

# OIF – February 2025

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# About 650 Group

We started 650 Group to provide our subscribers and customers with a unique perspective on the industries we research. Our team has decades of experience researching our focus industries and in roles at companies similar to the ones we cover. We research the data center, communications and Information Technology markets.

- Launched in 2017 by Chris DePuy and Alan Weckel
- Founded in Silicon Valley
- Trusted source of research for system vendors, component manufacturers, service providers, sell-side, buy-side, and standards bodies

# Company Overview

## What We Track



### Cloud

- IaaS, SaaS, Colo, Search and Social
- CAPEX, Equipment Trends



### Telecom Equipment

- Broadband Access, Telecom Core
- NFV, Mobile RAN, SP Routing, Optical Transport



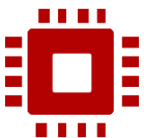
### Data Center Equipment

- Data Center Switching, Servers, Storage
- Merchant Silicon, DCI, Security



### Enterprise Networking Equipment

- Switching, WLAN, Security
- Enhanced NAC, Unified Access, SD-WAN



### Semiconductors and FABs

- Campus, DC, Cloud, IoT Semis
- ASIC trends in Switching, WLAN

## Who Uses Our Research

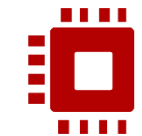


Buy Side / Sell Side



Cloud Providers

Telco SPs



System Vendors

Semiconductor Suppliers

Component Manufacturers



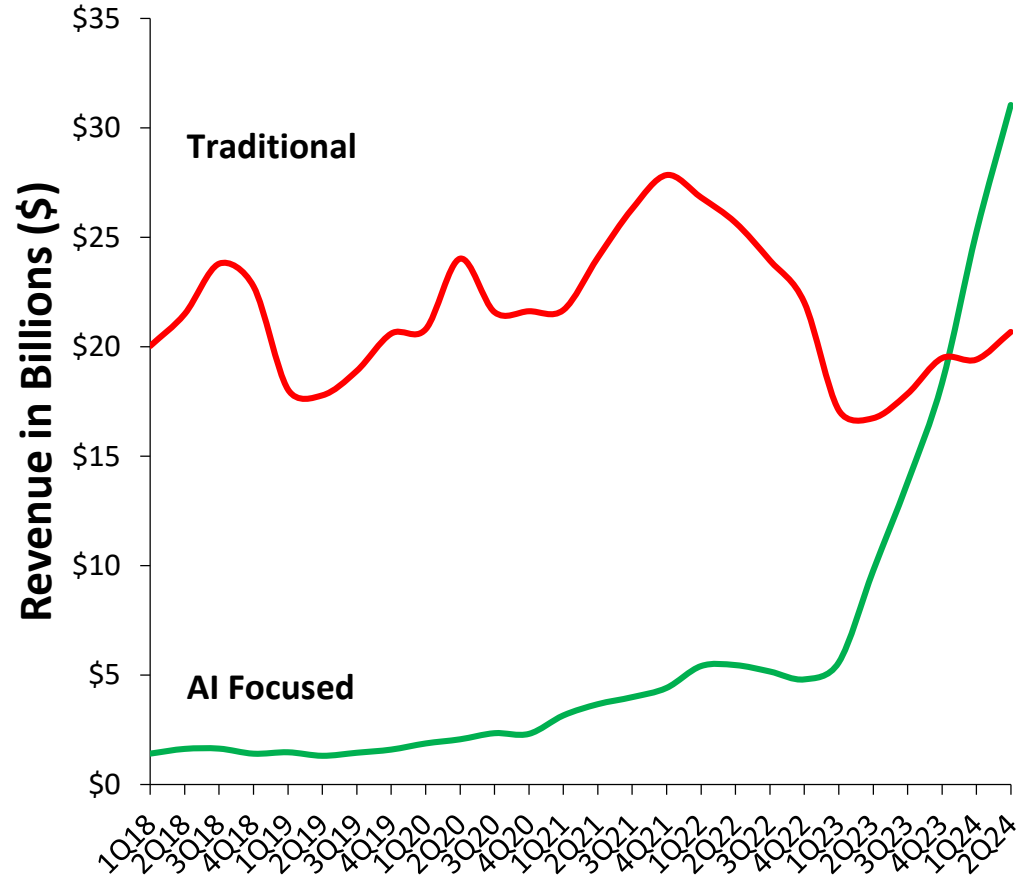
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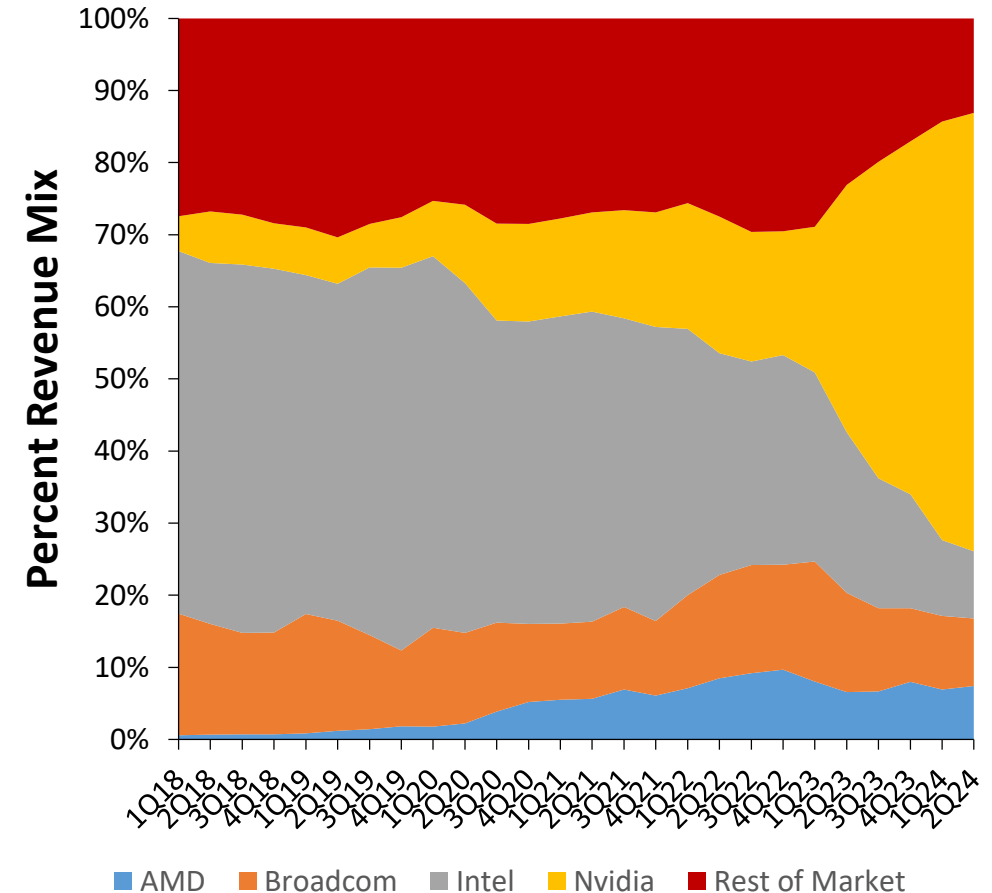
# Setting the Stage for AI/ML

# DC Semiconductors: DC Semiconductor Revenue – Total

DC Semiconductor Revenue



DC Semi Revenue (no Memory)



# AI Waves

Wave 1  
Academic Research

- Pre 2022
- <\$10B in equipment spend

Wave 2  
Foundational Models  
and Content Creation

- 2022 - 2025
- \$300B in equipment spend

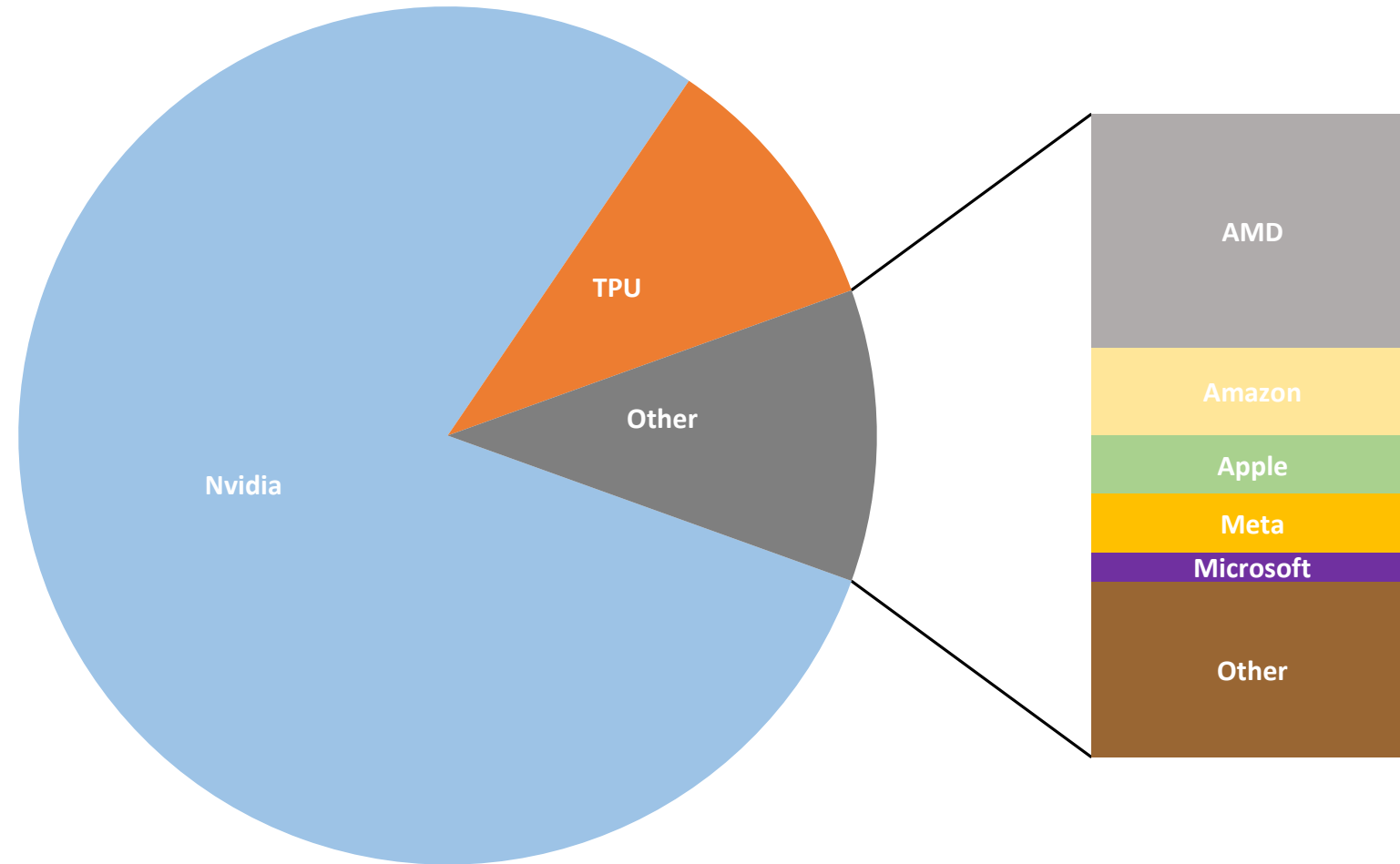
Wave 3  
AI Agents

- 2025-2028
- ~\$1T in equipment spend

Wave 4  
Autonomous  
Transportation and  
Robots

- 2027-2035
- >~1T in equipment spend

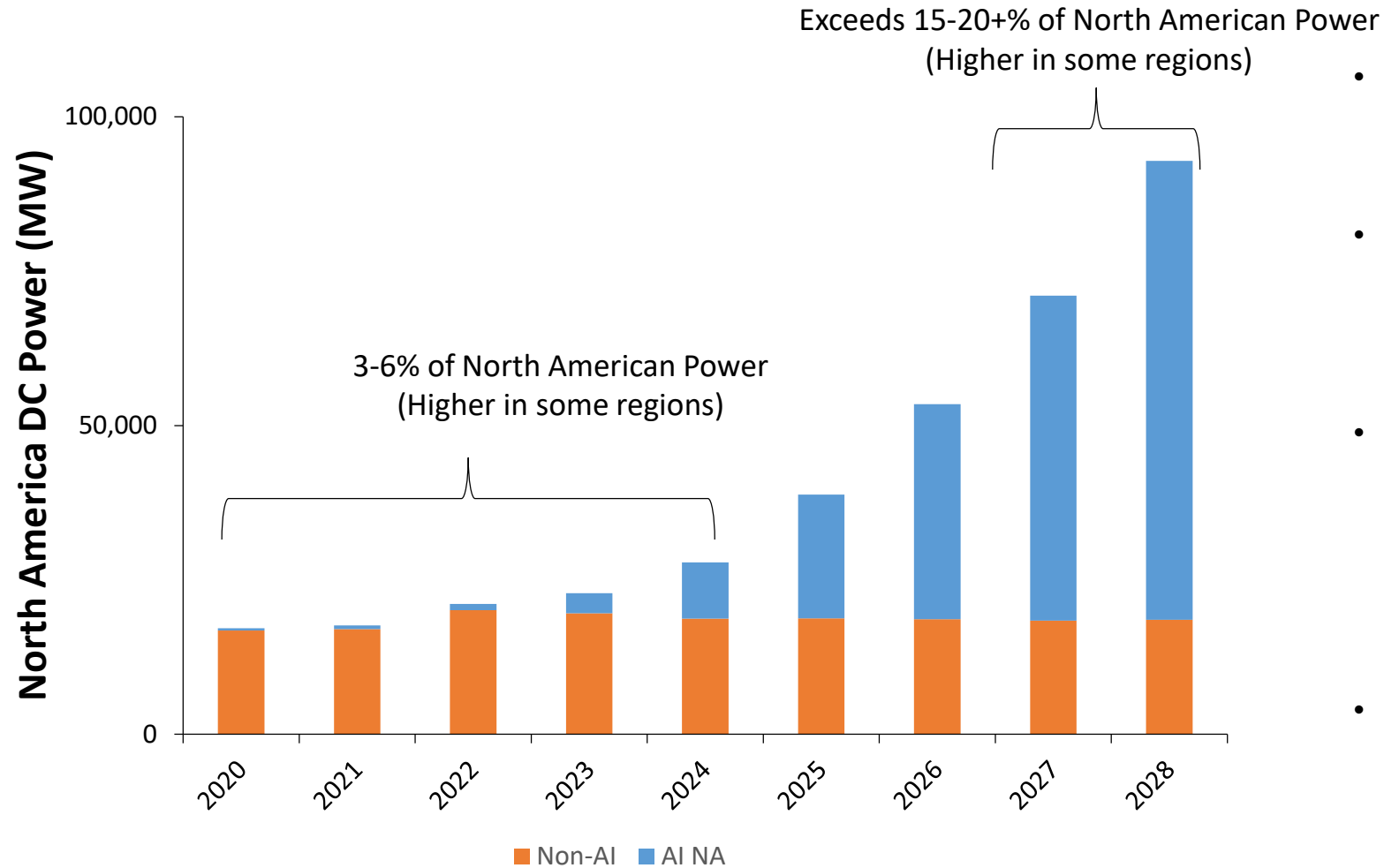
# DC Semiconductors: Likely 2024 GPU/ASIC Revenue Split



