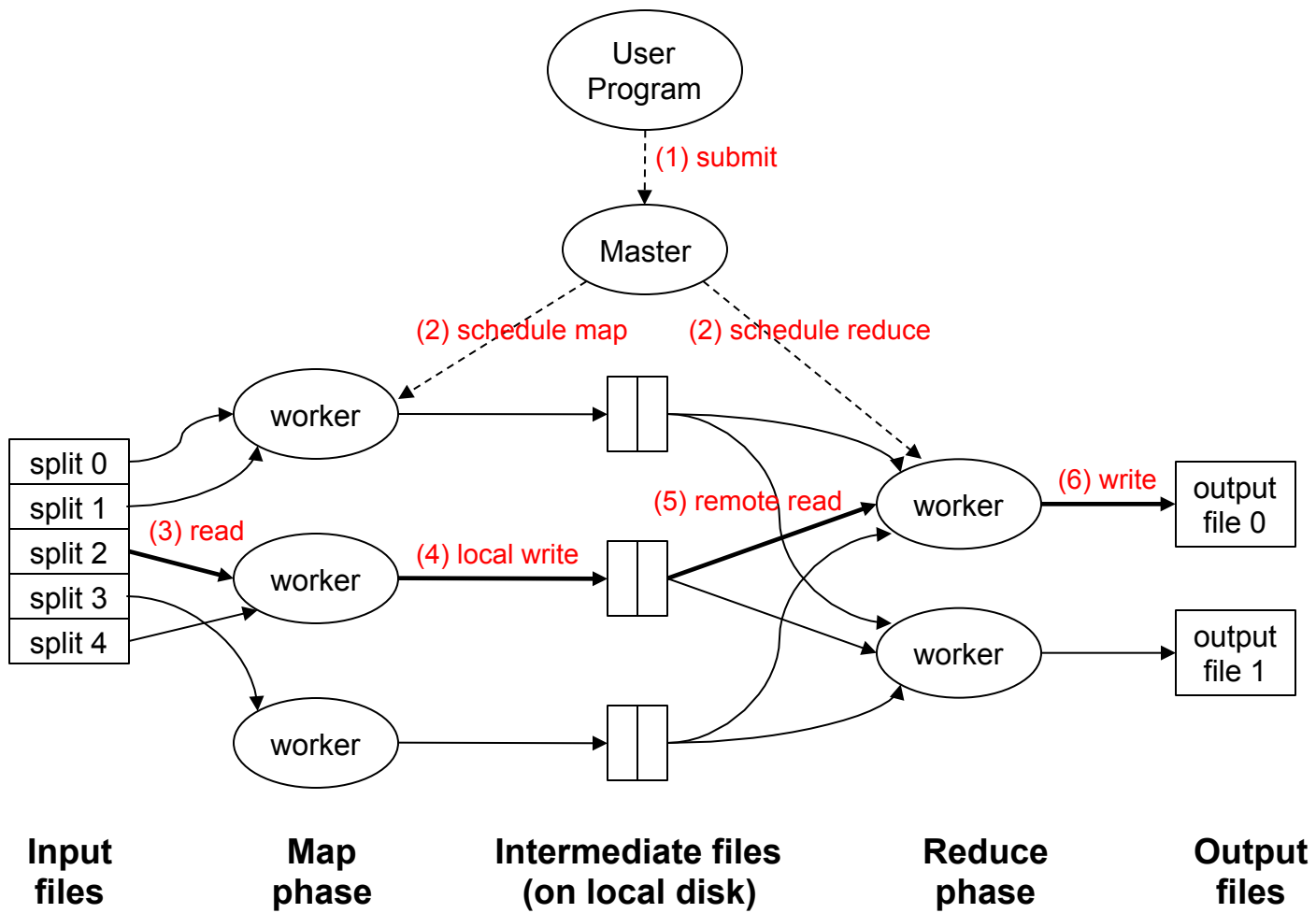
Summary: increased turnout by  
60k directly and 280k indirectly

## Political Mobilization on Facebook

# Tackling Big Data

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a massive server room. The room is filled with rows of server racks, each with numerous lights glowing in shades of blue and yellow. A complex network of metal pipes and cables runs across the ceiling and floor, creating a dense, industrial landscape. The lighting is dramatic, with strong blue tones and some warmer yellow highlights from the server racks. The overall atmosphere is one of a high-tech, data-intensive environment.





# The datacenter *is* the computer

- It's all about the right level of abstraction
  - Moving beyond the von Neumann architecture
  - What's the “instruction set” of the datacenter computer?
- Hide system-level details from the developers
  - No more race conditions, lock contention, etc.
  - No need to explicitly worry about reliability, fault tolerance, etc.
- Separating the *what* from the *how*
  - Developer specifies the computation that needs to be performed
  - Execution framework (“runtime”) handles actual execution

An aerial photograph of a large datacenter facility during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. The datacenter consists of several large, white, rectangular buildings with flat roofs, arranged in a grid-like pattern. A prominent feature is a large, open-air structure with a white roof, which appears to be a cooling or power distribution area, surrounded by numerous white cylindrical tanks. The facility is situated in a rural area with green fields and some distant buildings. The overall atmosphere is serene and industrial.

**The datacenter *is* the computer!**



Source: Wikipedia (The Dalles, Oregon)





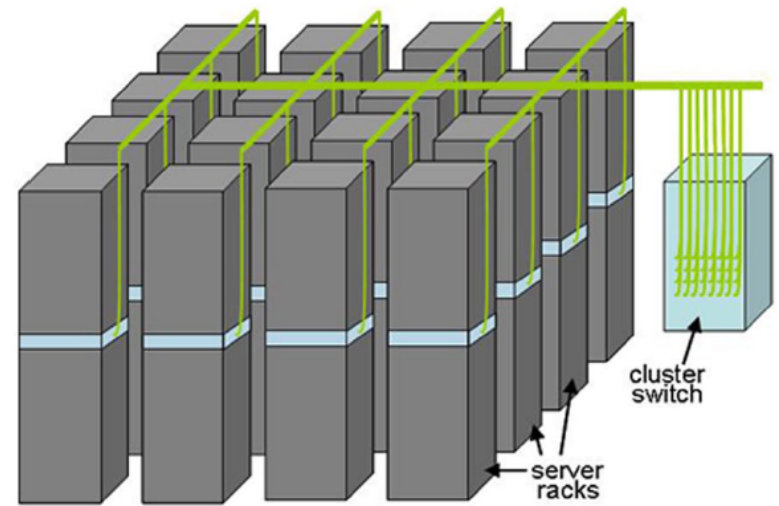
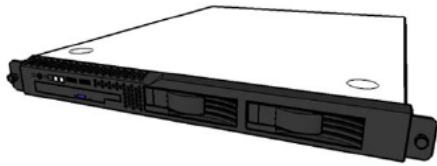


Source: Google



Source: Bonneville Power Administration

# Building Blocks





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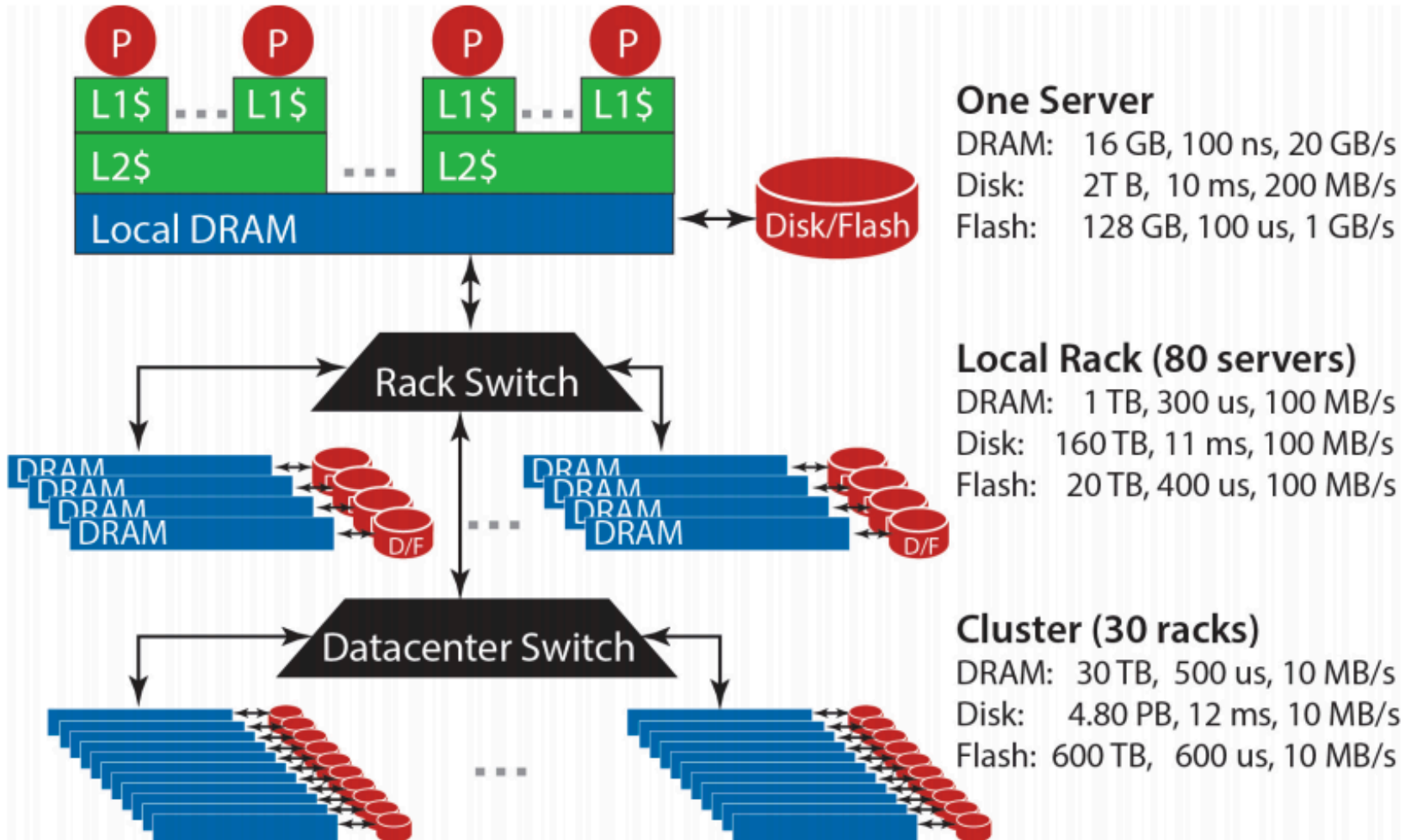


