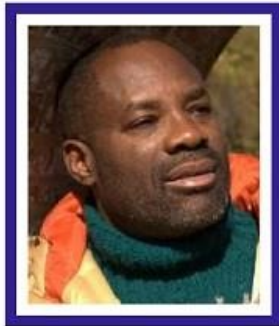


## 45 Father of the Internet—Part 3 of 15



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### 45.1 I Discovered a New Way of Computing

In 1989,

I experimentally discovered  
massively parallel processing,

or how to communicate across computers,  
and then compute **simultaneously**.

**I invented**

how to harness

64 binary thousand processors,  
each processor akin to a tiny computer,  
within a new internet.

**I invented**

how to parallel program many processors  
and parallel program them  
to compute together  
as one seamless, cohesive supercomputer  
that was the precursor  
to the modern supercomputer.

**I invented**

how to solve the **toughest problems**  
in calculus

and how to solve them across  
64 binary thousand processors.

**My experimental discovery**

of the parallel processing power  
of the **precursor**  
to the modern supercomputer

opened the door

to today's fastest supercomputer  
that is powered by  
ten million

six hundred and forty-nine thousand  
six hundred [10,649,600]  
processors.

A few days after my **1989**

experimental discovery

of massively parallel processing,

The Computer Society  
of the IEEE

that was the world's largest  
computer society

issued a press release

announcing that I—**Philip Emeagwali**—

achieved a **technological breakthrough**  
in supercomputing.

The IEEE is the acronym

for the Institute

of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

In the May 1990 issue

of its academic journal

named "**Software**,"  
the Computer Society of IEEE  
published an article  
on my **experimental discovery**  
of how to harness the computing power  
of massively parallel processing  
supercomputers.

In that IEEE article,  
four supercomputer experts  
described how I **invented**  
how to solve the **toughest problem**  
arising in calculus.

The four supercomputer experts wrote that:

[**quote**]

"The amount of money at stake  
is staggering.

For example,

you can typically expect to recover  
10 percent of a field's oil.

If you can improve your production schedule  
to get just 1 percent more oil,  
you will increase your yield

by \$400 million."

[unquote]

That 1989 press release that announced my technological breakthrough in massively parallel processing and the companion article published by the IEEE led to cover stories in mathematics publications and stories on my mathematical discoveries, and, in particular, stories on my contributions of newly discovered algebra to known algebra and newly discovered calculus to known calculus.

My contributions to algebra and calculus were the front page story of the June 1990 issue of the *SIAM News*.

The *SIAM News*

is where **new discoveries in mathematics** are described by mathematicians and for mathematicians.

## 45.1.1 Solving the Toughest Problem in Calculus

My sixteen-year-long mathematical quest to discover how to solve the **toughest problem** arising in calculus began on Thursday June 20, 1974.

That mathematical quest began on one of the world's fastest supercomputers that was at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, **United States**.

Sixteen years prior to my arrival in the **United States**,

the first oil field in West Africa was discovered in Nigeria.

The sister problem to my mathematical quest

was to discover how to **recover** the most crude oil and natural gas and recover them from a **newly discovered** crude oil and natural gas field in Nigeria.

For West Africa's first oil field that was **discovered** in 1958 at **Oloibiri**, Eastern Region, of the British West African colony of Nigeria, only about **one in ten** discovered barrels of oil could be recovered by using only **primary technologies**, such as merely digging a mile-deep hole into the oil field.

**Secondary technologies**, such as simulating the motions of the crude oil, injected water, and natural gas flowing from water injection wells to production wells

are used to recover more crude oil and natural gas.

For the four decades, inclusive of the 1950s through '60s, the supercomputer was used to simulate the motions of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas and used to **discover** and **recover** otherwise elusive crude oil and natural gas.

For those four decades, the supercomputers purchased by the petroleum industry were powered by **only one** isolated processor.

That isolated processor was not a member of an ensemble of processors that communicates and computes **together** and as one seamless, cohesive supercomputer.



In 1989, it made the news headlines that a lone wolf African supercomputer wizard in the United States had **invented** how to harness a **new internet** that is comprised of a new global network of 65,536 commodity-off-the-shelf processors and **discovered** how to use that **new internet** to simulate the flow of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas.

