

Why? GDPS*

a GDPS Overview

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* Geographically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex

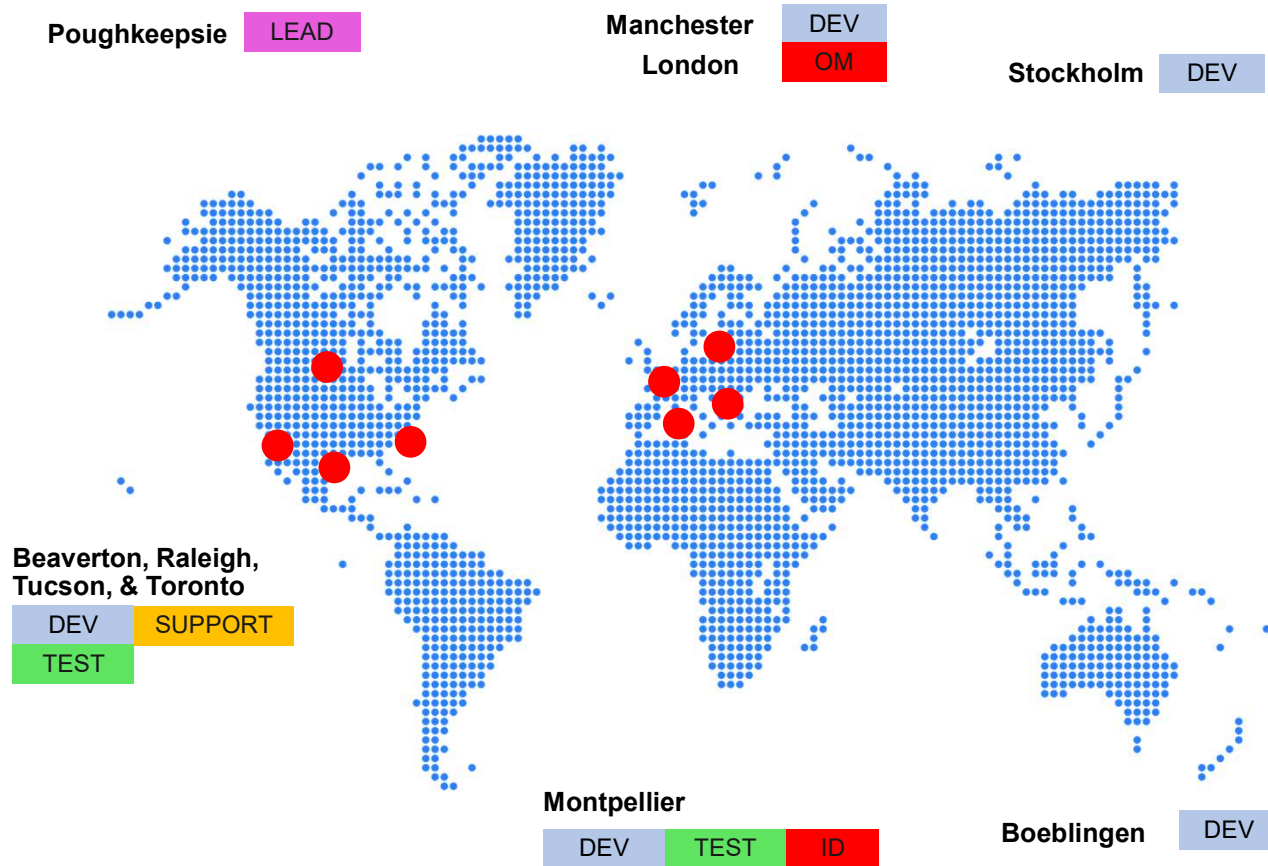


GDPS team



50 people WW:

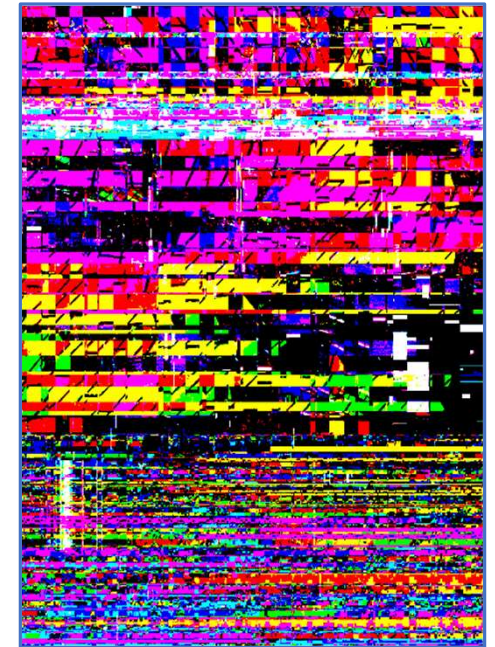
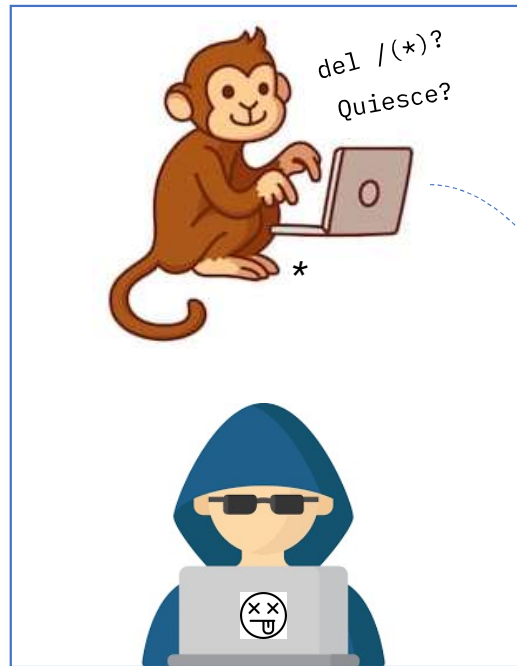
- Developers
- Testers
- Information Developers
- Pre-Sales ...
- ...and beyond in Services



Multiple threats on our IT infrastructure



Hardware failure



Data corruption

* (Funny developer or « creative » sysadmin)

When do we need HA/DR solution?