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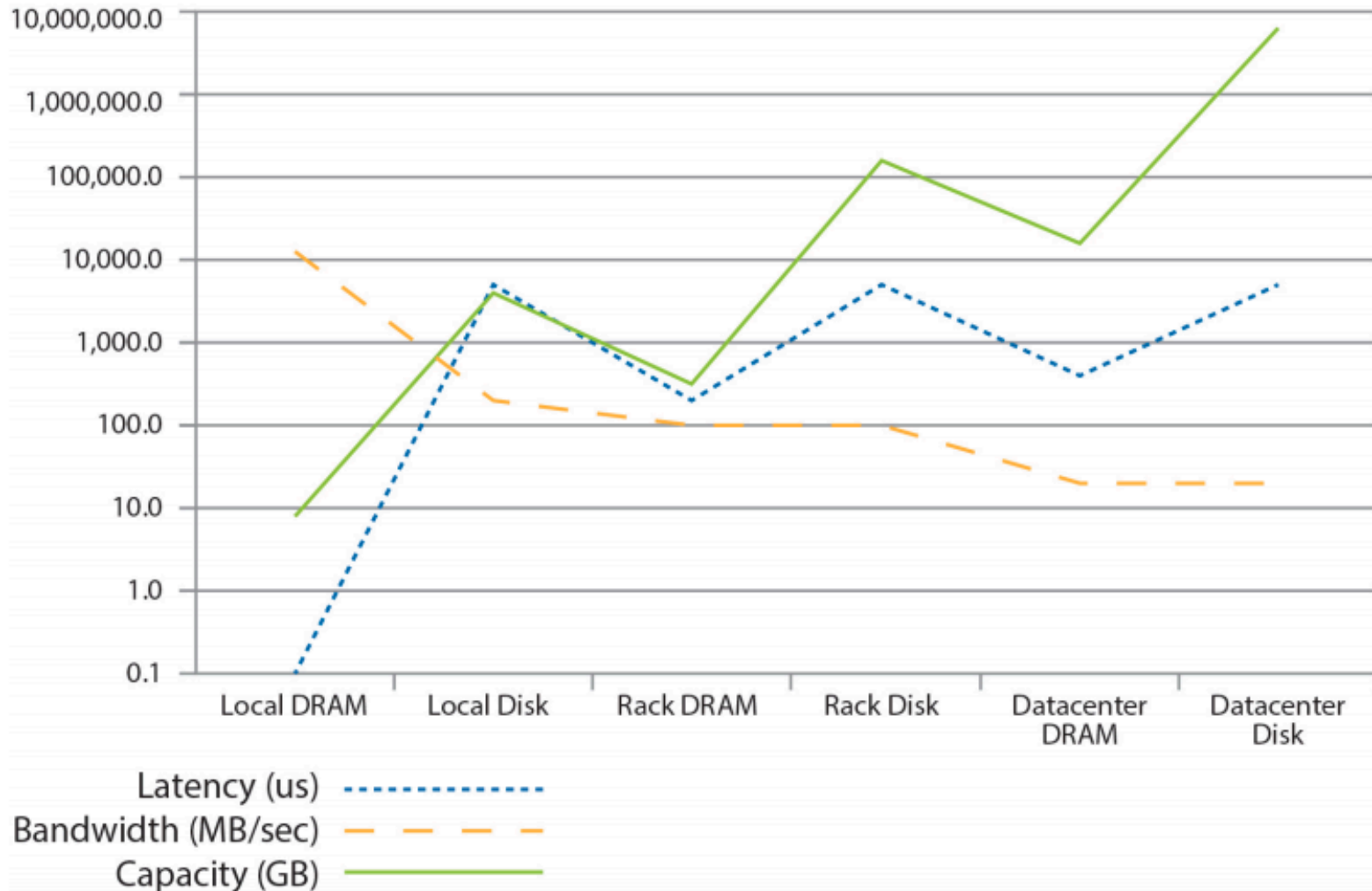


