Navigating the Intersection of Data Growth, Sustainability, and Innovation in Data Centers

How technology helps with Sustainability

Different Storage Technologies, with fundamentally different approaches to reading and writing data



SSD/Flash

- Electric recording
- Printed circuit board
- Data retention varies by usecase
- Performance for realtime data processing

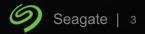


Hard Drive

- Magnetic recording
- Mechanical device
- High data retention
- Performance for general purpose workloads



- Magnetic recording
- LTO by IBM
- Mechanical device with Drive + Removable Media
- Cold archive storage
- Sequential Data Access
- Data retention 30 Years
- Media migration required



Opportunities AND Challenges





Enterprises must quickly increase storage capacity at an ever-decreasing per-TB cost and resource impact.

Embodied Carbon Emissions of Different Storage Technologies

Material Sourcing, Manufacturing, Assembly



SSD

- Producted in places with limited renewable energy
- Growing storage density requires more energy.



Hard Drive

- Higher storage desity per platter no significant impact
- Hard drives with same amount of platters have similar embodied carbon
- Use of recycled components
- High percentage of renewable energy



Tape + Media

- Complex mechanical device
- Tape Drive + Media
- 1 FH drive + 1 Media = 2.66 Kg CO₂
- 1 HH drive + 1 Media = 2.14 Kg CO₂
- CO₂ emission with corresponding Media attach rate
 - FH Drive: 0.4Kg CO₂/TB
 - HH Drive: 0.5Kg CO₂/TB

¹ [2207.10793] The Dirty Secret of SSDs: Embodied Carbon (arxiv.org); The Dirty Secret of SSDs: Embodied Carbon (youtube.com)

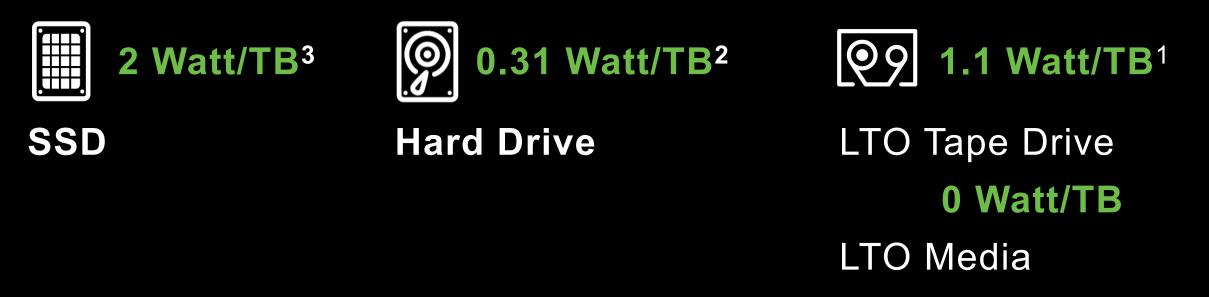
² Embodied carbon prediction for Seagate 32TB Mozaic Hard Drive

³ Breakdown of the CO2e and Other Positive Sustainability Impacts of IBM Physical Tape Products



Data Management and Workload is key for Data Center Storage Sustainability

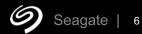
Operating power consumption permanent Write/Read operations



