## A Closer Look at NAND Flash

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## NAND World Dominance



#### Now, let's be honest.

It's not about write cycles. It's about usage scenarios and choosing the "write" NAND for the application.



## Now, let's be brutally honest.



Source: INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP FOR SEMICONDUCTORS 2007 EDITION PROCESS INTEGRATION, DEVICES, AND STRUCTURES



#### Micron 34nm, 32Gbit NAND



#### Approximately 1.6 terabytes of NAND per wafer



## Rapid Scaling Driving Early Learning





## **Comparative Memory Cells**

Cell Size (u <sup>2</sup> )	Tech Node (nm)	Cell size (F <sup>2</sup> )	Endurance				
IBM/Infineon MRAM							
0.74	130	44	Excellent				
Freescale 6T-SRAM							
0.69	65 163		Excellent				
Intel 45nm 6T-SRAM							
0.27	45 135		Excellent				
Freescale TFS: Nanocrystaline							
0.13	90	16	Unknown				
Freescale eDRAM							
0.12	65	28	Excellent				
Samsung 512Mbit PRAM Device							
0.050	95	5.5	Good				
Micron 40-series DRAM							
0.037	78	6	Excellent				
Micron 60-series NAND							
0.0046	34	4	Good				

## Straight Talk: Bits vs. Shrink



2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits a dollar? All for NAND, stand up & holler

Scaled Cell Sizes:





#### NAND Will Adapt to the Market



Source: iSuppli JAN 08



## Getting dialed in on the applications

- Interfaces optimizations
- Process optimizations
- Controller optimizations
- Design optimizations

#### NAND Optimizations: ONFI 2.0 HS-NAND

Feature	Standard NAND	High Speed NAND	
"Standard" Asynchronous Interface	Yes	Yes	
Synchronous Interface	No	Yes	
tRC	≥ 25ns (SDR)	7.5ns (DDR)	
tWC	≥ 25ns (SDR)	7.5ns (DDR)	
Standardized	ONFI 1.0	ONFI 2.0	
Scalable to higher performance	No	Yes	
Cache Mode	Some	Yes	
VCCq	3.3V	1.7V to 1.95V	
VCC	3.3V	2.7V to 3.6V	
Parameter Page	Some	Yes	
Package	TSOP	BGA	

A natural extension to Standard NAND

#### Interface Optimization: Performance Comparison

	High Speed NAND	Traditional SLC NAND	MLC NAND	MLC NOR
Read Performance	200 MB/sec	40 MB/sec	33 MB/sec	103 MB/sec
Write Performance	100 MB/sec	15 MB/sec	3.5 MB/sec	< 1 MB/sec
Erase Performance	1.5 ms	1.5 ms	2 ms	900 ms

#### Solid State Drives



#### Gartner's Hype Cycle for PC Technologies 2007



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## SSD Cost Parity?



#### Why SSD's?

#### • Performance



#### SSD – Performance





#### The Storage Gap



## SSDs in Computing





Cost/bit Data as of November 2007



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### Why SSD's?

• Performance

#### Power

## SSD – Energy





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#### Notebooks: SSD's Can Improve Battery Life

- Requirements:
  - A well-designed SSD

Efficient Wear Management Algorithms

An Efficient Controller

- Notebook Optimizations for SSD's
- Operating System Improvements
  New SATA commands: ID and Trim
  Disable Defrag

#### **SSD:** Power and Performance



## SSDs do more with less power

**Power Profile** 



## Why SSD's?

- Performance
- Power
- Reliability



## SSD – Reliability





#### Cost of Ownership Analysis from SSDs in Notebooks

Notebooks at Micron: 2000 units

Avg lifespan of notebook: **36 months** 

% of employees w/notebook that would benefit from an SSD: **75%** 

IT hours to repair HDD failure: **5 hours** 

IT hours to recover from HDD fatal error: **5 hours** 

HDDs with fatal error per annum: **15 units** 

Number of hours employee is idle as a result of HDD repair: **5 hours**  Higher Reliability

\$208,300

Increased User Productivity

+ \$415,775

Increased Battery Efficiency

+ \$151,260

Additional Cost for SSDs

- \$300,000
  - = \$475,335 net savings

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#### SSD's are not just for Notebooks

#### Industrial Applications

- VOD and IPTV
- Enterprise

#### HDD & SSD in the Enterprise Server Market



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#### Making SSD's Enterprise-Ready

- Performance
- Power
- Reliability
- Endurance

## **Endurance: Wear Leveling**

Erase Count by Block R00P34D0 ec30



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until they have been proved to have their counterparts in the world of fact."

– John Tyndall, Scientific Materialism

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#### NAND: now playing in select systems



