



# A Fresh Look at the Mainframe When the Mainframe Really IS the Lowest Cost Platform

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## Let's Break Down the Elements of Cost

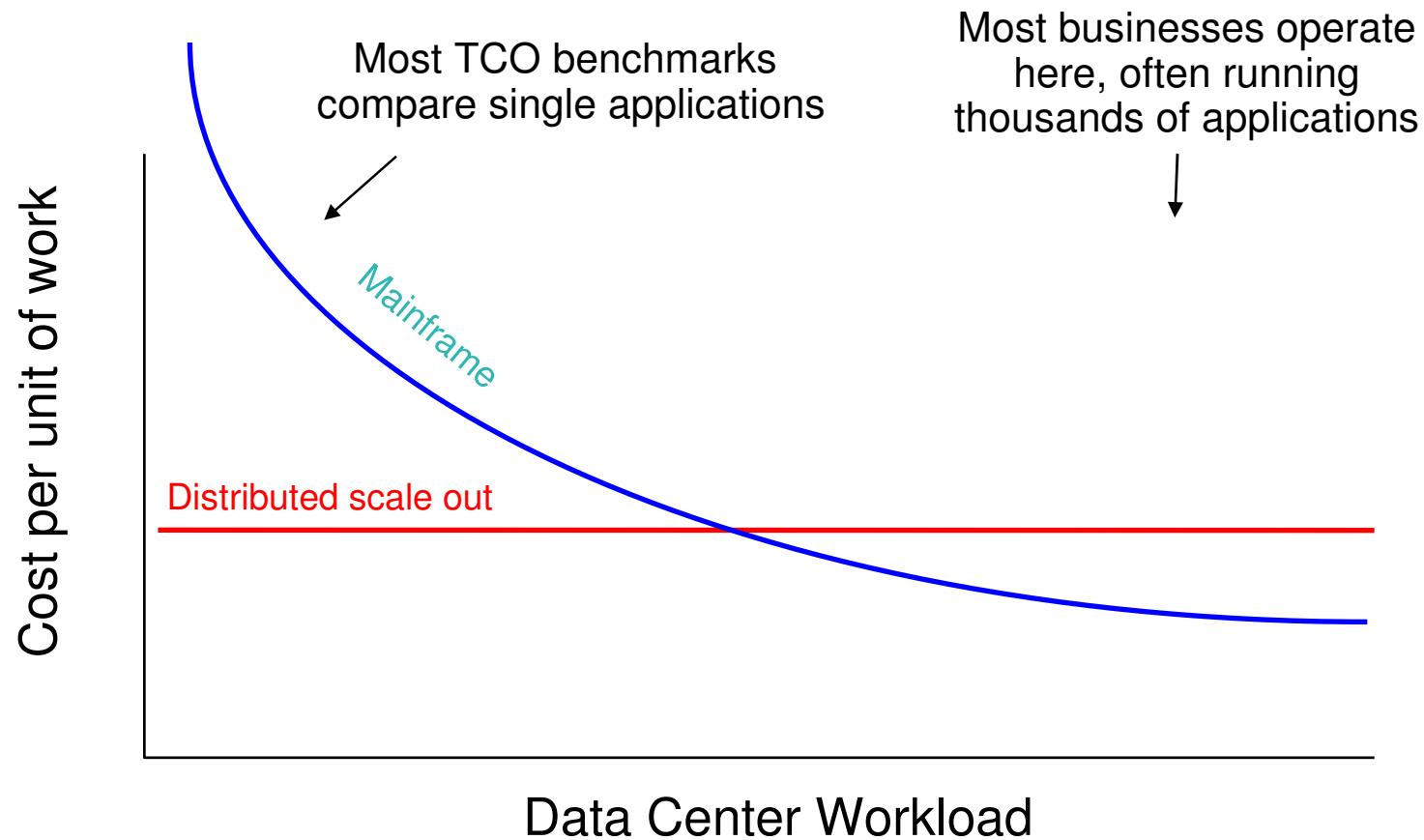
Total Cost of Ownership =

Hardware/Maintenance  
+ IBM Software  
+ Environmentals  
+ Labor  
+ required Quality-of-Service  
(Availability, Security, Disaster/Recovery...)  
+ other Elements  
(Chargeback)

*The total cost requires a total picture of your I/T assets and expenses*



# Mainframe Cost/Unit of Work Decreases as Workload Increases



# Utilization of Distributed Servers & Storage

Typical utilization of:

Windows Servers 5-10%

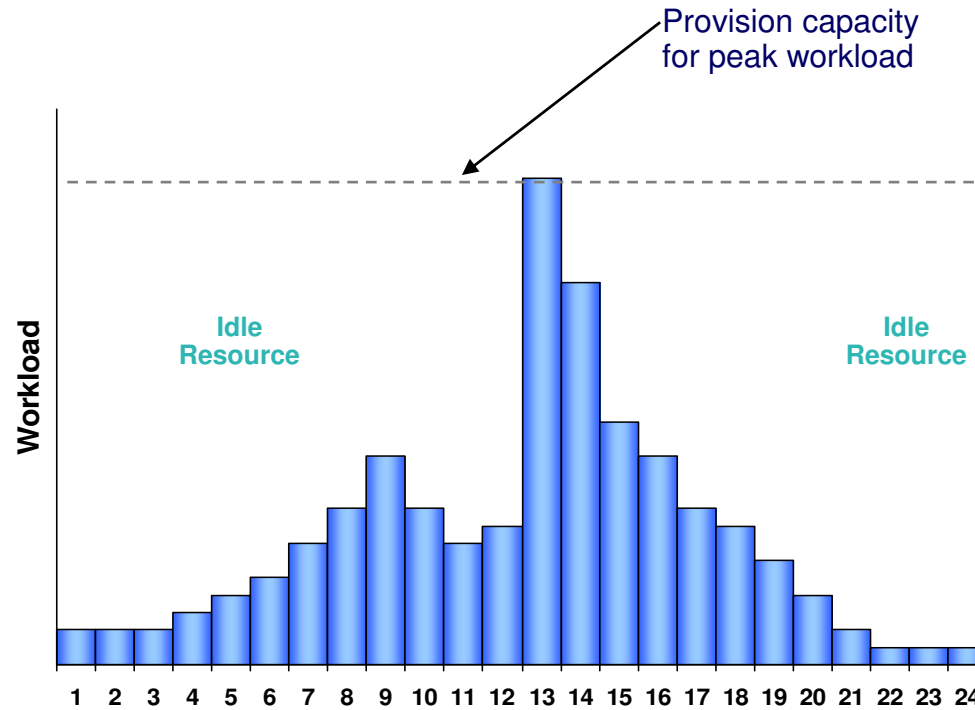
UNIX Servers 10-20%

System z Servers 85-100%



Server dedicated to one application

The cost of storage is typically three times more in distributed environments



## Storage Allocation

- ▶ Application-specific resulting in over-allocations
- ▶ Fine grained storage allocation mechanisms characteristic of mainframe storage are uncommon in distributed environments.

## Storage Utilization

- ▶ Single digit utilization for distributed environments is not uncommon
- ▶ Storage utilization of 80% + is typical for mainframe

## Storage Management

- ▶ Data disaster recovery, synchronization, and transfer requirements add complexity and cost

Application specific storage allocations tend to occur in large units...

