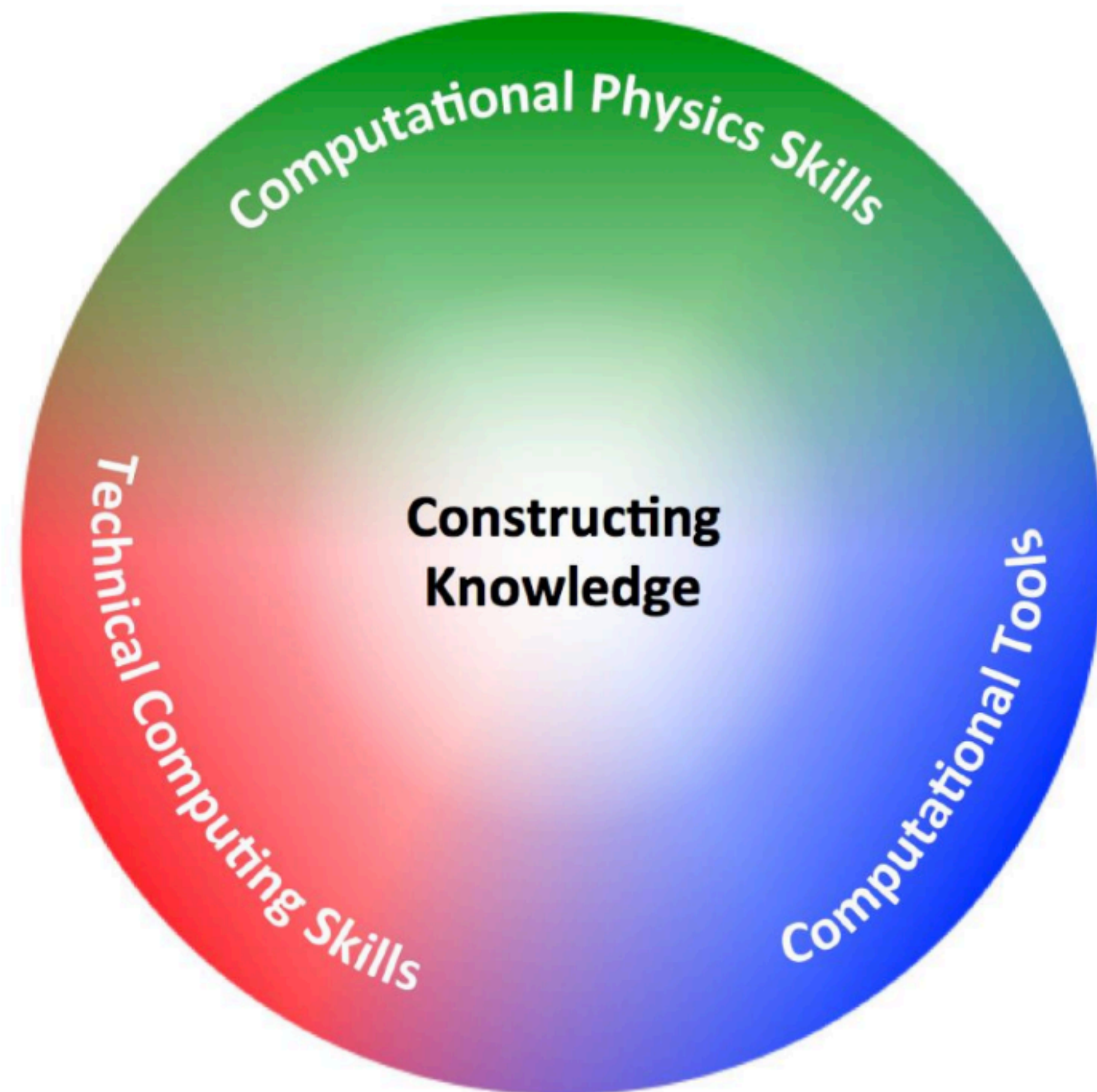


**AAPT Recommendations for  
Computational Physics  
in the Undergraduate Physics Curriculum**



# What should students know and be able to do with computing in physics?

## Computational Physics Skills

Translate a model into code  
Subdivide a model into a set of manageable computational tasks

## Technical Computing Skills

Process data  
Represent data visually

## Computational Tools

Spreadsheets  
MATLAB, Mathematica  
Python, C, Fortran



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Integration of computation must **emphasize values native to the discipline in which computing is being integrated** and demonstrate a clear alignment with existing standards

Educational leaders need to **recognize that relevant computing content differs across the sciences**, ruling out a “one size fits all” notion of integrating computing in science.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion must be built into all efforts** to integrate computation with science education.

K-12 teachers need **sustained professional development and support** to learn and teach science while leveraging computing.

**Research is needed** to understand and assess computational integration. There are **relatively few theories of how computation impacts science learning**. There are also **very few useful assessments** for charting progress.

[https://www.aapt.org/Resources/upload/Computational\\_Thinking\\_Conference\\_Report\\_Final\\_200212.pdf](https://www.aapt.org/Resources/upload/Computational_Thinking_Conference_Report_Final_200212.pdf)

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