1 Power consumption and cooling requirements - IBM Documentation LTO 9: 37 Watt operating and 18 Watt idle power

2. Seagate 30TB Mozaic hard drive 9.4 Watt operating and 5.4 Watt idle power

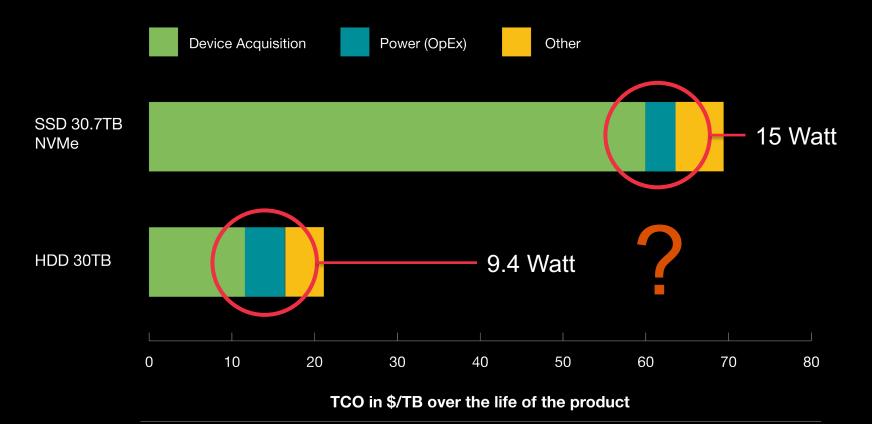
3. 30.7TB SSD 15 Watt operating and 4 Watt idle power



Is The Energy Saving of SSDs a Reason to Replace Hard Drives, at Scale in a Data Center?

Power consumption of flash systems (W/TB) is higher compared to hard disk systems due to overhead and data protection activities.

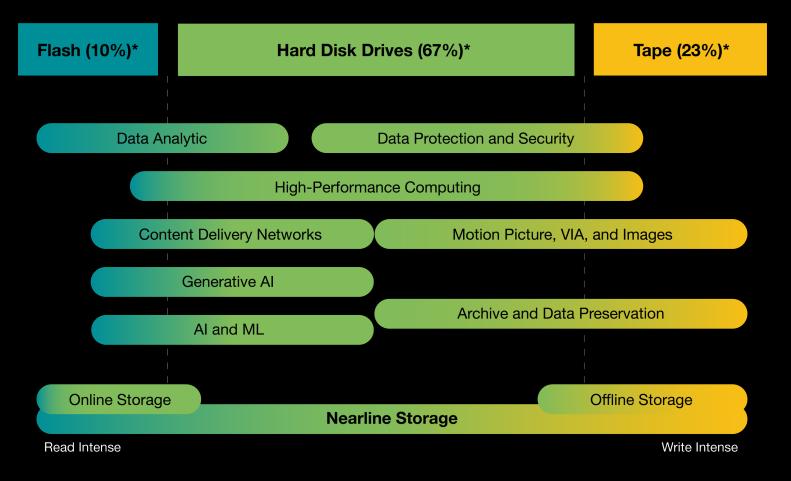
Hard Drive Systems lead Terabyte per Rack Unit. Another consideration for data management workloads.



By far the weightiest element of TCO per purchased TB is device acquisition (in green). This was true even in 2023, when costs of NAND dropped temporarily. In contrast, power (OpEx, in teal) is a small factor. Other costs (CapEx of rack hardware per raw TB and OpEx of replacement servicing per raw TB, in yellow) are also significantly smaller than device acquisition costs. Source: SNIA.

STORAGE TECHNOLOGY SYNERGIES

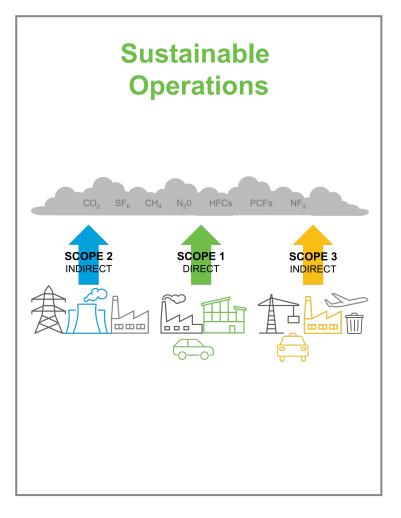
Use Case, Storage Technology, and Workload

