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# Philip Emeagwali

*The Reader's Digest* described Philip Emeagwali as "smarter than Albert Einstein." Philip Emeagwali is often ranked as the world's greatest living genius and scientist. He is listed in the top 20 greatest minds that ever lived. That list includes Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, Aristotle, Pythagoras, and Confucius. Philip Emeagwali is studied in schools as a living historical figure.

In 1989, Philip Emeagwali rose to fame when he won a recognition described as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing and made the news headlines for his invention of the first world's

fastest computing across an Internet that's a global network of processors. *CNN* called him "A Father of the Internet." *House Beautiful* magazine ranked his invention among nine important everyday things taken for granted. In a White House speech of August 26, 2000, then U.S. President Bill Clinton described Philip Emeagwali as "one of the great minds of the Information Age."

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

**Crossing New Frontiers of Computing** 

Father of the Internet

10.1.1.20 The First Supercomputer

The world's fastest computing that's executed across up to a billion processors is the end product of the supercomputer technology that then U.S. President Bill Clinton described as the Philip Emeagwali formula for making computers faster.

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In 1989, I was in the news for discovering that the slowest processors could be used to solve the most difficult problems in science, engineering, and medicine. And used to find their answers at the fastest speeds. The fastest computer is used to foresee the weather before going outside.

Philip Emeagwali Computer

10.1.1.21 Early Years of Philip Emeagwali

During my childhood in Nigeria, of early 1960s post-colonial Africa, I read of great minds of mathematics and physics. In early 1970s, I read about

Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. In January 1960 and at age five, I enrolled in Saint Patrick's Primary School, Sapele, in the western region of the British West African colony of Nigeria. In 1960, the odd of me becoming the subject of school essays in the U.S., Canada, and U.K. was one in a billion. But thirty years, I was studied with the icons of science, such as Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Those school essays were recognitions I could not have imagined. In 1960, the word "computer" wasn't even in the vocabulary of a Nigerian. And the word "supercomputer" hasn't been coined. I began programming supercomputers on June 20, 1974,

at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

At that time, there was no computer in Nigeria.

In 1974, the word "internet"

wasn't even in the vocabulary

of an American computer scientist.

10.1.1.22 The Impact of My Father's Career

My father's nursing career impacted my early development. That was the reason I grew up in Nigerian cities, such as Akure, Sapele, Burutu, Forcados, Uromi, Agbor, Ibusa, and Asaba.

As a nurse in the western region of colonial and post-colonial Nigeria, my father was frequently transferred from one General Hospital to the other. He worked in each hospital for about two years. And in that short period, I could not learn the local language of our new community, such as the Yoruba language of Akure, the Itsekiri language of Sapele, the Ijaw language of Burutu and Forcados, and the Esan language of Uromi. I lived in Agbor for three and half years and then understood their Ika language.

During the thirty-month long Nigerian Civil War that ended on January 15, 1970, the Biafran government could not pay salaries. And the refugees were unemployed and could not pay for the medical services they received. By the end of the war, the Biafran Army had lost control of eighty percent

of Biafra. And most Biafrans were refugees in Biafra. My father was a volunteer nurse in Biafran refugee camps. Papa was a volunteer nurse at the hospital in Awka, Biafra, from late September 1967 to January 19, 1968; at the medical clinic in Oba, Biafra, from late January 1968 to March 21, 1968; at the refugee camps in Awka-Etiti, Biafra, from March 29, 1968 to early July 1969; and was the only medical practitioner in the fishing community of Ndoni, Biafra, from mid-July 1969 to January 19, 1970.

#### 10.1.1.23 The Three Languages I Speak

Like every Nigerian, I spoke the grammatically simplified Nigerian pidgin language, which is incomprehensible to an American. Pidgin is used in informal conversations among friends and in markets. And spoken as the second *lingua franca* across the 250 ethnic groups in Nigeria.

I might say to a Nigerian lady:

*"Babe you too fine oooo. This food sweet well well. E don do."* 

I'm fluent in my ancestral Igbo language. Igbo is an endangered language that's only spoken in the south eastern region of Nigeria. I use Google to translate any email

#### sent to me in Igbo language.

"*Biko jiri nwayo kwuo okwu*" "Please speak slowly"

*"Achọrọ m ka mụ na gị gbaa egwu." "I want to dance with you."* 

Before the age of twelve, I grew up in non-Igbo speaking towns in Nigeria.

However, we spoke Igbo at home.

10.1.1.24 Growing Up in Nigeria's Coastal Towns of Burutu and Forcados

The southern boundary of Nigeria is a coastline that faces the Atlantic Ocean. When I was three and four years old, we lived in the Nigerian coastal towns of Burutu and Forcados, both in the Niger Delta in southern Nigeria. My family lived in Ijaw-speaking Forcados and did so for the two or three months before and after my fourth birthdate, and presumably in the Nurses' Quarters of the Forcados General Hospital that employed my father as its "relief duty" Staff Nurse.

In 1958, the year we lived in Forcados, it was a small coastal fishing community of fewer than a thousand persons, in the Niger Delta of southern Nigeria. The Forcados General Hospital was built in 1890. It predated the Onitsha General Hospital by a decade.

Some describe the Forcados

**General Hospital** 

as the first modern hospital in West Africa.

Five centuries earlier, Forcados was a major Portuguese slave trading port. Millions of Nigerian slaves were taken to the Portuguese colony of Brazil, as domestic and plantation workers. For that reason, Brazil is the second most populous Black country in the world, and second only to Nigeria.

The Forcados Slave Dungeon was built in 1475. The Forcados Slave Wharf is one of the longest in Africa. For four centuries, millions of slaves landed on the Forcados Wharf to begin their long journey to the Americas and across the Atlantic Ocean. The four centuries of non-stop slave trading in Forcados is to Nigeria

what the atomic bombing of Hiroshima

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is to Japan and the Auschwitz concentration camp is to the Jewish people. For those reasons, the Forcados Slave Wharf should be listed as a United Nations' World Heritage site.

Forcados is where Nigeria began.

It was the 15<sup>th</sup> century's administrative capital of the geographical area we now call Nigeria. Forcados was the Abuja of the 15<sup>th</sup> century Nigeria.

My oldest sister, Onyeari Florence, was born in Forcados, in 1958.

#### 10.1.1.25 First Hospitals in Nigeria

The nine children of my mother had university education. And became Nigerian-Americans. The first school in Igbo land was founded on November 15, 1858. That school was a short stroll from the birthplace of my father and great-grandfathers. And was also located a short stroll from the present location of General Hospital, Onitsha. That was the first hospital in Igbo land. In 1857, that General Hospital wasn't built. My great-grandfather whose first name was "Emeagwali" was born and raised where the General Hospital is now located. Forty years later and at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the British colonial administrators

decided to build the present General Hospital of Onitsha. Citing Eminent Domain law that gives the government the power to take over any land and convert it to public use, the Emeagwali family was ordered to move and relocate a walking distance away, to 17 Mba Road, Onitsha.

Our proximity to that first school in Igbo land gave us, several generations of *Ndi Onicha*, an unfair educational advantage over heartland Igbo speaking people. Being among the first Nigerians to learn how to read and write meant that *Ndi Onicha* emigrated earliest. And did so from Igbo land to the farthest regions of Nigeria. That was the reason, Nnamdi Azikiwe, the first president of Nigeria, who's parents were born in Onitsha, was born in 1904 in Zungeru, the capital of the British protectorate of Northern Nigeria. It was the reason my grand uncles emigrated from Onitsha to faraway Kano to work as clerks. And why my father emigrated from Onitsha to Kano in 1948 and to Akure in 1950. Papa was trained and employed in General Hospital, Akure, as a twenty-nine-year-old Junior Staff Nurse.

By age nine, I had lived at a dozen Nigerian addresses in seven towns. The first was at 11 Eke-Emeso Street, Akure, Western Region, colonial Nigeria. My father was employed as a nurse in the General Hospital of Akure,

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and from 1950 to early 1956. From the General Hospital, Akure, Papa was transferred to Central Hospital, Sapele, Western Region. At first, we lived in the Hausa Quarters, of Sapele in 1956. That was where my immediate younger brother, Nduaguba Francis, was born in May 1956. In early 1958, my father was transferred from the General Hospital, Sapele, on what was called a six-month "Relief Duty" to the coastal towns of Burutu and Forcados. My family of five, spent most of the year 1958 in the latter two towns. In April 1958, we left Burutu to come back to Onitsha to attend the funeral of my maternal grandfather,

Chieka Balonwu. Chieka was a farmer who lived his entire life at 6C Wilkinson Road, Onitsha. Chieka died after a long period of protracted illness that was related to diabetes.

A group portrait in our family photo album, taken in April 1958,

had my then nineteen-year-old mother who was expecting her third child.

Sitting beside her

were three female friends

from Onitsha.

All four women were elegantly dressed but sat on a beautiful mat

that was placed on the wooden stairways of our house in Burutu.

The four women were

Iyanma Agatha Emeagwali,

Mabel Ifejika, Clara Chude, and Modupe.

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We lived in Burutu for six months, from early- to mid-1958. As a three-year-old, I remember living in Burutu in that one-story wooden house that was built upon support stilts. Our house was elevated to protect us from daily tidal floods and occasional storms.

We lived in Forcados for six months, from mid- to late-1958. We lived in the Nurses' Quarters of the General Hospital, Forcados that was a short stroll from the community's post office. My sister, Onyeari Florence, was born in 1958 in the General Hospital, Forcados. And my sister, Chinwe Edith, was born in 1960

### in the Central Hospital, Sapele.

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After my father returned
from his six-month relief duty
in Forcados, we lived in the compound
that was next to The Eagle Club,
Yoruba Road, Sapele.
We lived besides the Eagle Club
from early 1959 to late April 1962.
The Eagle Club was established by
Arthur Edward Prest
who later became the Nigerian
Ambassador to the United Kingdom.
The Eagle Club was sold in the early 1940s
to a Lebanese.
The manager of The Eagle Club
was Dickson MacGrey.
The resident musician was
Sally Young.
The Eagle Club was the dancing place
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in Sapele.

When we hear the visiting musicians

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rehearsing, I and other children will sneak inside the Eagle Club and enjoy a free live, rehearsal concert. I enjoyed Victor Olaiya rehearsing his hit song "Aigana." And enjoyed Herbert Udemba and his African Baby Vocal Party rehearsing their hit song "Bottom Belle" that went like:

*Bonswe azikiwe Bonswe ayoh ayoh Bonswe azikiwe Bonswe ayoh ayoh oh* 

As a four-year-old, I played along the dusty Yoruba Road and in front of the Eagle Club. And I remember Festus Okotie-Eboh, a man of means and the most flamboyant politician in Nigeria, in his chauffeur-driven long limo. To draw the attention of us children carelessly playing on Yoruba Road, Okotie-Eboh's chauffeur blasted his car's loud signature horn.

