

Kokkos 4.2 Release Briefing

New Capabilities

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4.2 Release Highlights

- ▶ Backend updates
- ▶ Build system updates
- ▶ SIMD updates
- ▶ Half type updates
- ▶ Distinct serial execution space instances
- ▶ Kokkos::printf
- ▶ Extended parallel_scan API
- ▶ Team-level Std Algorithms
- ▶ Kokkos::sort accepts a custom comparison functor
- ▶ 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.

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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.

Kokkos

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](#).



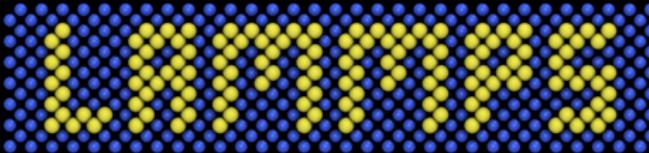
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Backend Updates

Content:

- ▶ Backend Updates Cuda
- ▶ Backend Updates HIP
- ▶ Backend Updates SYCL and OpenACC

CUDA

- ▶ Fixed potential data race in `parallel_reduce`
- ▶ Use `cudaMallocAsync` by default
- ▶ Bugfix when specifying non-default device ID while launching threads after initialization
- ▶ Deprecate `Cuda(cudaStream_t, bool)` constructor

HIP

- ▶ New naming convention:
Kokkos_ARCH_VEGA90A → Kokkos_ARCH_AMD_GFX90A
- ▶ Add initial support for gfx942
- ▶ Add support for ROCM 5.5 and 5.6
- ▶ Improve reduction performance
- ▶ Fix potential data race in HIP parallel_reduce
- ▶ Deprecate HIP(hipStream_t, bool) constructor
- ▶ Add support for Kokkos::Graph
- ▶ Fix concurrency calculation

SYCL

- ▶ Enforce external `sycl::queues` to be in-order
- ▶ Make in-order `sycl::queues` the default via macro
- ▶ Improve reduction performance
- ▶ Allow using the SYCL execution space on AMD GPUs
- ▶ Allow sorting via native oneDPL to support Views with `stride=1`

OpenACC

- ▶ Add support for `clacc` compiler

- ▶ Export Kokkos_CXX_COMPILER_VERSION
- ▶ Disable default oneDPL support in Trilinos

Kokkos SIMD

Content:

- ▶ Math and shift operations
- ▶ Generator constructors
- ▶ Conditionals: `gather_from` and `scatter_to`
- ▶ Miscellaneous

Math Operations

- ▶ `simd Kokkos::abs(simd const& a)`
- ▶ `simd<double, Abi> Kokkos::floor(simd const& a)`
- ▶ `simd<double, Abi> Kokkos::ceil(simd const& a)`
- ▶ `simd<double, Abi> Kokkos::round(simd const& a)`
- ▶ `simd<double, Abi> Kokkos::trunc(simd const& a)`

`floor`, `ceil`, `round`, `trunc` only operate on floating point SIMD data types

Shift Operators

- ▶ `simd operator>>(const simd& lhs, const simd& rhs)`
- ▶ `simd operator>>(const simd& lhs, const int rhs)`
- ▶ `simd operator<<(const simd& lhs, const simd& rhs)`
- ▶ `simd operator<<(const simd& lhs, const int rhs)`

For AVX2 `Kokkos::simd<std::int64_t>`, shift operators do not use intrinsics

Generator constructors

- ▶ `template <class G> simd_mask(G&& gen)`
- ▶ `template <class G> simd(G&& gen)`

```
template <typename ValueType, typename Abi>
void gen_ctor_test() {
    using simd_type = Kokkos::Experimental::simd<ValueType, Abi>;
    simd_type lhs;
    lhs.copy_from( /*...*/ );
    simd_type rhs(KOKKOS_LAMBDA(std::size_t i) { return /*...*/; });
    mask_type mask(KOKKOS_LAMBDA(std::size_t i) { return /*...*/; });
    simd_type blend(KOKKOS_LAMBDA(std::size_t i) {
        return (mask[i]) ? lhs[i] : rhs[i];
    });
}
```

Conditionals

gather_from

- ▶ `void where_expression::gather_from(const data_type* mem, simd<std::int32_t, Abi> const& index)`

scatter_to

- ▶ `void const_where_expression::scatter_to(data_type* mem, simd<std::int32_t, Abi> const& index) const`

```
template <typename ValueType, typename Abi>
void gather() {
    using simd_type = Kokkos::Experimental::simd<ValueType, Abi>;
    using index_type = Kokkos::Experimental::simd<std::int32_t, Abi>;
    using mask_type = typename simd_type::mask_type;

    simd_type dst;
    mask_type mask(true);
    ValueType src[] = /*...*/;

    // Indices to gather from src for each SIMD lane
    index_type index = /*...*/;

    where(mask, dst).gather_from(src, index);
}
```

- ▶ `gather_from` and `scatter_to` are Kokkos functions and are not part of the proposed interface for ISO C++ standard

