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# **Understanding IT Cost Components – How to Maximize your IT Investments**

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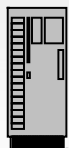


# Many Cost Components

80:20 rule helps to achieve reasonable results in a short time

## Components

### Hardware



List vs Discounted

Fully configured vs. basic, Prod. vs. DR

Refresh / upgrade, Solution Edition...

### Software



IBM and ISV, OTC and Annual maint (S&S)

MLC, PVU, RVU, ELA, core, system

### People



FTE rate, in house vs. contract

### Network



Adapters, switches, routers, hubs

Charges, Allocated or apportioned, understood or clueless

### Storage



ECKD, FBA, SAN, Compressed, Primary, secondary

Disk (multiple vendors), tape, Virtual, SSD

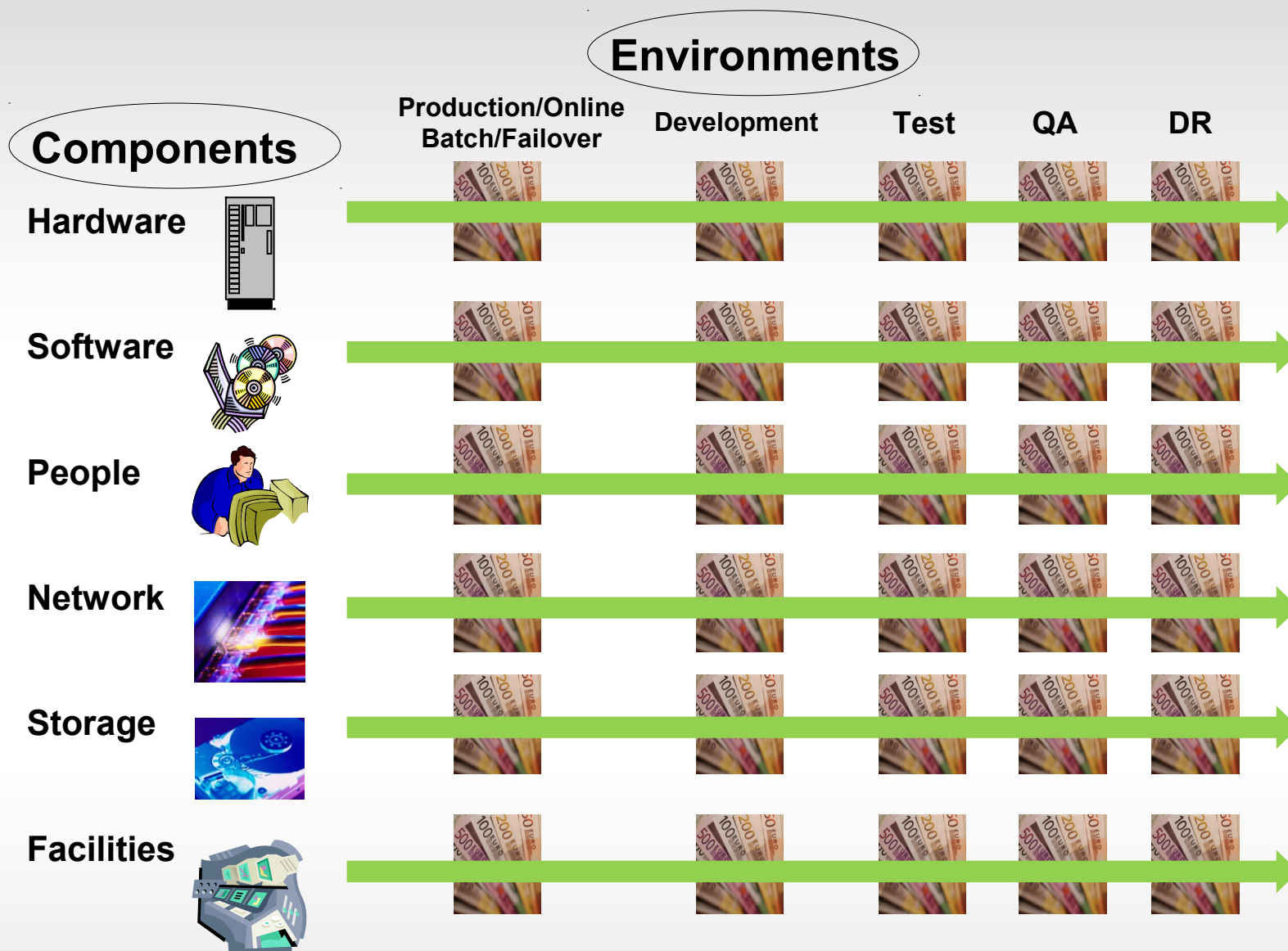
### Facilities



Space, electricity, air cooling, infrastructure including UPS and generators, alternate site(s), bandwidth



# Environments Multiply Components

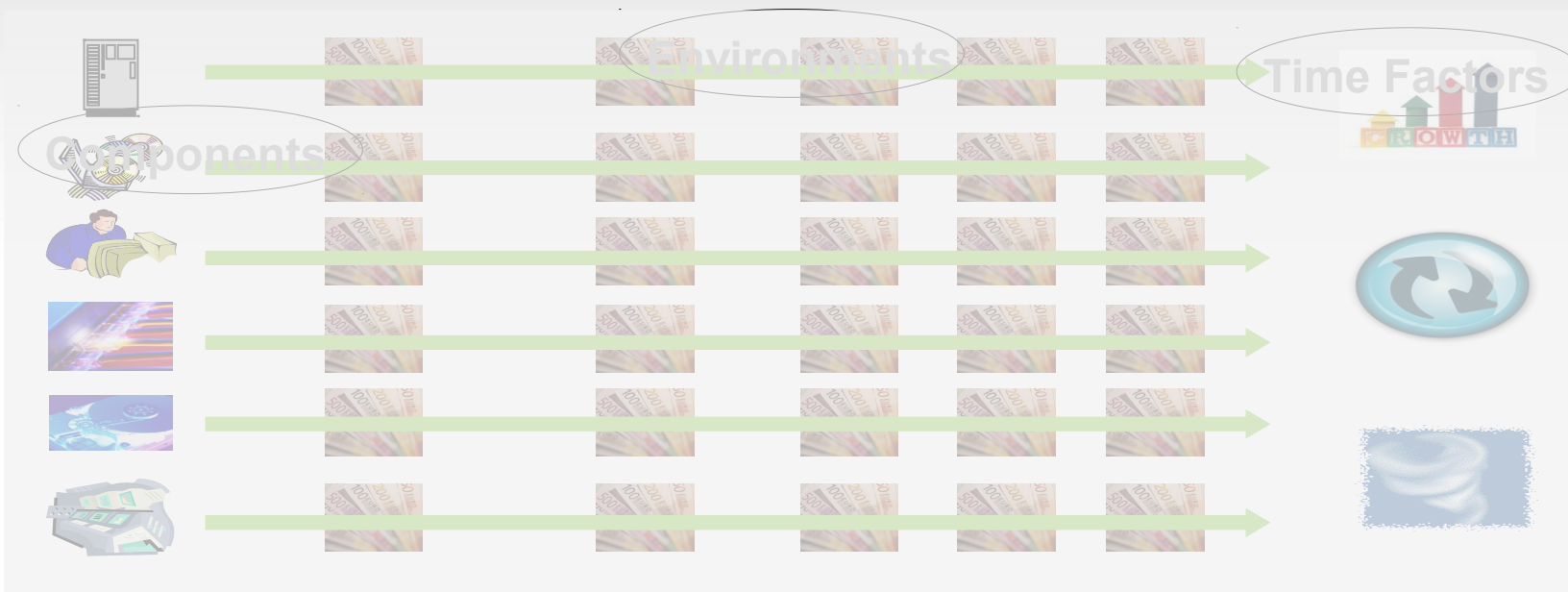




# Time Factors Drive Growth And Cost

- Migration time and effort
- Business organic growth and/or planned business changes affect capacity requirements
  - e.g. Change of access channel or adding a new internet accessible feature can double or triple a components workload
  - Link a business metric (e.g. active customer accounts) to workload (e.g. daily transactions) and then use business inputs to drive the TCO case
- Other periodic changes – hardware refresh or software remediation

# Non-Functional Requirements Can Drive Additional Resource Requirements



Availability ... Security ... Resiliency ... Scalability ...