Global disaster

- Hurricane
- Earthquake
- Power plants failure..

Do we have safe backup?
Do we have system ready to start
outside of the region?



Local disaster

- Fire
- Power supply problem
- Unplanned IT Failure

Could we avoid downtime and data
loss?
Is there a procedure to restart
systems?



Maintenance

- Hardware & software update.
- Switch to a new datacenter
- Test

Can we do that transparently?
How to reduce the risk of a rolling
problem during a maintenance scenario?



How much interruption can your business tolerate?

31% have experienced an IT downtime incident in the past year ⁽¹⁾

60% of organizations have had to execute their disaster recovery plan due to a services disruption (and 40% within past 2 years) ⁽²⁾

Average Outage cost is \$ 8,850 per minute ⁽³⁾

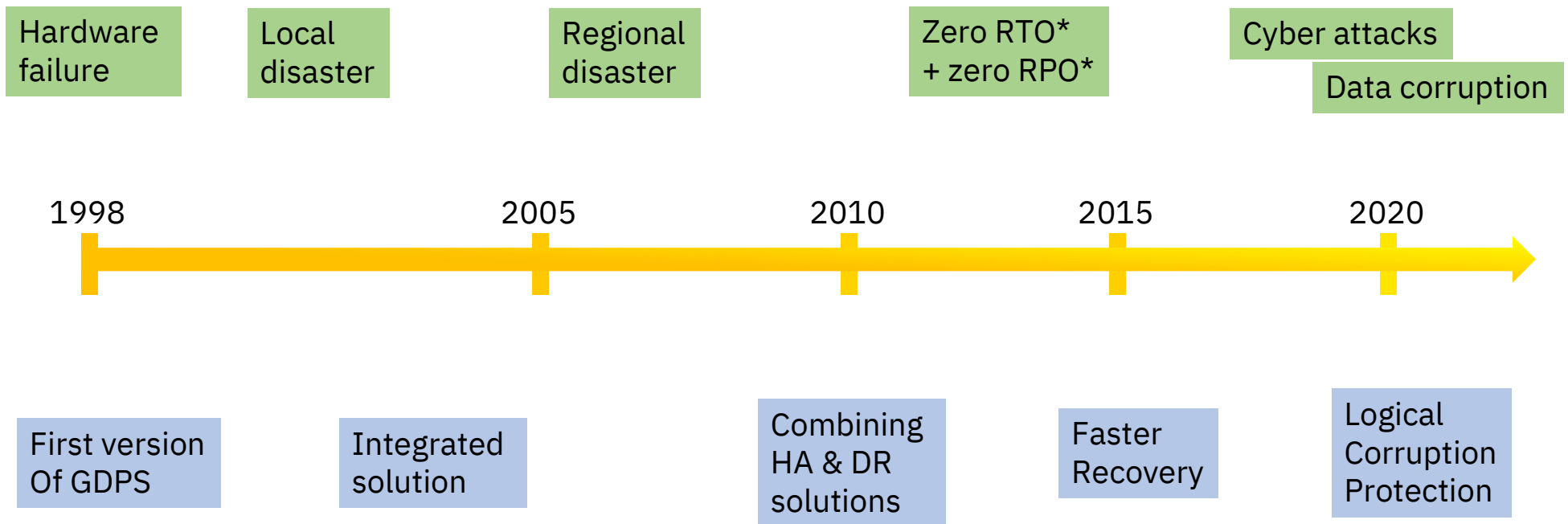


(1) 8th Annual Global Data Center Survey. August 2018. Uptime Institute. <https://uptimeinstitute.com/2018-data-center-industry-survey-results>

(2) The respondent base consisted of BCDR leaders based in the U.S. and Canada who work in primarily in executive and managerial roles, including more than 60 percent who are Directors of IT or CIOs. Survey participants work for companies spanning 19 industries – including manufacturing, financial services and health care – ranging in size from less than 100 employees to more than 10,000.

(3) Cost of Outage : [Emerson Data Center IQ Survey](#), Ponemon Institute and Emerson Network Power, January 2016

Evolution of the risks



* Recovery Time/Point Objective

Build for continuous availability and disaster recovery

- **Automation**
 - Automate actions
 - React to events
 - Synchronize operations
- **Single point of control**
 - Clear view of your systems and storages devices status
 - Simply presents faults and warnings
- **Storage best synergy with IBM DS8K, but also HDS and EMC disk**
- **Heterogeneous platform (z/VM, Linux, ...)**

Most large companies have GDPS installed



83% of the 30 World's Largest Banks use
GDPS (2018 by total assets)

More than 1000 licenses
in 49 countries
Dozens of references

Metro distance between sites (<200km)



GDPS METRO

Key features

- With Hyperswap, minimal impact in case of failure.
- No data loss!
- More automated operation

Protection against:

- Storage/disk failure
- Partition & Site failure
- *RPO = 0, RTO = seconds

* Recovery Point/Time Objective

Extended distance between sites



GDPS GLOBAL

Key features

- Unlimited distance support.
- Performance impact negligible.
- Automated recovery

