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Test and Supply Chain Orchestration

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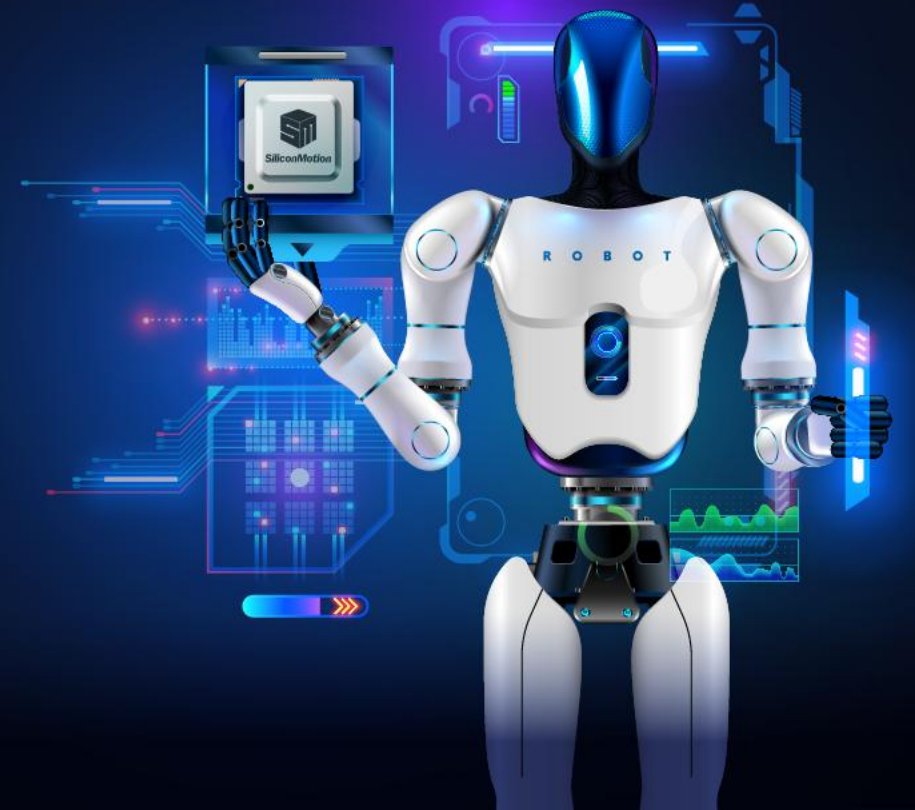
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From the Cloud to the Edge: Silicon Motion AI Innovation X PDF Exensio Analytics

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Tao Cheng



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)

