



# Memory Centric 시대

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- SK Hynix Solution 방향 (Storage 중심)

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# AI Pipeline and Storage Workload

## AI Data Pipeline

### Data Ingestion



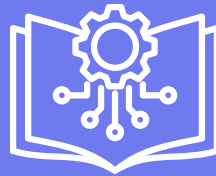
**Sequential  
Write**

### Data Preparation



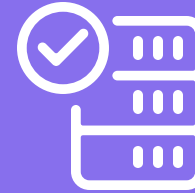
**Mostly Sequential**

### Training



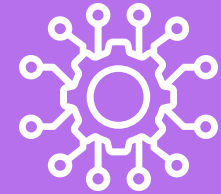
**Mostly Random**

### Checkpoint & Restore



**Mostly Sequential  
Read/Write**

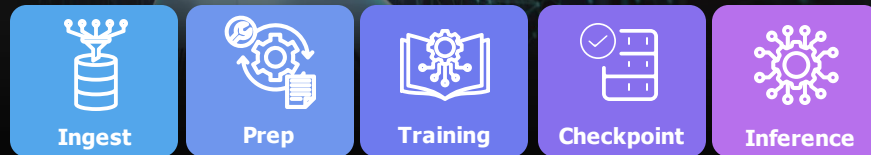
### Inference



**Mostly Sequential  
Read**

# Challenges to AI Deployment

## AI Datacenter



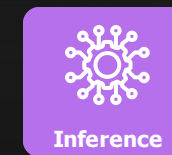
### STORAGE

Limited rack power & space, growing dataset

### COMPUTE

Power optimized SSD as cache device

## On-device AI



### USER EXPERIENCE

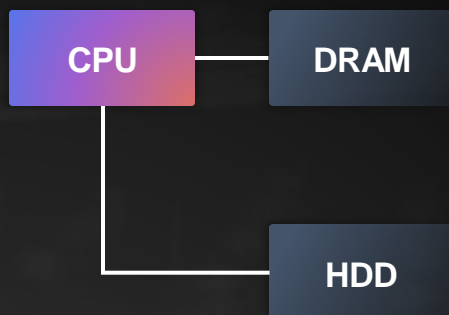
AI model loading time and user experience

# Memory Centric

## Memory is system competitive

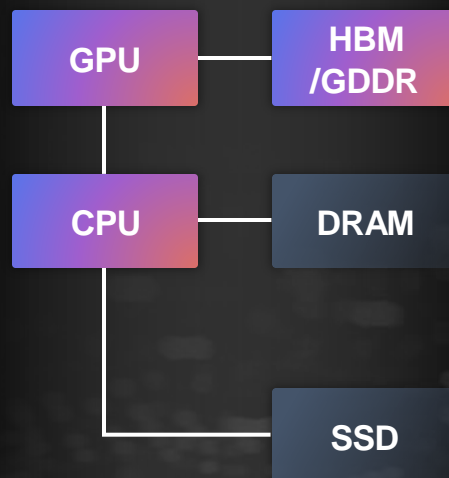
### Past System

Calculator : Data Simple Calculation



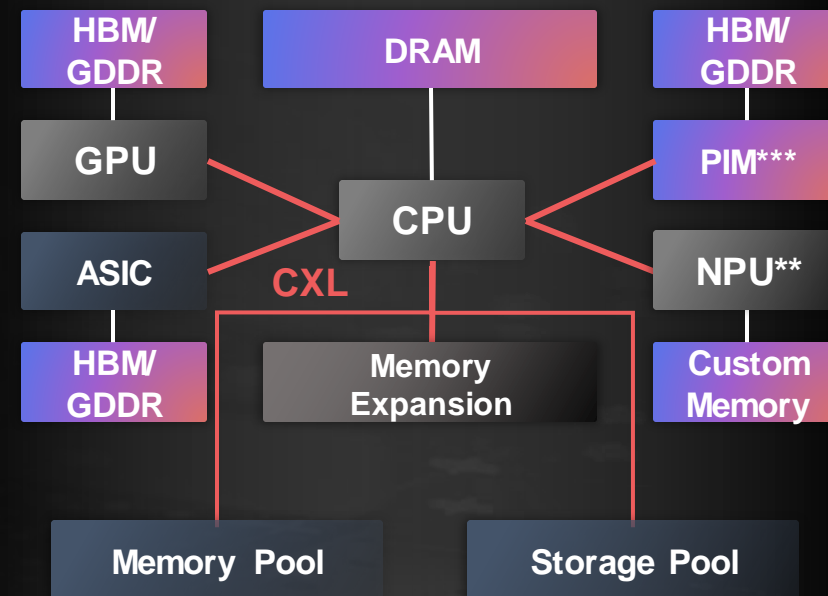
### Present System

Workable : Data/information Reading



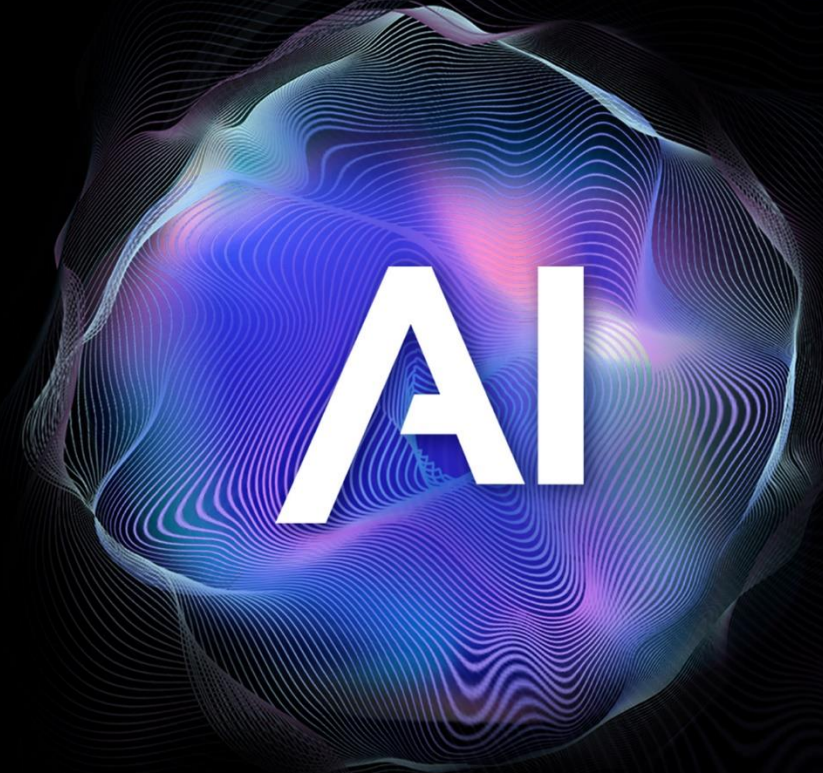
### Future System

Thinkable AI : Data/information Creation



\* CXL: Compute eXpress Link  
\*\* NPU: Neural Processing Unit  
\*\*\*PIM: Processing in Memory

# SK hynix Solution for the AI Era



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# Facing Problems

Risk increasing due to Energy, Cost, Environmental issue and etc.

