

Java sustainability on Microsoft Azure

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Topics

- Why do we need to think of IT sustainability
- Java and Sustainability
- Microsoft Azure Sustainability
- Gains from Java Modernisation
- Customer examples & Economical view
- Where do we go from here?
- Discussion / Questions

What is Azure Red Hat OpenShift?

- Focus on building and scaling applications while we manage the rest.



Highly available, fully managed clusters on-demand, built on industry-leading Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, and managed on a leading public cloud, Microsoft Azure.



Jointly monitored and operated by Microsoft and Red Hat with an integrated support experience.



Turnkey application development platform, with integrations into Azure ecosystem



Enterprise-grade operations, security and compliance



Backed by the experience of global site reliability expert (SRE) teams.



Why do we need to think of IT sustainability?

Climate change – Our most significant challenge ahead

What is the risk?

- Climate action failure – is the number 1 risk over the next decade*
- We are on a spiral downwards if we do not do anything now
- Impossible to sustain life as we know it over time on Earth

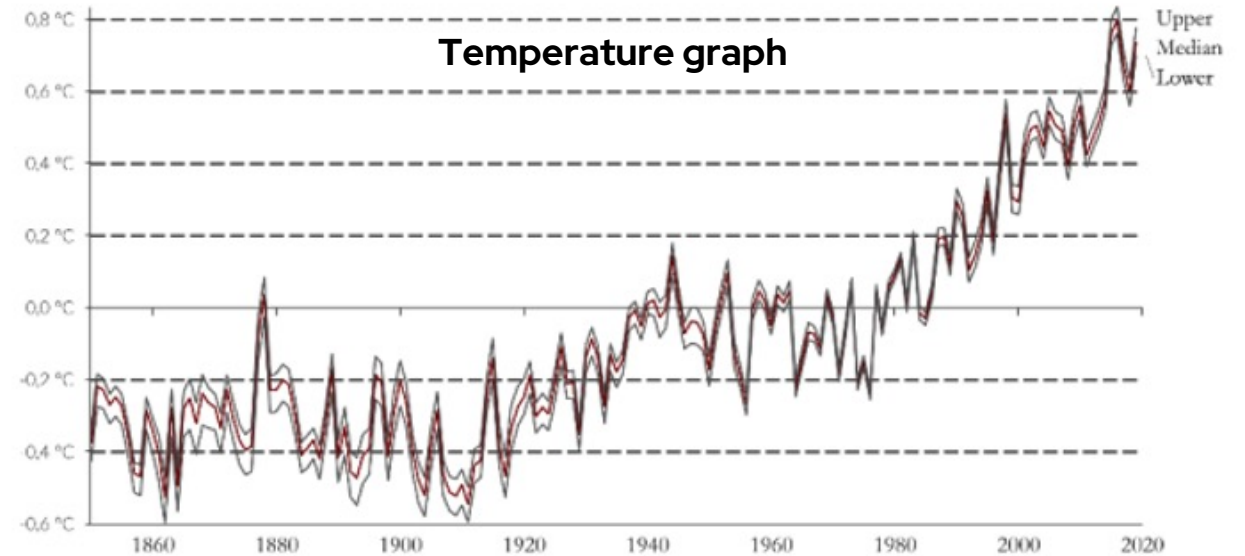
How did we get here?

- 4th Industrial revolution – “The age of Software” (started around 2011)
- Climate change is caused by human emissions of Co2,
 - ◆ GreenHouse Gasses (GHG),
 - ◆ Overpopulation,
 - ◆ Increased loss of biodiversity,
 - ◆ Exploration of earth metals
 - ◆ Increased waste

How are we impacted globally?

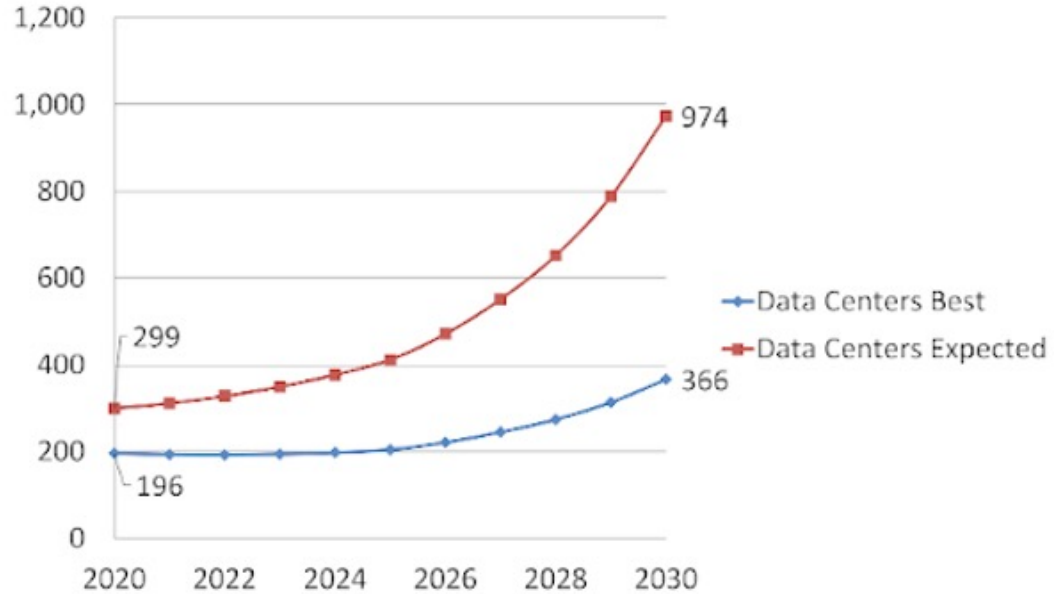
- Extreme heat / heat trapping
- Cold where it was not before
- Massive precipitation (rain)
- Drought
- Wildfires

