



# **IBM TN3270E Server Performance The Tolly Group TN3270 Server Tests**

## **IBM Network Utility and 2216-400 vs. Cisco 7507/4 with CIP2**

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# Agenda

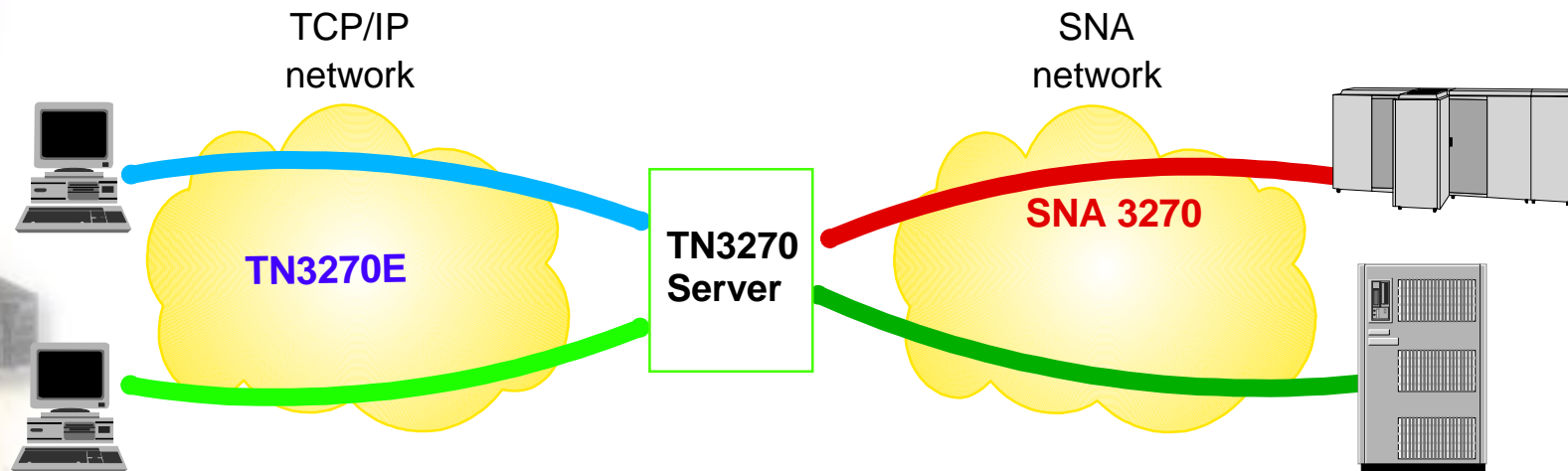
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- **The Tolly Group Detailed Data**
- **Associated Observations**



# Why Compare TN3270E Server Capacity

- Important to e-Business information access
- IP to SNA integration requirement
  - ▶ 1997 - 24% of desktops based on TCP/IP stack ..  
2001 - 87% estimated desktops based on TCP/IP stack .. IDC
  - ▶ Desktop access shifting to IP TN3270 and browser clients
  - ▶ Access to SNA application investment remains high priority
    - ◆ Over 70% of world's business information is SNA based, residing in IBM S/390 servers
    - ◆ 61% of all data networks run on SNA
    - ◆ 90% of Banking applications are still SNA
    - ◆ SNA application workload predicted to grow
- Managing cost still a priority
- Customer asking for comprehensive, independently verified test comparison

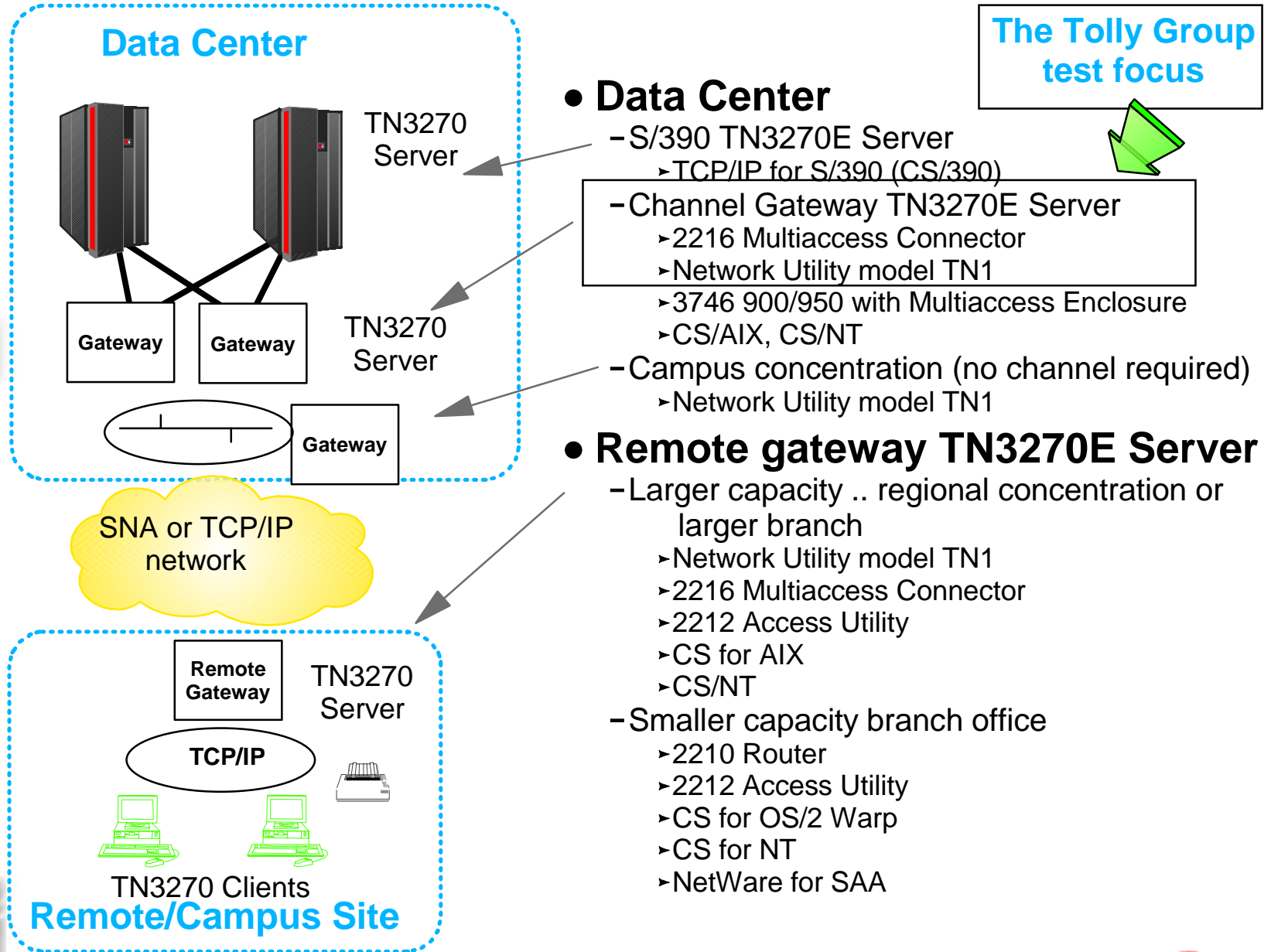
# What is a TN3270 Server ?



- **Gateway that enables clients and workstations on a TCP/IP network to access applications in an SNA network**
  - 3270 applications on a mainframe in an SNA network
- **Provides TCP/IP to SNA protocol conversion for SNA 3270**
- **Placement of the TN3270 server is an important consideration**
- **TN3270E is an 'extended' version of TN3270 to provide:**
  - Printing services, extended character set, bind delivery to user



# TN3270 Server Solutions From IBM



Wherever you need it .. IBM offers clients too



## Tale of the testing ..

- IBM commissioned The Tolly Group to Perform These Tests
- Testing performed at IBM Gaithersburg Networking Systems Center / Washington System Center
- Results available (free) from The Tolly Group's Web Site and from IBM's Web Site
- Reference documents at [www.tolly.com](http://www.tolly.com) and at [www.networking.ibm.com](http://www.networking.ibm.com)
  - ▶ 199115 .. TN3270E Server Channel Attach Gateway Test
  - ▶ 199116 .. Load Balancing TN3270E Servers Test
- This is the Second Independently-verified test

<b>Testing Score: IBM 2216</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cisco CIP</b>	<b>0</b>



# Tale of the testing details ..

- **IBM commissioned The Tolly Group Channel Attach Gateway tests in August 1997**
  - ▶ Demonstrated IBM 2216 ESCON price / performance superiority vs. Cisco 7507 CIP2
  - ▶ IP batch, SNA interactive, APPN / HPR batch
  - ▶ Results still valid today
- **The Tolly Group initiated 1998 TN3270 Server Channel Gateway Test**
  - ▶ IBM and Cisco invited and accepted .. lengthy testing scenarios negotiations
  - ▶ Cisco offered to host at their site .. IBM agreed
  - ▶ IBM asked to reschedule test to January 1999 to match product availability
  - ▶ Cisco claimed "..IBM pulling out" .. states "I will test against any of their equipment, new or old" .. F. Maly, Cisco Systems 10/98
  - ▶ Tolly Group canceled 1998 test in September 1998
- **The Tolly Group initiated 1999 TN3270 Server Channel Gateway Test**
  - ▶ IBM accepted and ready in January, Cisco refused invitation
  - ▶ The Tolly Group canceled their sponsored 1999 test in January 1999
- **IBM commissioned The Tolly Group TN3270 Server test May '99**
  - ▶ IBM breaks 1,000 transactions/sec barrier for 16,000 sessions and handily beats 7507 CIP2
  - ▶ Cisco repeatedly invited to participate .. Cisco refused

# The Tolly Group

- **Provides Strategic Consulting and Industry Analysis**
- **Performs Independent Testing**
- **Does not endorse vendors or products**
- **Performs Testing Services, including**
  - ▶ Methodology validation
  - ▶ Conduct Tests
  - ▶ Results Analysis
- **Publishes results**

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# Test Summary Description

- **Systems:**

- ▶ IBM Network Utility TN3270E Server
- ▶ IBM 2216 Multiaccess Connector
- ▶ Cisco Systems 7507/4 with Channel Interface Processor 2

- **Adapter types**

- ▶ ESCON, Fast Ethernet LAN

- **Cisco Comparative Test: TN3270E Server Capacity**

- ▶ Measured maximum transactions / second while maintaining sub-second response and no session loss

- **IBM Resiliency Test: Load balancing between two ESCON attached TN3270E Servers**

- ▶ Measured effectiveness of network dispatcher load balancing
- ▶ Reported capacity of IBM network dispatcher
- ▶ Demonstrated ability to back up failed TN3270E Server
- ▶ Measured ability to recover from failed ESCON connection to TN3270E Server using HPR



# Equipment Configurations

- **IBM Network Utility TN3270E Server**

- ▶ Model TN1
- ▶ 233MHz system card with 512MB memory
- ▶ 1 ESCON port
- ▶ 1 full duplex Fast Ethernet port
- ▶ Multiprotocol Access Services V3.2 EPTF02T
- ▶ Tested system list price .. \$62,500 (US)



- **IBM 2216 Multiaccess Connector**

- ▶ Model 400
- ▶ 233 MHz system card with 512MB memory
- ▶ 1 ESCON port
- ▶ 1 full duplex Fast Ethernet port
- ▶ Multiprotocol Access Services V3.2 EPTF02T
- ▶ Tested system list price .. \$65,245 (US)

