Hydrogen-Powered Backup Generators for Hyperscale Datacenters

(non-polluting diesel generator replacement)

Mark Monroe, Datacenter Advanced Development

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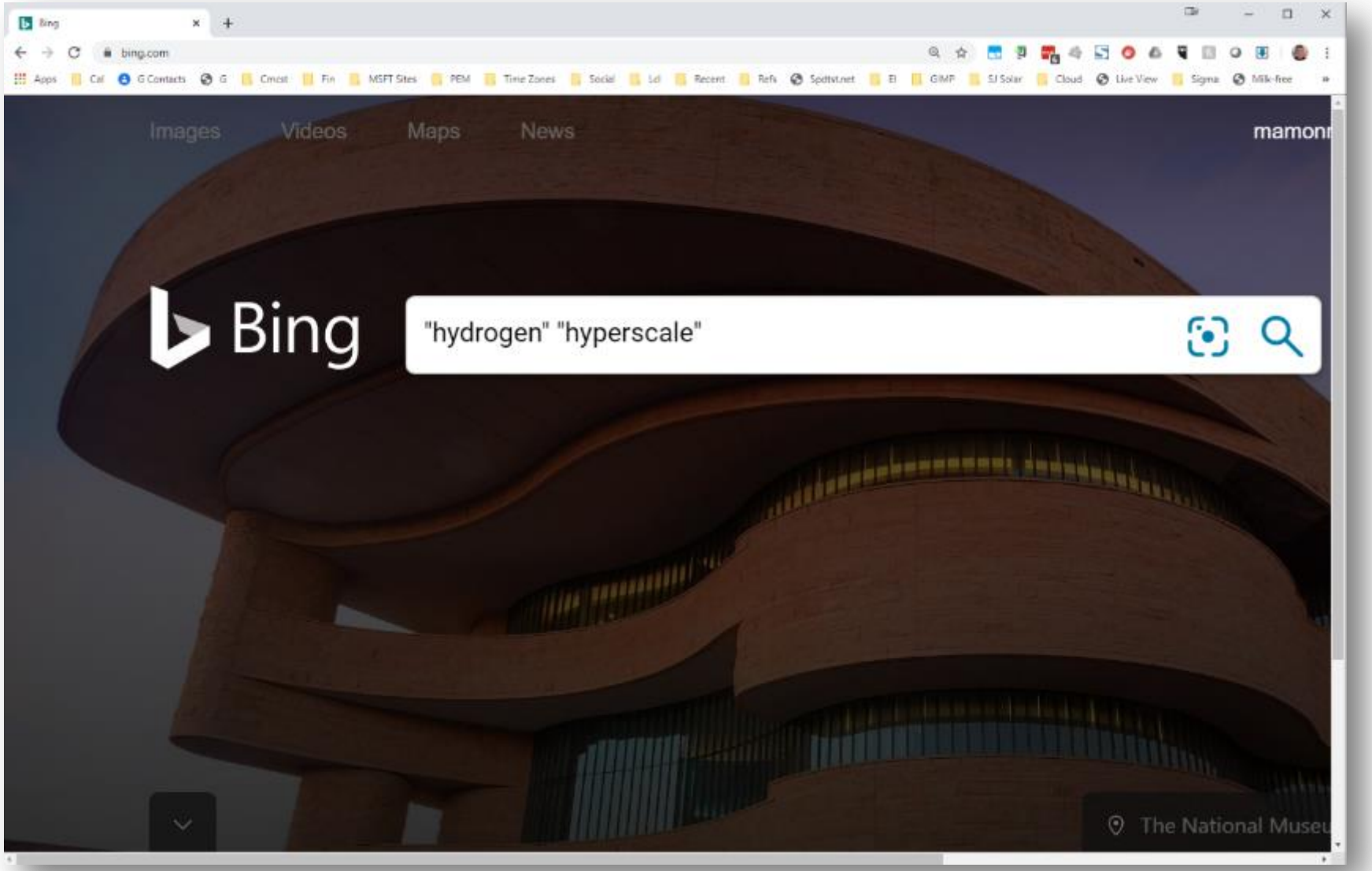
Hydrogen + Hyperscale



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What Is Hyperscale and Defining Hypscalers? | Digital Realty

https://www.digitalrealty.com/blog/what-is-hyperscale

Nov 15, 2017 · As **hyperscale** computing is still very much in development, this is by no means an exhaustive guide to the concept. But I hope that exploring these few topics has helped paint a picture of what **hyperscale** is and what the goals of hyperscalers are going forward.

Kanye's Hydrogen powered airplane - HyperScale Forums

https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/hyperscale/kanye-s...

Well, it's a real piece of paper anyway. It's a neat concept, but taking it to a real piece of airplane will take truckloads of flaming cash and major changes in infrastructure to provide enough **hydrogen** at economical prices. To be honest, they lost me at the "landing on water" part at the end. There is a reason airlines don't use seaplanes.

Hyperscalers Emerging From 'Hype Phase'

https://www.hpcwire.com/2017/04/12/hyperscalers-emerging-hype-phase

Apr 12, 2017 · **Hyperscalers** Emerging From 'Hype Phase'. The largest cloud services vendors such as Amazon Web Services, Google and Microsoft have millions of servers. The market researcher reported that 45 percent of **hyperscale datacenters** are located in the U.S.; China is a distant second with 8 percent

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Daimler and HPE research hydrogen fuel cells for data ...

https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/content-tracks/power-cooling/daimler-and-hpe...

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DOE Announces Request for Proposals for H2@Scale - Energy.gov

https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/articles/doe-announces-request-proposals-h2scale

Aug 18, 2017 · DOE Announces Request for Proposals for **H2@Scale**. Today, the U.S. **Department of Energy** (DOE) announces a request for proposals for research projects that address the **Hydrogen** at Scale (H2@Scale) concept, which enables wide-scale production and use of **hydrogen** to address critical issues such as grid resiliency, energy storage and security,...

