Autonomic Computing in Next Generation Datacenters – One Perspective

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Next Generation Datacenters

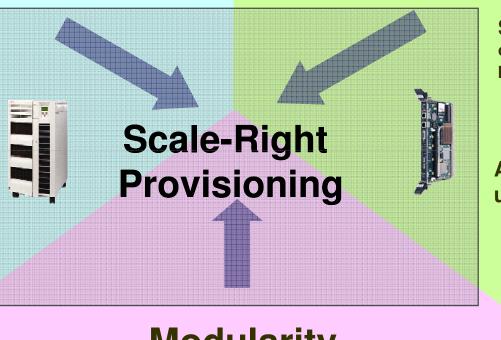
Virtualization

Dynamic logical Partitioning

Autonomics Dynamic provisioning of OS & apps

Virtualization of compute, & IO

Virtualization of heterogeneous devices, & applications



Self-* (e.g., Healing, optimization and protection)

Policy-based Optimization

Automatic SW updates

Workload-driven performance optimization

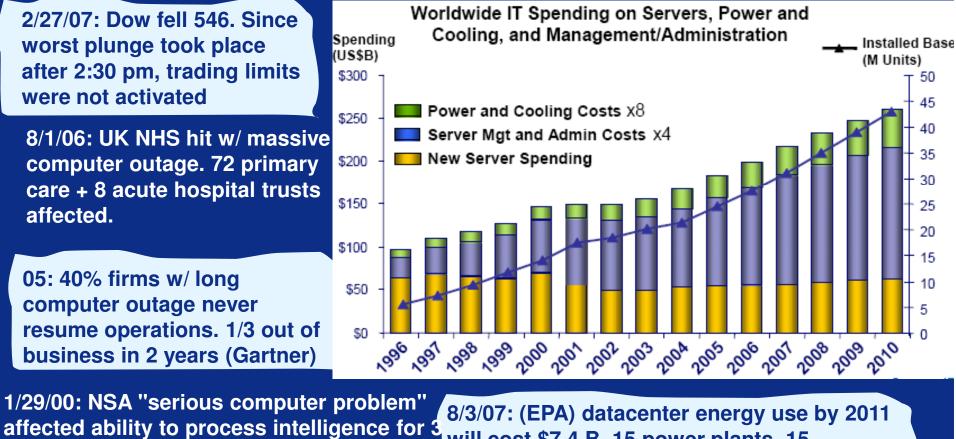
Modularity

Independent scaling of compute & IO

Open standards & protocols Modular application logic, server and network infrastructure

Industry and society need for Autonomic Computing

8/12/07: 20K people + 60 planes held at LAX after computer failure prevented customs from screening arrivals

