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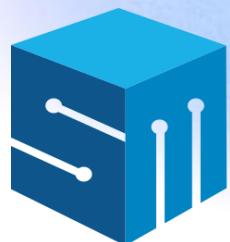
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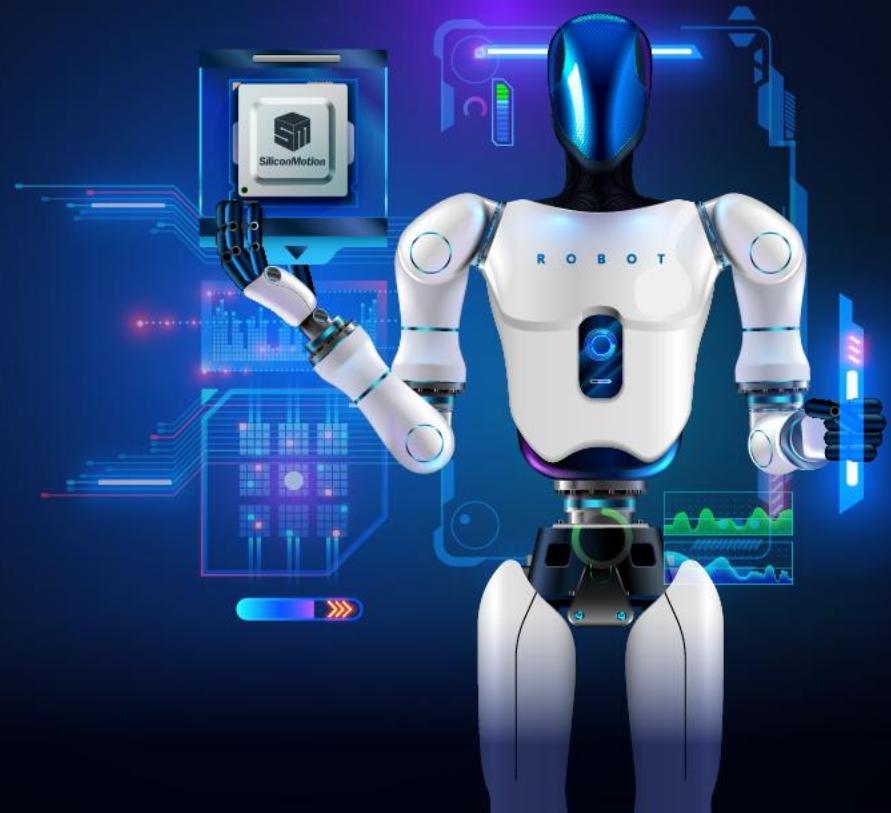
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From the Cloud to the Edge: Silicon Motion AI Innovation X PDF Exensio Analytics

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New Era Storage Technology under AI

2021 Nov.
ChatGPT



- Single modal data → Multi modal data
- LLM data: PB → EB
- Storage : Hot/Warm Storage
(Low Latency, Concurrency)

Compute

2024 Jan.
CES
NVIDIA



- NVIDIA announced its Blackwell Ultra platform, which integrates BlueField-3 DPUs.
- To improve data transfer speeds.

2025 Jan.
DeepSeek



- Training Dataset
- Checkpoints
- Storage : Tiered Storage
(High Throughput, High Reliability)

