



On the Energy Proportionality of Distributed NoSQL Data Stores

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The Big Data Deluge

- What is Big Data?
 - High volume, velocity and variety of information assets that demand cost-effective, innovative forms of information storage and processing for enhanced insight and decision making.
- Characteristics of Big Data
 - Volume
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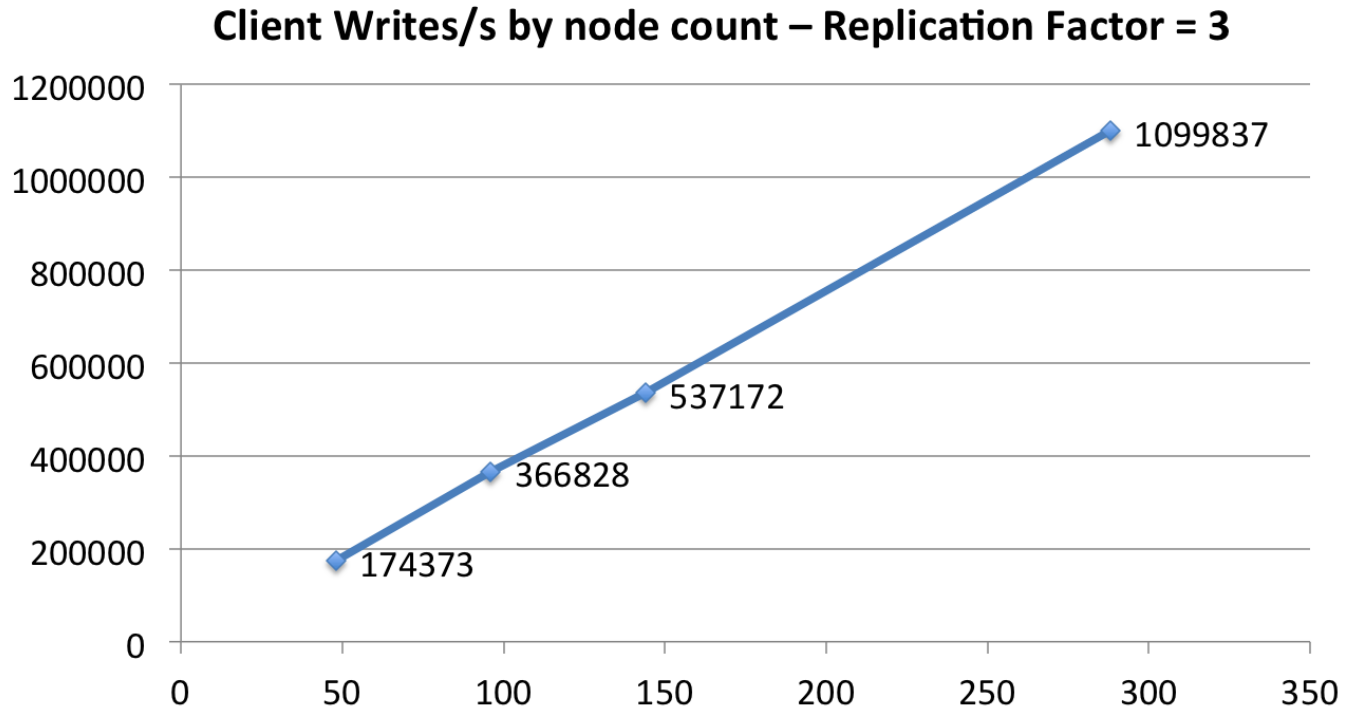
- NASA and CERN use Apache Cassandra (a NoSQL data store) to handle the volume, velocity and the variety of big data

