

# The Magic and Mystery of In-Memory Apps

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# Magic and In-Memory Applications

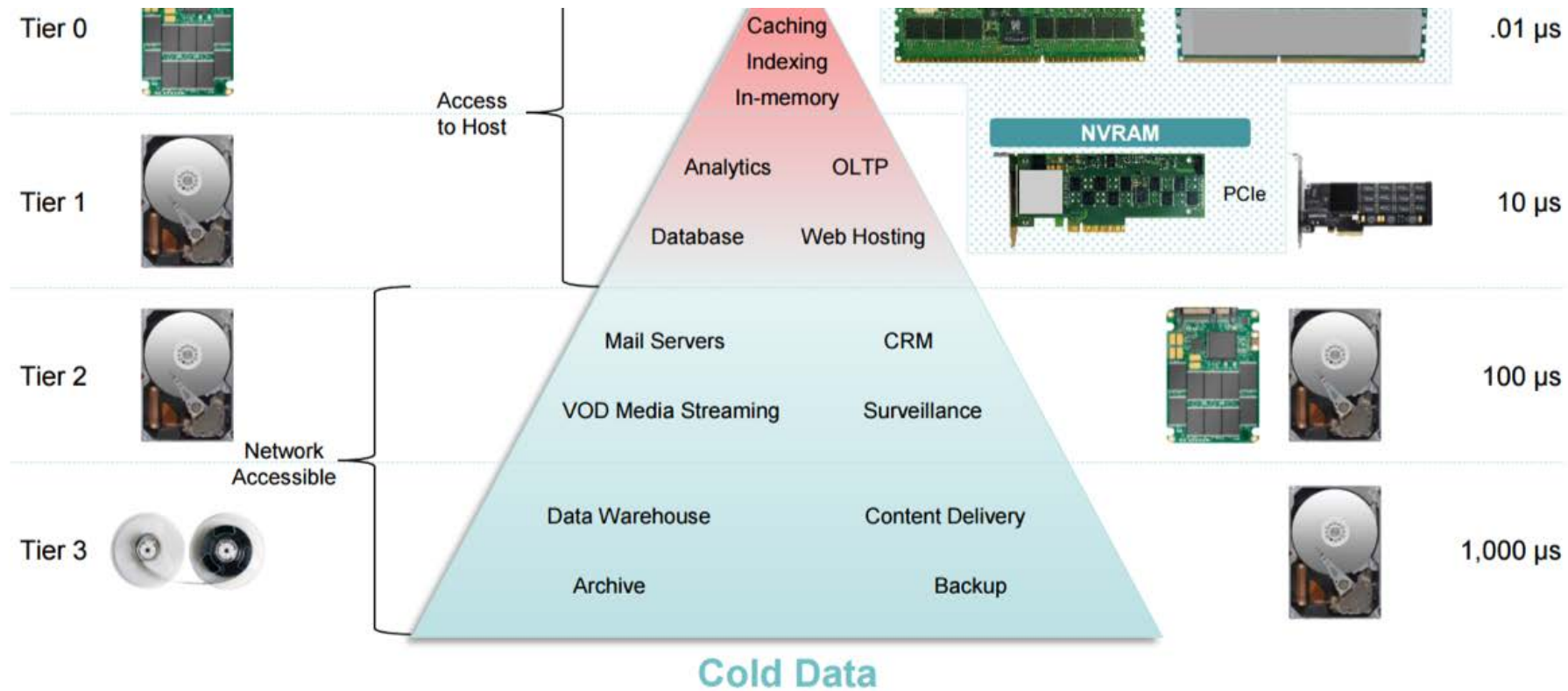
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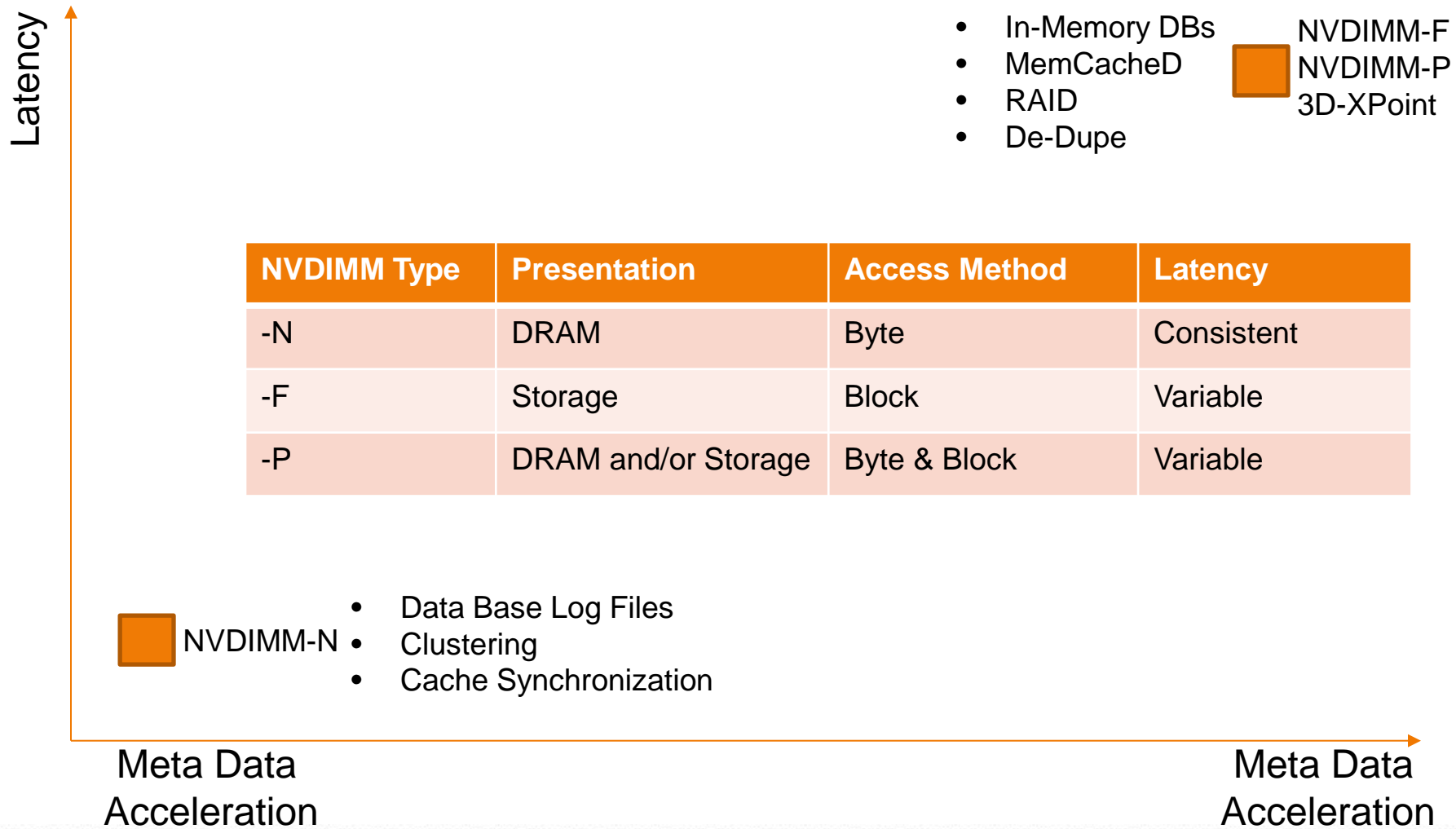
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# ► The Evolution of Storage Tiers



