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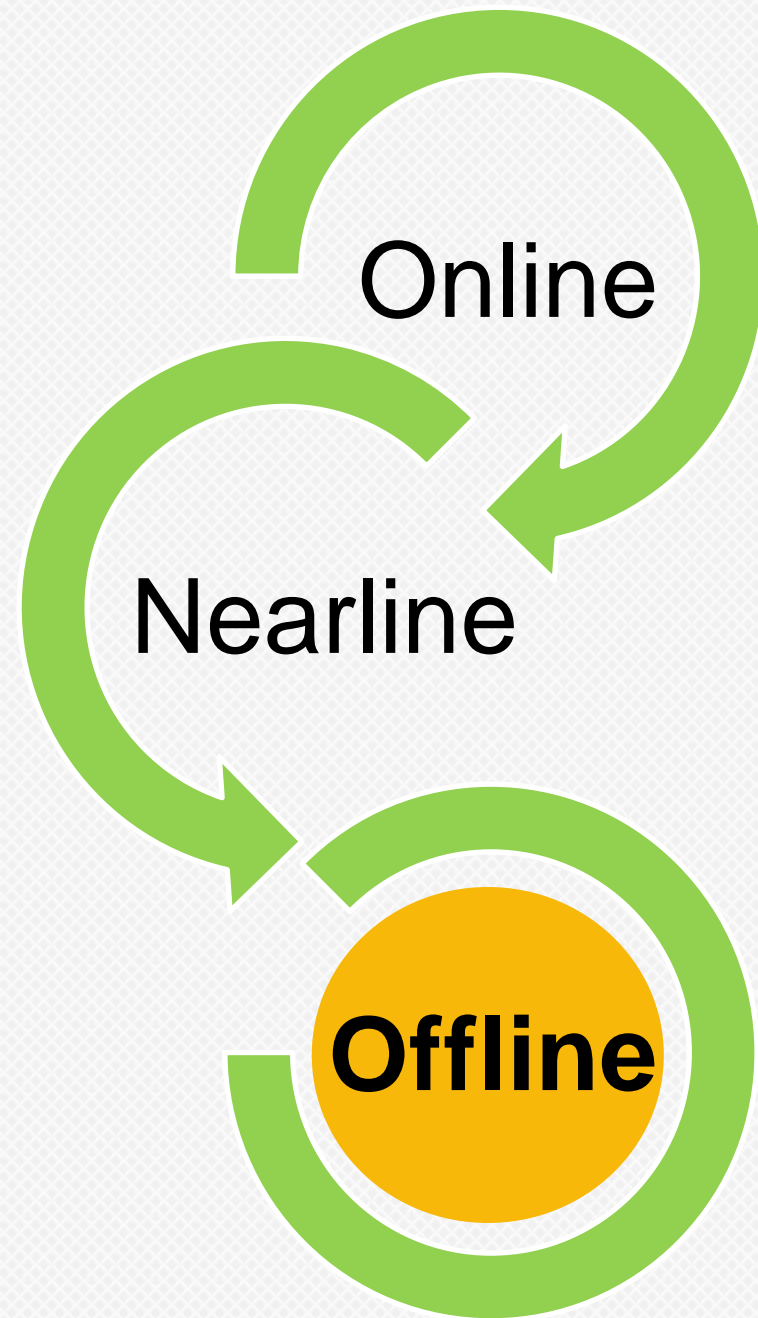
# Archive & Cold Storage Device Trends

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# Customer Driven Cold Storage Devices



- Market Demands
  - Cloud service customers want to keep their content forever
- Regulatory requirements
  - Health care records, e-Discovery, Financial data, Government data
- Storage is inexpensive and data management is complex and takes too much time
- Enables new cloud services for CSPs to offer...



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**Power  
Management**

**Drive Health  
Management**



# How do we lower \$/GB?

## Increase Capacity

\$

GB

### Best option

- Near term?

