New PCIe/NVMe Memory Cards Open up New High-Speed Applications

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SD Express
Combining the Reliability of SD Cards with PCIe & NVMe

Yosi Pinto
Chairman of the Board & Technical Committee Chair in SD Association
Director of Standards at Western Digital
Forward-Looking Statements

During our meeting today we will be making forward-looking statements.

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Higher Quality Mobile Content Creates Demand for More Capacity and Greater Performance

1.2 trillion photos were taken on smartphones in 2017

Continued move from Full HD > 4K+ video. A 2-hour 4K UHD movie requires 32GB storage

By 2020, over 50% of all video viewing will be on smartphones

Top 5 online streaming services offer content download to cards for off line viewing

VR & AR video increasing in quality

RAW video recording

Online Streamlining services : by Tidal
More Apps + Larger Apps = More Capacity and Greater Performance

197 Billion Apps Downloaded in 2017

The average size of Android™ apps is increasing: 15MB

49% of smartphone users have received a “memory full” notification

Apps can be stored on adopted SD card storage in the latest Android™ devices

The total number of mobile app downloads in 2017 – 197 billion (a forecast) - http://www.businessofapps.com/data/app-statistics/memory-full (source: SanDisk survey)

Size of apps (source: https://sweetpricing.com/blog/2017/02/average-app-file-size)
Client Computing, Imaging, Automotive – Transition to Higher Speed Interfaces

Client SSD

- PCIe and NVMe interfaces are rapidly gaining popularity - expected to become most dominant in 2018
- PCIe Gen 4 is expected to gain traction by 2019/20

New Markets Demand More Memory with Higher Speed

- Autonomous vehicles and connected cars with multi-sensor data collection & processing
- Multi-channel video capture
- Gaming with 3D high resolution graphics
- New evolving imaging market (360o, VR, AR etc...)
- Imaging market is already heading to PCIe

Evolving technology trends push memory interface requirements to higher sequential and random performance levels

Source: Forward Insights, May 2017
Mobile Technology is Developing Rapidly

- Growing performance levels of IOs wireless (WiFi/WiGig…) and wired (USB3…)
- Rapid developments in APs technology (Multi cores, Speed, RAM increase etc..)
- Embedded storage is transitioning to more advanced protocols opening new opportunities (UFS, PCIe and NVMe interfaces)

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SD Express: Running Towards New Horizons

PCIe® and NVMe™ Memory Card Interfaces

- Delivers performance and advanced protocol required for the next generation of memory-intensive mobile computing applications
PCIe and NVMe Interfaces - the Future of High Performance

SD Express is the SD Card Association’s Answer

Delivers sequential and random performance for next gen application platforms

Computing

8K RAW Video and slow motion Recording

360° Virtual and Augmented Reality

IoT Multi Channel Processing

High Resolution 3D Gaming

Automotive Multi Channel Data Collection
SD Memory Card Standard Evolution

- **SD 2.0**
  - HS
  - 25MB/s

- **SD 3.0/3.01 UHS-I**
  - 104MB/s

- **SD 4.0 UHS-II**
  - 312MB/s

- **SD 5.0 Video Speed Classes**
  - SD 5.1 App Perf Class A1 Discard

- **SD 6.0**
  - A2, CMD Queu Cache Maint
  - 1.8v card
  - UHS-III (624MB/s)

- **SD 7.0**
  - SD Express (w/ PCIe and NVMe 985MB/s)
  - SDUC

- **SD’s New Era…**
  - Released Jun 2018
SD Express card

- Released in June 2018 as part of SD7.0
  - PCIe Gen3 and NVMe v1.3 interface added
  - Existing SD form factor
  - Legacy UHS-I interface supported allowing backward compatibility with billions of host devices

- microSD Express will hopefully follow (not announced, yet, by SDA)

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Why were PCIe and NVMe interfaces chosen?
PCIe and NVMe are widely adopted…