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



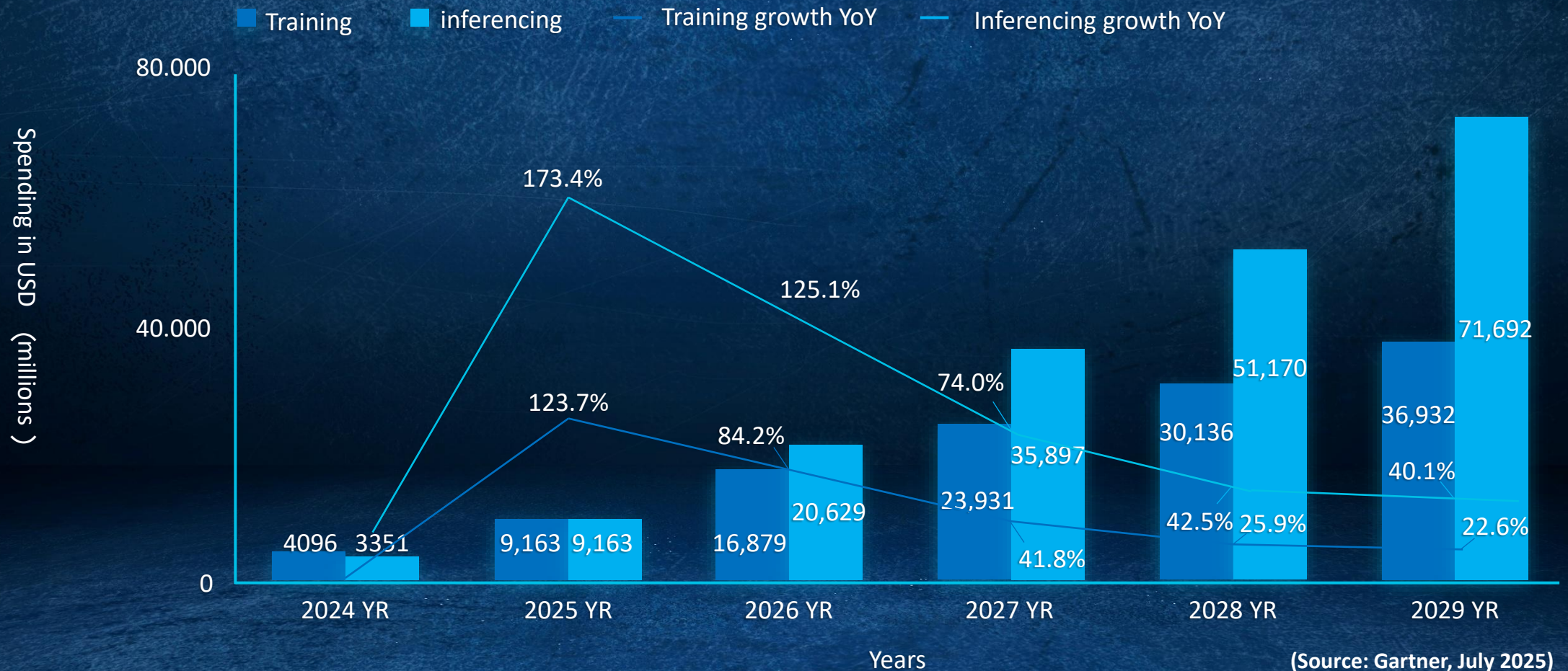
- Data : PB → EB → ZB
- AI Training → AI Inference
- Storage: Tiered → (Hot/Warm/Nearline/Cold) → Compute-storage Convergence → Processing-in-Storage

Compute

Compute + Storage


Inference will Take Lead for the AI Trend in 2026

Global Spending and Annual Growth Rate of Training and Inference, 2024-2029








Inference AI Triggers Data Center HDD → SSD

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



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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 |
  

- 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)

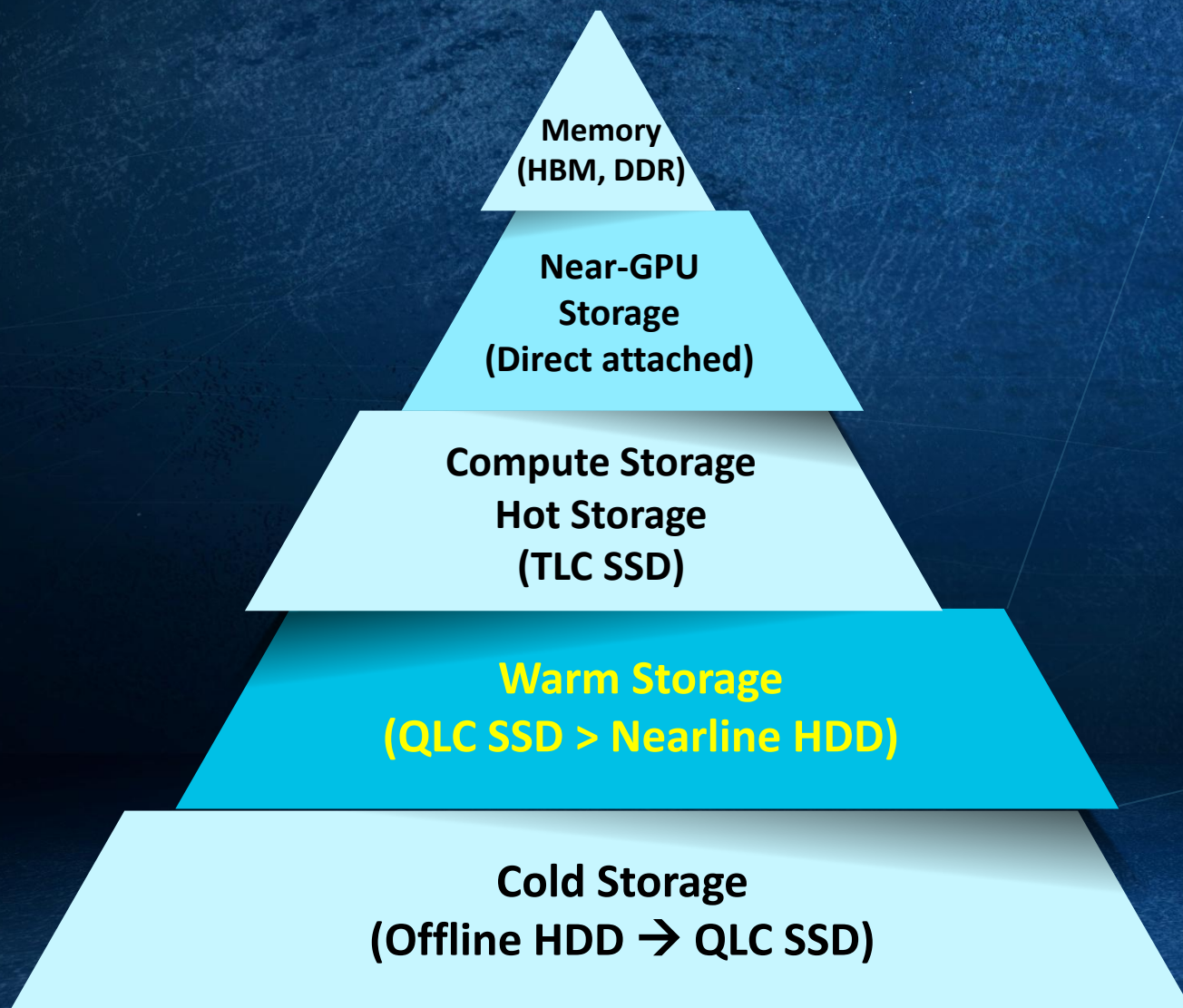
- HDD maker's stock price, YTD Nov.-18, 2025.