\*Based on company guidance and 650 Group estimates; Many ASIC projects are 4Q24 dependent and may shift into 2025 or be recognized for revenue in 2025



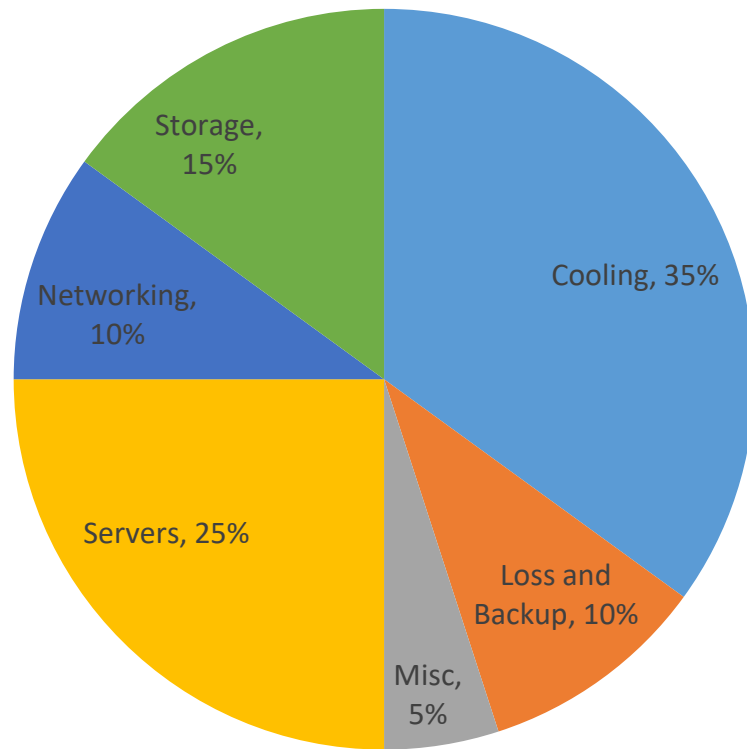
# DC Related Power: Data Center Power (North America) (Preliminary)



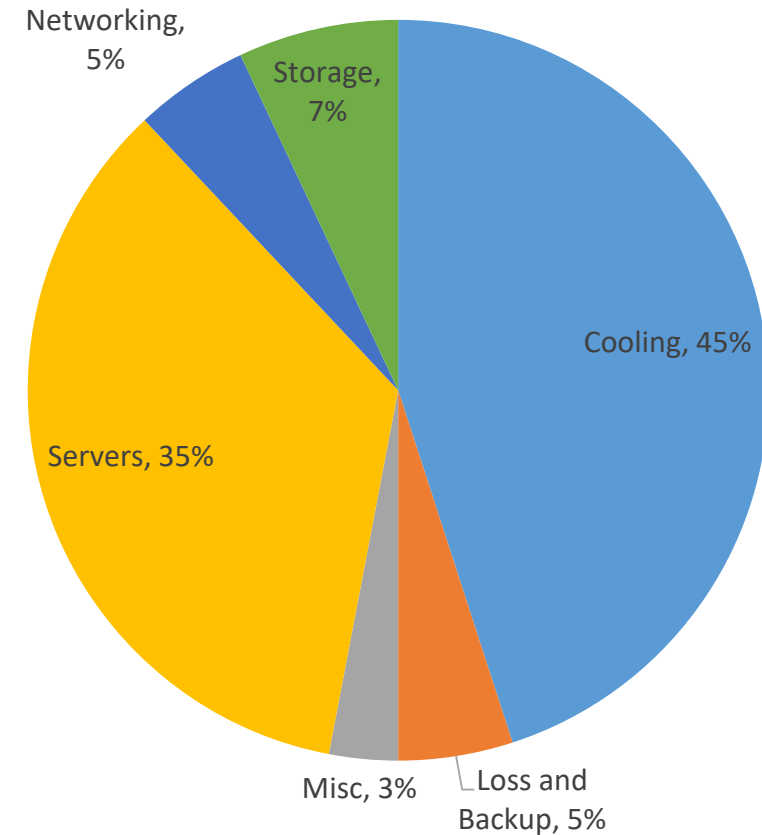
- Tier-2 Training and Inference will need purpose-built lower power ASICs (lowers blue bar)
  - The right ASIC for the right workload
- May move workloads to other continents where power is more readily available (lowers blue bar)
  - Similar to how most of Japan's DCs sit in the Pacific Northwest
- X86 Server refresh can push down Non-AI (lowers orange bar)
  - 1M older servers can be replaced with ~600K to get the same level of compute
  - Only a one-time savings, but can cover almost all of one years shortfall in new power generation
- Liquid Cooling reduces power consumption (lowers blue bar)
  - Cold Plate cooling is the technology for current data centers
  - Emersion cooling is not ideal in many facilities

# DC Related Cooling: Market Transition with AI

**Traditional x86 Server Rack  
(5-15 kW per rack)**

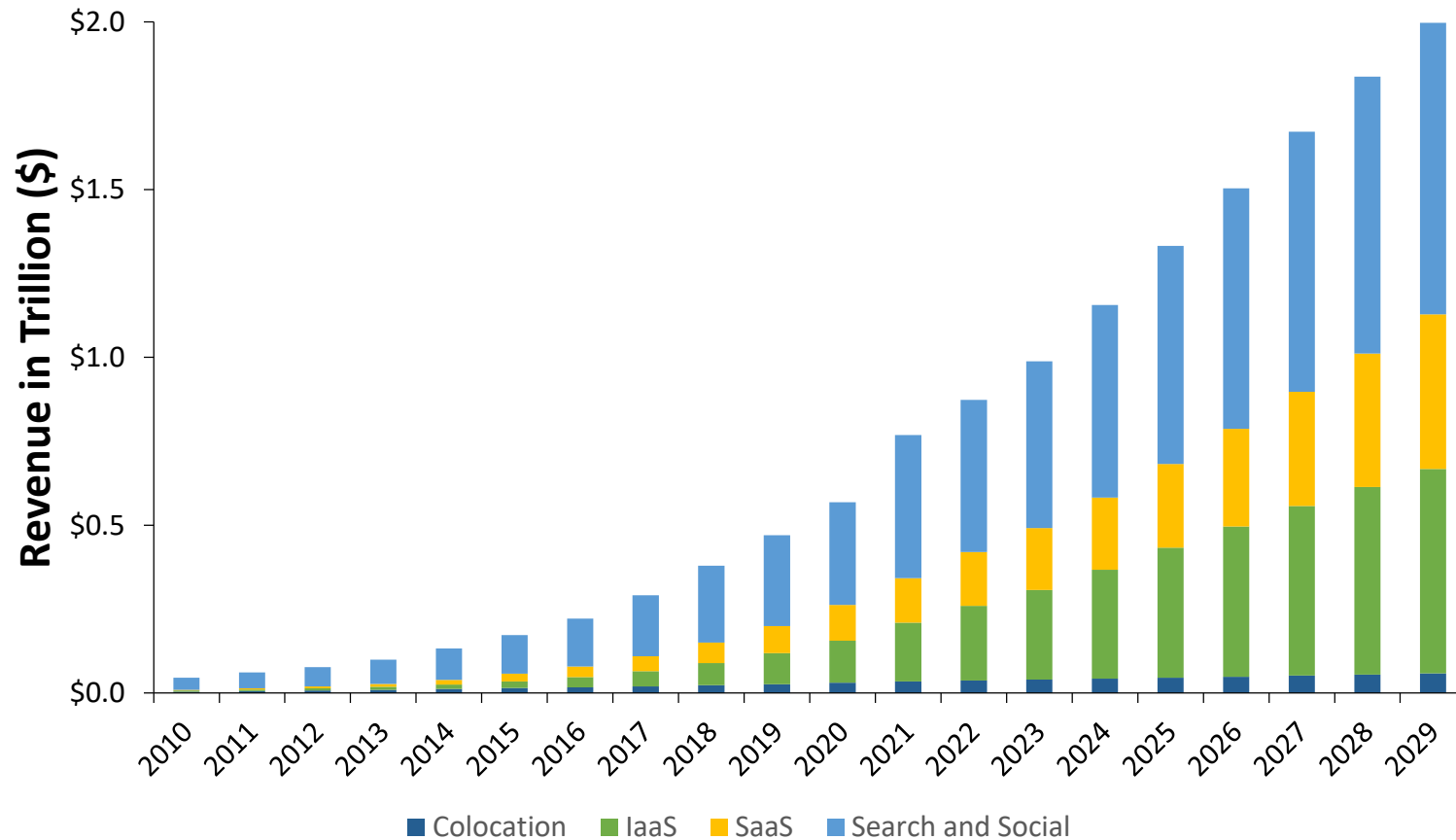


**AI/ML Server Rack  
(50-100 kW per rack)**

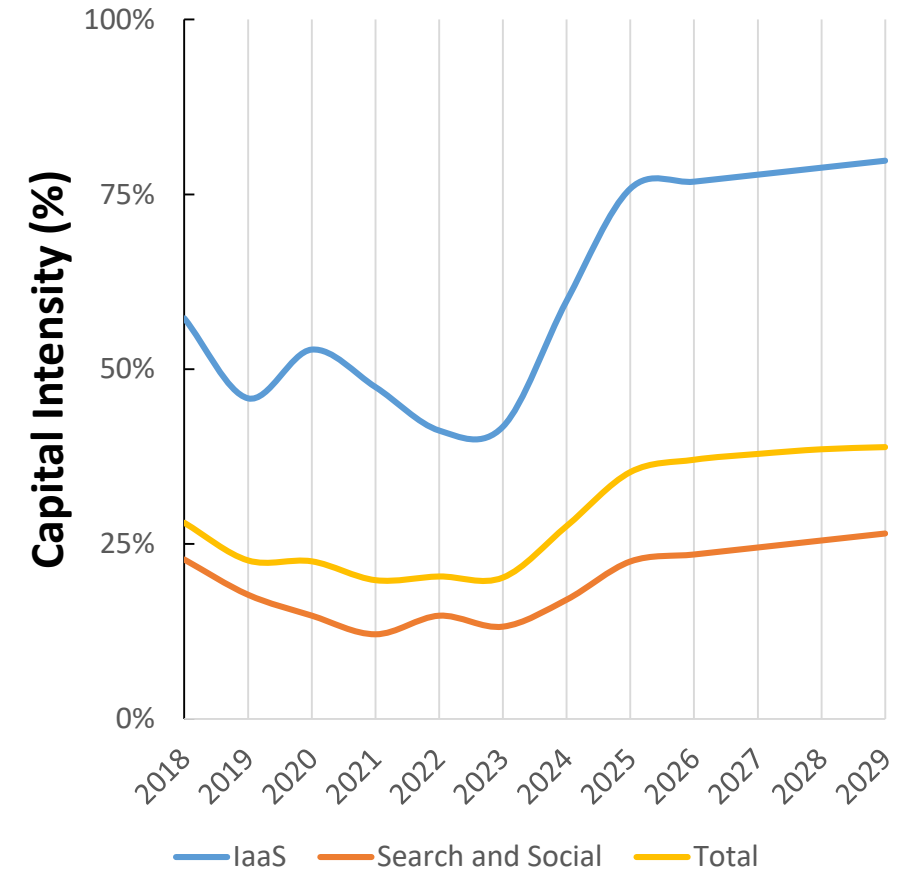


# Cloud Report: Capital Intensity

### Cloud Revenue by Segment



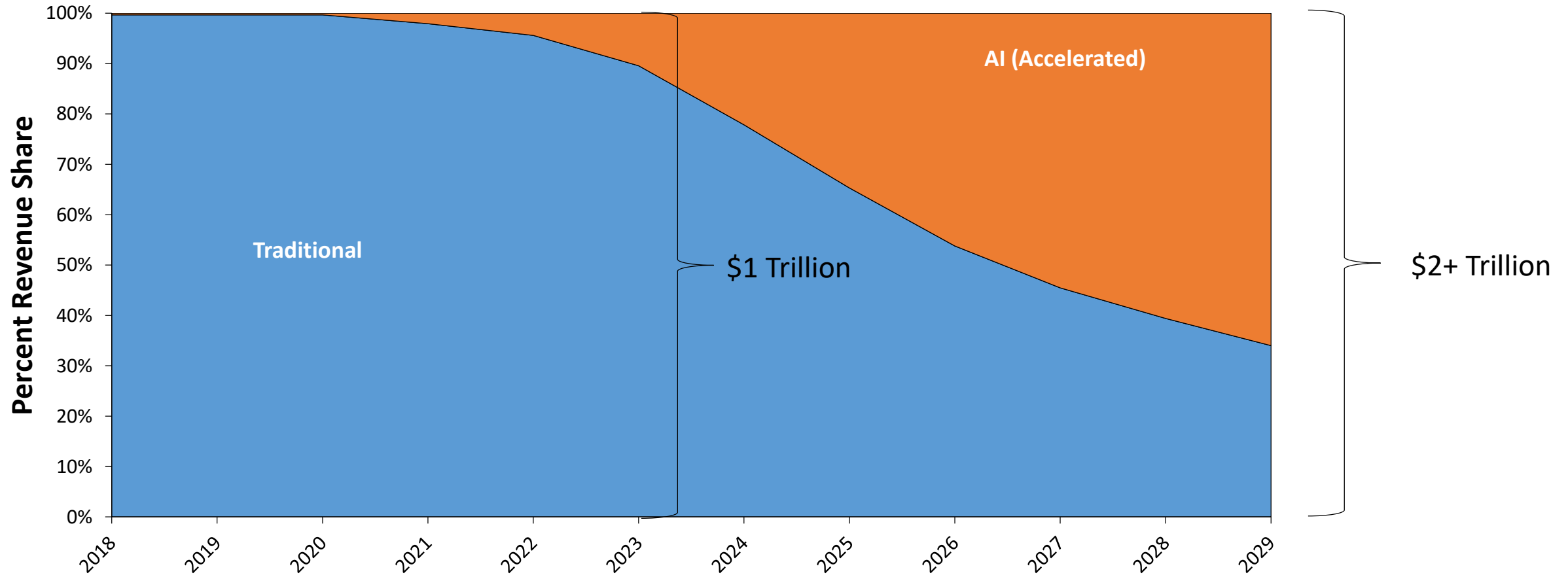
### Capital Intensity



\*Using Cloud CAPEX to exclude things like Amazon warehouses, Apple manufacturing, and Google's Waymo

