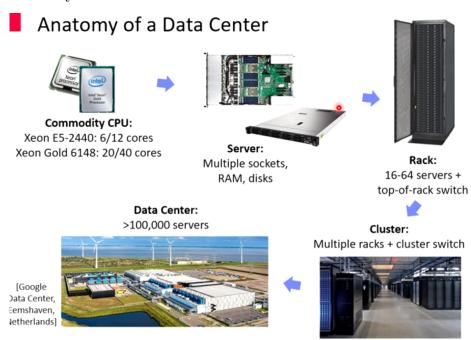
Anatomy of a Data Center



Fault Tolerance

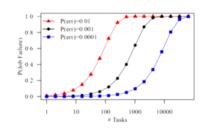
Yearly Data Center Failures

- ~0.5 overheating (power down most machines in <5 mins, ~1-2 days)
- ~1 PDU failure (~500-1000 machines suddenly disappear, ~6 hrs)
- ~1 rack-move (plenty of warning, ~500-1000 machines powered down, ~6 hrs)
- ~1 network rewiring (rolling ~5% of machines down over 2-day span)
- ~20 rack failures (40-80 machines instantly disappear, 1-6 hrs)
- ~5 racks go wonky (40-80 machines see 50% packet loss)
- ~8 network maintenances (~30-minute random connectivity losses)
- ~12 router reloads (takes out DNS and external vIPs for a couple minutes)
- ~3 router failures (immediately pull traffic for an hour)
- ~dozens of minor 30-second blips for dns
- ~1000 individual machine failures (2-4% failure rate, at least twice)
- "thousands of hard drive failures (1-5% of all disks will die)

Recap: Error Rates at Scale

- Cost-effective commodity hardware
- Error rate increases with increasing scale
- Fault Tolerance for distributed/cloud storage and data analysis

Cost-effective Fault Tolerance



Other Common Issues

- Configuration issues, partial SW updates
- Transient errors: no space left on device

Cost-effective Fault Tolerance

- BASE (basically available, soft state, eventual
- Effective techniques
 - ECC (error correction codes), CRC (cyclic
 - Resilient storage: replication/erasure co
 - Resilient compute: task re-execution / s