By the mid-1960s, the Eagle Club was demolished. And Okotie-Eboh bought a portion of the land it was upon. Okotie-Eboh built his "Orogun Villa" on that land which, [I think], is now 149 Yoruba Road, Sapele. In 1959, some of the band members at the Eagle Club will give me a penny to buy two sticks of cigarettes for them. And bring back their change of half a penny. That was the purchasing power

#### of a penny, between early 1959 and April 1962.

From late April 1962 to November 1963, we lived next to Premier Club and Hotel, Uromi, that was also the town's prostitutes compound. The most memorable event that occurred when we lived near Premier Club at Agbor Road was that the renown boxer **Dick Tiger defeated Gene Fullmer** on August 10, 1963, in Liberty Stadium, Ibadan, Nigeria. Tiger defeated Fullmer to retain his world middleweight boxing title. The Premier Club was downstairs of a two-storey building that was owned by an Igbo man named "Ubah." The Premier Club was the dancing place in the Uromi of the early 1960s.

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From our adjacent compound, we hear the visiting musicians rehearsing. I and other children will immediately sneak inside the Premier Club and enjoy a free live, rehearsal concert. I enjoyed Zeal Onyia rehearsing his hit songs *"Vicki Nyem Afum" and "Opigwe."* 

In a concert at the Premier Club of 1963, Emmanuel Ntia and his Eastern Stars Dance Band of Nigeria rocked its dance hall with their X-rated number one highlife hit song, called "Kolopchop."

Like other Igbo children in Uromi of 1962, we learned the sensational Esan

# acrobatic cultural dance of the spirits.

From mid-December 1963 to late 1966, we lived along Gbenoba Road, Agbor, Midwest Region, Nigeria. And in a three-bedroom house about a block downhill and on the left from the house of Jereton Mariere, the first governor of the Midwest Region of Nigeria.

#### Childhood Education of Philip Emeagwali

My elementary school education consisted of two years at Saint Patrick's Primary School, Sapele, two years at Saint Anthony's Primary School, Uromi, and two years at Saint John's Primary School, Agbor. The names of the first two schools have changed. The Saint Patrick's Primary School, Sapele, that I attended shared premises with the town's then only Catholic Church. The Saint Anthony's Primary School, Uromi, that I attended was across the street from the town's then only Catholic Church.

I enrolled in classes three and four at Saint Anthony's from late April 1962 to mid-December 1963. After earning my First School Leaving Certificate, in December 1965, following two years at Saint John's Primary School, Agbor, Midwest Region, Nigeria, I enrolled for fifteen months at Saint George's College, Obinomba, Midwest Region, Nigeria.

Like ninety-nine percent of the children in Biafra, I dropped out of school, for three years, during ages twelve to fifteen. I dropped out to live in refugee camps of **Biafra** of the Nigerian Civil War. But I also dropped out again, for two years, from Christ the King College, Onitsha, in March 1972, and after the civil war was over. One in fifteen Biafrans died during that 30-month-long war. In the list of the worst genocidal crimes of the 20th century committed against humanity, the death of one in fifteen Biafrans was ranked fifth.

10.1.1.26 School Inventor Reports on Philip Emeagwali

I'm the subject of school essays on computer inventors because I was in the news and because contributed to the development of the world's fastest computers. Specifically, I discovered how to compress the time-to-solution of the most compute-intensive scientific problems, described as the twenty hardest problems that can be solved on extremely fast supercomputers. Likewise, I'm the subject of school essays on "physicists and their discoveries" because I was in the news for discovering

how to compress the time-to-solution of the most compute-intensive problems arising from encoding the laws of physics and encoding those laws into the partial differential equation of calculus. Likewise, I'm in school essays on "mathematicians and their contributions to mathematics" because I was in the news for mathematically discovering how to reduce an initial-boundary value problem of calculus defined in its interior domain by a system of coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and three-dimensional partial differential equations. I discretized those equations to reduce them

to a large-scale system of equations of computational linear algebra that approximated the governing initial-boundary value problem. I'm in school essays on mathematicians who contributed to mathematics because I was in the news for mathematically discovering how to solve those algebraic equations. And solve them to foresee otherwise unforeseeable global warming. And solve them to recover otherwise unrecoverable crude oil and natural gas buried up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. I'm in school essays on physicists who contributed to physics because I was in the news for experimentally discovering

how to make the most compute-intensive problems

and that are impossible-to-solve

possible-to-solve.

I'm in school essays

on scientists and their discoveries

because

in physics

I was in the news for discovering how to solve the most challenging problems in science, called Grand Challenges. And how to solve them across the slowest processors in the world. And solve them at the fastest possible speeds in the world.

## 10.1.1.27 Importance of the Supercomputer

Once upon a time, before the Fourth of July 1989, to be exact, the fastest one thousand computers in the world computed with only one custom-manufactured and super-fast vector processor. Before the Fourth of July 1989, parallel supercomputing, or attaining the fastest speeds across the slowest processors, was mocked and ridiculed as science fiction and was dismissed as a beautiful theory that required experimental confirmation. On the Fourth of July 1989 and in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

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I confirmed parallel supercomputing to be faster than the fastest sequential computing. That contribution to computer science is the reason I won an award, in 1989, that is referred to as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing.

My milestone in the history of the computer was marked as the first time the fastest speed in supercomputing was recorded across the slowest processors in the world.

10.1.1.28 The Invention of the World's Fastest Computer

A year later, on June 20, 1990, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other media, wrote that Philip Emeagwali, has experimentally discovered that parallel processing many problems at once, instead of sequentially processing one problem at a time should be the starting point of the next generation of supercomputers. Nineteen eighty-nine [1989] was the year that I discovered how to parallel process across a spherical island of identical and coupled processors that shared nothing. My new technology was a new Internet, in reality, and not a computer, by its very nature. Nineteen ninety [1990] was the year the supercomputing industry upgraded parallel processing

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from a theory to a discovery. And from science-fiction novels to nonfiction computer science textbooks. I was in the news because I discovered a quantum shift, or a significant change in the way we look at both the computer and the supercomputer. After the Fourth of July 1989, the fastest one thousand computers in the world were computing in parallel and communicating across up to 10,649,600 processors. We now have a more profound and surer understanding of why and how the world's fastest computer parallel processes. Massively parallel processing

was the stone that was rejected as rough and unsightly but that became the headstone of the supercomputer industry.

How I Discovered the World's Fastest Computing

10.1.1.29 Parallel Supercomputing Was Mocked by Everyone

According to the guiding lights of the world of computing of the 1970s and 80s—namely Gene Amdahl of the IBM world of mainframe computing of the 1960s, Seymour Cray of the world of vector computing of the 1980s, and Steve Jobs
of the world of personal computing of the 1990s—

and according to these three giants it would forever remain impossible to use eight, or more, processors to achieve a speedup of eight-fold. In the spirit of the 1970s and 80s, the June 14, 1976, issue of the *Computer World* magazine carried an article titled:

[quote] "Research in Parallel Processing Questioned as 'Waste of Time'." [unquote]

## 10.1.1.30 My Discovery of the Fastest Computing Was a Defining Moment

Fourteen years after that article, the June 1990 issue of the *SIAM News*, the flagship bi-monthly news journal

of mathematicians, carried a cover story that described how Philip Emeagwali mathematically and experimentally discovered how to save time by parallel supercomputing through sixty-four binary thousand processors. And the June 20, 1990, issue of The Wall Street Journal and several newspapers and magazines carried a story that reported that Philip Emeagwali discovered that parallel supercomputing is not an enormous waste of everybody's time. I contributed to the newer understanding of the supercomputer. And my discovery changed the way we think of the supercomputer. In the bygone way of thinking, the supercomputer solved

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one problem at a time. In the contemporary way of thinking, the supercomputer solves many problems at once. My scientific discovery of the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors became computing's defining moment. And the bedrock of the supercomputer.

How I Leapfrogged 30,000 Years in a Day

That scientific discovery of parallel supercomputing made the news headlines because I invented the fastest computer. And invented the supercomputer technology across the slowest 65,536 processors in the world. On a relative scale, the speed increase I discovered, in 1989, was three thousand times greater than the speed advantage the commercial aircraft has over the bicycle. The fastest supercomputer of today is one hundred million times faster than the fastest supercomputer of 30 years ago. In 1989, it made the news headlines that I discovered how a large-scale computational physicist can compress her time-to-solution from 180 computing-years to one supercomputing day. My scientific discovery opened the door to the state-of-the-art supercomputers used to compress time-to-solution from 30,000 years on a computer to one day on a supercomputer. Between April 18 to 20, 1967, an IBM supercomputer scientist,

named Gene Amdahl, wrote it would forever be impossible to compress time-to-solution from eight days to one day and to do so by parallel supercomputing the most compute-intensive problems in the world. That pessimistic assertion that originated between April 18 to 20, 1967, and from the Spring Joint Computer Conference, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, entered every supercomputer textbook to become the famed Amdahl's Law. That Amdahl's Law is to supercomputing across plural processors what Moore's Law is to computing within a singular processor.

10.1.1.31 Leapfrogging from a Bloody Battlefield to an Unknown Field of Knowledge

On the date Amdahl's Law was invented, I was fleeing as a twelve-year-old refugee fleeing from Agbor (Nigeria) and fleeing to Onitsha (Biafra). Onitsha was my ancestral hometown. In the following thirty months, Onitsha became the bloodiest battlefield in African warfare. During that Nigerian Civil War, one in fifteen Biafrans died. Twenty-two years after Amdahl's Law was published, I discovered that the unimaginable-to-compute is possible-to-super-compute. I discovered how to exceed the eight-processor,

factor-of-eight speedup limit

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known as Amdahl's Law. And how to use sixty-four binary thousand processors to solve the most compute-intensive problems in the world. My scientific discovery of the fastest computing made the news headlines as the biggest fundamental change in computer science. My scientific discovery opened the door to a revolution, namely computers and supercomputers that could solve many problems at once.

10.1.1.32 What Does a Supercomputer Look Like?

The scientific discovery that I recorded during my email experiments of July 4, 1989, provided the designers

of the supercomputer with the insight that massively parallel processing is useful. My new insight changed the way the first supercomputer that computes fastest across the slowest processors look. The supercomputer of the 1980s, and earlier, was the size of your refrigerator. The supercomputer of today occupies the space of a soccer field, consumes as much electricity as a small American town, And it costs as much as the budget of a small African nation. That change in the way the supercomputer looks and costs is my contribution to computer science.

## Who is Philip Emeagwali?

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From an early age in Nigeria, I studied the contributions of the great minds of science. I learned that Euclid is the father of geometry. Later, I learned that Albert Einstein is the father of modern physics. Becoming a father

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of a then unknown technology wasn't something I could have imagined during ages twelve to fifteen. In that period, I dropped out of school to live in refugee camps of Biafra created by the Nigerian Civil War. For three years following May 1967, all schools in Biafra were closed. And one in fifteen Biafrans died during that 30-month-long war that ended on January 15, 1970. In the list of the worst genocidal crimes of the 20th century committed against humanity, the death of one in fifteen Biafrans was ranked fifth.

The quintessential questions of supercomputing were these:

How do we compute faster? How do we do so by a billion-fold? And what makes the supercomputer super?

My contribution to supercomputing is this:

I discovered how to compress the time-to-solution of the most compute-intensive problems.

Once upon a time, before the Fourth of July 1989, to be exact, the fastest one thousand supercomputers in the world computed with only one custom-manufactured, super-fast vector processor. Before the Fourth of July 1989, parallel supercomputing was mocked and ridiculed as a beautiful theory that lacked experimental confirmation.