2025 Mar.
GTC
AI Data Platform



- Compute Storage Convergence
- Storage Next : GPUDirect, 100M/200M IOPS

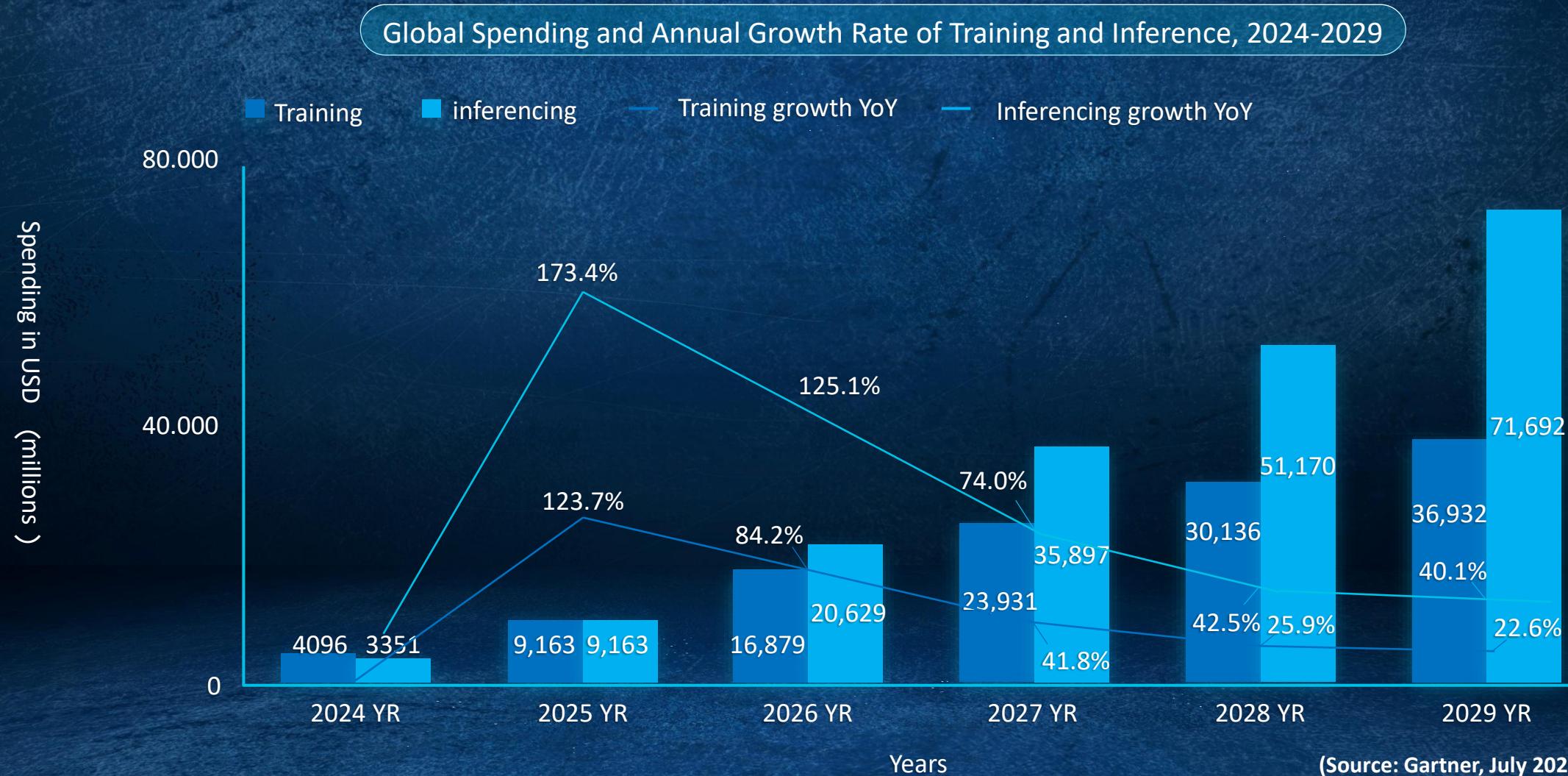
Intelligent Data
Management



- Data : PB → EB → ZB
- AI Training → AI Inference
- Storage: Tiered → (Hot/Warm/Nearline/Cold) → Compute-storage Convergence → Processing-in-Storage

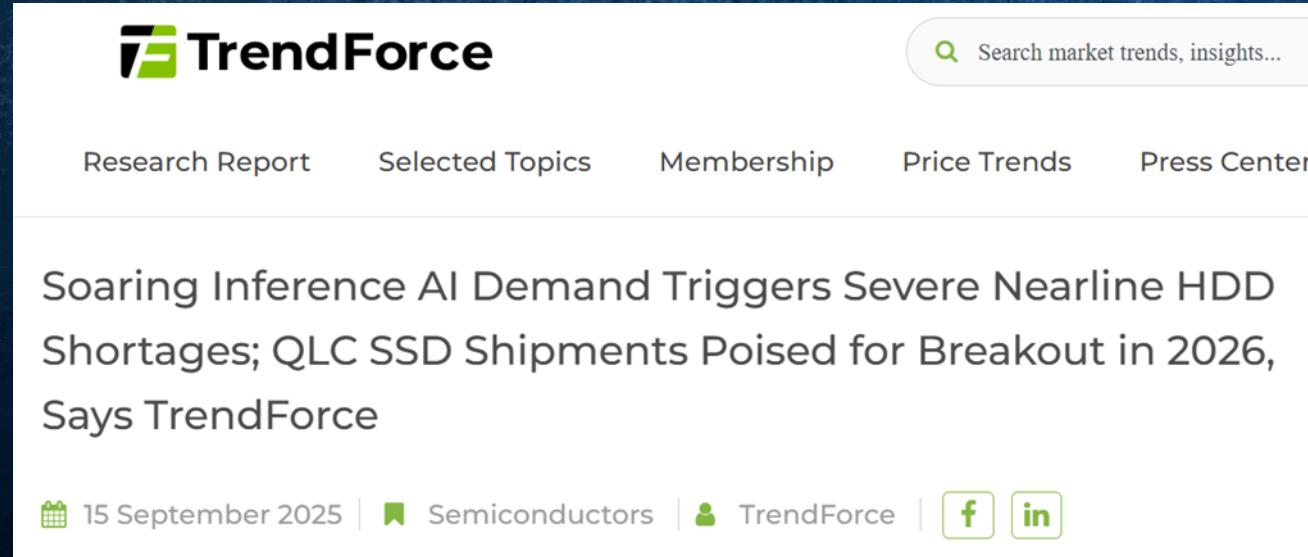
Compute + Storage

Inference will Take Lead for the AI Trend in 2026



Inference AI Triggers Data Center HDD → SSD

- TrendForce news, Sept.-15., 2025.