[PDF] Large-scale Hydrogen Production

https://www.topsoe.com/sites/default/files/topsoe_large_scale_hydrogen_produc.pdf

Hydrogen is an important raw material for the chemical and the refinery industry, and it may play a future role in the energy sector. The total **hydrogen market** was in 1998 390·109 Nm3/y + 110·109 Nm3/y co-production. The present use of **manufactured hydrogen** is primarily for the production of

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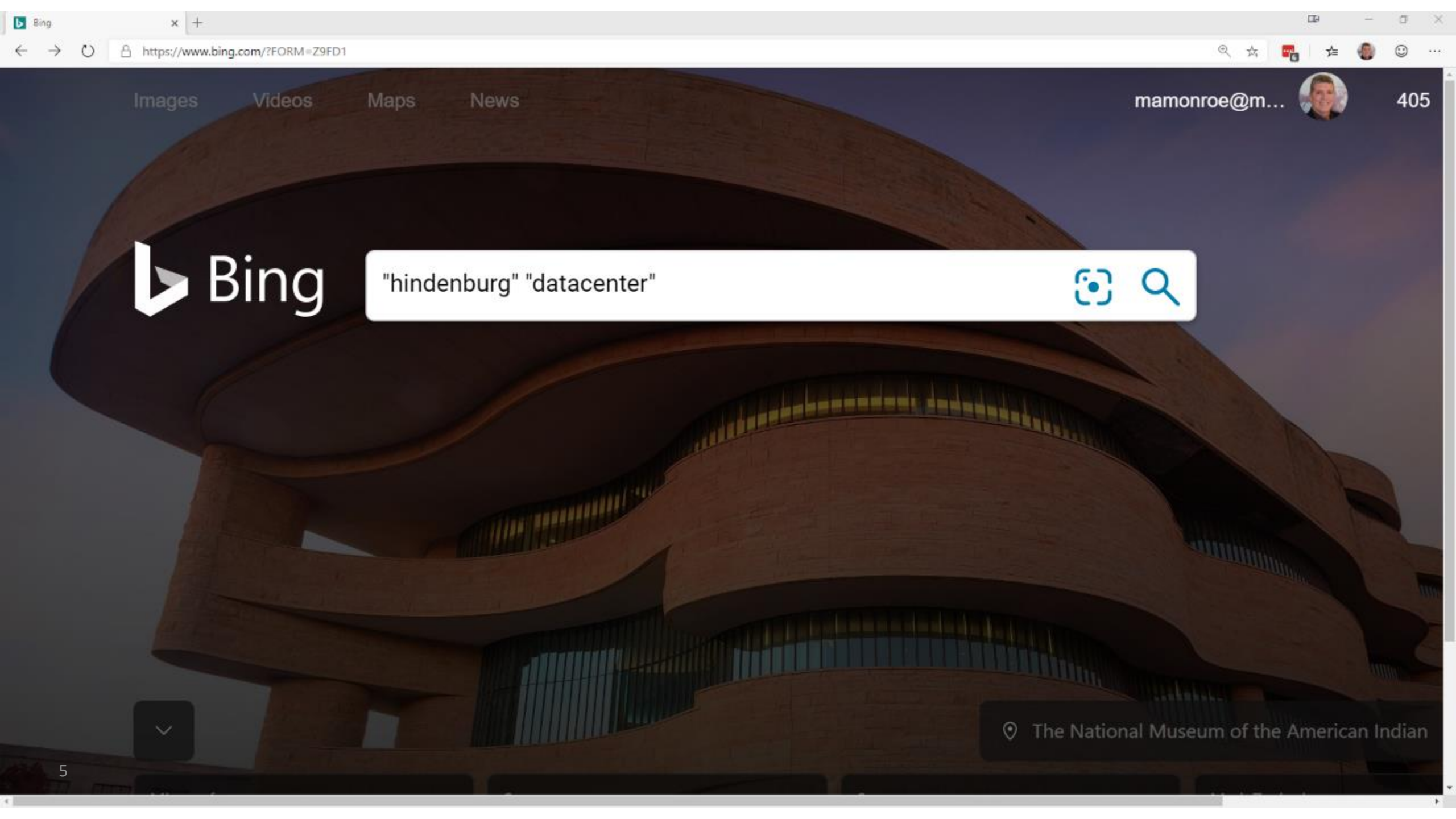
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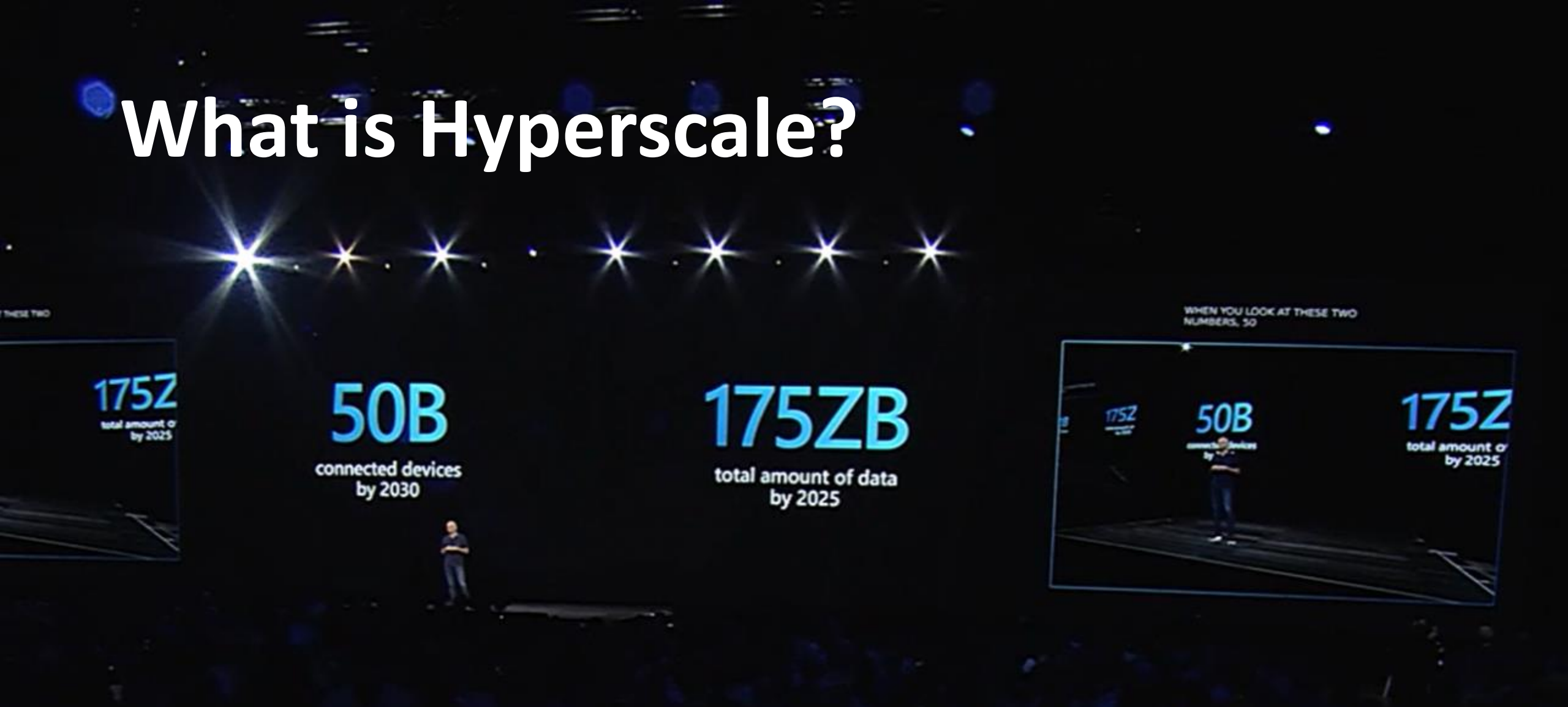

