

# ExaCS Database Backup and Restore with Object Storage Performance Observations

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# Goals

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Provide backup and restore performance results based on default settings and optional higher RMAN parallelism

Results from MAA and Cloud development

# Configuration Details

## RMAN/Backup/Restore

- Backup location: Object Storage Service
- Level 0 backups with section size 64GB, filesperset 1<sup>1</sup>
- Compression: Tested with OFF vs RMAN LOW<sup>1</sup>
- Backup channels use SCAN service to spread across RAC<sup>1</sup>
  - **For these observations**, backups channel allocation was based on OCPU count
  - Refer to Appendix A for recommended BACKUP channel counts and modification details.
- Restore RMAN channels use one database node<sup>1</sup>
  - **For these observations**, the restore was executed outside the DBaaS tooling: A manual restore run block was configured to use SCAN instances or TNS alias across the RAC with 2 \* backup channels.
  - Refer to Appendix B for manual run block RESTORE examples.

<sup>1</sup>Current defaults for DBaaS tooling

# Configuration Details

## **Shape 1: Environment configuration – ExaCS Full Rack (X7-2)**

- Database: 8 Node RAC CDB (RDBMS 19.7)
- With 40 PDBs: Used space of ~70+TB : TDE : No RDBMS compression
- OLTP workload: Total of ~98K+ TPS against the PDBs – running from two clients.
- 2 iterations: @ 368 OCPUs

## **Shape 2: Environment configuration – ExaCS Quarter Rack (X7-2)**

- Database: 2 Node RAC CDB (RDBMS 19.7)
- With 2 PDBs: Used space of ~7 TB : TDE : No RDBMS compression
- OLTP workload: Total of ~5K+ TPS against the PDBs – running from one client.
- 3 iterations each: @ 92, 48 & 24 OCPUs

# Backup and Restore Throughput Summary

## Backup Throughput Summary

Configuration	Low Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 5% CPU overhead	Medium Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 10% CPU overhead	High Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 25% CPU overhead
ExaCS Full Rack 368 CPUs	14 TB/hour <sup>2</sup>	19.6 TB/hour	33.0 TB/hour
ExaCS ¼ Rack 92 CPUs	5.4 TB/hour	9.3 TB/hour	13.7 TB/hour
ExaCS ¼ Rack 48 CPUs	2.8 TB/hour	5.3 TB/hour	9.2 TB/hour
ExaCS ¼ Rack 24 CPUs	1.3 TB/hour	2.6 TB/hour <sup>3</sup>	4.8 TB/hour <sup>3</sup>

## Restore Throughput Summary

Configuration	Low Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 10% CPU overhead	Medium Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 25% CPU overhead	High Impact <sup>1</sup> Approximate < 50% CPU overhead
ExaCS Full Rack 368 CPUs	28.0 TB/hour	31.0 TB/hour	31.0 TB/hour
ExaCS ¼ Rack 92 CPUs	12.8 TB/hour	17.8 TB/hour	24.1 TB/hour <sup>2</sup>
ExaCS ¼ Rack 48 CPUs	8.3 TB/hour	14.1 TB/hour	18.3 TB/hour
ExaCS ¼ Rack 24 CPUs	4.4 TB/hour	8.8 TB/hour	14.0 TB/hour

<sup>1</sup> Low, Medium & High impacts are based on channels allocation in Appendix A & B

