Achieving Continuous Availability for Mainframe Tape

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Discussion Topics

- “Needs” in mainframe tape
  - Past to present… small to big?
- How Have “Needs” Affected Technology?
- The next evolutionary steps
- Use cases
- What’s the next “Need”?

“Needs” in Mainframe Tape

Did Technology Define Needs, or Did Needs Define Technology?

- Physical tape
  - Better recording technologies (3480, 3490, 3590)
- Robotics (automated tape loading)
  - Dual robotic arms
  - Higher slot counts
- Virtual tape (disk cache with physical tape back store)
  - Replication of disk cache
- Encryption
- Tapeless (no physical tape)
  - Deduplication
  - GRID
  - Synchronous replication
  - Cloud storage

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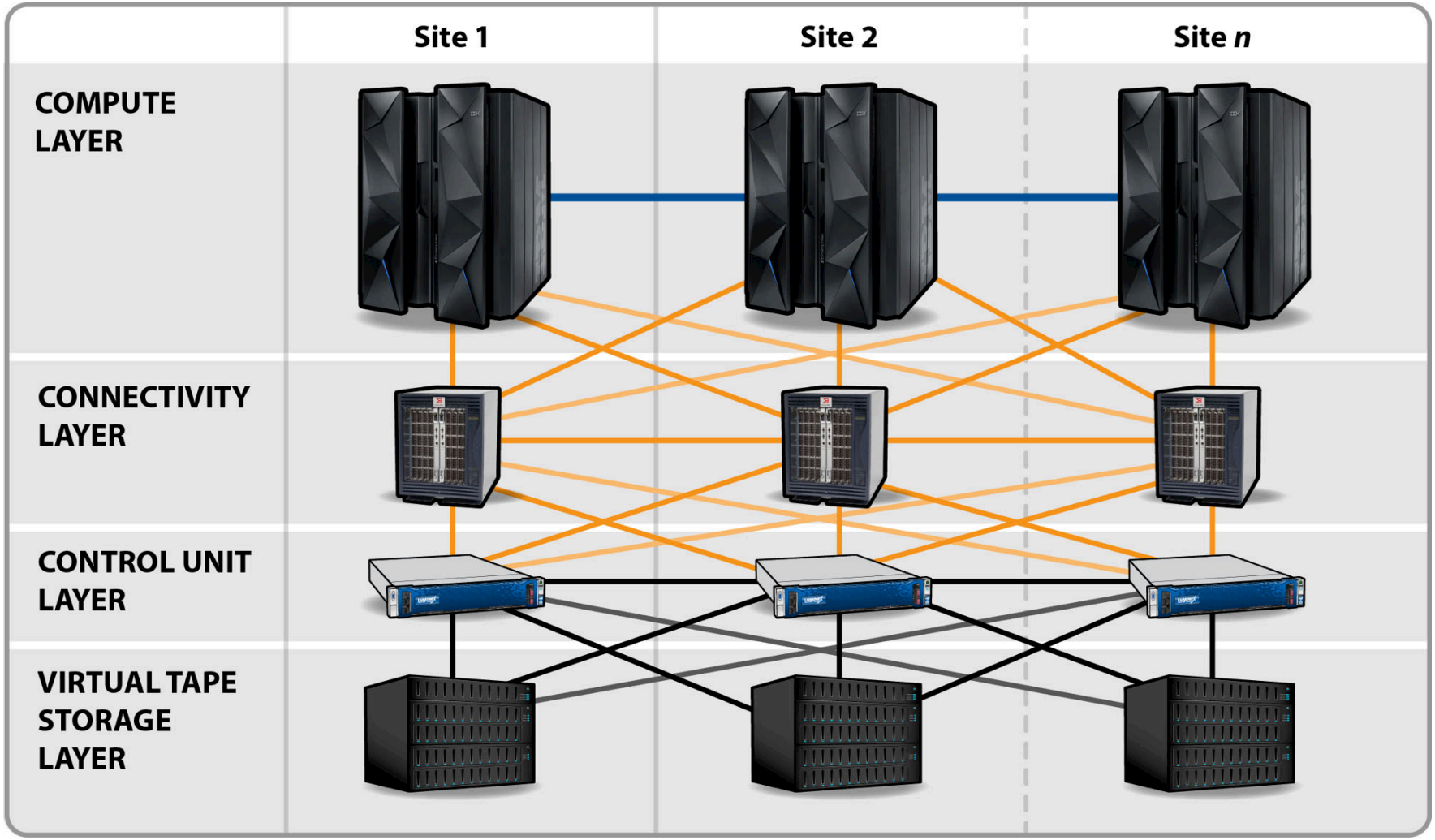
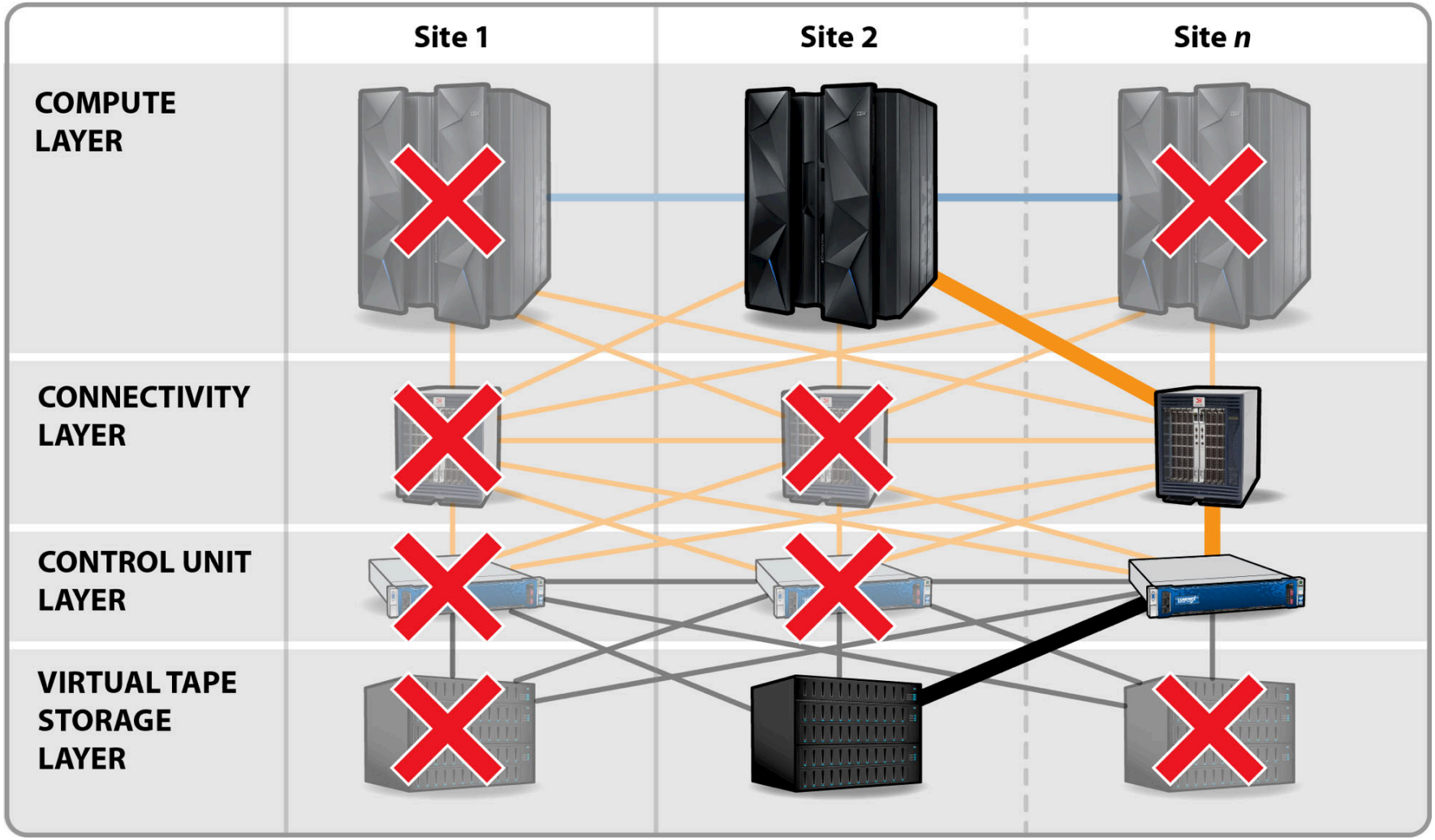
Synchronous Tape Matrix (STM)