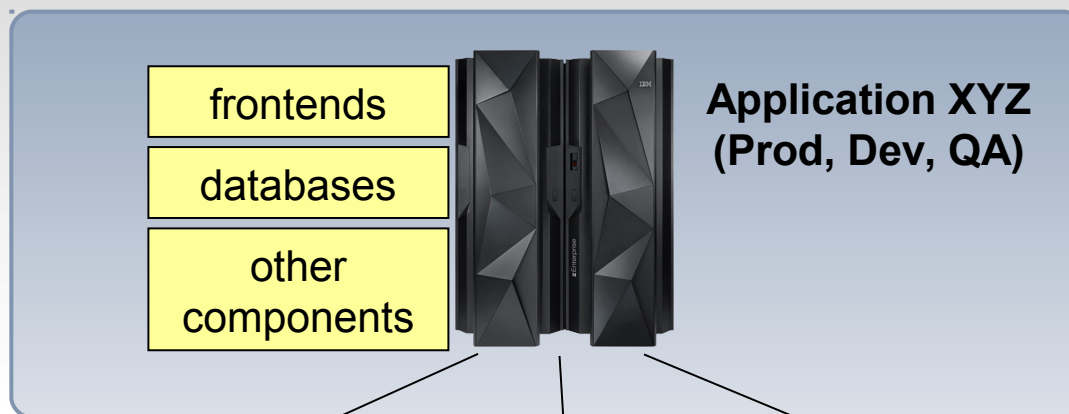


**Qualities of Service, Non-Functional Requirements**



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Workload identified for analysis



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Do nothing

Optimize current environment

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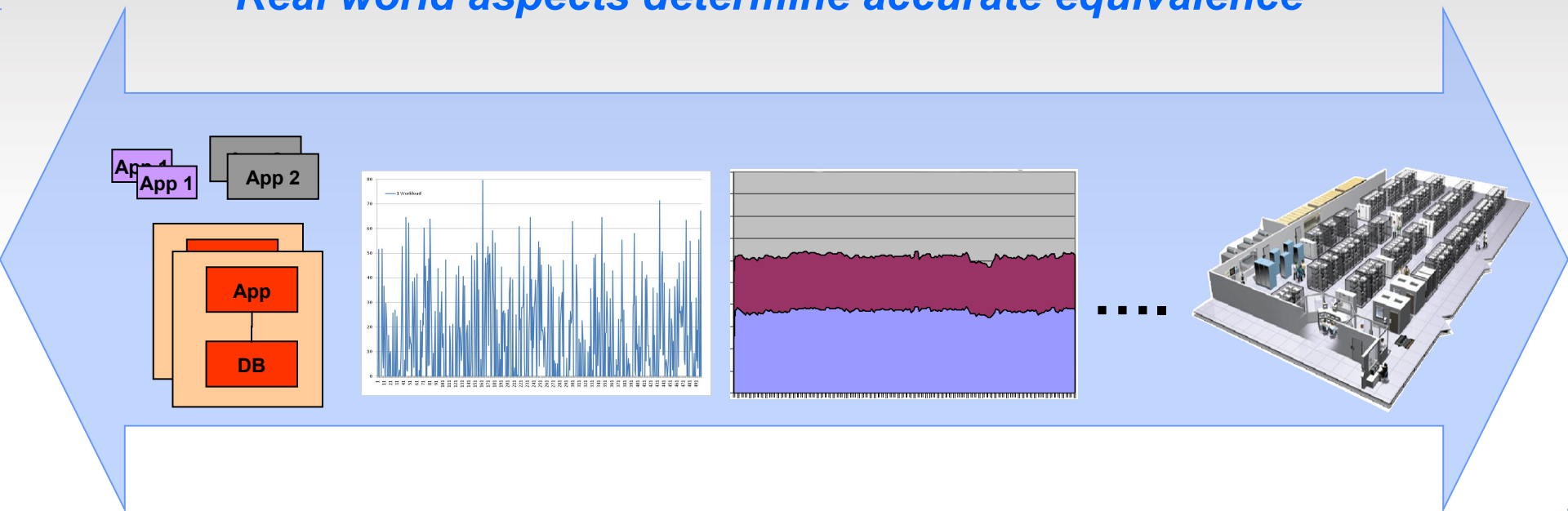
# Approaches To Establishing Equivalent Configurations

- Bottom up approach
  - Atomic benchmarks
  - Counting cycles, CPI comparisons ...
  - IO, memory, cache, co-location effects ...
  - Tends to show smaller core expansion factors
- Top down approach
  - “Real world” observations
  - Tends to show much larger core expansion factors
- When atomic benchmarks are assembled to represent “real world”, bottom up numbers approach top down numbers



# How Can We Determine Equivalent Configurations?

*Real world aspects determine accurate equivalence*



## Platform factors

GHz, CPI, IO, co-location etc

## Variability in demand

Different size servers

## Workload Management

Mix workloads with different priorities

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## Top Down approach

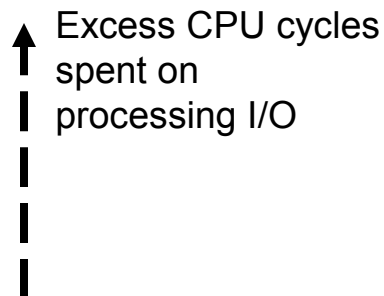
What we see in customer environments



## Example Of a Low Level Factor: I/O Load

- Intel's performance degrades as I/O demand increases
  - No dedicated I/O subsystem
- Test case scenario: Run multiple virtual machines on x86 server
  - Each virtual machine has an average I/O rate
  - x86 processor utilization is consumed as I/O rate increases

CPU utilization





# Benchmarks Show System z And z/OS Are Optimized For Batch Processing



## Intel x3550

12 processors  
128 GB RAM



DS8300



Sorting Average CPU 89%

## Power PS701

8 processors  
128 GB RAM



DS8300



Sorting Average CPU 92%

## Linux on z

8 processors 128 GB RAM



DS8800



Sorting Average CPU 90%

## z/OS

8 processors 128 GB RAM



DS8800



Sorting Average CPU 72%

### **SORT** Job: Sort a 3 GB transaction file – Repetitions: 300

Total Time (secs)	7,680	6,900	2,590	644
Concurrency	12	20	18	45
Rate (MB/sec)	240	280	746.2	3,000

### **MERGE** Job: Merge 30 sorted files into a 90 GB master file – Repetitions: 10

Total Time (secs)	11,709	7,920	2,799	558
Concurrency	10	10	10	10
Rate (MB/sec)	157	244	690.5	3,460

### Results:

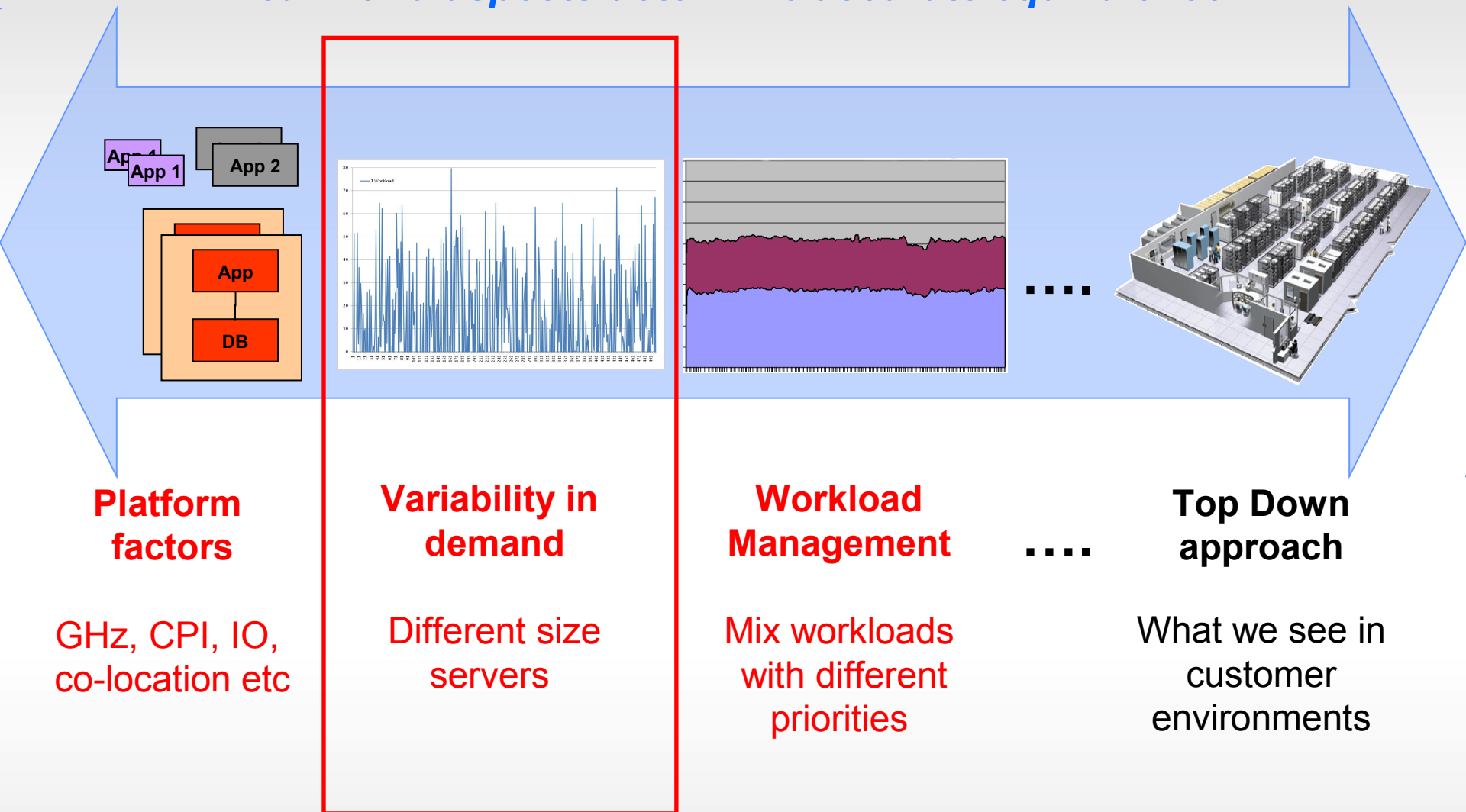
1. Running same software, x86 batch window is **3.6x** greater than System z
2. On System z, Linux batch window is **4.5x** greater than z/OS
3. Off-loading batch from z/OS to x86 leads to as much as **16x** increase in batch window



