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Please, No More Loops (Than Necessary):

New Patterns in Fortran 2023

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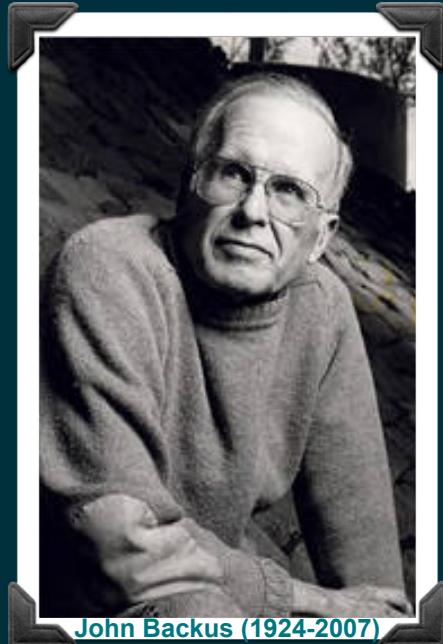
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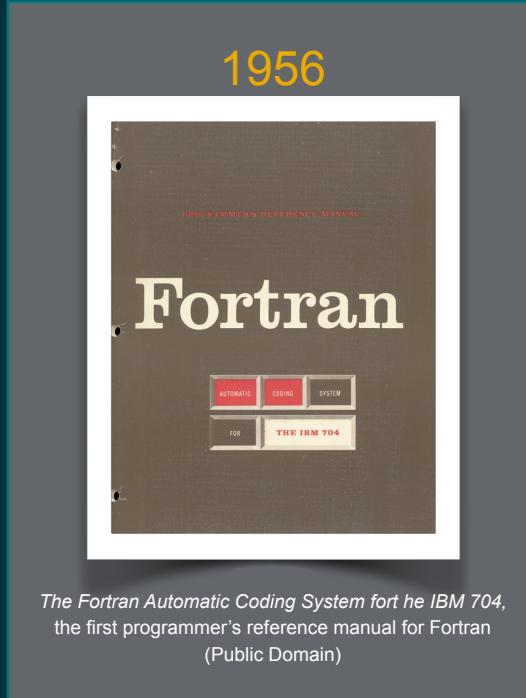


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Pioneers in Science and Technology Series: John Backus, 1984

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**CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROPERTIES
OF A FORTRAN SOURCE PROGRAM**

A FORTRAN source program consists of a sequence of FORTRAN *statements*. There are 32 different types of statement, which are described in detail in the chapters which follow.

Example of a Fortran Program

The following brief program will serve to illustrate the general appearance and some of the properties of a FORTRAN program. It is shown as coded on a standard FORTRAN coding sheet.

FORTRAN STATEMENT	CONTINUATION
1. PROGRAM FOR FINDING THE LARGEST VALUE ATTAINED BY A SET OF NUMBERS	2. 3.
2. BIGA = A(1)	
3. DO 20 I = 2,N	
4. IF (BIGA .LT. A(I)) 10, 20, 20	
5. 10. BIGA = A(I)	
6. 20. CONTINUE	

This program examines the set of n numbers a_i ($i=1, \dots, n$) and sets $biga$ to the quantity $biga$ to the largest value attained in the set. It begins by setting $biga$ equal to the first number in the set (after a comment describing the program) by setting $biga$ equal to $a(1)$. The **DO** statement causes the succeeding statements to be included in the loop and carried out repeatedly, first with $i=2$, then with $i=3$, etc., until finally with $i=n$. During each repetition of this loop the **IF** statement compares $biga$ with a_i ; if $biga$ is less than a_i , statement 10, which replaces $biga$ by a_i , is executed before continuing.

Each statement is punched on a separate card. If a statement is too long to fit on a single card it can be continued over as many as 9 additional *continuation* cards. For each statement the initial card must contain either a zero or a blank in column 6; on continuation cards column 6 must not contain a zero or a blank, and it should be used to number the continuation cards consecutively from 1 to 9. If a statement is too long to fit on a single line of the coding form, the programmer can signal to the keypuncher that he has continued on to the next line by placing a mark in the column labeled **CONTINUATION**.

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“... the DO statement causes the succeeding statements to be carried out repeatedly...”

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New Features



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Pointers (required for dynamically allocating object components)

Defined operations and defined assignments

Recursive procedures

Allocatable arrays

Array statements, structure constructors, and intrinsic functions

Modules

Interface blocks & bodies, including generic interfaces

Structured branching and looping

Kind parameters and related intrinsic functions

Free-form source (.f90)

Paradigms



Object-Based Programming



Functional programming



Array programming



Modular programming



Structured programming

New Features



`pure procedures`

`elemental procedures`

`where` construct

`forall` construct (obsolescent)

Paradigms

} Functional programming

} Array programming

} Parallel/vector programming

New Features



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2003
↓

Type extension, type-bound procedures, polymorphism, and final subroutines

Generic bindings, including type-bound operators and assignments

Type/source allocation & automatic (re-)allocation via intrinsic assignment

Allocatable scalars and components

Parameterized derived types

Vector subscripts

Abstract types, abstract interfaces, and deferred bindings

Associate construct

iso_c_binding module

Iso_fortran_env module: `input_unit`, `error_unit`,

Paradigms

}

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

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Generic programming

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Array programming

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Object-Oriented Design Patterns (OOD)