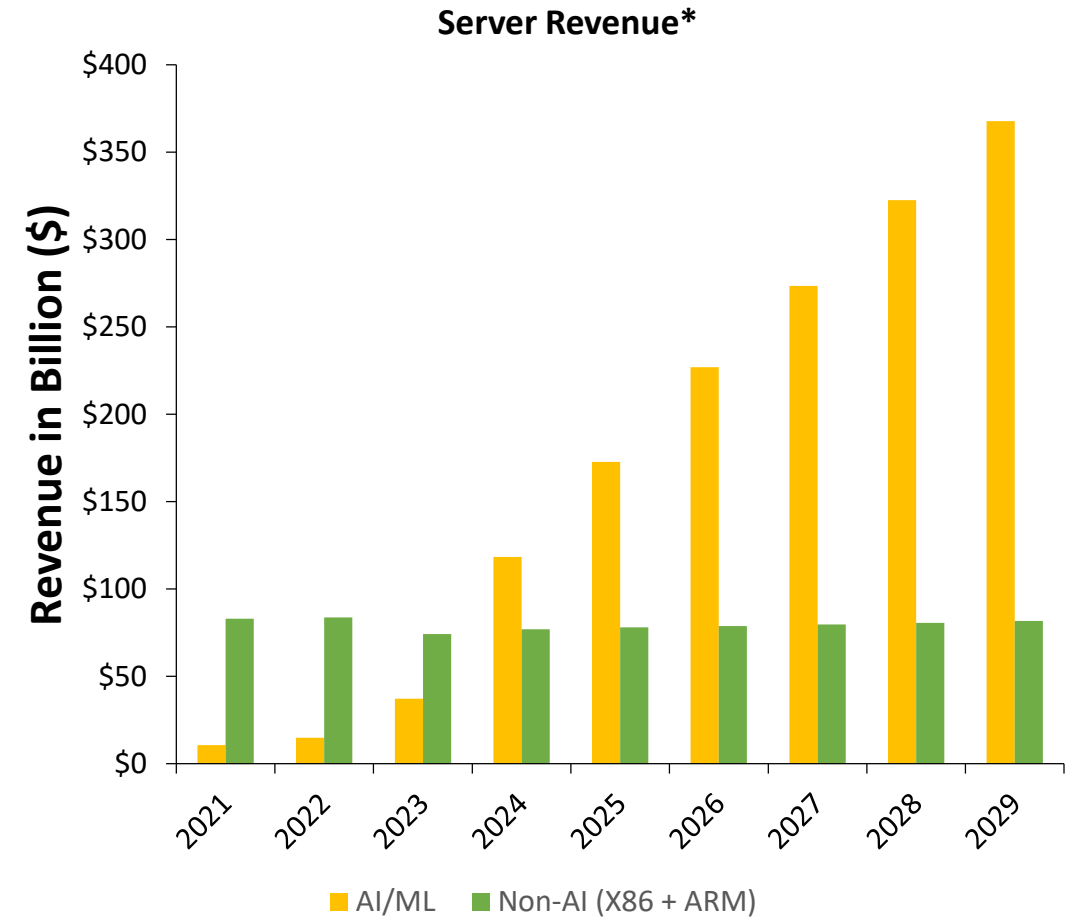
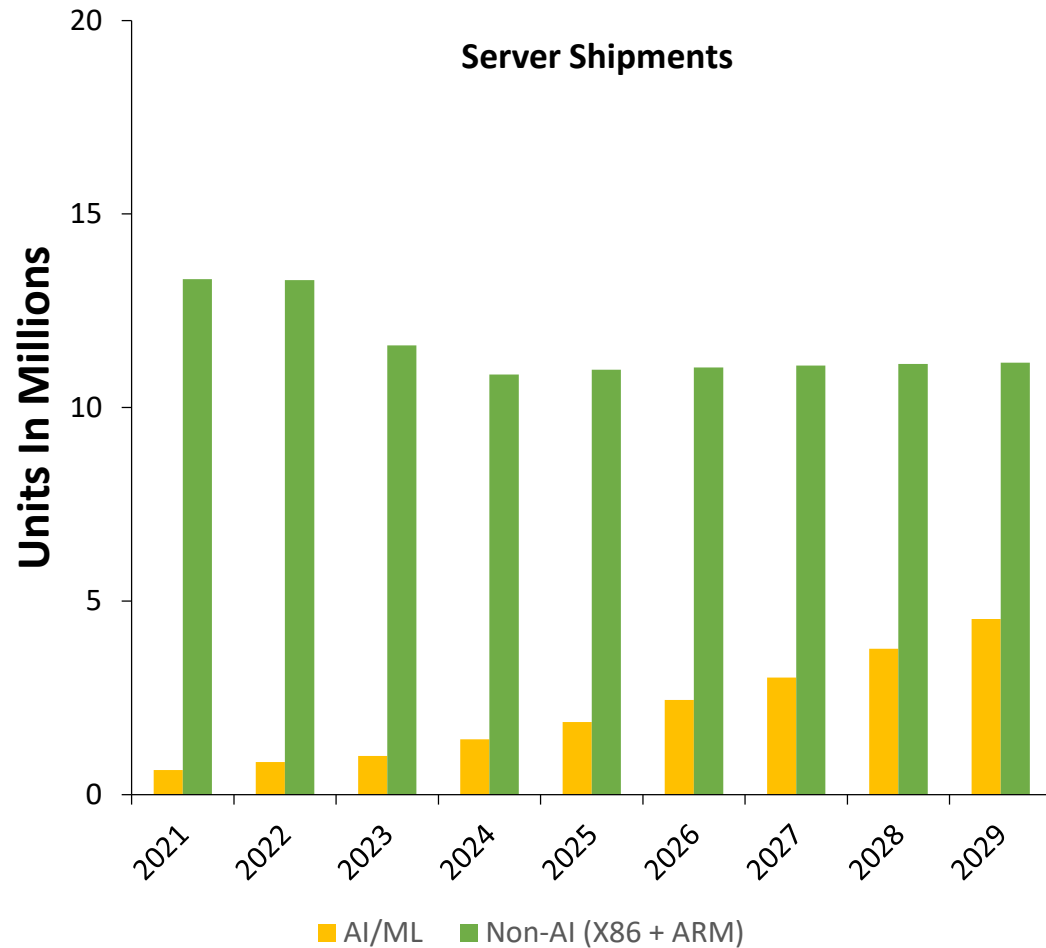
# Total Data Center (IT) Equipment: Total Market Installed Base

### Total Market Installed Base



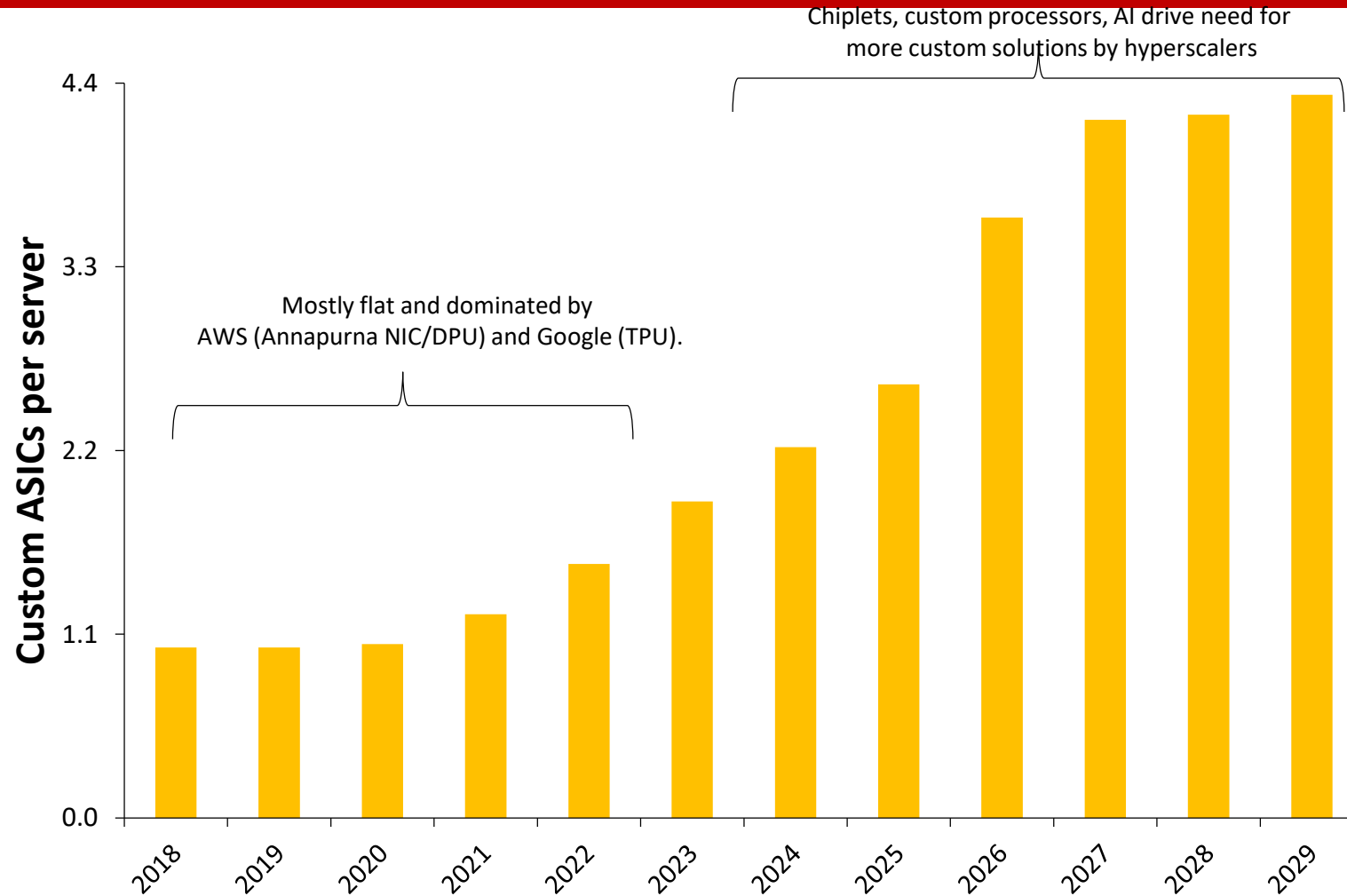
\*Including Compute, Storage, and Networking. Excluding Security, ADCs, and Cabling

# Server and Smart NICs: Server Shipments (preliminary)



\*Includes direct purchase and consignment GPU card revenue

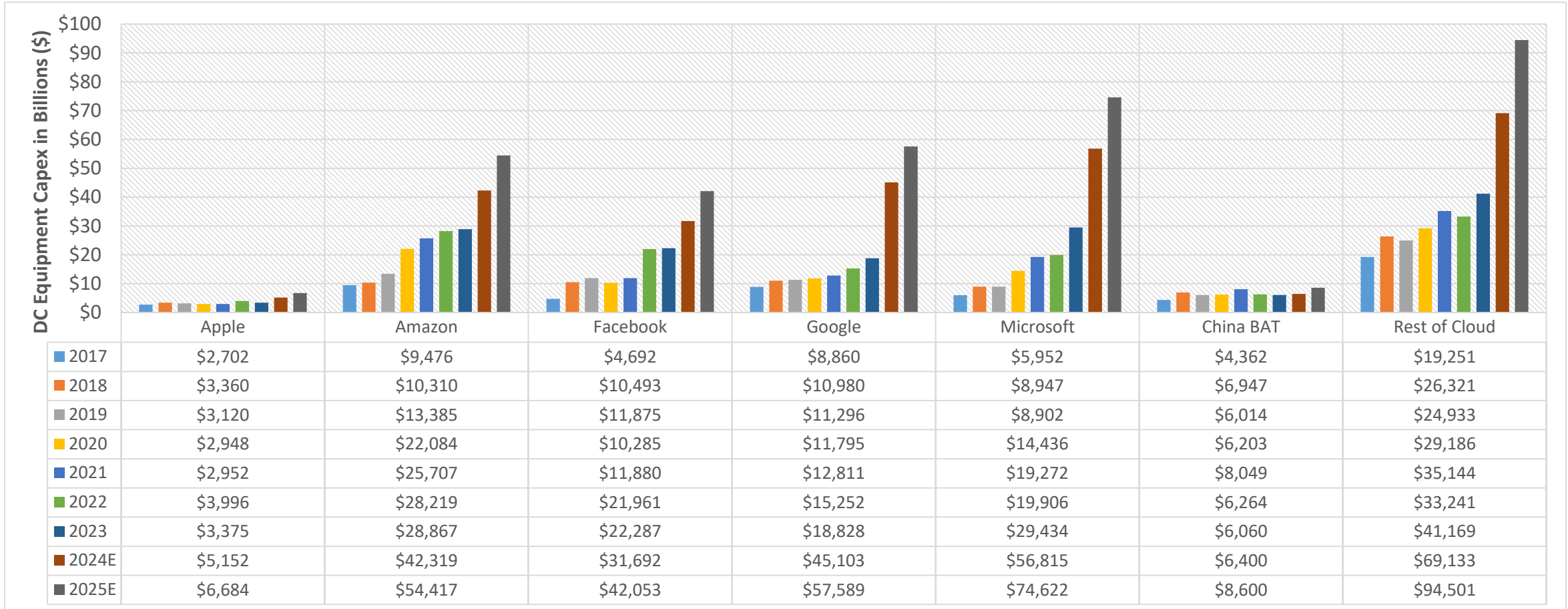
# Server and Smart NICs: Hyperscalers reach new scale, drive customization



