



STORAGE BRIDGE BAY  
WORKING GROUP, INC

**An Introduction to the  
Storage Bridge Bay**

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# What is SBB?

- Specifications created by a non-profit working group that define mechanical/electrical interfaces between a passive backplane drive array and the electronics packages that give the array its “personality”



# SBB Members

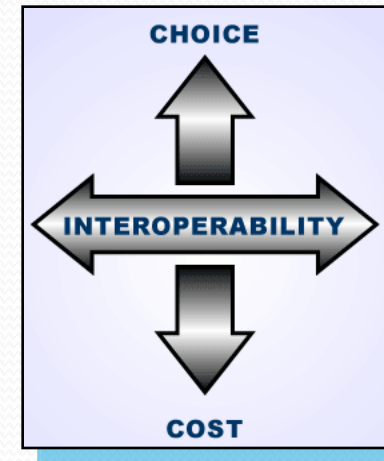


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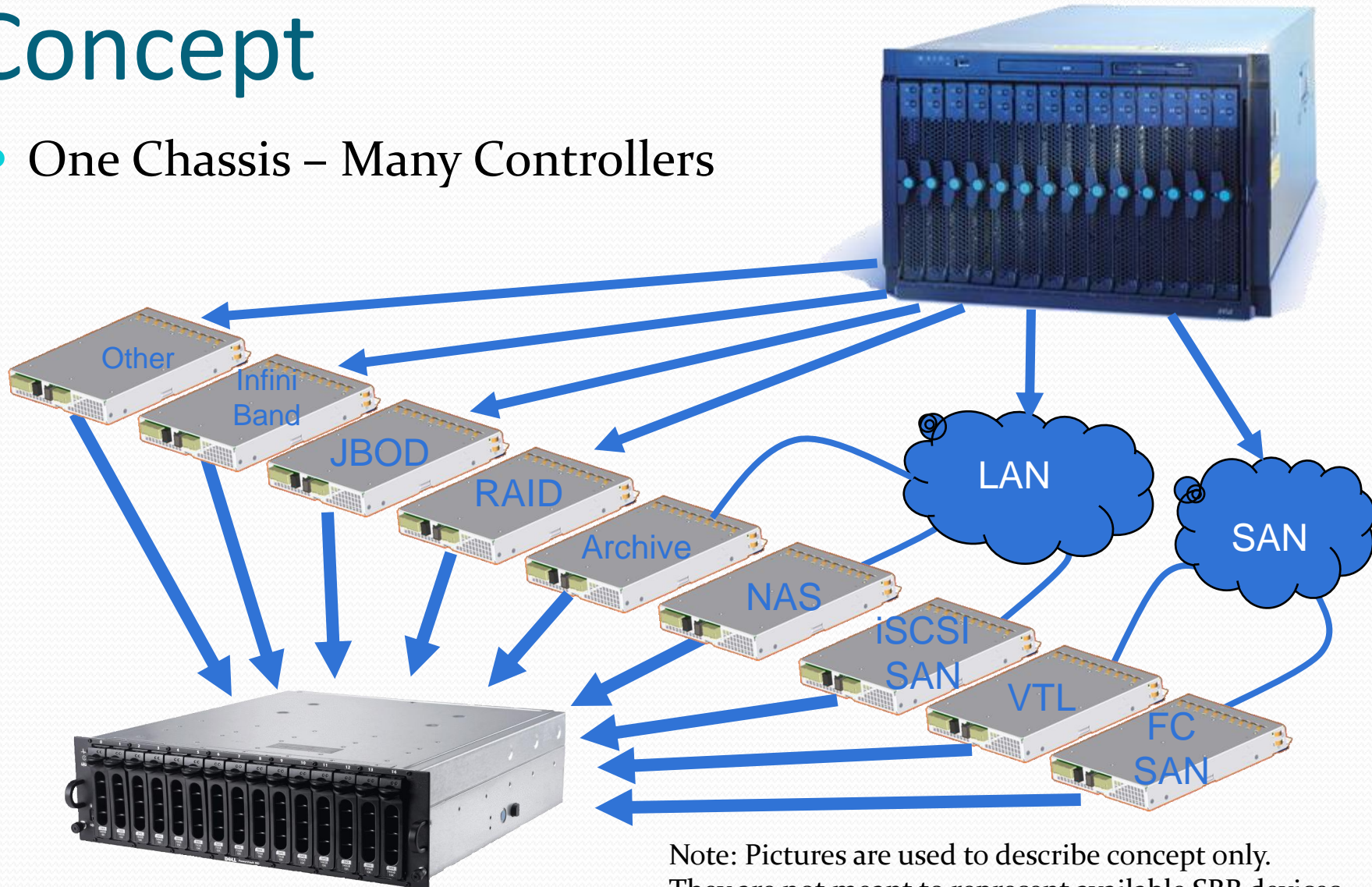
# SNIA and SBB

