

The Kokkos Lectures

Module 1: Introduction, Building and Parallel Dispatch

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Kokkos is C++ Performance Portability

- ▶ Write a *single source* implementation using C++
- ▶ Use a *descriptive* Programming Model
- ▶ Compile for GPUs and CPUs

Kokkos is Ready for Use

- ▶ Well established project since 2012
- ▶ Part of the Linux Foundation's HPSF
- ▶ Major buy-in by DOE National Labs and the French CEA
- ▶ Well over 300 projects with over 1500 developers use Kokkos
- ▶ Robust support for software stacks: GCC 8+, Clang 8+, NVCC 11+, ROCM 5.2, Intel 2022+

Online Resources:

- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos>:
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LectureSeries](https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials/LectureSeries):
 - ▶ Find these slides
- ▶ <https://kokkos.org>:
 - ▶ Project website including API reference
- ▶ <https://kokkosteam.slack.com>:
 - ▶ Slack channel for Kokkos.
 - ▶ Please join: fastest way to get your questions answered.
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Lectures

- ▶ Typically 90 minutes of lecture
- ▶ Submodules have associated exercise as homework
- ▶ Typically 2-3 Exercises per lecture
- ▶ Exercises will be talked through at next meeting.

Exercises

- ▶ Exercises are small codes with places to do modifications.
- ▶ Access to GPUs helpful for most of them, but most can be done on pure CPU systems.
- ▶ Only dependent on standard compilers (e.g. Clang, NVCC)
- ▶ Ongoing support at <https://kokkosteam.slack.com>

Introduction

What is Kokkos? Who is behind it? Why should you use it?

Parallel Dispatch

Pattern, Policy and Body: how to parallelize simple code with Kokkos.

Building

What do you need to build Kokkos and Apps? How to integrate into your build system?

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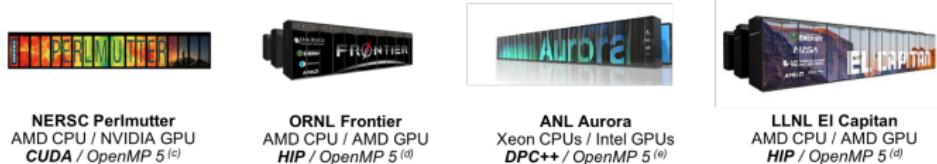
Learning objectives:

- ▶ Why do we need Kokkos
- ▶ The Kokkos Ecosystem
- ▶ The Kokkos Team

Current Generation: Programming Models OpenMP 3, CUDA and OpenACC depending on machine



Upcoming Generation: Programming Models OpenMP 5, CUDA, HIP and DPC++ depending on machine



- (a) Initially not working. Now more robust for Fortran than C++, but getting better.
- (b) Research effort.
- (c) OpenMP 5 by NVIDIA.
- (d) OpenMP 5 by HPE.
- (e) OpenMP 5 by Intel.