- Continuous Availability
  - Resilient architecture instantly and automatically adjusts to multiple failures without interruption
  - Data is always available for I/O
  - No downtime from failover or restore processes
- No idle components to buy
  - All components contribute to day-to-day operations, not just during failure events
- Easy to implement
  - No host scripts or policies required
- Scalable
  - No limitations for throughput, capacity or degrees of redundancy
- Modular design ensures investment protection
- Supports dissimilar storage systems and compression/deduplication technologies

Simplified STM Configuration with *n*-Sites



Operational STM Configuration with Multiple Failures Across Layers and Sites



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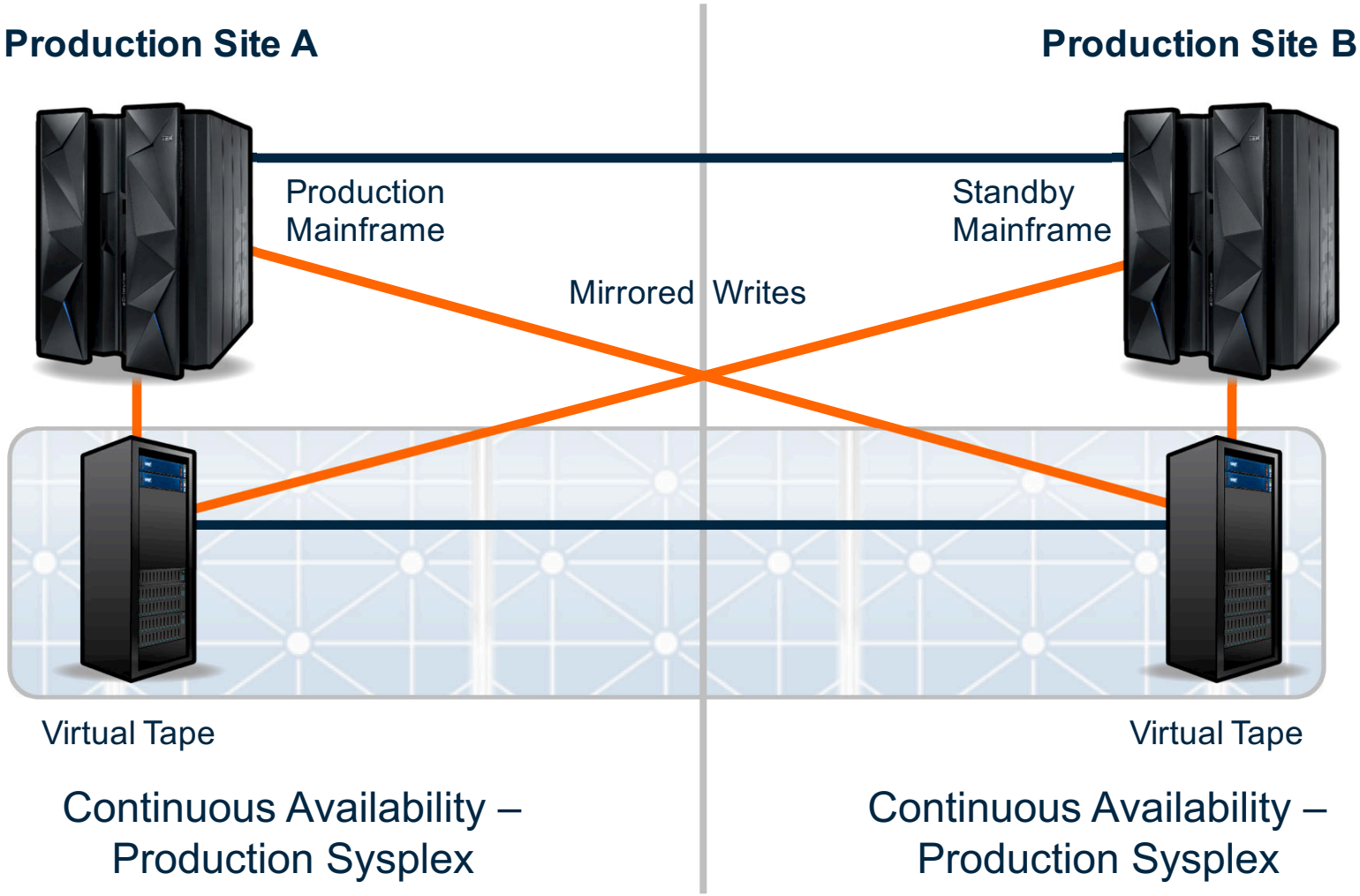
Active-Active Host/Storage



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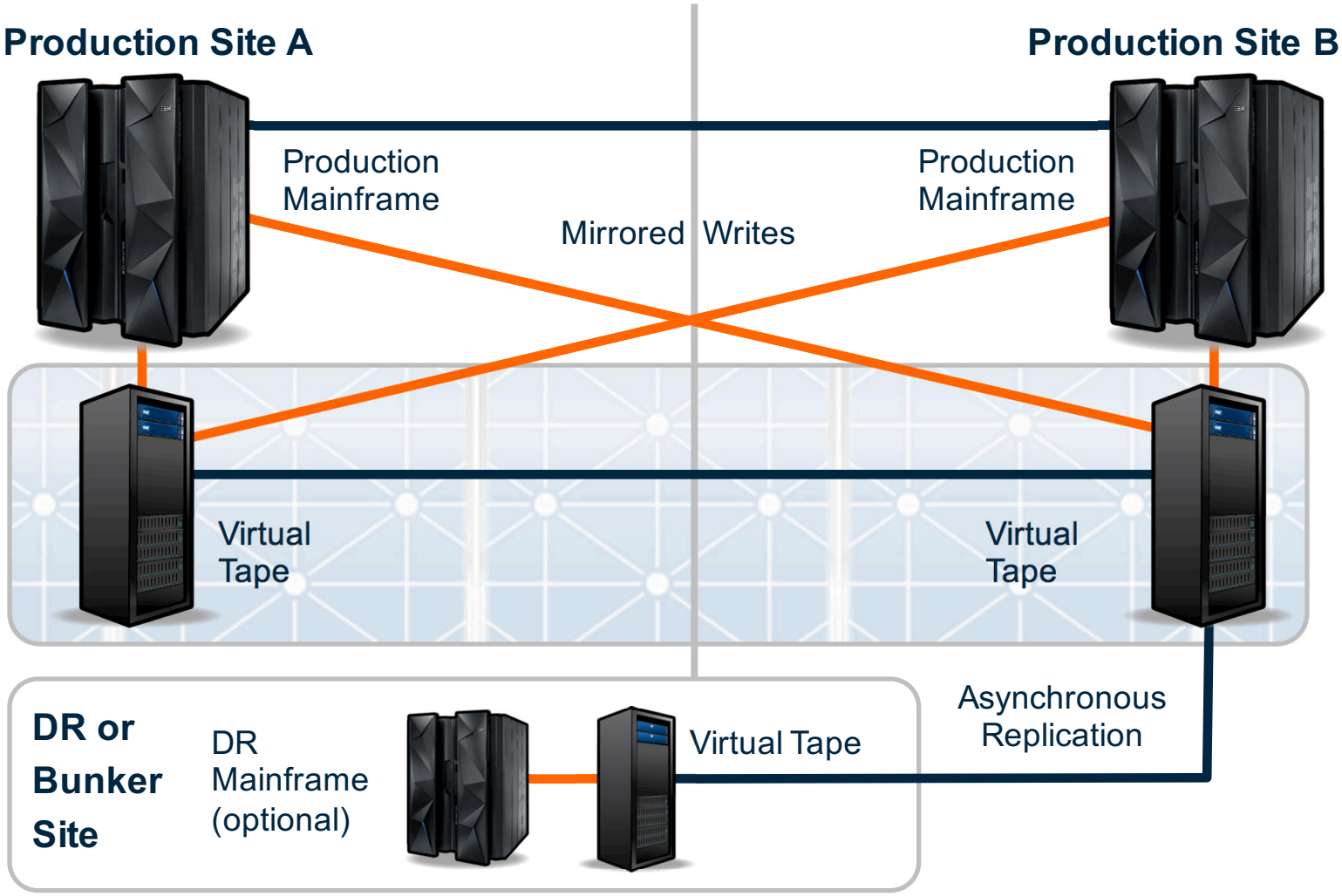
Active-Active-DR Host/Storage



