clARMOR: A DYNAMIC BUFFER OVERFLOW DETECTOR FOR OPENCL KERNELS

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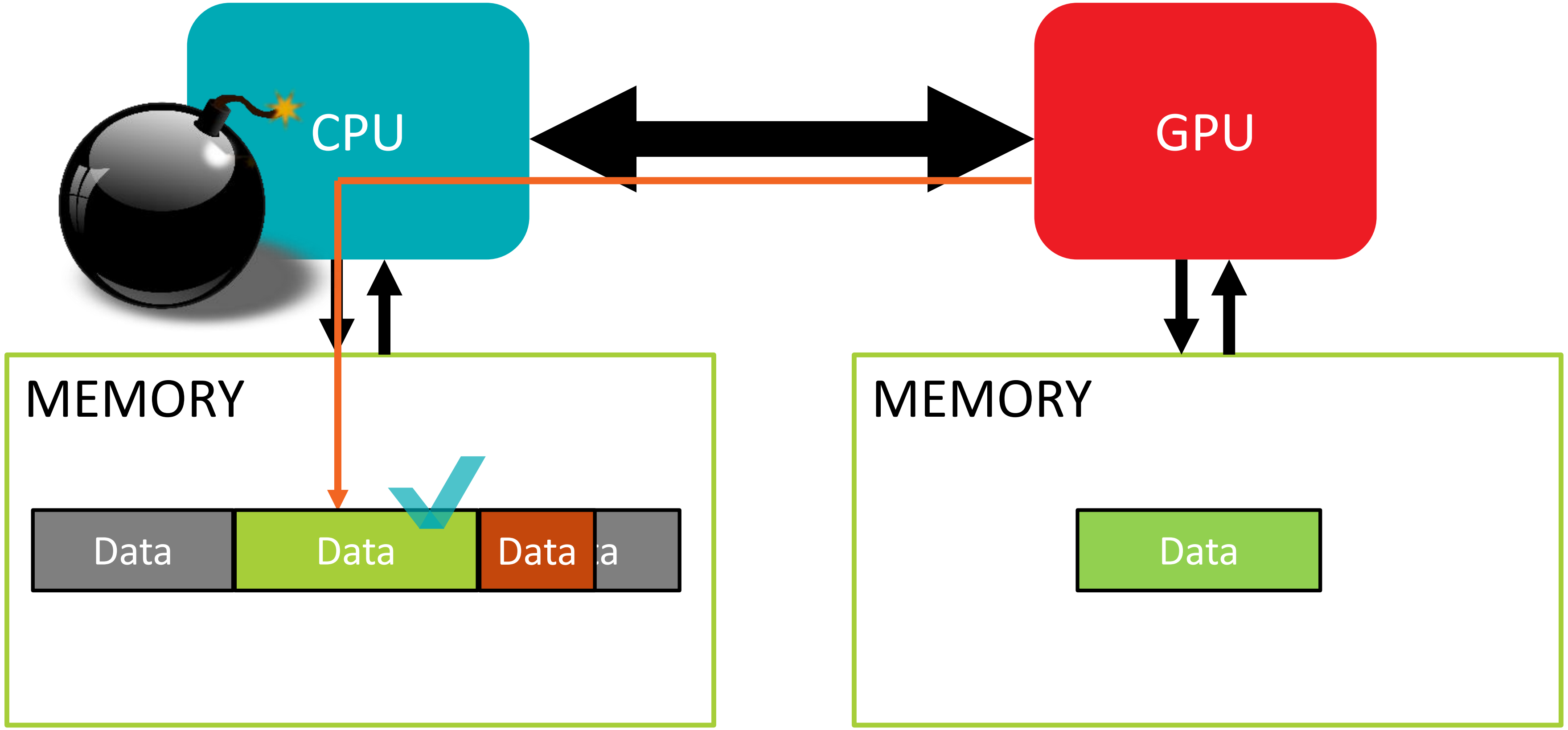
DISCOVERING A BUFFER OVERFLOW



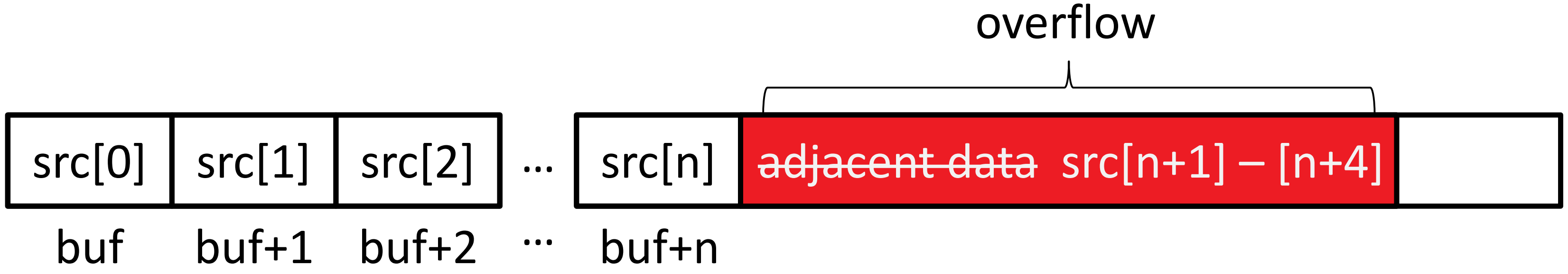
BACKGROUND: NORMAL BUFFER FILL

- buf[n+1]
- memcpy(buf, src, n+1)

src[0]	src[1]	src[2]	…	src[n]	adjacent data	
buf	buf+1	buf+2	…	buf+n		

BACKGROUND: BUFFER OVERFLOW

- buf[n+1]
- memcpy(buf, src, n+5)



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SHARED MEMORY CORRUPTION

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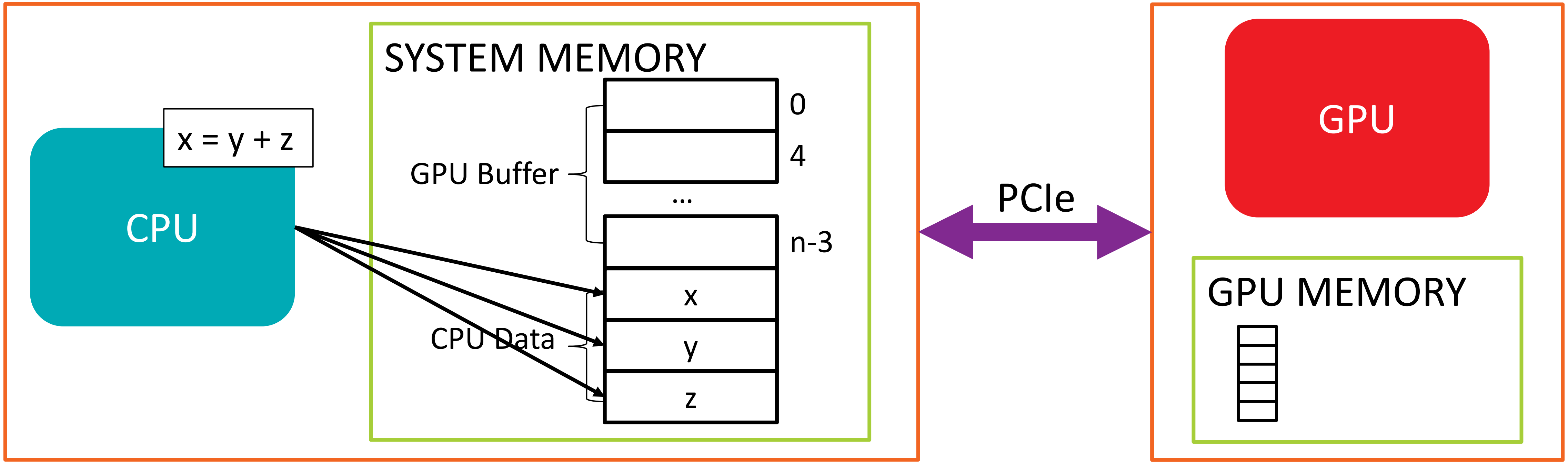

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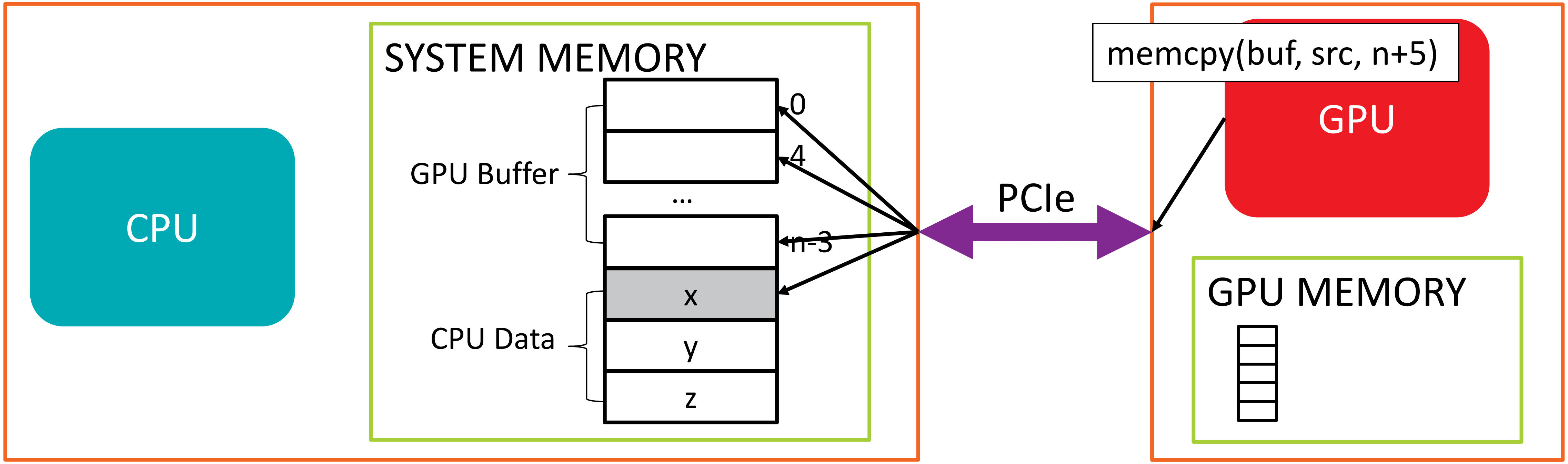

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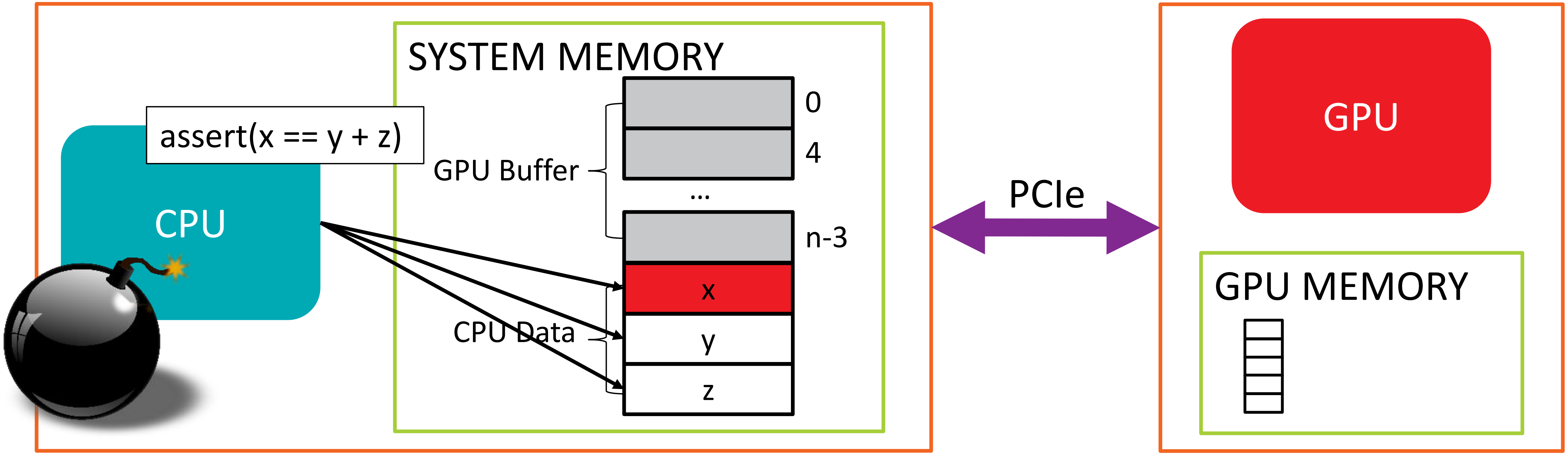