- ▶ `<cmath>` functions in Kokkos SIMD are no longer in experimental namespace

<code>copysign</code>	<code>max</code>	<code>tan</code>	<code>asinh</code>	<code>pow</code>
<code>abs</code>	<code>min</code>	<code>asin</code>	<code>acosh</code>	<code>hypot</code>
<code>sqrt</code>	<code>exp2</code>	<code>acos</code>	<code>atanh</code>	<code>atan2</code>
<code>cbrt</code>	<code>log10</code>	<code>atan</code>	<code>erf</code>	
<code>exp</code>	<code>log2</code>	<code>sinh</code>	<code>erfc</code>	
<code>log</code>	<code>sin</code>	<code>cosh</code>	<code>tgamma</code>	
<code>fma</code>	<code>cos</code>	<code>tanh</code>	<code>lgamma</code>	

- ▶ Added *float* support to all SIMD types
- ▶ Converted all binary operators to hidden-friends
- ▶ Kokkos_ENABLE_NATIVE now detects and sets a supported SIMD types
- ▶ Kokkos_ARCH_AVX2 is now on for ZEN2 AMD CPU

half_t (since 3.3) and bhalf_t (since 3.6) defined in namespace
Kokkos::Experimental::

- ▶ Specialized numeric traits for half_t and bhalf_t
 - ▶ Half-precision types still cannot appear in constant expressions
 - ▶ Distinguished values are of an implementation-defined type convertible to half-precision

```
static_assert(
    !std::is_same_v<decltype(infinity_v<half_t>), half_t> &&
    std::is_convertible_v<decltype(infinity_v<half_t>), half_t>
);
```

- ▶ Added mathematical functions overloads
 - ▶ Currently falling back to float and not actually using intrinsics...
- ▶ Implemented support for mixed comparisons

```
x < 0.f // OK
0.f < x // error before but fine since 4.2
```

- ▶ Defined in header <Kokkos_Printf.hpp> which is included from <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
- ▶ Prints formated output to the standard output stream
- ▶ Calling Kokkos::printf() from a kernel may affect register usage and affect performance.

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);
    Kokkos::parallel_for(4, KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) {
        Kokkos::printf("hi\ufrom\uthread\u%d\n", i);
    });
    Kokkos::finalize();
}
```

- ▶ Allow creating non-default Serial exec space instances
- ▶ New constructor taking `NewInstance` tag as argument

```
Kokkos::Serial e1(Kokkos::NewInstance());  
  
auto e2 = Kokkos::Experimental::partition_space(  
    Kokkos::DefaultHostExecutionSpace(), 1)[0]; // better
```

- ▶ Thread safe since 3.5 but kernels were effectively serialized
- ▶ Now enabling overlap of computation on distinct instances

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
#include <thread>

template <class Exec> void foo(Exec exec) {
    parallel_for("foo", RangePolicy<Exec>(exec, 0, 3),
        KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) { printf("just\u00addoin\u00admy\u00adjob\u00ad%d\n", i); });
}

template <class Exec> void bar(Exec exec) { /* ... */ }

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    Kokkos::ScopeGuard kenv(argc, argv);
    using Exec = Kokkos::DefaultHostExecutionSpace;
    auto instances = Kokkos::Experimental::partition_space(
        Exec(), 1, 1);
    std::thread t0(foo<Exec>, instances[0]);
    std::thread t1(bar<Exec>, instances[1]);
    t0.join();
    t1.join();
    return 0;
}
```

- ▶ Defined in header <Kokkos_StdAlgorithms.hpp>
- ▶ Extended API with a new overload for team-level support

```
template <class TeamHandleT, ...>
KOKKOS_FUNCTION
/*ret type*/ algo_name(const TeamHandleT& /*teamHandle*/,
                      /*view(s) or iterators*/,
                      /*extra*/);
```

- ▶ `teamHandle`: given in parallel region when using `TeamPolicy`
- ▶ `view(s)`: rank-1, `LayoutLeft`, `Right`, `Stride`
- ▶ `iterators`: must be random access (use
`Kokkos::Experimental::begin`, `end`, `cbegin`, `cend`)
- ▶ views and iterators must be accessible from space or from the
space associated with `teamHandle`
- ▶ `extra`: parameters that are specific to the algorithm

- ▶ Defined in header <Kokkos_Sort.hpp>
- ▶ Two new overloads to support a custom comparator.

```
template <class ExecSpace, class ViewType, class CompType>
void sort(const ExecSpace& exespace,           // (1)
          const ViewType & view,
          const CompType & comparator);

template <class ViewType, class CompType>
void sort(const ViewType & view,                 // (2)
          const CompType & comparator);
```

- ▶ view must be rank-1 with LayoutLeft, LayoutRight, or LayoutStride and must be accessible from exespace
- ▶ (1) is potentially asynchronous
- ▶ (2) calls (1) using the view's execution space, and fences

