LET YOUR GAME SHINE – OPTIMIZING DIRECTX 12® AND VULKAN™ PERFORMANCE WITH AMD CODE XL

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AGENDA

- What is CodeXL?
- New! Game Development features
- There’s so much more to CodeXL
- CodeXL on GPUOpen

WHAT IS CODEXL?

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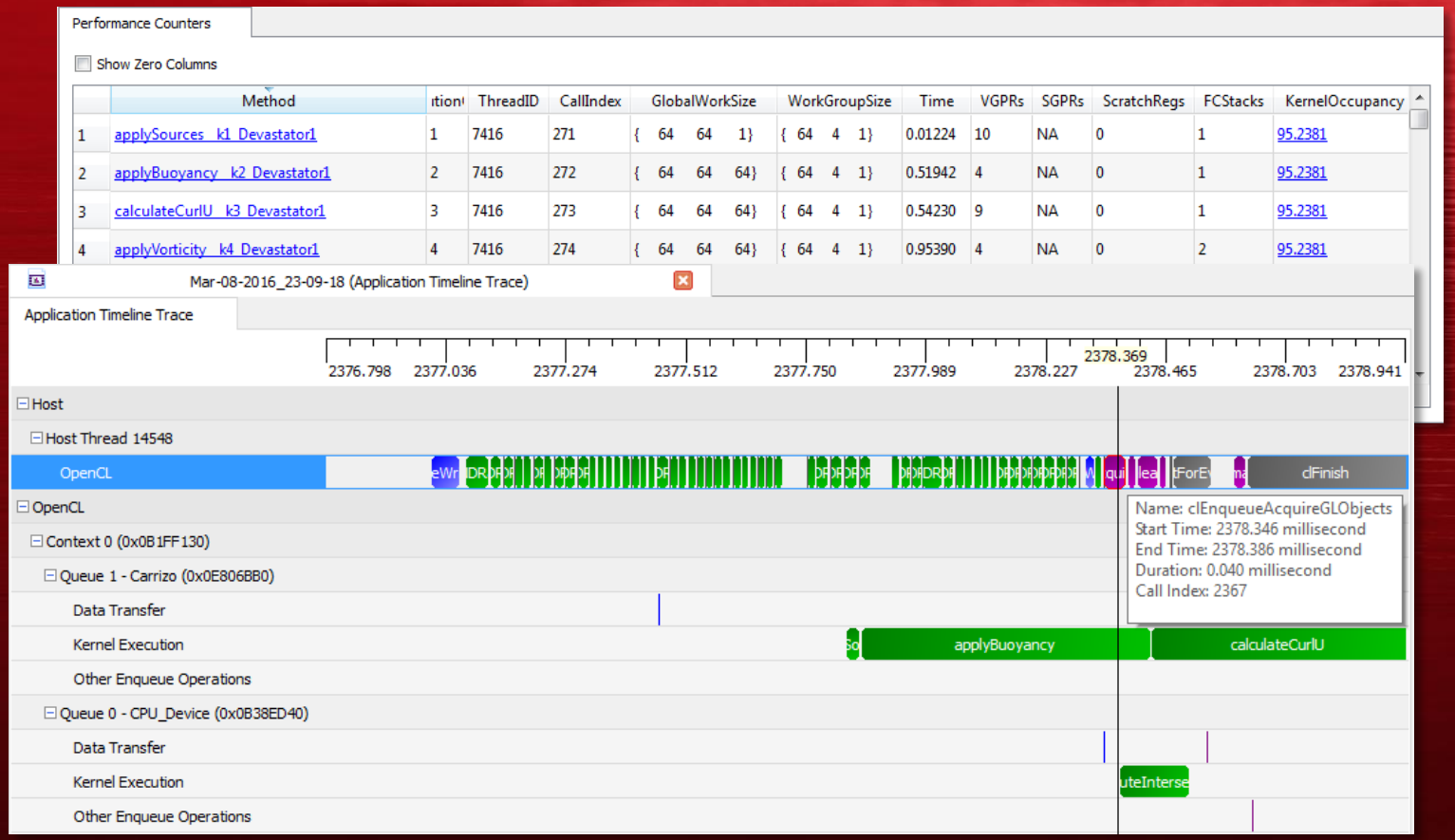
CODEXL

- CodeXL is a tool suite which helps SW developers get the best performance on AMD CPUs and GPUs
- Debug, Profile and Analyze applications
  - On local and remote hosts
- Multiple platforms and Operating Systems
  - Standalone application for Windows® and Linux®
  - Integrated into Microsoft® Visual Studio®
  - Linux and Windows feature parity
- Free to download and use

Debug
Profile
Frame Analysis
Build & Analyze

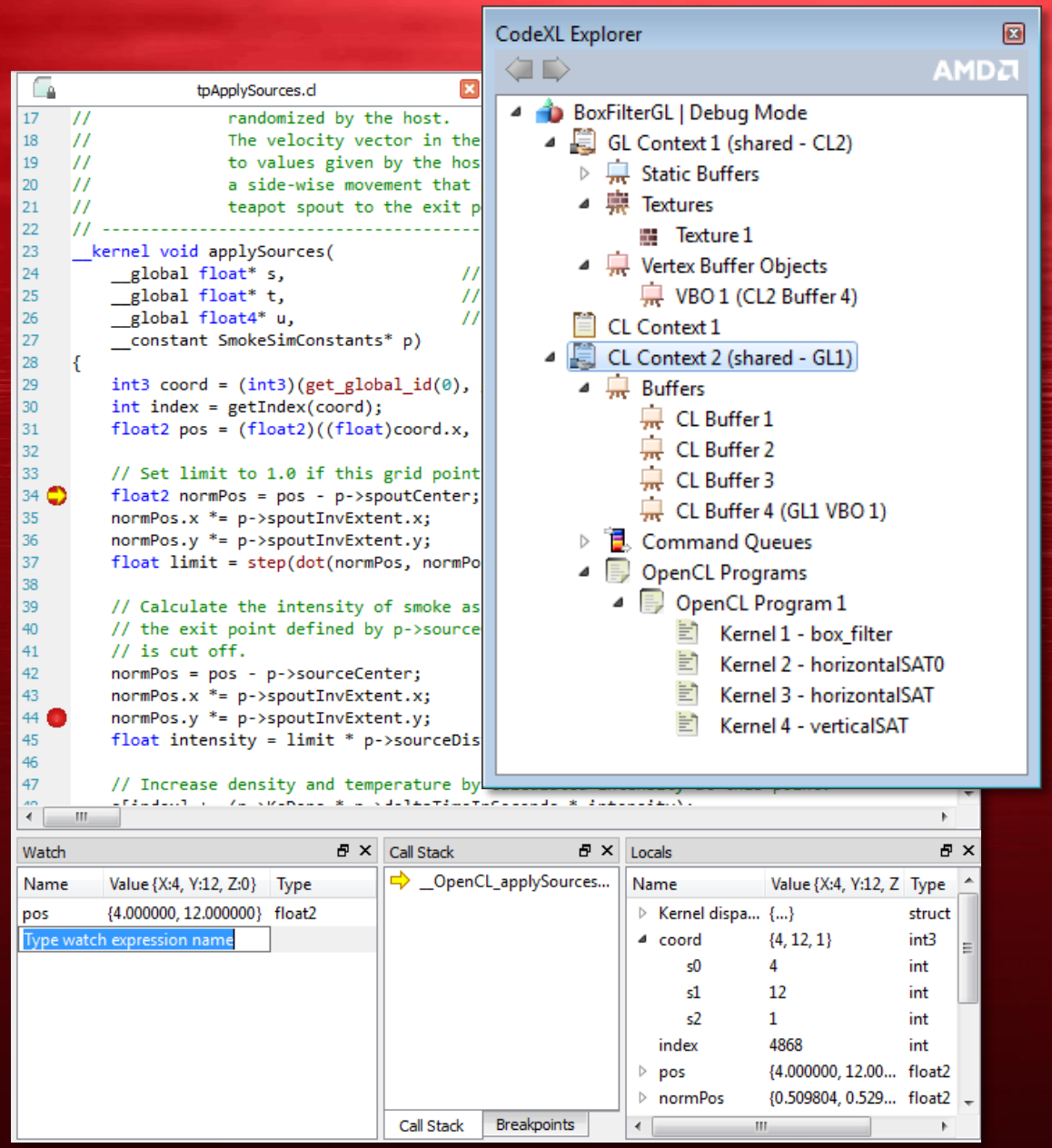
GPU COMPUTE PROFILING

- Profile OpenCL™ 1.2 and 2.0 kernels, and DirectCompute shaders
- Collect Application Trace
- Collect GPU Performance Counters
- OpenCL Timeline Visualization
- OpenCL Application Summary pages
- IL and ISA Display
- OpenCL Kernel Occupancy Viewer



