

MSSQL with NVDIMMs

TPCH Performance with QLC and NVDIMMs

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Quick Stats

Micron by the Numbers

Headquarters

Boise, Idaho, USA

Age

40 years strong

Size

3rd largest memory company in the world

Market Position

4th largest semiconductor company

Fortune 500

Ranked #150 in 2017

FY18 Net Sales

\$30.4B

Team Members

34,000+ in 17 countries

Locations

12 manufacturing sites

Patents

~40,000 and growing

Products

Largest portfolio of memory and storage technologies

Segments

Compute, consumer, networking, storage, embedded and mobile products

Using QLC SATA SSDs in Enterprise Storage

7 trends

1. Movement from SAN/NAS to **direct-attached storage**
2. Massive data growth: world projected to hit **163ZB by 2025**
3. Fast flash brings new connection points between HCI & **edge computing**
4. Billions of data entries every day are feeding **AI, ML, DL**
5. SSD capacity per server increasing rapidly due to **SDS**
6. System architecture moving toward **distributed infrastructure**
7. New architectures needed to support **real-time analytics**

**The vast majority
of all data needs
to be read and
analyzed quickly.**



**Not rewritten
repeatedly.**

The Evolution of Enterprise SSDs

Business priorities drive workloads.
Workloads drive storage, performance, & capacity.



SLC
2007

Expensive
Low Capacity

MLC
2011

TLC
2016

QLC
2018

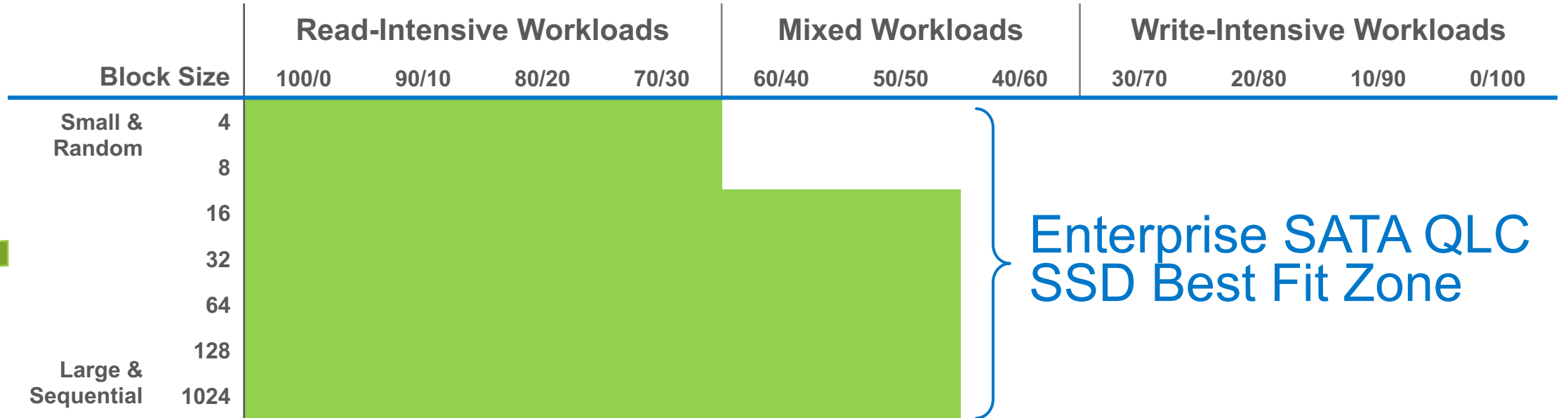
Affordable
High Capacity



Note: Dates represent when Micron® enterprise SSDs launched with each generation of NAND technology

The Many Best-Fit Workloads for QLC

Ask customers: “What are your top 3 workload priorities?”



