



**Improve Performance and save Money,  
Space and Power with Dolphin for  
MySQL based Web Servers**

- ▶ Dolphin Quick Facts
- ▶ Dolphin Express for Database Clusters
  - Superior TCO
  - Performance
  - Fault Tolerance
- ▶ Q&A

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# Quick Facts about Dolphin



- ▶ Global provider of interconnect solutions since 1994
  - Main locations Oslo, Norway and Massachusetts, USA
- ▶ Leading Products and Technology
  - Dolphin Express
    - ▶ Enterprise Clustering and I/O Expansion
    - ▶ Embedded OEM



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# Dolphin Express for Database Clusters

**TCO**, Performance & Fault  
Tolerance

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# Introducing Dolphin Express



Dolphin Express provides the industry's best solution for maximizing the performance of every database application.

- ▶ 4X+ for Oracle
- ▶ 4X+ for MySQL
- ▶ Dramatically increase concurrent user capacity
- ▶ Substantially lower cost than alternatives
- ▶ No changes to applications or databases
- ▶ Transparent and automatic High Availability

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- ▶ Integrated Solution
  - Dolphin Express Hardware
  - SuperSockets™ Software
- ▶ Transparent to Applications
  - NO changes to applications necessary
  - ALL Applications using Sockets API (TCP-UDP-RDS) will work
  - Use of LD\_PRELOAD
- ▶ Scalable
  - Scales to hundreds of nodes with 2-D or 3-D distributed switching
- ▶ High Availability - Fault Tolerance
  - NO single point of Failure
  - Automatic rerouting in case of node failures
  - Multi-Channel Support with Automatic Channel Bonding
  - Automatic Fail-Over to Ethernet
- ▶ Low TCO with Investment Protection
  - Software compatibility with future hardware products

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# Lowest Cost and Best Performance



## With Dolphin

Qty	Desc	Price
6	Servers	\$ 45,000
6	RAC licenses	\$120,000
6	Dolphin cards	\$ 6,000
1	Support (15/20)	\$ 30,750
Total:		\$201,750

## Without Dolphin

Qty	Desc	Price
12	Servers	\$ 90,000
12	RAC licenses	\$240,000
12	Ethernet cards	\$ 1,800
1	Support (15/20)	\$ 61,500
Total:		\$393,300

- Dolphin solution is \$191,550 (49%) less than competitor's
- Dolphin solution is \$65,706 less per year in OpEx (source: innovate.intel.com)
- 3 Year TCO savings: \$354,000

Conclusion: Dolphin delivers the industry's fastest solution for applications, while dramatically reducing the Capital and ongoing Operational Expenses associated with those environments.

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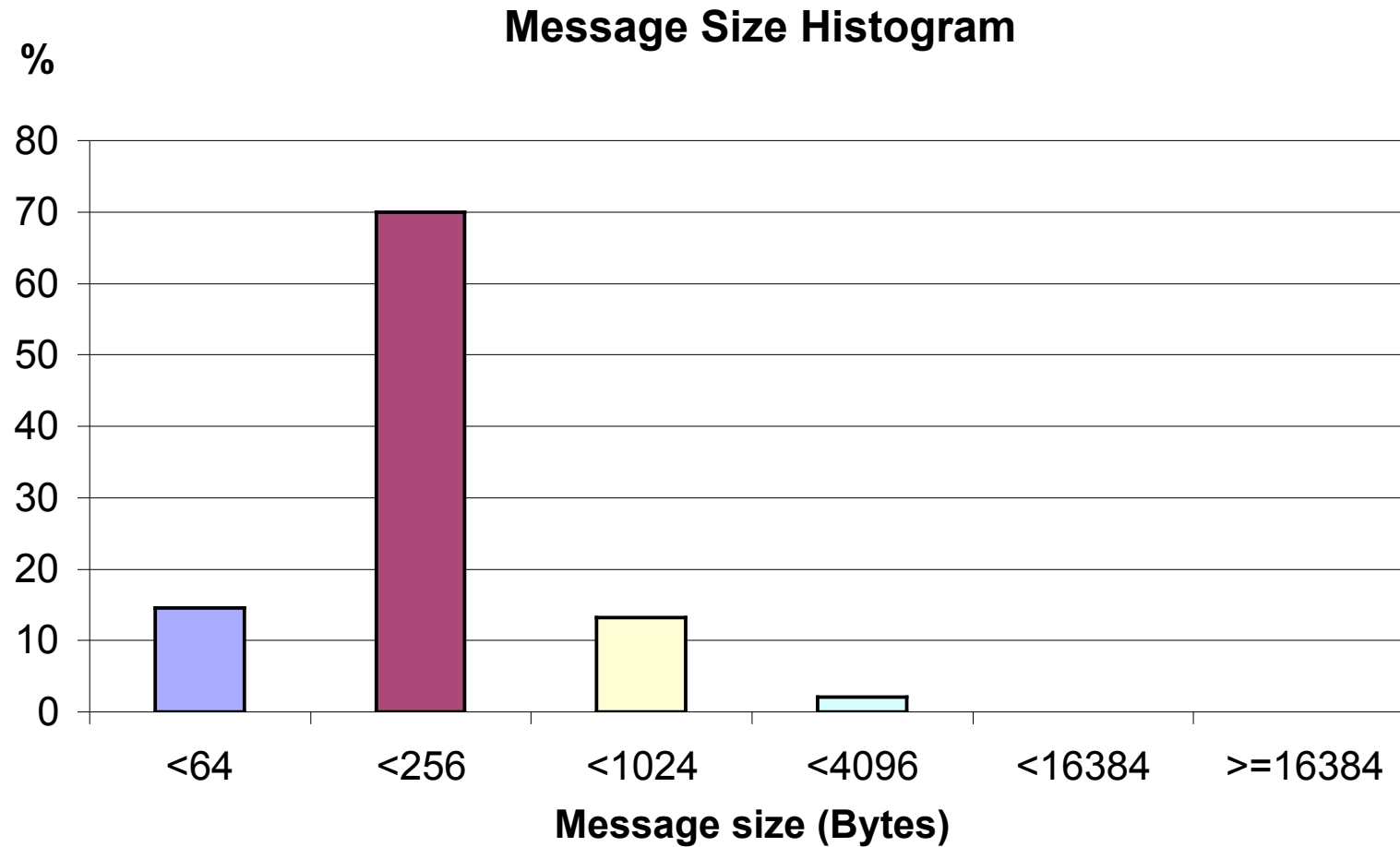
# Web Server Requirements



- ▶ Adequate Capacity
  - Scale with Traffic
    - ▶ Throughput
    - ▶ Response Time
- ▶ Reliable
  - No Downtime visible to Clients
- ▶ Cost Efficient

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# DBT2 Message Size Distribution



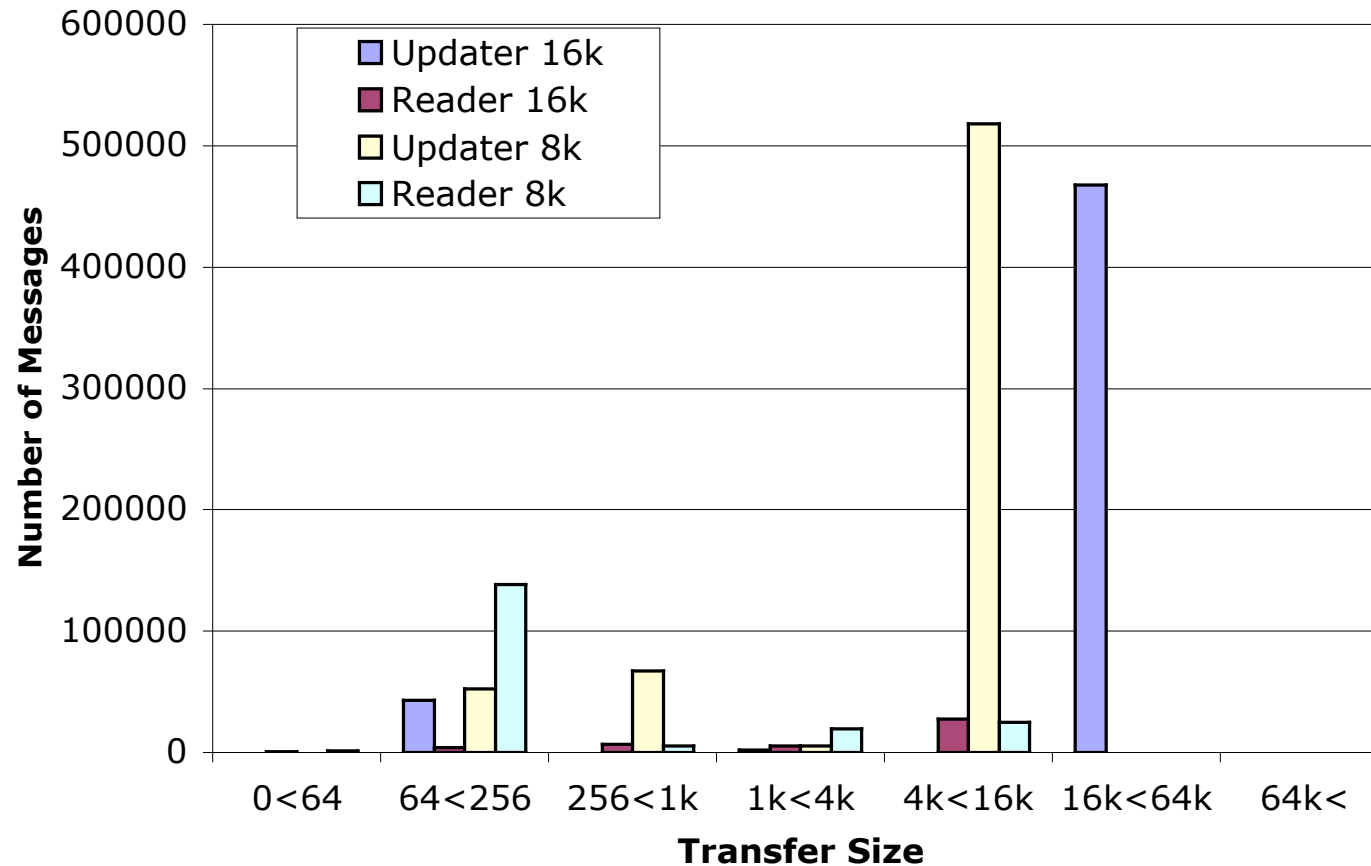
Data from DBT2 Benchmark  
by Mikael Ronström

