

## Using QLC SSDs to Improve Cost/Performance Tradeoffs for Warm Data

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30 Trends Driving Data Growth



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63 Zetabytes by 2025

(IDC)

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This data needs

to be read and

analyzed quickly.

Not rewritten

repeatedly.

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# Al Is Shifting the Data **Center IO** Pattern

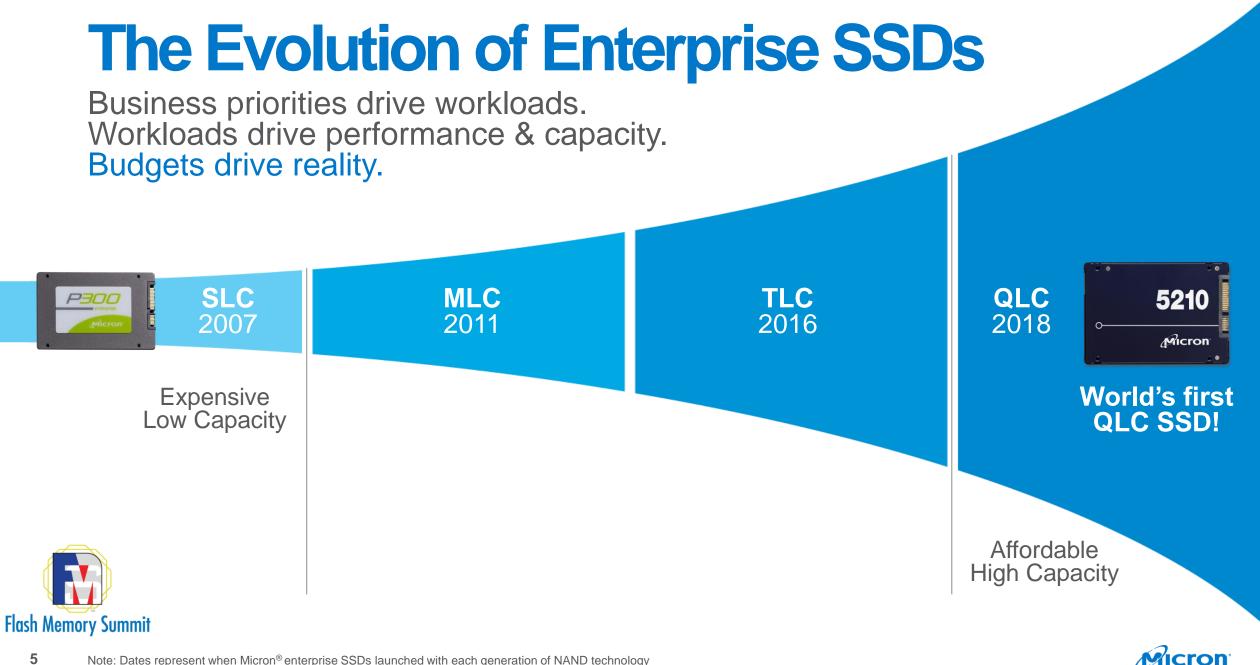
Application Read-to-write ratio

Traditional Data Center

> Deep Learning for Al 50000

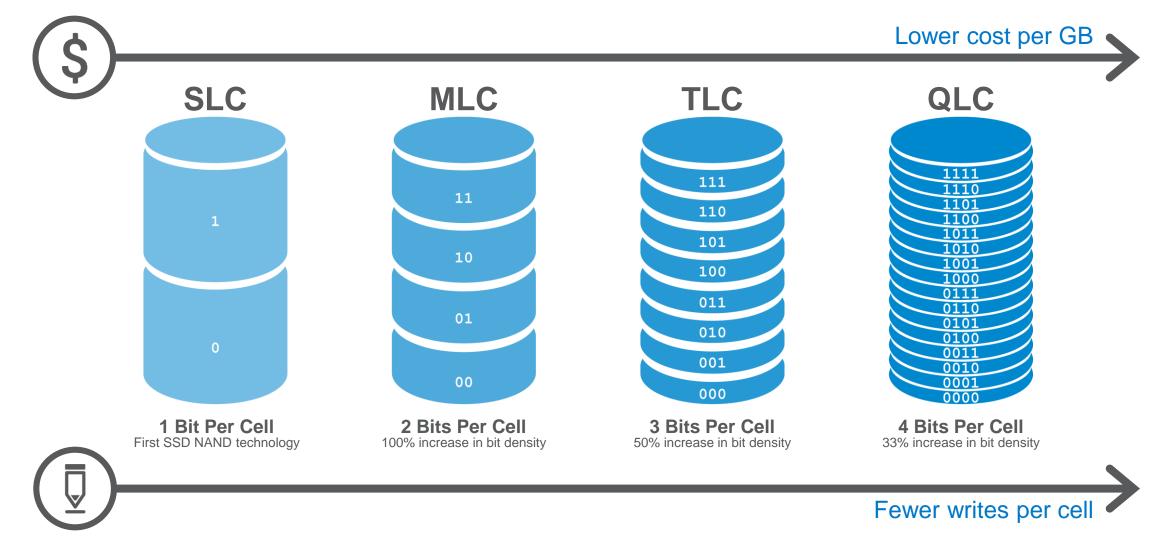
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Source: EnterpriseStorageforum.com: "Data Storage, AI, and IO Patterns"





