

# Data Explosion Demands Ethernet Fast Flash Fabrics

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# Data Centers in the Past

**Roadways**  
Networks for  
enterprise workloads

**Speedway**  
Highly specialized networks  
for distributed scientific and  
business HPC workloads

# Modern Data Centers

**Roadways = Speedways**  
Ultra-high performance  
networks interconnecting  
workloads from core-to-edge

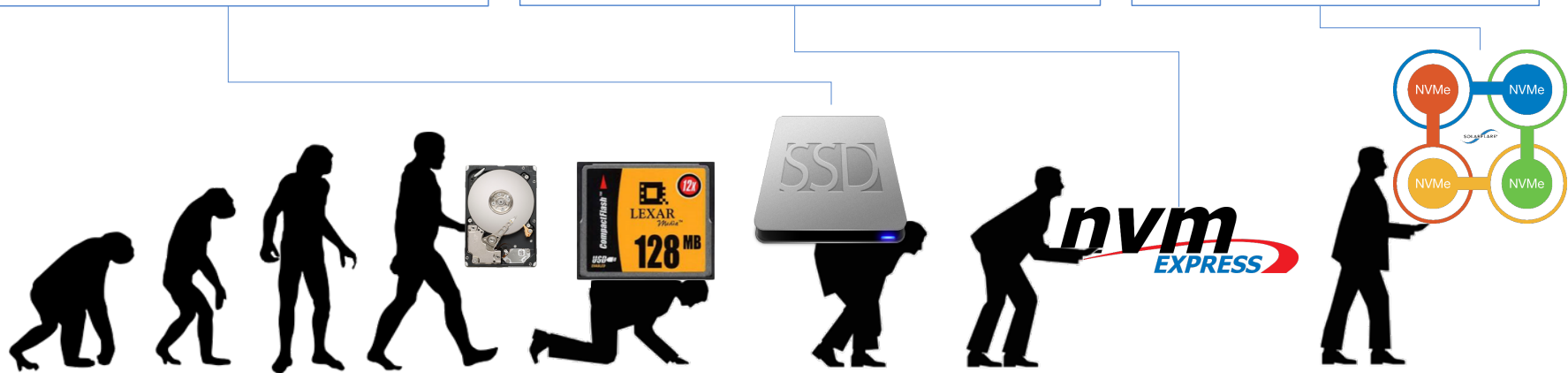
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# NVMe Flash Storage in the Data Center

**SSD:** Sparks explosive growth. SAS/SATA Storage bottleneck for servers.

**NVMe:** Addresses interface bottleneck for servers. Limited to inside the servers.

**NVMe-oF:** FC, IB & RoCE limit adoption and add cost.



## Solarflare Mission

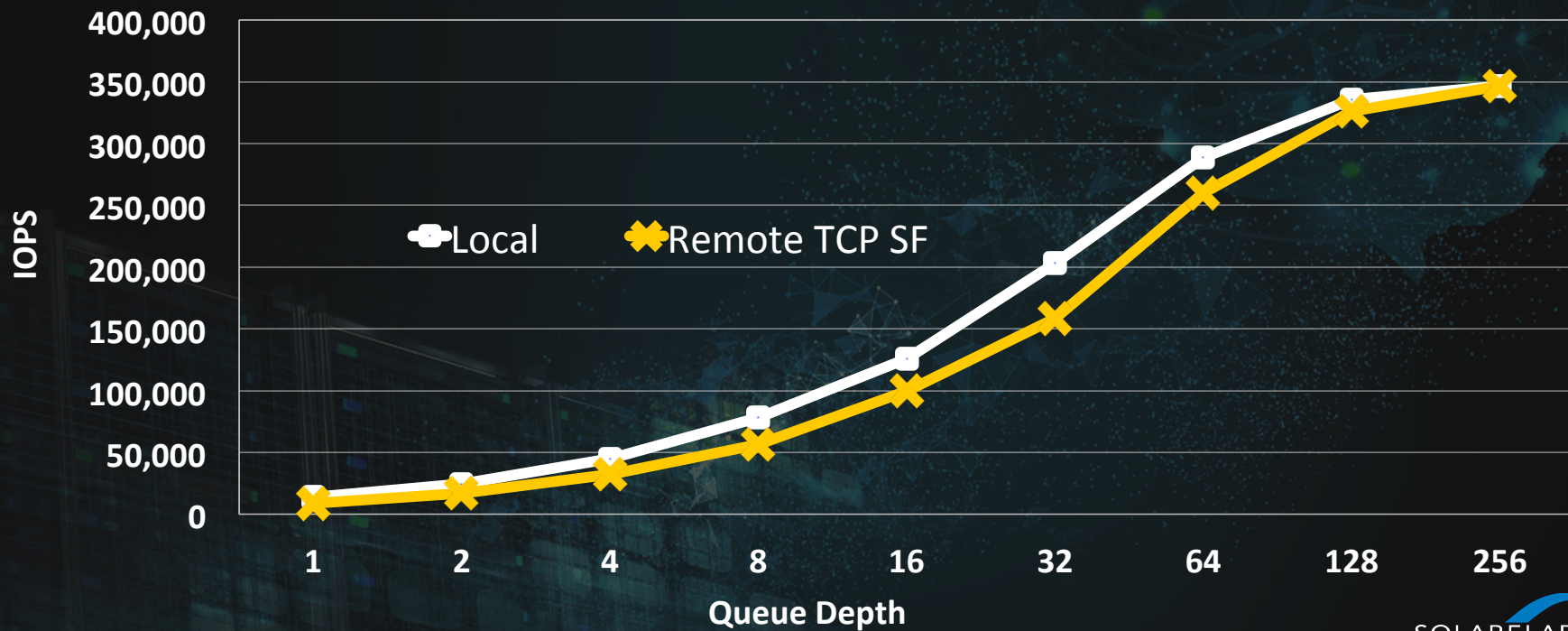
Empower all applications to gain benefits of FLASH storage without cost and implementation issues by enabling NVMe flash with ubiquitous TCP/IP



