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Direct GPU Compilation and Execution for Host Applications with OpenMP Parallelism

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Host OpenMP Application

```
extern int foo(int a, int b);  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    FILE *fp = fopen("data.txt", "r");  
#pragma omp parallel for  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)  
        c[i] = foo(a[i], b[i]);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Port to CUDA

- kernel entry point
- device function
- index calculation
- memory mapping
- kernel launch

```
extern __device__ int foo(int a, int b);
__global__ void kernel(int *a, int *b, int *c) {
    int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    c[i] = foo(a[i], b[i]);
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[ ]) {
    FILE *fp = fopen("data.txt", "r");
    int *da, *db, *dc;
    cudaMemcpy(da, a, ...);
    cudaMemcpy(db, b, ...);
    cudaMemcpy(dc, c, ...);
    kernel<<<...>>>(da, db, dc);
    return 0;
}
```

Port to OpenMP Offloading

- kernel entry point
- ~~device function~~
- ~~index calculation~~
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```
extern int foo(int a, int b);

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    FILE *fp = fopen("data.txt", "r");
#pragma omp target teams distribute parallel for
    map(to: a[n], b[n]) map(from: c[n])
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        c[i] = foo(a[i], b[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

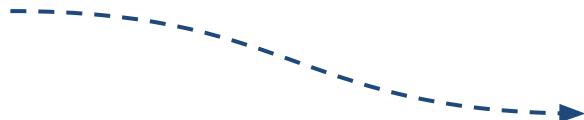
What If I Don't Want to Port?

Can I just do something like...?

```
$ clang -f"run-on-gpu" my_app.c -o exec_on_gpu
```

and then

```
$ ./exec_on_gpu
```



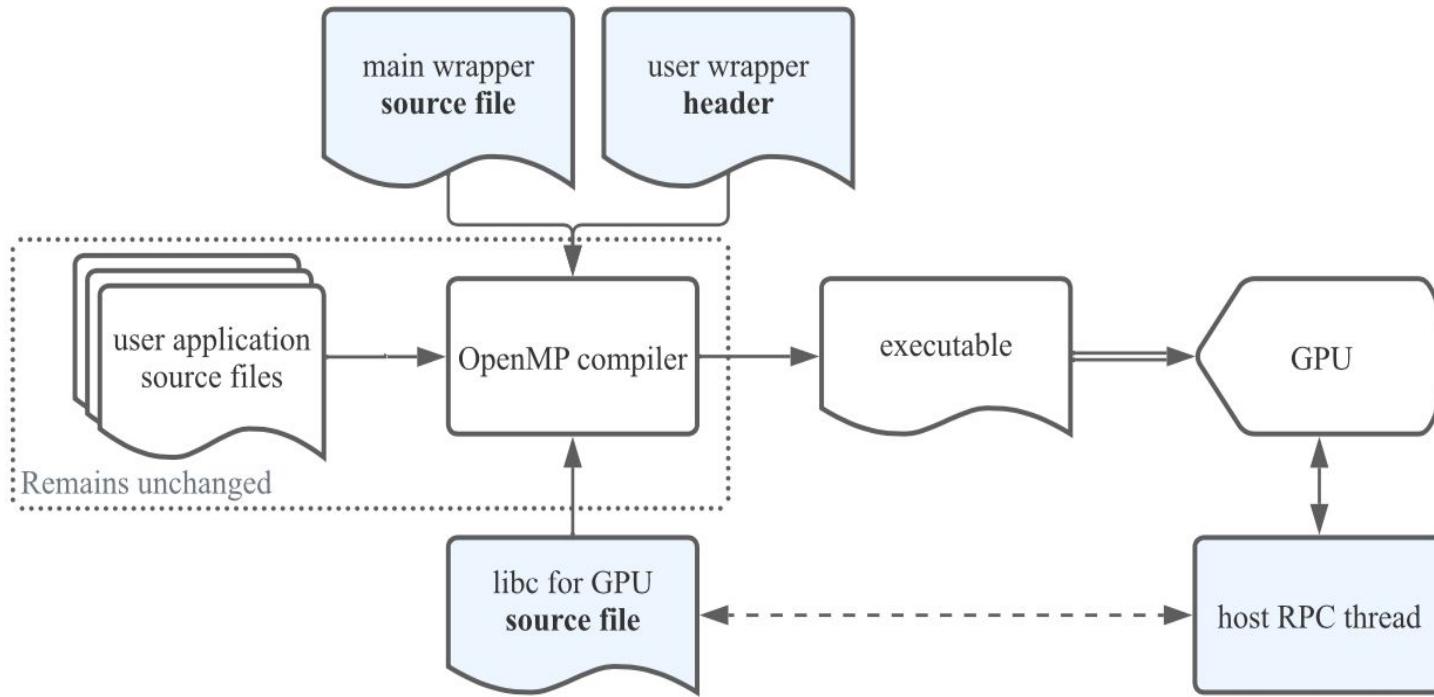
What Do We Need?

- device function
- kernel entry point
- ~~memory mapping~~
- ~~index calculation~~
- kernel launch
- library functions



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Direct GPU Compilation



User Wrapper Header

