Cloud Futures Panel

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Cloud: Disruptive vs Enabling Technology?

- Big Data Executive Survey of Fortune 1000 Businesses, 2017

Disruptive Capability with the Greatest Impact on Your Firm Over Next Decade

Capability	Percentage
Artificial intelligence | machine learning	44.3%
Digital tech | Internet of Things (IOT)	26.2%
Fin tech solutions	11.5%
Cloud computing	8.2%
Blockchain	4.9%
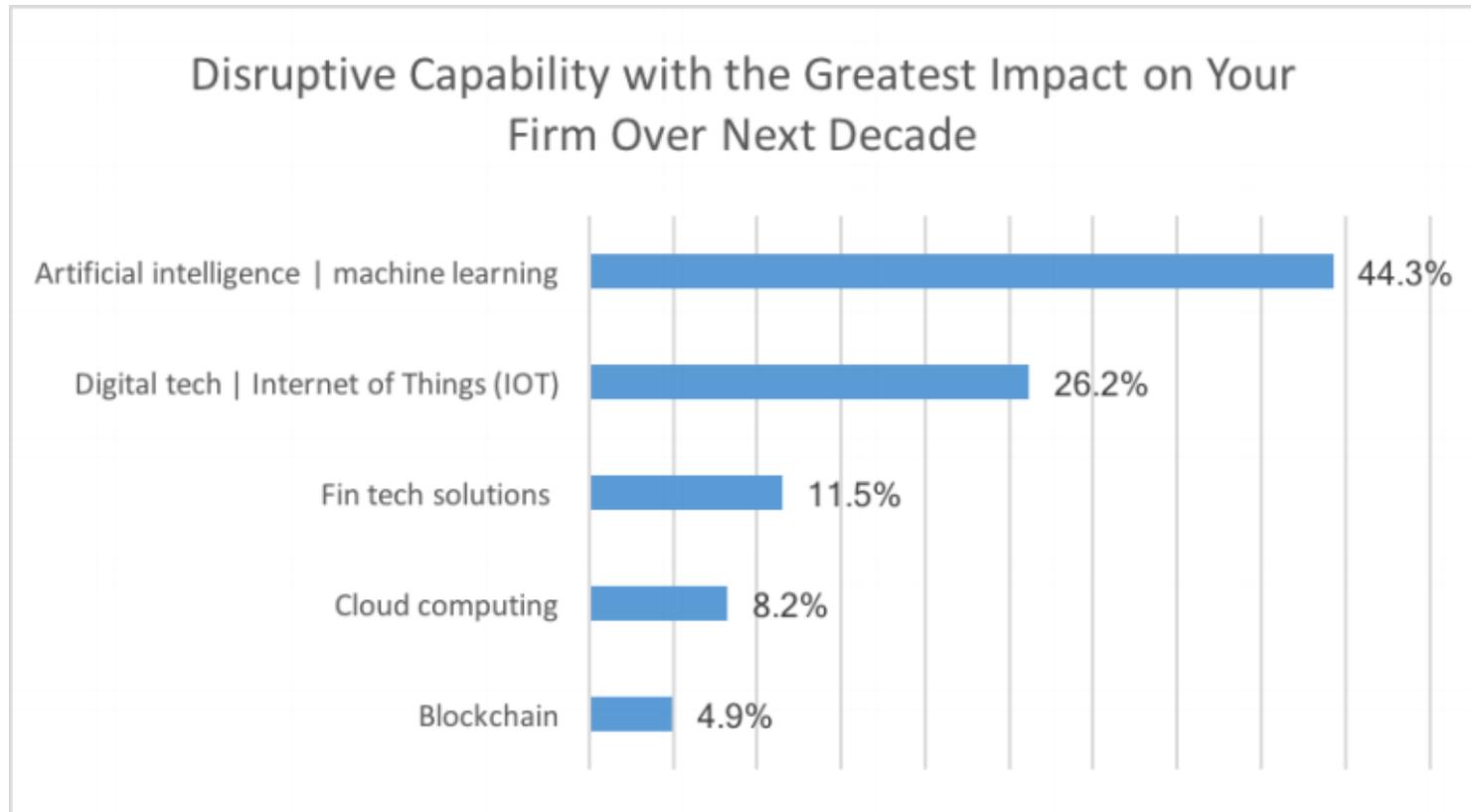
- A report from Citrix (2018) argues that, by 2025, the term 'cloud' will have gone the way of 'internet' et al, its ubiquity forcing a semantic sea-change.