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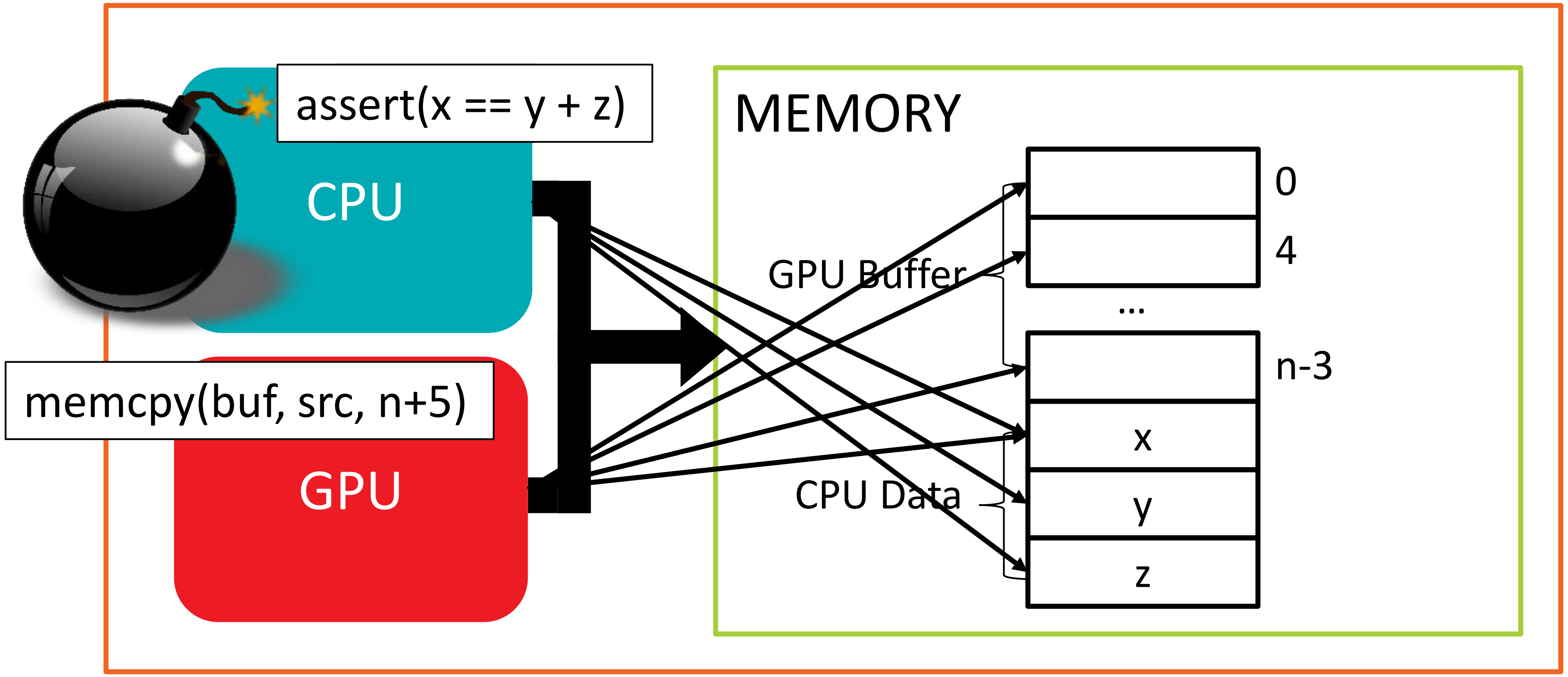
SHARED MEMORY CORRUPTION

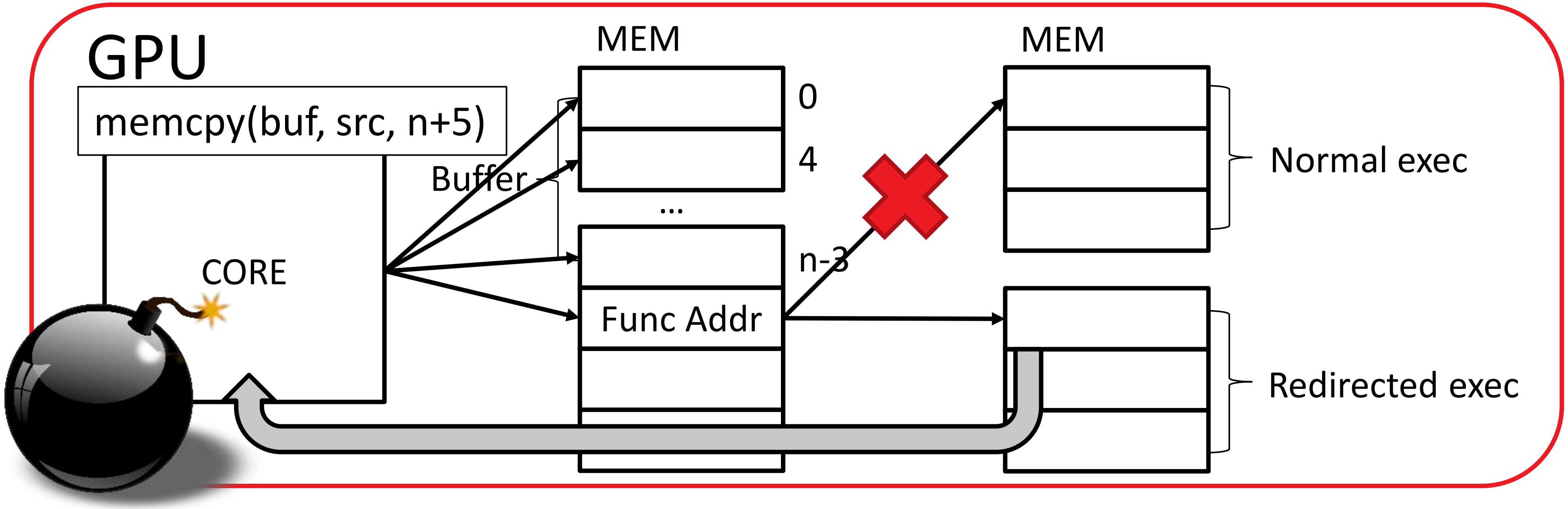
- CPU and GPU as part of the same package
  - Every GPU buffer overflow may affect CPU data



GPU INDUCED OVERFLOW

REMOTE CODE EXECUTION

- Overflows on GPU can cause remote GPU code execution
  - A. Miele. *Buffer Overflow Vulnerabilities in CUDA: A Preliminary Analysis.*
  - B. Di, J. Sun, and H. Chen. *A Study of Overflow Vulnerabilities on GPUs.*



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clARMOR: AMD Research Memory Overflow Reporter for OpenCL

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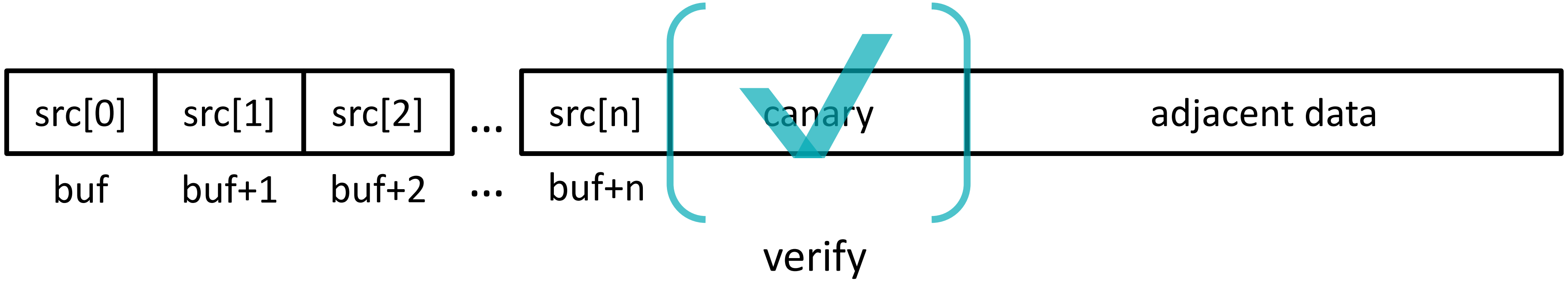

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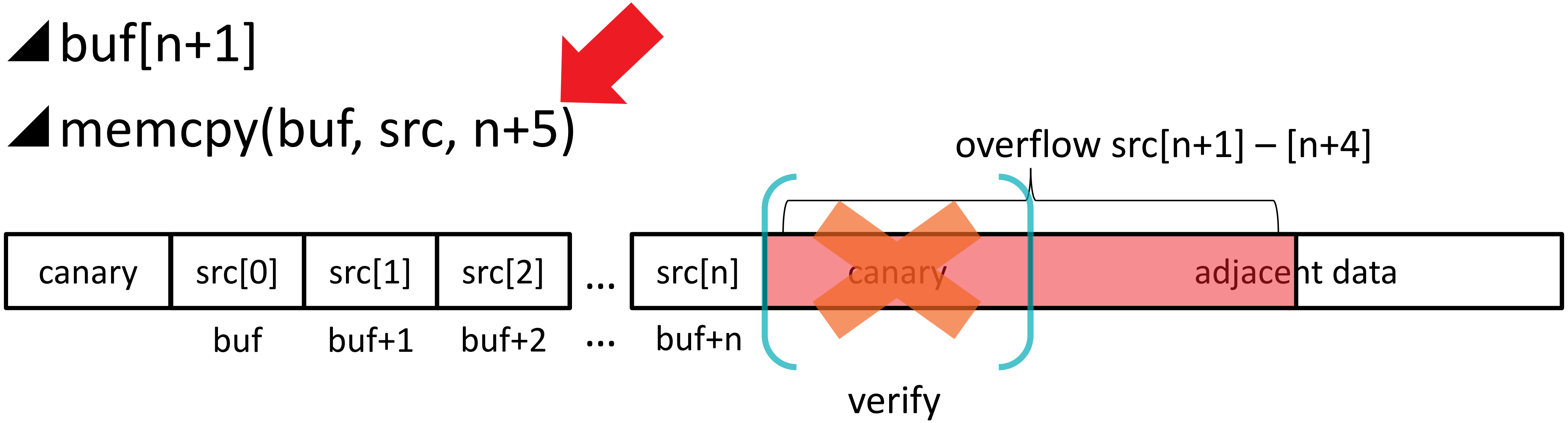
- buf[n+1]
- memcpy(buf, src, n+5)



- Absence of known canary values indicates an invalid write.
- Can find underflow as well!

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Buffer Create

Buffer

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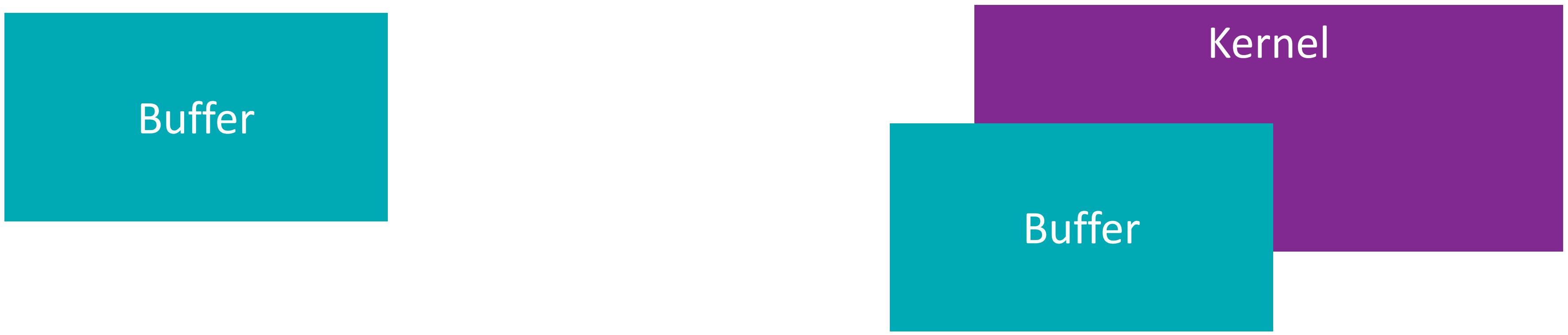
Set Arguments



