

## Inventing the First Supercomputer (As It's Know Today)



# 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.”

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Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali

## A Letter From the Bloodiest Battlefield in Africa!

My hometown, Onitsha, was the **bloodiest** battlefield in Africa!

About 15,000 soldiers were killed in the battle of October 12, 1967, the first of four invasions of Onitsha.

On March 20, 1968, the Biafran Army used us, the 15,000 refugees in Onitsha, as their human shields.

Today, the Nigeria-Biafra War is ranked as the second **bloodiest** war in the history of Africa.

During the 30-month-long Nigerian-Biafran War that began on July 6, 1967,

and ended on January 15, 1970,  
Colonel “Hannibal” Achuzie  
was a war hero.

He was praised for  
courageously fighting like a lion.

Colonel “Hannibal” Achuzie  
was nicknamed “Air Raid”  
by Biafran soldiers.

Air Raid was their code phrase  
for Colonel Achuzie’s Land Rover  
which had the registration number,  
BA 7,

where B.A. was the acronym  
for the Biafran Army.

Colonel Achuzie’s *modus operandi*  
at the battlefield

was to hide in his Land Rover.

And hide at a safe distance  
behind the war front.

From his safe distance  
far behind the action,

he **ambushed** and shot at Biafran soldiers who tried to flee from the **war front**. “**Hannibal**” Achuzie never killed a Nigerian soldier. Achuzie killed any Biafran soldier he caught fleeing the battlefield. Achuzie disliked **panicked, disorderly, and undisciplined** retreats from the battlefield. Achuzie ridiculed Biafran soldiers who were fleeing from battlefields as a **quote, unquote “cowards.”**

## The Day Our Army Was Defeated

Throughout that 30-month-long war, Biafran soldiers were **outgunned** and **out-manned** by **four to one**. The Nigerian Army **fired** their artillery guns and **fired** with a **wild abandon** that left **retreating** Biafran soldiers

**frightened** and **disorganized**.

On the battlefield, the ratio of Nigerians to Biafrans was **four to one**.

And four Nigerian soldiers—each heavily armed with a modern automatic weapon—was fighting against only one Biafran soldier who had about four bullets.

Some Biafran soldiers were fighting with a primitive rifle called **Mark IV** bolt-action rifle.

The **Mark IV** rifle was manufactured before the Second World War.

That final Nigerian invasion of Onitsha of March 20, 1968

was supported by a column of British armoured cars.

And supported by prior air raids of Onitsha by Russian **MiG-17** jet fighters and Russian Ilyushin **IL-28** bombers.

When the war front **action got hot** as it did on the night of March 20, 1968, Biafran soldiers were gripped by **mass hysteria**. Biafrans abandoned the bulk of their military equipment in Onitsha.

All schools in war-torn Biafra were closed for three years and converted as military barracks and as refugee camps.

**One in fifteen** Igbo-speaking persons died in that 30-month-long war. In 1968, my ancestral hometown of Onitsha, Nigeria, was described as the **bloodiest battlefield** in the **history of Africa**.

### One Day We Had to Run!

At about six o'clock in the evening of March 20, 1968, we for the fourth time

fled as refugees from Onitsha.

That afternoon, the town of Abagana, which was fifteen miles away, was captured by the Nigerian Army.

The Nigerians **outnumbered** and **outgunned** the Biafrans by four to one.

We fled because we saw **disorganized** Biafran soldiers fleeing from the Abagana War Front.

Fleeing Biafran soldiers alerted us that the Nigerian Army will capture Onitsha in about six hours.

Knowing that Nigerian soldiers did not take prisoners, we fled from 14 Mba Road, Onitsha, to The Merchants of Light School, Oba.

Two months earlier, on January 19, 1967, my family fled as refugees from the battlefield at Awka, Biafra.

We fled back as refugees to 14 Mba Road, Onitsha,



even though we fled from Onitsha as refugees to Ogidi and to Awka and did so three months earlier, on October 12, 1967.

From October 4 through 12, 1967, artillery rockets rained from the banks of the River Niger at Asaba

to our neighborhood in Onitsha.

Within hours, downtown Onitsha, called **Odoakpu** and **Fegge** Quarters, became a ghost town.

My family fled from my father's house at 4B Egbuna-Adazie Street, Onitsha,

to my maternal grandfather's house

at 6C Wilkinson Road, Onitsha,

and to the compound

that was seven miles away

at Nkwelle Ogidi, Biafra,

where my maternal grandmother was born

and fled to Awka, Biafra.

In February 1968,  
Russian **MiG-17** jet fighters  
**strafed** our neighborhood  
of 14 Mba Road, Onitsha.  
Biafran anti-aircraft weapons  
were fired from a nearby civilian house  
and fired at the **MiG-17** jet fighter.  
That Biafran anti-aircraft strike  
**incensed** the Nigerian Air Force.  
Nigeria reacted by sending its  
**Russian Ilyushin IL-28**  
**Beagle medium bombers**  
to drop bombs upon refugees  
that fled from artillery shelling  
that originated from the west bank  
of the River Niger at Asaba.  
My family fled from downtown Onitsha  
to uptown Onitsha, called *Énú Onicha*.

On the early morning of March 21, 1968,  
I lost two cousins,  
17-year-old **Patrick** Okwuosa

and 24-year-old **John Okwuosa**. Both surrendered to Nigerian soldiers at their house at Egerton Road, Onitsha, that was across the street from Zik's Institute.

On March 21, 1968, the population of Onitsha was about fifteen thousand refugees, or one in twelve of its original residents. Five months earlier, the population of Onitsha was one hundred and eighty thousand (**180,000**). That day, two thousand male refugees were executed by the Nigerian Army. The male Igbo refugees were killed to avenge the loss of fifteen thousand Nigerian soldiers whom Biafran soldiers killed back on October 12, 1967.

Those Nigerian soldiers were trapped at the east bank of the River Niger of downtown Onitsha.

And could not flee—across the destroyed River Niger bridge—to the west bank at Asaba.

Fifteen thousand Nigerian soldiers were killed by Biafran soldiers during the ensuing house-to-house fighting that lasted a few days following October 12, 1967.

In the following five months, my family fled by foot from Onitsha to Ogidi, which was seven miles away.

About three weeks later, we fled from Ogidi to Awka, where my father was reassigned as a nurse.

We spent the Christmas of 1967 in Awka. On January 19, 1968, we fled from Awka and back to Onitsha.

We fled a few hours before the Nigerian Army advanced from Enugu to capture Awka.

Again, my father was reassigned as a nurse to Oba, Biafra.

At about six o'clock in the evening of March 20, 1968,

we fled from advancing Nigerian Army.

We fled as refugees from Onitsha.

And fled because we saw poorly-armed Biafran soldiers that should be protecting us fleeing from the **Abagana battlefield** which was sixteen miles away.

That night, Biafran soldiers were in total **disarray** and **outgunned** and lost their will to fight.

The Nigerian Army rapidly **routed** the Biafran Army.

Biafran soldiers fled from the **Abagana battlefield** through **Ogidi**, **Nkpor**, and **Onitsha**.

During that five month period of four Nigerian military invasions, from October 12, 1967 through March 21, 1968, Onitsha, a renowned city of commerce, was reduced to a **ghost town** of about fifteen thousand **refugees** who were all indigenes of Onitsha. After three military invasions of downtown Onitsha that each originated from Asaba and across the River Niger, the refugees fled from downtown Onitsha—consisting of Fegge and Odoakpu Quarters—and fled to the greater safety of the Inland Town part of Onitsha.

When the Nigerian Civil War ended on January 15, 1970, one in fifteen Biafrans had died.

And my hometown of Onitsha was declared as the **bloodiest battlefield** in African history.

## From Biafra to USA

In June 1970, at age fifteen and in Onitsha, I had an epiphany.

Because I was considered gifted in mathematics, the possibility of me getting a scholarship to the USA wasn't far-fetched.

So, I began nursing the idea of coming to the USA.

Three years later, I won a scholarship to Oregon, USA,

that was dated September 10, 1973.

Nine months later, I was in Corvallis,

Oregon, programming one of the world's fastest supercomputers. I used the technology to solve a system of equations of algebra.

## 1 Obstacles in Inventing the Fastest Computer

Why Are Supercomputers Used in Nigeria?

A Nigerian writing a school essay asked me:

“Why are supercomputers used in Nigeria?”

The energy and geoscience industries bought one in ten supercomputers, and use them to **pinpoint** deposits of crude oil and natural gas.



There are **65,000** oil and gas fields around the world.

My country of birth, Nigeria, has **159** oil and gas fields.

The **Bonga** Oil Field of Nigeria was discovered in 1996.

That oil field was at an average depth of **3,300** feet.

The estimated oil in the **Bonga** Oil Field is about **1.5 billion** barrels.

The fastest computing executed across millions of processors must be harnessed and used to recover about half of the oil discovered in the **Bonga** Oil Field.

In 1989, I was in the news for discovering how the **slowest** processors in the world could be harnessed as the world's fastest computer

and across an Internet  
that's a global network of those  
processors.

And used to discover and recover  
otherwise elusive crude oil  
and natural gas.

## Why I Began Supercomputing in 1974

I began supercomputing,  
on Thursday June 20, 1974,  
when President Richard Nixon  
was in The White House.

I began scalar supercomputing  
by writing my first supercomputer code  
in my one-room studio apartment  
that was upstairs of a white house  
at 195A Knox Street South,  
Monmouth, Oregon, USA.  
I began fastest computing  
when it was a crime

to sell a supercomputer to the Soviet Union who might use that supercomputer to simulate nuclear explosions.

Not only that, I began supercomputing sixteen months after the last man returned from the Moon.

I began supercomputing on a machinery that was ranked as the world's fastest computer eight years earlier, or in December 1965.

Back then, I used supercomputers to solve mathematical equations.

Since the 1930s, algebraic equations were the most recurring decimals in computational physics.

So, it should not come as a surprise that the Computer Center, that I used in 1974, was between the physics building and mathematics building that was named Kidder Hall.

Kidder Hall is a large neoclassical building

that encompassed a full basement and three stories.

In Oregon, Kidder Hall is the center of mathematical research. I left Kidder Hall on June 5, 1977.

For me, the next fifteen years of living and working in the District of **Columbia**, Maryland, **Wyoming**, Michigan, and **Minnesota** were full of obstacles, both scientific and racial.

## Overcoming Obstacles in Supercomputing

In my first two decades in the USA, I learned and discovered how to harness the slowest processors in the world.

And use them to power the fastest computers in the world.

But there were times in the 1970s and 80s

that I felt **frustrated**.

I felt **frustrated**

because I was a Black supercomputer geek that was ostracized.

Furthermore, I felt **frustrated**

because I was forced

to conduct my supercomputer research unfunded and alone.

I felt **frustrated** by the challenges

of being a supercomputer scientist

who was the Lone Wolf

at the **farthest frontier**

of mathematics and physics.

I felt **frustrated**

because I was the lone programmer

of my experimental

ensemble of 65,536 processors.

Not only that, I felt **frustrated**

because my Holy Grail

was to emulate a supercomputer.

And do so by supercomputing

across the **slowest**

sixty-four binary thousand processors in the world.

In the 1970s and 80s,

there were times I felt that

the technology of computing across processors

will never power the supercomputer of the future.

Sometimes, I felt that

the fastest computing across

up to a billion processors

will forever remain impossible

to harness.

And used to forecast the weather.

In the early 1980s, I felt like

I wasn't discovering much

about the fastest computing across

the slowest processors.

Diary of a Black Supercomputer Scientist

As a Black African supercomputer scientist who worked as an outsider in white American supercomputer centers, my research in fastest computing was and had to be subterranean.

In the early 1980s, I was called a **lunatic**, **humiliated**, and **dismissed**

by my research teams who believed that the fastest computing across the slowest processors will forever remain

a huge **waste of everybody's time**.

In the 1980s, my mathematical theories about fastest computing

and how to solve

the hardest problems

in parallel,

or solve sixty-four binary thousand

mathematics problems at once

were **ridiculed** and **dismissed** as

unworkable and unrealistic.

I discovered that to overcome racism

in U.S. supercomputer laboratories demands my **anonymity** **without my being invisible.**

Until 1989, the supercomputer scientists that I corresponded with, earlier in the 1970s and 80s didn't know that I—Philip Emeagwali—was a **Black**, sub-Saharan African.

Ironically, being a Black supercomputer scientist put me at an advantage.

It enabled me to discover that the world's slowest processors could be harnessed and used to power the world's fastest computers.

If I was a white supercomputer scientist, I would have been given more significant opportunities and privileges.

I would have been accepted and absorbed

into a large multidisciplinary research team of supercomputer



scientists,  
such as Cray, Intel, or IBM.  
I would have accomplished more  
with less supercomputing knowledge.  
Being Black and African  
forced me to conduct my multidisciplinary  
supercomputer research alone.  
And to be a **mathematician  
who's a polymath**  
and shared his multidisciplinary knowledge  
across one thousand podcasts  
and YouTube videos.  
That mastery enabled me to harness  
the total and maximum  
supercomputer power  
of my coupled ensemble  
of the two-raised-to-power sixteen  
slowest processors in the world  
**that were designed  
for a mainstream market,  
rather than for supercomputing.**

And manufactured in colossal numbers  
and for a lower price.

As a **polymath**,  
I understood extreme-scale mathematical  
and computational physics, **differently**.  
And I understood it in a broader sense  
than a mathematician, or a physicist,  
could understand it.

That's the reason I could post  
one thousand closed-captioned videos  
on YouTube  
that each explained my **contributions**  
to mathematics, physics,  
and computer science.

Seymour Cray, who designed  
seven in ten supercomputers of the 1980s,  
posted about ten original videos  
on YouTube.

Albert Einstein,  
the father of modern physics,  
has fewer than ten original videos

on YouTube.

## 2 Fastest Computing is My Contribution to Physics

### How I Pushed the Boundaries of Physics

#### When Textbook Theory Contradicted My Experiment

Students writing a short essay on famous scientists are often asked:

“What are the contributions of Philip Emeagwali to physics?”

As a physicist who came of age in the 1970s,

I **contributed** to geophysical fluid dynamics, and in particular, to hydrodynamics.

Hydrodynamics

is the branch of physics  
that affects your everyday life  
the most.

Hydrodynamics

is the subject that **Leonardo da Vinci**  
investigated the most.

I understood computational hydrodynamics  
both physically and across processors.

I began as a theorist.

A **theory** is an idea  
that's not **positively true**.

A **theory** is not a fact.

According to an earlier  
**fluid dynamics** theory, the weight  
and shape of the **Bumble Bee**  
and their relations  
to the **wingspan** of the **Bumble Bee**  
should make it **impossible**  
for the **Bumble Bee** to fly.  
However, the **Bumble Bee**

is not a mathematician  
nor does it not understand  
the laws of physics  
and, therefore, in its ignorance  
it defies our physics theories  
and did so by flying.

Often, the **facts** prove our theories  
to be wrong.

It's a fact that my world's **fastest** computing  
was recorded across a new Internet  
that was a new global network  
of the **slowest** processors in the world.

It made the **news headlines** when I made  
that fastest computing **discovery**,  
back on the Fourth of July 1989.

My discovery of the fastest computing  
across the slowest processors  
proved earlier textbook theories **wrong**.

## How is Computational Hydrodynamics Used?

In 1986 and 87,

I was an engineering physicist who helped operate nine hydroelectric dams.

Those nine dams were built by the **U.S.** Bureau of Reclamation that was the number-one dam builder in the world.

As an engineering physicist employed by the U.S. government, I possessed the hydrological knowledge that must be used to protect the residents who lived on the flood plains of the **716**-mile-long North Platte River.

That river flows through Colorado, **Wyoming**, and Nebraska.

And has a discharge of one thousand three hundred and fifty-five (**1,355**) cubic feet per second.

The nine North Platte River dams, within Wyoming, that I operated were small compared to the [Kainji Dam](#) of the four thousand one hundred and eighty-(4,180)-kilometer-long River Niger.

The Niger has a discharge of one hundred and ninety-seven thousand four hundred (197,400) cubic feet per second.

In the late 1970s, I researched how to use computational hydrodynamics and use it

to forecast the motion of flood waves that will arise

if the spillway of a dam breaches, or if a dam breaks.

Such mathematical calculations

—from solving

an initial-boundary value problem

of computational hydrodynamics—

must produce

the **flood-inundation** maps for the North Platte River flood plains. As an engineering physicist, I explained the standard operating procedures to dam tenders. I instructed dam tenders on when to lower water levels along the **North Platte River** of Wyoming. Unlike other supercomputer scientists who were trained only in computer architecture, I knew hydrodynamics from both the fluid dynamics textbooks and field experiences that I gained along the **reservoirs** of the **nine dams** of the **North Platte River**. Back in 1969, I knew hydrodynamics from swimming far downstream of the **Kainji Dam**



that holds a reservoir  
of **500 square miles** of water.  
And holds it upstream of the River Niger  
at Ndoni (**Biafra**, Nigeria).  
The River Niger, called *Orimili*,  
is the principal river  
of West Africa.  
*Orimili*, the Igbo translation  
to the “**great water**,” is 2,600 miles long.  
It's the third-longest river in Africa.

My multidisciplinary experiences  
range from 1969  
at the Biafran Navy marine base  
that was at the Oguta War Front  
on the east bank of Oguta Lake  
to the frontier of supercomputing  
that was in **Silicon Valley** in 1989.  
Those were the experiences  
that enabled me  
to conduct my supercomputing research

and do so as a lone wolf.

## My Retrospective on Fluid Dynamics

To conduct research alone  
and to simultaneously do so  
at the **frontier** of physics,  
at the **frontier** of mathematics,  
and at the **frontier** of computer science  
is the definition of a **polymath**.  
And a true supercomputer scientist.

Looking back **retrospectively**,  
computational fluid dynamics  
has a two-and-a-half century history.  
The two centuries between **1740** and **1940**  
were the era of **analytic fluid dynamics**.  
During that era,  
**partial differential equations**  
that govern the motions of fluids—such as  
Euler's equations—only lived

in obscure academic journal papers.  
Or on the mathematician's blackboard.  
Such equations were never **discretized**  
and **coded**  
for the motherboard.  
Or for the evening weather forecaster.

## Parallel Computing is the New Mathematics

For the fifteen years following  
June 20, 1974, at 1800 SW Campus Way,  
Corvallis, Oregon, USA, I grew from being  
one of the time-sharing programmers  
of one of the  
world's fastest computer  
that was powered by  
only one central processing unit  
to prevailing as the only full-time  
programmer of sixteen  
of the world's state-of-the-art

supercomputers  
that was each powered by  
up to sixty-four binary thousand  
central processing units.  
I theorized the world's fastest computer  
as powered by an Internet  
that is a global network  
of up to one billion processors.  
That was how I was a **quote, unquote**  
**"discovered"**  
as the only **father of the Internet**  
that invented an internet, back in **1974**.

Mathematics is taught to every student.  
It's a mandatory subject  
during the first twelve years  
of schooling.  
But the mathematics learned in school  
was developed  
one to five thousand years ago.  
The world's fastest computing,  
as it's known today

and as it's expected to be known tomorrow,  
is a new mathematical knowledge  
that came of age on July 4, 1989,  
the date I discovered it.

Parallel supercomputing  
is my **contribution**  
to mathematics.

Supercomputing  
is the **invention** and **milestone**  
that **changed the way**  
the modern mathematician  
solves his or her  
most compute-intensive problems.

### 3            Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations of Fluid Dynamics

Equations of Fluid Dynamics

In school essays, an often asked question is this:

“What are the contributions of Philip Emeagwali to physics?”

Please allow me to quote myself from a lecture that I gave to research physicists, back in the early 1980s.

“The governing partial differential equations of gas dynamics were invented from the laws of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy. The number of partial differential equations is less than the number of dependent variables in the equations. To complete the system of equations

demanded we introduce an equation of state.

Like the **ideal gas law**

that introduces temperature as a new dependent variable.

Doing so, requires we introduce another equation of state.

Substantial progress in developing

**partial differential equations**

was made during the **hotbed**

of research activities that occurred

during the seventy-five (**75**) years

that were inclusive of **1840** through **1915**.

