Getting System Sizing and performance testing right

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Summary

- The rentals business
- Why prototype performance?
- The prototyping process
- Our results
- Conclusions

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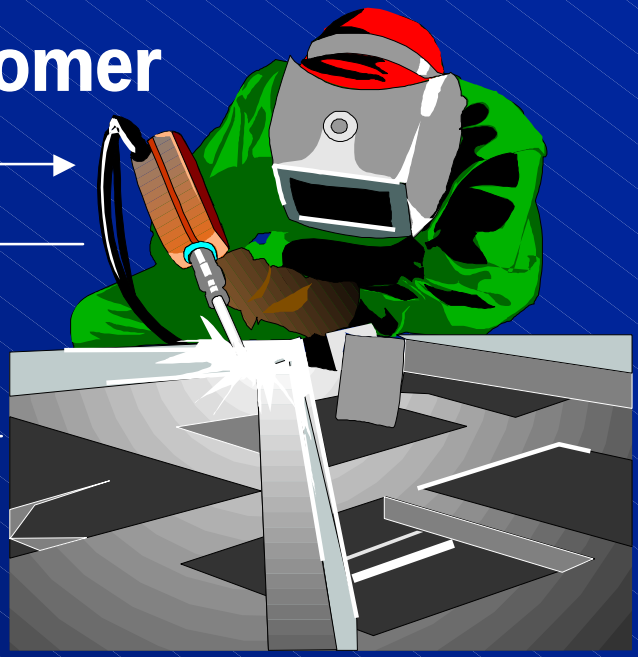
The Rentals Business

Sales Person

Customer



❶ Check Availability

❹ Return

❷ Confirm Order

❸ Rent

Stock

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Why Prototype Performance?

- Balance costs against risks:
  - Hardware Costs
  - Cut back to old system
  - User perception
  - Loss of business

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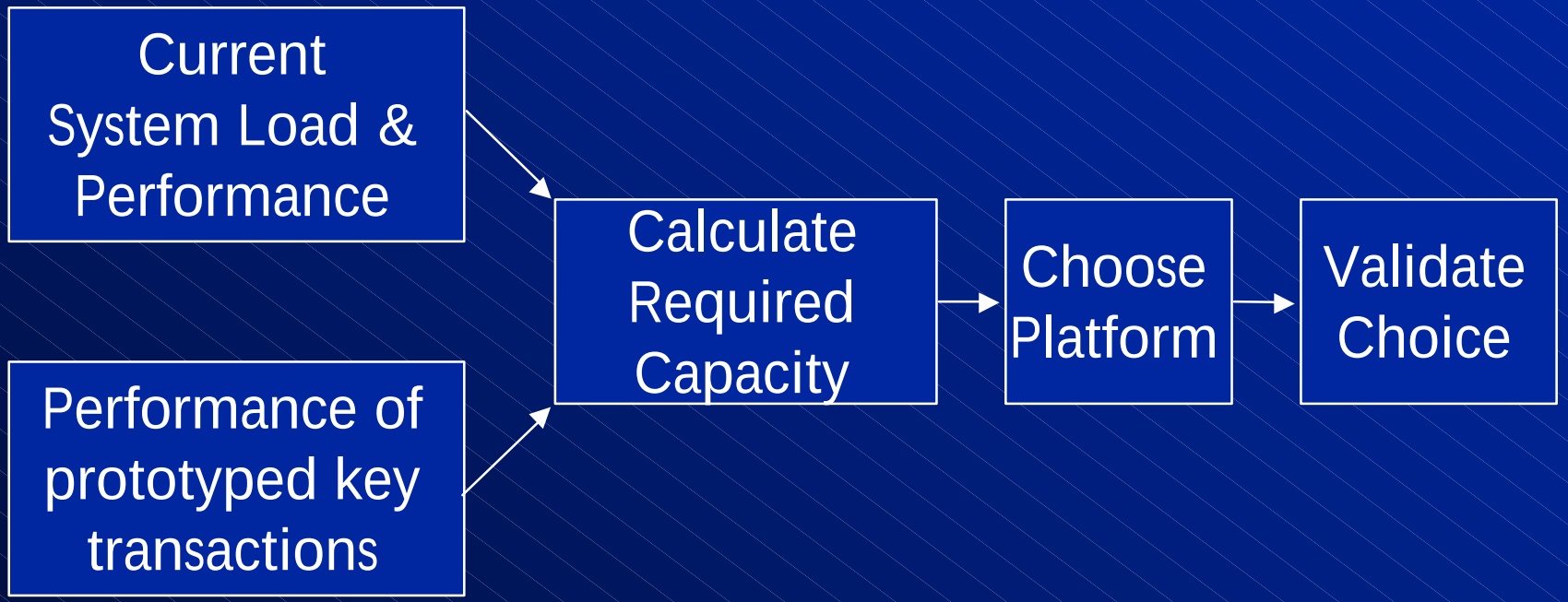
Process Overview