# Empirical Data on NVMe over TCP IOPS



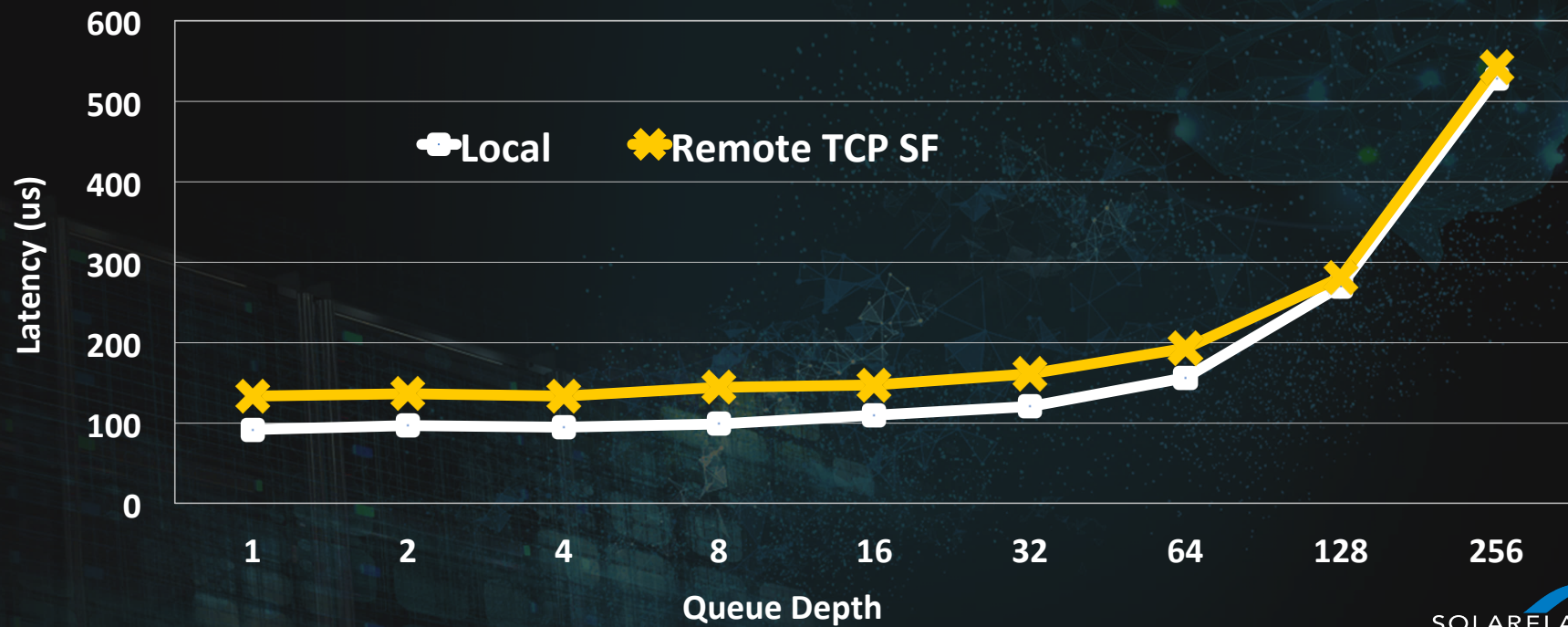
**Sustained 4K Random Mixed IO**  
(70% Read / 30% Write) Kernel NVMe over TCP



