

# Disk Tiering Solutions from IBM, EMC, and HDS

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# Hitachi Dynamic Tiering

## Automated Optimized Tiered Storage Management

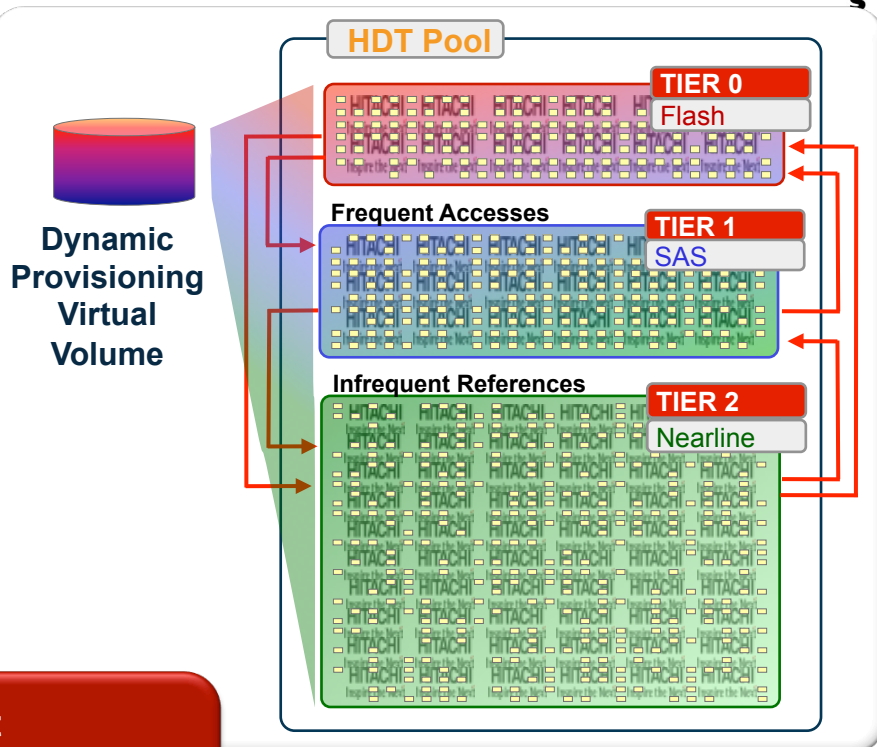


### Before: Tiered storage and provisioning

- Labor intensive
- Data classification before tiering
- Complicated management of multiple storage tiers

### Now: Dynamic tiering and provisioning

- Controller-based automation
- Single, self-managed, self-healing, efficient pool of data
- All the benefits of tiered storage
- All the benefits of dynamic provisioning
- No need for data classification



- Simplifies operations and data management
- Reduces opex, capex, and TCO
- Data Moves in 38MB Pages
- Datasets can span multiple Tiers

# Hitachi Dynamic Tiering (HDT) Supports Virtualized Storage

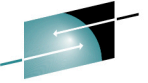


- With HDT, the VSP virtualized storage controller and HUS VM virtualized storage controller support automated tiered storage management and performance acceleration for multiple tiers of heterogeneous external storage
  - As a diskless storage virtualization controller
  - Optimizes flash tier value
  - Leverages the breadth of offerings on the VSP/HUS VM
- Extends efficiency benefits of Dynamic Tiering to 3rd party storage

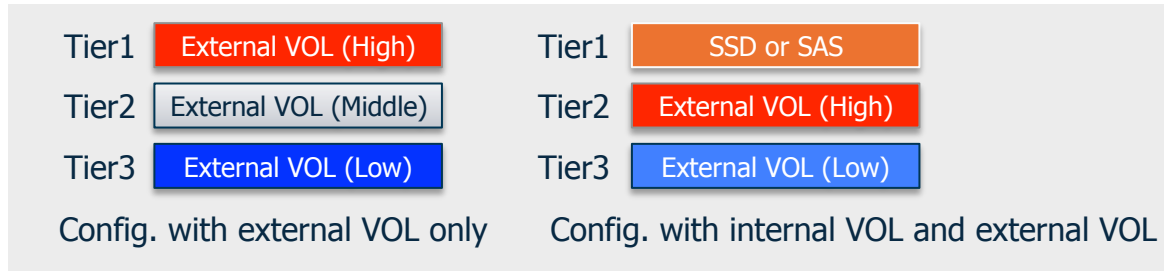
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# HDT support for external tiers



