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AWS INNOVATION AT SCALE

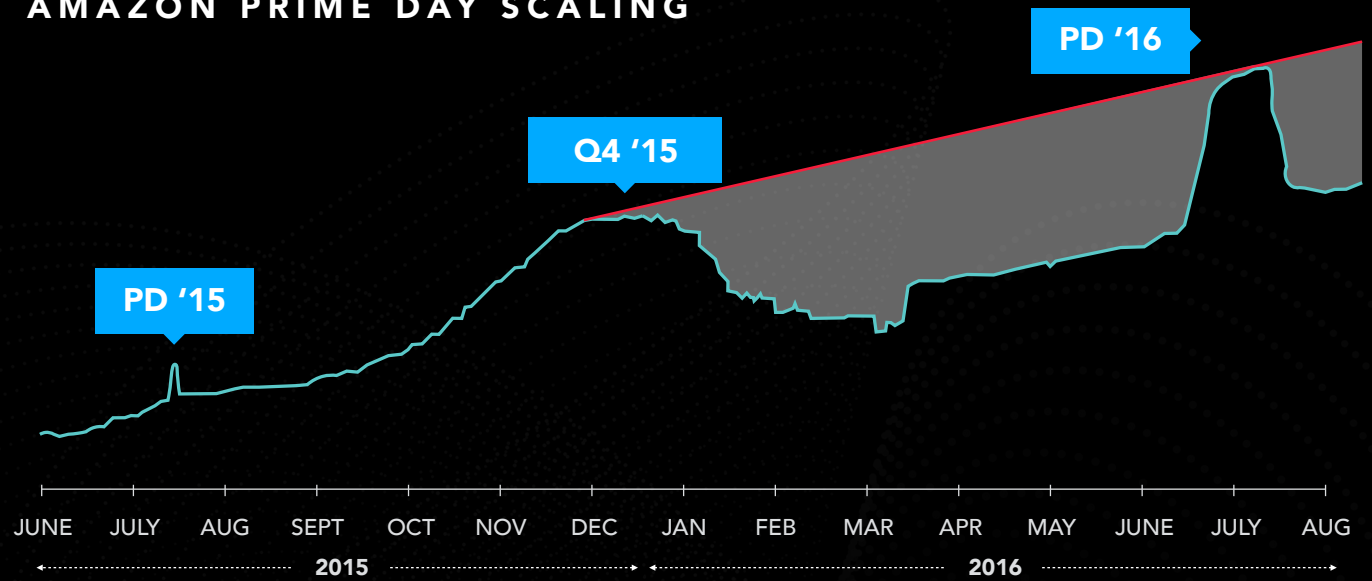


In 2015 AWS Deployed Almost  
**ENOUGH SERVER CAPACITY EVERY  
DAY TO SUPPORT AMAZON IN 2005**  
When it was an **\$8.49B** Enterprise