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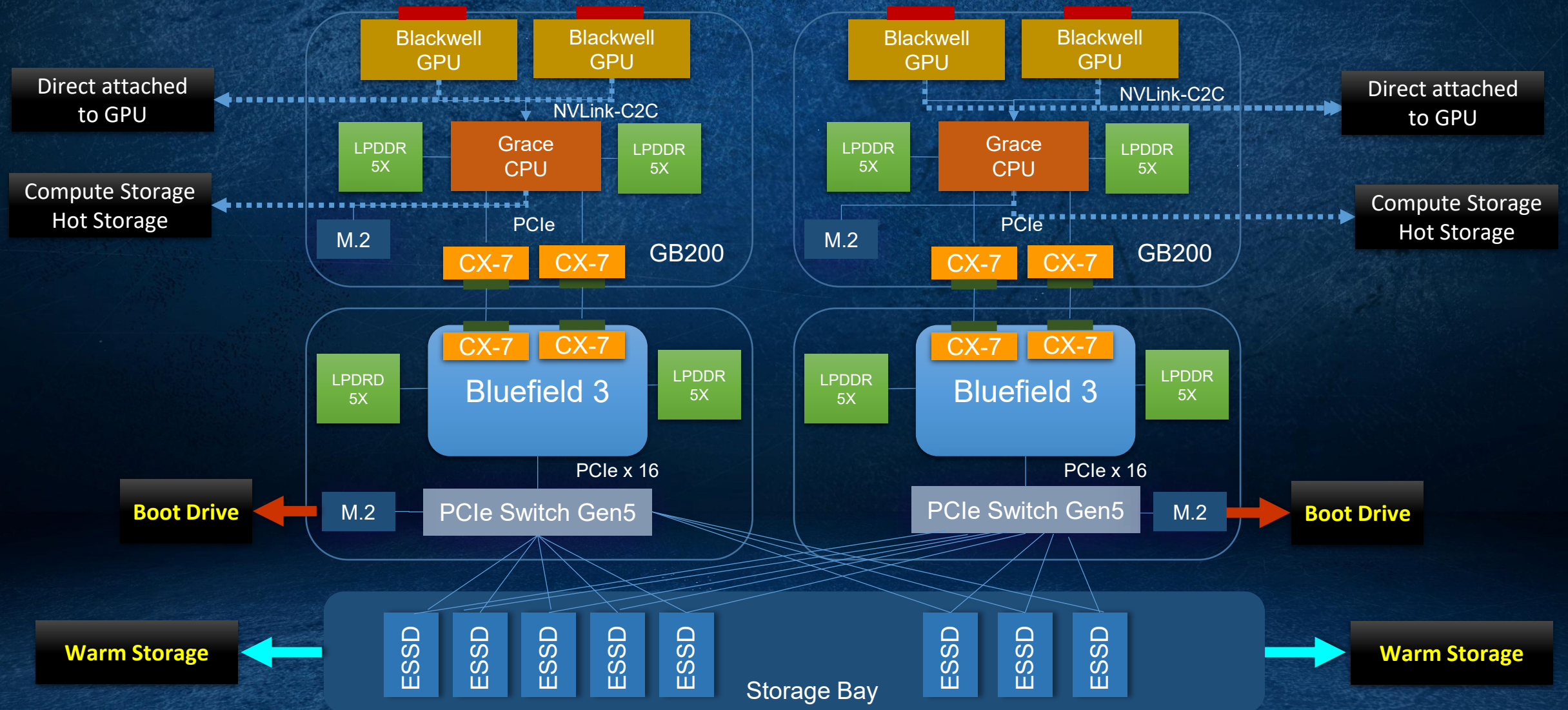