NVM will Accelerate Both Meta-Data & Application Data

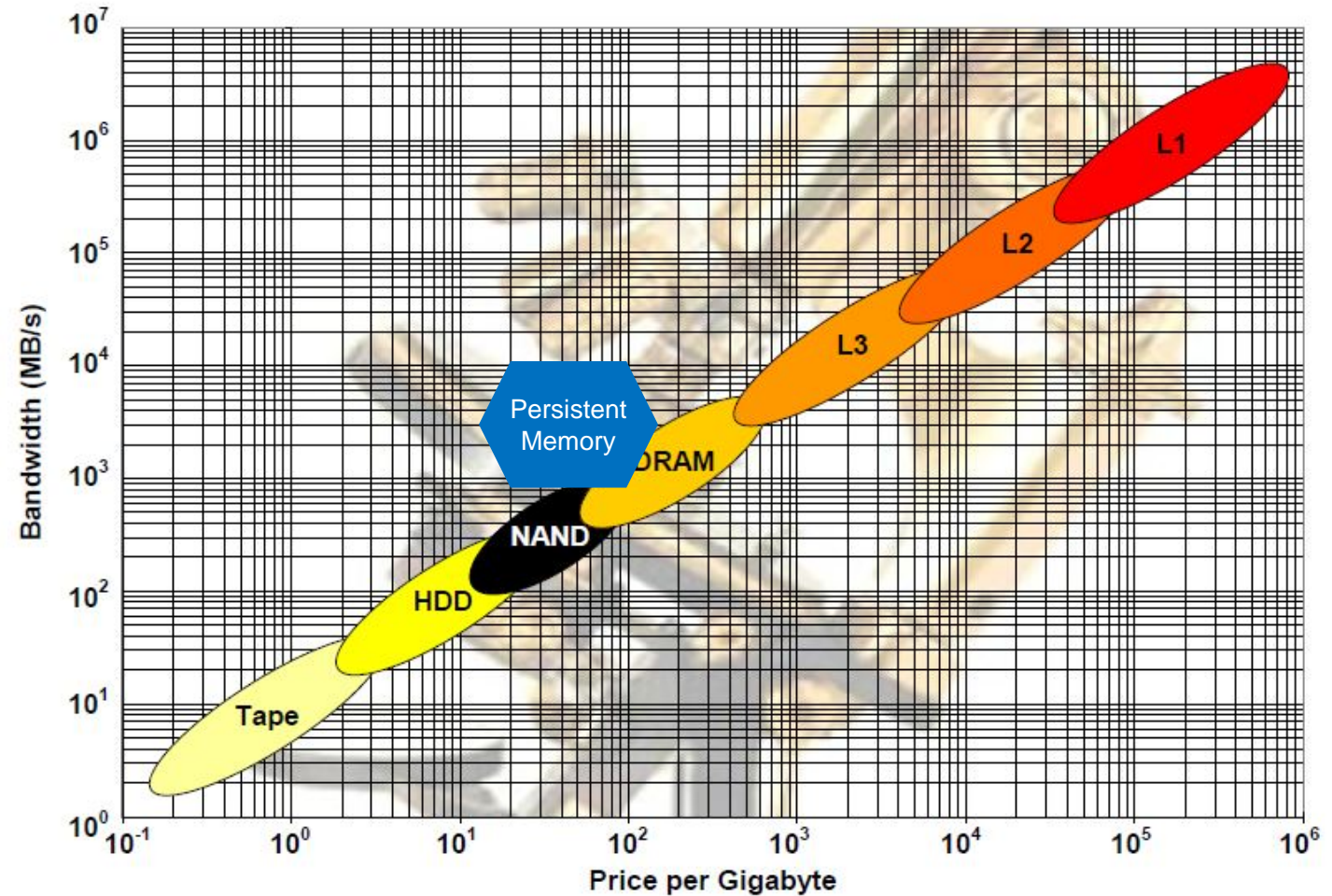
# ► NVDIMM Acceleration Segments





## ► NVM-DIMM – fills growing DRAM-NAND gap

- In Memory Applications are driving a new class of Storage Class Memory (SCM)
- Latency and persistence are as important as absolute bandwidth
- Byte and Block address flexibility is vital to scaling In-Memory Applications (IMA)