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Functional programming

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(C Interoperability)

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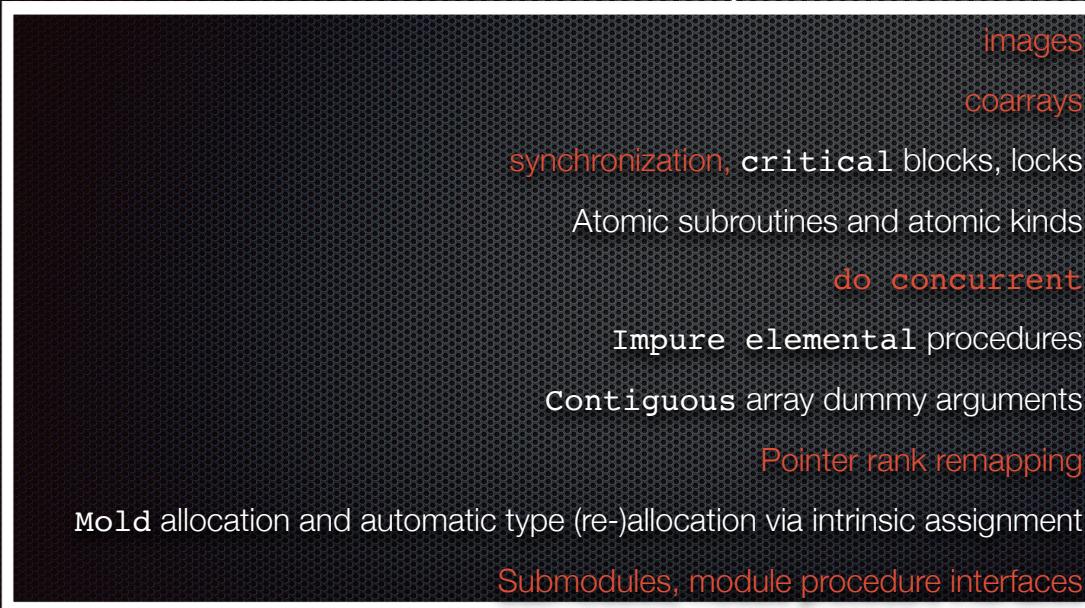
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Paradigms



Parallel/GPU programming:

- SPMD
- PGAS
- Shared or distributed memory



Array programming



Modular programming

New Features



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Kind parameters: `c_int32_t, ...`
Assumed-type (`type(*)`) and assumed-rank (`a(...)`) dummy arguments and rank guarding (select rank)

`ISO_Fortran_binding.h:`

Data structures: `CFI_cdesc_t, CFI_dim_t, CFI_rank_t, CFI_type_t, CFI_attribute_t`

Functions: `CFI_address(), CFI_allocate(), CFI_deallocate(), CFI_establish(),
CFI_is_contiguous(), CFI_section()`

Collective subroutines: `co_sum, co_broadcast, co_min, co_max, co_reduce`

Events: `event_type, event_query(), event_wait, event_post`

Locality specifiers for `do concurrent: local, shared, default(none)`

Teams

Failed images

Paradigms



(C-Interoperability)



Parallel/vector programming

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2023

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do concurrent reduce locality
put notifications: `notify_type`, `notify_wait`
enumeration types
maximum statement length: 1 million characters

} Parallel/vector programming

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2023



202Y+

Paradigms

Type-safe templates

Generic subroutines

Enhanced collective subroutines: team collectives,
asynchronous collectives

}

Generic programming

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Parallel programming

+ Standardized preprocessor: Part 2?

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nook

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nook noun

'nūk (ə)

Synonyms of *nook* >

1 chiefly Scotland : a right-angled corner

2 a : an interior angle formed by two meeting walls
b : a secluded or sheltered place or part
| searched every nook and cranny

c : a small often recessed section of a larger room
| a breakfast nook

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22 Reading Nook Ideas for Turning Any Space Into a Cozy Escape

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cranny

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cranny noun

cran·ny ('kra-nē)

plural **crannies**

Synonyms of *cranny* >

1 : a small break or slit : CREVISE

2 : an obscure nook or corner

crannied ('kra-nēd) adjective

Fortran 2023 Intrinsic Functions

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ATOMIC_FETCH__{OR}
ATOMIC_FETCH__{XOR}
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1 The effect of calling EXECUTE_COMMAND_LINE on any image other than image 1 in the initial team is processor dependent.
 2 Index of the invoking image.

