

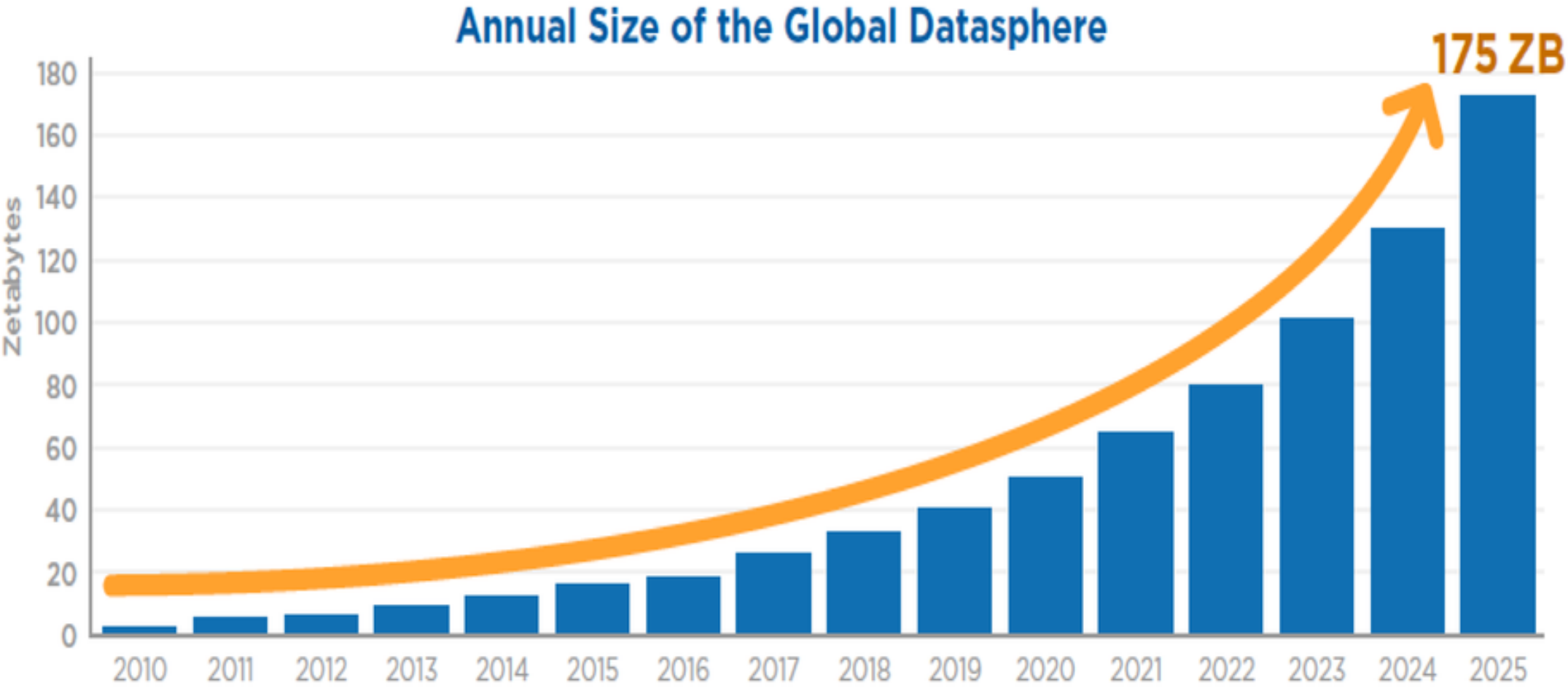
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# Accelerating Analytics with Intel® Optane™ Technology

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# Data Growth



Source: Data Age 2025, sponsored by Seagate with data from IDC Global DataSphere, Nov 2018

# John von Neumann

*"Ideally one would desire an indefinitely large memory capacity such that any particular 40 binary digit number or word would be immediately - i.e., in the order of 1 to 100  $\mu$ s - available and that words could be replaced with new words at about the same rate. It does not seem possible physically to achieve such a capacity. We are therefore forced to recognize the possibility of constructing a hierarchy of memories, each of which has greater capacity than the preceding but which is less quickly accessible."*

