

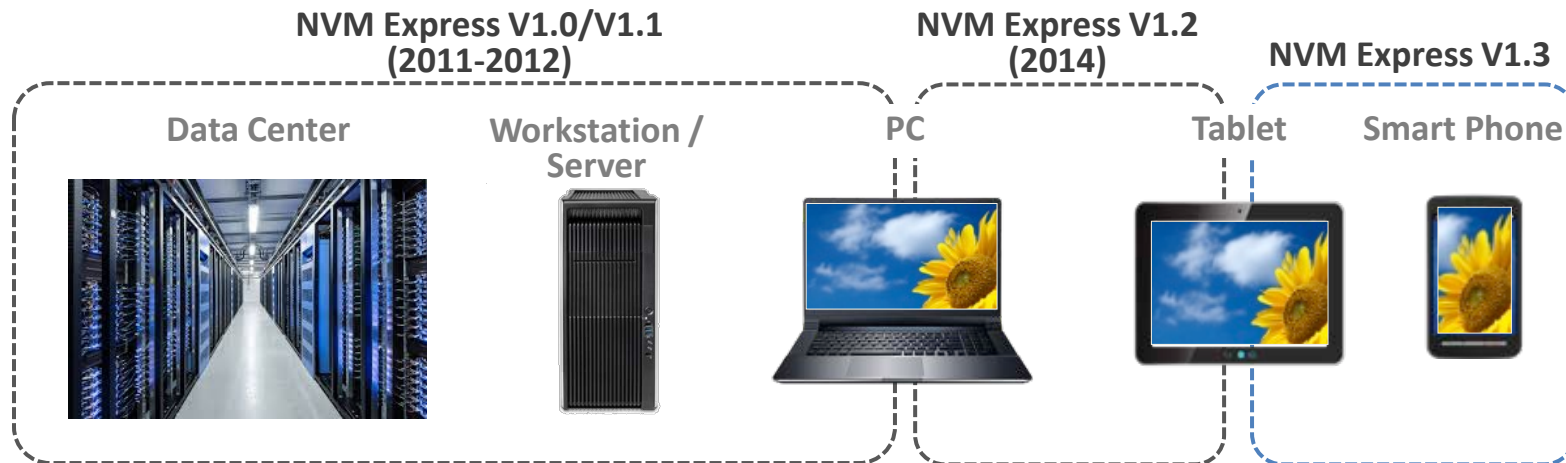
NVM Express[™] and PCI Express[®] for Mobile

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NVMe™/PCIe® evolving for client/mobile



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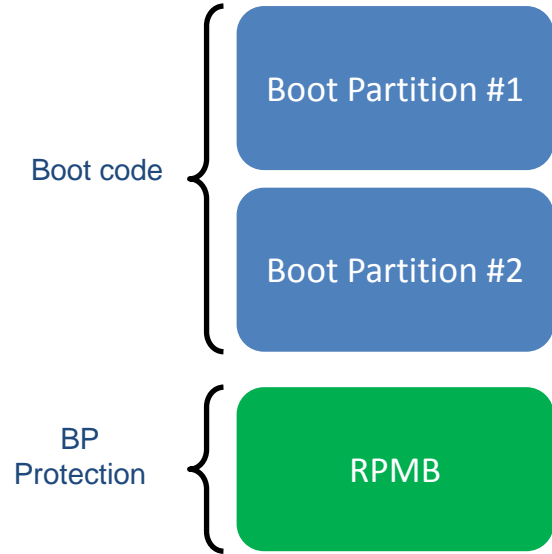


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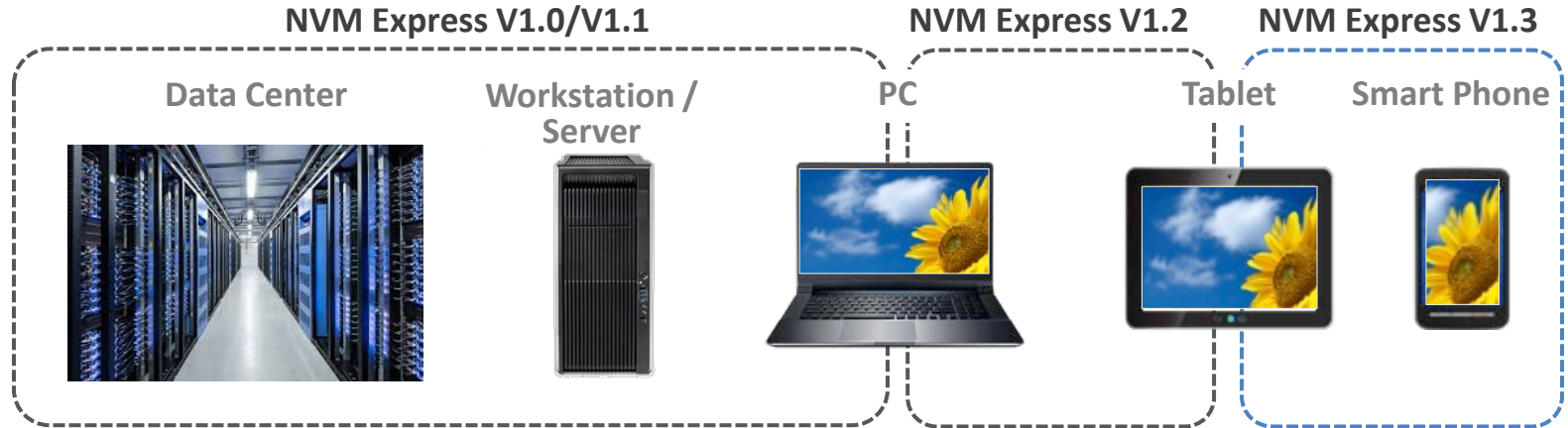


