

# MODULE TWO: PROFILING

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# MODULE OVERVIEW

## Topics to be covered

- Compiling and profiling sequential code
- Explanation of multicore programming
- Compiling and profiling multicore code

# COMPILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

# NVIDIA'S HPC COMPILERS (AKA PGI)

## NVIDIA Compiler Names (PGI names still work)

- nvc - The command to compile C code (formerly known as 'pgcc')
- nvc++ - The command to compile C++ code (formerly known as 'pgc++')
- nvfortran - The command to compile Fortran code (formerly known as pgfortran/pgf90/pgf95/pgf77)
- The -fast flag instructs the compiler to optimize the code to the best of its abilities

```
$ nvc -fast main.c  
$ nvc++ -fast main.cpp  
$ nvfortran -fast main.F90
```

```
$ pgcc -fast main.c  
$ pgc++ -fast main.cpp  
$ pgfortran -fast main.F90
```

# NVIDIA'S HPC COMPILERS (AKA PGI)

## -Minfo flag

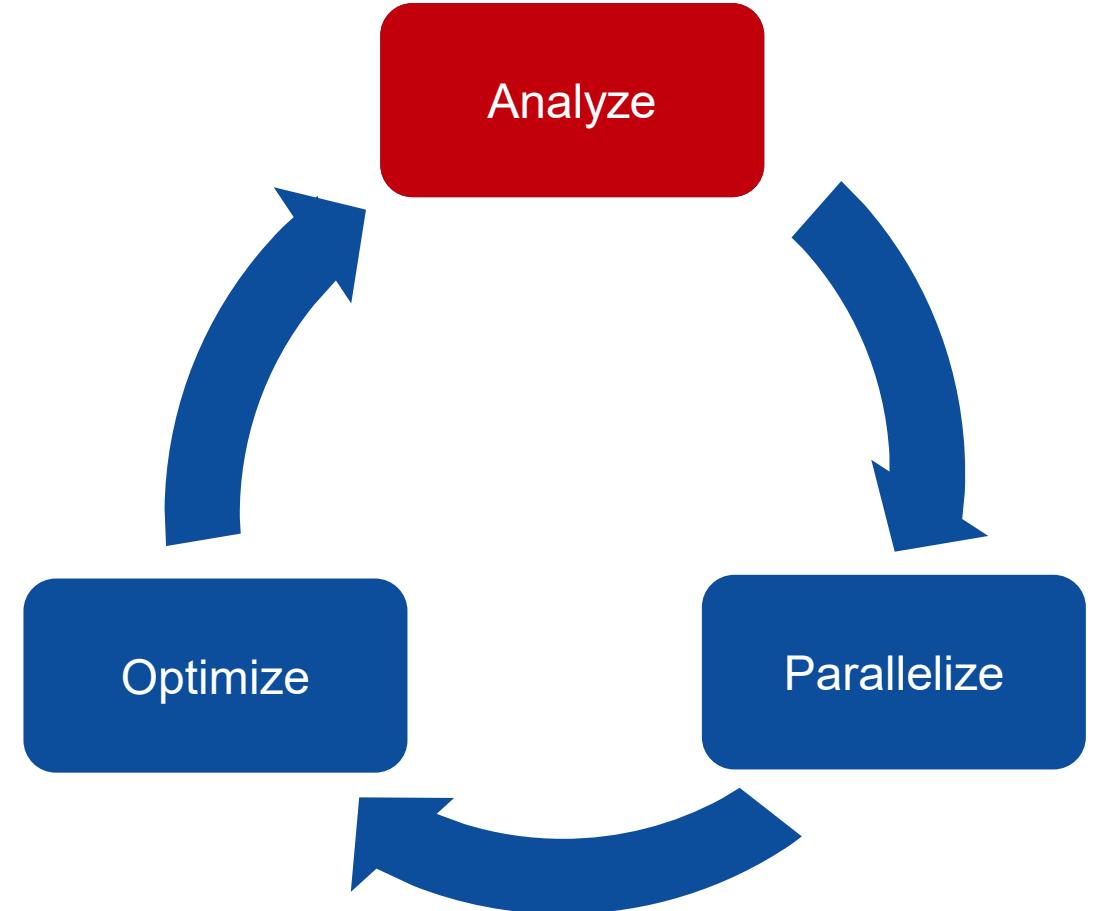
- The Minfo flag will instruct the compiler to print feedback about the compiled code
- -Minfo=accel will give us information about what parts of the code were accelerated via OpenACC
- -Minfo=opt will give information about all code optimizations
- -Minfo=all will give all code feedback, whether positive or negative

```
$ nvc -fast -Minfo=all main.c  
$ nvc++ -fast -Minfo=all main.cpp  
$ nvfortran -fast -Minfo=all main.f90
```

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

# OPENACC DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

- **Analyze** your code to determine most likely places needing parallelization or optimization.
- **Parallelize** your code by starting with the most time consuming parts, check for correctness and then analyze it again.
- **Optimize** your code to improve observed speed-up from parallelization.



# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## Step 1: Run Your Code

Record the time it takes for your sequential program to run.

Note the final results to verify correctness later.

Always run a problem that is representative of your real jobs.

## Terminal Window

```
$ nvc -fast jacobi.c laplace2d.c
$ ./a.out
 0, 0.250000
100, 0.002397
200, 0.001204
300, 0.000804
400, 0.000603
500, 0.000483
600, 0.000403
700, 0.000345
800, 0.000302
900, 0.000269
total: 39.432648 s
```

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## Step 2: Profile Your Code

Obtain detailed information about how the code ran.

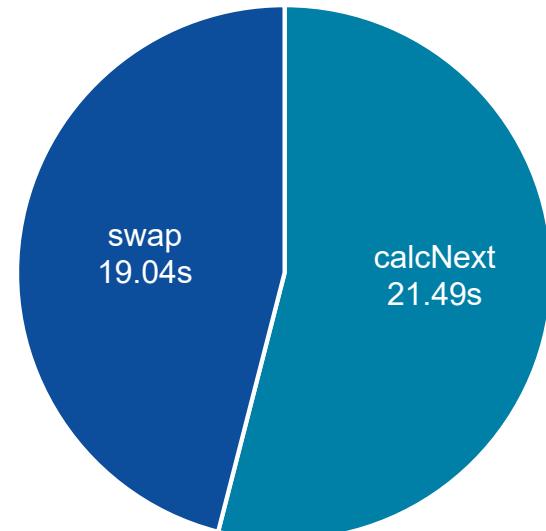
This can include information such as:

- Total runtime
- Runtime of individual routines
- Hardware counters

Identify the portions of code that took the longest to run. We want to focus on these “hotspots” when parallelizing.