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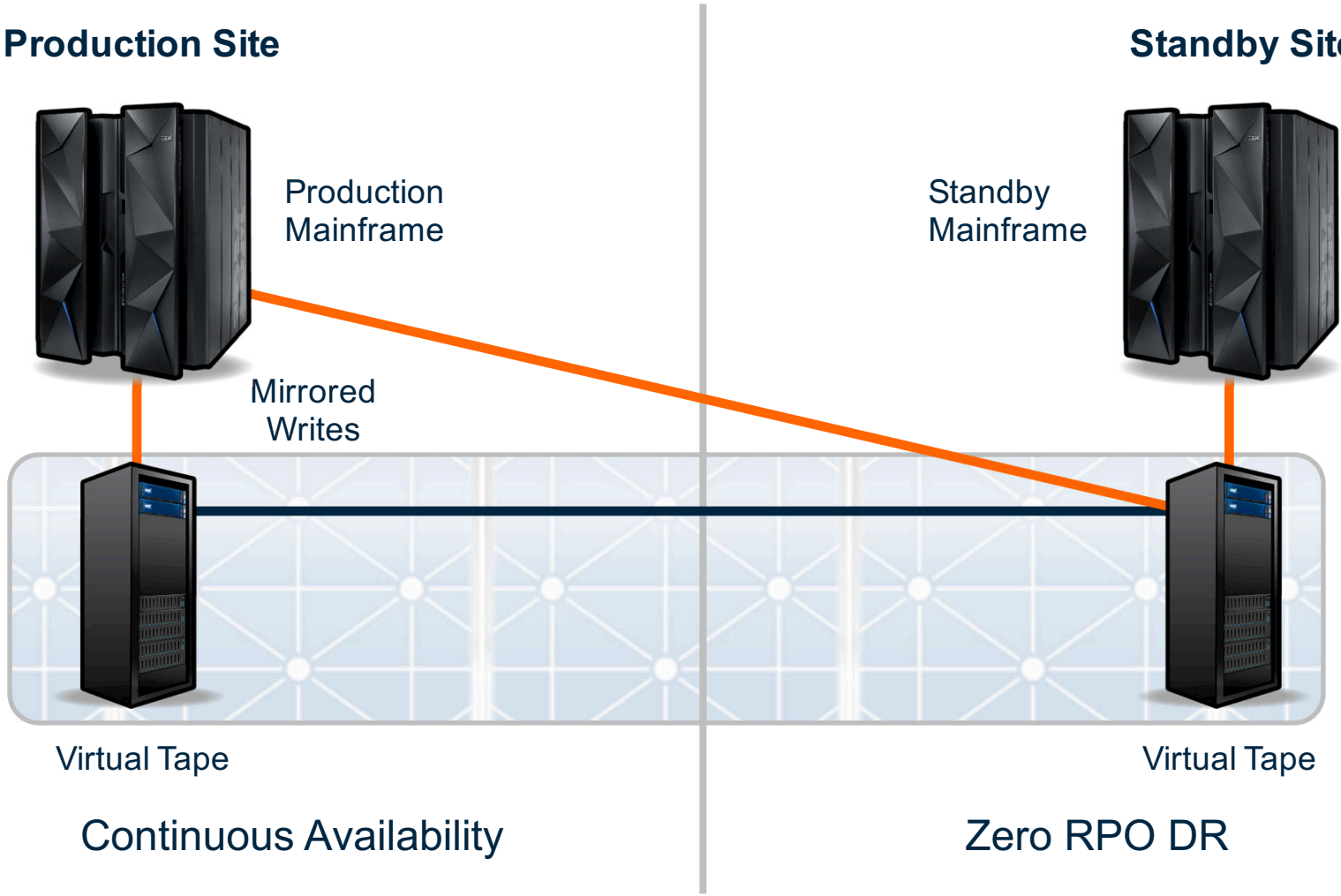

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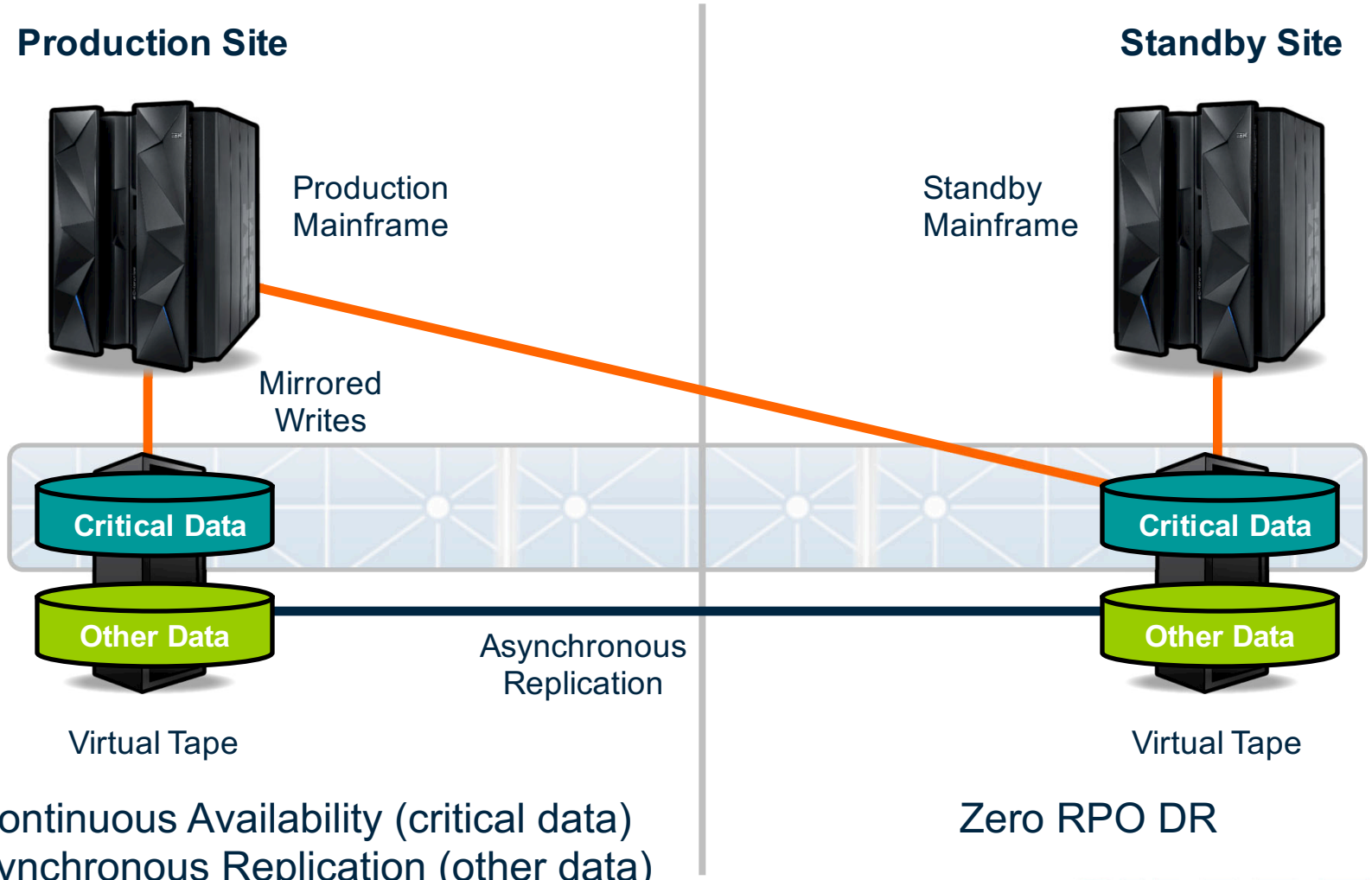