**Resulting in devastated lives,
economic downturns regionally
and more**

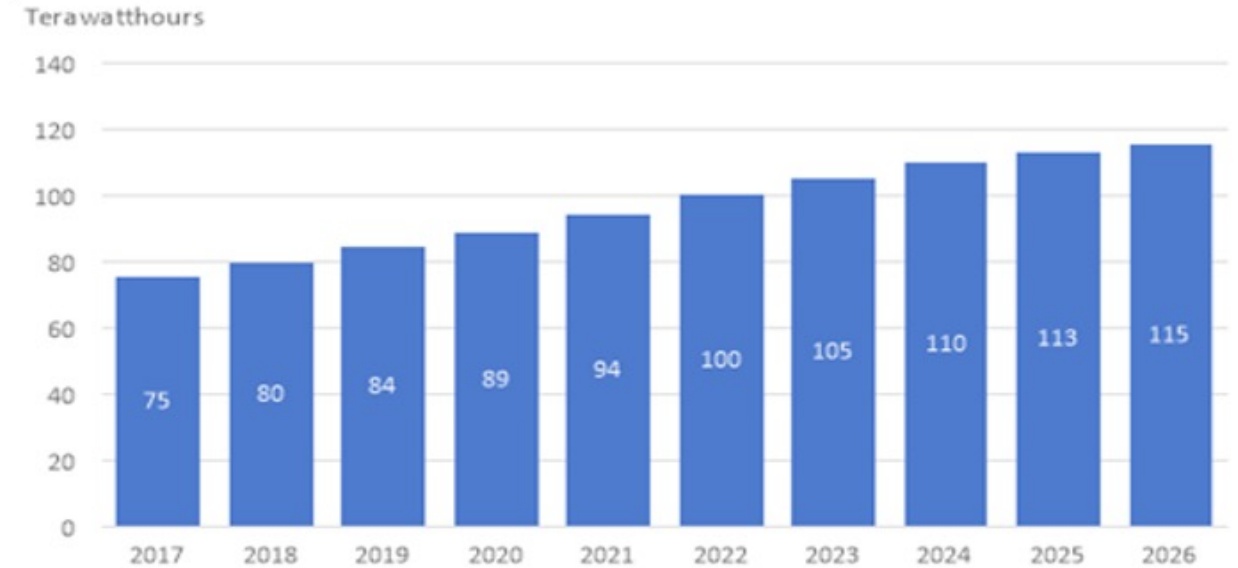


Energy consumption & emissions

Electricity usage (TWh) of Data Centers 2020-2030

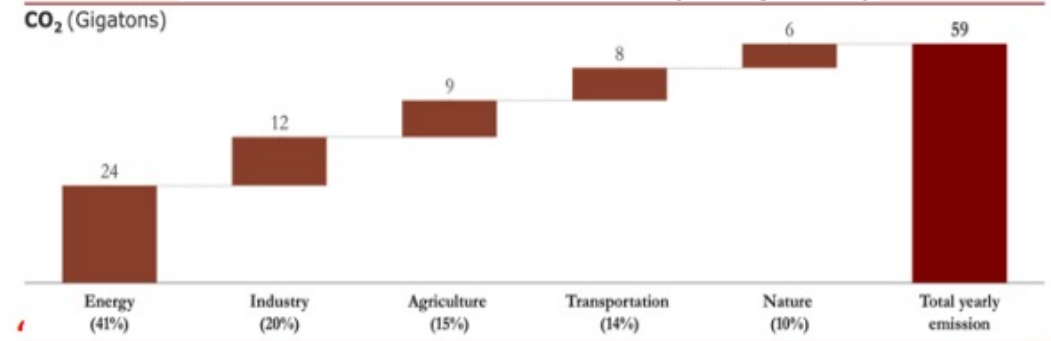


Estimated Power Used by All Types of Datacenters in Europe



1-2% of the world's energy
is consumed by data centers

2021 - total CO₂ emissions per year globally

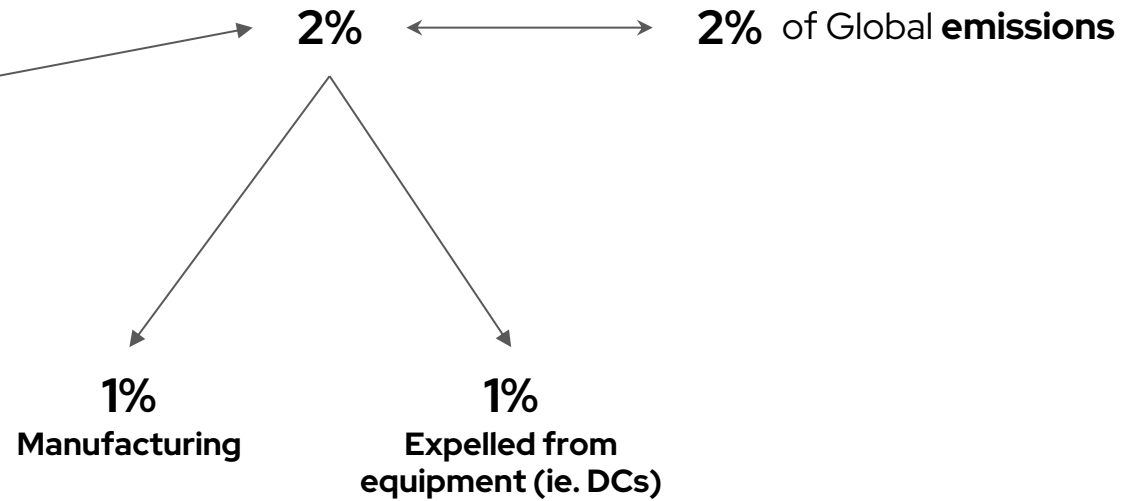


Global IT industry emissions

Global IT industry

Global IT industry = Global Aviation industry

**But is expected
to exceed the
aviation industry by
4-5% in 2024**



Looking ahead

Technologies & Trends predicted to impact our Carbon footprint

- Artificial Intelligence / LLMs (ie Chat4Gpt)
- Online presence / Metaverse
- Robotics / Process automation
- IOT / exponential growth in connected devices
- Hyper connectivity
- Crypto
-

Corporate sustainability

Shift towards a broader spectrum of stakeholders; Employees, Customers, Partners, Ecosystems and communities... in addition to the shareholders

Putting it directly → Companies are faced with the ultimatum; **Innovate or Die**

Four main drivers for Enterprise to invest in Sustainability



Java and Sustainability

What is Java / Why Java

80%

of worldwide
enterprises run
Java on Desktop,
Server, Cloud

3 Billion

Active
Java Virtual Machines
globally

#1

Developer choice
for cloud

12 Million

Developers
run Java

May 2023	May 2022	Change	Programming Language		Ratings	Change
1	1			Python	13.45%	+0.71%
2	2			C	13.35%	+1.76%
3	3			Java	12.22%	+1.22%
4	4			C++	11.96%	+3.13%
5	5			C#	7.43%	+1.04%

Top 3
programming
language

Traditional Java designed for a different time



Traditional

- ▶ **Throughput** at the expense of **footprint**
- ▶ **Long running** at expense of **startup speed**
- ▶ Rich, dynamic behavior for mutable systems



Cloud Native

- ▶ **Throughput** solved by horizontal scaling
- ▶ Ephemeral, immutable systems
- ▶ Footprint and performance matter

What is the consequence?

"Tumble dryer" -effect (not fit / too big for purpose)

+



+



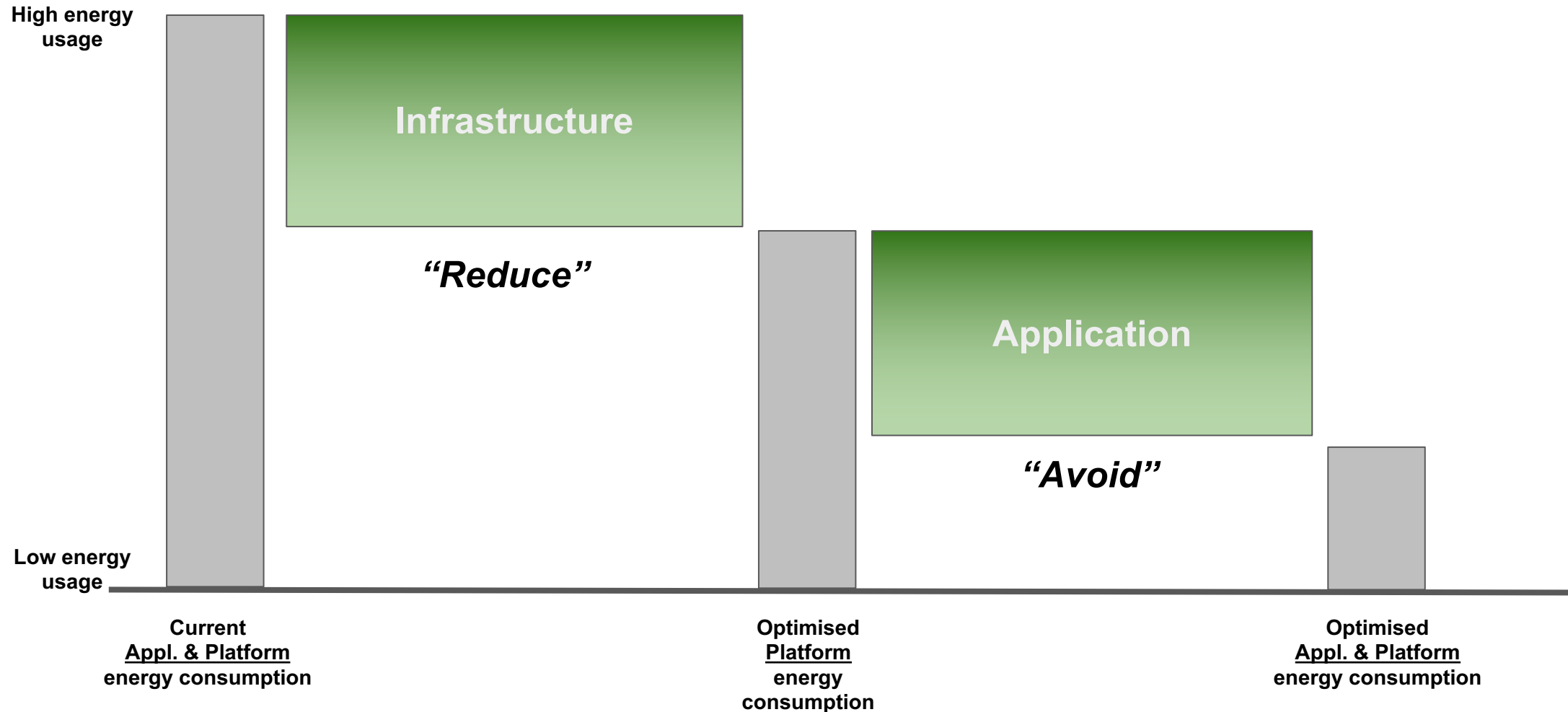
"Light bulb" -effect (always on)

= unnecessary
economical cost, sustainability cost, people
cost



We need to look our own IT set up, have simple mental pictures and start calculating the consequences

Efficiency Gains from Infrastructure and Application Optimization



Microsoft Azure sustainability

A dark-themed world map showing the global network of Azure. Teal dots represent Azure regions, and grey dots represent datacenters. A network of thin white lines connects these points across the globe, illustrating the extensive fiber network. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, showing North and South America on the left, Europe and Africa in the center, and Asia and Australia on the right.

