

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

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**Machine Artificial Fraud Prevention** XaaS Intelligence **Ecommerce** 30 Trends Deep Learning **Driving Data** Workforce **Automation** Growth **Self-Driving Cars** Cryptocurrency Automated Manufacturing **Social Media 5G Connectivity** (IDC) nternet of Things **Dynamic Pricing Drones eSports** Flash Memory Summit

Virtual & Learning **Augmented** Reality 163 **Zetabytes** by 2025

Big Data & Real-Time Analytics Personalized

Medicine Media **Streaming** 

Online Education & Healthcare **Delivery** 

**Real-Time Inventory** 

Smart Home

**Programmatic** Advertising

**Smart Ag** 

Surveillance

Genomic Analysis

Wearables

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Cloud Computing **Fraud Prevention** 

Workforce

**Automation** 

**Self-Driving Cars** 

This data needs **Ecommerce Deep Learning** 

to be read and

analyzed quickly.

Machine

Cryptocurrency

**Automated** Manufacturing

**Social Media** 

**5G Connectivity** 

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Internet of Things

**Dynamic Pricing** 





Virtual &

Not rewritten

repeatedly.

**Drones** 

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## Alls Shifting the Data Center IO Pattern

**Application** 

Read-to-write ratio

Traditional Data Center

451

VS.

Deep Learning for Al 5000:1

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

## The Evolution of Enterprise SSDs

Business priorities drive workloads. Workloads drive performance & capacity. Budgets drive reality.



Expensive Low Capacity

**MLC** 2011

**TLC** 2016

**QLC** 2018



World's first QLC SSD!

Affordable High Capacity



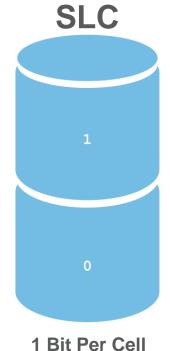




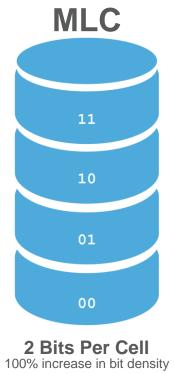
## **QLC** = Fast Capacity For Less

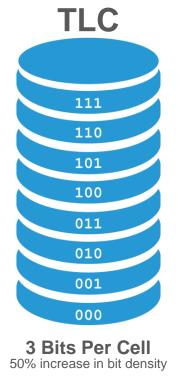


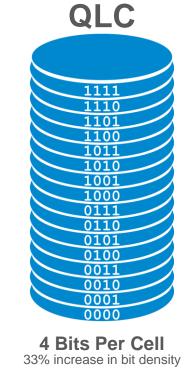
#### Lower cost per GB



First SSD NAND technology









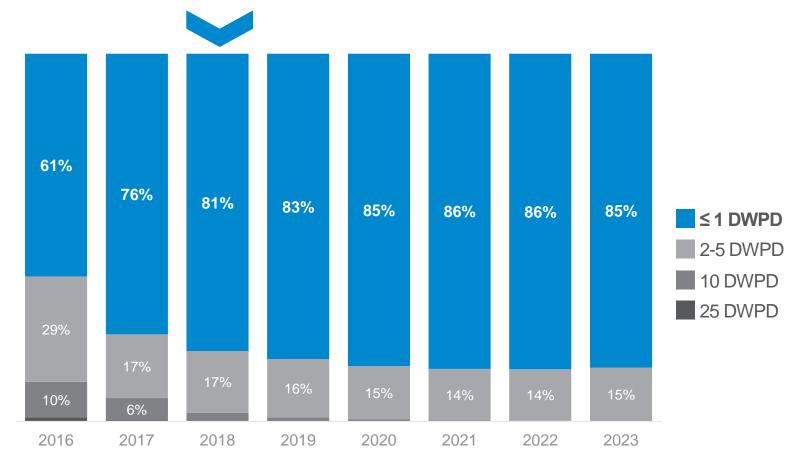
Fewer writes per cell



## Endurance Needs are Decreasing

Enables Industry Expansion to QLC

#### 4/5 of ALL enterprise SSDs shipped worldwide in 2018 were ≤ 1 DWPD





Source: Forward Insights Datacenter, May 2019

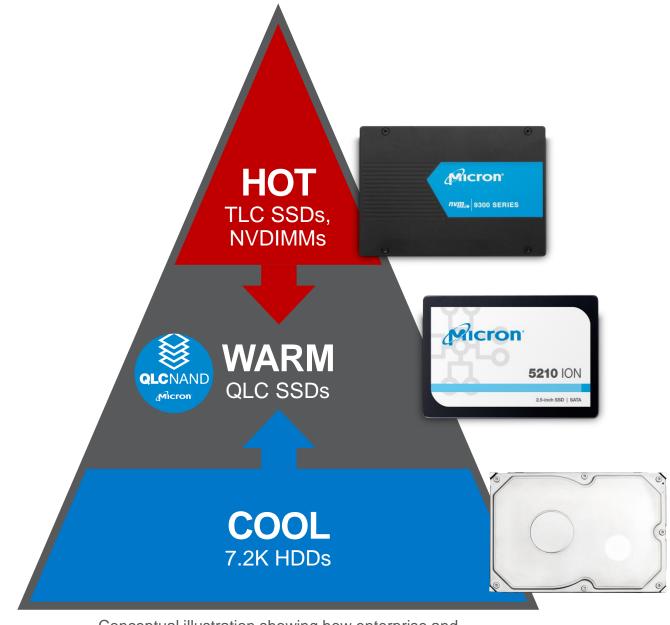


# Tiering with QLC SSDs

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

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





Conceptual illustration showing how enterprise and data center customers tier data



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







Read-Intensive Al Data Lakes



Machine & Deep Learning **Data Lakes** 



**Real-Time Analytics & Big Data** Hadoop HDFS



Ceph Large Block & Object Stores



SQL Business Intelligence



**NoSQL** Mongo DB, Cassandra



Media **Streaming CDNs** 

43%

13%





9%

20%

14%



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## 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





AI/ML/DL Data Lakes



Edge Analytics (5G, etc.)



Analytics & Big Data (Hadoop)



Object Stores (Ceph)



SQL Databases (BI/DSS)



NoSQL Databases (Cassandra)



CDN



Cloud Services



vSAN Capacity Tier



Financial Regulatory & Compliance Storage





## 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







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## 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® 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

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





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

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

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



- Analytics & big data
- Object stores (Ceph)
- Edge analytics (5G, etc)
- AI/ML/DL data lakes
- SQL databases (BI/DSS)

- vSAN capacity tier
- Financial regulatory & compliance storage
- 4k aligned random writes
- 128k sequential writes

#### "Comparing SSD & HDD Endurance

in the Age of QLC SSDs"





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



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5210