On the Fourth of July 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA, discovered practical parallel supercomputing. And discovered the technology by harnessing the slowest processors in the world. And using them to solve the most compute-intensive problems in the world. And solve those problems at the fastest speeds in the world. That invention was newsworthy because I discovered

a paradigm shift of tectonic proportions that was a huge change in the way we look at the computer and the supercomputer.

Parallel supercomputing was the stone rejected as rough and unsightly but that became the milestone and headstone of the supercomputer industry.

I was in the news because I contributed to the understanding of the world's fastest computers. My discovery changed the way we think of the supercomputer. In the customary way of computing, the supercomputer solved one problem at a time. In my new way of computing, the supercomputer solves up to a billion problems at once. My scientific discovery of parallel supercomputing became computing's defining moment and the **bedrock** of the supercomputer. My scientific discovery opened the door to a revolution, namely computers and supercomputers that could solve many problems at once. This discovery is my contribution to the supercomputer, as it's known today, that could become the computer of tomorrow.

Massively parallel computing is the vital technology that enabled the supercomputer to tower over the computer

## that's not parallel processing.

# Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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Google suggests the greatest computer scientists of all times. With the number one spot, Philip Emeagwali is the most suggested computer pioneer for school biography reports across the USA, Canada, UK, and Africa (December 8, 2021).



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### Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

### Philip Emeagwali Equations

## 10.1.1.33 How a New Internet Inspired Emeagwali Equations

In 1989, I was in the news for inventing how to solve the most compute-intensive mathematical problems that arise as the partial differential equations of calculus. I was in the news for inventing how to solve the largest system of equations that occur in computational linear algebra that approximated the system of partial differential equations that governs planetary-scaled fluid dynamics motions. The poster boy of such grand challenge problems is the supercomputer simulations of long-term global warming. After July 4, 1989, I was in the news for inventing how to solve the companion initial-boundary value problems. And how to solve them at the fastest speeds. And solve them across a new Internet.

I visualized that new Internet as my new global network of sixty-four binary thousand processors. I visualized those processors as coupled, identical, equal distances apart, and sharing nothing. That new Internet is a supercomputer, in reality. That supercomputer is an instrument of mathematics and physics. The fastest supercomputer is the flagship computer of the world.

10.1.1.34 How I Solved Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations

My contributions to mathematics were these:

I discovered how to solve nonlinear partial differential equations. And how to solve them across a new Internet that's a new global network of off-the-shelf processors that were identical and coupled and that shared nothing, but were in dialogue with each other.

A complex system of nonlinear partial differential equations,

or PDEs, is impossible to solve exactly. And impossible to solve on the blackboard. However, the most important system of nonlinear partial *differential* equations can be solved approximately on the computer. And solved with the most accuracy across a new Internet that's a new global network of up to a billion off-the-shelf processors. In calculus textbooks, some linear partial differential equations can be solved exactly. And solved by using the technique called Fourier series expansion. And using it to solve an initial-boundary value problem governed by the heat conduction equation in one dimension. The heat equation is used to model the diffusion of particles.

The heat equation is used to describe the macroscopic behavior of microscopic particles in Brownian motion, or the random movement of fluid particles. That initial-boundary value problem has Dirichlet (or first type) boundary conditions that specify the solution along the boundary of the domain of the problem. In the 1980s, I used the exact solutions of linear partial differential equations to validate my parallel-processed codes. **Partial differential equations** go by different names that depend on the assumptions and settings used to derive each. The coupled system of nine Philip Emeagwali partial differential equations is the mathematical language

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that I invented and used to describe the flows of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas flowing up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below the surface of an oil field that's almost twice the size of Anambra, my state of origin in Nigeria. The nine Philip Emeagwali equations were based on my corrected assumption that inertial forces exist within all producing oil fields. Philip Emeagwali equations are the most complicated equations in physics.

My contributions to mathematics were these:

I mathematically encoded the temporal and the convective inertial forces that exist within all producing oil fields. I encoded both physical forces into thirty-six partial derivative terms. And I added those mathematical terms to the existing forty-five (45) partial derivative terms described in computational physics textbooks on subsurface petroleum reservoir simulation.

10.1.1.35 What is a Grand Challenge Problem?

The grand challenge initial-boundary value problem of mathematics is so named because it requires tremendous supercomputer power to solve it with an acceptable accuracy. On my Eureka moment which occurred at fifteen minutes after 8 o'clock in the morning of the Fourth of July 1989, I discovered how to parallel process 30,000 years of time-to-solution of a Grand Challenge Problem to one day of time-to-solution across an ensemble of 10.65 million off-the-shelf processors.

10.1.1.36 How I Turned Fiction to Fact

Although parallel processing entered the realm of science fiction and did so on February 1, 1922, it wasn't until my discovery, which occurred on July 4, 1989, that a full understanding of the vital technology that underpins the world's fastest computer was attained. In 1922, weather forecasting across sixty-four thousand human computers was written as a science-fiction story.

### My contributions to physics were these:

On July 4, 1989, I discovered how to upgrade the science fiction of forecasting the weather across sixty-four thousand human computers to the nonfiction

of forecasting the weather across sixty-four binary thousand processors, or across as many electronic computers.

I contributed to physics by discovering how the extreme-scaled climate model is parallel processed across a new Internet that's a new global network of 65,536 processors. And how global climate models can be executed by chopping up the model of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans

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into 65,536 smaller climate models that're mapped with a one-model to one-processor correspondence. And mapped onto as many processors.

The societal importance of my contribution to science is this:

Parallel-processed climate models are tools used by decision makers to help ensure the Earth is safe for humans and for all animals.

Solving Problems Across an Internet

In 1989, it made the news when I discovered how to solve the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics and science. I was cover stories because I discovered how to solve

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the world's biggest problems in mathematics, physics, and computer science. And solve them at the fastest recorded computer speeds. I invented how to solve the most compute-intensive mathematical problems, called extreme-scale computational fluid dynamics. And solve them across a new Internet. That Internet was a new global network of up to one billion identical and coupled processors. Each processor operated its operating system. Each processor was self-contained and had its dedicated memory and shared nothing. I was in the news because I invented a new Internet

that's a new global network

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of millions, or billions, of processors. I invented how to parallel process. Or how to execute a billion set of computer instructions. And how to execute them at once. Or how to execute them in parallel and across up to a billion processors.

Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Algebra

10.1.1.37 How is Mathematics Used in Climate Change?

For the 25-year-old mathematician, the expression "partial differential equations of mathematical physics" conjectures up images of the parabolic heat equation, the hyperbolic wave equation, and the elliptic Laplace equation

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described in his mathematics textbooks. The real-world problems that arise in mathematical physics occur while hindcasting the weather up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below the surface of the Earth. The world's biggest problems include the hindcasting of the quote, unquote "weather" deep inside the Niger Delta oil fields of southern Nigeria. Another large-scale computational fluid dynamics problem that's equally compute-intensive is to forecast the long-term weather above the surface of the Earth. Or to simulate the spread of a once-in-a-century global pandemic's contagious viruses across the two and half billion passengers a year that ride in Russia's Moscow Metro.

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These real-world initial-boundary value problems that're governed by partial differential equations of mathematical physics can't be analytically solved on the blackboard. Or solved with pencil and paper. Or solved with a computer that's powered by one processor. The world's most compute-intensive mathematical problems must be solved only across an ensemble of millions of processors that were identical and that shared nothing.

10.1.1.38 The Grand Challenge of Mathematics

As a research computational mathematician

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who came of age in the 1970s in Corvallis (Oregon) and 80s in College Park (Maryland), Washington (District of Columbia), and Los Alamos (New Mexico), my mathematical grand challenge was to invent the correct system of partial differential equations, called the nine Philip Emeagwali equations, that governs the flows of crude oil, natural gas, and injected water that're flowing across any of the world's 65,000 producing oil fields, including Nigeria's 159 producing oil fields. My system of partial differential equations were not published in any calculus textbook of the 1980s. As their sole inventor, I was the first person to formulate

and discretize them

and, consequently, derive their companion system of

partial difference equations

of large-scale computational linear algebra.

I invented both my systems of differential and difference equations from my correct formulation of the Second Law of Motion of physics. I discovered how to chop up the most compute-intensive problems as the sixty-four binary thousand high-resolution computational physics codes that I must parallel process. And that I must map in a one-code to one-processor corresponding fashion. And that I must evenly distribute onto as many off-the-shelf processors that outlined and defined

### my new Internet.

My new Internet was a virtual supercomputer, in reality.

That one-code to one-processor mapping was the grand challenge of extreme-scaled computational mathematics, such as global climate modeling to foresee otherwise unforeseeable global warming.

10.1.1.39 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Mathematics

What are the contributions of Philip Emeagwali to mathematics?

Often, scientific recognitions lack a sense of proportion and context. My mathematical discovery
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of thirty-six partial derivative terms that must be used to accurately pinpoint the miles-deep locations of crude oil and natural gas deposits is abstract. And it's not as important as my scientific discovery that the fastest computer can be built with the slowest processors. The latter contribution was a scientific breakthrough and the subject of newspaper articles. And became the vital technology that <u>underpins</u> every supercomputer. Inventing my new thirty-six (36) partial derivative terms requires very high-level, dense mathematics to fully explain all the mathematical steps that I took over a fifteen-year period. The simplified explanation of my mathematical invention

that is my contribution to mathematical knowledge is that both the temporal and the convective inertial forces that exists in the actual problem must also exist on the blackboard and motherboard. And must be represented by those thirty-six partial derivative terms. Inventing a new system of partial *differential* equations of calculus and discretizing those equations into a new system of partial *difference* equations of large-scale computational linear algebra and experimentally proving the stability and convergence properties of the companion partial *difference* algorithms and coding those algorithms across a monumental ensemble of

off-the-shelf, coupled processors that shared nothing was a notable problem that was defined at the crossroad where new physics, new mathematics, and the world's fastest computing intersected.

In 1989, I was in the news for solving that Grand Challenge Problem. And for solving it alone.

The parallel supercomputer that occupies the space of a soccer field

is a super-sized mathematical instrument that put the partial differential equation back whence it came from.

It's not enough to lecture on the mathematical foundation of the fastest supercomputers, even though that intellectual feat requires mastery of physics, mathematics, and computer science. It took me twenty years to arrive at the frontiers of knowledge of physics, mathematics, and supercomputing.

An Alternative Way of Solving Compute-Intensive Problems

10.1.1.40 Solving Partial Differential Equations Across a Billion Processors

I was in the news because I discovered how to solve the most compute-intensive mathematical problems, such as initial-boundary value problems governed by a system of partial differential equations. I discovered how to solve partial differential equations across an ensemble of up to a billion processors. Such equations contextualized

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and encoded some of the most important laws in physics. Such equations capture in a few succinct terms some of the most ubiquitous features of the air and water flowing across the surface of the Earth, including the atmosphere and oceans, and the crude oil, injected water, and natural gas flowing across highly anisotropic and heterogeneous producing oil fields that are up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below the surface of the Earth. An oil field is about the size of a town.

10.1.1.41 Redefining Mathematical Physics

My contributions to supercomputing, as it's executed today,

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pushed the boundaries of modern mathematical physics to include fastest computing across up to one billion processors.

