

# z/OS Communications Server Performance Improvements

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# Agenda



- ❑ What is one of the most important factors in determining TCP/IP performance over OSA-Express?
  - Why inbound packet processing key to TCP/IP performance
- ❑ Optimizing the inbound path
  - Evolution of optimizations
- ❑ The latest optimizations
  - Optimized Latency Mode
  - Inbound Workload Queuing
- ❑ How about outbound packet processing?
  - Segmentation offload
  - WLM priority queuing
- ❑ OSA-Express4

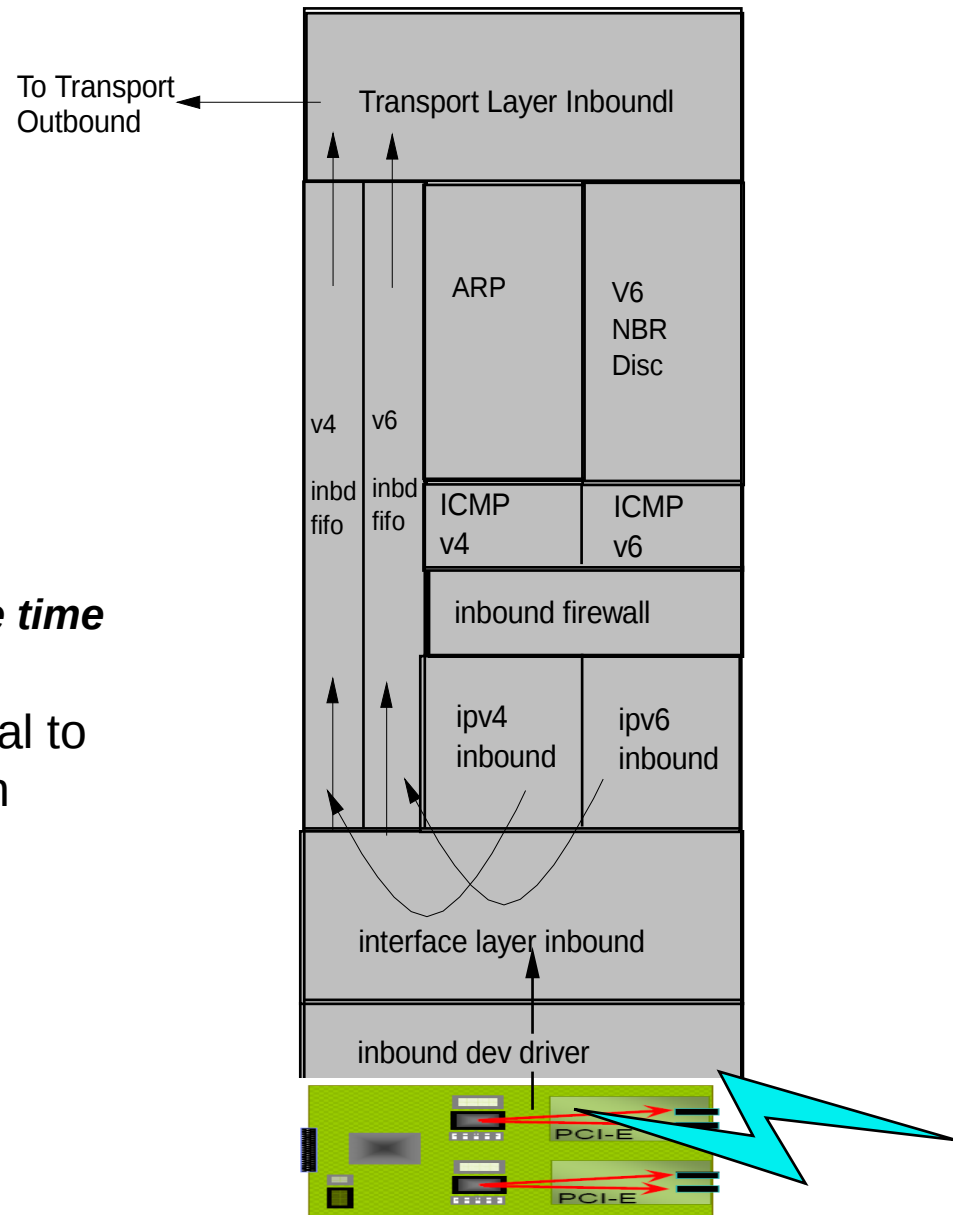


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**Optimizing inbound communications  
using  
OSA-Express**

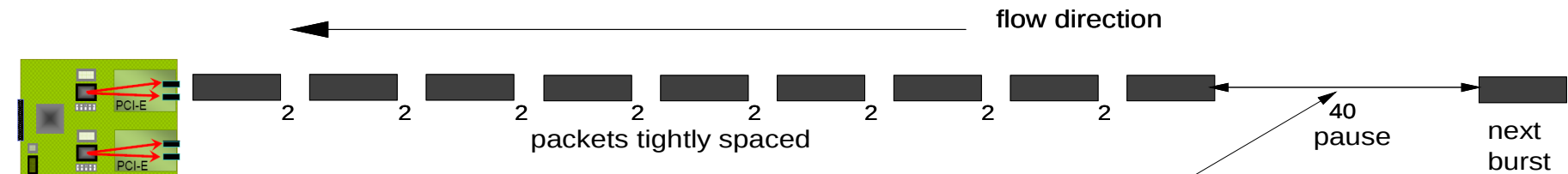
# Introduction

- More than **any** other factor, the **behavior of the inbound (receiving) communications adapter** influences overall performance\* of z/OS Communications Server.
  - Key performance characteristics: CPU consumption, throughput, and response time**
- Because this inbound behavior is so critical to performance of the overall communication stack, this presentation focuses heavily on this area.
- So... let's get started by looking at two common network traffic patterns....



# Timing Considerations for Various Inbound workloads...

## Inbound Streaming Traffic Pattern



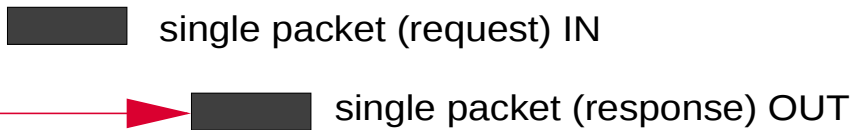
receiving OSA-Express3

For inbound streaming traffic, it's most efficient to have OSA defer interrupting z/OS until it sees a pause in the stream.... To accomplish this, we'd want the OSA **LAN-Idle timer** set fairly high (e.g., don't interrupt unless there's a traffic pause of at least 20 microseconds)

## Interactive Traffic Pattern



But for interactive traffic, response time would be best if OSA would interrupt z/OS immediately.... To accomplish this, we'd want the OSA **LAN-Idle timer** set as low as it can go (e.g., 1 microsecond)

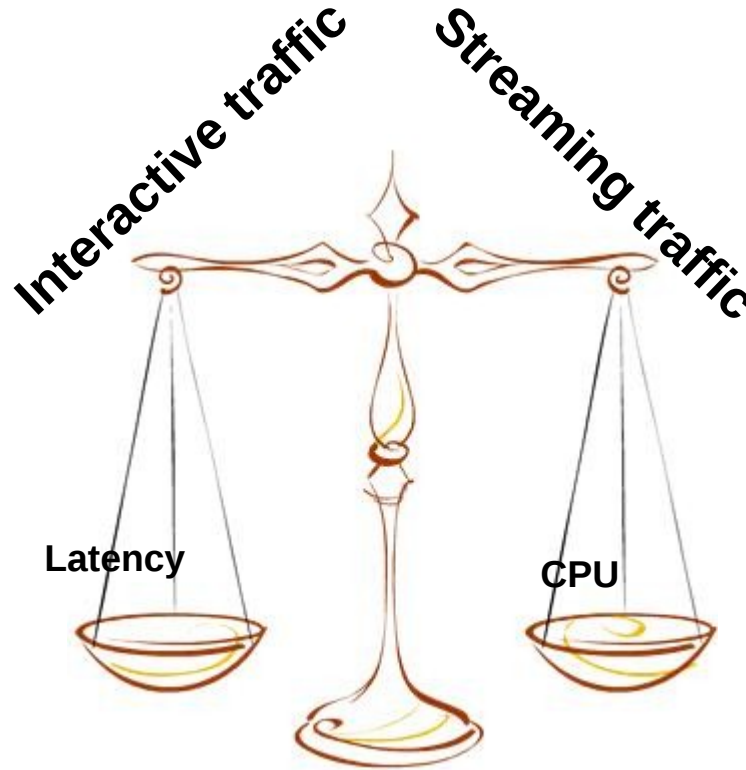


**Read-Side interrupt frequency is all about the LAN-Idle timer!**

For detailed discussion on inbound interrupt timing, please see Part 1 of "z/OS Communications Server V1R12 Performance Study: OSA-Express3 Inbound Workload Queuing". <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27005524>

# Setting the Lan-Idle timer – A balancing act...

- Lowering the Lan-Idle timer:
  - Helps optimize latency for interactive traffic
  - But can increase CPU usage (more interrupts to process, more dispatches, etc.)
  - And what about streaming traffic?



- Increasing the the Lan-Idle timer:
  - Helps optimize CPU usage (less interrupts, less dispatches)
  - Optimal for streaming traffic
  - But what about latency for interactive traffic?

