



# The evolution of cloud data center connectivity

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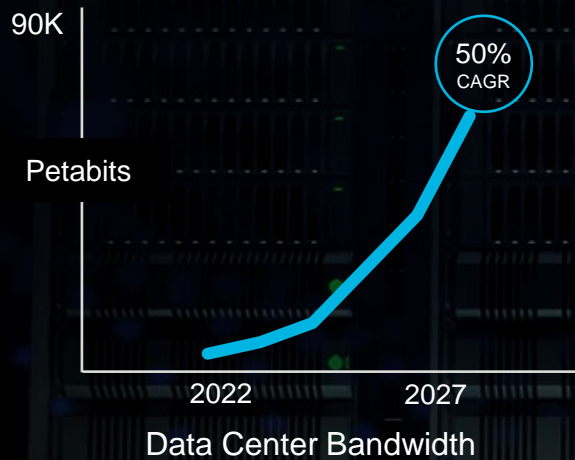
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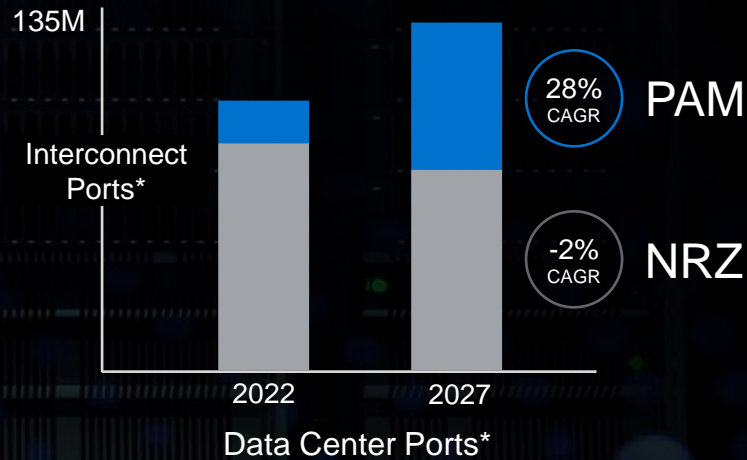
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# Bandwidth growth drives infrastructure expansion