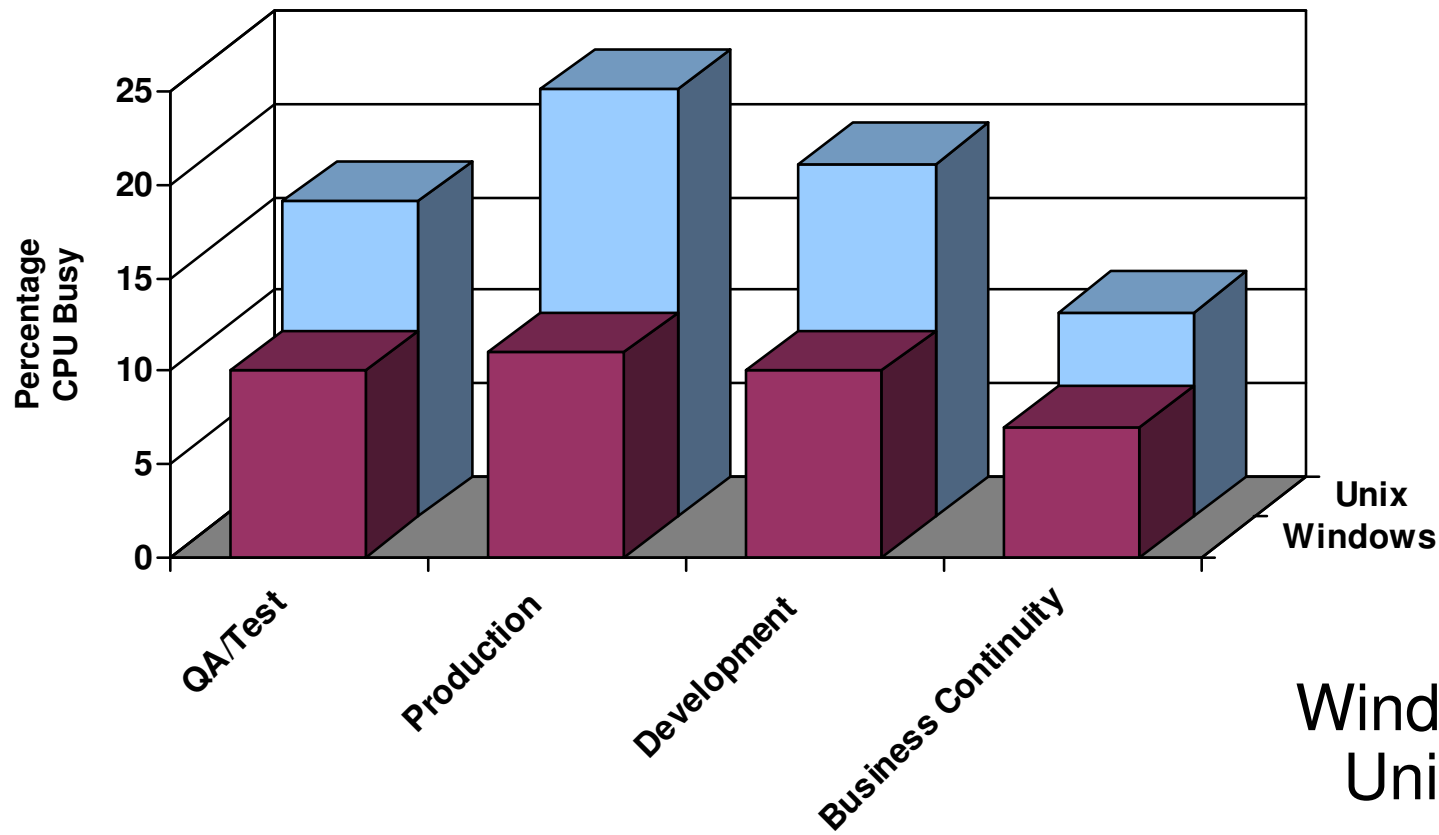


resulting typically in single digit utilization



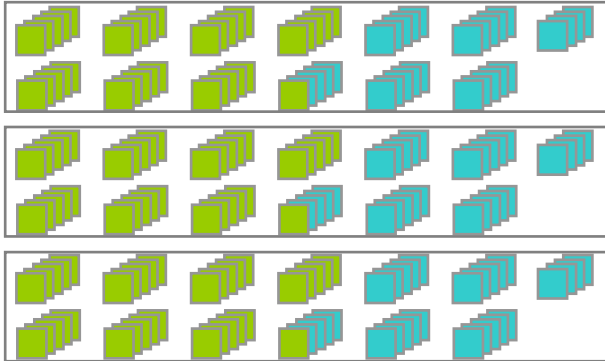
# Server Utilization at a Large Financial Institution

Average Server Utilization by Class  
Feb-06



# This Was a Real Project – Why Couldn't The Same Workload Be Done With Faster Processors?

**3x HP 64-way Production Application and DB**



**1x HP 64-way Dev&Test / Batch**



**2x HP 32-way PL/1 (Mgmt, Dev&Test, and Batch)**

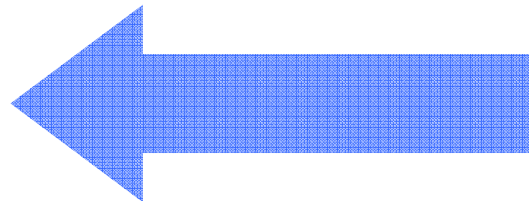


**Plus:**

**2x HP 16-way servers : external, HP rx8620**

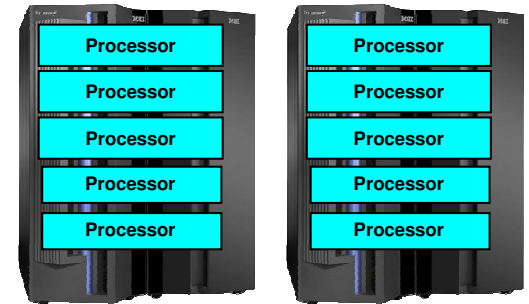
**3x IBM P570 servers : Web Appl server**

**17 processors  
(6,700 MIPS)**



**320 Unix  
processors  
(816,002 RPE's)**

**2x z990 5-way (production)**



**z990 7-way (production + test)**

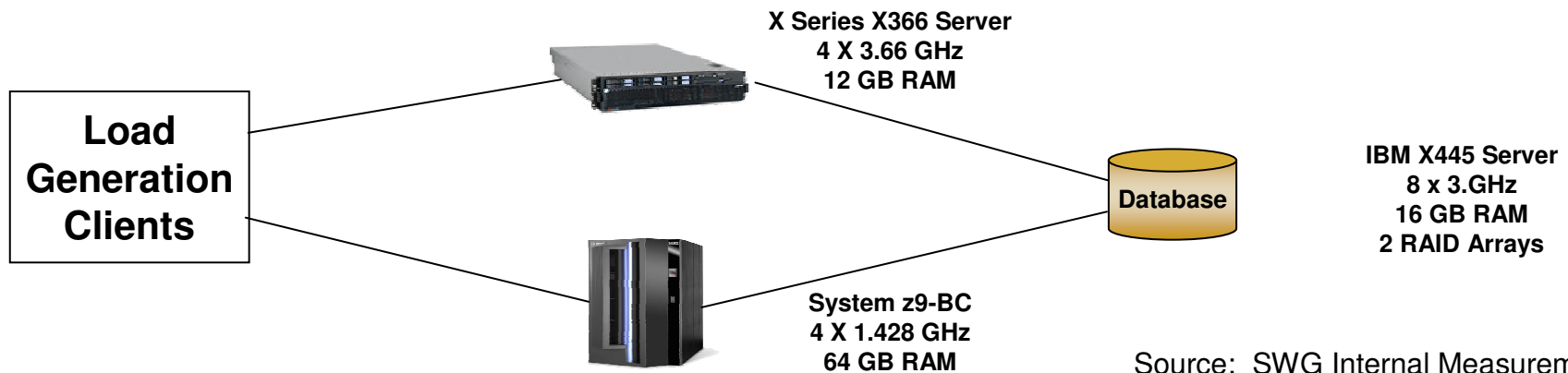
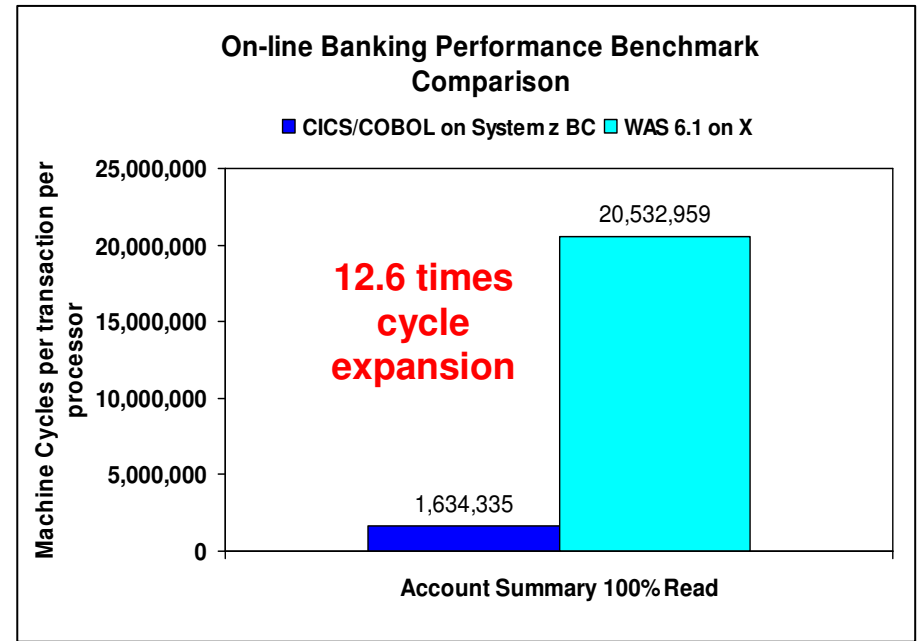
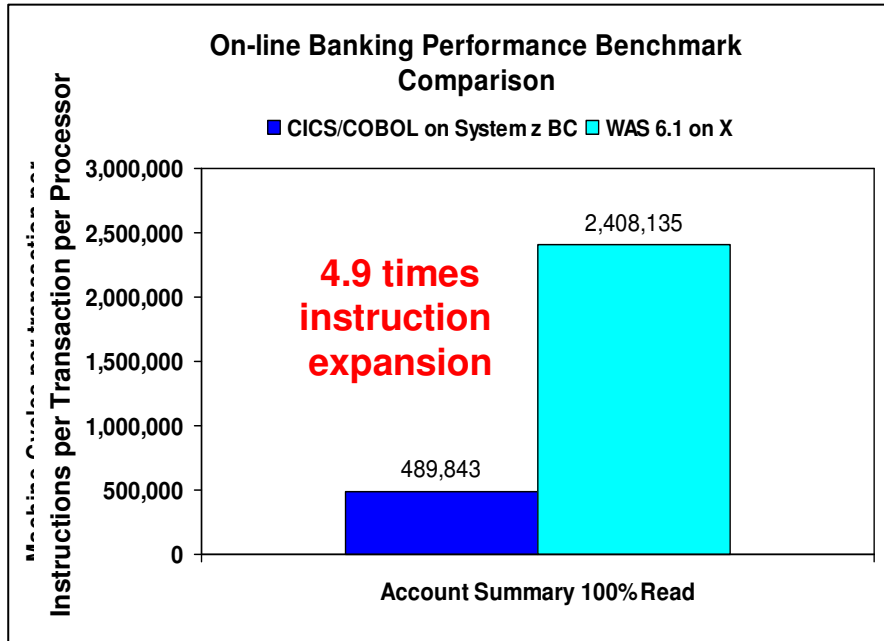