## Cloud Cover: Cloud Prices Rise as the Era of Generative AI Dawns

NOVEMBER 29, 2023



By Jordan Galhardo-Burnett, Pankaj Sherawat, Peter Dankert,



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## Microsoft's and Google's AI plans clouded by concerns of rising costs

Tech giants tout new tools that will need significant investment as the technology takes hold

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## AI Is Accelerating the Loss of Our Scarcest Natural Resource: Water

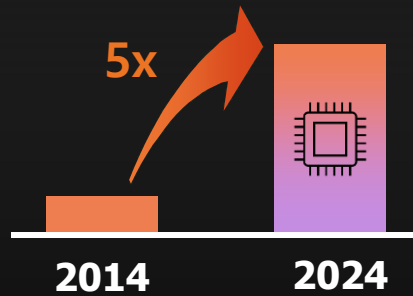
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CEO, Innovation Leader Passionate about Modernizing via AI

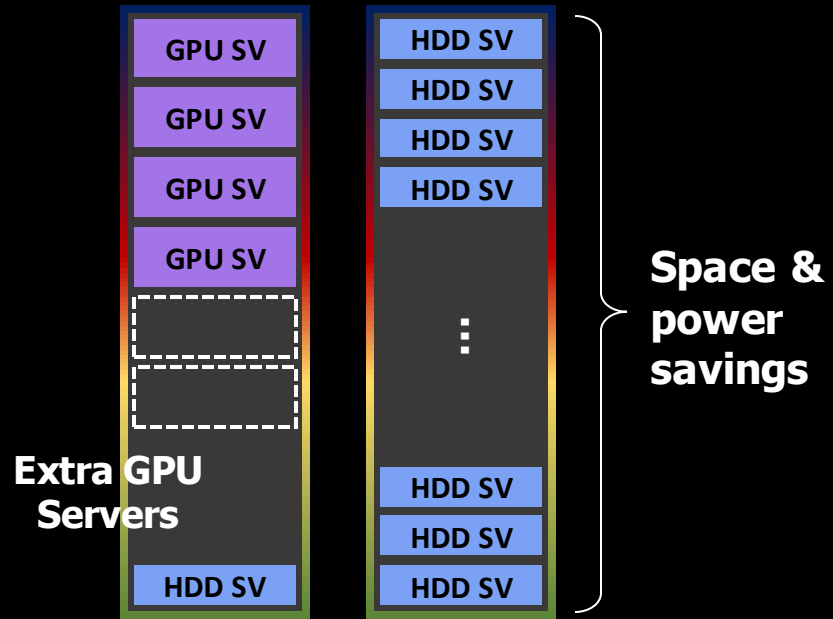
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# AI Datacenter Challenges: Storage

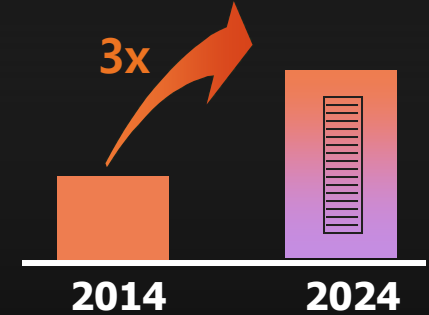
Avg. processor active power<sup>1)</sup>



In the AI datacenter:



Avg. rack power<sup>1)</sup>



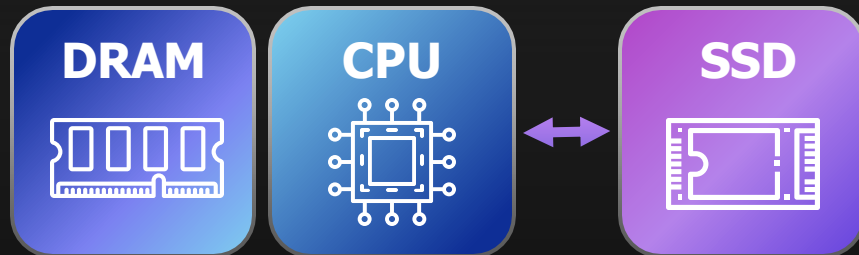
Limited Datacenter Power and Space

1) Source: SDxCentral

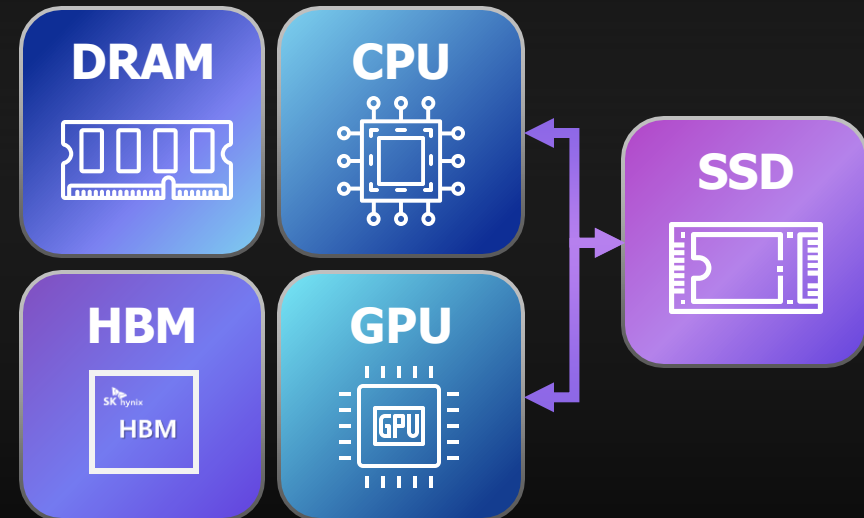


# AI Datacenter Challenges: Compute

## General-purpose server for Data Prep (ETL)



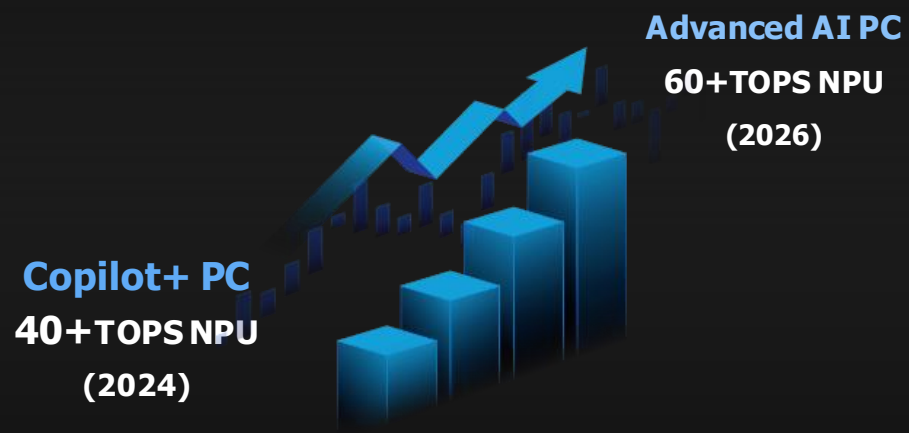
## GPU Server for Training/ Inference



**Need Something with optimized power & high performance**

# On-device AI Challenges: PC/Mobile

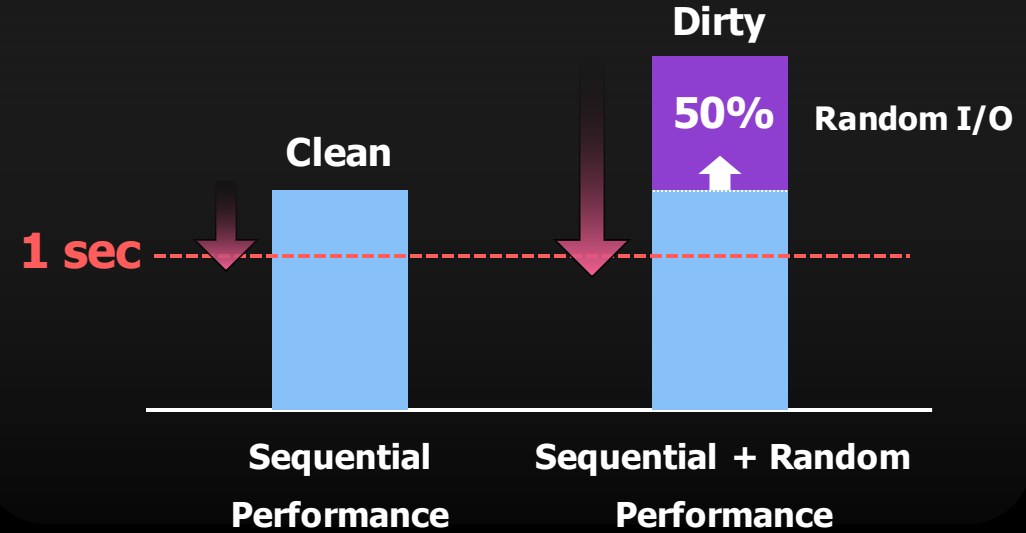
## Computing Power



High-performance SSD required

## User Needs

Minimal AI Model load time (<1s) from Storage to all memory states



(based on SK hynix mainstream Gen4 SSD)



