

## **AEC Conference**

# **"CHIPS FOR BRICKS™"**

## **SUSTAINABLE DATA CENTERS**

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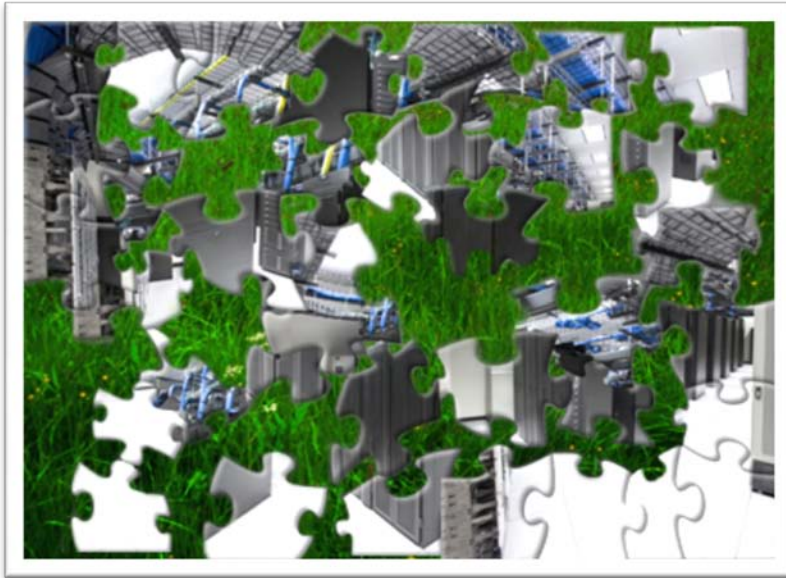
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# The Challenge

## INTEGRATING THE DIGITAL & PHYSICAL

- **Outdated physical data center standards lead to:**
  - Excessive construction costs
  - Space utilization (reduced Digital area) and
  - Reduced budgets for IT equipment
- **Wasted energy**
  - Redundant systems operate at inefficient part load
  - Excess construction dollars equate to unnecessary manufacturing
  - Data Center energy use (PUE) becomes inefficient
- **Integration of Digital and Physical programs ensures:**
  - *Sustainable* data center performance
  - Impressive CapEx and OpEx reductions
  - Savings through facility optimization
  - Budgets were re-allocated to the digital program
- **Chips for Bricks™ reallocates budgets to the Digital program**

# The Challenge



# The Real Challenge

SEPARATED BY A COMMON LANGUAGE

## IT Approach

- Tier 1 = Mission Critical
- Storage is a drive
- Architecture is a system



## Facility Approach

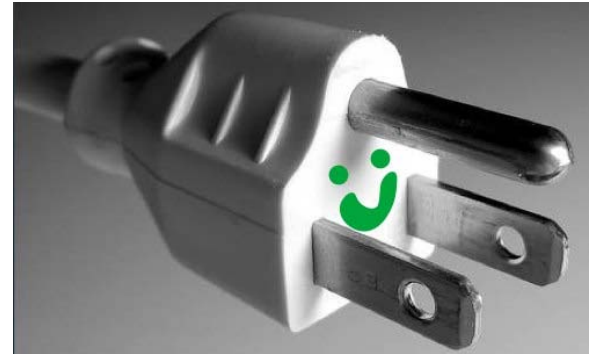
- Tier 4 = Mission Critical
- Storage is a closet
- Architecture is a building



