

# Introduction to the CUDA Platform

# CUDA Parallel Computing Platform

[www.nvidia.com/getcuda](http://www.nvidia.com/getcuda)

Programming Approaches

Libraries

“Drop-in” Acceleration

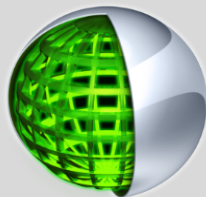
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Development Environment



Nsight IDE  
Linux, Mac and Windows  
GPU Debugging and Profiling

CUDA-GDB debugger  
NVIDIA Visual Profiler

Open Compiler Tool Chain



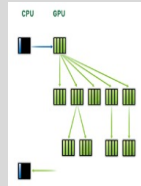
Enables compiling new languages to CUDA platform, and CUDA languages to other architectures

Hardware Capabilities

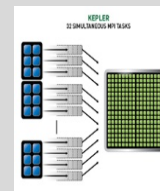
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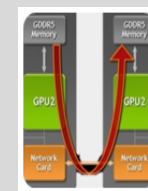
Dynamic Parallelism



HyperQ



GPUDirect



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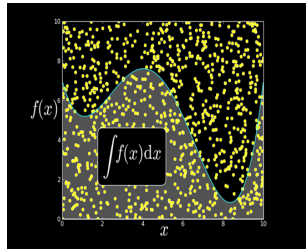
# Libraries: Easy, High-Quality Acceleration

- **Ease of use:** Using libraries enables GPU acceleration without in-depth knowledge of GPU programming
- **“Drop-in”:** Many GPU-accelerated libraries follow standard APIs, thus enabling acceleration with minimal code changes
- **Quality:** Libraries offer high-quality implementations of functions encountered in a broad range of applications
- **Performance:** NVIDIA libraries are tuned by experts

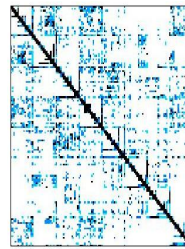
# Some GPU-accelerated Libraries



NVIDIA cuBLAS



NVIDIA cuRAND



NVIDIA cuSPARSE



NVIDIA NPP



Vector Signal  
Image Processing



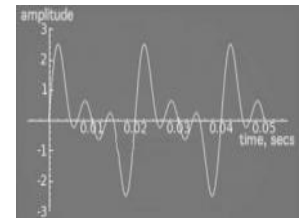
GPU Accelerated  
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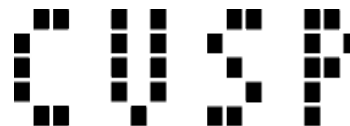
NVIDIA cuFFT



IMSL Library



ArrayFire Matrix  
Computations



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C++ STL  
Features for  
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# 3 Steps to CUDA-accelerated application

- **Step 1:** Substitute library calls with equivalent CUDA library calls

```
saxpy ( ... )
```



```
cublasSaxpy ( ... )
```

- **Step 2:** Manage data locality

- with CUDA: `cudaMalloc()`, `cudaMemcpy()`, etc.

- with CUBLAS: `cublasAlloc()`, `cublasSetVector()`, etc.

- **Step 3:** Rebuild and link the CUDA-accelerated library

```
nvcc myobj.o -l cublas
```

# Explore the CUDA (Libraries) Ecosystem

- CUDA Tools and Ecosystem described in detail on NVIDIA Developer Zone:  
[developer.nvidia.com/cuda-tools-ecosystem](http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-tools-ecosystem)

The screenshot displays the NVIDIA Developer Zone website. At the top, the NVIDIA logo and 'DEVELOPER ZONE' are visible, along with navigation links for 'DEVELOPER CENTERS', 'TECHNOLOGIES', 'TOOLS', 'RESOURCES', and 'COMMUNITY'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'GPU-Accelerated Libraries' and includes a brief introduction: 'Adding GPU-acceleration to your application can be as easy as simply calling a library function. Check out the extensive list of high performance GPU-accelerated libraries below. If you would like other libraries added to this list please contact us.' Below this, there are several library cards, each with an image and a short description:

- NVIDIA cuFFT**: NVIDIA CUDA Fast Fourier Transform Library (cuFFT) provides a simple interface for computing FFTs up to 10x faster, without having to develop your own custom GPU FFT implementation.
- NVIDIA cuBLAS**: NVIDIA CUDA BLAS Library (cuBLAS) is a GPU-accelerated version of the complete standard BLAS library that delivers 6x to 17x faster performance than the latest MKL BLAS.
- CULA Tools**: GPU-accelerated linear algebra library by EM Photonics, that utilizes CUDA to dramatically improve the computation speed of sophisticated mathematics.
- MAGMA**: A collection of next-gen linear algebra routines. Designed for heterogeneous GPU-based architectures. Supports current LAPACK and BLAS standards.
- IMSL Fortran Numerical Library**: Developed by RogueWave, a comprehensive set of mathematical and statistical functions that offloads work to GPUs.
- NVIDIA cuSPARSE**: NVIDIA CUDA Sparse (cuSPARSE) Matrix library provides a collection of basic linear algebra subroutines used for sparse matrices that delivers over 8x performance boost.
- CUSP**: NVIDIA CUSP A GPU accelerated Open Source C++ library of generic parallel algorithms for sparse linear algebra and graph computations. Provides an easy to use high-level interface.
- AccelerEyes ArrayFire**: Comprehensive GPU function library, including functions for math, signal and image processing, statistics, and more. Interfaces for C, C++, Fortran, and Python.
- NVIDIA cuRAND**: The CUDA Random Number Generation library performs high quality GPU-accelerated random number generation (RNG) over 8x faster than typical CPU only code.
- NVIDIA NPP**: NVIDIA Performance Primitives is a GPU accelerated library with a very large collection of 1000s of image processing functions.
- NVIDIA CUDA Math Library**: An industry proven, highly accurate collection of standard mathematical functions, providing high performance GPU acceleration.
- Thrust**: A powerful, open source library of parallel algorithms and data structures. Perform GPU-accelerated sort, scan, transform, and reductions.

On the right side of the page, there are sections for 'QUICKLINKS' (including 'The NVIDIA Registered Developer Program', 'Registered Developers Website', 'NDeveloper (old site)', 'CUDA Newsletter', 'CUDA Downloads', 'CUDA GPUs', 'Get Started - Parallel Computing', 'CUDA Spotlights', and 'CUDA Tools & Ecosystem'), 'FEATURED ARTICLES' (with a featured article titled 'INTRODUCING NVIDIA NSIGHT VISUAL STUDIO EDITION 2.2, WITH LOCAL SINGLE GPU CUDA DEBUGGING!'), and 'LATEST NEWS' (with articles like 'OpenACC Compiler For \$199', 'Introducing NVIDIA NSight Visual Studio Edition 2.2, With Local Single GPU CUDA Debugging!', 'CUDA Spotlight: Lorena Barba, Boston University', and 'Stanford To Host CUDA On Campus Day, April 13, 2012').