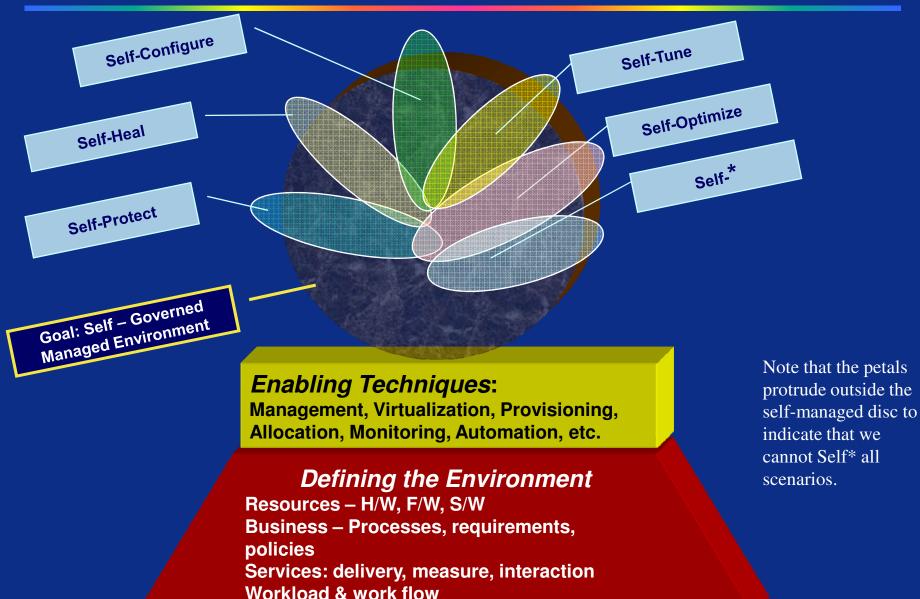


will cost \$7.4 B, 15 power plants, 15 Gwatts/hour peak

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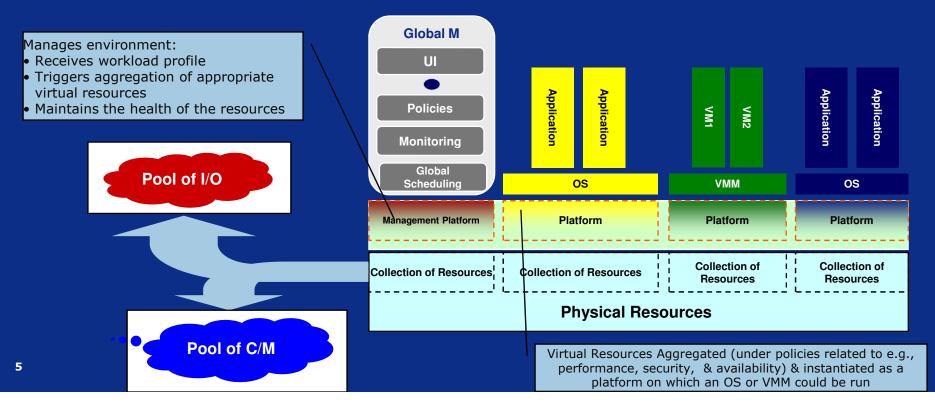
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Autonomic Computing