TrendForce

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Soaring Inference AI Demand Triggers Severe Nearline HDD Shortages; QLC SSD Shipments Poised for Breakout in 2026, Says TrendForce

15 September 2025 | Semiconductors | TrendForce | [f](#) [in](#)

This screenshot shows a news article from TrendForce. The headline discusses the impact of inference AI on data center storage, mentioning severe近线HDD shortages and the potential for QLC SSD shipments to breakout in 2026. The article is dated September 15, 2025, and is categorized under Semiconductors. It includes social media sharing links for Facebook and LinkedIn.

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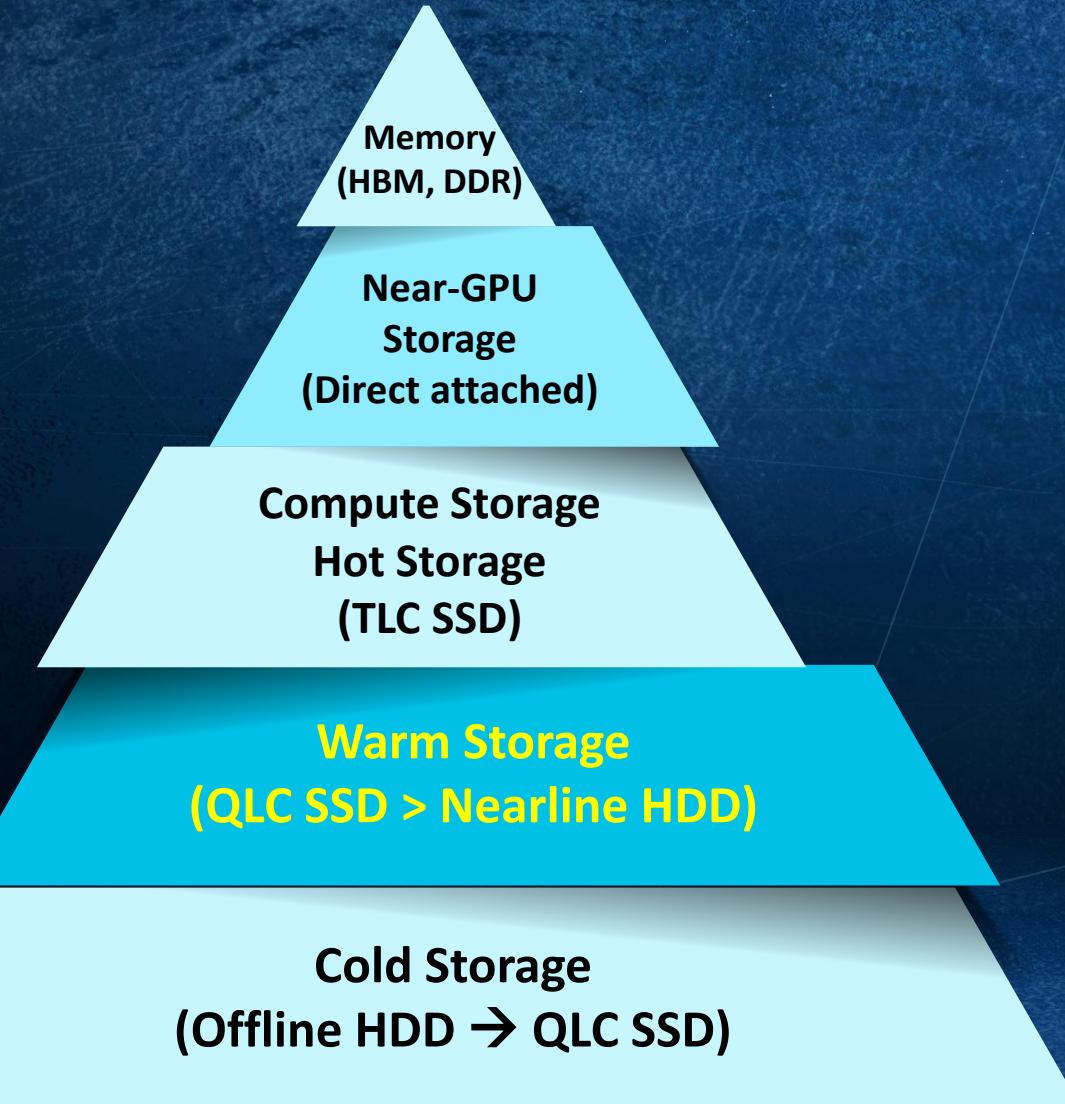


