Storage Performance Benchmarking: Part 2 – Solution Under Test

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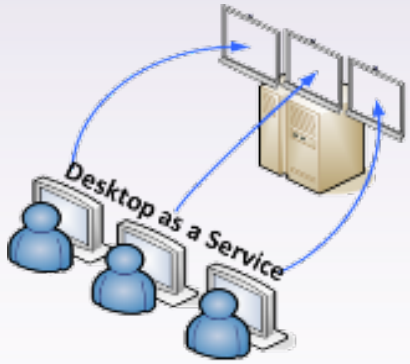

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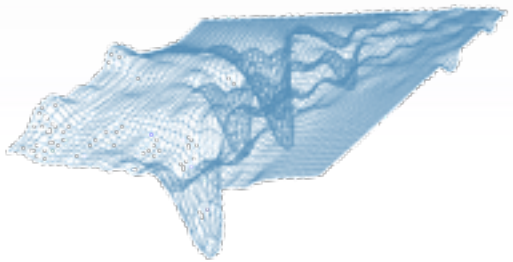


VDA

DATABASE

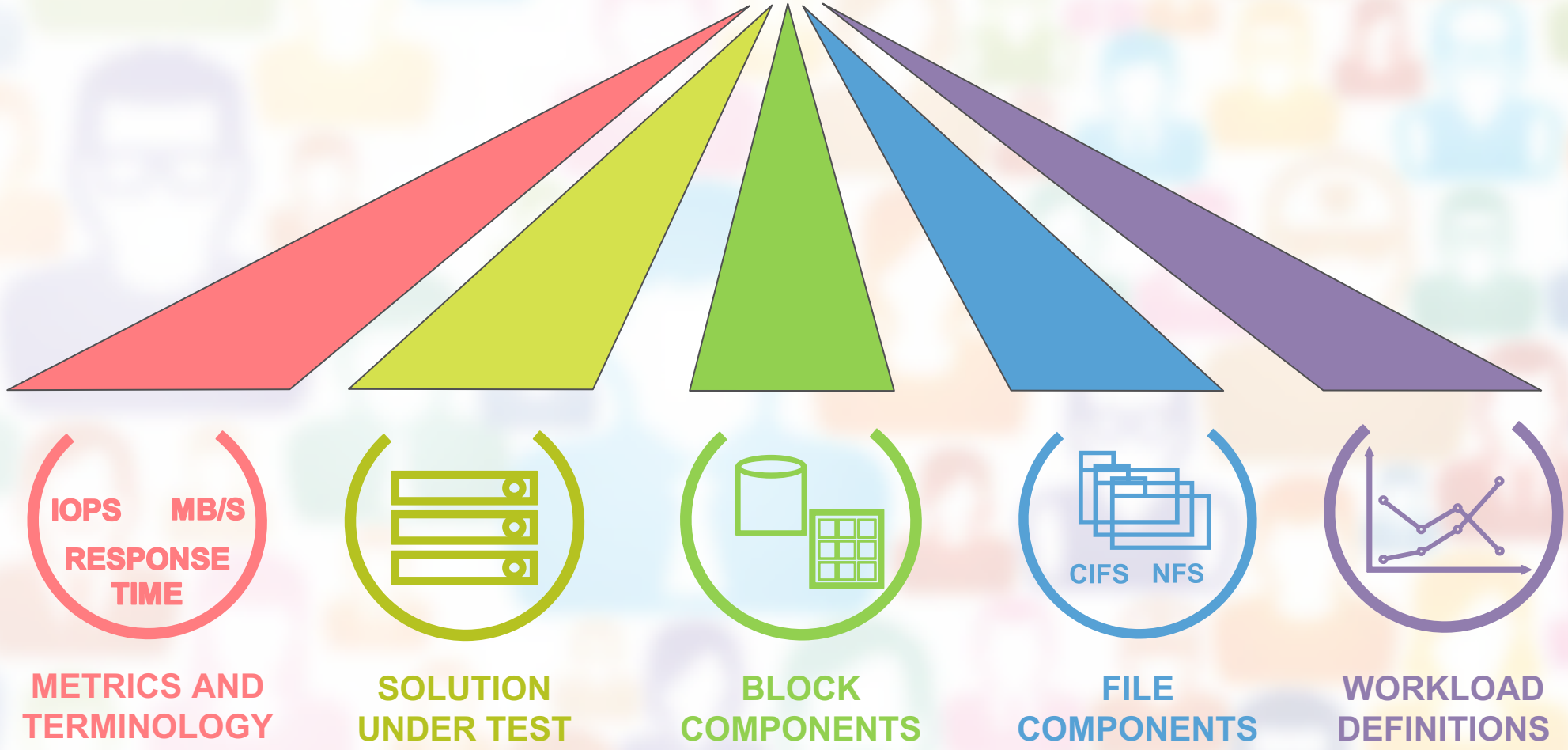
Protocol Support

- Any Transport Protocol
  - TCP/IP, FC, iSCSI, etc.
- Any Network Protocol
  - NFS, SMB, etc.
- Uses POSIX file operations

Metrics

- Business metrics counts
  - software builds, virtual desktops, video streams, databases
- Response time

Storage Performance Benchmarking



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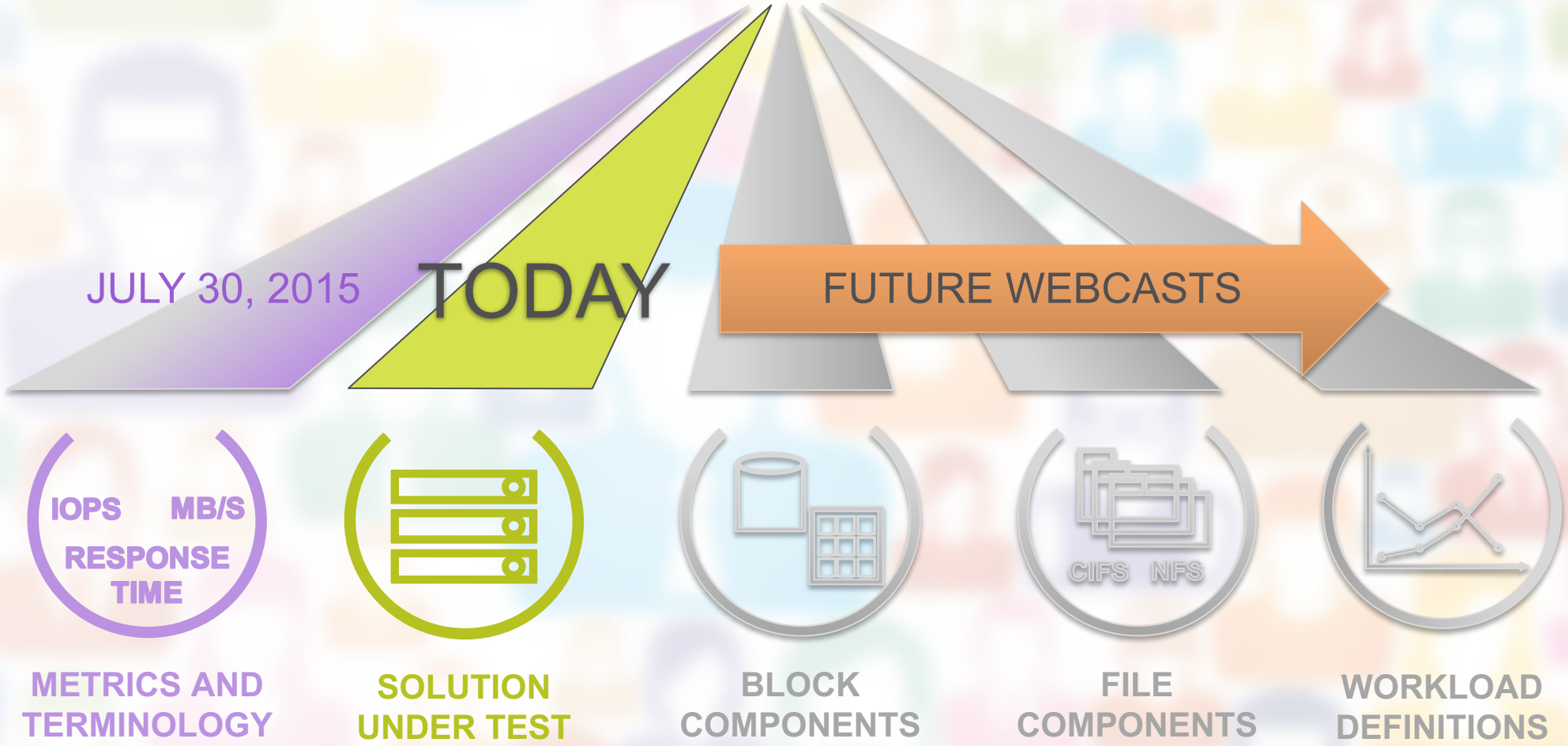

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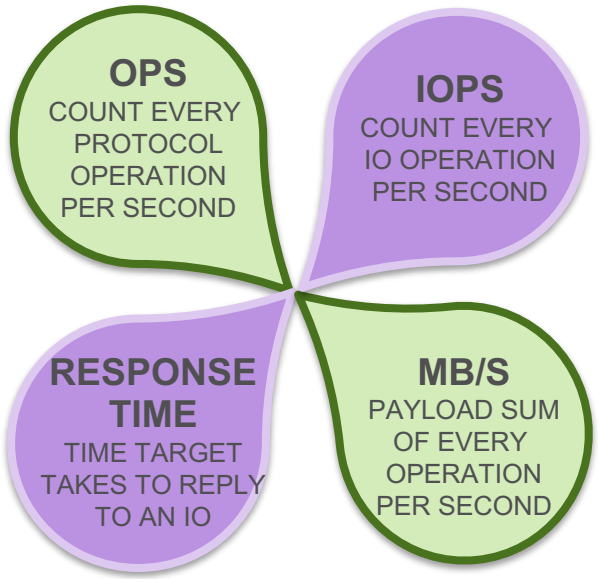
Metrics and Terminology Review

- Part 1: http://www.snia.org/forums/esf/knowledge/webcasts (Both PDF and PPT available)



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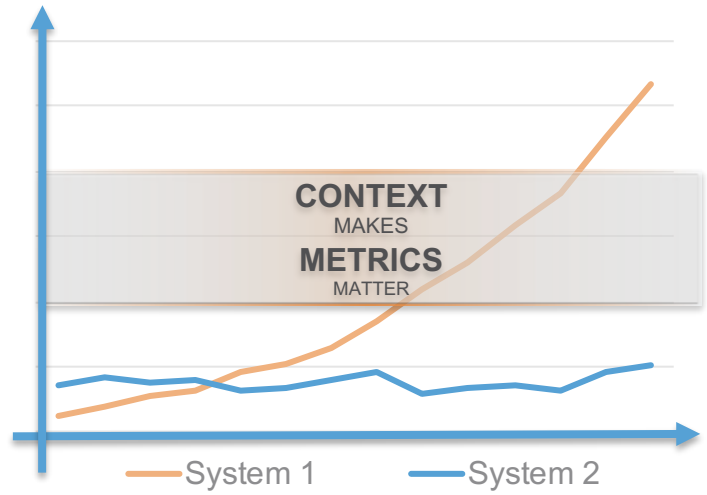

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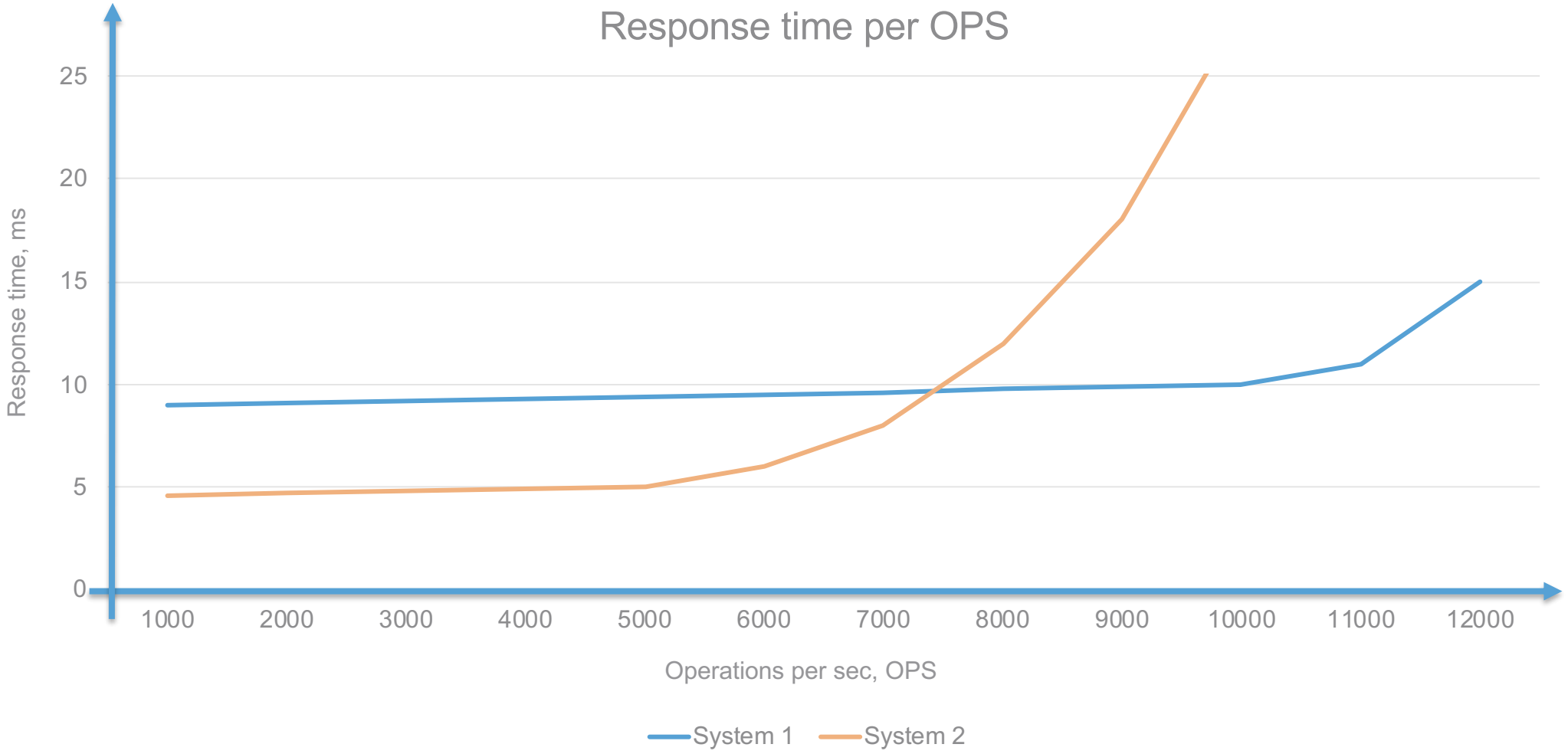

