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# The impact of Green Software

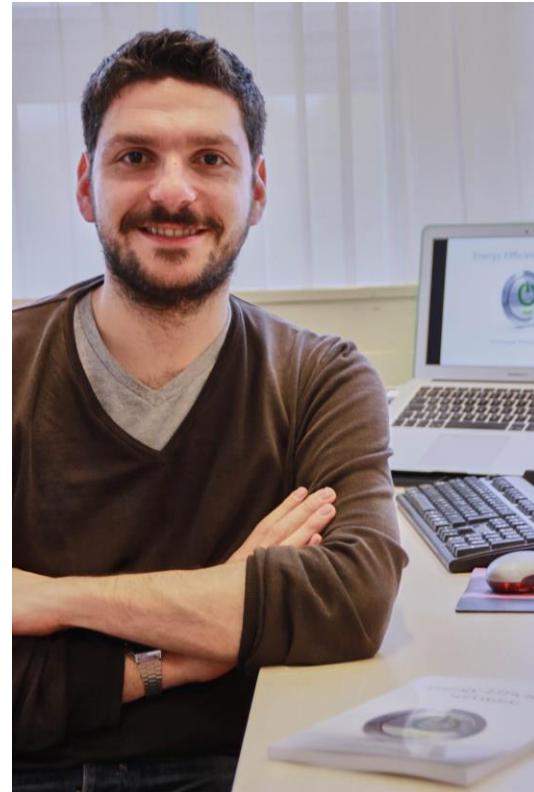
*Greening the Cloud Experiment results*

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# Presentations are in order

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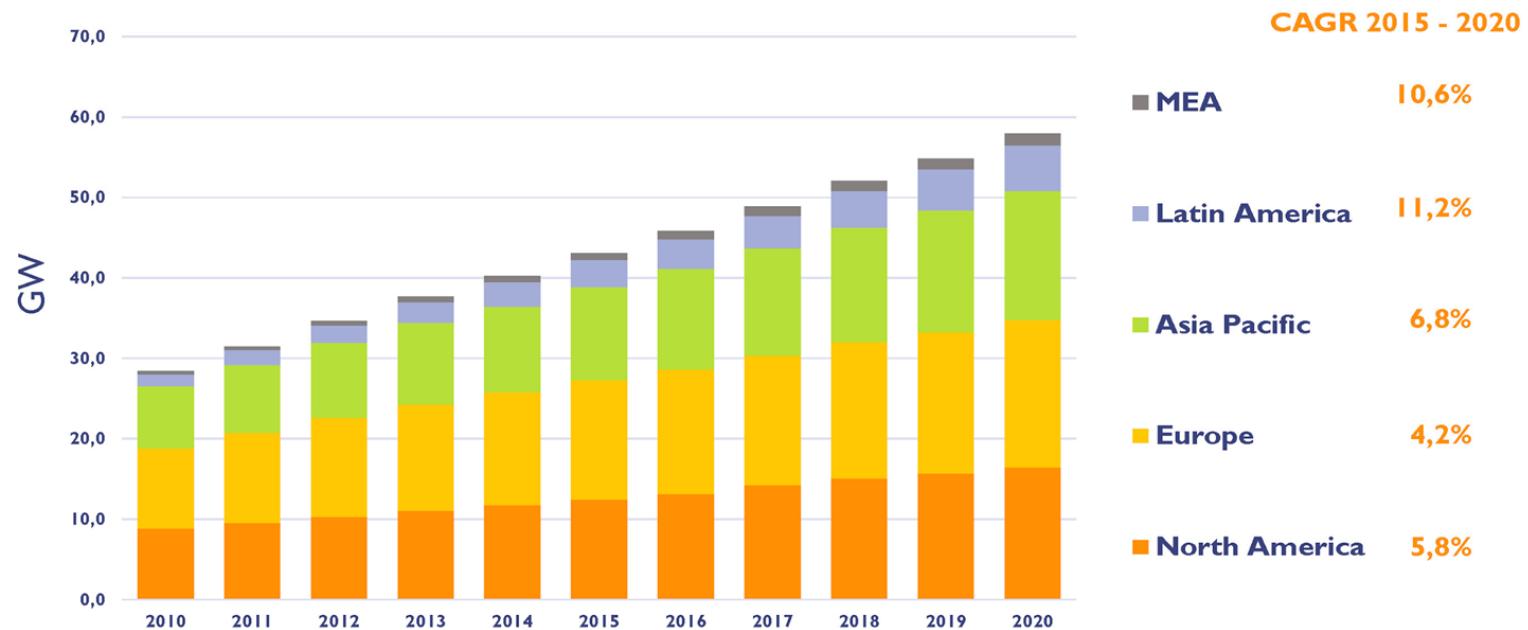
# Agenda