## Lab Code: Laplace Heat Transfer

Total Runtime: 39.43 seconds



# PROFILING WITH NSIGHT SYSTEM AND NVTX

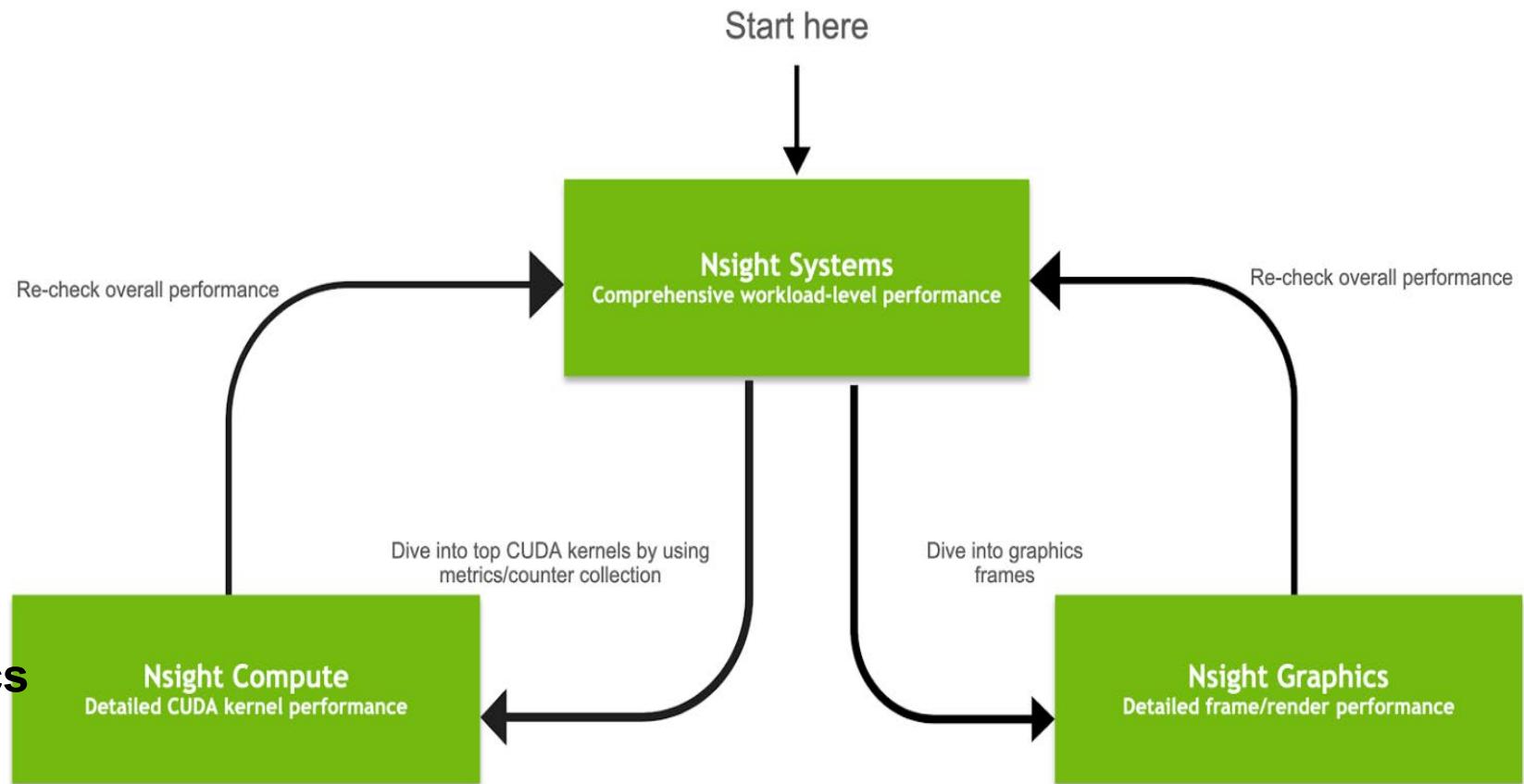
# Nsight Product Family

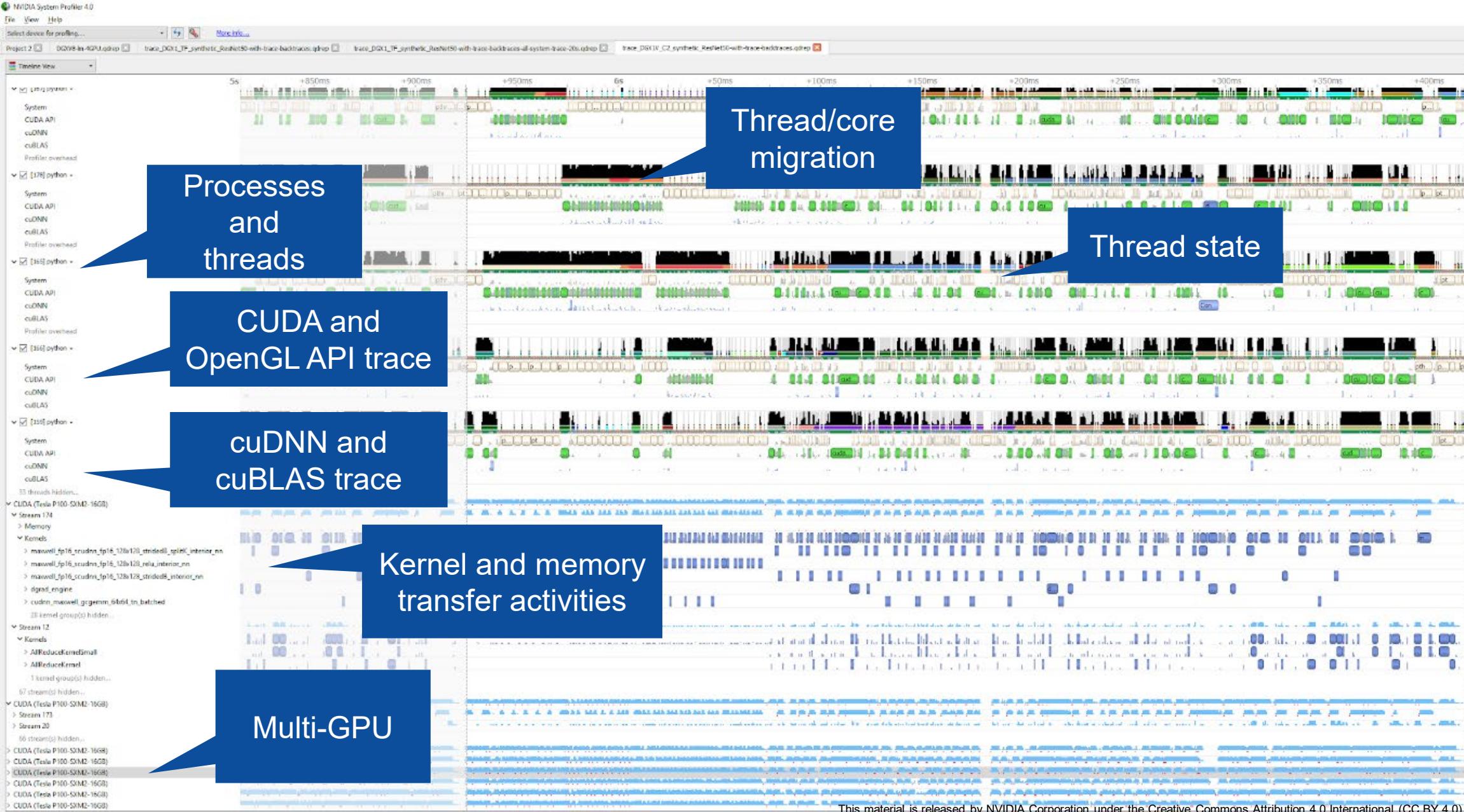
**Nsight Systems** -  
Analyze application  
algorithm system-wide

**Nsight Compute** -  
Debug/optimize CUDA  
kernel

**Nsight Graphics** -  
Debug/optimize graphics  
workloads

## Workflow





# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## Using Command Line Interface (CLI)

NVIDIA Nsight Systems CLI provides

- Simple interface to collect data
- Can be copied to any system and analysed later
- Profiles both serial and parallel code
- For more info enter `nsys --help` on the terminal

To profile a serial application with NVIDIA Nsight Systems, we use NVIDIA Tools Extension (NVTX) API functions in addition to collecting backtraces while sampling.

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## NVIDIA Tools Extension API (NVTX) library

### What is it?

- A C-based Application Programming Interface (API) for annotating events
- Can be easily integrated to the application
- Can be used with NVIDIA Nsight Systems

### Why?

- Allows manual instrumentation of the application
- Allows additional information for profiling (e.g: tracing of CPU events and time ranges)

### How?

- Import the header only C library `nvToolsExt.h`
- Wrap the code region or a specific function with `nvtxRangePush()` and `nvtxRangPop()`

```

#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <omp.h>
#include "laplace2d.h"
#include <nvtx3/nvToolsExt.h>

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    const int n = 4096;
    const int m = 4096;
    const int iter_max = 1000;

    const double tol = 1.0e-6;
    double error = 1.0;

    double *restrict A = (double*)malloc(sizeof(double)*n*m);
    double *restrict Anew = (double*)malloc(sizeof(double)*n*m);

    nvtxRangePushA("init");
    initialize(A, Anew, m, n);
    nvtxRangePop();

    printf("Jacobi relaxation Calculation: %d x %d mesh\n", n, m);

    double st = omp_get_wtime();
    int iter = 0;

    nvtxRangePushA("while");
    while (error > tol && iter < iter_max)
    {
        nvtxRangePushA("calc");
        error = calcNext(A, Anew, m, n);
        nvtxRangePop();

        nvtxRangePushA("swap");
        swap(A, Anew, m, n);
        nvtxRangePop();

        if(iter % 100 == 0) printf("%d, %f\n", iter, error);

        iter++;
    }
    nvtxRangePop();

    double runtime = omp_get_wtime() - st;

    printf(" total: %f s\n", runtime);

    deallocate(A, Anew);

    return 0;
}

```

jacobi.c  
(starting and ending of ranges are highlighted with the same color)