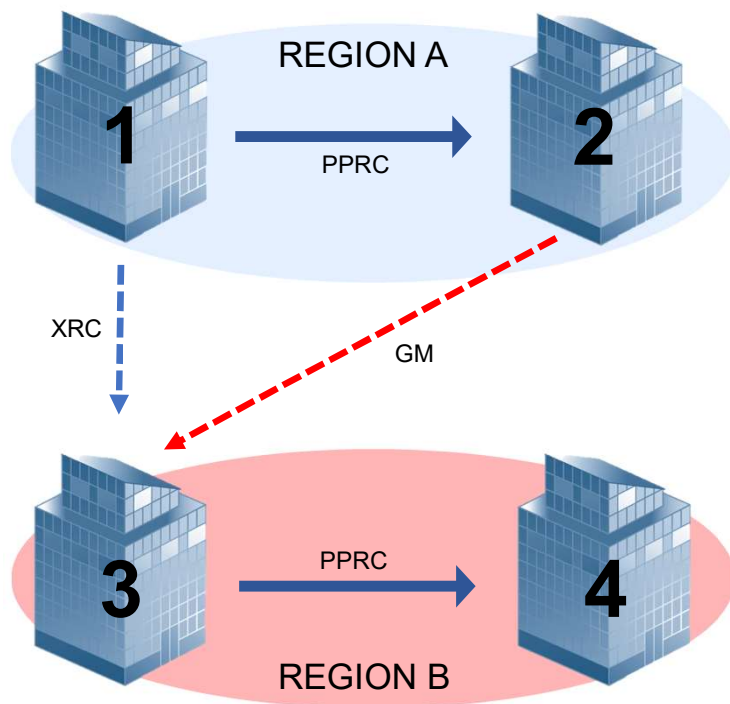
Protection against:

Site failure & Major disaster

RPO = seconds

RTO < 1 hour

GDPS Metro Global, why moving to this solution?



Key features

- Local high availability (Site 1 + 2)
- Disaster recovery (Site 3 + 4)
- Incremental resync capability

Protection against:

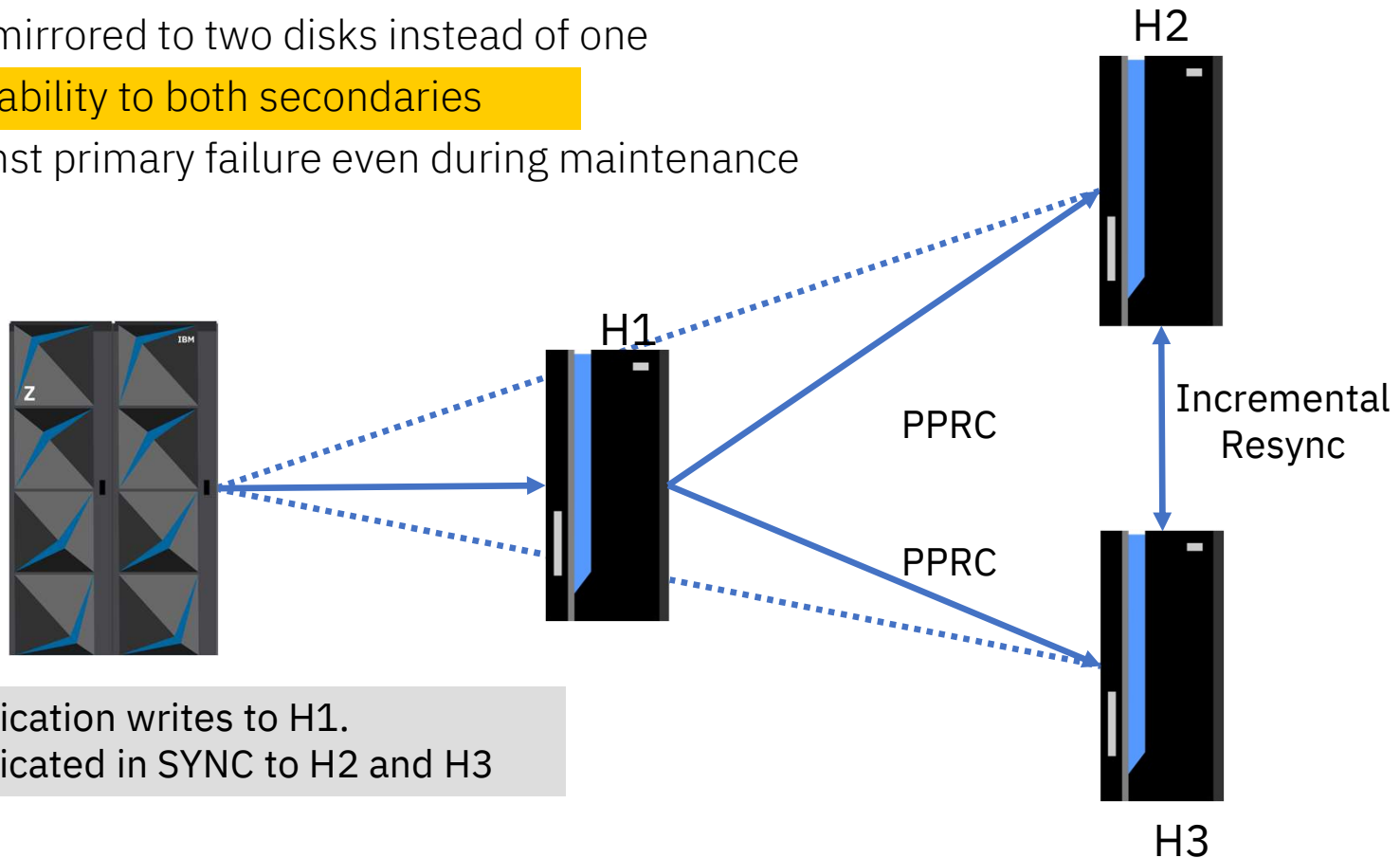
- Storage failure
- Site failure & Major disaster (powerplant failure, natural disaster,...)

GDPS Metro Dual Leg, why moving to this solution?