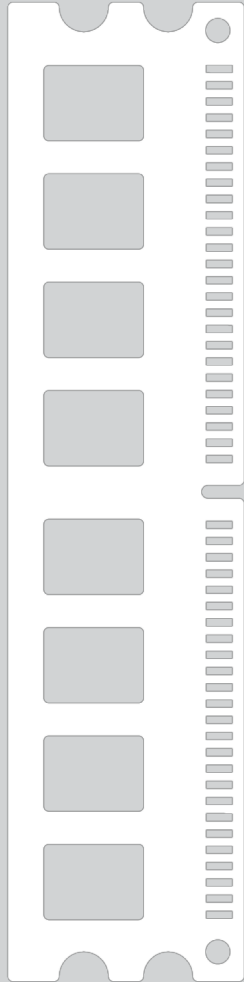
The Many Workloads in this Zone:

Workload Category	CY'17-21 CAGRs*
Read-Intensive AI Data Lakes	43%
Machine & Deep Learning Data Lakes	13%
Real-Time Analytics & Big Data (Hadoop, HDFS)	42%
Ceph Large Block & Object Stores	36%
SQL Business Intelligence	9%
NoSQL (Mongo DB, Cassandra)	20%
Media Streaming CDNs	14%

*Based on industry analysis from IDC, Gartner, Statista, Forbes