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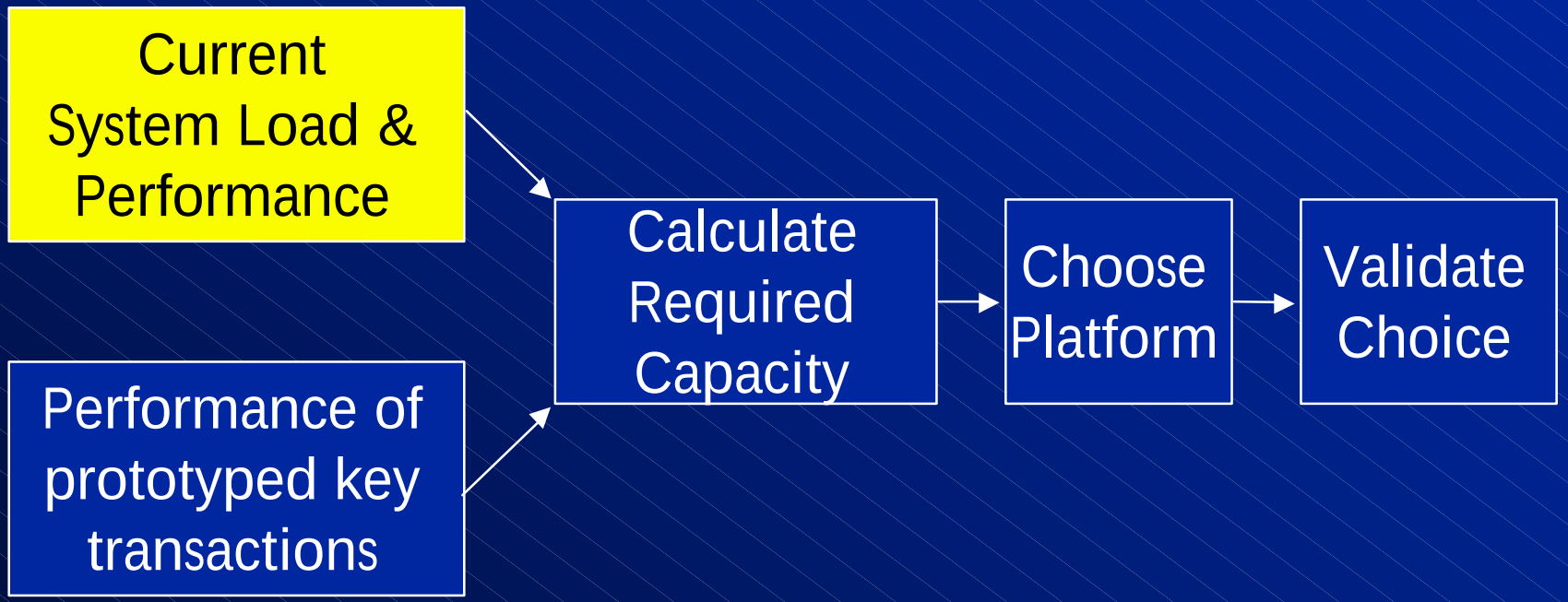
Measuring Current System Load



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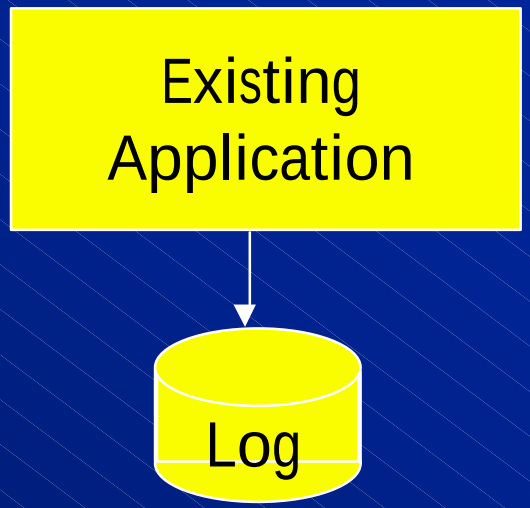

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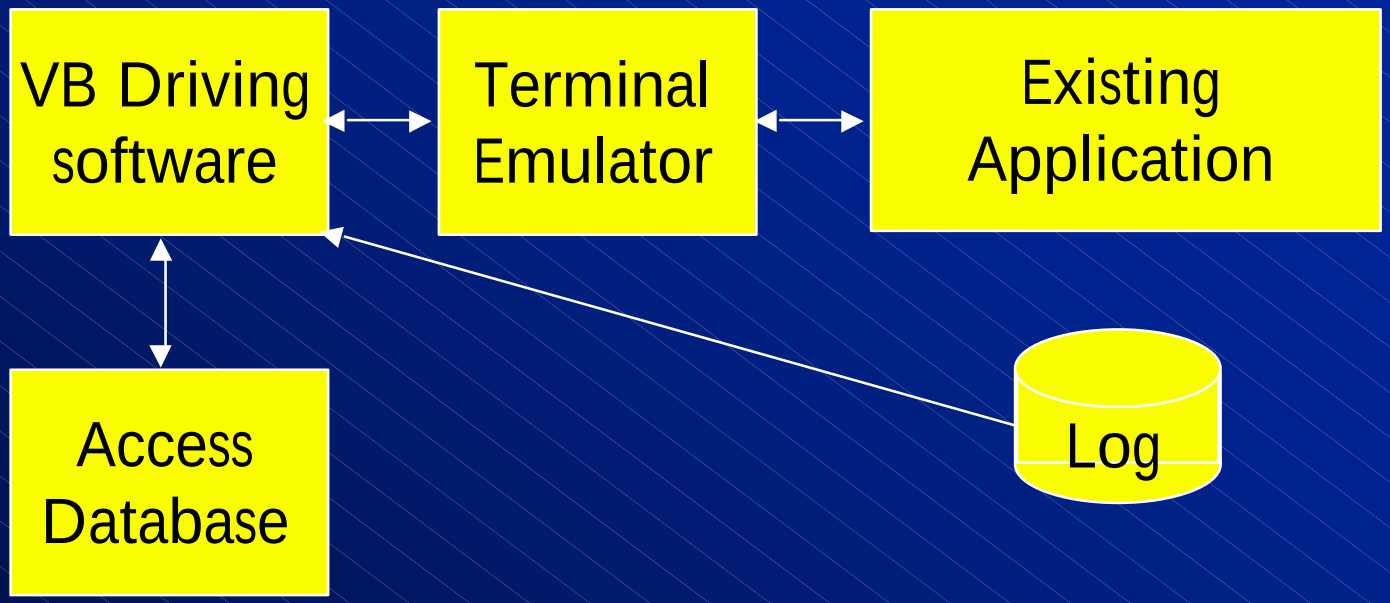