Continuous Availability (critical data)
Asynchronous Replication (other data)

Zero RPO DR

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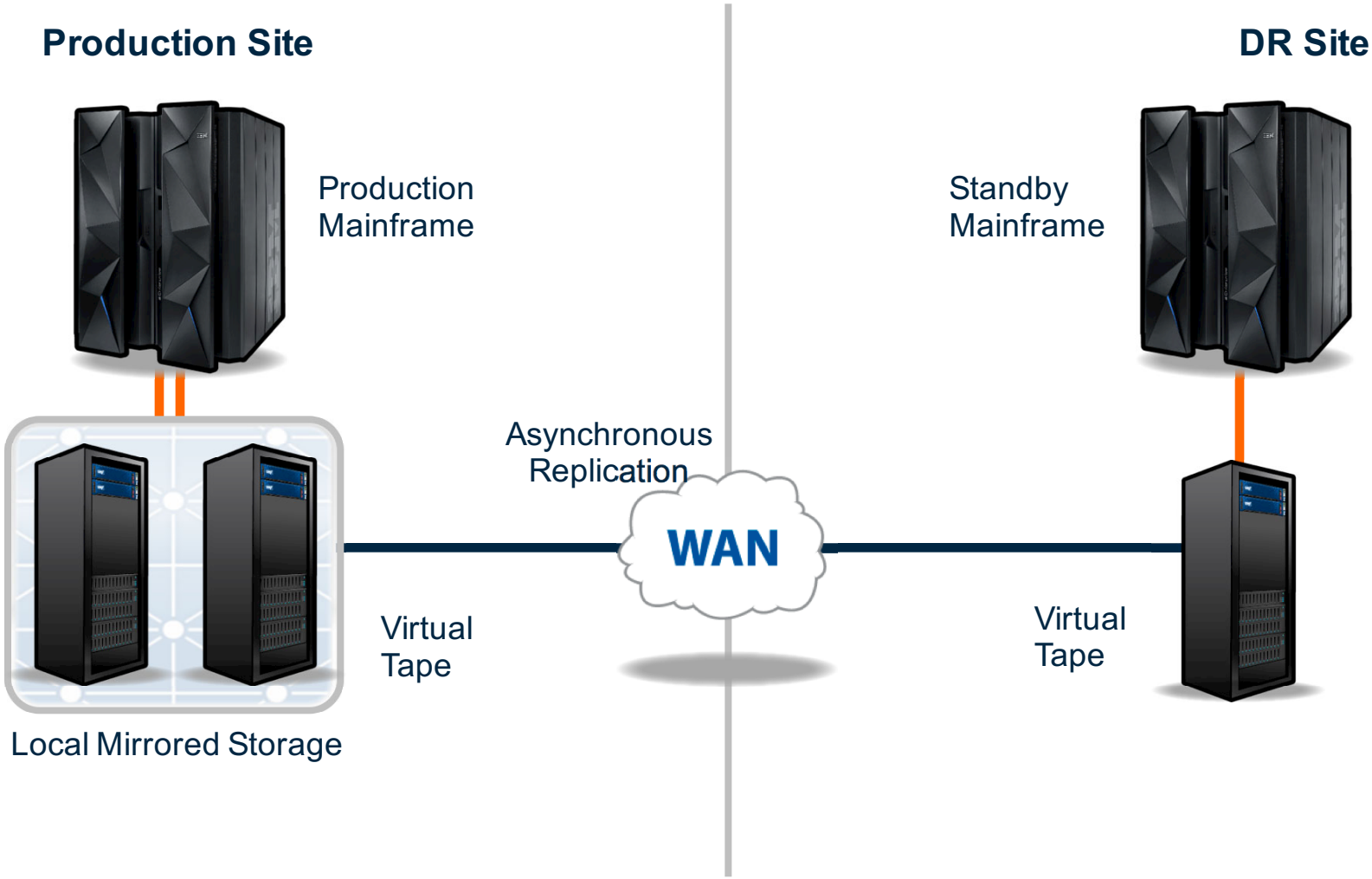
Active-DR Host, Active-Active Local Storage with DR



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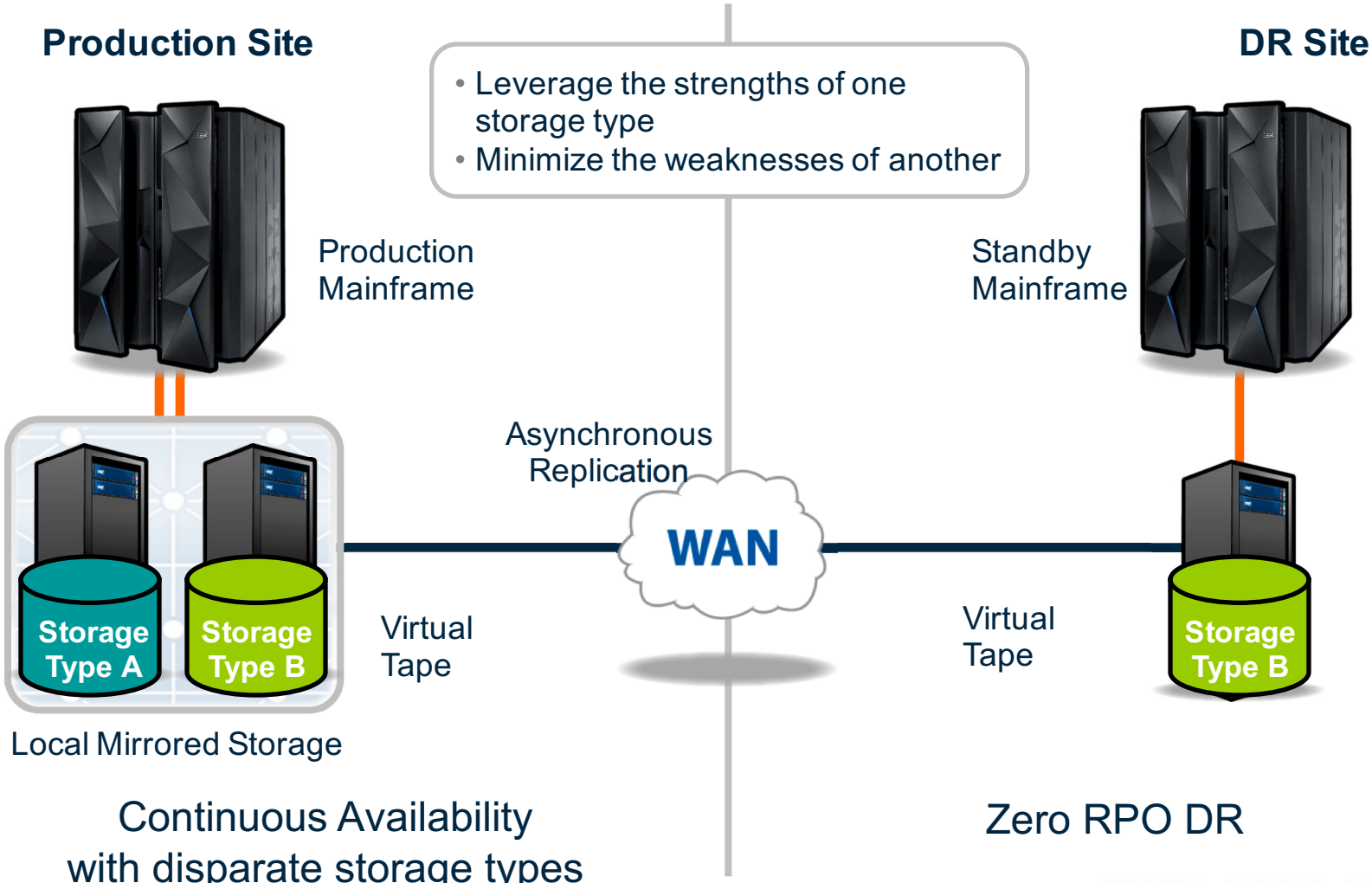