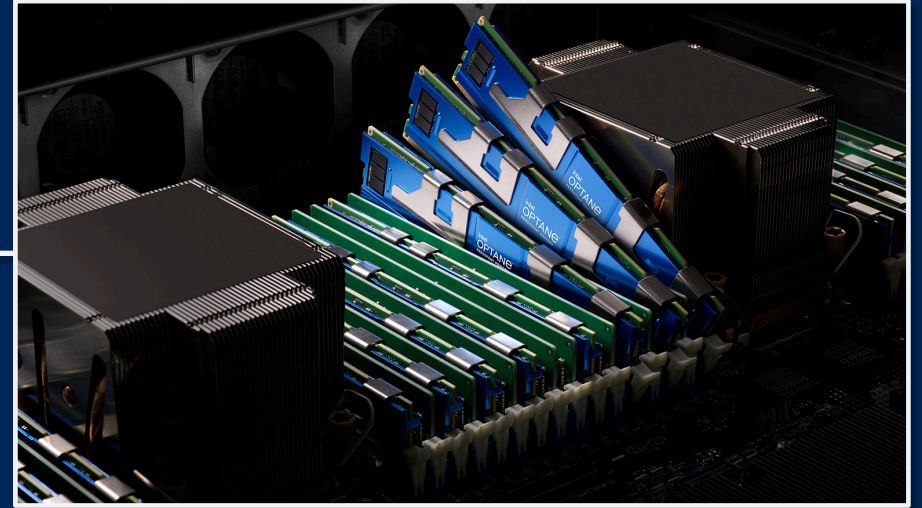
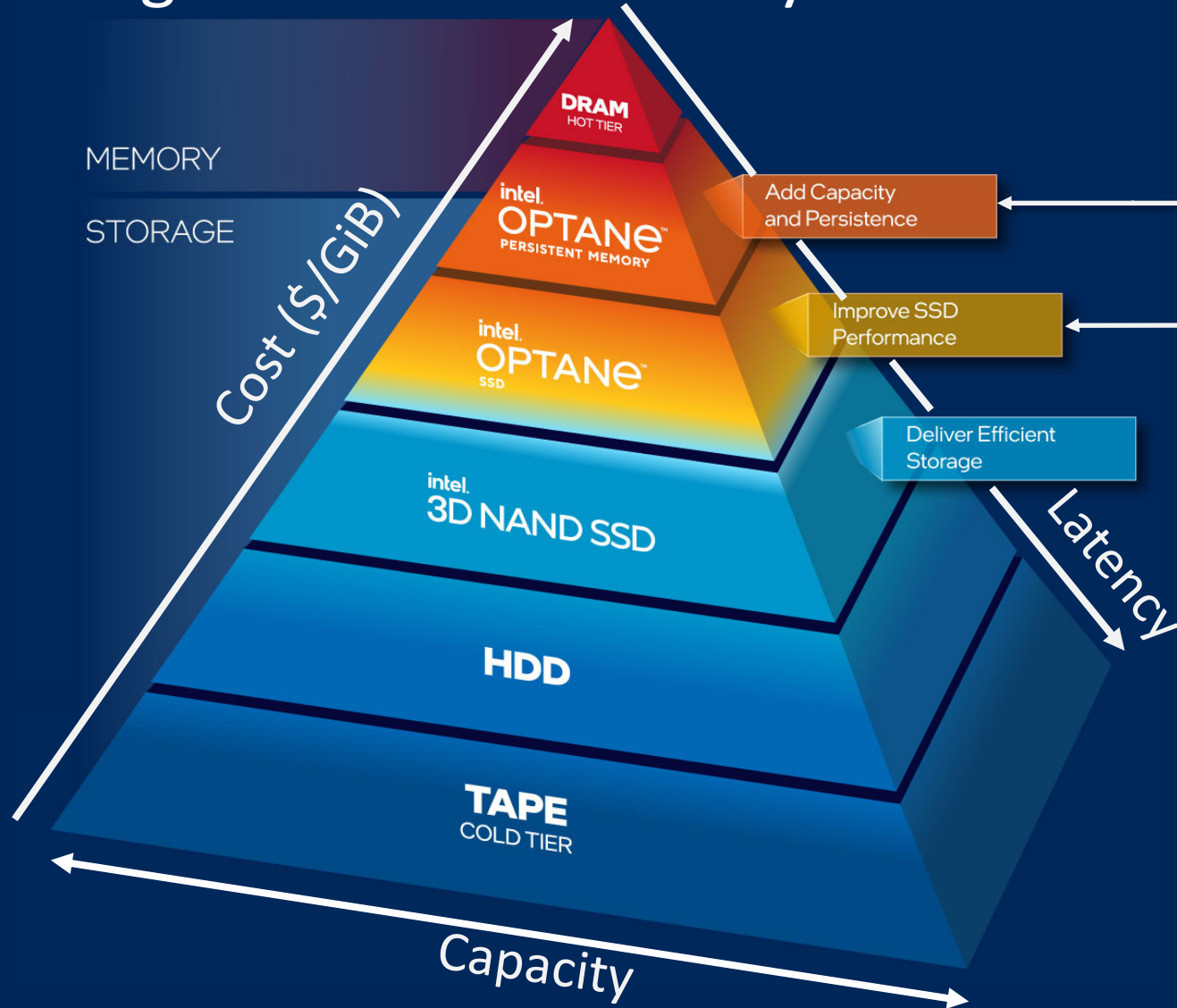
— "Preliminary Discussion of the Logical Design of an Electronic Computing Instrument" by Arthur Burks, Herman Goldstine, and John von Neumann, 1946" [https://library.ias.edu/files/Prelim\\_Disc\\_Logical\\_Design.pdf](https://library.ias.edu/files/Prelim_Disc_Logical_Design.pdf)

