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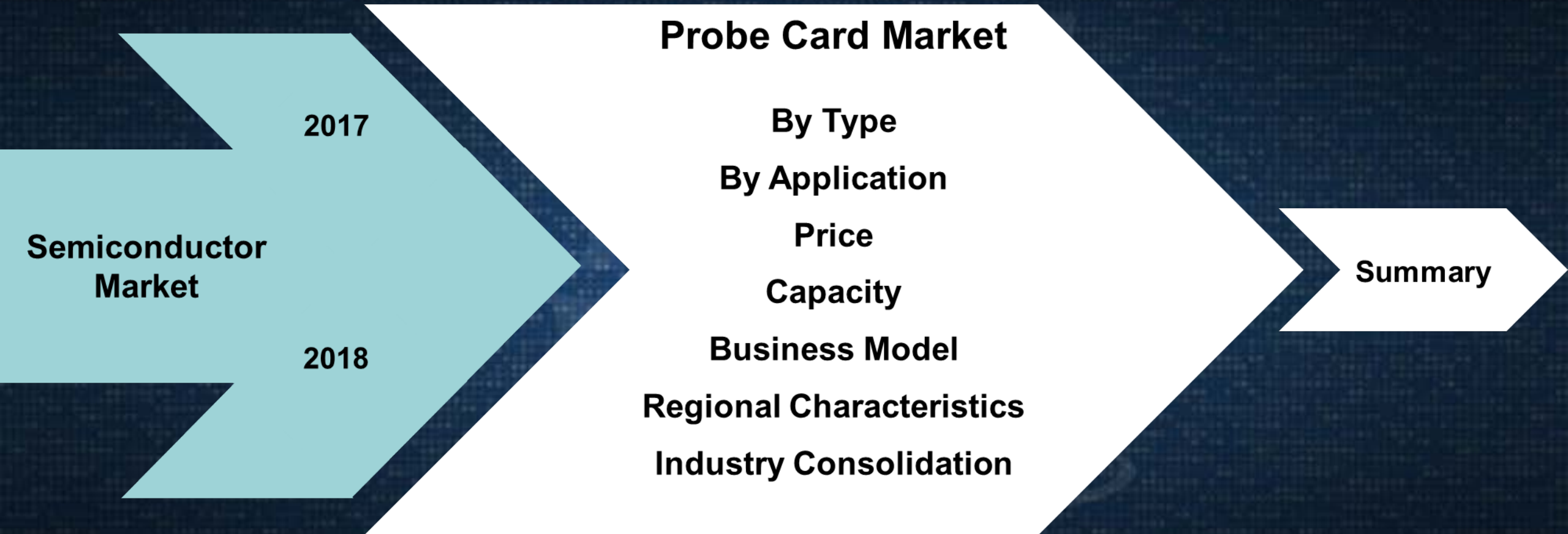
# Probe Card Market Update

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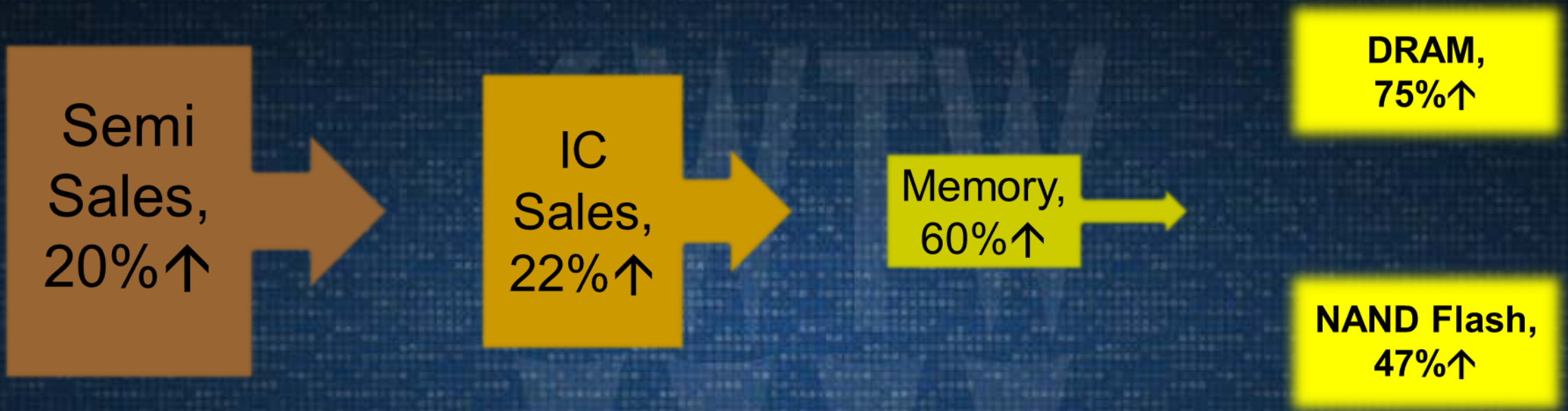
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# Overview