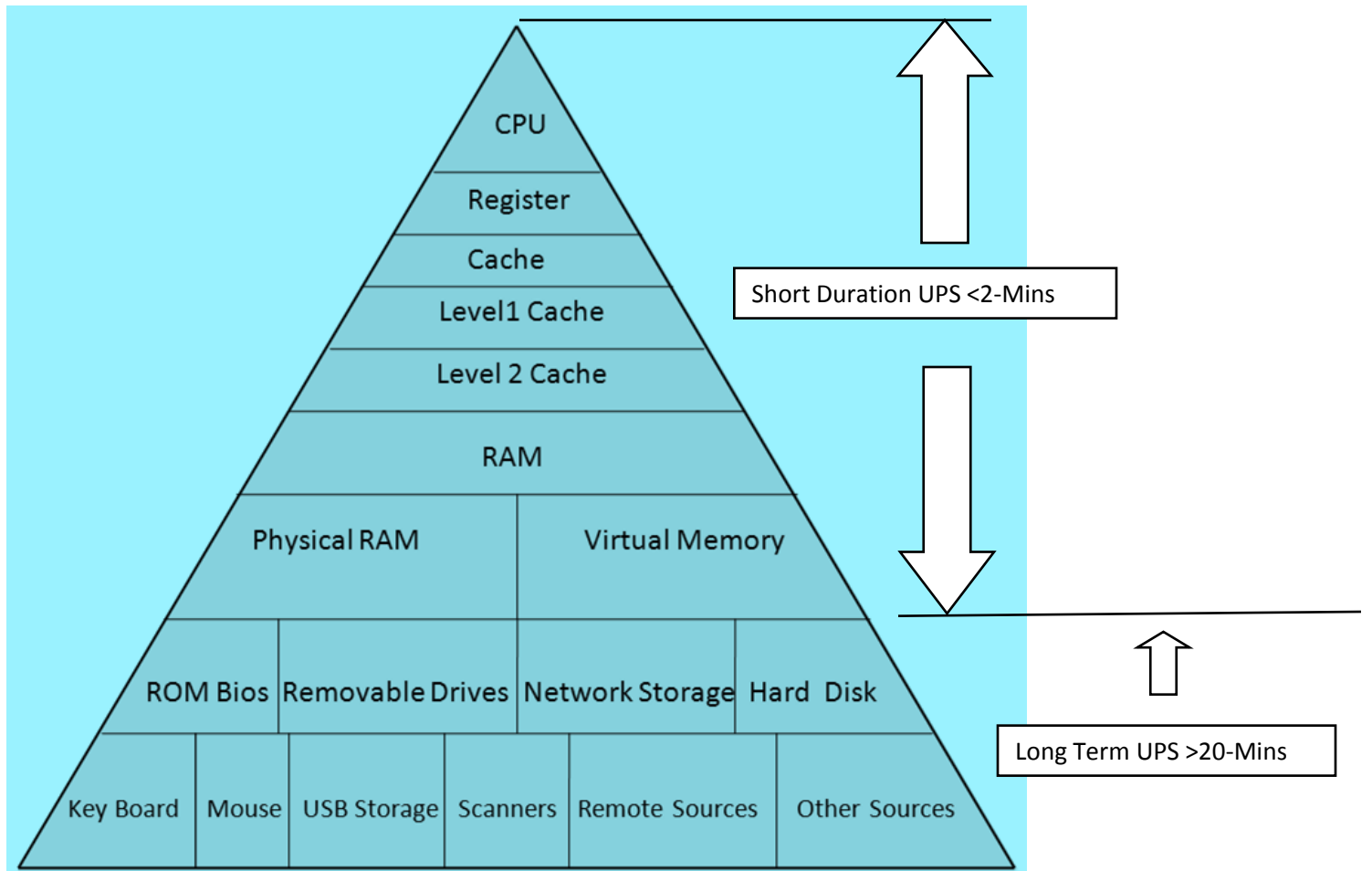
# Integrating Digital & Physical

## IT GAME CHANGERS MINIMIZE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

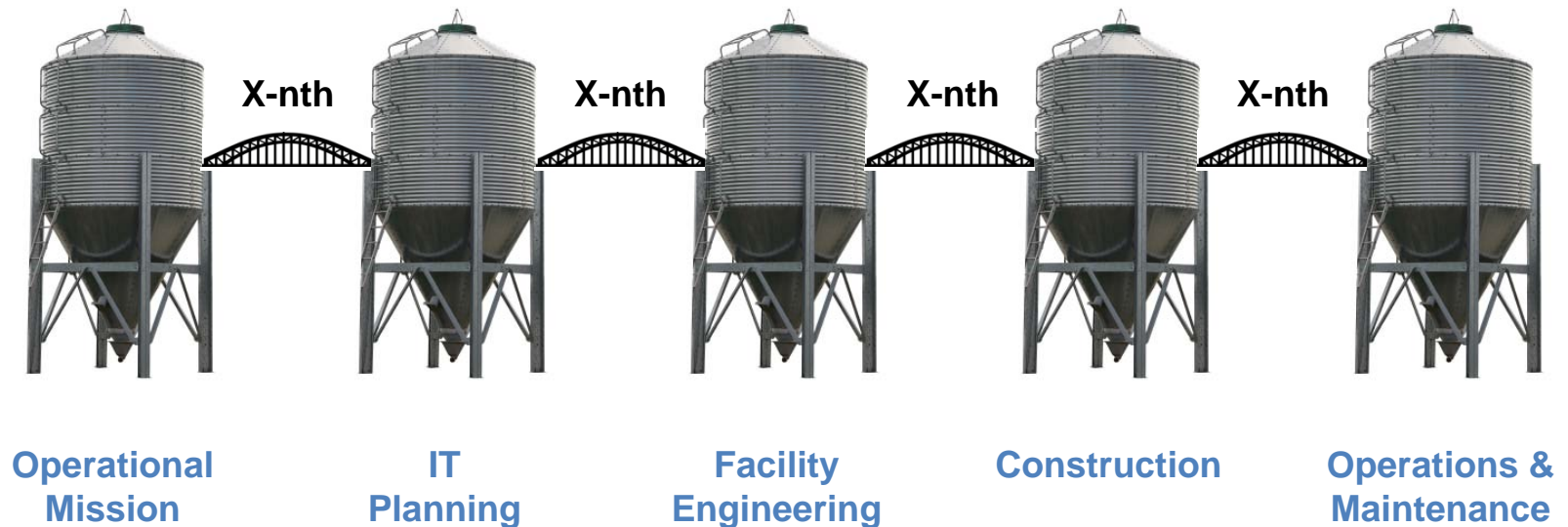
- Virtualization and cloud computing
- Storage area networks
- High-bandwidth accessibility
- IT costs less now



# The IT Pyramid



# Bridging Silo Management Gaps



COLLABORATION MAINTAINS MISSION PURITY

# Case Study #1

## NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

- Supercomputer processing required new data center space
- Facility budgets impacted funding for supercomputer
- Physical program was “right-sized” to preserve IT procurement allocations
- Facility budget was originally \$48 million
- Integrating Digital requirements reduced construction budgets \$25-million
- Savings re-allocated to the Digital Data Center Program

Facility Costs	Savings Reallocated to Digital Data Center	Original Facility Budgets	Final Integrated Costs
Construction Savings	\$25,186,405	\$48,307,823	\$23,121,418



# Case Study #2

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- Mission digitized one of the largest hospital systems in the US
- Stakeholder facilitation to integrate Digital with Physical requirements
- Statistical evidence – reduce build costs while retaining
  - Capacity, availability and energy efficiency
  - Increased raised floor 25%
- Funds reallocated to IT systems

Facility Costs	Savings Reallocated to Digital Data Center	Original Facility Budgets	Final Integrated Costs
Construction Savings	\$7,937,000	\$35,500,000	\$27,563,000
Post Construction	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Total Savings	\$9,437,000		

*Note: Construction savings used to build IT fiber back bone, during rather after construction.*

# Case Study #3

## CITIGROUP

- Consolidation of 14 data centers 450,000 SF of raised floor
- Construction of three mega Data Centers \$220 million each
- Live renovation, instead of mothballing one Data Center
  - Construction proceeded without disrupting processing
  - Energy efficiency improved to modern standards
  - Doubled capacity while increasing Fault Tolerance

Facility Costs	Savings Reallocated to Digital Data Center	Original Facility Budgets	Final Integrated Costs
Construction Savings	\$152,000,000	\$220,000,000	\$68,000