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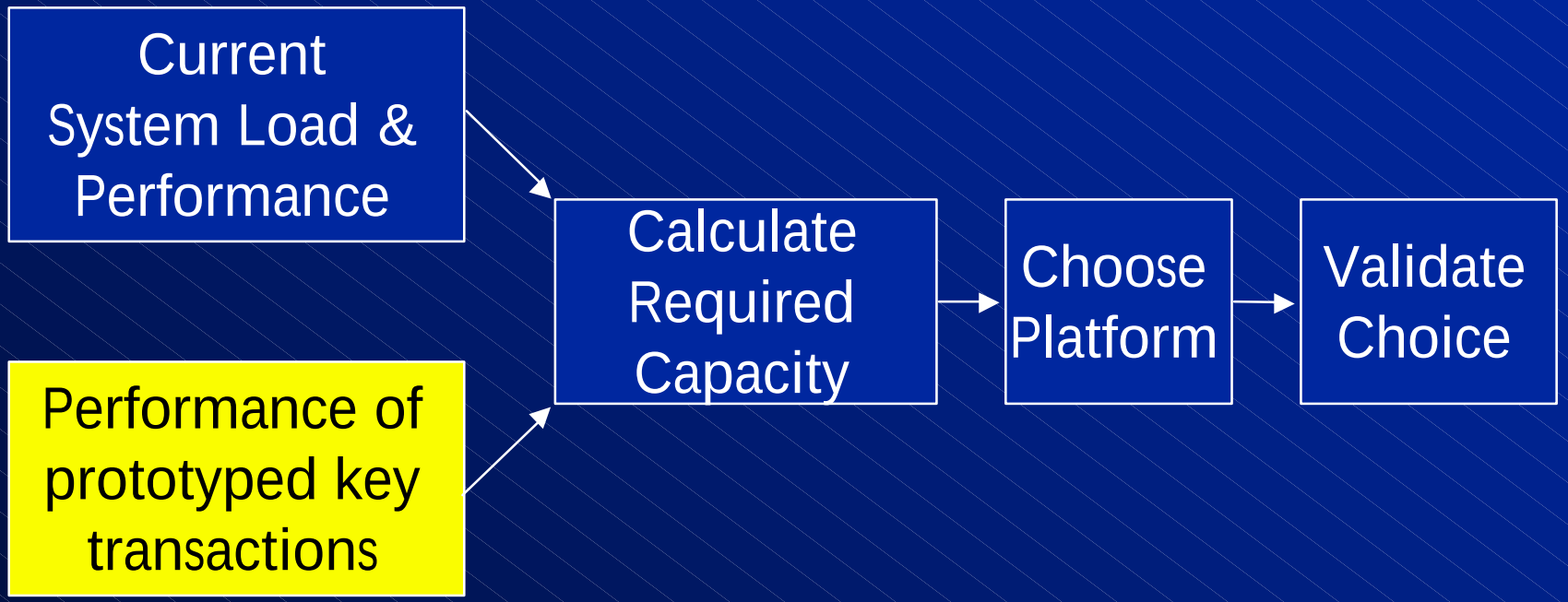

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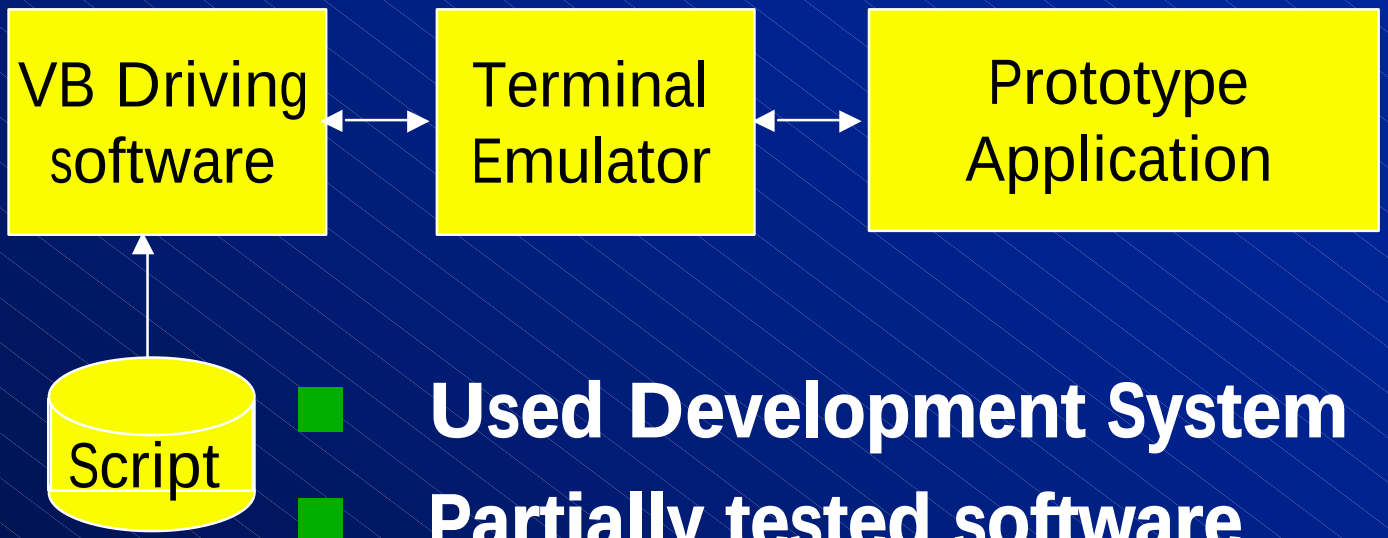

