

Replicating Mainframe Tape Data for DR – Best Practices

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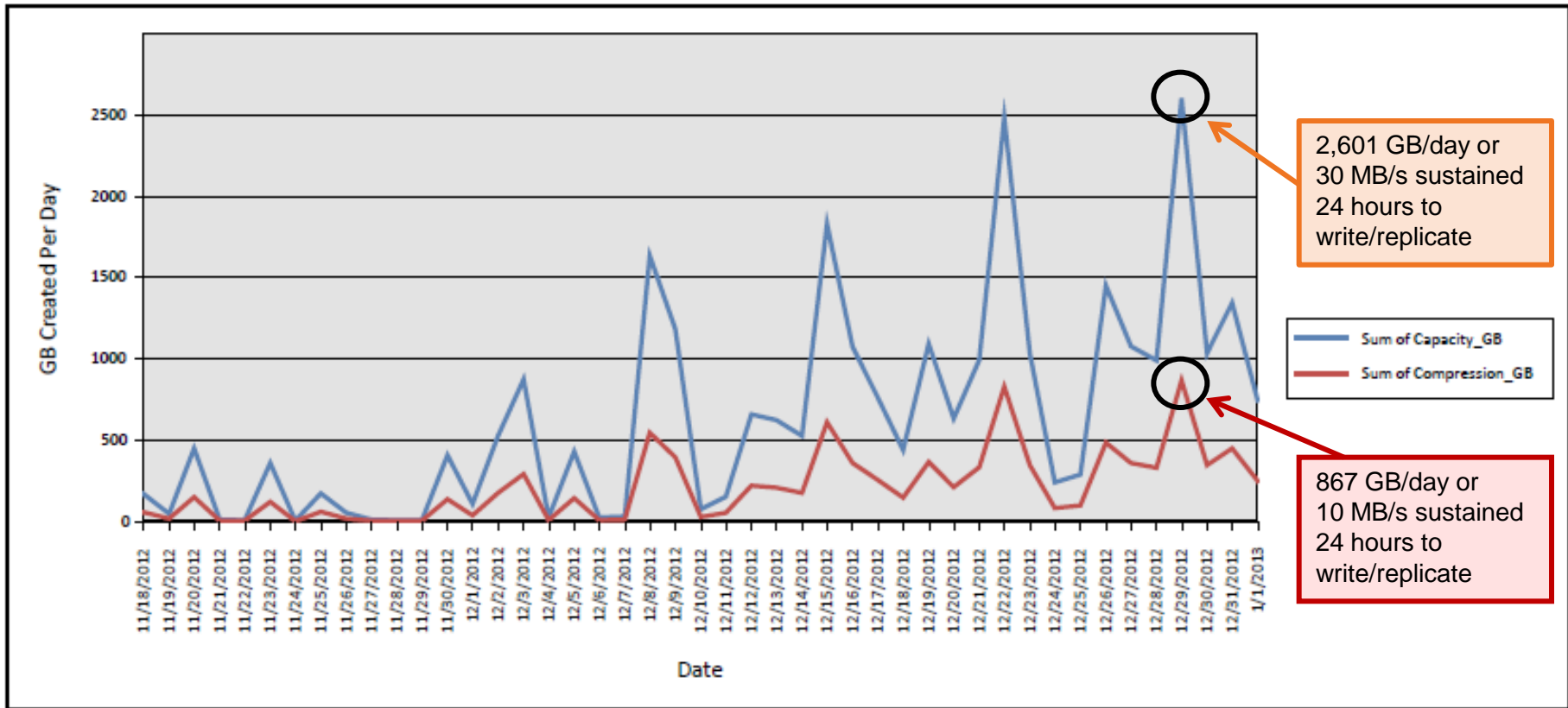
Discussion Topics

- Why Replicate Mainframe Tape Data?
- Network Bandwidth Requirements for Replication
- Replication Options
- Replication Architecture
- Monitoring Tools for Replication
- Summary - Best Practices
- Customers Share Their Experience with Tape Replication for DR

Why Replicate Mainframe Tape Data?

