

KernelGen – multi-target accelerated kernels generator for Fortran programs

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Abstract

KernelGen is open source-to-source translator with Fortran frontend, multiple backends (currently CUDA, OpenCL and CPU) and common runtime library. Fortran frontend extracts computational loops out of original source code, replacing them with calls to equivalent GPU or APU kernels. Additionally frontend can generate functions for per-kernel automatic results comparison between different implementations of the same loop. Runtime library handles both static (modules data, global variables) and dynamic (variables, fixed shape or allocatable arrays) kernel dependencies, automatically performing data load into device memory and fetching back the results. Runtime is designed thread-safe to provide seamless multi-GPU support for multithread and MPI applications. This article includes both simple test case for demonstration and real application study. To become production-ready prototype a couple of important device code optimization techniques must be implemented in KernelGen: tiling for shared memory utilization and loops interchanging.

1 Motivation

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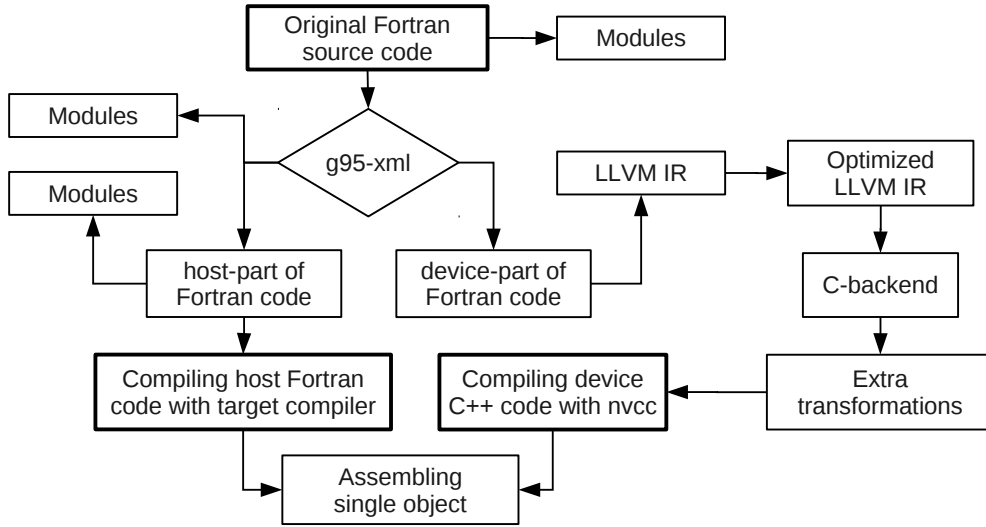


Figure 1: KernelGen code generation pipeline

2 Code generator

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2.1 Kernels selection

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2.2 Backend

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3 Runtime library

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3.1 Multithreading and MPI support

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4 Examples

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5 Special features

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6 Conclusions

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7 Acknowledgments

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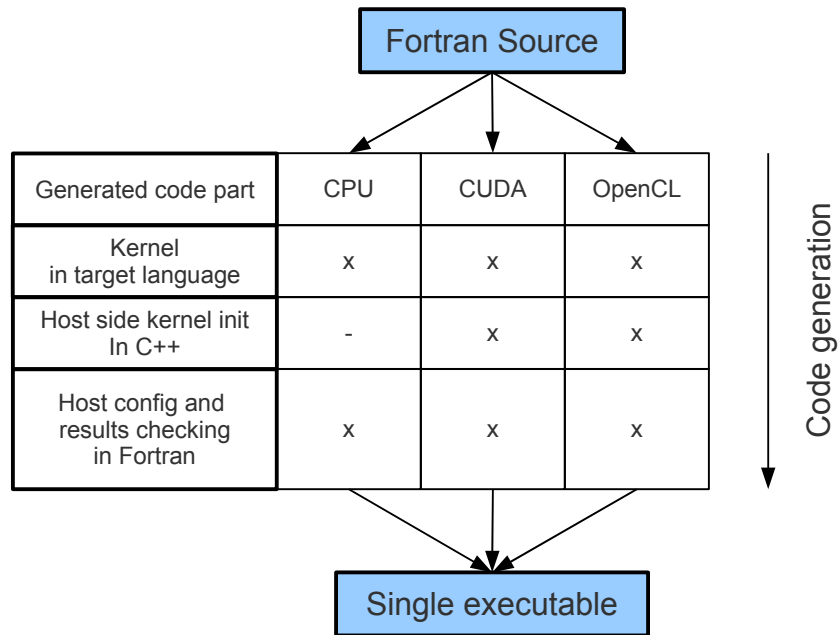


Figure 2: Multiple targets support in a single executable.

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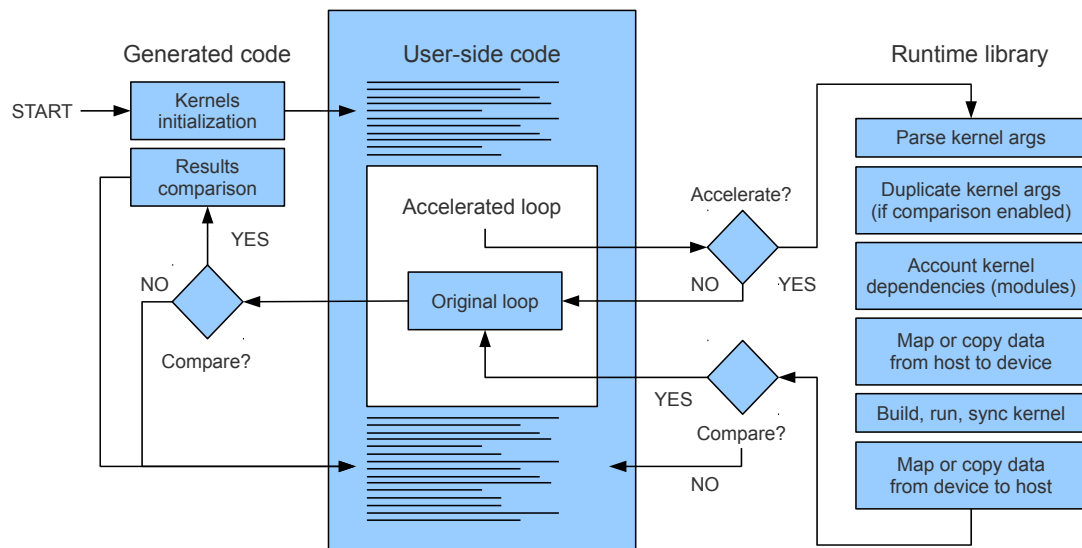


Figure 3: Execution model