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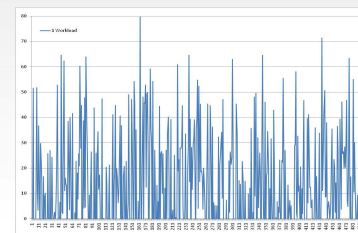
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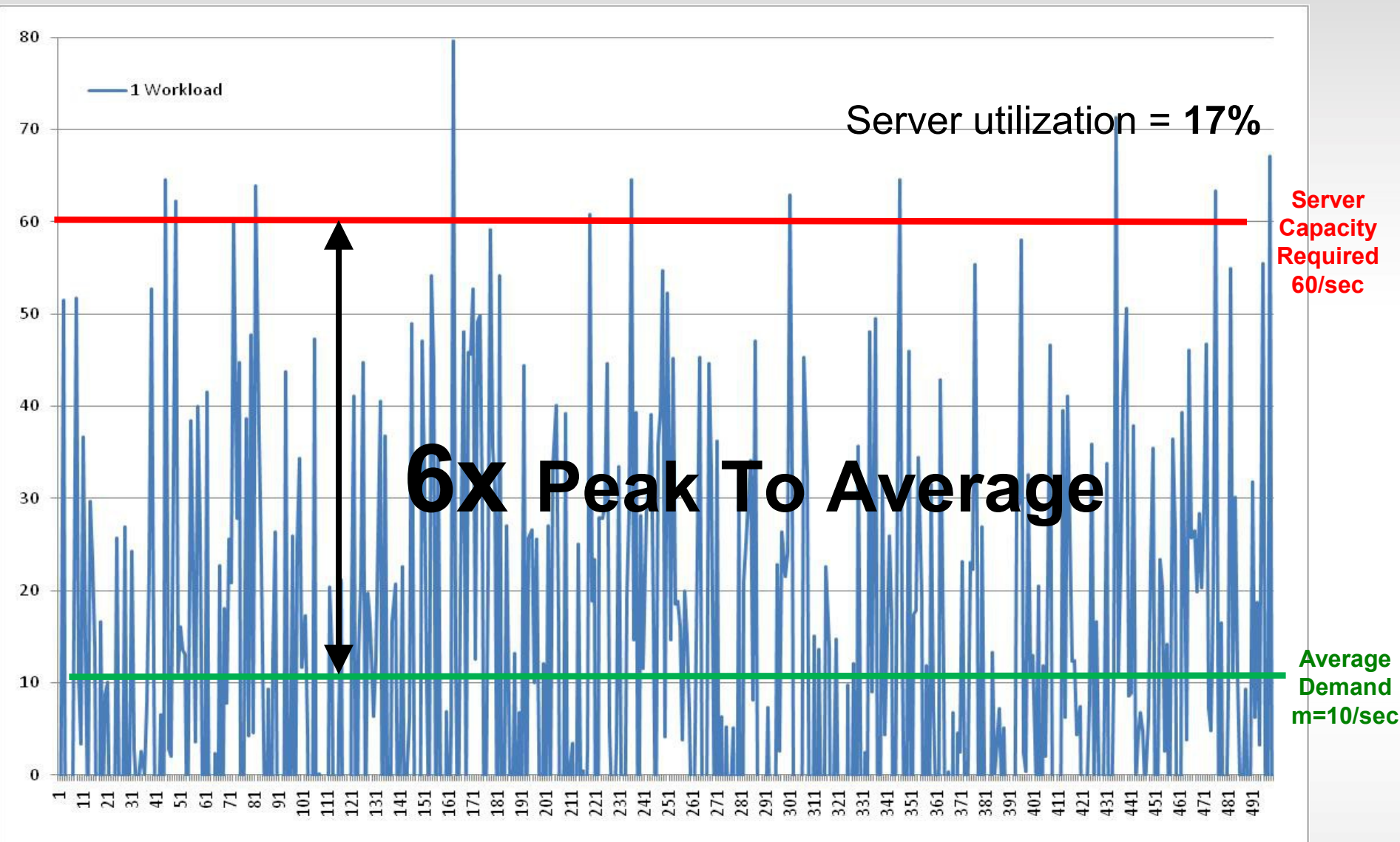
# Larger Servers With More Resources Make More Effective Consolidation Platforms

- Most workloads experience variance in demand
- When you consolidate workloads with variance on a virtualized server, the variance of the sum is less (statistical multiplexing)
- The more workloads you can consolidate, the smaller is the variance of the sum
- Consequently, bigger servers with capacity to run more workloads can be driven to higher average utilization levels without violating service level agreements, thereby reducing the cost per workload





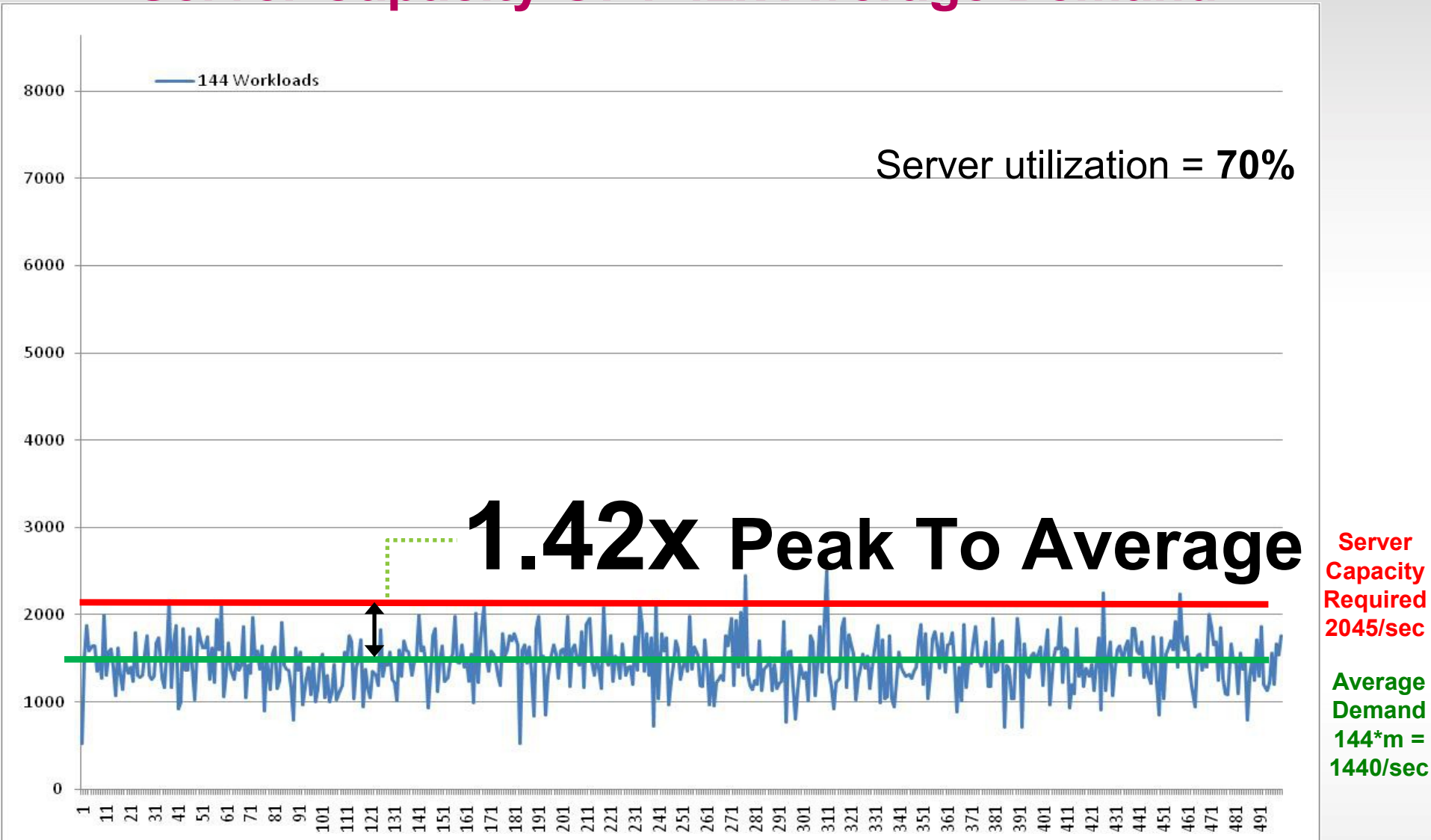
# A Single Workload Requires a Machine Capacity Of 6x the Average Demand