What more is needed in NVMe for mobile?

- Boot protocol for non-BIOS boot
 - Add Boot Partitions (BP) to store boot code
 - Read BP's with MMIO-based mechanism
 - Write BPs with enhanced FW commands
 - Protect/Lock BP's with RPMB
- Additional
 - Namespace Write Protect
 - General namespaces
 - Does not apply to boot partitions



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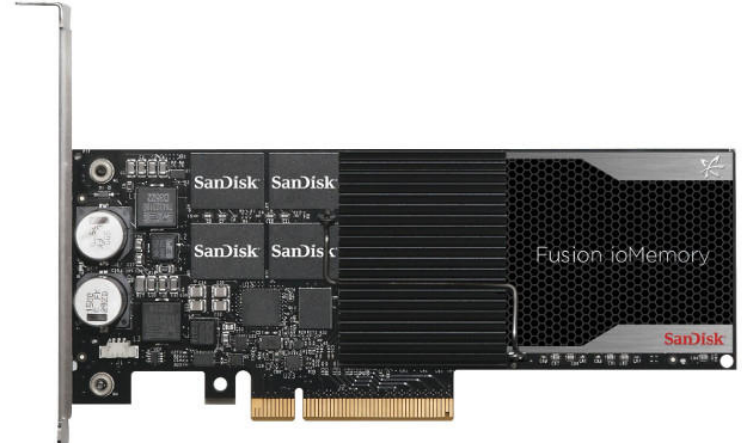
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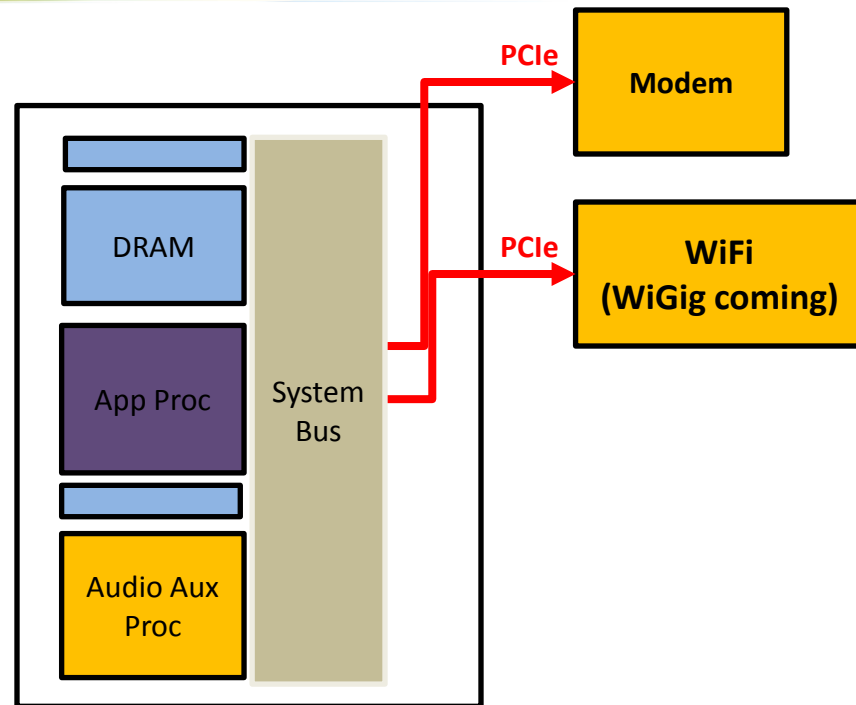
PCI Express and Power – Conventional Wisdom