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Expansive Pastures



Davos, Switzerland, on the way to PASC23

Fortran 2023 Multi-Image Features

- Statements
 - Synchronization
 - Explicit: `SYNC ALL`, `SYNC IMAGES`, `SYNC MEMORY`, `SYNC TEAM`
 - Implicit: `ALLOCATE`, `DEALLOCATE`, `STOP`, `END`, `MOVE_ALLOC`
 - Events: `EVENT POST`, `EVENT WAIT`
 - Notify: `NOTIFY WAIT`
 - Error termination: `ERROR STOP`
 - Locks: `LOCK`, `UNLOCK`
 - Failed images: `FAIL IMAGE`
 - Teams: `FORM TEAM`, `CHANGE TEAM`
 - Critical sections: `CRITICAL`, `END CRITICAL`
- Coarray Accesses (`[...]`)
- Intrinsic functions: `NUM_IMAGES`, `THIS_IMAGE`, `LCOBOUND`, `UCOBOUND`, `TEAM_NUMBER`, `GET_TEAM`, `FAILED_IMAGES`, `STOPPED_IMAGES`, `IMAGE_STATUS`, `COSHAPE`, `IMAGE_INDEX`

- Intrinsic subroutines
 - Collective subroutines: `CO_SUM`, `CO_MAX`, `CO_MIN`, `CO_REDUCE`, `CO_BROADCAST`
 - Atomic subroutines: `ATOMIC_ADD`, `ATOMIC_AND`, `ATOMIC_CAS`, `ATOMIC_DEFINE`, `ATOMIC_FETCH_ADD`, `ATOMIC_FETCH_AND`, `ATOMIC_FETCH_OR`, `ATOMIC_FETCH_XOR`, `ATOMIC_OR`, `ATOMIC_REF`, `ATOMIC_XOR`
 - Other subroutines: `EVENT_QUERY`
- Types, kind type parameters, and values
 - Intrinsic derived types: `EVENT_TYPE`, `TEAM_TYPE`, `LOCK_TYPE`, `NOTIFY_TYPE`
 - Atomic kind type parameters:
`ATOMIC_INT_KIND` and
`ATOMIC_LOGICAL_KIND`
 - Values: `STAT_FAILED_IMAGE`, `STAT_LOCKED`, `STAT_LOCKED_OTHER_IMAGE`, `STAT_STOPPED_IMAGE`, `STAT_UNLOCKED`, `STAT_UNLOCKED FAILED_IMAGE`

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Correctness-Checking with Julienne

Unified Idioms for writing

- Unit tests
- Assertions

Support for Fortran 2023 native parallelism

- Multi-image testing: a collective reduction detects failure on a subset of images
- Assertions are pure procedures as required for invocation inside a `do concurrent` construct.

Rouson, Bonachea, & Rasmussen, "[Idiomatic Correctness-Checking via Julienne in Fortran 2023](#)", *Proceedings of the US Research Software Engineering Conference*, October 2025.
DOI: [10.25344/S4BG65](https://doi.org/10.25344/S4BG65)

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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for Julienne. The main content area features a photograph of a bowl filled with shredded orange cheese. Below the photo, the title "Julienne: Idiomatic Correctness Checking for Fortran 2023" is displayed. A detailed description follows, explaining the framework's purpose and how it supports Fortran 2023's native parallelism. At the bottom of this section is a table comparing supported languages. To the right of the main content, there are sections for "Contributors" (listing four people), "Deployments" (showing one deployment last week), and a "Languages" chart. The "Languages" chart is circled in green and shows that Fortran is used 99.7% of the time, while C is used 0.3%. The GitHub URL in the address bar is `github.com/berkeleylab/julienne`.

Example expressions	Operand types
<code>x .approximates. y .within. tolerance</code>	real, double precision

<https://go.lbl.gov/julienne>



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Julienne Idioms

Row	Example expressions	Supported operand types of the bold operator
1	<code>x .approximates. y .within. tolerance</code>	real, double precision
2	<code>x .approximates. y .withinFraction. tolerance</code>	real, double precision
3	<code>x .approximates. y .withinPercentage. tolerance</code>	real, double precision
4	<code>.all. ([i,j] .lessThan. k)</code>	test_diagnosis_t
5	<code>.all. ([i,j] .lessThan. [k,m])</code>	test_diagnosis_t
6	<code>.all. (i .lessThan. [k,m])</code>	test_diagnosis_t
7	<code>(i .lessThan. j) .also. (k .equalsExpected. m)</code>	test_diagnosis_t
8	<code>x .lessThan. y</code>	integer, real, double precision
9	<code>x .greaterThan. y</code>	integer, real, double precision
10	<code>i .equalsExpected. j</code>	integer, character, type(c_ptr)
11	<code>i .isAtLeast. j</code>	integer, real, double precision
12	<code>i .isAtMost. j</code>	integer, real, double precision
13	<code>s .isBefore. t</code>	character
14	<code>s .isAfter. t</code>	character
15	<code>(.expect. allocated(A)) // '(expected an allocated array "A")'</code>	logical

Elemental Operators:

- Defined as pure functions
- Binary operators accept conformable operands:
 - Same-shaped arrays
 - Scalar/array combinations



Any 1 elemental function defining a binary operator accepts 46 combinations of operands:

- 1 for scalar operands
- 15 for array operands of rank 1-15
- 30 for scalar/array combinations in either order