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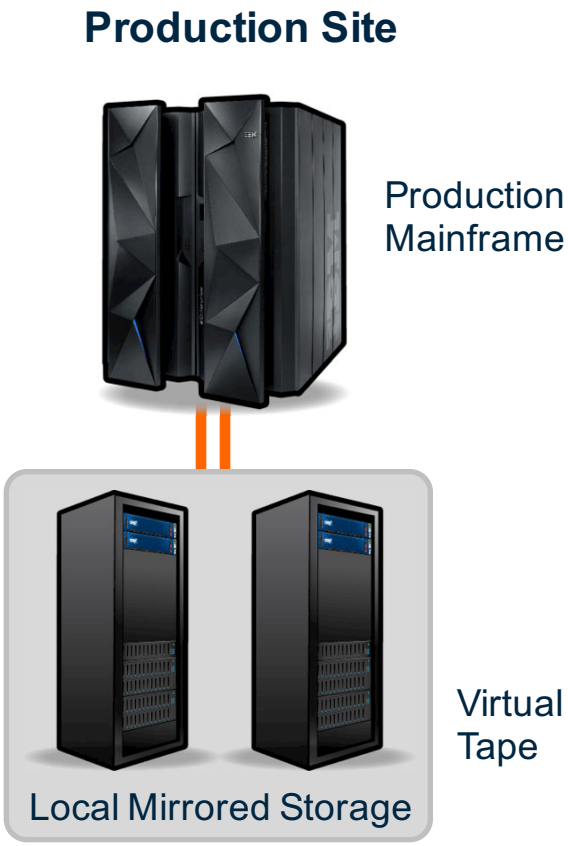


Continuous Availability – Single Site

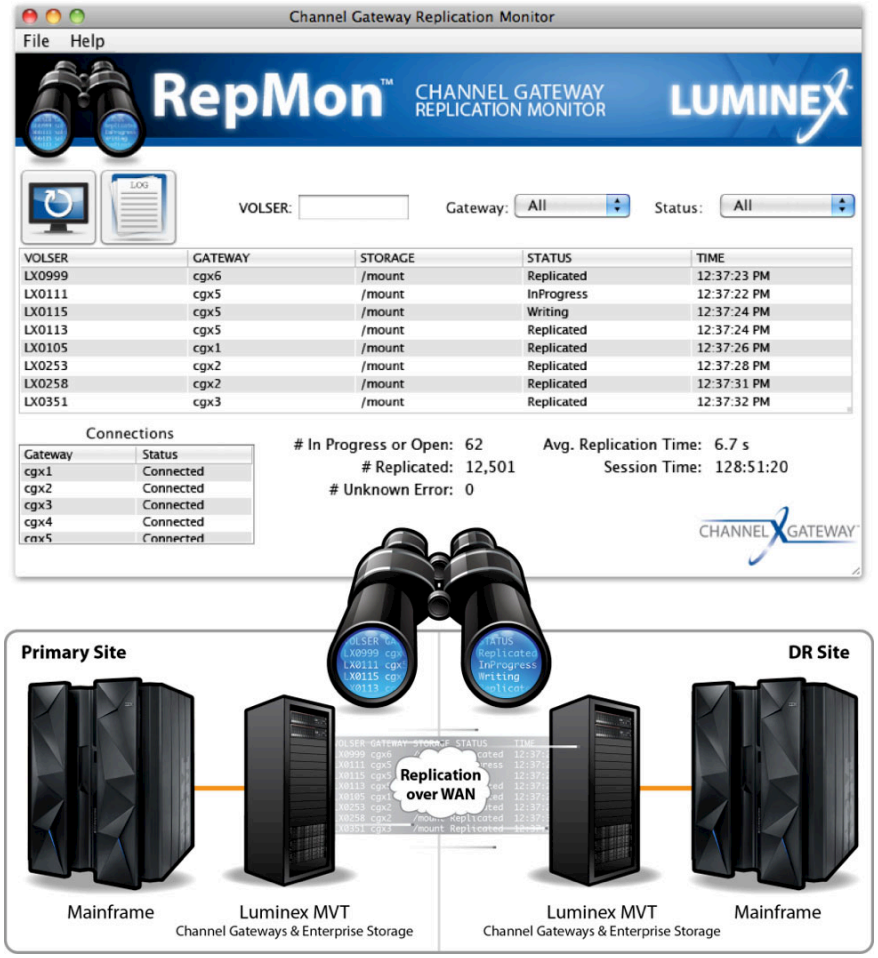
Prepare for the Future, Don't Forget About the Past

- Disaster recovery preparedness
- Security (Encryption)
- Migrations

RepMon: Replication Monitor

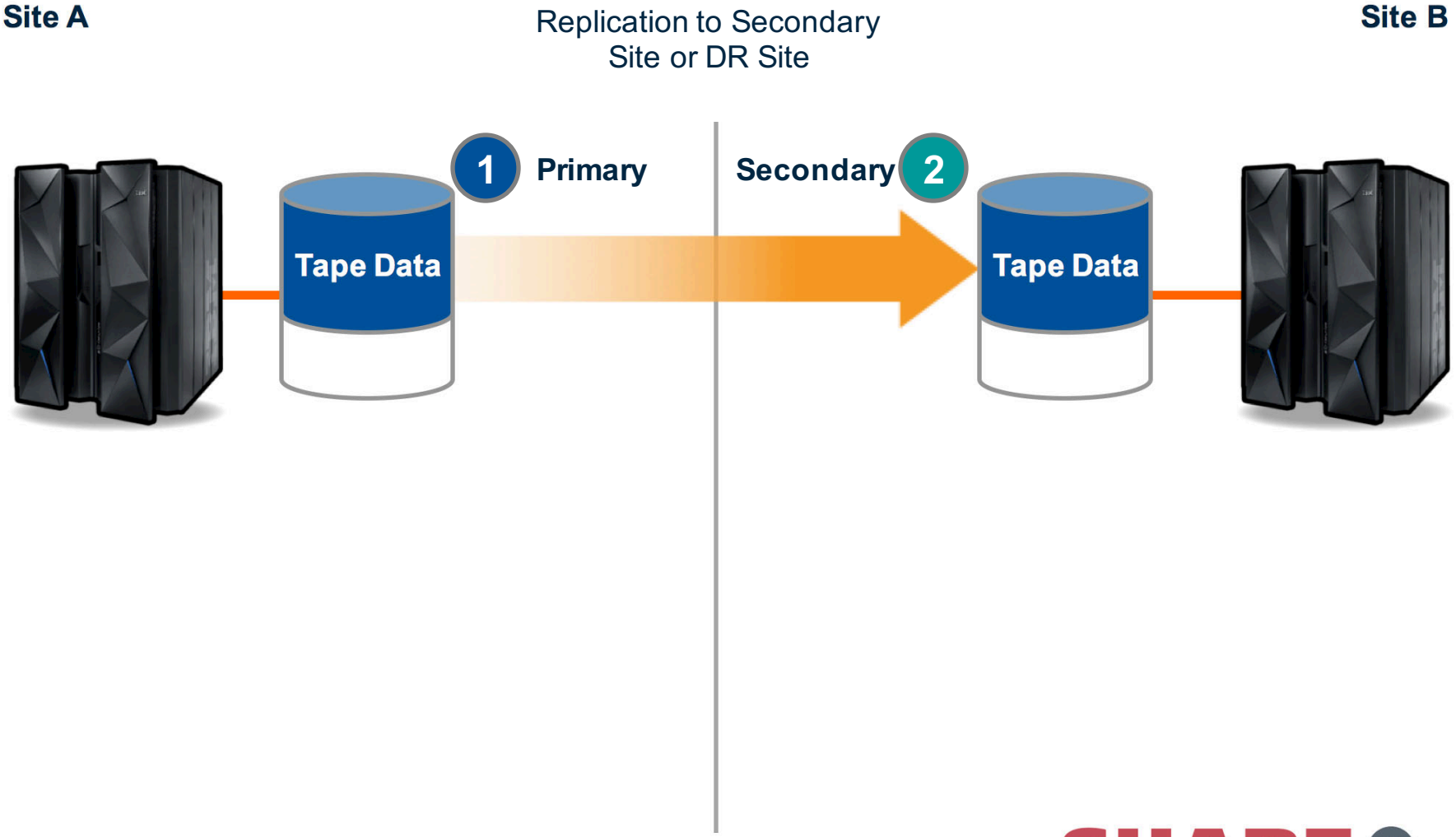
Provides **real-time status monitoring and logging** of virtual tape data writes and replication to a remote disaster recovery site at the VOLSER level