- Benchmarking of Nearline HDD vs. SSD (QLC)

Product	Lead Time	ASP (US\$/GB)	Max. Capacity	Performance	Energy Efficiency
Nearline HDD	52 weeks	\$0.015	32TB	Weak	Inferior
SSD (QLC)	8 weeks	\$0.05-0.06	122TB	Strong	Superior

(Source: TrendForce, Sept. 2025)

Warm Storage by SSD Is Our Focus



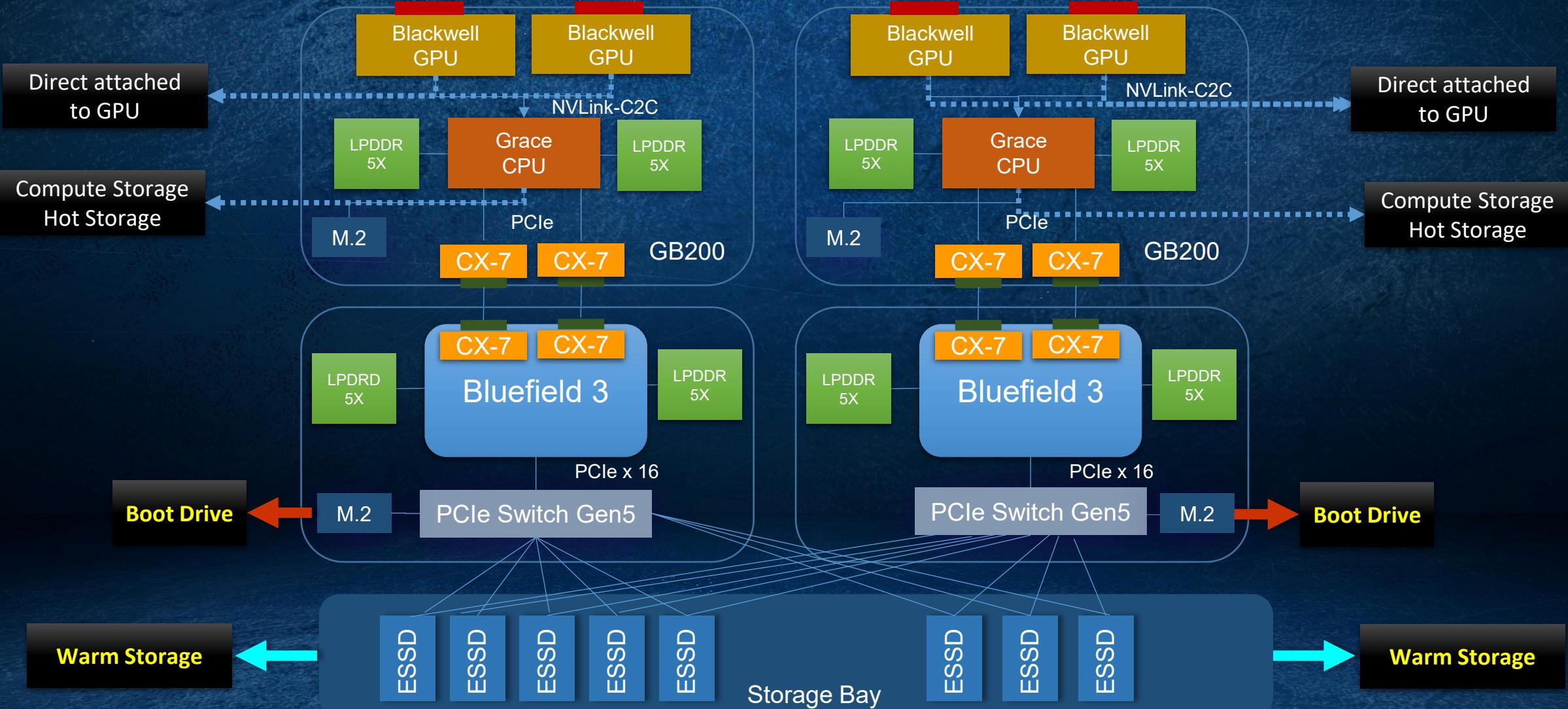
- **Warm Storage Requirement in AI Era**

- High Performance
- High Power Efficiency
- High Capacity

- **QLC SSD Much Fit to Warm Storage**

- Better Performance than Nearline HDD
- Lower Power
- Much Higher Capacity
- Better Total Cost Ownership (TCO)

Flash Storage in NVIDIA's AI Eco System



SMI's NAND Controller for AI Transformation across All Spectrum

Data Center

Near GPU



Storage Next ...