- Software is wasting energy
- The Greening the Cloud project
- The Green Lab
- The impact of Green Software
- Final remarks

# Datacenters are energy-hungry

## WORLDWIDE DATA CENTER FACILITIES – POWER NEEDS IN GW

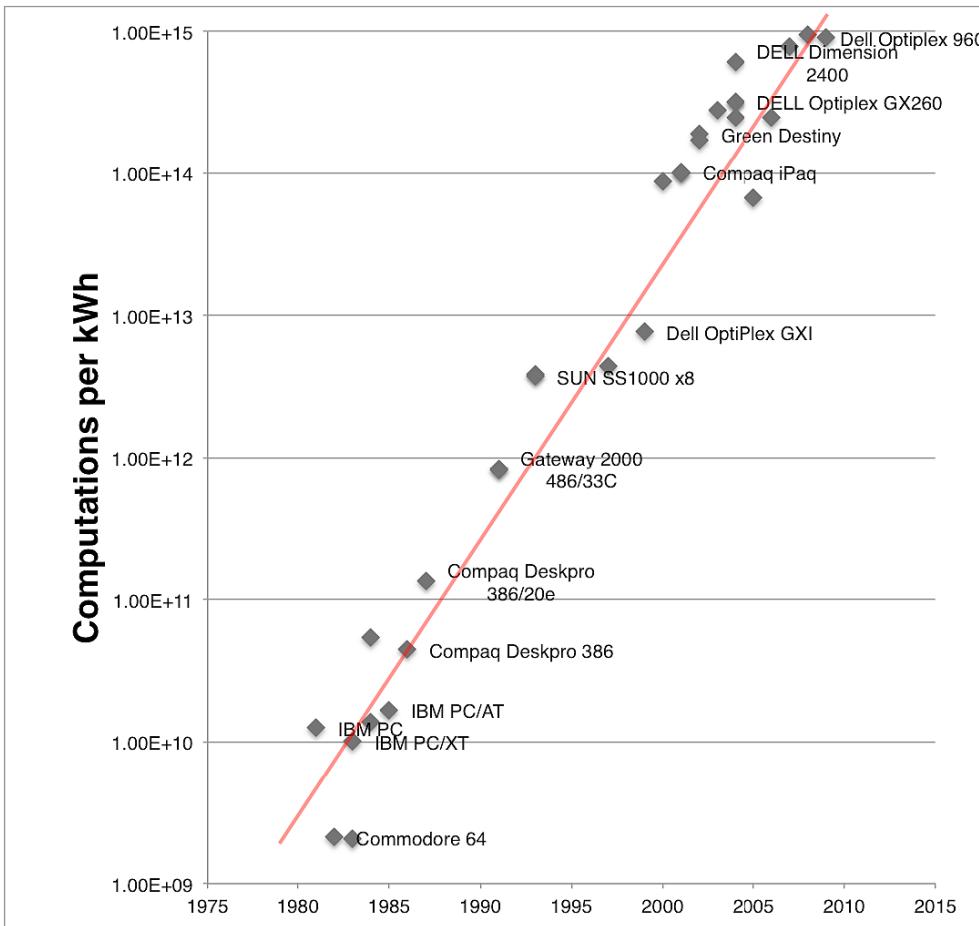
(Source: New Technologies and Architectures for Efficient Data Center report, July 2015, Yole Développement)



