

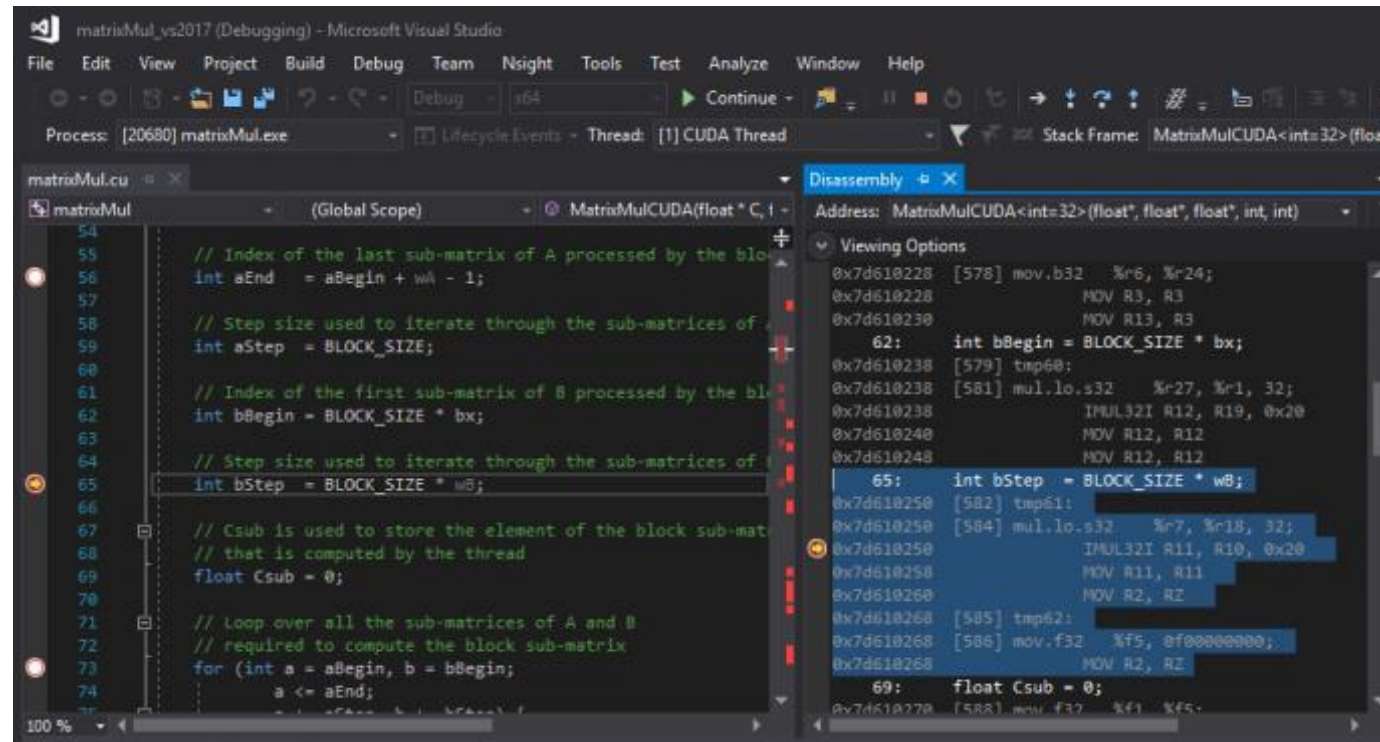


NSIGHT DEVELOPER TOOLS



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Debuggers: cuda-gdb, Nsight Eclipse Edition, Nsight Visual Studio Edition, Nsight Visual Studio Code Edition



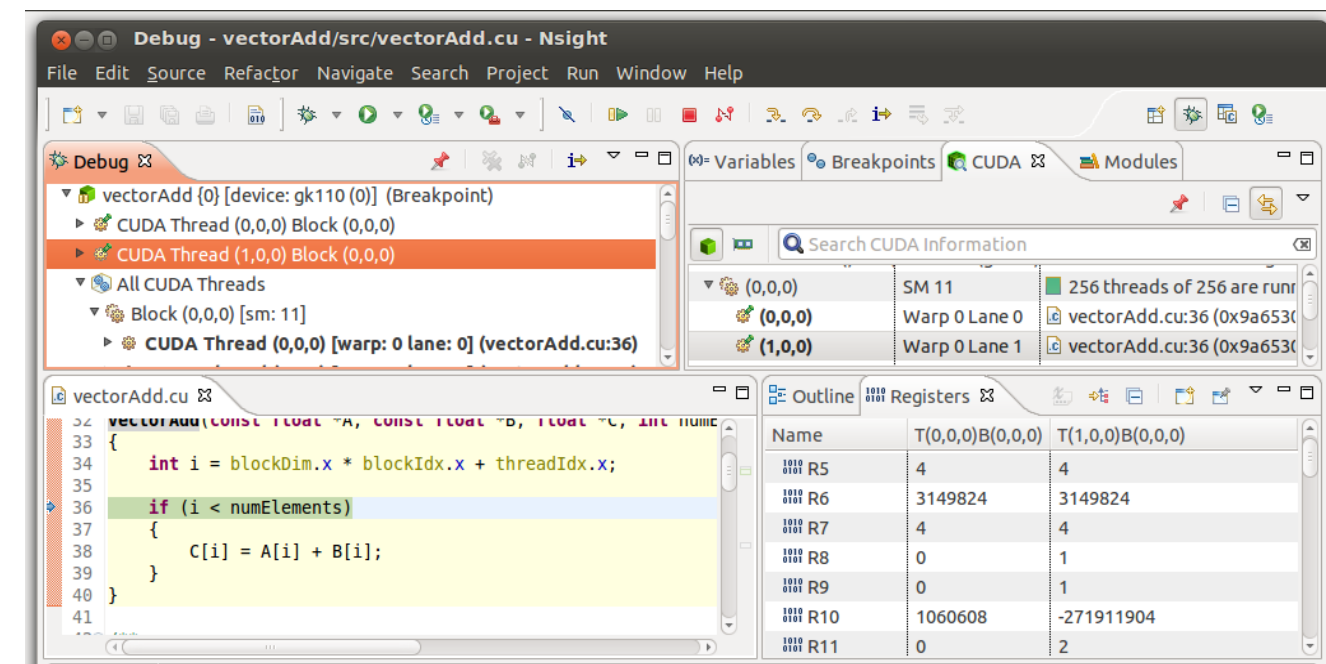
Profilers: Nsight Systems, Nsight Compute, CUPTI, NVIDIA Tools eXtension (NVTX)



