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Ultra-high Performance Parallel Big Data Transfer Software for Data-intensive Science

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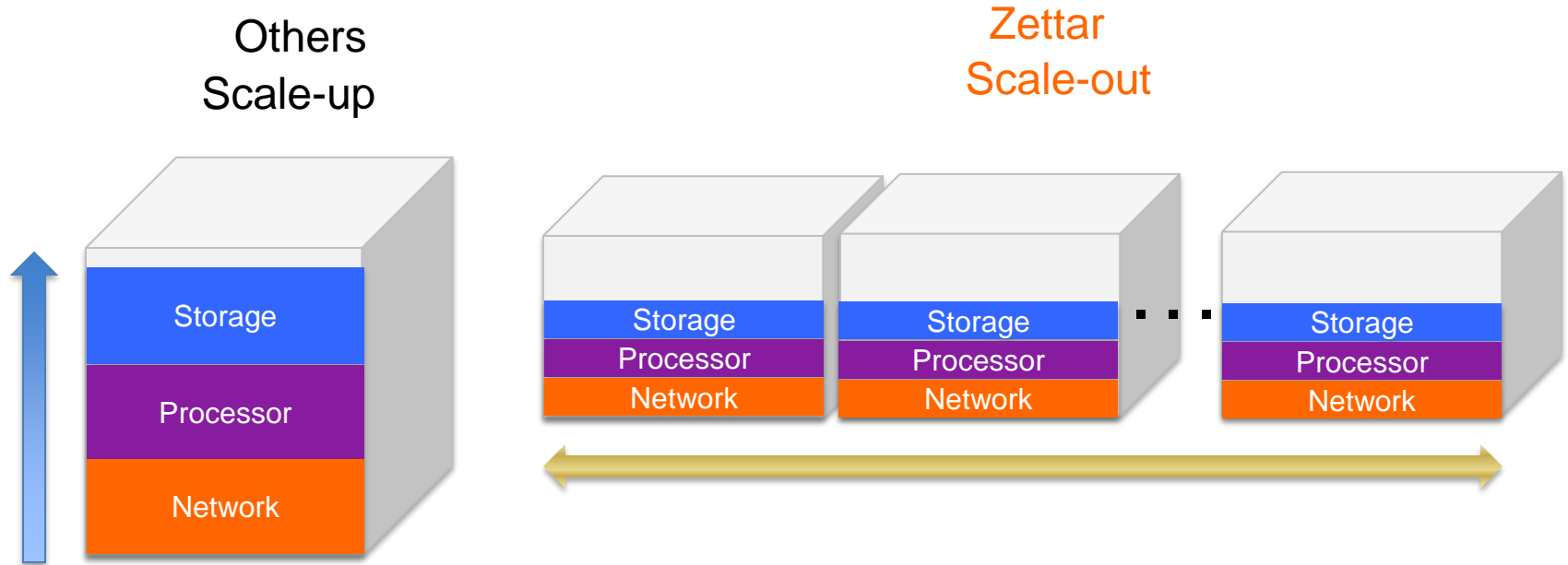
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Scale-up or Scale-out?



- 1 Too much data to store? Scale-out storage
- 2 Too much data to analyze? Scale-out compute
- 3 Too much data to transfer? **Why not scale-out transfer?**