- Both organizations are in full support of each other!
- The SNIA and the SBB Working Group see their efforts as complementary and non-overlapping
- Overall goal is to provide standards that help drive customer choice, reduce cost and improve interoperability



# Concept

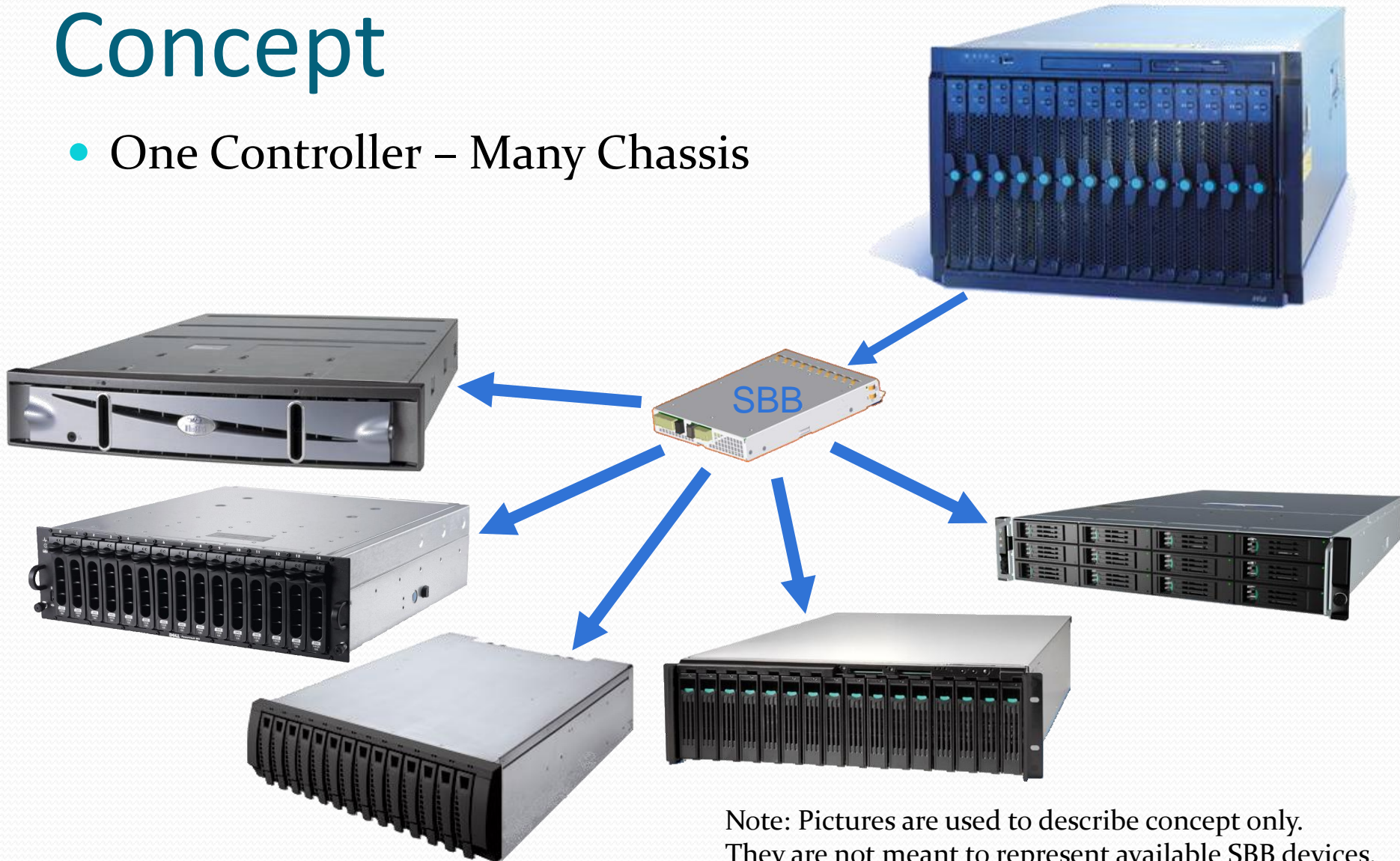
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