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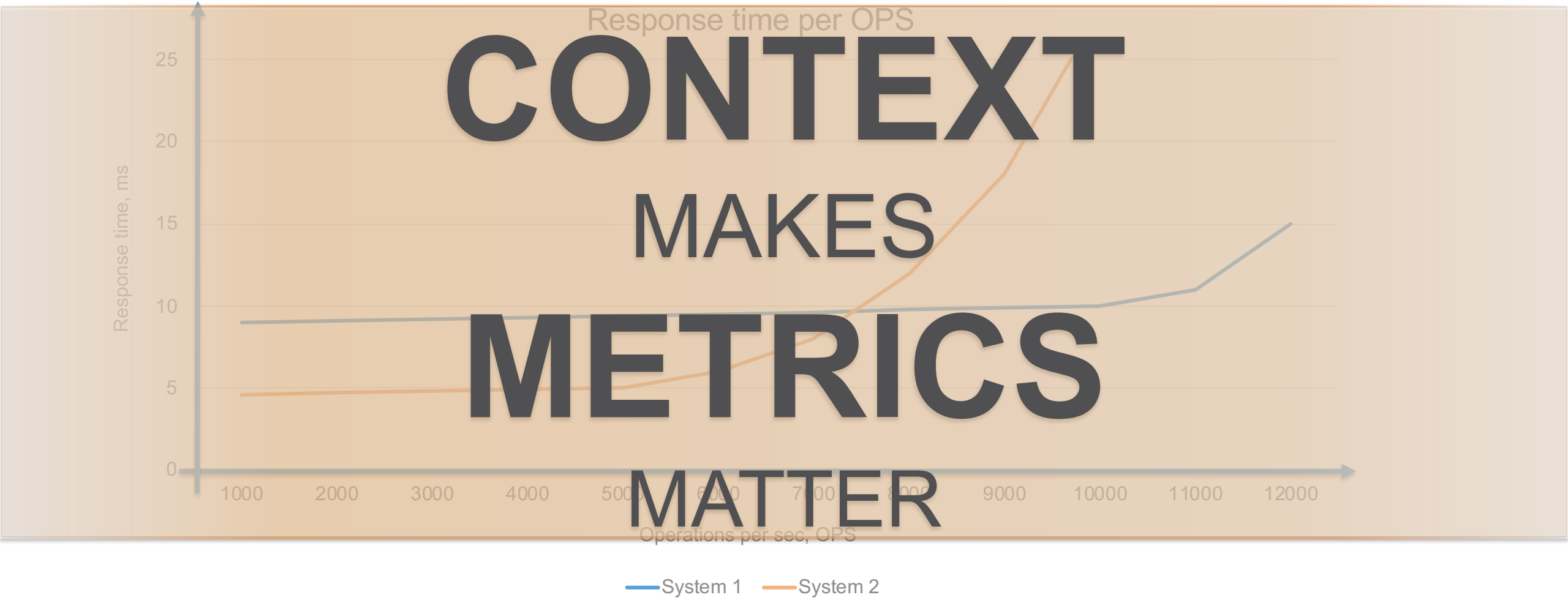

CONTEXT

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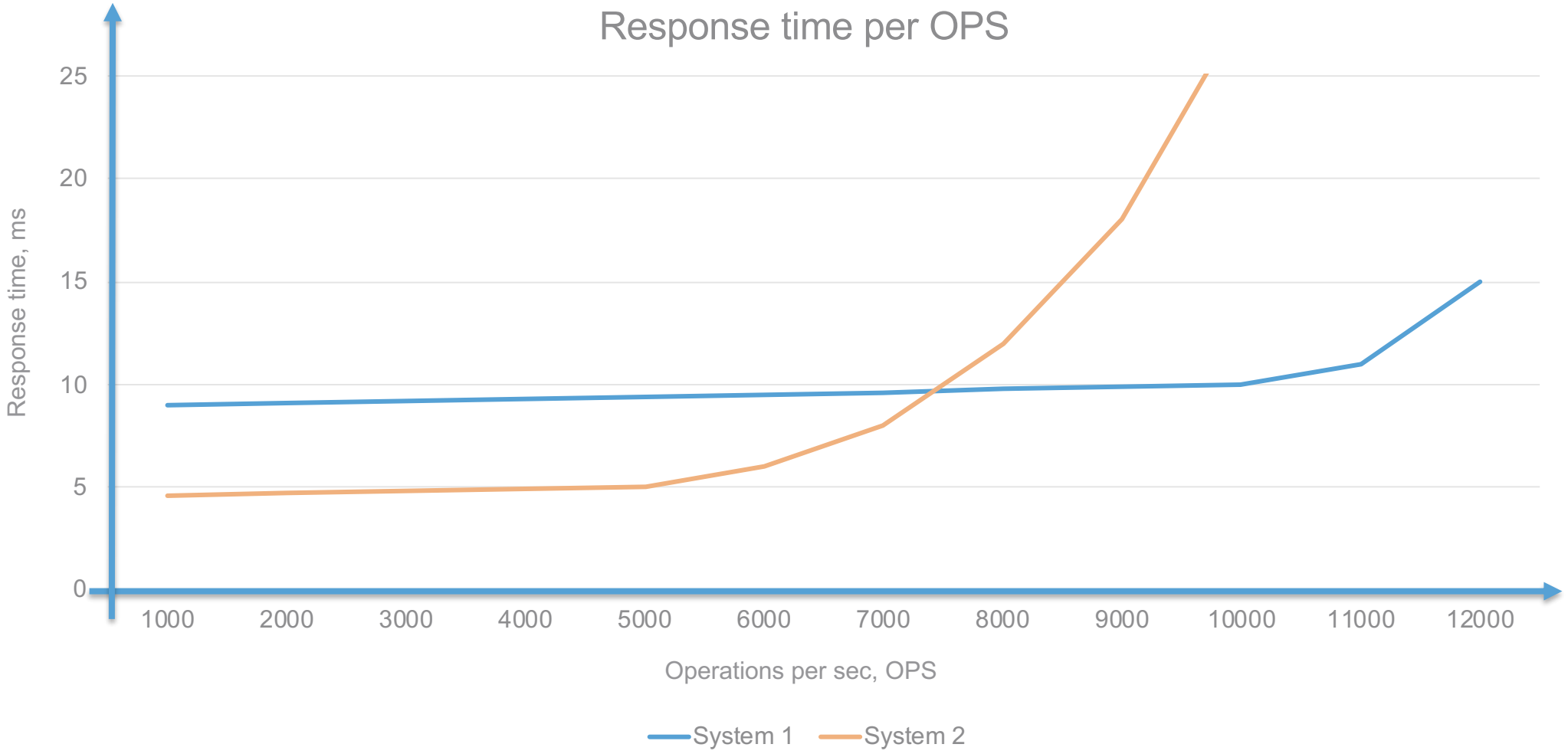
This Time: Why Are They Different?

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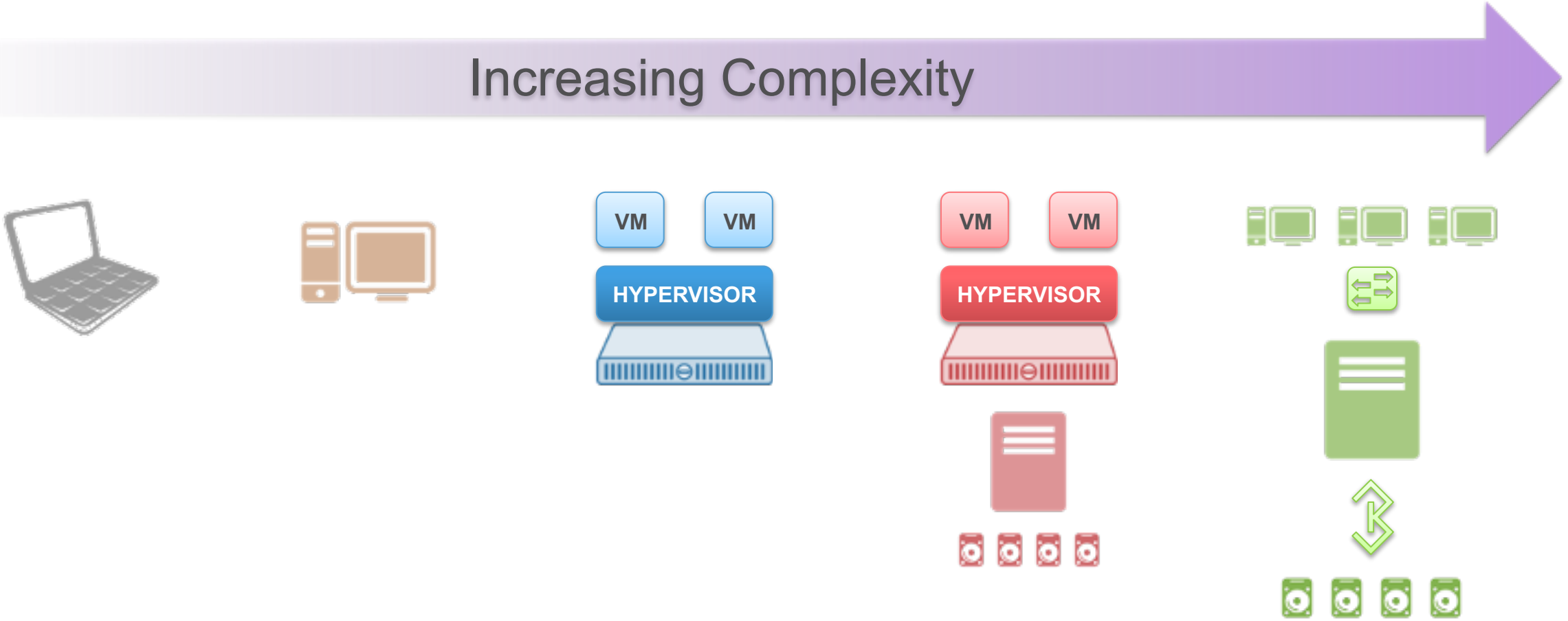
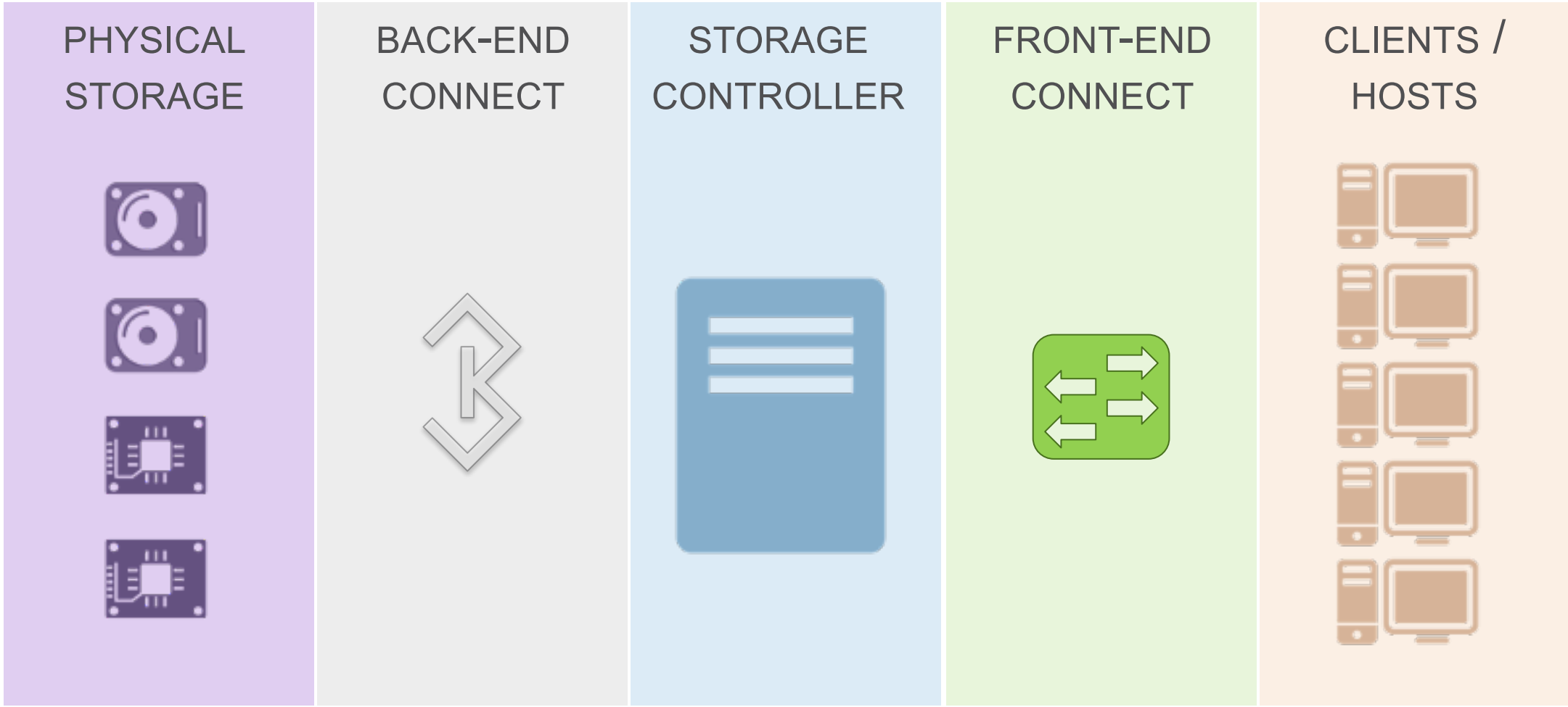
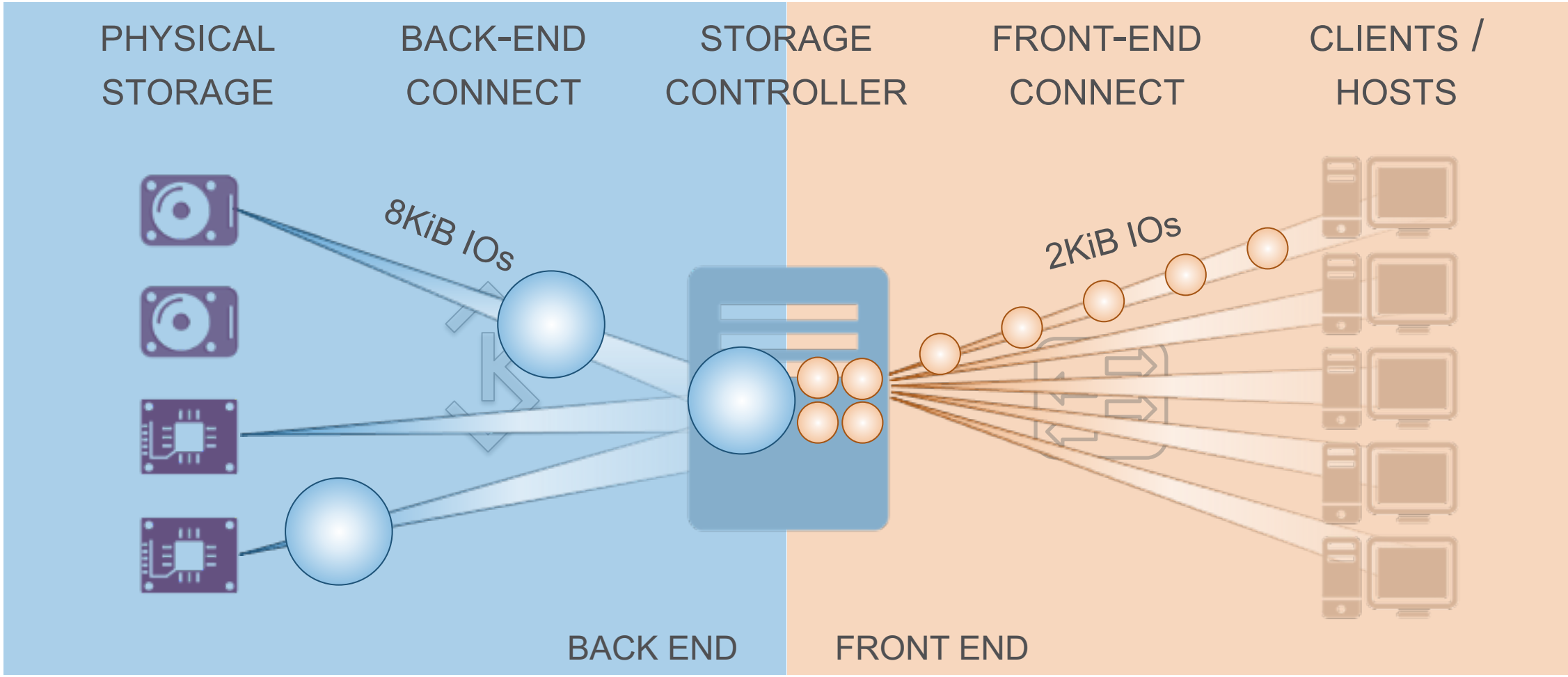
What is a Solution Under Test (SUT)?