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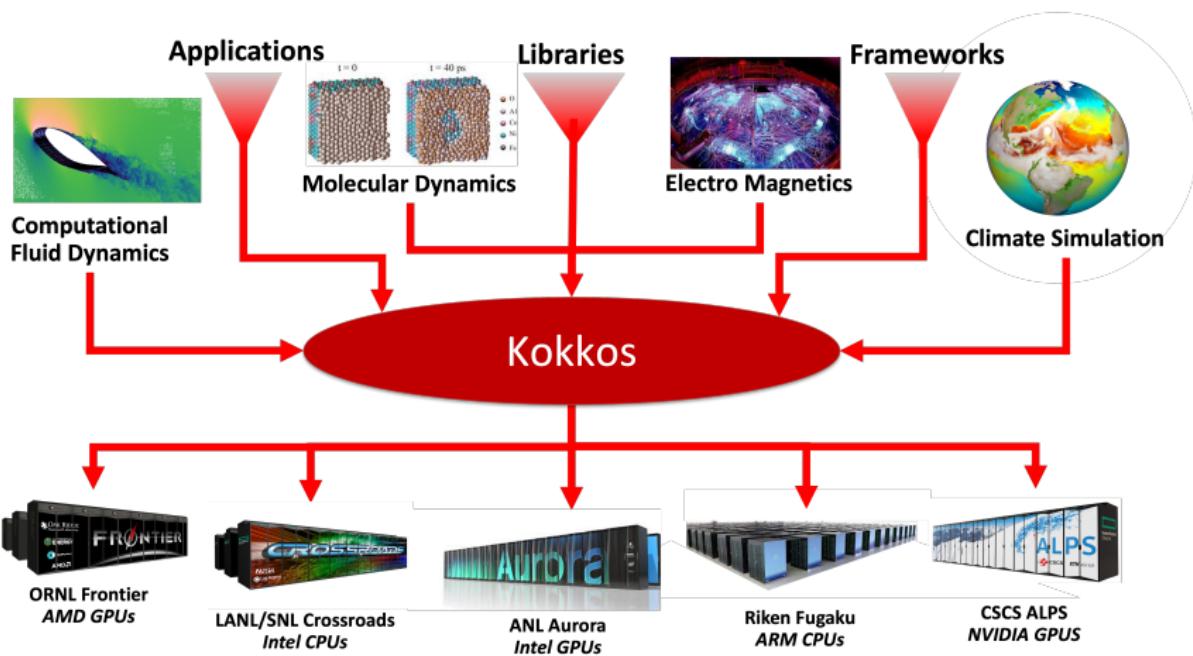
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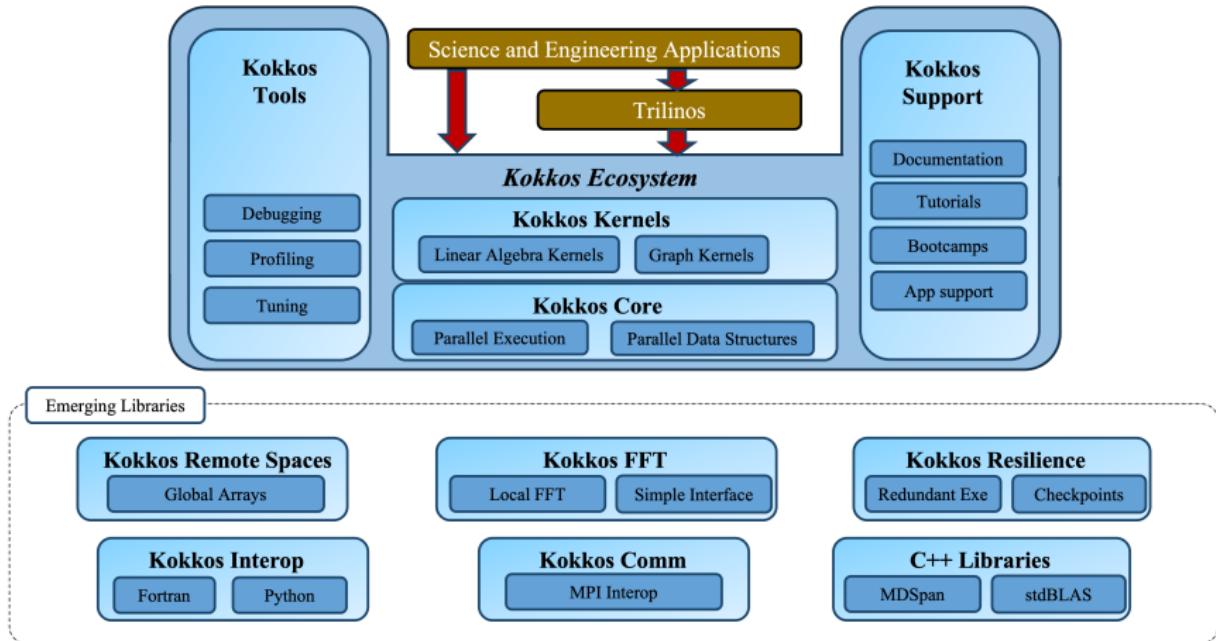
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Software Cost Switching Vendors

Just switching Programming Models costs multiple person-years per app!

- ▶ A C++ Programming Model for Performance Portability
 - ▶ Implemented as a template library on top CUDA, HIP, OpenMP, ...
 - ▶ Aims to be descriptive not prescriptive
 - ▶ Aligns with developments in the C++ standard
- ▶ Expanding solution for common needs of modern science and engineering codes
 - ▶ Math libraries based on Kokkos
 - ▶ Tools for debugging, profiling and tuning
 - ▶ Utilities for integration with Fortran and Python
- ▶ It is an Open Source project with a growing community
 - ▶ Maintained and developed at <https://github.com/kokkos>
 - ▶ Hundreds of users at many large institutions





