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# **Bohrium Documentation**

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Bohrium provides automatic acceleration of array operations in Python/NumPy, C, and C++ targeting multi-core CPUs and GP-GPUs. Forget handcrafting CUDA/OpenCL to utilize your GPU and forget threading, mutexes and locks to utilize your multi-core CPU, just use Bohrium!



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Features

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	Architecture Support		Frontends			
	Multi-Core CPU	Many-Core GPU	Python2/NumPy	Python3/NumPy	C	C++
Linux	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mac OS	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

- **Lazy Evaluation**, Bohrium will lazy evaluate all Python/NumPy operations until it encounters a “Python Read” such a printing an array or having a if-statement testing the value of an array.
- **Views** Bohrium supports NumPy views fully thus operating on array slices does not involve data copying.
- **Loop Fusion**, Bohrium uses a [fusion algorithm](#) that fuses (or merges) array operations into the same computation kernel that are then JIT-compiled and executed. However, Bohrium can only fuse operations that have some common sized dimension and no horizontal data conflicts.
- **Lazy CPU/GPU Communication**, Bohrium only moves data between the host and the GPU when the data is accessed directly by Python or a Python C-extension.
- **python -m bohrium**, automatically makes `import numpy` use Bohrium.
- **Jupyter Support**, you can use the magic command `%%bohrium` to automatically use Bohrium as NumPy.
- **Zero-copy *Interoperability* with:**
  - NumPy
  - Cython
  - PyOpenCL
  - PyCUDA

**Please note:**

- Bohrium is a 64-bit project exclusively.
- Source code is available here: <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium>





## 2.1 Installation

Bohrium supports Linux and Mac OS.

### 2.1.1 Linux

#### PyPI Package

If you use Bohrium through Python, we strongly recommend to install Bohrium through `pypi`, which will include BLAS, LAPACK, OpenCV, and OpenCL support:

```
pip install --user bohrium
```

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**Note:** On linux, Bohrium requires `gcc` in `$PATH`. E.g. on Ubuntu install the `build-essential` package: `sudo apt install build-essential`.

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#### Ubuntu

On Ubuntu you can use `apt-get`:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:bohrium/nightly
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install bohrium
# Optionals
sudo apt-get install bohrium-opencl # GPU support
sudo apt-get install bohrium-visualizer # data visualizing
sudo apt-get install bohrium3 # Python3 support
```

### Anaconda

To use Anaconda, simply install the Bohrium PyPI package in an environment:

```
# Activate the environment where you want to install Bohrium:
source activate my_env
# Install Bohrium using pip
pip install bohrium
```

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**Note:** Bohrium requires gcc in \$PATH. E.g. on Ubuntu install the build-essential package: `sudo apt install build-essential`.

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### Install From Source Package

Visit Bohrium on github.com and download the latest release: <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/releases/latest>. Then build and install Bohrium as described in the following subsections.

You need to install all packages required to build NumPy:

```
sudo apt-get build-dep python-numpy
```

And some additional packages:

```
sudo apt-get install python-numpy python-dev swig cmake unzip cython libhwloc-dev
↳ libboost-filesystem-dev libboost-serialization-dev libboost-regex-dev zlib1g-dev
↳ libsigsegv-dev
```

And for python v3 support:

```
sudo apt-get install python3-dev python3-numpy python3-dev cython3
```

Packages for visualization:

```
sudo apt-get install freeglut3 freeglut3-dev libxmu-dev libxi-dev
```

Build and install:

```
wget https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/archive/master.zip
unzip master.zip
cd bohrium-master
mkdir build
cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=<path to install directory>
make
make install
```

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**Note:** The default install directory is `~/local`

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**Note:** To compile to a custom Python (with valgrind debug support for example), set `-DPYTHON_EXECUTABLE=<custom python binary>`.

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Finally, you need to set the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variables and if you didn't install Bohrium in `$HOME/.local/lib` you need to set `PYTHONPATH` as well.

The `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` should include the path to the installation directory:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="<install dir>:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
```

The `PYTHONPATH` should include the path to the newly installed Bohrium Python module:

```
export PYTHONPATH="<install dir>/lib/python<python version>/site-packages:$PYTHONPATH"
```

## Check Your Installation

Check installation by printing the current runtime stack:

```
python -m bohrium --info
```

## 2.1.2 Mac OS

The following explains how to get going on Mac OS.

You need to install the [Xcode Developer Tools](#) package, which is found in the App Store.

### PyPI Package

If you use Bohrium through Python, we strongly recommend to install Bohrium through [pypi](#), which will include BLAS, LAPACK, OpenCV, and OpenCL support:

```
python -m pip install --user bohrium
```

### Homebrew

Start by installing Homebrew as explained on their website

```
/usr/bin/ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/  
↪master/install)"
```

Then install Bohrium:

```
pip install cython # This dependency cannot be installed via brew.  
brew tap bh107/bohrium  
brew tap homebrew/science # for clblas and the likes  
brew install bohrium # you can add additional options, see `brew info bohrium`
```

### Install From Source Package

Start by installing Homebrew as explained on their website

```
/usr/bin/ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/  
↪master/install)"
```

Install dependencies:

```
brew install python
brew install cmake
brew install boost --with-icu4c
brew install libsigsegv
python3 -m pip install --user numpy cython twine
```

Visit Bohrium on [github.com](https://github.com), download the latest release: <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/releases/latest> or download *master*, and then build it:

```
wget https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/archive/master.zip
unzip master.zip
cd bohrium-master
mkdir build
cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=<path to install directory>
make
make install
```

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**Note:** The default install directory is `~/ .local`

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**Note:** To compile to a custom Python (with valgrind debug support for example), set `-DPYTHON_EXECUTABLE=<custom python binary>`.

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Finally, you need to set the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variables and if you didn't install Bohrium in `$HOME/ .local/lib` you need to set `PYTHONPATH` as well.

