



IMS “Extreme Makeover” at Westpac (from XRF to IMSPLEX)

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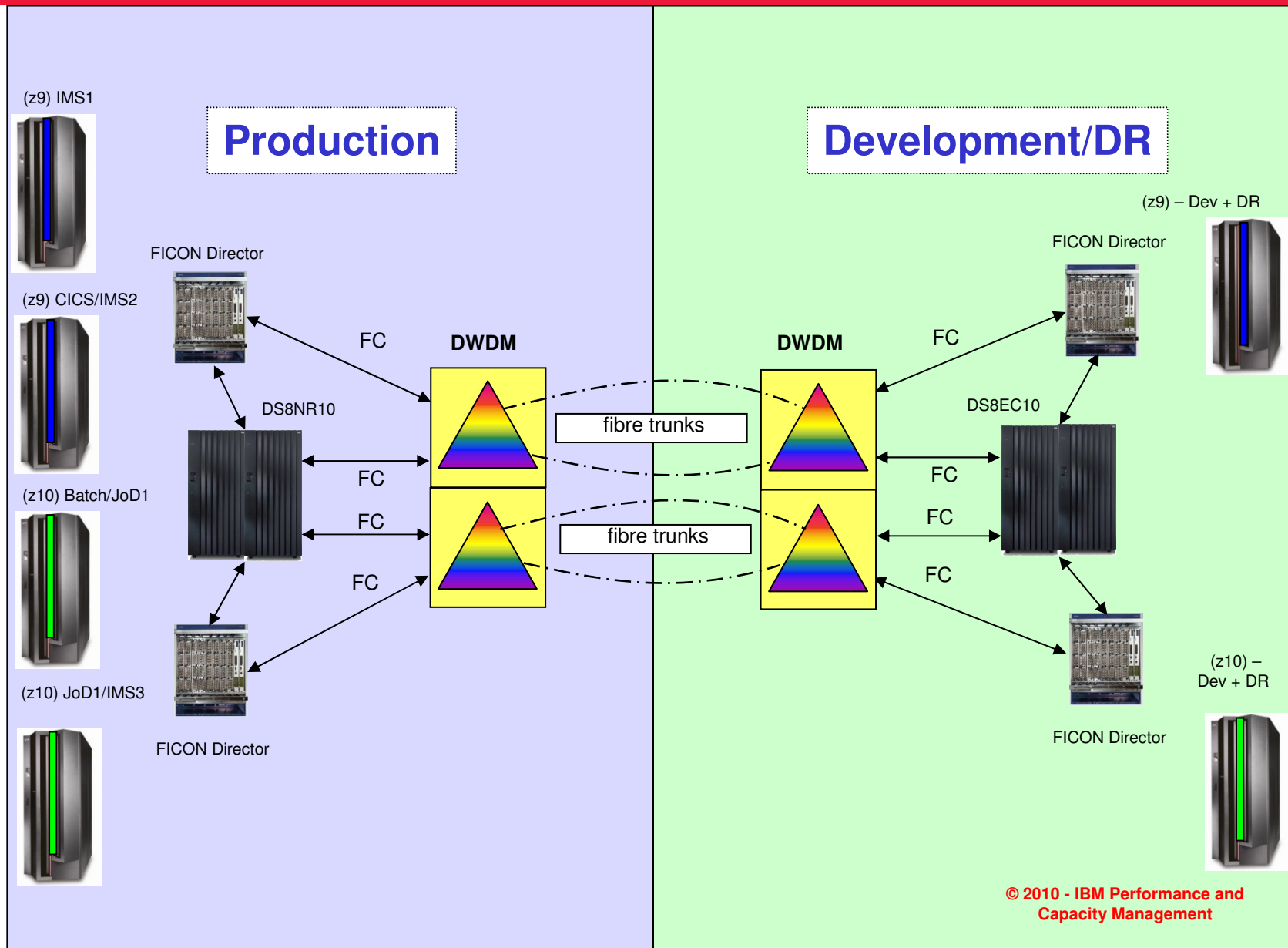


Agenda

- Westpac Environment Overview
- Before IMS Environment
- Rationale for Change
- Target IMS Environment
- Stages of Implementation
- Outstanding Issues
- Benefits
- Timeline
- Recommendations
- Questions

Westpac Environment Overview

Configuration



Before Project Commencement

Environments

- SITE 1
 - PROD

- SITE 2
 - SOCIABILITY
 - DEV
 - TEST
 - DR

Before Project Commencement ... cont'd

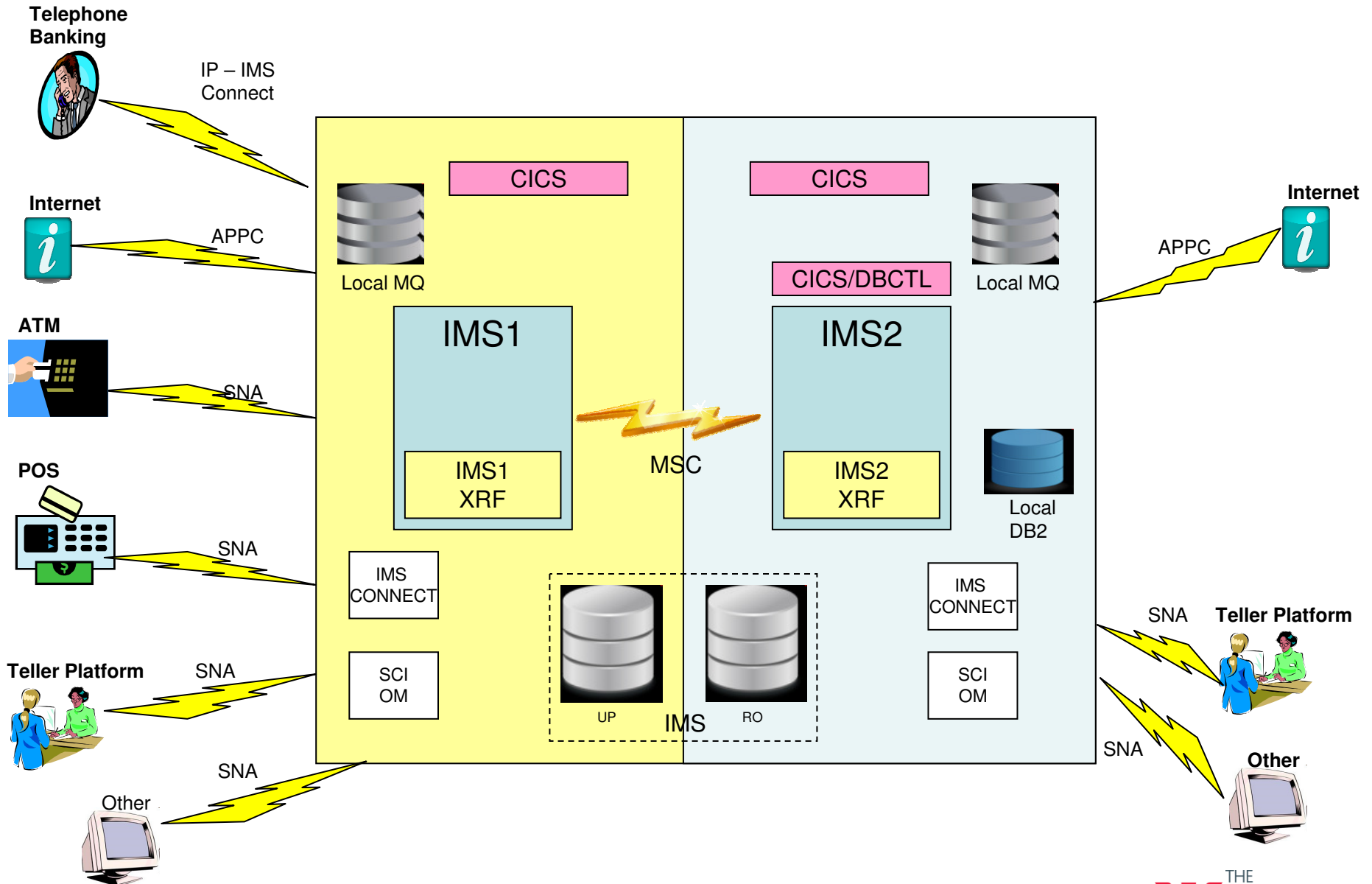
- Outsourced to IBM
- GDPS and Hyperswap
 - Mirrored production data (disk and tape) to fallback site
 - 4 hour DR recovery timeframe proven
- With multiple mainframes in place, primary strategy is local site fallback
 - Shift workloads around as required
 - For extended outage, move the LPAR

