

# The \$1 Trillion Al Semiconductor Tectonic Shift

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- IT Spending Driven by AI
- Semiconductor and Capex Outlook
- Inference accelerates growth
- Enterprise AI moving from experiment to deployment
- Constraints lead to value capture for semiconductor ecosystem
- Recommendations and Q&A

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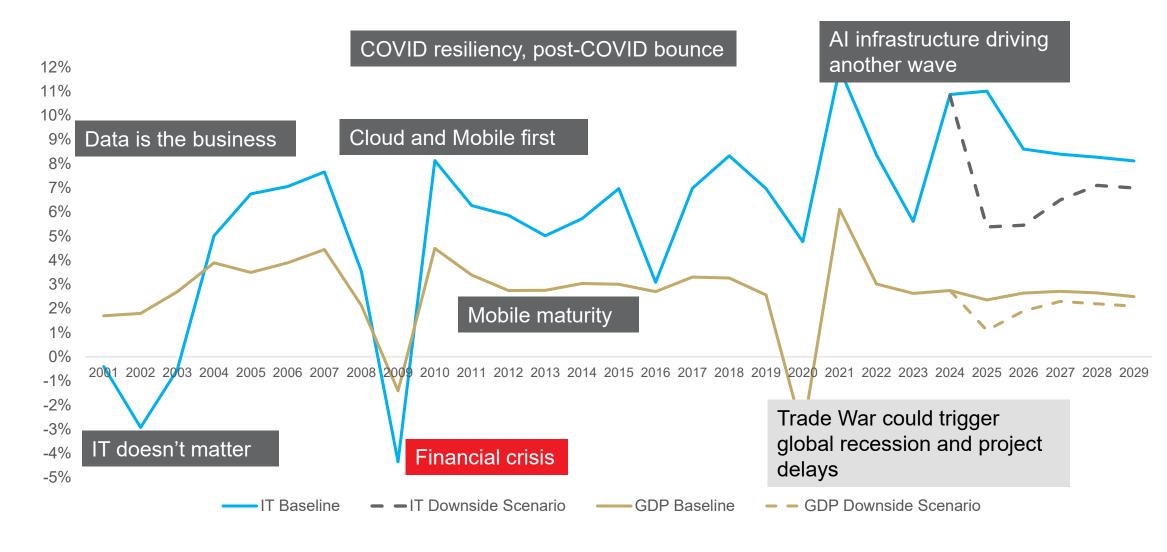
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## **Key Takeaways**

- Semiconductor industry to reach \$1Trillion (Source: IDC Sept. 2025), two years earlier than consensus
- Al is driving IT spending higher
   Semi ecosystem is the primary beneficiary, as non-Al sectors like auto, consumer, and industrial continue prolonged correction
- Inference is set to accelerate as language models continue to get smarter, smaller, cheaper, and more open
- Enterprise adoption has been lagging so far but excitement building for the decade of AI agents and an overdue replacement in HW (AI enabled clients and smartphones)
- Investments have been concentrated in the DC market segment so far, Edge and Client are also set to benefit long term as Al inference and reasoning are adopted across devices and Al changes user interface (UI)
- Significant challenges remain including soaring costs, power shortages, and geopolitical uncertainty-strong
  and agile company leadership is a prerequisite for sustainable growth and competitive differentiation
- Entire semi ecosystem must scale and partner to realize the potential of AI