### **SMR: Shingled Magnetic Recording**

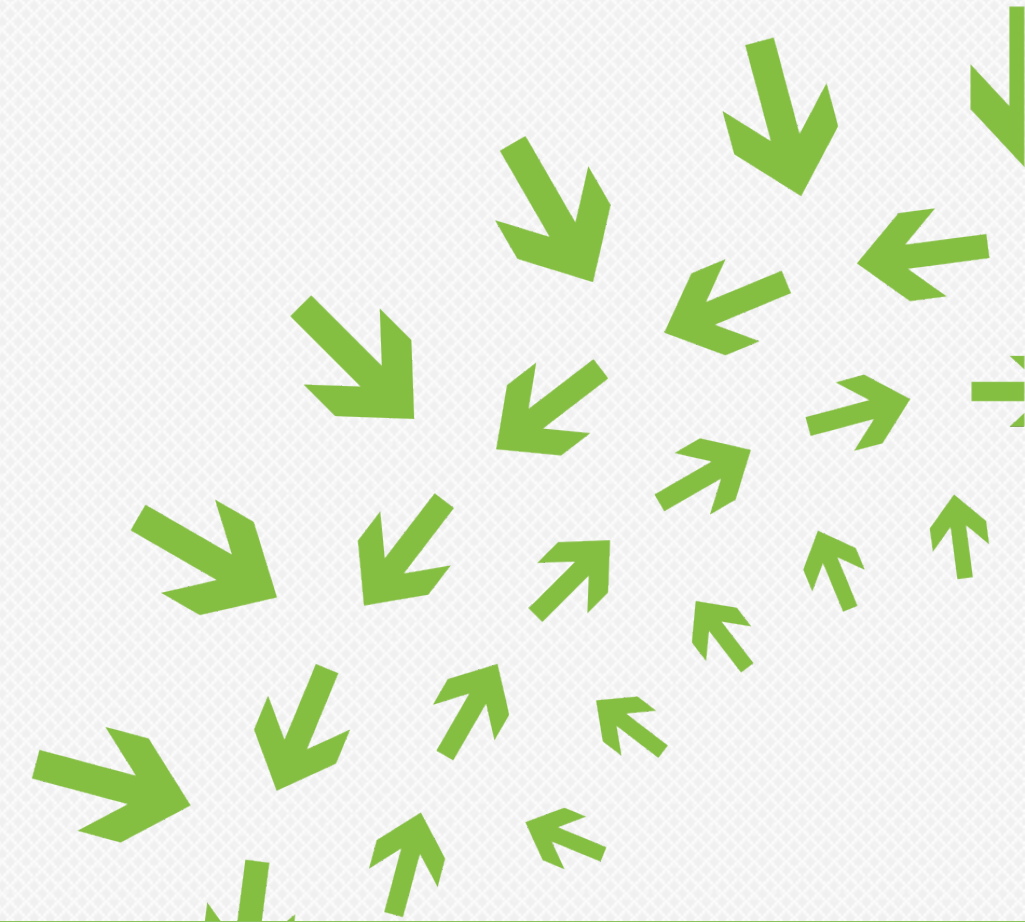
- Today's most cost effective way to increase capacity





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# What is SMR?