# 2017 Semiconductor Market



- **2017 was an exceptional year for semiconductors with sales exceeding \$400Bn**
- **Memory revenues increased 60% in 2017 compared to revenues in 2016. Key drivers: DRAM and NAND Flash**

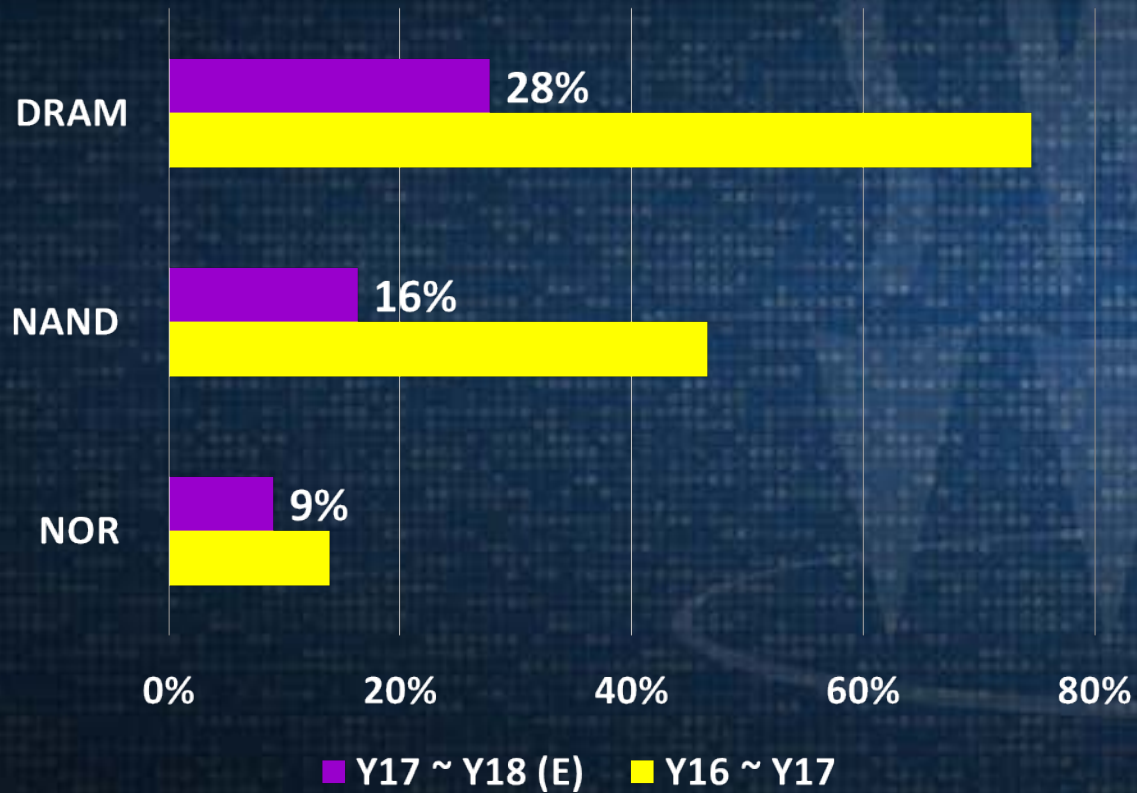
# 2018 Semiconductor Market Outlook

- **Peak growth in semiconductors reached at end of March 2018**
  - Sales of semiconductors in the last week of March 2018 were 30% higher than the same week in 2017
- **Weakening of demand due to falling memory prices**
- **Underlying demand still strong**
- **Chip inventories at a healthy 1.2 months**
  - Currently growing fast (in line with demand) but could spike if demand drops suddenly
- **Expect growth of 12.5% in 2018**



