Memory Expansion and Storage Acceleration with CCIX Technology

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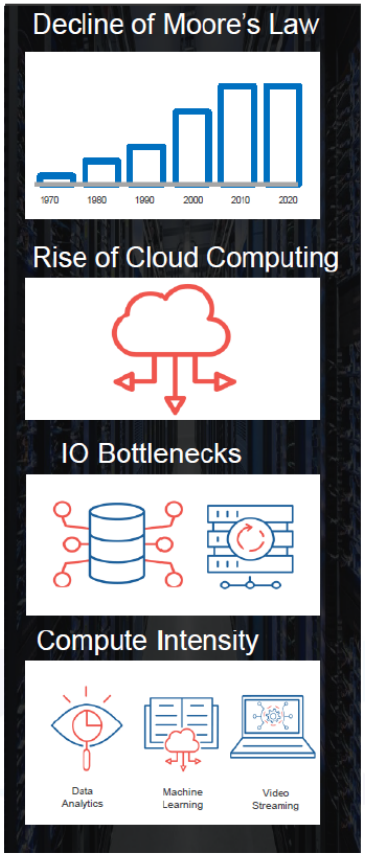
Agenda

- Brief introduction to CCIX
- Memory Expansion through CCIX
- Persistent Memory support
- Storage with Compute offload
- Q&A

CCIX Context

- Slow down of performance scaling and efficient of general purpose processors
- Increasing “workload specific” computation requirements
  - Data analytics, 400G, ML, Security, compression, ……
- Lower latency requirements
  - cloud based services, IoT, 5G, …..
- Need for open standard for advancing IO Interconnect to enable seamless expansion of compute and memory resources
  - Enable accelerator SoCs to be like a NUMA sockets from Data Sharing perspective



The CCIX Consortium

- 53 Members covering all aspects of ecosystems; Servers, CPU/SoC, Accelerators, OS, IP/NoC, Switch, Memory/SCM, Test & Measurement vendors.
- Specification Status
  - Rev 1.0 - 2018
  - Rev 1.1/Rev1.2 – 2019
  - SW Guide Rev 1.0- Sept, 19
- CCIX Hosts:
  - ARM 7nm test Processor SoC providing CCIX interface (N1SDP)
  - Huawei announced Kunpeng 920
  - A 3rd party ARM SoC, Sample 12/19
- CCIX Accelerator / EP
  - Xilinx VU3xP family
  - Alveo boards (U50 and U280) available
  - 7nm chip Versal with CCIX support announced
- SW Enablement
  - In progress ; Key enablement to be completed Sept, 19

Promotors

AMD, arm, HUAWEI, Mellanox, QUALCOMM, XILINX

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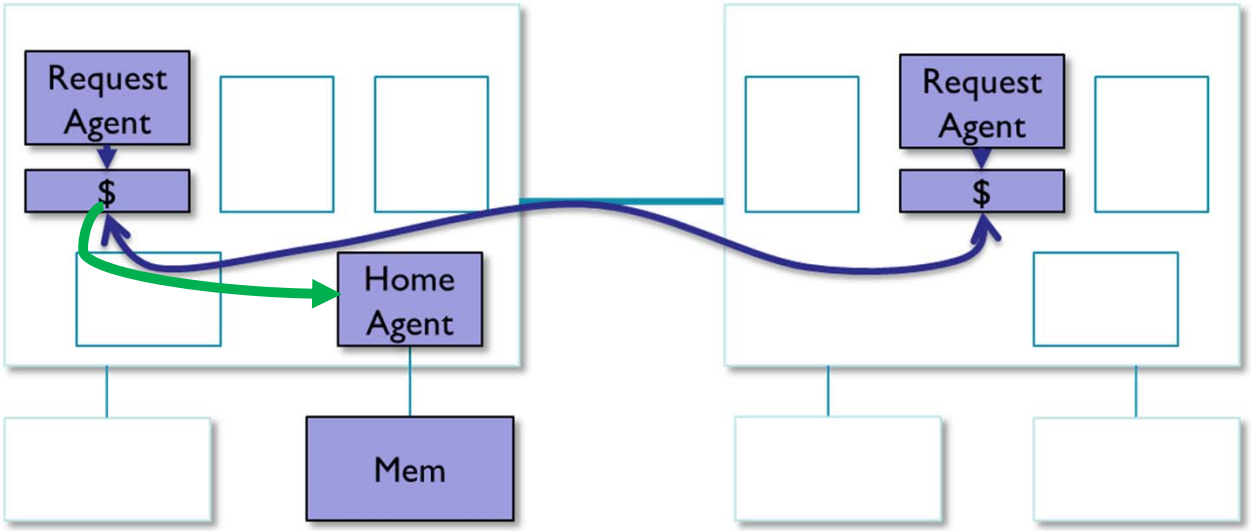
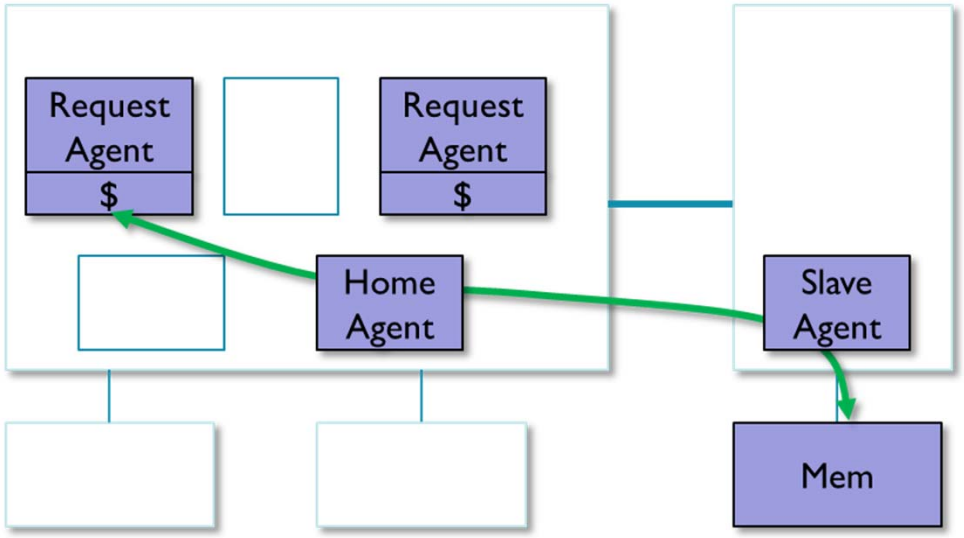
Use of Caches for System Performance



