

"Stop Wasting Money on \$/GB and Invest in \$/TBW"

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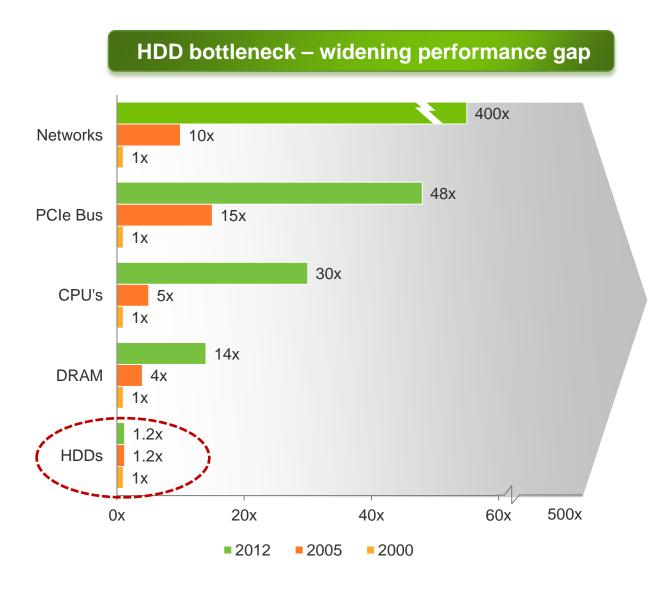
We live in an "Always-On" world





High Performance Storage Need





SSDs provide the high performance needed for current storage infrastructure

SSD Market Growth







Hypothesis



\$/GB is NOT the right metric to evaluate SSDs

\$/TBW is a BETTER metric to evaluate SSDs

The SSD and Tire Analogy



Buying your first SSD is kind of like buying your first tires



You only look at the cost of the tires!

The SSD and Tire Analogy



But as you get older...





...you also look at the tread wear

\$/GB is the key buying metric



How we bought storage in the past 50 years



15K RPM HDD \$\$\$/GB

10K RPM HDD \$\$/GB

5400/7200 RPM HDD \$/GB

\$/GB vs. \$/TBW



	\$/GB	Endurance	\$/TBW
SSD-A (960GB)	\$0.60/GB	72TBW	\$8
SSD-A (960GB)	\$1.10/GB	1,865TBW	\$0.55

SATA SSDs from leading 18
SSD vendors on the market today

Only 9 suppliers state Endurance specifications...

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Applications Endurance Requirements



Web Server

95/5% Read/Write 4, 8, 64KB transfer size 75% seq/25% random 240GB MLC SATA

Drive Life 1.6 Years

Video on Demand 100% Read 512KB transfer size 100% random 240GB MLC SATA

Drive Life ∞ years



Exchange Server 67/33% Read/Write 4KB transfer size 100% random 240GB MLC SATA

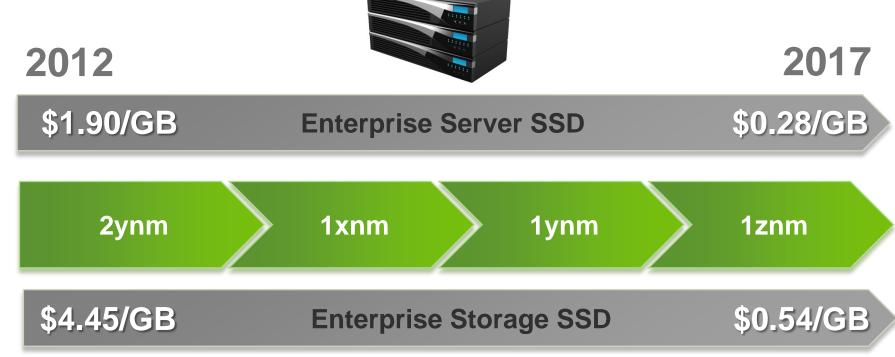
Drive Life 0.3 Years

SQL Logging
100% Write
8KB transfer size
100% sequential
240GB MLC SATA

Drive Life 0.08 years

Driving NAND cost down....