**With no slowdown in new facility construction, data centers worldwide will have an increasing need for power.**



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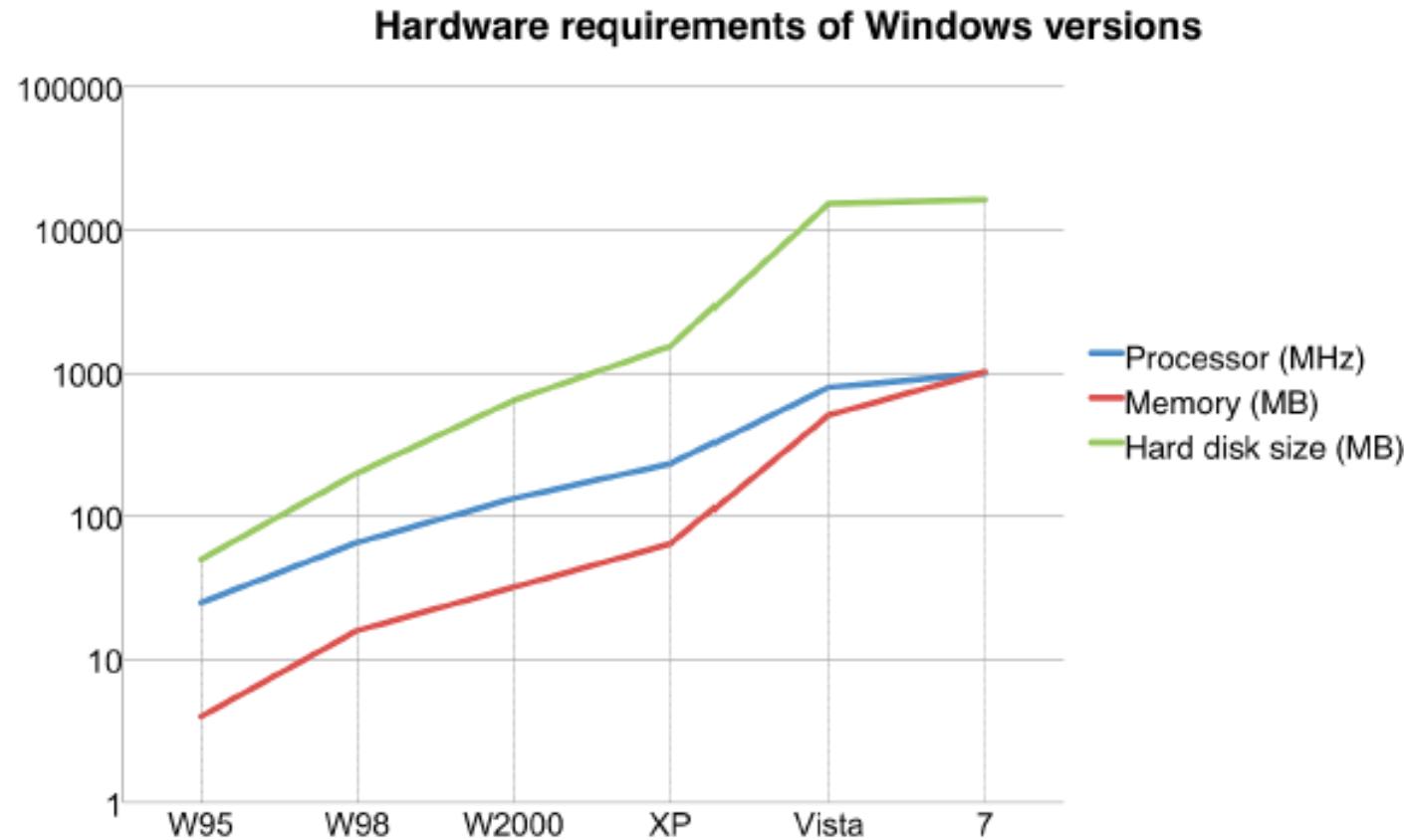
"The energy efficiency of hardware doubles every 1.5 years."  
(Koomey's law)



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"Software gets slower more rapidly than hardware gets faster."  
*(Wirth's law)*



# RAAK Project Greening the cloud

**Objective:** Support (i) cloud providers and (ii) cloud software developers to increase software energy efficiency.

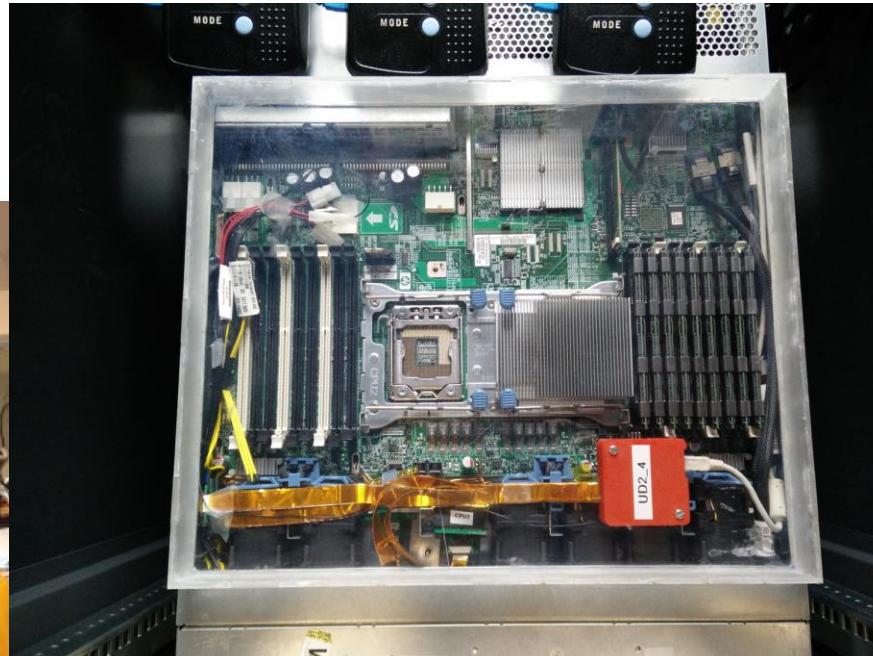
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# SEFLab measurement servers



Cluster

Kansen  
voor  
West  
G4P4



Europese Unie  
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# The Green Lab