Role of Slave Agent

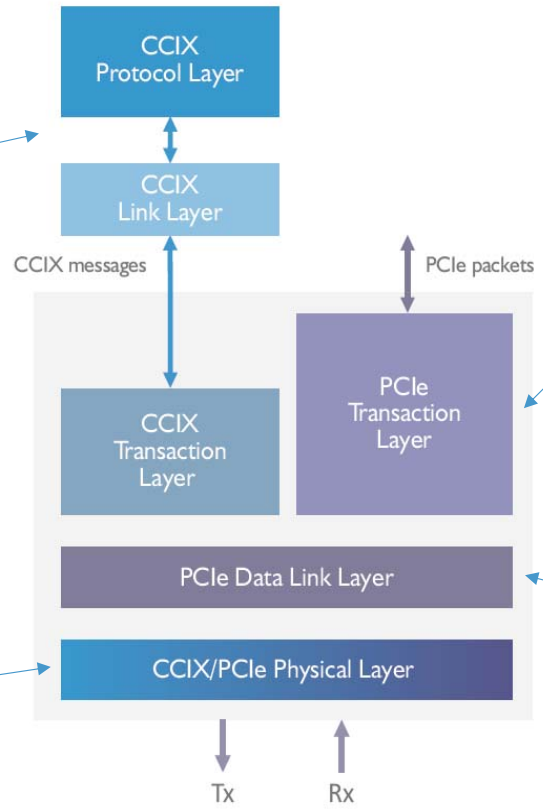
- Slave Agent provides additional memory to a Home Agent
- Slave Agent is only protocol visible when residing on a different chip



CCIX -Transport and Layered Architecture

CCIX Protocol Layer

- Responsible for the coherency including memory read and write flows
- CCIX Link Layer
- Responsible for formatting CCIX traffic for the target transport and non-blocking behavior between two CCIX devices
- Currently PCIe but could be mapped over a different transport layer in the future



CCIX and PCIe Transaction Layers

- Responsible for handling their respective packets
- PCIe & CCIX packets are split across virtual channels (VCs) sharing same link
- Optimized CCIX packets: Eliminates the PCIe overhead

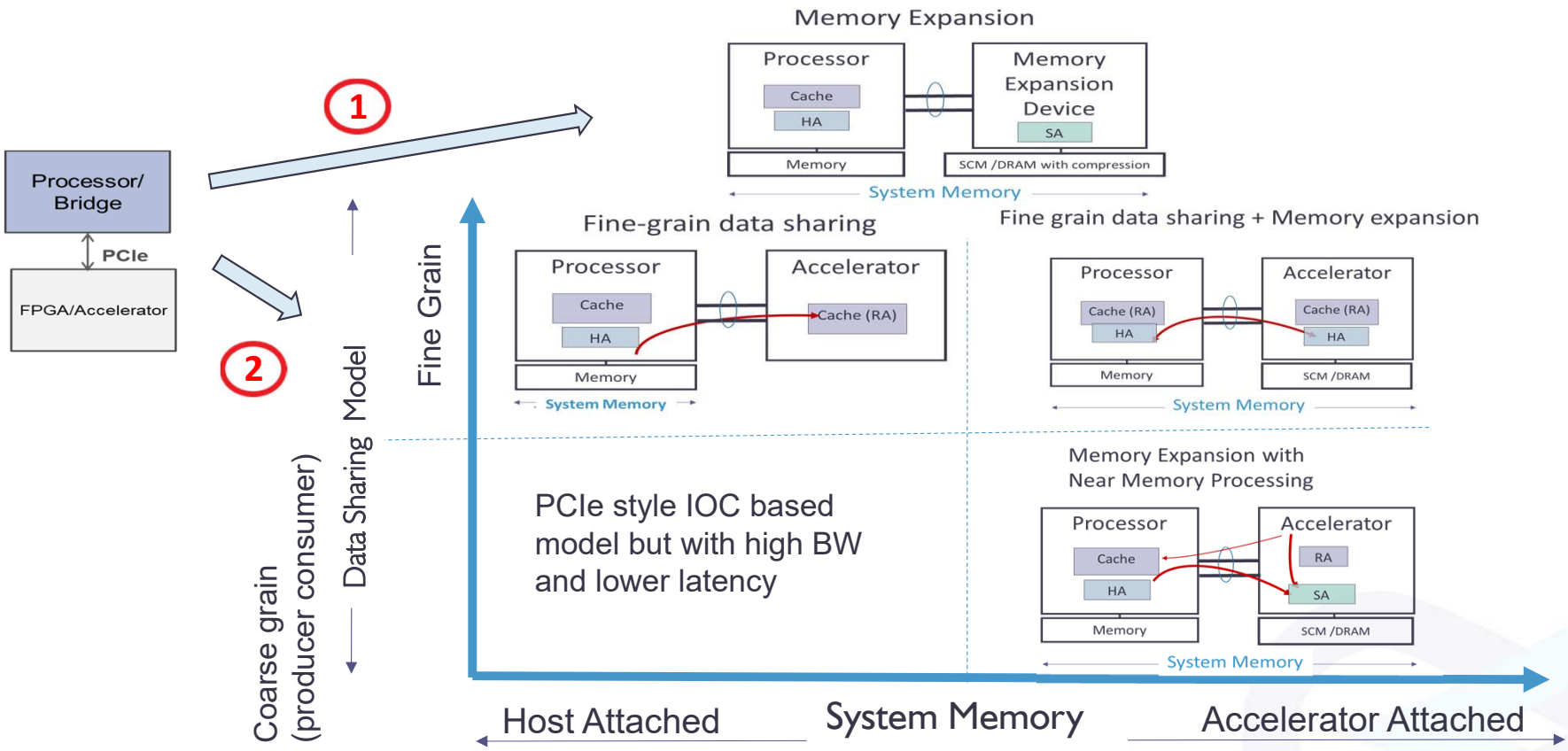
PCIe Data Link Layer

- Performs normal functions of the data link layer

CCIX/PCIe Physical Layer

- Faster speed, known as ESM (Extended Speed Mode)