- Used Development System
- Partially tested software
- Provided CPU and disk usage
- CPU would be bottleneck

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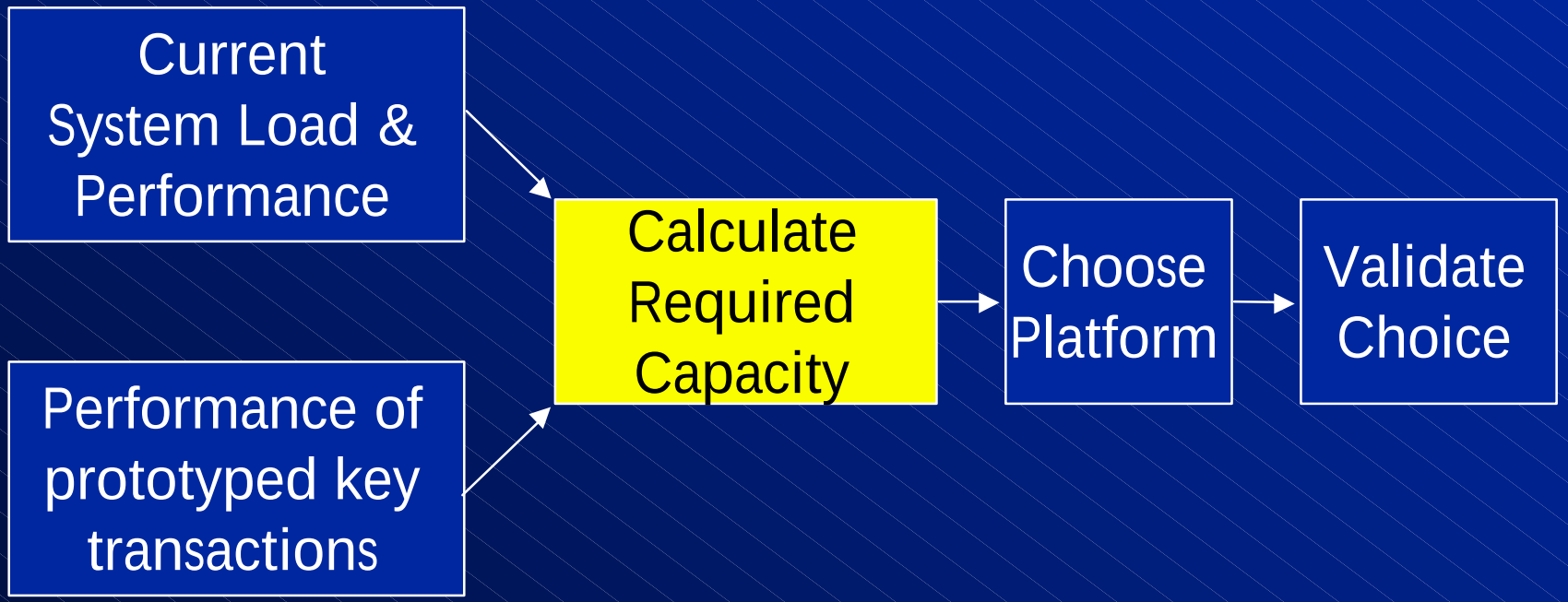

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Calculating Required Capacity

- Lightly loaded prototype indicates processor speed
- Prototype under load indicates total processor power required
- Memory from vendor recommendations
- Disk from old system and vendor recommendations - prototype valuable

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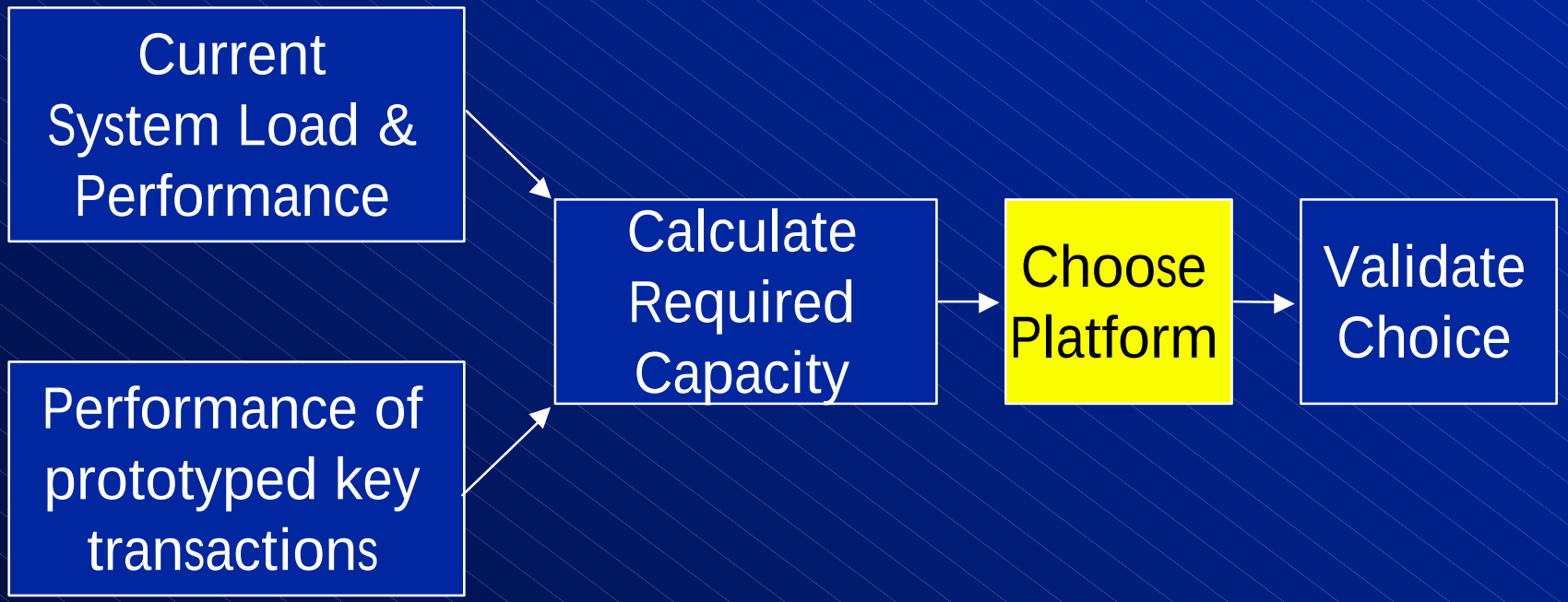