I—**Philip Emeagwali**—was that African supercomputer scientist that was in the news in 1989 and in the news for **experimentally discovering** massively parallel processing. That **experimental discovery** **changed the way** we look at the supercomputer.

In the old way,  
we looked at the supercomputer  
as harnessing the power of only one **isolated**  
processor.

In the new way,  
we looked at the modern supercomputers  
as computing **faster**  
by harnessing the power of up to  
ten million  
six hundred and forty-nine thousand  
six hundred [10,649,600]  
processors.

After my **experimental discovery**  
of massively parallel processing,  
**one in ten** supercomputers  
are purchased by the petroleum industry  
**alone.**

Briefly, the supercomputer  
improves global economic growth.  
The fastest supercomputer  
can cost more than the spacecraft  
that took men to the moon.

I **invented**

how to use the modern supercomputer to solve the **toughest problems arising** in calculus.

## 45.1.2 Parallel Processing the Toughest Problems

I **invented** how to parallel process by processing many things (or processes) **at once** and processing them to solve the **toughest problems** arising in calculus and solving them **across** a **new internet** that is a new global network of 64 binary thousand **processors**.

My **invention** made the news headlines in 1989 and **opened the door** to the modern supercomputer

that now computes  
with up to ten million  
six hundred and forty-nine thousand  
six hundred [10,649,600]  
processors.

For the four decades  
onward of 1946,  
the year the programmable computer  
was invented,  
the computer itself was redefined  
by the speed of its one  
and only one **isolated**  
processor  
that was not a member  
of an ensemble of processors.

That processor  
solved only one mathematical problem  
**at a time.**

In those four decades,  
parallel processing,  
or solving many problems **at once,**

and solving them across as many processors seemed so impossible that no supercomputer scientist would touch parallel processing with a ten-foot pole.

Solving the toughest problem in calculus is defined as theoretically and experimentally inventing how to harness a new internet that is a new global network of 65,536 tightly-coupled already-available processors and harness that new internet to compute 65,536 times faster than one computer that computes with only one isolated processor.

The grand challenge in calculus

was to **invent**  
how to harness  
the total processing power  
of that **new internet**  
and harness it while solving  
**the toughest**  
**and the most important problems**  
**that will make the world a better place,**  
**and a more knowledgeable one.**

## **45.2 How I Solved the Toughest Problem in Calculus**

### **45.2.1 They Called Me “Calculus”**

Many **school reports** are biographies  
of famous **mathematicians**  
**and their contributions to mathematics.**  
A seventh grader  
from Rhode Island, United States  
that was writing a **school report**

asked me:

“**What did Philip Emeagwali** contribute to mathematics?”

If he was a research mathematician, my answer—in the *lingua franca* of mathematicians—will be that I contributed a system of coupled, non-linear, time-dependent, and state-of-the-art, hyperbolic partial differential equations that is the toughest problem in **calculus** that are known as **Philip Emeagwali’s** equations. Since he was only a seventh grader, my simplified answer was that I used my **newly discovered calculus** to **invent** **how and why parallel processing makes modern computers faster and makes the new supercomputer the fastest,** namely, **the Philip Emeagwali formula**

that then United States President  
Bill Clinton described  
in his White House speech of  
August 26, 2000.

My contributions to calculus  
was cover stories  
of top mathematics publications  
of the year 1990.  
However, I began my journey  
to the cover stories  
of mathematics publications  
and began it twenty years earlier.  
During a high school reunion  
at Christ the King College,  
Onitsha, Nigeria,  
my school mates, from 1970,  
only remembered me  
by my nickname “Calculus,”  
not by my real name “Philip Emeagwali.”  
They called me “Calculus”  
because I was seen  
with the 568-page blue hardbound book



that was titled:

“An Introduction  
to the Infinitesimal Calculus.”

That calculus book was subtitled  
“With Applications to Mechanics  
and Physics.”

That **calculus** book was written by  
G.W. [George William] Caunt.

That **calculus** book was published by  
Oxford University Press.

**Calculus**

is the foundation  
of extreme-scale computational physics.

**Calculus**

is the common denominator  
between physics and the supercomputer.