- Custom ARM and RISC V development
- Purpose built accelerators for verticals or workloads
  - 5G/6G
  - AI/ML
  - Enterprise/Consumer
- Fully custom and semi-custom approaches
  - Chiplets allow more customization
  - 100% in-house designs will be rare
  - IP licensing opportunity
- New companies forming
- Additional semiconductor consolidation

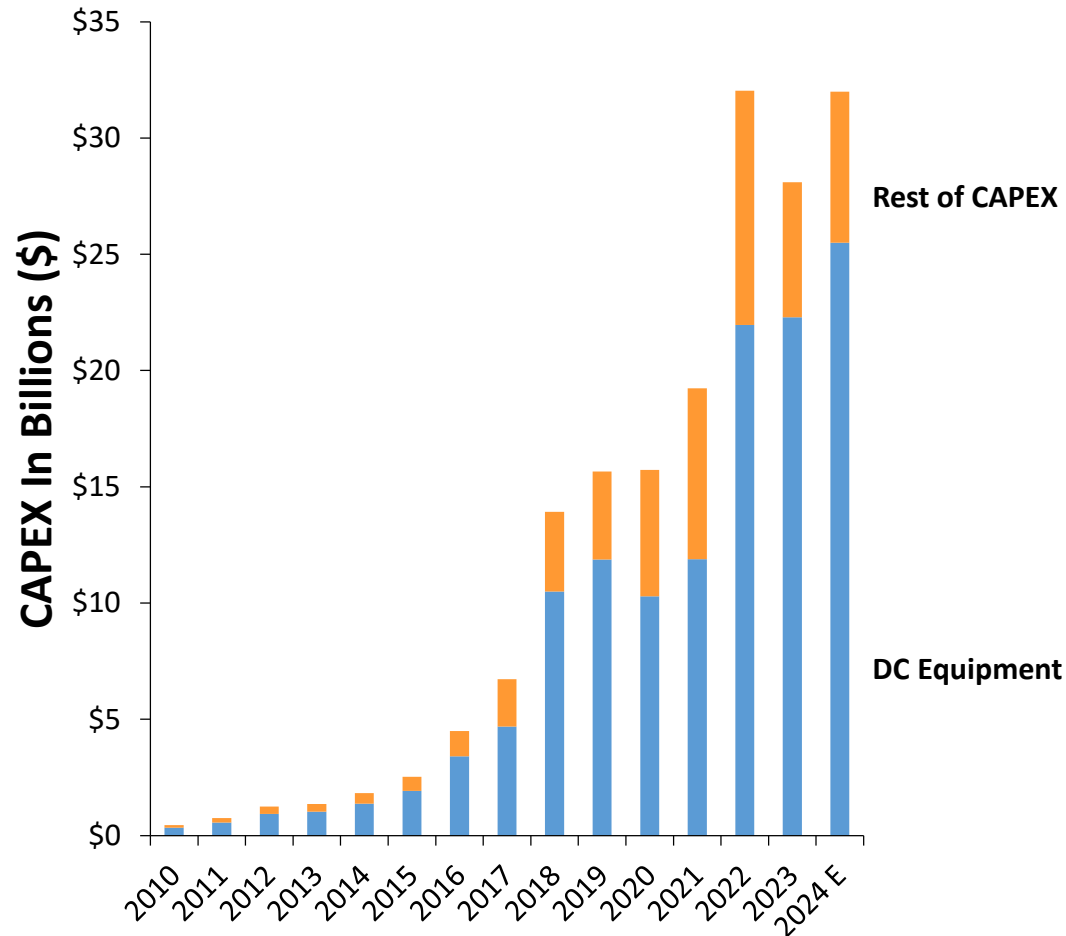
\*A multi-chip solution, or multi-chiplet solution is counted a 1. This chart only reflects products that go in a server.

# Cloud Report: DC Equipment CAPEX



# Meta CAPEX: DC Equipment CAPEX

Meta's CAPEX Contribution



Meta Company CAPEX Guide vs. Reality

	Original Guide	Final	Miss (Peak)
2019	\$19 B	\$15.6 B	-18%
2020	\$17-19 B	\$15.7 B	-17%
2021	\$21-23 B	\$19.2 B	-18%
2022	\$29-34 B	\$32 B	~correct
2023	\$34 B	\$28.1 B	-17%
2024 E	\$30-37 B		

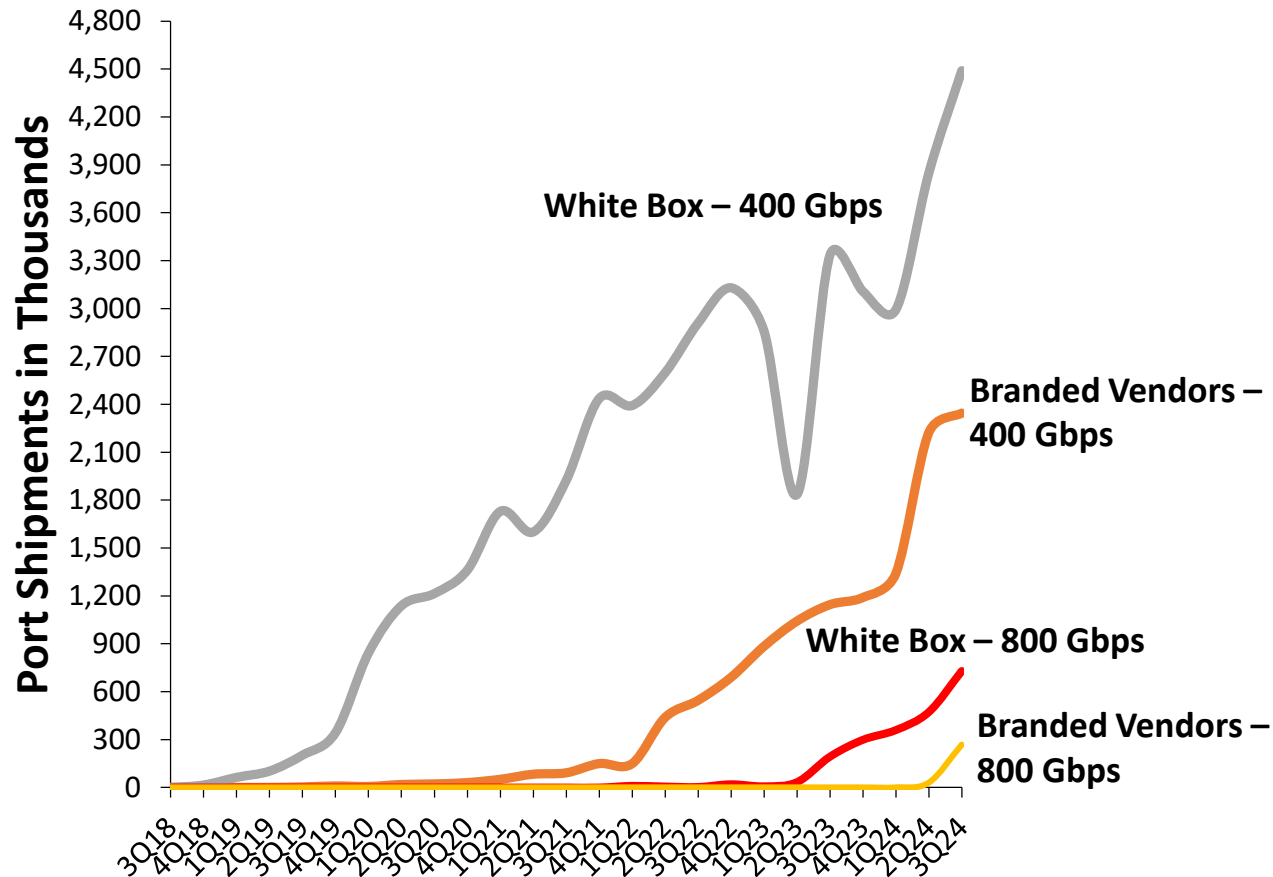
\*Facebook historically guides much higher than final yearly CAPEX number.