I couldn't have accidentally discovered a more accurately formulated system of partial differential equations and discovered it without knowing what's erroneous with the century-old partial differential equations that were published in textbooks. After sixteen years of mathematical research, I became fearless in the face of the partial differential equations arising at the frontier of calculus. After sixteen years, I developed the mathematical maturity that was needed to read

the physics subtext encoded into

partial differential equations. And needed to understand what their partial derivatives represent. I could introduce new partial *derivatives* and introduce them into the partial differential equations and where they were missing. After sixteen years, I gained the ability to discretize any partial differential equation. And to solve it on a computer. Or solve it across a new Internet that's a new global network of coupled processors. I knew partial differential equations not by memorization but through understanding them enough to invent new ones. I understood partial differential equations deeply. I could look in the mathematical physics textbook and see which key partial derivatives

were missing from the system of partial differential equations that were used by computational physicists. And used to simulate the flows of crude oil, natural gas, and injected water that were flowing up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. And flowing across a highly anisotropic and heterogeneous producing oil field that's up to twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria. After sixteen years with foremost American and visiting European mathematicians, I developed the ability to translate verbal statements of the laws of physics. And translate them into partial differential equations that arise beyond the frontier of calculus.

Likewise, I developed the ability and the intuition that was needed to move back and forth between the laws of physics and the partial differential equations that arise beyond the frontier of calculus. Furthermore, I developed the mathematical maturity needed to identify connections between the weather above the surface of Earth and the weather below the surface of the Earth. Not only that, I could spot century-old mathematical errors in textbooks and correct them. I could draw a line between the partial differential equations we know and the ones we don't know.

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10.1.1.42 How I Solved the Most Difficult Problem in Computational Mathematics

How did I solve the most difficult problem in computational mathematics?

I could use my instinct and intuition to solve initial-boundary value problems in extreme-scale mathematical physics. A calling for solving unsolved problems of mathematics is needed Just like it's impossible for you to set the world record in a 26.2 mile [or 42 kilometer] marathon race and do so without extensive training in long-distance running, it would have been impossible for me to set the world record

of the fastest mathematical computations that I executed on the Fourth of July 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA. And set that record without my sixteen-year-long training as a research computational mathematician in the USA.

In 1989, what made the news headlines was that an African-born computational mathematician has discovered how to perform the fastest mathematical computations. I did so by changing the way we count, namely my alternative way of counting up to a billion things at once instead of the old way of counting only one thing at a time. That old way of counting was used since the era of our prehistoric human ancestors. The paradigm shift from the sequential way of counting to the parallel way of counting is to the mathematics textbook, what the continental drift was to the geology textbook.

10.1.1.43 The Importance of Philip Emeagwali Equations

What are the importance of the Philip Emeagwali equations?

To contribute new mathematics is to add new knowledge to the existing body of mathematical knowledge. The nine new partial differential equations that I invented were cover stories

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of top mathematics publications, such as the May 1990 issue of the *SIAM News*, which is the flagship publication for the research mathematician. My partial differential equations are for discovering and recovering otherwise undiscoverable and unrecoverable crude oil and natural gas formed up to 541 million years ago and buried up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep.

Without the fastest computing across millions of processors that I discovered, the solution of the most

#### compute-intensive

initial-boundary value problems—such as the simulation of long-term

climate change will be as approximate as a sketch, instead of as exact as a photograph.

In theory, mathematical predictions based upon the partial differential equations should be as reliable as a hammer. In practice, it's a different story. The world's fastest computer shortens the gap between theory and practice. The Philip Emeagwali equations are correct and accurate and, for those reasons, also shorten the gap between theory and practice.

# Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Mathematics

10.1.1.44 My Contributions to Mathematics

What are the contributions of Philip Emeagwali to mathematics?

# A significant contribution to mathematical knowledge can be made only by a person who has spent three, or four, decades training as a research mathematician. And as a polymath who has reached the uncharted waters of mathematical and scientific knowledge. And went beyond the unexplored territory of human knowledge where new mathematics can be discovered.

My journey was to the *terra incognita* 

of mathematical knowledge where I became the first person to figure out how to solve never-before-solved problems beyond the mathematics textbook. Such grand challenge problems exist beyond the mathematician's blackboard. Such troublesome problems were formulated for physical domains up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) beneath the surface of the Earth. A grand challenge problem is in contrast to mathematical problems formulated only for the mathematician's textbook and blackboard.

10.1.1.45 My Struggles to Contribute New Computer Knowledge to Mathematics

#### and Physics

It took me two decades of full-time training to contribute the knowledge of the world's fastest computing to both mathematics and physics. It took me the first sixteen years in the USA. following March 24, 1974, to gain the mathematical maturity needed to solve advanced mathematical problems in planetary-scaled geophysical fluid dynamics. During those sixteen years, I constantly struggled against the most compute-intensive problems that spanned disciplines, from geology to meteorology, from the partial differential equations beyond the frontier of calculus

# to the processor-to-processor emailed codes of computational physics, and from extreme-scale algebra to supercomputing across a billion processors that outline a new Internet that's a new global network of coupled processors. I grew as a research mathematician and did so during those sixteen years, or more, of solving increasingly challenging problems that arose

at the crossroad where new mathematics, new physics, and the world's fastest computing intersect.

My quest for the world's fastest computing started as the world's slowest mathematician.

That quest began from the times table

that I learned in the first grade at age five in January 1960 in Sapele, Nigeria. It grew to the fastest multiplications that I recorded on the Fourth of July 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA. That technology underpins the fastest parallel-processed computations, that I invented. It's used to solve real-world mathematical problems, such as making possible your evening weather forecast that's based upon extreme-scaled computational physics that must be executed across an ensemble of up to **10.65** million off-the-shelf processors.

Two thousand three hundred years ago, King Ptolemy, the first,

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of Egypt demanded from the father of geometry, Euclid, an easier path for his son to follow and understand geometry.

"He's a prince," said King Ptolemy.

"There is no royal road to geometry," Euclid replied.

10.1.1.46 I Contributed Emeagwali Equations to Mathematics and Physics

My contributions to mathematics and physics were these:

#### I discovered a royal road

to the farthest frontier of calculus. My royal road led to the solution of the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics, physics, and computer science. That grand challenge problem was to find the solution to the discrete approximations of initial-boundary value problems beyond the frontiers of calculus, computational physics, and supercomputing. And doing so across a global network of up to a billion processors that is an Internet. My discovery of the world' fastest computing enabled the supercomputer to become the workhorse of large-scale computational

mathematicians and physicists.

In supercomputing, nine out of ten cycles are consumed by modelers

solving grand challenge problems that are governed by systems of partial differential equations and their companion and approximating system of partial difference equations.

The partial differential equation of calculus is an equation for some quantity called a dependent variable. That dependent variable depends on some independent variables. And involves derivatives of the dependent variable with respect to at least some independent variables. For four decades, I researched partial differential equations that govern both the quote, unquote "weather" up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below

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the surface of the Earth. And the weather above the surface of the Earth. These are by far the most important partial differential equations in mathematical physics. My contributions to mathematical knowledge that made the news headlines, in 1989, were these:

#### I discovered a royal road

to the farthest frontier of human knowledge of large-scale computational and mathematical physics.

World's Fastest Computing

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10.1.1.47 The World's Fastest Computer is My Contribution to Knowledge

My discovery of the world's fastest computing is my signature contribution to human knowledge. My discovery led to the parallel-processed solution of the largest-scaled problems in computational physics. It led to solving real-world initial-boundary value problems. And solving them across sixty-four binary thousand processors, that were coupled and shared nothing. My discovery of fastest computing yielded the vital technology that now underpins every supercomputer. For those reasons, my invention was later acknowledged by then U.S. President Bill Clinton,

who did so in his White House speech dated August 26, 2000. Likewise, my invention was acknowledged in the news headlines of 1989, and later. Since 1989, my invention has been the subject of school essays on computer pioneers and their contributions to the development of the computer.

10.1.1.48 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Mathematical Physics

Since June 20, 1974,

a Thursday, that I remember because a total solar eclipse occurred, and the Moon passed between the Earth and the Sun, and since that rare astronomical event, my quest for the fastest supercomputer on Earth hinged on the most consequential issue in computer history.

In computing, the biggest question was this:

how do mathematicians solve a Grand Challenge Problem at the intersection of mathematics, physics, and computer science?

Or, how do mathematicians solve the initial-boundary value problem of large-scale mathematical and computational physics?

And how do mathematicians discretize that difficult problem?

And do so by dividing the resulting system of equations of extreme-scale algebra

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into up to a billion smaller systems. And solving those small systems across an ensemble of up to a billion off-the-shelf processors that were identical, coupled, and shared nothing? Each processor operated its operating system and had a one-to-one correspondence with the as many problems.

## **Bringing Computing Fiction to Reality**

There's no precise set of rules for solving unsolved problems. The best we can do is to keep searching for answers.

My quest for the world's fastest computer was both a journey and a destination. My scientific discovery, of how to manufacture the fastest computers and do so with standard parts, fuelled the quest for a new destination, namely the next horizon to answering the most difficult questions in modern computer science. That new horizon is to invent the quantum computer and, most importantly, to use the technology to address the toughest questions in science. That new technological horizon resides within the realm of computer science fiction and is still beyond our understanding.

I worked alone because my world's fastest computing that was <u>enabled</u> by the world's <u>slowest</u> processors was <u>ridiculed</u>—by the likes of Steve Jobsand dismissed as a noble but distant dream. My discovery of the world's fastest computing was at first theorized and, therefore, was expected. Yet, it was an otherworldly new knowledge. The world's fastest computing was my 1989 holiday gift to the U.S. for its Independence Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that's Nigeria's equivalent of October 1.

A scientist achieves immortality by first discovering something that will be forever remembered.

For me, science is more than learning science. My science is a search for something unknown, such as the invention of the world's fastest computer,

## as it's known today and as it's expected to be known tomorrow.

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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## Supercomputing Across Emeagwali Internet

Struggles to Compute Across the Slowest Processors

## How I Recovered from Rejections

# 10.1.1.1 Rejection in December 1980 in Washington, D.C.

Transcript of Philip Emeagwali YouTube lecture 210824 3of4 for the video posted below.

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# Philip Emeagwali

*The Reader's Digest* described Philip Emeagwali as "smarter than Albert Einstein." Philip Emeagwali is often ranked as the world's greatest living genius and scientist. He is listed in the top 20 greatest minds that ever lived. That list includes Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, Aristotle, Pythagoras, and Confucius. Philip Emeagwali is studied in schools as a living historical figure.

In 1989, Philip Emeagwali rose to fame when he won a recognition described as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing and made the news headlines for his invention of the first world's fastest computing across an Internet that's a global network of processors. *CNN* called him "A Father of the Internet." *House Beautiful* magazine ranked his invention among nine

important everyday things taken for granted. In a White House speech of August 26, 2000, then U.S. President Bill Clinton described Philip Emeagwali as "one of the great minds of the Information Age."

#### Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

I'm here because I was the first person to discover the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors.

That was the world's first supercomputer, as it's known today.

In 1989, I was in the news for discovering that the world's slowest processors could be used to solve the most compute-intensive problems arising in mathematics, physics, and computer science. And find their answers at the fastest
speeds. The fastest computer is why you know the weather before going outside.