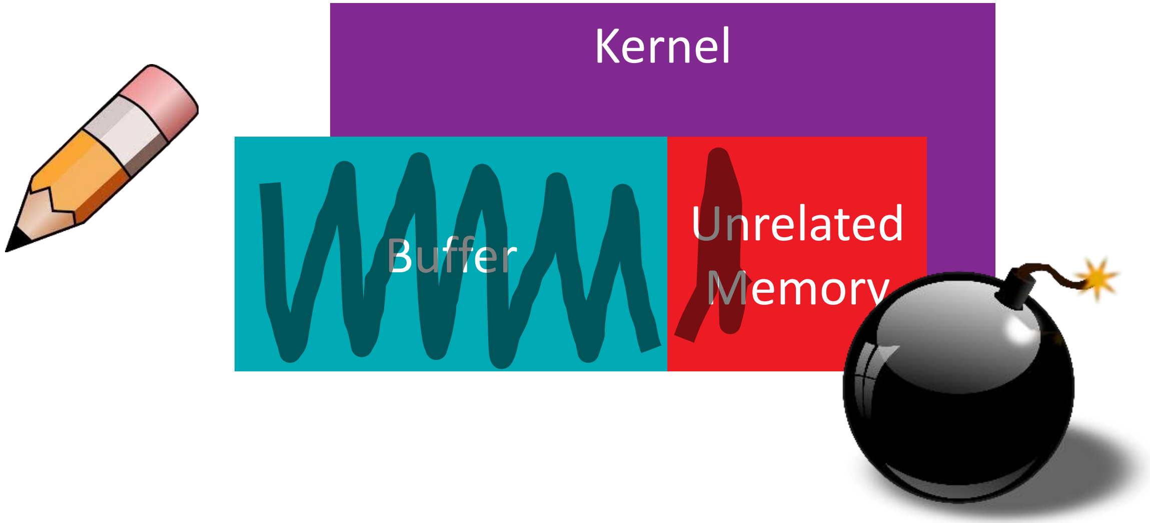
Buffer

Kernel

Buffer

LAUNCHING AN OPENCL™ KERNEL

Launch Kernel



LAUNCHING AN OPENCL™ KERNEL WITH clARMOR

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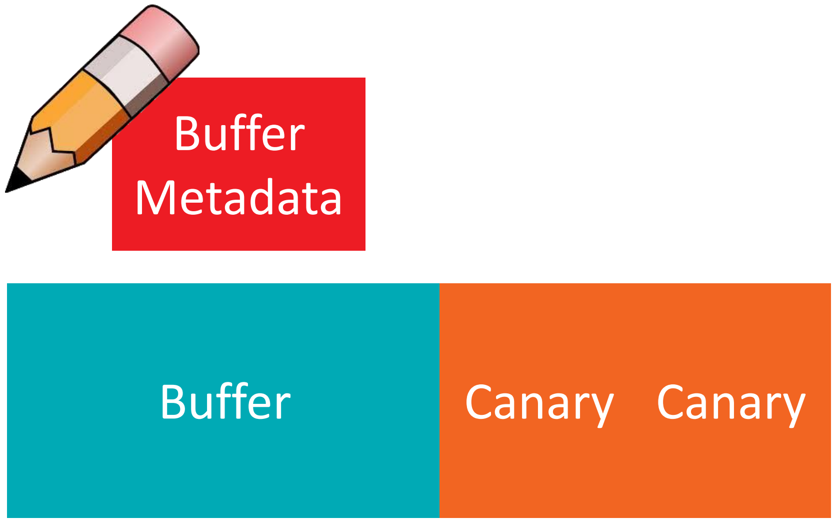

Buffer Metadata

Buffer

Canary

Canary

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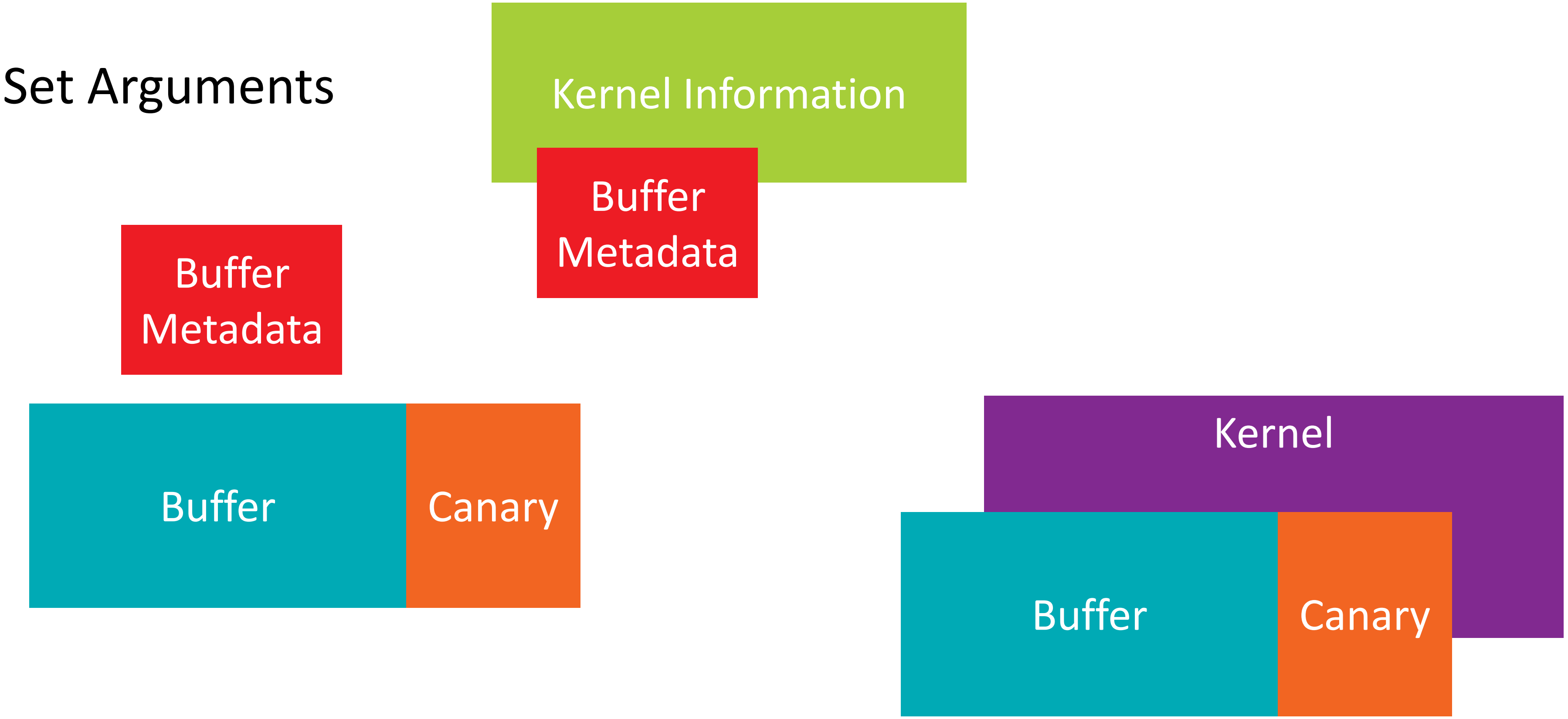
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Kernel Information

Buffer Metadata

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Buffer

Canary

Kernel

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Canary

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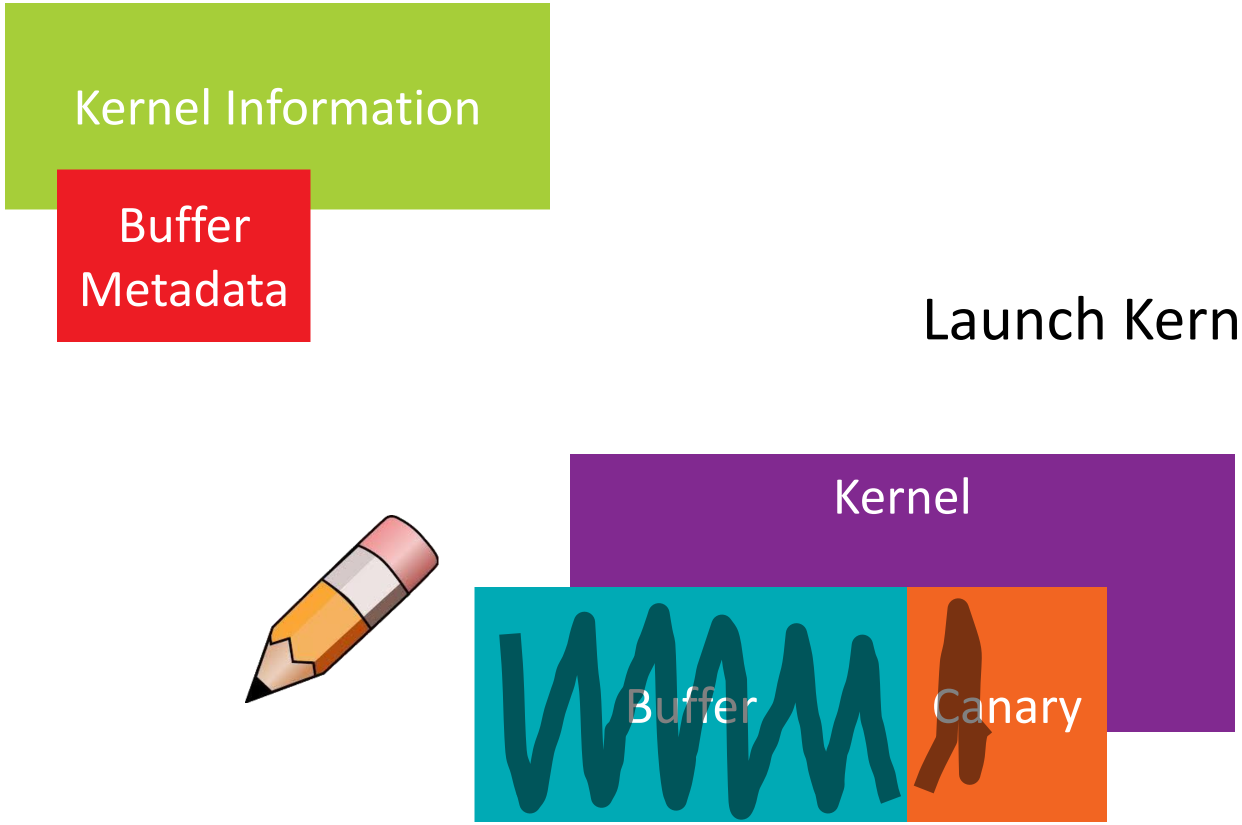

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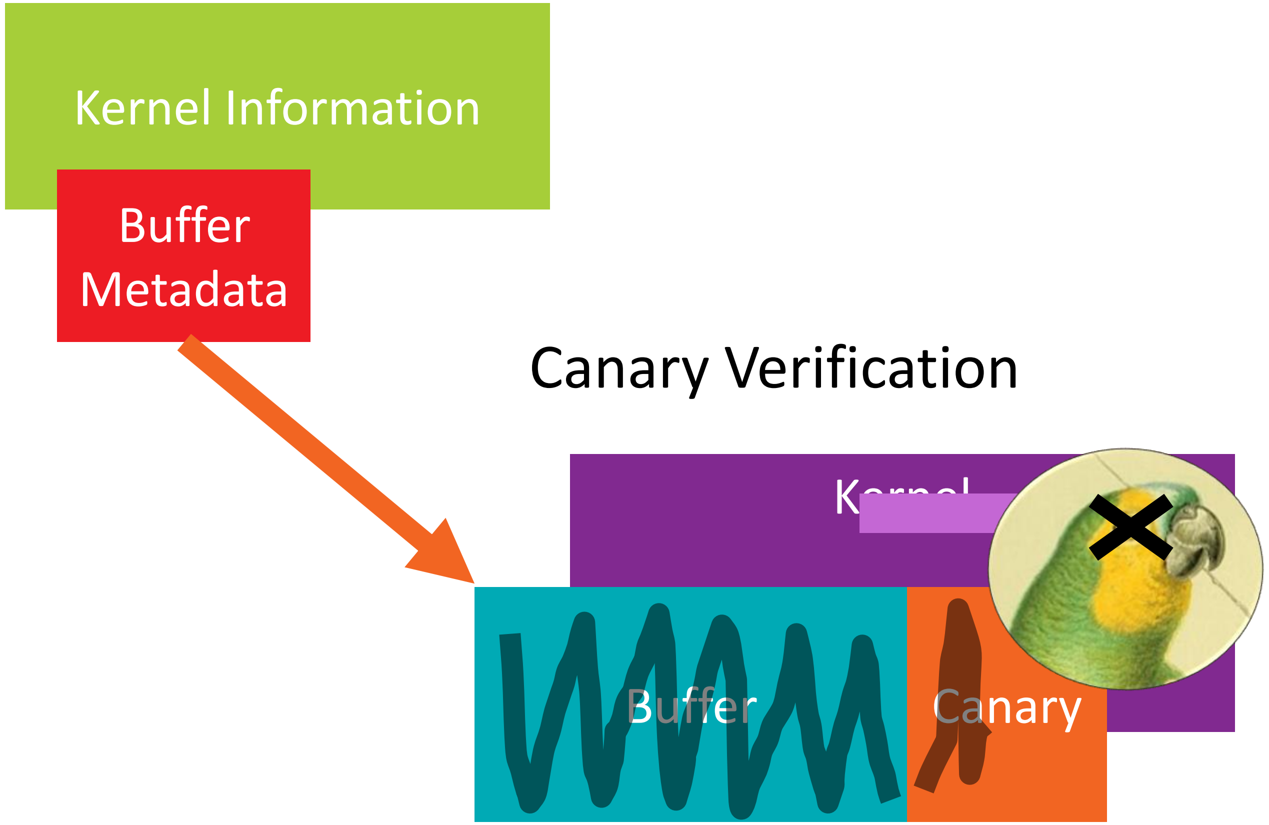
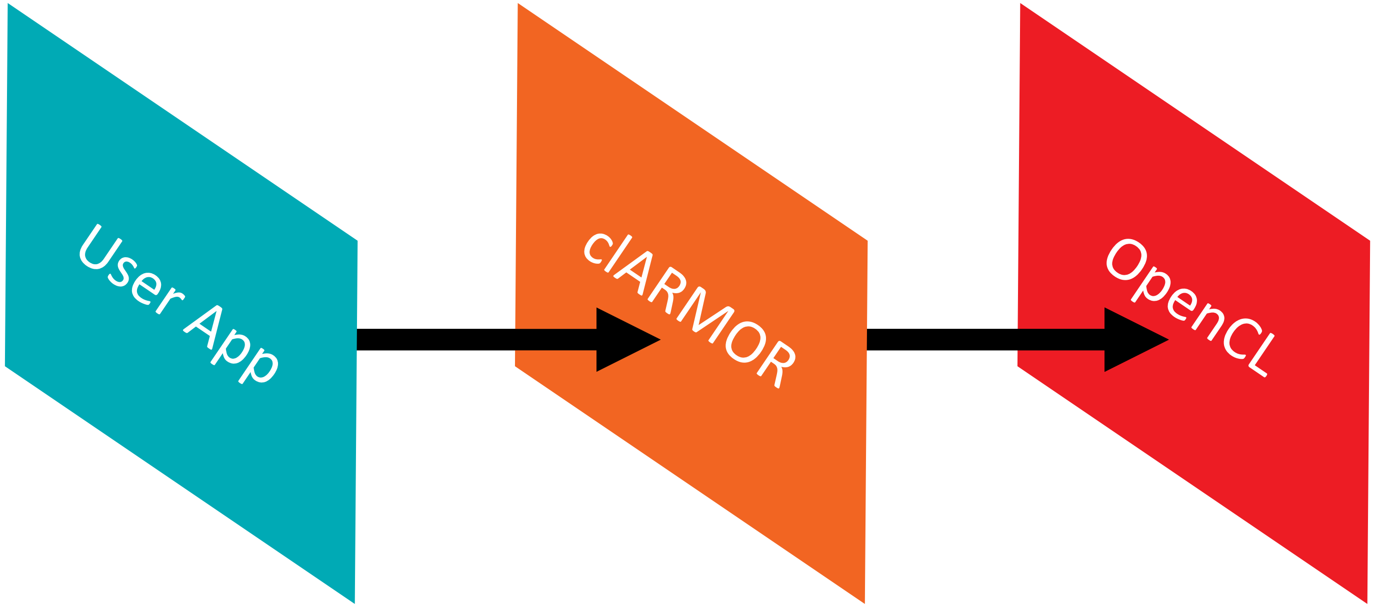