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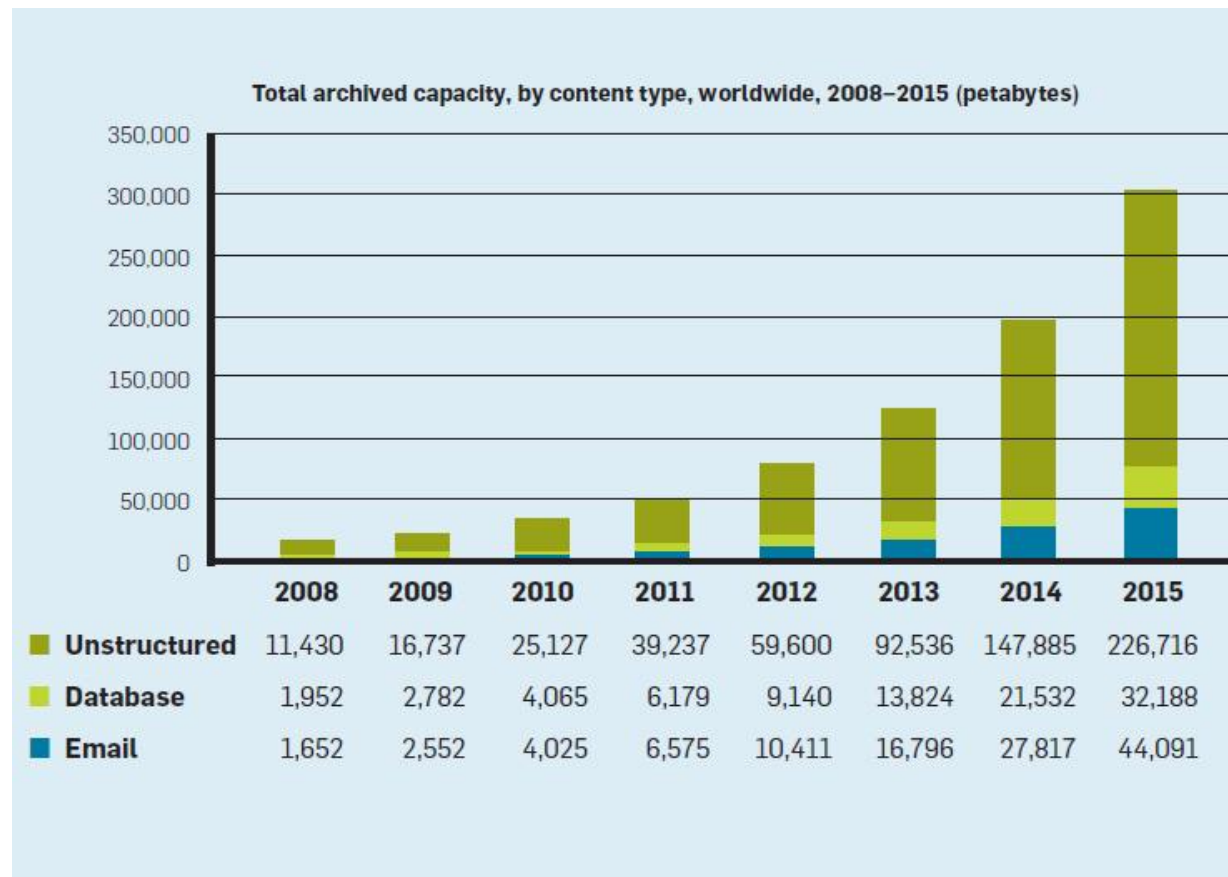
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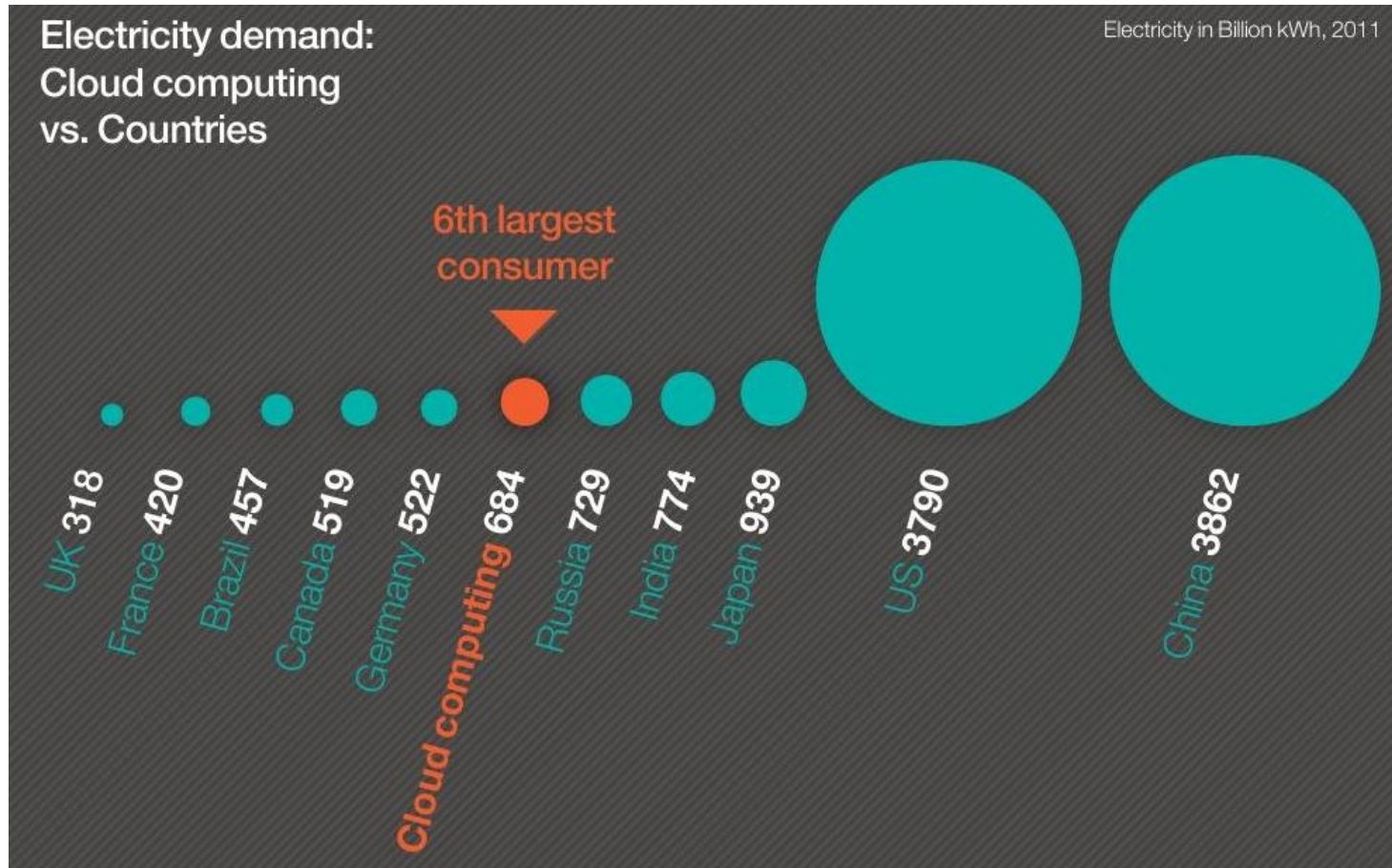


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- But storing, retrieving and managing such volumes of data requires massive computing infrastructure
 - Apple's Cassandra deployment uses over 75000 nodes to store 10PB of data

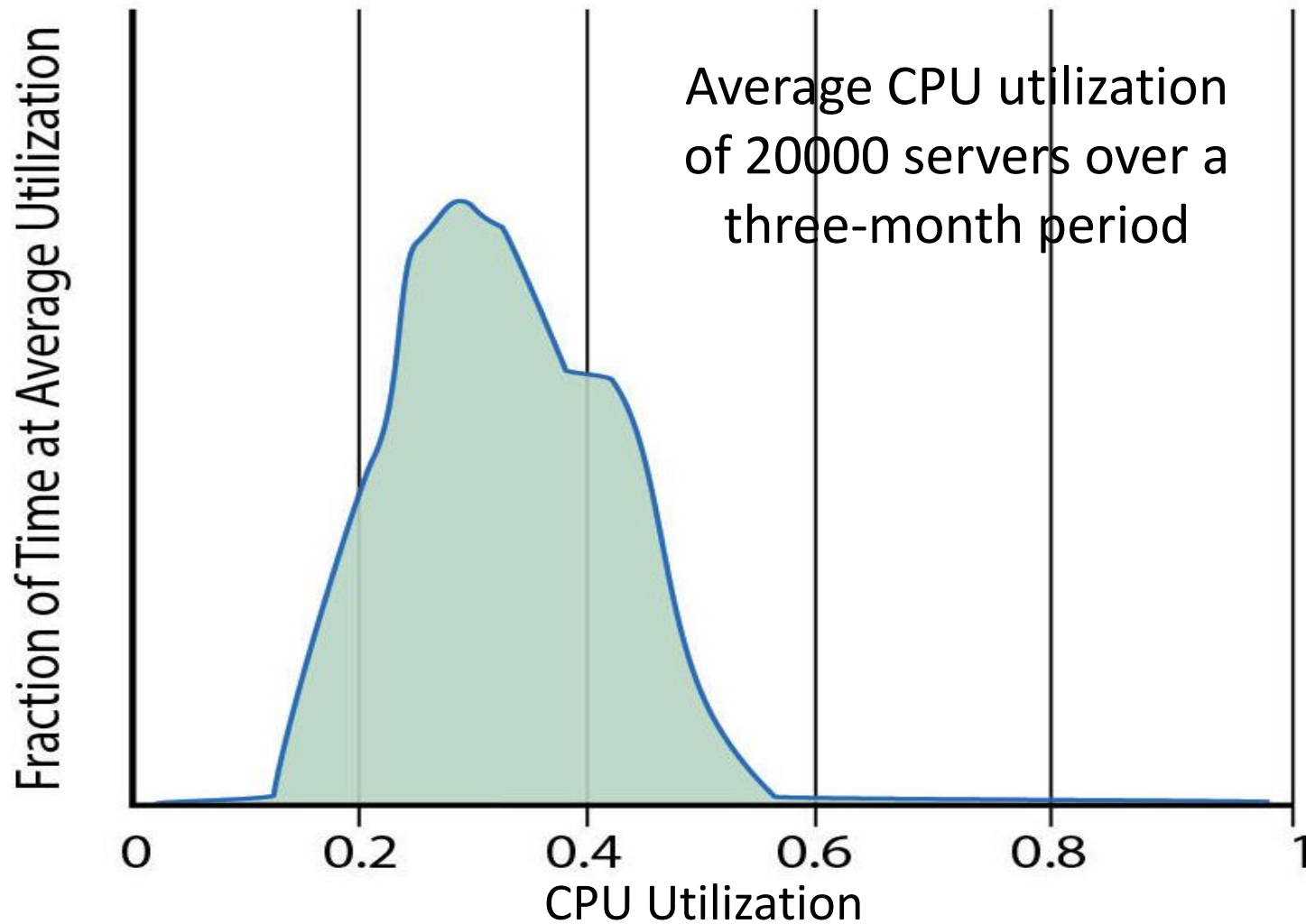
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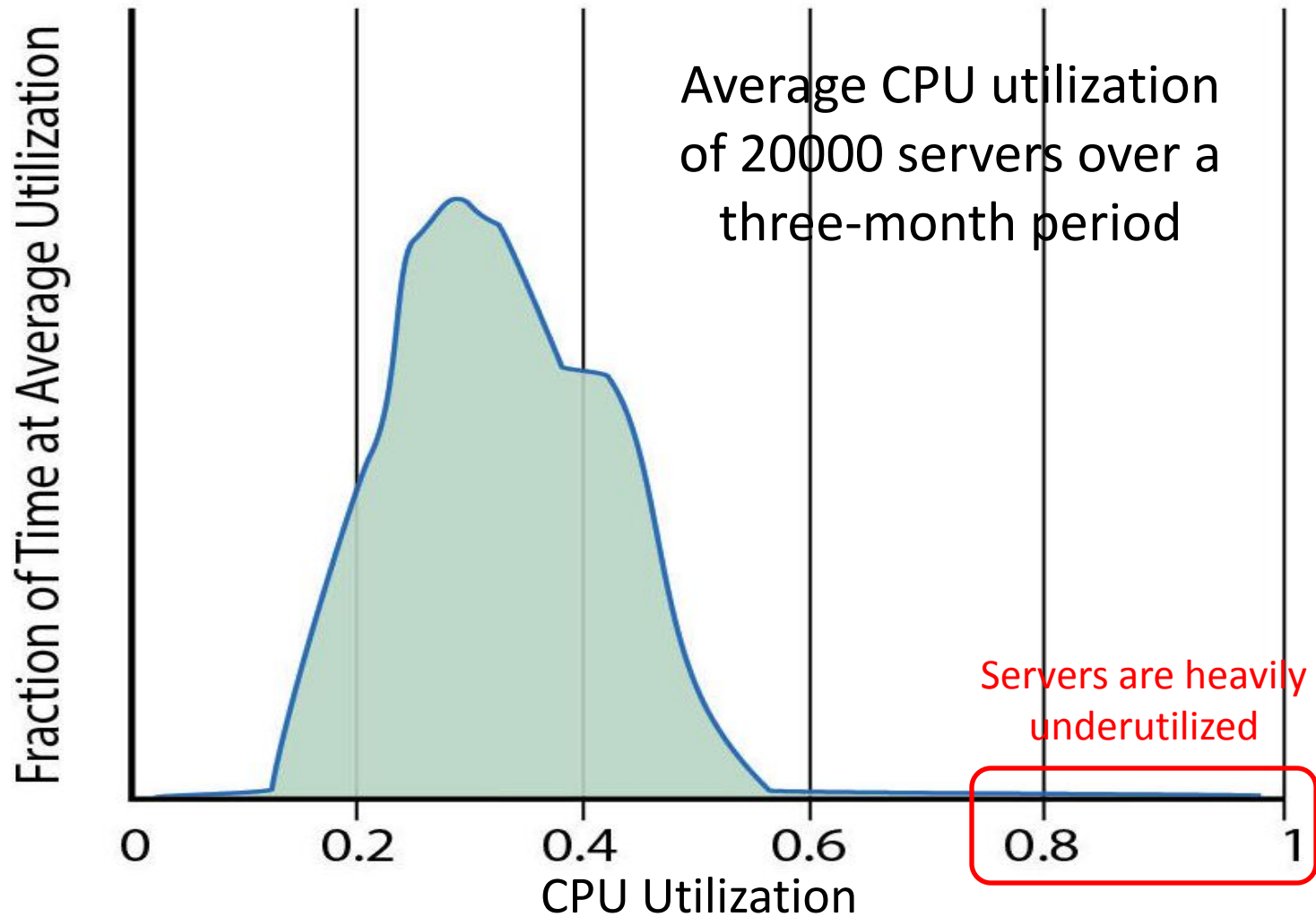
