Storage vs Computing Networks

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Just in Different Amounts

Requirements: A Matter of Emphasis

- Storage Network
 - Cost-Effective Bandwidth
 - Latency not critical (rotating)
 - Scale to 10⁴ endpoints
 - Large packets dominate

- Exascale Network
 - Cost-Effective Bandwidth
 - Low latency essential
 - ▶ Scale to 10⁵ endpoints
 - Short packets important

Data Centers Want an Exascale Network

- Low-latency, fine-grained network access, scalability
- Latency of apps dominated by network
- Many data center apps could benefit from finer-grained parallelism (PGAS)
- And it shouldn't cost anything





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