SUT Layers

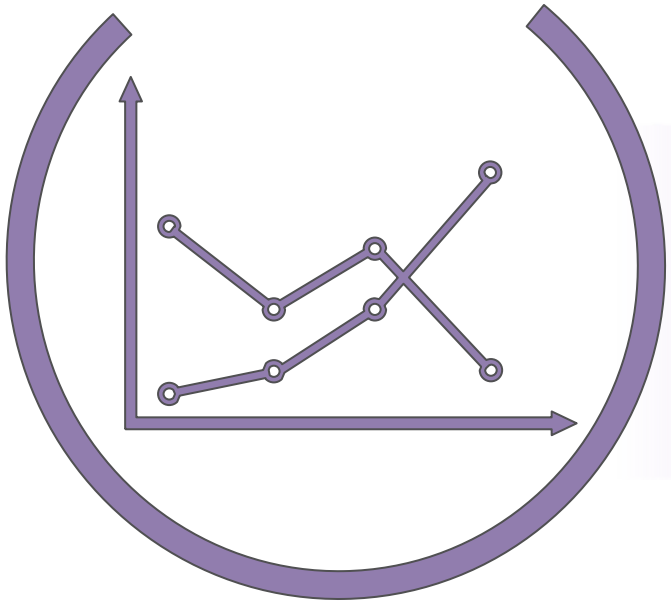


Front- and Back-End Basic Difference



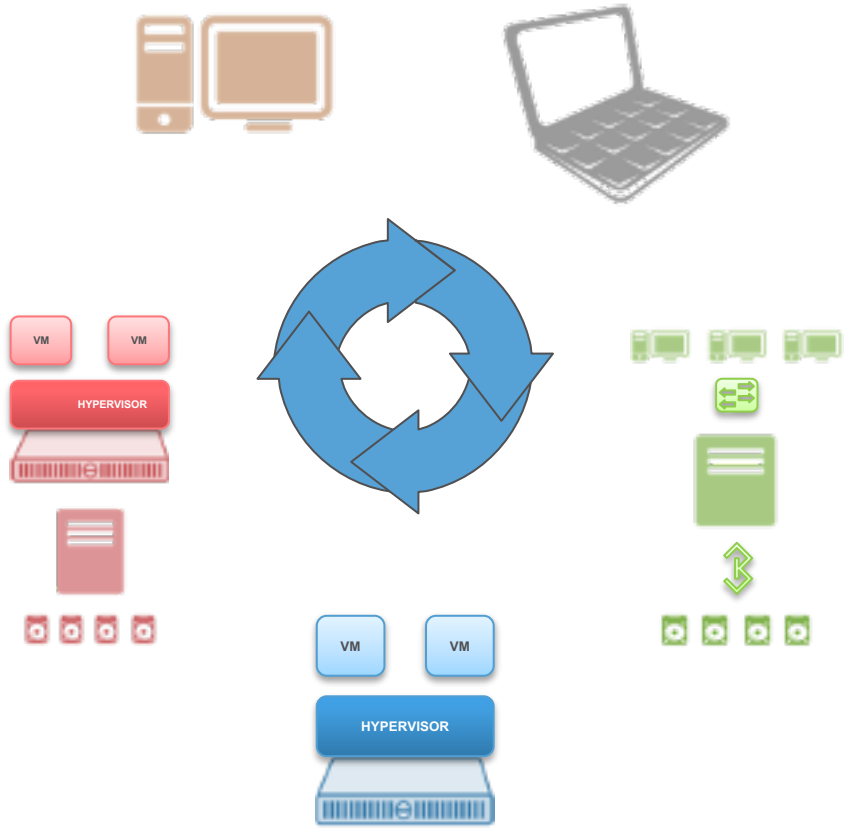
Is a Workload / Application a Part of the SUT?

WORKLOADS



RUN ON

SOLUTIONS UNDER TEST

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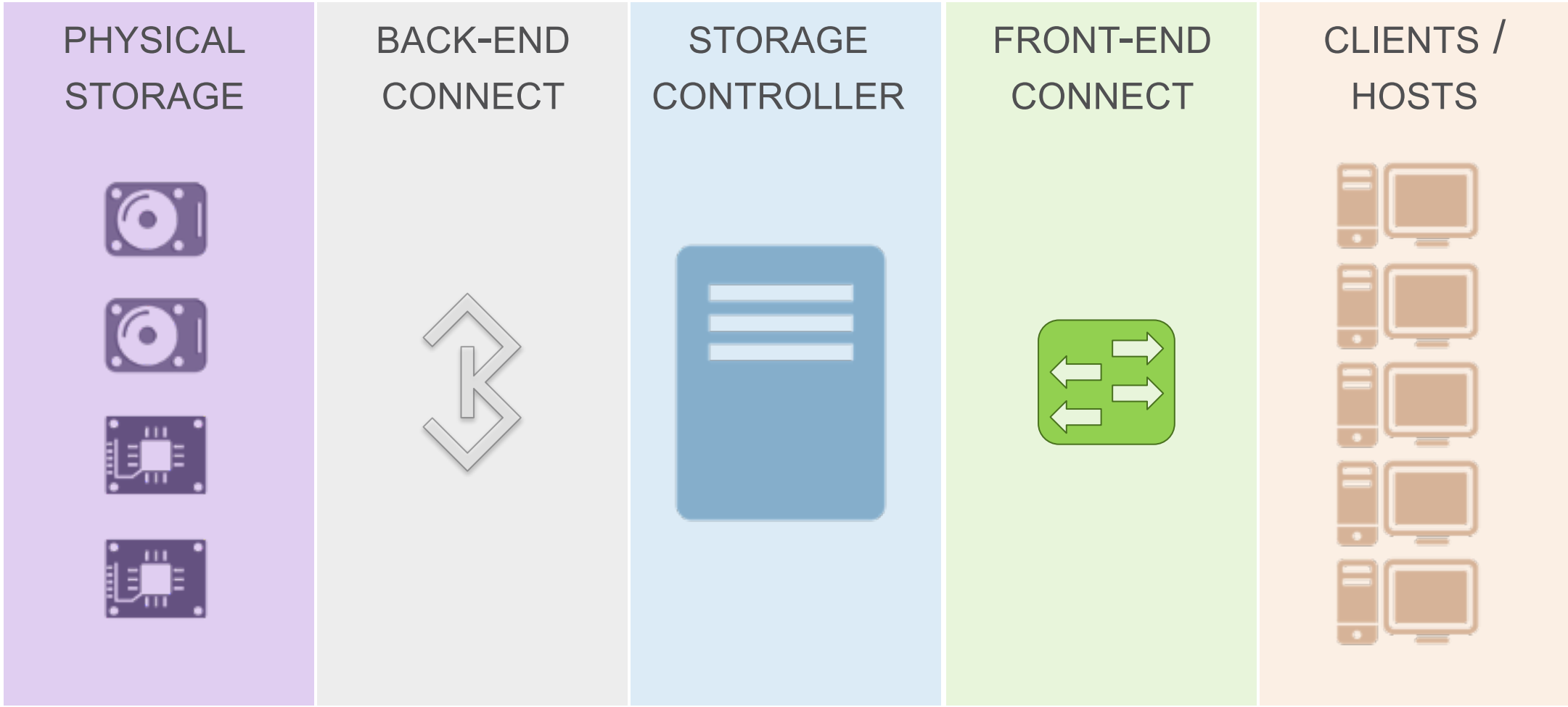
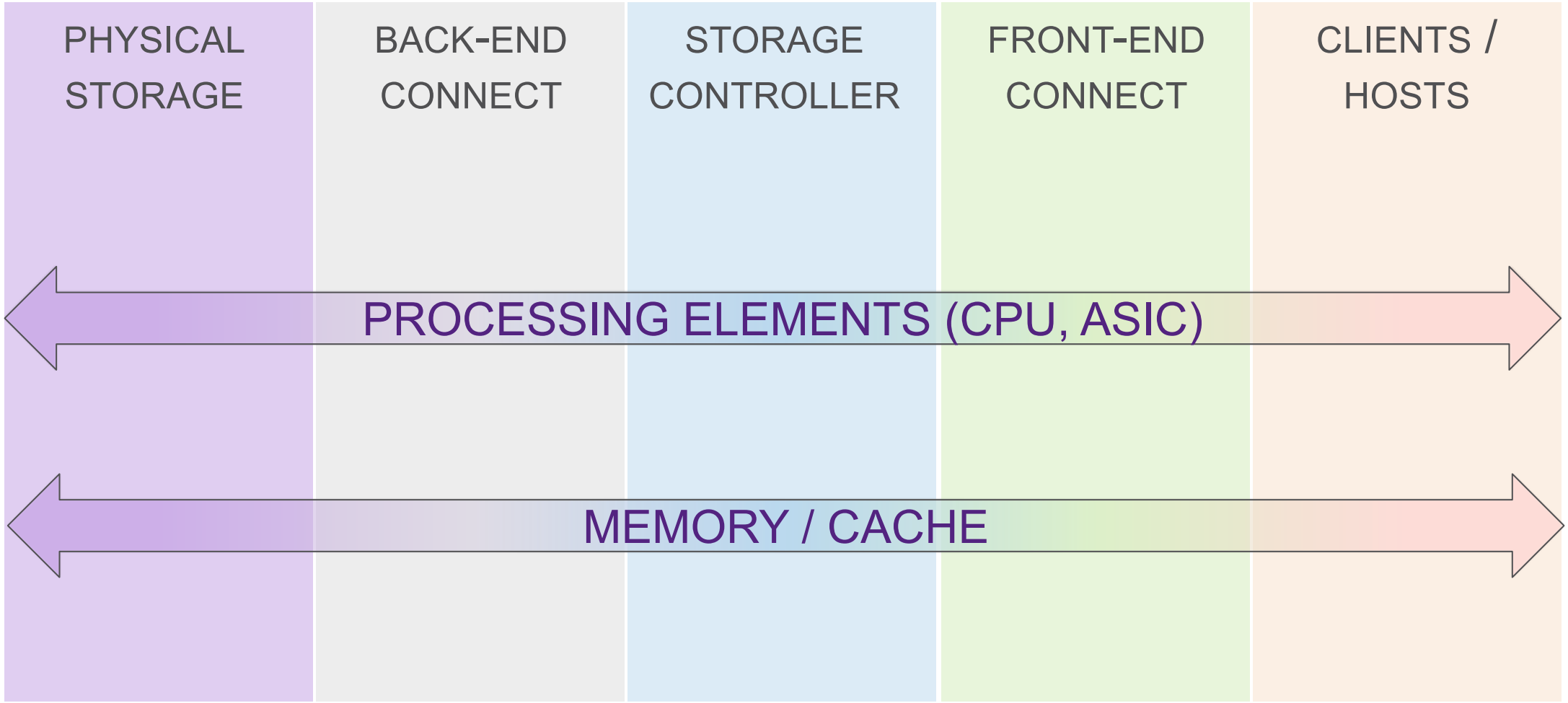
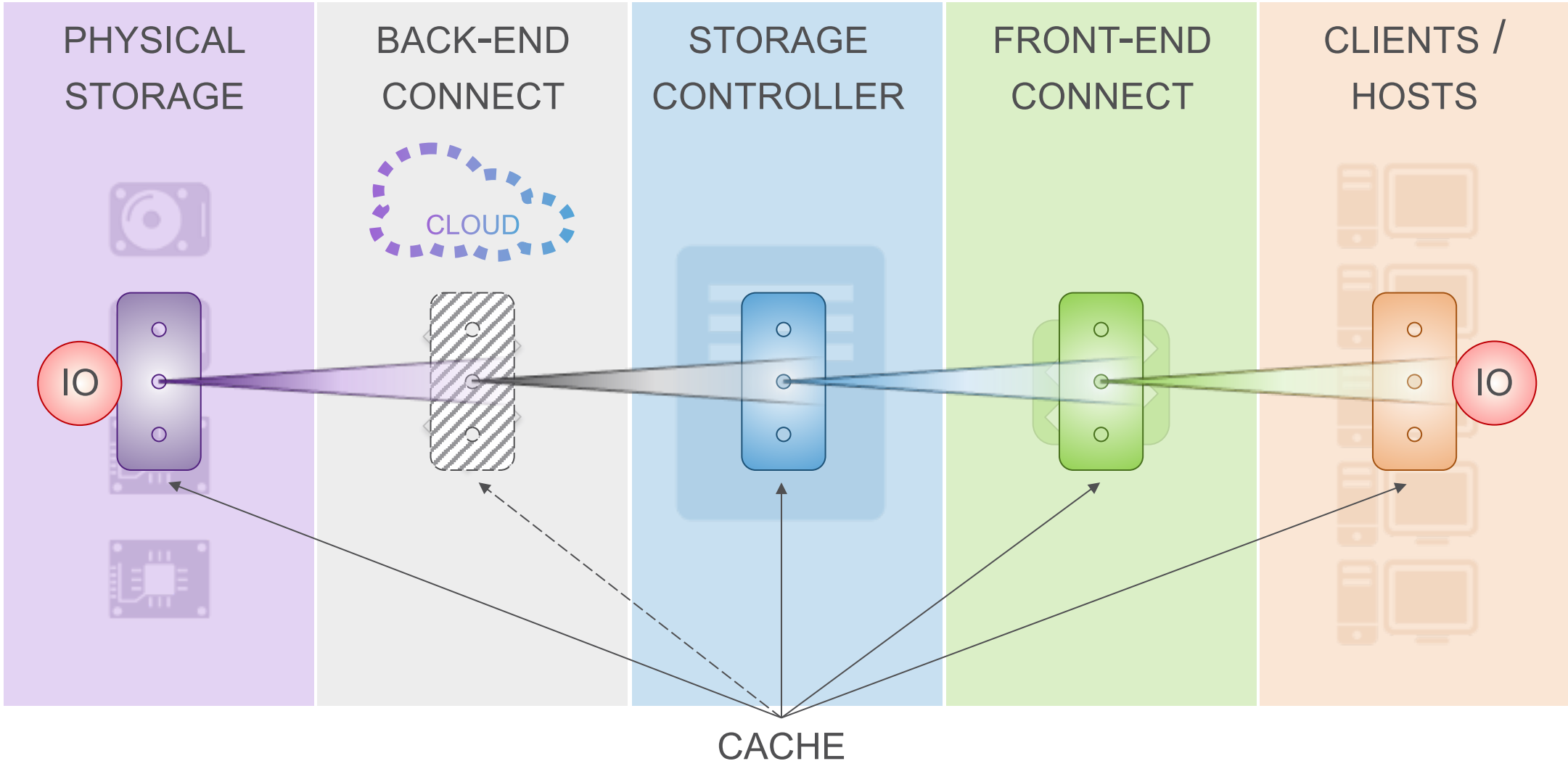
Which Elements in the SUT Affect Performance?