# Empirical Data on NVMe over TCP Latency



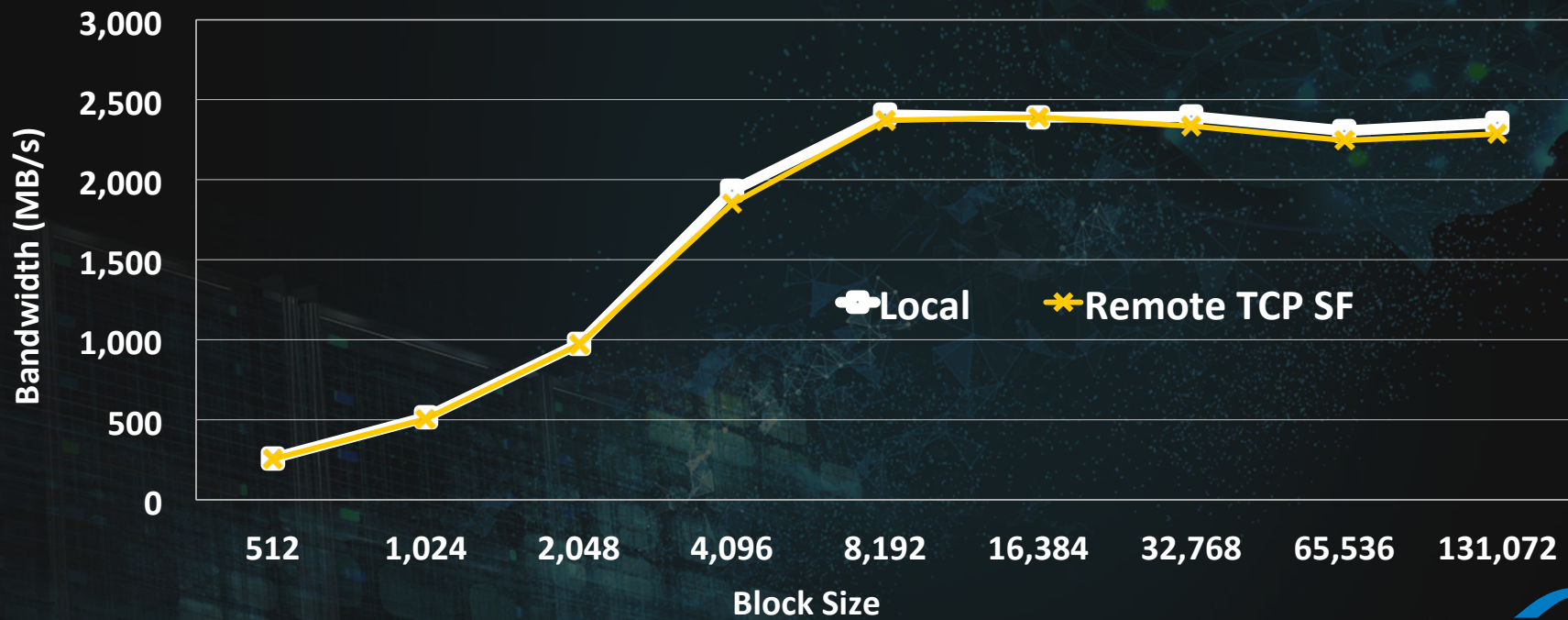
## Sustained 4K Random Read IO (Kernel NVMe over TCP)



# Empirical Data on NVMe over TCP Bandwidth



**Sustained Random Read IO, Queue Depth = 256**  
(Kernel NVMe over TCP)



Maine Cape Cod

SSD

FAST LANE

NVMe Express

Done!