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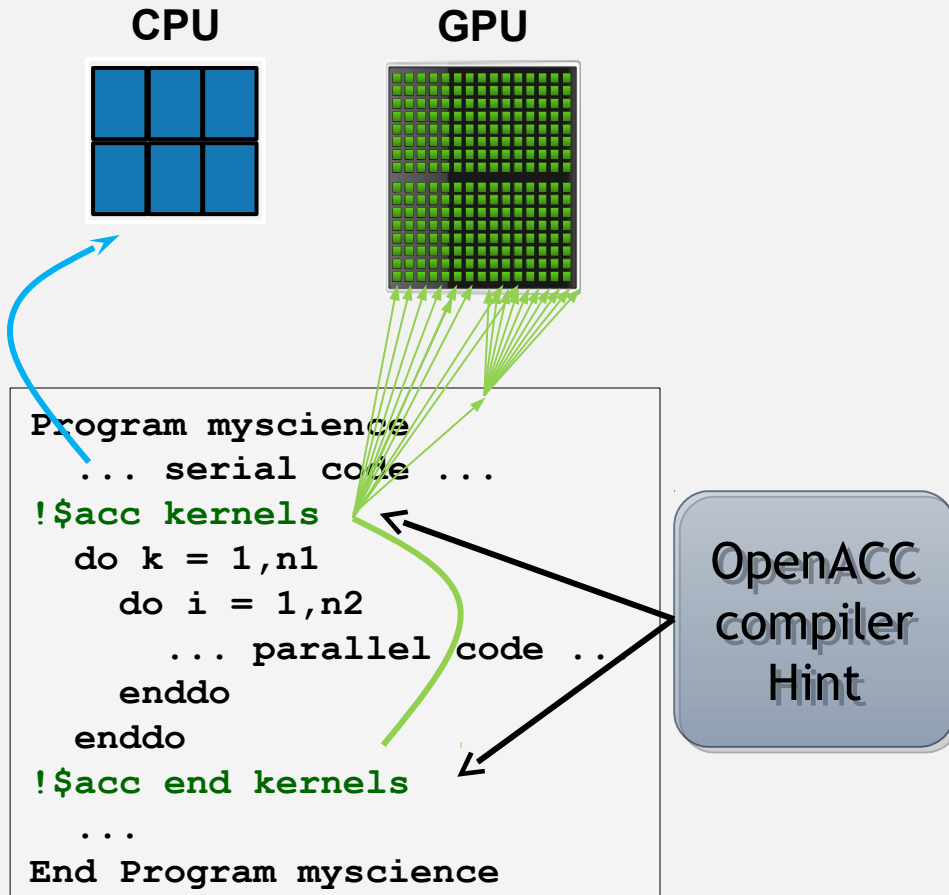
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# OpenACC Directives



Your original  
Fortran or C  
code

Simple Compiler hints

Compiler Parallelizes  
code

Works on many-core  
GPUs & multicore CPUs

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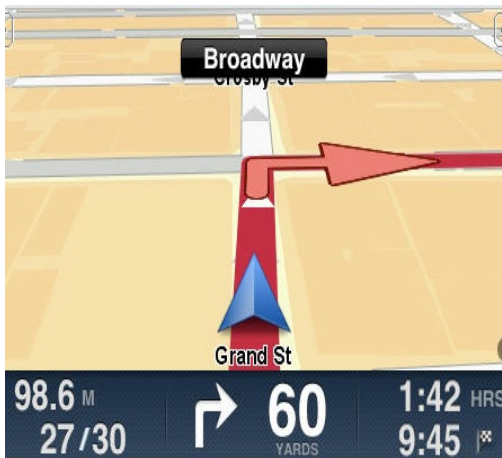
## The Standard for GPU Directives

- **Easy:** Directives are the easy path to accelerate compute intensive applications
- **Open:** OpenACC is an open GPU directives standard, making GPU programming straightforward and portable across parallel and multi-core processors
- **Powerful:** GPU Directives allow complete access to the massive parallel power of a GPU

# Directives: Easy & Powerful

## Real-Time Object Detection

Global Manufacturer of Navigation Systems



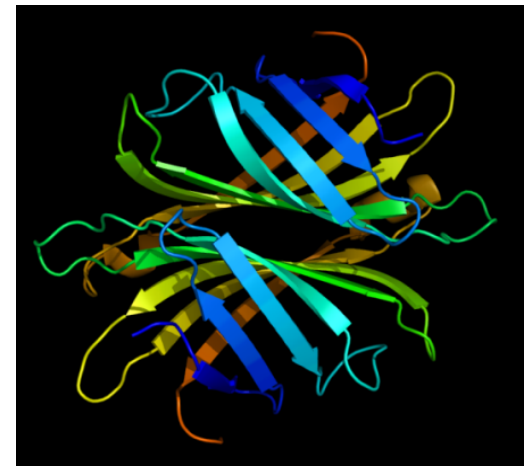
## Valuation of Stock Portfolios using Monte Carlo

Global Technology Consulting Company



## Interaction of Solvents and Biomolecules

University of Texas at San Antonio



**5x in 40 Hours** **2x in 4 Hours** **5x in 8 Hours**

“Optimizing code with directives is quite easy, especially compared to CPU threads or writing CUDA kernels. The most important thing is avoiding restructuring of existing code for production applications.”