Assumes coefficient of variation = 2.5, required to meet 97.7% SLA



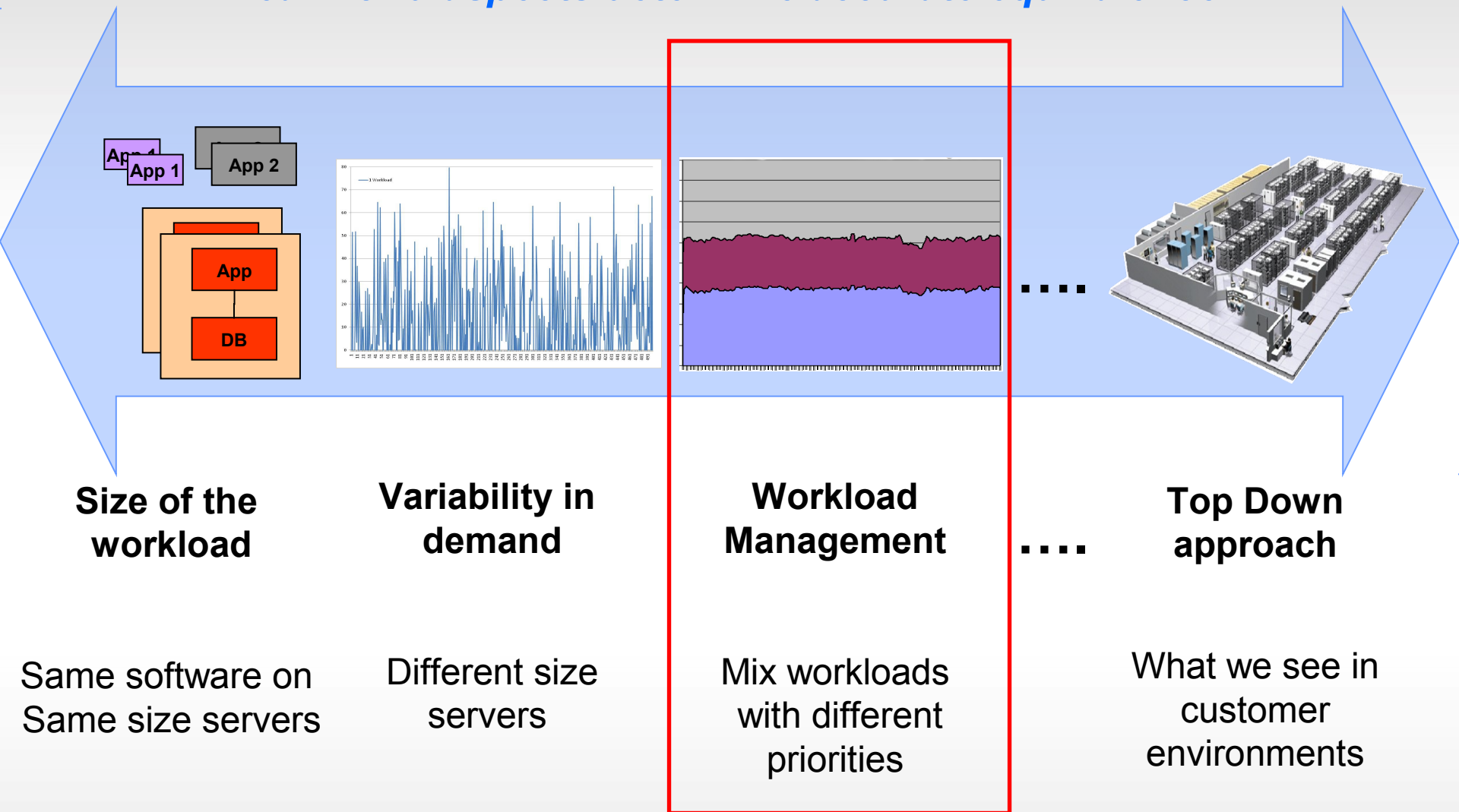
# Consolidation Of 144 Workloads Requires Server Capacity Of 1.42x Average Demand



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# Workload Management

- Hosting platforms must be able to support high priority and low priority workloads together when sharing resources
  - Enables maximum utilization of the hosting platform
- Particularly relevant in a Private cloud environment
  - Multiple tenants with different priorities
- Desired behavior when mixing workloads
  - Low priority workloads “give up” resources to high priority workloads when required, soak up unused resources when available
  - High priority workload performance must not degrade





# Priority Transactional Workload With Constant Demand Running Standalone On z/OS

## Capacity Used

High Priority Steady State - 85.2% CPU Minutes  
Unused (wasted) - 14.8% CPU Minutes

## Priority Workload Metrics

Total Throughput: 417.8K  
Maximum TPS 129.7



# Priority Transactional Workload On System z Does Not Degrade When Low Priority Donor Workload Is Added



**NO**  
*Steady state CPU usage leakage*  
**1%**  
*Total Transaction leakage*

**Capacity Used**  
High Priority Steady State - 85.3% CPU Minutes  
Unused (wasted) - 0% CPU Minutes

**Priority Workload Metrics**  
Total Throughput: 414.7K  
Maximum TPS 128.1



# Priority Workload With Varying Demand Running Standalone On System z PR/SM

High Priority Workload  
Demand Curve

% CPU Usage

Time (mins.)

 Priority Workload

### Capacity Used

High Priority - 72.2% CPU Minutes  
Unused (wasted) - 27.8% CPU Minutes

### Priority Workload Metrics

Total Throughput: 9.125M  
Avg Response Time: 140ms



# Priority Workload On System z Does Not Degrade When Low Priority Donor Workload Is Added



Run High Priority  
And Low Priority  
Workloads Together

% CPU Usage

Time (mins.)

**NO**  
*throughput leakage*  
**NO**  
*response time increase*

### Capacity Used

High Priority - 74.2% CPU Minutes  
Low Priority - 23.9% CPU Minutes  
Wasted – 1.9% CPU Minutes

### Priority Workload Metrics

Total Throughput: 9.125M  
Avg Response Time: 140ms



# Priority Workload With Varying Demand Running Standalone On x86 Hypervisor



High Priority Guest  
CPU Demand

% CPU Usage

Priority Workload

Time (mins.)

### Capacity Used

High Priority - 57.5% CPU Minutes  
Unused (wasted) – 42.5% CPU Minutes

### Priority Workload Metrics

Total Throughput: 6.47M  
Avg Response Time: 153ms



# Priority Workload On x86 Hypervisor Degrades Severely When Low Priority Workload Is Added



Run High Priority  
And Low Priority  
Workloads Together

% CPU Usage

Time (mins.)

**30.7%**  
*throughput leakage*  
**45.1%**  
*response time increase*  
**21.9%**  
*wasted CPU minutes*

**Capacity Used**  
High Priority - 42.3% CPU Minutes  
Low Priority – 35.8% CPU Minutes  
Wasted – 21.9% CPU Minutes

**Priority Workload Metrics**  
Total Throughput: 4.48M  
Avg Response Time: 220ms



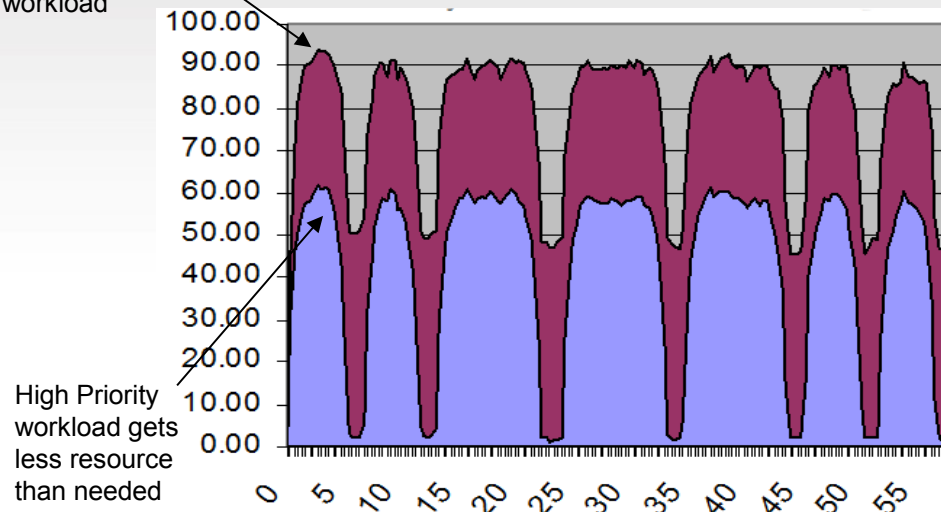
# System z Virtualization Enables Mixing Of High And Low Priority Workloads Without Penalty



System z

Too much resource given to Low Priority workload

x86 with common hypervisor



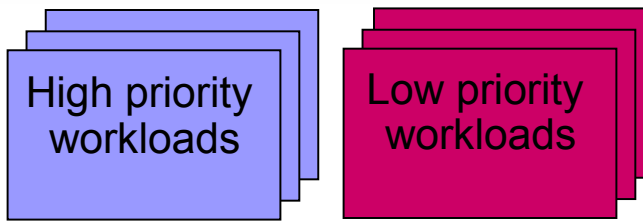
- Perfect workload management
- Consolidate workloads of different priorities on the same platform
- Full use of available processing resource (high utilization)

- Imperfect workload management
- Forces workloads to be segregated on different servers
- More servers are required (low utilization)



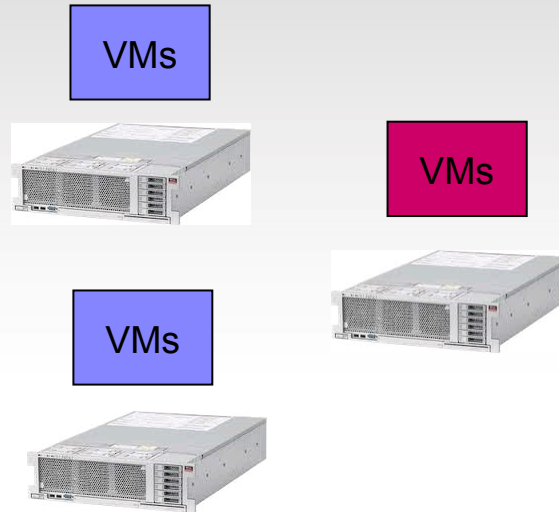
# Deliver High And Low Priority Workloads Together While Maintaining SLA

*Comparison to determine which platform provides the lowest TCA over 3 years*



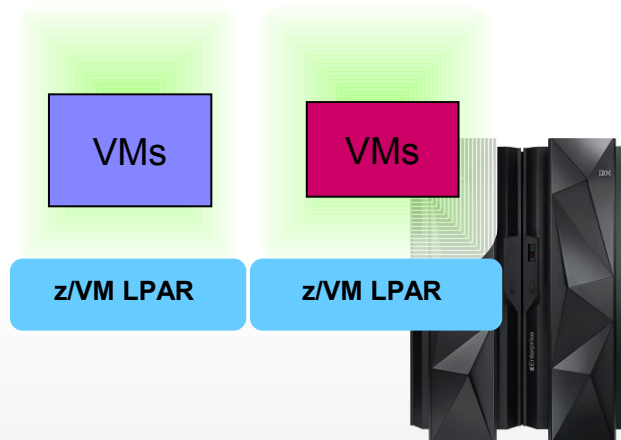
- IBM WebSphere 8.5 ND
- IBM DB2 10 AESE
- Monitoring software