Network

FAST LANE

NVMe over Fabrics

NVMe-oF  
TCP proven  
and validated

Server

STOP PAY TOLL

Operating System

Next emerging  
bottleneck as SSD's  
increase in speed,  
capacity and lower  
latency will be the  
Servers and the  
Operating systems!

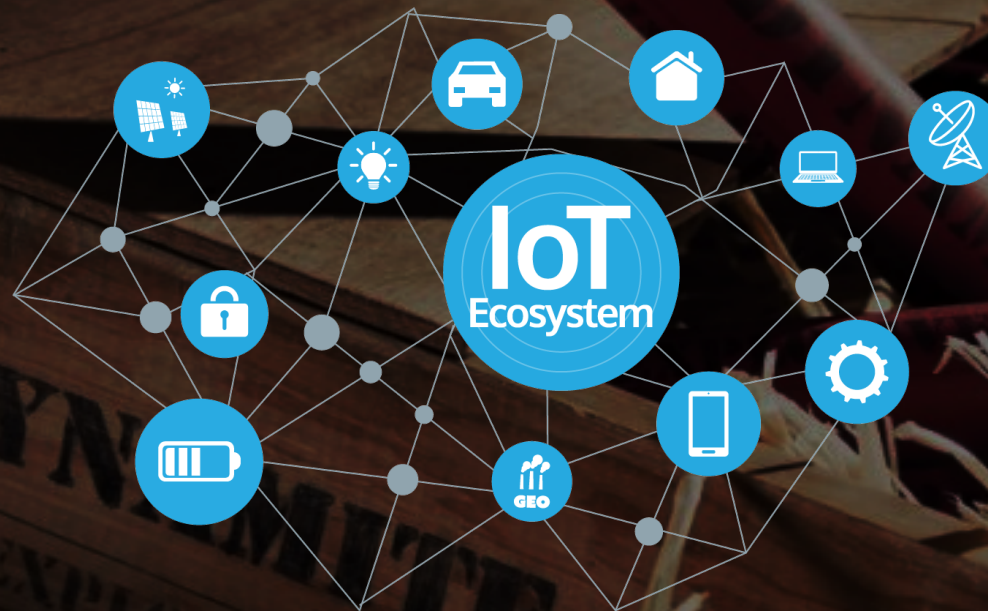




# IoT Dynamite

Filling Big Data Stores & Waiting for Edge Analytics

**212**  
**Billion**  
Sensor  
enabled  
objects by  
2020 - IBM



**30**  
**Billion**  
Sensor  
enabled  
objects  
networked by  
2020 - IBM

# A 5G Match

## The Key to Real Time Analytics in Micro Data Centers

**1980s**

**1G**

Analog Voice



**1990s**

**2G**

Digital Voice



**2000s**

**3G**

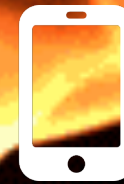
Mobile Broadband



**2010s**

**4G**

Faster Better



**2020s**

**5G**

Computing Platform



**10,000 x more traffic • 100x more devices • Less than 1 ms latency**

**10 year battery life • 10 Gb/second data rate**



# An Explosion in Real Time Analytics

## Traditional Data Warehouse



Structured Data  
**Long-Term Analytics**  
Planning to Make Decisions



## Big Data Store



Unstructured Data  
**Short-Term Analytics**  
Make a Decision Today



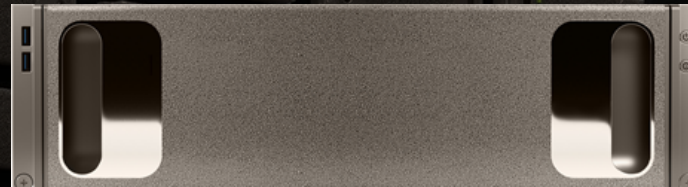
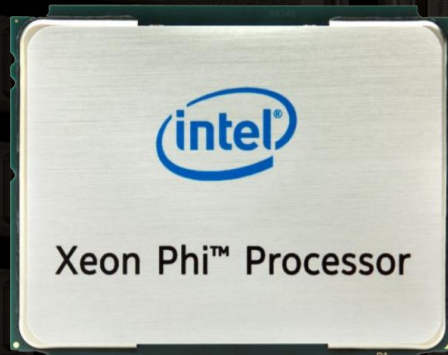
## Edge Devices