- For heterogeneous storage virtualization, VSP and HUS VM virtualized storage controllers support automated tiered storage management and performance optimization for multiple tiers of attached external storage

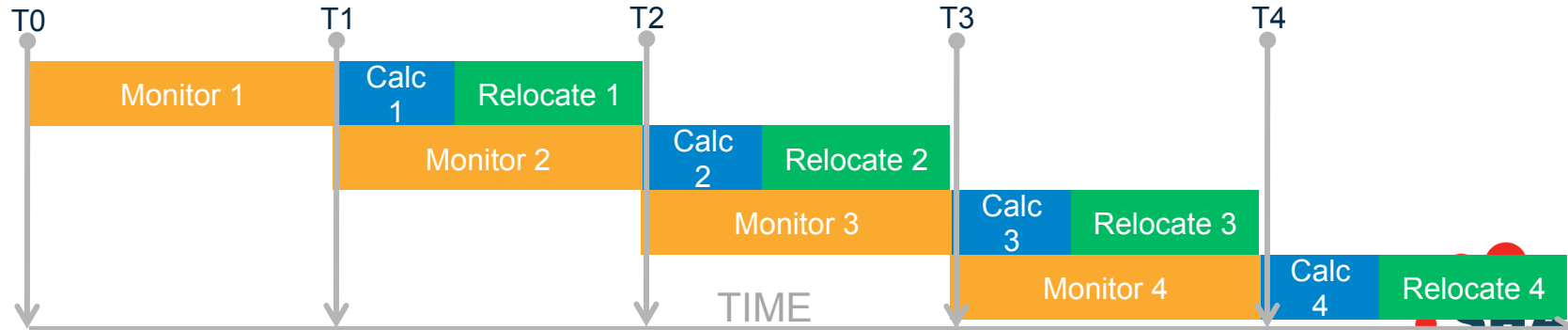


- HDT supports up to 3 tiers of external storage
  - external storage can be designated into 3 ranks (high, middle, low)
- External storage is always classified as lower tiers than internal storage

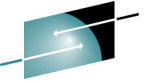
MEDIA TIER GROUPINGS SUPPORTED BY VSP	ORDER OF TIERS
SSD	1
SAS 15K RPM	2
SAS 10K RPM	3
SAS 7.2K RPM	4
SATA	5
External #1	6
External #2	7
External #3	8

# HDT Cycle How Tiering Learns your workload

- Cycle time set at the HDP pool level
- Manual mode
  - User can start and stop performance monitoring using any interval up to 7 days
  - Scripting can set complex schedules to custom fit to priority work periods
- Automatic mode
  - Customer defines strategy; it is then executed automatically
  - Continuous monitoring followed by relocation cycles
  - Monitor interval from 30 minutes to 1, 2, 4, 8 or 24 hours (default)