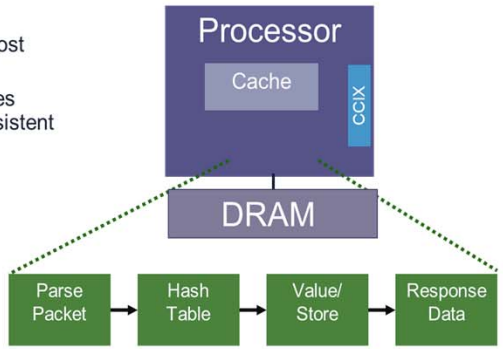
CCIX – Open Standard Memory Expansion and Fine-Grain Data Sharing Model with Accelerators



Enabling Seamless Expansion of Compute and Memory Resources – Accelerator SoCs are seen as NUMA Socket

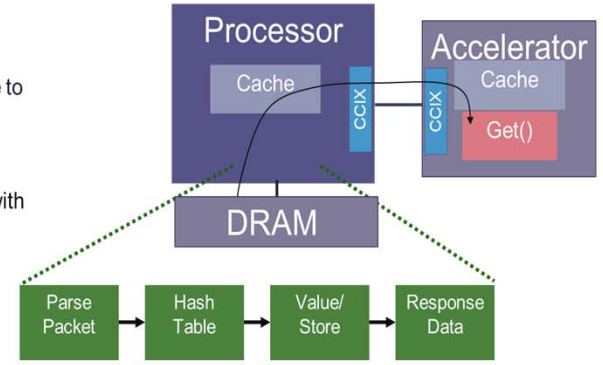
KVS Database with Host-Only Processing (Default)

- All operations works out of host memory
- Adding persistence to updates requires additional IO to Persistent storage, e.g. NVMe



KVS Database with Processing Acceleration

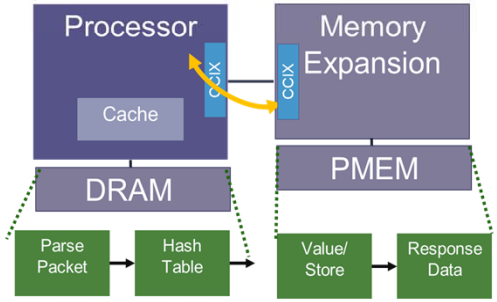
- No disruption to Networking
- Control processing (Set, Delete, etc) remain on host processor
- Fast path operations (Get) move to accelerator
- CCIX enabled shared data structures, no copies
- Increase throughput multi-gets with almost no increase in CPU utilization



KVS Database with Memory Expansion using CCIX to connect to Persistent Memory (PMEM)

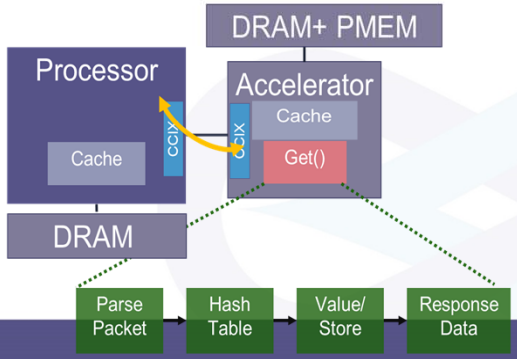
- Supports larger databases than DDR
- Eliminates filesystem processing for log/checkpoint work
- No risk of data loss even though there is no explicit back-up done
- Instantaneous restarts

Application works directly on PMEM



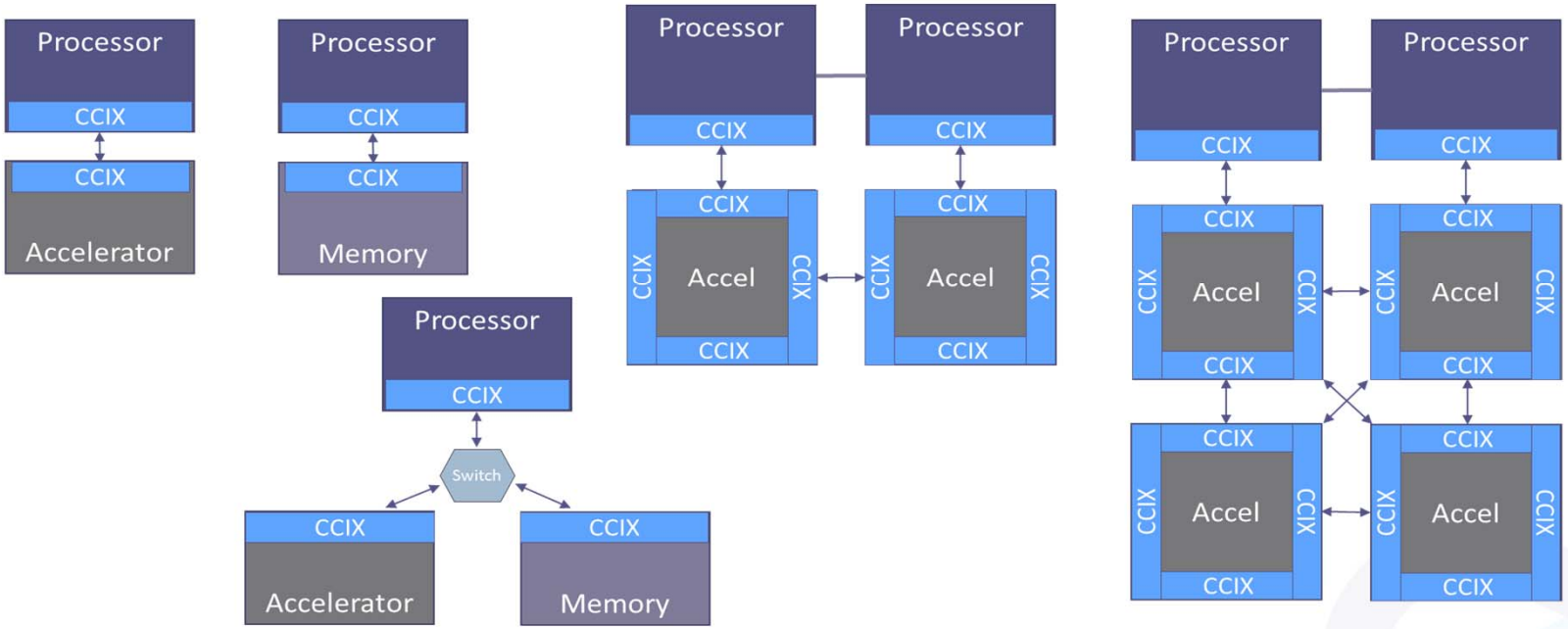
KVS Database with Memory Expansion Plus Acceleration

