

pystencils

Automatic Generation, Optimization and Analysis
of Stencil Codes

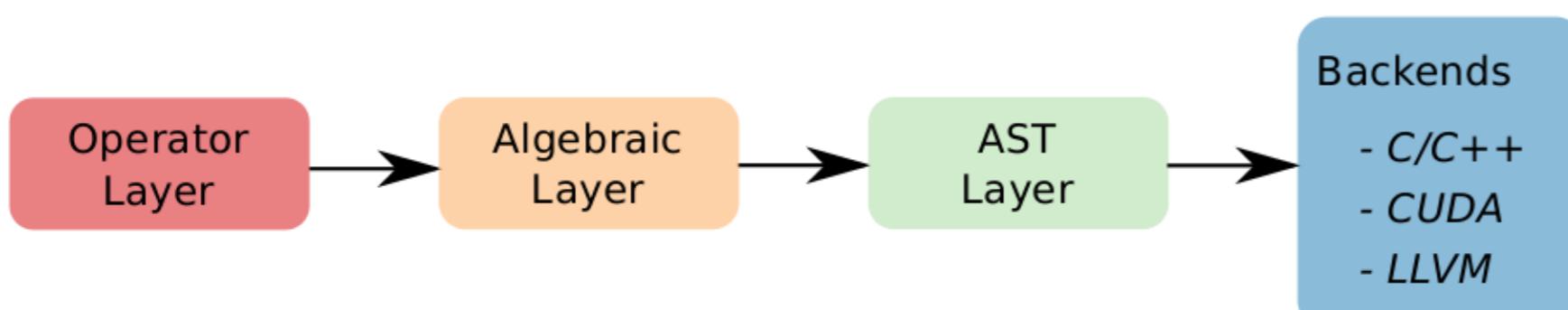
Motivation

- Abstract description of a model
- Platform independent implementation
- Highly optimized compute kernels for HPC software
- Needed: **Abstraction without performance penalty**

Solution: Generation of compute kernels with pystencils

- Increases maintainability & enables fast prototyping
- Simplification and optimization with parameters known at compile time
- Easily extendible with SymPy
- Various target language platforms: C++, CUDA, LLVM

Abstraction Layers



- Operator Layer:

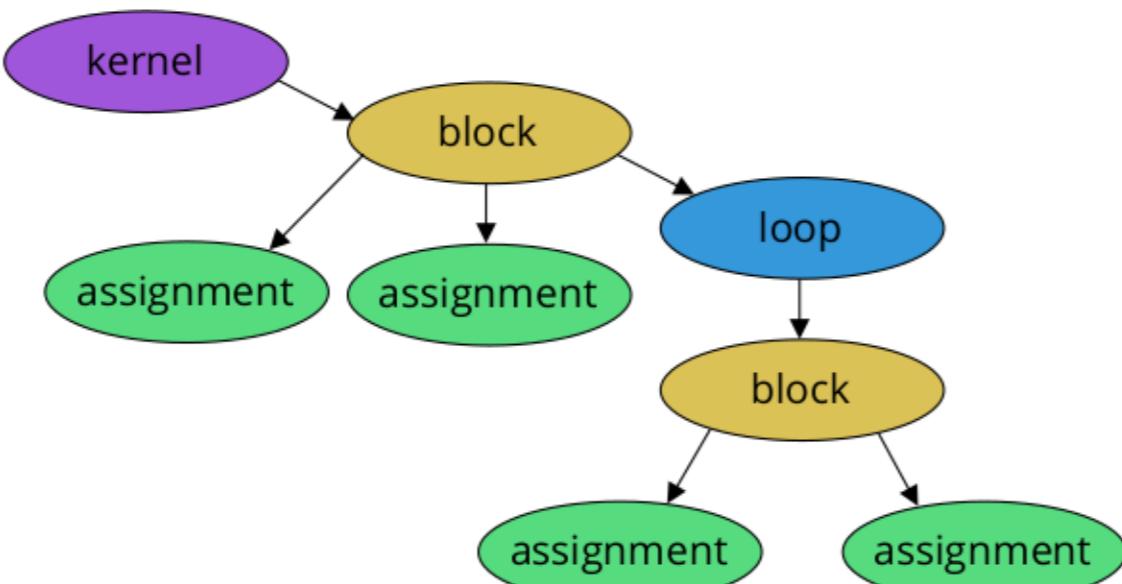
$$\nabla \cdot (vc) - \operatorname{div}(D\nabla c) + \partial_t c$$

c : scalar field; v : vector field

- Algebraic Layer:

$$-4c_C D + c_C - \frac{c_E v_E^0}{2} + c_E D - \frac{c_N v_N^1}{2} + c_N D + \frac{c_S v_S^1}{2} + c_S D + \frac{c_W v_W^0}{2} + c_W D$$