Bounded Throughput, SPOF, Low In-Transit Security



Scalable Throughput, HA, High In-Transit Security



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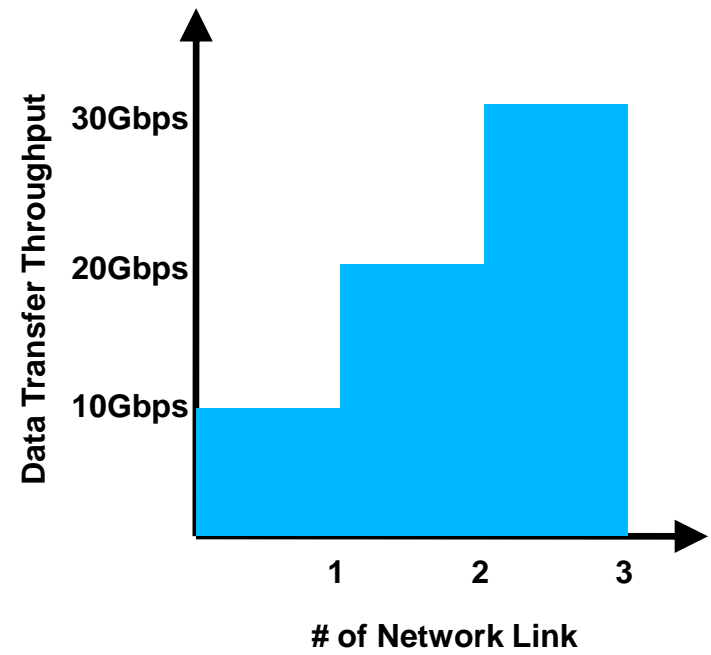
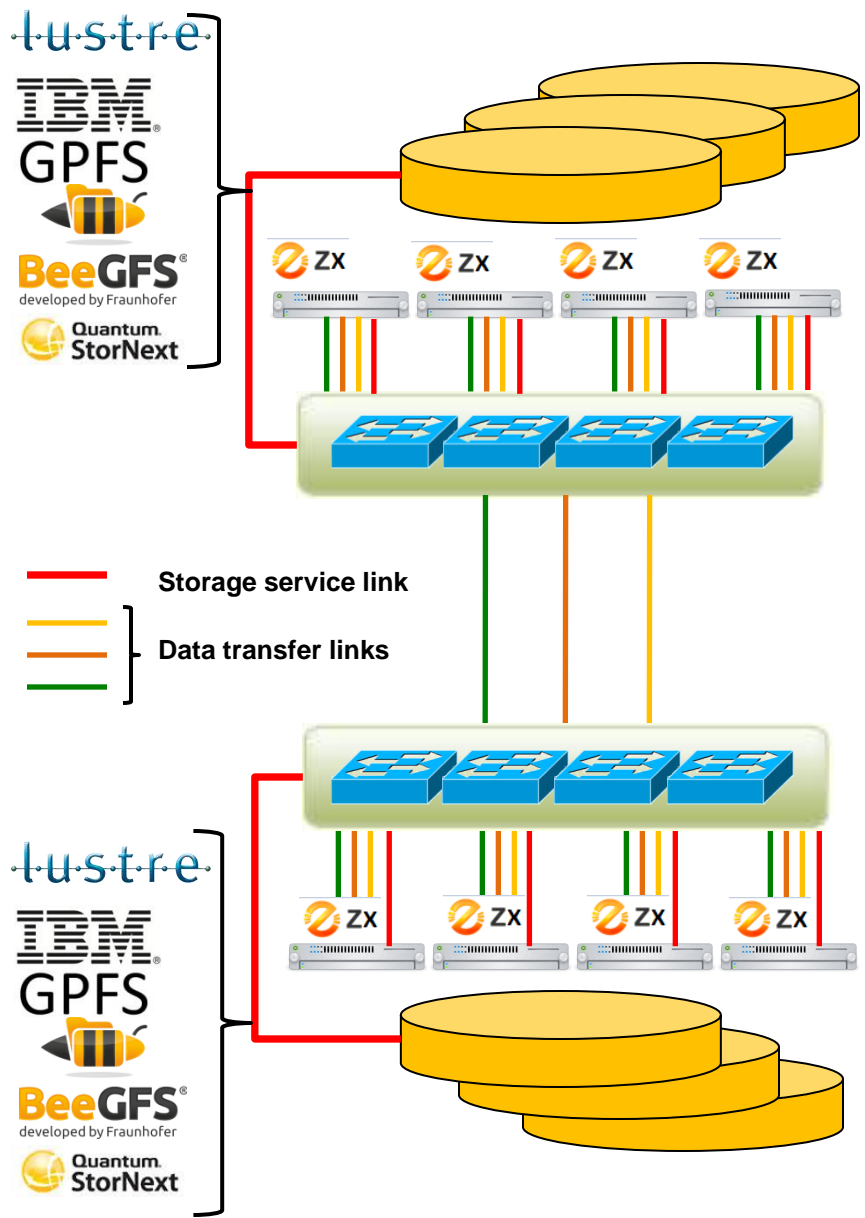
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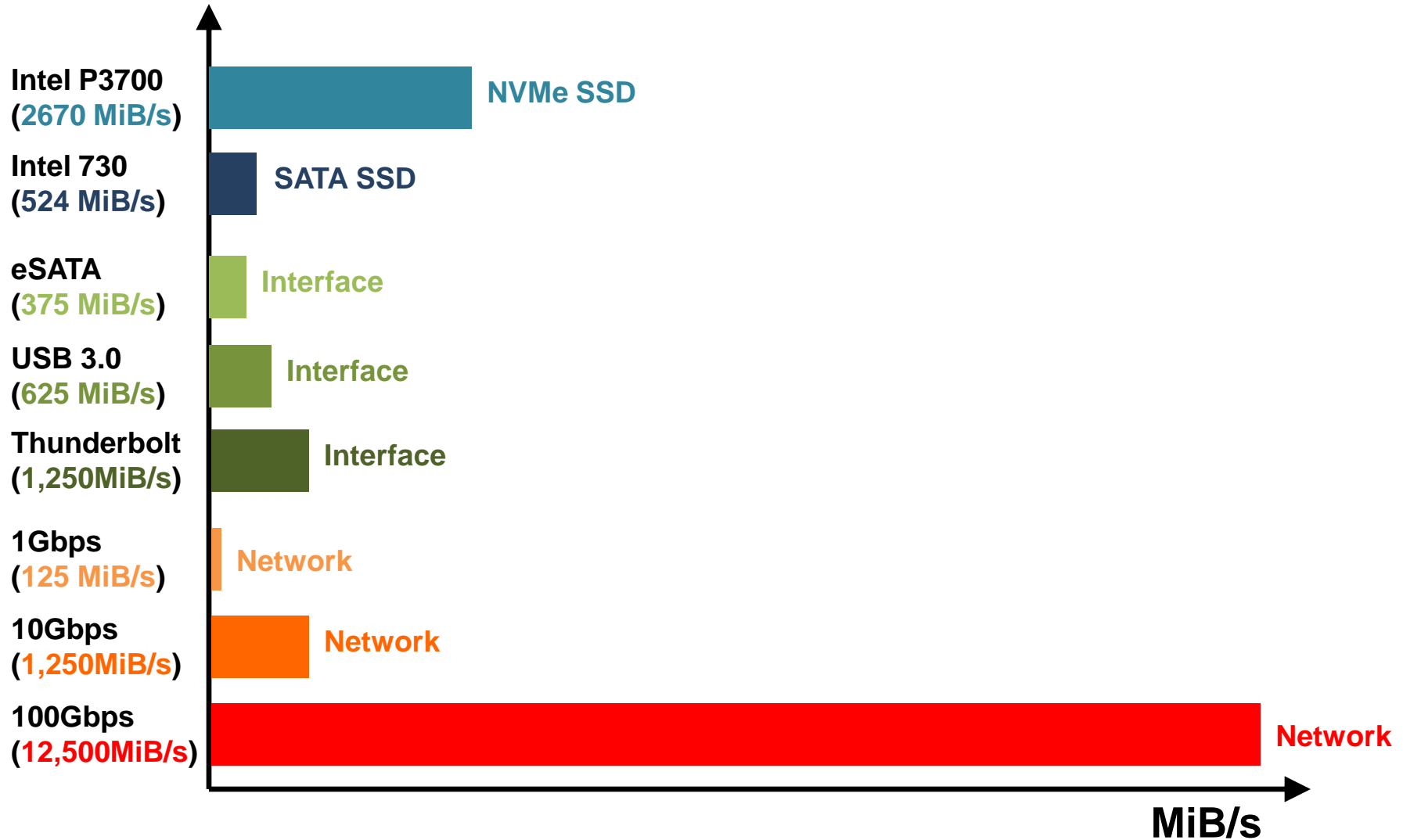
ZX – Boundlessly Scalable Data Transfer Throughput