That was the period

the **Navier-Stokes** equations

and analogous

**partial differential equations**

that govern the motions of fluids

were formulated.

During those seventy-five years,

the practicing engineer only used

algebraic and differential equations for his fluid dynamics calculations. An often used equation was the Bernoulli equation that's a nonlinear differential equation of the first order.

During those years, the abstract governing **partial differential equations** of analytical fluid dynamics remained as **textbook abstractions.**"

## A Retrospective on Computational Physics

Without the programmable computer that came into existence from **1946** onward, there will be **no** computational fluid dynamics, and **no** weather forecasts. And the analytical fluid dynamics of the pre-computer era



will remain in the realm of pure mathematics that remains of interest only to mathematicians and physicists that were within academia.

Retrospectively, we had two hundred years—from 1740 to 1940—of analytical fluid dynamics.

The experimental fluid dynamics that was extensively investigated by Leonardo da Vinci in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, was followed by the analytical fluid dynamics of 1740 through 1940.

And then followed by the computational fluid dynamics of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s.

And, finally, followed by the extreme-scaled massively *parallel-processed* fluid dynamics that was in the news because

I **discovered** it when I executed it across an ensemble of 65,536 coupled processors, back on July 4, 1989, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

## The Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

Because this system of **partial differential equations** was beyond the frontier of calculus and encoded the Second Law of Motion of physics, it's used to predict the flows of crude oil, natural gas, and injected water flowing across a **highly anisotropic** and **heterogeneous** producing oil field. The system of coupled and nonlinear **partial differential equations**

which governs  
an initial-boundary value problem  
at the frontier of calculus  
and computational fluid dynamics  
that represents the Earth  
is the tool used to predict  
the **long-term planetary motions**  
of air and water.

Such planetary motions  
are the essences of climate models.  
We can predict atmospheric  
and oceanic motions  
and do so with the accuracy  
the Second Law of Motion  
is used to predict the future positions  
of the Moon and Sun.

The nine Philip Emeagwali equations  
**are as reliable as a hammer.**

My **contribution** to mathematics is this:

I extended the borders of mathematical knowledge by a distance of thirty-six partial derivatives of calculus. The **partial derivatives** of calculus measure changes in properties, such as velocities, pressure, and friction. The computed solutions to a system of nonlinear **partial differential equations** that governs an initial-boundary value problem, called petroleum reservoir simulation, correspond to the flow of crude oil, natural gas, and injected water that flow up to **7.7 miles** (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. The depth of an oil well is up to eight times the length of the Second Niger Bridge

of Nigeria.

An oil field is about the size of **Onitsha**, Nigeria.

## How Did Philip Emeagwali Impact Mathematics?

A question in school essays on famous mathematicians and their contributions to mathematics is this:

**“What are the uses of the Philip Emeagwali equations?”**

Each time you ride in a car you did so because the **new knowledge** that I **discovered** on the Fourth of July 1989 was used to pinpoint the locations of crude oil and natural gas. I was the **first person** to **discover** how the petroleum industry

could use millions of processors to solve a system of **trillions** of equations of algebra.

Such algebraic equations arise during the computations of the miles-deep **subterranean** flows of crude oil and natural gas.

Such large-scale algebraic problems can only be solved across the millions of processors that power the world's most powerful supercomputers.

State-of-the-art supercomputers are used to **discover** and **recover** crude oil and natural gas that were buried up to **7.7 miles** (or 12.4 kilometers) deep.

Without the supercomputer, such crude oil and natural gas would remain **undiscoverable** and **unrecoverable**.

As an analogy, the supercomputer is to the geologist or meteorologist or physicist or mathematician what the telescope is to the astronomer.

Just as the world's biggest telescopes are used to locate distant stars, the world's fastest computers must be used to pinpoint the locations of crude oil and natural gas that are deposited up to 7.7 miles deep.

I used the word "algebra" a thousand times in the one thousand lectures that I posted as podcasts and on YouTube. The reason was that I discovered how to solve a system of equations of linear algebra. I also discovered how to solve those equations across a new global network of

up to one billion processors.  
I visualized my network  
as my **new Internet**.

## When Fiction Becomes Science

When I was coming of age  
as a supercomputer scientist  
and in the 1970s and 80s,  
the first world's fastest computing across  
the world's slowest processors  
was an **unconfirmed theory**.  
Before my **discovery**  
of the world's fastest computing,  
which occurred on July 4, 1989,  
how to solve  
the most compute-intensive problems  
**wasn't** known, **wasn't** taught,  
and **wasn't** in any mathematics  
or physics or computer science textbook  
and examination.



Before my **discovery**,  
the fastest computing across  
the slowest processors  
only **existed** in the realm of **science fiction**.  
Making that **science fiction** to become  
**nonfiction** felt like a **benediction**  
when I and my discovery  
were validated, in 1989,  
with the highest award in supercomputing.  
It made the **news** headlines because  
I was unknown and won that award alone.

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

## Further Listening and Rankings

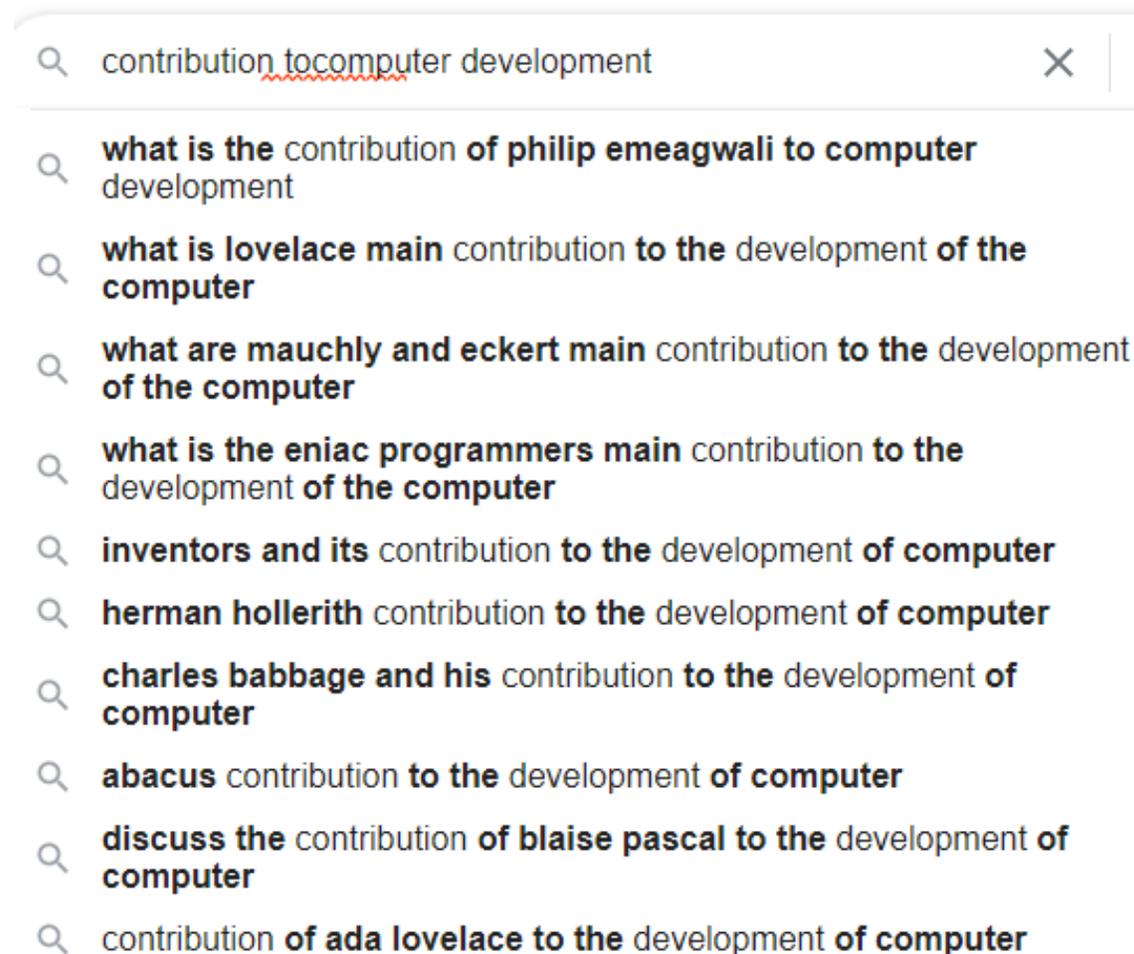
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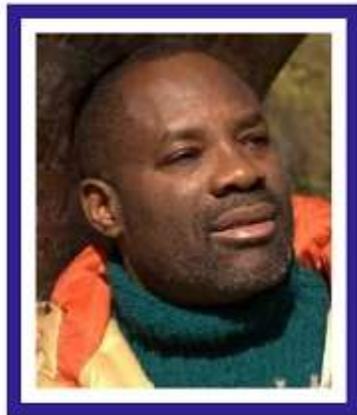
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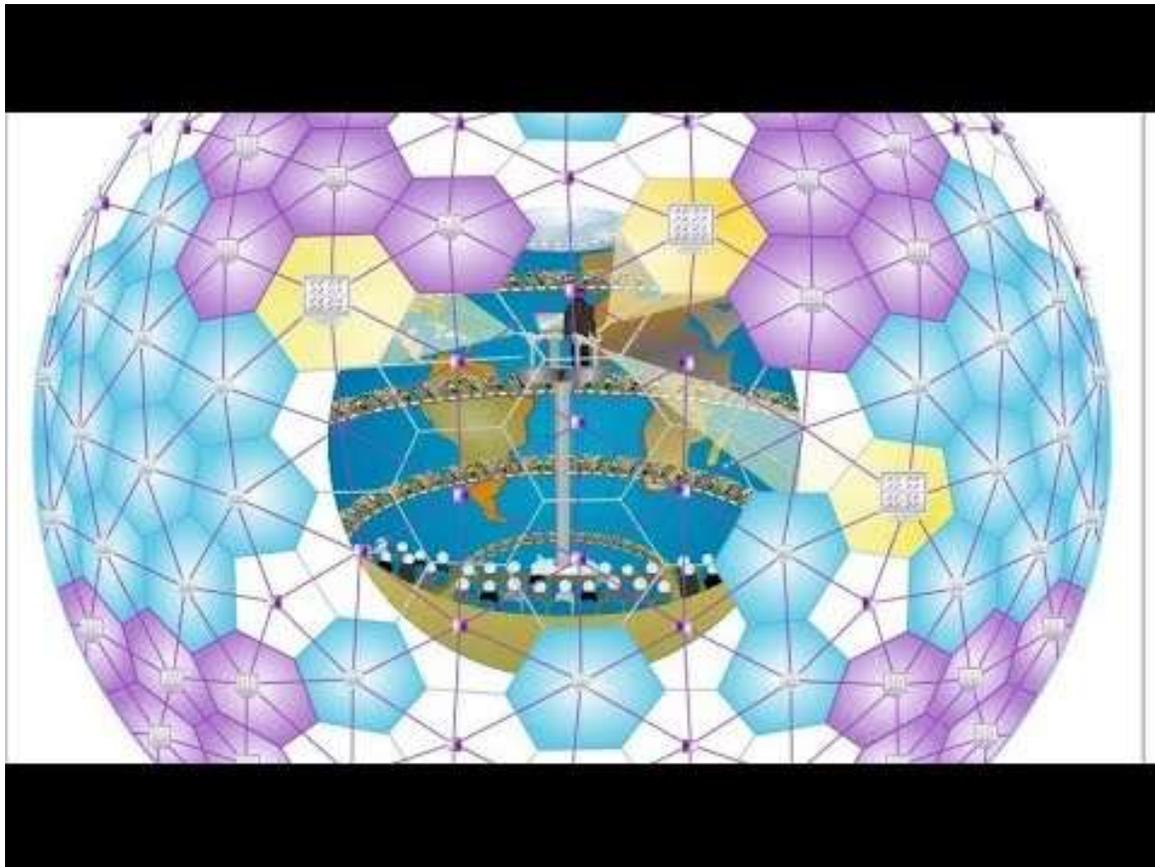
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## Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

Click below to watch Philip Emeagwali on YouTube.com



# 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.”

<https://youtu.be/pzbNas01sFk>

Transcript of Philip Emeagwali YouTube lecture 211002-2of4 for the video posted above.

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali

1 Inventing the Fastest Computing from the Slowest Processing

## Supercomputing in the 1970s

### My Quest for the Fastest Computing

My quest for the world's fastest computer began on June 20, 1974, on a scalar supercomputer at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

My quest was to be the **first person** to fully understand how an ensemble of up to a billion processors can **work together** to solve the most compute-intensive problems and thus make the supercomputer **super**. That quest began on the central processing unit of supercomputer that was ranked as the **world's fastest computer**, seven years earlier.

My search was for the fastest computation

of an initial-boundary value problem that was beyond the frontier of calculus and fluid dynamics. The perennial list of the most compute-intensive problems includes climate modeling across millions of processors. High-stake climate models are governed by a system of coupled, nonlinear, three-dimensional, and time-dependent PDEs, or **partial differential equations**, or rather, governed by **discrete approximations** of those PDEs that were used to translate the continuous problem from calculus to its discrete analog in large-scale computational linear algebra.

My search for the most massively parallel-processed solutions of the most compute-intensive problems



in mathematical physics  
was my search for the answer  
to the most recurring question  
in supercomputing.

That **unanswered** question was classified  
by the U.S. government  
as a **Grand Challenge Problem**  
of supercomputing  
at the crossroad  
where the frontiers of knowledge  
in mathematics, physics,  
and fastest computing **intersect**.

My **discovery**  
that the world's fastest computing  
can be executed across  
the world's slowest processors  
occurred at  
fifteen minutes after 8 o'clock in the  
morning  
of July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.  
Before my supercomputing **discovery**,

no mathematician or physicist  
or computer scientist could answer  
that **big question**.

## Leapfrogging from Slowest Processing to Fastest Computing

The story of how the fastest computer  
was invented  
from harnessing the **slowest** processors  
was incomplete.

That story remains incomplete because  
a new **answer** brings forth a new **question**.

My answer to how to solve  
the most compute-intensive problems  
and solve them by  
supercomputing across  
the **slowest** processors  
brings forth the new question  
of how to solve the same  
initial-boundary value problems—such as

large-scale computational fluid dynamics—  
and solve them fastest  
on a **quantum** computer.

## 2 The Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

Students are asked to write a short essay  
on the nine Philip Emeagwali equations.

This essay question will not be dated  
in five thousand years.

Technology does not age well.

The vector supercomputers,  
of the 1970s and 80s, were replaced by  
the world's fastest computers  
of today.

Science ages well. Mathematics ages well.

Pythagoras theorem **predates** Pythagoras  
by one thousand years.

Pythagoras theorem was known  
during the reign of **Hammurabi** the Great.

Therefore, the nine Philip Emeagwali

equations

will **not** become **obsolete**,  
just like Pythagoras theorem,  
that has been known  
for four thousand years,  
didn't become **obsolete**.

I write equations, algorithms,  
and programs, daily.

I write equations  
the way **poets** write **poems**.

A supercomputer scientist  
proves he understands  
the **partial differential equation**  
that is beyond the frontier of calculus,  
or mathematics and physics textbooks,  
and does so **if and only if**,  
he can explain his equation  
on YouTube.

And **if and only if**  
he can code the solution  
of an initial-boundary value problem  
that was governed

by his **partial differential equation**.

And **if and only if**

he can email the initial  
and intermediate boundary conditions  
and email them to and from  
the millions of processors  
that outline and define  
his or her massively parallel  
supercomputer.

I visualized my new supercomputer  
as a new Internet  
that's my new global network of  
processors  
that's not a computer, by its very nature.  
It's a **new Internet**, in reality.

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

## Why I Invented the Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

Fast-forward eight years

after June 20, 1974,

in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

I was in the nation's capital  
of Washington, D.C.

During the first half of the 1980s,

I lived and conducted

supercomputing research

in the three Maryland cities

of Baltimore, Silver Spring,

and College Park.

During the two decades that followed 1970,

I grew in my knowledge of mathematics,

physics, and computer science.

By the late 1980s, I was standing alone

at the frontier of knowledge

of how to manufacture computers

that are powered by a billion processors.

And that can compute a billion times faster.

That was the reason  
I received invitations  
to give lectures on my theoretical  
discovery  
of how I'll massively parallel process.  
And solve the most compute-intensive  
mathematical problems  
in meteorology and geology.  
And solve them across  
millions of off-the-shelf processors  
that **shared nothing**.  
I **discovered** how to solve  
the most compute-intensive problems  
in extreme-scale  
computational fluid dynamics, such as  
modeling hurricanes and tornadoes.  
And doing so to protect life and property.  
And designing hypersonic aircraft,  
quiet submarines,  
and efficient automobile bodies.  
But in the early 1980s,  
my supercomputing lectures

were **dry** and **abstract**.

In the 1980s, my **reformulations**,  
**discretizations**, and **stability analyses**

of my new system of

**partial differential equations**

were **impenetrable** to the layperson.

In the 1980s, my world's fastest

computing quest

was to translate

the **nine Philip Emeagwali** equations

which I invented on the blackboard.

And code their discretized,

algebraic approximations

on a never-before-seen motherboard.

My new motherboard was a **new Internet**

that was a new global network of

**65,536 coupled**,

off-the-shelf processors.

I visualized those processors

as identical and as uniformly

and **tightly encircling** a globe.

And I visualized my globe as embedded



within my sixteen-dimensional **hyperspace**.  
Furthermore, I visualized those  
two-raised-to-power sixteen processors  
as defining and outlining a new Internet.  
And doing so just as  
computers encircle the Earth  
and define and outline **the Internet**.  
Unlike other research  
computational mathematicians,  
of the 1970s and 80s,

I believed that  
my mathematical script  
should be **heard** on the stage  
(or on the **motherboard**)  
rather than **read** on the page  
(or on the **blackboard**).

The computer  
is to the **partial differential equation**  
what the microphone  
is to the poem.

I was not an overnight success.

I've been supercomputing for the fifty years onward of June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

The chicken does not lay its egg and hatch it the next day.

I progressed from the analytical fluid dynamics of the 1970s to the large-scale computational fluid dynamics of the 1980s.

In 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, I wrote supercomputer codes for one processor.

And for solving a huge system of equations of algebra.

Over the two decades, from 1970 to 1990, I grew in my scientific knowledge and mathematical maturity.

I grew from merely knowing the Second Law of Motion described in physics textbooks.

That law was discovered, in prose, three centuries and three decades ago. I grew from knowing that law only in prose and algebra to encoding that law into the nine **partial differential equations** called the Philip Emeagwali **li** equations. My equations govern the three-phased flows of crude oil, injected water, and natural gas that flow along three dimensions and across porous media that're both **heterogeneous** and **anisotropic**. I developed the mathematical maturity and the knowledge that I used, in the early 1980s, to **discretize** and **analyze** the **consistency, stability, convergence,** and the **error propagation rates** of my new finite difference discretizations of the linearized nine Philip Emeagwali **li** equations.

I think of myself as a mathematician, first.  
The twelve-year-old writing an essay  
on famous inventors  
think of me as a computer scientist, first.  
But some old friends remember me  
as a physicist or an engineer.

What's the difference  
between scientific research  
and engineering practice?

To discover is to make the unknown know.  
For that reason, the research scientist  
should not know what he's doing.  
But the Chief Engineer  
for the mile-long Second Niger Bridge  
in Nigeria must know what he's doing.

Why should someone, like myself,  
spend fifty years learning  
what is already known

and trying to make the unknown known?

That's like asking:

Why should a six-year-old learn how to add and subtract, which is already known?

The up-and-coming supercomputer scientist must have her eyes fixed on how to scale new summits, such as solve the **most difficult** problems in science, engineering, and medicine. And solve them on a quantum computer.

### 3 Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

#### My Eureka Moment

The **Eureka moment**, or high point,

of my quest  
for the fastest computer in the world  
occurred on July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.  
And it occurred across my ensemble  
of the slowest 65,536 processors  
in the world.

I invented a new Internet  
that consisted of  
sixty-four binary thousand processors  
(or, equivalently, 65,536 computers)  
that were uniformly distributed across  
the surface of a globe.  
That new global network  
of 65,536 processors  
was my small copy of the Internet  
that's a global network of computers.  
My new global network  
of up to a billion processors  
that uniformly encircled a globe,  
in any dimension,

is called the Philip Emeagwali **Internet**.