Combined Benefit of Memory Expansion with PMEM and Processing Offload



CCIX - Flexible Topologies

Direct attached, daisy chain, mesh and switched topologies



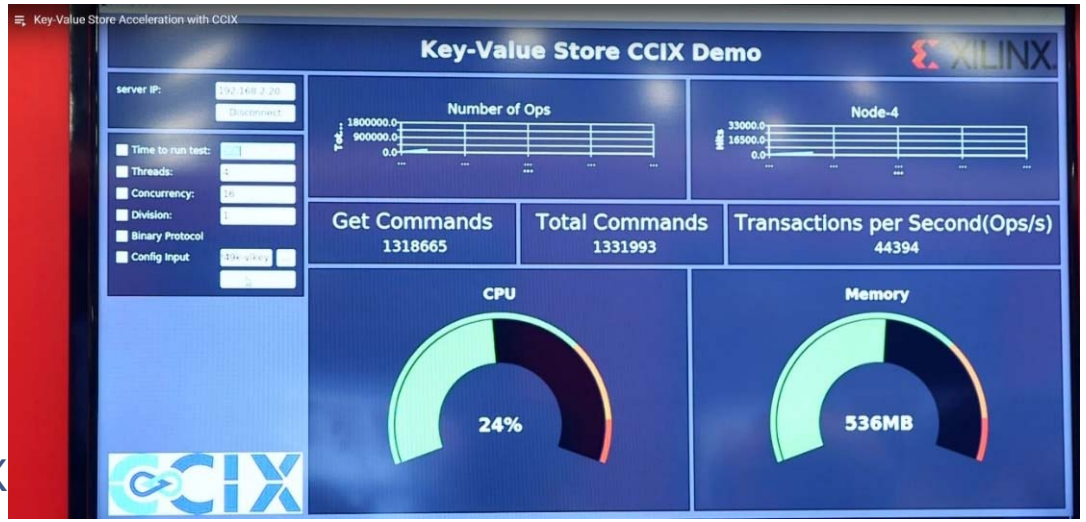
SW enablement in progress

- ACPI 6.3 and UEFI 2.8 enhancements for CCIX
  - Specific-purpose Memory
  - Generic Initiator Affinity Structure and associated _OSC bit
  - HMAT Table Enhancements
  - New CPER record for CCIX
- Ongoing Reference Code Implementation jointly done by Linaro, Arm and other members
  - Mail list ccix@linaro.org
  - JIRA Initiative https://projects.linaro.org/browse/LDCG-713
  - Work presented at Linaro Connect BKK19 in April 2019
  - UEFI Firmware code is available as part of project

