

# Increasing Mobile Storage Bandwidth

“To UHS-II or Not to UHS-II ?”

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# Agenda

- SD™ Standard evolution
- Why we need High Speed for SD?
- UHS-II overview and adoption
- Energy consumption of UHS-II vs UHS-I
- How Performance can be assured?  
The Speed Class Advantage





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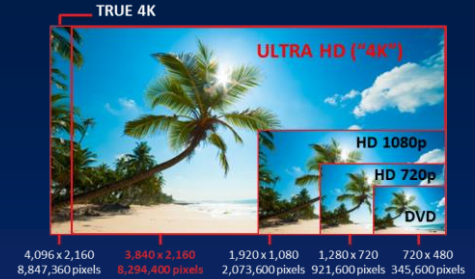
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# Market Trends Driving SD Card Innovations

## 4K-Ultra HD Video / New High-Density Flash Tech's

- Innovations: Larger flash densities, 30MB/s speed class (U3) specification, new Video Speed Class definitions underway



## Computational Photography, Large File Sizes, Faster Embedded Storage, Faster I/Os

- Innovations: UHS-II interface mode, multi-file recording



## Security Applications and Wireless Connectivity (niche markets)

- Innovations: smartSD, Wireless iSDIO



## Other market evolutions:

### Apps may be run directly on SD cards (Android M, Win-Mobile 8.1/10), Home PVR / DVR, Automotive, IoT

- Innovations\* : Health report, Increased endurance and temperature range, "Computing Grades" features (IOPS, Discard, etc..)