- Our platform for researching energy-efficient software
- We measure real software solutions
- Powered by SEFLab

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Efficient multi-  
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Efficient ORM  
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Efficient Web pages:

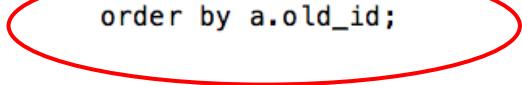
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## Efficient Database queries [1]



```
select SQL_NO_CACHE a.old_id from text a, revision b
where a.old_id = b.rev_text_id
order by a.old_id;
```

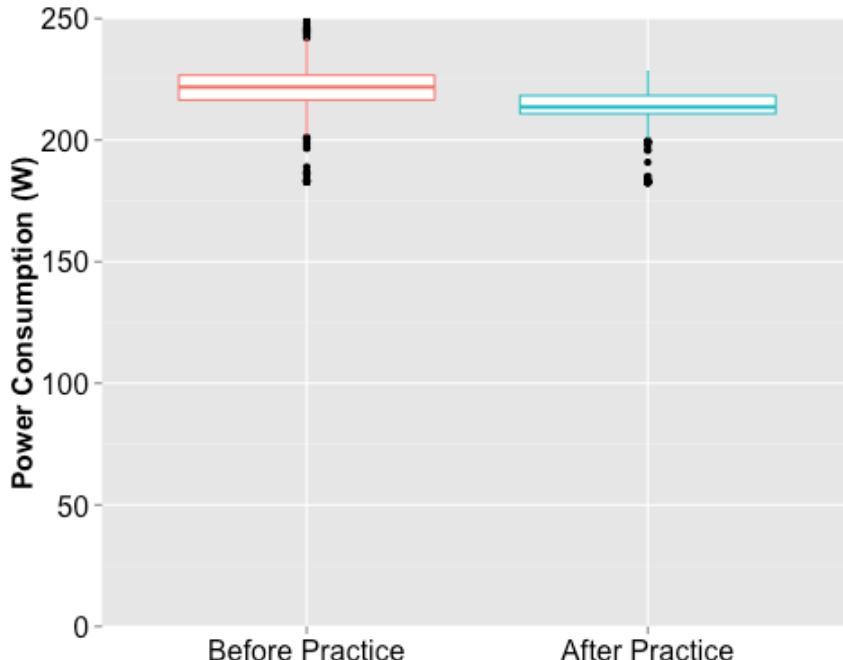


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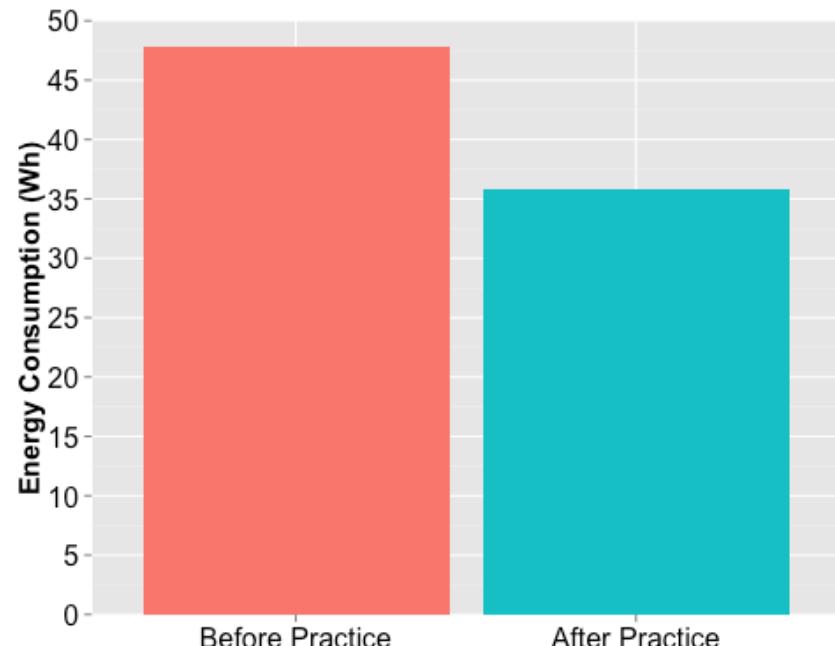


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3% Power savings



25% Energy savings

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## Efficient Multithreading [1]