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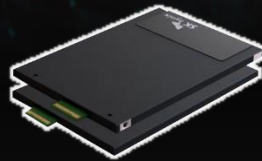
# GenAI-ready Solutions

## For AI Datacenter:



### PCIe Gen5 Enterprise SSD

Best-in-class Performance, IOPS/W



### 61TB QLC Enterprise SSD

World's highest-capacity PCIe SSD



## For On-device AI:



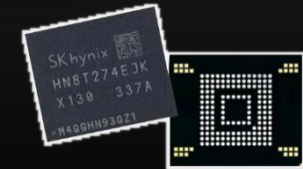
### PCIe Gen5 Client SSD

World-first for mainstream client



### Zoned UFS

World-first, vertical optimized mobile storage



# High-density QLC eSSD: vs. HDD

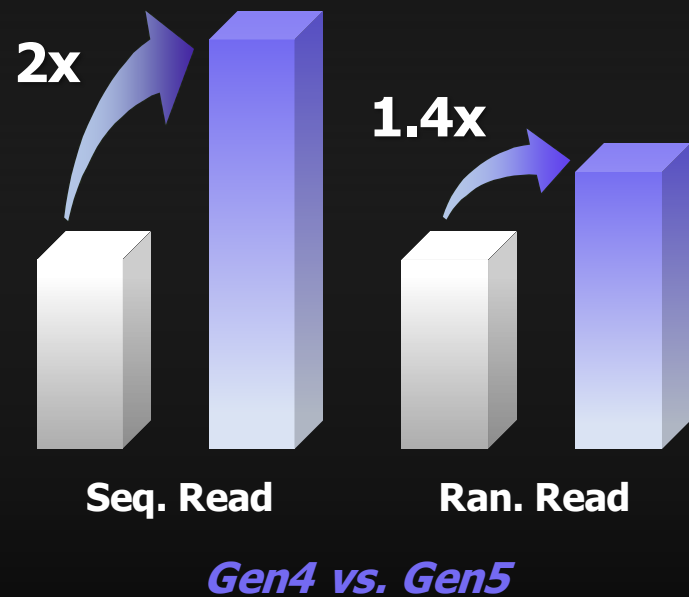
<i>HDD</i>		30TB HDD		122TB QLC SSD	<i>QLC SSD</i>
HDD SV	GPU SV	4	# GPU servers configurable	5 (+1 vs. HDD rack)	GPU SV
HDD SV	GPU SV				GPU SV
HDD SV	GPU SV	4U x 13ea	# Storage servers configurable	2U x 7ea	GPU SV
HDD SV	GPU SV				GPU SV
HDD SV	GPU SV	39.78kW	Power Consumed	36.7kW	GPU SV
HDD SV		Compute 65%		Compute 89%	QLC eSSD SV
HDD SV		Storage 35%		Storage 11%	QLC eSSD SV
HDD SV					QLC eSSD SV
HDD SV					QLC eSSD SV
HDD SV					QLC eSSD SV
HDD SV	HDD SV	2 Racks	# Racks required	1 Rack	QLC eSSD SV
					QLC eSSD SV