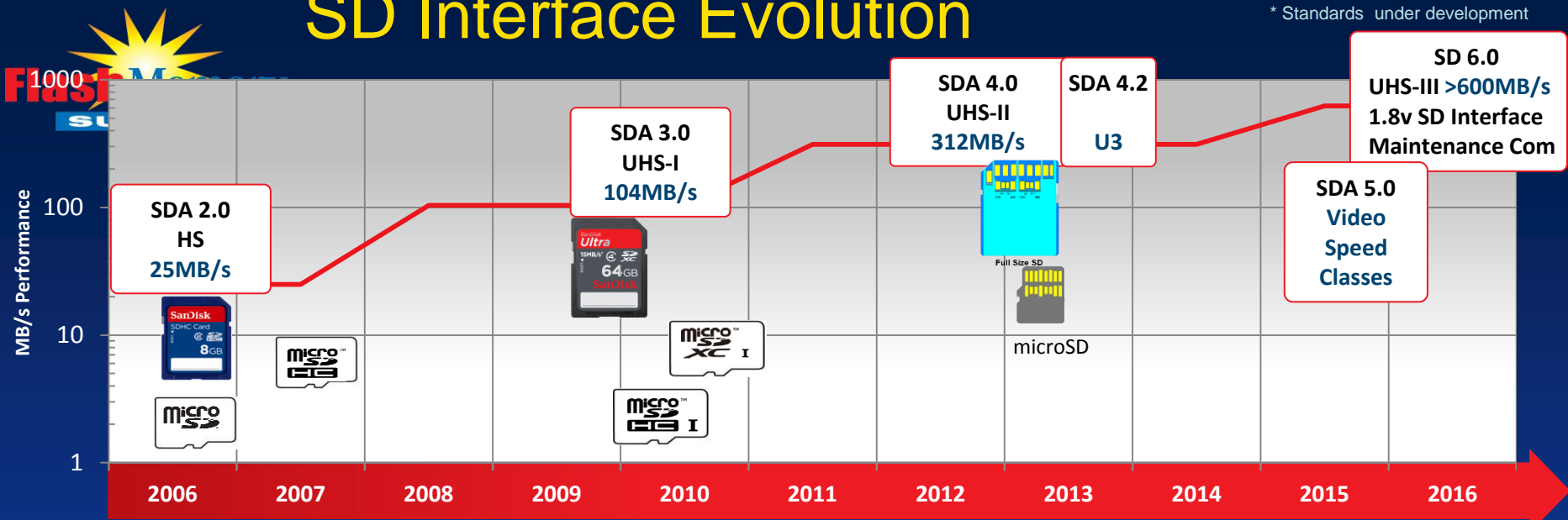


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# SD Interface Evolution

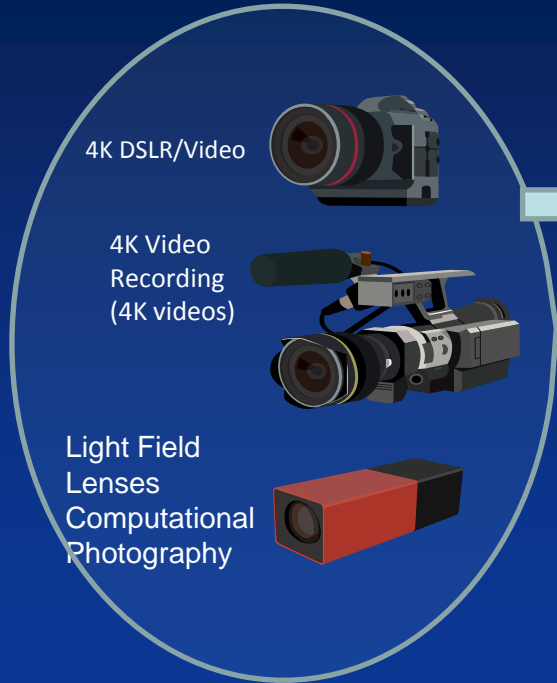
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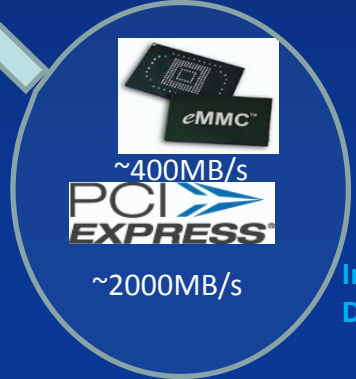
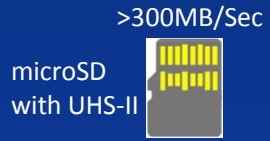
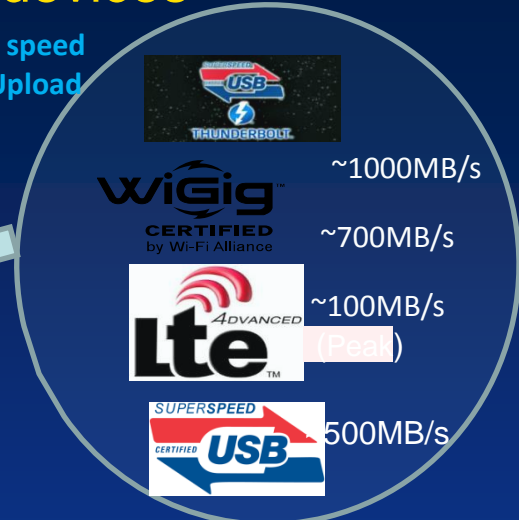
	SD2.0	SD3.0	SD 4.0 / 4.2	SD 5.0 (Q4/15)*	SD 6.0 (2016)*
Capacity	Up to 32GB	Added 64GB to 2TB (SDXC)	No change	No change	No change
File System	Fat12/16 & FAT32	Adds exFAT	No change	No change	No change
Bus Speed	Up to 25MB/s	Optional support for UHS-I Up to 104MB/s	Optional Support for UHS-II Up to 156MB/s FD, 312MB/s HD	No Change	UHS-III >600MB/s
Speed Class	Speed Class (2, 4, 6)	Additional Speed Class SC10 & U1	New Speed Class U3 added in v4.2 (Aug13)	New Video Speed Class Range V6-90 + MultiFile recording	No change