```
#pragma omp begin declare target device_type(nohost)
int g;
void foo();
#pragma omp end declare target
```

User Wrapper Header

```
// UserWrapper.h  
#pragma omp begin declare target device_type(nohost)  
// <eof>
```

```
$ clang -include UserWrapper.h -c <user source files> ...
```

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```

Main Wrapper

```
extern int __user_main(int, char *[ ]);  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
#pragma omp target enter data map(to: argv[:argc])  
  
    for (int I = 0; I < argc; ++I) {  
        size_t Len = strlen(argv[I]);  
#pragma omp target enter data map(to: argv[I][:Len])  
    }  
  
    int Ret;  
#pragma omp target teams num_teams(1) thread_limit(1024) map(from: Ret)  
    { Ret = __user_main(argc, argv); }  
    return Ret;  
}
```

Kernel Entry Point

```
// UserWrapper.h

#pragma omp begin declare target device_type(nohost)

int main(int, char *[ ]) asm( "__user_main" );
// <eof>
```

Teams and num_teams(1)?

```
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int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
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    for (int I = 0; I < argc; ++I) {  
        size_t Len = strlen(argv[I]);  
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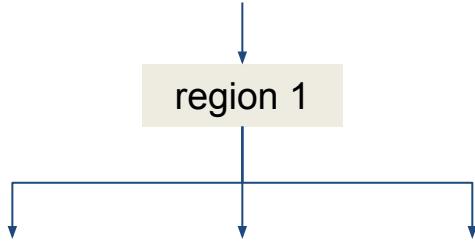


region 1



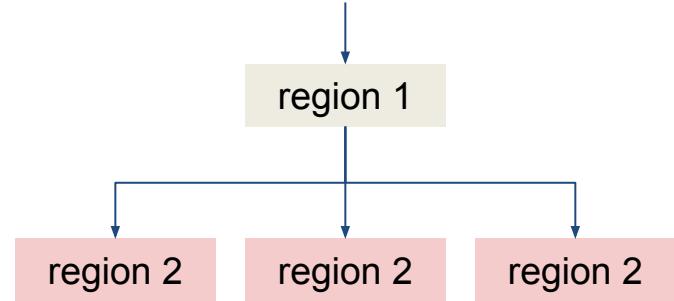
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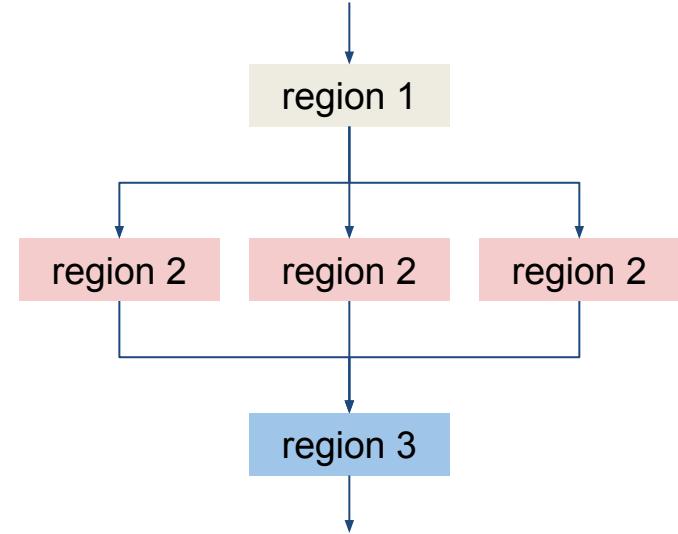
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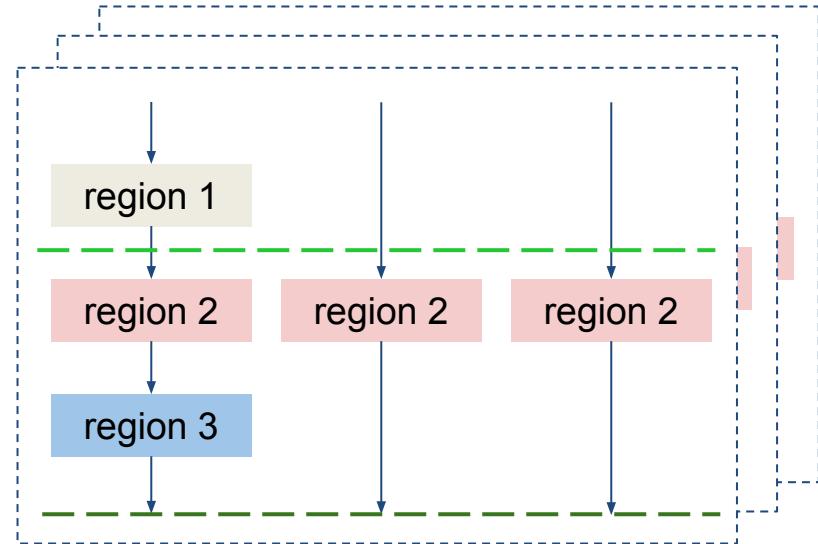
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    /* region 3 */  
}
```



OpenMP Execution Model