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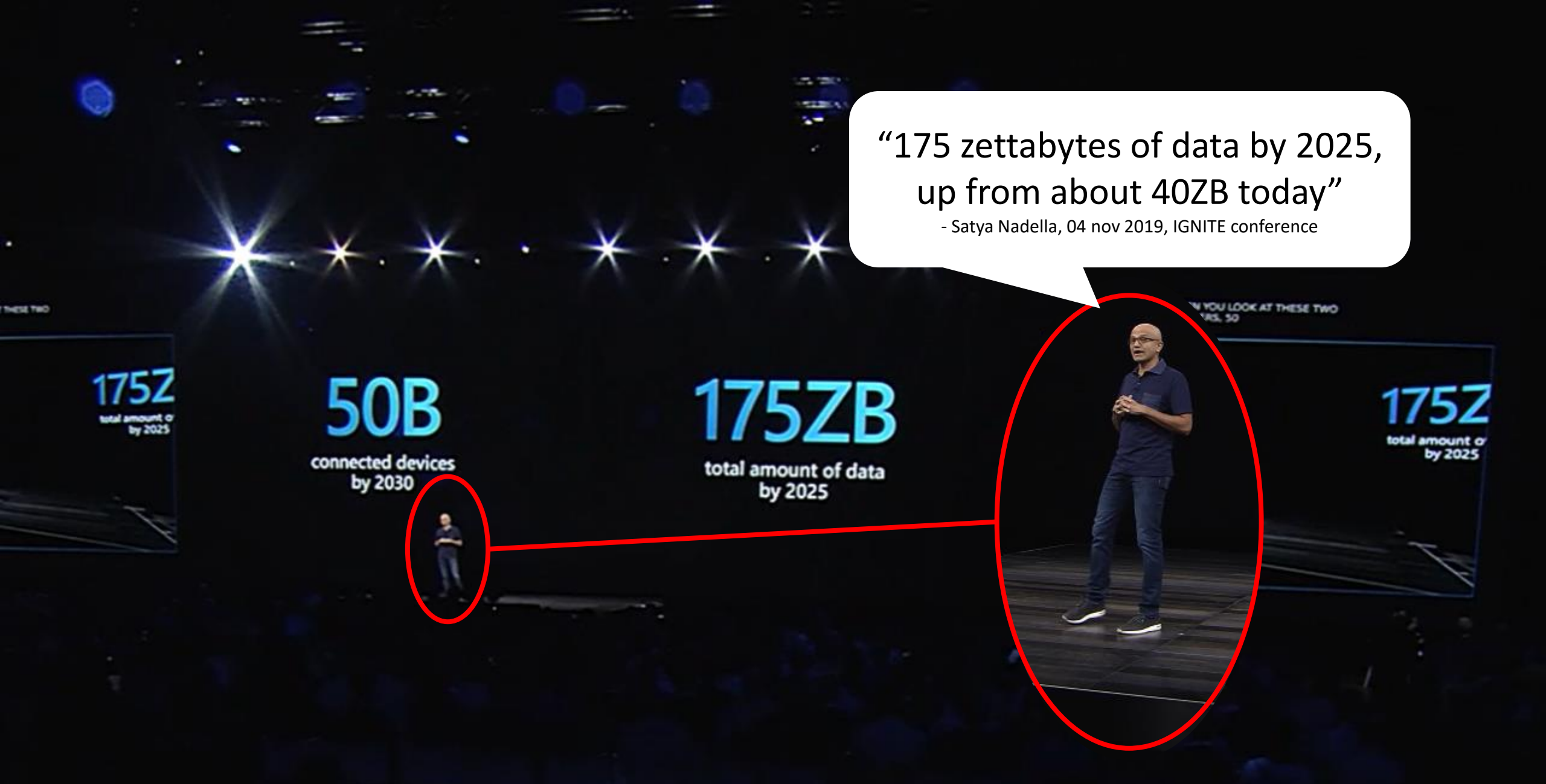

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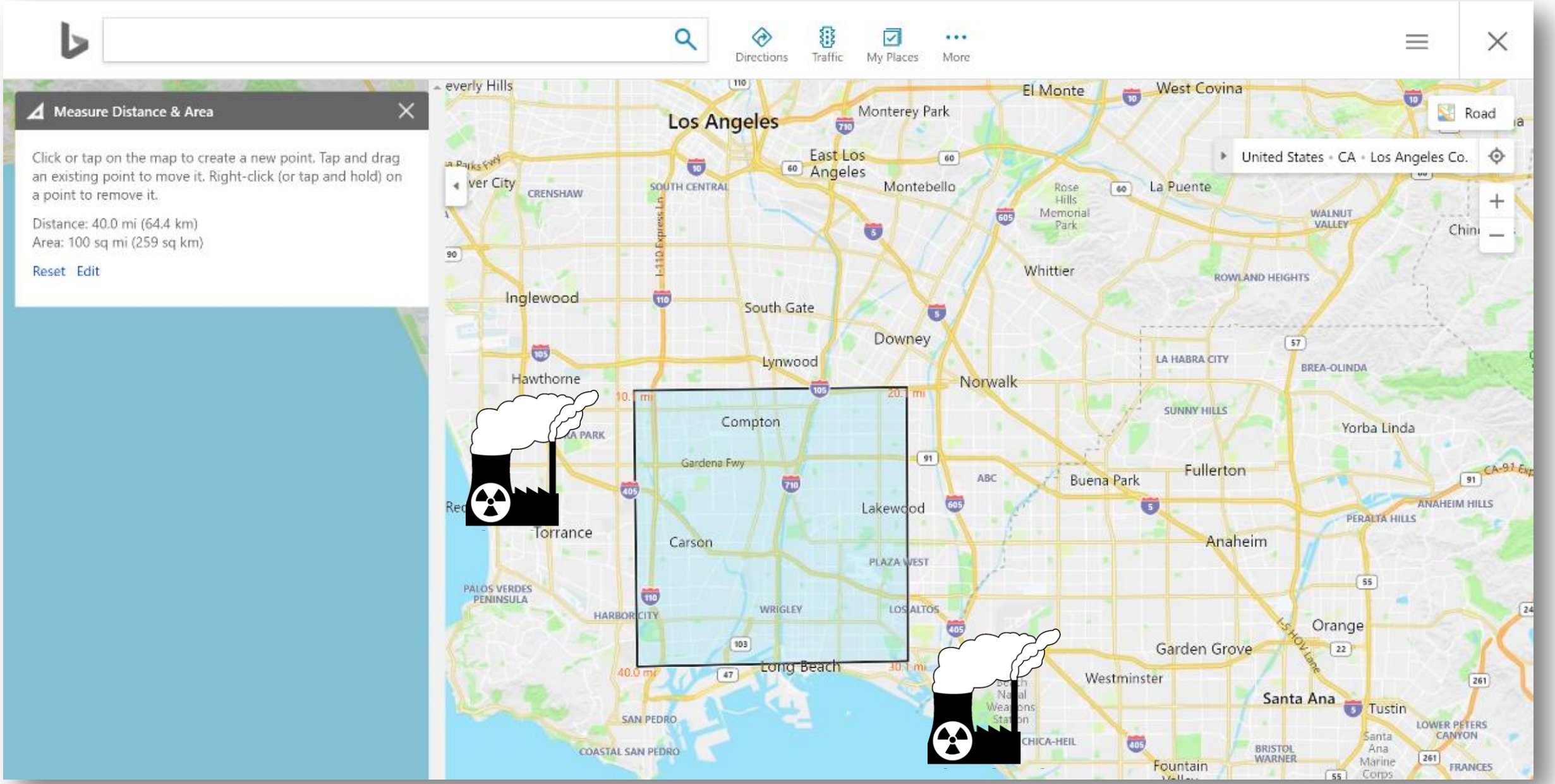
- EMC VMAX^3
- 1 PB storage
- 22 sq ft / rack
- 17kW / rack