# Why SMR?

## Conventional, Non-SMR Writes

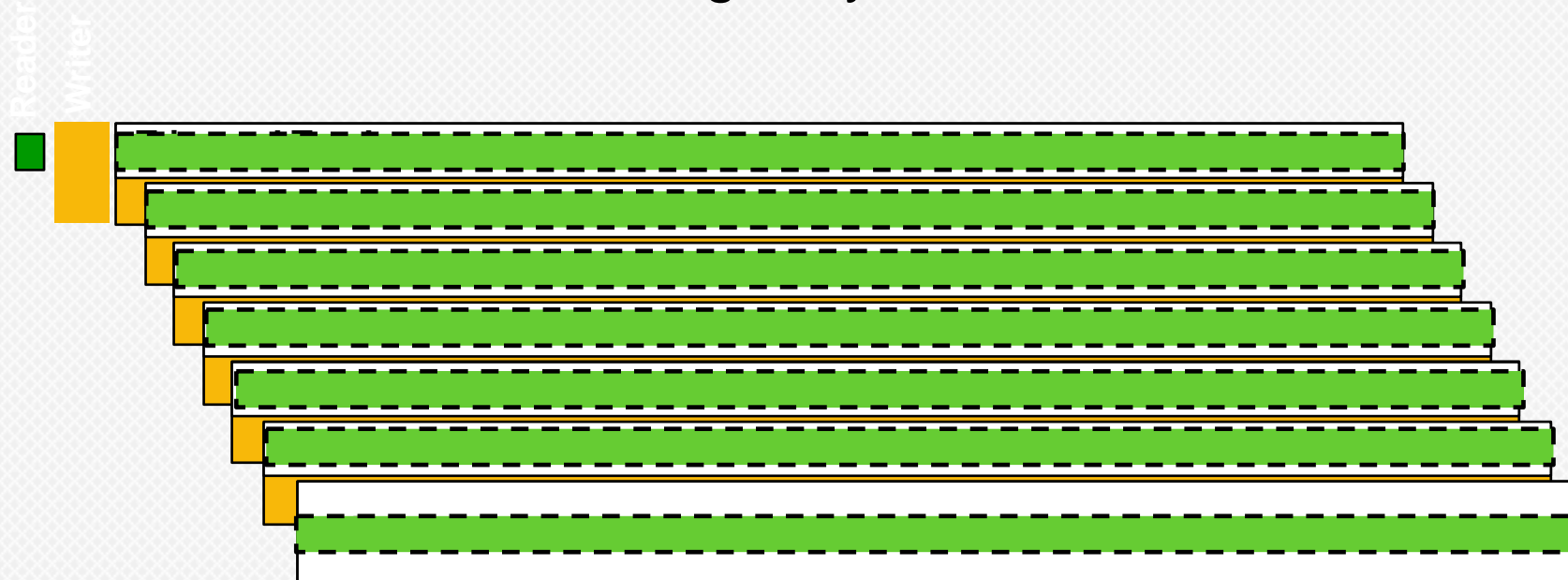
- ❖ Conventional writer width defines TPI
- ❖ Conventional reader is much narrower than writer



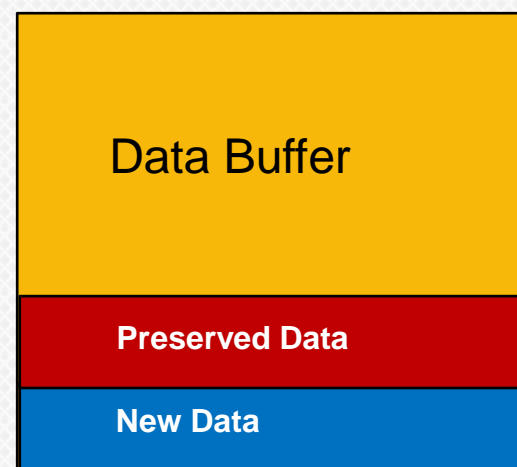
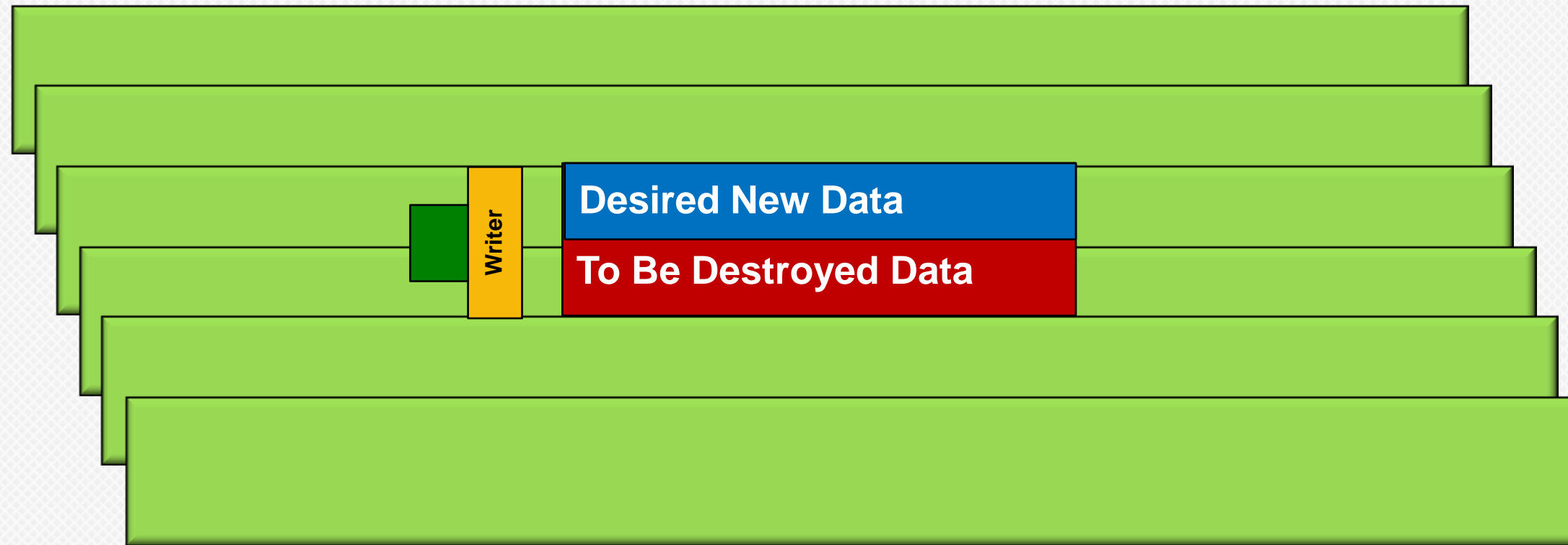
# SMR squeezes tracks, enabling more TB