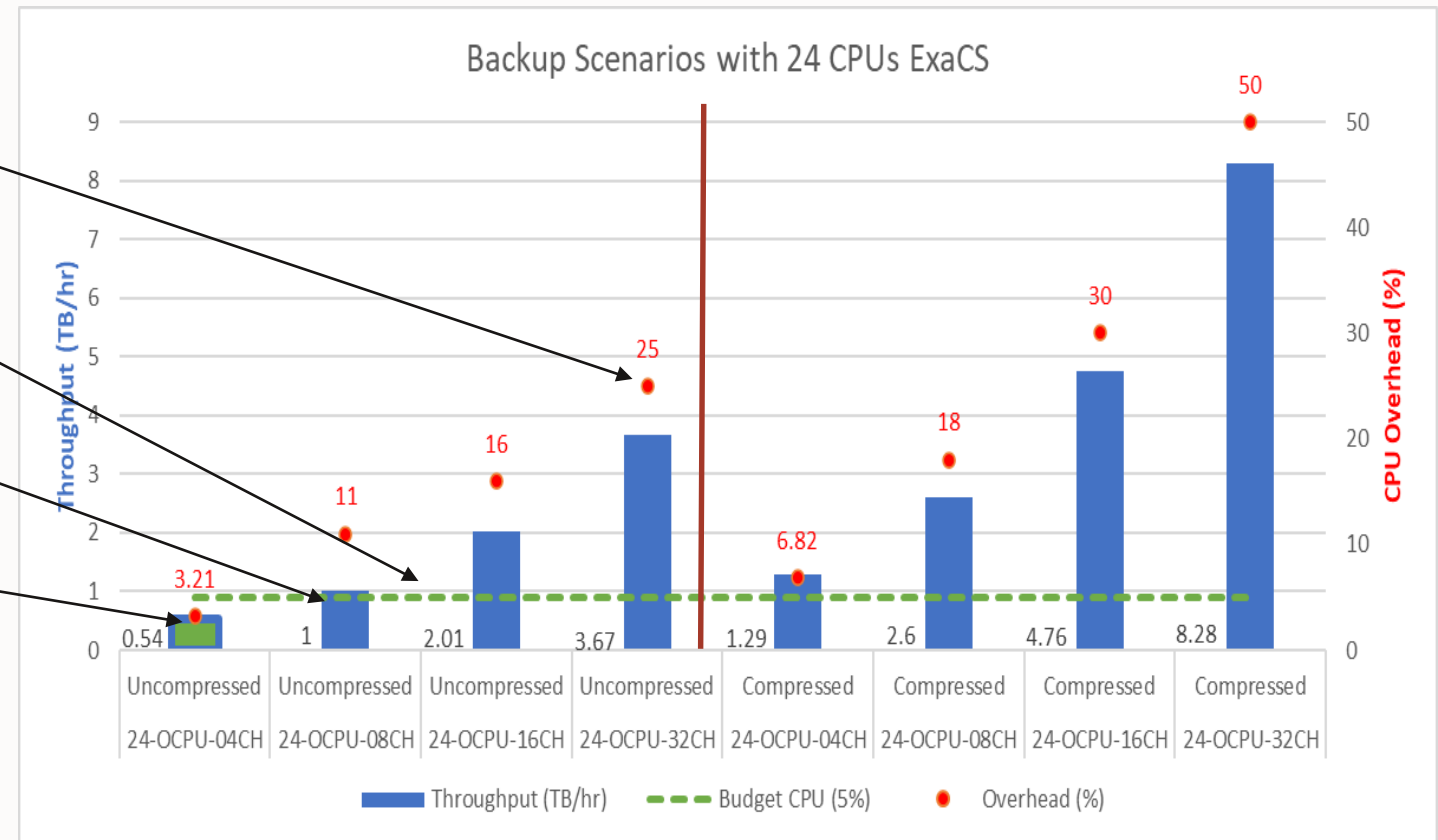
<sup>2</sup> Throughput numbers for these cells are not reflected in the result charts

<sup>3</sup> Impact exceeds CPU Overhead, see result charts



# Reading the Result Charts

- Each test was performed three times to eliminate any possible outlier.
- The red dots represents the CPU overhead – averaged per node across the cluster, as percentage
- The green line is the Low Impact 5% targeted CPU
- The blue bar represents the total throughput (TB/hr) across the cluster.
- A green fill within the blue bar represents an acceptable result – CPU overhead is approximately 5% or less
- RMAN compression runs shown to the right of the red bar

