



Build a Better Data Center with 24G SAS

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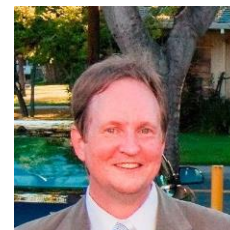
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- ◆ 20 Year Old Industry Alliance of Key Ecosystem Partners
- ◆ STA Promotes Small Computer System Interface (“SCSI”)
- ◆ We Welcome All to Join STA & Promote / Contribute to the Evolution of SCSI

Storage industry leaders are members of STA

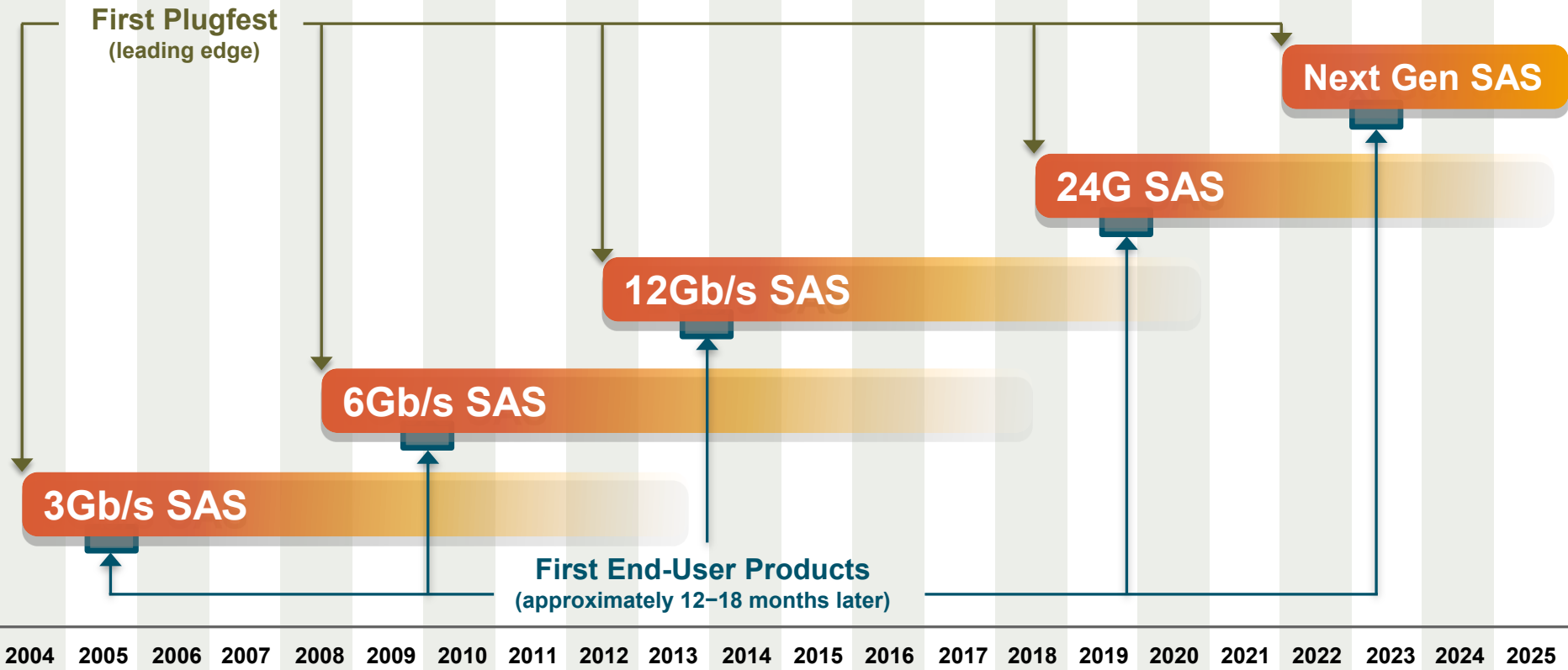


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- ◆ 24G SAS Update – Rick Kutcipal
- ◆ What's New – Rick Kutcipal
- ◆ Build a Better Data Center with 24G SAS – Dennis Martin