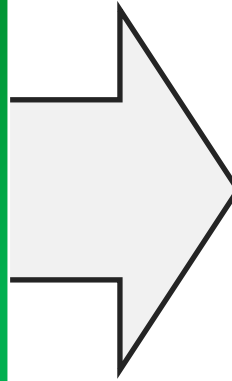
Source: Objective Analysis, 2015

# ► The Future of Business Intelligence

## Bandwidth & Capacity



- Old performance was data rates (GB/s) & capacity (TB)
- Store Everything, Sort Later
- Higher Cost, Slow Decisions



## Latency & Persistence



**Hewlett Packard**  
Enterprise



- Real-Time is Business Critical
- Major Players Driving NMV
- Store the Vital & Analyze now

Latency and Persistence are the new value currency for real-time applications & storage



# ► Procter & Gamble - Real-Time Reporting & Business Decisions



**400%**

Increase in decision  
support systems  
performance

**35,000**

Retail, supply chain  
and business users  
supported

**55%**

Reduced database  
from 36TB to 16TB  
all in memory

P&G achieved faster, more reliable reporting and analytics

# McLaren Group – Faster Formula 1

- Faster and more consistent lap times
- Improved down force for better grip
- Real-time telemetric analysis
- More World Championships

A photograph of several McLaren Formula 1 cars on a racetrack. The cars are primarily silver with red accents and feature various sponsor logos including Vodafone, Mobil, Mercedes-Benz, and BOSS. The driver's names, Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button, are visible on the cars. The background is a blurred racetrack.

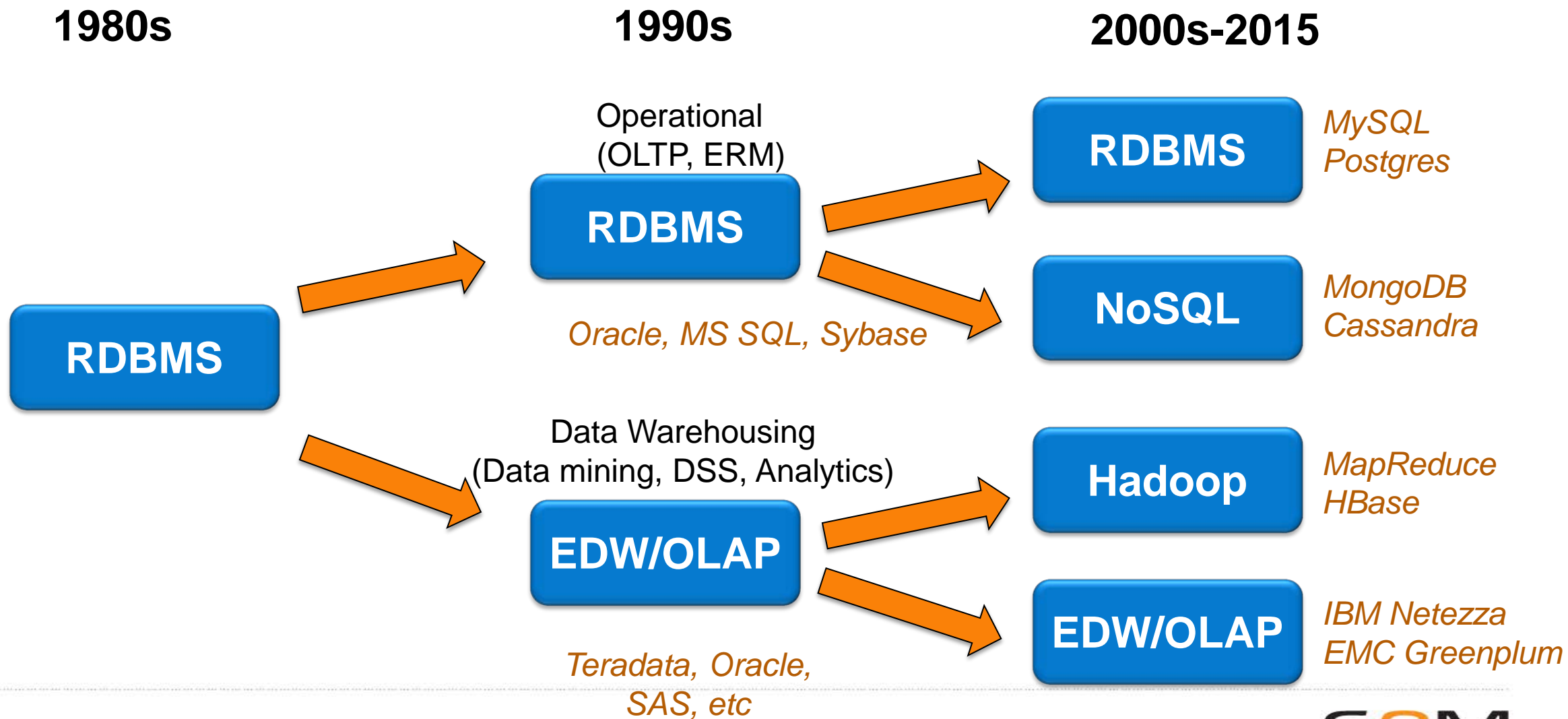
**McLaren**

# The Art and Science of In Memory Applications

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# ► Evolution of Databases & Analytics





## ➤ Ongoing Evolution & Specialization...

Real-time,  
Online  
Operations

**RDBMS**

**NoSQL**

OLTP, ERM  
Purchases, clicks  
User profiles, reviews  
Content Management

Batch,  
Offline  
Analytics

**EDW/OLAP**

**Hadoop**

User Segmentation  
Daily offer recommendation  
Ad serving engine  
Fraud Detection

Structured Data,  
Relational

Unstructured,  
Schema-less



## ➤ Ongoing Evolution & Specialization...

Real-time, Online Operations	<b>RDBMS</b>	<b>NoSQL</b>	OLTP, ERM Purchases, clicks User profiles, reviews Content Management
Real-time analytics	<b>In-Memory Database</b> <i>Hana, Exalytics, MemSQL, etc</i>	<b>In-Mem Data Processing</b> <i>Spark, Hadoop in-mem</i>	Financial risk/value analysis Fraud Prevention Real-time recommendations Profitability analysis
Batch, Offline Analytics	<b>EDW/OLAP</b>	<b>Hadoop</b>	User Segmentation Daily offer recommendation Ad serving engine Fraud Detection
	Structured Data, Relational	Unstructured, Schema-less	