*GPU Direct
Attached*

Compute

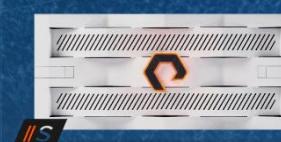


*DPU-based
Storage Server*



*Enterprise
Compute Storage*

Warm Data



FlashBlade



122TB SSD

Edge Server



All-in-one Server



*DeepSeek
Integrated Server*

Edge Device & IoT

AI PC



NPU > 40 TOPS



AI Phone



NPU > 5 TOPS



Automotive

Cockpit/ADAS



**SM8466
SM8566**

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SM8366
SM8308
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SM8008**

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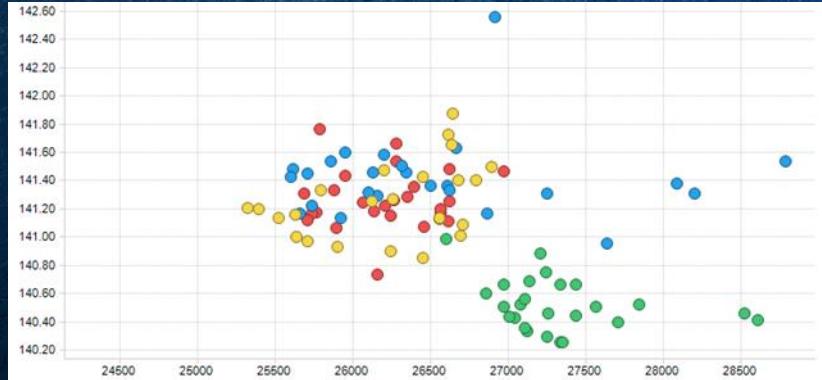
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SM2504XT
SM2524XT
PCIe Gen6**

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SM2753
SM2754
SM2755
SM2758**