## Supercomputing Compute-Intensive Problems

In 1989,  
my sixty-four binary thousand processors  
communicated via emails  
that contained 65,536  
fluid dynamics codes  
that I sent from up to  
sixteen nearest-neighboring processors.  
My computer codes and email primitives  
were **esoteric**  
and weren't meant to be read by humans.

I was computing  
at the world's fastest speeds  
back from June 20, 1974,  
in Corvallis, Oregon, USA,  
to July 4, 1989,

in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA. In that decade and half, I observed that nine out of ten supercomputer cycles were executed by large-scale computational physicists who used the supercomputer to execute their computational fluid dynamics codes. And do so for the greatest accuracy and the highest model resolution. In the 1970s and 80s, the **poster boy** of extreme-scale computational fluid dynamics codes was the global climate model that must be used to **foresee** otherwise **unforeseeable** centuries-long global warming. In those two decades, short-term weather forecasts and long-term climate studies consumed **five percent** of all supercomputer cycles.



The poster girl of computational fluid dynamics supercomputer codes was the petroleum reservoir simulation that must be used to **hindcast**, **or re-forecast**, how to **recover** otherwise **unrecoverable** crude oil and natural gas that are often buried up to **7.7 miles** (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. And buried across an oil producing field that's about the size of **Johannesburg** (South Africa). Petroleum reservoir simulation, alone, consumed ten percent of all supercomputer cycles.

## Where Are the Fastest Computers?

I began programming the fastest computers, on June 20, 1974,

in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

Back then, my theory of fastest computing across a billion processors was in the realm of **science fiction** and not in science textbooks.

And solving the most compute-intensive problems

by dividing-and-conquering them across a billion processors

was an **unexplored field of knowledge** that wasn't then on the map of computer science.

In 1974, my theory of the **fastest** computing across the **slowest** processors **evoked laughter**.

Back then, the supercomputer of today that's powered by millions of processors only existed

as a **science-fiction** technology that had no programmer or **prophet**.

In the 1970s,

the vector supercomputer

was the accepted technology for all supercomputing.

Back then, vector processing had twenty-five thousand **evangelists**.

The **two titans**

of the supercomputer world

were Gene Amdahl

of Amdahl's Law fame

and Seymour Cray

the pioneer of vector supercomputers.

In the 1970s and 80s,

the most revered prophet

of vector supercomputers

was Seymour Cray,

the founder of Cray Corporation,

the company that manufactured

seven in ten vector supercomputers.

In the 1960s and 70s,

the most revered prophet

of scalar supercomputers

was Gene Amdahl

of Amdahl's Law fame.

Gene Amdahl  
was the supercomputer manager  
at International Business Machines (IBM)  
Corporation,  
the company that now manufactures  
the most supercomputers  
sold in the USA.

## A Black in All-White Supercomputing Community

As a Black sub-Saharan  
African mathematician  
who came of age in the 1970s Oregon  
and **negatively typecast**  
in the mid-1980s Michigan,  
I gained credibility as a **quote, unquote**  
**“genius”** because I presented  
a never-before-seen supercomputer.  
And presented the technology  
in both prose and poetry

and straight from the heart.  
Unlike the academic mathematician,  
I did not read  
the nine Philip Emeagwali equations  
and their nine companion  
Philip Emeagwali algorithms  
and did not copy them from any textbook.

The Black mathematician is judged  
by a higher standard.  
That meant that I had to develop ways  
for solving the **most difficult** problems  
at the intersection  
where new physics, new mathematics,  
and new computing **intersected**.  
I did solve the Grand Challenge Problem  
on the blackboard.  
I solved it across a **new Internet**  
that's a new global network of millions  
of coupled processors.  
For that contribution to science,  
I won the highest award in

supercomputing.

Computer scientists refer to my award as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing.

I stood out because

I was a Black mathematician and a supercomputer scientist who computed alone.

Furthermore, I came of age in the 1970s and 80s and within a nearly all-white male supercomputing community.

As a young Black and African supercomputer scientist,

I was compelled to conduct my physics and mathematics research alone. My approach differed from working within

a multidisciplinary team of one thousand specialists.

I had to do my research as an outsider to all the companies like Cray, Intel, or IBM

(or International Business Machines) corporations.

I was unknown for the fifteen years that followed June 20, 1974, the day I first programmed one of the world's fastest computers.

During those fifteen years, I grew in my mathematical and scientific maturity.

And I programmed thousands of processors

that I visualized

as encircling a globe

and doing so in the manner

the **Internet now encircles** the Earth.

I was the **first person** to parallel process computational fluid dynamics codes at world record speeds.

And solve them across a new Internet that's a new global network of off-the-shelf processors.

My **contribution** was not a minor increase

in the speed of the computer.  
My world record speed  
made the **news** headlines because  
solving the most compute-intensive  
problems across millions of processors  
was a **radical change**  
in the way we do mathematics.  
And look at the  
world's fastest computer  
in a new way.  
During my first fifteen years  
of supercomputing, I grew  
in my scientific knowledge  
and mathematical maturity.  
I theorized new knowledge  
that could make the computer faster  
when powered by  
the **slowest** processors in the world.  
I theorized that  
the then unproved technology  
of parallel supercomputing  
could be used to solve 65,536



computational fluid dynamics codes.

And solve them all at once.

And communicate them across  
65,536 coupled processors.

In the 1970s,

I theorized the **fastest** computing  
across the slowest processors.

In the 1980s, I experimented with  
parallel processing across  
the slowest 65,536 processors in the  
world.

The reason I experimented alone,  
with the **slowest** processors,  
was that the luminaries  
in the world of supercomputing joked that  
**fastest computing by slowest processing**  
will forever remain a **beautiful theory**  
that will always lack  
an experimental **confirmation**.

## Philip Emeagwali Lectures

In 21<sup>st</sup> century science, the highest awards are supported with YouTube lectures.

I've posted one thousand podcasts and closed-captioned videos on YouTube that each described my contributions to physics, mathematics, and computer science.

The award lecture is to the historian of science what the SAT (or Scholastic Aptitude Test) is to the American university admission officer.

Or what the **LSAT** (or Law School Admissions Test) is to the American Law School admission officer.

Or what the JAMB (or Joint Admissions Matriculation Board) is to the Nigerian university admission officer.

A perfect score in the SAT, LSAT, or JAMB tests does not make a candidate the smartest person in the world. In the U.S. alone, about **thirty-five thousand** living Americans achieved a perfect score in their SATs. The highest awards in the fields of mathematics, physics, and computer science are given based on the discoveries and inventions contributed by the recipients and documented on YouTube. In 1989, my contribution of the world's fastest computing made the **news headlines**. And earned me an award that computer scientists refer to as the **Nobel Prize of Supercomputing**.

Once in a century, an invention **changed the definition**

of computer science.

A **radical shift** in the way

we solve the most compute-intensive problems

is a **contribution** that extended

the frontiers of mathematical knowledge.

And resulted

in **revising** mathematics textbooks.

The lectures of well-known scientists

of modern times, such as Albert Einstein,

who is considered

the **father of modern physics**

are posted on YouTube.

I followed that scientific tradition

by posting on YouTube

one thousand closed-captioned

podcasts and videos.

Each podcast or video

that I posted on **YouTube**

described my contributions

to physics, mathematics,

and computer science.

My video series on my inventions is the largest set of transcribed lectures ever posted on YouTube by a single inventor. Yet, I feel like I have ten thousand [10,000] unrecorded videos inside me.

## Inventing a New Computer Science

Parallel computing is the technological knowledge that enabled the computer that's powered by one thousand processors to be faster.

And enabled the world's fastest computers that're powered by one billion processors to be fastest.

Once upon a time, before 1989 to be exact, the complete knowledge

of the fastest computing across  
the slowest processors  
wasn't in supercomputer textbooks.  
During that era of darkness,  
the world's fastest computer,  
as it's known today,  
existed only in the **realm of science fiction**.  
I **invented** the **first** supercomputing  
across the world's slowest computers.  
And discovered it on July 4, 1989.  
That is, the computer scientist  
learned modern supercomputing  
because and after I invented it.  
And the computer instructor is teaching  
the world's fastest computing  
that I invented.

**The science teacher  
renounced his voice  
to give voice  
to the discoverer.**

The computer architect  
or physicist or mathematician

knows the world's fastest computing only after it was discovered and entered into textbooks.

At its granite core, fastest computing is the knowledge of how to solve a billion mathematical problems at once.

In the past, supercomputing was solving only one difficult mathematical problem at a time.

The difference between the author and the inventor is this:

The author of a science textbook is **like the ghost writer who authored the story he didn't live.**

Or like the fifth-grader who wrote a book report on a book he didn't read.

I'm fastidious  
in describing and videotaping  
my contributions to mathematics,  
my discoveries in physics,  
and my inventions in computer science.  
I do so as a preemptive measure  
against those that want to  
occupy my stage  
and tell my story.

## Einstein Versus Emeagwali

In a 60-year retrospective, I realized that  
I spent the first half of my life  
wishing I was the Albert Einstein  
that theorized relativistic motions  
of distant planets.

And then spent the second half of my life  
wishing I was my younger self  
who discovered  
how to compute at the fastest speeds  
the motions of planetary fluids.



To benefit posterity,  
I posted one thousand videotaped lectures  
in which I explained  
my discoveries and inventions.

At its **essence**,  
my 1,000-part videotaped lecture series  
was an attempt

**by the old Philip Emeagwali**  
**to record the story**  
**of the young Philip Emeagwali.**

The knowledge possessed by  
a theoretical physicist,  
such as Albert Einstein,  
or a computational physicist,  
such as Philip Emeagwali,  
can only be evaluated and compared  
from watching their videotaped  
lecture series on their discoveries  
in physics.

The one thousand podcasts  
and videos of myself  
as the extreme-scale

computational physicist  
are on YouTube.

The videotaped lectures  
of the likes of the theoretical physicist  
Albert Einstein  
are the most truthful, irrefutable,  
and permanent measures  
of their intelligence  
and scientific knowledge  
and their understandings  
of their contributions to knowledge.

## Emeagwali YouTube Channel

I've posted on YouTube  
the details of how I discovered that  
processing with up to a billion processors  
is the technology  
that makes computers faster.  
And makes the supercomputer  
the fastest.  
My technology is used to solve

the most compute-intensive problems in science and mathematics. I've posted one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos on my contributions to science.

## YouTube Channel Emeagwali

With 330 million people, the U.S. is only 4.3 percent of the world's population of 7.7 billion people.

There are five thousand three hundred universities in the U.S. alone.

And there are as many YouTube channels for those universities.

In YouTube searches, **closed-captioned** and high-resolution videos are ranked higher.

Google only searches

the contents of **transcribed** videos.  
In Google searching,  
my YouTube channel “**Emeagwali**”  
has more **searchable video content**  
than the video channels  
of ninety-nine percent  
of the 30,000 universities in the world.  
I make such **asymmetrical** comparisons,  
between an individual  
and each of the 30,000 universities  
in the world  
because knowledge shared  
is knowledge gained.  
Knowledge sharing makes the world  
a better place for humans  
and for all animals.  
Sharing knowledge reflects leadership.  
The most important thing  
we can do with knowledge  
is to share it, not keep it.

The **tagline** of *CNN* is this:

“When we know it, you’ll know it.”

I hope that in my 200<sup>th</sup> birthdate, on August 23, 2154, that my videos will be displayed.

Thank you.

I’m Philip Emeagwali.

## Further Listening and Rankings

Search and listen to Philip Emeagwali in

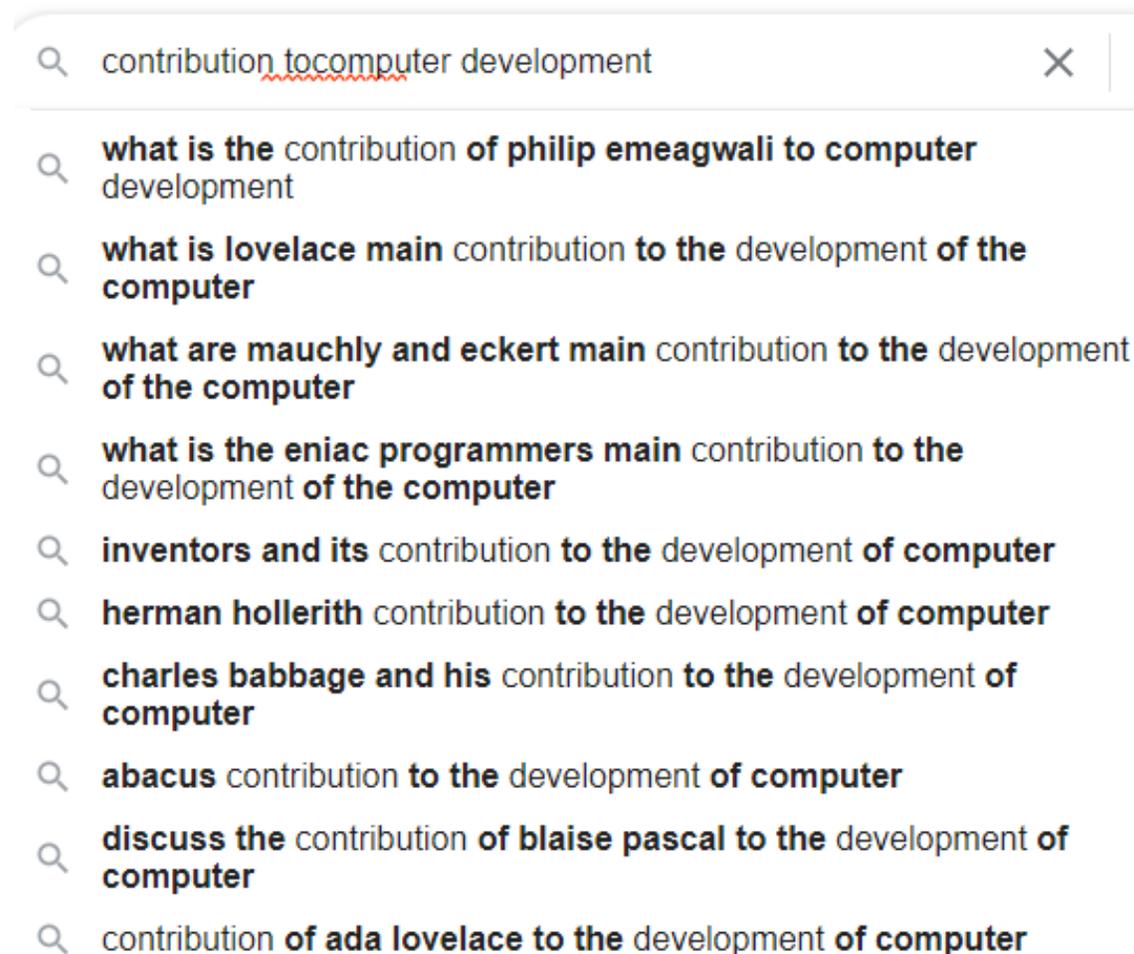
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Google suggests the greatest computer scientists of all times. With the number one spot, Philip Emeagwali is the most suggested computer pioneer for school biography reports across the USA, Canada, UK, and Africa (December 8, 2021).



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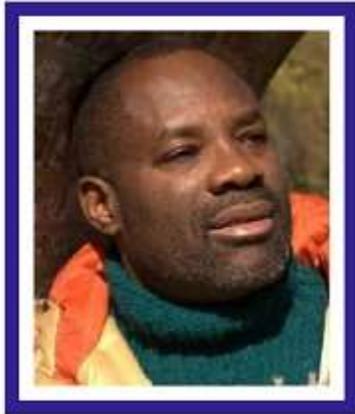
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## 5 **MISSINF - A World Without Computers | 500-Word \*\*\*\*\***

Thank you.

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

Parallel processing  
that was once a dim light  
in a sea of darkness



is now the bedrock  
of the world's fastest computers.

In a world without parallel processing,  
large-scale computational physics  
will be as **approximate** as a **sketch**,  
instead of as **exact** as a photograph.

Like a storm at sea, fastest computing  
across a million processors  
has **brutally** pushed computer science  
in a **new direction**

and **created new fields** of study.

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

The oil and gas industry  
uses supercomputers to **map, in advance**,  
each of the 65,000 oil producing fields  
in the world.

The fastest computers are used  
to answer the biggest questions  
in science, engineering,

and medicine. Such questions include supercomputing the social distancing requirements during a global pandemic.

The supercomputer will help define the political and economic powers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In recent years, the industry grossed forty-five billion dollars a year.

I discovered how to **leapfrog** from the slowest processors in the world to the world's fastest computers. It was a **transformational** discovery that **redrew the boundaries of science**, and **permanently changed** what we know about the computer. And produced the world's **first** supercomputer,

as it's known today  
and as it could be known tomorrow.

In computer science, recording the world's **fastest** computing and recording it in an unexpected way—such as across the world's **slowest** processors—is the gold standard that earns its inventor the highest award that's referred to as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing. I was the **first and only** person to win that award alone, back in 1989. That prize is awarded only to someone who made a **measurable contribution** to supercomputing, that includes a **quantified** and new **milestone** in computer history. On July 4, 1989, the supercomputing community marked the Philip Emeagwali milestone as the **first time**

the world's **fastest computer speed**  
was recorded across  
the world's **slowest** processors.  
And does so by solving  
up to a billion problems at once  
and addressing some of the world's  
biggest challenges.

Thank you.

**6 MISSING - Inventing a New  
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Lecture \*\*\*\***

A World Without Supercomputers

7 Why is the Supercomputer  
Important?

The need for faster computers isn't going anywhere.

The supercomputer will help define the political and economic powers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The energy and geoscience industries buy one in ten supercomputers.

And use them to **pinpoint** oil deposits.

## The Use of Partial Differential Equations

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

To enjoy life, my wife and I often hike or bike around **Lake George** of upstate New York.

Or cross-country ski through the **old-growth** forests of the **Catskill Mountains**

of southeast New York.

The **Catskill Mountains** are noted for their **ninety-eight peaks** and **unique beauty** that include **waterfalls** and **scenic vistas**. We check the weather forecast before going to the **Catskill Mountains**.

The **partial differential equation** that is correctly and accurately solved across up to a billion processors that power a supercomputer must be used to produce the weather forecast.

The **partial differential equation** is, unknowingly, used in your everyday life. It will be **impossible** to forecast the weather and do so without formulating it as a computational fluid dynamics problem that is solved across up to a billion processors.

Weather forecasting is an initial-boundary value problem that's governed by a system of **partial differential equations**.

The prediction of global warming must, foremost, be expressed as **partial differential equations** that would enable the **manipulation** of the dependent variables, such as temperature, and enable the **prediction** of climate change.

Standing as Tall as Lightning Amid  
Calculus

The physicist understands the **partial differential equation differently** from the mathematician.

As a meteorological physicist who came of age in the early 1980s,

I envisioned myself  
standing as tall as lightning  
amid partial differential equations  
that were exploding  
from 62-mile-deep clouds  
that enshrouded  
a 7,926-mile diameter globe  
that's the Earth.

As a large-scale  
computational mathematician,  
my tongue gets caught on fire  
when embroidered with  
difficult equations  
that I must solve across  
my ensemble of  
65,536 processors that shared nothing.  
My discovery  
of the world's fastest computing  
was the new knowledge of how to use  
emails to sew together



65,536, or a binary billion,  
initial-boundary value problems  
that each had its governing system  
of coupled, nonlinear  
**partial differential equations.**

In a metaphorical sense,  
I **sewed** those 65,536

mathematical problems **together.**

And into one seamless, whole problem  
that was otherwise **impossible** to solve  
on a conventional supercomputer  
that's powered by  
one custom-manufactured,  
ultra-expensive vector processor.

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.

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 encoded  
just as the map of Nigeria  
is different  
from the land of Nigeria it described.

I can fold the map of Nigeria  
and put it in my pocket.  
But I can't put Nigeria  
in my pocket.

A groundbreaking invention  
creates history.  
And influences our sphere of living.  
Crude oil is like a treasure  
that's buried eight miles deep.  
The geologist needs a map  
of where the crude oil and natural gas  
are located.  
And the most accurate maps

can only be created  
with the aid of one of the  
world's fastest computers.

