

Panel Session: Approaches to Energy Re-Use



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Panel Session Background

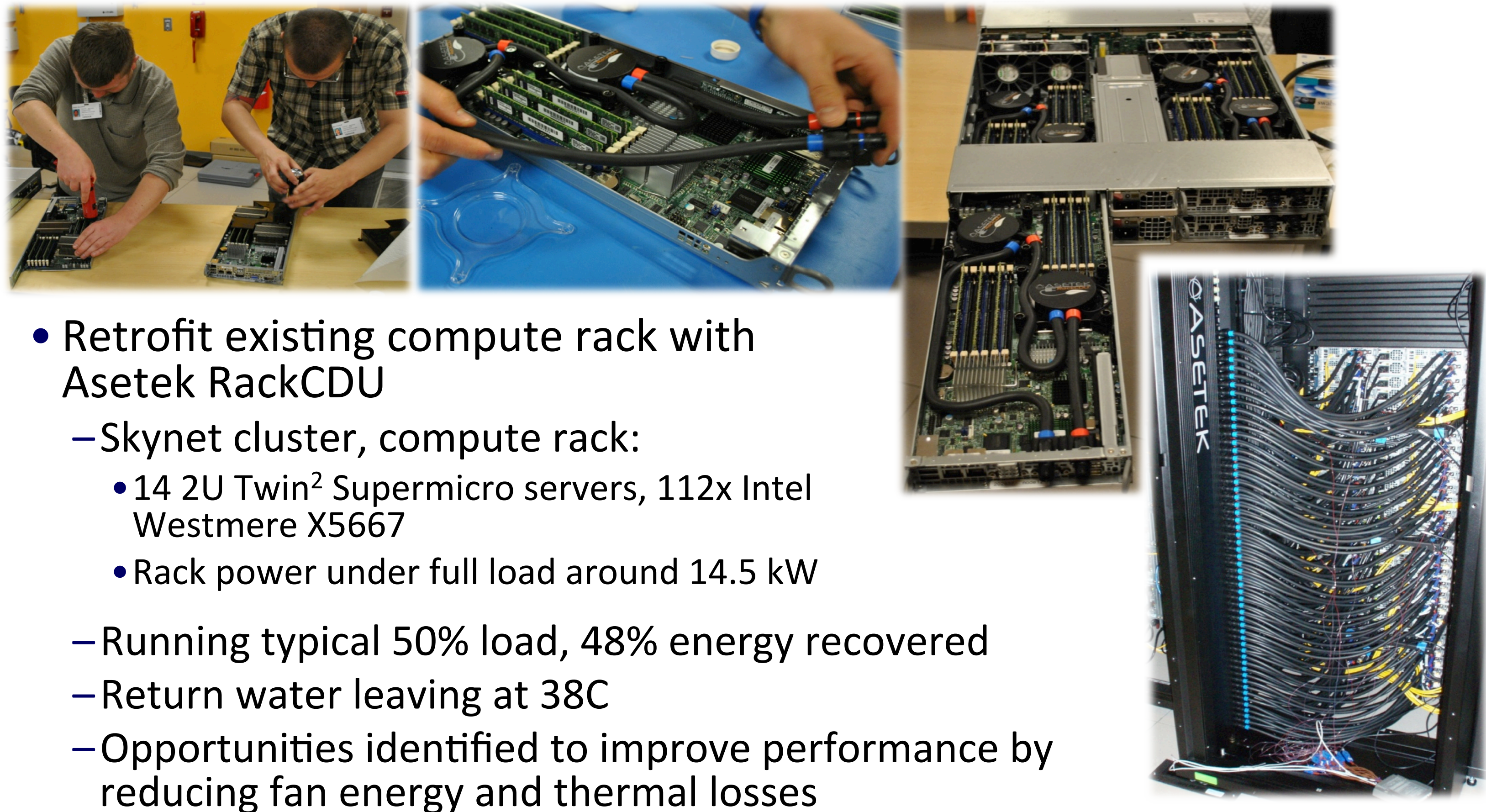
- Newer area of interest for most, not so new for others...
- Common principles, Opportunities are site dependent.
- Challenges may be greater in existing facilities vs new ones.

Heat Re-use has two requirements:



Supply: Capture heat & Demand: Place to use it.