<b>-t</b>	Selects the APIs to be traced (nvtx in this example)
<b>--status</b>	if true, generates summary of statistics after the collection
<b>-b</b>	Selects the backtrace method to use while sampling. The option dwarf uses DWARF's CFI (Call Frame Information).
<b>--force-overwrite</b>	if true, overwrites the existing results
<b>-o</b>	sets the output (qdrep) filename

```

mozhgank@prm-dqx-32:~/Code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel$ nsys profile -t nvtx --stats=true -b dwarf --force-overwrite true -o laplace-seq ./laplace-seq
Collecting data...
Jacobi relaxation Calculation: 4096 x 4096 mesh
  0, 0.250000
  100, 0.002397
  200, 0.001204
  300, 0.000804
  400, 0.000603
  500, 0.000483
  600, 0.000403
  700, 0.000345
  800, 0.000302
  900, 0.000269
total: 55.754501 s
Processing events...
Capturing symbol files...
Saving intermediate "/home/mozhgank/Code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel/laplace-seq.qdstrm" file to disk...
Importing [=====100%]
Saved report file to "/home/mozhgank/Code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel/laplace-seq.qdrep"
Exporting 70802 events: [=====100%]
Exported successfully to
/home/mozhgank/Code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel/laplace-seq.sqlite
Generating NVTX Push-Pop Range Statistics...
NVTX Push-Pop Range Statistics (nanoseconds)

Time(%)      Total Time     Instances      Average      Minimum      Maximum      Range
-----      -----       -----      -----       -----       -----       -----
 49.9      55754497966       1      55754497966.0      55754497966      55754497966      while
 26.5      29577817696     1000      29577817.7      29092956      65008545      calc
 23.4      26163892482     1000      26163892.5      25761418      60129514      swap
  0.1      137489808       1      137489808.0      137489808      137489808      init

```

NVTX range statistics

"calc" region (calcNext function) takes 26.6%  
"swap" region (swap function) takes 23.4% of  
total execution time

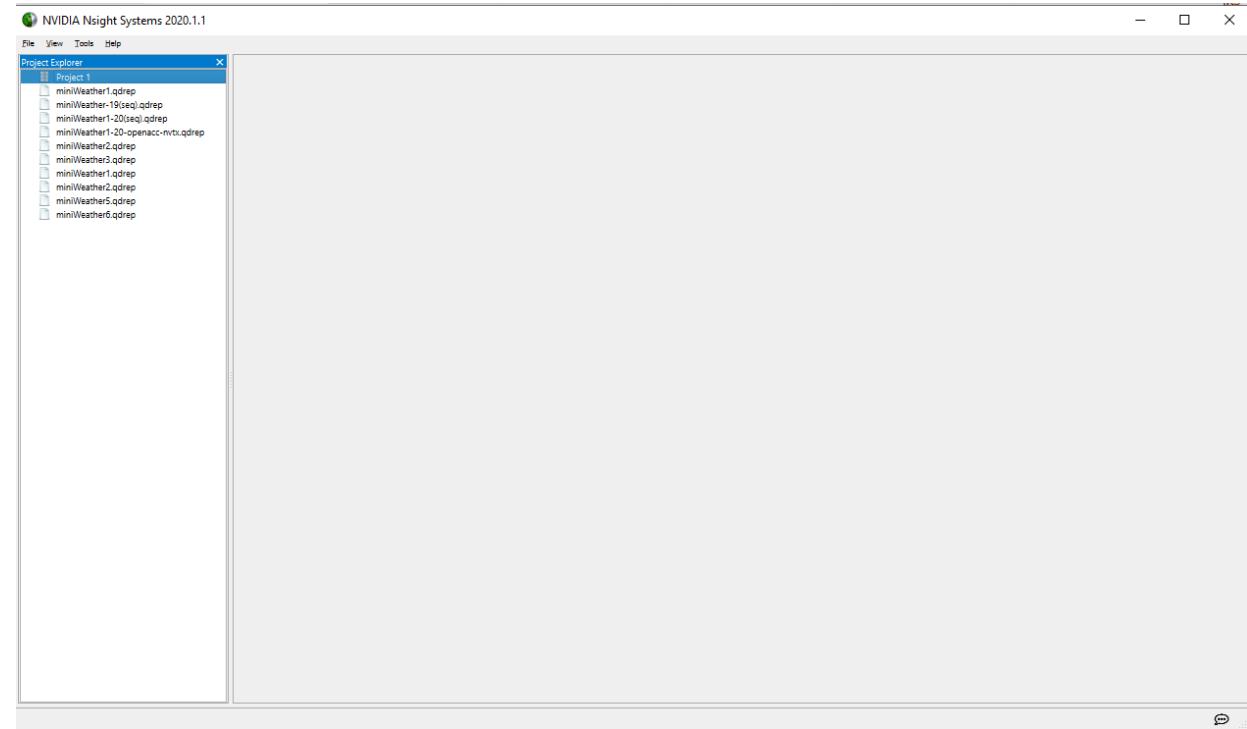
Open laplace-seq.qdrep with  
Nsight System GUI to view the  
timeline

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## Using Nsight Systems

Open the generated report files (\*. nsys-rep) from command line in the Nsight Systems profiler.

File -> Open



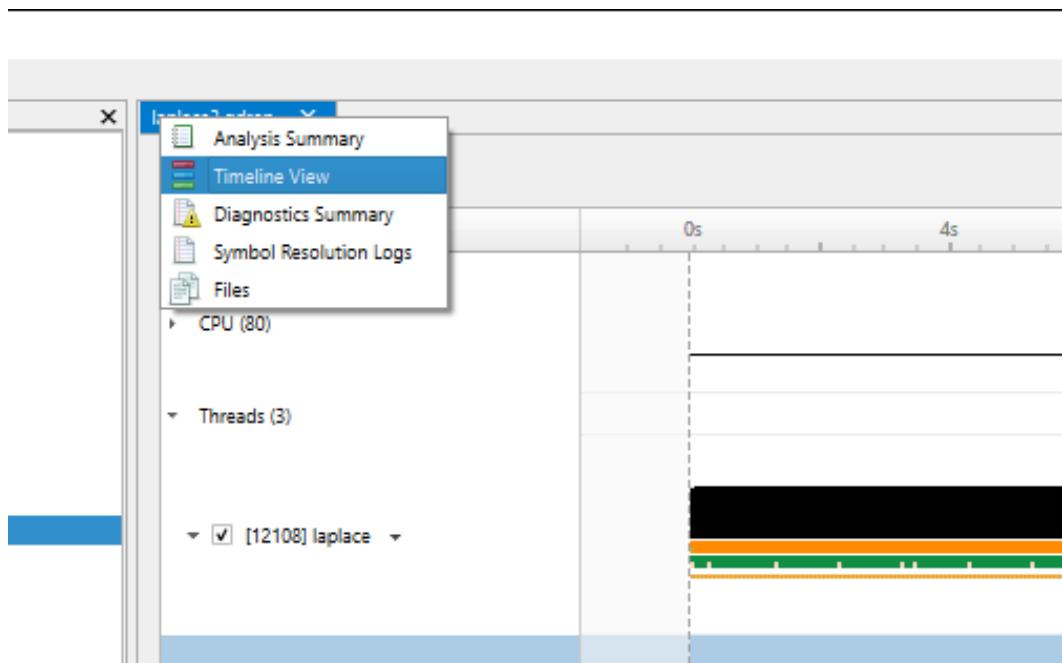
# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

## Using Nsight Systems

Navigate through the “view selector”.

“Analysis summary” shows a summary of the profiling session. To review the project configuration used to generate this report, see next slide.

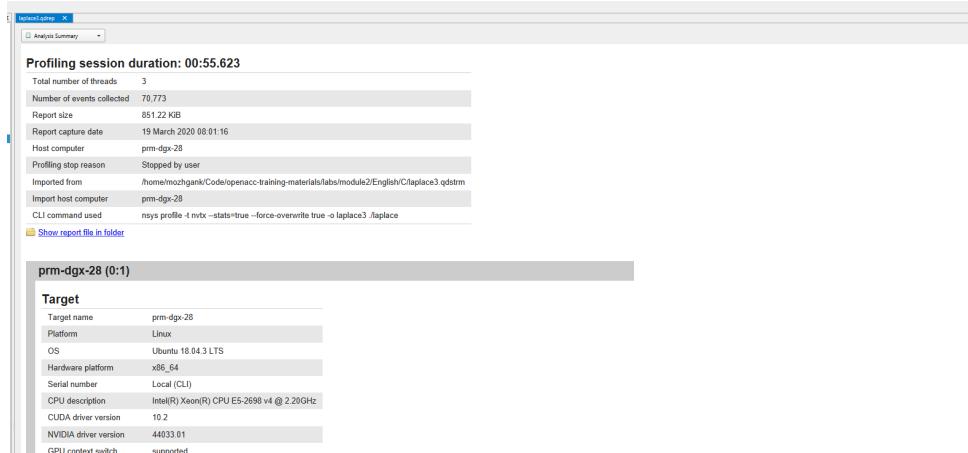
“Timeline View” contains the timeline at the top, and a bottom pane that contains the events view and the function table.



