

Radar Pulse Compression Using the NVIDIA CUDA SDK

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- Waveform design and processing to achieve higher range resolution and sensitivity*
- Processing consists of convolution with FIR filter
 - Doppler tolerant (top): traditional frequency domain convolution
 - Doppler intolerant (bottom): additional FFT and Doppler correction required





GPU vs. CPU Comparison

- CPU vs GPU comparison in real-world conditions
 - 2 GHz dual quad-core AMD Opterons vs eVGA eGeForce 8800 Ultra
 - Memory transfer to and from GPU included in timing









Reference: \$/GFLOP

As of July 2007, these products represent the top of the line consumer CPU and graphics card according to floating point computational power:

- 1. Kentsfield Core 2 Extreme QX6800
 - 37.7 GFLOPS fastest CPU as of 7/16/2007

http://www.tomshardware.com/2007/07/16/cpu_charts_2007/page36.html

\$1100 - price as of March 10, 2008
http://www.google.com/products?q=Kentsfield+Core+2+Extreme+QX6800
\$/GFLOPS = \$29.18
Notes: Price excludes motherboard + power supply + memory + GPU

2. EVGA GeForce 8800 Ultra Superclocked (NVIDIA)

576 GFLOPS – theoretical peak http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GeForce_8_Series
\$730 – price as of March 10, 2008 http://www.google.com/products?q=768-P2-N887-AR&scoring=p
\$/GFLOPS = \$1.27 Notes: Price includes 768 MB GDDR3 memory, but excludes: motherboard + power supply + CPU