- 135M racks
- 105 sq mi
- 2.3GW



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Safe, fast and always reliable – the future of cloud infrastructure

Cloud Operations
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Azure regions

Azure has more global regions than any other cloud provider—offering the scale needed to bring applications closer to users around the world, preserving data residency, and offering comprehensive compliance and resiliency options for customers.

54 regions worldwide

140 available in 140 countries

160 data centers worldwide

2M+ miles of fiber

3M+ computer servers

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Quincy

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Quincy

City in Washington

Quincy is a city in Grant County, Washington, United States. The population was 6,750 at the 2010 census.

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Things to do

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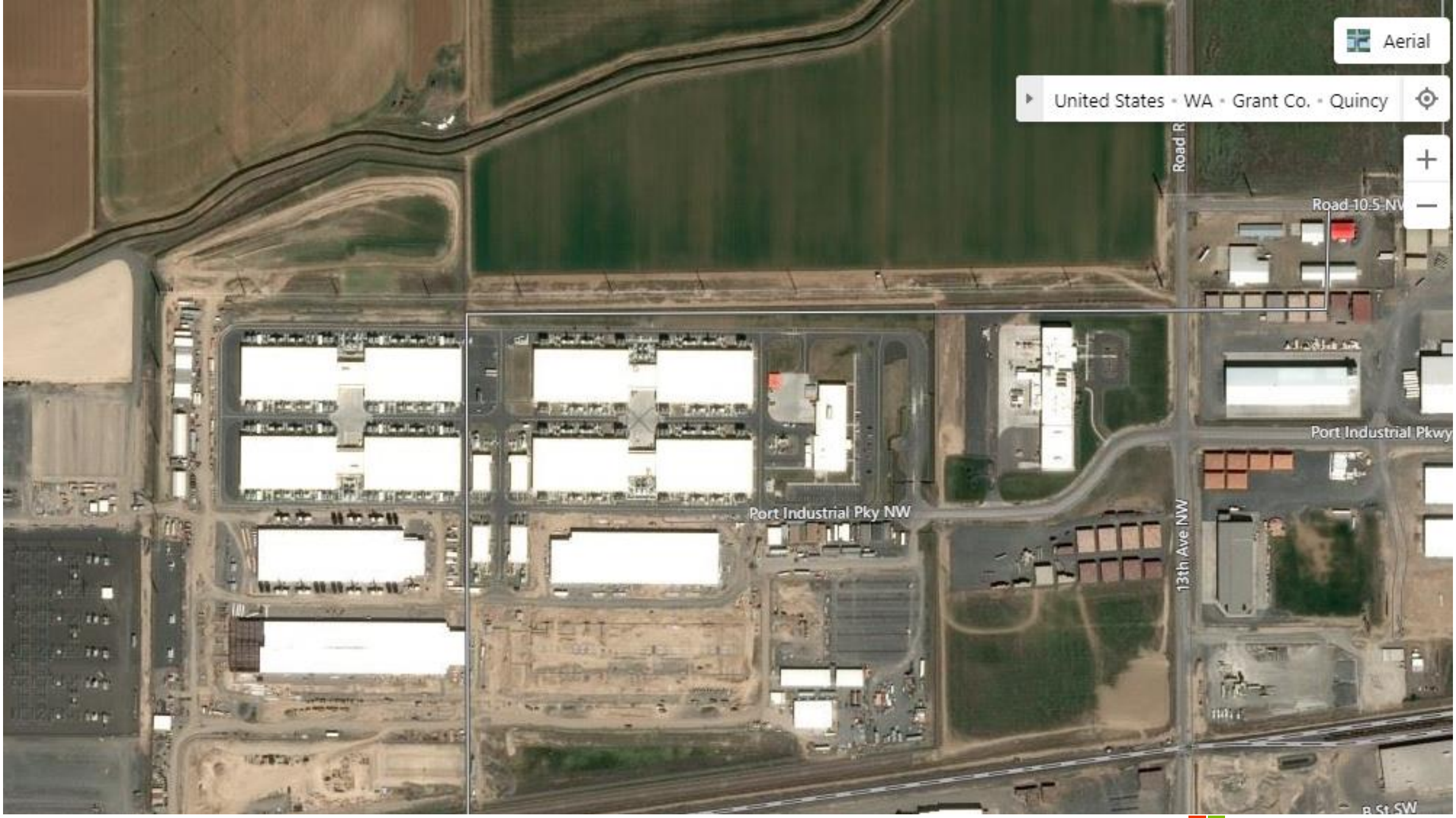