**QLC SSD = +1 GPU server (more compute) per rack;  
reduced power consumption & rack footprint**

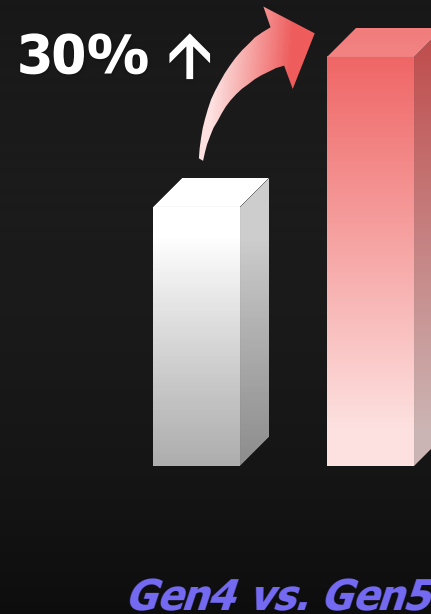


# PCIe Gen5 cSSD: Gen-on-Gen Advanced

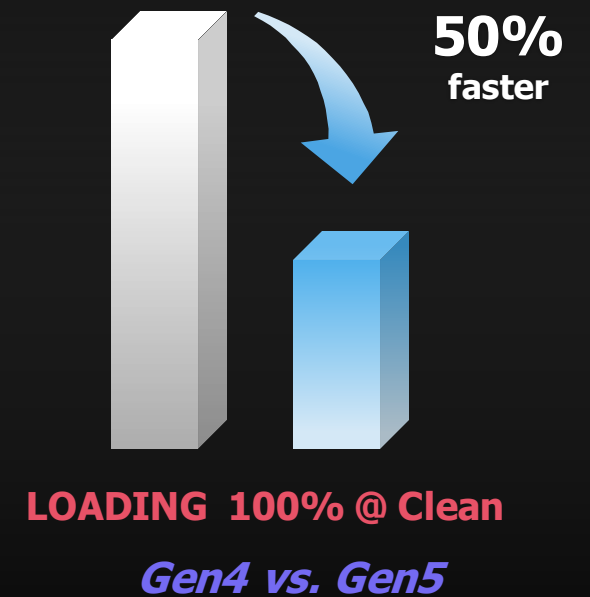
## Performance



## Power Efficiency



## AI Model<sup>1)</sup> Launch



1) AI Model: Llama2 7BQ8

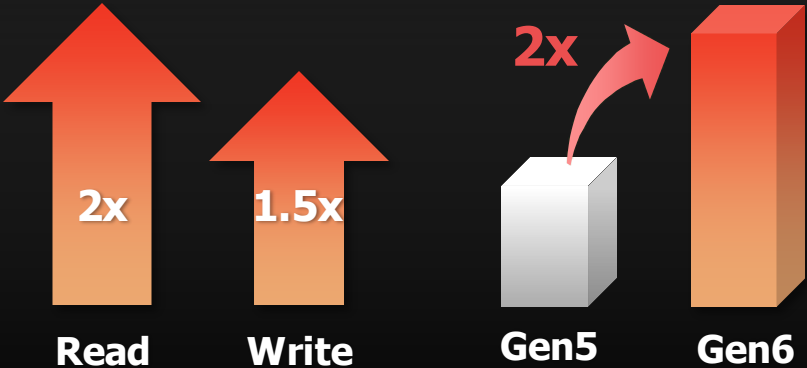
# PCIe Gen6 & UFS 5.0 Solutions



## PCIe Gen6 SSD

Performance<sup>1)</sup>

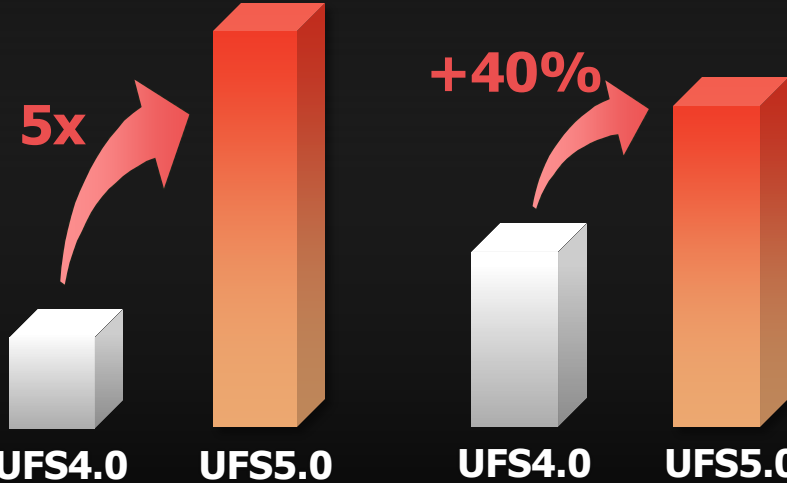
Power Efficiency



## UFS 5.0<sup>2)</sup>

Random Performance

Power Efficiency



Using SK hynix-proprietary, H-TPU™ architecture

1) Performance bound by max. power: 25W on Gen5 and Gen6 (estimate)

2) Estimates



# Appendix] High-density QLC eSSD: Leading Capacities

## Specification

- PCIe 4.0, NVMe 1.4c, OCP 2.0

## Capacity

- 7.68TB, ~ 61.44TB
- 122TB upcoming, early '25

## Performance

- 7GB/s, 1M IOPs

### "D5-P5336" QLC eSSD



# Appendix] PCIe Gen5 eSSD: BIC Performance

## Specification

- PCIe 5.0, NVMe 2.0, OCP 2.0

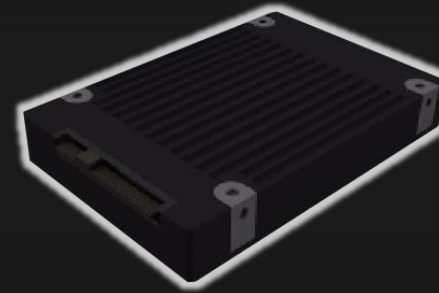
## Capacity

- 1.92TB ~ 15.36TB (Read-Intensive)
- 1.6TB ~ 12.8TB (Mixed-Use)

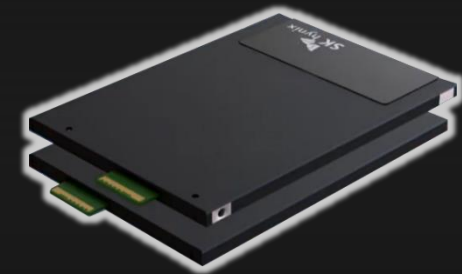
## Performance (Max.)

- Seq. R 14.5GB/s , Seq. W 9.3GB/s
- Ran. R 3,200K IOPS , Ran. W 400K IOPS
- Up to 12% better sequential write of vSAN HCI bench vs. competition

### "PS10x0" Compute eSSD



U.2/U.3



E3.S

# Appendix] PCIe Gen5 cSSD: World's First Mainstream

## Specification

- PCIe 5.0, NVMe 2.0c
- HYPERWRITE™ Cache Technology

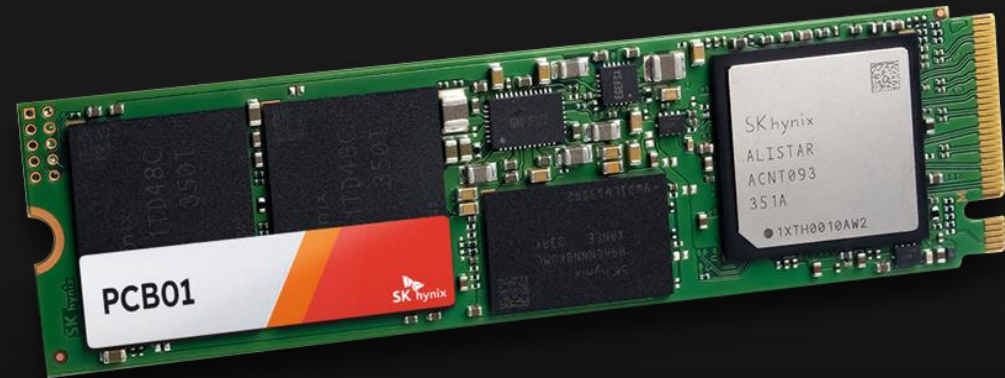
## Capacity

- 512GB, 1TB, 2TB

## Performance

- Seq. R 14GB/s (@10W)
- Seq. W 12GB/s (@10W)