```
void foo() {  
#pragma omp target teams num_teams(N)  
{  
    /* region 1 */  
#pragma omp parallel  
    { /* region 2 */ }  
    /* region 3 */  
}  
}
```



Standard C library

- 1) Memory-related functionality, e.g., malloc and free
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- 3) I/O access via fread, fprintf, and similar functions

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 - GPU support varies among vendors
 - Implemented custom dynamic heap allocation
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 - Implemented in a device library linked into the application
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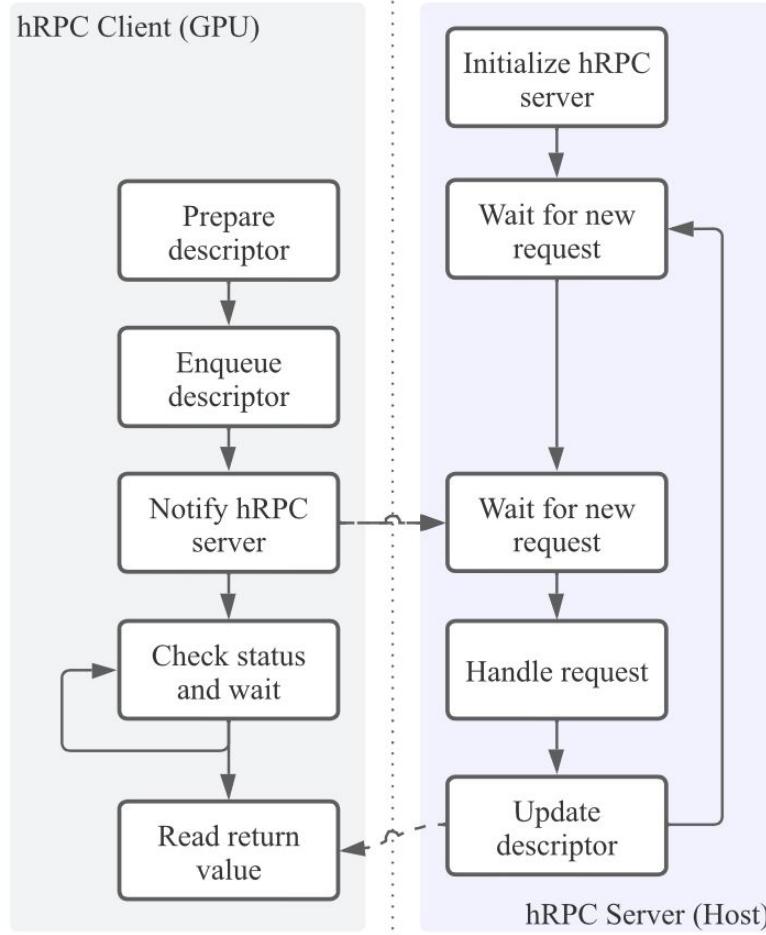
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- 1) Memory-related functionality, e.g., malloc and free
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- 3) I/O access via fread, fprintf, and similar functions
 - Implemented via host remote procedure call (RPC)

Host RPC

Synchronous, stateless client-server protocol:

GPU (client) sends requests to host (server) and waits for completion



Example: Implement of fopen