WRAPPING OPENCL™

clARMOR BETWEEN YOUR APPLICATION AND OPENCL

- clARMOR is a Linux® library that uses LD_PRELOAD to wrap OpenCL™ library calls
- Call Wrapping
  - Buffer, SVM, and Image creates
  - Argument setters
  - Kernel launches
  - Information functions



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TEST SETUP

HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS AND BENCHMARKS SUITES

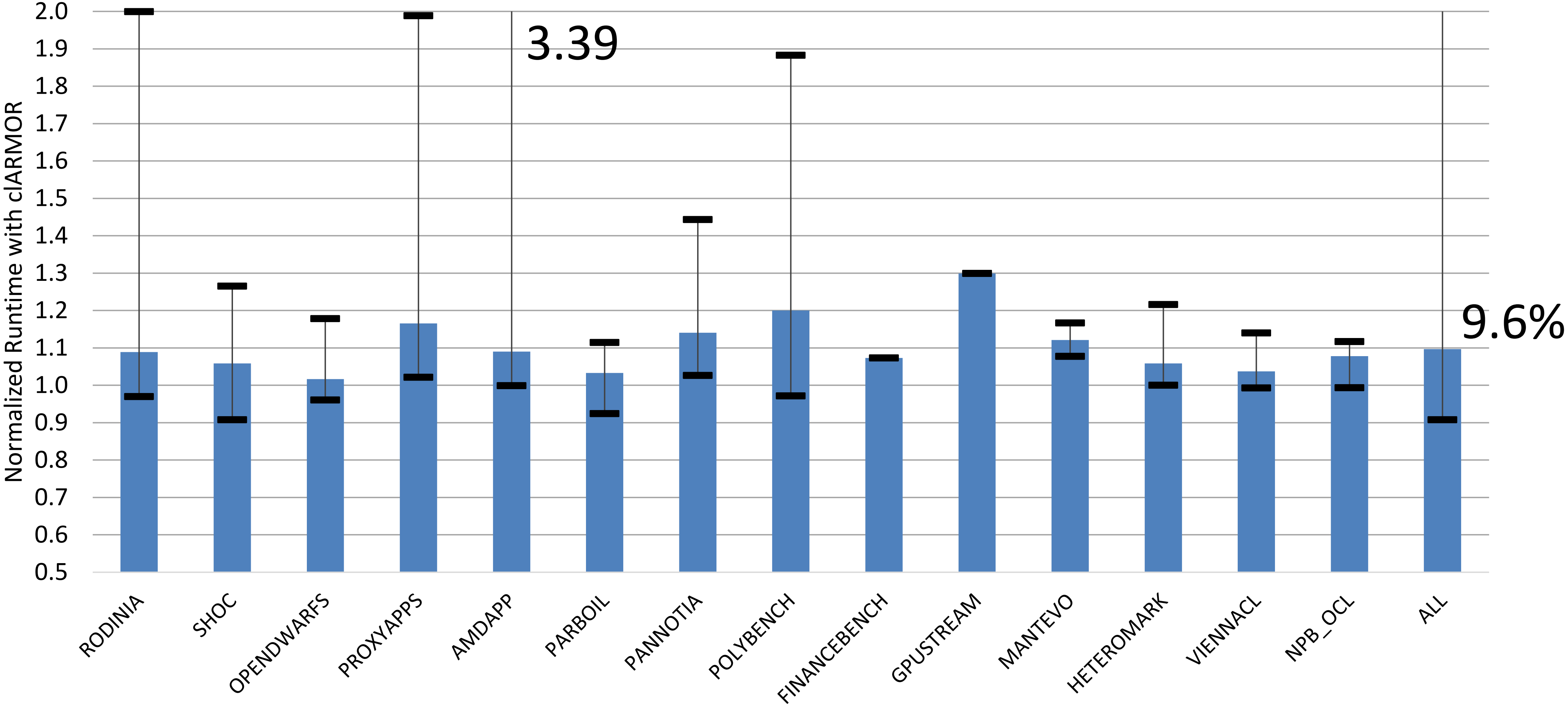
- AMD Ryzen™ 7 1800X CPU
- AMD Radeon™ Vega Frontier Edition discrete GPU
- ROCm 1.7
- 143 benchmarks in 14 benchmark suites
- 4KB canary regions

Suite	Num Benchmarks
AMDAPP	33
FINANCEBENCH	1
GPUSTREAM	1
HETEROMARK	9
MANTEVO	2
NPB_OCL	8
OPENDWARFS	7
PANNOTIA	6
PARBOIL	8
POLYBENCH	21
PROXYAPPS	6
RODINIA	19
SHOC	14
VIENNACL	8

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

APPLICATION RUNTIME: WITH / WITHOUT TOOL

Lower is better



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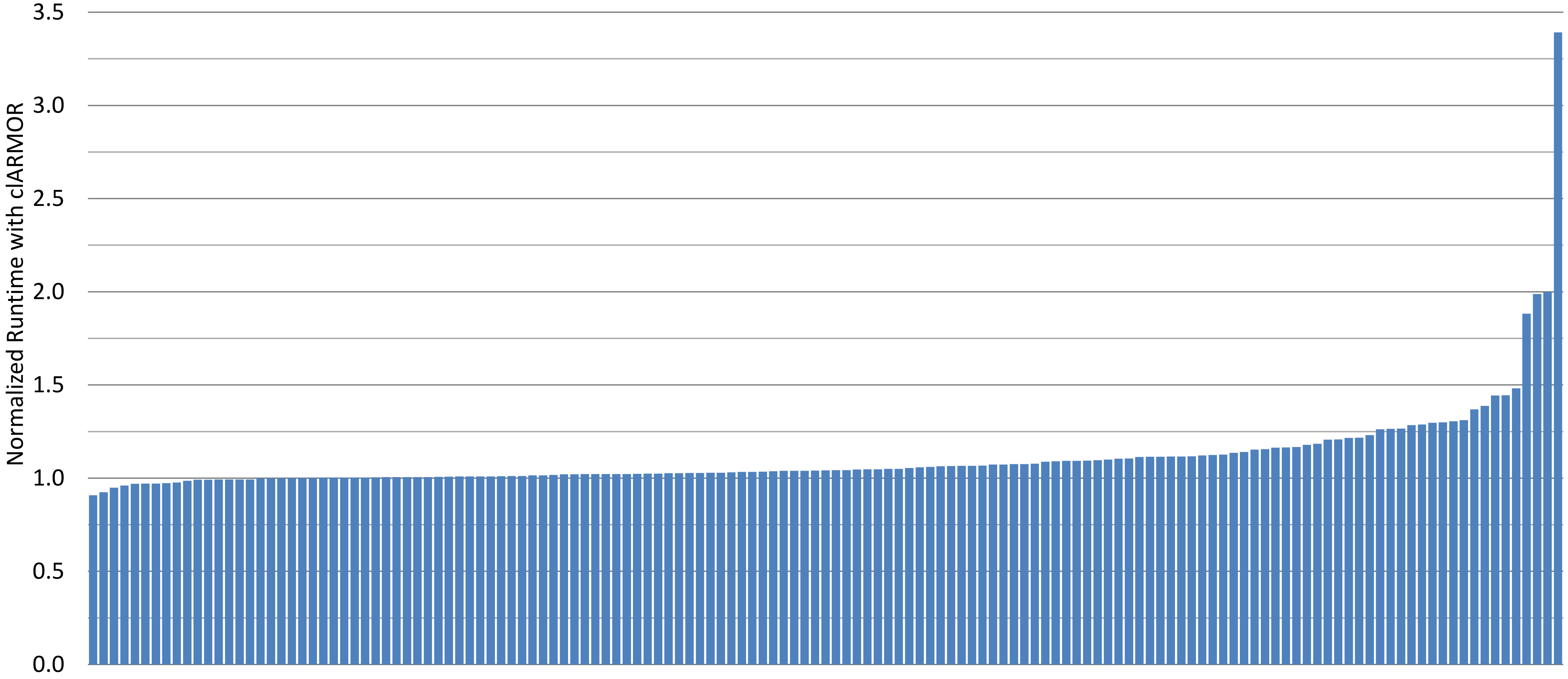
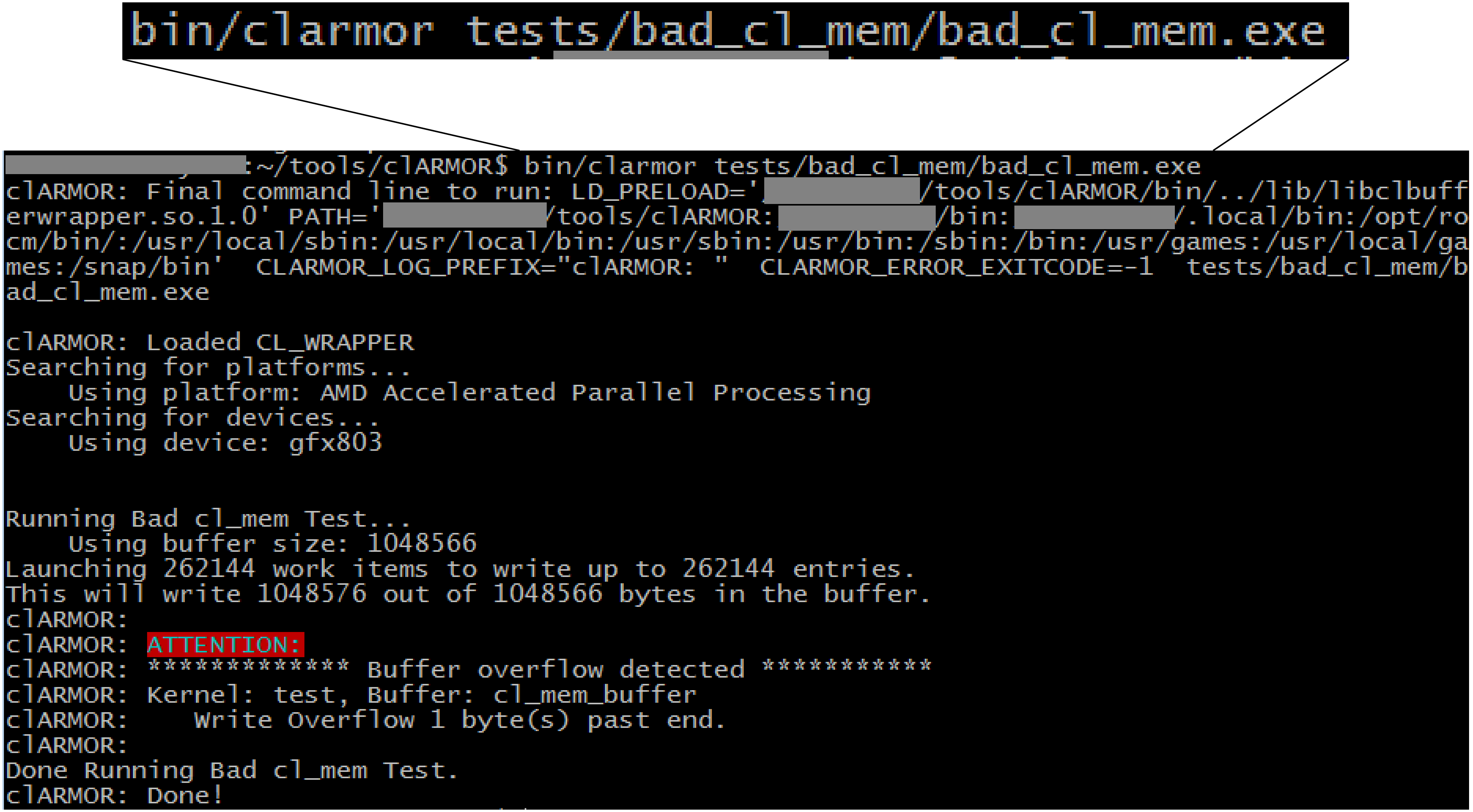


