

Saving the World with Computing

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Why are you Interested in Computer Science?

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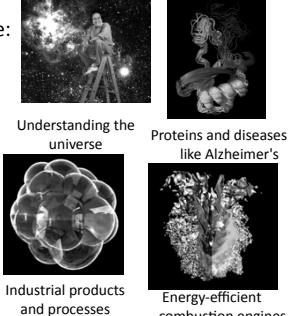
- A. Build computer hardware and software
- B. Create new companies and industries
- C. Solve important problems facing the world
- D. Work on teams with other creative people
- E. All of the above

Using Computers for Science and Engineering

Computers are used to understand things that are:

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

for experiments



Understanding the universe
Proteins and diseases like Alzheimer's
Industrial products and processes
Energy-efficient combustion engines

Simulation: The “Third Pillar” of Science

Theory

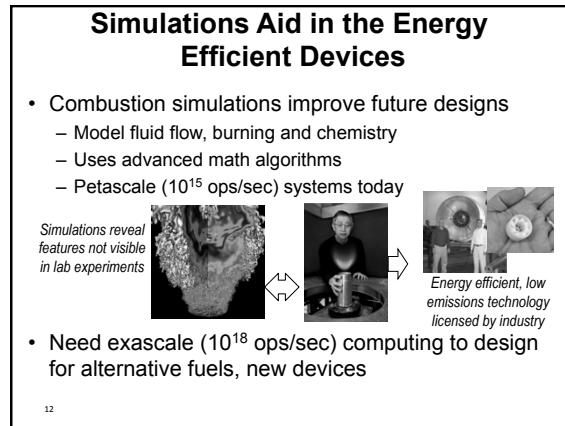
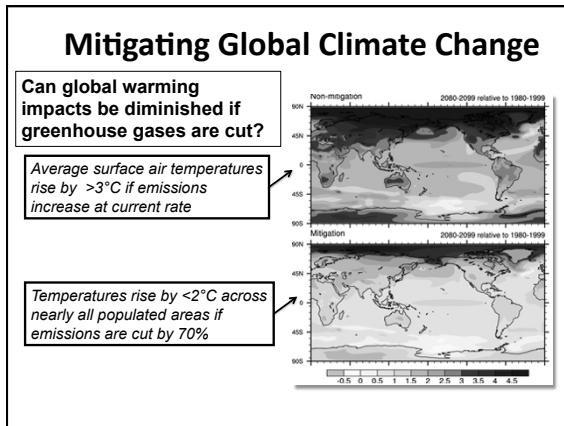
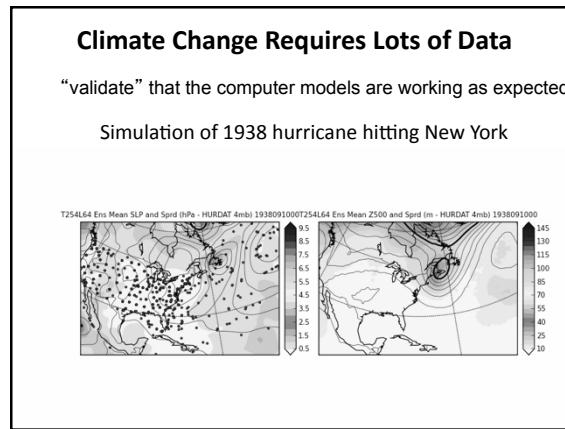
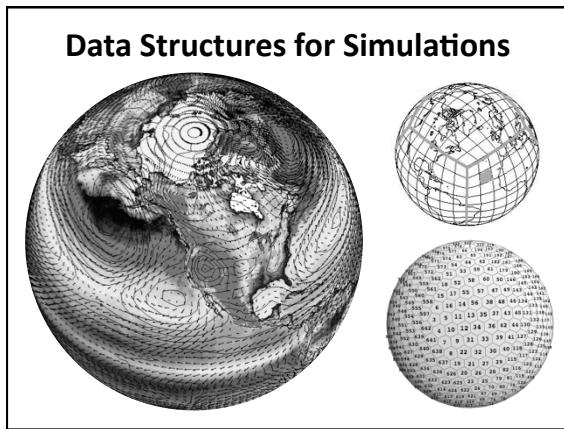
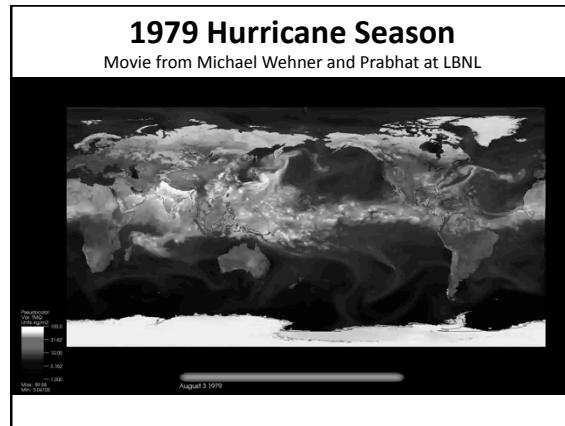
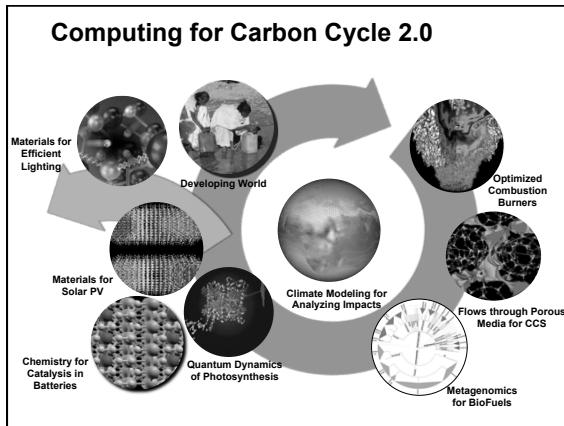
Experiment

