



Inventing the World's Fastest Computer*** Part 1/2

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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."

1 Inventing the First Supercomputer, As It's Known Today

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

My **contributions** to computer science that made the **news headlines**, in 1989, were these:

I **discovered** how to record the fastest computer speeds and how to do so by computing across an ensemble of the **slowest processors** in the world.

I discovered how to **leapfrog** from slowest processors to fastest supercomputers.

The fastest supercomputer in the world is the heavyweight champion of the computer world.

Beyond the fastest supercomputer is an unknown field of knowledge, or a place, where chaos begs to be replaced with order, darkness by light, ugliness by beauty, and ignorance by knowledge.

I discovered how to leapfrog from the slowest processors to the fastest computers, solving problems at the speed limit. I discovered how to solve the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics and science. And solve them with the slowest processors.

I **discovered** how to make the most **with the least**.

The **Eureka moment**, or high point, of my parallel supercomputer quest for the fastest computer in the world occurred at fifteen minutes after eight in the morning of July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

And it occurred within my ensemble of the **slowest 65,536 processors**.

In 1989, I was in the news for providing the **quote, unquote "final proof"** that supercomputing across millions of processors is not science fiction.

In theory, mathematical predictions that were governed by a system of **partial differential equations** that encoded some laws of physics

should be as **reliable as a hammer**.
But, in practice, it's a different story.
The fastest computer in the world
shortens the gap
between theory and practice.
In a world without the fastest computers,
the solutions
of the most **compute-intensive**
mathematical problems—such as
the simulation of long-term
climate change—will be
as **approximate** as a **sketch**
instead of as **exact** as a photograph.
The implication of my discovery
of the first world's fastest computing
executed across
the world's slowest processors
was far-reaching.

My invention

made the **news headlines** because the world's fastest computer is an **enabling** technology that enables us to discover new knowledge and unknown materials and create never-before-seen products.

My **contribution** to computer science is this:

I was in the news because

I was the **first person** to use the **slowest** processors to discover the **fastest** computing and solve the most **compute-intensive** problems.

Before the First Supercomputer

To **invent** is to create something from nothing,
or make the **fictional factual**.

The discovery is a time machine that takes us to the past to see a thing that preexisted but remained unseen.

The invention enables us to create our future.

Genius is the ability to see what others saw as a rock and see it as a diamond.

I achieved a **milestone** in the history of the computer.

On July 4, 1989,
the supercomputing community

marked my milestone
as the **first time**
the world's **fastest computer speed**
was recorded across
the world's **slowest** processors.

In supercomputing,
the **perennial** question was how to **discover**
the fastest speeds and use them
to make the impossible-to-solve
mathematical problems
possible-to-solve.

Before my discovery
of the world's fastest computer,
which occurred on July 4, 1989,
how to solve
the most compute-intensive
mathematical problems
wasn't known to any mathematician,
wasn't taught in any mathematics course,
and **wasn't** written

in any mathematics textbook.

Quest for the First Supercomputer

Since 1974, my research quest was to **discover** how to harness the **slowest** processors. And how to use them to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems at the fastest computer speed.

In the 1970s and 80s, my theory of how to build the world's fastest computer and do so with standard parts, such as the world's slowest processors, was **mocked**, **ridiculed**, and **dismissed** as a beautiful theory that lacked **experimental confirmation**. The supercomputer was a technology that **meandered** across physics,

mathematics, and computer science. And in the 1970s and 80s, supercomputing across processors was the **beautiful thread** that didn't fit into the **larger weave**, namely

the world's fastest computer that now occupies the space of a **soccer stadium**.

And it costs forty percent more than the mile-long Second Niger Bridge in Nigeria.

My Contribution to the First Supercomputer

I'm well-known, but not known well.

It's not known well that I discovered the world's fastest computer and did so across the world's slowest processors. My discovery was the origin

of the **first supercomputer**,
as we know the technology today.

On the Fourth of July 1989,
I saw something
that's a new supercomputer
that nobody had seen before.
Specifically, I saw how
the **slowest** processors in the world
could be utilized to solve
the most compute-intensive problems
in the world.
And, most importantly, solve them
at the **fastest computer speeds**.
I **discovered** the fastest computing
and explained the technology
to a twelve-year-old
writing a school essay on inventors
as **a quote, unquote**.

**“solving up to a billion
mathematical problems at once**

and across as many processors.”

In 1989, I was in the news because I solved a **tough** mathematical problem that was then considered **impossible** to solve.

Furthermore, I solved 65,536 mathematical problems, at once and across as many processors that worked together as one coherent supercomputer.

Likewise, I **discovered** how to solve the most compute-intensive problems at the frontiers of knowledge in mathematics, physics, and computer science.

Not only that, I made the **first direct** measurement of the **fastest** computation **ever recorded** across an ensemble of

the **slowest** processors in the world.

2 The First Supercomputing from Slowest Processing

After my invention, the fastest computers in the world are supercomputing across thousands or millions of processors. That radical shift, from one processor to one million processors, is the most significant **fundamental change** in the history of computer science.

I began supercomputing on a machinery that I visualized as a processor. I began programming the fastest computers

on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

In 1974, the prevailing **dogma** was that recording the world's fastest speed in computing and doing so across the world's slowest processors will forever remain in the realm of **science fiction**. And it remains a **colossal waste** of time.

In 1989, I was in the news because I proved that supercomputer scientists, who believed in serial computing, were wrong.

I did so by **discovering** how to solve the most compute-intensive problems in physics.

And how to solve them **so that a time-to-solution**

of thirty thousand years
will be reduced to a time-to-solution
of one day.

My discovery is a new way
of looking at the supercomputer.
That discovery marked the date of birth
of the first supercomputer,
as it's known today
and as it's expected to be known tomorrow.
Processing across the slowest processors
is the lodestar technology
that makes the computer faster
and makes the supercomputer fastest.

Solving Compute-Intensive Mathematical
Problems on the First Supercomputer

The partial differential equation
is the mathematician's steppingstone
that enable the physicist

to answer otherwise **unanswerable** questions. The global climate model that was used to foresee climate change derived its answers from the laws of physics that were embodied into the governing **partial differential equations** at the frontier of calculus. The Second Law of Motion of physics **breathes fire** into the trillions upon trillions of my interlocking **partial difference equations** of computational linear algebra. And did so to set millions of processors **on fire**. And to add a new meaning to the ancient **Pythagorean belief** that nature was numbers.

The Invention of Philip Emeagwali

My **invention** opened the door
to how to solve
compute-intensive problems.
And solve them across
an ensemble of millions
of processors.
And solve them
when the governing system of equations
of algebra
has its nonzero entries
only along its diagonal.

I **invented** how to solve
many of the most compute-intensive
problems
arising in engineering and medicine.
And solve them in parallel.
And invented how to solve them across

an ensemble of 65,536
self-contained, coupled processors.

The 65,536 simultaneously sent
and synchronously received
emails
fired from as many processors
as **bullets out of my eyes**
that were coming from
two-raised-to-power sixteen processors
in a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace.

Contributions to Mathematics

My **contributions** to mathematics
were these:

I changed the way
we solve compute-intensive

mathematical problems.

In their old way,
they solved such problems
with only one isolated processor
that wasn't a member
of an ensemble of processors.

Or, conversely, within only one
isolated computer
that wasn't a member
of an ensemble of computers.

In my new way,
we solved compute-intensive problems
across millions of processors,
or across millions of computers.

3 Large-Scale Computational Physics

Solving Compute-Intensive Physics Problems on the First Supercomputer

My **contributions** to the science and technology that are used to **discover** and **recover** crude oil and natural gas were these:

I **discovered** how to harness the millions of processors that powers the world's fastest computers. And how to use them as one coherent machinery that emulates a super-fast processor that's one million times faster than a single processor solving the same mathematical problem alone.

One of the most difficult problems in physics was to accurately compute the flows of crude oil and natural gas

flowing from water injection wells to nearby producing wells.

By making the **news headlines**, in 1989, my **invention**

changed the way we execute mathematical calculations

in the largest-scale computational physics.

And it **changed how** mathematicians solve the most **compute-intensive**

and mathematical problems,

such as those arising in **fluid dynamics**.

And it **changed how** mathematicians solve them in parallel, or in tandem.

And solve them by distributing them across an ensemble of **coupled processors**, instead of solving them in sequence.

Or solving them only within one **isolated processor**

that was not a member

of an ensemble of processors.

Solving the Most Important Problems in Physics

An example of a **most vexing** problem in physics is to foresee previously unforeseeable global warming. General circulation modeling is one of the **most challenging problems** in computational physics. Fluid dynamics across the Earth's subsurface gives rise to one of the most compute-intensive problems that often arise in algebra, such as the high-fidelity petroleum reservoir simulators that must be used to recover otherwise **unrecoverable** crude oil and natural gas. The reservoir simulation

of the subterranean motions of oil and gas is one of the **hardest** mathematical problems. In Nigeria, the **toughest**, or the most compute-intensive physics problems, arise as trillions of equations of algebra that must be solved as a precondition to recovering crude oil and natural gas from the Niger Delta oil fields.

In physics, the so-called “grand challenge” is defined as the field’s most compute-intensive and most important problem. That **compute-intensive** problem is the accurate solution of an initial-boundary value problem

that's governed by
a system of coupled, nonlinear,
time-dependent, and three-dimensional
partial differential equations.

The latter equations encode
some laws of physics
that include the Second Law of Motion.
These laws are defined in physics
textbooks and govern
the motions of the oceans and
atmospheres
that enshroud the Earth.

This system of
partial differential equations
is used to forecast the changes
in oceanic and atmospheric motions.
And forecast the changes
in temperatures
that define the global warming
of the air and moisture
within the Earth's atmosphere

and the sea level rise
in the oceans.

Analogous **partial differential equations**
are also used to hindcast, **or re-forecast**,
the changes in the motions
of crude oil, injected water,
and natural gas
that were flowing inside
a producing oil field
that's the size of **Lagos**,
a city of twenty million Nigerians.
The typical oil field is a porous medium
that's on the average 6,000 feet
[or 1.83 kilometers] deep.

Calculus is the most powerful technique
in mathematics and physics.

Calculus was discovered 330 years ago.
But it was discovered as a textbook
problem
that's posed and solved

for mathematics classes
and on the blackboard.

The body of knowledge of calculus
grew over three centuries and three
decades,

with the first **partial differential equation**
invented in 1746.

However, the phrase

“partial differential equation”

was first used in **1845**,

and a century after it was invented.

That body of mathematical knowledge

grew over the years

to become the backbone of

computational physics.

The **partial differential equation**

is the most **recurring decimal**

in the most compute-intensive problems.

Such grand challenge problems

are solved across the up to one billion

processors that outline and define

the world's fastest computer
that now occupies
the space of a soccer field.

Unlike the ordinary differential equation
that's defined
by its single variable functions
and their derivatives,
the partial differential equation
is defined
by its unknown multivariable functions
and their partial derivatives.

My contributions
to the partial differential equation
beyond the frontier of calculus
were these:

In the early 1980s
and while in College Park, Maryland,
I invented 36 partial derivatives

of unknown **multivariable** functions. Computational geophysical fluid **dynamics** engineers could use my contributions to mathematics to more accurately forecast the changes in the motions of crude oil and natural gas that're pushed from a pumping well to nearby producing wells were within a producing oil field that's up to **7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers)** deep. And up to twice the size of Anambra State of Nigeria.

I **discovered** that the system of coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and three-dimensional **partial differential equations** that the petroleum industry used

to discover and recover crude oil and natural gas were missing thirty-six **partial derivative** terms. Those mathematical terms were needed to balance the system of nine coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and three-dimensional **partial differential equations** that're used in the energy and geoscience industries.

4 How Are Supercomputers Used?

Who needs a supercomputer?