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# Oracle RAC Message Sizes

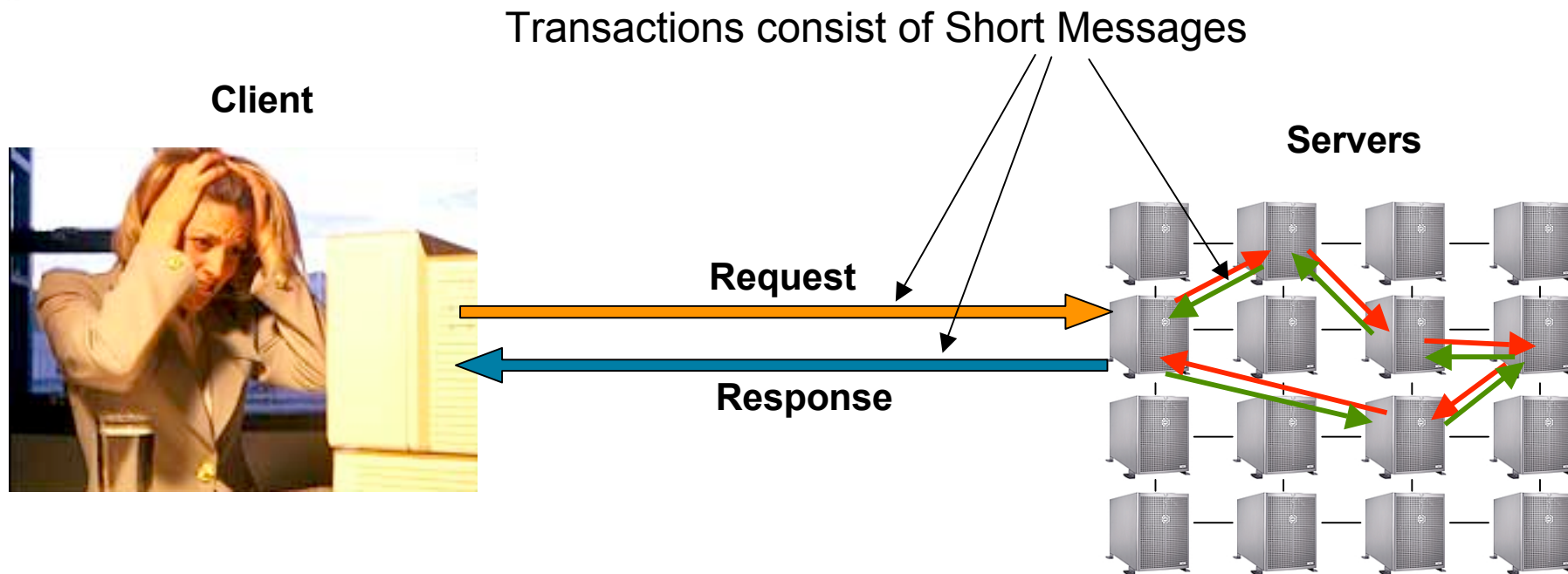


## Oracle inter-node Communication



NO transfers  
larger than  
8k/ 16k blocks  
(16k = max.  
cache block size)

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**Transaction and other  
Database applications:  
Latency is Key for Response Time  
and Transaction Throughput**

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# Latency and Bandwidth



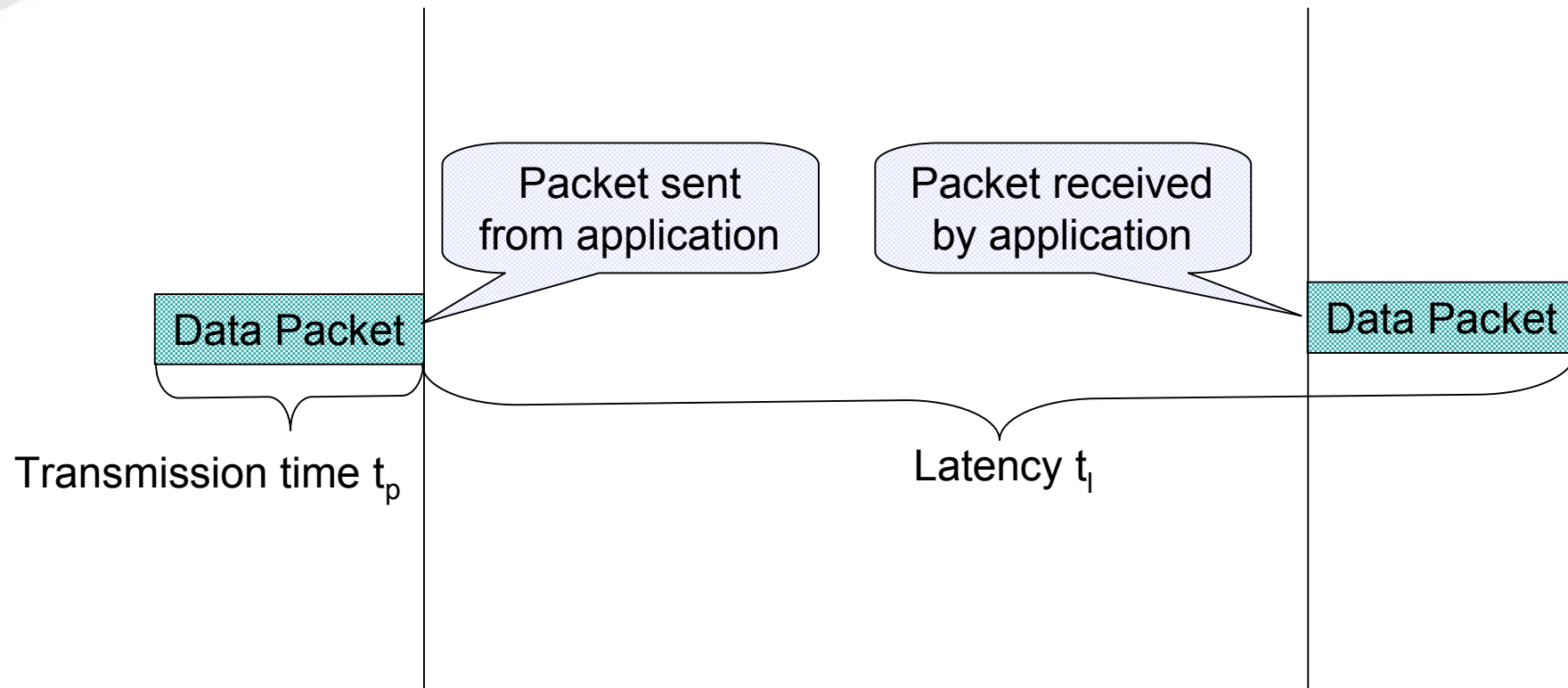
## Low Latency...