# Market Evolution Driving Higher Speed Interface to SD in mobile devices

## High Capacity / High Speed Drivers



## High speed Download/Upload

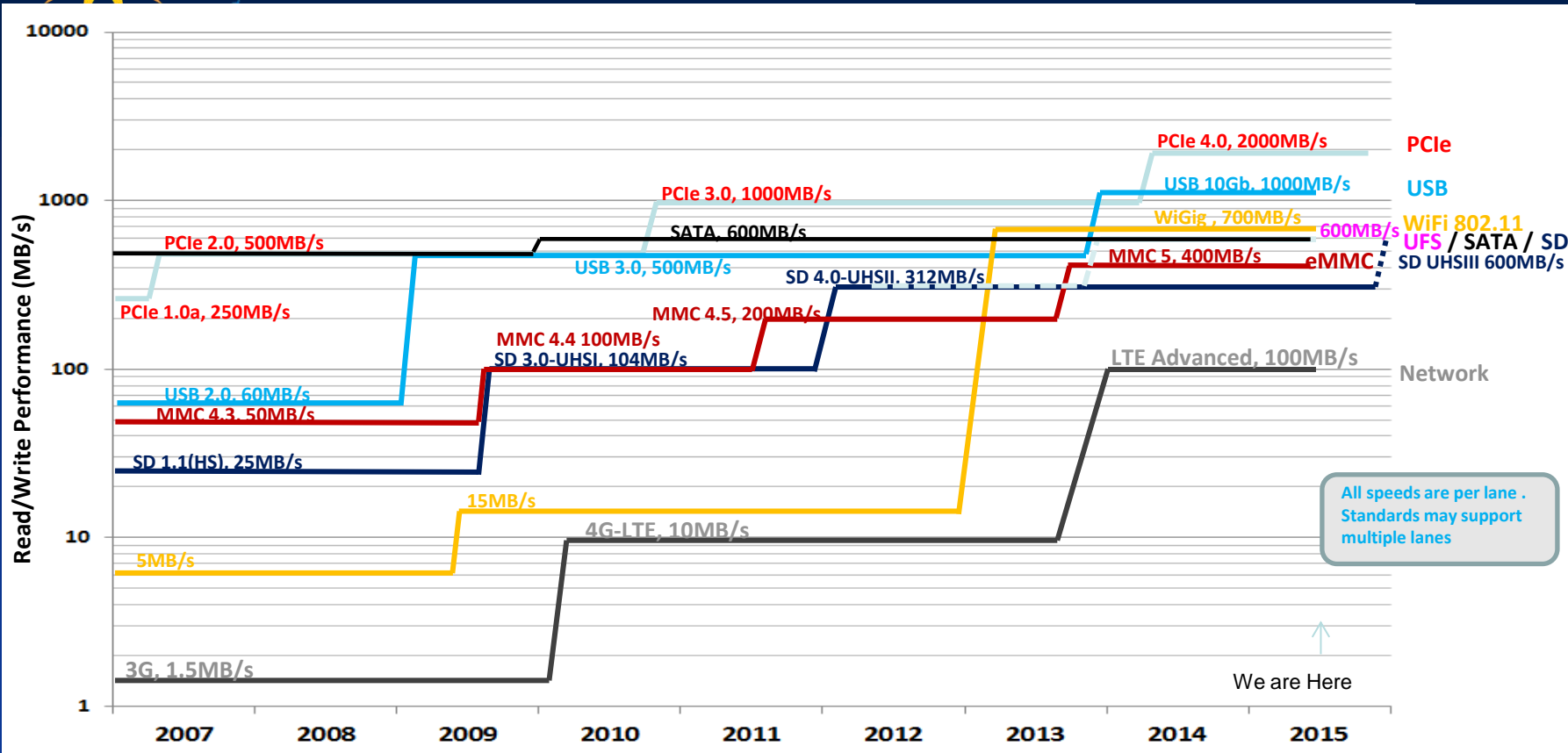


## Internal Memory Data I/Os

- Caching streamed content
- Eliminates bandwidth latency
  - When no internet access available



# Mobile/Tablets continue to increase its I/O data bandwidth



All speeds are per lane .  
Standards may support  
multiple lanes

We are Here

# What is UHS-II?

**NEW**



- Max. bus interface speed of 312MB/s
- Based on SD Physical Specification v4.1 UHS-II standard introduced by the SD Association
- The UHS-II standard increases the SD bus-interface speeds up to 312MB/s, compared with the 104MB/s maximum offered by UHS-I cards



# SD4.1 UHS-II Overview

- **2 High-Speed Serial LVDS Data Lanes**

- Full duplex up to 156MB/sec (one lane)
- Half duplex up to 312MB/sec (dual lane)