John von Neumann with the IAS machine, sometimes called the "von Neumann Machine", stored in the basement of Fuld Hall from 1942–1951 (Photo: Alan Richards)



# Closing the Memory and Storage Divide

## Data greater than Memory



# Intel® Optane Persistent Memory Technology

AES  
**256-BIT**  
encryption

Secure  
Erase

Up To  
**512 GB**  
modules

UP TO  
**32%** higher average memory  
bandwidth over the  
previous generation<sup>+</sup>

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## Intel® Optane™ PMem 100 series



2nd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors  
on 2S/4S/8S platform

**8-28**  
cores

**6 channels**  
memory

**3 TB**

Intel Optane  
PMem  
per socket\*

**4.5 TB**

Total system  
memory  
per socket\*

**2,666 MT/s**

DDR4 +  
Intel Optane PMem

**18 W Max**  
thermal design power

## Intel Optane PMem 200 series



3rd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors  
on 4S platform

**18-28**  
cores

**6 channels**  
memory

**3 TB**

Intel Optane  
PMem  
per socket\*

**4.5 TB**

Total system  
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Intel Optane PMem

**eADR**

**15 W Max**  
thermal design power

## Intel Optane PMem 200 series



3rd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors  
on 2S platform

**16-40**  
cores

**8 channels**  
memory

**4 TB**

Intel Optane  
PMem  
per socket\*\*

**6 TB**

Total system  
memory  
per socket\*\*

**3,200 MT/s**

DDR4 +  
Intel Optane PMem

**eADR**

**15 W Max**  
thermal design power

<sup>+</sup> Based on testing by Intel as of April 27, 2020 (Baseline) and March 31, 2020 (New).

<sup>\*</sup> 3 TB Intel Optane PMem = 6 x 512 GB Intel Optane PMem per socket, 4.5 TB System Memory = 6 x 512 GB Intel Optane PMem per socket + 6 x 256 GB

<sup>\*\*</sup> 4 TB Intel Optane PMem = 8 x 512 GB Intel Optane PMem per socket, 6 TB System Memory = 8 x 512 GB Intel Optane PMem per socket + 8 x 256 GB

# KX KDB+ Nano Benchmark

## ▪ Analytics

- **Performed within 10% of DRAM** for queries involving table joins
- **Performed 4× to 12× faster** than 24 NVMe storage in RAID configuration
- DRAM performed 3× to 10× faster when performing single-threaded calculations and aggregations on data