Correctness Checker: Compute Sanitizer

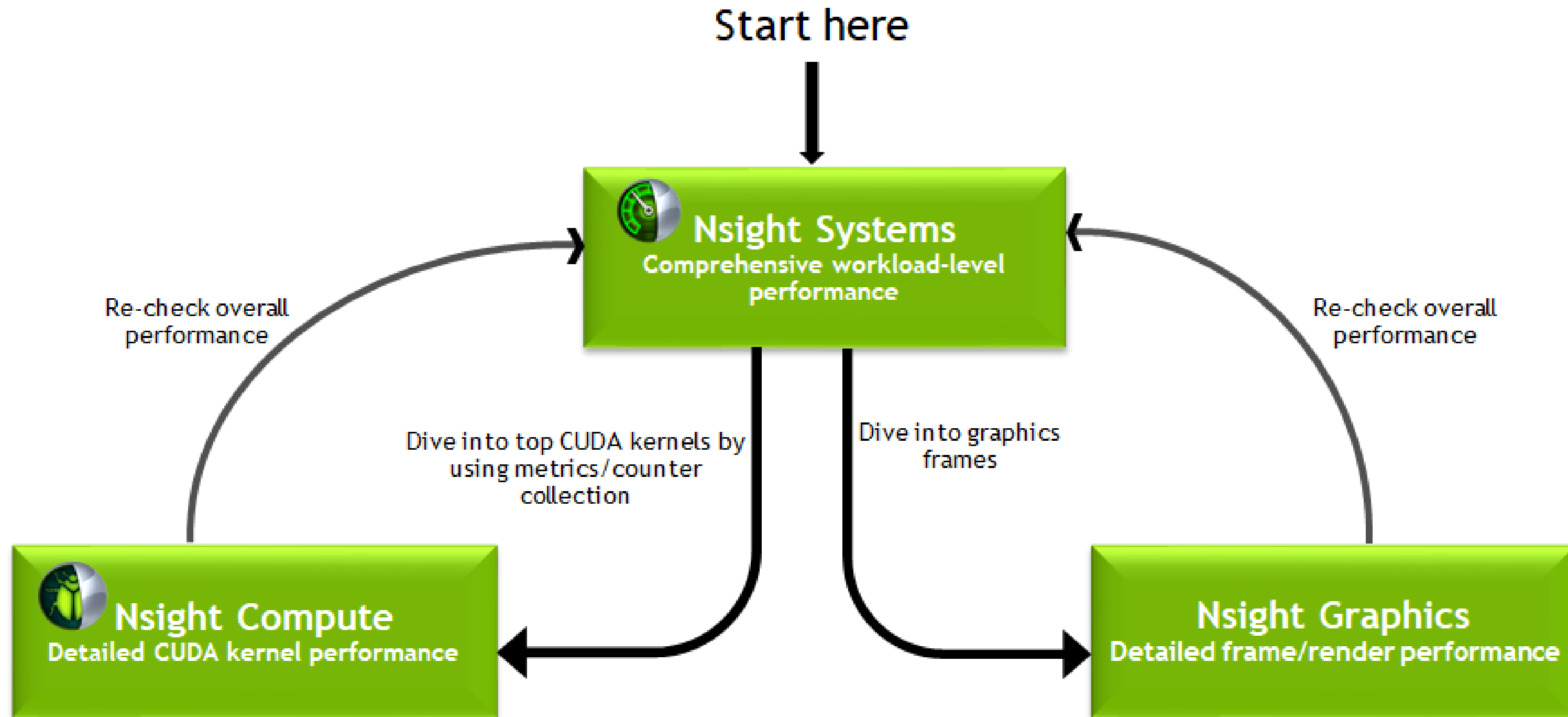
```
$ compute-sanitizer --leak-check full memcheck_demo
===== COMPUTE-SANITIZER
Mallocing memory
Running unaligned_kernel
Ran unaligned_kernel: no error
Sync: no error
Running out_of_bounds_kernel
Ran out_of_bounds_kernel: no error
Sync: no error
===== Invalid __global__ write of size 4 bytes
===== at 0x60 in memcheck_demo.cu:6:unaligned_kernel(void)
===== by thread (0,0,0) in block (0,0,0)
===== Address 0x400100001 is misaligned
```

IDE integrations: Nsight Eclipse Edition, Nsight Visual Studio Edition, Nsight Visual Studio Code Edition