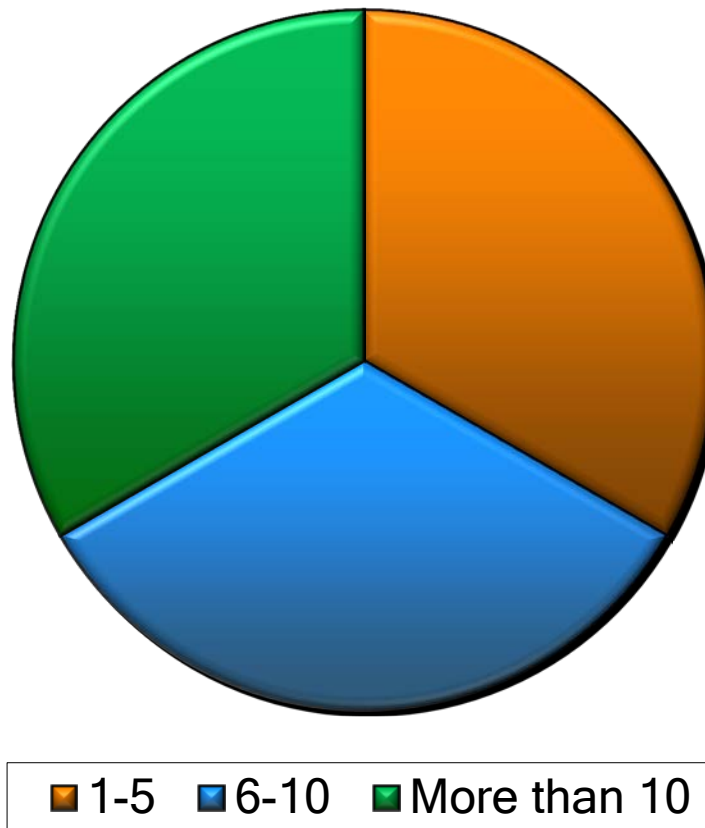
## Multiple Tools Within A Customer

	Customer Profiles (G2M Survey)					
	\$500M+ Retail	\$500M+ Pharma	\$1B+ Manufacturing	\$1B+ Pharma	\$1B+ SaaS	\$250M+ Healthcare
Hadoop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MongoDB	Yes	No plans		Yes	Yes	No plans
Spark	Yes	No plans	Considering	Yes, in 6 months	Yes	Yes, in 6 months
SAP HANA	No plans	Yes	Considering	Yes	No plans	Considering
Microsoft Hekaton	No plans	No plans	Considering	Yes, in 6 months	No plans	Yes, in 12 months
memSQL	No plans	No plans	Considering	Yes, in 6 months	No plans	Yes, in 12+ months
Oracle Exalytics	No plans	No plans	Yes	Yes	No plans	Yes, in 12+ months

“Specialized Tools for Specific Needs”  
(Or “Too Many Data Islands”?)

# ► Multiple In-Memory Applications within a Customer

How many in-memory applications do you (or will you) run?



# Key Enabler of In-Memory Computing: Today's Technologies

	Time to get data
CPU L1 cache	0.001 usec
DRAM	0.01 usec
NAND	100 usec
HDD	10,000 usec



On a human scale...

If I complete 50 operations in 50 seconds, then have to wait for data...

DRAM = getting food from the fridge (10's of seconds)

NAND = taking the day off

HDDs = hiking the Pacific Coast Trail (months)

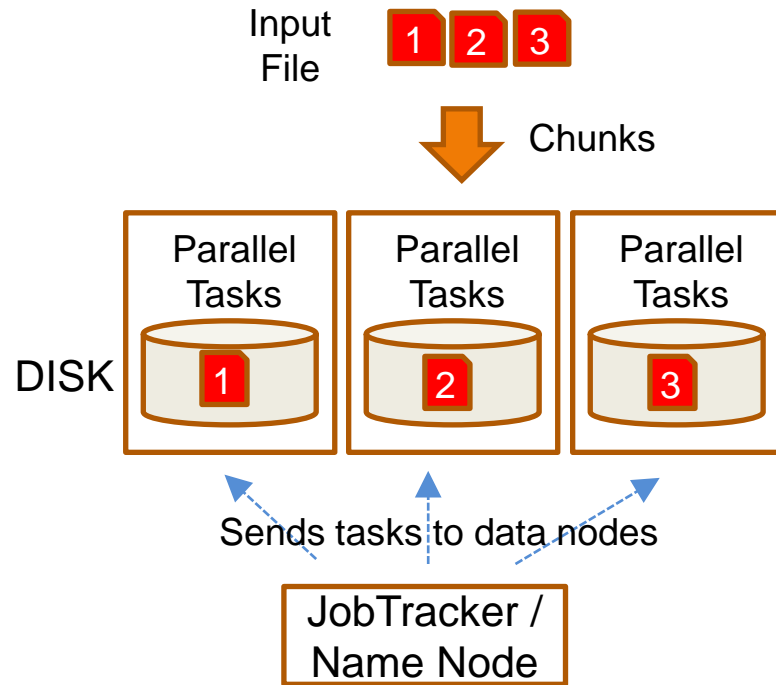
## ► Performance Comes at a Price

Storage	Time to get data	Price / GB	Cost for 100TB	# 2U Servers Req'd to Hold 100TB*
DRAM	0.01 usec	<b>\$5.60</b> 32G DIMM for \$179 ea, Samsung Registered DDR4, M393A4K40BB0-CPB0	<b>\$560,000</b> 3125 x 32G DIMMs	130
NAND	100 usec	<b>\$0.35</b> 2.5" 1TB SSD, \$350 ea, Intel 540S	<b>\$35,000</b> 100 x 2.5" 1TB SSD	5
HDD	10,000 usec	<b>\$0.03</b> 3.5" 4TB SATA HDD for \$120 ea, Seagate ST4000DM000	<b>\$3,000</b> 25 x 3.5" 4TB SATA HDD	2-3