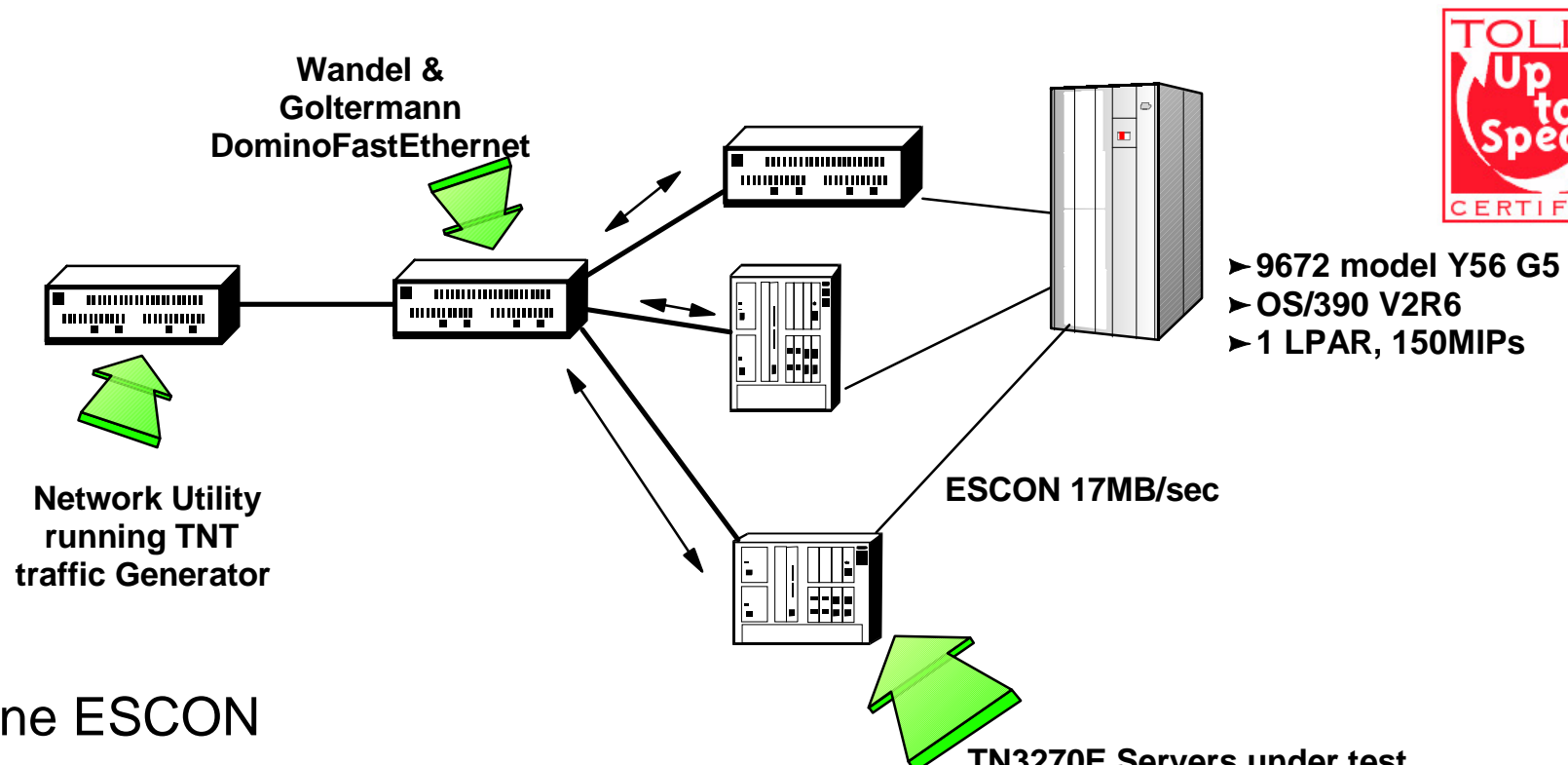
- **Cisco Systems 7507/4**

- ▶ RSP4 with 256MB DRAM memory and 20MB flash memory
- ▶ 1 port CIP2 with 128MB memory .. 1 ESCON port
- ▶ 1 port Fast Ethernet on VIP-40 with 64MB DRAM memory
- ▶ 11.1(8)CA 1, Early Development Release (fc1) RSPx Series IOS Enterprise/APPN
- ▶ CSNA
- ▶ Unlimited CIP2 TN3270E Server
- ▶ Tested system list price .. \$ 119,650 - APPN; \$113,150 non-APPN



# Comparative Tests

## TN3270E Server Capacity Test Bed



- 9672 model Y56 G5
- OS/390 V2R6
- 1 LPAR, 150MIPs

- One ESCON
- Full duplex Fast Ethernet
- Single TN3270E Server under test
- TNT traffic generation up to 16,000 sessions

TN3270E Servers under test

- Network Utility TN1
- 2216-400
- Cisco 7507/4 CIP2



# Comparative Tests

## TN3270E Server Capacity Test Details

- Measure maximum transactions per second
- 9,000 and 16,000 sessions
- Must maintain one second or less response time
- No session loss
- Three traffic profiles
  - ▶ 100 / 800 .. Typical interactive
  - ▶ 128 / 128 .. Data entry
  - ▶ 40 / 1400 .. Large interactive
- SNA .. VTAM boundary function: LSA (IBM) and CSNA (Cisco)
- APPN / HPR routing: MPC+ (IBM) and CMPC (Cisco)
  - ▶ Cisco could not provide MPC+ support





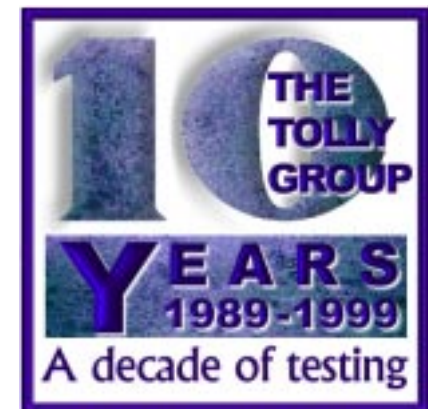
# Observations from Comparative Tests

- **TN3270E Server Capacity Testing**

- ▶ IBM Network Utility and 2216 Multiaccess Connector  
TN3270E Server *significantly outperform* Cisco 7507 with CIP2
  - ♦ *33 to 49% more SNA subarea capacity:*  
1,052 tx/sec vs. 704 tx/sec
  - ♦ 16,000 sessions across all traffic profiles with no session loss
- ▶ IBM has superior TN3270E Server HPR support with MPC+
  - ♦ from *69 to 77% more HPR capacity:* 507 tx/ sec vs. 286 tx/sec
  - ♦ Cisco could not attain sub second response for small 128/128 frames .. 614 tx/sec vs. 50 tx/sec

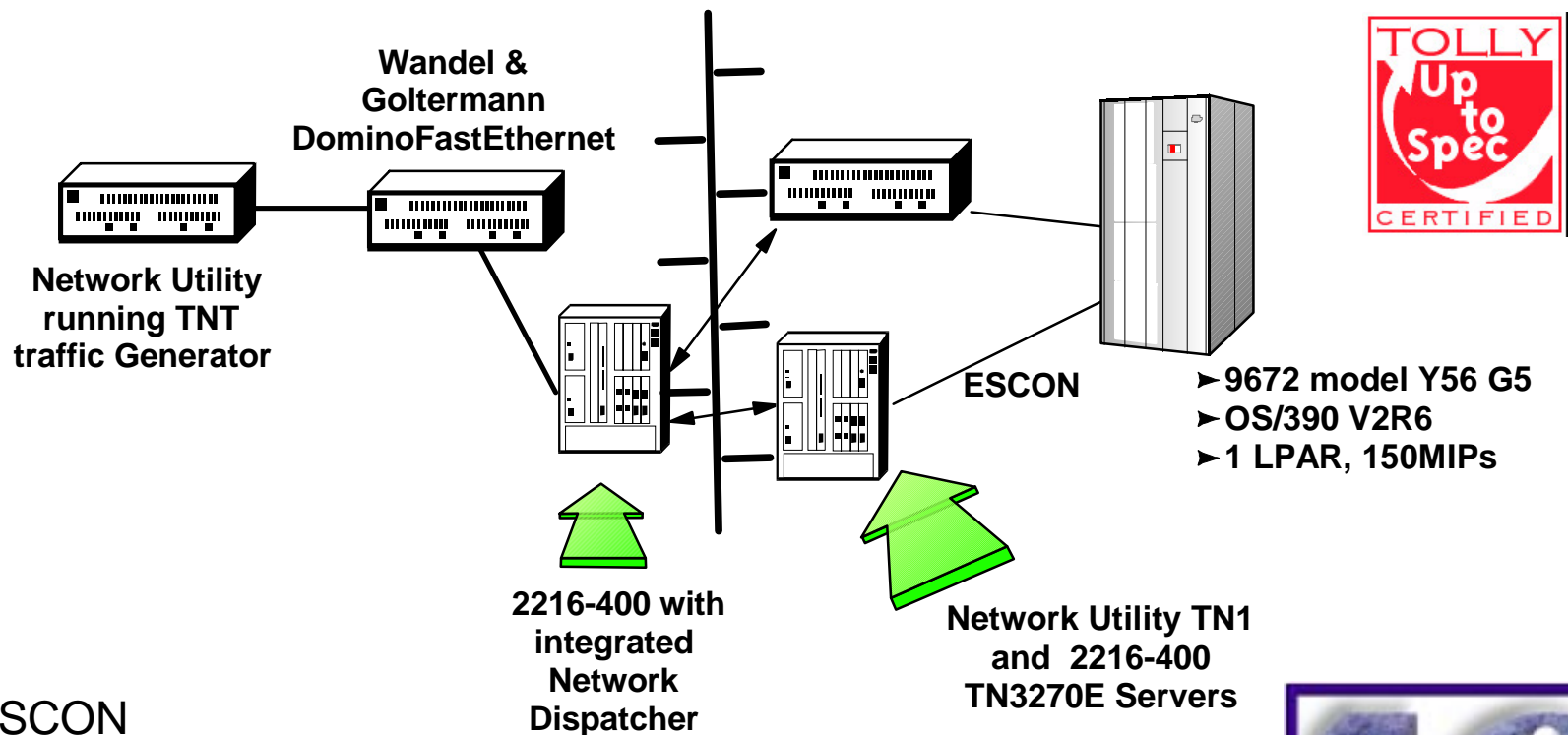
- **In addition .. IBM more cost effective solution**

- ▶ Cisco 1.5 times greater cost per TPS for SNA subarea
- ▶ Cisco 3 times greater cost per TPS for HPR



# Resiliency Tests

## TN3270 Load Balancing and Recovery: Test Configuration



- One ESCON
- Full duplex Fast Ethernet
- All inbound traffic flows through Network Dispatcher
- TNT traffic generation up to 16,000 sessions



# Resiliency Tests

- **Test 1a:** TN3270E Server load balancing
  - ▶ Balance 16,000 sessions between two ESCON attached TN3270E Servers using subarea over LSA.
- **Test 1b:** TN3270E Server load balancing
  - ▶ Balance 16,000 sessions between two ESCON attached TN3270E Servers using HPR over MPC+
- **Test 2:** TN3270E Server fail over
  - ▶ Running at steady state, disable Network Utility TN1 and reestablish its 8,000 sessions to the operational 2216-400 TN3270E Server
- **Test 3:** ESCON attachment failure recovery
  - ▶ Running at steady state, disable ESCON channel of Network Utility TN1 and reroute HPR sessions through 2216-400 TN3270E Server ESCON path



# Resiliency Tests

## Test 1: TN3270E Server Load Balancing

- Measured maximum transaction / second capacity through the TN3270E Servers and the Network Dispatcher machine
- Must maintain sub-second response time with no session loss
- 100 / 800 .. Interactive .. some modified fields
- 128 / 128 .. Data entry or credit inquiry
- 40 / 1400 .. Large interactive .. full screen refresh
- Test 1a: TN3270E Server load balancing
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# Resiliency Tests: Observations

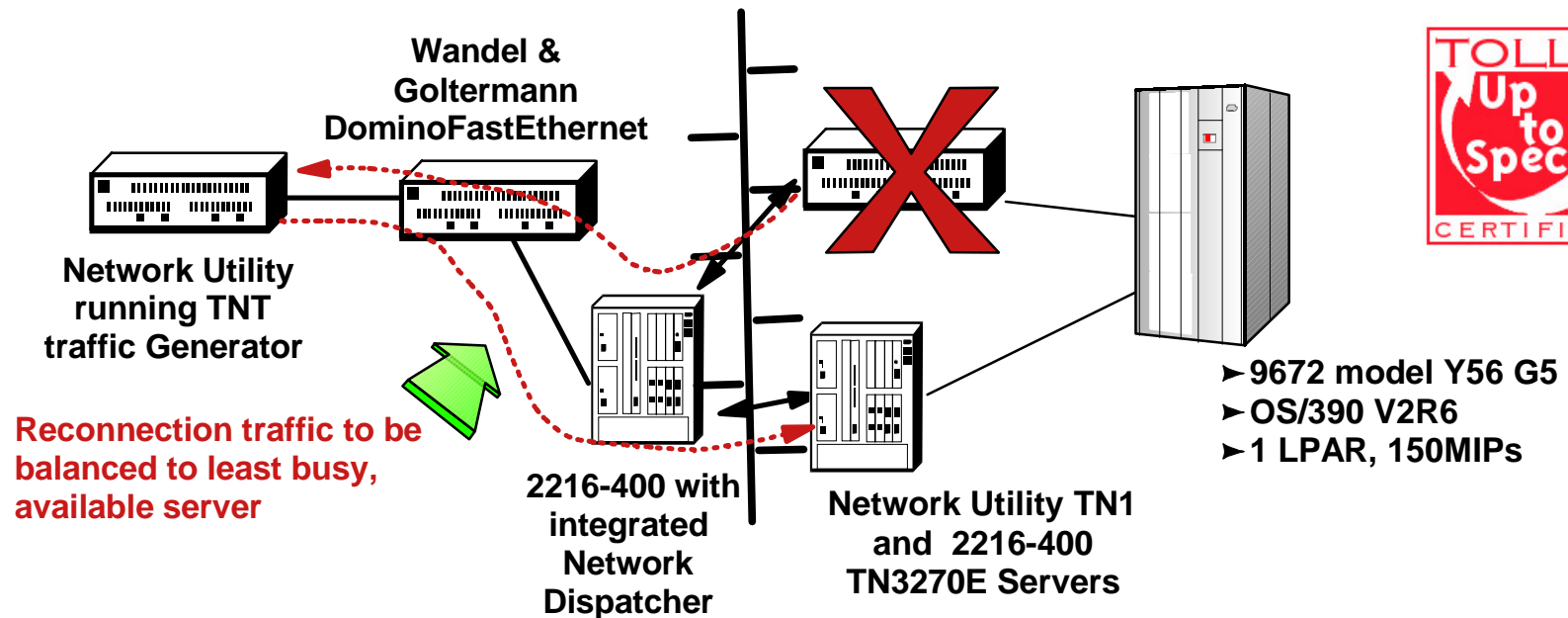
## Test 1: TN3270E Server Load Balancing



