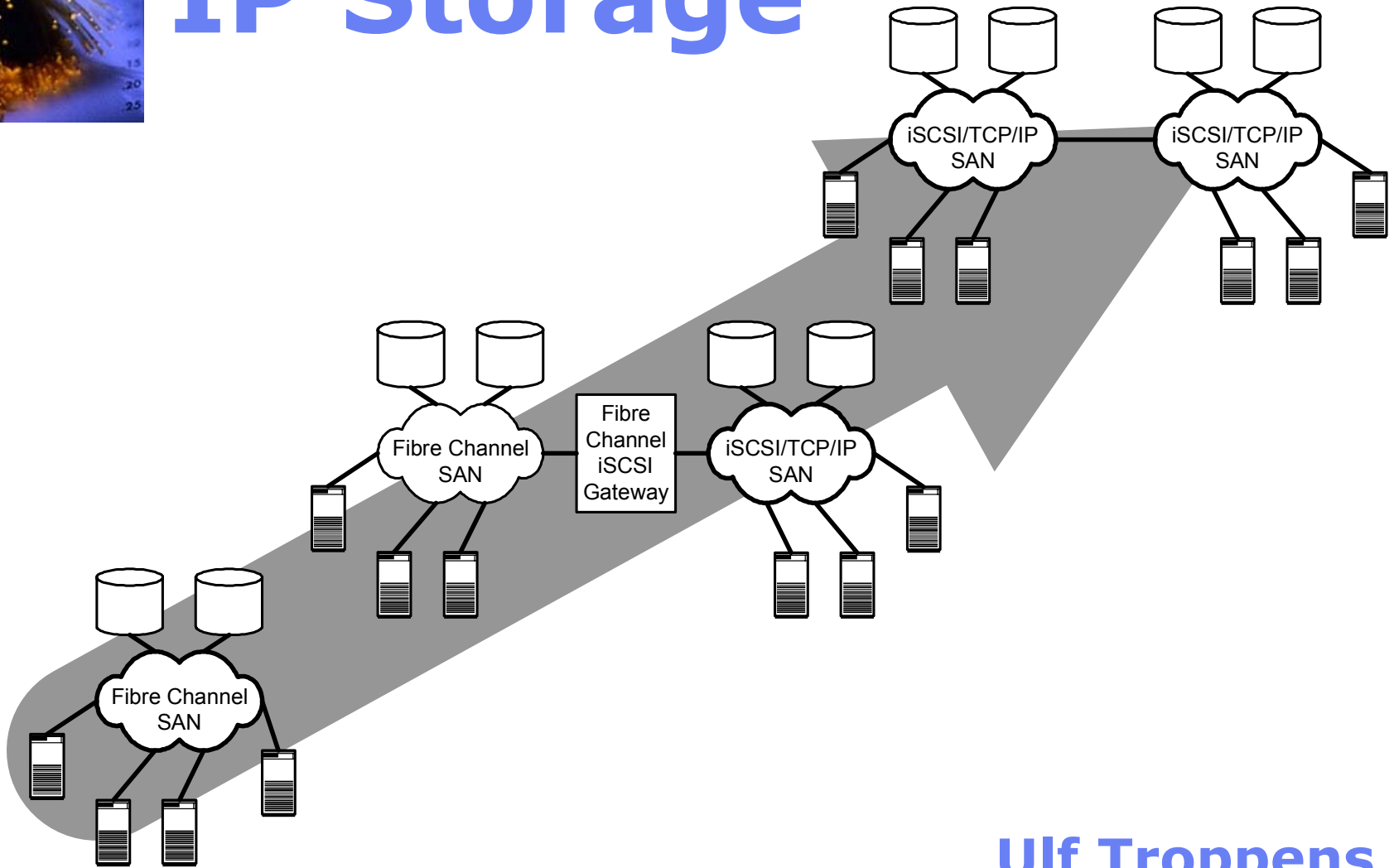


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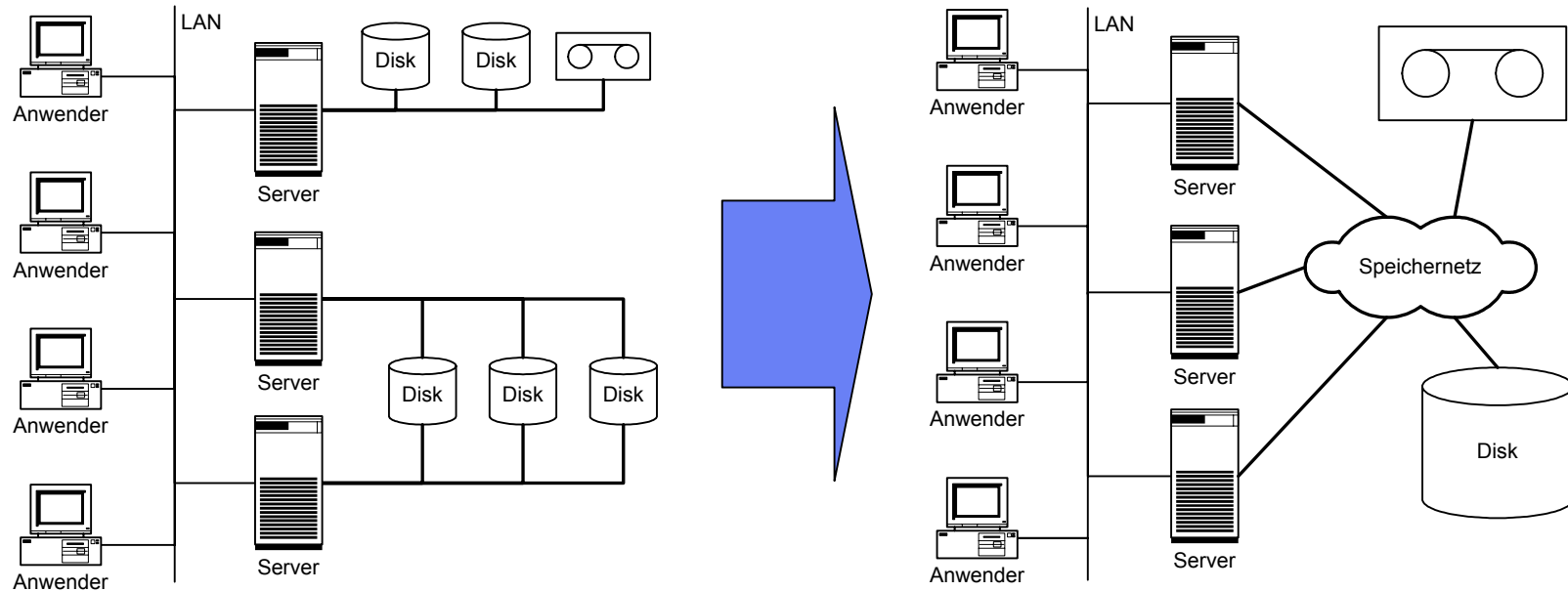


