



Saving the World with Computing

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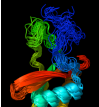
Using Computers for Science and Engineering

Computers are used to understand things that are:


- too big
- too small
- too fast
- too slow
- too expensive or
- too dangerous for experiments



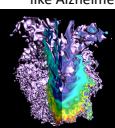
Understanding the universe



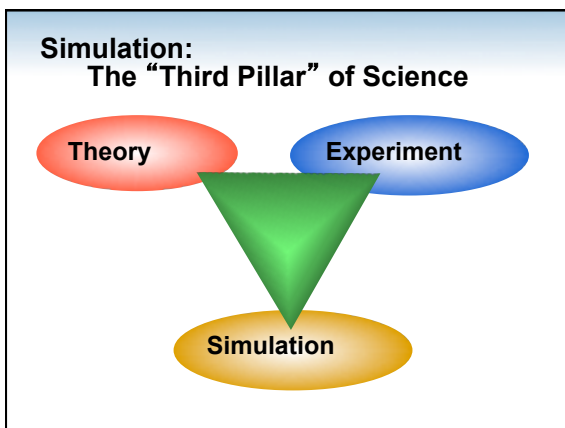
Proteins and diseases like Alzheimer's



Industrial products and processes

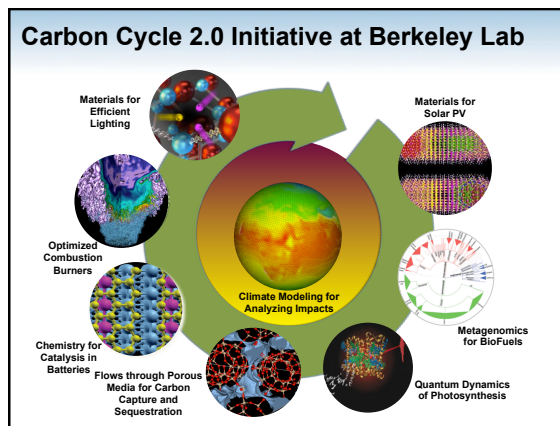


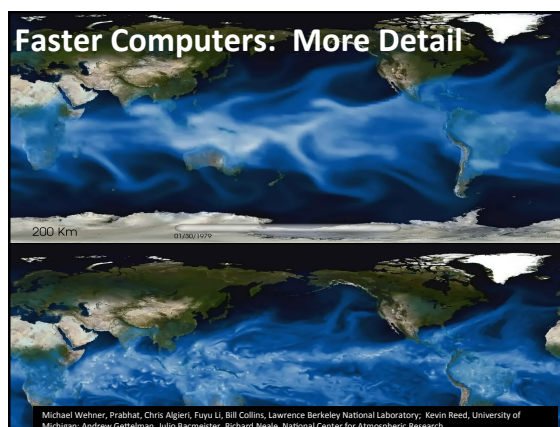
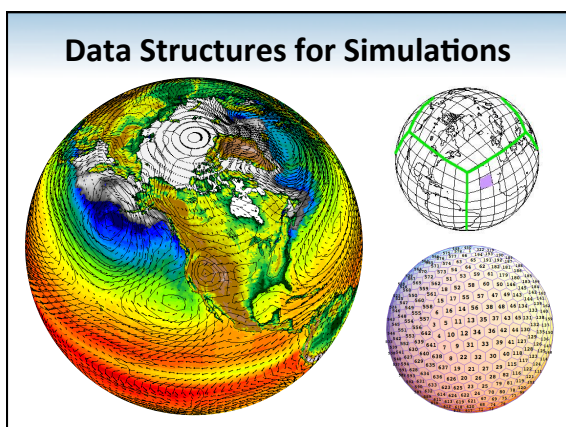
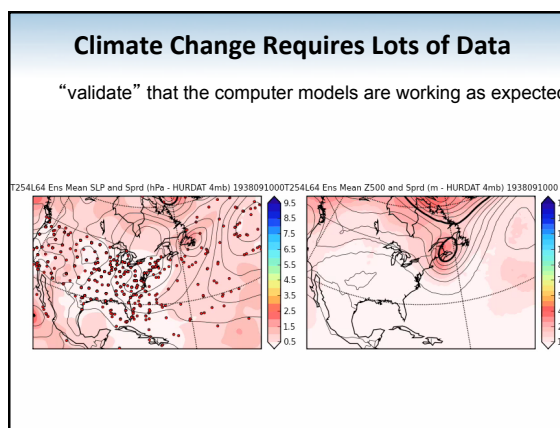
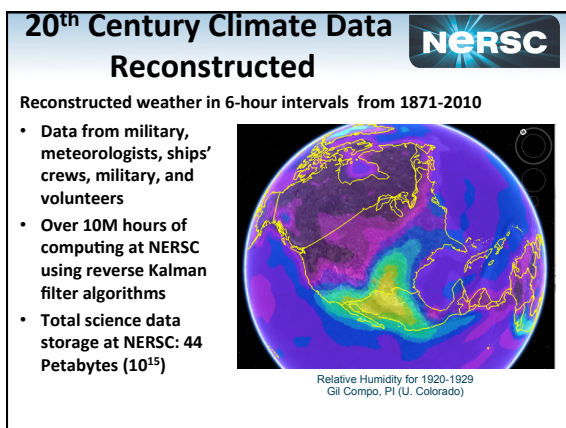
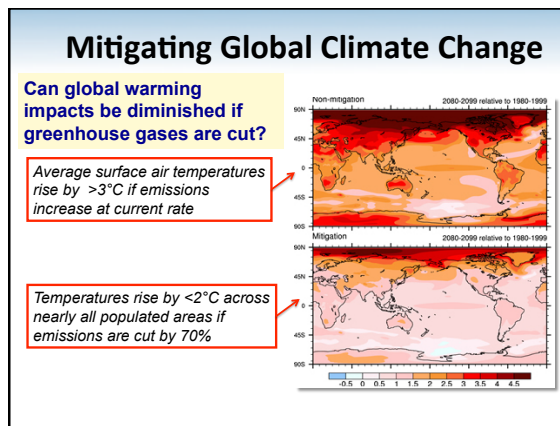
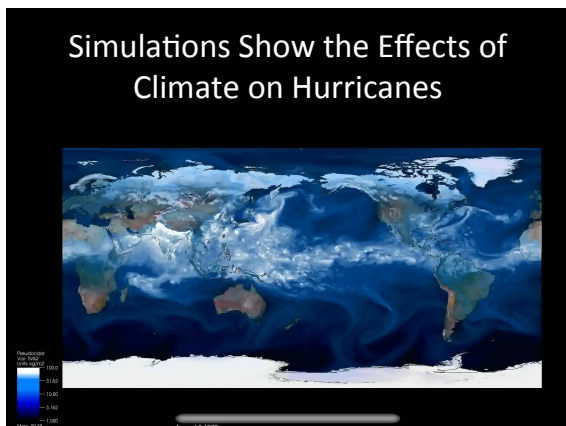
Energy-efficient combustion engines



Addressing Challenges using Computing

- **Two of the most significant challenges**
 - **Our changing world:** understanding climate change, alternative energy sources, mitigation techniques, etc.
 - **Health and medicine:** understanding the human body, development of treatments, and disease prevention





Simulations reveal features not visible in lab

Experiments demonstrate feasibility

Result: Low NOx burner technology licensed by industry

Basic Material Science Result Explains Practical Limits of LEDs

- LEDs are up to 3x more energy efficient than fluorescent lights and last 10x longer for low level light.
- At higher current levels LEDs lose of efficiency (called "LED droop") making them worse than fluorescents.
- Fundamental material science question: why does LED efficiency "droop"?
 - Answer: Auger recombination combined with carrier scattering.
 - Researchers in universities and industry are now working on solutions.

The illustration shows nitride-based LEDs. At left, an electron and electron hole recombine and release light. In Auger recombination (right) the electron and hole combine with a third carrier, releasing no photon. The energy loss is also assisted by indirect processes, vibrations in the crystal lattice shown as squiggles.