- **TN3270E Server load balancing with Network Dispatcher**
  - *Evenly balances 16,000 sessions* between two TN3270E Servers
    - ♦ Difference in session loading across the two gateways less than 10%
  - *Maintained sub-second response to both servers*
  - *Over 2,000 transactions per second* for LSA .. scaleable capacity aggregation *almost doubling tx/sec of single server .. use 28% CPU* of Network Dispatcher machine
  - *Over 1,200 transactions per second* for MPC+ .. scaleable capacity aggregation *doubling tx/sec of single server .. use 20% CPU* of Network Dispatcher machine



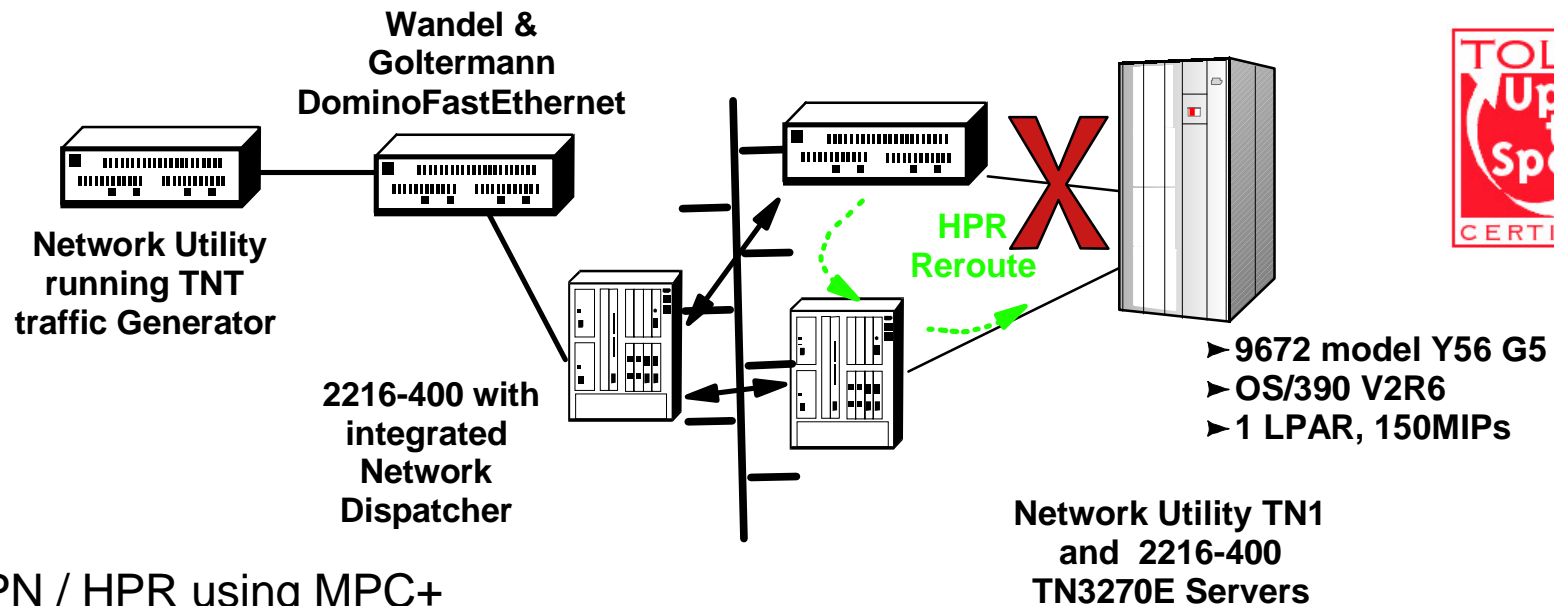
# Test 2: TN3270 Server Fail Over



- 16,000 session balanced evenly between two TN3270E Servers
- LSA Direct using VTAM boundary function
- Steady state, 1 tx/minute for 16,000 sessions .. 266 tx/sec .. 100 / 800 .. Typical interactive
- Power off Network Utility TN3270E Server
- Restart 8,000 sessions from failed server
- Route in process and reconnection inbound traffic through Network Dispatcher
- Observations
  - Maintained sub-second response during session reconnections
  - Average reactivation 170mS per session
  - Network Dispatcher machine reported 9 - 11% CPU utilization



# Test 3: ESCON Attachment Failure Recovery



- APPN / HPR using MPC+
- 16,000 session balanced evenly between two TN3270E Servers
- Steady state, 1 tx/minute for 16,000 sessions .. 266 tx/sec .. 100/800
- Unplugged ESCON cable between director and Network Utility
- VTAM / Network Utility RTP sensed failed channel and sought alternate path
- Reroute all TN3270 HPR Network Utility session traffic over fast ethernet to 2216-400 ANR channel path
- Conclusions
  - Sessions reroute in ONE SECOND
  - Maintained sub-second response time in both servers
  - No measurable user delay
  - No decrease in tx / sec in either TN3270 Server
  - Network Dispatcher machine reported 10 - 14% CPU utilization



# Resiliency Tests: Summary Observations



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- ▶ Effectively *backs up failed TN3270 Server* while *maintaining sub-second response*

- **ESCON attachment failure recovery**

- ▶ *Reroutes HPR session* flow within **ONE SECOND** after *ESCON failure* .. sub second response time with no session loss to end user





# Summarized Observations from All Tests

## • TN3270E Server Capacity Testing

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## • TN3270E Server load balancing with Network Dispatcher

- ▶ *Evenly balances 16,000 sessions* between two TN3270E Servers
- ▶ *Maintained sub-second response for both servers*
- ▶ *Over 2,000 transactions per second .. scaleable capacity aggregation*
- ▶ *Effectively double the throughput* TN3270E Server solution

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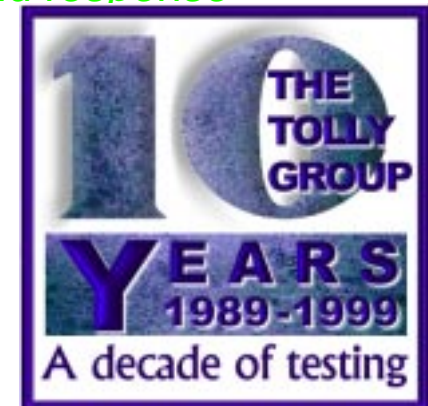
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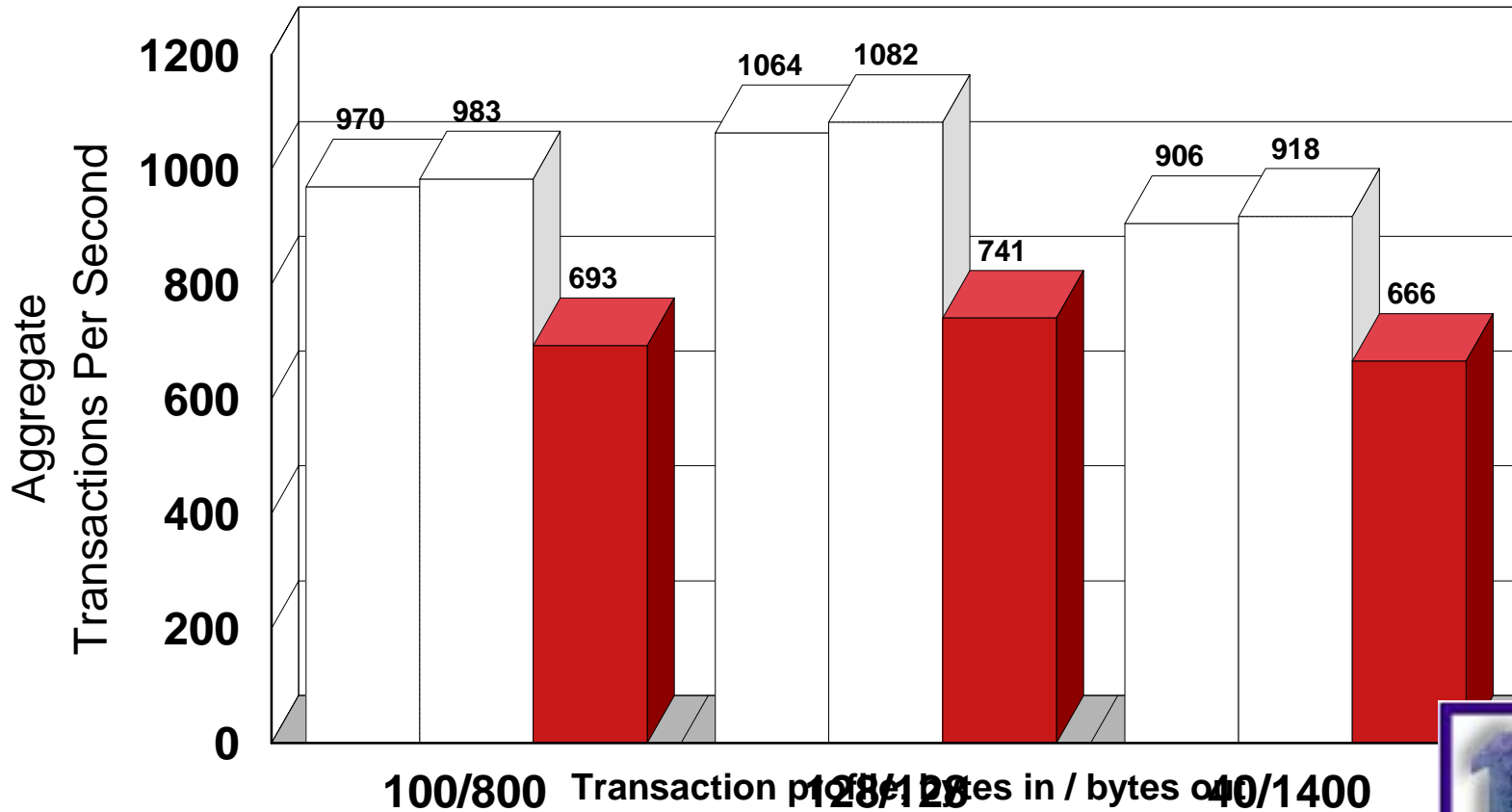


# Tolly Detailed Data Measurements

- TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput ..  
9,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet and LSA/CSNA
- TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput ..  
16,000 sessions via Fast Ethernet and LSA/CSNA
- TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput ..  
16,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet, APPN/HPR and MPC+/CMPC
- Cost Per Transaction Per Second ..  
Based on 9,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet LSA / CSNA
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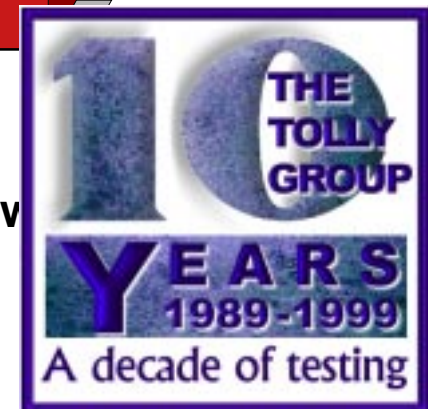
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□ IBM 2216 Multiaccess Connector