- It is the best way to move tape data between the production and disaster recovery site
 - Much faster than shipping physical tape
 - Eliminates security risk associated with shipping physical tape
 - Eliminates the cost of physical tape media, shipping & storage
- Dramatically improves the remote disaster recovery plan
 - Improve RPO through continuous replication
 - Recovery time is significantly reduced

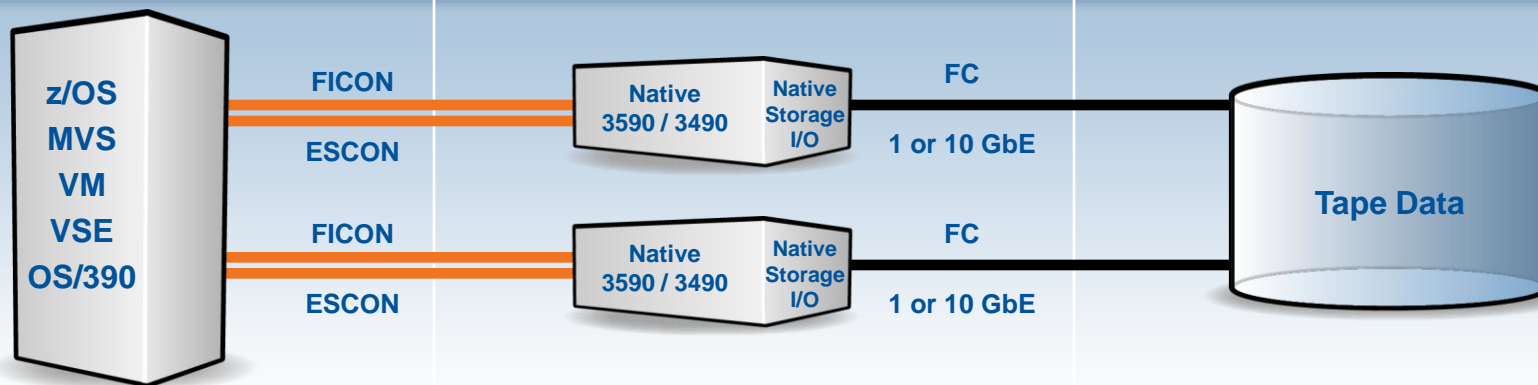
Network Bandwidth Requirements for Replication – Use TMC & SMF records to calculate network requirements



Replication Options

- Replication Management
 - Control Unit-based
 - Luminex Replication
 - Storage-based replication
 - Hitachi Universal Replicator (Asynchronous)
 - HDS TrueCopy (Synchronous)
 - HP, Data Domain, NetApp or Oracle replication

Virtual Tape Control Unit Architecture



Mainframe

Virtual Tape Control Units

Storage Systems

- Application transparent – non-intrusive
- No MIPS required
- z/OS, MVS, VM, VSE and OS/390 supported
- Works well with all major tape management systems
- SMS via MTL or Esoterics can be used

- Emulates 3490 or 3590 mainframe tape drives
- Hardware Compression Option
- “Wire Speed” up to 8 Gb FICON
- Active – Active with NSPOF
- Dual PS, Fans & Mirrored OS
- Multipathing for HA configurations
- Encryption and Key Management

- Internal, NFS or Fibre Channel attached
- Mainframe tape volumes stored as standard files
- Replication for backup/DR
- RAID 6 Data Protection