- High Bandwidth

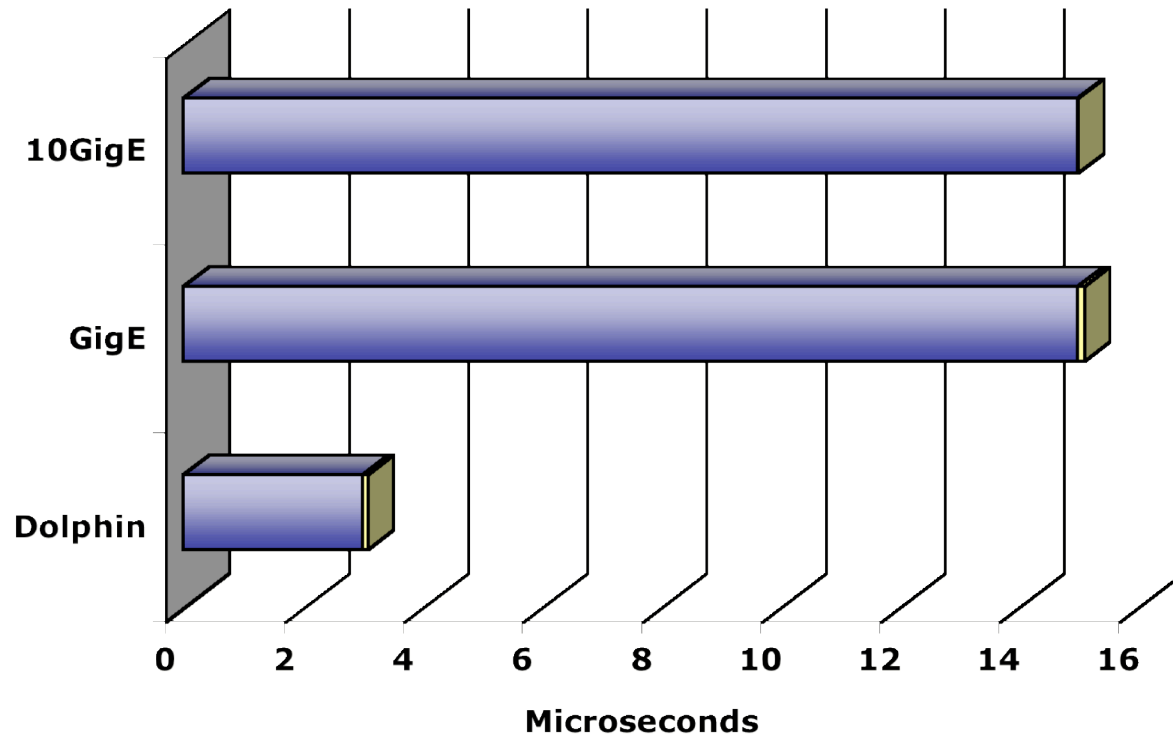


# Latency Fundamentals



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# 16-bytes Packet Latency



	Dolphin	GigE	10GigE
Packet Flight	0,1	0,1	0,01
Latency	3	15	15

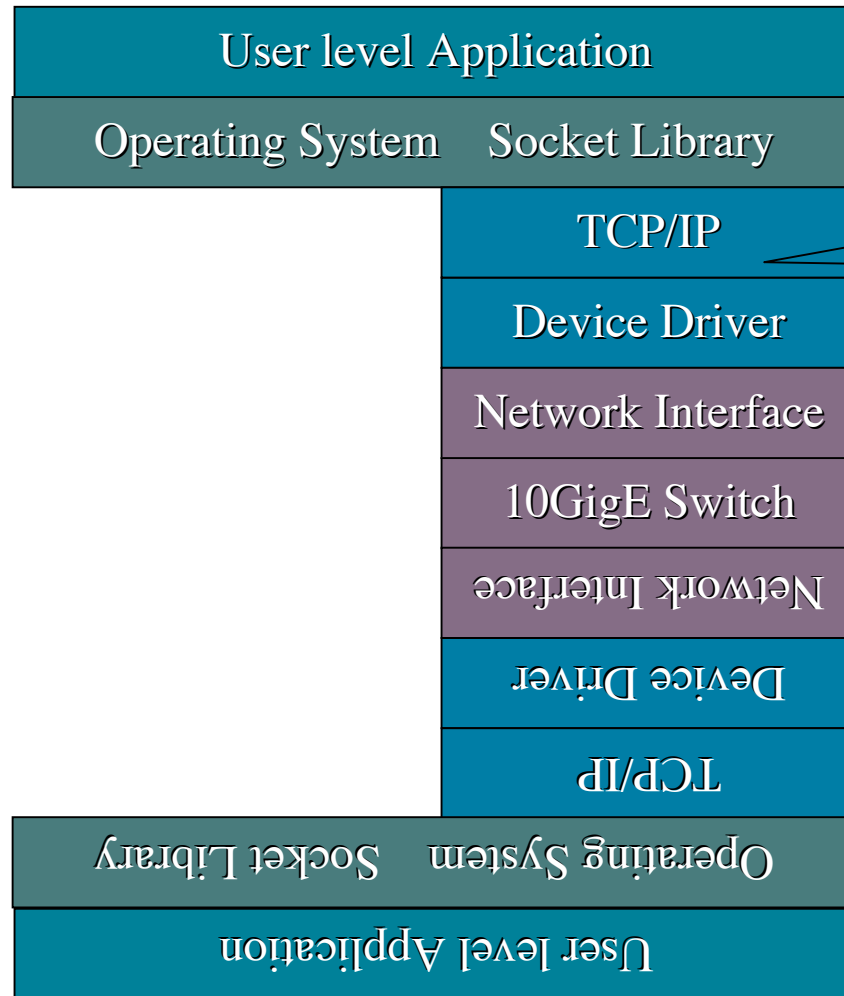
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- ▶ Database communication patterns consist of short data packets
  - Performance is sensitive to latency and overhead
    - ▶ Response time
    - ▶ Throughput
- ▶ Batching of messages
  - Improves throughput to a certain degree, but
  - Creates longer response times
  - Introduces more overhead

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# GigE/10GigE Network Stack



20 - 50 $\mu$ s with 10GigE

Network time @256Bytes payload

GigE : 3.12 $\mu$ s

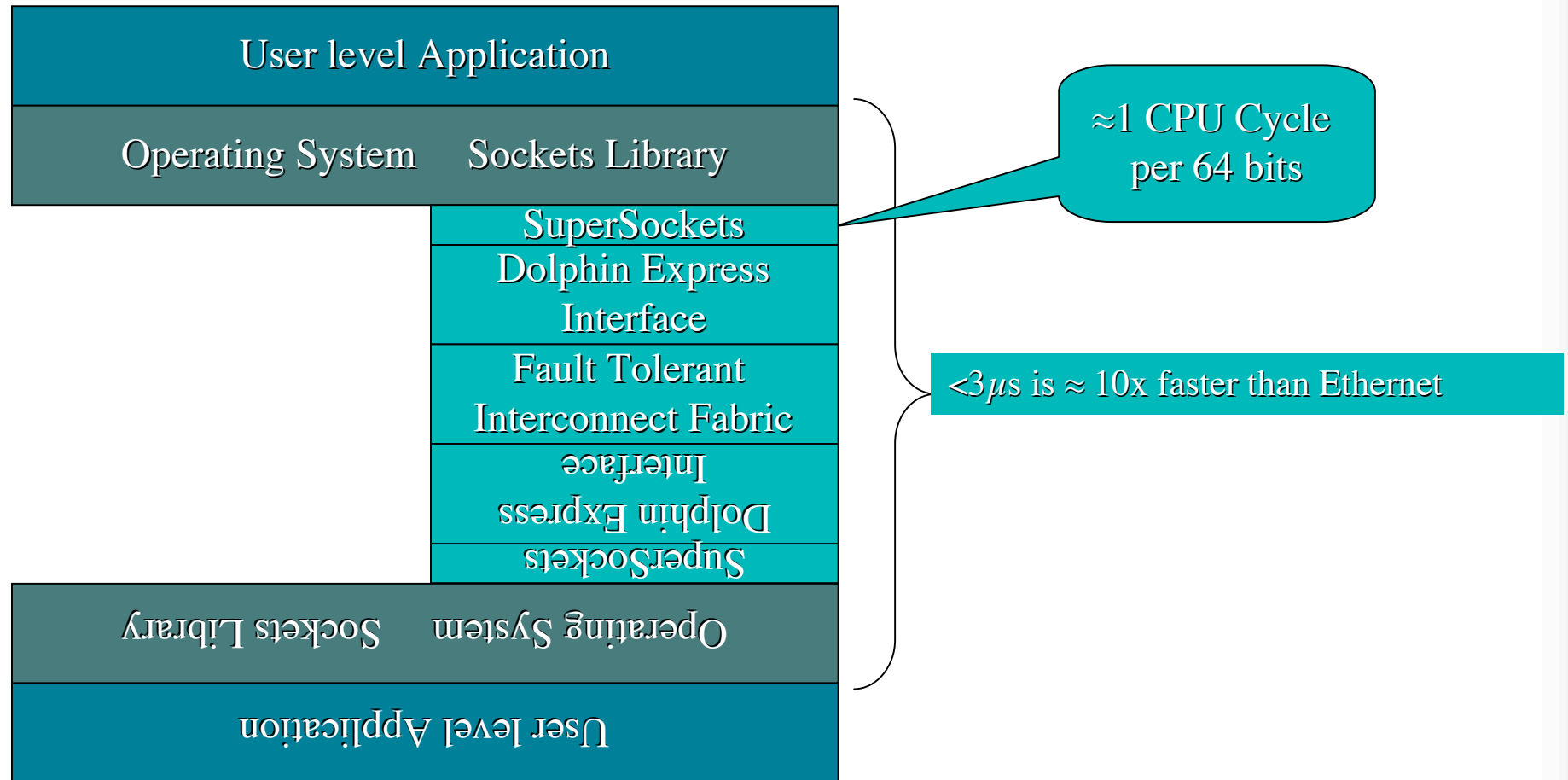
10GigE: 0.31 $\mu$ s

Diff.: 2.81 $\mu$ s

35 $\mu$ s - 2.81 $\mu$ s = 32.19 $\mu$ s (8%)