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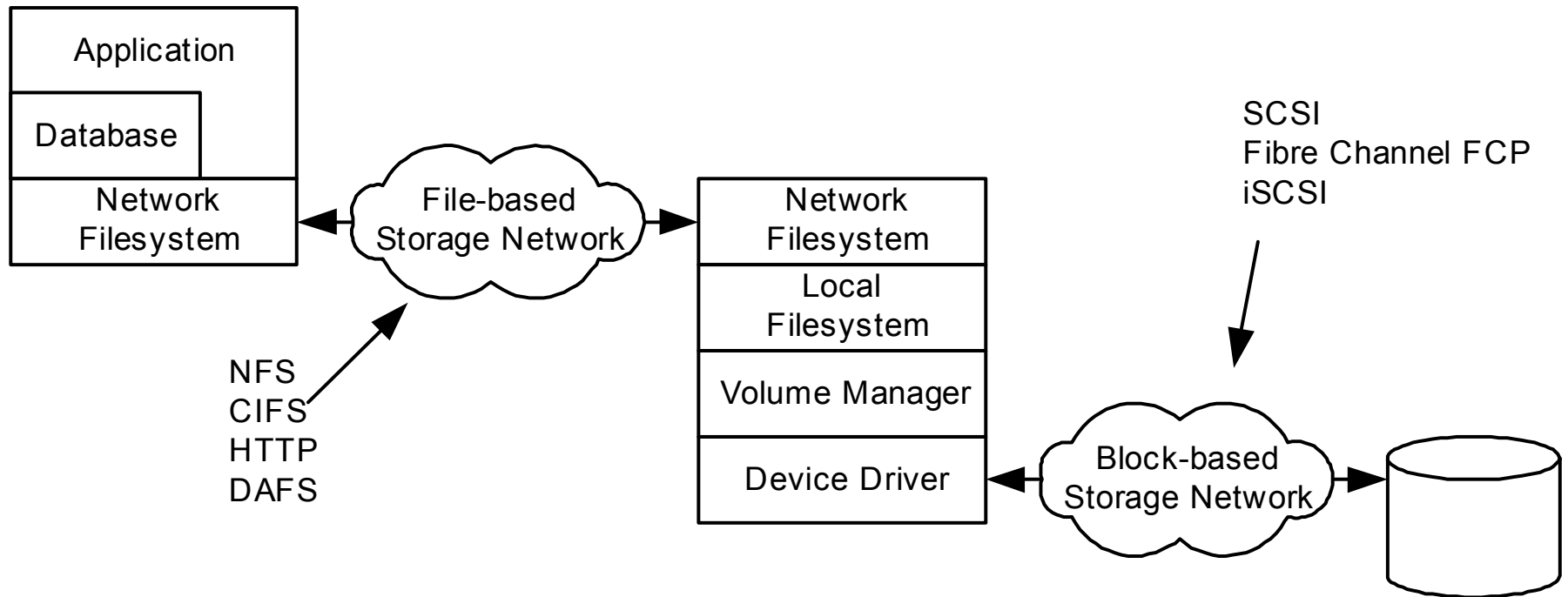
Key Concept "Storage Network"



- Detach the storage from the host and substitute the direct connection with a new network
- Handle storage and servers as separate entities
- Move from a server centric IT-architecture to a storage centric IT-architecture



Storage Networks in the I/O Path





Techniques for Storage Networks

File-based

- NFS
- CIFS
- HTTP
- DAFS

Block-based

- SCSI
- Fibre Channel (FCP)
- *Internet SCSI (iSCSI)*
- *Internet FCP (iFCP)*

RAM-based

- Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)

Transport protocols

- Fibre Channel (FC-2, FC-3)
- TCP/IP
- UDP/IP
- Virtual Interface Architecture (VIA) / Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)