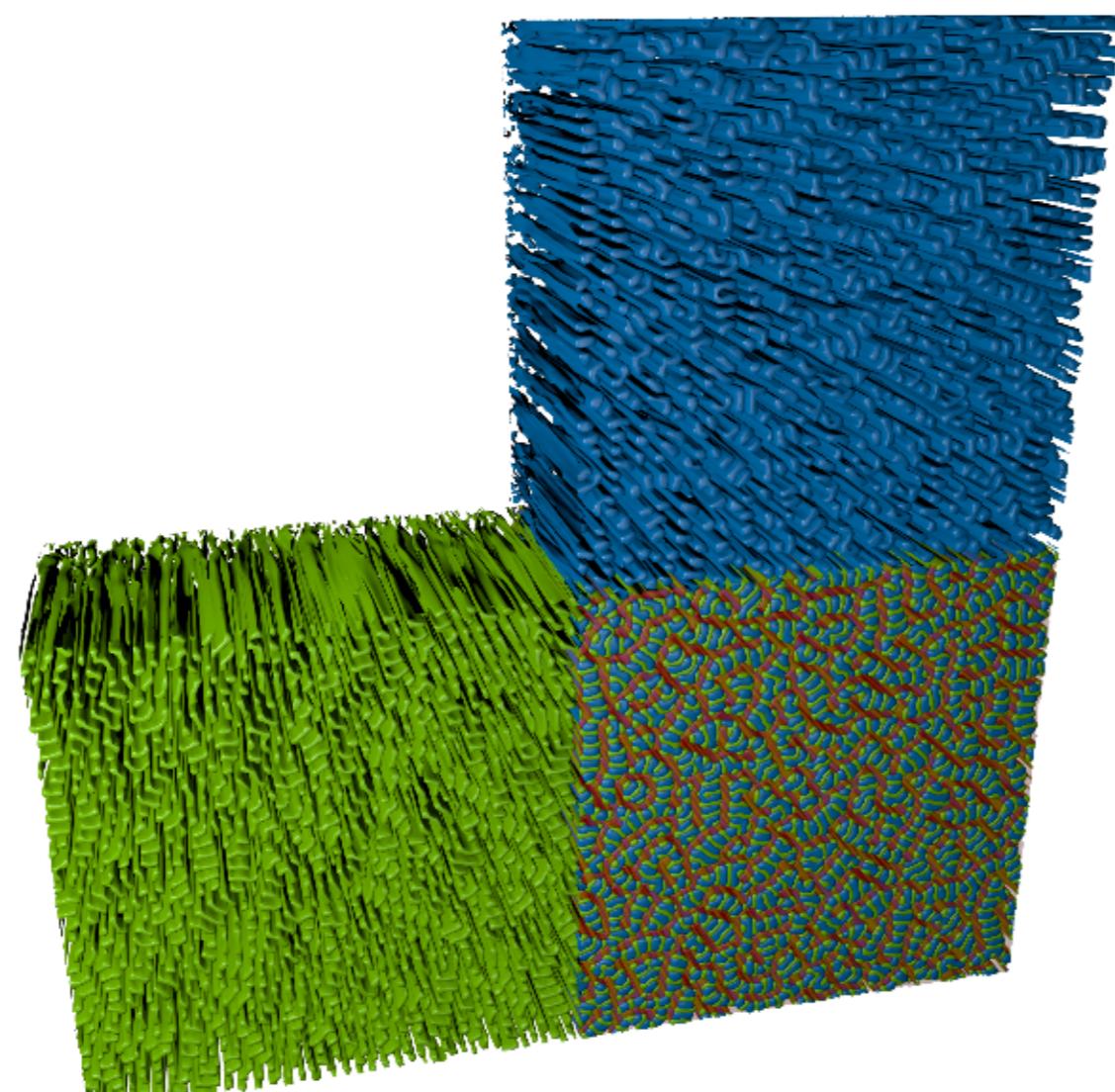
- AST Layer:



- Backend:



Example: Phase-field simulation [1]