# Setting the LAN Idle Timer – pre z/OS V1R9

- Prior to z/OS V1R9, Communications Server supported only static LAN-Idle timer settings
- On these earlier releases, you'd configure INBPERF on the INTERFACE or LINK statements

```
>>-INTERFace--intf_name----->
>>-LINK-----link_name----->
.
  .-INBPERF BALANCED-----
>--+-----+----->
  '-INBPERF--+-MINCPU-----+-'
      '-MINLATENCY-'
```

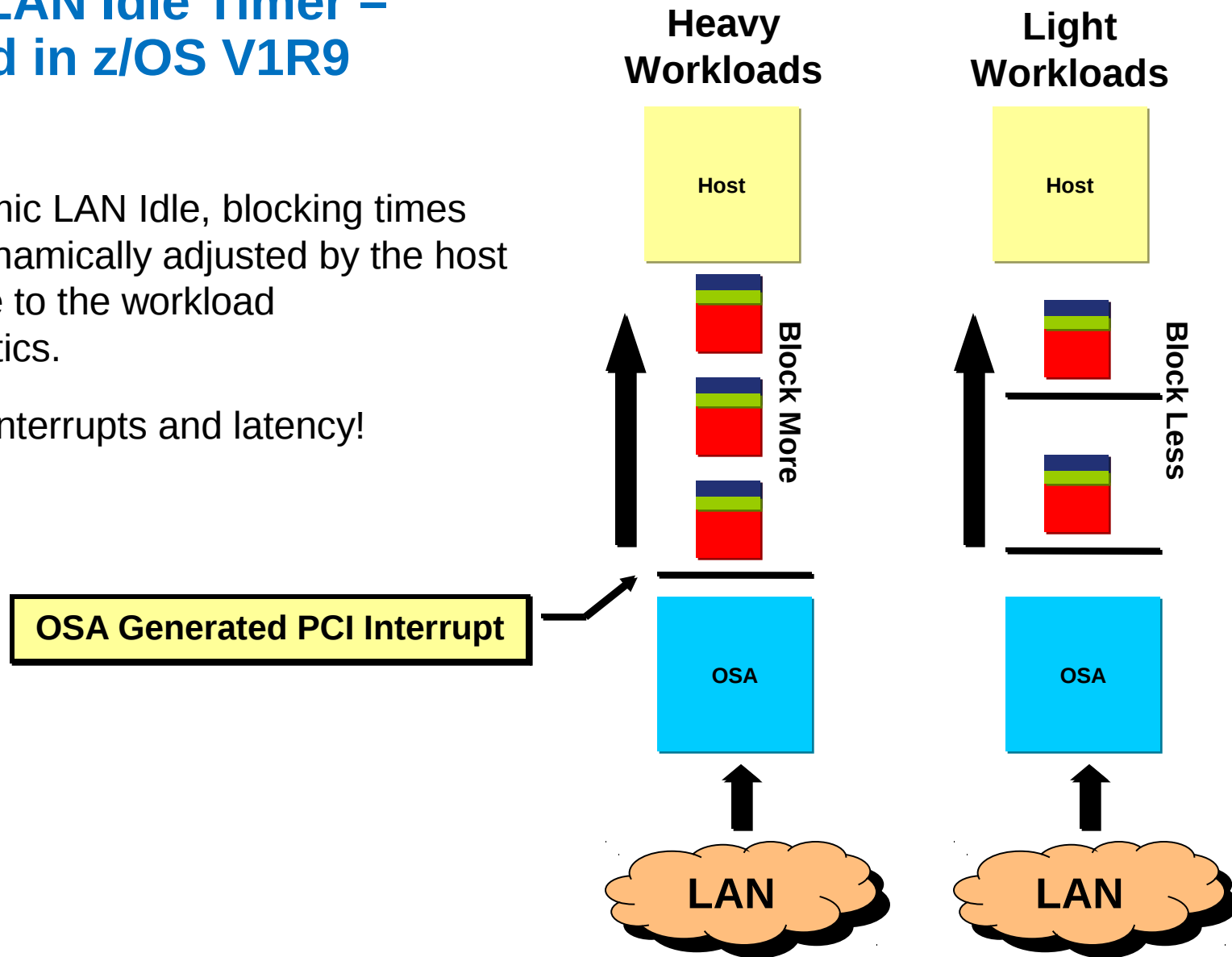
- **BALANCED** (default) - a **static** interrupt-timing value, selected to achieve reasonably high throughput and reasonably low CPU
- **MINCPU** - a **static** interrupt-timing value, selected to minimize host interrupts without regard to throughput
- **MINLATENCY** - a **static** interrupt-timing value, selected to minimize latency

Note: These values cannot be changed without stopping and restarting the interface



# Dynamic LAN Idle Timer – Introduced in z/OS V1R9

- With Dynamic LAN Idle, blocking times are now dynamically adjusted by the host in response to the workload characteristics.
- Optimizes interrupts and latency!



# Dynamic LAN Idle Timer: Configuration

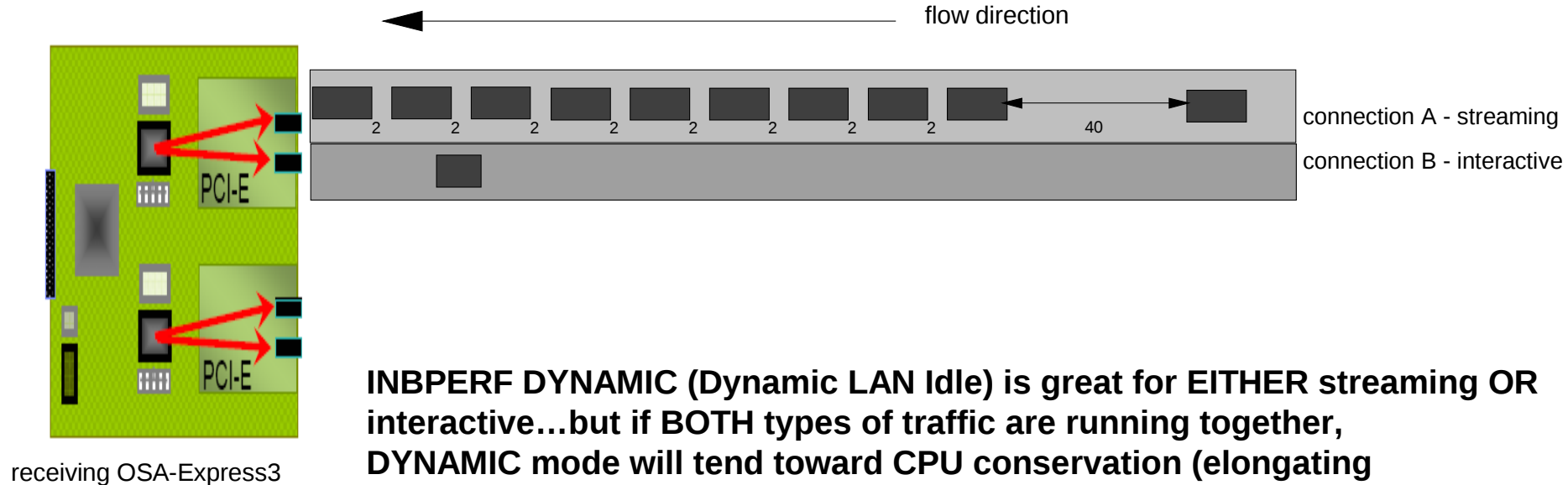
- Configure INBPERF DYNAMIC on the INTERFACE statement

```
>>-INTERFace--intf_name----->
.
  .-INBPERF BALANCED-----
>--+-----+----->
  '-INBPERF--+-DYNAMIC-----+'
      +-MINCPU-----+
      '-MINLATENCY-'
```

- BALANCED (default) - a static interrupt-timing value, selected to achieve reasonably high throughput and reasonably low CPU
- **DYNAMIC** - a dynamic interrupt-timing value that changes based on current inbound workload conditions ← **Generally Recommended!**
- MINCPU - a static interrupt-timing value, selected to minimize host interrupts without regard to throughput
- MINLATENCY - a static interrupt-timing value, selected to minimize latency

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# Dynamic LAN Idle Timer: But what about mixed workloads?



**INBPERF DYNAMIC (Dynamic LAN Idle) is great for EITHER streaming OR interactive...but if BOTH types of traffic are running together, DYNAMIC mode will tend toward CPU conservation (elongating the LAN-Idle timer). So in a mixed (streaming + interactive) workload, the interactive flows will be delayed, waiting for the OSA to detect a pause in the stream.....**

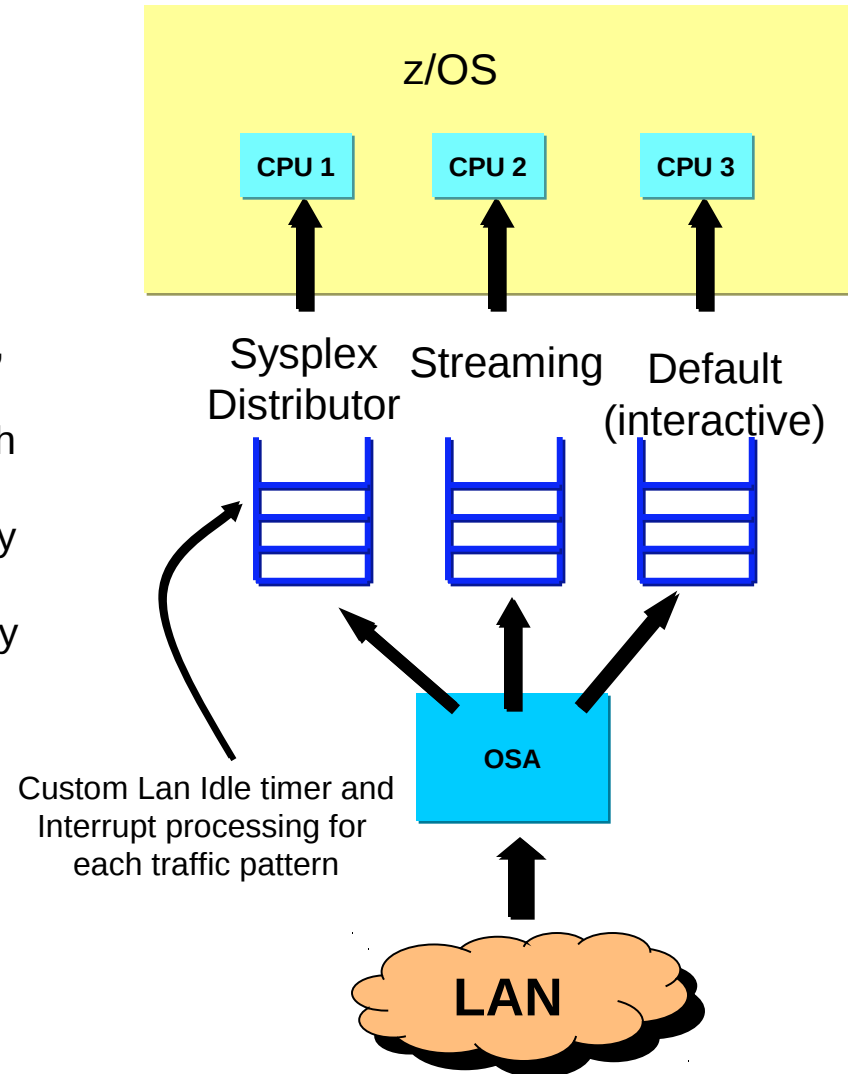
# Extending Dynamic LAN Idle Timer: Inbound Workload Queuing

## V1R12

With OSA-Express3 IWQ and z/OS V1R12, OSA now directs streaming traffic onto its own input queue – transparently separating the streaming traffic away from the more latency-sensitive interactive flows...