## More bandwidth



## PAM accelerating



Source: 650 Group

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\*Ethernet switch ports

PAM is port speeds of 200Gbps and greater

NRZ is port speeds of 100Gbps and lower

# What keeps cloud operators up at night?

**24x7, 99.999% availability**

**Downtime =  
significant revenue loss**

**Massive scale**

**1000s** data centers worldwide

**100s** added every year

**Reliability = Revenue and Reputation**

# What do cloud operators want?

## Bandwidth

- Higher speeds
- Time to market
- Lower cost and power per bit

## Pluggable, multi-vendor ecosystem

## Scale

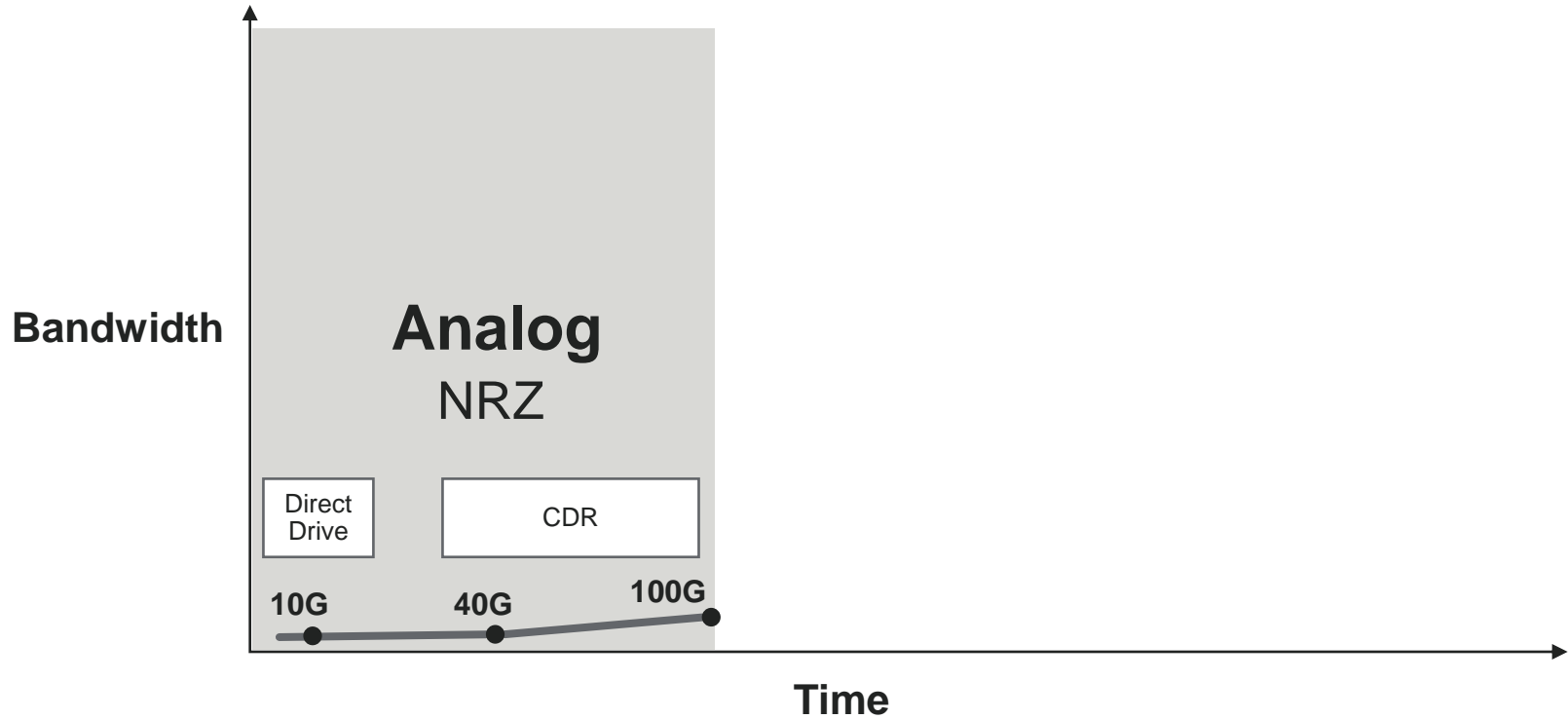
- Plug and play
- Backward / forward compatibility
- Asynchronous upgrades

## Reliability

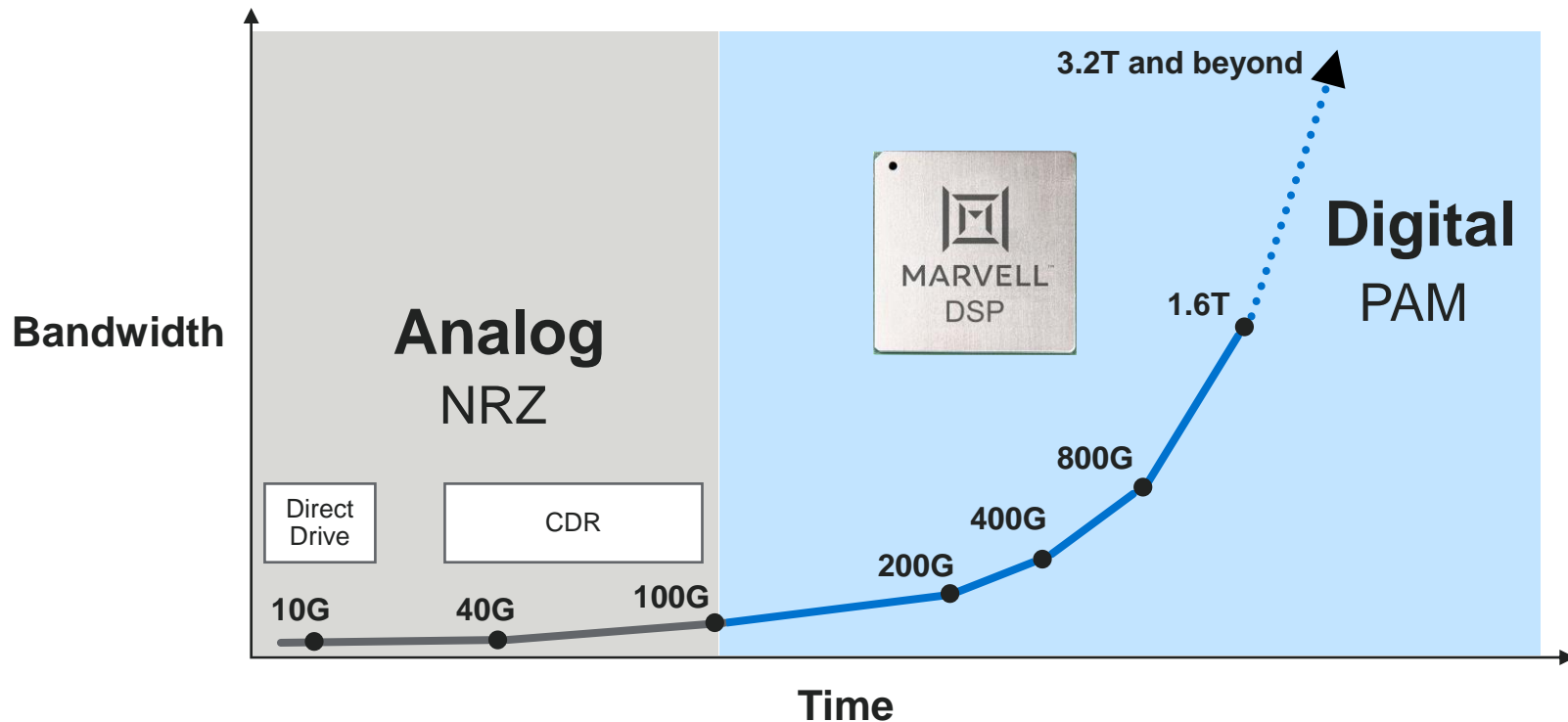
- Serviceability
- Diagnostics and telemetry
- Resiliency