The `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` should include the path to the installation directory:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="<install dir>:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
```

The `PYTHONPATH` should include the path to the newly installed Bohrium Python module:

```
export PYTHONPATH="<install dir>/lib/python<python version>/site-packages:$PYTHONPATH"
```

### Check Your Installation

Check installation by printing the current runtime stack:

```
python -m bohrium --info
```

### 2.1.3 Installation using Spack

This guide will install Bohrium using the Spack package manager.

#### Why use Spack?

*Spack* is a package management tool tailored specifically for supercomputers with a rather dated software stack. It allows to install and maintain packages, starting only from very [few dependencies](#): Pretty much just python2.6, git, curl and some c++ compiler are all that's needed for the bootstrap.

Needless to say that the request for installing a particular package automatically yields the installation of all dependencies with exactly the right version and configurations. If this causes multiple versions/configurations of the same package to be required, this is no problem and gets resolved automatically, too. As a bonus on top, using an installed package later is super easy as well due to an automatic generation of module files, which set the required environment up.

## Installation overview

First step is to clone and setup Spack:

```
export SPACK_ROOT="$PWD/spack"
git clone https://github.com/llnl/spack.git
. $SPACK_ROOT/share/spack/setup-env.sh
```

Afterwards the installation of Bohrium is instructed:

```
spack install bohrium
```

This step will take a while, since Spack will download the sources of all dependencies, unpack, configure and compile them. But since everything happens in the right order automatically, you could easily do this over night.

That's it. If you want to use Bohrium, setup up Spack as above, then load the required modules:

```
spack module loads -r bohrium > /tmp/bohrium.modules
. /tmp/bohrium.modules
```

and you are ready to go as the shell environment now contains all required variables (*LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH*, *PATH*, *CPATH*, *PYTHONPATH*, ...) to get going.

If you get some errors about the command *module* not being found, you need to install the Spack package *environment-modules* beforehand. Again, just a plain:

```
spack install environment-modules
```

is enough to achieve this.

## Tuning the installation procedure

Spack offers countless ways to influence how things are installed and what is installed. See the [Documentation](#) and especially the [Getting Started](#) section for a good overview.

Most importantly the so-called *spec* allows to specify features or requirements with respect to versions and dependencies, that should be enabled or disabled when building the package. For example:

```
spec install bohrium~cuda~opencl
```

Will install Bohrium *without* CUDA or OpenCL support, which has a dramatic impact on the install time due to the reduced amount of dependencies to be installed. On the other hand:

```
spec install bohrium@develop
```

will install specifically the development version of Bohrium. This the current *HEAD* of the *master* branch in the github repository. One may also influence the versions of the dependencies by themselves. For example:

```
spec install bohrium+python^python@3:
```

will specifically compile Bohrium with a python version larger than 3.

The current list of features the Bohrium package has to offer can be listed by the command:

```
spack info bohrium
```

and the list of dependencies which will be installed by a particular *spec* can be easily reviewed by something like:

```
spack spec bohrium@develop~cuda~opencl
```

## 2.2 User Guide

### 2.2.1 Python/NumPy

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#### Runtime Info

Print the current Bohrium runtime stack:

```
python -m bohrium --info
```

#### Automatic Parallelization

Bohrium implements a new python module `bohrium` that introduces a new array class `bohrium.ndarray` which inherits from `numpy.ndarray`. The two array classes are fully compatible thus one only has to replace `numpy.ndarray` with `bohrium.ndarray` in order to utilize the Bohrium runtime system.

The following example is a heat-equation solver that uses Bohrium. Note that the only difference between Bohrium code and NumPy code is the first line where we import bohrium as `np` instead of `numpy` as `np`:

```

import bohrium as np
def heat2d(height, width, epsilon=42):
    G = np.zeros((height+2,width+2),dtype=np.float64)
    G[:,0] = -273.15
    G[:,-1] = -273.15
    G[-1,:] = -273.15
    G[0,:] = 40.0
    center = G[1:-1,1:-1]
    north = G[:-2,1:-1]
    south = G[2:,1:-1]
    east = G[1:-1,:-2]
    west = G[1:-1,2:]
    delta = epsilon+1
    while delta > epsilon:
        tmp = 0.2*(center+north+south+east+west)
        delta = np.sum(np.abs(tmp-center))
        center[:] = tmp
    return center
heat2d(100, 100)

```

Alternatively, you can import Bohrium as NumPy through the command line argument `-m bohrium`:

```
python -m bohrium heat2d.py
```

In this case, all instances of `import numpy` is converted to `import bohrium` seamlessly. If you need to access the real numpy module use `import numpy_force`.

## Acceleration

The approach of Bohrium is to accelerate all element-wise functions in NumPy (aka universal functions) as well as the reductions and accumulations of element-wise functions. This approach makes it possible to accelerate the heat-equation solver on both multi-core CPUs and GPUs.

Beside element-wise functions, Bohrium also accelerates a selection of common NumPy functions such as `dot()` and `solve()`. But the number of functions in NumPy and related projects such as SciPy is enormous thus we cannot hope to accelerate every single function in Bohrium. Instead, Bohrium will automatically convert `bohrium.ndarray` to `numpy.ndarray` when encountering a function that Bohrium cannot accelerate. When running on the CPU, this conversion is very cheap but when running on the GPU, this conversion requires the array data to be copied from the GPU to the CPU.

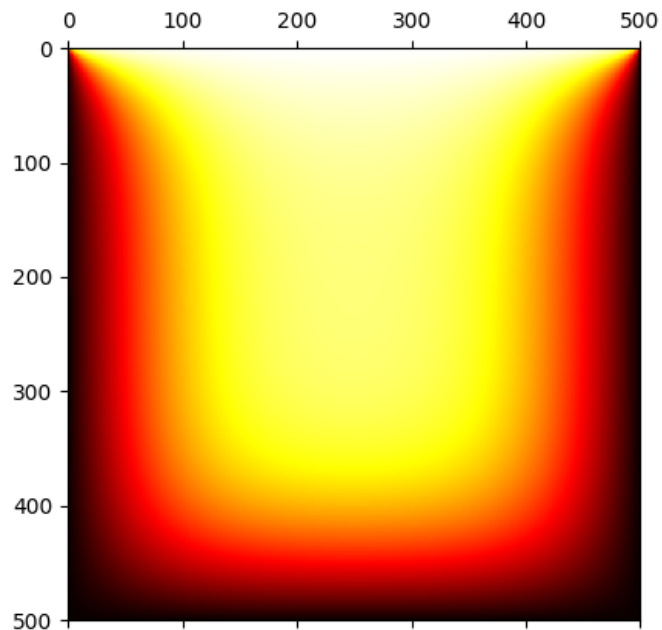
Matplotlib's `matshow()` function is example of a function Bohrium cannot accelerate. Say we want to visualize the result of the heat-equation solver, we could use `matshow()`:

```

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

res = heat2d(100, 100)
plt.matshow(res, cmap='hot')
plt.show()

```



Beside producing the image (after approx. 1 min), the execution will raise a Python warning informing you that matplotlib function is handled like a regular NumPy:

```
/usr/lib/python2.7/site-packages/matplotlib/cbook.py:1506: RuntimeWarning:  
Encountering an operation not supported by Bohrium. It will be handled by the  
↳original NumPy.  
x = np.array(x, subok=True, copy=copy)
```

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**Note:** Increasing the problem size will improve the performance of Bohrium significantly!

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## Convert between Bohrium and NumPy

It is possible to convert between Bohrium and NumPy explicitly and thus avoid Python warnings. Let's walk through an example:

Create a new NumPy array with ones:

```
np_ary = numpy.ones(42)
```

Convert any type of array to Bohrium:

```
bh_ary = bohrium.array(np_ary)
```

Copy a bohrium array into a new NumPy array:

```
np2 = bh_ary.copy2numpy()
```



## Accelerate Loops

As we all know, having for and while loops in Python is bad for performance but is sometimes necessary. E.g. in the case of the `heat2d()` code, we have to evaluate `delta > epsilon` in order to know when to stop iterating. To address this issue, Bohrium introduces the function `do_while()`, which takes a function and calls it repeatedly until either a maximum number of calls has been reached or until the function return `False`.

The function signature:

```
def do_while(func, niters, *args, **kwargs):
    """Repeatedly calls the `func` with the `*args` and `**kwargs` as argument.