**122 RPE's per MIP**

**Some disaster recovery**



# Benchmark - Code Expansion When Moving From CICS/Cobol To Java On Wintel (Higher Is Worse)



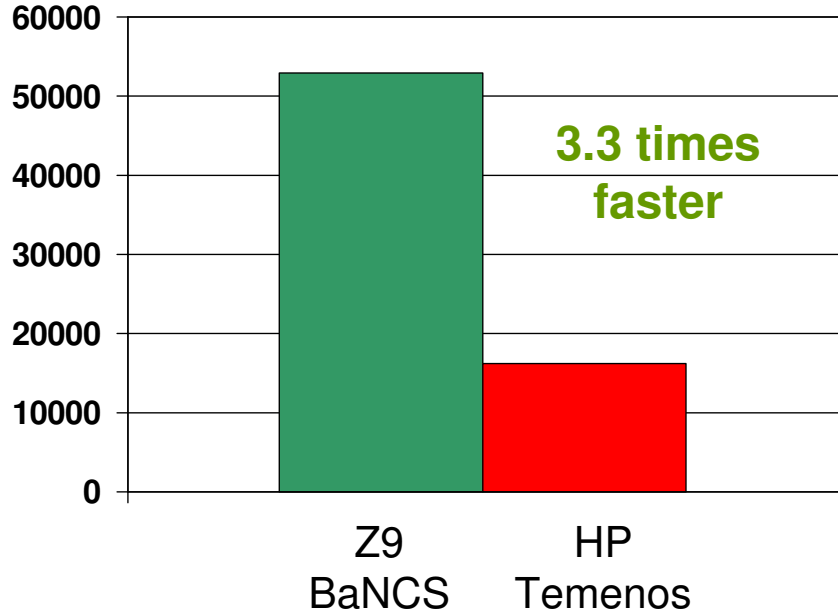
Source: SWG Internal Measurements

# System z Batch Processing Performance

- **Bank of China BMT\***
  - ▶ IBM System z9
  - ▶ TCS BaNCS (Cobol)
  - ▶ 380 Million Accounts
  - ▶ End of Day processing – 175M accounts finished in 55 minutes (52,970 accounts/second)

- **HP/Temenos BMT\*\***
  - ▶ HP Itanium
  - ▶ Temenos T24 (Java)
  - ▶ 13 Million Accounts
  - ▶ End of Day processing finished in 13.33 minutes (16,250 accounts/second)

**End of Day Batch Processing Accounts Per Second**



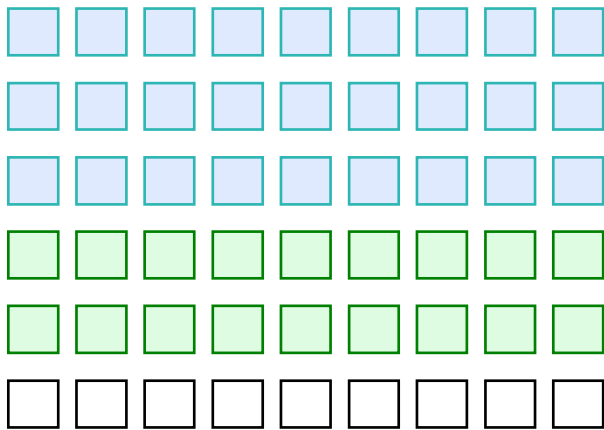
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# Disaster Recovery – Fast Failover For Less

## Primary Site

64 way SMP

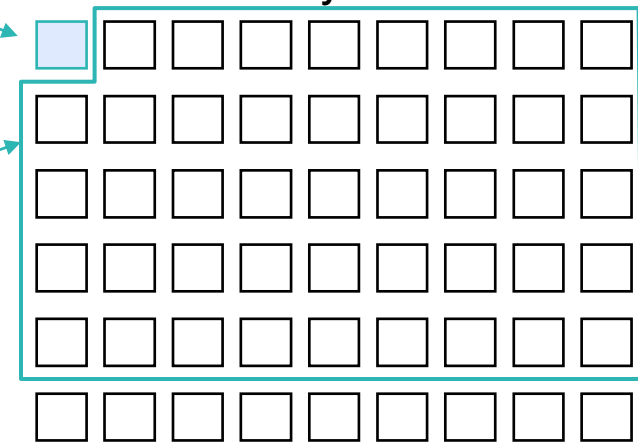


*Pay regular price for one active processor to enable fast failover*

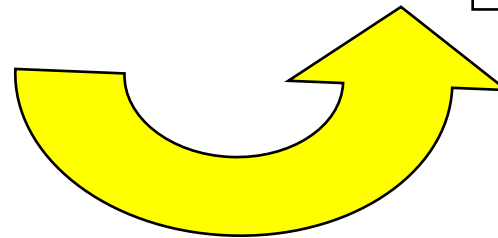
*Pay much less for each dormant processor to maintain capacity back up on demand*

## Alternative Site

64 way SMP



*Pay regular price for frame*



*Site Failover With GDPS*

Note: other scenarios can reduce the price further



# TCO Case Studies – Core Proliferation Defeats Offload Savings

Scenarios	Cost of Distributed vs. z	Distributed Cost Ratio	Cores vs. z Processors	Core Ratio	Performance Units per MIP
<b>Offloading cases</b>					
– Banking Benchmark	\$43.3M vs \$18.2M	2.4x	560 vs 7	80 : 1	187:1
– NA financial company	\$84.7M vs \$24.2M	3.5x	264 vs 6	44 : 1	482:1
– European financial	\$17.9M vs \$4.9M	3.7x	52 vs 2	26 : 1	670:1
– Asian financial company	\$119 M vs \$53 M	2.2x	408 vs 17	24 : 1	122:1
<b>Offloading studies</b>					
– European agency	€386M vs €204 M	1.9x	568 vs 30	19 : 1	185:1
– Restaurant chain	\$56.3M vs \$23.3M	2.4x	32 vs 4	8 : 1	116:1
<b>Offloading studies pending</b>					
– US Utility	\$13.4M vs \$6.2M	2.2x	112 vs 3	37 : 1	
– US Manufacturer	\$64.0M vs \$43.3M	1.5x	96 vs 6	16 : 1	

**2.5x**

**32 : 1**

**294:1**

## Trade-In Value Reduces Mainframe Net Present Value Costs

- Upgrade to next generation mainframe
  - ▶ Specialty processors are upgraded to next generation free of charge
  - ▶ Growing customers typically receive credit for existing MIPS investment when upgrading to new generation
  - ▶ Full [trade-in value](#) applied to upgrade and growth MIPS
  
- Upgrade to next generation distributed systems
  - ▶ Life time of 3 to 5 years
  - ▶ Must [repurchase](#) existing processor capacity plus any growth
  
- Long term TCO implications can be important





## Case Study: Government Runs Oracle At IFL Prices

- Running **292** server instances on **one** z9-EC with 5 IFLs
  - ▶ 200 Oracle, 80 WebSphere, 12 WebSphere messaging
  - ▶ Reduced cost of hardware and software by 30%
    - Saved \$800,000 in licensing cost in the first year
  - ▶ Used RACF for consistent security
  - ▶ Each administrator can manage 100 consolidated Linux images
  - ▶ Fast provisioning
    - Create new Linux server in 30 min (vs. 1 week – 3 months)
    - Clone Oracle DB instance in 30-45 min (vs. 10 – 14 hours)
  - ▶ Inherited benefits of z platform – workload management, availability, disaster recovery, I/O bandwidth