# Analog hits scale wall



# DSP enables cloud data centers at scale



# OFC Who needs the DSP...



# OFC DSP essential to scale bandwidth reliably

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“Linear drive technology still needs to be validated.  
**Retimed DSP pluggables is the only proven way forward for the industry.**”

LightCounting

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“LDD vs. DSP; Pluggables Have the Ball:  
LDD to potentially play a limited role in some future architectures but **see pluggable PAM4 DSP dominating for the foreseeable future.**”

Oppenheimer

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“The idea that somebody with such intimacy on network requirements would **recklessly discard the DSP... seems nonsensical.**”

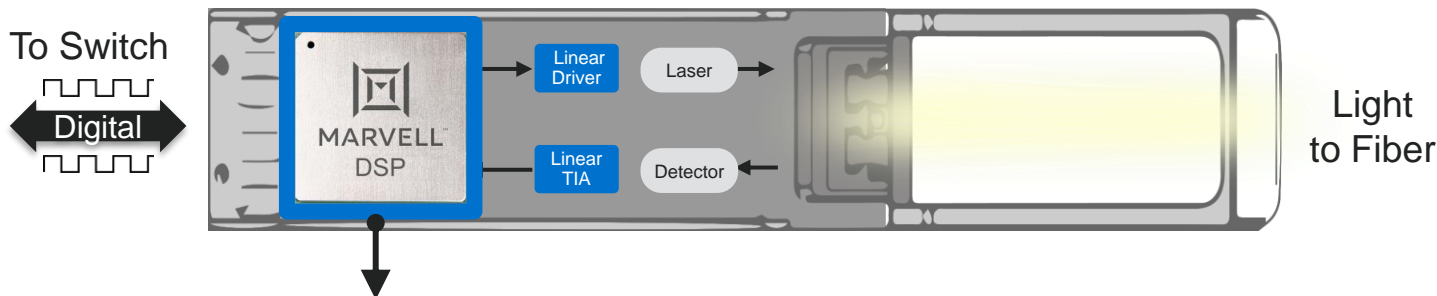
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“Linear drive interface (LDI) generated a lot of buzz at OFC.....most of the networking engineers we spoke to agreed that this technology has significant limitations...not plug and play...**not likely to be a competitive threat to Marvell's DSP-based architecture**”

JP Morgan

# Why is DSP essential?



- Digital SerDes** → Compensates electro-optical impairments
- Error correction** → Resolves component variations
- Telemetry** → Enhances network monitoring and reliability
- Gearbox** → Enables heterogenous network