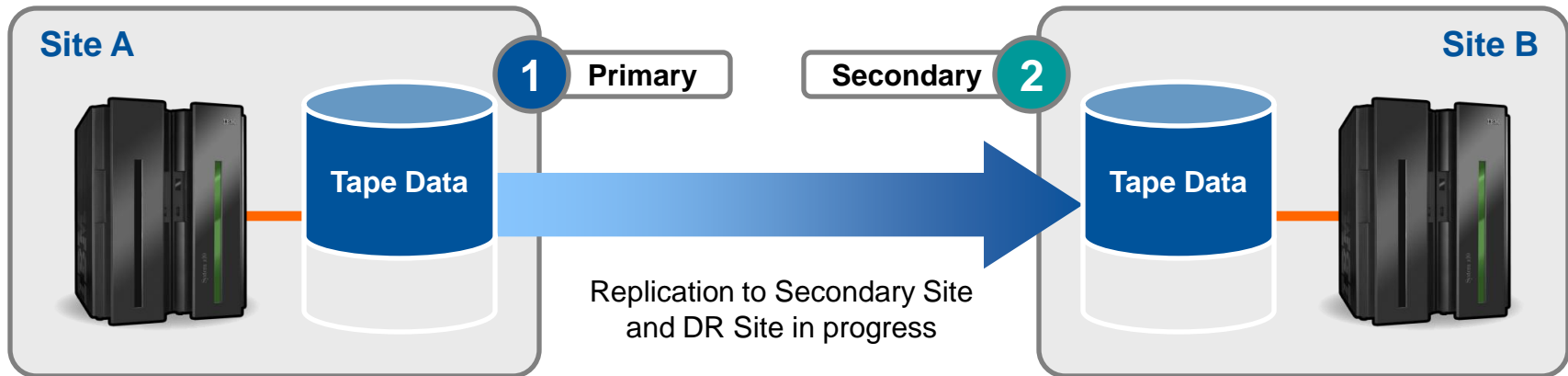
Replication Architecture Goals



- Continuous protection of production tape data – replication never stops
- Allow customer to setup for DR test and clean up after test
- One-time configuration of remote CG for multiple future DR tests