Before Project Commencement ... cont'd

- Centralised security model, all data protected by default
- Online – CICS, IMS, DB2, MQ & Websphere
- Process over 70 million online business transactions through IMS, CICS and Websphere each day
- Sustained peak rates over 2000 tps
- Spike peak higher at 3000 tps and above

IMS Environment Before Commencement

IMS Environment before commencement



IMS ONLINE

- 2 IMS online systems
- XRF used to enhance availability for scheduled change and unscheduled outage
- Connections must specify IMS1 or IMS2 (uservars)
- IMS systems connected via MSC links
- Each IMS system genned separately and treated separately

IMS ONLINE ... cont'd

- Database shared at the database level
 - One updater one reader
 - No record locking available for majority of read databases
- 1 local DB2 subsystem
- 3 local MQ subsystems
- Online change used to enhance availability
- IMS batch (DLI) environment

IMS ONLINE Workload

- Transactions MPP (Message Processing Program)
 - Inbound channels
 - LU2, LU1, LU0, APPC/LU62, LU61, TCPIP, MQ/OTMA
 - Interfacing Subsystems
 - DB2, MQ, CICS, IMS Connect
 - Processing
 - Unique DB access method - DBEMINT
 - MFS (Message Format Services)
 - Message switching
- BMPs (Batch Message Processing)
 - Online Batch Program targeting specific IMS
- DBCTL
 - CICS frontend – IMS/DB backend

Rationale for Change

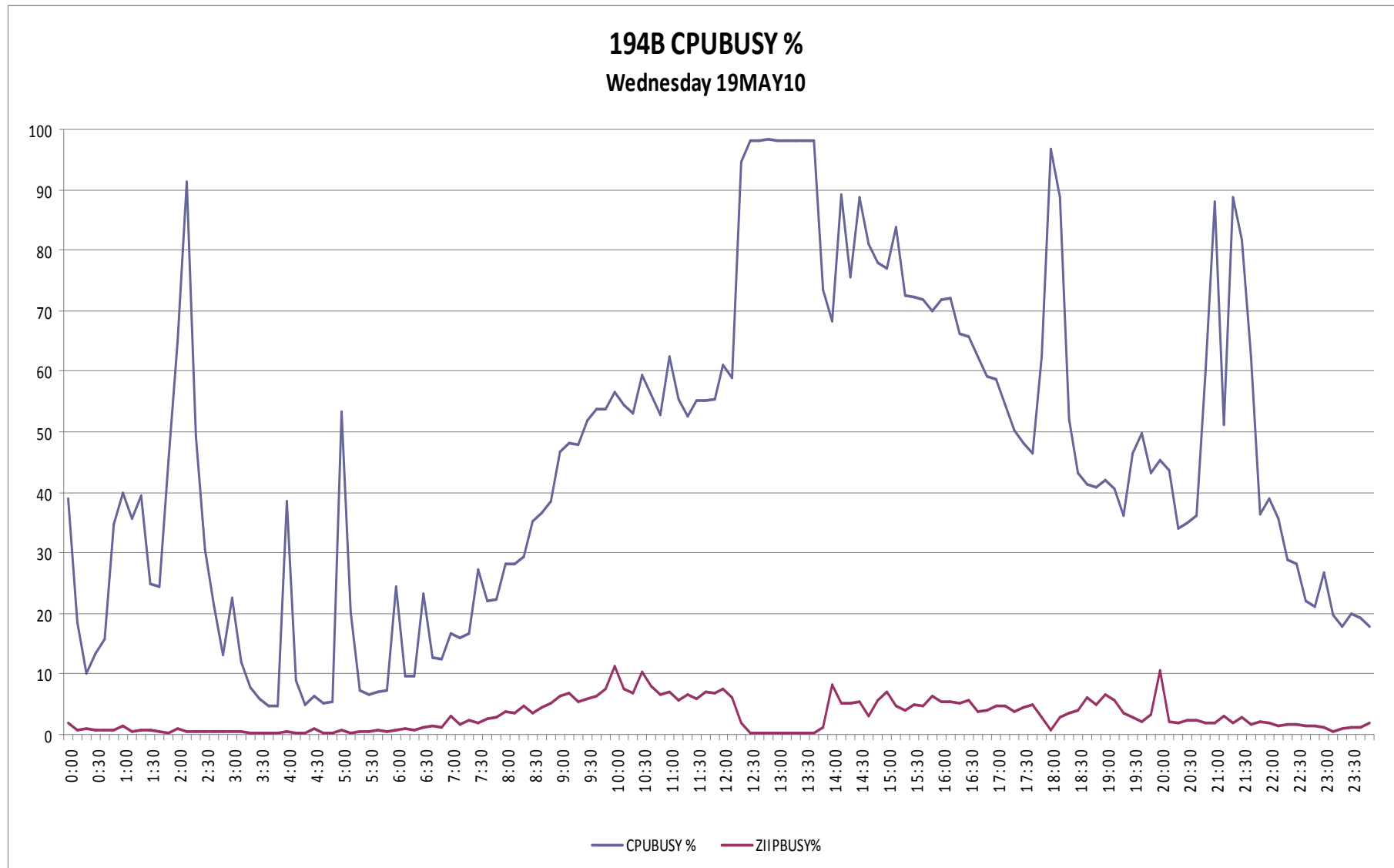
Rationale

- Mainframe Strategy – “Stay out of the NEWS”
- Key Drivers
 - Front end issue drives single LPAR utilisation to 100%
 - Other LPARs have 30-40% spare capacity
 - Up to 2 minute impact under XRF
 - Possible impact 240,000 customer trans at peak time
 - Required unused capacity for tracking XRF systems
 - Planned versus unplanned outage
 - Higher business expectations for IT availability
 - GM support willing to back the project