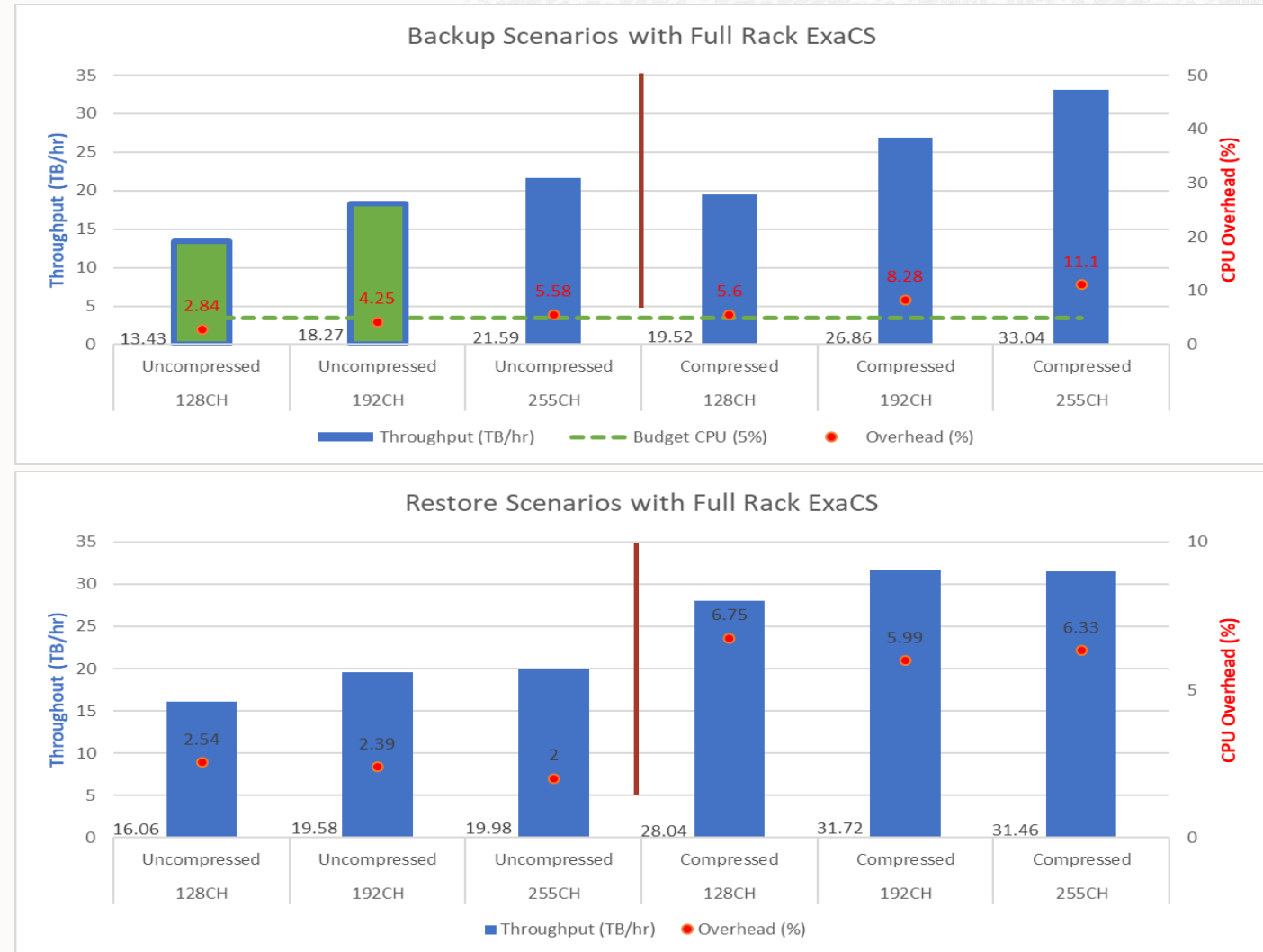




# ExaCS full rack – 368 OCPUs per cluster

## Observations

- Backup: 64 channels total + compression
  1. 14 TB/hour
  2. Less than 4% CPU overhead
- Restore: 128 channels total (compressed)
  1. 28 TB/hour
- Effective backup rates for incremental backups can be 2-10X depending on change rate
- To improve backup or restore rates, increase RMAN channel parallelism with trade off of higher CPU and IOPS utilization

