

The Future of Wireless Flash

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Topics of Discussion

- Mobile Market Evolution
- Flash Memory Solutions for Cell Phones
- Managed NAND
- Summary



Mobile Market Evolution



Mobile Segment Growth

Mobile Memory Market

(Millions of US\$)



• The mobile segment shows strong growth over the next 5 years



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Application Drivers and Key Factors

- Multimedia, video, mobile DTV, Navigation, Networking
 - Memory density (application and storage)
 - Memory bandwidth and bus interfaces
 - Power consumption
- Form factor and BOM cost
 - Multichip packages (MCPs)
 - Unified memory subsystems
- Time to market
 - SW support
 - Standards

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Flash Memory Solutions for Cell Phones



Mobile Handset Architecture Trends





- NOR memory has always been used to store and execute (XIP) code
- NAND has typically been used to store data (memory cards)
- As memory density needs increase, NAND is being used as code/data storage device with NOR I/F (XIP) or raw NAND I/F (shadowing in LP DRAM) to keep the cost down





Flash Memory Usage in High-End Phones

Factor driving bit consumption	Total Mb
GSM protocol stack code	13-14
GSM/GPRS protocol stack code	40-48
GSM/GPRS/EDGE protocol stack code	90-96
UMTS protocol stack code	128-192
Baseband OS code	4-6
WAP (WEB support)	4
JAVA runtime environments	1-2
Phonebook (500 full contacts)	4
MSGs	2-4
Backgrounds	1-2
Calendar	1
100 x Polyphonic sounds (MIDI-WAW)	1
10 x MPEG3 sound	10
Languages	4-8

Factor driving bit consumption	Total Mb
Applications OS	256–1000
10 x 2D game	1-2
10 x 3D game	10-15
Bluetooth code	4-8
Up to 120 MP3 songs	2000
50 picture 3.0MPx(JPEG 90%)	396
50 picture 4.0MPx(JPEG 90%)	480
50 picture 5.0MPx (JPEG 90%)	600
50 x 30 sec video clip VGA (MPEG)	250

- Low end memory needs are dictated more by the protocol stack
- High-end cell phone memory needs are driven by multimedia applications and data storage
- Current Flash memory needs on mid- to high-end cell phones is 1-8Gb

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Future High-End Phones

- Play realistic games with 3D acceleration
- Store large volumes of MP3s and MPEG video
- Act as a media storage device, enabling transfer of music and video to PCs, car, and home entertainment
- Watch digital television real time over the air or through the network



Cell Phone Design Concerns

- Low cost/high density
 - NAND Flash is the answer
- Real estate
 - Multiple functionality/device integration
 - LP DRAM/NAND MCP
- Multiple sources
 - Need to support different Flash memory solutions for more flexibility
 - Unified NAND Flash standard would be desirable



Cell Phone Design Concerns

- Time to market: limited SW integration efforts
 - Easy transition from legacy systems (NOR I/F support)
 - Accommodate different vendor IDs and features for the same type of device
 - Accommodate different Flash memory technologies
 - SLC vs. MLC
 - MLC support is very complex due to ECC
 - Support boot capabilities
 - Accommodate different Flash Memory solutions



Common NAND Flash Storage Use Case

Boot Code OS Image File System Data

Data

ROM code in the host CPU loads boot code from NAND at power on

Boot code load OS image to DRAM for execution. OS image setup file system for applications to access file system data.

File system contains user data such as phone book, MP3 files, JPEG files, MPEG4 files, and other.

Configuration data consists of bad block map and partition data.



Wireless Flash Memory Solutions

Raw NAND

- Host needs to handle PROGRAM/ERASE/READ operation, bad bits, bad blocks
- Minimally Managed NAND
 - Solution based on Raw NAND
 - Embedded ECC
 - Host needs to handle PROGRAM/ERASE/READ operation and bad blocks

Embedded Flash Drives

- Solution based on Raw NAND
- Embedded Flash controller (ECC and Flash management)
- Host handles WRITE/READ operations



Wireless Flash Memory Solution – Raw NAND





Wireless Flash Memory Solution – Minimally Managed NAND



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Wireless Flash Memory Solution – Flash Embedded Drive





Wireless Flash Memory Solution Pros and Cons

	Technology Independent	Royalty Free	JEDEC Standard	Major OEM Commitment
iNAND (SD)	Yes	No	No	?
MMC BGA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MDOC H3	Yes	No	No	?
Raw NAND	No	Yes	ONFI	Yes
OneNAND	Νο	No	No	Yes
MDOC H1	No	No	No	Yes

- MMC I/F is the clear choice
- JEDEC standardization has begun for MMC and LPDRAM in BGA



Micron's Managed NAND Solution



Interface Comparison

• MMC BGA hides all NAND technology details behind a high-level interface



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Micron "Managed NAND"

Managed NAND addresses the increased complexities of future MLC

- Integrates easily for faster development and time-to-market
- Provides a higher level of ECC and block management, yielding higher reliability
- Provides a consistent and standard MMC interface
 - Compliant with MMC system specification
 - Every mobile processor has an MMC I/F
- Bootable, requires only processor boot ROM (no NOR required)
- Same interface for various densities and technologies
- Password protection, permanent and temporary write protect
- **52 MHz clock speed (MAX), 416 Mb/s data rate (MAX)**
- 12 x 16 x 1.3mm BGA package







Proposed New MMC BGA Features

Under Discussion at JEDEC (JC-64)

- MMC 5.0 Specification
- Faster speed interface
 - Clock up to 104MHz
 - DDR signaling
 - **Combined would provide** 200MB/s
- Improved boot-up support
 - Boot code protection
 - Faster boot code procedure
- Multiple devices on a bus
- Programmable I/O
- Block lock
- Sleep mode



NAND Component Standardization Efforts



Open NAND Flash Interface (ONFI) Initiative

- Industry leaders formed ONFI initiative to define uniform NAND Flash component interface
- Avoids design pre-association with specific NAND devices to accelerate product cycles
- Reduces design/validation effort required to qualify/integrate new NAND Flash designs
- Provides consistency in existing NAND behavior, yet also allows innovation for new features



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ONFI Goals

- Develop a standardized NAND Flash interface that allows interoperability between NAND devices and hosts
- Accelerate time to market of NAND Flash-based products



ONFI Participants

- ONFI seeks contributors from a variety of sources within the NAND Flash memory industry, including:
 - Host designers
 - **Memory vendors**
 - OEMs
- Goal: enable adoption of NAND Flash into existing and new markets

ONFI Contributors		
•Cypress	•InComm	•Skymedi
•Data I/O	 Intelliprop 	•Spansion
•Denali	•Marvell	



ONFI Benefits

- Standardization of:
 - Self-identification of device capabilities
 - **Command set/protocol**
 - Memory organization
 - Array addressing
 - Timing parameters
 - Electrical interface
 - Package pin definitions



Summary

- Low-end phones will continue using NOR Flash and PSRAM with XIP for optimal power consumption, performance, and cost
- Memory card support will expand to fulfill data storage for memory-hungry multimedia applications
- NOR I/F is no longer a must for new wireless processors. The MMC/SD ports available in any mobile system offers the right I/F for a low pin count, standardized, embedded MMC Flash solution
- Standardization activities thru ONFI for NAND components and through JEDEC for MMC Managed NAND are underway to ease adoption of NAND in Wireless applications.
- Embedded flash drives are being offered in different configurations: Managed NAND only or Managed NAND + LP DRAM for an integrated memory subsystem solution