■ Cisco 7507/4 v

□ IBM Network Utility TN3270E Server



**Observations:**  
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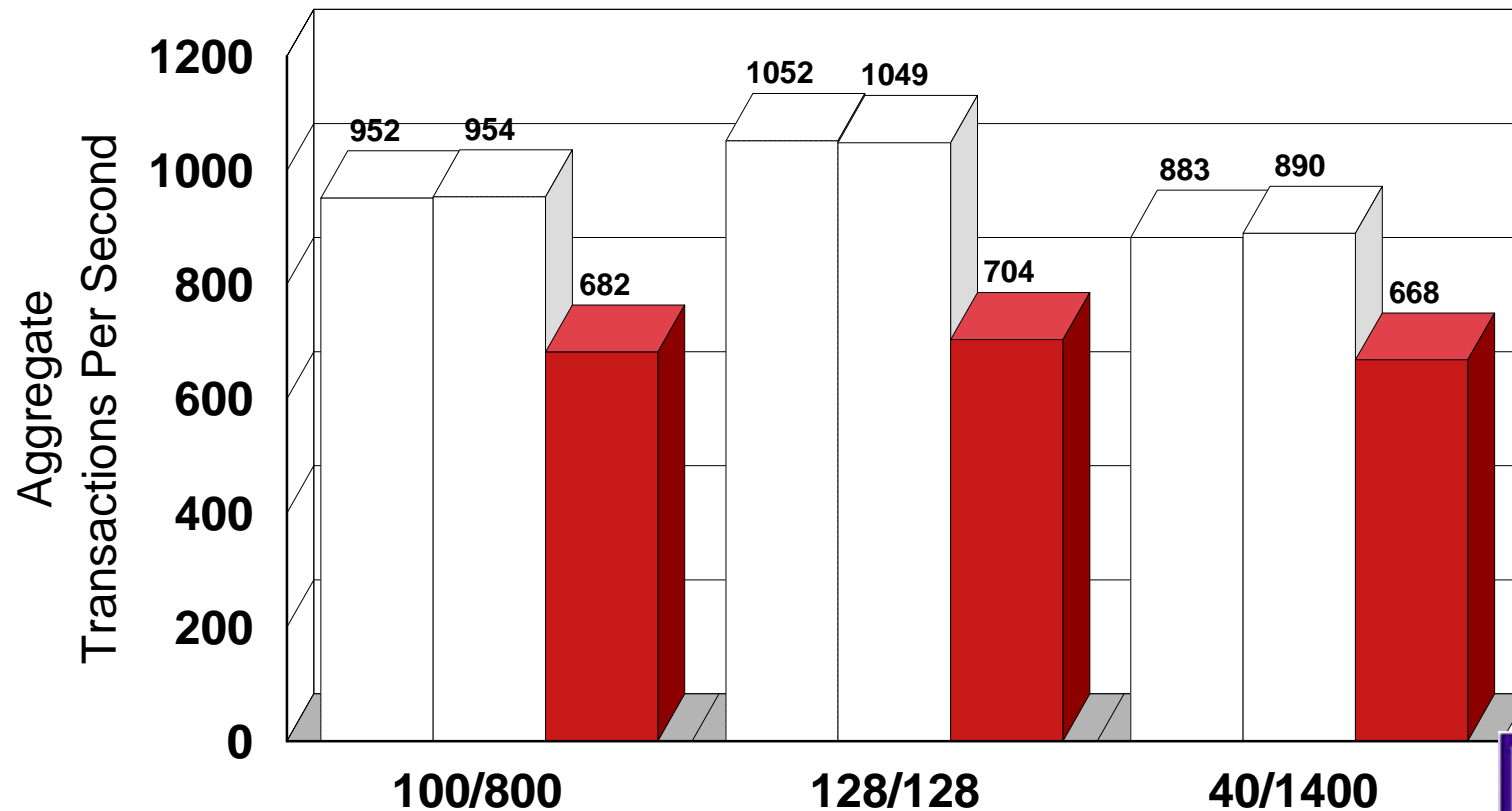
**IBM 38 to 46% more capacity**



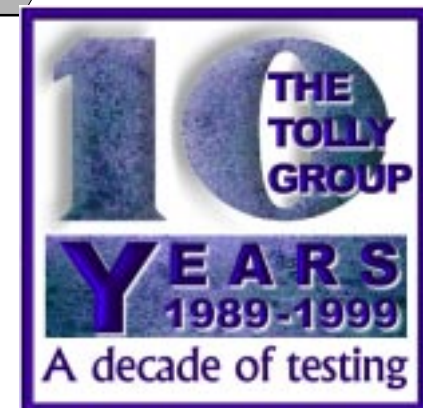


# TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput

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- Transaction profile, bytes in / bytes out
- IBM 2216 Multiaccess Connector
  - IBM Network Utility TN3270E Server
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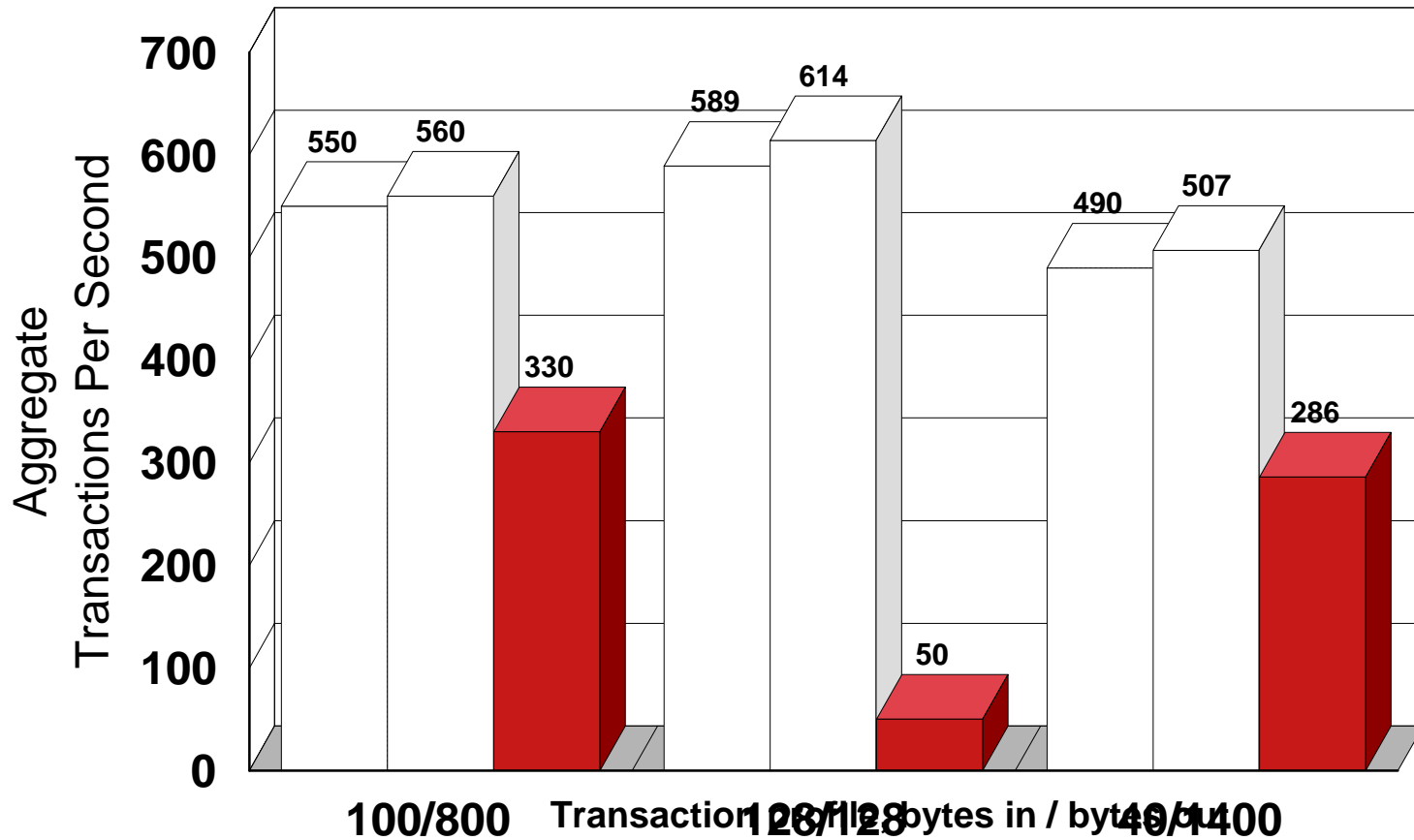


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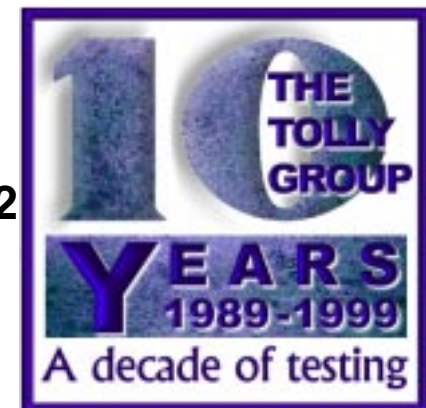
- **IBM 33 to 49% more capacity**
- **LSA is appropriate in environments with few hosts that do not require the availability benefits of HPR, and where host cycles are available for VTAM boundary routing processing**



# TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput 16,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet, APPN/HPR and MPC+/CMPC



- 2216 Multiaccess Connector
- 7507/4 with CIP2
- Network Utility TN3270E Server



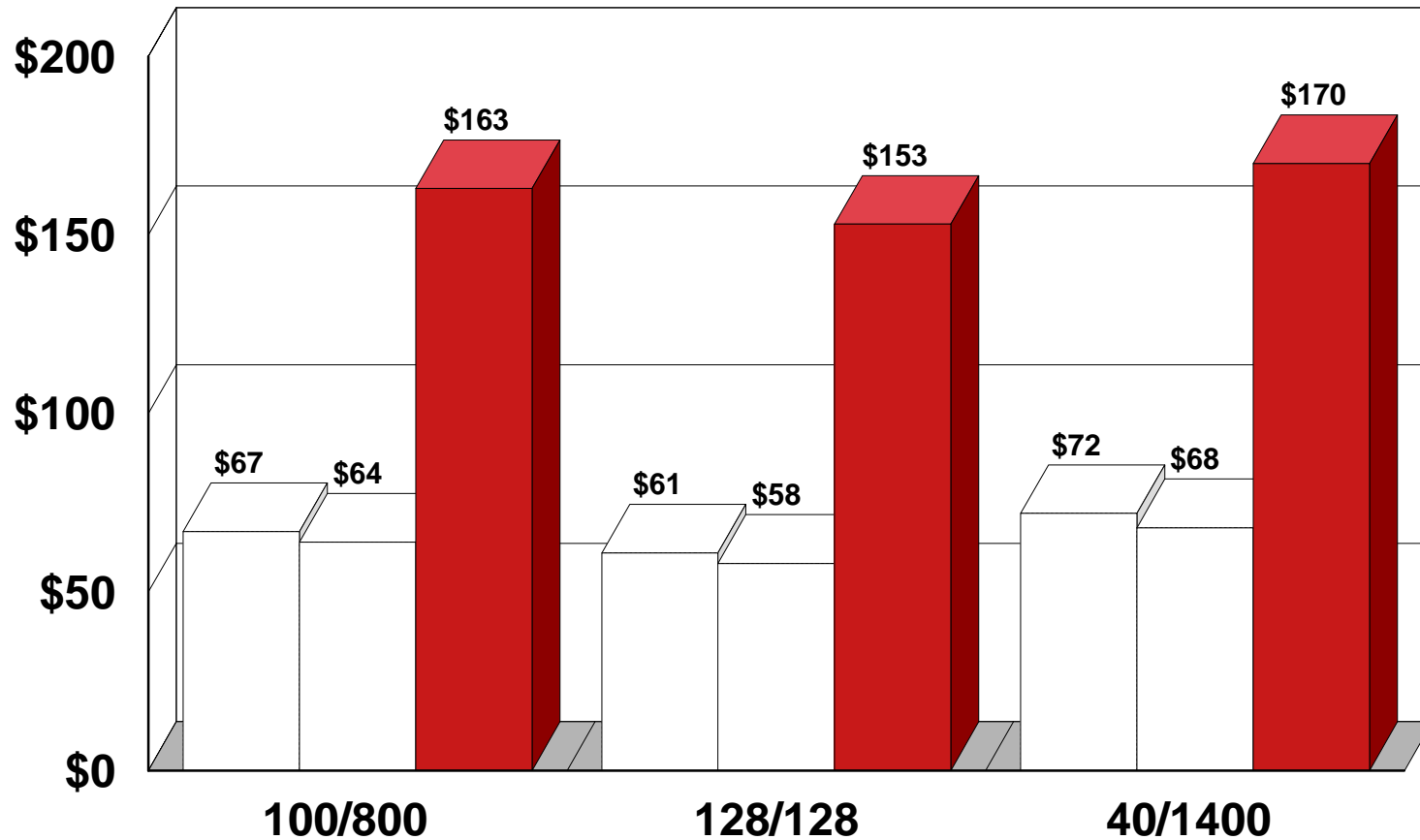
# Observations: TN3270 Server Transaction Throughput 16,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet, APPN/HPR and MPC+/CMPC

- **IBM HPR clearly outperforms Cisco CIP2**
  - From 69 to 77% more transactions/sec
  - 12 times more capacity at small 128/128 frames
  - Sub-second response with no session loss
- **Cisco does not support MPC+ in generally available IOS**
- **IBM provides benefits of APPN / HPR and MPC+ in a single, high performing channel attached gateway offering**
  - Most cost effective, and flexible solution
- **Cisco recommends separate APPN/HPR machine to offload main CPU of router**
  - 30% CPU load on RSP4 with single CIP2 *significantly 75XX TN3270 Server scalability*
  - CIP2 does not support full APPN stack (no RTP or HPR)
  - Cisco HPR support for small frames could not provide sub-second response (4 minutes 53 second average)



