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High Performance FICON
Improving Performance of Today's z/TPF DASD

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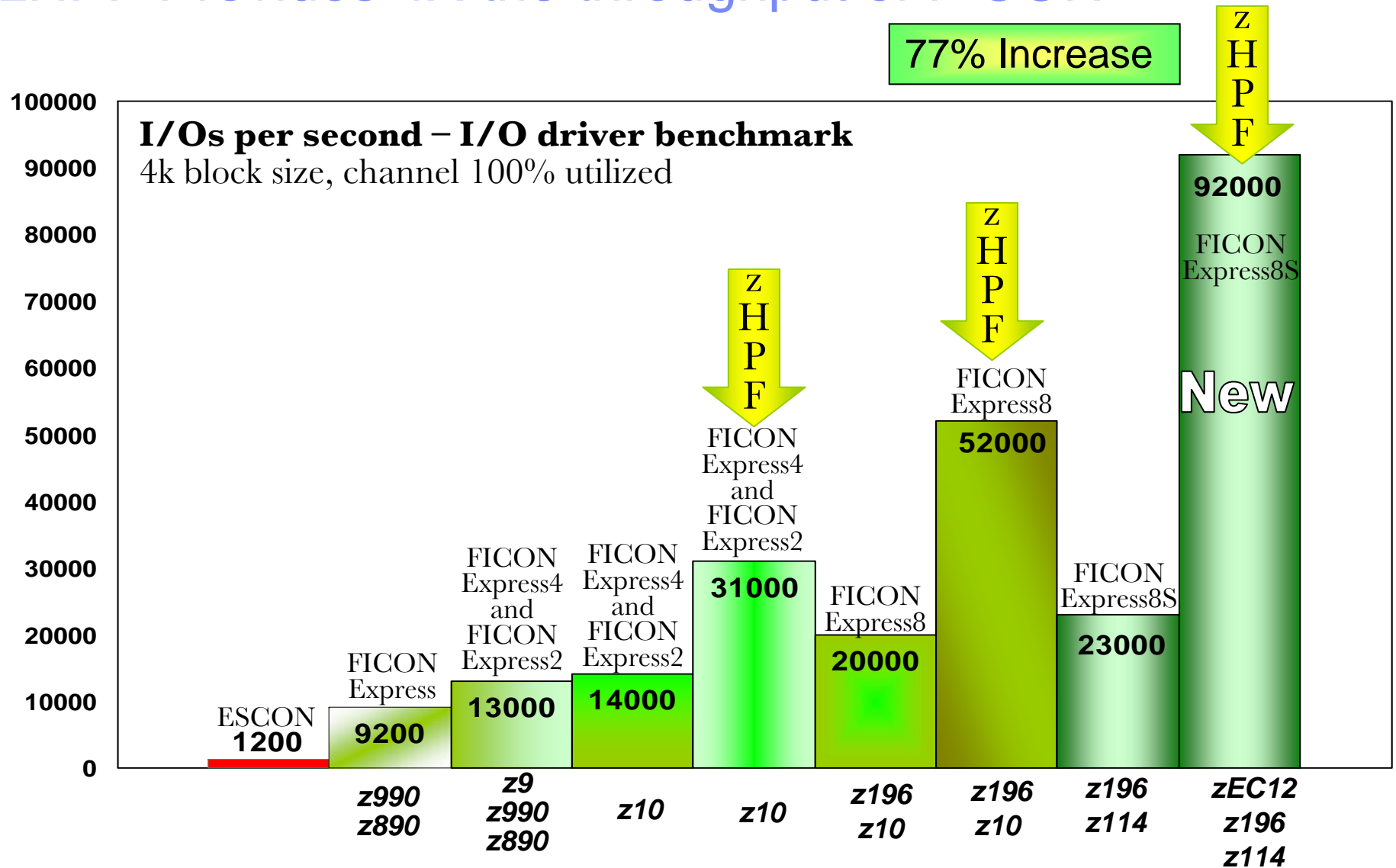
Agenda

- What does zHPF do for my z/TPF system?

- How does zHPF work?

- What do I need to exploit zHPF?

zHPF Provides 4X the throughput of FICON

77% Increase

z H P F

I/Os per second − I/O driver benchmark
4k block size, channel 100% utilized

z H P F

92000

FICON
Express8S

New

z H P F

FICON
Express8

52000

z H P F

FICON
Express4
and
FICON
Express2

31000

FICON
Express8

20000

FICON
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23000

FICON
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Express4
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Express2

13000

14000

FICON
Express

9200

ESCON
1200

	z990 z890	z9 z990 z890	z10	z10	z196 z10	z196 z10	z196 z114	zEC12 z196 z114

Axis: 100000, 90000, 80000, 70000, 60000, 50000, 40000, 30000, 20000, 10000, 0

Improved Response Times

Single FICON Express8S channel: zHPF vs FICON READ 4k bytes/IO
Total I/O Response Time vs IO/sec

How does zHPF work?

