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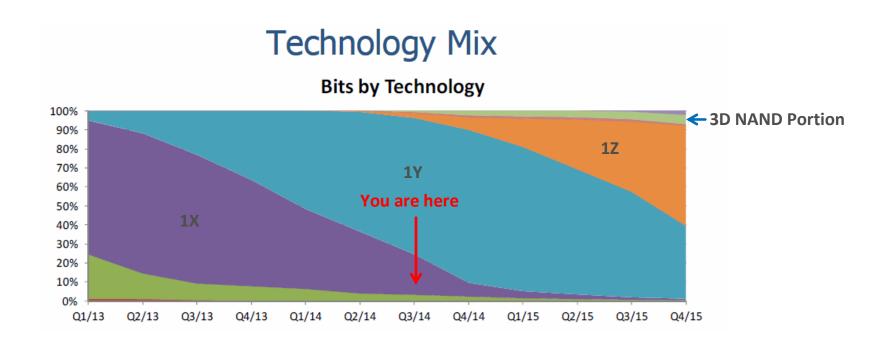
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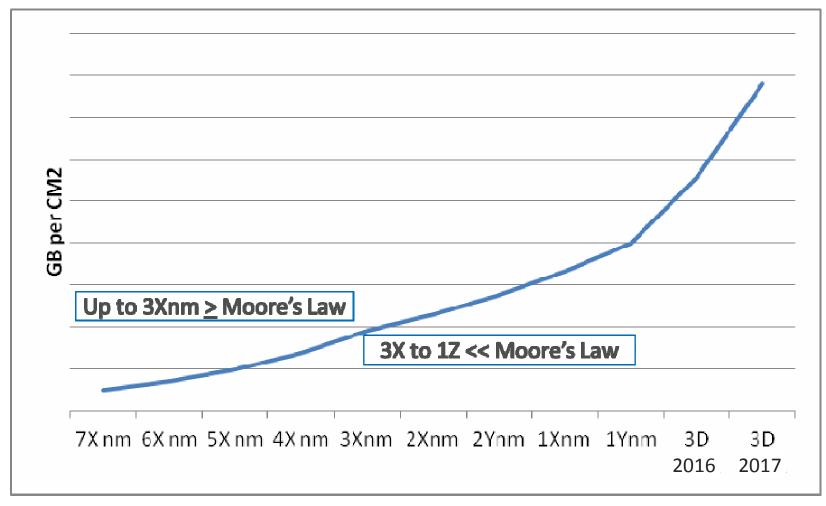
Yes, but not today

- Economics for suppliers not there yet
- Benefits for NAND users not there yet





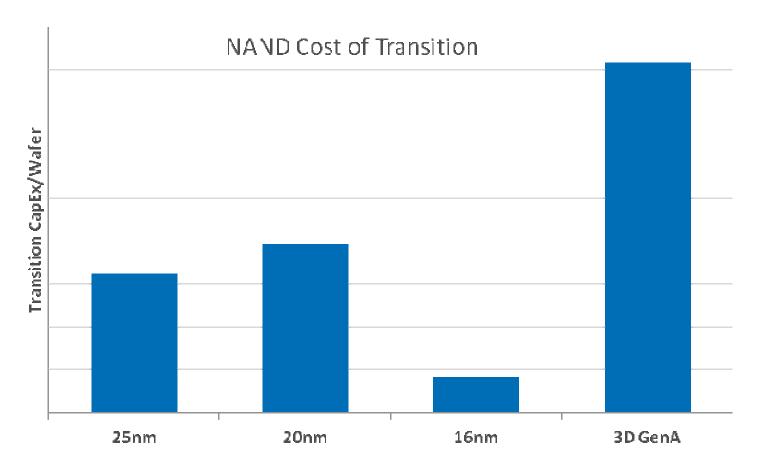
3D NAND – The Promise: Back to Moore's Law Scaling



- → 3D NAND is enabler for 256Gb (MLC) and higher densities
- → Conventional error management methodologies



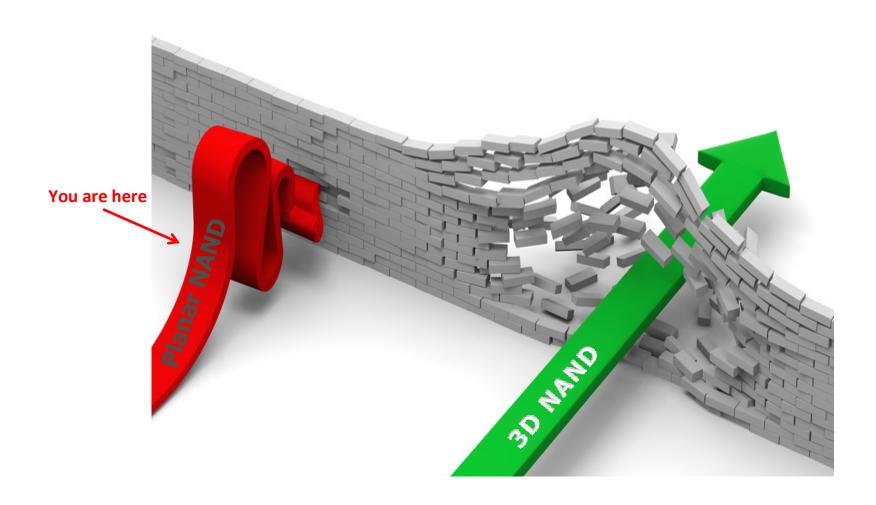
The Problem Statement for NAND Manufacturers



Does not include "back-end" costs (yield, reliability testing, etc)



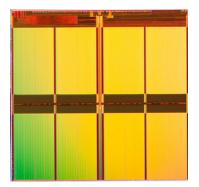
We Keep Pushing the Wall Back





16nm Planar NAND uses Proven Technology

16nm NAND







Conclusion

3D NAND will be disruptive, but it is not today

CapEx cost prohibitive to manufacturers

256Gb (MLC) density required to provide benefit to users

16nm planar NAND proven and best solution through at least 2015

Don't pay early adopter premium!



