



# A New Era Under Construction: Memory Business in China

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## Memory Business in China: 5W1H

- Why is so much attention paid to memory?
- What is ideality and reality?
- When is the timeline?
- Where should efforts be spent?
- Who are players?
- How should China catch up?





## **Industry Transition in China**

Opportunities in traditional industries has saturated...



Airport



Rail System



Real Estate



Semiconductor

Last 10<sup>+</sup> years was focus of semiconductor foundries.

Next 10<sup>+</sup> years => memory?

Made in China 2025 (MIC2025)



## Influential Tech. Players in China

Entrepreneurs, companies and innovations driving China's tech revolution.



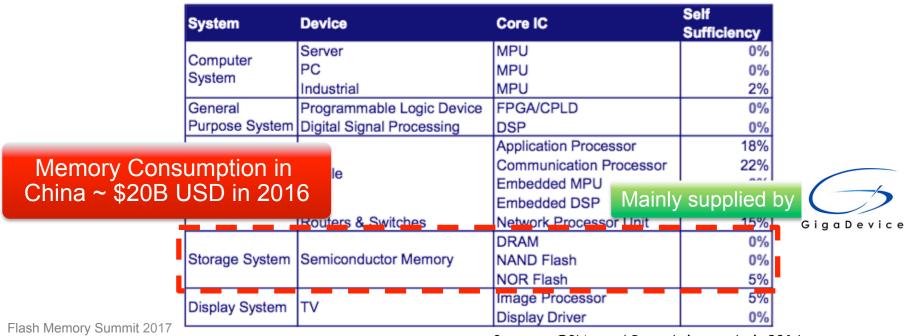
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Source: CNN Money



#### Memory Supply v.s. Demand in China

Domestic suppliers only able to supply a small fraction of China's IC demand



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Source: CSIA and Bernstein analysis 2016



## Status of Memory Sector in China



#### Irrational Expectations

Effects of government factors are over-exaggerated

Everything takes much longer time and more resource than many would think

Elevated risks of low ROI investments



#### Falsely Alarmed

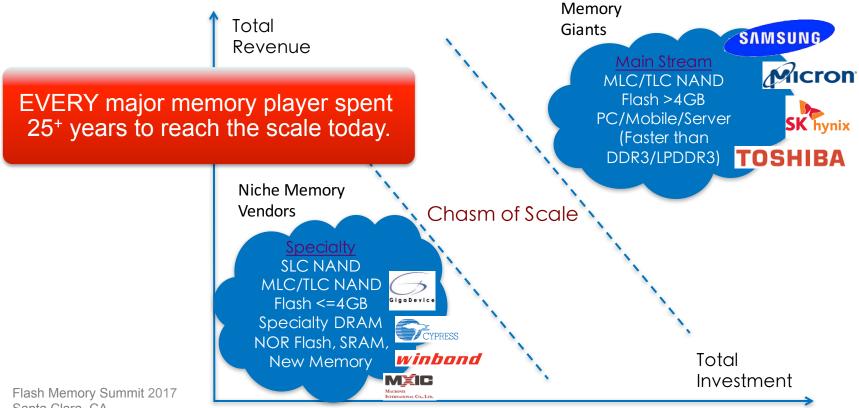
China's memory industry still supplies less than 1% of the total world memory revenue, and does not have advanced mainstream memory technology.

Global memory sector is overconsolidated, and China could be the solution

Caused huge barrier for local companies in normal international collaborations



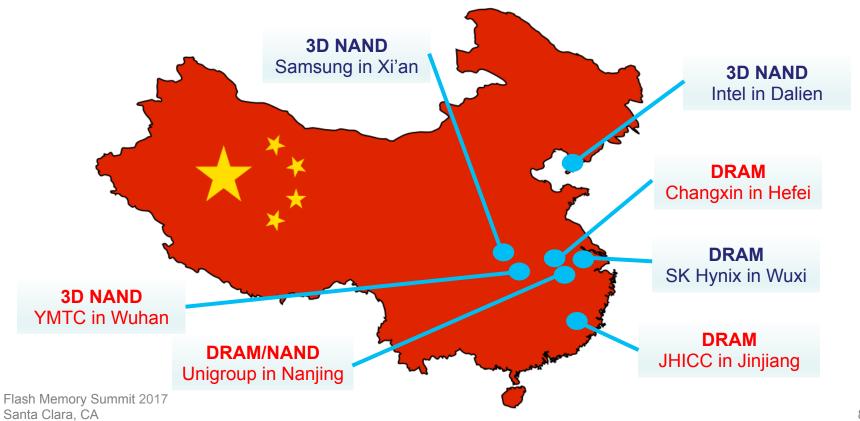
#### Memory Eco-System



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# "Big Memory" Players in China





# Historic Trend in Memory Business

Dynamic shift from Specialty Memory to Main-Stream Memory





#### Specialty Memory Landscape in China

Hence, memory industry in China should start from specialty memory sectors. And it has been happening!