    The `func` is called while `func` returns True or None and the maximum number
    of iterations, `niters`, hasn't been reached.

    Parameters
    -----
    func : function
        The function to run in each iterations. `func` can take any argument and may
    ↪return
        a boolean `bharray` with one element.
    niters: int or None
        Maximum number of iterations in the loop (number of times `func` is called).
    ↪If None, there is no maximum.
    *args, **kwargs : list and dict
        The arguments to `func`

    Notes
    -----
    `func` can only use operations supported natively in Bohrium.
    """
```

An example where the function doesn't return anything:

```
>>> def loop_body(a):
...     a += 1
>>> a = bh.zeros(4)
>>> bh.do_while(loop_body, 5, a)
>>> a
array([5, 5, 5, 5])
```

An example where the function returns a `bharray` with one element and of type `bh.bool`:

```
>>> def loop_body(a):
...     a += 1
...     return bh.sum(a) < 10
>>> a = bh.zeros(4)
>>> bh.do_while(loop_body, None, a)
>>> a
array([3, 3, 3, 3])
```

## Sliding Views Between Iterations

It can be useful to increase/decrease the beginning of certain array views between iterations of a loop. This can be achieved using `get_iterator()`, which returns a special bohrium iterator. The iterator can be given an optional start value (0 by default). The iterator is increased by one for each iteration, but can be changed increase or decrease by multiplying any constant (see example 2).

Iterators only supports addition, subtraction and multiplication. `get_iterator()` can only be used within Bohrium loops. Views using iterators cannot change shape between iterations. Therefore, views such as `a[i:2*i]` are not supported.

Example 1. Using iterators to create a loop-based function for calculating the triangular numbers (from 1 to 10). The loop in numpy looks the following:

```
>>> a = np.arange(1,11)
>>> for i in range(0,9):
...     a[i+1] += a[i]
>>> a
array([1 3 6 10 15 21 28 36 45 55])
```

The same can be written in Bohrium as:

```
>>> def loop_body(a):
...     i = get_iterator()
...     a[i+1] += a[i]
>>> a = bh.arange(1,11)
>>> bh.do_while(loop_body, 9, a)
>>> a
array([1 3 6 10 15 21 28 36 45 55])
```

Example 2. Increasing every second element by one, starting at both ends, in the same loop. As it can be seen: *i* is increased by 2, while *j* is decreased by 2 for each iteration:

```
>>> def loop_body(a):
...     i = get_iterator(1)
...     a[2*i] += a[2*(i-1)]
...     j = i+1
...     a[1-2*j] += a[1-2*(j-1)]
>>> a = bh.ones(10)
>>> bh.for_loop(loop_body, 4, a)
>>> a
array([1 5 2 4 3 3 4 2 5 1])
```

Nested loops is also available in `do_while` by using grids. A grid is a set of iterators that depend on each other, just as with nested loops. A grid can have arbitrary size and is available via. the function `get_grid()`, which is only usable within a `do_while` loop body. The function takes an amount of integers as parameters, corresponding to the range of the loops (from outer to inner). It returns the same amount of iterators, which functions as a grid. An example of this can be seen in Example 3 below. Example 3. Creating a range in an array with multiple dimensions. In Numpy it can be written as:

```
>>> a = bh.zeros((3,3))
>>> counter = bh.zeros(1)
>>> for i in range(3):
...     for j in range(3):
...         counter += 1
...         a[i,j] += counter
>>> a
[[1. 2. 3.]
 [4. 5. 6.]
 [7. 8. 9.]]
```

The same can done within a `do_while` loop by using a grid:

```
>>> def kernel(a, counter):
...     i, j = get_grid(3,3)
```

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```

...     counter += 1
...     a[i,j] += counter
>>> a = bh.zeros((3,3))
>>> counter = bh.zeros(1)
>>> bh.do_while(kernel, 3*3, a, counter)
>>> a
[[1. 2. 3.]
 [4. 5. 6.]
 [7. 8. 9.]]

```

## Interoperability

Bohrium is interoperable with other popular Python projects such as Cython and PyOpenCL. The idea is that if you encounter a problem that you cannot implement using array programming and Bohrium cannot accelerate, you can manually accelerate that problem using Cython or PyOpenCL.

## NumPy

One example of such a problem is *bincount()* from NumPy. *bincount()* computes a histogram of an array, which isn't possible to implement efficiently through array programming. One approach is simply to use the implementation of NumPy:

```

import numpy
import bohrium

def bincount_numpy(ary):
    # Make a NumPy copy of the Bohrium array
    np_ary = ary.copy2numpy()
    # Let NumPy handle the calculation
    result = numpy.bincount(np_ary)
    # Copy the result back into a new Bohrium array
    return bohrium.array(result)

```

In this case, we use *bohrium.copy2numpy()* and *bohrium.array()* to copy the Bohrium to NumPy and back again.

## Cython

In order to parallelize *bincount()* for a multi-core CPU, one can use Cython:

```

import numpy as np
import bohrium
import cython
from cython.parallel import prange, parallel
from libc.stdlib cimport abort, malloc, free
cimport numpy as cnp
cimport openmp
ctypedef cnp.uint64_t uint64

@cython.boundscheck(False) # turn off bounds-checking
@cython.cdivision(True) # turn off division-by-zero checking
cdef _count(uint64[:] x, uint64[:] out):
    cdef int num_threads, thds_id

```

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```

cdef uint64 i, start, end
cdef uint64* local_histo

with nogil, parallel():
    num_threads = openmp.omp_get_num_threads()
    thds_id = openmp.omp_get_thread_num()
    start = (x.shape[0] / num_threads) * thds_id
    if thds_id == num_threads-1:
        end = x.shape[0]
    else:
        end = start + (x.shape[0] / num_threads)

    if not(thds_id < num_threads-1 and x.shape[0] < num_threads):
        local_histo = <uint64 *> malloc(sizeof(uint64) * out.shape[0])
        if local_histo == NULL:
            abort()
        for i in range(out.shape[0]):
            local_histo[i] = 0

        for i in range(start, end):
            local_histo[x[i]] += 1

        with gil:
            for i in range(out.shape[0]):
                out[i] += local_histo[i]
            free(local_histo)

def bincount_cython(x, minlength=None):
    # The output `ret` has the size of the max element plus one
    ret = bohrium.zeros(x.max()+1, dtype=x.dtype)

