# The Kokkos Lectures

The Compact Course

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#### A 1-Day Tutorial

This lecture covers many concepts of Kokkos with Hands-On Exercises as homework.

```
Slides: https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials/
Intro-Medium/KokkosTutorial_Medium.pdf
```

For the full lectures, with more capabilities covered, and more in-depth explanations visit:

```
https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tutorials/wiki/Kokkos-Lecture-Series
```

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#### The HPC Hardware Landscape

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 Perimutter 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 EI 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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# Software Cost Switching Vendors

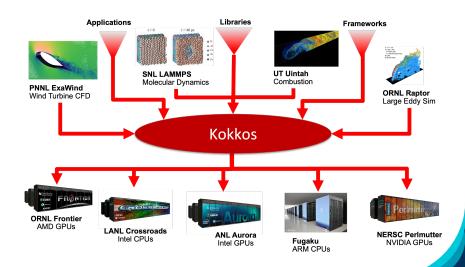
Just switching Programming Models costs multiple person-years per app!

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- ▶ 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

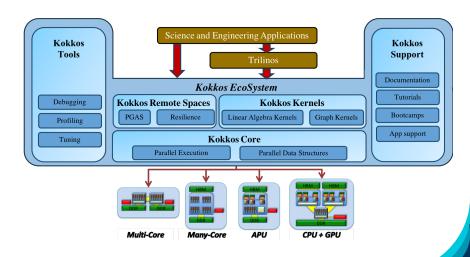
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#### Kokkos at the Center



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#### The Kokkos Ecosystem



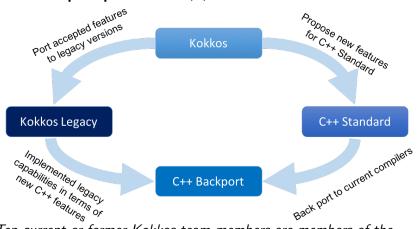
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# Kokkos helps improve ISO C++

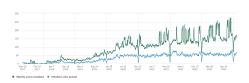


Ten current or former Kokkos team members are members of the ISO C++ standard committee.

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#### Kokkos has a growing OpenSource Community

- 20 ECP projects list Kokkos as Critical Dependency
  - ▶ 41 list C++ as critical
  - 25 list Lapack as critical
  - ▶ 21 list Fortran as critical
- ► Slack Channel: 1.7k members from 100+ institutions
  - ▶ 15% Sandia Nat. Lab.
  - 24% other US Labs
  - 22% universities
  - ▶ 39% other
- ► GitHub: 1.9k stars



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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 Full Lectures
- ► https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/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.

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# 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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# Using Kokkos for data parallel patterns (0)

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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:

```
struct ParallelFunctor {
    ...
    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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#### 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.

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#### How does this compare to OpenMP?

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

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int64_t i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
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}</pre>
```

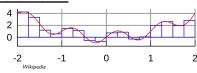
```
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# Important concept

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

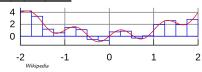
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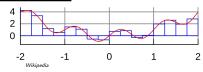
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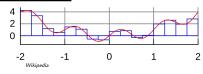


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First problem: compiler error; cannot increment totalIntegral (lambdas capture by value and are treated as const!)

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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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How would we do this with **OpenMP**?

```
double finalReducedValue = 0;
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for (int64_t i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
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}</pre>
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How will we do this with **Kokkos**?

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

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## **Example: Scalar integration**

Kokkos

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

```
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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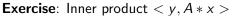
# Always name your kernels!

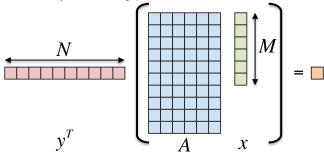
Giving unique names to each kernel is immensely helpful for debugging and profiling. You will regret it if you don't!

- 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);
```





## Details:

- $\triangleright$  y is Nx1, A is NxM, x is Mx1
- We'll use this exercise throughout the tutorial

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### 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;
}
```

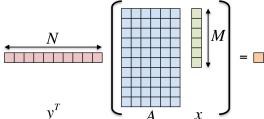
(Optional) Command-line arguments or environment variables:

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

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

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



► Location: Exercises/01/Begin/

Details:

- 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.

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## 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

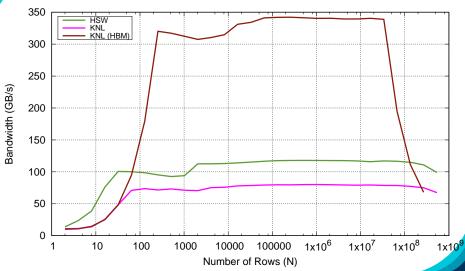
```
# Set OpenMP affinity
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread OMP_PLACES=threads
# Print example command line options:
./build_openmp/01_Exercise -h
# Run with defaults on CPU
./build_openmp/01_Exercise
# Run larger problem
./build_openmp/01_Exercise -S 26
```

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

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# <y,Ax> Exercise 01, Fixed Size



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- ➤ **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.

# **Views**

## **Learning objectives:**

- Motivation behind the View abstraction.
- Key View concepts and template parameters.
- ► The View life cycle.

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# Example: running daxpy on the GPU:

```
Lambda
```

```
double * x = new double[N]; // also y
parallel_for("DAXPY",N, [=] (const int64_t i) {
   y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
});
```

```
struct Functor {
  double *_x, *_y, a;
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**Solution:** We need a way of storing data (multidimensional arrays) which can be communicated to an accelerator (GPU).

⇒ Views

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# Important point

Views are **like pointers**, so copy them in your functors.

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## Example:

```
View < double *** > data("label", NO, N1, N2); //3 run, 0 compile
View < double ** [N2] > data("label", NO, N1); //2 run, 1 compile
View < double * [N1] [N2] > data("label", NO); //1 run, 2 compile
View < double [NO] [N1] [N2] > data("label"); //0 run, 3 compile
//Access
data(i,j,k) = 5.3;
```

Note: runtime-sized dimensions must come first.