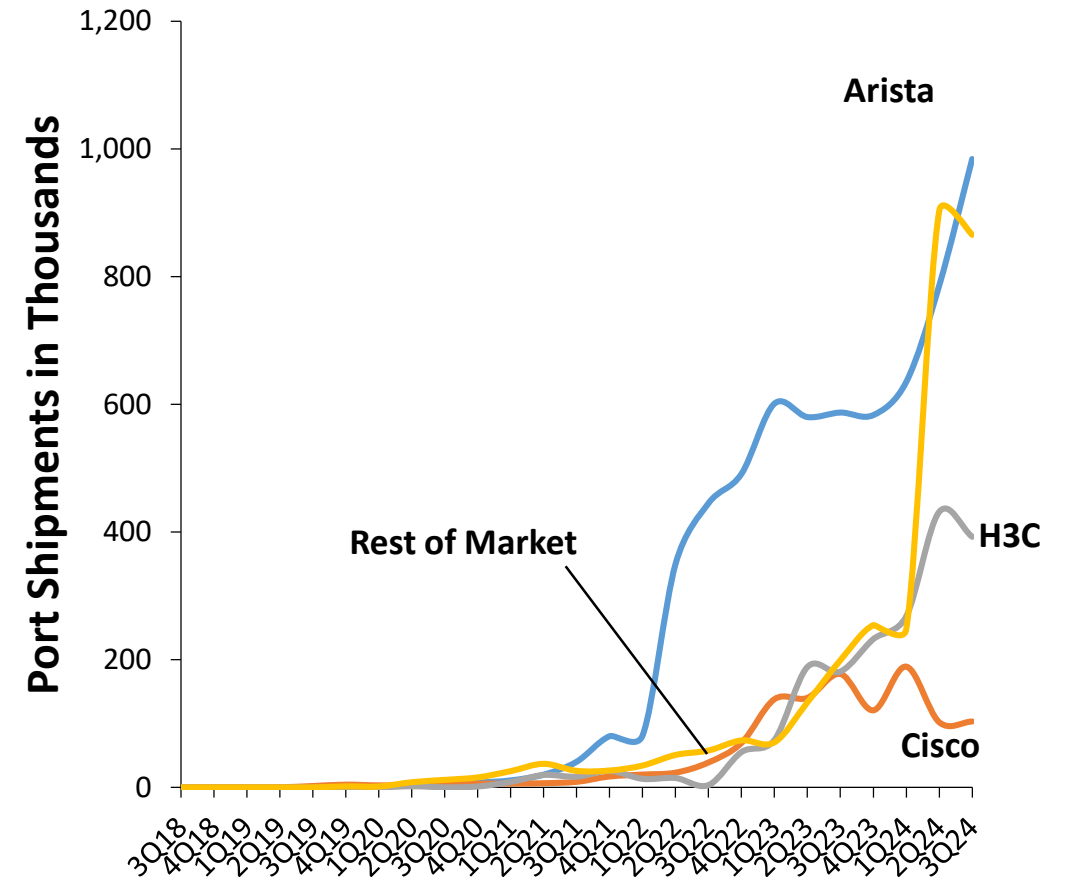
# Ethernet Switch - Data Center

# Ethernet Switch: Total 400 and 800 Gbps Port Shipments

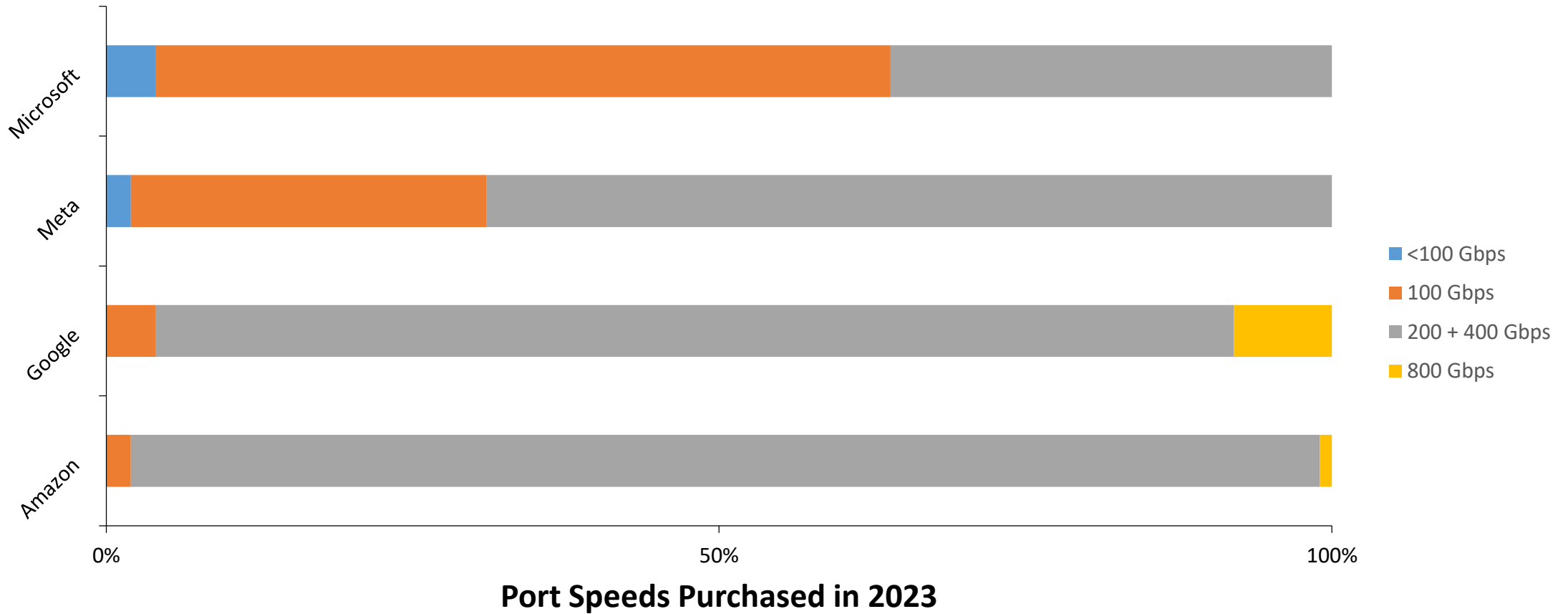
**Total Market**



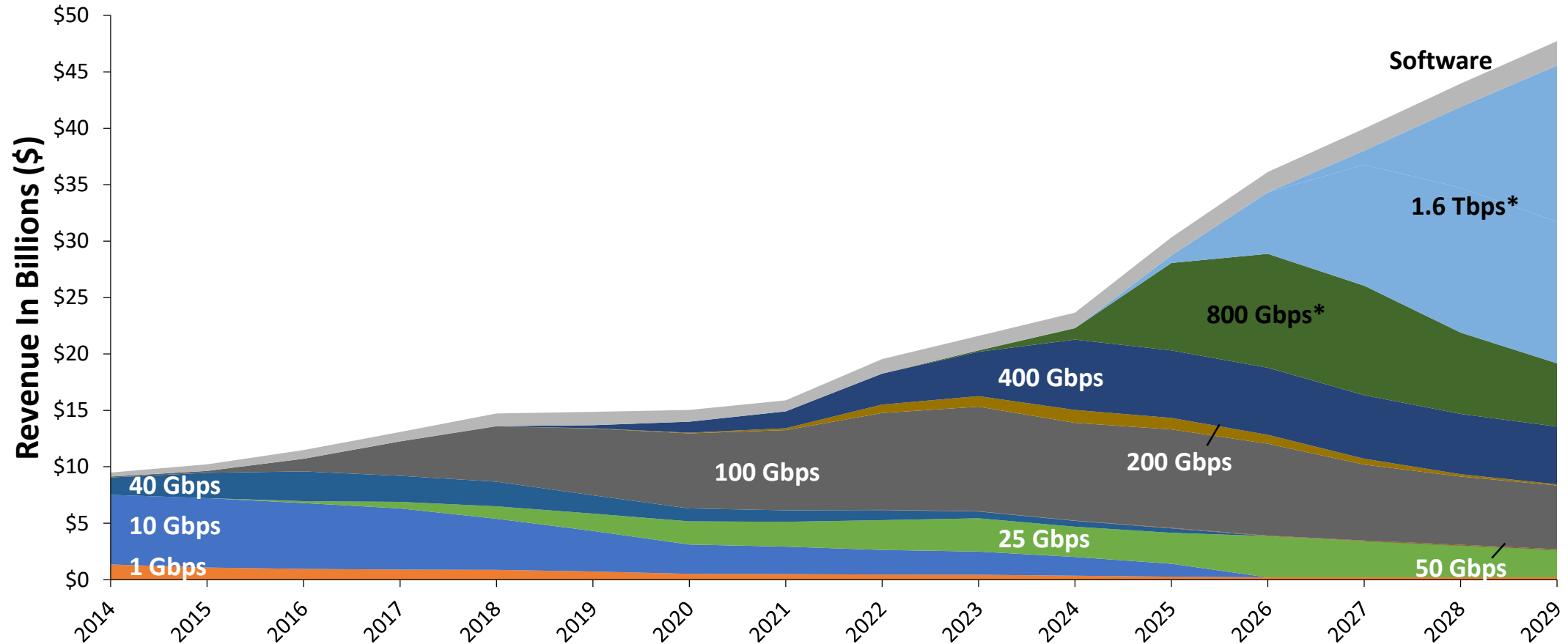
**Branded Vendors**



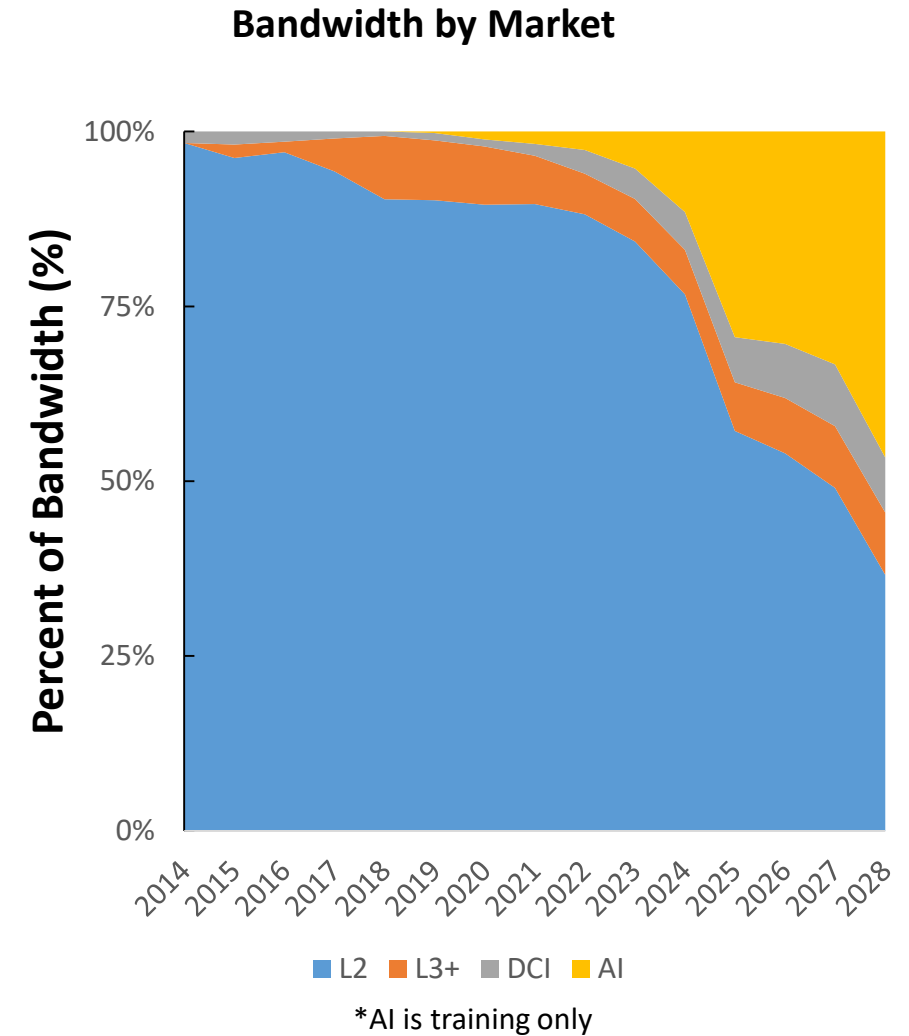
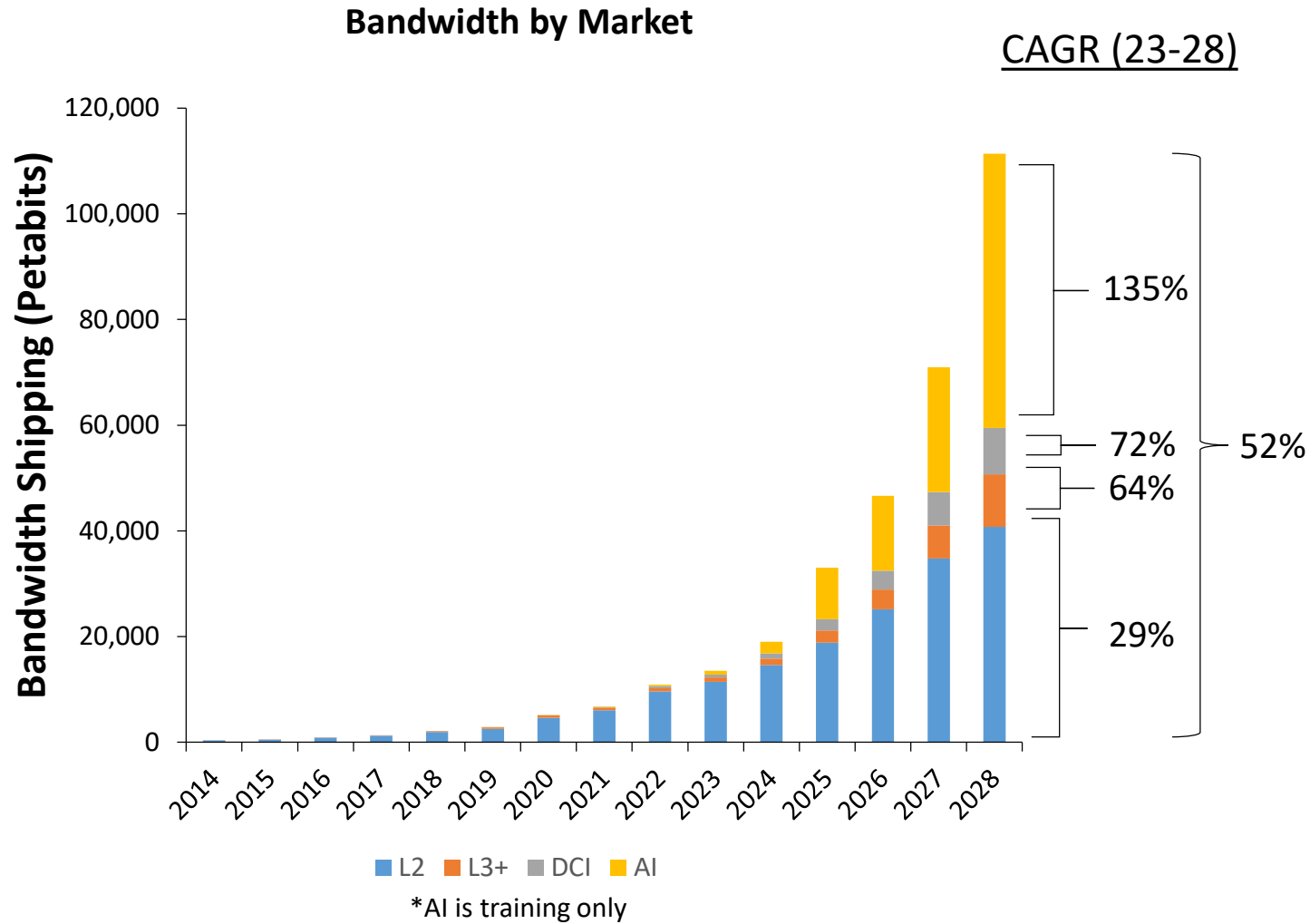
# Ethernet Switch – Data Center: Hyperscaler Speed Migration (2023)



# Ethernet Switch – Data Center: Total Market Revenue



# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching: Bandwidth Shipping by SERDES speed



# End Markets – Data Center Networking: : AI and HPC Networking Transitions

**2022 (x56) -> 2024 (x112) Traditional Cloud Server**

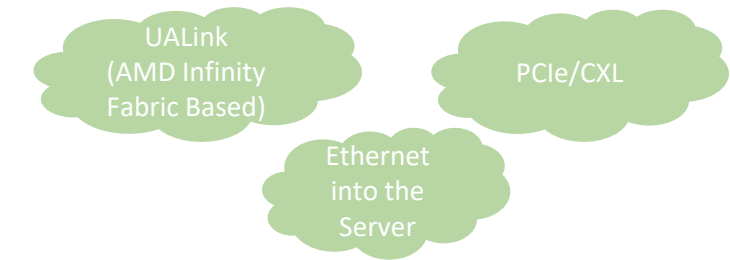
Location	Bandwidth	Technology	Cabling
NIC	25-100G	Ethernet	DAC
Top-of-Rack	100-400G	Ethernet	DAC
Aggregation	100-400G	Ethernet	Fiber

**2024 (x56) -> 2024 (x112) Nvidia AI Cloud Server**

Location	Bandwidth	Technology	Cabling
NIC	400-800G	Ethernet	DAC/Active Copper
Top-of-Rack	400-800G	Ethernet	DAC/Active Copper
Aggregation	400-800G	Ethernet	Fiber
NIC	400G-3.2T	InfiniBand	DAC/Active Copper
Top-of-Rack	400G-3.2T	InfiniBand	DAC/Active Copper
Aggregation	400G-3.2T	InfiniBand	Fiber
Embedded	400-900G	NVLink	Copper
Switch	400-900G	NVLink	Rack – Copper Fiber – Multi-rack

**2022 (x56) -> 2024 (x112) Ethernet AI Cloud Server**

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Frontend (External) (1X)