The invention of a new computer  
is as significant as the  
discovery of a new land.

## 8 Inventing the First Modern Supercomputer

### The World's Fastest Computing

In mathematics or physics  
or computer science,  
the world's fastest computing  
is the summit of academic achievement.  
Fastest computing charts the path  
of revolutionary discoveries.

The world's fastest computer  
is not only the **pinnacle**

of the computer industry,  
but it's also **big business**.

In recent years, the industry grossed  
forty-five billion dollars a year.

The world's fastest computer  
can weigh more than a million pounds,  
or eight thousand Africans.  
And it is twenty million times  
more powerful than your laptop.  
It occupies the footprint of a football field.  
And internally communicates across  
**a total of 200 miles,**  
**or about 322 kilometers, of cables.**  
And it costs one billion,  
two hundred and fifty million dollars each.  
That world's fastest computer  
is the **top dog** in mathematics.

First Modern Supercomputing

I discovered  
how to **leapfrog** from the  
slowest processors in the world  
to the world's fastest computers.

Science deals with facts  
while fiction deals with truths.  
In science, **theory** and **experiment**  
sometimes contradict each other.  
And **the experiment wins**  
**every time they clash.**  
**The discovery can't be merely said.**  
It must be shown because  
**if the lion could speak**  
**the man can't understand her.**

I followed an unconventional path because  
**conventional advice**  
**only helps conventional people.**  
At 8:15 in the morning,  
on the Fourth of July 1989,

in Los Alamos, New Mexico,  
USA, I jumped in joy because I discovered  
the fastest computing across  
the slowest processors.

I became the first person  
to stand at the farthest frontier  
of the world's fastest computer.

I was the first person  
to gaze out towards an unknown territory—  
named the world's fastest computing—that  
was not on the Map of Computer Science.

I gazed across an ensemble  
of the world's slowest processors  
to discover the world's fastest computing  
which was then unknown

to mathematicians and physicists  
who needed that new knowledge  
to solve their most difficult problems.

That then unknown field of knowledge  
is where unexpected and unimagined  
new computer science, new physics,  
and new mathematics

are almost guaranteed to be discovered.  
The world's fastest computing represents  
a **remarkable confluence** of new ideas,  
from the frontier of mathematics  
to those of physics and computer science.

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

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.

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.

## Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Computing

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

I was the **first person** to synthesize the new **multidisciplinary** ideas. And do so with new ideas of my own. I synthesized ideas to discover that the world's fastest computing **hid** in the **bowels** of an ensemble of the world's **slowest processors**.

That discovery, that occurred on July 4, 1989, made it possible



for the fastest computers of today  
to **leave** science-fiction books  
and **enter** science textbooks.

For nearly every day  
in the past half century,  
since June 20, 1974 to be exact,  
I have conducted mathematical research  
on how to harness  
up to one billion processors  
that encircled a globe as an Internet.  
And use them as one cohesive  
supercomputer.

The fastest computers are used  
to answer the biggest questions  
in science, engineering,  
and medicine.

The world's fastest computing  
will remain at the core  
of who we are.

The world's fastest computing is used to find answers to big scientific questions that are central to tackling the global challenges that face humanity, such as supercomputing the social distancing that reduces the spread of coronavirus.

The world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors is a **transformational** discovery that **redrew the boundaries of science**, and **permanently changed** what we know about the computer.

And how we think about mathematics.

The world's fastest computer is powered by millions of processors. And the hardest problems in mathematics and physics are solved by dividing each grand challenge problem into up to a billion

less-challenging problems.  
And then solving them in **tandem**.  
And with a **one-to-one** correspondence  
with as many processors.

## 9 The Nobel Prize of Supercomputing

### How Are Supercomputers Used?

The world's fastest computer  
will cost one billion  
two hundred and fifty million dollars.  
And it costs 40 percent more  
than the mile-long Second Niger Bridge  
at **Onitsha**, my ancestral hometown  
in Nigeria.

The world's **fastest** computer  
that's powered by  
the world's **slowest** processors

that **shared nothing**  
was the **first search engine**.

That supercomputer provided answers  
to **natural language queries**  
and did so before the Internet.

The grand challenges of supercomputing  
are the most pressing problems  
of our time.

One such challenge is to execute  
the detailed computational fluid dynamics  
model

of the spread of the coronavirus across  
the one million **shoulder-to-shoulder**  
traders in Lagos markets.

Fastest computing across  
millions of processors

is the path to the solution  
of the most difficult problems arising  
at the crossroad,

where new physics, new mathematics, and new computing **intersected**.

Because the fastest computing across a billion processors is a highly **multidisciplinary** field of study, it's problematic to explain where the mathematics **ended** and where the physics **began** and where the computer science **continued**.

The invention of a new supercomputer led to the creation of the new computer science of parallel processing.

That new science became an instrument of discoveries that transformed lives.

Since 1974, I have believed

what I felt in my gut  
and know in my heart. I believed that  
harnessing the power of  
up to a billion processors  
will leave the realm of **science fiction**  
to become **reality**. And produce  
the world's **first** supercomputer,  
**as it's known today**  
**and as it could be known tomorrow.**

## The Nobel Prize of Supercomputing

In computer science, recording  
the world's **fastest** computing  
and recording it in an unexpected way—  
such as across  
the world's **slowest** processors—  
is the gold standard  
that earns its inventor the highest award  
that's referred to

as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing.  
I was the **first and only** person  
to win that award alone, back in 1989.

The intellectual  
and the physical instruments  
that were required to make those  
**mathematical and scientific discoveries**,  
such as the world's fastest computing,  
were the knowledge  
of the laws of classical physics,  
the mastery  
of the **partial differential equations**  
arising beyond the frontier of calculus,  
the knowledge of large-scale algebra,  
and the expertise  
of how to program a processor  
to solve the most difficult  
mathematical problems  
that are compute-intensive.  
And the knowledge of how to communicate

via sixty-four binary thousand  
email addresses  
that each had no @ sign  
or dot com suffices.  
And how to exchange  
the initial and boundary conditions across  
one binary million  
bidirectional, regular, short,  
and equidistant email wires.  
And to, finally, compute simultaneously  
and do so at 65,536  
off-the-shelf and coupled processors  
that **shared nothing**,  
**but were in dialogue with each other.**

And resulted in a **fundamental change**  
that **changed the way**  
we will look at the regular computers  
of tomorrow that could evolve  
from the fastest computers of today.

For me, Philip Emeagwali,



inventing the world's fastest computer was like assembling 65,536 pieces of puzzle. And doing so to see a **never-before-seen** island that is one coherent supercomputer, or rather a new Internet that coalesced as the **fastest computer** in the world.

## 10 Creating a New Computer Science

### Creating New Sciences

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.

What separates the old  
and new ways of the fastest computing  
is not the problem they solve,  
but how they solved it.

In their old way, mathematical problems  
are solved  
within one processor.

In my new way, they're solved  
across up to one billion  
**coupled processors**.

Those processors **emulate** one seamless,  
coherent, and gigantic supercomputer.

Computing across up to a billion  
processors  
was a **magical change** because  
it was both unexpected and extraordinary.  
The reason my scientific discovery  
of the world's fastest computing

made the **news headlines**  
was that the new technology  
was both unorthodox and revolutionary.

To invent is to accept the **surreal** as **real**.  
I was like the boy,  
in my ancestral Igbo folklore,  
who **defied darkness**  
and walked alone to a distant farm  
to search for his lost flute.

I was the night masquerade  
that wasn't accompanied  
by drums, harsh trumpets,  
and iron gongs.

I was the **first person**  
to **discover** the world's fastest computing,  
as it's executed today.  
And I was the **first person**

to **figure out**  
how and why computing in tandem makes  
the supercomputer **super**.  
I **figured out** how parallel processing  
**enables** supercomputers  
to do many things at once.  
And solve the **toughest problems**  
in mathematics and physics.

## 5 Philip Emeagwali Equations

I believed that  
my mathematical script  
should be **heard** on the stage  
(or on the **motherboard**)  
rather than **read** on the page  
(or on the **blackboard**).  
The computer  
is to the **mathematics**

what the microphone  
is to the poem.

My **contributions** to mathematics  
were these:

I **invented** the system of  
nine Philip Emeagwali equations,  
each a **partial differential equation**.

My system of equations  
is a new mathematical tool  
used to pinpoint the locations  
crude oil, injected water,  
and natural gas.

And I **invented**  
how to solve the corresponding  
initial-boundary value problem.  
And solve it across  
up to a billion processors  
that outline and define an Internet.

My new mathematical knowledge expanded the ever-growing body of knowledge that's known as calculus.

It's an **absurd oversimplification** to claim that calculus was co-invented, 330 years ago, by Isaac Newton and Gottfried **Wilhelm von Leibniz**.

This claim is **erroneously repeated** in calculus textbooks and by its teachers. Newton and Leibniz contributed to calculus but did not invent the subject.

The development of calculus is the product of centuries-long evolution. Recent **contributions** to calculus include the nine **partial differential equations** that I **invented** and my **discovery**

that initial-boundary value problems governed by a system of **partial differential equations** can be solved across an Internet that's a global network of up to a billion processors. My **contribution** to mathematics was in the top mathematics publications in the world.

## 6 A New Computer Science

The scientific discoverer can't tell an untrue story because his discovery is the new truth, or the new knowledge about how our universe works.

My **invention** was how  
the world's **fastest** computer  
can be built  
from the world's **slowest** processors.  
My **discovery**  
made the **news headlines** because  
it was **new knowledge** that **changed the**  
**way**  
mathematicians solve  
their most difficult problems.  
Until my discovery,  
the fastest computer speed  
had not been recorded  
by a one-person team.  
Or recorded across  
the **slowest processors** in the world.  
So, my lectures across  
the one thousand podcasts  
and closed-captioned videos  
which I posted on YouTube  
were **first-person** stories



from the frontiers of supercomputing.

After my **discovery** that the world's fastest computers can be built from standard parts, called processors, parallel supercomputing made the vector supercomputer **obsolete**. And reduced it to the technological equivalent of the horse and carriage, that was replaced by the now **obsolete** steam engine.

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

## 7 Philip Emeagwali Internet

The scientific discovery  
is the nothingness  
from which new knowledge sprang.

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. The genius  
is the below average person  
that worked hard  
to become above average.  
Genius is the ability  
to see what others saw as a rock

and see it as a diamond.

What is Philip Emeagwali known for?

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

I discovered how an ensemble of up to one billion processors can be married together by as many emails.

And then used to solve the most compute-intensive problems.

I discovered how to logically fuse processors together.

And do so to, in reality, form one coherent unit

that's a new computing machinery which was the world's fastest computer that made the news headlines, in 1989.

That new supercomputer

that's a new Internet

that I invented on July 4, 1989,  
is radically different  
from the **constituent** processors  
it originated from.

The world's **fastest** computer  
originated from  
the world's **slowest** processors.

What is the Philip Emeagwali Internet?

Any global network  
of processors, or computers,  
that uniformly encircles a globe  
in any dimension  
is called the Philip Emeagwali**li** Internet.

I was the **first person** to invent the Internet  
that encircled a globe.

I was the **first person** to sketch

the Philip Emeagwali Internet.  
I was the **first person**  
to program that Internet.

## A New Way of Thinking in Computing

A **paradigm shifting** quest  
for new knowledge  
must use **rich imaginations**  
and **vitalizing** ideas.  
The **wealth of theories**  
that distinguished the **old way**  
from the **new way**  
must be **vindicated** and **confirmed**  
by experiments.

The world's fastest computing,  
as I discovered it on July 4, 1989,  
expanded the horizon of human knowledge.  
Supercomputing created  
new mathematics, new sciences,  
and new technologies.

Supercomputing changed the course of history. I **discovered** how to harness the **standard building blocks** of the world's fastest computers. And how to scale from a one-processor computer to a billion-processor supercomputer.

## On Famous Inventors

The famous inventor is an educator of the **masses**, not of the **classes**.

To invent a **new computer** is to invent a **new** computer science and to make the **unimaginable-to-compute possible-to-super-compute**.

To invent a new computer is to record a supercomputer speed that's **impossible**.

No formula guarantees the invention of a new computer.

Nature does not give up its secrets without a fight.

## 8 The Father of the Internet

In an email, a twelve-year-old asked:

“Why is Philip Emeagwali called the **father of the Internet?**”

My supercomputers aren't computers, intrinsically.

They're **new Internets** that emulate one seamless, coherent unit that's a **new supercomputer**, in reality.

I discovered  
that the world's fastest computer  
that's defined across a globe  
is a close cousin  
to the Internet  
that's also defined across a globe.

The supercomputer and Internet  
that I invented  
are like identical twins.  
And like two sides of the same coin  
that are different but complimentary.

I witnessed the first dramatic upgrade  
in our understanding  
of the computer of tomorrow,  
not as a new computer *per se*  
but as a new Internet *de facto*.  
The computer will become  
the Internet, and vice-versa.



I discovered that  
an ensemble of a billion coupled  
processors  
can be combined into a supercomputer  
that's a billion times faster  
than a computer  
and that's also an Internet.

## 9 Philip Emeagwali Equations

As a dense and abstract subject,  
mathematics exists at the margins  
of popular science.

I existed at the margins of thought.

I create new equations  
the way Bob Marley writes new songs.

The nine Philip Emeagwali equations  
are as reliable as a hammer.

I sing in the mathematical dialect  
of the universe.

I solved the most difficult mathematical problem in a way no mathematician solved it before.

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.

## 10 The First Supercomputer and Tomorrow Without Computers

What will the world be like without the supercomputer?

The computer of today was the supercomputer of yesterday. A world without supercomputers

may become a tomorrow without computers.

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.

The 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, five hundred Biafran soldiers were killed at that Oguta War Front.

## The First Modern Supercomputer

### I Answered the Big Question of Computing

The quintessential questions of supercomputing were these:

How do we compute faster?

How do we do so by a billion-fold?

And what makes the supercomputer super?

In 1989, what made the news headlines was that an African-born computational mathematician has discovered how to perform the fastest mathematical computations. I changed the way we count.

I count a billion things at once instead of the **old way** of counting **only one thing at a time**.

That old way of counting was used since the era of our prehistoric human ancestors.

The **paradigm shift** from the **sequential way of counting** to the **parallel way of counting** is to the mathematics textbook, what the **continental drift** was to the geology textbook.

In the 1980s, **using a billion processors to solve the most difficult problem was like drinking from a billion fire hoses**.

In 1989, I was in the **news** because I **discovered** why and how a million, or a billion,

of the **slowest** processors  
in the world  
could be harnessed  
and used to create the **fastest** computer  
in the world  
that's used to solve many problems  
at once,  
instead of solving only one problem  
at a time.

The world's fastest computer  
powered by one billion processors  
is to me

what the violin is to the violinist.

The world's fastest computer  
is used to solve problems  
that did not exist before.

From Fiction to Fact

Given enough time, we'll understand the **old** and the **known**.

Sometimes, it's impossible to understand the **new** and the **unknown**.

I began supercomputing at age nineteen on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

Back then, there was no computer in my country of birth, Nigeria.

In 1974, the parallel supercomputer that's the precursor of the world's fastest computer was **mocked and dismissed** as science fiction.

## The First Modern Supercomputer

On the Fourth of July 1989, I discovered how the ensemble of processors of the new supercomputer

can be programmed to work **together** as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic machinery that's not a **new computer**, *by definition*, but that's a new Internet, in reality. I invented the **world's first supercomputer**, as it's known today and as it's expected to be known tomorrow.

Being the "**first**" person to discover something is better than being the "**best**" person in doing that thing.

In the 1970s and 80s, I became the **first** person to **navigate** through the **undiscovered territory** where the high-performance supercomputing across the **slowest** processors must be harnessed to solve the **compute-intensive problems**



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

It was at that scientific crossroad  
that I **discovered** that  
parallel supercomputing is useful.

I **invented**  
the world's fastest computing across  
millions of processors,  
as it's known today.  
Parallel supercomputing  
is the most newsworthy discovery  
in computer science.  
Fastest computing across a million  
processors  
was a **paradigm shift** of tectonic  
proportions  
that **changed the way**  
we study computer science.

In traditional computer science, the computer solved one problem at a time.

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

## Inventing the First Modern Supercomputer

My **contributions** to the development of the computer were these:

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

Briefly, I discovered  
how to execute the world's fastest  
computing  
with the world's slowest processors.

## Fastest Computing Across an Internet

In 1989, I discovered  
the fastest computer speeds  
that are possible.  
And discovered how to compute across  
a new ensemble  
of up to one billion processors  
that surrounded a globe.  
And did so just as the Internet  
encircled the Earth.

In the 1970s and 80s,  
supercomputing across processors  
was a beautiful thread that didn't fit into the  
larger weave.

As I **wove** my emails  
around my one binary million  
email pathways, I **discovered** that  
fastest computing across processors  
brought depth and complexity  
that took me a decade and a half  
to **fathom**.

But everything **came together**  
when the **unknown** became **known**.

And **came together**

when my answer

to the **big question**

which I first **pondered** on June 20, 1974,

in Corvallis, Oregon, USA,

became **newspaper headlines**.

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

The reason my **discovery**  
of the fastest computing  
made the **news headlines**

was that it **opened**  
the **gate of knowledge**  
to the world's fastest computer  
that's expected to become  
the computer of tomorrow.

## 11 What is Philip Emeagwali Known For?

### The Nobel Prize of Supercomputing

After I won the highest award  
in supercomputing,  
in 1989, I had the seal of approval  
equivalent to winning the **Oscar**  
for acting  
or winning the **Grammy** Award  
for singing  
or winning a **Grand Slam** tournament  
of tennis.

The highest award in supercomputing

that computer scientists rank as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing is a peer honor awarded by supercomputer scientists and awarded at the top supercomputer conference and awarded only to someone who made a **measurable contribution** to supercomputing, that includes a **quantified** and new **milestone** in computer history.

## What is Philip Emeagwali Known For?

The supercomputer genius must **be the first person to understand** how to compute at speeds that were considered **impossible**.  
**A**nd compute to address

some of the world's biggest challenges.  
And compute in a **breakthrough** way  
that's ranked as a **milestone**.  
And that **changed the way**  
we think about the modern computer  
and the fastest supercomputer.

The great minds of science  
**forged a new path** to a new world.

For the computer scientist,  
his or her genius resides in  
**forging a new path**  
to an unknown world of fastest computing.  
And solving the **most difficult**  
**mathematical problems**  
to **change the way**  
we think about the computer  
and **change the way**  
we solve the **compute-intensive** problems  
in mathematics, physics,  
and computer science.

I was in the news, in 1989,  
because my recording  
of the world's fastest computer speed  
that I measured across  
the **slowest** processors in the world  
was a technological **feat**  
considered **impossible** at that time.

I'm the **first person**  
to **figure out** how to solve  
the **Grand Challenge Problem**  
of supercomputing.  
And how to solve it across  
a **never-before-visualized Internet**  
that's a new spherical island  
of one binary **million**,  
or one binary **billion**,  
off-the-shelf processors  
that were coupled.  
And which were equal distances apart.  
And **that shared nothing**.



## Inventing the Fastest Computer

I changed the way  
we solve compute-intensive  
mathematical problems.

In the **bygone** way,  
mathematicians computed  
on merely one isolated  
central processing unit  
that wasn't a member  
of an ensemble of processors,  
or within merely one isolated computer  
that wasn't a member  
of an ensemble of computers.

In my modern way,  
mathematicians compute across millions  
of central processing units,  
or across millions of computers.

I was in the news  
for **discovering** how to solve

the most challenging problems in science,  
called Grand Challenges.

And how to solve them  
across the **slowest** processors  
in the world.

And solve them  
at the fastest possible speeds  
in the world.

I **discovered**

how to harness millions of  
the **slowest** processors in the world.

And harness them  
as one seamless, coherent,  
and gigantic unit  
that's the **world's fastest** computer,  
in reality.

## The Importance of the World's Fastest Computing

Nine out of ten supercomputer cycles are consumed by large-scale computational physicists who run codes that were governed by laws of physics and that were, first, encoded into calculus and then reduced to algebra and codes.