**AWS adds the capacity equivalent of a FORTUNE 500 Enterprise daily**

**ELASTIC**  
IS THE NEW  
NORMAL

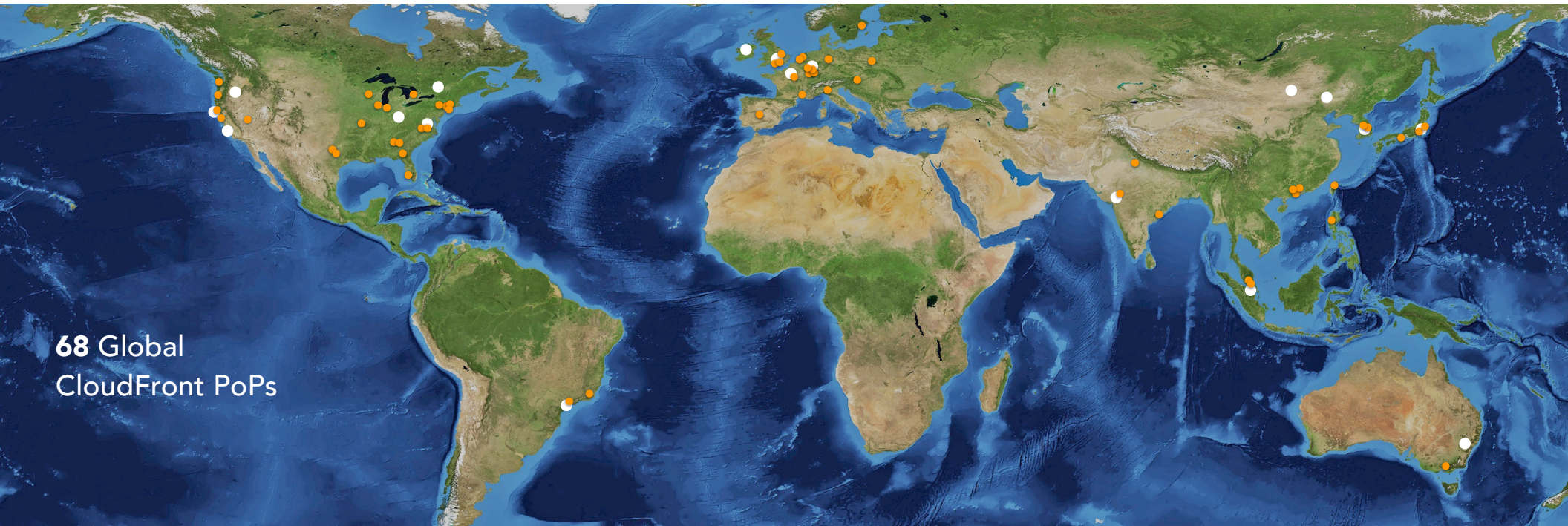
### AMAZON PRIME DAY SCALING

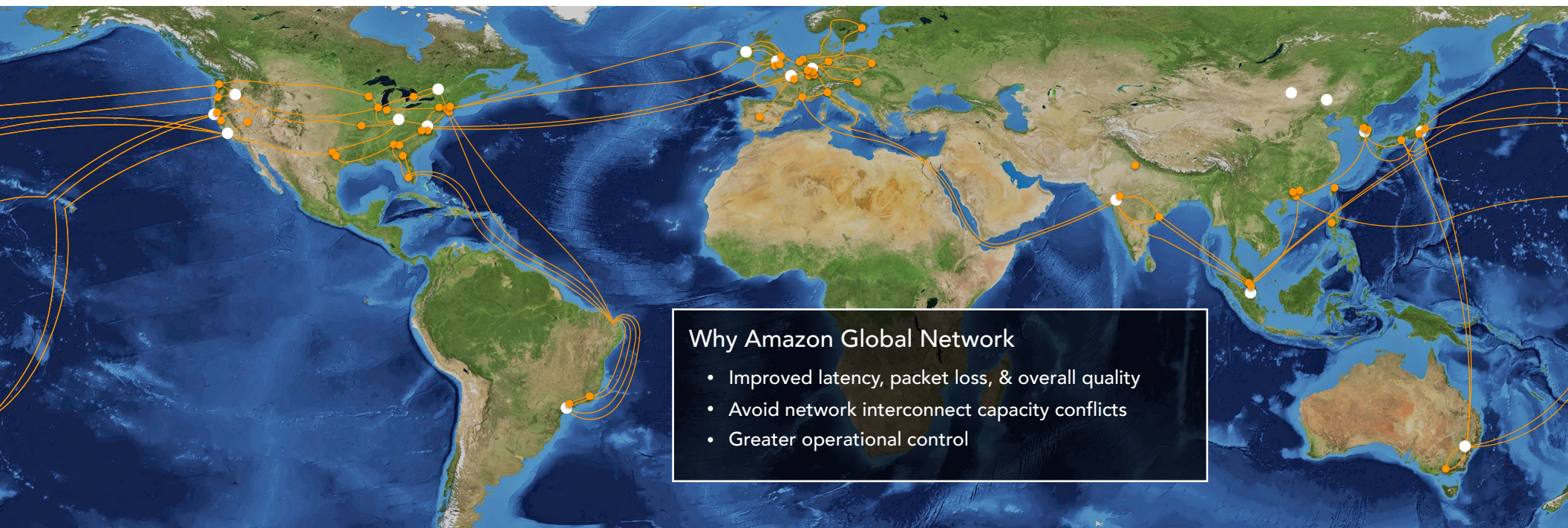




14 Regions worldwide  
growing to 18 regions  
in the next year

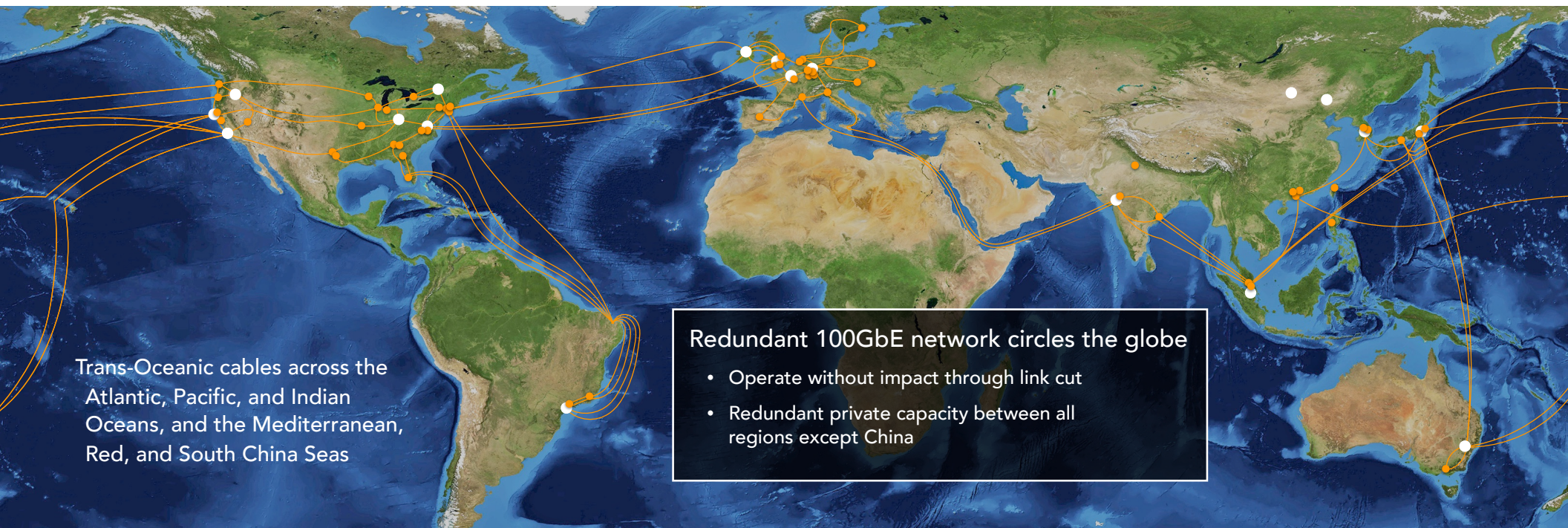
68 Global  
CloudFront PoPs





### Why Amazon Global Network

- Improved latency, packet loss, & overall quality
- Avoid network interconnect capacity conflicts
- Greater operational control



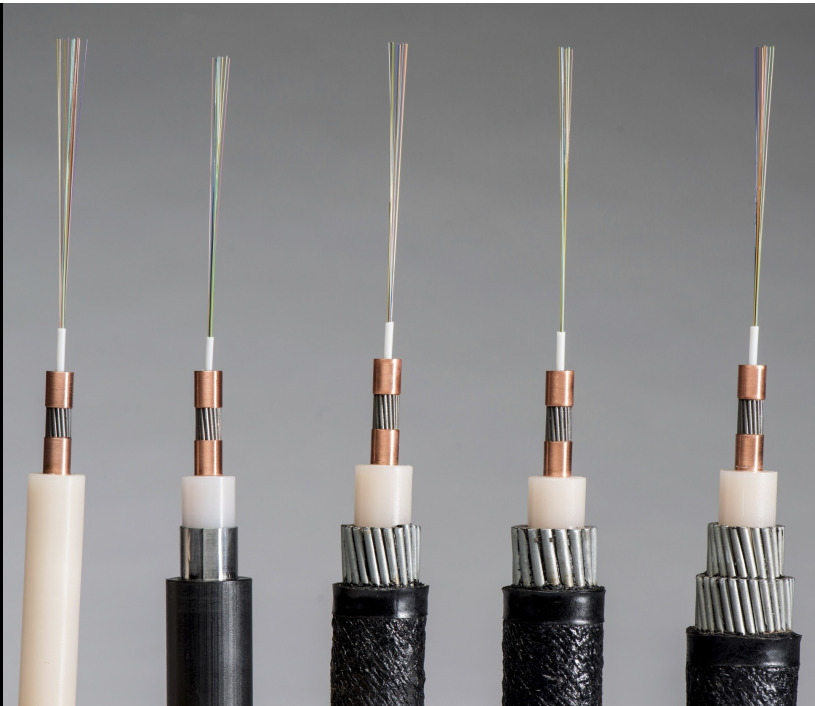
Trans-Oceanic cables across the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans, and the Mediterranean, Red, and South China Seas

**Redundant 100GbE network circles the globe**

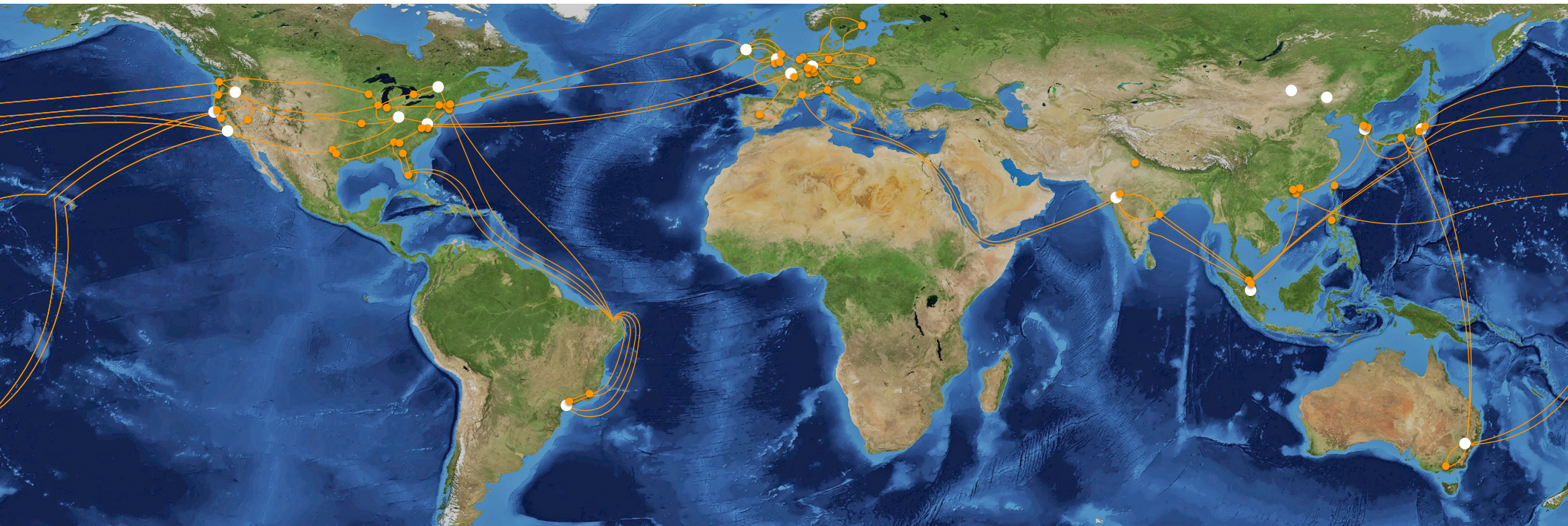
- Operate without impact through link cut
- Redundant private capacity between all regions except China