Memory Expansion Through CCIX

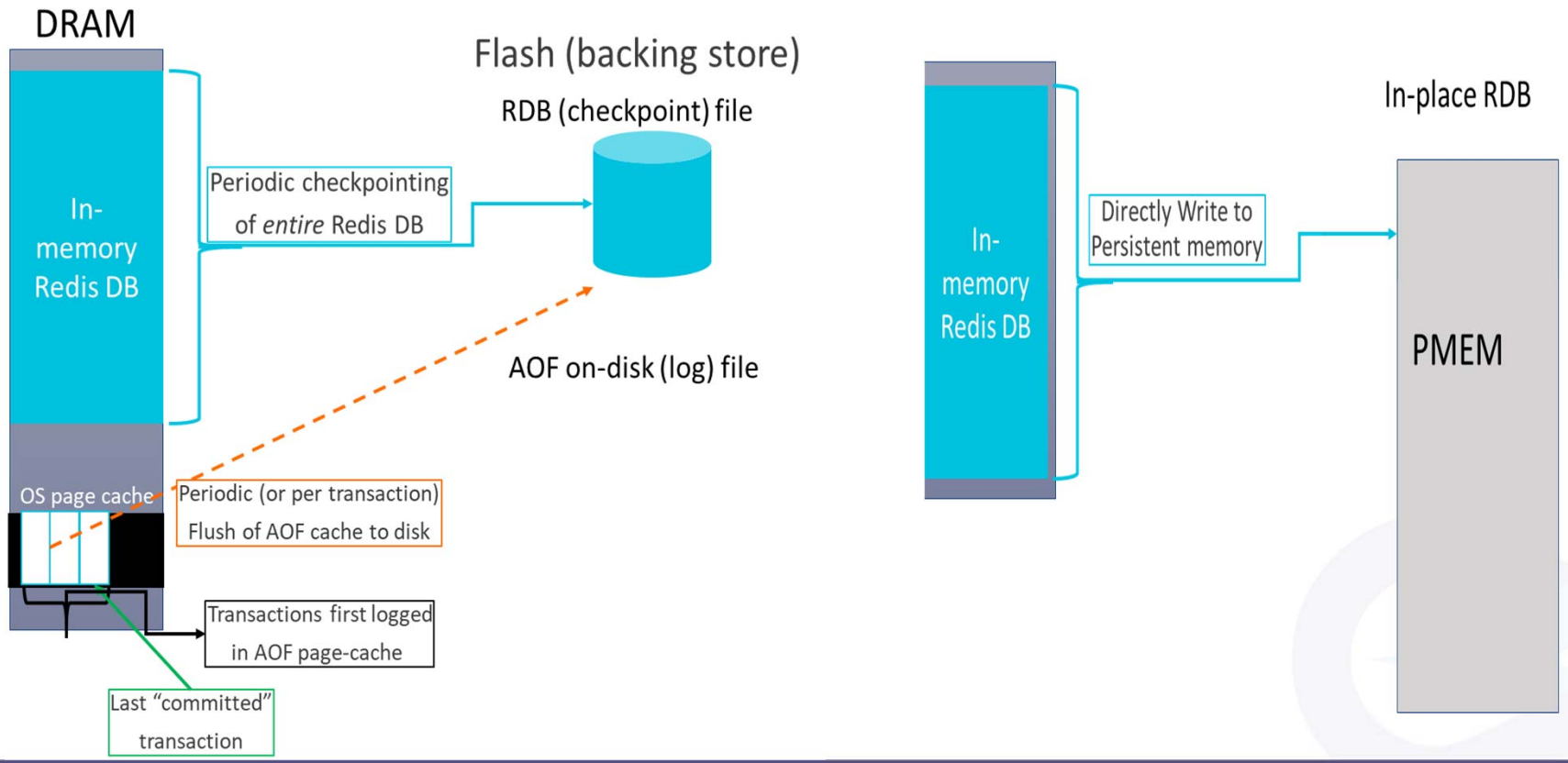
Memory Expansion Through NUMA

- Demonstrated Extended memory through NUMA over CCIX at SC18
- KVS Database (Memcached) was enhanced to make use of NUMA expansion model over CCIX
- Key allocations are done in Host DDR, where as corresponding values were allocated on remote FPGA memory
- Expansion memory can also be a persistent memory connected over CCIX link



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drIu4vlubxE&list=PLRr5m7hDN9TLI3vuw1OqLbF7YcGi3UO9c&index=9

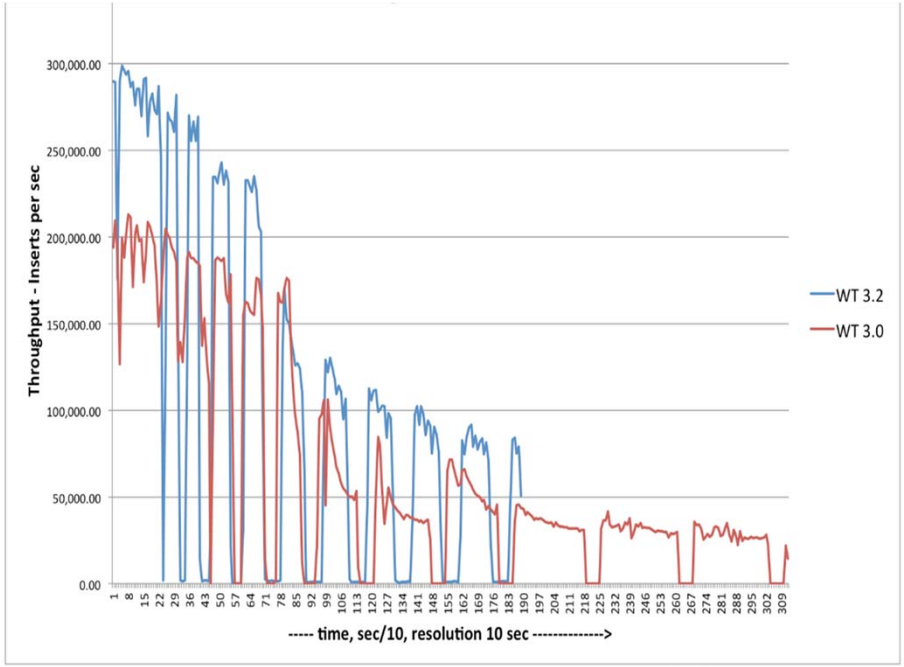
Redis with Persistent Memory support



Storage with Compute Offload

Analysis and Inference

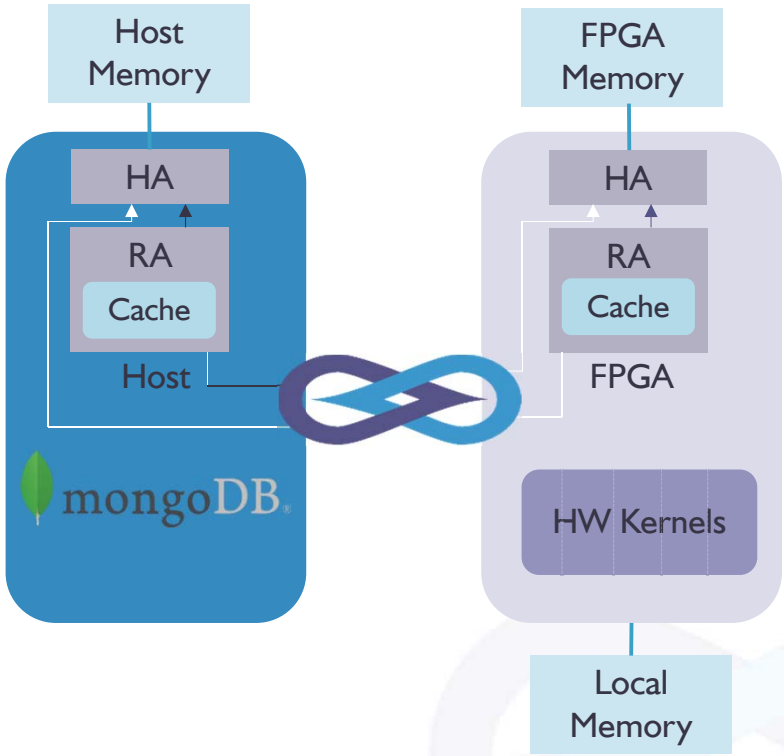
- WiredTiger is an performance, scalable, production quality, NoSQL, Open Source extensible platform for data management
- Run two performance bench marking tests & collected call stacks
  - https://github.com/johnlpage/POCDriver
  - https://github.com/mdcallag/iibench-mongodb
- Major hot spots were identified as
  - WiredTiger IO operations (IO intense)
  - Compression (CPU intense)



