

“The US economy could expand more than 70% through 2030 and use 11% less electricity than in 2008 because of energy efficiency advances associated with semiconductor technologies. By our calculations here, the cumulative net electricity bill savings enabled by semiconductors might exceed \$1.3 trillion through 2030.”

# Data Center Overview

- Industry Organizations
  - UpTime Institute
  - ASHRAE
  - 7x24
  - Green Grid
  - Climate Savers
  - AFCOM
  - Data Center Dynamics
  - SVLG
  - Data Center Pulse
- Types of data centers
  - Corporate
  - Co-location (Retail)
  - Wholesale
  - Enterprise
- Industry Efforts
  - Energy efficiency
  - Metrics
  - Technology

# Data Center Industry Facts

- In 2006, 3% of U.S. electricity consumed by ICT
- >20,000 data centers in the US by 2011 will require >5 fully loaded Diablo Canyon nuclear power plants
- EPA report forecasted data center energy-use will double every ~5 years
- Growth is rapidly outpacing efficiency improvements.
- 4.1 billion cell phones worldwide, 2/3 are in developing nations. India alone annually adds ~ 100 million new cell phone users each year

# The Energy Facts

- Data centers in the US by 2011 will spend over \$23 billion annually on electricity
- US Government spends over \$1 billion annually on energy for data centers and expected to increase to between \$2.5 to \$4.5 billion by 2020.
- Utility costs on path to double about every 11 years
- About \$1m/year/MW @ \$.10/kWh to power
- Energy is the largest driver of 10-year NPV

## Rising Charges

Average retail prices of electricity in the U.S.

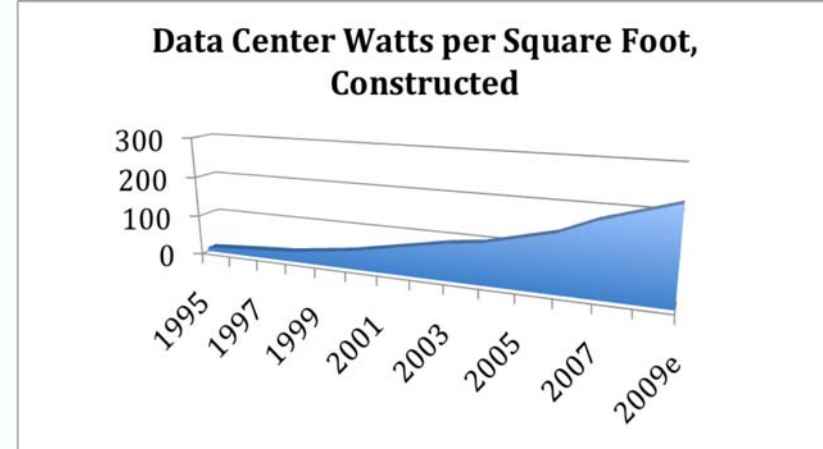


Note: Data are not adjusted for inflation

†Through August

Source: Energy Information Administration

# Technology facts



- Watts/SF increased 10x in 10 years
- Processors in last 5 years = 25x perf, 6x energy
  - Semiconductors have achieved a 10 fold-decrease in watts per Gigabyte per second in the last 10 years
- Hardware cost equal or more money to run then buy
- Refresh rates decreasing from roughly 4 to 2 years
- It costs roughly \$10m/MW of IT load to build a data center
- Networking energy will increase from 10% to as much as 50% by 2013

# Findings for IT equipment



1. Holistic IT transformation initiatives deliver larger impact in our studies
2. Companies need to better demonstrate aggressive IT infrastructure reduction
  - Yet to fully harness virtualization and rationalization
  - Must consider storage and networks

EPA Scenario	PSRR
Historical Trends	N/A
Current Trends	1.08:1
Improved Operations	<b>1.08:1</b>
<b>Best Practice</b>	<b>2:1</b>
<b>State-of-the-Art</b>	<b>5:1</b>

**Consolidated R&D PSRR 2.1:1**

**Consolidated Production PSRR 3:1**

*EPA's PSRR, and % adoption of power management & energy efficient servers based on expert estimates*

# Energy Efficiency in Design

- Average PUE reduced from  $>2$  to  $\sim 1.5$ ; good below 1.1
- Metrics: DCiE, PUE, Green Grid, others; more coming
- Good, Smart Design should cost less
  - Cooling, where it's all at
    - Air economization
    - Water economization
    - Fan HP reduction
    - Close coupling
  - Electrical
    - Rotary or super-efficient UPS
    - NO transformers! (or high-efficiency)

# Findings for Site Infrastructure



1. High efficiency site initiatives exist today  
Participants start PUE 1.2-1.6
2. Legacy retrofits can almost be as efficient as new commissions