After I won the highest award in supercomputing, in 1989, I had the seal of approval equivalent to winning the Oscar for acting or winning the Grammy Award for singing or winning a Grand Slam tournament of tennis. The highest award in supercomputing that computer scientists rank as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing is a peer honor awarded by supercomputer scientists and awarded at the top supercomputer conference and awarded only to someone

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who made a measurable contribution to supercomputing, that includes a quantified and new milestone in computer history.

After the news headlines from my winning that prize, supercomputer scientists who mocked and made fun of me took notes when I gave lectures. But in the early 1980s, nobody took notes when I lectured at gatherings of research scientists.

I was fired as a scientific researcher in December 1980 because I was advocating changing research directions. I was dismissed because I wanted to change from small-scale fluid dynamics modeling within one processor to large-scale modeling across

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a new Internet that's a new global network of 65,536 off-the-shelf processors and standard parts.

My contributions to computer science were these:

I discovered how to harness a billion coupled processors that shared nothing. And how to use them to execute time-dependent, three-dimensional fluid dynamics calculations that have extreme-scale algebra at their computational cores. An example is simulating the spread of contagious viruses inside Japan's Tokyo subway where 3.1 billion passengers a year are packed like sardines.

10.1.1.2 Rejection in 1974 in Oregon

My signature invention is the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors. And it's use to solve the most difficult problems arising in science, engineering, medicine. My new technological knowledge has been absorbed into the fastest computers in the world. I invented it as the vital technology that will underpin every supercomputer. In the summer of 1974, my vague idea of sixty-four thousand computers around the Earth was inspired by a science-fiction story that was dated February 1, 1922. My theory of fastest computing

was mocked and dismissed as a joke.

What makes a computing milestone?

A computing milestone begins with a vision of a quantum leap in the speed of the world's fastest computer.

In practice, it takes a decade, or more, to invent a new supercomputer.

10.1.1.3 Rejection in November 1982 by the U.S. government

In November 1982 and at a science conference that took place near The White House, in Washington, D.C., I gave a research presentation on how, in theory, I could chop up an initial-boundary value problem

that's the most compute-intensive

in mathematical physics. And chop it up into 65,536 less compute-intensive problems. And then solve them in tandem and across a new Internet that's a new global network of sixty-four binary thousand processors. Only one young computational physicist remained to listen to my lecture. Even though he didn't understand my theory of the fastest computing across the slowest processors, his intuition told him that the new technology was bigger than us. Convinced, he spearheaded an initiative to invite me to speak in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

10.1.1.4 Rejection in May 1983 by the U.S. Government

Six months later, I gave a hiring lecture

in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. My lecture was on how to parallel process and solve in tandem the most extreme-scale initial-boundary value problems in computational fluid dynamics. That lecture went over their heads, in part, because in May 1983 nobody understood how to parallel process. And do so across a new Internet that's a new global network of sixty-four binary thousand processors. That I wasn't hired was because recording the world's fastest speed in computing and doing so across the slowest processors was then in the realm of science fiction. Parallel computing was considered to be an enormous waste of their time. It was also rejected because I was Black and sub-Saharan African.

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In the 1980s, I was the only person that could give a lecture on how to harness a million processors. And use them in tandem to forecast tomorrow's weather. In 1989, I was in the news for discovering that the slowest processors could be used to solve the biggest problems.

Rejection in September 1983 in Washington, D.C.

My world's fastest computing of July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA, was theorized in June 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA. I continuously developed it during the fifteen years up to 1989.

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Back from September 1, 1981, through August 1986, I lived a 15-minute stroll from the Gramax Heliport Building in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Gramax Building was the then headquarters of the U.S. National Weather Service. On my typical weekdays of the early 1980s, I arrived at eight o'clock in the morning at my desk in the Gramax Building at 8060 13th Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. In the 1980s, the Gramax Building housed the U.S. National Weather Service. During those five years, and from Mondays through Fridays, I stopped each morning and spent five hours with research hydrologists and meteorologists.

As a research meteorologist, and from 1981 to 86, I spent the first half of each day in the headquarters of the U.S. National Weather Service. I mathematically analyzed finite difference algorithms and processor-to-processor emailing across an ensemble of 65,536 processors. Finite difference schemes must be used to discretize and solve the set of primitive equations that governs atmospheric dynamics, namely rain, wind, floods, and hurricanes. The primitive equations, which encode a set of laws of physics, were first formulated in 1904.

Eight and half decades later, I was in the news for discovering

how to solve initial-boundary value problems that are governed by a system of partial differential equations, such as the primitive equations used to forecast the weather. The supercomputing breakthrough was not that I discovered how to forecast the weather on the world's fastest processor per se. The technological breakthrough was that I discovered the world's fastest computing across the slowest 65,536 processors in the world.

The pre-cursor to my world's fastest computing, of July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, was rejected in September 1983, in Washington, D.C. and by the U.S. National Weather Service, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

A decade earlier, I left Nigeria for Oregon, USA, and arrived on March 24, 1974. In that decade, the most brilliant Nigerians in the U.S. were denied jobs as research engineers and scientists. And they were denied opportunities to contribute to scientific knowledge. In the early 1970s, well compensated research jobs in the field of computer science were reserved for white males. When I gave a job hiring lecture in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on about September 24, 1985, it seemed surreal to the white audience listening to my theory of how to harness the 65,536 slowest processors in the world.

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And using them to record my world's fastest computing that later occurred on July 4, 1989. My audience in Ann Arbor, Michigan, experienced cognitive dissonance. They've never listened to a Black research mathematician who came to them with new computational mathematics from his forthcoming world's fastest computing.

Nigerian mathematicians who can invent new partial differential equations for modeling the spread of the coronavirus left mathematics, where they are no jobs, to become nurses. As a result of this internal brain drain, from research mathematics to nursing practice, Nigerians became underrepresented in winning top scientific prizes

#### but are overrepresented

as the hardest working nurses in America. In the U.S., one in twenty registered nurses were born in Nigeria. My four sisters are Nigerian-American nurses who work two jobs each to pay the school fees for distant relatives in Nigeria.

Fifty years ago or in the 1970s, the most brilliant Nigerian scientists in the USA became janitors, like I was in Oregon. Some become security guards in Washington, D.C. or taxi drivers in New York City. In the 1970s and 80s, many Nigerian taxi-drivers in the big American cities, who were brilliant engineers and scientists,

# were robbed and killed.

I began supercomputing on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon. In 1974 and in the U.S., no Black computer scientist had ever been hired in any predominately white academic institution in North America. Seven years later, I worked without pay, for five years, and conducted supercomputing research at the headquarters of the U.S. National Weather Service in Silver Spring, Maryland. My supercomputer discovery, that was not paid for, increased the accuracy of weather forecasts now produced by the National Weather Service.

As the only person that was not paid, I was the only research meteorologist

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that had the complete freedom to pursue unorthodox lines of enquiries that led to my scientific breakthrough. In contrast, salaried research meteorologists were explicitly told what to do. And were forbidden from conducting the parallel supercomputing research that I had the freedom to explore. Also, because I was not paid, I retained the legal rights to all my inventions.

I'm a Black mathematician that occupies a white space. Mathematics itself is race neutral. But white mathematicians were not race neutral. The nine Philip Emeagwali equations were correct and accurate. For years, many white mathematicians were slow in accepting my properly

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derived mathematical equations. The Philip Emeagwali equations were accepted only after I disguised my racial identity and used those equations to win the highest award in supercomputing.

Parallel processing, as a subject, did not exist on June 20, 1974, the day I began supercomputing, in Corvallis, Oregon. In September 1983, I submitted a research report on an early version of my theorized world's fastest computing across a million processors. My seventy-five dollar non-refundable submission fee was accepted, but my technical report on the world's fastest computing was rejected. That rejection of the precursor

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to my 1,057-page research report on the world's fastest computing that I recorded on July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, was repeated six times. Their six rejections of my discovery of the world's fastest computing stopped after my 40-page summary of that 1,057-page report won the highest award in supercomputing. And won it because I discovered that the world's fastest computer can be built from the world's slowest processors. In 1989, I was in the news because I was the first person to prove that a supercomputer that is powered by up to one billion processors can be used to more accurately pinpoint the locations of crude oil and natural gas deposits

that were buried up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. And buried across the 65,000 producing oil fields around the world.

Rejection of Parallel Processing in Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 24, 1985

Parallel processing—or solving up to one billion problems at once is the breakthrough invention used to make the computer faster and the supercomputer fastest. My timeline with parallel supercomputing parallels the development of a new, high-performance computer science. At the time of my November 1982 lecture, in Washington, D.C., on how I could solve the most compute-intensive problems that arise as geophysical fluid dynamics initial-boundary value problems, little was known about the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors. So the then unfamiliar technology for parallel supercomputing was widely ridiculed as existing only in the realm of science fiction. In the early 1980s, what was known about parallel supercomputing rested in the minds of the first parallel programmers.

I was the first full-time supercomputer scientist in the world.

That accomplishment explains why most of the transcribed lectures on supercomputing that were posted on YouTube were delivered by Philip Emeagwali. It's been noted that I posted more transcribed scientific research lectures on YouTube than any person or institution ever did. On about September 24, 1985, I gave a hiring lecture on the fastest computing across the slowest processors. And gave that lecture at the research laboratory of the federal agency, called the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That research laboratory was in Ann Arbor, Michigan. My supercomputing lecture to those research oceanographers was abstract because

I lectured on the most advanced calculus,

called partial differential equations. And lectured on the most compute-intensive algebra, called finite difference equations.

Furthermore, I used then unfamiliar and complicated supercomputer technology, that's now known as fastest computing across a million processors. In 1985, parallel processing existed only as a computer science theory. Parallel processing did not power fastest computers, until I discovered it on July 4, 1989.

My contribution to computer science is this:

I discovered how up to a million processors could be harnessed in tandem. And used to forecast the weather, as well as solve the hardest problems. Before my discovery, that new knowledge only existed in the realm of science fiction.

My contribution to mathematics was to turn that fiction to nonfiction. In my hiring lecture of about September 24, 1985, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, I was tasked to detail how I could predict the fluctuations of water levels across the Great Lakes of North America. I explained how to parallel process a seiche, the name for a standing wave that oscillates or sways back and forth and flows within an enclosed, or a partially enclosed, or a landlocked body of water.

#### The pre-cursor

to my world's fastest computing, of July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, was rejected in September 1981 by the U.S. National Weather Service, then at the Gramax Building in Silver Spring, Maryland. It was again rejected in September 1983, in Washington, D.C. Finally, it was rejected in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on about September 24, 1985.

In the 1980s, the academic scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, who were all narrowlyand shallowly-trained, only understood fluid dynamics or partial differential equations and dismissed my world's fastest computing across world's slowest processors

#### as a science fiction.

My explanations of emailing across millions of processors was science fiction

to the scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Those scientists were very narrow minded and arrogant.