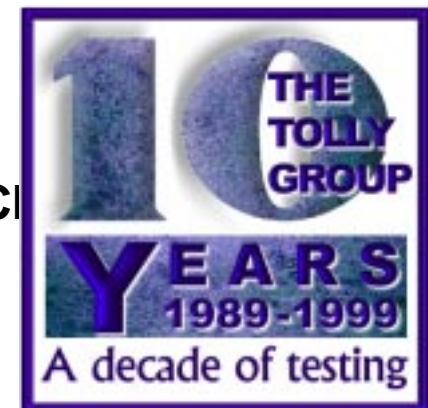
# Cost Per TPS

## Based on 9,000 Sessions via Fast Ethernet LSA / CSNA



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☐ IBM Network Utility TN3270E Server

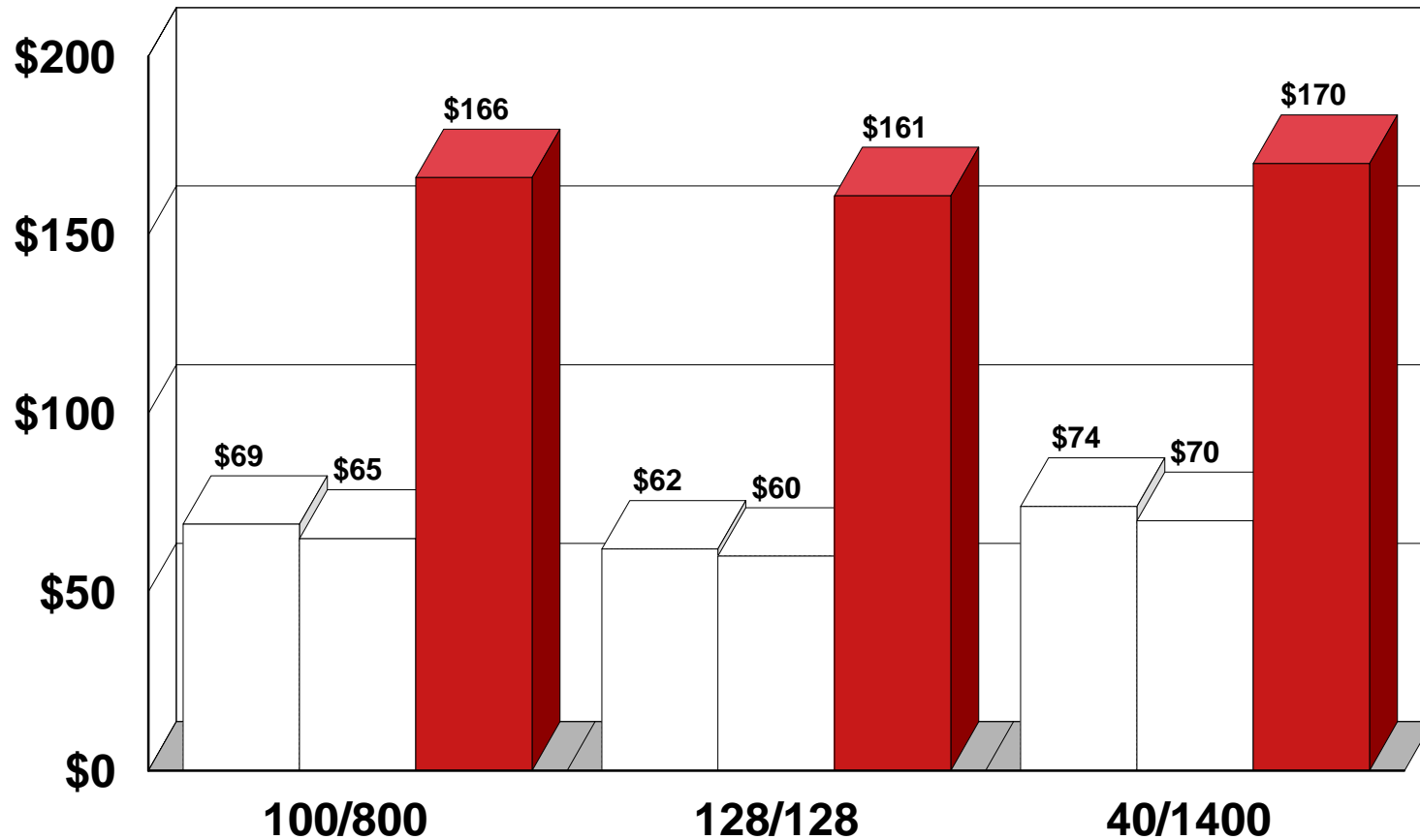
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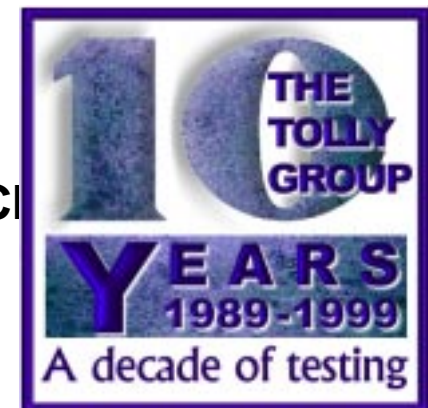
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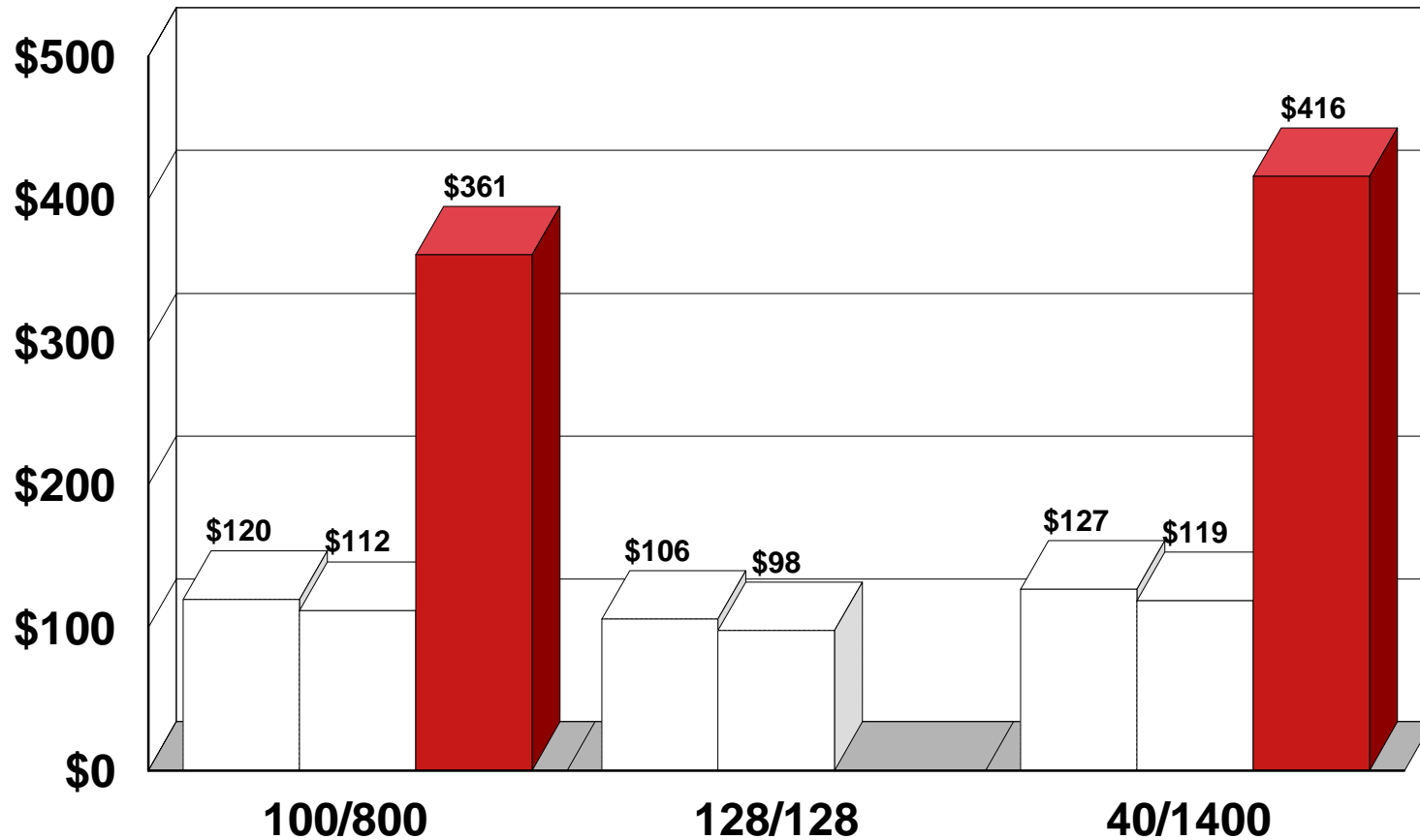
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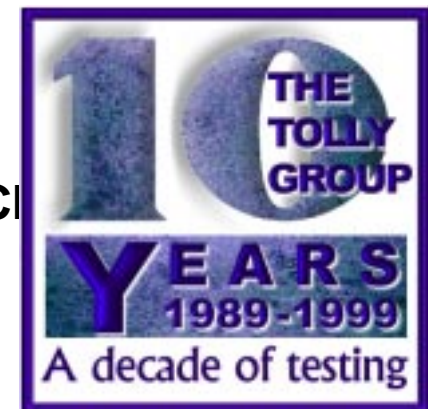
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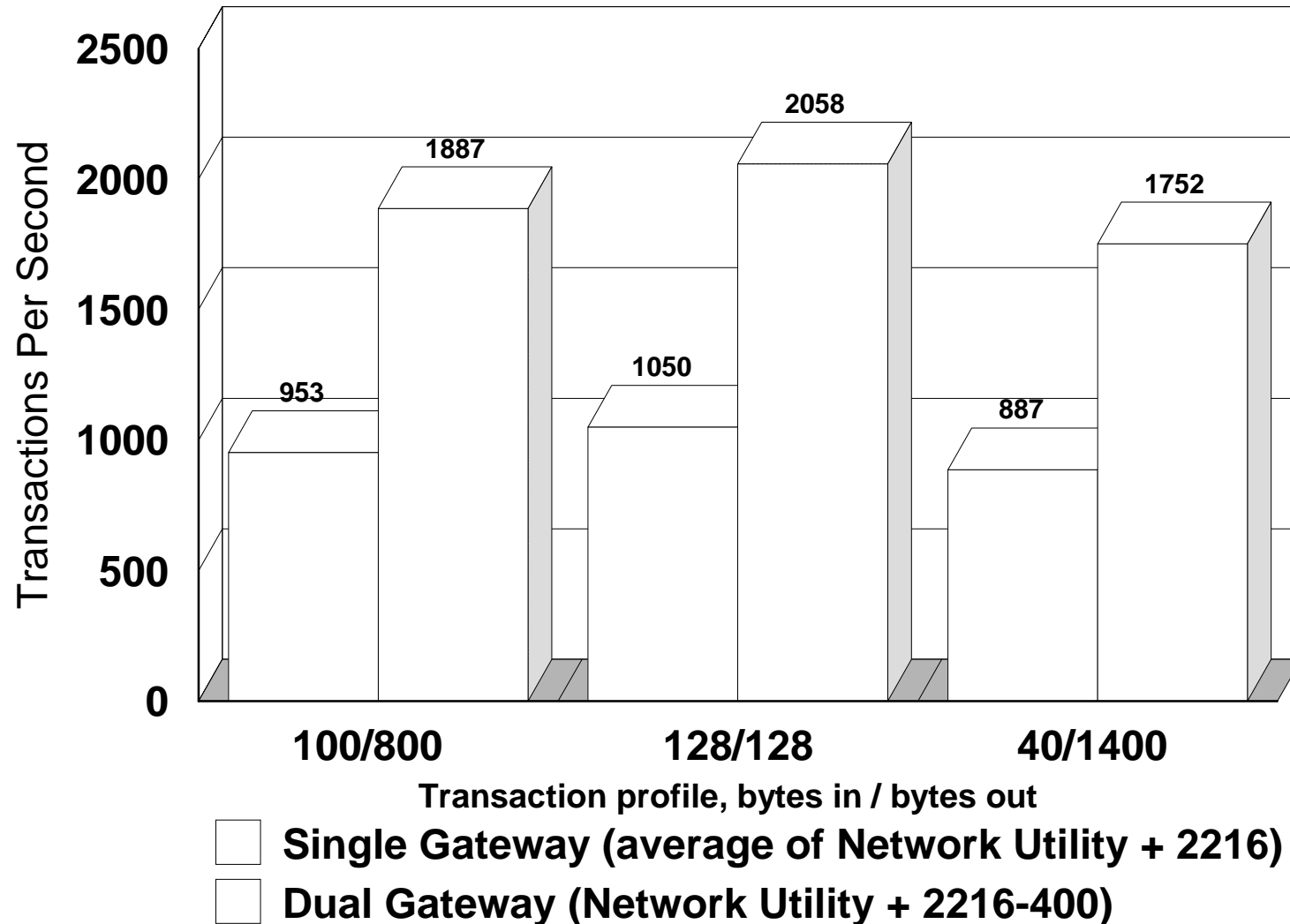
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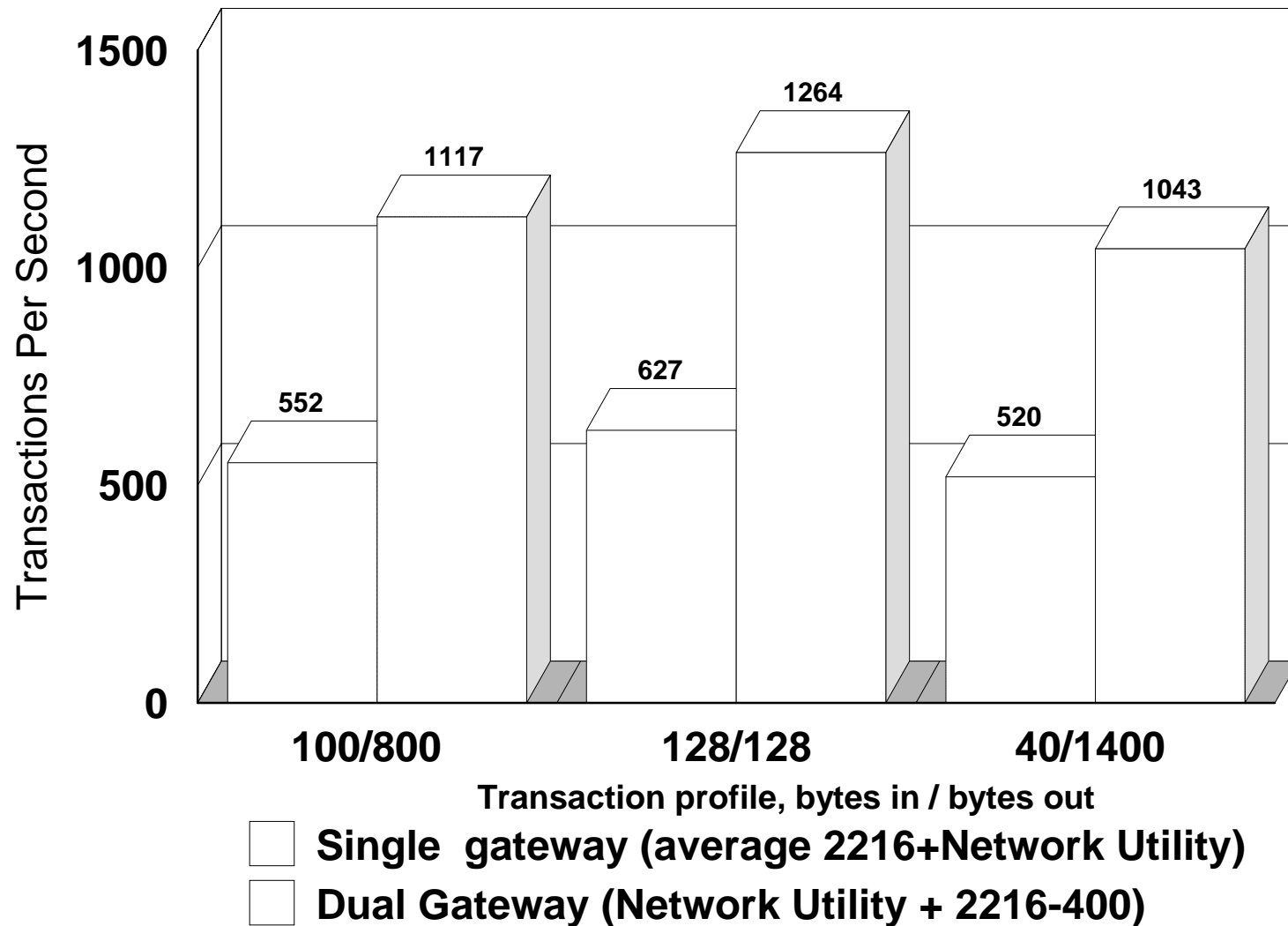
# Dual ESCON-gateway Test