# Semiconductor Memory Market

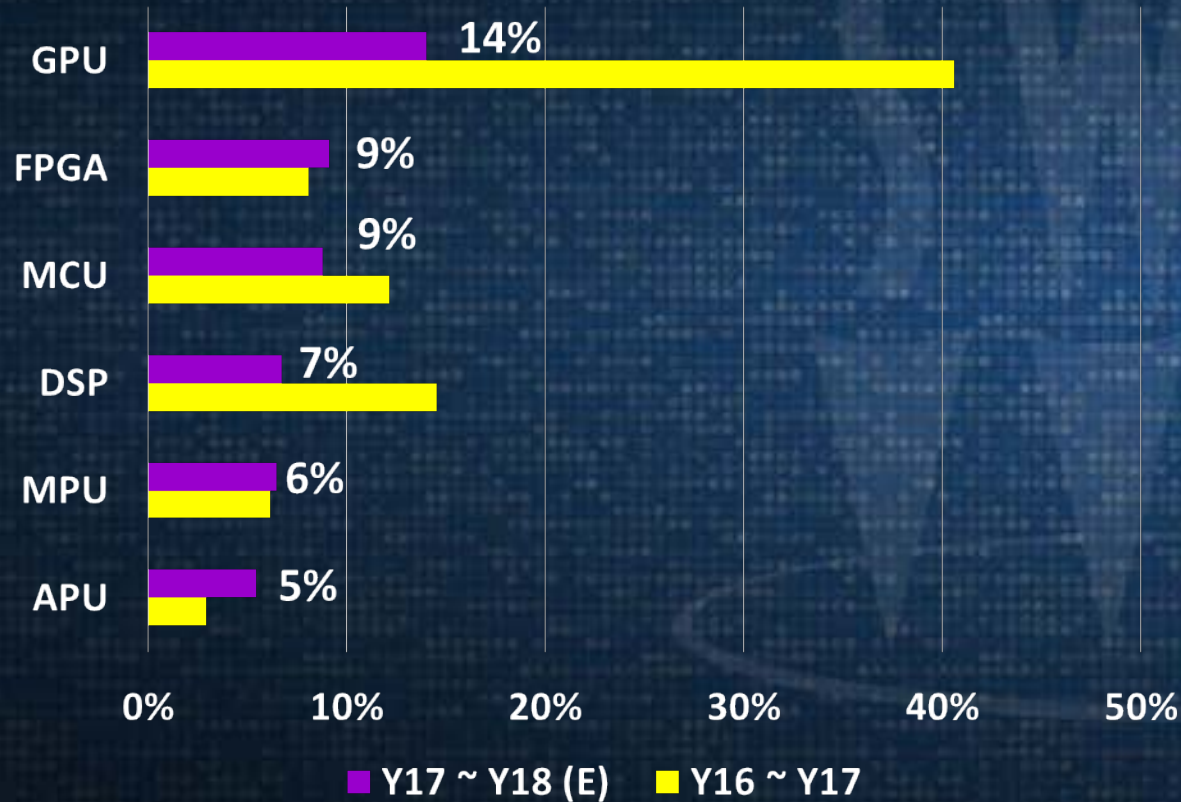
Revenue Growth: Y16 ~ Y17 and  
Y17 ~ Y18(E)



- **DRAM added \$30Bn to semiconductor revenues in 2017**
- **DRAM will be biggest growth driver in 2018**
- **Weakening NAND prices will affect NAND growth**
- **DRAM, NAND Flash and NOR Flash are expected to grow in 2018**