Simulations to Get Rid of CO₂

- Carbon sequestration: "The process of removing carbon from the atmosphere or from flue gasses and depositing it in a reservoir."
- $\text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3$

George Pau, LBNL

Towards a Digital Human: The 20+ Year Vision

- Imagine a "digital body double"
 - 3D image-based medical record
 - Includes diagnostic, pathologic, and other information
- Used for:
 - Diagnosis
 - Less invasive surgery-by-robot
 - Experimental treatments

Digital Human Today: Imaging

- The Visible Human Project
 - 18,000 digitized sections of the body
 - Male: 1mm sections, released in 1994
 - Female: .33mm sections, released in 1995
 - Goals
 - study of human anatomy
 - testing medical imaging algorithms
 - Current applications:
 - educational, diagnostic, treatment planning, virtual reality, artistic, mathematical and industrial
 - Used by > 1,400 licensees in 42 countries

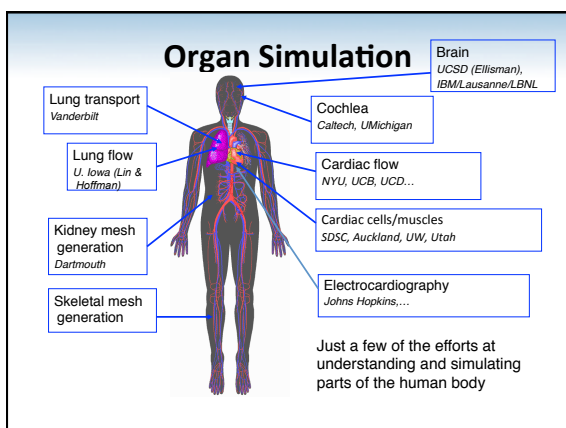
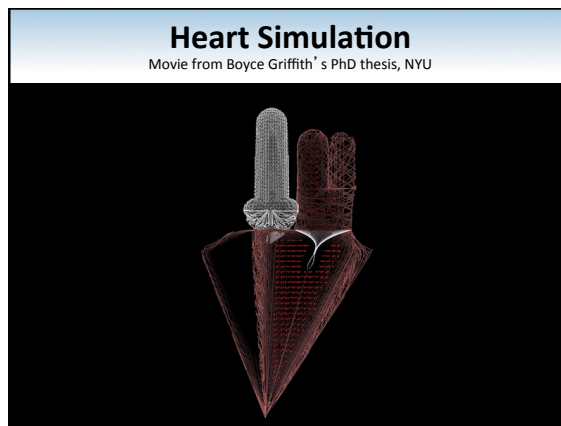
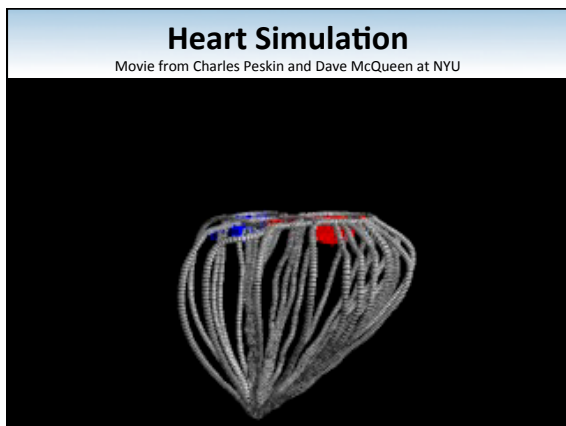
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Experimental Data: Visible Human

The National Library of Medicine's

Visible Human Project (TM)

Human-Computer Interaction Lab
Univ. of Maryland at College Park



NERSC Screening Proteins

- Large number of simulations covering a variety of related proteins,...