Gateway and Tunneling protocols

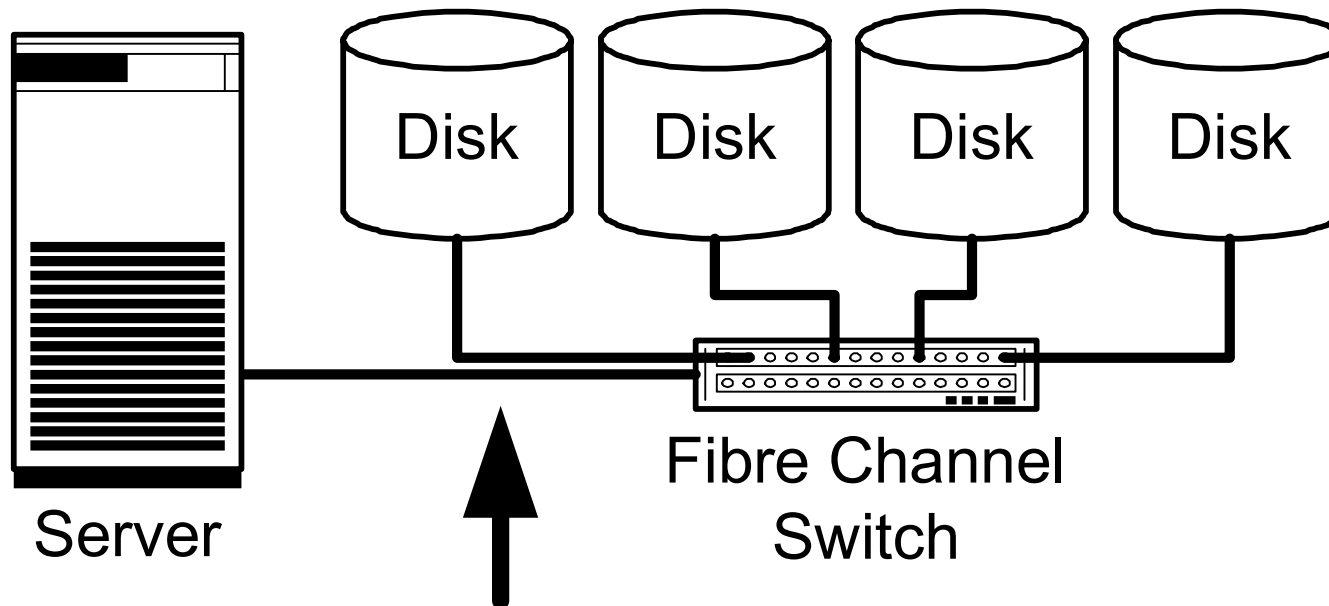
- IP over Fibre Channel (IPFC)
- *Fibre Channel over IP (FCIP)*

Transmission Technics

- Fibre Channel (FC-0, FC-1, FC-2)
- Fast Ethernet
- GigabitEthernet
- SCSI Cable
- InfiniBand