APACHE  
HTTP SERVER

```
* might get lost.  
/*  
apr_sleep(TASK_SWITCH_SLEEP);  
apr_pool_destroy(process->pool); /* and destroy all descendent pools */  
apr_terminate();  
exit(process_exit_value);  
}  
  
static process_rec *init_process(int *argc, const char * const * argv)  
{
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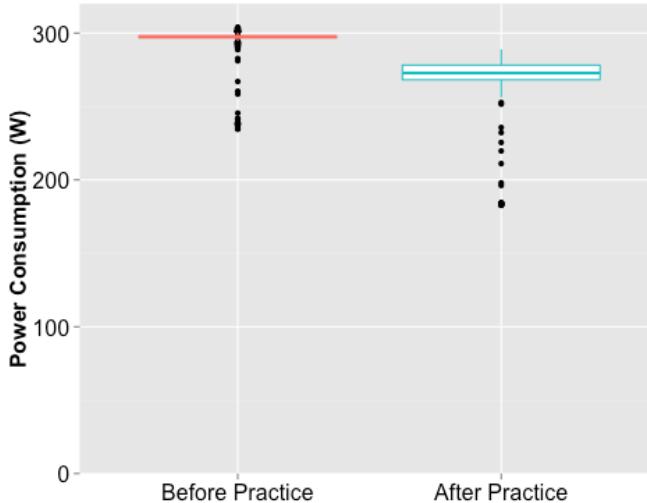
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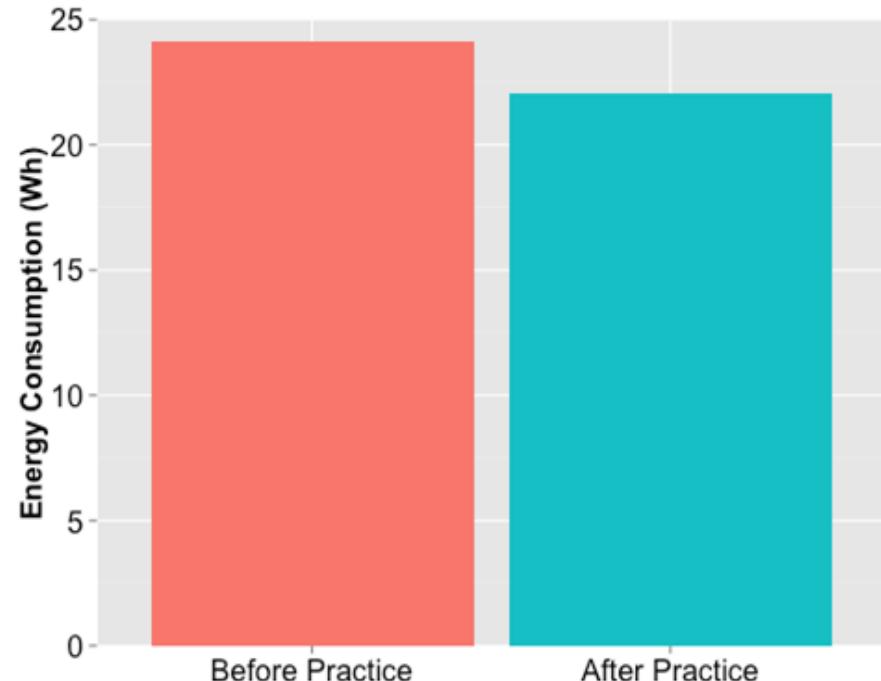
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8.2% Power savings