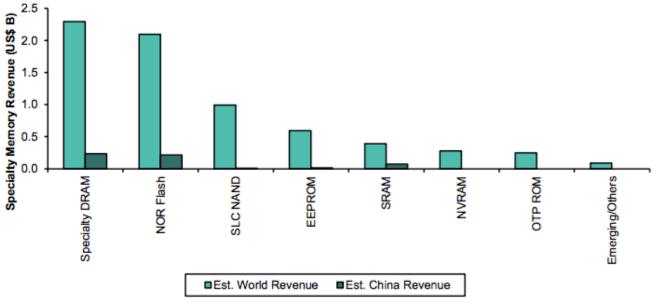
Business Model	Specialty DRAM	Specialty NAND Flash	NOR Flash	EEPROM	SRAM	NVRAM	Emerging Memory
Fabless	ISSI	GigaDevice ISSI DoSilicon	GigaDevice ISSI DoSilicon	Fudan	ISSI	NA	Ciyu HikStor Xinchu AMT
Foundry/ IDM	Jinhua	SMIC	SMIC XMC HLMC	SMIC Huahong	SMIC HLMC	NA	SMIC

Source: GD internal



## **Specialty Memory Market Sector**

China's specialty memory industry is still at an early stage with just a tiny share of the global market.



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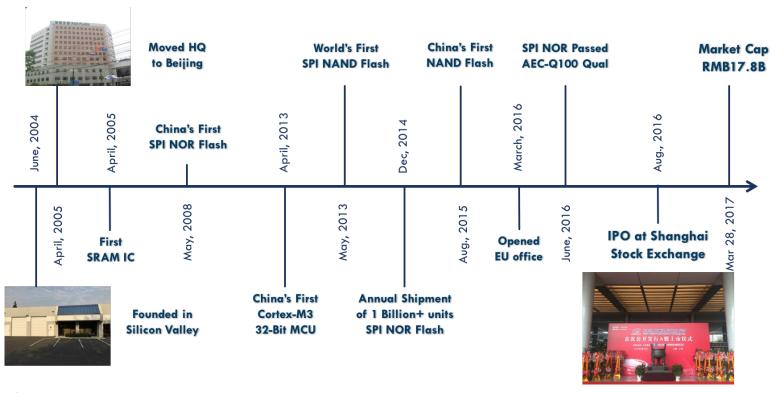
# Memory New Opportunities for China

#### Emerging memory technologies has been developed in China

Challenges	Opportunities			
Limited market size	More suitable for small-mid sized companies			
Higher development cost and risks	International technology companies are more open for collaborations with Chinese partners			
Fabless model for startups	Local foundries has more leverage in technology adoption			
Need help on fundamental research	Chinese research institutes and universities are very active in this area			
A solution trying to find problems	China has one of the most diversified markets in the world			

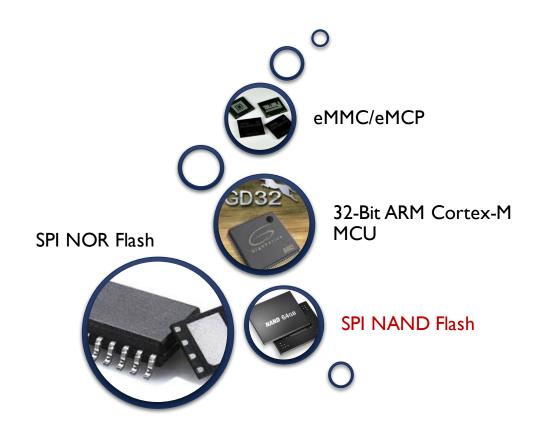


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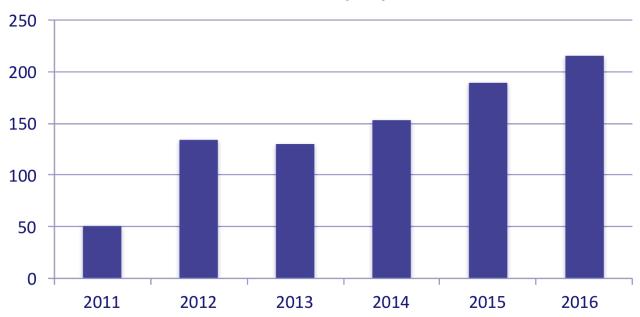
# Flash Memory Giga Device Product Portfolios





# GigaDevice Revenue Growth

#### Revenue (\$M)





- 1. Domestic supply-demand imbalance and industry transition are the main driving forces for the memory business in China. Chinese brand-names become increasingly influential customers in the growth of global memory market.
- 2. Historically, it follows the prescribed order and take more than 20 years to become a valid player in memory eco-system. Chinese vendors need to cross the chasm of scale, under significant risks in ROI and R&D.
- 3. Specialty memory market can serve as an incubator of future main-stream memory. China has developed an eco-system for specialty memory. However, it is still at an early stage of development.
- 4. There are plenty of room for product innovations in specialty memory as well as emerging memory. GigaDevice is committed to become one of the world leaders in the specialty memory market



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