

Kokkos 4.3 Release Briefing

New Capabilities

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4.3 Release Highlights

- ▶ Organizational
- ▶ Backend updates
- ▶ Build system updates
- ▶ `Kokkos::sort_by_key`
- ▶ Miscellaneous
- ▶ Deprecations and other breaking changes

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://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.

Would like to strengthen community bonds and discoverability

List of Applications and Libraries

- ▶ Add your app to <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/issues/1950>
- ▶ We are planning to add that to a Kokkos website.
- ▶ Helps people discover each other when working on similar things.

GitHub Topics

- ▶ Use *kokkos* tag on your repos.
- ▶ If you click on the topic you get a list of all projects on github with that topic.

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Kokkos

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The Kokkos C++ Performance Portability Ecosystem is a production level solution for writing modern C++ applications in a hardware agnostic way. The Ecosystem consists of multiple libraries addressing the primary concerns for developing and maintaining applications in a portable way. The three main components are the [Kokkos Core Programming Model](#), the [Kokkos Kernels Math Libraries](#) and the [Kokkos Profiling and Debugging Tools](#).



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Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator

Organizational

Content:

- ▶ Linux Foundation
- ▶ master Branch
- ▶ Kokkos Tea Time

Kokkos is now a project of the Linux Foundation!

At ISC HPC in Hamburg (May 2024) we will also join the *High Performance Software Foundation!*

Why did you do that? To grow developer base!

- ▶ LF provides neutral ground
- ▶ Well defined governance
- ▶ Not a "DOE" or even worse "Sandia" project

What changes for users? Mostly nothing!

- ▶ Hopefully even better Kokkos in the long run!
- ▶ Will leverage LF to organize community events.
- ▶ Only caveat: Trademark rules

Trademark??? Yes: Kokkos™...

- ▶ Don't call your project "KokkosFoo" unless inside the Kokkos organization
- ▶ You can say "Foo based on Kokkos" "Foo for Kokkos" and disclaim "Kokkos is a LF project"
- ▶ You can organize classes, presentations and what not on Kokkos, and refer to it as much as you like in presentations.
- ▶ The goal is to avoid confusion of what is part of the official Kokkos LF project vs efforts which are just leveraging the project.

If you have questions: asks us!

And look at the Linux Foundation Trademark rules:

<https://www.linuxfoundation.org/legal/trademark-usage>

We are getting rid of the master branch for Kokkos

- ▶ master branch has been the "latest release"
- ▶ Not generally a common practice on github e.g. normally main is what we call develop
- ▶ Often lead to PRs based on wrong thing

What will change?

- ▶ develop branch now the default branch
- ▶ master will still exist for a little while

Kokkos tea-time is a monthly time online to meet the community and discuss anything related to **Kokkos**, its **ecosystem**, or even **GPU-programming** at large.

- ▶ 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - ▶ 7AM PT, 8AM MT, 10AM ET, 2PM UTC, 4PM CEST
- ▶ a 45min time slot for either
 - ▶ a 30min presentation followed by questions,
 - ▶ or a more informal discussion on a select topic.
- ▶ by zoom, by visio, by phone, or in your nearest kokkos shop
 - ▶ Get you link <https://cexa-project.org/news/>



We want you to tell us about your Kokkos use, development, ideas, ...

contact@cexa-project.org

Discover Kokkos Resilience with Nic Morales on the 16th of May.

Two new Kokkos subprojects:

- ▶ Very Experimental: expect changes of interface etc.
- ▶ Brave early experimenters welcome to help give feedback or get involved.