Rationale ... cont'd

- High Availability
 - Target 24 x 7 including scheduled change
- Balance workload CPU
 - 1x Retail IMS (high volume >22 mill per day)
 - 1 x Institutional IMS (high value >3 mill per day)
- Cloning – simplifies build
 - Easier to add or delete IMS system(s) if needed
 - Faster, easier application development = less time to market for business
- Reduce infrastructure SPOF for IMS & network

Capacity After Front End Problems Before IMSPLEX



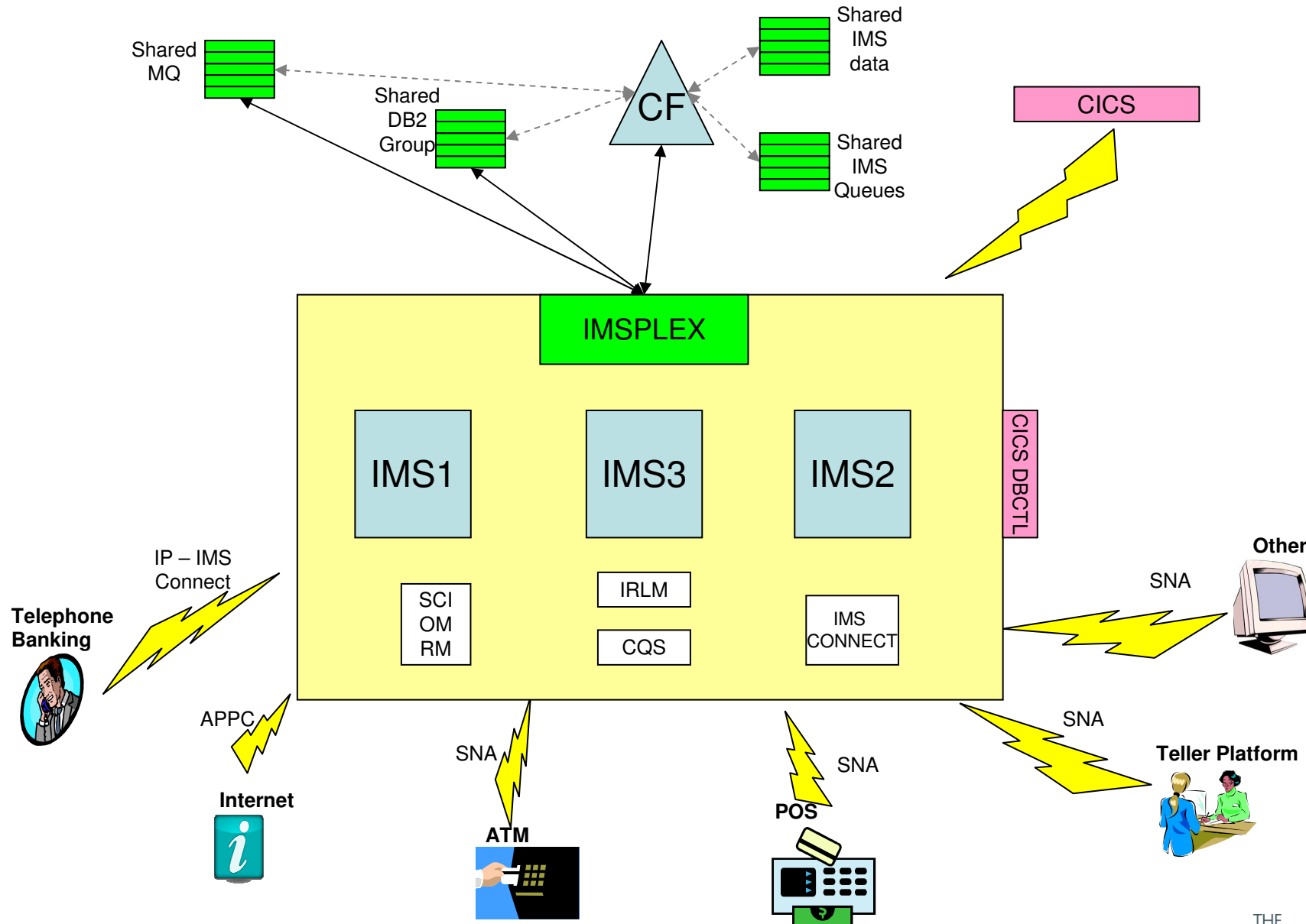
Rationale ... cont'd

- XRF since 1990 -1991
- Remove 2 minute impact on switch to XRF
- Increasing capacity (\$\$\$) needs for tracker IMSes
 - 1 large LPAR vs shared capacity over IMSPLEX
- Becoming increasingly problematic
 - XRF failures/issues increase since 2007
 - NOV 2007 IMS DB corruption
 - IMSV10 upgrade Jan 2009
 - IMS failures over XRF switch
 - IMS Shared Queues Aug 2010
 - Regular IMS XRF tracking failures per day

= **remove XRF and add shared IMSPLEX**

Target IMS Environment

Target IMS Environment - IMS Sysplex Conceptual View



Target IMS Environment

- Cloned IMS systems
- IMS shared queues
- Application changes
- Duplex enabled CF structures
- Shared data – DB2 & IMS
- MQ shared queues
- CICS shared access
- IMS Connect distribution
- Additional LPAR for new IMS + subsystems – DB2 & MQ
- VGR & APPC GR
- BMP “run anywhere”

Stages of Implementation

WBC Stages of Implementation

- Summary of Steps ... (in order)
 - Proof of Concept
 - Coupling Facility setup
 - New address spaces
 - Data Sharing – IMS & DB2
 - MQ shared queues
 - CICS link changes
 - IMS system definition changes
 - IMS queue sharing
 - New LPAR for new extra IMS system
 - Convert BMP to “run anywhere” in IMSPLEX
 - VGR plus APPC Generic resource +
 - Remove XRF
 - IMS Connect
 - Development environments

Proof of Concept

- Build 2 way IMSPLEX
 - 1 IMS per LPAR
- Implement
 - CF Setup
 - MQ and DB2 shared queues
 - CICS shared links
 - IMS DB sharing
 - IMS shared queues
 - VTAM Generic Resources & APPC Generic Resources
 - XRF variations for migration scenarios
 - XRF (uservar) & VGR mutually exclusive

Coupling Facility Setup

- 1 CF per mainframe
- CF structures split over multiple CFs for performance
- Not duplexed – performance issues
 - Added overhead for IMS to write to 2 sets of structures
 - Plus extra DASD write to staging CQS datasets for DR DASD mirroring e.g.
 - STR1 & STR1DUP
 - STR2 & STR2DUP etc.
 - Staging dataset DASD I/O

Coupling Facility Setup ... cont'd

➤ IMS usage

- CQS (Common Queue Server) structures
 - To manage IMS messages in CF
- IMS data structures
 - To manage data base locks & buffers in CF
- RM (Resource Manager) structures
 - To manage IMS resources in CF
- OM (Operations Manager) audit trail structures