- **Uses Fibre Channel Protocol (FCP)**
  - Less chatty than FICON
  - Modern host adapters highly optimized for FCP I/O
- **zHPF I/O requests use Transport Mode**
  - New I/O structures
    - Device Control Word (DCW)
    - Transport Control Word (TCW)
    - Transport Command & Control Block (TCCB)
    - Transport Status Block (TSB)
  - New structures allow zHPF to use FCP

What about FICON and CCWs?

- **Traditional CCWs still used**

  - I/O requests with CCWs uses Command Mode

  - Continues to use FICON

- **FICON and z/HPF coexist**

  - Mix of FICON and zHPF I/O can be used at same time

  - Only most frequently used commands supported in Transport Mode
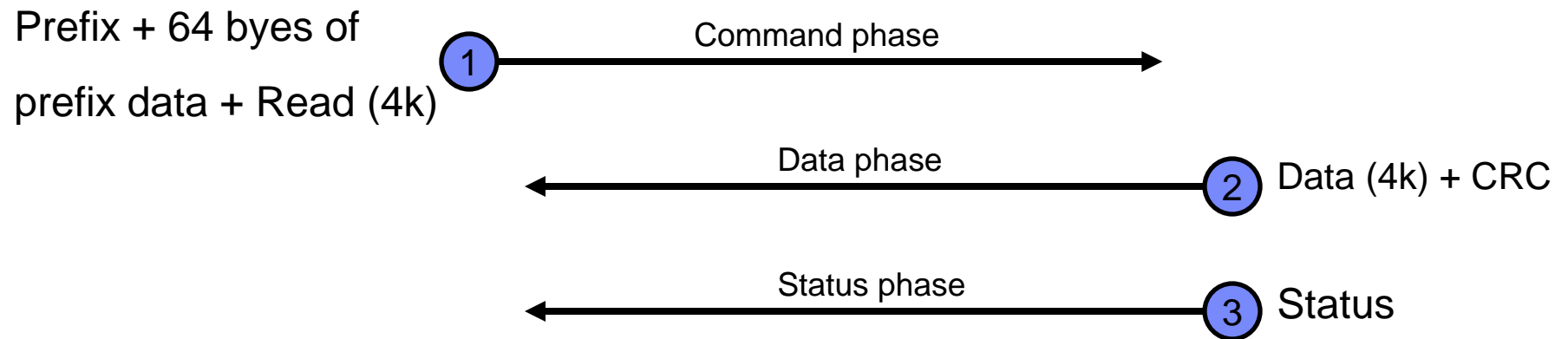
How Chatty is it?
One 4K Read in Command Mode

Prefix Cmd + 64 bytes ① ———————————→

Read Cmd (4k) ② ———————————→

←——————————— ③ Cmd Resp

←——————————— ④ Data (4k) + CRC

←——————————— ⑤ Status

Status Accept ⑥ ———————————→

Read Result: 6 sequences for a single read

Write: A single 4K write requires 5 sequences

How Chatty is it?
One 4K Read in Transport Mode (zHPF)

Prefix + 64 byes of

prefix data + Read (4k)

① ——————— Command phase ———————→

←——————— Data phase ——————— ② Data (4k) + CRC

←——————— Status phase ——————— ③ Status

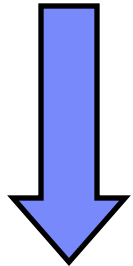Read Result: 3 sequences for a single read – cuts the chit-chat in half!

Write: A single 4K also requires 3 sequences

Using zHPF on z/TPF

- **z/TPF automatically detects and uses zHPF**

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ZDMFS O

DMFS0011I MOD   TYPE      SDA   USE DUP STAT  VSN    LOCK COR   UNC    MODE
          0047 3390RCS 0EE5 RLT N/A    ON TI0001 MPLF 00000 00000 HPF
          0049 3390RCS 0DE3 RLT N/A    ON TI0003 MPLF 00000 00000 HPF
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- **z/TPF automatically converts eligible I/Os to HPF**

  - Read and write of single records without chained MPLF commands

  - No application changes required

What Do I Need to Use zHPF?

- **Processor**

  - z10 at Driver 76 or higher

  - z196, z114, zEC12

- **FICON Express-2 or above**

- **DASD control unit that supports zHPF**

  - Check with your vendor for appropriate code and/or hardware levels

  - Enable the LIC feature

- **z/TPF APAR PJ38360 (PUT 8)**

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