EXAMPLE USAGE

BAD_CL_MEM TEST



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bin/clarmor tests/bad_cl_mem/bad_cl_mem.exe
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[redacted]:~/tools/clARMOR$ bin/clarmor tests/bad_cl_mem/bad_cl_mem.exe
clARMOR: Final command line to run: LD_PRELOAD='[redacted]/tools/clARMOR/bin/../lib/libclbuff
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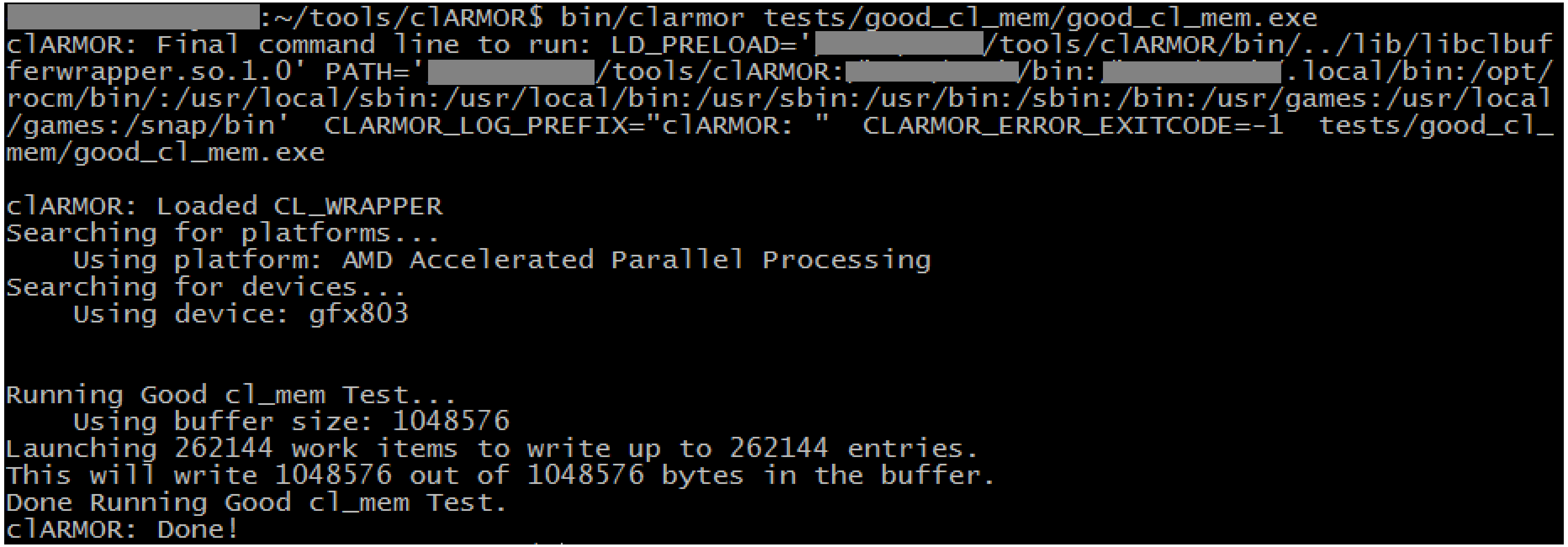
ad_cl_mem.exe

clARMOR: Loaded CL_WRAPPER
Searching for platforms...
    Using platform: AMD Accelerated Parallel Processing
Searching for devices...
    Using device: gfx803