8.4% Energy savings

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- ORM vs. no-ORM (Diesveld Query Technologies)



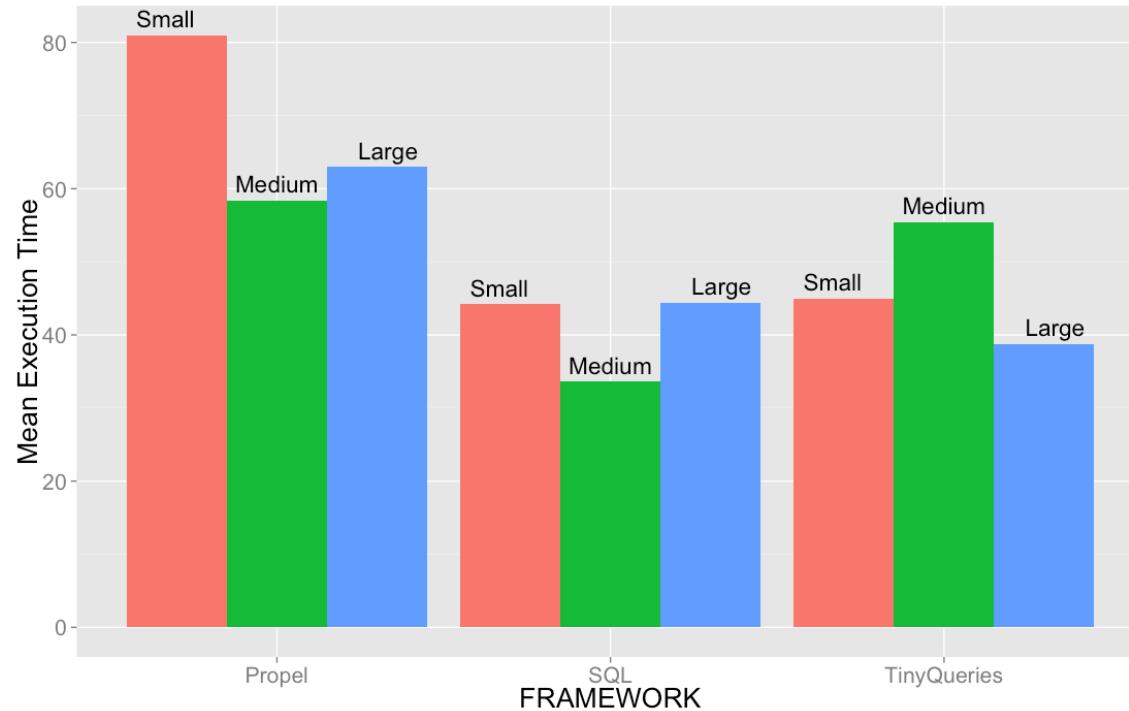
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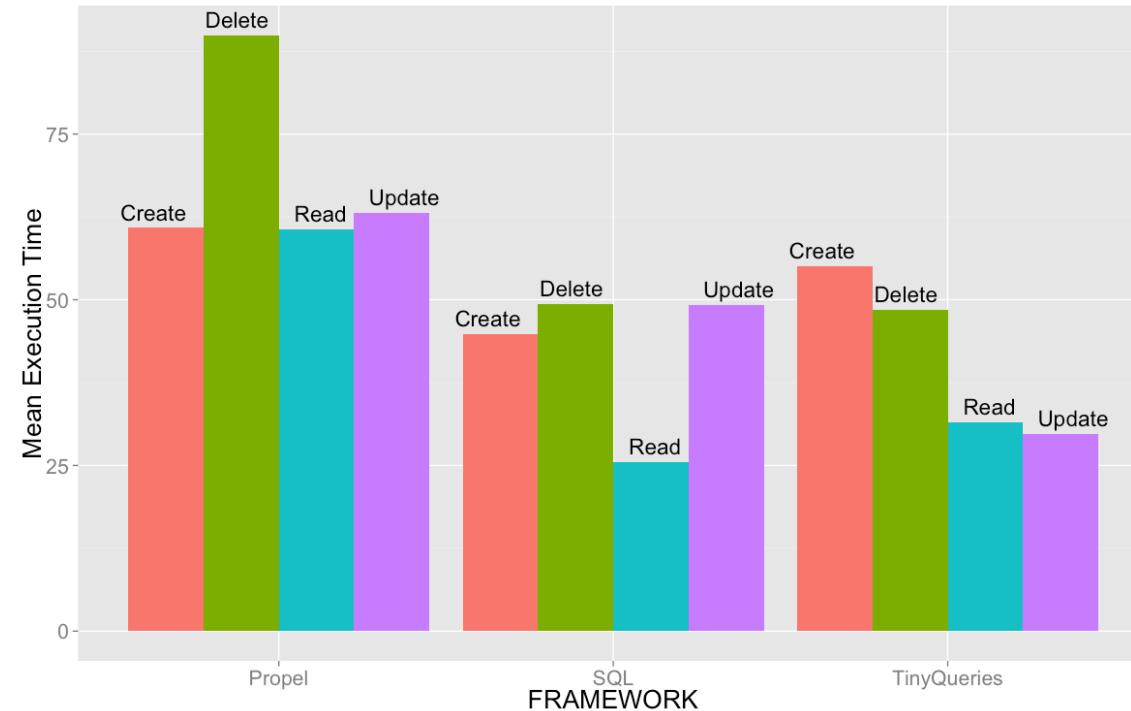


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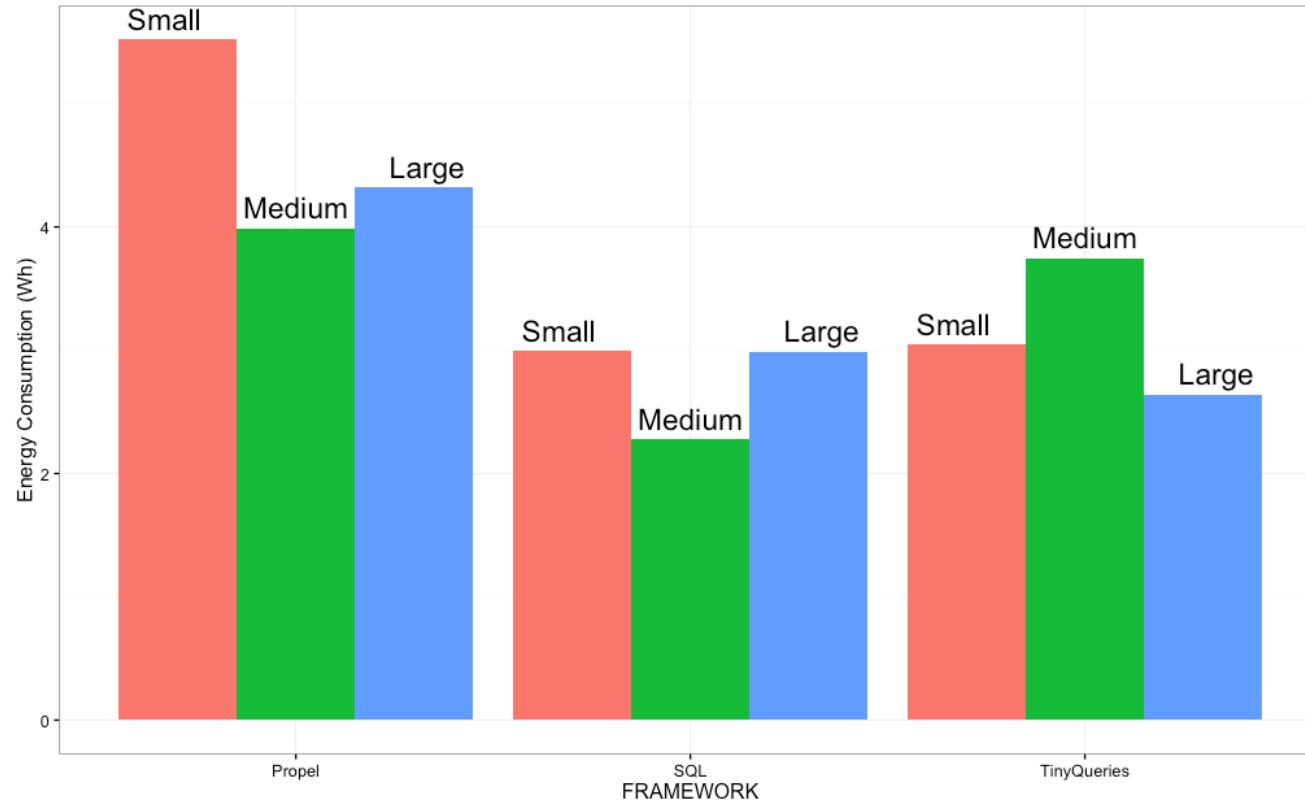
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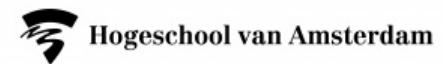
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## Efficient Web Pages

- Evaluate energy impact of Content Management Systems