Primary disk is mirrored to two disks instead of one

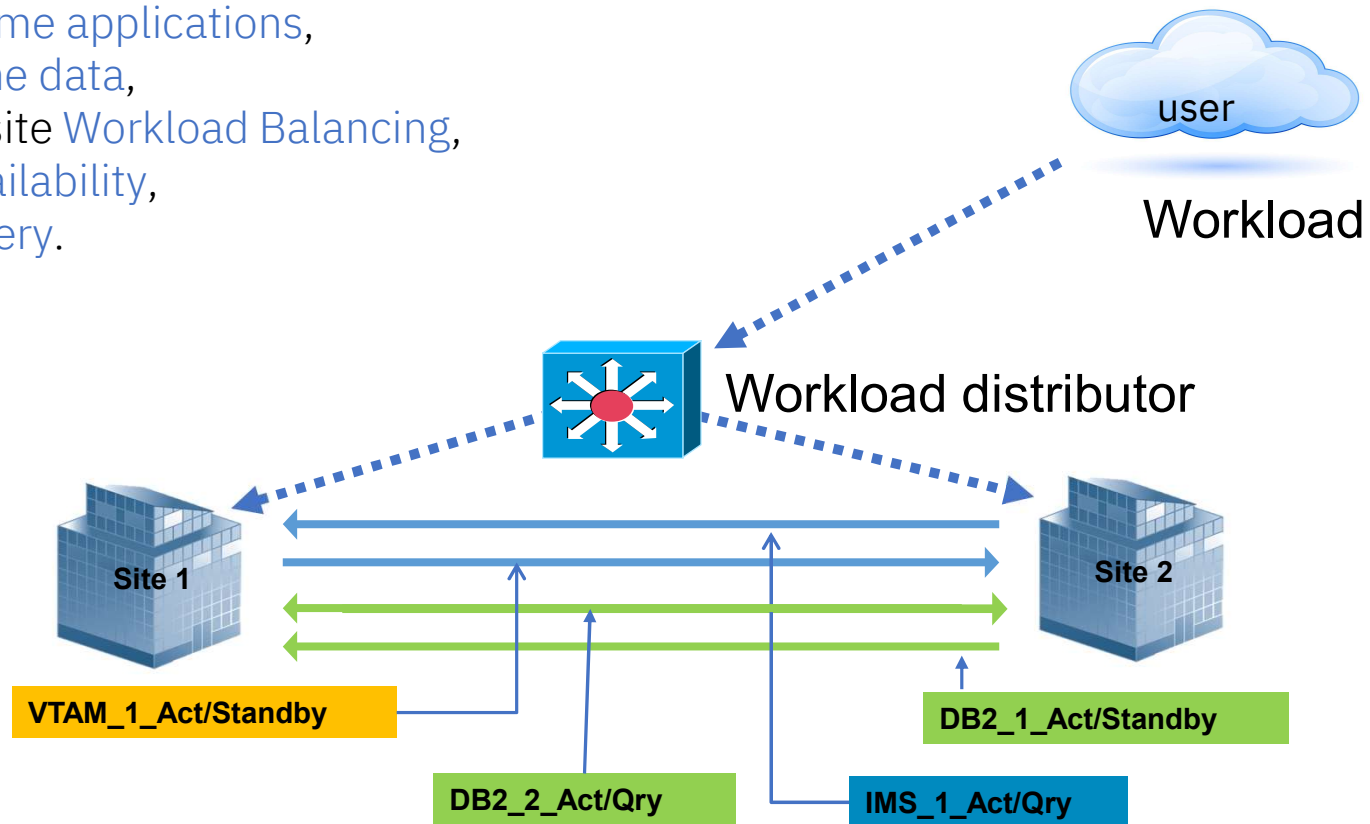
HyperSwap capability to both secondaries

Protection against primary failure even during maintenance



GDPS Continuous Availability

Sites separated by unlimited distances,
Running the same applications,
Having the same data,
Provide cross-site Workload Balancing,
Continuous Availability,
Disaster Recovery.

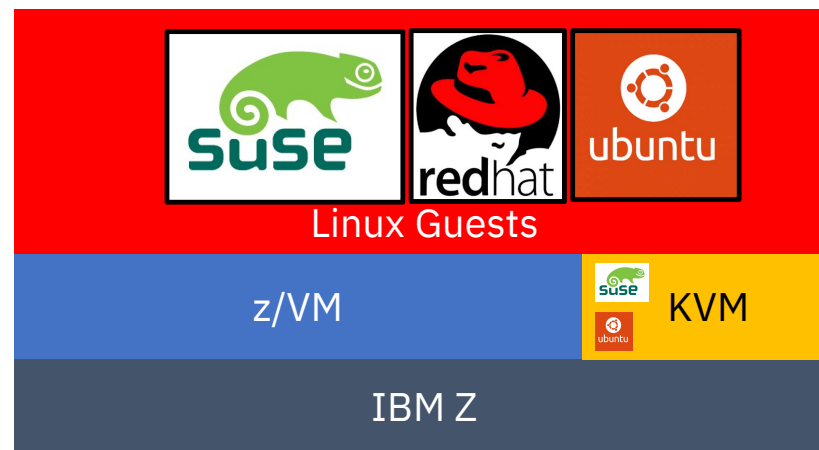
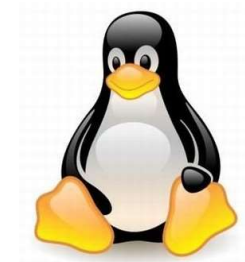


Linux on z consolidation with xDR!