## "PCB01" mainstream cSSD





# Appendix] Zoned UFS: World's First for Advanced Mobile

## Specification

- UFS 4.0

## Capacity

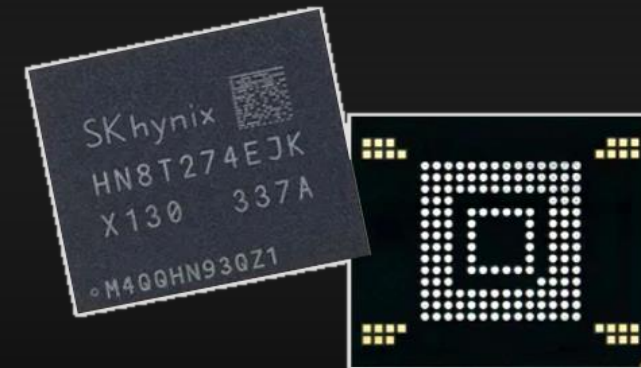
- 512GB, 1TB

## ZUFS Spec

- Zone type SWR<sup>1)</sup>
- # Max Open Zones: 6

## Vertical Optimized Mobile Storage

### Zoned UFS 4.0



1) SWR : Sequential write required zone type

# Appendix] Zoned UFS: Optimized for Advanced Mobile

## F2FS File system



Conventional  
UFS 4.0



Zoned  
UFS 4.0



Application Launch Time<sup>1)</sup>

**0.45 x**

Memory Allocation Time<sup>2)</sup>

**0.67 x**

Product Lifetime

**40% longer**

1) Condition: long-hours use

2) Avg. of memory & storage backup/restore time



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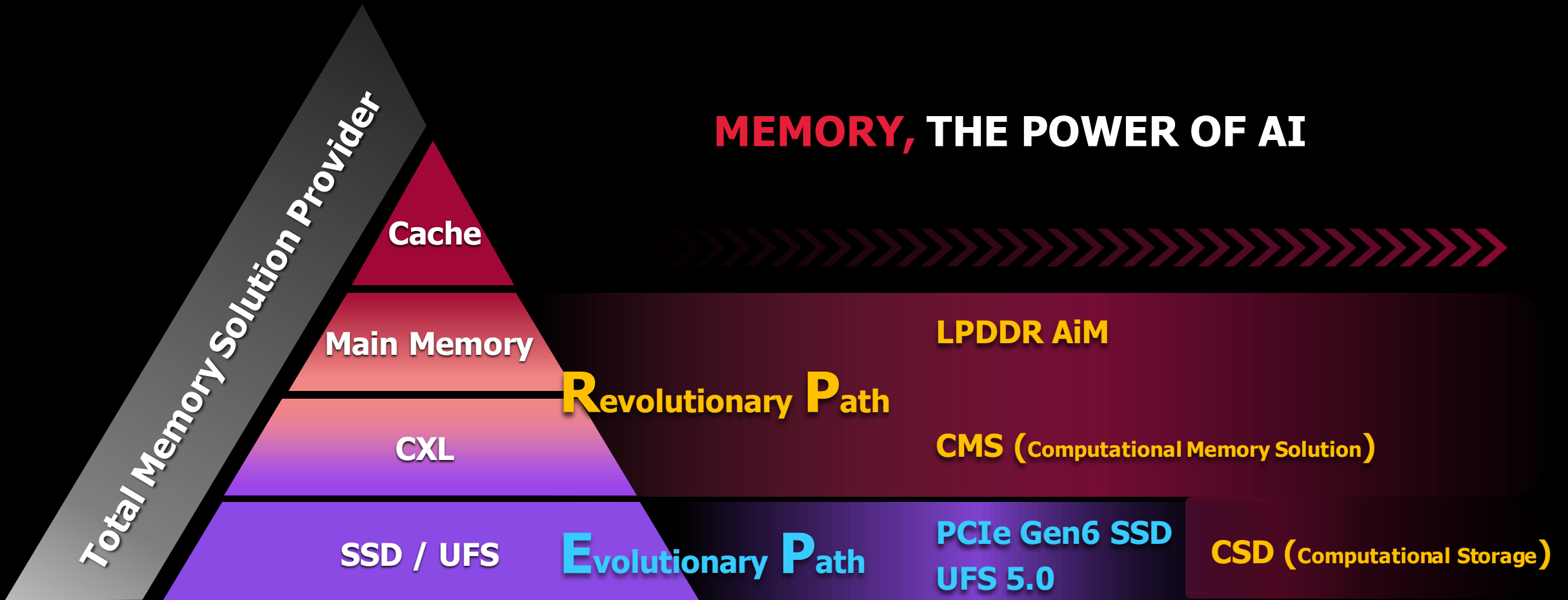
## **3. AI Memory Centric**

- SK Hynix's Preparations

# Complete AI Memory Solutions Provider

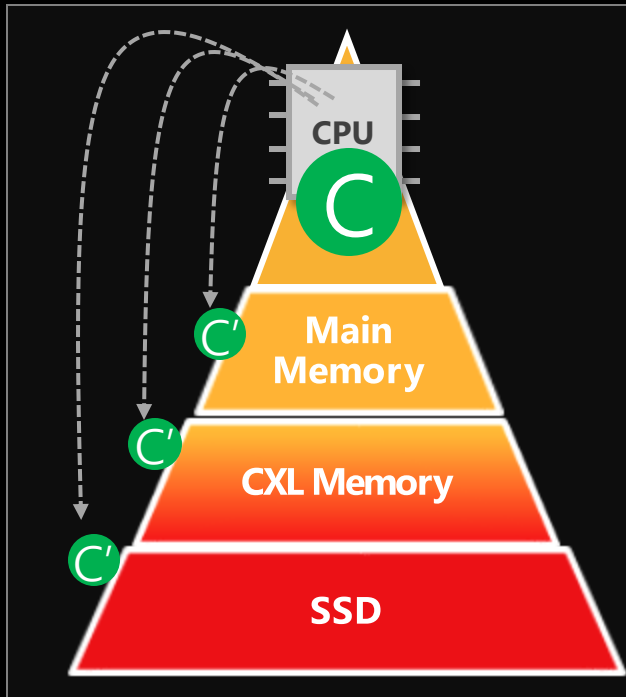


## MEMORY, THE POWER OF AI

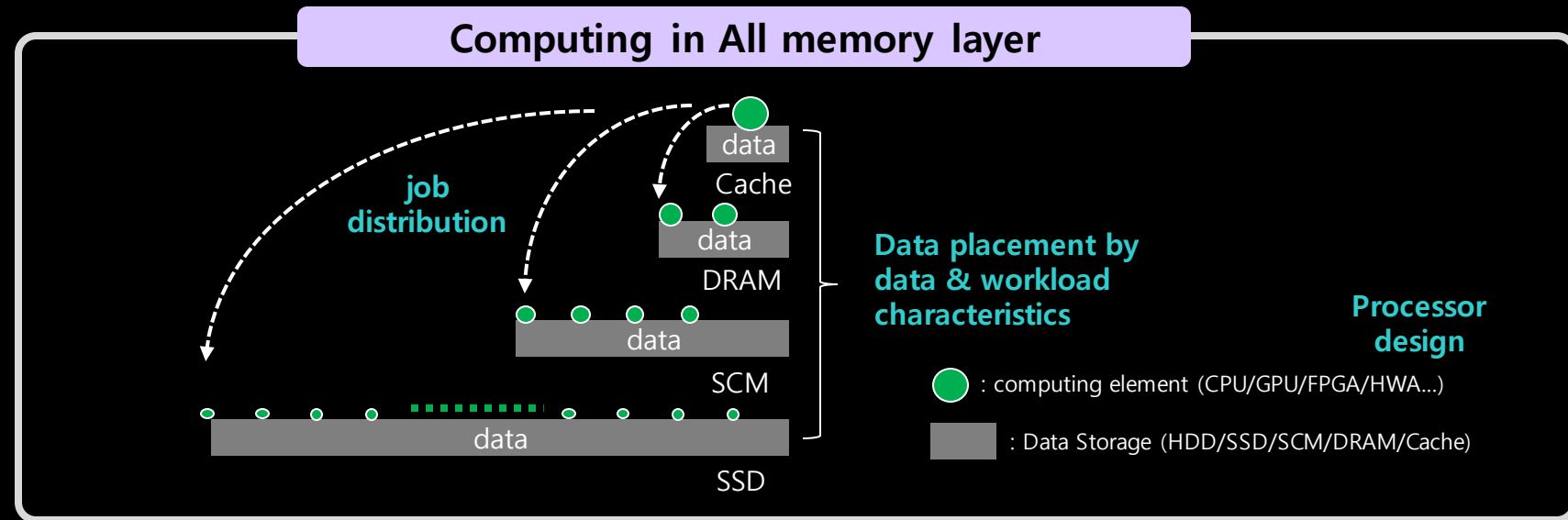


# Memory Centric

## Fusion in All Memory Layers



C : computing unit

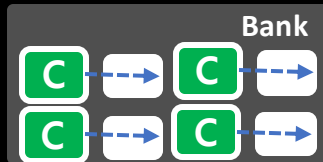




# Memory & Computing Fusion

## Various Memory + Computing Solution from AiM to CSD

### Memory Die level (AiM)



- Computing in memory die
- High density workload

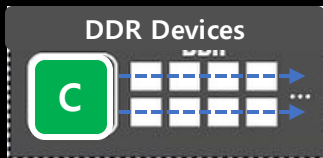
### Workload density



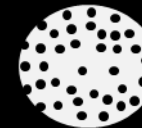
### Workload

Transformer

### Memory Card level (CMS)



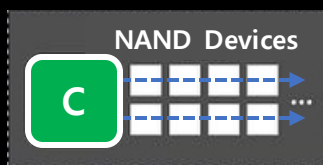
- Computing in memory card
- Low density workload