# Common Threads

## CASE STUDY FINDINGS: REDUNDANCIES & MORE

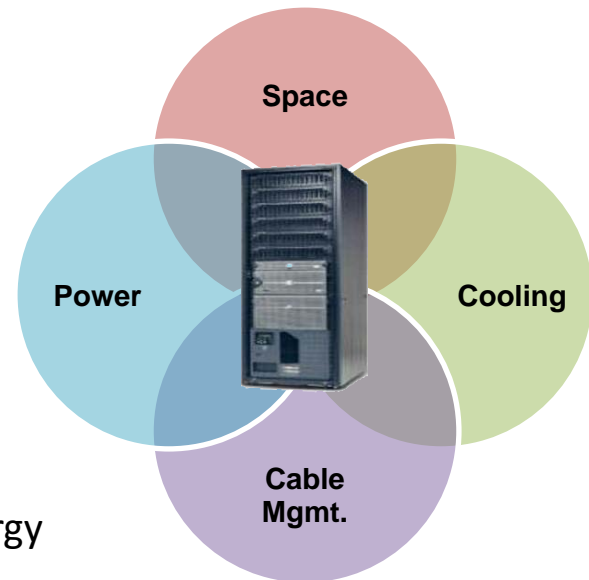


**How much redundancy is too much?**

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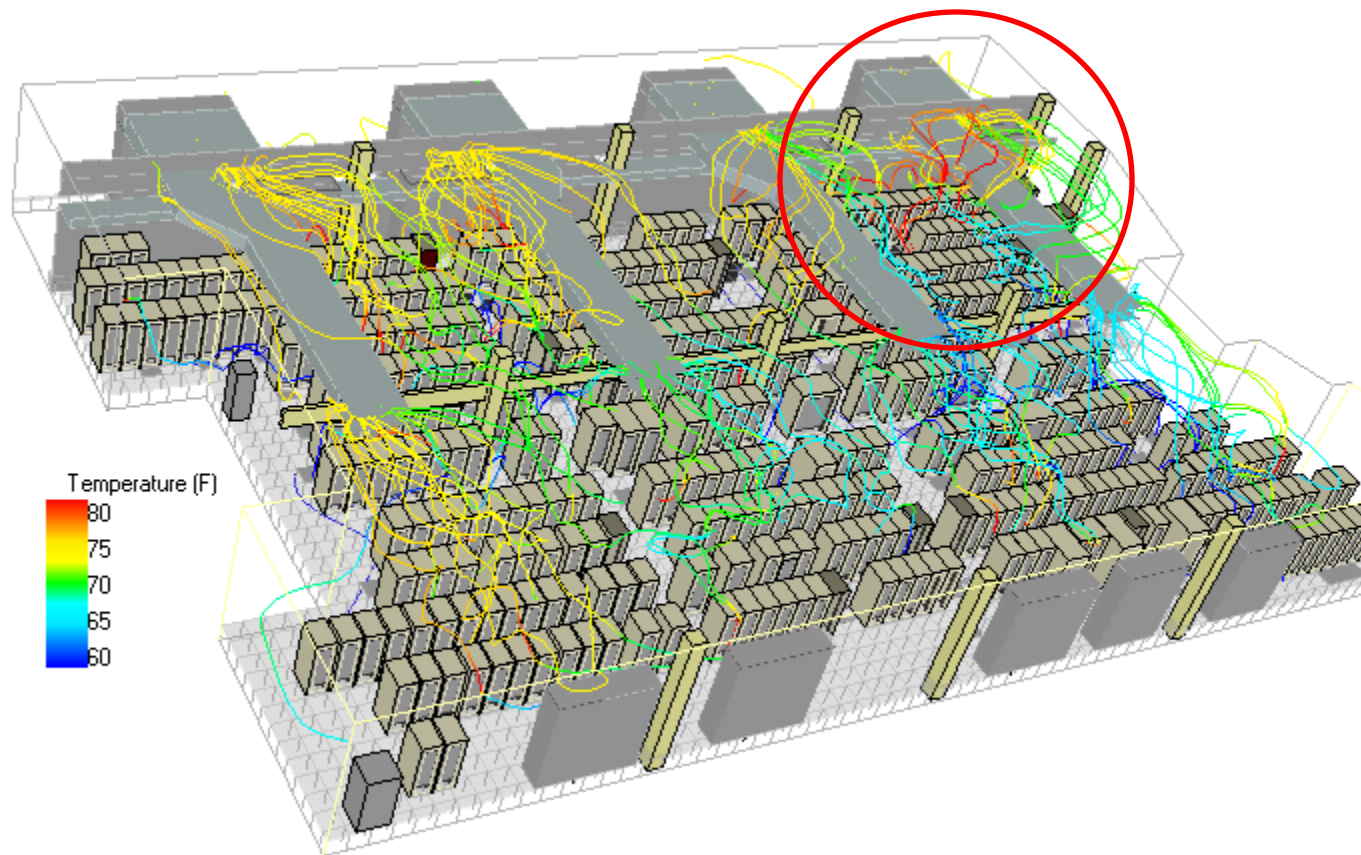
## THE JUNCTION