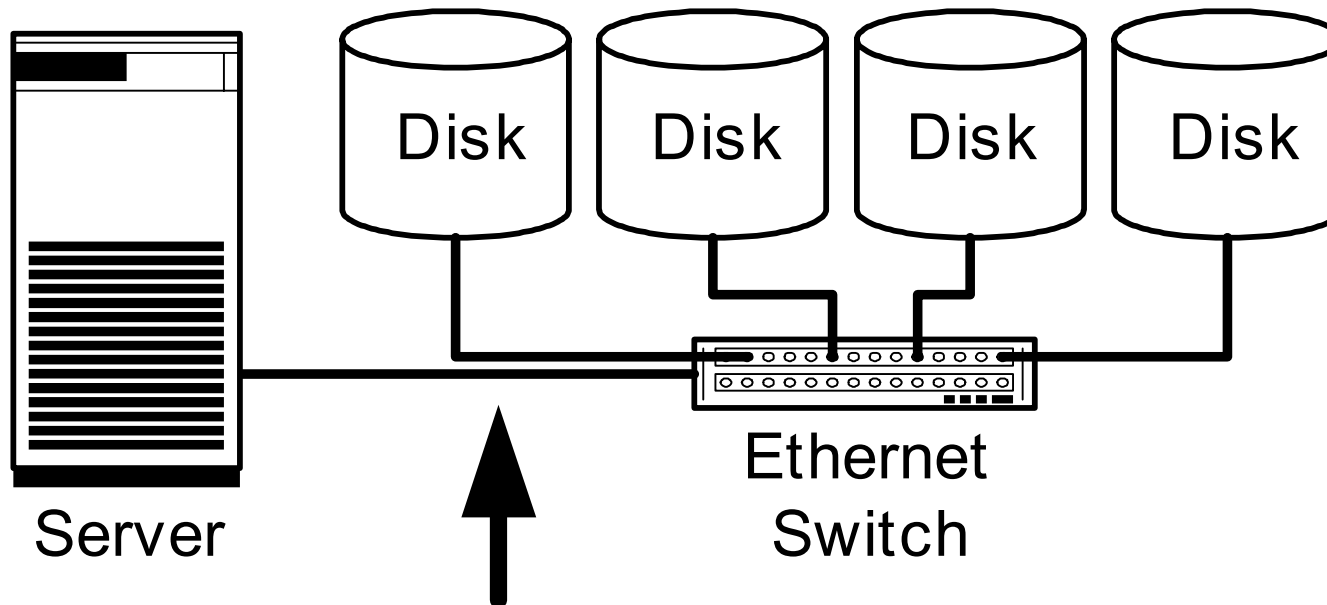
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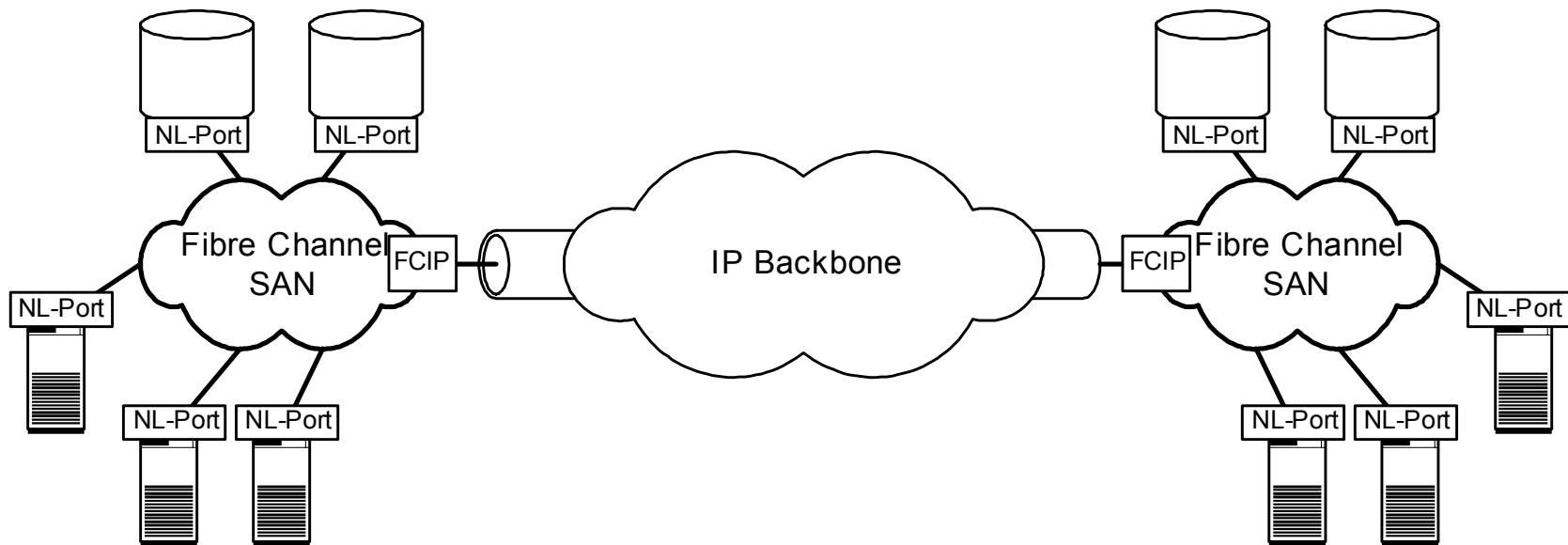
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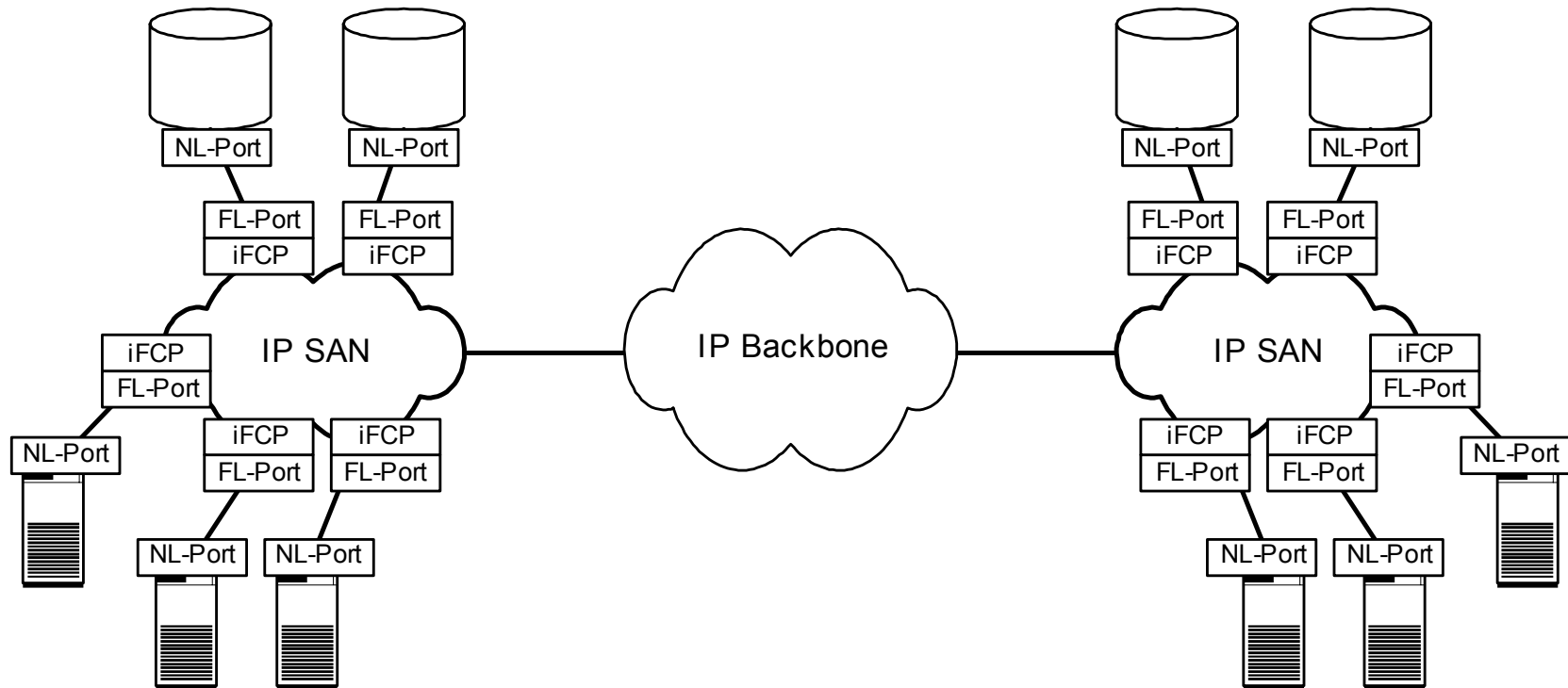


Fibre Channel over IP (FCIP)





Internet FCP (iFCP) Metronet FCP (mFCP)





Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS)

- ... is just a name service
 - ... used by iSCSI and iFCP/mFCP
- Note: FCIP does not need a name service!



Comparison

	Storage / Server (HBA)	Fabric Services (Routing)	Transport (Wire)
Fibre Channel FCP	Fibre Channel	Fibre Channel	Fibre Channel
FCIP	Fibre Channel	Fibre Channel	IP / Ethernet
iFCP	Fibre Channel	IP / Ethernet	IP / Ethernet
iSCSI	IP / Ethernet	IP / Ethernet	IP / Ethernet



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- Data is already IP
 - ▶ LAN (NFS, CIFS, application specific protocols, ...)
 - ▶ Internet (HTTP, FTP, ...)
 - ▶ MAN (Pilots with Gigabit Ethernet)
- File level storage is IP
 - ▶ NFS, CIFS, FTP, HTTP (see above)
- Block level storage starts using IP
 - ▶ FCIP, iSCSI
- Voice starts moving to IP (VoIP)
 - ▶ New office buildings !!
 - ▶ Cisco IBM Agreement
 - Gigabit Ethernet switch for the desktop

→ Everything will be TCP/IP/Ethernet !!!