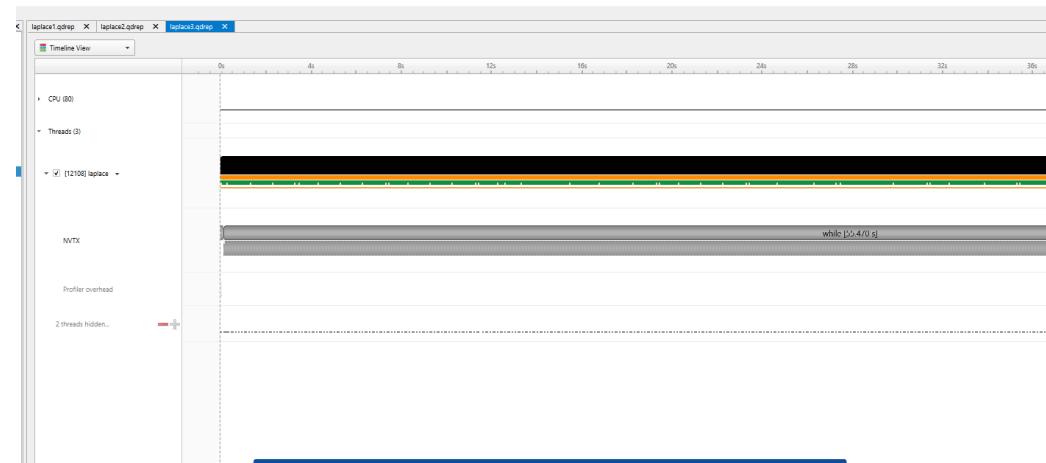
Read more: <https://docs.nvidia.com/nsight-systems>

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

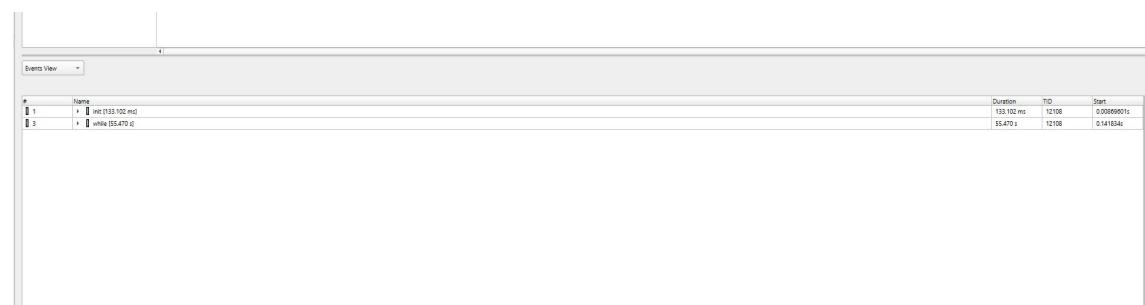
## Using Nsight Systems



Analysis Summary



Timeline view  
(charts and the hierarchy on the top pane)

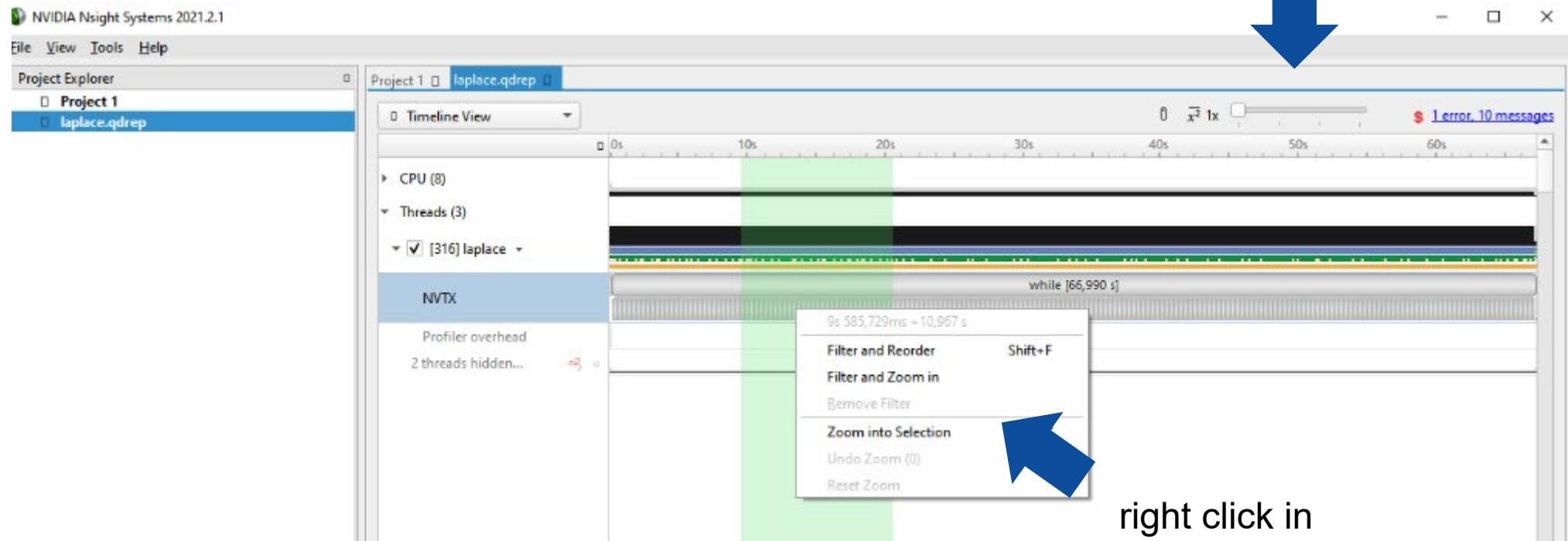


Timeline view  
(event view and function table on the bottom pane)

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

Using Nsight Systems

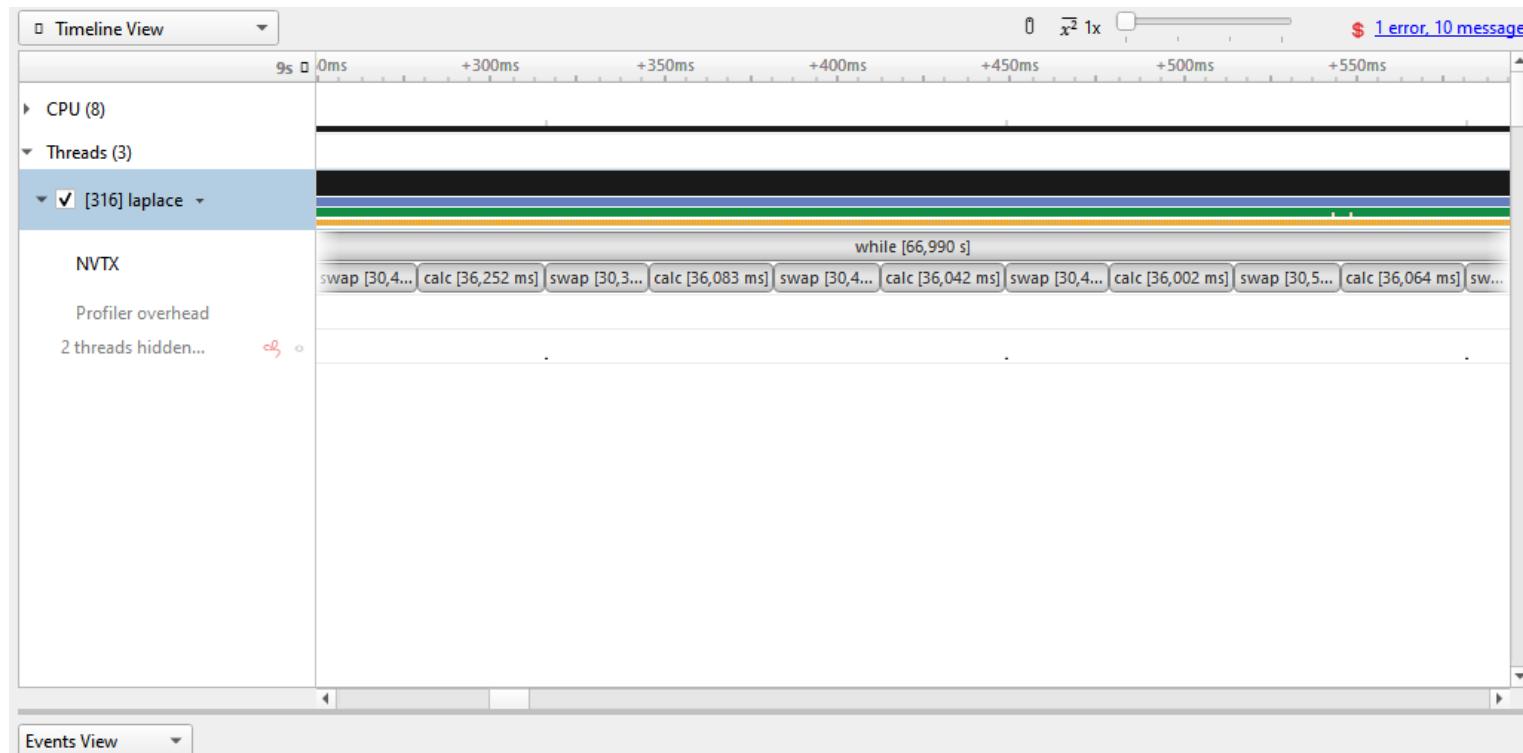
Enlarge view!



right click in  
selected region  
and Zoom into  
selection!

# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

Using Nsight Systems

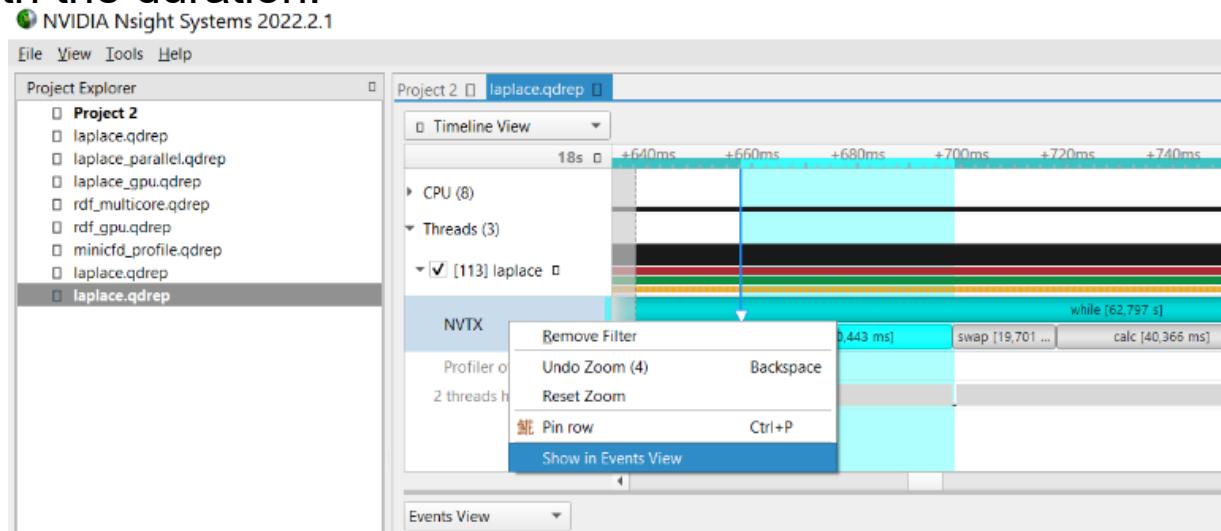


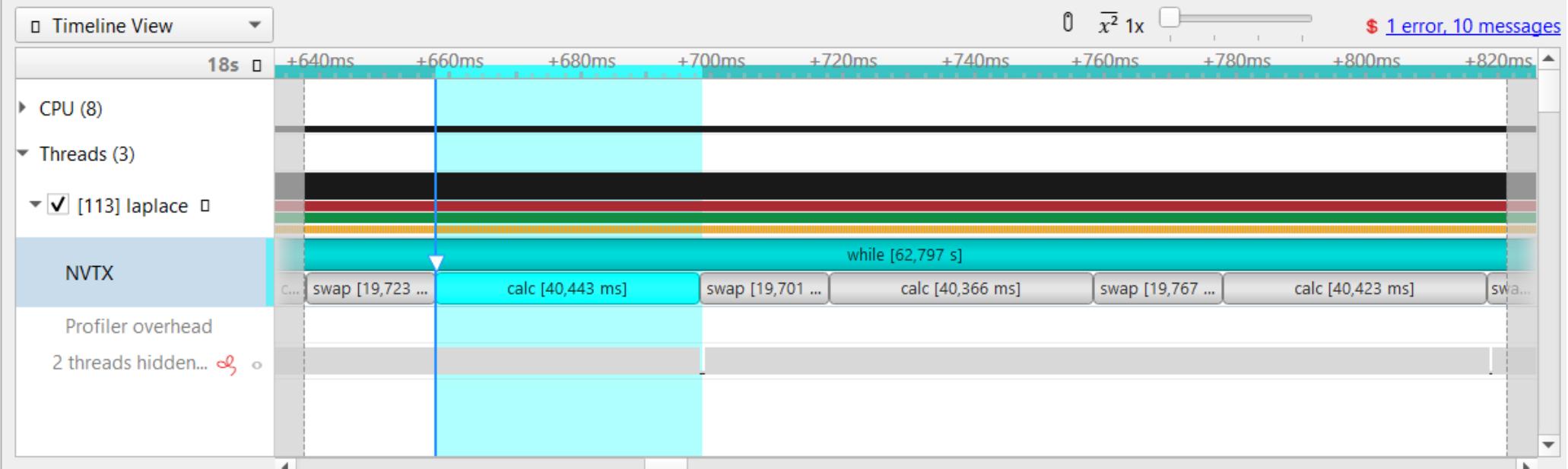
# PROFILING SEQUENTIAL CODE

Viewing captured NVTX events and time ranges via Nsight Systems GUI

From the Timeline view, right click on the “NVTX” from the top pane and choose “Show in Events View”.

From the bottom pane, you can now see name of the events captured with the duration.





## Events View ▾

Name ▾

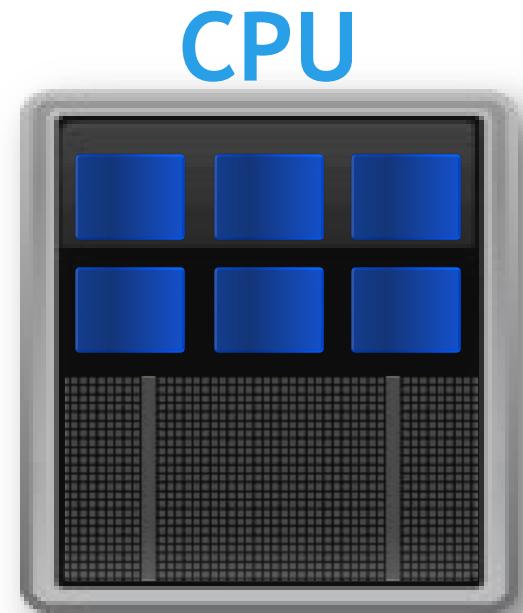
#	Name	Start	Duration	TID	Category	Description:
1	while	0,193229s	62,797 s	113		<b>while</b> Begins: 0,193229s Ends: 62,9905s (+62,797 s) Thread: 113
2	calc	18,5981s	40,468 ms	113		
3	swap	18,6386s	19,723 ms	113		
4	calc	18,6583s	40,443 ms	113		
5	swap	18,6988s	19,701 ms	113		
6	calc	18,7185s	40,366 ms	113		
7	swap	18,7589s	19,767 ms	113		

# PROFILING MULTICORE CODE

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## What is multicore?