New Address Spaces

➤ OM (Operations Manager) & SCI (Structured Call Interface)

- Required for SPOC & type 2 commands
- Required for OM audit trail

➤ IRLM

➤ CQS

- Staging dataset used for DR DASD mirroring

➤ RM

IRLM

- Deadlock detection = 1 second cycle
- LOCKTIME = 350 seconds
 - Originally much lower - One DBCTL application forced increase
- U3310 if LOCKTIME reached/exceeded
- DFSERA10 + SMF type 79 subtype 15
 - View U3310 detail

RM

- Used to manage IMS resources across the IMSPLEX
 - Transaction serialisation
 - STM (Sysplex Terminal Manager)
 - Global status for transactions, databases and areas

DB2 Data Sharing

- Convert the single local DB2 on one IMS
- DB2 data sharing group over 3 LPARs
 - Later 4 LPARs with add of new LPAR & IMS
 - To cater for XRF lpar as interim measure
- Application changes e.g. SPOC jobs to execute across all IMS systems
- DB2 access no longer restricted to one IMS
- Simplified application code as DB2 available on all IMS

IMS Data Sharing

- Connect IRLM
- Introduce SPOC jobs in application processes to cater for DB update on all IMSes
 - Issue commands across PLEX instead of specific update IMS to
 - /DBR or /STA or /DBD (not really needed)
- DBRC SHRLEVEL 3 on all IMS DB

IMS Data Sharing ... cont'd

- IMS data base definitions changed to UPDATE on all IMS
 - Over 1,000 databases changed
 - Phased over 4 months
 - Grouped by logical applications
 - IMS utilities updated
 - e.g. Change Accum

- Benefits
 - Load sharing
 - Multiple updaters
 - Integrity – GG status
 - Flexibility – moving BMPs & MPPs
 - Increased capacity
 - All IMS data may be shared

MQ Shared Queues

- Convert 3 local MQ subsystems to MQ shared queues over 3 LPARs
 - Later 4 LPARs with add of new LPAR & IMS
- Convert application local queues to global queues
- Definitions in DB2 shared group for MQ messages >63K
- Applications required changes to use default Queue Manager name instead of hard coded queue manager name
 - CSQQODEV defined by MQ team
- Application no longer tied to specific LPAR due to the local MQ

CICS Link Changes

- CICS systems accessible from any IMS
- LU61
 - VGR implemented
 - All sessions initiated from CICS
 - One link per CICS to the IMSPLEX
 - Connected to one IMS at any point in time
- LU62
 - Generic APPC implemented
 - Session inbound from CICS joins the VGR and connects to ANY IMS
 - Session outbound from IMS to CICS needs to set up LU62 links from each IMS to each CICS

IMS System Definition Changes

- Fully DRD (Version 10 implementation)
- Clone application definitions, includes
 - Tran, program, DB
 - Descriptors
 - ACB, MFS
- Ensure all transaction are defined local (2,680 transactions changed)
 - No application code dependency on specific IMS
- Introduce new class structure e.g.
 - Class 101 for IMS1 only
 - Class 201 for IMS2 only
 - Class 301 for IMS3 only
 - Class 1 for any IMS
- Remove MSC requirements (and later link definitions)
- All changes retrofitted into Westpac IMS repository

IMS Queue Sharing

- Shutdown IMS systems (1 at a time)
- Start CQS
- Introduce SQ definitions
- Cold start IMSes
- Implement RM for serial processing across PLEX
 - Define PGM as Serial for PLEX serialisation
- OTMA/APPC affinity issue – UQ60884
 - Backend TRAN processing on non input IMS would fail

New LPAR + New Extra IMS

- Shared spool to use WLM & SCHENV parm for BMP workload (later BATCH)
- Start new IMS (fully shared)
- Start new DB2 subsystem (data sharing group)
- Start new MQ subsystem (MQ shared queues group)
- Extend CICS definitions
- Extend automation procedures

BMP Changes

- Convert BMP to run “anywhere” in IMSPLEX
 - No application code dependency on specific IMS
- WLM & SCHENV=IMS across PLEX
 - 3 x IMS shared JES spool
 - Common SCHENV variable available on any IMS
 - When IMS down or IPL in progress, disable scheduling environment on that LPAR
 - Exceptions for special requirements
 - e.g. DBCTL tied to an IMS system use different SCHENV variable
- All BMP jobs in shop JCL updated (15,000 jobs changed)
 - Common class for each LPAR
 - No system affinity coding (removed)
 - XEQ node common
 - IMSID = IMS
 - Add SCHENV=IMS (some exceptions) to the jobcard
- Can move BMP workload with one command
 - e.g. disable variable on specific LPAR

VGR + APPC GR

- VTAM Generic Resources
 - LU0, LU1, LU2, LU61
- APPC (LU62) generic resources
- Use WLM=YES allowing WLM to distribute sessions
- VTAM changes to limit front end channel changes
 - USSTAB changes for native users
 - DEFLOGON changes for NETMASTER users
 - e.g. IMS1 logon becomes IMS VGR logon

Remove XRF

- Shutdown IMS & XRF tracking systems
- Update parameters
 - DFSPBxxx for IMS & FDBR
 - Remove HSB= from DFSPBxxx (XRF)
- Implement communications changes (VGR)
- Cold start IMS1 & IMS2 (no more XRF)
 - XRF uservar & VGR mutually exclusive
- Start FDBR for old IMS XRF systems