# Semiconductor Non-Memory Market

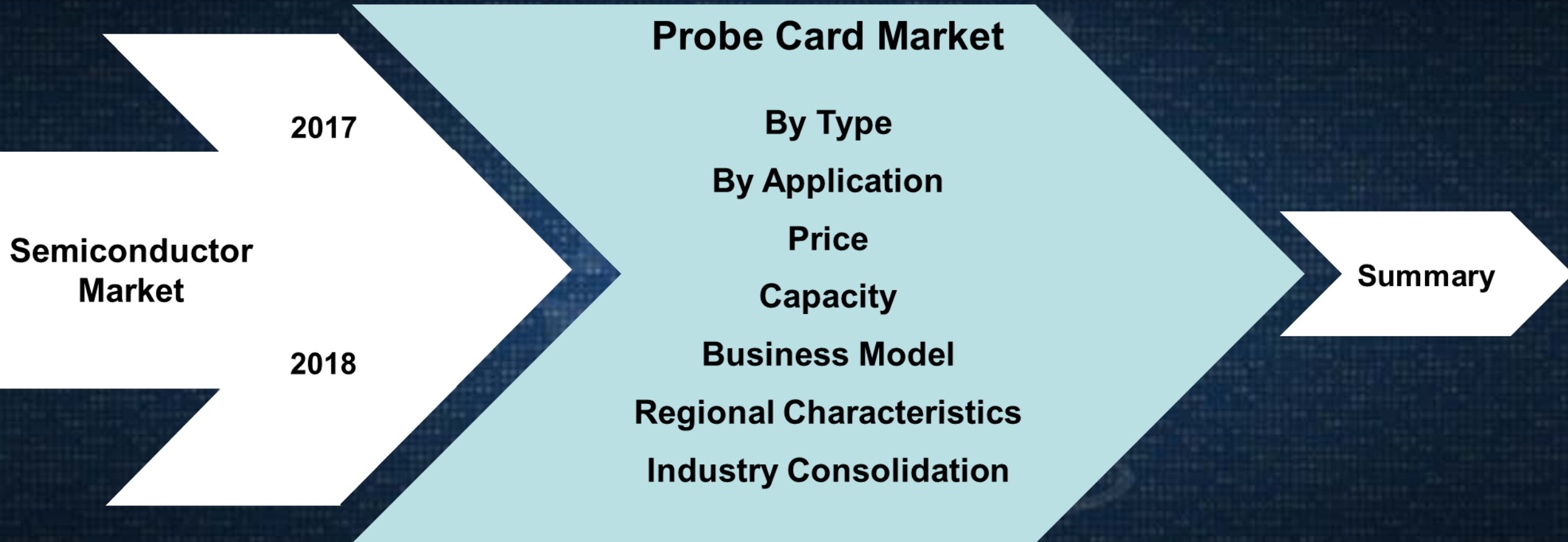
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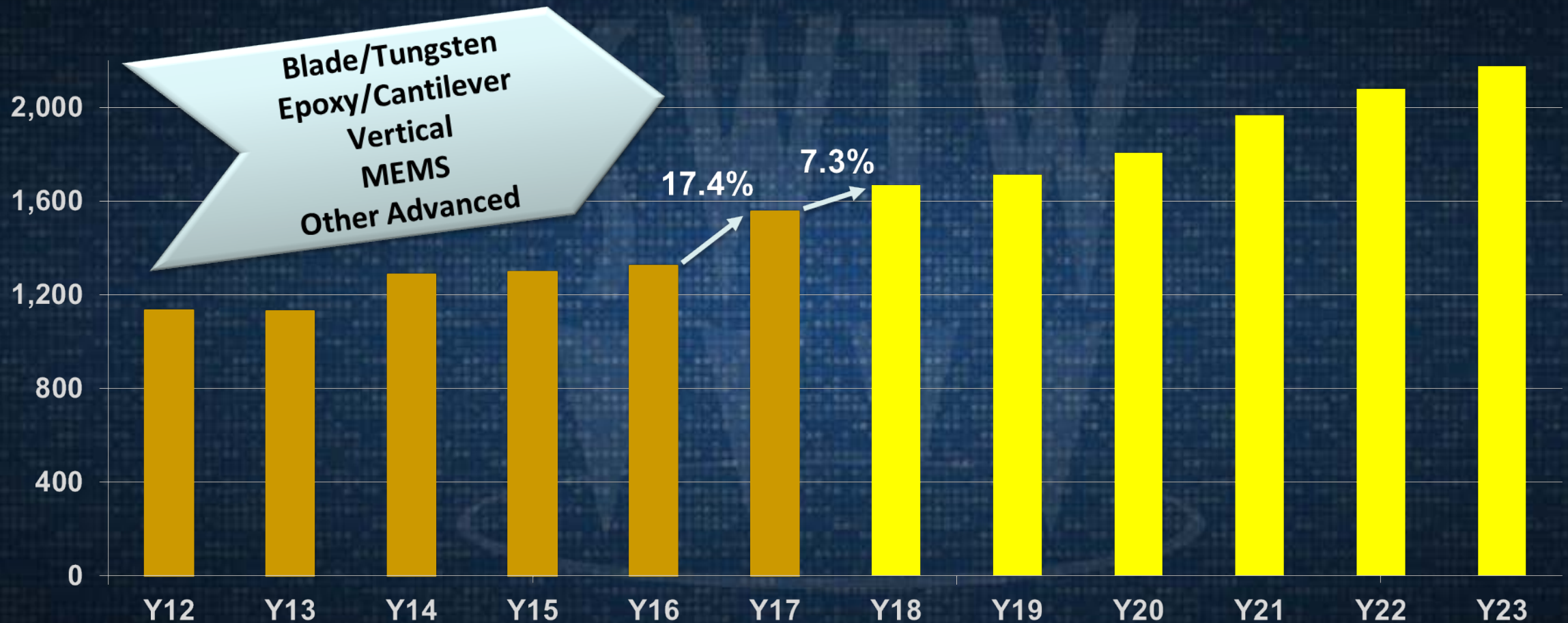
- Logic markets set to grow steadily
- Graphics processor sales strong due to AI and Blockchain
- Applications processor sales weak as smartphone and tablet sales mature