Writing PDE Solvers with Formal

Fortran mimetic abstraction language

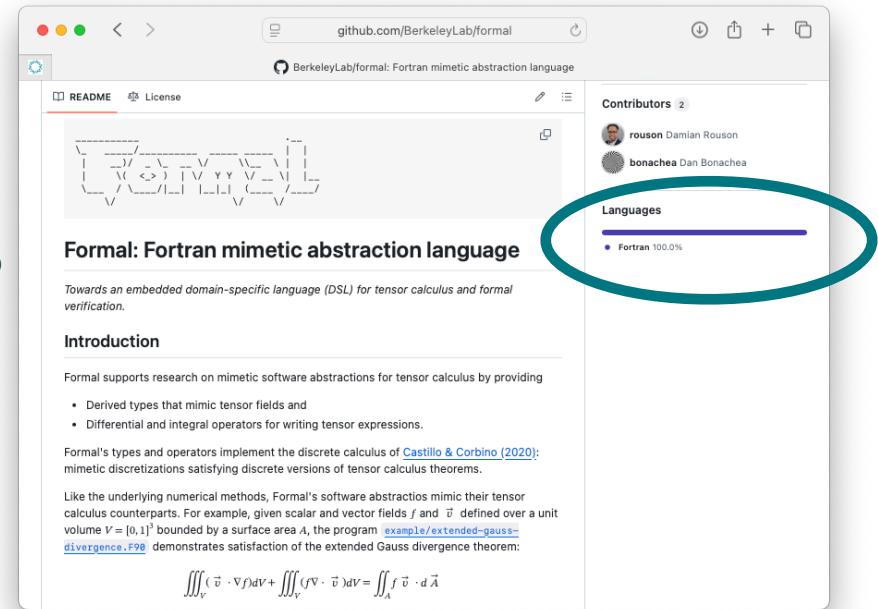
- Derived types that mimic tensor fields
- Differential and integral operators
- Supported by a discrete calculus based on the mimetic discretizations of Corbino & Castillo (2020).

Future work

- An embedded domain-specific language (DSL) for tensor calculus
- Formal verification leveraging problem-specific proof by testing
- Tensor contractions for machine learning

Corbino, J., & Castillo, J. E. (2020). "High-order mimetic finite-difference operators satisfying the extended Gauss divergence theorem". *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics*, 364, 112326.

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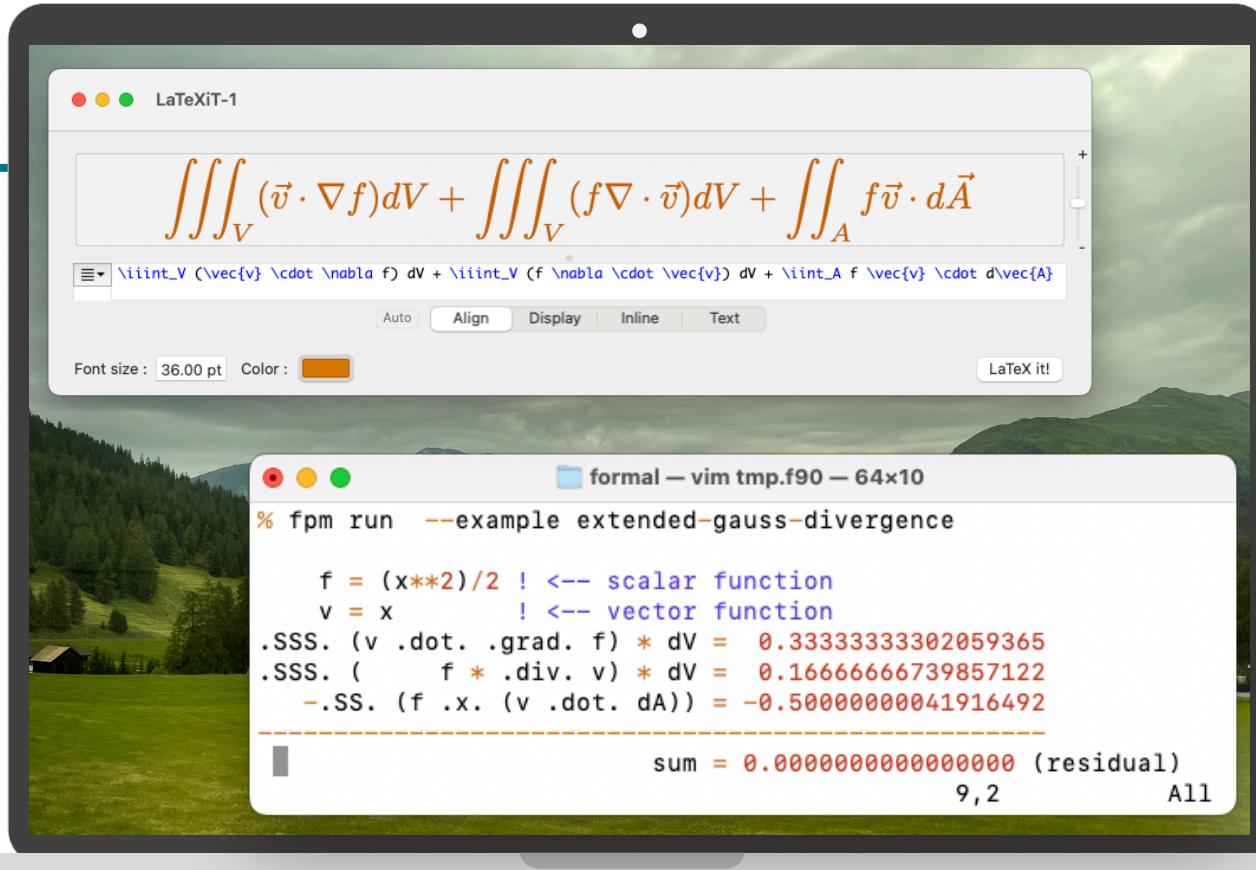