*E.g., applying measured results*

*Air management + VFDs + water-side economizer in a legacy retrofit results in a 0.23 contribution to PUE*

*High efficiency chilled water plant + modular cooling in a new data center results in a 0.21 contribution to PUE*

**Consolidated Legacy PUE 1.355**  
**Consolidated New PUE 1.265**

EPA Scenario	PUE
Historical Trends	2.0
Current Trends	1.9
Improved Operations	1.7
Best Practice	1.3
State-of-the-Art	1.2

# Energy Efficiency in Operations/Retrofit

- Good, Smart Operations only costs less
  - Hot/cold aisle separation
  - VFDs on CRAC
  - Ducted or raised returns
- Software
  - Virtualization
  - Server power management
  - Better controls
- Hardware
  - Data De-Duplication and SSDs
  - Memory
  - EnergyStar
  - Highly-efficient Power supplies

# Energy Saving Ideas

- Measure holistically, not on per unit savings
- Focus on server and other hardware reductions
- Look at work output ratio to energy use increase
- Consider shutting off hardware
- Retail data centers = infrastructure
- Customer owned & operated on work to energy
- Focus on small sites, including cell towers, phone switching centers, data center closets

# New Trends

- EPA EnergyStar
  - servers, storage and networking
- DoE
  - DC Pro, LEADER, \$50m in new R&D, training, demos
- The Cloud
- Containers
- Optical networking, even within the box
- Water Efficiency
- Carbon Legislation

# A few things to think about

- 75% of server energy is for parallel machine energy, within and between other servers
- A large portion of ICT energy consumption is in small installations such as mobile phone towers, server closets, and neighborhood facilities
- Demand Response program in development and LBNL is looking for demonstration partners
- I'm looking for your energy-efficiency demos

## Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Data Center Demonstration Project

A Silicon Valley Leadership Group Event

# DATA CENTER ENERGY SUMMIT

June 26



- US EPA Energy Star Report published in August 2007 presented energy use of datacenters and extrapolated energy savings based on adoption of identified technologies
- Data Center Demonstration Project took the initiative to validate the energy savings suggested within the EPA report by conducting case studies in commercial environments of study participants
- First Summit with validated case studies occurred in June of 2008, second summit October 2009; third is planned for October 2010
- This study is unique in that 3rd party industry data centers implemented these initiatives and revealed the energy savings



**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Many organizations have provided support throughout this effort, including LBNL, PG&E, CEC, SVLG, CIEE, end-user data centers, technology partners, summit hosts and others.**

# Year 1, The Report

This report is a companion to the EPA report

Answers the call-to-action from the EPA report

*“Objective, credible information is needed about the performance of new technologies and about best practices as well as the effect of both on data center availability”*

Compares the energy estimates of the EPA report with measured results

- To encourage increased adoption of energy saving initiatives
- To help shape potential standardization, regulation, or certification around energy use
- To demonstrate commitment of data center operators to environmental responsibility
- To drive others to increase their energy efficiency