Additional Changes

➤ Tune transactions

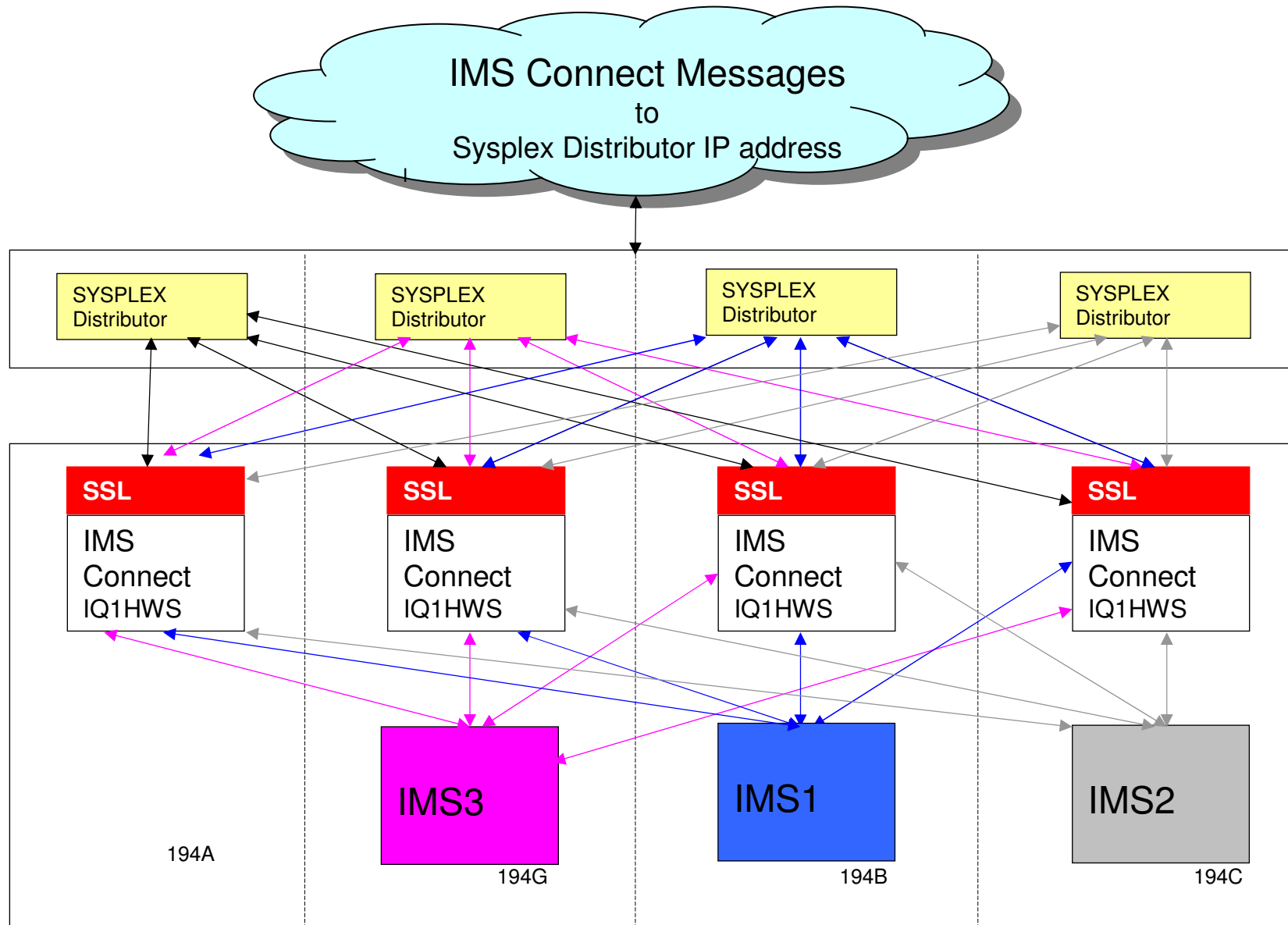
○ Serial trans no longer serial

- Implement RM for serial across IMSPLEX

○ More parallelism

- PARLIM doesn't work in the same way as pre shared queues
 - ❑ Each IMS has no idea how many transactions queued in global queues
 - ❑ Works on how many successful GU in the MPP region

IMS Connect



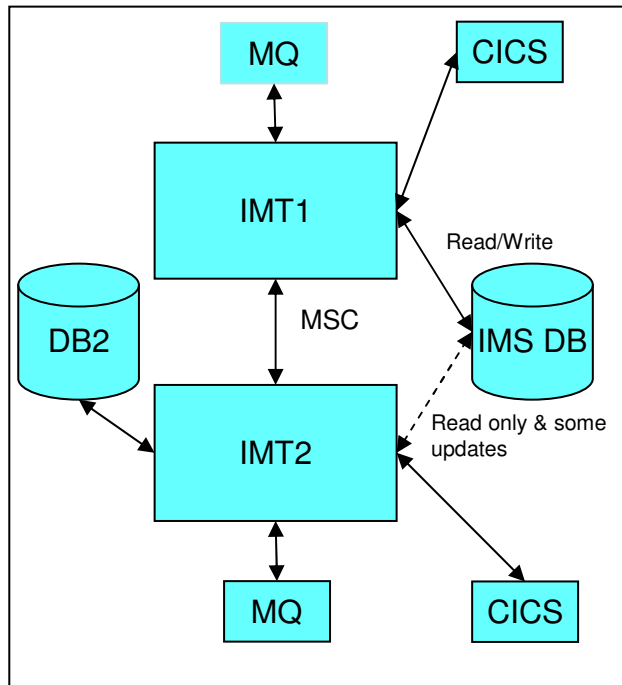
Development Environments

- Maintain mix of DEV environments
 - Build DEV complete target environment
 - Maintain DEV environment in pre IMS sharing form
 - Maintain a Sociability DEV environment
 - Any prod change implemented here before prod
 - Similar to prod status

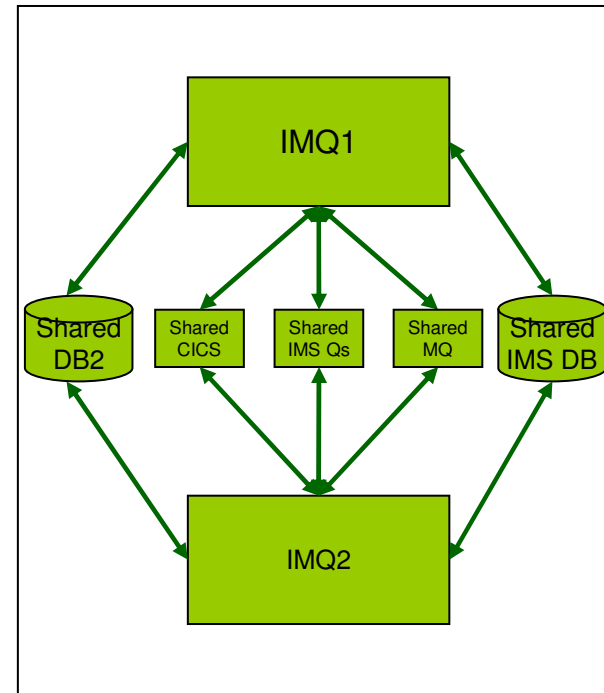
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DEV Environments