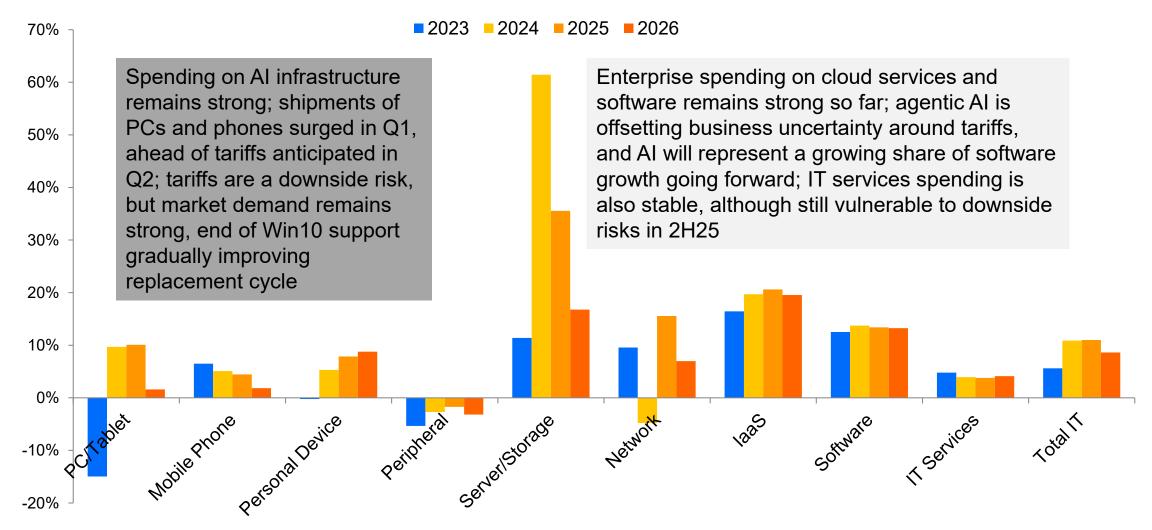
## Worldwide IT Spending: Al Boom Offsetting Tariff Uncertainty



Source: IDC Worldwide Black Book (2025) growth in constant currency; excludes telecom spending and business/OT services



## Today's IT spending epicenter is in the Data Center



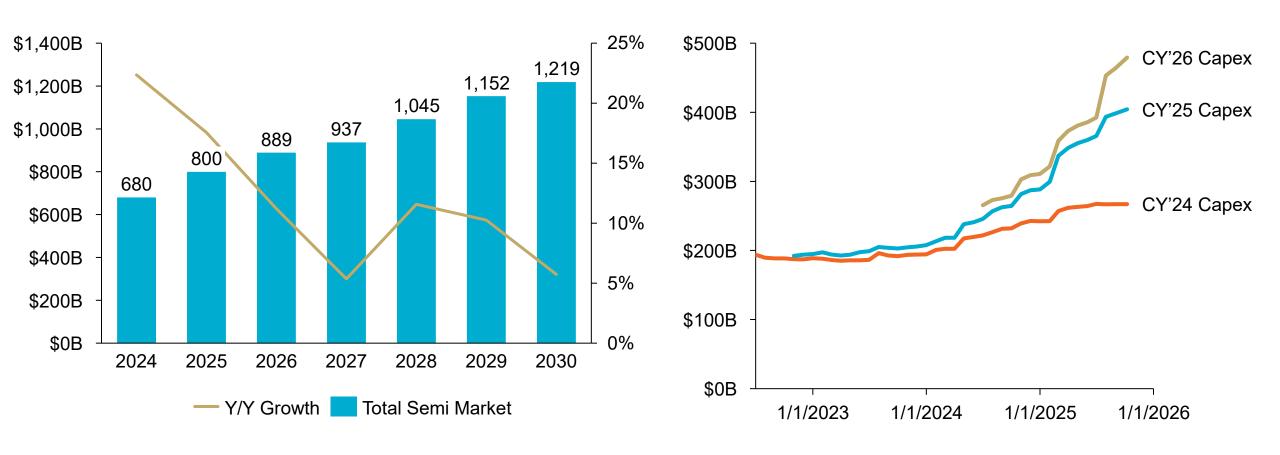
Source: Worldwide Black Book, 2025 (growth in constant currency); Personal Device includes wearables and AR/VR viewers; Peripheral includes printers, MFPs and PC monitors; Software includes SaaS, PaaS and on-premise software