IP Storage will be cheaper than Fibre Channel

- One single IP based network is easier to manage than three
 - ▶ Only IP skills required
 - ▶ Only one physical network in office buildings
 - ▶ More flexible assignment of bandwidth

- IP Storage components will be cheaper than FC components
 - ▶ IP market volume >> Fibre Channel market volume
 - ➔ economy of scale is better for IP components (mass production)
 - ▶ More competition
 - ➔ Cisco "meets" Brocade, Inrange, and McData
 - ➔ Ethernet NIC vendors "meet" Emulex, JNI and QLogic



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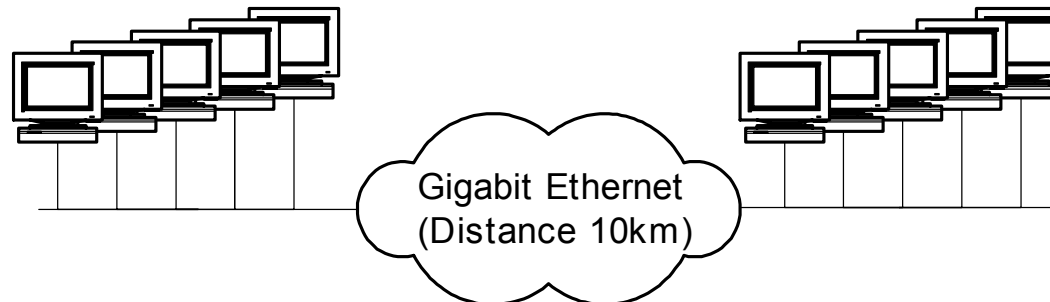
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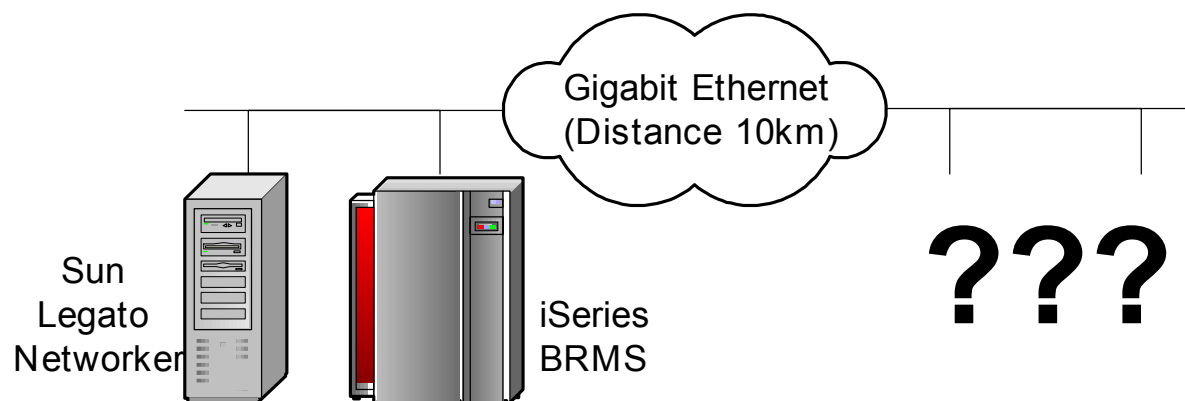
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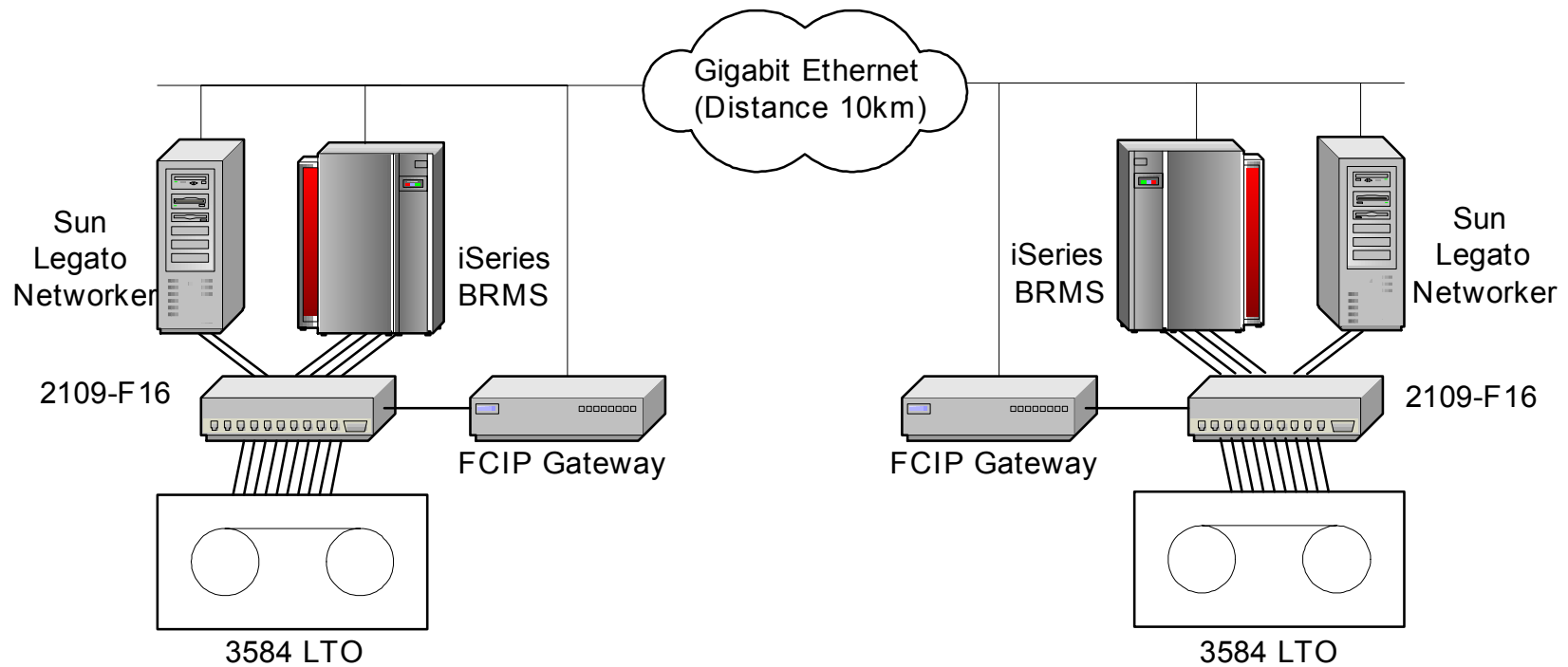
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→ No iSCSI drivers available !
 - ▶ Legato Networker running on Sun Solaris