- PCIe standard developed by PCI SIG
  - Gen 3 with up to 8Gbps is a proven, reliable and mature differential interface
  - PCIe already released also Gen4 with up to 16Gbps …and Gen 5 is underway
  - Proven environments were defined

- NVMe standard developed by NVM Express
  - The command layer protocol for Non Volatile Memories that teamed up with PCIe…
  - A scalable and sophisticated protocol – ready to handle future system needs
  - Become more and more popular as the de-facto standard for SSDs and other…
  - Supported by all major OSs
  - Proven test environments were defined

Both are world wide recognized as the preferable protocols for future needs ➔ Easy to adopt!
PCle and NVMe Interfaces – Test Advantages

*Many Bus Analyzers, Protocol Analyzers, Test Suites are in the market*…
PCIe and NVMe Interfaces – Product Vendor Advantages

The building blocks are available in the market

- Many SoC already implemented PCIe interfaces (for Modems, WiFi, Memory etc...) . Such PCIe interfaces exist either as:
  - Extra I/O that may be utilized for SD Express with adapter
  - Re-use of available PCIe IP building block in new SoC design

- Many standard PCIe IP modules exist in the market – supplied by the leading IP vendors
SD Express – The best of all worlds...

**In Summary...**

- SSD grade performances and features
- PCIe/NVMe – a continuously innovated market-wide platform
- Scalable SW stack widely supported
- Bus mastering and reduction ram and cost
- Low power options for mobile implementations
- Leveraging existing investments for card and products manufacturers

**SD Memory Card**
- Most popular removable card in consumer market
- Enhanced features added: Command Queue, Cache
- SD UHS-I operation mode supported

**SD Express**

- PCIe/NVMe like in SSD

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**Mobile Phones**  
**Mobile Computing**  
**Gaming**  
**Imaging**  
**Automotive**  
**IoT**  
**....**

A small SSD-Like card in reliable small SD form factor including backward compatibility with existing SD products
Thank You

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Adaptable/Expandable External SSD-like Storage for Endpoint Products Using SD Express Cards

Lee Prewitt
Principal Hardware Program Manager
Microsoft
AAA Game Development Cost

- Development Budget: $100M
- Marketing Budget: $100M
- 3000-4000 people on a single title at peak
  - 80% artists, 15% managers, 5% programmers
- Artists create textures, meshes, animation data, and audio
Game Storage Requirements

![Graph showing game storage requirements from 2004 to 2018. The graph displays an increasing trend with a notable peak around 2014.]
Gaming PCs are a growing business

- Desktop/Tower configs are high-margin but slow growth
- Gaming laptops are the top growth sector
- Most devices at gamer price points do have SSDs of some kind
- But their capacity is limited: 240GB is current sweet spot
  - But this is only sufficient to hold 2 or 3 AAA games
Key Take-Aways

- Monitors are increasing in resolution and quality (HDR)
- Game sizes are increasing too
- PC Game devices face challenges supporting this
- Dynamic loading can help significantly
- SD Cards as expandable storage can help
- SD 7.0 speeds allow game loads/game play to be done directly from the SD card
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Crystal Chang, Senior Manager of Product Management at ATP Electronics, Inc.

Crystal is in charge of the Memory card BU for ATP Electronics. During her 8 years tenure at ATP, Crystal dedicates to promoting memory cards in various industrial applications and contributing her business insight and front-end experiences to continuous product enhancement.
Industrial IoT era
Memory cards in Edge computing

ATP Electronics, Inc.
Crystal Chang
Agenda

- Data Booming
- Why Edge Computing?
- When IoT go into Enterprise
- IIoT Edge Gateway Example, Function v.s. Form Factor
- SD Express: One Size Fits All?
- Take away
Data Booming

- 2021, 50 billion connected devices
- Person will use connected device 4800 times a day

![Bar chart showing the comparison between population and connected devices from 2003 to 2020.](chart.png)

- 2003: Population 6.3 Billion, Connected Devices 0.5 Billion
- 2010: Population 6.8 Billion, Connected Devices 12.5 Billion
- 2020: Population 7.6 Billion, Connected Devices 50 Billion

More Devices than population

Cisco IBSG April 2011
As data sharply increasing

By 2025, world data sphere expect to grow to 163 zettabytes
Massive data creation, but very little will be transmitted to Cloud.