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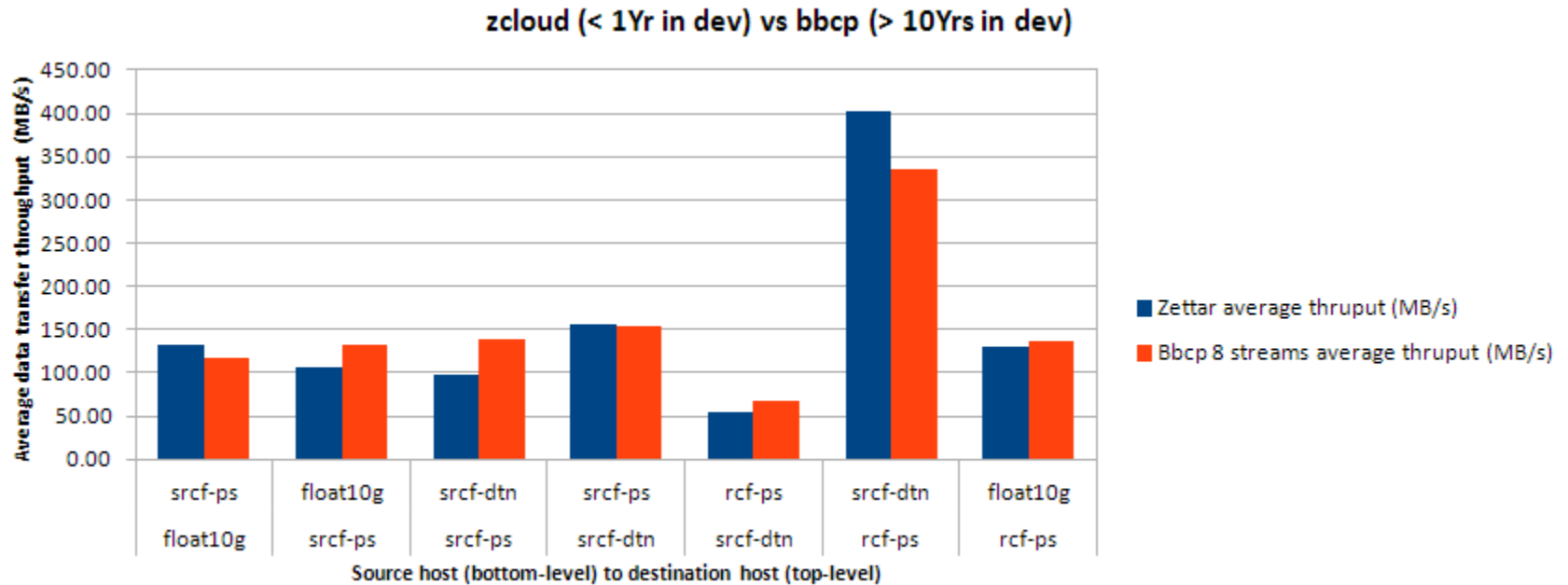


SSD, eSATA, USB 3, Thunderbolt, Network Speeds (MiB/s)



Fast Data Transfers Demand More Than Networks - I

All 7 pairs are 10GbE connected, why the throughput differences?

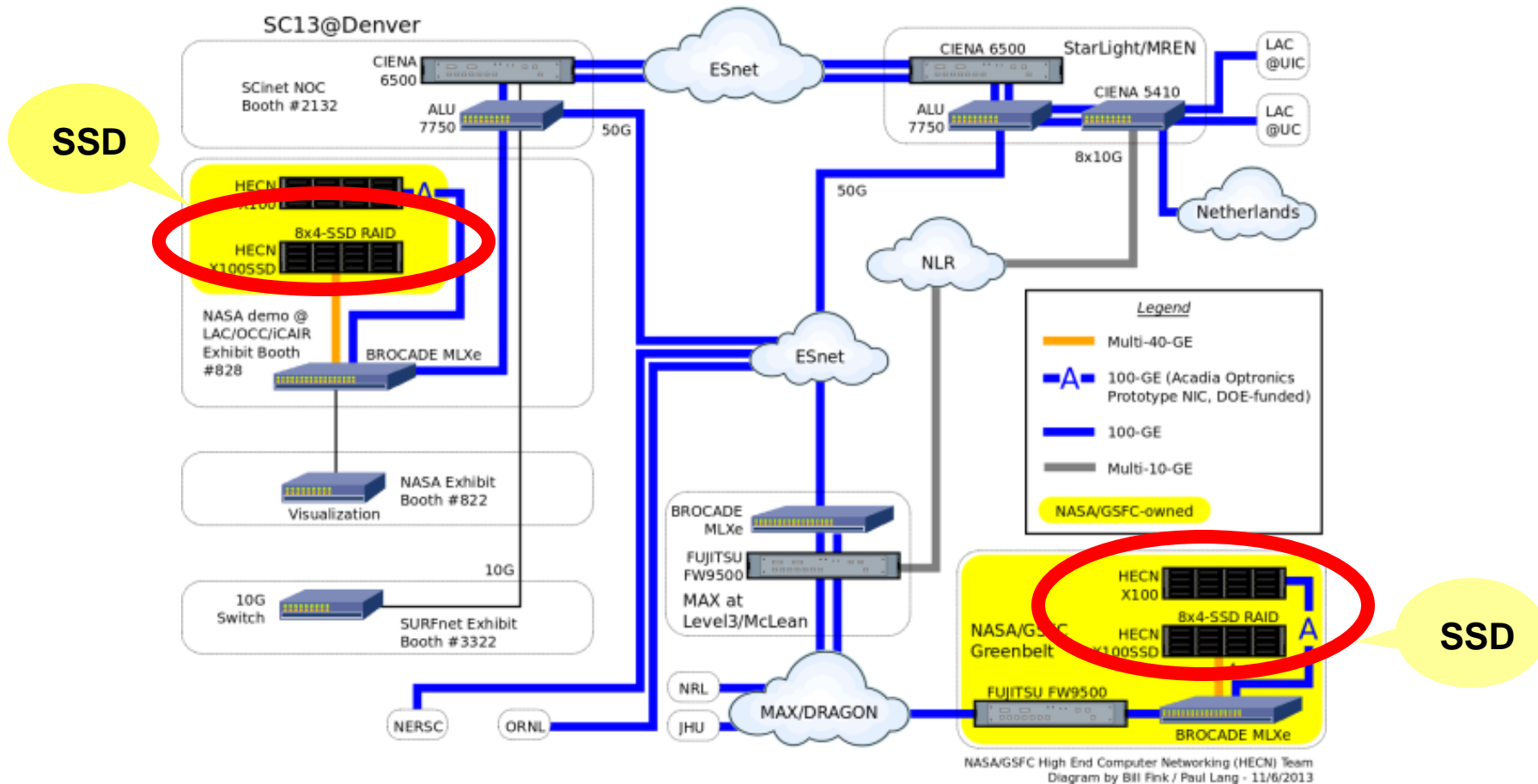


Data source: Dr. Reese, Stanford Research Computing and Dr, Chin Fang, Zettar Inc. 2013