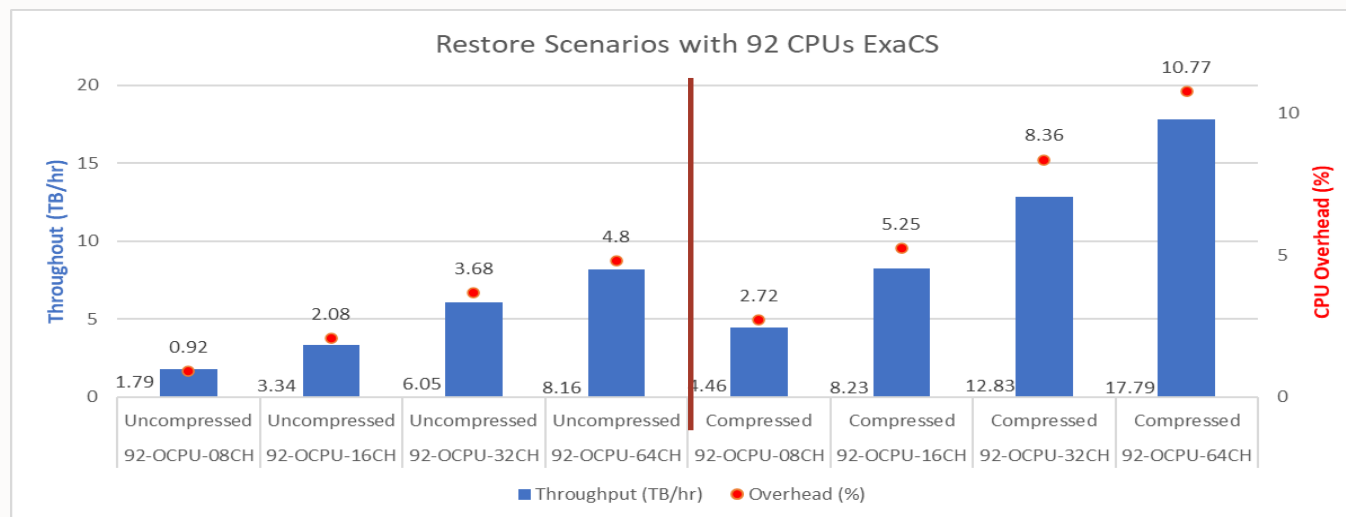
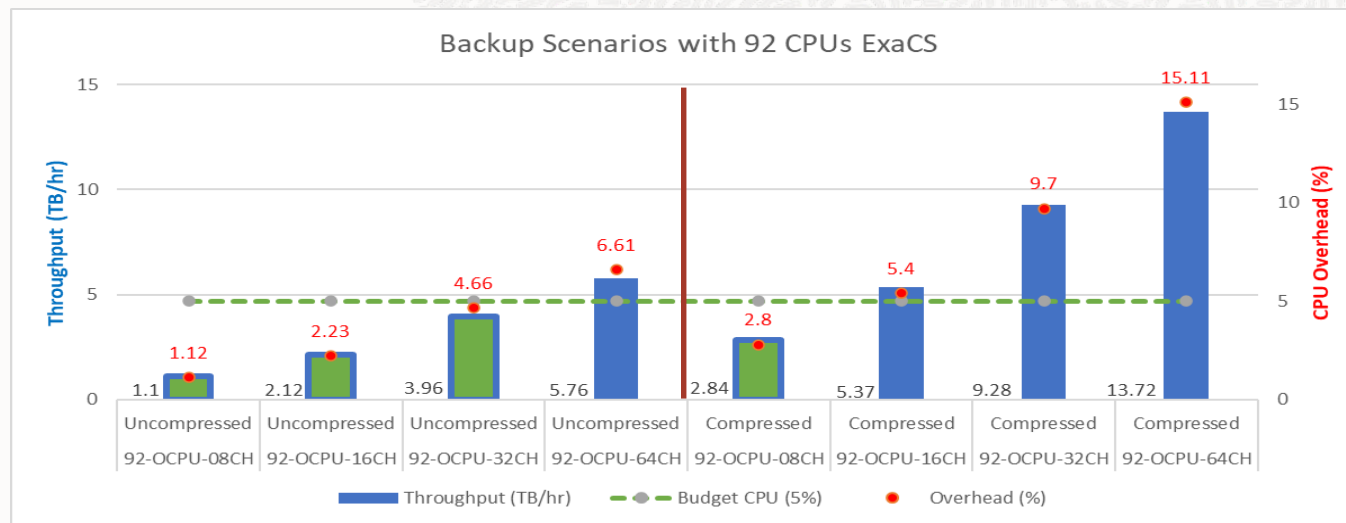