Running Bad cl_mem Test...
    Using buffer size: 1048566
Launching 262144 work items to write up to 262144 entries.
This will write 1048576 out of 1048566 bytes in the buffer.
clARMOR:
clARMOR: ATTENTION:
clARMOR: ************* Buffer overflow detected ***********
clARMOR: Kernel: test, Buffer: cl_mem_buffer
clARMOR:    Write Overflow 1 byte(s) past end.
clARMOR:
Done Running Bad cl_mem Test.
clARMOR: Done!
```

EXAMPLE USAGE

GOOD_CL_MEM TEST



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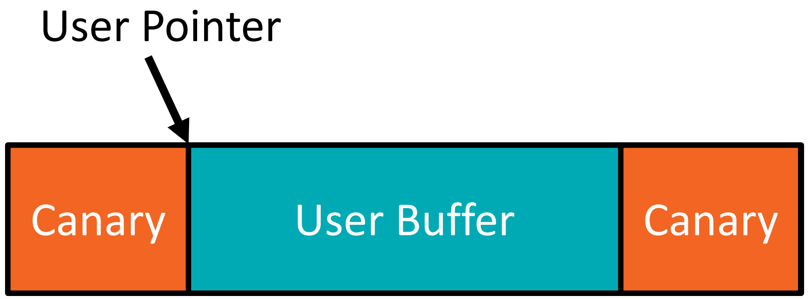
BONUS DETAILS

- What do the wrapped OpenCL™ library calls have to do?
  - Buffer and Image creates
  - Argument setters
  - Kernel launches
  - Information functions
- What are we doing to make the check faster?

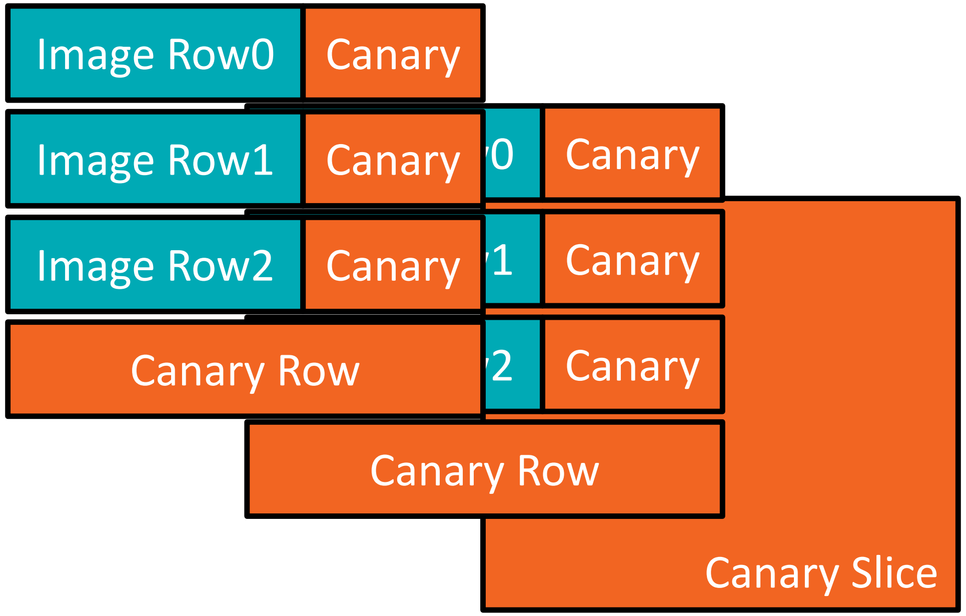
WRAPPING THE OPENCL™ API

BUFFER AND IMAGE CREATION

- Buffer Creation
  - Calls to ***clCreateBuffer*** or ***clSVMAlloc***
    - Allocate buffer
    - Create sub buffer for user
    - Surround with canary



- Image Creation
  - Calls to ***clCreateImage***, ***clCreateImage2D***, or ***clCreateImage3D***
  - Potential for multi dimensional overflow
  - Add canary regions to each dimension

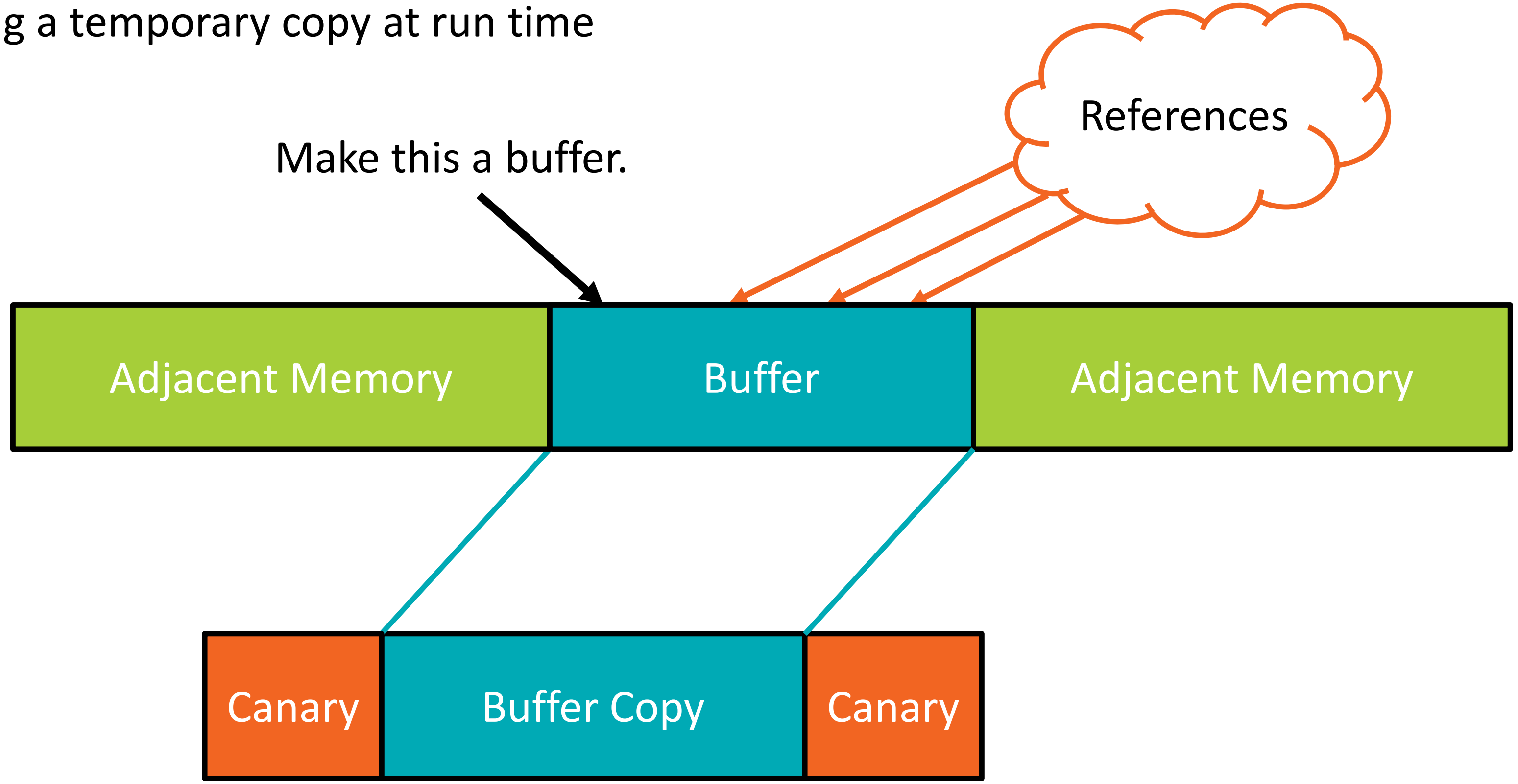


- Annotations for location of canaries, etc.

WRAPPING THE OPENCL™ API

BUFFER CREATION FROM EXISTING ALLOCATIONS

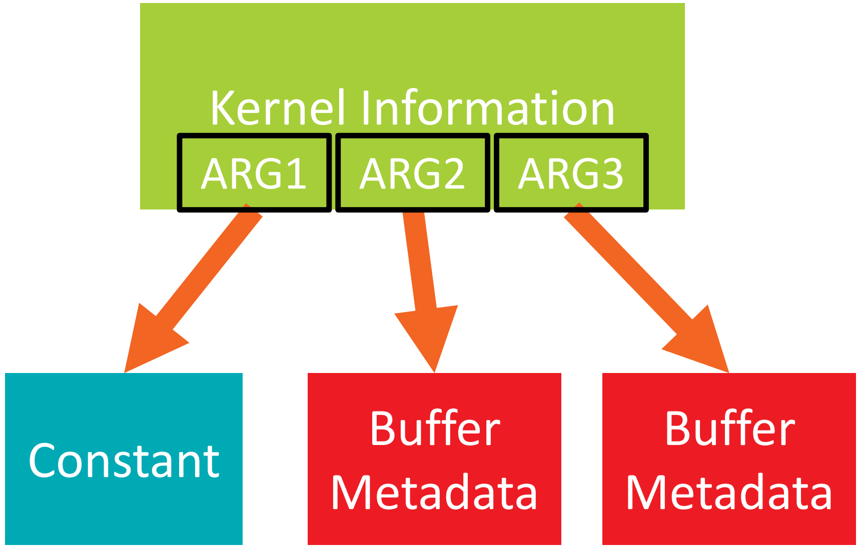
- OpenCL allows buffer creation using an existing memory allocation (host pointers and sub buffers)
  - Cannot extend buffer
  - Cannot move buffer
  - Solution using a temporary copy at run time



WRAPPING THE OPENCL™ API

SET ARGUMENTS

- clARMOR needs to know which buffers/images to check for overflows
- Kernel information object
  - map kernel argument number to buffer information
- Update on call to ***clSetKernelArg*** or ***clSetKernelArgSVMPointer***



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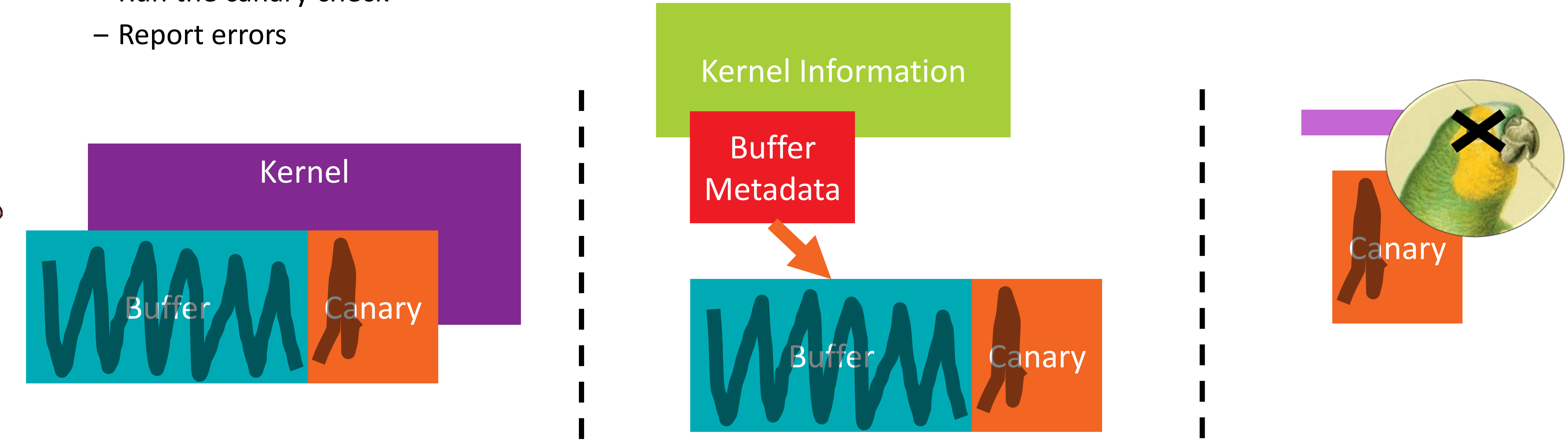
KERNEL LAUNCH

- Do the work of detecting buffer overflows
- On call to ***clEnqueueNDRangeKernel***
  - Enqueue the kernel
  - Retrieve affected buffers
  - Run the canary check
  - Report errors



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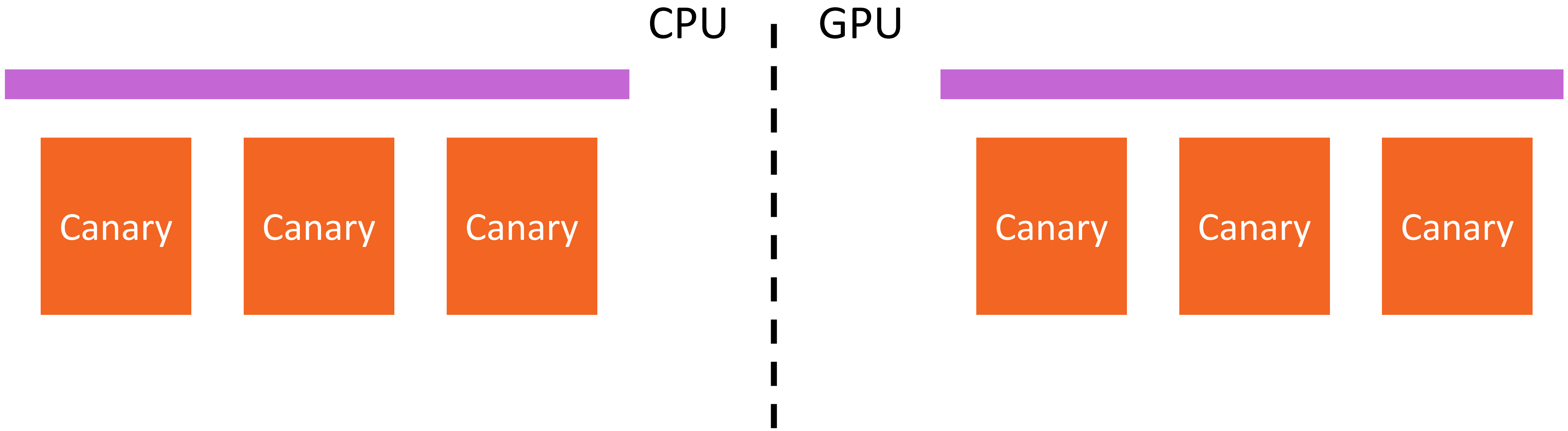
GETTERS AND SETTERS

- GetMemObjectInfo, GetImageInfo
  - Reserve space for canaries
- Enqueue Functions
  - Read / Write / Fill / Copy
  - Buffer / BufferRect / Image
  - Alert to invalid use

ACCELERATION

SELECTING A DEVICE FOR PERFORMING CANARY VERIFICATION

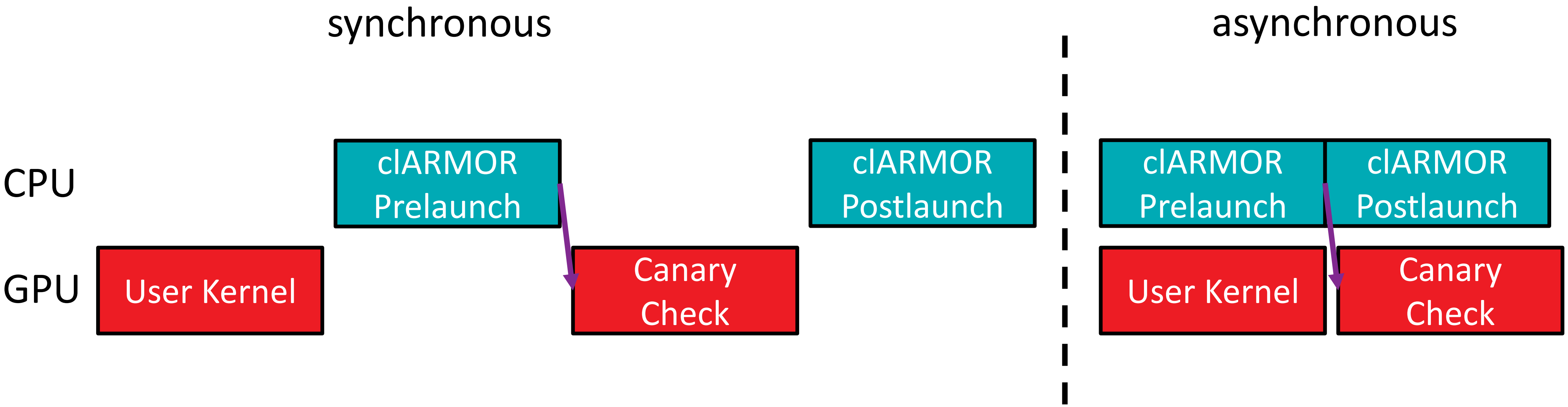
- CPU is faster
  - small / few canary regions (latency advantage)
- GPU is faster
  - large / many canary regions (throughput advantage with embarrassingly parallel workload)
  - reduced transfers over PCIe® by keeping on GPU



ACCELERATION

USING OPENCL™ EVENTS TO INCREASE THROUGHPUT

- Maximizing asynchrony
  - Event-based programming wherever possible
  - GPU check kernels enqueue behind work kernels and wait on completion
  - Evaluation of check kernel results is done with call-backs



CONCLUSION

clARMOR IS READY FOR YOU TO USE

- Canary-based detection scheme finds GPU write overflows
  - Memory buffers, Sub buffers, SVM, Images
  - Overflow and Underflow detection
- Works for most OpenCL™ applications
  - Running on GPU or CPU, not vendor specific
- Near real-time detection
  - 9.7% average overhead
- Open Sourced
  - https://github.com/ROCm-Developer-Tools/clARMOR - MIT
- Technical Details
  - *Dynamic buffer overflow detection for GPGPUs*, CGO 2017

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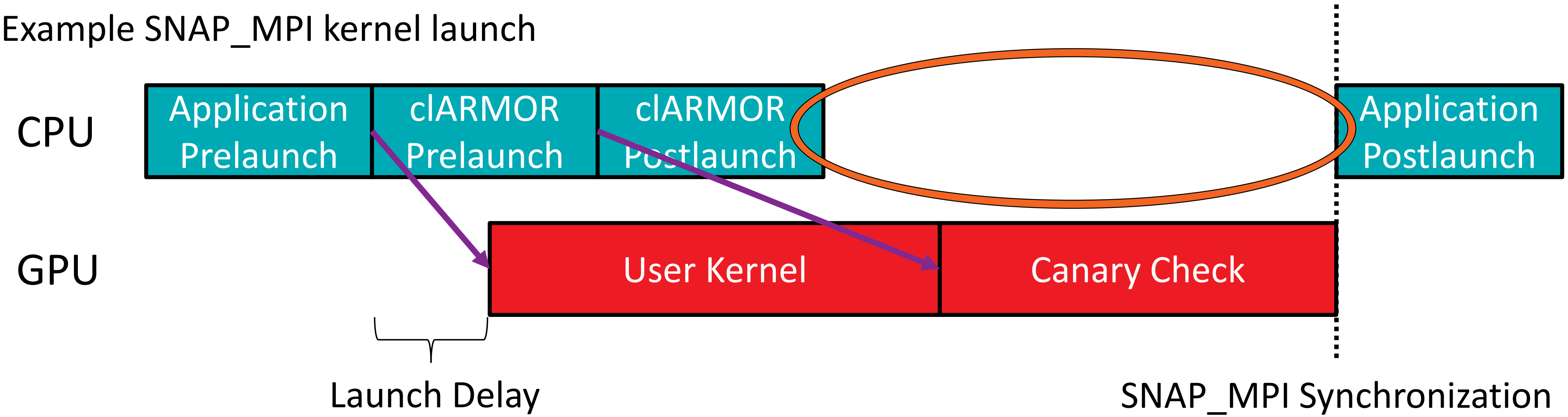
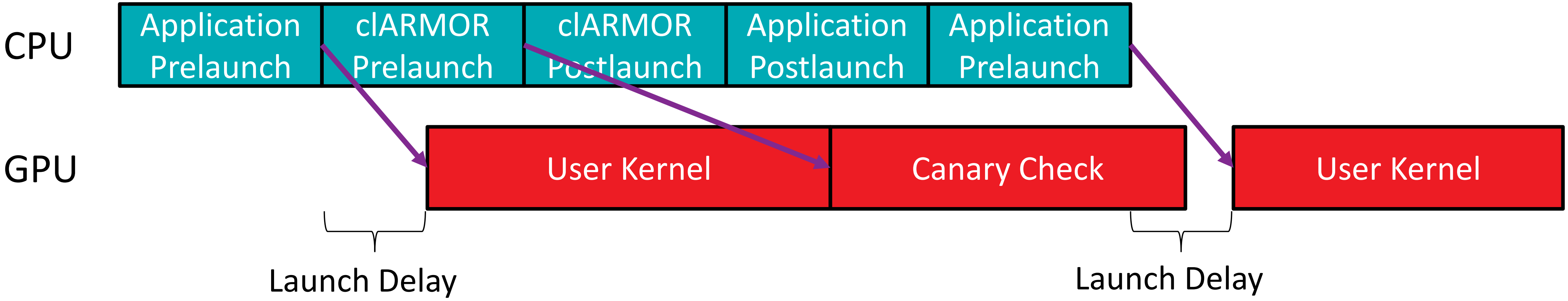
ANALYSIS OF TOOL OVERHEAD WITH SNAP_MPI

Example SNAP_MPI kernel launch



Possible improvement for SNAP_MPI kernel launch



Hetero-Mark OpenCL™ 1.2 SW Overflow Error

AMD

Kernel