## NEWEST PROJECT

- Hawaii trans-pacific cable
- 14,000km linking Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and Oregon
- 3 fiber pairs
- 100 waves @ 100G
- New Zealand shore side ground breaking last week

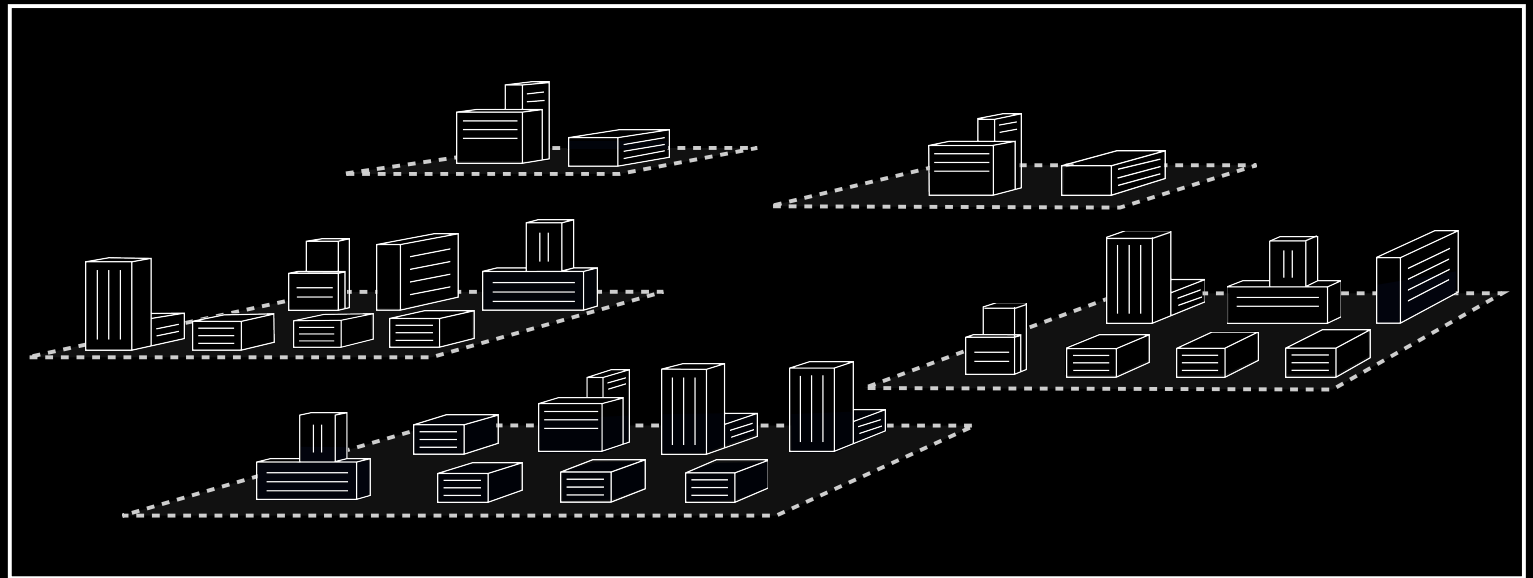






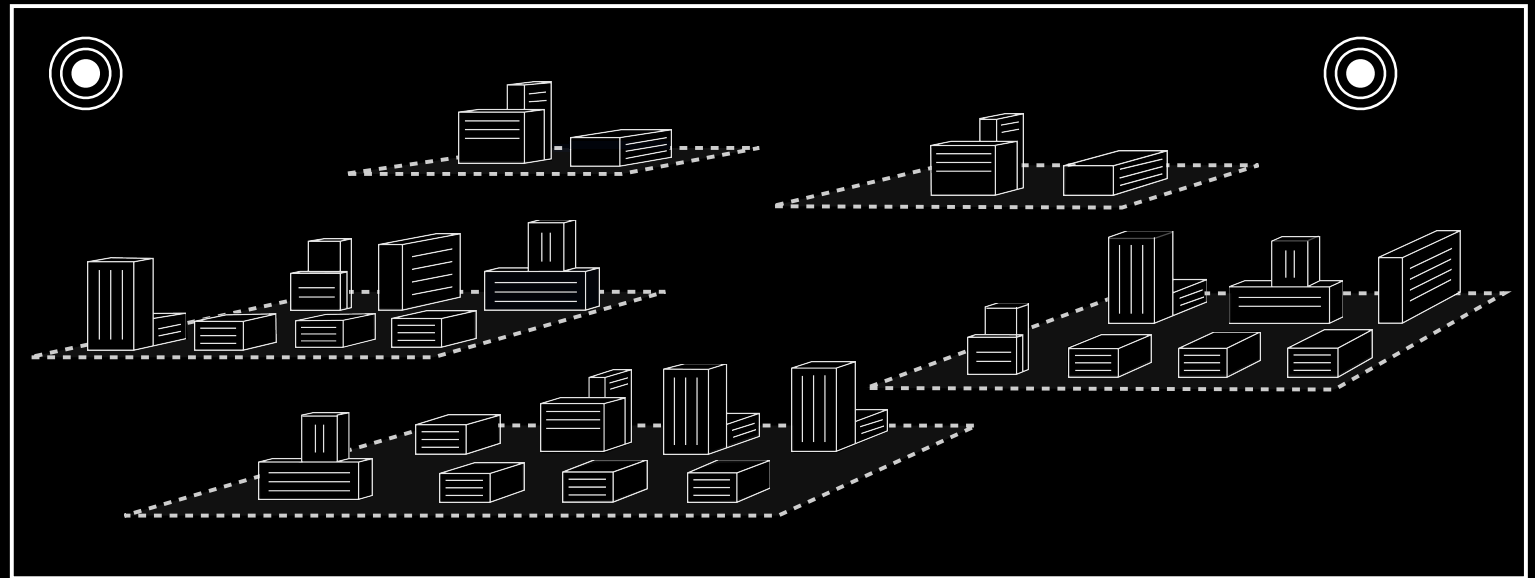
## ACTUAL AWS REGION

- 1 of 14 worldwide