## ▪ Data processing and I/O operations

- **Processed 1.6× more data per second than NVMe-only** storage where data was read from PMem and written to NVMe storage
- **2× to 10× faster** reading data from files in parallel
- Speed of reading data similar to page cache (DRAM)
- Single-threaded file-write performance within 10% in both configurations
- Multithreaded file-write performance 42% slower

## ▪ Infrastructure resources

- **Required 37% less RAM** to complete key I/O-intensive data processing
- **Required no page cache** for querying or retrieving data stored in PMem

## ▪ Business benefits

- PMem is cheaper than DRAM per GiB, and higher density
- Collect and process more data with higher velocity sensors and assets
- Accelerate analytics and queries on recent data by **4× to 12×**
- Reduce cost of infrastructure running with less servers and DRAM to support data processing and analytic workloads
- Align infrastructure more closely to the value of data by establishing a storage tier between DRAM and NVMe- or SSD-backed performance block storage

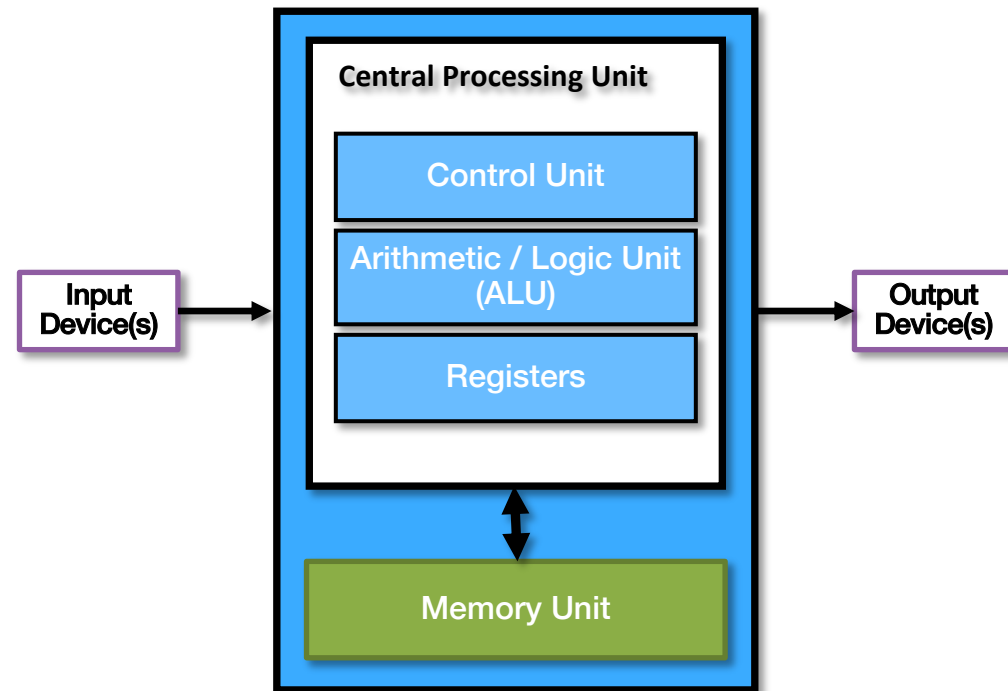
Source: <https://code.kx.com/q/architecture/optane-tests/#summary-results>