# ExaCS quarter rack - 92 OCPUs per cluster

## Observations

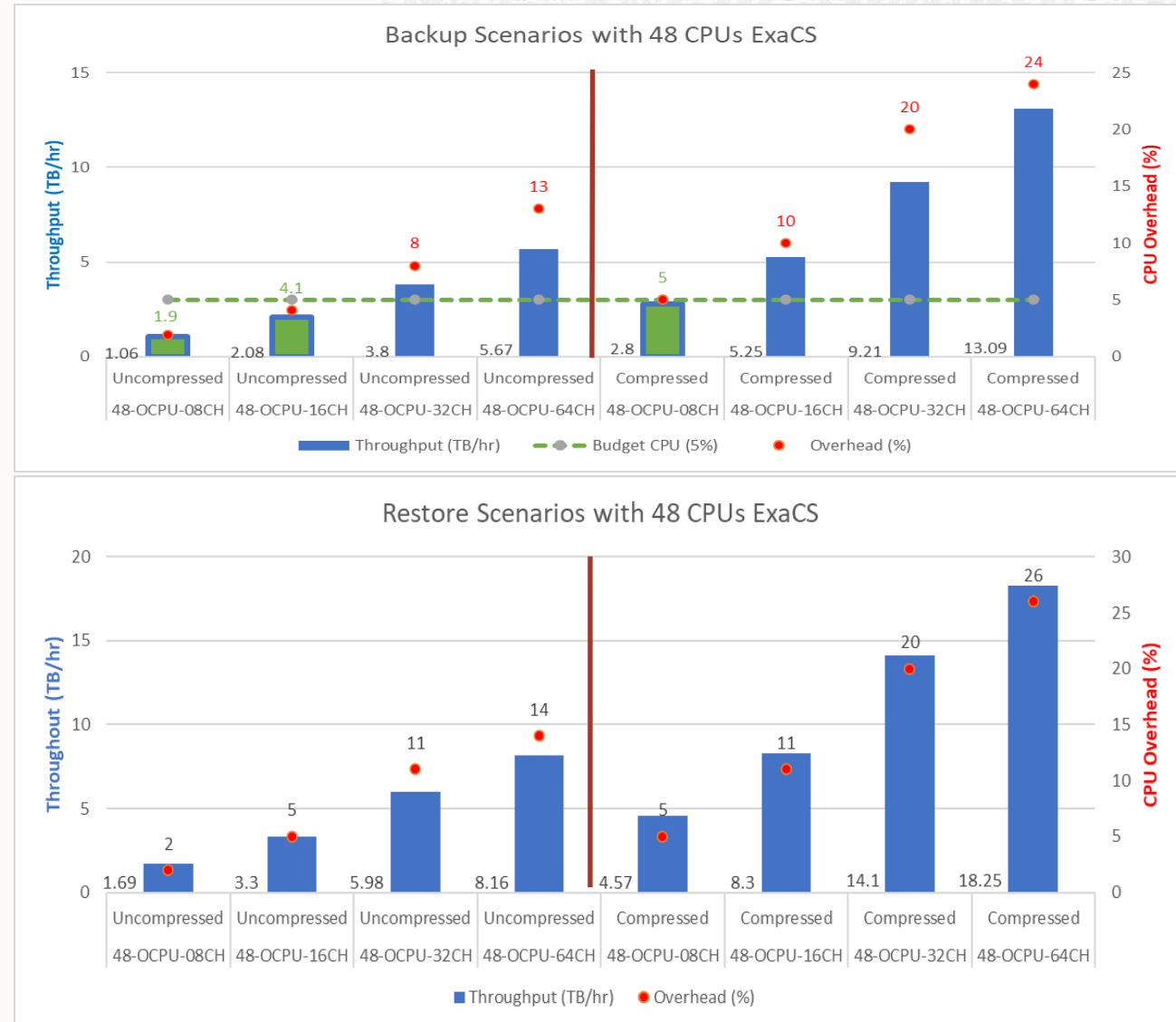
- Backup: 16 channels total + compression
  1. 5.4 TB/hour
  2. Less than 6% CPU overhead
- Restore: 32 channels total (compressed)
  1. 12.8 TB/hour
- Effective backup rates for incremental backups can be 2-10X depending on change rate
- To improve backup or restore rates, increase RMAN channel parallelism with trade off of higher CPU and IOPS utilization