- **Legacy SD Compatibility**

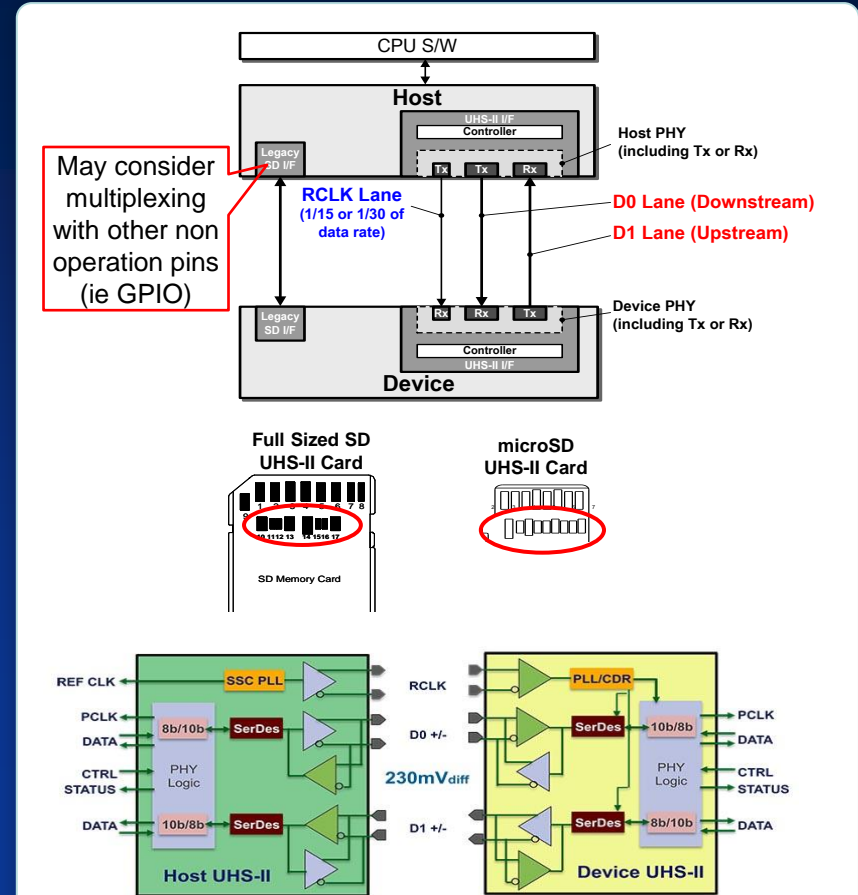
- Support both UHS-I and UHS-II interface
- UHS-II host compatible with existing SD cards
- Legacy SD commands encapsulation

- **I/O Low Power Consumption**

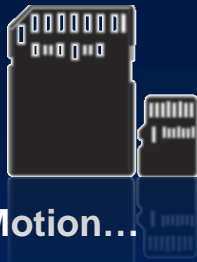
- UHS-II using 0.2-0.4V vs. 1.8V in UHS-I
- UHS-II supports low voltage IO from power up

- **Low EMI**

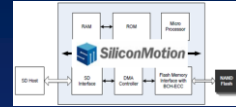
- Due to Diff low voltage signaling
- Spread Spectrum Clocking Support



# Adoption of UHS-II in 2015



- **Cards & Controller Manufacturers: Micron, Panasonic, SanDisk, Toshiba, Phison, Silicon Motion...**



- **UHS-II Notebooks/Laptops: AVAILABLE NOW!** (Lenovo, Panasonic, Dell, Toshiba and more)



- **UHS-II Video Camera: AVAILABLE NOW!** (Few Panasonic models)



- **UHS-II Still Camera: AVAILABLE NOW!** (Fujifilm, Samsung, Olympus)



- **UHS-II Card Readers: AVAILABLE NOW!**

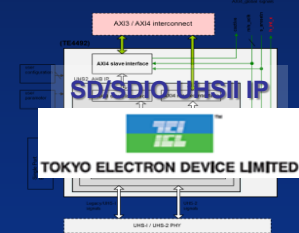
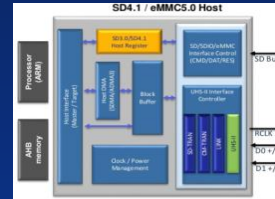
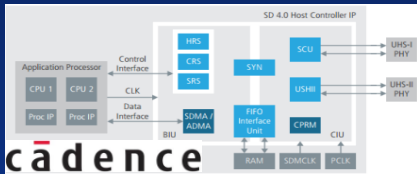


# Adoption is Plentiful and Simple



- **Bridging Technologies allowing fast and minimum risk adoption:**

- SATA/USB3/PCIe to UHS-II bridges provided by Bayhub, Realtek and Genesys
- UHS-II interface IP provided by Cadence, Socionext (Fujitsu), TED, Arasan and others



- **SDA released full Test Guidelines and supports several Test houses allowing convenient UHS-II self compliance testing**

- **Testers & Lab Services: AVAILABLE NOW!**

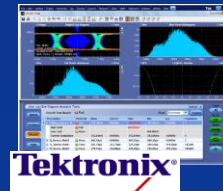
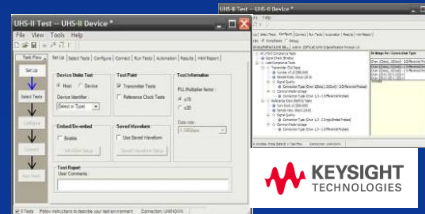
- Tektronix, Keysight(Agilent), SolidGear, GRL+TED and Allion Lab have testers and/or test lab services



**UHS-II Interposer Board (GRL-UHSII-TPA)**



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# UHS-II is saving energy...