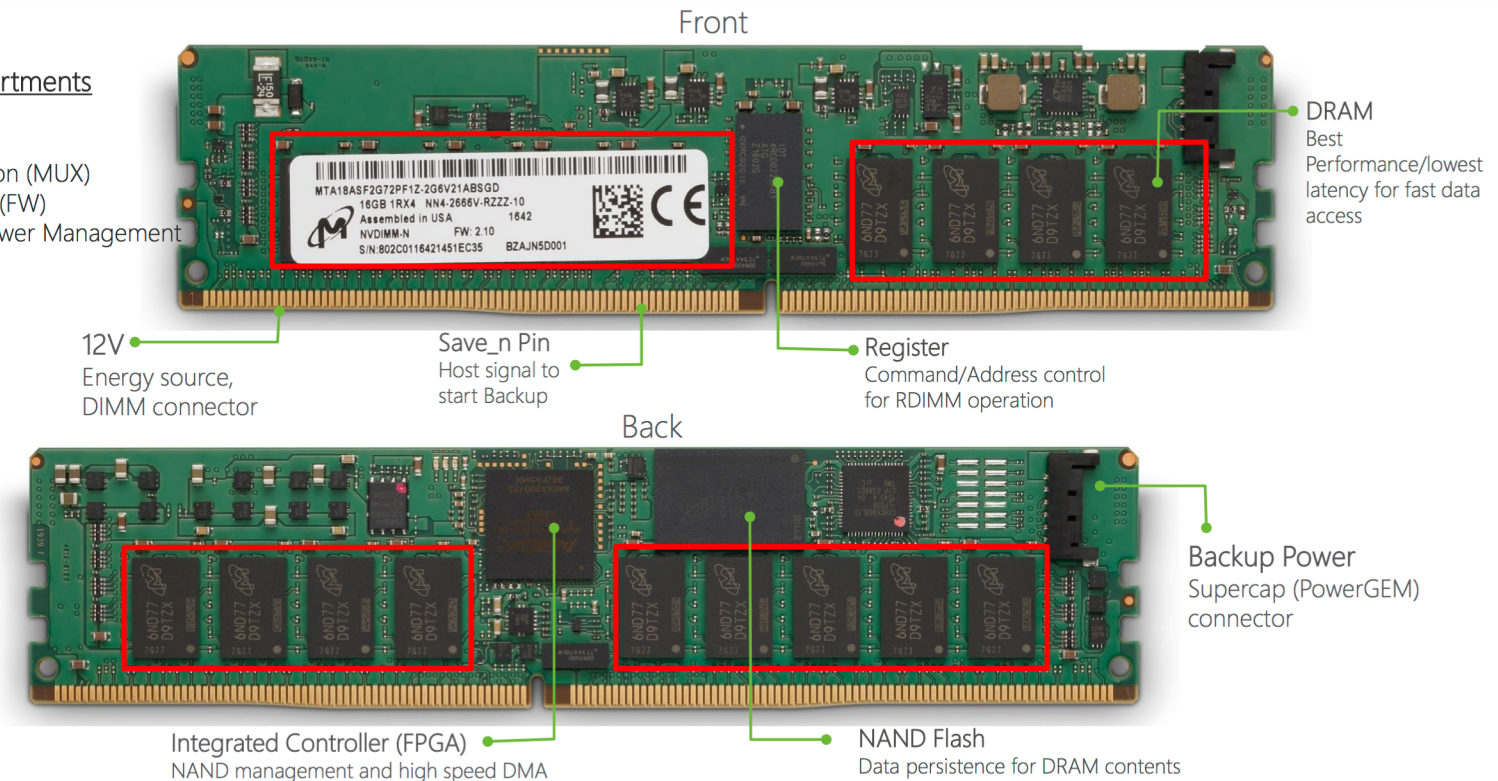
The Impact of NVDIMM-N

NVDIMM Anatomy

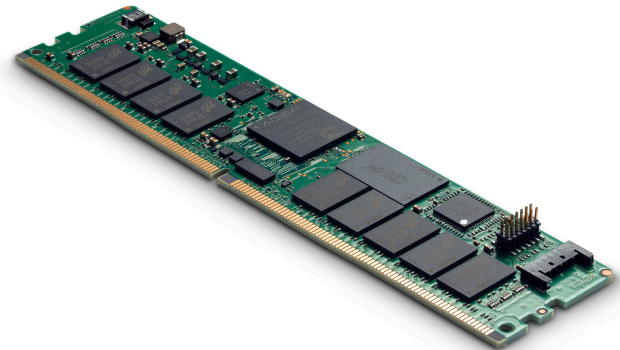


Main components

- RDIMM
- NAND
- Bus Isolation (MUX)
- Controller (FW)
- Backup Power Management

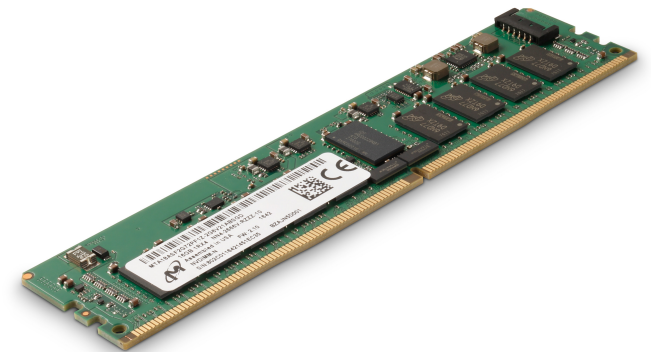


Micron Persistent Memory (NVDIMM-N)



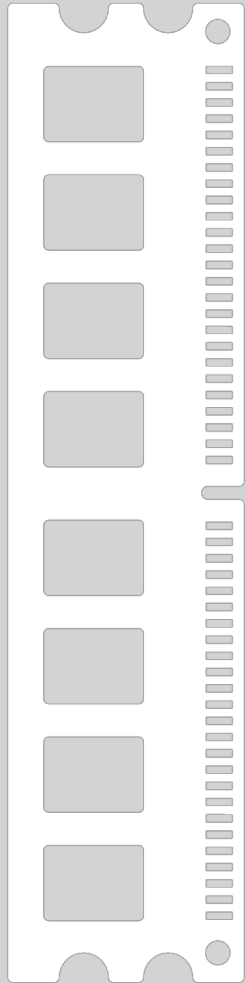
32GB NVDIMM-N

- RDIMM Operation
- 2933 MT/s
- Backup power (Tethered or DIMM connector)
- Available NOW