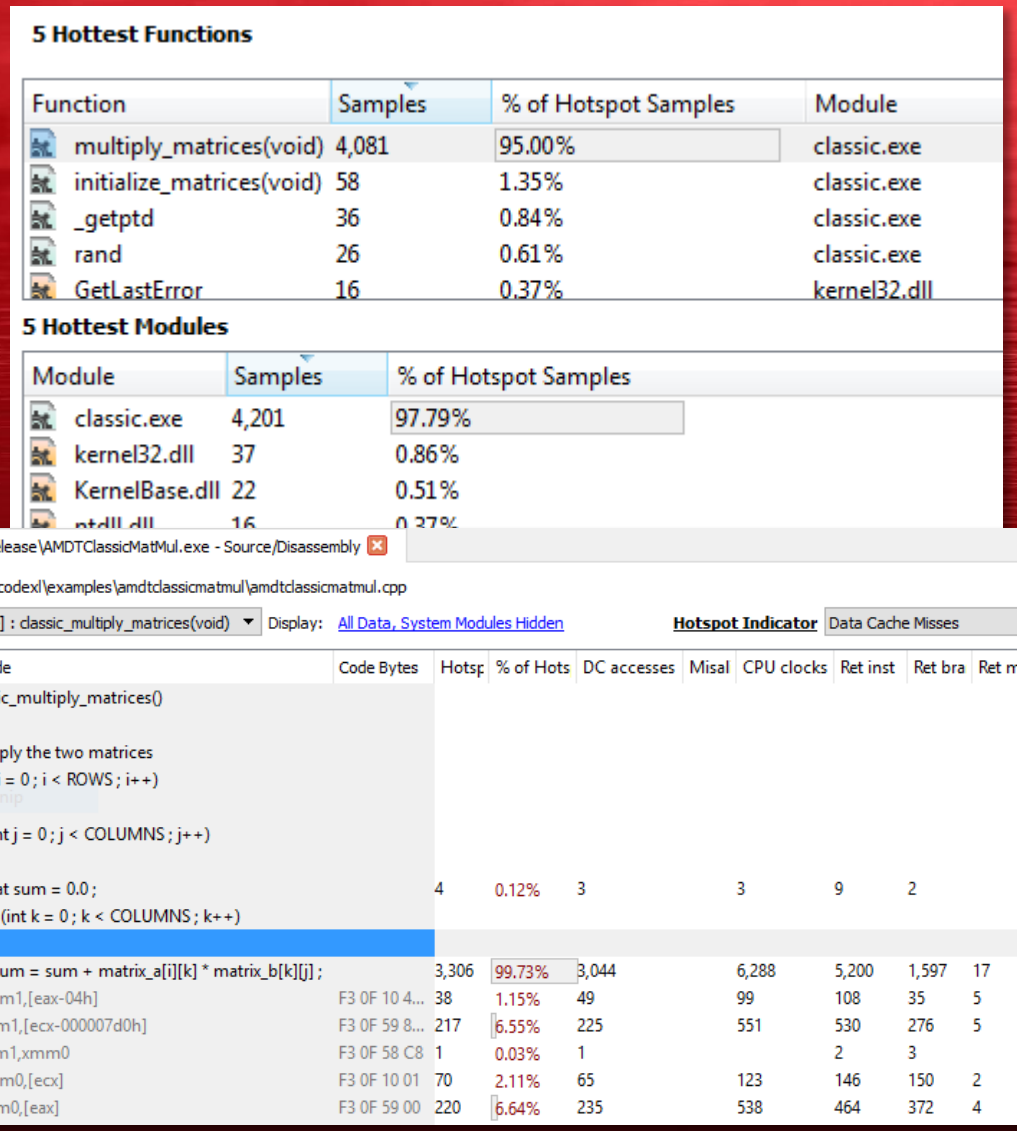
HOST AND GPU DEBUGGING

- Out-of-the-Box Debugging
- Debugging of C/C++host code and OpenCL 1.2 kernels
- OpenCL and OpenGL API-level Debugging
- API Statistics
- Object Visualization



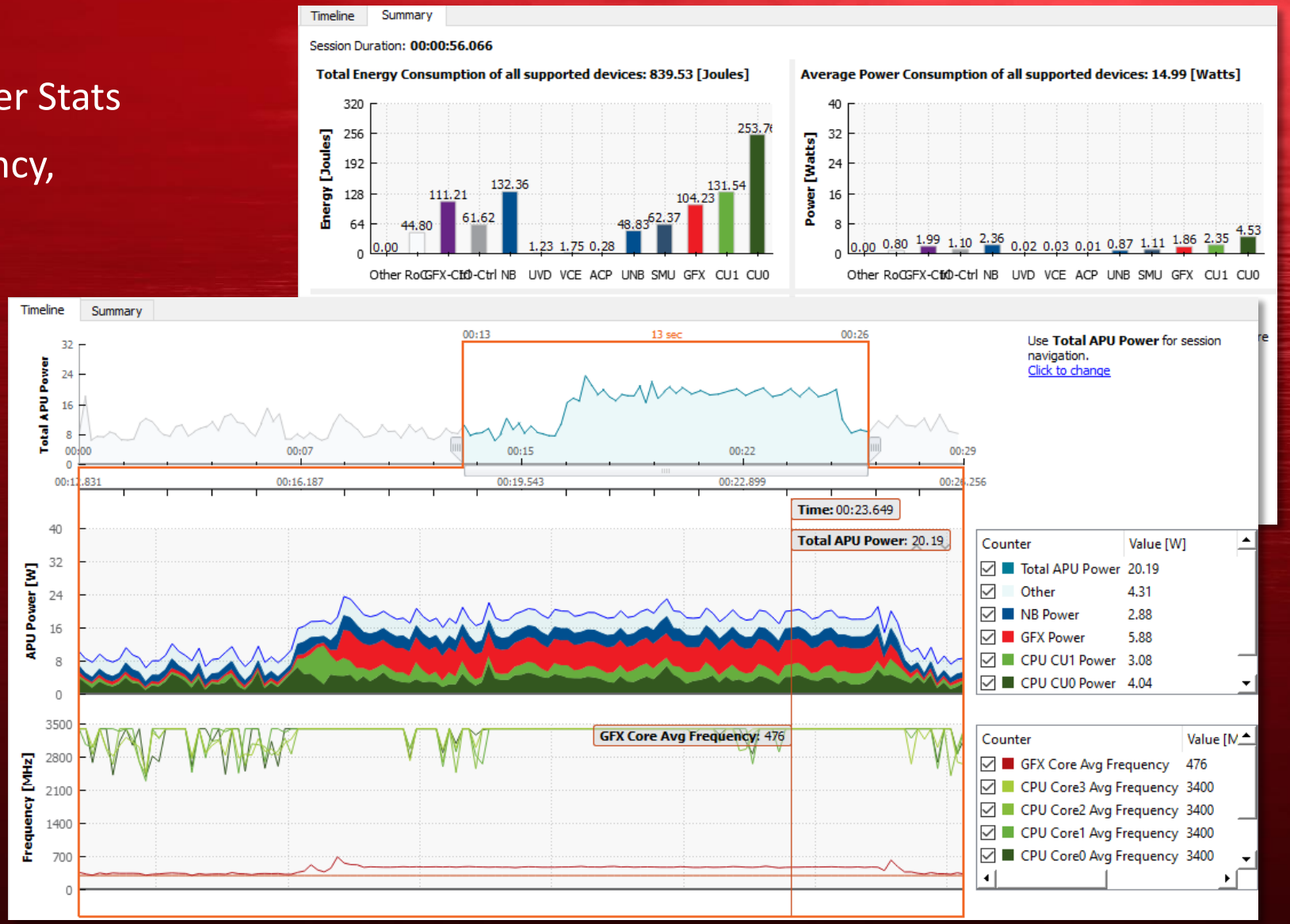
CPU PROFILING

- Detect Hotspots on any x86 platform
- Profile single application or whole system
- Profile applications and drivers
- Profile native code, Java and .NET applications
- Advanced Diagnosis of Performance Issues on AMD Platforms
- Analyze Call Chain Relationships
- Drill Down to the Source Code Line and ISA Instruction Level
- CPU Events Monitoring
- Instruction Based Sampling



POWER PROFILING

- Online Capture and Display of Power Stats
- Real-Time Monitor: Power, Frequency, Temperature and Core state
- Cumulative and Average Power Consumption Histograms
- Profile CPUs, APUs and dGPUs
- Command-Line Tool and Graphic Application



Screenshot of a power profiling session with Microsoft SDK D3D12Multithreading on a Carrizo A12 laptop