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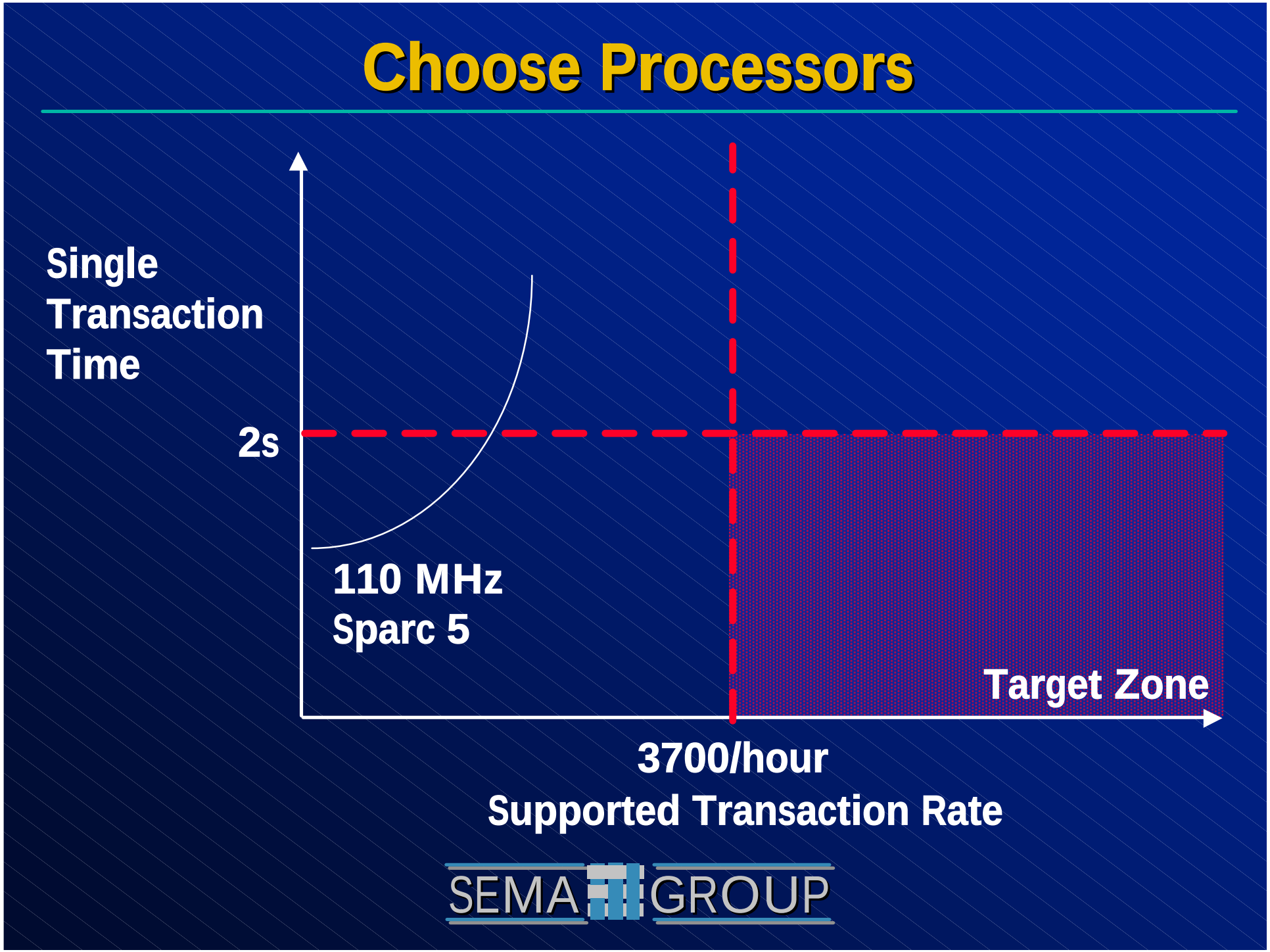