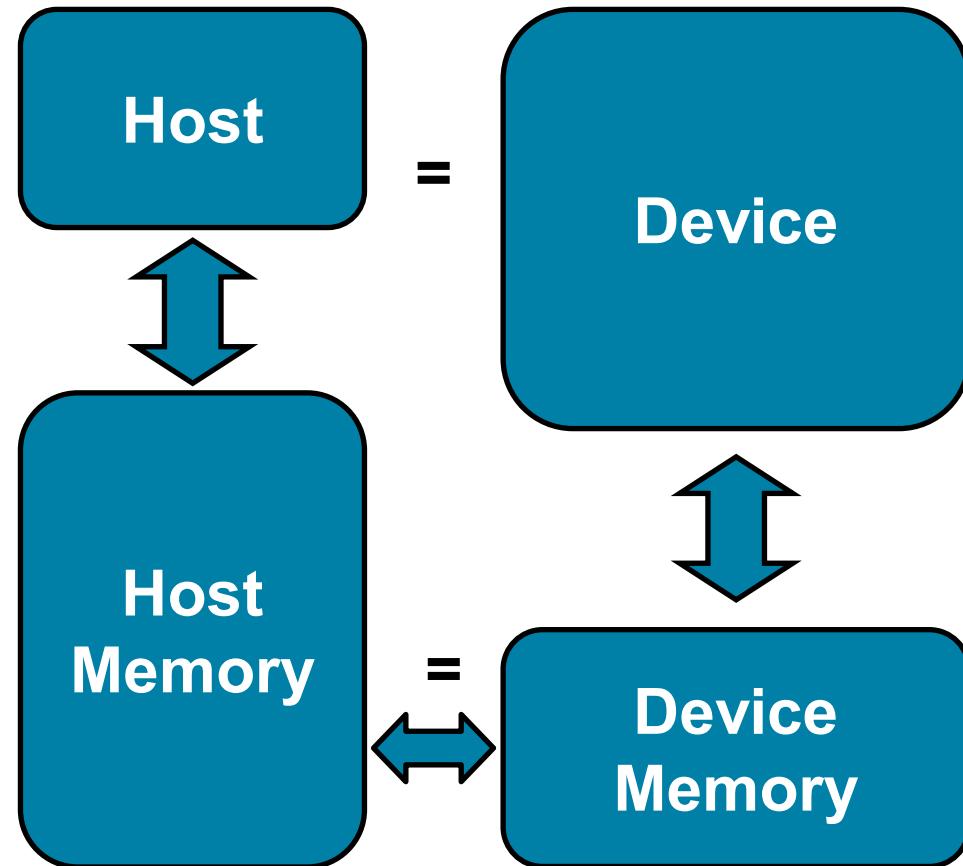
- *Multicore* refers to using a CPU with multiple computational cores as our parallel device
- These cores can run independently of each other, but have shared access to memory
- Loop iterations can be spread across CPU threads and can utilize SIMD/vector instructions (SSE, AVX, etc.)
- Parallelizing on a multicore CPU is a good starting place, since data management is unnecessary



# PROFILING MULTICORE CODE

## Using a multicore CPU with OpenACC

- OpenACC's generic model involves a combination of a host and a device
- Host generally means a CPU, and the device is some parallel hardware
- When running with a multicore CPU as our device, typically this means that our host/device will be the same
- This also means that their memories will be the same



# PROFILING MULTICORE CODE

## Compiling code for a specific parallel hardware

- The ‘-acc’ flag (previously –ta) will allow us to compile our code for a specific, target parallel hardware
- ‘acc’ stands for “Accelerator,” an accelerator being another way to refer to a parallel hardware
- Our OpenACC code can be compiled for many different kinds of parallel hardware without having to change the code

```
vtrainvw@hawk-ai01:~/OpenACC/C/solutions> nvc -fast -acc=multicore -Minfo=accel,opt -o laplace-multicore jacobi.c laplace2d.c
...
Loop is parallelizable
    Generating Multicore code
    38, #pragma acc loop gang
    38, Generating implicit reduction(max:error)
    41, Loop is parallelizable
```

# PROFILING MULTICORE CODE

## Compiling code for a specific parallel hardware

- vtrainvw@hawk-ai01:~/OpenACC/C/solutions> nsys profile -t nvtx --stats=true --force-overwrite true -o laplace ./laplace-multicore-nvtx

```
Generating '/localscratch/2163819.hawk-pbs5/nsys-report-4bb6.qdstrm'
[1/3] [=====100%] laplace.nsys-rep
[2/3] [=====100%] laplace.sqlite
[3/3] Executing 'nvtx_sum' stats report
```

Time (%)	Total Time (ns)	Instances	Avg (ns)	Med (ns)	Min (ns)	Max (ns)	StdDev (ns)	Style	Range
49.8	2,537,225,479	1	2,537,225,479.0	2,537,225,479.0	2,537,225,479	2,537,225,479	0.0	PushPop	while
27.8	1,420,063,663	1,000	1,420,063.7	994,293.5	759,997	79,811,814	2,928,144.2	PushPop	calc
21.9	1,115,584,318	1,000	1,115,584.3	808,297.0	558,611	25,748,510	1,445,924.9	PushPop	swap
0.5	26,349,490	1	26,349,490.0	26,349,490.0	26,349,490	26,349,490	0.0	PushPop	init

Generated:

```
/zhome/academic/HLRS/xhp/vtrainvw/OpenACC/C/solutions/laplace.nsys-rep
/zhome/academic/HLRS/xhp/vtrainvw/OpenACC/C/solutions/laplace.sqlite
vtrainvw@hawk-ai01:~/OpenACC/C/solutions> ^C
```

# PARALLEL VS SEQUENTIAL

## Compiler feedback

Have a close look at the compiler feedback for both sequential and parallel implementation of the application.

It provides information about how your program was optimized or why a particular optimization was not made.

Note: Adding `-Minfo` flag or `-Minfo=accel` or `-Minfo=all` when compiling, will enable compiler feedback messages, giving details about the parallel code generated.

```
jacobi.c:  
aplace2d.c:  
calcNext:  
 38, Accelerator restriction: size of the GPU copy of Anew,A is unknown  
    Loop is parallelizable  
    Generating Multicore code  
    38, #pragma acc loop gang  
 38, Generating implicit reduction(max:error)  
 41, Loop is parallelizable  
swap:  
 54, Accelerator restriction: size of the GPU copy of Anew,A is unknown  
    Loop is parallelizable  
    Generating Multicore code  
    54, #pragma acc loop gang  
 57, Loop is parallelizable  
    Memory copy idiom, loop replaced by call to __c_mcopy8  
/trainvw@hawk-ai01:~/OpenACC/C/solutions>
```

```
jacobi.c:  
aplace2d-multicore-parallel.c:  
calcNext:  
 47, Generating implicit firstprivate(j,n,m)  
    Generating NVIDIA GPU code  
    49, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */  
      Generating implicit reduction(max:error)  
    52, #pragma acc loop vector(128) /* threadIdx.x */  
 47, Generating implicit copyin(A[:]) [if not already present]  
    Generating implicit copy(error) [if not already present]  
    Generating implicit copyout(Anew[:]) [if not already present]  
 52, Loop is parallelizable  
swap:  
 63, Generating implicit firstprivate(j,n,m)  
    Generating NVIDIA GPU code  
    65, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */  
    68, #pragma acc loop vector(128) /* threadIdx.x */  
 63, Generating implicit copyout(A[:]) [if not already present]  
    Generating implicit copyin(Anew[:]) [if not already present]  
 68, Loop is parallelizable  
/trainvw@hawk-ai01:~/OpenACC/C/solutions>
```

```

#include <math.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define OFFSET(x, y, m) (((x)*(m)) + (y))

void initialize(double *restrict A, double *restrict Anew, int m, int n)
{
    memset(A, 0, n * m * sizeof(double));
    memset(Anew, 0, n * m * sizeof(double));

    for(int i = 0; i < m; i++){
        A[i] = 1.0;
        Anew[i] = 1.0;
    }
}

double calcNext(double *restrict A, double *restrict Anew, int m, int n)
{
    double error = 0.0;
#pragma acc parallel loop reduction(max:err)

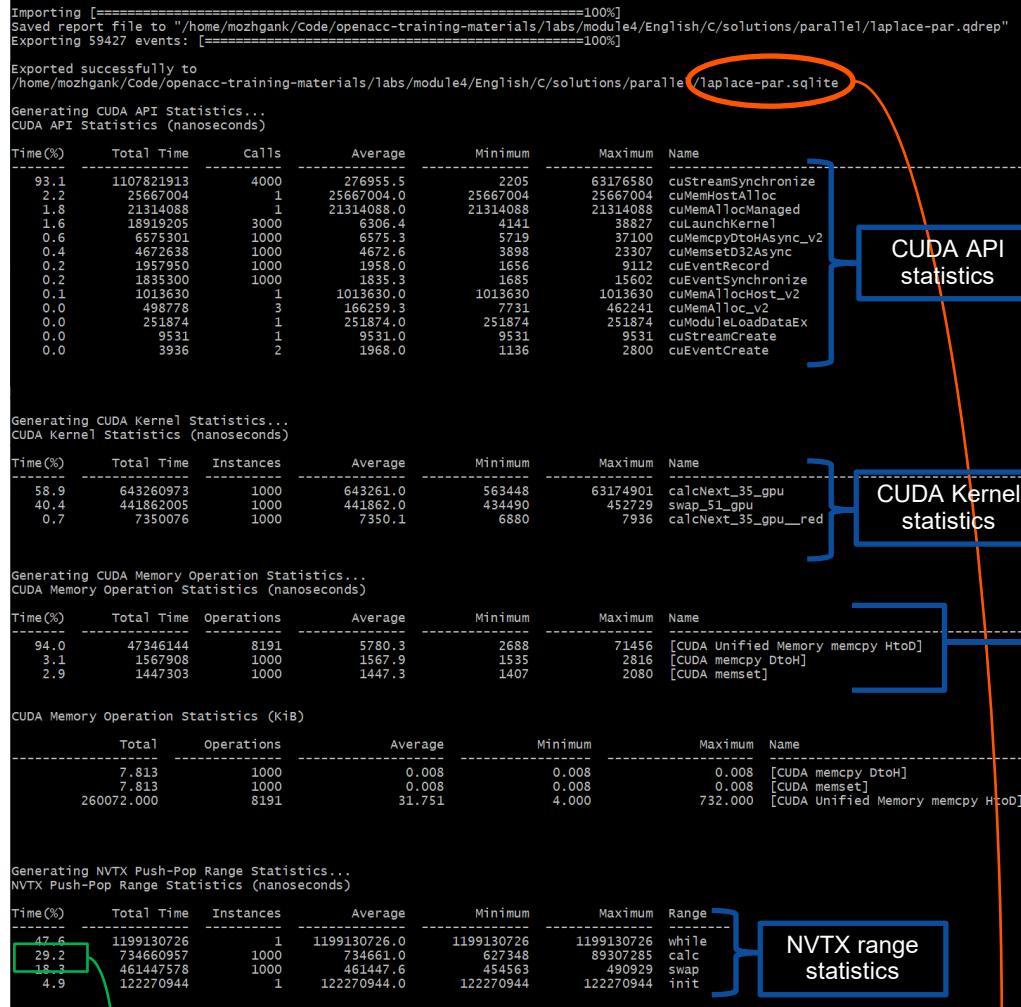
    for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++)
    {
        #pragma acc loop
        for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ )
        {
            Anew[OFFSET(j, i, m)] = 0.25 * ( A[OFFSET(j, i+1, m)] + A[OFFSET(j, i-1, m)]
                                              + A[OFFSET(j-1, i, m)] + A[OFFSET(j+1, i, m)]);
            error = max( error, fabs(Anew[OFFSET(j, i, m)] - A[OFFSET(j, i, m)]));
        }
    }
    return error;
}

void swap(double *restrict A, double *restrict Anew, int m, int n)
{
#pragma acc parallel loop
    for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++)
    {
        #pragma acc loop
        for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ )
        {
            A[OFFSET(j, i, m)] = Anew[OFFSET(j, i, m)];
        }
    }
}

void deallocate(double *restrict A, double *restrict Anew)
{
    free(A);
    free(Anew);
}