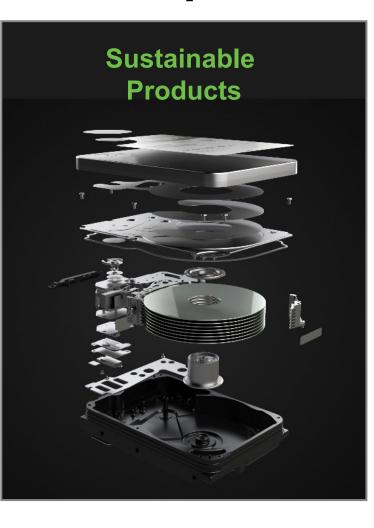


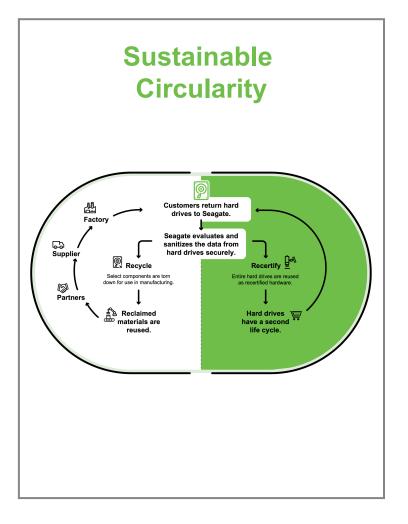
Data center workloads and use cases ideal for NAND, hard drive, and tape storage. Source: Seagate analysis of average workloads in *IDC Global StorageSphere Forecast, 2023–2027* Doc. #US50851423, June 2023.



Seagate Strategies to Create a Sustainable Datasphere









Sustainable Products

Design with increased drive capacity, ease of recycling, power efficiency, and security.