GAME DEVELOPMENT WITH CODEXL

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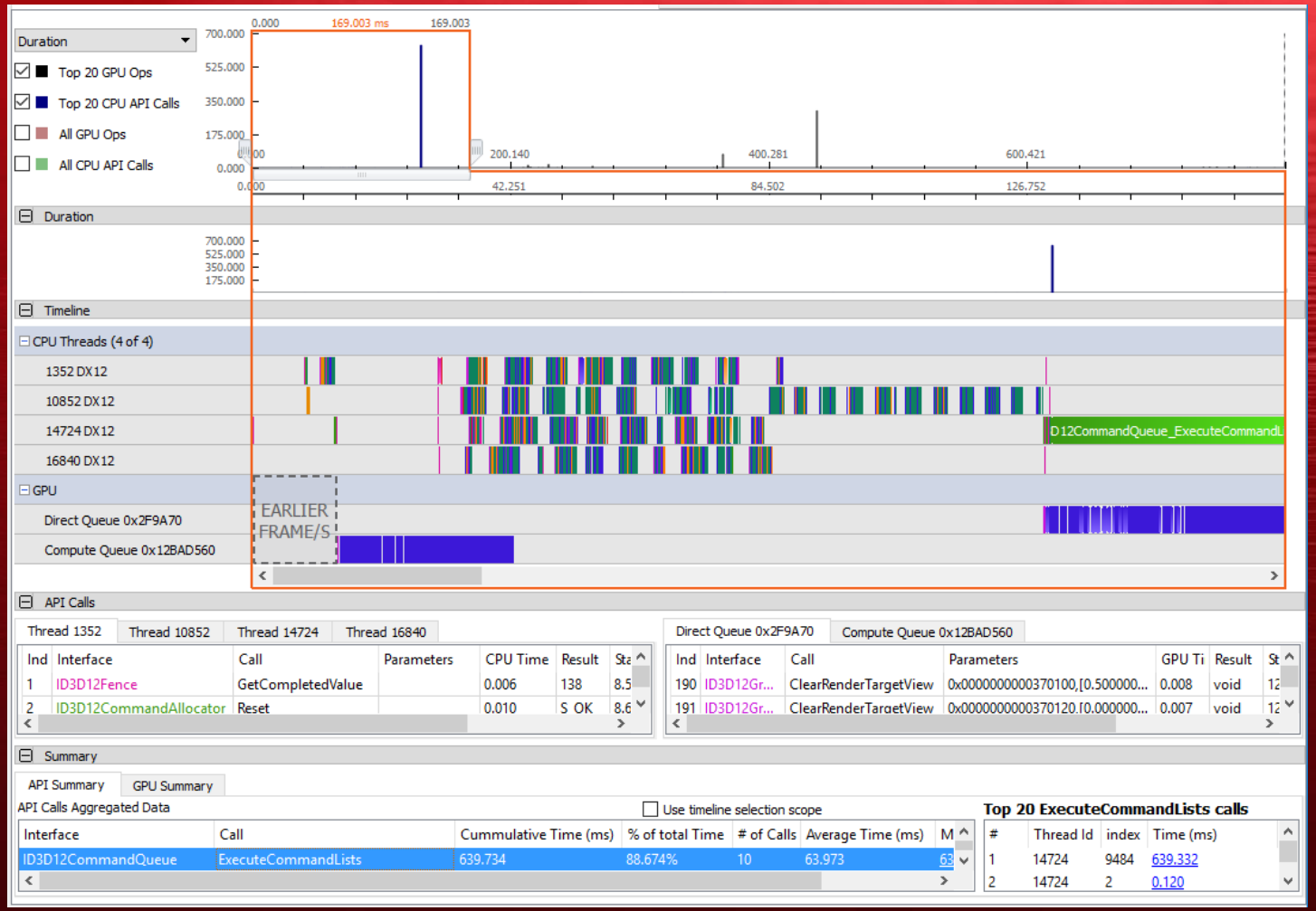
CODEXL 2.0 GAME DEVELOPMENT INITIAL RELEASE

BETA

- DirectX 12 Frame Analysis with Timeline Trace
- Static Analysis of Vulkan programs

DIRECTX 12 TIMELINE TRACE

- Capture individual frames from Microsoft DirectX12 games/applications
- Run the game locally or on a remote host
- Linked trace of API calls and GPU ops, co-referenced
- API Statistics
- Timeline visualization
- Easy navigation
- Immediate focus on longest operations

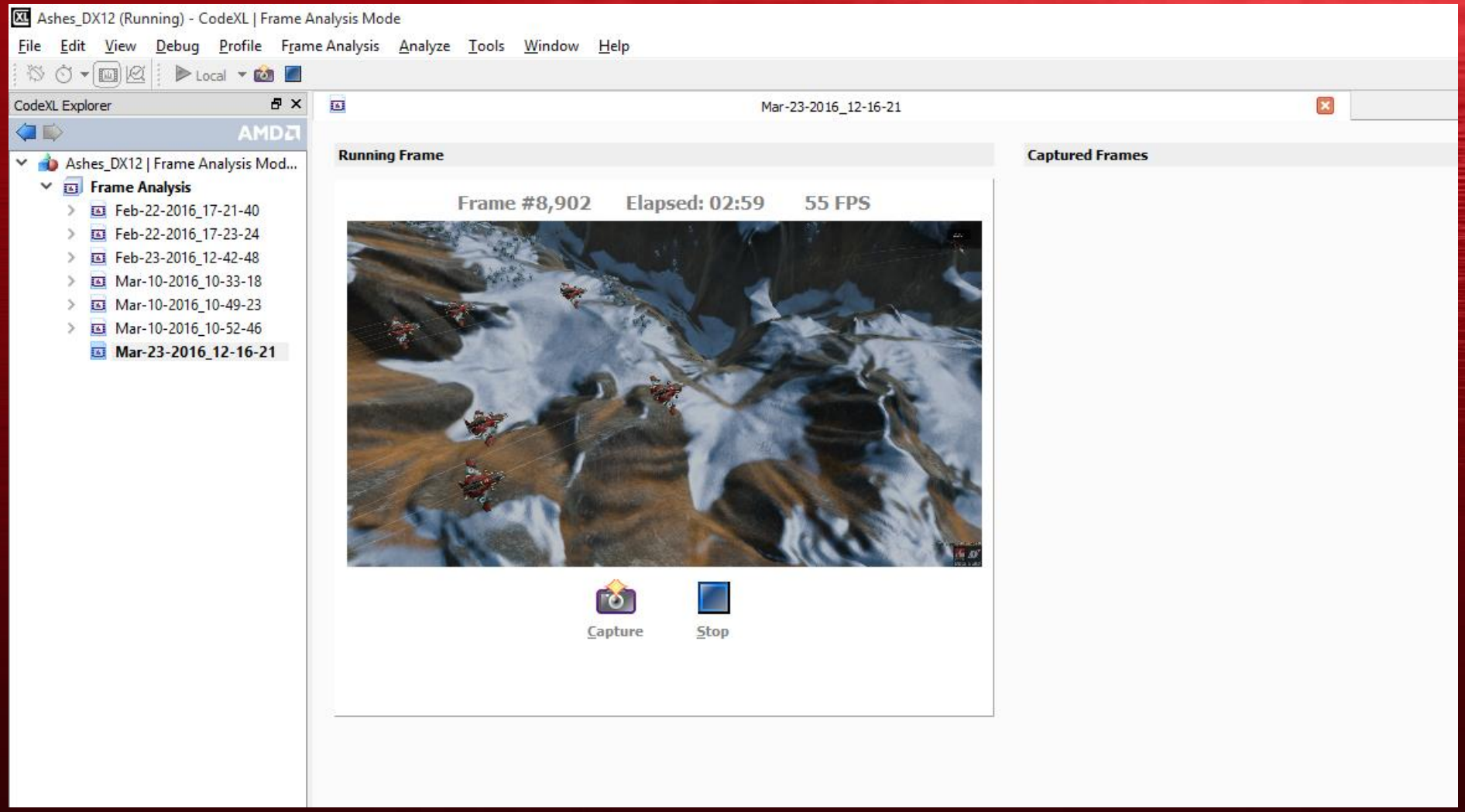


CODEXL DIRECTX 12 FRAME ANALYSIS DEMO

Many thanks to Dan Baker for approving the use of ‘Ashes of the Singularity’ in this demo

