

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 US DOE National Labs and the French CEA
- ▶ Well over 300 projects with over 1500 developers use Kokkos
- ▶ Robust support for software stacks: GCC 11+, Clang 14+, NVCC 12+, ROCM 6.2, Intel 2022+, MSVC

Online Resources:

- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos>:
 - ▶ Primary Kokkos GitHub Organization
- ▶ <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.
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- ▶ Module 1: Introduction, Building and Parallel Dispatch
- ▶ Module 2: Views and Spaces
- ▶ Module 3: Data Structures + MultiDimensional Loops
- ▶ Module 4: Hierarchical Parallelism
- ▶ Module 5: Tasking, Streams and SIMD
- ▶ Module 6: Internode: MPI and PGAS
- ▶ Module 7: Tools: Profiling, Tuning and Debugging
- ▶ Module 8: Kernels: Sparse and Dense Linear Algebra
- ▶ Module 9: Fortran inter-op

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?

Introduction

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



LANL/SNL Trinity
Intel Haswell / Intel KNL
OpenMP 3



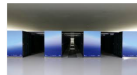
LLNL SIERRA
IBM Power9 / NVIDIA Volta
CUDA / OpenMP^(a)



ORNL Summit
IBM Power9 / NVIDIA Volta
CUDA / OpenACC / OpenMP^(a)



SNL Astra
ARM CPUs
OpenMP 3



Riken Fugaku
ARM CPUs with SVE
OpenMP 3 / OpenACC^(b)

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



NERSC Perlmutter
AMD CPU / NVIDIA GPU
CUDA / OpenMP 5^(c)



ORNL Frontier
AMD CPU / AMD GPU
HIP / OpenMP 5^(d)



ANL Aurora
Xeon CPUs / Intel GPUs
DPC++ / OpenMP 5^(e)



LLNL El Capitan
AMD CPU / AMD GPU
HIP / OpenMP 5^(d)

(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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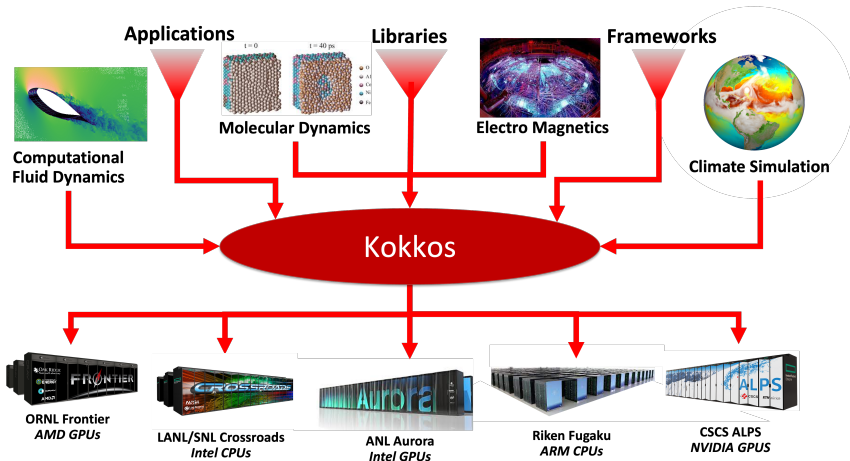
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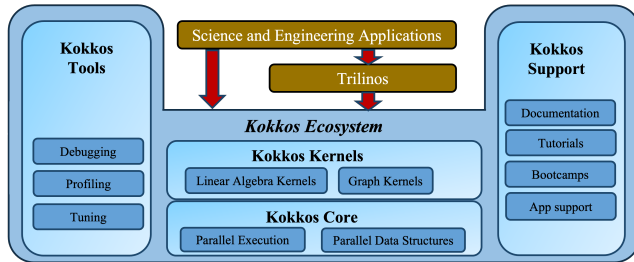
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Software Cost Switching Vendors