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# Dolphin Express Network Stack

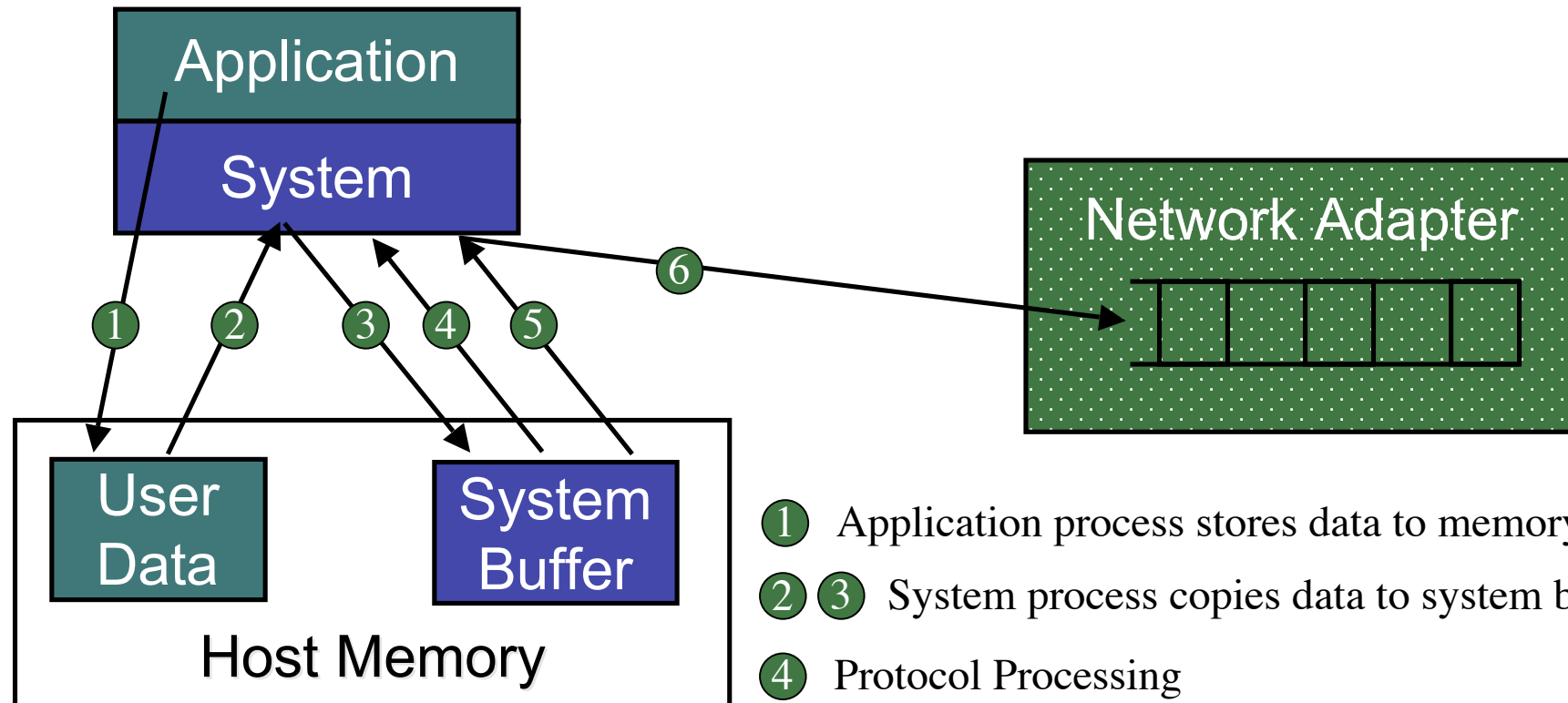


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# Shared-Nothing Data Transfers (Ether)



**This is how other interconnects work:**



n Bus data transfer

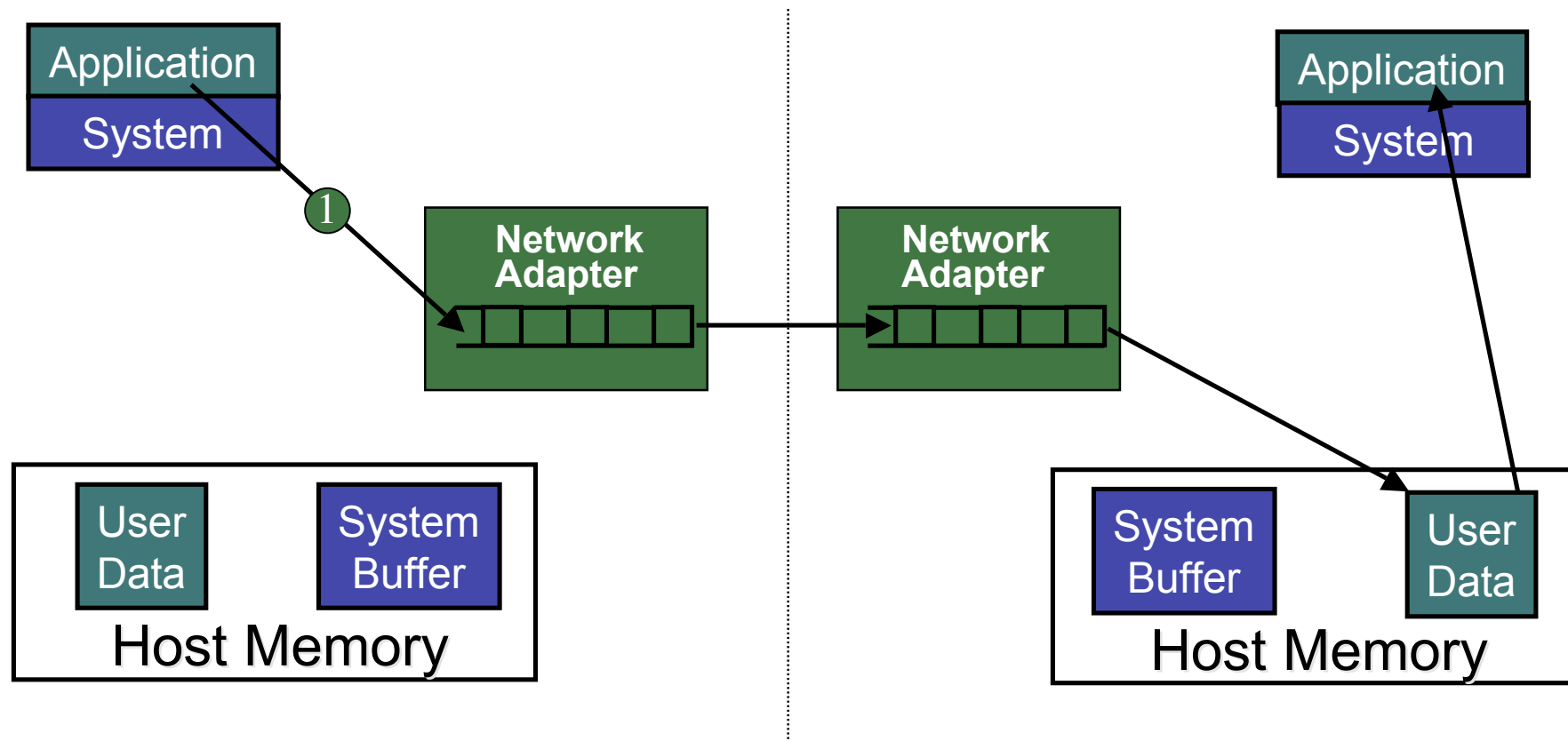
- ① Application process stores data to memory
- ② ③ System process copies data to system buffer
- ④ Protocol Processing
- ⑤ ⑥ Data is copied to network adapter (usually by a DMA engine)

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# Shared Address Space Data Transfers



**This is how Dolphin Express does it:**



- ① Application process stores data directly to remote memory

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- ▶ Berkeley Sockets API on Dolphin Express
- ▶ TCP/UDP/RDS compatible
- ▶ Data transfer through *remote shared memory*
- ▶ Flexibility through Configuration Files
  - Specifying Cluster Nodes
  - Specifying Communication Ports
- ▶ IP Address Virtualization

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## ▶ RMA default limits

- In-line Protocol < 1kBytes
- Short Protocol 1kBytes < 8KBytes
- Long Protocol 8kBytes <

## ▶ RDMA

- Selectable
  - ▶ Per Port
  - ▶ Lower transfer limit selectable per application

## ▶ All tuning parameters selectable per application

- Knowledge based defaults

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# Removing Database Cluster Bottlenecks



## ▶ Available CPU cycles

- Network Overhead
- TCP processing eats CPU cycles
- *Dolphin Express with SuperSockets Removes TCP/IP overhead - Reducing CPU Load*
  - ▶ *Dolphin Hardware provides built-in data integrity*

## ▶ Network Latency

- Database Traffic consists of short data packets

## ▶ Network Efficiency

- SuperSockets utilizes Remote Memory Access (RMA)
  - ▶ Reduces CPU overhead to transfer data to remote node
  - ▶ Important for short transfers
  - ▶ Reduces Latency