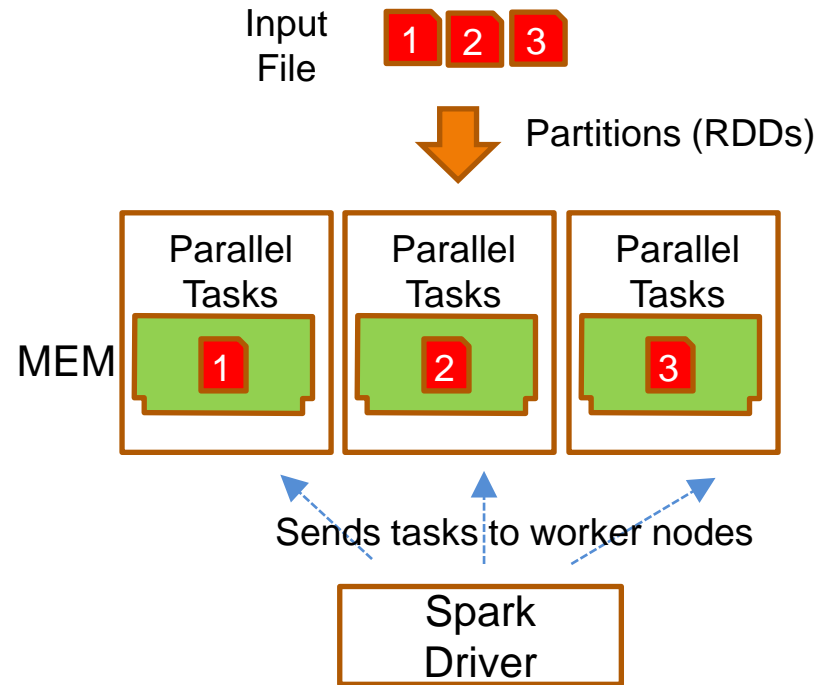


# Location of Data & Tasks

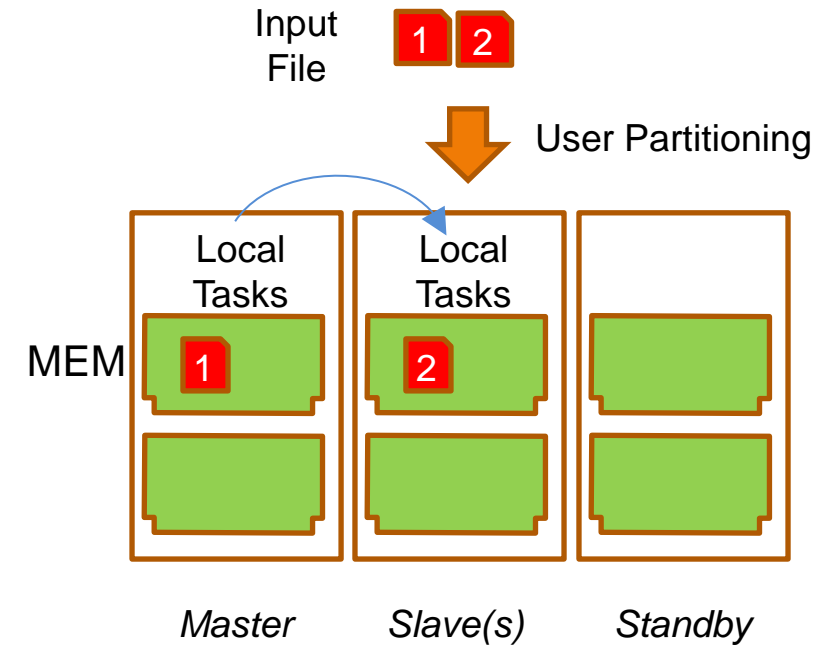
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## Spark / Tachyon