#### **QLC = Fast Capacity For Less**

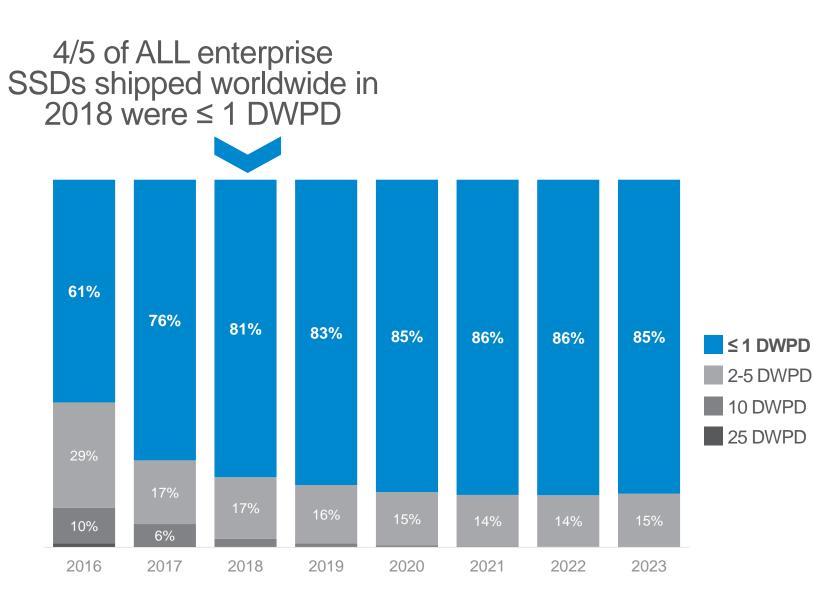




### Endurance Needs are Decreasing

Enables Industry Expansion to QLC





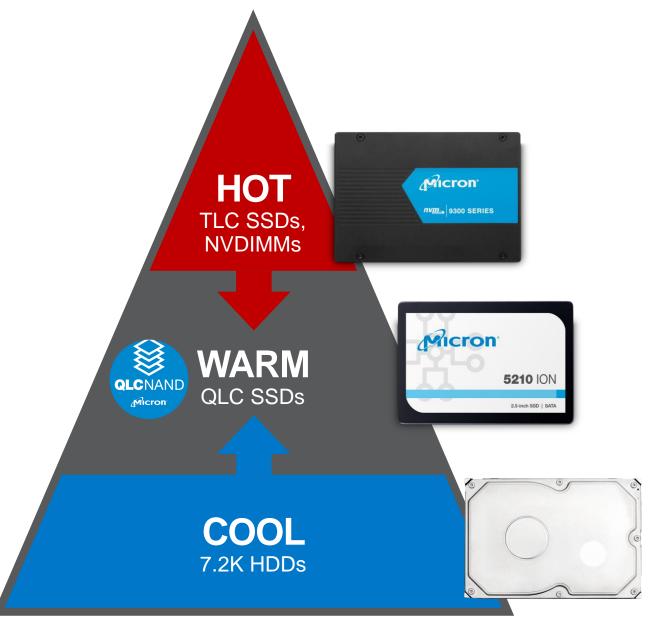
Source: Forward Insights Datacenter, May 2019