## SMR Writes

- ❖ Data is written wide and the write to the next adjacent track trims the previous track
  - Data is written in progressing track order
  - The last track of a band is not trimmed
  - No random in-place writes
- ❖ Readable tracks are narrower than originally written track



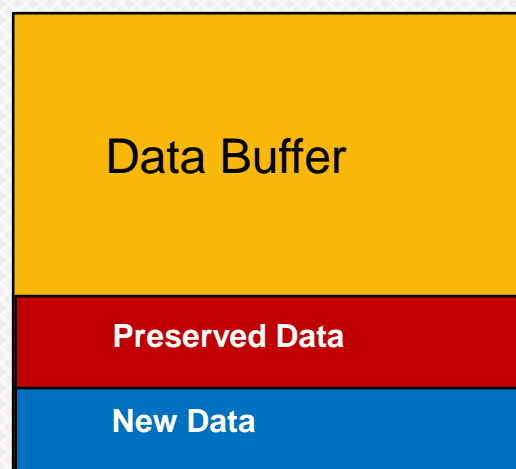
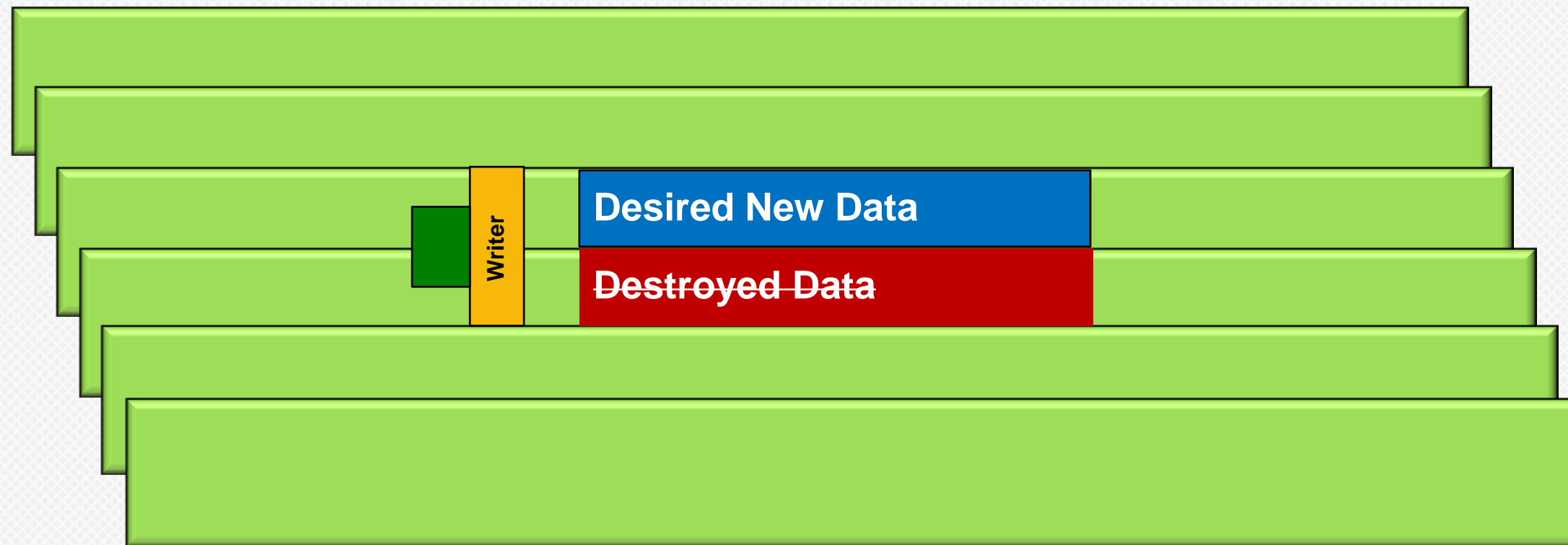
# What about Random Writes?