Future of the Cloud

- More than half (56%) of IT decision makers see cloud technology as being so embedded in the enterprise that it will no longer be seen as a separate term.

- Cloud is the generator for the next wave of disruptive technologies, the enabler for (almost) all the exciting applications.

- The future cloud will be a platform for the implementation of innovative technologies and services.

Reaching Plateau of Productivity

Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2018
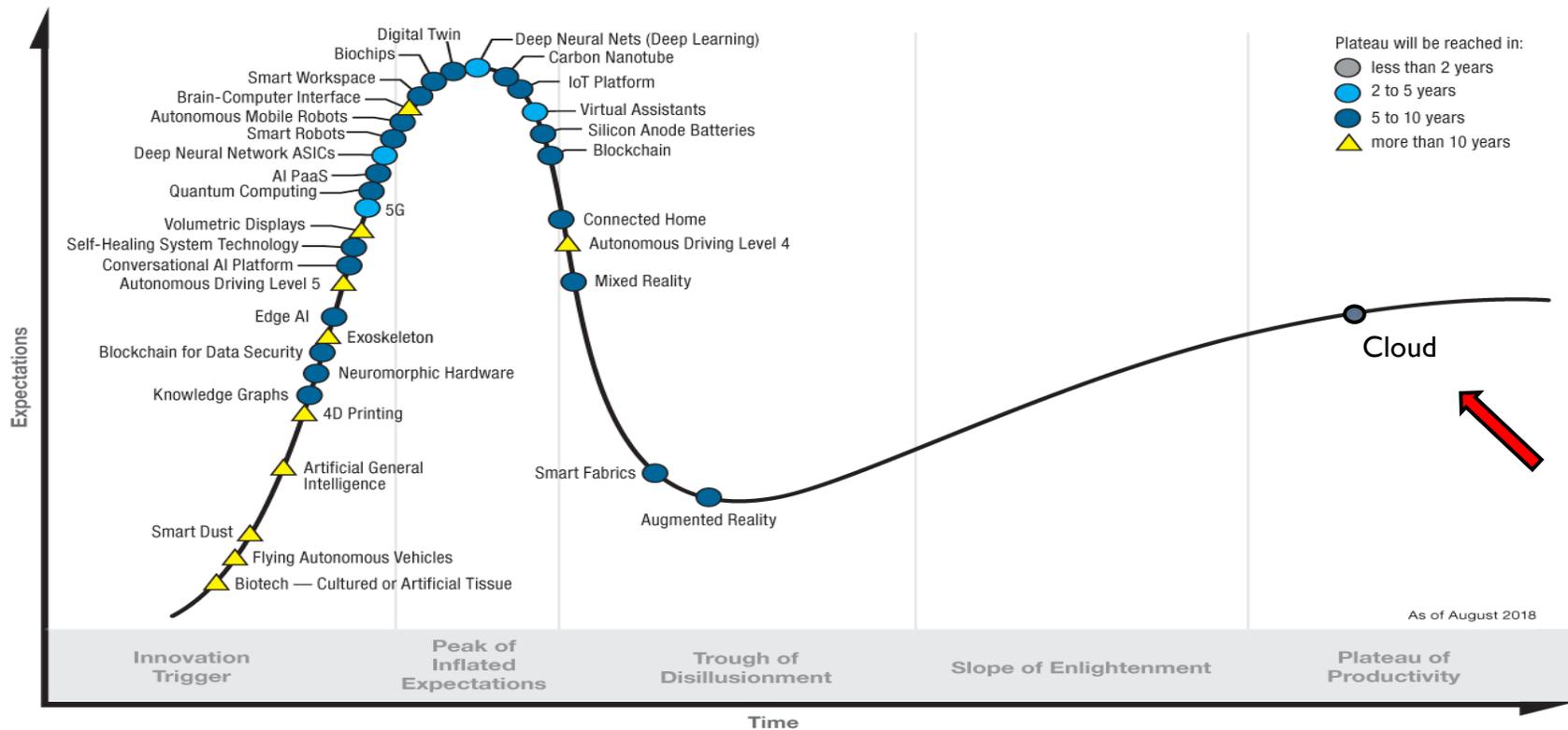
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Future Research Enabled by Cloud