```

laplace2d.c  
(Parallelised using OpenACC parallel directives (pragmas highlighted))



"calc" region (calcNext function) takes 29.2%  
"swap" region (swap function) takes 18.3% of total execution time

Open laplace-par.qdrep with Nsight System GUI to view the timeline

# PARALLEL VS SEQUENTIAL SPEEDUP

## Viewing captured NVTX events

Have a close look at the captured NVTX events for both serial and parallel implementations.

Time spent in “while” loop has significantly decreased.

Achieved speedup: ~47

```
mozhgank@prm-dgx-32:~/code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel$ nsys profile -t nvtx,openacc --stats=true -b dwarf --force-overwrite true -o laplace-par ./laplace-par
WARNING: OpenACC, cuDNN and cuBLAS rely on CUDA. CUDA tracing has been automatically enabled.
Collecting data...
Jacobi relaxation Calculation: 4096 x 4096 mesh
    0, 0.250000
    100, 0.002397
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    300, 0.000804
    400, 0.000603
    500, 0.000483
    600, 0.000403
    700, 0.000345
    800, 0.000302
    900, 0.000269
total: 1.199133 s
```

Parallel

```
mozhgank@prm-dgx-32:~/code/openacc-training-materials/labs/module4/English/c/solutions/parallel$ nsys profile -t nvtx --stats=true -b dwarf --force-overwrite true -o laplace-seq ./laplace-seq
Collecting data...
Jacobi relaxation Calculation: 4096 x 4096 mesh
    0, 0.250000
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    400, 0.000603
    500, 0.000483
    600, 0.000403
    700, 0.000345
    800, 0.000302
    900, 0.000269
total: 55.754501 s
```

Sequential

#	Name
1	init [122.271 ms]
3	while [1.199 s]

Parallel

#	Name
1	init [137.490 ms]
3	while [55.754 s]

Sequential

# PROFILING PARALLEL CODE

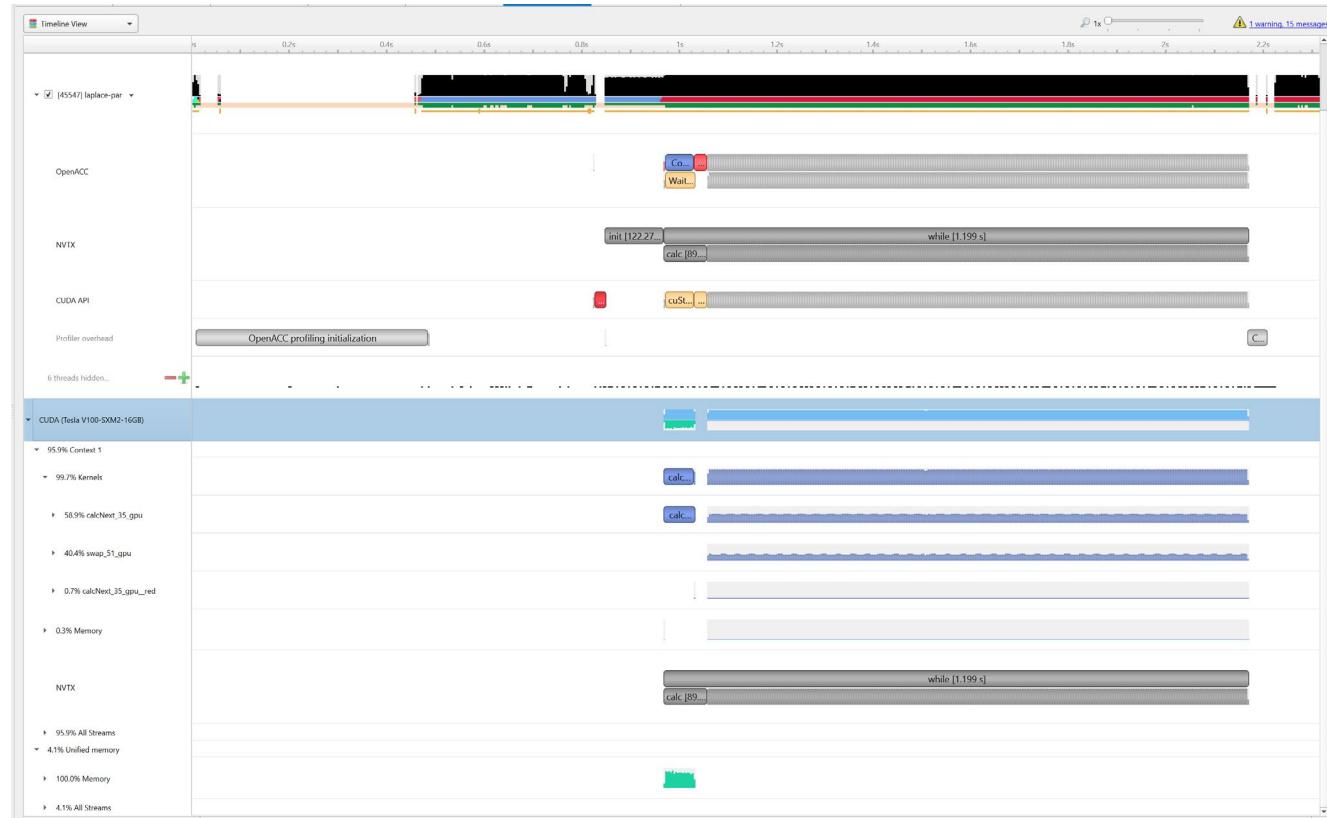
## Viewing timeline via Nsight Systems

Contents of the tree-like hierarchy on the left depend on the project settings used to collect this report.

If a certain feature has not been enabled, corresponding rows will not be shown on the timeline.

In this example, we chose to trace NVTX and OpenACC while sampling.