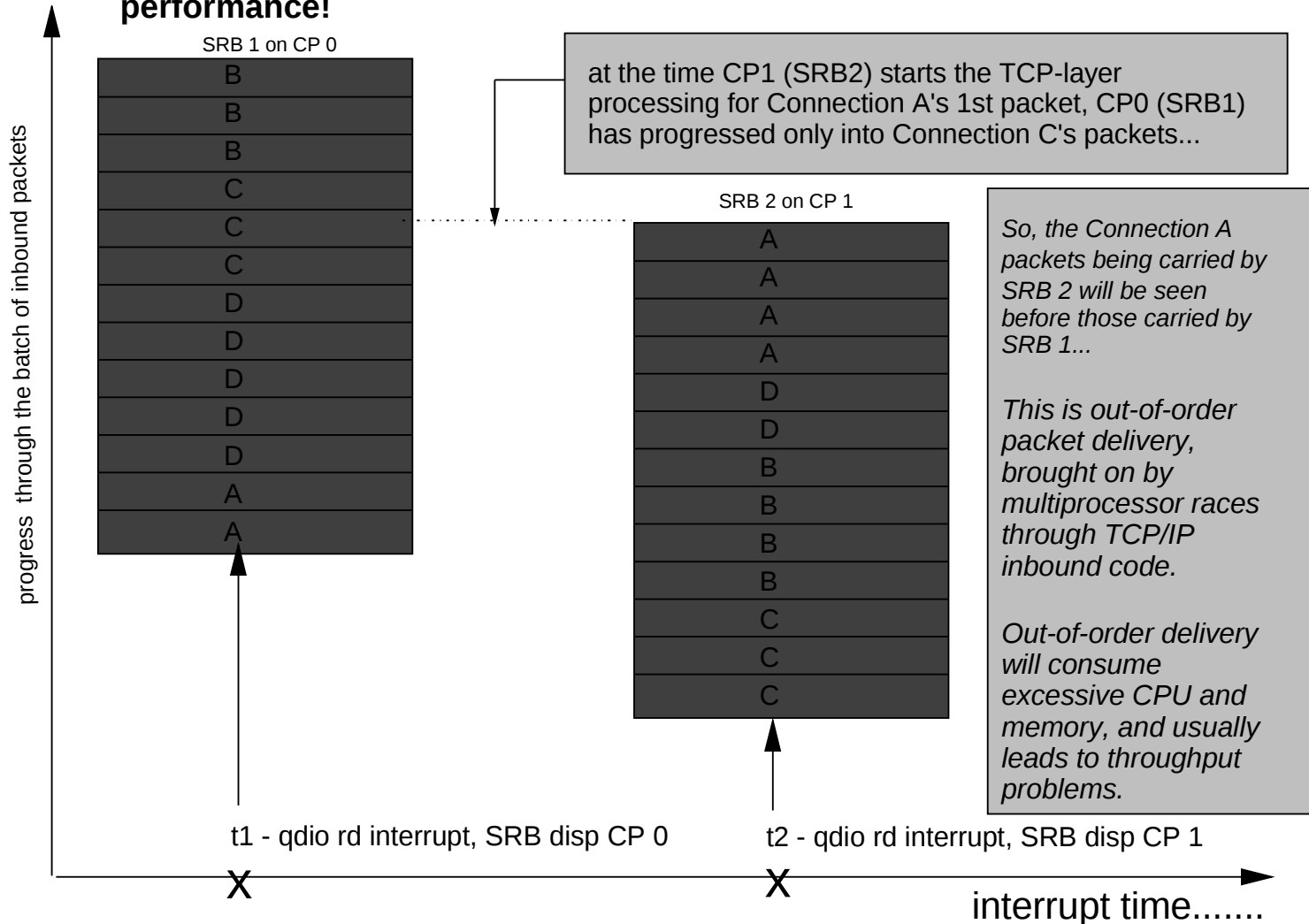
And each input queue has its own LAN-Idle timer, so the Dynamic LAN Idle function can now tune the streaming (bulk) queue to conserve CPU (high LAN-idle timer setting), while generally allowing the primary queue to operate with very low latency (minimizing its LAN-idle timer setting). So interactive traffic (on the primary input queue) may see significantly improved response time.

The separation of streaming traffic away from interactive also enables new streaming traffic efficiencies in Communications Server. This results in improved in-order delivery (better throughput and CPU consumption).



# Improved Streaming Traffic Efficiency With IWQ

**Before we had IWQ, Multiprocessor races would degrade streaming performance!**



**IWQ does away with MP-race-induced ordering problems!**

**With streaming traffic sorted onto its own queue, it is now convenient to service streaming traffic from a single CP (i.e., using a single SRB).**

**So with IWQ, we no longer have inbound SRB races for streaming data.**



# QDIO Inbound Workload Queuing

- Display OSAINFO command (V1R12) shows you what's registered in OSA

**D TCPIP, , OSAINFO, INTFN=V603ETHG0**

Ancillary Input Queue Routing Variables:

Queue Type: **BULKDATA** Queue ID: 2 Protocol: TCP

Src: 2000:197:11:201:0:1:0:1..221

Dst: 100::101..257

Src: 2000:197:11:201:0:2:0:1..290

Dst: 200::202..514

Total number of IPv6 connections: 2

Queue Type: **SYSDIST** Queue ID: 3 Protocol: TCP

Addr: 2000:197:11:201:0:1:0:1

Addr: 2000:197:11:201:0:2:0:1

Total number of IPv6 addresses: 2

36 of 36 Lines Displayed

End of report

**5-Tuples** (points to BULKDATA section)

**DVIPAs** (points to SYSDIST section)

- BULKDATA queue registers 5-tuples with OSA (streaming connections)
- SYSDIST queue registers Distributable DVIPAs with OSA

## QDIO Inbound Workload Queuing: Netstat DEvlinks/-d

- Display TCPIP,,Netstat,DEvlinks to see whether QDIO inbound workload queueing is enabled for a QDIO interface

```
D TCPIP,,NETSTAT,DEVLINKS,INTFNAME=QDIO4101L
EZD0101I NETSTAT CS V1R12 TCPCS1
INTFNAME: QDIO4101L          INTFTYPE: IPAQENET   INTFSTATUS: READY
PORTNAME: QDIO4101  DATAPATH: 0E2A      DATAPATHSTATUS: READY
CHPIDTYPE: OSD
SPEED: 0000001000

...
READSTORAGE: GLOBAL (4096K)
INBPERF: DYNAMIC
WORKLOADQUEUEING: YES
CHECKSUMOFFLOAD: YES
SECCLASS: 255                MONSYSPLEX: NO
ISOLATE: NO                  OPTLATENCYMODE: NO

...
1 OF 1 RECORDS DISPLAYED
END OF THE REPORT
```



# QDIO Inbound Workload Queuing: Display TRLE

- Display NET,TRL,TRLE=trlename to see whether QDIO inbound workload queueing is in use for a QDIO interface

```
D NET,TRL,TRLE=QDIO101
IST097I DISPLAY ACCEPTED
...
IST2263I PORTNAME = QDIO4101    PORTNUM =    0    OSA CODE LEVEL = ABCD
...
IST1221I DATA  DEV = 0E2A STATUS = ACTIVE        STATE = N/A
IST1724I I/O TRACE = OFF  TRACE LENGTH = *NA*
IST1717I ULPID = TCPCS1
IST2310I ACCELERATED ROUTING DISABLED
IST2331I QUEUE    QUEUE    READ
IST2332I ID      TYPE     STORAGE
IST2205I -----
IST2333I RD/1    PRIMARY  4.0M(64 SBALS)
IST2333I RD/2    BULKDATA 4.0M(64 SBALS)
IST2333I RD/3    SYSDIST  4.0M(64 SBALS)
...
IST924I -----
IST314I END
```

# QDIO Inbound Workload Queuing: Netstat ALL/-A

- Display TCPIP,,NETSTAT,ALL to see whether QDIO inbound workload BULKDATA queueing is in use for a given connection

```
D TCPIP,,NETSTAT,ALL,CLIENT=USER1
EZD0101I NETSTAT CS V1R12 TCPCS1
CLIENT NAME: USER1                CLIENT ID: 00000046
LOCAL SOCKET: ::FFFF:172.16.1.1..20
FOREIGN SOCKET: ::FFFF:172.16.1.5..1030
  BYTESIN:                00000000000023316386
  BYTESOUT:               00000000000000000000
  SEGMENTSIN:            000000000000000016246
  SEGMENTSOUT:           00000000000000000922
  LAST TOUCHED:         21:38:53                STATE:                ESTABLISH
...
Ancillary Input Queue: Yes
BulkDataIntfName: QDIO4101L
...
APPLICATION DATA:  EZAFTP0S D USER1          C          PSSS
-----
1 OF 1 RECORDS DISPLAYED
END OF THE REPORT
```

# QDIO Inbound Workload Queuing: Netstat STATS/-S

- Display TCPIP,,NETSTAT,STATS to see the total number of TCP segments received on BULKDATA queues

```
D TCPIP,,NETSTAT,STATS,PROTOCOL=TCP
EZD0101I NETSTAT CS V1R12 TCPCS1
TCP STATISTICS
  CURRENT ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS      = 6
  ACTIVE CONNECTIONS OPENED            = 1
  PASSIVE CONNECTIONS OPENED           = 5
  CONNECTIONS CLOSED                   = 5
  ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS DROPPED      = 0
  CONNECTION ATTEMPTS DROPPED          = 0
  CONNECTION ATTEMPTS DISCARDED        = 0
  TIMEWAIT CONNECTIONS REUSED          = 0
  SEGMENTS RECEIVED                    = 38611
  . . .
  SEGMENTS RECEIVED ON OSA BULK QUEUES= 2169
  SEGMENTS SENT                        = 2254
  . . .
END OF THE REPORT
```

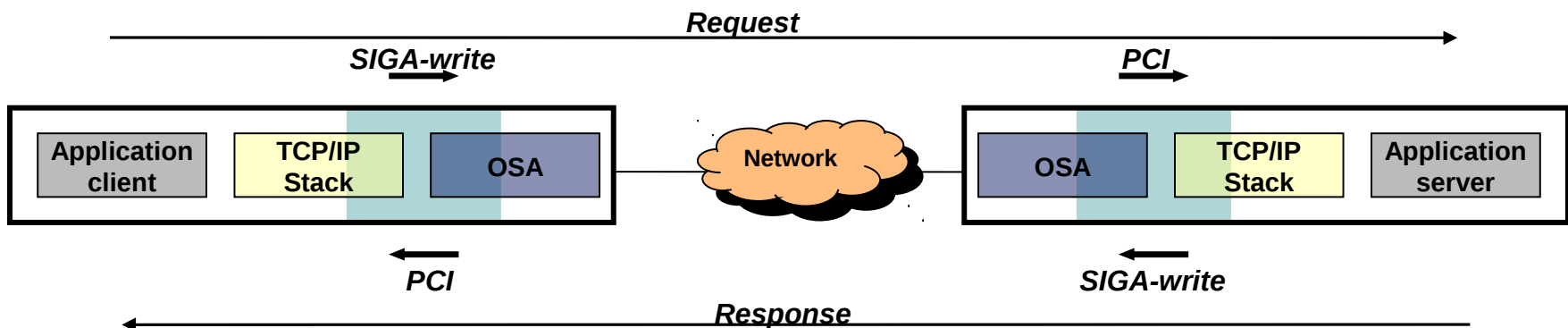
## Quick INBPERF Review Before We Push On....