## EPA Report documents U.S. servers and data center energy use



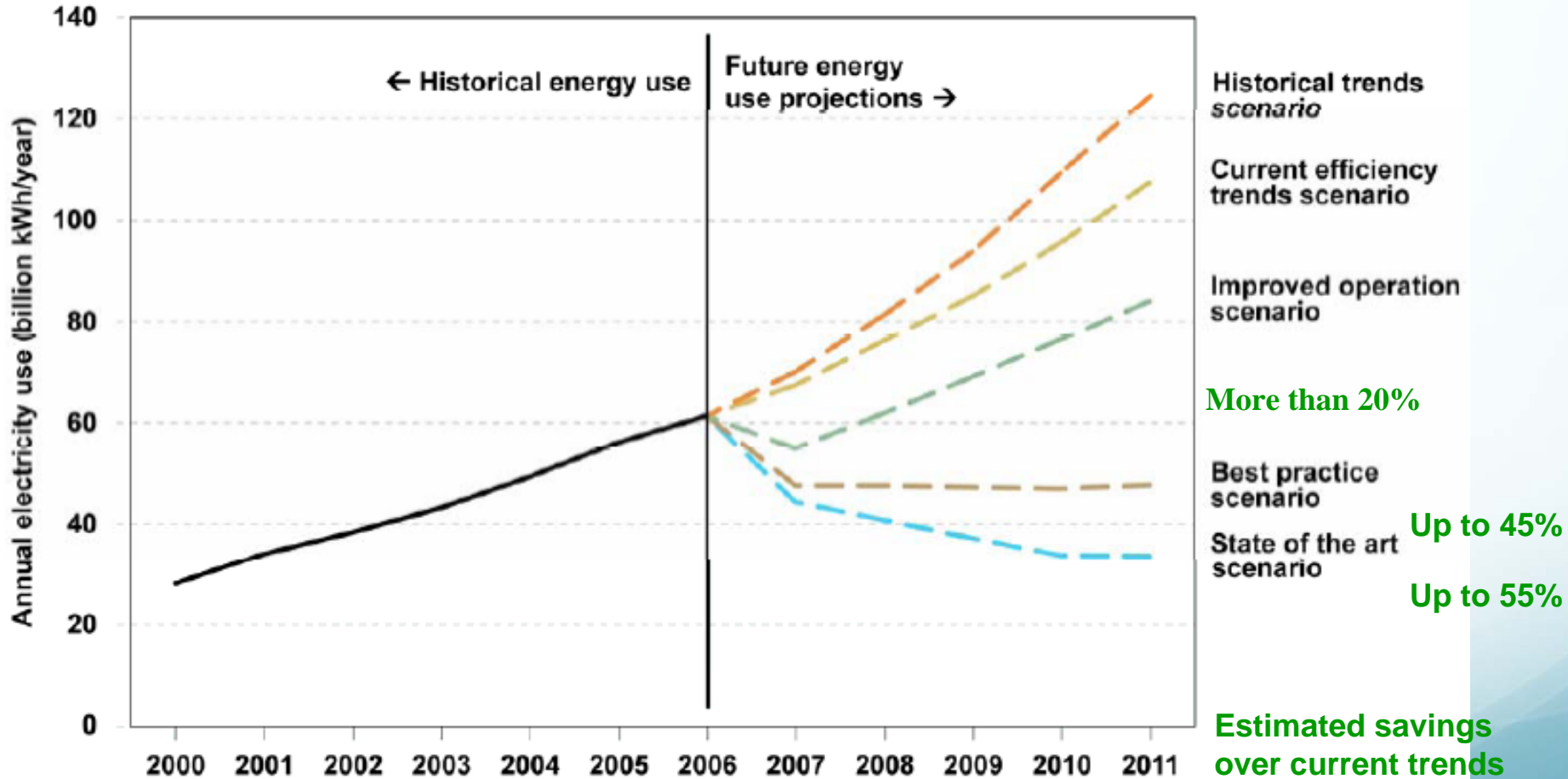
Scenario	Electricity Consumption	Electricity Costs	Environmental Impact
<b>Today (2006)</b>	Use about 61 billion kWh Doubled since 2000 1.5% of total U.S. consumed More than U.S. TVs Equivalent to 5.8 million average U.S. households	Costs \$4.5 billion annually	Peak load on power grid is equivalent to the output of 15 power plants.
<b>Current Trends (by 2011)</b>	<b>Use nearly doubles to more than 100 billion kWh</b>	<b>Costs \$7.4 billion annually</b>	<b>Requires an additional 10 power plants</b>
<b>EPA Scenarios (by 2011)</b>	<b>Annual savings of approximately 23 billion to 74 billion kWh over current</b>	<b>Reduces costs by \$1.6 billion to \$5.1 billion annually</b>	<b>Reduces peak load by equivalent of up to 15 new power plants</b> <b>Reduces 15 to 47 MMT CO<sub>2</sub></b>

# EPA Energy Projections

## *Can we achieve these results?*



In the best practice scenario, energy use reduced below the 2006 level



## Case Study Coverage At-a-glance

Initiative	Improved Operations	Best Practice	State of the Art
<b>Data Center Site Infrastructure Projects</b>			
<b>Data Center Cooling</b>			
Data Center Airflow Management		X X	
Free Cooling in Large Scale Data Centers	X		X X
Data Center Cooling Optimization		X	
High Efficiency Chilled Water Systems		X	
Modular Cooling Systems		X X	X X X
Wireless Sensor Network Adaptive Cooling			X
<b>Data Center Power Distribution</b>			
High Efficiency Power Transformation		X X	
High Voltage AC Power			X
High Efficiency Stand-by Power Systems		X X	
<b>IT Infrastructure Projects</b>			
<b>Consolidation and Optimization</b>			
IT Computing Resource Optimization		X	X
IT Consolidation and Virtualization	X	X	
Server Power Characterization & Modeling			X