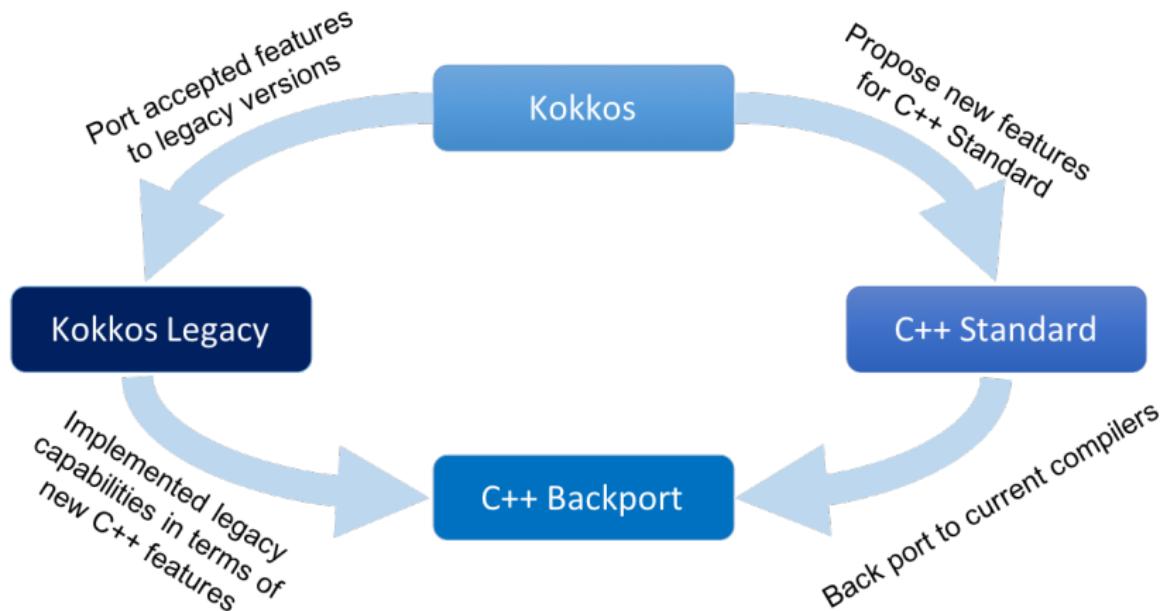
Primary
Teams



Support
Efforts



Kokkos helps improve ISO C++



Ten current or former Kokkos team members are members of the ISO C++ standard committee.

Knowledge of C++: class constructors, member variables, member functions, member operators, template arguments

Using your own \${HOME}

- ▶ Git
- ▶ CMake 3.16 (or newer)
- ▶ GCC 8.2 (or newer) *OR* Clang 8.0 (or newer)
- ▶ CUDA nvcc 11.0 (or newer) *AND* NVIDIA compute capability 6.0 (or newer)
- ▶ git clone <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials>
into \${HOME}/Kokkos/kokkos-tutorials

Slides are in

\${HOME}/Kokkos/kokkos-tutorials/LectureSeries

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Kokkos' basic capabilities:

- ▶ Simple 1D data parallel computational patterns
- ▶ Deciding where code is run and where data is placed
- ▶ Managing data access patterns for performance portability
- ▶ Multidimensional data parallelism

Kokkos' advanced capabilities:

- ▶ Thread safety, thread scalability, and atomic operations
- ▶ Hierarchical patterns for maximizing parallelism
- ▶ Task based programming with Kokkos

Kokkos' tools and Kernels:

- ▶ How to profile, tune and debug Kokkos code
- ▶ Interacting with Python and Fortran
- ▶ Using Kokkos Kernels math library

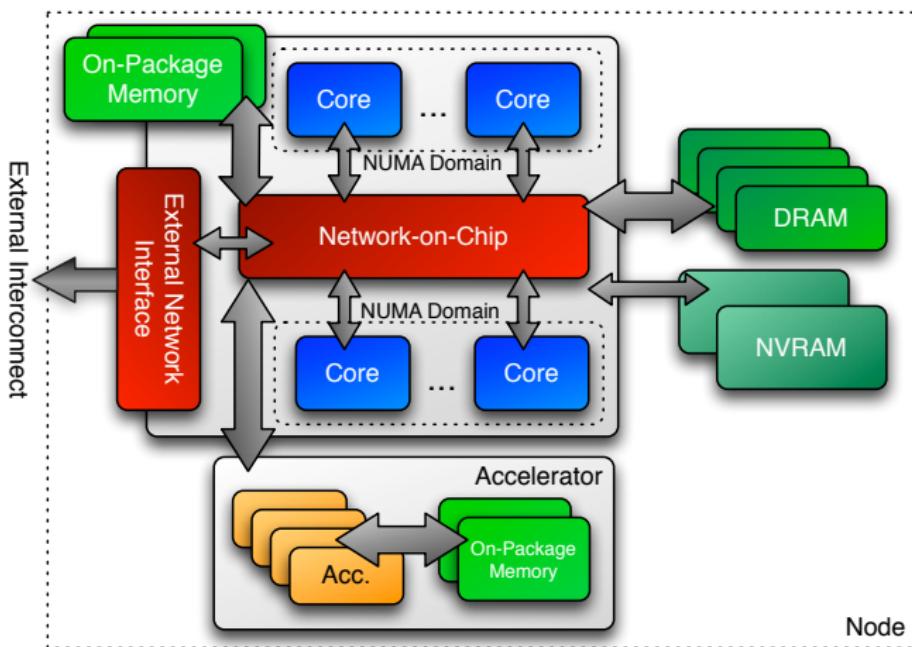
- ▶ Kokkos enables **Single Source Performance Portable Codes**
- ▶ **Simple things stay simple** - it is not much more complicated than OpenMP
- ▶ **Advanced performance optimizing capabilities** easier to use with Kokkos than e.g. CUDA or HIP
- ▶ Kokkos provides data abstractions critical for performance portability not available in other programming models
Controlling data access patterns is key for obtaining performance
- ▶ The **Kokkos Ecosystem** comes with tools (profiling, debugging, tuning, math libraries, etc.) needed for application development in professional settings

