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Liquid Cooling

Challenges & Opportunities
of the Technology for HPC Systems

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- System reliability: 100X
- Power consumption: 0.5X

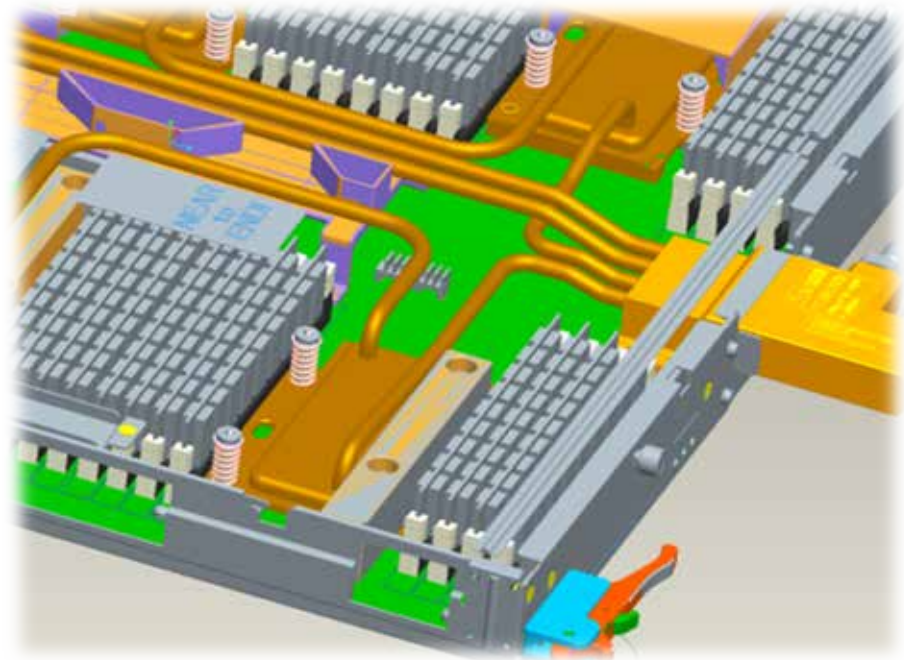
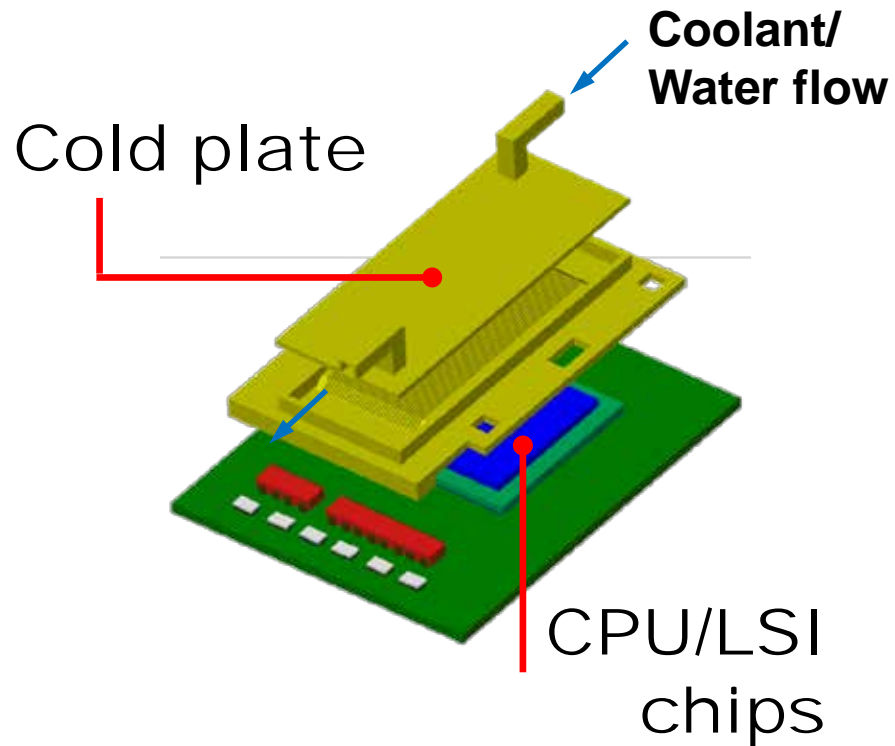


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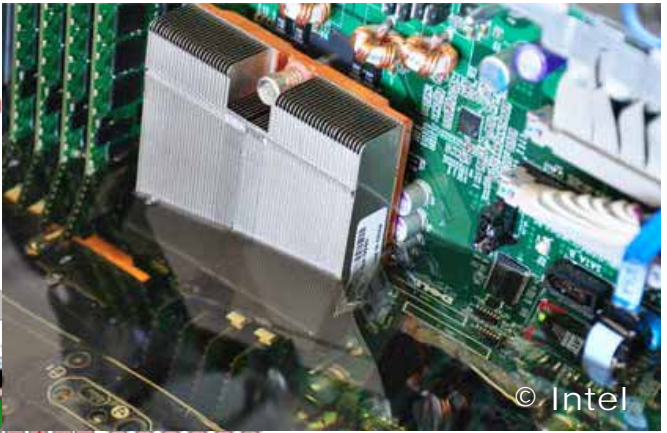
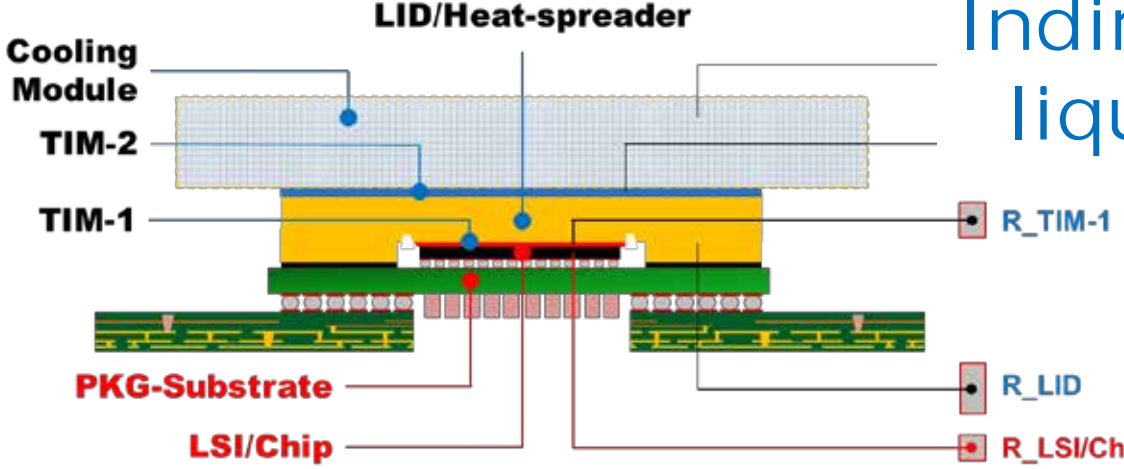
- Liquid cooling, back to the future
 - ***the state of the art technologies***
 - ***high density, toward volumetric scalability***
- Challenges, design & implementation
 - ***packaging & thermal capability***
 - ***reliability and product validation***
- Opportunities, cooling and beyond
 - ***energy efficiency, saving, and reuse***
 - ***bring ITE and facility together***

Liquid-Cooled Electronics

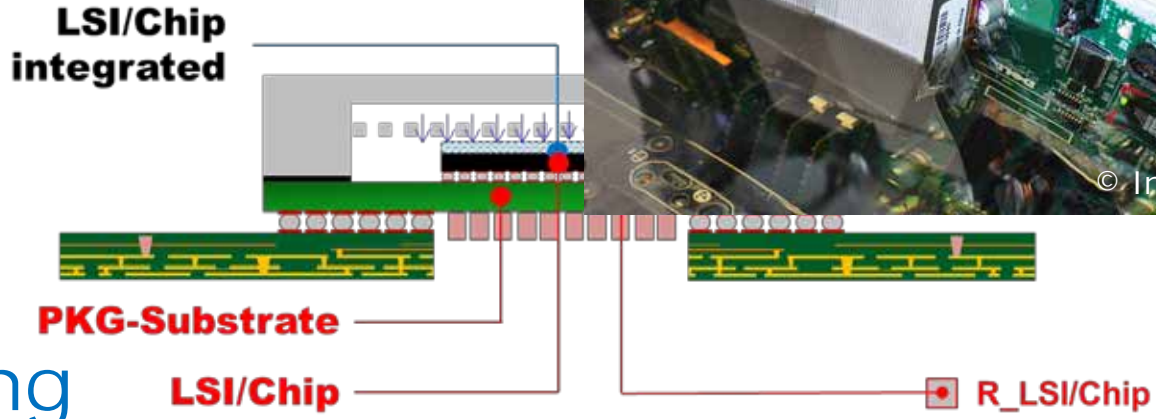
- Capability for high density packaging
- Energy efficiency at datacom level