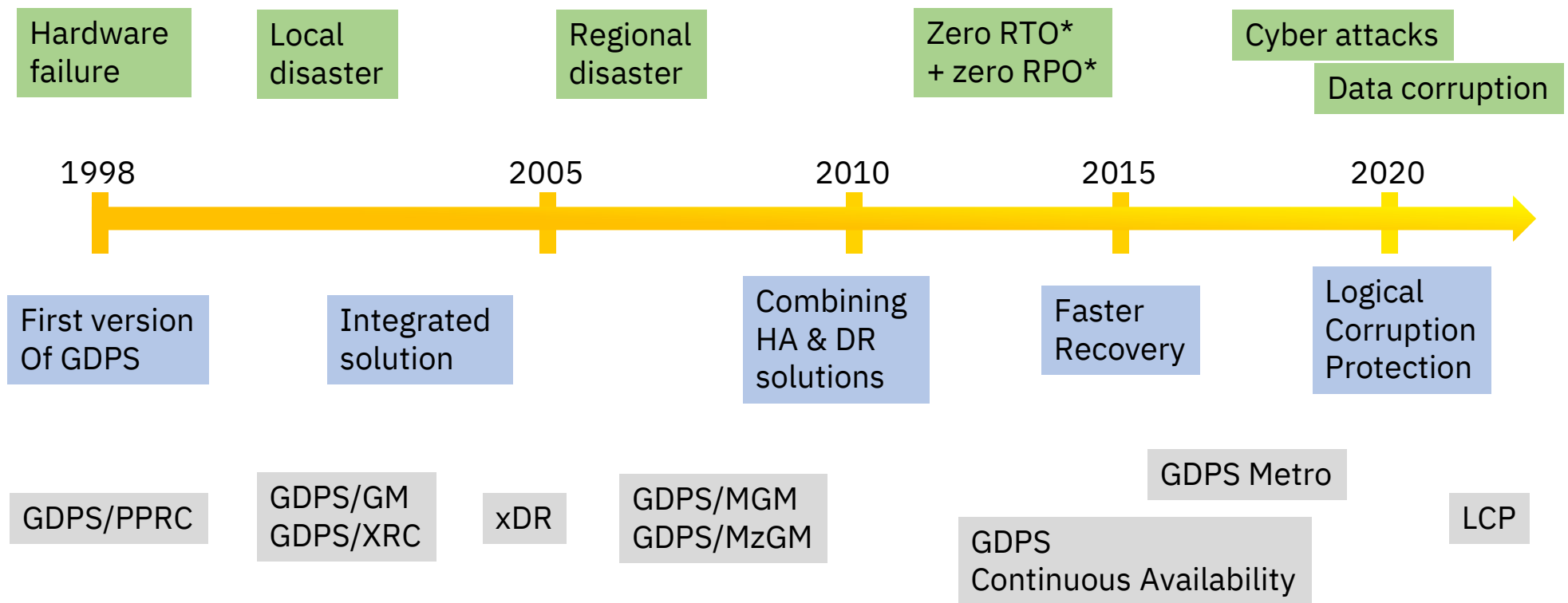
xDR : cross platform DR (solution provided on GDPS Metro)

Capability to manage z/VM & KVM partitions
Manage IBM Z and Open disks (CKD and FBA)
Manage SSI cluster (z/VM clustering)

End to end continuous availability
Support Live Guest Reallocation
Hyperswap capability (CKD only)



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Logical Corruption Protection



Data corruption in a classic Metro environment



“Classic” config with two disks synchronized by Metro Mirror + One FC copy per site



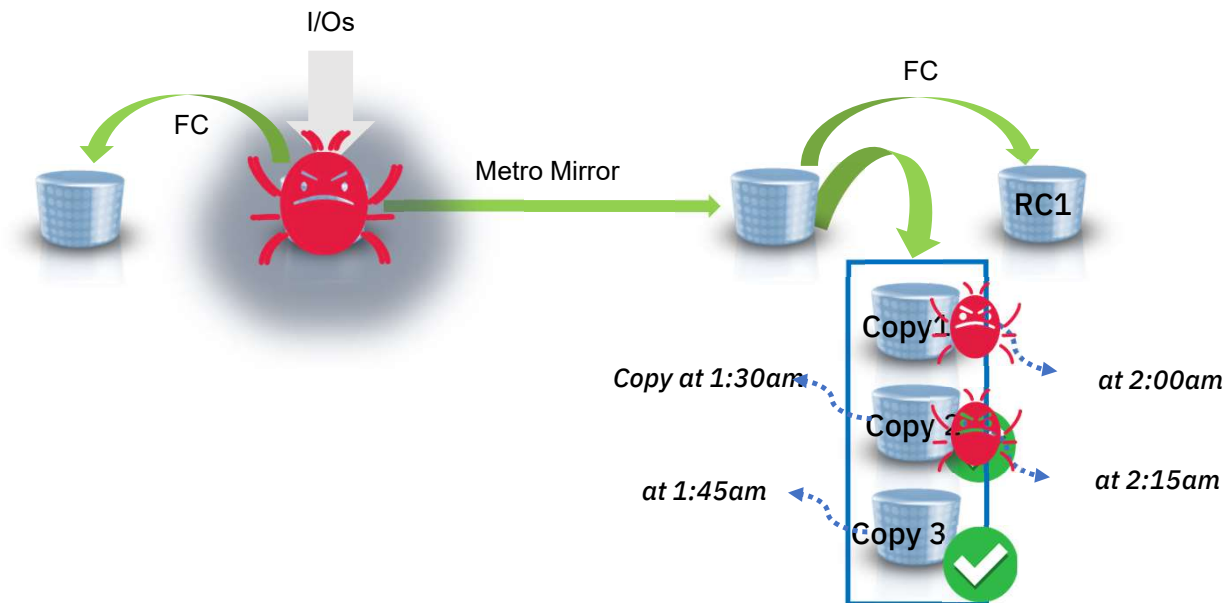
If a data corruption is done on a disk, the corruption is transmitted synchronously to the other site via Metro Mirror



The only disks “usable” are the two FC Copies but how old are they? 1 days, 2 days, 1 week?



Data corruption in an LCP environment



Flashcopy taken every 15 minutes...