Assume you are here because:

- ▶ Want to use **all** HPC node architectures; including GPUs
- ▶ Are familiar with **C++**
- ▶ Want GPU programming to be **easier**
- ▶ Would like **portability**, as long as it doesn't hurt performance

Helpful for understanding nuances:

- ▶ Are familiar with **data parallelism**
- ▶ Are familiar with **OpenMP**
- ▶ Are familiar with **GPU architecture** and **CUDA**

Target machine:

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Kokkos: performance portability across manycore architectures.

Concepts for Data Parallelism

Learning objectives:

- ▶ Terminology of pattern, policy, and body.
- ▶ The data layout problem.

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Body**Policy**

Terminology:

- ▶ **Pattern:** structure of the computations
for, reduction, scan, task-graph, ...
 - ▶ **Execution Policy:** how computations are executed
static scheduling, dynamic scheduling, thread teams, ...
 - ▶ **Computational Body:** code which performs each unit of work; e.g., the loop body
- ⇒ The **pattern** and **policy** drive the computational **body**.

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OpenMP is simple for parallelizing loops on multi-core CPUs,
but what if we then want to do this on **other architectures?**

Intel PHI *and* NVIDIA GPU *and* AMD GPU *and* ...

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Option 2: OpenACC

```
#pragma acc parallel copy(...) num_gangs(...) vector_length(...)
#pragma acc loop gang vector
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How does Kokkos address performance portability?

Kokkos is a *productive, portable, performant*, shared-memory programming model.

- ▶ is a C++ **library**, not a new language or language extension.
- ▶ provides **clear, concise, scalable** parallel patterns.
- ▶ lets you write algorithms once and run on **many architectures**
e.g. multi-core CPU, GPUs, Xeon Phi, ...
- ▶ **minimizes** the amount of architecture-specific
implementation details users must know.
- ▶ *solves the data layout problem* by using multi-dimensional arrays with architecture-dependent **layouts**

Data parallel patterns

Learning objectives:

- ▶ How computational bodies are passed to the Kokkos runtime.
- ▶ How work is mapped to execution resources.
- ▶ The difference between `parallel_for` and `parallel_reduce`.
- ▶ Start parallelizing a simple example.

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Important concept: Work mapping

You give an **iteration range** and **computational body** (kernel) to Kokkos, and Kokkos decides how to map that work to execution resources.

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Quick review, a **functor** is a function with data. Example:

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    ...  
    void operator()( a work assignment ) const {  
        /* ... computational body ... */  
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Warning: concurrency and order

Concurrency and ordering of parallel iterations is *not* guaranteed by the Kokkos runtime.

The complete picture (using functors):

1. Defining the functor (operator+data):

```
struct AtomForceFunctor {  
    ForceType _atomForces;  
    DataType _atomData;  
  
    AtomForceFunctor(ForceType atomForces, DataType data) :  
        _atomForces(atomForces), _atomData(data) {}  
  
    void operator()(const int64_t atomIndex) const {  
        _atomForces[atomIndex] = calculateForce(_atomData);  
    }  
}
```

2. Executing in parallel with Kokkos pattern:

```
AtomForceFunctor functor(atomForces, data);  
Kokkos::parallel_for(numberOfAtoms, functor);
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Warning: Lambda capture and C++ containers

For portability to GPU a lambda must capture by value [=].
Don't capture containers (e.g., std::vector) by value because it will copy the container's entire contents.

How does this compare to OpenMP?