10 times data growth from 2016 to 2025

Where are the rest data?

Data resource: ABI’s report
Edge Computing

Edge computing was designed to fulfill the demand of latency solution

By 2020, 10% of the world’s data will be processed on the Edge (IDC)
Why Edge Computing?

- **Cloud Storage**
  - Analyze historical data for forecasting
  - **Big data** processing
  - Data warehousing

- **Edge Storage**
  - Real time Response
  - At-source visualization
  - **Temporary cache** for data waiting to be transmitted to the cloud
  - **Reduce network traffic** in the centralized data center

Make computing closer to data
When IoT go into Enterprise

- **Industrial (Manuf.)**
  - Optimized Automation
  - Manufacturing Process Control

- **Transportation**
  - Vehicles Communication
  - Fleet / Traffic Control
  - Logistics

- **Retail**
  - Digital Signage & Advertising
  - Retail/Hospitality Kiosk & POS

- **Safety & Security**
  - Surveillance
  - Disaster Management
  - Emergency Service

- **Healthcare**
  - Remote Health Monitoring
  - Geriatrics Care
  - Tele Health

- **Utilities**
  - Smart Grid
  - Water, Energy
  - Waste
IIoT Edge Gateway Example

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## Edge Gateway: Function V.S Storage

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<th>5000 series</th>
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<td><strong>Dimensions</strong></td>
<td>125mm wide x125mm high x51mm deep</td>
<td>229mm wide x216mm high x75mm deep</td>
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<td><strong>Storage/Drives</strong></td>
<td>microSD: 8GB~64GB eMMc: 8 GB / 32 GB</td>
<td>SSD M.2: 32GB~512GB.</td>
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<td><strong>Features</strong></td>
<td>Limited space, Mobile, Localized</td>
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<td>Robustness</td>
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1/2 Size

1/3 Size
SD Express: One Size Fits All?

- **Small Form Factor**
  - Popular extension form factor in many IoT devices
- **Removable**
- **Low power consumption**
  - Robust (IP57/67) waterproof, dustproof
- **Low Latency**
  - Faster performance PCIe-G3
  - As host memory buffer
  - Bus mastering
  - Multi Queue support in DRAM

SD Express for various gateway needs
Powerful, small form factor, flexible for storage “expansion” (removable)
Take Away

SD Express – Powerful, Bite size, Removable SSD

- **SD Express** with **PCIe/NVMe** interface
- Integrate all the benefits of PCIe/NVMe with existing SD form factor
- Suitable for **Multi-Channel Edge Computing** – collect massive data from sensors, process & analyze data for **Real Time Response** requiring **High Bandwidth, Low Latency**
- Powerful yet **Low Power Consumption**
- **Removable, Bite Size and Robust** – fit into limited edge device space running at harsh environment
- Backward compatible: select legacy SD or SD express

Note 1: For more information, please refer to SDA white paper: SD Express Cards with PCIe and NVMe Interfaces
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Today’s Problems with Removable Cards

- Slow and Inefficient
- Multiple Protocols with Different Drivers
- Extra Cost to Use in PC
- Usages Limited to Removable Storage
Solving Issues with SD Express

- **Performance**
- **SD Express Cards with PCIe* NVMe Interface**
- **Direct Connect to Lower BOM**
- **Leveraging the NVMe* SSD Ecosystem**
- **Scalable PCIe* Interface**

Solving these problems creates new usage possibilities!

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Expandable Storage: The Future?

The future of client storage & memory
Higher Performance, Lower Cost, Easier Migration

- Working Storage
- Options for Bulk Storage

Uncompromised storage performance with flexibility at cost!

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SD Express Expands Possibilities

SD Express Propels SD Cards Forward Without Losing What Makes It Great

Consider new possibilities for using SD Express!

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