-- Developer at the Global Manufacturer of Navigation Systems

# Start Now with OpenACC Directives

Sign up for a **free trial** of  
the directives compiler  
**now!**

Free trial license to PGI  
Accelerator

Tools for quick ramp

[www.nvidia.com/gpudirectives](http://www.nvidia.com/gpudirectives)

The screenshot shows the NVIDIA website's 'OpenACC GPU Directives' page. The header includes the NVIDIA logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'DOWNLOAD DRIVERS', 'COOL STUFF', 'SHOP', 'PRODUCTS', 'TECHNOLOGIES', 'COMMUNITIES', and 'SUPPORT'. Below the header is a green 'TESLA' banner. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'NVIDIA Home > Products > High Performance Computing > OpenACC GPU Directives'. A left sidebar lists 'GPU COMPUTING SOLUTIONS' (Main, What is GPU Computing?, Why Choose Tesla, Industry Software Solutions, Tesla Workstation Solutions, Tesla Data Center Solutions, Tesla Bio Workbench, Where to Buy, Contact US, Sign up for Tesla Alerts, Fermi GPU Computing Architecture) and 'SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE INFO' (Tesla Product Literature, Tesla Software Features, Software Development Tools, CUDA Training and Consulting Services, GPU Cloud Computing Service Providers, OpenACC GPU Directives). The main content area has a heading 'Accelerate Your Scientific Code with OpenACC' and a sub-heading 'The Open Standard for GPU Accelerator Directives'. It includes a paragraph about GPU directives, a code snippet for calculating pi, and two testimonials. The code snippet is: 

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10000
int main(void) {
    double pi = 0.0f; long i;
    #pragma acc region for
    for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    {
        double t= (double) ((i+0.5)/N);
        pi +=4.0/(1.0+t*t);
    }
    printf("pi=%f\n",pi/N);
    return 0;
}
```

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# GPU Programming Languages

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Numerical analytics ▶

MATLAB, Mathematica, LabVIEW

Fortran ▶

OpenACC, CUDA Fortran

C ▶

OpenACC, CUDA C

C++ ▶

Thrust, CUDA C++

Python ▶

PyCUDA, Copperhead

F# ▶

Alea.cuBase

# Rapid Parallel C++ Development



- Resembles C++ STL
- High-level interface
  - Enhances developer productivity
  - Enables performance portability between GPUs and multicore CPUs
- Flexible
  - CUDA, OpenMP, and TBB backends
  - Extensible and customizable
  - Integrates with existing software
- Open source

```
// generate 32M random numbers on host
thrust::host_vector<int> h_vec(32 << 20);
thrust::generate(h_vec.begin(),
                h_vec.end(),
                rand);

// transfer data to device (GPU)
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec = h_vec;

// sort data on device
thrust::sort(d_vec.begin(), d_vec.end());

// transfer data back to host
thrust::copy(d_vec.begin(),
            d_vec.end(),
            h_vec.begin());
```



# Learn More

These languages are supported on all CUDA-capable GPUs. You might already have a CUDA-capable GPU in your laptop or desktop PC!

CUDA C/C++

<http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit>

GPU.NET

<http://tidepowerd.com>

Thrust C++ Template Library

<http://developer.nvidia.com/thrust>

MATLAB

<http://www.mathworks.com/discovery/matlab-gpu.html>

CUDA Fortran

<http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit>

Mathematica

<http://www.wolfram.com/mathematica/new-in-8/cuda-and-opencl-support/>

PyCUDA (Python)

<http://mathematician.de/software/pycuda>

# Getting Started

- Download CUDA Toolkit & SDK: [www.nvidia.com/getcuda](http://www.nvidia.com/getcuda)
- Nsight IDE (Eclipse or Visual Studio): [www.nvidia.com/nsight](http://www.nvidia.com/nsight)
- Programming Guide/Best Practices:
  - [docs.nvidia.com](http://docs.nvidia.com)
- Questions:
  - NVIDIA Developer forums: [devtalk.nvidia.com](http://devtalk.nvidia.com)
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- General: [www.nvidia.com/cudazone](http://www.nvidia.com/cudazone)