What is Common Between All Of The Components?



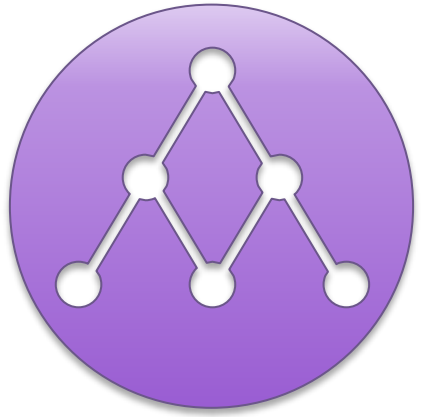
Answer To Ken's Interview Question



3 Principles To Improve Performance

DO WORK FASTER

DO LESS WORK



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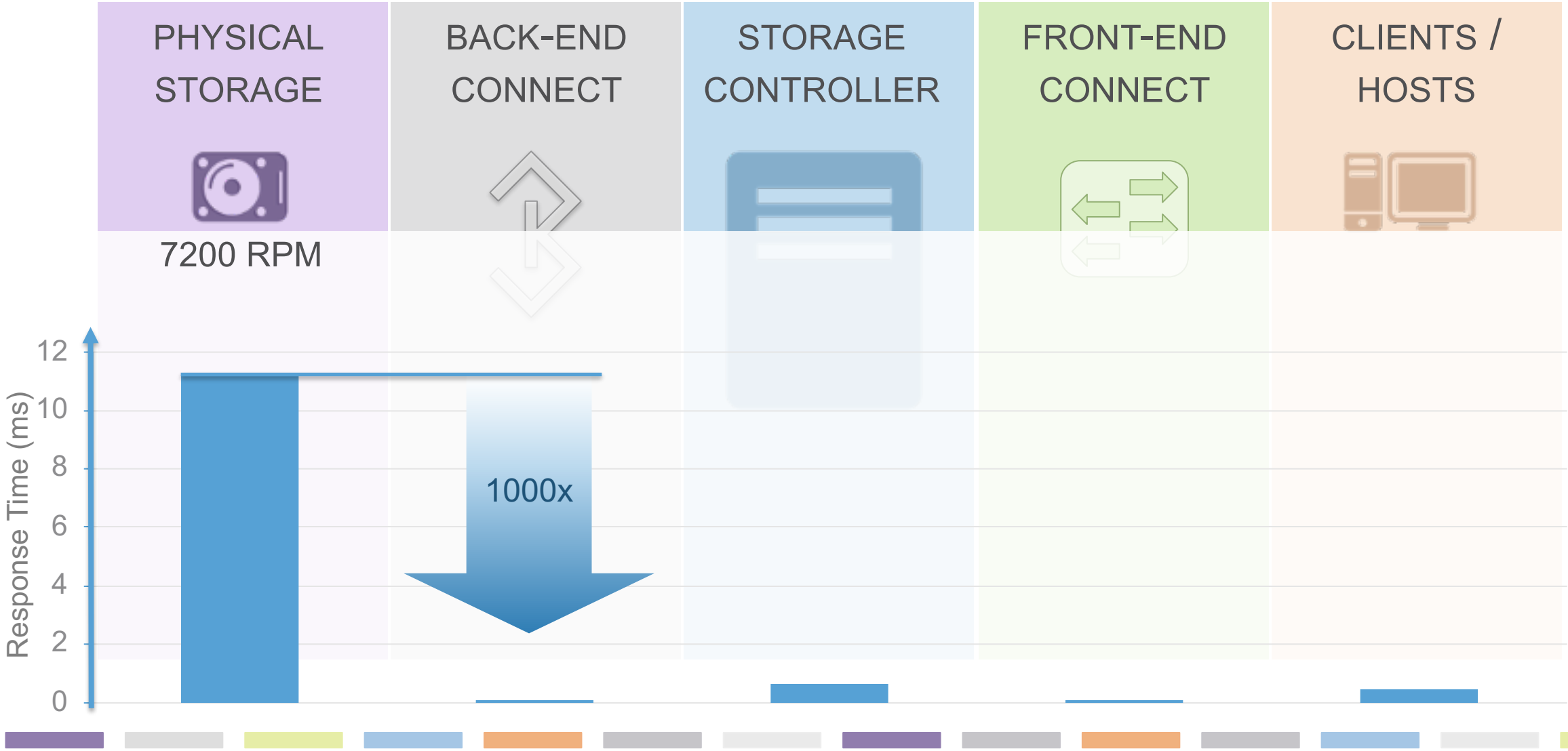
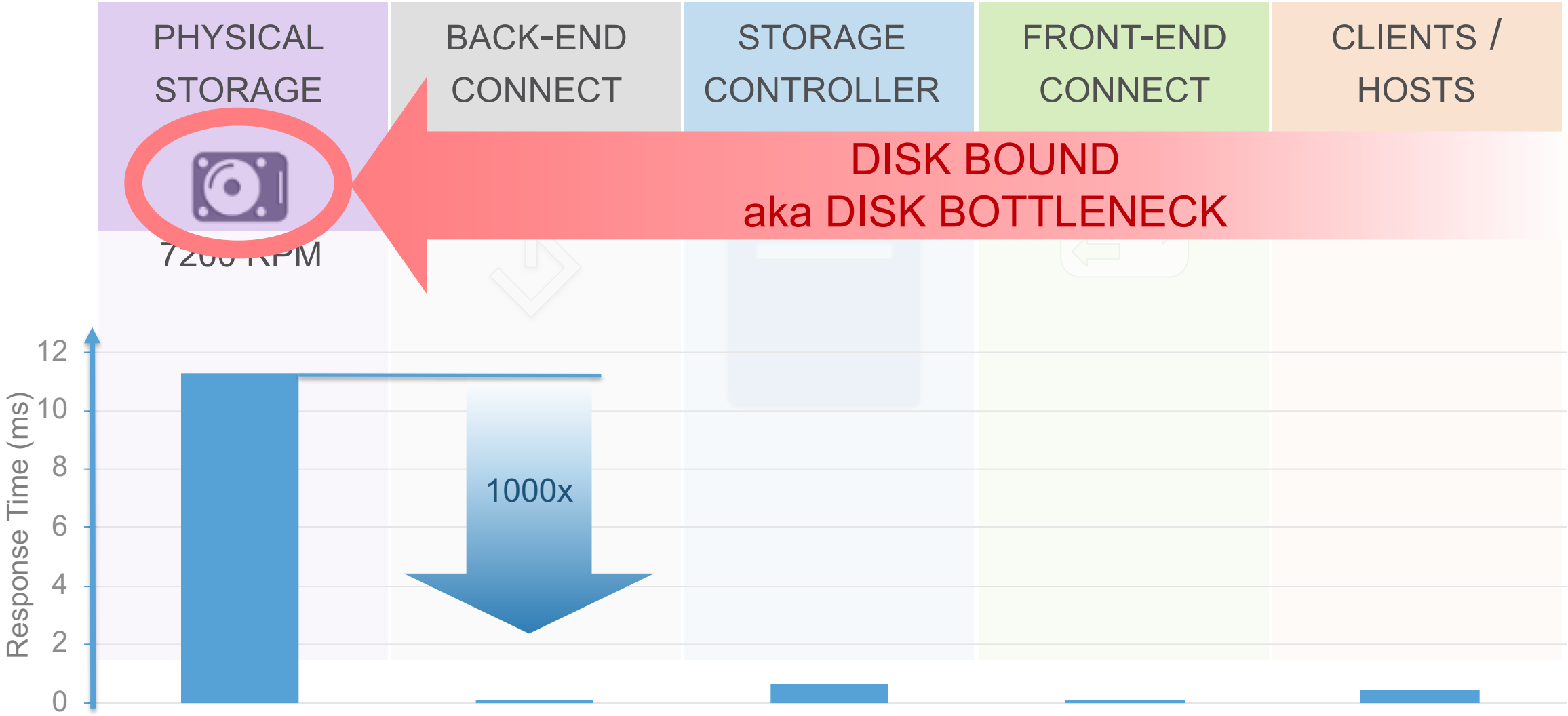
Latency Or “Whack A Mole Game”



Disk Bottleneck



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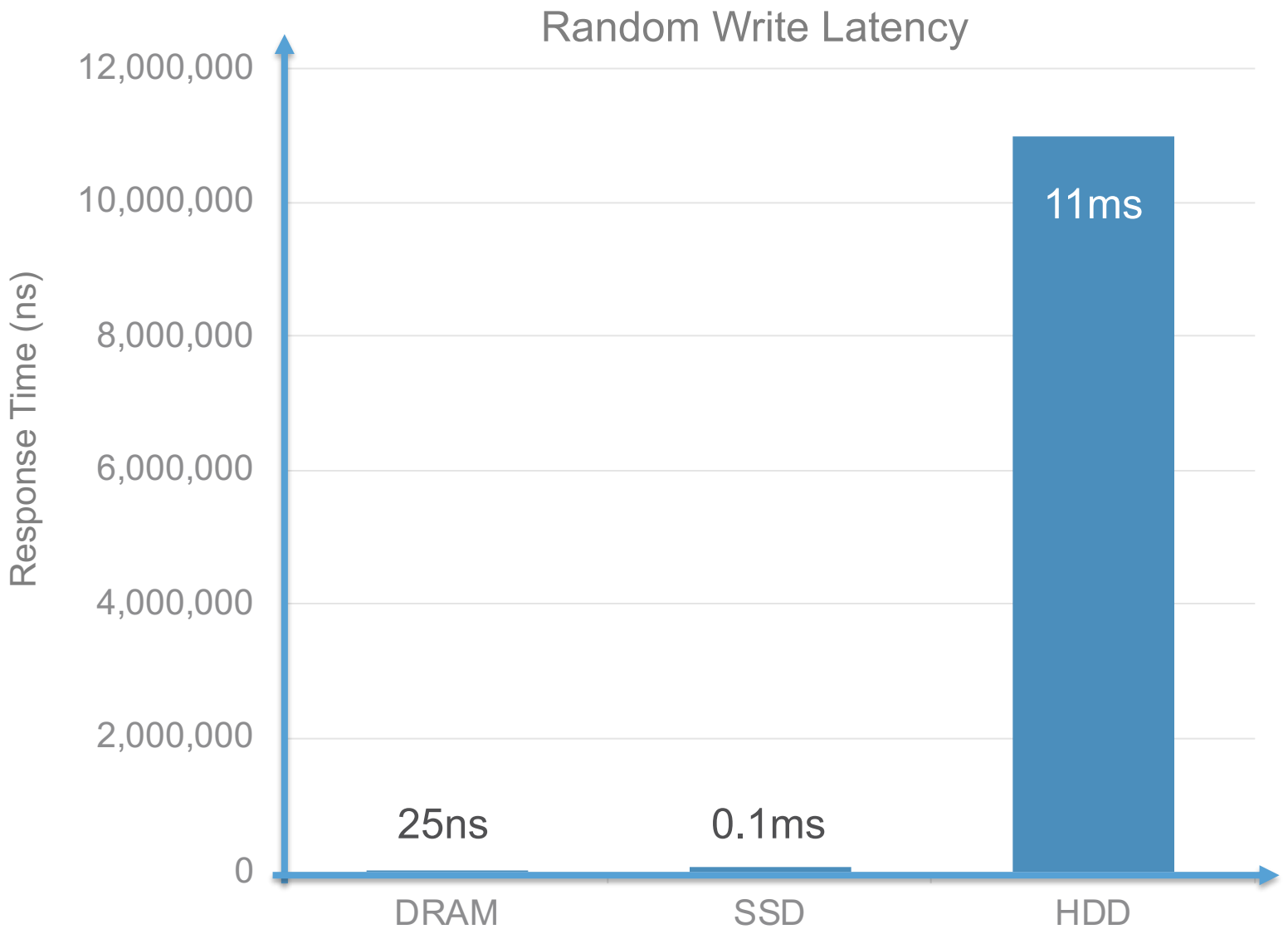

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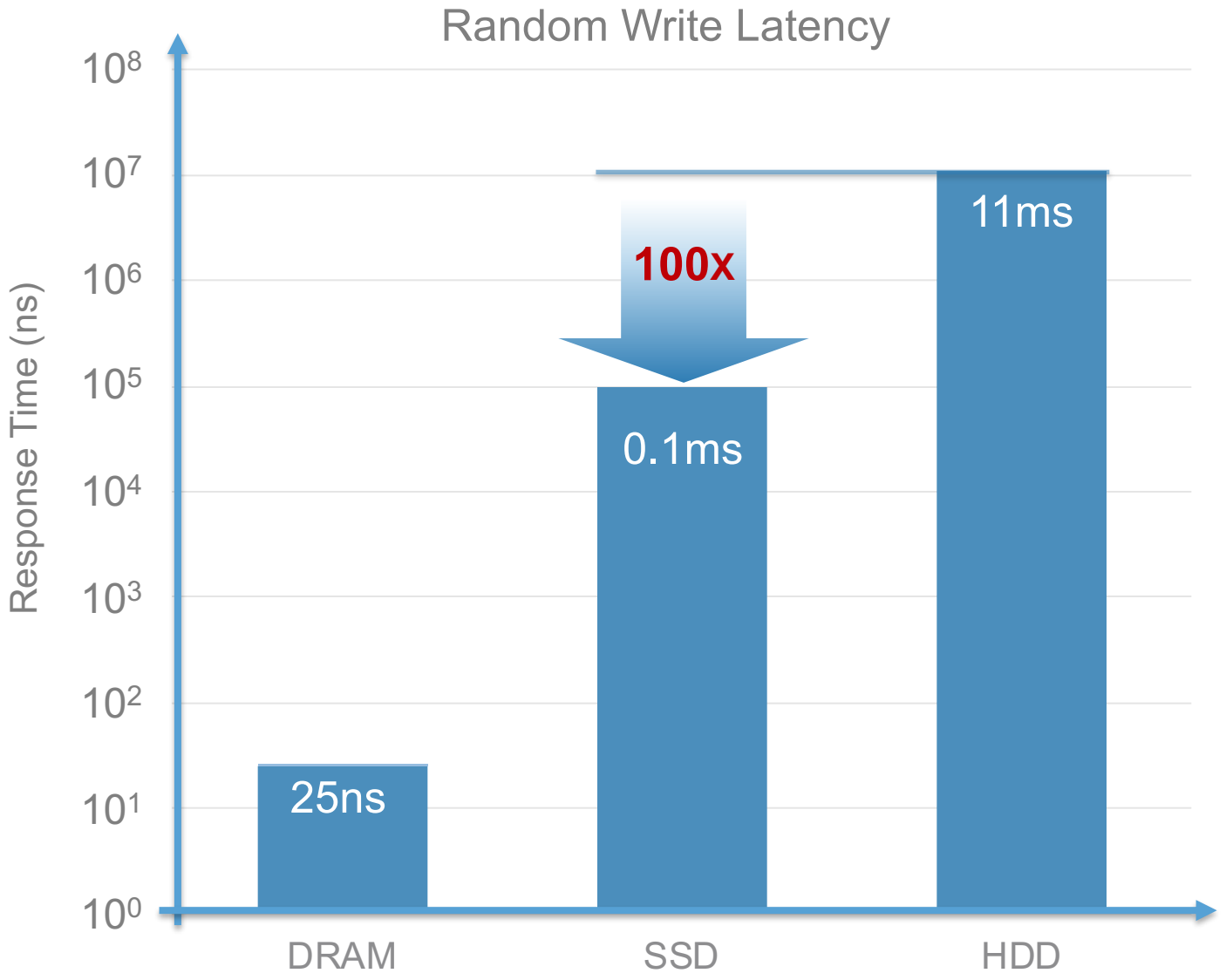