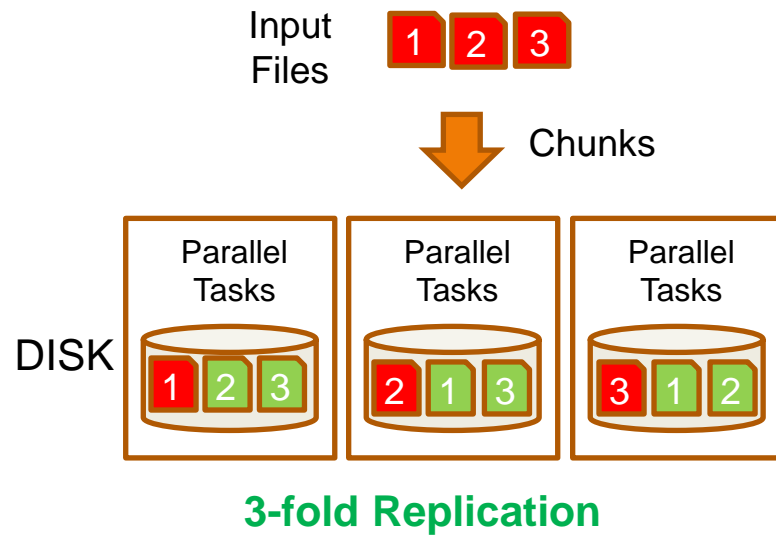


## SAP Hana

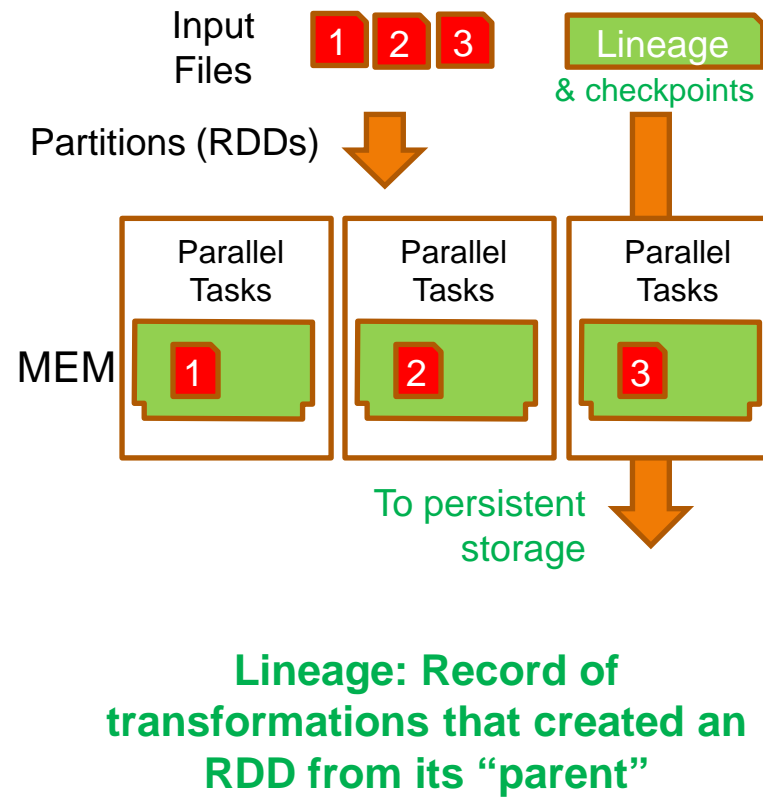


# ► Surviving Failures

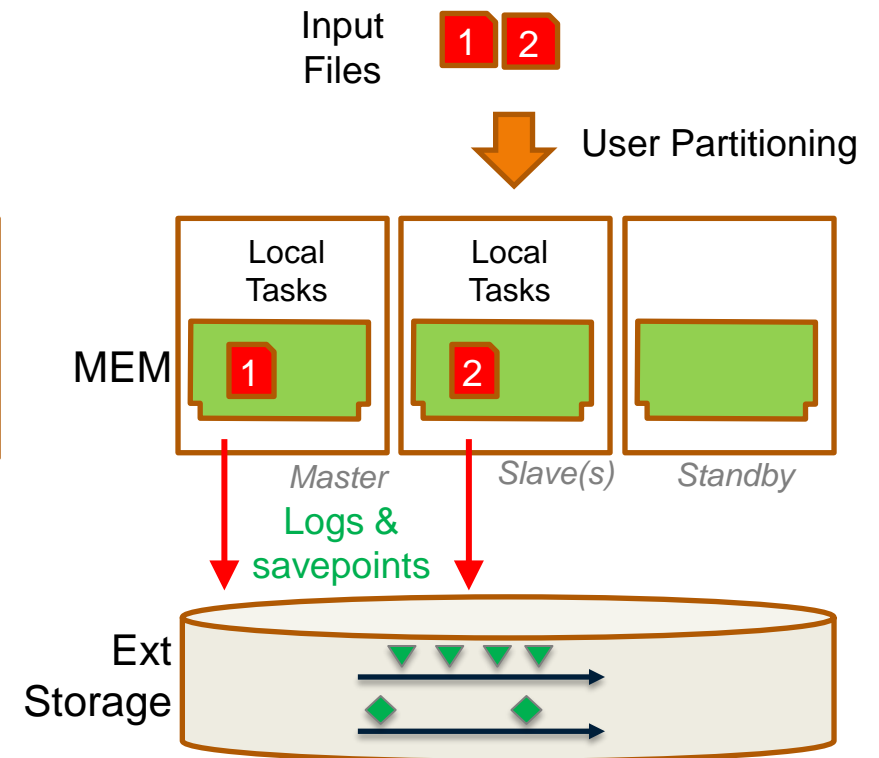
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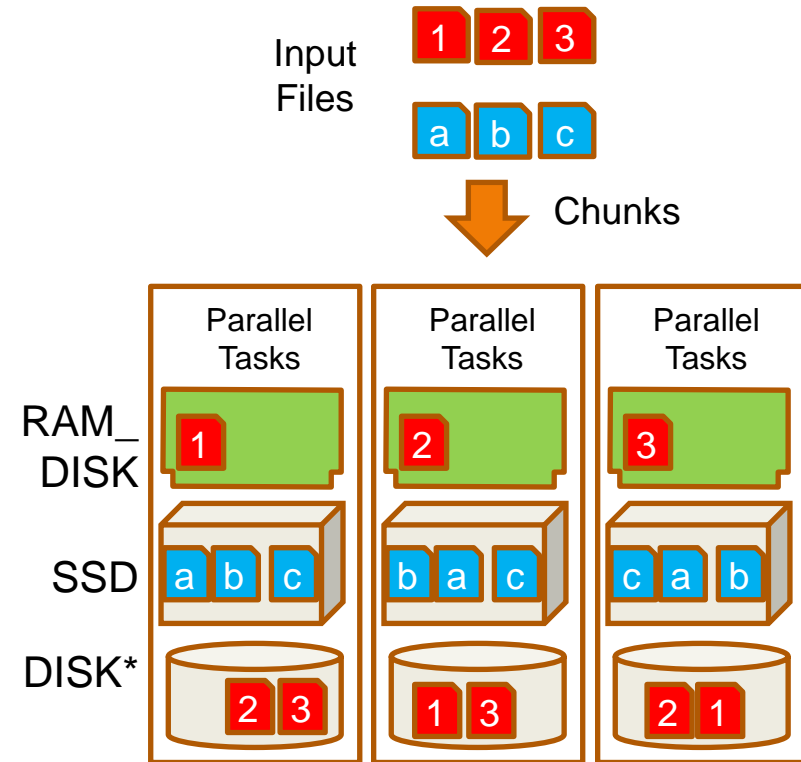