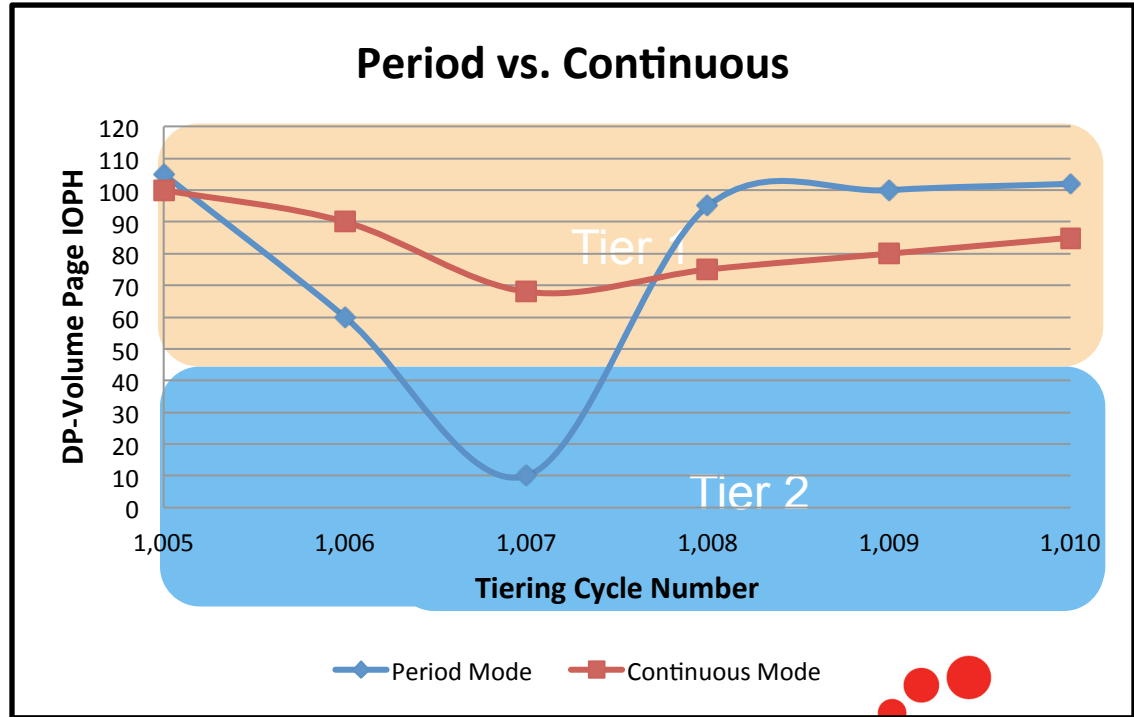


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# HDT Control How Tiering Learns your workload

- Monitoring modes set at HDP/HDT pool level
- Period mode
  - The value used in the calculation cycle is the actual I/O load on DP volume page from previous monitoring cycle
- Continuous mode
  - The value used in the calculation cycle is the weighted average of multiple previous monitoring cycles for DP volume page
  - Reduces page trashing
  - May slow migration to upper tiers



## 32 Custom tiering policies

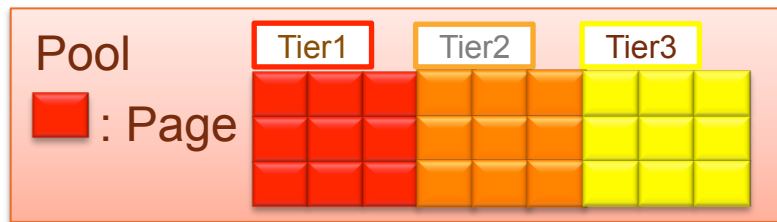
- Custom tier policy helps achieve SLAs by minimizing performance impact and maximizing utilization when multiple applications are sharing a pool
  - Group volumes from different pools into a group and apply a custom policy
  - Up to 32 policies can be created per system
  - Based on percent of allocated capacity rates
  - Tier 1 maximum and tier 1 minimum
  - Tier 3 maximum and tier 3 minimum

### Hitachi Dynamic Tiering logic improvement helps maximize performance

- Data page relocation improvement
- Page migration calculations

# Custom Tiering Policy support

Helps achieve SLAs by minimizing performance impacts and maximizing utilization when multiple applications share a dynamic tiering pool



Assign at least 20% of tier1 to keep high performance.  
Assign 50% to lower cost tiers

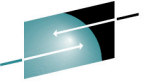


- Assign at least 20% of tier 1 for high performance
- Assign at most 40% of tier 1 for cost savings
- Assign at least 20% of tier 3 for cost savings
- Assign at most 40% of tier 3 to prevent low performance