75+

Azure regions

200+

Datacenters worldwide

165k+ miles of fiber

Another paradigm shift is here

Common carbon footprint benchmarks

in lbs of CO2 equivalent

Roundtrip flight b/w NY and SF (1 passenger)

1,984

Human life (avg. 1 year)

11,023

American life (avg. 1 year)

36,156

US car including fuel (avg. 1 lifetime)

126,000

Transformer (213M parameters) w/ neural architecture search

626,155

Chart: MIT Technology Review • Source: Strubell et al. • [Created with Datawrapper](#)

Our core environmental sustainability commitments



**Carbon
negative**
by 2030



**Water
positive**
by 2030



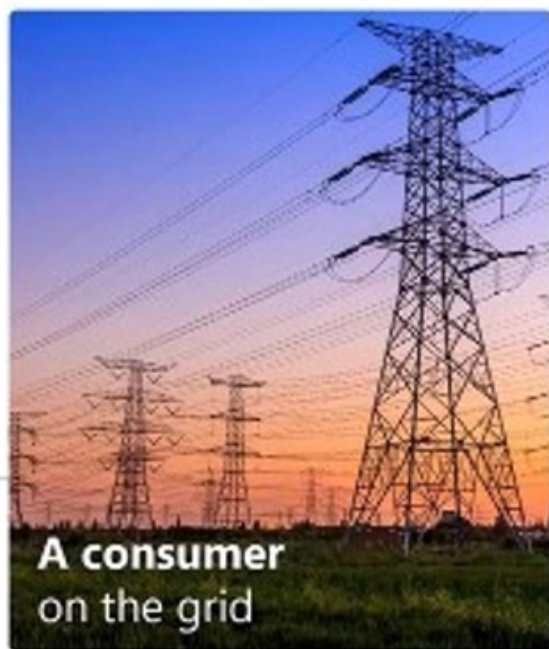
**Zero
waste**
by 2030



Build the
**Planetary
Computer**

Data Centers use 1%
of all energy produced
in the world

Microsoft sees energy from three perspectives



A consumer on the grid

Large customer with **stable, high-value load** and high average load factor



A collaborator in clean energy & grid

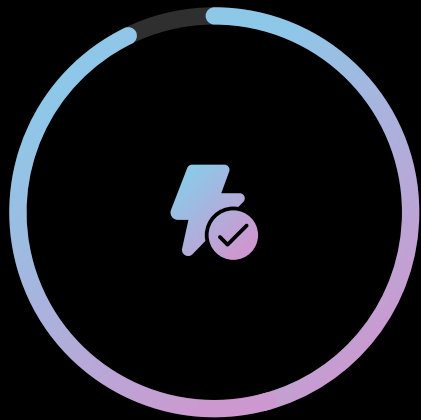
Dedicated to procuring **100% renewable energy**, investing in **grid infrastructure** and being a **backup provider**



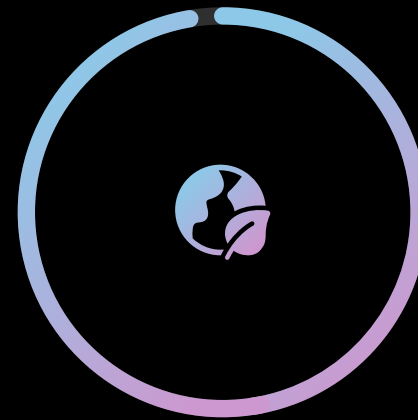
An innovator of energy technology

Improving **grid reliability** and enabling **environmental efficiencies**

Microsoft Azure is more energy efficient



Up to 93%
more energy efficient



Up to 98%
more carbon efficient

Source: The Carbon Benefits of Cloud Computing: A study of the Microsoft Cloud in partnership with WSP, 2018

Consumer: Cloud Efficiency Over Last Decade



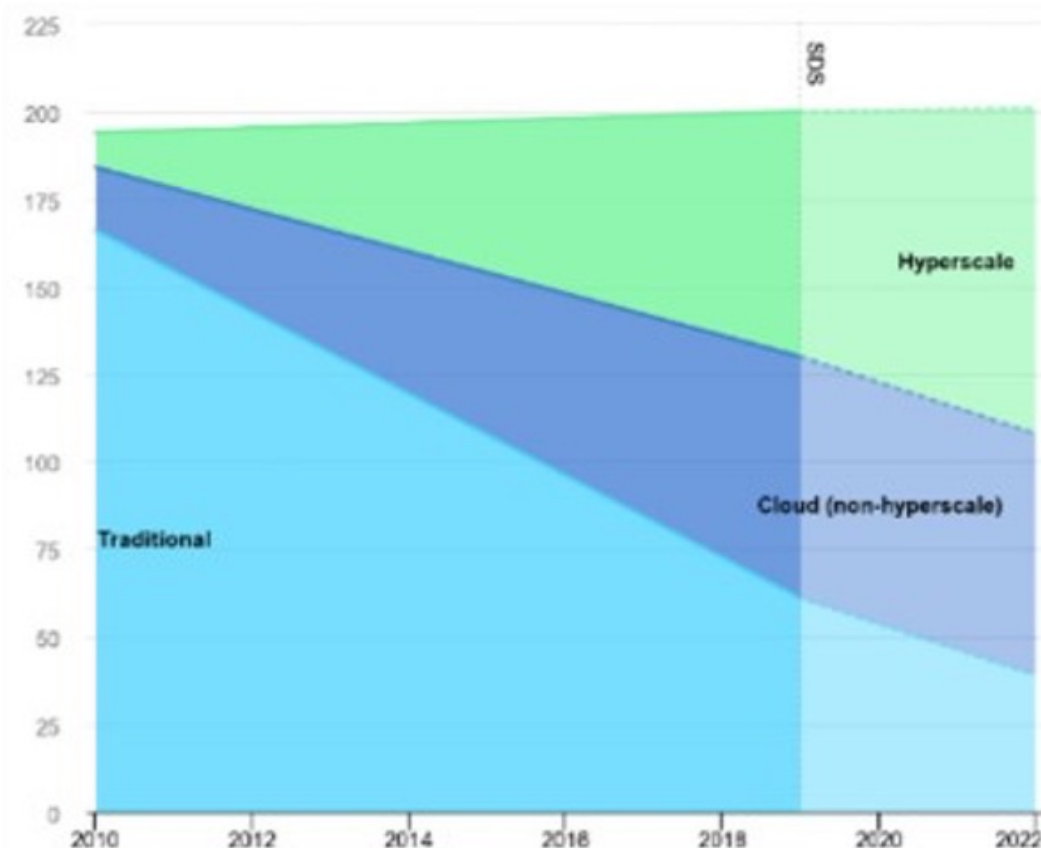
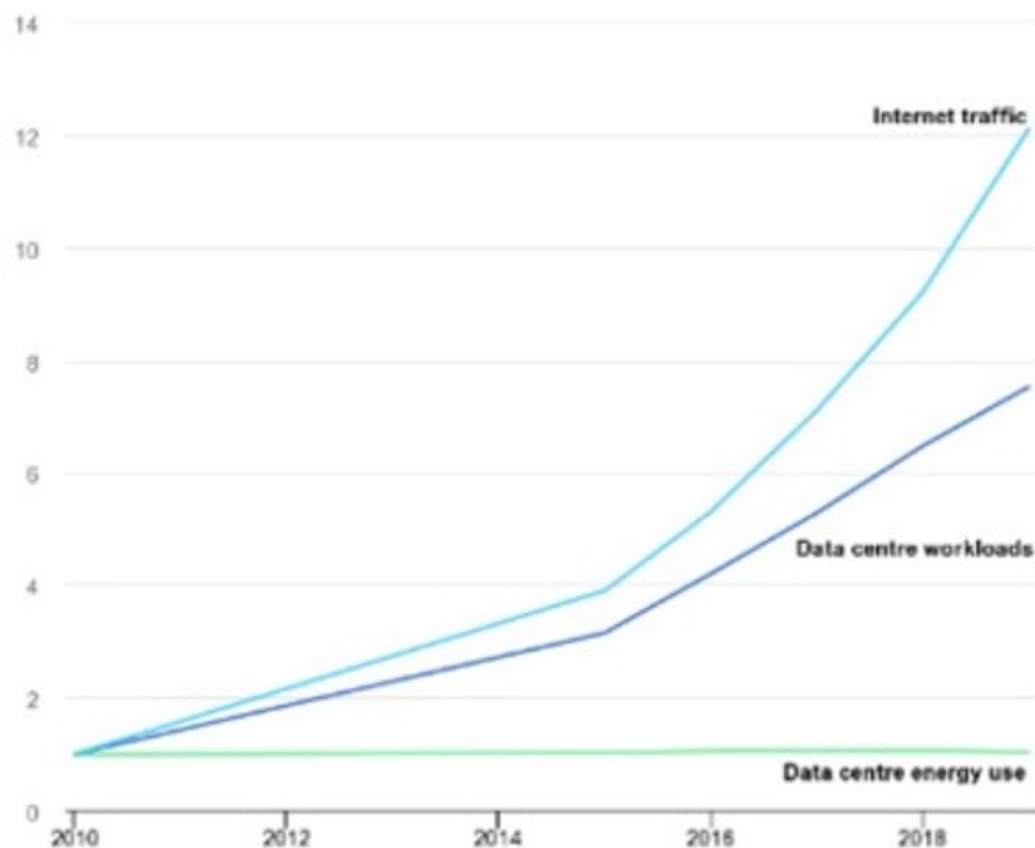
Workloads
increased

8x

and traffic

12x

...yet datacenter energy
use remained constant



Techniques

Common Green Cloud Computing practices:

Virtualization

- Improves machine management and energy efficiency through sharing a single physical instance of a resource/application with multiple customers or organizations at the same time.
- It not only allows for better monitoring and resource allocation but also protects the environment by maximizing the number of accessible resources in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Deployment of virtual technologies is a key Green Cloud Computing approach.

Dynamic Voltage Frequency Scaling (DVFS)

- A strategy for lowering processor power and energy usage that's combined with frequency scaling, a technique where dynamic control of the voltage and frequency is adopted.
- DVFS minimizes data center energy usage and maximizes resource use.

Nano Data Centers (NaDa)

- A computing platform that uses internet service providers (ISP)-controlled home gateways to offer computing and storage services.
- More energy-efficient than conventional data centers, NaDas help reduce the cost of heat dissipation, have high service proximity, and the capacity for self-adaptation or self-scalability.

Techniques

Other sustainable options include:

Alternative cooling methods/ recycling heat

- The servers inside of data centers generate a lot of heat and that heat is typically not recycled. Solutions to improve power consumption include:
 - Locating data centers in places with free cooling (cold air, sea water, etc.).
 - Reusing the heat in areas with heating needs, such as nearby offices or residences.
 - Supplementing the center's power with solar panels, to reduce grid demand.