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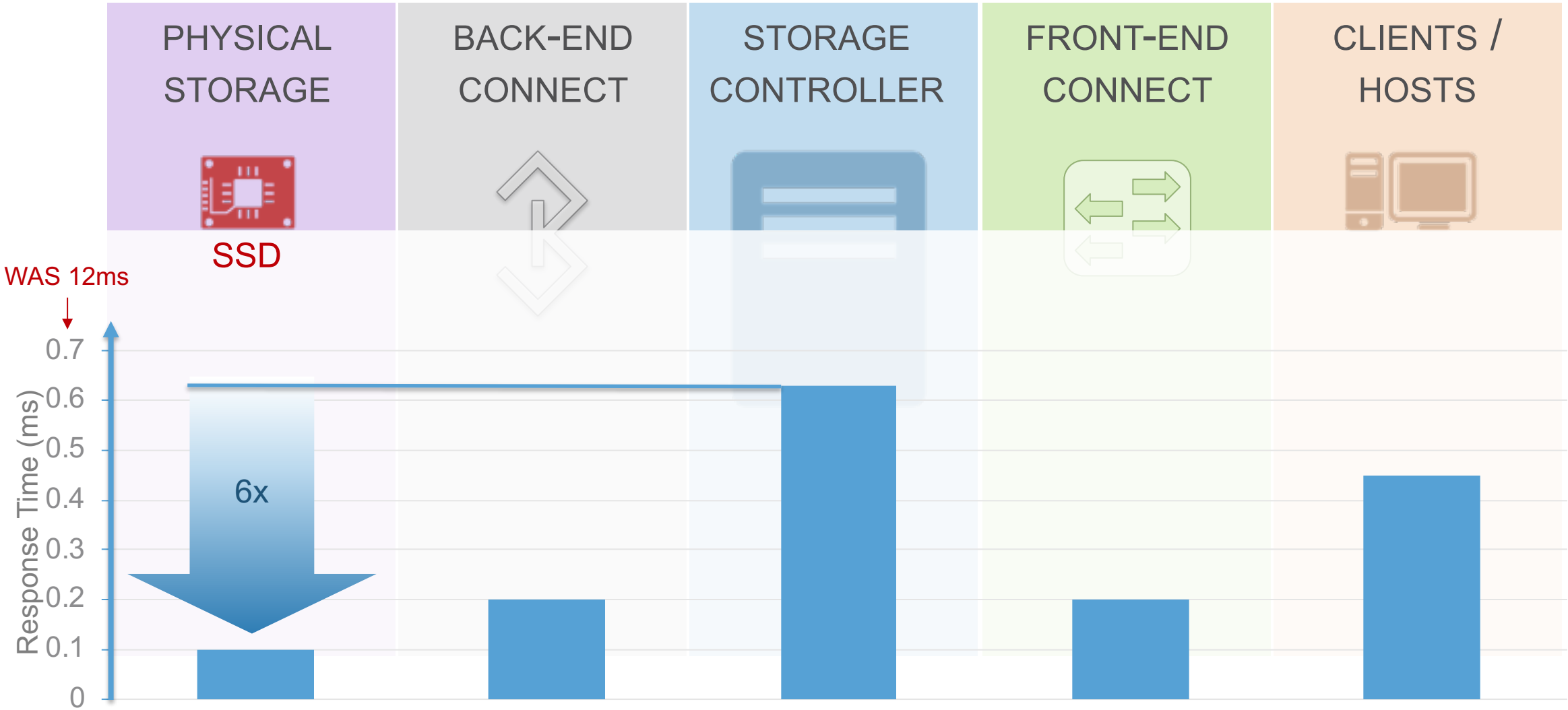

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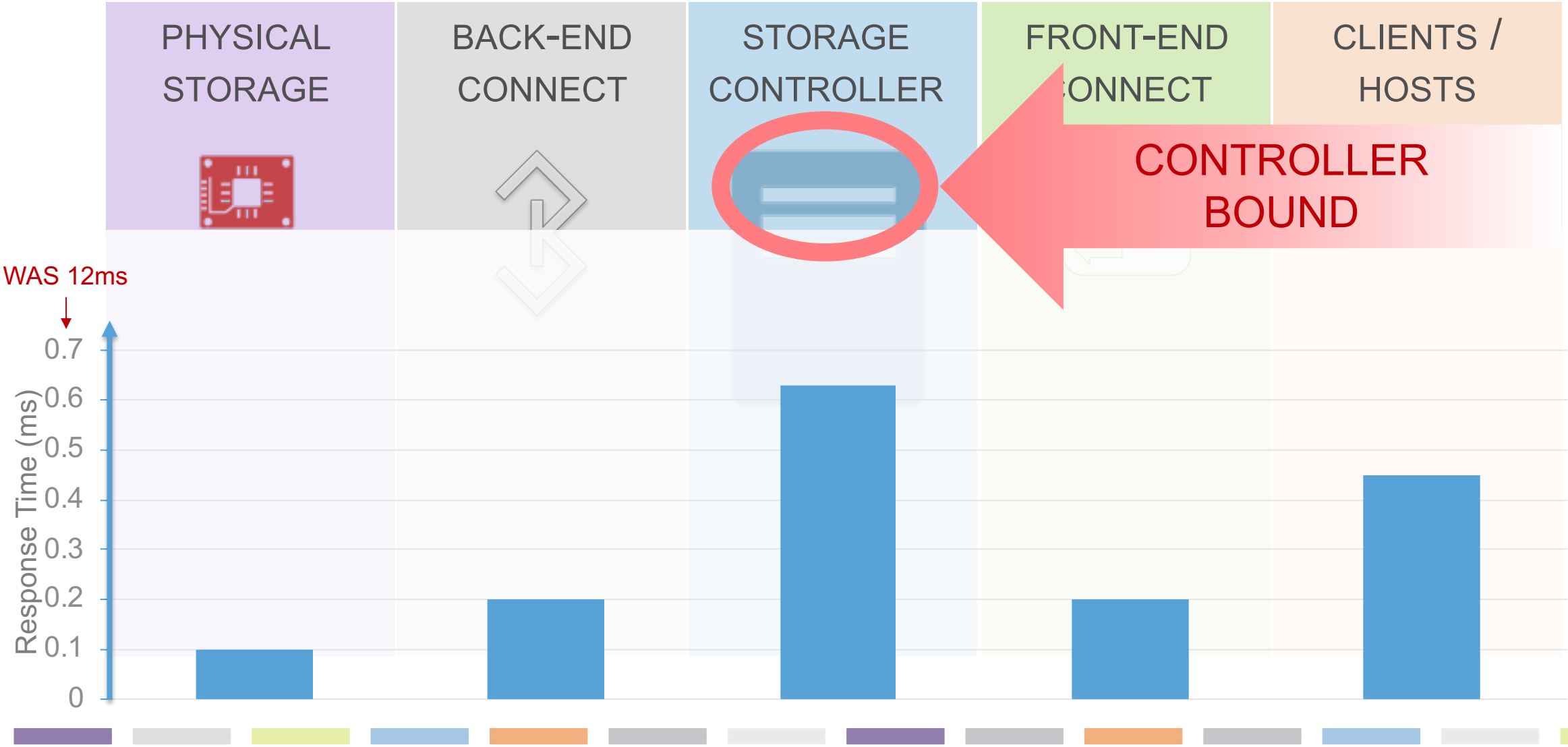

Controller Bottleneck

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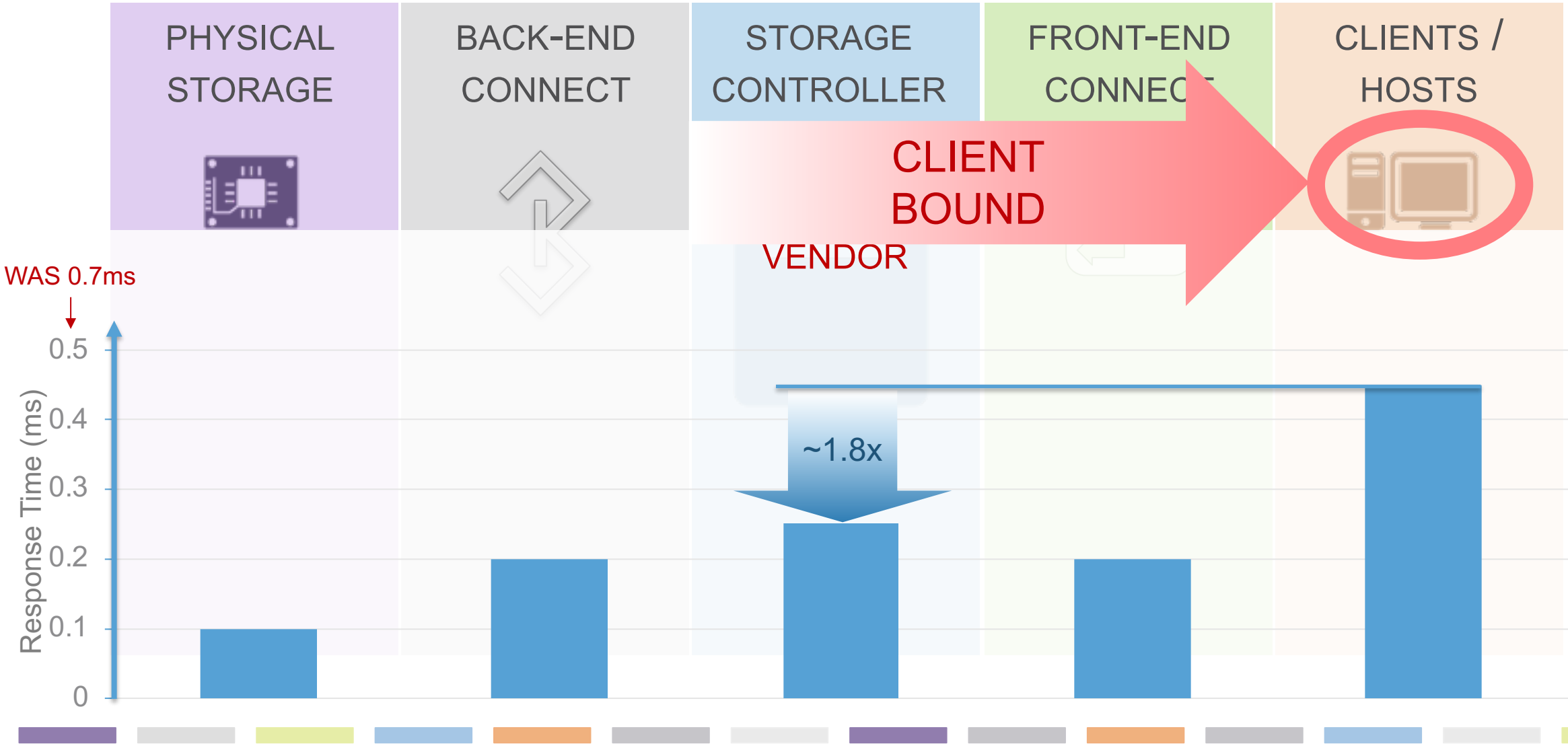

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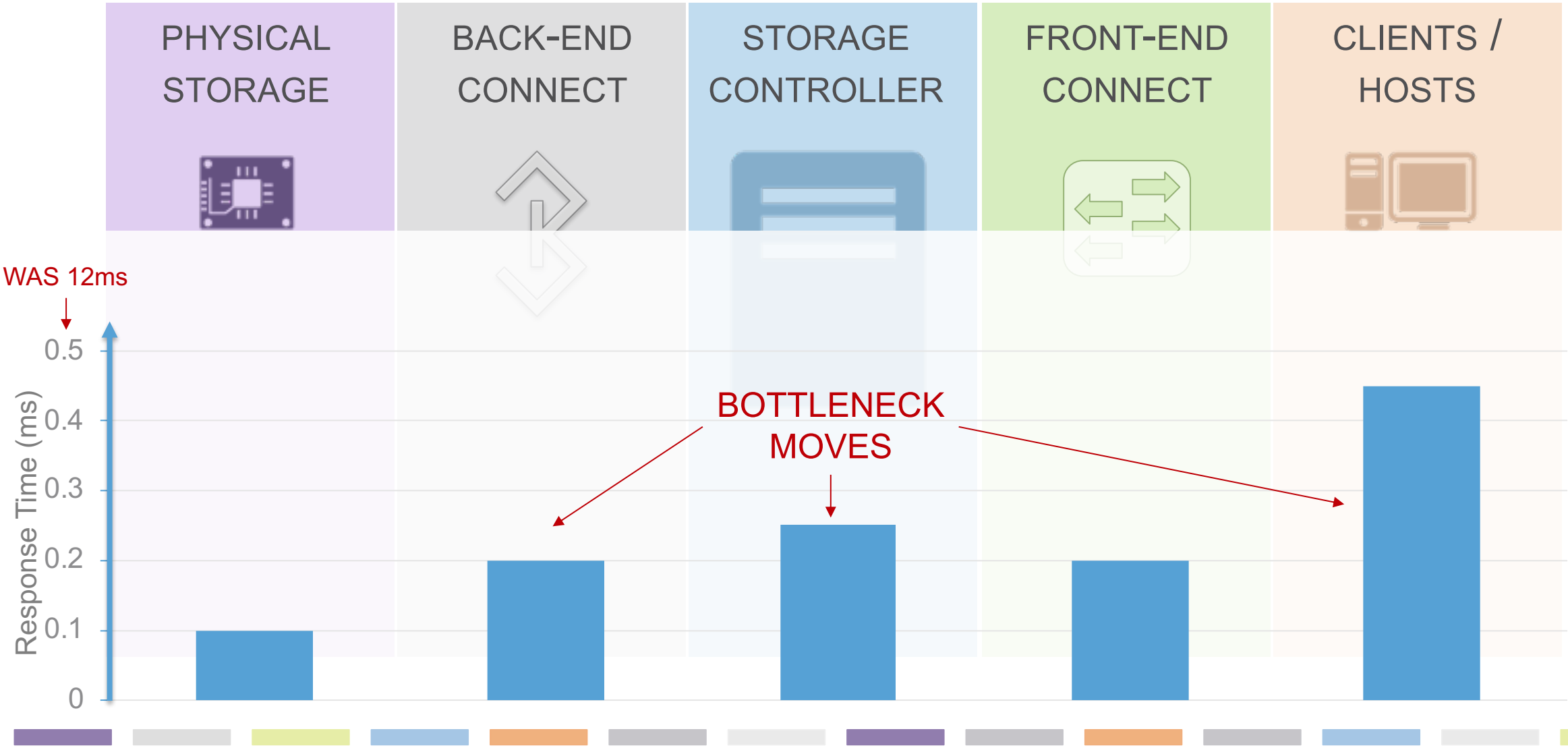