The supercomputer is the scientist's best friend.

The biggest question in computer science is this:

“How can we use the slowest processors in the world to solve the most difficult

mathematical problems in the world  
and solve them  
at the world's **fastest** computer speeds?"

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 1989, I was in the news because  
my **new knowledge**  
that the fastest computer  
can be built with the **slowest** processors  
**opened the door**  
to the high-performance computer  
which now computes **fastest**.  
And does so by solving  
up to a billion problems at once

and addressing some of the world's biggest challenges.

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.

## 12 Inventing the Fastest Computer

Changing the Way We Look at the Fastest Computer

It's difficult to **use only what we presently know to understand what we don't know.**  
The more we know,

the less **known unknowns** we have.

If you say something  
and everyone agrees  
with what you've said,  
then you've said nothing new.

If your discovery  
is at first accepted by everyone,  
then your discovery  
is not a **groundbreaking** discovery.

Progress is made  
when **obstacles** are overcome  
and where **clashes of ideas**  
and differences  
between **opposing points** of view  
are resolved.

In the 1980s, the leading minds  
in vector supercomputing  
**rejected** supercomputing across

the slowest processors  
and **rejected** the technology  
as the **way forward**  
in their **never-ending** quest  
for faster computers  
and for the fastest supercomputer.

Using the chicken as his metaphor  
for the **slowest processor**  
and the ox  
for the fastest processor,  
Seymour Cray  
asked the supercomputing community  
his famous question:

**“If you were plowing a field,  
which would you rather use?  
Two strong oxen  
or 1024 chickens?”**

**I challenged the established truth.**

Regarding the **ox** versus a billion-chicken debate, I visualized compute-intensive problems as **breakable** and **chopped up** into one billion less-challenging problems, each akin to a few weed seeds in a large field. My theory was that a billion hungry chickens can eat up a thousand billion weed seeds and eat them faster than one hungry ox.

The **slowest** processors in the world can **cooperatively compute together** to yield the **fastest** computations **ever recorded**. And to solve the most **compute-intensive** problems in the world.

My **milestone** in the history



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

Shortly after my world's fastest computing of 1989, a twelve-year-old writing an essay asked me:

**“Are you a Black genius?”**

The genius is the ordinary person that found the extra-ordinary in the ordinary.

The computer genius sheds a bright light upon a billion idle processors. And did so to help us understand what makes the supercomputer super.

Supercomputing  
is an **intellectually broad-shouldered** field.  
It beckons upon the polymath  
who's at home  
at the frontiers of human thought,  
particularly those of mathematics, physics,  
and computer science.

In supercomputing,  
boundaries are **breached**  
when we **calculate beyond**  
**what was perceived as possible**  
**and discover new knowledge**  
**beyond what is known.**

I found my light, namely  
the world's fastest computing.  
My one thousand podcasts  
and YouTube videos

were the end products  
of half a century of lonesome  
and intensive research.

In my quest  
for the world's fastest computing,  
I followed a unique path  
that's never been treaded before.

For the computer scientist,  
the most significant progress is made  
when the world's fastest computer  
becomes a billion-fold faster.

I executed the world's fastest computing  
to know what's discoverable  
and knowable and know something  
which nobody knows.

To witness a scientific discovery  
that has rich, fertile,  
and far-reaching consequences

is like walking into a forest  
and witnessing many leaves  
fall on your head.

## 13 Philip Emeagwali Computer

### My Answer to the Biggest Question in Computing

I was **not timid** about crossing  
disciplinary boundaries  
and doing so when pursuing  
the elusive answer  
to the biggest question in supercomputing.  
That question was this:

**How do we compute fastest  
with the slowest processors?**

For the world's fastest computing to be executed, the most compute-intensive problem must be **breakable** into a billion pieces that can be solved at once.

And solved across a billion processors that each was self-contained and **shared nothing**.

Solving the most difficult problem across the world's fastest computer is akin to putting a jigsaw-puzzle, with a billion pieces, together.

On June 20, 1974, the day I began supercomputing, the world's fastest computing across the slowest processors in the world was both **unspeakable** and **unthinkable**.

In my 1970s and 80s supercomputing, I felt like I was attempting 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  
the puzzle was **difficult**, in theory,  
because its solution demanded infinite  
pieces,  
or number of processors,  
as the **precondition**  
for solving the problem  
with **mathematical exactitude**.

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.

## The First Supercomputer Scientist

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.

## The First Modern Supercomputer Scientist

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.

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.

## Emeagwali Honeycomb Supercomputer

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.

## Inventing the First Supercomputer

The **first** supercomputer programmer  
must be an **alchemist**  
who **codes the iron** of physics

into the **bronze of algebra**,  
into the **silver of calculus**,  
and into the **gold of computing**.  
The **first** supercomputer scientist  
coded to discover  
the fastest computation  
that yields a quantum leap  
in the speed of computing  
and does so without a quantum computer.

## 14            The Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

### A Black Physicist's Quest for the Fastest Computing

I'm a Black physicist that's invisible  
in a white space.  
I was underestimated  
and dismissed as unqualified.

I was dismissed by those who were unqualified.

Yet, I'm the only physicist that's qualified and able 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.

My scientific **discovery** is a **contribution** to mathematics

and physics  
because that new knowledge  
extended the frontier of knowledge  
of mathematical physics.  
And extended it by nine  
partial differential equations,  
called the Philip Emeagwali equations.

My invention  
is a contribution to modern physics  
because it was new knowledge  
of how to solve a billion problems  
of mathematical physics  
and solve them at once.  
That invention  
extended the frontier of knowledge  
of large-scale computational physics  
and extended it by a factor of one billion.

Poet of Computing

My quest for the new knowledge  
of how to compute faster  
and speedup 30,000 years  
of time-to-solution  
to one day  
was my **intellectual homecoming**.  
I had to leave my scientific home  
that was physics, in 1970.  
For a half century,  
I sojourned like a supercomputing  
**troubadour**, or **medieval lyric poet**,  
who invented equations  
in the manner Bob Marley wrote songs.  
**The lyrics of a song are sung, not read.**  
**If the lyric is meant for the microphone,**  
**not the page,**  
**then the largest-scaled system**  
**of equations of algebra**  
**is meant for the motherboard,**  
**not the blackboard.**

Mathematics is the language  
of the computer.

I **invented** equations of mathematics  
**grounded** on the laws of physics and  
I **heard and trusted my inner voices**  
that were **almost drowned**  
in a **cacophony of secondary voices**.

Inventing the Nine Philip Emeagwali  
Equations

The **partial differential equation**  
is the **natural dialect**  
of computational fluid dynamics.  
The nine Philip Emeagwali equations  
enabled me to see forces  
that will be otherwise invisible.  
And describe the motions of crude oil,  
injected water, and natural gas

that will be otherwise **indescribable**.

For me, it was an **epiphany** to realize that I had to leave my old calculus textbooks behind to discover my new calculus for supercomputing.

My calculus is called the nine Philip Emeagwali**li** equations.

## Philip Emeagwali and the Supercomputer

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

I **discovered** how to harness a billion **coupled processors** that **shared nothing**.  
And how to use them



to execute time-dependent, three-dimensional fluid dynamics calculations that have extreme-scale algebra at their computational cores. An example is simulating the spread of **contagious viruses** inside Japan's Tokyo subway where 3.1 billion passengers a year are **packed like sardines**.

## How Are Supercomputers Used in Nigeria?

The **supercomputer** is to the **geologist or meteorologist or physicist or mathematician** what the **telescope** is to the astronomer. Just as the world's biggest telescopes are used to locate distant stars, the world's fastest computers

must be used to pinpoint the locations of crude oil and natural gas that are deposited up to 7.7 miles deep. The oil and gas industry uses supercomputers to **map, in advance,** each of the 65,000 oil producing fields in the world, including the 159 oil producing fields in Nigeria.

## 15 Father of the Internet

### Charting New Directions for Supercomputing

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

On the Fourth of July 1989, I recorded the highest **speedup** and the fastest **speed** in supercomputing.

That scientific **discovery**

led to my conclusion

that fastest computing across

a billion processors

will become the technology

that can yield

a factor of one-billion-fold reduction

in the wall-clock times

for solving the most difficult problems

in mathematics and physics.

**Parallel supercomputing**

**is not a magic cure all.**

**However, parallel processing**

**is embodied in most computers**

**and in all supercomputers.**

**Parallel processing**

**—that was once a dim light**

in a sea of darkness—  
is now the bedrock  
of the world's fastest computers.

Parallel processing  
—that was once the stone  
rejected as rough and unsightly—  
has become the headstone  
of the computer.

Fastest computing across processors  
is the vital technology  
that enabled the supercomputer  
to tower over the computer  
that's not parallel processing.

Without the fastest computing across  
millions of processors that I discovered,  
the solution of the most  
compute-intensive  
initial-boundary value problems—such as  
the simulation of long-term  
climate change—  
will be as approximate as a sketch,

instead of as **exact** as a photograph.

In theory, mathematical predictions based upon the **partial differential equations** should be as **reliable as a hammer**. In practice, it's a different story. The world's fastest computer shortens the gap between theory and practice.

## How Are Supercomputers Used?

Back from 1922 through 1989, the fastest computing across the slowest processors existed only in the realm of **science fiction**. Since my discovery that occurred on July 4, 1989, the world's fastest computer

had enabled us to incorporate previously **unimaginable points of data**. And make ground-breaking discoveries in science, engineering, and medicine. The fastest computing enables us to know if a **new cancer treatment** holds any promise or if an **untested scientific theory** is valid. Such scientific discoveries, include deepening our understanding of the **cosmos** and our place within the **cosmos**.

## The First Father of the Internet

I **discovered** how to combine computers into a supercomputer that's an Internet.

The **discovery** is like a light  
from an **ancient sky**.

I learned that  
success has a thousand fathers,  
but failure is an orphan.

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

## **16                    Harnessing Supercomputers for Africa**

Nigeria would **double** its crude oil profits  
if it had the knowledge  
that is needed to **pinpoint** deposits  
of the crude oil and natural gas  
in its 159 oil fields.

Without the knowledge  
of how to pinpoint the locations  
of oil and gas, Nigeria must share  
its oil revenues with Shell

and ExxonMobil corporations.  
Without the needed scientific knowledge,  
Nigeria must pay half of its oil revenue  
to the **United Kingdom**  
and the **United States**.

These two nations possess  
the technological knowledge  
that's needed to discover and recover  
crude oil and natural gas.

Doubling oil profits  
will reduce poverty in Nigeria.  
In the twenty-first century,  
Africa must shift  
from consuming knowledge  
to making discoveries  
and inventing technologies  
that will create wealth  
across the continent.  
And expand the middle class.

**In fifty years, Nigeria**



will not be an oil-producing country.  
And Nigeria will be dismissed  
from OPEC, the Organization  
of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

## 17 Thunder Road to Biafra

### Role Models for African Youths

Who should be the science role model  
for the African youth?

The African high school physics student  
only looks towards  
the German-born theoretical physicist  
Albert Einstein,  
rather than towards the Nigerian-born  
computational physicist  
Philip Emeagwali.

When Africa's source of scientific inspiration resides in Europe, not in Africa, Africa becomes the victim of **scientific imperialism**.

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

One Day We Had to Run!

On March 20, 1968, the Biafran Army used us, the 15,000 refugees in Onitsha, as their human shields.

If it's a war crime for Biafra to use **captured Nigerian soldiers**

as **human shields**, it's a greater **war crime** for Biafra to use Biafran refugees as **human shields**.

## Managing Racism

### 18 A Black Inventor's Field Guide to Overcoming Racial Obstacles

The laws of logic and physics are experienced the same way by Black and white persons.

I had to be a **polymath cognizant** of the fact that the computer **conforms** to mathematical thought that must **conform** to the laws of physics.

In the 1970s and 80s, I knew that

the world's fastest computer speed was a technological achievement that could be measured in the manner the speed of a marathoner is measured with **tapes** and **watches**. But in calculus, the **watches are soft** and **genius is subjective**.

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

As the **first** Black person  
to win a scientific award  
that was compared to the Nobel Prize,  
and do so in 1989, and as the only person,  
Black or white,  
to win that prize alone  
**I was devoured like a lamb  
and my garments were soiled  
in mockery.**

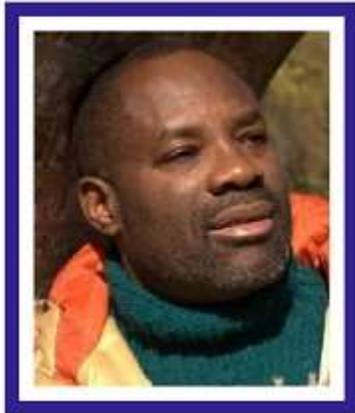
It's easier to ask a question  
than to answer it.  
They asked questions.  
I answered them.

In 1989, the **intellectual fireworks** exploded.  
I didn't kill any person.  
Yet, I was subjected to a Galileo trial  
that was computing's equivalent  
to the **O.J. Simpson trial.**

Unlike Albert Einstein,

I survived **vicious criticisms**  
that were full of **bitterness** and **hate**.  
And I have the **scars** to prove them.

An inventor who didn't receive  
a **negative backlash**,  
didn't make a groundbreaking invention  
that **changed the way**  
the world of technology looked at things.



## A Refugee's Quest for the World's Fastest Computer



# 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."

<https://youtu.be/unw7R1tTR48>

Transcript of Philip Emeagwali YouTube lecture 211002-3of4 for the video posted above.

THANK YOU. I'm Philip Emeagwali

## The First Supercomputer

My **contribution** to the development of the **first** supercomputer is this:



I **invented** the first world's **fastest** computing, as it's executed today. Because I **invented** a supercomputer **where none existed**, I can confidently say that:

“After the Fourth of July 1989, an ensemble of the slowest processors in the world can work together to emulate a never-before-seen supercomputer.”

As the inventor of the world's fastest computing, my lectures had power and focus. The reason was that only I could give a **first-person** eye witness account of that **seminal moment** in the history of the computer. That Eureka! moment was

**fifteen** minutes after 8 o'clock  
in the morning  
of July 4, 1989.

When I give advice on how to invent  
the world's fastest computing,  
or supercomputing,  
or solving difficult problems across  
a new Internet  
that's a new global network of processors,  
I speak from my unique experience  
of being the only inventor  
that invented such technologies.

My knowledge was **diametrically opposite**  
to that gained from reading  
about supercomputers.

As well as reading from textbook authors  
who were describing the inventions  
of computer pioneers. After half a century  
of supercomputing, I acquired  
a deep knowledge  
that enables me to produce  
the one thousand podcasts

and YouTube videos  
in which I lectured **impromptu**.  
I discovered the world's fastest computing  
and did so without notes  
that were copied from textbooks.

For the record,  
the world's fastest computing community  
of the 1980s  
was comprised of only one member  
within parallel supercomputing.  
And twenty-five thousand members  
within vector supercomputing.  
In the 1980s, I was the only person  
in the field of parallel supercomputing  
that executed the world's fastest  
computing.

My **discovery**  
of the world's **fastest** computing across  
the world's **slowest** processors  
is my **contribution**

to the development of cheaper and faster computers.

The world's fastest computing wasn't just a technology that I invented.

It's who I am.

For nearly every day of the past half century, since June 20, 1974 to be exact, I conducted mathematical research on how to harness up to one billion processors that encircled a globe as an Internet. And use them as one cohesive supercomputer.

The fastest computers are used to answer the biggest questions in science, engineering, and medicine.

Such questions include supercomputing the social distancing requirements

during a global pandemic.  
For those reasons,  
the world's fastest computing  
will remain at the core  
of who we are.

The world's fastest computing  
is used to find answers  
to big scientific questions  
that are central to tackling  
the global challenges that face humanity,  
such as supercomputing  
the social distancing that reduces  
the spread of coronavirus.  
The world's fastest computing across  
the world's slowest processors  
is a **transformational** discovery  
that **redrew the boundaries of science**,  
and **permanently changed**  
what we know about the computer.  
And how we think about mathematics.  
The world's fastest computer

is powered by millions of processors.  
And the hardest problems in mathematics  
and physics  
are solved by dividing  
each grand challenge problem  
into up to a billion  
less challenging problems.  
And then solving them in **tandem**.  
And with a **one-to-one** correspondence  
with as many processors.  
The grand challenges of supercomputing  
are the most pressing problems  
of our time.  
One such challenge is to execute  
the detailed computational fluid dynamics  
model  
of the spread of the coronavirus across  
the one million **shoulder-to-shoulder**  
traders in Lagos markets.  
Fastest computing across  
millions of processors  
is the path to the solution

of the most difficult problems arising at the crossroad where new physics, new mathematics, and new computing **intersected**.

The invention of a new supercomputer led to the creation of the new computer science of parallel processing.

That new science became an instrument of discoveries that transformed lives.

The Philip Emeagwali Computer is a supercomputer that's developed in a **new way**, namely powered by up to a billion processors.

It's also a **new Internet** that's a new global network of up to a billion processors.

Those processors **shared nothing but were in constant dialogue**.

The mathematician's perennial quest

for the world's **fastest** computing constantly demands fresh faces, new names, and new ideas. During the decade and half onward of June 1974, I was an unknown supercomputer scientist. But I possessed the then unproven idea of harnessing millions of the world's **slowest** processors. And using them to cooperatively solve the **most difficult** problems in mathematics. Such compute-intensive problems could not be solved on a **single giant processor**. When I began my mathematical quest —back on June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA— the world's **fastest** computing across the world's **slowest** processors was merely a theory, or an idea that's not positively true.



Since 1974, I believed what I felt in my gut and know in my heart. I believed that harnessing the power of up to a billion processors will leave the realm of **science fiction** to become **reality**. And produce the world's **first** supercomputer, **as it's known today and as it could be known tomorrow.**

In computer science, recording the world's **fastest** computing and recording it in an unexpected way—such as across the world's **slowest** processors—is the gold standard that earns its inventor the highest award that's referred to as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing. I was the **first and only** person to win that award alone, back in 1989.

## 15 A Refugee's Quest for the World's Fastest Computer

### The Nigerian Civil War

#### One Day We Had to Run!

The period of early 1967 was an era of **widespread reprisal attacks** against Igbo-speaking people who were living in the northern region of Nigeria.

In late September 1967, Igbo-speaking people who were living in the midwestern region of Nigeria were **killed in reprisal attacks**

from the Midwest military invasion of the Biafran Army.

In faraway Northern Nigeria,

houses belonging to Igbos **were burnt**.  
And their stores **were looted**.  
Igbos **pursued by mobs**  
hid with Hausa friends.  
Some changed their Igbo names  
to Hausa names.  
In 1967, pursued Igbos  
in Northern Nigeria  
were smuggled into safer neighborhoods.

Back then, there was no  
**inter-city** bus transportation in Nigeria.  
My family travelled from Agbor to Onitsha  
in small **Peugeot** 403 sedans  
that squeezed in eight passengers.

We also travelled by "***gwon gwo ro,***"  
a truck,  
a **rickety** lorry with a wooden body.  
Such ***trucks*** were used by market traders  
for their long-distance transportation

of farm produces, such as yams, chickens, and goats.

In early May 1967,  
the political crisis in Nigeria  
remained **unabated**.

Within a six-month period,  
Nigeria lost two political leaders.

The Prime Minister of Nigeria,  
**Abubakar Tafawa Balewa**,  
was **assassinated** on January 15, 1966.

Six months later,  
the new military President of Nigeria,  
Major-General **Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi**,  
was **assassinated** on July 29, 1966.

The **assassination**  
of the Prime Minister of Nigeria  
spurred **reprisal killings**  
of Igbo-speaking people  
who were living in the northern region  
of Nigeria.

As the violence spread,

Igbo refugees fled to their ancestral homelands.

Reacting to the 30,000 Igbos killed in the street uprisings in Northern Nigeria which followed the second, **retaliatory** military coup of July 29, 1966, the *Daily Sketch*, a Lagos newspaper, pleaded for sanity in Nigeria. The *Daily Sketch* asked:

“Will no one save Nigeria?...

Is there no one whose love for Nigeria transcends love of tribe or personal safety, who is willing to come forward and seek others like himself to nurse this sick nation?

If there be a man, let him come forward. Today, for God's sake!"