Serial

```
for (int64_t i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
    /* loop body */  
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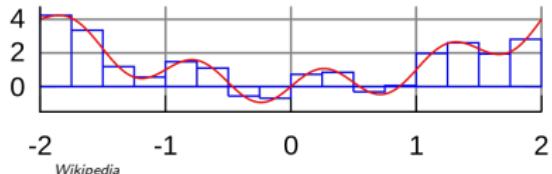
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Important concept

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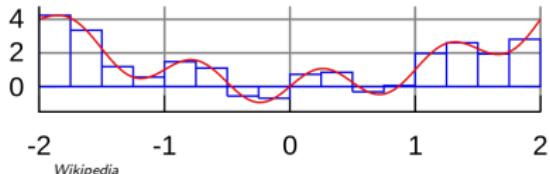
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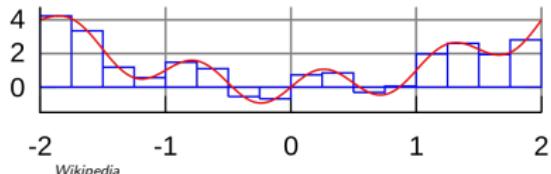
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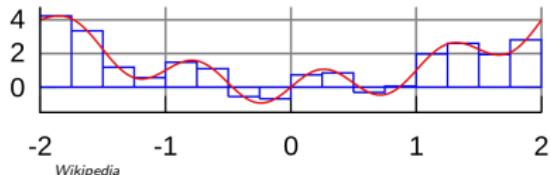


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First problem: compiler error; cannot increment `totalIntegral`
(lambdas capture by value and are treated as const!)

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Second problem: race condition

step	thread 0	thread 1
0	load	
1	increment	load
2	write	increment
3		write

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How will we do this with **Kokkos**?

```
double finalReducedValue = 0;
parallel_reduce(N, functor, finalReducedValue);
```

```
double totalIntegral;
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:totalIntegral)
for (int64_t i = 0; i < number_of_intervals; ++i) {
    totalIntegral += function(...);
}
```

```
double totalIntegral = 0;
parallel_reduce(number_of_intervals,
               [=] (const int64_t i, double & valueToUpdate) {
    valueToUpdate += function(...);
},
totalIntegral);
```

- ▶ The operator takes **two arguments**: a work index and a value to update.
- ▶ The second argument is a **thread-private value** that is managed by Kokkos; it is not the final reduced value.

Always name your kernels!

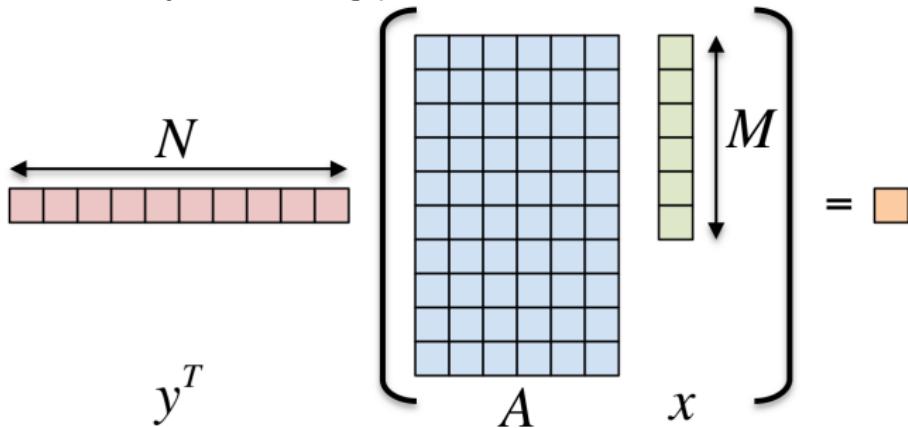
Giving unique names to each kernel is immensely helpful for debugging and profiling. You will regret it if you don't!

- ▶ Non-nested parallel patterns can take an optional string argument.
- ▶ The label doesn't need to be unique, but it is helpful.
- ▶ Anything convertible to "std::string"
- ▶ Used by profiling and debugging tools (see Profiling Tutorial)

Example:

```
double totalIntegral = 0;
parallel_reduce("Reduction",numberOfIntervals,
    [=] (const int64_t i, double & valueToUpdate) {
        valueToUpdate += function(...);
    },
    totalIntegral);
```

Exercise: Inner product $\langle y, A * x \rangle$



Details:

- ▶ y is $N \times 1$, A is $N \times M$, x is $M \times 1$
- ▶ We'll use this exercise throughout the tutorial

Exercise #1: include, initialize, finalize Kokkos

The **first step** in using Kokkos is to include, initialize, and finalize:

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    /* ... do any necessary setup (e.g., initialize MPI) ... */
    Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);
    {
        /* ... do computations ... */
    }
    Kokkos::finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

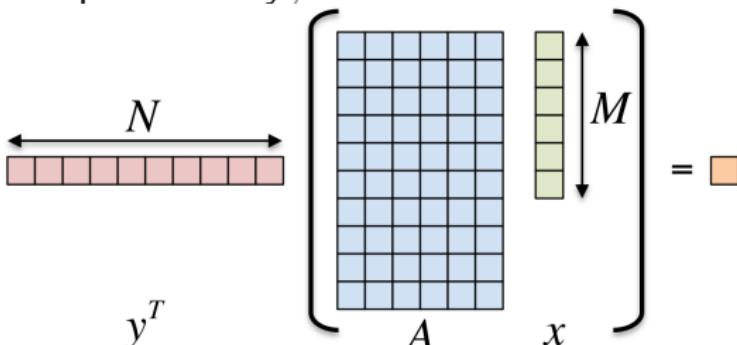
(Optional) Command-line arguments or environment variables:

--kokkos-num-threads=INT or KOKKOS_NUM_THREADS	total number of threads
--kokkos-device-id=INT or KOKKOS_DEVICE_ID	device (GPU) ID to use

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- ▶ Claim an IP by putting your name next to one here:
<https://bit.ly/kokkos-vms>
- ▶ Download the linked ssh key and set its permissions: chmod 400 kokkos-tutorials.pem
- ▶ Log into them with ssh: ssh -i kokkos-tutorial.pem ec2-user@54.91.69.160 -o PubkeyAcceptedAlgorithms=+ssh-rsa
- ▶ Clone Kokkos Tutorials: git clone <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials>

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$$y^T$$

- ▶ Location: [Exercises/01/Begin/](#)
- ▶ Look for comments labeled with “EXERCISE”
- ▶ Need to include, initialize, and finalize Kokkos library
- ▶ Parallelize loops with `parallel_for` or `parallel_reduce`
- ▶ Use lambdas instead of functors for computational bodies.
- ▶ For now, this will only use the CPU.

Compiling for CPU

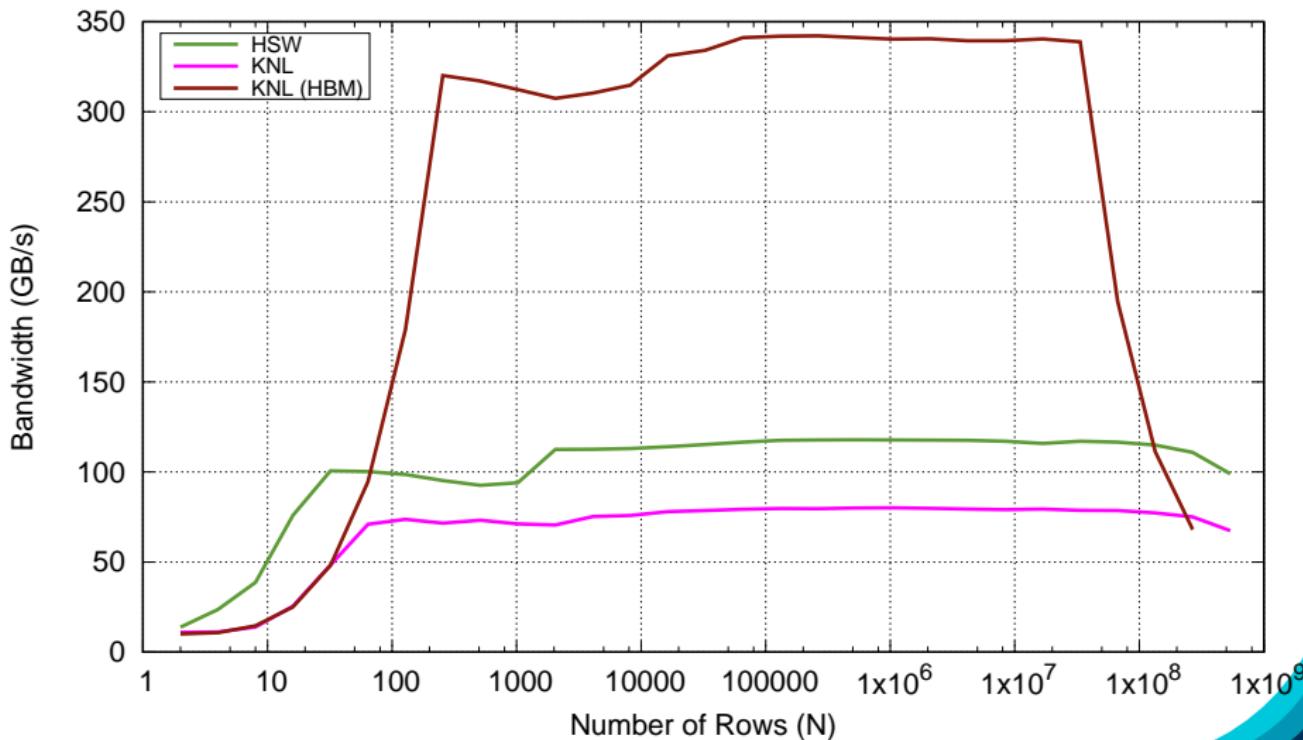
```
cmake -B build_openmp -DKokkos_ENABLE_OPENMP=ON \
      -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
cmake --build build_openmp
```

Running on CPU with OpenMP backend