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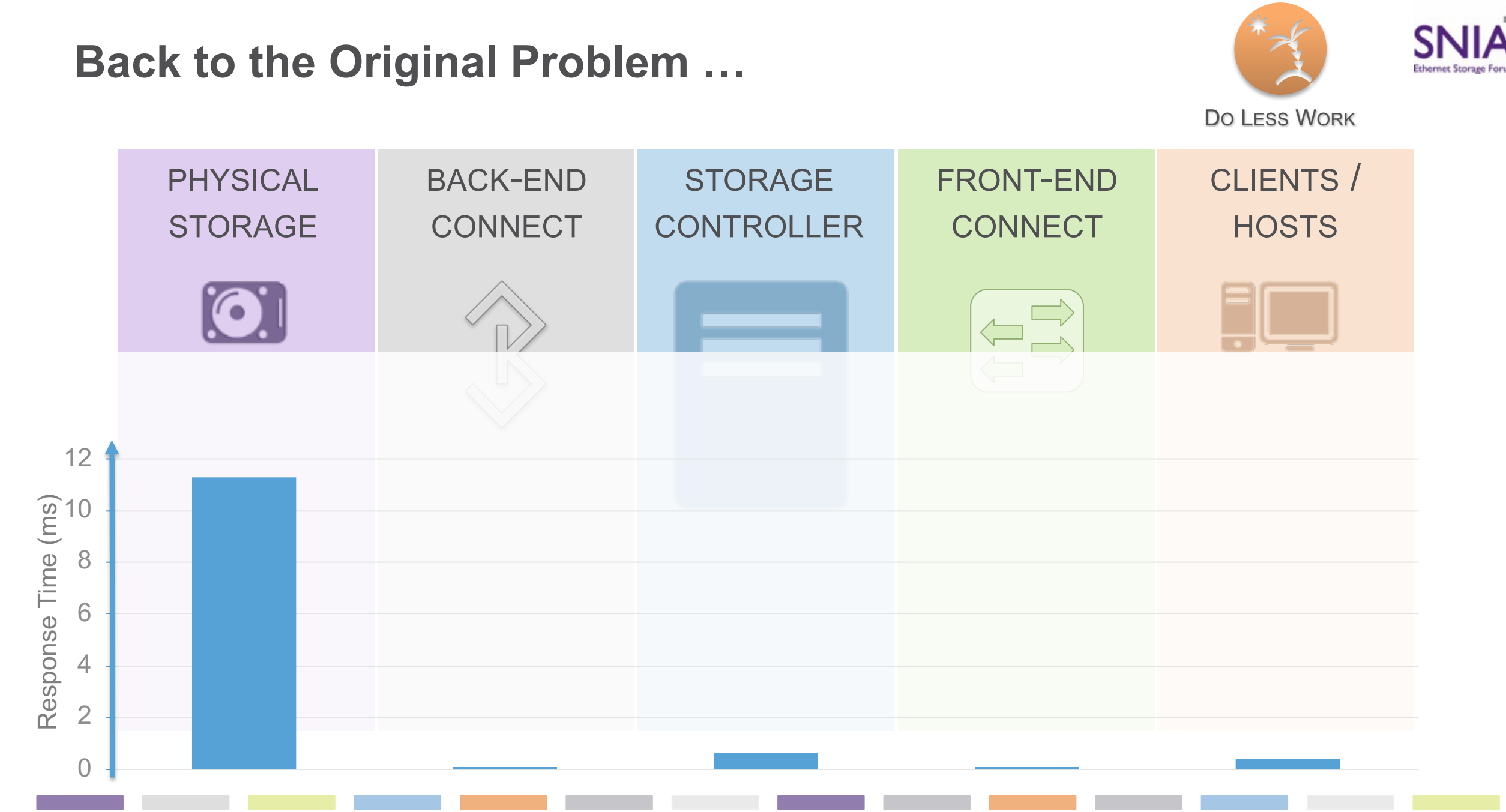
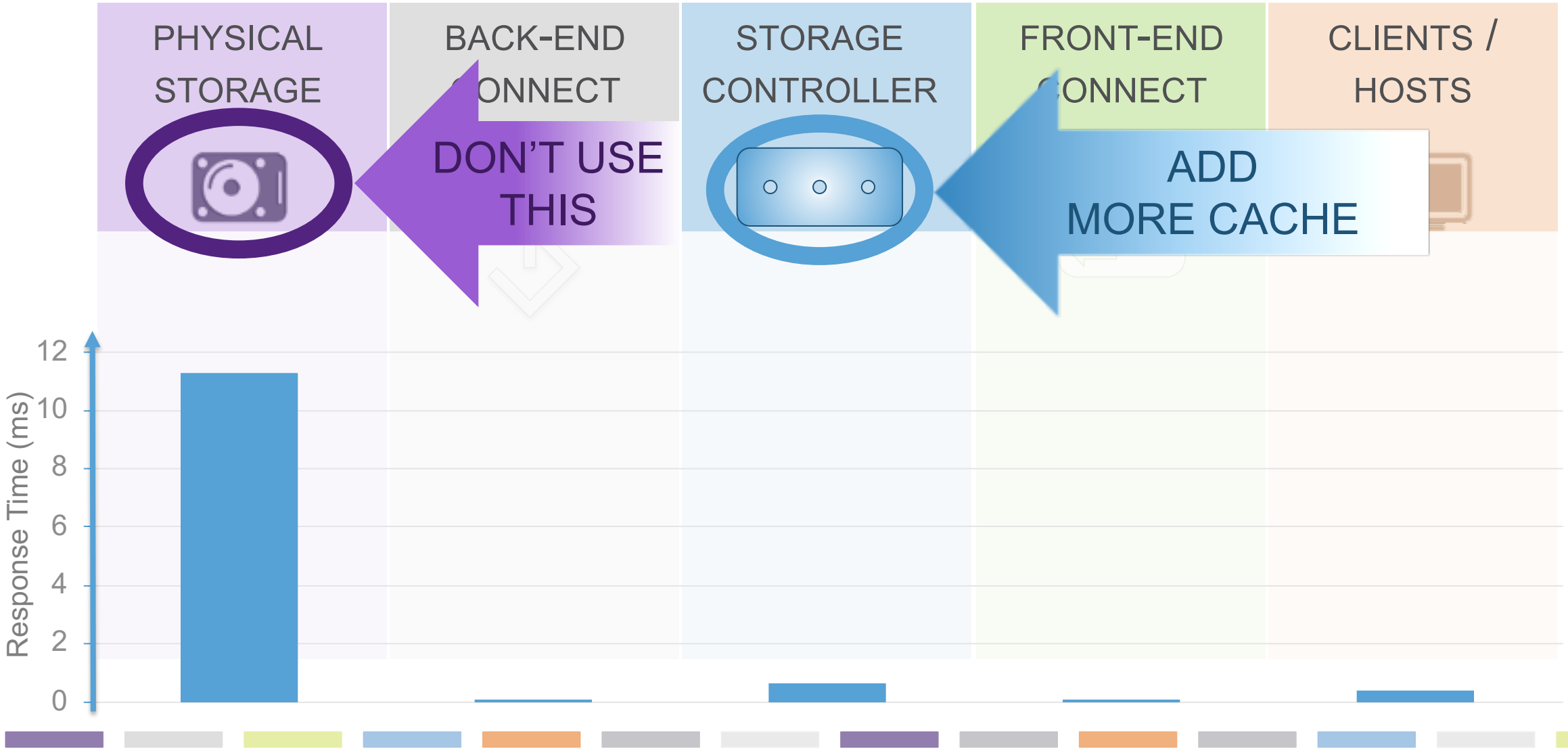


Avoid Slow Parts And Generate “Hero Numbers”

DO LESS WORK



Use More Cache

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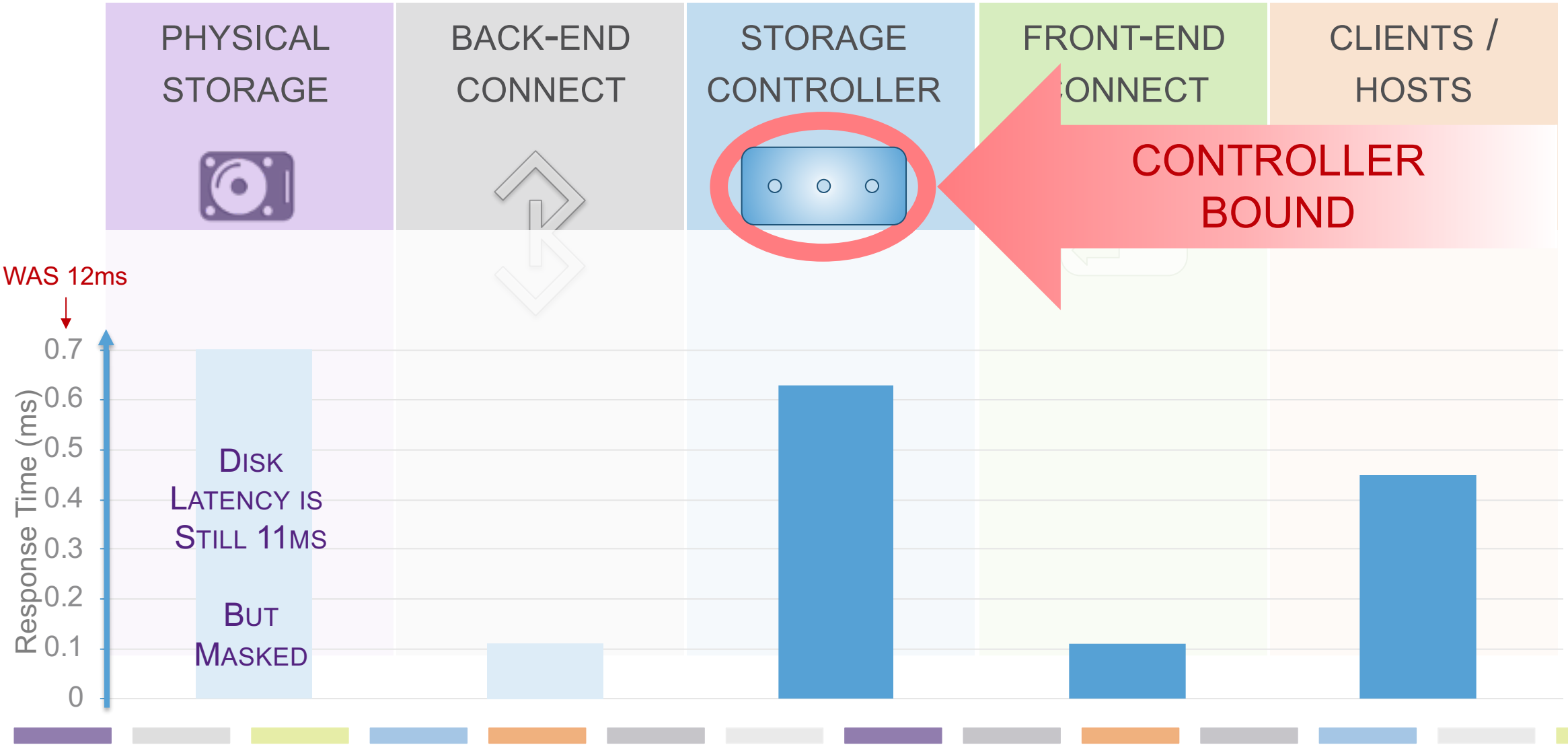

Caching Isn't Just For Slow Drives

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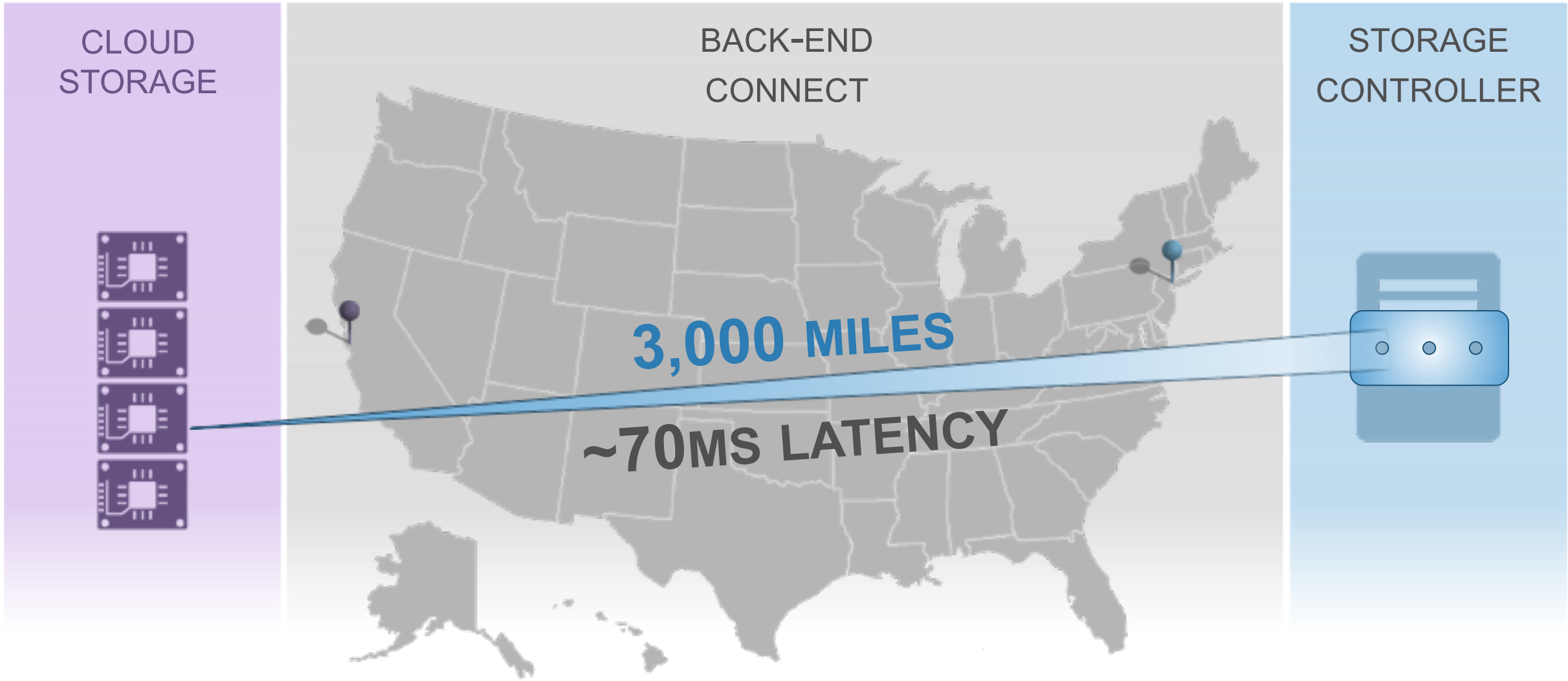