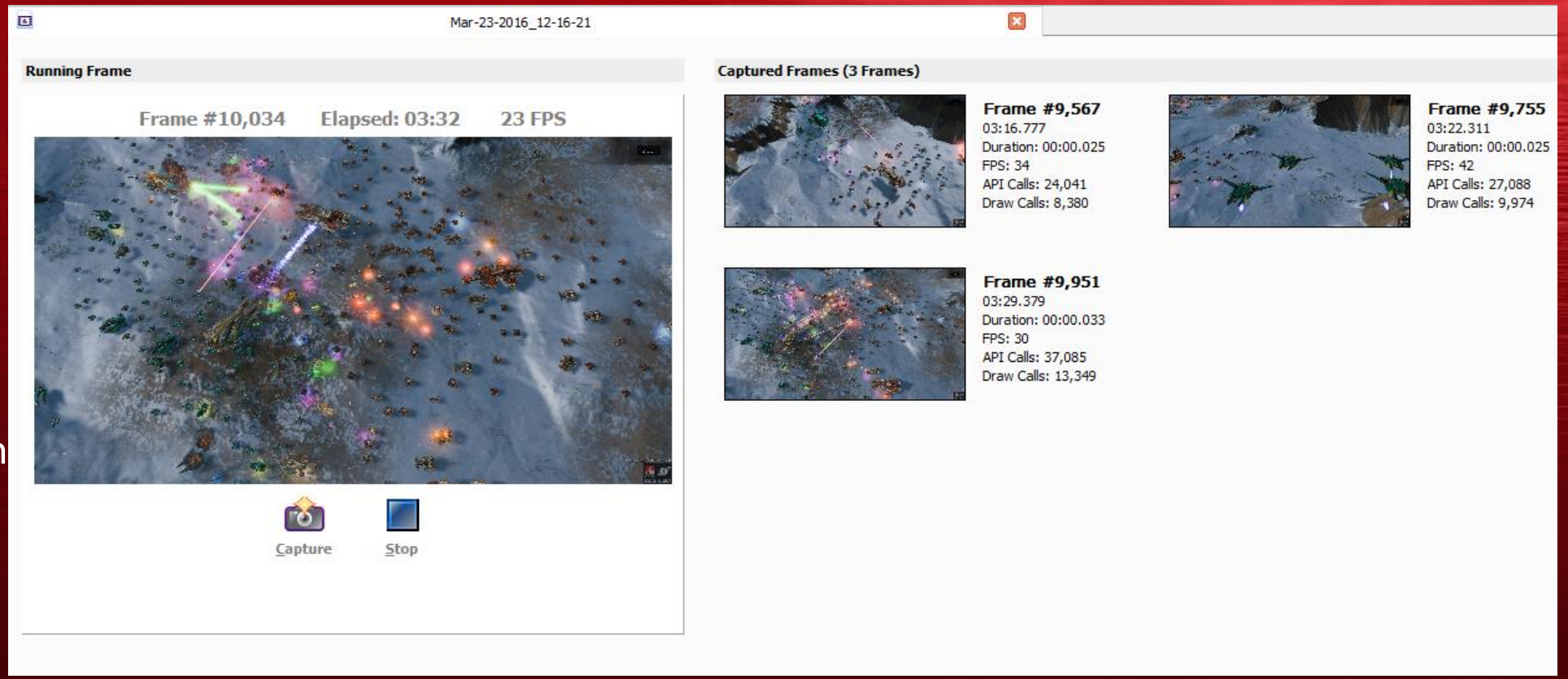
DEMO – FRAME ANALYSIS (1)

- I set the path to the game executable and click the Play button to begin a frame analysis session.
- CodeXL launches the game and continuously displays the current frame image, elapsed time, frame number and FPS rate.



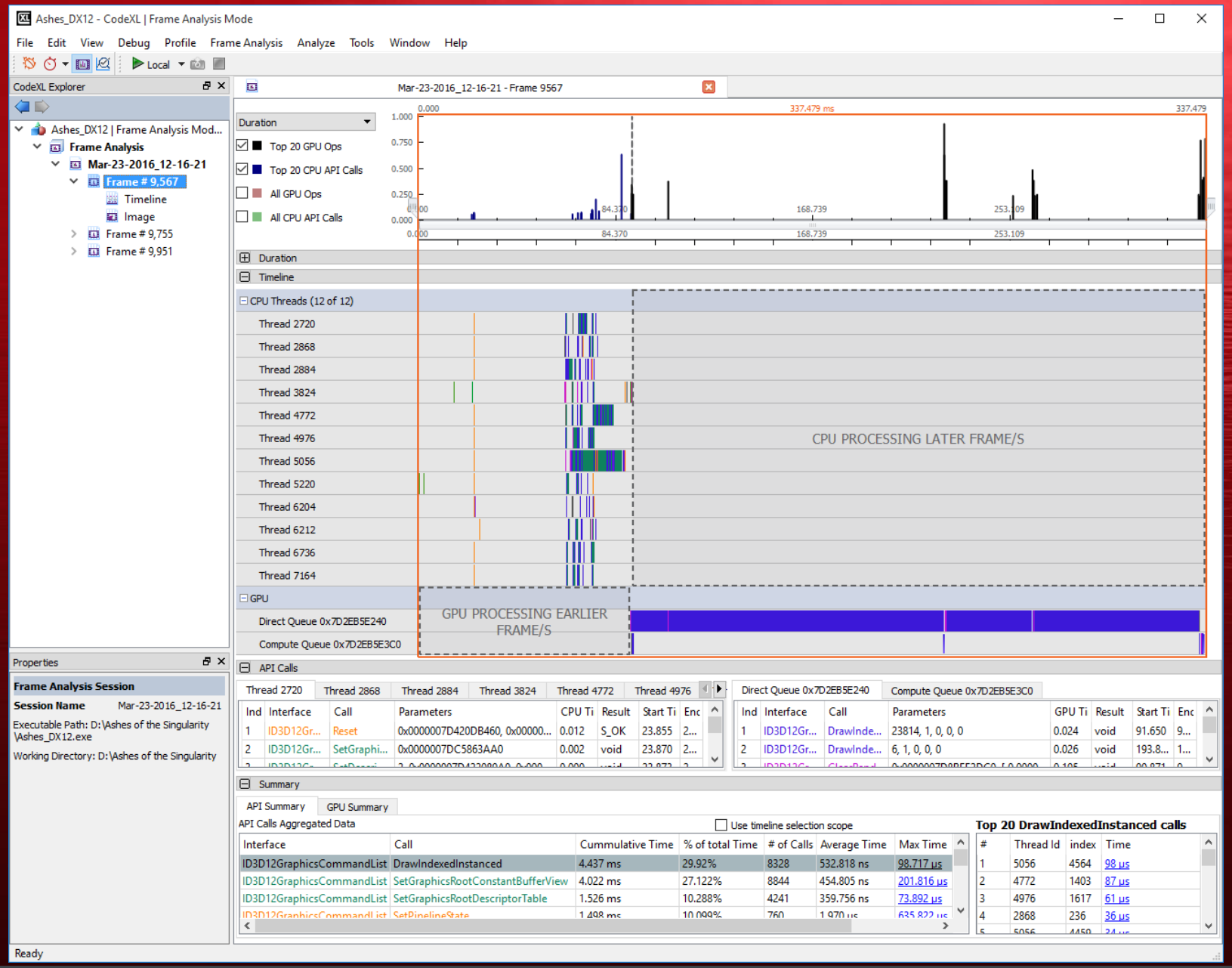
DEMO – FRAME ANALYSIS (2)

- I click the Capture button 3 times to capture 3 frame traces.
- The thumbnail of each captured frame is displayed in the Captured Frames section, together with the frame duration, FPS rate and number of API calls.



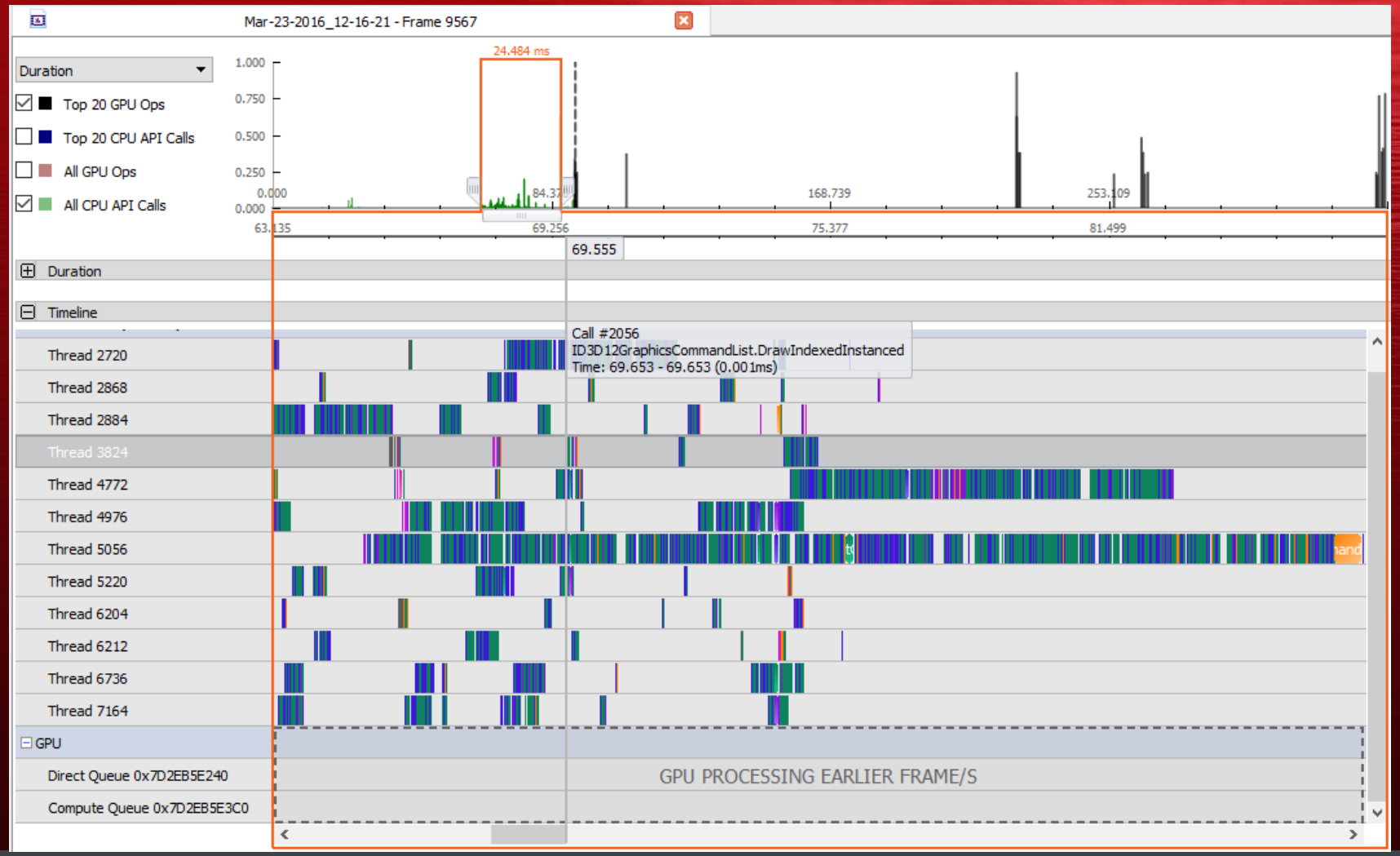
DEMO – FRAME ANALYSIS (3)

- Double-clicking a frame opens the frame timeline view.
- The navigation ribbon on top presents the complete frame time scope, and the top 20 CPU and GPU API calls.
- The timeline chart displays all of the calls executed by each CPU thread and each GPU Queue.
- The API Calls ribbon displays tables with the details of each API call, complete with timing and parameter values.
- Clicking a GPU call highlights the corresponding CPU call.