- All with 2+ AZs
- New builds all 3+
- As many as 5 AZs

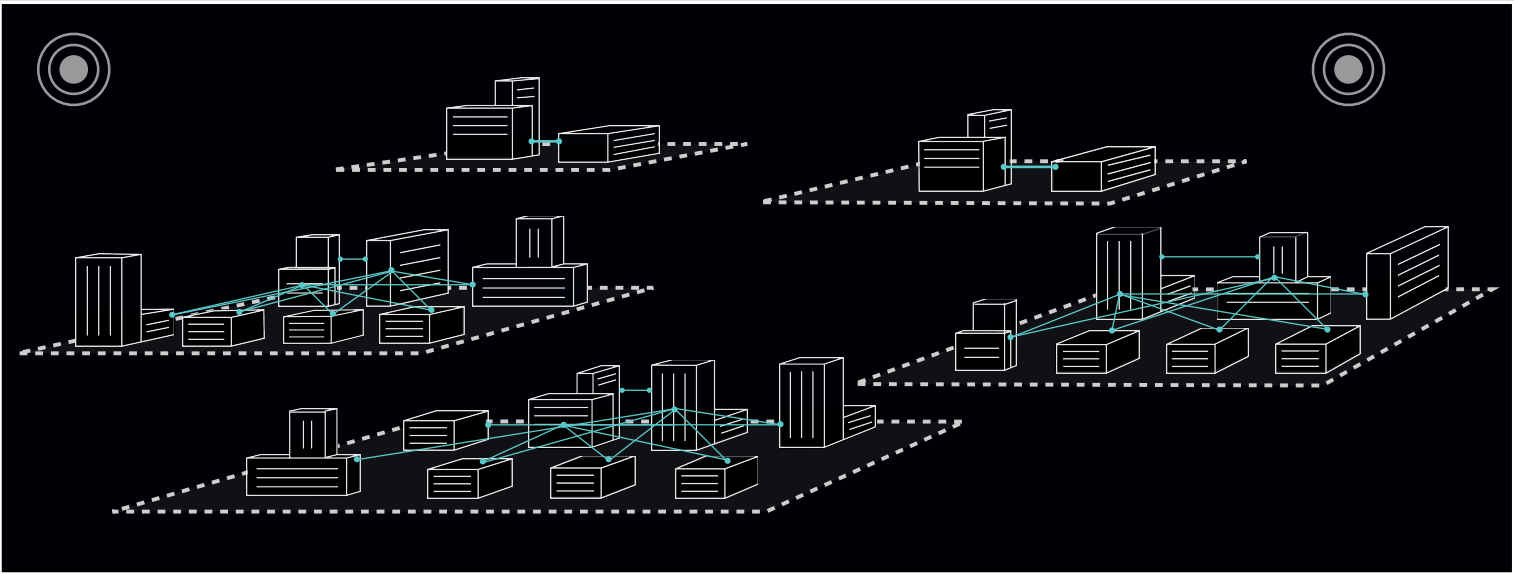


## TRANSIT CENTERS

- 2 redundant Transit Centers
- Highly peered & connected facilities



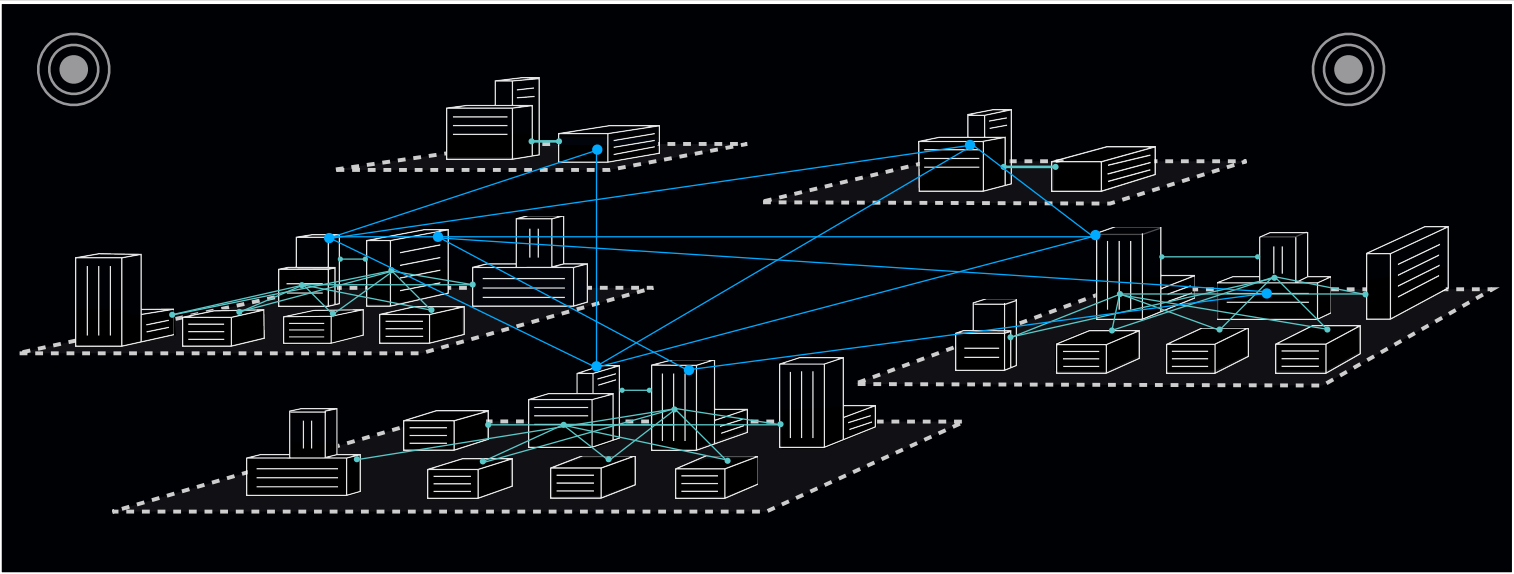
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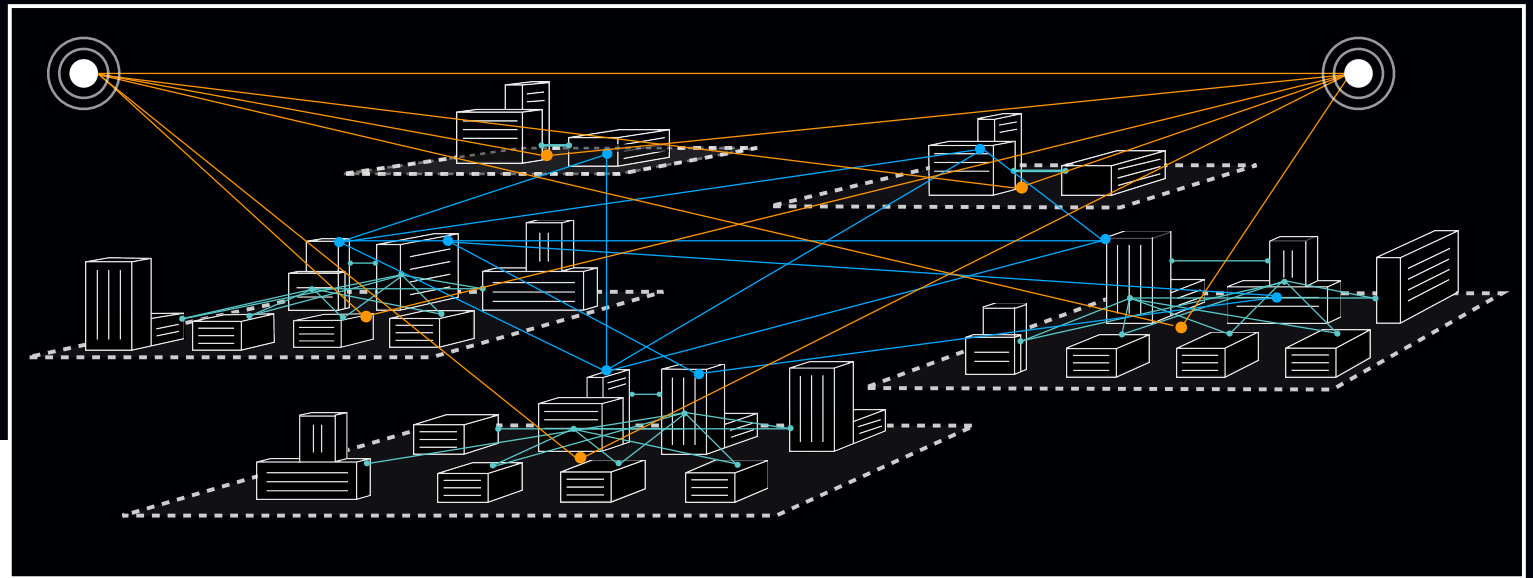
- 126 unique spans