PRE IMSPLEX



IMSPLEX



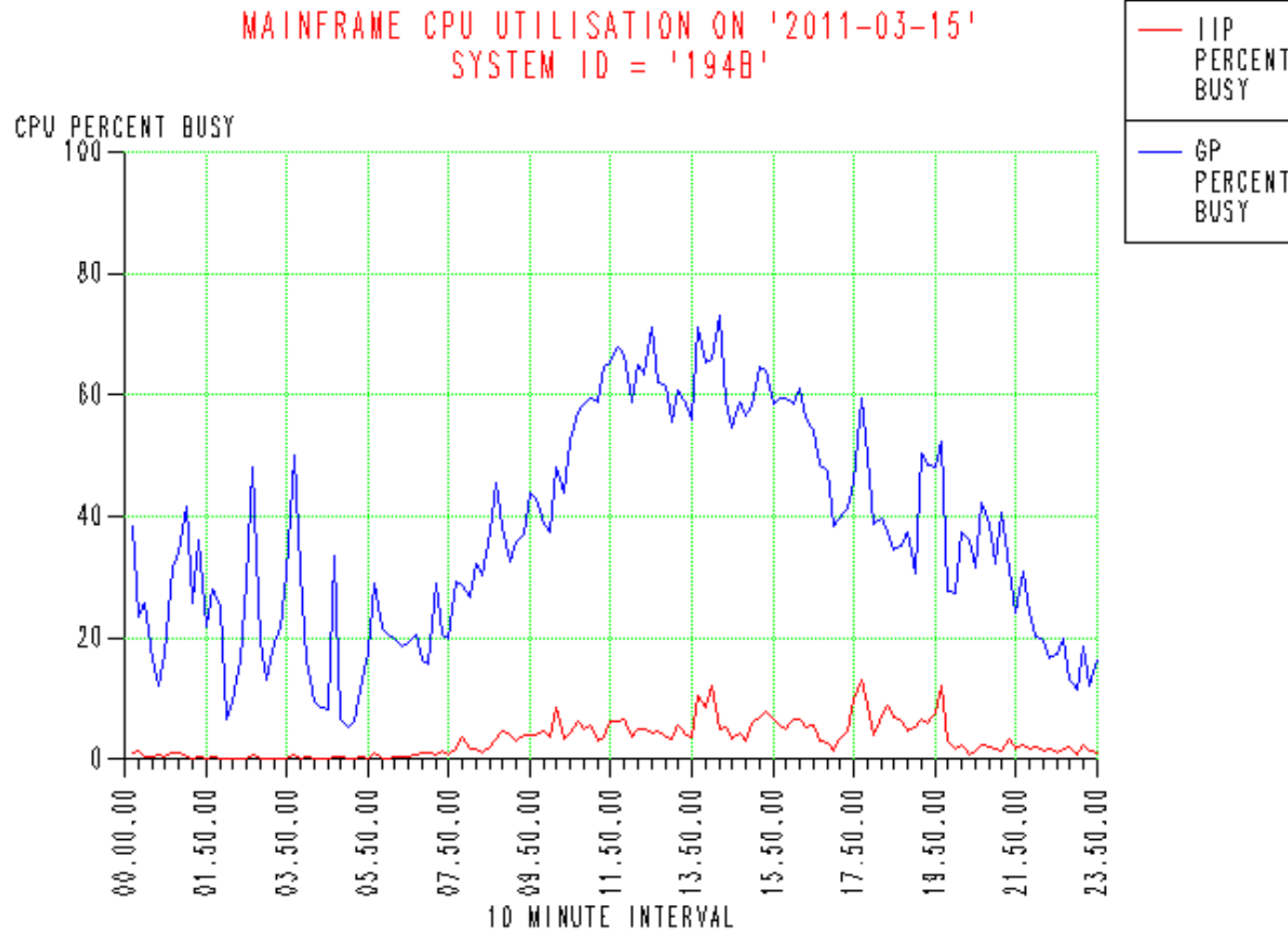
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- Testing Global Online Change
 - Presently automation across IMSPLEX for Online Change

Benefits

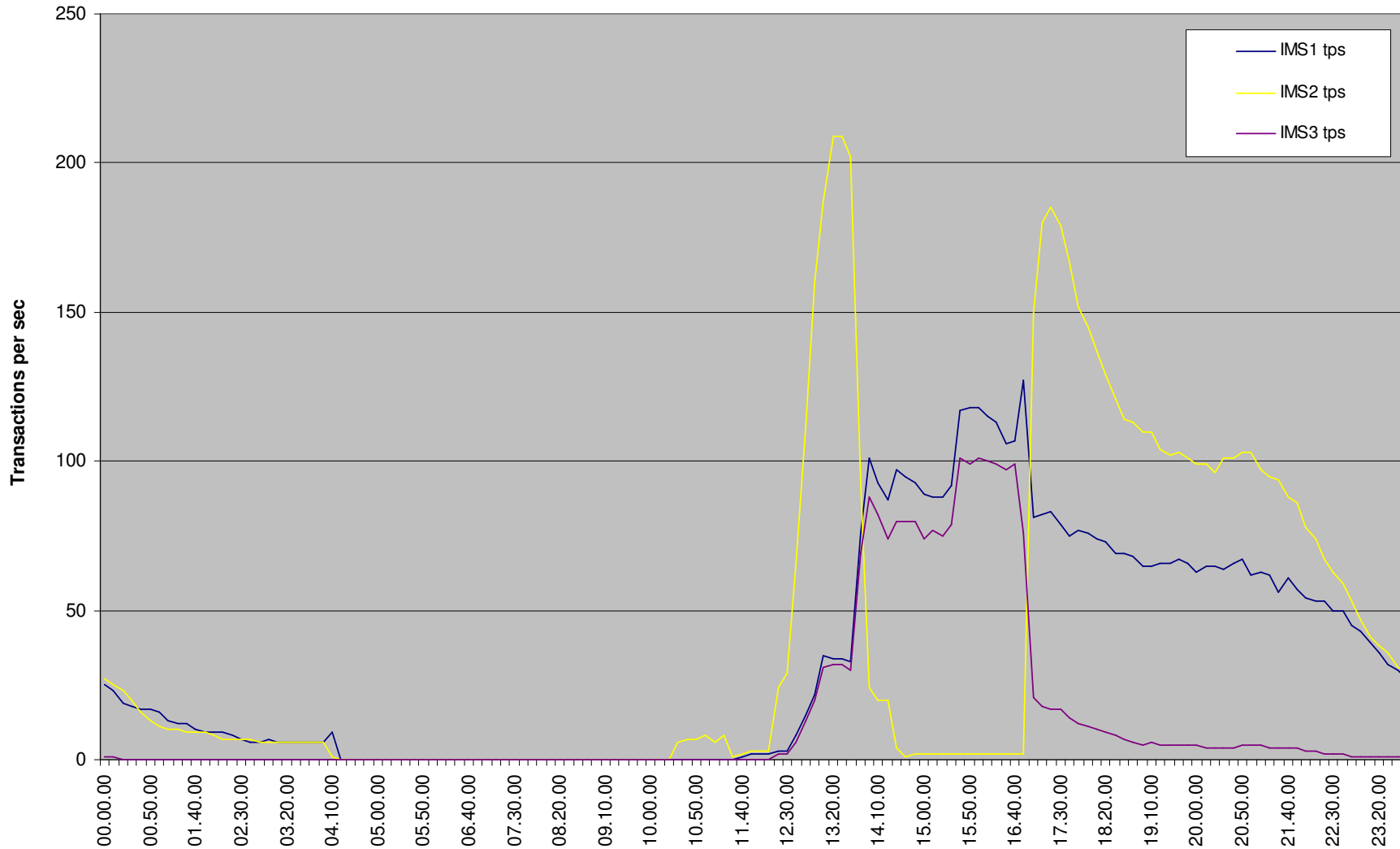
- Cycle IMS change through each IMS system
- Use of dynamic features
 - SPOC for definition changes and commands across IMSPLEX
- Global parameters on DB & Tran commands to utilise RM