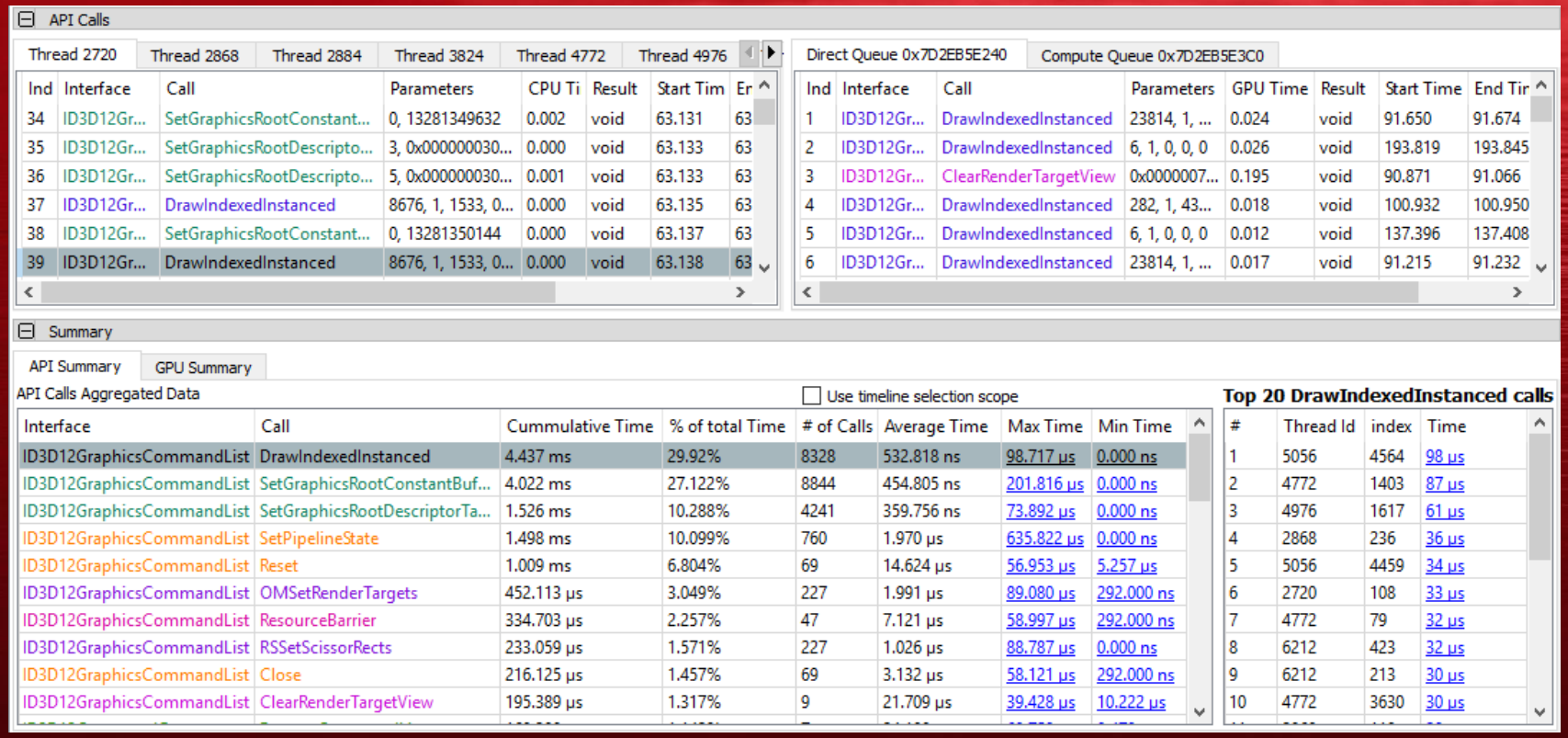
DEMO – FRAME ANALYSIS (4)

- The handles on the navigation ribbon can be used to focus on a specific part of the frame timeline.
- The timeline ribbon is synchronized with the navigation ribbon and displays the same selected part of the frame timeline



DEMO – FRAME ANALYSIS (5)

- The API Calls tables are synchronized – clicking a CPU call automatically highlights the corresponding GPU call and vice versa.
- The Summary ribbon displays aggregated data for each type of API call – the cumulative time of all the calls of that particular API as well as the longest and shortest call and additional statistics.
- The top 20 calls of the selected API are displayed in the ‘Top 20’ table on the right.



END OF FRAME ANALYSIS DEMO

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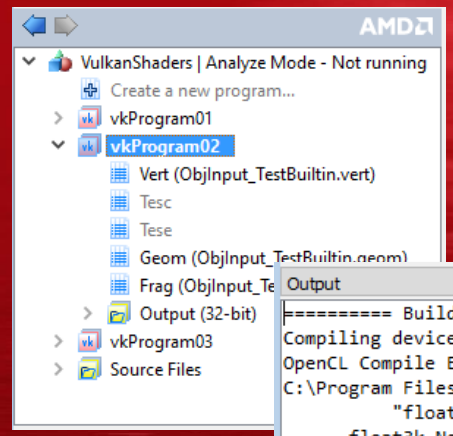
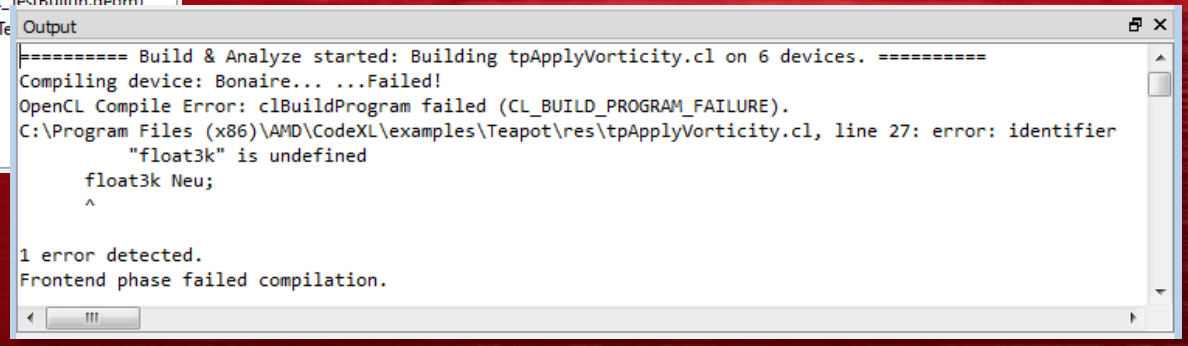
CODEXL FRAME ANALYSIS

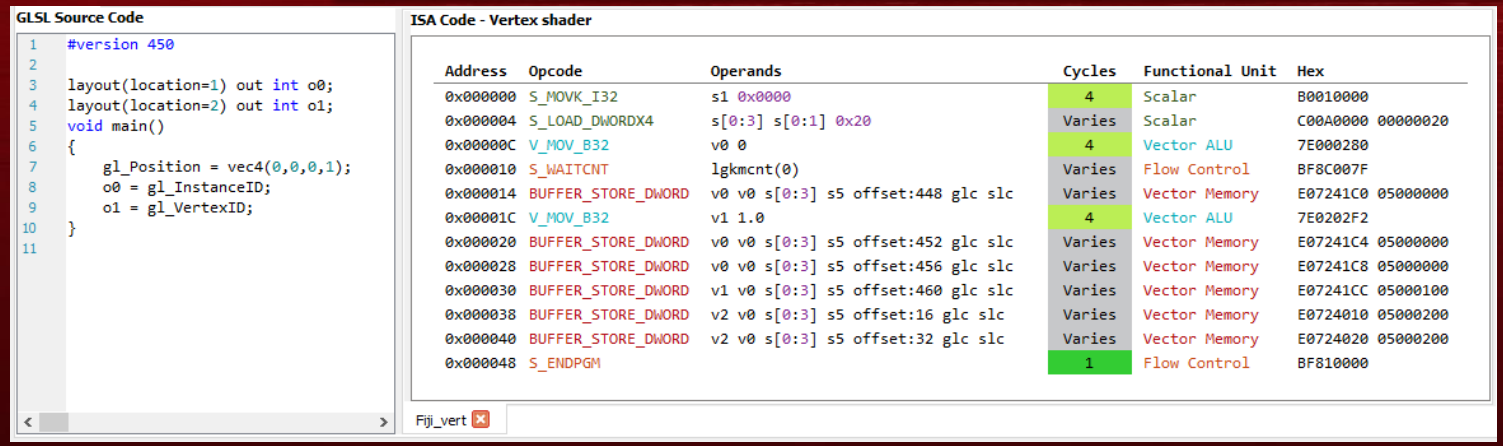
- CodeXL 2.0 is the initial release for game development features
  - Beta
- Many exciting features are awaiting in future releases:
  - Vulkan timeline trace
  - Frame Capture and Replay
  - Full set of performance counters
  - New version of GPU Performance API (GPA)
  - Frame Debugger
  - Hardware-based shader debugging