## Semi and Capex Forecasts continue to be revised up

#### **Total Semi Market Forecast**

**Top 8 MDC Capex Wall Street Forecast** 

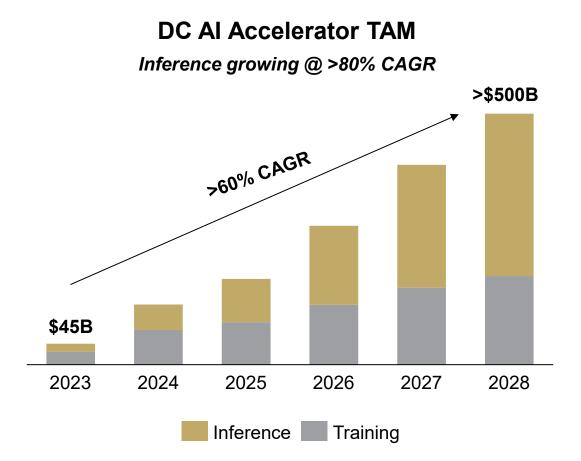
Source: Factset Consensus



Source: IDC Semiconductors, September 2025

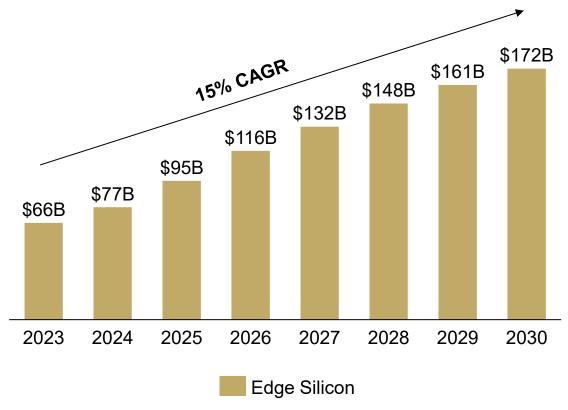
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#### Inference is set to accelerate



Source: AMD AAI (June'25)

#### **Edge Al Silicon TAM**

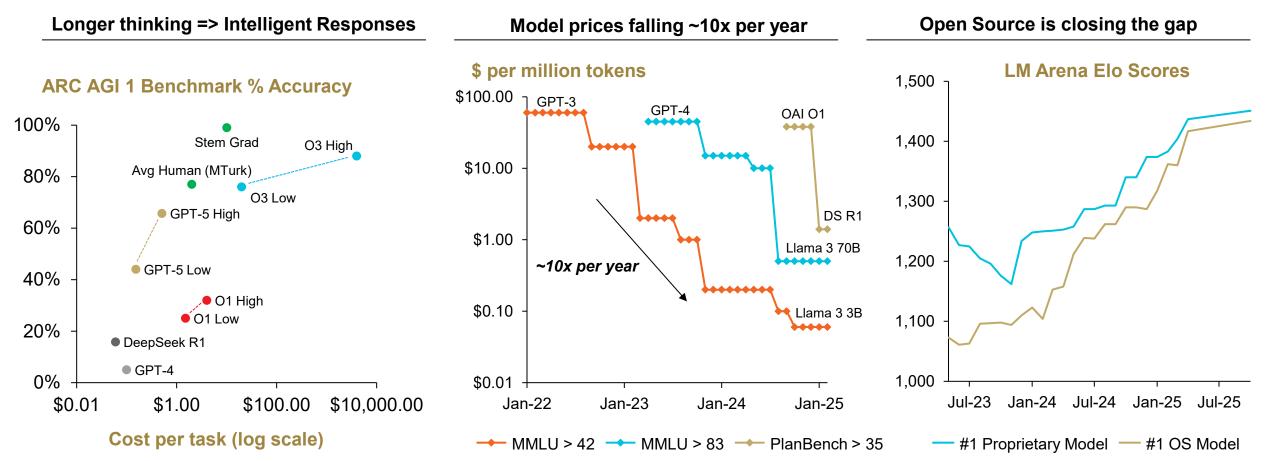


Source: IDC Sep 2025

- Reasoning models / Test Time Compute driving compute intensive inference
- Al use cases continue to proliferate as models become smarter, cheaper and more reliable