The initial-boundary value problems governed by my new mathematics, or **partial differential equations**, had no **analytical** or **exact** solutions. For that reason, those equations

had to be discretized
and roughly solved across
millions of processors
under-the-hood
of the world's fastest computer.
Every oil company must use
a supercomputer to simulate
the perfect operational strategies
for recovering crude oil
and natural gas.
Petroleum reservoirs simulated across
millions of processors
is standard operating procedure
that must be used to extract
crude oil and natural
from the 159 producing oil fields
in Nigeria,
as well as the 65,000 producing oil fields
around the world.
It should not come as a surprise
that the energy and geoscience industries
bought one in ten supercomputers.

And that the supercomputer industry has a market value of forty-five billion dollars a year.

Why Emeagwali Equations Are Important

Why are the nine Philip Emeagwali's equations important?

My **contributions** to the mathematical knowledge that's used to recover crude oil and natural gas were these:

I **corrected** the **serious** mathematical errors made by geologists and physicists. And made during their **mathematization** of Darcy's Law. Darcy's Law was formulated in 1856 and later enshrined

into every physics textbook
on porous media flows.

That **invention**
of thirty-six **partial derivative** terms
is my **contribution** to the calculus of
multiphased fluids,
which flow under the surface
of the Earth, and specifically,
three-phased flows of crude oil,
injected water, and natural gas
flowing along three dimensions
and across porous media
that were both **heterogeneous**
and **anisotropic**.

My **contributions** were toward
the applications of mathematics
and toward using my **new** knowledge
and the world's fastest computer
technology
to **discover** and **recover**
the most crude oil and natural gas

buried in the 65,000 producing oil fields of the world.

Without the supercomputer, that's powered by millions of processors, a significant amount of crude oil and natural gas would remain **undiscoverable** and **unrecoverable**.

In the 1980s, the petroleum reservoir that I simulated across my 65,536 processors served as my **concrete platform** and as my metaphor for all initial-boundary value mathematical problems, from those which govern the traffic models on **Main Street** to those which govern the financial models on **Wall Street** to those which govern the massively parallel-processed

computational fluid dynamics codes
that I investigated
for four and a half decades
following the late 1970s.

Answering the Toughest Question About the First Supercomputer

What's my answer
to the most challenging question
in computer science?

I **invented** how to solve
the most **compute-intensive problems**
at the intersection
of new mathematics, new physics,
and new computer science.
And how to solve them
by **sending** and **receiving**
up to one billion computer codes.

Each computer code represents an initial-boundary value problem that must **send** and **receive** data, or intermediate answers, to and from nearest-neighbor domains.

I **invented** how to do so across a new Internet, or across a new global network of processors that **communicates** and **computes** together as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic supercomputer.

That's the first supercomputer, as we know the world's fastest computer today.

My world's fastest computer is not a regular computer, in and of itself. It's a new Internet in reality.

I made my **invention** by **sending** and **receiving** the internal boundary conditions after each time step

of my discretized
initial-boundary value problem.
And by doing both
across a **new Internet**
that I visualized
as my new HyperBall supercomputer.
And as my new global network
of **1,048,576** regular and short
email wires
which were equal distances apart.
And which **interconnected**
my ensemble of 65,536
off-the-shelf, self-contained processors.
And **connected** them
to create my **new**
spherical island of processors
that's a **new Internet**.

How Are Supercomputers Used?

Back from 1922 through 1989,
harnessing 64,000 human computers,

or as many processors, existed only in the realm of **science fiction**. Since my discovery of July 4, 1989, executing the world's fastest computing and doing so across ordinary processors has enabled us to incorporate previously **unimaginable points of data**. We did so to make ground-breaking discoveries in science, engineering, and medicine.

The world's fastest computers are used to know if a **new cancer treatment** holds any promise. Or if an **untested scientific theory** is valid.

The world's fastest computers are used to deepen our understanding of the **cosmos** and know our place within the **cosmos**.

5 Fastest Computing is the Contribution of Philip Emeagwali to Computer Science

The reason my scientific discovery of the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors was cover stories of top scientific publications was that it was new knowledge that **opened doors** into an **undiscovered territory** in advanced calculus. And that it **opened doors** into an **undiscovered territory** in compute-intensive algebra. And that it **opened doors** into the **unknown world** where the fastest computers exist. New calculus, when discretized,

led me to new algebra
and led me to faster
mathematical computations
that were at the granite core
of my scientific discovery.
That discovery **opened doors**
into the **undiscovered territory**
of the first world's fastest computing
across the world's slowest processors.
In 1989, I was in the **news** because

I was the **first person**
to observe the world's **fastest** computation
across processors,
instead of within one super-fast processor.

My world record calculation
made the news because
it was across an ensemble
of the world's **slowest** processors
and across an Internet
that's a global network of those

processors.

That **first** parallel supercomputer is the precursor to the world's fastest computer of today that could become the computer of tomorrow.

My mathematical grand challenge was to **figure out** how to harness a **new Internet** that's a new global network of up to one binary billion processors that **shared nothing** and were equal distances **apart**.

My **contributions** to mathematics were these:

I **figured out** how to harness that new Internet. And how to use its processors to solve a **complicated** system

of time-dependent and nonlinear **partial differential equations** arising in fluid dynamics and calculus. For the past two centuries, the **partial differential equation** was the **hottest** topic in mathematical research. It's both difficult and important. For those reasons, nine in ten supercomputer cycles are devoted to solving **partial differential equations**. It's the reason mathematics, physics, and computer science mutually reinforce each other.

Those **partial differential equations** are encoded in some laws of physics as prior information and, therefore, can be used for **physics-informed** simulations.

Such computational physics models range from high-stake climate models to the spread of contagious viruses that might occur during a **once-in-a-century global pandemic**, such as the spread of COVID-19. To solve the most **difficult** mathematical problems in computer science and solve them across processors demanded that I reduce those **differential equations** of calculus to an equivalent system of **difference equations** of algebra. On July 4, 1989, the system of equations of computational linear algebra which I solved across my ensemble of 65,536 processors were **too bulky** and **sprawling** to be scribbled across all the blackboards on this Earth.

My Early Years

As a research mathematician, I started in Onitsha, Nigeria, investigating **Pythagorean triplets**, defined as three positive integers a , b , and c , such that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

I did so after the 30-month-long Nigerian Civil War was over.

When the war ended, on January 15, 1970, **one in fifteen** Biafrans had died.

One million children and the elderly died from hunger and starvation.

I was a twelve-year-old refugee in Biafra, the breakaway southeastern region of Nigeria.

My refugee camps were in **Ogidi**, Awka, **Awka-Etiti**, Oba, **Ndoni**, and **Fegge Quarters** of Onitsha, Biafra.

As a mathematician searching for
new calculus and new algebra,
I came of age in supercomputing,
in the mid-1970s in Corvallis, Oregon.
And as a mathematician in the early 1980s
in College Park, Maryland.
My obligation was to invent
new mathematics.
And then use my new knowledge
as a vehicle for discovering new physics.
And for inventing a new computer,
a new supercomputer,
and a new Internet.
And for creating new vocabularies
and discovering new sciences,
that must follow
new calculus, new computer,
and a new Internet.

Why Africa Must Be at the Frontier of Knowledge

Why must Africa always be at the frontier of human knowledge?

If it's impossible to create a literary Renaissance in Africa, and do so because of the continent's low literacy, it will then be harder to create a scientific Renaissance in Africa and do so because its low numeracy is far more daunting than its low literacy. Mathematics can only foster where numeracy is high. The lack of deep understanding

of the **partial differential equations** of calculus that were employed to construct large-scale supercomputer models of producing oil fields is one reason European and American oil companies are paid forty (**40**) percent royalty to extract crude oil and natural gas, and do so from the **159 oil producing fields** of Nigeria and through the **1,481 oil wells** in Nigeria.

The pyramids of Giza are **testaments** that Africa was once at the frontier of human knowledge. The pyramids that stand today were built four thousand years ago, built in Africa by Africans.

And built in the millennia
that the forefront of human knowledge
was in Africa.

Africa will **forever** remain
the least-developed region
if it continues
to consume technologies
rather than produce technologies.

Combining a Billion Computers Together | The Eureka Moment of the First Supercomputer

For forty-three years following 1946,
computers got **smaller** and **faster**.
After 1989, supercomputers got bigger
and became a billion times faster.
They're defined and outlined
by up to 10.65 million
smaller and **faster** processors.

The **first** world's fastest computing across millions of coupled processors **that shared nothing** is the **most significant, measurable increase** in the supercomputer's speed that has occurred since the programmable computer was invented in 1946.

My discovery of the world's fastest computing is called parallel processing. It occurred at fifteen minutes after eight in the morning of July 4, 1989. Supercomputing across processors led to the acceptance of the new technological reality. My invention, or new knowledge, was this:

the **slowest** processors could be used to compute faster than the singular, custom-manufactured fastest processor.

Such an ensemble of processors are now used to solve the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics and science.

Parallel processing was the **seminal discovery** in supercomputing.

Parallel processing was how the fastest supercomputer **was invented**.

I was in the news for my **discovery** of the first world's fastest computing across the **slowest processors** in the world.

My discovery occurred in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

I **jumped in joy** because I was the **first person** to **discover** that the 65,536 **slowest** processors in the world can be used to solve the most compute-intensive mathematical problems in the world.

Working together, an ensemble of the slowest processors can be utilized to address the world's biggest challenges and solve them faster than the fastest supercomputer in the world could.

My scientific discovery **changed the way** we look at the supercomputer and **changed it** from the supercomputer powered by one processor to the supercomputer

powered by up to one billion self-contained coupled processors.

That supercomputer discovery put me in the **news headlines** in 1989.

It's the reason I'm the subject of school essays on inventors.

Those **news headlines**

from my **world's fastest** computing that I executed across

the **slowest processors** in the world helped capture the public imagination.

Those **news headlines**

helped to garner political support for the new supercomputer technology

that can now be harnessed

and used to solve

the most compute-intensive problems.

Obstacles to Inventing the First Supercomputer

My quest was to discover the supercomputer solution of the world's **most compute-intensive problems**.

Such difficult mathematical problems arise at the frontiers of knowledge in mathematics, science, and medicine.

My quest was to discover how to harness the **slowest** processors in the world

and use them to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems in the world

and solve such problems at the **fastest speeds** in the world.

As a mathematician searching for never-before-seen equations of calculus and algebra

and who came of age in the 1970s
and who worked at the frontier of
the most compute-intensive
fluid dynamics,
I **flaunted** my **uncompromising theories**.
And I theorized about
sending and receiving emailed codes
and sending them across
a new Internet,
that's a **new supercomputer**, in reality.
As my **act of protest**
was against the **racism** I experienced
in the 1970s and 80s,
I pursued an unorthodox line of research
called parallel supercomputing.
In 1982, my supercomputer discovery
was **rejected**.
It was dismissed as **science fiction**.
For those reasons, I then expected
supercomputing across processors
to be **always rejected**.

How I Combined Computers into a Supercomputer that's an Internet

I discovered that the one billion **slowest** processors in the world can be **fused** via emails and used to emulate one seamless, coherent, and gigantic entity. This new machine is equivalent to a high-speed processor that's one billion times faster. It redefines the fastest supercomputer. Parallel supercomputing is new mathematical knowledge that came of age on July 4, 1989, the day I **discovered** that it's faster than serial, or vector, computing. I established the science of

the fastest computing across
the seven million processors.
Supercomputing is derived from
parallel processing.

Parallel supercomputing is my **contribution**
to mathematical knowledge
and is the **invention** and **milestone**
that **changed the way**
the modern mathematician
solves his or her
most compute-intensive problems
and addresses some of the world's
biggest challenges.

The supercomputer
is the scientist's best friend.

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).



father of the internet

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father of the internet **al gore**

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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.”

1 Developing the World's Fastest Computer

The Biggest Question in Computer Science?

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

My Contributions to Science

Developing the world's fastest computer is the most expensive project in computer science.

A recurring question in school essays is this:

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

Imagine a huge, multi-volume textbook that contains all that's known in mathematics or physics or computer science.

To make a simple discovery is to add one new sentence to that textbook.