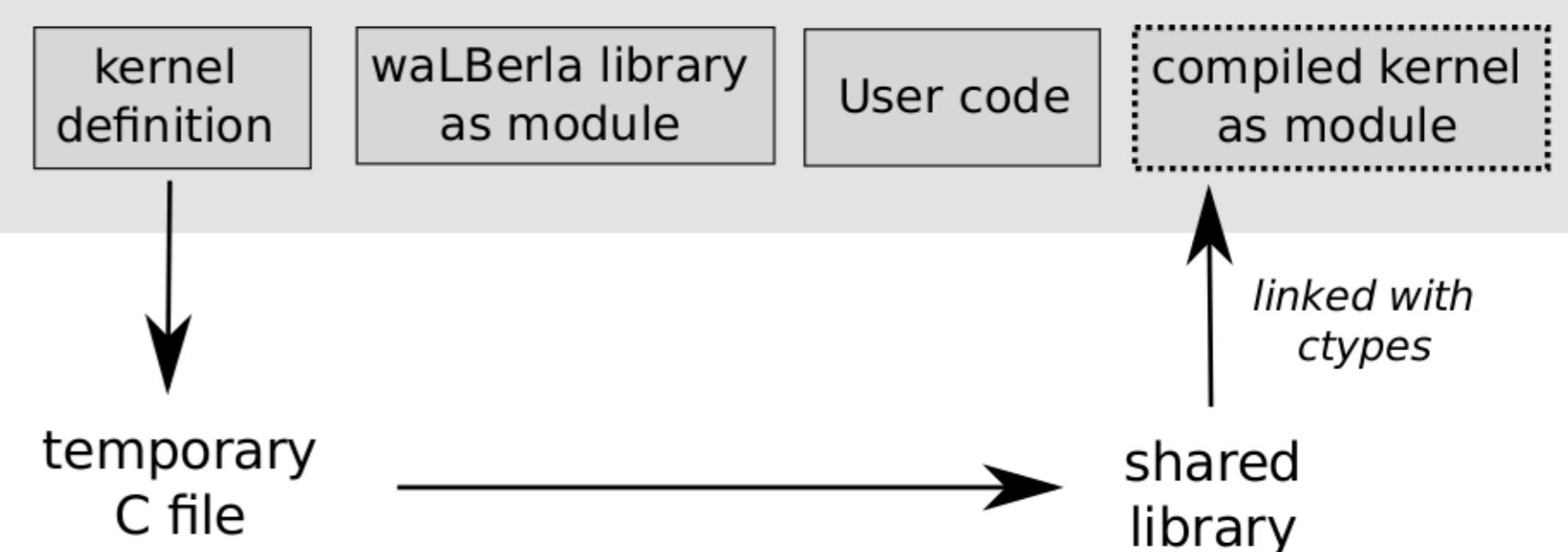
Phase-Field Simulation for Ternary Eutectic Directional Solidification on SuperMUC

Code example

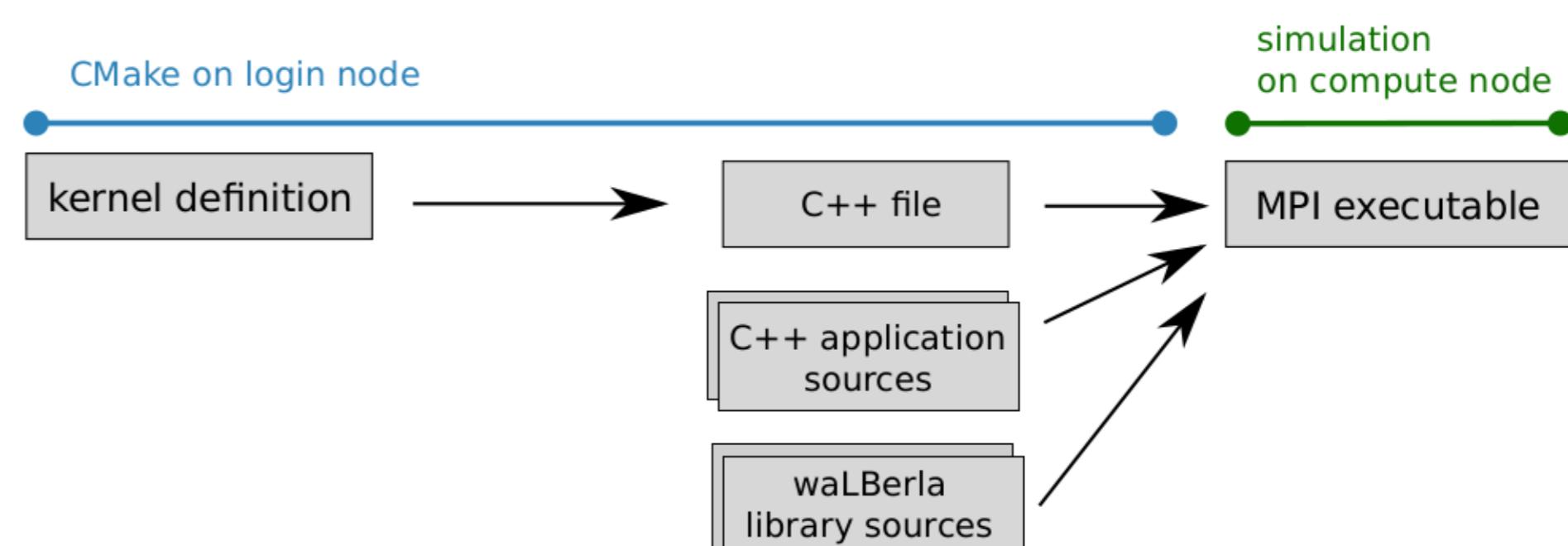
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advDiffPde = transient(c) - diffusion(c, sp.Symbol('D')) +  
            advection(c, v)  
discretize(advDiffPde)  
  
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Python wrapper

Python Script
run on compute nodes with ipyparallel/MPI



waLBerla app



Analysis and Benchmarking with kerncraft [2]

- Benchmark - Automatic performance evaluation in MFLOP/S, MLUP/S and MIT/S
- Roofline & ECM Model - Kernel evaluation, performance estimation, bottleneck localization

References

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