High priority online banking workloads driving a total of **11.89M** transactions per hour and low priority discretionary workloads



Virtualized on 3 Intel 40 core servers

**3.75x**  
more cores



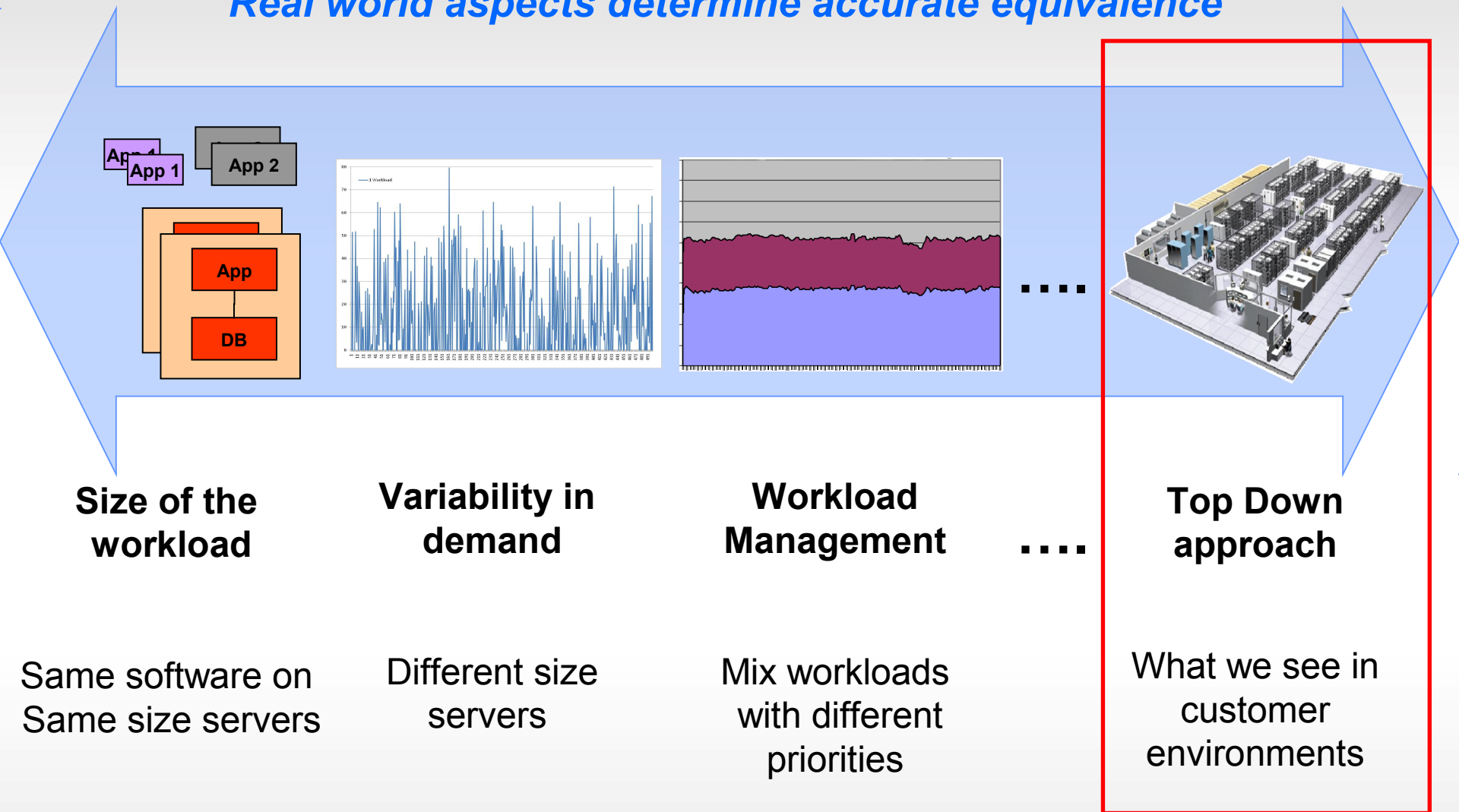
z/VM on zEC12  
32 IFLs

Consolidation ratios derived from IBM internal studies.. zEC12 numbers derived from measurements on z196. Results may vary based on customer workload profiles/characteristics. Prices will vary by country.



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**Size of the workload**

**Variability in demand**

**Workload Management**

**Top Down approach**

Same software on  
Same size servers

Different size  
servers

Mix workloads  
with different  
priorities

What we see in  
customer  
environments

# Core Proliferation For A Very Large Workload

Configurations for equivalent throughput (10,716 Transactions Per Second)

16x 32-way HP Superdome  
App. Production / Dev / Test

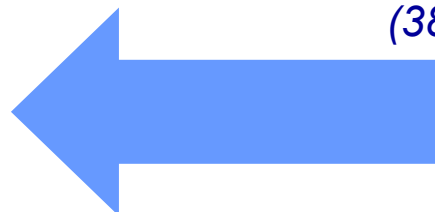
8x 48-way HP Superdome  
DB Production / Dev / Test

zEC12 41-way Production / Dev / Test



**41 GP processors**

(38,270 MIPS)



**896 processors**

(3,668,600 Perf Units)

**22x more cores!**

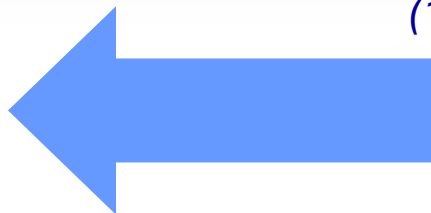
# Core Proliferation For A Mid-sized Workload

6x 8-way HP DL Production / Dev  
 2x 64-way p595 Production / Dev  
 Application/MQ/DB2/Dev partitions

2x z900 3-way Production / Dev / QA / Test



**6 processors**  
 (1,660 MIPS)



**176 processors**  
 (800,072 Performance units)

**29x more cores!**

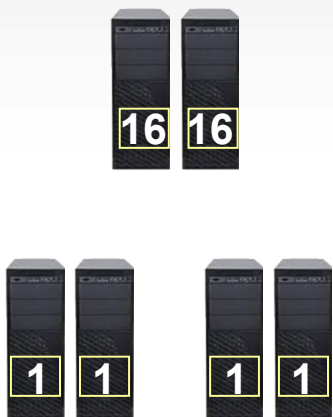
**482 Performance Units per MIPS**



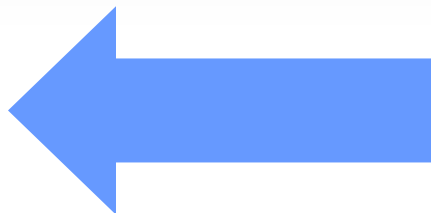
# Core Proliferation For A Small Offload Project

2x 16-way Production / Dev / Test / Education  
App, DB, Security, Print and Monitoring  
4x 1-way Admin / Provisioning / Batch Scheduling

z890 2-way Production / Dev / Test / Education  
App, DB, Security, Print, Admin & Monitoring



**0.88 processors**  
(332 MIPS)



**36 Unix processors**  
(222,292 Performance Units)

**41x more cores**

**Almost 5 Year Migration**

**670 Performance Units per MIPS**

1 CICS region in production!!

CICS/IDMS migrated to CICS/DB2.

No Disaster Recovery

Accessing DB2 thru mapping layer



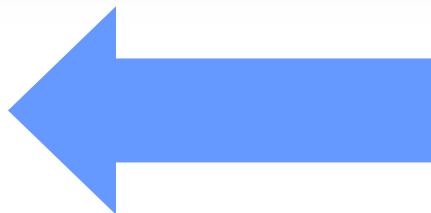
# Core Proliferation For A Smaller Offload Project

z890 Production / Test

4x p550 (1ch/2co)  
Application and DB



**0.24 processors**  
(88 MIPS)



**8 Unix processors**  
(43,884 Performance Units)

**33x more cores**

**3 Year Migration**

**499 Performance Units per MIPS**



# Just Completed x86 Offload

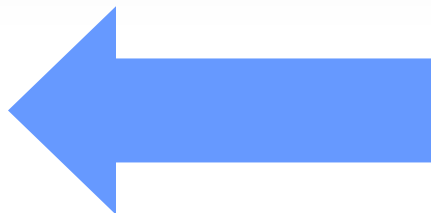
3x HP DL580 (2ch/20co)  
Production / Dev / Test  
(2011 x86 technology)



z800 Production /  
Dev / Test  
(2002 mainframe technology)



**2.1 processors**  
(499 MIPS)



**60 Linux processors**  
(383,022 Perf Units)

**29x more cores**

(despite the 9 year technology gap!)