- The original static INBPERF settings (MINCPU, MINLATENCY, BALANCED) provide sub-optimal performance for workloads that tend to shift between request/response and streaming modes.
- We therefore **recommend customers specify INBPERF DYNAMIC**, since it self-tunes, to provide excellent performance even when inbound traffic patterns shift.
- The new (in z/OS V1R12) Inbound Workload Queueing (IWQ) mode is an extension to the Dynamic LAN Idle function. IWQ improves upon the DYNAMIC setting, in part because it provides finer interrupt-timing control for mixed (interactive + streaming) workloads. We'll list some usage considerations a bit later, but we do **recommend IWQ mode**.
- So let's now move onto the one remaining timing-related OSA performance option: **Optimized Latency Mode**.

# Optimized Latency Mode (OLM)

V1R11

- OSA-Express3's latency characteristics are much improved over OSA-Express2. Even so, z/OS software and OSA-Express3 microcode can further reduce latency via some aggressive processing changes (enabled via the OLM keyword on the INTERFACE statement):
  - Inbound
    - OSA-Express signals host if data is “on its way” (“Early Interrupt”)
    - Host may spin for a while, if the early interrupt is fielded before the inbound data is “ready”
  - Outbound
    - OSA-Express does not wait for SIGA to look for outbound data (“SIGA reduction”)
    - OSA-Express microprocessor may spin for a while, looking for new outbound data to transmit
- OLM is intended for workloads that have demanding QoS requirements for response time (transaction rate)
  - high volume interactive workloads (traffic is predominantly transaction oriented versus streaming)
- The latency-reduction techniques employed by OLM will limit the degree to which the OSA can be shared among partitions, and may also drive up z/OS CPU consumption



# Optimized Latency Mode (OLM): How to configure

```
INTERFACE NSQDI0411 DEFINE IPAQENET
IPADDR 172.16.11.1/24
PORTNAME NSQDI01
MTU 1492 VMAC OLM
INBPERF DYNAMIC
SOURCEVIPINTERFACE LVIPA1
```

- New OLM parameter
  - IPAQENET/IPAQENET6
  - **Not** allowed on DEVICE/LINK
- Enables Optimized Latency Mode for this INTERFACE only
- Forces INBPERF to DYNAMIC
- Default NOOLM

- Use Netstat DEvlinks/-d to see current OLM configuration

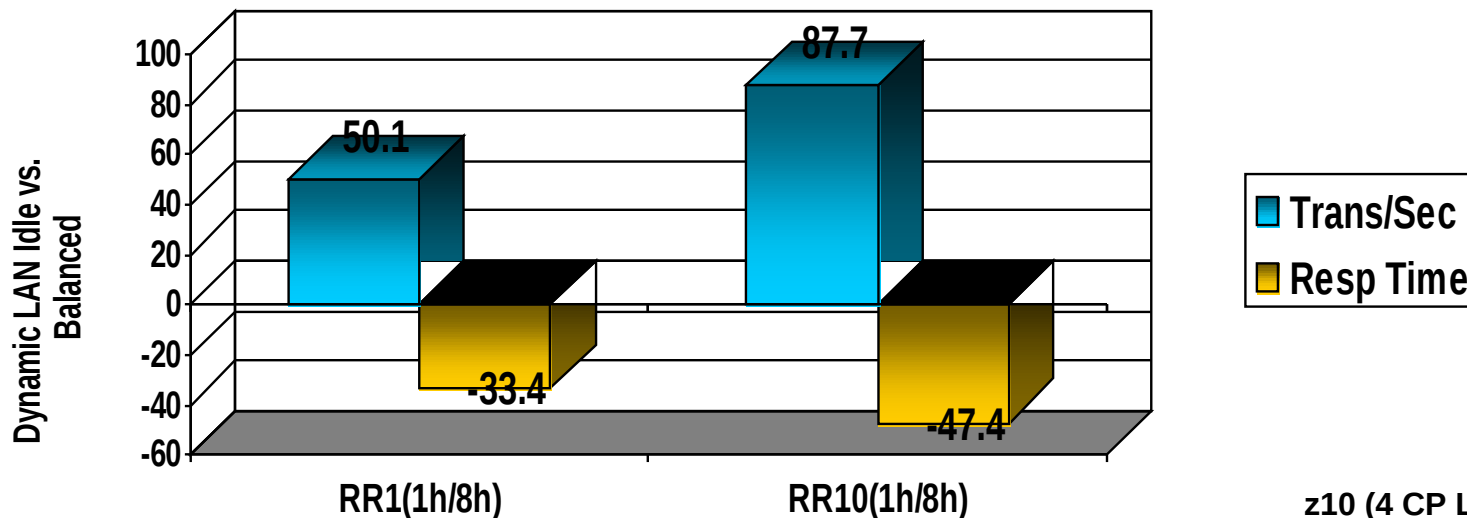
```
D TCPIP, , NETSTAT, DEVLINKS, INTFNAME=LNSQDI01
JOB      6  EZD0101I NETSTAT CS V1R11 TCPCS
INTFNAME: LNSQDI01          INTFTYPE: IPAQENET    INTFSTATUS: READY
.
READSTORAGE: GLOBAL (4096K)      INBPERF: DYNAMIC
.
ISOLATE: NO                      OPTLATENCYMODE: YES
```

# Performance Data

# Dynamic LAN Idle Timer: Performance Data

Dynamic LAN Idle improved RR1 TPS 50% and RR10 TPS by 33%. Response Time for these workloads is improved 33% and 47%, respectively.

## RR1 and RR10 Dynamic LAN Idle



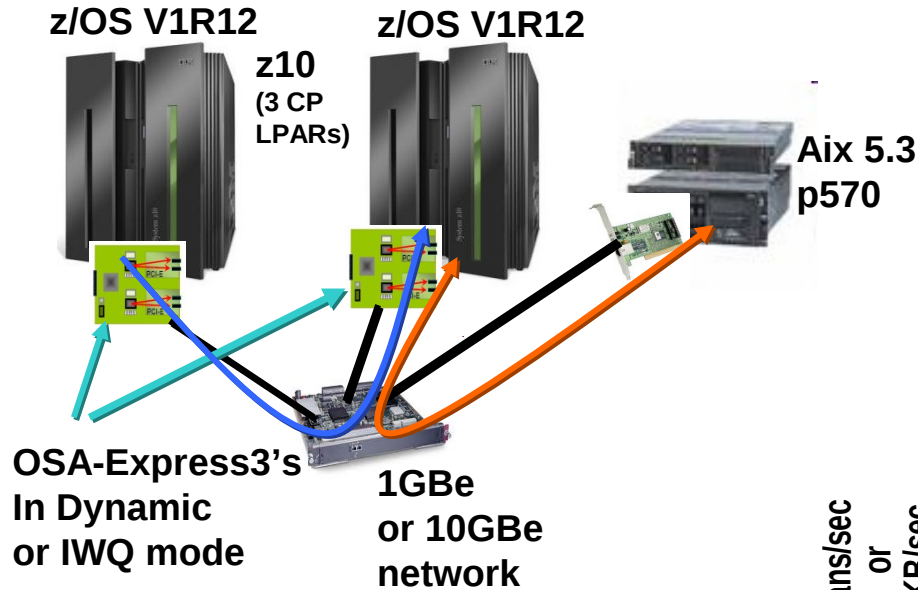
z10 (4 CP LPARs),  
z/OS V1R13, OSA-E3  
1Gbe

1h/8h indicates 100 bytes in and 800 bytes out

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# Inbound Workload Queuing: Performance Data

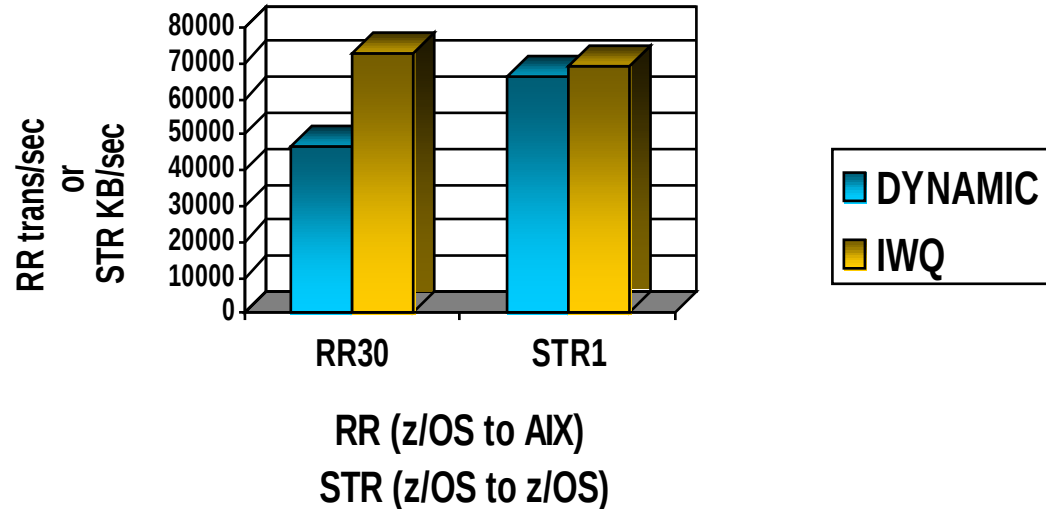


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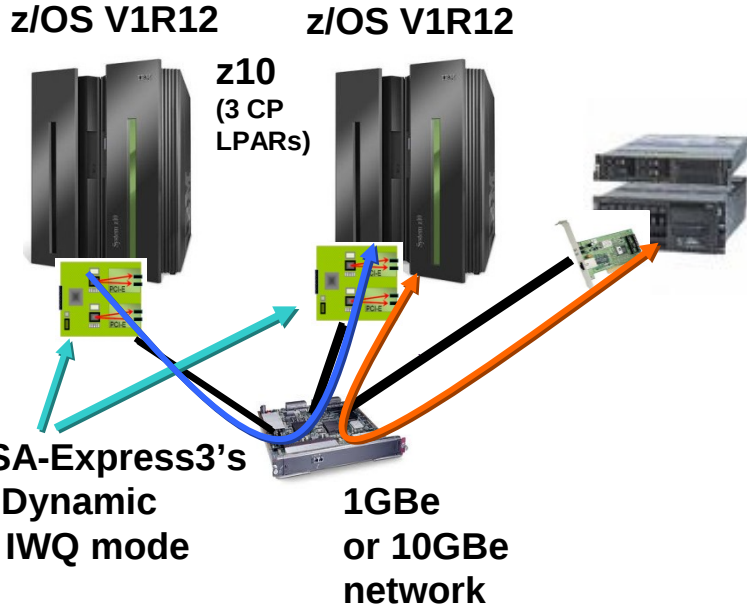
## IWQ: Mixed Workload Results vs DYNAMIC:

- z/OS<->AIX R/R Throughput improved 55% (Response Time improved 36%)
- Streaming Throughput also improved in this test: +5%

## Mixed Workload (IWQ vs Dynamic)



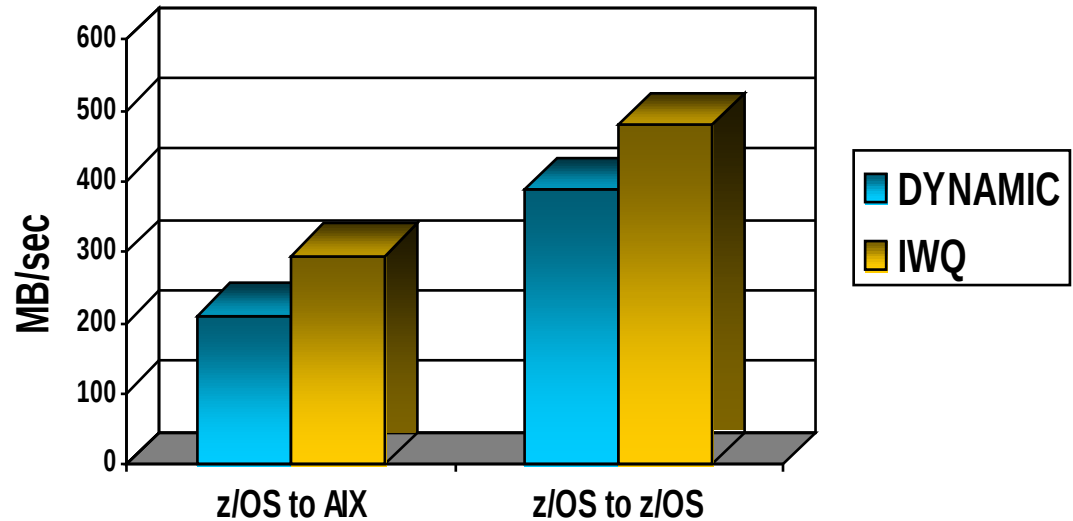
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## IWQ: Pure Streaming Results vs DYNAMIC:

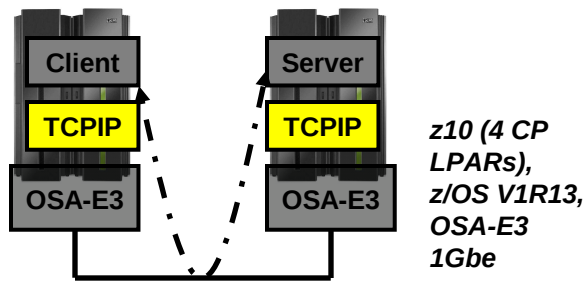
- z/OS<->AIX Streaming Throughput improved 40%
- z/OS<->z/OS Streaming Throughput improved 24%

## Pure Streaming (IWQ vs Dynamic)



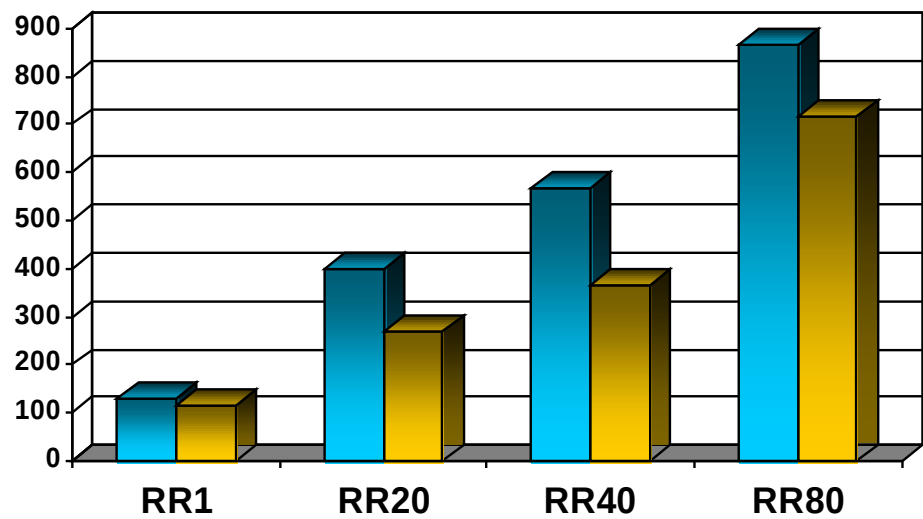
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# Optimized Latency Mode (OLM): Performance Data



- **Client and Server**
  - Have minimal application logic
- **RR1**
  - 1 session
  - 1 byte in, 1 byte out
- **RR20**
  - 20 sessions
  - 128 bytes in, 1024 bytes out
- **RR40**
  - 40 sessions
  - 128 bytes in, 1024 bytes out
- **RR80**
  - 80 sessions
  - 128 bytes in, 1024 bytes out

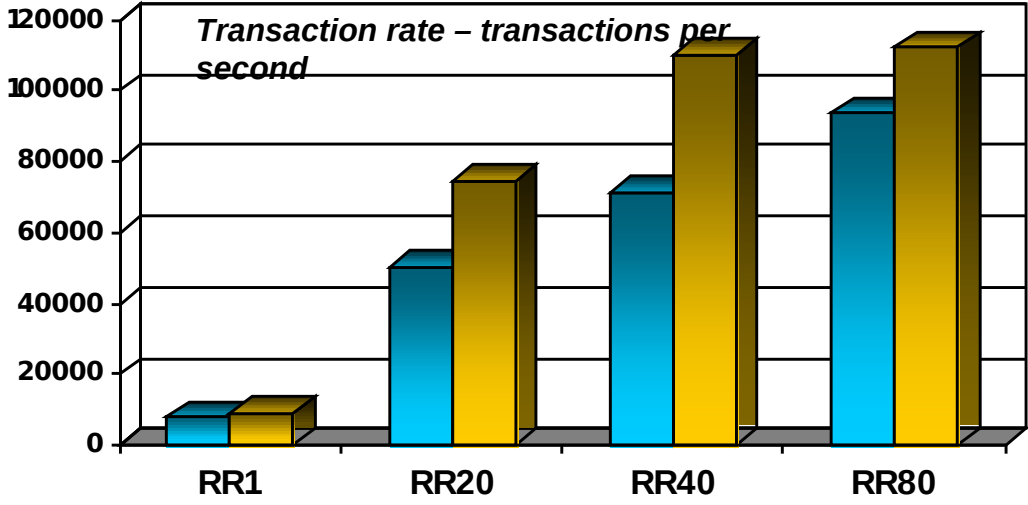
End-to-end latency (response time) in microseconds



Lower is better

Legend: ■ DYNAMIC, ■ DYN+OLM

Transaction rate - transactions per second



Higher is better

Legend: ■ DYNAMIC, ■ DYN+OLM

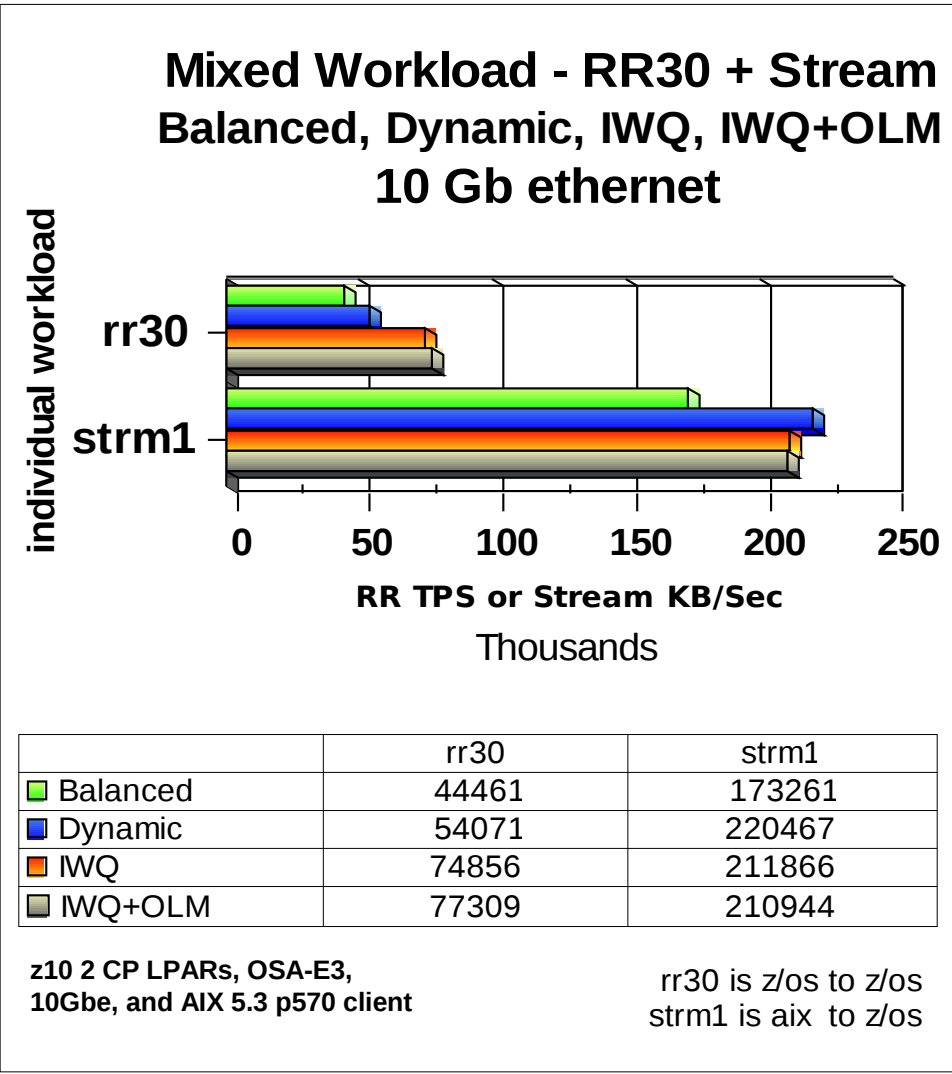
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# Combined IWQ + OLM: Performance Data for Mixed Workload

In z/OS V1R11, OLM usage was discouraged on z/OS images expected to be handling large amounts of streaming traffic. (OLM's 'early-interrupt' mechanism could significantly drive up CPU consumption for streaming workloads, while not providing any streaming throughput improvement.)

With the z/OS V1R12 IWQ design, OLM does not engage (nor would we want it to engage) on the streaming traffic queue. So the IWQ+OLM combination is not exposed to the CPU consumption increases that might be seen with OLM by itself.