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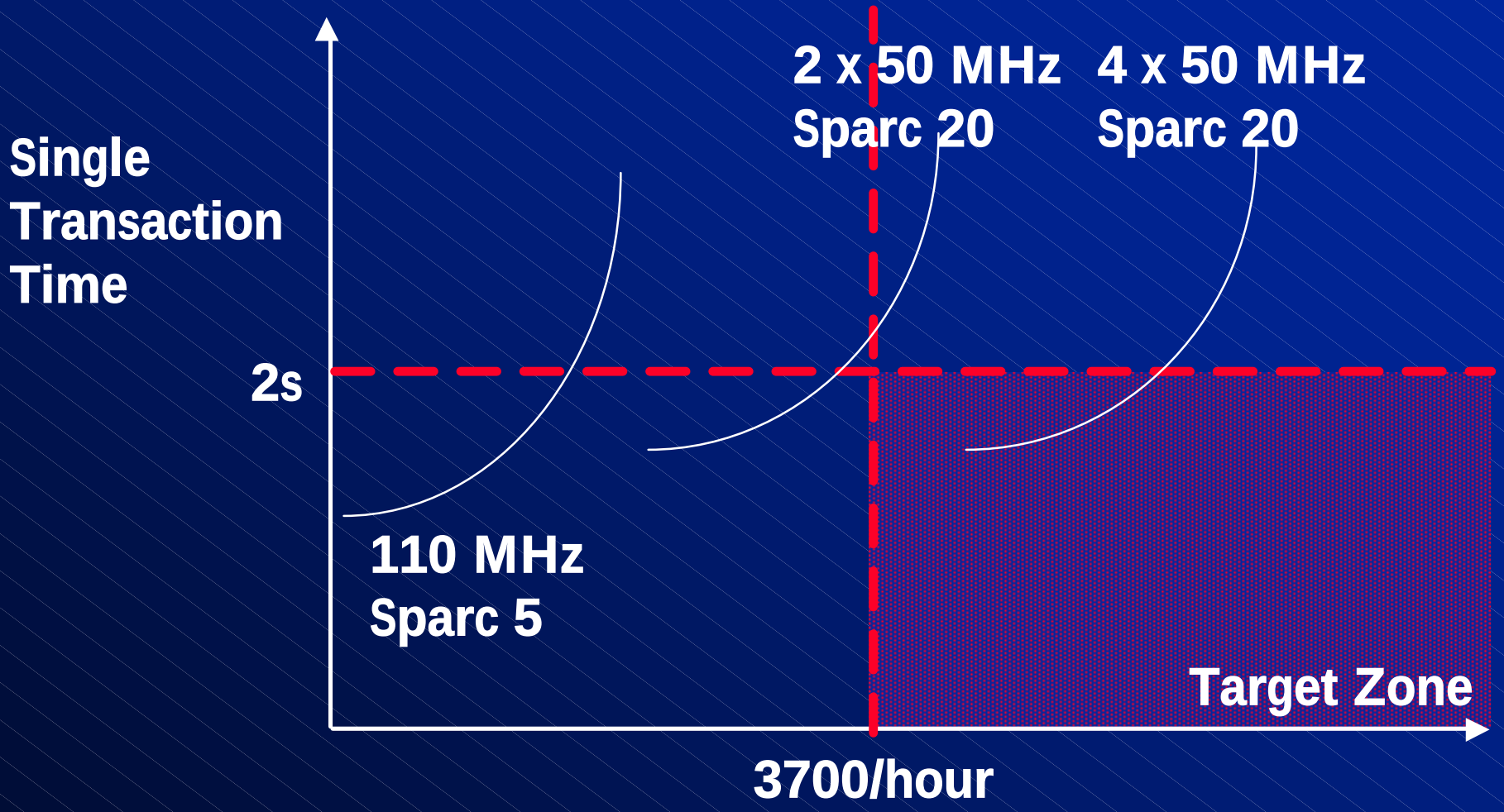

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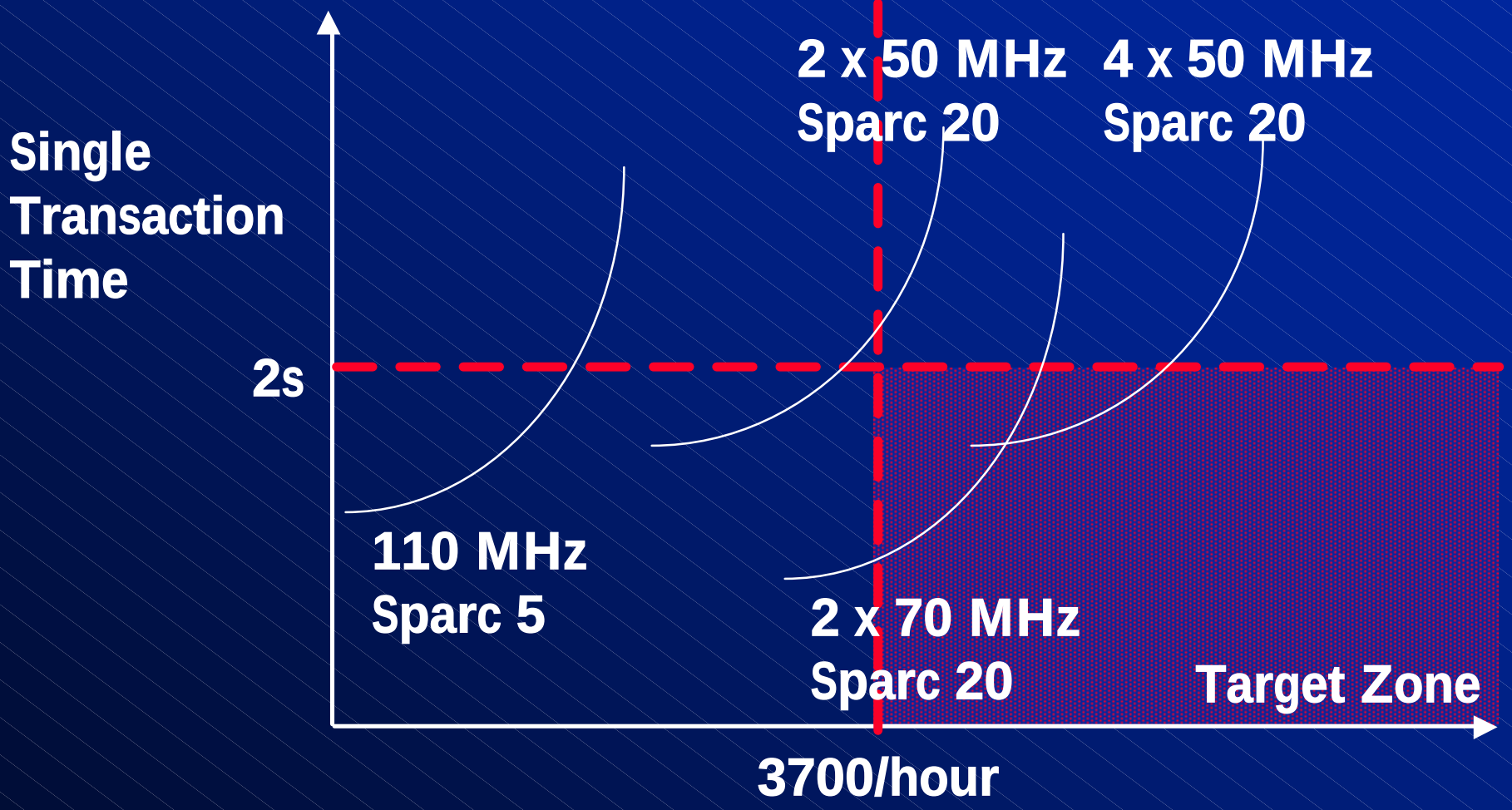