KERNEL/SHADER STATIC ANALYSIS

- Offline Build OpenCL kernels, DirectX, OpenGL* and Vulkan shaders and programs
- Multiple GPU device targets
- View Compiler Output, Resource Usage Statistics and Generated IL/ISA
- Help Detect Bottlenecks
- Performance Advisory Dashboard
- Easy Project Navigation
- Generate Binaries for Use In Your Application



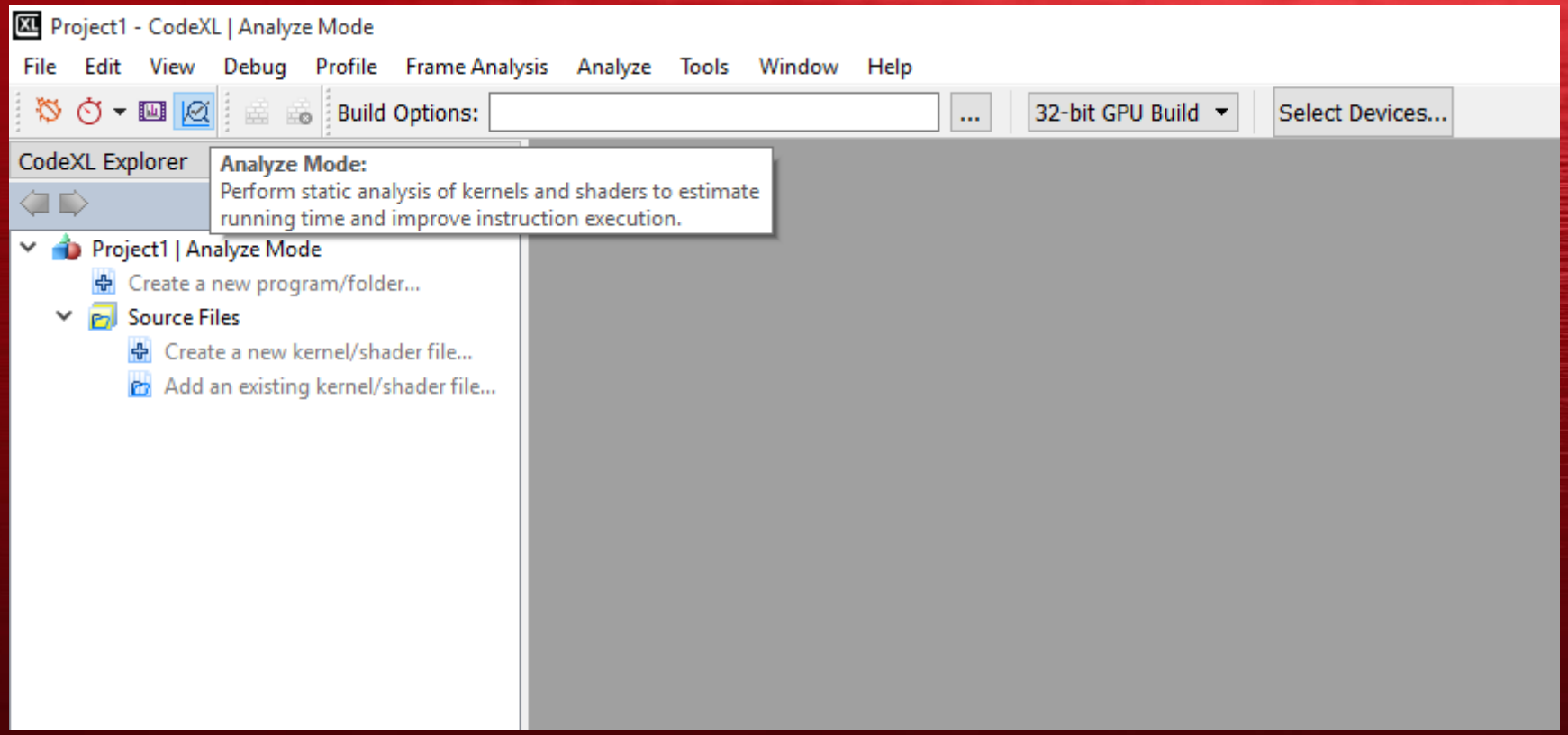




CODEXL SHADER ANALYZER
DEMO

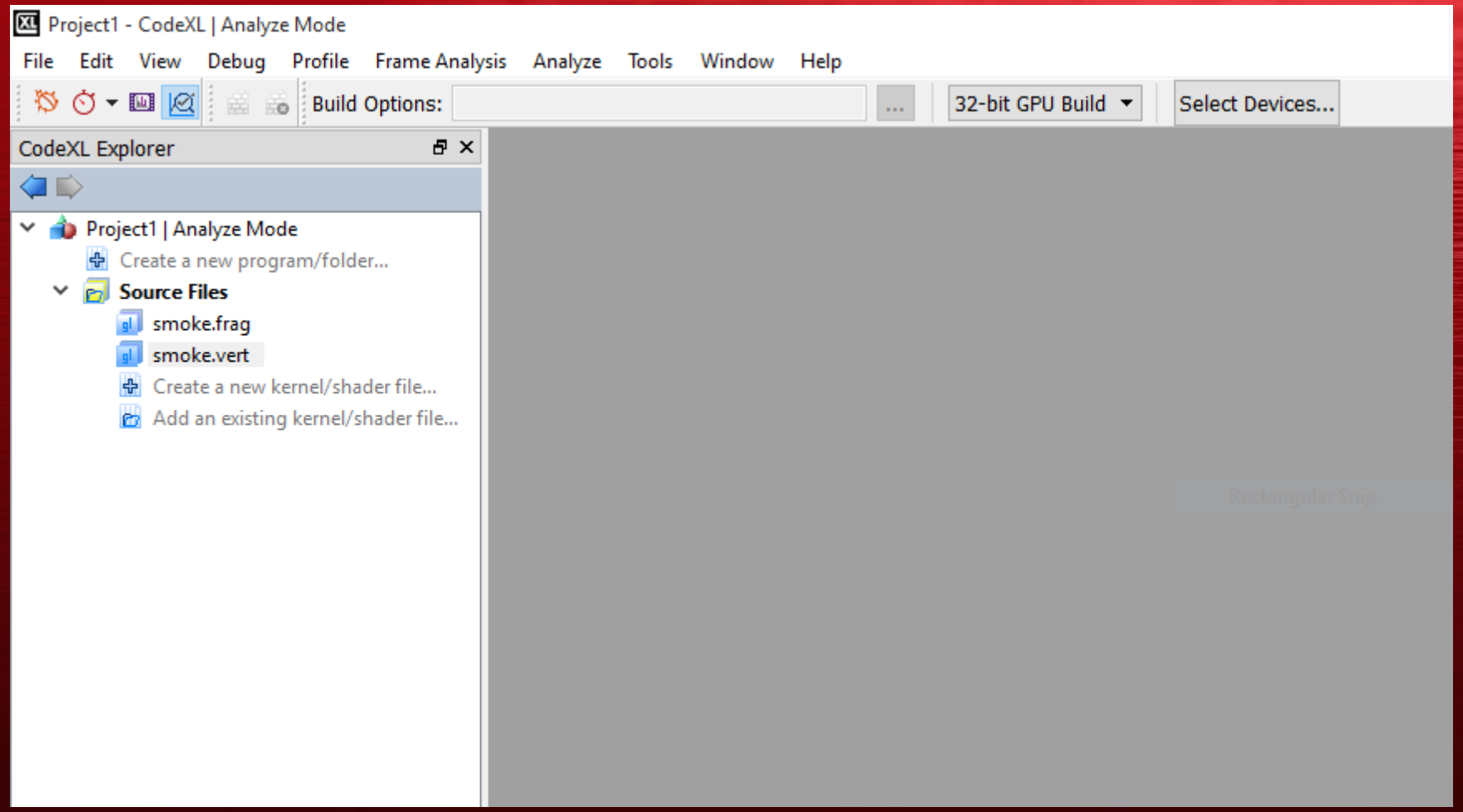
DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (1)

- I create a new project and switch to Analyze mode by clicking the Analyze Mode button.