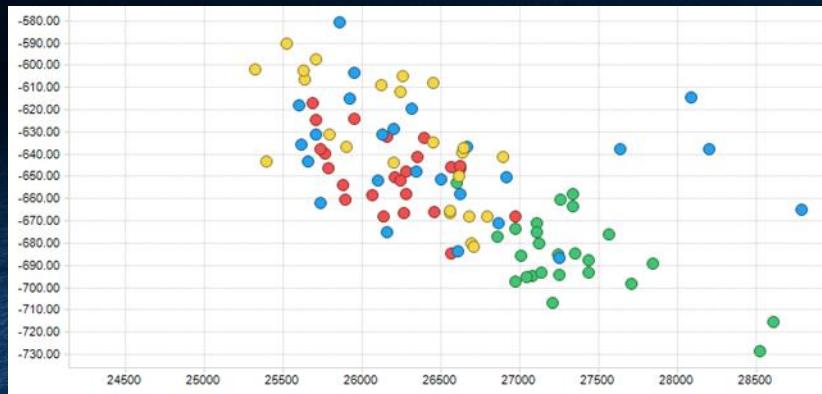
**SM2264XT-AT
SM2268XT2-AT
SM2514-AT**

Simulation to Silicon (S2S) Characterization by PDF Exensio

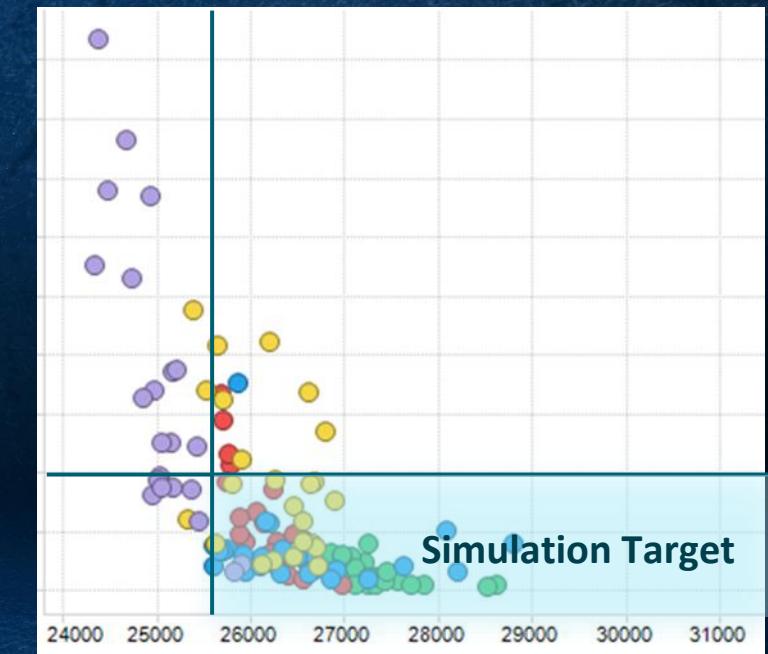
■ Fab In-Line vs. WAT



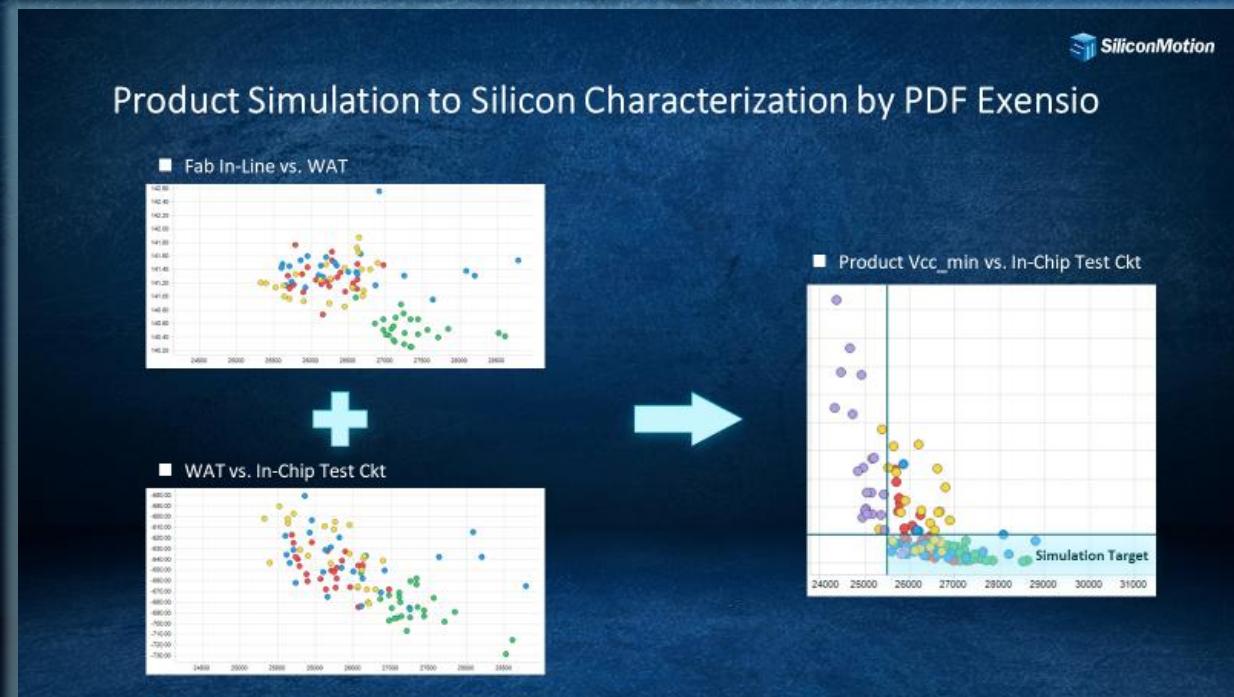
■ WAT vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



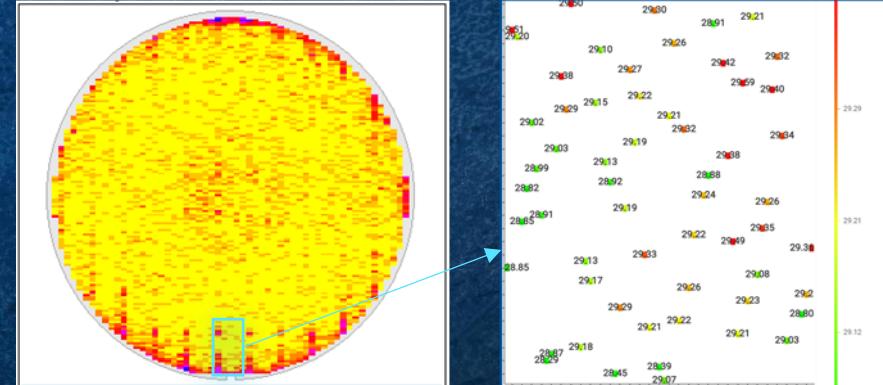
■ Product Vcc_min vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