My answer to the question

“Who will save Nigeria?” is this:

Nigeria cannot be saved  
by one **superhero**.

Nigeria can be saved  
by 220 million **detrribalized** Nigerians.

**Or** heroes and heroines  
who don't vote along religious, ethnic,  
and regional sentiments.

And who don't call  
for the **dissolution** of Nigeria  
into three countries, the republics of Biafra,  
Oduduwa, and Arewa.

**The breakup of Nigeria  
is unacceptable to me.**

From January 1966 and **later**,  
tensions were high throughout Nigeria.  
In response, my father decided that Agbor

was no longer safe for us to live in. We rented a *gwon gwo ro* to transport us from the Nurses' Quarters of the General Hospital, Agbor, to our second and safer residence at 4B Egbuna-Adazie Street, Onitsha. Onitsha was a commercial city that was 47 miles east of Agbor.

## A Refugee in Our Country

The seats of the *truck* were bare wooden planks and were very **uncomfortable**. The *gwon gwo ro* we rented was crammed with three chairs, two beds, a double-barrel gun, a Raleigh bicycle, a singer-brand sewing machine, cooking utensils,

and various household items.

My family returned to Onitsha in early May 1967.

Onitsha is our [historic homeland](#) at the east bank of the River Niger.

Although Onitsha was only 47 miles away from Agbor,

that journey took three hours.

From early May 1967

to the first artillery bombardment of Onitsha

which occurred

on the Fourth of October 1967,

we lived in my parent's house

that was at 4B Egbuna-Adazie Street, Onitsha.

That house was built five years earlier.

And my father stayed back

in the Nurses' Quarters

of the [General Hospital, Agbor.](#)



## The Midwest Invasion of 1967

He was in Agbor during the Midwest **invasion** of 1967. That **invasion** of the mid-western region of Nigeria was executed by three thousand **[3,000]** lightly armed Biafran soldiers. That invasion began at three o'clock in the morning of August 9, 1967. And began when Biafran soldiers **crossed** the **Onitsha**-Asaba bridge and occupied the entire Midwest Region. By 5:30 of that same morning, the regional headquarters of the Midwest Region, Benin City, was under the control of the Biafran Army.

### A Nigeria Divided into Three Nations

When we received the news that Benin City had been captured by the **quote, unquote** **“gallant Biafran soldiers,”** we ran into the streets of Onitsha to celebrate that victory. On August 12, 1967, the Biafran Army captured the city of **Ore** that was deep inside the western region of Nigeria. In Biafra, the capture of **Ore** was **widely celebrated** as a **strategic victory**. The capture of **Ore** placed the Biafran Army a mere **130 miles** from Nigeria's capital, Lagos. In Onitsha, we **speculated** that the civil war might not last long. And that the Nigerian Army will soon surrender to the Biafran Army.

The three thousand Biafran soldiers who **overran** the vast mid-western region of Nigeria

were **lionized** as heroes.

Biafrans were amazed that the mid-western region was captured within three hours.

And captured without firing a single bullet.

We were **surprised** by the **boldness** of those three thousand Biafran soldiers who captured the mid-western region of Nigeria.

Those Igbo soldiers were commanded by a Yoruba officer, named **Victor Banjo**.

Major-General Victor Banjo was a **disaffected** Yoruba soldier, who **defected** from the Nigerian Army to the Biafran Army.

On August 9, 1967, the day the Biafran Army captured the mid-western region of Nigeria,

my father was in that region and was working as a nurse at the General Hospital, Agbor. The Biafran Army claimed to have **quote, unquote** "liberated" the mid-western region. On September 19, 1967, the Biafran government renamed the mid-western region of Nigeria as the **quote, unquote** "Republic of Benin." That same day, the Biafran leader, General Odumegwu Ojukwu, appointed Major-General **Albert Okonkwo** as the Military Administrator of the new **Republic of Benin**, between Biafra and Nigeria.

**16**      **The Philip Emeagwali Internet is the First Supercomputer**

# Why Mathematics Inspired the Creation of the Computer

## A Black in an All-White Space

The story of how I **discovered** the world's **fastest** computing across the world's **slowest** processors **and across an Internet that's a global network of those processors** began on June 20, 1974.

My story began in a small room that was upstairs of a white house at 195A Knox Street South, Monmouth, Oregon, USA.

Oregon is one of the whitest states in the USA.

The city of Monmouth (Oregon) that I was living in had no resident Black couple.

In 1974, I was a lone Black supercomputer geek

in Oregon.

And I programmed supercomputers at the same time Steve Jobs was a personal computer geek in Portland (Oregon).

## Three Cornerstones of Supercomputing

Fast-forward sixteen years, and my story was in the **news**.

My story that began in a small room in Monmouth (Oregon) was in millions of living rooms across the world.

Physics, calculus, and algebra are the three cornerstones of fastest computing.

The root of computing can be traced to the Middle Ages.

The historical path to the world's fastest computing began 330 years ago.

It began as the **discovery** of the Second Law of Motion of physics.

It began as the **invention** of the technique of calculus that's the most powerful technique in mathematics.

## Philip Emeagwali Internet

In the 1980s, the biggest challenge in computer science was to **invent**

how to compute 65,536 times faster.

And do so across a **new Internet**

that I visualized

as a **new** global network of 65,536 off-the-shelf processors and standard parts.

That **new Internet** needed its first programmer who could harness it

as the world's fastest computer.  
That first programmer  
must be a **triple threat** at the frontiers of  
in physics, mathematics, and computing.

## Supercomputing Across the Philip Emeagwali Internet

The intellectual  
and the physical instruments  
that were required to make those  
**mathematical** and **scientific discoveries**,  
such as the world's fastest computing,  
were the knowledge  
of the laws of classical physics,  
the mastery  
of the **partial differential equations**  
arising beyond the frontier of calculus,  
the knowledge of large-scale algebra,  
and the expertise  
of how to program a processor  
to solve the most difficult



mathematical problems  
that are compute-intensive.  
And the knowledge of how to communicate  
via sixty-four binary thousand  
email addresses  
that each had no @ sign  
or dot com suffices.  
And how to exchange  
the initial and boundary conditions across  
one binary million  
bidirectional, regular, short,  
and equidistant email wires.  
And to, finally, compute simultaneously  
and do so at 65,536  
off-the-shelf and coupled processors  
that **shared nothing,**  
**but were in dialogue with each other.**

Physics is the Thread Across a Million  
Processors

The laws of physics are the essences and the **common thread** through the **partial differential equation** arising beyond the frontier of calculus, through the **partial difference equation** of large-scale algebra that approximates that **partial differential equation**, through the compute-intensive fluid dynamics code that was derived from that algebra and emailed across that small copy of the Internet that I invented as a global network of processors.

#### 4 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Science

A question in school essays is this:

## “What is the contribution of Philip Emeagwali to the development of the computer?”

In 1989, I was in the news because I **discovered** how to always perform the world's fastest computing. And how to record such speeds across an Internet that's a global network of the **slowest** processors in the world. My **contribution** to the development the world's fastest computer wasn't too small as a journal paper. Or too large as computer science. In 1989, I was widely recognized for my **contribution** to a **new** and **critical** technology. That contribution is the world's fastest computing across the world's **slowest** processors. The **new knowledge**

of the world's fastest computer that I **contributed** to computer science is used to manufacture the fastest computers of today which are expected to become the computers of tomorrow. My **contribution** went beyond discovering an increase in the speed of the world's fastest computer. My **contribution** to developing the supercomputer included fighting **scientific dogmas**.

## Finding the Magic Sword for Supercomputing

I faced many **obstacles** during my fifteen-year quest to **discover** how fastest computing across a billion processors could become the **magic sword** to be used to solve

the hardest problems.

For instance, on three occasions, in 1977, 1981, and 1989, when the word got out that I was conducting research on the world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors, the governmental fellowships that partially supported my research were withdrawn.

My fellowships were **cut off** as **retribution** and **punishment** for pursuing the fastest computer speed that was then in the realm of **science fiction**.

## Why is Mathematics Useful for Nigerian Oil Fields?

Two often asked questions are these:

First, how do we use mathematics in our everyday life?

Second, why is mathematics useful in pinpointing the locations of crude oil and natural gas that were buried one mile deep in the Niger Delta oil fields of southern Nigeria.

The young African mathematician needs to understand those parallel-processed solutions used to discover and recover otherwise undiscoverable and unrecoverable crude oil and natural gas that are buried up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep. And buried across the 65,000 producing oil fields in the world, including the 159 oil fields

that dotted the 36,000-square-kilometer Niger Delta region of southern Nigeria. An oil field is about the size of a town.

## 17 My Billion-Fold Leapfrog to the World's Fastest Computer

### Fastest Computing to Solve Compute-Intensive Problems

Solving the most compute-intensive problems in science and society requires a **leap of the imagination**. Solving a Grand Challenge Problem of computer science is in a way akin to slaying the fire-breathing dragon of ancient mythologies. Or the super dragon that guards the tree of knowledge.

The research supercomputer scientist needs two swords to slay that dragon. The **first** sword is intellectual and is needed for the **theoretical discovery** of fastest computing. The **second** sword is physical and is needed for the **experimental discovery** of the world's fastest computing.

## Solving the Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

An often asked question is this:

**“Is the system of Philip Emeagwali equations solved?”**

The reason my **discovery**



of the fastest computing made the **news headlines**, in 1989, was that I went beyond harnessing the total computing power of the **slowest** 65,536 processors in the world. I **visualized** my processors as **evenly distributed** around the surface of a sixteen-dimensional globe that was embedded within a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace. But it took me sixteen years and several stages to **discover** the first world's fastest computing across the world's **slowest** processors. **First**, I **mathematically invented** the correct equations, namely a system of nine coupled, nonlinear, time-dependent, and state-of-the-art **partial differential equations** occurring beyond the frontier of calculus. That **contribution** to mathematics

is called the

Philip Emeagwali equations.

**Second**, I **invented** algebraic algorithms that I used to solve my correct nine **partial differential equations** that encoded the Second Law of Motion described in physics textbooks.

The 65,536 processors of my **new Internet** can't be harnessed and used to solve an **incorrect** system of equations of algebra and calculus.

And harnessed to solve them **correctly**.

Nor can those sixty-four binary thousand processors

be harnessed to execute

an **inaccurate** algorithm

and execute them **accurately**.

**Third**, I **visualized** my **new Internet**

as defined

in the **shape of a square**

and outlined

in the **shape of a circle**.

In three-dimensional space, those shapes become a cube and a sphere, respectively. In sixteen-dimensional hyperspace, those shapes become a hypercube and a hypersphere, respectively.

## Visualizing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

I visualized the Philip Emeagwali Internet in the 16<sup>th</sup> dimension of space. And visualized my new Internet as a new global network of two-raised-to-power sixteen, or 65,536, identical computers that were defined at the 65,536 vertices of the cube in a sixteen-dimensional hyperspace.

## Philip Emeagwali Internet Was My Crown Jewel

Harnessing up to a billion processors to solve the hardest problem and solving it for the first time, on July 4, 1989, and solving it by executing the world's fastest computing across my **new Internet** is the **crown jewel** of my **discoveries in physics** and my **inventions in computer science**. But the story behind the story is that the technologies are **concrete** and **visible** while the techniques are **profound**, **abstract**, and **invisible**. The world's fastest computer is up to one billion times faster than your computer. The fastest computer

is the heavyweight champion of the computer world. The world's fastest calculation that I discovered and invented across my new Internet was the crown jewel that sparkled in the limelight and remains echoic retentive in the public memory.

## Fastest Computing Across Philip Emeagwali Internet

My scientific discovery of the world's fastest calculation received spontaneous applause, in 1989.

The supercomputing community mirrored back their appreciative applause and recognized my contribution

to computer science  
by giving me their highest award.  
Attempting to find my **quote, unquote**  
“fastest calculations within  
a fastest computer”  
that was powered by a powerful processor  
was like undertaking to find the **unicorn**  
that was a **legendary beast**  
**with a single, spiraling horn.**  
The **unicorn** can't be found  
for the simple reason it does not exist.  
My fastest calculations  
did not exist within **one isolated**  
super-fast processor  
which was not a member  
of an ensemble of processors.  
My fastest calculations  
only exist across a new Internet.  
The machinery that I used  
to record my world's fastest computing  
only exists as a new Internet

that I defined by my 65,536  
equidistant processors.  
My quest for the world's fastest computer  
was for a **new Internet**  
that I could use to compute  
at the **fastest** possible speed.  
And compute  
two-raised-to-power sixteen times  
faster than the computer.  
And compute fastest  
while solving  
the hardest problems,  
such as simulating global warming.  
My **quest** was for human progress  
that's achieved via an increase  
in the speed of the computer.  
In my **quest**  
for the world's fastest computer,  
I followed sixteen **mutually orthogonal**,  
or perpendicular, directions.  
Those directions led me into  
an imaginary

sixteen-dimensional hyperspace  
where I **invented** my **new Internet**.  
And **invented** it  
as a new global network of  
65,536 equidistant  
off-the-shelf processors  
that were surrounding a globe  
in that sixteen-dimensional hyperspace.

## 18 Inventing the First Supercomputer as We Know It Today

### Solving Compute-Intensive Algebraic Problems

Algebra and calculus are the cornerstones  
of extreme-scale computational physics.  
In the 1980s,  
the most **compute-intensive** problems



arising in large-scale algebra  
are those from discretized  
**partial differential equations**  
beyond the frontier of calculus  
and not in any textbook.

The grand challenge  
in late 20<sup>th</sup> century calculus  
was to discover  
how to parallel process,  
or how to solve 65,536  
compute-intensive problems  
in algebra or calculus  
and how to solve them  
across as many **processors**.  
Many articles, including one  
in the June 20, 1990, issue  
of The *Wall Street Journal*,  
credited Philip Emeagwali  
for **inventing**  
how to solve such difficult  
mathematical problems.  
I discovered

how to solve the most  
compute-intensive problems.

And solve them across  
a new global network of  
65,536 processors.

Those processors were identical,  
coupled, and shared nothing.

They defined and outlined a **new Internet**.

I **invented** how to harness that **new  
Internet**

and use its processors

to **compute together**

and harness up to a billion processors

as one coherent, seamless supercomputer

that was the precursor

to the world's fastest computer.

I'm the only **father of the Internet**

that invented an Internet.

## Fastest Computing Was Once Impossible Across Processors

The answers to the biggest questions don't come easy.

In a syndicated newspaper article that was distributed on September 2, 1985 and distributed to the print media and distributed by the United Press International, or UPI, and in that article, John Rollwagen, the president of Cray Research Incorporated, the company that manufactured **seven in ten** supercomputers, described his company's use of 64 super-fast processors as **quote, unquote**

“more than we bargained for.”

## My Invention Opened the Door to the World's Fastest Computer

My **scientific discovery** of the world's fastest computing could be described as follows:

A billion processors could be harnessed to compute a billion times faster than one computer.

I was in the **news** because I **discovered** the supercomputer solution of the hardest problems across an Internet.

My theorized Internet was a global network of a binary billion processors.

A **binary billion**

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

My new mathematical solution demands serious ideas and hard work. The reason the twelve-year-old writes an essay on Philip Emeagwali is that I discovered the world's fastest computing. And discovered how to solve a billion problems at once, and across an Internet that's outlined and defined by a global network of one billion processors that shared nothing with each other. My discovery made the news headlines because it opened the door to the world's fastest computer that solves a billion problems at once, or in tandem.

## 19 How I Discovered the Shift in Computer Thinking

## Changing the Way We Look at the World's Fastest Computer

**Silent** but **powerful protests** followed my **discovery** of the world's fastest computing. My supercomputer **discovery** which occurred on July 4, 1989, was this: I **discovered** a **significant shift** in supercomputing thinking. In the **latest thinking**, the world's fastest computer must harness one billion processors. And must use those processors to solve the world's biggest problems that formerly took one billion days (or **2.74** million years) to solve and, instead, solve them faster and in only one day.

## World's Fastest Computer

In the search for new knowledge about nature and man-made things, the discovery and invention are the most coveted contributions to science and technology, respectively.

For the computer scientist, the most significant progress is made when the world's fastest computer becomes faster.

Each year, the computer gets faster but it's difficult to **articulate** what a specific person **contributed** to develop that year's computer.

The **quantum increases** in both the speed and speedup of the world' fastest computer that I **discovered** at 8:15 in the morning of the Fourth of July 1989,

in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA,  
is the **quantifiable** and **objective** measure  
of my **contribution** to the development  
of the computer.

That quantum increase in speed  
was how I **corrected**  
the **erroneous** belief that was enshrined  
into computer science textbooks.

Prior to my discovery  
of the world's fastest computing,  
it was believed that  
the hardest problems  
could not be chopped up  
into a billion less challenging problems.  
And then solved, in **tandem**  
and with one-problem to one-processor  
correspondence,  
and across a billion processors.

It was believed that  
the world's fastest computer,  
as we know its technology today,  
will **forever remain**



in the realm of **science fiction**.  
A research and development  
on a **billion-dollar** supercomputer  
is a financial **contribution**  
to the world's fastest computer.  
Often, the research article  
is not a contribution to human knowledge.  
The research becomes  
a significant **contribution**  
to computer science, **if and only**, it yielded  
a new **world's fastest computer**  
that made the **news headlines**  
and won the **most coveted prize**  
in supercomputing, and has other **signifiers**  
that it's a **significant contribution**  
that made the world a better place  
and a more knowledgeable place.

How I Solved the Most Difficult Problem  
in Supercomputing

During my first fifteen years of supercomputing that followed June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, I identified a **lacuna** in computer science that existed across an ensemble of a billion processors that's wired together as one coherent unit that's an Internet.

That missing knowledge was how to harness a billion processors. And use them to solve the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics, science, engineering, and medicine.

I contributed new knowledge, or **scientific discovery**, to the first world's fastest computing across the world's slowest processors. I did so by **correcting** the imprecise knowledge

of supercomputing  
that was known  
in computer science textbooks  
as Amdahl's Law.

## Correcting Amdahl's Law of Diminishing Supercomputer Speed

In simple terms, Amdahl's Law  
stated that fewer than eight processors  
could be harnessed and used to solve  
the world's **biggest** problems.

I **corrected** that error  
when I harnessed a new Internet  
that's a new global network  
of 65,536 processors.  
And used that new Internet  
to solve  
one of the most difficult problems,  
called an initial-boundary value problem

of mathematical physics.  
Such mathematical problems  
couldn't be solved otherwise,  
or without using one million processors.

## 20                    Fastest Computing is My                           Contribution to Technology

### Solving Compute-Intensive Problems

The world's fastest computing  
can't be invented by luck.  
My invention is the product of  
a sixteen-year-long quest.  
During my first decade and half  
of fastest computing,  
I analysed the **toughest** problems in  
algebra, calculus, physics,  
and computer science.  
And I tried different ways of solving

initial-boundary value problems that were governed by a system of **partial differential equations** at the frontiers of calculus and computational fluid dynamics. I theorized my parallel-processed **ed** solutions both within one processor and across one billion processors. I did both before I **discovered** that the fastest computing across the slowest processors is not a **waste of everybody's time**, as was presumed prior to July 4, 1989.

Fastest Computing is My Signature  
Contribution to Computer Science

It costs about half a million dollars to train a pre-eminent mathematician.

And train her from the first grade to the frontier of mathematical knowledge. But paying half a million dollars to consume the mathematical knowledge that was created by preceding research mathematicians is not a **contribution** to the existing body of mathematical knowledge. Inventing **new partial differential equations** that occurs at the frontiers of calculus and physics and **inventing** the fastest computing across the slowest processors and using that new knowledge as the tool for solving those difficult mathematical equations were my **two signature contributions** to modern mathematical knowledge. For those reasons, I was the **cover story** of the top mathematics publication,

the May 1990 issue  
of the *SIAM News*  
that was the flagship publication  
of the Society for Industrial  
and Applied Mathematics.  
Mathematics publications  
featured me to mathematicians  
not because I was good looking.  
I created new mathematical knowledge  
that no mathematician  
had understood before.  
The *SIAM News* is where  
recent contributions  
to mathematical knowledge are published.  
The *SIAM News* featured me because  
I contributed  
the nine Philip Emeagwali equations  
that were a system of  
partial differential equations  
at the frontiers of calculus  
and physics.  
And I contributed new knowledge

of how to solve them  
by supercomputing them across  
millions of processors  
that **shared nothing** between each other.