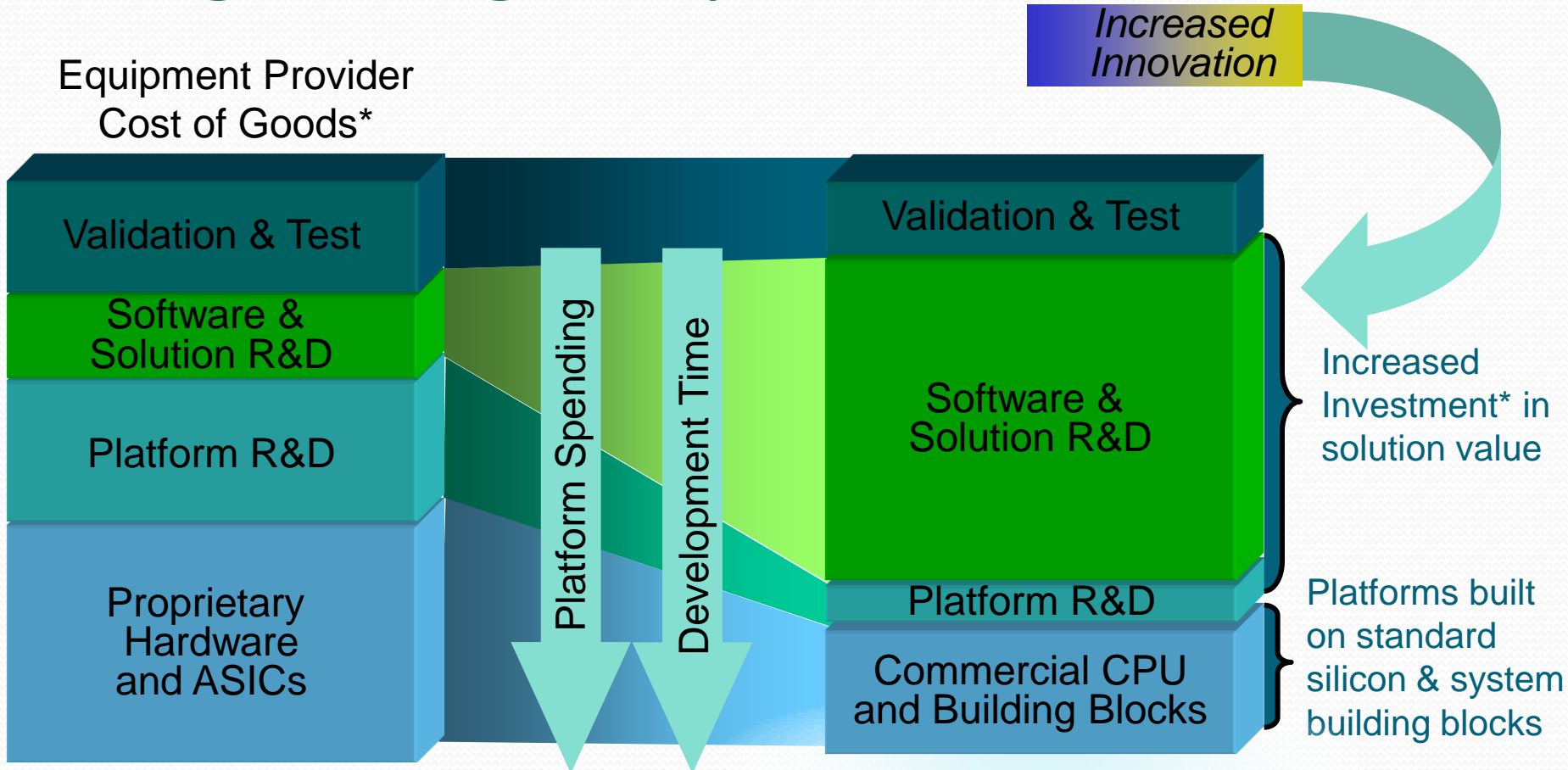
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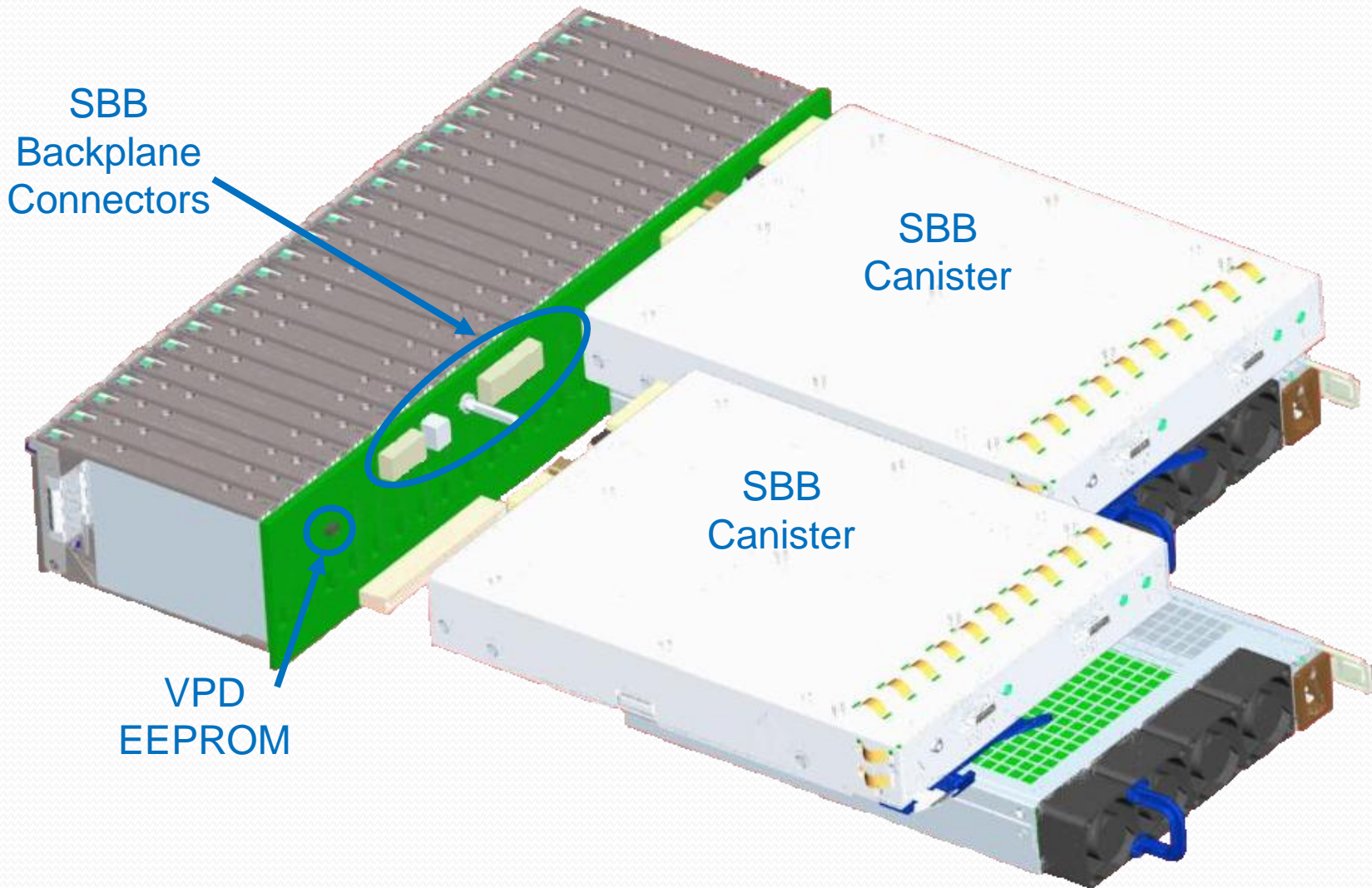
# Storage Bridge Bay Benefits