In this 10Gb test, IWQ provided a 38% interactive throughput boost versus the dynamic setting. And the IWQ+OLM combination outperformed dynamic by 43%.



# **Detailed Usage Considerations for IWQ and OLM**

# IWQ Usage Considerations:

- Minor ECSA Usage increase: IWQ will grow ECSA usage by 72KBytes (per OSA interface) if Sysplex Distributor (SD) is in use; 36KBytes if SD is not in use
- IWQ requires OSA-Express3 in QDIO mode running on IBM System z10 or OSA-Express3/OSA-Express4 in QDIO mode running on zEnterprise 196.
  - For z10: the minimum field level recommended for OSA-Express3 is microcode level- Driver 79, EC N24398, MCL006
  - For z196 GA1: the minimum field level recommended for OSA-Express3 is microcode level- Driver 86, EC N28792, MCL009
  - For z196 GA2: the minimum field level recommended for OSA-Express3 is microcode level- Driver 93, EC N48158, MCL009
  - For z196 GA2: the minimum field level recommended for OSA-Express4 is microcode level- Driver 93, EC N48121, MCL010
- IWQ must be configured using the INTERFACE statement (not DEVICE/LINK)
- IWQ is not supported when z/OS is running as a z/VM guest with simulated devices (VSWITCH or guest LAN)
- Make sure to apply z/OS V1R12 PTF UK61028 (APAR PM20056) for added streaming throughput boost with IWQ

# OLM Usage Considerations(1): OSA Sharing

- Concurrent interfaces to an OSA-Express port using OLM is limited.
  - If one or more interfaces operate OLM on a given port,
    - Only four total interfaces allowed to that single port
    - Only eight total interfaces allowed to that CHPID
  - All four interfaces can operate in OLM
  - An interface can be:
    - Another interface (e.g. IPv6) defined for this OSA-Express port
    - Another stack on the same LPAR using the OSA-Express port
    - Another LPAR using the OSA-Express port
    - Another VLAN defined for this OSA-Express port
    - Any stack activating the OSA-Express Network Traffic Analyzer (OSAENTA)

## OLM Usage Considerations (2):

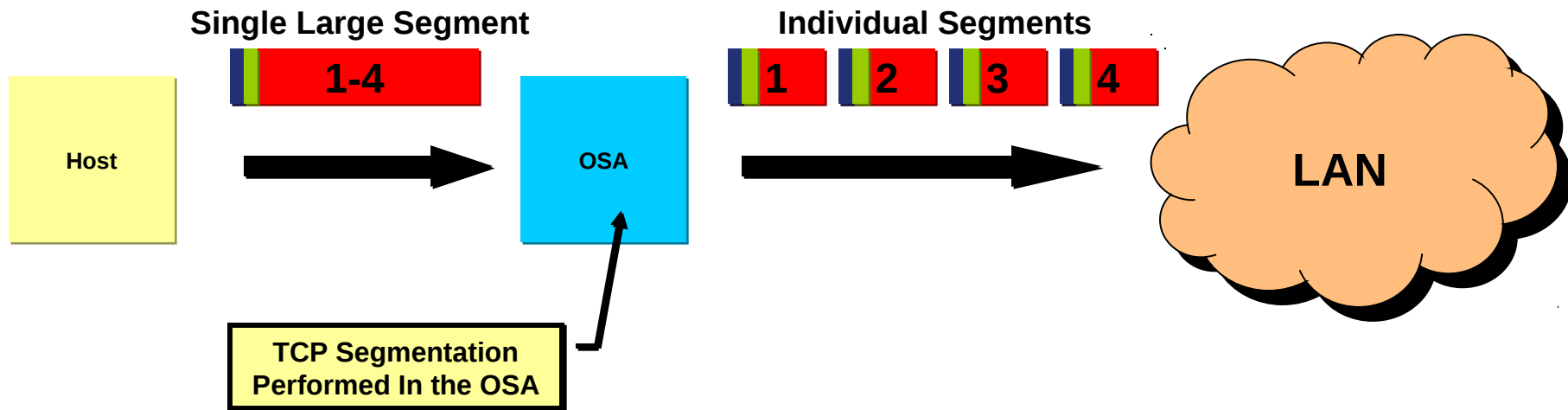
- QDIO Accelerator or HiperSockets Accelerator will not accelerate traffic to or from an OSA-Express operating in OLM
- OLM usage may increase z/OS CPU consumption (due to “early interrupt”)
  - Usage of OLM is therefore not recommended on z/OS images expected to normally be running at extremely high utilization levels
  - OLM does not apply to the bulk-data input queue of an IWQ-mode OSA. From a CPU-consumption perspective, OLM is therefore a more attractive option when combined with IWQ than without IWQ
- Only supported on OSA-Express3/OSA-Express4 with the INTERFACE statement
- Enabled via PTFs for z/OS V1R11
  - PK90205 (PTF UK49041) and OA29634 (UA49172).



# **Optimizing outbound communications using OSA- Express**

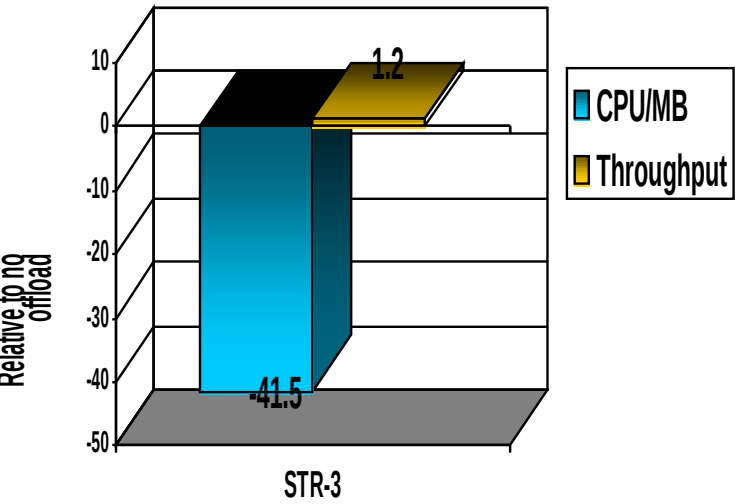
# TCP Segmentation Offload

- Segmentation consumes (high cost) host CPU cycles in the TCP stack
- V1R7 (PTF'd to V1R6) offered new OSA-Express (QDIO mode) feature Segmentation Offload (also referred to as “Large Send”)
  - Offload most IPv4 TCP segmentation processing to OSA
  - Decrease host CPU utilization
  - Increase data transfer efficiency for IPv4 packets

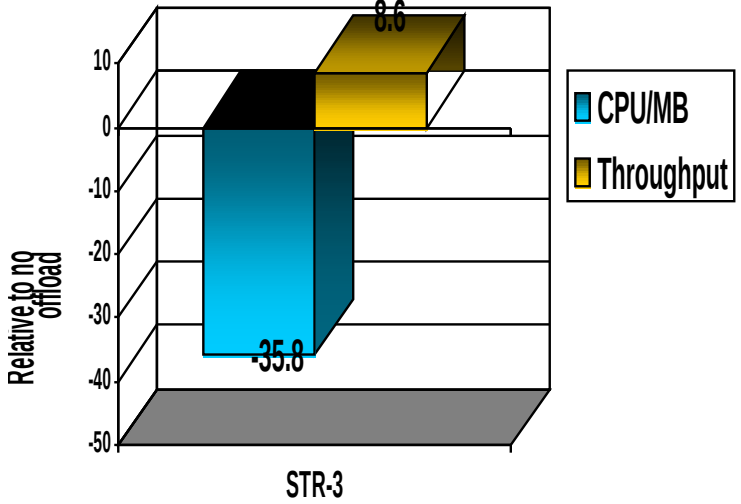


# z/OS Segmentation Offload performance measurements

### OSA-Express3 10Gb



### OSA-Express4 10Gb



*Segmentation offload is generally considered safe to enable at this point in time. Please always check latest PSP buckets for OSA driver levels.*

Send buffer size: 180K for streaming workloads

**Segmentation offload may significantly reduce CPU cycles when sending bulk data from z/OS!**

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# TCP Segmentation Offload: Configuration

- Enabled with GLOBALCONFIG SEGMENTATIONOFFLOAD

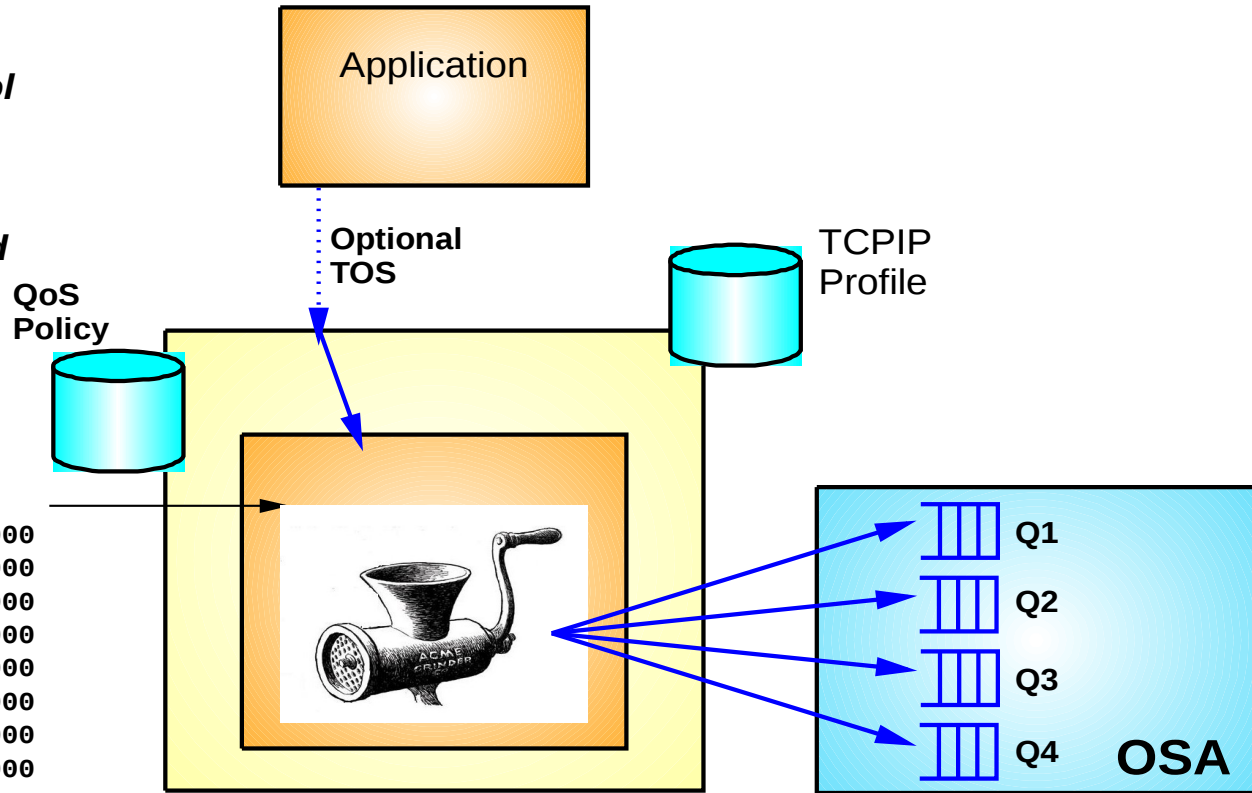
```
>>-GLOBALCONFig----->
.
.
>--+-----+--+>
| .-NOSEGMENTATIONOFFLoad-. |
| '+-SEGMENTATIONOFFLoad---' |
```