- Identifies Write and Replication Status of Mainframe Tape VOLSERs
- Identifies if virtual tape data at DR is still consistent with the primary datacenter
- Provides visual and audit capabilities to confirm when backups reach DR



Push Button DR Testing

Replication During Normal Operations



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Replication During DR Testing

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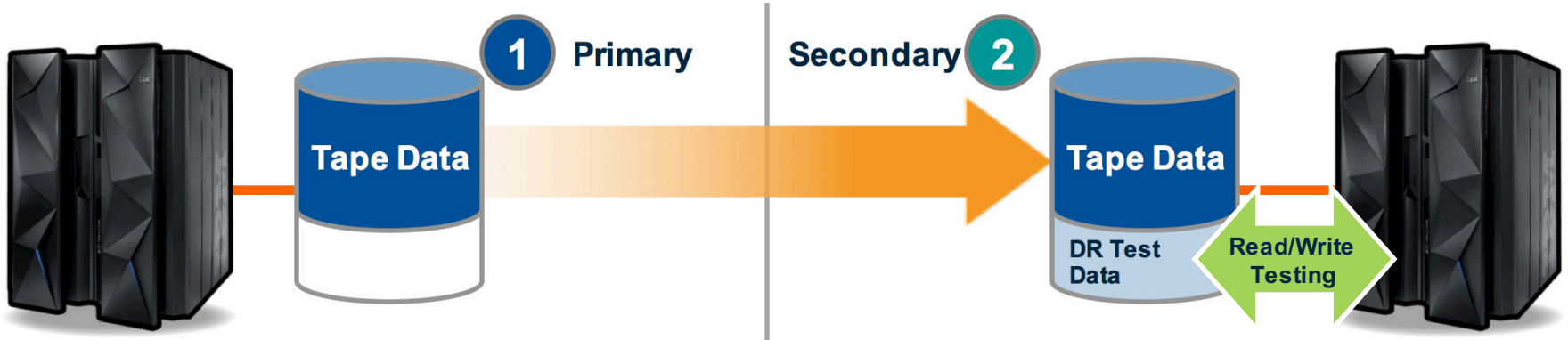
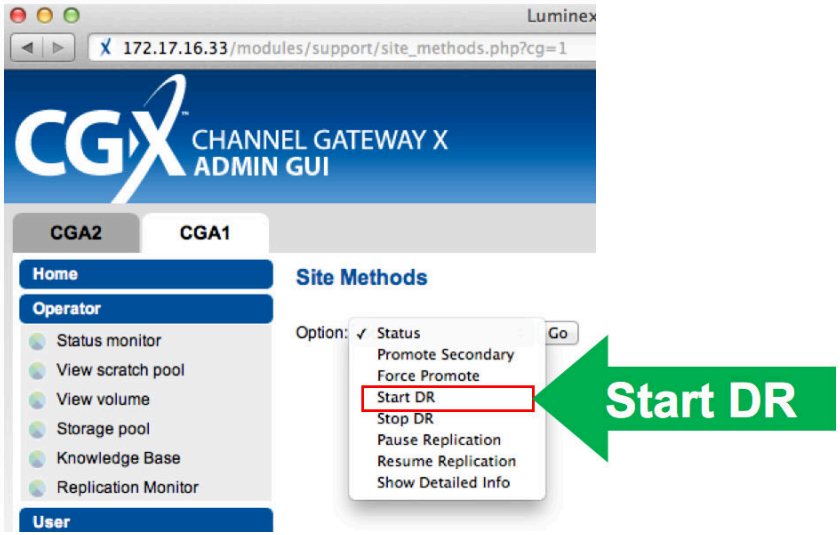
Replication to Secondary Site or DR Site continues uninterrupted

Site B





Space efficient clone of Tape Data is created for read/write testing; original Tape Data remains untouched

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Push Button DR Testing

After DR Testing is Completed

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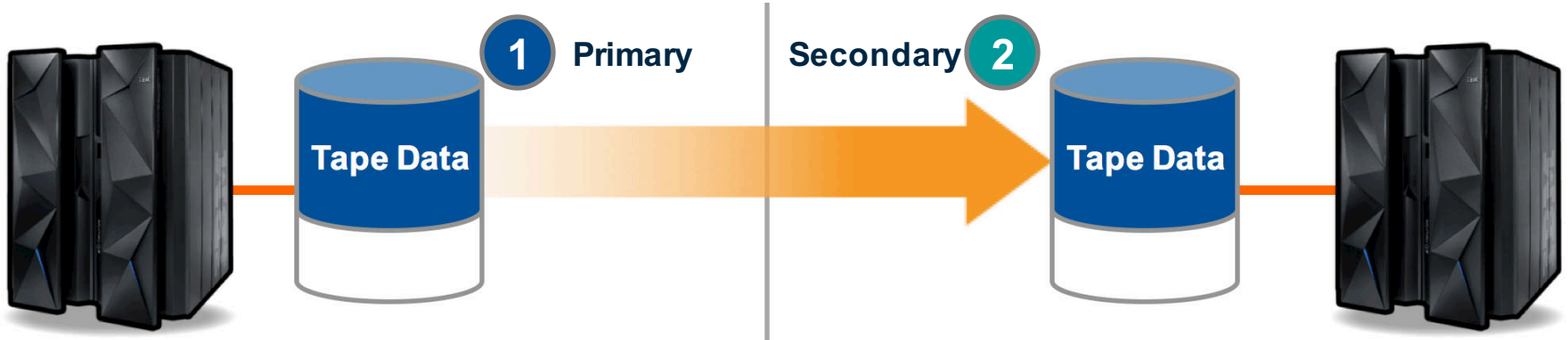
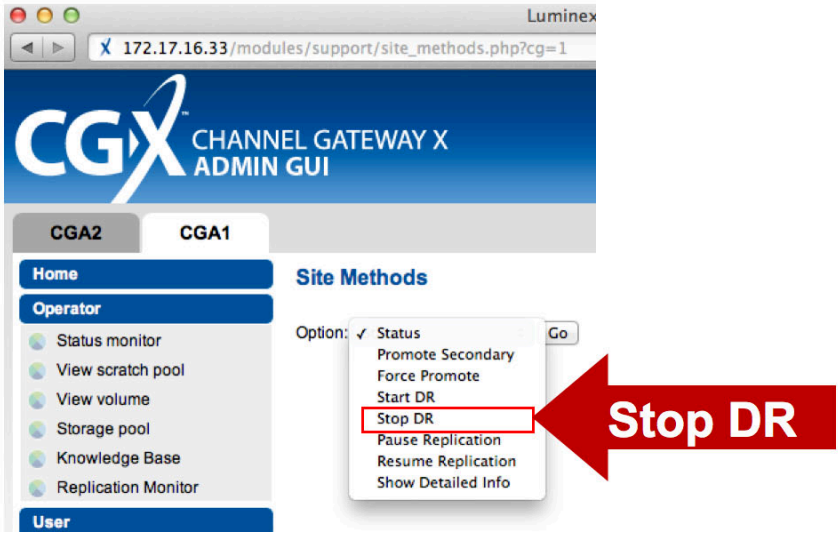