But to make a **ground-breaking** discovery that **opened the door** to a new field of knowledge is like adding a new volume to that book of knowledge.

My **discovery**

of the first world's fastest computing across the world's **slowest** processors made the **news headlines**, in 1989.

I was in the news because my discovery was a new volume that was added to the body of knowledge of mathematics, physics, and computer science.

If my **discovery** namely,
the world's fastest computing **across**
millions of processors,
is **deleted** from scientific knowledge,
we will not have the fastest computers
in the world.

I was born in 1954
in the British West African colony
of Nigeria.
At age nineteen, I emigrated to the USA.
In 1989, I was in the news
for inventing
the technology of using millions
of processors
as one coherent unit
that's the world's fastest computer.

As an aside, the earliest use
of a computing aid,
to compute faster, was in Africa.

The Lebombo Bone

is the oldest mathematical instrument.

It's 35,000 years old.

The Lebombo Bone was discovered in the Lebombo mountains of Swaziland, Africa.

Mathematics originated in Africa.

For thousands of years, our human ancestors counted on their fingers and on their toes. Three thousand years ago, alternative ways of counting that used computing aids—such as the counting board and the abacus—were invented.

Those alternative ways were paradigm shifts in the history of computing.

The fastest computing across

millions of processors
changed the logic
of sequential computing.
That logic changed
from solving one mathematical **problem**
at a time
to solving a **million problems** at once,
or in parallel.

That **fundamental change** was this:

The **sequential thought processes**
of yesterday
were replaced with the
parallel thought processes of today.

Like a storm at sea,
supercomputing across
a million coupled processors
has **brutally** pushed computer science
in a **new direction**
and **created new fields** of study

across mathematics and science.
Computing in parallel
changed the course of science
and technology.

In computer science,
the most important questions
are these:

How do we achieve
the fastest computer speeds
that now exist
only in the realm of **science fiction**?

How do we harness
those new world record speeds
and use them to solve
the most compute-intensive problems
that are now **impossible** to solve?

And how do we use those speeds
to solve societal problems

that bring value to life?

These **quintessential** questions of computer science can be rephrased:

“For a small price and many processors, what is the **upper limit** on the supercomputer’s speed?”

My Answer to the Biggest Question in Computer Science?

At 8:15 in the morning, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA, on Tuesday, the Fourth of July 1989, I made the **first measurement** of the world’s fastest computation ever recorded **across** an ensemble of the slowest processors

in the world.

My scientific **discovery** is an alternative **way**

of looking at the world's fastest computers.

My **discovery** of the fastest computing across the slowest processors made the **news headlines**.

My contribution was the **first time**

that an ensemble of the **slowest**

processors

in the world

computed faster than

the **fastest** processor in the world.

In 1989, I was in the news because

I **discovered**

how a billion processors

can **coordinate** and **work together**

and do both to solve

one compute-intensive problem,

such as modeling climate changes

across the centuries.
I **discovered** how to harness
millions of processors
and do so to solve
one **compute-intensive**
and **time-consuming** problem,
which otherwise will be
impossible to solve.

My discovery
of how to use standard parts,
called processors,
to build the world's fastest computers
occurred on the Fourth of July 1989.
My discovery was summarized
in many trade publications
and mentioned in the June 20, 1990, issue
of The *Wall Street Journal*.

My signature discovery was that
millions of processors
could be harnessed as one seamless,

coherent, and gigantic unit
that's the world's fastest computer.

My discovery
made the news headlines because
the world's fastest computer
that's powered by a million processors
was previously dismissed and abandoned
by the leaders of thought
in supercomputing.

The technology was then rejected
by their followers
who offhandedly dismissed
the parallel supercomputer
as science fiction
and as a tremendous waste of
everybody's time.

To put my discovery in perspective,
the computing power
of today's smart phones
is about the same as the processing power
of the supercomputer

that helped send men to the Moon.

That first Moon landing
occurred on July 20, 1969.

That was about the date I went
to the Biafran side of the Oguta War Front
of the Nigerian Civil War.

I went to the Biafran war front
as a conscripted fourteen-year-old soldier.

A month before my arrival
at that Oguta War Front,

the Nigerian Army

had **out-manned** and **outgunned**

the Biafran Army by four to one

and killed **five hundred Biafran soldiers.**

My twenty-year journey
to the frontier of knowledge
of the fastest computer
was from the war front
to the science front.

In 1989, it made the **news headlines** that an African supercomputer genius in the **USA**

had won the highest award in supercomputing.

Computer scientists rank that award as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing.

I was the African supercomputer scientist that was in the news in 1989.

I won that award for **discovering** that the supercomputer that incorporated a billion processors can yield the processing power of a billion processors, or of as many computers.

My supercomputer discovery made the **news headlines** in 1989.

It remains the subject of inventor reports in schools.

The reason was that

I was the **first person** to execute

the world's fastest computer speed
and record it with the slowest processors
and solve
the most compute-intensive problems.
That supercomputer discovery
was considered
the **most significant breakthrough**
in mathematics, physics,
and computer science.
My world's fastest computer speed,
of July 4, 1989,
was a supercomputer milestone.
It was the largest speed increase
in computer science.

My scientific discovery
that the fastest computer
can be built with the **slowest** processors
changed the way
we look at the supercomputer.
Before my discovery,
the most powerful supercomputer

in the world
was powered by at most one
custom-made vector processor.
After my discovery,
the most powerful supercomputer
in the world
was powered by up to
10.65 million processors.

2 How Are Supercomputers Used?

In an email, a twelve-year-old
writing the biographies
of famous computer pioneers
and their contributions
to the development of the computer
asked me:

**“How is the discovery
of the world's fastest computing**

used?"

The energy and geoscience industries bought one in ten supercomputers, and use them to pinpoint oil deposits. Supercomputing across billions of processors is the forty-five billion dollars a year high-performance computing technology that's used to recover crude oil from the 65,000 oil fields of the world and used to simulate the spread of contagious viruses during a once-in-a-century global pandemic.

Saudi Arabia classified the fastest supercomputer simulations of their oil fields as a state secret.

In my lectures to the leading mathematicians and physicists of the 1970s and 80s, I explained that the open mathematical question was this:

“Can mathematicians solve the most compute-intensive problems, such as simulating the flows of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that were buried up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. And within an oil producing field that’s almost twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria? And can mathematicians hindcast those fluid flows across a new Internet that’s a new global network

of up to a billion
off-the-shelf processors?
Each processor had its dedicated memory
and **shared nothing?**"

My **contributions** to computer science
were these:

I **discovered** that the **slowest** processors
in the world
can be used to manufacture
the **fastest** computers
in the world.

And solve
the most **compute-intensive** problems
in the world.

I **discovered** how to merge mathematics
to metals.

And do so to produce the **fastest**
computers

from the **slowest** processors.
Since 1989, I'm the subject of
school essays on inventors
because I **invented**
the **first** and **fastest** supercomputing,
as it's known today.

On the day before my invention,
of July 4, 1989, the fastest computer
was powered by one processor.

On the day of my discovery,
the fastest computer
was powered by the slowest
sixty-five thousand
five hundred and thirty-six [**65,536**]
processors in the world.

On the day of my discovery,
a compute-intensive problem
that formerly took 65,536 days,
or 180 years, to solve within one processor
took only one day to solve across
my ensemble

of sixty-four binary thousand processors.

I **discovered** how to harness the total and maximum supercomputer power of my coupled ensemble of the two-raised-to-power sixteen **slowest** processors in the world. Those off-the-shelf processors were designed for a mainstream market, rather than for supercomputing. And were manufactured in large numbers and at a lower price.

Beyond the Biggest Question in Computer Science?

At computer science conferences of the 1970s and 80s,

mathematicians and physicists argued that
parallel processing
is a beautiful theory
that lacked experimental confirmation.

After my discovery, of July 4, 1989,
computer scientists
can no longer mock and ridicule
parallel supercomputing
as a beautiful theory
that lacks experimental confirmation.
Since counting is as old as humanity,
parallel supercomputing
could be around
as long as the river flows,
and the grass grows.

I'm a dreamer
who dreamt science fiction
as nonfiction.

I expanded the story of science

to become a part of that story
and the witness.

What Does a Supercomputer Look Like?

What does the world's fastest computer
look like?

The **computing discovery** that I recorded
during my email experiments
of July 4, 1989, provided the designers
of the world's fastest computer
with a crucial insight, namely, that
the most compute-intensive problems
can be solved across
an ensemble of millions of
off-the-shelf processors.
Each processor was self-contained
and **shared nothing**
but was in dialogue

with its nearest-neighbouring processors.

That insight **changed the way**

the world's fastest computer looks.

The supercomputer of July 4, 1989,
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 it costs

is, in part, my **contribution**

to computer science.

My invention

made supercomputing across

ordinary processors the **new normal**.

And **relegated** the fastest supercomputers
to computer museums.

The invention of the **first** world's fastest computing across a million processors is the most significant **fundamental change** in computer history.

Parallel supercomputing is computing's **defining** technical achievement.

The car of today has one engine and four tires, just as it had a century ago.

By comparison, the state-of-the-art supercomputer of today is powered by 10.65 million processors, instead of the one processor that powered it before my discovery of July 4, 1989.

The progress achieved in supercomputer technology is akin to completing in one day

an intergalactic outer space travel
that might have taken
three hundred centuries
if the same trip started in 1989.

I was the **first person**
to discover that parallel processing across
the **slowest** processors in the world
is **faster** than serial computing
on the **fastest** supercomputer in the world.
That discovery enabled me to **carve out**
supercomputing across
the **slowest** processors
and understand the **new** technology
as the **new** window
through which we can look with fresh eyes
the frontiers of knowledge
of the fields of computer science,
mathematics, and physics.

We use the state-of-the-art

supercomputers
to see a **new horizon**
and dream of inventing
a faster supercomputer,
such as the quantum supercomputer.

3 Inventing a New Internet

Father of the Internet

I was asked:

“Why are you called
‘the father of the Internet’?”

I’m the only **father of the Internet**
that invented an Internet.

The idea that suddenly **the Internet**
was invented in the 1970s

doesn't ring true.

Philip Emeagwali

is the first name Google suggests
for the search term:

“Father of the Internet”

In 1974, I was the **first person**
to sketch a new Internet.

My sketch evolved over the subsequent
fifteen years

and can be seen in Google image search.

My new Internet

was a new global network of computers.

My new Internet

emulated one seamless, coherent,
and **gigantic** supercomputer.

My new Internet

made the **news headlines** because
it materialized on July 4, 1989

as the **world's fastest computer.**

That new Internet was a significant change from a science-fiction story that was published on February 1, 1922.

That fiction introduced a paradigm of sixty-four thousand human computers quote, unquote "racing" the weather for the entire Earth.

That science-fiction story of 1922 inspired my supercomputing theory of 1974.

I theorized as many computers forecasting the weather around the entire Earth.

My theory of 1974

led to my scientific discovery and experimental confirmation that occurred at fifteen minutes after 8 o'clock in the morning of July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

I upgraded parallel supercomputing

from fiction to fact.

My original inspiration

was to invent a **new technology**

—namely, a **small copy of the Internet**

that emulates a new supercomputer

to be used to solve

the most compute-intensive problems.

I discovered how to solve

the hardest problems.

And solve them across my **small copy**

of the Internet.

My Internet was a new

global network of

sixty-four binary thousand processors.

Each processor within my ensemble

operated its operating system.

Each processor

had its dedicated memory

that shared nothing.

Those identical processors

were **married together**

by 1,048,576 identical email wires.

And married together

as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic unit

that's a new supercomputer

that encircles the globe

and does so in the way the Internet encircles the Earth.

My ensemble

of two-raised-to-power sixteen processors

encircled the globe

in a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace.

I became the most searched for

quote, unquote "Father of the Internet"

because my invention

wasn't a new computer intrinsically.

My invention was a new Internet, in reality,

that was defined and outlined

by my global network of processors.

Those processors outlined a new Internet

that I visualized as encircling a hypersphere embedded within a hyperspace.