# Backup



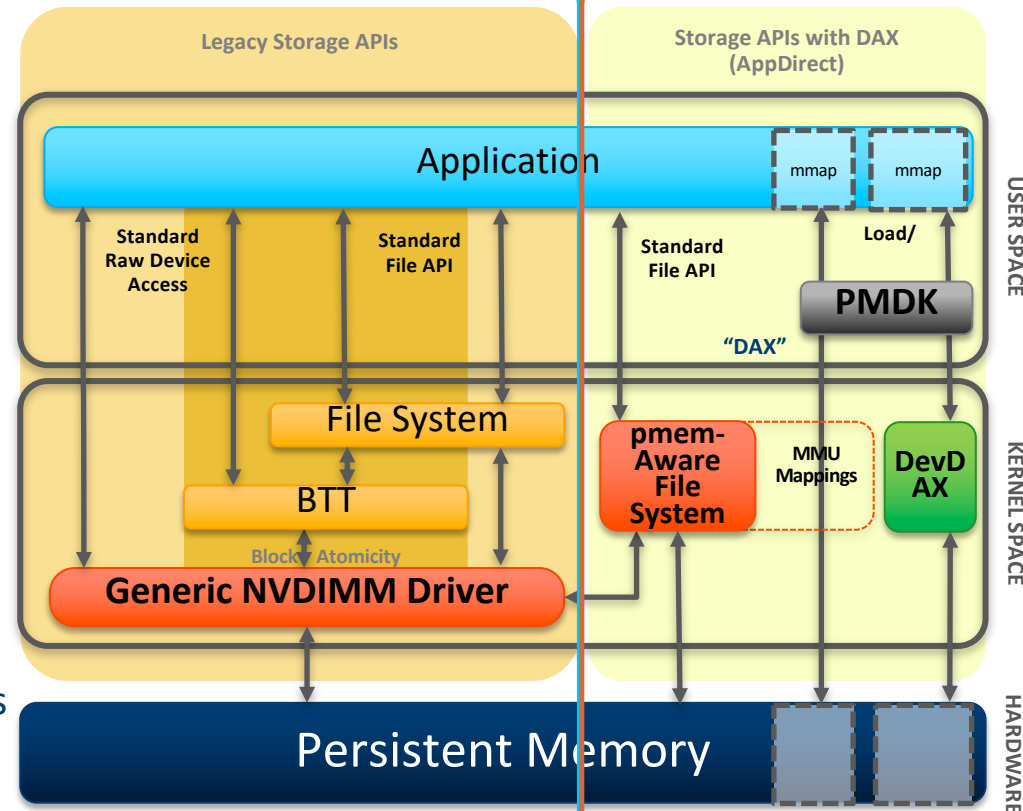
# Von Neumann Computer Architecture



# SNIA Programming Model

- No Code Changes Required
- Operates in Blocks like SSD/HDD
  - Traditional read/write
  - Works with Existing File Systems
  - Atomicity at block level
  - Block size configurable
    - 4K, 512B\*
- NVDIMM Driver required
  - Support starting Kernel 4.2
- Configured as Boot Device
- High Performance Block Storage
  - Low Latency, higher BW, High IOPs

\*Requires Linux



- Code changes may be required\*
- Bypasses file system page cache
- Requires DAX enabled file system
  - XFS, EXT4, NTFS
- No Kernel Code or interrupts
- No interrupts
- Fastest IO path possible

\* Code changes required for load/store direct access if the application does not already support this.

## Current Problems

DRAM  
Too Costly

Scale Up  
Too Expensive

Not Enough  
Capacity

Operational  
Inefficiencies

Poor Workload  
Performance

Storage  
Too Slow

## Use Intel® Optane™ Persistent Memory for...

### Cost Savings

#### DRAM

Servers greater  
than 512 GB

#### Improve TCO

Workloads that  
need large or  
persistent  
memory

### Productivity

#### Increase Memory Size

Reduce software  
license fees  
per core

#### Consolidate Workloads

Many VMs, with  
low CPU  
utilization

### Performance

#### Break I/O Bottlenecks

High disk  
I/O traffic

#### Add High- Speed Storage

Byte-  
addressable  
storage tier

## Database

 AEROSPIKE

Accelerated  
Performance  
Through Expanded  
Capacity

Up To **2.5X**  
More Transactions  
Keep Data and Index  
in PMem

## Analytics



KATANA GRAPH

Faster  
Analytics  
Insights

Up To **2X**  
Faster Graph Analytics  
Computations

## Virtualized Infrastructure

 vmware®

Lower Costs  
Per VM

Up To **25%**  
Lower Costs Per VM  
While Delivering the  
Same Performance

## Networking

**Content Delivery  
Network**

Increase  
Live Video  
Resolution

Up To **63%**  
Higher Throughput  
of Content Delivery  
Network