```
FILE *fopen(const char *filename, const char *mode) {
    HostRPCDescriptorWrapper Wrapper(ID_fopen, 2);
    if (!Wrapper.isValid())
        return nullptr;

    auto Len1 = strlen(filename) + 1;
    auto Len2 = strlen(mode) + 1;

    HostRPCObject<const char *> FileName(Len1);
    HostRPCObject<const char *> Mode(Len2);

    FileName.copyFrom((void *)filename, Len1);
    Mode.copyFrom((void *)mode, Len2);

    Wrapper.addArg(FileName.get(), ARG_POINTER, Len1);
    Wrapper.addArg(Mode.get(), ARG_POINTER, Len2);

    if (!Wrapper.sendAndWait())
        return nullptr;
    return Wrapper.getReturnValue<FILE *>();
}
```

```
bool handle_fopen(HostRPCDescriptor &SD) {
    ArgumentExtractor AE(SD);

    auto *FileName = AE.getArg<const char *>(0);
    auto *Mode = AE.getArg<const char *>(1);

    FILE *F = fopen(FileName, Mode);
    if (F == nullptr)
        return false;

    SD.ReturnValue = (void *)F;
    return true;
}
```

Putting Together

```
$ clang -include UserWrapper.h  
        -fopenmp --offload-arch=<arch>  
        -c <user source files>
```



```
$ clang -c <path to>/Main.c -o __Main.o  
        -fopenmp --offload-arch=<arch> -fopenmp-offload-mandatory
```

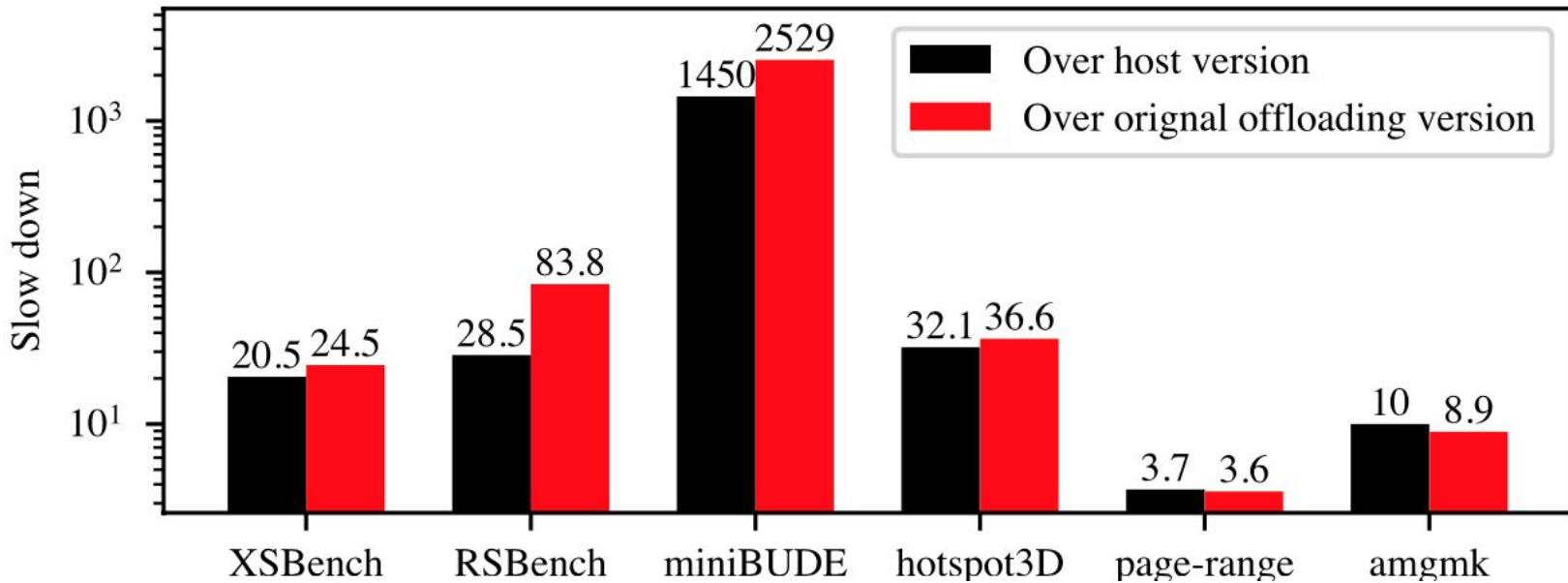