Carbon-aware job/workload scheduling

- The amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted by electricity grids varies by time of day and location.
- Job scheduling during less carbon-intensive times is a key way to lower grid emissions.

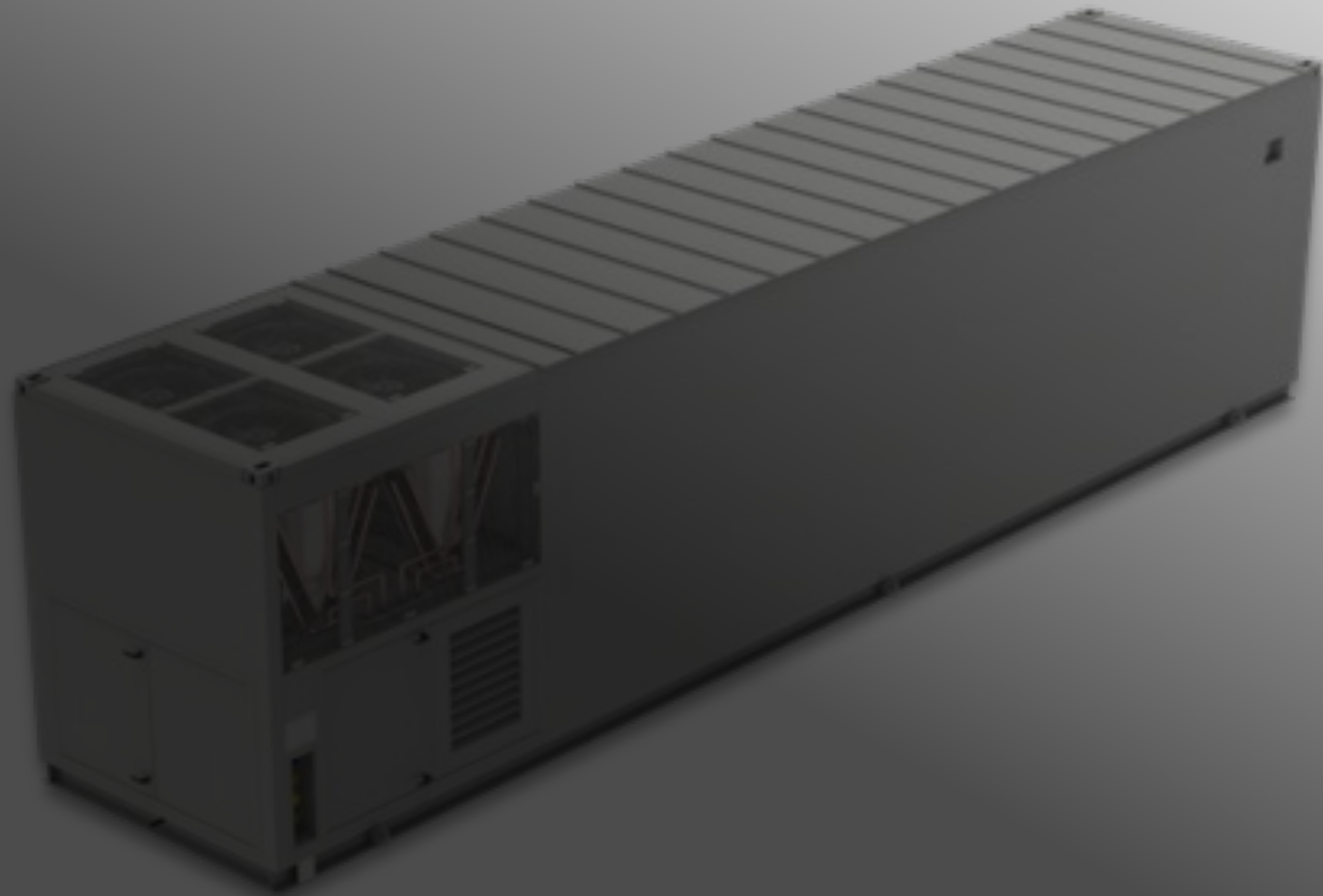
Reducing CPU Power Dissipation

- Multi-core technology enables the processing of higher loads using less power.
- Most CPUs have power-management features that optimize power consumption by dynamically switching among multiple performance states based on utilization.

Liquid Cooling

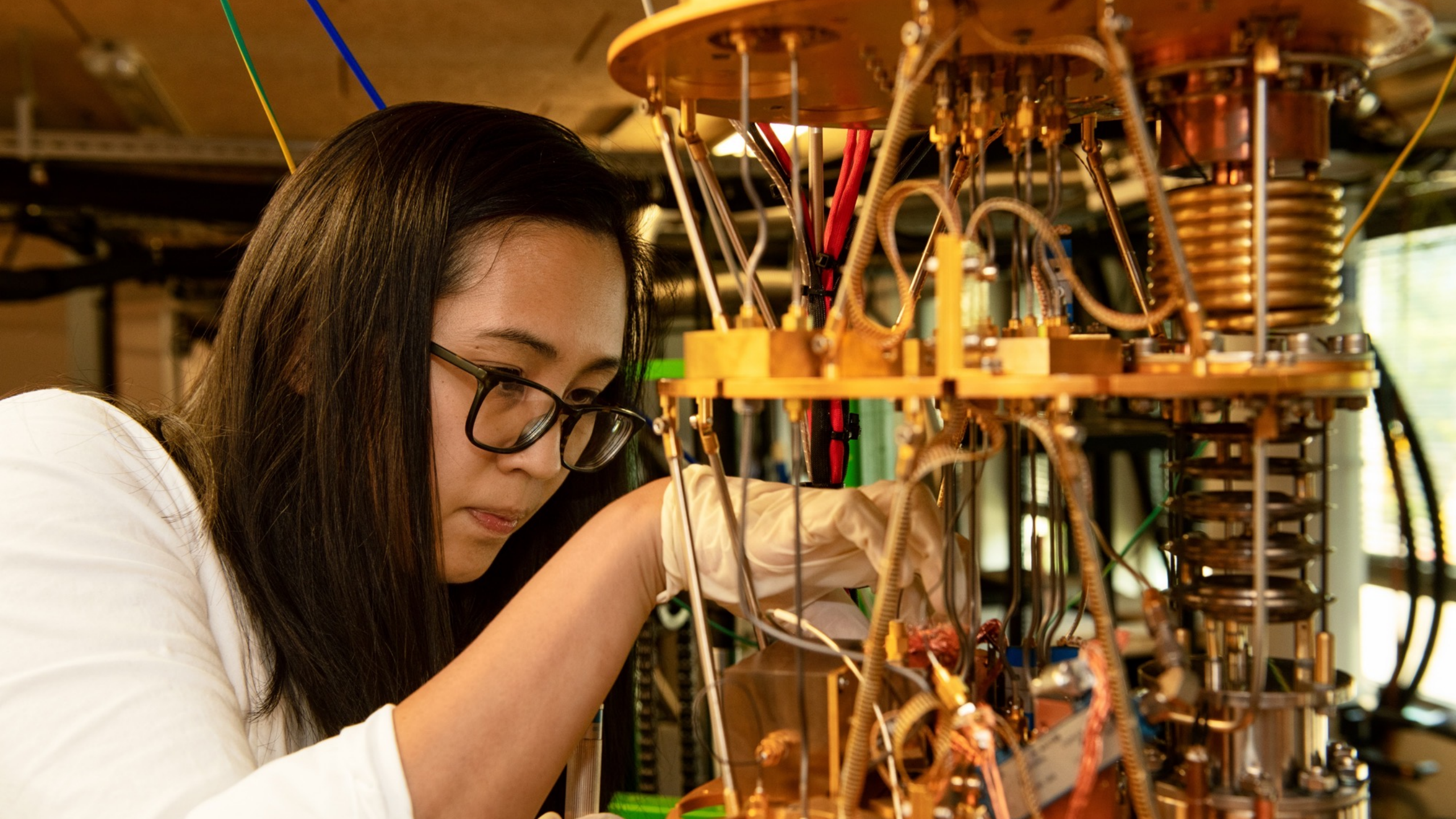


Azure Modular Data Center



Project Natick

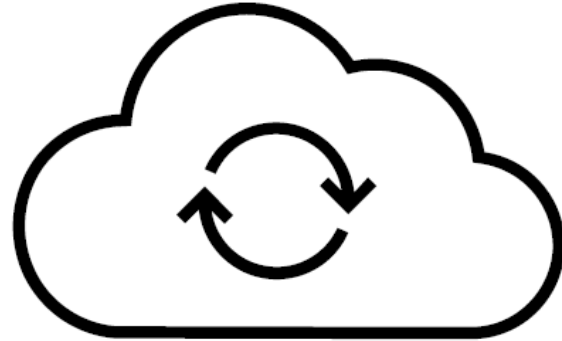




Sustainability is a Shared Responsibility

- Operate sustainably
- Deliver products and services that help customers operate sustainably

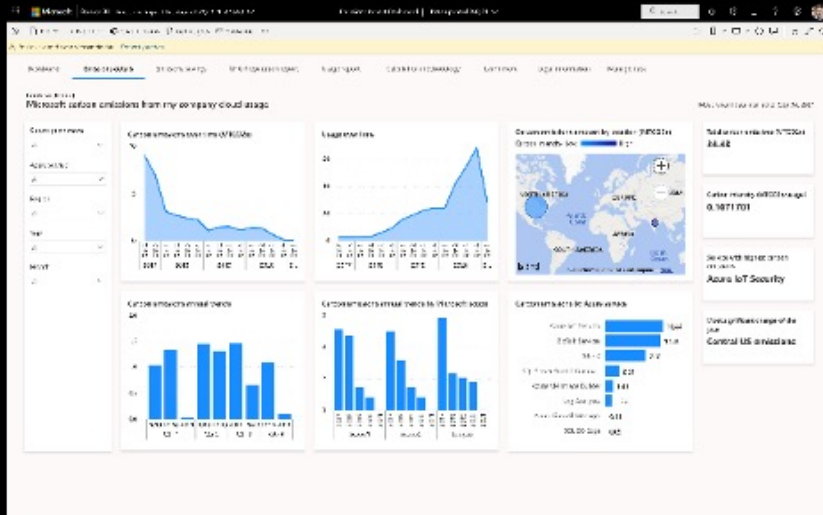
Vendor is responsible for offering sustainable products and services



Consumer is responsible for using technologies sustainably

- Select sustainable vendors
- Use products and services to achieve their own sustainability outcomes

Emissions Impact Dashboard



The [Emissions Impact Dashboard](#) provides Microsoft customers with transparency into the emissions produced from their use of Azure services.