## Al is getting better, cheaper and more open

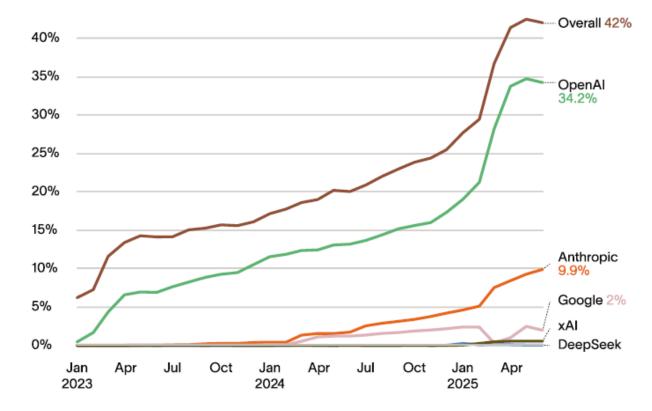


Al usage is growing quickly: Google noted 980 trillion monthly tokens in July (2x growth in 2 months), Microsoft noted 500 trillion tokens for Microsoft Foundry API this year (up 7x vs. last year)



## **Enterprise AI – from experiment to deployment**

Share of U.S. businesses with paid subscriptions to Al models, platforms, and tools



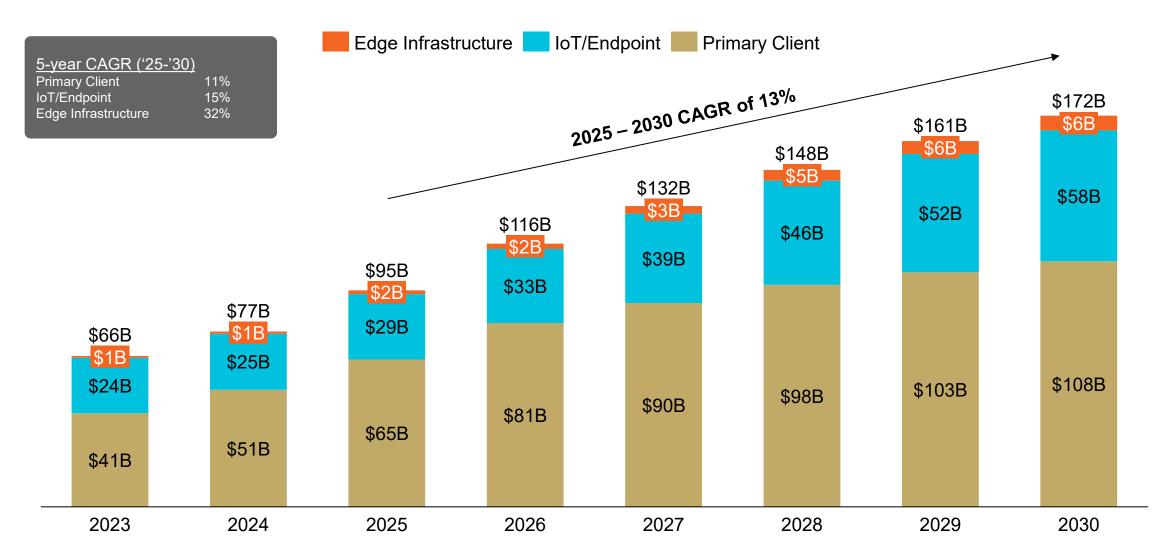
Source: Ramp Summer 2025 Business Spending report Note: Ramp is a payment platform with 40K+ Enterprise customers