Fast Data Transfers Demand More Than Networks - II

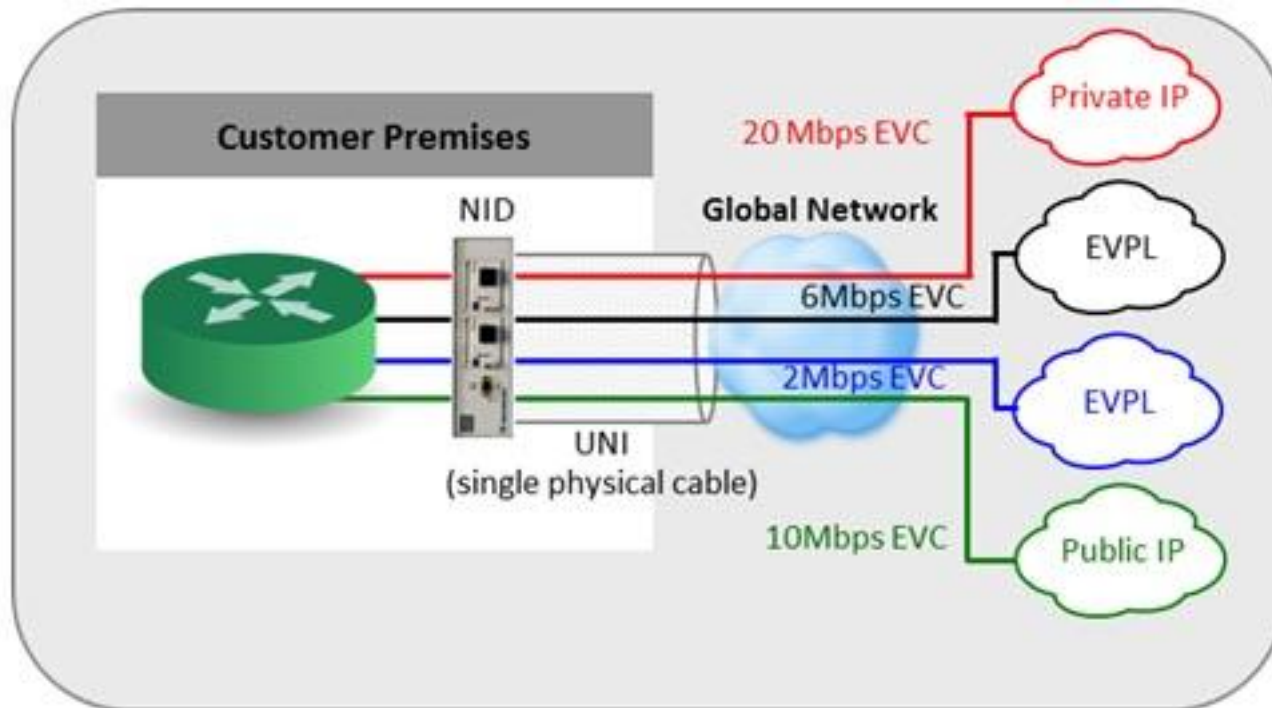
Evaluations/Demonstrations of 100 Gbps Disk-to-Disk WAN File Transfer Performance

An SC13 Collaborative Initiative Among NASA and Several Partners



Verizon EVPL

Ethernet Access



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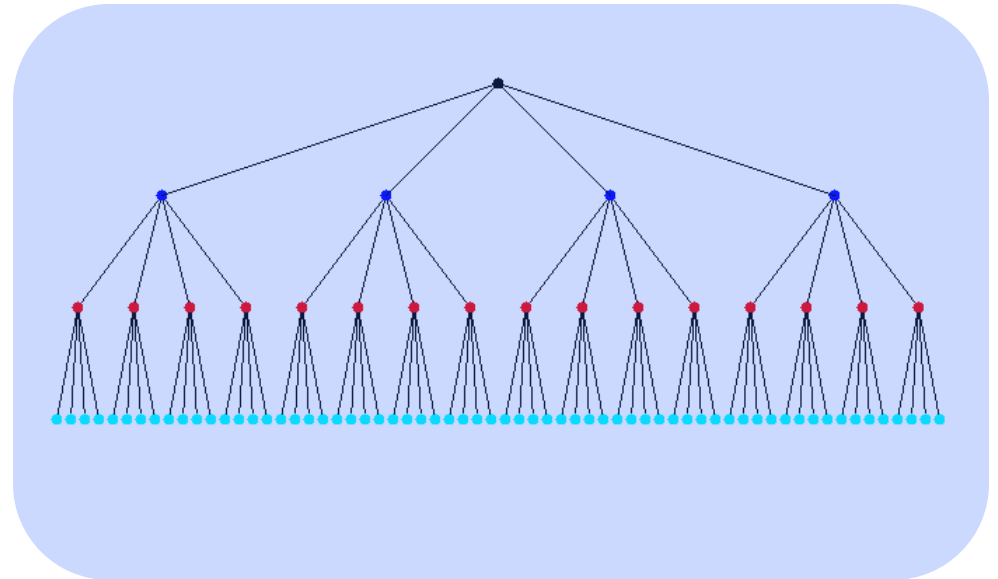
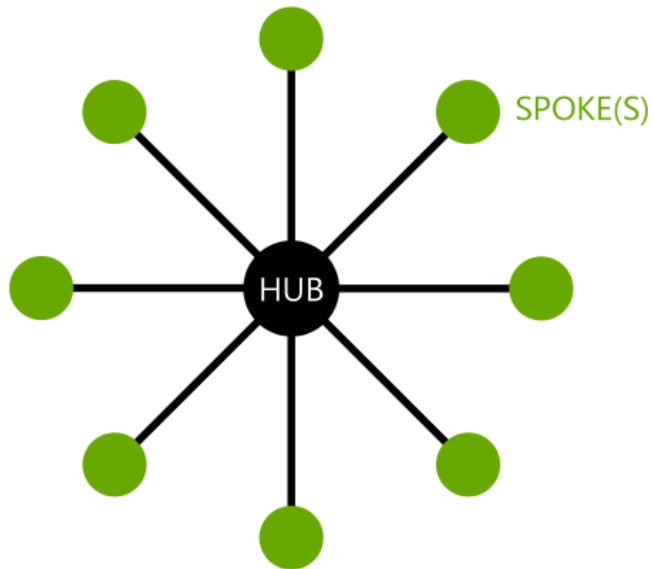
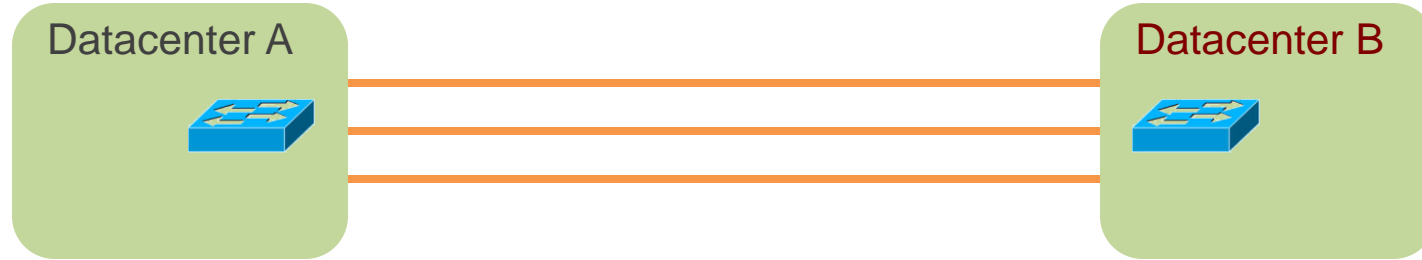
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Data Transfer Patterns