Eco design standards

Design for circularity

Secure encryption/erase

Lower power solutions

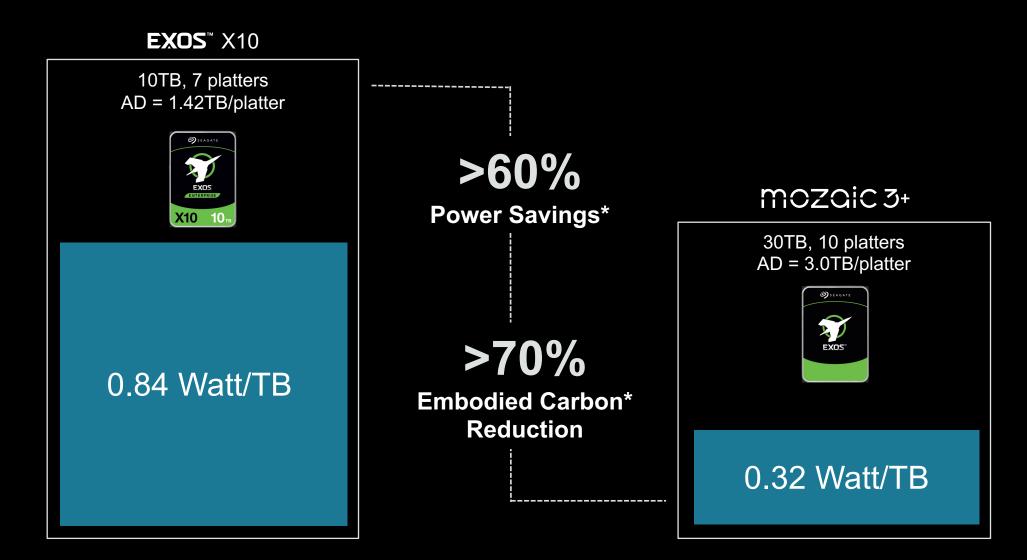
Ethical sourcing

Increase recycled content

Hazardous material reduction



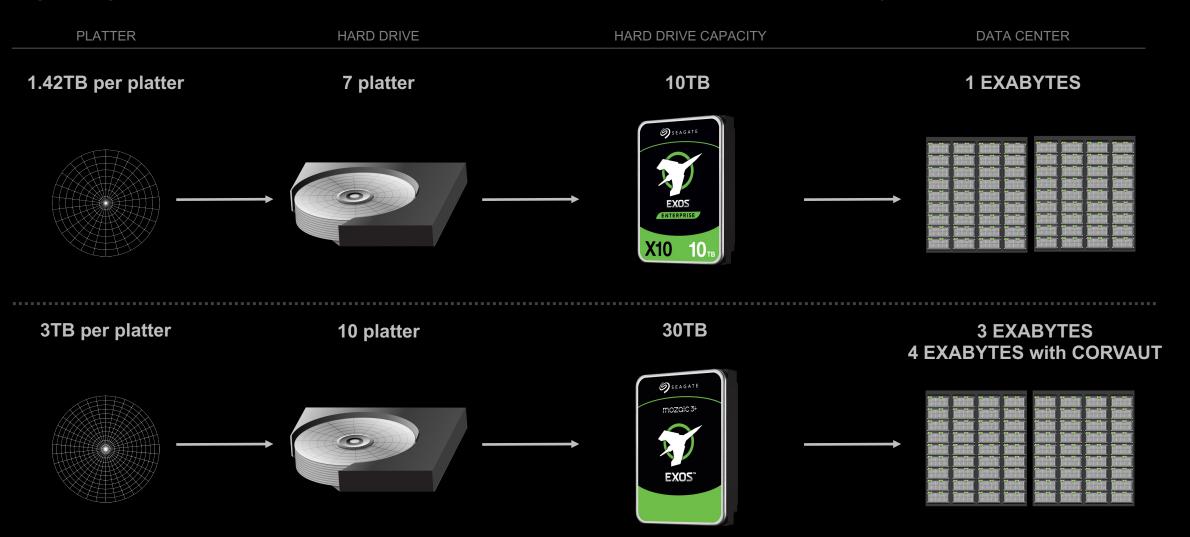
Typical data center upgrade



*Savings calculated per TB. Method: 10TB to 30TB capacity upgrade, comparing Exos X10 10TB to Exos X 30TB Mozaic drive, max operating power,

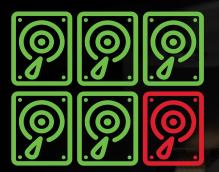
The impact of areal density at scale is profound

Upgrading a fleet of 10TB with 30TB drives delivers **3x** the data center capacity in the same floor space



Data Durability & Sustainability

ADAPT + ADR technology reduces human intervention and e-waste.



ADAPT: Spare Pool: Drives & Capacity

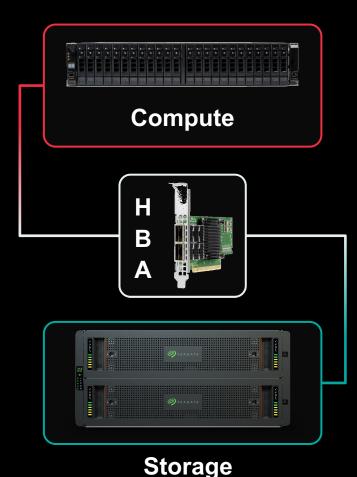


ADR: Spare Pool: Drives & Reduced Capacity

- Extending HDD lifetime saves 275x more CO² than recycling and avoids e-waste¹
- Drive replacements cost data centers over \$1,000 per device replacement
- All HDDs feature Instant Secure Erase for easy reuse or retirement
- Additional benefits: compute + networking, software licenses savings and faster hard drive rebuild time without performance impact.

1: Jin, H., Frost, K., Sousa, I., Ghaderi, H., Bevan, A., Zakotnik, M. and Handwerker, C., 2020. Life cycle assessment of emerging technologies on value recovery from Hard Drives. *Resources, Conservation and Recycling*, 157, p.104781.