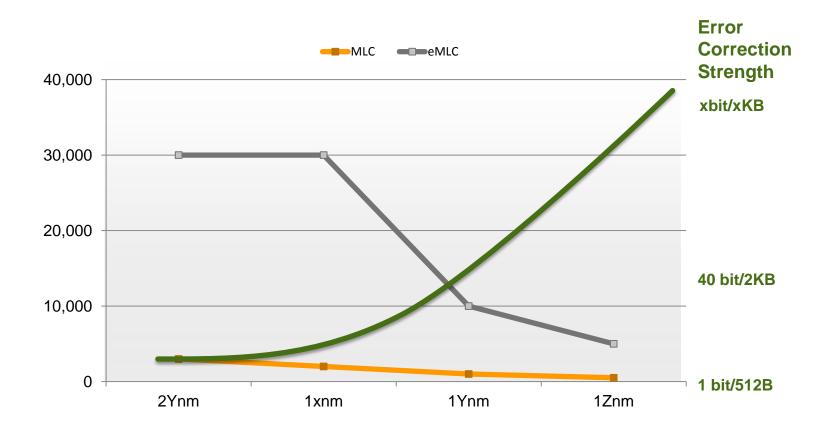






... has consequences

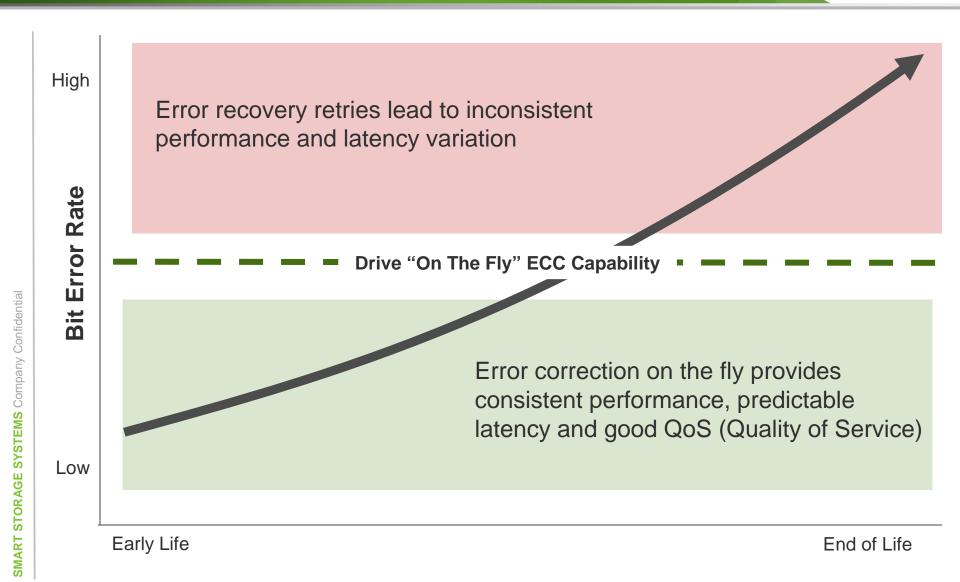




Flash Reliability and Endurance Declining

NAND Physics and the Effect on Performance

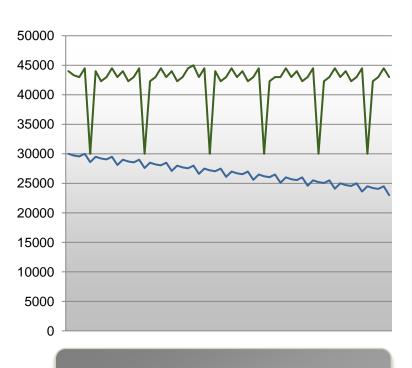




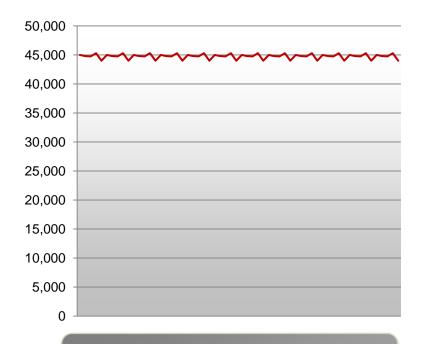
The Result Of Aging Flash



Mixed Workload IOPS



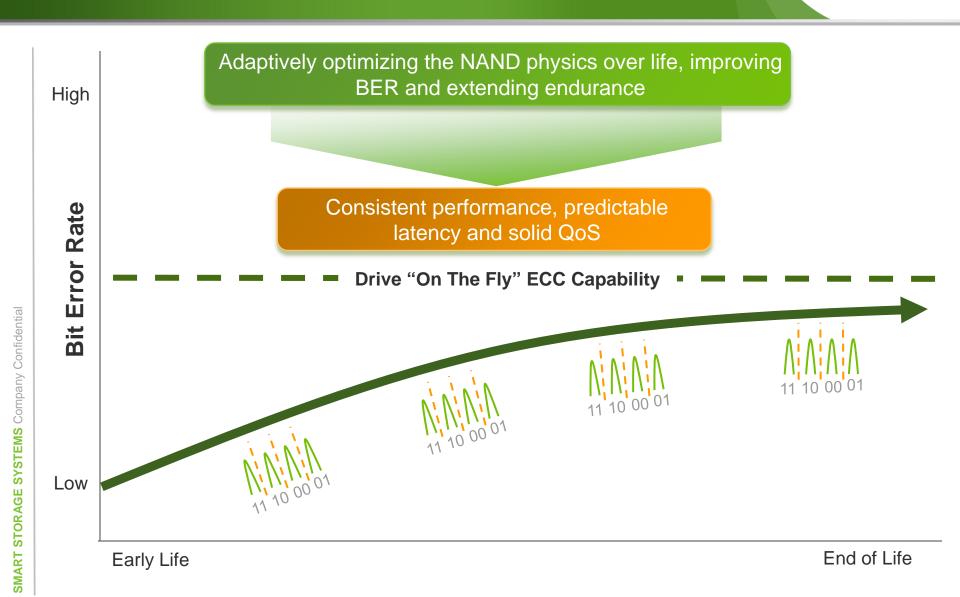
What application sees