# METRO FIBER

242,472 total  
fiber strands

- AWS is the first company to deploy 3,456 fiber count cable

-  Transit Center connections
-  Inter-AZ connections
-  Intra-AZ connections



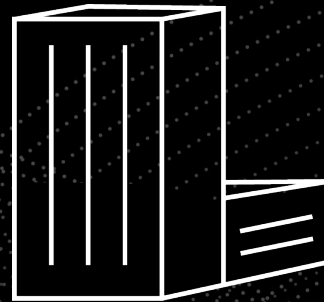
## FULLY SCALED AZ

- Each AZ is 1+ data center
- Some with as many as 8
- Redundant network links
- Several AZs over 300K servers



## DATA CENTER

- **60-120MW** or even larger are easy to build
- Larger scale drops cost slowly
- Larger scale increases blast radius quickly
- Redundant & concurrently maintainable



**25–32MW**  
50k–80k servers



## AWS CUSTOM ROUTERS

- Old school routers
  - Complex & unreliable
  - Expensive
  - ~6 months to correct issues
- AWS custom built routers
  - H/W built to spec
  - AWS protocol development team
- Committed to 25GbE early
  - Industry at 10GbE & 40GbE at time
  - Optics availability was tight
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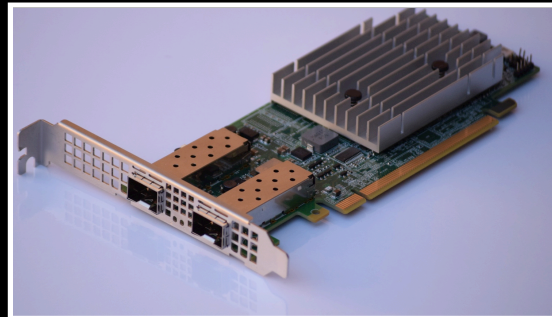
## CUSTOM ROUTERS

- AWS custom Broadcom Tomahawk ASIC
  - 7B transistors
  - 128 ports of 25GbE
  - 1RU, 22lbs, < 310W
- Core ASIC can be used in a variety of form factors
- Healthy ecosystem: Cavium, Mellanox, Broadcom, Innovium, Barefoot, Marvell



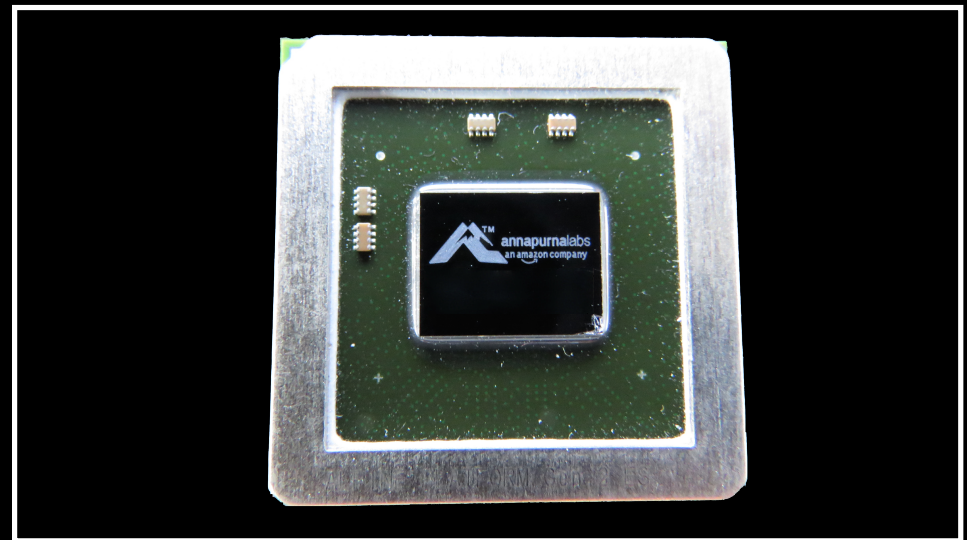
# SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORKING

- AWS SDN-based since beginning of EC2
- 2012 moved to hardware offload
  - Custom 10GbE NIC
  - Custom processor with AWS software
- Offload server network virtualization overhead
- Lower latency & less server jitter
  - SR-IOV & Enhanced Networking
  - < 70  $\mu$ sec avg RTT in Placement Group



## 2016 CUSTOM SILICON

- Custom Si & 25GbE
  - 2x 25GbE cheaper & higher bandwidth than 40GbE
- Amazon Annapurna ASIC
  - Second generation Enhanced Networking
  - AWS controls silicon, hardware & software
  - AWS pace of innovation
- Instance peak bandwidth to 20GbE
  - Small instance peak bandwidth at 10GbE
  - Most instance types going forward



## RARE POWER EVENTS

- Major US airline world wide outage
  - Some servers failed over & some lost power
  - \$100M lost revenue (~2% for the month)
  - Switchgear failed & locked out reserve generators
- Customer impact
  - Monday: 1,000 flights cancelled
  - Tuesday: 775 flights cancelled
  - Wednesday: 90 flights cancelled
- Likely first time this fault seen by this operator
  - No compression algorithm for experience



## CUSTOM UTILITY SWITCHGEAR

- Airline fault mode same as 2013 Super Bowl
- Switch gear locks out backup power
- The data center goes black in 5 to 10 minutes
- Amazon custom firmware protects the load
  - If faults outside, the full facility continues
  - If inside, only branch breaker opens, but no load dropped