Source: Facebook

# Storage Hierarchy

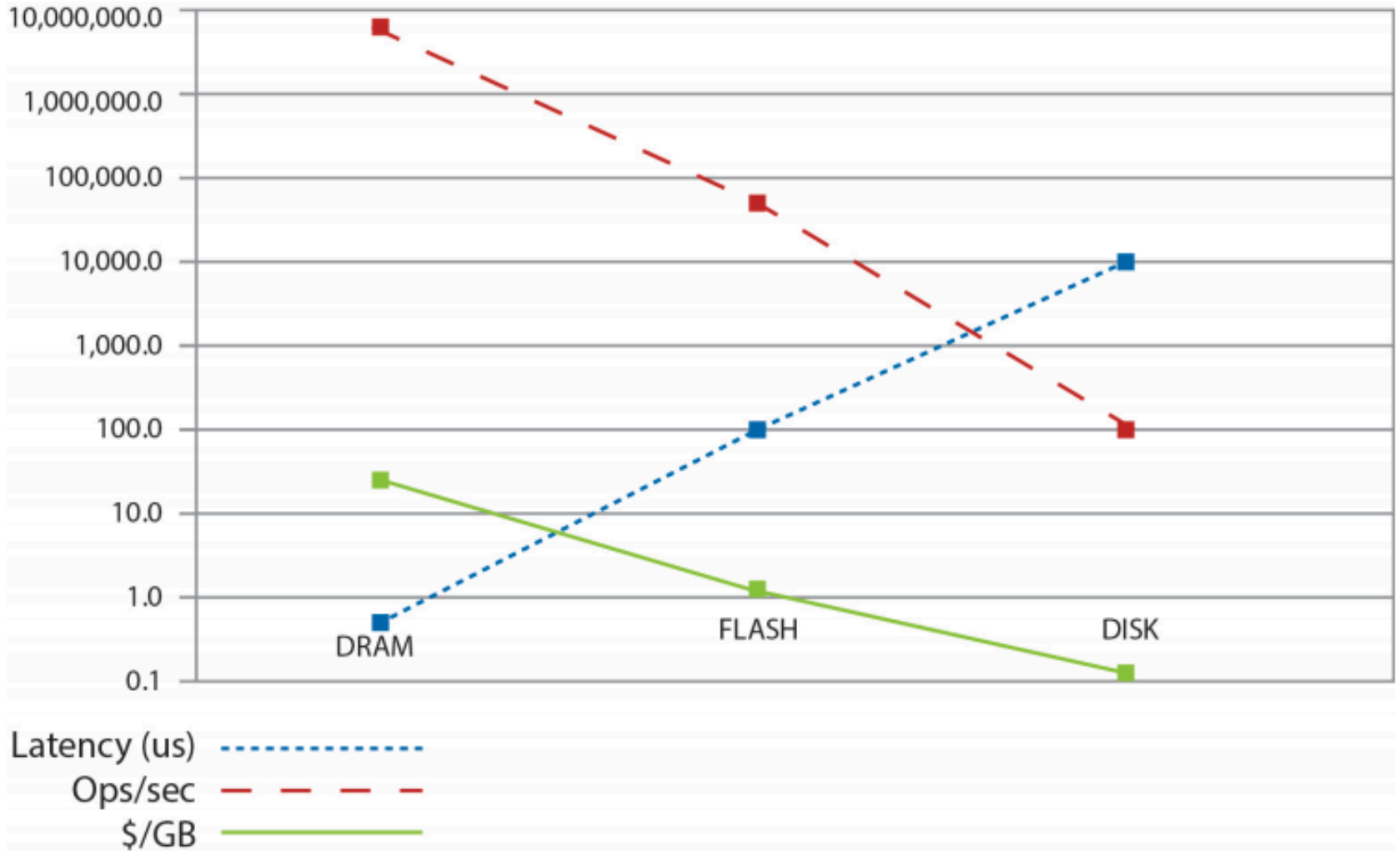


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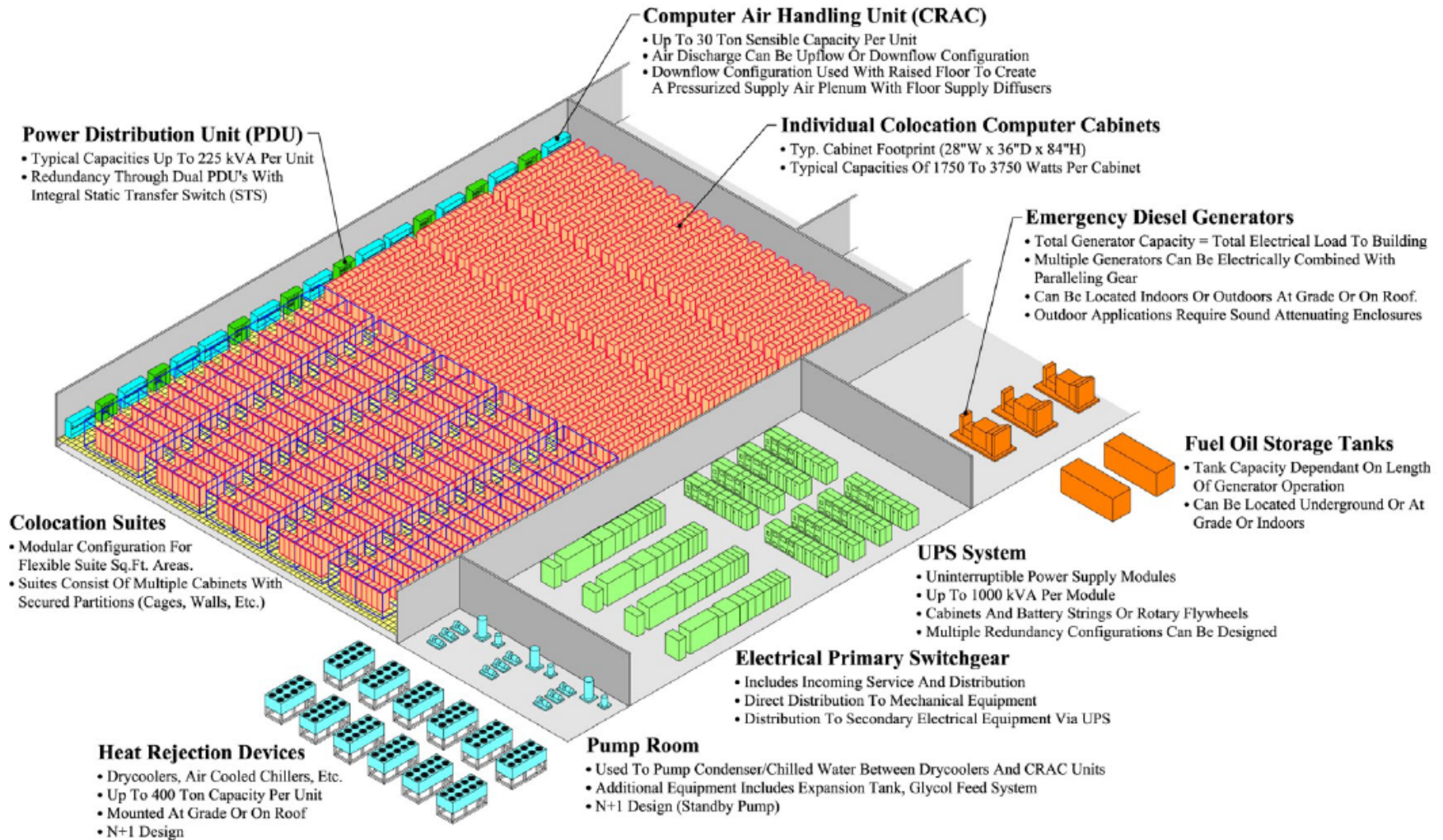




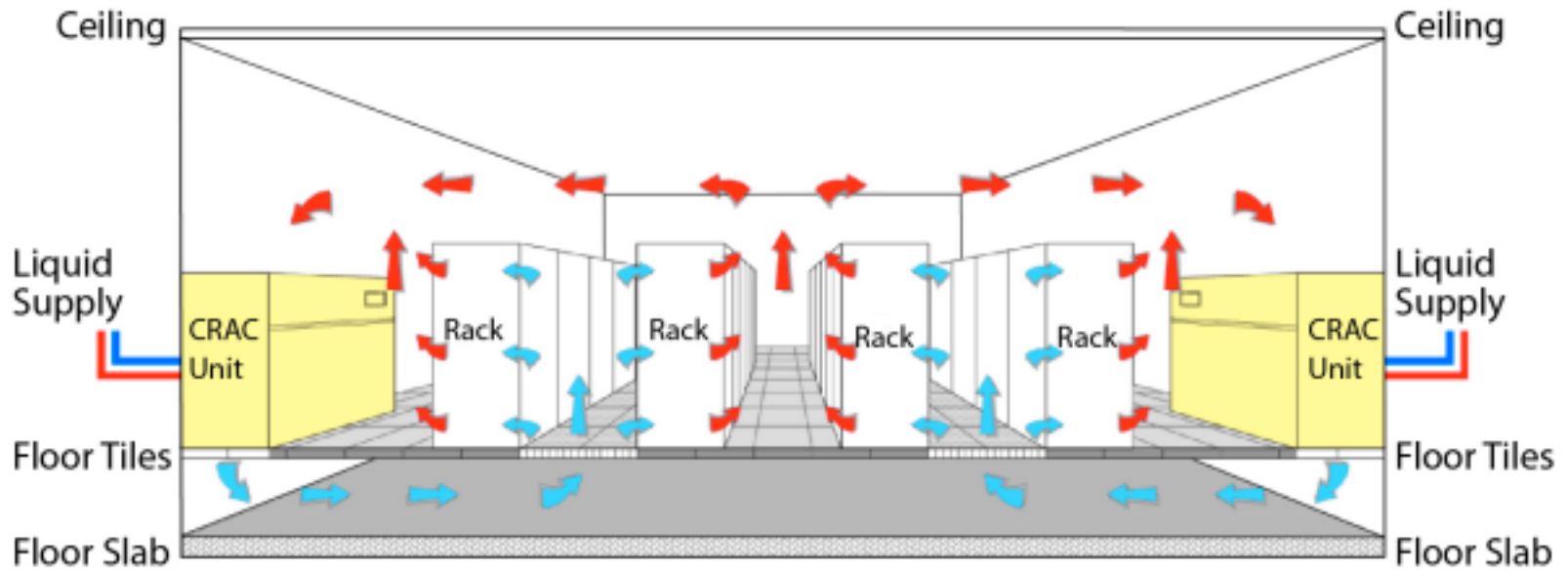
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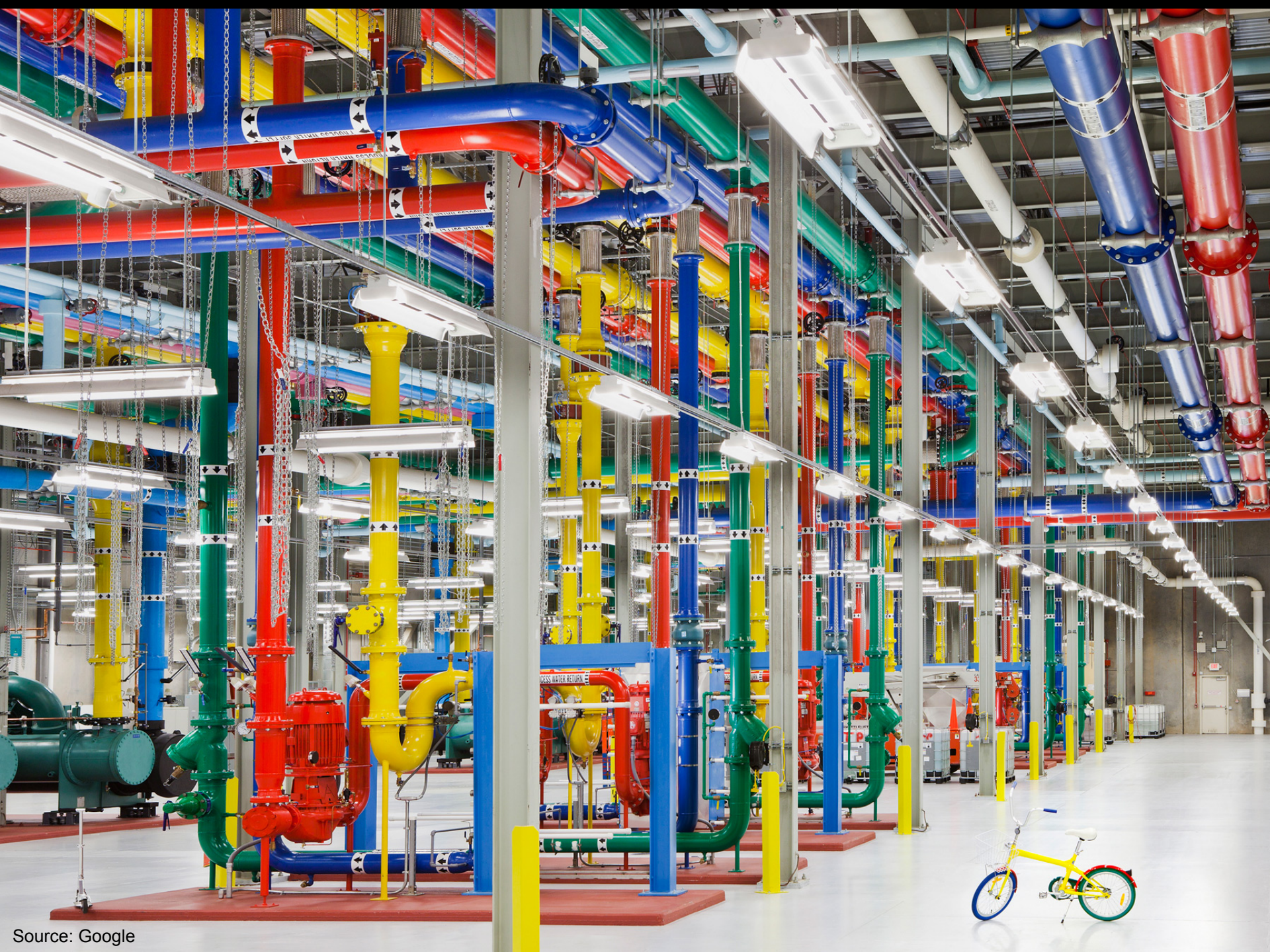
# Anatomy of a Datacenter