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## Example:

```
View < double * [5] > a("a", N), b("b", K);
a = b;
View < double ** > c(b);
a(0,2) = 1;
b(0,2) = 2;
c(0,2) = 3;
print_value( a(0,2) );
What gets printed?
```

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## **View** life cycle:

- Allocations only happen when explicitly specified. i.e., there are no hidden allocations.
- Copy construction and assignment are shallow (like pointers). so, you pass Views by value, not by reference
- ▶ Reference counting is used for **automatic deallocation**.
- ► They behave like std::shared\_ptr

## Example:

```
View < double * [5] > a("a", N), b("b", K);
a = b;
View < double * * > c(b);
a(0,2) = 1;
b(0,2) = 2;
c(0,2) = 3;
print_value(a(0,2));
What gets printed?
```

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## **View** Properties:

- Accessing a View's sizes is done via its extent(dim) function.
  - Static extents can additionally be accessed via static\_extent(dim).
- ▶ You can retrieve a raw pointer via its data() function.
- The label can be accessed via label().

## Example:

```
View < double * [5] > a ("A", N0);
assert(a.extent(0) == N0);
assert(a.extent(1) == 5);
static_assert(a.static_extent(1) == 5);
assert(a.data() != nullptr);
assert(a.label() == "A");
```

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## Exercise #2: Inner Product, Flat Parallelism on the CPU, with Views

- Location: Exercises/02/Begin/
- Assignment: Change data storage from arrays to Views.
- Compile and run on CPU, and then on GPU with SharedSpace.

```
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    -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
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# GPU build using SYCL
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    -DKokkos_ARCH_INTEL_PVC=On \
    -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
cmake --build build_sycl

# Run exercise
./build_openmp/02_Exercise -S 26
./build_sycl/02_Exercise -S 26
```

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# **Execution and Memory Spaces**

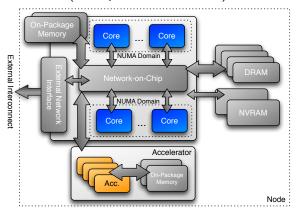
# Learning objectives:

- Heterogeneous nodes and the space abstractions.
- How to control where parallel bodies are run, execution space.
- ▶ How to control where view data resides, **memory space**.
- How to avoid illegal memory accesses and manage data movement.
- ▶ The need for Kokkos::initialize and finalize.
- Where to use Kokkos annotation macros for portability.

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## **Execution Space**

a homogeneous set of cores and an execution mechanism (i.e., "place to run code")



Execution spaces: Serial, Threads, OpenMP, Cuda, HIP, ...

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## Changing the parallel execution space:

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Requirements for enabling execution spaces:

- Kokkos must be compiled with the execution spaces enabled.
- Execution spaces must be initialized (and finalized).
- ► Functions must be marked with a macro for non-CPU spaces.
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These macros are already defined by Kokkos.

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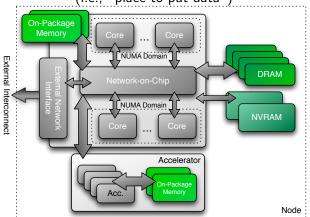
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# **⇒ Memory Spaces**

## Memory space:

explicitly-manageable memory resource

(i.e., "place to put data")



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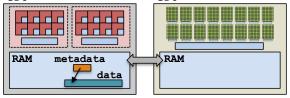
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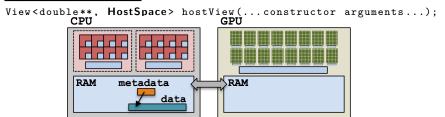
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```

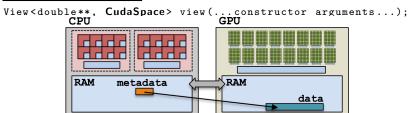
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# **Example: CudaSpace**



# Anatomy of a kernel launch:

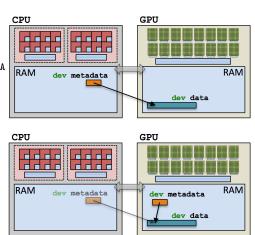
- 1. User declares views, allocating.
- 2. User instantiates a functor with views.
- 3. User launches parallel\_something:
  - Functor is copied to the device.
  - Kernel is run.
  - Copy of functor on the device is released.

```
#define KL KOKKOS_LAMBDA
View<int*, Cuda> dev(...);
parallel_for("Label",N,
    KL (int i) {
      dev(i) = ...;
    });
```

Note: **no deep copies** of array data are performed; *views are like pointers*.

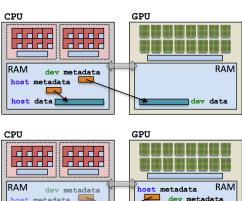
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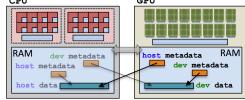
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```

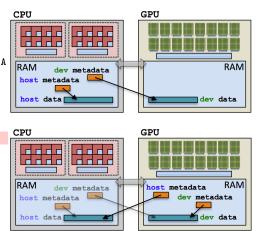




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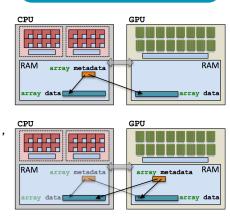
What's the solution?

- SharedSpace
- SharedHostPinnedSpace (skipping)

Mirroring

## Execution and Memory spaces (5)

### SharedSpace



Cuda runtime automatically handles data movement, at a **performance hit**.

Views, Spaces, and Mirrors

# Important concept: Mirrors

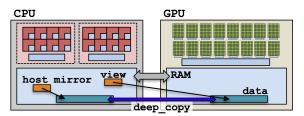
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### Mirroring schematic

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If needed, deep copy the view's updated array back to the hostView's array to write file, etc.

```
Kokkos::deep_copy(hostView, view);
```

What if the View is in HostSpace too? Does it make a copy?

```
Kokkos::View<double*, Space> view("test", 10);
auto hostView = Kokkos::create_mirror_view(view);
```

- create\_mirror\_view allocates data only if the host process cannot access view's data, otherwise hostView references the same data.
- create\_mirror always allocates data.
- create\_mirror\_view\_and\_copy allocates data if necessary and also copies data.

Reminder: Kokkos *never* performs a **hidden deep copy**.

#### Exercise #3: Flat Parallelism on the GPU, Views and Host Mirrors

#### Details:

- Location: Exercises/03/Begin/
- Add HostMirror Views and deep copy
- Make sure you use the correct view in initialization and Kernel

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```

### View and Spaces Section Summary

- Data is stored in Views that are "pointers" to multi-dimensional arrays residing in memory spaces.
- Views abstract away platform-dependent allocation, (automatic) deallocation, and access.
- ▶ Heterogeneous nodes have one or more memory spaces.
- Mirroring is used for performant access to views in host and device memory.
- Heterogeneous nodes have one or more execution spaces.
- You control where parallel code is run by a template parameter on the execution policy, or by compile-time selection of the default execution space.

