

# Enterprise Flash Storage Annual Update

# Or how the data center is replacing spinning rust with solid state







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- Flash moves mainstream
- Server side caching falters
- 3D/TLC enters the data center
- PCIe/NVMe rising
- Advances on the horizon



# Flash has gone mainstream (Volume)

# ~400PB AFA ship 2014 Flash based arrays \$11.3 billion 1.3 AFA, 10.0 Enterprise SDD:

- 2012 \$3billion
- 2013 \$4.4billion
- ~80% of VNX/FAS ship w/flash





## Flash Goes Mainstream (Function)

- Single controller rack mount SSD DEAD
- Even upstarts have full features
  - Snapshots, two replication methods
- AFAs scale to 100s PB
- Data reduction now table stakes for price
  - Deduplication and compression



And the market matures

## Consolidation in components

- HGST (Virident, Stec, Velobit)
- Sandisk (Smart, FlashSoft, Fusion-IO)
- Seagate (LSI)
- Flash systems shakeout
  - Astute networks closes
  - HGST devours Skyerea
  - Cisco shutters Whiptail





EMC is #1 in dollar revenue (Gartner)
IBM is #1 in PB shipped (Gartner)
Netapp #1 in units shipped (Gartner)
Pure #1 in growth (700%)





# Evolution of Enterprise Flash



### 2010

- 100K+ IOPS
- Consistent sub-millsec latency
- Go fast for special cases



#### 2012

- Still a point solution
- Becoming
   cost effective
- Limited data services
- Data
   reduction



#### 2015

- Flash is mainstream
- Full data services & data reduction
- Cost effective for many applications







- All flash is inevitable
- Facebook...
- Murphy's law
- Growing our TAM

- Flash cheaper than disk, really?
  - No enterprise SSD 25X cost/GB of 8TB disk
- Kryder's law





- **2012** 
  - Market leader Violin
    - No real data services
    - Just fast, fast, fast
- **5** 
  - Even mainline vendors adding data reduction
  - Data services now table stakes
- Dedupe increases CPU requirements
  - But has minimal impact on performance





- Platforms add limited caching
  - VMware VFRC
  - Storage Spaces SSD tier & write back cache
- vSphere adds IO Filters
  - Integration points in ESXi kernel
  - "Technology preview" in 6.0







# Distributed Cache

- Duplicate cached writes across n servers
- Eliminates imprisoned data
- Allows cache for servers w/o SSD
- Solutions
  - PernixData
  - Dell Fluid Cache
    - RDMA based
    - Integrates with Compellent







#### **Stateless Servers** Local Performance Datrium Software: Da Da Local storage ops; RAID, dedupe, ... BYO SSDs: Massive local caches **10G Datrium NetShelf** Shared Durability Appliance Shared capacity, Da NETSHELF at-rest data HA, NVRAM Unlimited DVX host licenses included

- Host managed cache
- PCIe SSD in Host
  - Write through cache
- All flash NetShelf
  - Persistent layer
- NFS interface to vSphere
  - Per-VM data services
- Founders from Data Domain
  - Dedupe of course



# Hyperconvirged Infrastructure (ServerSAN)

- Use server CPU and drive slots for storage
- Software pools SSD & HDD across multiple servers
- Data protection via n-way replication
- Can be sold as hardware or software
  - Software defined/driven
- All flash versions appearing







- VMware's VSAN
  - Scales from 4-32 nodes
  - 1 SSD, 1 HDD required per node
- Maxta Storage Platform
  - Data optimization (compress, dedupe)
  - Metadata based snapshots
- EMC ScaleIO
  - Scales to 100s of nodes
  - Hypervisor agnostic
- Atlantis Computing ILIO USX
  - Uses RAM and/or Flash for acceleration
  - Works with shared or local storage



# Memory Enterprise SSD Evolution

# Density - Today's largest devices

- SAS 4TB
- SATA 2TB
- PCIe 4.6TB
- PCIe vendors discontinuing 200-600GB models

## Interfaces

- U.2 PCIe from several vendors
- NVMe from all enterprise vendors
- Server support from most vendors





# ry U.2/SFF-8639 PCIe for 2.5" SSDs

- Adds x4 PCIe 3.0 lanes to SAS/SATA connector
  - Dual ports to x2
- Appearing on new servers
  - Making PCIe/NVMe SSDs hot swappable
- Next step for storage arrays





- Memory Channel Flash (SanDisk UltraDIMM)
  - Block storage or direct memory
  - Write latency as low as 3µsec
  - Requires BIOS support
- Memory1
  - 400GB/DIMM
  - No BIOS/OS Support
  - Volatile







Smaller cells are denser, cheaper, crappier • Today's 1x nm cells (15-19nm) last planar node 3D is the future • 3D allows larger cells • Makes TLC useable - Faster write, higher endurance Samsung 3D-TLC SSD Others foundries sampling



- PCIe offers:
  - Low latency, high bandwith, RDMA
- PCIe Switch chips
  - PLX and PMC 96 lane
- Use for:
  - Controller to controller link
  - U.2 SSDs in storage system
  - Rack scale switched system (DSSD)
  - External PCI standards exist





## All PCIe storage systems

- As conventional storage
- With memory interfaces
- Next-gen memory (PCM, 3d Xpoint, Etc)
  - First as write cache in SSD (2017)
  - Later as memory
- More persistent memory as memory
  - Needs application support ala SAP Hana