Each processor was my metaphor for a computer and was at a node within my new global network of 65,536 processors that was my **small copy** of the Internet.

I defined my **new world's fastest computer** not as a new massively parallel processing machinery but as a new Internet, in reality.

The Invention of a New Internet

My theorized vision of how to invent the **first supercomputer**,

as it's known today,
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
the Emeagwali **Internet** to discover
the fastest computer speed in the world.

And to invent the technology from the **bowels** of a huge ensemble of the **slowest** processors in the world. My quest for the world's fastest computer began on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, and ended on July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA. It was a search to **find the extraordinary among the ordinary**. And do so by emulating the **fastest** processor in the world. I emulated the fastest processor by **integrating** the **slowest** processors and integrating them to **invent** one seamless, coherent supercomputer. That world's fastest computer is not a **new computer, in and of itself**. It's a new Internet, in reality.

The Internet of the Future

I was the **first person** to witness the birth of the world's fastest **computer**, as it's known today.

That first supercomputer revealed itself across a new Internet that was my new global network of the 65,536 slowest processors in the world.

That was my **Eureka! Moment** because I was **momentarily** a mediator between **God and humanity**.

At that moment of discovery, I was **electrified** because I realized that I was the **first eyewitness**

at the then unknown field of human knowledge that's now the world's fastest computer. Until I witnessed its discovery, the **first** world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors was in the realm of **science fiction**, and not in computer science textbooks. For those reasons, it was a **surreal feeling** to be the **first person** to understand how to execute the world's fastest computation and do so across the **slowest** processors in the world and realize that you will become the subject of school essays in primary and secondary schools and in revised editions of mathematics, physics,

and computer science textbooks.

A supercomputer is **super** because it harnesses up to one billion processors. And does so to become up to one billion times faster than the fastest computer that is powered by one processor.

My supercomputer discovery was how to code correctly and solve **compute-intensive** problems and solve them across millions of processors.

Those processors must process in *tandem* and do so to, in reality, emulate the world's fastest computer.

My scientific discovery **changed the way** we look at the world's fastest computer.

I **discovered** how to develop

the world's fastest computers
and do so
with the world's **slowest processors**.
I **discovered**
how to make the most **with the least**.

The inventor creates something
out of nothing.

My **contribution** to the development
of the world's most powerful
supercomputers was this:

On July 4, 1989,
I **put to rest the saying that**
the first world's fastest computing across
the world's slowest processors
and across an Internet
that's a global network of those processors
is a **beautiful theory**
that lacks an experimental confirmation.

4 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Physics

The supercomputer is to mathematics what the telescope is to astronomy or the microscope is to biology or the x-ray machine is to medicine.

The world's fastest computer must remain a **living machinery** that must be used to address the biggest questions of the 21st century. The fastest computers are used to solve the most compute-intensive problems arising in fluid dynamics. One such physics problem is global climate modelling that's executed to **foresee** otherwise **unforeseeable**

long-term climate change.
Another compute-intensive problem at the frontiers and the crossroad of mathematics, physics, and computer science is to foresee the spread of **contagious viruses** that might occur during a **once-in-a-century global pandemic**, such as the spread of COVID-19.

In my research of the 1970s and 80s, my quest was for the world's fastest computer. I wanted to **discover** how to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems in the world. And how to solve them with the **slowest** processors in the world but at the world's **fastest computer speeds**.

My scientific discovery is called parallel supercomputing.

In 1989, my contribution to computer science earned me the highest award in supercomputing.

That award is commonly referred to as the **Nobel Prize of Supercomputing**.

That's why I was in the news, in 1989, for **discovering** that the fastest computing across millions of processors

is **indispensable** and **fundamental**

for solving the

partial differential equation of calculus.

And for executing the most

extreme-scale computational fluid dynamics codes, including

global climate modeling

that's always a precondition

to predicting long-term global warming.

I **discovered** the fastest computing

across the slowest processors
and did so at 8:15 in the morning
of Tuesday, July 4, 1989
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**.

The world's fastest computer
is to the **geologist or meteorologist
or physicist or mathematician**
what the world's most powerful **telescope**
is to the astronomer.

The supercomputer **changed the way**
we solve compute-intensive problems.

In their old way, they solved
compute-intensive
initial-boundary value problems
of computational physics
and solved them in sequence.

Or solved one problem at a time.

And solve that problem
within one isolated processor

that wasn't a member
of an ensemble of processors
that were communicating
and computing together
and doing both as one seamless, coherent,
and **gigantic** supercomputer.

In my new way,

mentioned in the June 20, 1990, issue
of The *Wall Street Journal*

and also in cover stories

of top mathematics news journals,

I invented how to solve

up to one billion

initial-boundary value problems

of computational fluid dynamics—such as
global climate modeling.

My **contribution** to mathematics is this:

I invented how to solve

a billion mathematical problems at once.

Within the world's most powerful supercomputer is a **world of magic** in which we could **foresee** previously **unforeseeable** natural events. I'm an extreme-scale computational physicist who employs the laws of physics and the logic of mathematics to **simulate** the global motions of fluids that enshroud the Earth. I **simulated** those motions across the Emeagwali **Internet** that's a new global network of sixty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-six [**65,536**] **equidistant** processors surrounding the globe that's my metaphor for the Earth.

Each processor was like a dim light in a sea of darkness.

But when supercomputing together as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic supercomputer, those sixty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-six [65,536] processors became as bright as the sun.

Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Mathematics | The Nine Emeagwali Equations

Calculus had its origin in physics and did so three hundred and thirty years ago.

Hence, new calculus could emerge when we study old physics but do so in a new way.

Calculus was invented

to describe the motions of bodies.

I also invented **new calculus**.

They're called

the nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations.

They're the most complicated equations in calculus.

I **invented** my new calculus

to describe the motions of bodies, namely crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that were flowing up to **7.7 miles** deep.

And flowing across an oil producing field that's up to twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria.

The Emeagwali **li's** equations

are to fluids flowing

under the surface of the Earth

what the **Schrödinger's** equation is to **quantum mechanics**.

And what **Maxwell's** equations

are to **electrodynamical phenomena**.

In 1989, I was in the news because I discovered how to use up to one billion processors to tell whether it will rain tomorrow, or to determine how to extract the most crude oil and natural gas. And how to accurately nail down the exact locations of crude oil and natural gas deposits. And do so for the 65,000 producing oil fields in the world, including the 159 producing oil fields in Nigeria.

5 Contributing the Nine Emeagwali Equations to Mathematics

Contributions to Parallel Processing

My contributions to the mathematical knowledge

that must be used
to discover and recover
crude oil and natural gas are two-fold:

Foremost, I was the **first person to discover**

how to harness an ensemble
of billions of processors.

And how to put that ensemble
in the service of the petroleum industry.

My **discovery**—called
parallel supercomputing—
was the **cover story**

of top mathematics publications,
including the May 1990 issue
of the *SIAM News*.

The *SIAM News*

is the bi-monthly news journal
of the Society for Industrial
and Applied Mathematics.

The *SIAM News*

is the flagship publication

of the world's leading minds
in mathematics.

Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Calculus

My second **contribution** to mathematics
is this:

I **invented**

thirty-six (**36**) **partial derivative terms**.

I used those terms to invent
the system of **nine**

Philip Emeagwali equations.

My **partial differential equations**

more accurately encoded

the physical processes

within producing oil fields.

The **partial differential equation**

is the *lingua franca*

for computational fluid dynamics.

The Emeagwali**li** equations

predetermine the motions
of crude oil, injected water,
and natural gas
that flow up to **7.7 miles**
(or **12.4 kilometers**)

below the surface of the Earth.

An oil producing field can be as immense
as the **Ghawar** Oil Field

of Saudi Arabia,

which measures **174 miles** by **19 miles**

or **280 kilometers** by **30 kilometers**

or **8,400 square kilometers**

or almost twice the size of

Anambra, Nigeria.

Being able to **hindcast, or re-forecast,**

the motions

of the crude oil and natural gas

that flowed up to **7.7 miles**

(or **12.4 kilometers**)

below the surface of the Earth

helps the petroleum engineer

to understand

how to push the most crude oil and natural gas and push them from the water injection well to the nearby crude oil and natural gas producing wells.

Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Algorithms

That was the second step which must be taken to encode the laws of physics, that was discovered in prose but must be coded, as the sequence of zeroes and ones the processor can act on. For the third step of that conversion, I had to reformulate, or rather discretize, the nine partial differential equations of calculus that I invented. I discretized them to convert them into an approximating system

of equations
of computational linear algebra.
Those systems,
called **partial difference equations**,
approximated the originating
partial differential equations.
Put differently, I used
some **algebraic algorithms**
to reformulate
the **nine Philip Emeagwali equations**
of calculus
that I **invented**.
And to convert those nine equations
into algebraic equations.
And then to transform that algebra
to arithmetic,
or into an equivalent set of
mathematical calculations.
And into the 65,536 codes
that each of my sixty-four
binary processors

saw as a **seemingly endless string** of zeroes and ones.

Obstacles I Overcame to Invent Parallel Supercomputing

In the 1970s and 80s, the idea of recording the world's fastest computer speed and doing so across the world's slowest processors was **mocked, ridiculed, and rejected** as a **beautiful theory** that will forever remain **impossible** to experimentally confirm.

Prior to my discovery, the fastest computing across the slowest processors was **dismissed** as **science fiction**. For those reasons, it was **imperative**

that I **experimentally confirm** my theory that the slowest 65,536 processors in the world could power the world's fastest computer.

In science, **theory** and **experiment** sometimes contradict each other. And **the experiment wins every time they clash.**

In my scientific research, my guiding principle was this:

the logic of the compute-intensive problem should determine how the problem should be solved, not vice versa.

It's only the laws of logic and physics

that are **sacrosanct**, not the technology that must bend for the laws of logic and physics.

6 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Mathematics and Physics

Why I Invented the Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

I wasn't on the cover of the top mathematics publications because I was good looking.

I was on the cover of the top mathematics publications because I contributed new mathematics to the existing body of mathematical knowledge.

My **contributions** to mathematics were these:

I **invented**

a system of nine coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and three-dimensional **partial differential equations** beyond the frontier of calculus.

The nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations are for modeling the flows of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that flow through an oil field.

The nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations are my **contributions** to mathematics, and, specifically, to **computational subsurface geophysical fluid dynamics**.

Those nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations govern three-phased flows of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas

that are flowing along three dimensions and across porous media that were both **heterogeneous** and **anisotropic**.

In plain words, the properties of such porous media are different at different places and depend on the direction.

I **invented** those nine **partial differential equations** because the Second Law of Motion described in physics textbooks can only be expressed with **economy and precision** **if and only if**

I encoded that law into a system of coupled, nonlinear, and time-dependent **partial differential equations**.

That was the reason I **reformulated** the Second Law of Motion

from its simple algebraic format
into the most advanced expressions
in calculus.

And into the only type of equation
that was cross-listed
in both the **seven most difficult** problems
in mathematics.

And in the **twenty
most difficult problems** in computing.

Why I Invented the Nine Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer Algorithms

I also **invented**
nine **partial difference** equations
that are defined at zillions upon zillions
of numerical grid points
that **approximate**
the nine **partial differential** equations which

I **invented**.

My nine **partial *differential* equations** can be scribbled across one blackboard. However, coding the companion algebraic **partial *difference* equations** and coding them to solve a real-world problem, such as simulating the flow patterns across an oil producing field that's an average of one mile below the surface of the Earth and that's the size of a town and that's **chopped up** into millions of smaller and equal-sized mathematical problems demanded that I code them across as many processors.

Those processors were **identical, coupled, and shared nothing**.

I maintained a **one-small-reservoir** to **one-slow-processor** mapping

which enabled me to maintain
nearest-neighbor nearness
that was the mathematical **precondition**
to inventing
the **world's fastest** computer
that is powered by millions of processors.

