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Maintainability and Performance for LAMMPS

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LAMMPS a general purpose MD code

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- C++, MPI based open source code: lammps.sandia.gov
- Modular design for easy extensibility by expert users
- Wide variety of supported particle physics:
  - Bio simulations, semi conductors, metals, granular materials
  - E.g. blood transport, strain simulations, grain flow, glass forming, self assembly of nano materials, neutron star matter
- Large flexibility in system constrains
  - Regions, walls, geometric shapes, external forces, particle injection
- Scalable: simulations with up to 6 Million MPI ranks demonstrated

Estimate: 500 Performance Critical Kernels

LAMMPS on next generation platforms

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- Next generation platform support through packages
- GPU

Packages replicate existing physics modules:

Hard to maintain.
Prone to inconsistencies.
Much more code.

- INTEL
  - Intel Offload pragmas for Xeon Phi
  - Offloads force calculations (non-bonded, long range coulomb)

Kokkos: *Performance, Portability and Productivity*

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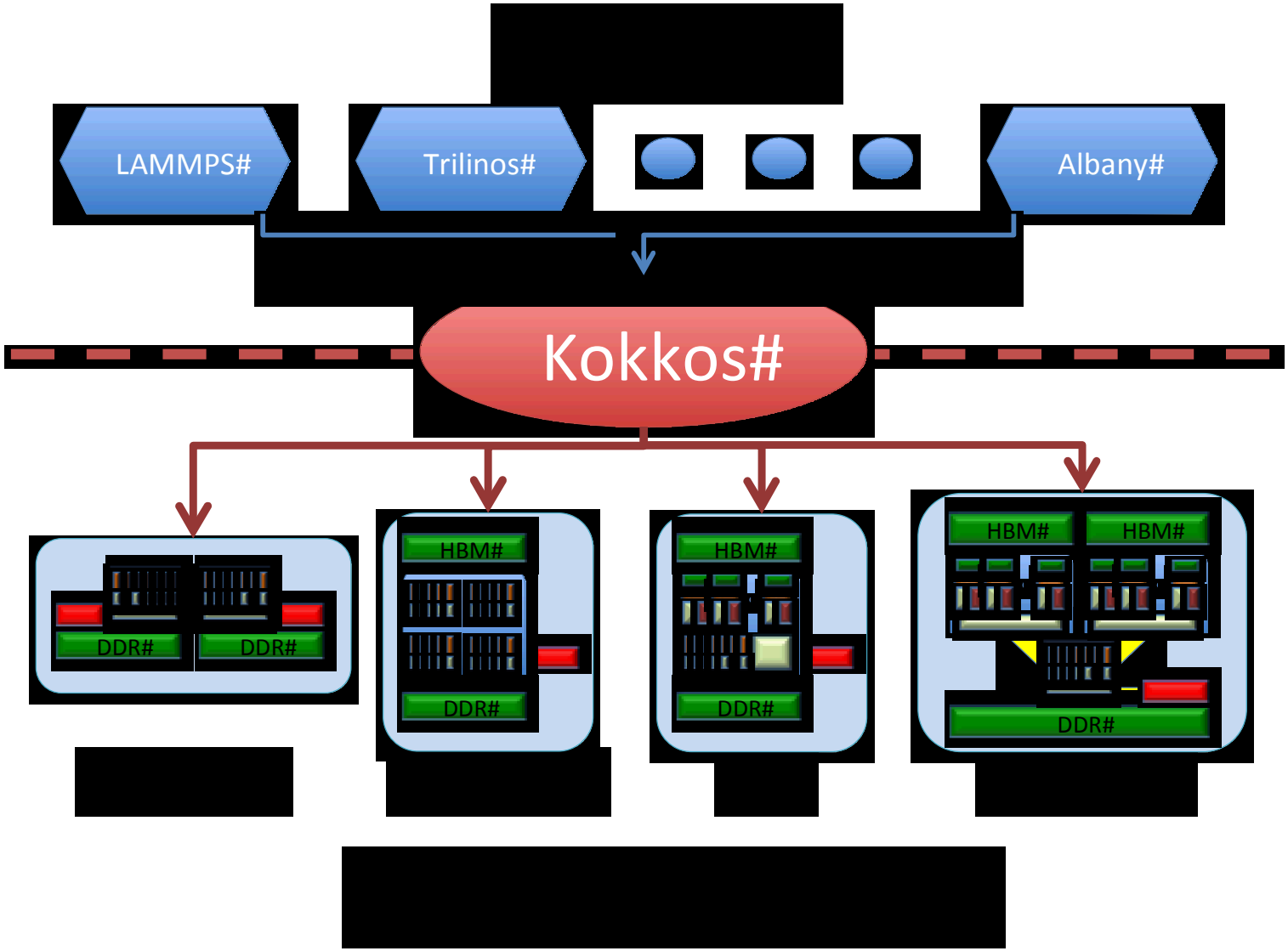