**1.5 Year Migration**

**768 Performance Units per MIPS**



## So What Were The Total Costs In The Core Proliferation Cases We Saw Earlier?

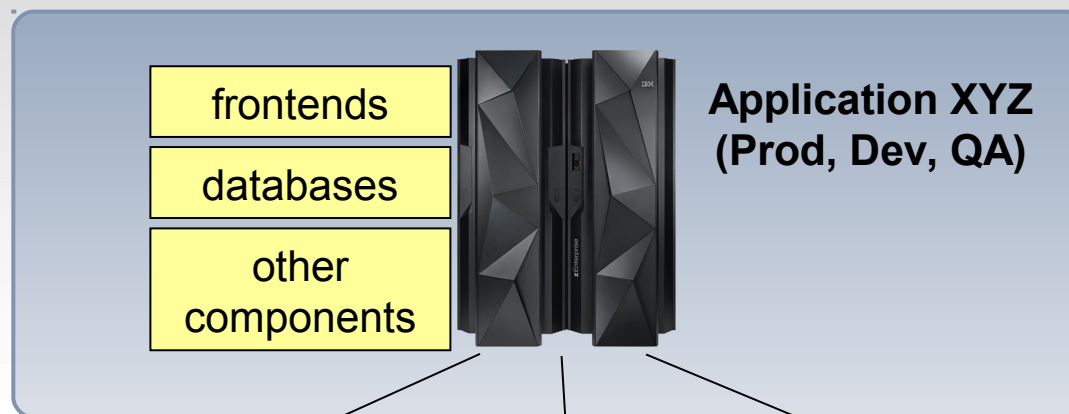
Case	RPE/MIPS	Z Total Cost	Distributed Total Cost	Factor
Large benchmark	95	<b>\$111M</b> (5 yr. TCA)	<b>\$180M</b> (5 yr. TCA)	1.62x
Mid size offload	482	<b>\$17.9M</b> (5 yr. TCO)	<b>\$25.4M</b> (5 yr. TCO)	1.42x
Small offload	670	<b>\$4.9M</b> (4 yr. TCO)	<b>\$17.9M</b> (4 yr. TCO)	3.65x
Even smaller offload	499	<b>\$4.7M</b> (5 yr. TCO)	<b>\$8.1M</b> (5 yr. TCO)	1.72x



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# Lessons Learned Can Be Grouped Into Three Broad Categories



- Always compare to an optimum System z environment
- Look for not-so-obvious distributed platform costs to avoid
- Consider additional platform differences that affect cost



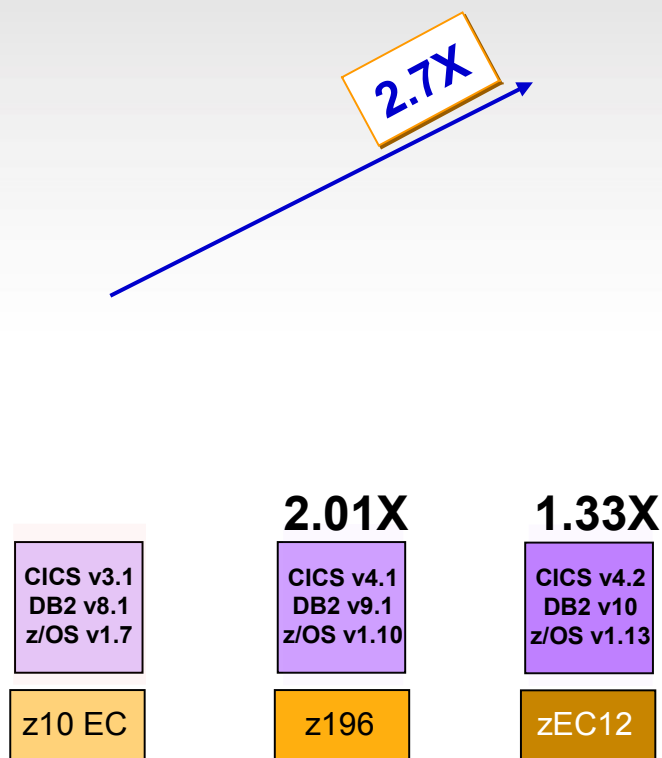


# Currency Reduces Cost – Hardware

2 generations,  
from z9 to z196

- Typical customer (European bank) hardware refresh scenario
  - 2M investment pays back >1M savings every year – most cases positive in a 3 year period
  - Savings from VWLC->AWLC and specialty processor upgrades
- Comparing latest technology servers to old mainframes is unfair but often done

# Performance Improvements Can Lower MLC Costs And Free Up Hardware Capacity



## Customer examples:

### (1) Large MEA bank

- Delayed upgrade from z/OS 1.6 because of cost concerns
- When finally did upgrade to z/OS 1.8
  - ▶ Reduced each LPAR's MIPS by 5%
  - ▶ Monthly software cost savings paid for the upgrade almost immediately

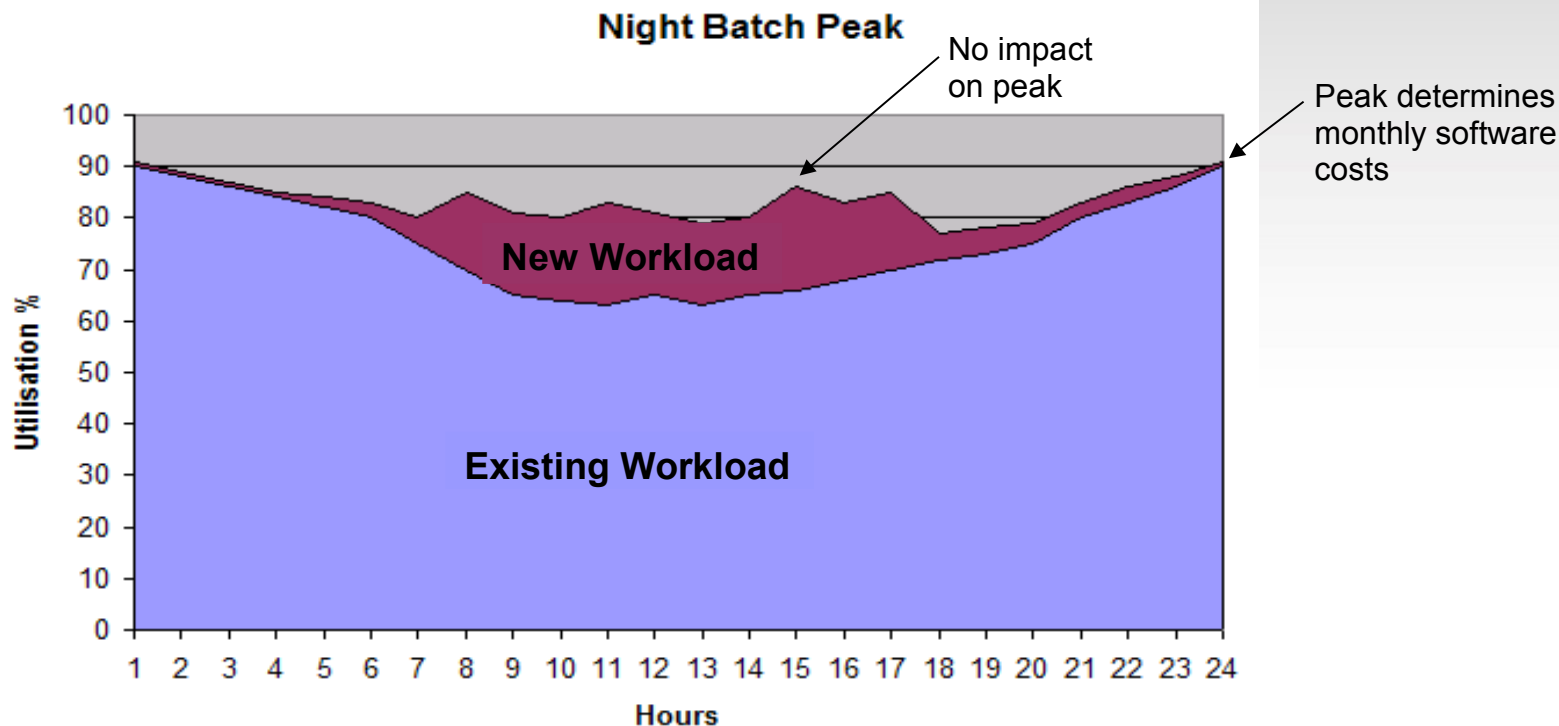
### (2) Large European Auto company

- Upgraded to DB2 10
- Realized 38% pathlength reduction for their heavy insert workload
  - ▶ Other DB2 10 users saw 5-10% CPU reduction for traditional workloads

Additionally, save costs by moving to newer compilers and tuning



# Sub-Capacity May Produce Free Workloads



- Standard “overnight batch peak” profile – drives monthly software costs
- Hardware and software are free for new workloads using the same middleware (e.g. DB2, CICS, IMS, WAS, etc.)
- Ensure you exploit any free workload opportunities, and conversely, avoid offloading free applications!



# Leverage Accelerators Where Relevant

## Standalone Pre-integrated Competitor V3

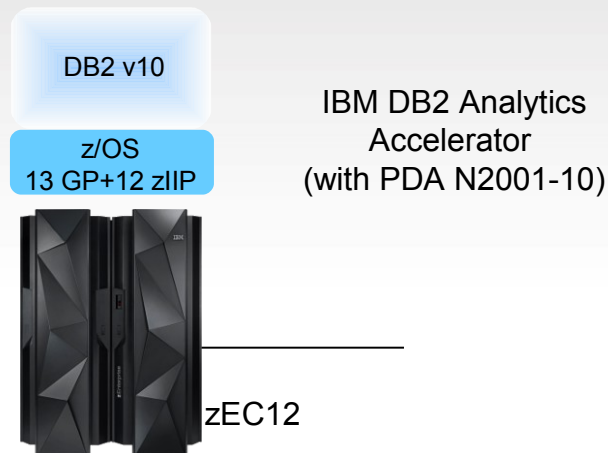
Quarter Unit

Unit Cost

**\$51/Reports per Hour**

Workload Time	141 mins
Reports per Hour	68,581
Total Cost (3 yr. TCA) (HW+SW+Storage)	\$3,530,041