How I Invented a New Internet

In 1989, I was in the news
for providing the **quote, unquote**
"final proof"
that the fastest computing across
the **slowest** processors
is not **science fiction**.
I visualized email communications across
the 65,536 processors
that I used to conduct
my physical experiment of July 4, 1989.

That experiment made the **news headlines**, as the **first** world's **fastest** computing across ordinary processors.

I had to visualize the topological positions of my processors and identify them **correctly** before I could **accurately** execute my 65,536

reservoir-to-processor mappings.

Likewise, I visualized 65,536 processors that were equal distances apart that I imagined as etched onto my hyper-spherical model of the Earth.

Furthermore, I visualized my 65,536 **equal fluid volumes** as **enshrouding** my hyper-spherical model of the Earth.

Not only that, I visualized the laws of motion,

energy, and conservation
as described in physics textbooks
as acting on each **fluid volume**.
I visualized that sixteen-dimensional
spherical model of the Earth
as mapped onto the Earth
so that each of those
65,536 fluid volumes
were separated
by three thousand square miles.
I **invented** a new Internet.
And I did so during my quest
to discover how to simulate
the geophysical fluid dynamics flows
of the air and water
that **enshrouded** a globe,
that's a metaphor for the Earth.
Along the way
to the world's fastest computer,
I **invented** how to formulate
partial differential equations

for the oil and gas industry, correctly.
I invented the nine
Philip Emeagwali equations
that govern three-phased fluids
flowing across porous media
that were both **heterogeneous**
and **anisotropic**.
I did so by encoding,
into my **partial differential equations**,
the Second Law of Motion of physics,
as described textbooks
and discovered
three centuries and three decades ago.

Attempting to unravel the analytical
(**or the truest**) solution
of a complex **partial differential equation**
is like **playing chess with God**.

In 1974, when I first programmed one of the world's fastest computers, the fastest computing across the slowest processors was both **unspeakable** and **unthinkable**.

In the 1970s, it was easier to travel to the Moon than to program an ensemble of millions of **self-contained** off-the-shelf processors that **shared nothing** and harness them as one seamless, coherent supercomputer. In the 1970s and 80s, the 25,000 vector supercomputer scientists in the world worked within the **comfort of their known**.

Back then, the few parallel computer scientists in the world worked within the **discomfort**

of their **unknown**.

And researched in the **unexplored regions** of extreme-scale computational physics, a field that encompasses climate modeling.

Between physics and mathematics, the world's fastest computer occupied the position between the **unavoidable** and the **impossible**.

7 Parallel Supercomputing is the Contribution of Philip Emeagwali to Computer Science

Solving the Unsolvable Problem

In the 1970s or 80s, the fastest computing across the **slowest** processors only **existed** in the realm of **science fiction**.

And in the **unexplored regions**
of the **mathematical universe**.

During the 1980s,
the big question in supercomputing
that I addressed
was how to connect
the **mathematical universe**
to the **physical one**.

And, in particular,
how to connect the **new Internet**
that I visualized
in the 16th dimensional hyperspace
to the most compute-intensive
mathematical problems
that were defined
in our three-dimensional
physical space.

In the 1970s and 80s,
I felt like I was struggling to
assemble a puzzle
with **infinite, endless pieces**.

At first, I thought my puzzle,
with only 65,536 pieces,
could solve
the most compute-intensive problems
in mathematics and science.
I later realized that, in theory,
the **grand challenge** puzzle
demanded infinite pieces,
or number of processors,
as the **precondition**
for solving the problem
with **mathematical exactitude**.

This grand challenge was the motivation
that inspired my invention of
how to reformulate some laws of physics.
And do so from prose
to its equivalence in algebra, **namely, Force
equals Mass times Acceleration.**
To its equivalence in calculus,
namely, **partial differential equations.**
To its equivalence

in **message-passing codes** that I executed on each processor and parallel processed **ed** across the Philip Emeagwali **Internet** that's a new global network of two-raised-to-power sixteen processors.

My Breakthrough Moment in Supercomputing

My **breakthrough** in supercomputing was possible because I **reformulated** the laws of conservation of momentum, mass, and energy as described in physics textbooks. And **reformulated** them into processor codes that I **adorned** with processor-to-processor emails.

I **invented** unknown algorithms,
or **new supercomputer instructions**,
which told each processor
what to compute **within itself**
and what to communicate
to its up to
sixteen nearest-neighboring processors.

I emailed my sixty-four binary thousand,
or two-raised-to-power sixteen,
processor codes across
my hyper-globe
that I visualized as embedded
within the 16th dimensional
mathematical hyperspace.
Furthermore, I emailed my
65,536 processor codes
to and from
my two-raised-to-power sixteen
processors.

As a mathematician who is also a physicist,
I understand my system of
partial differential equations
as a description of the set of laws of
physics they encoded. For those reasons,
I distinguished the **description**
from the **described**,
just as you distinguish the **map** of Nigeria
from the **territory** of Nigeria.
A partial differential equation
is different
from the laws of physics
it encodes
just as the description of Nigeria
is different
from the land of Nigeria
it describes.
I can fold the map of Nigeria
and put it in my pocket.
But I can't put Nigeria
in my pocket.

Changing the Way Mathematicians Solve Compute-Intensive Problems

My discovery of July 4, 1989, set the **blueprint** for the world's fastest computers now powered by up to a billion processors. The scientists who became famous and were remembered were the ones that were credited with achieving **major paradigm shifts** and that **changed the way** we think, such as changing from the geometry of **Euclid**, who lived **2,300** years ago in Africa, to the 19th century non-Euclidean geometries. The first of the two non-Euclidean geometries is the **elliptic geometry**

with positive curvature.

In **elliptic geometry**,
Euclid's **parallel postulate**
does not hold.

The second of the two
non-Euclidean geometries
is the **hyperbolic geometry**.

Within the hyperbolic geometry,
the sum of the angles
of a triangle
is always less than 180 degrees.

The elliptic and hyperbolic geometries
were the two major paradigm shifts
which occurred within
2,300 years.

Those two **radical shifts**
fundamentally **changed the way**
geometers think about geometry.

Similarly, the world's fastest computing
across

the world's **slowest** processors
is a **radical shift** that **changed the way**

computer scientists think about their supercomputers. Parallel supercomputing is a **fundamental shift** in the way we compute just as the theory of evolution **changed the way** biologists think. Supercomputing across up to one billion coupled processors **fundamentally changed the way** the most **compute-intensive** problems are solved. And changed it just as the **heliocentric** world view changed the **geocentric** world view of astronomers who preceded Galileo Galilei. Parallel supercomputing changed large-scale computational physics the way the modern physics of Albert Einstein changed the classical physics

of Isaac Newton.

At its **essence**, the fastest supercomputer that I **discovered** at 8:15 in the morning of Tuesday July 4, 1989, was about changing from the computer that solved one problem at a time to the supercomputer of today that solves up to one billion problems at once.

Or changing to the Internet of tomorrow which is still in the realm of **science fiction** and that could become the planetary supercomputer of the future.

Parallel supercomputing was a **fundamental change** of tectonic proportions that **changed the way** we study computer science. In their old computer science, the computer solved one problem at a time.

In my **new** computer science,
the computer solves many problems
at once.

8 How I Wish to be Remembered

A man said to his **pediatrician**.

“Do you know Philip Emeagwali?”

“I wrote an **inventor report**
on Philip Emeagwali.

My daughter also wrote
an **inventor report**
on Philip Emeagwali.”

His **pediatrician** smiled and said:

“I also wrote an **inventor report**
on Philip Emeagwali.

My son also wrote an

inventor report on Philip Emeagwali.”

For the twelve-year-old
that is writing a school essay
on inventors and their inventions,
an essential question is this:

“What is Philip Emeagwali known for?”

I was the **first person** to **discover**
that the **slowest** processors in the world
could be harnessed and used
to power the **fastest** computers
in the world.

That **new knowledge** is used to solve
the most compute-intensive problems
in the world.

That **invention** is the reason
the **fastest** computers in the world

are powered by up to
10.65 million processors.

I **discovered** how an ensemble
of up to one binary billion processors
can be **married together**
by as many email wires and messages.

A **binary billion**

is two-raised-to-power-32,
or **4,294,967,296**.

And then use those processors to solve
the most compute-intensive problems.

I discovered how to **fuse processors**
and do so to, in reality, form
one coherent unit

that's a never-before-seen machinery
that's the world's fastest computer
that made the **news headlines**,
in 1989.

That **new supercomputer**
which is also a new Internet
that I invented on July 4, 1989,
is radically different

from the **constituent** processors
from which it originated.

The world's **fastest** computer,
as it's known today,
originated from the **slowest** processors.

My **historic run** was the **first**
world's **fastest** computing across
the world's **slowest** processors.

My breakthrough occurred

At 8:15 in the morning, on July 4, 1989.

I was its **first** eyewitness.

For that reason, it was a visceral
experience.

My **visceral cries** drew a little crowd.

People down the hall ran towards me

as they heard my visceral cries

for my discovery

of the world's fastest computing.

I cried because

it was the **first** supercomputing

that will change the lives

of our descendants.

And do so by **permanently**

changing the way

our descendants will look at their

world's fastest computers.

Each person that heard my visceral cries

was puzzled

by my emotional reaction

to what seemed **incomprehensible**, namely,

the world's **fastest** computing

that I executed in a **new way**

that will, **forever**, change

the way we look at the computer.

My supercomputer run

performed

3.1 billion calculations per second.

That was a world record

for July 4, 1989,

that opened the door

to the modern supercomputer.

I used those 65,536 processors

to solve

a system of twenty-four million equations of algebra.

In addition to my computing speed, the number of processors and equations were both world records.

My three world records—in speed, processors, and equations—were validated by both the computing and petroleum industries.

The supercomputing industry now incorporates parallel processing.

And the petroleum industry now purchases one in ten supercomputers.

Oh, yes, harnessing a billion processors gives the right answer, too.

How I Want to be Remembered

When I began supercomputing back on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, the world's fastest computing across the world's **slowest** processors was **science fiction**.

Fifteen years later, on July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA, I **discovered** how to turn that **science fiction** to **reality**.

For that contribution, I became the **first** and **only** person, to win alone, the **highest** award in supercomputing.

The world's fastest computing, as it's executed today, was the **pseudoscience** of the 1980s, and earlier.

The turning point was my **scientific breakthrough** that occurred on July 4, 1989, and elevated that **pseudoscience** to science.

“How do I want to be remembered?”

I want to be remembered
as the supercomputer inventor
that connected those dots or vertices
or processors, so to speak.

I want to be remembered
as the supercomputer discoverer
that told the coherent story
and discovered those Internets
as, in reality, coherent computers
that are the fastest.

The genius is the ordinary person
that found the extraordinary
in the ordinary.

My invention
of fastest computing
is summed as follows:

The **slowest** processors
can **cooperatively compute together**
to yield
the **fastest** computation **ever recorded**
and to solve
the most **compute-intensive** problem
ever solved.

My discovery is used
to **combine** computers
into supercomputers.
And can be used to create a
supercomputer that's **an Internet**.

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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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."

1 Emeagwali Supercomputer that Emulates a Bees' Honeycomb

Emeagwali's HoneyComb Supercomputer

School Essays About Philip Emeagwali

Thank you.

In an email, a twelve-year-old writing the biography of a famous inventor and his invention asked me:

"What is the Philip Emeagwali Internet?"

In 1989, I was in the news because I recorded the fastest computer speed. I achieved that speed while solving the most compute-intensive problems at the crossroad where new mathematics, new physics, and new computer science **intersect**. Such compute-intensive problems are called the twenty grand challenges of supercomputing. On July 4, 1989, I recorded the world's fastest computer speed. And I did so while solving the most important compute-intensive problems. And solving them **across** a new Internet that was a new global network of the **slowest** processors in the world.

That machinery—that comprised of the **slowest** processors powering the **fastest** computer—is called the Philip Emeagwali Internet.

Visualizing Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer

I visualized my supercomputer as **outlined** and **defined** by a billion points of light. Each light represented a processor. I programmed two-raised-to-power sixteen off-the-shelf processors. Likewise, I visualized these processors as equal distances **apart**. Furthermore, I visualized these processors as **etched** onto the hypersurface of a globe.