# Managing memory access patterns for performance portability

#### Learning objectives:

- How the View's Layout parameter controls data layout.
- How memory access patterns result from Kokkos mapping parallel work indices and layout of multidimensional array data
- Why memory access patterns and layouts have such a performance impact (caching and coalescing).
- See a concrete example of the performance of various memory configurations.

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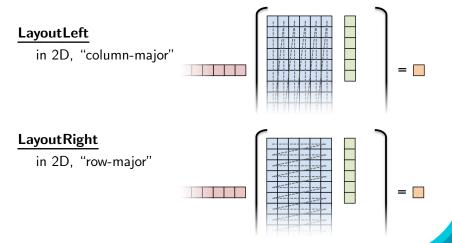
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**Driving question:** How should A be laid out in memory?

# Example: inner product (1)

Layout is the mapping of multi-index to memory:



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- Most-common layouts are LayoutLeft and LayoutRight. LayoutLeft: left-most index is stride 1. LayoutRight: right-most index is stride 1.
- ▶ If no layout specified, default for that memory space is used. LayoutLeft for CudaSpace, LayoutRight for HostSpace.
- ▶ Layouts are extensible:  $\approx$  50 lines
- Advanced layouts: LayoutStride, LayoutTiled, ...

#### Exercise #4: Inner Product, Flat Parallelism

#### Details:

- ► Location: Exercises/04/Begin/
- Replace ''N'' in parallel dispatch with RangePolicy<ExecSpace>
- Add MemSpace to all Views and Layout to A
- Experiment with the combinations of ExecSpace, Layout to view performance

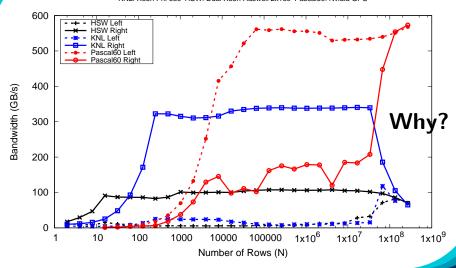
#### Things to try:

- Vary problem size and number of rows (-S ...; -N ...)
- Change number of repeats (-nrepeat ...)
- Compare behavior of CPU vs GPU
- On GPUs, compare using SharedSpace vs using the default memory space, i.e, not providing an explicit memory space.
- ► Check what happens if MemSpace and ExecSpace do not match.

#### Exercise #4: Inner Product, Flat Parallelism

### <y|Ax> Exercise 04 (Layout) Fixed Size

KNL: Xeon Phi 68c HSW: Dual Xeon Haswell 2x16c Pascal60: Nvidia GPU



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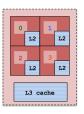
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So, **how many cache lines** must be fetched before threads can move on?

## Caching and coalescing (1)

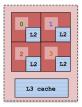
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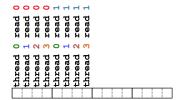


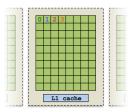
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### GPUs: many (synchronized) cores with a shared cache:





### Important point

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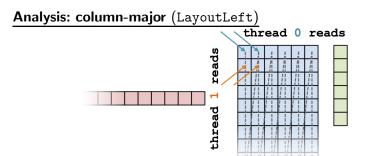
Kokkos index mapping and default layouts provide efficient access if **iteration indices** correspond to the **first index** of array.

#### **Example:**

```
View < double ***, ...> view (...);
...
Kokkos::parallel_for("Label", ...,
    KOKKOS_LAMBDA (int workIndex) {
        ...
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...
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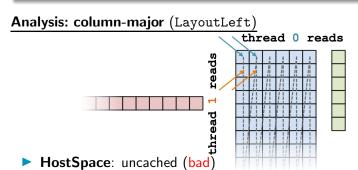
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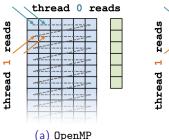
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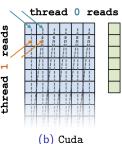


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#### Analysis: Kokkos architecture-dependent

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    ... thisRowsSum += A(j, i) * x(i);
```





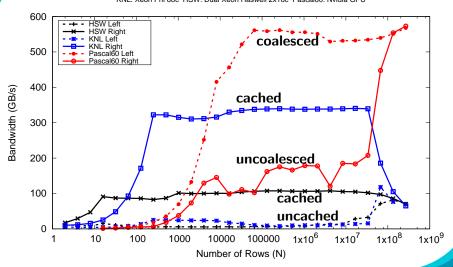
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### Example: inner product (5)

#### <y|Ax> Exercise 04 (Layout) Fixed Size

KNL: Xeon Phi 68c HSW: Dual Xeon Haswell 2x16c Pascal60: Nvidia GPU



### Memory Access Pattern Summary

- Every View has a Layout set at compile-time through a template parameter.
- LayoutRight and LayoutLeft are most common.
- Views in HostSpace default to LayoutRight and Views in CudaSpace default to LayoutLeft.
- Layouts are extensible and flexible.
- For performance, memory access patterns must result in caching on a CPU and coalescing on a GPU.
- ► Kokkos maps parallel work indices *and* multidimensional array layout for **performance portable memory access patterns**.
- ► There is **nothing in** OpenMP, OpenACC, or OpenCL to manage layouts.
  - $\Rightarrow$  You'll need multiple versions of code or pay the performance penalty.

# Advanced Reductions

#### Learning objectives:

- How to use Reducers to perform different reductions.
- ► How to do multiple reductions in one kernel.
- Using Kokkos::View's as result for asynchronicity.
- Custom reductions



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- Custom value types supported via specialization of reduction\_identity.

