

The Kokkos Lectures

Module 9: Kokkos-Fortran-Interop

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Online Resources:

- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos>:
 - ▶ Primary Kokkos GitHub Organization
- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials/wiki/Kokkos-Lecture-Series>:
 - ▶ Slides, recording and Q&A for the Lectures
- ▶ <https://kokkos.github.io/kokkos-core-wiki>:
 - ▶ Wiki including API reference
- ▶ <https://kokkosteam.slack.com>:
 - ▶ Slack channel for Kokkos.
 - ▶ Please join: fastest way to get your questions answered.
 - ▶ Can whitelist domains, or invite individual people.

- ▶ Repository:
<https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-fortran-interop>
- ▶ Requirements:
 - ▶ Kokkos 4.0 or newer
 - ▶ C++17/Fortran08 compiler suites
- ▶ Configure
`cmake -DKokkos_ROOT=/kokkos/path /interop/path`

- ▶ Kokkos-Fortran offers wrappers around:
 - ▶ `Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv)`
 - ▶ `Kokkos::finalize()`
 - ▶ `Kokkos::print_configuration(output)`
 - ▶ `Kokkos::View`
 - ▶ `Kokkos::DualView`
- ▶ User kernels are written in C++ → need to use `iso_c_binding`
- ▶ Only a subset of Kokkos capabilities are exposed

- ▶ Similar to MPI, Kokkos needs to be initialized by calling `kokkos_initialize` and finalized by calling `kokkos_finalize`
- ▶ The `kokkos_initialize` subroutine initializes Kokkos and reads command line arguments. It should be called after `MPI_Initialize`
- ▶ `kokkos_print_configure("output.txt")` prints the Kokkos configuration to the file `output.txt`

```
program my_kokkos_code
  use :: flcl_util_kokkos_mod

  ! Initialize Kokkos
  ! This subroutine reads command line arguments
  call kokkos_initialize()

  ! Print the configuration in a file
  call kokkos_print_configure('kokkos.out')

  ! Finalize Kokkos
  call kokkos_finalize()
end program my_kokkos_code
```

- ▶ `Kokkos::View` is Kokkos equivalent to an array
- ▶ `Kokkos::View` can have up to 8 dimensions in C++ but they are limited to 7 dimensions in Fortran due to limitation of the library
- ▶ Supported Fortran types: logical, 32-bit integer, 64-bit integer, 32-bit real, 64-bit real, 32-bit complex, 64-bit complex, and index (positive 64-bit integer)
- ▶ Types follow the pattern `view_<type>_<dimension>_t`, e.g., `view_r64_1d_t` is a one-dimensional view of 64-bit real

- ▶ The memory space defines where the memory is allocated
- ▶ Supported memory spaces: `Kokkos::HostSpace`, `Kokkos::CudaManagedSpace`, and `Kokkos::HIPManagedSpace`
- ▶ The memory space is determined during the configuration of the Kokkos-Fortran-Interop library, based on the memory space configuration of Kokkos.

- ▶ Kokkos::View can be allocated directly or built from an array. In the latter case, the Kokkos::View can only be used on the host
- ▶ Kokkos::View that are allocated with kokkos_allocate_view must also be deallocated with kokkos_deallocate_view
- ▶ kokkos_allocate_view initializes all the elements of the Kokkos::View to zero
- ▶ Kokkos::View cannot be accessed directly from Fortran instead it can be accessed through a pointer

```
use, intrinsic :: iso_c_binding
use, intrinsic :: iso_fortran_env
use :: flcl_mod
```

```
! Kokkos View only accessible from C++
type(view_r64_1d_t) :: v_c_y
! Pointer to access the Kokkos View from Fortran
real(real64), pointer, dimension(:) :: c_y
integer :: mm = 5000

call kokkos_allocate_view(c_y, v_c_y, 'c_y', &
                          int(mm, c_size_t))

! Do stuff

call kokkos_deallocate_view(c_y, v_c_y)
```

- ▶ `Kokkos::DualView` are similar to `Kokkos::View` but they are composed of two `Kokkos::Views`, one on the host and one on the device.
- ▶ It is the user's responsibility to synchronize the data
- ▶ The synchronization must be done in C++
- ▶ Supported memory spaces: `Kokkos::HostSpace`, `Kokkos::Cuda`, `Kokkos::HIP`, and `Kokkos::SYCL`
- ▶ `Kokkos::DualView` cannot be accessed directly from Fortran instead it can be accessed through a pointer

```
use, intrinsic :: iso_c_binding
use, intrinsic :: iso_fortran_env
use :: flcl_mod

real(real64), pointer, dimension(:) :: c_y
type(dualview_r64_1d_t) :: v_c_y
integer :: mm = 5000

call kokkos_allocate_dualview(c_y, v_c_y, 'c_y', &
                             int(mm, c_size_t))

! Do stuff

call kokkos_deallocate_dualview(c_y, v_c_y)
```

- ▶ Kernels using Kokkos are written in C++
- ▶ Use C-binding from Fortran standard
- ▶ Create a subroutine that calls the C++ function

```
use, intrinsic :: iso_c_binding
use, intrinsic :: iso_fortran_env
use :: flcl_mod
use :: my_init_mod

real(real64), pointer, dimension(:) :: c_y
type(view_r64_1d_t) :: v_c_y
integer :: mm = 5000

call kokkos_allocate_view(c_y, v_c_y, 'c_y', &
                          int(mm, c_size_t))

call my_init(v_c_y)

call kokkos_deallocate_view(c_y, v_c_y)
```

```
module my_init_mod
  use, intrinsic :: iso_c_binding
  use, intrinsic :: iso_fortran_env
  use :: flcl_mod
  implicit none
  public
  interface
    subroutine my_f_init( y ) &
      & bind(c, name='my_c_init')
      import
      type(c_ptr), intent(in) :: y
    end subroutine my_f_init
  end interface
```

contains

```
subroutine my_init( y )  
  type(view_r64_1d_t), intent(inout) :: y  
  call my_f_init(y%ptr())  
end subroutine my_init  
  
end module my_init_mod
```

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
#include <flcl-cxx.hpp>
using view_type = flcl::view_r64_1d_t;

extern "C" {
    void my_c_init(view_type **v_y) {
        view_type y = **v_y;
        Kokkos::parallel_for(
            "init", y.extent(0),
            KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int idx) {y(idx) += idx;});
        Kokkos::fence();
    }
}
```

- ▶ Use `Kokkos::View` to do an *axpy*
- ▶ Do not forget to install the library

Fortran Language Compatibility Layer

- ▶ Initialize Kokkos from Fortran via `kokkos_initialize` and `kokkos_finalize`
- ▶ `nd_array_t` is a representation of a `Kokkos::View`
- ▶ Create `nd_array_t` from a Fortran array via `to_nd_array`
- ▶ Allocate `Kokkos::DualView` in Fortran with `kokkos_allocate_dualview`