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Choose Platform

- Consider
  - Cost
  - Error Margin
  - Growth (business and MIS)
- Rent memory and processors if uncertain

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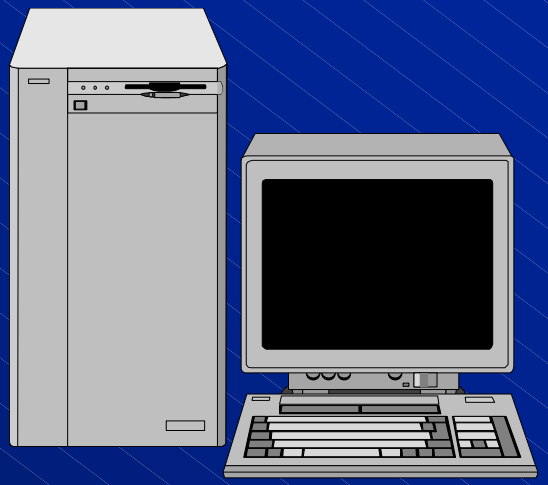

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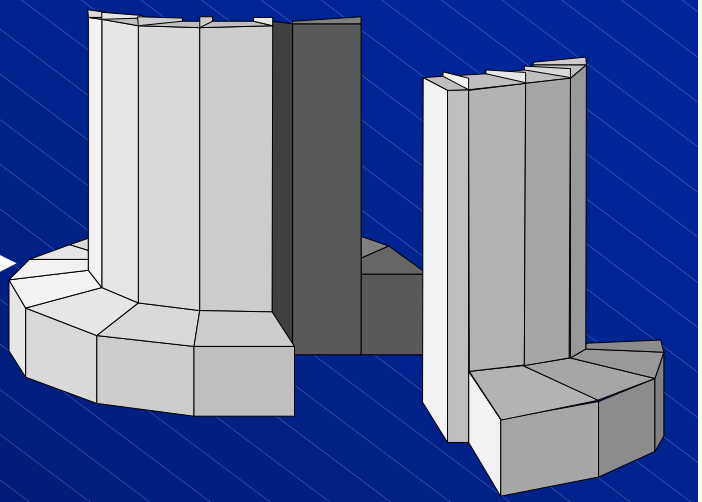

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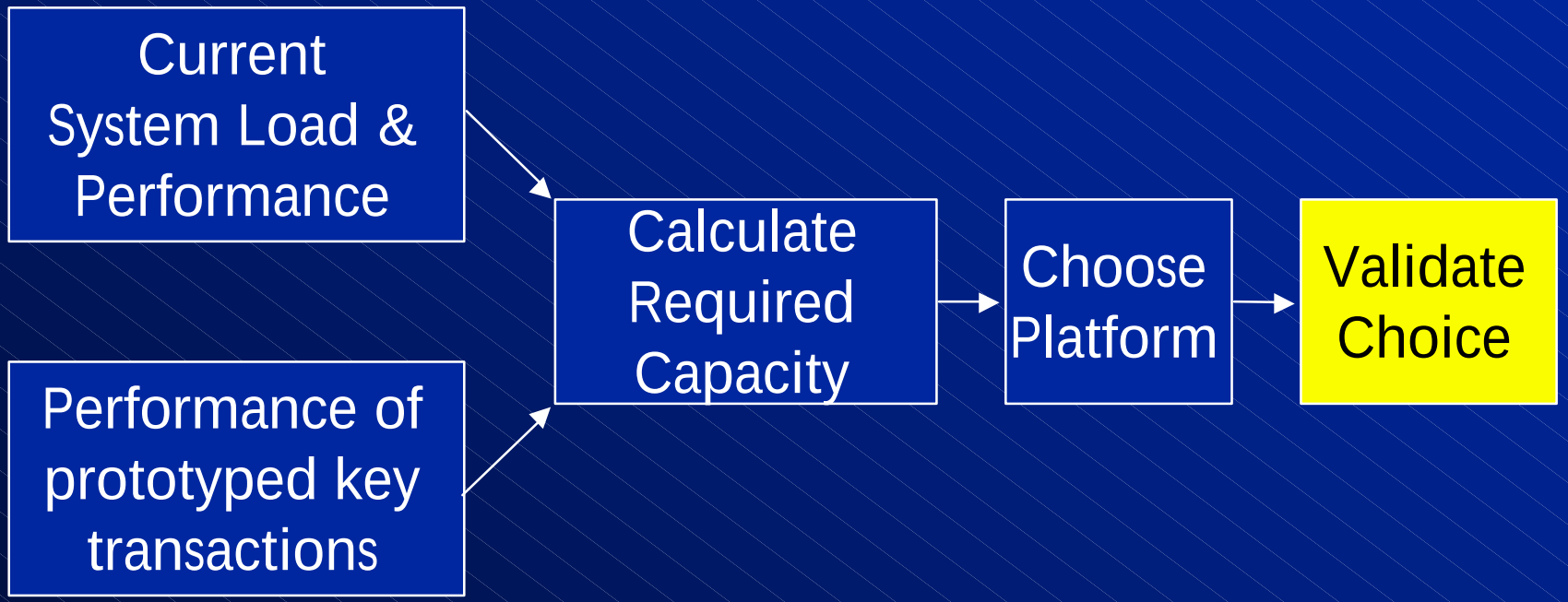