    # To reduce overhead, we use `interop_numpy.get_array()` instead of `copy2numpy()`
    # This approach means that `x_buf` and `ret_buf` points to the same memory as `x`
    ↪and `ret`.
    # Therefore, only change or deallocate `x` and `ret` when you are finished using
    ↪`x_buf` and `ret_buf`.
    x_buf = bohrium.interop_numpy.get_array(x)
    ret_buf = bohrium.interop_numpy.get_array(ret)

    # Now, we can run the Cython function
    _count(x_buf, ret_buf)

    # Since `ret_buf` points to the memory of `ret`, we can simply return `ret`.
    return ret

```

The function `_count()` is a regular Cython function that performs the histogram calculation. The function `bincount_cython()` uses `bohrium.interop_numpy.get_array()` to retrieve data pointers from the Bohrium arrays without any data copying.

## PyOpenCL

In order to parallelize `bincount()` for a GPGPU, one can use PyOpenCL:

```

import bohrium
import pyopencl as cl

def bincount_pyopencl(x):
    # Check that PyOpenCL is installed and that the Bohrium runtime uses the OpenCL_
↪backend
    if not interop_pyopencl.available():
        raise NotImplementedError("OpenCL not available")

    # Get the OpenCL context from Bohrium
    ctx = bohrium.interop_pyopencl.get_context()
    queue = cl.CommandQueue(ctx)

    x_max = int(x.max())

    # Check that the size of histogram doesn't exceeds the memory capacity of the GPU
    if x_max >= interop_pyopencl.max_local_memory(queue.device) // x.itemsize:
        raise NotImplementedError("OpenCL: max element is too large for the GPU")

    # Let's create the output array and retrieve the in-/output OpenCL buffers
    # NB: we always return uint32 array
    ret = bohrium.empty((x_max+1, ), dtype=np.uint32)
    x_buf = bohrium.interop_pyopencl.get_buffer(x)
    ret_buf = bohrium.interop_pyopencl.get_buffer(ret)

    # The OpenCL kernel is based on the book "OpenCL Programming Guide" by Aaftab_
↪Munshi at al.
    source = """
kernel void histogram_partial(
    global DTYPE *input,
    global uint *partial_histo,
    uint input_size
){
    int local_size = (int)get_local_size(0);
    int group_indx = get_group_id(0) * HISTO_SIZE;
    int gid = get_global_id(0);
    int tid = get_local_id(0);

    local uint tmp_histogram[HISTO_SIZE];

    int j = HISTO_SIZE;
    int indx = 0;

    // clear the local buffer that will generate the partial histogram
    do {
        if (tid < j)
            tmp_histogram[indx+tid] = 0;
        j -= local_size;
        indx += local_size;
    } while (j > 0);

    barrier(CLK_LOCAL_MEM_FENCE);

    if (gid < input_size) {
        atomic_inc(&tmp_histogram[input[gid]]);
    }
}

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```

barrier(CLK_LOCAL_MEM_FENCE);

// copy the partial histogram to appropriate location in
// histogram given by group_indx
if (local_size >= HISTO_SIZE){
    if (tid < HISTO_SIZE)
        partial_histo[group_indx + tid] = tmp_histogram[tid];
}else{
    j = HISTO_SIZE;
    indx = 0;
    do {
        if (tid < j)
            partial_histo[group_indx + indx + tid] = tmp_histogram[indx +
↪tid];

        j -= local_size;
        indx += local_size;
    } while (j > 0);
}
}

kernel void histogram_sum_partial_results(
    global uint *partial_histogram,
    int num_groups,
    global uint *histogram
){
    int gid = (int)get_global_id(0);
    int group_indx;
    int n = num_groups;
    local uint tmp_histogram[HISTO_SIZE];

    tmp_histogram[gid] = partial_histogram[gid];
    group_indx = HISTO_SIZE;
    while (--n > 0) {
        tmp_histogram[gid] += partial_histogram[group_indx + gid];
        group_indx += HISTO_SIZE;
    }
    histogram[gid] = tmp_histogram[gid];
}
"""
source = source.replace("HISTO_SIZE", "%d" % ret.shape[0])
source = source.replace("DTYPE", interop_pyopencl.type_np2opencl_str(x.dtype))
prg = cl.Program(ctx, source).build()

# Calculate sizes for the kernel execution
local_size = interop_pyopencl.kernel_info(prg.histogram_partial, queue)[0] # Max_
↪work-group size
num_groups = int(math.ceil(x.shape[0] / float(local_size)))
global_size = local_size * num_groups

# First we compute the partial histograms
partial_res_g = cl.Buffer(ctx, cl.mem_flags.WRITE_ONLY, num_groups * ret.nbytes)
prg.histogram_partial(queue, (global_size,), (local_size,), x_buf, partial_res_g,
↪np.uint32(x.shape[0]))

# Then we sum the partial histograms into the final histogram
prg.histogram_sum_partial_results(queue, ret.shape, None, partial_res_g, np.
↪uint32(num_groups), ret_buf)

```

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```
return ret
```

The implementation is regular PyOpenCL and the OpenCL kernel is based on the book “OpenCL Programming Guide” by Aaftab Munshi et al. However, notice that we use `bohrium.interop_pyopencl.get_context()` to get the PyOpenCL context rather than `pyopencl.create_some_context()`. In order to avoid copying data between host and device memory, we use `bohrium.interop_pyopencl.get_buffer()` to create a OpenCL buffer that points to the device memory of the Bohrium arrays.