Streaming Data  
**Real-Time Analytics**  
Make a Decision **NOW**

# Servers in 2018 capacity Dramatic Increase

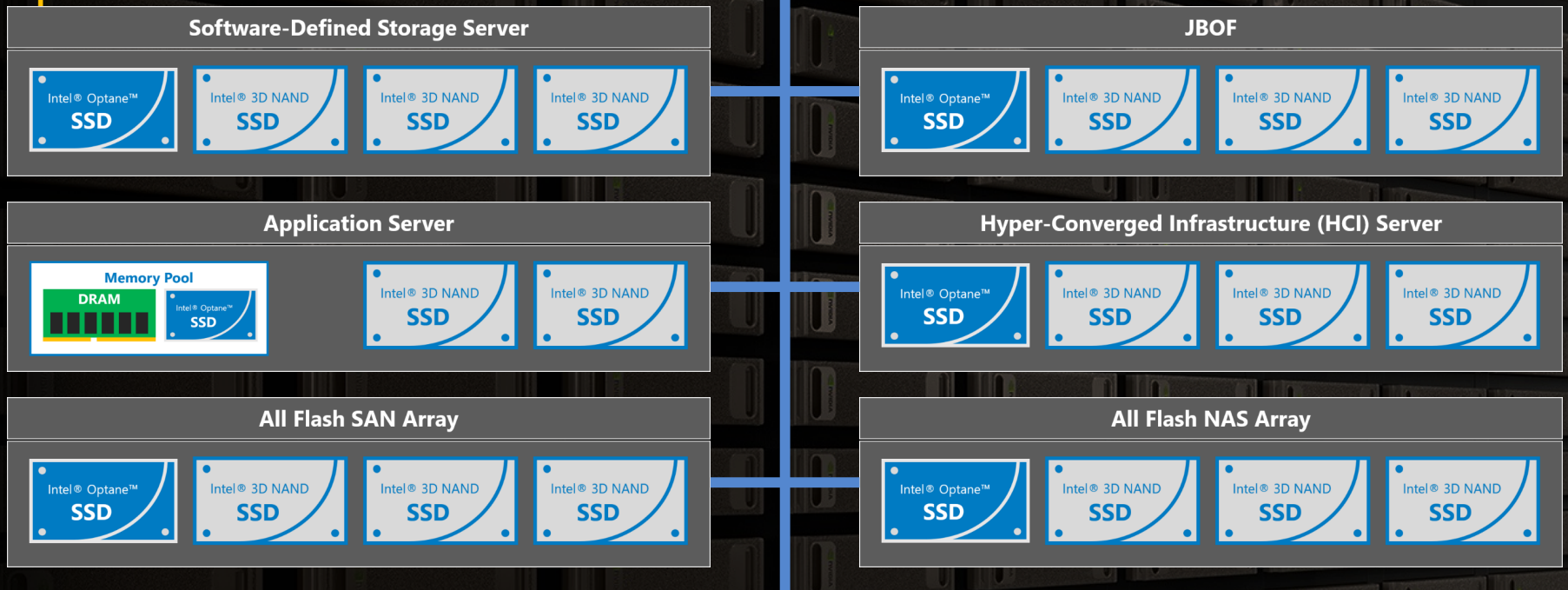
100 Servers x 72 CPU Cores = **7,200 Interconnected Cores**



<b>CPUs</b>	<b>1x Xeon Phi</b>
<b>Cores</b>	<b>72</b>

# A New Era of Networked Storage

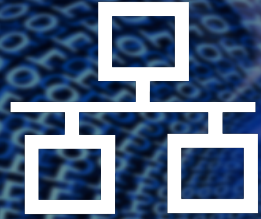
With new class of SSD's like Intel Optane reducing latency to ~10 us will have a significant impact!