[Emissions Impact Dashboard for Microsoft 365](#) tracks emissions related to using Microsoft 365 core cloud services including Exchange Online, SharePoint Online, OneDrive for Business, and Microsoft Teams.

Simplify carbon reporting with easy access to report on Scope 3 emissions from your cloud infrastructure

Validated methodology for carbon calculation is based on standard protocols, has been verified by a 3rd party

Decide with data reviewing reduction trends for cloud usage over time through Microsoft Cloud use



Sustainability guidance

Plan your path forward, improve your sustainability posture, and create new business value while reducing your operational footprint.

[Azure Well-Architected Framework sustainability guidance](#)

[Azure Well-Architected Framework sustainability self-assessment](#)

[Azure Kubernetes sustainability guidance](#)

An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef. In the foreground, there's a large, branching piece of coral. In the background, a school of small fish swims towards the surface where bright sunlight rays penetrate the water. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and greens.

Skilling initiatives

Build cloud skills and cultivate a culture of learning to help your teams navigate evolving sustainability requirements.

[Cloud Skills
Challenge for Azure
sustainability topics](#)

[Microsoft Learn
Collection for Azure
sustainability topics](#)

[Principles of
Sustainable Software
Engineering course](#)

SUPPORTING OUR CUSTOMERS ON THE PATH TO NET ZERO



Datacenters are the compute engine of the cloud

Microsoft Cloud
for
Sustainability

"We can truly
make an outsized
impact on climate
change leveraging
the power of
technology"

RECORD
REPORT
REDUCE
carbon emissions

We are building
strategies, solutions, and
partnerships that put the
power of our technology
to work on the planet

Emissions Impact
Dashboard

100/100/0
commitment

renewable energy
around the globe

7.8 gigawatt
renewable energy
procured globally to date

remove
CO₂

reduce
CO₂

Protect more land than
then we use

Innovate how we build and operate
datacenters

two-phase liquid
immersion cooling

Advance waterless
cooling technologies

Reduce reliance on
diesel backup power

hydrogen fuel cell
backup power

Reduce embodied carbon
in construction

explore carbon-storing materials
such as algae and mycelium
(mushroom)

Provide more renewable,
reliable energy to the grid

grid-interactive uninterruptible
power supply

Will help us extend the
lifecycle of our servers

83% reuse and 17% recycle of critical
parts while reducing carbon emissions
by 145,000 metric tons CO₂ equivalent

revitalize
Circular Centers

resources

restore

renew

zero
waste

achieve and renew Zero
Waste certifications

Become

water
positive

We will reduce water use in
our evaporative cooled
datacenters globally by 95%
by 2024

carbon
negative

incredibly
Herculean task

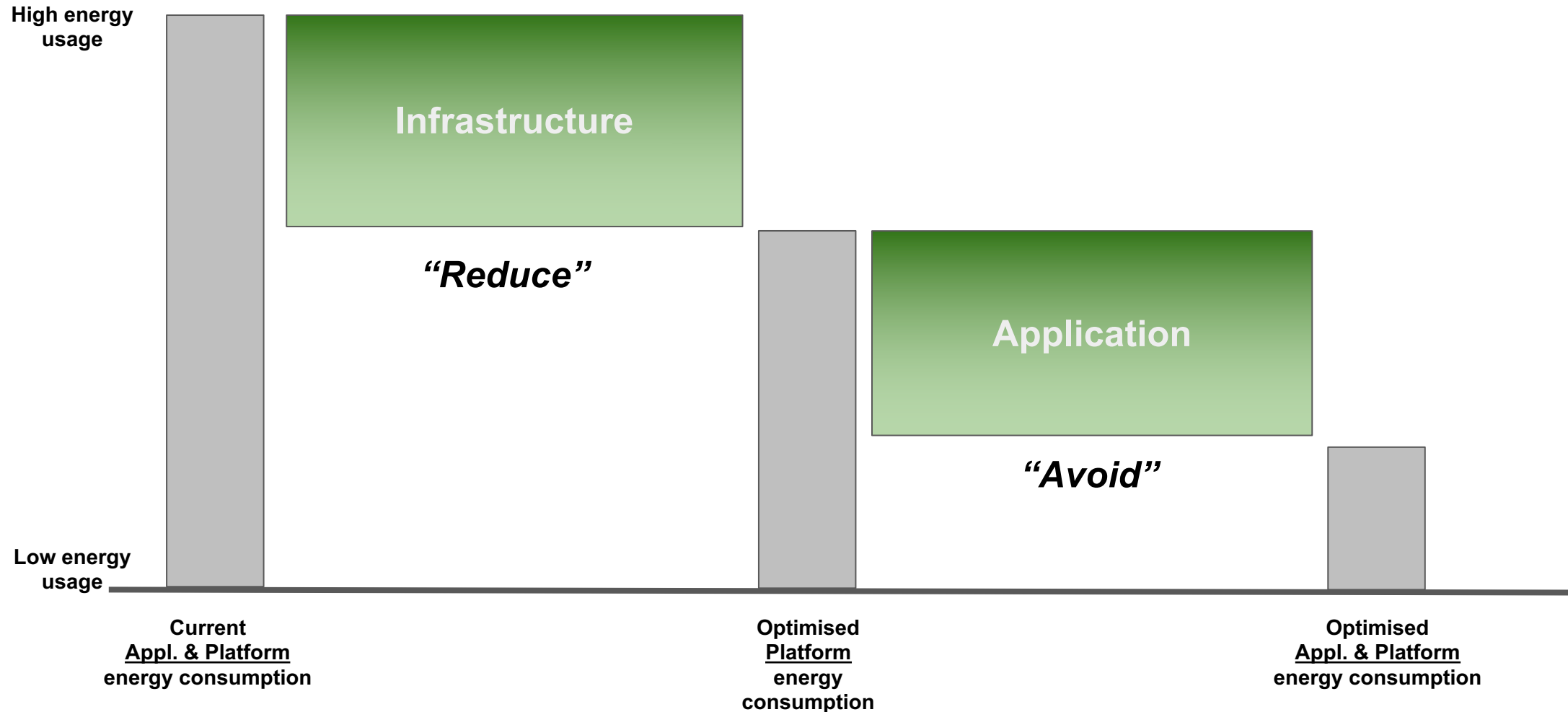
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Empower every person and
every organization on the
planet to **achieve more**

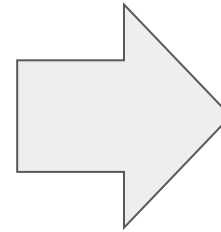
Gains from Java Modernization

Efficiency Gains from Infrastructure and Application Optimization



How do we solve it and get the benefits of modernisation?

"Tumble dryer"



"Light bulb"

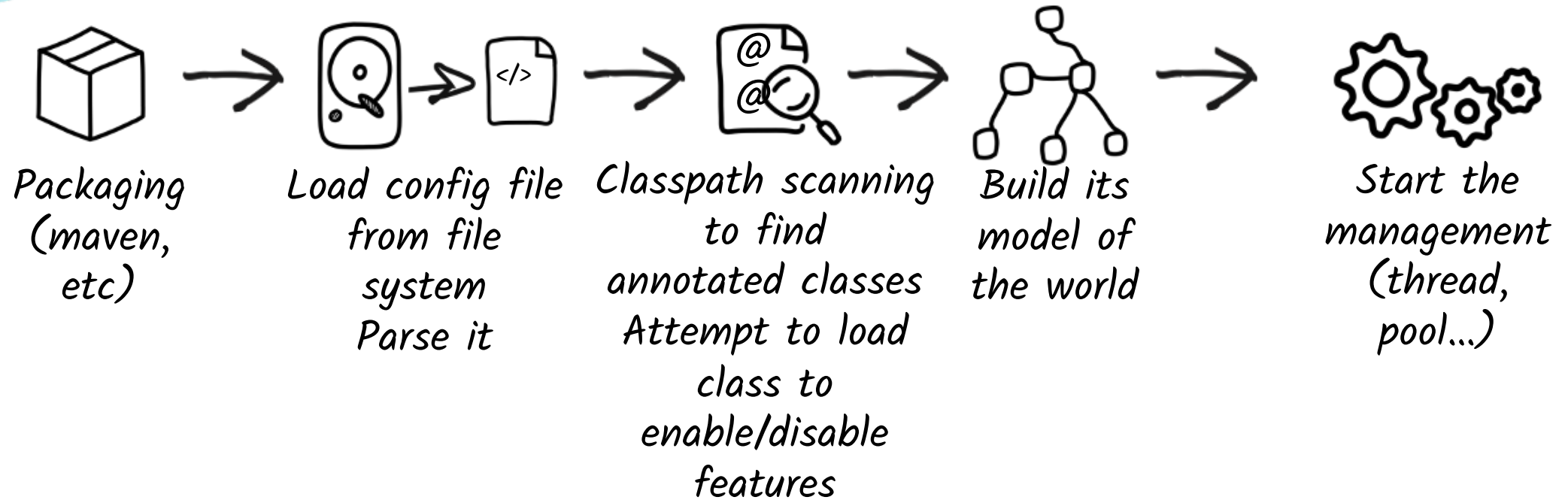


Let's focus on Java....