- Al today is primarily driven by consumer chatbot use cases, reportedly driving ~70% of OpenAl revenue despite only 5% of consumers being paying subscribers
- Enterprise adoption has been lagging while many enterprises doing trials / experiments, at scale deployments are concentrated in select verticals / use cases (such as customer service and customer facing automation, call centers, coding)
- ROI is the key concern AI needs to get smarter, cheaper, more reliable to unlock more use cases leveraging the enterprise data
- Substantial excitement for AI agents, with surveys indicating almost all enterprises expecting to launch AI agents at scale with positive ROI by 2027
- IDC expects Enterprise AI spending of \$1.5T in 2025 2028,

## Enterprise AI – barriers and challenges as the market shifts

- **Mckinsey:** >75% of enterprises have <20% of their workforce reskilled for AI; <10% have reskilled >50% of their workforce
- BCG: 93% are planning to invest in AI, but only 26% of enterprises have scaled AI / seeing ROI
- **KPMG:** Half of leaders are currently scaling their GenAl, but only a third anticipate being able to measure ROI, and none have reached that stage
- **IBM:** CEOs report that only 25% of AI initiatives have delivered expected ROI over the last few years, and only 16% have scaled enterprise wide
- Accenture: (Sept 2025) announce large reduction in employee workforce, as company shifts to Al driven services and retools to a staff that is augmented with Al agents to support customers
- Gartner: Demonstrating ROI is the number one barrier to scaling enterprise AI
- Berkshire Hathaway (April 2025): "We not yet made a conscious big-time effort to invest in AI in terms of pouring a lot of money into this opportunity. My guess is we will be in a state of readiness, and should that opportunity pop up we'll be in a state where we'll jump in promptly"
- **OpenAl** has launched an Enterprise Consulting offering to help customers deploy and scale Al which will compete against existing enterprise vendors and management consulting firms