## SAP Hana



# ➤ No such thing as 100% In-Memory

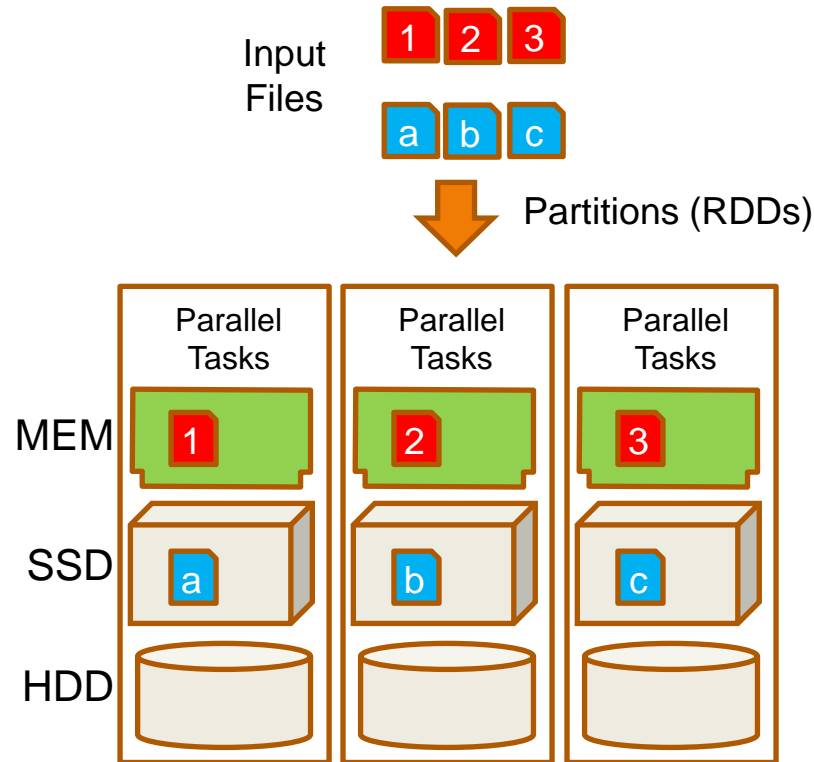
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### HDFS2.0 Heterogeneous Storage Storage Types & Policies

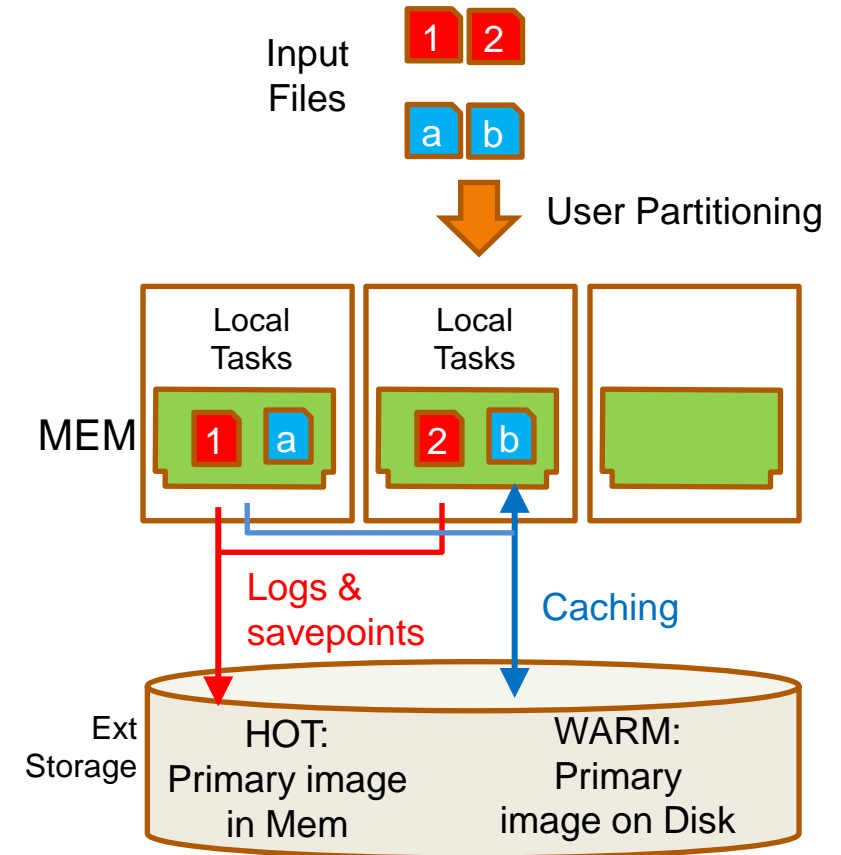
Files/directories assigned policies  
(e.g. Lazy\_persist, All\_SSD)

## Spark / Tachyon



### Tachyon Tiered Storage (for Off\_heap Spark RDDs) Auto or manual

## SAP Hana



### SAP HANA Dynamic Tiering Data spec'd as either Hot or Warm

# Customer In-Memory Computing Trends (based on G2M survey)

## SIZE

- **Cluster sizes similar to big data solutions**
  - ½ respondents > 500 servers, 1/3 at >50
  - And not just for Spark
- **With datasets that fit available DRAM capacity**
  - 1/3 at >100TB, 1/3 at >10TB