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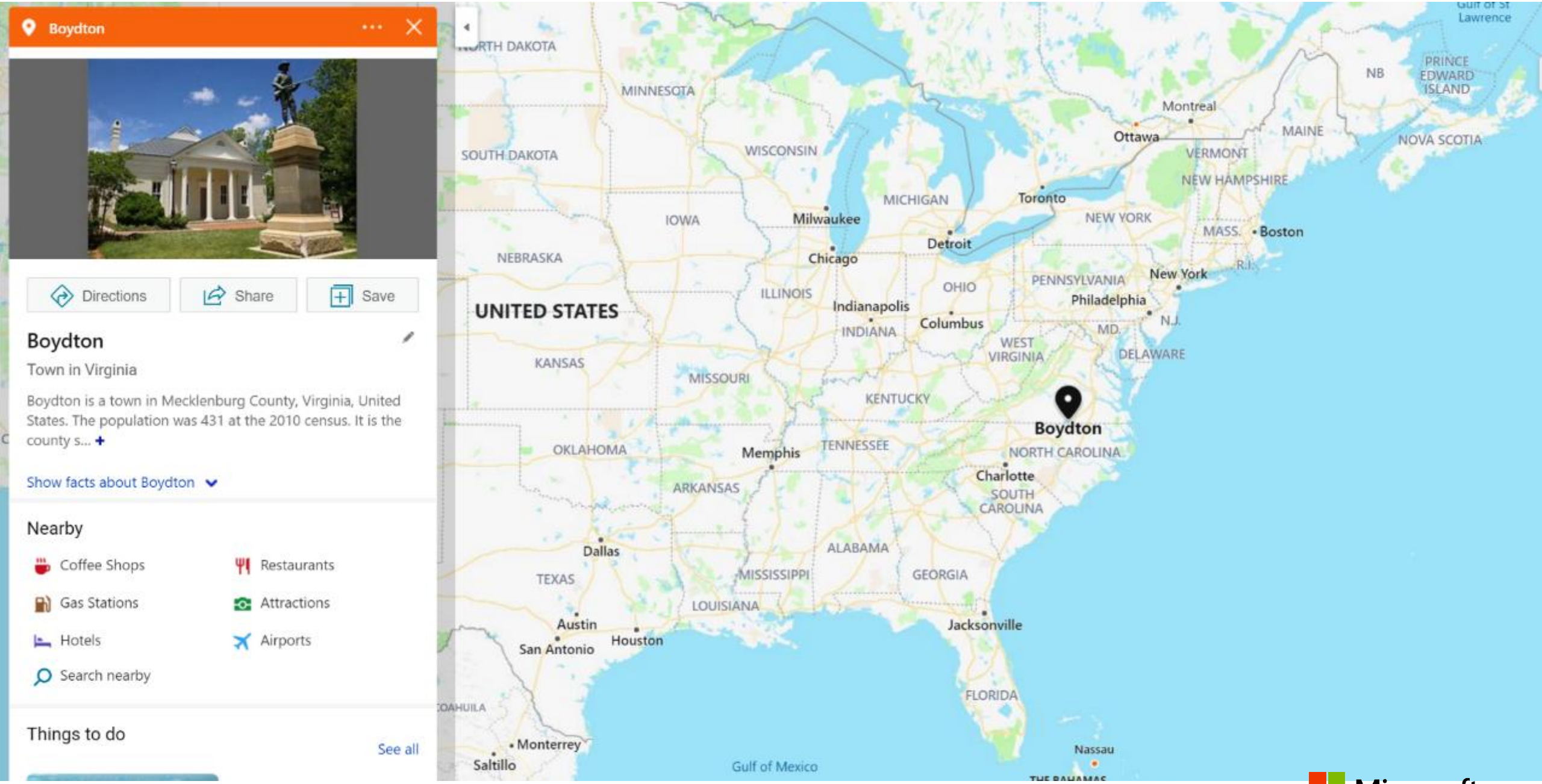

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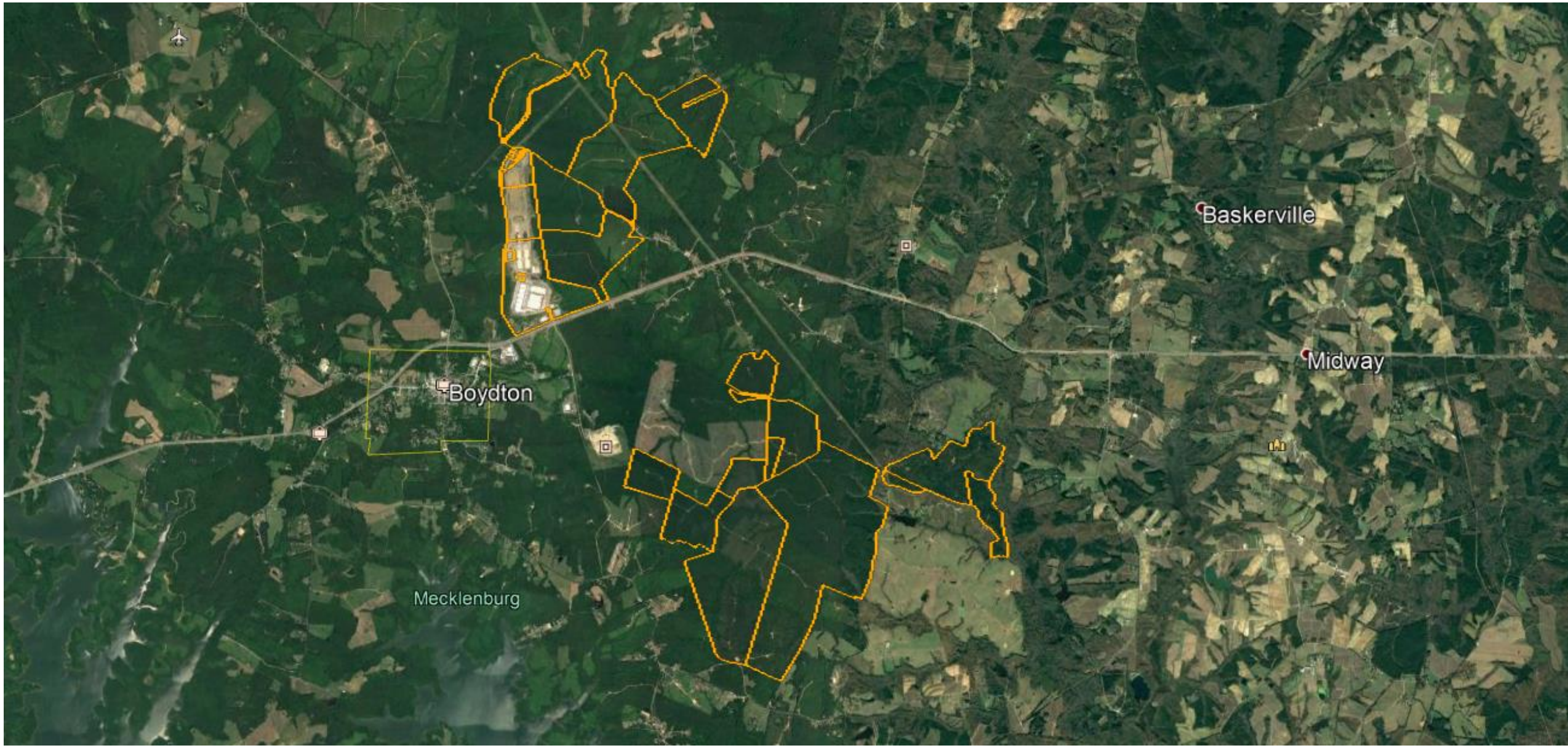

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First Quarter
Fiscal Year 2020 Results

Satya Nadella
Amy Hood
Michael Spencer

October 23, 2019

Quarterly Commercial Highlights

Investor Metrics	FY19 Q1	FY19 Q2	FY19 Q3	FY19 Q4	FY20 Q1
Commercial bookings growth *(y/y)*	15% / 16%	18% / 22%	30% / 34%	22% / 25%	30% / 35%
Commercial remaining performance obligation *(in billions)*	$68	$69	$72	$87	$86
Commercial revenue annuity mix	90%	89%	90%	90%	91%
Commercial cloud revenue *(in billions)*	$8.5	$9.0	$9.6	$11.0	$11.6
Commercial cloud gross margin percentage	62%	62%	63%	65%	66%

Growth rates include non-GAAP CC growth (GAAP % / CC%).