Structure
Dynamomechanics: Protein Folding and Dynamics Go Large-Scale

Dynamomechanics Database
Improve understanding of disease and drug design, e.g., 11,000 protein unfolding simulations stored in a public database. [V. Daggett, UW]

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Real-Time Deformation and Fracture in a Game Environment

Eric Parker
Pixelux Entertainment

James O'Brien
U.C. Berkeley

Video Edited by Sebastian Burke

From the proceedings of SCA 2009, New Orleans

LBNL uses Big Data and Big Computing to Study Biology

IMG has over 16B Genes for metagenomics; Phylogeny Map shown

NERSC provides 1.3B computing hours to DOE researchers, connected by ESNet network

Advanced computing helps scientists define a healthy human microbiome

Algorithms distinguish normal vs. malignant cells

Imaging denoising uses of advanced architectures (GPUs)

Point Cloud provides spatial & temporal gene expression in early Drosophila embryos

Advanced math provides foundation for virtual colonoscopy


Big D and Big C: Computing on Big Data to help Cure Cancer

Science

Computer Scientists May Have What It Takes to Help Cure Cancer

By DAVID PATTERSON
Published: December 5, 2011

The war against cancer is increasingly moving into cyberspace. Computer scientists may have the best skills to fight cancer in the next decade — and they should be signing up in droves.



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One reason to enlist: Cancer is so pervasive. In his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Emperor of All Maladies," the oncologist Siddhartha Mukherjee writes that cancer is a disease of frightening fractions: One-fourth of deaths in the United States are caused by cancer; one-third of women will face cancer in their lifetimes; and so will half of men.

As he wrote, "The question is not if we will get this immortal disease, but when."

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Why Study Computer Science?

- 1) Because computers can help solve important problems
- 2) Because programming is fun and there are plenty of new problems to solve

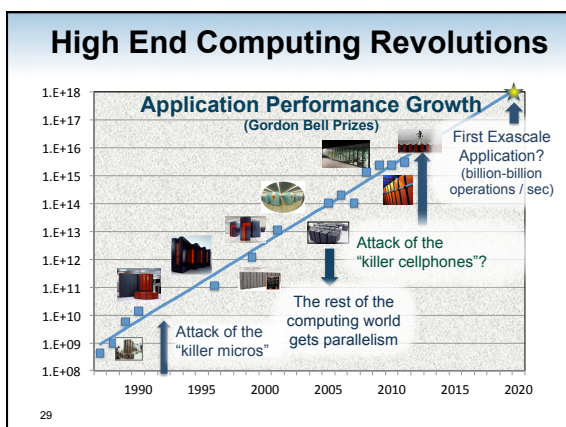
Black Swans of Computing with 1992 Technology




Units of Measure in High Performance Computing (HPC)

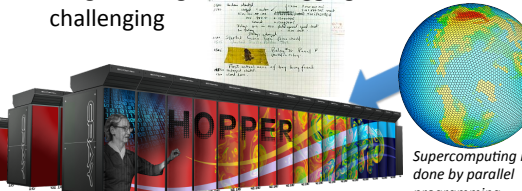
- High Performance Computing (HPC) units are:
 - Flops: floating point operations
 - Flops/s: floating point operations per second
 - Bytes: size of data (a double precision floating point number is 8)
- Typical sizes are millions, billions, trillions...

Kilo	Kflop/s = 10 ³ flop/sec	Kbyte = 2 ¹⁰ = 1024 ~ 1,000 bytes
Mega	Mflop/s = 10 ⁶ flop/sec	Mbyte = 2 ²⁰ = 1048576 ~ 10 ⁶ bytes
Giga	Gflop/s = 10 ⁹ flop/sec	Gbyte = 2 ³⁰ ~ 10 ⁹ bytes
Tera	Tflop/s = 10 ¹² flop/sec	Tbyte = 2 ⁴⁰ ~ 10 ¹² bytes
Peta	Pflop/s = 10 ¹⁵ flop/sec	Pbyte = 2 ⁵⁰ ~ 10 ¹⁵ bytes
Exa	Eflop/s = 10 ¹⁸ flop/sec	Ebyte = 2 ⁶⁰ ~ 10 ¹⁸ bytes
Zetta	Zflop/s = 10 ²¹ flop/sec	Zbyte = 2 ⁷⁰ ~ 10 ²¹ bytes
Yotta	Yflop/s = 10 ²⁴ flop/sec	Ybyte = 2 ⁸⁰ ~ 10 ²⁴ bytes