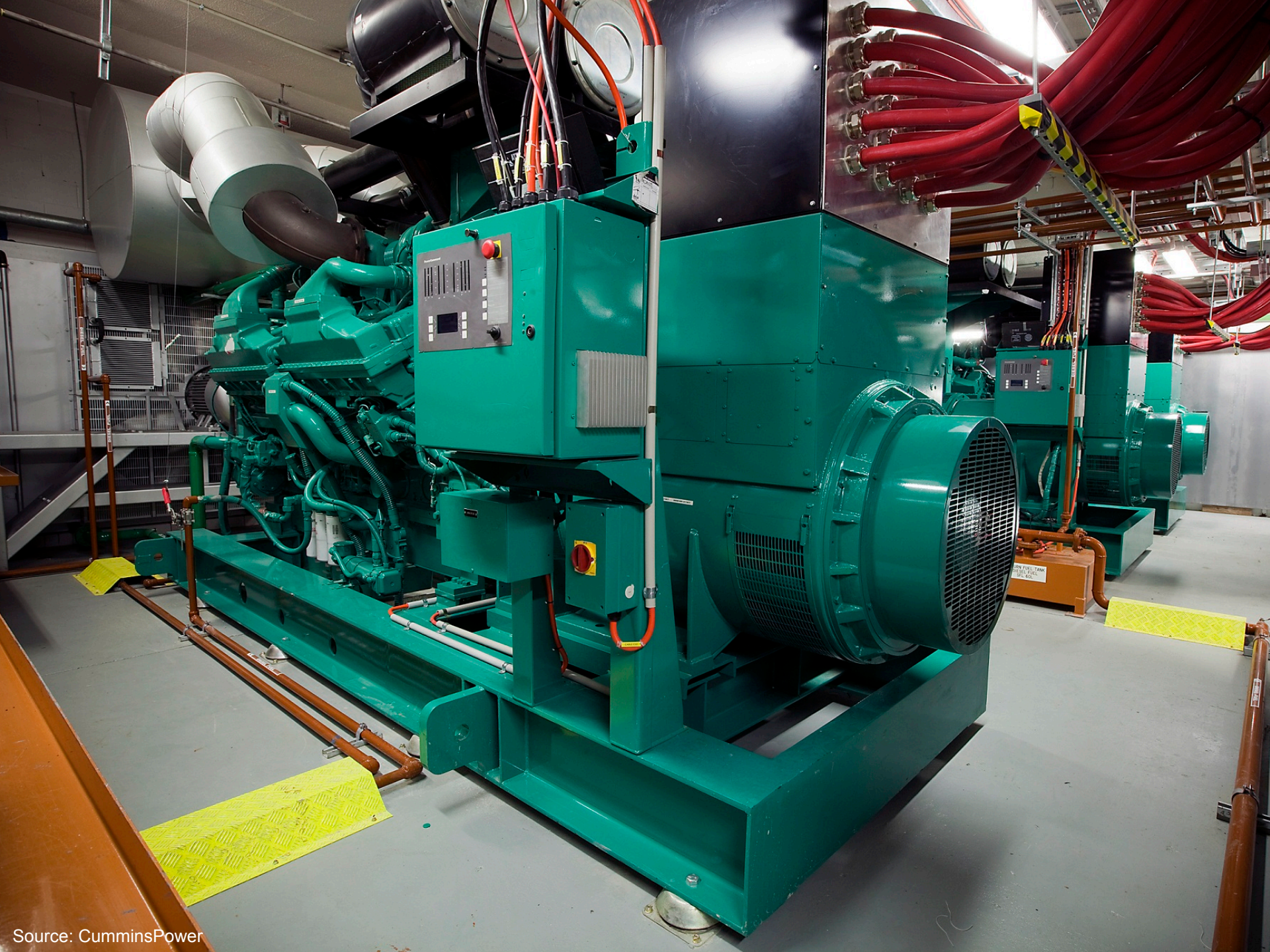
# Anatomy of a Datacenter







Source: Google





An aerial photograph of an industrial facility, likely a power plant or refinery, during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. The facility consists of several large, white, rectangular buildings, a large parking lot, and a complex of pipes and machinery. The surrounding area is a mix of green fields and brown, tilled soil. The text "Aside: How much is 30 MW?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Aside: How much is 30 MW?**



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# “Big Ideas”

- Scale “out”, not “up”
  - Limits of SMP and large shared-memory machines
- Move processing to the data
  - Cluster have limited bandwidth
- Process data sequentially, avoid random access
  - Seeks are expensive, disk throughput is reasonable
- Seamless scalability
  - From the mythical man-month to the tradable machine-hour

# Scaling “up” vs. “out”

- No single machine is large enough
  - Smaller cluster of large SMP machines vs. larger cluster of commodity machines (e.g., 16 128-core machines vs. 128 16-core machines)
- Nodes need to talk to each other!
  - Intra-node latencies:  $\sim 100$  ns
  - Inter-node latencies:  $\sim 100$   $\mu$ s
- Let's model communication overhead...

# Modeling Communication Costs

- Simple execution cost model:

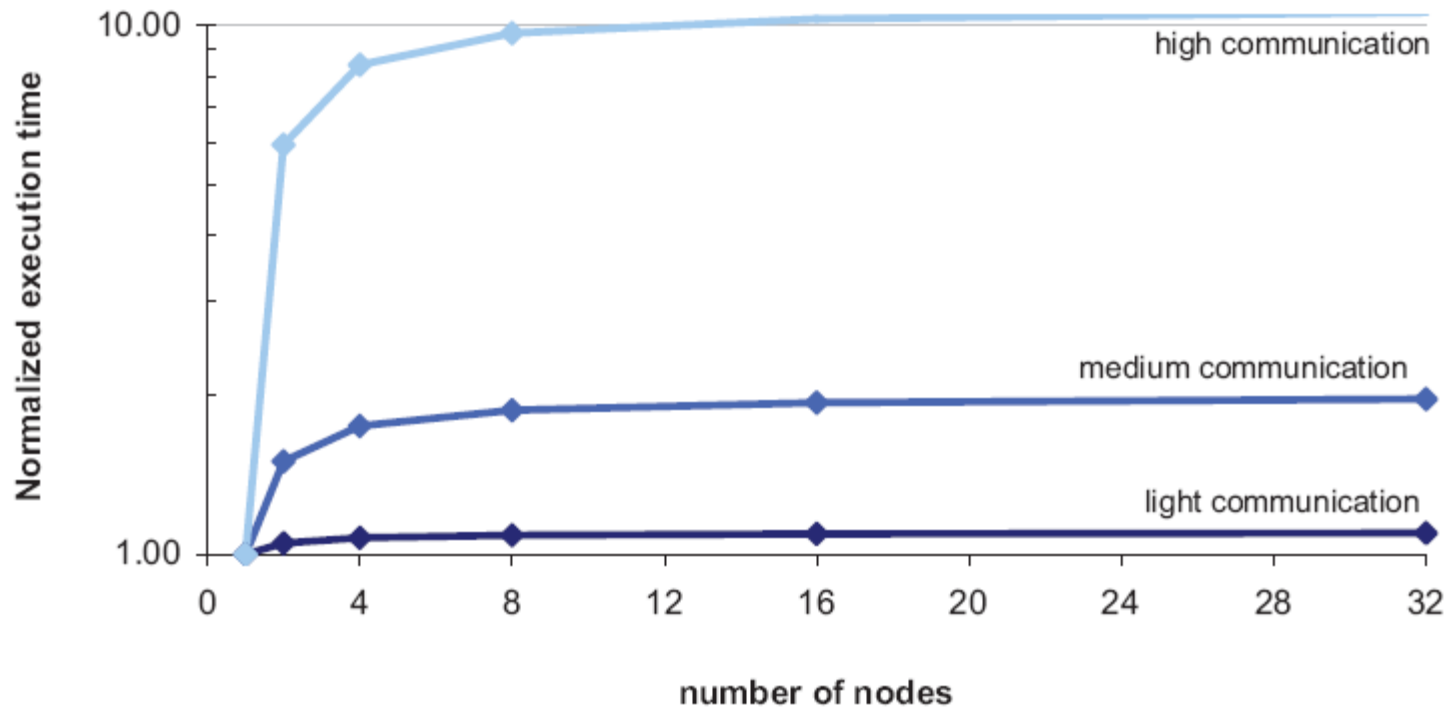
- Total cost = cost of computation + cost to access global data
- Fraction of local access inversely proportional to size of cluster
- $n$  nodes (ignore cores for now)

$$1 \text{ ms} + f \times [100 \text{ ns} \times (1/n) + 100 \text{ } \mu\text{s} \times (1 - 1/n)]$$