  - E.g. Wordpress vs. Static web pages
- Experiment: compare 2 different VMs
  - different software stack
  - Same content



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## Efficient Web Pages

**cobra**

This is our blog

*Where we write about stuff*



**Example Article**

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**cobra**

This is our blog

*Where we write about stuff...*



**Example Article**

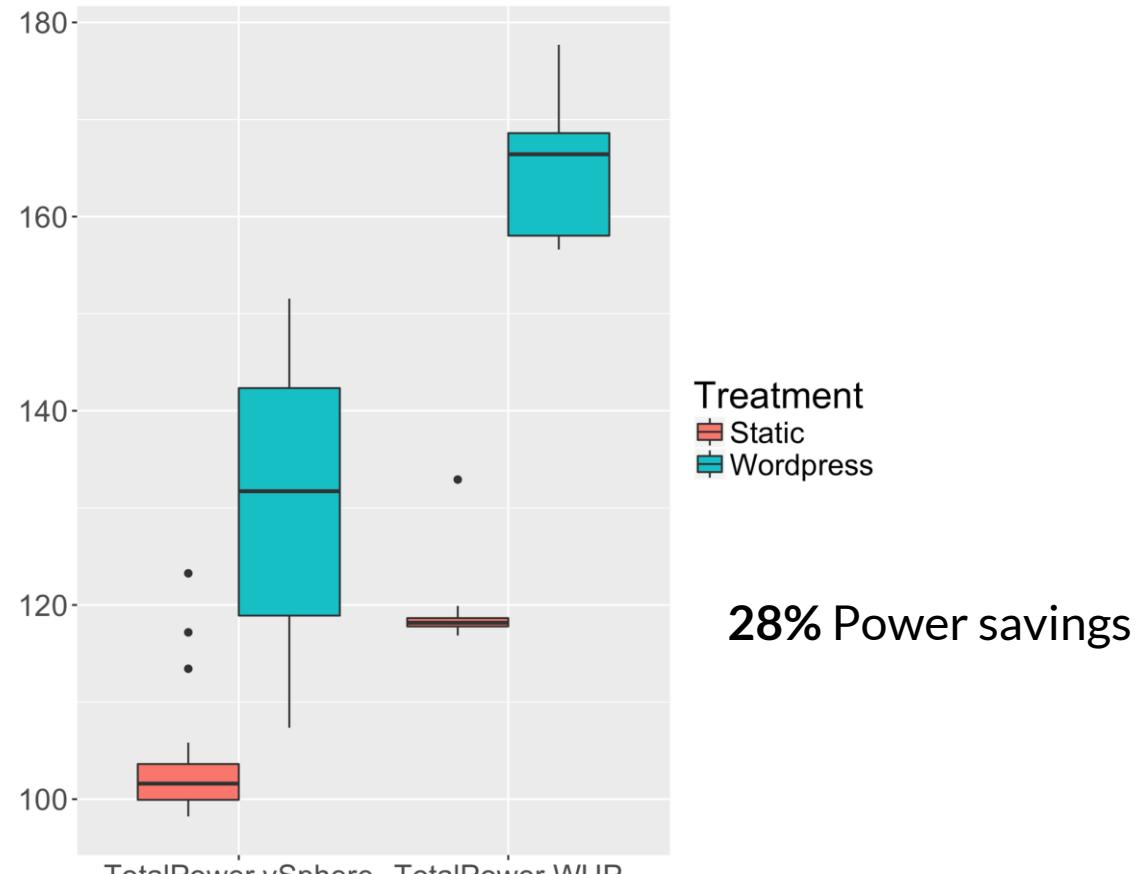
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**cobra**  