**Microsecond Access** Anywhere in the Data Center **with Standard Ethernet**

# 2018 Flash Storage Bottlenecks

Network



Linux



Windows  
Server



# Under the Hood of NVMe over TCP

# Inside The Server Bottleneck

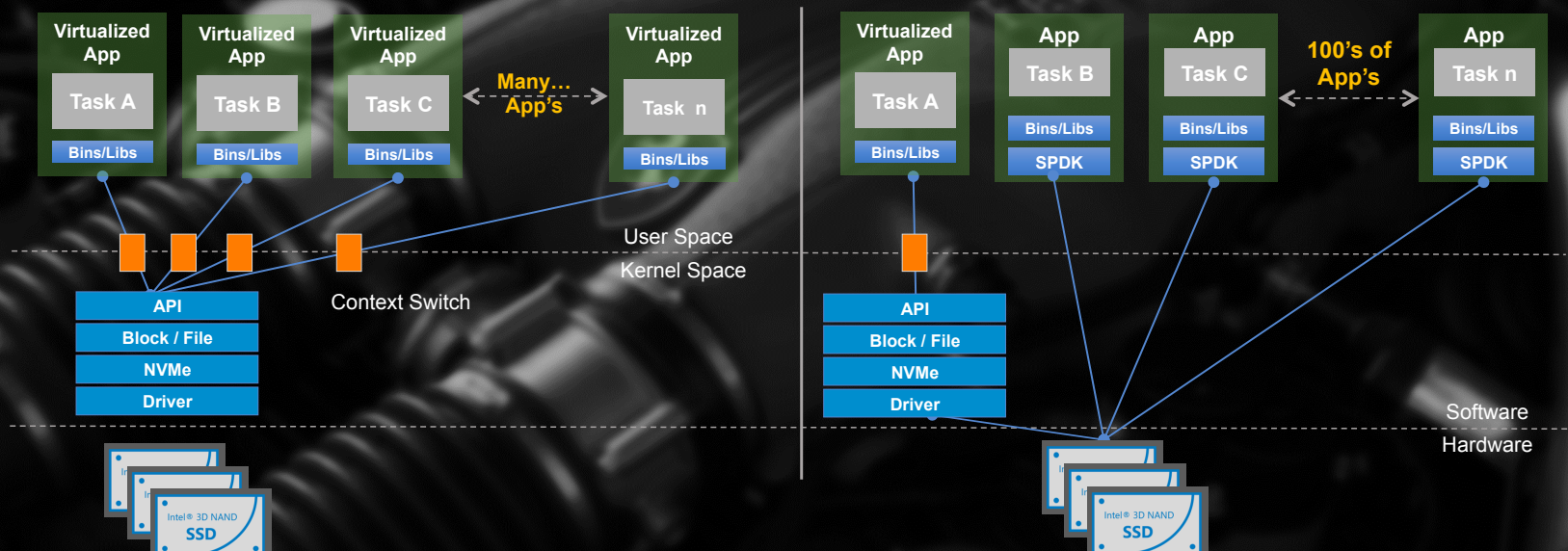


## The Problem: OS Context Switching

Common problem that occurs when many micro services are sharing storage devices is operating system context switching, buffer copying, the constant suspending and resuming of processes which kills application performance.

## The Solution: User Space Block Storage (SPDK)

SPDK moves Block/NVMe layer in to user space eliminating context switching, buffer copying and blocking. Significantly removing overhead reducing latency and increasing scalability.