KokkosFFT

- ▶ Goal: wrapping existing MPI libraries such as fftw, cufft, mkl and rocfft.
- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-fft>
- ▶ POC: Yuuichi Asahi (CEA)

KokkosComm

- ▶ Goal: provide communication facilities: for now MPI-like interfaces taking Views.
- ▶ <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-comm>
- ▶ Join the `mpi-interop` channel on the Kokkos Slack

Backend Updates

Content:

- ▶ Backend Updates CUDA
- ▶ Backend Updates HIP
- ▶ Backend Updates SYCL
- ▶ Backend Updates OpenMPTarget
- ▶ Backend Updates OpenACC

Miscellaneous

- ▶ Link against CUDA libraries even with `KOKKOS_ENABLE_COMPILE_AS_CMAKE_LANGUAGE`
- ▶ Don't use the compiler launcher script if the compile language is CUDA.
- ▶ `nvcc(wrapper)`: adding "long" and "short" versions for all flags

Multi-GPU Support from single process

- ▶ Highly Experimental! (But most things should work now)
- ▶ For now: via interoperability interfaces - i.e. no native interface to create execution space instances on different GPU
- ▶ If you have interest: try it out and provide feedback

CUDA - multi-GPU support

```
cudaStream_t [2] streams;
cudaSetDevice(0);
cudaStreamCreate(&streams[0]);
cudaSetDevice(1);
cudaStreamCreate(&streams[1]);
{
    Kokkos::Cuda exec0(streams[0]), exec1(streams[1]);

    Kokkos::View<int *, TEST_EXECSPACE> view(Kokkos::view_alloc("v0", exec0), n);
    Kokkos::View<int *, TEST_EXECSPACE> view(Kokkos::view_alloc("v1", exec1), m);

    // run concurrently
    Kokkos::parallel_for(Kokkos::RangePolicy<Cuda>(exec0, 0, n), functor);
    Kokkos::parallel_for(Kokkos::RangePolicy<Cuda>(exec1, 0, m), functor);
}
cudaStreamDestroy(streams[0]);
cudaStreamDestroy(streams[1]);
```

- ▶ Fix compilation error with `amdclang++` 5.7 and newer when relocatable device code is enabled. We are aware of issues with older versions of `amdclang++` when relocatable device code is enabled.
- ▶ Added support for `rocThrust` (used in `sort`). Note that some installation of ROCm do not have `rocThrust` installed. `rocThrust` support can be enable/disable using `kokkos_ENABLE_ROCTHRUST`

- ▶ Only allow `ext_oneapi_*`-type devices when targeting GPUs
- ▶ Avoid unnecessary zero-memset of the scratch flags in SYCL
- ▶ Use host-pinned memory to copy reduction/scan result
- ▶ Address deprecations after oneAPI 2023.2.0
- ▶ Make sure to call `find_dependency` for oneDPL if necessary

- ▶ Intel GPUs - Allow printing from GPUs.
- ▶ NVIDIA and AMD GPUs - LLVM extensions for dynamic shared memory
 - ▶ Available since LLVM/18
 - ▶ Only available in upstream LLVM
 - ▶ Not part of OpenMP API

- ▶ Add support for atomic operations
 - ▶ OpenACC does not support atomic-compare-exchange operations; implemented using CUDA intrinsics (atomicCAS).
 - ▶ Can be compiled by NVIDIA NVHPC compiler (nvc++) but not by CLACC compiler.
 - ▶ Support only NVIDIA GPUs.
- ▶ Change the default execution policy behavior from synchronous to asynchronous executions.

- ▶ Support `CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD` of 26
- ▶ New architecture CMake flag: `KOKKOS_ARCH_RISCV_MILKV`
 - ▶ Allows building with Milk-V Pioneer
- ▶ New CMake Flag: `KOKKOS_ENABLE_ATOMICS_BYPASS`
 - ▶ Previously when building with only `Serial` backend atomics were always bypassed
 - ▶ Now requires explicit opt-in, but only allowed for `Serial` backend builds
 - ▶ Useful for MPI-only builds, but beware of pitfalls!
- ▶ Fix generated CMake CUDA targets when using CMake 3.28.4
- ▶ Fix Makefile bugs with GNU make version 4.3

Introduced `sort_by_key` to dispatch to optimized vendor libraries

```
ExecutionSpace exec_space;  
Kokkos::View<int*> keys("keys", n);  
Kokkos::View<float*> values("values", n);  
Kokkos::Experimental::sort_by_key(exec_space, keys, values);
```

- ▶ 1D views only
- ▶ Sizes of keys and values must match
- ▶ Both keys and values are modified
- ▶ Dispatches to vendor libraries (Thrust, rocThrust, oneDPL) when available

General Enhancements

Querying the Number of Devices

Content:

- ▶ Runtime function for querying the number of devices
- ▶ Device ID consistency with `KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES`

A runtime function to query the number of devices

```
[[nodiscard]] int Kokkos::num_devices() noexcept ...
```

- ▶ Callable before `Kokkos::initialize()`
- ▶ Returns the device count based on visible devices
- ▶ Returns -1 if no GPU backend is enabled
- ▶ Replaces `Cuda,HIP::detect_device_count()`

Fixed a defect in `Kokkos::device_id()`

`KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES` were not being considered for `Kokkos::device_id()`.

initialization settings	Pre-4.3	4.3
<none>	0	0
<code>device_id=1</code>	1	1
<code>KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0</code>	0	0
<code>KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES=3</code>	3	0
<code>KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,0</code>	1	0
<code>device_id=1 KOKKOS_VISIBLE_DEVICES=1,0</code>	0	1

Kokkos SIMD

Content:

- ▶ `simd_flags`
- ▶ `vector_aligned_tag`

Introduced `simd_flags` to match latest ISO C++ proposal on `std::simd`

```
template <typename... Flags> struct simd_flags
```

- ▶ `element_aligned_tag` \leftrightarrow `simd_flag_default`
- ▶ `vector_aligned_tag` \leftrightarrow `simd_flag_aligned`

`simd_flags` are used in:

- ▶ `template <class U, class Flags> void copy_from(const U* mem, Flags flags)`
- ▶ `template <class U, class Flags> void copy_to(U* mem, Flags flags)`

```
void init_var() {  
    constexpr size_t alignment =  
        Kokkos::Experimental::native_simd::size() * sizeof(DataType);  
  
    alignas(alignment) DataType const src[N] = { ... };  
  
    simd_type var;  
    var.copy_from(src, Kokkos::Experimental::simd_flag_aligned);  
  
    ...  
}
```

Bitset Constructor Update

```
Bitset(unsigned arg_size = 0u)
```

- ▶ A `Bitset` constructor with a default size of `Bitset` was making a deferred constructor call.
- ▶ Caused an unnecessary memory allocation when `Bitset` was constructed with the default size of 0.

Refactored to no longer have the default argument and use a defaulted default `Bitset` constructor instead.

Random Number Generator

Normal distribution improvements

- ▶ Replace Marsaglia polar method with Box-Muller method
- ▶ Box-Muller contains no branching/looping, single code path, ideal for GPU
- ▶ Kokkos performance on GPU, Nvidia:
 - ▶ 20% faster for 64 bit version
 - ▶ 60% faster for 1024 bit version

New Public Headers

Content:

- ▶ Kokkos_Clamp.hpp
- ▶ Kokkos_MinMax.hpp


```
// bounded value

template<class T>
constexpr const T& clamp(const T& value, const T& low, const T& high);

template<class T, class ComparatorType>
constexpr T const& clamp(const T& value, const T& low, const T& high,
                        ComparatorType comp);
```

```
// max

template <class T>
constexpr const T& max(const T& a, const T& b);

template <class T, class ComparatorType>
constexpr const T& max(const T& a, const T& b, ComparatorType comp);

template <class T>
constexpr T max(std::initializer_list<T> ilist);

template <class T, class Compare>
constexpr T max(std::initializer_list<T> ilist, Compare comp);
```

```
// min

template <class T>
constexpr const T& min(const T& a, const T& b);

template <class T, class ComparatorType>
constexpr const T& min(const T& a, const T& b, ComparatorType comp);

template <class T>
constexpr T min(std::initializer_list<T> ilist);

template <class T, class Compare>
constexpr T min(std::initializer_list<T> ilist, Compare comp);
```

```
// minmax

// minmax
template <class T>
constexpr Kokkos::pair<const T&, const T&> minmax(const T& a, const T& b);

template <class T, class ComparatorType>
constexpr Kokkos::pair<const T&, const T&> minmax(const T& a, const T& b,
                                                    ComparatorType comp);

template <class T>
constexpr Kokkos::pair<T, T> minmax(std::initializer_list<T> ilist);

template <class T, class Compare>
constexpr Kokkos::pair<T, T> minmax(std::initializer_list<T> ilist, Compare comp);
```