- \* New Data is in Buffer
- \* Preserve neighboring data (read) before writing New Data



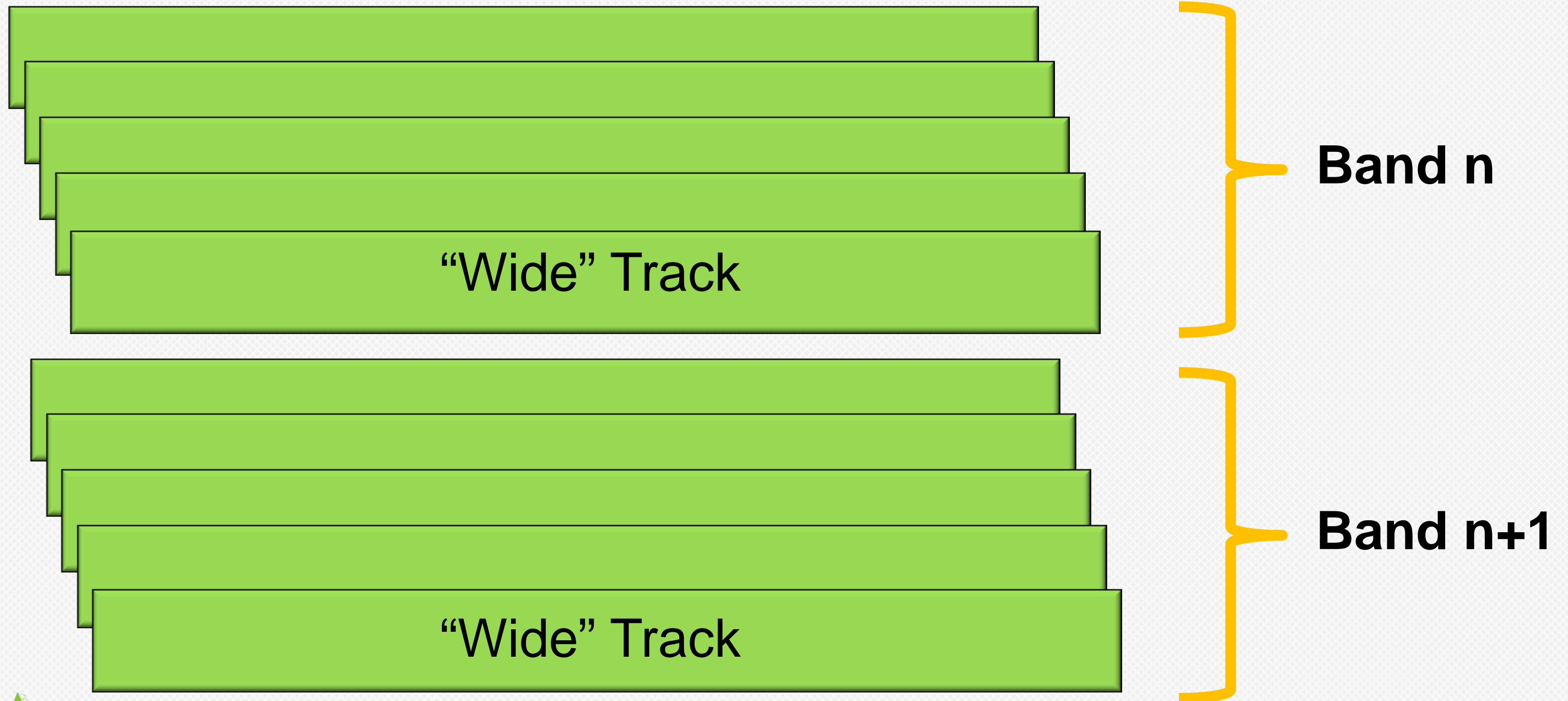
# What About Random Writes?