## PyCUDA

The PyCUDA implementation is very similar to the PyOpenCL. Besides some minor difference in the kernel source code, we use `interop_pycuda.init()` to initiate PyCUDA and use `interop_pycuda.get_gpuarray()` to get the CUDA buffers from the Bohrium arrays:

```
def bincount_pycuda(x, minlength=None):
    """PyCUDA implementation of `bincount()`"""

    if not interop_pycuda.available():
        raise NotImplementedError("CUDA not available")

    import pycuda
    from pycuda.compiler import SourceModule

    interop_pycuda.init()

    x_max = int(x.max())
    if x_max < 0:
        raise RuntimeError("bincount(): first argument must be a 1 dimensional, non-
↪negative int array")
    if x_max > np.iinfo(np.uint32).max:
        raise NotImplementedError("CUDA: the elements in the first argument must fit
↪in a 32bit integer")
    if minlength is not None:
        x_max = max(x_max, minlength)

    # TODO: handle large max element by running multiple bincount() on a range
    if x_max >= interop_pycuda.max_local_memory() // x.itemsize:
        raise NotImplementedError("CUDA: max element is too large for the GPU")

    # Let's create the output array and retrieve the in-/output CUDA buffers
    # NB: we always return uint32 array
    ret = array_create.ones((x_max+1, ), dtype=np.uint32)
    x_buf = interop_pycuda.get_gpuarray(x)
    ret_buf = interop_pycuda.get_gpuarray(ret)

    # CUDA kernel is based on the book "OpenCL Programming Guide" by Aaftab Munshi et
    ↪al.
    source = """
    __global__ void histogram_partial(
        DTYPE *input,
        uint *partial_histo,
        uint input_size
    ){
        int local_size = blockDim.x;
        int group_indx = blockIdx.x * HISTO_SIZE;
```

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```

int gid = (blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x);
int tid = threadIdx.x;

__shared__ uint tmp_histogram[HISTO_SIZE];

int j = HISTO_SIZE;
int indx = 0;

// clear the local buffer that will generate the partial histogram
do {
    if (tid < j)
        tmp_histogram[indx+tid] = 0;
    j -= local_size;
    indx += local_size;
} while (j > 0);

__syncthreads();

if (gid < input_size) {
    atomicAdd(&tmp_histogram[input[gid]], 1);
}

__syncthreads();

// copy the partial histogram to appropriate location in
// histogram given by group_indx
if (local_size >= HISTO_SIZE){
    if (tid < HISTO_SIZE)
        partial_histo[group_indx + tid] = tmp_histogram[tid];
}else{
    j = HISTO_SIZE;
    indx = 0;
    do {
        if (tid < j)
            partial_histo[group_indx + indx + tid] = tmp_histogram[indx +
↪tid];

        j -= local_size;
        indx += local_size;
    } while (j > 0);
}

}

__global__ void histogram_sum_partial_results(
    uint *partial_histogram,
    int num_groups,
    uint *histogram
){
    int gid = (blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x);
    int group_indx;
    int n = num_groups;
    __shared__ uint tmp_histogram[HISTO_SIZE];

    tmp_histogram[gid] = partial_histogram[gid];
    group_indx = HISTO_SIZE;
    while (--n > 0) {
        tmp_histogram[gid] += partial_histogram[group_indx + gid];

```

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```

        group_indx += HISTO_SIZE;
    }
    histogram[gid] = tmp_histogram[gid];
}
"""
source = source.replace("HISTO_SIZE", "%d" % ret.shape[0])
source = source.replace("DTYPE", interop_pycuda.type_np2cuda_str(x.dtype))
prg = SourceModule(source)

# Calculate sizes for the kernel execution
kernel = prg.get_function("histogram_partial")
local_size = kernel.get_attribute(pycuda.driver.function_attribute.MAX_THREADS_
↳PER_BLOCK) # Max work-group size
num_groups = int(math.ceil(x.shape[0] / float(local_size)))
global_size = local_size * num_groups

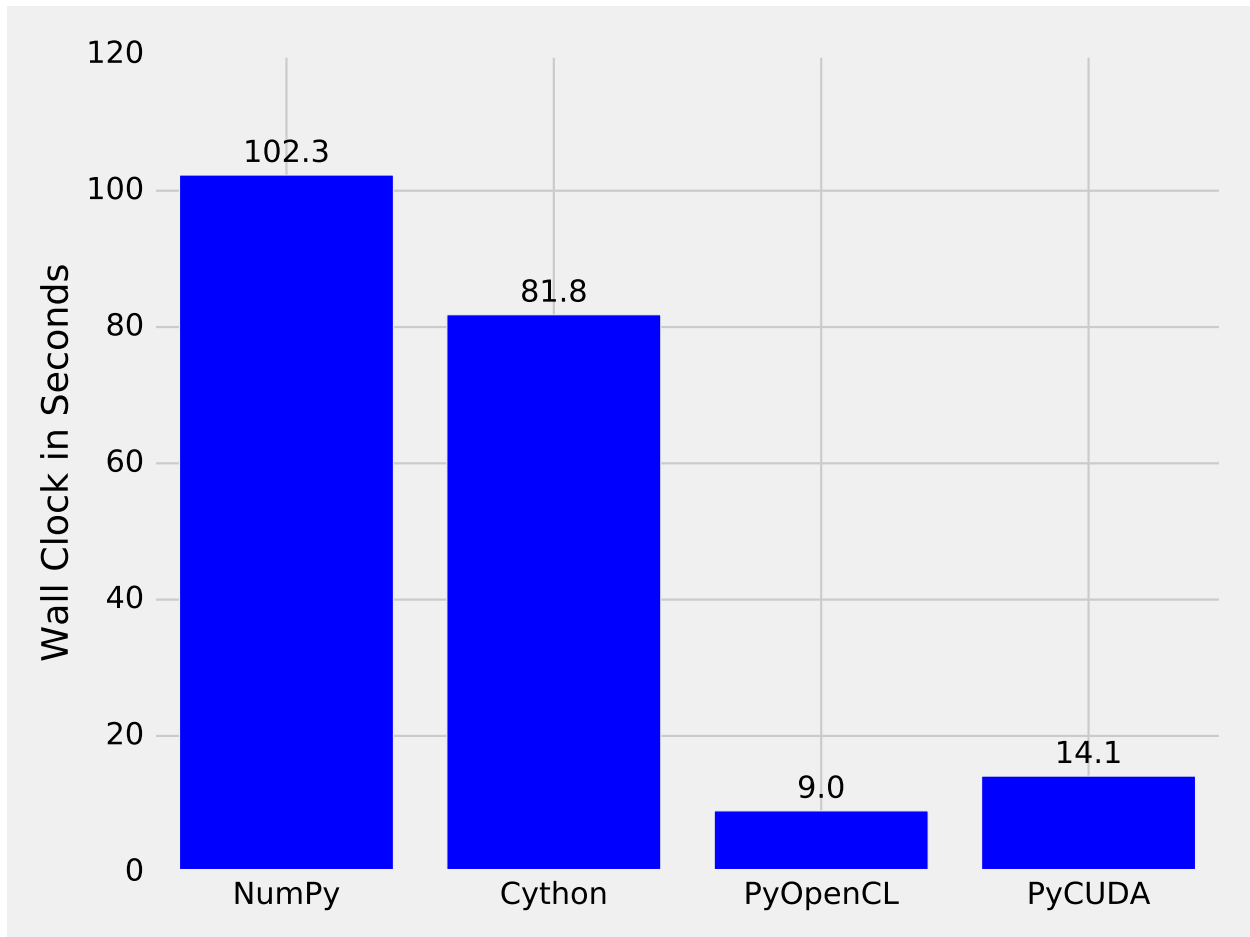
# First we compute the partial histograms
partial_res_g = pycuda.driver.mem_alloc(num_groups * ret.nbytes)
kernel(x_buf, partial_res_g, np.uint32(x.shape[0]), block=(local_size, 1, 1),
↳grid=(num_groups, 1))

# Then we sum the partial histograms into the final histogram
kernel = prg.get_function("histogram_sum_partial_results")
kernel(partial_res_g, np.uint32(num_groups), ret_buf, block=(1, 1, 1), grid=(ret.
↳shape[0], 1))
return ret

```

## Performance Comparison

Finally, let's compare the performance of the difference approaches. We run on a *Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-6600K CPU @ 3.50GHz* with 4 CPU-cores and a *GeForce GTX Titan X (maxwell)*. The timing is wall-clock time including everything, in particular the host/device communication overhead.