16,000 Sessions, Network Dispatcher load  
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TN3270E Servers .. sub-second response



# Dual ESCON-gateway Test

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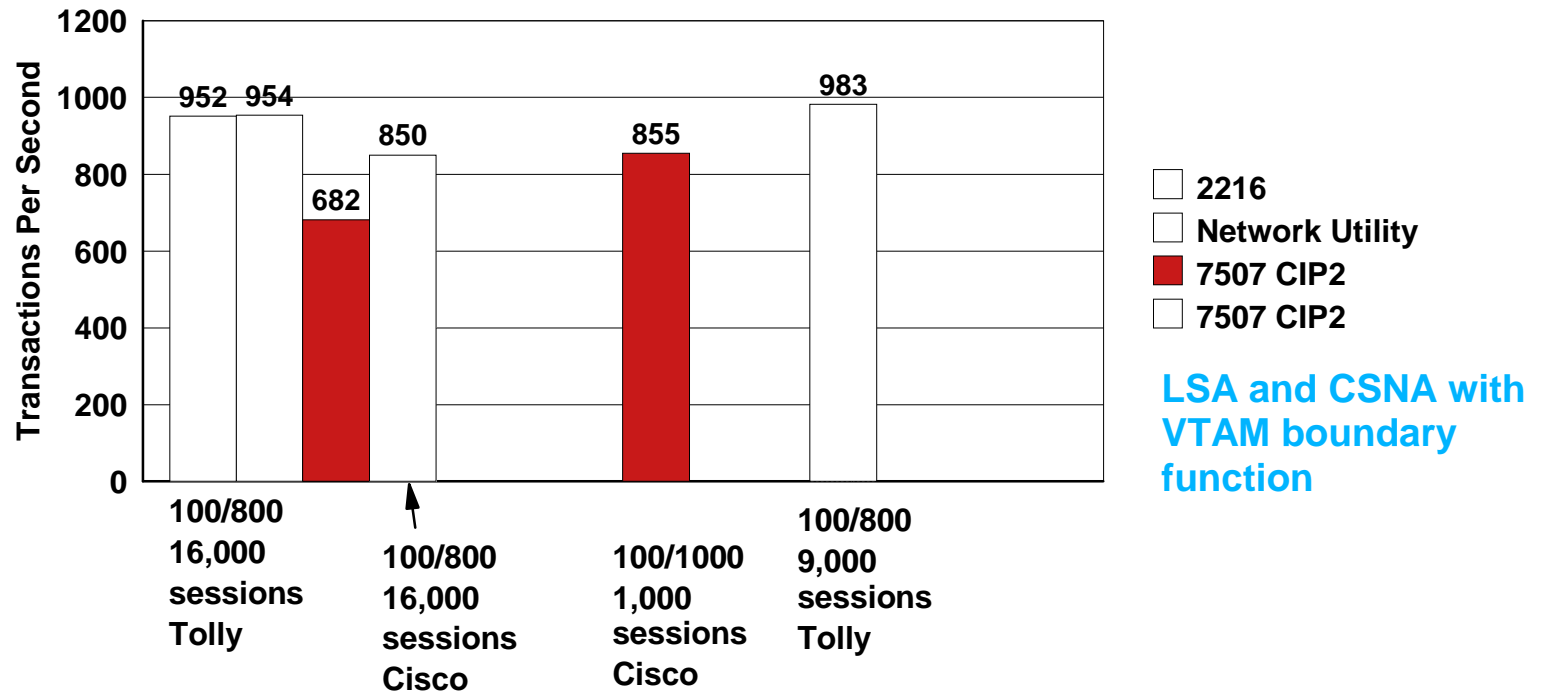


## Associated Observations

- IBM beats Cisco's claimed maximums
- IBM more Cost Effective per transaction
- IBM Provides Higher User Availability
  - ▶ Using Network Dispatcher load balancing with TN3270E Server
  - ▶ Using TN3270E Server with APPN / HPR



# IBM beats Cisco's claimed maximums



- **Customer Performance Testing of Cisco's CIP2 with TN3270 Server .. white paper on [www.cisco.com](http://www.cisco.com)**

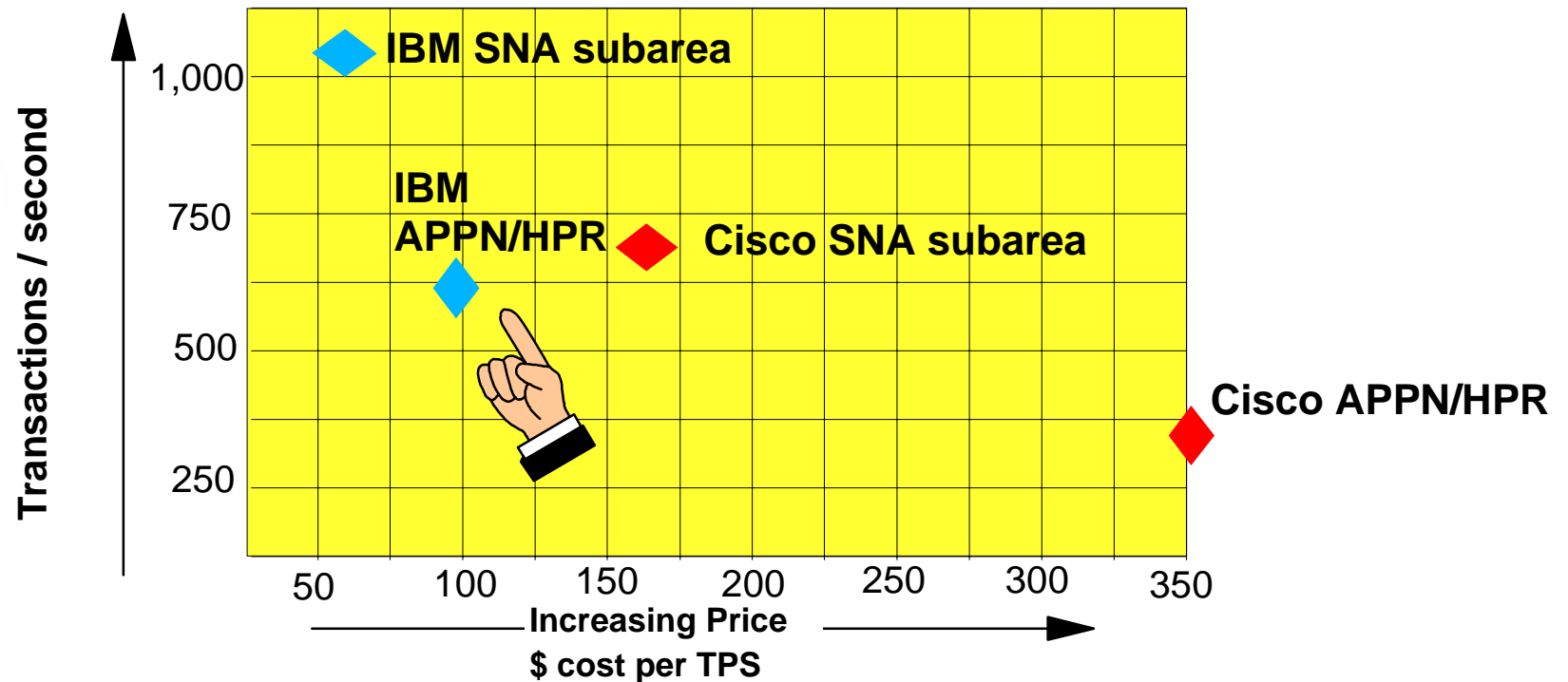
- ▶ for 100/1000 .. "Each CIP card supported 16,000 sessions and approximately 711 transactions per second" (ref. page 25)
- ▶ for 1,000 sessions .. "CPU of the CIP was operating at 100% utilization while passing 855 transactions per second." (ref. page 21)
- ▶ "...CIP was the limiting factor--operating at 100 percent utilization--" (ref. page 21)
- ▶ **No documented response time .. NO APPN measurements**

- **The Tolly Group testing showed**

- ▶ IBM solution outperformed Cisco CIP2
- ▶ Documented sub-second response time
- ▶ All tested TN3270 Servers running at 99% CPU

# Cost per TPS

- *IBM is the performance, price, and price / performance leader*
- *Get the availability of HPR for less cost and about the same performance as Cisco non-HPR support*