Compile-Time Argument Deduction (CTAD / Deduction Guides)

Content:

- ▶ What are deduction guides?
- ▶ `Kokkos::Array` deduction guide
- ▶ `Kokkos::RangePolicy` deduction guides
- ▶ `Kokkos::MDRangePolicy` deduction guides

- ▶ C++17
- ▶ Usability Improvement
- ▶ Deduces class template parameters from types and/or number of parameters passed to constructors
- ▶ Eliminates need to specify template parameters when declaring automatic variables

```
// Kokkos::Array<double, 3>  
Kokkos::Array a4{3.0, 1.0, 4.0};
```

- ▶ matches `std::array` deduction guide

```
int64_t work_begin    = /* ... */; // conversions as well
int64_t work_end      = /* ... */; // conversions as well
Kokkos::ChunkSize    cs = /* ... */; // conversions as well
Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace des; // conversions as well
SomeExecutionSpace  ses;           // different from Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace

// Kokkos::RangePolicy<>
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp0;
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp1(work_begin, work_end);
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp2(work_begin, work_end, cs);
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp3(des, work_begin, work_end);
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp4(des, work_begin, work_end, cs);

// Kokkos::RangePolicy<SomeExecutionSpace>
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp5(ses, work_begin, work_end);
Kokkos::RangePolicy rp6(ses, work_begin, work_end, cs);
```



```
Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace des;  
SomeExecutionSpace ses;           // different from Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace  
int64_t i;  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<Kokkos::Rank<5>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p10({1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5});  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p11({1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, { i });  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p12(des, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5});  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p13(des, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, { i });  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<SomeExecutionSpace, Kokkos::Rank<5>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p14(ses, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5});  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy p15(ses, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, { i });
```

```
Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace des;  
SomeExecutionSpace ses;           // different from Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace  
int cbegin[3];  
int cend[3];  
int64_t ctiling[2];  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<Kokkos::Rank<3>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc0(cbegin, cend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc1(cbegin, cend, ctiling);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc2(des, cbegin, cend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc3(des, cbegin, cend, ctiling)  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<SomeExecutionSpace, Kokkos::Rank<3>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc4(ses, cbegin, cend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pc5(ses, cbegin, cend, ctiling);
```

```
Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace des;  
SomeExecutionSpace ses;           // different from Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace  
Kokkos::Array<int, 2> abegin;  
Kokkos::Array<int, 2> aend;  
Kokkos::Array<int64_t, 2> atiling;  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<Kokkos::Rank<2>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa0(abegin, aend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa1(abegin, aend, atiling);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa2(des, abegin, aend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa3(des, abegin, aend, atiling)  
  
// Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<SomeExecutionSpace, Kokkos::Rank<2>>  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa4(ses, abegin, aend);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy pa5(ses, abegin, aend, atiling);
```

Misc. Algorithmic Improvements/Fixes

- ▶ Kokkos_Unique.hpp
 - ▶ Allocate temporary view with provided execution space
 - ▶ Remove unnecessary init for temporary view during construction
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 - ▶ Allocate temporary view with provided execution space
 - ▶ Remove unnecessary init for temporary view during construction
 - ▶ Remove unnecessary predicate evaluation
 - Important since predicate can be arbitrarily expensive

Range/MDRangePolicy Updates

Content:

- ▶ Begin and end bounds check
- ▶ Unsafe implicit conversion check
- ▶ RangePolicy variadic constructor removal

Asserts that the upper bound is greater than the lower bound

```
Kokkos::RangePolicy<> policy(100, 90);  
Kokkos::MDRangePolicy<Kokkos::Rank<2>> policy({100, 100}, {100, 90});
```

Aborts with: *Kokkos::MDRangePolicy bounds error: The lower bound (100) is greater than its upper bound (90) in dimension ...*

- ▶ If `KOKKOS_ENABLE_DEPRECATED_CODE_4` is not defined, aborts.
- ▶ Else if `KOKKOS_ENABLE_DEPRECATION_WARNINGS` is defined, outputs to `std::cerr`.