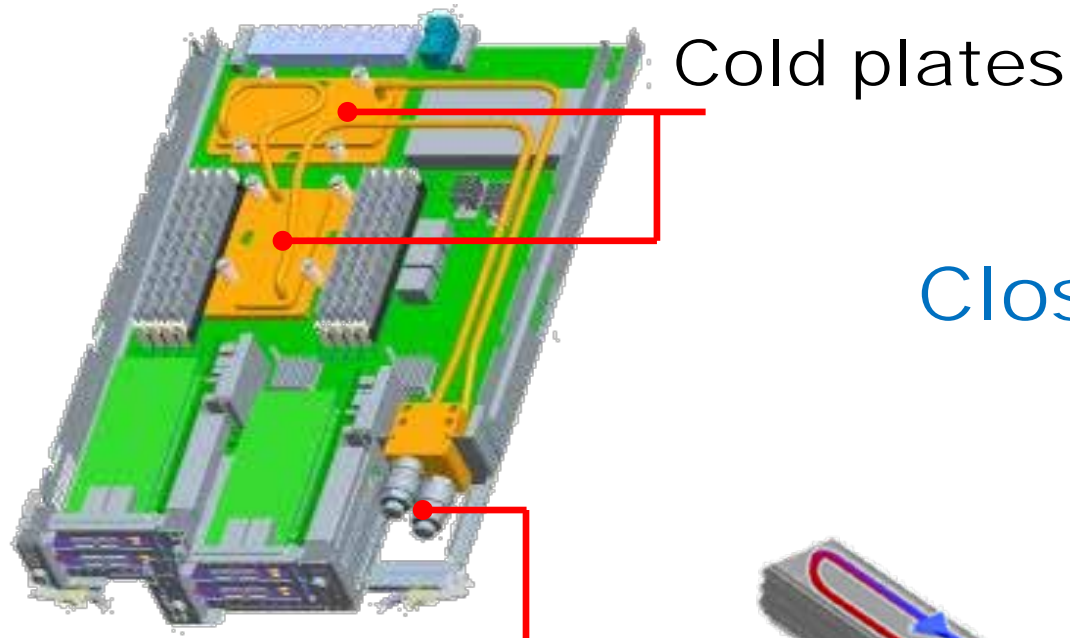
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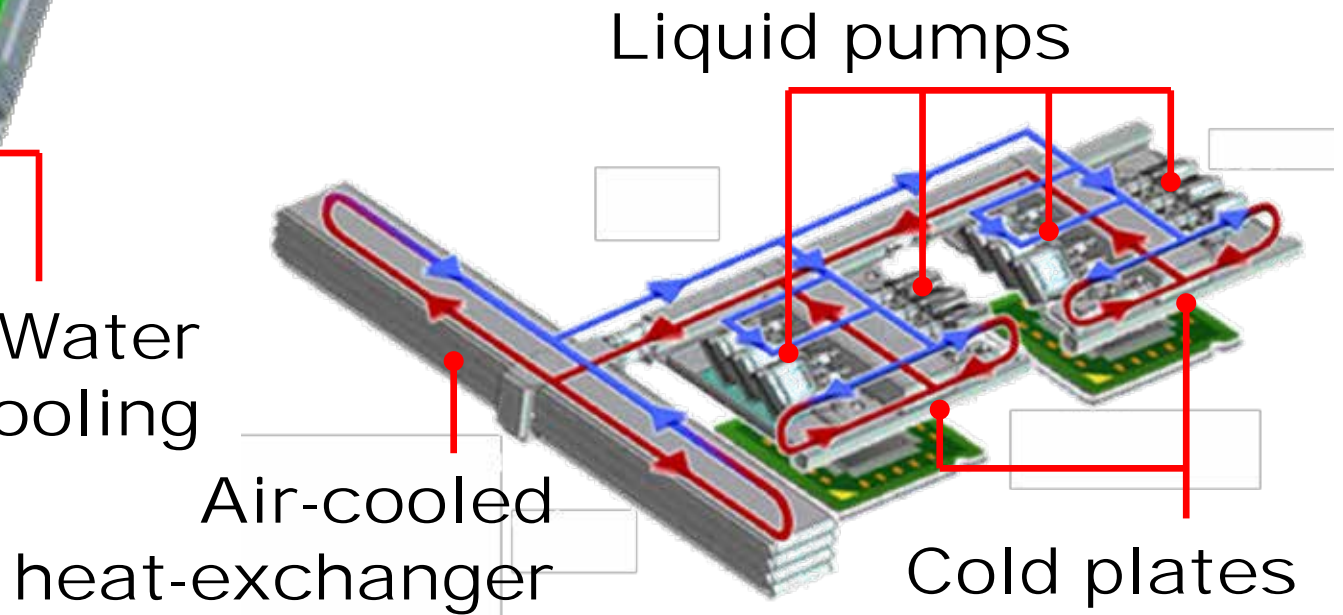
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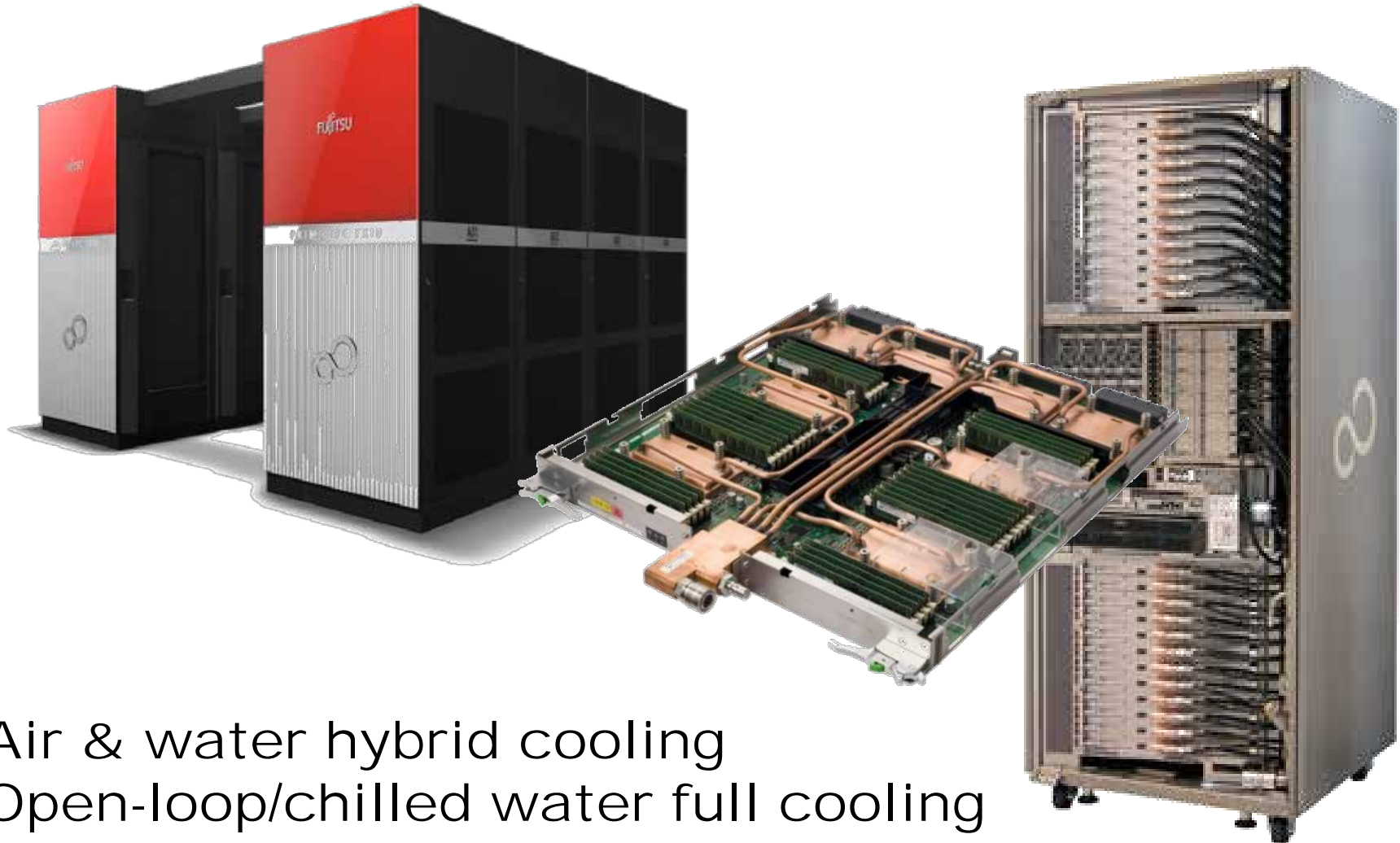
Open-loop to facility cooling



Closed-loop on board



Fujitsu PRIMEHPC FX10 (2012)



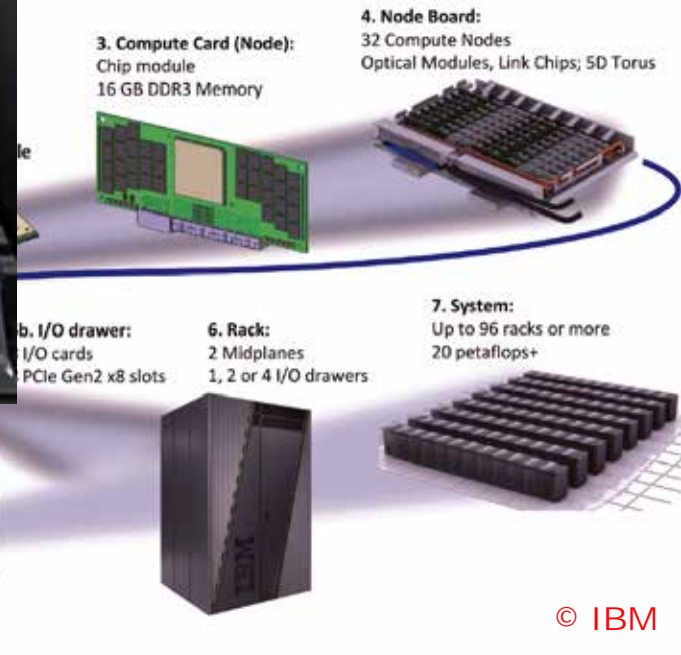
- Air & water hybrid cooling
- Open-loop/chilled water full cooling

Fujitsu PRIMEHPC FX100 (2014)