\* Actual Investment will vary – conceptual chart based on Intel Marketing

**End User Benefit: Increased Quality, Faster Access to New Technologies, Greater Range of Product Offerings, Lower Cost**

# Specification Focus



# SBB Features

Feature	SBB 1.0 (Released)	SBB 2.0 (In Development)
<b>Physical Dimensions</b>	Board volume constraints	Common Canister
<b>Power Profiles</b>	60W, 100W	60, 100W, 150W, 200W
<b>Drives Supported</b>	24	48
<b>Signal Speeds</b>	3G SAS, 2G FC, 2.5G PCIe	6G SAS*, 4G FC, 5G PCIe
<b>Canister Interconnects</b>	8 full duplex lanes	17 full duplex lanes
<b>Interoperability Model</b>	Vendor specific	Identify and determine compatibility

\*Note: 6G SAS SBB requirements may be released as a supplement to SBB Version 2.0 depending on when the 6G SAS specification is completed.

# For More Information

- Visit [SBBWG.org](http://SBBWG.org) for:
  - SBB Specification 1.0 (free download)
  - Presentations on SBB
  - Information on joining the SBB Working Group



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**SBB 2.0**

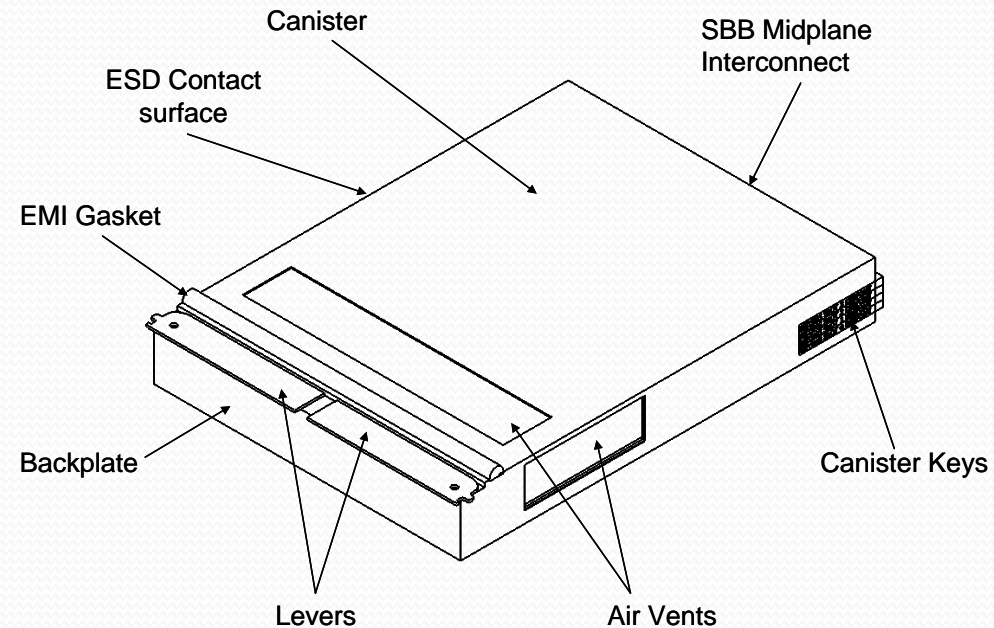
The Next Generation of SBB Innovation  
(In Development)

# Proposed SBB 2.0 Enhancements

- Common canister
- Support for higher power components
- Additional requirements for greater interoperability
- Incorporation of next generation disk interface technology
- Support for high density disk enclosures

# SBB 2.0 Common Canister

- External sheet metal dimensions/details
- Common latching mechanism
- EMI suppression solution
- Faceplate keepout area
- Mechanical keying
  - SAS vs. FC
  - SBB 1.0 canisters in SBB 2.0 enclosures
  - Anti-inversion
- Inlet and exhaust areas



