

# EEE Savings Estimates

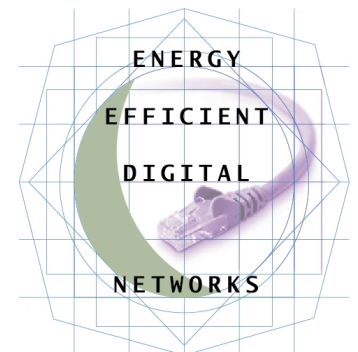
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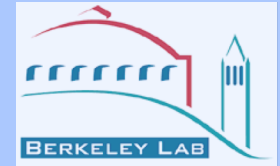
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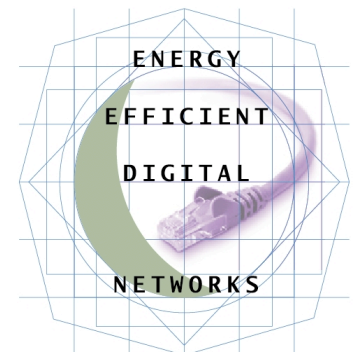
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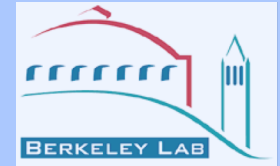
# Outline



- Estimating energy consumption and savings
- “Potential” savings
  
- Stocks
- Usage
- Power levels
  
- Energy price
  
- Key outstanding questions



# Estimating energy consumption and savings



Energy estimates driven by

–Stocks

How many devices exist

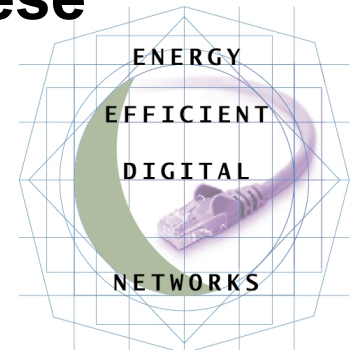
–Power levels

How much power consumed in each major operating mode

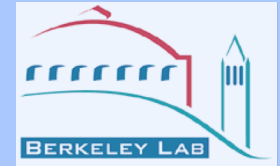
–Usage

How much time in each mode

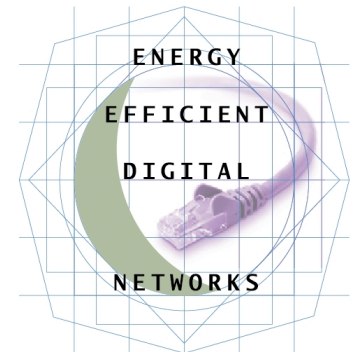
Savings can occur by changing any or all of these



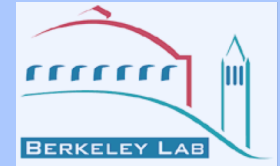
# “Potential” savings



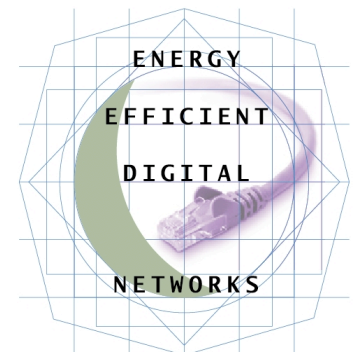
- **Forecasts of expected savings necessarily uncertain**
- **Focusing on what not known a distraction**
- **Best to present what do know:**
  - Universe of ‘potential’ savings**
    - **Can later apply penetration factors**
    - **Provides magnitude of actual savings**
- **Key uncertainties for EEE savings**
  - **10 G copper NIC stocks**
  - **1G and 10 G power savings at reduced rate**
  - **Balance of system and non-system savings**



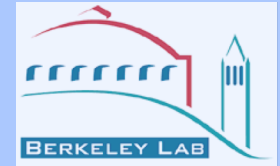
# Stocks



- **1 G NICs**
  - Product populations in residential and commercial buildings
  - Presence and utilization of Ethernet
  