Commercial business

Strong results driven by increased customer commitment to commercial cloud

- Commercial bookings growth of 30% year-over-year (up 35% CC) driven by strong new business and renewal execution
- Commercial remaining performance obligation $86 billion, up 26% (up 27% CC) year-over-year
- Commercial revenue annuity mix of 91%, up 1 point year-over-year

Commercial cloud

- Commercial cloud revenue $11.6 billion, up 36% (up 39% CC) year-over-year
- Commercial cloud gross margin percentage 66%, up 4 points year-over-year primarily driven by material improvement in Azure gross margin

Commercial cloud includes Office 365 Commercial, Azure, the commercial portion of LinkedIn, Dynamics 365, and other cloud properties.
Includes non-GAAP constant currency ("CC") growth. See Appendix for reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP measures. Growth rates in GAAP and CC are equivalent unless otherwise noted.

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Quarterly Business Highlights

Productivity and Business Processes	• Office Commercial products and cloud services revenue grew 13% (up 15% CC) driven by Office 365 Commercial revenue growth of 25% (up 28% CC) • Office Consumer products and cloud services revenue grew 5% (up 6% CC) with continued growth in O365 Consumer subscribers to 35.6 million • LinkedIn revenue grew 25% (up 26% CC) • Dynamics products and cloud services revenue grew 14% (up 16% CC) driven by Dynamics 365 revenue growth of 41% (up 44% CC)
Intelligent Cloud	• Server products and cloud services revenue grew 30% (up 33% CC) driven by Azure revenue growth of 59% (up 63% CC) • Enterprise Services revenue grew 7% (up 8% CC)
More Personal Computing	• Windows OEM revenue grew 9% • Windows Commercial products and cloud services revenue grew 26% (up 29% CC) • Search advertising revenue excluding traffic acquisition costs grew 11% (up 13% CC) • Xbox content and services revenue was relatively unchanged (up 1% CC) • Surface revenue declined 4% (down 2% CC)

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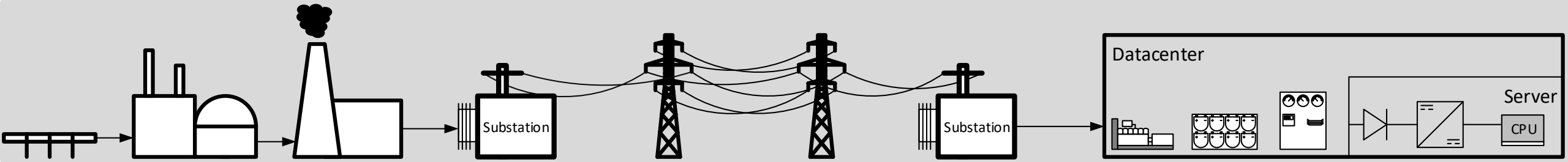
SOFC Fuel Cells for Primary Power

Traditional Datacenter Power Chain



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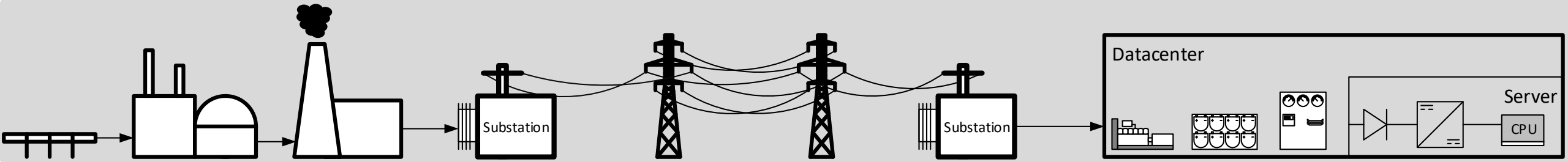

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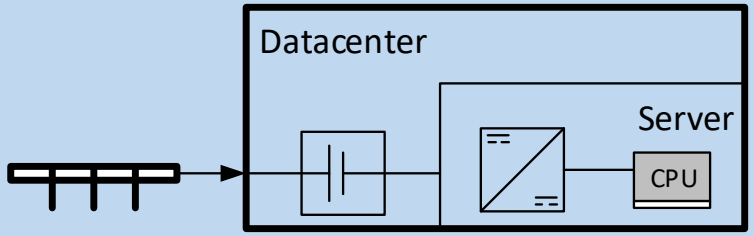

Less Infrastructure + Less Complexity = Reduced Cost & Risk

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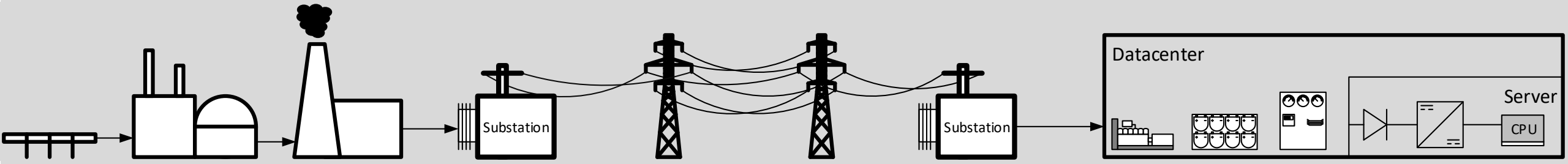

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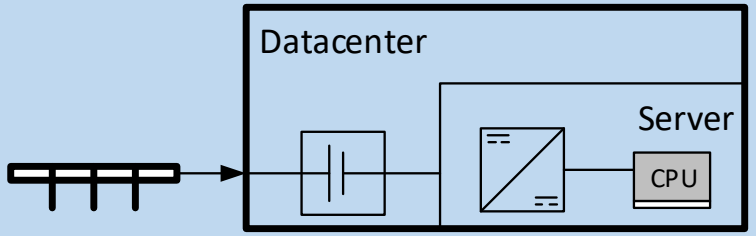

100%

-40-50% loss

-5-10% loss

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SOFC / Primary Power Applications