- \* New Data is written
- \* Neighboring data is destroyed



# Grouping tracks into Bands



What other strategies do we have to handle random performance?



# SMR Architectures

**New  
Communication  
Method**  
Standard progressing in  
T10 (SAS) &  
T13 (SATA)

**Drive Managed  
SMR HDD**

## New rules for writing

### Host Aware SMR

- Host can optimize write behavior
- What if new write rules are not 100% followed?
  - Drive Managed performance
- Backward Compatible

### Restricted SMR

- Host must optimize write behavior
- What if new write rules are not 100% followed?
  - Device rejects the request
- Not backward compatible – new device type

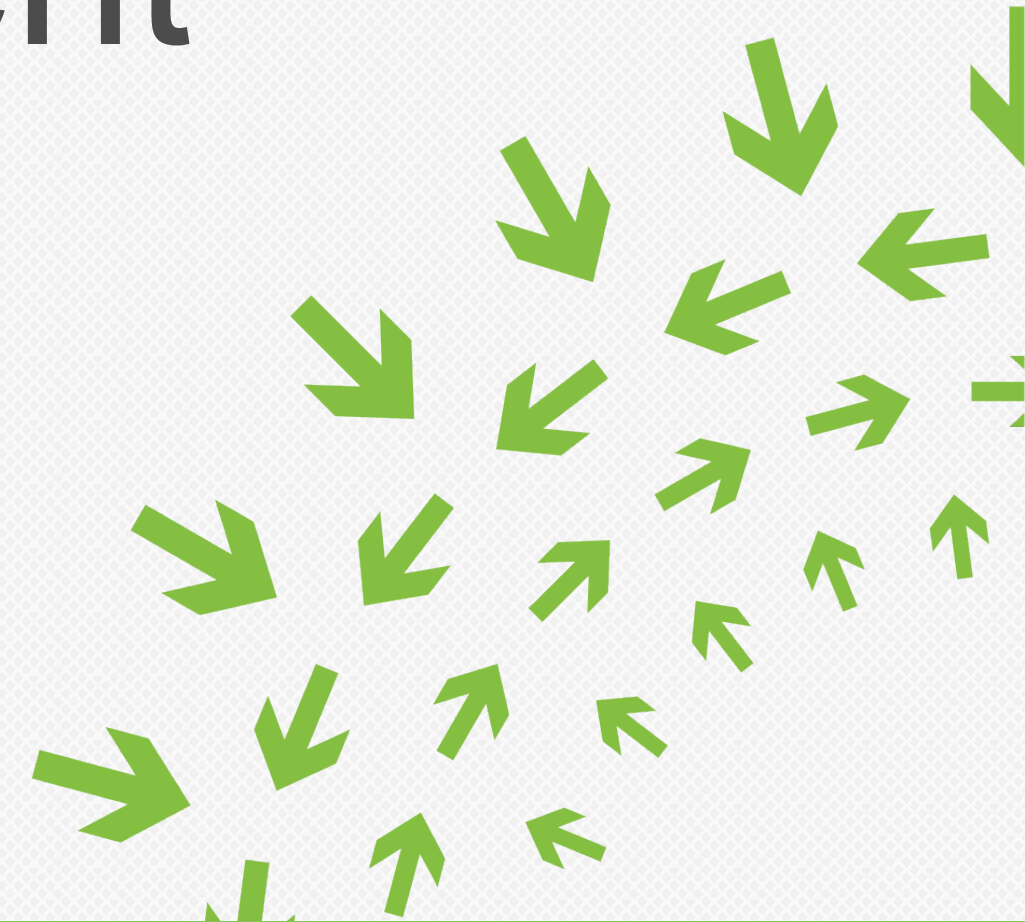
No Standard required  
Drive manages all requests  
Fully backward compatible