#### Sometimes multiple reductions are needed

- ▶ Provide multiple reducers/result arguments
- Functor/Lambda operator takes matching thread-local variables
- Mixing scalar types is fine.

```
float max_value = 0;
double sum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Label", numberOfIntervals,
          KOKKOS_LAMBDA(const int64_t i,float& tl_max,double& tl_sum){
    float a_i = a[i];
    if(a_i > tl_max) tl_max = a_i;
    tl_sum += a_i;
}, Kokkos::Max<float>(max_value),sum);
```

#### Reducing into a Scalar is blocking!

- Providing a reference to scalar means no lifetime expectation.
  - Call to parallel\_reduce returns after writing the result.
- Kokkos::View can be used as a result, allowing for potentially non-blocking execution.
- ► Can provide View to host memory, or to memory accessible by the ExecutionSpace for the reduction.
- Works with Reducers too!

```
View < double , HostSpace > h_sum("sum_h");
View < double , CudaSpace > d_sum("sum_d");
using policy_t = RangePolicy < Cuda >;

parallel_reduce("Label", policy_t(0,N), SomeFunctor,
    h_sum);

parallel_reduce("Label", policy_t(0,N), SomeFunctor,
    Kokkos::Sum < double , CudaSpace > (d_sum));
```

#### Pseudocode for Kokkos implementation

```
per_thread:
   value& tmp=init(local_tmp);
   for (i in local range)
      functor(i, tmp)
call join for merging values between threads
   in the same thread group
let one (the last) thread group merge all results
   from all thread groups
call final(result) on one thread
```

#### Three ingredients

- init (optional), default: default constructor
- join (required)
- ▶ final (optional), default: no-op

Rules for choosing reduction behavior

- 1. If a reducer is specified (return type is a functor with reducer alias to itself), use that.
- 2. If functor implements join, use functor as reducer.
- 3. Otherwise, assume join behaves like operator+.

Note that the functor's init, join, final members must be tagged if the call operator is tagged. The reducers member functions must never be tagged.

```
class Reducer {
  public:
    using reducer = Reducer;
    using value_type = ... ;
    using result_view_type = Kokkos::View<value_type, ... >;
   KOKKOS FUNCTION
    void join(value_type& dest, const value_type& src) const;
   //optional
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# Subviews: Taking slices of Views

#### Learning objectives:

- Introduce Kokkos::subview—basic capabilities and syntax
- Suggested usage and practices
- View assignment rules

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Kokkos can do that too!

#### Subview

Kokkos::subview can be used to get a view to a subset of an existing View.

Subviews (1)

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This can be accomplished in Kokkos using a subview as follows:

## Subview can take three types of slice arguments:

- ► Index
  - For every index i the rank of the resulting View is decreased by one.
  - ▶ Must be between 0 <= i < extent(dim)
- Kokkos::pair
  - References a half-open range of indices.
  - The begin and end must be within the extents of the original view.
- Kokkos::ALL
  - References the entire extent in that dimension.
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#### Details:

- Location: Exercises/subview/Begin/
- ▶ This begins with the Solution of 04
- In the parallel reduce kernel, create a subview for row j of view A
- ▶ Use this subview when computing A(j,:)\*x(:) rather than the matrix A

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./build_openmp/subview_exercise -S 26
# Note the warnings, set appropriate environment variables
# Compile for GPU
cmake -B build_cuda -DKokkos_ENABLE_CUDA=ON
cmake --build build_cuda
# Run on GPU
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  - So generally don't worry about it at first! This is advanced stuff, and more for future reference.

# Tightly Nested Loops with MDRangePolicy

#### Learning objectives:

- Demonstrate usage of the MDRangePolicy with tightly nested loops.
- Syntax Required and optional settings
- Code demo and example

## **Motivating example**: Consider the nested for loops:

```
for ( int i = 0; i < N0; ++i )
for ( int j = 0; j < N1; ++j )
for ( int k = 0; k < N2; ++k )
  some_init_fcn(i, j, k);</pre>
```

Based on Kokkos lessons thus far, you might parallelize this as

- ► This only parallelizes along one dimension, leaving potential parallelism unexploited.
- What if Ni is too small to amortize the cost of constructing a parallel region, but Ni\*Nj\*Nk makes it worthwhile?

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## With Kokkos you also change the policy:

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- Multiple reducers not yet implemented though.

In structured grid applications a **tiling** strategy is often used to help with caching.

## Tiling

MDRangePolicy uses a tiling strategy for the iteration space.

- Specified as a third initializer list.
- ► For GPUs a tile is handled by a single thread block.
  - ▶ If you provide too large a tile size this will fail!
- In Kokkos 3.3 we will add auto tuning for tile sizes.

```
double result;
parallel_reduce("Label",
   MDRangePolicy <Rank <3>>({0,0,0},{N0,N1,N2},{T0,T1,T2}),
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   KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, int j) {
        A(i,j) = 1000.0 * i + 1.0*j;
});

View < double **, LayoutRight > B("B",N0,N1);
parallel_for("Label",
   MDRangePolicy < Rank < 2 >> ({0,0},{N0,N1}),
   KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, int j) {
        B(i,j) = 1000.0 * i + 1.0*j;
});
```

How do I make sure that I get the right access pattern?

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#### Iteration Pattern

MDRangePolicy provides compile time control over iteration patterns.

Kokkos::Rank< N, IterateOuter, IterateInner >

- ▶ N: (Required) the rank of the index space (limited from 2 to 6)
- ▶ IterateOuter (Optional) iteration pattern between tiles
  - Options: Iterate::Left, Iterate::Right, Iterate::Default
- ▶ IterateInner (Optional) iteration pattern within tiles
  - ▶ **Options:** Iterate::Left, Iterate::Right, Iterate::Default

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## Initializing a Matrix fast:

```
View < double **, LayoutLeft > A("A", NO, N1);
parallel for ("Label".
  MDRangePolicy <Rank <2, Iterate::Left, Iterate::Left>>(
        \{0,0\},\{N0,N1\}),
  KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, int j) {
    A(i,j) = 1000.0 * i + 1.0*j;
});
View < double **, LayoutRight > B("B", NO, N1);
parallel_for("Label",
  MDRangePolicy <Rank <2, Iterate::Right, Iterate::Right>>(
        {0,0},{N0,N1}),
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#### Default Patterns Match

Default iteration patterns match the default memory layouts!

# Exercise - mdrange: Initialize multi-dim views with MDRangePolicy

#### Details:

- Location: Exercises/mdrange/Begin/
- This begins with the Solution of 02
- Initialize the device Views x and y directly on the device using a parallel for and RangePolicy
- Initialize the device View matrix A directly on the device using a parallel for and MDRangePolicy

```
# Compile for CPU
cmake -B build_openmp -DKokkos_ENABLE_OPENMP=ON
cmake --build build_openmp
# Run on CPU
./build_openmp/mdrange_exercise -S 26
# Note the warnings, set appropriate environment variables
# Compile for GPU
cmake -B build_cuda -DKokkos_ENABLE_CUDA=ON
cmake --build build_cuda
# Run on GPU
./build_cuda/mdrange_exercise -S 26
```

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#### Template Parameters common to ALL policies.