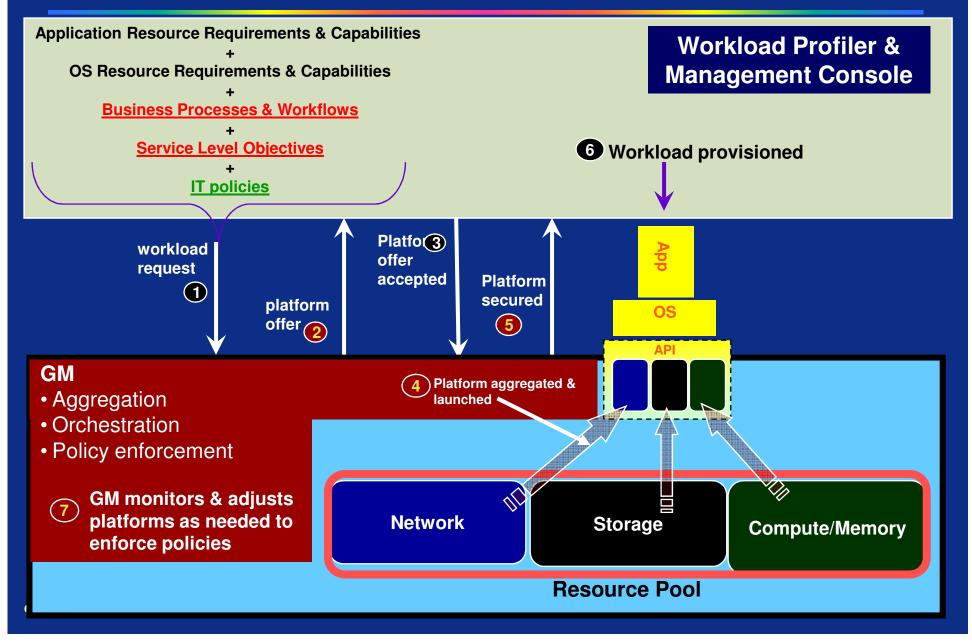


Future Virtualized Datacenters

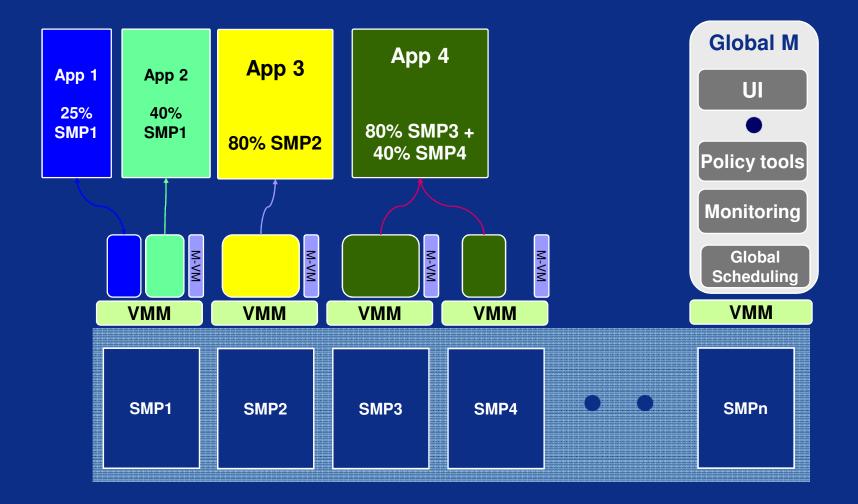
- **Dynamic virtual Platforms** from pools of resources
 - Workload management
 - Capacities/features supporting given SLAs, business models & high-level policies based on time, price & performance;
 - Scaling resources up/down to efficiently react to runtime changes (e.g., workload, fault); &
- Managing platforms
 - ... enabling autonomic features & high-level policies
 - Independent of the platforms' system software



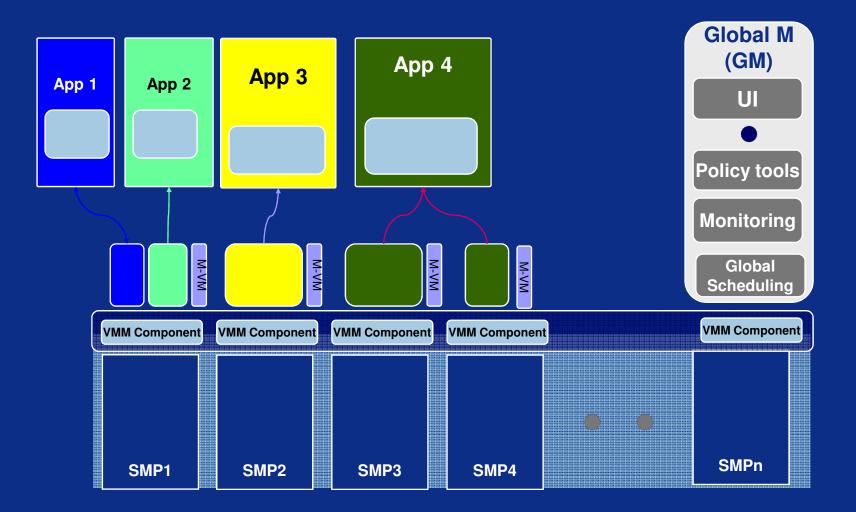
Example: A Workload Profile



Future Virtualized Datacenters Architecture I



Future Virtualized Datacenters Architecture II



Virtual Enterprise Architecture Dynamic Resource Allocation – Sandpiper

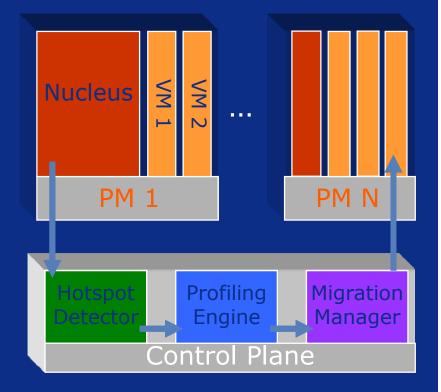
- Sandpiper: automatically detect and mitigate hotspots through virtual machine migration
- When to migrate?
- Where to move to?
- How much of each resource to allocate?
- How much information needed to make decisions?



