Rethinking Byte-Accessibility of SSDs from a CXL-attached Memory and Storage System

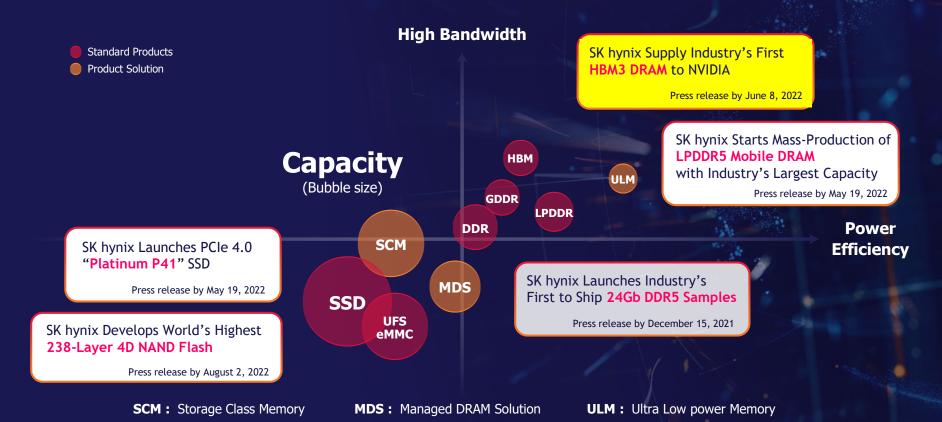
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Product Line-up for New Value Proposition of Memory



UFS: Universal Flash Storage

eMMC: embedded Multi-Media Card

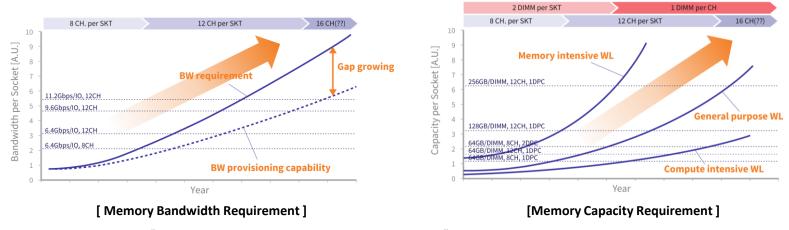
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HBM: High Bandwidth Memory

Challenges - Growing Memory Bandwidth and Capacity Gap



- Increase in CPU core counts requires increase in memory bandwidth and capacity
- Gap between such requirements and platform provisioning capability is growing

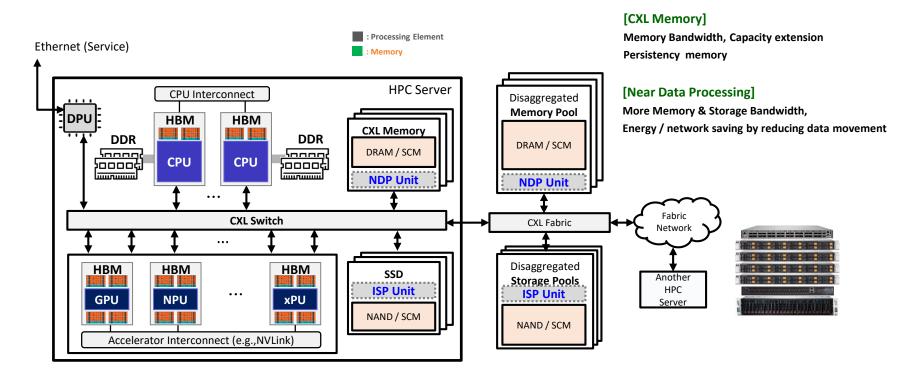


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Memory Forest Reference System



Reference system includes all solution we imagine in the world of memory forest.





Opportunities - New Values in Memory through CXL



- Memory expansion beyond DDR memory
- o Different memory media can have different performance, capacity and power trade-offs
- Enhanced features can be included in CXL memory controller
- o Efficient memory disaggregation is possible



CXL SSD – Benefits of Byte Accessibility

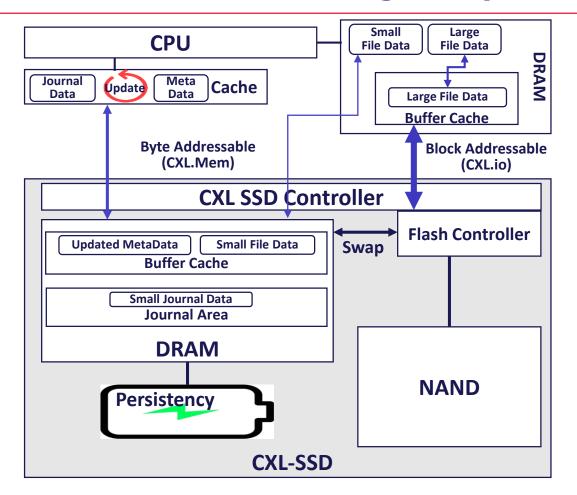


- Very large capacity load/store memory
 - → Lower solution cost against adding additional DRAM
- Elimination of OS page cache which is used for storage devices
 - → Better use of precious CPU local memory
- Host can talk to the storage at lower latency by removing block driver stack
- Faster than OS swap space and allows very large database (In-memory DBs)
 - → Better operational latency
- Configurable platform for memory semantic accelerators
 - → Solution of the memory capacity bottleneck for big data & ML

CXL-SSD Architecture for Journaling File System



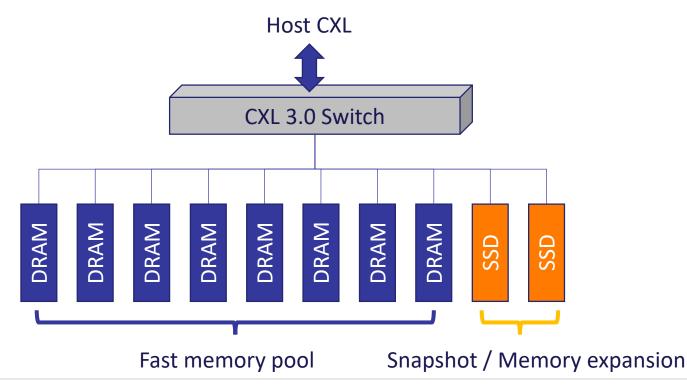
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CXL SSD in the pooled memory



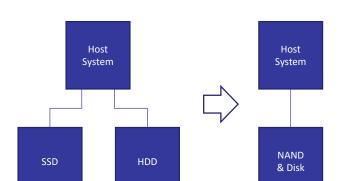
- DGM (Data Greater than Memory) Problem → Availability
- SPOF (Single Point of Failure) Problem → Durability



CXL SSD – Hybrid Memory



SSHD (Solid State Hybrid Drive)

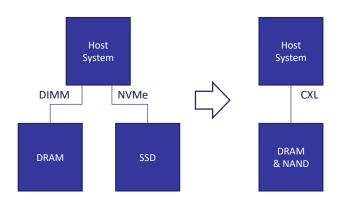


NAND: WR cache, fast storage

Pros: Lower cost than SSD, faster than HDD

Cons: Complicated recovery process, cache-miss

Hybrid Memory



DRAM: R/W cache, fast memory

Pros: Non-volatility

Cons: Still expensive, cache-miss

Improving CXL-SSD through Computation Capability



Persistent mode CXL-SSD