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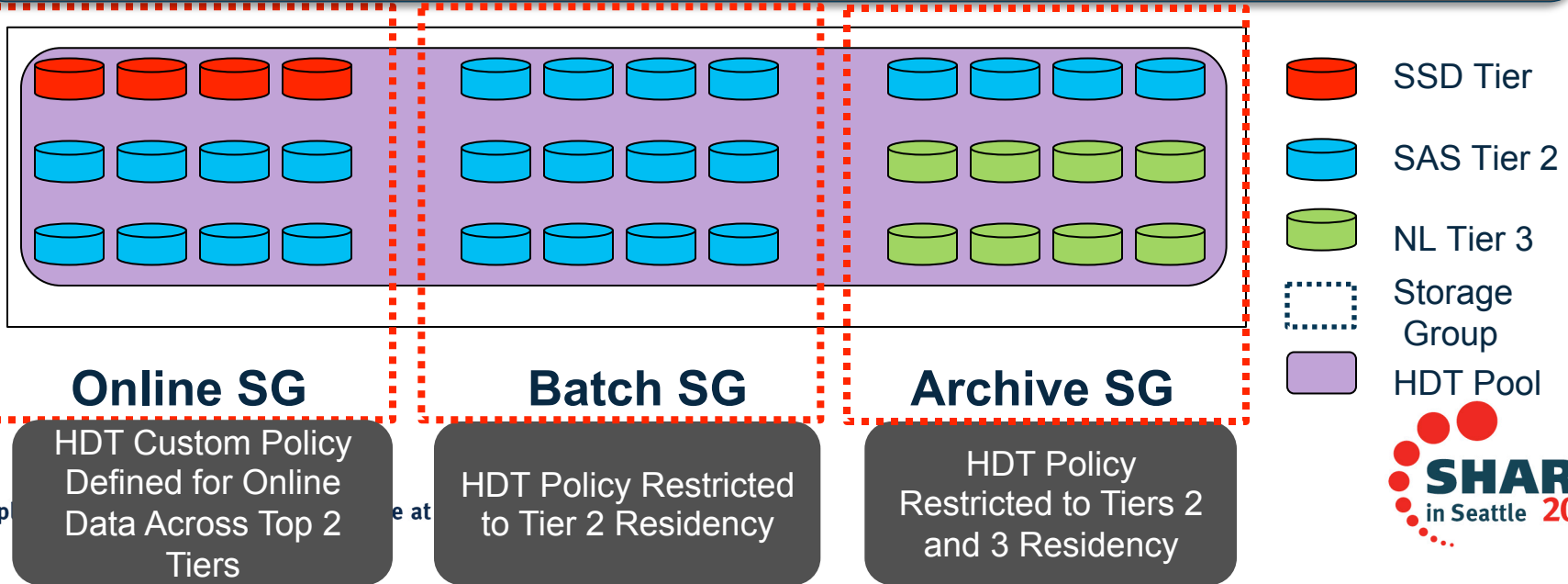






# DFSMS and HDT

- With HDT for Mainframe storage policies, individual policies can be defined for volumes mapped to different storage groups
- Policies are supported based on tier ranges, analysis/migration periods, initial tier page assignments and relocation priority



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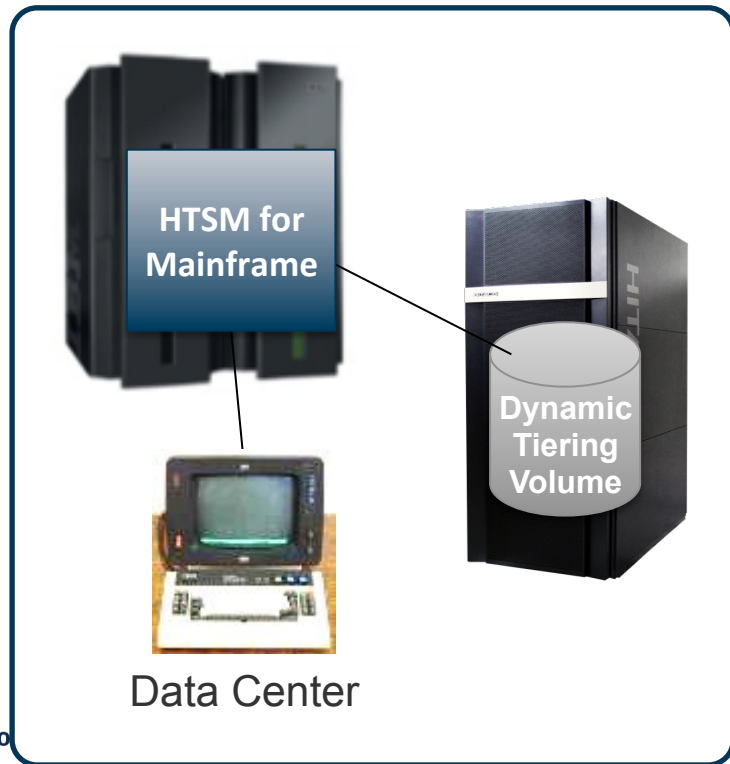
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# Hitachi Tiered Storage Manager for Mainframe