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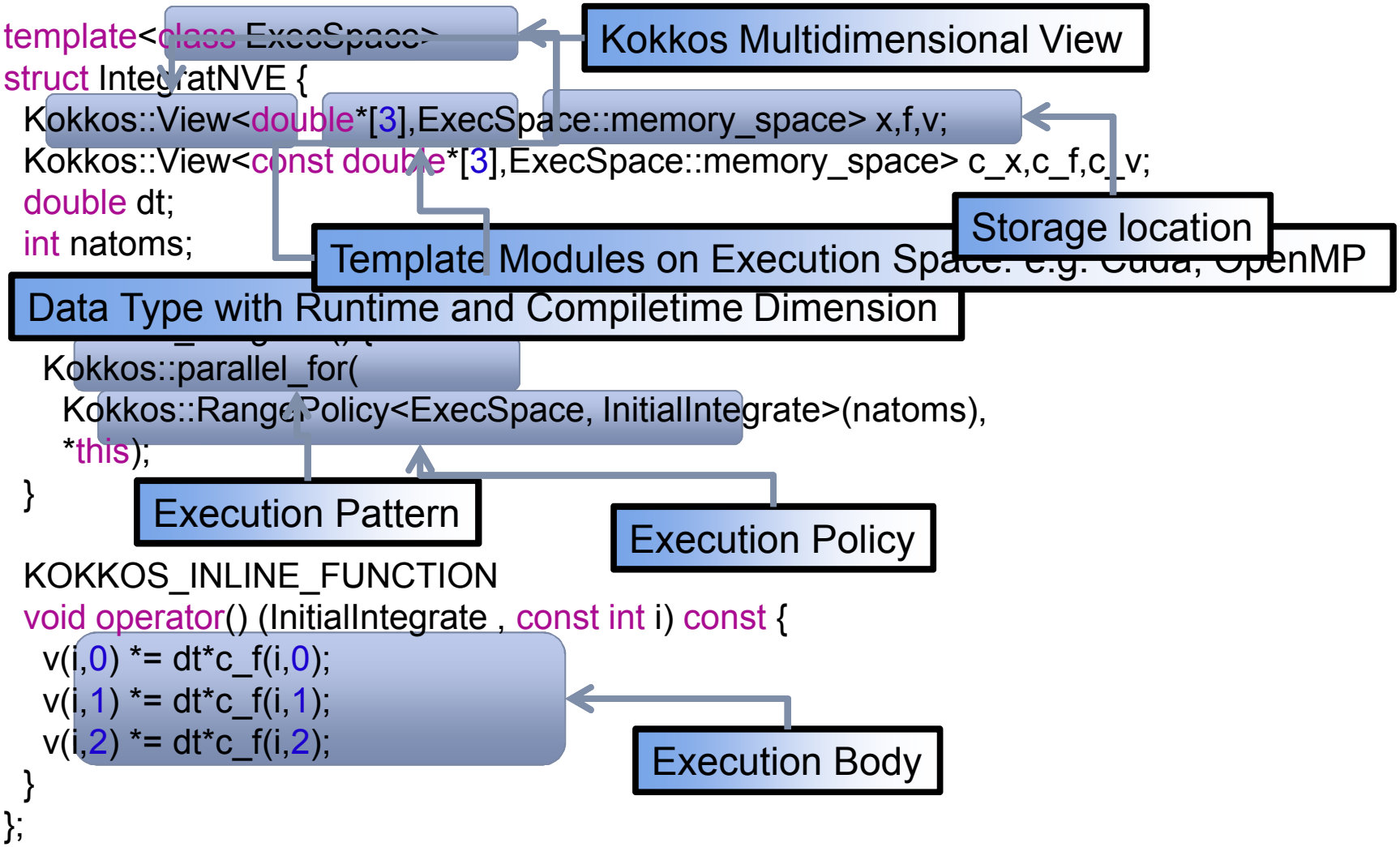
- A programming model implemented as a C++ library
- Open Source (BSD): https://github.com/kokkos
- Abstractions for Parallel Execution and Data Management
  - Execution Pattern: What kind of operation (for-each, reduction, scan, task)
  - Execution Policy: How to execute (Range Policy, Team Policy, DAG)
  - Execution Space: Where to execute (GPU, Host Threads, PIM)
  - Memory Layout:
  - Memory Traits: How to access the data (Random, Stream, Atomic)
  - Memory Space: Where does the data live (High Bandwidth, DDR, NV)
- Supports multiple backends: OpenMP, Pthreads, Cuda, Qthreads, Kalmar (experimental)
- Sandia application teams committed to Kokkos as its path for transitioning legacy codes, and as part of its new codes
  - Trilinos, LAMMPS, Albany, Sierra Mechanics, …