In 1989, I was in the **news**  
because I **invented** how to solve  
initial-boundary value **problems**  
of mathematical physics.

And solve them by supercomputing them  
across the slowest processors  
in the world.

For that contribution,  
I won the highest award  
that computer scientist describe  
as the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing.

## How Are Supercomputers Used in Saudi Arabia?

In an email, a fourteen-year-old  
writing an essay  
on famous computer scientists



and their contributions  
to the development of the computer  
asked me:

“How are the contributions  
of Philip Emeagwali used  
in Saudi Arabia?”

The supercomputer market  
is valued at  
forty-five billion dollars a year.  
The energy and geoscience industries  
buy one in ten supercomputers.  
And use them to **pinpoint** oil deposits.

The **Ghawar** Oil Field of Saudi Arabia  
that was discovered in 1948  
had up to **104** billion barrels  
of recoverable oil reserves.  
The **Ghawar** Oil Field measures  
**174** miles by **19** miles.  
The **Ghawar** Oil Field is declining

at eight percent each year.  
Supercomputing across  
a billion processors  
is the forty-five billion dollars a year  
high-performance computing technology  
that must always be **used** to recover  
crude oil and natural gas  
from the **Ghawar** Oil Field.

Saudi Arabia classified  
its fastest computer simulations  
of its oil fields as a **state secret**  
and proprietary intellectual property.

In 1989, I was in the **news** for **discovering**  
how the world's **slowest** processors  
could be harnessed and used  
to manufacture  
the world's fastest computer.  
And used to pinpoint the locations  
of otherwise elusive crude oil  
and natural gas

that were formed  
up to 541 million years ago.  
And buried up to **7.7 miles**  
(or 12.4 kilometers) deep.  
And buried across an oil producing field  
that's the size of a town.

The most important applications  
of mathematics, physics,  
and computer science occurs within  
the world's fastest computers.  
The world's most expensive computer  
costs one billion,  
two hundred and fifty million dollars.  
The world's most expensive telescope  
costs ten billion dollars.  
The world's fastest computer  
is to the mathematician  
what the world's biggest telescope  
is to the astronomer.

I'm Philip Emeagwali. Thank you.

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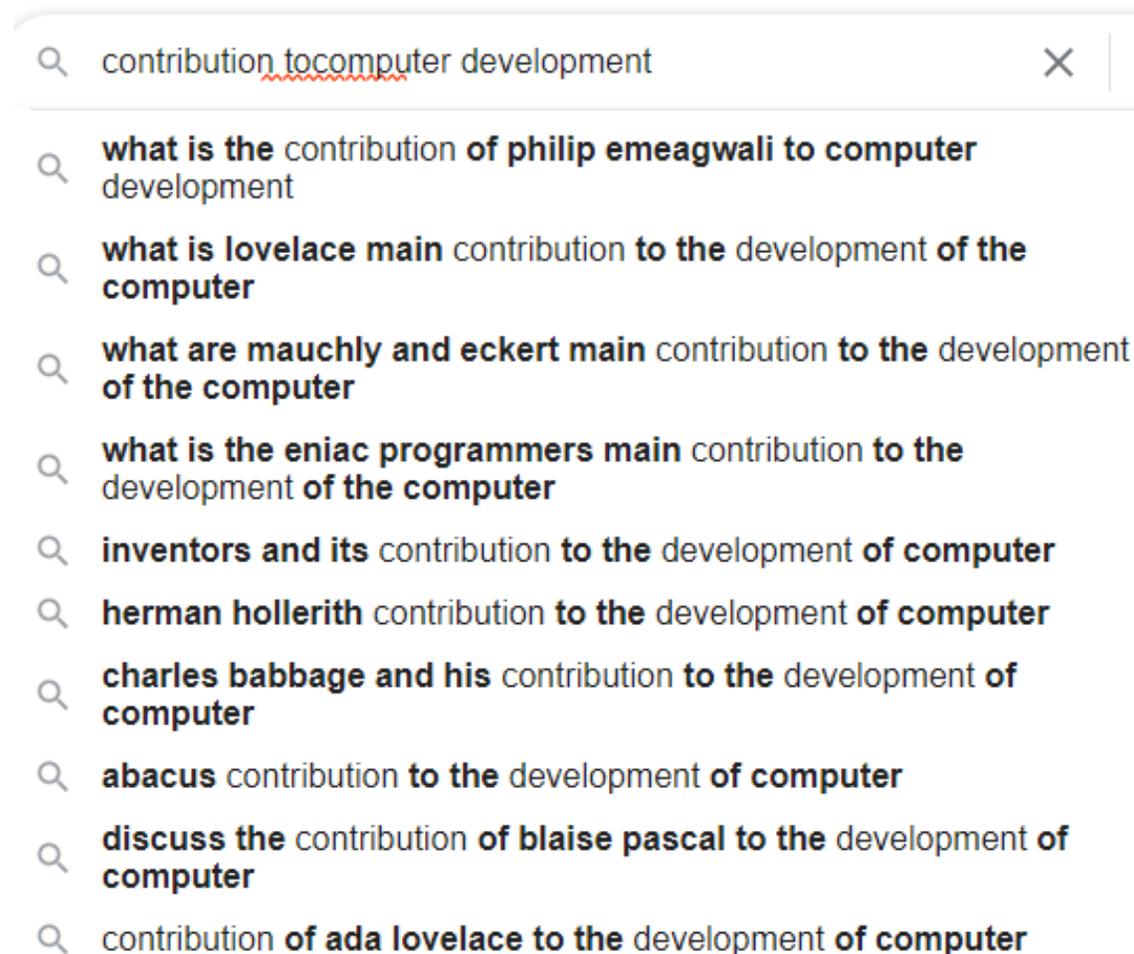
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Google suggests the greatest computer scientists of all times. With the number one spot, Philip Emeagwali is the most suggested computer pioneer for school biography reports across the USA, Canada, UK, and Africa (December 8, 2021).



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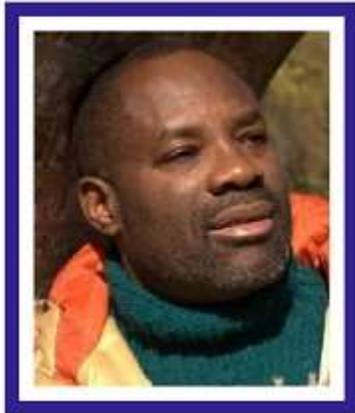
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Google suggests the most noted [fathers of the Internet](#). With four out of ten searches, Philip Emeagwali is the most suggested "[father of the Internet](#)" for schools across the USA, Canada, UK, and Africa (Labor Day 2019).



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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.”

Transcript of Philip Emeagwali YouTube lecture 211002-4of4 for the video posted above.

Changing the Way We Look at the Supercomputer

Year Million Posthuman Computers



## An Internet of Posthuman Gods

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

In 1989, I was in the news  
for providing the quote, unquote  
“final proof”  
that supercomputing  
across the world's slowest computers  
is not science fiction.

Science deals with facts  
while fiction deals with truths.

Fast computing across  
64,000 human computers  
was first theorized as science fiction,  
back on February 1, 1922.  
But for seven decades,  
the idea of fast computing in tandem  
and across thousands of computers

was **dismissed** for the **lack of evidence**.  
In those years, the technology  
could not be harnessed and used  
to power the world's fastest computers.  
My **contribution** to computer science  
that's the subject of schools essays  
is this:

I **experimentally confirmed**  
the first world's fastest computing across  
the world's slowest processors.  
I **discovered** the **quote, unquote**  
**"final proof"**  
that the **slowest processing**  
across thousands of processors  
could yield the **fastest computing**.  
I made that supercomputing discovery  
sixty-seven years later, on July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.  
Solving the world's biggest problem  
across a million processors  
is to the world's fastest computer

what playing games  
with only one processor  
is to the regular computer.  
Parallel processing  
takes computer science  
into a **new epoch**  
where millions of processors  
work together  
to power only one supercomputer.  
At 8:15 in the morning, on July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**,  
I became the **first person**  
to stand at the farthest frontier  
of the world's fastest computer.  
I was the **first person**  
to gaze out towards unknown territories  
that were not on the map  
of computer science.  
I gazed across an ensemble  
of the world's **slowest** processors  
to discover the world's fastest computing  
which was then unknown

to mathematicians and physicists who needed that new knowledge to solve their most difficult problems. That then unknown field of knowledge is where **unexpected** and **unimagined** new computer science, new physics, and new mathematics are almost guaranteed to be discovered. The world's fastest computing represents a **remarkable confluence** of new ideas from the frontier of mathematics to those of physics and computer science.

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

I was the **first person** to synthesize the new **multidisciplinary** ideas. And do so with new ideas of my own. I synthesized ideas to discover that the world's fastest computing **hid**

in the **bowels** of an ensemble  
of the world's **slowest processors**.

It's not only the supercomputer  
that will benefit from my discovery  
of the fastest computing across  
the slowest processors.

Our understanding of the supercomputer  
will increase over the coming years.

I believe that the Internet will evolve  
to become one coherent computer,  
or a planet-sized supercomputer.

One million years ago,  
our prehuman ancestors  
looked like apes.

In one million years, or **Year Million**,  
our **posthuman Gods**  
might ridicule our descendants  
as looking like humans.

We might have only **living Silicon**  
as our posthuman Gods  
that could achieve **immortality**.

In the distant future,  
**the aliens on Earth could be us.**

And the posthuman Gods  
on distant planets  
could be our descendants.

I envision posthuman Gods  
of Year Million  
as thinking across a Cosmic SuperBrain  
that is an artificial  
intelligence.

**That human-made genius**  
**could sprawl across**  
**an epic landscape**  
**to become** their eighth  
supercontinent.

That powerful brain  
could enshroud

our seven land continents  
and enshroud the Earth  
with their Year Million electronic wires.  
I foresee our descendants  
being part-humans  
and part thinking machines.  
The grandchildren of our grandchildren  
may not use their Internet  
the way we use our Internet.  
Their Internet could be within them  
while our Internet is around us.  
Posthuman Gods  
will not need supercomputers  
because they could be infinitely fast  
computing machineries.

## 2 Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

In 1989, it made the **news headlines** that I—Philip Emeagwali—had **experimentally discovered** how to solve some of the most compute-intensive problems in mathematics and physics. I was **cover stories** because I **discovered** how to solve the **most difficult problems** in mathematics and physics. And solve them with the world's fastest computer that was powered with the world's slowest processors. Furthermore, I **invented** how to solve the hardest problems, called extreme-scale computational fluid dynamics. Likewise, I **invented** how to solve difficult mathematical problems across a **new Internet** that's a new global network



of up to one billion

**coupled processors.**

Each processor operated

its operating system and **shared nothing.**

I was in the news because

I **invented** a new Internet

that's a new global network

of millions, or billions, of processors.

I **invented** how to parallel process

or how to execute a billion set of

computer instructions.

And how to execute them at once

or how to execute them in parallel

and across a billion processors.

My **invention** of how

the world's **fastest** computer

can be built from the **slowest** processors

enables the supercomputer

to compute a billion times faster

than the regular computer.

## My Earliest Years in Computing

I began my quest for that **new Internet** in 1974 in Oregon, USA.

I began as a janitor-mathematician who put away his slide rule, that was also called an analog computer, that he bought in 1970 and brought from Onitsha, Nigeria.

In late 1970, it seemed like I was the only person with a slide rule in Onitsha (Nigeria).

I also put away my log table, that was my only **computing aid**, of 1967 at our home

that was the Nurses' Quarters of General Hospital, Agbor, Nigeria.

I put away both my slide rule and log table

to learn how to compute fastest and do so when solving

compute-intensive systems of equations in algebra.

### 3 Inventing the Nine Philip Emeagwali Equations

In 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, **USA**, I learned how to use the fastest computers to solve those equations arising in computational linear algebra. They were **impossible** to solve on the blackboard, or solve with pencil and paper. I learned how to solve a huge system of equations of modern algebra and solve them on a supercomputer that was powered by only one electronic brain. As a research mathematical physicist

who came of age in the 1970s and 80s, I understood how those difficult mathematical problems arose from some laws of physics. I understood how the new calculus were derived. And how those laws of physics were encoded into the system of **partial differential equations** beyond the frontier of calculus. They are called the nine Philip Emeagwali equations.

## 4 My Earliest Years of Computing in the USA

I made my debut as a computational mathematician on one of the world's fastest computers. I began supercomputing because

I needed to solve a huge system of equations in algebra.

I began my supercomputer quest on Thursday, June 20, 1974, in Monmouth, Oregon, in the Pacific Northwest region of the **United States**.

I entered my programs into a **time-shared** supercomputer that was at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon.

I submitted my executable programs that were written in high-level programming languages, such as BASIC and FORTRAN.

And entered them through my **remote job entry terminal**.

BASIC is the **acronym** for Beginners' All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code.

It's a general-purpose, high-level programming language.

**FORTRAN is the acronym for FORmula TRANslation.**

**It's the first choice, programming language of engineers and mathematicians and other creators of scientific algorithms. My knowledge of supercomputers grew over the decade and a half that followed June 20, 1974.**

## **5            How I Overcame Racial Barriers in Science**

### **My Supercomputer Access Was Denied**

**In the 1970s and 80s and as a Black and African-born, in the USA, conducting a decade-and-half long multidisciplinary research in computational physics, I was **effectively banned****

from using supercomputers.  
So, I couldn't conduct research  
on vector supercomputers  
that costs about forty million dollars  
each, in the early 1980s.

My access~~es~~ to the fastest  
vector supercomputers were **revoked**,  
after they discovered that I was Black  
and African-born.

It was **revoked** at various institutions,  
such as the U.S. National Weather Service,  
Camp Springs, Maryland.

And **revoked** from [the University of  
Michigan], Ann Arbor, Michigan,  
for the supercomputer center  
in San Diego, California,  
that was operated by  
the U.S. National Science Foundation.

## My Supercomputing Job Offers That Were Rescinded

In July 1985,  
I was tentatively offered a job,  
as a supercomputer scientist,  
at the **Great Lakes  
Environmental Research Laboratories**  
of the U.S. **National Oceanic  
and Atmospheric Administration**,  
in Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
For practical purposes,  
I was offered the job  
via telephone, when they **presumed**  
that I was white.  
Two months later,  
on about September 24, 1985,  
I was flown into Ann Arbor, Michigan,  
to give my supercomputer  
hiring research lecture  
and do so in the lecture auditorium



of the Great Lakes  
Environmental Research Laboratories,  
in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

When the decision makers knew  
that I was Black and African,  
they decided **not to hire me**  
as their supercomputer scientist.

Fast-forward four and a half years,  
after that **rejection**,  
newspapers in Ann Arbor, Michigan,  
were writing stories  
about an African supercomputer genius,  
named Philip Emeagwali.

I was in the news because  
I had won the **highest award**  
for my **contribution** to supercomputing.

At the Great Lakes  
Environmental Research Laboratories,  
the white supremacists were **shocked**  
to learn that the Black  
supercomputer scientist

that they interviewed but **rejected**,  
four and a half years earlier,  
is in the news for **inventing**  
the **first** supercomputing  
across the world's slowest computers.

## Sabotages of My Supercomputing

In 1989, I was in the news  
for the discovery of fastest computing.  
That was a scientific discovery  
that I was supposed to have made  
at the **Great Lakes**  
**Environmental Research Laboratories**.  
Because I was Black and African,  
I wasn't **permitted**  
to make my supercomputer discovery  
in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

As an aside, a search through  
the **eight billion** videos  
that were posted on YouTube

will reveal that nobody  
in [the University of Michigan], Ann Arbor,  
Michigan,  
or anywhere else in the world,  
then and now, had or has  
the commanding grasp of mathematics,  
physics, and computer science  
that was needed to contribute  
the new knowledge  
that will enable the fastest computing  
across the slowest processors  
as well as deliver lectures  
on their contributions to supercomputing  
that is **on par**  
with the one thousand  
closed-captioned videos  
that I posted on my YouTube channel  
named "**Emeagwali.**"  
This gap in scientific knowledge  
was widely written about  
within [the University of Michigan], Ann

Arbor, Michigan, and beyond.

Research scientists in [the University of Michigan], Ann Arbor, Michigan, revered my discovery

of the world's fastest computing.

Their reverence was documented in a special issue on Philip Emeagwali in their flagship publication, called *The Michigan Today*.

That February 1991 issue of *The Michigan Today* was titled:

**“One of the World's Fastest Humans.”**

The *Michigan Today*

is a quarterly publication

that's mailed to 610,000 alumni [of the University of Michigan].

The PDF version

of that February 1991 issue,

on Philip Emeagwali,

can be searched for and read online. As an aside, that *Michigan Today* issue on Philip Emeagwali was used to develop two nation-wide law school admission tests.

In September 2009, the **LSAT** (or Law School Admission Test) of the **USA**, had a reading comprehension section that focused on "Philip Emeagwali" and that drew from that *Michigan Today* issue of February 1991. And in December 2009, the same American Law School Admission Test also focused on my contributions to computer science and drew from that *Michigan Today* issue of February 1991. That reading comprehension section of the American **LSAT** as well as millions of school essays

on Philip Emeagwali  
put me on the same platform  
with Albert Einstein  
and William Shakespeare.  
Giving that level of recognition  
to a young Black sub-Saharan African  
will always incur extreme jealousies  
from white supremacists  
who argue that Albert Einstein  
has a higher IQ than Philip Emeagwali.

In [the University of Michigan], Ann Arbor,  
Michigan, of 1989,  
many white supremacists  
were sad and jealous  
of all the fame and attention  
that I was getting.  
The jealous ones among them  
had the shaky feeling  
that they could win that Nobel Prize  
of Supercomputing  
and do so if they had access

to a supercomputer.

They had access to supercomputers, since 1946.

But they lacked the scientific knowledge that I possessed and exhibited in my one thousand podcasts and YouTube videos.

So, I was **rejected** on September 24, 1985, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, solely because I was Black and sub-Saharan African, not because I lacked the intellect and knowledge.

I was the **first person** to discover the world's fastest computing, as it's known today.

By the early 1980s, I was ahead in the supercomputer race for the **fastest** calculation in the world that could be executed across

the **slowest** processors in the world.  
But as a Black supercomputer scientist  
who worked alone,  
I was perceived as a **threat**  
instead of welcomed  
as a contributor to supercomputing.  
In the early to mid-1980s,  
I was **blacklisted** and **denied access**  
to vector supercomputers  
that were then the fastest in the world.  
I was forced to back off  
just before I could make  
a supercomputer breakthrough.

## 6 How I Won the Nobel Prize of Supercomputing

In 1989, it made the **news headlines**  
that an African supercomputer genius  
who worked alone



had won the highest award in supercomputing. And won it for **inventing** how to solve a set of 65,536 difficult mathematical problems in large-scale computational fluid dynamics. At its compute-intensive core, each mathematical problem was a system of **366** equations of computational linear algebra. I solved each system on the slowest processor in the world. I totaled those problems across my ensemble of 65,536 processors. Each processor was coupled to its sixteen nearest-neighboring processors. Each processor **shared nothing** with its nearest-neighboring processors. In the news articles, I was described

as the African supercomputer inventor who **invented** how to solve those world-record algebraic equations. And solve them across a new Internet that's a new global network of 65,536 off-the-shelf processors that were identical to each other.

## Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

I was the Internet **scientist** in the news in 1989.

My **scientific discovery** of the fastest computing across a new Internet that's outlined by up to one billion processors occurred on the Fourth of July 1989. My invention was mentioned in the June 20, 1990, issue

of *The Wall Street Journal*.

That was my **contribution** mathematics.

That **contribution**

has diverse everyday applications in science and engineering, such as weather forecasting.

That scientific discovery was my **Eureka invention** as a new Internet **scientist**.

It was my **Eureka moment** because I discovered **two new Internets**.

I theorized my **first Internet** in 1974.

My **first Internet**

was the supercomputer technology which I **constructively reduced to practice**

as my **second Internet**

that was comprised of my new global network

of the 65,536 **slowest** processors in the world.

I programed them, in 1989,

to execute the **fastest** computations in the world.