I studied **calculus**

in June 1970, when I was in the eighth grade.

I studied **calculus** for twenty years  
before my contributions to **calculus**  
were recognized, as the cover story  
of the June 1990 issue  
of *SIAM News*.

The *SIAM News*

is the flagship publication of the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics that was the premier society for research mathematicians.

If a research supercomputer scientist that embarked on a quest for the fastest supercomputer is a **polymath**,

there is a reservoir of knowledge that he or she can tap into when tasked to solve the grand challenge problem, or the toughest problem, in supercomputing.

It was called the **toughest problem** because it seemed impossible to solve.

That grand challenge problem **traverses** the **frontiers** of knowledge in physics, mathematics, and computer science.

My 1970 textbook titled:

“An Introduction  
to the Infinitesimal **Calculus**”

is in the public domain,  
and can be read and printed online  
with no cost.

That textbook contains  
the foundational knowledge  
to the partial differential equations  
of **calculus**  
that must be solved across  
64 binary thousand  
processors  
that was used to define  
the **toughest problem** in supercomputing.

A person trained only  
in the computer sciences  
cannot solve ten, or perhaps one,  
problem randomly selected  
from that public domain textbook.  
Therefore, a person trained only  
in the computer sciences  
cannot solve the grand challenge

of supercomputing  
that implicitly requires the solution  
of the **toughest problem**  
in calculus.

I am asking you:  
**how can you solve**  
**the toughest problem**  
**in calculus**  
**when you cannot solve**  
**the easiest problem in calculus?**

A supercomputer scientist  
that was only at the **frontier** of computing  
cannot solve the toughest problem  
in supercomputing  
**that is defined and posed**  
at the crossroads  
of the frontiers  
of the partial differential equations  
of **calculus**,  
**and that is defined and posed**  
at the crossroads  
of the frontiers

of the most large-scale system of equations  
of **algebra**,  
and that is defined and posed  
at the crossroads  
of the frontiers  
of the most large-scale  
**computational physics**,  
and that is defined and posed  
at the crossroads  
of the frontiers  
of the most **massively parallel  
supercomputer**  
ever built.

I took twenty years,  
onward of June 1970,  
to arrive at those frontiers  
and then to cross them  
and into the uncharted territory  
that was the massively parallel  
supercomputer  
that is the pre-cursor  
of the modern supercomputer.  
For me, it was a wild journey

through the minefields  
of uncharted technological territories.  
I say that the genius  
is an average person  
that worked hard  
to become above average.

## 45.2.2 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Calculus

In 1989, I was in the news  
for my contributions to mathematics.

I contributed

nine partial differential equations  
to calculus.

And calculus is the powerful technique  
that is the crown jewel of mathematics.

I contributed

new algebraic knowledge  
of how to solve  
the longest system of equations

of algebra  
and how to solve them  
across the largest ensemble  
of processors.

I **contributed** new mathematical knowledge  
of how to approximate  
systems of partial differential equations  
of calculus  
and approximate each system  
with an almost equivalent  
system of equations  
of algebra.

I **contributed** to computational mathematics  
the new knowledge  
of how to email portions  
of those algebraic equations  
and email them  
to 65,536, or two-raised-to-power sixteen,  
processors  
and to email them to their unique  
sixteen-bit long

email addresses  
that was a unique string of sixteen  
zeroes and ones.

### 45.2.3 Thirty Thousand Years...In One Day

I invented  
how to solve them **across**  
each of those processors  
and solve them  
with **sixteen orders of magnitude**  
increase in supercomputing speed.  
I invented  
how to compress 65,536 days,  
or 180 years,  
of **time-to-solution**  
and compress that **time-to-solution**  
to only one day  
of **time-to-solution**,  
and compress that **time-to-solution**  
by **sixteen orders of magnitude**.



My **experimental discovery**  
of 180 years in one day  
**opened the door**  
to the state-of-the-art  
in supercomputing  
of reducing **30,000 computing-years**  
on an isolated processor  
to only one supercomputing-day  
across an ensemble of  
**10.65 million** processors.  
It is the massively parallel processing  
that I **invented**  
that powers the number one  
supercomputer in the world.  
That supercomputer  
that is powered by **10.65 million**  
processors  
that compute in parallel.