Future applications will combine **Cloud + AI + IoT** (providing performance, intelligence, and close proximity to the user)

- Smart Health

- Smart Cities

- Virtual Assistants

- Self Driving Vehicles

- Augmented Reality

- Industry 4.0

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Future Cloud Research

- **Federated / Multi- Clouds** (By 2024, more than 90% of the enterprises will have intensively multi-cloud environments)

- **Cloud-to-Edge** (1 in 3 companies use edge computing for a majority of their cloud operations)

- **Interoperability** (63% of companies rely on open source solutions)

- **Data Anywhere Anytime** (global data expected to reach 175 zettabytes)

- **Reducing the Energy Cost** (measured in billions of dollars today)
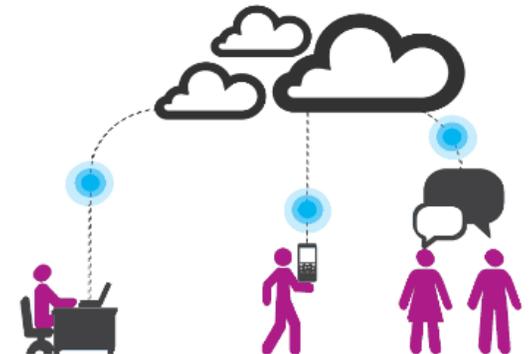
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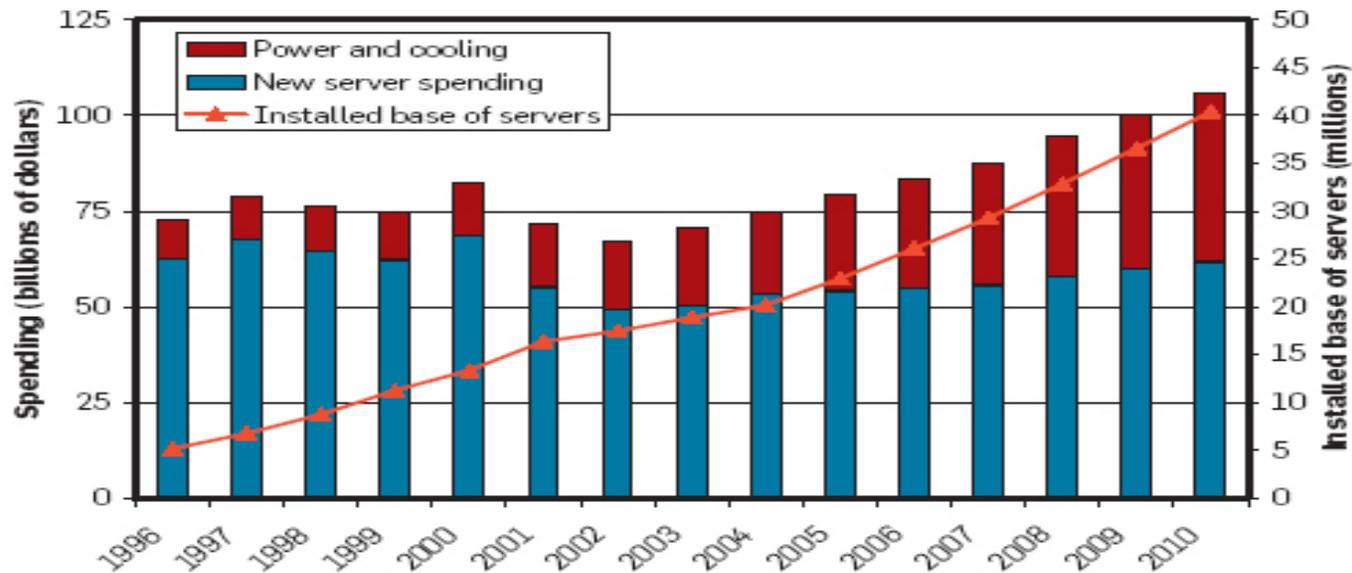
What is the greatest facility problem with your primary data center?