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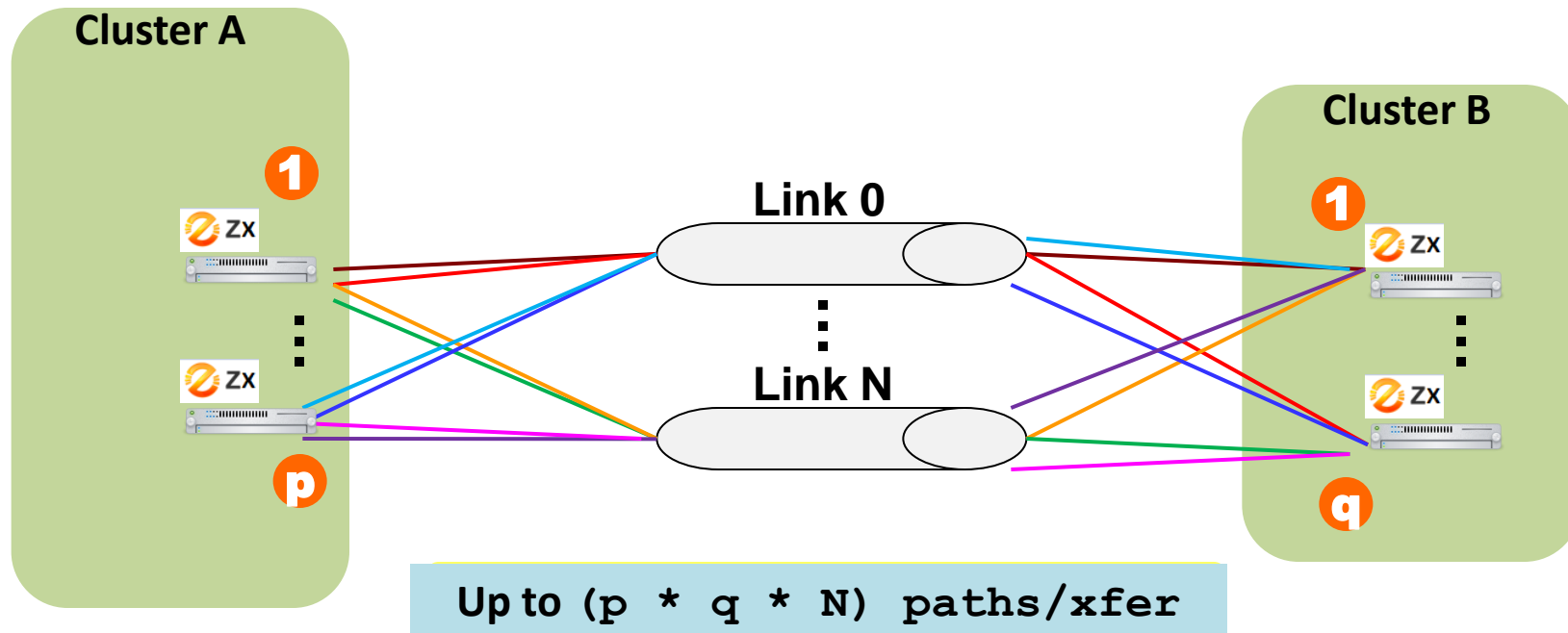
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ZX – User-mode P2P-based Multipath Data Transfers



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Engineering Trade-offs To Meet SC14 Deadline

- 1 KISS to trade for short-term scalability & performance
- 2 Routing complexity to trade for scalability & performance
- 3 Demanding programming model to trade for product longevity

Never compromised: ease-of-use + good OOTB performance

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Design And Implementation Challenges

- 1 Distributed, highly concurrent, *asynchronous* programming model
- 2 Resources for testing and verification. Debugging too!
- 3 Human factors, e.g. communication