## 45.2.4 Newsworthy Contributions to Calculus

Those contributions to calculus, algebra, and supercomputing were the reasons I—**Philip Emeagwali**—was the cover stories of top mathematics publications, such as the cover story of the June 1990 issue *SIAM News* that was published by the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics. During the twenty years onward of June 1970, I spent the first decade learning mathematics and spent the second decade contributing new equations to mathematics that are named **Philip Emeagwali**'s equations.

## 45.2.5 The Calculus of Philip Emeagwali

And my contribution to modern and abstract calculus had become **newsworthy** and **noteworthy** to the extent I was getting telephone calls from the likes of G.W. [George William] Caunt to speak at top mathematics conference which led to my lecture on July 8, 1991 in Washington, D.C.

at the International Congress of Industrial and Applied Mathematics that was the biggest gathering of mathematicians.

G.W. Caunt wrote the *magnus opus* titled:

**“An Introduction to the Infinitesimal Calculus.”**

It was subtitled:

**“With Applications to Mechanics and Physics.”**

If G.W. Caunt could have revised his *magnus opus* he will revise a 1989 edition of his nineteen fourteen [1914] edition of his five hundred and sixty-eight [568-] paged *magnus opus*.

And G.W. [George William] Caunt will update his 1914 calculus with a forty-page contribution on 1989 calculus that was written by **Philip Emeagwali** and subtitled:

**“With Supercomputer Applications.”**

Or with applications to parallel processing across millions of processors.

Calculus is a living body of knowledge that has grown continuously since it was invented three hundred and thirty years ago. My contributions to calculus

represent its growth  
—from the 17<sup>th</sup> century's blackboard  
to the mid-twentieth century's motherboard  
and its expected growth across  
up to one **binary billion** motherboards  
of the twenty-first century.

My contributions to calculus  
that was front-page news in 1989  
represent its growth  
across the 75 years onward of 1914.

To any mathematician  
that came of age  
at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century,  
my contributions to **calculus**  
turned mathematical science fiction  
to non-fiction.

## 45.3 I Changed the Way We Solve the Toughest Problems in Calculus

## 45.3.1 Calculus and Computing

The reason **Philip Emeagwali** is the subject of school reports —on inventors and their inventions and on mathematicians and their contributions to mathematics— is that I **invented** how to execute large-scale floating-point arithmetical computations and a new method of computing in calculus. I **changed the way** we solve the **toughest problems** in calculus and changed it from solving it on only one **isolated** processor to solving it **across** an **ensemble** of processors. Such computation-intensive problems had their roots

in a large-scale system of equations of algebra.

I translated those system of equations from a system of partial differential equations of calculus that I formulated from a set of laws of physics.

I invented how to compress 65,536 days, or 180 years, of **time-to-solution** on one processor of the most extreme-scale problems in computational physics.

I invented how to compress **time-to-solution** from 180 years on one computer to only one day of **time-to-solution** across one internet.

I invented that new internet

as a new global network of  
65,536 processors,  
each akin to a tiny computer,  
that were identical and equidistant  
from their nearest-neighboring units.

I invented that new internet  
as a global network of  
as many computers  
that were identical  
and were identically connected  
and were equal distances **apart**.

That **invention**  
was beyond mathematics textbook writing  
and science fiction writing.

In today's market,  
the sixteen supercomputers  
that I programmed as a lone wolf  
and programmed in the 1980s  
cost the budget of a small nation.  
In the 1970s and '80s,  
I conducted my research alone



and conducted my research  
in the **uncharted territory**  
of the massively parallel supercomputer  
that is the pre-cursor  
of the modern supercomputer.  
I conducted research alone  
and I did so because it was  
the toughest problem in supercomputing.  
I conducted research alone because  
the 25,000 programmers  
of the vector processing supercomputers  
of the 1980s  
**were terrified**  
thinking about **synchronously** sending  
and **simultaneously** receiving  
65,536  
email messages  
that each contained  
my **step-by-step** instructions  
on how to solve  
an initial-boundary value problem

of calculus.