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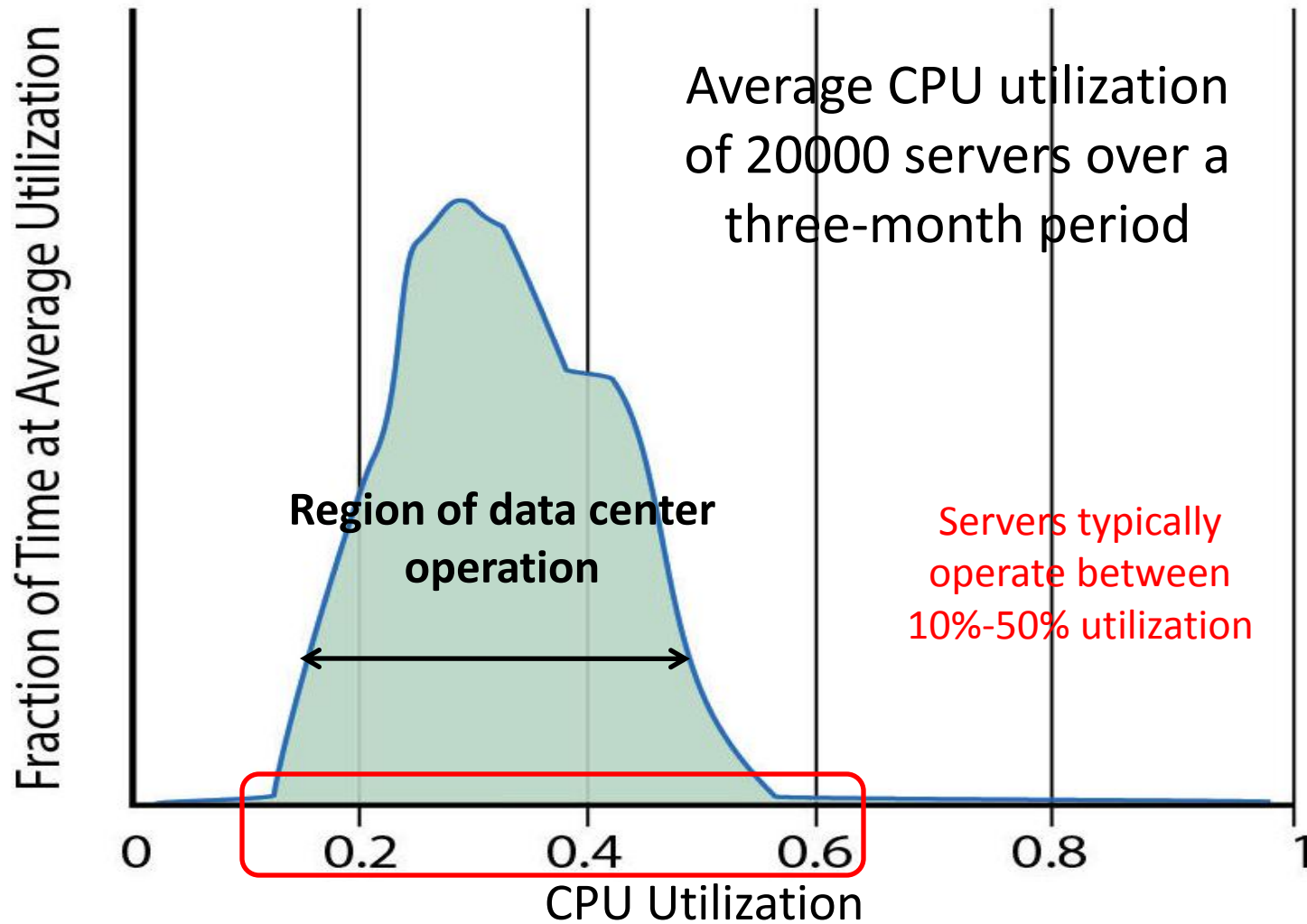
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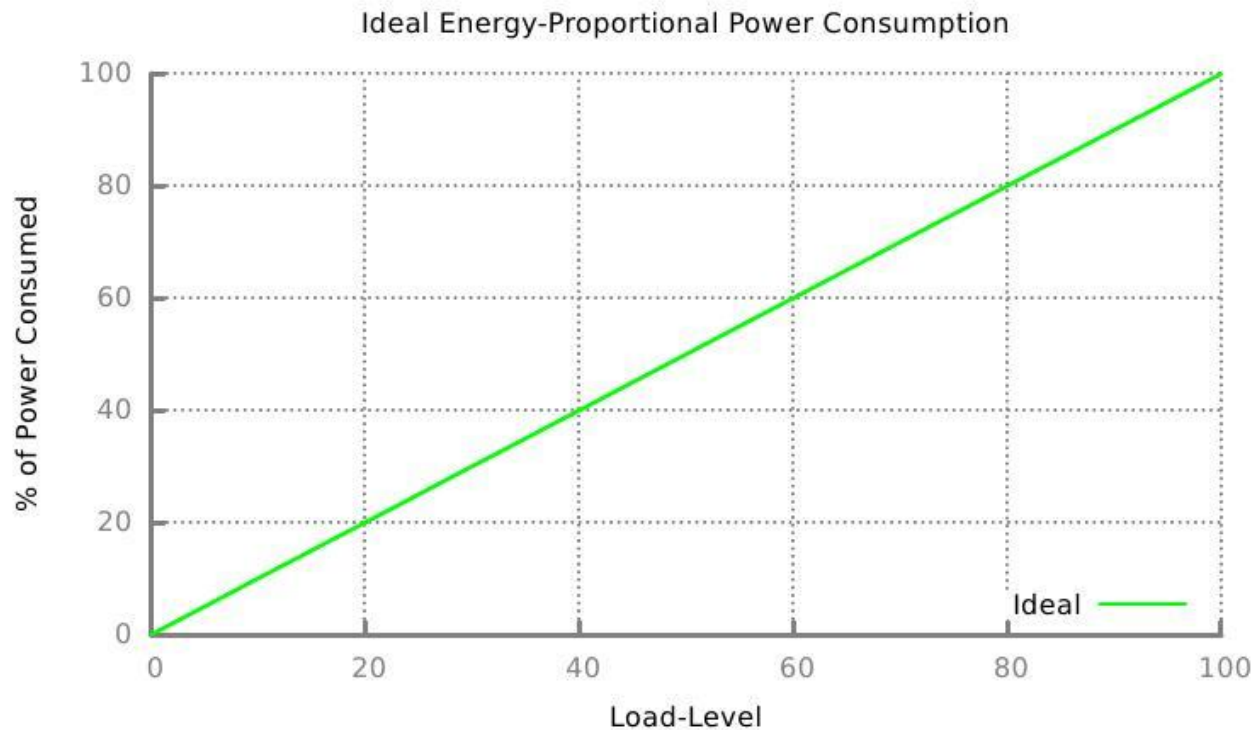
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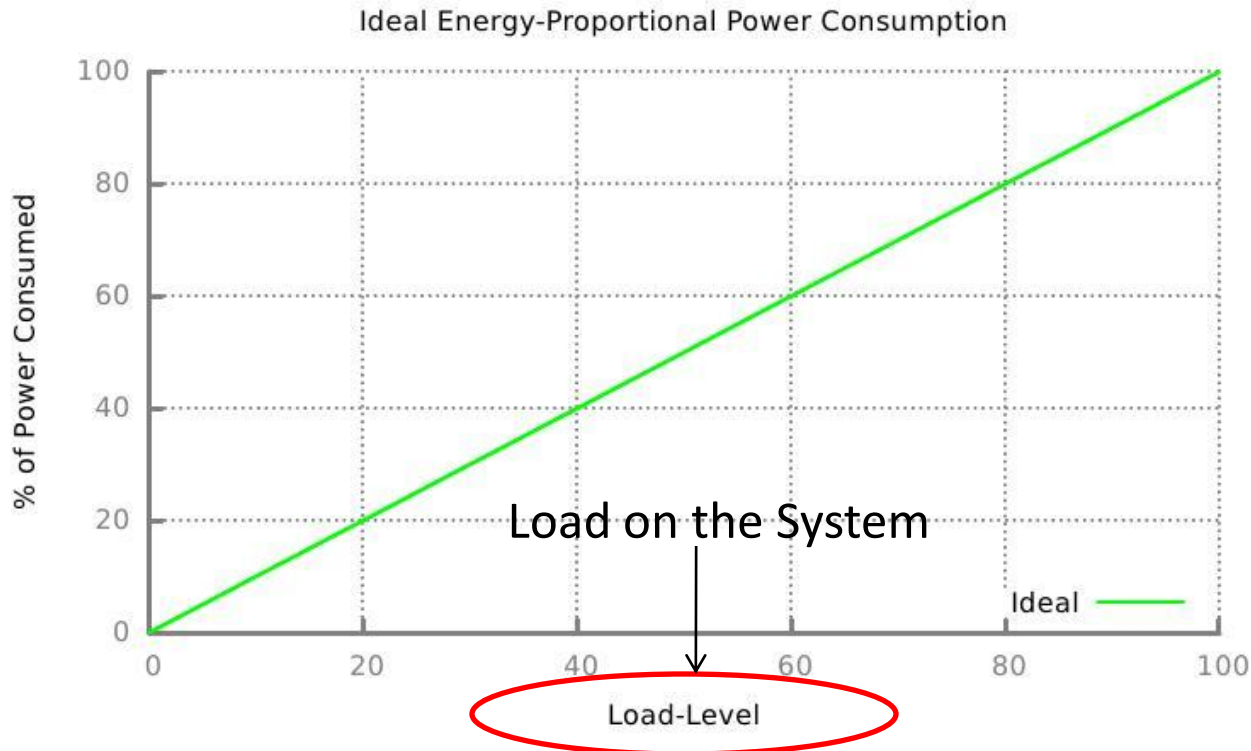
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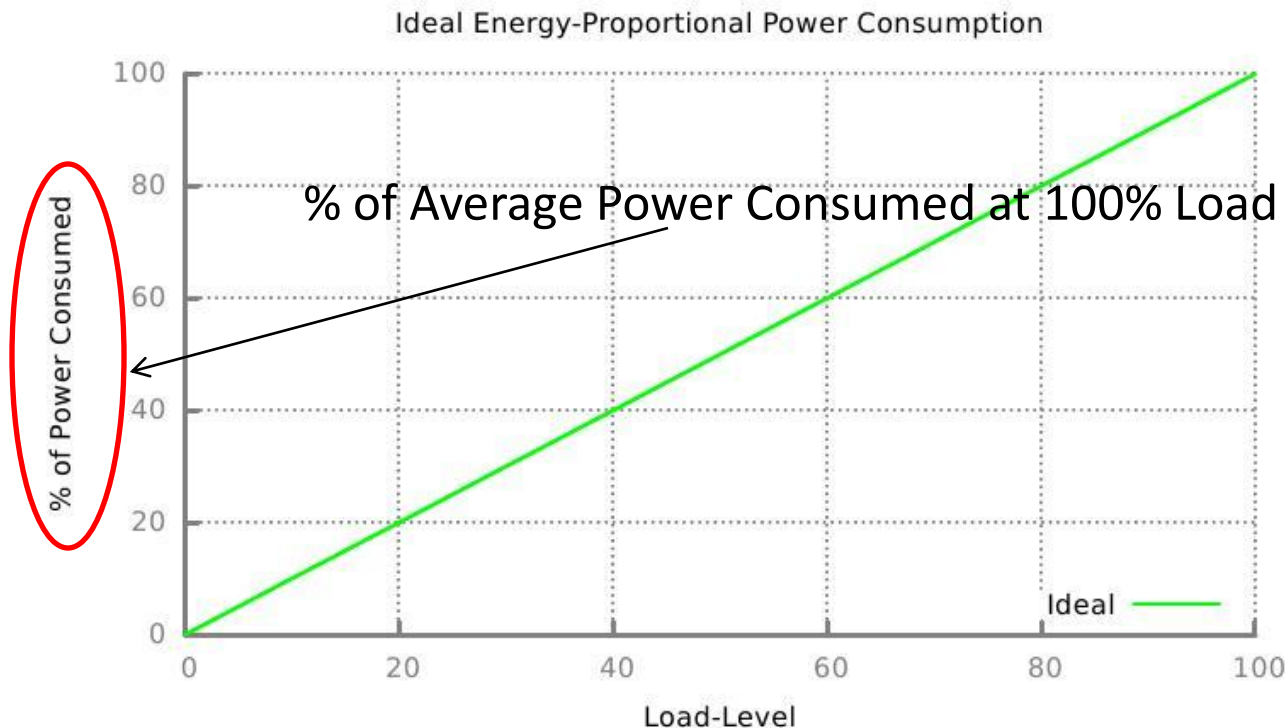
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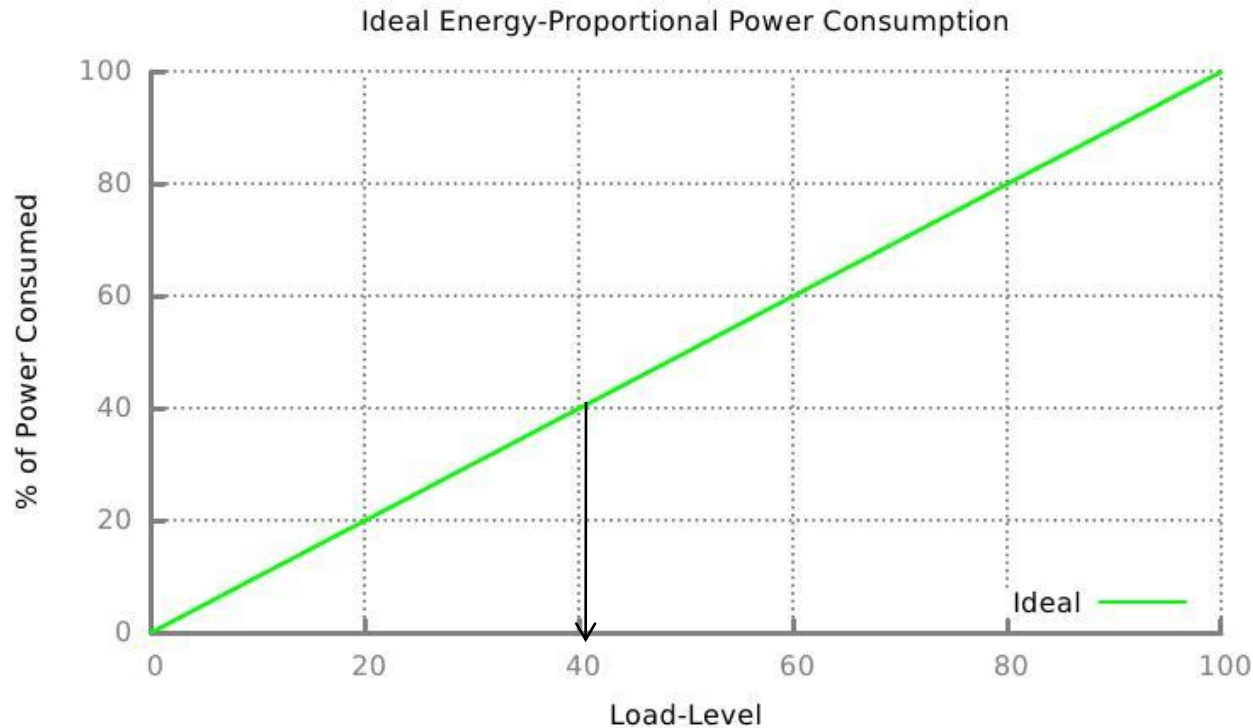
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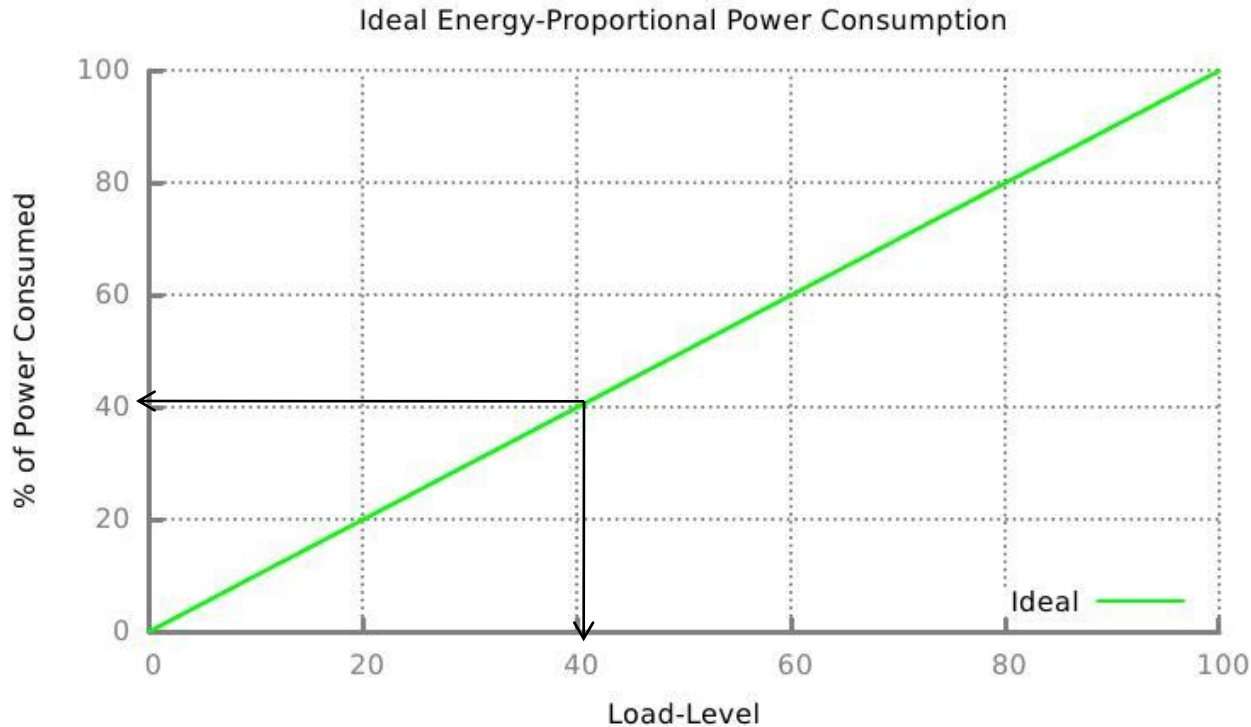