Tiering with QLC SSDs

#### **QLC Is Designed To:**

- Augment TLC; not replace it
- Transition HDDs to SSDs\*



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Conceptual illustration showing how enterprise and data center customers tier data



\*55 million 7.2K+ RPM HDD shipments expected in 2019; QLC pricing is in striking distance to these HDDs

#### **Understanding Best-Fit Workloads for QLC SSDs**





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<sup>1</sup>Read/write ratio

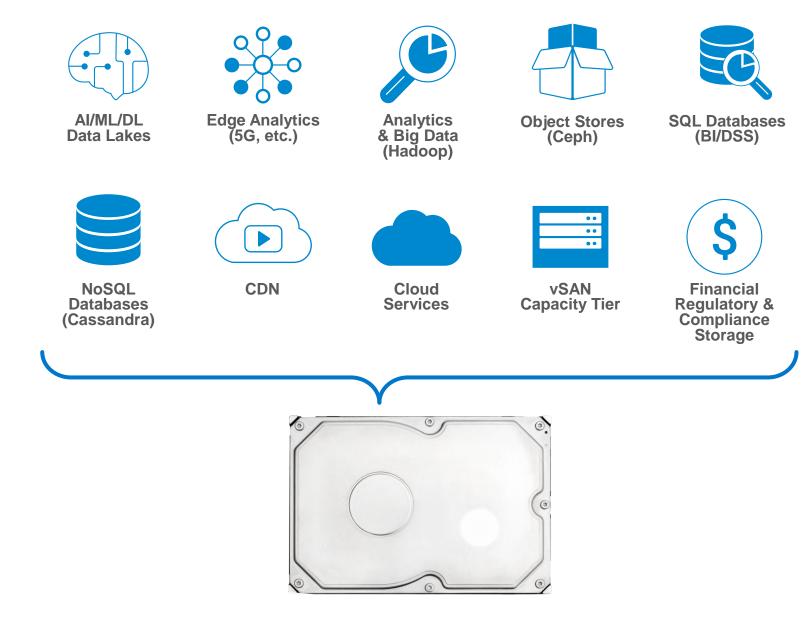
<sup>2</sup>Based on industry analysis from IDC, Gartner, Statista, Forbes

#### 10 Performance Sensitive Workloads Historically Run on HDDs

These workloads:

- Read data 90+% of the time
- Rely heavily on random reads & sequential writes
- ... yet have typically been run on HDDs





#### 10 Workloads Moving from HDDs to QLC

SATA QLC Enables You to Immediately Replace HDDs in Performance-Sensitive Workloads

SATA QLC offers:

- Up to 450x faster performance
- Lowest possible TCO of any SSD
- Same interface as HDDs for platform **continuity**
- Architected for HDD environments to exceed requirements





HDD Throughput Limits & Their Impact on Reliability



- HDD failure rates increase once HDDs hit their Workload Rating, an HDD metric of total throughput
- Workload Rating as defined on HDD datasheets: "Maximum rate of <550TB/YR (5-year warranty). Workloads exceeding the annualized rate may degrade the drive MTTF and impact reliability"
- HDD throughput limits apply to reads and writes, whereas SSDs only wear when writing

#### The Impact of HDD Throughput Limits & Reliability Concerns

Drive	Capacity	Workload Rating (TB/Year)	DWPD	5210 Advantage
Micron <sup>®</sup> 5210 (QLC)	7.68TB	2,242* (and only limited on writes)	0.80	N/A
Vendor B 7.2K HDD	8TB	550	0.19	4x
Vendor B 7.2K HDD	10TB	550	0.15	5x
Vendor B 7.2K HDD	12TB	550	0.13	6x
Vendor C 7.2K HDD	14TB	550	0.11	7x

\*Numbers in blue aren't on datasheets, but can be calculated as follows based on sequential transfers:

Workload Rating: DWPD x capacity x 365 days per year

DWPD: (Workload Rating / 365 days per year) / capacity



#### 5210 vs. 7.2K HDD Warranted Endurance Comparison

Of all the writes you do, what percent are sequential vs. random in nature?







Test 5210 against HDDs in your performance-sensitive workloads and compare the difference.



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5210

2.5-inch SSD