WiredTiger Storage Engine (http://source.wiredtiger.com/

Accelerated Design Over CCIX

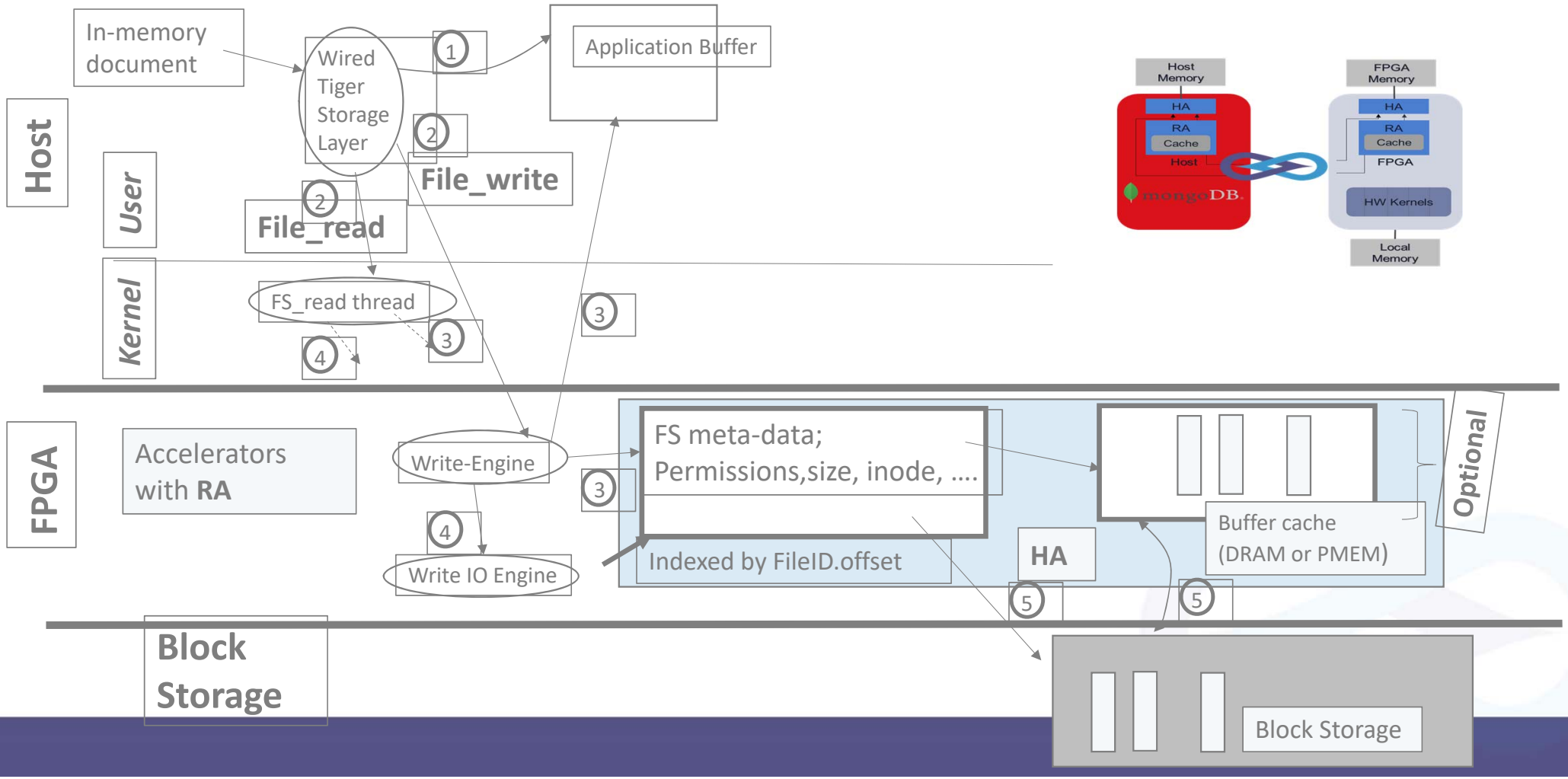
- IOPs are limited due to OS context switch and other SW overheads
- Enable user space calls to FS directly
- Offload performance critical operations (writes/reads) fully to FPGA with interface to storage
  - File system Meta data structures are maintained in shared FPGA memory
  - Actual file data is stored over FPGA connected storage class memory which is faster than SSDs
- Inline efficient Compression
- Seamless acceleration architecture through shared meta-data enabled by CCIX



Split File System Operation Distribution Between Host & FPGA

- Instead of full file system offload we propose a split file system with Metadata share over CCIX interface
- CPU Handled operations:
  - fs_open – Creates new file or reopens the existing file
  - fs_exist – Checks whether the file exists
  - fs_rename – Renames existing file
  - fs_terminate – closes the file system
  - fs_create – creates the file system
  - file_size – Returns the file size
  - file_close – closes the file
  - file_truncate – truncates the file to the specified size
  - fs_read – Reads a data block from file
- All these operations need not be sent to FPGA as these can read/edit the shared structures
- Only handle fs_write in FPGA with the focus to achieve accelerated performance for Writes.
  - Be able to ingest the data into NoSQL DBs like MongoDB.