And execute them while solving the most **difficult** problems that arise in mathematics and physics.

My **first Internet** was **unknown** in the computer textbooks that were published in 1974.

That was the year I made my debut in supercomputing at 1800 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

My **second Internet** was **unknown**, in 1989, the year I recorded the fastest computer speed.

And recorded it in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.

## 7 Inventing the First Supercomputer

## Fastest Computing Across a New Internet

My **invention**

of how to solve up to a billion difficult mathematical problems at once

and solve them with

a **one-problem to one-processor**

correspondence

and solve them across a **new Internet**

is the reason for writing school essays titled:

**quote, unquote**

**“The Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to the Development of the Computer.”**

Because I wasn't allowed to conduct my scientific research and do so in conventional

vector supercomputing,  
I was forced to **change direction**.

**A**nd conduct my research  
on how to harness  
the 65,536 **slowest processors**  
in the world.

And how to use those processors  
to invent a **new supercomputer**  
**that is beyond super**.

The life lesson that I learned  
from those rejections was this:

**When one door closes,  
another door opens.**

When the door that led to the room  
that was housing the conventional  
vector supercomputer **closed**,  
the door that led to the building  
housing the most powerful supercomputer  
also **opened**.

## How I Leapfrogged to the World's Fastest Computer

### Supercomputing Subterranean Fluid Dynamics

I'm a Nigerian-born large-scale computational fluid dynamics engineer who came of age in the USA and in the 1970s and 80s. My testbed supercomputing problems for my ensemble of sixty-four [64] binary thousand processors ranged from global atmospheric flows to the fluid dynamics within an oil producing field that's up to 7.7 miles (or 12.4 kilometers) deep and that covers an area that's often the size of Mogadishu

(Somalia).

As a computational physicist,  
my supreme quest  
is to match physics models  
and simulations  
to the actual **geophysical fluid dynamics**  
being simulated.

## Inventing the Shape of the World's Fastest Computer

One of the most difficult  
mathematical problems  
is global climate modelling.  
It has an associated  
initial-boundary value problem  
that's formulated at the crossroad  
where modern calculus,  
computational physics,  
and fastest computing intersect.  
That compute-intensive problem



is mathematically defined over a physical domain.

For my global climate models, I visualized the geometrical shape of the global warming problem as a globe that has a diameter of 7,900 miles.

That globe was **enshrouded** by a **concentric** sphere that has an inner diameter of 7,900 miles and an outer diameter of 7,962 miles.

The inner diameter of that globe was my **geometrical metaphor** for the surface of the Earth.

The outer diameter of that globe represents the **limits** of the atmosphere of the Earth.

## Inventing the World's Fastest Computer

My **contributions** to the invention of the first world's fastest computer, as it's known today, were these:

At 8:15 in the morning of the Fourth of July 1989 in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**, I **jumped in joy** because I **discovered** the fastest computing across the **slowest** processors. I **invented** the technology as the **new world's fastest computer** that's defined across the **slowest processors** in the world. That **new** supercomputer that made the **news headlines** wasn't a computer, by or in itself. I visualized my **new supercomputer** as my **new Internet, in reality**.

That new Internet was a **new** global network of off-the-shelf processors that were parallel processing as one seamless, coherent, and gigantic supercomputer. And computing together to solve the world's most important and complex challenges.

## 8 Inventing the Philip Emeagwali Internet

I first **discovered** the first world's fastest computing across my **theorized Internet** that's a new global network of sixty-four binary thousand, or two-raised-to-power sixteen, processors.

My processors were **identical** and **shared nothing**.

I visualized and theorized my 65,536 processors as identical computers that were evenly distributed around the Earth.

I visualized those two-raised-to-power sixteen identical computers as being equal distances apart.

And with much **uniformity** in processors and **regularity** in email wires.

Over the fifteen years that followed June 20, 1974, in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, my **theorized Internet** evolved towards a new global network of sixty-four binary thousand processors that I **visualized** as encircling a ball in my sixteen-dimensional hyperspace.

I called that ball a **HyperBall**.  
Years later, that name, HyperBall,  
was replaced by the current name

**quote, unquote**

**“Emeagwali Computer.”**

I visualized the **Emeagwali Computer**  
as shaped like a hypercube  
that's tightly circumscribed  
by a HyperBall.

## Fastest Computing at a Crossroad

The world's fastest computing  
resides at the crossroad  
where new calculus,  
the most large-scaled  
computational physics,  
and the fastest computing **intersect**.  
Because fastest computing across  
a billion processors

is a highly **multidisciplinary** field of study, it's problematic to explain where the mathematics **ended** and where the physics **began** and where the computer science **continued**.

As a supercomputer scientist who **came of age** in the 1980s, I've been identified as a mathematician or a physicist or a computer scientist. In the 1970s and 80s, fastest computing across the **slowest** processors was very **complicated** and was **mocked** and **ridiculed** as science-fiction and as a tremendous **waste** of everybody's time. In the 1980s, I was the only full-time programmer of the most massively parallel supercomputer **ever built**.

That supercomputer was powered by 65,536 processors.

Today, the world's fastest computer is programmed by up to ten thousand mathematicians and scientists.

The reason I programmed such machinery alone, back in the 1980s, was that nobody else understood how to execute the fastest computing. And do so across the **slowest** processors. And record supercomputing speeds that's a million times faster than a computer that's powered by only one processor.

## 9 Changing the Way We Look at the Computer

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

I **discovered** how to harness

millions of processors  
and use them to reduce  
the wall-clock **time-to-solution**.  
And reduce that time  
from thirty thousand [**30,000**] years  
within one processor  
to one day across a new Internet  
that's a new global network  
of **10.65** million off-the-shelf processors.  
My supercomputer **invention**  
occurred on July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, **USA**.  
My **invention** of the **first** supercomputing  
across the world's slowest computers  
that outline an Internet  
made the **news headlines** because  
it **indicated progress** in computer science.  
And resulted in a **fundamental change**  
that **changed the way**  
we will look at the regular computers  
of tomorrow that could evolve  
from the fastest computers of today.



The world's fastest computer speed that I discovered and that made the news headlines was this:

The processing power of the world's fastest computer which now occupies the space of a soccer field can be increased to the power of a theorized supercomputer that could enshroud the Earth in forthcoming centuries.

The world's fastest computer can weigh more than a million pounds, or eight thousand Africans.

The supercomputer of the future could be powered by trillions of processors that will be communicating as an Internet that enshrouds the Earth.

That planet-sized computer could enable discoveries across science and industry.

## Fastest Computing a Billion Times Faster than a Computer

### Simulating Nuclear Explosions

In the 1980s,  
I couldn't conduct my research on how to harness one million processors. And use them to solve the hardest problems in science, engineering, and medicine.

As a supercomputer scientist, I came of age in the 1970s and 80s and in the USA.

In those two decades,

it was **impossible**  
for a Black African-born  
but naturalized U.S. citizen,  
such as myself,  
to gain the **top-secret clearance**  
that was needed to work with  
the world's most powerful  
supercomputers.  
The fastest computers are used  
to **simulate the explosions**  
from **detonating** nuclear bombs.

## Black Inventors Were Not Hired

The U.S. national laboratories  
—not universities and corporations—  
were the primary places  
that I could conduct my research  
in fastest computing across  
the **slowest** processors.  
In the 1980s, I had the **visceral feelings**

that I was on a hot track  
to **discover** and **invent**  
how and why  
a million processors that computed  
in tandem  
could be harnessed  
to make **future** computers faster  
and supercomputers fastest.  
In retrospect, I was pursuing  
a supercomputer **invention**—namely  
parallel computing—  
that couldn't be **invented**  
under the vision  
of any U.S. national laboratory.  
Or be **invented**  
as part of a supercomputing  
research team anywhere in academia.  
That, plus the fact that  
I was Black and African, was the reason  
I wasn't hired  
as a research supercomputer scientist  
in the 1970s and 80s.

## 10 Father of the Internet | A Beautiful Theory that is an Internet

In my **unsuccessful** hiring talks that I delivered in U.S. government laboratories, I provided **broad brushstrokes** to research computational physicists. And to research computational mathematicians. Back then, my theories on how to solve the hardest problems and solve them across a million processors were **dismissed** as **science fiction**. My idea was ridiculed as a **beautiful theory** that lacked an experimental confirmation. That beautiful theory was my **new Internet**

that I visualized as a new global network of 65,536 off-the-shelf processors that **shared nothing**, but were in dialogue with each other. My **broad brushstroke** was to solve the most difficult **problems** in mathematics, science, and engineering. My supercomputing quest was to discover how to solve them across my ensemble of two-raised-to-power sixteen processors that were coupled to each other. In the 1970s and 80s, the world's fastest computer speed that I recorded on July 4, 1989, was **mocked** as a huge embarrassing mistake. And dismissed as science fiction.

Achieving the fastest computing across the slowest processors was ridiculed as an **empty pipe dream**.

## My Leapfrog from Computer to Internet

In 1974, and in Corvallis, Oregon, I made a **leap of my imagination**. I **leapt** from a theorized global network of sixty-four thousand human computers that were equal distances apart, and around the Earth, to my theorized global network of sixty-four binary thousand computers that were also uniformly distributed around the Earth. I made that **leap of my imagination** because that's what humans do. **Humans extrapolate from the known to the unknown.**

**The genius is the ordinary person**

that found the extraordinary  
in the ordinary.

## Why is Supercomputing a State Secret?

The need for faster computers  
isn't going anywhere.

The supercomputer will help define  
the political and economic powers  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The nation that controls the technology  
that powers the world's fastest computer  
controls high-stake **seismic imaging**  
and petroleum reservoir simulation.

Both technologies must be used  
to nail down the exact locations  
of crude oil and natural gas  
that were formed

up to **541 million** years ago.

The nations that control  
petroleum technologies  
control the 65,000 oil fields in the world.



This is the reason China wants to control the technology that powers the world's fastest computers. Doing so will enable China to take the first step in controlling some of the 159 producing oil fields in Nigeria. Therefore, it will not come as a surprise that the Saudi Arabian government placed **armed guards** around its most powerful supercomputer. One of the world's fastest computers is used to simulate the recovery of crude oil and natural gas from the vast oil fields of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia classified the supercomputer simulations of their oil fields as **state secrets**. They're **state secrets** because the supercomputer is the key to the **petroleum dependent** economy

of Saudi Arabia.

The supercomputer is the **magical lock** that, so to speak, opens the oil field that's buried up to **7.7 miles** (or 12.4 kilometers) deep in the **Sakhalin** Island in Russia's Far East. And up to twice the size of the state of Anambra, Nigeria.

## The Size of the Supercomputer Market

The world's fastest computer is not only the **pinnacle** of the computer industry, but it's also **big business**. In recent years, the industry grossed forty-five billion dollars a year.

## An Internet That's Also a Supercomputer

### Inventing the Supercomputer as an Internet

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

The **first Internet that I invented** was a new global network of processors. I designed that Internet to be congruent with the atmosphere of the Earth.

I reasoned that the surface of the Earth is enshrouded by a 62-mile-deep ocean of air, moisture, and water, such as the rivers, lakes, oceans, and even fluids like crude oil and natural gas.

Furthermore, I visualized that 62-mile deep body of fluid as a concentric sphere

with an inner diameter of  
7,917.5 miles (or 12,742 kilometers).  
Not only that,  
I visualized that concentric sphere  
as tessellated into 65,536 equal-sized  
ocean of fluids  
that extended from the bottom of  
the oceans  
to the uppermost boundary  
of the Earth's atmosphere.

I had to visualize the shape  
of my new Internet as follows:

My new Internet  
must circumscribe a globe  
has a diameter of 7,917.5 miles  
(or 12,742 kilometers).

I defined my new Internet  
as outlined  
as a new global network of

65,536 processors  
that has a **one-to-one** correspondence  
with 65,536 equal-sized  
physical domains.  
Each processor within my new Internet  
will run one climate model.  
The world's fastest computer  
occupies the footprint of a football field.  
And internally communicates across  
**a total of 200 miles,**  
**or about 322 kilometers, of cables.**  
And it costs one billion,  
two hundred and fifty million dollars each.  
That world's fastest computer  
is the **top dog** in mathematics.

Where is the **measurable paradigm shift,**  
or the step-changing discovery,  
that's the **greatest milestone**  
in the history of the computer?

Where is the **continental drift**

of supercomputing?

The increase in the speed of the supercomputer is the **central essence** of what defines progress in computing.

The world's fastest computer could become the laptop computer of tomorrow.

Speed is the essence of the computer.

Therefore, a **paradigm shift**, or a change in the way we think about the computer, occurs when there's a **quantum leap** in supercomputer speeds.

According to **Moore's Law**, the speed of the computer is expected to **double** every eighteen months.

However, that **factor-of-two** increase in computer speed is merely **evolutionary** and **conventional**.

That **factor-of-two** increase wasn't a **paradigm shifting** discovery.

Visualization was the key instrument which I used to invent my **new Internet** that's a new global network of off-the-shelf processors which defined and outlined my **new supercomputer**.

I used the cube as my metaphor for my **new Internet**.

And I visualized a processor as corresponding to a vertex of the cube. And a bidirectional email wire as corresponding to each edge of the cube. Furthermore, I visualized my **new Internet** as a cube that was tightly circumscribed by a sphere.

For my world's fastest computing emails that made the **news headlines**, in 1989, I visualized my cube as a hypercube in the 16<sup>th</sup> dimension that was circumscribed by a hypersphere in the 16<sup>th</sup> dimension.

I visualized my **new Internet** as defined and outlined by a new global network of sixteen times two-raised-to-power sixteen, email wires. Or a network of one binary million, or **1,048,576**, bidirectional edges of that hypercube. I visualized my email wires as projected and as **etched onto** the fifteen-dimensional hypersurface of that sixteen-dimensional hypersphere that **quote, unquote** **"circumscribed"** it. Finally, I visualized those edges as my metaphors for my **1,048,576** bidirectional email pathways that **emanated** to and from my new global network of 65,536 off-the-shelf processors that was my **new Internet**. I visualized my processors as equal distances apart



and as corresponding to the as many vertices of the hypercube on that hypersurface.

For these contributions,  
I'm the only father of the Internet  
that invented an Internet.

## 11 How I Discovered a Quantum Leap in Supercomputer Speed

At 8:15 in the morning, on July 4, 1989,  
in Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA,

I discovered how to increase  
the speed of the fastest computer  
and do so by a factor of 65,536.

I recorded my computer speedup across  
as many processors.

On that day, I also discovered how to,  
in theory, increase that speed  
by a factor of one billion across  
one billion processors.

I visualized those one billion processors

as **uniformly encircling** a globe  
and doing so as a **new Internet**.

That **new Internet** was where I executed  
the world's fastest computing.

For six months after my discovery  
of fastest computing, leading  
supercomputer scientists  
were **shocked** at the speed  
of my calculations.

But some supercomputer scientists  
**mocked** my discovery  
of the **alternative way** of executing  
the world's fastest computing.

And using that new knowledge  
to solve the most difficult problems  
arising in mathematics.

The naysayers wrote that

Philip Emeagwali

has made a **quote, unquote**

**"terrible mistake."**

Those naysayers **stopped** laughing at me  
after it was announced that my discovery

of the world's fastest computing has been **validated**.

I won the highest award in supercomputing and for the year 1989.

My discovery of fastest computing made the **news headlines** around the world and became my **signature invention**.

It's the reason Philip Emeagwali is the subject of school essays.

Achieving that 65,536-fold increase in supercomputer speed was a **fundamental change** of **tectonic proportions**

that **changed the way**

we look at the world's fastest computer.

Computing across up to a billion processors

was a **magical change** because

it was both unexpected and extraordinary.

The reason my scientific discovery of the world's fastest computing made the **news headlines**

was that the new technology was both unorthodox and revolutionary.

## Using the Supercomputer to Foresee the Otherwise Unforeseeable

In the **conventional paradigm** of supercomputing, called serial computing, the computer scientist **visualized** one processor as computing automatically to solve one of the most difficult problems in mathematics. One such problem was the initial-boundary value problem arising at the frontier of calculus and large-scale computational physics. The system of **partial differential equations** that governs

such initial-boundary value problems is at the mathematical and computational core of the highest-resolution global climate model that must be used to **foresee** otherwise **unforeseeable long-term global warming**.

## My Leapfrog from Slowest Computing to Fastest Computing

What separates the old and new ways of fastest computing is not the problem they solve but how they solved it. In their old way, mathematical problems are solved within one processor. In my new way, they're solved across up to one billion

**coupled processors.**

Those processors **emulate** one seamless, coherent, and gigantic supercomputer.

The Internet is the precursor to a planet-sized computer that will shine like a beautiful star in a dark galaxy.

Thank you. I'm Philip Emeagwali.

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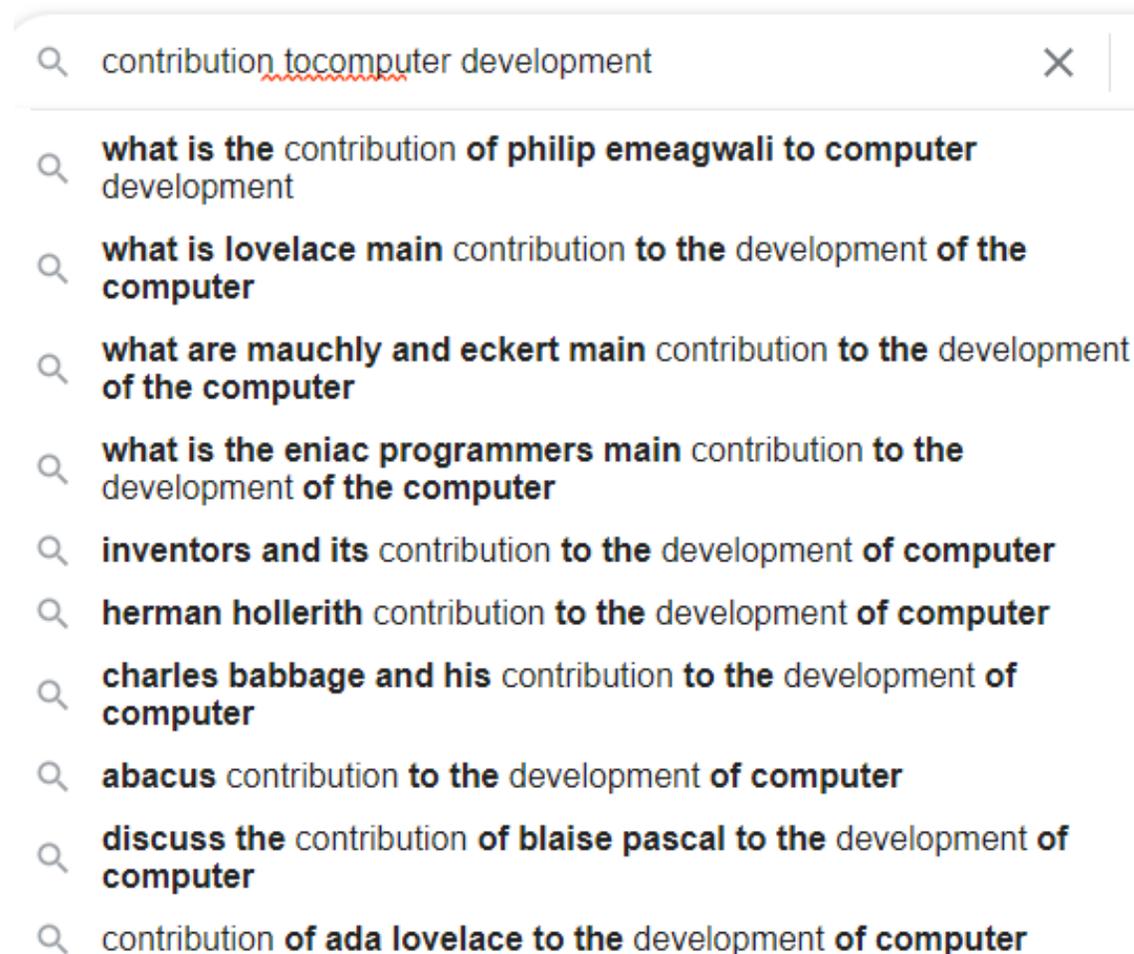
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