- ► ExecutionSpace: control where code executes
  - ▶ Options: Serial, OpenMP, Threads, Cuda, HIP, ...
- Schedule<Options>: set scheduling policy.
  - Options: Static, Dynamic
- IndexType<Options>: control internal indexing type
  - **Options:** int, long, etc
- WorkTag: enables multiple operators in one functor

```
struct Foo {
   struct Tag1{};   struct Tag2{};
   KOKKOS_FUNCTION void operator(Tag1, int i) const {...}
   KOKKOS_FUNCTION void operator(Tag2, int i) const {...}
   void run_both(int N) {
      parallel_for(RangePolicy<Tag1>(0,N),*this);
      parallel_for(RangePolicy<Tag2>(0,N),*this);
   }
});
```

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## **MDRangePolicy**

- allows for tightly nested loops similar to OpenMP's collapse clause.
- requires functors/lambdas with as many parameters as its rank is.
- works with parallel\_for and parallel\_reduce.
- uses a tiling strategy for the iteration space.
- provides compile time control over iteration patterns.

# Hierarchical parallelism

Finding and exploiting more parallelism in your computations.

## **Learning objectives:**

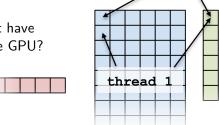
- Similarities and differences between outer and inner levels of parallelism
- Thread teams (league of teams of threads)
- Performance improvement with well-coordinated teams

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  KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const int row, double & valueToUpdate) {
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    for (int col = 0; col \langle M; ++col \rangle {
      thisRowsSum += A(row,col) * x(col);
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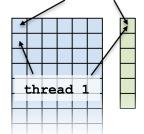


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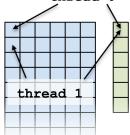
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This is an example of hierarchical work.

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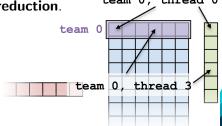
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## High-level strategy:

- 1. Do one parallel launch of N teams.
- 2. Each team handles a row.
- 3. The threads within teams perform a reduction.

4. The thread teams **perform a reduction**. team 0, thread 0



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#### The final hierarchical parallel kernel:

```
parallel_reduce("vAx",
 team_policy(N, Kokkos::AUTO),
  KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const member_type & teamMember, double & update)
    int row = teamMember.league_rank();
    double thisRowsSum = 0:
    parallel_reduce(TeamThreadRange(teamMember, M),
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When using teams, functor operators receive a team member.

```
using member_type = typename TeamPolicy < ExecSpace > :: member_type;
void operator()(const member_type & teamMember) {
  // How many teams are there?
  const unsigned int league_size = teamMember.league_size();
  // Which team am I on?
  const unsigned int league_rank = teamMember.league_rank();
  // How many threads are in the team?
  const unsigned int team_size = teamMember.team_size();
  // Which thread am I on this team?
  const unsigned int team_rank = teamMember.team_rank();
  // Make threads in a team wait on each other:
  teamMember.team_barrier();
```

```
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**⇒ Nested parallel patterns** 

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- The mapping of work indices to threads is architecture-dependent.
- ► The amount of work given to the TeamThreadRange need not be a multiple of the team\_size.
- Intrateam reduction handled by Kokkos.

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## **Anatomy** of nested parallelism:

```
parallel_outer("Label",
   TeamPolicy < ExecutionSpace > (numberOfTeams, teamSize),
   KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const member_type & teamMember[, ...]) {
    /* beginning of outer body */
   parallel_inner(
        TeamThreadRange(teamMember, thisTeamsRangeSize),
        [=] (const unsigned int indexWithinBatch[, ...]) {
        /* inner body */
        }[, ...]);
   /* end of outer body */
}[, ...]);
```

- parallel\_outer and parallel\_inner may be any combination of for and/or reduce.
- ► The inner lambda may capture by reference, but capture-by-value is recommended.
- ► The policy of the inner lambda is always a TeamThreadRange.

TeamThreadRange cannot be nested.

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#### What should the team size be?

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#### Intel Xeon Phi:

- Recommended team size: # hyperthreads per core
- Hyperthreads share entire cache hierarchy a well-coordinated team avoids cache-thrashing

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Exercise: TeamPolicy

#### Details:

- ► Location: Exercises/team\_policy/
- Replace RangePolicy<Space> with TeamPolicy<Space>
- ▶ Use AUTO for team size
- Make the inner loop a parallel\_reduce with TeamThreadRange policy
- Experiment with the combinations of Layout, Space, N to view performance
- ► Hint: what should the layout of A be?

## Things to try:

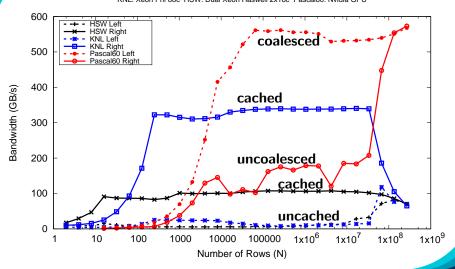
- Vary problem size and number of rows (-S ...; -N ...)
- ► Compare behavior with Exercise 4 for very non-square matrices
- Compare behavior of CPU vs GPU

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#### Reminder, Exercise #4 with Flat Parallelism

## <y|Ax> Exercise 04 (Layout) Fixed Size

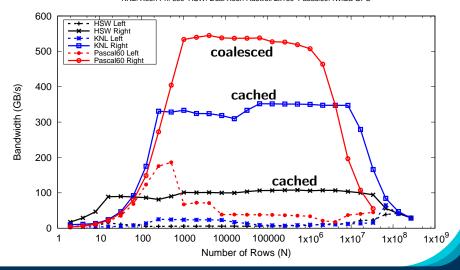
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#### <y|Ax> Exercise 05 (Layout/Teams) Fixed Size

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## **Exposing Vector Level Parallelism**

- Optional third level in the hierarchy: ThreadVectorRange
  - Can be used for parallel\_for, parallel\_reduce, or parallel\_scan.
- Maps to vectorizable loop on CPUs or (sub-)warp level parallelism on GPUs.
- Enabled with a runtime vector length argument to TeamPolicy
- There is no explicit access to a vector lane ID.
- Depending on the backend the full global parallel region has active vector lanes.
- TeamVectorRange uses both thread and vector parallelism.