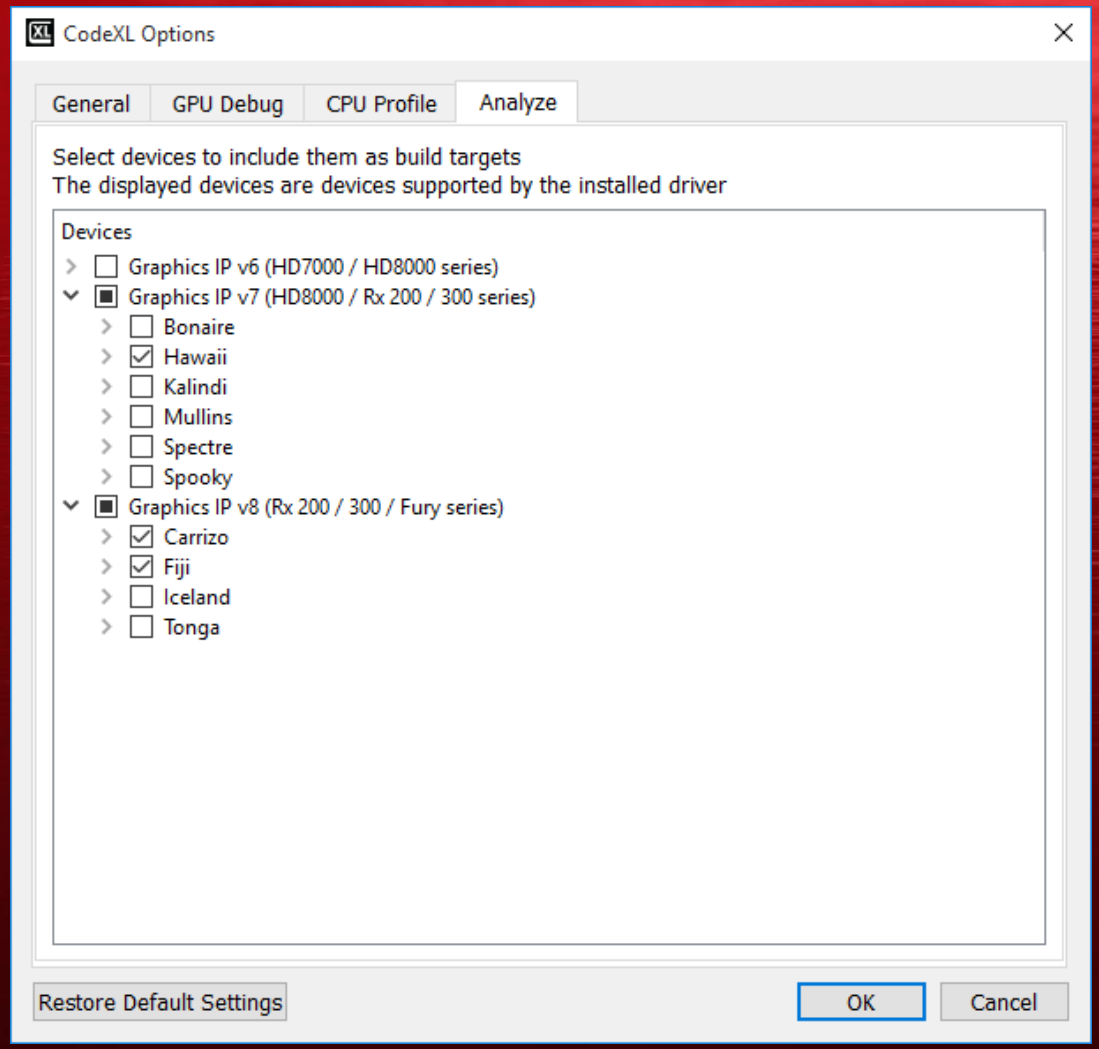
DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (2)

- I drag Vulkan shader files from the windows explorer to the CodeXL tree to add them to the project.



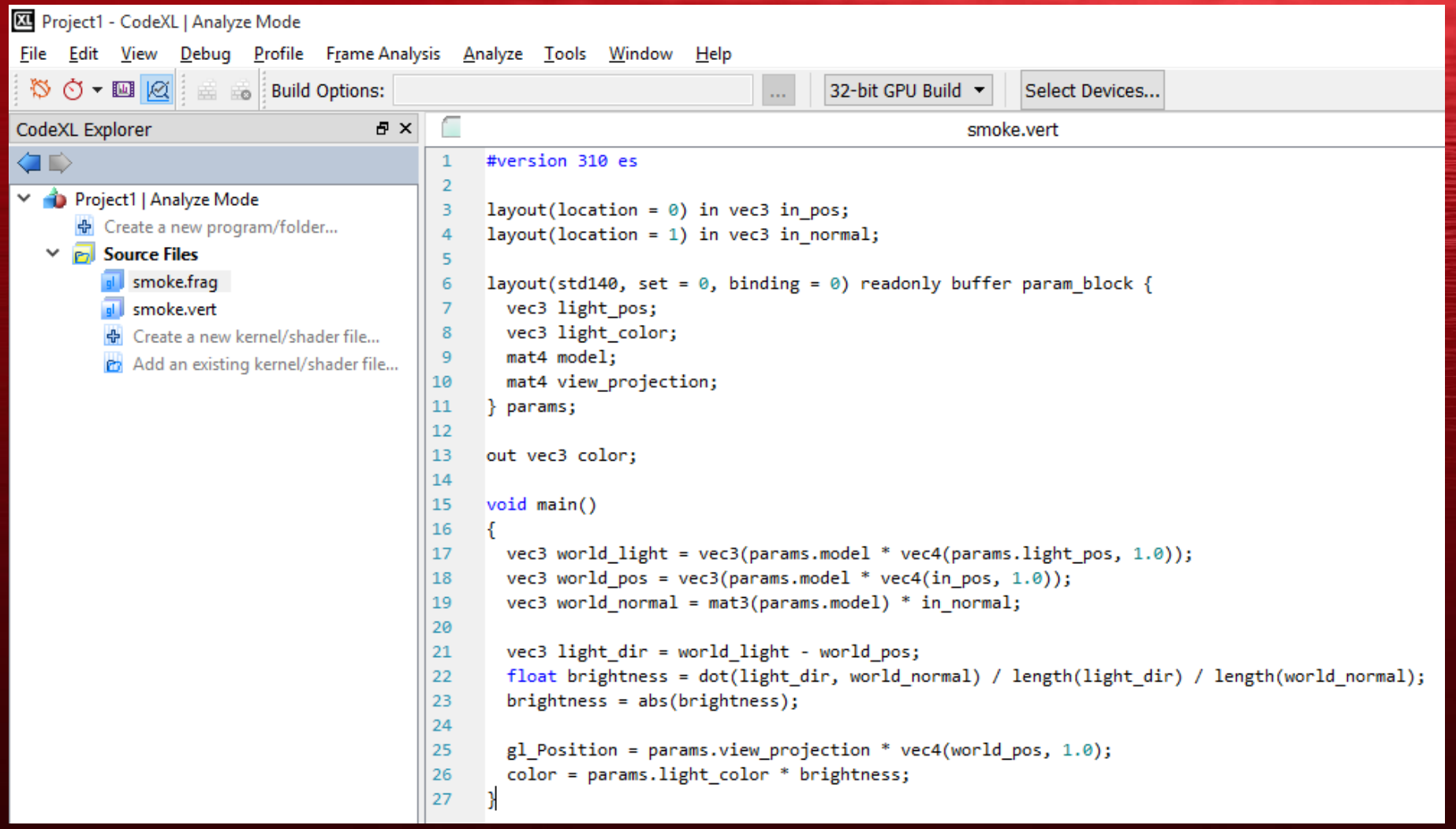
DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (3)

- I click the Select Devices button to select the target devices the compiler will generate ISA for.
- The target devices can be any AMD GPU or APU.
- I can choose any target device regardless of the actual AMD hardware installed on my workstation.