SC19 processing flow
Without data compression



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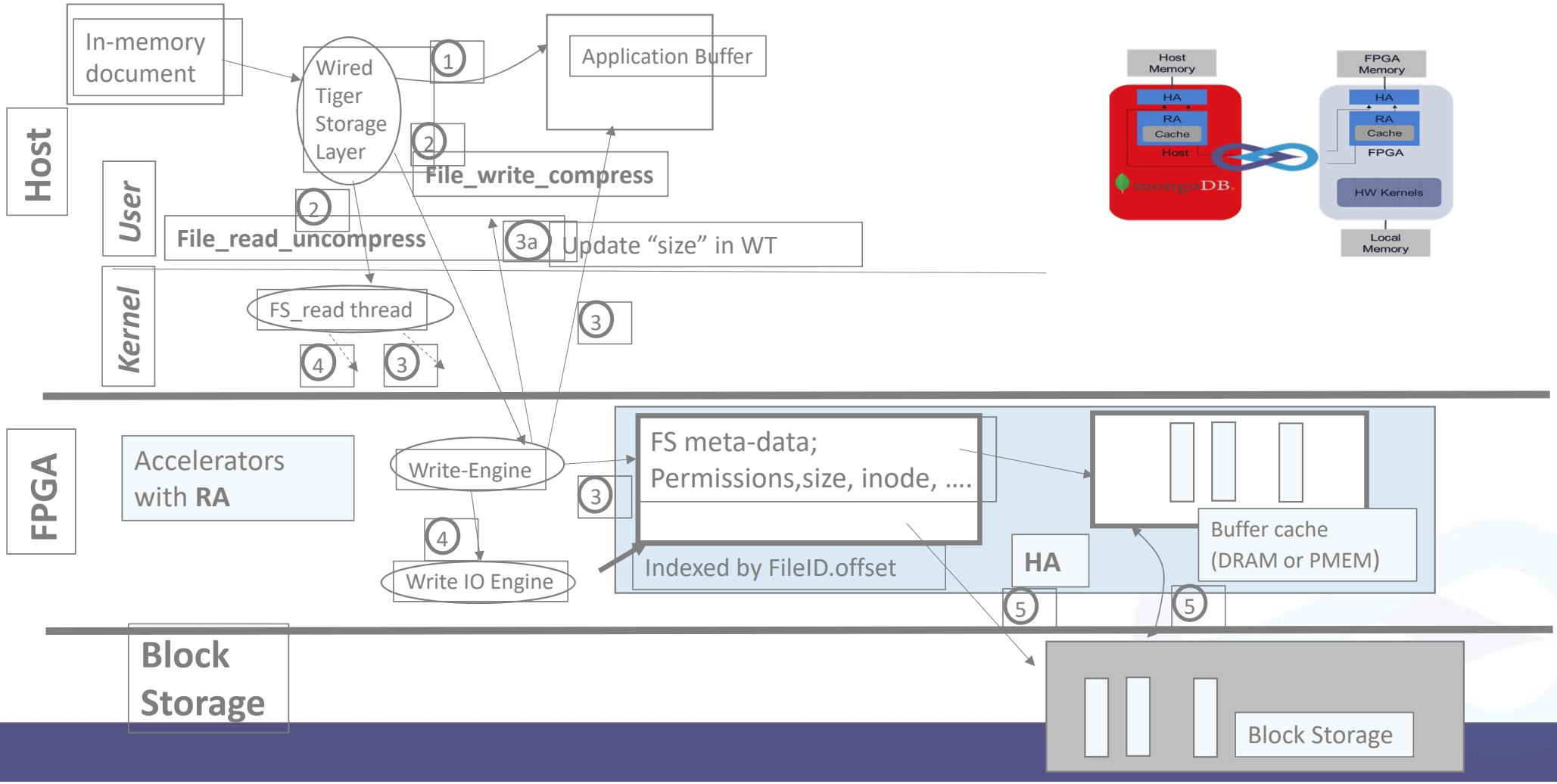