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“When writing type-safe templates in Fortran, you can consider the requirements as defining a DSL for the template body. Such DSLs are extremely cheap to define, just a collection of derived declarations, and have no runtime overhead.”

Prof. Magne Haveraaen
Bergen Language Design Laboratory
University of Bergen

REQUIREMENT Construct

```
REQUIREMENT binop(op, T, U, V)
  DEFERRED TYPE :: T, U, V
  DEFERRED INTERFACE
    FUNCTION op(x,y) RESULT(z)
      TYPE(T), INTENT(IN) :: x
      TYPE(U), INTENT(IN) :: y
      TYPE(V) :: z
    END FUNCTION
  END INTERFACE
END REQUIREMENT
```

A requirement encapsulates a reusable relationship among deferred arguments.

The **REQUIRE** statement enforces a REQUIREMENT

- Mismatch at template instantiation is compile-time error
- Transitively declares its arguments
- Can appear in template specification and requirement construct

```
TEMPLATE my_temp1(T, U, plus, times)
  USE requirements_mod, only: binop

  REQUIRE binop(plus, T, U, U) ! Real+complex -> complex
  REQUIRE binop(times, T, U, U) ! Real*complex -> complex
  ...
END TEMPLATE
```

Deep Learning with Fiats

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Fiats'. The main content area displays the README file, which contains a logo consisting of a grid of characters (including slashes and underscores) forming a stylized letter 'F'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Fiats: Functional inference and training for surrogates'. A note below states: 'Alternatively, Fortran inference and training for science.' Navigation links include 'Overview', 'Getting Started', and 'Documentation'. The right sidebar provides repository statistics: 'Packages' (0), 'Contributors' (11), 'Deployments' (177, with one recent deployment from 'github-pages'), and 'Languages' (98.9% Fortran, 1.1% Other). A teal oval highlights the 'Languages' section.

Alternatively, *Fortran inference and training for science.*

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Overview

Fiats supports research on the training and deployment of neural-network surrogate models for computational science. Fiats also provides a platform for exploring and advancing the native parallel programming features of Fortran 2023 in the context of deep learning. The design of Fiats centers around functional programming patterns that facilitate concurrency, including loop-level parallelism via the `do concurrent` construct and Single-Program, Multiple Data (SMPD) parallelism via "multi-image" (e.g., multithreaded or multiprocess) execution. Towards these ends,

- Most Fiats procedures are `pure` and thus satisfy a language requirement for invocation inside `do concurrent`,

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Fiats: Inference

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example — vim concurrent-inferences.f90 — 90x9
129      !$omp parallel do default(None) shared(neural_network,inputs,outputs) collapse(3)
130      do j=1,lon
131          do k=1,lev
132              do i=1,lat
133                  outputs(i,k,j) = neural_network%infer(inputs(i,k,j))
134              end do
135          end do
136      end do
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fiats — rouson@login38:~/fiats — login38 — vim example/concurrent-inferences.f90 — 103x5
122      do concurrent(i=1:lat, k=1:lev, j=1:lon) default(None) shared(outputs, neural_network, inputs)
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124      end do
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122      do concurrent(i=1:lat, k=1:lev, j=1:lon) default(None) shared(outputs, neural_network, inputs)
123          outputs(i,k,j) = neural_network%infer(inputs(i,k,j))
124      end do
:
```

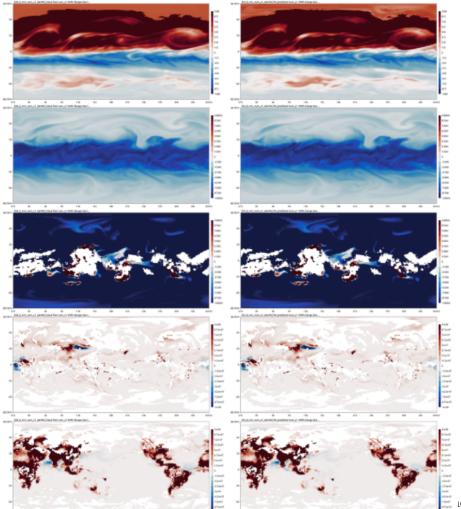
```
example — vim concurrent-inferences.f90 — 50x5
73      !$omp workshare
74          outputs = neural_network%infer(inputs)
75      !$omp end workshare
```

Automatic Parallelization on Perlmutter CPU²⁸

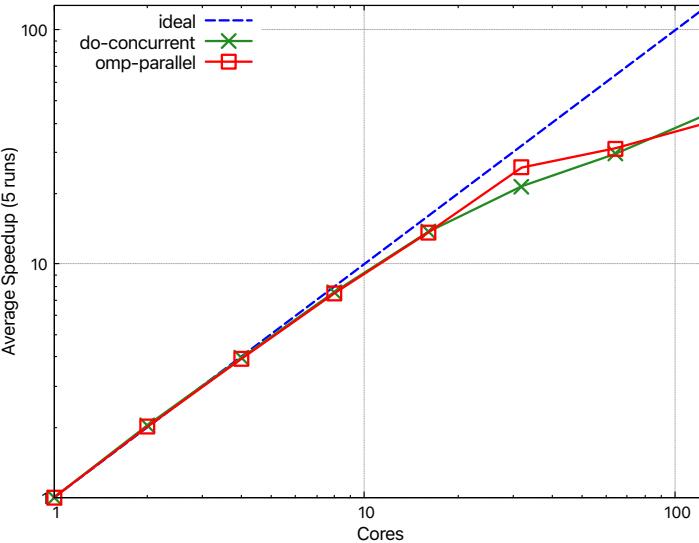
Automatically parallelizing batch inference on deep neural networks using Fiats and Fortran 2023 “do concurrent”

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Applications have evaluated or adopted deep neural networks as surrogate models. At least two categories of solutions have emerged to satisfy the inference and training needs of Fortran applications: (1) application programming interfaces (APIs) that expose functionality provided by software packages written