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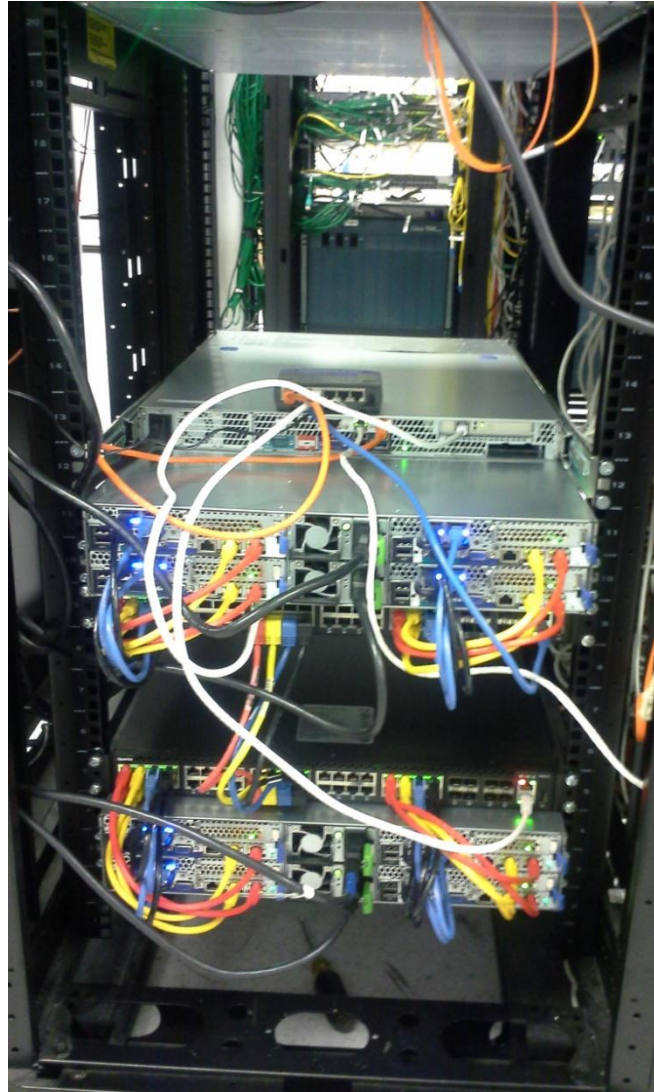
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Supercomputing 2014 Live Demo Setup



The Same Setup, Now Hosted In SLAC Building 50



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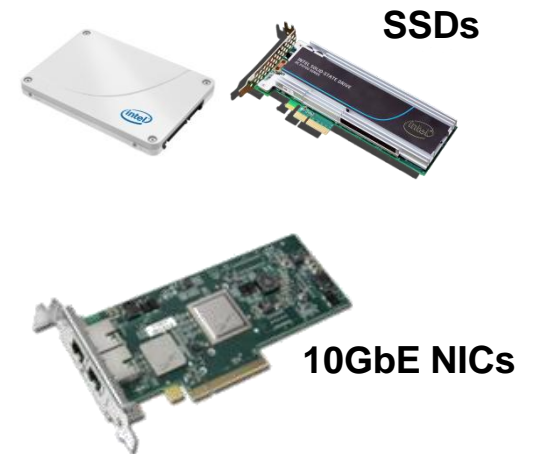
Pilot Deployment At SLAC

- 1 Campus data transfer to start
- 2 LOSF cases?
- 3 Mix-sized and large file cases?

Lets use existing hardware as much as possible



Recommended



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Upcoming SLAC Publications



- 1** **SLAC-TN-15-001**: Using NVMe Gen3 PCIe SSD cards in high-density servers for high-performance big data transfers over multiple network channels. [Published on Feb. 24, 2015](#)
- 2** A study of the Linux XFS and parallel file system overheads on the data transfer performance using high-density servers equipped with NVMe PCIe SSD devices.
- 3** More to come...

SC15: Surpass The Best LOSF Throughput Over 100Gbps

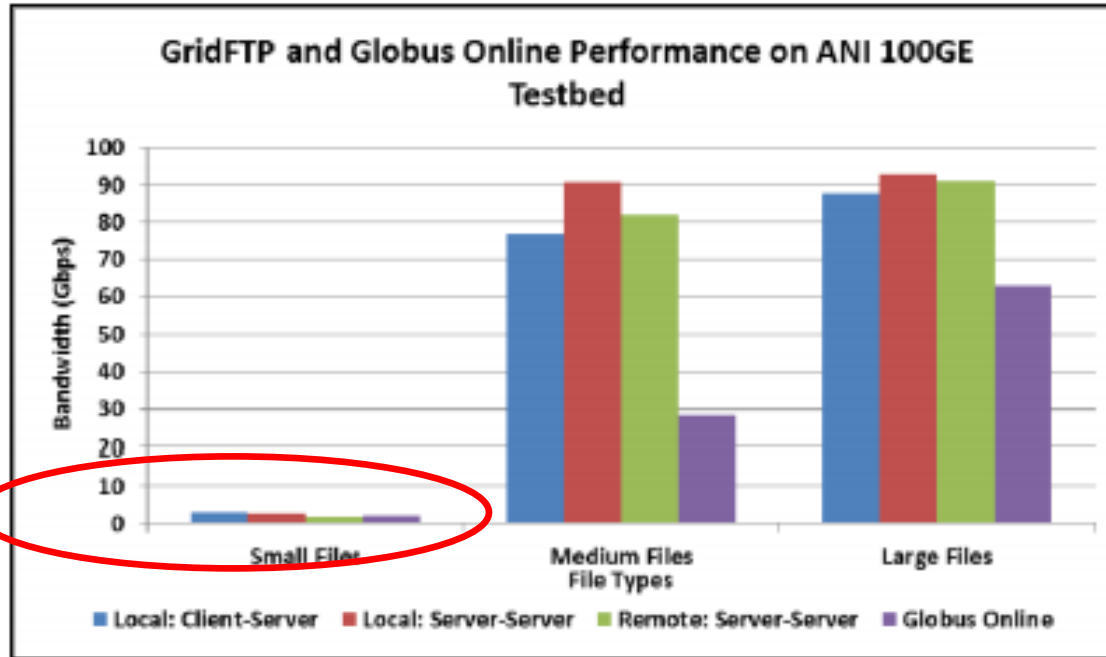


Figure 6: GridFTP & Globus Online performance comparison

Source: Optimizing Large Data Transfers over 100Gbps Wide Area Networks, 2013

SC15: Transferring Big Data ~100 Gbps With A 2U Server

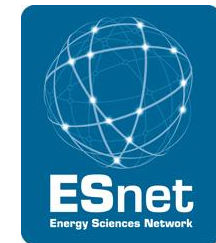


QuantaPlex T41SP-2U (4-Node)