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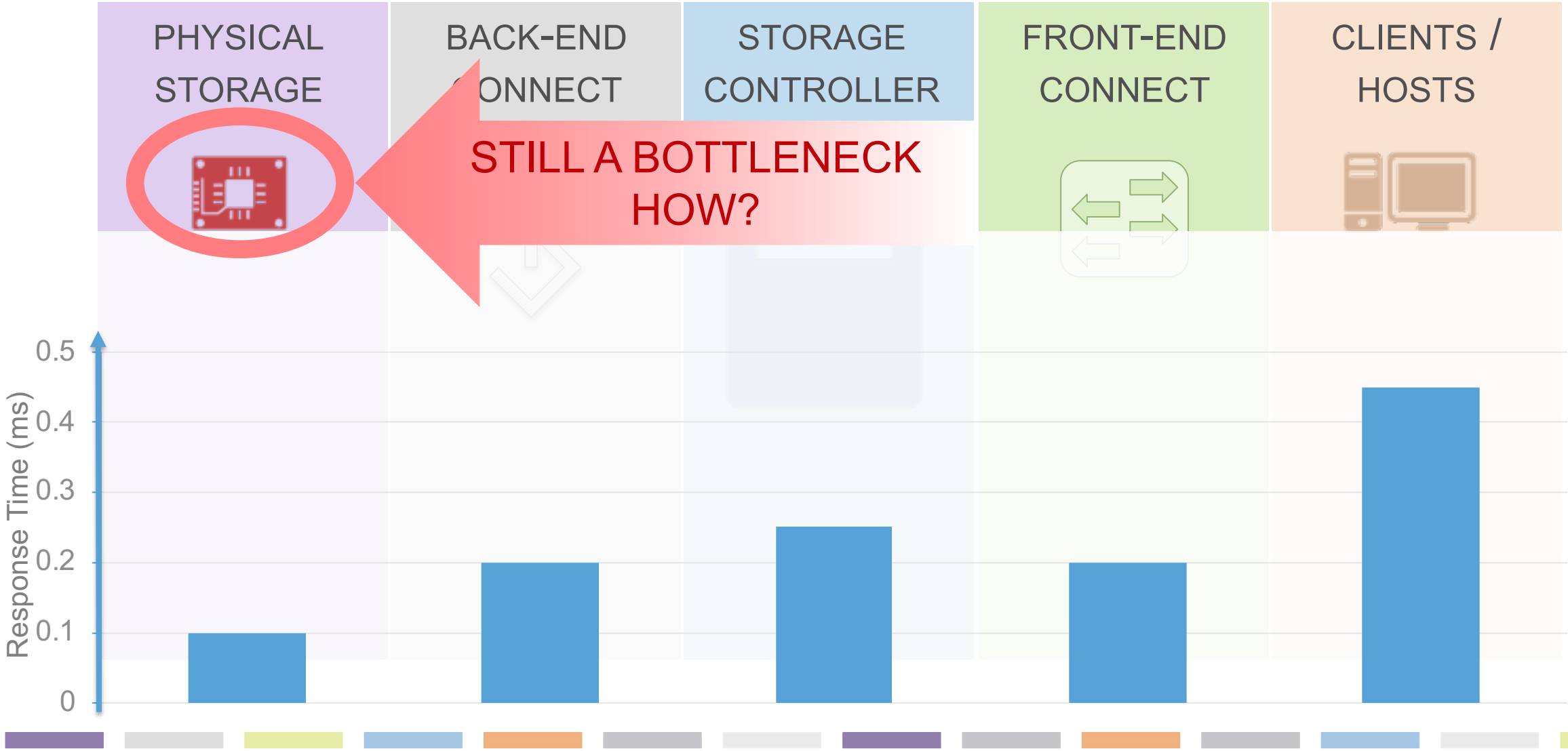

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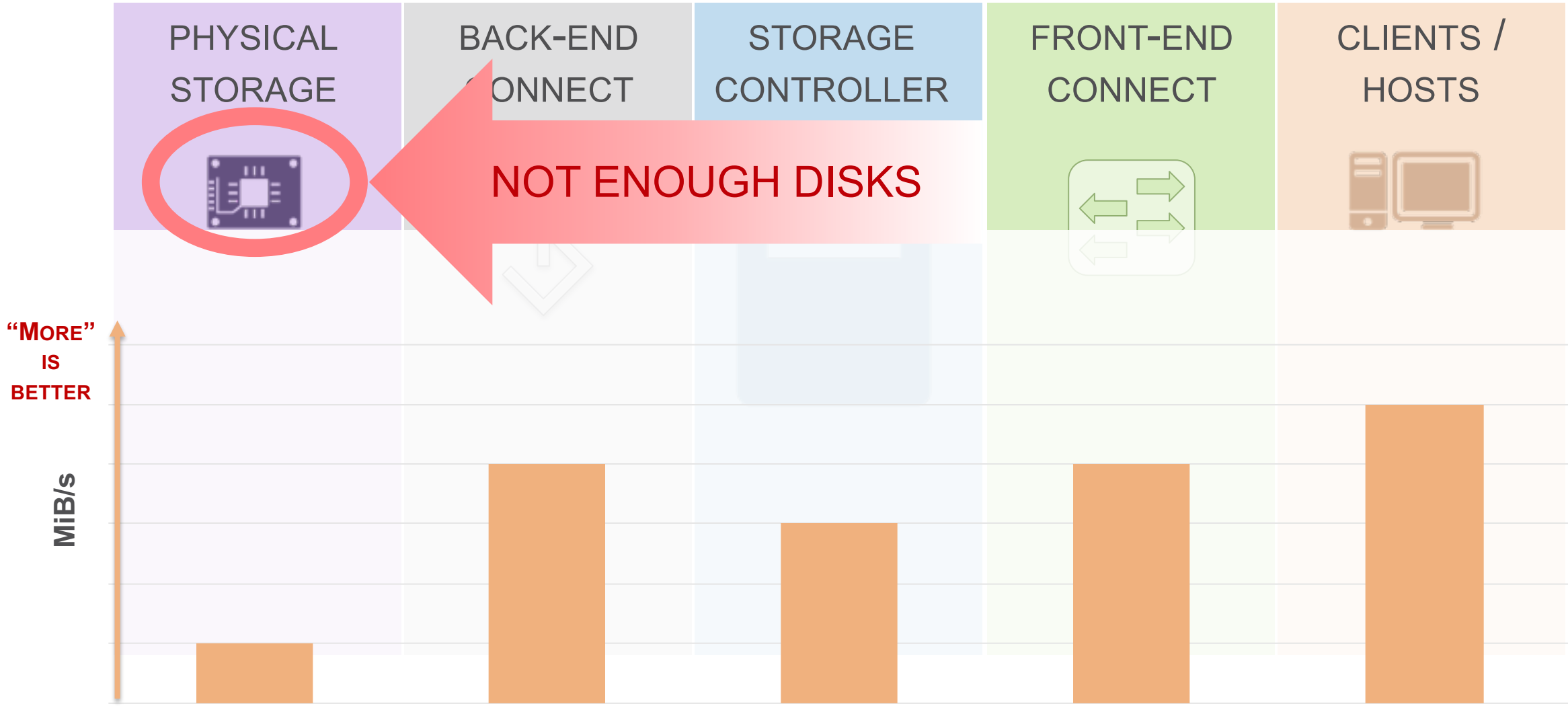

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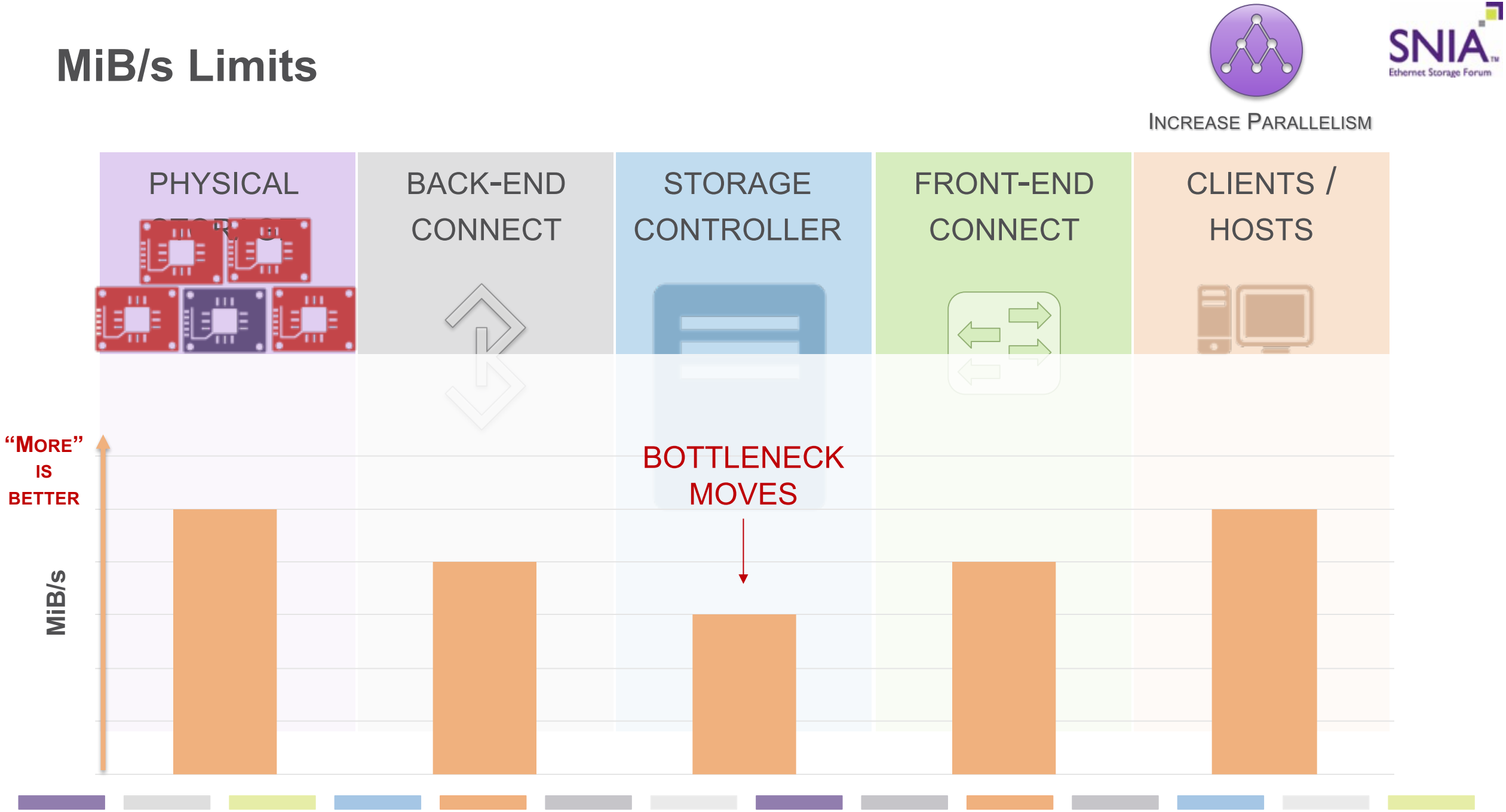

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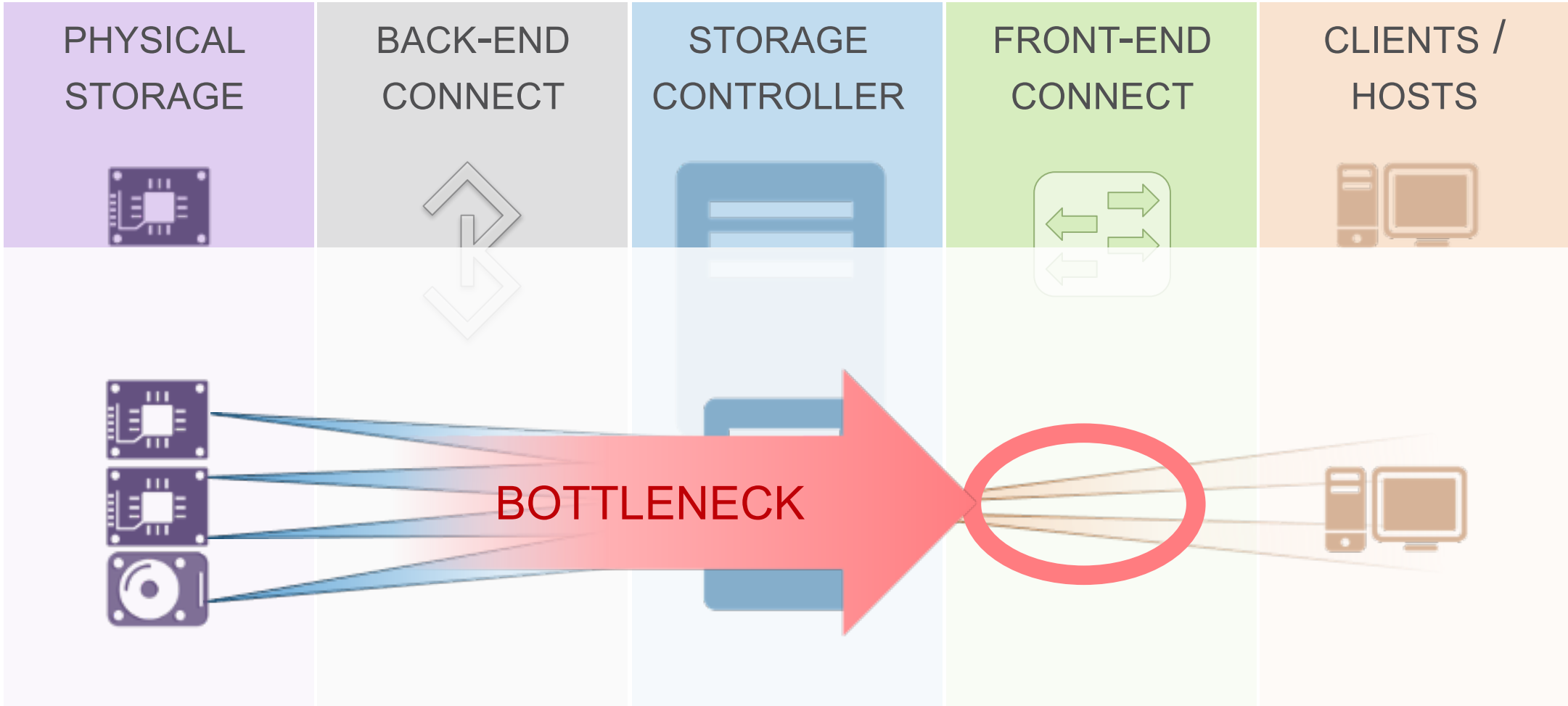