## IBM zEnterprise Analytics System 9700



Unit Cost

**\$17/Reports per Hour**

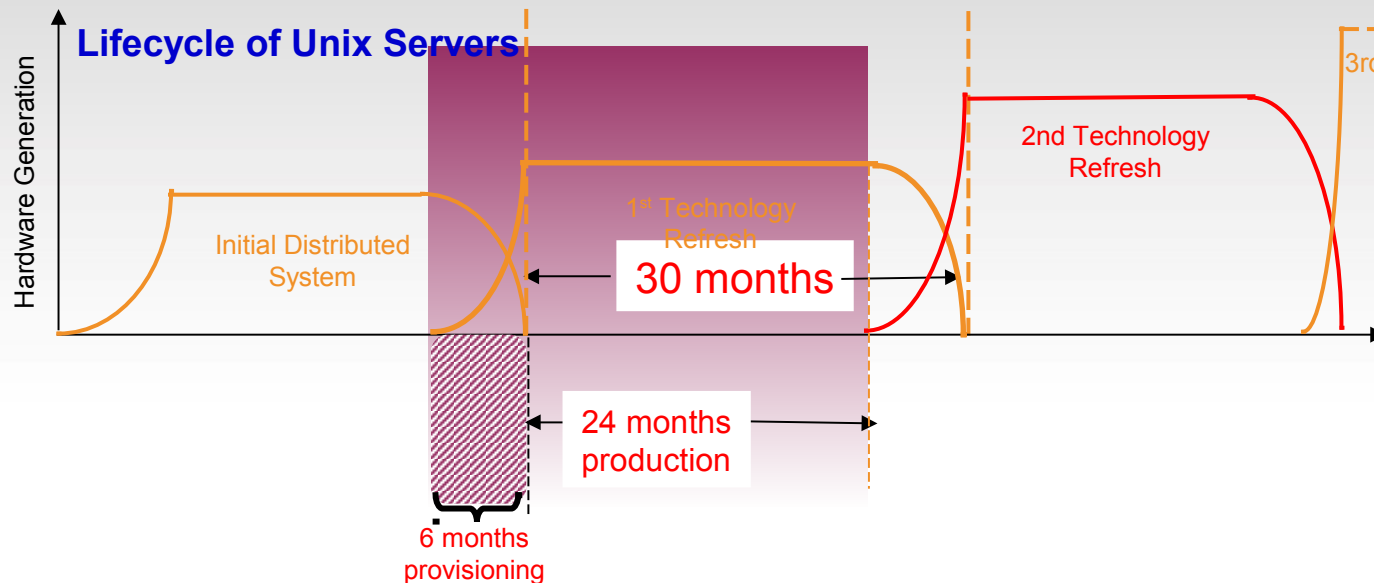
Workload Time	25 mins
Reports per Hour	386,798
Total Cost (3 yr. TCA) (13 GP + 12 zIIP, HW+SW+ Storage + Accelerator V3.1 with PDA N2001-10 hardware)	\$6,464,849

**3x price performance!**

Source: Customer Study on 1TB BIDAY data running 161,166 concurrent reports. Intermediate and complex reports automatically redirected to IBM DB2 Analytics Accelerator for z/OS. Results may vary based on customer workload profiles/characteristics. Note: Indicative 9700 pricing only internal to IBM, quotes to customer require a formal pricing request with configurations.

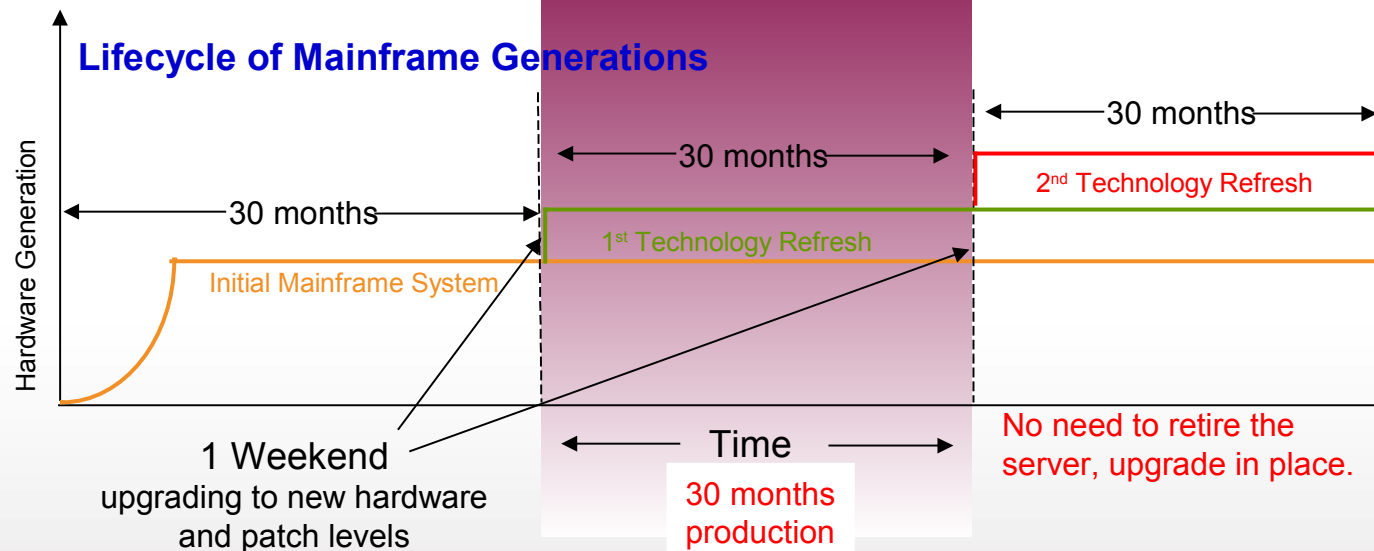


# Distributed Servers Need To Be Replaced Every 3 To 5 Years



Refresh is normally even worse than just re-purchasing existing capacity as this real customer demonstrates:

Non-mainframe systems must co-exist for months at a time while being refreshed, requiring space, power, licenses etc. In this case only 24 months of productive work is realized for each 30 month lease period and the leases overlap up to 6 months



The mainframe by contrast is upgraded over a weekend and is fully productive at all times



# Disaster Recovery On System z Costs Much Less Than On Distributed Servers

**A large European insurance company with mixed distributed and System z environment at :**

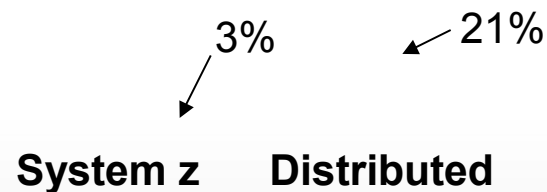
Disaster Recovery Cost as a percentage of Total Direct Costs:

System z – 3%

Distributed – 21%

**Two mission-critical workloads on distributed servers had DR cost > 40% of total costs**

Cost (x1,000)





# Disaster Recovery Testing Is Typically More Expensive On Distributed Platforms Too

- A major US hotel chain
  - ~ 200 Distributed Servers (LinTel, Wintel, AIX, and HP-UX)

	<i>Person-hours</i>	<i>Elapsed days</i>	<i>Labor Cost</i>
<i>Infrastructure Test (7 times)</i>	1,144	7	\$89,539
<i>Full Test (4 times)</i>	2,880	13	\$225,416
Annual Total – Distributed	14,952*	73	\$1,170,281
Mainframe Estimate	2,051*	10	\$160,000

\* Does not include DR planning and post-test debriefing

- Customer Recovery Time Objective (RTO) estimates:
  - Distributed ~ 48 hours to 60 hours
  - Mainframe ~ 2 hours
- Conclusion: Mainframe both simplifies and improves DR testing







# Large Systems With Centralized Management Deliver Better Labor Productivity

Large US Insurance Company

**HP Servers + ISV**



Production Servers  
HP 9000 Superdome RP4440  
HP Integrity RX6600



Dev/Test Servers  
HP 9000 Superdome RP5470  
HP Integrity RX6600


Claims per year **327,652**

**\$0.12 per claim**

**\$0.79 per claim**

**Mainframe support staff has 6.6x better productivity**

**IBM System z CICS/DB2**



Total MIPS **11,302**

MIPS used for commercial claims processing  
prod/dev/test **2,418**

Claims per year **4,056,000**

## Accumulated Field Data For Labor Costs

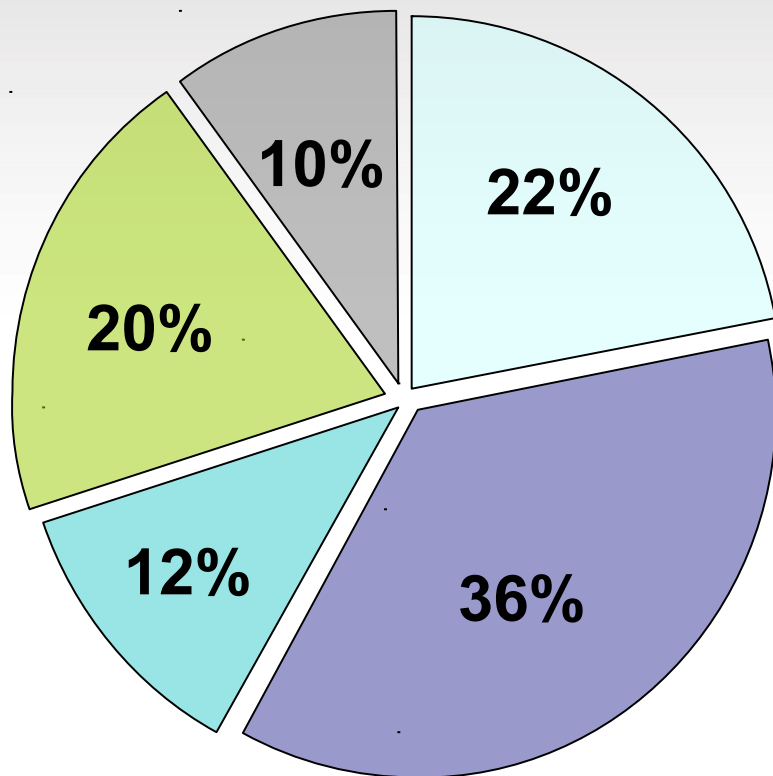
- Average of quoted infrastructure labor costs
  - **30.7** servers per FTE (dedicated Intel servers)
    - **67.8** hours per year per server for hardware and software tasks
  - **52.5** Virtual Machines per FTE (virtualized Intel servers)
    - **39.6** hours per year per Virtual Machine for software tasks and amortized hardware tasks
    - Typical 8 Virtual Machines per physical server
- Best fit data indicates
  - Hardware tasks are **32** hours per physical server per year
    - Assume this applies to Intel or Power servers
    - Internal IBM studies estimate **320** hours per IFL for zLinux scenarios
  - Software tasks are **36** hours per software image per year
    - Assume this applies to all distributed and zLinux software images