## **Anatomy** of nested parallelism:

```
parallel_outer("Label",
 TeamPolicy <> (numberOfTeams, teamSize, vectorLength),
 KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const member_type & teamMember [, ...]) {
    /* beginning of outer body */
   parallel_middle(
      TeamThreadRange(teamMember, thisTeamsRangeSize),
      [=] (const int indexWithinBatch[, ...]) {
        /* begin middle body */
        parallel_inner(
           ThreadVectorRange(teamMember, thisVectorRangeSize),
           [=] (const int indexVectorRange[, ...]) {
            /* inner body */
           }[, ....);
       /* end middle body */
      }[, ...]);
    parallel_middle(
    TeamVectorRange(teamMember, someSize),
      [=] (const int indexTeamVector[, ...]) {
       /* nested body */
      }[, ...]);
    /* end of outer body */
  }[, ...]):
```

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#### Question: What will the value of totalSum be?

```
int totalSum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Sum", RangePolicy<>(0, numberOfThreads),
   KOKKOS_LAMBDA (size_t& index, int& partialSum) {
    int thisThreadsSum = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ++thisThreadsSum;
   }
   partialSum += thisThreadsSum;
}, totalSum);</pre>
```

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```
int totalSum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Sum", RangePolicy<>(0, numberOfThreads),
  KOKKOS_LAMBDA (size_t& index, int& partialSum) {
    int thisThreadsSum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ++thisThreadsSum;
    }
    partialSum += thisThreadsSum;
}, totalSum);</pre>
totalSum = numberOfThreads * 10
```

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```
int totalSum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Sum", TeamPolicy<>(numberOfTeams, team_size),
   KOKKOS_LAMBDA (member_type& teamMember, int& partialSum) {
   int thisThreadsSum = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ++thisThreadsSum;
   }
   partialSum += thisThreadsSum;
}, totalSum);</pre>
```

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int totalSum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Sum", TeamPolicy<>(numberOfTeams, team_size),
   KOKKOS_LAMBDA (member_type& teamMember, int& partialSum) {
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        ++thisThreadsSum;
    }
    partialSum += thisThreadsSum;
}, totalSum);</pre>
```

totalSum = numberOfTeams \* team\_size \* 10

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```
int totalSum = 0;
parallel_reduce("Sum", TeamPolicy <> (numberOfTeams, team_size),
  KOKKOS_LAMBDA (member_type& teamMember, int& partialSum) {
    int thisTeamsSum = 0:
    parallel_reduce(TeamThreadRange(teamMember, team_size),
      [=] (const int index, int& thisTeamsPartialSum) {
      int thisThreadsSum = 0:
      for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ++thisThreadsSum:
      thisTeamsPartialSum += thisThreadsSum;
    }, thisTeamsSum);
    partialSum += thisTeamsSum;
}, totalSum);
```

totalSum = numberOfTeams \* team\_size \* team\_size \* 10

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The single pattern can be used to restrict execution

- Like parallel patterns it takes a policy, a lambda, and optionally a broadcast argument.
- Two policies: PerTeam and PerThread.
- Equivalent to OpenMP single directive with nowait

```
// Restrict to once per thread
single(PerThread(teamMember), [&] () {
    // code
});

// Restrict to once per team with broadcast
int broadcastedValue = 0;
single(PerTeam(teamMember), [&] (int& broadcastedValue_local) {
            broadcastedValue_local = special value assigned by one;
}, broadcastedValue);
// Now everyone has the special value
```

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The previous example was extended with an outer loop over "Elements" to expose a third natural layer of parallelism.

#### Details:

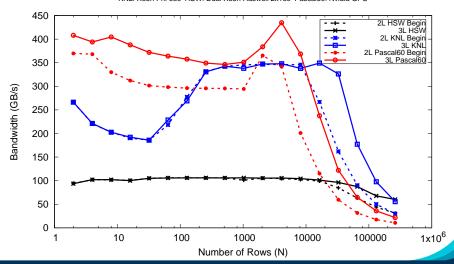
- ► Location: Exercises/team\_vector\_loop/
- Use the single policy instead of checking team rank
- Parallelize all three loop levels.

# Things to try:

- Vary problem size and number of rows (-S ...; -N ...)
- Compare behavior with TeamPolicy Exercise for very non-square matrices
- Compare behavior of CPU vs GPU

# <y|Ax> Exercise 06 (Three Level Parallelism) Fixed Size

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- ► **Hierarchical work** can be parallelized via hierarchical parallelism.
- Hierarchical parallelism is leveraged using thread teams launched with a TeamPolicy.
- Team "worksets" are processed by a team in nested parallel\_for (or reduce or scan) calls with a TeamThreadRange, ThreadVectorRange, and TeamVectorRange policy.
- Execution can be restricted to a subset of the team with the single pattern using either a PerTeam or PerThread policy.

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# Kokkos Tools

Leveraging Kokkos' built-in instrumentation.

## **Learning objectives:**

- ▶ The need for Kokkos-aware tools.
- How instrumentation helps.
- Simple profiling tools.
- Simple debugging tools.

## Output from NVIDIA NVProf for Trilinos Tpetra

```
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## What are those Kernels doing?

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# Generic code obscures what is happening from the tools

Historically a lot of profiling tools are coming from a Fortran and C world:

- Focused on functions and variables
- ► C++ has a lot of other concepts:
  - Classes with member functions
  - Inheritance
  - Template Metaprogramming
- Abstraction Models (Generic Programming) obscure things
  - ► From a profiler perspective interesting stuff happens in the abstraction layer (e.g. #pragma omp parallel)
  - Symbol names get really complex due to deep template layers

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#### Instrumentation to the Rescue

### Instrumentation enables context information to reach tools.

Most profiling tools have an instrumentation interface

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## KokkosP

Kokkos has its own instrumentation interface KokkosP, which can be used to write tools.

- Knows about parallel dispatch
- Knows about allocations, deallocations and deep\_copy
- Provides region markers
- Leverages naming information (kernels, Views)

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There are two components to Kokkos Tools: the KokkosP instrumentation interface and the actual Tools.

#### KokkosP Interface

- ▶ The internal instrumentation layer of Kokkos.
- Always available even in release builds.
- Zero overhead if no tool is loaded.

#### **Kokkos Tools**

- Tools leveraging the KokkosP instrumentation layer.
- Are loaded at runtime by Kokkos.
  - Set KOKKOS\_TOOLS\_LIBS environment variable to load a shared library.
  - Compile tools into the executable and use the API callback setting mechanism.

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#### Download tools from

## https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tools

- Tools are largely independent of the Kokkos configuration
  - ▶ May need to use the same C++ standard library.
  - Use the same tool for CUDA and OpenMP code for example.
- ▶ We recommend you build the tools with CMake