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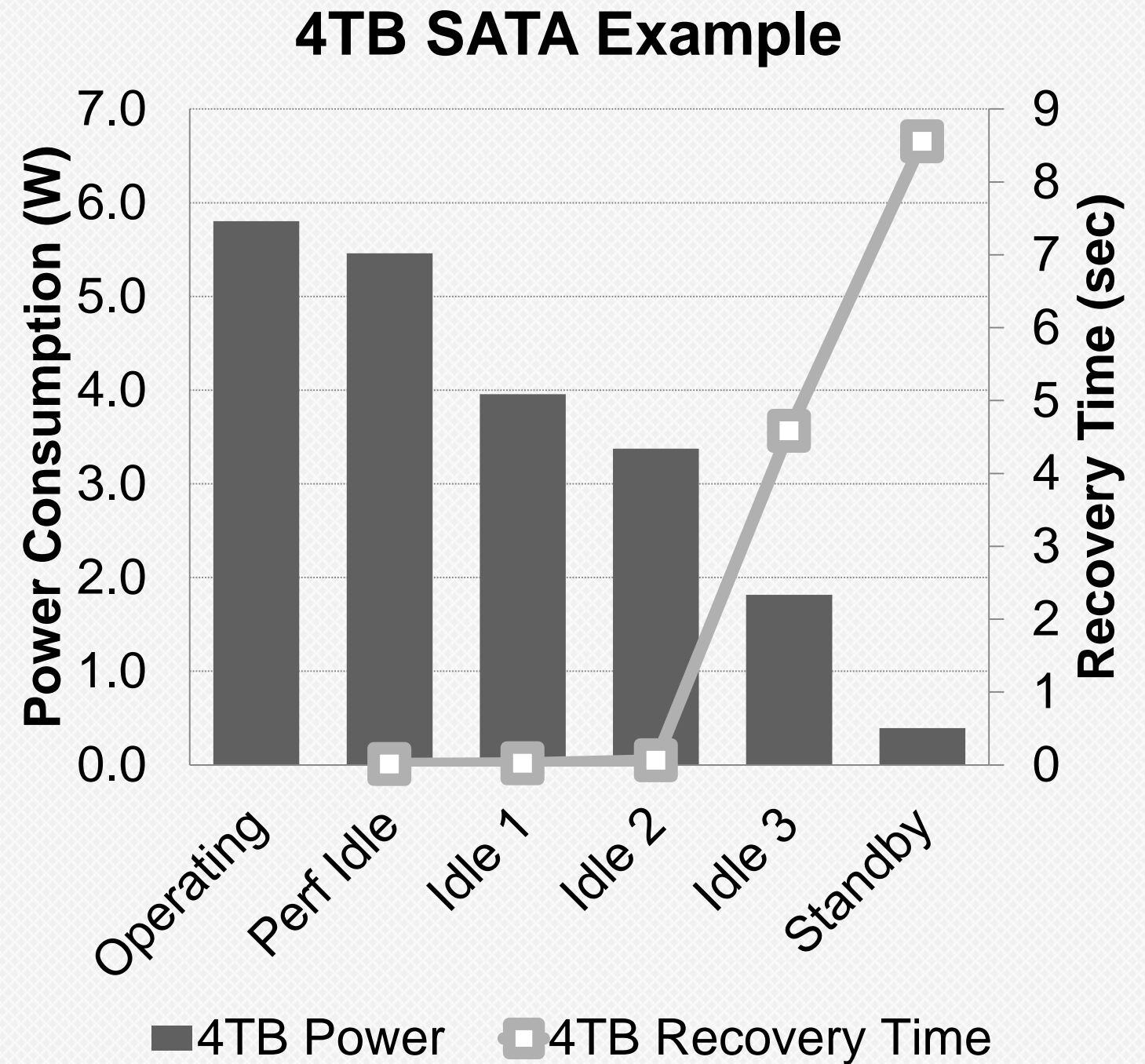
# Power Management





# Power Management

- Enables storage devices to operate in lower power states with faster recovery latencies
- Firmware Features enable hosts to manage or control power states
  - Automated Power Management (APM)
  - PowerChoice™



# Drive Health Management ...

- **In-Field Drive Diagnostics  
(IDD)**



# What is In-Field Drive Diagnostics (IDD)?

- Drives conduct self diagnostics in-situ – No Drive Removal!
  - Firmware Feature
  - Host initiates IDD