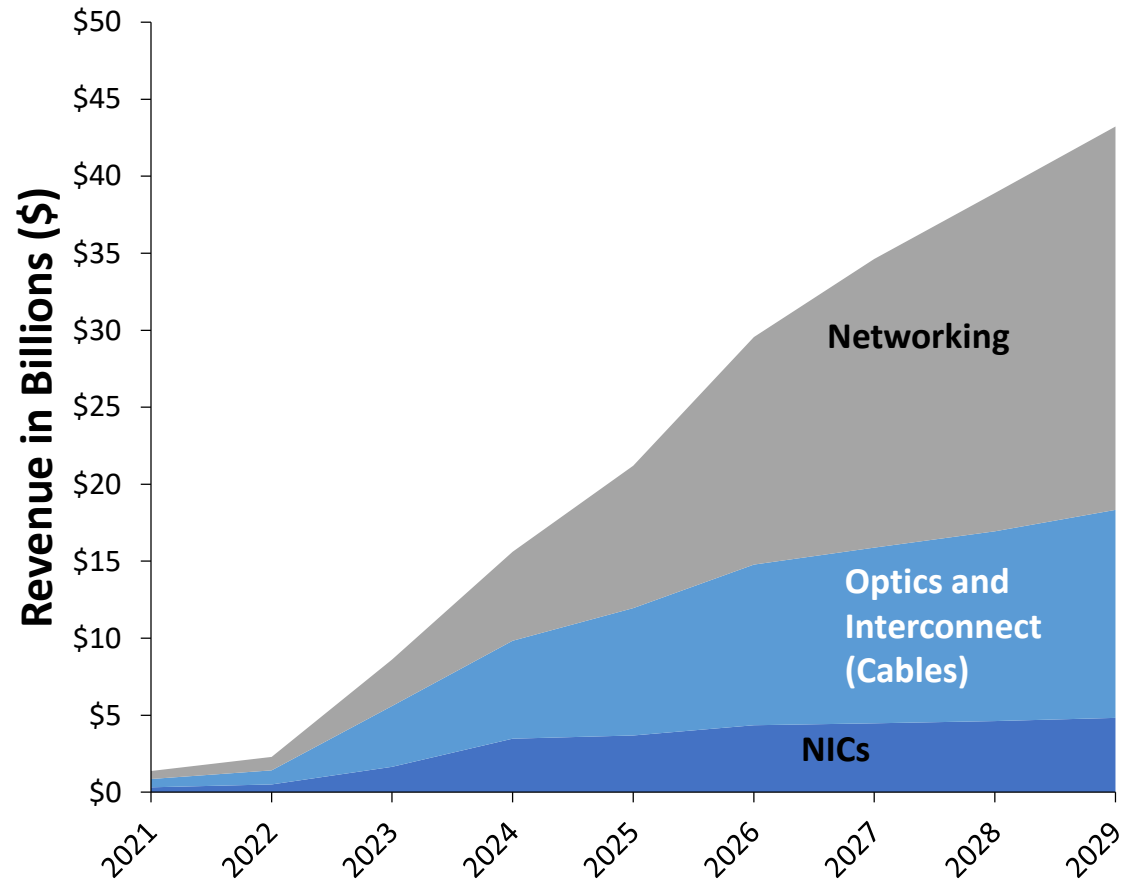
Backend (Internal Scale-Out) (10 X)

Backend (Internal Scale-Up) (100X)

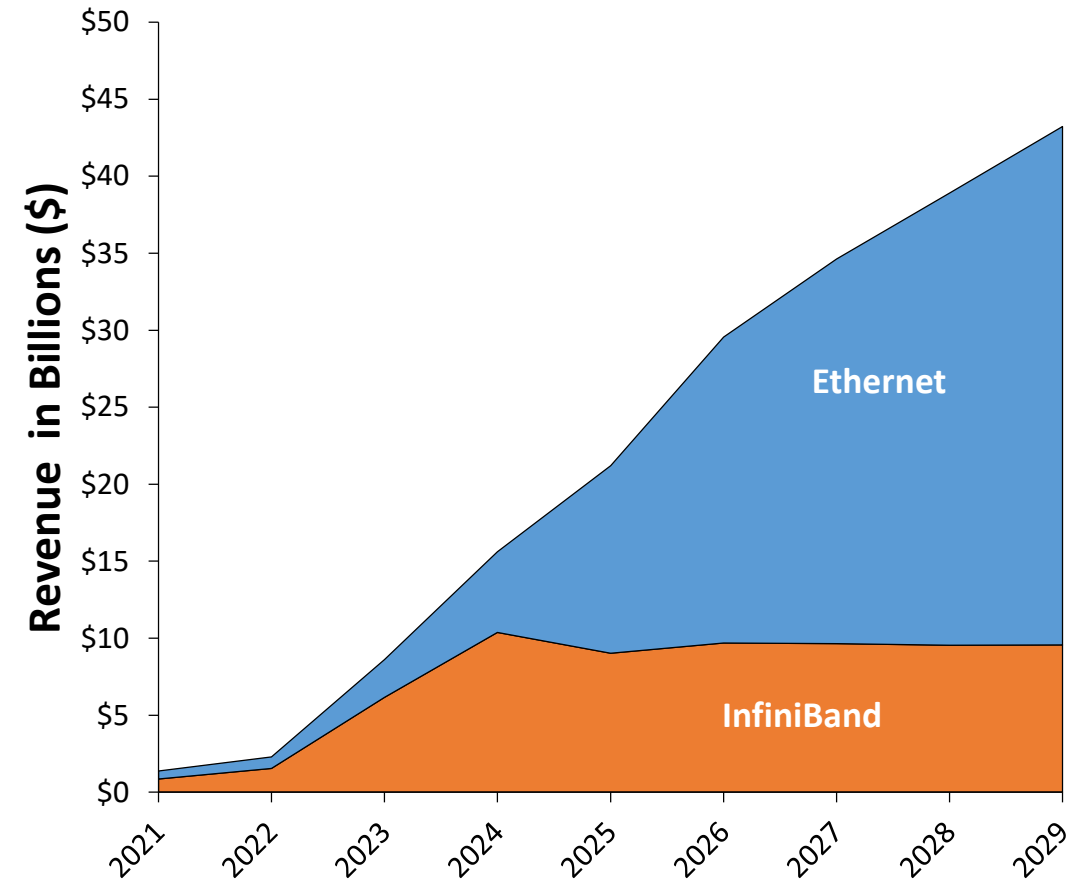
\*Optimal fiber required

# Ethernet Switch – Data Center: Total Market Revenue

Total AI/ML Market

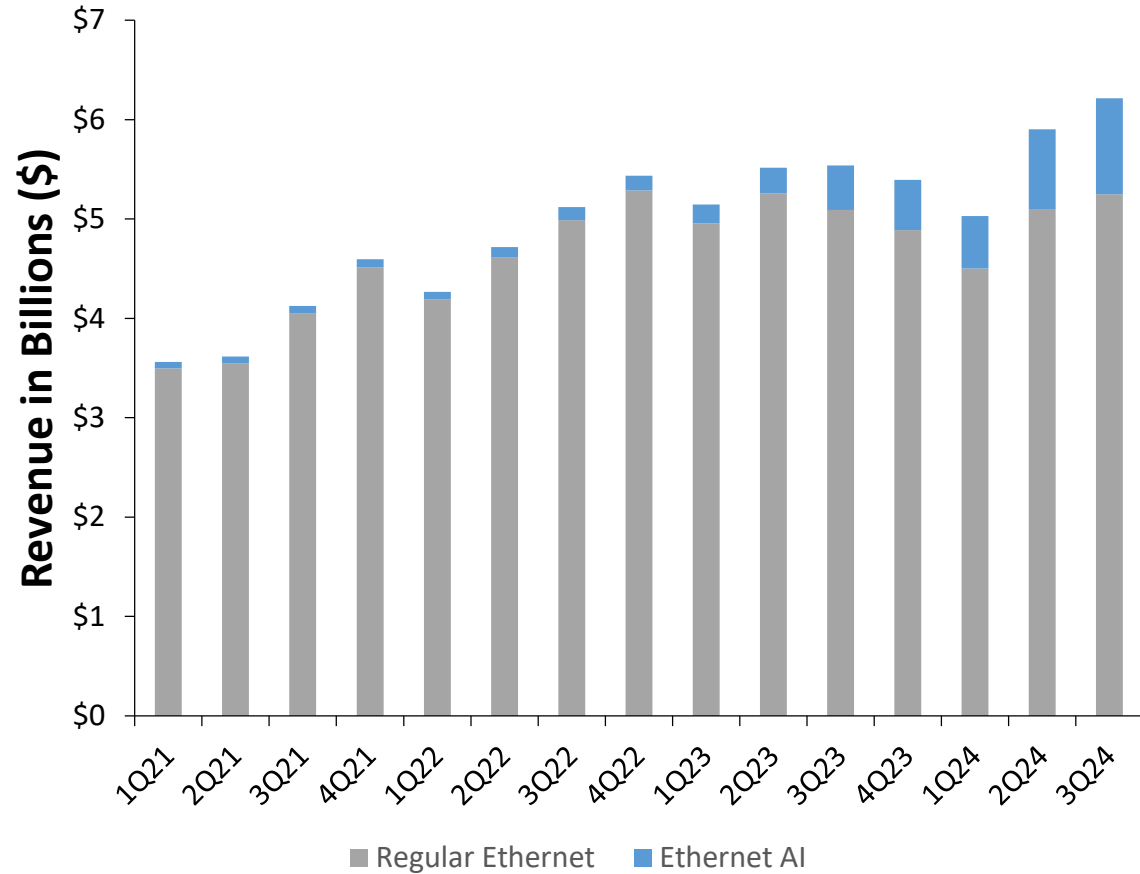


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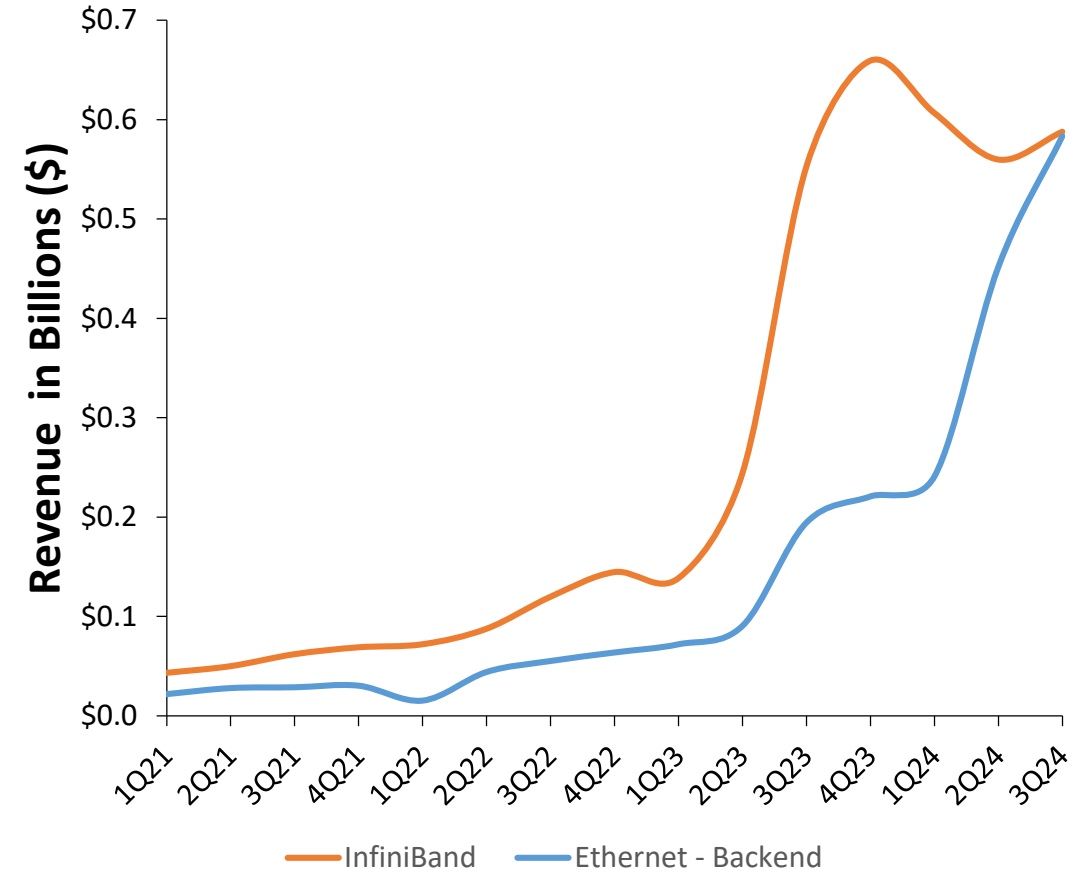


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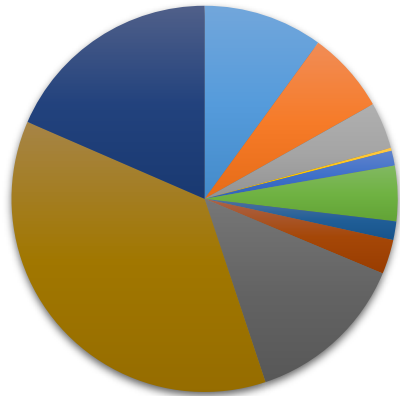
**AI/ML Market  
InfiniBand vs. Ethernet Switching (No Optics)**





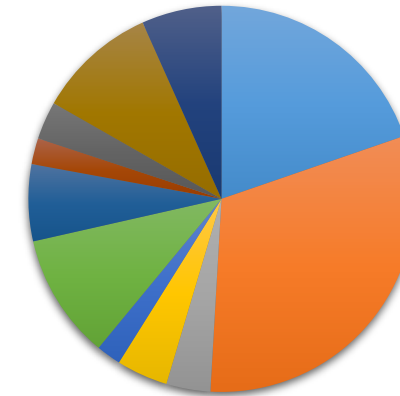
# Ethernet Switch – Data Center: AI Networking Market Revenue