- Enclosures essential for complete integration
- Integral to full DC systems design
- All resources meet at the enclosure
  - Power
  - Cooling/Airflow
  - Cabling/networking
  - Monitor/control/security/structure
  - Raising the temperatures, with control, saves energy



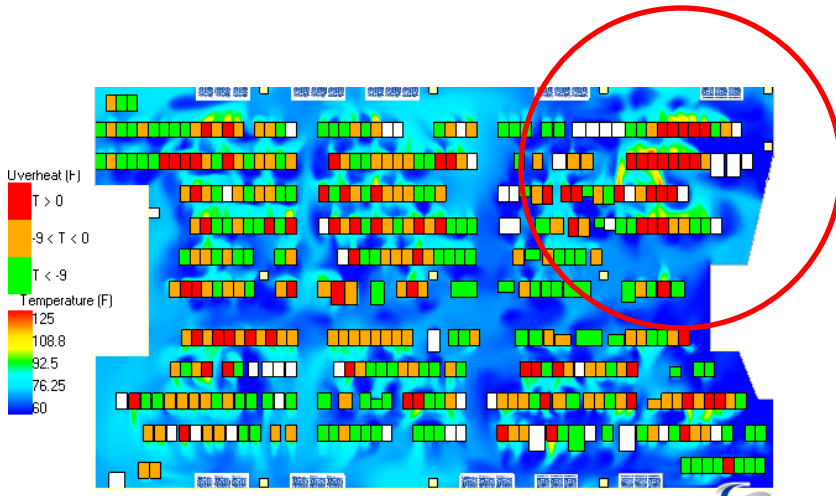
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## CFD MODELING RESULTS