Simulation

Addressing Challenges using Computing

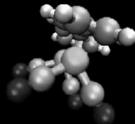
- Two of the most significant challenges
 - Our changing world: understanding climate change, alternative energy sources, mitigation techniques, etc.
 - Health and medicine: understanding the human body, development of treatments, and disease prevention

Carbon Cycle 2.0 Initiative at Berkeley Lab



Simulating New Kinds of Batteries

Sunlight-To-Thermal Energy Storage

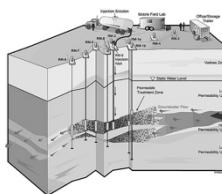


Grossman Group, MIT 2010

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Simulations to Get Rid of CO₂

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



George Pau, LBNL



Towards a Digital Human: The 20+ Year Vision

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



Digital Human Today: Imaging



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

Image Source: www.madsci.org



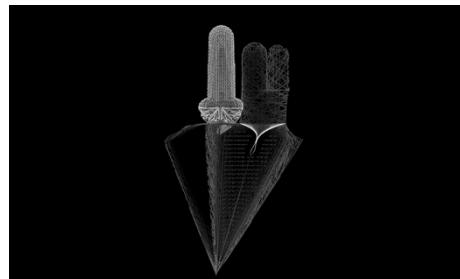
Experimental Data: Visible Human

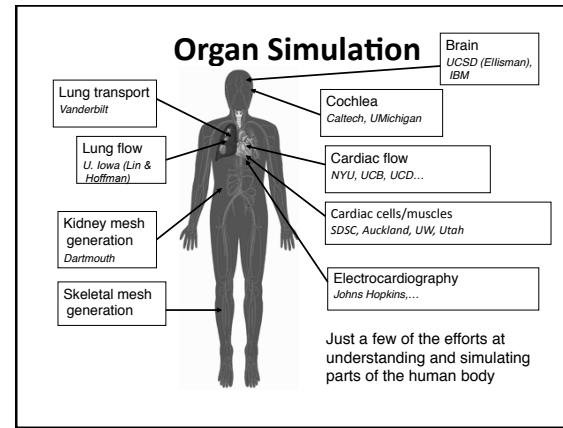
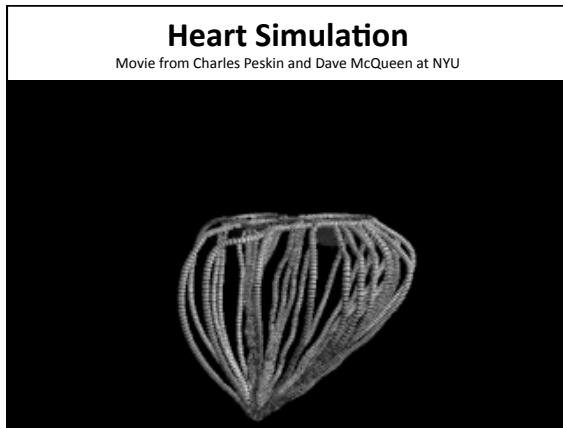
The National Library of Medicine's
Visible Human Project™