The Fastest Computers (for Science) Have Been Parallel for a Long Time

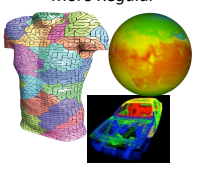
- Fastest Computers in the world: top500.org
- Our Hopper Computer has 150,000 cores and > 1 Petaflop (10¹⁵ math operations / second)
- Programming and "debugging" are challenging



Supercomputing is done by parallel programming

The Programming Answer is Obvious...


More Regular



Message Passing Programming
Divide up domain in pieces
Compute one piece
Send/Receive data from others

MPI, and many libraries

More Irregular



Global Address Space Programming
Each start computing
Grab whatever / whenever

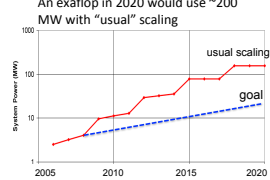
UPC, CAF, X10, Chapel, GlobalArrays

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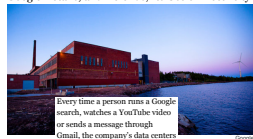
Energy Challenge for Computing

At ~\$1M per MW, energy costs are substantial

An exaflop in 2020 would use ~200 MW with "usual" scaling



Google Details, and Defends, Its Use of Electricity



Every time a person runs a Google search, watches a YouTube video or sends a message through Gmail, the company's data centers full of computers use electricity. Those data centers around the world continuously draw almost 250 million watts — about a quarter of the output of a nuclear power plant.

The worldwide data center power in was about 26 gigawatts in 2010 (up from 17 in 2005)

NSA Maxes Out Baltimore Power Grid

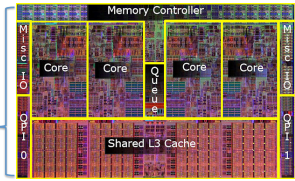
August 6th, 2006 - Rich Miller
The National Security Agency's technology infrastructure at Fort Meade, Md. has maxed out the electric capacity of the Baltimore area power grid, creating a major challenge for the agency, sources told the Baltimore Sun. An excerpt:

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New Processor Designs are Needed to Save Energy

Cell phone processor
(0.1 Watt, 4 Gflop/s)

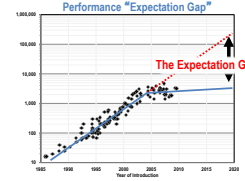
Server processor
(100 Watts, 50 Gflop/s)



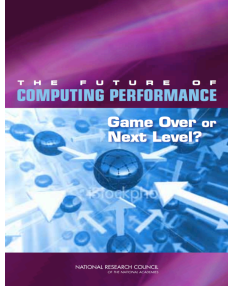
- The server is about 10x faster than the cell phone processor
- But uses 1000x more power → cell phone is 100x more efficient
- Why: Power is proportional to V^2f , and increasing frequency (f) also requires increase voltage V → cube
- Next computers built from graphics, games, cell phones,...

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Power Limits Computing Performance Growth



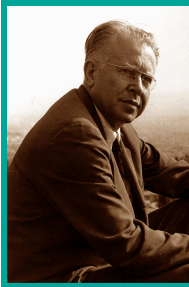
Processor industry was running at "maneuvering speed"
- David Liddle



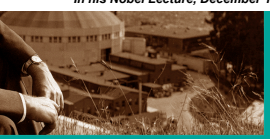
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Computational Science is Necessarily Collaborative

... as from the beginning the work has been a team effort involving many able and devoted co-workers in many laboratories. As I am sure you will appreciate, a **great many diverse talents** are involved in such developments and whatever measure of success is achieved is dependent on **close and effective collaboration**.



Ernest O. Lawrence
UC Berkeley Professor of Physics
Founder of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
In his Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1951



Internships Available: <http://csee.lbl.gov/>

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- 3) Because computers make a good career
- 4) Because you will get to work with lots of great people