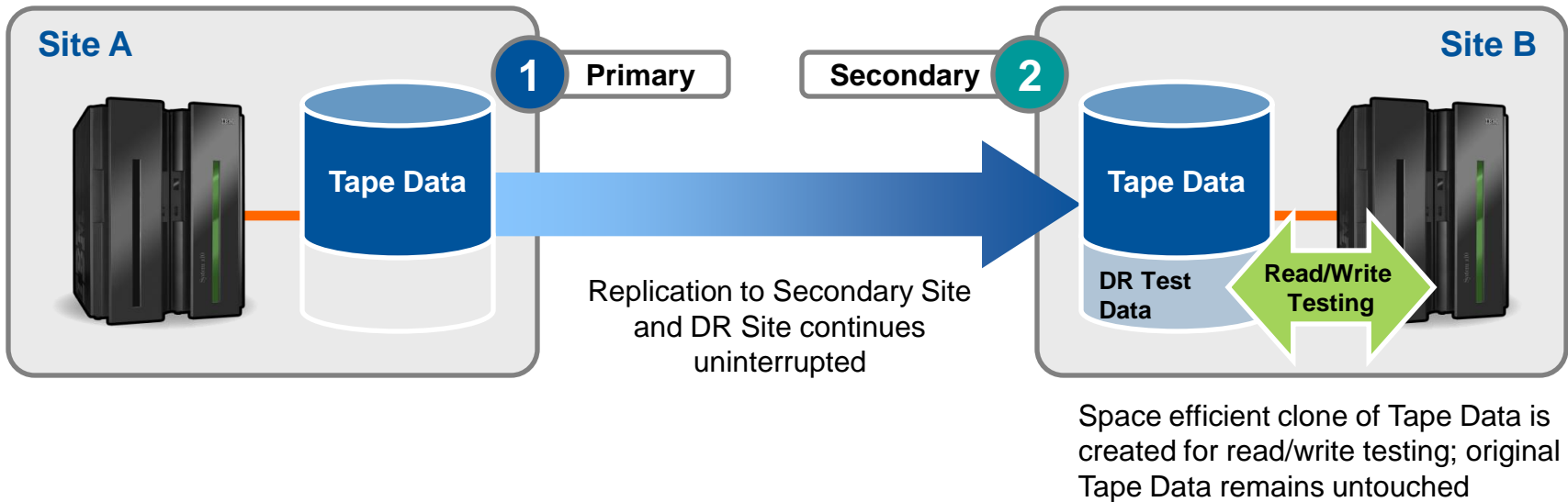
DR Test Mode Feature

Replication During Normal Operations



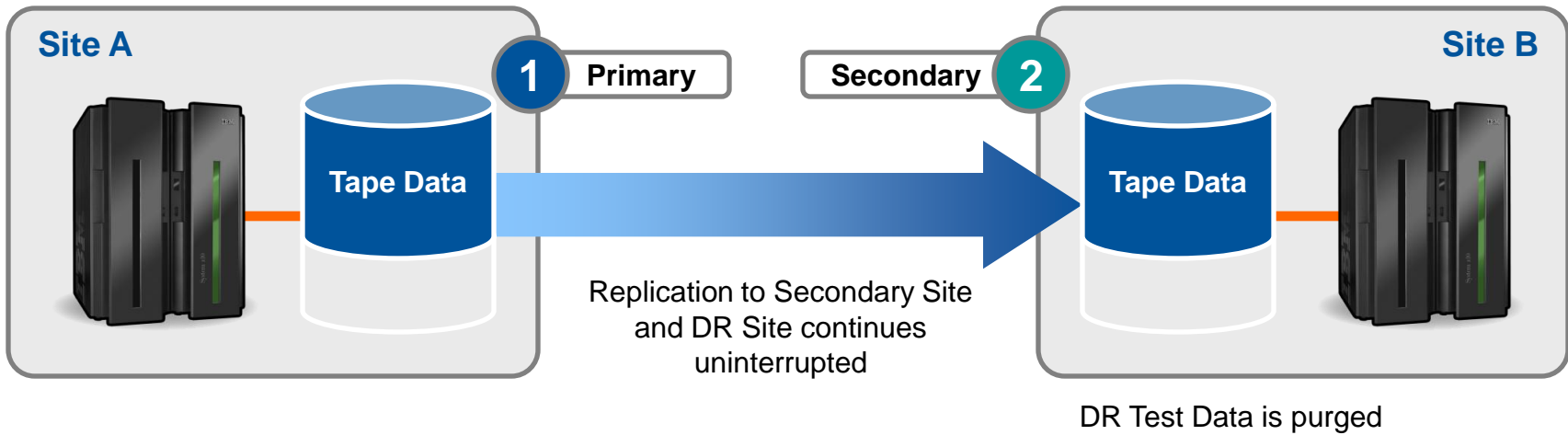
DR Test Mode Feature

Replication During DR Testing



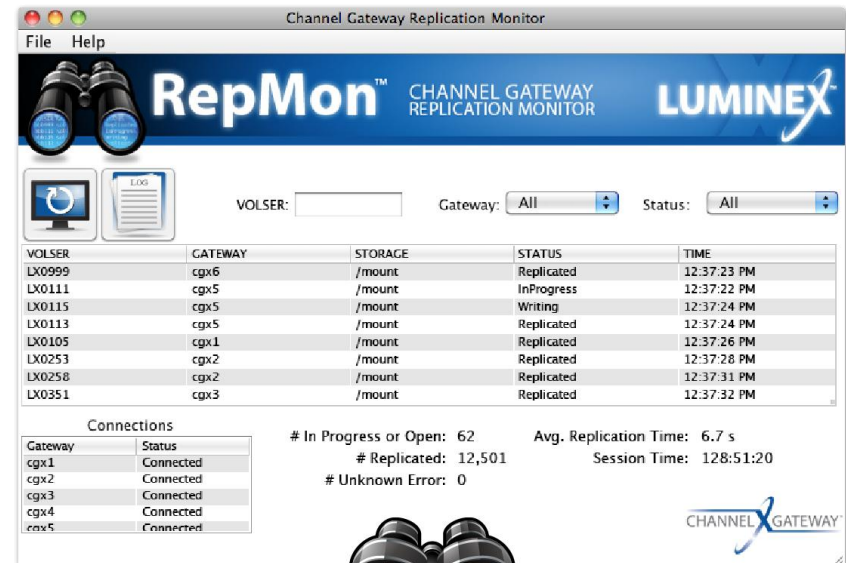
DR Test Mode Feature

After DR Testing is Completed



Monitoring Tools for Replication

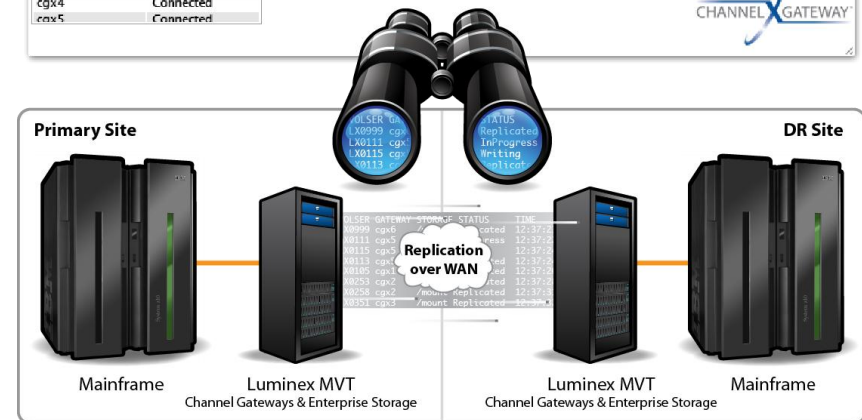
- Satisfy legal and audit concerns
- No chain of custody issues
- Replication logs
- Detailed reporting
- VOLSER-level monitoring