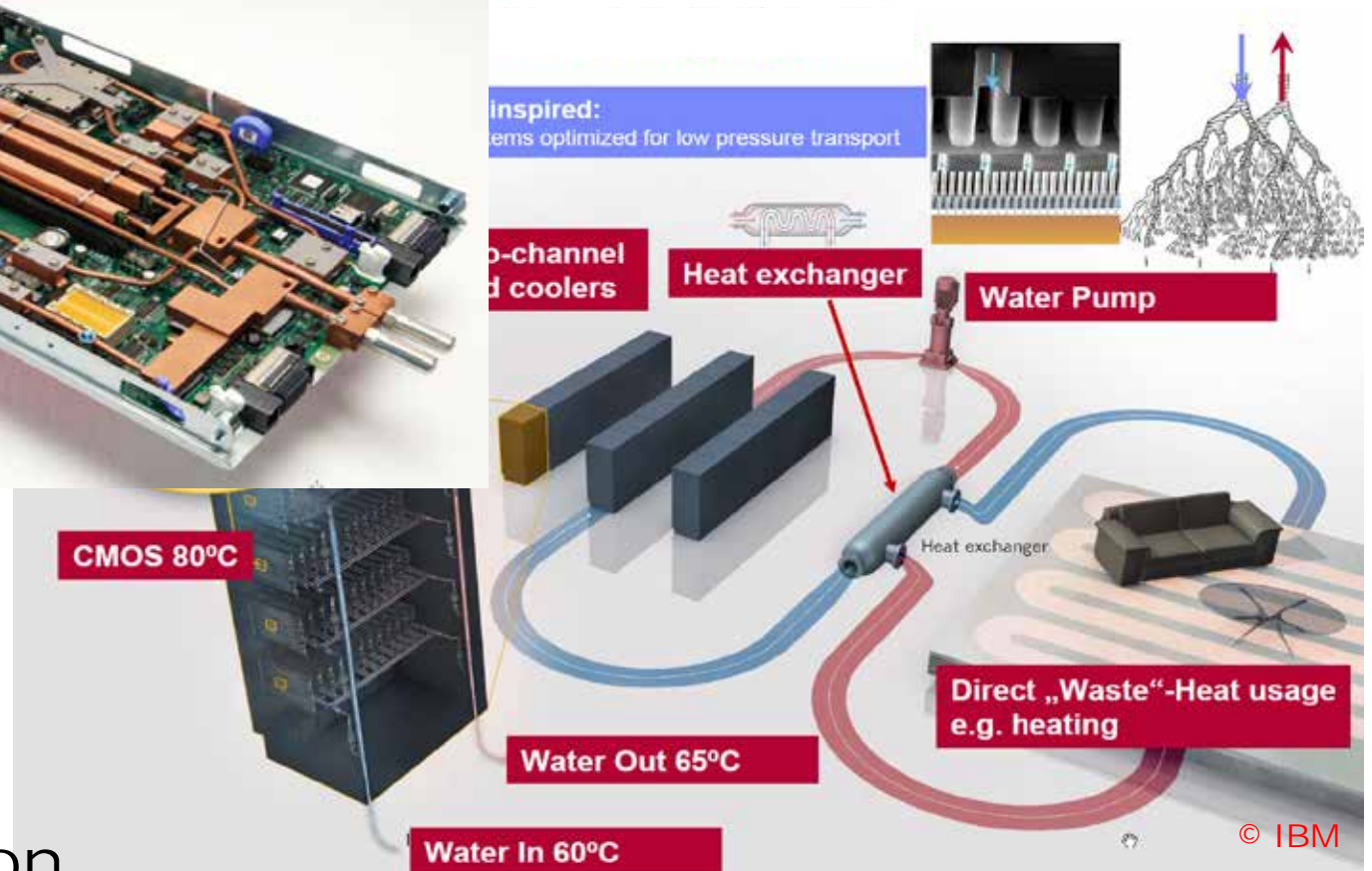
- High density packaging
- Open-loop/chilled water full cooling

IBM BG/Q Sequoia (2012)



- Thermal contact structure
- Open-loop/chilled water full cooling

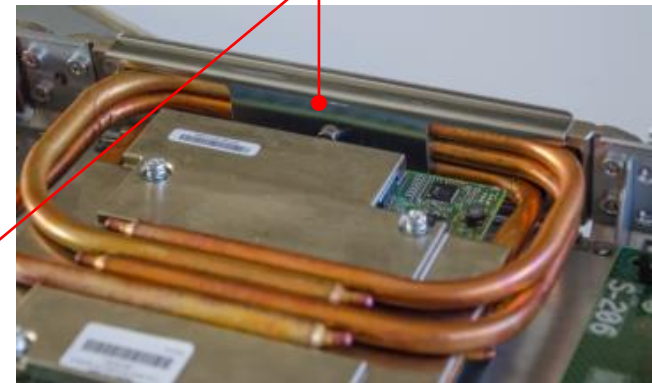
IBM Aquasar (2012)



- Zero-emission
- Open-loop/warm water full cooling

HP Apollo 8000 (2014)

Heat-pipe dry-disconnect
with rack water cooling



Pumped water circulation
under vacuum

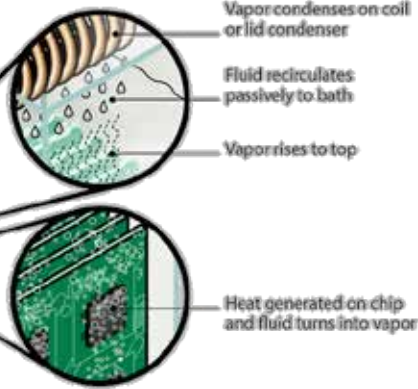
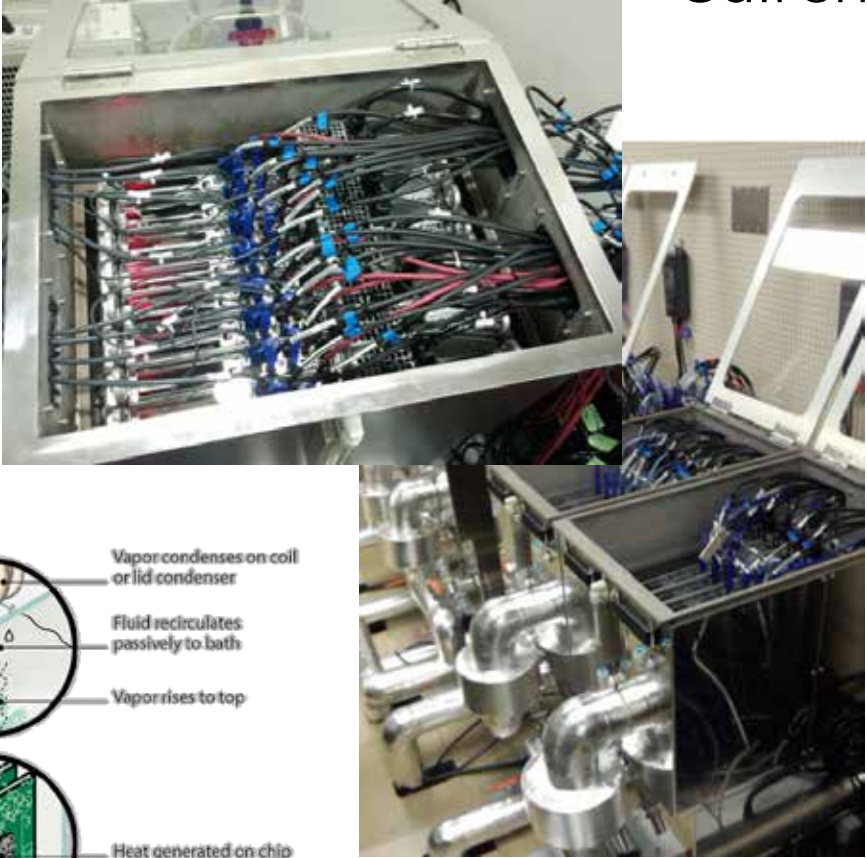
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Immersion (2013/2014)

NEC/TIT
TSUBAME-KFC



ExaScaler/KEK
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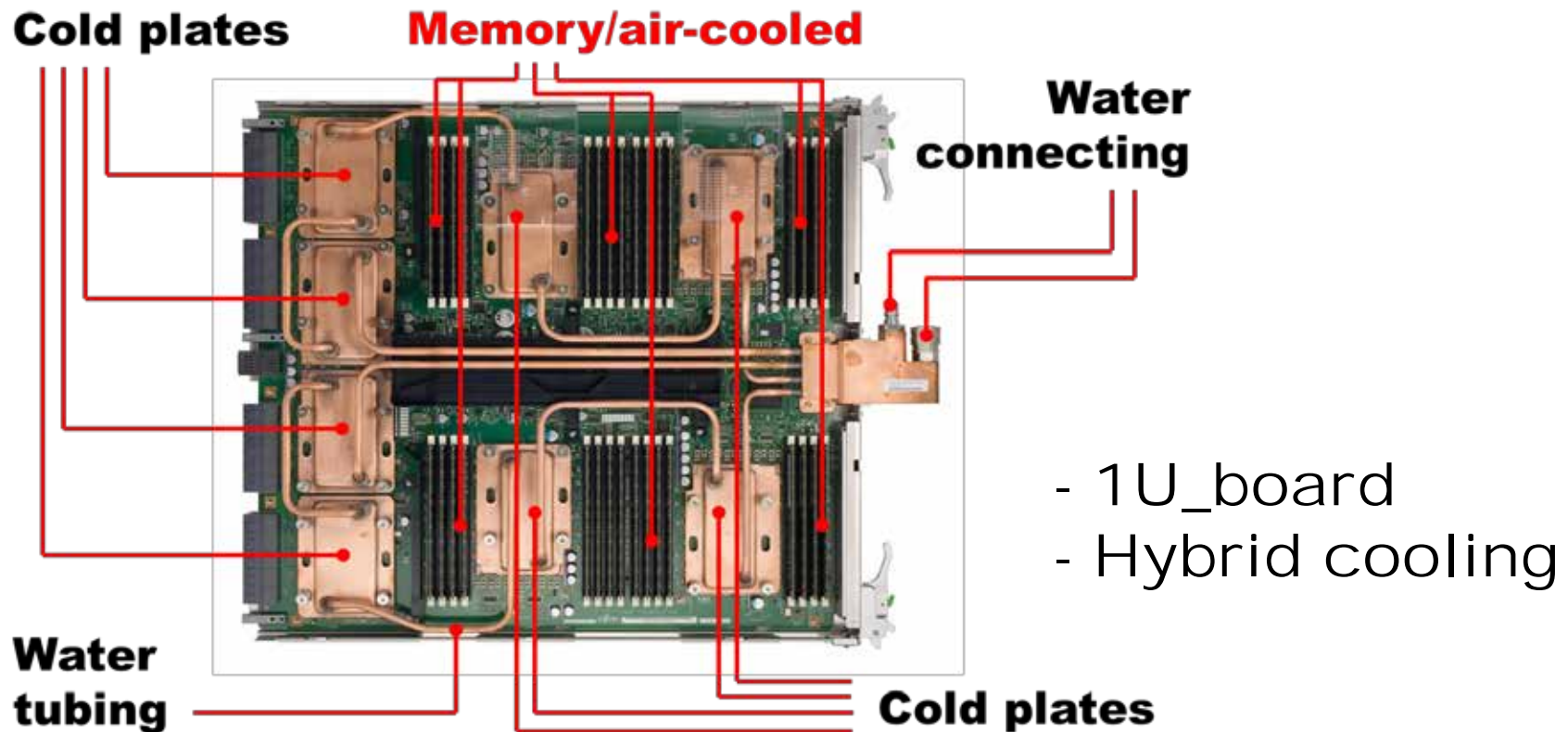
Allied Control
ASIC Miner