```
cd kokkos-tools && cmake -B build
cmake --build build --parallel 4
cmake --install build --prefix /where/to/install/the/tools
```

## Loading Tools:

- Set KOKKOS\_TOOLS\_LIBS environment variable to the full path to the shared library of the tool.
- Kokkos dynamically loads symbols from the library during initialize and fills function pointers.
- ▶ If no tool is loaded the overhead is a function pointer

```
View < double *> a("A", N);
View < double * , HostSpace > h_a = create_mirror_view(a);
Profiling::pushRegion("Setup");
parallel_for("Init_A", RangePolicy < h_exec_t > (0, N),
  KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) \{ h_a(i) = i; \});
deep_copy(a,h_a);
Profiling::popRegion();
Profiling::pushRegion("Iterate");
for(int r=0; r<10; r++) {
  View < double *> tmp("Tmp", N);
  parallel_scan("K_1", RangePolicy < exec_t > (0, N),
    KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, double& lsum, bool f) {
      if(f) tmp(i) = lsum;
      lsum += a(i);
  });
  double sum:
  parallel_reduce("K_2",N, KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, double& lsum) {
    lsum += tmp(i);
  }, sum);
Profiling::popRegion();
```

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An Example Code: Nvprof

## Output of: nvprof ./test.cuda

```
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#### Let us make one larger:

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## And demangled:

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An Example Code

Aaa this is horrifying can't we do better??

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# Aaa this is horrifying can't we do better??

## Lets use SimpleKernelTimer from Kokkos Tools:

- Simple tool producing a summary similar to nvprof
- Good way to get a rough overview of whats going on
- Writes a file HOSTNAME-PROCESSID.dat per process
- Use the reader accompanying the tool to read the data

# Usage:

```
git clone git@github.com:kokkos/kokkos-tools
cd kokkos-tools/profiling/simple_kernel_timer
make
export KOKKOS_TOOLS_LIBS=${PWD}/kp_kernel_timer.so
export PATH=${PATH}:${PWD}
cd ${WORKDIR}
./text.cuda
kp reader *.dat
```

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An Example Code

# Output from SimpleKernelTimer:

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(ParFor)	0.00100		0.00025	4.965	2.051 Kokkos	:::View::initialization [A]
(ParFor)	0.00033		0.00008	1.629	0.673	[]
Summary:						
Total Execution Time (incl. Kokkos + non-Kokkos): Total Time in Kokkos kernels:				0.04899 seconds 0.02024 seconds		
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An Example Code

# Output from SimpleKernelTimer:

```
Regions:
                                                                                            Iterate
(Region)
                  0.02977
                                    4 0.00744 147.131 60.772
                                                                                              Setup
(Region)
                  0.00769
                                            0.00192 38.010 15.700
ernels:
                                                            Kokkos::View::initialization [A mirror]
(ParFor)
                  0.00878
                                   4 0.00220 43.402 17.927
(ParScan)
                  0.00651
                                              0.00016 32.178 13.291
                                                                  Kokkos::View::initialization [Tmp]
(ParFor)
                  0.00191
                                               0.00005
                                                        9.454 3.905
                                                                                                K 2
(ParRed)
                  0.00169
                                               0.00004
                                                        8.372 3.458
                                                                                             Init A
(ParFor)
                  0.00100
                                              0.00025
                                                        4.965 2.051
                                                                    Kokkos::View::initialization [A]
(ParFor)
                  0.00033
                                               0.00008
                                                         1.629
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Will introduce Regions later.

# Kernel Naming

Naming Kernels avoid seeing confusing Profiler output!

## Lets look at Tpetra again with the Simple Kernel Timer Loaded:

At the top we get Region output:

```
Regions:
 CG: global
 (REGION)
           0.547101 1 0.547101 26.922698 5.470153
 CG: spmv
 (REGION)
           0.323189 77 0.004197 15.904024 3.231379
 CG: axpby
 (REGION)
           0.091971 154 0.000597 4.525865 0.919565
KokkosBlas::axpby[ETI]
 (REGION)
           0.055017 228 0.000241 2.707360 0.550081
 KokkosBlas::update[ETI]
           0.030842 2 0.015421 1.517718 0.308370
 (REGION)
 CG: dot
 (REGION) 0.028661 153 0.000187 1.410413 0.286568
 KokkosBlas::dot[ETI]
 (REGION)
           0.028120 153 0.000184 1.383756 0.281152
```

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## Then we get kernel output:

```
Kernels:
 Tpetra::CrsMatrix::sortAndMergeIndicesAndValues
 (ParRed)
           0.708770 1 0.708770 34.878388 7.086590
 KokkosSparse::spmv<NoTranspose,Dynamic>
 (ParFor) 0.319268 77 0.004146 15.711118 3.192184
 Tpetra::Details::Impl::ConvertColumnIndicesFromGlobalToLocal
 (ParRed) 0.292309 1 0.292309 14.384452 2.922633
 Tpetra::CrsMatrix pack values
 (ParFor) 0.267800 1 0.267800 13.178373 2.677581
 Tpetra::CrsMatrix pack column indices
 (ParFor) 0.157867 1 0.157867 7.768592 1.578422
 KokkosBlas::Axpby::S15
 (ParFor) 0.054251 227 0.000239 2.669699 0.542429
 Kokkos::View::initialization [Tpetra::CrsMatrix::val]
 (ParFor) 0.033584 2 0.016792 1.652666 0.335789
 Kokkos::View::initialization [lgMap]
 (ParFor) 0.033417 2 0.016708 1.644441 0.334118
 KokkosBlas::dot<1D>
 (ParRed)
           0.027782 153 0.000182 1.367155 0.277778
```

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# **Understanding MemorySpace Utilization is critical**

Three simple tools for understanding memory utilization:

- MemoryHighWaterMark: just the maximum utilization for each memory space.
- ▶ MemoryUsage: Timeline of memory usage.
- MemoryEvents: allocation, deallocation and deep\_copy.
  - Name, Memory Space, Pointer, Size