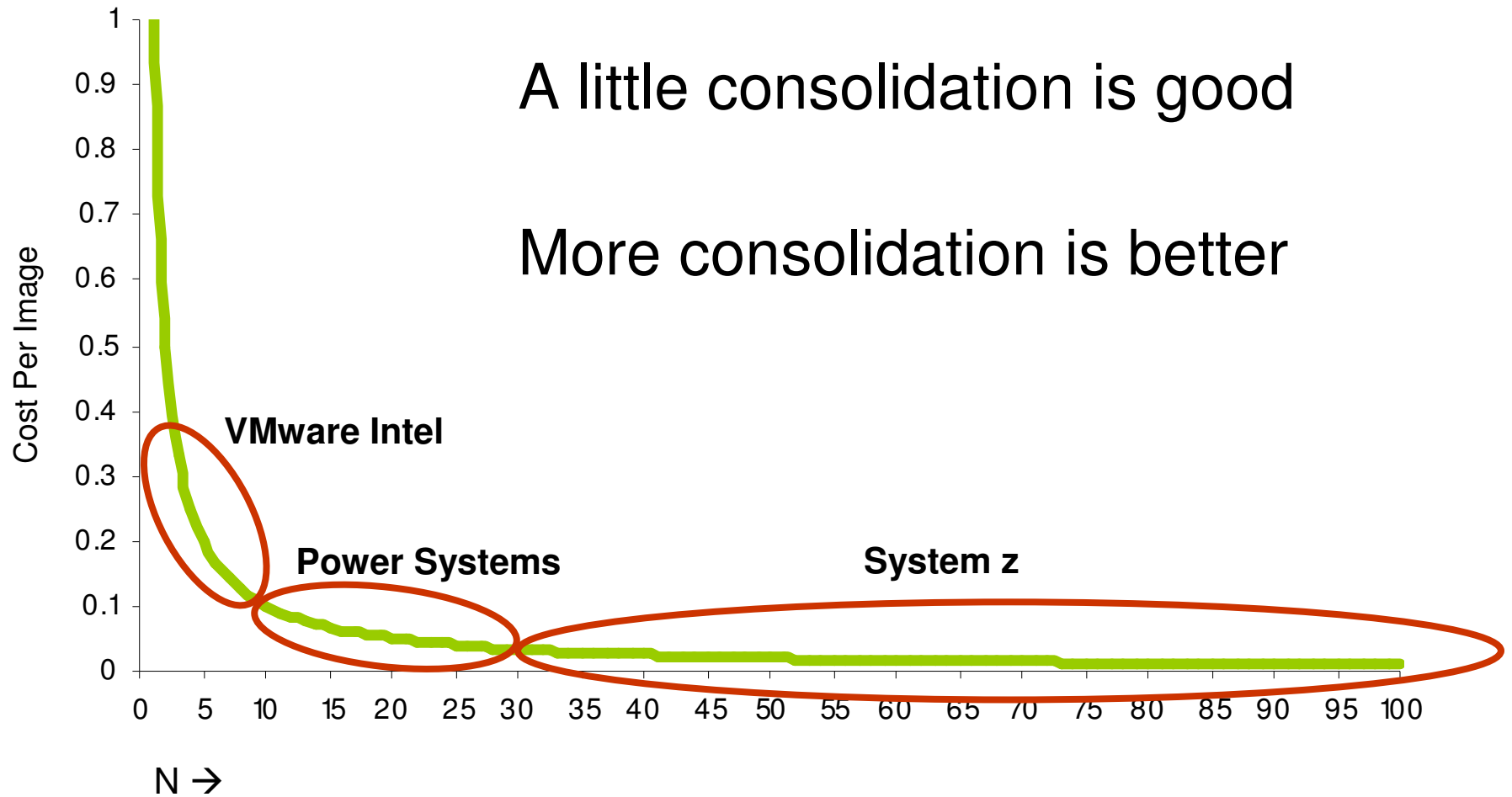


## Other Benefits Of Virtualization

- Fast provisioning of pre-installed and configured images
  - ▶ Minutes instead of days or weeks
  - ▶ No additional space, electric connections or network cables
- Compatible with the data center practice of standardizing on strategic software stacks
  - ▶ Pre-tested stacks
  - ▶ Consistent release levels and maintenance approach
  - ▶ A management approach to achieve better stability
  - ▶ Jukebox selection of standard enterprise images



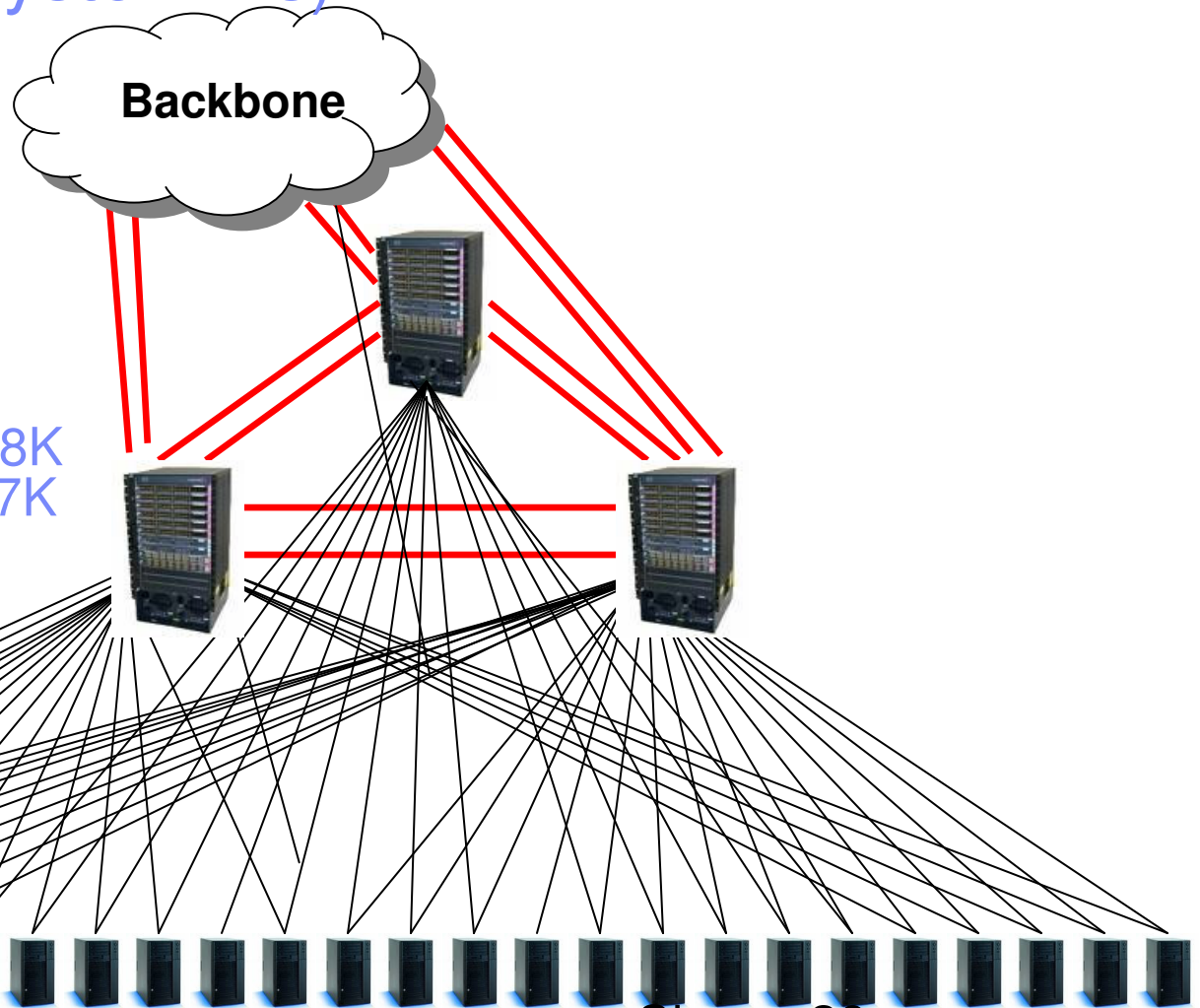
# Observed Consolidation Ratios



# Case Study: Network Costs –Before Consolidation (483 Servers to 2 System z's)

High Utilization Switch Module	14
Low Utilization Switch Module	12
Switch Interconnect Module	6
50 Ft UTP Cable	966
10GB Eth Fiber Cable	12
Switch Chassis	3

Hardware Acquisition \$748K  
Network Annual Costs \$597K



Shows **30**  
of the **483** Servers

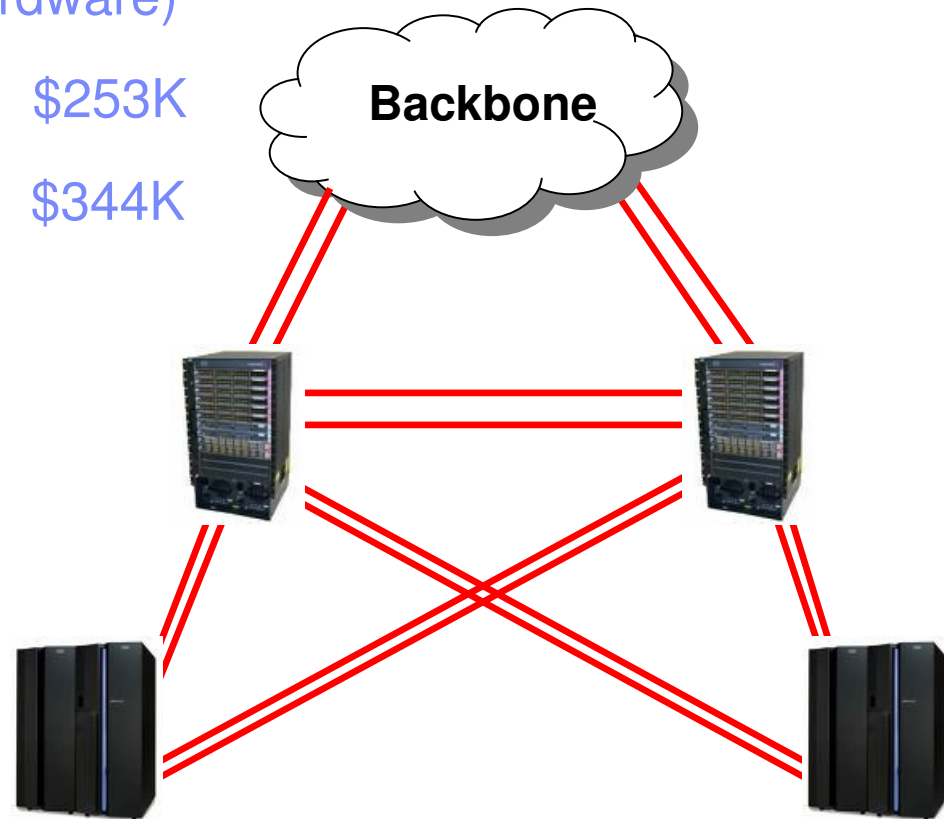


# Case Study: Network Costs – After Consolidation (483 Servers to 2 System z's)

New Hardware Acquisition \$0  
(reuse some of old network hardware)