They could not give ten percent of the lectures that I shared as podcasts and YouTube videos, but pretend they could do so. The scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were negatively affected by their insularity and group thinking. As was then written in several Ann Arbor publications, I worked alone and beyond the frontier of knowledge. The Michigan Today, is mailed to 610,000 college-educated people around the world. It's published, four times a year, in Ann Arbor, Michigan,

and archival copies are posted online. The February 1991 issue of The Michigan Today that can be read online was a special issue on the contributions of Philip Emeagwali to the development of the supercomputer. I was featured alone in The Michigan Today because my research on the world's fastest computing was over the heads of academic scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, who at that time had never seen the world's fastest computer, as it's known today. It was supercomputer scientists outside Michigan that explained to academic scientists in Ann Arbor that I've discovered

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the world's fastest computing. Therefore, it should not come as a surprise that both the governor of Michigan and the Michigan House of Representatives, that seat 65 miles away in Lansing, first congratulated me for my world's fastest computing. And sent their congratulations before the academic engineers in Ann Arbor could do so. The reason was that my discovery was abstract. The U.S. government called it a grand challenge problem for a good reason. My solution of the grand challenge problem was beyond the reach of any academic scientist of the 1980s. As my one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos prove,

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I was the only person that could deliver a complete series of scientific lectures on how to solve the grand challenge problems. To put my scientific research in a different perspective, Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion were defined in three-dimensional everyday space that an automobile engineer in Ann Arbor, Michigan, could grasp. In practice, engineers don't think in four dimensions. For instance, Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity has never been mentioned in any meaningful conversation at any engineering conference. The engineer finds it difficult to think in the abstract

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four-dimensional space-time continuum of the Theory of Relativity. I took mathematical thinking to a higher level and explained my world's fastest computing in sixteen-dimensions.

My world record speed was magic and science fiction to every engineering academic in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Scientists reject new paradigms that they cannot understand.

Besides my research, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was never strong in supercomputing and never pushed the frontiers of knowledge in computer science. On July 4, 1989, I executed my world's fastest computing

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on a machine that was in Los Alamos, New Mexico, not in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as was widely presumed. Since the late-1940s, Los Alamos was the world's headquarters for supercomputing. It's more than a coincidence that I discovered the world's fastest computing in Los Alamos.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, was where my son was born, not where my discovery was born.

But for personal reasons, Michigan remains a crucial place in my life story. And an integral part of my legacy. I had a global view of science that went beyond Michigan. Ann Arbor is a mere dot on the map of the world.

And my contribution was not to Ann Arbor,

Michigan, but to science.

And to the millions of students

around the world

writing school essays

on Philip Emeagwali.

### I know who my boss is.

My boss is the twelve-year-old student in sub-Saharan Africa. And my duty is to inspire her with my life stories and do so in forthcoming centuries and millennia, just like Euclid, Galileo, and Newton did to me when I was a twelve-year-old African.

The difference between other scientists and I is this:

The computer of the academic scientist sits on his desktop. And it costs a thousand dollars. The world's fastest computer is not an academic toy. It occupies the footprint of a football field. And it costs forty percent more than the mile-long Second Niger Bridge of Nigeria. The desktop computer is just a drop in the bucket called the supercomputer. In 1989, I was the sole full-time programmer of sixteen supercomputers, as they're known today. Unlike the academic computer scientist that learned supercomputing from his textbook, I had to know the explicit inner workings of all the 65,536 processors that shared nothing.

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And that I programmed alone. As a mathematician, I was cognizant of the fact that the analytical solutions for my initial-boundary value problem governed by the Philip Emeagwali equations were nonexistent.

My contribution to mathematics is this:

I discovered that all initial-boundary value problems are tractable across an ensemble of up to a billion processors that shared nothing. My supercomputing discovery is the only way to solve grand challenge problems, such as simulating the spread of COVID-19 across the one million daily patrons

# of Onitsha market.

## White Supremacists in Michigan

## What is Philip Emeagwali famous for?

In 1989, I was in the news because I programmed the first supercomputer, as it's known today. I programmed sixty-four binary thousand off-the-shelf processors that outlined and defined a never-before-seen Internet that's also a never-before-seen supercomputer, *de facto*.

Racism swirled around me everywhere I went. The personal attacks were cloaked in race-neutral language. But the hostility arose because, in 1989, a 35-year-old Black mathematician

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was making the news headlines for discovering the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors. My lectures are not secret as was wrongly alleged. My lectures were spread across one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos. Many that listened to or watched my lectures, in their entirely, favorably compared them to those of Albert Einstein and the greatest scientists of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

When I was coming of age, in the 1980s, I was often disinvited from giving the pre-cursors to the lectures that I posted on YouTube. I was disinvited <u>not</u> because the world's fastest computing

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was not understood to be a critical technology. It was well accepted that the world's fastest computing is the most important topic in mathematics, physics, and computer science. I was disinvited because my lectures and physical presence in predominately white academic settings quietly stirred up uncomfortable questions about race and intelligence. Because I was Black and African and compared to Albert Einstein in IQ, I was deplatformed. I was stopped from delivering lectures

at any of the five thousand predominately white institutions in the U.S.

The double standard was that Albert Einstein was not disinvited when he spoke at the all-Black
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, back on May 3, 1946. Lincoln University is the alma mater of the poet Langston Hughes, first president of Nigeria, Nnamdi Azikiwe, first president of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, and the first U.S. Supreme Court justice, Thurgood Marshall.

In 1946, lynching, race riots, and segregation were ways of American life. And the white press, biographers, and archivists ignored Albert Einstein's lecture at the all-Black institution.

As an aside, I wasn't the only Black computer scientist that was deplatformed across the five thousand predominately white institutions in the U.S. In the 1980s, a survey showed that only three Black computer scientists were allowed to teach the subject across those five thousand institutions in North America.

I began supercomputing on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA. In the 1972 film "Fist of Fury," Chinese martial artist Bruce Lee felt slighted by the sign

"No Dogs and Chinese Allowed."

Years earlier, Blacks and Chinese were not allowed to enter science buildings in Michigan. In Ann Arbor, Michigan, racism was deeply institutionalized.

Chien-Shiung Wu, a Chinese physicist, was the unsung heroine of physics.

Wu was associated with the Manhattan Project of the Second World War. That project yielded the first nuclear weapon. In 1957, the Nobel Prize in physics was denied from Chien-Shiung Wu. That injustice became a controversial decision and attracted public attention and sympathy for Chien-Shiung Wu. Her two male co-workers, Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee, received the Nobel Prize for the discovery that Chien-Shiung Wu made. Wu is remembered

as the first lady of physics.

l'm forty-two years younger than Wu. And we became *cause célèbres* 

in experimental and computational physics, respectively. As a Black physicist, the rejections that I experienced in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were similar to those that made Wu to decline the offer to come to Ann Arbor. In July 1985 and after a nation-wide search, I was ranked as the top supercomputer scientist that could be invited to live and work in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On about September 24, 1985, I gave my job hiring lecture, in Ann Arbor. My scientific lectures of the 1980s were the pre-cursors to my one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos. The research scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were impressed with my command of materials.

But they also wore a worried look on their faces. It was obvious they didn't expect me to be Black and African. Two days after my hiring lecture, I was told over the phone that the job position for a supercomputer scientist, in Ann Arbor, has been cancelled.

Through word-of-mouth, some scientists who did not invite me to Ann Arbor, and did not even attend my hiring lecture, learned that I was trying to invent the world's fastest computing. And do so across the world's slowest processors. Those scientists became intrigued and courted me for two years. They wanted me to come back and complete my world's fastest computing

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in Ann Arbor, Michigan. For two years, I hesitated and pondered on the deeply institutionalized racism in Ann Arbor. That was the reason. I declined the first offer that was made on about September 25, 1985, to come to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to continue my research on the world's fastest computing. The measure of the difference between my knowledge and that of scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is this:

I posted one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos, each on my contributions to the world's fastest computing. To this day, no scientist from Michigan could post one such video. The first lady of physics, Chien-Shiung Wu, declined to study in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her reason was that she was not allowed to use the front entrance

to enter the physics building, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In effect, I could not use the front entrance to enter the supercomputer building in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

From 1987 to 89, I filed complaints

that I was not allowed to use

the supercomputer in Ann Arbor,

which was equivalent to been banned

from using the front entrance

to enter the supercomputer building

in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

At that time, I was acknowledged to be the foremost supercomputer scientist in the state of Michigan. And by federal law, I should be allowed

## to use that supercomputer which was funded by U.S. taxpayers.

To prove my point, I can produce copies of a confidential memo, sent from a top official in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to his secretary, named "Pam Derry." Pam was instructed by her boss to hide my application to join their research group in scientific computing.

In a May 3, 1946, lecture to an all-Black audience, Albert Einstein lambasted white supremacy as a quote, unquote

"a disease of white people."

Einstein then added,

"I do not intend to be quiet about it."

To put their racial discrimination in perspective, in the 1980s, faraway supercomputer administrators did not know that I was Black and African. And I was not discriminated against. I was allowed to use sixteen supercomputers across the USA. I began programming supercomputers at age nineteen in Corvallis, Oregon, USA. Yet, at age thirty-five, I was not allowed to program the supercomputer in Ann Arbor, Michigan, even though I was then the world's most renowned supercomputer programmer, and remains so. As a mathematician

in search for new mathematics and as a large-scale computational physicist in search for new physics, the world's fastest computer is my lifeblood.

Even though I was forced to leave the state of Michigan to conduct my supercomputer research, I was still recognized as the top scientist in Michigan. Both the Governor of Michigan and the Michigan House of Representatives acknowledged my contributions to science and Michigan.

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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#### Supercomputing Across Emeagwali Internet

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### https://youtu.be/e9z0oxvOV\_E Philip Emeagwali

The Reader's Digest described Philip Emeagwali as "smarter than Albert Einstein." Philip Emeagwali is often ranked as the world's greatest living genius and scientist. He is listed in the top 20 greatest minds that ever lived. That list includes Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, Aristotle, Pythagoras, and Confucius. Philip Emeagwali is studied in schools as a living historical figure.

In 1989, Philip Emeagwali rose to fame when he won a recognition described as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing and made the news headlines for his invention of the first world's fastest computing across an Internet that's a global network of processors. *CNN* called him "A Father of the Internet." *House Beautiful* magazine ranked his invention among nine important everyday things taken for granted. In a White House speech of August 26, 2000,

then U.S. President Bill Clinton described Philip Emeagwali as "one of the great minds of the Information Age."

#### How Are Supercomputers Used?

10.1.1.1 How to Save Half a Million Lives During the 1970 Bhola Cyclone of Bangladesh

How are supercomputers used?

To be specific, how could large-scale computational physicists have used the world's fastest computer to save the half a million lives that were lost during the 1970 Bhola cyclone of Bangladesh?

We are vulnerable to the uncontrollable forces of nature. We can't shield ourselves from nature's destructive effects. But we can forecast the occurrences of storm surges, typhoons, and hurricanes. In my fastest computing lecture of about September 24, 1985, I also explained how to parallel process storm surges, typhoons, and hurricanes. And how to simulate such phenomena at the highest, parallel-processed supercomputer resolutions. And do so to forecast the dangerous rise in water levels that will occur during tropical cyclones and occur when strong winds push water onto coastal communities. On November 3, 1970, and in East Pakistan (now renamed "Bangladesh") and in India's West Bengal, half a million people died during the Bhola cyclone.