```
OMP_NUM_THREADS=128 fpm run \
--example concurrent-inferences \
--runner "srun --cpu_bind=cores -c 128 -n 1" \
--network model.json
```

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Fiats: Training

```
fiats — vim neural_network_s.F90 — 101x36
907 #if F2023_LOCALITY
908     iterate_through_batch: &
909     do concurrent (pair = 1:mini_batch_size) local(a,z,delta) reduce(+: dcdb, dcdw)
910
911 #elif F2018_LOCALITY
912
913     reduce_gradients: &
914     block
915         real reduce_dcdb(size(dcdb,1),size(dcdb,2),mini_batch_size)
916         real reduce_dcdw(size(dcdw,1),size(dcdw,2),size(dcdw,3),mini_batch_size)
917         reduce_dcdb = 0.
918         reduce_dcdw = 0.
919
920     iterate_through_batch: &
921     do concurrent (pair = 1:mini_batch_size) local(a,z,delta)
922
923 #else
924
925     reduce_gradients: &
926     block
927         real reduce_dcdb(size(dcdb,1),size(dcdb,2),mini_batch_size)
928         real reduce_dcdw(size(dcdw,1),size(dcdw,2),size(dcdw,3),mini_batch_size)
929         reduce_dcdb = 0.
930         reduce_dcdw = 0.
931
932     iterate_through_batch: &
933     do concurrent (pair = 1:mini_batch_size)
934
935     iteration: &
936     block
937
938         real a(maxval(self%nodes_), input_layer:output_layer) ! Activations
939         real z(size(b,1),size(b,2)), delta(size(b,1),size(b,2))
940 #endif
941
```

Stochastic Gradient Descent + Adam Optimizer

~96 statements in which nearly every statement implicitly exposes parallelism, e.g., multidimensional array statements inside do concurrent constructs

Deep Learning with Fiats