Checks for unsafe implicit index type conversions during RangePolicy construction

- ▶ Narrowing conversions
- ▶ Sign conversions

Aborts with: *Kokkos::RangePolicy bound type error: an unsafe implicit conversion is performed on a bound (...) which may not preserve its original value.*

- ▶ If `KOKKOS_ENABLE_DEPRECATED_CODE_4` is not defined, aborts.
- ▶ Else if `KOKKOS_ENABLE_DEPRECATION_WARNINGS` is defined, outputs to `std::cerr`.

Removed RangePolicy variadic constructors

```
template<class ...InitArgs>
RangePolicy(const IndexType&, const IndexType&, const InitArgs...)
template<class ...InitArgs>
RangePolicy(const ExecutionSpace&, const IndexType&, const IndexType&,
            const InitArgs...)

RangePolicy(const IndexType&, const IndexType&, const ChunkSize)
RangePolicy(const ExecutionSpace&, const IndexType&, const IndexType&,
            const ChunkSize)
```

template <class... Args> inline void set(Args...) is deprecated in favor of
inline RangePolicy& set_chunk_size(int chunk_size).

Bug Fixes

- ▶ Fix reductions with types smaller than ints (for Cuda and HIP)
- ▶ Fix TeamThreadMDRange, ThreadVectorMDRange, TeamVectorMDRange parallel_reduce to combine results across threads
- ▶ Fixed missing broadcast in TeamThreadRange parallel_scan for Threads backend
- ▶ Enable `{transform_}exclusive_scan` in place (to match `std::{transform_}exclusive_scan`)
- ▶ Fence `fill_random` without execution space
- ▶ `cuda_func_set_attributes_wrapper` → `cuda_func_set_attribute_wrapper`
- ▶ `cudaFuncSetAttributes` → `cudaFuncSetAttribute`

Potentially Breaking Changes

Remove `Kokkos_ENABLE_DEPRECATED_CODE_3`, including

- ▶ `InitArguments`
- ▶ `KOKKOS_ACTIVE_EXECUTION_MEMORY_SPACE_*` macros
- ▶ `Experimental::clamp`, `min`, `max`, `minmax`
- ▶ using declarations in the `Experimental::` namespace for math functions / constants
- ▶ `{OpenMP,HPX}::partition_master`
- ▶ `MasterLock`

- ▶ No longer support users defining `KOKKOS_ASSERT`
- ▶ `[[nodiscard]] explicit`
`Kokkos::Profiling::ProfilingSection(std::string)`
- ▶ Remove `Kokkos::[b]half_t volatile` overloads
- ▶ `Kokkos_Tools_OptimizationGoal` → `Kokkos_Tools_OptimizationGoal`
- ▶ Always call `abort` (instead of throwing when on host) for View bounds errors
- ▶ Check matching static extents in View constructor (more like `mdspan`)

- ▶ Remove `KOKKOS_ENABLE_INTEL_MM_ALLOC` macro
- ▶ Remove `Kokkos::Experimental::LogicalMemorySpace`
- ▶ Remove `Kokkos::Experimental::HBWSpace` and `memkind` linking support
- ▶ Drop `librt` and `KOKKOS_ENABLE_LIBRT`
- ▶ Drop old CPU architectures `ARCH_BGQ`, `ARCH_POWER7`, `ARCH_WSM`, `ARCH_SSE42`
- ▶ Drop command line / environment variable support for `num_devices` and `skip_device`

Deprecations

- ▶ Add `Kokkos::kokkos_swap` to core and deprecate `Kokkos::Experimental::swap`
- ▶ Deprecate `{Cuda,HIP}::detect_device_count()` and `Cuda::[detect_]device_arch()`
- ▶ Deprecate `Kokkos::ExecutionSpace::in_parallel()`

How to Get Your Fixes and Features into Kokkos

- ▶ Fork the Kokkos repo (<https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos>)
- ▶ Make topic branch from *develop* for your code
- ▶ Add tests for your code
- ▶ Create a Pull Request (PR) on the main project *develop*
- ▶ Update the documentation (<https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-core-wiki>) if your code changes the API
- ▶ Get in touch if you have any questions (<https://kokkosteam.slack.com>)