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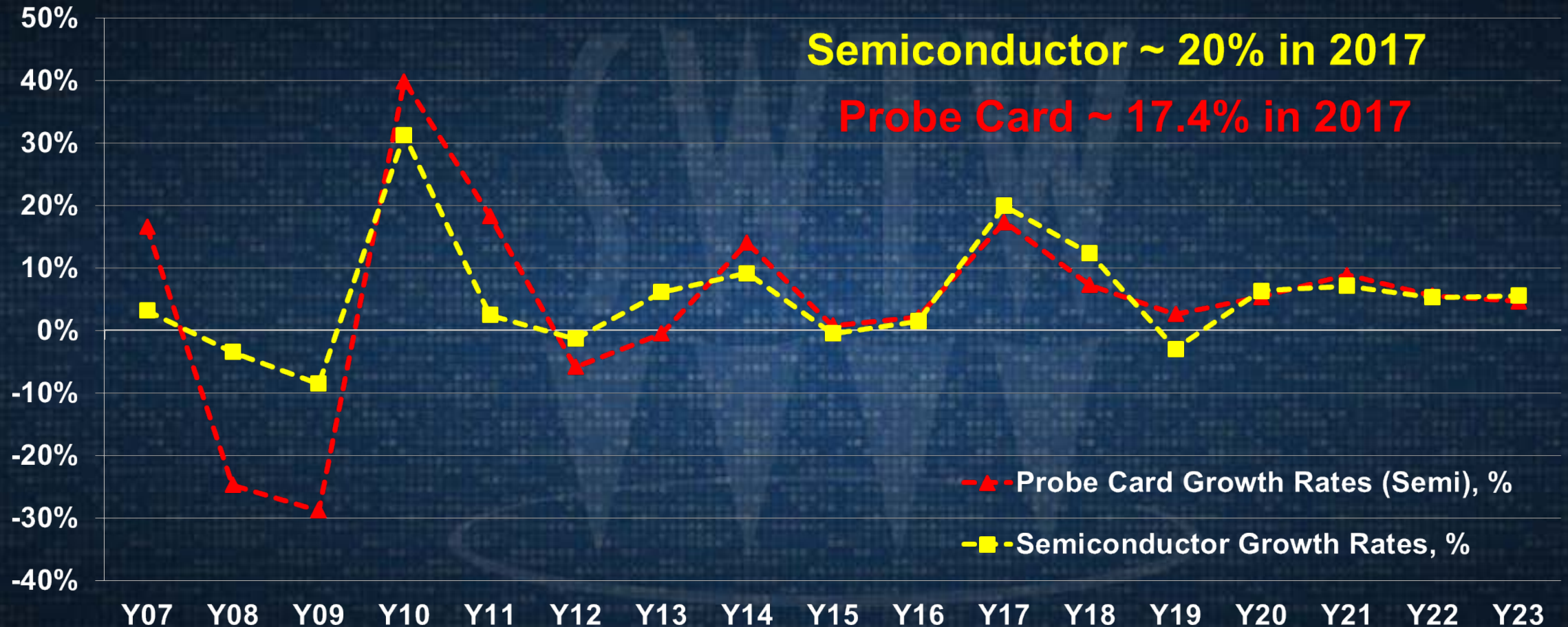
# Probe Card Market Overview, \$M