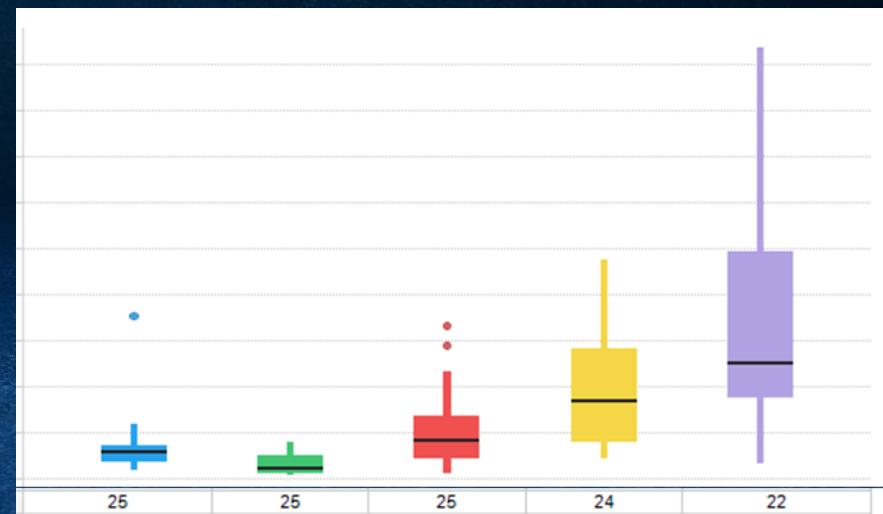
Performance Boosting by PDF Exensio



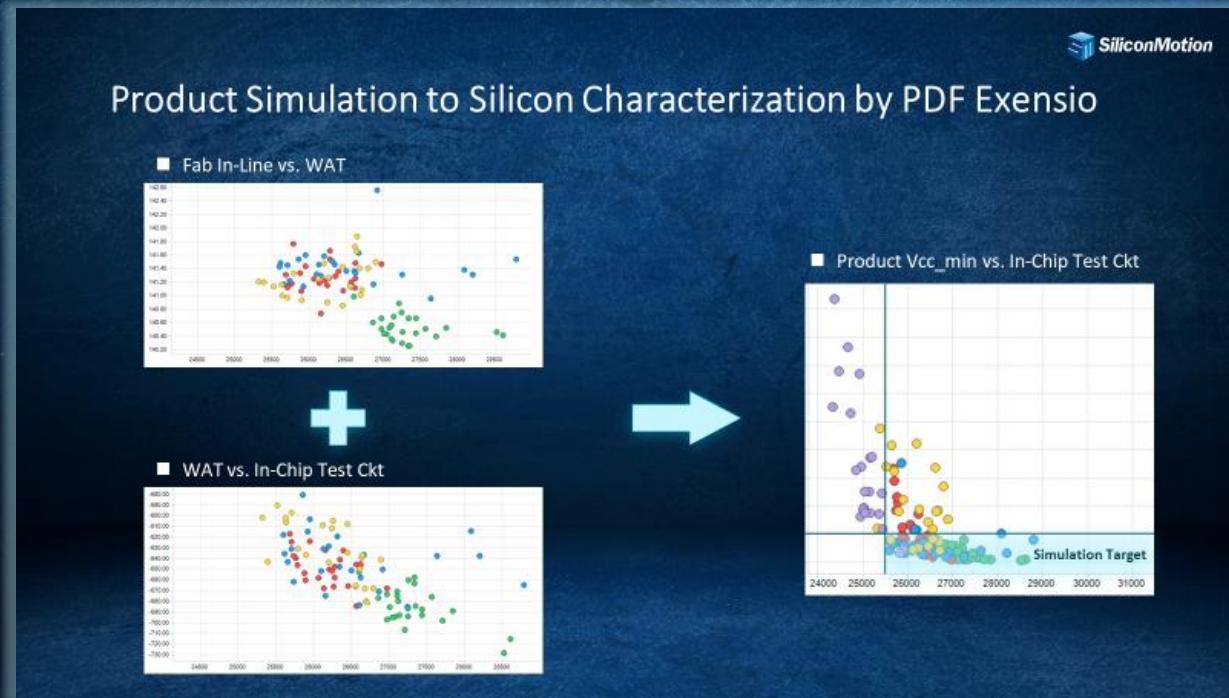
■ Within Wafer Uniformity Improvement



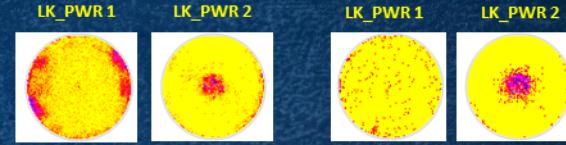
■ Performance Binning Improvement



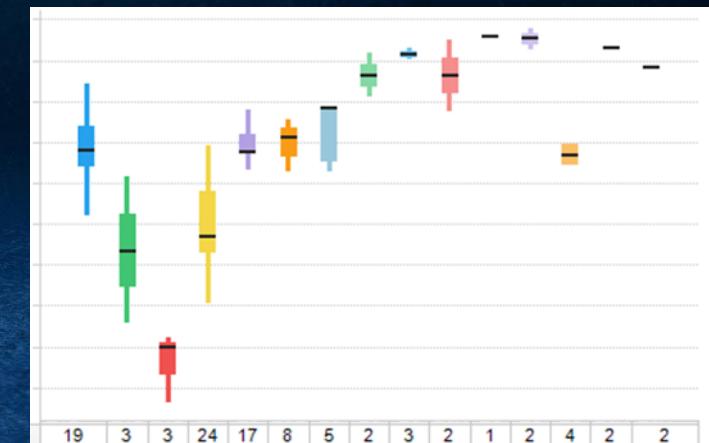
Power Optimization by PDF Exensio



■ Leakage Power Improvement



■ Yield Improvement



SM8466 : SMI's First PCIe Gen6 SSD Controller



**High Performance
Low Power**

TSMC 4nm

Support SCA Interface

Up to 512TB Capacity

» Performance

- ✓ Sequential : 28 GB/s
- ✓ Random : 7M IOPS (4KB)

» Features

- ✓ PCIe Gen6
 - SRIOV / MPF
 - ATC/PRI
 - IDE
- ✓ NVMe 2.0+
- ✓ OCP NVMe SSD Spec 2.5
- ✓ 4KiB/16KiB (CoCo™) LDPC
- ✓ Performance Shaping
- ✓ E2E Data Protection
- ✓ SMART Monitoring
- ✓ IF chip support
- ✓ Crypto Functions: CNSA 2.0, PQC
- ✓ Data Security: TCG Opal
- ✓ Root of Trust: Caliptra
 - Secure Boot & Attestation
- ✓ Attestation

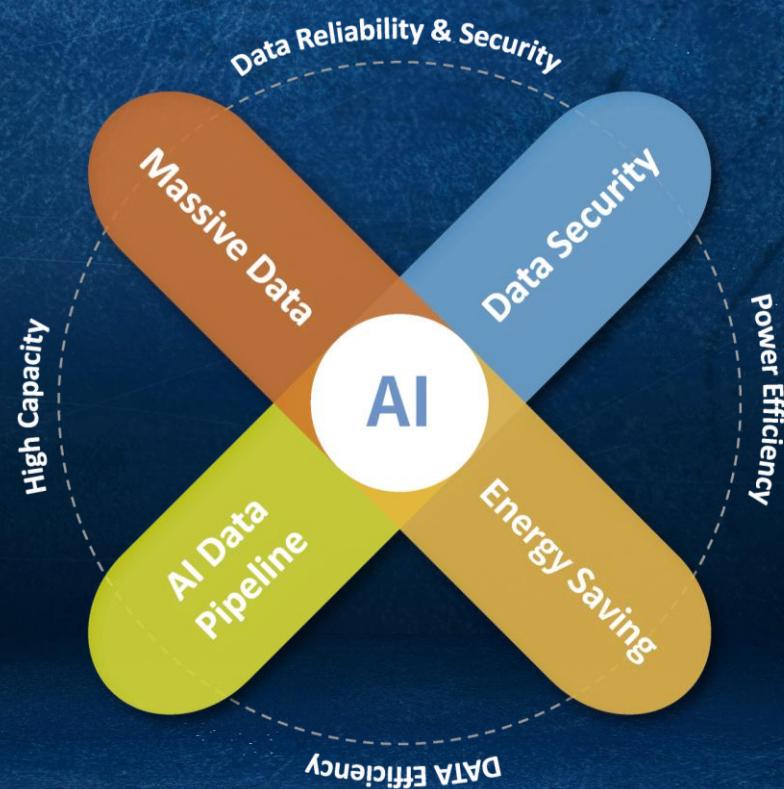
Core Competence with SMI's Controller for Data Center SSD

Achieve High Capacity

- High density architecture
- Up to 128/256/512TB enterprise SSDs with QLC
- 16K LDPC in Gen 6

Better Data Efficiency

- Up to 1.6X of Cosmoflow Test
- Up to 2X of Resnet50 of MLPerf storage
- Extremely low latency by patented PerformaShape™ QOS technology



Enable Data Security

- Advanced encryption standards
 - NIST / FIPS (USA) standards
- NIST symmetric / Asymmetric crypto functions
- Root of trust

Better Power Efficiency

- Best in class: 4nm, 6nm
- Smart low power design
 - Purpose-build modules
 - Clock gating and power domain planning
- Smart power mode switching
 - Flexible host commands
 - Dynamic FW tuning

Summary

- 2026 is expected to be a healthy and growth year for the global semiconductor industry.
- AI inference will take over from AI training. The notebooks, smartphones, IoT, and wearable devices will grow as well.
- From the cloud to the edge, from AI servers to AI PCs & AI phones, from EV to IoT, wearable devices, all require a wide range of storage products and technologies.
- The storage industry has become a critical link in the AI industry. Whether it's warm storage, compute storage, near-GPU storage, or other new technologies and breakthrough which plays a crucial role in the era of "Compute + Storage".



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