NSIGHT PROFILING TOOLS WORKFLOW

ITERATIVE OPTIMIZATION FOR COMPUTE AND GRAPHICS





NSIGHT SYSTEMS

SYSTEM PROFILER

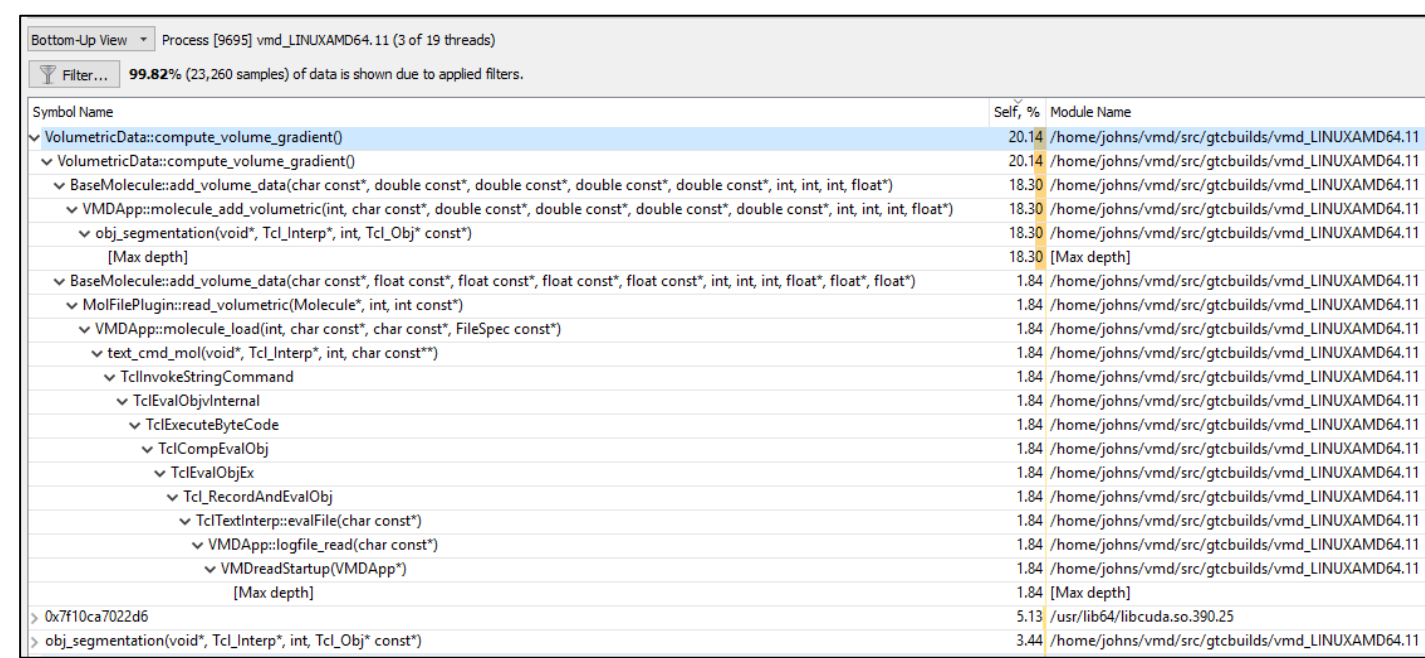
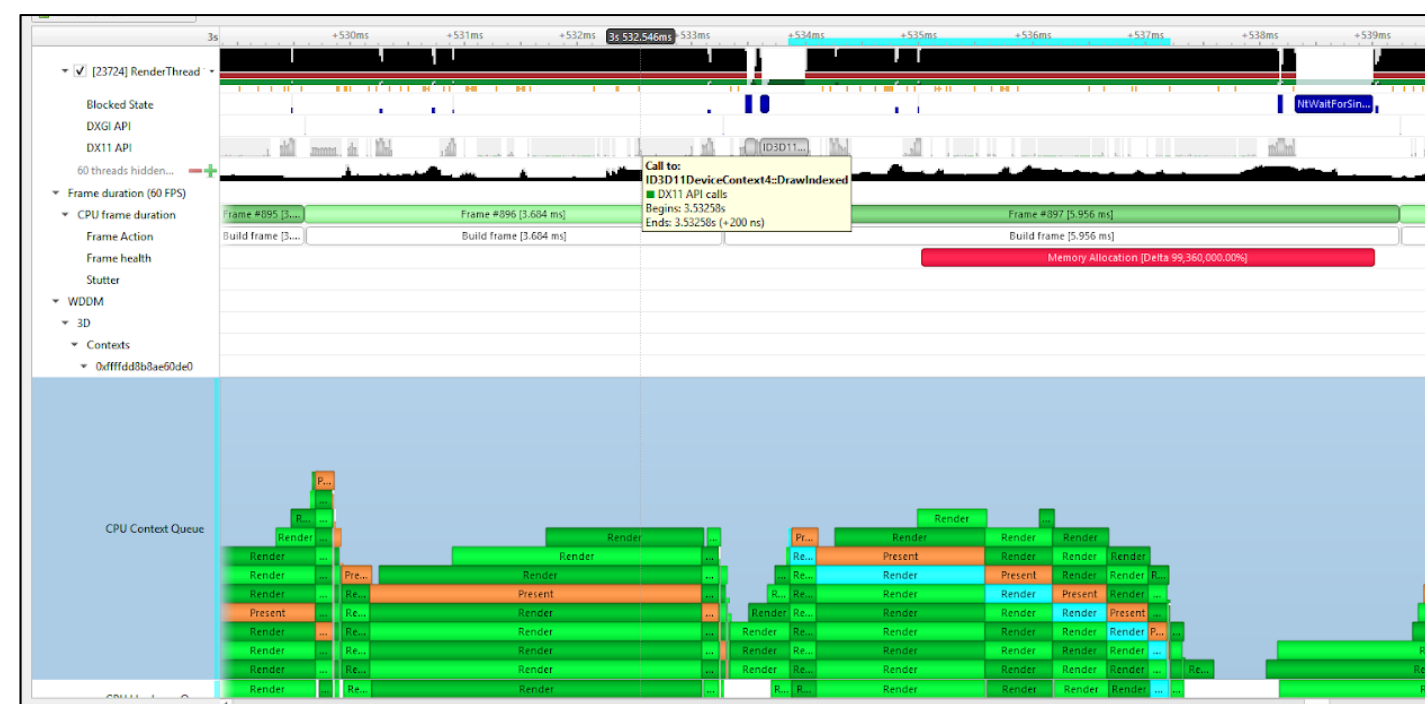
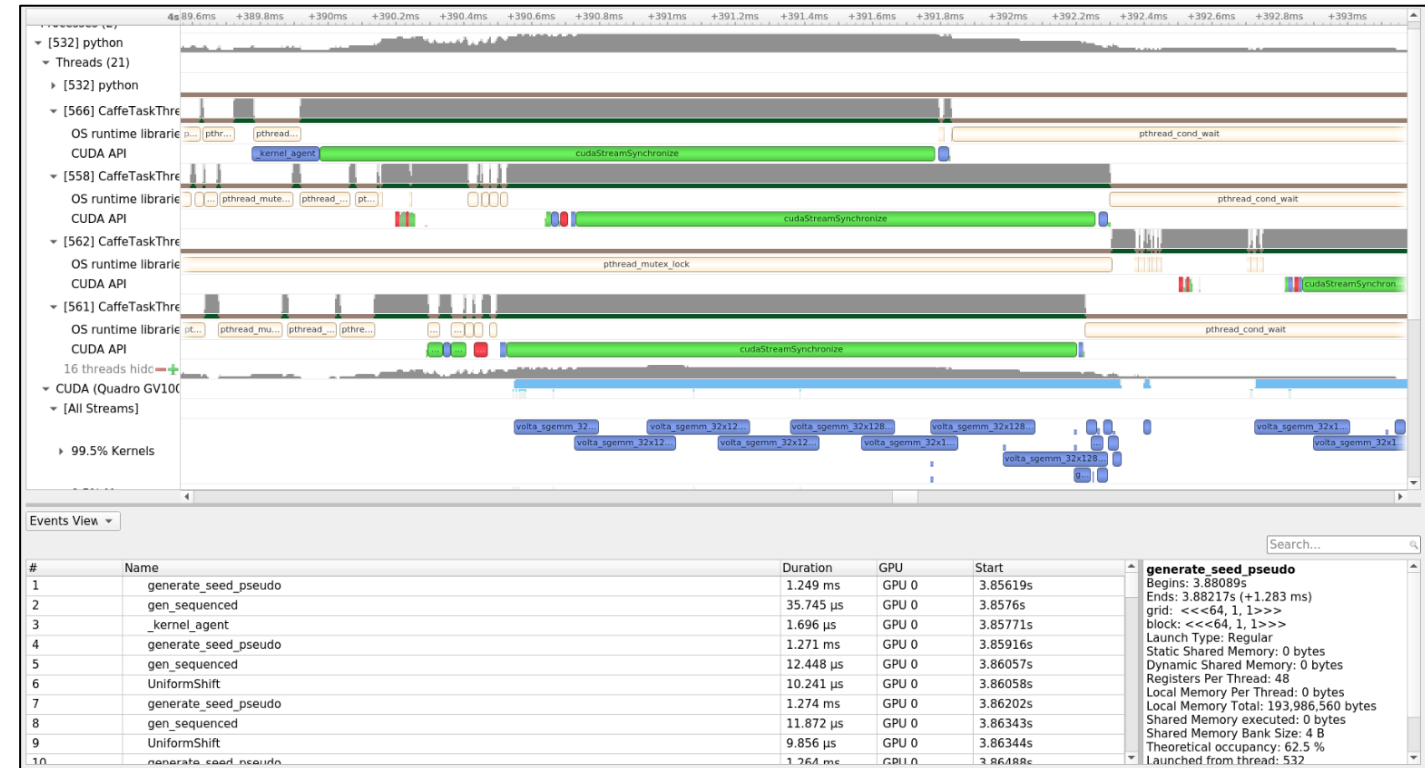
Key Features:

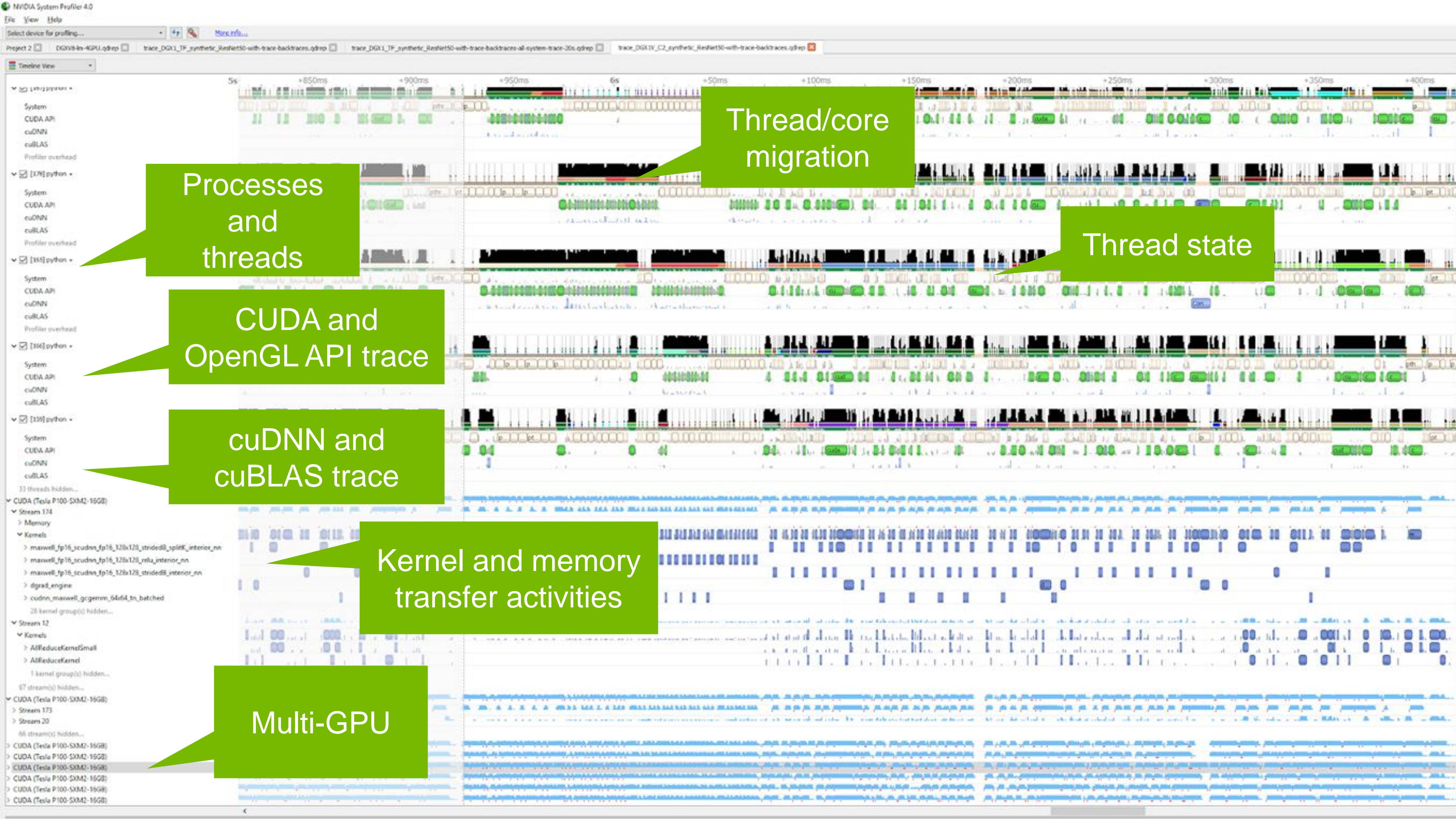
- System-wide application algorithm tuning
 - Multi-process tree support
- Locate optimization opportunities
 - Visualize millions of events on a very fast GUI timeline
 - Or gaps of unused CPU and GPU time
- Balance your workload across multiple CPUs and GPUs
 - CPU algorithms, utilization and thread state
 - GPU streams, kernels, memory transfers, etc
- Command Line, Standalone, IDE Integration

OS: Linux (x86, Power, Arm SBSA, Tegra), Windows, MacOSX (host)