Warm Storage by SSD Is Our Focus



- **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

Edge Device & IoT

Automotive

Near GPU



Storage Next ...



GPU Direct
Attached

SM8466
SM8566

Compute



DPU-based
Storage Server



Enterprise
Compute Storage

SM8466
SM8366
SM8308
SM8388
SM8008

Warm Data



FlashBlade



122TB SSD

SM8466
SM8366
SM8388

Edge Server



All-in-one Server



DeepSeek
Integrated Server

SM8366
SM8388
SM8008
SM2508

AI PC



NPU > 40 TOPS

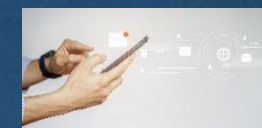


SM2508
SM2504XT
SM2524XT
PCIe Gen6

AI Phone



NPU > 5 TOPS



SM2752
SM2753
SM2754
SM2755
SM2758

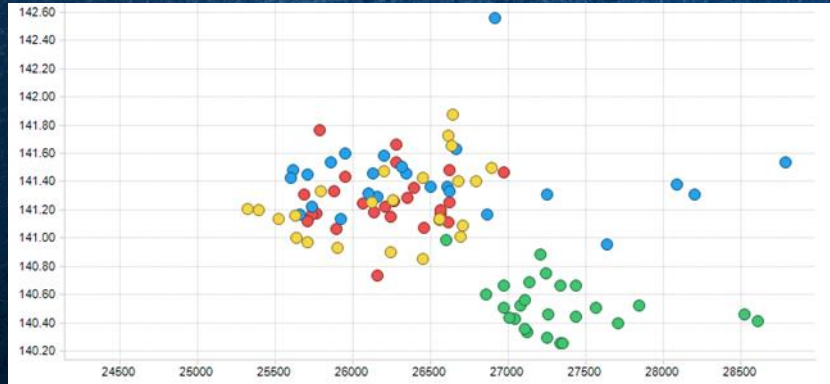
Cockpit/ADAS



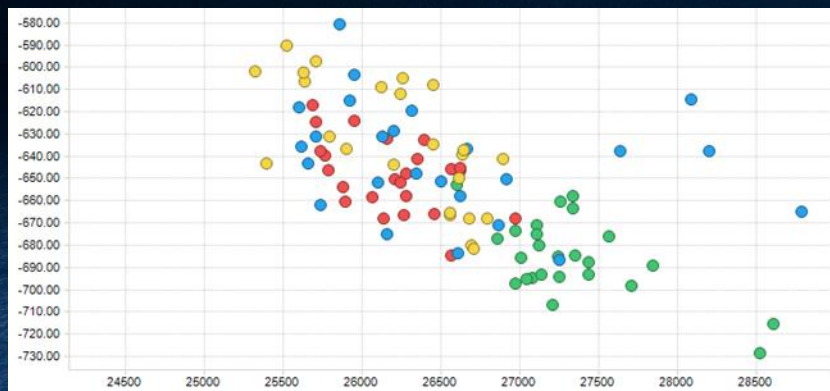
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SM2514-AT