# That tropical cyclone produced a 33-feet high storm surge.

#### 10.1.1.2 How to Save 229,000 Lives During Typhoon Nina

The fastest computers are used to foresee earthquakes, typhoons, tsunamis, and flooding arising from sudden torrential rainfalls. Typhoon Nina appeared on July 30, 1975. The flooding triggered by the collapse of the Banqiao **Reservoir Dam** in China caused the collapse of smaller downstream dams. Two hundred and twenty-nine thousand (229,000) people died during Typhoon Nina. In 1979 and at the Foggy Bottom neighborhood

of Washington, D.C., I conducted physics research on how to use the fastest computers to forecast the wave heights and speeds of propagated flood waves that arise from dam breaks. An example is the flood wave from the collapse of the Banqiao Reservoir Dam of China. After my discovery of the fastest computing across an ensemble of a billion coupled processors, China used my new knowledge to develop a supercomputer powered by 10.65 million off-the-shelf processors and ranked as the world's fastest. The new supercomputer could be used to hindcast, or re-forecast, Typhoon Nina. And used to hindcast the collapse

of the Banqiao Reservoir Dam of China. Such supercomputer models are used to determine when to evacuate residents that live within the flood plain that's downstream of the Bangiao Reservoir Dam of China. If Chinese residents of the flood plain downstream of the **Bangiao** Reservoir Dam were evacuated on July 30, 1975, some of the two hundred and twenty-nine thousand (229,000) lives lost could have been saved.

10.1.1.3 How to Avoid the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

#### My scientific discovery which occurred on July 4, 1989 was this:

the slowest processors in the world could be harnessed and used to solve the most compute-intensive problems in the world and solve them at the fastest possible speeds in the world.

That discovery is the major achievement of my scientific career. That discovery made me the subject of school essays on "computer inventors and their inventions."

My contribution to computer science is the reason I'm listed on the same top ten lists with Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Albert Einstein.

I discovered that parallel supercomputing is a tool that can reduce meteorological forecast errors, like the error that resulted in the shipwreck of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald. That shipwreck occurred on November 10, 1975. I remember where I was when the SS Edmund Fitzgerald shipwrecked. I was living at 2540 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, Oregon, which was the residence of Fred and Anne Merryfield. Fred Merryfield was a British fighter pilot who was shot down during the first world war.

Fred Merryfield co-founded one of the largest engineering firms in the USA, named CH2M. That shipwreck was the subject of a 1976 hit ballad by Gordon Lightfoot. It was titled:

"The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

In 1975, meteorological forecasts were executed on supercomputers powered by one processor and, hence, weren't as accurate as the high-resolution, parallel-processed forecasts of today powered by up to 10.65 million processors. In 1975, supercomputing as it's known today only existed as science fiction. And the fastest computers used by the U.S. National Weather Service weren't fast enough. Those supercomputers failed to solve the governing system of partial differential equations that were used to predict the gale-force winds, the steep wave heights, and the treacherous conditions across Lake Superior, which is the largest of the Great Lakes. Lake Superior had a surface area of 82,100 square kilometers (or 17 times the size of Anambra State of Nigeria). Lake Superior has a maximum depth of 1,332 feet or 0.4 kilometers which makes it thirteen times deeper than the River Niger at Timbuktu, Mali. Lake Superior has a volume of 12,100 cubic kilometers. That's five million times

the volume of The Great Pyramid of Giza that's ranked as one of the seven wonders of the world. Lake Superior can sustain water waves that are the heights of a four-story house. My lecture of about September 24, 1985, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was on how to parallel process water movements, water temperature profiles, and ice dynamics. And do so within the Great Lakes of North America. The Great Lakes are five interconnected freshwater lakes that included Lakes Superior, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, and Erie. And that account for one-fifth of the freshwater on Earth. The Great Lakes span 750 miles or 1,207 kilometers and 95,160 square miles,

or a little more than one-quarter the size of Nigeria. The Great Lakes are on the U.S. and Canadian borders and are dotted with 35,000 islands.

- Leapfrogging Across the Philip Emeagwali Internet
  - Government Labs Didn't Hire Black Scientists

10.1.1.4 Black Geniuses in All-White Spaces

When I began supercomputing, in 1974, it was nearly impossible for a Black computer scientist to be hired in a federal research laboratory. In the U.S., Black geniuses were treated as trespassers in nearly all-white scientific spaces. In the mid-1980s, I had job offers at the entry scientific and engineering levels. But I rejected those jobs because I was grossly overqualified for each. Asking I, the sole programmer of sixteen supercomputers, to become an ordinary computer scientist was like asking an acrobatic jet fighter pilot that's broken world records to become an "*okada*" motorcycle rider. Even though I was shamefully overqualified for the engineering position that I held in Casper, Wyoming, I was denied a promotion. Instead, a far less qualified white male was offered the promotion that I was denied. At the same time,

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I was offered several promotions but that was because those making the hiring decisions did not know that I was Black and African.

In my hiring lecture of about September 24, 1985, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, I theorized how to chop up The Great Lakes into 65,536 smaller lakes each represented as an initial-boundary value mathematical problem that I must message-pass and send and receive and do so with a one-problem to one-processor correspondence. My fastest computing theory was abstract and went over the heads of the research scientists

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### in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

#### I wasn't hired.

The forces that brought me from College Park, Maryland, to Ann Arbor, Michigan, began in July 1985, and when I received a telephone call from a research biologist who worked at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. That lab was operated by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. I received that telephone inquiry in my office within the Gramax Building of the U.S. National Weather Service. The National Weather Service is an agency operated by the U.S. National Oceanic

#### and Atmospheric Administration.

In the early 1980s, the most brilliant **Black mathematicians** weren't employed to conduct scientific research in U.S. government laboratories. In the U.S. of the early 1980s, the most brilliant mathematicians of sub-Saharan African descent weren't welcomed to teach students of European descent. And do so in any of its five thousand institutions of higher learning. I invented new mathematics that made the news headlines, discovered new physics that opened the door to large-scale computational fluid dynamics, and discovered new computer science that earned me

what computer scientists referred to as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing, for 1989, but, yet, I couldn't teach the world's fastest computing to a classroom of young Americans.

In 1985 and in Ann Arbor, Michigan, it was preferable to hire an obscure white person to teach the slowest computing than to hire a famous Black supercomputer scientist to teach the world's fastest computing.

The one thousand podcasts and closed-captioned videos that I posted on YouTube represent what I could have taught in American classrooms. In the 1970s and 80s, the decades I came of age, I couldn't name one Black scientist then teaching mathematics or physics or computer science at any predominantly white institutions in the USA. For those reasons, research scientists who attended my hiring lecture of about September 24, 1985 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were shocked when they discovered that I was Black and sub-Saharan African. I was the foremost supercomputer scientist they could invite to Ann Arbor. My 1985 lecture that took place at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was on how I will, for the first time in the history of computer science send and receive portions

of my lake circulation models. And do so via emails to my sixteen-bit-long addresses of my two-raised-to-power-sixteen, or sixty-four binary thousand, initial-boundary value problems. And how to send them to and from 65,536 off-the-shelf processors and standard parts. Once again, the new knowledge of how I executed the fastest computer speed on Earth and did so while solving the most compute-intensive problems and did so across the slowest processors was not in computer science textbooks of the 1980s. In the 1980s, parallel supercomputing existed only in the realm of science fiction and my quest was to figure out

how to turn that science fiction into nonfiction. The research scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and elsewhere, didn't understand my lecture on the world's fastest computing. But at a visceral level they understood that I had a flawless command of materials. And that I was at the frontiers of scientific and technological knowledge and at the crossroad where new mathematics, new physics, and the world's fastest computing intersected After my hiring lecture of about September 24, 1985, some research scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and elsewhere, sensed that fastest computing across

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one billion processors,
instead of computing
within one processor,
will be paradigm shifting
and should change the way
we look at both the computer
and the supercomputer.
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#### 10.1.1.5 Leapfrogging Across the Philip Emeagwali Internet

During a White House speech that was delivered on August 26, 2000, then U.S. President Bill Clinton referred to the Philip Emeagwali formula. My formula enables the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors.

I possessed my unmistakably unique supercomputing vision, namely

solving the most difficult problems across the Philip Emeagwali Internet that's a new global network of up to a billion equidistant processors that shared nothing.

My theorized vision was to harness a new Internet that was a new global network of the slowest two-raised-to-sixteen processors in the world. I visualized my sixty-four binary thousand processors as braided together and as uniformly distributed around a hypersphere that I also visualized as embedded within a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace. I visualized my 65,536 processors as braided together by sixteen times
two-raised-to-power sixteen short and regular email wires. My research goal was to use my new Internet to discover the fastest speed in supercomputing. And to invent the first supercomputer, as it's known today, from the bowels of a vast ensemble of the slowest processors in the world. My supercomputer quest—that began on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, and ended on July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA—was to find the extraordinary among the ordinary. And do so by emulating the fastest processor in the world that I emulated by integrating the slowest processors in the world and integrating them to invent one seamless,

coherent supercomputer that's not a new computer, by or in itself, but that's a new Internet, in reality. In 1989, I was in the news for providing the quote, unquote "final proof" that parallel supercomputing is not science fiction.

I'm the only father of the Internet that invented an Internet.

10.1.1.6 Leapfrogging from the Slowest Processor to the Fastest Supercomputer

The computer that performed automatic computations and did so within itself was invented in the nineteen-forties. That computer invention heralded a paradigm shift, or a change in the way we compute.

YouTube.com/<mark>emeagwali</mark>

The new way we compute paradigm shifted from mechanical to electronic and automatic. My quest for how to solve the most compute-intensive problems in supercomputing and solve them with the fastest computations across the slowest processors in the world began in the nineteen seventies and eighties.

I was in the news because I discovered the first fastest computing that's powered by the slowest processing. That's the first supercomputing, as it's executed today.

10.1.1.7 How Are Supercomputers Used?

The world's fastest computers

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have multiple industrial applications that can be indirectly measured by its forty-five billion dollars a year sales.

How can the supercomputer powered by one billion processors benefit you?

The world's fastest computer that's powered by the world's slowest processors that shared nothing was the first search engine. That supercomputer provided answers to natural language queries and did so before the Internet.

The supercomputer that's powered by one million processors will enable us to predict coastal storm surges. And do so more accurately, faster, better, and less expensively. A coastal storm surge is a tsunami-like phenomenon that can arise from low pressure weather systems. A coastal storm surge is rising water that can reach as high as twenty feet and extend miles inland. Large-scale computational hydrodynamics is the supercomputing tool used to forecast coastal storm surges.

# Extreme-scale computational

#### fluid dynamics

includes the simulation of the spread of highly contagious COVID-19 viruses that emerge during a once-in-a-century

global pandemic.

The world's fastest computer is used to understand

the required social distancing that must be enforced inside London's Metro. And inside American subway systems that pack passengers like sardines.

#### U.S. Labs Didn't Hire Black Geniuses

10.1.1.8 Black Geniuses in All-White Spaces

I came to the largest conference of mathematicians to deliver an invited lecture on my contributions to mathematics. I delivered that lecture at the International Congress of Mathematicians, called ICIAM 91. That mathematics conference is the Olympics for mathematicians who invented new mathematics. My lecture on the nine Philip Emeagwali partial differential equations was delivered on Monday, July 8, 1991, in Washington, D.C. At that International Congress of Mathematicians, I kept a tally of the Black mathematicians that I saw. I counted two, myself included, out of thousands of mathematicians.