- **10 G (copper) NICs**
  - Assume prime driver is servers (blade and non-blade)
  - Redundant links - total: 2/volume, 4/midrange, 8/high-end
    - ↑ **Is this reasonable?**
  - How many servers?
  - What fraction will use 10G copper? Estimating energy consumption and savings



# Usage



**Usage: Time with EEE link that will be low rate when otherwise would have been high rate**

- Shipped NICs may not be used
- NICs in use may in low rate if device is already asleep or off
- *(one end of link may not support higher rate at all)*

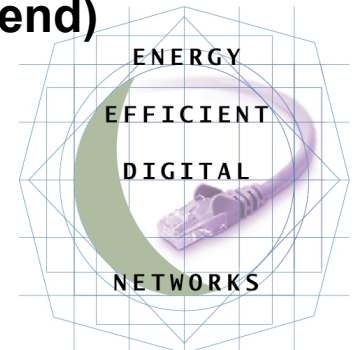
- **1 G**

- Varying assumptions based on product type

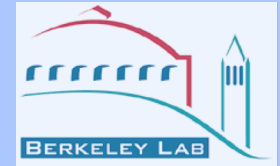
- **10 G**

- **90% low link rate time (80% and 60% for mid and high end)**

***Not a great source of uncertainty***



# Power levels



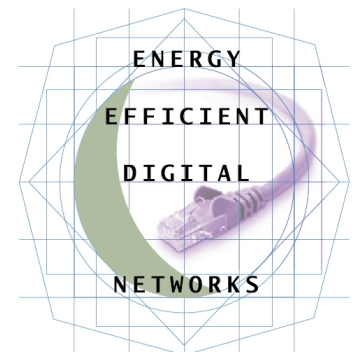
*All power levels what results at AC input to system*

## 1 G

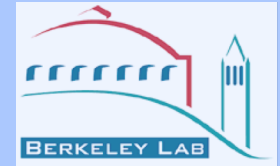
- Measured data: 1-2 W per NIC
- For estimate, used 1 W
  - While PHY power may drop below 1 W, other parts of system may also save power
  - Easily scalable to other assumptions

## • 10 G

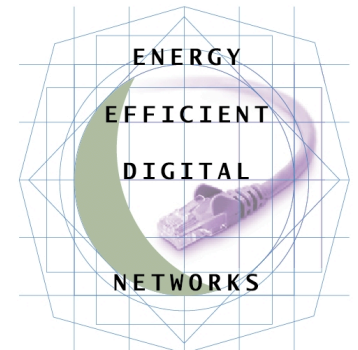
- Measured data (unsurprisingly) absent
- Fiber 10 G NICs 10-20 W
- Used 8 W savings (4 W for backplane)
- **Need a consensus view from industry**



# Energy price

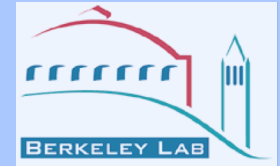


- **GWh/year or TWh/year not intuitive to many — \$ are**
- **Recent average prices from DOE / EIA**  
(Dept. of Energy / Energy Information Admin.)
  - **Industrial: 6+ cents/kWh**
  - **Residential / Commercial: 9 cents/kWh**
  - **Europe: nearly 20 cents/kWh**
- **Past estimates presented to IEEE used 8 cents/kWh**
  - **Consistency has value**
- **10 cents/kWh easily roundable / scalable**
  - **More relevant to rest of world**
- **So — 8 or 10 cents/kWh ?**





# Key Outstanding Questions



- **Should balance-of-system and non-system savings be accounted for?**
  - If so, what factors for 1 G devices? servers? switches?
- **What year to create estimate for?**
- **How many 10 G copper NICs should we expect?**
- **What power levels are most appropriate:**
  - (entire product at AC plug)
  - 1 G?
  - 10 G? (BASE-T and backplane)
- **Is this sufficient for IEEE needs?**