# ExaCS quarter rack - 48 OCPUs per cluster

## Observations

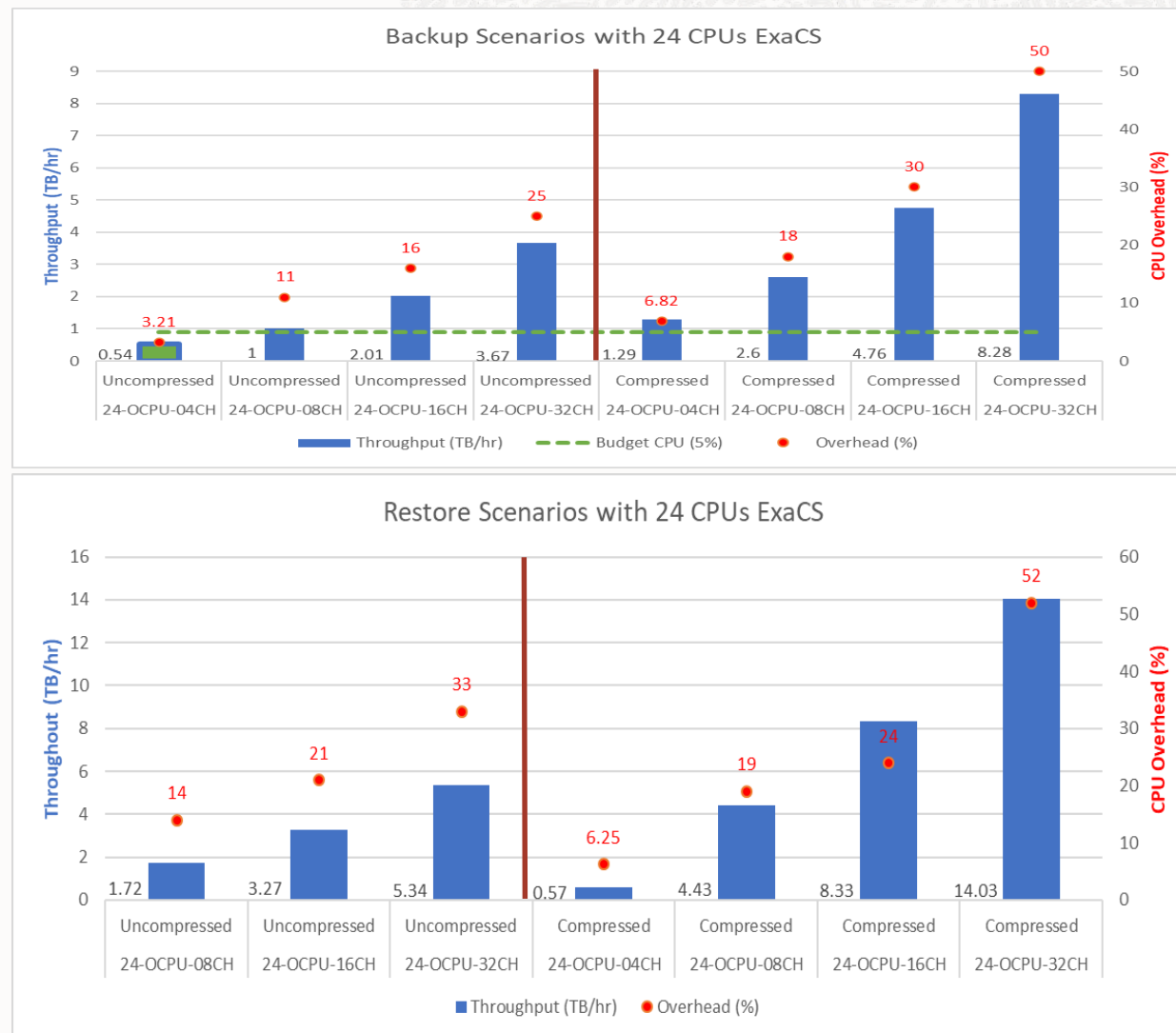
- Backup: 8 channels total + compression
  1. 2.8 TB/hour
  2. Less than 5% CPU overhead
- Restore: 16 channels total (compressed)
  1. 8.3 TB/hour
- Effective backup rates for incremental backups can be 2-10X depending on change rate
- To improve backup or restore rates, increase RMAN channel parallelism with trade off of higher CPU and IOPS utilization