Design & Implementation of the LC Components

- Packaging/thermal capability
- Reliability and product validation

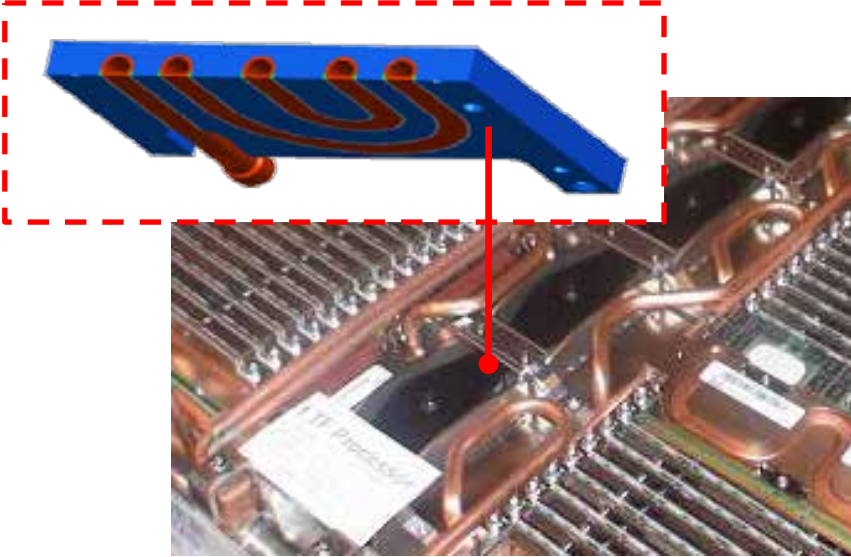
Design: packaging & cooling

- Performance, mfg., cost, maintenance
- Materials and novel technologies



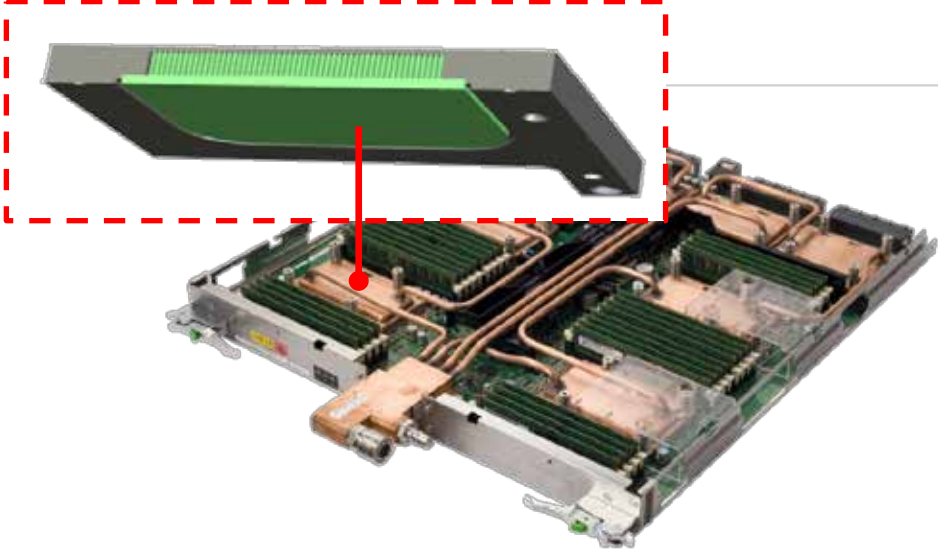
Methodology: cold plates

Cold-plate with embedded tubes



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Cold-plate with finned mini-channels

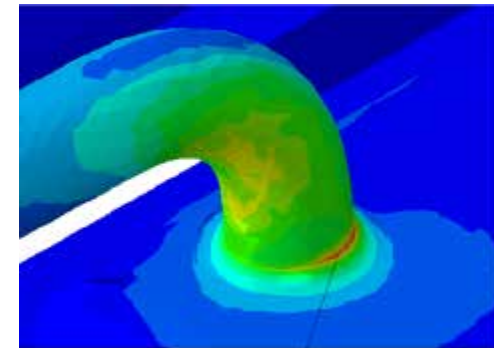
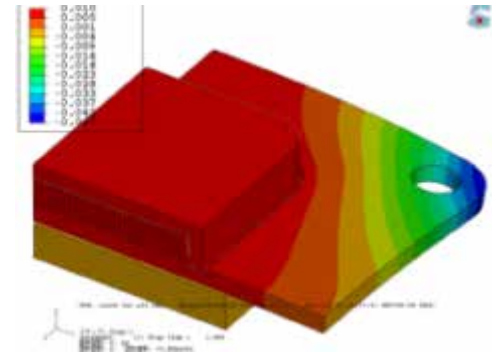
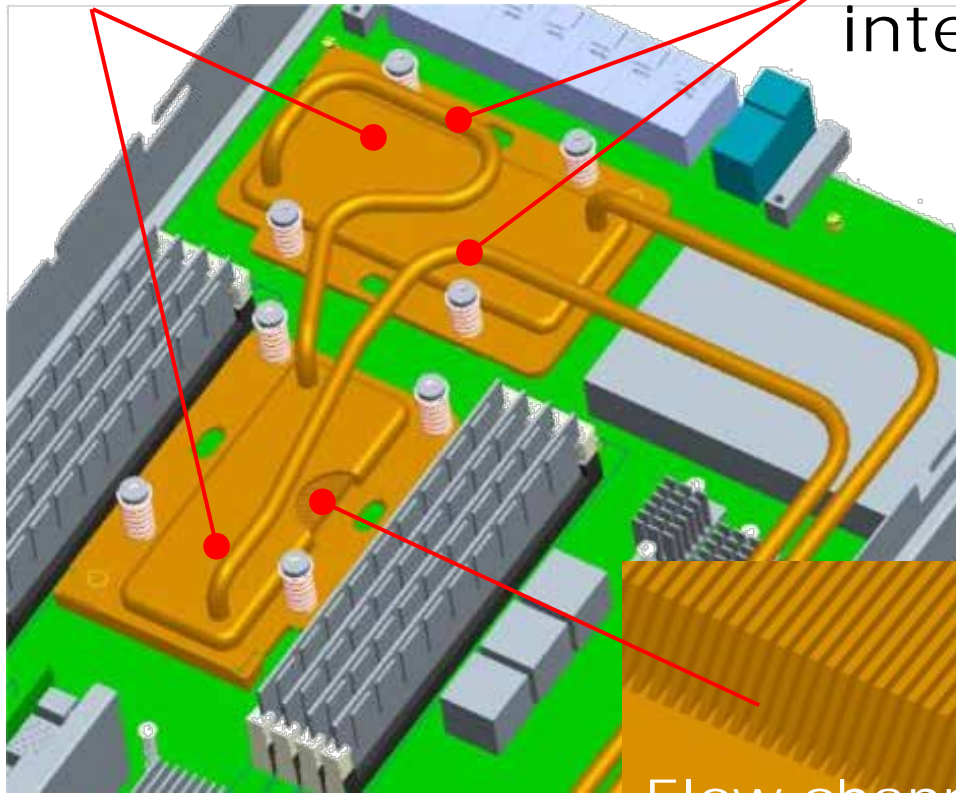


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Mechanics: structure & tubing