Not only that, I visualized that globe as embedded within a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace. That spherical island of processors is called the **Emeagwali Internet**.

If constructed at the most enormous scale, the **Emeagwali supercomputer** will be a mammoth machinery assembled from a billion off-the-shelf processors that are linked with high-speed interconnects that shuttles data and coordinate emails.

Visualizing the Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer Like a Bees' HoneyComb

The **Emeagwali Internet**

that I theorized, in 1974,
is shaped like a giant ball,
or a gigantic supercomputer,
that I named a “**HyperBall.**”

I visualized my giant ball
as the world's fastest computer
that occupies
the footprint of a football stadium.
My new supercomputer
will cost tens of billions of dollars.
And could be financed
by a consortium of nations.
Furthermore, it will weigh as much as
a thousand school buses.
Not only that, it could consume
as much electricity
as a state within **Nigeria.**

My never-before-seen supercomputer
could solve
the most compute-intensive problems,
including the complicated simulations

of climate change,
that would be impossible to solve
on a supercomputer
that is powered by only one processor.

I came to supercomputing
not only to solve
the most compute-intensive problems
in science, engineering,
and medicine
but also to invent a new supercomputer.
I **invented** a supercomputer
that was inspired
by the bees **HoneyComb**.
And did so by **subdividing**
the surface of a sphere
in an orderly and efficient manner.
Studying bees and how they work together
in their hives
as well as the efficiency they employed
when constructing their honeycombs

inspired me to change the way
I look at the world's fastest computers.
I was the **first** supercomputer scientist
to divide a spherical surface
in a manner
that **mimics** the **efficient structure**
of the **bee's honeycomb**.
I **discovered** that the **natural efficiency**
implicitly encoded
into how bees construct their honeycombs
could be copied within a supercomputer
that's powered by an Internet
that's a global network
of up to one billion processors.

The patterns of the interconnections
of the processors
within my new supercomputer
were inspired by my observations
of the efficiency
of the bee's hexagonal honeycomb.

The bees' honeycomb inspires the most efficient processor-to-processor interconnection that will make it possible to manufacture the world's fastest computer.

That supercomputer will encircle a huge globe

that occupies the space of a soccer field.

My honeycomb-inspired supercomputer is a global network of processors that's an Internet, in reality.

My HoneyComb Supercomputer will do the fastest computation

with the least communication, or noise.

Over millions of years, the bee evolved to know that it can store the most honey with the least energy.

I merely copied the blueprint

for my supercomputer

by **reverse engineering**

the bees' honeycomb.

In the 1970s and 80s, I didn't conduct academic research.

Instead, I conducted a big science, big supercomputer research that was beyond the realm of academia.

My **new Internet**

made the **news headlines** because

it was my **alternative way**

of looking at the supercomputer

that previously only computed

with one custom-manufactured,

super-fast vector processor.

My **alternative way** of parallel processing

became a **fundamental change**

in supercomputing.

That was the origin story

of the **first** supercomputer in the world

that was powered by

the slowest processors in the world.

Early Years in Supercomputing

In 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, **USA**,
I was solving large-scale systems
of equations
of computational linear algebra.
I solved them on a serial supercomputer
that was the first computer
to be rated at one million instructions
per second.
That serial supercomputer
represented the old paradigm
of supercomputing.
In serial supercomputing, I programmed
one scalar processor,
the equivalence of one computer.
I visualized that one scalar processor
to be on a globe
in the **zeroth** mathematical dimension.
And I **topologically** followed
the sixty-four binary thousand **vertices**
and the one binary million
bidirectional **edges** of the hypercube
in the 16th dimension.

I visualized them
as making up a new Internet
that tightly circumscribed a globe
with its processors and wires.
And encircled that globe
as a new global network of processors.
I also visualized that globe
in the sixteenth mathematical dimension.
I grew in my mathematical maturity
and scientific and computing expertise
during the **fifty years** following 1974
that I lived and worked in
Corvallis (Oregon),
Washington (District of Columbia),
Baltimore, Silver Spring, and **College Park**
(Maryland),
Casper and **Laramie** (Wyoming),
and Minneapolis (Minnesota).

How My Supercomputing Evolved into a New Internet

I grew along sixteen mutually perpendicular directions. I was the **first** supercomputer scientist to grow into the **new billion-processor paradigm** of the fastest computing **across** a gigantic ensemble of processors. I visualized these processors as uniformly encircling a globe. And as circumscribing it as a new Internet that's a small **copy** of the Internet. My **new billion-processor paradigm** for supercomputing made the **news headlines** because I was the **first person** to record the fastest computer speed and do so across that new Internet.

It was at **8:15** in the morning
of July 4, 1989,
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA,
that I **discovered** parallel supercomputing.
And **discovered**
how to record the fastest computer speeds
across
an ensemble of
two-raised-to-power sixteen processors.
I was the **first person**
to recognize that network of processors
as a new Internet
that tightly encircled a globe.
And circumscribes it
within the metaphorical
16th dimension.
So, over my first sixteen years—
from Corvallis (**Oregon**)
to Washington (**District of Columbia**)
to College Park (**Maryland**)
to Laramie (**Wyoming**)
to Los Alamos (**New Mexico**)—my

supercomputing **changed** from the 0th (**zeroth**)—or a mere point—to the 16th dimension, that was represented by two-raised-to-power sixteen, or 65,536, equidistant points that I visualized as having a one-point to one-processor correspondence.

I also visualized those processors as evenly distributed across the **hypersurface** of a **hypersphere** that was my **topological metaphor** for the Philip **Emeagwali** Internet. In summary, I theorized and **experimentally discovered** that new Internet.

2 Why is the Supercomputer Market \$45 Billion a Year?

Why My Supercomputing Breakthrough Made the News Headlines

The supercomputer market is forty-five (45) billion dollars a year. That is like giving one thousand dollars a year to every man, woman, and child who can speak the Igbo language. Since 1989, I'm the subject of inventor reports, in schools across the USA, UK, and Canada. I'm studied in schools because I discovered that the modern supercomputer should be powered by up to one billion processors. That invention is the new knowledge that powers the world's fastest computers.

In 1989, I was in the news because I **discovered** how to solve the most compute-intensive mathematical problems, such as initial-boundary value problems that were governed by a system of coupled **partial differential equations**, and, in particular, those arising in **planetary-scaled fluid dynamics**. Such equations **contextualized** and **encoded** some laws in physics, including the Second Law of Motion. Such **partial differential 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 were up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) below the surface of the Earth. And that are the sizes of a town.

The size of the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field on Alaska's North Slope is 213,543 acres.

The Prudhoe Bay is the largest oil field in North America.

The Ghawar Oil Field of Saudi Arabia measures 280 kilometers by 30 kilometers, or 174 miles by 19 miles.

The Ghawar Field is the largest oil field in the world.

How is Mathematics Used in Supercomputing?

In an email, a fifteen-year-old writing the biography of a famous mathematician and his contributions to mathematics asked me:

“How is mathematics used in supercomputing?”

Calculus is the most powerful technique in mathematics. The poster boy of the **partial differential equation** of calculus is the system of equations that encoded the Second Law of Motion in physics textbooks. In theory, mathematical predictions that were based upon

the **partial differential equation** should be as **reliable as a hammer**. In practice, it's a different story. Therefore, it's **impossible** to predict the weather with certainty and forecast it thirty days in advance. Without high-performance, massively parallel supercomputing the solution of the most **compute-intensive** initial-boundary value problems—such as simulating long-term climate change—will be as **approximate** as a **sketch**, instead of as **exact** as a photograph. That solution of that mathematical problem is a map—called the **vector field**—of the direction, size, and temperature of the air, or moisture, at every position within the Earth's atmosphere

and at every later date.

The need to simulate accurately the **internal dynamics** of flowing fluids—called the fluid dynamics—is the reason ninety percent of the cycles of the world's fastest computers are consumed by applied mathematicians, called computational fluid **dynamicists**. Large-scale computing is the reason the fastest supercomputers are used to study and understand long-term global warming.

3 Emeagwali Internet Explained as a Spherical Island of Processors

In an email, a twelve-year-old writing her biographical essay on a famous inventor and his invention asked me:

“How did you invent

the Philip Emeagwali Internet?"

I explained to her that my invention was inspired by my thinking about the Earth and global warming. I progressively made my invention during the sixteen years following June 20, 1974.

I started my research in Corvallis, Oregon. And I continued my supercomputing in [Washington](#) (District of Columbia), [College Park](#) (Maryland), [Laramie](#) (Wyoming), and [Los Alamos](#) (New Mexico).

I began the invention of the Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer by imagining the Earth as shrunk to the size of an apple. The size of the skin of that apple represents the habitable area of the Earth. That [skin-thick](#) volume consists of fluids, such as

the atmosphere, rivers, lakes,
and oceans.

And up to 7.7 miles below
that **skin-thick** volume
we have fluids, such as crude oil,
natural gas, water, and air
that flow through the **crevices** and **voids**
under the surface of the Earth.

Solving Compute-Intensive Problems

One of the twenty
most compute-intensive problems
in physics
was to simulate global warming
across millions of processors
under-the-hood
of the world's fastest computer.
And do so to execute
computational fluid dynamics codes

at the world's fastest computer speeds. Likewise, to foresee the motions and the directions of the fluids that enshroud heavenly bodies, such as the **geophysical** and **astrophysical** fluid dynamics around planets in our Solar System, including weather forecast around the Earth.

The Earth's atmosphere is **62** miles (or **100** kilometers) above its surface.

Comparing the depth of the Earth's atmosphere to its diameter of **7,900** miles (or **12,700** kilometers), we realize that the atmosphere is **127** times thinner than the Earth.

The atmosphere compared to the Earth is thinner than the skin of the apple compared to the apple.

In one thousand years, I see the Internet
to be an electronic cloth
that enshrouds the Earth
and does so just as the skin of the apple
covers the apple.

My Quest for the Philip Emeagwali Internet

I began my technological quest,
for the Philip **Emeagwali** Internet,
by visualizing
how to solve compute-intensive
mathematical problems.
Such difficult problems arises
in large-scale computational physics.
I described and defined my physics
problem
on and across 65,536,
or two-raised-to-power sixteen,
blackboards.

Each blackboard contained the corresponding initial-boundary value problem of mathematical physics.

Those initial-boundary value problems can't be analytically solved on those sixty-four binary thousand blackboards.

Hence, I computed their 65,536 answers. And I did so across my ensemble of 65,536 motherboards.

Early on, I was **mindful** of the fact that I must relate my discovery of the **first** world's **fastest** computing across the world's **slowest** processors and use it to solve the biggest mathematical challenges arising in science, engineering, and medicine.

I **discovered** how to compute

at the **fastest** speeds in the world
and do so 65,536 times faster
and do so across a **new Internet**.

How I Visualized the Philip Emeagwali Internet

I'm often asked to describe
how I visualized
the Philip Emeagwali Internet.
I visualized that new Internet
as a new global network
of 65,536 processors.
I visualized the Philip **Emeagwali Internet**
as **etched** onto the **hypersurface**
of a globe that I visualized
in the 16th dimensional **hyperspace**.
I also visualized
65,536 equal-sized atmospheres
each projected

from the surface of the Earth
to the uppermost atmosphere,
or 62 miles (or 100 kilometers) above
the surface of the Earth.

My **tessellated atmosphere**
is a concentric globe
that I defined in the 3rd dimension.
I knew it's important
that I relate the **two Internets**
that I **invented**.

My first **Internet** was only theorized
and **constructively reduced** to practice.
In reality, the Philip Emeagwali **Internet**
was a supercomputer.

My **second Internet**
was **experimentally reduced**
to practice
as the world's fastest computer.
My discovery
that the **first** supercomputer
—as it's known today—

can be developed
with the slowest processors
made the **news headlines**,
shortly after I **discovered** it,
on the Fourth of July 1989
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**.