DR Test Data is purged

Optionally, DR Test Data can be automatically replicated back to Site A for auditing purposes

CGSafe

Encryption and Key Management

Encryption

- Encrypt Data At Rest and Data In Transit
  - Better than simple self encrypting drives, data remains encrypted for all local or wide area network traffic, including replication
- AES-GCM or AES-ECB modes
- CGSafe solutions use AES-256, AES-192 or AES-128
- Encryption, compression, authentication and CRC in a single pass
- Configurable for auto-hardware-to-software encryption failover

Key Management

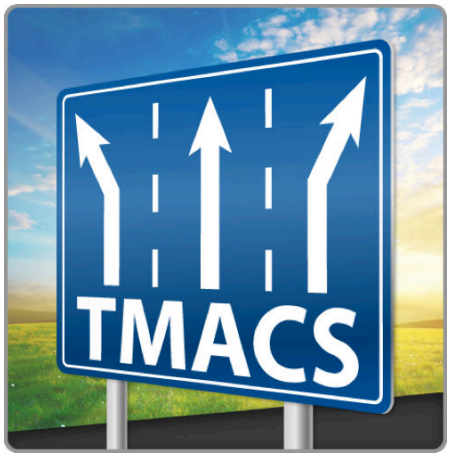
- Full Key Lifecycle Management
- Optionally Integrates into existing key management infrastructure for a single-point-of-management
- Supports KMIP standard
- Dynamic creation of keys
- Master keys (KEKs) based on storage pools

Tape Migration Services and Software

Luminex offers Tape Migration Services to migrate to STM

- Elegantly designed to work with TMACS to move tape data without touching the tape catalogs
- Current VOLSER #s and all historical information are retained in the new environment as well
- Supports all existing tape library and virtual tape environments for z/OS

TMACS (Tape Monitoring and Allocation Control Software) is optional host-based software to automate device allocation steering for complex environments



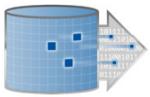
Media Migration Services & Software

For current Luminex virtual tape environments

- Luminex offers Media Migration to non-disruptively migrate to the new storage target
- Entirely off-host, no mainframe MIPS required
- Current VOLSER #s and all historical information are retained in the new environment (no changes to tape catalogs)
- Volumes will acquire the characteristics of the new configuration

More Options… A Better Fit Makes A Better Solution

Optional Features



Luminex Replication
Improve your disaster recovery plan with remote replication to one or more DR sites

RepMon
Replication monitoring and auditing at the VOLSER level

Push Button DR
Disaster recovery and testing with "push button" ease

Multi-site Disposition Change
Easily redirect source-and-target replication flow between multiple data centers

Synchronous Tape Matrix
Continuous availability with 1+n mirrored writes and non-disruptive auto failover/restore

CGSafe
Encryption and key management

LTMon
Integrated, centralized management from the mainframe console

Storage Options

Enterprise
Highly available & flexible

Modular
Cost-effective performance

Internal
Compact (2U) & power efficient

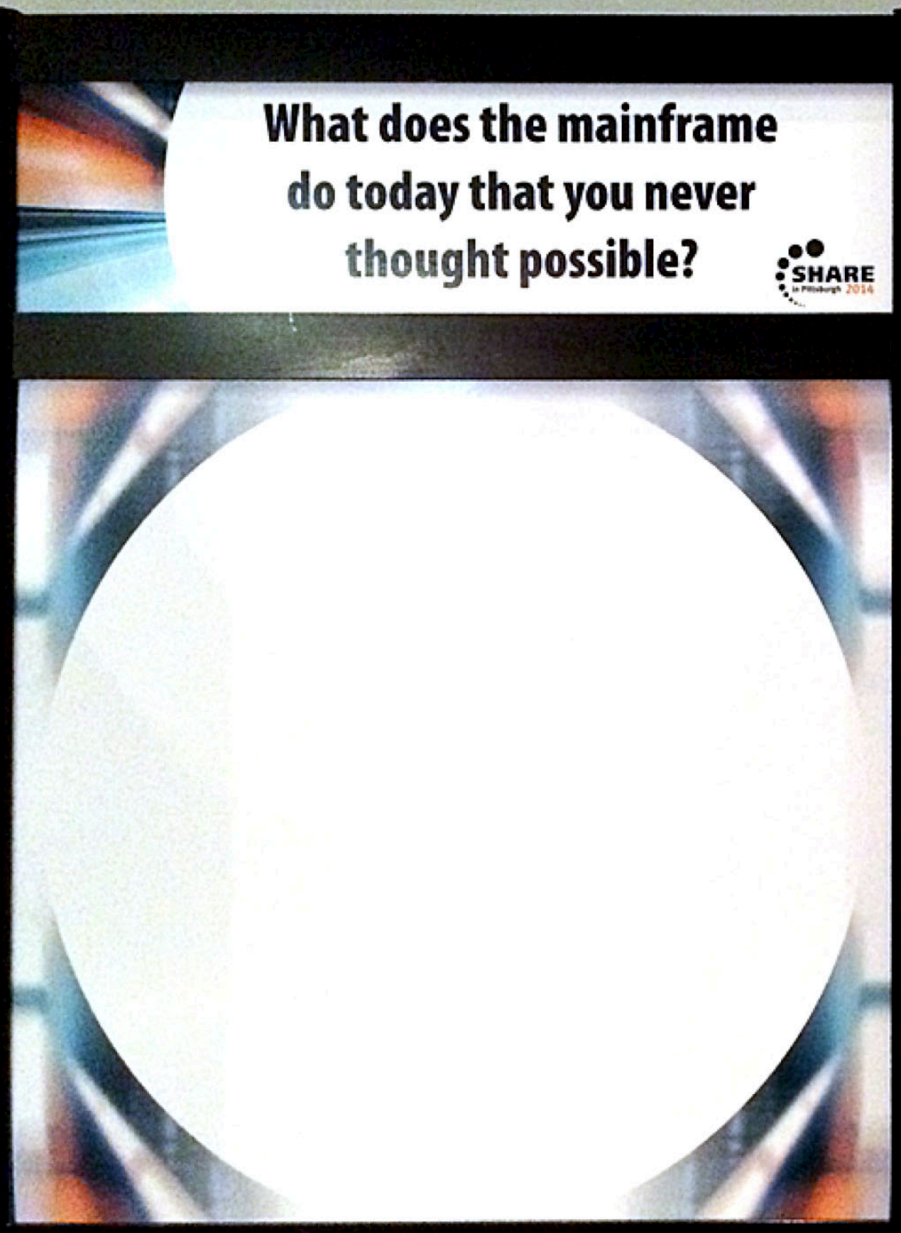
MVT Vault
Cost-effective virtual tape vaults for remote, off site storage

CloudTAPE
Cloud-based tape vaulting solution for mainframes

Deduplication/Compression
DataStream Intelligence further reduces bandwidth & storage requirements

Tape Migration Software and Services
Seamlessly transition physical and virtual tapes with exact copies of original VOLSER numbers and labels