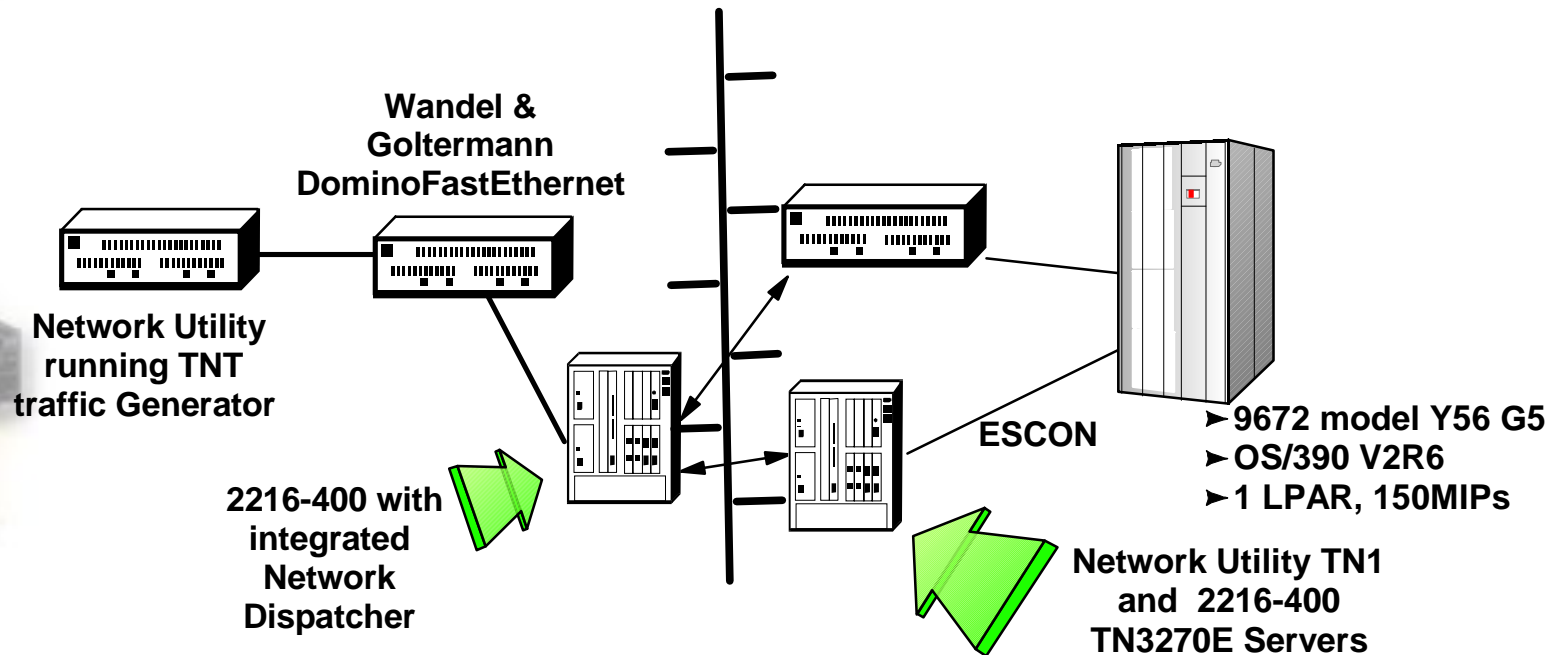
SNA subarea Price / TPS	SNA subarea tx/sec	APPN/HPR Price / TPS	APPN/HPR tx/sec
IBM \$60	1,049	IBM \$98	614
Cisco \$161	704	Cisco \$361	330

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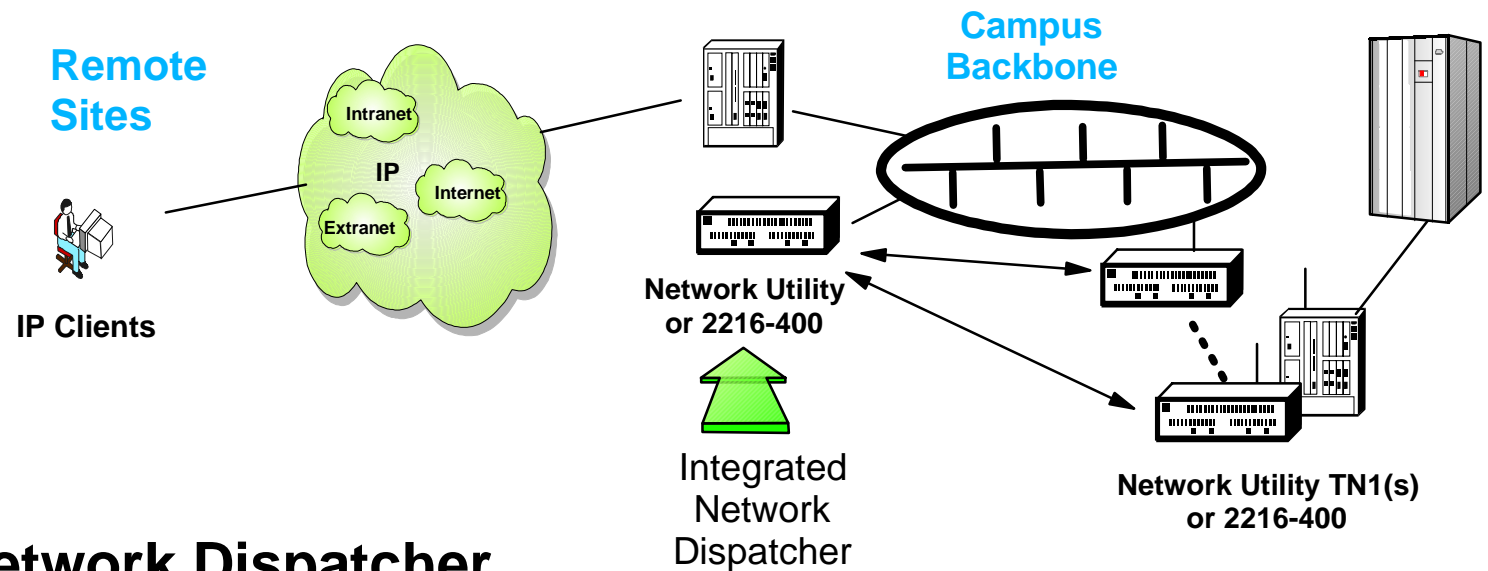
# TN3270 Load Balancing and Recovery



- Demonstrates IBM's solution for availability and scalability of TN3270E Server
  - ▶ Load balancing efficiency and capacity of Network Dispatcher
  - ▶ Transaction throughput capacity scaling
  - ▶ Validates server back up capability
  - ▶ Shows minimal impact on server response time and TX/SEC during recovery
  - ▶ Fast switch over time to reroute session traffic to alternate channel path
  - ▶ Benefits of HPR session rerouting to provide mesh network availability for TN3270 Server users



# TN3270E .. Highly Available User Service



## • Network Dispatcher

- Distributes traffic to least busy, available TN3270E server
  - Increase aggregate performance of server cluster
  - Minimize single point of failure inherent in large single chassis, blade based solution
  - Reduce processor and memory demands on a specific server
- Provides Intelligent balancing with Network Dispatcher advisor and associated TN3270E server advisor support
- Supports a backup 'hot standby' configuration
  - If primary fails, the backup non-disruptively picks up connected session traffic and continues balancing new inbound connection requests
  - Switch back can be manual or automatic once Primary comes back online



# Summary TN3270 Server Load Balancing

- Evenly balances traffic
  - Difference in session loading across the two gateways less than 10%
- Over 2,000 transactions / second while maintaining sub-second response for LSA
- Over 1,200 transactions / second while maintaining sub-second response for MPC+
- Effectively doubles tx/sec using Network Dispatcher with dual TN3270E Servers with ESCON
  - Scalable performance ..  $N \times$  servers transaction rate
- Network Dispatcher has ample capacity for additional TN3270E Server balancing
  - ♦ LSA: 28% CPU utilization during test  
1-2% impact on tx/sec rates of individual TN3270E Servers
  - ♦ MPC+ :20% CPU utilization during test  
no impact on tx/sec rates of individual servers
- Mixed TN3270E Server types Feasible
- Consistent sub-second response times with no session loss
- Each TN3270 Server 99% CPU

*Network Dispatcher load balancing provides  
scalable capacity and high availability for users* e-business





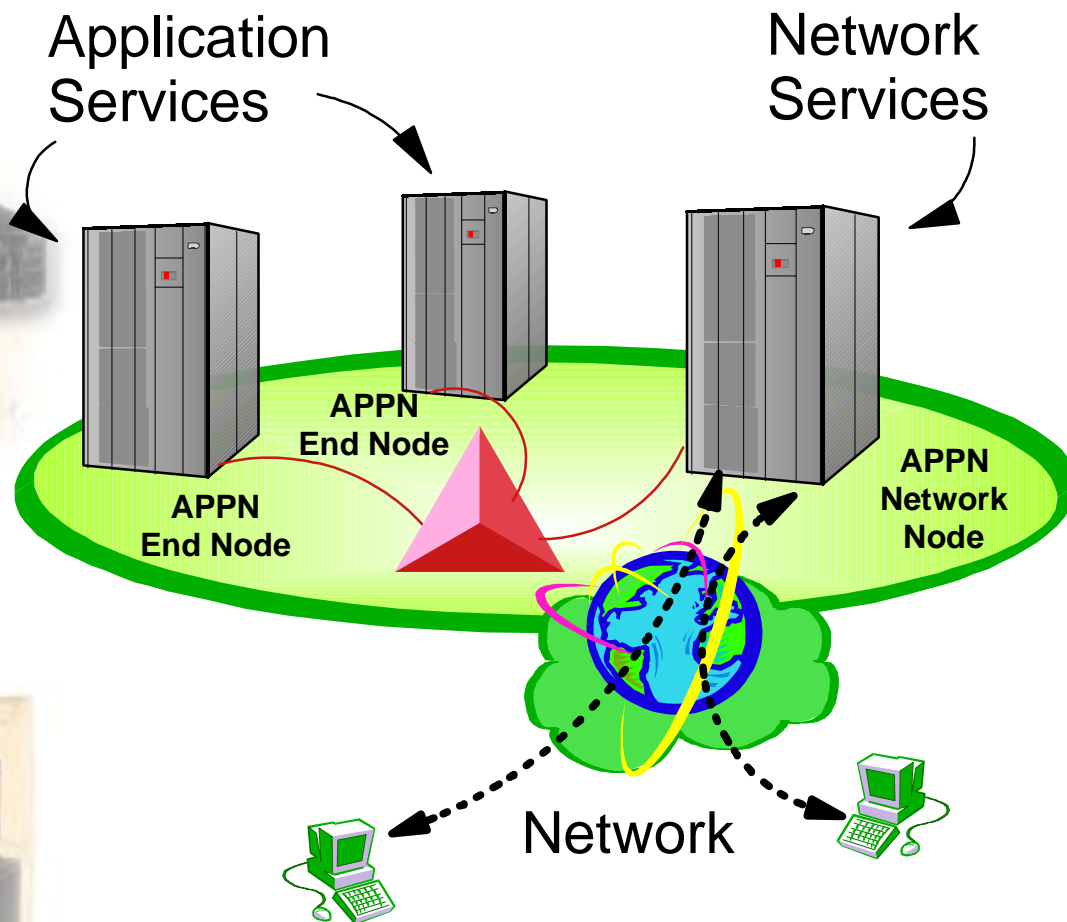


# Summary Resiliency Tests: TN3270 load balancing

- Directed user re-logons to backup server while maintaining sub-second response time for connected users
- **ONE SECOND** session rerouting around failed ESCON channel when using HPR
  - ▶ Maintained sub-second response time
  - ▶ Transparent to end users .. no session loss