GPUs: Pascal+

Docs/product: <https://developer.nvidia.com/nsight-systems>





Thread/core migration

Thread state

Processes and threads

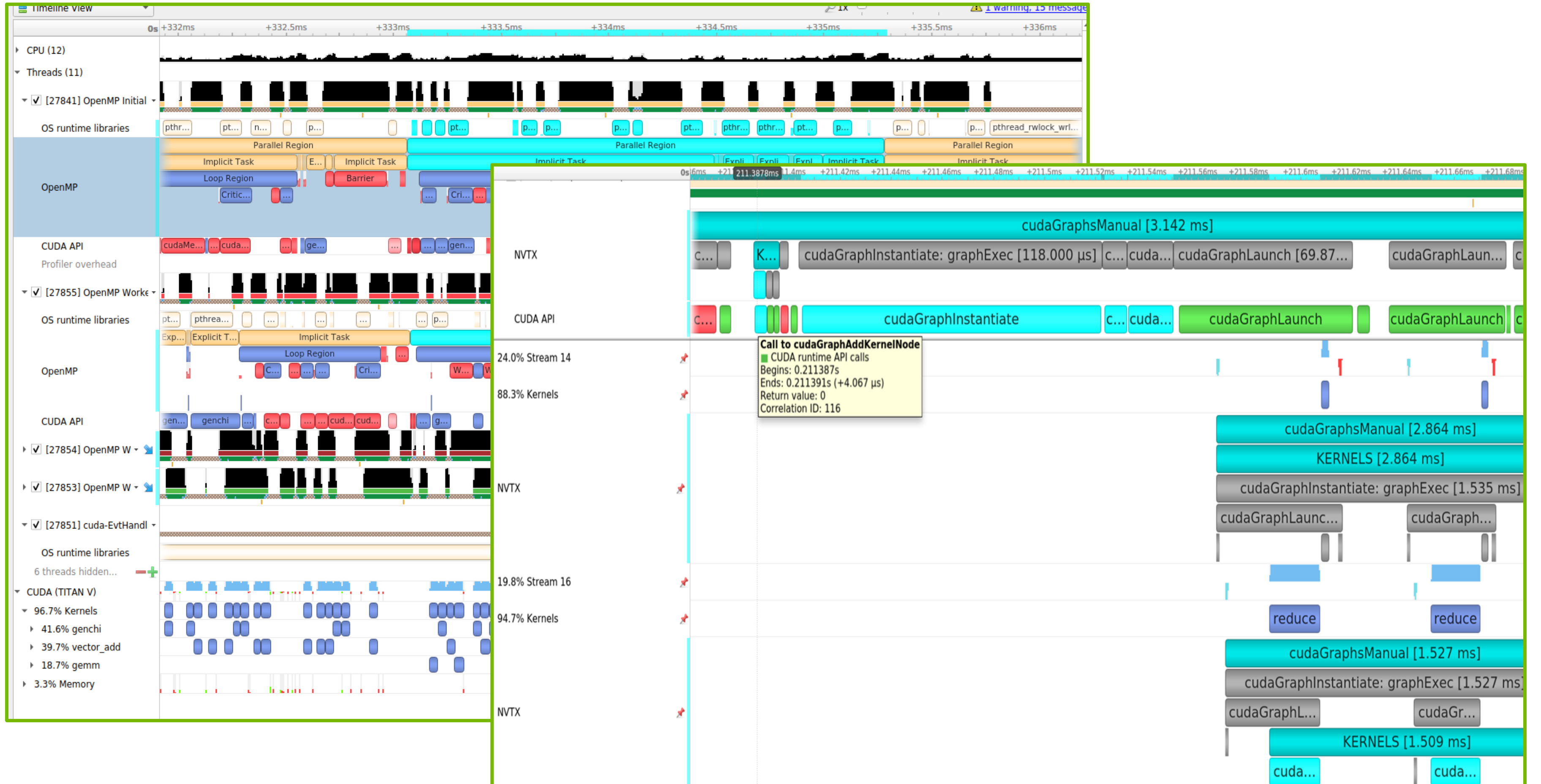
CUDA and OpenGL API trace

cuDNN and cuBLAS trace

Kernel and memory transfer activities

Multi-GPU

ZOOM/FILTER TO EXACT AREAS OF INTEREST



COLLECT A PROFILE WITH NSIGHT SYSTEMS

```
$ nsys profile -o report --stats=true ./myapp.exe
```

Generated file: `report.qdrep` (or `report.nsys-rep`) ; open for viewing in the Nsight Systems UI

When using MPI, I recommend using `nsys` after `mpirun/srun/jsrun/etc.:`

```
$ mpirun -n 4 nsys profile ./myapp.exe
```



NSIGHT COMPUTE

KERNEL PROFILING TOOL

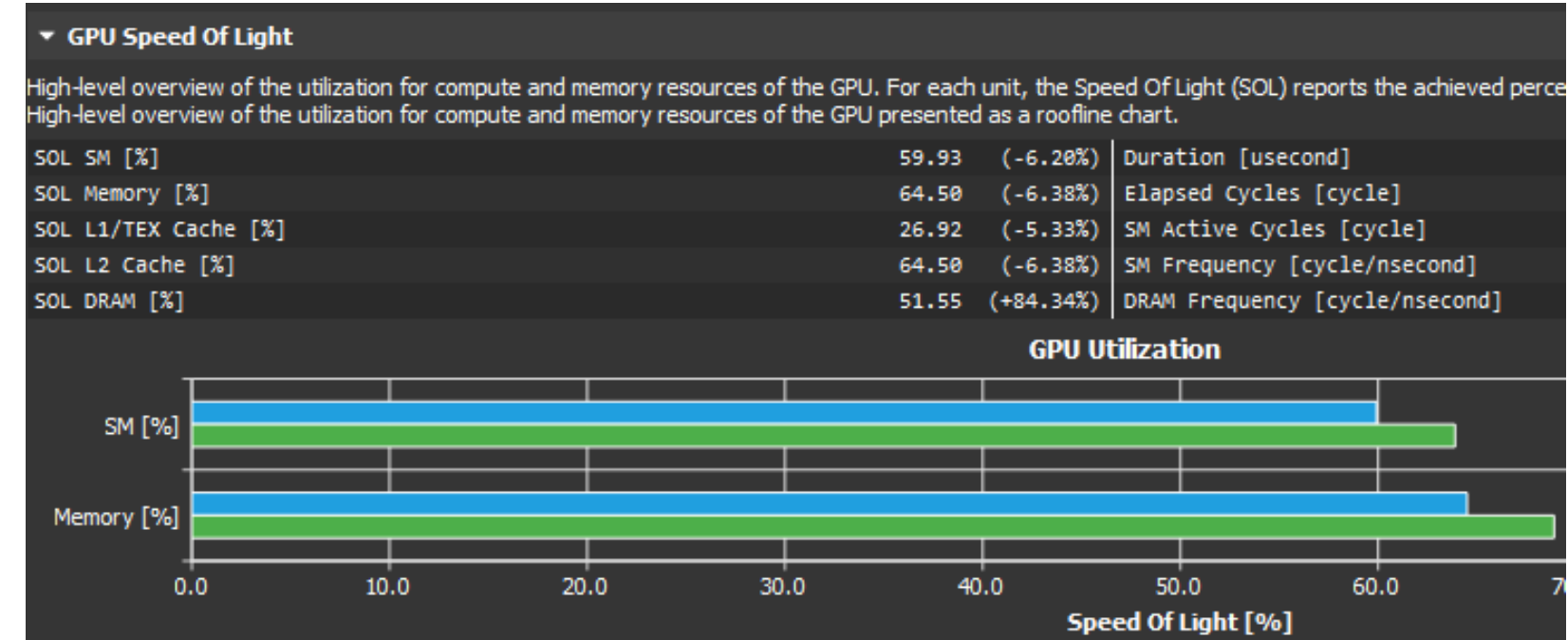
Key Features:

- Interactive CUDA API debugging and kernel profiling
- Built-in rules expertise
- Fully customizable data collection and display
- Command Line, Standalone, IDE Integration, Remote Targets

OS: Linux (x86, Power, Tegra, Arm SBSA), Windows, MacOSX (host only)