Simulation to Silicon (S2S) Characterization by PDF Exensio

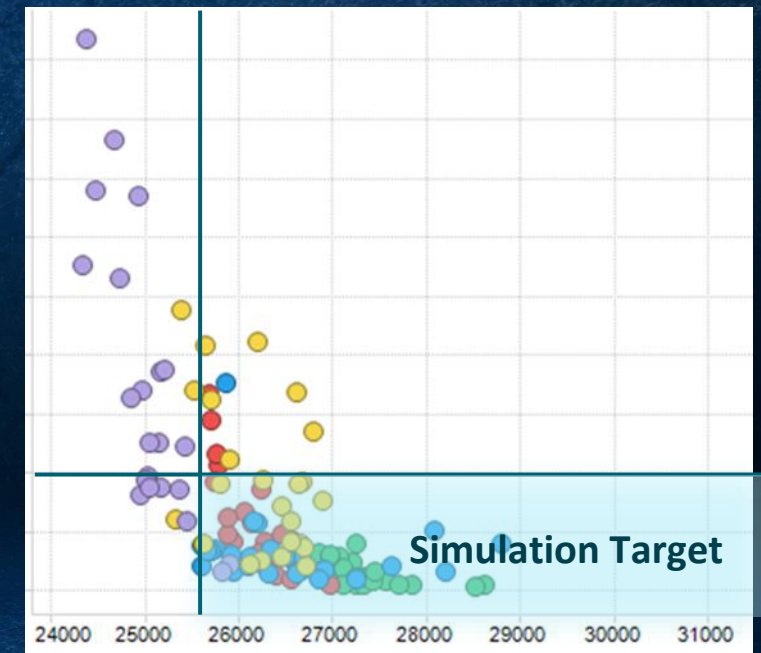
■ Fab In-Line vs. WAT



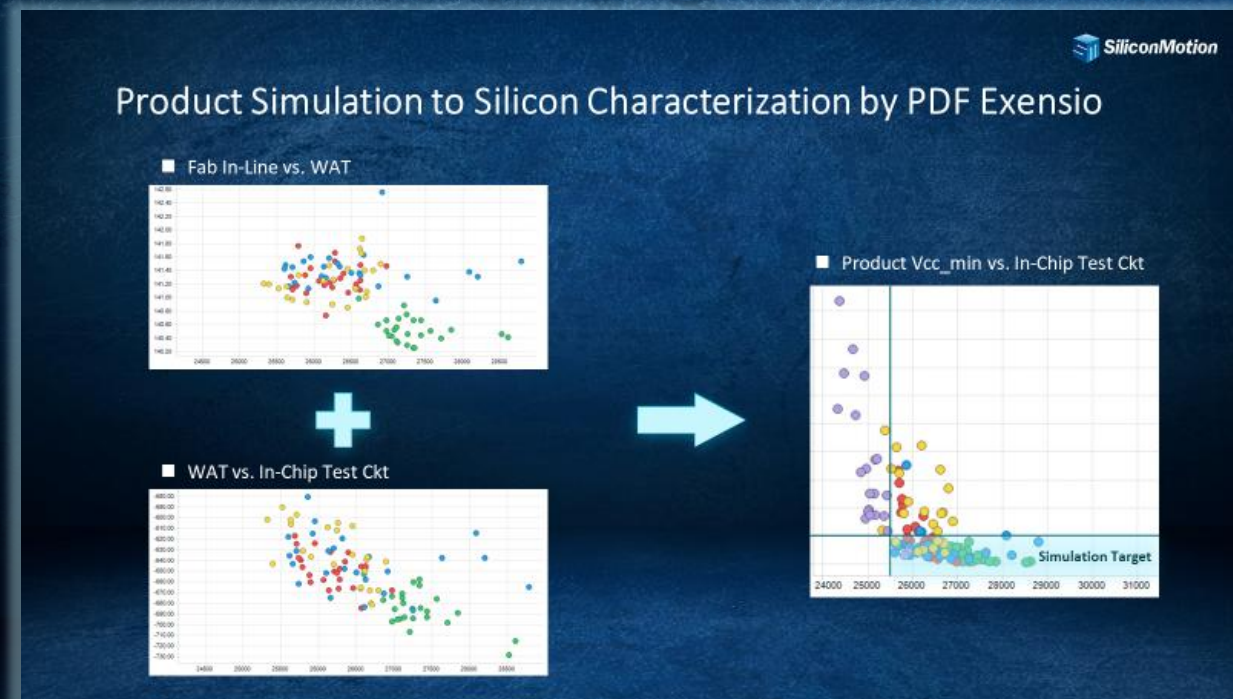
■ WAT vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