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## ▶ Interrupt Processing

- Dolphin Express has integrated Checksums
  - ▶ No Interrupt processing for Network Protocol
- Interrupt only required to wake sleeping process waiting for events on the Dolphin Express socket
- Per Socket Adaptive cross-over between polling and interrupt

## ▶ High Bandwidth with low overhead

- Dolphin Express provides
  - ▶ Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)
  - ▶ Reduces CPU overhead for large transfers

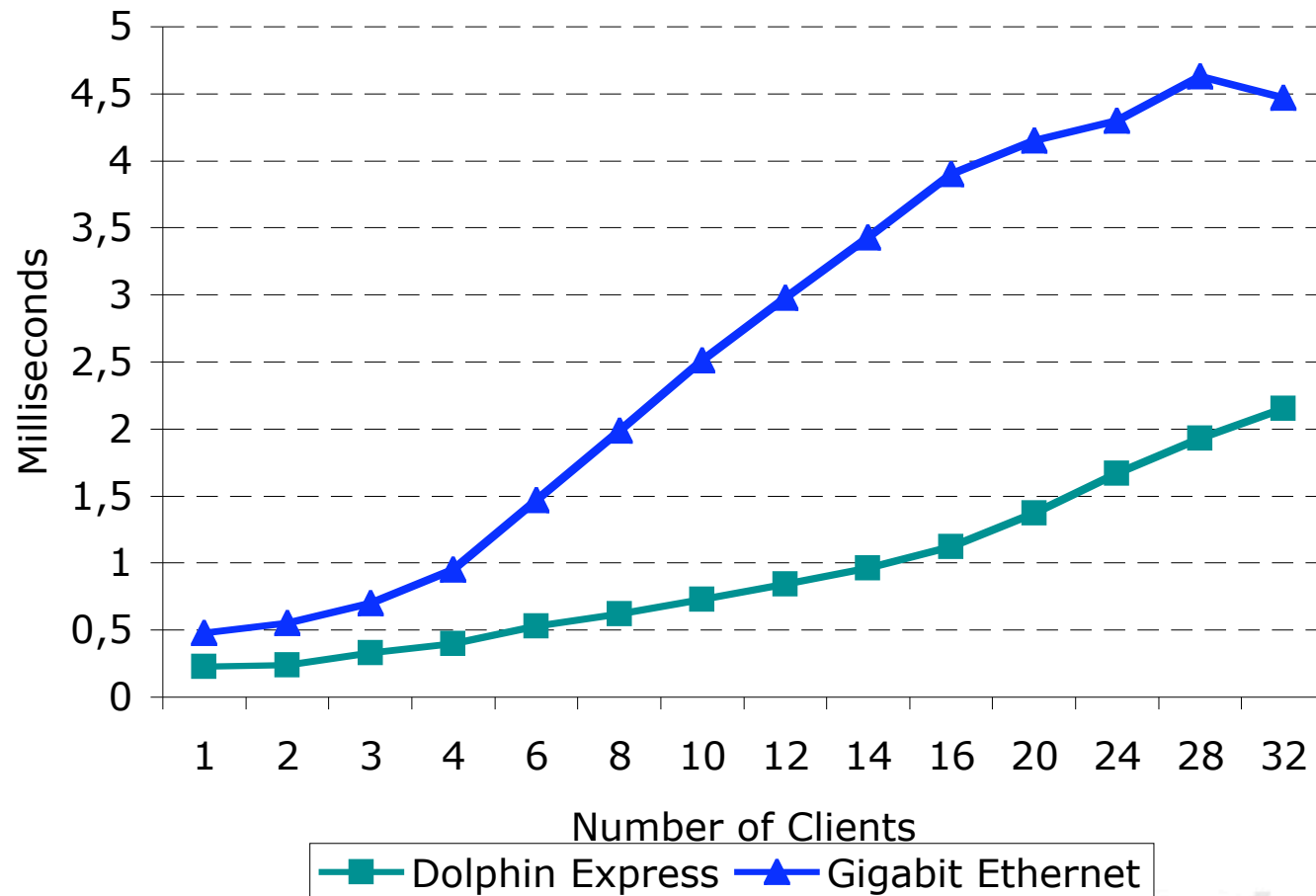
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# Oracle RAC Response Time



Oracle Block Service Response Time  
16k Block Size

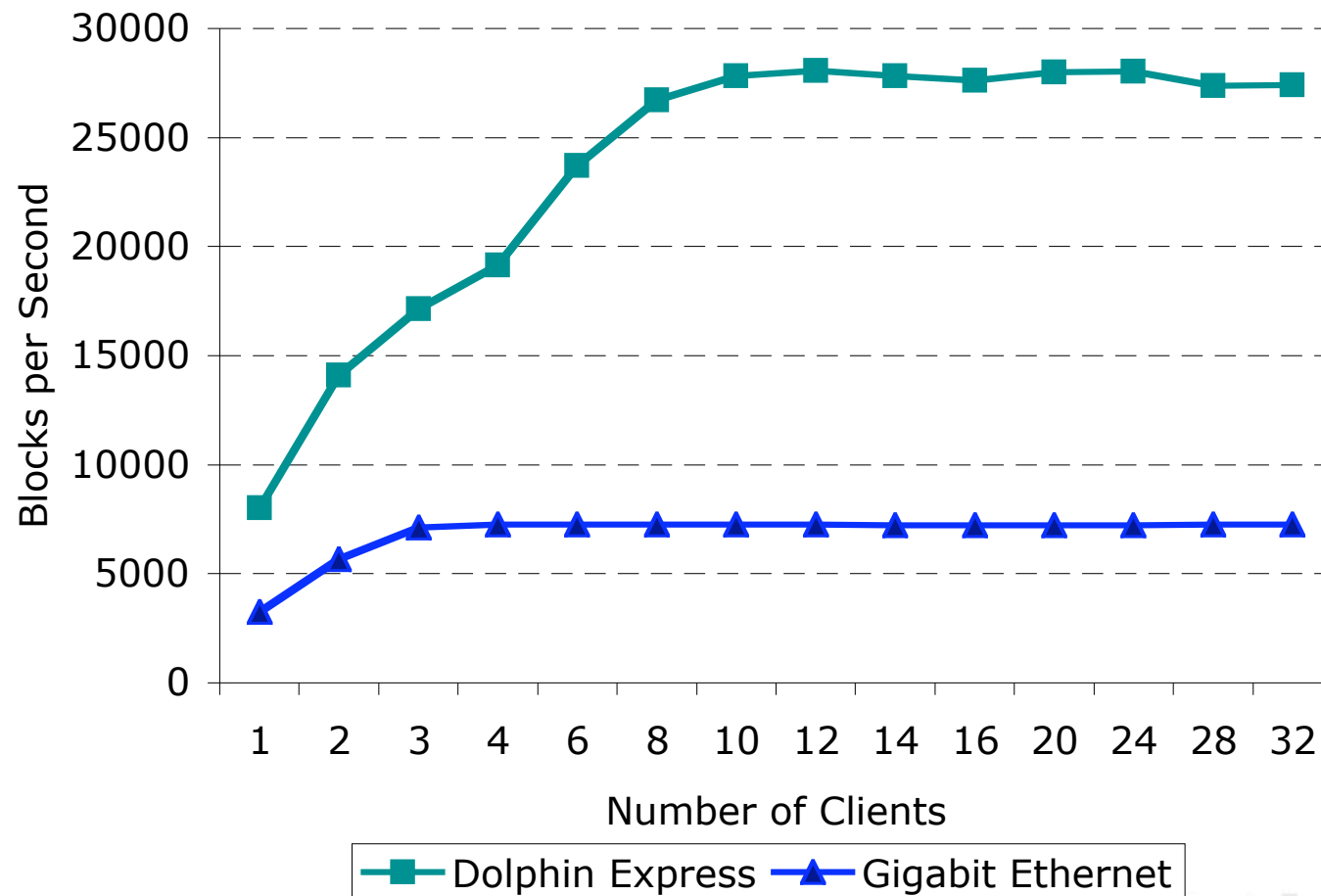


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# Oracle RAC Block Transfer Rate