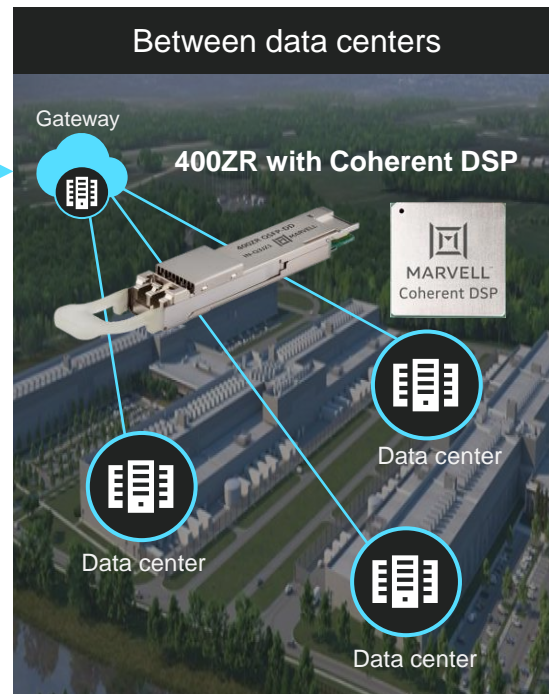
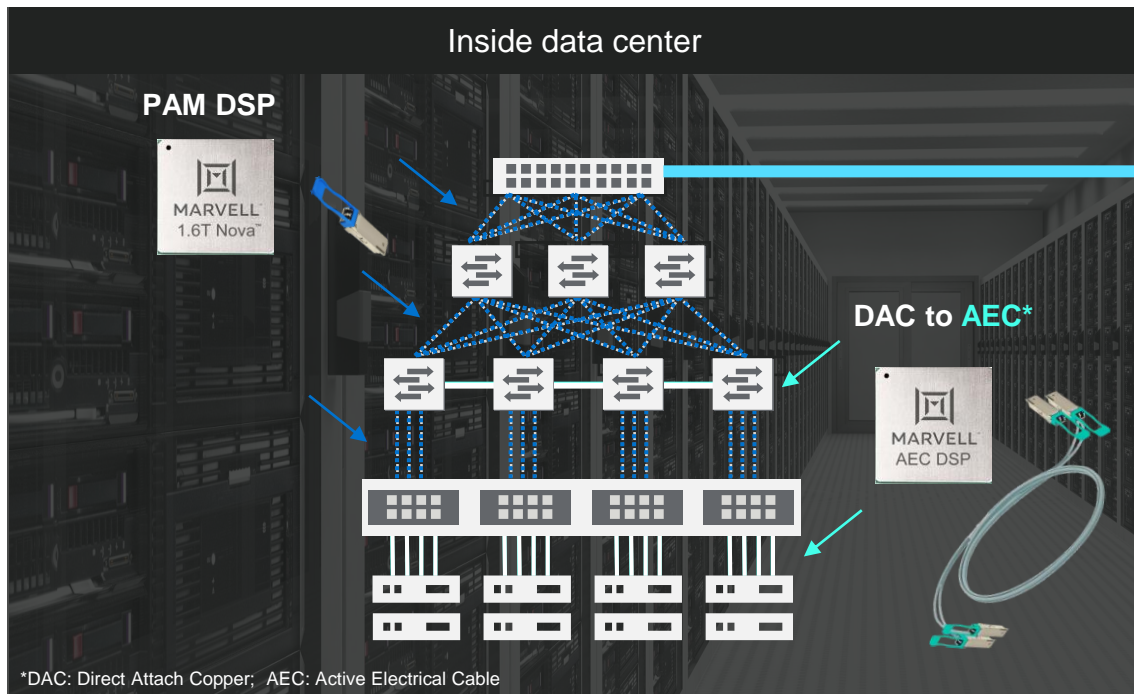
**10s of millions Marvell DSPs deployed**

# Demand for DSP increases in **future** data centers

Increasing data rates

Transition to AEC

Rise of regional cloud



# Demand for DSP increases with AI/ML

- 2x speed every 18-24 months
- Fast deployment
- 24x7 availability, no downtime



Source: ChatGPT, Medium, Towards Data Science

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500 X

175 billion  
Training parameters

GPT-3

Text only

AI/ML  
bandwidth explosion

100  
trillion  
Training parameters

GPT-4

Text + images, video

# Expanding DSP opportunity ahead

More use cases → AI/ML, ZR, AEC

**More DSPs**

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Early stages of adoption

**More customers to come**

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Exponential data growth

**Higher speeds, ASP uplift**

# Key takeaways

**1** Growing bandwidth creates scale and reliability challenges

**2** Pluggable DSP ecosystem essential

**3** AI/ML massively accelerating DSP adoption

**4** Expanding DSP opportunity ahead

# Q&A