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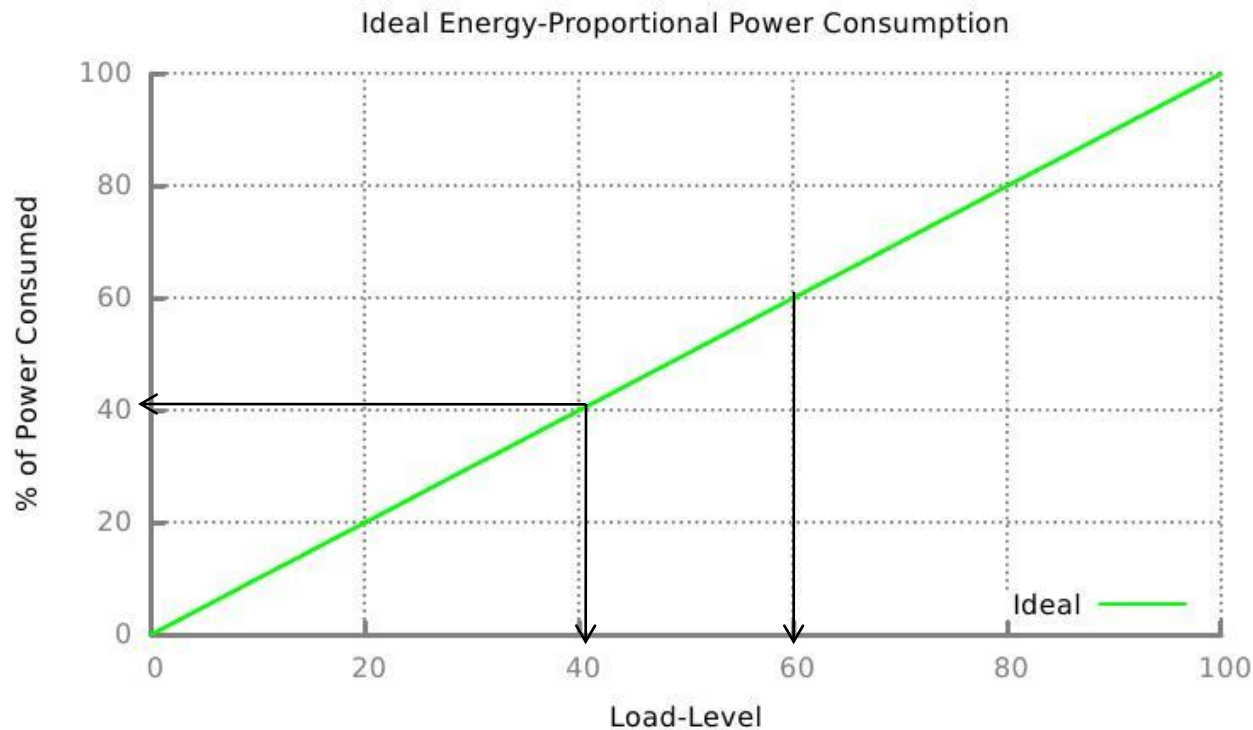
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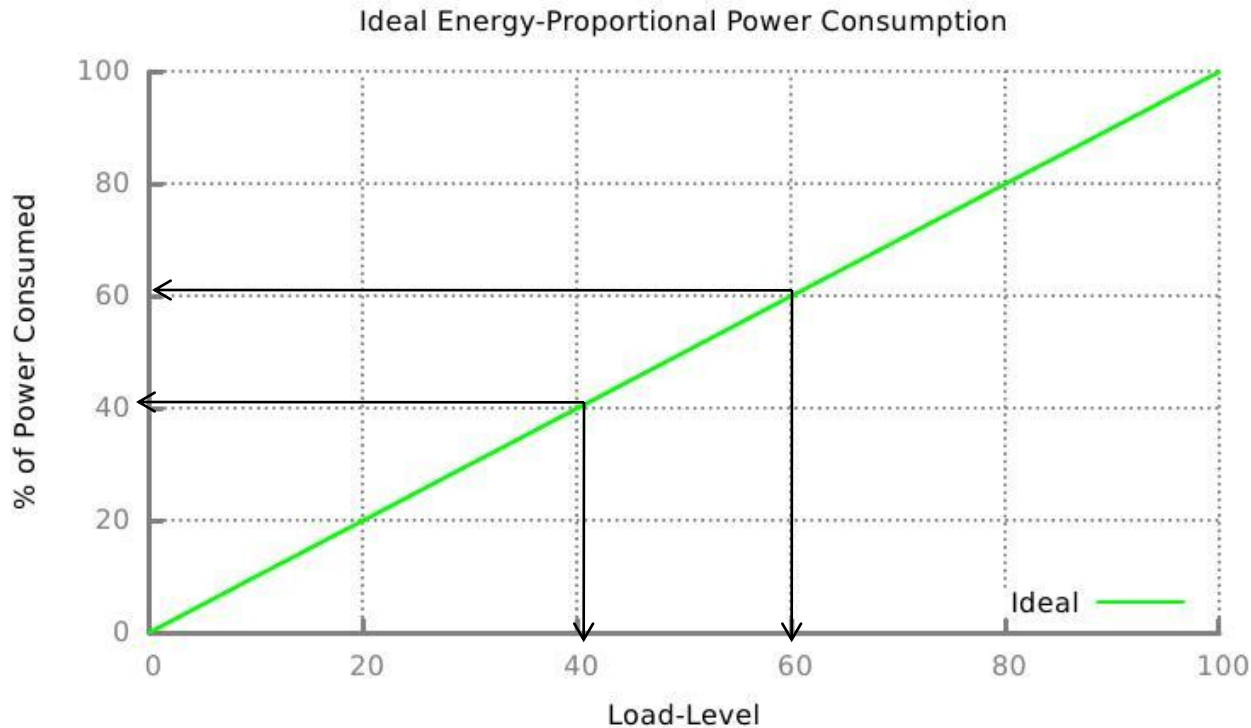
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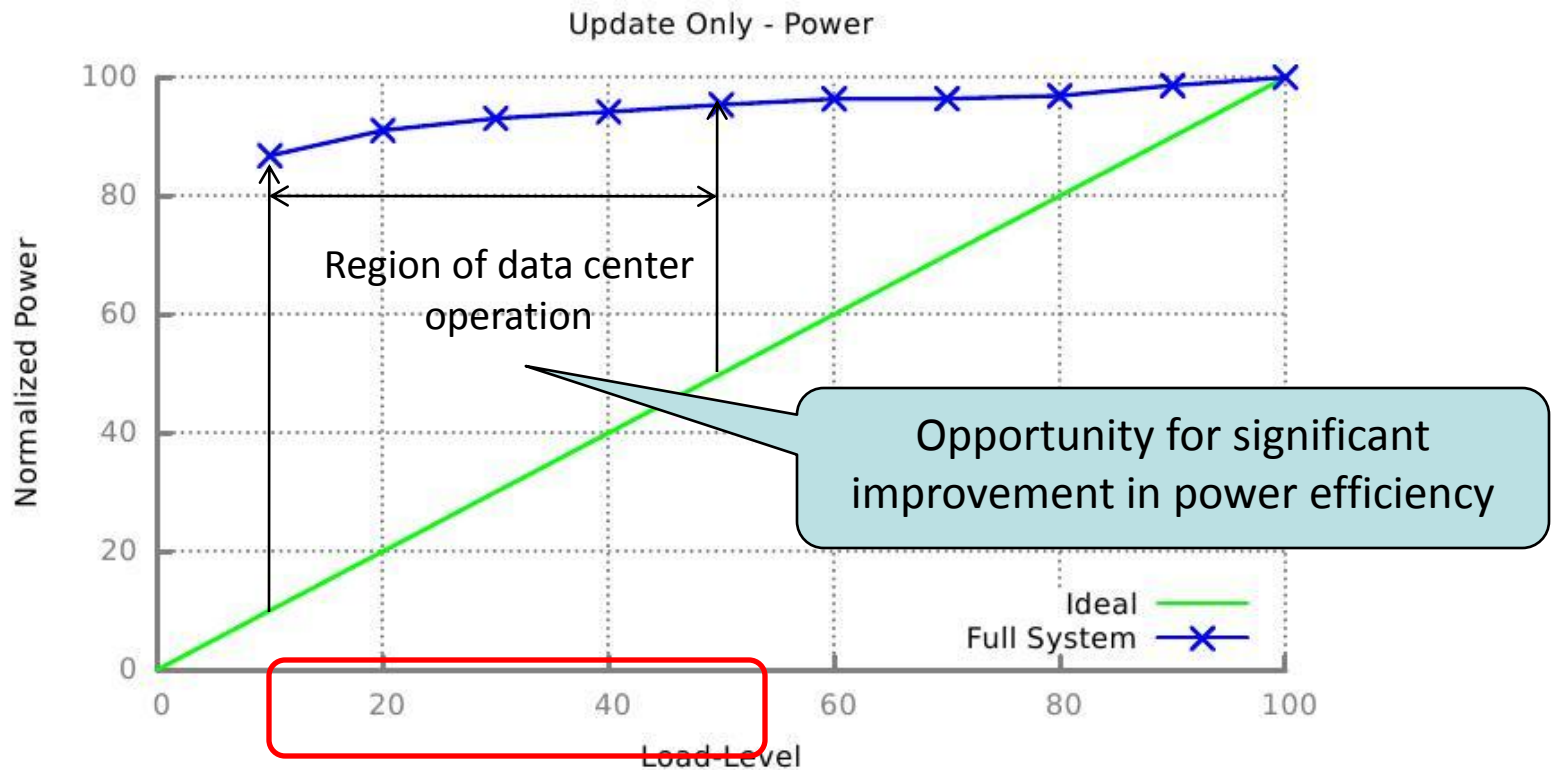
- Apache Cassandra full system power consumption at different load-levels

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- Significant gap between ideal and energy-proportional power consumption in the region of typical data center operation