GPUs: Volta, Turing, Ampere GPUs

Docs/product: <https://developer.nvidia.com/nsight-compute>



Metric	Value
inst_executed [inst]	63,021,056 (284 instances)
l1tex_data_bank_conflicts_pipe_lsu_mem_shared_op_ld.sum	0
l1tex_data_bank_conflicts_pipe_lsu_mem_shared_op_st.sum	0
l1tex_data_bank_reads.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	9.66
l1tex_data_bank_writes.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	3.23
l1tex_data_pipe_lsu_wavefronts.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	46.16
l1tex_data_pipe_lsu_wavefronts_mem_shared_cmd_read.sum	25,165,824
l1tex_data_pipe_lsu_wavefronts_mem_shared_cmd_read.sum.pct_of_peak_sustained_active [%]	40.75
l1tex_data_pipe_lsu_wavefronts_mem_shared_cmd_write.sum	2,097,152
l1tex_data_pipe_lsu_wavefronts_mem_shared_cmd_write.sum.pct_of_peak_sustained_active [%]	3.40
l1tex_data_pipe_tex_wavefronts.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	0
l1tex_f_wavefronts.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	0.00
l1tex_lsu_writeback_active.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	42.59
l1tex_lsu_writeback_active.sum [cycle]	27,803,648
l1tex_lsu_writeback_active.sum.pct_of_peak_sustained_active [%]	45.03
l1tex_lsuin_requests.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	66.00
l1tex_m_l1tex2xbar_req_cycles_active.avg.pct_of_peak_sustained_elapsed [%]	3.40
l1tex_m_l1tex2xbar_write_bytes.sum [Mbyte]	4.19
l1tex_m_l1tex2xbar_write_bytes_mem_global_op_red.sum [byte]	0



Targeted metric sections

Customizable data collection and presentation

Built-in expertise for Guided Analysis and optimization

The screenshot displays the NVIDIA Nsight Compute application window. The title bar reads "NVIDIA Nsight Compute". The menu bar includes "File", "Connection", "Debug", "Profile", "Tools", "Window", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for "Connect", "Disconnect", "Terminate", "Profile Kernel", and various playback controls. The main content area shows a report for a kernel named "old_2_fusion_on_softmax.nsisght-cuprof-report".

At the top of the report, the following information is displayed: "Page: Details", "Process: All", "Launch: 0 - 64291 - softmax_compute_kernel", "Add Baseline", "Apply Rules", and "Copy as Image". Below this, the current kernel details are shown: "Current 64291 - softmax_compute_kernel (1966... Time: 15.65 usecond Cycles: 16,235 Regs: 28 GPU: Tesla V100-SXM2-16GB SM Frequency: 1.04 cycle/nsecond CC: 7.0 Process: [944] python3.5".

The "GPU Speed Of Light" section is expanded, showing a high-level overview of GPU utilization. It includes a table of SOL (Speed Of Light) metrics:

Metric	Value	Metric	Value
SOL SM [%]	45.88	Duration [usecond]	15.65
SOL Memory [%]	43.42	Elapsed Cycles [cycle]	16,235
SOL TEX [%]	55.37	SM Active Cycles [cycle]	12,110.30
SOL L2 [%]	13.66	SM Frequency [cycle/nsecond]	1.04
SOL FB [%]	43.42	Memory Frequency [cycle/usecond]	701.94

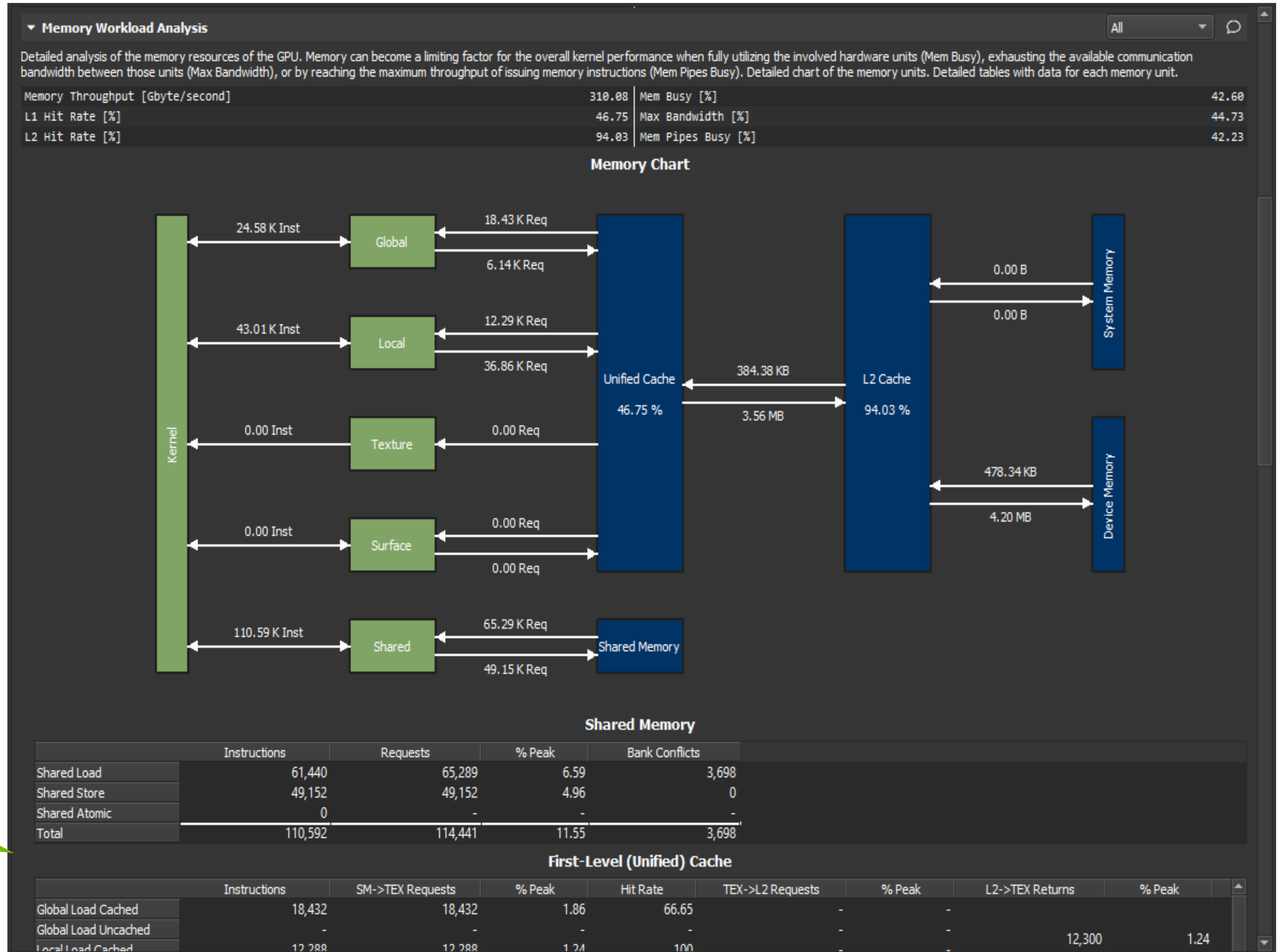
Below the table is a "GPU Utilization" bar chart. The x-axis is labeled "Speed Of Light [%]" and ranges from 0.0 to 100.0. The y-axis lists "SM [%]" and "Memory [%]". The SM bar is at approximately 45.88% and the Memory bar is at approximately 43.42%.