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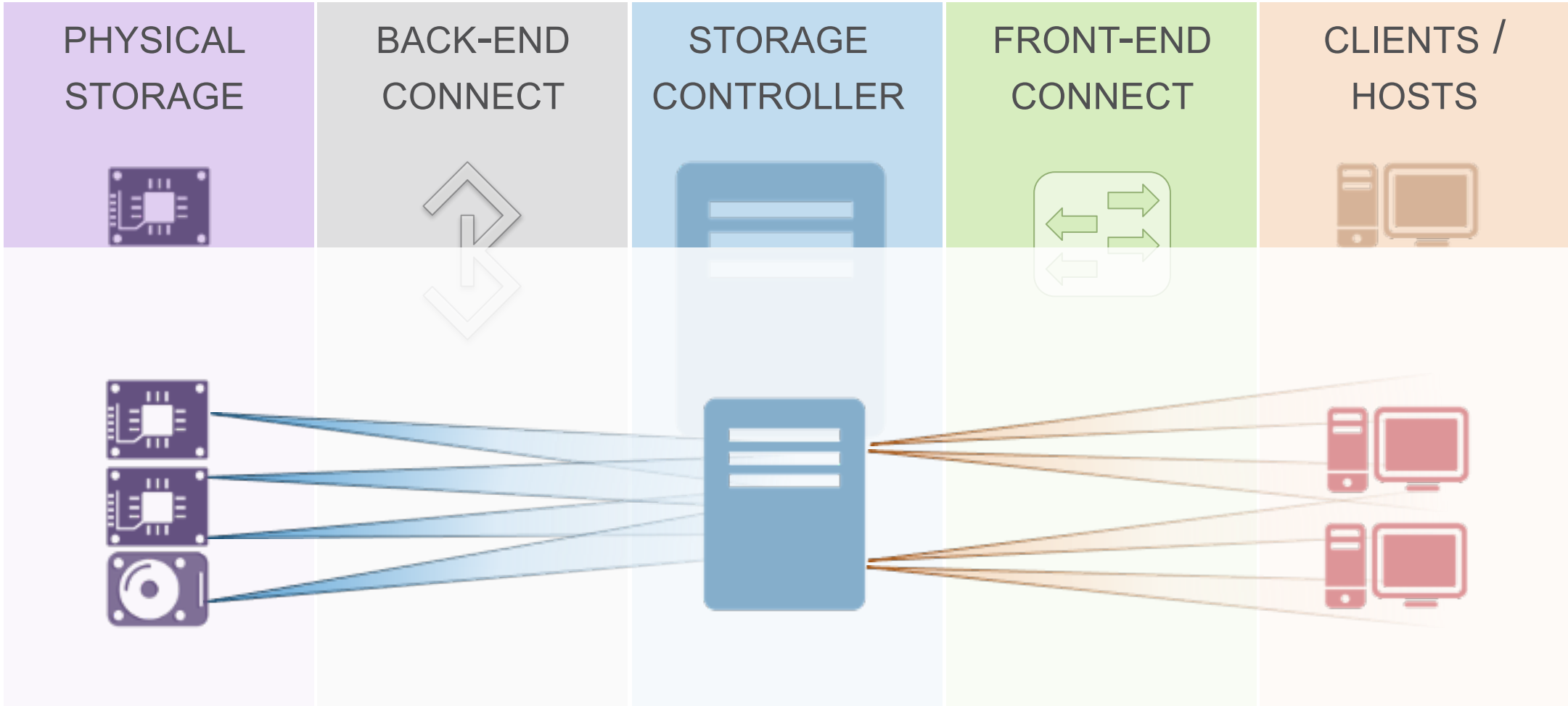


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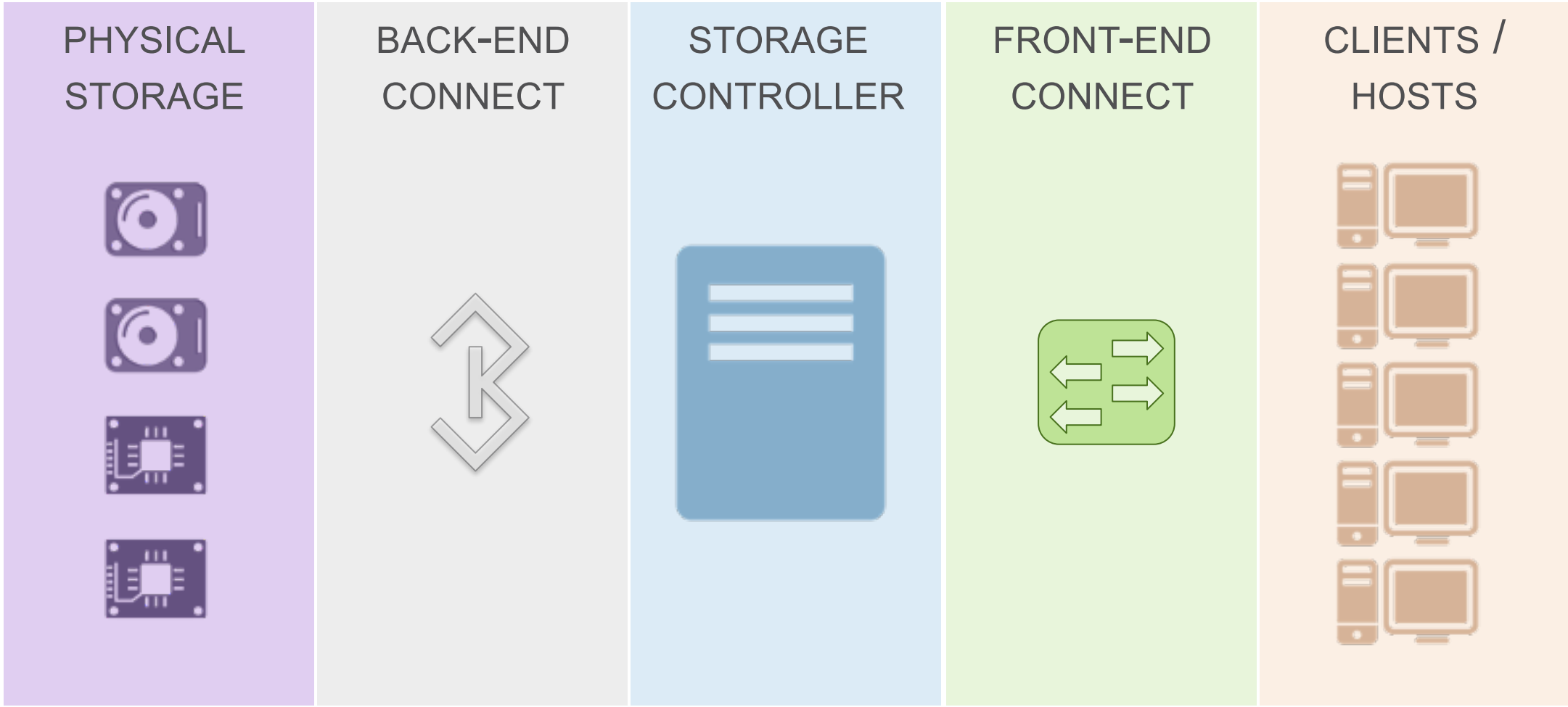

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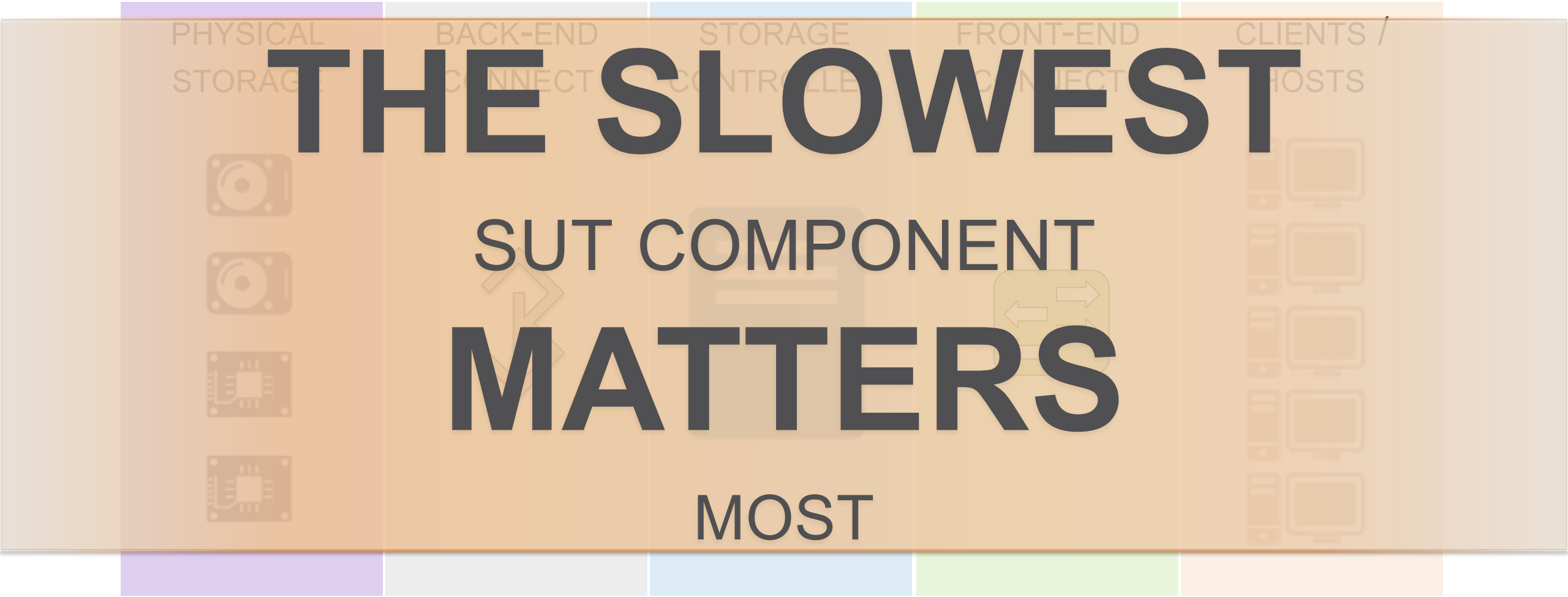

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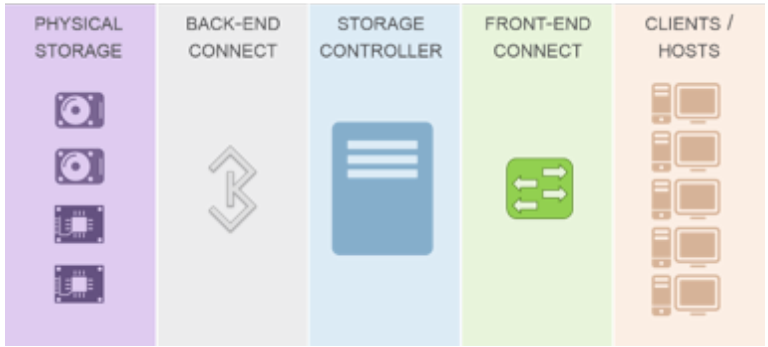
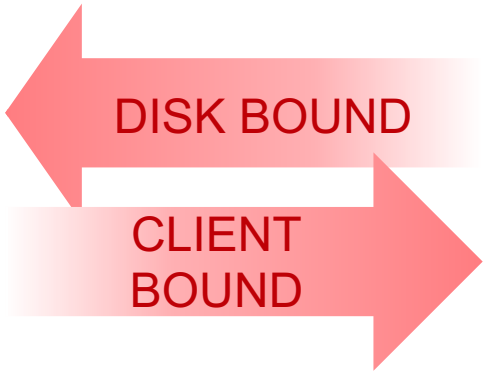


SLOW COMPONENT MATTERS MOST



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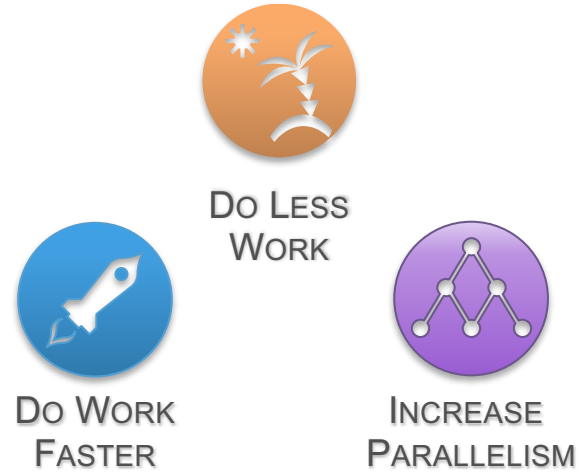

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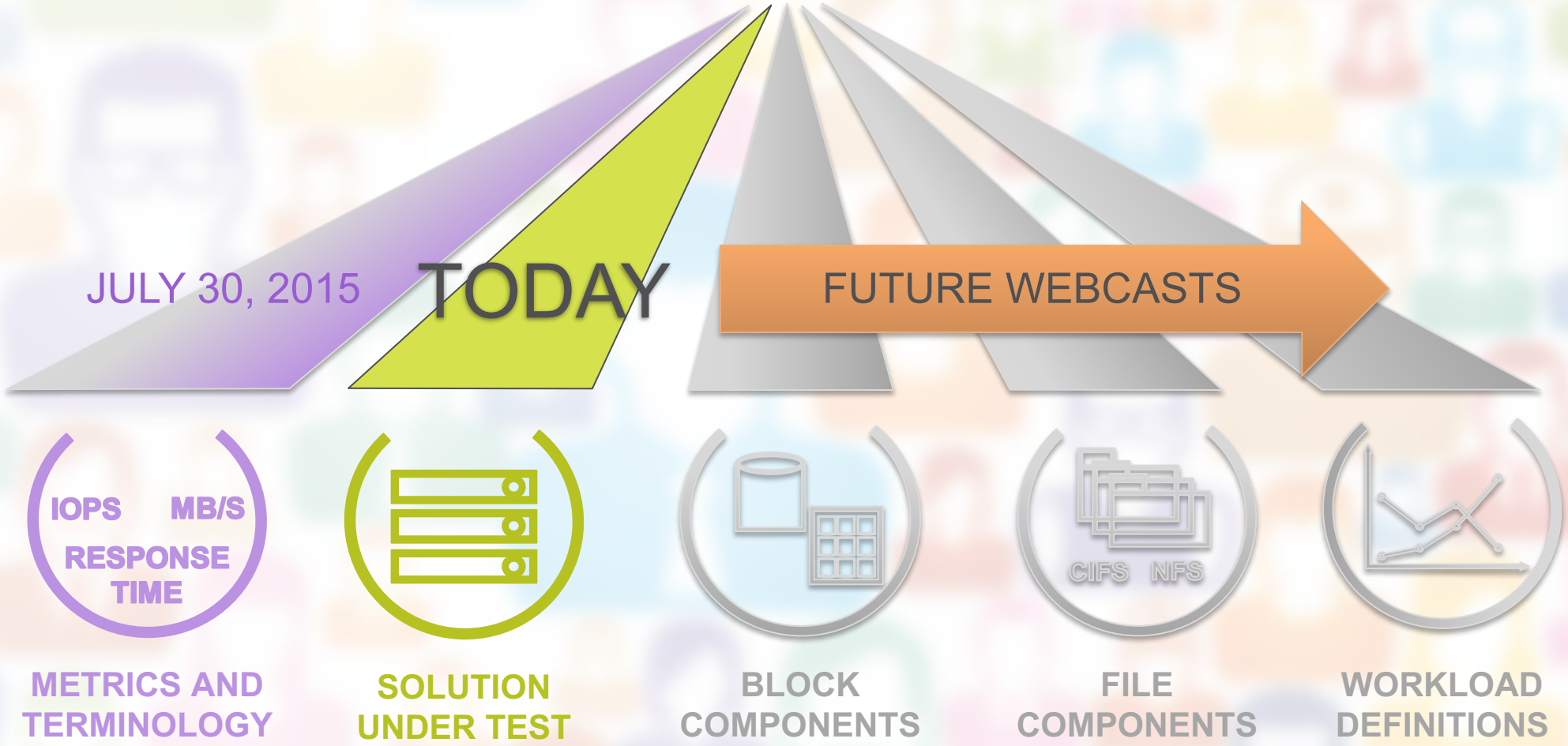
Storage Performance Benchmarking



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