Philip Emeagwali Internet Explained
as a Spherical Island of Processors

I'm often asked:

“What is the Philip **Emeagwali Internet**?”

The Philip **Emeagwali Internet**
is a spherical island of processors
that encircles a concentric globe
that represents
the **habitable atmosphere**
where global warming occurs.

My **scientific discovery**,

which occurred on the Fourth of July 1989,
encompasses
how to forecast global warming.
And how to do so more accurately.
And how to forecast it across
my **new Internet**
that's a new global network
of off-the-shelf processors.
My processors were **identical,**
equal distances apart,
and **shared nothing,**
but were in dialogue with each other.
That discovery is my **contribution**
to the greater understanding
of the relationship
between the supercomputer
and the Internet.

Visualizing the Emeagwali Spherical Island
of Processors

I saw none of my sixty-four binary thousand, or 65,536, processors with my **naked eyes**.

However, I saw each processor with my mathematical mind.

That abstraction enabled me to **geometrically visualize** them as an Internet.

And do so with a one-processor to one-vertex correspondence.

Likewise, do so at the 65,536, or two-**raised**-to-power sixteen, vertices of a hypercube in the 16th dimension.

I also visualized that hypercube as **tightly circumscribed** by a **hypersphere** that represented a globe in the 16th dimensional **hyperspace**.

4 What is the Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer?

Answering the Biggest Question in Computer Science

My quest was for the **first** supercomputer that will be powered by a large ensemble of

off-the-shelf processors.

During the sixteen years of supercomputing research that followed June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, my most important questions were always these:

“How can I **record** the world's fastest speed in computing?”

And how do I use
the fastest computer speeds
across ordinary processors
to solve
the most **compute-intensive** problems?"

My **contributions**
to computational mathematics
were these:

In 1989, I was in the news
for **discovering** how to solve
the most compute-intensive problems.
Such difficult mathematical problems
arise during oil recovery
or global warming predictions
and other scenarios
in computational fluid dynamics.
Such problems are posed and solved
as initial-boundary value problems

of mathematics and physics.

A Different Supercomputer Creates a Different Computer Science

In 1989, I discovered a different supercomputing that created a different computer science. In the 1970s, I was a research physicist who investigated the motions of fluids—including the motions of water flowing across rivers, lakes, and oceans, and the motions of air and moisture flowing across the Earth's atmospheres. I mathematically and computationally investigated how to predict such motions. I described my new field of study as large-scale computational

fluid dynamics modeling across
a global network of
millions of processors.

I'm a Black physicist that's invisible
in a white space.

In the 1980s, I was underestimated
and dismissed as unqualified.

Far more importantly, I was dismissed
by those who were unqualified.

Yet, I'm the only physicist
that's qualified to deliver lectures
and distribute them across
one thousand podcasts and YouTube
videos.

Each lecture was on my contributions
to the solution of the hardest problem
in computational physics.

During the fifteen years
following June 20, 1974,
in Corvallis, Oregon, I grew my expertise

from **experimental** physics
to **astrophysics** to **geophysics**
to **mathematical** physics
to large-scale **computational** physics.
I grew my expertise across a new Internet
that's my new global network
of off-the-shelf processors.
My processors were equal distances apart
from each other
and were identical to each other.
That **contribution** to the **invention**
of the **first** supercomputer,
as it's known today,
put me in the **news headlines**.

**Parallel Supercomputing is Philip
Emeagwali Contribution to Physics**

What is Philip Emeagwali Known For?

A question in school essays on famous physicists and their discoveries is this:

“What is the **contribution** of Philip Emeagwali to physics?”

In 1989, I was in the **news headlines** because I **discovered** how to harness millions of the **slowest** processors in the world **and across an Internet that's a global network of those processors.**

Furthermore, I discovered how to use them as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic unit

that's the **world's fastest** computer.

The computer is an inch away
from the number **zero** or **one**.

And the supercomputer
is a mile away
from anything written in prose.

I had to re-formulate
the Second Law of Motion,
described in physics textbooks
and discovered 330 years ago
and discovered in prose,
into algebra, or **F=ma**.

I invented algebraic algorithms
that I used to encode that law
into a code
that the computer can then translate
into a sequence of **zeroes** and **ones**.

My conversion
from **prose** to **zeroes** and **ones**
was executed in **three** steps.

First, the Second Law of Motion discovered

three centuries and three decades ago was formulated as an algebraic formula that is well-known as $F=ma$.

That formula is the algebraic acronym for Force equals Mass times Acceleration.

Second, $F=ma$,

was reformulated in the 1820s

and from algebra to calculus,

or a system of coupled and nonlinear partial differential equations.

The nine Philip Emeagwali equations that I invented

were new partial differential equations.

My equations could be used

by the petroleum industry

and used to simulate

multiphase fluids flowing

across porous media

that are heterogeneous and anisotropic.

My equations could be used

to map the flow patterns

within an oil producing field.

That petroleum supercomputer code, called a reservoir simulator, is used to recover crude oil and natural gas.

5 The Most Significant Contribution of Philip Emeagwali to Computer Technology

My **contributions** to the mathematical knowledge that is used to discover and recover crude oil and natural gas are two-fold: Foremost, I was the **first person to discover** how to harness an ensemble of millions of processors. I **discovered** how to put that ensemble in the service of the petroleum industry. My **discovery** that the **first** supercomputer,

as it's known today,
must be powered by off-the-shelf
processors
was the **cover story**
of top mathematics publications,
including the May 1990 issue
of the *SIAM News*
that was the bi-monthly news journal
of the Society for Industrial
and Applied Mathematics.
The *SIAM News*
is the most important publication
that is read
by the world's leading mathematicians.

Using Philip Emeagwali Equations to
Recover Oil and Gas

My second **contribution** to mathematics
is this:

I invented

thirty-six (36) partial derivative terms.

And I used those mathematical terms to also invent

the system of nine

Philip Emeagwali equations

that more accurately represents the physical processes within producing oil fields.

Those processes predetermine the motions of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that flow up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers)

below the surface of the Earth.

An oil producing field can be as large as the Ghawar Oil Field of Saudi Arabia, which measures 174 miles by 19 miles or 280 kilometers by 30 kilometers, or 8,400 square kilometers or almost twice the size of Anambra, that is my state of origin in Nigeria.

Being able to hindcast, or re-forecast,

the motions
of the crude oil and natural gas
which flow below the surface of the Earth
helps the petroleum engineer
to understand
how to push the most crude oil
and natural gas and push them
from the water injection well
to the nearby crude oil and natural gas
producing wells.
That was the second step
that must be taken
to encode the laws of physics
discovered in prose
but must be coded as
the sequence of zeroes and ones
that the processor can act on.

Converting Philip Emeagwali Equations from Calculus to Algebra to Codes

For the **third step** of that conversion, I had to reformulate, or rather discretize, the nine **partial differential equations** of calculus that I **invented**. I discretized them to convert them into an approximating system of equations of computational linear algebra. Those systems, called **partial difference equations**, approximated the originating **partial differential equations**. I used **algebraic algorithms**, called finite difference discretizations, to reformulate the **nine Philip Emeagwali equations**

of calculus

that I **invented**.

And to convert my nine equations
into algebraic equations.

And then to further transform that algebra
to arithmetic.

Or into an equivalent set of
mathematical calculations.

And into the 65,536 codes
that each of my sixty-four

binary processors

saw as a **seemingly endless string** of
zeroes and ones.

Turning Science Fiction to a Supercomputer

In the 1970s and 80s, my unproven idea
of the first world's fastest computing
across

the world's slowest processors was **mocked, ridiculed, and rejected** as a **beautiful theory** that demanded an experimental confirmation. Until my discovery of parallel processing on July 4, 1989, supercomputing, as it's executed today, was **dismissed as science fiction**. For those reasons, it was **imperative** that I **experimentally confirm** my theory of the fastest computing across the slowest processors.

In science, **theory** and **experiment** sometimes contradict each other. And the experiment wins every time they clash.

A Supercomputer Retrospective to the 1970s and 80s

For me, the 1970s was the decade for the **fermentation** of my theory that the world's fastest computer can be defined and manufactured across millions of processors that **shared nothing**. The 1980s was the decade that I **experimentally confirmed** my theory of the fastest computing across the **slowest** processors. I had to let those two decades go between before I **figured out** how the **new Internet** that was a new global network of sixty-four binary thousand off-the-shelf processors that each operated its operating system and how that new Internet could be harnessed as an instrument of large-scale computational physics.

And used to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems known as the twenty **grand challenges** of supercomputing.

Building Supercomputers Upon the Transistor and Integrated Circuit

The three inventions that led to the fastest computer were the **transistor** invented in 1947, the **integrated circuit** invented eleven years later in 1958, and **parallel supercomputing** invented thirty-one years later in 1989. Without the invention of the transistor the computer will be slow, will often break down, will be the size of a building,

and will cost a hundred million dollars each.

The Contribution of Philip Emeagwali to the World's Fastest Computers

The **grand challenge** of inventing parallel supercomputing resided at the frontiers of knowledge of physics, calculus, and algebra, rather than at the frontiers of computer science. For instance, the laws of physics must be **encoded** into calculus and be **discretized** into algebra and used to **forecast** the speeds and directions of air and moisture flowing over the Earth, or to forecast the weather.

The laws of physics must be used to **hindcast, or re-forecast**, the speeds and directions of the crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that were flowing up to **7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers)** below the surface of the Earth. And flowing across an area under the surface of the Earth that's often almost twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria. One in ten supercomputers were bought and used to foresee the motions of crude oil and natural gas that were flowing across the 65,000 producing oil fields of the world, including the 159 oil fields of Nigeria.

The Supercomputer is My Best Friend

After fifty years of supercomputing, an audience was taken aback when I gave it a four-hour lecture and did so without notes.

I understand supercomputing more than I understand my wife.

After all, I've only been married for only forty years.

But I was married to the supercomputer for nearly fifty years.

For half a century, it was my job to know the supercomputer inside and out.

The supercomputer is the other woman in my life.

According to Google searches, I know the supercomputer and the supercomputer knows

Philip Emeagwali.

My **contribution** to computer science is this:

On the Fourth of July 1989,
I **discovered** that the slowest processors
could be programmed to **emulate**
one supercomputer,
or one seamless, coherent,
and gigantic machinery
that's a new **supercomputer, in reality.**

6 Explanation of the Philip Emeagwali Supercomputer

Impact of My Discovery of What
Enables Computers to be Fastest

Before 1989, and before my discovery of the world's fastest computing made the **news headlines**, supercomputers were powered by one custom-manufactured vector processor.

In 1989, I **discovered** that the **world's most powerful supercomputer** could be powered by the **slowest** two-raised-to-power sixteen, or sixty-four binary thousand, processors.

Those 65,536 **slowest** processors in the world must be **identical**, be **coupled**, and **shared nothing**.

Each processor must operate its operating system.

My **invention** made the **news headlines** because it was a new Internet that was a **new supercomputer**, **in reality**.

Solving Difficult Mathematical Problems

My **invention** was a high-performance supercomputing machinery. That supercomputer **invention** of how to solve problems across processors is now used to solve the most **compute-intensive** mathematical problems known as the twenty **most difficult problems** that were at the crossroad where the frontiers of mathematics, physics, and computing intersect. The poster boy of the hardest problems

is using the supercomputer to **forecast** the weather above the surface of the Earth. The poster girl of compute-intensive problems is harnessing the millions of processors **under-the-hood** of the world's fastest computer. And using them to **hindcast, or re-forecast**, the **quote, unquote** "weather" within an oil producing field that's up to **7.7 miles** (or 12.4 kilometers) deep and flowing across an area up to twice the size of Anambra, Nigeria.

Looking back, you may ask:

What training and knowledge does it take to be the **first person** to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems

at the crossroad
where mathematics, physics,
and computer science **meet?**

My answer is this:

Only a foremost expert in mathematics,
physics, and computer science
can solve the **toughest**
multidisciplinary problems
in extreme-scale
computational science.