Data corruption is introduced at **1:50**

Corruption is transferred to site2 via Metro Mirror

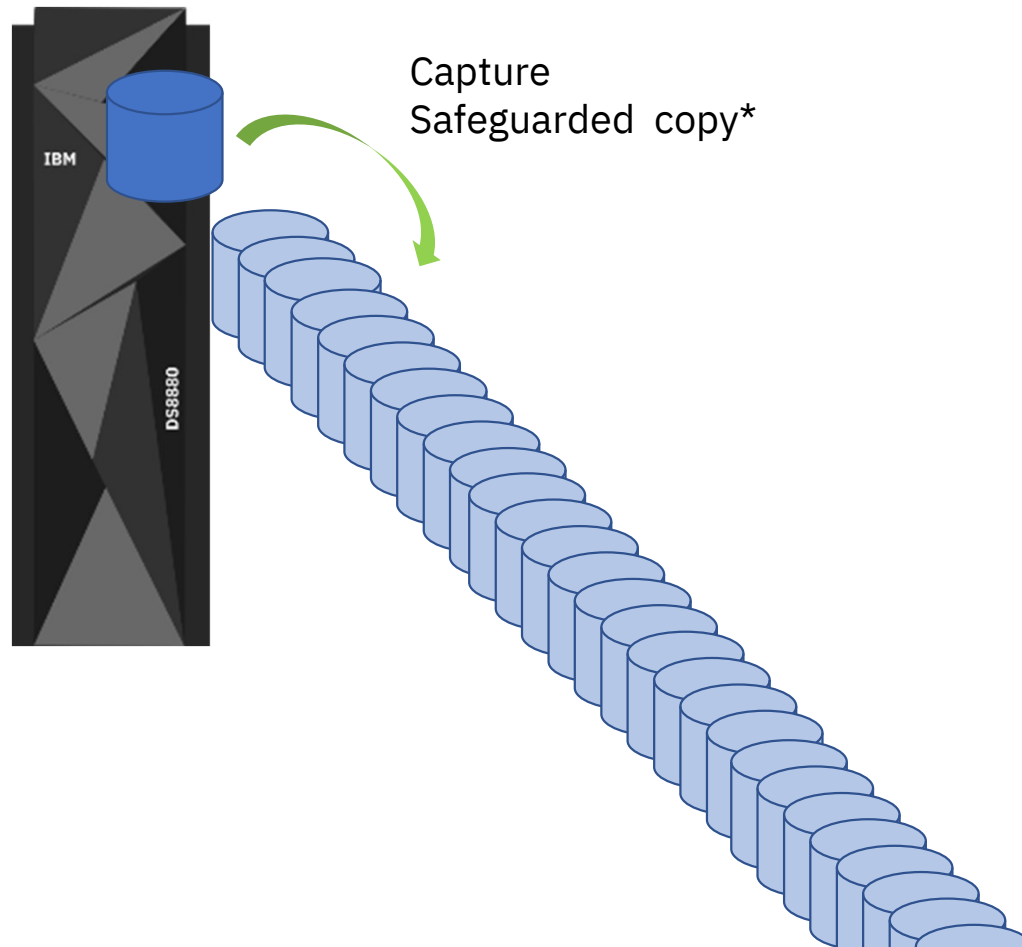
At **2:20**, corruption is identified.

Action: We want to recover the last “good” copy of data.

Copy 3 (taken at 1:45) is identified by system admin as the last “good” copy.

You can restore your Copy Set 3 to your RC1 disk to restart with a non-corrupted version of your data and analyse the problem.

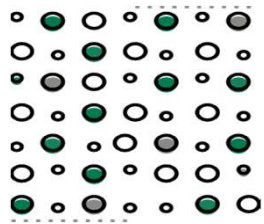
Concept: SafeGuarded Copy



Safeguarded copy allows up to 500 copies of a primary information

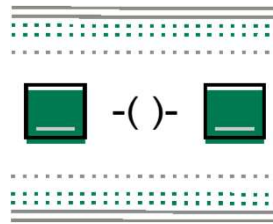
*Available in IBM DS8K

Objectives and requirements for Logical Data Protection Copies



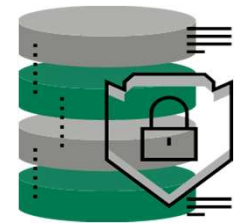
Granularity

We must be able to create multiple safety copies in order to minimize data loss in case of a corruption incident



Isolation

The safety copies must be isolated from the active production data so that it cannot be corrupted by a compromised host system (this is also known as air gap)