The timing code:

```
import numpy as np
import time

SIZE = 500000000
ITER = 100

t1 = time.time()
a = np.minimum(np.arange(SIZE, dtype=np.int64), 64)
for _ in range(ITER):
    b = np.bincount(a)
t2 = time.time()
s = b.sum()
print ("Sum: %d, time: %f sec" % (s, t2 - t1))
```

## Conclusion

Interoperability makes it possible to accelerate code that Bohrium doesn't accelerate automatically. The Bohrium team constantly works on improving the performance and increase the number of NumPy operations automatically accelerated but in some cases we simply have to give the user full control.

## 2.2.2 C++ library

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**Todo:** Write a C++ user guide

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For now, we refer to the header files and code examples in the source tree:

- <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/tree/master/bridge/cxx/include/bhxx>
- <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/tree/master/bridge/cxx/examples>

## 2.2.3 C library

The C interface introduces two array concepts:

- A base array that has a *rank* (number of dimensions) and *shape* (array of dimension sizes). The memory of the base array is always a single contiguous block of memory.
- A view array that, beside a *rank* and a *shape*, has a *start* (start offset in number of elements) and a *stride* (array of dimension strides in number of elements). The view array refers to a (sub)set of a underlying base array where *start* is the offset into the base array and *stride* is number of elements to skip in order to iterate one step in a given dimension.

### API

The C interface consists of a broad range of functions – in the following, we describe some of the important ones.

Create a new empty array with *rank* number of dimensions and with the shape *shape* and returns a handler/pointer to a *complete* view of this new array:

```
bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_new_empty(uint64_t rank, const int64_t*_  
↪shape);
```

Get pointer/handle to the base of a view:

```
bh_base_p bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_get_base(const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self);
```

Destroy the base array and the associated memory:

```
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_destroy_base(bh_base_p base);
```

Destroy the view and base array (but not the associated memory):

```
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_free(const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self);
```

Some meta-data access functions:

```
// Gets the number of elements in the array  
uint64_t bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_get_length(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self);  
  
// Gets the number of dimensions in the array  
uint64_t bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_get_rank(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self);  
  
// Gets the number of elements in the dimension  
uint64_t bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_get_dimension_size(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self, const_  
↪int64_t dimension);
```

Before accessing the memory of an array, one has to synchronize the array:

```
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_sync(const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p self);
```

Access the memory of an array (remember to synchronize):

```
bh_{TYPE}* bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_get_base_data(bh_base_p base);
```

Some of the element-wise operations:

```
//Addition
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_add(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p out, const bh_multi_array_
↳{TYPE}_p lhs, const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p rhs);

//Multiply
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_multiply(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p out, const bh_multi_array_
↳{TYPE}_p lhs, const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p rhs);

//Addition: scalar + array
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_add_scalar_lhs(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p out, bh_{TYPE} lhs,
↳const bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p rhs);
```

Some of the reduction and accumulate (aka scan) functions where *axis* is the dimension to reduce/accumulate over:

```
//Sum
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_add_reduce(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p out, const bh_multi_
↳array_{TYPE}_p in, bh_int64 axis);

//Prefix sum
void bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_add_accumulate(bh_multi_array_{TYPE}_p out, const bh_multi_
↳array_{TYPE}_p in, bh_int64 axis);
```

## 2.2.4 Runtime Configuration

Bohrium supports a broad range of front and back-ends. The default backend is OpenMP. You can change which backend to use by defining the `BH_STACK` environment variable:

- The CPU backend that make use of OpenMP: `BH_STACK=openmp`
- The GPU backend that make use of OpenCL: `BH_STACK=opencl`
- The GPU backend that make use of CUDA: `BH_STACK=cude`

For debug information when running Bohrium, use the following environment variables:

```
BH_<backend>_PROF=true      -- Prints a performance profile at the end of execution.
BH_<backend>_VERBOSE=true  -- Prints a lot of information including the source of the
↳JIT compiled kernels. Enables per-kernel profiling when used together with BH_
↳OPENMP_PROF=true.
BH_SYNC_WARN=true         -- Show Python warnings in all instances when copying data_
↳to Python.
BH_MEM_WARN=true          -- Show warnings when memory accesses are problematic.
BH_<backend>_GRAPH=true   -- Dump a dependency graph of the instructions send to the_
↳back-ends (.dot file).
BH_<backend>_VOLATILE=true -- Declare temporary variables using `volatile`, which_
↳avoid precision differences because of Intel's use of 80-bit floats internally.
```

Particularly, `BH_<backend>_PROF=true` is very useful to explore why Bohrium might not perform as expected:

```

BH_OPENMP_PROF=1 python -m bohrium heat_equation.py --size=4000*4000*100
heat_equation.py - target: bhc, bohrium: True, size: 4000*4000*100, elapsed-time: 6.
↪446084

[OpenMP] Profiling:
Fuse cache hits:           199/203 (98.0296%)
Codegen cache hits        299/304 (98.3553%)
Kernel cache hits         300/304 (98.6842%)
Array contractions:       700/1403 (49.8931%)
Outer-fusion ratio:       13/23 (56.5217%)

Max memory usage:         0 MB
Syncs to NumPy:           99
Total Work:               12800400099 operations
Throughput:               1.9235e+09ops
Work below par-threshold (1000): 0%

Wall clock:              6.65473s
Total Execution:         6.04354s
  Pre-fusion:            0.000761211s
  Fusion:                0.00411354s
  Codegen:               0.00192224s
  Compile:               0.285544s
  Exec:                 4.91214s
  Copy2dev:             0s
  Copy2host:            0s
  Ext-method:           0s
  Offload:              0s
  Other:                0.839052s

Unaccounted for (wall - total): 0.611198s

```

Which tells us, among other things, that the execution of the compiled JIT kernels (Exec) takes 4.91 seconds, the JIT compilation (Compile) takes 0.29 seconds, and the time spend outside of Bohrium (Unaccounted for) takes 0.61.