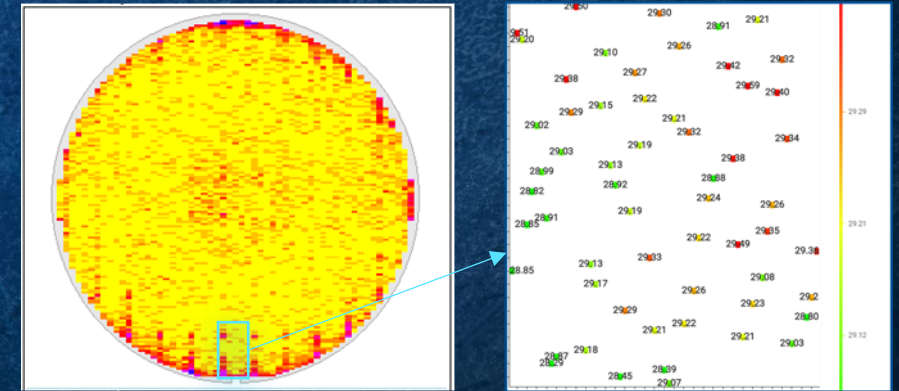
■ Product Vcc_min vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



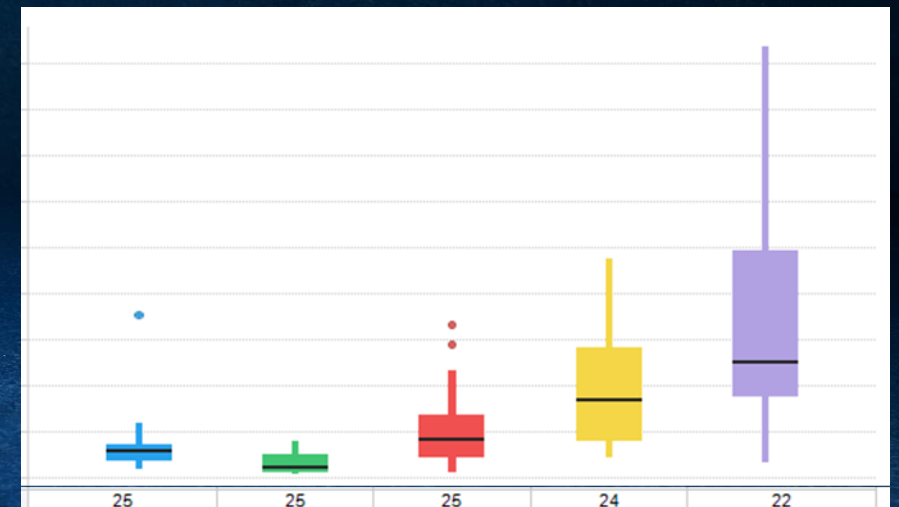
Performance Boosting by PDF Exensio



■ Within Wafer Uniformity Improvement

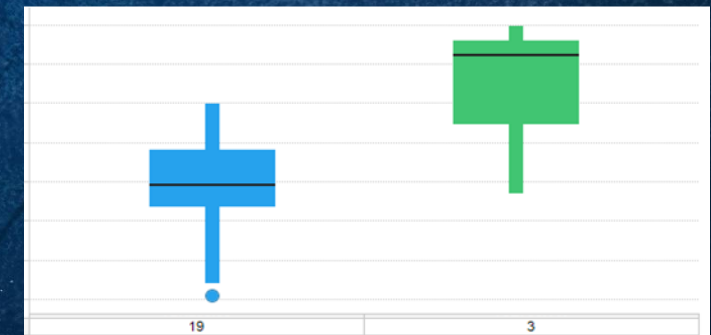
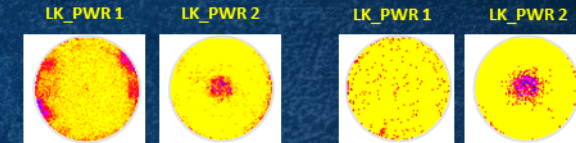