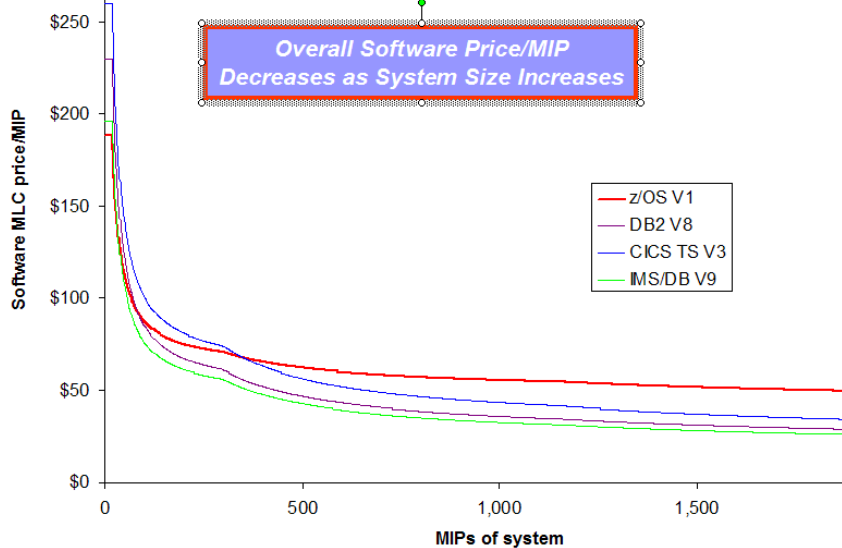
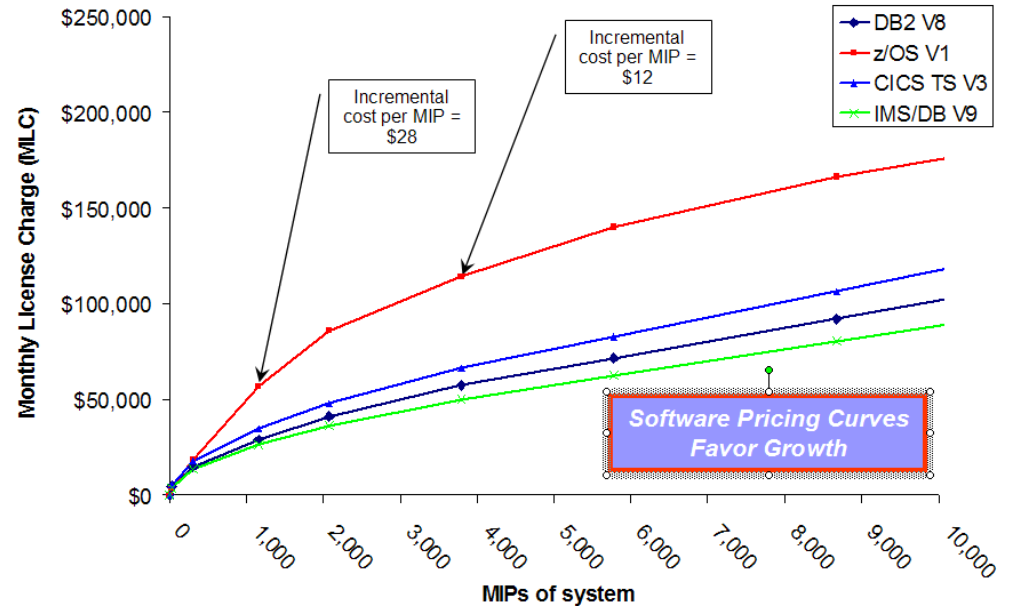
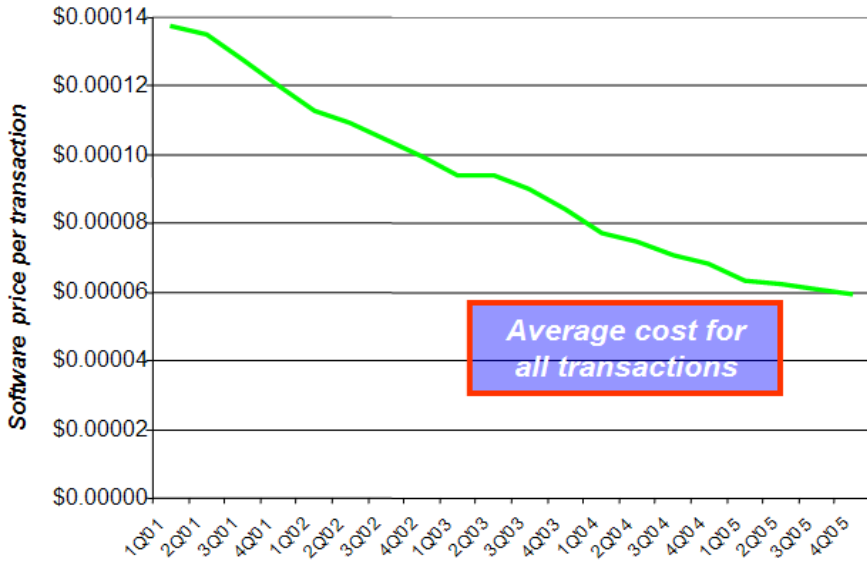
“After” Network Annual Cost \$253K

Network Annual Cost Savings \$344K





# IBM Software Price Per Transaction is Going Down



## Putting This in Perspective

- For a typical system of 1,400 MIPS, MLC software stack costs \$59 per incremental MIP
- If a transaction is 1 million instructions, an incremental MIP can perform >2½ million additional transactions per month for Δ\$59 software cost (44K transactions per dollar)
- If these are credit card transactions** of average \$100 with a commission of 2%, the business makes \$5.2M per month for a software cost of \$59 per month (88,000 times return)
- If this is a bank account** averaging 3 transactions a day, the business can do 40 years of account management for a software cost of \$1

# International Restaurant Chain Avoids High Cost Software

- Existing environment of 1600 MIPS included high cost ISV system management software
- Competitor's proposal was only a partial offload
  - ▶ Complete offload projected to cost 2.3x more
  - ▶ \$56M vs \$24M over 5 years
- System management software costs more in the offload case
  - ▶ Mainframe systems management
    - \$2.0M Stream per year (48 products, mostly third party)
  - ▶ Distributed systems management
    - \$2.6M Yearly Maintenance (26 products)
    - \$13.3M One Time Charge
- Better: Replace higher cost System z ISV software with lower cost IBM Software

## ***Portfolio Review and Analysis***

### ***"PRA" - a study for IBM zSeries customers***

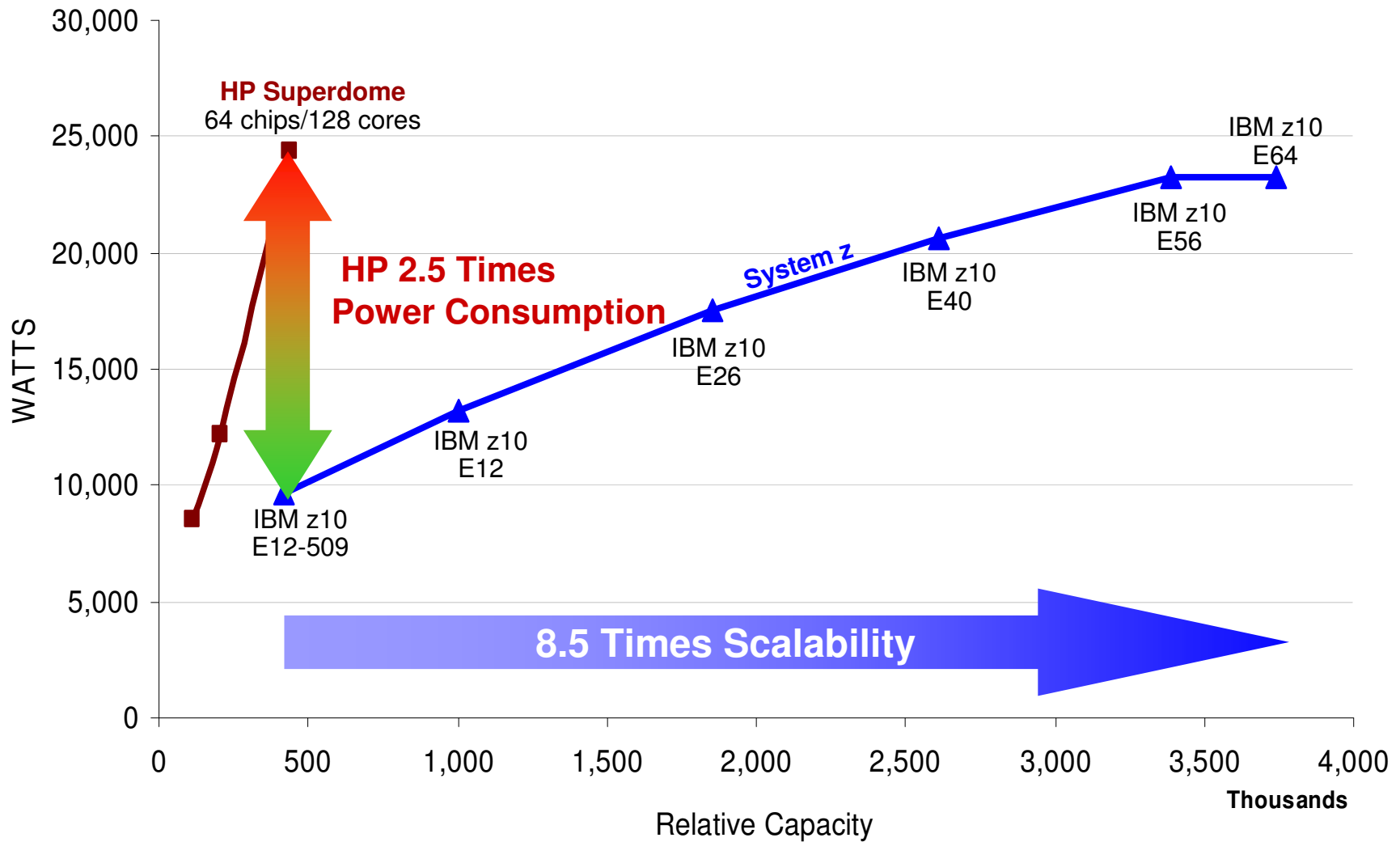
- **helps understand the potential impact of processing growth on future software budgets by developing predictive costs models.**
- **provides you with a comparison of your current portfolio cost structure with those of other zSeries/S390 customers.**
- **analyzes your software portfolio to identify redundant or underutilized software products.**
- **identifies product alternatives and their cost/ benefit impact.**
- **provides you with negotiation leverage with incumbent product vendors.**
- **provides you with the latest Software Asset Management tips to help proactively manage your zSeries/S390 software portfolio**