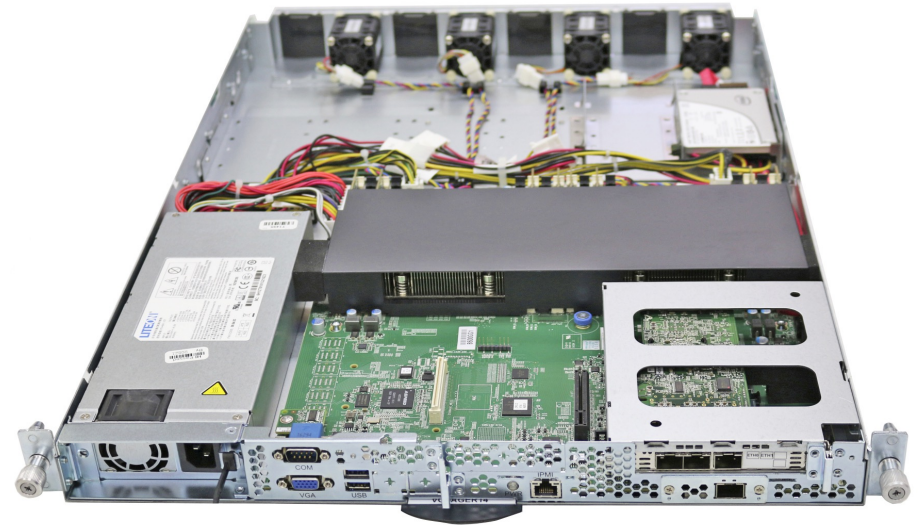
## CUSTOM STORAGE SERVER

- 2014: I showed 880 disks/rack
- Next design supported:
  - 1,110 disks/rack
  - 8.8PB at design time (would be 11PB today)
  - 2,778 lbs of storage
- More advanced designs now in production



## CUSTOM COMPUTE SERVER

- Simple, no-frills 1RU server
- Thermal & power efficiency favored over density
- PSU & VRD >90% efficiency
- Replaced by newer design
  - Still compares favorably to some recently blogged cloud servers





Long-term commitment to achieve

**100%**

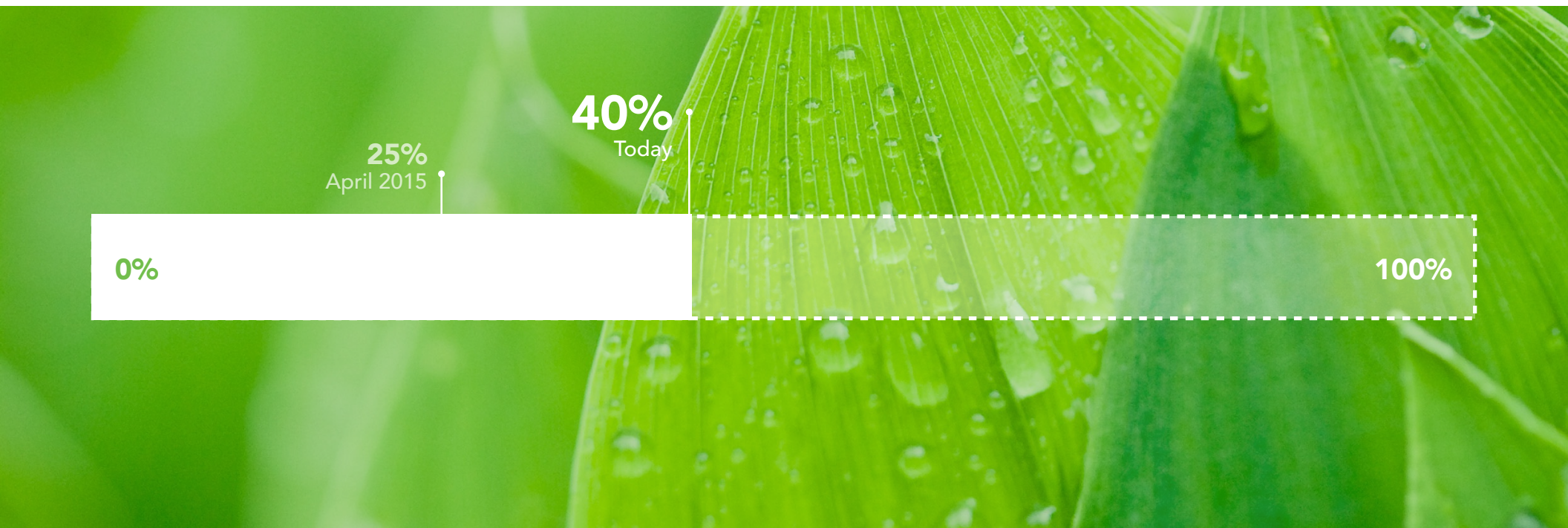
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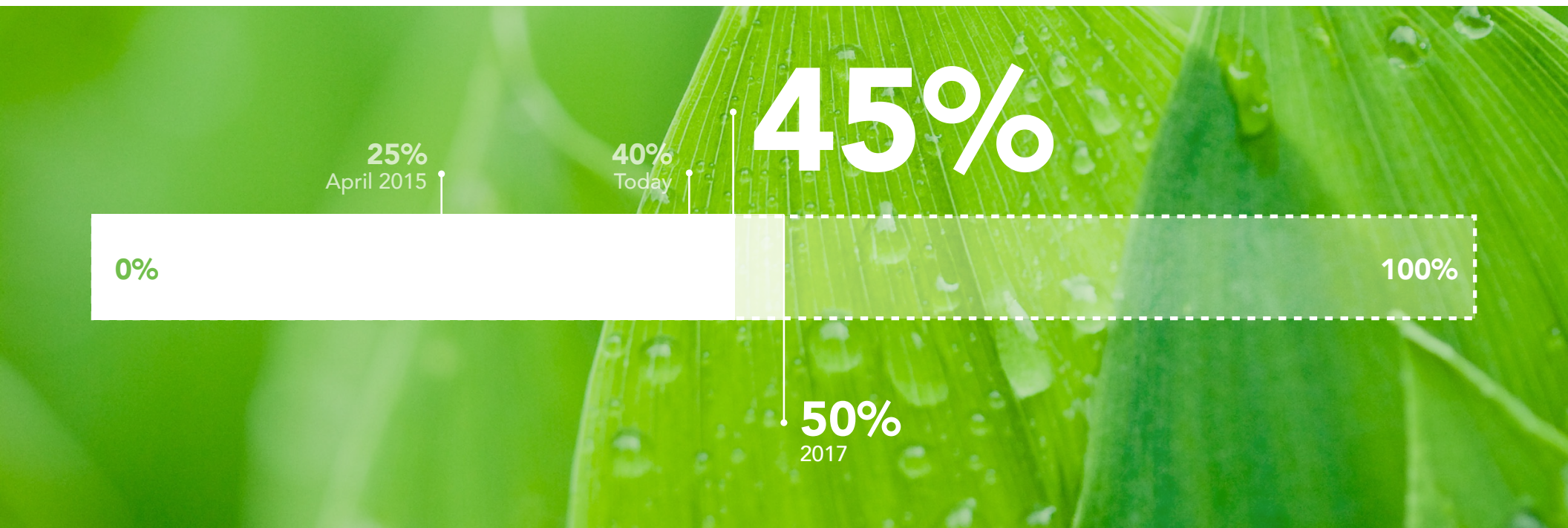
**25%**  
April 2015