SBB 1.0 = Board Volume Constraints → SBB 2.0 = Common Canister  
Motivation: Reduction in Hardware Integration Cycle

# SBB 2.0 Power Provisions

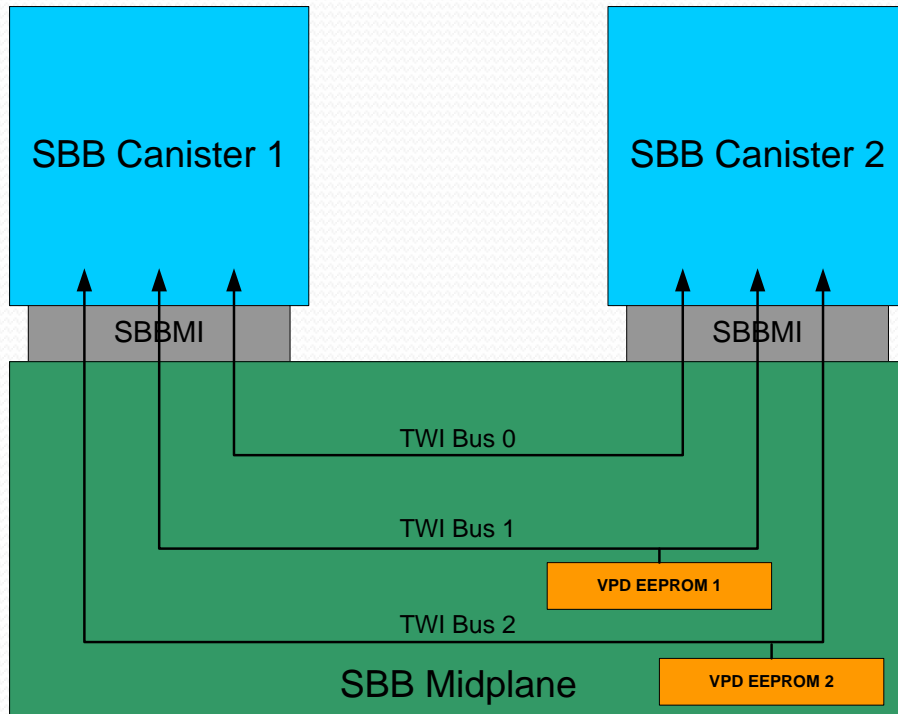
Power Source	Voltage	Average Current	Power
12V	+12V DC	5–16.66A	60 – 200W

Concept power supply



SBB 1.0  $\leq$  100W  $\rightarrow$  SBB 2.0  $\leq$  200W  
Motivation: Support for higher power components

# Enhanced Enclosure Management

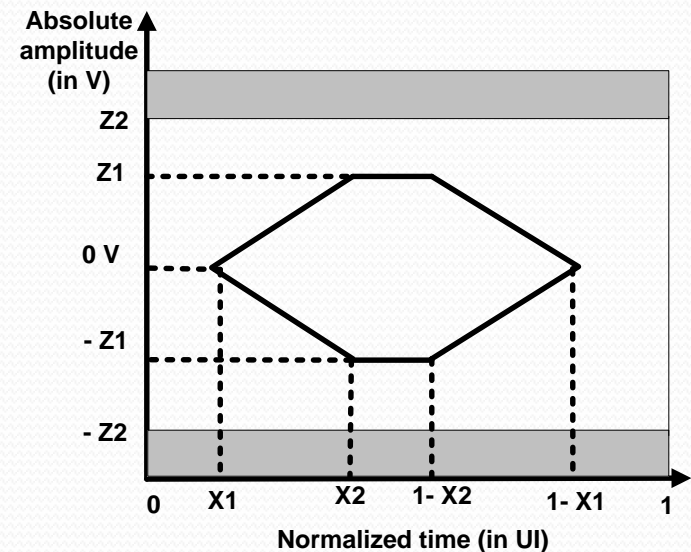
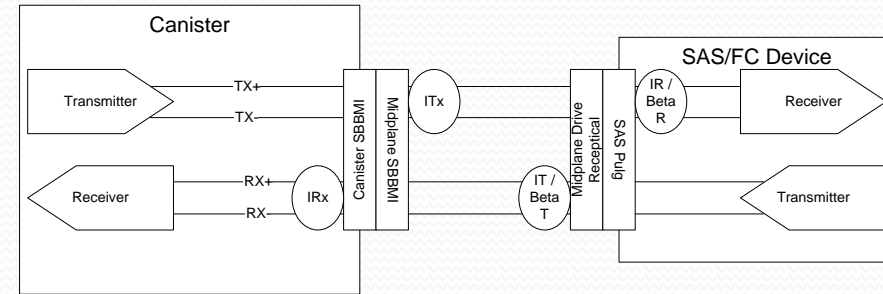