Kokkos in LAMMPS: Examples I



Kokkos in LAMMPS: Examples II

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```
template<class ForceType, bool half_neigh>
struct PairForce {
  typedef Kokkos::MemoryTraits<
    typename std::if_c<half_neigh,Kokkos::Atomic,0>::type> atomic_trait;
  Kokkos::View<double*[3], ExecSpace::memory_space, atomic_trait> f;
  Kokkos::View<double*[3], ExecSpace::memory_space,
               Kokkos::MemoryTraits<Kokkos::RandomAccess> > x;
  Kokkos::View<int**, NeighLayout,ExecSpace::memory_space> neighbors;
  ForceType force;

  KOKKOS_INLINE_FUNCTION
  void operator() (const int& i) const {
    const double x_i = x(i,0);
    for(int jj=0; jj<numneigh(i); jj++) {
      const int j = neighbors(i,jj);
      const double dx = x(j,0) - x_i;
      const double rsq = dx*dx+dy*dy+dz*dz;
      if(rsq < cutoff) {
        f_ij = force.eval(rsq);
        fx_i += dx * f_ij;
        if(half_neigh) f(j,0) -= dx*f_ij;
      }
    }
  }
};
```

Choose Atomic Access for Half Neighbor List

Use Random Access Hint to get Texture Fetches

Use Optimal Memory Layout for each Architecture

Performance Evaluation (I)

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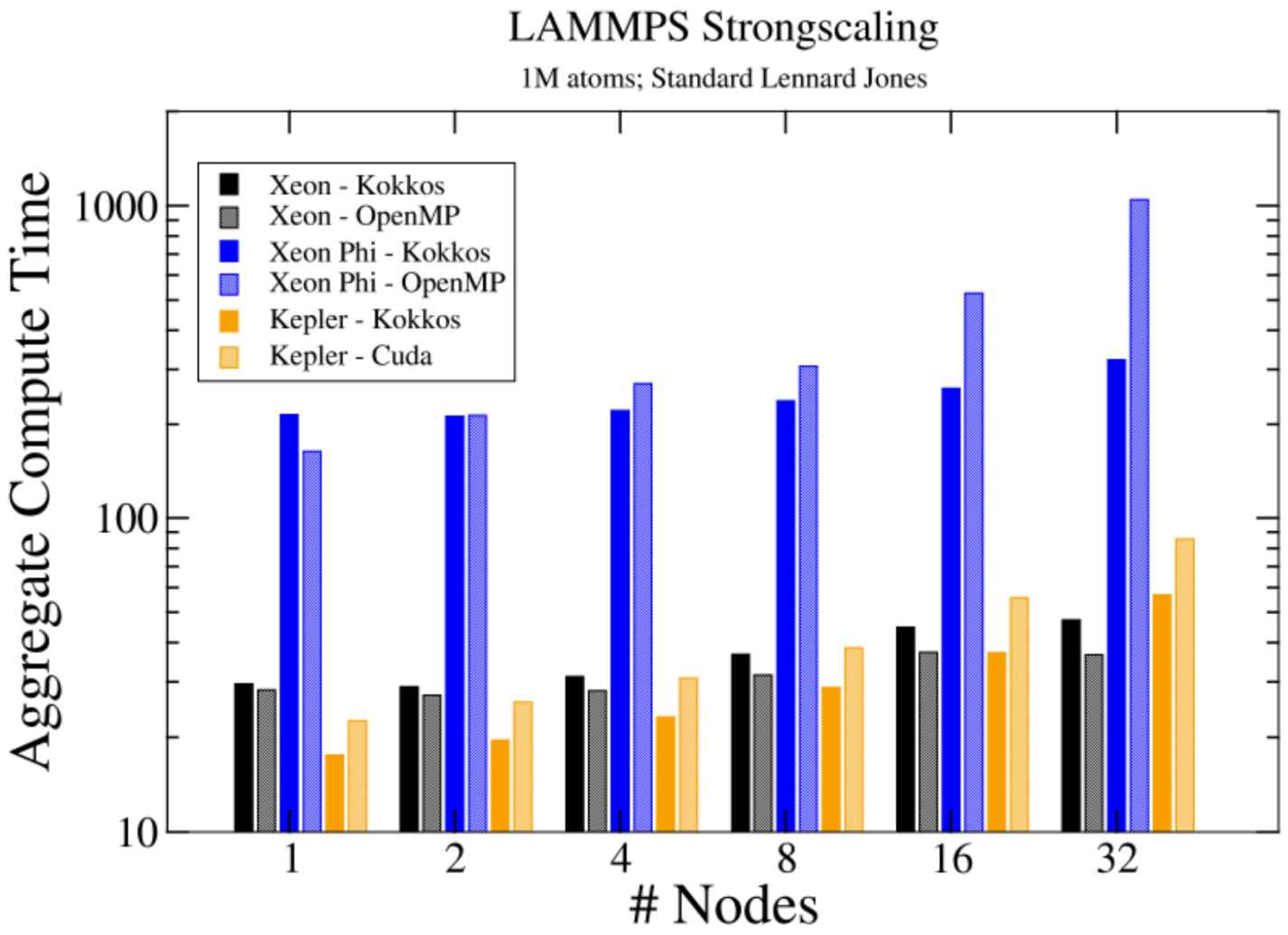
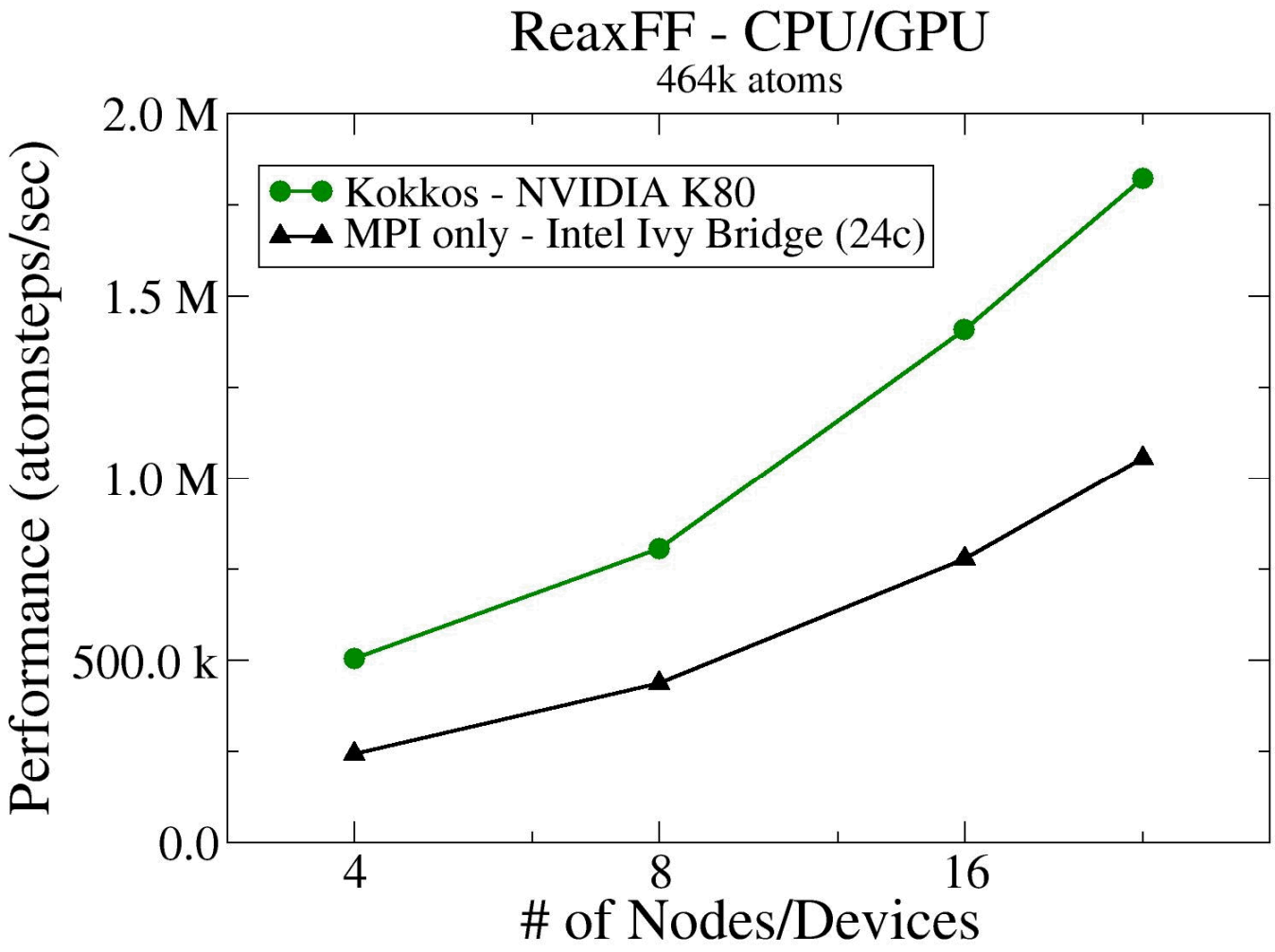


Performance Evaluation (II)



The Way Forward

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- Kokkos in LAMMPS appears to deliver on performance, portability and productivity
- We believe it is a practical solution to the needs of codes with large loop counts
  - If the number of performance critical regions is small, specialisation might be less intrusive
- Institutional support for Kokkos through Sandia ensures longevity (and for us: in-house expertise)
- We started on long process of providing Kokkos versions for all modules, most new capabilities developed at Sandia will be Kokkos from the get-go
- Expect to be ready for Summit/Sierra platforms in 2018