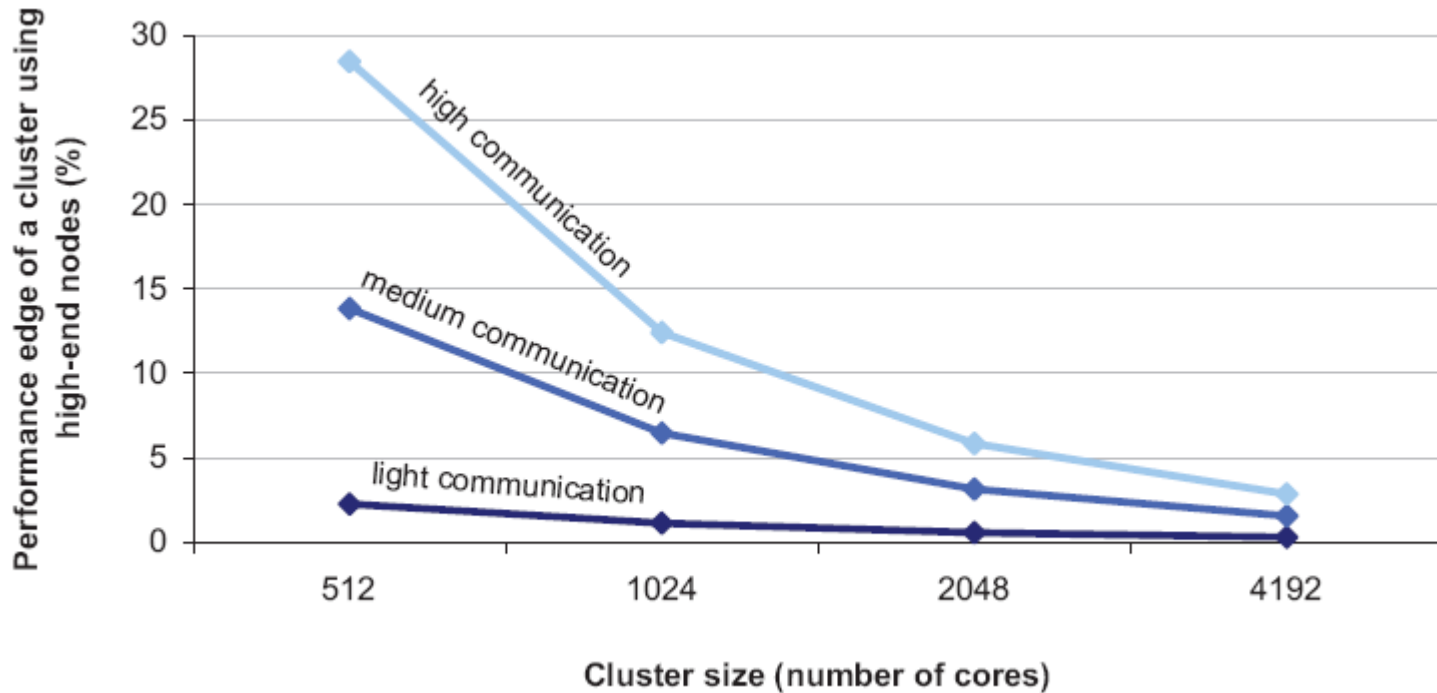
- Light communication:  $f=1$
- Medium communication:  $f=10$
- Heavy communication:  $f=100$

- What are the costs in parallelization?

# Cost of Parallelization



# Advantages of scaling “up”



So why not?  
Why does commodity beat exotic?

# Counterpoint: Scaling up?

- No single machine is large enough
  - Smaller cluster of large SMP machines vs. larger cluster of commodity machines (e.g., 16 128-core machines vs. 128 16-core machines)
- Is this really true? Modern “commodity” machine:
  - Four 18-core processors: 72 cores total
  - 3TB RAM

Who really has big data problems?

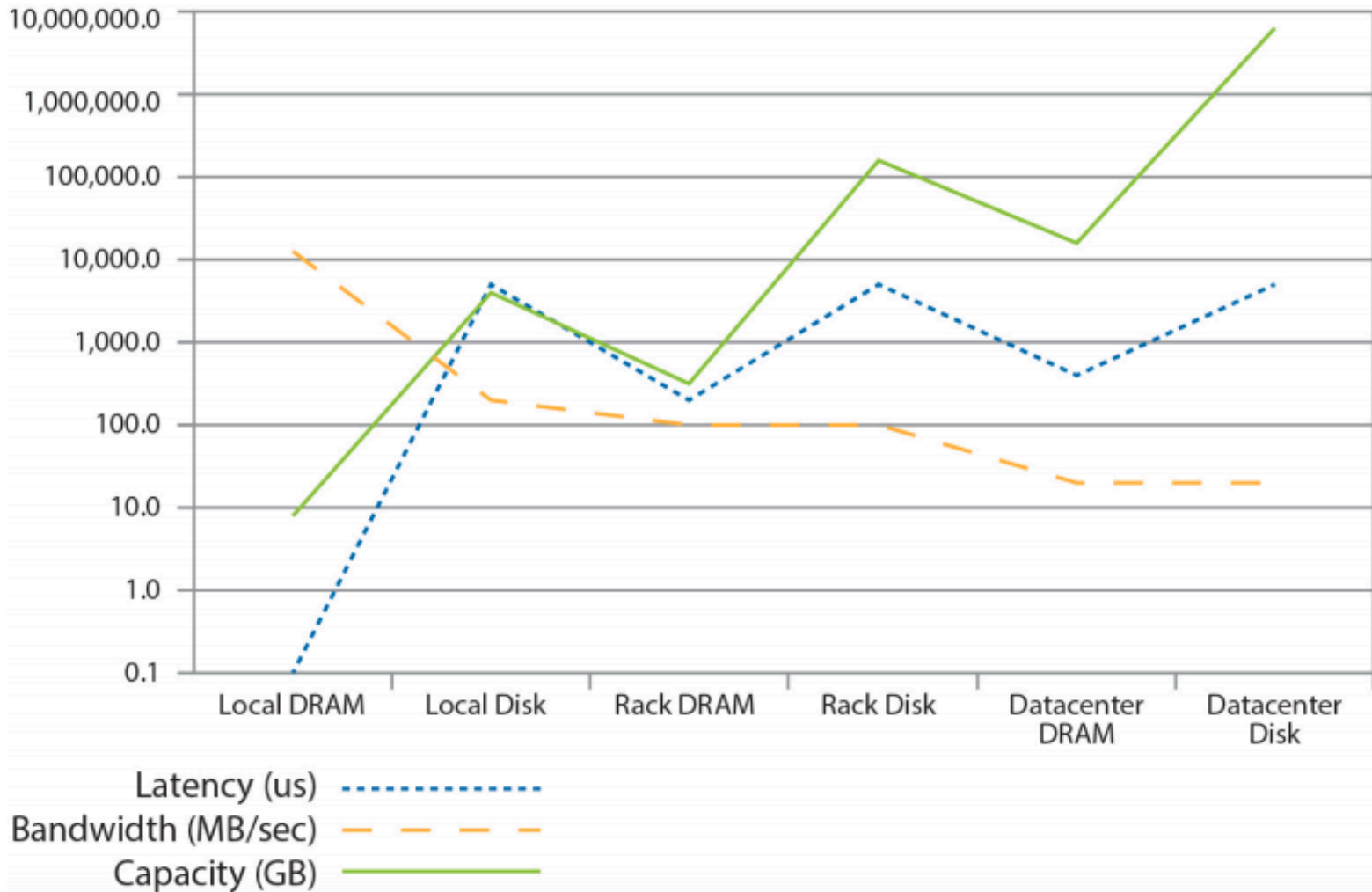
# Numbers Everyone Should Know

According to Jeff Dean

L1 cache reference	0.5 ns
Branch mispredict	5 ns
L2 cache reference	7 ns
Mutex lock/unlock	100 ns
Main memory reference	100 ns
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy	10,000 ns
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	20,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000 ns
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000 ns
Disk seek	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from network	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	30,000,000 ns
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	150,000,000 ns