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





Emerging Libraries

Kokkos Remote Spaces

Global Arrays

Kokkos FFT

Local FFT

Simple Interface

Kokkos Resilience

Redundant Exe

Checkpoints

Kokkos Interop

Fortran

Python

Kokkos Comm

MPI Interop

C++ Libraries

MDSpan

stdBLAS

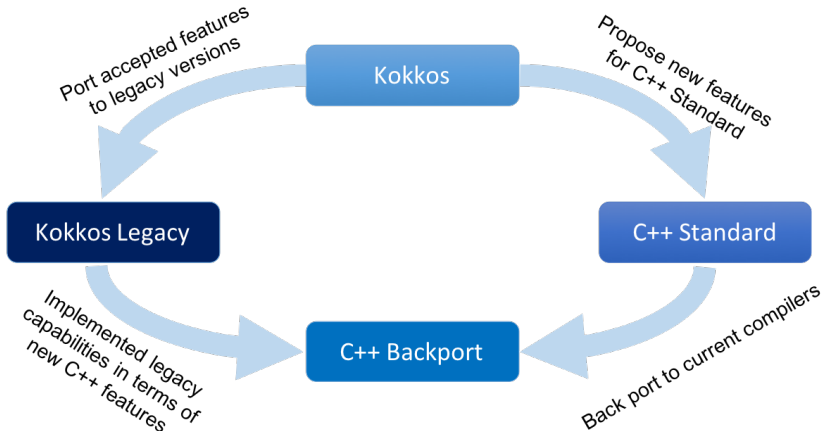
Primary
Teams



Support
Efforts



Kokkos helps improve ISO C++



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

C++11 std::atomic insufficient for HPC

- ▶ Objects, not functions, with only atomic access
- ▶ Can't use non-atomic access in one operation, and then atomic access in the next

C++20 std::atomic_ref adds atomic capabilities as in Kokkos

- ▶ Can wrap standard allocations.
- ▶ Works also for sizes which can't be done lock-free (e.g. `complex<double>`)
- ▶ Atomic operations on reasonably arbitrary types

```
// Kokkos today
Kokkos::atomic_add(&a[i], 5.0);

// atomic_ref in ISO C++20
std::atomic_ref(a[i]) += 5.0;
```

C++ does not provide multi dimensional arrays

- ▶ Every scientific programming language has them: Fortran, Matlab, Python, ...

C++23 std::mdspan adds Kokkos::View like arrays

- ▶ Reference semantics.
- ▶ Compile time and runtime extents (also mixed)
- ▶ Data layouts to allow for adapting hardware specific access patterns.
- ▶ Subviews!

```
// Kokkos today
View<float**[5],LayoutLeft> a("A",10,12); a(3,5,1) = 5;

// mdspan in ISO C++23
using ext = extents<int,dynamic_extent,dynamic_extent,5>;
mdspan<float,ext,layout_left> a(ptr,10,12); a[3,5,1]+=5;
```

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

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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

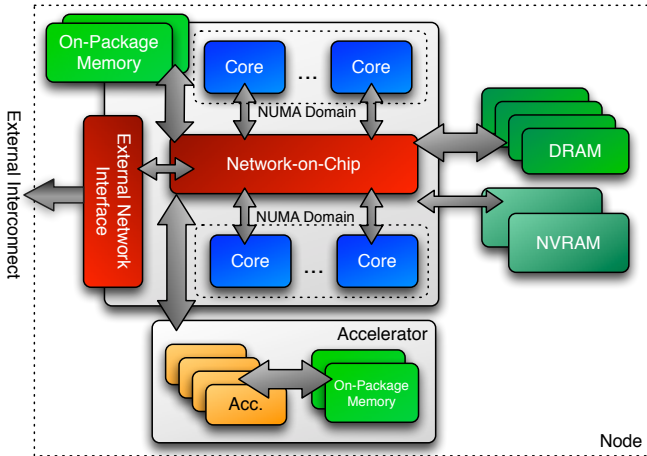
Assume you are here because:

- ▶ 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

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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but what if we then want to do this on **other architectures?**

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

Option 1: OpenMP 4.5

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Option 2: OpenACC

```
#pragma acc parallel copy(...) num_gangs(...) vector_length(...)
#pragma acc loop gang vector
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Performance depends upon the computation's **memory access pattern**.

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For performance the memory access pattern *must* depend on the architecture.

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.

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How does the body access the data?

Important concept

A parallel functor body must have access to all the data it needs through the functor's **data members**.

Putting it all together: the complete functor:

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```

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    functor(atomIndex);
}

```

The complete picture (using functors):

1. Defining the functor (operator+data):

```
struct AtomForceFunctor {
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    DataType _atomData;

    AtomForceFunctor(ForceType atomForces, DataType data) :
        _atomForces(atomForces), _atomData(data) {}

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2. Executing in parallel with Kokkos pattern:

```
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Kokkos::parallel_for(numberOfAtoms, functor);
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Functors are tedious \Rightarrow **C++11 Lambdas** are concise

```
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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 */  
}
```

OpenMP

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Kokkos

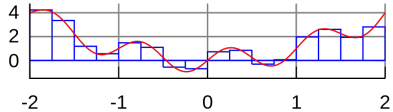
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Important concept

Simple Kokkos usage is **no more conceptually difficult** than OpenMP, the annotations just go in different places.