## OpenCL Configuration

In order to choose which OpenCL platform and device to use, set the following environment variables:

```

# OpenCL platform. -1 means automatic. Other numbers will index into list of
↪platforms.
BH_OPENCL_PLATFORM_NO = -1

# Device type can be one of 'auto', 'gpu', 'cpu', 'accelerator', or 'default'
BH_OPENCL_DEVICE_TYPE = auto

```

You can also set the options in the configure file under the [opencl] section.

Also under the [opencl] section, you can set the OpenCL work group sizes:

```

# OpenCL work group sizes
work_group_size_1dx = 128
work_group_size_2dx = 32
work_group_size_2dy = 4
work_group_size_3dx = 32

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```
work_group_size_3dy = 2
work_group_size_3dz = 2
```

## Advanced Configuration

In order to configure the runtime setup of Bohrium you must provide a configuration file to Bohrium. The installation of Bohrium installs a default configuration file in `/etc/bohrium/config.ini` when doing a system-wide installation, `~/.bohrium/config.ini` when doing a local installation, and `<python library>/bohrium/config.ini` when doing a pip installation.

At runtime Bohrium will search through the following prioritized list in order to find the configuration file:

- The environment variable `BH_CONFIG`
- The config within the Python package `bohrium/config.ini` (in the same directory as `__init__.py`)
- The home directory config `~/.bohrium/config.ini`
- The system-wide config `/usr/local/etc/bohrium/config.ini`
- The system-wide config `/etc/bohrium/config.ini`

The default configuration file looks similar to the config below:

```
#
# Stack configurations, which are a comma separated lists of components.
# NB: 'stacks' is a reserved section name and 'default'
#     is used when 'BH_STACK' is unset.
#     The bridge is never part of the list
#
[stacks]
default      = bcexp, bccon, node, openmp
openmp      = bcexp, bccon, node, openmp
opencl      = bcexp, bccon, node, opencl, openmp

#
# Managers
#

[node]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_vem_node.so
timing = false

[proxy]
address = localhost
port = 4200
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_vem_proxy.so

#
# Filters - Helpers / Tools
#
[pprint]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_filter_pprint.so

#
# Filters - Bytecode transformers
```

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```

#
[bccon]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_filter_bccon.so
collect = true
stupidmath = true
muladd = true
reduction = false
find_repeats = false
timing = false
verbose = false

[bcexp]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_filter_bcexp.so
powk = true
sign = false
repeat = false
reduceId = 32000
timing = false
verbose = false

[noneremover]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_filter_noneremover.so
timing = false
verbose = false

#
# Engines
#
[openmp]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_ve_openmp.so
tmp_bin_dir = /usr/var/bohrium/object
tmp_src_dir = /usr/var/bohrium/source
dump_src = true
verbose = false
prof = false #Profiling statistics
compiler_cmd = "/usr/bin/x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc"
compiler_inc = "-I/usr/share/bohrium/include"
compiler_lib = "-lm -L/usr/lib -lbh"
compiler_flg = "-x c -fPIC -shared -std=gnu99 -O3 -march=native -Werror -fopenmp"
compiler_openmp = true
compiler_openmp_simd = false

[opencl]
impl = /usr/lib/libbh_ve_opencl.so
verbose = false
prof = false #Profiling statistics
# Additional options given to the opencl compiler. See documentation for_
↪ clBuildProgram
compiler_flg = "-I/usr/share/bohrium/include"
serial_fusion = false # Topological fusion is default

```

The configuration file consists of two things: components and orchestration of components in stacks.

Components marked with square brackets. For example [node], [openmp], [opencl] are all components available for the runtime system.

The stacks define different default configurations of the runtime environment and one can switch between them using the environment var `BH_STACK`.

The configuration of a component can be overwritten with environment variables using the naming convention `BH_[COMPONENT]_[OPTION]`, below are a couple of examples controlling the behavior of the CPU vector engine:

```
BH_OPENMP_PROF=true      -- Prints a performance profile at the end of execution.
BH_OPENMP_VERBOSE=true  -- Prints a lot of information including the source of the JIT_
↳ compiled kernels. Enables per-kernel profiling when used together with BH_OPENMP_
↳ PROF=true.
```

Useful environment variables:

```
BH_SYNC_WARN=true       -- Show Python warnings in all instances when copying data to_
↳ Python.
BH_MEM_WARN=true        -- Show warnings when memory accesses are problematic.
BH_<backend>_GRAPH=true -- Dump a dependency graph of the instructions send to the_
↳ back-ends (.dot file).
BH_<backend>_VOLATILE=true -- Declare temporary variables using `volatile`, which_
↳ avoid precision differences because of Intel's use of 80-bit floats internally.
```

## 2.3 Developer Guide

Bohrium is hosted and made publicly available via a [git-repository](#) on [github](#) under the *LGPLv3 License*.

If you want to join / contribute then fork the [repository](#) on Github and get in touch with us.

If you just want read-access then simply clone the repository:

```
git clone git@github.com:bh107/bohrium.git
cd bohrium
```

Continue by taking a look at [Installation](#) on how to build / install Bohrium.

### 2.3.1 Further information

#### Tools

#### Valgrind, GDB, and Python

Valgrind is a great tool for memory debugging, memory leak detection, and profiling. However, both Python and NumPy floods the valgrind output with memory errors - it is therefore necessary to use a debug and valgrind friendly version of Python and NumPy:

```
sudo apt-get build-dep python
sudo apt-get install zlib1g-dev valgrind

mkdir python_debug_env
cd python_debug_env
export INSTALL_DIR=$PWD

# Build and install Python:
export VERSION=2.7.11
wget http://www.python.org/ftp/python/$VERSION/Python-$VERSION.tgz
tar -xzf Python-$VERSION.tgz
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```

cd Python-$VERSION
./configure --with-pydebug --without-pymalloc --with-valgrind --prefix=$INSTALL_DIR
make install
sudo ln -s $PWD/python-gdb.py /usr/bin/python-gdb.py
sudo ln -s $INSTALL_DIR/bin/python /usr/bin/dython
cd ..
rm Python-$VERSION.tgz

# Build and install Cython
export VERSION=0.24
wget http://cython.org/release/Cython-$VERSION.tar.gz
tar -xzf Cython-$VERSION.tar.gz
cd Cython-$VERSION
dython setup.py install
cd ..
rm Cython-$VERSION.tar.gz

export VERSION=21.1.0
wget https://pypi.python.org/packages/f0/32/
↳99ead2d74cba43bd59aa213e9c6e8212a9d3ed07805bb66b8bf9affbb541/setuptools-$VERSION.
↳tar.gz#md5=8fd8bdbf05c286063e1052be20a5bd98
tar -xzf setuptools-$VERSION.tar.gz
cd setuptools-$VERSION
dython setup.py install
cd ..
rm setuptools-$VERSION.tar.gz