- Intel Haswell CPUs
- 10Gbps NICs
- NVMe SSDs



100Gbps



100Gbps

40GE Server Design Kit

- ✓ SandyBridge E5 Based Servers:
(SuperMicro X9DRi-F or Dell R720)
Intel E5-2670 with C1 or C2 Stepping
128GB of DDR3 1600MHz RAM
- ✓ Mellanox VPI CX-3 PCIe Gen3 NIC
- ✓ Dell / Mellanox QSFP Active Fiber Cables
- ✓ LSI 9265-8i, 8 port SATA 6G RAID Controller
- ✓ OCZ Vertex 3 SSD, 6Gb/s
(preferably enterprise disks like Deneva 2)
- ✓ Dell – Force10; Z9000 40GE Switch

Server Cost = ~ \$15k

Picture credit: Caltech



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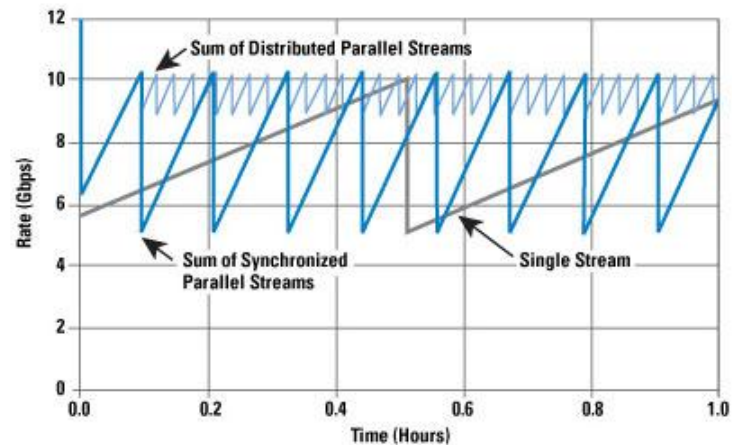
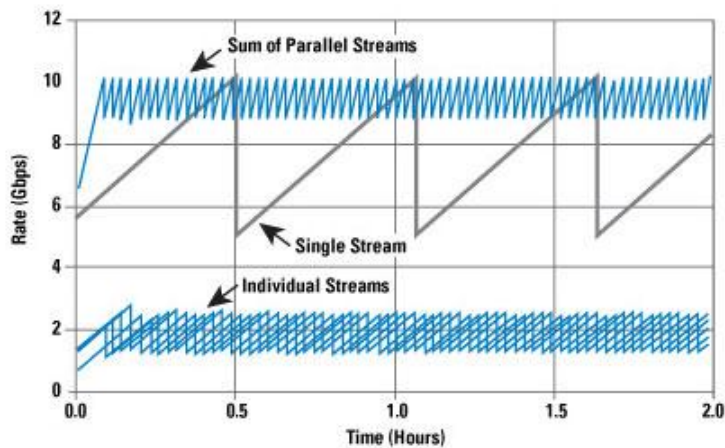
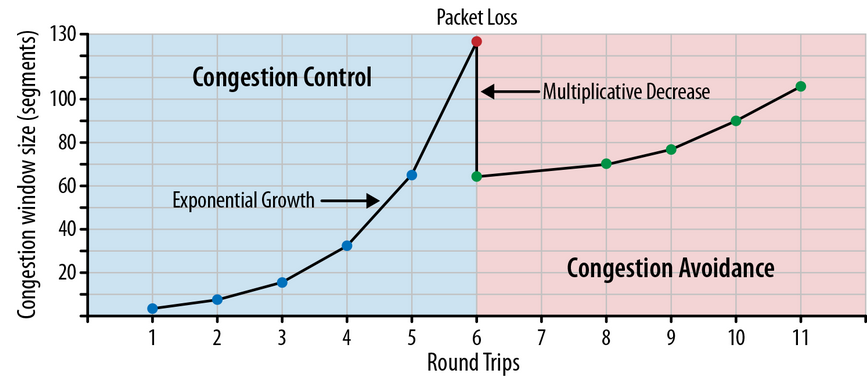
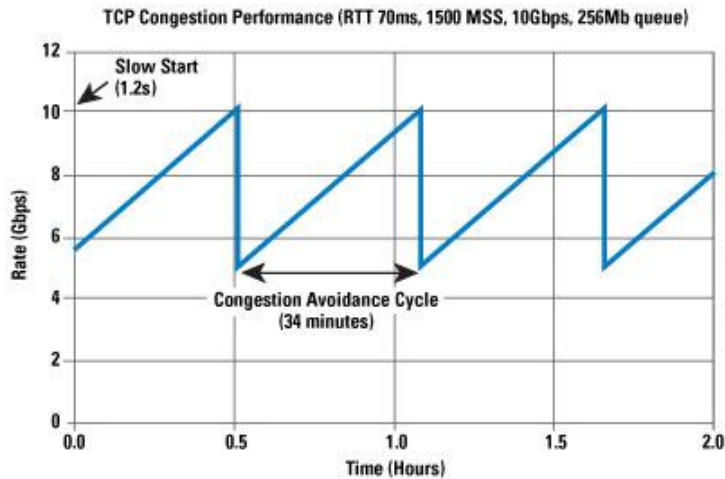
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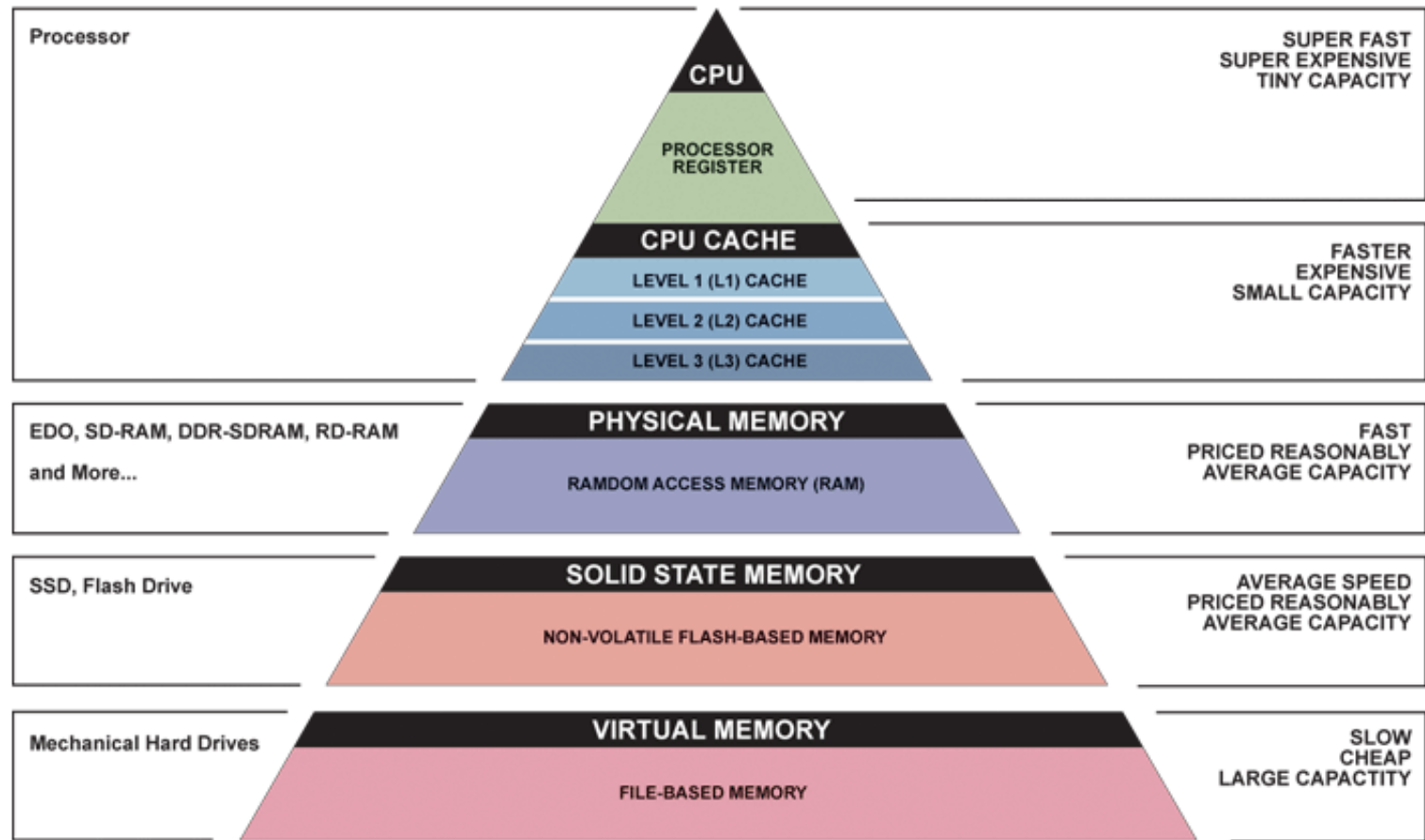
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High-Speed TCP Data Transfers - Background