SYSTEMS

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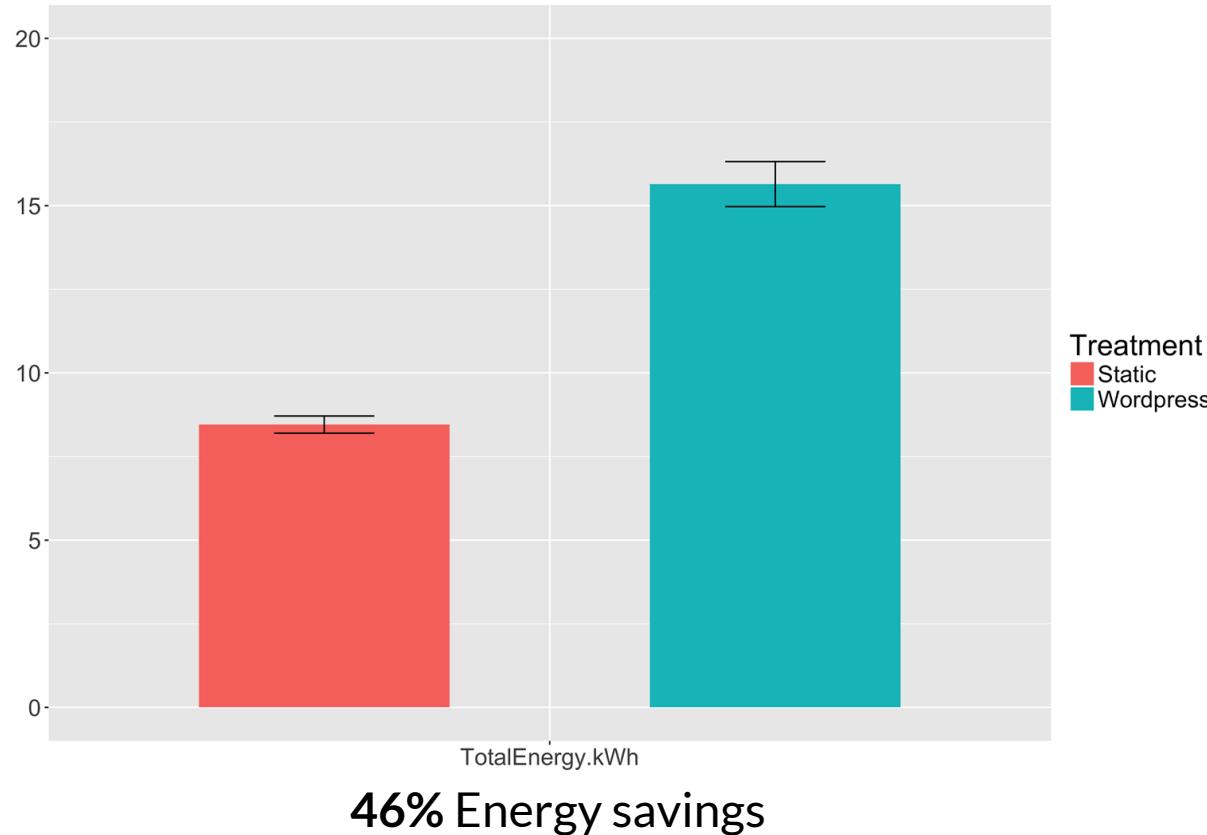
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# EE is Software Quality

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- Being Energy-Efficient implies trade-off decisions
- Data from energy measurements helps decision-making

# Conclusions

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- Green Software matters!
- Validated Best Practices
- ...looking for case studies!

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