Hidden cost of data management



I/O Customer Data

Data Protection



Drive Regeneration



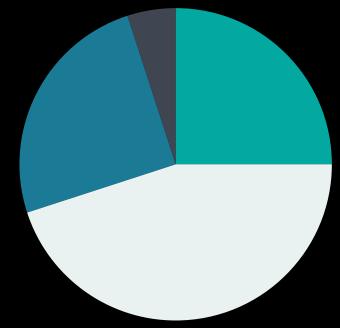
Security



Storage Management

Customer Data
EC & Replication
Rebuild
Other

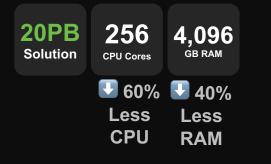




Storage providers are forced to sacrifice host resources to protect their customers data.

Superior Scale-Out TCO

Best In-Class Data Center Efficiency with **EXOS[®]CORVAULT**[®]



Scale-Out CEPH w/ Seagate AP and CORVAULT



East West Node Expansion Traffic

CORVAULT Eliminates East West Disk Rebuild Traffic

Multi-Layer EC

- Disk rebuild traffic is localized to each CORVAULT
- Rebuild Traffic is eliminated
- 14 nine's data durability
- CEPH [16+2] + ADAPT

Ranking by Capacity Density (CMR)		
#1	Exos CORVAULT	625 TB per rack unit

CAPEX Savings

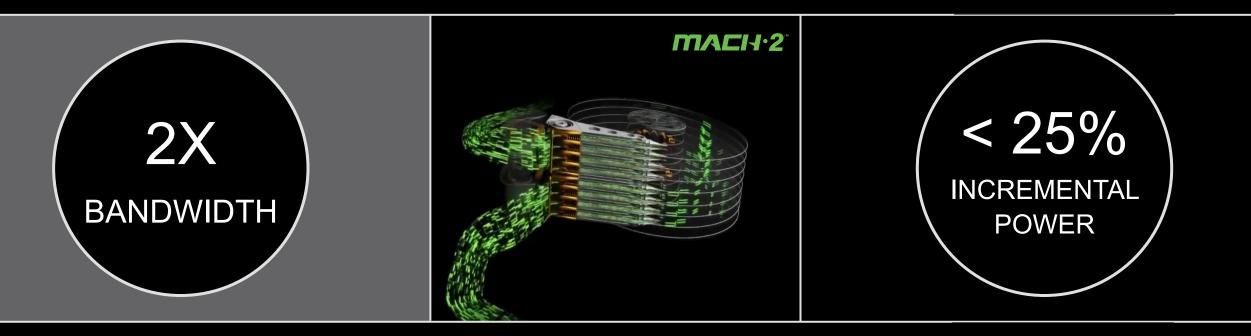
- Racks
- Switches
- Cabling

OPEX Savings

- Power & Cooling
- Real Estate

Power-Efficient Data Accessibility

Parallel data streams enable performant deployment of dense storage



MULTI-ACTUATOR TECHNOLOGY



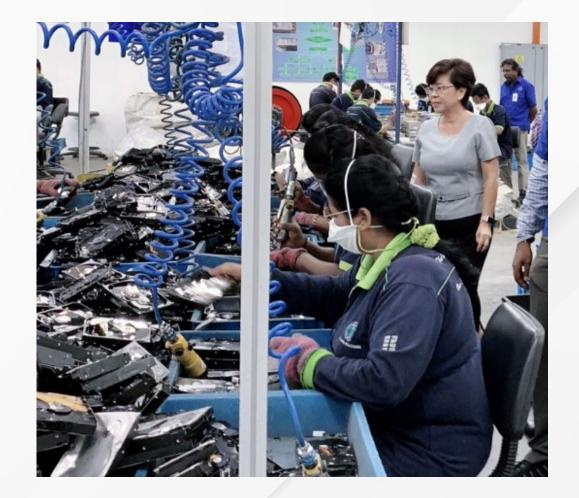
Circularity Program

SUSTAINABILITY DRIVEN



A Sustainable Datasphere Requires a New Mindset





Take-Make-Waste consumption model is unsustainable.