```
flats - vim neural_network_m.f90 - 90x14
21 type neural_network_t(k)
22   !! Encapsulate the information needed to perform inference
23   integer, kind :: k = default_real
24   type(tensor_map_t(k)), private :: input_map_, output_map_
25   type(metadata_t), private :: metadata_
26   real(k), allocatable, private :: weights_(:,:,:,:), biases_(:, :)
27   integer, allocatable, private :: nodes_()
28   type(activation_t), private :: activation_
29 contains
30   generic :: infer => default_real_infer, double_precision_infer
31   procedure, private, non_overridable :: default_real_infer, double_precision_infer
32   generic :: learn =>
33   procedure, private, non_overridable :: default_real_learn
```

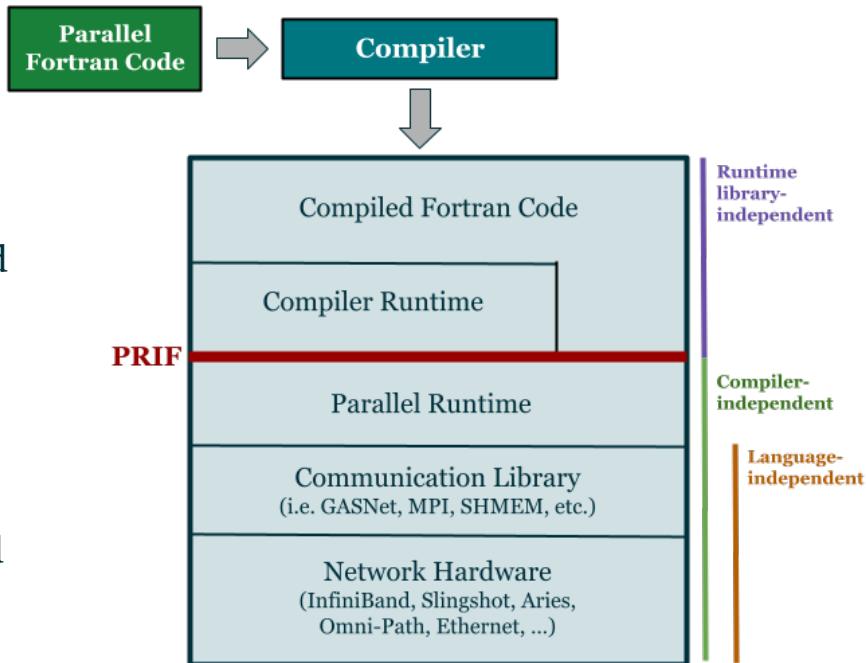
Kind type parameter allows us to set an object's precision in its declaration *without* recompiling.

Non_overridable attribute prevents dynamic dispatch, thereby facilitating *future* GPU execution.



Parallel Runtime Interface for Fortran (PRIF)³²

- Compiler- and runtime-agnostic interface to support multi-image parallel Fortran features
- A runtime interface written *in Fortran*: `prif` module
- Tight correspondence between PRIF procedures and Fortran's multi-image parallel features, e.g.,
 - `num_images` → `prif_num_images`
 - `real x(N)[*]` → `prif_allocate_coarray`
- For more information, please see go.lbl.gov/prif and fortran.lbl.gov.



D. Bonachea, K. Rasmussen, B. Richardson, D. Rouson, "Parallel Runtime Interface for Fortran (PRIF): A Multi-Image Solution for LLVM Flang", *Tenth Workshop on the LLVM Compiler Infrastructure in HPC (LLVM-HPC2024)*, Nov. 2024. doi:[10.25344/S4No17](https://doi.org/10.25344/S4No17).



LLVM-HPC Workshop at SC25 Paper

- Paper highlights the increased LLVM Flang compiler support for Fortran's multi-image features, a subset of which has now been upstreamed, thanks to the support of the NERSC/CLaSS collaboration
- Perlmutter runs in distributed memory show LLVM Flang is comparable with Cray's long extant multi-image Fortran support
- Cray ftn compiler bug encountered while compiling a coarray benchmark on Perlmutter: [NERSC ticket INC0241058](#)

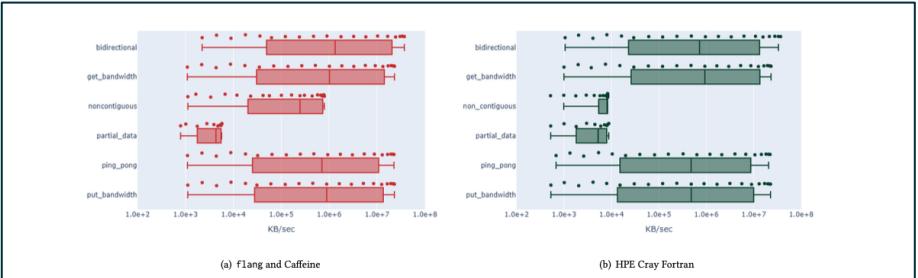


Figure 5: Results from running Caf-testsuite in distributed memory across two nodes of the NERSC Perlmutter supercomputer, connected over an HPE Slingshot 11 network

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ABSTRACT

This paper provides an overview of the multi-image parallel features in Fortran 2023 and their implementation in the LLVM Flang compiler and the Caffeine parallel runtime library. The features of interest support a Single-Program, Multiple-Data (SPMD) programming model based on the concept of a "multi-image", each of which is a program instance. The features also support a Global Address Space (GAS) in the form of "coarray" distributed data structures. The paper discusses the lowering of multi-image features to the Fortran 2018 standard [1] and the implementation of PRIF in the Caffeine parallel runtime library. This paper also provides an early view into the design of a new multi-image dialect of the LLVM Multi-Level Intermediate Representation (MLIR). We describe validation and testing of the resulting software, and demonstrate that performance gains are feasible by another compiler (Cafeine compiler and runtime library, GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) `gfortran` and OpenCoarrays, respectively).