How does a traditional Java framework start?

Build Time

Runtime



How a Quarkus framework starts

Build Time

Runtime



Build Time

Runtime

What is Quarkus - A Java framework tailored for Kubernetes
deployments.



Supersonic, Subatomic **Java**

Fast.

Blazing fast to start.

Millisecond fast!

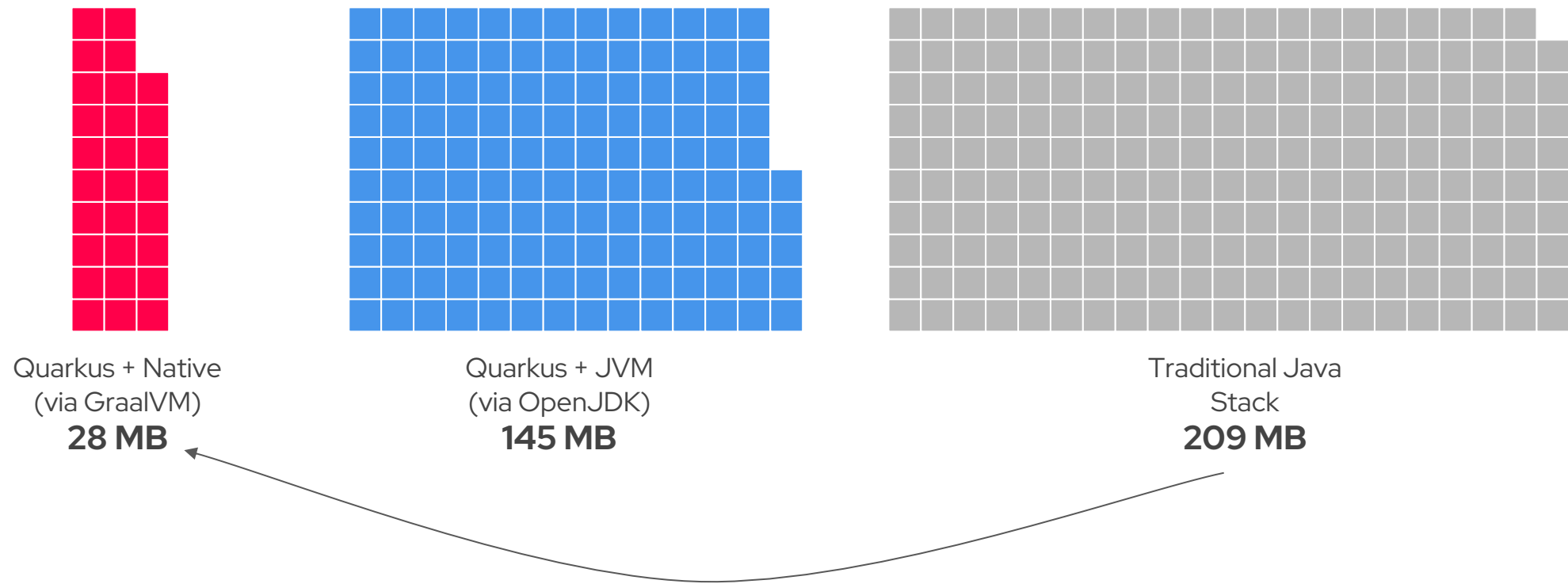
Improve memory consumption.

Increase deployment density.



What is the difference → smaller footprint to do the same or more

In Operation → when running REST (Integrations / APIs)
+ CRUD (Create, Read, Update and Delete) *



*Memory (RSS) in Megabytes, tested on a single-core machine

How does Quarkus help reduce carbon?

'free'

direct
passive
easy to measure

lower memory usage
higher throughput for same resources



energy
usage

'enabled behaviours'

harder to measure real world impact
depends on people taking advantage



machine
selection
(provisioning)



running the same workload on a smaller
machine
saves energy
saves embodied carbon

elasticity

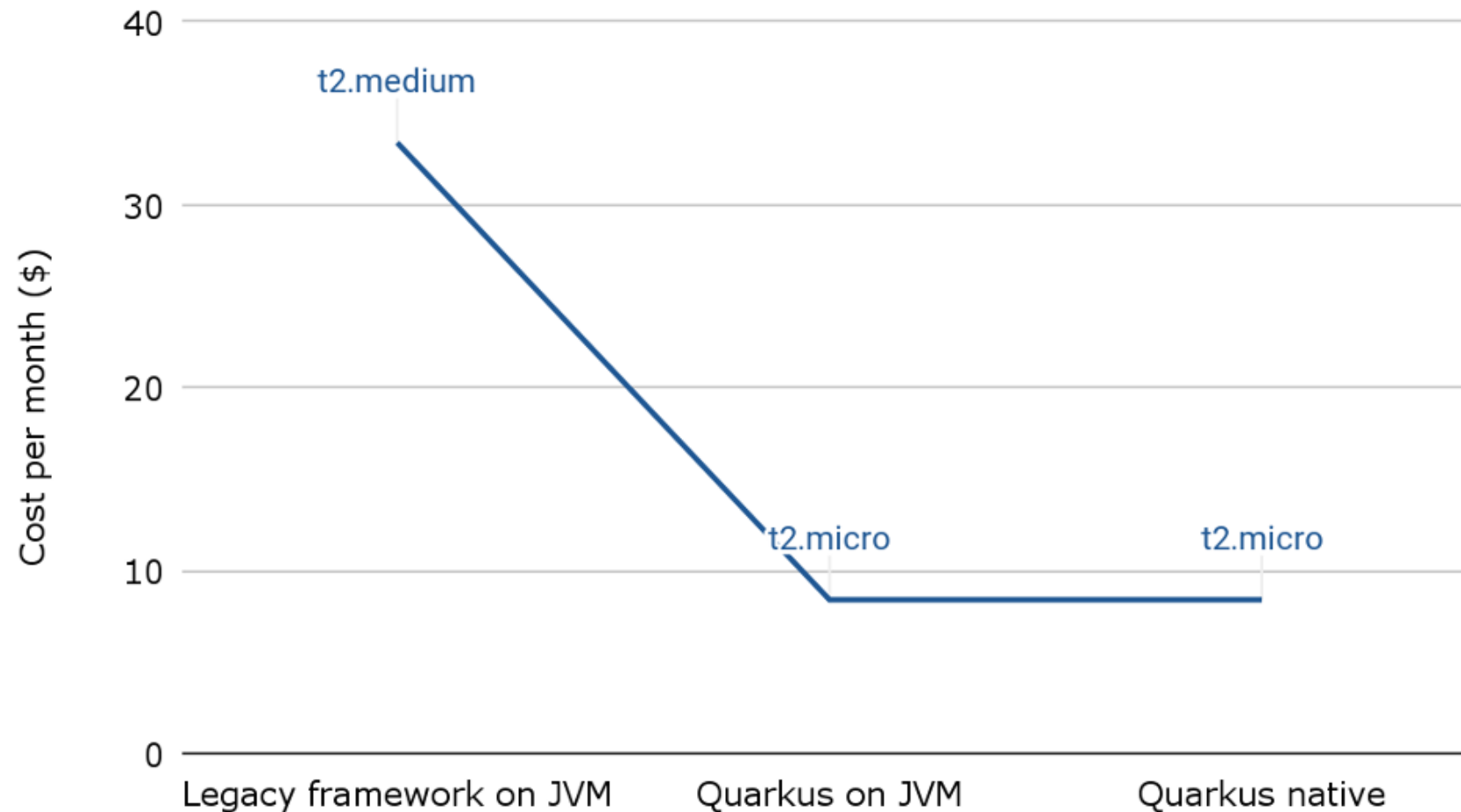


scaling workloads down (ideally to 0)
serverless a good example (but not the only one)