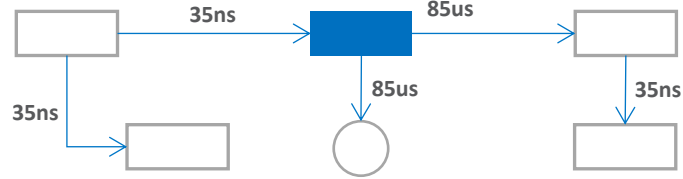
16GB NVDIMM-N

- RDIMM Operation
- 2933 MT/s
- Backup power (Tethered or DIMM connector)
- Available NOW

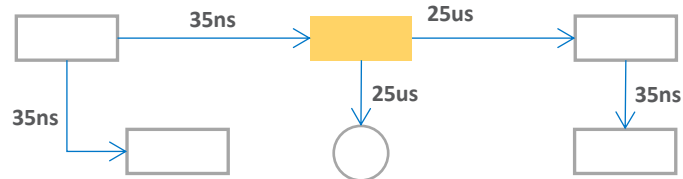


Impact of NVDIMM-N on Application Performance

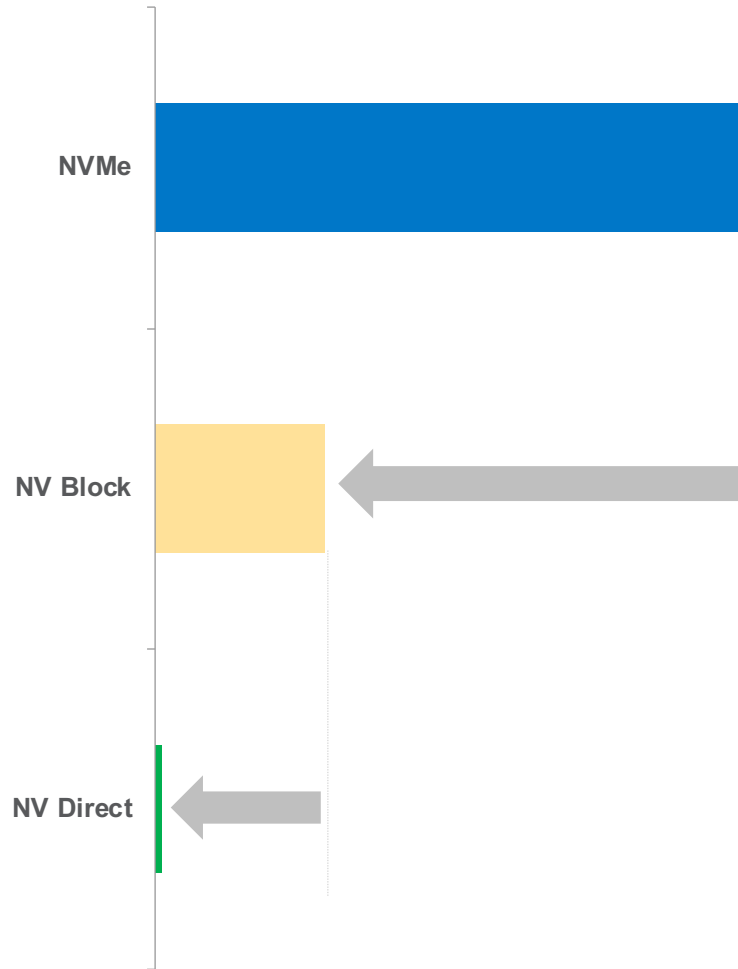
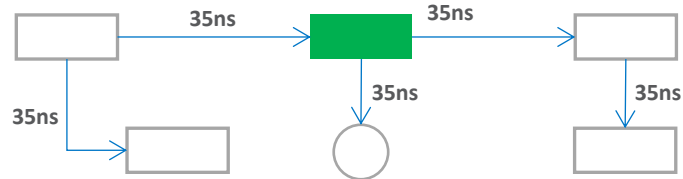
DRAM + NAND-Based NVMe SSD)