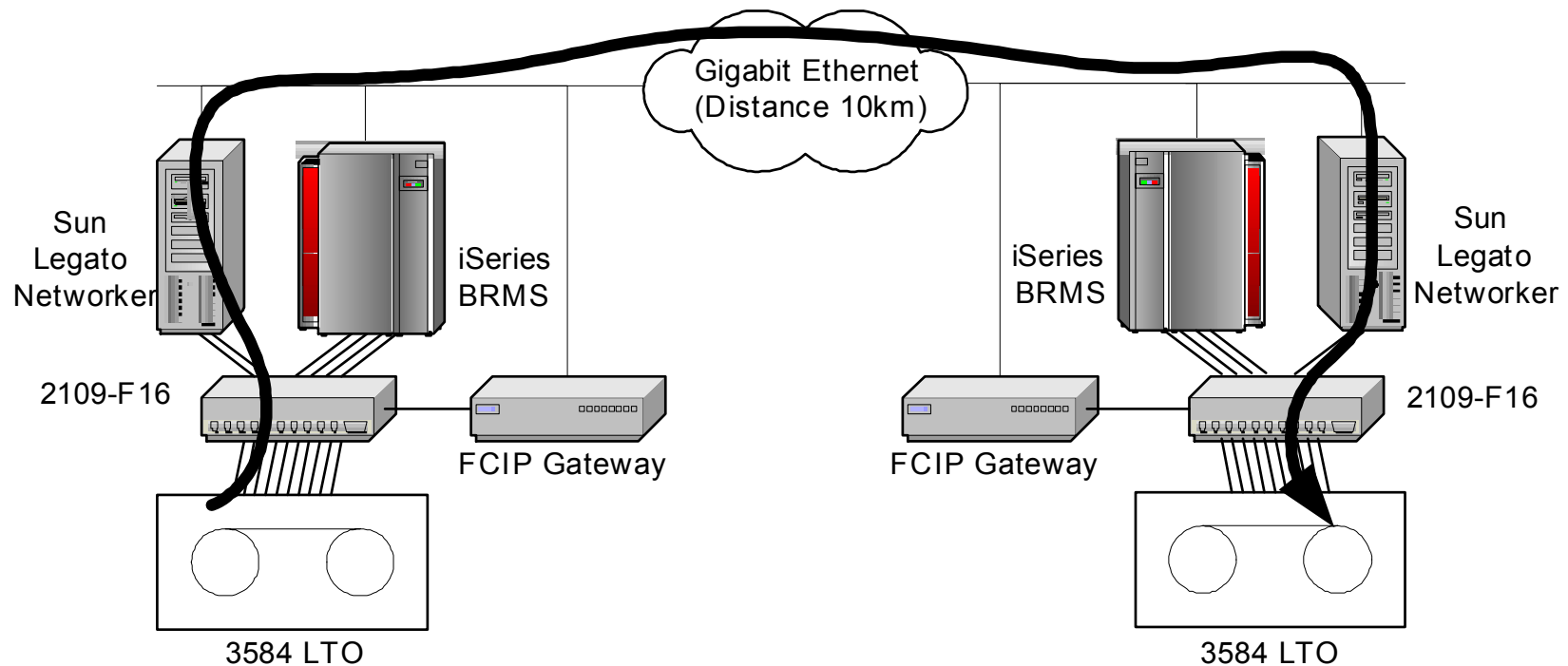
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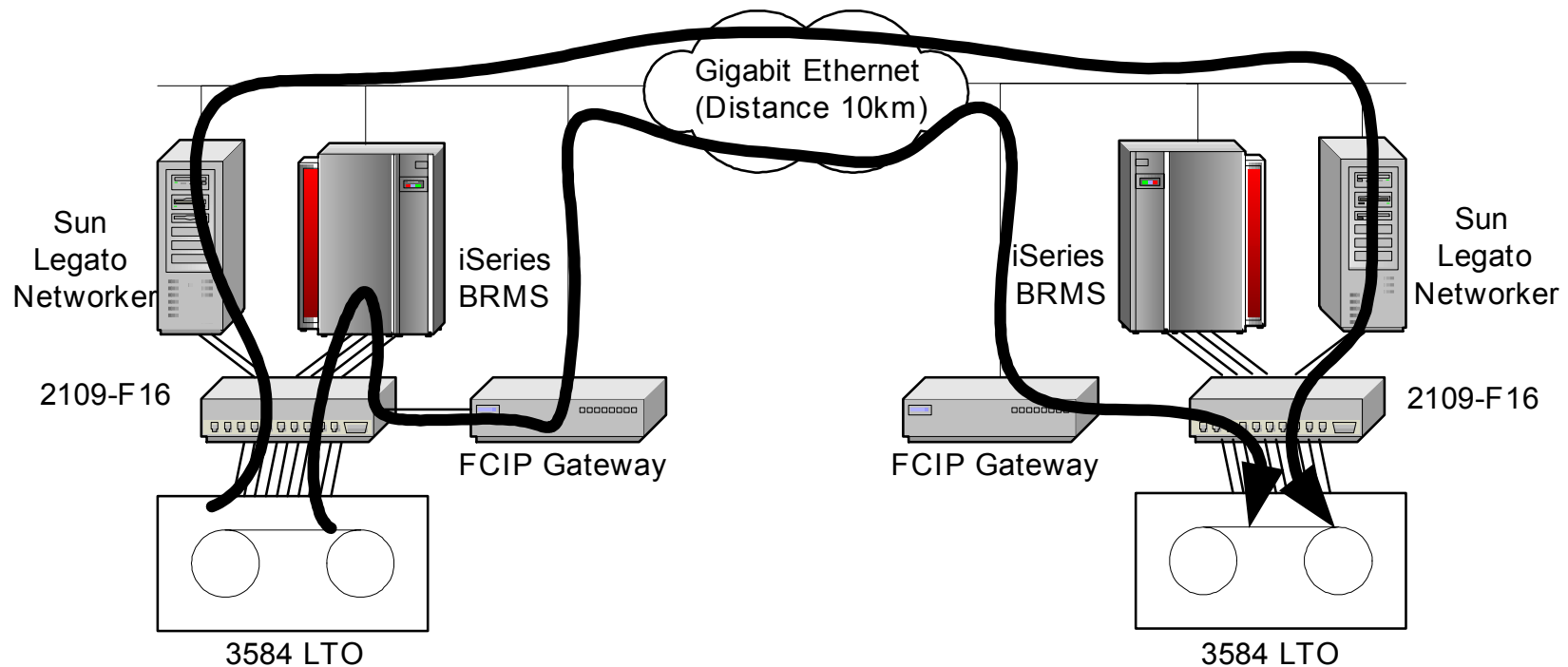
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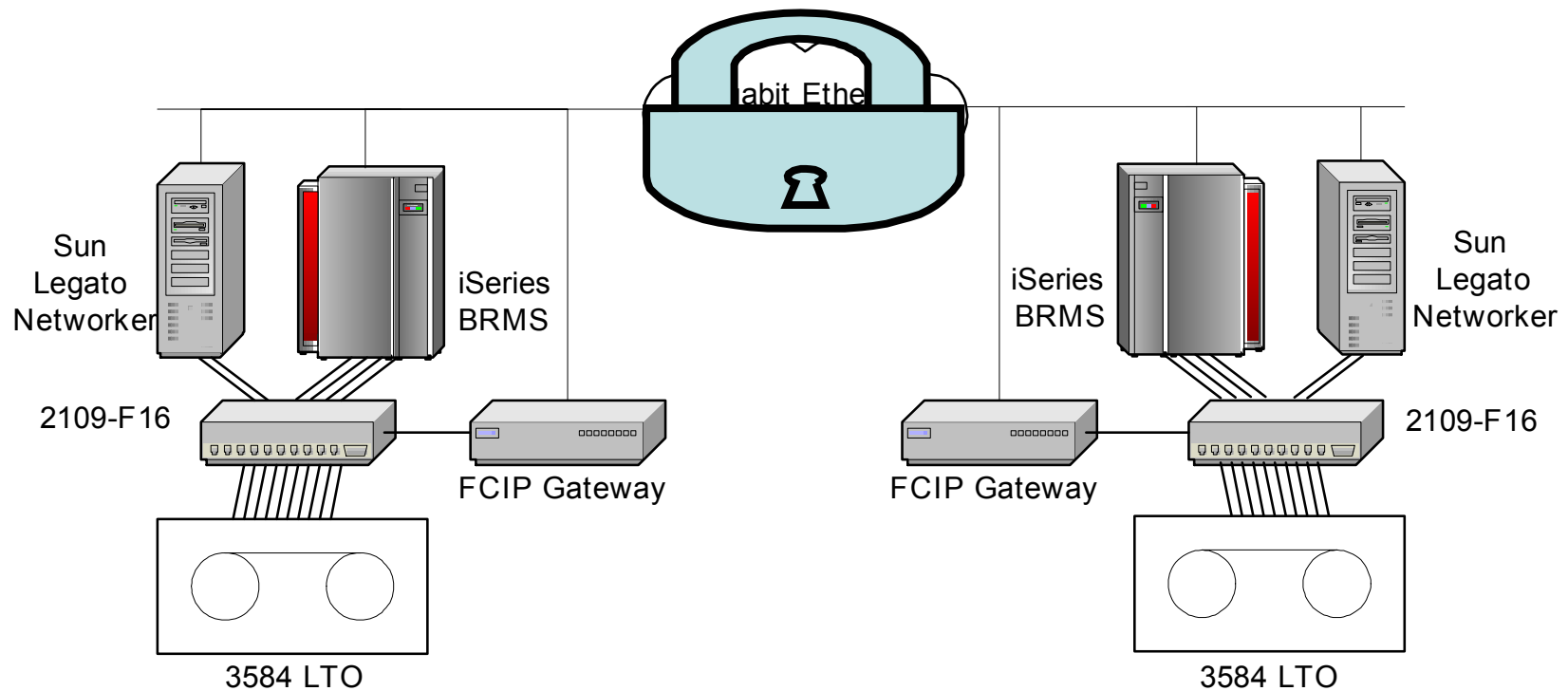
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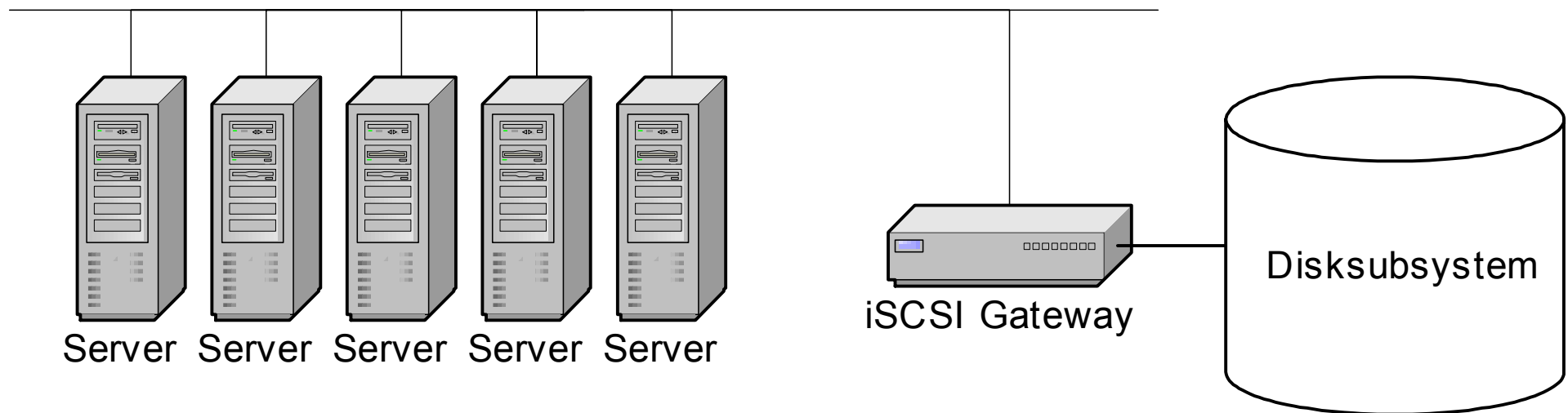
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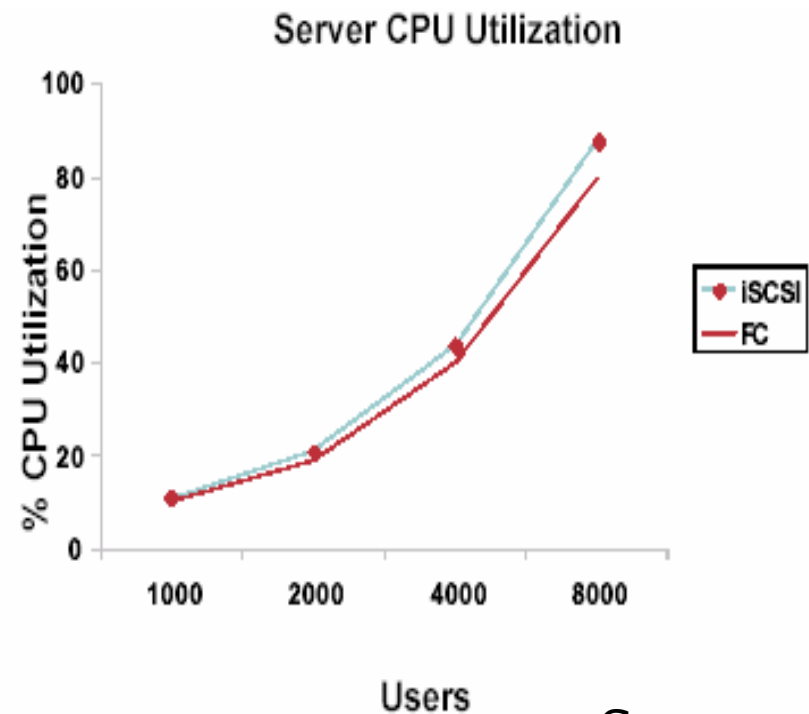
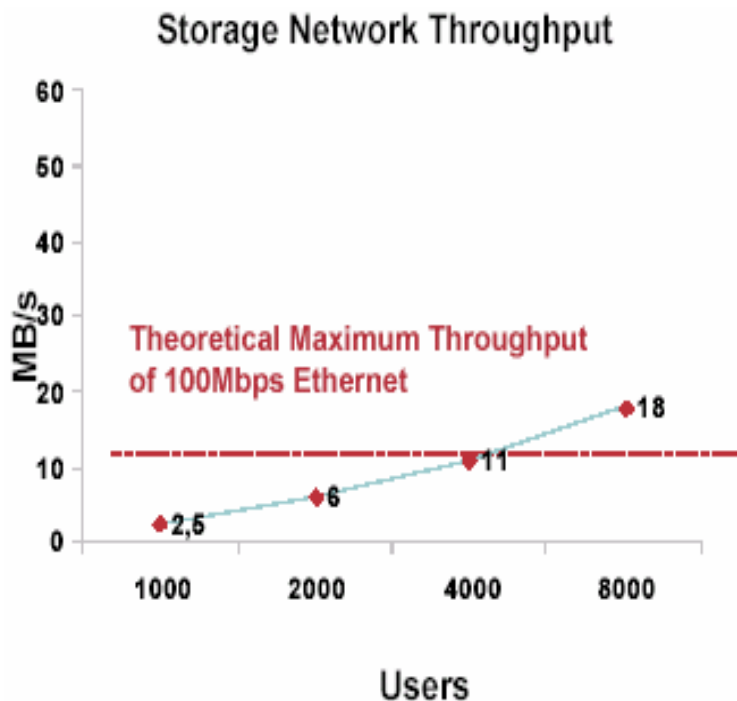
- Boot servers from external Fibre Channel Disksubsystem
→ iSCSI Disksubsystems are not (yet) very common
- Save internal Fibre Channel HBA
→ May be cost saving if one Gigabit Ethernet NIC is sufficient for all traffic
- Use external disks instead of internal disk
→ Lower TCO





Case Study 3: Microsoft Exchange

- Requires a lot of storage but limited bandwidth
- Minimal CPU utilisation differences between iSCSI software and drivers and Fibre Channel HBAs
- iSCSI meets the performance requirements for many applications



Source: Cisco



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Technical requirements for very high local performance

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Very high throughput	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dedicated Networks for IP Storage▪ 10 GBit/s IP SANs in 2H03▪ Trunking
Low CPU load for I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TCP/IP Offload Engines (TOEs)▪ iSCSI HBAs▪ Future: Socked Direct Protocol (SDP)▪ Future: iSCSI RDMA extension
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- Many FCIP products are becoming available in 1H03
- iSCSI is in the early market today
→ Interoperability is still an issue
- iSCSI will meet the performance needs for most applications
- It is still open whether iSCSI is sufficient for very high performance requirements
- Fibre Channel is the best option for most local SANs today
- iSCSI can be a nice add-on for already established Fibre Channel SANs
- iSCSI may replace Fibre Channel in the long term



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