# Five Key IT Processes For Infrastructure Administration



## Time spent on each activity



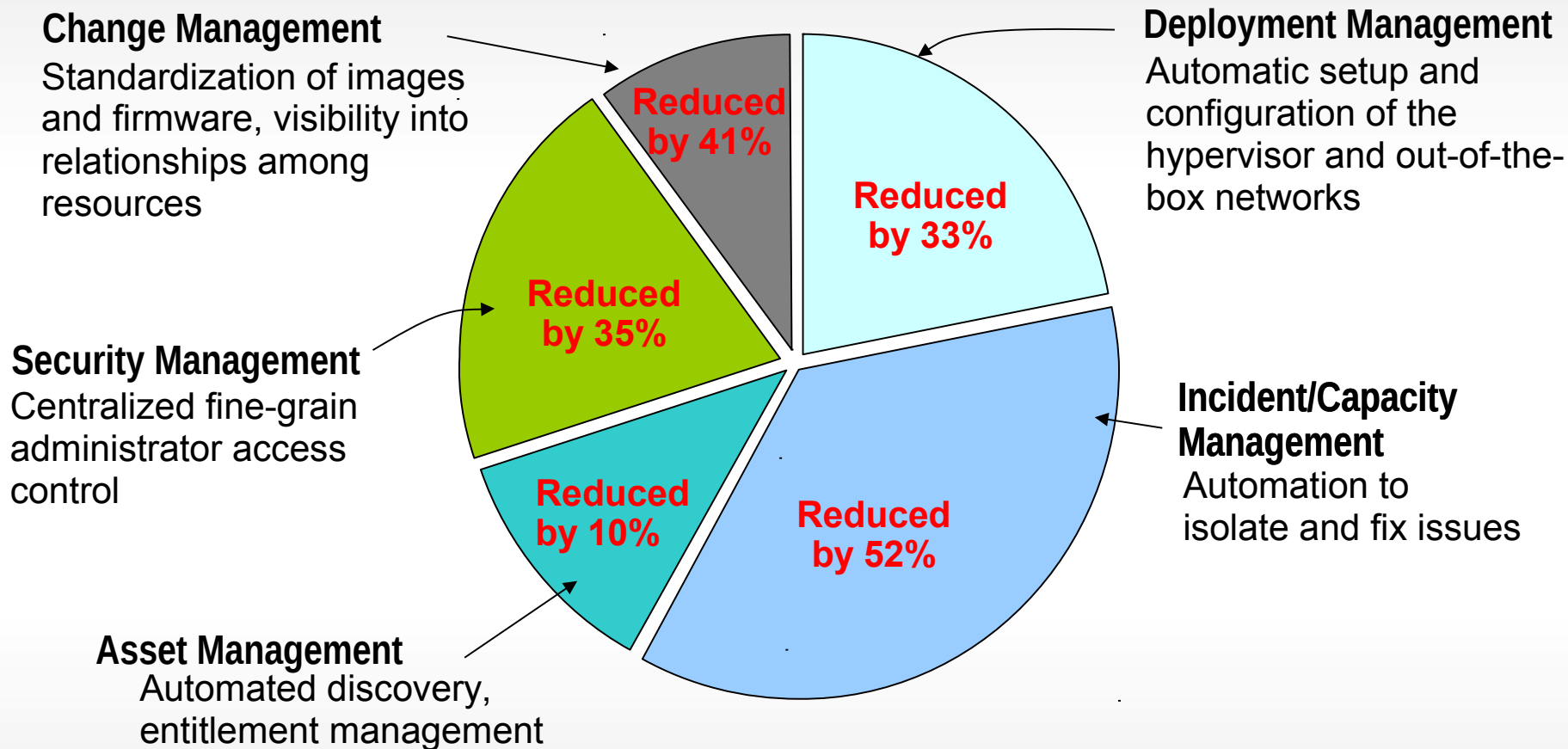
- Deployment Management**  
– Hardware set-up and software deployment
- Incident/Capacity Management**  
– Monitor and respond automatically
- Asset Management**  
– Hardware and software asset tracking
- Security Management**  
– Access control
- Change Management**  
– Hardware and software changes

Allocation based on customer data from IBM study



# zManager Labor Cost Reduction Benefits Case Study

5032 total hours per year **reduced**  
by **38%** to 3111 hours per year



# TCO: Understand The Complete Picture





**Thank you.**

# Cost Ratios in all TCO Studies

## Average Cost Ratios (z vs Distributed)

	z	Distributed	z vs distributed (%)	
<b>Offload</b>	<b>5-Year TCO</b>	<b>\$16,351,122</b>	<b>\$31,916,262</b>	<b>51.23%</b>
	Annual Operating Cost	\$2,998,951	\$4,405,510	68.07%
	Software	\$10,932,610	\$16,694,413	65.49%
	Hardware	\$3,124,013	\$3,732,322	83.70%
	System Support Labor	\$3,257,810	\$4,429,166	73.55%
	Electricity	\$45,435	\$206,930	21.96%
	Space	\$59,199	\$154,065	38.42%
	Migration	\$438,082	\$10,690,382	4.10%
	DR	\$854,266	\$2,683,652	31.83%
	Average MIPS	3,954		
	Total MIPS	217,452		
<b>Consolidation</b>	<b>5-Year TCO</b>	<b>\$5,896,809</b>	<b>\$10,371,020</b>	<b>56.86%</b>
	Annual Operating Cost	\$716,184	\$1,646,252	43.50%
	Software	\$2,240,067	\$6,689,261	33.49%
	Hardware	\$2,150,371	\$1,052,925	204.23%
	System Support Labor	\$1,766,403	\$2,395,693	73.73%
	Electricity	\$129,249	\$365,793	35.33%
	Space	\$84,033	\$205,860	40.82%
	Migration	\$678,449	\$0	
	DR	\$354,735	\$411,408	86.22%
	Average MIPS	10,821		
	Total MIPS	292,165		

# (1) Always Compare To An Optimum System z Environment

- Updating hardware and software reduces cost
- Sub-capacity may produce free workloads
- Replace ISV software with IBM software
- System z Linux consolidation saves money
- Changing database can impact capacity requirements
- Specialty processors reduce mainframe cost





## (2) Look For Not-so-obvious Distributed Platform Costs To Avoid

- Distributed servers refresh every 3 to 5 years
- Distributed server disaster recovery is typically at 100%
- Non-production environments require fewer resources on System z
- Customers often overlook significant tools replacement costs



# Distributed Servers Need To Be Replaced Every 3 To 5 Years

- IT equipment refreshed 2 – 7 year intervals, normally 3 or 4 years
- Distributed servers re-purchased each time
  - Normally with some additional growth capacity (CPU, memory, I/O and other specialty cards like cryptographic offloads)
- With a growing mainframe, customers normally only have to purchase the additional (new) MIPS capacity
  - Existing MIPS are often carried over to the new hardware
  - Existing memory, I/O facilities and specialty processors / cards are also normally carried over to the new hardware
- Five year studies show this effect, short time periods do not

### (3) Consider Additional Platform Differences That Affect Cost

- Mainframe blockade effects
- Cost of adding incremental workloads to System z is less than linear
- Offloading chatty applications introduces latency
- Batch challenges non-mainframes
- Cost of administrative labor is lower on System z
- System z responds flexibly to unforeseen business events
- System z cost per unit of work is much lower than distributed

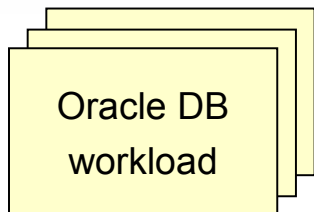




# Linux On System z Consolidation Usually Has Lower Costs



*Which platform provides the lowest TCA over 3 years?*



3 OLTP Database Workloads, each supporting 18K tps

Oracle Enterprise Edition  
Oracle Real Application Cluster



3 Oracle RAC clusters  
4 server nodes per cluster

12 total HP DL580 servers (192 cores)

**\$13.2M** (3 yr. TCA)



3 Oracle RAC clusters  
4 nodes per cluster  
Each node is a Linux guest zEC12 with 27 IFLs

**\$5.7M** (3 yr. TCA)

**Half the cost**

TCA includes hardware, software, maintenance, support and subscription.  
Workload Equivalence derived from a proof-of-concept study conducted at a large Cooperative Bank.

# Cost Of Adding Incremental Workloads To System z Is Less Than Linear

- Mainframes are priced to deliver a substantial economy of scale as they grow
- Doubling of capacity results in as little as a 30% cost growth for software on z/OS
- Average Cost is significantly more than incremental cost