DRAM + NVDIMM-N Block Mode



DRAM + NVDIMM-N Direct Mode



- Data committed to persistent media written to **NAND** through the I/O stack

- Data committed to persistent media written to **DRAM** on NVDIMM-N through the I/O stack
- Latency improvement due to writing to DRAM (35ns) versus NAND (85,000ns)

- Data committed to persistent media written to **DRAM** on NVDIMM-N through Load/Store Bus
- Latency improvement due to circumventing overhead associated with I/O stack

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Test System Overview



Dell EMC R740XD

- 2 socket, 48 core, 96 threads
- 384 GB RAM
- Dell HBA 330
- Windows Server 2016
- SQL Server Enterprise 2017

TPCH on MSSQL

Testing Overview

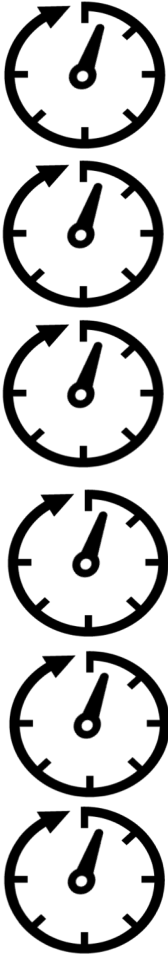
- The results were obtained by running an OLAP workload based on the TPC-H specification and using automation built around TPC QGEN.
- Configurations
 - 8x 2.4TB Enterprise Hybrid 10K HDD
 - 4x 7.68TB 5210 ION QLC SSD
 - 12x 16GB NVDIMM-N + 4x 7.68TB 5210 ION QLC SSD
 - TempDB is placed on the NVDIMMs
- Each configuration was tested with a single stream of MAX DOP.
- 3000 scale factor TPC-H dataset
 - ~6TB with column store indexes
- Executed single sequence of 22 queries

Key Metrics

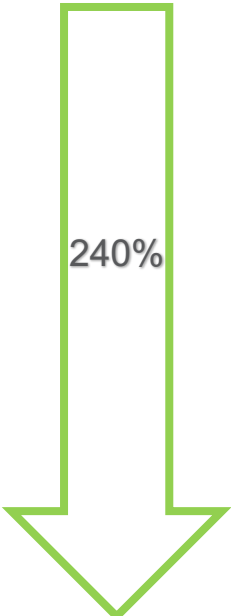
- **Run Time**
 - Time to complete a single TPC-H query sequence
- **Disk Throughput**
 - Raw drive performance independent of application metrics
- **Energy Consumption**
 - Metric to evaluate system TCO

Stream Run Time (Lower the better)