A "Recommendations" section contains a warning: "Bottleneck [Warning] This kernel exhibits low compute throughput and memory bandwidth utilization relative to the peak performance of this device. Achieved compute throughput and/or memory bandwidth below 60.0% of peak typically indicate latency issues. Look at 'Scheduler Statistics' and 'Warp State Statistics' for potential reasons."

The "Compute Workload Analysis" section is also expanded, providing a detailed analysis of the compute resources of the streaming multiprocessors (SM). It includes a table of IPC (Instructions Per Cycle) metrics:

Metric	Value	Metric	Value
Executed Ipc Elapsed [inst/cycle]	1.83	SM Busy [%]	61.39
Executed Ipc Active [inst/cycle]	2.44	Issue Slots Busy [%]	61.39
Issued Ipc Active [inst/cycle]	2.46		-

Visual memory analysis chart



Metrics for peak performance ratios

The screenshot displays the NVIDIA Nsight Systems interface, showing source code on the left, sampling data in the center, and PTX/SASS instructions on the right. A metric heatmap is overlaid on the sampling data, with a tooltip providing a breakdown of the total sample count.

Source	Sampling Data (All)	Instructions Executed
234 <code>typename DType, typename OType></code>	0	6,144
235 <code>__global__ void softmax_compute_kernel(DType *in, OType *out, index_t M</code>	0	6,144
236 <code>Shape<ndim> sshape, Shape<ndim></code>	0	6,144
237 <code>const double temperature) {</code>	0	6,144
238 <code>const unsigned x_size = 1 << x_bits;</code>	0	6,144
239 <code>__shared__ AType smem[x_size];</code>	0	6,144
240 <code>index_t sa = stride[axis];</code>	61	6,144
241 <code>index_t base = unravel_dot(blockIdx.x, sshape, stride);</code>	0	6,144
242 <code>index_t x = threadIdx.x;</code>	52	6,144
243	0	6,144
244 <code>red::maximum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	44	6,144
245 <code>for (index_t i = x; i < M; i += x_size) {</code>	9	6,144
246 <code>smem[x] = ::max(smem[x], negate ? -in[base + i*sa] : in[base + i*sa</code>	6	6,144
247 <code>}</code>	0	6,144
248 <code>__syncthreads();</code>	7	6,144
249 <code>cuda::Reduce1D<red::maximum, x_bits>(smem);</code>	111	6,144
250 <code>red::maximum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	0	6,144
251 <code>red::sum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	0	6,144
252 <code>red::sum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	0	6,144
253 <code>red::sum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	0	6,144
254 <code>red::sum::SetInitValue(smem[x]);</code>	0	6,144
255 <code>DType val;</code>	10	6,144
256 <code>for (index_t i = x; i < M; i += x_size) {</code>	118	6,144
257 <code>val = negate ? -in[base + i*sa]:in[base + i*sa];</code>	0	6,144
258 <code>smem[x] += static_cast<AType>(expf((val - smax) / static_cast<AType</code>	0	6,144
259 <code>}</code>	0	6,144
260 <code>__syncthreads();</code>	0	6,144
261 <code>cuda::Reduce1D<red::sum, x_bits>(smem);</code>	208	6,144
262 <code>__syncthreads();</code>	0	6,144
263 <code>AType ssum = smem[x];</code>	0	6,144
264 <code>__syncthreads();</code>	1	6,144
265	0	6,144
266 <code>for (index_t i =</code>	7	6,144
267 <code>val = negate ? -in[base + i*sa] : in[base + i*sa];</code>	10	6,144
268 <code>out[base + i*sa] = OP::Map((val - smax)/static_cast<DType>(temperat</code>	0	6,144
269 <code>}</code>	0	6,144

#	Source	Sampling Data (All)	Instructions Executed
133	BSYNC B0	0	6,144
134	NOP	0	6,144
135	BAR.SYNC 0x0	1	6,144
136	ISETP.GT.AND P0, PT, R11, 0x3f, PT	2	6,144
137	BSSY B1, 0x7f87d326fc50	1	6,144
138	ISETP.GT.AND P1, PT, R11, 0x1f, PT	1	6,144
139	ISETP.GT.AND P2, PT, R11, 0xf, PT	0	6,144
140	ISETP.GT.AND P3, PT, R11, 0x7, PT	2	6,144
141	@!P0 LDS.U R4, [R14+0x100]	2	6,144
142	@!P0 LDS.U R5, [R14]	4	6,144
143	@!P0 STL [R1+0x8], R4	3	6,144
144	@!P0 FMMX R5, R5, R4, !PT	2	6,144
145	@!P0 STS [R14], R5	4	6,144
146	NOP	0	6,144
147	BAR.SYNC 0x0	4	6,144
148	@!P1 LDS.U R6, [R14+0x80]	18	6,144
149	ISETP.GT.AND P0, PT, R11, 0x3, PT	0	6,144
150	P1 LDS.U R7, [R14]	1	6,144
151	P1 STL [R1+0xc], R6	4	6,144
152	P1 FMMX R7, R7, R6, !PT	0	6,144
153	P1 STS [R14], R7	3	6,144
154	NOP	4	6,144
155	BAR.SYNC 0x0	0	6,144
156	@!P2 LDS.U R8, [R14+0x40]	9	6,144
157	ISETP.GT.AND P1, PT, R11, 0x1, PT	0	6,144
158	@!P2 LDS.U R9, [R14]	2	6,144
159	@!P2 STL [R1+0x10], R8	0	6,144
160	@!P2 FMMX R9, R9, R8, !PT	0	6,144
161	@!P2 STS [R14], R9	0	6,144
162	NOP	0	6,144
163	@!P3 LDS.U R10, [R14+0x20]	4	6,144
164	@!P3 LDS.U R5, [R14]	0	6,144
165	@!P3 STL [R1+0x14], R10	4	6,144
166	@!P3 FMMX R5, R5, R10, !PT	2	6,144
167	@!P3 STS [R14], R5	2	6,144
168	NOP	0	6,144

Source/PTX/SASS analysis and correlation

Source metrics per instruction

Metric heatmap to quickly identify hotspots

KERNEL PROFILES WITH NSIGHT COMPUTE

```
$ ncu -k mykernel -o report ./myapp.exe
```

Generated file: `report.ncu-rep`; open for viewing in the Nsight Compute UI

(Without the `-k` option, Nsight Compute will profile everything and take a long time!)