■ Performance Binning Improvement

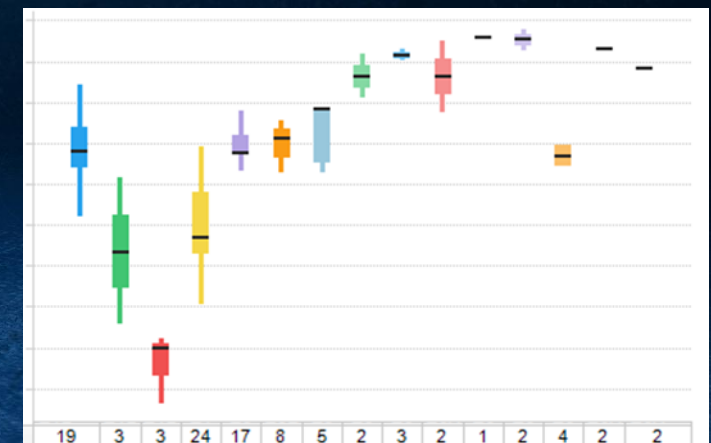


Power Optimization by PDF Exensio

Leakage Power Improvement



Yield Improvement



Product Simulation to Silicon Characterization by PDF Exensio

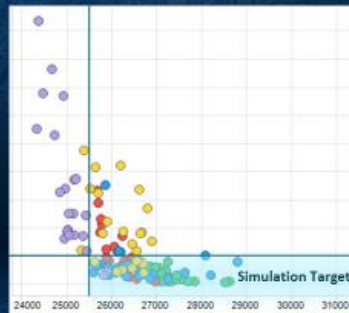
Fab In-Line vs. WAT



WAT vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



Product Vcc_min vs. In-Chip Test Ckt



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

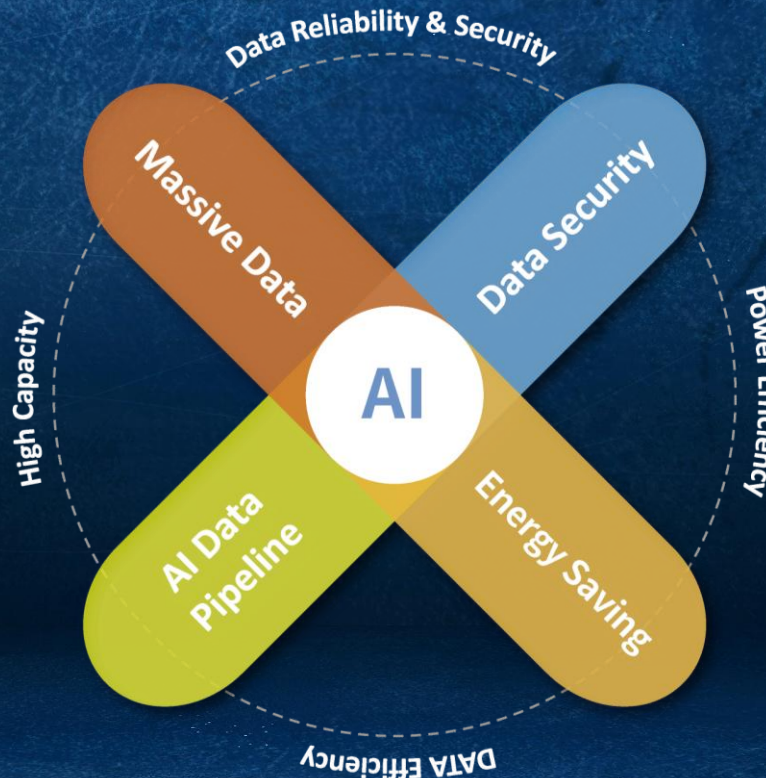
Core Competence with SMI's Controller for Data Center SSD

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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