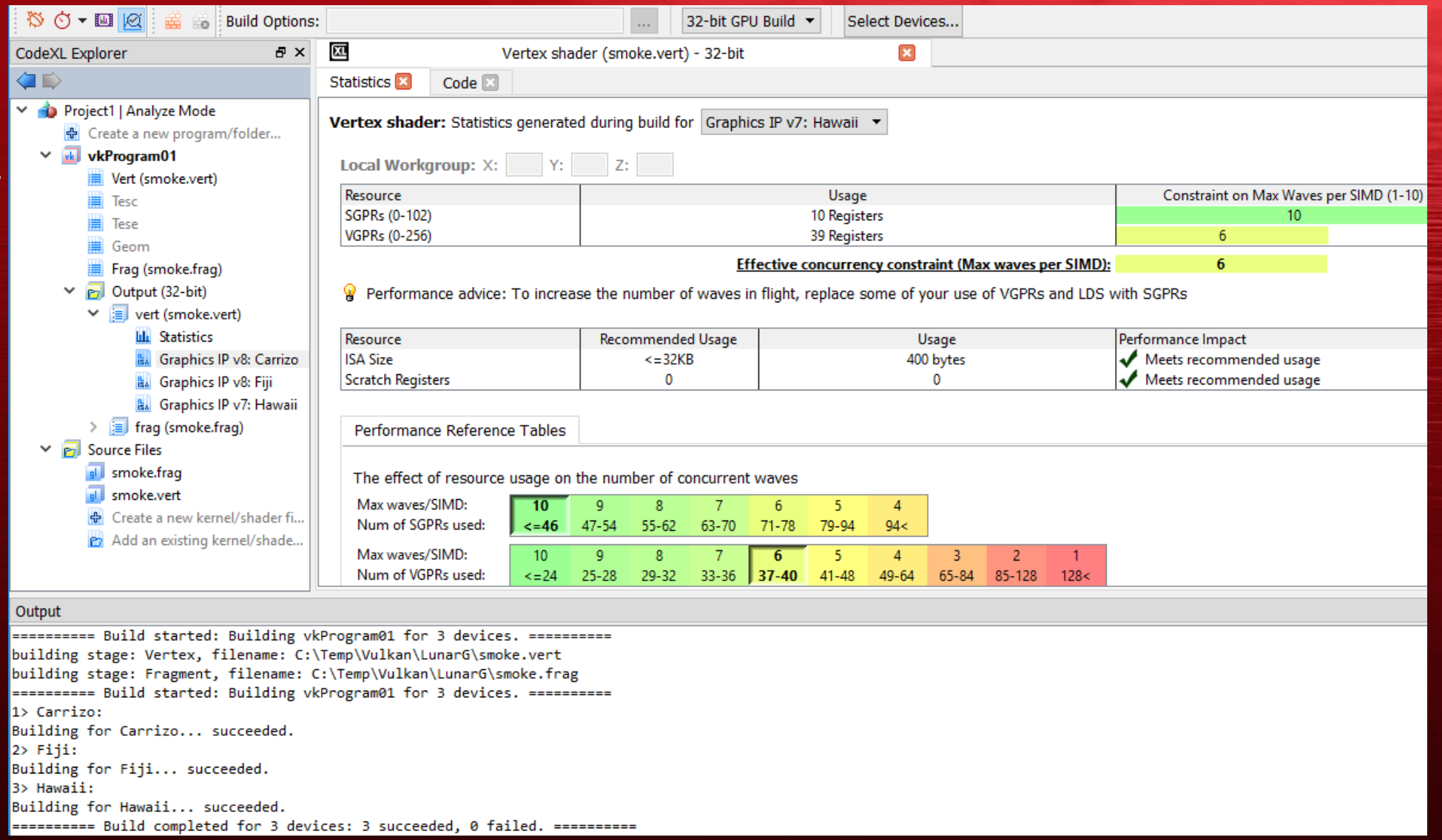
DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (4)

- I can edit the shader source code.



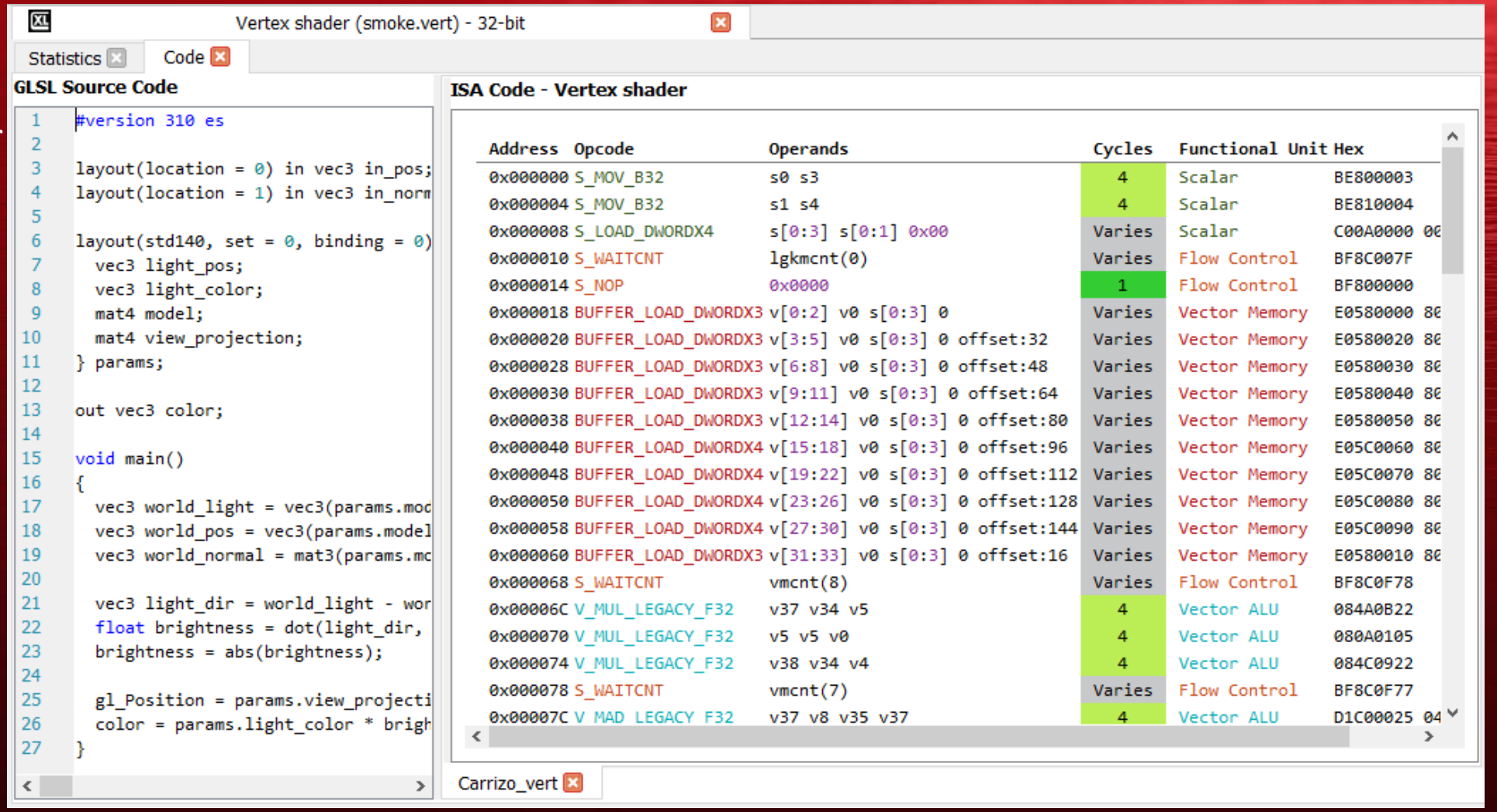
DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (5)

- I create a Vulkan rendering program and drag each shader to the appropriate pipeline stages.
- I click F7 to build the program.
- CodeXL displays the compiler output and a resource usage report.
- The 32-bit Output sub-tree is populated In the CodeXL explorer tree.



DEMO – SHADER ANALYSIS (6)

- Clicking a target device node displays the ISA generated for that device next to the high level GLSL source code.
- ISA is color coded by the type of instruction and theoretical number of cycles required to execute it.



END OF SHADER ANALYZER DEMO

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MORE CODEXL 2.0 NEW FEATURES

- Static Analysis of OpenGL shader programs
- Integration with Visual Studio 2015
- Combined host debugging + GPU debugging of OpenCL 1.2 kernels
- Process-specific power profiling

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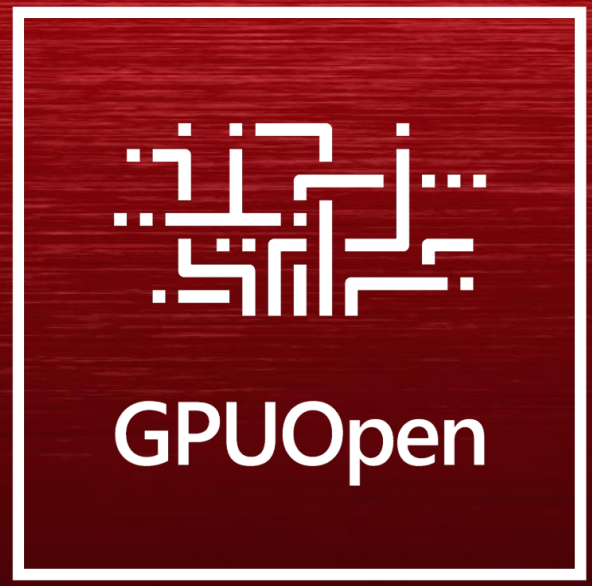
CODEXL ON GPUOPEN

CODEXL IS MOVING TO OPEN-SOURCE!

- All of CodeXL is open-source and hosted on GitHub as part of GPUOpen.com (anticipated Apr-2016)
- MIT license
- Everyone is welcome to join the development
- AMD Developer Tools group will continue developing new features and expanding CodeXL
- CodeXL is continuously tested and verified on:
  - Windows® 7 64-bit, 8.1 64-bit and 10 64-bit
  - Ubuntu 64-bit
  - Red-Hat 64-bit
- CodeXL User Forum: http://devgurus.amd.com/community/codexl



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