As a prominent research computational mathematician, I found Ann Arbor, Michigan, to be a bastion of white supremacists. The irony is that I alone has more podcast lectures and YouTube videos than the one thousand scientists and engineers in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Across my one thousand YouTube lectures on supercomputing, it was acknowledged that I was second to none. But, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, only white candidates that could not deliver a solid hiring lecture were hired to program or teach supercomputing. Since 1985, some wondered why I experienced such deeply

# institutionalized racism

in Ann Arbor, Michigan of the 1980s. It began with my lecture on fastest computing, delivered on about September 24, 1985. From that lecture, some physicists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, identified me as a mathematician to watch. For four years onward of 1985, it was in the air in Ann Arbor that Philip Emeagwali could record a breakthrough in fastest computing and become famous.

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For those reasons, when I returned to my research base in College Park (Maryland), from late September 1985 to late April 1986, and to Casper (Wyoming) from late April 1986 to April 1987, those research physicists in Ann Arbor (Michigan) courted me to return to Michigan. I was begged to resign from my job with the U.S. government and to relocate from Casper, Wyoming, to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I was not invited to Ann Arbor because I was good looking. I came to Ann Arbor on about September 23, 1985, because my reputation as the supercomputer scientist that knew the most

about fastest computers preceded me. I'm the only scientist from Ann Arbor, Michigan, that's the subject of school essays on inventors. Both the Governor of Michigan and the Michigan House of Representatives issued a special proclamation in which they thanked me for my contributions to computer science and to Michigan. Yet, on about September 24, 1985, I wasn't hired to conduct the same supercomputer research that was publicly praised by both the Governor of Michigan and the President of the United States.

The reason I wasn't hired, on about September 24, 1985,

can be better understood from the context of the white backlash from the race riots that preceded my hiring lecture of about September 24, 1985, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The reason was that I gave my hiring lecture on fastest computing across the slowest processors and gave it only seventeen years after the nearby five-day Detroit Riot of July 23, 1967. The Detroit Riot of Michigan was one of the deadliest riots in the USA. The Detroit Riot left forty-three persons dead. The aftermath and consequence of that Detroit Riot were that the white scientific community

in the affluent suburb of Detroit,

including Ann Arbor, Michigan, enforced an unwritten policy of not hiring any Black mathematician or computer scientist, especially those that gave the most outstanding hiring lectures that are now posted as podcasts and YouTube videos.

After my hiring lecture, the supercomputer research position that brought me to Ann Arbor, Michigan, was canceled and re-advertised. The unqualified white candidate hired is forgotten while the qualified Black candidate that wasn't hired became the subject of school essays for his contributions to computer science. 10.1.1.9 Leapfrogging from the Slowest Computer to the Fastest Supercomputer

In Michigan, I played tennis as an antidote to solving difficult problems. I was most productive when I'm physically fit. In 1989 and 1990, I was in local newspapers both for reaching the finals of a citywide tennis tournament and for winning the highest award in supercomputing. The July 22, 1989, issue of the Ann Arbor News. carried an article on my reaching the finals of the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament. Eighteen days earlier, or at the beginning of the tennis tournament, I had discovered the world's fastest computing,

### as it's known today.

Even though I was one of the most knowledgeable supercomputer scientists that ever lived, I wasn't hired for any of the 25,000 supercomputing positions in the U.S. In the 1970s and 80s, it was an unwritten policy not to hire Nigerians, or Black sub-Saharan Africans, in the USA in high paying engineering positions. For those reasons, over half of the taxi drivers in major metropolitan areas were highly educated immigrants, including Black sub-Saharan Africans who were trained as engineers and scientists. In the U.S. of the 1970s and 80s, I was only hired via telephone interviews.

The reason was that I came across as very knowledgeable. And I exhibited the command of materials that can be seen in my one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos. And they couldn't overcome their racial stereotype and imagine that I was a Black African. That was how I was offered several professional jobs, including the supercomputing position that I was offered, but declined, in late 1986 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, in Aberdeen, Maryland. My supercomputing job hiring lectures, of the early 1980s, were the precursors to the lectures that I posted on my YouTube channel, named "Emeagwali." By 1985, research mathematicians

who attended my supercomputing lectures declared that

I was the only supercomputer scientist in the world

that could work alone to harness the slowest processors in the world. And use those processors to solve the most compute-intensive problems in the world.

And solve those problems

at the fastest speeds in the world.

And execute those three things

when those supercomputer experiments were considered impossible.

10.1.1.10 Why I Created New Mathematics

I first came to Ann Arbor, Michigan, on about September 24, 1985. I was invited to give a job hiring lecture

on supercomputing. During the first half of the 1980s, I conducted supercomputing research in College Park, Maryland. My focus was on large-scale computational mathematics and its applications to the fluid dynamics of physics. At noon and on weekdays, I'll take a shuttle bus for the 25-minute ride from Silver Spring Metro Station to College Park, Maryland. In College Park, I spent significant time in the Coffee Room for research mathematicians only. That Coffee Room was at forty-one seventy-six [4176] Campus Drive. Half of the time, I was inside the nearby research library

that has specialized collections in mathematics, physics, and computer science. Or I might be attending a research seminar on new mathematics that's presented by the visiting mathematician that invented it. Those lectures inspired me to invent the nine Philip Emeagwali equations. I spent my day and night in College Park, Maryland, and Silver Spring, Maryland, respectively. And I was conducting research in the then unknown world of the hoped-for world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors. In 1985, that new technology that will later, or after my discovery of July 4, 1989, be at the granite core

of the world's fastest computers was then in the realm of science fiction and had not entered into computer science textbooks. My grand challenge was to be the first person to understand how to turn that fiction to nonfiction. Or how to turn parallel computing that was then the slowest computing to the fastest computing. To turn that fiction to nonfiction, and do so for the most large-scaled computational fluid dynamics codes that must be executed across high resolution supercomputer models of a physical domain, or across an oil field, that's up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below the surface of the Earth. And up to twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria.

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The solutions to such grand challenge problems demanded that I discover new partial <u>differential</u> equations beyond the frontier of calculus. And that I invent new companion partial <u>difference</u> equations of large-scale computational linear algebra, as well as pioneer a new computer s

as well as pioneer a new computer science that must be central to manufacturing the fastest computers ever.

To Invent the First Supercomputer is to Create a New Computer Science

10.1.1.11 How I Created a New Computer Science

To invent the first supercomputer,

as it's known today, is to create a new computer science. That new computer science didn't reside within a new computer. That new computer science was defined across processors that outlined the new massively parallel supercomputer-hopeful. At the granite core of my new computer science was my message-passing of my initial-boundary value problems and my sending and receiving them in a one-problem to one-processor corresponding manner and my communicating them across my sixty-four binary thousand off-the-shelf processors that outlined my new Internet. On about September 24, 1985, supercomputing across

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millions of processors was still in the realm of science fiction. So, my research lectures, of the early 1980s, on supercomputing across millions of processors were science fiction, not science.

## 10.1.1.12 My Earliest Racial Struggles in Michigan

Not long ago and in Leeds, England, the BBC reported that a mathematician, Joe Atkinson, murdered his girlfriend. The murder was fueled by jealousy. The girlfriend, Poppy Devey Waterhouse, was a prodigiously gifted mathematician. The personal attacks that I received from jealous mathematicians and physicists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, only occurred because I was only thirty-five years old but favorable compared to Albert Einstein and had alone won what they referred to as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing for 1989. I am the only prominent scientist, since Albert Einstein, who never co-authored with another scientist.

After my supercomputing lecture of about September 24, 1985, that took place at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan, of NOAA, my lecture was positively discussed by Ann Arbor scientists who worked outside that NOAA Laboratory. NOAA is the acronym for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The supercomputing lecture that I delivered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on about September 24, 1985, is like the lectures I posted as one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos. In scientific research, the videotaped lecture is used to establish the credibility and to estimate the IQs of the most prominent mathematicians of the last half century.

The intellect or knowledge or level of education of any modern mathematician is almost exclusively judged by his or her videotaped lectures

as seen on YouTube. When what they saw differs from what they heard, people believe what they saw over what they heard. To do otherwise is called confirmation bias. The reality that a Black African-born supercomputer scientist was making the news headlines for discovering that the fastest computers could be manufactured from the slowest processors and for discovering how to solve the most compute-intensive problems was too much for the psychological well-being of some scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their confirmation bias was the reason they discounted that I was in the news for my discovery that the technology of parallel processing

can power the world's fastest computer. Their confirmation bias was the reason they rejected a new technology that was an alternative way of solving the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics, physics, and computer science. Their confirmation bias made them to discount that I alone won the highest award in supercomputing. That prize is normally won by a diverse, talented, multi-institutional, and interdisciplinary research team of up to fifty research scientists that are often supported by one thousand persons. This year, the highest award in supercomputing was shared by twenty-eight (28) co-winners.

During my conversations on fastest computing, in 1985, scientists in Ann Arbor, Michigan, stared at me with a blank look on their faces. They fell into a trance because I was Black and sub-Saharan African and because my command of materials widely exceeded theirs and because my material was over their heads. Again, I've posted a thousand videos on YouTube, each describing my contributions to mathematics, physics, and computer science.

YouTube has eight billion videos, including award lectures. Any person who made a paradigm shifting contribution to knowledge is recognized with the highest awards, or the equivalence of the Nobel Prize

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#### for their discipline.

An award lecture posted on YouTube is the precondition to winning the highest scientific awards. In 1989, I won the equivalent of the Nobel prize in supercomputing. As a prize winner, I was obliged to share my contributions to mathematics, physics, and computer science. And share them across a thousand podcasts and YouTube videos.

10.1.1.13 I Was the Go-To Supercomputer Scientist in Michigan

On about September 24, 1985 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, word spread through the grapevine that a 31-year-old Black supercomputer scientist

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gave a lecture on the newly emerging field of massively parallel computing. And on how to use the never-before-seen technology to solve the most compute-intensive problems in computational fluid dynamics. In 1985, supercomputing, as it's known today, was still in the realm of science fiction. At that time, parallel processing was looked at with tremendous awe, as the next big thing, and as the Holy Grail of supercomputing. As a supercomputer researcher who came of age in the 1970s and 80s, my supreme quest was to turn that science fiction to nonfiction. From their mathematical intuition, a few leading mathematicians, that were mostly in

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College Park (Maryland) and Ann Arbor (Michigan), speculated that Philip Emeagwali could discover how to solve the most compute-intensive problems. And solve them across an ensemble of the slowest processors in the world. And solve them at the fastest possible speeds ever recorded. Their speculation became true at 8:15 in the morning of the Fourth of July 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA. So, my world's fastest computer invention that made the news headlines, in 1989, was in the air in Maryland, Michigan and New Mexico.

### 10.1.1.14 Making the Unimaginable Possible

My discovery revolutionized both the computer and the supercomputer. The most powerful supercomputers are used to solve the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics, science, and engineering. Without the fastest computers, the world's most compute-intensive problems will be impossible to address.

The fastest computer is why you know the weather before going outside.

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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