CCS CONCEPTS

• Software and its engineering → Runtime environments; Parallel programming languages; • Computing methodologies → Parallel programming languages.

KEYWORDS

Fortran, Parallel programming, HPC, PGAS, RMA, LLVM Flang, Exascale Computing, Runtime Libraries, Caffeine, GASNet-EX

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Use the term multi-image in this paper to manipulate coarray features (allocation, deallocation, access... – as well as all other multi-image parallel features (synchronization, collective reductions, atomic operations, image teams, etc.)

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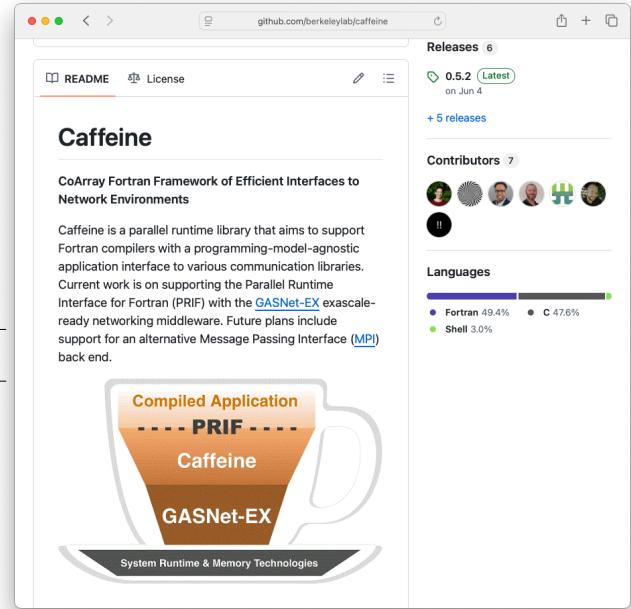
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Caffeine: Co-Array Fortran Framework of Efficient Interfaces to Network Environments

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- Caffeine is written mostly in (serial) Fortran
- Invokes GASNet-EX communication library
- PRIF implementation status:
go.lbl.gov/caffeine-status

Multi-image Fortran Feature	Status
Program startup and shutdown (incl. normal and error termination): STOP, ERROR STOP, END PROGRAM statements	yes
Collective subroutines: CO_{BROADCAST, SUM, MIN, MAX, REDUCE}	yes
Image queries: THIS_IMAGE, NUM_IMAGES, etc, intrinsic functions	yes
Synchronization: SYNC {ALL, IMAGES, MEMORY, TEAM} statements	yes
Storage management: Coarray allocation, deallocation and coarray aliases	yes
Coarray Queries: LCOBOUND, UCOBOUND, COSHAPE, etc.	yes
Contiguous and strided coarray access: Coarray puts and gets	yes
Teams: TEAM_TYPE intrinsic type and {FORM, CHANGE, END} TEAM statements	yes
Events: EVENT_TYPE intrinsic type, EVENT_QUERY subroutine and EVENT {POST, WAIT} statements	yes
Notifications: NOTIFY_TYPE intrinsic type and NOTIFY_WAIT statement	yes
Atomics: ATOMIC_{INT, LOGICAL}_KIND kind parameters and ATOMIC_{DEFINE, REF, ...} subroutines	yes
Critical construct: CRITICAL and END CRITICAL	no
Locks: LOCK and UNLOCK statements	no
FAIL IMAGE statement	no



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Fortran Package Manager (fpm)



fpm
build system
(actual size)



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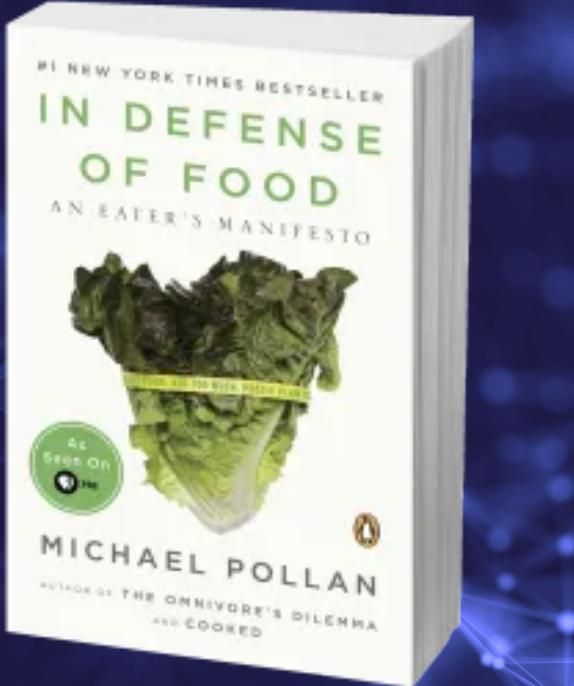


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“Fortran is a new and exciting language used by programmers to communicate with computers. It is exciting as it is the wave of the future.”

Character of Dorothy Vaughan,
a NASA mathematician and programmer,
as played by Octavia Spencer in
Hidden Figures (20th Century Fox, 2016).



In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto

Eat food.

Not too much.

Mostly plants.



In Defense of Software: A Developer's Manifesto

Write software.

Not too much.

Mostly pure functions.

Conclusions

“Fortran [2023] is a new and exciting language used by programmers to communicate with [each other].”

Several underutilized feature sets facilitate writing

- Compact code:
 - 46-fold savings in supporting binary operators with elemental functions
 - State-of-the-art neural network training in fewer than 100 lines of code
- Parallel programs:
 - Multi-image execution for SPMD/PGAS programming
 - Automatic loop-level multithreading or offloading to a GPU
- Functional programming patterns:
 - Pure procedures
 - Immutable state: associate construct
- Expressive abstractions:
 - Natural language idioms
 - Textbook forms of partial differential equations

Thank You!