```
# Set OpenMP affinity
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread OMP_PLACES=threads
# Print example command line options:
./build_openmp/01_Exercise -h
# Run with defaults on CPU
./build_openmp/01_Exercise
# Run larger problem
./build_openmp/01_Exercise -S 26
```

Things to try:

- ▶ Vary problem size with command line argument `-S s`
- ▶ Vary number of rows with command line argument `-N n`
- ▶ Num rows = 2^n , num cols = 2^m , total size = $2^s == 2^{n+m}$

$\langle y, Ax \rangle$ Exercise 01, Fixed Size

- ▶ **Simple** usage is similar to OpenMP, advanced features are also straightforward
- ▶ Three common **data-parallel patterns** are parallel_for, parallel_reduce, and parallel_scan.
- ▶ A parallel computation is characterized by its **pattern**, **policy**, and **body**.
- ▶ User provides **computational bodies** as functors or lambdas which handle a single work item.

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Ignore This For Tutorial Only

The following details on options to integrate Kokkos into your build process are NOT necessary to know if you just want to do the tutorial.

- ▶ **Install Kokkos via CMake:** For large projects with multiple dependencies installing Kokkos via CMake and then building against it is the best option.
- ▶ **Build Kokkos inline via CMake:** This is an option suited for applications which have few dependencies (and no one depending on them) and want to build Kokkos inline with their application.
- ▶ **Using Spack:** For projects which largely rely on components provided by the Spack package manager.
- ▶ **Build Kokkos inline via GNU Makefiles:** The option for projects which don't want to use CMake. Only inline builds are supported via Makefiles though. Often this works well for small applications, with few if any dependencies.

- ▶ In the spirit of C++ for *code* performance portability, modern CMake aims for *build system* portability
- ▶ Projects that depend on Kokkos should be agnostic to the exact build configuration of Kokkos
- ▶ No CUDA details in C++! No CUDA details in CMake!
- ▶ Single build system call in your project should configure all compiler/linker flags:

```
add_library(myLib goTeamVenture.cpp)
target_link_libraries(myLib PUBLIC Kokkos::kokkos)
```
- ▶ Kokkos configure options are enabled/disabled via CMake as:

```
cmake -DKokkos_XYZ=ON
```

- ▶ Numerous backends can be activated
 - ▶ Only one GPU, one parallel CPU, and Serial at the same time!
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```
-- The project name is: Kokkos
...
-- Execution Spaces:
--     Device Parallel: CUDA
--     Host Parallel: NONE
--     Host Serial: SERIAL
```

- ▶ Device backends *require* architecture be specified (CUDA , OpenMPTarget, and HIP)
 - ▶ `-DKokkos_ARCH_VOLTA70=ON`
 - ▶ `-DKokkos_ARCH_AMD_GFX90A=ON: MI250X`
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- ▶ Or simply use clang++ as your compiler...

Enable HIP backend Configure with:

```
-DKokkos_ENABLE_HIP=ON
```

Compiler Need to explicitly set hipcc or amdclang++ as C++ compiler:

```
-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=hipcc
```

Architecture flags Choose one from:

```
-DKokkos_ARCH_AMD_GFX908=ON # for AMD Radeon Instinct MI100  
-DKokkos_ARCH_AMD_GFX90A=ON # for AMD Radeon Instinct MI200 series
```

Enable SYCL backend Configure with:

```
-DKokkos_ENABLE_SYCL=ON
```

Compiler Need to explicitly set icpx as C++ compiler:

```
-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=icpx
```

Architecture flags Choose one from:

```
-DKokkos_ARCH_INTEL_GEN=ON # JIT compiler  
-DKokkos_ARCH_INTEL_PVC=ON # for GPU Max 1550/Ponte Vecchio
```

- ▶ Similar configuration as CUDA/HIP backends, but use:
`cmake -DKokkos_ENABLE_OPENMPTARGET=ON`
- ▶ Still requires target device architecture to be given:
`cmake -DKokkos_ARCH_VOLTA70=ON`
- ▶ Currently very sensitive to exact compiler/STL combination
 - ▶ Clang15+
 - ▶ GCC9 Toolchain
 - ▶ See [scripts/docker/Dockerfile.openmptarget](#) for recipe
- ▶ C++17 is required
- ▶ Working on Spack packages to handle complex version dependencies

Find exported Kokkos configuration (include dirs, libraries to link against, compile options, etc.) and generate my project's build system accordingly.

Basic starting point Create a CMakeLists.txt file.