Massively parallel supercomputing was called a grand challenge for the good reason that it was impossible to harness its potential.

A novelist or a science fiction writer can solve problems with the pen.

But I cannot buy a billion dollar supercomputer

with a mere waive of the pen.

It's even more difficult

when you're black and African

and conducting scientific research as a lone wolf

in Los Alamos, New Mexico, [United States](#).

## 45.3.2 Calculus and Supercomputing

### Calculus

is the most common denominator across

every supercomputer  
that computes in parallel.  
Nine in ten supercomputer cycles  
are consumed and used to solve  
computation-intensive problems  
that had their roots in **calculus**.

I studied **calculus**  
in June 1970 in eighth grade  
at Christ the King College,  
Onitsha, Nigeria.

Because I stood out  
for studying calculus in eighth grade,  
everybody at Christ the King College,  
called me “**Calculus**.”

And nobody at Christ the King College  
called me “**Philip Emeagwali**.”

I programmed sequential processing  
supercomputers  
on June 20, 1974  
at 1800 SW Campus Way,  
Corvallis, Oregon, United States.

I **invented**

how to harness a new internet  
that is a global network  
of 64 binary thousand  
processors.

I **invented**

how to harness that new internet  
and use it to execute a set of floating-point  
arithmetical problems.

Those arithmetical problems

**arose from**

a system of equations  
of algebra.

Those algebraic problems

**arose from**

a system of **partial differential equations**  
of calculus.

Those **partial differential equations**

**arose from**

a set of laws of physics.

And those laws of physics

describe the precise motions  
that were **coded** as algorithms  
and **encoded**  
into general circulation models.  
And general circulation models  
are used to **foresee**  
otherwise **unforeseeable** global warming.

In September 1981

I was living in Silver Spring, Maryland,  
studying in both Washington, D.C.  
and College Park, Maryland,  
and conducting supercomputing research  
in Silver Spring, Maryland.

I had spent the prior seven years  
programming supercomputers.

For my growing knowledge  
of supercomputing,

I was perceived  
as a growing intellectual threat.

As a black and African immigrant  
in the United States,

I was **banned**  
from programming the Cyber 205  
vector supercomputer.

Research nuclear scientists  
from [**quote unquote**]  
“a list of unfriendly countries”

were also **banned**  
from programming the Cyber 205  
vector processing supercomputer.  
The **United States** Congress was afraid  
that nuclear scientists  
from North Korea  
could acquire the expertise  
it takes to solve  
the system of coupled,  
non-linear, time-dependent,  
and state-of-the-art  
**partial differential equations**  
of calculus  
that governs the motions  
of the shock waves

that emanates  
from nuclear explosions.

The denial of access  
to U.S. supercomputers  
forces the North Korean government  
to explode its nuclear weapons,  
instead of secretly simulating  
nuclear explosions.

That Cyber 205  
vector processing supercomputer  
that I was banned from programming  
was purchased by the **United States**  
National Weather Service.

That agency was part of the  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration.

That vector processing supercomputer  
was used to solve the primitive equations  
of meteorology.

The primitive equations  
were a system of coupled, non-linear,

time-dependent, and state-of-the-art  
partial differential equations  
that were hyperbolic.

To quote myself  
from an advanced calculus lecture  
that I gave in 1981  
in Washington, District of Columbia,  
United States:

“The dependent variables  
of the primitive equations of meteorology  
include the temperatures,  
the speeds, and the pressures  
of the air and moisture  
that flows above the surface of the Earth.  
A supercomputer is needed  
to solve for those dependent variables  
and to compute them  
at several levels of the Earth’s atmosphere.”

The Cyber 205  
vector processing supercomputer  
that I was **banned** from programming,



back in 1981,  
evolved into the ETA-10 supercomputer.  
And because I was **banned** from  
programming vector processing  
supercomputers  
I **involuntarily**, but fortunately,  
evolved into the lone wolf programmer  
of the most massively parallel processing  
supercomputer  
ever built.

A decade later and in 1991,  
I crossed paths with the Cyber 205  
vector processing supercomputer  
that I was banned from programming  
back in 1981.