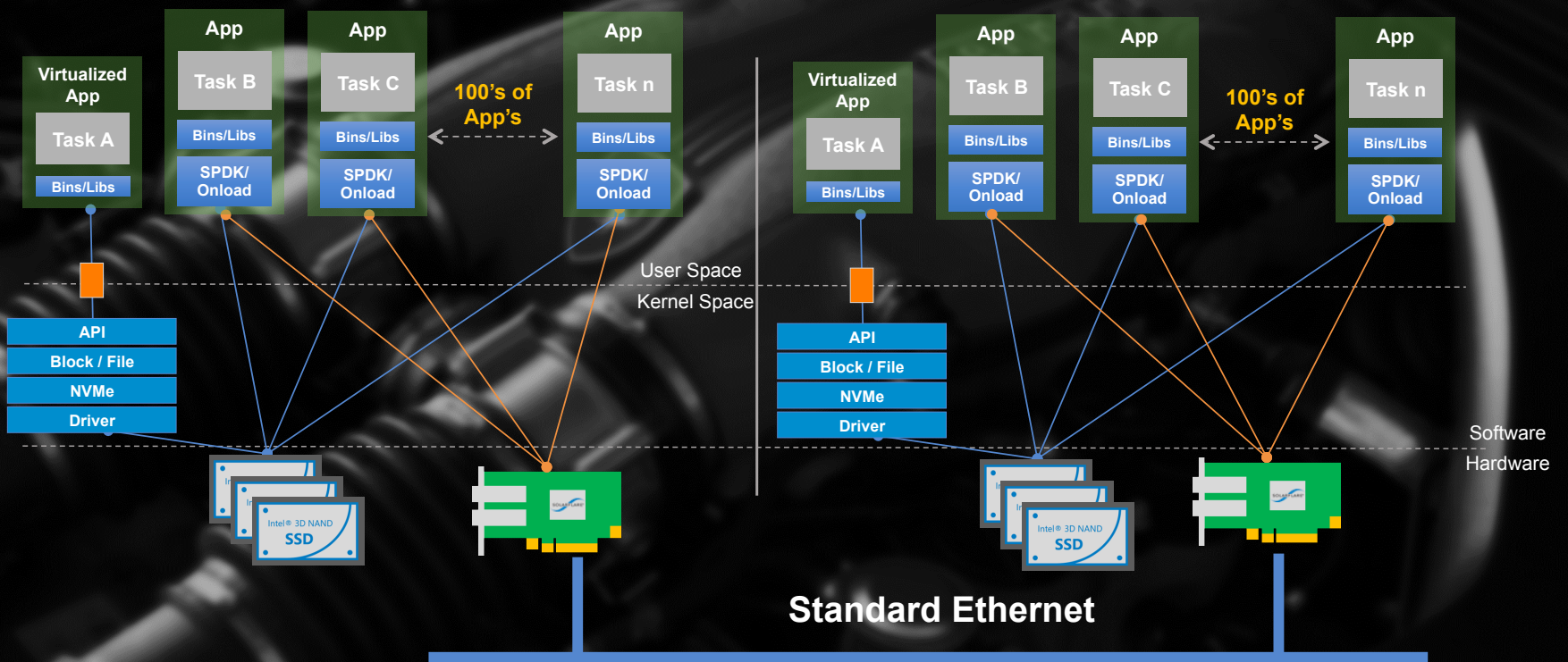


# The Networking Bottleneck



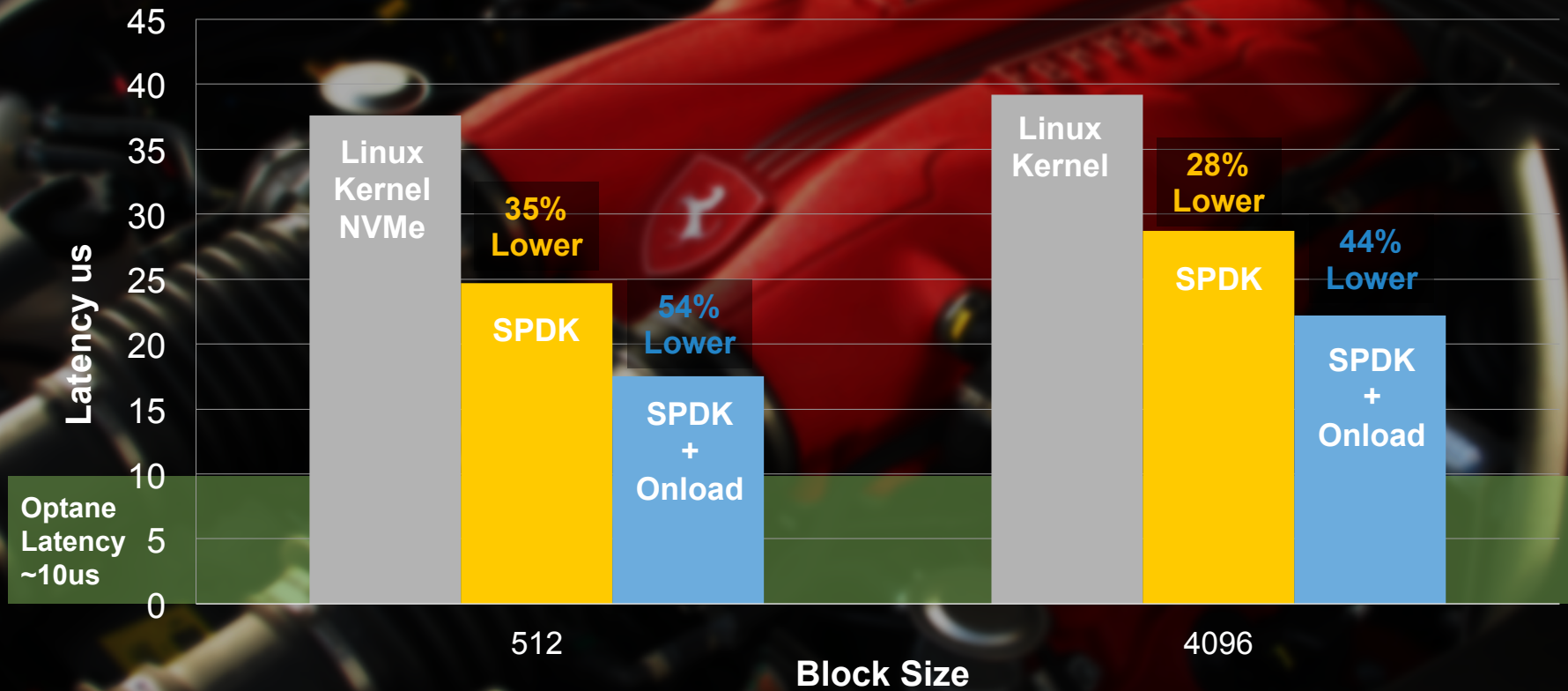
The Solution: **User space Block Interface (SPDK) and TCP/IP (Onload) Stack**