TMACS
Tape Monitoring and Allocation Control System intercepts tape device allocations and steers them to tape devices according to a customizable set of rules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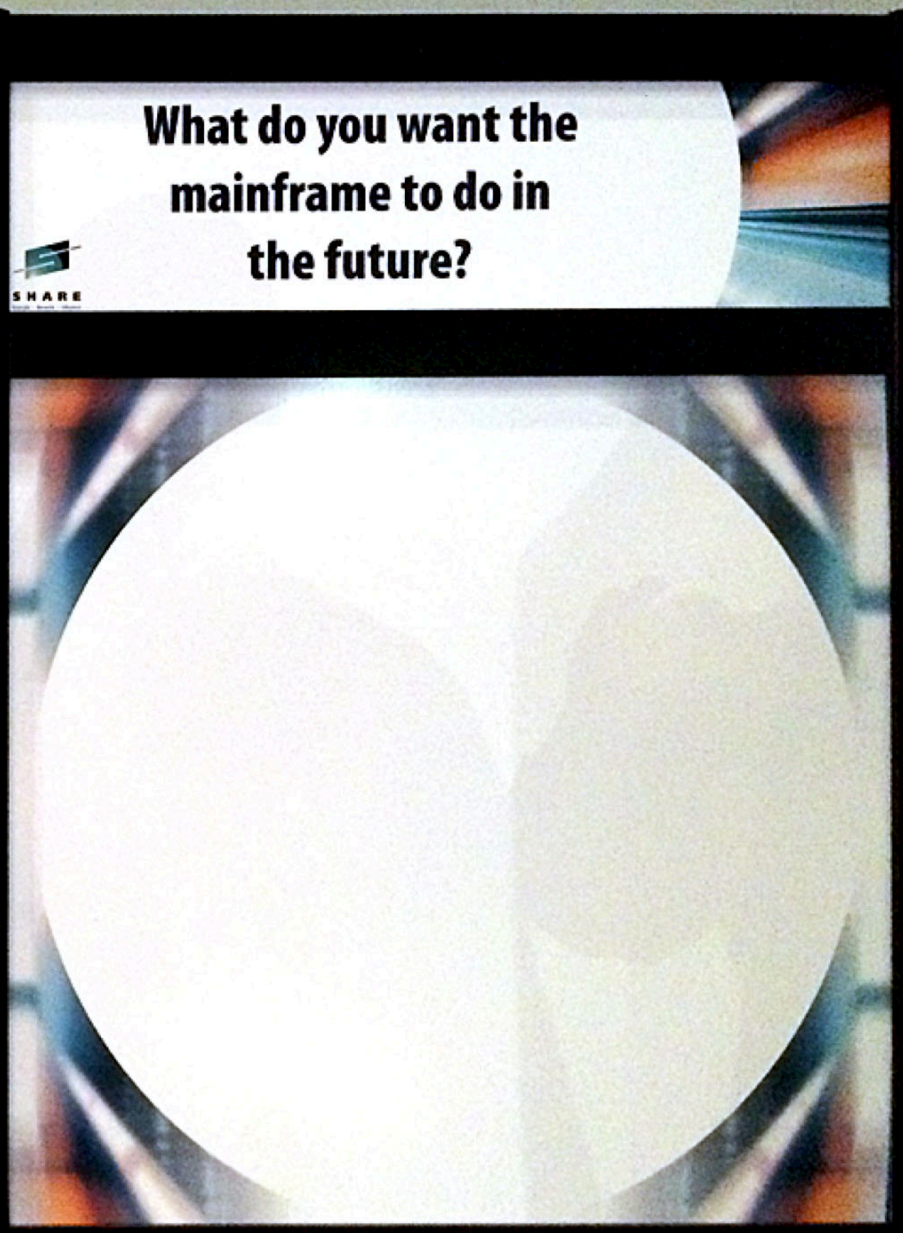
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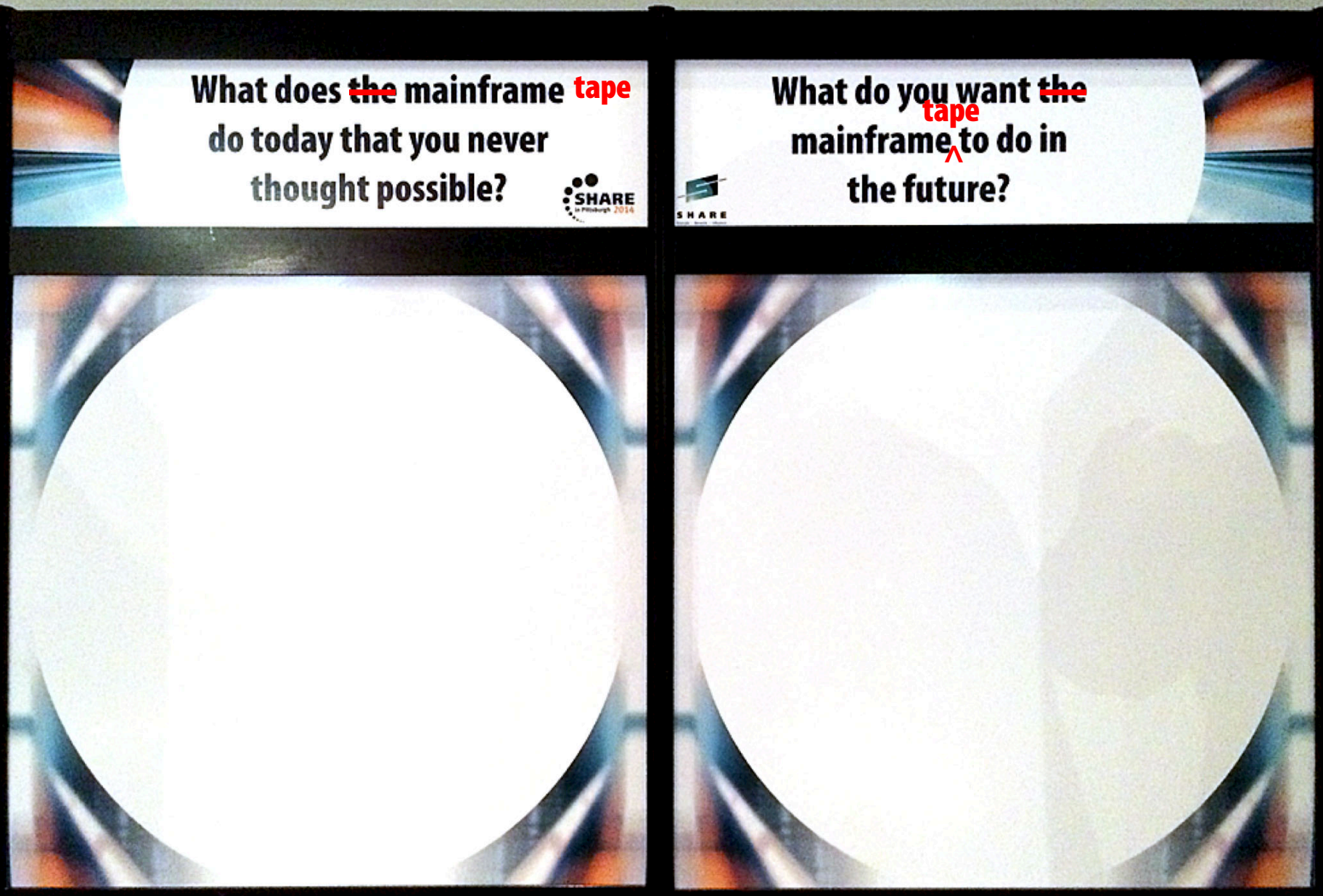
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Luminex's Heritage of Innovation

1st to enable tape encryption solutions for mainframe physical tape

1st to enable deduplication storage for mainframe virtual tape

- Using Luminex DataStream Intelligence

DATASTREAM INTELLIGENCE

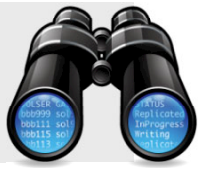
1st to enable DASD and tape data consistency through unified replication

1st to provide 8Gb FICON for mainframe virtual tape

1st & Only virtual tape vendor to directly provide tape migration services for z/OS w/o third-party contracting

TAPE MIGRATION SOFTWARE & SERVICES

1st to provide replication monitoring at VOLSER level



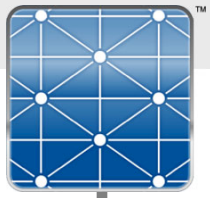
1st vendor to enable cloud storage for mainframe tape

CloudTAPE™

1st to deliver wire-speed FICON performance with CGX product release

1st to provide cost-effective mainframe virtual tape vaults as an alternative to physical tape vaults

1st to provide truly scalable continuous availability with Luminex Synchronous Tape Matrix



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