A migratory bird

Virtual Enterprise Architecture Sandpiper Architecture

- Nucleus
 - Monitor resources
 - Report to control plane
 - One per server
- Control Plane
 - Centralized server
- Hotspot Detector
 - Detect *when* a hotspot occurs
- Profiling Engine
 - Decide *how much* to allocate
- Migration Manager
 - Determine *where* to migrate



PM = Physical Machine VM = Virtual Machine

Virtual Enterprise Architecture Sandpiper Black-Box and Gray-Box

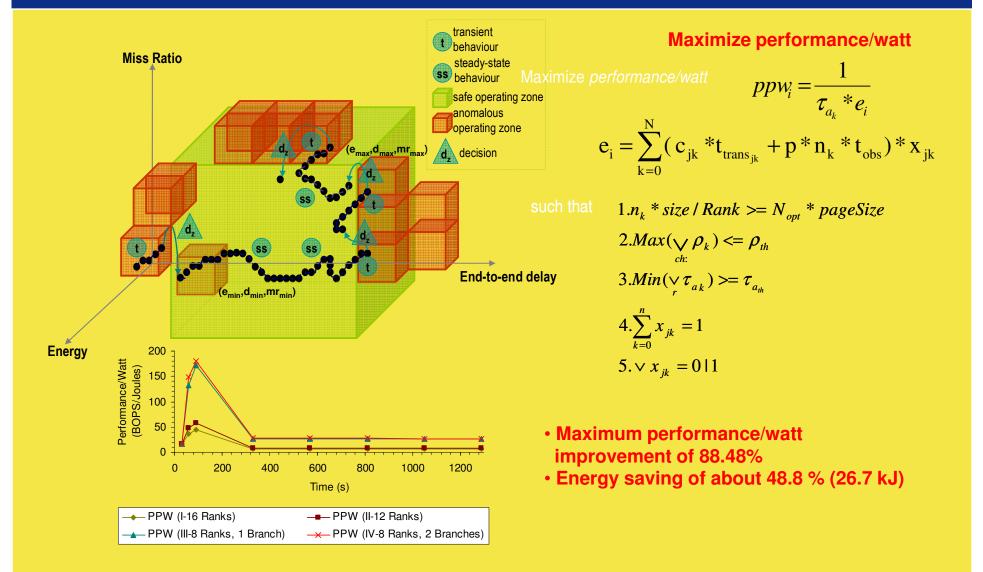
 Black-box: only data from outside the VM → Completely OS and application agnostic



• Gray-Box: access to OS stats & application logs

- Request level data can improve detection and profiling
- Not always feasible customer may control OS

AppFlow: Avirtec Patented Technology to autonomically manage applications/services



Summary of Vision

Integrate capabilities & features to datacenters platforms to proactively & efficiently react positively to runtime changes

- To allow to independently scale resources as workload changes
- To allow to transparently mitigate faults
- To allows resources to self-define and self-configure themselves based on environment

Our approach lowers TCO: both Capex & Opex

- Capex through improving the efficiency of resources
- Opex through (Gartner puts Opex at 60-70% of TCO & is primarily labor)
 - Self-management (e.g., self-heal, self-protect, etc.);
 - Through policies such as those reducing energy consumption; &
 - Reducing serviceability and maintainability overhead

Conclusions

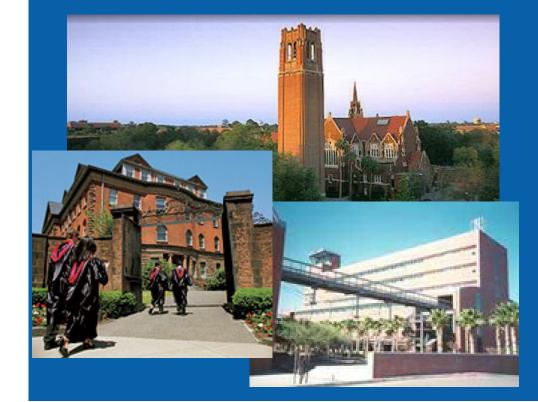
- Autonomic Computing is happening in the Enterprise
 - … However, great deal of both research & technology development challenges still exist
 - Can build the plumbing, but the intelligence will lag
 - Automatic problem recognition e.g., root cause
 - Policies, Business Processes, SLA to low-level mapping
 - Interoperability will always remain an issue
 - > Standards are the right place to work together
 - > ... But let's first take a serious look at what we have been doing
- Very strongly advocate collaboration among industry and academia

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