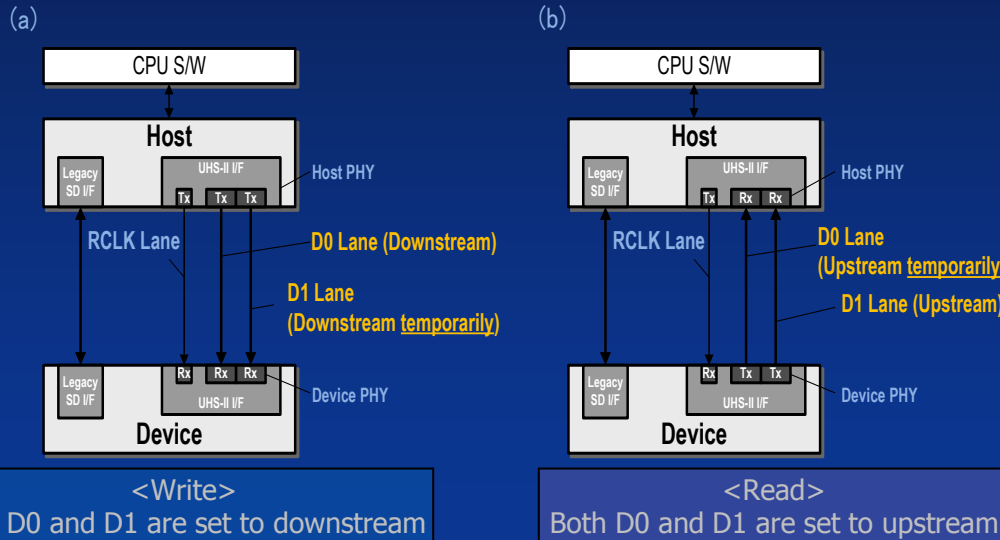


- **UHS-II include various power control/modes:**
  - IDLE + Low Power Mode (LPM) operation [active mode – RCLK/PLL on]
  - Dormant [RCLK & PLL off]
  - Hibernate Mode [Dormant + Vdd1 off]
- **If Bursts are used – IDLE/LPM mode may be used between bursts**
- **‘Race for Idle’ method may save energy**
  - Either by sending single shot of high speed and wait in LPM
  - Or by using series of Bursts and LPM in between



# UHS-II is saving energy... (cont)

- UHS-II supports Full & Half Duplex Modes of operation
  - Data rate can be doubled by setting D0 and D1 to the same direction during data transfer



At high speed burst, HD consumes around 15% less energy compared to FD mode

\* Per SanDisk internal measurements

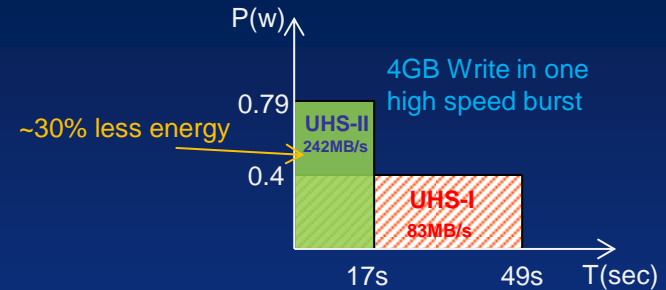
- One I/O set of single UHS-II channel is utilized as two lanes  
Double data rate for same clock rate is achieved



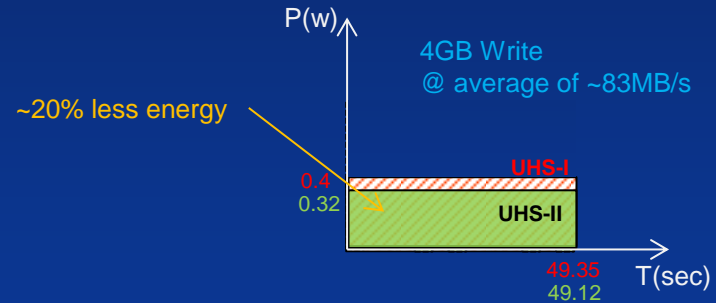
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## Power/Energy comparison measurement of UHS-II vs UHS-I shows:

- Case of single high speed burst observations:
  - In WR operation: ~30% less energy (watt/sec)
  - In RD operation: ~40% less energy (watt/sec)



- Case of multi bursts and LPM between observations:
  - In WR & RD : ~20% less energy (watt/sec)



## Power consumption in 'sleep' modes:

- In Dormant, UHS-II ≈ UHS-I cards
- In Dormant/Hibernate UHS-II → ~60-75% less power (0.2mW vs 0.6-0.8mW)

\* Highly dependent on the memory type and power design implementation

# UHS-II is saving you energy – Conclusion...

- **Power/Energy comparison measurement of UHS-II vs UHS-I shows:**
  - UHS-II interface may consume less energy in compare to UHS-I
  - If battery life is important → UHS-II is preferable even if max seq performance requirements are only 90MB/s

UHS-II interface



UHS-I interface



# Speed Class Advantages



- **Provides Classification of card's performance**
  - Enables a method of communicating to consumers the performance needs of specific Products
- **Assures minimum performance for video recordings and similar applications**
  - Various recording conditions (ie Multi-File recording)
  - Allows efficient utilization of advanced NAND Flash Technologies
  - Opens new opportunities for hosts and cards
- **Enables High Speed Applications**
  - Host may use card with Speed Class for direct high speed access applications – like 2K HD, 4K UHD Video and 8K in the future
- **Improves the card's usage as memory extension**
  - Not just a slow storage area for pictures, music and documents

Example of Host Product Manual's requirement:

**“For optimal performance user shall use microSD with at least **U3**.”**





# The Speed Class – Today and Future

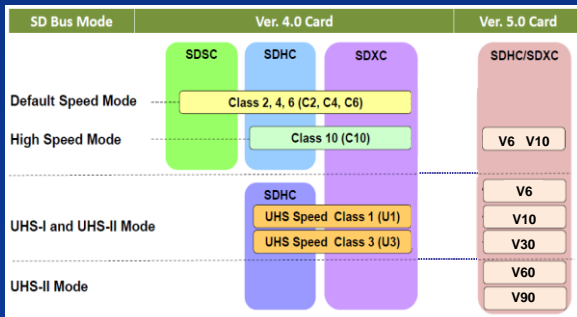
- Performance is achieved by cooperation of both sides
  - Card shall assure Speed Class Compliance
  - Hosts (OS/Drivers) must adopt the Speed Class access requirements

## Today's situation:

- SC4/6/10 and U1/U3 are currently defined → Video recording on DVC and DSC use them
- Phones and Tablets did not adopt, yet, the Speed Class usage → usage of card stays limited
- In Mobile - end user decision is usually made per → “higher Speed Class is better...”

## SDA is targeting the following:

- One set/range of Speed Classes from low to high (V6, V10, V30, V60, V90..)
- Promote the market to migrate/adopt the usage of Video Speed Classes
- Spec release expected in Q4/15



Speed Class	UHS SC	Video SC	Minimum Performance	Example 2015 Applications
Class 2			2 MB/s	SD video recording
Class 4			4 MB/s	HD Video recording including 720p to 1080p/1080i
Class 6		V6	6 MB/s	
Class 10	U1	V10	10 MB/s	Full HD (1080p) video recording, consecutive recording of HD stills and large HD video files (4K lower frame rates & pixel depth)
	U3	V30	30 MB/s	
		V60	60MB/s	4K High Quality, 8K Standard
		V90	90MB/s	8K High Quality



# Summary

- SD Standard is continuously evolving per market needs
- Data rates increase of wireless & connected demands high speed access to SD
- SD-UHS-II standard enables higher speed data access with less energy consumption (even @ UHS-I data transfer speeds), keeping backward compatibility to legacy SD
- Infrastructure of Test Guidelines, Test Tools and Test Labs established, allowing easier self compliance, minimizing interoperability issues
- Adoption of UHS-II in Imaging market, laptops and readers is ongoing
- Various UHS-II bridging technologies allows faster and less-risky adoptions
- Speed Class adoption by Product Manufacturers may open new opportunities relying on assured minimum performance



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