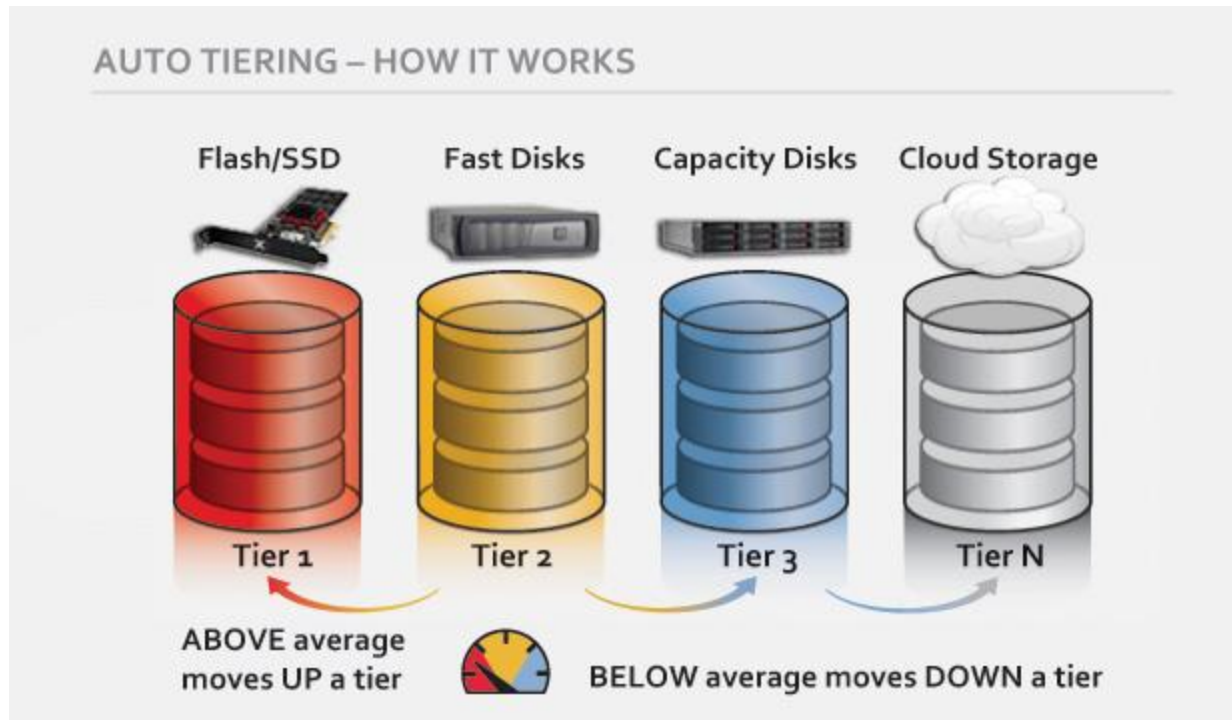
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Computer Memory Hierarchy Diagram



▲ Simplified Computer Memory Hierarchy
Illustration: Ryan J. Leng

Apply Storage Auto-Tiering To High-speed Data Transfers



Picture credit: DataCore Software