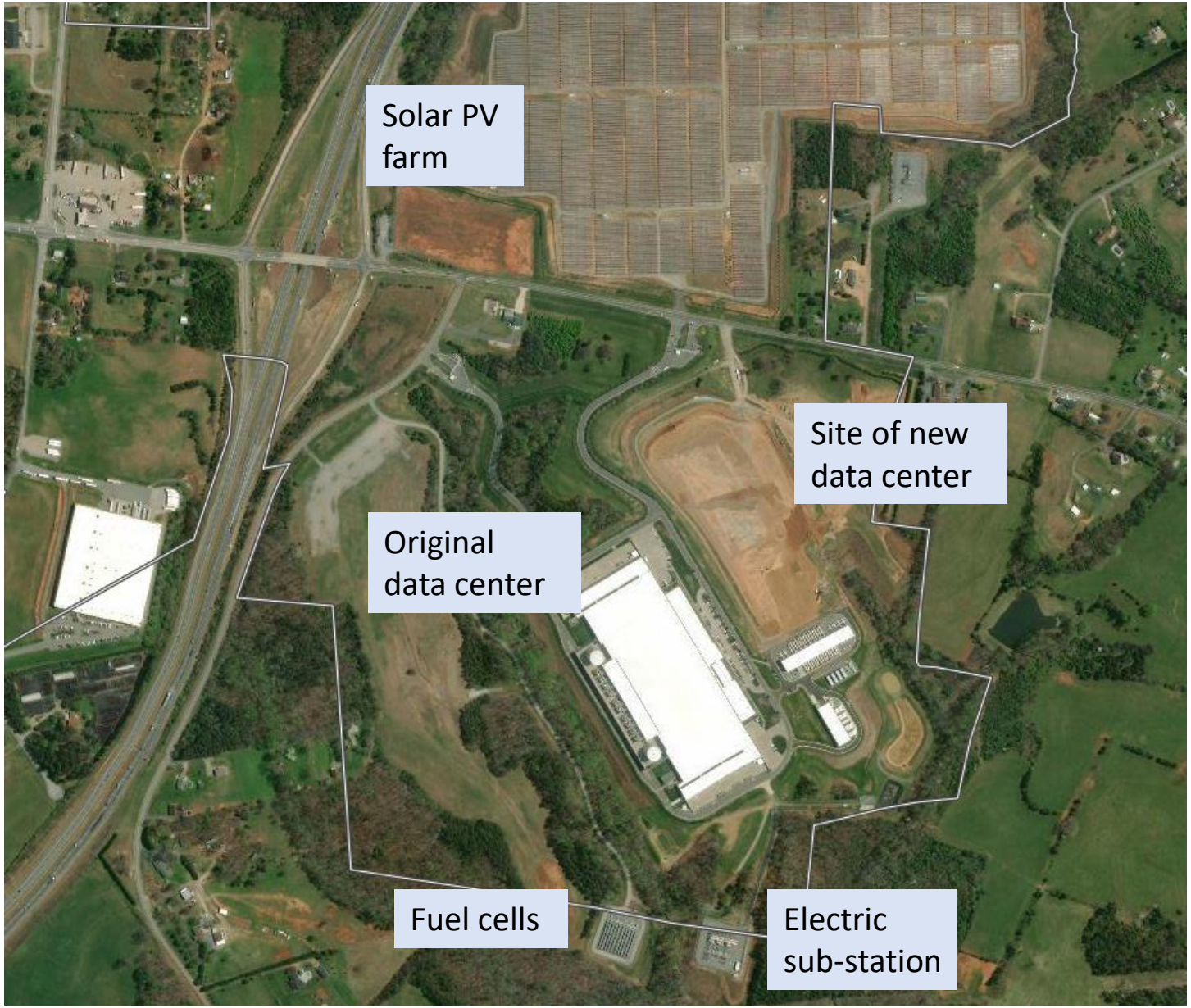
AT&T

- 7.5MW across 11 sites
- 2011 early adopter

Ebay Facility, South Jordan, Utah

Map data: Google, SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO Landsat/Copernicus.

Apple Facility, Maiden, North Carolina



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PEM Fuel Cells for Backup Power

Strategic Problem

- Diesel generators enable our 5-9's datacenters
  - 99.999% available, ~ 5 min/year unscheduled downtime
- But diesels are noisy, polluting, air quality permitting difficult at 100MW+ scale
- Investigating several alternatives
- Current specification 12-48 hours on-site fuel storage

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Fuel Cells for Backup Power

NREL-Daimler-HPE-Power Innovations Demonstration

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- Daimler - 65kW H2 fuel cell
- HP - Cloudline computers
- Power Innovations - integrator

- Basic functional demo

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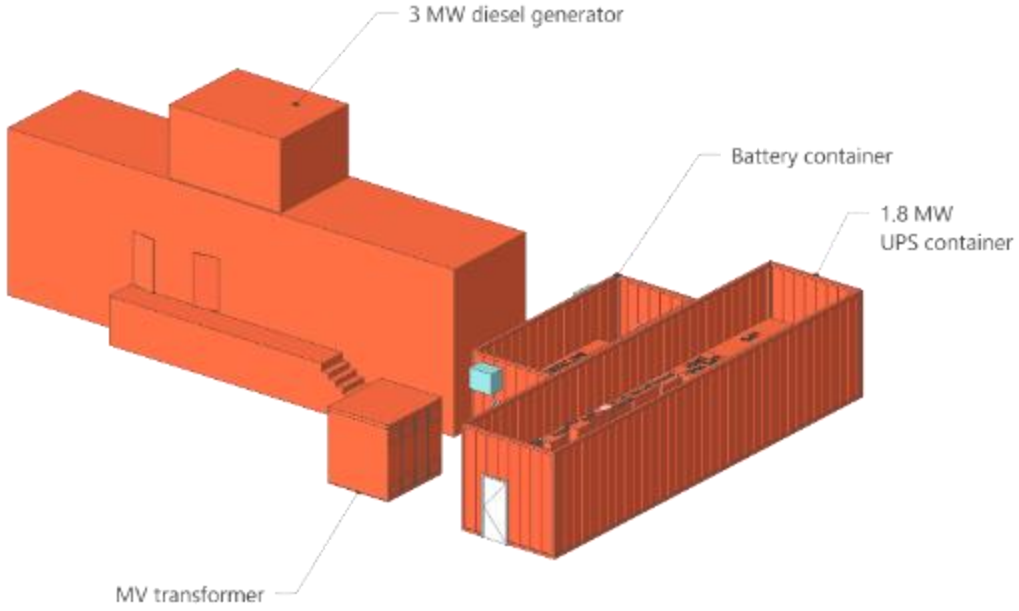
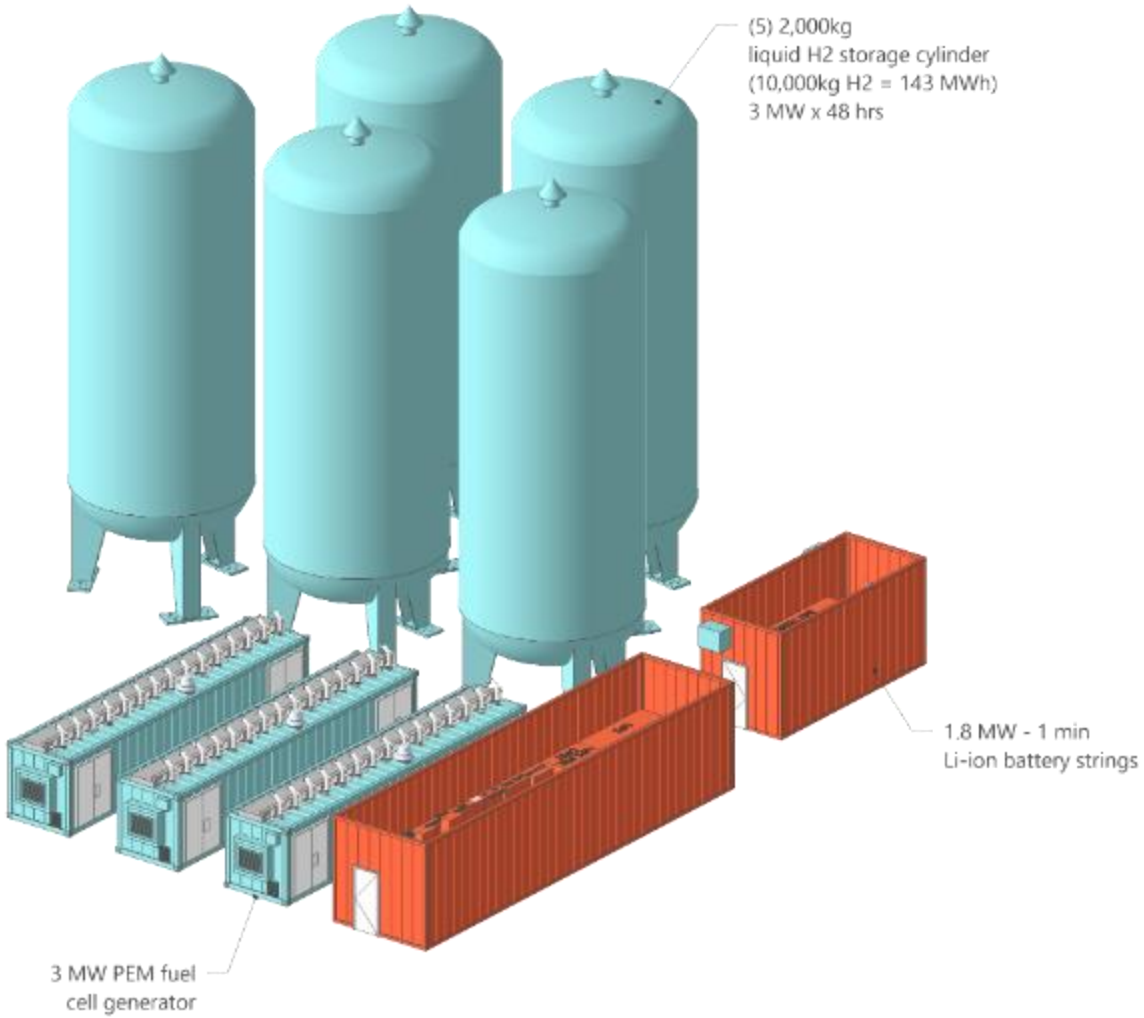
Production Scale