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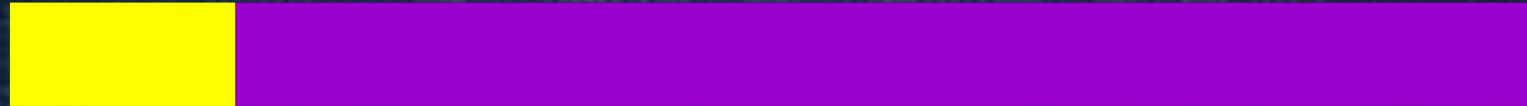
# Probe Card Growth vs. Semiconductor Growth, %



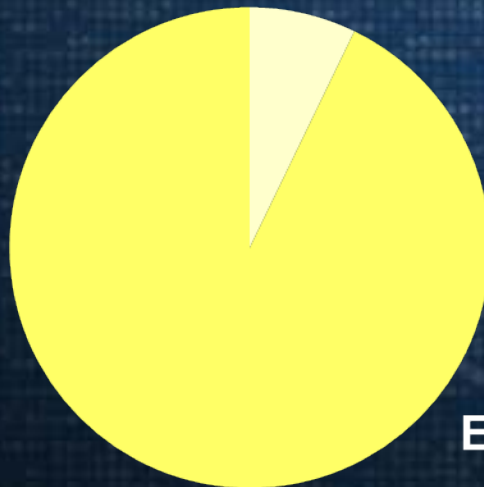
# 2017 Probe Card Revenues by Type, \$M%

Traditional Probe Cards, 15%

Advanced Probe Cards, 85%

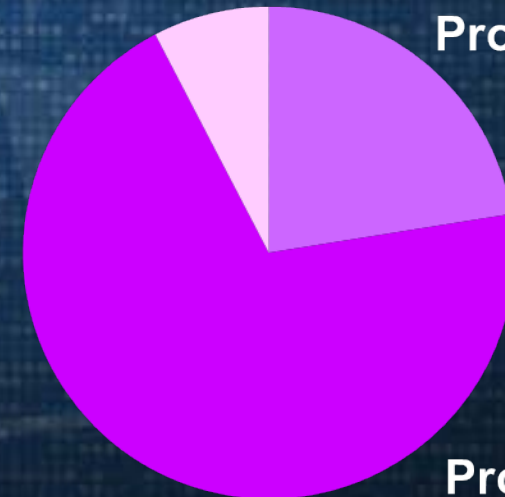


Blade/Tungsten  
Probe Cards



Epoxy/Cantilever  
Probe Cards

Other  
Advanced  
Probe Cards



Vertical  
Probe Cards

MEMS  
Probe Cards



# 2017 Probe Card Revenues by Application, \$M%

Memory Applications, 36%

Non- Memory Applications, 64%



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# Price Trend of the Most Expensive Probe Cards, \$