# Build and install NumPy
export VERSION=1.11.0
wget https://github.com/numpy/numpy/archive/v$VERSION.tar.gz
tar -xzf v$VERSION.tar.gz
cd numpy-$VERSION
dython setup.py install
cd ..
rm v$VERSION.tar.gz

```

## Build Bohrium with custom Python

Build and install Bohrium (with some components deactivated):

```

unzip master.zip
cd bohrium-master
mkdir build
cd build
cmake .. -DPYTHON_EXECUTABLE=/usr/bin/dython -DEXT_FFTW=OFF -DEXT_VISUALIZER=OFF -
↳DDEM_PROXY=OFF -DVE_GPU=OFF -DBRIDGE_NUMCIL=OFF -DTEST_CIL=OFF
make
make install
cd ..
rm master.zip

```

## Most Used Commands

### GDB

GDB supports some helpful Python commands (<https://docs.python.org/devguide/gdb.html>). To activate, source the `python-gdb.py` file within GDB:

```
source /usr/bin/python-gdb.py
```

Then you can use Python specific GDB commands such as `py-list` or `py-bt`.

### Valgrind

Valgrind can be used to detect memory errors by invoking it with:

```
valgrind --suppressions=<path to bohrium>/misc/valgrind.supp dython <SCRIPT_NAME>
```

Narrowing the valgrind analysis, add the following to your source code:

```
#include <valgrind/callgrind.h>
... your code ...
CALLGRIND_START_INSTRUMENTATION;
... your code ...
CALLGRIND_STOP_INSTRUMENTATION;
CALLGRIND_DUMP_STATS;
```

Then run valgrind with the flag:

```
--instr-atstart=no
```

Invoking valgrind to determine cache-utilization:

```
--tool=callgrind --simulate-cache=yes <PROG> <PROG_PARAM>
```

### Cluster VEM (MPI)

In order to use MPI with valgrind, the MPI implementation needs to be compiled with PIC and no-dlopen flag. E.g, OpenMPI could be installed as follows:

```
wget http://www.open-mpi.org/software/ompi/v1.6/downloads/openmpi-1.6.5.tar.gz
cd tar -xzf openmpi-1.6.5.tar.gz
cd openmpi-1.6.5
./configure --with-pic --disable-dlopen --prefix=/opt/openmpi
make
sudo make install
```

And then executed using valgrind:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/openmpi/lib/:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export PATH=/opt/openmpi/bin:$PATH
mpiexec -np 1 valgrind dython test/numpy/numpytest.py : -np 1 valgrind ~/.local/bh_
↪vem_cluster_slave
```

### Writing Documentation

The documentation is written in [Sphinx](#).

You will need the following to write/build the documentation:

```
sudo apt-get install doxygen python-sphinx python-docutils python-setuptools
```

As well as a python-packages **breathe** and **numpydoc** for integrating doxygen-docs with Sphinx:

```
sudo easy_install breathe numpydoc
```

Overview of the documentation files:

```
bohrium/doc           # Root folder of the documentation.
bohrium/doc/source    # Write / Edit the documentation here.
bohrium/doc/build     # Documentation is "rendered" and stored here.
bohrium/doc/Makefile  # This file instructs Sphinx on how to "render" the
↳documentation.
bohrium/doc/make.bat  # ---- || ----, on Windows
bohrium/doc/deploy_doc.sh # This script pushes the rendered docs to http://bohrium.
↳bitbucket.org.
```

## Most used commands

These commands assume that your current working dir is **bohrium/doc**.

Initiate doxygen:

```
make doxy
```

Render a html version of the docs:

```
make html
```

Push the html-rendered docs to <http://bohrium.bitbucket.org>, this command assumes that you have write-access to the doc-repos on Bitbucket:

```
make deploy
```

The docs still needs a neat way to integrate a full API-documentation of the Bohrium core, managers and engines.

## Continuous Integration

Currently we use both a privately hosted [Jenkins](#) server as well as [Travis](#) for our CI.

Setup jenkins:

```
wget -q -O - http://pkg.jenkins-ci.org/debian/jenkins-ci.org.key | sudo apt-key add -
sudo sh -c 'echo deb http://pkg.jenkins-ci.org/debian binary/ > /etc/apt/sources.list.
↳d/jenkins.list'
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install jenkins
```

Then configure it via the web interface.

- [Open Student Projects](#)
- [Benchmark Suite](#)

## 2.4 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Does it automatically support lazy evaluation (also called: late evaluation, expression templates)?

Yes, Bohrium will lazy evaluate all Python/NumPy operations until it encounters a “Python Read”, such a printing an array or having an if-statement testing the value of an array.

### Does it support “views” in the sense that a sub-slice is simply a view on the same array?

Yes, Bohrium supports NumPy views fully thus operating on array slices does not involve data copying.

### Does it support generator functions (which only start calculating once the evaluation is forced)? Which ones are supported? Which conditions force evaluations? Presumably reduce operations?

Yes, Bohrium uses a fusion algorithm that fuses (or merges) array operations into the same computation kernel that are then JIT-compiled and executed. However, Bohrium can only fuse operations that have some common sized dimension and no horizontal data conflicts. Typically, reducing a vector to a scalar will force evaluate (but reducing a matrix to a vector will not force an evaluate on it own).

### On GPUs, will Bohrium automatically keep all data (i.e. all Bohrium arrays) on the card?

Yes, we only move data back to the host when the data is accessed directly by Python or a Python C-extension.

### Does it fully support operations on the complex datatype in Bohrium arrays?

Yes.

### Will it lazily operate even over for-loops effectively unrolling them?

Yes, a for-loop in Python does not force evaluation. However, loops in Python with many iterations will hurt performance, just like it does in regular NumPy or Matlab

### Is Bohrium using CUDA on Nvidia Cards or generic OpenCL for any GPU?

At the moment, Bohrium uses OpenCL for both Nvidia, AMD, and Intel graphic cards.

### What is the disadvantage of Bohrium? I wonder why it exists as a separate project. From my point of view it looks like Bohrium is “just reimplementing” NumPy. That’s probably extremely oversimplified, but is there a plan to feed the results of Bohrium into the NumPy project?

The only disadvantage of Bohrium is the extra dependencies e.g. Bohrium need a C99 compiler for JIT-compilation. Thus, the idea of incorporating Bohrium into NumPy as an alternative “backend” is very appealing and we hope it could be realized some day.

## 2.5 Reporting Bugs

Please help us make Bohrium even better by submitting bugs and/or feature requests to us via the issue tracker on <https://github.com/bh107/bohrium/issues>

When reporting problems please include the output from:

```
python -m bohrium --info
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