Note: Kernel launches are represented by **blue** and memory transfers are displayed in **green**.



# LAB CODE

# LAPLACE HEAT TRANSFER

## Introduction to lab code - visual

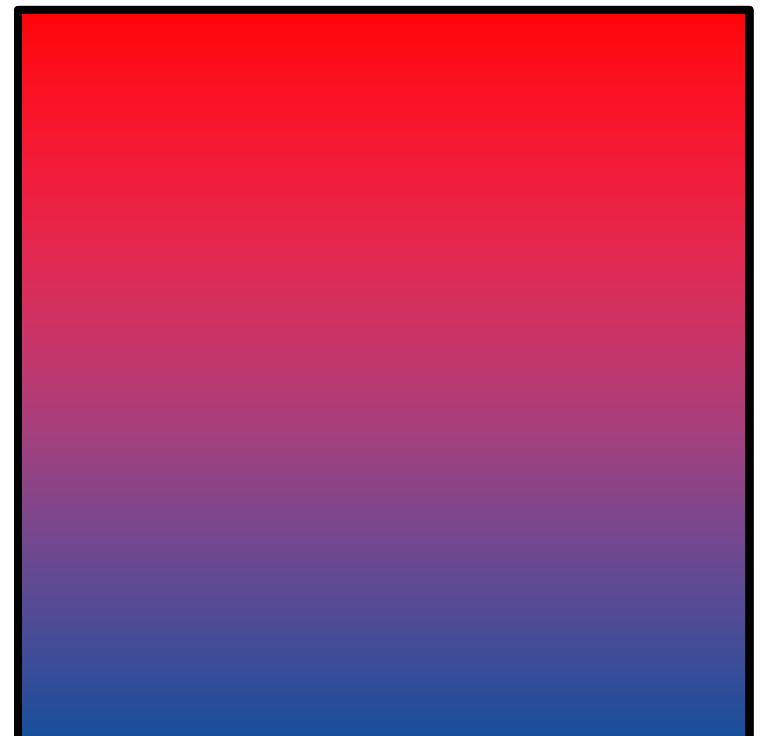
We will observe a simple simulation of heat distributing across a metal plate.

We will apply a consistent heat to the top of the plate.

Then, we will simulate the heat distributing across the plate.

Very Hot

Room Temp



# LAPLACE HEAT TRANSFER

## Introduction to lab code - technical

The lab simulates a very basic 2-dimensional heat transfer problem.

We have two 2-dimensional arrays,  
**A** and **Anew**.

The arrays represent a 2-dimensional, metal plate. Each element in the array is a **double** value that represents temperature.

We will simulate the distribution of heat until a **minimum change value** is achieved, or until we exceed a **maximum number of iterations**.

A

0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Anew

0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

# LAPLACE HEAT TRANSFER

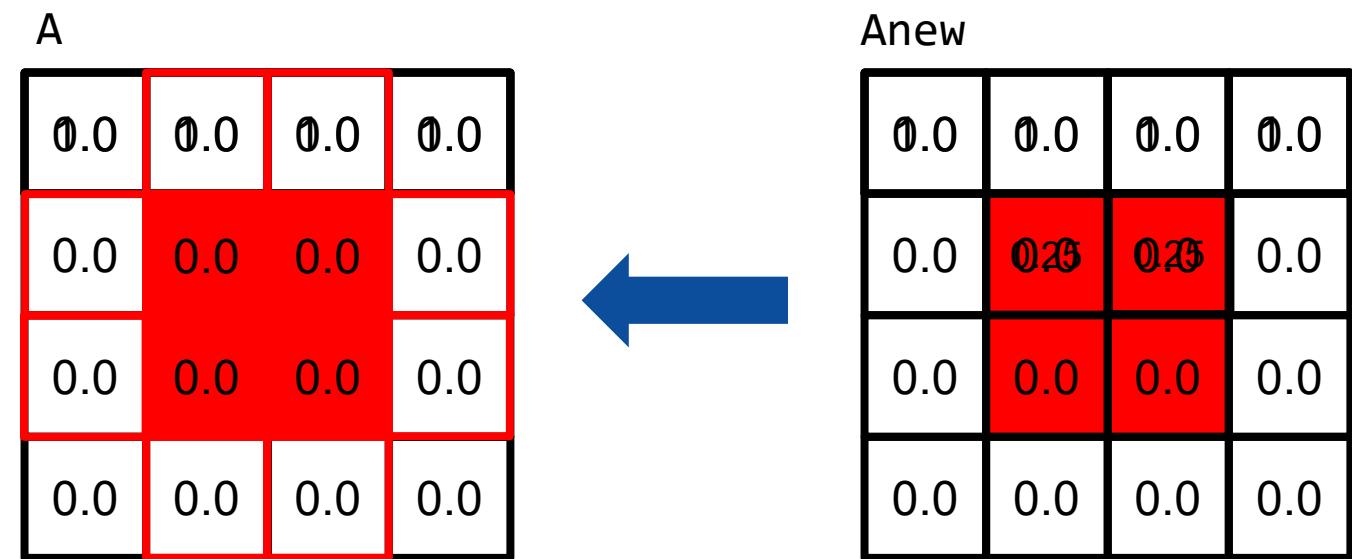
## Introduction to lab code - technical

We initialize the top row to be a temperature of 1.0

The **calcNext** function will iterate through all of the inner elements of array A, and update the corresponding elements in Anew

We will take the average of the neighboring cells, and record it in **Anew**.

The **swap** function will copy the contents of Anew to A



# LAPLACE HEAT TRANSFER

## Introduction to lab code

A

1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.0	0.25	0.25	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



Anew

1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.0	0.25	0.25	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

The **swap** function will copy the contents of Anew to A

# KEY CONCEPTS

In this module we discussed...

- Compiling sequential and parallel code
- CPU profiling for sequential and parallel execution
- Specifics of our Laplace Heat Transfer lab code

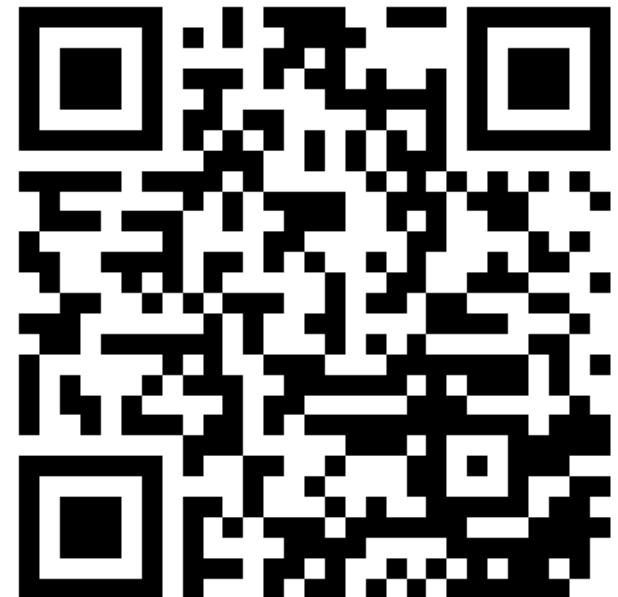
# LAB GOALS

In this lab you will do the following...

- Build and run the example code using the NVIDIA's HPC compiler
- Use Nsight Systems to understand where the program spends its time

# TRAINING SETUP

- All instructions can be found on the workshop webpage under:
- <https://tinyurl.com/openacc-labs>



# TRAINING SETUP

- For the hands-on sessions open a terminal on the local PC and log in to HAWK via
  - `ssh hawk.hww.hlrs.de -l username`
- To work interactively on a compute node submit a job using
  - `qsub -I -l select=1:node_type=rome-ai -l walltime=08:00:00 -q R_dl`
- Several nodes on HAWK have been reserved specially for the course. `R_dl` is the reservation name which is only available during the course.

# TRAINING SETUP

- Copy the exercises to your own home directory via
  - `cp -r /lustre/hpe/ws10/ws10.3/ws/hpc-to-haa-dl-openacc/materials/OpenACC ~/`
- This folder contains both C and Fortran versions of the code.
- Initialise the environment on the compute node via
  - `cd ~/OpenACC; . init.sh`
- You can both compile and run the code on the compute nodes.

# TRAINING SETUP

- For performance reasons, visualisation of the trace files should be always done on the local PCs.
- Copy the trace files to your local PC in a terminal on the local PC via e.g.
  - `scp vtrainvw@hawk.hww.hlrs.de:OpenACC/C/* .nsys-rep .`
- Run "Nsight Systems 2021.2.1" on the local PC and open the trace file via File → Open.

# THANK YOU

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