- Conventional Wisdom
 - PCIe uses too much power for mobile



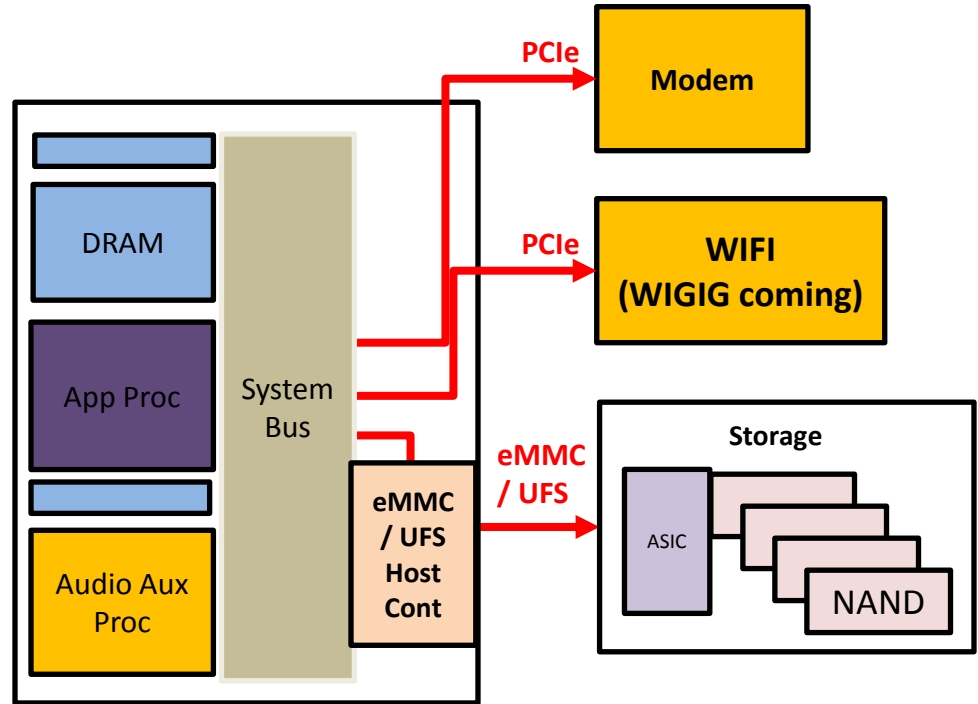
PCI Express and Power - Reality

- Reality - Today
 - PCIe already used in mobile for wireless solutions
 - PCIe topology is simple in mobile
 - Few endpoints
 - Short channels
- Reality - When PCIe storage in mobile
 - Devices will be targeted at Mobile performance, not Client/Enterprise



Status quo in mobile storage interfaces

- Storage managed by host controller
 - eMMC
 - UFS (M-PHY)



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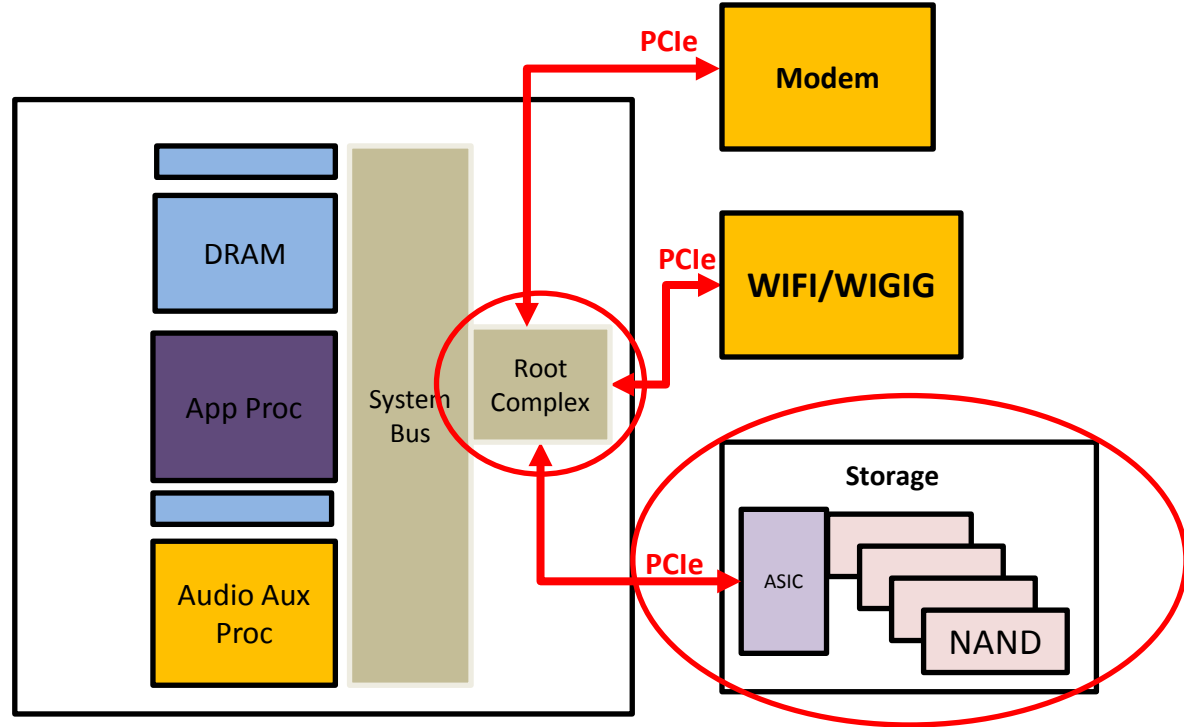
Single lane link power estimates