**2023 - \$8.6B**



- Ethernet - Frontend
- Ethernet - Backend
- Ethernet NICs - Frontend
- Ethernet NICS - Backend
- Ethernet Copper Connectivity (ACC, AEC, DAC)
- Direct Purchase Optical Tranceivers - Ethernet Backend
- Direct Purchase Optical Tranceivers - Ethernet Frontend for Ethernet
- Direct Purchase Optical Tranceivers - Ethernet Frontend for InfiniBand
- InfiniBand NICs
- InfiniBand Optical Tranceivers and Copper Connectivity
- InfiniBand Switches

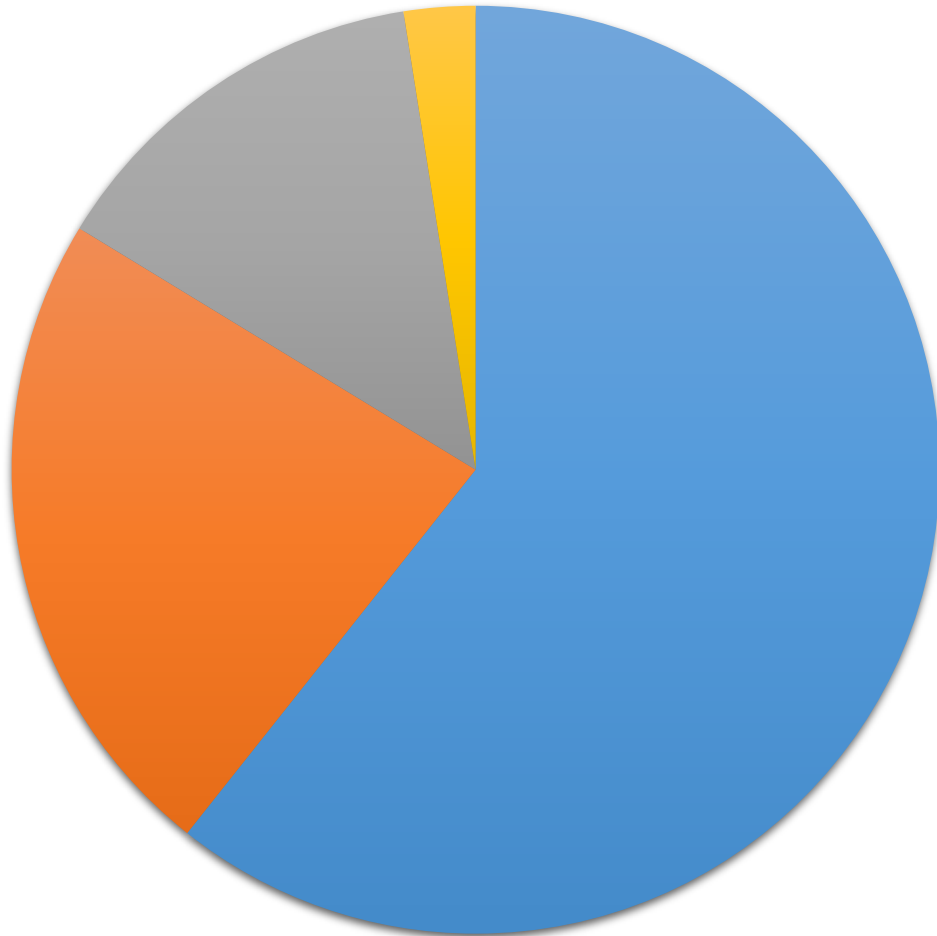
**2029 - \$43.2B**



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- InfiniBand Switches

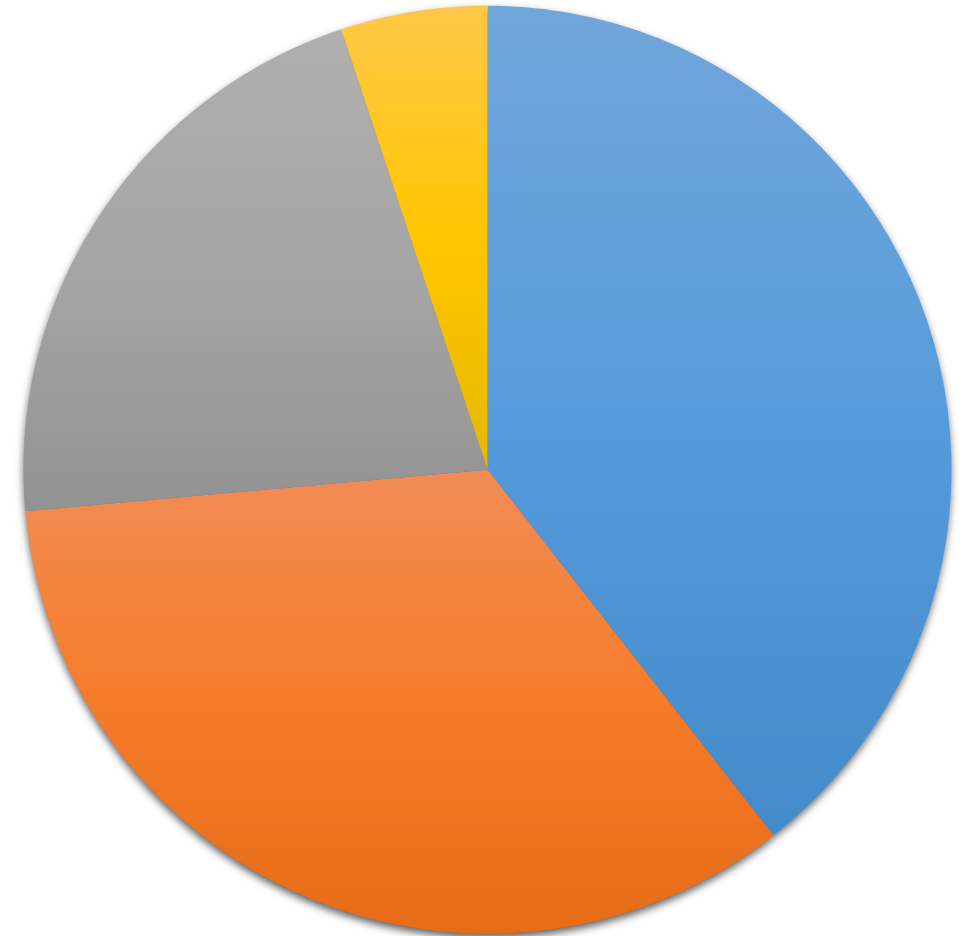
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2023 - \$8.6B



■ Hyperscaler ■ Rest of Cloud ■ Enterprise ■ SP

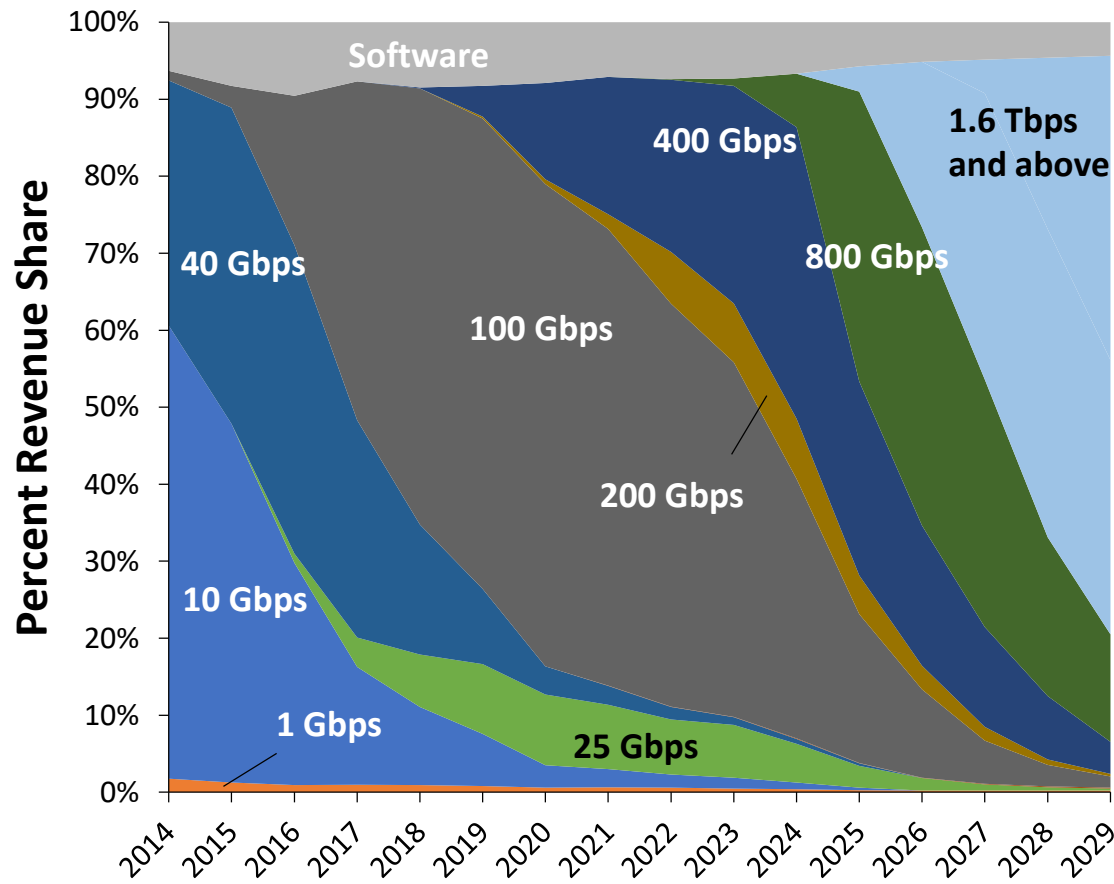
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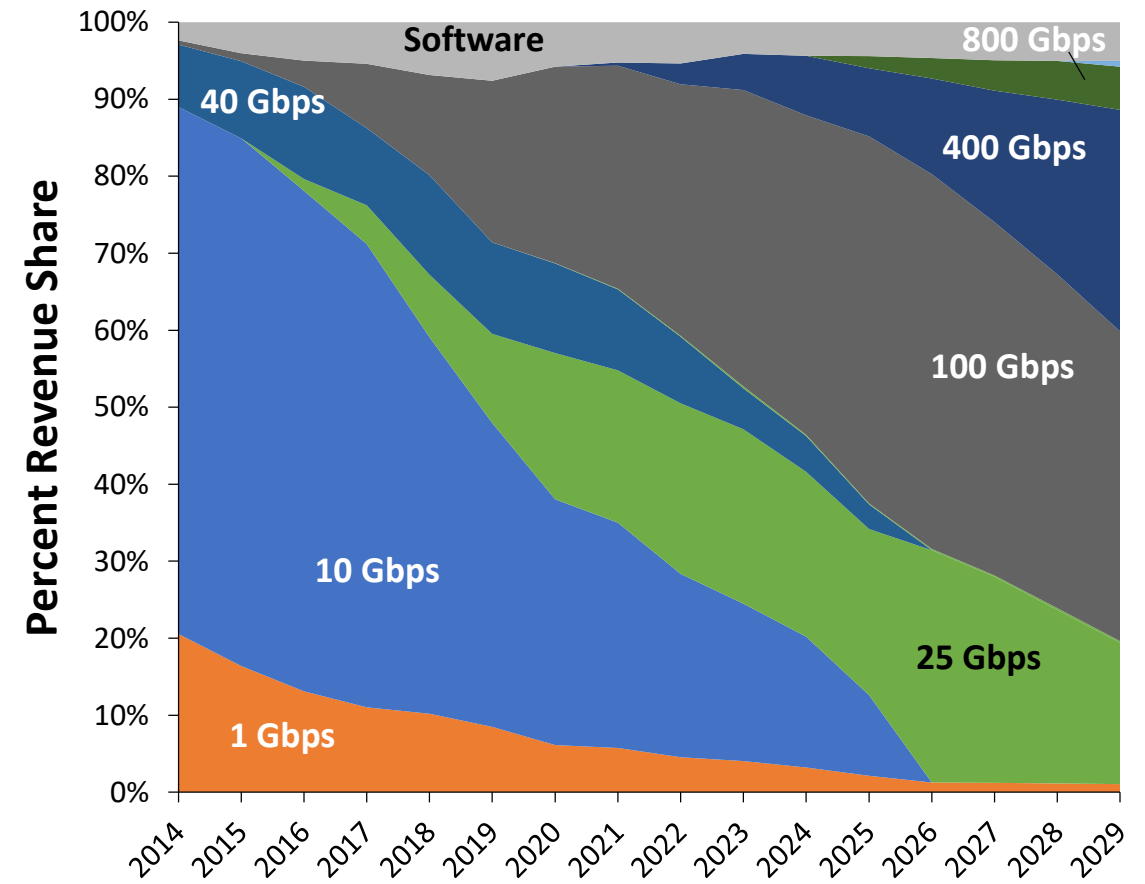
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# Ethernet Switch – Data Center: Total Market Revenue