By bypassing Operating System for both NVMe and NCMoE TCP eliminates Bottleneck



# User Space Solutions Drive Performance & Scale

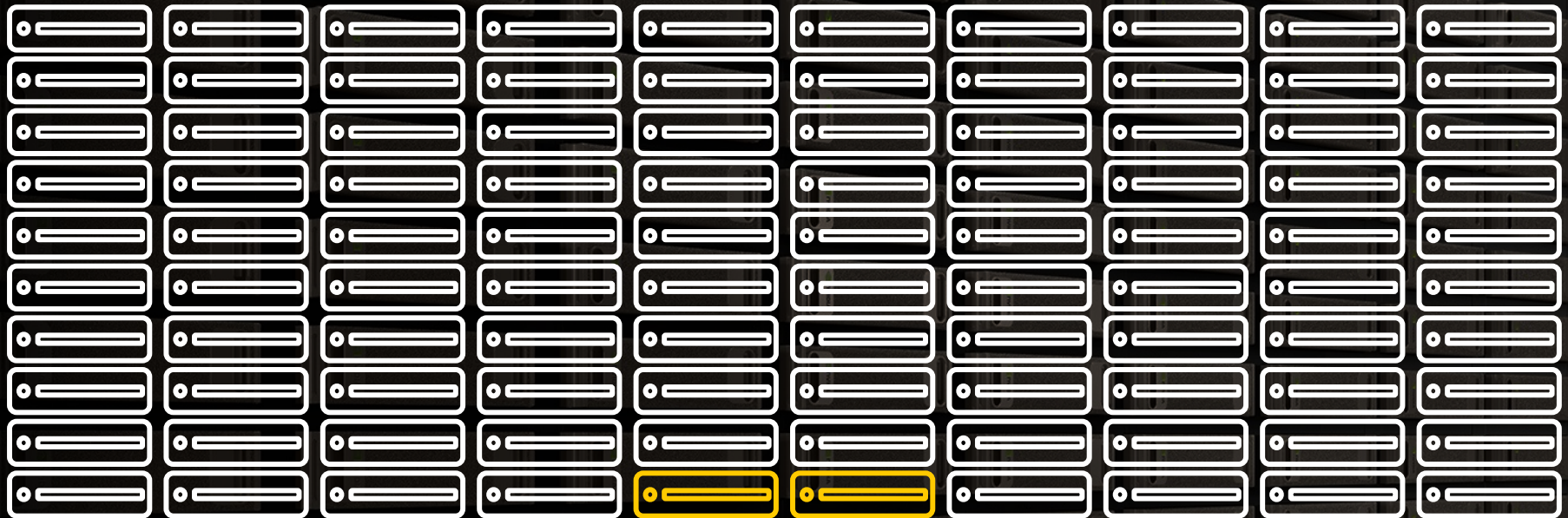
Intel Optane SSD and NVMe over TCP



# NVMe over TCP: Delivers on Promise

*Simple to Deploy and Use on Existing Network*

98% of installed servers connected with TCP



2% of installed servers connected with  
**RDMA**

## After Microsecond Storage Networks

**IRVINE, CA—May 7, 2018—Solarflare and LDA Technologies Achieve 120 Nanosecond Network Latency**

The companies make nanosecond performance the new normal.



**SmartNICs will  
make neural-class  
storage networks  
possible**

Network





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