Item	PCIe Gen3	PCIe Gen2	M-PHY Gear3
Active Power* [mW]	60 (L0)	46 (L0)	58 (HS)
Standby Power* [mW]	0.11 (L1.2)	0.11 (L1.2)	0.2 (Hibern8)
Line Speed [Gbps]	8	5	5.83
PHY overhead	128/130 (1GB/s)	8/10 (500MB/s)	8/10 (583MB/s)
MB/mJ* (higher better)	14-18	8-12	8-12

- PCIe power on par with M-PHY power as mobile interface solution

Architectural Advantages for PCIe Storage in Mobile

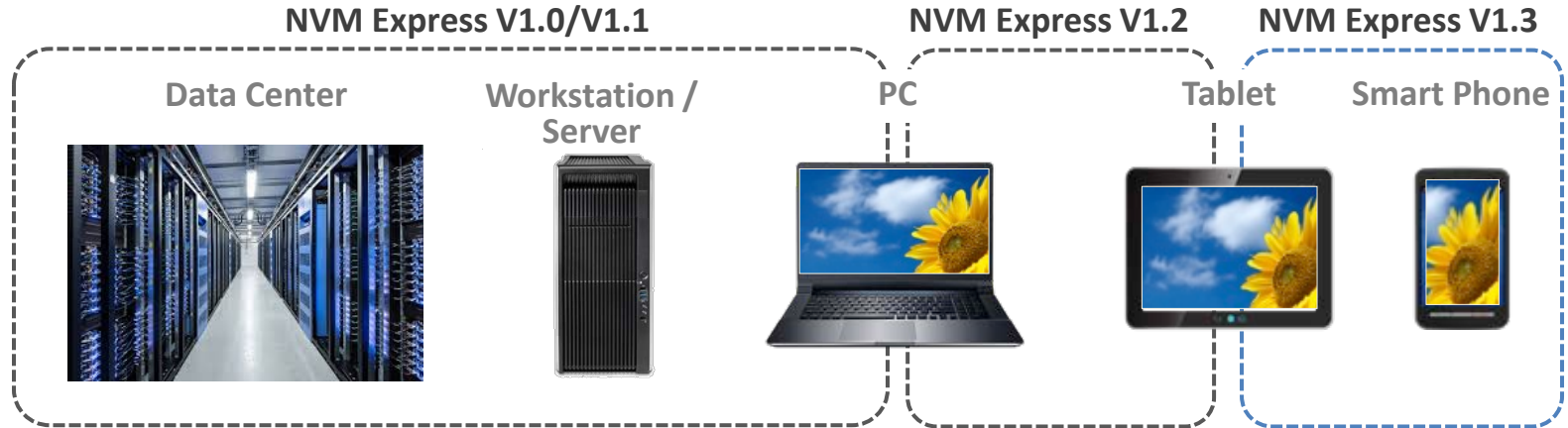
- Given good PCIe PHY power characteristics, there are other advantages
 - Remove Host Controller
 - Engineering synergy
 - Root complex
 - HW Power Management



Summary: What is needed for PCI Express for Mobile?

- **Not** needed
 - Electrical changes
 - Implement existing architecture well (L1.2 sub-states, etc.)
- Needed
 - Smaller form factors
 - We have already
 - M.2
 - PCIe BGA for client/compute
 - Work starting in PCI-SIG on smaller BGA for mobile

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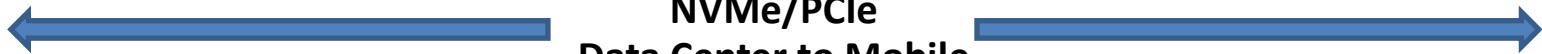
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- **Mobile BGA**



NVMe/PCIe
Data Center to Mobile

Call to Action – Mobile Ecosystem

- Get involved w/ NVM Express and PCI-SIG[®]
- Consider NVMe/PCIe for your mobile solutions
- SoC vendors allocate PCIe ports for storage

Invest in the future of the storage ecosystem



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Thank You