# ExaCS quarter rack - 24 OCPUs per cluster

## Observations

- Backup: 4 channels total + compression
  1. 1.3 TB/hour
  2. Less than 7% CPU overhead
- Restore: 8 channels total (compressed)
  1. 4.4 TB/hour
- Effective backup rates for incremental backups can be 2-10X depending on change rate
- To improve backup or restore rates, increase RMAN channel parallelism with trade off of higher CPU and IOPS utilization



# Appendix A

## Changing RMAN channel parallelism: backups

- Follow [the documentation](#) to modify bkup\_channels\_node
  - Guidance for setting the value of bkup\_channels\_node

OCPU Criteria per database node	RMAN Channels Low Impact <sup>1</sup>	RMAN Channels Medium Impact	RMAN Channels High Impact
OCPU per node > 24	8	16	32
12 < OCPU per node <= 24	4	8	16
6 < OCPU per node <= 12	2	4	8
OCPU <= 6	1	2	3

<sup>1</sup>-Recommended channel settings

# Appendix B

## Changing RMAN channel parallelism: restore

- Allocate channels across all nodes using CONNECT clause
- Allocate twice the number of channels used by BACKUP.

## Example of an RMAN RESTORE VALIDATE:

```
RUN
{
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_01 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/service as sysdba';
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_02 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/service as sysdba';
  .
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_16 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/service as sysdba';
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_16 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/service as sysdba';
  RESTORE DATABASE VALIDATE;
}
```

## Example of an RMAN RESTORE / RECOVER to latest:

```
RUN
{
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_01 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/inst1 as sysdba';
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_02 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/inst2 as sysdba';
  .
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_16 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/inst1 as sysdba';
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL SBT_16 DEVICE TYPE SBT parms='SBT_LIBRARY=/path_to/libopc.so, ENV=(OPC_PFILE=/path_to/opcDB.ora)' CONNECT 'sys/****@scan/inst2 as sysdba';
  RESTORE DATABASE;
  RECOVER DATABASE;
}
```



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