Capacity after Front End Problems With IMSPLEX

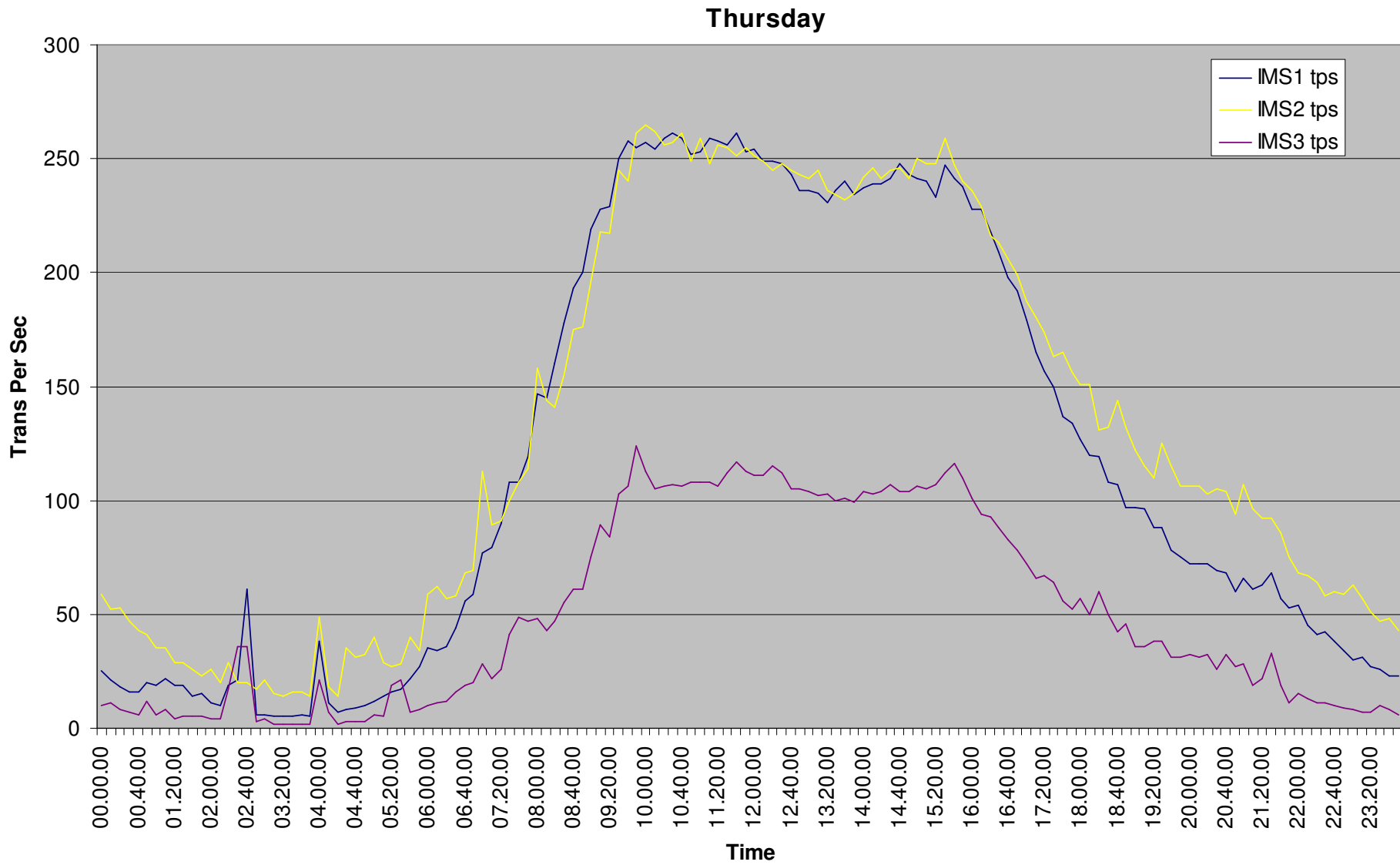


IMS transaction spread utilising IMSPLEX during issue

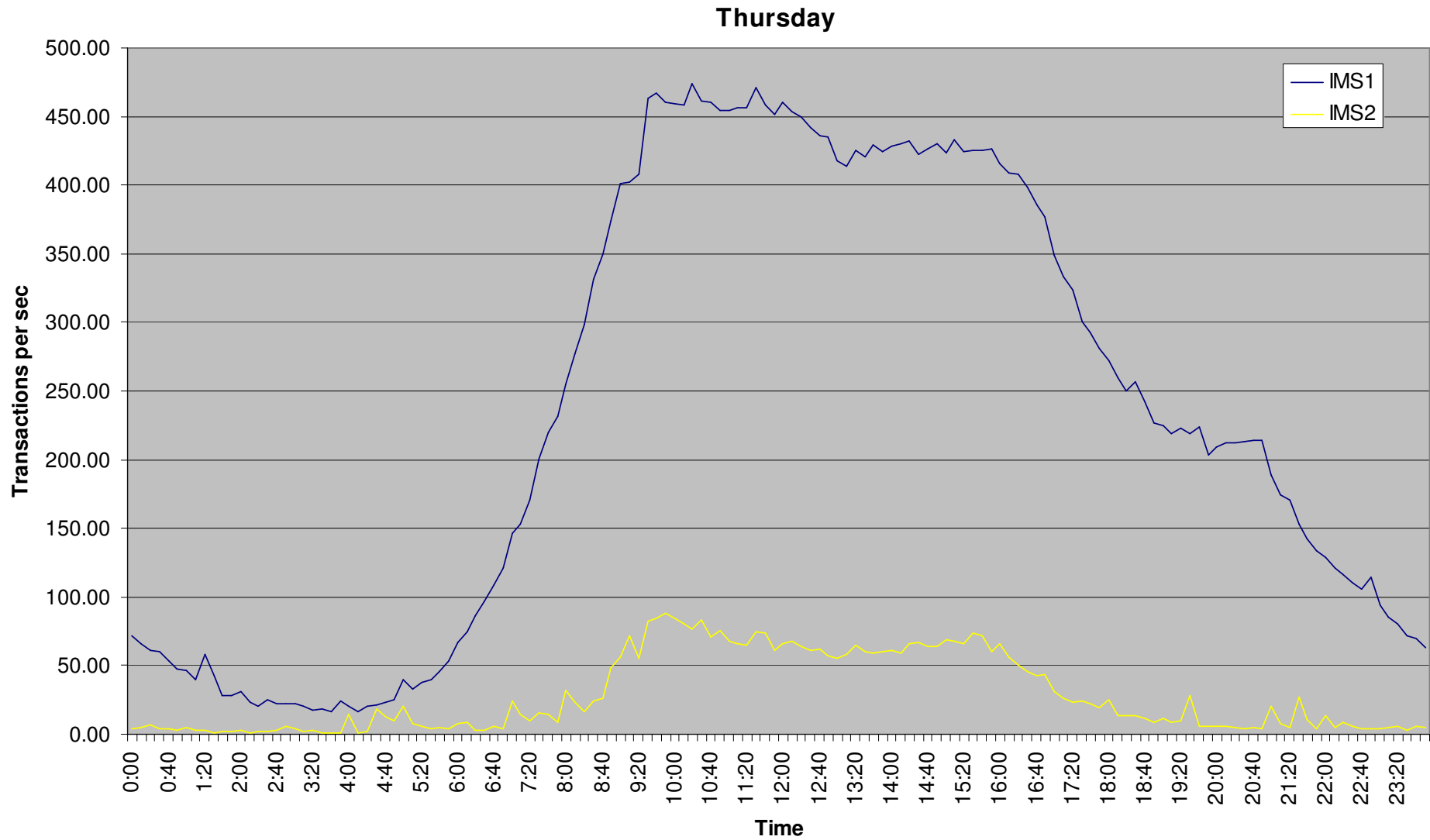
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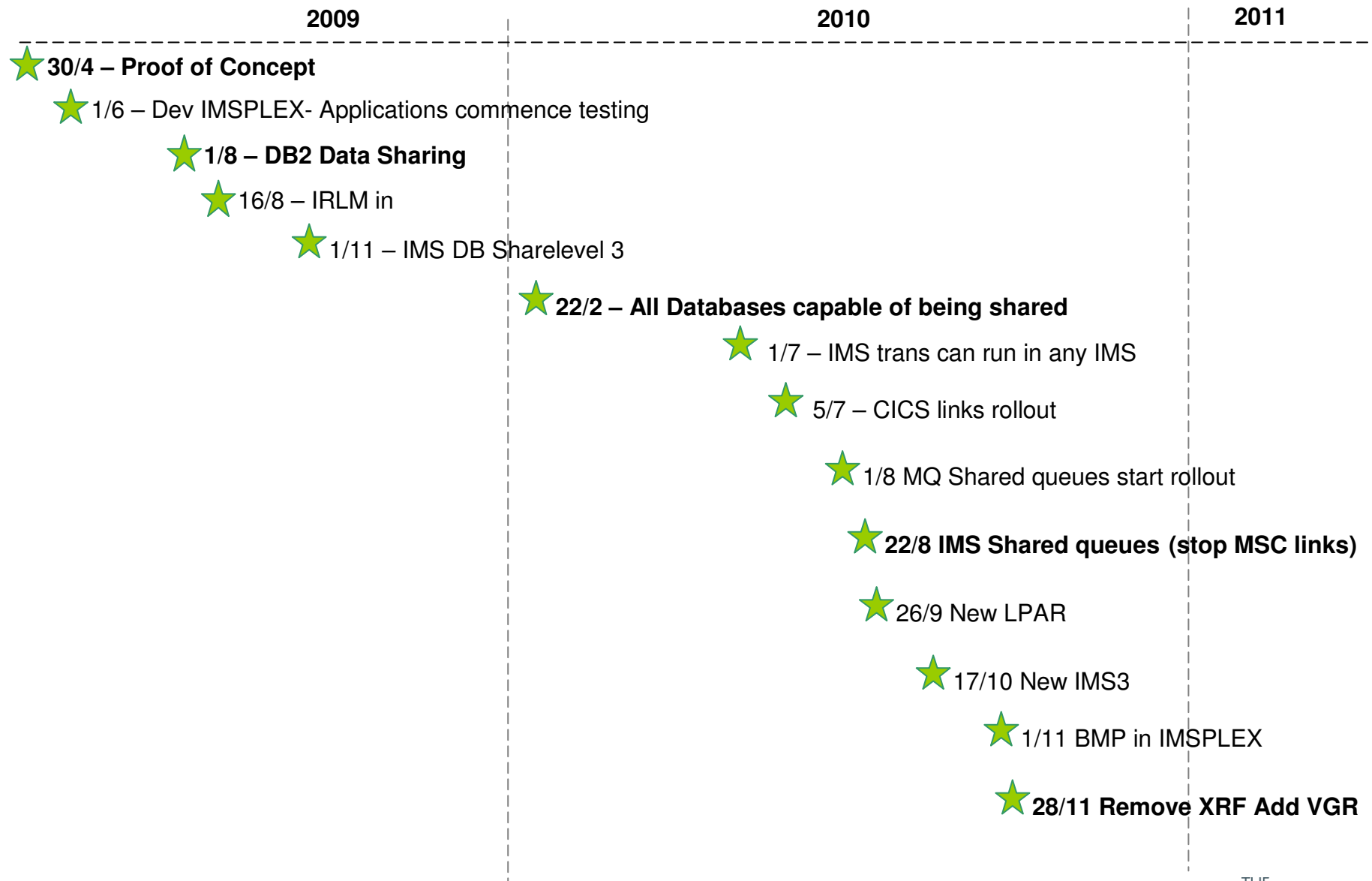
IMS transaction spread with IMSPLEX



IMS transaction spread before IMSPLEX



TimeLine



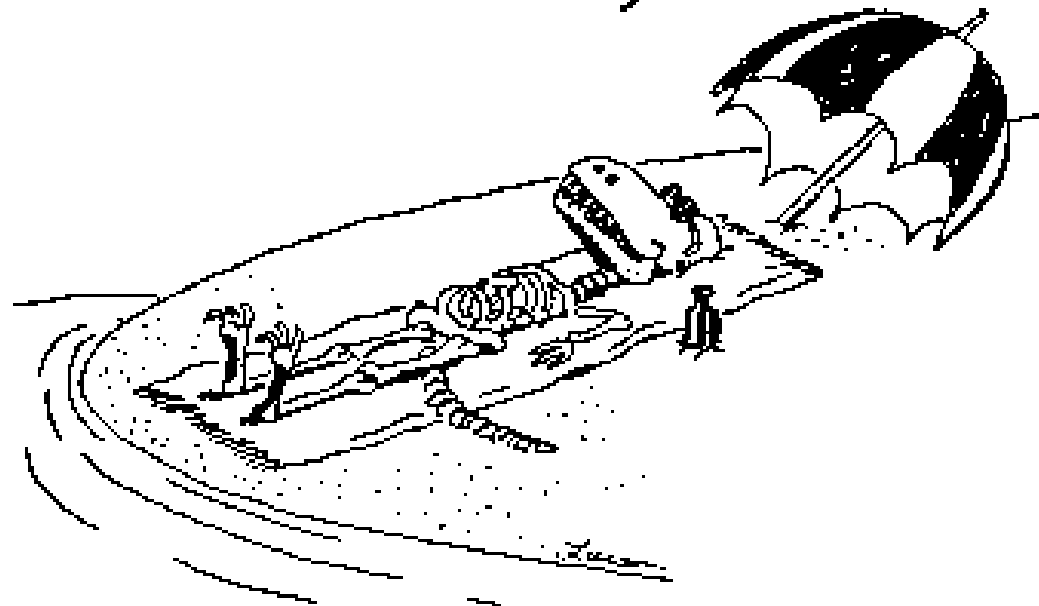
Recommendations

- Small changes over time
 - Several thousand changes
 - Easier to identify problem root cause
 - Easier to gain management confidence
 - Easier to implement via change control processes
 - Readily gain business acceptance
 - Measurable progressive gains
- Implement transparently to applications
 - Requires minimal change by applications
 - Allows schedule to progress
- Implement aiming to provide small gains for the business along the way
 - Long project duration – keeps business happy

Questions

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