*High service level to end users*

# Why APPN / HPR

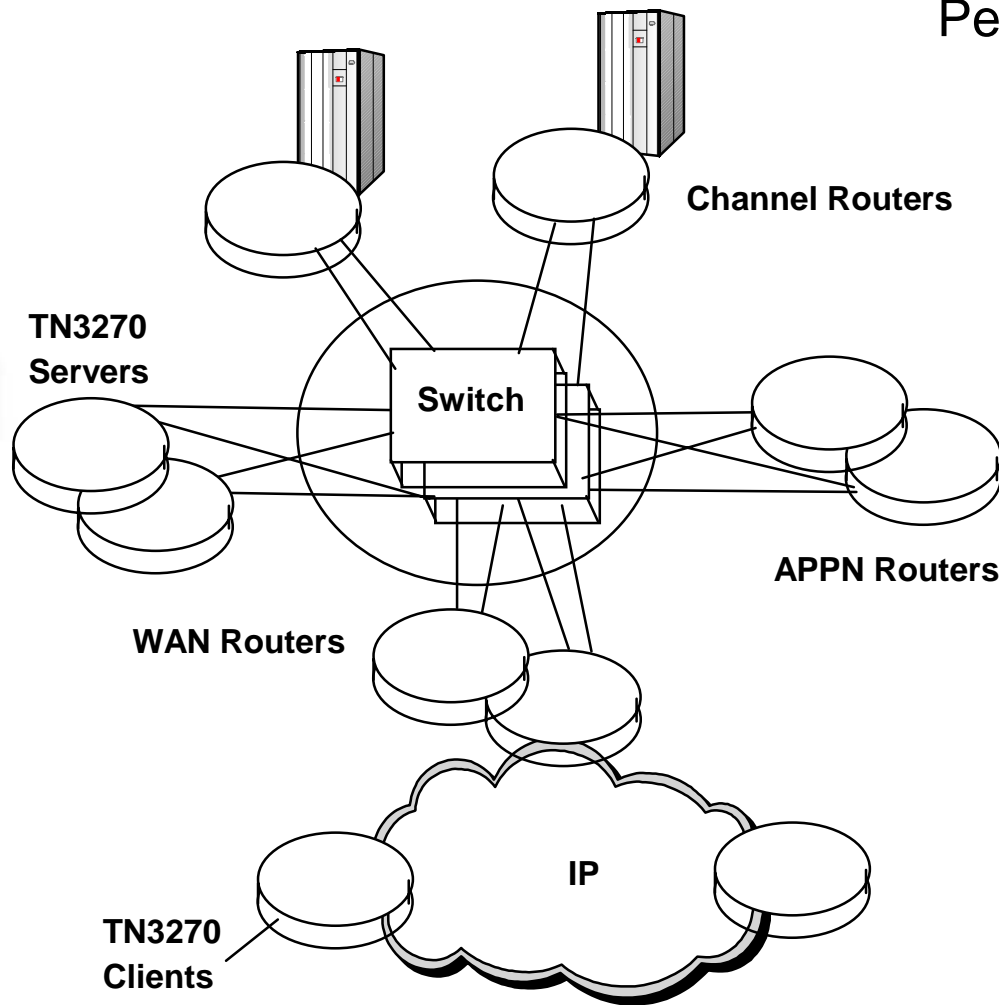


**APPN/HPR - a key technology within the Parallel Sysplex and multiple host environment**

- *User keeps working even when the application moves*
- **APPN Network Nodes**
  - Network services
  - Usually 2 VTAM NNs in parallel Sysplex for availability
- **APPN End Nodes**
  - Application services
  - Multiple application images
- **Multiple ESCON connections for redundancy**

**APPN/HPR in the network is not a prerequisite**  
**BUT can be mapped over IP for high user session**  
**availability .. called Enterprise Extender**

# Cisco's TN3270 Server Data Center Design



Per Cisco ...

- Channel routers transport SNA data, but have no SNA node function .. **WHY?**
- TN3270 Server and DLUr in same router .. **WHY not use the CIP channel attach?**
- APPN as separate router .. **WHY?**
- Scalability and availability provided by multiple routers .. **WHY so many?**

*Let's understand WHY?*

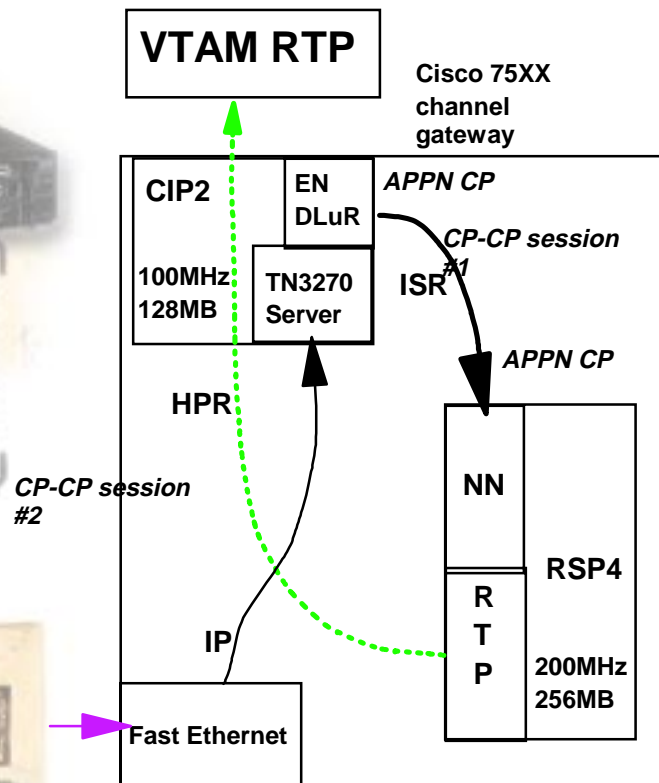
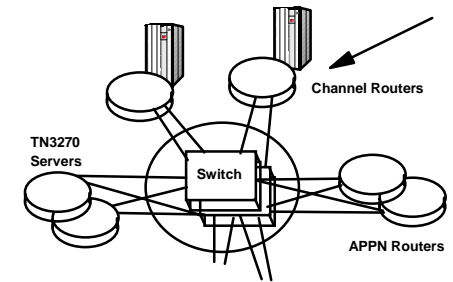


# TN3270 Server with APPN HPR in Channel Attached Gateway

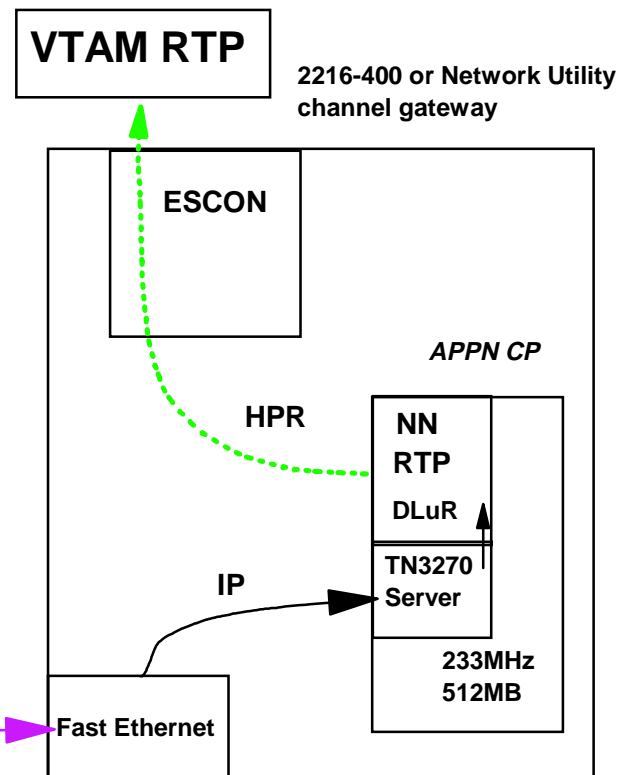
The inefficient, costly path by Cisco CIP2

OR

The efficient, cost effective path by IBM



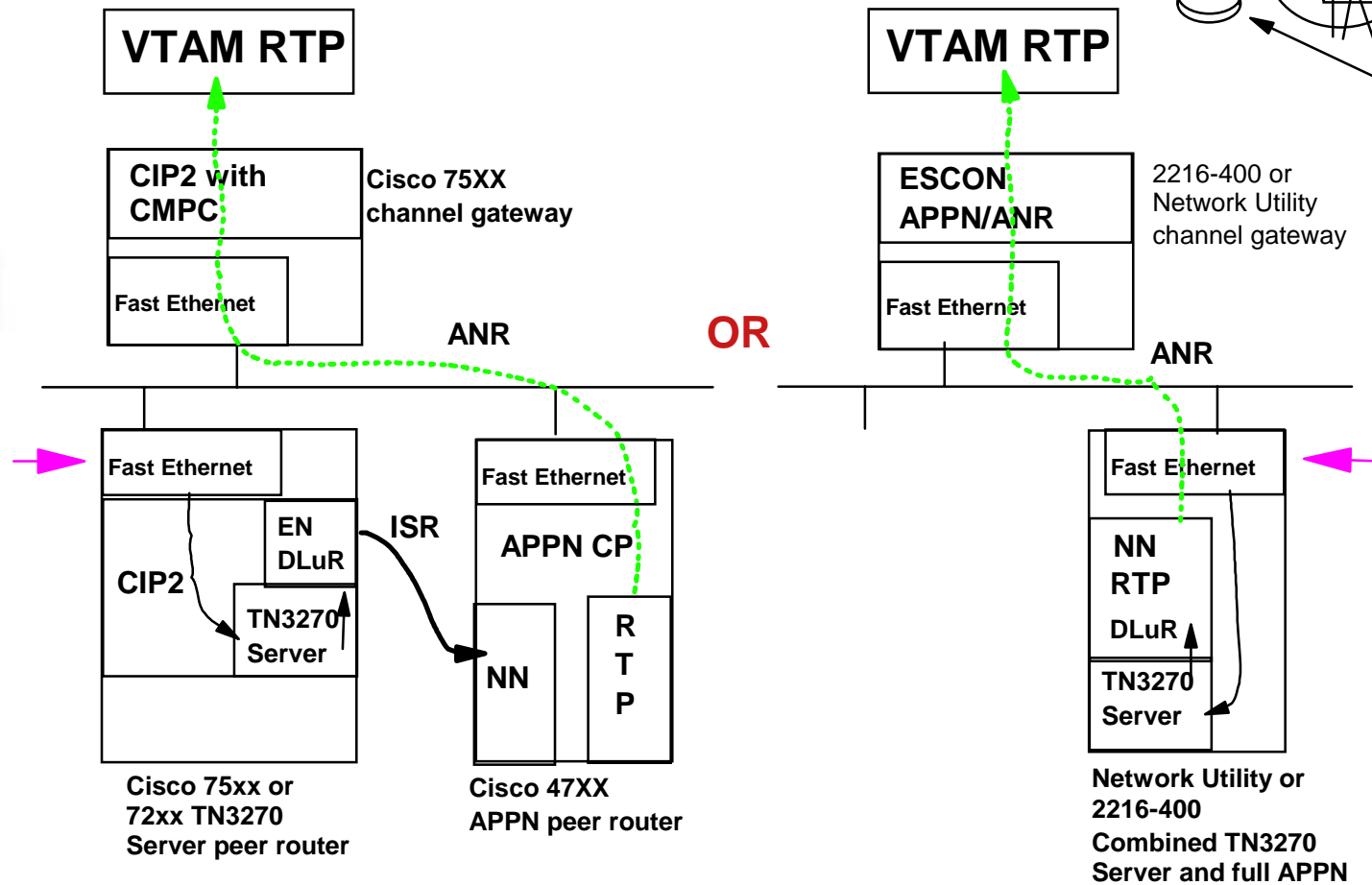
Up to 330 transactions/sec with CMPC  
.. RSP4 at 30%, CIP2 at 99% .. minimal scalability in chassis .. poor response time with small packets



Up to 638 transactions/sec with MPC+  
.. CPU at 99% .. dedicated to the TN3270 server channel attach gateway task

IBM channel attached APPN/HPR  
TN3270E Server superior design

# Separate TN3270 Server, APPN and Channel Attached Gateway



- **IBM:** Less machines, better integration, more performance, higher scalability, better availability, best price / performance
- **Cisco:** Unused, expensive CIP ESCON port, more machines, less aggregate performance, costs more





# So Why Does Cisco Recommend this Design

- Channel routers transport SNA data, but have no SNA node function
  - ▶ **Because CIP2 has minimal APPN support .. no RTP .. requires many RSP4 cycles which significantly limits 75XX scalability**
  - ▶ **30% CPU load on RSP4 with single CIP2 significantly limits 75XX TN3270 Server scalability**
  - ▶ **Poor performer**
- TN3270 Server and DLUr in same router ..
  - ▶ **The TN3270 Server still runs in the CIP2 that you pay for BUT you are advised not to connect it to the channel**
  - ▶ **Traffic must travel to APPN router or use router's main CPU to obtain availability characteristics of HPR**
- APPN as separate router ..
  - ▶ **The full APPN stack runs in the main processor of the 75XX, 72XX, or 4XXX so you should plan for this requirement**
  - ▶ **Use the IBM APPN / HPR solution for better performance, price and function**
- Scalability and availability provided by multiple routers ..
  - ▶ **IBM offers superior scalability, performance, price and function with fewer numbers of Network Utility and 2216-400**



# Summary Observations

- IBM Network Utility and 2216 Multiaccess Connector TN3270E Servers break the 1,000 transaction per second barrier
- Clearly outperform Cisco CIP2 TN3270E Server for both SNA and APPN / HPR in Independent Testing
- Surpass Cisco's own published test maximums
- IBM offers flexible TN3270E Server network designs for high service level to end users
  - ▶ Network Dispatcher load balancing and scaleable capacity
  - ▶ Server fail over while maintaining sub second response
  - ▶ One second HPR rerouting if ESCON path failure
- Expect Similar Benefits with 3746 Equipped with Multiaccess Enclosure (note: maximum 15,000 sessions)
- IBM solution more scaleable
- IBM HPR availability solution superior
- IBM more cost effective
- IBM continues leadership in IP - SNA Integration
  - ▶ Recent Cisco reorganization de-emphasizes SNA support
  - ▶ IBM expands the gap



# For more information

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  - ♦ Document 199116 .. Load Balancing TN3270E Servers Test .. June 11, 1999
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