How I Solved Compute-Intensive Problems

In 1989,
there were **25,000** supercomputer
scientists
logged onto all the world's
vector supercomputers.

But I was the only person in the world that was logged on full time on potential supercomputers that were powered by the slowest processors in the world. If those **25,000 vector** supercomputer scientists had possessed the multidisciplinary knowledge that I possessed, in 1989, they would have solved the **hardest problems** that addressed the biggest challenges, such as the computational fluid dynamics that governs the spread of COVID-19 within New York City trains that packed passengers like sardines. And he or she would have posted as podcasts and **YouTube videos** his or her contributions to high-performance computing.

I posted as podcasts and **YouTube videos** one thousand closed-captioned videos that described my **contributions** to mathematics, physics, and computer science.

My Discovery of Parallel Processing is a Milestone in Computer History

My **discovery** that the world's **fastest** computer can be built from the **slowest** processors in the world was the reason I was in the news. In 1989, I was described as the **Lone Wolf** at the **farthest frontier** of supercomputing. Processing across the slowest processors was the technology that I harnessed and used to execute

the **world's fastest** computer speed.
I reached that **milestone**
in the history of technology
and did so back at **8:15** in the morning
of the Fourth of July 1989,
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**.
The June 20, 1990, issue
of *The Wall Street Journal*
recorded my supercomputer breakthrough.

Explanation of Philip Emeagwali Equations

The **partial differential equation**
is the **natural dialect** of
computational fluid dynamics.
The nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations
enabled me to see forces
otherwise invisible.

And describe motions of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that will be otherwise **indescribable**.

The mathematical structure, or the **partial derivative terms**, of the governing equations for fluids flowing across a porous medium is like that for fluids flowing across a non-porous medium, including the air and moisture that were flowing across the Earth's atmosphere.

I **discovered** that for the system of coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and three-dimensional **partial differential equations** of mathematical physics that governs flowing fluids that the **meteorologist** and the **geologist** were solving similar puzzles but only the **meteorologist**

solved the puzzle correctly.

Philip Emeagwali Internet is a Small Copy of the Internet

My **contribution** to computer science is this:

I was the **first** supercomputer scientist to visualize millions of an ensemble of off-the-shelf processors and to comprehend that ensemble as **uniformly encircling the globe** that I also imagined in a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace and pictured as encircling that globe **in the way the Internet encircles the Earth.**

That new machine is called
the Emeagwali machine.
Or the Emeagwali supercomputer.

The Emeagwali supercomputer
that encircles the globe
wasn't a new computer, intrinsically,
but was a new Internet, in reality.

In the Emeagwali supercomputer,
I pictured the arithmetical calculations
that arise when solving
the most compute-intensive problems
as being executed across
a small copy of the Internet.

7 Inventing the Fastest Computer in the World

I Invented, Not Studied, Parallel Supercomputing

Inventing is Greater Than Learning

The only proof you're the **first person** to execute the world's **fastest** computing across the world's **slowest** processors is to, first, do it. And win the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing for your world's fastest computing. And then post a complete series of podcasts and YouTube videos on how you **discovered** supercomputing, as it's executed today.

Inventing the world's fastest computer is not a contribution to knowledge that you study for.

The invention of a never-before-seen computer that records unrecorded speeds is the creation, or the constructive reduction to practice, of a machinery that didn't exist. Hence, the act of recording the fastest computer speed can't be studied for and was never achieved within the campus of any institution of learning.

How could I have been taught a never-before-seen supercomputer?

How could I have been taught something that wasn't known

and something that I was the **first person** to know?

That's like attempting to remember your life before the day you were born, or conceived.

I was the **first** person to discover that the world's fastest computer should be powered by up to a billion coupled processors. Therefore, attempting to teach me my invention of parallel supercomputing was as **impossible** as undertaking to teach the first pilot how to fly.

In retrospect and as a Black inventor, I wasn't allowed to be the inventor of my invention.

Inventing the World's Fastest Computer

A few years ago, some American academics **falsely claimed** to have invented the new global network of processors that's a new Internet and also a **new supercomputer**. I invented that new Internet alone. In the 1980s, those academics who had never seen a supercomputer before **falsely claimed** to have taught me how I discovered the world's fastest computation. But my question to them was this:

“Who taught you the world's fastest computation?”

I recorded the fastest computer speed in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**.

And I did so outside an institution of learning and did so on July 4, 1989.

I didn't record the fastest computer speed in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, even though I began programming the fastest computers fifteen years earlier, in Corvallis, and in an institution of learning.

The **precondition** for a lone supercomputer scientist to record the fastest computer speed and record it with a technology then considered **impossible** is that he or she was a **polymath** that was beyond the boundaries of knowledge of mathematics, physics,

and computer science.

No formula guarantees the invention of a new computer.

There is no research plan that will guarantee the invention of a new supercomputer that's a million times faster than the world's most powerful supercomputer.

Why Supercomputers Are Used to Simulate Nuclear Explosions

I programmed the state-of-the-art supercomputers, on June 20, 1974, at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. For the following decade and a half,

I programmed **Serial Number One** parallel supercomputers.

Serial Number Zero supercomputers were **air-gapped**,

and became an **island of processors** that were physically isolated from unsecured networks.

Serial Number Zero supercomputers weren't directly connected to other front-end computers.

Serial Number Zero supercomputers were used for simulations of **nuclear explosions**.

The most powerful supercomputer in the world

was used to simulate

the explosive power of nuclear bombs that must satisfactorily agree with actual **nuclear explosions**.

The simulations of nuclear explosions are governed by a system of time-dependent, three-dimensional,

and nonlinear

partial differential equations.

In such partial differential equations, with nonlinear, or troublesome, terms, the change in the output, or in the answers, is not proportional to the change in the input, or in the initial and boundary conditions.

The time needed

to solve such mathematical problems

dramatically increases because

the temperature at the epicenter of a nuclear explosion

ranges from the everyday temperature

to temperatures that are hotter

than the center of the Sun,

or between 50 and 150 million degrees

Fahrenheit.

The dependent variables

of those partial differential equations

describe the fission

of nuclear fuel by neutrons.

And describe the spreading of the resulting **neutrons**.

Fission is the release of energy during a nuclear reaction.

Fission occurs when a heavy nucleus spontaneously splits or impacts another particle.

The dependent variables of those **partial differential equations**, also describe the **release of energy** and **transferring energy** through **highly heated matter**.

8 Changing the Way We Look at Supercomputers

My contributions to computer science changed the way we look at the world's fastest computers.

On the Fourth of July 1989, I became the **first person**

to **figured out** how to harness the potential supercomputer power of an ensemble of the **slowest** processors in the world.

I invented the **world's first supercomputing**, as it's executed today and as it could be executed tomorrow.

After that **discovery**

I was in the news because

I **discovered** how the slowest processors could be utilized to answer the **unavoidable question** of the **new computer science**.

That big question was this:

“For a small price and many processors, what is the upper limit on the speed of the fastest computer?”

What is Philip Emeagwali Known For?

My **invention** made the **news headlines** because it was the **biggest measurable contribution**, in both speed and speedup, in the history of computer science. It was the most significant **fundamental change** in supercomputing since the automatic, programmable supercomputer was invented 43 years earlier, or in 1946. I was in the news because I computed at a supercomputer speed that was considered **impossible** to attain. Not only that, I was in the news because I redefined what speeds are possible in supercomputing. Furthermore, I was in the news because

I discovered a fundamental change in the way we look at every supercomputer. In the history of computing, a fundamental change occurs once in a century. My fundamental change was from serial computing within one processor to supercomputing across my new Internet that's a new global network of up to one billion coupled processors. Those processors were identical and shared nothing, but were in dialogue with each other. The first world's fastest computing across a globe, or planet Earth, was speculated and entered into the realm of science fiction. And did so when it was first published on February 1, 1972. I was in the news because

breaking that supercomputer speed increase barrier was computing's equivalent of being the **first person** to summit the peak of **Mount Everest**.

Parallel Supercomputing Was a Disruptive Technology

My **discovery** of the world's fastest computing created a **new supercomputer science**. And made it possible for the next generation of mathematicians to solve their most difficult problems and do so across millions of processors.

My **discovery** of the world's fastest computing, that occurred on the Fourth of July 1989,

had the most **disruptive impact** in the fields of applied mathematics and computational physics. Parallel computing was a **disruptive** supercomputer science. The computer speed increases obtained via parallel supercomputing provided the **bedrock certainty** that the laws of motion provided for the physicist.

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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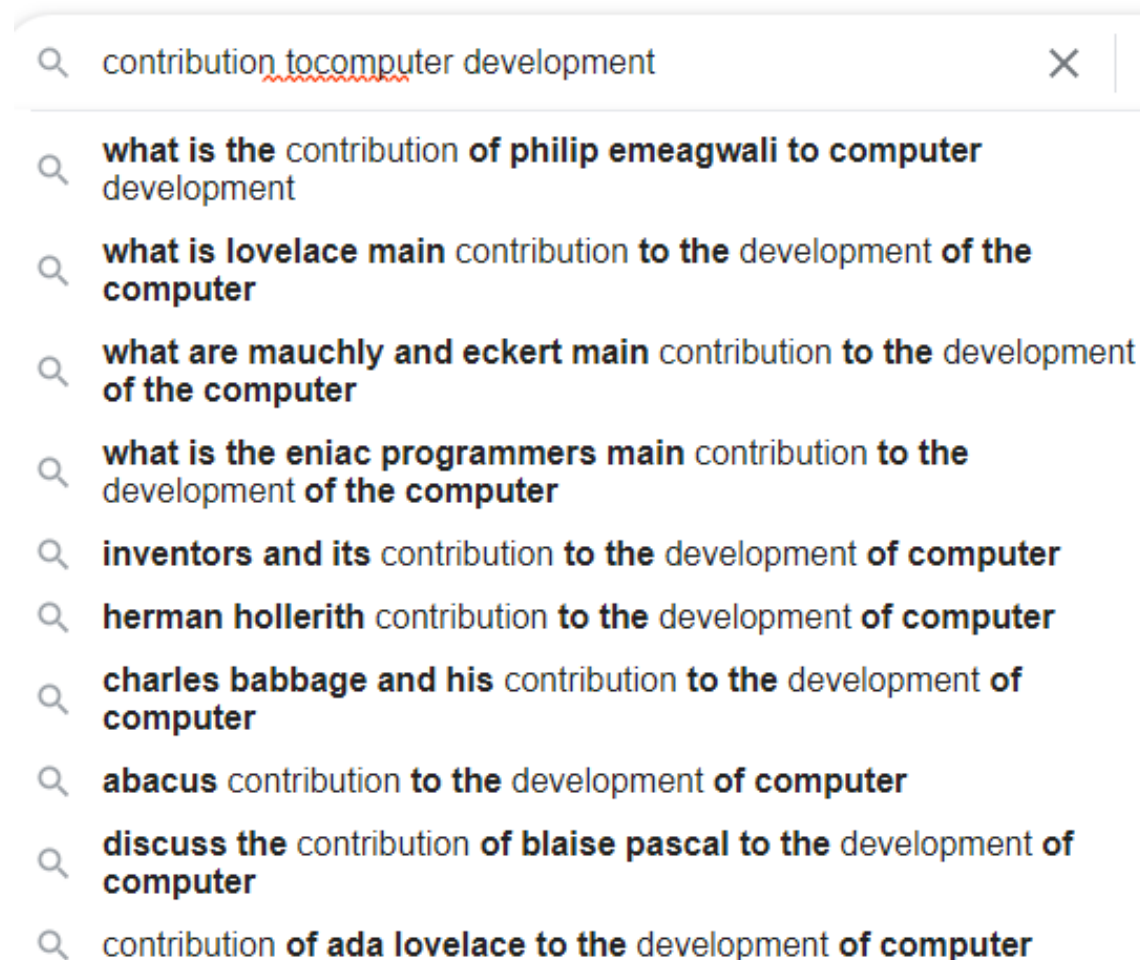
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