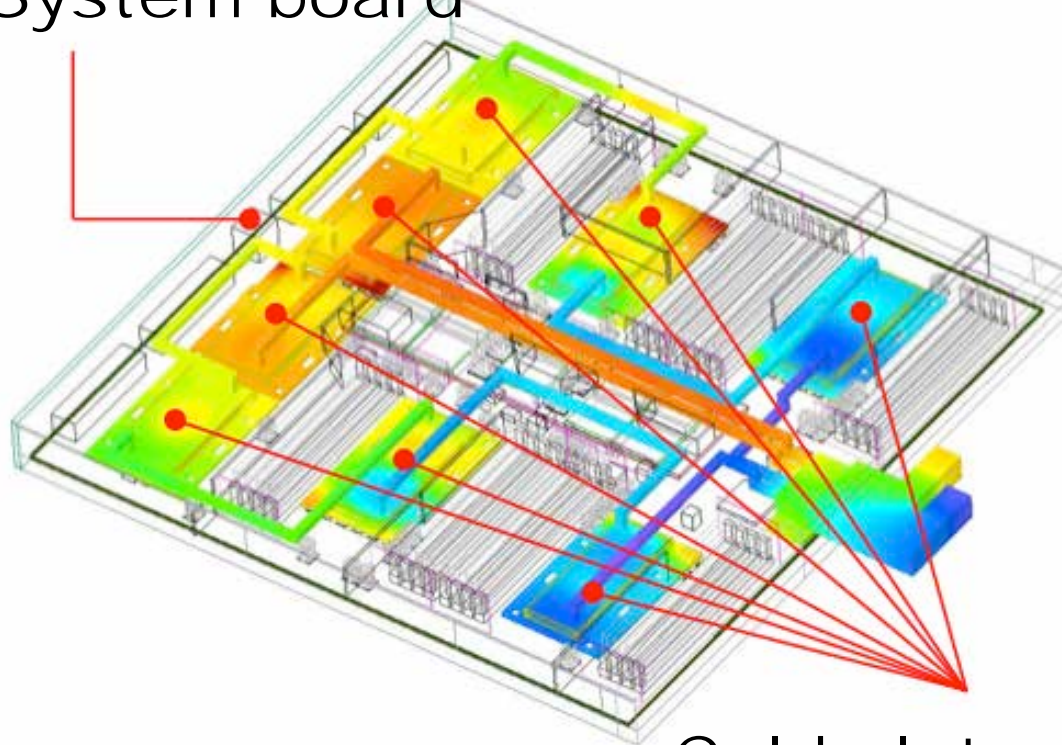
Cold-plates

Compliant & integrated tubing



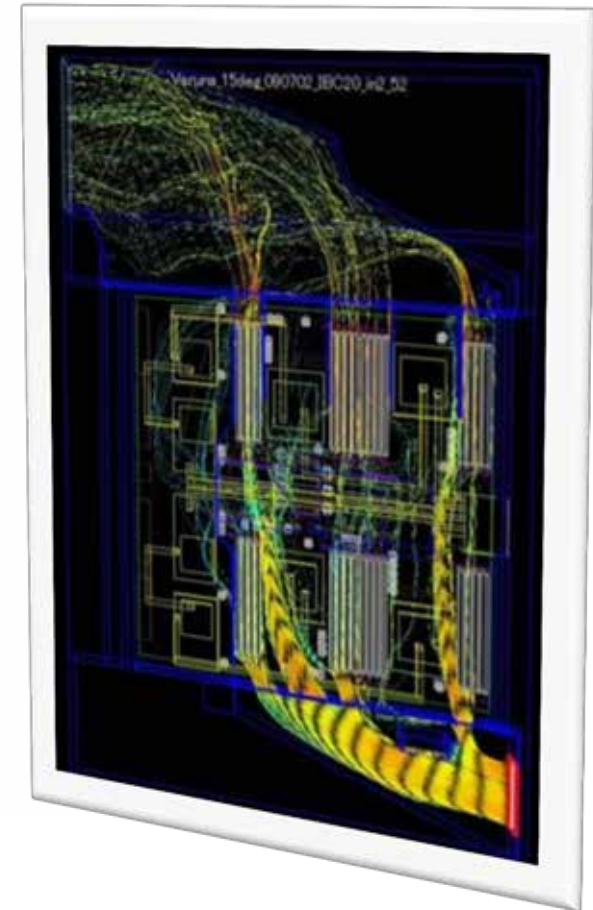
Thermal: hybrid configuration

System board



Cold plates

Air convection



Implementation: reliability & product validation

Brazed joints

Cold plates

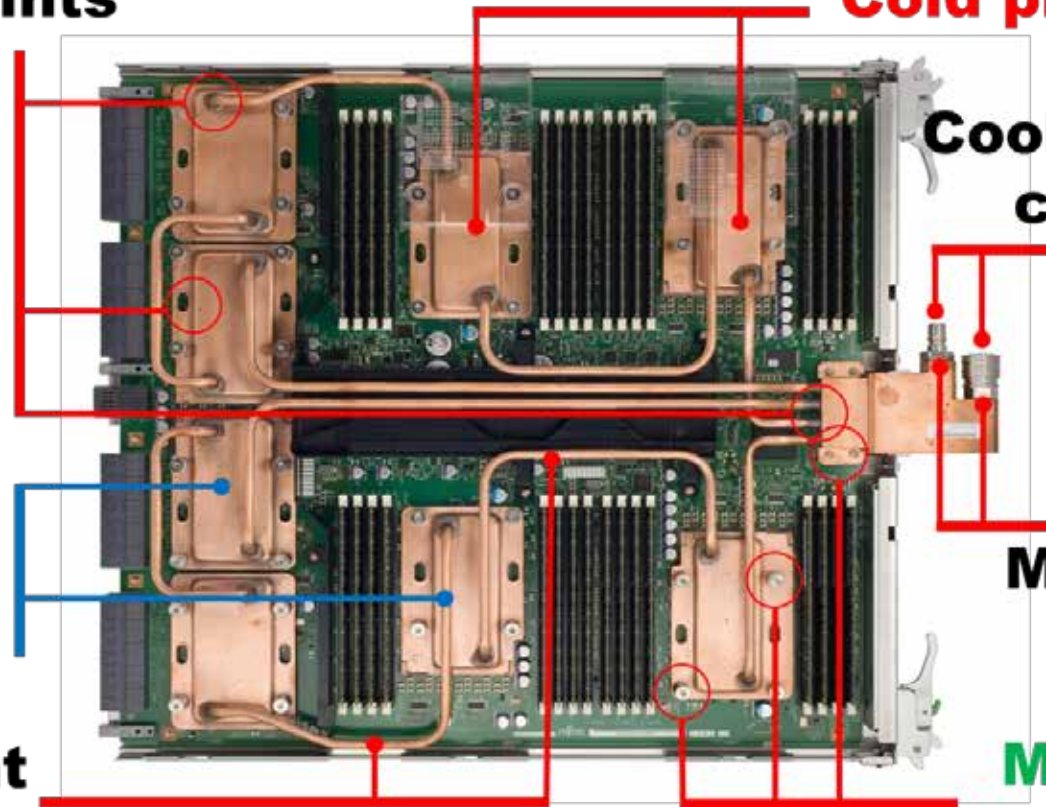
**Coolant/Water
connecting**

**Coolant/
Water**

**Mechanical
joints**

**Compliant
tubing**

**Mechanical
Assembly**



Reliability issues

- Electronics on thermal management
- System control, redundancy, detection
- Mechanical design & verification

Leakage Performance

Standards & specifications

ASHRAE Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Liquid Cooling Guidelines for Datacom Equipment Centers</i>• <i>Datacom Equipment Power Trends and Cooling Applications</i>
ASTM Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ASTM D1384-05 Standard Test Method for Corrosion Test of Engine Coolants in Glassware</i>• <i>ASTM D4340-96 Standard Test Method for Corrosion of Cast Aluminum Alloys in Engine Coolants Under Heat Rejecting</i>
UL/ANSI Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>UL 1995 Heating and Cooling Equipment (includes thermal cycling, aging for gaskets, pressure, and fatigue tests)</i>• <i>109 Tube Fittings for Flammable and Combustible Fluids, Refrigeration Service and Marine USE</i>
RoHS Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment</i>

Compatibility of coolants & materials

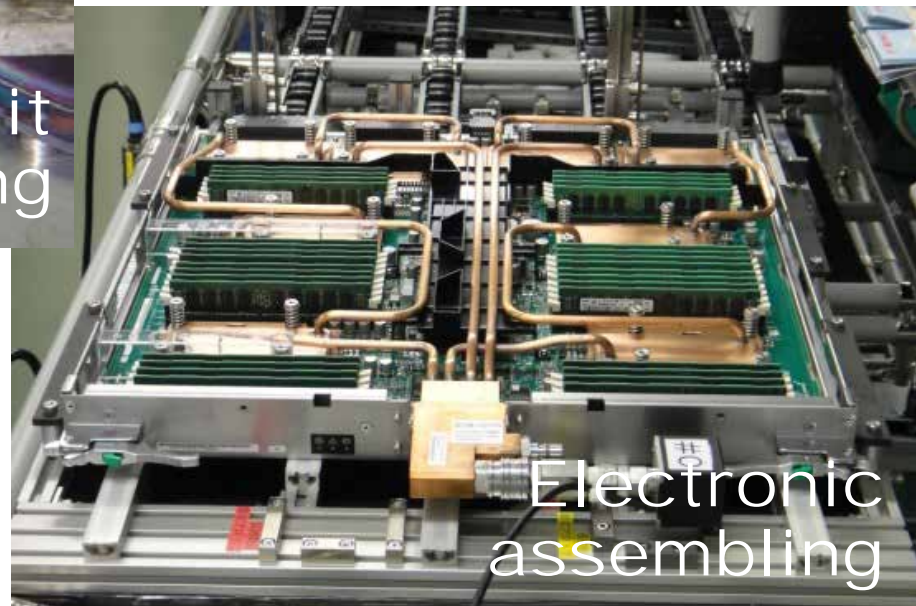
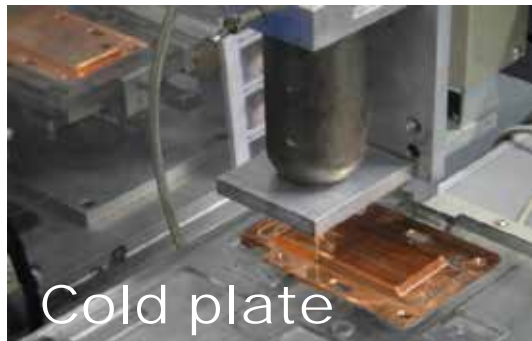
- Coolants/Fluids
 - Deionized water of ASTM D1193-06, type II, grade A
 - 100-1000 ppm BTA – copper corrosion inhibitor
- Materials
 - Copper, brasses: low zinc <15%, low lead
 - Stainless steel: low carbon 304, 304L, 316
 - Homogenized and passivated
 - Plastics / Rubber:
 - Flammability with UL 94 V1 or VW1
 - Geometrical stable of no swelling