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30 MW x 48 hours = 100,000kg H_2

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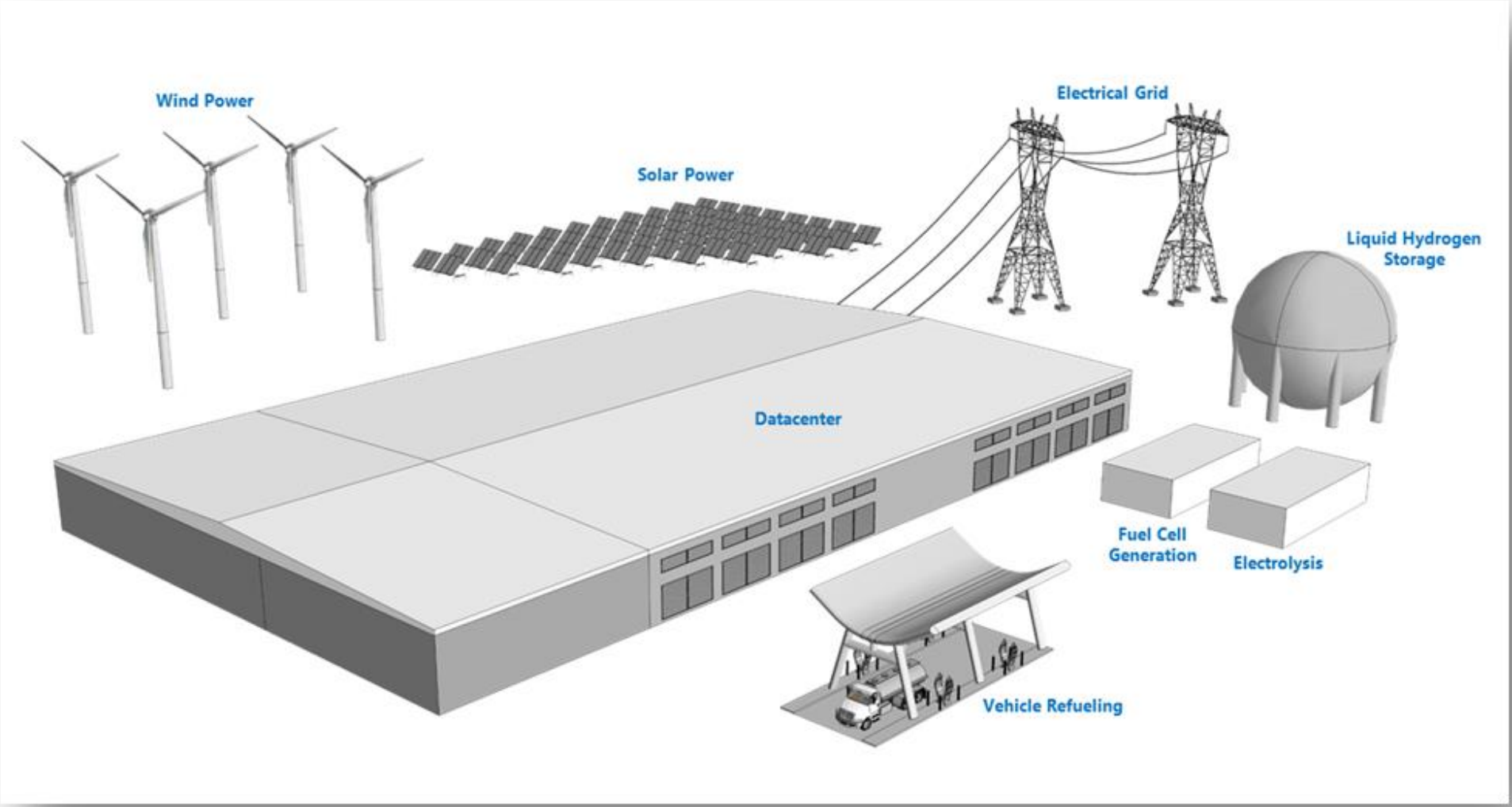
Integrated Hydrogen Economy



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