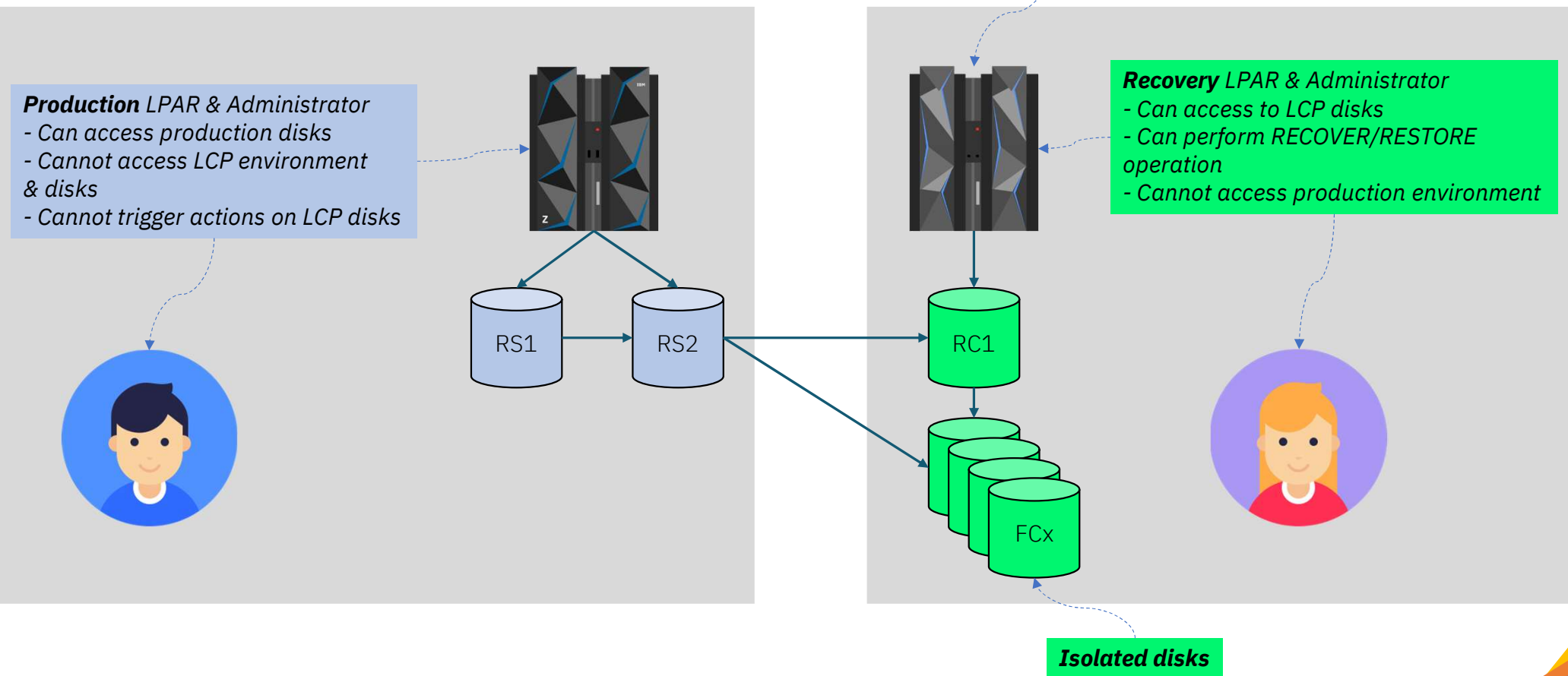
Immutability

The safety copies must be protected against unauthorized manipulation

Isolating, capturing,
restoring, recovering...



Concept: Isolation



What is inside?



Technologies involved in the solution

GDPS is based on proven technologies with the highest level of performance to provide continuous availability and disaster recovery.

Work in close relationship with Netview, System Automation team, and DS8k teams.

Automation
System Automation (terminology) NetView for z/OS SA Multi-Platform SA Application Manager Multi-site Workload Lifeline

Replication	
Disk & Tape	Software
Metro Mirror z/OS Global Mirror Global Mirror DS8000/TS7700	IBM InfoSphere Data Replication (IIDR) for DB2 IIDR for IMS IIDR for VSAM

3270 interface

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G2C2
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
VPCPPNLN          GDPS Metro (ATHENES)          GDPS V4.R2.M3

      ---- GDPS Status Indicators ----

System      = G2C2    - A6P22  PPRC and HyperSwap status = OK
Current Master = G2C2    - A6P22  Primary Dasd = RS1
Debug       = ON

      ---- GDPS Options ----

1  Dasd Remote Copy      7  Sysplex Resource Management
3  Standard Actions      8  Debug ON/OFF
                               9  View Definitions
                               H  Health Checks
                               C  Config Management
6  Planned Actions      M  Run Monitor1/Monitor3
                               L  Logical Corruption Protection

Selection ==> _
F1=Help      F3=Return      F6=Roll

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G2C2
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
VPCPQSH2 Mirroring Status: OK Group: CKD.CKD      Type: CKD G2C2
Actions: D elpair E stpair S uspend Y RecSec R esynch Q uery
          Q0 Query Online
Leg: RL1 Pair: 00GNP21 00 1000 -> 00HFV61 00 3000 Count: 32 Scope: All
_ 01000 03000 DUP      _ 01011 03011 DUP
_ 01001 03001 DUP      _ 01012 03012 DUP
_ 01002 03002 DUP      _ 01013 03013 DUP
_ 01003 03003 DUP      _ 01014 03014 DUP
_ 01004 03004 DUP      _ 01015 03015 DUP
_ 01005 03005 DUP      _ 01016 03016 DUP
_ 01006 03006 DUP      _ 01017 03017 DUP
_ 01007 03007 DUP      _ 01018 03018 DUP
_ 01008 03008 DUP      _ 01019 03019 DUP
_ 01009 03009 DUP      _ 0101A 0301A DUP
_ 0100A 0300A DUP      _ 0101B 0301B DUP
_ 0100B 0300B DUP      _ 0101C 0301C DUP
_ 0100C 0300C DUP      _ 0101D 0301D DUP
_ 0100D 0300D DUP      _ 0101E 0301E DUP
_ 0100E 0300E DUP      _ 01028 03026 DUP
_ 01010 03010 DUP      _ 01029 03027 DUP

1 Estpair 2 Delpair 3 Suspend 4 Resynch 5 Query 6 RecSec 7 All 8 Exceptions
11 VOLSERs
Selection ==> _
F1=Help      F3=Return      F6=Roll      F7=Up      F8=Down      F10=CCA

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Web Interface




GDPS

https://9.69.176.40:9443/org.ibm.gdps/home

Google

GDPS PPRCActionsHelpDRADMIN2IBM.