```
Cuda Allocate
 999776
           ax7faq5f6aaaaa
                                  2000000
                                                       Host Allocate
 000910
                0x1cb4680
                                  8000000
                                                                        A mirror
0.001571 PushRegion Setup {
0.003754 } PopRegion
0.003756 PushRegion Iterate
                                                       Cuda Allocate
0.004100
           ax7faq6aaaaaaa
                                  2000000
                                                                        Tmp
                                                       Cuda DeAllocate Tmp
0.004451
           0x7f0960000000
                                 -8000000
                                                       Cuda Allocate
0.010350
           0x7f0960000000
                                  8000000
0.010605
           0x7f09600000000
                                 -8000000
                                                       Cuda DeAllocate Tmp
0.010753 } PopRegion
0.010753
                0x1cb4680
                                 -8000000
                                                       Host DeAllocate A mirror
                                                       Cuda DeAllocate A
 .010766
           0x7f095f600000
                                 -8000000
```

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## Simple Push/Pop interface:

```
Kokkos::Profiling::pushRegion("Label");
...
Kokkos::Profiling::popRegion();
```

## The simplest tool to leverage regions is the **Space Time Stack**:

- Bottom Up and Top Down data representation
- Can do MPI aggregation if compiled with MPI support
- Also aggregates memory utilization info.

```
EGIN KOKKOS PROFILING REPORT
OTAL TIME: 0.0100131 seconds
TOP-DOWN TIME TREE:
average time> <percent of total time> <percent time in Kokkos> <percent MPI imbalance> <remainder> <kernels per second> <number of calls> <name> [type
-> 6.90e-03 sec 68.9% 33.9% 0.0% 66.1% 4.35e+03 1 Iterate [region]
    -> 1.55e-03 sec 15.5% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 10 K 1 [scan]
    -> 4.04e-04 sec 4.0% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 10 Kokkos::View::initialization [Tmp] [for]
    -> 3,80e-04 sec 3,8% 100,0% 0,0% ----- 10 K 2 [reduce]
-> 1.84e-03 sec 18.4% 98.6% 0.0% 1.4% 1.09e+03 1 Setup [region]
    -> 1.59e-03 sec 15.9% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 1 "A"="A mirror" [copy]
    -> 2.21e-04 sec 2.2% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 1 Init A [for]
 -> 6.64e-04 sec 6.6% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 1 Kokkos::View::initialization [A mirror] [for]
-> 6.68e-05 sec 0.7% 100.0% 0.0% ----- 1 Kokkos::View::initialization [A] [for]
OTTOM-UP TIME TREE:
OKKOS HOST SPACE:
AX MEMORY ALLOCATED: 7812.5 kB
LLOCATIONS AT TIME OF HIGH WATER MARK:
 100.0% A mirror
OKKOS CUDA SPACE:
MAX MEMORY ALLOCATED: 15625.0 kB
ALLOCATIONS AT TIME OF HIGH WATER MARK:
50.0% A
 50.0% Iterate/Imp
lost process high water mark memory consumption: 161668 kB
ND KOKKOS PROFILING REPORT
```

# Non-Blocking Dispatch implies asynchronous error reporting!

```
Profiling::pushRegion("Iterate");
for(int r=0; r<10; r++) {</pre>
  parallel_for("K_1",2*N, KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) {a(i) = i;});
  printf("Passed point A\n");
  double sum:
  parallel_reduce("K_2",N, KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, double& lsum) {
    lsum += a(i); },sum);
Profiling::popRegion();
Output of the run:
./test.cuda
Passed point A
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'std::runtime_error
  what(): cudaStreamSynchronize(m_stream) error( cudaErrorIllegal
  an illegal memory access was encountered
    Kokkos/kokkos/core/src/Cuda/Kokkos_Cuda_Instance.cpp:312
Traceback functionality not available
Aborted (core dumped)
```

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# Output from the above test case with KernelLogger:

```
KokkosP: Executing parallel-for kernel on device 0 with unique exekokkosP: Kokkos::View::initialization [A]
KokkosP: Execution of kernel 0 is completed.
KokkosP: Entering profiling region: Iterate
KokkosP: Executing parallel-for kernel on device 0 with unique exekokkosP: Iterate
KokkosP: K_1
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what(): cudaDeviceSynchronize() error( cudaErrorIllegalAddress

KokkosP: Allocate < Cuda > name: A pointer: 0x7f598b800000 size: 8000

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# The standard Kokkos profiling approach

# Understand Kokkos Utilization (SimpleKernelTimer)

- Check how much time in kernels
- ► Identify HotSpot Kernels

# Run Memory Analysis (MemoryEvents)

- ► Are there many allocations/deallocations 5000/s is OK.
- Identify temporary allocations which could be hoisted

# Identify Serial Code Regions (SpaceTimeStack)

- Add Profiling Regions
- Find Regions with low fraction of time spend in Kernels

#### Dive into individual Kernels

- ▶ Use connector tools (next subsection) to analyze kernels.
- E.g. use roof line analysis to find underperforming code.

Analyse a MiniMD variant with a serious performance issue.

#### Details:

- ► Location: Exercises/tools\_minimd/
- Use standard Profiling Approach.
- Find the code location which causes the performance issue.
- Run with miniMD.exe -s 20

## What should happen:

- Performance should be
- ▶ About 50% of time in a Force compute kernel
- About 25% in neighbor list creation

- Kokkos Tools provide an instrumentation interface KokkosP and Tools to leverage it.
- ▶ The interface is always available even in release builds.
- Zero overhead if no tool is loaded during the run.
- Dynamically load a tool via setting KOKKOS\_TOOLS\_LIBS environment variable.
- Set callbacks directly in code for tools compiled into the executable.

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- All Tools for Profiling, Debugging and Tuning.

#### The Kokkos Lectures

Join The Kokkos Lectures for all of those and more in-depth explanations or do them on your own.

- ▶ 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
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- Module 7: Tools: Profiling, Tuning and Debugging

#### 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 Full Lectures
- ► https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/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.