Customer Examples & Economical view

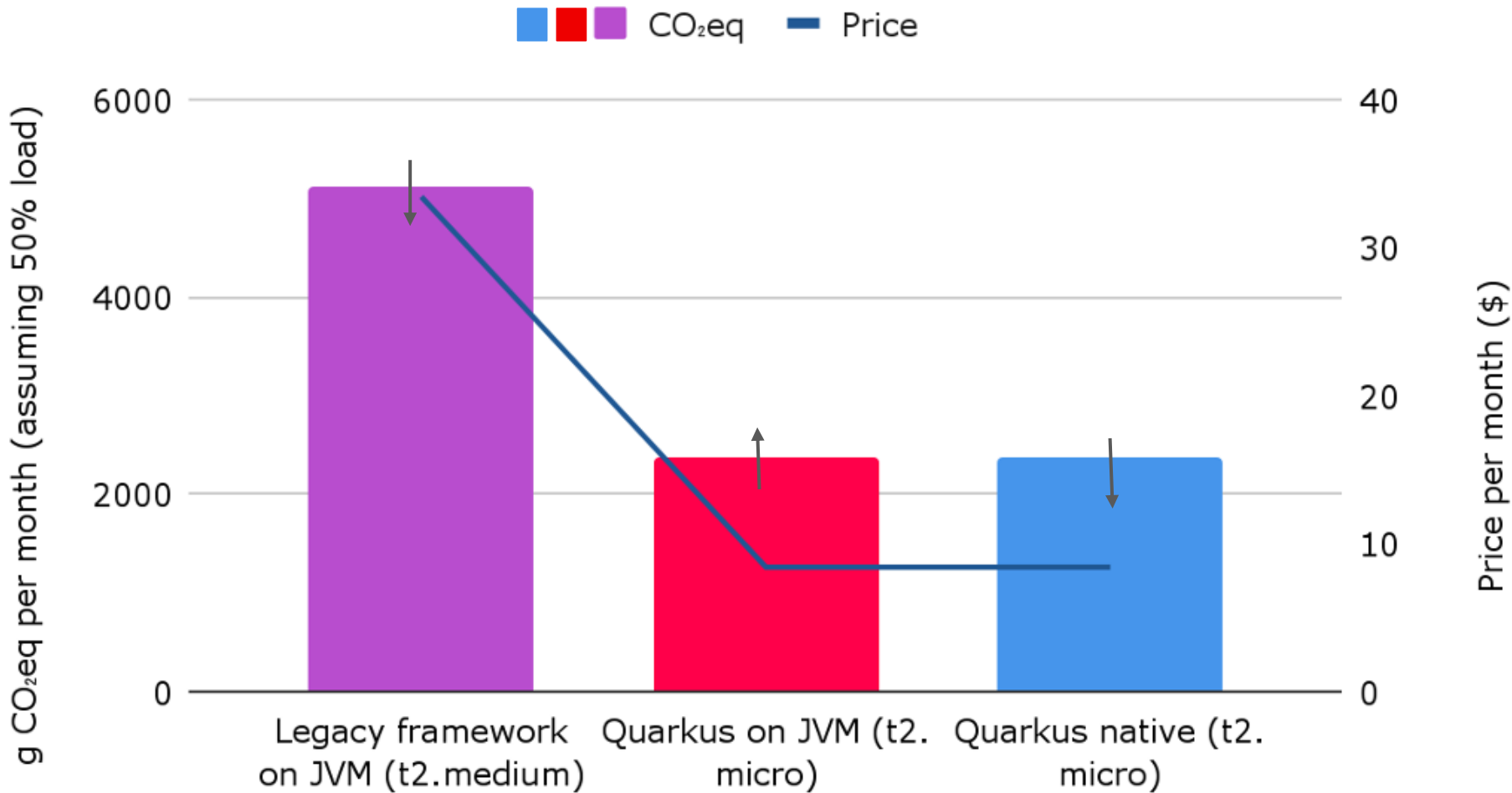
Calculation example based on real applications using Quarkus

Cloud cost impact of framework choice



Calculation example - translated to Co2 footprint

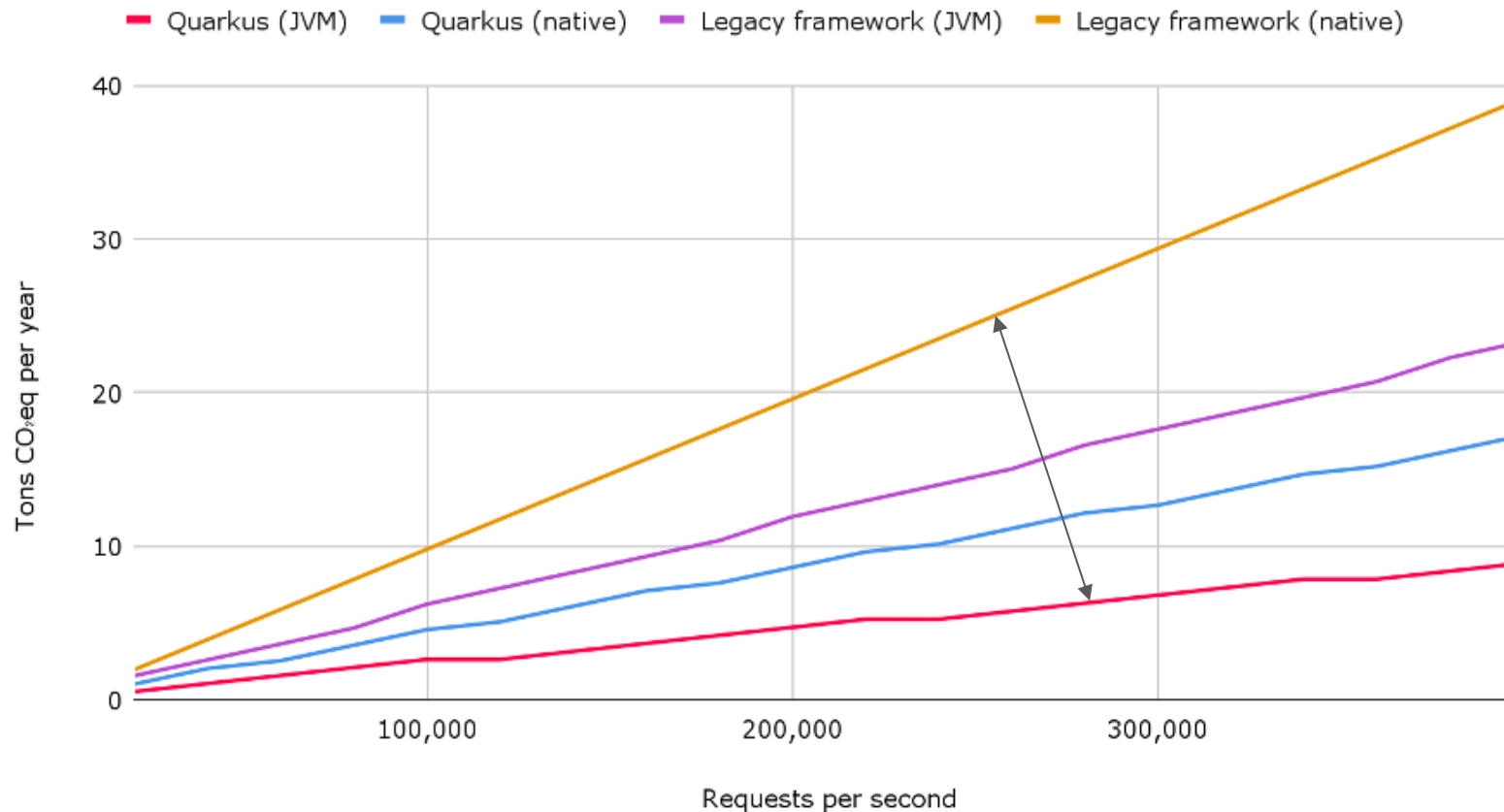
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46 What's being measured? An application handled 800 requests/second, over 20 days. The application was run on the smallest EC2 instance that did not result in errors. Costs are for us-east-1, and carbon is estimated using the Teads dataset. Because of limitations of the datasets, load was assumed to be 50%. The arrows show a guess at actual load.

Calculation example - translated to Co2 footprint - at Scale

CRUD climate impact at high load (multiple instances)