# Moving Data Around

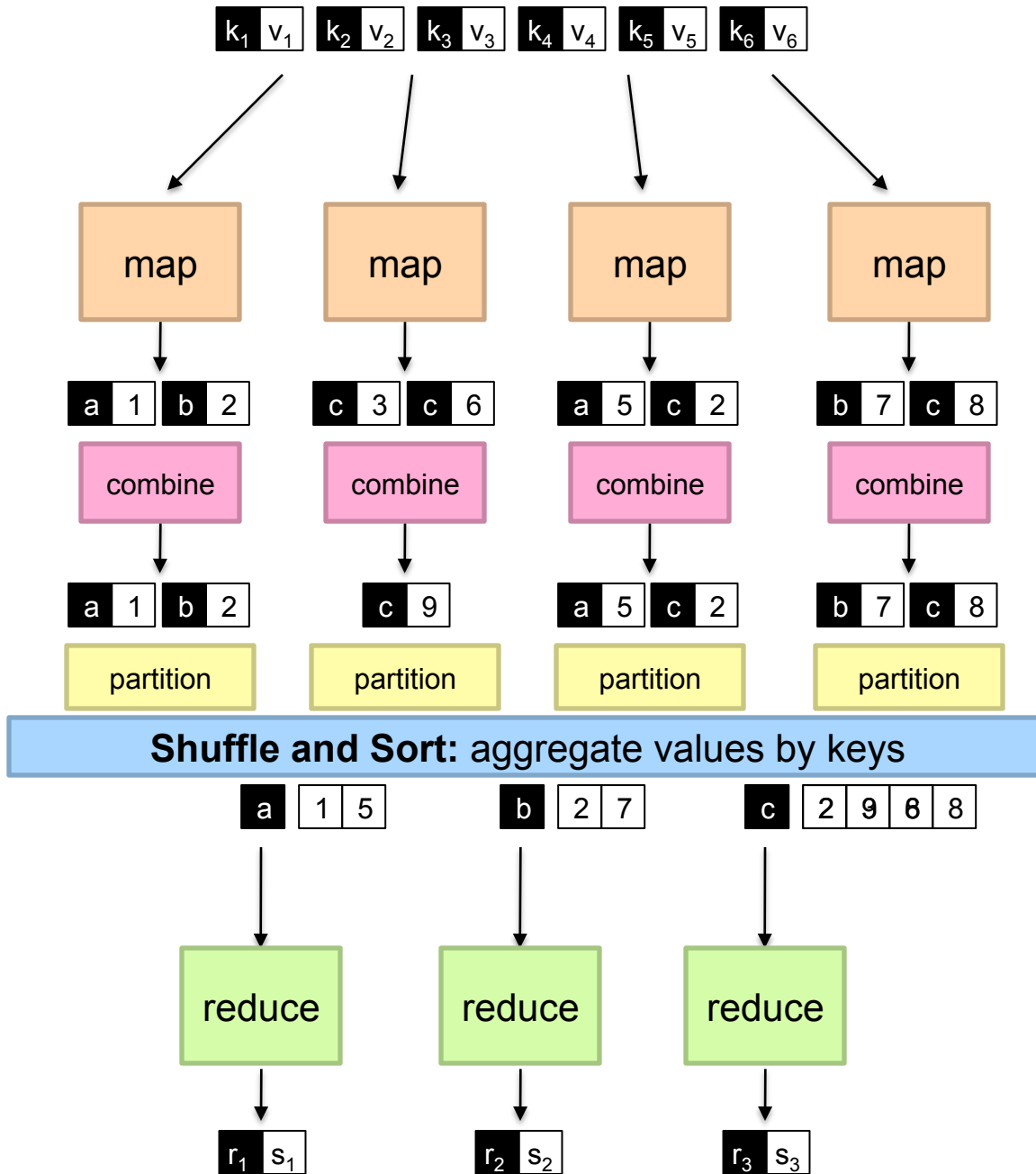


# Seeks vs. Scans

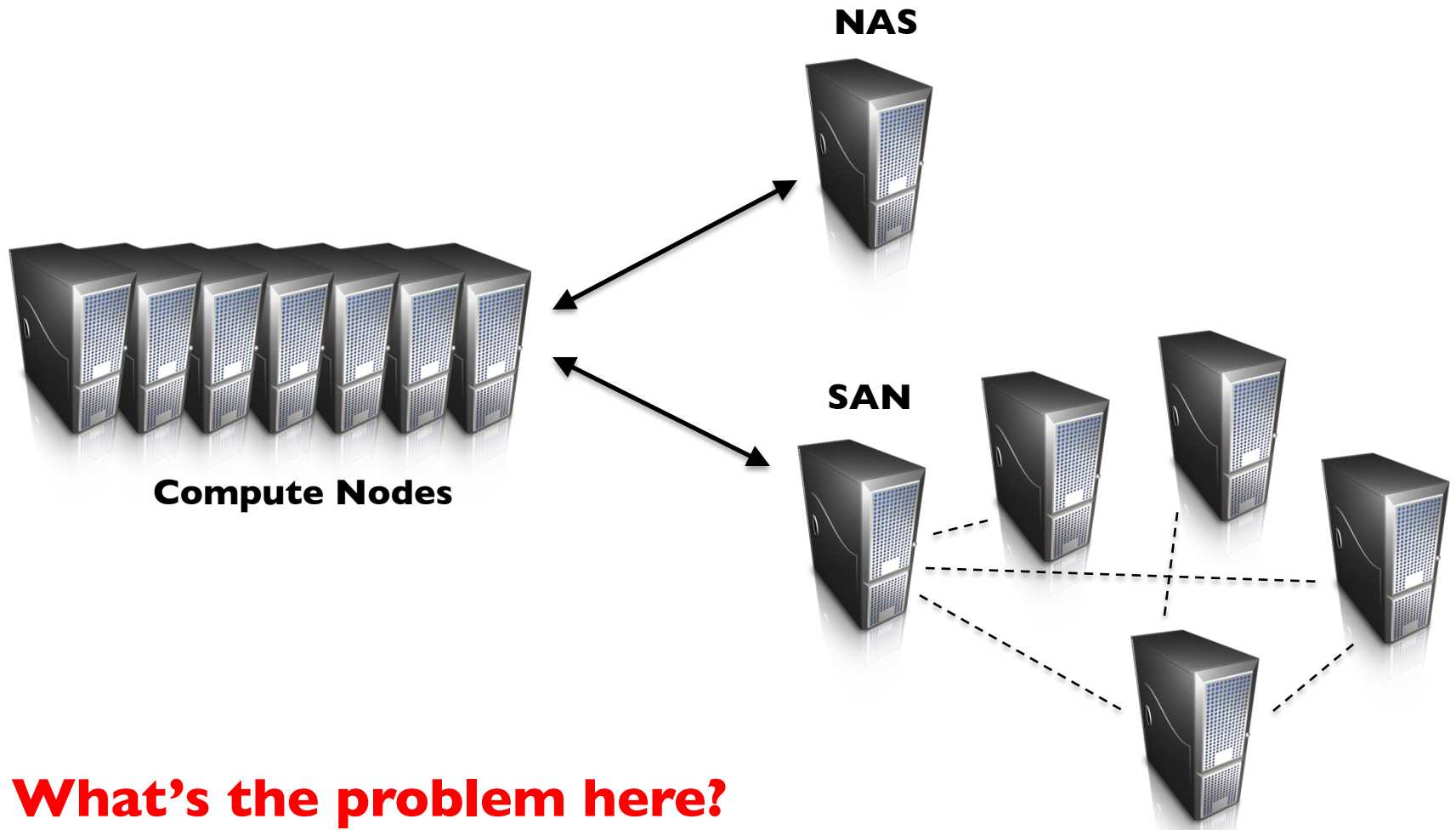
- Consider a 1 TB database with 100 byte records
  - We want to update 1 percent of the records
- Scenario 1: random access
  - Each update takes ~30 ms (seek, read, write)
  - $10^8$  updates = ~35 days
- Scenario 2: rewrite all records
  - Assume 100 MB/s throughput
  - Time = 5.6 hours(!)
- Lesson: avoid random seeks!

# Justifying the “Big Ideas”

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# How do we get data to the workers?