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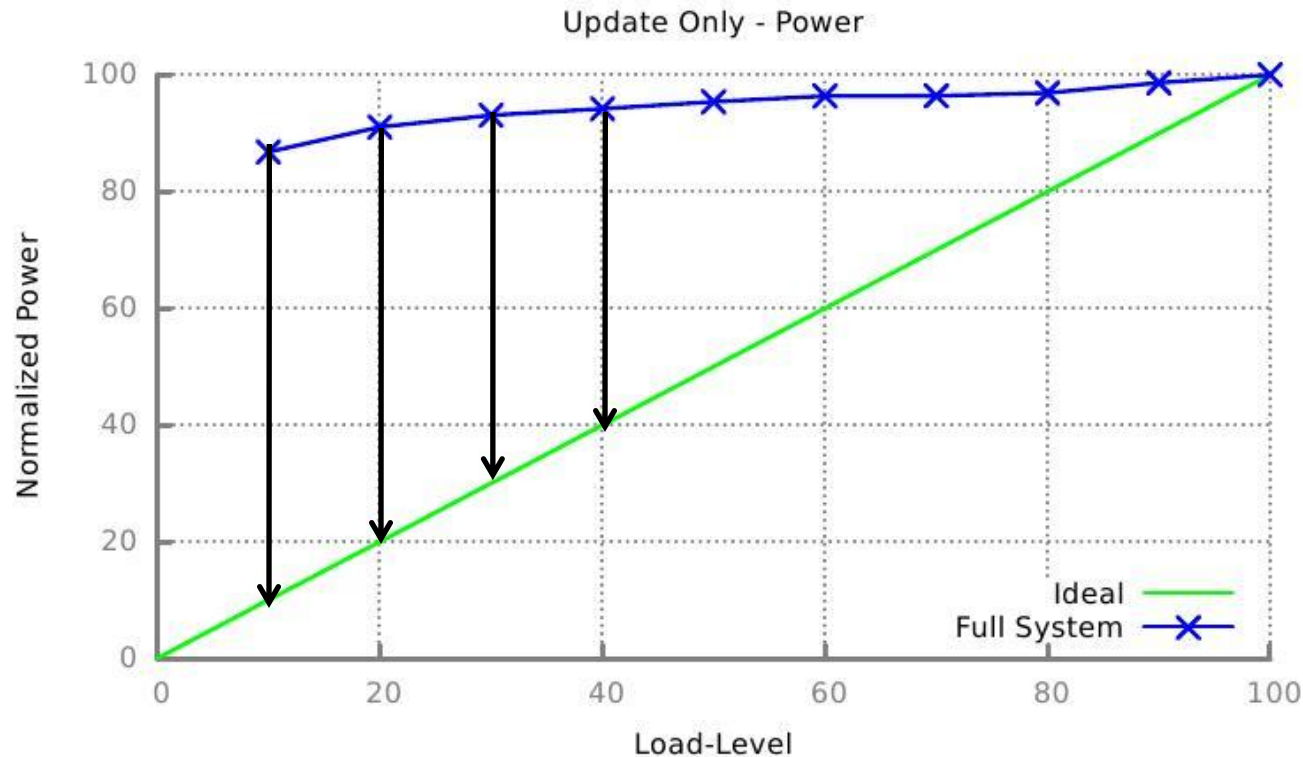


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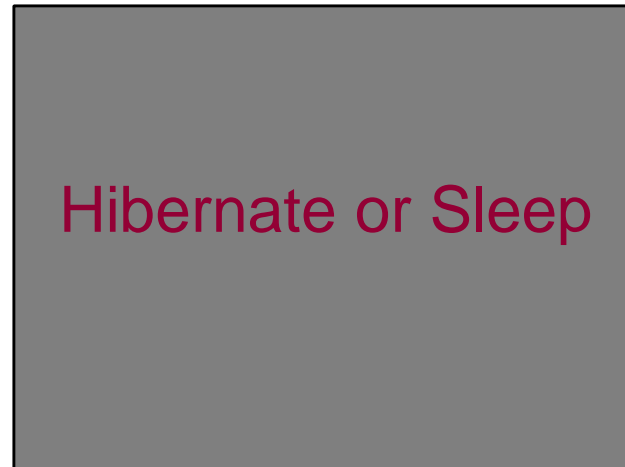
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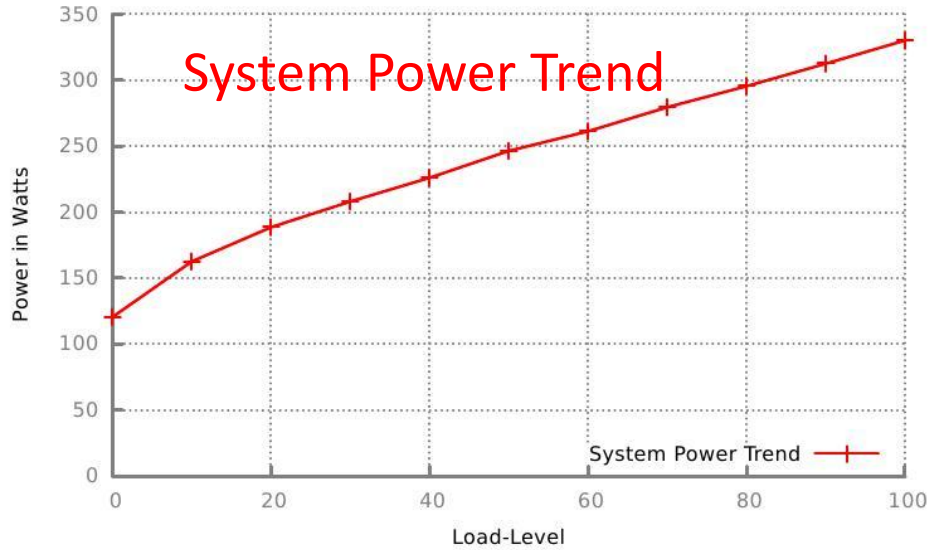


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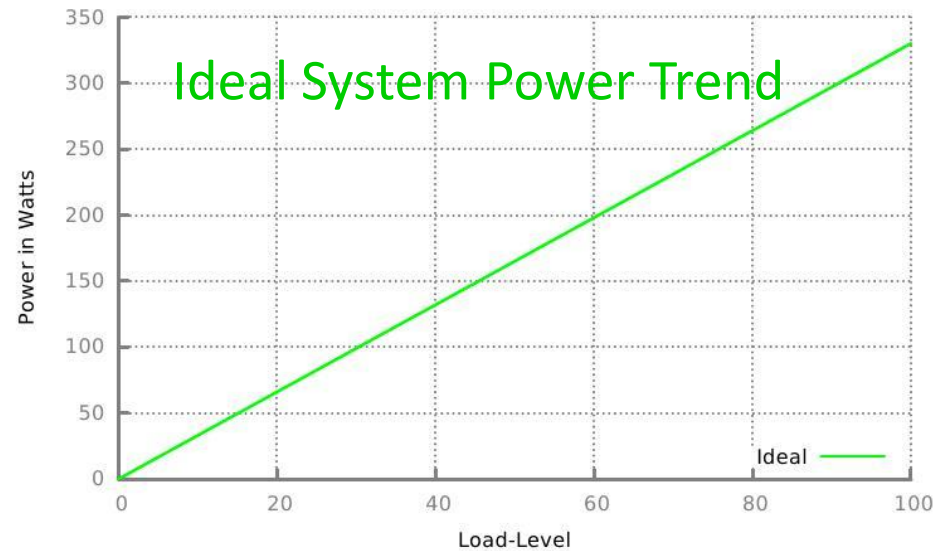
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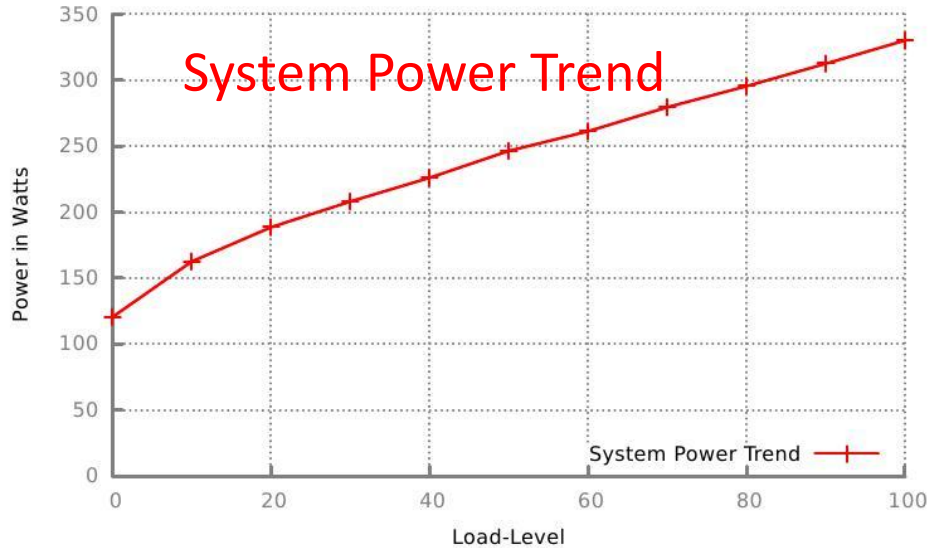
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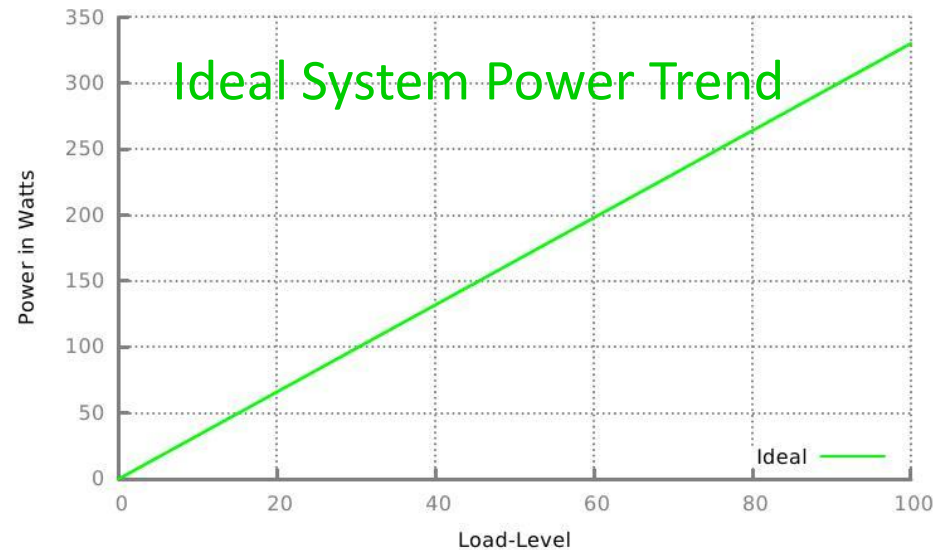