## Hitachi Dynamic Tiering Management

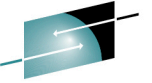
### Host-based software

- Enables centralized and unified mainframe management of Hitachi Dynamic Tiering
  - Automation Policies
  - Integration with DFSMS and storage groups
- Facilitates online storage service level controls
  - Increase application performance
  - Improves problem avoidance
- Delivers a single, consistent interface
  - ISPF Command based and/or
  - REXX Script driven
- Eliminates configuration errors through auto-discovery
  - Accelerates deployment
- Provides reporting and automatic notifications



# New and future enhancements

- Fully Allocated volume support – Feb 2015
  - Allows you to reserve the entire volume, so another user cannot consume all the space in a pool
    - Use for critical system volumes etc



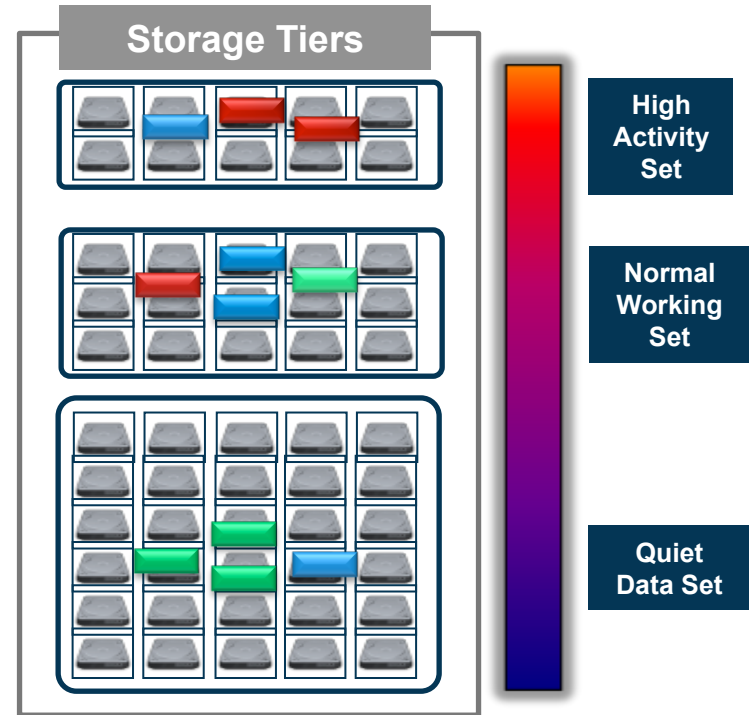
# Hitachi Dynamic Tiering: Summary

## Solution capabilities

- Automated data placement for higher performance and lower costs
- Simplified ability to manage multiple storage tiers as a single entity
- Self-optimized for higher performance and space efficiency
- Page-based granular data movement for highest efficiency and throughput

## Business value

- CAPEX and OPEX savings by moving data to lower-cost tiers
- Increase storage utilization up to 50%
- Easily align business application needs to the right cost infrastructure



**AUTOMATE AND ELIMINATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF EFFICIENT TIERED STORAGE**

# Thank You!

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