SEAGATE CIRCULARITY PROGRAM



Recertify, Repair, Recycle



Stop Hard Drive Shredding

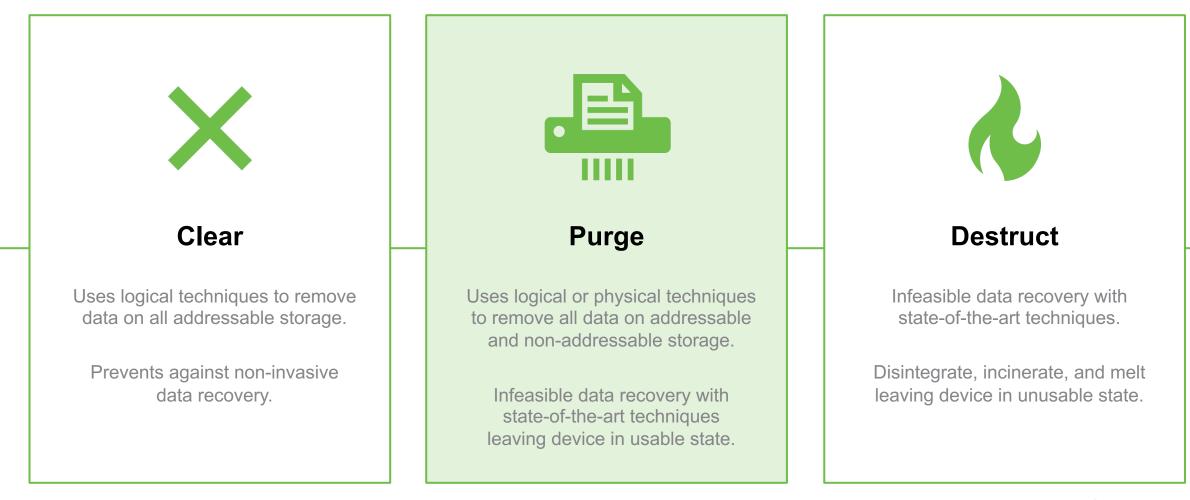


Minimizing e-waste



Product Design, Life Cycle, Data Durability and Security

Data Sanitization Methods





Data Security and Sustainability

Enabling the circular economy.





Data Sanitization Standards

NIST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



NIST SP 800-88R1

ISO/IEC 27040

- Created standards for purge sanitization level
- Purge is a process that renders target data recovery infeasible using state-of-the-art laboratory techniques



IEEE 2883 Standard for Sanitizing

- The IEEE 2883 Standard for Sanitizing Storage, a modernized version of ISO/IEC 27040, published in March 2022
- Seagate's Jim Hatfield is Chair and Editor of the working group
- Seagate drove formation of the NIST SP800-88R1 data sanitization standards in mid-2010s





Reuse: 275× Larger Impact than Recycling

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Let's Drive To Do Better. Together.

Make a Difference

Be an Industry Conservation Leader

Move at the Speed of Trust

Enhance TCO



Thank you





SEAGATE CIRCULARITY PROGRAM

The **Seagate Circularity Program** creates a secure, sustainable way to retire Seagate hard drives, moving the datasphere towards a more responsible and efficient model that reduces carbon emissions and electronic waste by extending the product life cycle.

IEEE 2883 Standard for Sanitizing Storage

- Sanitization: A process or method to render access to target data on storage media infeasible for a given level of effort.
- Defines sanitization methods and techniques for specific storage media types
- Specifies interface-specific techniques (SATA, SAS, NVMe)
- Align industry on terminology and modern techniques for media sanitization
- Target all logical and physical locations for data including user data, old data, metadata, overprovisioning, etc.

Defines purge method of sanitization that is secure, fast, and enables device reuse!









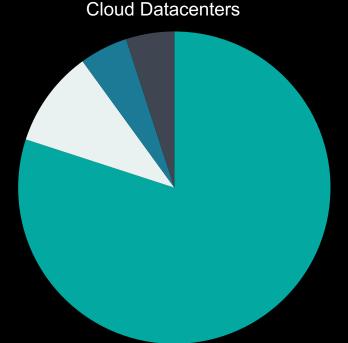
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