Dependable VLSI System Meeting (2012/6/8,9)

# Dependable Wireless Solid-State Drive (SSD)



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#### **Objectives of Research**

- Wireless SSD/Memory card and its host system
- Robust against memory cell error, contact error, ESD, EMI and waterproof
- High-speed near field wireless communication
  Target : 10Gbps (2012), 50Gbps (2014) at 1mm distance
- Wireless power delivery with MHz load variability
  Target : 1-3W (2012-2014)



#### **Dependable Memory System**

- Data retention error and program disturb error become worse as the memory cell is scaled.
- ECC should be improved with the device scaling.



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#### Dependable SSD System (ISSCC 2012)



SATA controller



- Compensate the capacitive interference by using the neighboring cell data
- Compensate the Vth decrease during data retention by write/erase cycles and data retention time data



- Write/erase cycles are stored in the memory block.
- Estimate the date retention time by using measured BER



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Predict BER by the write/erase cycles, data retention time, neighboring cell data and pre-recorded tables





#### **Error Recovery Scheme**

Recovery of data

retention error

#### Recovery of program disturb error



#### **Dependability Metrics**



If cost/performance is fixed, x11 lifetime or x1/4 BER. (B2C application such as smart phone and PC)

If reliability is fixed, x9 read performance or 1/11 lower replacement cost. (B2B application such as data center)

#### **Wireless Power and Data Transfer**

#### Dependability Issues

- Voltage and thermal stress in memory card (Rapid load change in battery-less system)
- Electro-magnetic interference (EMI) between power, data channel, and other electronic system.

Keyword

Wideband near-field electro-magnetic signal



#### **EMI regulation**





#### **EMI** Reduction by $\Delta \Sigma$ Modulation



#### **Fast Load Tracking**



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#### **EMI Reduction**



## Inductive Coupling Link (Narrow Band)

- Inductive-coupling link
  - Limited bandwidth due to poor matching capability
  - Need parallel channels w/ skew compensation



## Wideband Communication with TLC

- Transmission Line Coupler (TLC)
  - Good matching capability
  - Wide bandwidth



#### **Immunity to EMI**



#### **Chip Photo and Evaluation System**





#### **12Gbps Communication**



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#### **Reliable Communication in Wireless Power Delivery**





#### **Future Applications**

#### Wireless Power transfer to battery-less EV etc.







# Non-contact multi-drop bus for large volume memory system in server (Data center)