Embedding

Data Analytics

### Storage level (CSD)



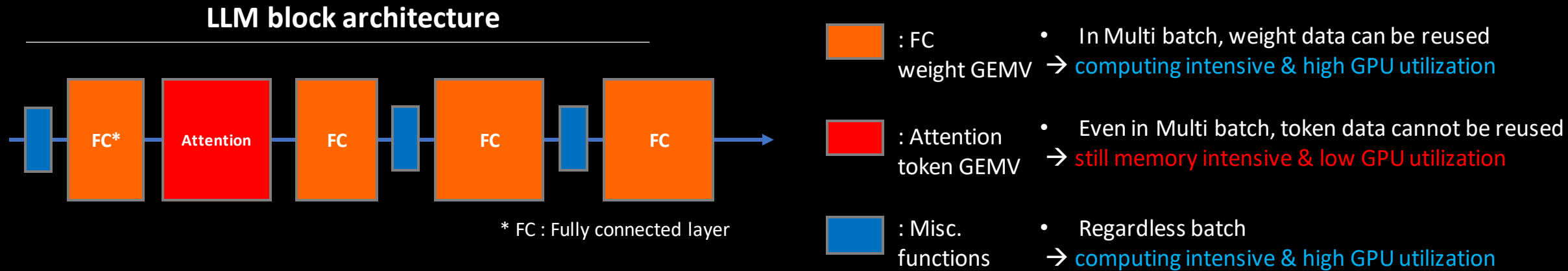
- Computing in SSD
- Low density & high capacity workload



Data Analytics

# Appendix] Processing in Memory

- Even with multi batch processing, due to the attention processing for long context, there is huge portion of memory intensive function



## Processing time portion

1 Batch, 2K token, MHA



GPT3-13B, Last token processing time

32 Batch, 100K token, GQA(8)



  : computing intensive

  : memory intensive

**LLM service trend : longer context**

# Appendix] AiMX system from DC to Edge device LLM

- To provide different level of customer experience and save your operating cost

## Datacenter LLM

Larger LLM size  
Multi-batch  
Longer context

99%

## Edge device LLM

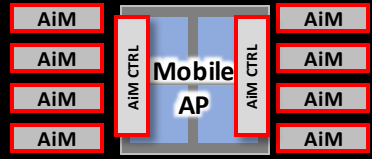
Smaller LLM size  
Single-batch  
Long context

75%

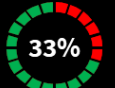
Both system has memory intensive portion as a majority

Boosting your Datacenter LLM by adding AiMX as an attention accelerator

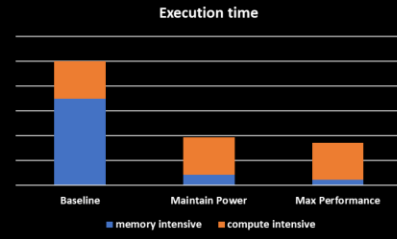
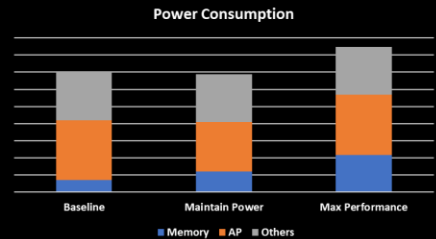
Boosting your Edge device LLM by replacing memory with AiM



Performance

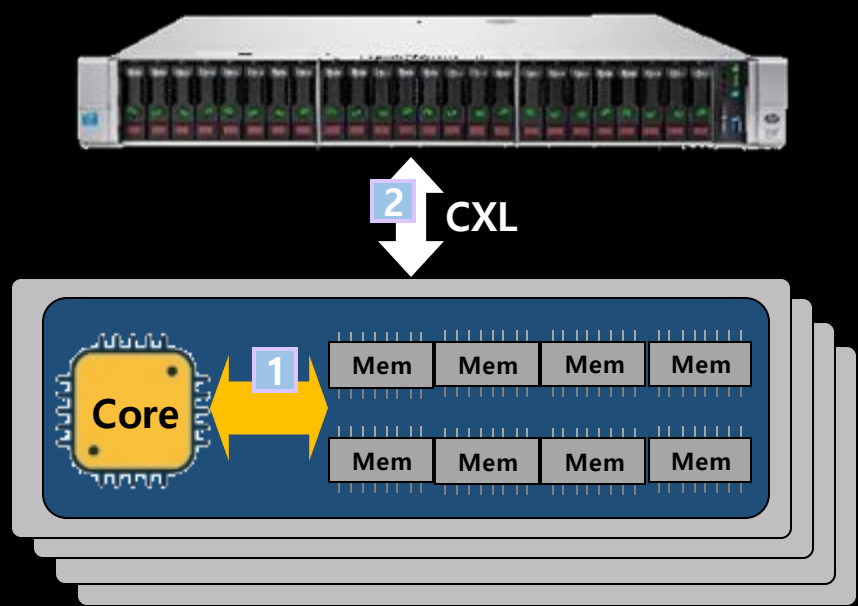


Energy consumption



# Appendix] Computational Memory Solution

## CMS

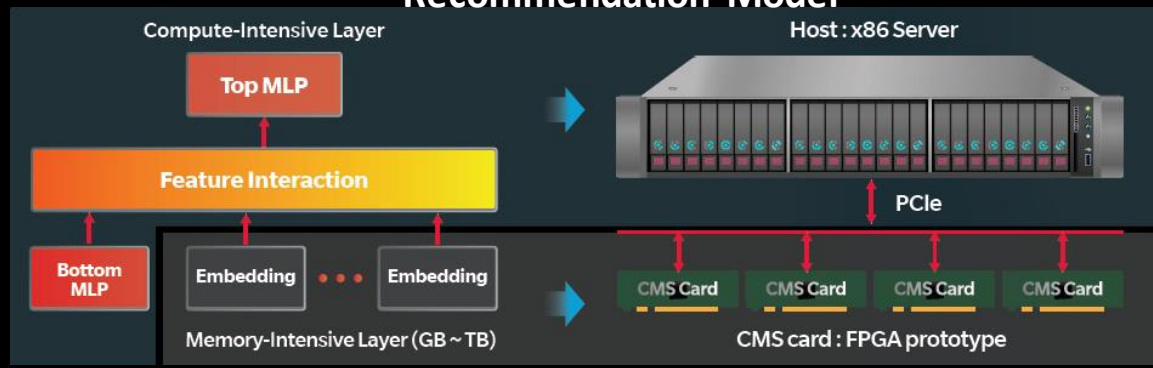


**1 Performance Improvement**  
By utilizing the higher Bandwidth inside the CXL module

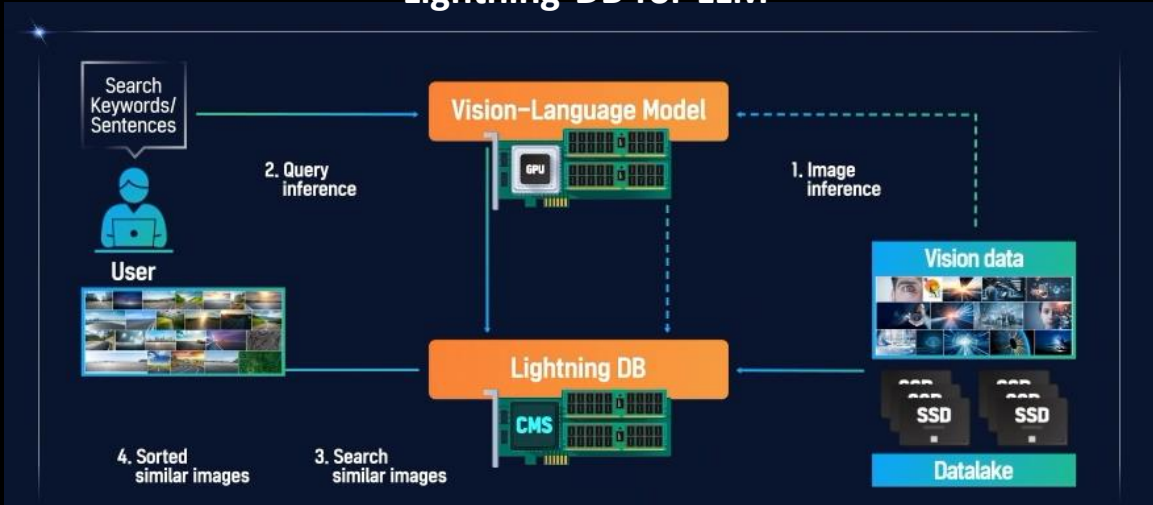
**2 Energy Efficiency Improvement**  
By minimizing data movement between host and CXL module