VOLSER	GATEWAY	STORAGE	STATUS	TIME
LX0999	cgx6	/mount	Replicated	12:37:23 PM
LX0111	cgx5	/mount	InProgress	12:37:22 PM
LX0115	cgx5	/mount	Writing	12:37:24 PM
LX0113	cgx5	/mount	Replicated	12:37:24 PM
LX0105	cgx1	/mount	Replicated	12:37:26 PM
LX0253	cgx2	/mount	Replicated	12:37:28 PM
LX0258	cgx2	/mount	Replicated	12:37:31 PM
LX0351	cgx3	/mount	Replicated	12:37:32 PM

Gateway	Status
cgx1	Connected
cgx2	Connected
cgx3	Connected
cgx4	Connected
cgx5	Connected

In Progress or Open: 62 Avg. Replication Time: 6.7 s
 # Replicated: 12,501 Session Time: 128:51:20
 # Unknown Error: 0

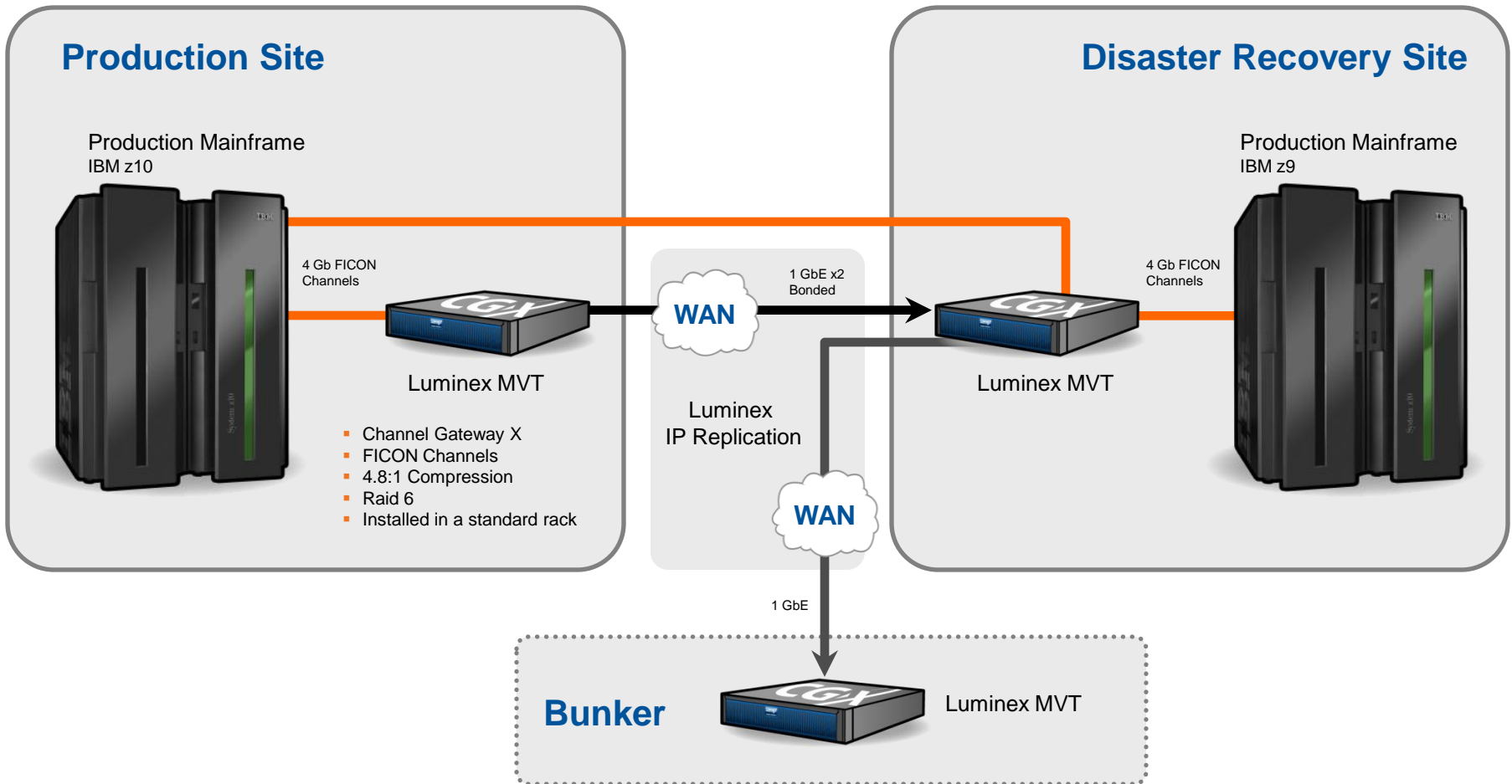


Best Practices for Continuous Replication and DR Exercises

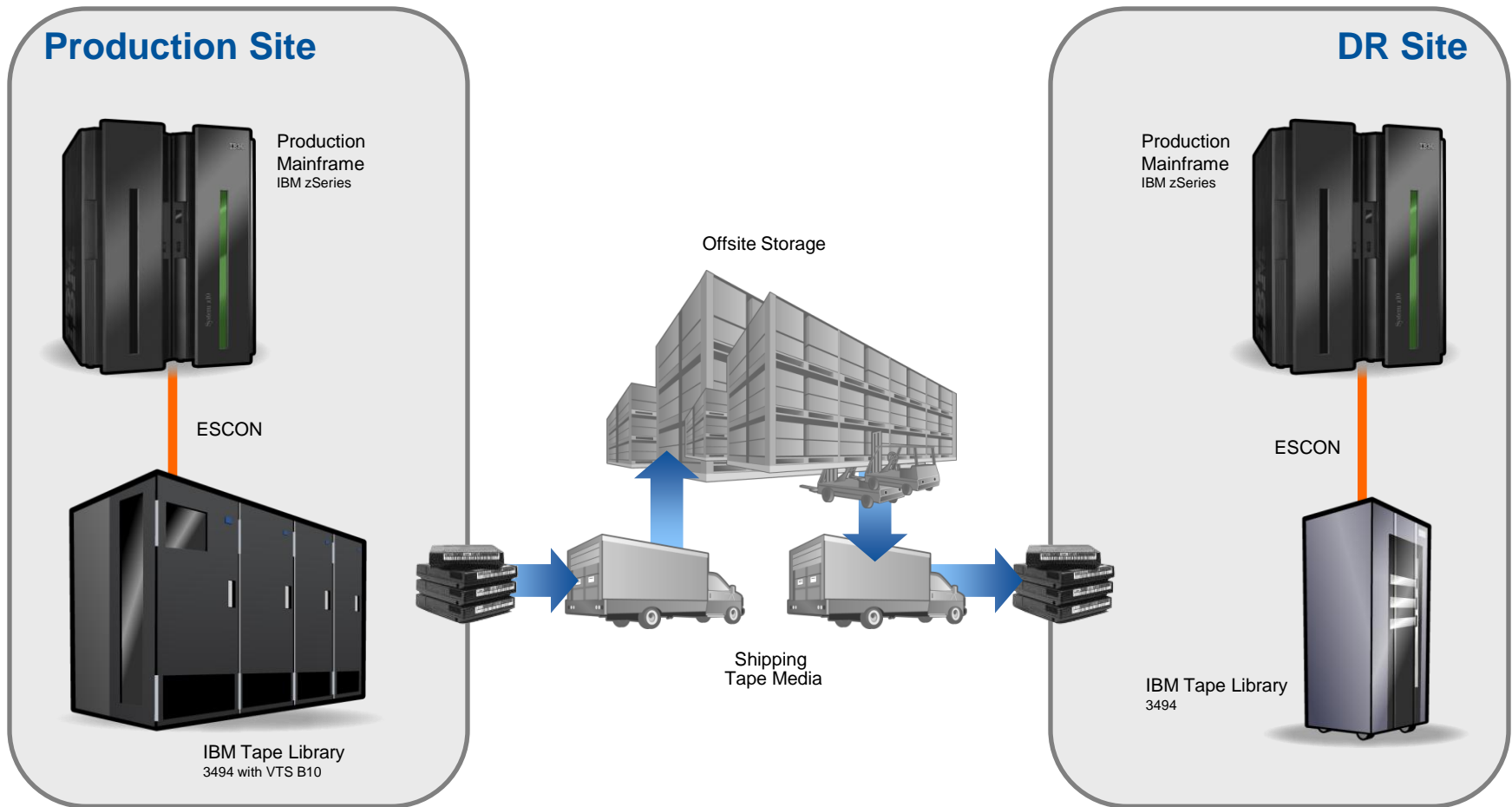
- Use a Non-disruptive tool & process
 - It will provide continuous protection of the production site's data
 - Enables non-disruptive remote DR tests
- Replication monitoring at the VOLSER level is recommended
- Detailed documentation for selectively or completely replicating tape data should be established