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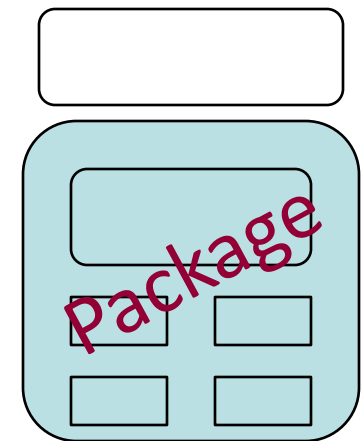
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 - Four Intel Xeon E5-2620 nodes
 - 16 GB of memory per node
 - 256 GB hard disk per node

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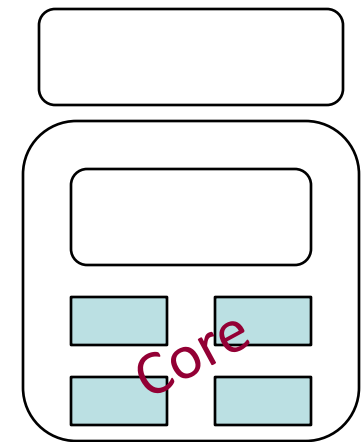
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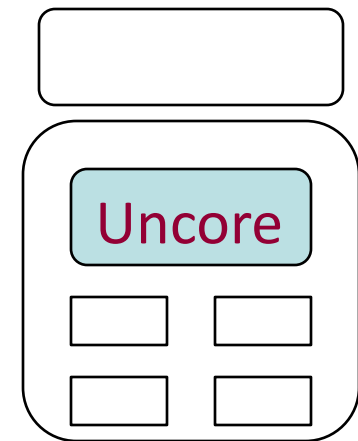
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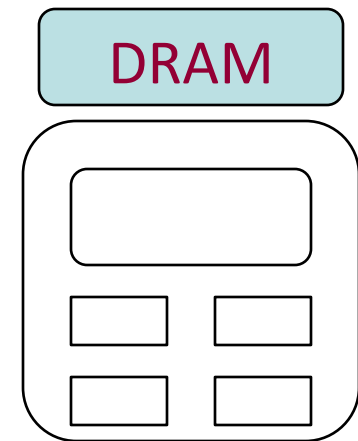
