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**GPU Optimization of Advanced Encryption Standard**

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## Encryption and Key Search Performance of AES on GPUs

- Codes are also available at  
[https://www.github.com/cihangirtezcan/CUDA\\_AES](https://www.github.com/cihangirtezcan/CUDA_AES)
- Academic publication [5] is available at

[5] *Cihangir Tezcan. Optimization of advanced encryption standard on graphics processing units. IEEE Access, 9:67315–67326, 2021.*

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## GPU Specs

GPU	Cores	Clock Rate	CC	Architecture
MX 250	384	1582 MHz	6.1	Pascal
GTX 860M	640	1020 MHz	5.0	Maxwell
GTX 970	1664	1253 MHz	5.2	Maxwell
RTX 2070 Super	2560	1770 MHz	7.5	Turing

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## Our Encryption Results for AES in CTR Mode

GPU	AES-128	AES-192	AES-256
MX 250	102.7 Gbps	72.3 Gbps	60.0 Gbps
GTX 860M	95.9 Gbps	77.1 Gbps	65.3 Gbps
GTX 970	312.2 Gbps	254.8 Gbps	214.7 Gbps
RTX 2070 Super	878.6 Gbps	718.3 Gbps	606.9 Gbps

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Gbps/W	Gbps	Device	Architecture	Launch year	Reference
0.322	80.5	GTX 780	Kepler	2013	[1]
0.788	102.4	i7-980X	Gulftown	2010	[4]
0.829	207.3	GTX TITAN X	Maxwell	2015	[1]
0.848	123	GTX 970	Maxwell	2014	[2]
0.996	90.6	i7-6700K	Skylake	2013	[5]
1.427	214	GTX 1070	Pascal	2016	[2]
1.555	279.9	GTX 1080	Pascal	2016	[1]
1.771	310	RTX 2070	Turing	2018	[2]
2.072	134.7	i7-10700F	Comet Lake	2020	[5]
2.174	315.2	GTX 970	Maxwell	2014	[5]
2.423	605.9	Tesla P100	Pascal	2016	[3]
4.087	878.6	RTX 2070 Super	Turing	2019	[5]

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## Speed Record of AES-CTR

- Very recently Lee et al. [6] achieved 1623 Gbps on an RTX 3080 using a bitsliced implementation
- Recall that we achieved 878.6 Gbps on an RTX 2070 Super

GPU	Cores	Clock Rate	CC	Architecture
RTX 2070 Super	2560	1770 MHz	7.5	Turing
RTX 3080	8704	1710 MHz	8.6	Ampere
RTX 4090	16384	2550 MHz	8.9	Ada Lovelace

- Our codes achieves 4215 Gbps on an RTX 4090

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