DashboardPlanned Actions

**Planned actions :**
5 scripts


Currently selected: SWAP_RESYNCH
COMM='SWITCH HYPERSWAP RESYNCH'
DASD='SWITCH HYPERSWAP RESYNCH'


ActionsRefreshScriptFilter

Script	Comment
START SEC	START SECONDARY
STOP SEC	DASD STOP SECONDARY
SWAP_RESYNCH	SWITCH HYPERSWAP RESYNCH
SWAP_SUSPEND	SWITCH HYPERSWAP SUSPEND
SWAP_TERMINATE	SWITCH HYPERSWAP TERMINATE


Last update: 2014/10/30 14:10:32


Health overview


HyperSwap : 


Dasd mirroring : 

SDF Alerts


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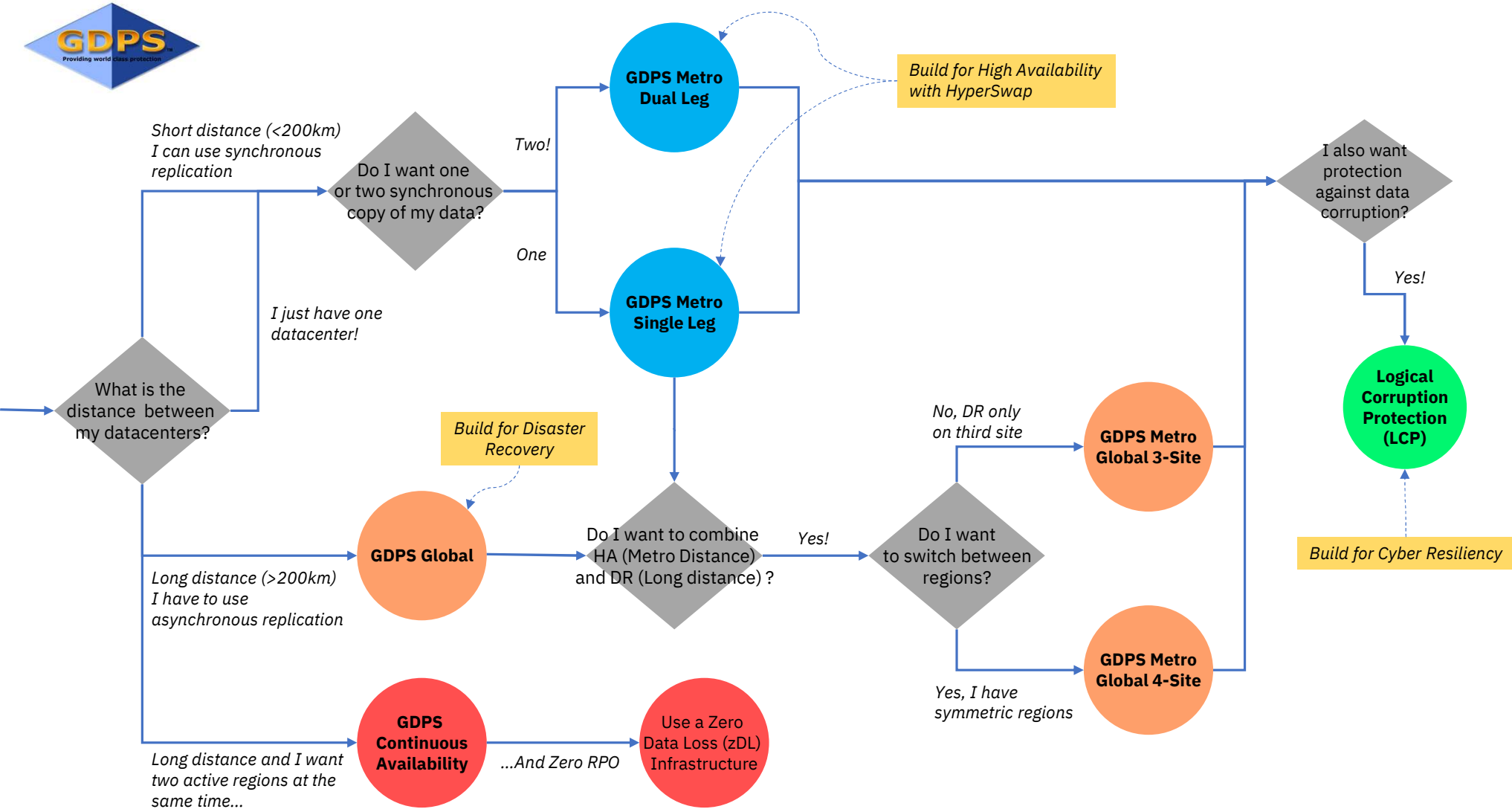
WTORs

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Which solution?

(in one slide)





Trends & directions in the field

- Moving from Metro Single Leg to Dual Leg
- Moving from Metro to Metro Global
- Moving from 3 to 4 sites
- Adding LCP Capability to existing environment
- Adding z/OS Proxies to an existing environment



Trends & directions of our products

- Better auditability (knowing who did what when...)
- Granular security (UserX can do this, UserY can do that...)
- Better performance (Continuous effort to reduce the RTO)
- Simplified utilization (GUI, IVP, Configuration Wizard, ...)

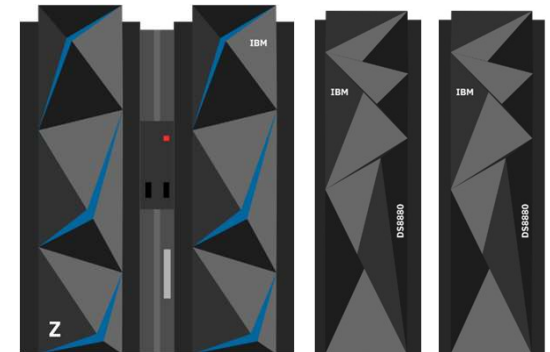


On your end :

- Automate your processes
- Test, “challenge” your infrastructure and check its resilience
- Be prepared for the worst-case scenario...

Additional Information

- Web sites:
 - GDPS www.ibm.com/systems/z/gdps
 - Parallel Sysplex www.ibm.com/systems/z/pso
 - Bus Resiliency z www.ibm.com/systems/z/resiliency
 - Bus Resiliency www.ibm.com/systems/business_resiliency
- IBM Z www.ibm.com/systems/z/hardware
Storage www.ibm.com/systems/storage
Redbooks®GDPS Family: An Introduction to Concepts and Capabilities
www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246374.html?Open
- GDPS Web Site White Papers and Presentations
 - GDPS: The Ultimate e-business Availability Solution
 - IBM Implementation Services for GDPS Global Mirror
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