What application wants

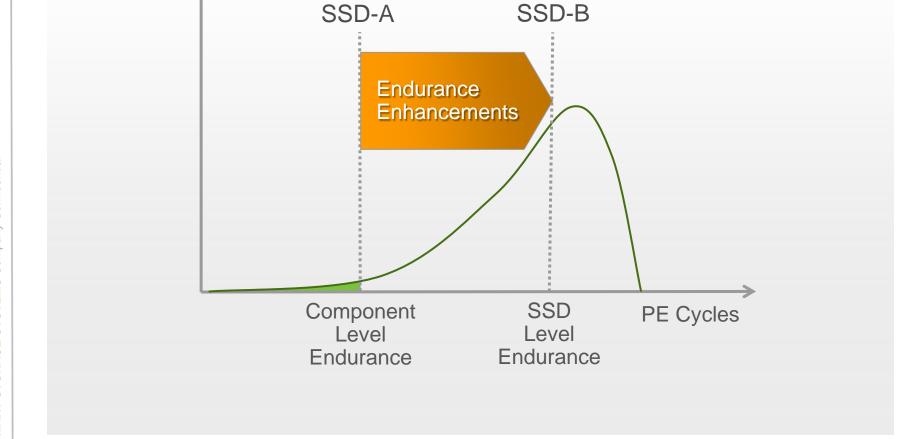
Endurance Enhancement Technologies





Why the Difference?

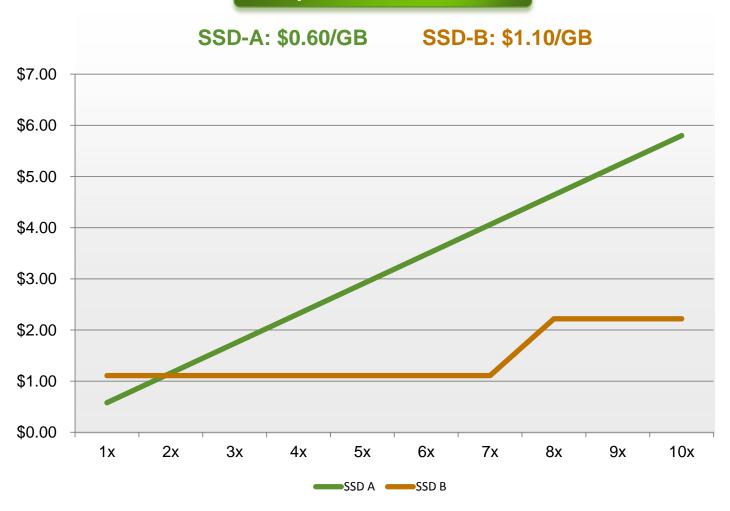




The Cost of Endurance







Conclusion



- Insatiable appetite for low cost SSDs
- \$/GB is not providing full picture
- Smaller geometries drive NAND cost down, but also endurance!
- \$/TBW is becoming a far more important metric for storage TCO