- ▶ comparator must be callable from the execution space passed
- ▶ comparator must be callable with two arguments a,b of type (possible const-qualified) value_type, where value_type is the non-const value type of the view.
- ▶ Snippet:

```
struct MyComp {  
    KOKKOS_FUNCTION bool operator()(int a, int b) const{  
        // return true if a is less than b,  
        // according to some, potentially non-trivial logic  
    }  
  
Kokkos::View<int*> v("v", 1000);  
Kokkos::sort(v, MyComp());
```

`parallel_scan`: new overload for nested policies with return value

Content:

- ▶ API
- ▶ Example

- ▶ New overload with return value for nested policies

```
template<class ExecPolicy, class FunctorType, class ReturnType>
KOKKOS_FUNCTION
Kokkos::parallel_scan(const ExecPolicy &policy,
                      const FunctorType &functor,
                      ReturnType &return_value);
```

- ▶ Valid policies: ThreadVectorRange, TeamThreadRange
- ▶ `return_value` is **overwritten**
- ▶ Only valid inside a parallel region executed via TeamPolicy or TaskTeam.
- ▶ `ReturnType` must be compatible with the type of functor

parallel_scan: new overload's representative snippet

```
template<class ViewType, class TeamHandleType>
struct Functor{
    ViewType m_view;

    KOKKOS_FUNCTION void operator()(const TeamHandleType& handle) const
        const auto leagueRank = handle.league_rank();
    // ...
    int accum;
    Kokkos::parallel_scan(
        Kokkos::TeamThreadRange(handle, 0, m_view.extent(1)),
        KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, value_type& val, const bool final) {
            val += m_view(leagueRank, i);
            if (final) { // do something }
        }, accum);
    });

using view_t      = Kokkos::View<int**>;
using policy_t    = Kokkos::TeamPolicy<>;
using team_hande_t = typename policy_t::member_type;
view_t v("v", numRows, numCols);
Kokkos::parallel_for(policy_t(numRows, Kokkos::AUTO),
                     Functor<view_t, team_hande_t>(...));
```

- ▶ New headers
 - ▶ <Kokkos_Abort.hpp> providing Kokkos::abort that causes abnormal program termination and is callable from within a kernel.
 - ▶ <Kokkos_Assert.hpp> providing the KOKKOS_ASSERT macro that aborts the program if the user-specified condition is not true and may be disabled for release builds.
- ▶ Add missing `is_*_view` traits and `is_*_view_v` helper variable templates for `DynRankView`, `DynamicView`, `OffsetView`, `ScatterView` containers.

```
static_assert(Kokkos::Experimental::is_scatter_view_v<SV>);
```

- ▶ Missing memory fence in `RandomPool::free_state` functions. Possible race condition sometimes led to repeated random number sequences on different threads with CUDA.
- ▶ Fix wrong behavior for corner case in `Kokkos::Experimental::is_partitioned` algorithm.
- ▶ Wrong implementation for `cyl_bessel_i0` yielding unexpected NaNs. Special mathematical functions still belong to `Kokkos::Experimental::`.
- ▶ Bug in OpenMPTarget with init/join in reducers.
- ▶ Resolve symlink creation issue at configuration time on Windows.
- ▶ Minor fixes to `Kokkos::Array` (mostly anecdotal).

- ▶ Fix corner cases when deep copying empty views that can lead to undefined behavior.
- ▶ Uninitialized variable in `parallel_for(TeamPolicy)` affecting level 1 scratch pad memory in the CUDA backend (introduced in 4.1).
- ▶ Fix bug in CUDA PTX for atomic min/max operations of 64-bit integers. Wrong answer when mixing negative and positive values.

Fixes to be included in 4.2.01

- ▶ Accidental finalization of tools when non-default host execution space instance is deleted.
- ▶ Missing `inline` in new HIP graph implementation leading to multiple definition linking error downstream.
- ▶ Add warp synchronization in CUDA `parallel_reduce` to avoid possible race conditions reported by `cuda-memcheck`.
- ▶ Workaround bogus deprecated declarations warning for GCC versions less than 11
- ▶ Fix MSVC CUDA build (missing header include)

- ▶ Ensure that Kokkos::complex only gets instantiated for cv-unqualified floating-point types.

```
Kokkos::abs<int>(val); // used to compile and probably did  
// not do what you think it does...
```

- ▶ Removed (DEPRECATED_CODE_3) support for volatile join operators in reductions.
- ▶ Raise an error at compile time when passing view_alloc with invalid arguments to create_mirror[_view] instead of silently ignoring them.

- ▶ Purge #include <iostream> from Kokkos headers

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
// Include what you use

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);
    // error: 'cout' is not a member of 'std'
    std::cout << "hi world\n";
    Kokkos::finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

- ▶ Deprecated Kokkos::vector
- ▶ Use std::aligned_alloc for all host allocations
 - ▶ Removed code that performed allocations with other mechanisms
 - ▶ Deprecated PosixMemAlign, PosixMMap, IntelMMAlloc enumerators from RawMemoryAllocationFailure::AllocationMechanism which is defined in Kokkos::Experimental::
 - ▶ Deprecated the HostSpace::AllocationMechanism enumeration and the HostSpace(AllocationMechanism) explicit constructor

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>)