**0%**

**100%**





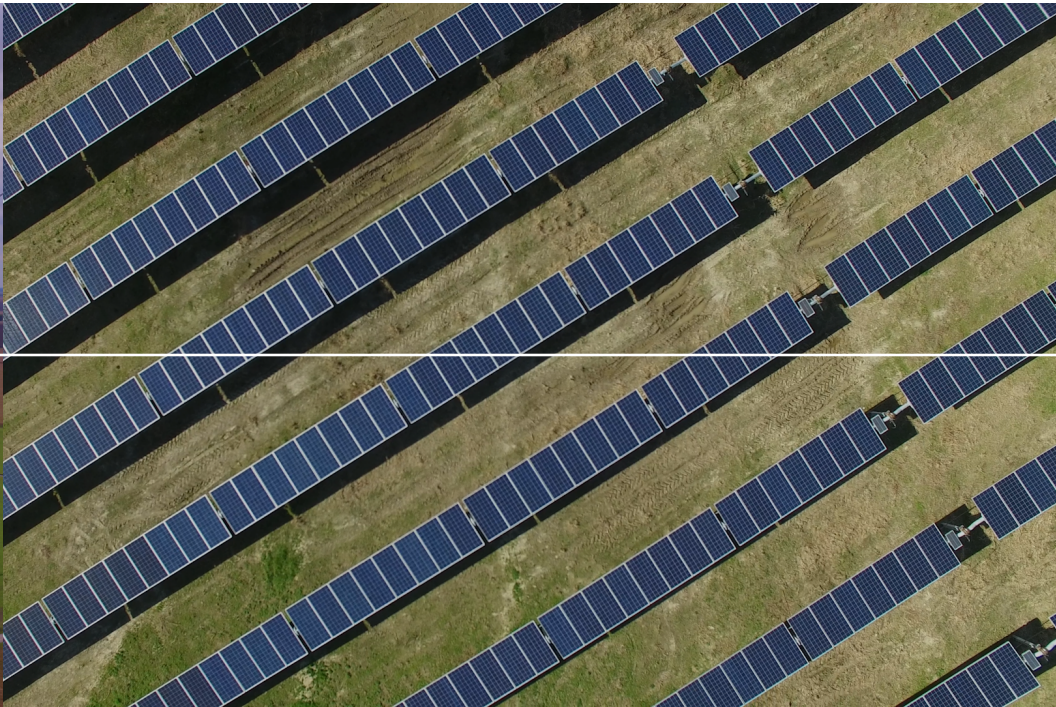




AMAZON  
WIND FARM FOWLER RIDGE  
150MW



Jan '15





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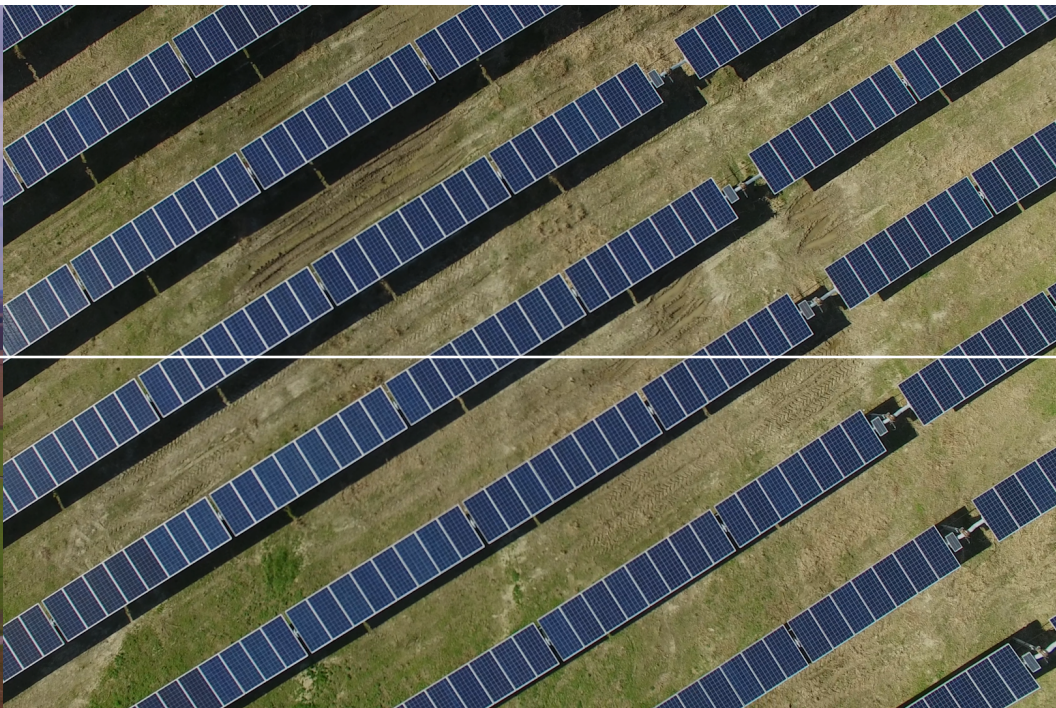


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June '15

AMAZON  
SOLAR FARM EAST  
80MW







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WIND FARM  
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RIDGE  
150 MW



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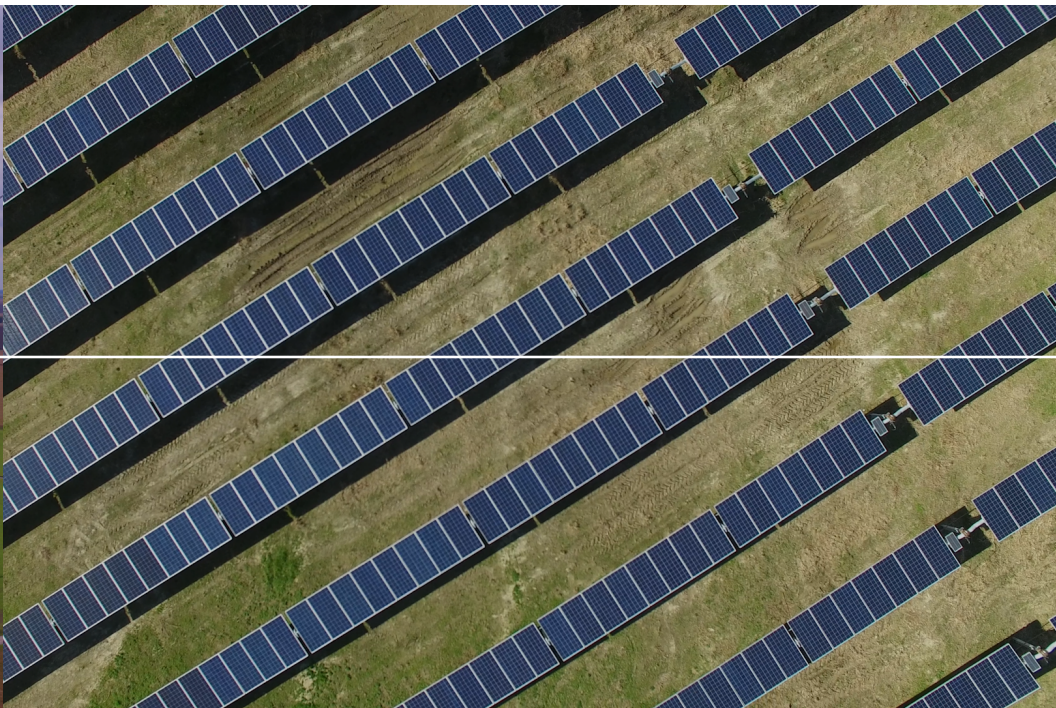