- Disabled by default
- TCP/IP stack will bypass segmentation for
  - Packets going LPAR to LPAR
  - IPSec encapsulated packets
  - When multipath is in effect (unless all interfaces in the multipath group support segmentation offload)

# OSA Express Outbound priority queuing

*Prior to z/OS V1R11 you have the ability to control which outbound priority queue is used for your network traffic using TCP/IP configuration and QoS policies (PagenT)*

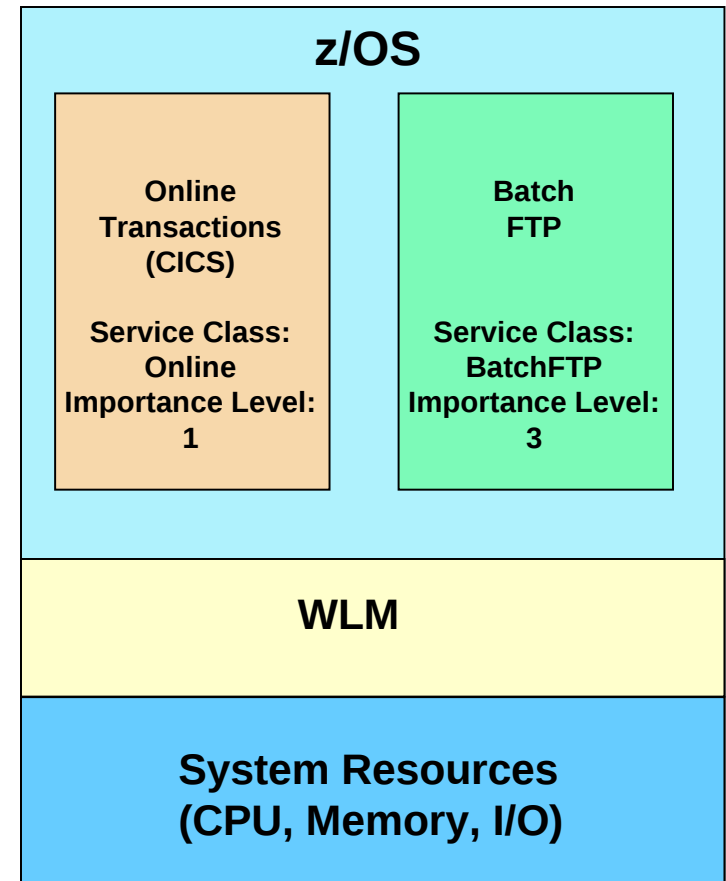
```
SetSubnetPrioTosMask
{
SubnetTosMask 11100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 11100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 11000000
PriorityTosMapping 1 10100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 10000000
PriorityTosMapping 2 01100000
PriorityTosMapping 2 01000000
PriorityTosMapping 3 00100000
PriorityTosMapping 4 00000000
}
```



- While this feature allows for very flexible means of prioritizing outbound network traffic it has not been widely exploited by users
  - How can we simplify its exploitation?

# z/OS Workload Manager (WLM) - Managing workloads of different business priorities

- WLM policy allows users to specify the business goals and priorities for all their z/OS workloads
  - Sysplex-wide goals
  - WLM manages key system resources (memory, CPU) to help workloads achieve their specified goals
  - What happens when resources are over-committed?
    - WLM begins prioritizing access to system resources based on the specified Importance Level of each Service Class associated with the workloads currently executing
      - Emphasis is placed on meeting the goals for the more important workloads
  - Over time WLM resource priority management has been expanded to also include I/O priorities (DASD and Tape)
    - But what about Network I/O priority?

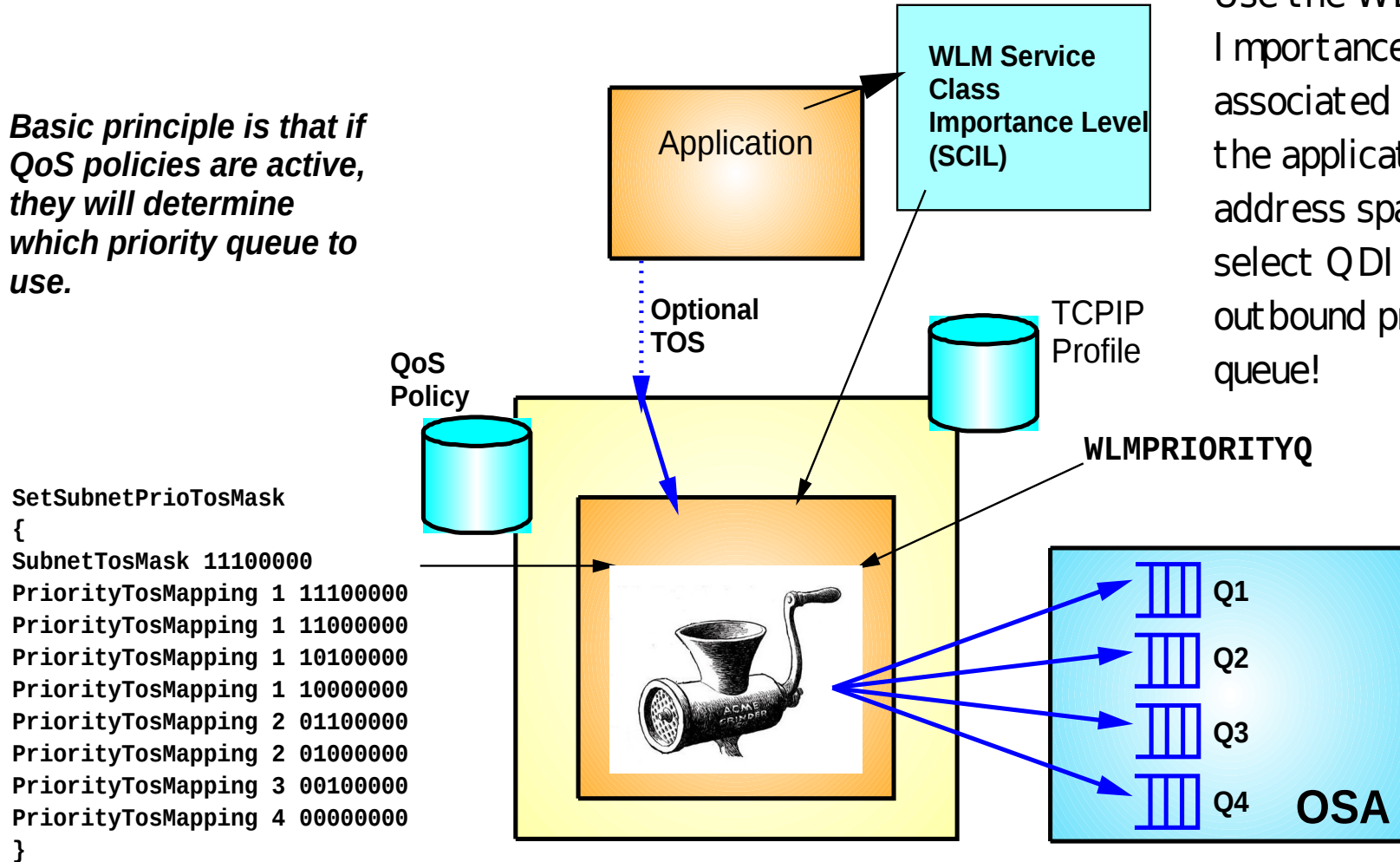


# Extending WLM priorities to Outbound Network I/O

V1R11

*Basic principle is that if QoS policies are active, they will determine which priority queue to use.*

Use the WLM Importance Level associated with the application address spaces to select QDI O outbound priority queue!



```

SetSubnetPrioTosMask
{
SubnetTosMask 11100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 11100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 11000000
PriorityTosMapping 1 10100000
PriorityTosMapping 1 10000000
PriorityTosMapping 2 01100000
PriorityTosMapping 2 01000000
PriorityTosMapping 3 00100000
PriorityTosMapping 4 00000000
}
    
```

# The default QDIO priority queue mapping

WLM Service classes	TCP/IP assigned control value	Default QDIO queue mapping
SYSTEM	n/a	Always queue 1
SYSSTC	0	Queue 1
User-defined with IL 1	1	Queue 2
User-defined with IL 2	2	Queue 3
User-defined with IL 3	3	Queue 3
User-defined with IL 4	4	Queue 4
User-defined with IL 5	5	Queue 4
User-defined with discretionary goal	6	Queue 4

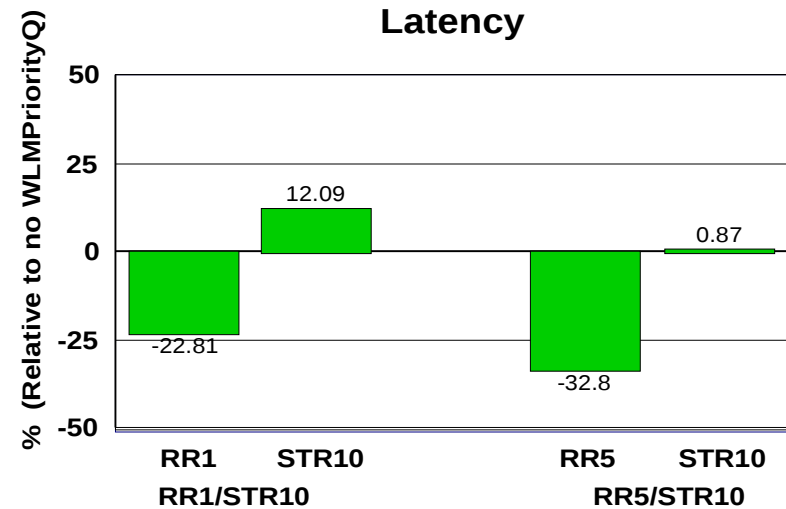
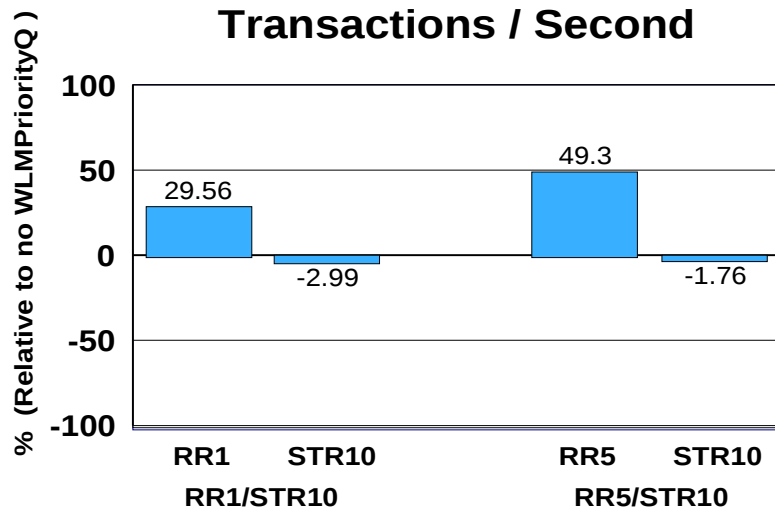
```

GLOBALCONFIG ... WLM PRIORITYQ
  IOPRI1 0
  IOPRI2 1
  IOPRI3 2 3
  IOPRI4 4 5 6 FWD
    
```