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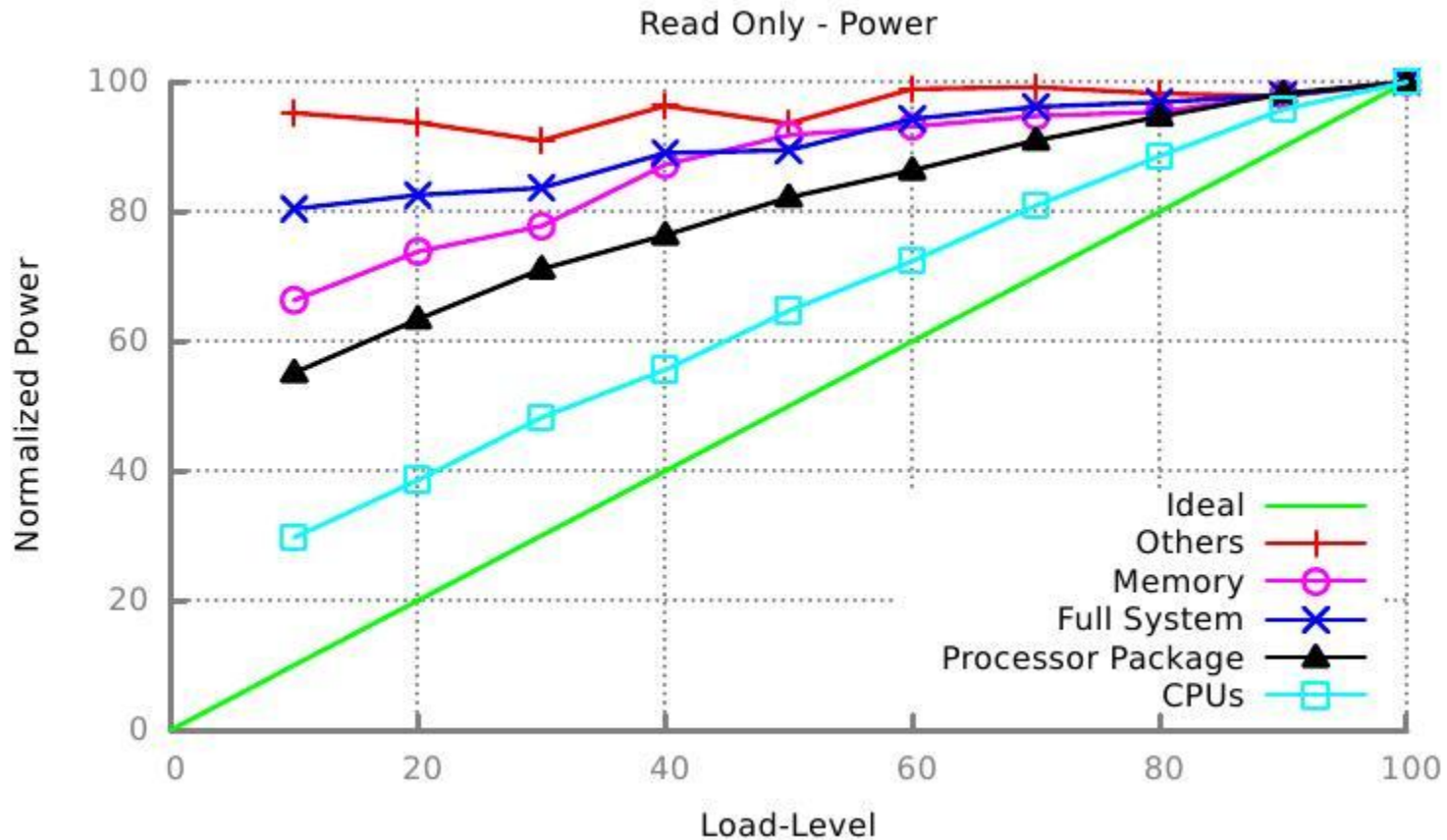


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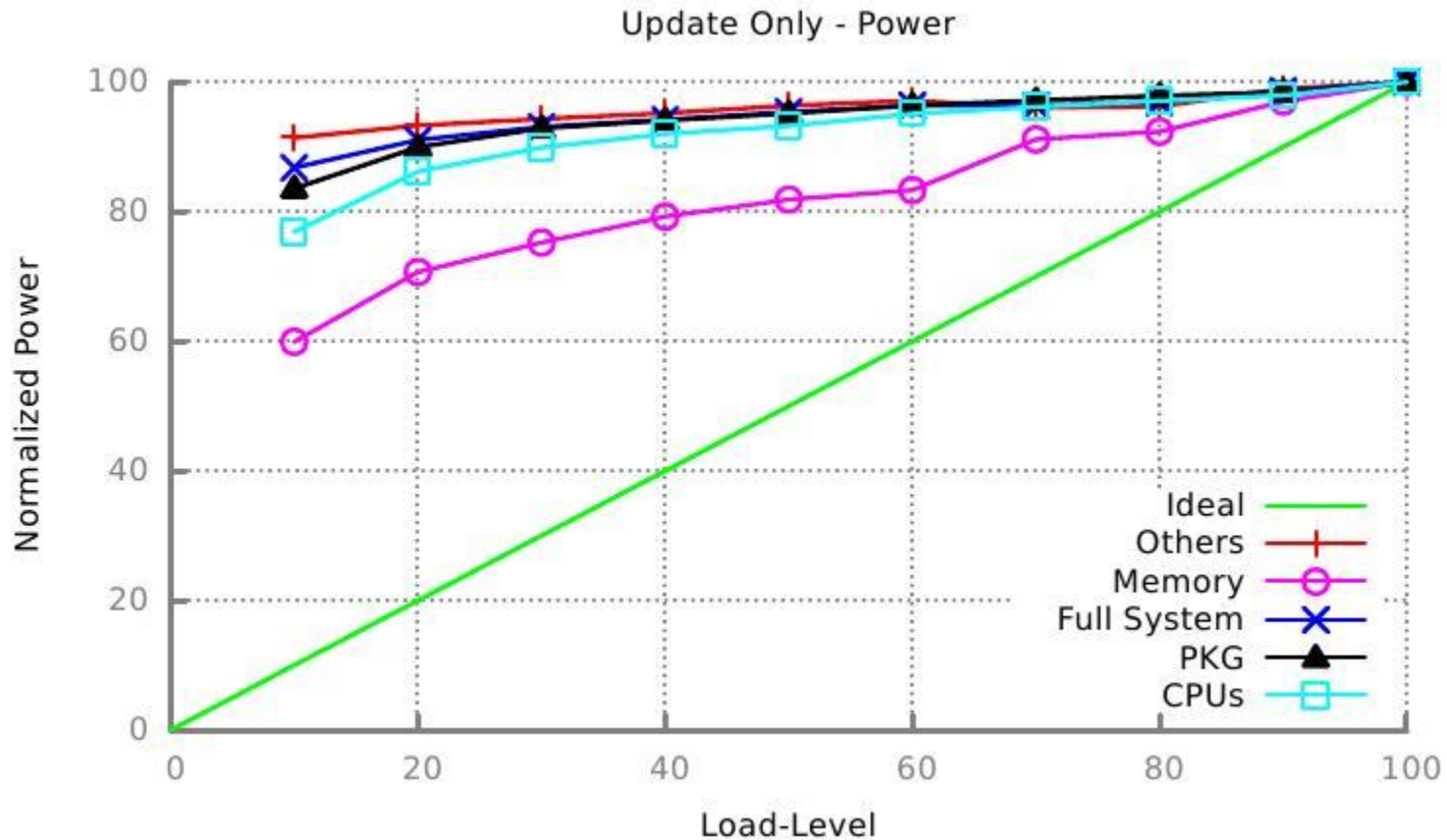
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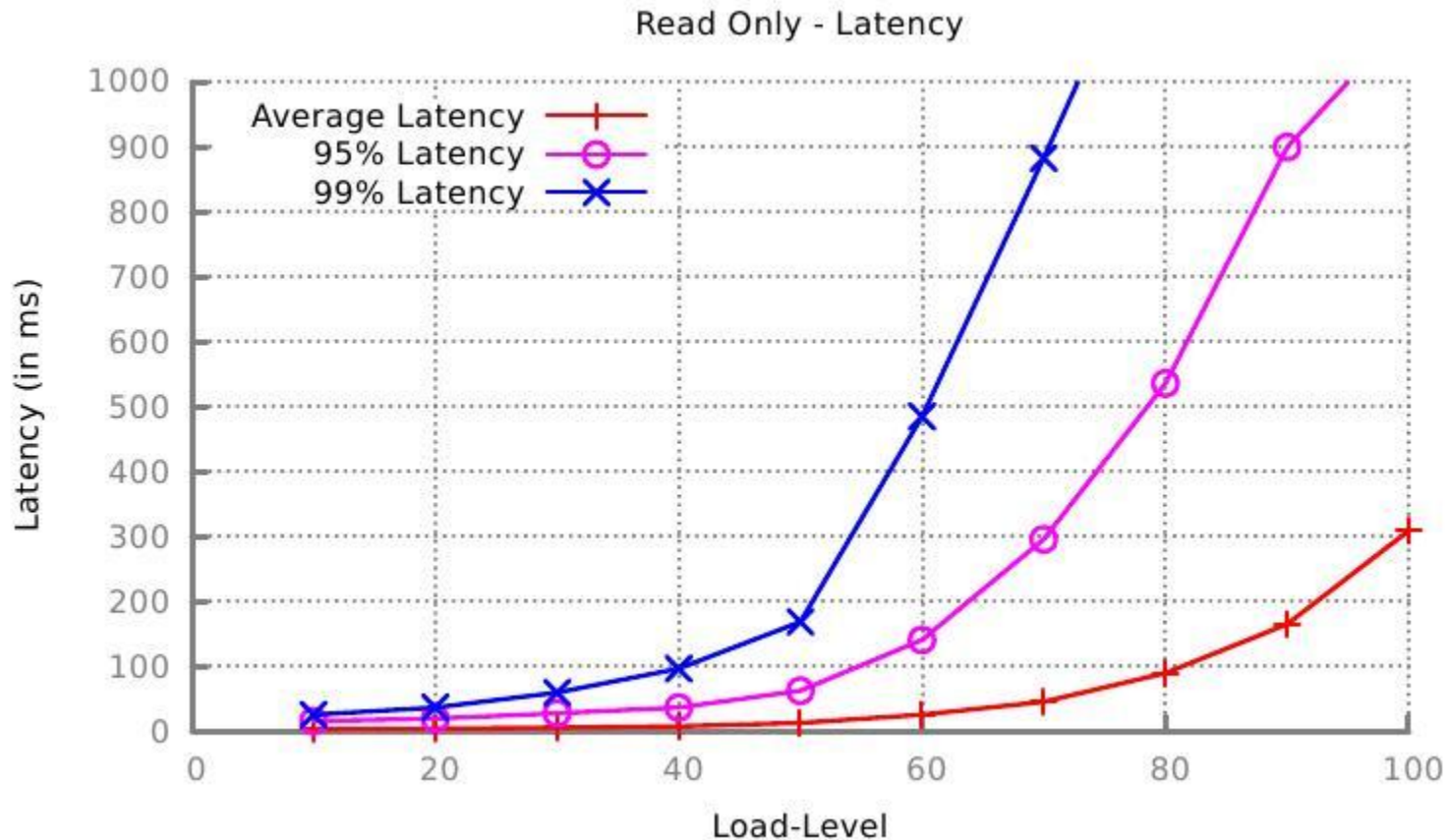
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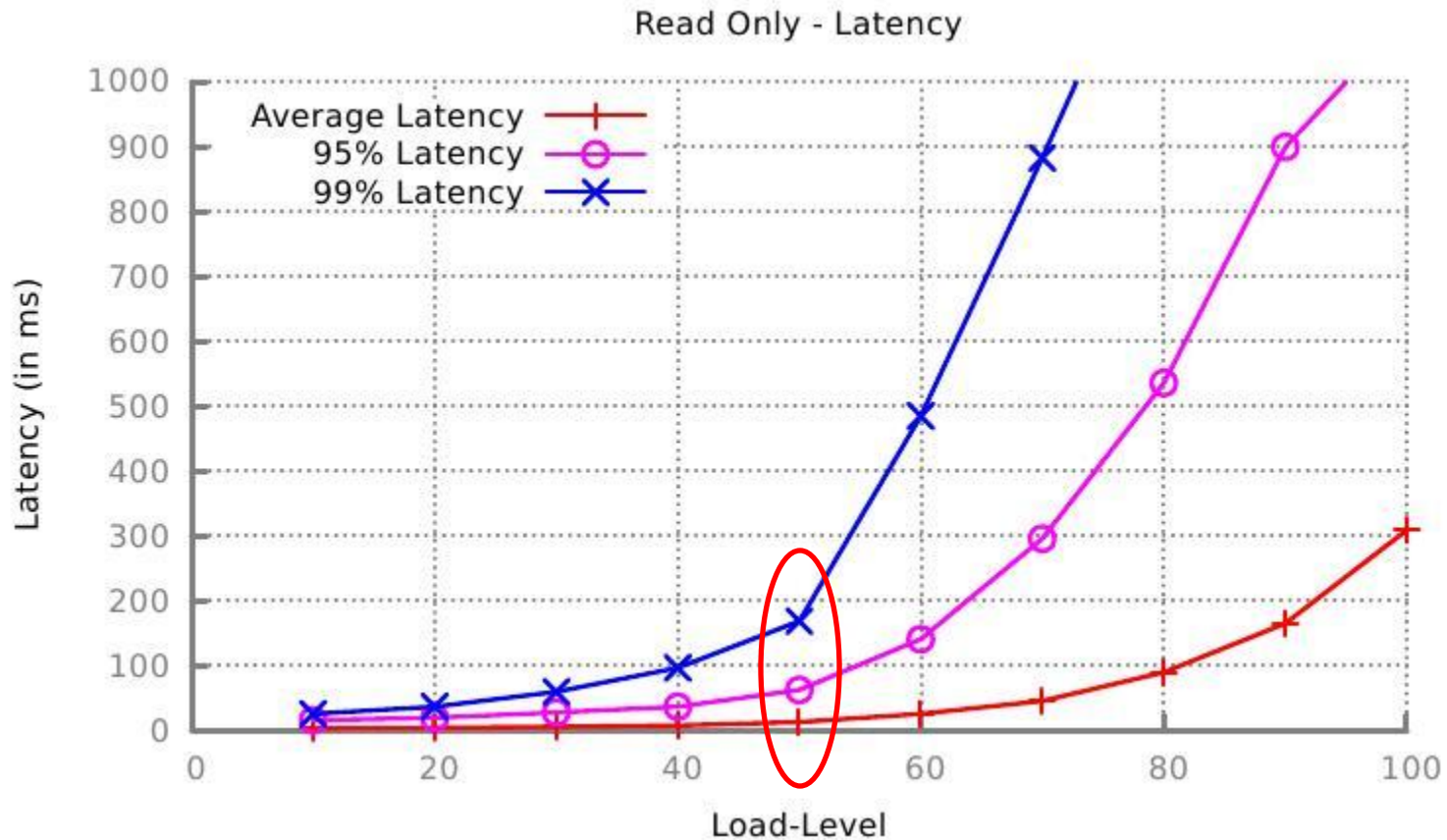


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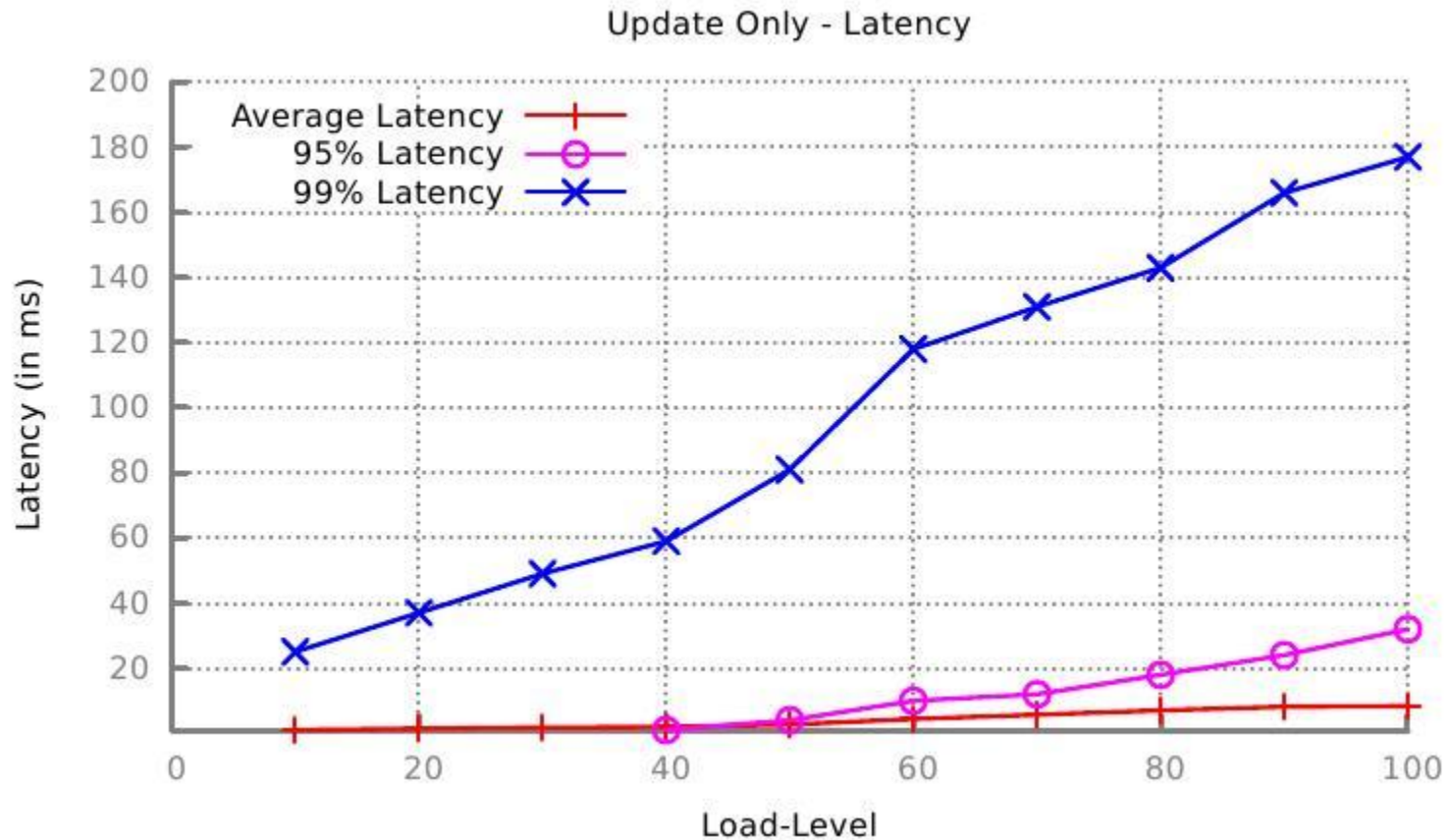
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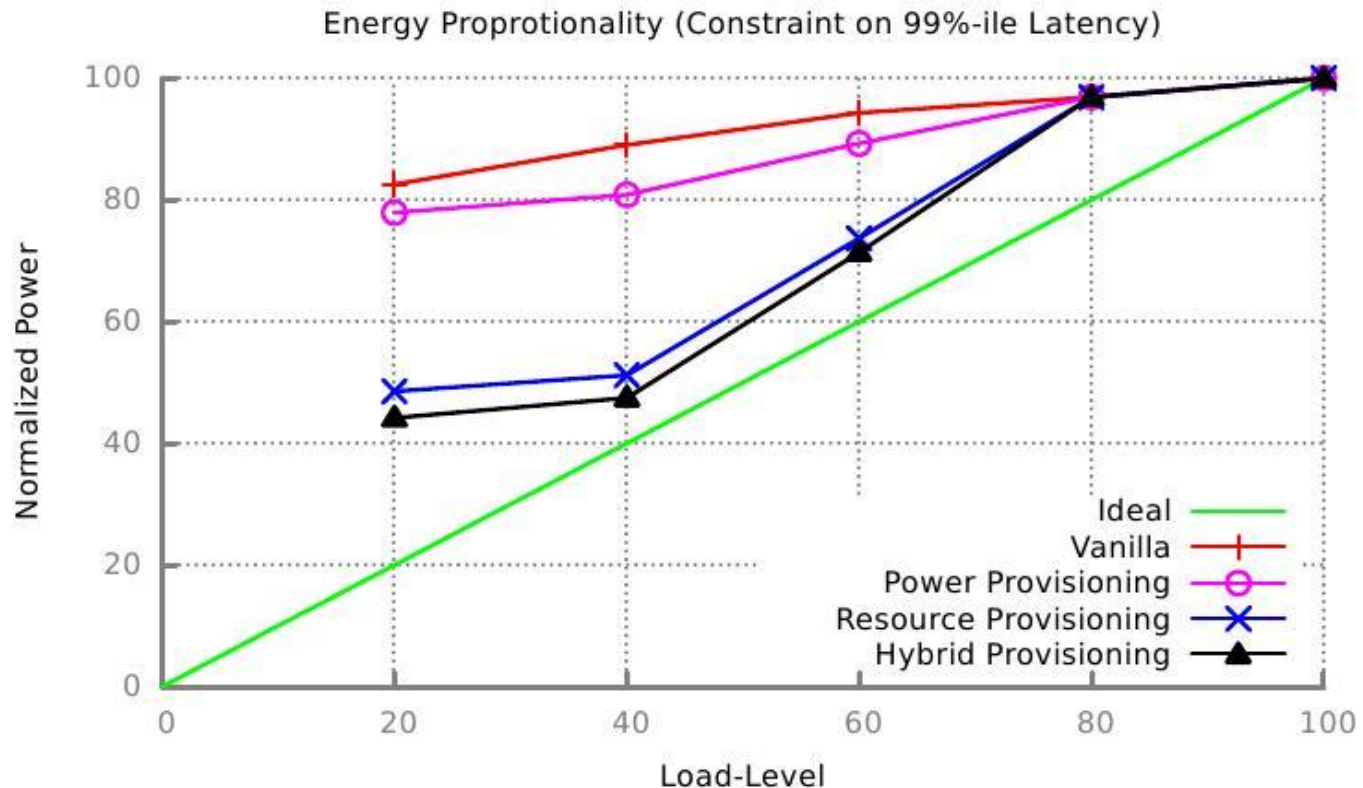