Implementation & assembling



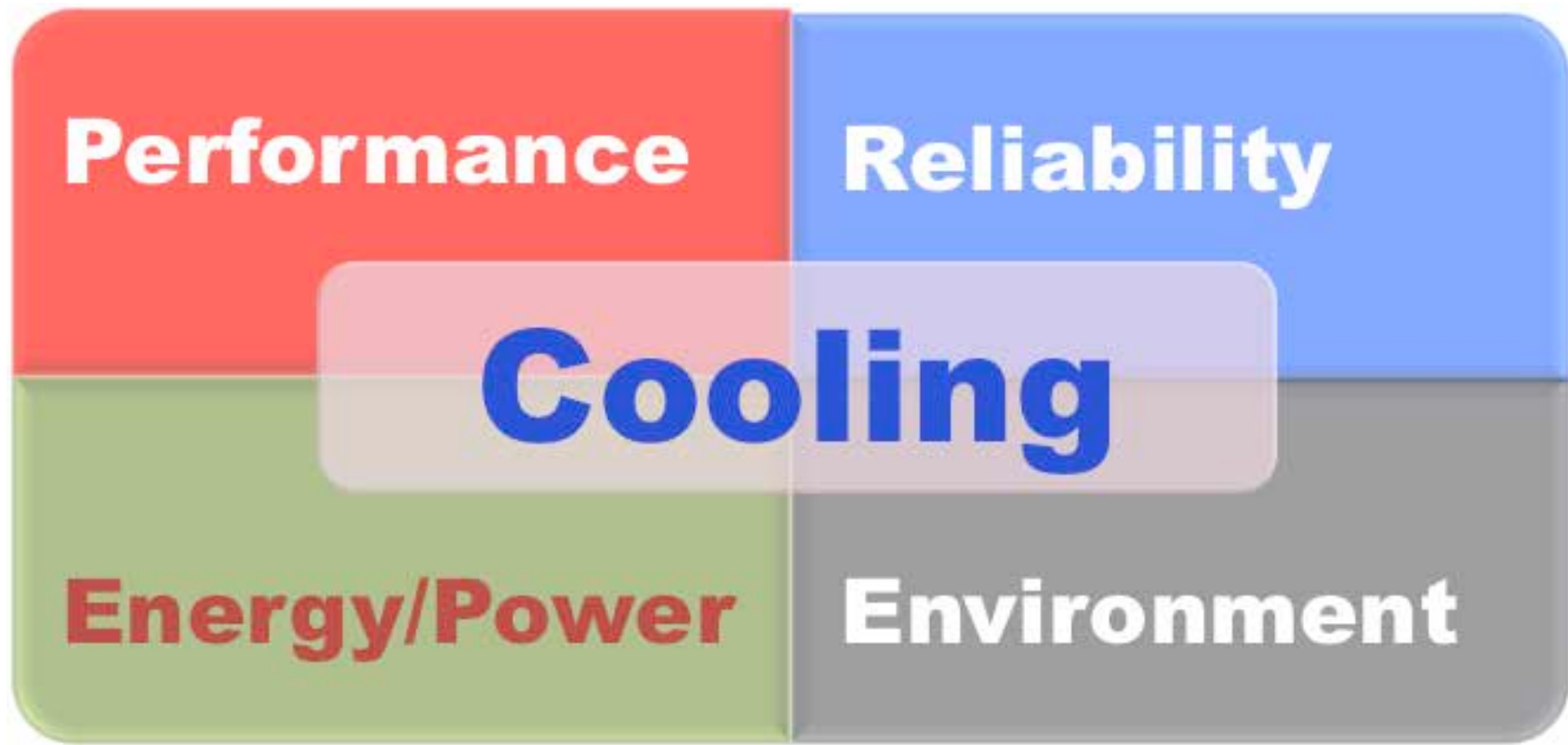
Manufacturing
Assembling & test
Inspecting & validation



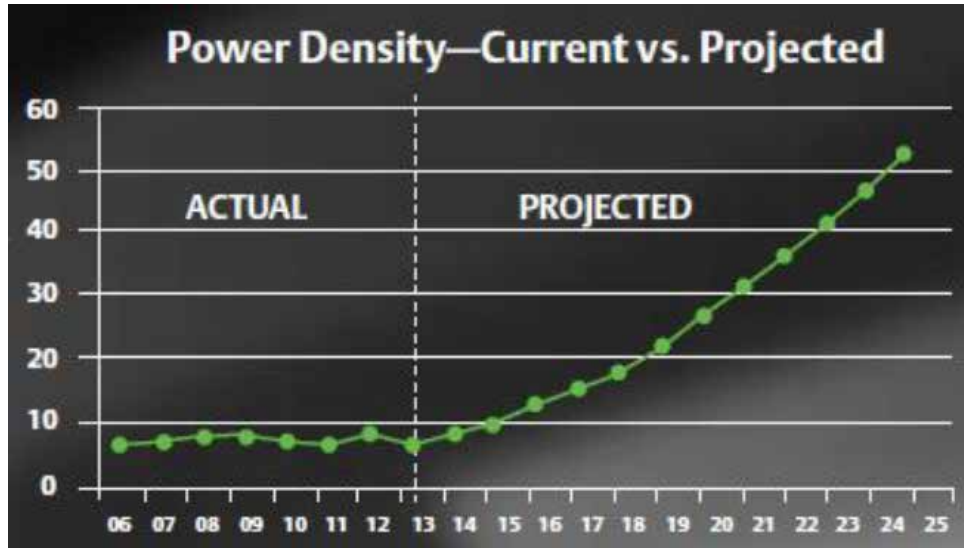
Product validation

Life Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Long-term heat load testing or Accelerated life testing</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>temperature cycle, high-temperature/humidity, pressure</i>- <i>thermal/flow load testing for system performance variability</i>
Component/Unit Seal Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Helium leak testing, with thermal cycle testing</i>• <i>Chemical compatibility testing, Tubing permeability testing</i>• <i>Burst testing (UL1995 pressure cycle at low and high temp.)</i>
Coolant Lifetime Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fluid breakdown testing (ASTM D1384/D4340)</i>• <i>System level fluid loss and/or permeation testing</i>• <i>Long-term storage testing (corrosion and fluid volume)</i>
Component/Unit Freeze/Thaw Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Max./Min. shipping, operating, storage temperatures</i>• <i>Freezing-point validation for water-based solutions</i>