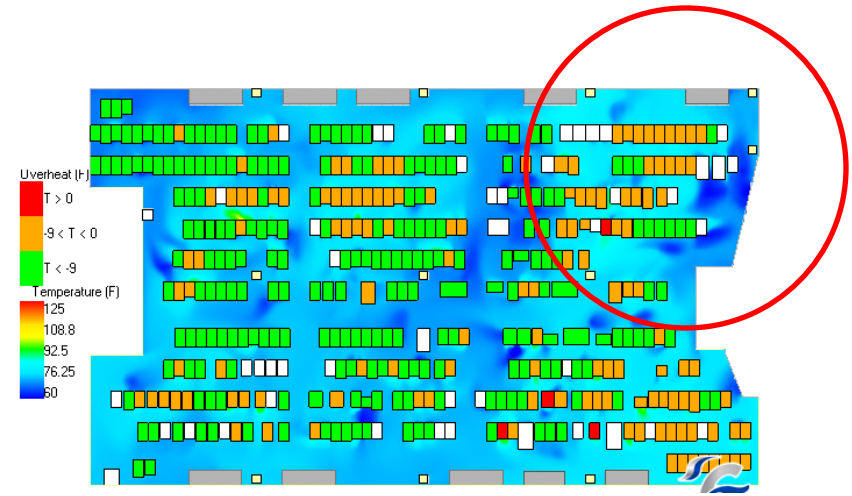


# Common Threads

## EFFECT OF ENCLOSURES



**Hot-spots in an inefficient,  
too cold Data Center.**



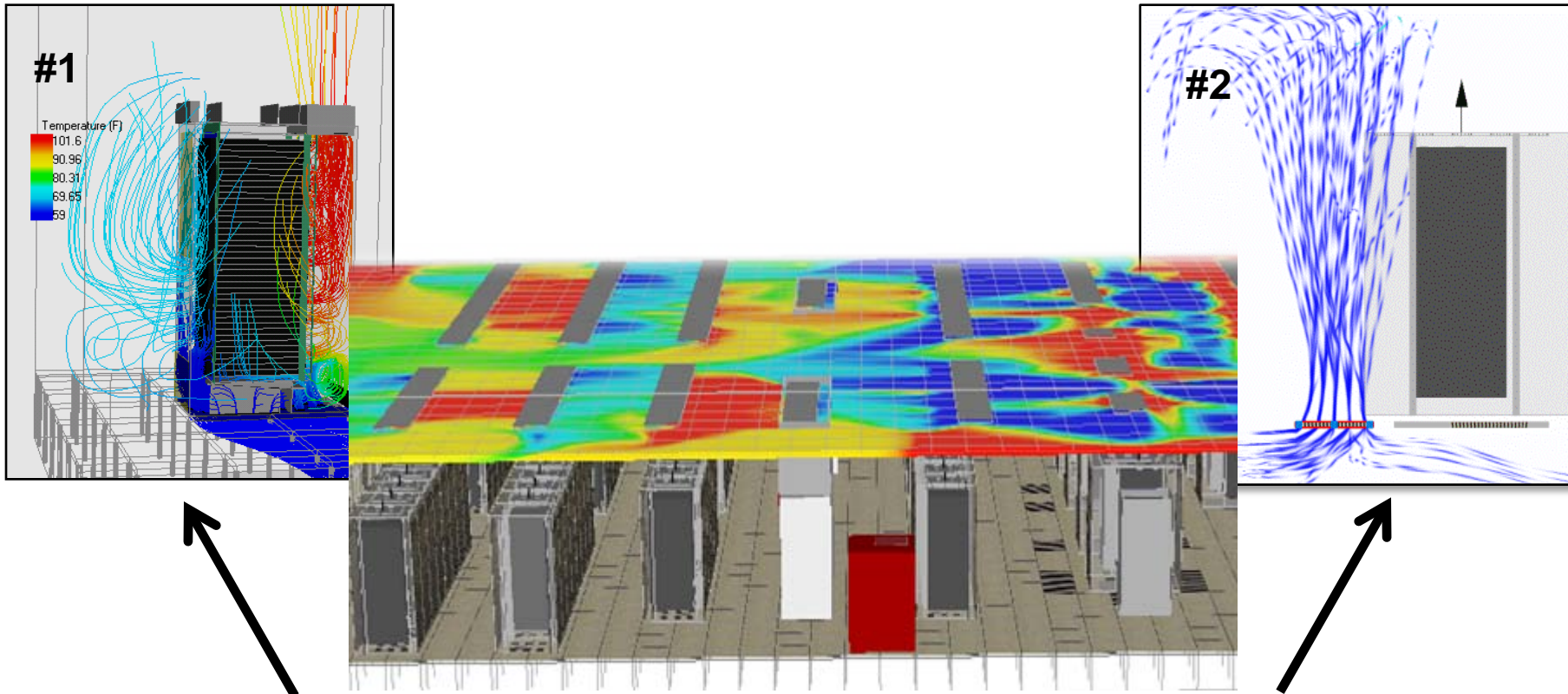
**Engineered enclosures manage  
cooling distribution.**

DIFFERENT OUTCOMES ... SAME FACILITY



# Common Threads

## SAME ROOM – TWO COOLING METHODS



**Effective Thermal Management  
Engineered Enclosures**

**vs.**

**Wasted Capacity, Energy & Cooling  
Typical Hot/Cold Aisles**

**Note: Cold (blue) air returning to the ceiling is wasted capacity, yellow/red is expected**

*Courtesy AFCO Systems, Farmingdale, NY*

A PROBLEM WELL DEFINED SEEKS ITS OWN SOLUTION