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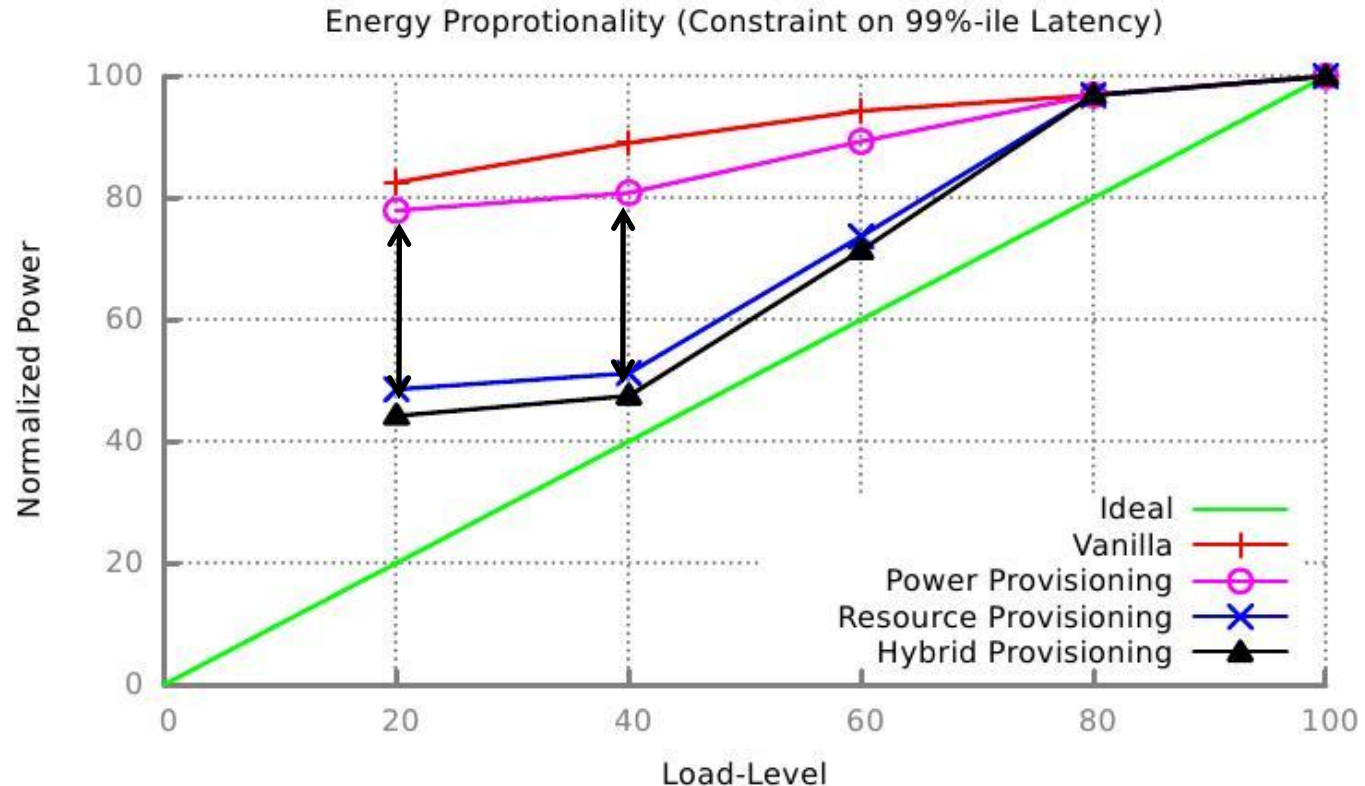
- Constraints on 99% latency = 1000ms
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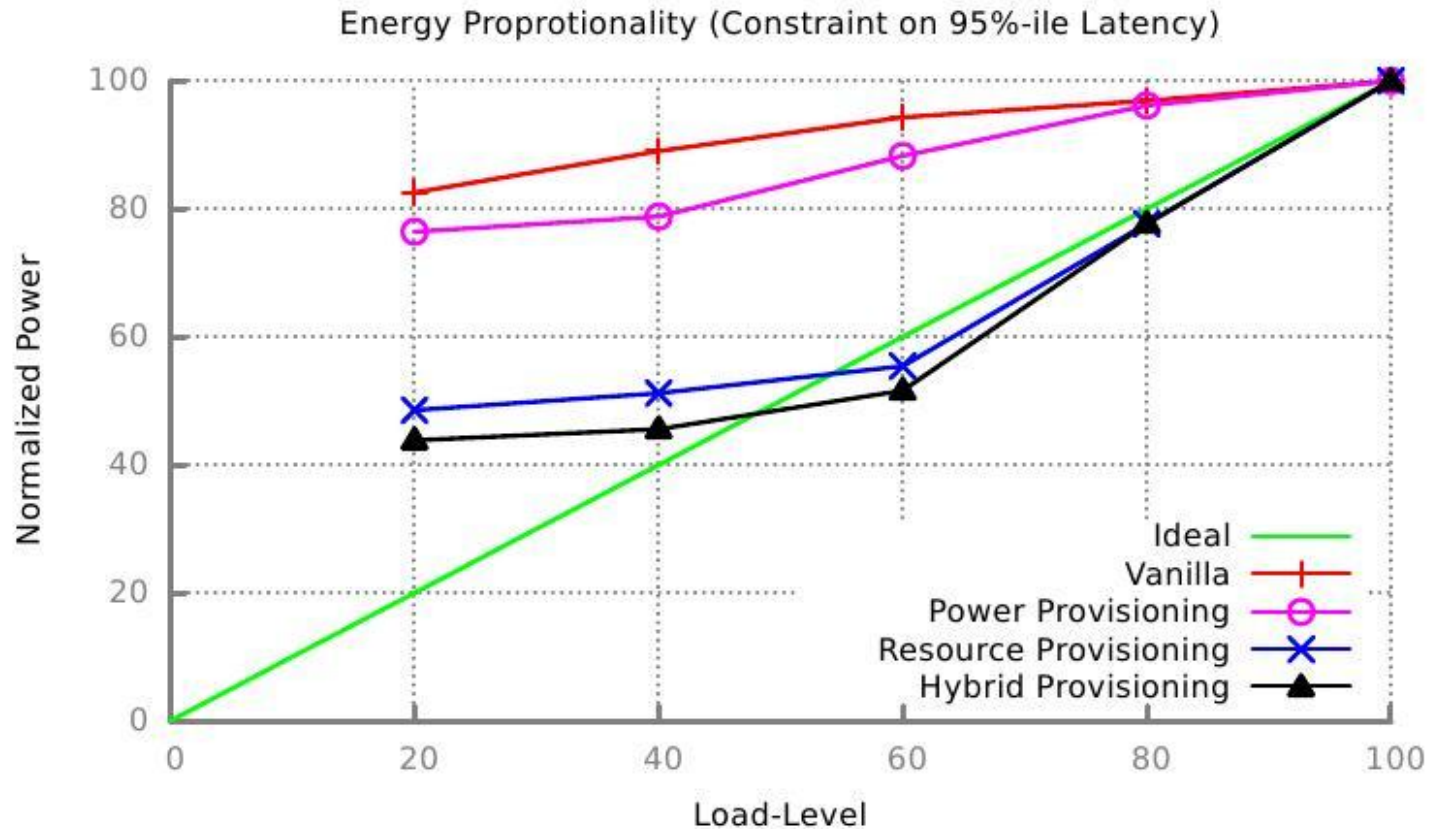
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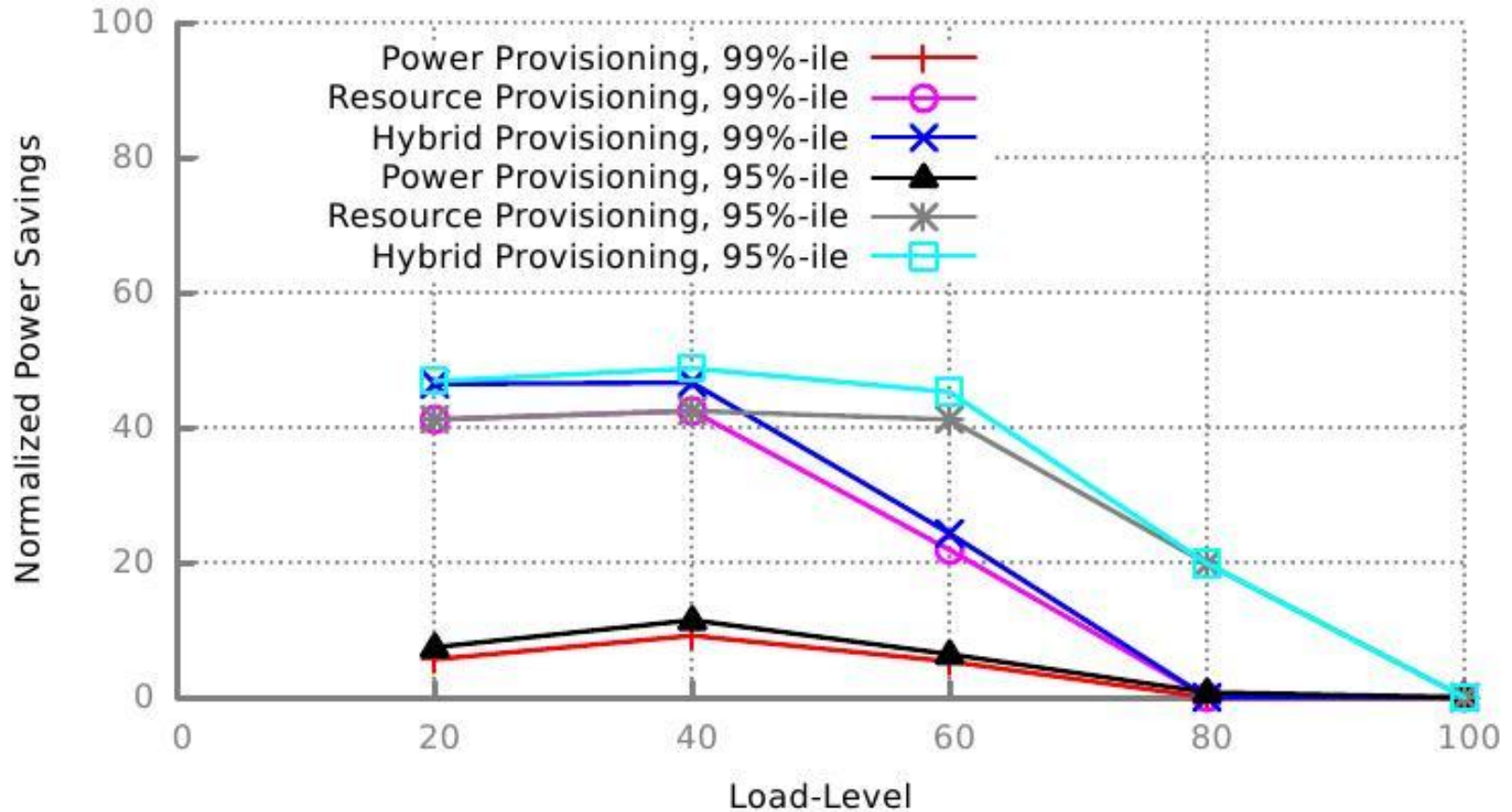
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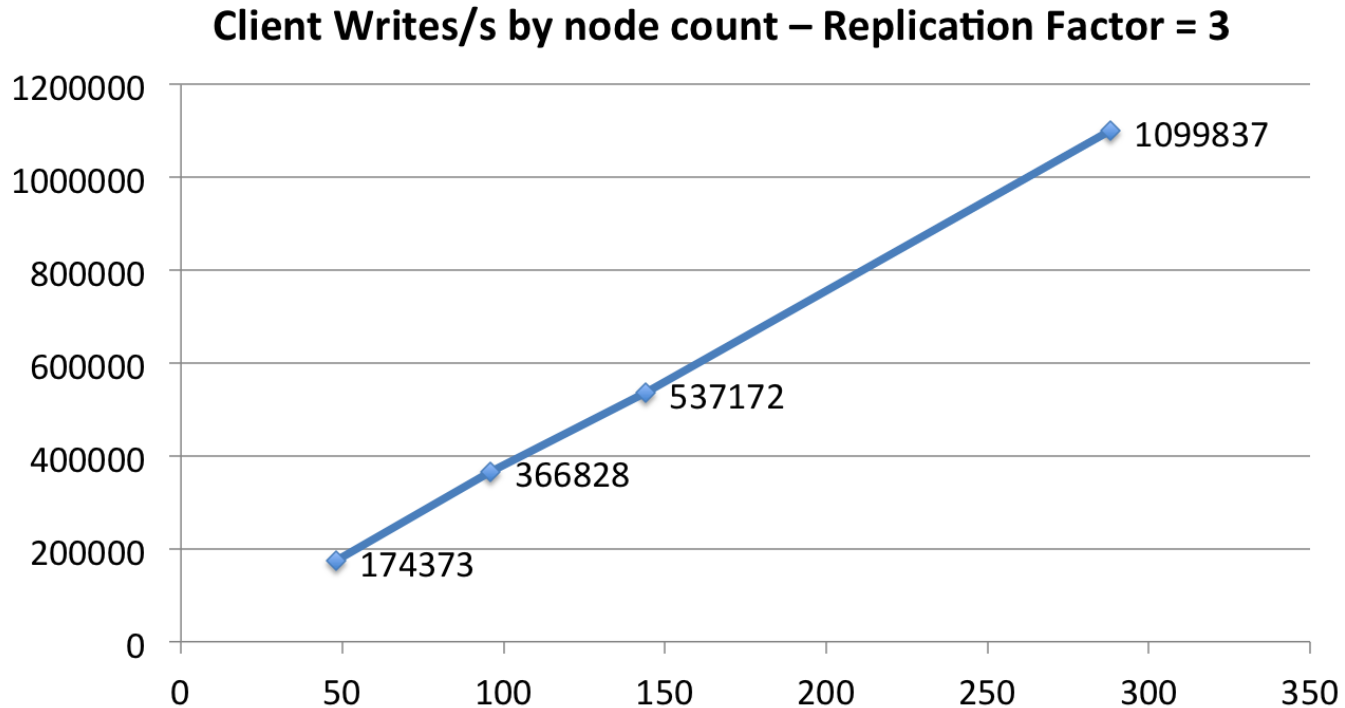
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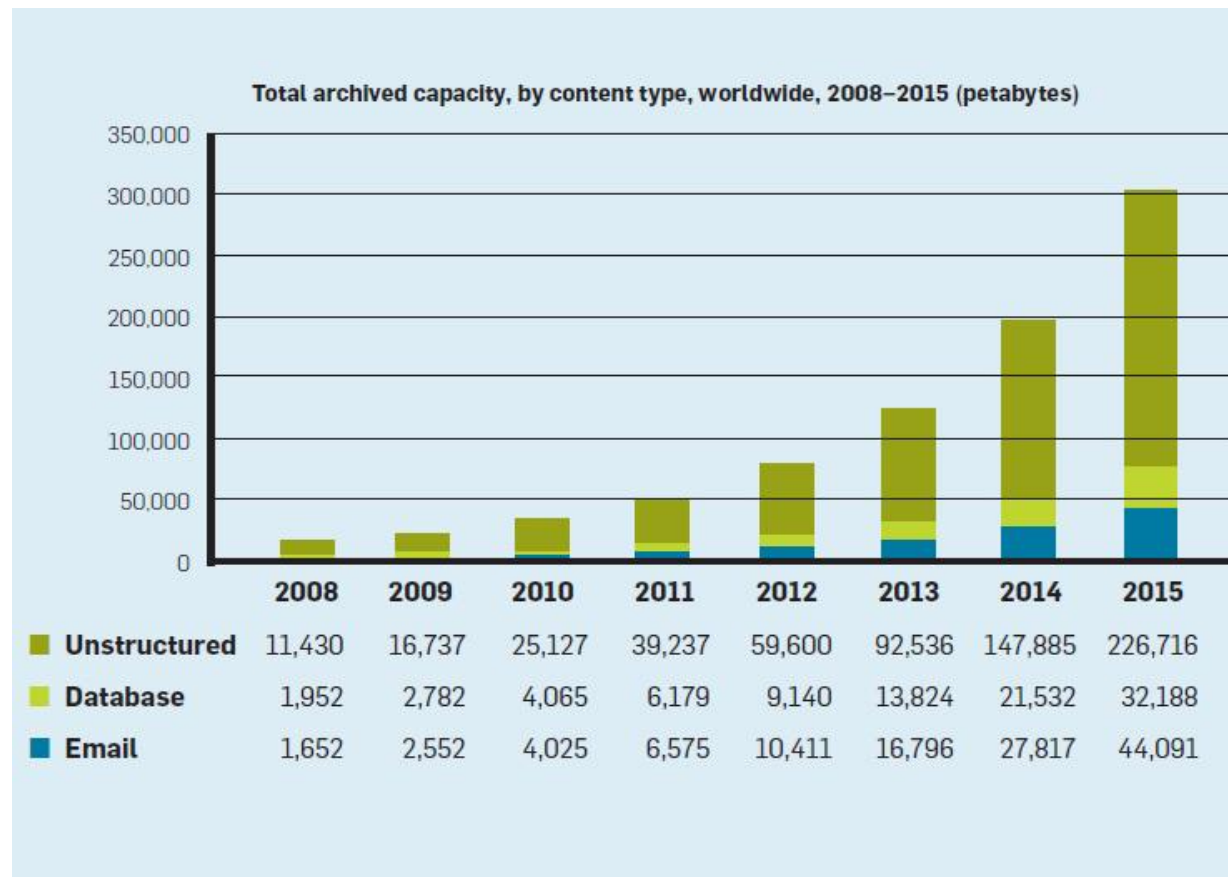
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