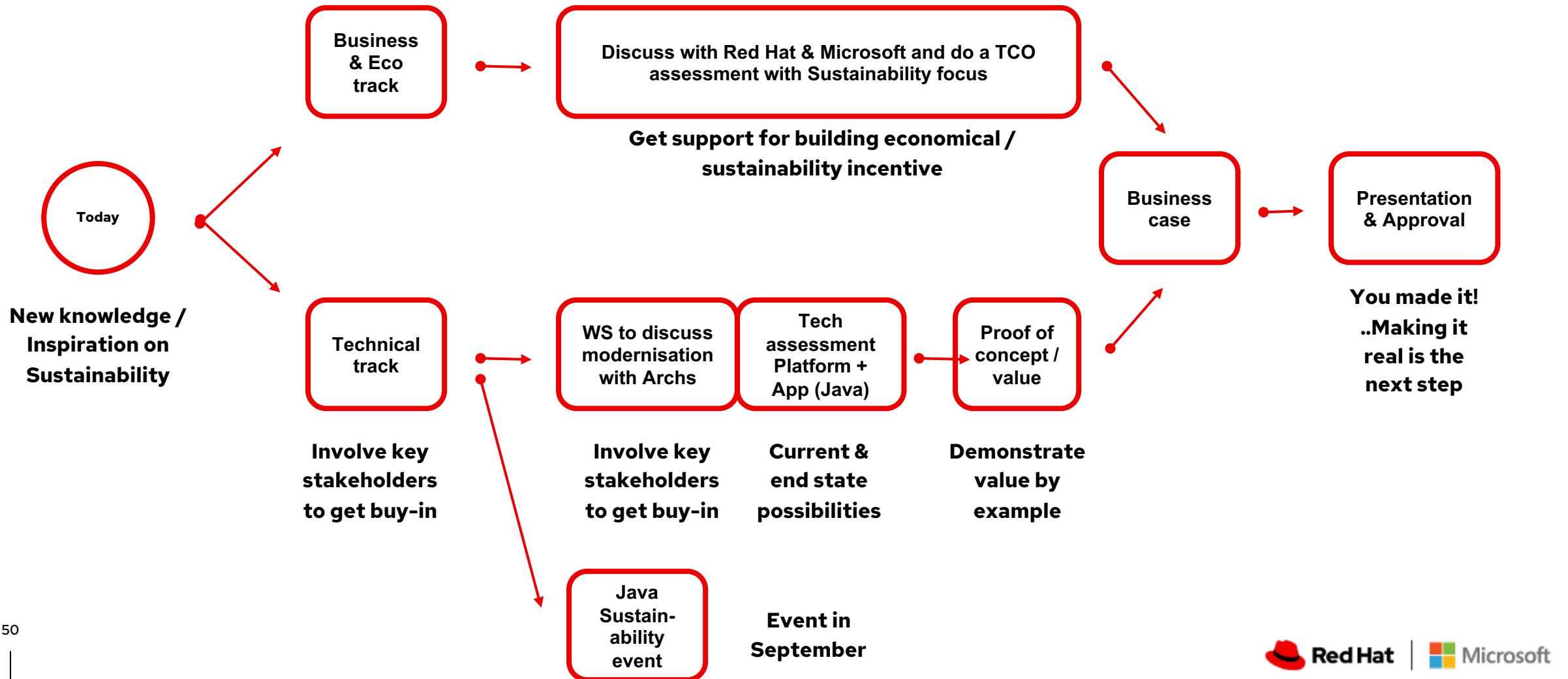
That is all good, but....

“I’ve never met a customer who wanted to buy software or hardware.
I’ve only met customers who wanted the value they provide”

- Companies are understandably cautious about the current and future state of the economy.
- Red Hat recognizes the need to prioritize projects based on the highest and fastest returns.
- Red Hat offers no-charge Business Value Assessments to pro-actively help you compare cost & business value

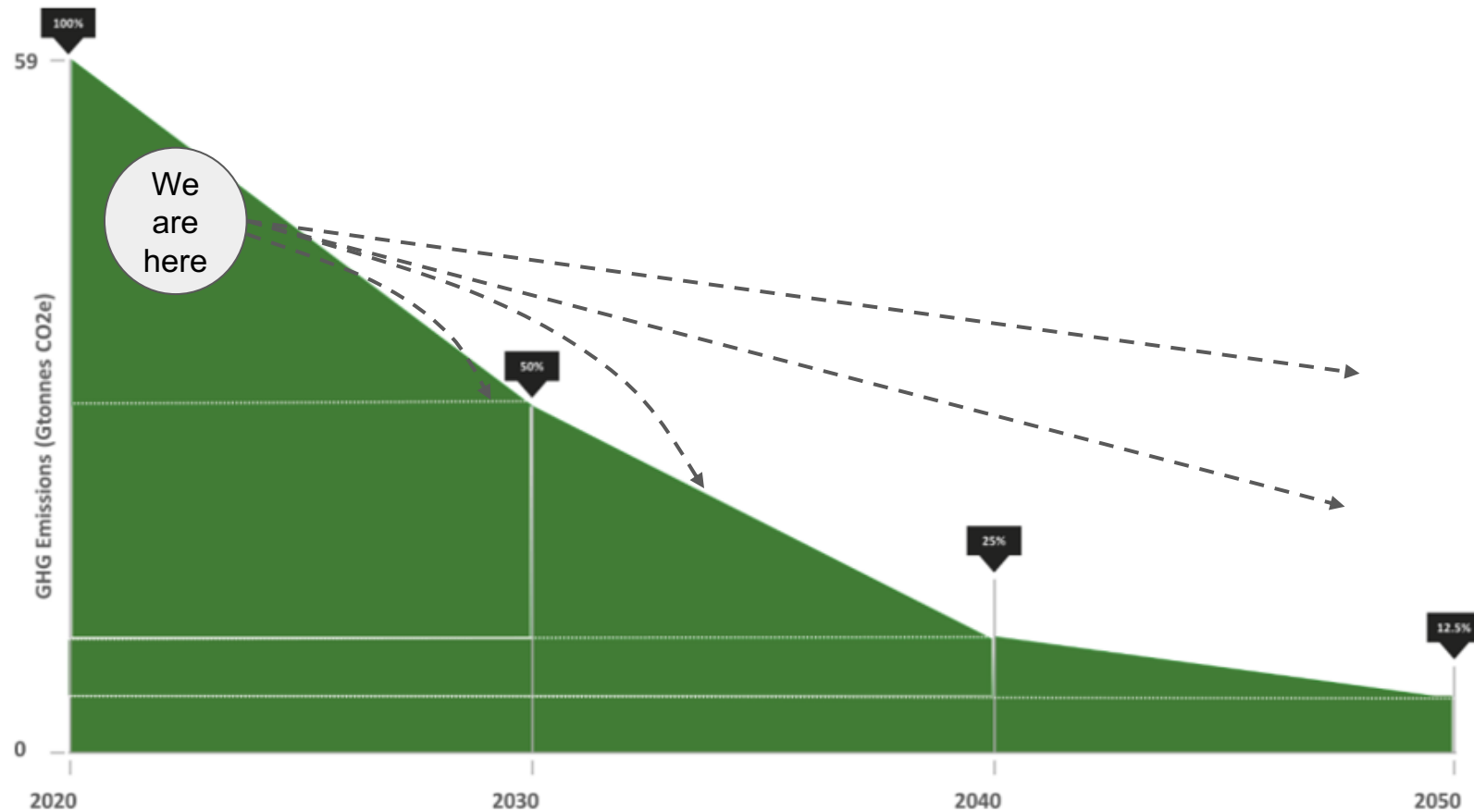
Where do we go from here?

Your situation... What are the next steps?

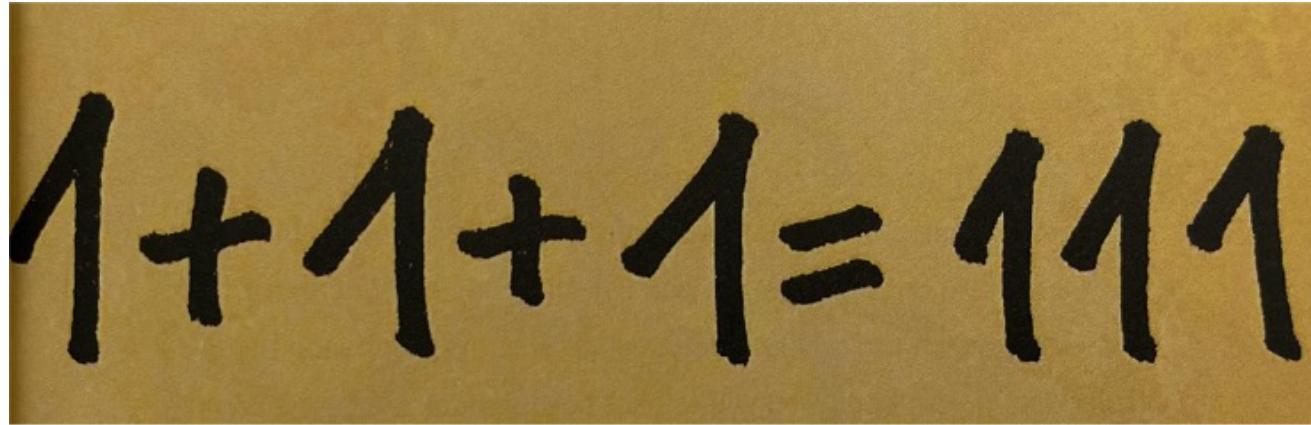


Zooming out

Rebalance / Stabilize -> Bend the curve



How much will it help?



**New
sustainable
Java
frameworks**

**Efficient
Cloud
solutions**

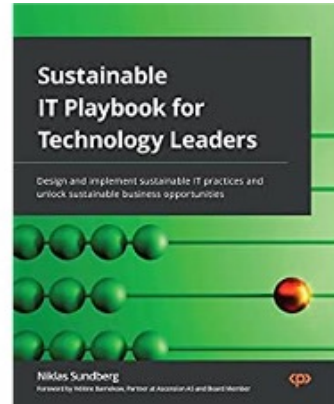
**Viable
economic of
initiatives**



**Compounded
reduction in
footprint
"Go to Green"**

Build your awareness

- ▶ Recommended / Useful books



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<https://quarkus.io/blog/quarkus-for-spring-developers/>

- ▶ Red Hat technology

- Whitepaper around Quarkus for sustainability - <https://www.redhat.com/en/resources/greener-java-applications-detail>
- Redmonk interview - <https://redmonk.com/videos/sustainable-software-and-systems-lightswitch-ops-for-the-triple-win-a-redmonk-conversation/>

Summary, where do we go from here?



Your own decision, but....

The future depends on what you do today.



Recap on why companies invest in sustainability



Come over & discuss with our Azure and Red Hat colleagues today!
We are here during today's event

Discussion / Questions