

Zorua: A Holistic Approach to Resource Virtualization in GPUs



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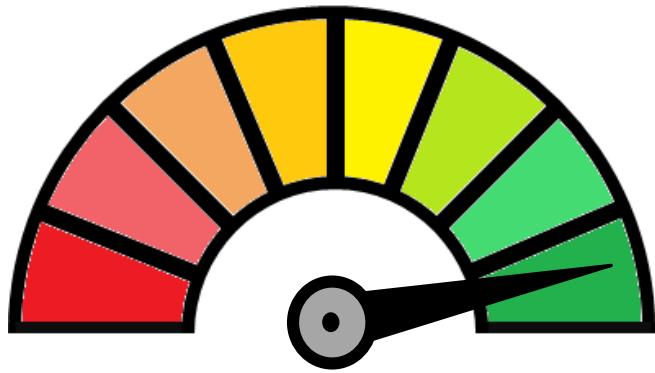
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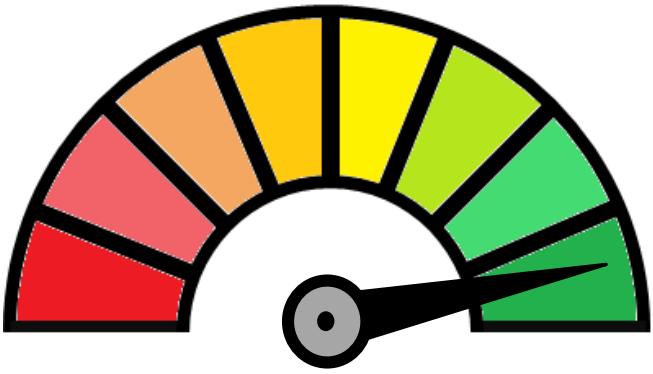


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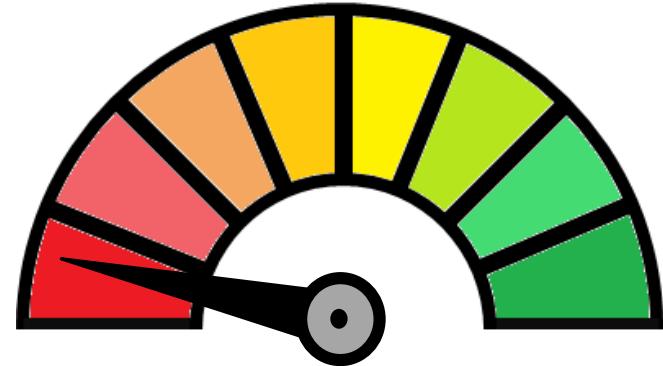


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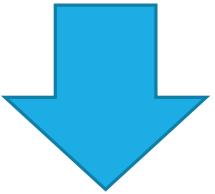
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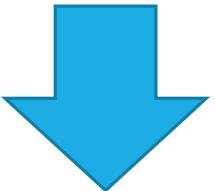
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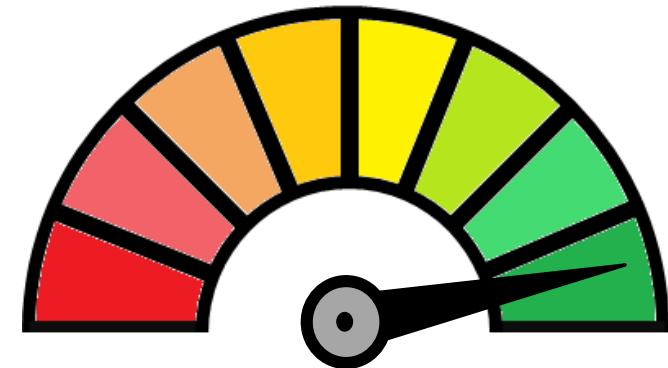
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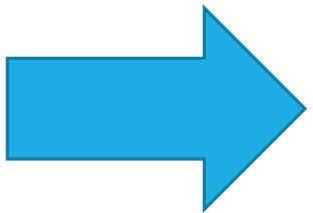
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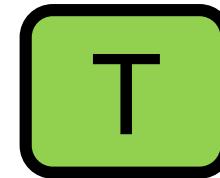
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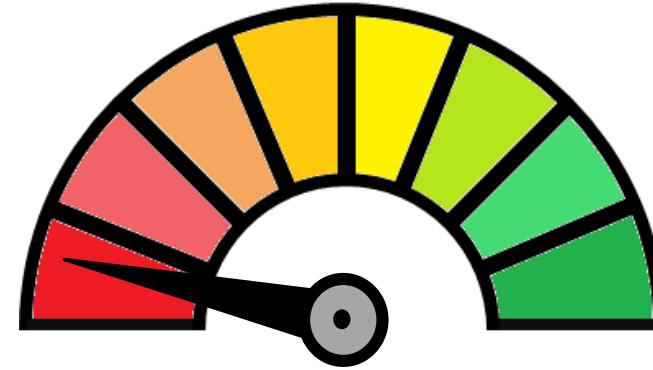


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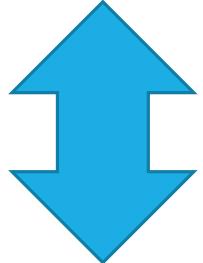
Programmer-specified resource allocation leads to 3 key issues with:

- ***Programming ease***
- ***Performance portability***
- ***Performance for optimized code***

Our Approach

Decouple

Programmer-specified resource usage



Allocation in the hardware



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