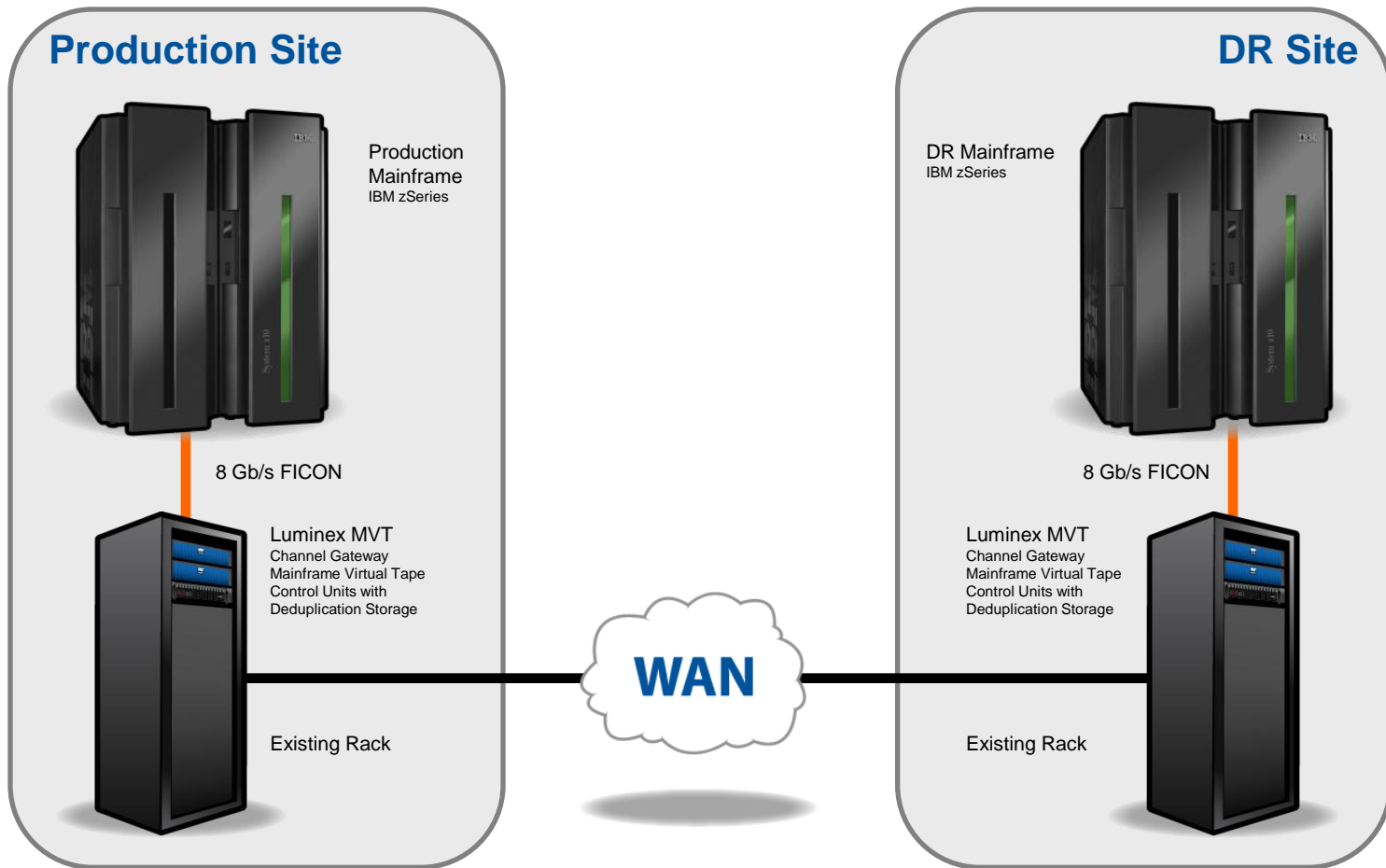
Hormel's Solution & Configuration



Previous Tape Environment



Current Tape Environment

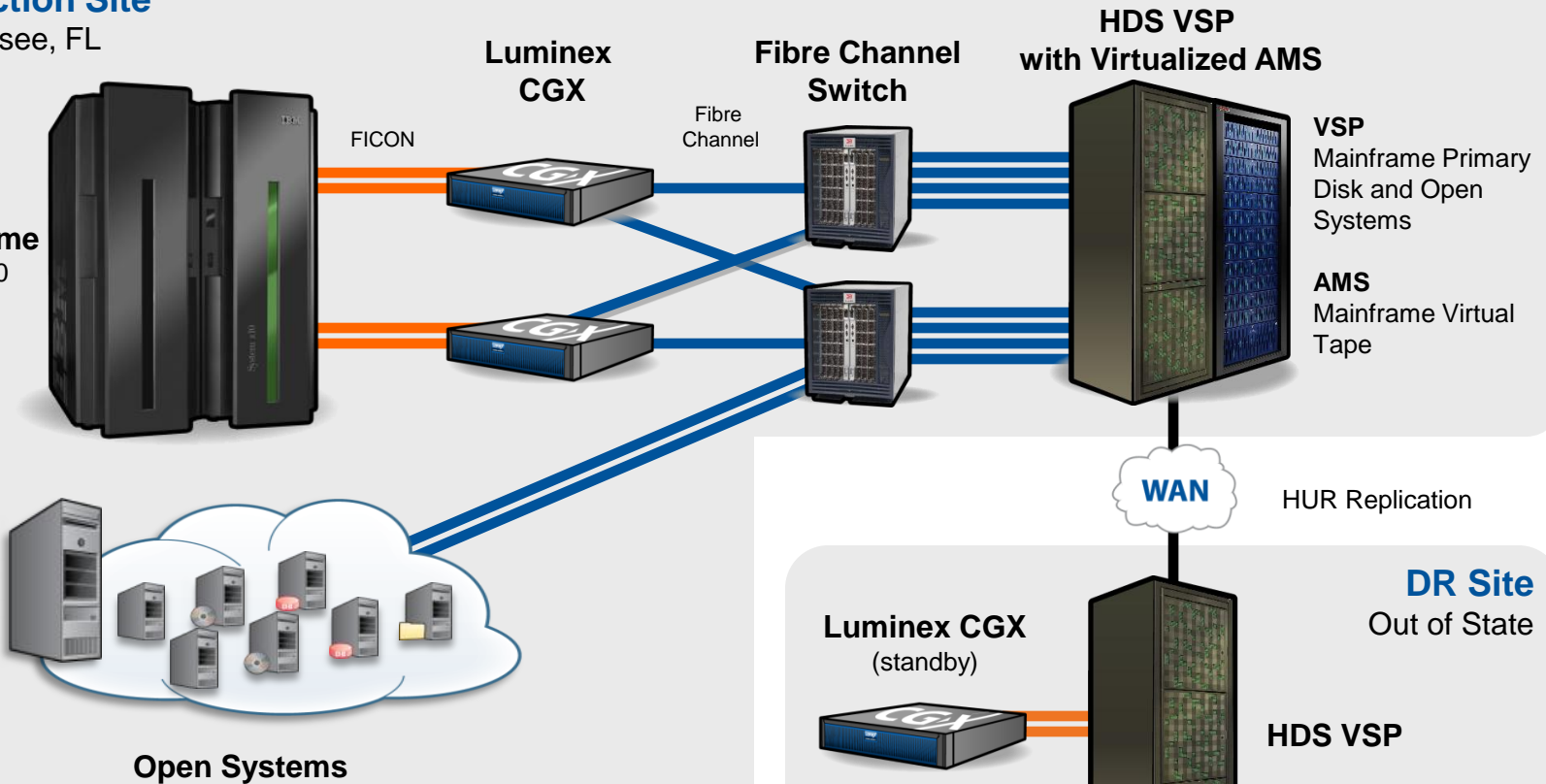


NWRDC's Solution & Configuration

Production Site

Tallahassee, FL

Mainframe
IBM z10



Thank You

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