- Hot-plug Management
  - Mutual discovery of partner canister
  - Handshake procedure
  - Shutdown algorithm for incompatible canisters
- Additional VPD Information
  - Power profiles
  - Thermal profiles
  - Vent locations
  - Supported signals
- Enumeration of I2C devices
- Power Management
  - Power-up sequence
  - Staggered drive startup
  - External battery management
- GPIO usage models

SBB 1.0 = Plug and mate → SBB 2.0 = Smart controllers  
 Motivation: Reduce integration cycle

# Higher Speed Signals

- New drive interfaces
  - 4G Fibre Channel
  - 6G SAS\*
  - 6G SATA\* - supported only by interposer
- New Canister inter-communication interfaces
  - 6G SAS\*
  - PCIe 2.0 (5 G)
  - 4G Fibre Channel
  - GbE (KX)



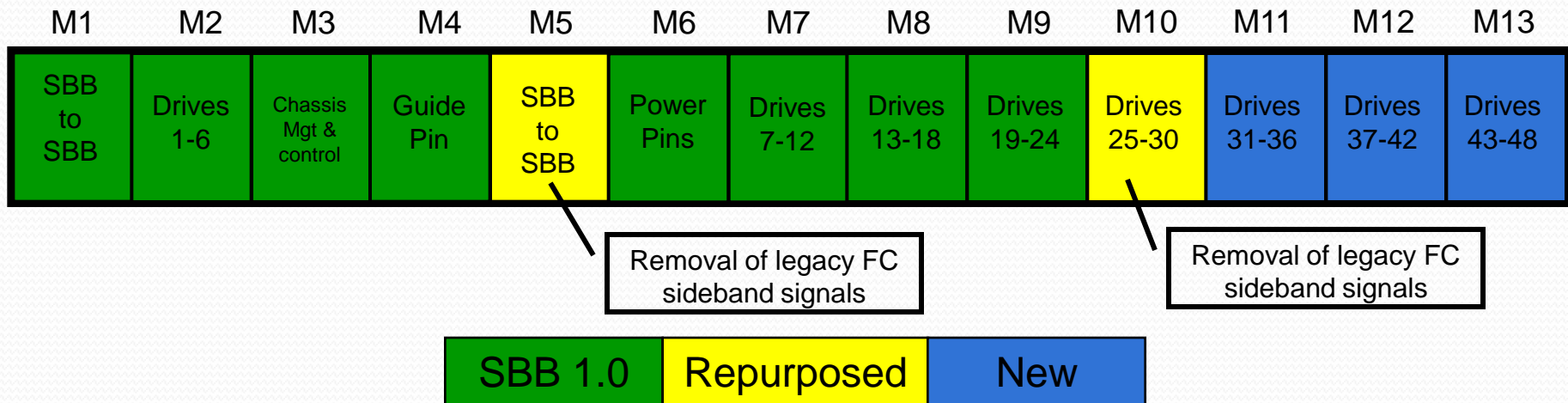
SBB 1.0 =  $\leq 3$  Gb/s  $\longrightarrow$  SBB 2.0 =  $\leq 6$  Gb/s

Motivation: Support for evolution of interconnect technology

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# Expanded Modular Connector

- Support for up to 48 drives
- Additional inter-canister communication signals



SBB 1.0 =  $\leq 28$  drives  $\longrightarrow$  SBB 2.0 =  $\leq 48$  drives  
 Motivation: Wider range of enclosure designs

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