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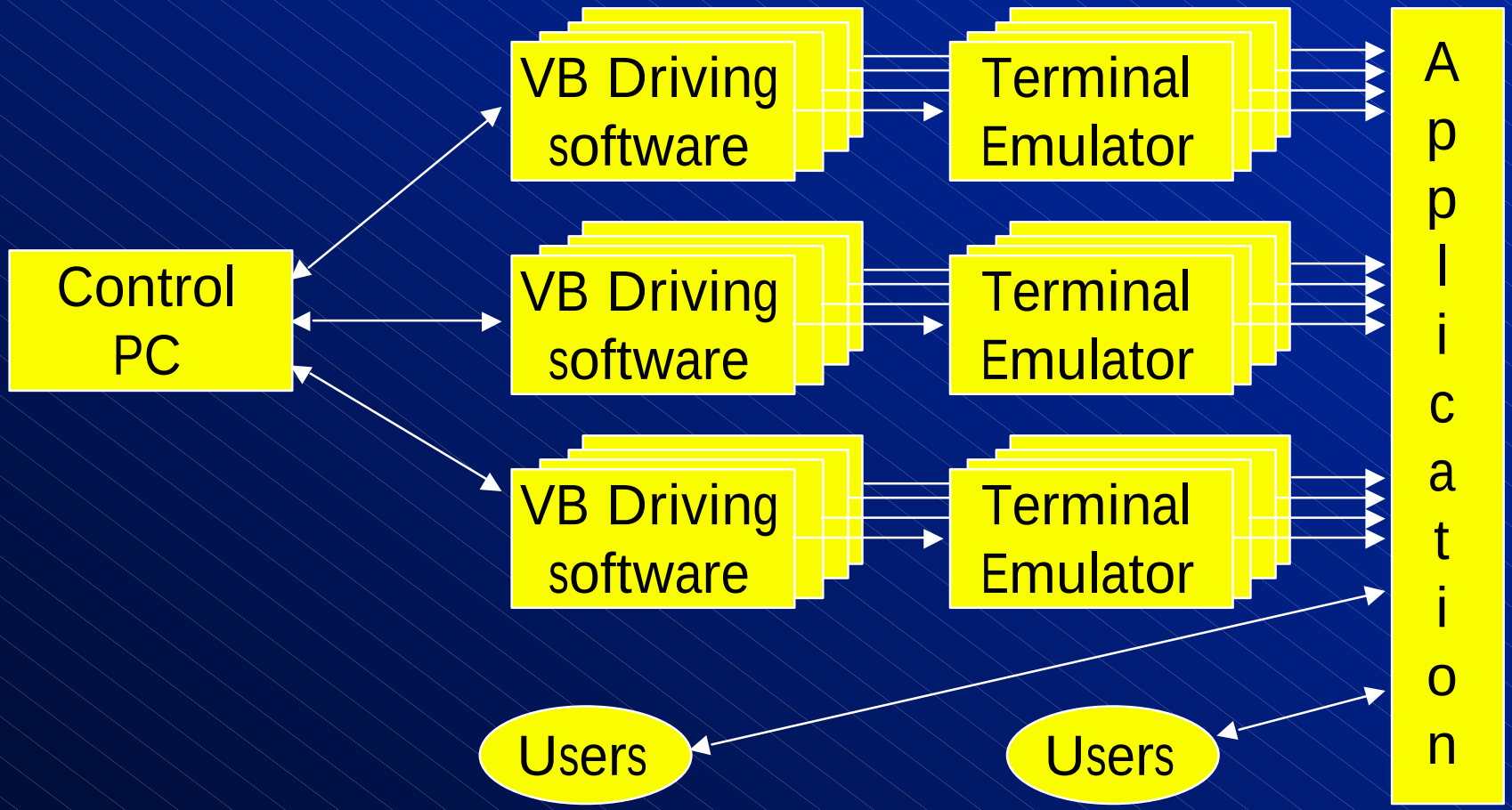

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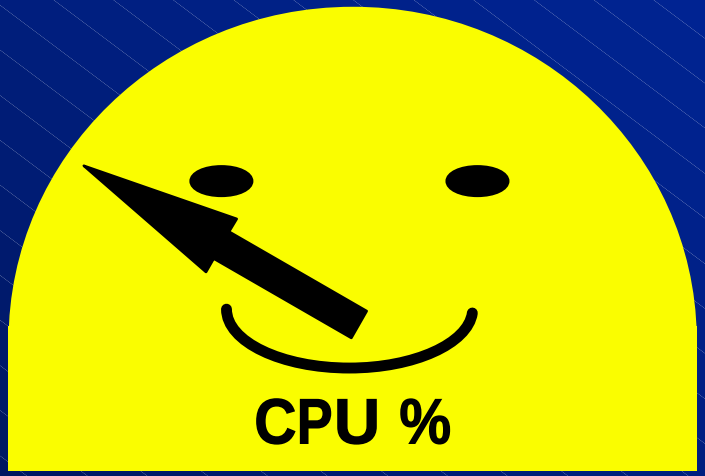
Results of Our Project



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Conclusions

- Confirm the business case first
- Concentrate on bottlenecks
- Invest in test tools that will do the job
- Involve your users throughout

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