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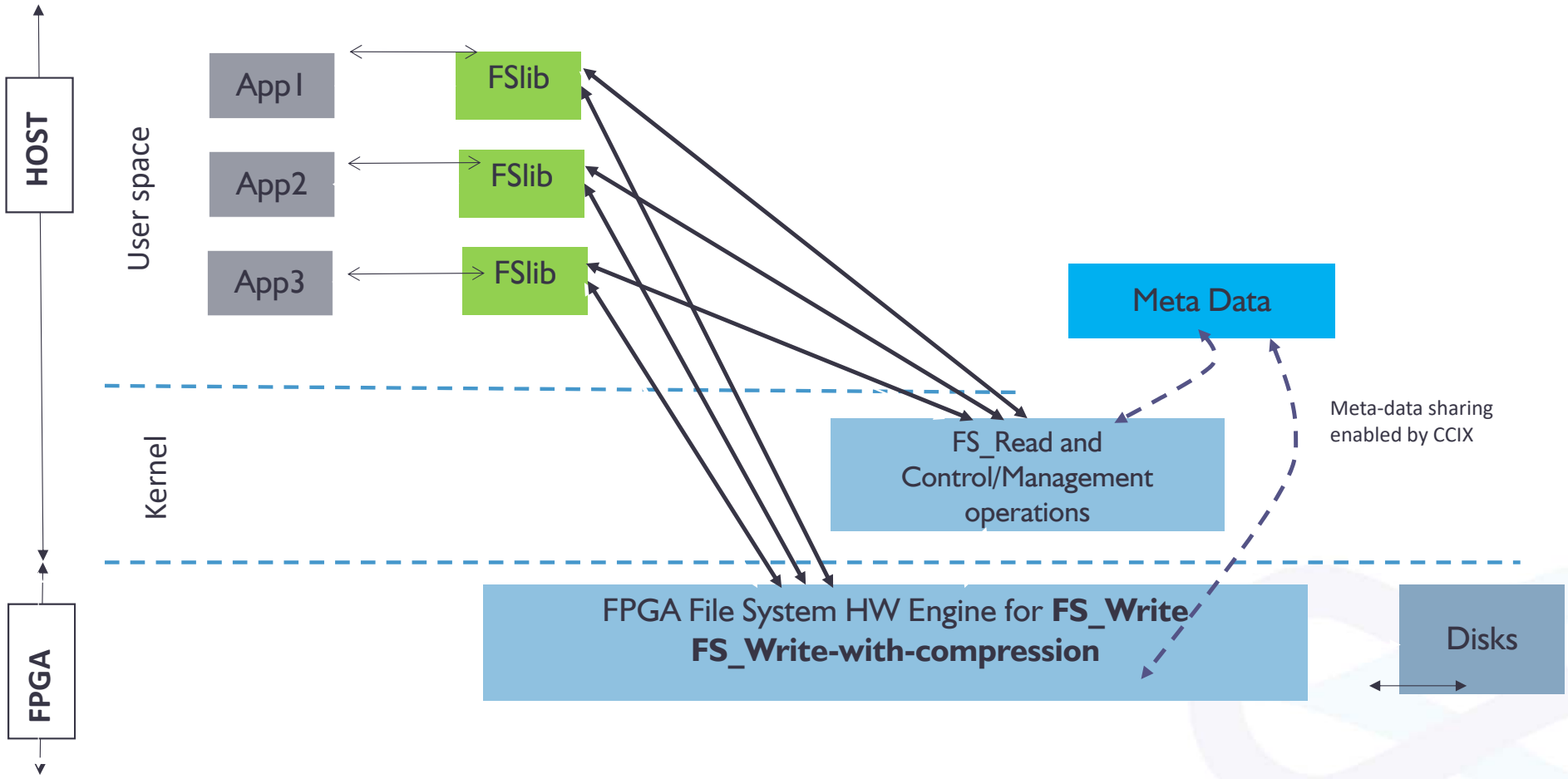
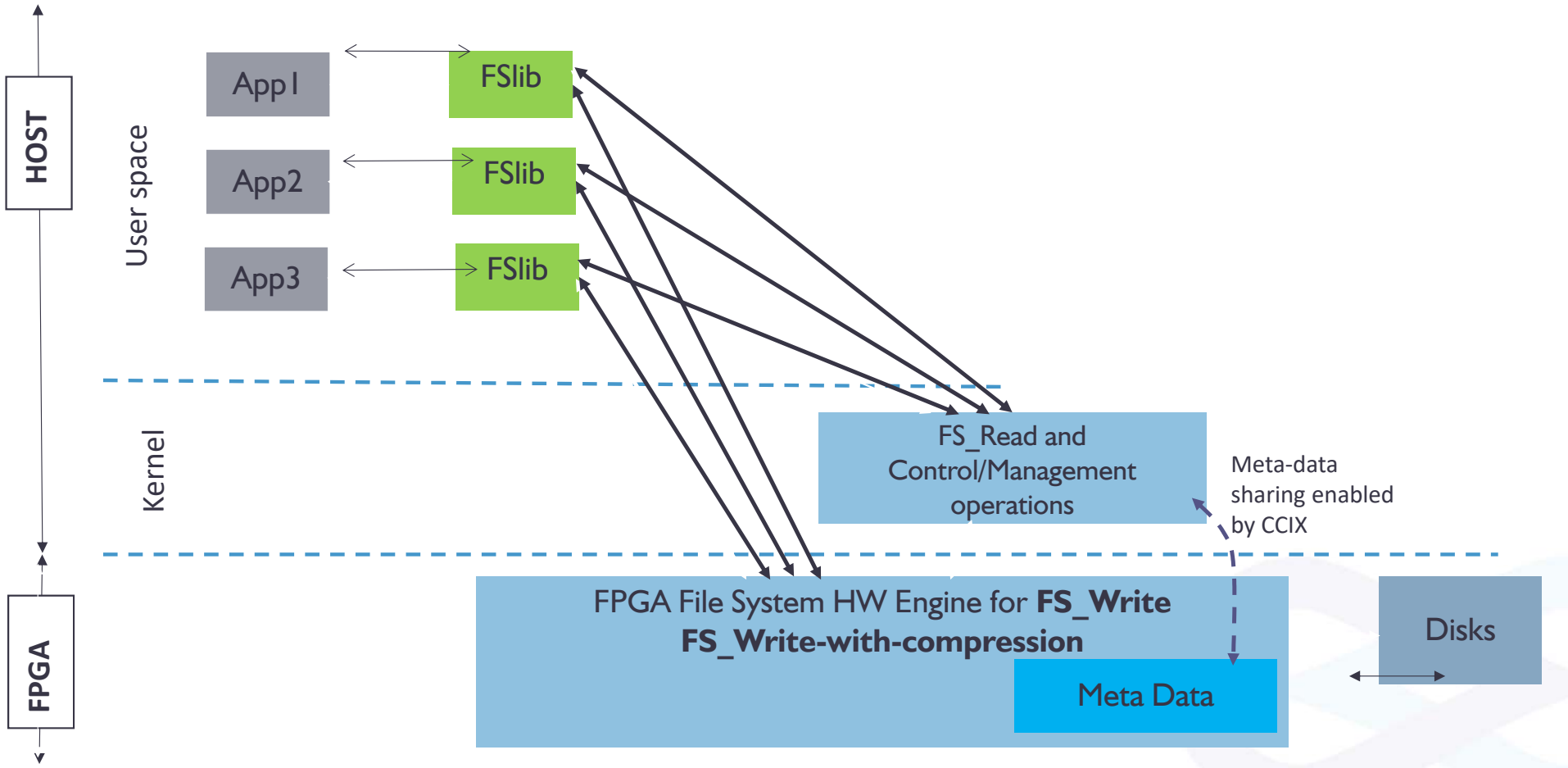


Meta-data in the FPGA Attached Memory



Current PoCs underway

- Storage layer acceleration
  - PMDK framework enablement for ARM processors for SCM
  - Write IO-Ops acceleration for MongoDB ← Show case at SC19
- Memory expansion on Xilinx Versal device ← XDF 19

Summary

- CCIX enables new platform level capability to enable accelerated solutions for storage and other verticals
- CCIX technology is ready to develop PoCs and products
- Contact below to learn more

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