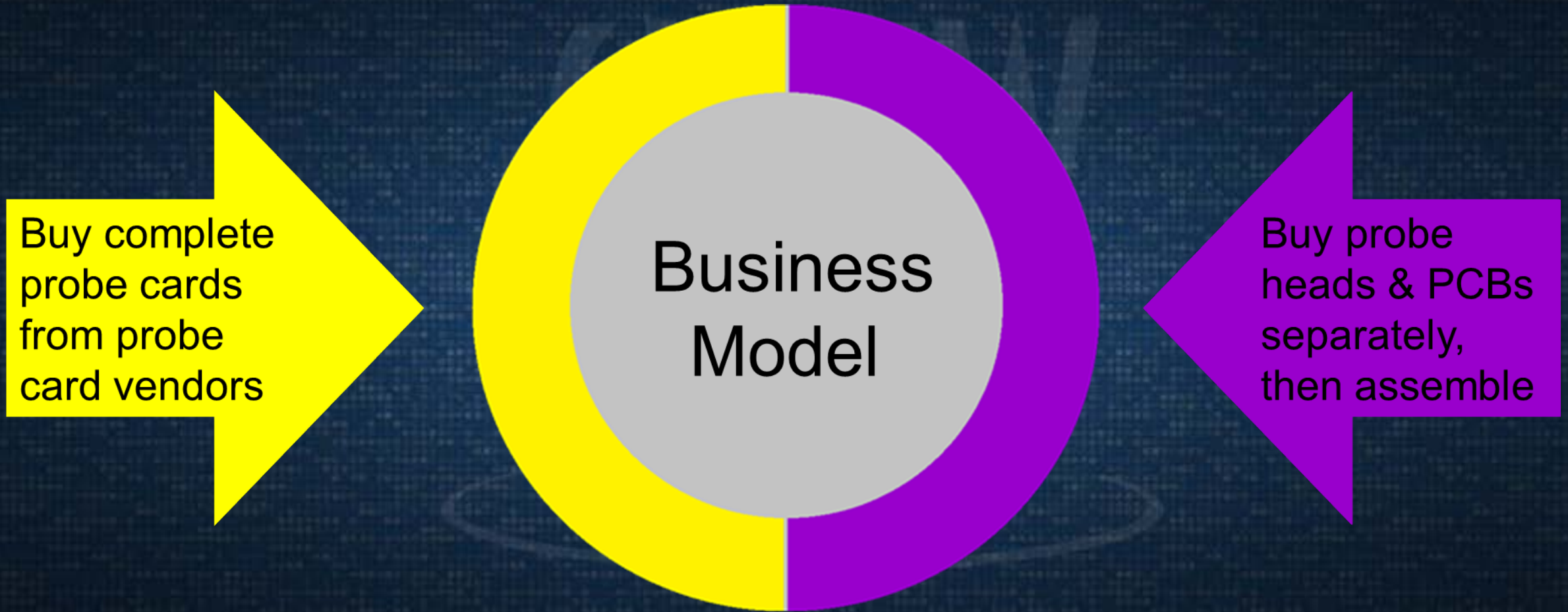
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# Capacity Managing

- In 2017, revenues of MEMS probe cards increased at the fastest rate compared to other types: well above average
- In 2017, Technoprobe built a new factory in Italy to support the increasing demand for high-end probe cards
- At the beginning of 2018, JEM decided to invest a new fab to expand their capacity in 2019

# Business Model of Buyers





# Regional Distribution of Main Suppliers



Main probe card  
suppliers' HQ located :

**Europe**  
**Japan**  
**Korea**  
**North America**

Supply 90% (\$M%)  
probe cards in 2017

# Regional Performance of Main Suppliers

7 Main Probe Card Regions of Consumption:

China, Europe, Japan, Korea, North America, Singapore, Taiwan

<i>Suppliers HQ Location</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Strongest area in above list (Strongest area ~ locally)</i>	<i>Weakest area in above list</i>
Europe	North America	China
Japan	Korea	Europe
Korea	China	Europe
North America	Taiwan	Singapore



# 2017 Industry Consolidation

In 2017, total probe card revenues were \$1.56B



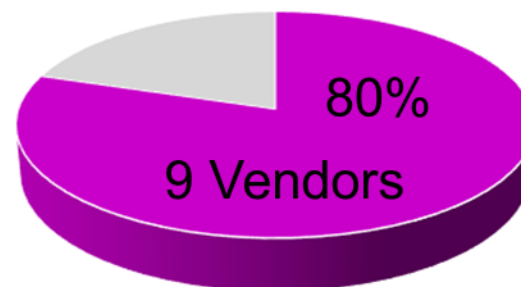
The top 10 vendors accounted for 80% market share

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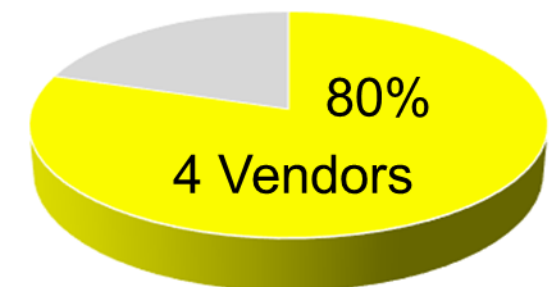
**Concentrated**



**Epoxy/Cantilever**



**Vertical**



**MEMS**

# 2017 Customer Satisfaction Survey

## Surveyed Categories

<b>Company</b>	<b>Product</b>
Trust in supplier	Quality of results
Support after sales	Usable performance
Recommend supplier	Uptime
Commitment	Product performance
Partnering	Overall Value
Field engineering support	
Technical leadership	
Spares support	
Process support	