```
__kernel void sw_compute0(…
         const unsigned M_LEN,
         …
         __global double *cu,
         … ) {
  int x = get_global_id(0);
  int y = get_global_id(1);
  cu[(y + 1) * M_LEN + x] = <input_equation>
         …
}
```

(y + 1) * M_LEN + x

(y + 1) * m + x

(n) * m + x

n * m + m - 1

~~m*n – 1~~ + m <= ~~m*n –~~ 1

m <= 0

x = m - 1

y = n - 1

m == M_LEN

Host

```
size_t sizeInBytes = sizeof(double) * m_len_ * n_len_;
…
cu_ = clCreateBuffer(context_, CL_MEM_READ_WRITE,
         sizeInBytes, NULL, &err);
…
const size_t globalSize[2] = {m_len_, n_len_};
…
err |= clSetKernelArg(kernel_sw_compute0_, 6,
         sizeof(cl_mem),
         reinterpret_cast<void *>(&cu_));
…
err = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(cmdQueue_,
         kernel_sw_compute0_, 2, NULL, globalSize,
         localSize, 0, NULL, NULL);
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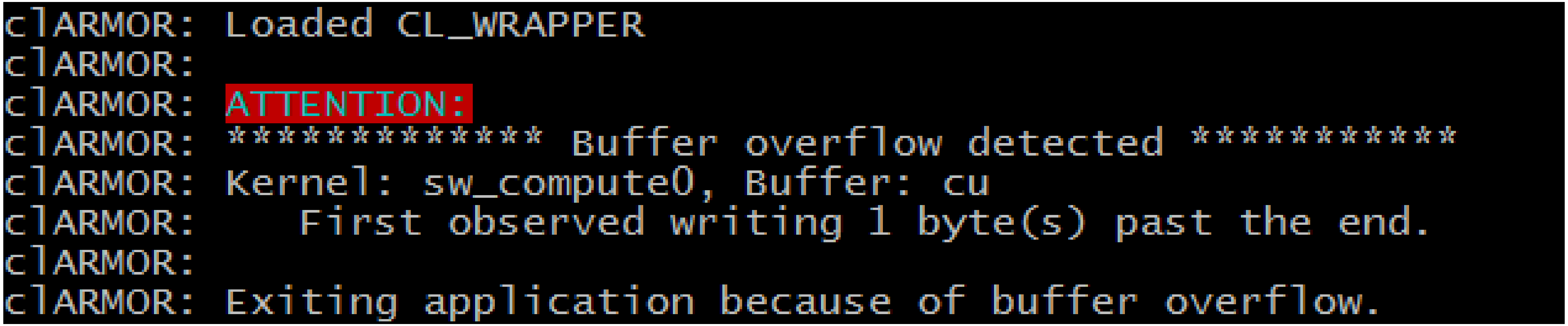
EXAMPLE ERROR



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clARMOR: Kernel: sw_compute0, Buffer: cu
clARMOR:    First observed writing 1 byte(s) past the end.
clARMOR:
clARMOR: Exiting application because of buffer overflow.
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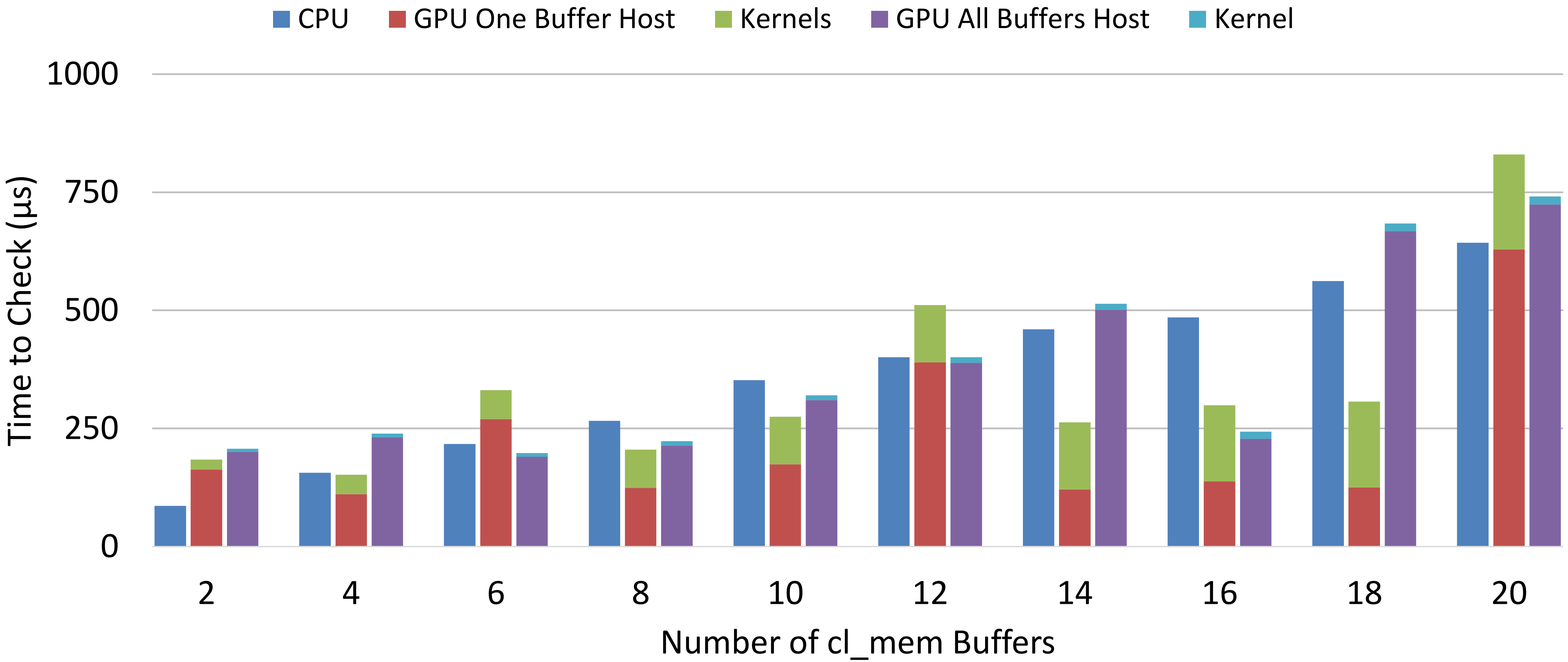
CPU
GPU One Buffer Host
Kernels
GPU All Buffers Host
Kernel
Time to Check (µs)
1000
750
500
250
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2
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6
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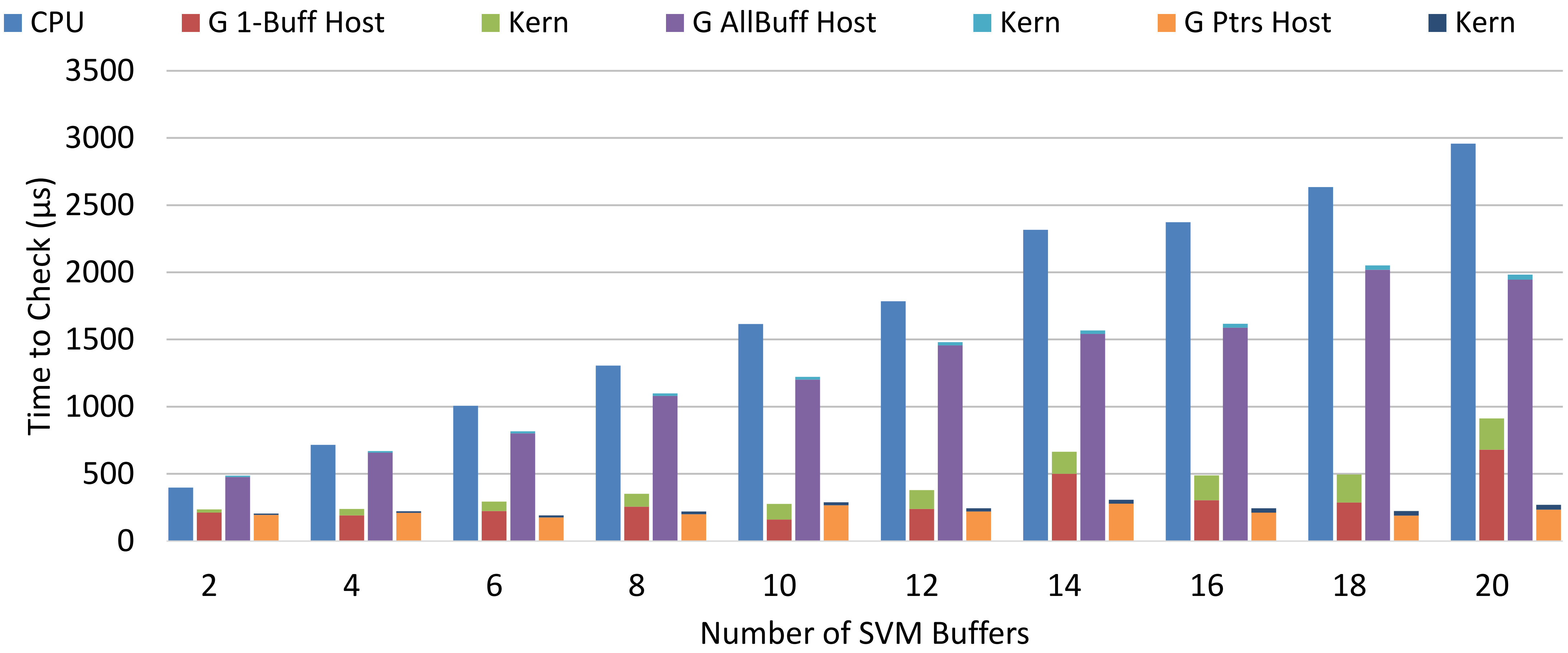
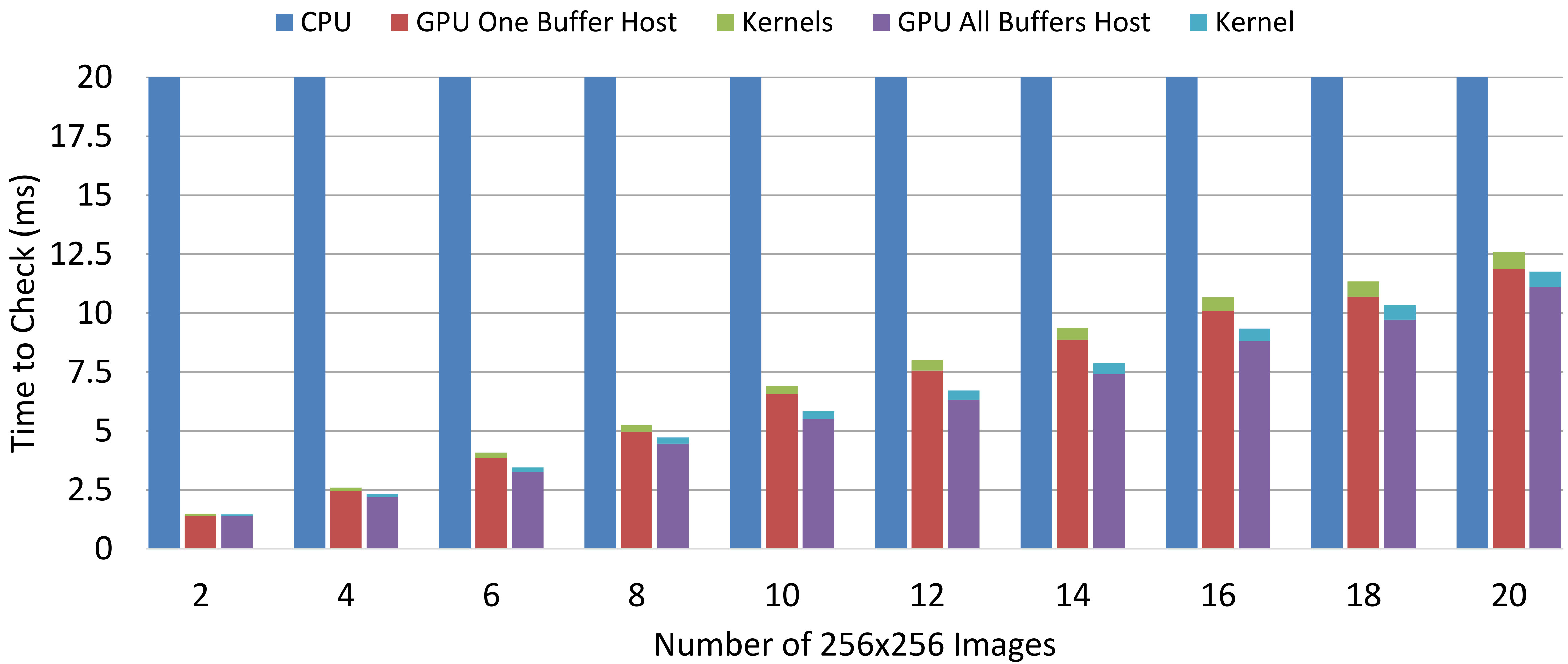
10
12
14
16
18
20
Number of cl_mem Buffers