## Edge AI Silicon Revenue Forecast by Market Segment

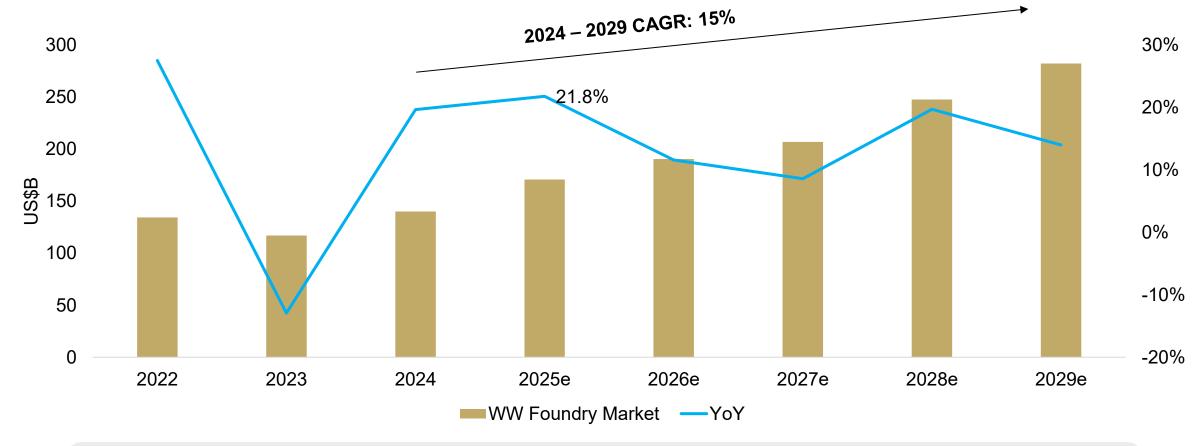


## Al growth also fuels Foundry and Memory Markets



## **Worldwide Foundry Market Forecast**

#### Revenue USD

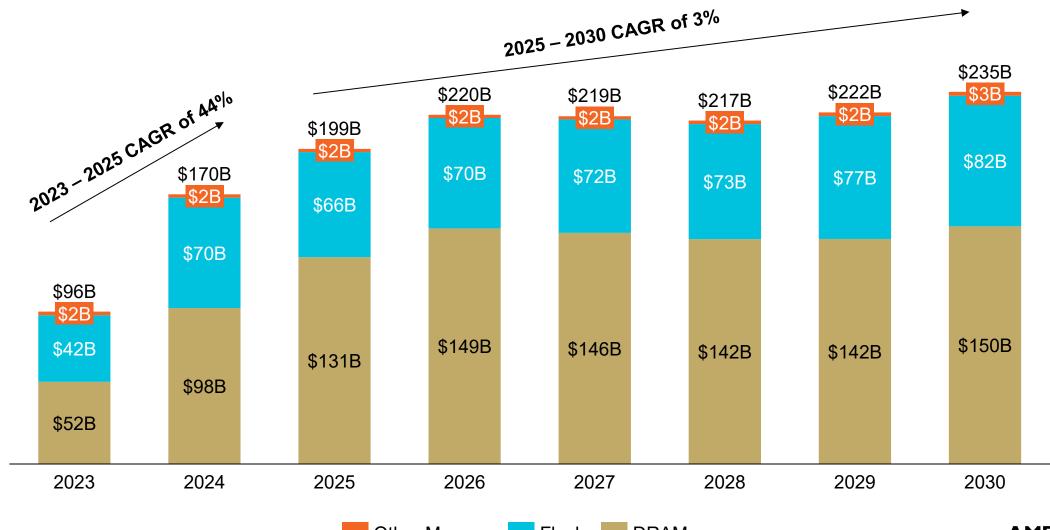


- Worldwide foundry market to grow by 21.8% this year, revised upward from our previous 18.7% forecast as TSMC's growth outlook increased from 25% to 32%.
- With strong AI demand serving as a catalyst, the worldwide foundry market CAGR is now expected to reach 15%, up from 14%, highlighting AI and 2nm technology hitting key inflection points of demand and supply