## Use case

### Recommendation Model



### Lightning DB for LLM



# Appendix] CXL™ Computational Memory Solution (CMS)

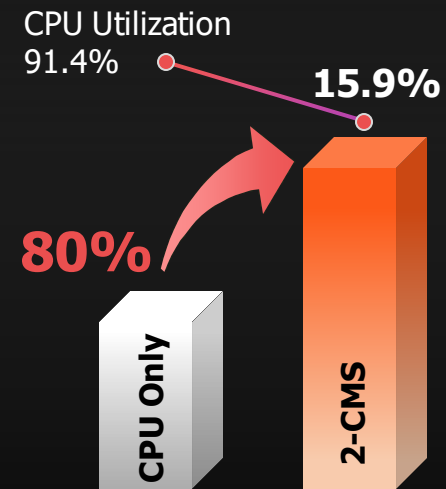
## CMS 2.0



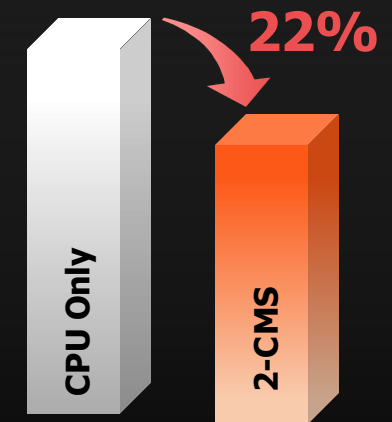
- CXL Memory Expansion
- Near-memory Processing
- Reduce data movement between CPU & CXL
- Free up CPUs to do other useful work

## Data Analytics Performance

### Perf. & CPU Utilization



### Energy Efficiency

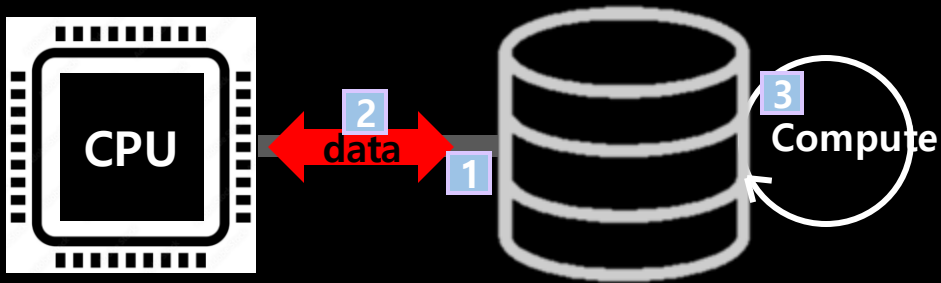


Benchmark : TPC-DS Q28 (Dataset : 38.67GB)



# Appendix] Computational Storage Device

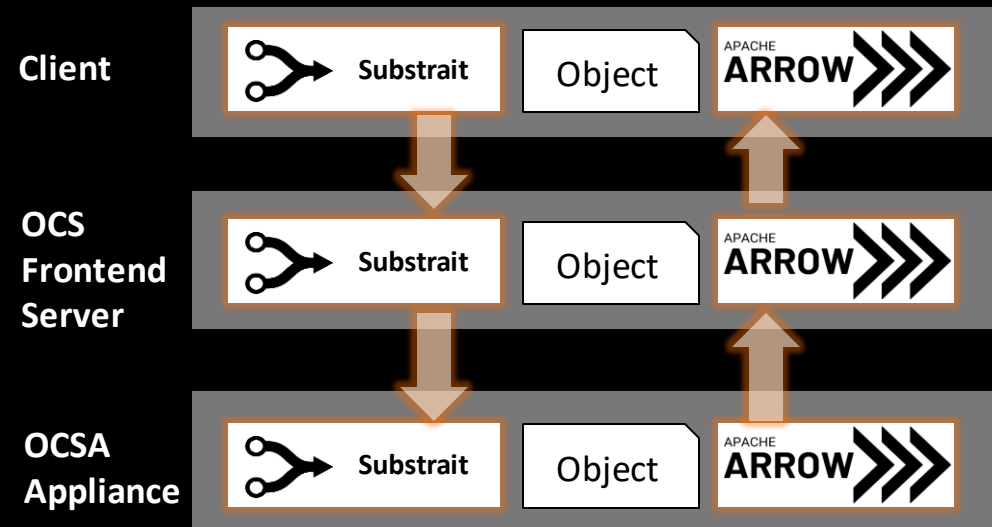
## CSD



- 1 **Performance Improvement**  
By avoiding interface bottleneck
- 2 **Energy Efficiency Improvement**  
By minimizing data movement
- 3 **Reduce CPU overhead**  
By offloading tasks from Host CPU