**What's the problem here?**

# Distributed File System

- Don't move data to workers... move workers to the data!
  - Store data on the local disks of nodes in the cluster
  - Start up the workers on the node that has the data local
- Why?
  - (Perhaps) not enough RAM to hold all the data in memory
  - Disk access is slow, but disk throughput is reasonable
- A distributed file system is the answer
  - GFS (Google File System) for Google's MapReduce
  - HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System) for Hadoop

# GFS: Assumptions

- Commodity hardware over “exotic” hardware
  - Scale “out”, not “up”
- High component failure rates
  - Inexpensive commodity components fail all the time
- “Modest” number of huge files
  - Multi-gigabyte files are common, if not encouraged
- Files are write-once, mostly appended to
  - Perhaps concurrently
- Large streaming reads over random access
  - High sustained throughput over low latency

# GFS: Design Decisions

- Files stored as chunks
  - Fixed size (64MB)
- Reliability through replication
  - Each chunk replicated across 3+ chunkservers
- Single master to coordinate access, keep metadata
  - Simple centralized management
- No data caching
  - Little benefit due to large datasets, streaming reads
- Simplify the API
  - Push some of the issues onto the client (e.g., data layout)

**HDFS = GFS clone (same basic ideas)**

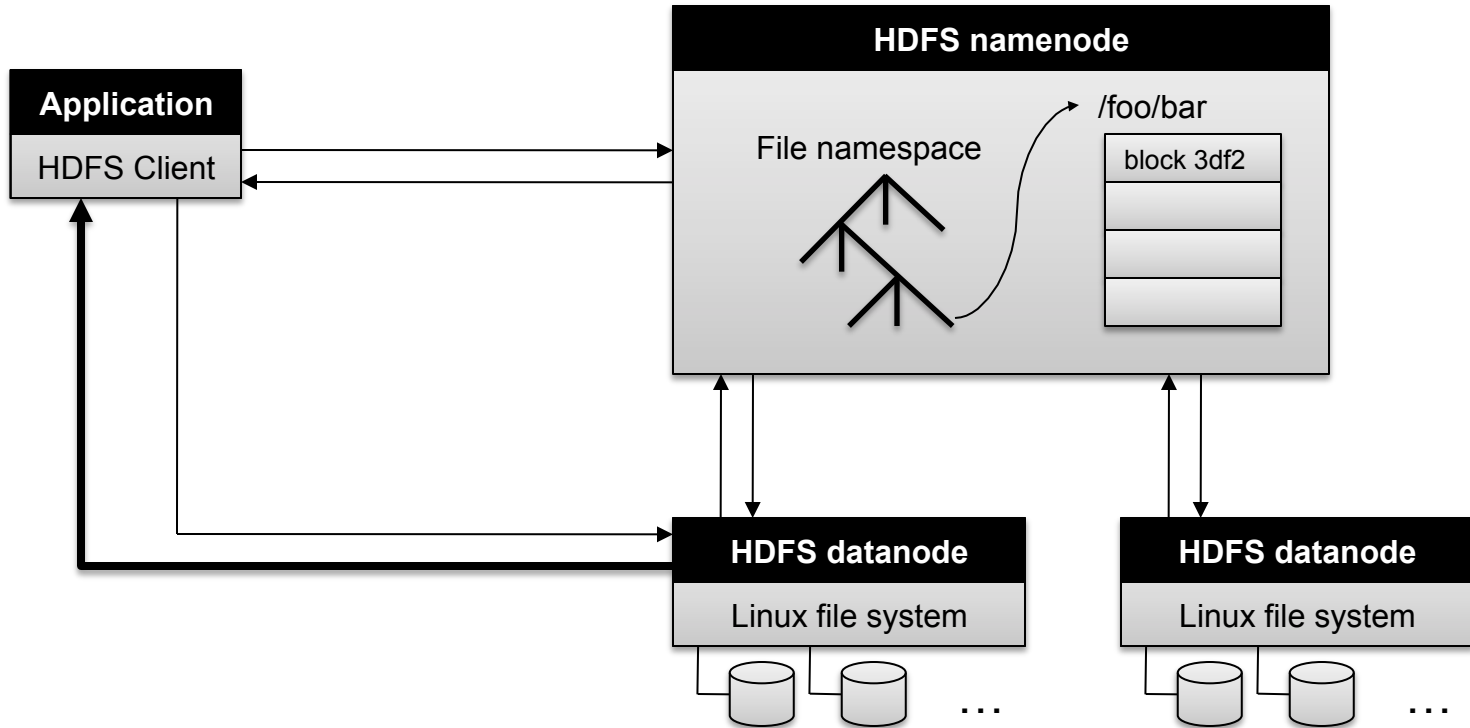


# From GFS to HDFS

- Terminology differences:
  - GFS master = Hadoop namenode
  - GFS chunkservers = Hadoop datanodes
- Differences:
  - Different consistency model for file appends
  - Implementation
  - Performance

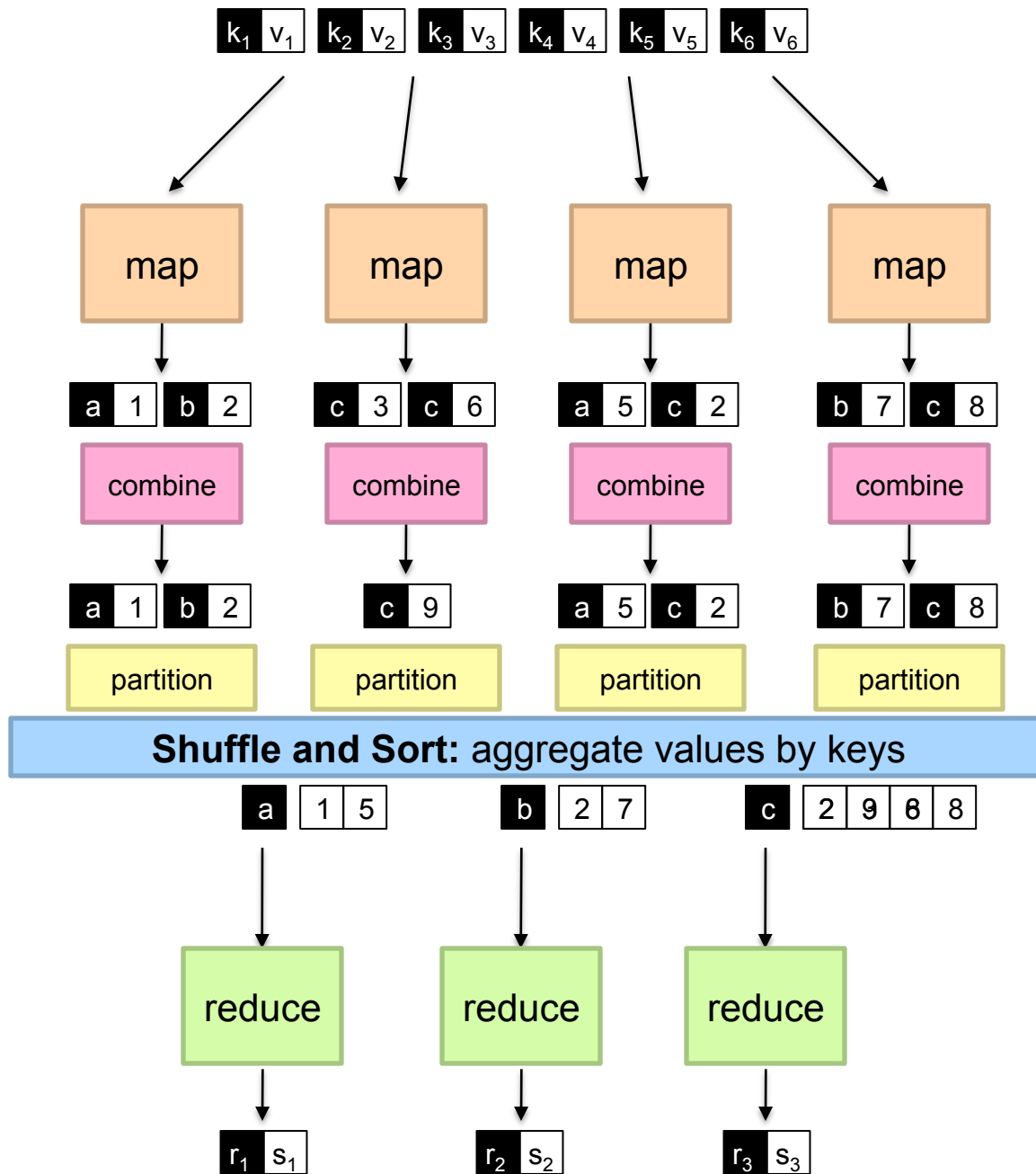
**For the most part, we'll use Hadoop terminology...**