## GROWTH

~Half with 10-20%+/yr dataset growth

**Majority use/want tier-ing when dataset > DRAM**

Only minority would rely on scale-out only

**Mixed on whether tier-ing should be transparent or not**

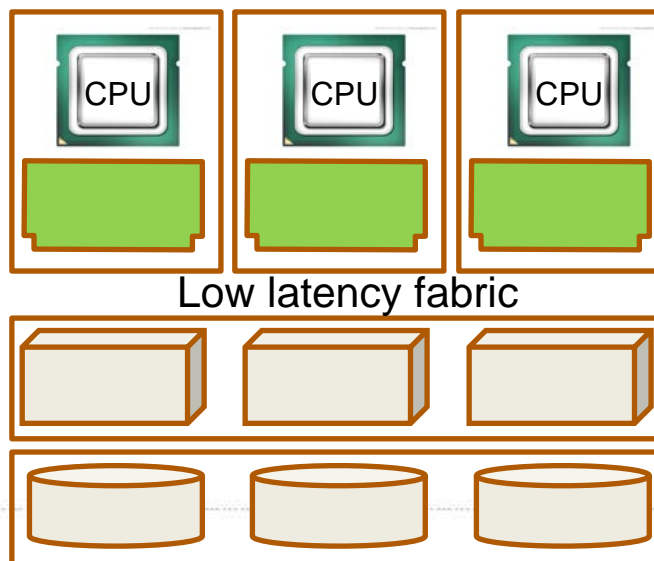
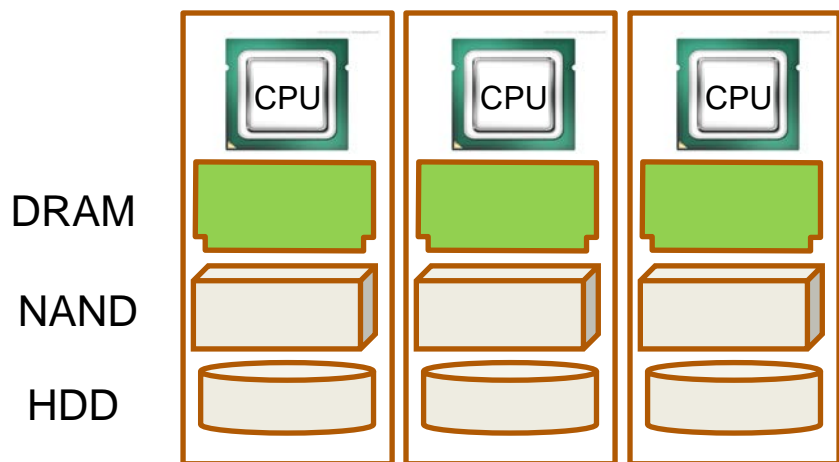
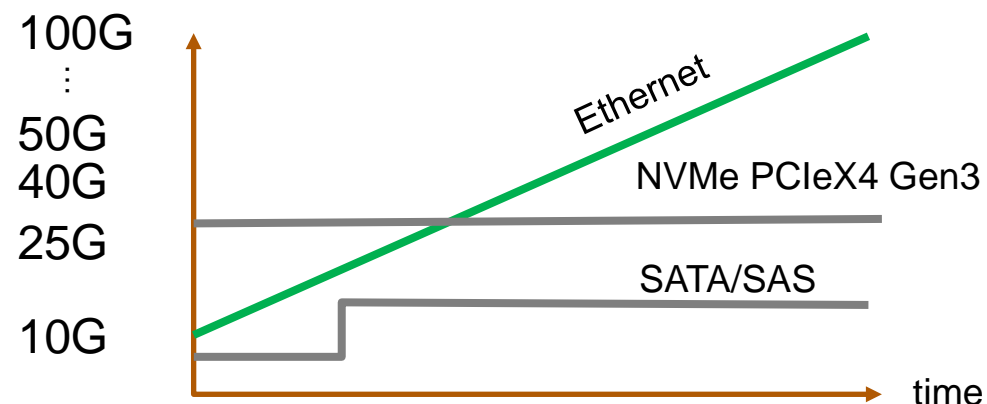
Some want it transparent to developer; Rest want developer to have control via policy

## EFFICIENCY

- ~Half believe *“my storage capacity forces me to have more compute capacity than I need”*
- **Majority have or have plans for consolidated data silos**
  - OLTP+IMDB, Spark+Hadoop, NoSQL+Hadoop

# Emerging Technologies: High-speed Fabrics & Disaggregated Storage

- ▶ Data Center Ethernet speeds ramping faster than drive speeds: 10/25/40/50/100G
- ▶ RDMA-over-Ethernet technologies
- ▶ Multi-host PCIe fabrics emerging (e.g. OCP Lightning) albeit w/ less scalability



- ▶ Ethernet or PCIe based fabric
- ▶ DAS-like performance Local or SAN
- ▶ Map any drive to any host
- ▶ Scale each storage tier separately from compute
- ▶ Early proof points: EMC DSSD, SanDisk InfiniFlash, DriveScale



# ► Emerging Technologies: Storage Class Memory

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NV-DIMM -N	Y	10ns+	\$10+ <small>If 2X+ DRAM</small>	\$1,000,000+	260 <small>16G NVDIMM, supercap</small>
3DXP DIMM		100ns Rd 500ns Wr	\$2+ <small>If 1/3+ DRAM</small>	\$190,000+	~50 <small>assuming 96 or 128GB DIMMs</small>
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# ► In-Memory Computing Predictions / Trends

1. 3DXP DIMMs used for “**Jumbo Memory**” – value in lower \$/GB vs DRAM, not persistence
  - Mix of 3DXP & DRAM DIMMs in server nodes
  - Tier-ing will be tuned to accommodate slower writes & reads
  - Spark, In-mem Hadoop, MemSQL, Hana, etc
  - NV-DIMM –P might have similar adoption but predictable latency is a concern
2. Increasing use of NVMe SSDs as “**Far Memory**” – as next tier (below DRAM/3DXP)
  - Priority on \$/TB, not persistence. Resiliency still via Lineage, logs, etc
  - Remove “last-inch” of latency via BLKB (block-layer/kernel bypass) stacks (e.g. EMC libflood, SPDK)
  - Implemented as a fabric-disaggregated cluster to enable efficiency & independent scalability
  - Longer-term, HW-based paging of near-memory to far-memory
3. Use of “**Persistent Memory**” for In-Mem computing will evolve
  - For 3DXP & NV-DIMM –N
  - Industry progress on pmem file systems (Linux, Windows)
  - Does persistence replace or complement lineage/logs?
  - Need low latency replication across nodes (PMoF)

## ► Summary

- ▶ In-memory solutions growing in adoption – driven by real-time analytics
- ▶ Co-existence of structured (e.g. Hana) and unstructured frameworks (e.g. Spark)
- ▶ Confluence of big-data & real-time analytics drives increasing adoption of tier-ing
- ▶ Newer technologies on horizon will continue to create disruptions to in-memory computing architectures