PROFILING RESOURCES

[Nsight Systems](#), [Nsight Compute](#) product pages

[NVIDIA Developer Blog: NVTX](#)

[NVIDIA Developer Blog: Transitioning from nvprof to nsys](#)

[NVIDIA Developer Blog: Using Nsight Compute to Inspect Your Kernels](#)

OLCF Training, March 2020: [Nsight Compute](#), [Nsight Systems](#)

CUDA GDB

COMMAND LINE AND IDE BACKEND DEBUGGER

- Unified CPU and CUDA Debugging
- CUDA-C/PTX/SASS support
- Built on GDB and uses many of the same CLI commands

```
(cuda-gdb) info cuda threads breakpoint all
  BlockIdx ThreadIdx      Virtual PC Dev SM Wp Ln      Filename  Line
Kernel 0
  (1,0,0)   (0,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 0 infoCommands.cu 12
  (1,0,0)   (1,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 1 infoCommands.cu 12
  (1,0,0)   (2,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 2 infoCommands.cu 12
  (1,0,0)   (3,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 3 infoCommands.cu 12
  (1,0,0)   (4,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 4 infoCommands.cu 12
  (1,0,0)   (5,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 5 infoCommands.cu 12

(cuda-gdb) info cuda threads breakpoint 2 lane 1
  BlockIdx ThreadIdx      Virtual PC Dev SM Wp Ln      Filename  Line
Kernel 0
  (1,0,0)   (1,0,0) 0x0000000000948e58   0 11 0 1 infoCommands.cu 12
```

COMPUTE SANITIZER

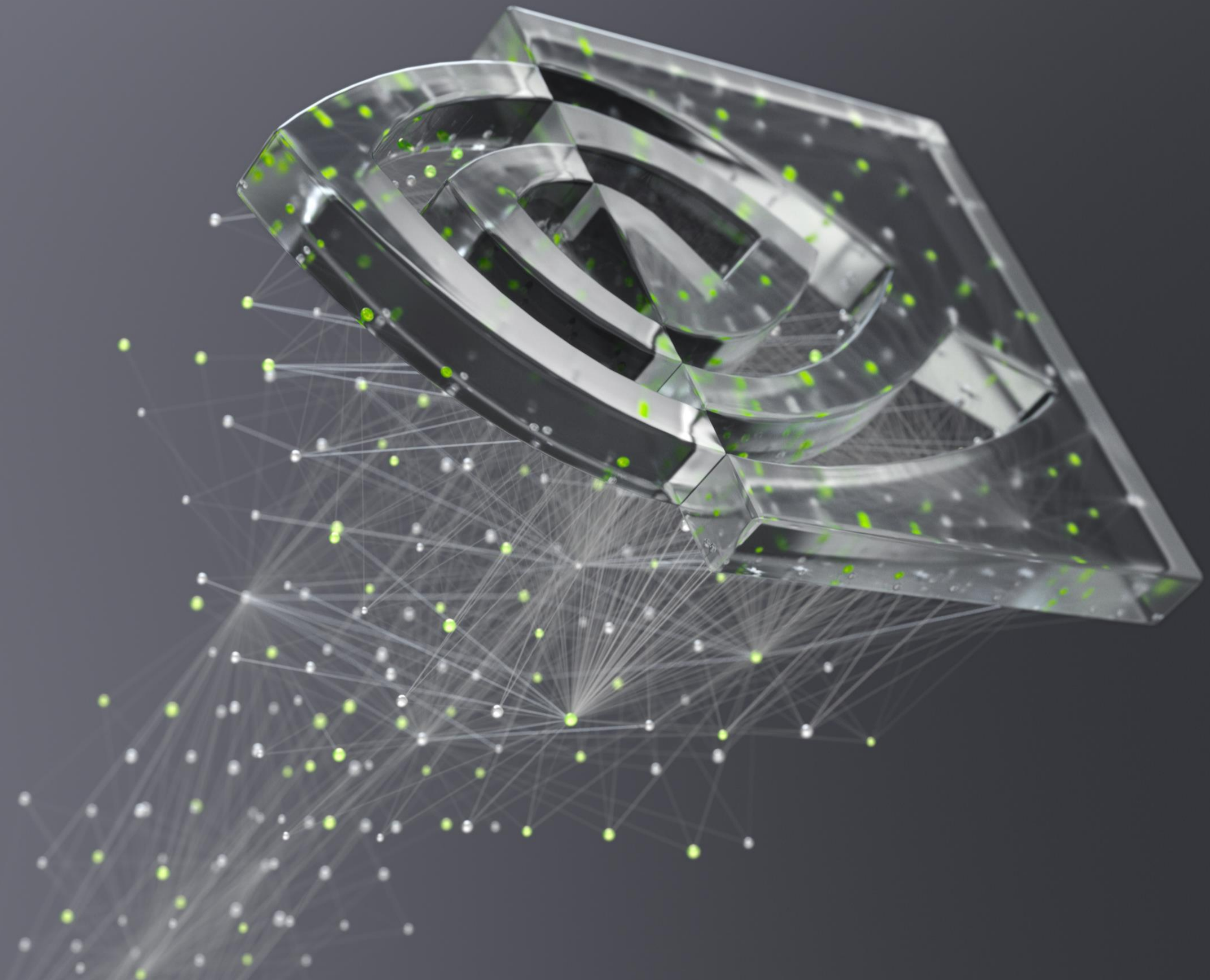
AUTOMATICALLY SCAN FOR BUGS AND MEMORY ISSUES

- Compute Sanitizer checks correctness issues via sub-tools:
- *Memcheck* - The memory access error and leak detection tool.
- *Racecheck* - The shared memory data access hazard detection tool.
- *Initcheck* - The uninitialized device global memory access detection tool.
- *Synccheck* - The thread synchronization hazard detection tool.

```
~/W/m/c/build $ cmake ../ && cmake --build .
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build
[2/2] Linking CUDA executable demo
~/W/m/c/build $ ctest -D MemoryCheck
Site: RMAYNARD-DT
Build name: Linux-unknown
Create new tag: 20210325-1346 - Experimental
Configure project
  Each . represents 1024 bytes of output
  . Size of output: 0K
Build project
  Each symbol represents 1024 bytes of output.
  '!' represents an error and '*' a warning.
  . Size of output: 0K
  0 Compiler errors
  0 Compiler warnings
Performing coverage
Cannot find any coverage files. Ignoring Coverage request.
Memory check project /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build
  Start 1: verify
1/1 MemCheck #1: verify ..... Passed 6.77 sec

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 1

Total Test time (real) = 6.77 sec
-- Processing memory checking output:
1/1 MemCheck: #1: verify ..... Defects: 4
MemCheck log files can be found here: (<#> corresponds to test number)
/home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build/Testing/Temporary/MemoryChecker.<#>.log
Memory checking results:
Invalid __global__ read - 1
cudaErrorLaunchFailure - 3
Submit files
  SubmitURL: http://my.cdash.org/submit.php?project=CMakeTutorial
  Uploaded: /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build/Testing/20210325-1346/Config
  Uploaded: /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build/Testing/20210325-1346/Build
  Uploaded: /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build/Testing/20210325-1346/Dynam
  Uploaded: /home/rmaynard/Work/misc/cuda_sanitizer_ctest/build/Testing/20210325-1346/Done.
  Submission successful
~/W/m/c/build $
```



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