CRADA with Asetek & Aspen Systems



- Retrofit existing compute rack with Asetek RackCDU
 - Skynet cluster, compute rack:
 - 14 2U Twin² Supermicro servers, 112x Intel Westmere X5667
 - Rack power under full load around 14.5 kW
 - Running typical 50% load, 48% energy recovered
 - Return water leaving at 38C
 - Opportunities identified to improve performance by reducing fan energy and thermal losses

New HPC system

- New Install from HP
 - Peregrine HPC system, compute rack:
 - 144 dual socket IVB nodes
 - Rack power under full load around 53 kW
 - Active in row CDU.
 - Separates building primary cooling from specific needs of the IT equipment.
 - Manages flow rates to provide return water at prescribed temperature, largely independent of rack work load.
 - Captures +95% of IT rack heat load.
 - Return water between 35C and 43C.
 - Currently returning 40C.



Energy Re-use requires an Integrated System Approach



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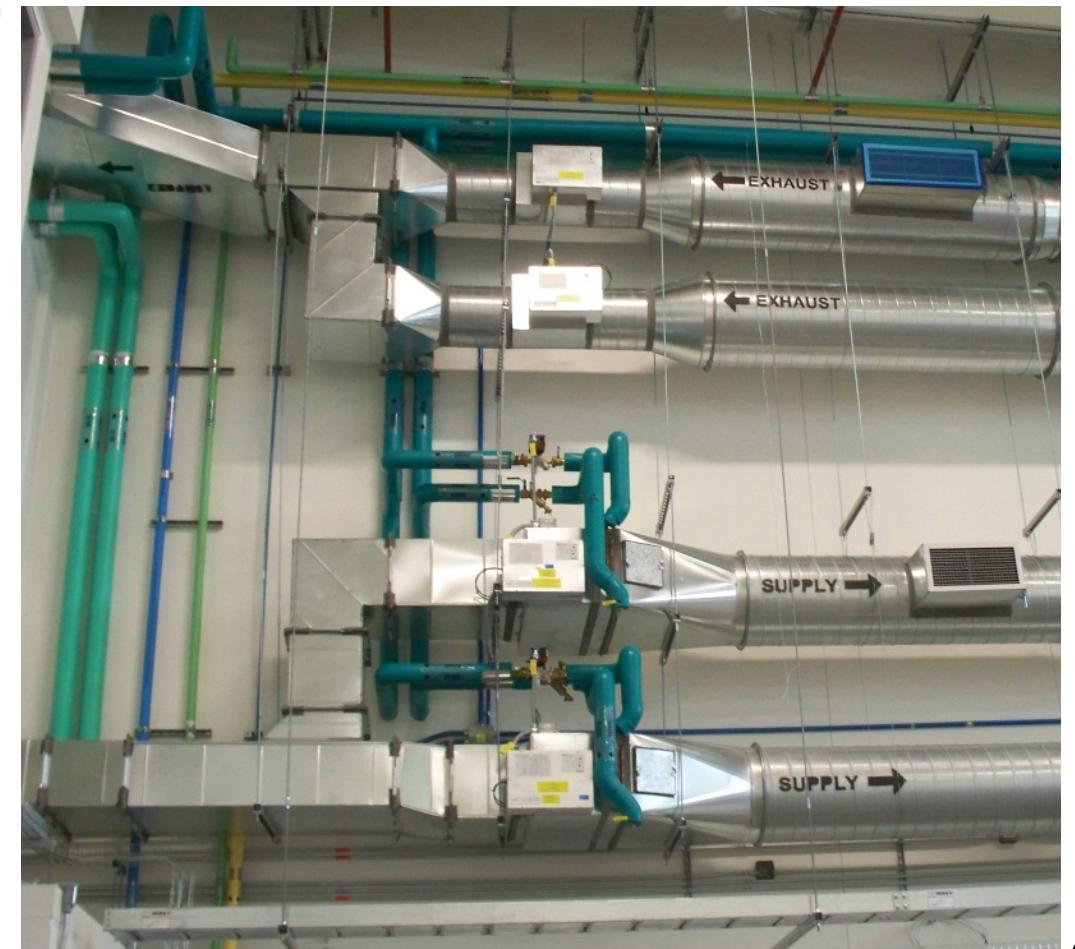
- Want bytes and BTUs
- Even 1 MW of IT load, provide ample heat
 - Heating 20,000m² building
- Critical to get heat into usable medium.
- Maximize Direct Heat to Water, Minimize Use of Air for Cooling

MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

OFFICE SPACE and

HIGH BAY LABORATORIES

- Requires Large Volumes of Ventilation Air (Outside Air)
- Achieving Energy Re-Use Goals Requires:
 - Minimize Operational Energy Use
 - Maximize Energy Recovery Options
 - Explore “devices” and systems targeting low grade heat 40C
- Challenge:
 - Existing systems largely geared to hot water supply 60C



Energy Recovery

Two highly efficient fan walls



Plate frame heat exchange



Energy Use

Active Radiant (Chilled) Beams – Office Cooling & Heating