I lived across the street  
from the head office  
of ETA Corporation  
that was within Energy Park  
and adjacent to Bandana Square,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota, **United States**.

Back in 1981, the Cyber 205 that I was **banned** from programming was a vector processing supercomputer that was housed at the National Meteorological Center in Camp Springs, Maryland. The National Meteorological Center is the **forecasting heart** of the National Weather Service. In the 1980s, twenty-five thousand [**25,000**] scientists were allowed to program vector processing supercomputers. I was not one of those 25,000 scientists. Instead, I was **relegated** to conducting my supercomputer research alone. I computed alone and coded in cold basement labs. In the world of supercomputers, I had to **experimentally discover**

that the **impossible**-to-compute is, in fact, **possible**-to-compute.

Twenty years later,  
and in a White House speech televised  
on August 26, 2000,  
then **President Bill Clinton**  
acknowledged my contributions  
to the development of the supercomputer  
that computes in parallel  
and that is the pre-cursor  
to the modern supercomputer.

In the 1970s and '80s,  
parallel processing  
was ridiculed  
as a huge waste of everybody's time.

The lesson that I learned  
from being exiled  
from the world of supercomputers  
was that closing the door  
to the **known** world of  
vector processing supercomputers

opened the door  
to the **unknown** world of  
parallel processing supercomputers.  
I learned that  
when one door closes  
another door opens.

## 45.4 Philip Emeagwali's Contributions to Calculus

### 45.4.1 Philip Emeagwali and Modern Calculus

In 1989, that contribution to calculus  
was the reason  
a 15-year-old writing a school report  
on the development of modern calculus  
asked me to explain the  
“contributions of Philip Emeagwali  
to modern calculus.”

I explained that my mathematical quest  
was for the most important  
and the most advanced calculus

that could be discovered  
at the **uncharted territory** of  
partial differential equations of calculus.  
It was in that **unknown world** of calculus  
that I invented  
a system of nine  
partial differential equations  
of calculus  
**that are** known as  
**Philip Emeagwali's** equations  
**that are** coupled  
and, therefore, must be solved  
simultaneously,  
**that are** non-linear  
and, therefore, are impossible  
to solve directly,  
**that are** time-dependent  
and, therefore,  
will be more computation-intensive  
to solve on a supercomputer,  
and **that are** hyperbolic,  
instead of parabolic  
as described in calculus textbooks.

I originally formulated my system of equations for the blackboard and defined each at **infinite** points in space and time. Then I discretized and reformulated my system of equations of calculus and re-defined each **partial differential equation** at **finite** points in space and time. That discretization of **partial differential equations** and their reformulation and approximation as algebraic equations gave rise to my large-scale system of equations of algebra that could be computationally solved by step-by-step instructions that are a finite number of floating-point arithmetical operations. I **invented**

how to solve  
that extreme-scale problem in algebra  
and I **invented** how to computational solve  
that **tough problem**  
on a motherboard  
or **invented** how to experimentally solve that  
floating-point arithmetical problem  
**across** a **new internet**.  
I **invented** that **new internet**  
as a new global network of motherboards  
or processors  
or computers.  
I coded my system of equations  
of algebra  
and solved that system  
as a set of floating-point  
arithmetical operations.  
In 1989, it made the **news headlines**  
that a 35-year-old  
African supercomputer wizard  
born in Akure, Nigeria  
and living in the **United States**  
had **invented**

how to execute those  
floating-point operations  
and execute them **across**  
a **new internet**  
that he **invented**  
as a new global network of  
64 binary thousand processors.  
I—**Philip Emeagwali**—was that  
African supercomputer wizard  
that was in the news back in 1989.  
I **invented**  
how to solve  
24 million equations of algebra  
that was a world record in 1989.  
I **invented**  
how to solve the most large-scaled  
algebraic problems  
and how to solve them  
at the fastest speeds of  
arithmetical computation  
and email communication  
that could be recorded **across**  
a **new internet**



that is a new global network of  
64 binary thousand  
commonly available processors.  
My quest was for new knowledge in calculus  
—or for **never-before-seen**  
**Philip Emeagwali's**  
**partial differential equations**—  
and for how to  
approximate **Philip Emeagwali's**  
**new calculus**  
as the **largest-scaled algebra**  
and use that algebra  
as the mathematical foundation  
of my large-scale  
**computational fluid dynamics** codes.  
I executed those computation-intensive  
codes across  
a **new internet**.  
I invented that **new internet**  
as a new global network of  
**64 binary thousand**  
**processors,**  
or a global network of

as many computers  
that are distributed equal distances apart  
and distributed across  
the surface of a globe  
in a sixteen-dimensional universe.