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.16)
project(myProject CXX) # C++ needed to build my project

find_package(Kokkos REQUIRED) # fail if Kokkos not found

# build my executable from the specified source code
add_executable(myExe source.cpp)
# declare dependency on Kokkos
target_link_libraries(myExe PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

Working with a library

```
find_package(Kokkos 4.0 REQUIRED) # request Kokkos minimum version
add_library(myLib ${SOURCES})
target_link_libraries(myLib PUBLIC Kokkos::kokkos)
```

Finding Kokkos Add Kokkos installation prefix to the list of directories searched by CMake:

```
cmake .. -DKokkos_ROOT=<prefix> -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=<...>
```

Kokkos package introspection Assert that support for `__host__`, `__device__` annotations in lambdas declaration is enabled

```
# (optional) assume my project uses lambdas
if(Kokkos_ENABLE_CUDA)
    # fatal error if not enabled
    kokkos_check(OPTIONS CUDA_ENABLE_LAMBDA)
endif()
```

or query that generation of relocatable device code is enabled

```
kokkos_check(
    DEVICES CUDA
    OPTIONS CUDA_RELOCATABLE_DEVICE_CODE
    RESULT_VARIABLE KOKKOS_HAS_CUDA_RDC)
if(KOKKOS_HAS_CUDA_RDC)
    ...

```

Build Kokkos as part of your own project (as opposed to finding a pre-installed Kokkos)

```
add_subdirectory(<kokkos source dir>)

# identical as when finding an installed Kokkos package
add_executable(myExe ${SOURCES})
target_link_libraries(myExe PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

Pass Kokkos options along with app-specific options at configuration time

```
cmake .. -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=<kokkos dir>/bin/nvcc_wrapper \
-DKokkos_ENABLE_CUDA=ON -DKokkos_ENABLE_CUDA_LAMBDA=ON \
-DmyApp_ENABLE_FOO=ON -DmyApp_ENABLE_BAR=ON
```

- ▶ Spack provides a package manager that automatically downloads, configures, and installs package dependencies
- ▶ Kokkos itself can be easily installed with specific variants (+) and compilers (%)

```
spack install kokkos@develop +openmp %gcc@8.3.0
```

- ▶ Good practice is to define “best variant” in your packages.yaml directory, e.g. for Volta system

packages :

```
  kokkos :  
    variants: +cuda +openmp +cuda_lambda +wrapper \  
              ^cuda@12.0 cuda_arch=70  
    compiler: [gcc@8.3.0]
```

- ▶ Build rules in package.py automatically map Spack variants to correct CMake options
- ▶ Run `spack info kokkos` to see full list of variants

- ▶ Build rules created in a package.py file
- ▶ Step 1: Declare dependency on specific version of kokkos (3.x, master, or develop)

```
class myLib(CMakePackage):  
    depends_on('kokkos@3.2')
```

- ▶ Step 2: Add build rule pointing to Spack-installed Kokkos and same C++ compiler Kokkos uses

```
def cmake_args(self):  
    options = []  
    ...  
    options.append('-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER={}{}'.format(  
        self.spec['kokkos'].kokkos_cxx))  
    options.append('-DKokkos_ROOT={}{}'.format(  
        self.spec['kokkos'].prefix))  
    return options
```

- ▶ Full details can be found in Spack.md in Kokkos repo.

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Order Matters!

Add default target, Kokkos settings, and CXXFLAGS before including Makefile.kokkos!

```
KOKKOS_PATH = ${HOME}/Kokkos/kokkos
SRC = $(wildcard *.cpp)
KOKKOS_DEVICES=OpenMP,Cuda
KOKKOS_ARCH = SKX,Volta70

default: test
    echo "Start Build"

CXX = clang++
CXXFLAGS = -O3 -g
LINK = ${CXX}

OBJ = $(SRC:.cpp=.o)

include $(KOKKOS_PATH)/Makefile.kokkos

test: $(OBJ) $(KOKKOS_LINK_DEPENDS)
    $(LINK) $(KOKKOS_LDFLAGS) $(OBJ) $(KOKKOS_LIBS) -o test

%.o: %.cpp $(KOKKOS_CPP_DEPENDS)
    $(CXX) $(KOKKOS_CPPFLAGS) $(KOKKOS_CXXFLAGS) $(CXXFLAGS)
    -c $<
```

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Kokkos Ecosystem:

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Data Parallelism:

- ▶ Simple things stay simple!
- ▶ You use **parallel patterns** and **execution policies** to execute **computational bodies**
- ▶ Simple parallel loops use the `parallel_for` pattern:

```
parallel_for("Label", N, [=] (int64_t i) {  
    /* loop body */  
});
```

- ▶ Reductions combine contributions from loop iterations

```
int result;  
parallel_reduce("Label", N, [=] (int64_t i, int& lres) {  
    /* loop body */  
    lres += /* something */  
}, result);
```

Kokkos::View:

- ▶ Solving the data-layout issue.
- ▶ Controlling data life-time.

Execution and Memory Spaces:

- ▶ How to control where data lives.
- ▶ How to control where code executes.
- ▶ How to manage data transfers.

Slack channel: <https://kokkosteam.slack.com/>

Recordings/Slides:

<https://kokkos.org/kokkos-core-wiki/videolectures.html>