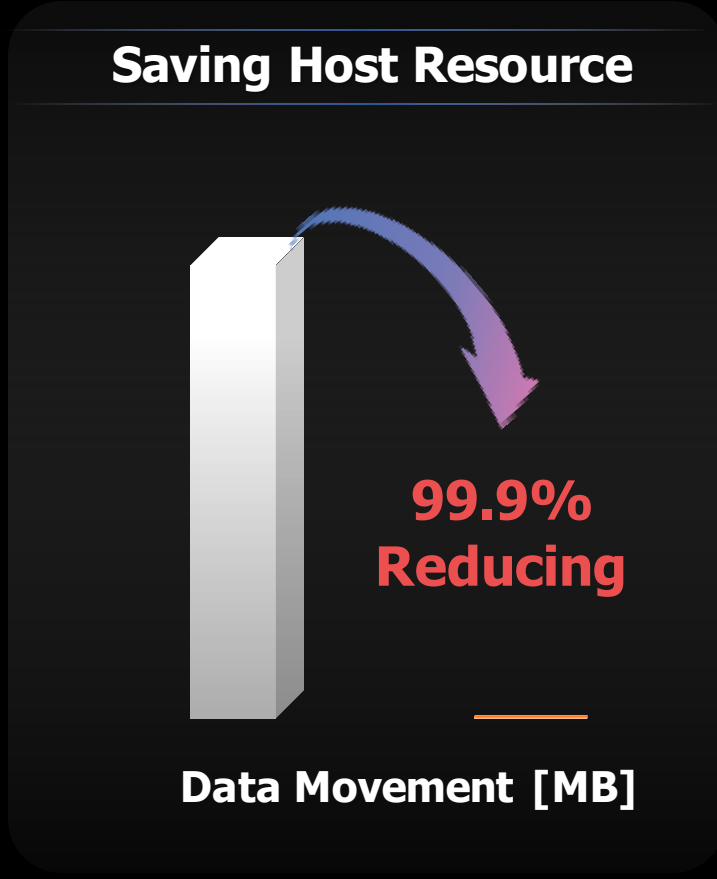
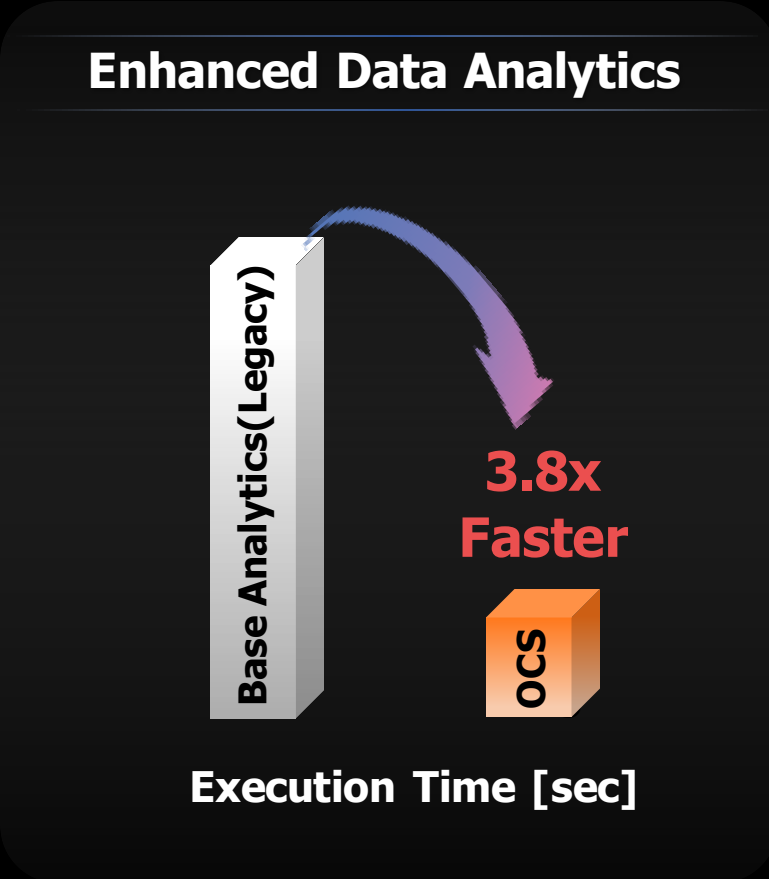
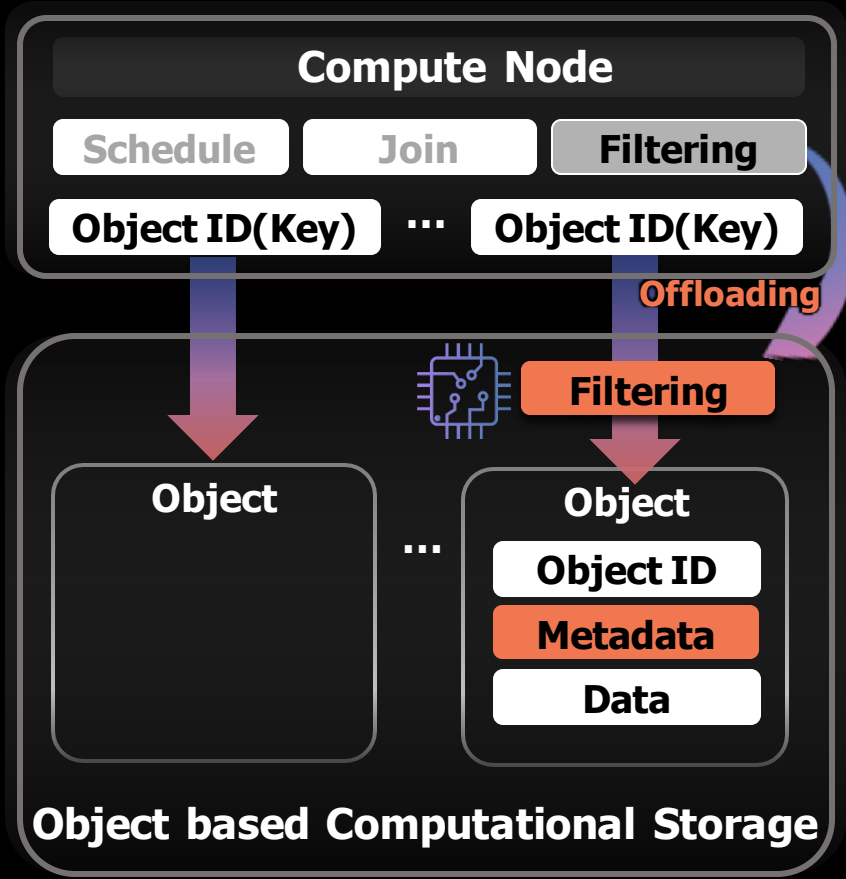
## Use case

### Object based Computational Storage for Big Data Analysis

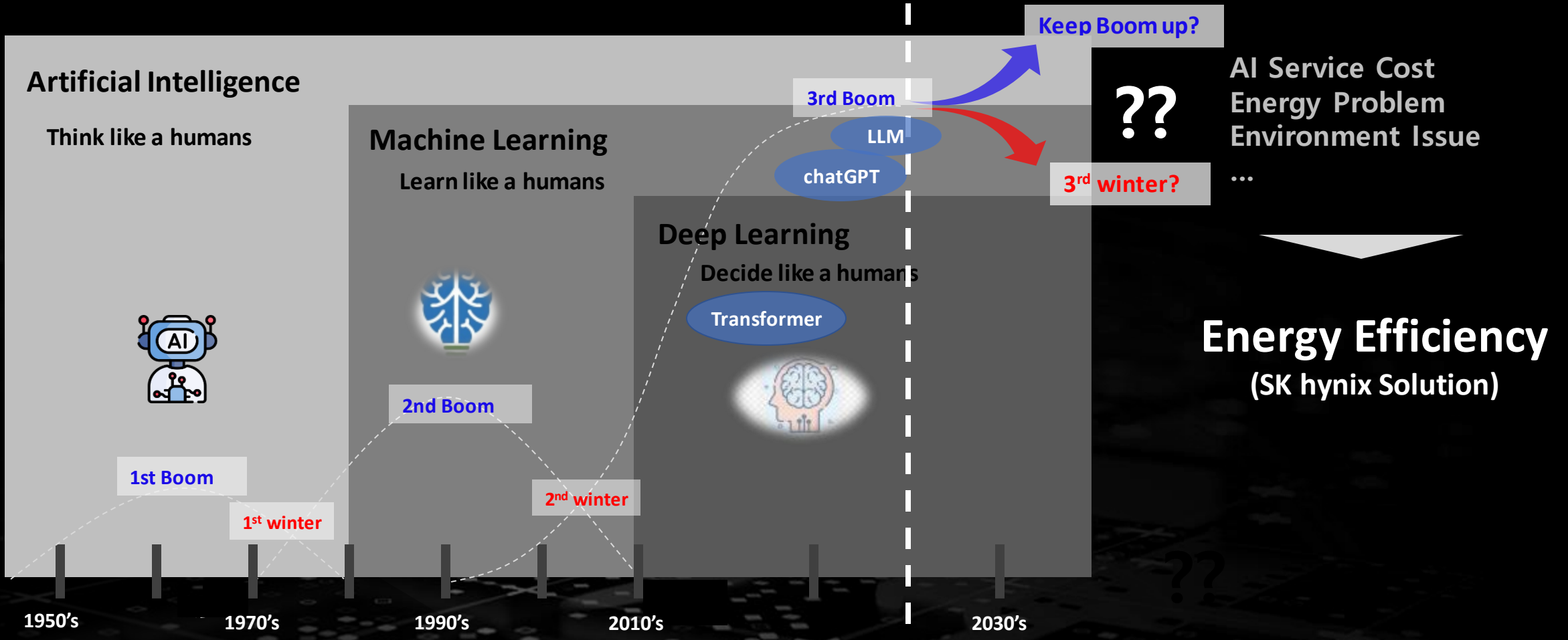


# Appendix] Object-based Computational Storage (OCS)

Speed and efficiency from data-awareness



# Memory Centric



# Total Memory & Storage Portfolio



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