### THE 2018 HIGHEST-RATED TEST CONNECTIVITY SUPPLIERS

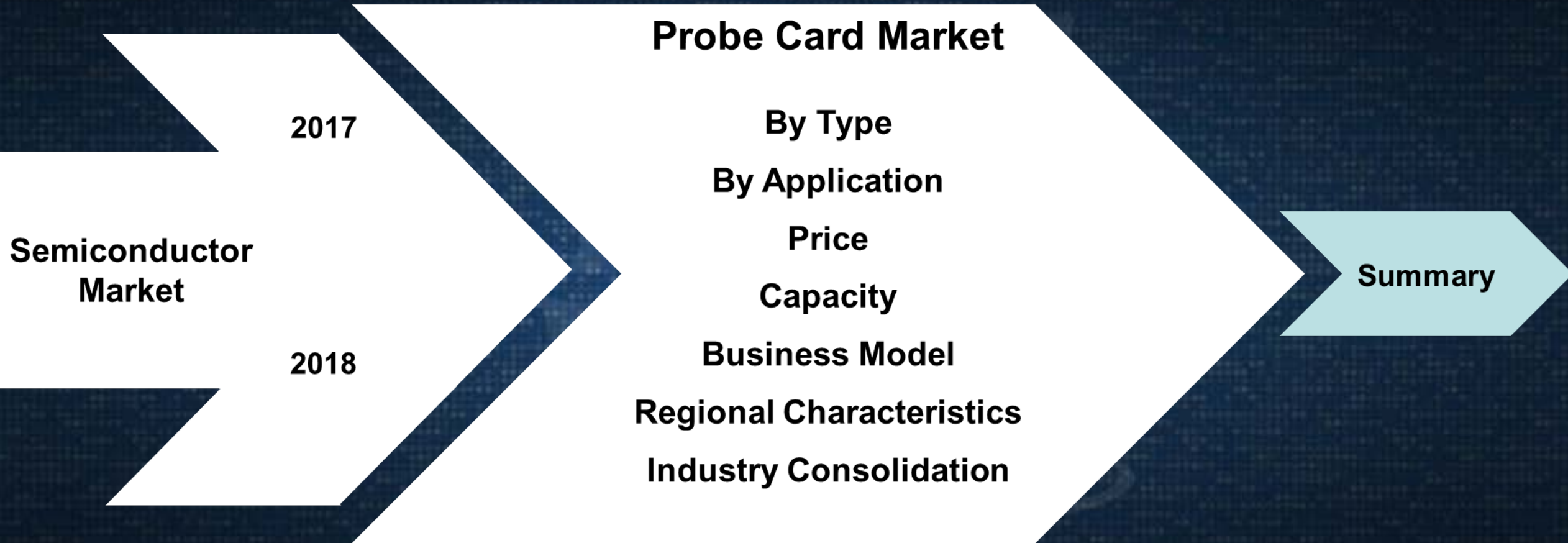
Supplier	Rating	VLSI Stars	Highest-Rated Categories
 <b>TECHNOPROBE</b> <i>Wafer Probing Technologies</i>	9.81	★★★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support After Sales</li> <li>• Trust in Supplier and Partnering</li> </ul>
 <b>FORMFACTOR™</b>	9.15	★★★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend Supplier</li> <li>• Technical Leadership</li> </ul>
 <b>Nidec SVTCL</b>	9.03	★★★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering</li> <li>• Commitment</li> </ul>
 <b>Xcerra</b> <i>measured by your success</i>	8.70	★★★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spares Support</li> <li>• Support After Sales</li> </ul>
 <b>JAPAN ELECTRONIC MATERIALS</b>	8.12	★★★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering</li> <li>• Recommend Supplier</li> </ul>

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# Summary

- Semiconductor sales slowing in 2018 but it is still expected to be another great year with sales growth of 12.5%
- As new memory capacity comes on line, rapidly falling memory prices are likely to result in an overall semiconductor sales decline (-3%) in 2019
- Sales of Analog and Logic chips to grow 8% in 2018 and 2.5% in 2019
- Driven by the semiconductor market, sales of probe cards are expected to be increase by 7.3% in 2018