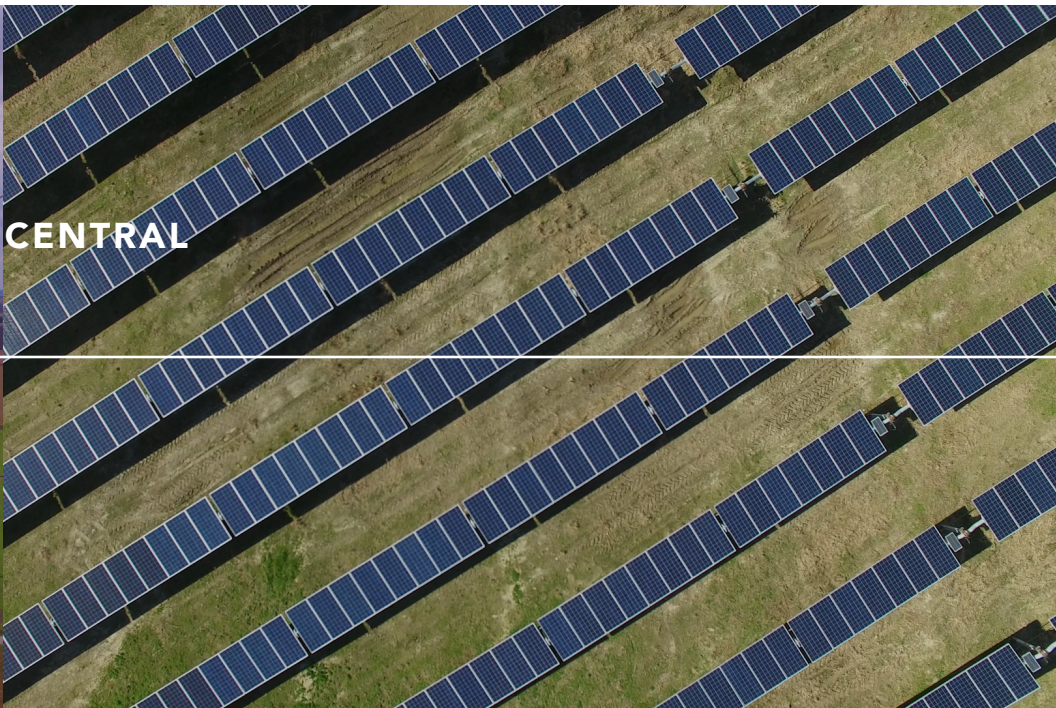
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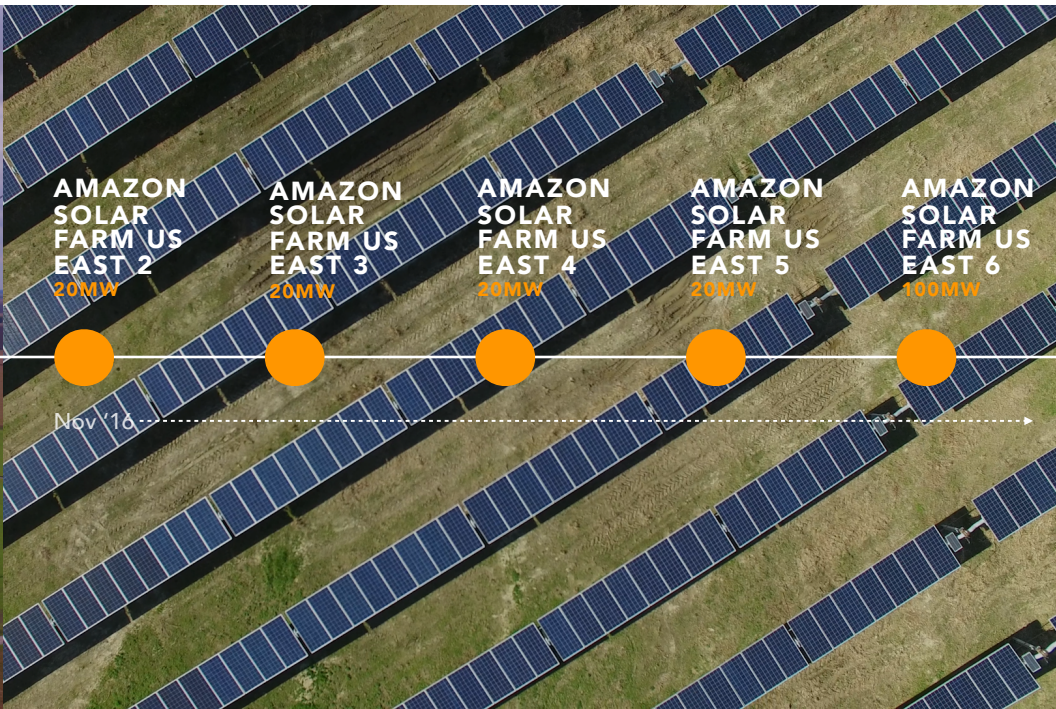
AMAZON  
WIND FARM US EAST  
208MW

July '15









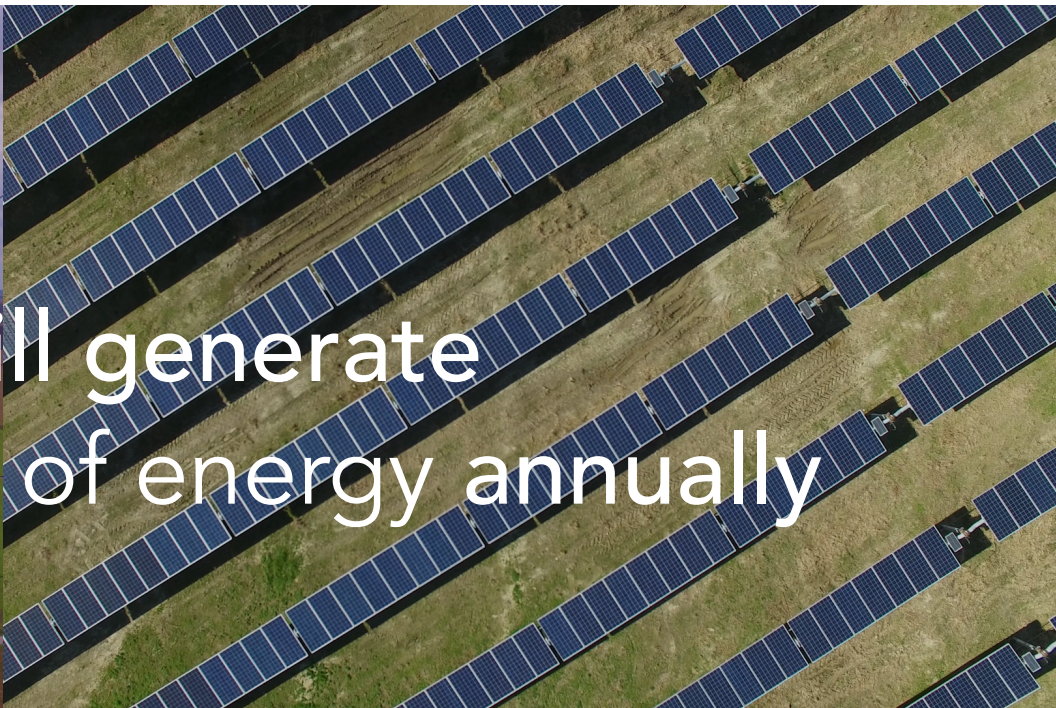


AWS Projects bring online **907MW**  
of new renewable generation



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Projects will generate  
**2.6 million MWhr** of energy annually



The graphic features a dark background with a large, abstract, glowing red shape on the left side, resembling a stylized flower or a cluster of overlapping spheres. This shape is composed of many small, bright red dots that form a dense, textured surface. To the right of this shape, the text 'AWS re:Invent' is displayed in a clean, white, sans-serif font. Below the main text, the words 'THANK YOU' are enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

AWS  
re:Invent

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