### Cloud Market

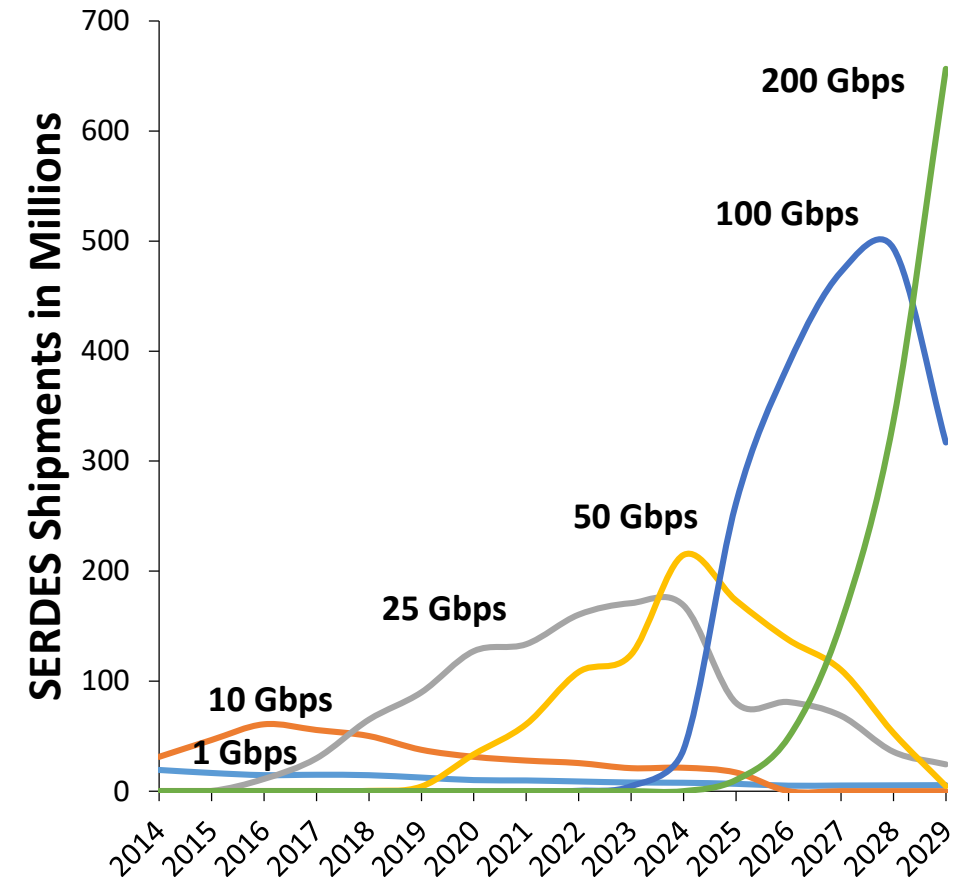
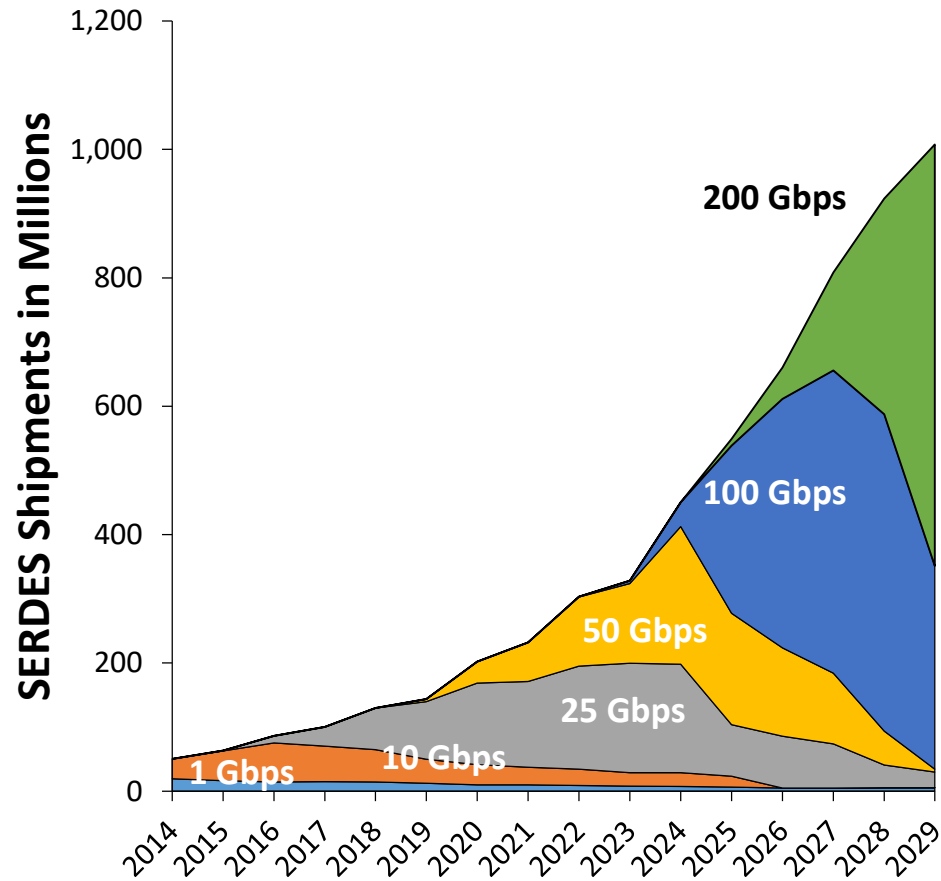


### Enterprise and Telco Market



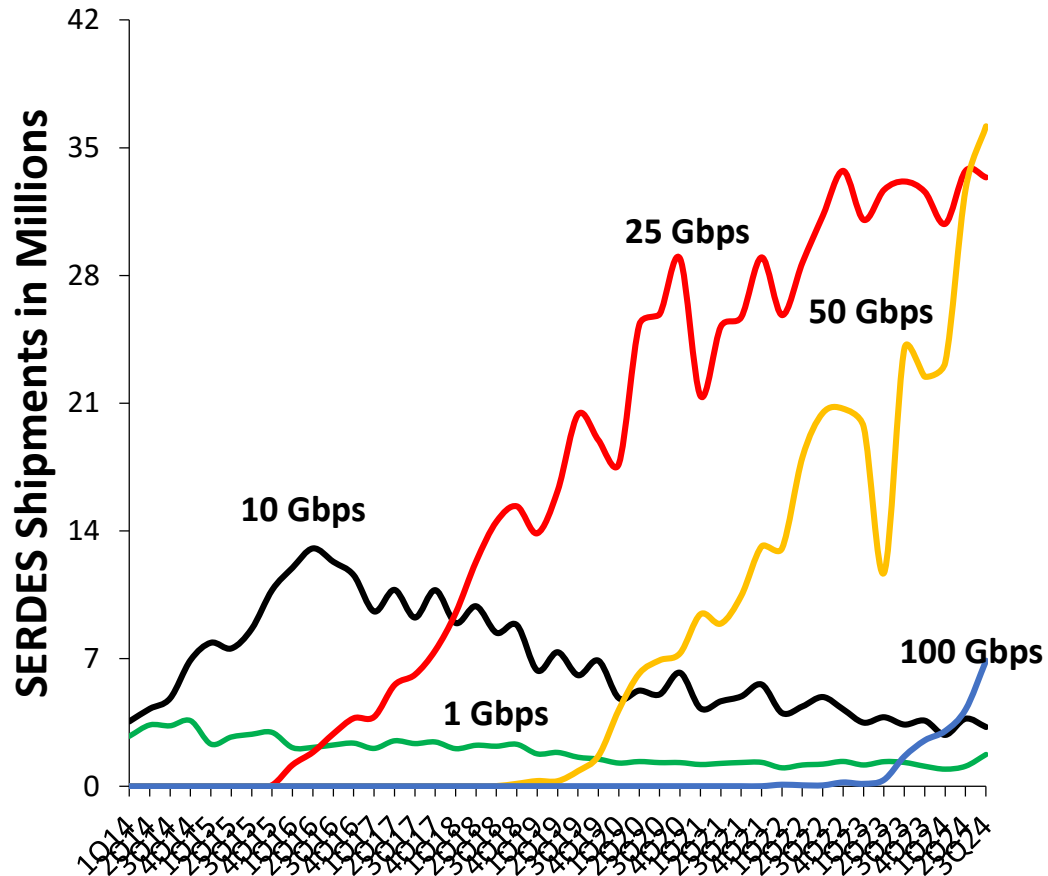
# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching

# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching: Total SERDES Shipments



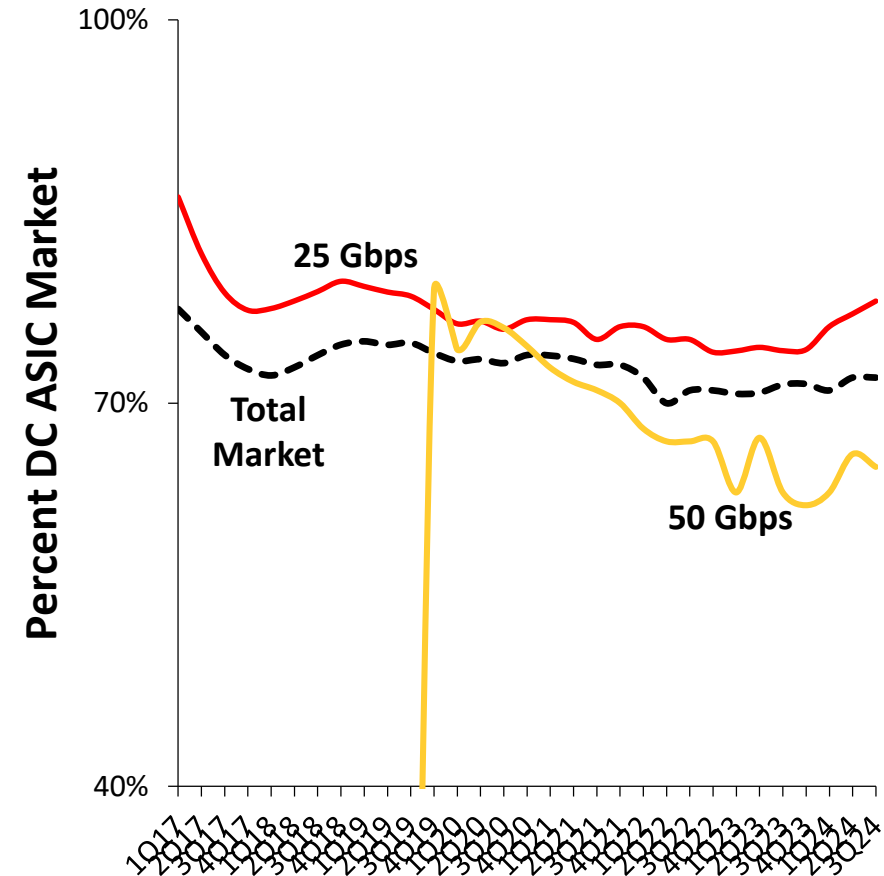
# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching: ASIC Usage

**Broadcom DC Switch ASIC Shipments**



\*Does not include backplane ports, only external ports

**Broadcom ASIC Share (4 Quarter Trailing Average)**



# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching: 51.2 Tbps and 102.4 Tbps Announcements

## 51.2 Tbps

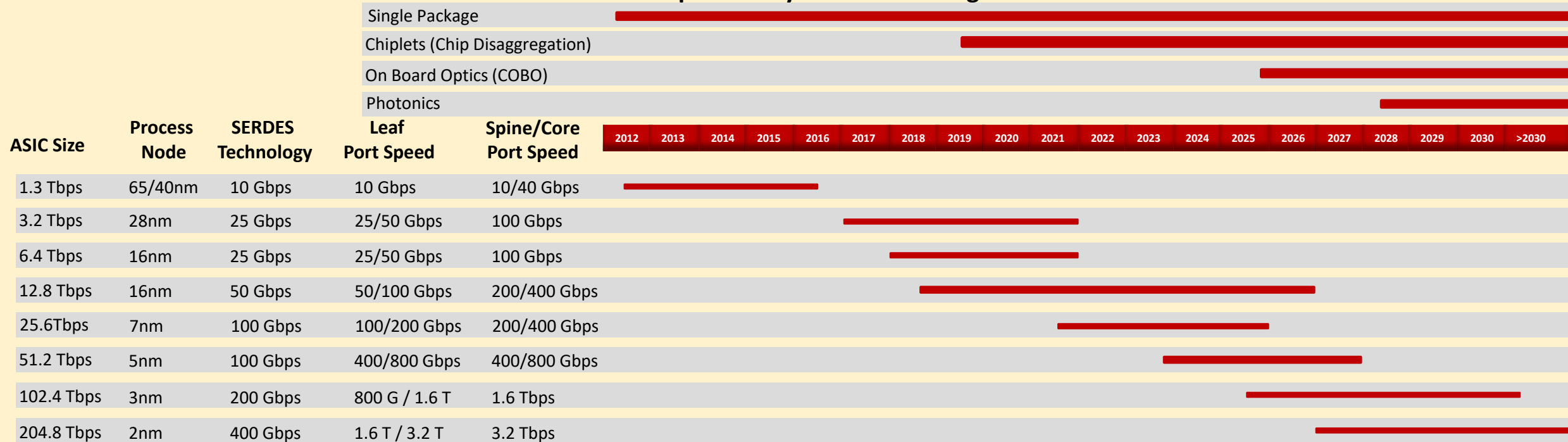
	Form Factor	Process Node	Announcement	Original Shipment Date	Actual Shipment Date
<b>NVIDIA Spectrum 4</b>	512X112G	4nm (NVIDIA Line)	March 2022	Late 2022 / Early 2023	Later Summer 2024
<b>Broadcom Tomahawk 5-100</b>	512X112G	5nm	August,2022	Fall 2022	Late 2023
<b>Cisco</b>	512X112G	5nm	June, 2023	Fall 2023	
<b>Innovium (Marvell) Teralynx 10</b>	512X112G	5nm	March, 2023	Summer 2023	Summer 2024

## 102.4 Tbps – Started with sampling in late 2024 and early shipment in 2025

	Form Factor	Process Node	Announcement	Original Shipment Date	Actual Shipment Date
<b>NVIDIA Spectrum 6</b>	512x224G	3nm			
<b>Broadcom Tomahawk 6-100</b>	1024X112G	3nm			
<b>Broadcom Tomahawk 6-200</b>	512x224G	3nm			
<b>Cisco TBD</b>	512x224G	3nm			
<b>Marvell Teralynx 100</b>	512x224G	3nm			

# Merchant Silicon – Data Center Switching: ASIC Usage in the Tier 1 Cloud

## Merchant Silicon's product cycles accelerating in the Cloud



- Two waves of 1.6 Tbps
  - 16 X 100 Gbps
  - 8 X 200 Gbps

- Pace of Innovation Increasing
  - Three major silicon cycles in five years
  - Some technologies will get orphaned