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Evolution of High Performance Computing

High performance computing is evolving. Commodity CPUs and GPUs are combining to push the compute envelope where true performance is measured in GFLOPs per watt and not just raw speed. Commercial and academic researchers alike demand faster results that leverage open systems and commodity components measured in $/GFLOP.

AMD and AMD Stream Computing deliver a combination of low power, high performance GPUs and CPUs as well as a complete open systems ecosystem.

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<td>High performance per watt</td>
<td>• Over 5 GFLOPs per watt of performance potential</td>
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<td>Open systems</td>
<td>• Familiar 32 and 64 bit Linux and Windows environments • High level tools from multiple 3rd party developers</td>
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<td>Multiple software entry points</td>
<td>• C-like development environment via extensions to open source Brook • Low level access to hardware via open IL and ISA specifications in AMD Stream’s CAL</td>
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<td>Scalable solutions</td>
<td>• Stream software supports multiple GPUs per system</td>
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<td>Commodity components</td>
<td>• FireStream leverages commodity GPU components designed for PC gamers resulting in a reliable GPU and memory upgrade roadmap</td>
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Learn more by visiting www.amd.com/stream
AMD Stream Computing
GPU technology that accelerates complex scientific, business, and consumer applications

AMD FireStream 9170
GPU accelerator

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<td>500 GFLOPs of compute power</td>
<td>Dramatic acceleration for critical algorithms</td>
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<td>&lt; 100 watts power consumption</td>
<td>55nm process provides optimal power performance match</td>
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<td>Double precision floating point</td>
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<td>Asynchronous DMA</td>
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AMD Stream SDK

The AMD Stream SDK delivers the tools developers need to create and optimize applications on Stream processors. Developers can begin with Brook+, an AMD-enhanced and supported implementation of BrooK, the popular open-source C-level language and compiler. Math functions can be implemented using a new release of AMD Core Math Library for the GPU (ACML/GPU) and tools like ATI Shader Analyzer and AMD Code Analyst help identify and correct performance issues.

AMD’s Compute Abstraction Layer (CAL) provides low level access to the GPU for development and performance tuning. AMD’s open systems approach allows developers access to all key APIs and specifications, enabling performance tuning at the lowest level and development of third party tools.

AMD Stream SDK supports 32/64-bit RHEL 5.1 and 32/64-bit SUSE 10 SP1 as well as 32/64-bit Windows XP.

Industries and Applications

Financial Analytics
Increase Black-Scholes speed-to-results through the highly parallel architecture of the Stream processor

Energy, Oil and Gas
Seismic analysis on larger or more granular geographies to quickly identify regions of high discovery probability

Life Sciences
Protein folding, sequencing and alignment investigations, Hidden Markov Models and more are ideal problems for the highly parallel Stream Computing architecture

Computer Aided Engineering (CFD, FEA, etc.)
Faster results with existing model DoF or higher number of variables (finer mesh) within existing calculation time frames

Consumer
High definition video and gaming benefit from the integration of GPU and CPU

* Single precision
** MSRP: $1999 for the 2GB FireStream 9170

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