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# z10 Consumes Less Power Than Superdome



## Do The Math

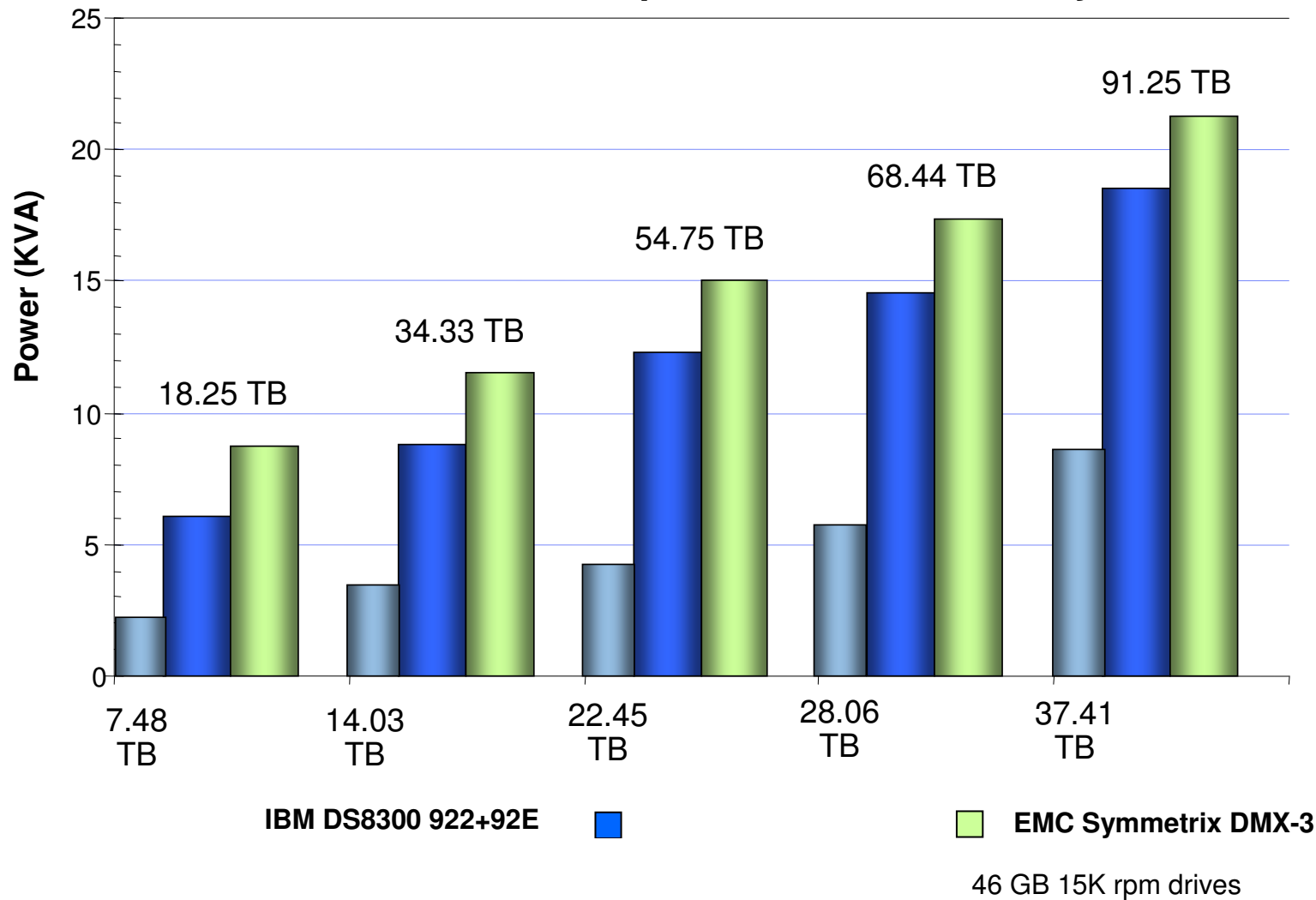
- HP Itanium 2 Superdome 9050 (64ch/128co)\* consumes a maximum of 24,392 watts
  - ▶  $[24,392 \times \$0.10 \times (24 \times 365)]/1000 = \$21,367$  per year for electricity
- Mainframe with similar computing capacity - a System z10 704 machine with 2 I/O cages using 13.26 kW (rated)\*
  - ▶ **\$11,615** per year for electricity
- Similar savings on cooling capacity
  - ▶ Cost of cooling is about 60% additional
  - ▶ Superdome total **\$34,187** per year vs. Mainframe **\$18,585**
  - ▶ Savings of mainframe power and cooling is **\$15,602** per year