# Demonstration Scenarios

## IT Initiatives used for Production and R&D Data Centers

## Demonstration Scenarios

**Production**  
Consolidation

**Legacy Production**

**New Production**

**R&D**  
Consolidation  
Resource Optimization

**Legacy R&D**

**New R&D**

### Legacy Retrofit

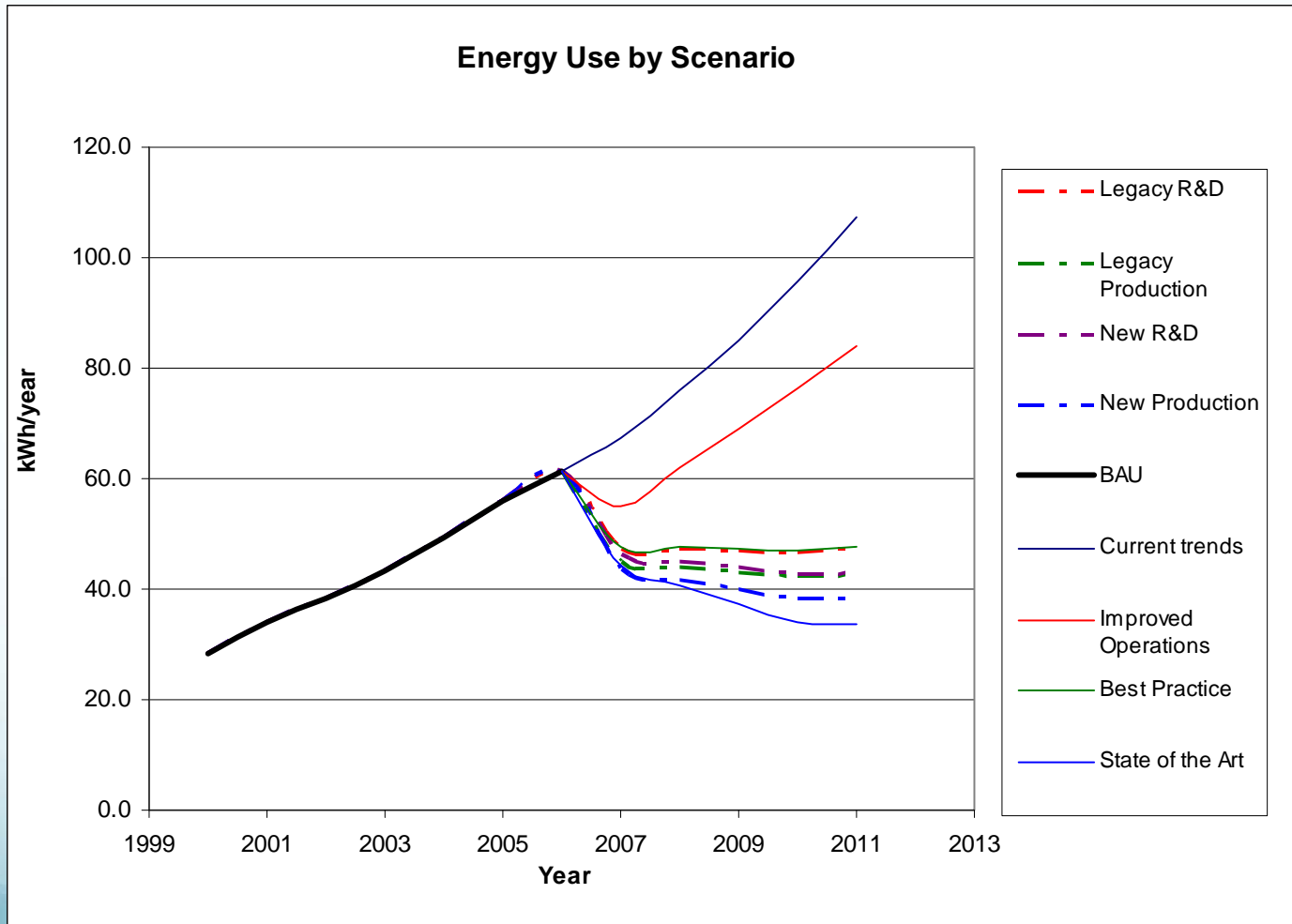
Variable Fan Drives  
Air Management  
Water-side economizer  
Right-sizing power, cooling

### Newly Commissioned

Air side economizer  
High efficiency chilled water plant + Modular cooling  
High efficiency standby power  
High efficiency PDU

# Comparison with EPA results

## *We can achieve Best Practice*



# By 2011, significant savings over 2007 trends



## Legacy retrofits

- Savings of 59.9 to 64.6 billion kWh/year annually
- Up to \$4.5 billion saved annually
- 40.9 MMTCO<sub>2</sub> reduced (more than 7 million cars) annually

## New commissions

- Savings of 64.2 to 68.9 billion kWh/year annually
- Up to \$4.8 billion saved annually
- 43.6 MMTCO<sub>2</sub> reduced (almost 8 million cars) annually



# Summary

- Data centers continue to be large energy consumers

*Costs about \$3 billion annually*

- Best practice levels defined in the EPA report are achievable
  - IT initiatives offer large savings
  - Yet to fully harness virtualization & rationalization
  - Site technology near state-of-the-art
  - Legacy upgrades can nearly match new commissions in terms of efficiency



Implement today's technologies and have significant impact

*Reduces carbon dioxide emissions by up to 8 million cars*