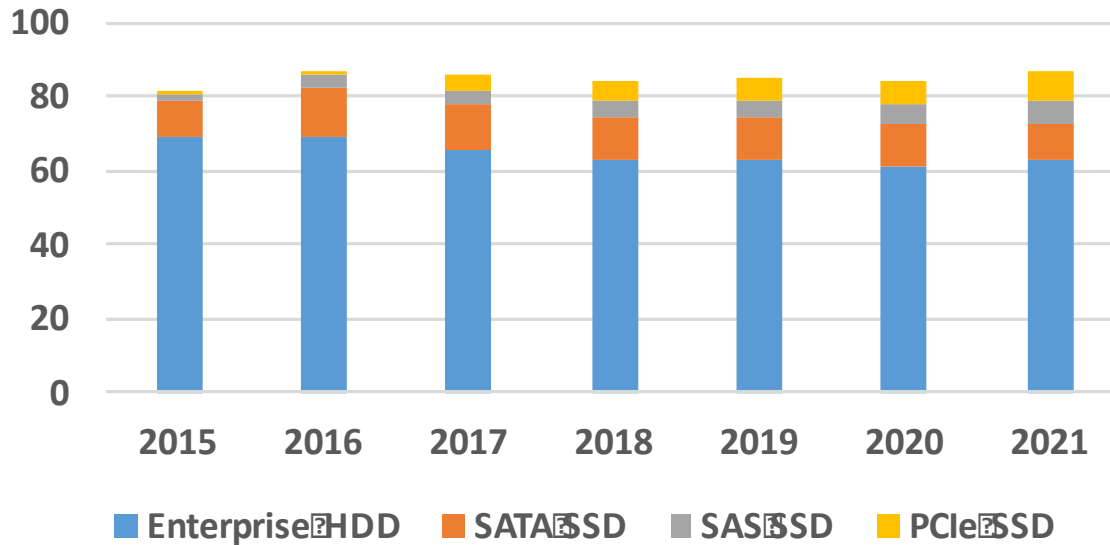


SAS Technology Roadmap



Enterprise Media Shipments by Interface

Enterprise Media Shipments (Mu)



Source: TRENDFOCUS 2017
Long-Term Forecast

SAS Infrastructure Enables >90% of Storage Devices in 2021

24G SAS – What's New?

- ◆ 22.5 Gbaud
- ◆ Efficient Encoding – 128b/130b
- ◆ 20 Bit Forward Error Correction
 - Targeting a 30dB channel
- ◆ APTA (Active PHY Transmitter Adjustment) – Continuous Adaptation
- ◆ Fairness Enhancements
- ◆ Other Features Aligning with 24G SAS
 - MultiLink SASTM - wide port SAS for increased performance
 - Storage Intelligence – optimized for solid state storage
 - Zoned Block Commands – enhancements for capacity-optimized media (SMR)



- ◆ Industry analysis and ISO 17025 accredited test lab
- ◆ Lab includes enterprise servers, networking and storage (6/12Gb SAS, 10/25/40/50/100GbE, 8/16/32GFC, NVMe)
- ◆ We prefer to run real-world applications to test servers and storage solutions (databases, Hadoop, etc.)
- ◆ Demartek is an EPA-recognized test lab for ENERGY STAR data center storage testing
- ◆ Website: www.demartek.com/TestLab

Demartek Storage Interface Comparison

- ◆ Free reference page on demartek.com
 - www.demartek.com/Demartek_Interface_Comparison.html
 - Search engine: “storage interface comparison”
 - Includes transfer rates, history, roadmaps, cabling, connectors, etc.
- ◆ Demartek is NOT a product vendor
 - We use these technologies in our lab:



◆ Bandwidth

- Each 24G SAS lane has 19.2 Gbps of bandwidth
- Each PCIe 4.0 lane has 15.8 Gbps of bandwidth

◆ Compatibility

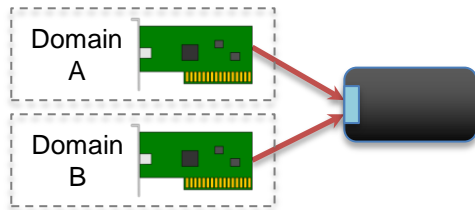
- 24G SAS is compatible with SATA, 6Gb/s SAS and 12Gb/s SAS
- Backwards compatibility allows mix-and-match

◆ Scales to thousands of devices

- Built-in support from very small to very large-scale implementations

◆ Dual-ported

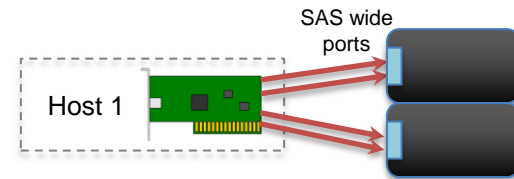
- Typically used for redundancy in either active/active or active/passive configurations
- Devices have an “A” and “B” channel



Dual-port example

◆ MultiLink SAS™

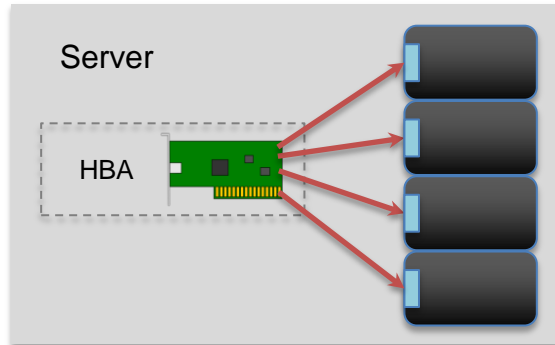
- Provides the option for additional bandwidth and additional host connections
- Can provide 2, 3, 4, 8 or more SAS lanes



MultiLink example

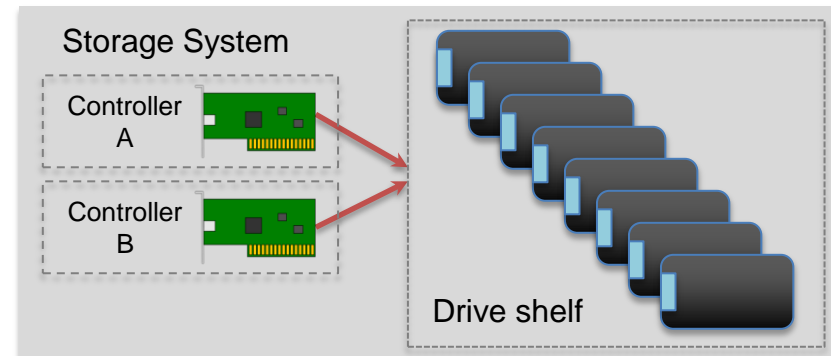
◆ Server Use Case

- Typically want matching number of HBA ports and devices to have balanced bandwidth between HBA and device ports



◆ Storage Array Use Case

- Bandwidth oversubscription possible because devices typically are not generating full bandwidth I/O all the time
- System architected to handle this



- ◆ Hot-swap (surprise insert/removal)
- ◆ Multi-path I/O (MPIO)
- ◆ Broad operating system and hypervisor support
 - OEMs are moving to 24G SAS
- ◆ Management infrastructure

Benefits of SAS White Paper

- ◆ Public white paper
- ◆ SAS ecosystem
- ◆ Expanders, JBODs
- ◆ Dual-ported drives
- ◆ MPIO, Hot-swap
- ◆ Power consumption
- ◆ Cabling and connectors



http://www.demartek.com/Demartek_Benefits_of_SAS_2017-07.html

<http://www.scsita.org/content/library/the-benefits-of-sas/>

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