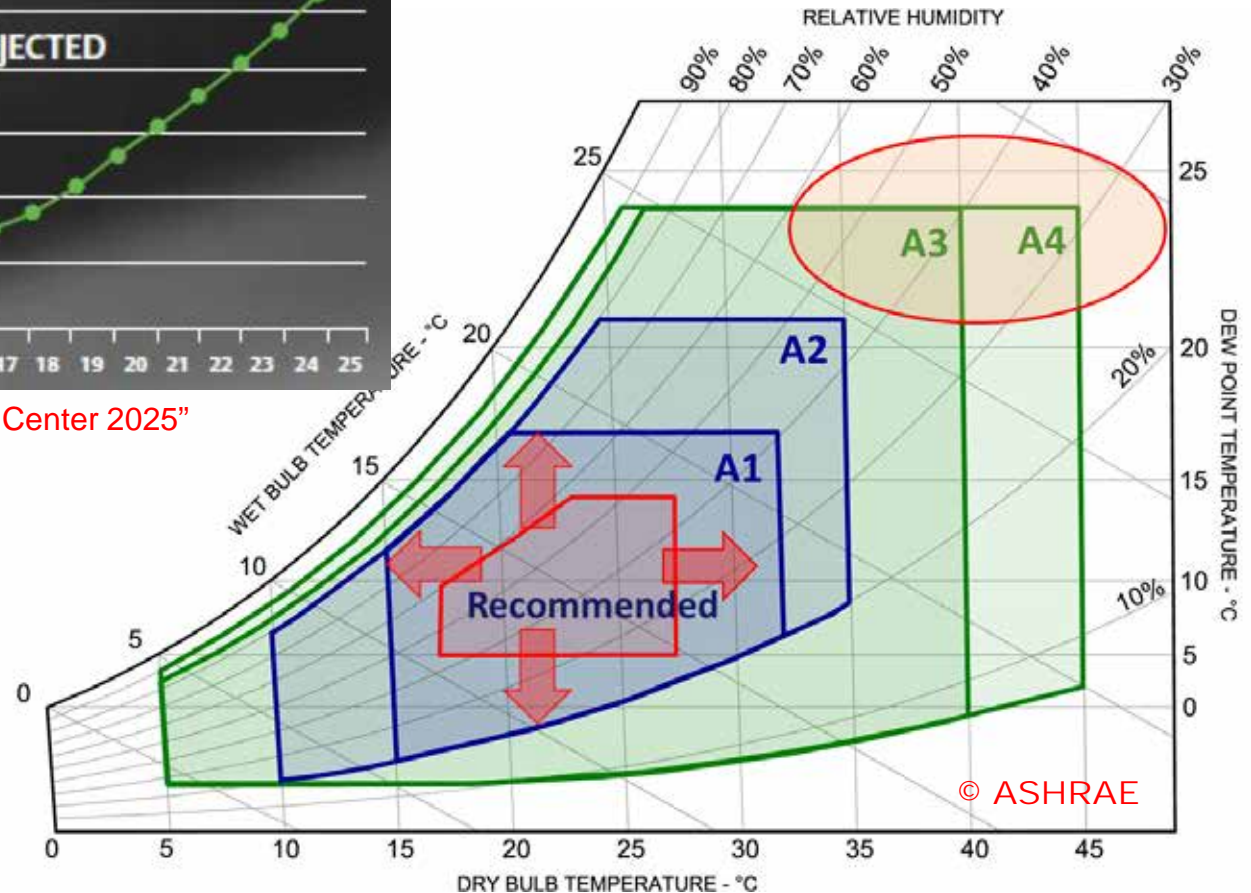
Cooling and Beyond



Power density & environment



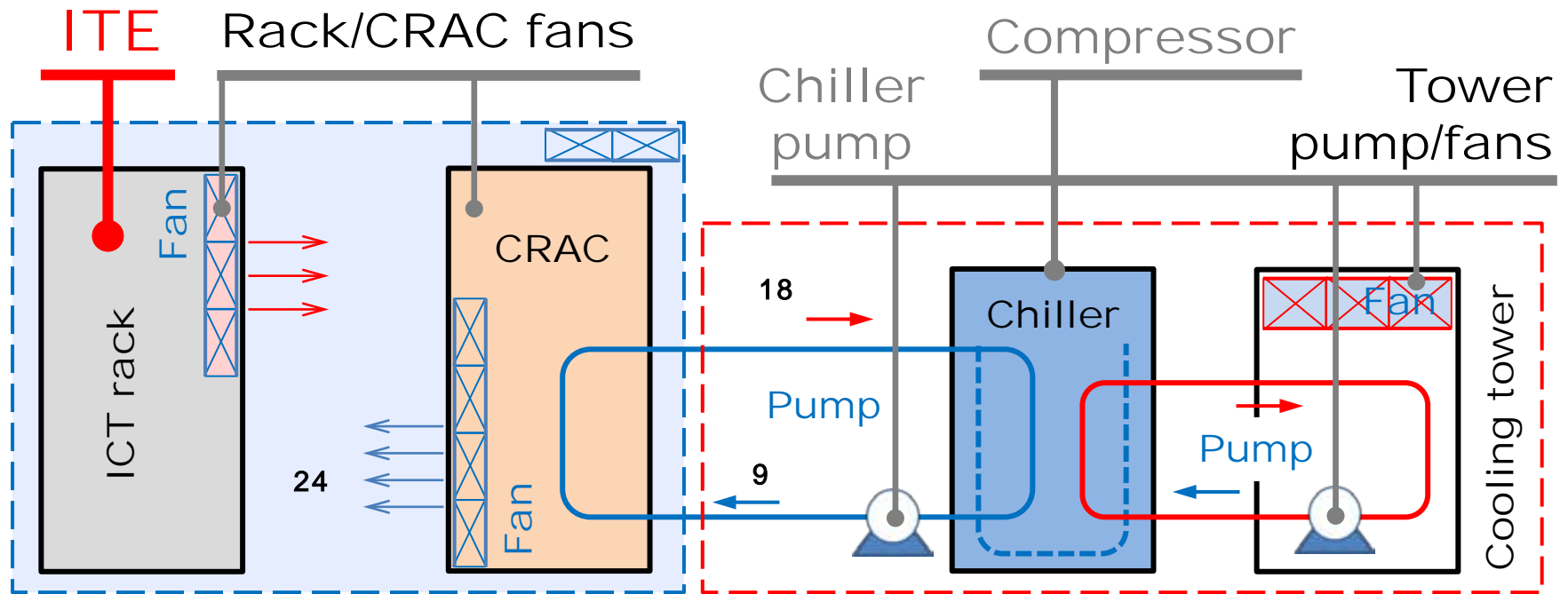
Source: Emerson Network Power, "Data Center 2025"



Bring ITE & facility together

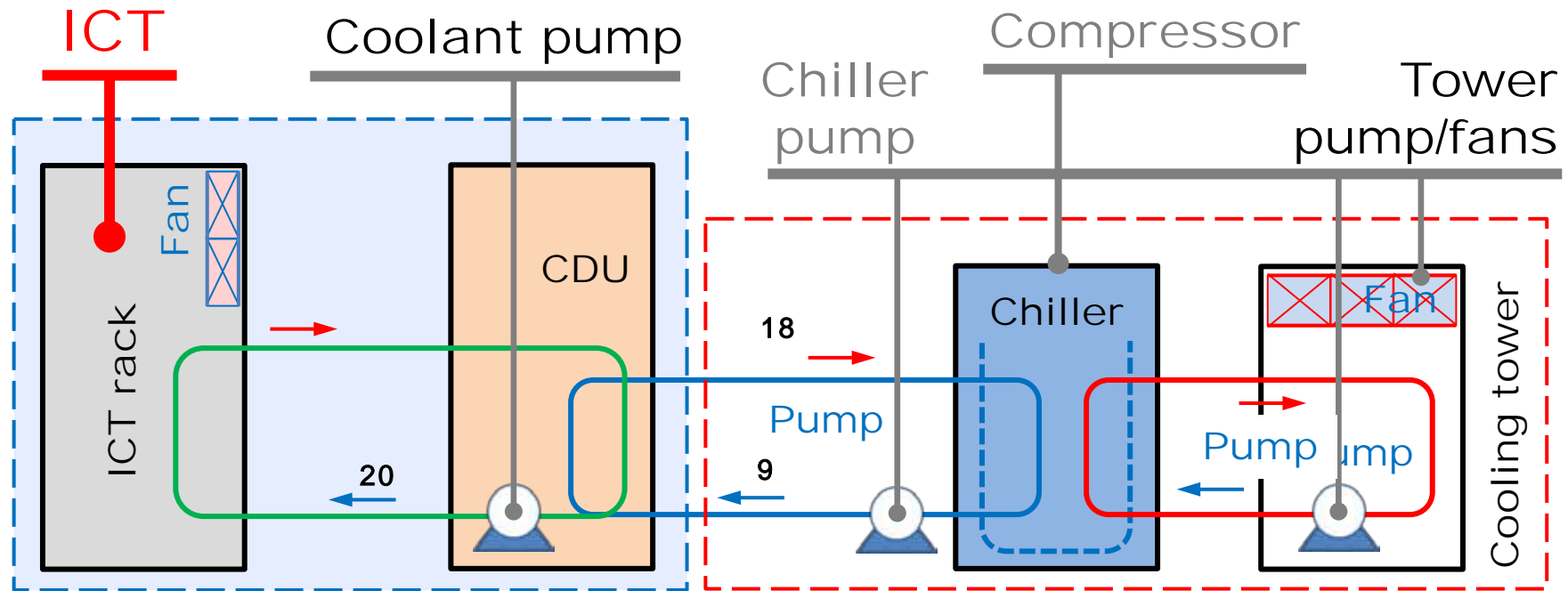
Systematic optimization for

- power / space / volume densities
- energy / cooling efficiency



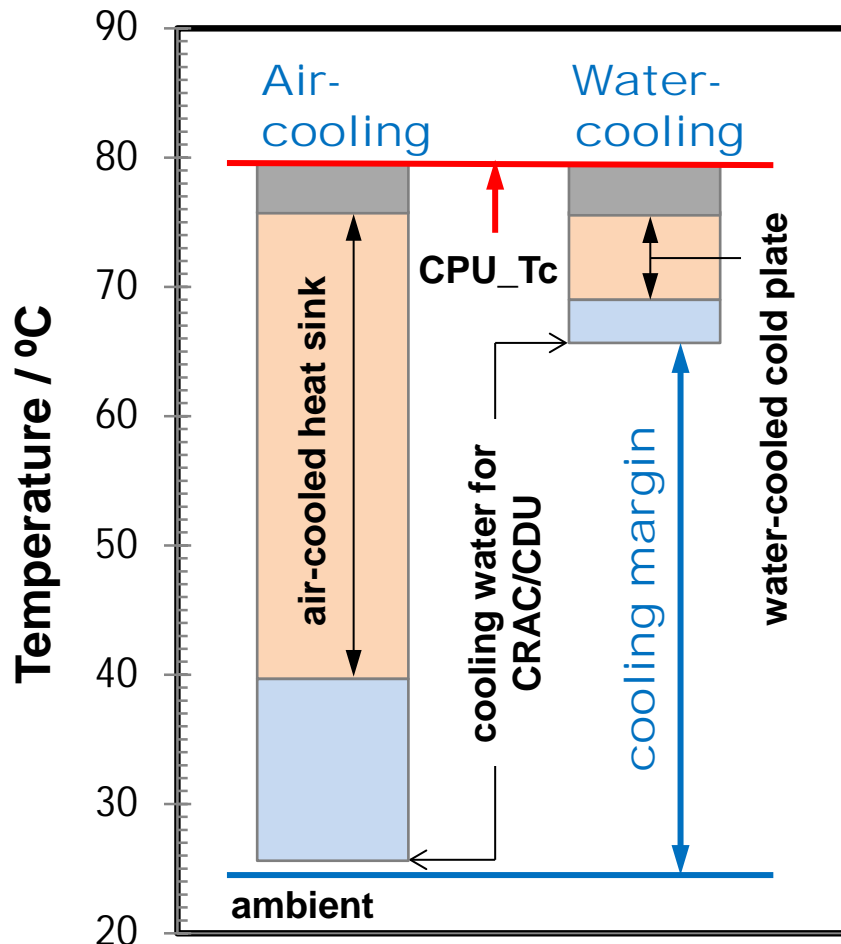
Electric required for an air-cooling DC

Power consumption	Rack fans	CRAC fans	CDU pumps	Chiller pumps	Refri. compressor	Tower Pumps/fans
Air convection	O	O	X	O	O	O
Liquid circulation	Ñ	X	O	O	O	O
Immersion bath	X	X	O	O	O	O