That new internet  
that is a supercomputer  
*de facto*

that I invented  
is to calculus

what the **telescope** is to **astronomy**  
or the **microscope** is to **biology**  
or the **x-ray machine** is to **medicine**.

Back in 1974 and '75,  
my research interests were in astrophysics,  
not in supercomputers.

In 1974, the supercomputer  
was only a hobby to me.

By 1975, I had taken all the astronomy  
courses offered within the state of Oregon.

However, it was my mentor,

**Fred Merryfield,**

that advised me to switch from

astronomy to engineering.

There were more jobs in engineering than in astronomy, but ironically, my first job offer was to be an **astronomer** in Washington, DC.

**Fred Merryfield** was a man of means and I was living with him and his wife, **Anne**, in 1975 and '76 and at 2540 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, Oregon.

In 1946 and the year the programmable computer was invented, **Fred Merryfield** founded the top engineering firm, **CH2M**.

In our series of after dinner conversations, **Fred Merryfield** **remotely** and **subconsciously** teleguided me from the astrophysics of distant stars to the geophysics of planet Earth. That's how I acquired expertise

in terrestrial and engineering physics  
such as hydraulics, hydrology, meteorology,  
oceanography, and fluvial geomorphology.  
In my few *years of insanity*,  
I switched from the physics of the heavens  
to the geophysics  
and the large-scale  
*computational fluid dynamics*  
of the earth, air, and sea.  
But I had to first travel across  
the unknown world, or the *terra incognita*  
of extreme-scale *computational physics*  
and the *terra incognita*  
of *partial differential equations*  
of calculus  
and the *terra incognita*  
of large-scale algebra.  
I had to travel those frontiers  
before I could travel across  
the *terra incognita*  
that was my global network of  
64 binary thousand  
processors

that were **braided together**  
as one cohesive whole computer  
and **braided together**  
by one binary million email wires  
and **braided together** as a **new internet**.  
What helped me in my quest  
for the fastest supercomputer  
was that I was on the right path,  
despite my numerous **zig-zags**  
and **side detours**.  
After the first rough decade,  
**I saw a light**  
**—and saw a new internet—**  
**at the end of my dark tunnel**  
that was a new global network of  
commodity-off-the-shelf processors  
that were identical,  
that were equal distances **apart**  
**and with each processor**  
**operating its own operating system**  
**and with each processor**  
**having its own dedicated memory**  
**that shared nothing with each other.**

How to use that massively parallel processing supercomputer and how to use that new technology to **solve** otherwise **unsolvable** problems, such as **initial-boundary value problems** at the **frontier** of modern calculus is the reason 15-year-olds are writing school reports on the “contributions of **Philip Emeagwali** to modern calculus.”

## 45.5 Philip Emeagwali's Equations

### 45.5.1 Closing—Modern Calculus

To the non-mathematician, my **mathematical inventions** are dense, **abstract** and **invisible**. The system of nine coupled, non-linear, and time-dependent **partial differential equations** of the modern calculus

that I **invented**  
were described by mathematicians  
and for mathematicians  
and was the **cover story**  
of the May 1990 issue  
of *SIAM News*.

In the June 1990 issue of *SIAM News*,  
a research computational mathematician  
wrote that:

[**quote**]

"I have checked  
with several reservoir engineers  
who feel that his calculation  
is of real importance and **very fast**.  
His explicit method  
not only generates lots of megaflops,  
but solves problems **faster**  
than implicit methods.  
**Emeagwali** is the **first**  
to have applied a pseudo-time approach  
in reservoir modeling."

[**end of quote**]

The *SIAM News* is the bi-monthly publication of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, which is the premier society for mathematicians.

The *SIAM News* is where **newsworthy partial differential equations** of modern calculus are published and presented to the **foremost experts** in modern calculus.

