

# How Networking Affects Flash Storage Systems

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# Flash Memory Evolution of Data Center

# Discrete Data Center <2005

| Manageability |         |            |  |
|---------------|---------|------------|--|
| Compute       | Storage | Networking |  |
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#### Virtualized Data Center 2005-2015



Unified Network Virtualized Computing

**Virtualized Networking** 

**10GbE Networking** 

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Network Overlays Software Defined Networks Software Defined Storage 25-100GbE Networking



# Evolution of networking and fabric



Santa Clara, CA



### Evolution of the Data Center

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| Console | Manageability |            |  |  |
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| Compute | Storage       | Networking |  |  |
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Virtualized **Data Center** 2005-2015 Manageability VM Console VM Console Console VM **Resource Pools** 

> Unified Network Virtualized Computing Virtualized Networking 10GbE Networking



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## **Evolution of Networking Fabrics**





#### **NVMe**

# PCIe



#### **NVMe over Fabrics**



#### Is network the new bottleneck?





#### Throughput (MB/s)





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#### **Balanced Flash Storage System**





# Network Storage Throughput

#### Configuration

- Samsung All-Flash Array Reference Design\*
- Linux open source NVMf Stack
- 24x Samsung NVMe SSDs (1GB/s throughput each)
- 2x (2x40GbE OR 1x100GbE) Mellanox RDMA NICs

#### Test tool

• fio with libaio engine



## Network Storage Throughput

 Network links could throttle the storage throughput performance

# Throughupt (GB/s) (Seq. Read 128KB)









## **Network Storage Latency**

 Network link functionality such as RDMA capabilities will impact the storage latency Latency (usec) (Random Read 4KB)





- High performance network links enable flash storage systems to deliver raw performance of SSDs to applications
- Flash storage systems need to maintain a balance between network and SSD performance
- RDMA capabilities play a critical role in delivering low-latency network storage