\* Performance equivalence determined by IBM TCO study

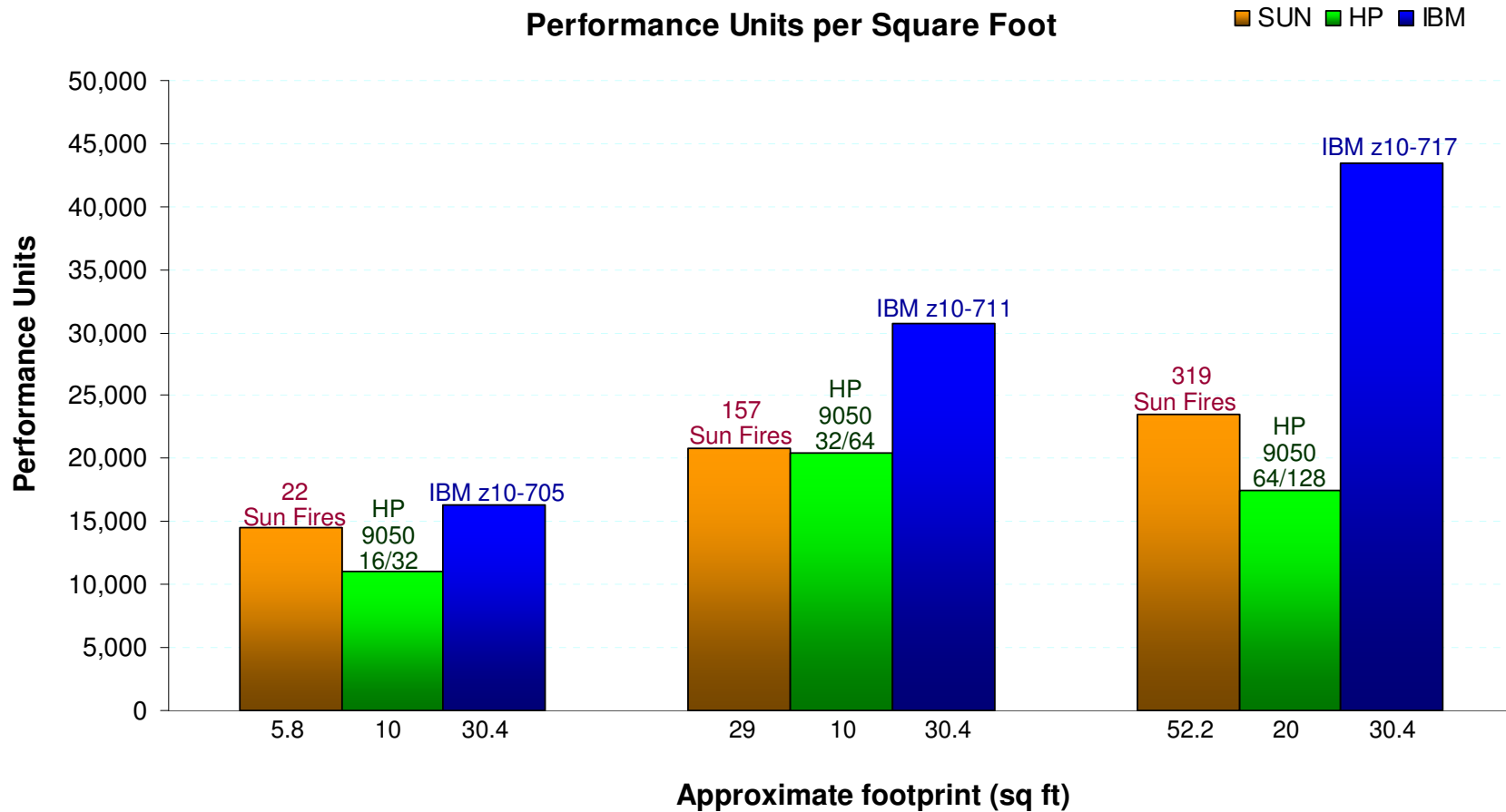


# IBM Storage Also Saves Energy Costs

## IBM DS8300 Power Consumption vs. EMC DMX-3 by Size



# The Mainframe Also Delivers More Compute Power Per Footprint Unit

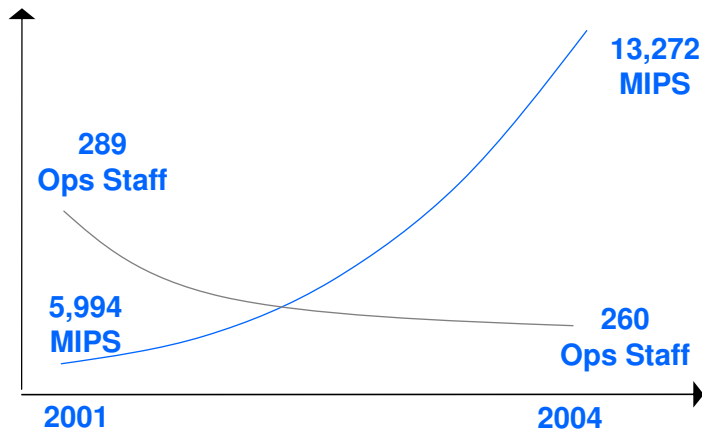


Based on 122 performance units per MIP

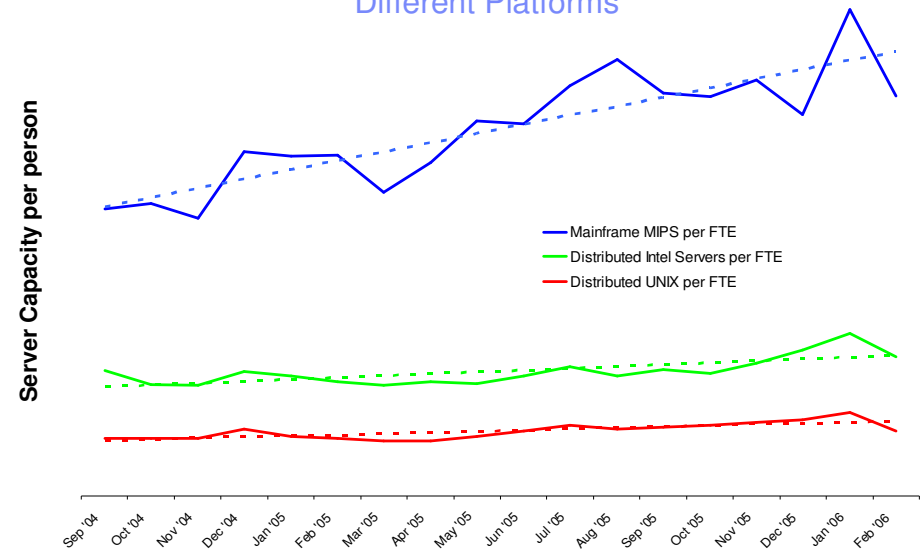
Mainframe footprint remains constant

# Mainframe Labor Costs Are Going Down

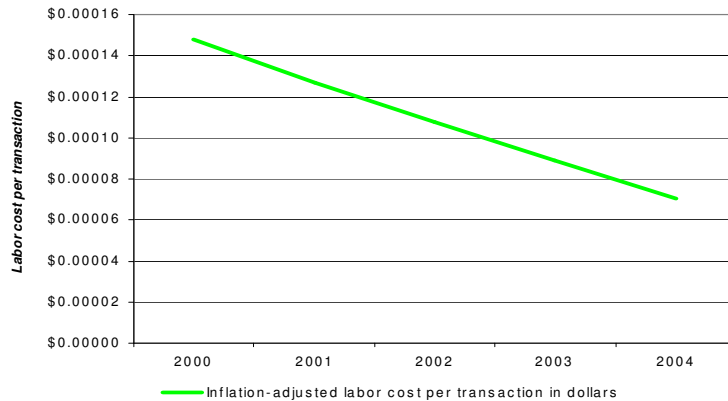
Data Center Staffing Levels for System z Have Not Increased Despite Large Increase in MIPS



Hardware Managed Per Person for Different Platforms



Labor Cost Per Transaction on System z is Decreasing



First National Bank of Omaha

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Reliability</b>	<b>Utilization</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>First move:</b> Implemented distributed computing architecture that became <b>too difficult to monitor, maintain, upgrade and scale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30+ Sun Solaris servers</li> <li>560+ Intel servers</li> </ul>	Un-acceptable	12%	24 people growing at 30% year
<b>Next move:</b> Consolidated back on the mainframe	z990	Much improved	84% with additional reserve capacity <b>on-demand</b>	Reduced to 8 people

**Staff growth reversed by consolidating to the mainframe**





# Customer Survey – How Many People to Manage Servers?

# NT Servers	# People	Ratio (s/p)
1123	68	16.5
228	20	14.4
671	51	13.1
700	65	11.5
154	18	8.5
431	61	7.1
1460	304	4.8
293	79	3.7
132	54	2.0

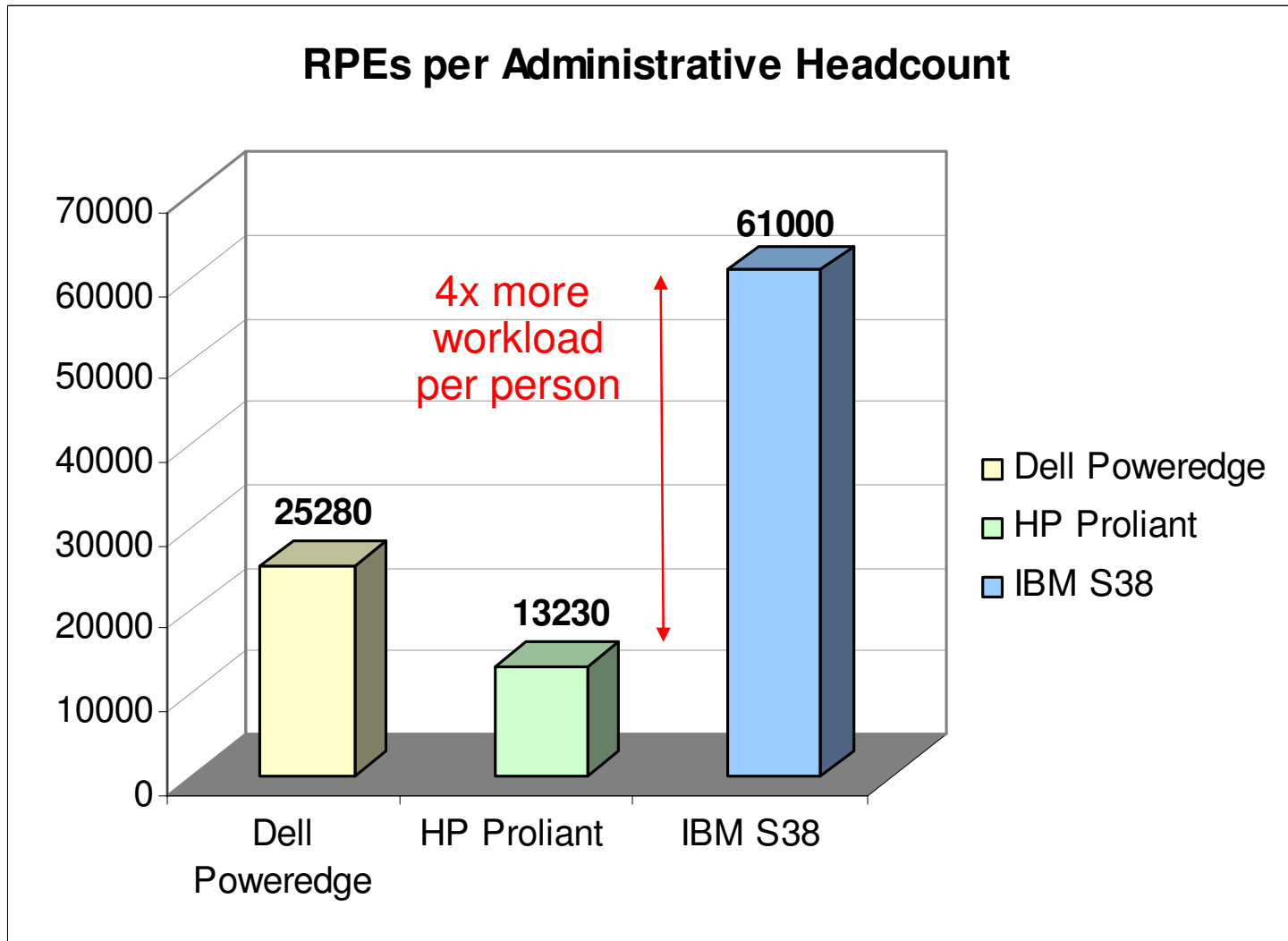
# UNIX Servers	# People	Ratio (s/p)
706	99	7.1
273	52	5.2
69	15	4.6
187	56	3.3
170	51	3.3
85	28	3.0
82	32	2.6
349	134	2.6
117	50	2.3
52	52	1.0

Mainframe administration productivity surveys range 167-625 MIPS per headcount (500 is typical), so...

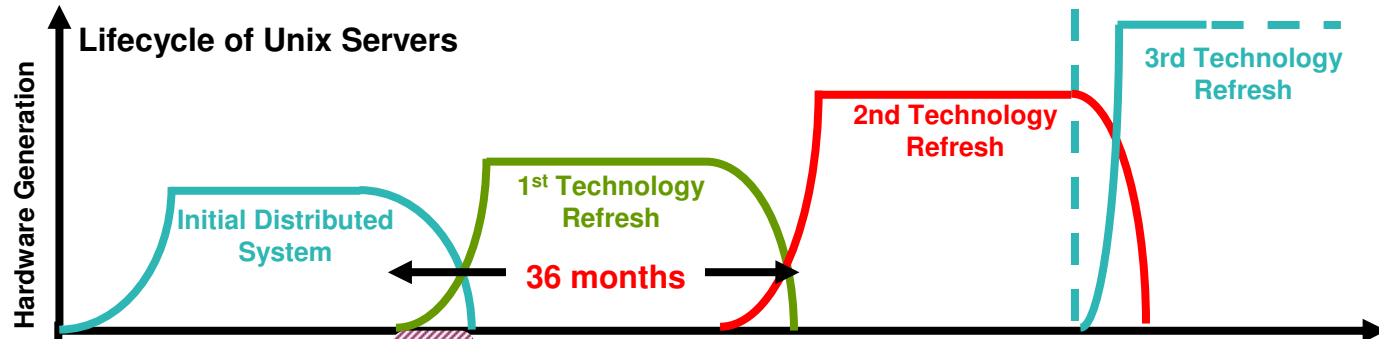
Source: IBM Scorpion Customer Studies NOTE: Figures for total administration cost