**My contribution to mathematics** is this:

In the 1970s and '80s, I **correctly reformulated** the Second Law of Motion of physics that was **discovered** 330 years ago.



I **correctly reformulated** that law and **correctly encoded** it into the most advanced expressions in calculus.

Those calculus expressions consisted of eighty-one [**81**] **partial derivative** terms that encoded the motions of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas in the x-, y-, and z-directions, that comprised of forty-five [**45**] **partial derivative** terms that were in advanced calculus textbooks plus the thirty-six [**36**] **partial derivative** terms that I **invented** and that were **not** in any calculus textbook. Put differently, the cover story of the May 1990 issue of the *SIAM News*, that is the number one publication

for **new mathematics**,  
described the system of **nine**  
coupled, non-linear, time-dependent,  
and state-of-the-art  
**partial differential equations**  
that **I invented**  
and that is **my contribution**  
**to modern calculus.**

Those nine **Philip Emeagwali's**  
**partial differential equations**  
that **I invented**  
are akin to the system of  
**partial differential equations**  
that is **cross-listed**  
in the **seven millennium problems**  
of mathematics  
and that is one of the **seven**  
**toughest problems**  
**in mathematics.**

My grand challenge in supercomputing  
was to **invent**  
how to make the **impossible-to-compute**  
**possible-to-compute**

and to do so by **experimentally discovering** massively parallel processing that makes modern computers **faster** and makes the new supercomputer the **fastest**.

I **invented**

how to solve that Grand Challenge problem of computing that is the **toughest problem** in calculus.

I **invented**

how to solve that tough problem by **mathematically inventing** how to **compress** those system of **partial differential equations** that were defined in the interior of the domain of an **initial-boundary value problem** and **compress** them into their equivalent **algebraic** equations and, finally, **how to email equal portions of those algebraic equations to my 65,536**

commodity-off-the-shelf processors  
that I visualized  
as **equidistant**  
and that I visualized  
as completely **encircling**  
and **tightly circumscribing**  
a globe, or a hyper-globe,  
in a sixteen dimensional hyperspace.

## 45.5.2 Closing—Modern Calculus

The abacus was invented  
3,000 years ago  
and invented in ancient China.  
In his book titled  
“**Natural History,**”  
the Roman author **Pliny the Elder**  
explained that the breadth of Asia  
should be "**rightly calculated.**"  
Pliny's book was written in Latin  
and was published  
between the years 77 to 79,

or about two thousand years ago.  
The Latin translation for the phrase  
"rightly calculated"  
is "*sane computetur.*"

In that sense, the word "computer"  
was first used 2000 years ago.

Calculus

was invented 330 years ago.

The phrase "partial differential equation"  
was first used in 1845.

A century and one year later,  
the programmable computer  
was invented in 1946

and was invented

for solving the

ordinary differential equation

that govern the motions  
of ballistics.

The technology called

parallel processing

that powered a new internet

that is a new global network of

65,536 programmable processors,

or a new global network of as many programmable computers, was **invented** in **1989**.

**I—Philip Emeagwali—** was the lone wolf supercomputer programmer that **invented** that new **internet** and **programmed the processors** within that **new internet to compute together** as one cohesive, seamless supercomputer that is the **precursor** of the modern supercomputer that can solve a system of coupled, non-linear, time-dependent, and state-of-the-art **partial differential equations** of modern calculus. I invented nine of those **partial differential equations**, called **Philip Emeagwali's equations**. **I invented**

how to use **parallel processing**  
and how to use the technology  
to **recover** otherwise **unrecoverable**  
crude oil and natural gas  
and I invented how to use  
the massively **parallel processing**  
**supercomputer**  
to **foresee** otherwise **unforeseeable**  
global climate change  
and how to use the  
massively **parallel processing**  
**supercomputer**  
to compress 65,536 days,  
or 180 years, of **time-to-solution**  
of the most extreme-scale problems  
arising in computational physics  
and I invented how to **compress** that time  
to just one day of **time-to-solution**  
**across** a new global network of  
65,536 commonly available processors  
that outline a **new internet**  
that is also a new supercomputer.