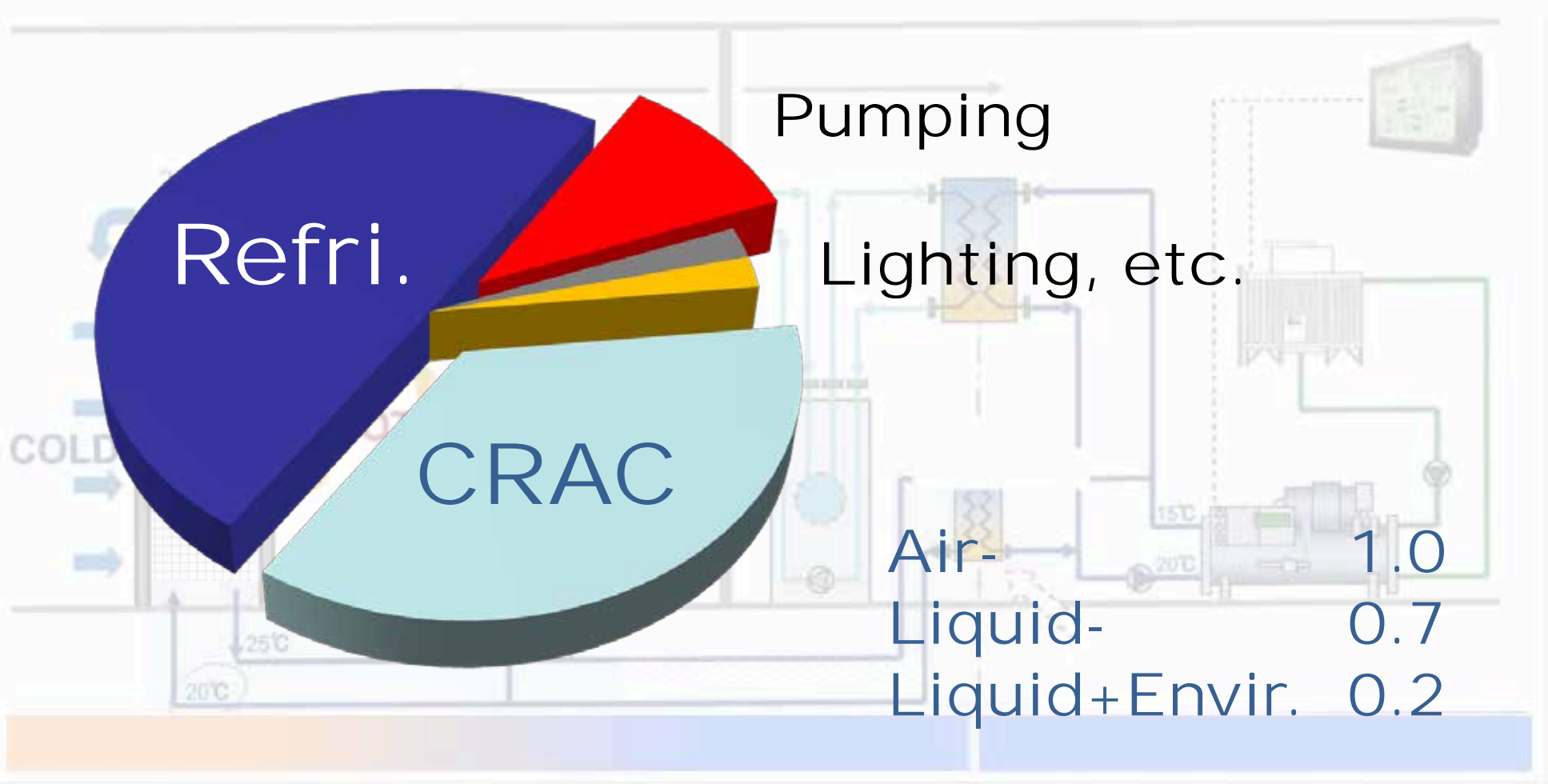
Electric required for an water-cooling DC

Expanded cooling margins



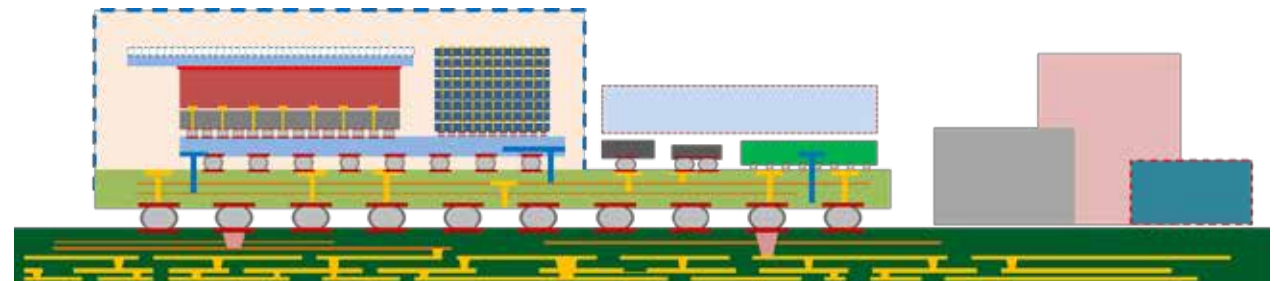
- CPU power: 150W
- CPU package: 1U
- cooling water required
 - air cooling: 27°C
 - liquid cooling: 65°C

Power/Energy saving for cooling

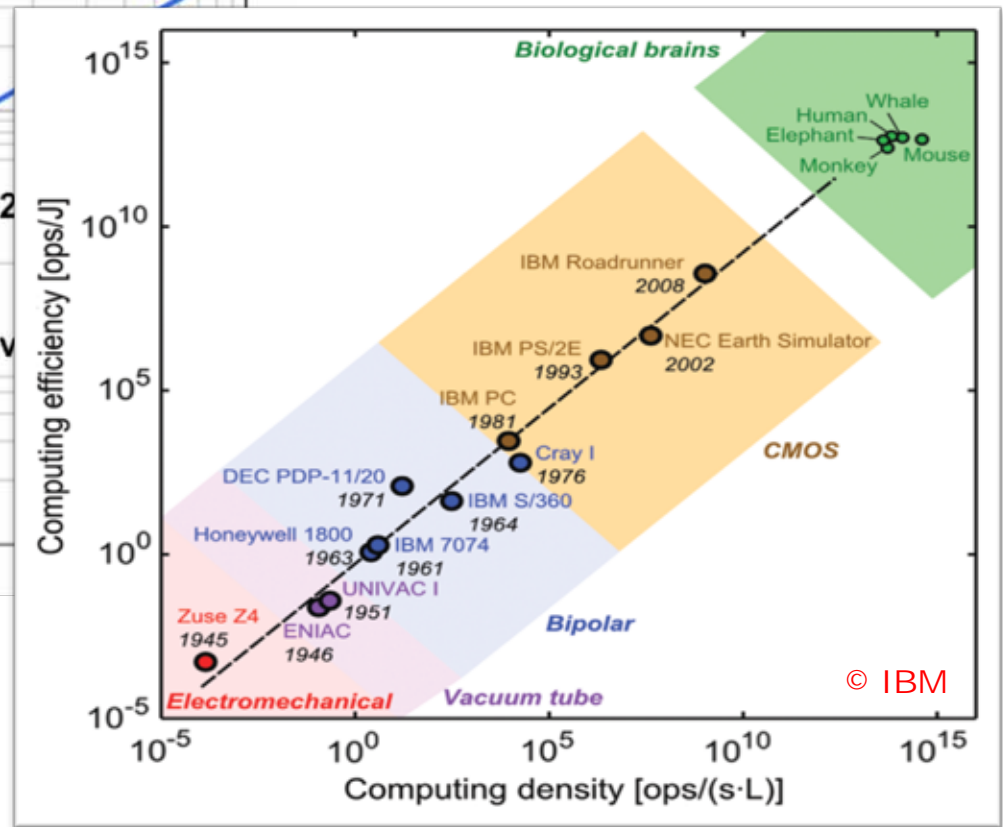
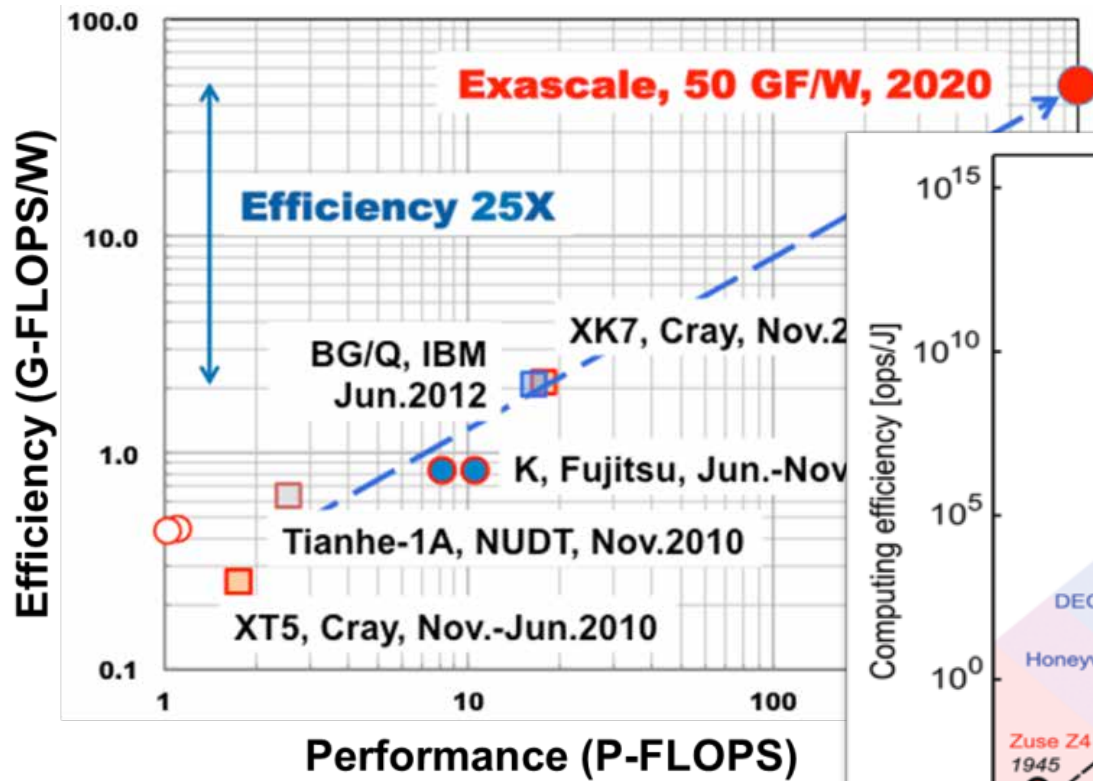


5 years later ~2020

- Energy efficiency & reuse
- Density toward volumetric



Ultimate efficiency/density



Integration & innovation of the technologies for

Chip power: 50~100 W/cm² , 500+ W/Chip
Packaging: 2000+ W/Board

- 3D PKG/cooling: 1~3 kW/cm³
- energy efficiency: PKG ~ DC, PUE<1.1
- reuse of exhaust: PUE~1.0

In a Summary

- Liquid cooling
 - components, units and systems are considerably complicated and greater reliability necessitated.
 - reliability and product validation in each step of mfg./assembling process, is the most important.
- Cooling and beyond
 - Integration of the technologies from chip to system.
 - Co-design of the system for energy saving/reusing from chip to environment, and power-plant.



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