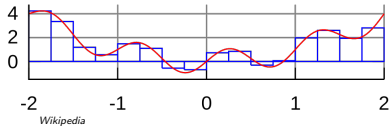
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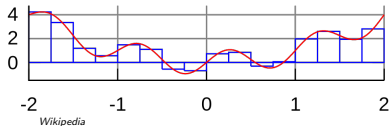
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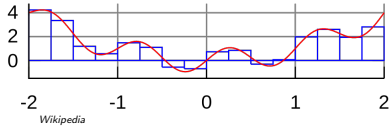


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```

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

Example: Scalar integration

OpenMP

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

Kokkos

```
double totalIntegral = 0;
parallel_reduce(numberOfIntervals,
    [=] (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.

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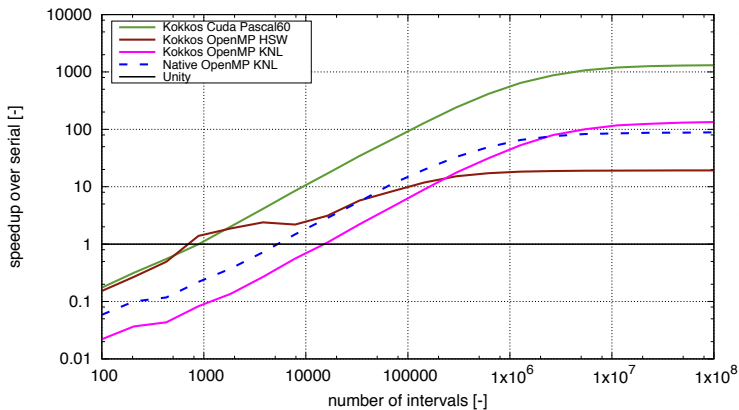
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$$\text{Speedup} = P \div \left(1 + \frac{\alpha * P}{\beta * N} \right)$$

- ▶ Should have $\alpha * P \ll \beta * N$
- ▶ All runtimes strive to minimize launch overhead α
- ▶ Find more parallelism to increase N
- ▶ Merge (fuse) parallel operations to increase β

Results: illustrates simple speedup model = $P \div \left(1 + \frac{\alpha * P}{\beta * N}\right)$

Kokkos speedup over serial: Scalar Integration



Note: log scale

Always name your kernels!

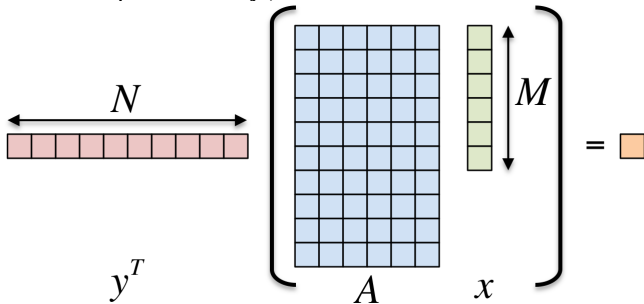
Giving unique names to each kernel is immensely helpful for debugging and profiling. You will regret it if you don't!

- ▶ 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

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

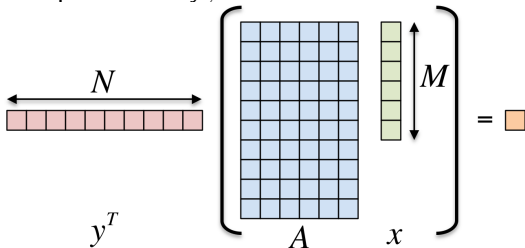
```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    /* ... do any necessary setup (e.g., initialize MPI) ... */
    Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);
    {
        /* ... do computations ... */
    }
    Kokkos::finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

(Optional) Command-line arguments or environment variables:

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

Exercise #1: Inner Product, Flat Parallelism on the CPU

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



Details:

- ▶ 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
```

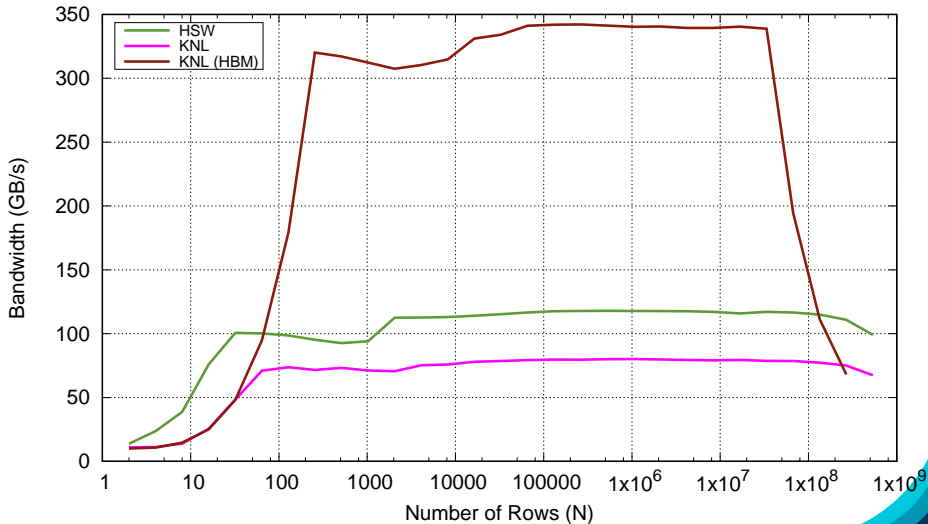
Running on CPU with OpenMP backend

```
# 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 = $2^s == 2^{n+m}$

<y,Ax> Exercise 01, Fixed Size



More things to try: port your solution to work on the device

- ▶ You will need to update the dynamic memory allocation.
- ▶ Replace `std::malloc` and `std::free` with `Kokkos::kokkos_malloc` and `Kokkos::kokkos_free`.
- ▶ Bonus question: Why does this perform so poorly? (hint: the answer is in this slide deck somewhere)
- ▶ Note that this is just for learning purposes and by no mean a recommended way to manage the lifetime of your arrays. We will see a better way to do this soon.

Compiling for GPU

```
# if the architecture autodetection fails configure with
# -DKokkos_ARCH_VOLTA70=ON for V100
# refer to the documentation for the complete list of supported
# architectures and corresponding flags, or use ccmake to disco
cmake -B build-cuda -DKokkos_ENABLE_CUDA=ON
cmake --build build-cuda
```

- ▶ Customizing `parallel_reduce` data type and reduction operator
e.g., minimum, maximum, ...
- ▶ `parallel_scan` pattern for exclusive and inclusive prefix sum
- ▶ Using *tag dispatch* interface to allow non-trivial functors to have multiple “operator()” functions.
very useful in large, complex applications

- ▶ **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 and find it as external package:** For large projects with multiple dependencies installing Kokkos via CMake and then building against it is the best option.
- ▶ **Build Kokkos embedded in your project:** 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.

- ▶ 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!
- ▶ Kokkos provides a `Kokkos::kokkos` target.
 - ▶ Include directories
 - ▶ Link libraries
 - ▶ Compiler options
 - ▶ Etc
- ▶ Single command in your project should configure all compiler/linker flags:

```
add_library(myLib goTeamVenture.cpp)
target_link_libraries(myLib PUBLIC Kokkos::kokkos)
```

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.22)
project(MyProject CXX)

find_package(Kokkos 4.2 REQUIRED CONFIG) # Find Kokkos version 4.2 or later

add_executable>HelloKokkos>HelloKokkos.cpp)
target_link_libraries>HelloKokkos>PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

How do I control cmake's search procedure?

```
cmake -DKokkos_ROOT=/path/to/kokkos
```

Option 1: via Git Submodules and `add_subdirectory()`

```
git submodule add -b 4.5.01 https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos.git tpls/kokkos
git commit -m 'Adding Kokkos v4.5.1 as a submodule'

add_subdirectory(tpls/kokkos)
target_link_libraries(MyTarget PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

Option 2: via FetchContent

```
include(FetchContent)
FetchContent_Declare(
  Kokkos
  URL      https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/releases/download/4.5.01/kokkos-4.5.01.tar.gz
  URL_HASH SHA256=52d003ffbbe05f30c89966e4009c017efb1662b02b2b73190670d3418719564c
)
FetchContent_MakeAvailable(Kokkos)
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```

Supporting Both External and Embedded Kokkos

```
find_package(Kokkos CONFIG) # Try to find Kokkos externally
if(Kokkos_FOUND)
    message(STATUS "Found external Kokkos")
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    message(STATUS "Kokkos not found. Using embedded Kokkos.")
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External

```
cmake -DCMAKE_REQUIRE_FIND_PACKAGE_Kokkos=ON -DKokkos_ROOT=/path/to/kokkos
```

Embedded

```
cmake -DCMAKE_DISABLE_FIND_PACKAGE_Kokkos=ON
```

Assert that the (experimental) relaxed constexpr support is enabled

```
if(Kokkos_ENABLE_CUDA)
    kokkos_check(OPTIONS CUDA_CONSTEXPR)
    # fatal error if not enabled
endif()
```

Query whether generation of relocatable device code is enabled

```
kokkos_check(
    OPTIONS CUDA_RELOCATABLE_DEVICE_CODE
    RESULT_VARIABLE KOKKOS_HAS_CUDA_RDC
)
if(NOT KOKKOS_HAS_CUDA_RDC)
    # ...
```

Getting the Kokkos Source Code

Option 1: Downloading a Release Archive (Recommended)

Go to the [Kokkos releases](#) page and find the latest release (or a specific version you need).