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

Heart Simulation

Movie from Boyce Griffith's PhD thesis, NYU





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Screening Proteins

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

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

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

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- Because programming is fun and there are plenty of new problems to solve**

Trends in Computer Science

Which of the following are true?

- Moore's Law says that processor performance doubles every 18 months
- Moore's Law has ended
- Current computers are fast enough for most applications
- None of the above
- All of the above

Black Swans of Computing



Google™

2012 Computing with 1992 Technology



Google™

Technology for Innovation

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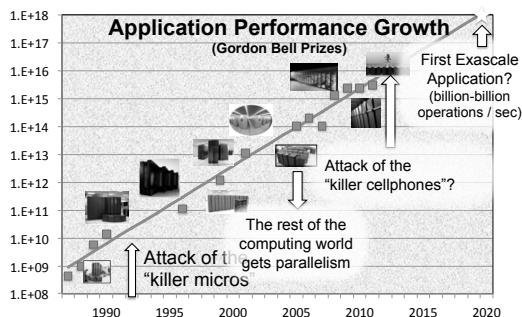
- Google developed its own programming language to hide machine failures
- iPhones are programmed using Java
- Web search algorithms use only integer arithmetic, not floating point (real) numbers
- Scientific computing is done mostly using “Vector Supercomputers”
- All of the above

Units of Measure in High Performance Computing (HPC)

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

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

High End Computing Revolutions



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

- Fastest Computers in the world: top500.org
- Our Hopper Computer has 150,000 cores and > 1 Petaflop (10^{15} math operations / second)
- Programming and “debugging” are challenging



Supercomputing is done by parallel programming 30

Energy Challenge for Computing

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

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

NSA Maxes Out Baltimore Power Grid

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

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

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New Processor Designs are Needed to Save Energy

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

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All Computers are Parallel Computers

- Power density limit single processor clock speeds
- Cores per chip is growing
- How to program them?
 - Parallel "loops"
 - Parallel map
 - Parallel divide-and-conquer
 - (Message passing)

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Power Limits Computing Performance Growth

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

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Computation in Music

(David Wessel)

- Musicians have an insatiable appetite for computation
 - More channels, instruments, more processing, more interaction!
 - Latency must be low (5 ms)
 - Must be reliable (No clicks)
- Music Enhancer
 - Enhanced sound delivery systems for home sound systems using large microphone and speaker arrays
 - Laptop/Handheld recreate 3D sound over ear buds
- Hearing Augmenter
 - Handheld as accelerator for hearing aid

Berkeley Center for New Music and Audio Technology (CNMAT) created a compact loudspeaker array: 10-inch-diameter icosahedron incorporating 120 tweeters.

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Real-Time Deformation and Fracture
in a Game Environment

Eric Parker
Pixelux Entertainment

James O'Brien
U.C. Berkeley

Video Edited by Sebastian Burke

From the proceedings of SCA 2009, New Orleans

Writing Software

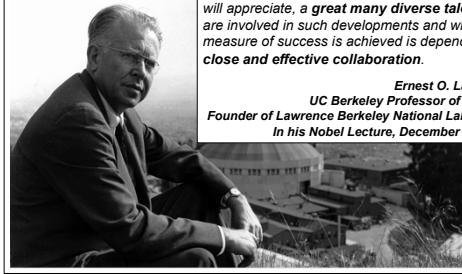
Which of the following are true?

- A. Most computer software is written by brilliant hackers, working alone
- B. Parallel programming is a *solved problem*
- C. Speed of programming and speed of programs are the top goals in software
- D. Most software is rewritten from scratch every few years
- E. None of the above

Computational Science is Necessarily Collaborative

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

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



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

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- 4) Because you will get to work with lots of great people**