# Manage More Workload Per Headcount



# New York Financial Services Company – Useful Lifetime Of 36 Month Lease

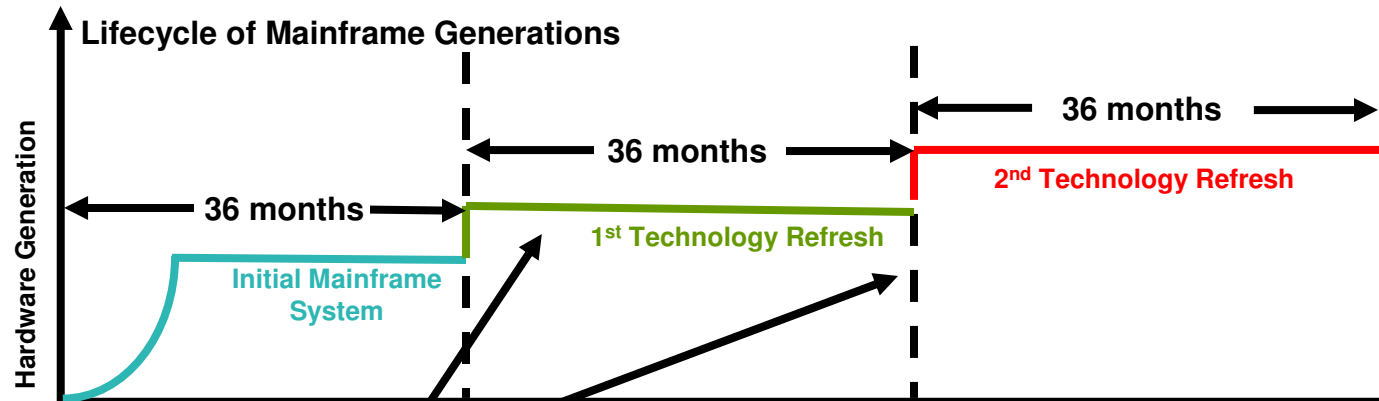


Observed at a large financial service customer

In each 36 month lease there are only 30 months production use

6 months provisioning  
30 months production  
**Setup and tear down 15 People, 5 full time**

Setup and tear-down time costs 25% more. Plus . . . 41 hours of FTE setup and tear down labor per server = \$3,075

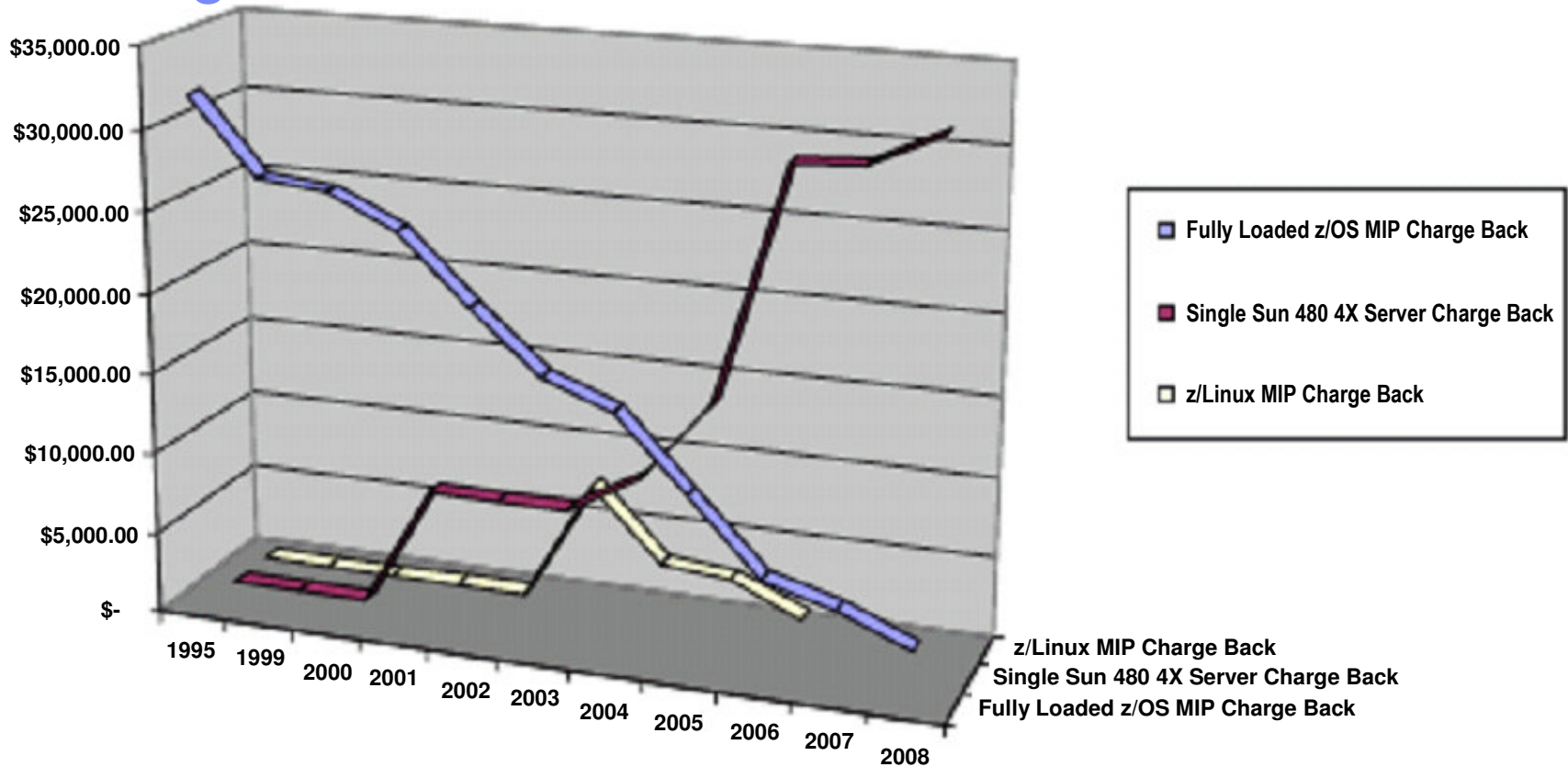


Weekend upgrades performed by IBM

Capacity on demand pricing

1 Weekend upgrading to new hardware and software levels  
36 months production  
No need to retire the server, upgrade in place

# Charge Back Practices Were Improved Over Time at a Large Financial Institution



**More Accurate Charge Back Can Correct Perceptions of Relative Costs**



# Understand The Cost Components

## Annual Operations Cost Per Server (Averaged over 3917 Distributed Servers)

Power	\$731
Floor Space	\$987
Annual Server Maintenance	\$777
Annual connectivity Maintenance	\$213
Annual Disk Maintenance	\$203
Annual Software support	\$10,153
Annual Enterprise Network	\$1,024
Annual Sysadmin	\$20,359
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	<b>\$34,447</b>

The largest cost component was labor for administration  
7.8 servers per headcount @ \$159,800/yr/headcount

Source: IBM internal study



# Key Points:

Mainframe Costs	Distributed Costs
<p>The cost of running incremental workload on the mainframe goes down as the total workload grows</p>	<p>The cost of running additional workload on distributed servers goes up more linearly</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Labor costs hold steady as workload grows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Labor is now the highest cost element in distributed environments Administrative staff costs increase in proportion to the number of servers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ IBM pricing policies designed to favor the addition of more workload</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ New workload requires additional servers and licenses</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Highly Efficient Power and Cooling – Small Footprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Energy and Space cost is more linear</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Lower software costs per transaction as workload grows – and PRA can lower ISV tool costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cost of software licenses is more linear</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ High Availability and Security Translate into low cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Fractionally less Availability and Security can drive Significant downstream costs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Customers have learned that mainframes deliver economies of scale, especially as the workload grows</b></p>	<p><b>Result – scale out strategies do not deliver equivalent economies of scale as the workload grows</b></p>

*This pricing discussion uses published list prices*



# Case Study: Consolidate On Mainframe vs. Keeping Dedicated Servers

## Mainframe Incremental Hardware

OTC		ANNUAL	
3 IFL Processors	\$375,000	Processor <sup>2</sup> Maintenance	\$52,524
		Power/Space <sup>1</sup>	\$47,073
Conn. + Disk Acquisition	\$639,033	Conn. + Disk Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	\$87,480
RAM (190GB)	\$1,140,000	System Admin <sup>1</sup>	\$386,518
Migration	\$4,920,492	On-Premise Network Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	\$8,935
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,074,525</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$582,530 (year 2, 3)</b>

## Mainframe Software

OTC		ANNUAL	
z/VM	\$67,500	z/VM <sup>2</sup>	\$16,890
		Oracle S&S <sup>2</sup>	\$26,400
		Linux S&S <sup>1</sup>	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,290 (year 2, 3)</b>

## Dedicated Hardware

OTC		ANNUAL	
Sunk Cost	\$0	Disk Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	\$59,276
		Server maintenance <sup>1</sup>	\$226,884
		Off-Premise Network <sup>1</sup>	\$299,008
		Power/Floorspace <sup>1</sup>	\$501,656
		System Admin <sup>1</sup>	\$5,944,828
		On-Premise Network Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	\$62,196
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,093,848</b>

## Dedicated Software

OTC		ANNUAL	
Sunk Costs	\$0	Oracle S&S <sup>1</sup>	\$2,569,600
		Linux S&S <sup>1</sup>	\$379,308
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,948,908</b>

**1 – Needs three years maintenance, 2 – Needs two years maintenance**