# HDFS Architecture

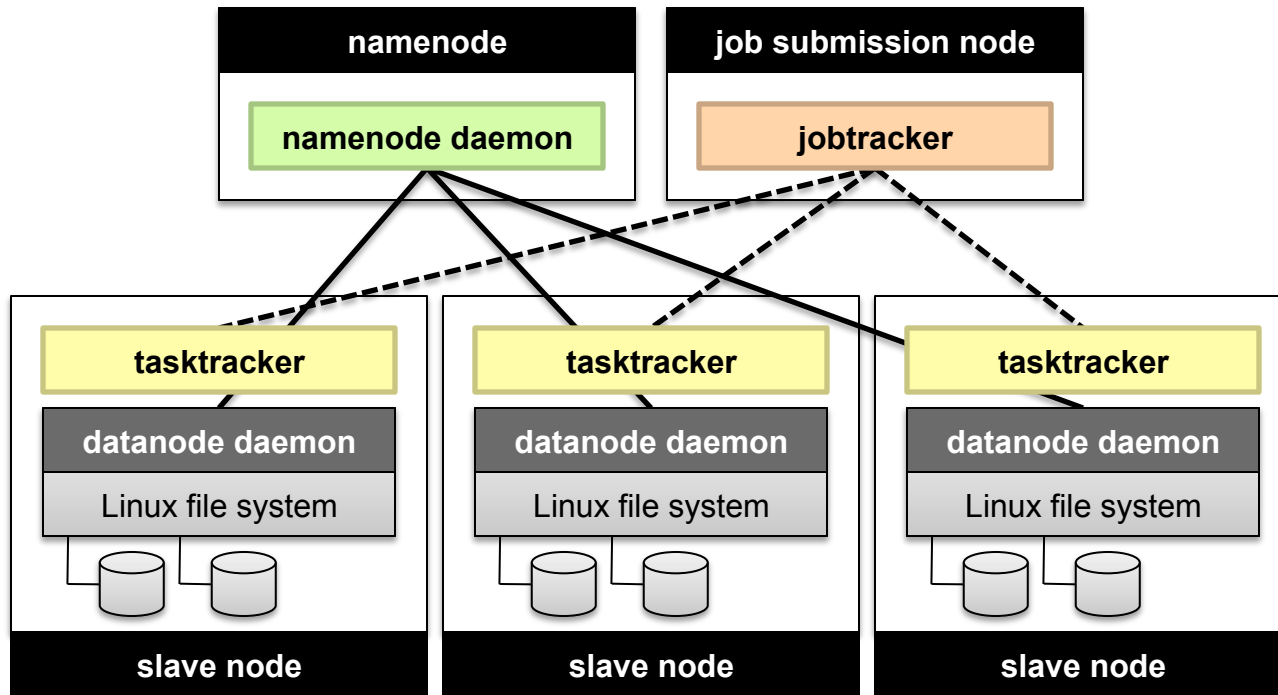


# Namenode Responsibilities

- Managing the file system namespace:
  - Holds file/directory structure, metadata, file-to-block mapping, access permissions, etc.
- Coordinating file operations:
  - Directs clients to datanodes for reads and writes
  - No data is moved through the namenode
- Maintaining overall health:
  - Periodic communication with the datanodes
  - Block re-replication and rebalancing
  - Garbage collection



# Putting everything together...



(Not Quite... We'll come back to YARN later)



# Sequoia

16.32 PFLOPS

98,304 nodes with 1,572,864 million cores

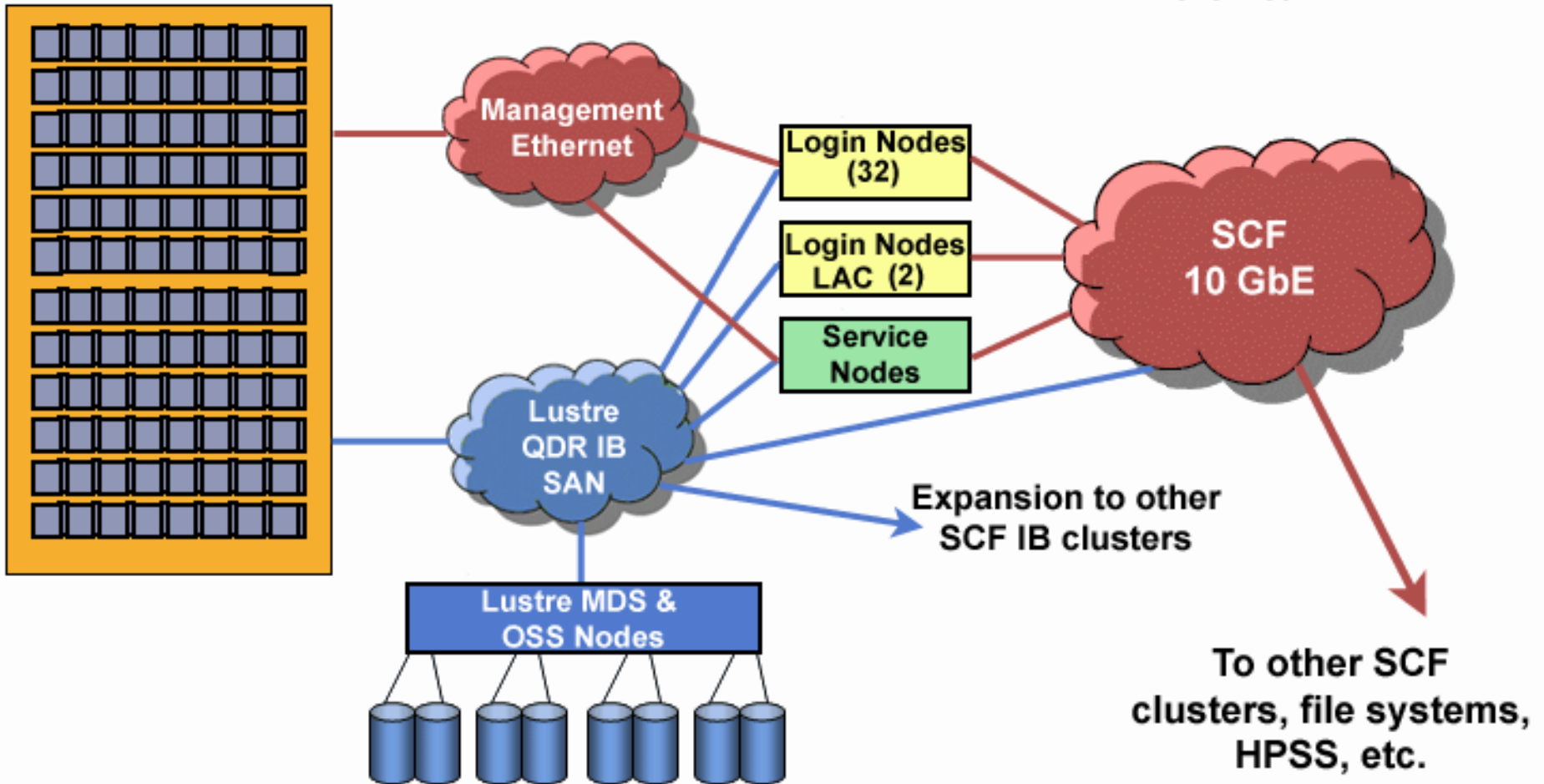
1.6 petabytes of memory

7.9 MWatts total power

# Sequoia

96 racks (12x8)  
98,304 compute nodes  
768 I/O nodes

- BG/Q 5D Torus Fabric
- QDR Infiniband
- Ethernet



An aerial photograph showing a vast, dense layer of white, fluffy clouds stretching across the horizon. The clouds are illuminated from the side, creating soft shadows and highlights. The sky above is a clear, deep blue. The overall scene is serene and expansive.

# **Aside: Cloud Computing**



# The best thing since sliced bread?

- Before clouds...
  - Grids
  - Connection machine
  - Vector supercomputers
  - ...
- Cloud computing means many different things:
  - Big data
  - Rebranding of web 2.0
  - Utility computing
  - Everything as a service

# Rebranding of web 2.0

- Rich, interactive web applications
  - Clouds refer to the servers that run them
  - AJAX as the de facto standard (for better or worse)
  - Examples: Facebook, YouTube, Gmail, ...
- “The network is the computer”: take two
  - User data is stored “in the clouds”
  - Rise of the netbook, smartphones, etc.
  - Browser *is* the OS

GENERAL  ELECTRIC

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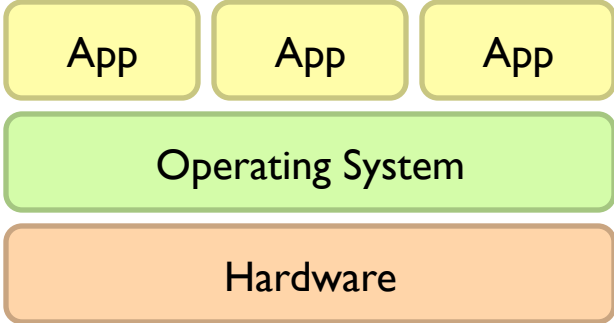
# Utility Computing

- What?
  - Computing resources as a metered service (“pay as you go”)
  - Ability to dynamically provision virtual machines
- Why?
  - Cost: capital vs. operating expenses
  - Scalability: “infinite” capacity
  - Elasticity: scale up or down on demand
- Does it make sense?
  - Benefits to cloud users
  - Business case for cloud providers

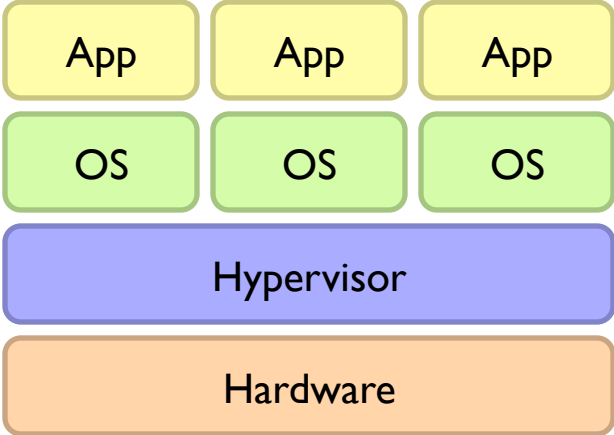
I think there is a world market for about five computers.



# Enabling Technology: Virtualization



Traditional Stack



Virtualized Stack

# Everything as a Service

- Utility computing = Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
  - Why buy machines when you can rent cycles?
  - Examples: Amazon's EC2, Rackspace
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
  - Give me nice API and take care of the maintenance, upgrades, ...
  - Example: Google App Engine
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
  - Just run it for me!
  - Example: Gmail, Salesforce

# Who cares?

- A source of problems...
  - Cloud-based services *generate* big data
  - Clouds make it easier to start companies that *generate* big data
- As well as a solution...
  - Ability to provision analytics clusters on-demand in the cloud
  - Commoditization and democratization of big data capabilities



# Questions?

Remember: Assignment 0 due next Tuesday at 8:30am