CPU
G 1-Buff Host
Kern
G AllBuff Host
Kern
G Ptrs Host
Kern
Time to Check (µs)
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
20
Number of SVM Buffers


CPU
GPU One Buffer Host
Kernels
GPU All Buffers Host
Kernel
Time to Check (ms)
0
2.5
5
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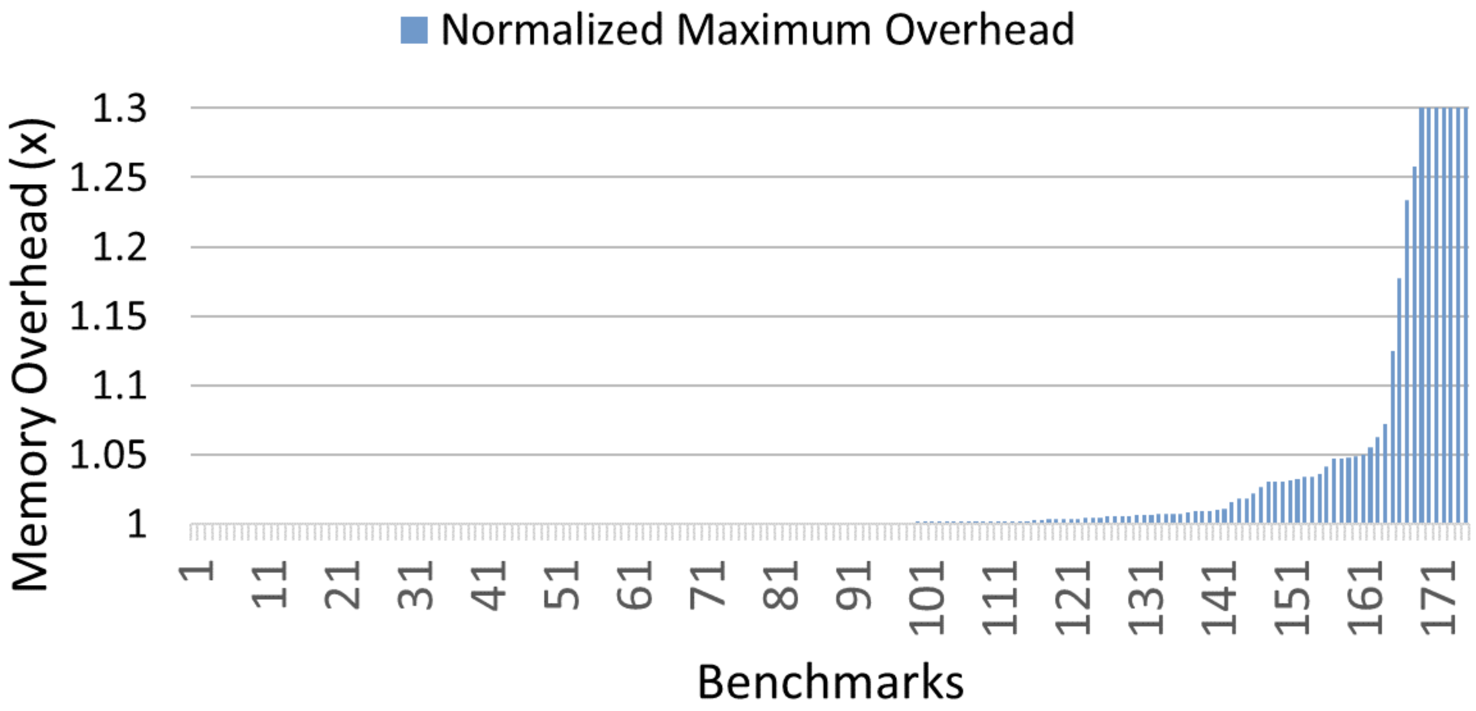
Number of 256x256 Images


■ Normalized Maximum Overhead
Memory Overhead (x)
1.3
1.25
1.2
1.15
1.1
1.05
1
1
11
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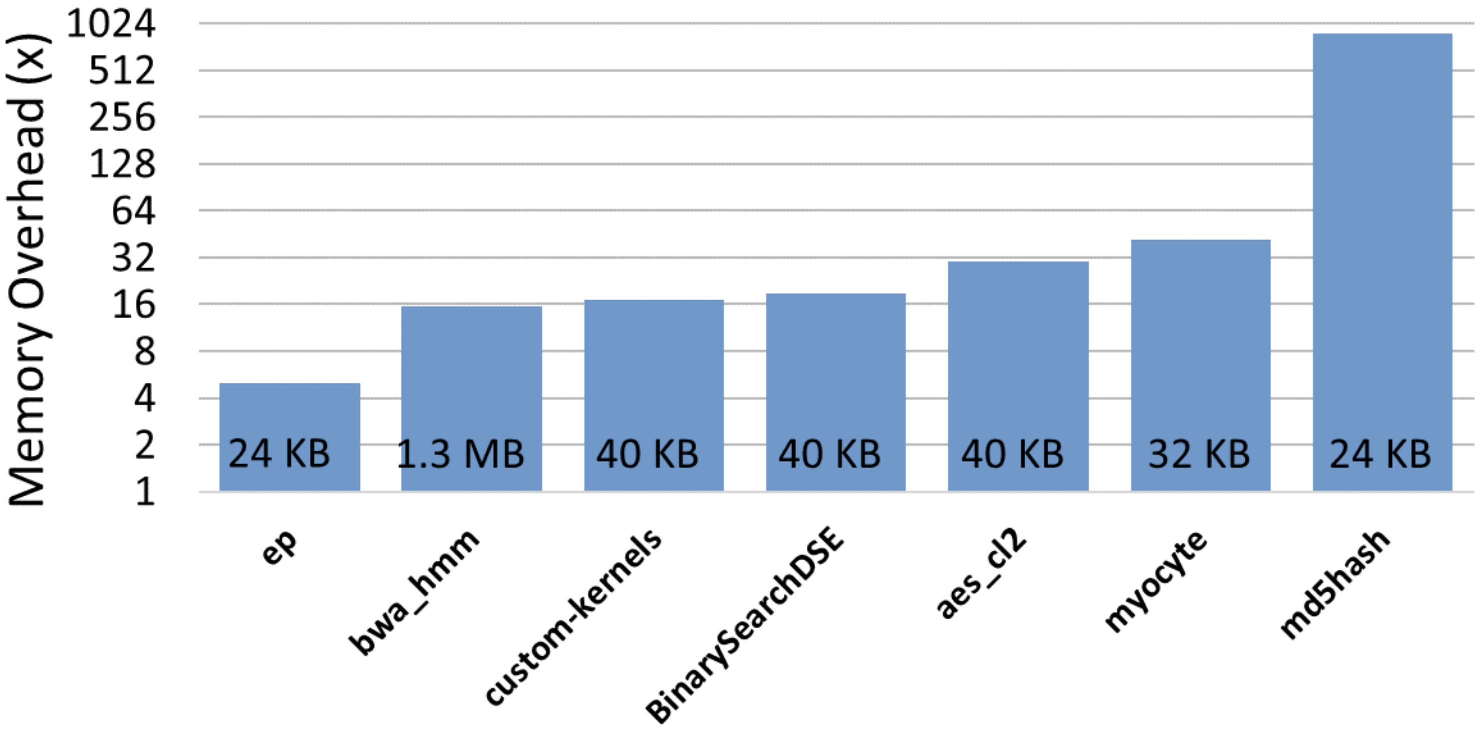
Benchmarks


Memory Overhead (x)
1024
512
256
128
64
32
16
8
4
2
1
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40 KB
32 KB
24 KB
ep
bwa_hmm
custom-kernels
BinarySearchDSE
aes_cl2
myocyte
md5hash

clARMOR DETECTION RESULTS

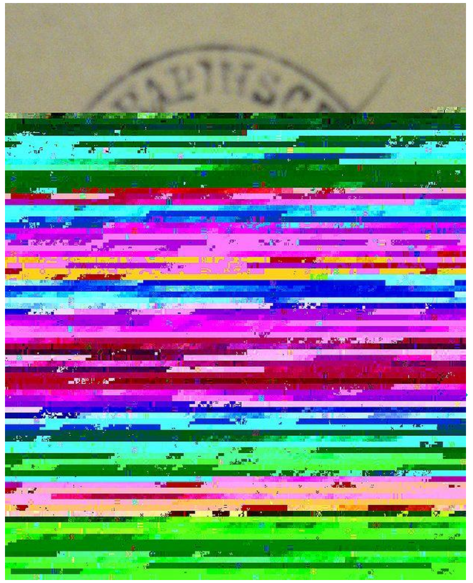
LIST OF BENCHMARKS WITH BUFFER OVERFLOWS

- Parboil
  - mri-gridding
- StreamMR
  - kmeans
  - wordcount
- Hetero-Mark
  - OpenCL™ 1.2 kmeans
  - OpenCL 2.0 kmeans
  - OpenCL 1.2 sw, 4 errors
  - OpenCL 2.0 sw, 4 errors
- SNU OpenCL
  - CG (data races resulting in negative indexing, underflow)
- Note: These have been reported, and most fixed.

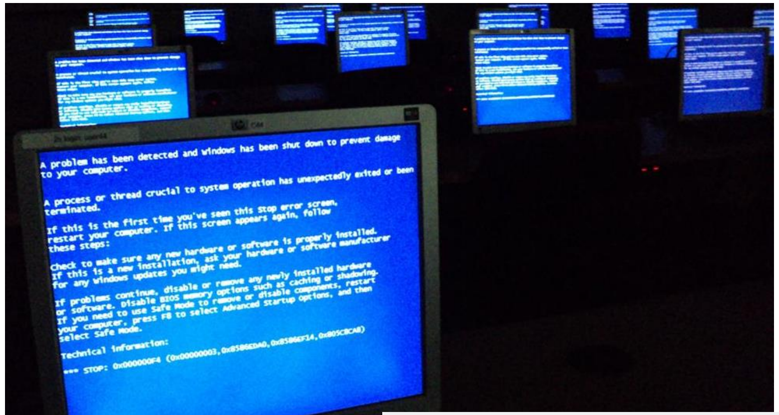
CONSEQUENCES OF BUFFER OVERFLOWS

DEGRADING USER EXPERIENCE, AND SECURITY RISKS

Data Corruption

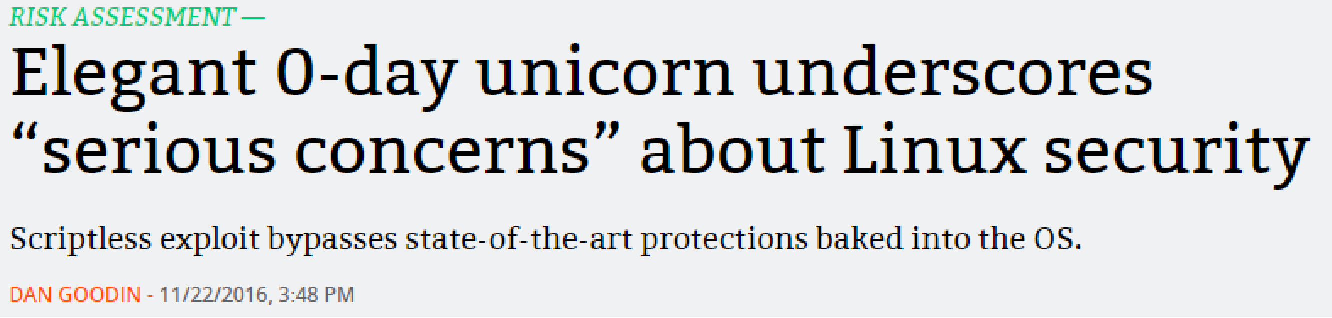


Segmentation Faults



Altered Control Flow

(Security Subversion)



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