```
$ clang -fopenmp --offload-arch=<arch>  
        __Main.o <other object files>  
        -o <exec name>
```

Limitations

- Arbitrary library functions, including C++ STL
- Variadic functions
- Single team execution

Performance Results

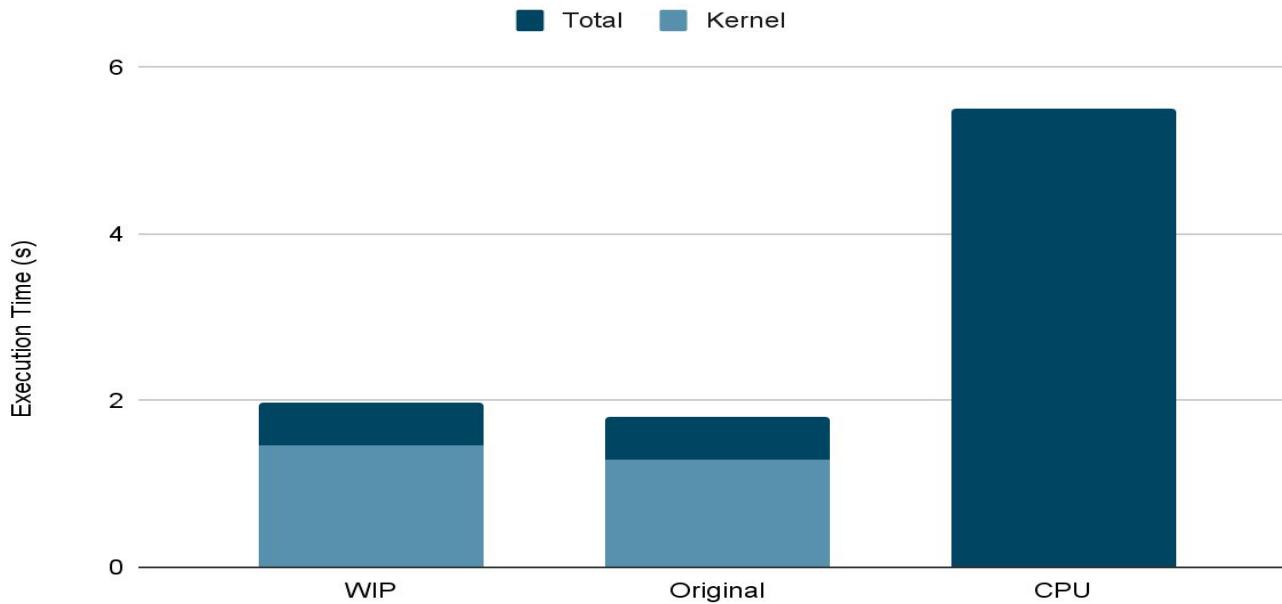




Lift the Limitations

- Support arbitrary library functions and variadic functions
 - Use new link time optimization pass
- Single team execution (performance issue)
 - Use multiple teams if a parallel region semantically allows it
 - XSbench can get back the performance of the actual computation part
 - If not, use “large team” that can have more than 1024 threads

New XSbench Result



Summary

- A user-transparent infrastructure that can compile the entire user program to have it directly running on GPUs.
 - Without the need to change the compiler.
- All the limitations and performance issues are being solved in our new prototype.

LibC for GPU



- LLVM libc officially supports GPU (partially yet)!
 - https://libc.llvm.org/gpu_mode.html
 - Basic device functions that do not require host are supported on the device.
 - ctype.h and string.h

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