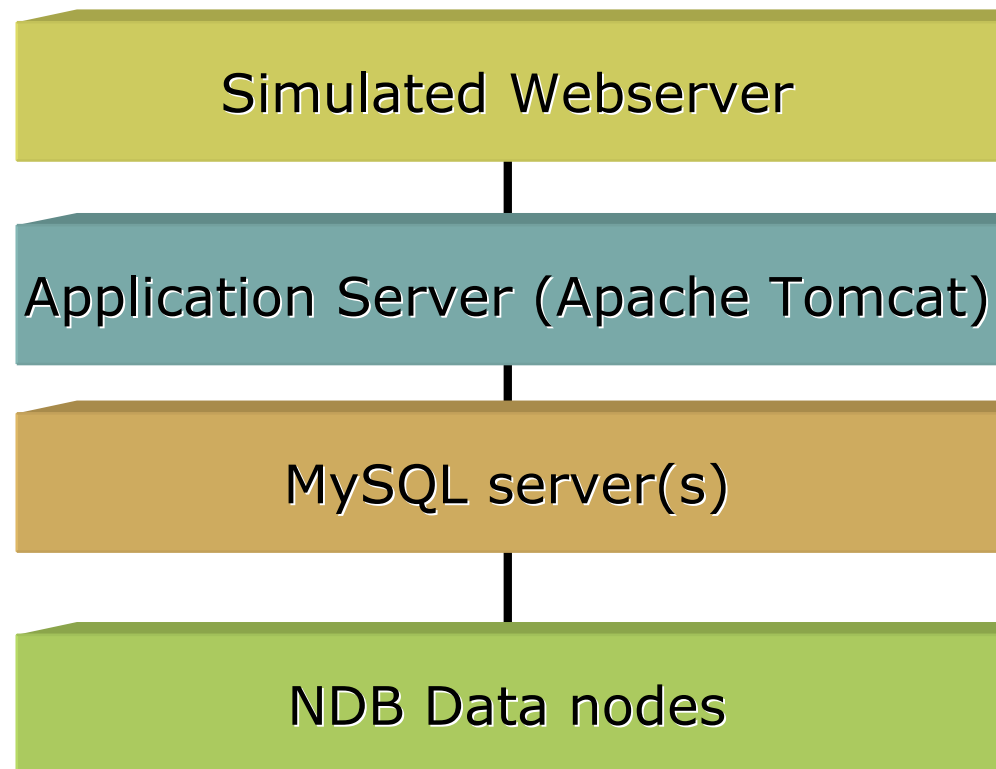


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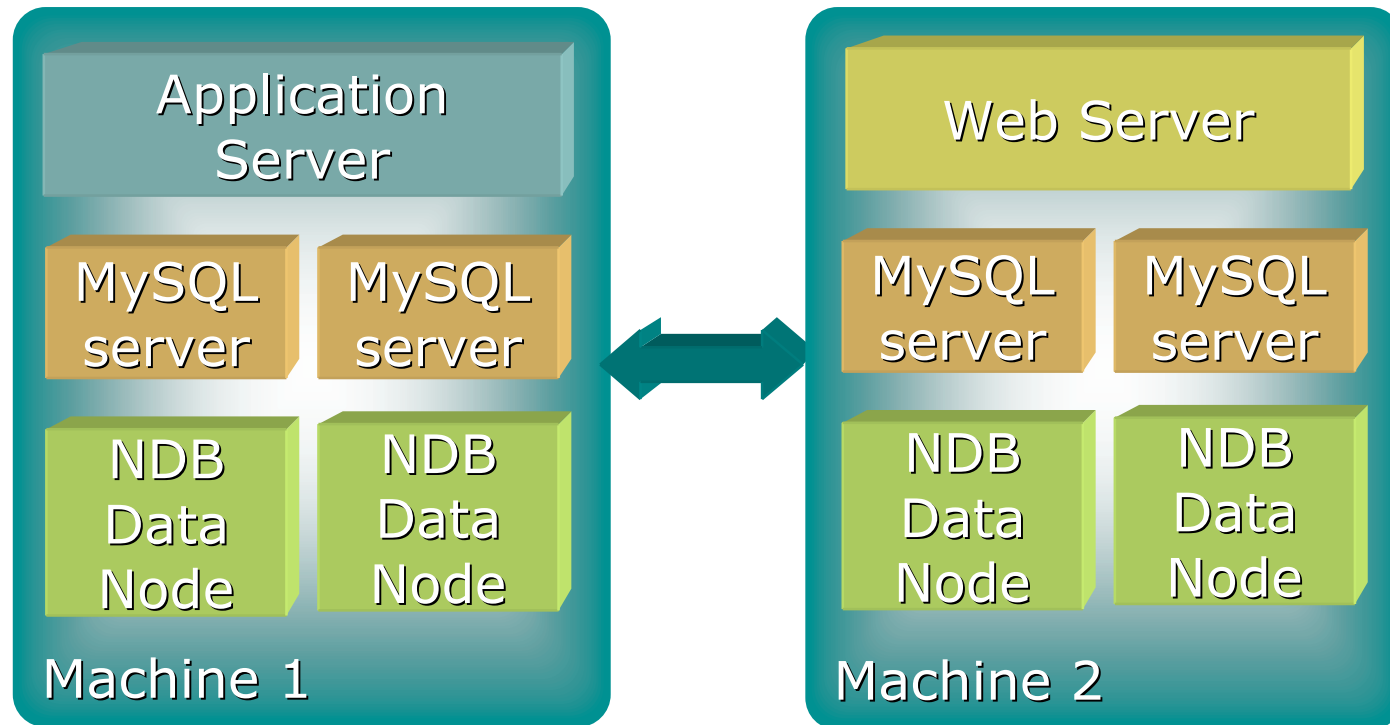
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# TPC-W Benchmark Set-up



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# TPC-W Benchmark Cluster Set-up

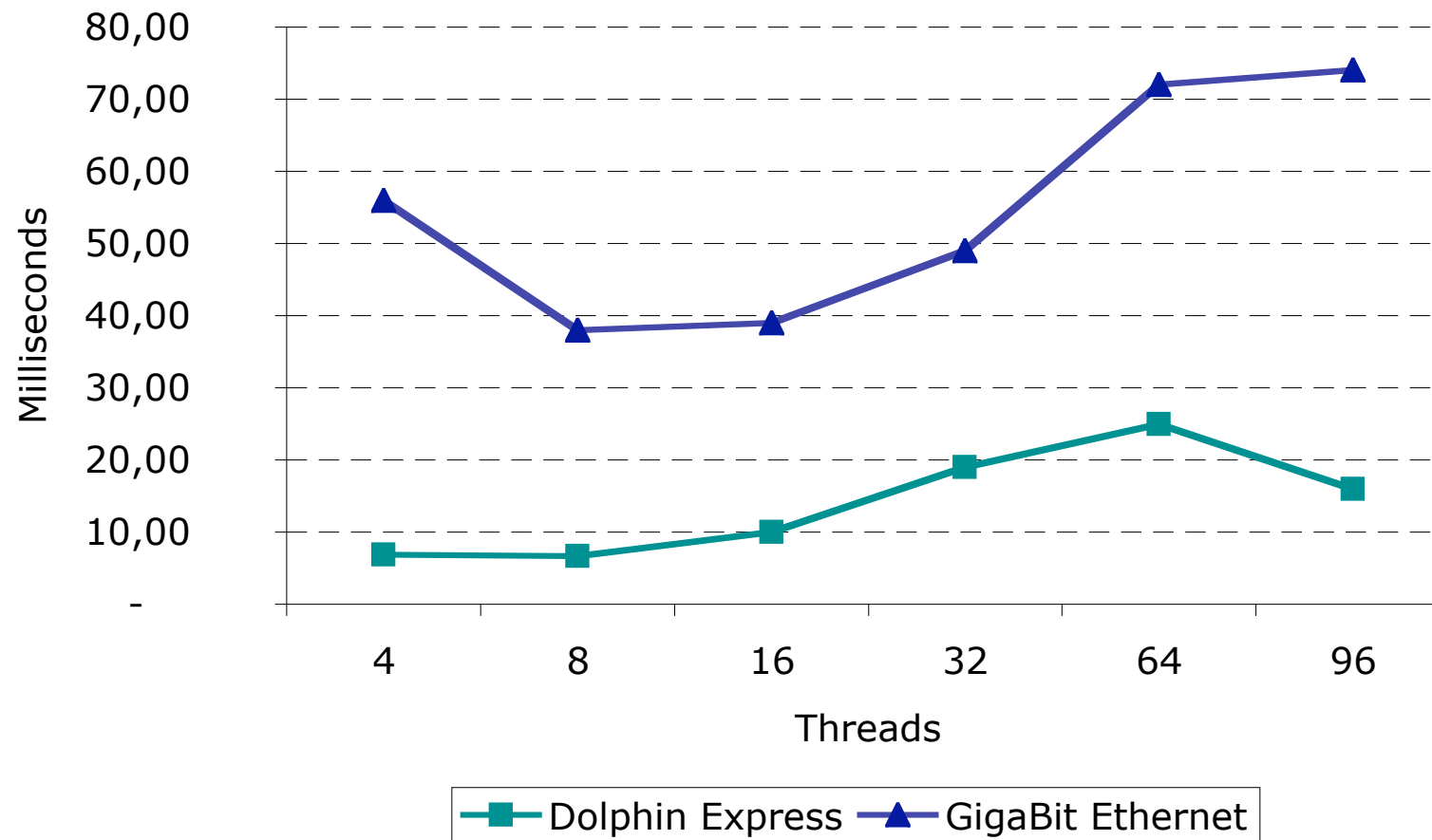


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# MySQL LAMP Stack TPC-W Response Time