```
curl -sLO https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/releases/download/4.6.01/kokkos-4.6.01.tar.gz
curl -sLO https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/releases/download/4.6.01/kokkos-4.6.01-SHA-256.txt
grep kokkos-4.6.01.tar.gz kokkos-4.6.01-SHA-256.txt | shasum -c
# the output should be "kokkos-4.6.01.tar.gz: OK" or similar
# if the checksum doesn't match, do not use the archive
tar -xzf kokkos-4.6.01.tar.gz
```

Option 2: Cloning the Git Repository (For Development Versions)

If you need the latest features or want to contribute to Kokkos, you can clone the Git repository.

```
git clone https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos.git
cd kokkos
# checkout a release tag
git checkout 4.6.01
```

Configuring Kokkos

```
cmake -B builddir [<options...>]
```

Common CMake options:

- ▶ `-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=<compiler>` for example `hipcc` for AMD GPUs, `icpx` for Intel GPUs, `nvcc_wrapper` for NVIDIA GPUs
- ▶ `-DCMAKE_CXX_STANDARD=<standard>` default is 17 for Kokkos 4.X, 20 in 5.0
- ▶ `-DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=<type>` choose from `Debug`, `Release`, `RelWithDebInfo` (default), and `MinSizeRel`
- ▶ `-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=<prefix>`

Important Kokkos-specific options:

- ▶ `-DKokkos_ENABLE_<BACKEND>=ON`
- ▶ `-DKokkos_ARCH_<ARCHITECTURE>=ON`
- ▶ `-DKokkos_ENABLE_DEPRECATED_CODE_4=ON`
- ▶ `-DKokkos_ENABLE_DEPRECATION_WARNINGS=ON`

Refer to <https://kokkos.org> > Documentation > Get Started > Configuration Guide

Backends

- ▶ You can only enable one "device" backend at a time (e.g., CUDA, HIP, or SYCL)
- ▶ Only one "host parallel" backend at a time (e.g., OPENMP or THREADS)
- ▶ A host backend is always required
- ▶ If no host backend is explicitly enabled, the SERIAL backend will be used.

```
-- The project name is: Kokkos
...
-- Execution Spaces:
-- Device Parallel: CUDA
-- Host Parallel: NONE
-- Host Serial: SERIAL
```

Architectures

- ▶ Device architecture is required, Kokkos will try to autodetect it at configuration time if you don't specify anything
- ▶ Host architecture is optional, none by default, you may be able to use
-DKokkos_ARCH_NATIVE=ON

```
-- The project name is: Kokkos
...
-- Architectures:
-- HOPPER90
```

Build

After configuring, build Kokkos using:

```
cmake --build builddir [-j<N>]
```

This compiles Kokkos. You can add `-j<N>` to use multiple cores for faster compilation (replace `<N>` with the number of cores).

Install

To install Kokkos (header files and libraries), use:

```
cmake --install builddir [--prefix <prefix>]
```

The `--prefix <prefix>` option specifies the installation directory. If omitted, Kokkos will be installed to a default location, often `/usr/local` (not recommended).

- ▶ 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@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 (4.x or develop)

```
class myLib(CMakePackage):  
    depends_on('kokkos@4.2')
```

- ▶ 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['kokkos'].kokkos_cxx)  
    )  
    return options
```

- ▶ More details on <https://kokkos.org> > Documentation > Get Started > Package Managers > Spack

- ▶ Kokkos' primary build system is CMAKE.
- ▶ Kokkos options are transitively passed on, including many necessary compiler options.
- ▶ The Spack package manager does support Kokkos.
- ▶ If you write an application, and have few if any dependencies, building Kokkos as part of your code is an option.

Kokkos Ecosystem:

- ▶ C++ Performance Portability Programming Model.
- ▶ The Kokkos Ecosystem provides capabilities needed for serious code development.
- ▶ Kokkos is supported by multiple National Laboratories with a sizeable dedicated team.

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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/videlectures.html>