Goal

**Reduce operating cost**

by reducing unnecessary, costly, and time-consuming drive removal



# In-Drive Diagnostics Details

in-situ self diagnostics,  
in-situ error detection, &  
in-situ repair

The host determines and invokes when the  
feature is run

extension of existing firmware features

- accessed through ATA SMART commands



# Value to Customers

## IDD

- 1) Reduces TCO for large scale-out data centers
- 2) Aligns with hyper-scale data center automation philosophy and architecture
- 3) Reduces costs associated with drive maintenance – HDD checks, HDD pulls and replacement, HDD returns, and human errors related to drive maintenance
- 4) Improves operational efficiencies – load balancing, minimizes data migration and resources needed for migrating data



# Call to Action for Cold Storage Devices

## Engage with your HDD provider on SMR

- Participate in changes to standards and file systems
- T10 (SAS) & T13 (SATA)

## Lower the operational costs of Cold Storage

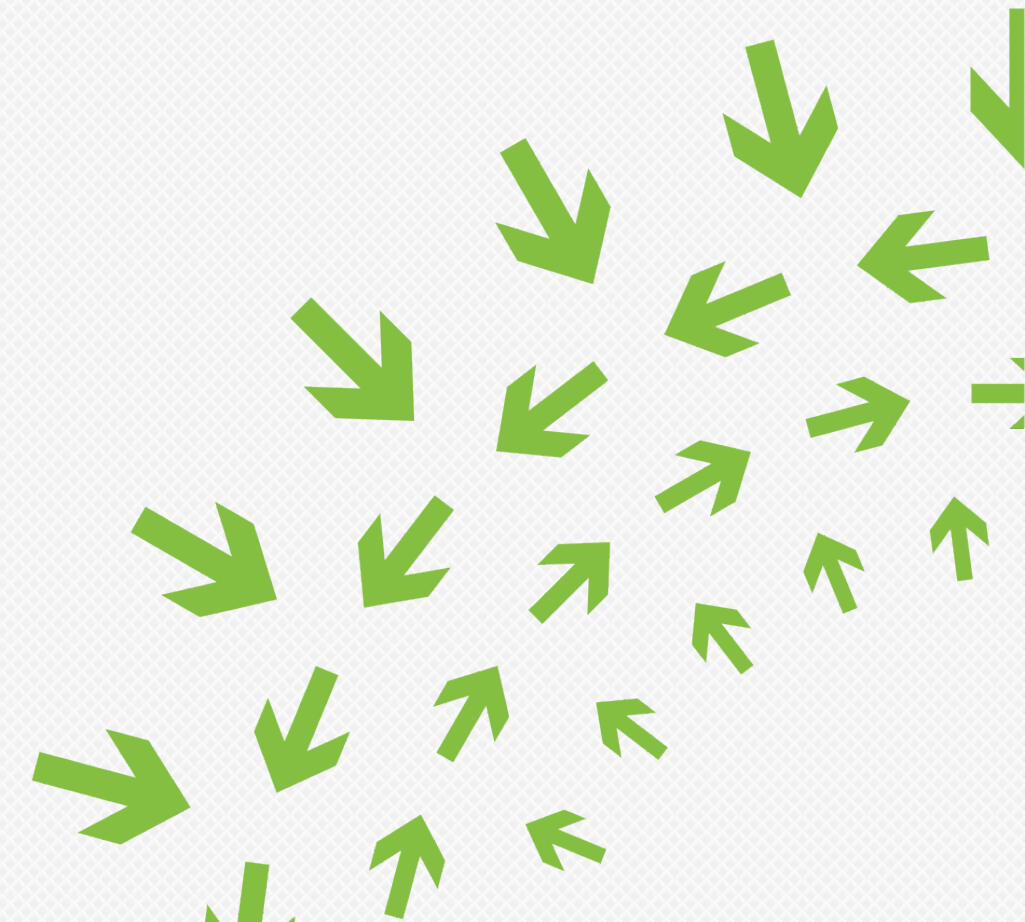
- Lower energy consumption → Power Management features
- Better operational efficiency → In-Drive-Diagnostics for drive health





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**Thank You**





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