8 hours, 15 minutes

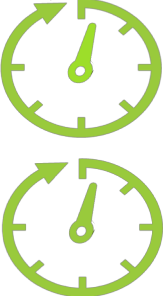


8x 10K HDDs

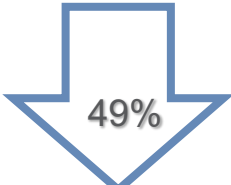


240%

2 hours, 26 minutes



4x QLC SSDs



49%

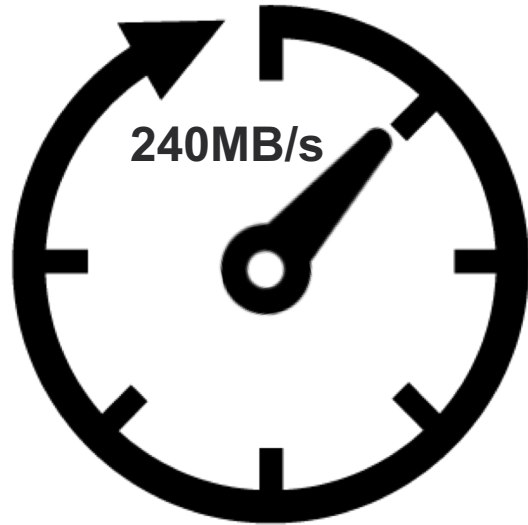
1 hour, 11 minutes



12x 16GB NVDIMM-N +
4x QLC SSDs

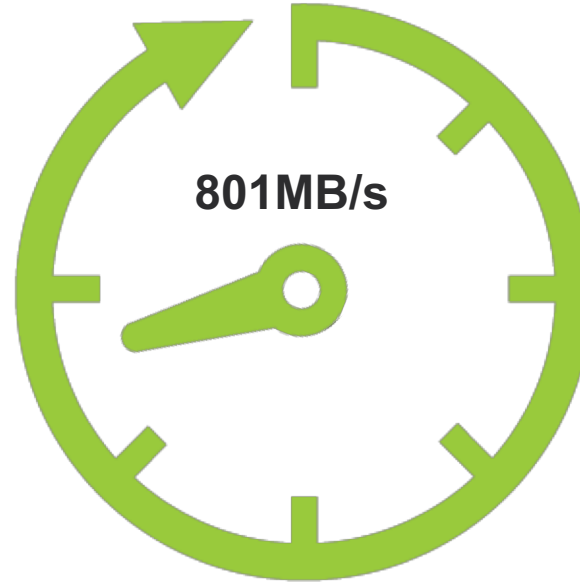
Disk Throughput by Configuration

TPC-H



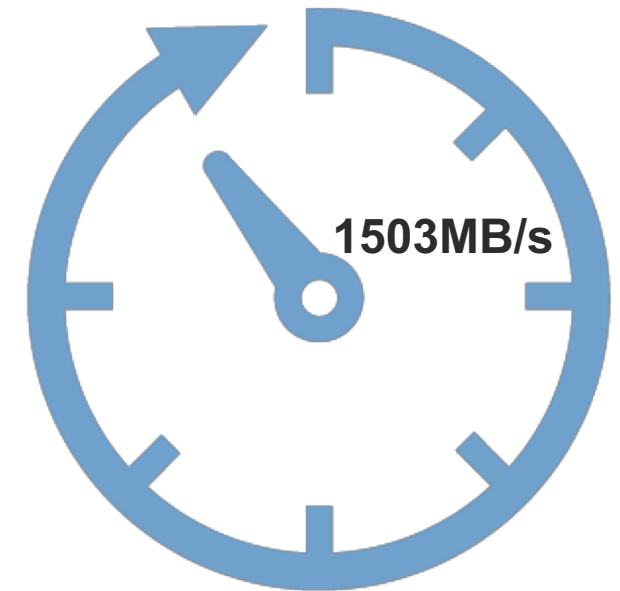
8x 10K HDDs

3x



4x 5210 ION

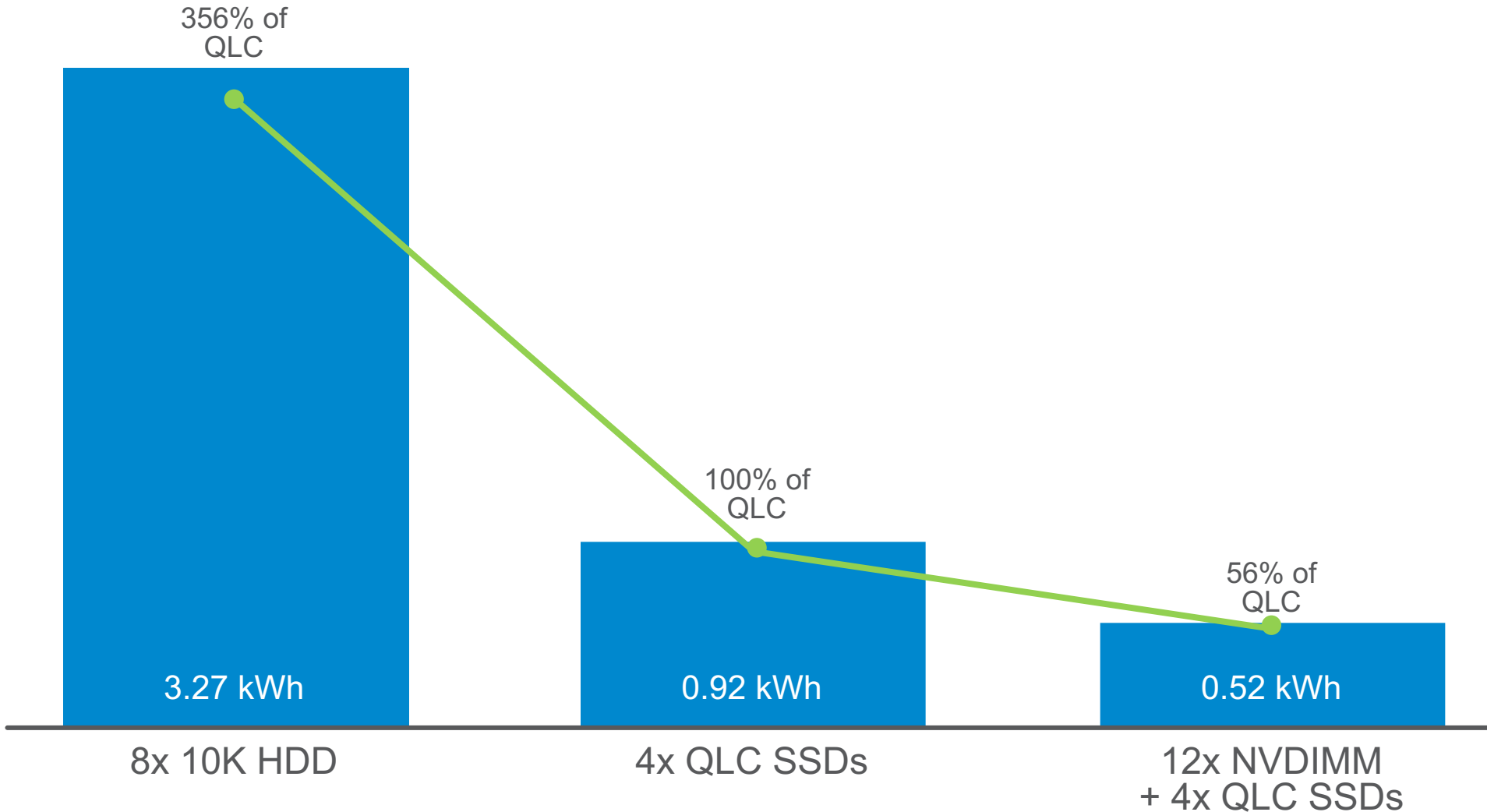
6.2x



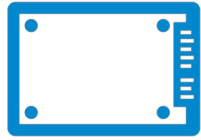
12x NVDIMM +
4x 5210 ION



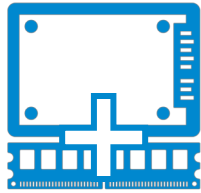
Energy Consumption in Kilowatt Hours (kWh)



Takeaways



QLC alone increased performance by **240%** when compared to HDD



Adding NVDIMMs further increased performance by **~50%**



Guaranteed endurance with TempDB moved to NVDIMMs



Energy consumption improves with each configuration

- QLC consumes 1/3 the energy of HDD
- Adding NVDIMMs further reduces energy consumption by **~50%**

Additional collateral:

- [We're Flexing Our Quads: Introducing the World's First QLC solid state drive.](#)
- [Getting more performance with Micron® 5210 ION SSDs and a BI/DSS workload on Microsoft® SQL Server: platform tuning and tempdb placement](#)
- [Get Even More out of your QLC for SQL Server](#)
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