Source: IDC STSI Sep 2025

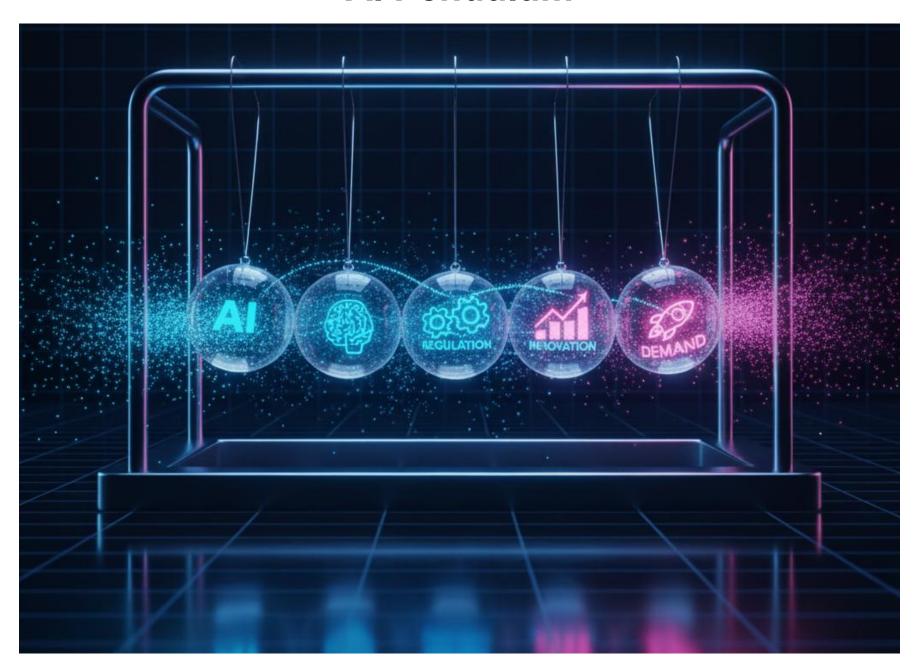


## Memory Market Forecast; HBM CAGR Driving Investment and Growth





## **Al Pendulum**



## Things to watch as Al evolves

Technology breakthroughs to maintain the current curve of innovation



Al Models – continue model improvement at the current trajectory



**Technologies** – improved fundamental technologies (leading edge nodes, lower power, optics, systems



**Specialization** – models and Al agents specialized and optimized for a specific application or vertical market



**Al Factories** – ability for Al to scale up for mass deployment

#### Path to productivity and profitability



**End User Adoption** – ability of Al to increase productivity of end user cases



**Business Model** – players ability to monetize AI (e.g., traditional DC, telco, subscription SW, new models, ...)



**Al Moves Outside DC** – drive productivity in "real world" through physical implementations or embodied Al

## The Al Pendulum: Growth constraints, costs, and value capture













#### **External growth constraints**

#### Power:

- Data center power demand set to double by 2030 (IEA)
- US shortfall alone estimated at 15-45 GW (McKinsey, Morgan Stanley)
- Power, not silicon, is becoming the primary bottleneck

## Geopolitical uncertainty/Tech and Public Sector Converging:

- Tariffs & export controls disrupt supply chains
- "On-shoring" increases build-out costs & complexity
- Advocate for national and global initiatives integrating technology, policy, and economic strategy
- Existing revenue exposure in China brings higher risk than loss of business due to export control for suppliers

#### Financial model imbalance

#### Al capex >> revenue:

- Al capex is tracking in the hundreds of billions of dollars annually
- Model vendor revenue is much lower (in the tens of billions) but growing rapidly
- Model builders like OAI become the next CSPs
- OpenAl can be a single point of massive success...or

#### Model vendors are not profitable yet:

- Industry reports indicate leading model vendors are burning large amounts of cash and exploring new business models to finance the build-out
- MDCs have called out that the risk of underinvesting >> risk of overinvesting, depreciation will impact margins

#### Semi winners moving up the stack

#### From chips → platforms

- Silicon + interconnect + full SW stack (SDK, libraries)
- Reference systems & solution stacks
- Recurring revenue layered on silicon

#### Margin migration

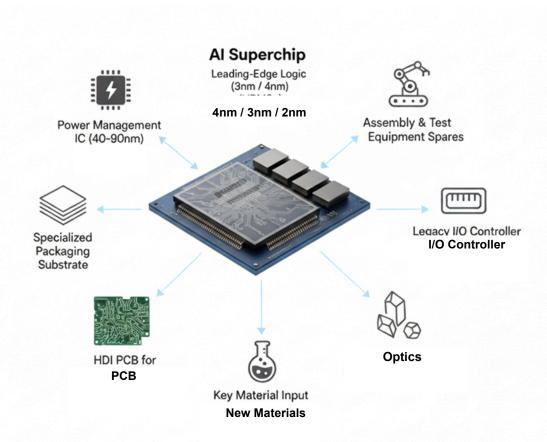
 Platform/solution mix drives blended gross margins toward software-like levels (~70%+)

#### **Ecosystem moat**

- Developer communities, ISV certifications, and portability raise switching costs as TAM expands
- End Demand Spending (companies paying for AI services/models) needs to scale to balance investment



## Al Mandate: Entire Semi ecosystem must partner to scale and realize Al opportunity



#### The "\$10K Chip, \$2 Part" Problem

- Mature-node analog, PMICs, and sensors are as critical as leading-edge wafers and accelerators
- A \$10,000 Al accelerator is useless if it's bottlenecked by the availability of a single \$2 component
- The new market bottlenecks to solve are memory, networking, interconnect, and advanced packaging
- Decades of under-investment in mature-node capacity (40nm+) created a structural supply risk and it exacerbates in the opposite direction as China concentrates production and investment in mature nodes driving down price and margins for the broader industry
- Advanced packaging, interconnects, and high-speed optics are important drivers of performance
- Scaling AI requires a "whole-ecosystem" approach: strategic partnerships and investment across logic, memory, packaging, and the entire mature-node supply chain

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