Mean Response Time - 6 Nodes/6MySQL Servers

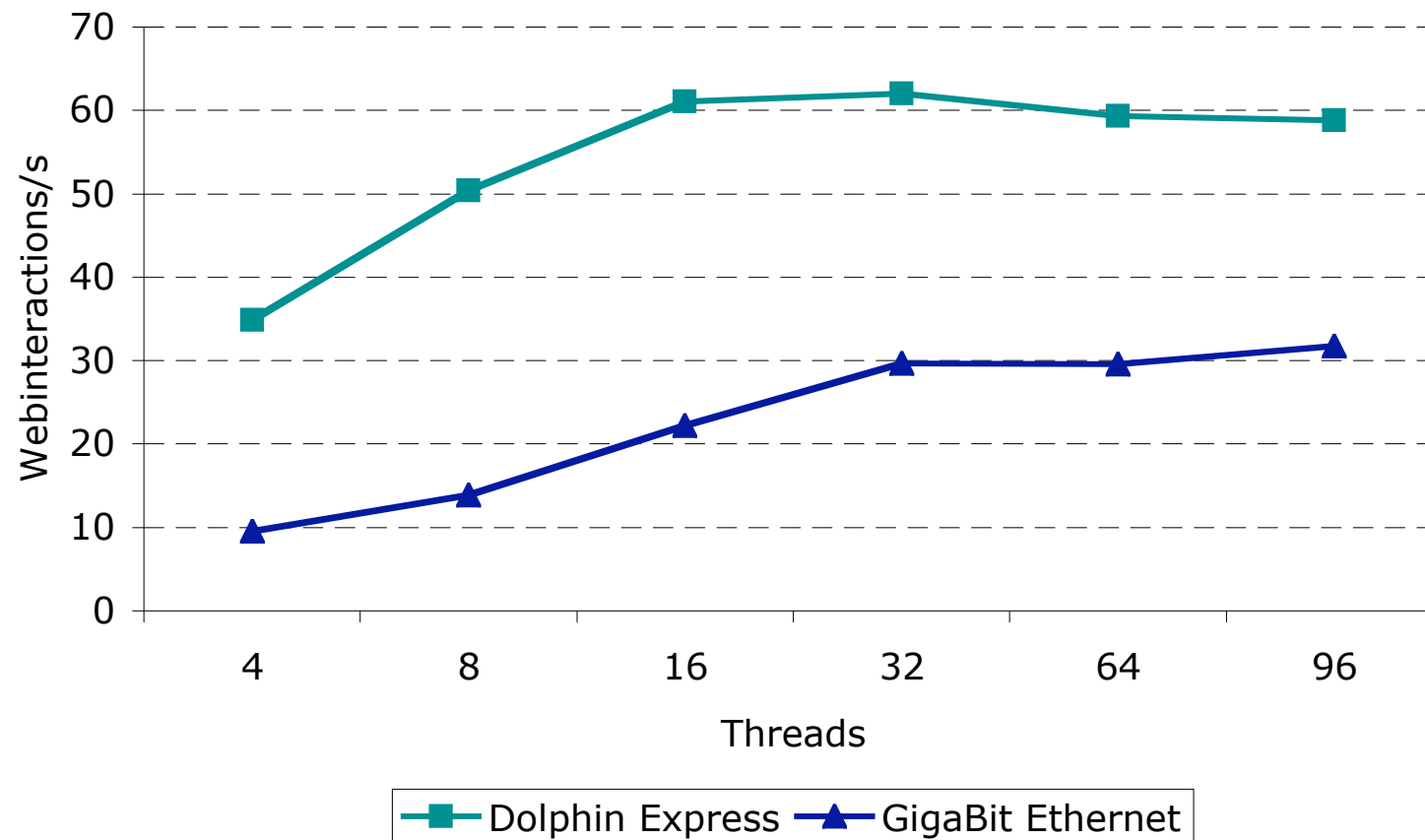


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# MySQL LAMP Stack TPC-W Throughput



Throughput - 6 Nodes/6 MySQL Servers



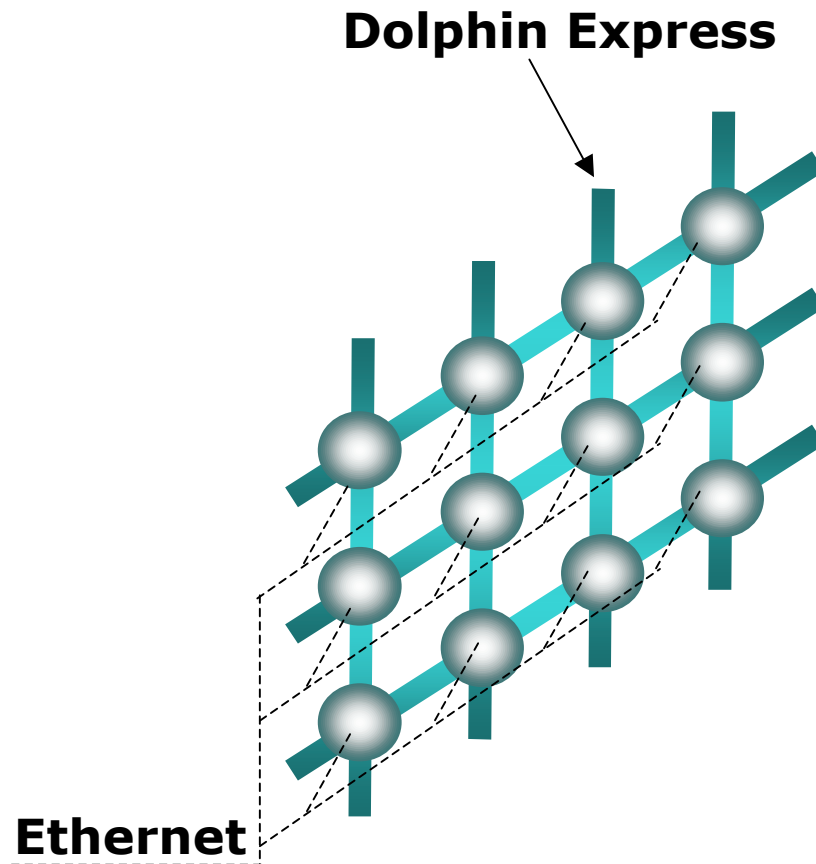
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# Two Interconnect Fabrics - Normal Operation



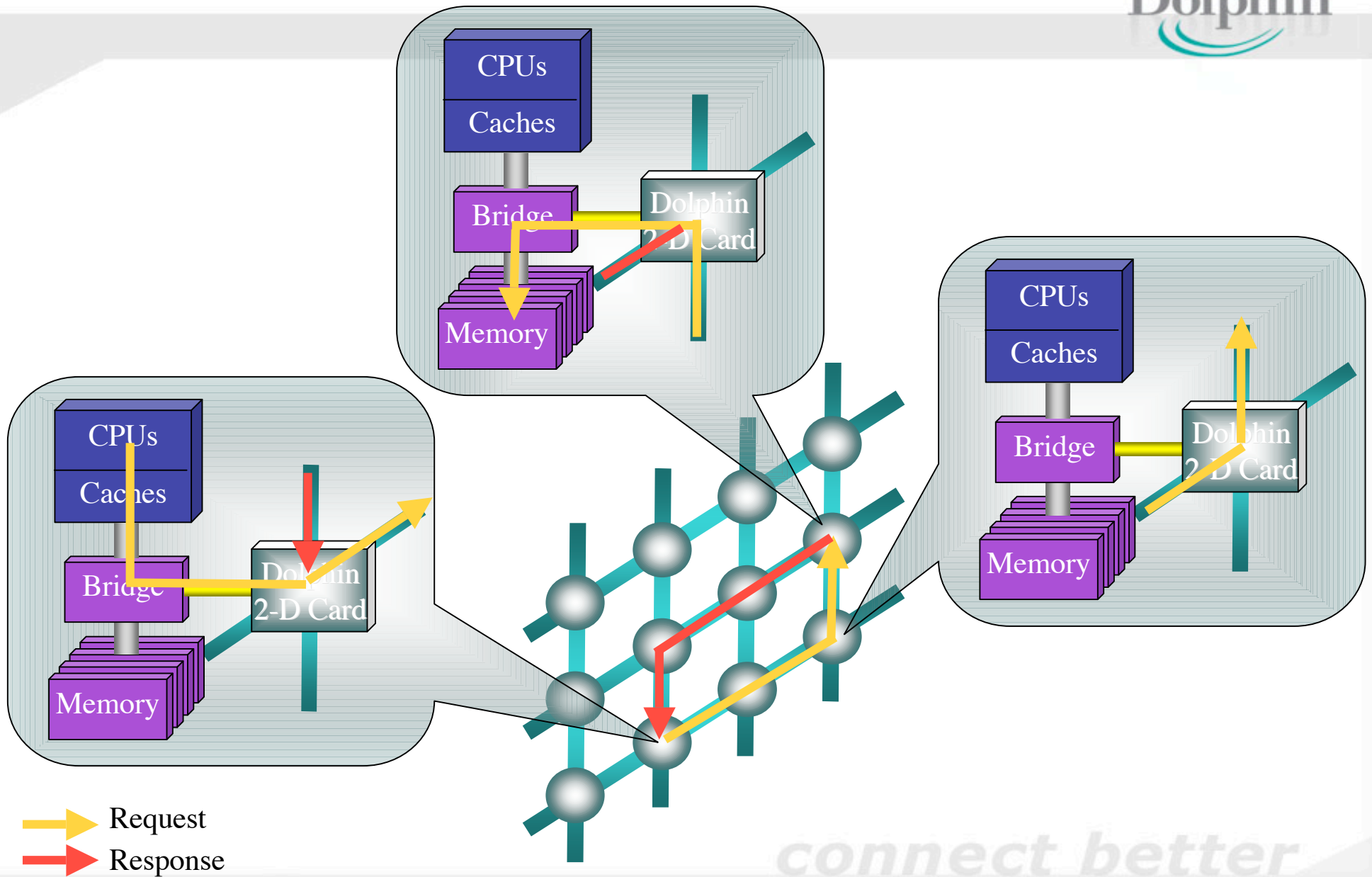
Failover scenarios:

- ▶ A node in the cluster fails
- ▶ A network card fails

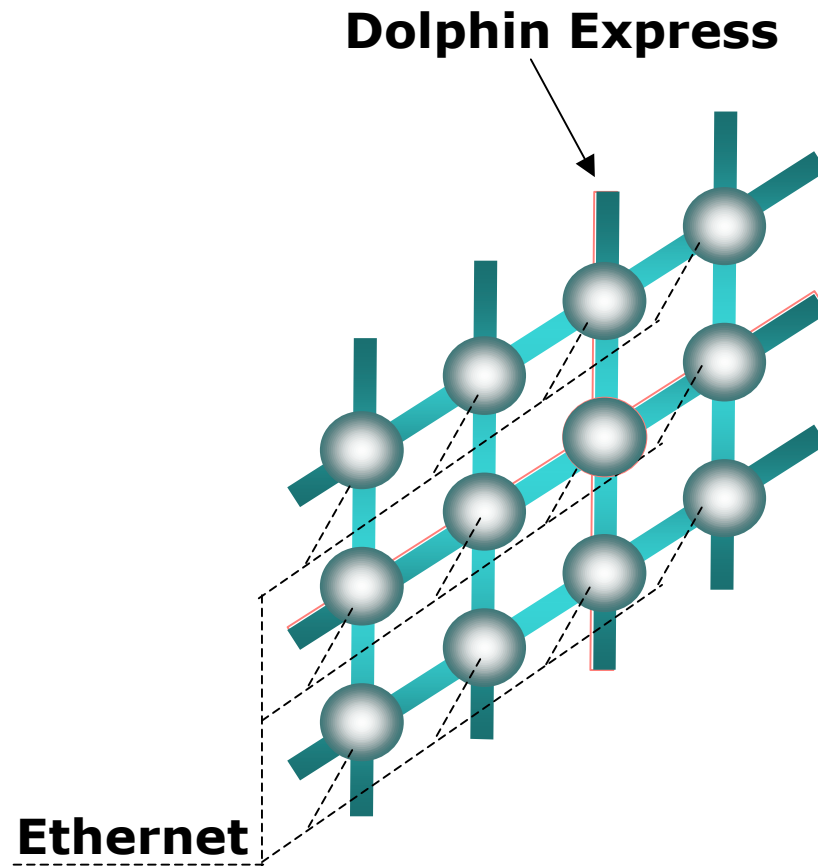
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# 2-D Dataflow

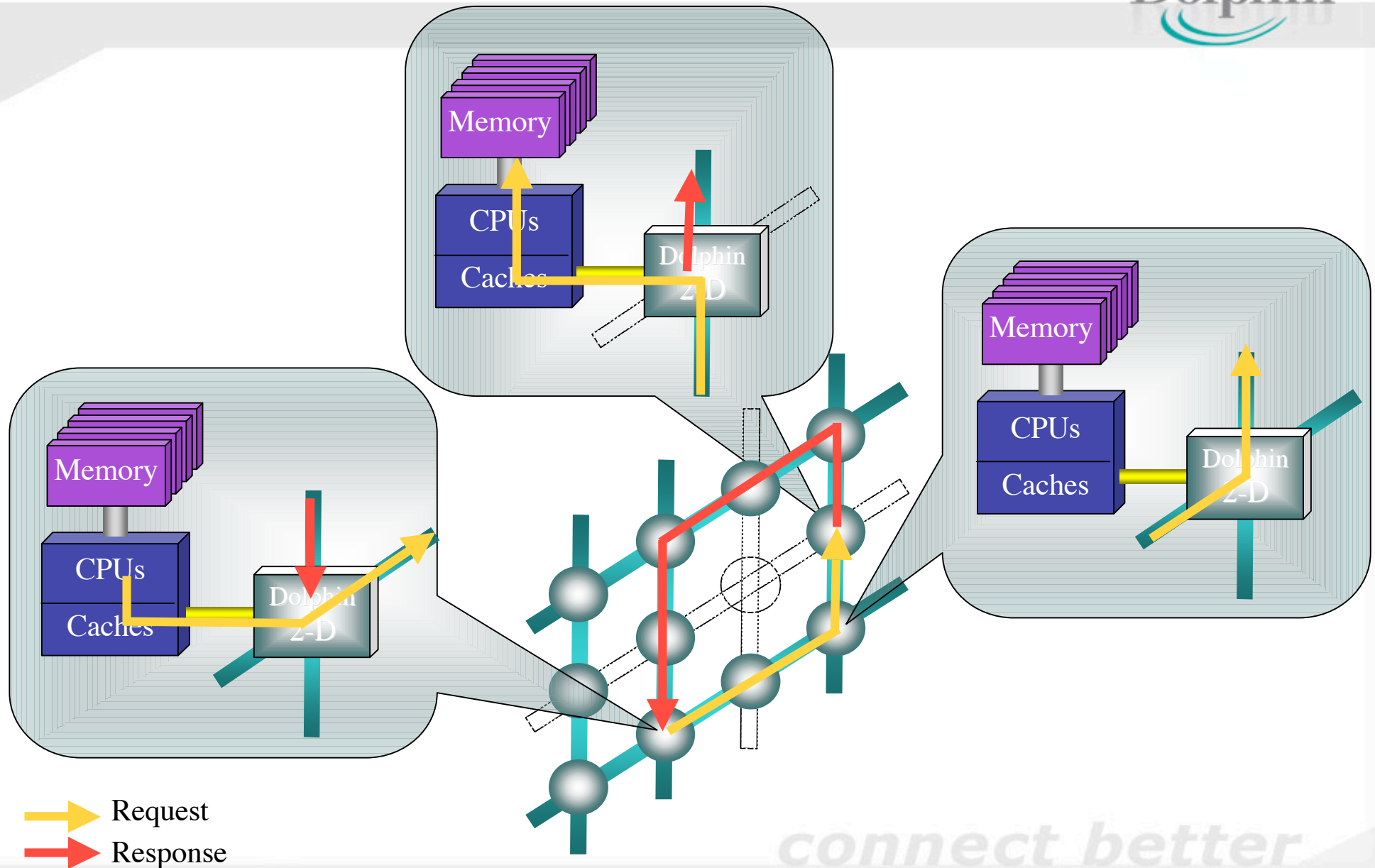


# Failing Node

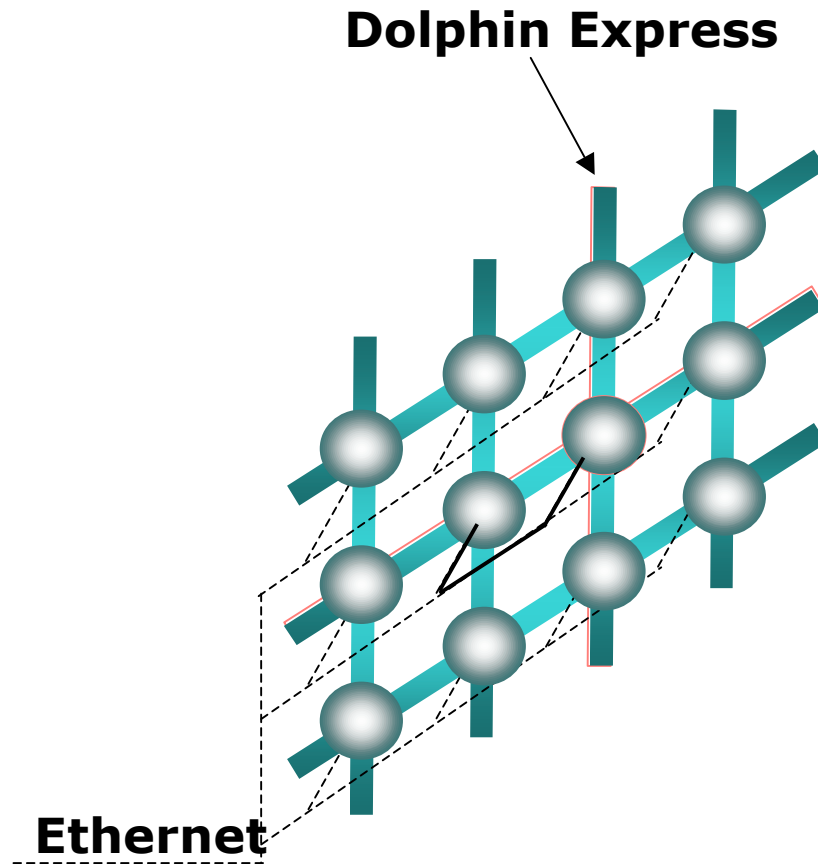


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## 2-D Dataflow w/failing Node



# Failing Network Card



**Dolphin SuperSockets  
Automatically  
fails-over  
to Ethernet**

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# Questions & Answers

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# Thank you for attending!



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