FWD indicates forwarded (or routed) traffic, which by default will use QDIO priority queue 4



# OSA Express (QDIO) WLM Outbound Priority Queuing



- Request-Response and Streaming mixed workloads
- RR1/STR10: 1 RR session, 100 / 800 and 10 STR sessions, 1 / 20 MB
- RR5/STR10: 5 RR sessions, 100 / 800 and 10 STR sessions, 1 / 20 MB
- WLM PRIORITYQ assigned importance level 2 to interactive workloads and level 3 to streaming workloads
- The z/OS Workload Manager (WLM) system administrator assigns each job a WLM service class
- Hardware: z10 using OSA-E2 (1 GbE)
- Software: z/OS V1R11

- z/OS V1R11 with WLM I/O Priority provides 30 to 49% higher throughput for interactive workloads compared to V1R11 without WLM I/O Priority.
- z/OS V1R11 with WLM I/O Priority provides 23 to 33% lower latency compared to V1R11 without WLM I/O Priority.

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# Which QDIO priority queues are being used?

From DISPLAY TCPIP,,N,DEVLINKS:

```
DEVNAME: NSQDI01          DEVTYPE: MPCIPA
DEVSTATUS: READY
LNKNAME: LNSQDI01          LNKTYPE: IPAQENET   LNKSTATUS: READY
SPEED: 0000001000
```

From VTAMLST MACLIB:

```
NSQDI011 TRLE  LNCTL=MPC,
                MPCLEVEL=QDIO,
                READ=(0E28),
                WRITE=(0E29),
                DATAPATH=(0E2A,0E2B),
                PORTNAME=(NSQDI01,0)
```

Match TCP/IP DEVNAME  
with PORTNAME in your  
TRLE VTAM definitions

\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*

This is  
your TRLE  
name

D NET,TRL,TRLE=NSQDI011

```
.
IST1802I P1 CURRENT = 25 AVERAGE = 51 MAXIMUM = 116
IST1802I P2 CURRENT = 0 AVERAGE = 0 MAXIMUM = 0
IST1802I P3 CURRENT = 0 AVERAGE = 0 MAXIMUM = 0
IST1802I P4 CURRENT = 0 AVERAGE = 0 MAXIMUM = 0
```

# Example of enabling WLM PRIORITYQ

VTAM TNSTATS before enabling WLM PRIORITYQ

IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/1	
..							
IST1236I	BYTECNT0	=	0	BYTECNT	=	72	
IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	
IST924I	-----						
IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/2	
..							
IST1236I	BYTECNT0	=	0	BYTECNT	=	0	
IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	
IST924I	-----						
IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/3	
..							
IST1236I	BYTECNT0	=	0	BYTECNT	=	0	
IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	
IST924I	-----						
IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/4	
..							
IST1236I	BYTECNT0	=	0	BYTECNT	=	34738	
IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	

VTAM TNSTATS after enabling WLM PRIORITYQ with defaults

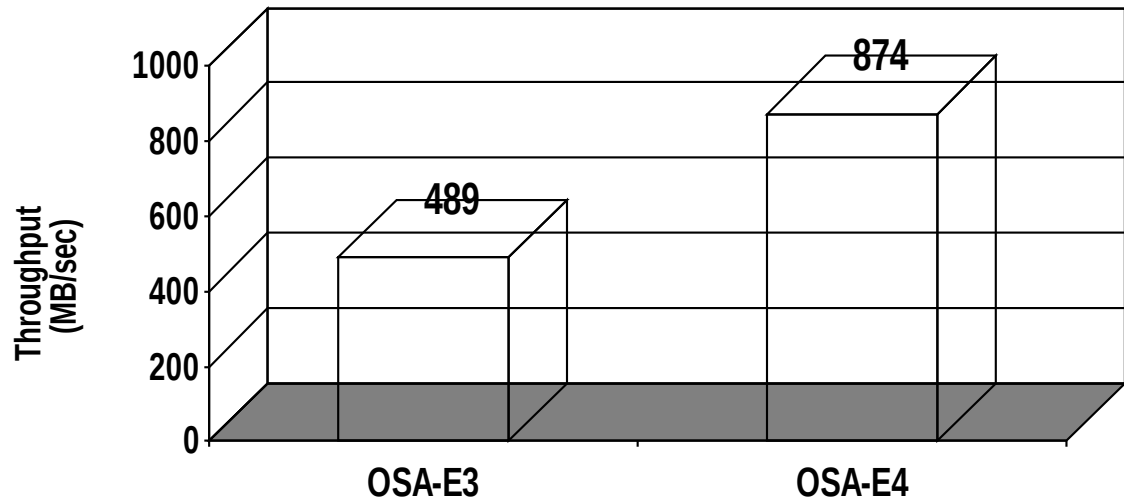
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IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	
IST924I	-----						
IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/2	
..							
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IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	
IST924I	-----						
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IST924I	-----						
IST1233I	DEV	=	2E02	DIR	=	WR/4	
..							
IST1236I	BYTECNT0	=	0	BYTECNT	=	90411	
IST1810I	PKTIQDO	=	0	PKTIQD	=	0	
IST1811I	BYTIQDO	=	0	BYTIQD	=	0	

**OSA-Express4**

# OSA-Express4 Enhancements – 10GB improvements

- Improved on-card processor speed and memory bus provides better utilization of 10GB network

### OSA 10GBe - Inbound Bulk traffic



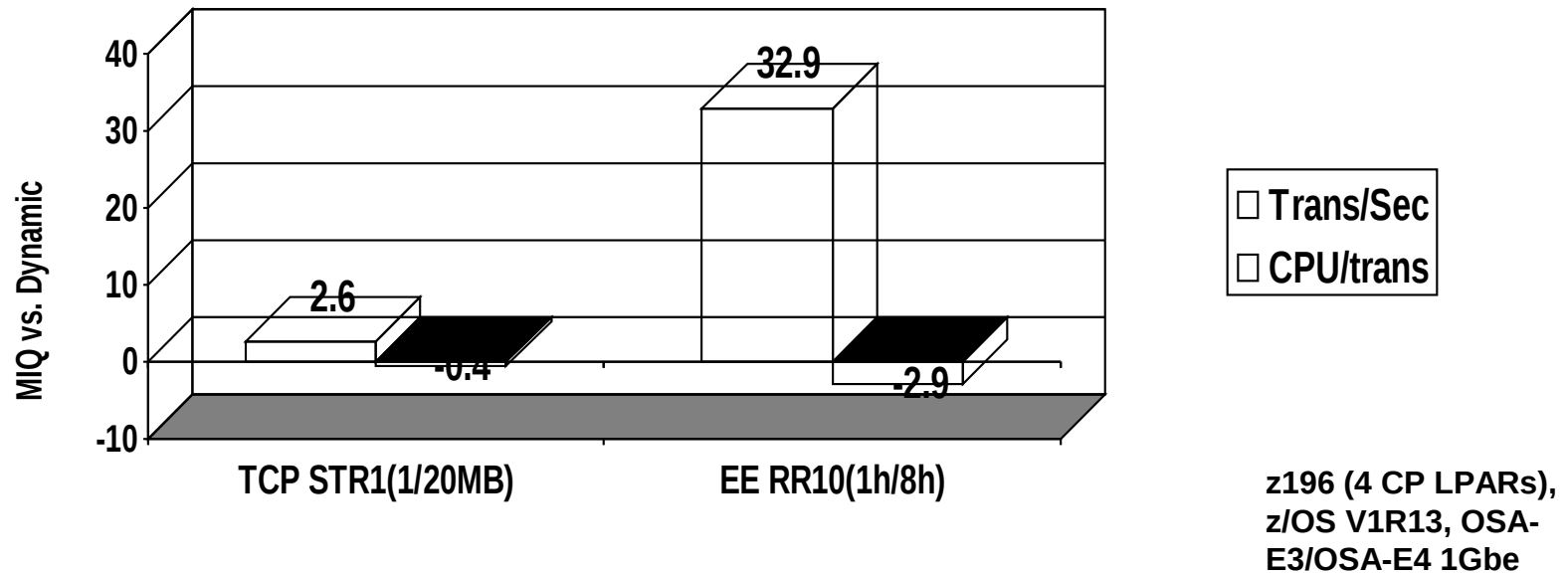
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E3/OSA-E4 10Gbe

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# OSA-Express4 Enhancements – EE Inbound Queue

- Enterprise Extender queue provides internal optimizations
  - EE traffic processed quicker
  - Avoids memory copy of data

### OSA 1GBe - mixed TCP and EE workloads



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# OSA-Express4 Enhancements – Other improvements

- Checksum Offload support for IPv6 traffic
- Segmentation Offload support for IPv6 traffic

# **z/OS Communications Server Performance Summaries**



# z/OS Communications Server Performance Summaries

- Performance of each z/OS Communications Server release is studied by an internal performance team
- Summaries are created and published on line
  - <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=852&uid=swg27005524>
- Ex: The z/OS V1R13 Communications Server Performance Summary includes:
  - The z/OS V1R13 Communications Server performance summary includes:
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    - Release to release performance comparisons (z/OS V1R13 Communications Server versus z/OS V1R12 Communications Server)
    - Capacity planning performance for:
      - *TN3270 (Clear Text, AT-TLS, and IPsec )*
      - *FTP (Clear Text, AT-TLS, and IPsec)*
      - *CICS Sockets performance*
    - CSM usage
    - VTAM buffer usage

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