

# Applications for PetaFLOPs

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# PetaFLOPS Applications Discussions

- PetaFLOPS I
- Bodega Summer Study
- Frontiers Workshops
- NSF Point Designs
- DOE ASCI
- HTMT Project
- DOE SSI
- NSF PACI and Apex

# Bodega Bay Applications Workshop

**Artificial Intelligence**

**Astrophysics**

**Climate**

**Computational Biology**

**Computational Chemistry**

**Computational Physics**

**Cryptography**

**Digital Libraries and Multimedia**

**Dynamical Systems**

**Economics**

**Computational Electromagnetics**

**Electronic Device Simulation**

**Fluid Dynamics**

**Geophysics**

**Graph Theory**

**Mathematics and Logic**

**Medicine**

**Multidisciplinary Problems**

**Optimization**

**Particle-in-cell models**

**Real-time/Time critical**

**Signal Processing**

**Shock physics**

**Structural mechanics**

**Vision and Geometric Computing**



# Can PetaFLOPS Transition us from Computing as a means for Explanation to Computing as a mode for Discovery?

- Modes of Discovery
  - getting to a new place first!!
  - staying in the new place with the time to look around
- Needs
  - reliable infrastructure (discovery happens at the edges)
  - predictable and abundant availability of resource (time)
  - freedom from pressure to avoid failure (dumb ideas)
- To make this transition we need to make scientific computing resources more abundant, more available and more usable

# Getting to a New Place First

- Moving Fast
  - small teams
  - well equipped, but self contained
- Traveling Light
  - minimum of infrastructure and gear
  - living by wit and courage
- Not Staying Long
  - taking pictures and sending them home
  - moving on

# Staying a Long Time and Looking Around

- Building Homes
  - bring our history, tools and infrastructure with us
  - making our selves comfortable
- Planting Gardens
  - figuring out what will grow here and what's good to eat
  - learning the climate and growing season
- Building Schools
  - settling in for the long haul
  - building community

# Best Prepared Applications Communities

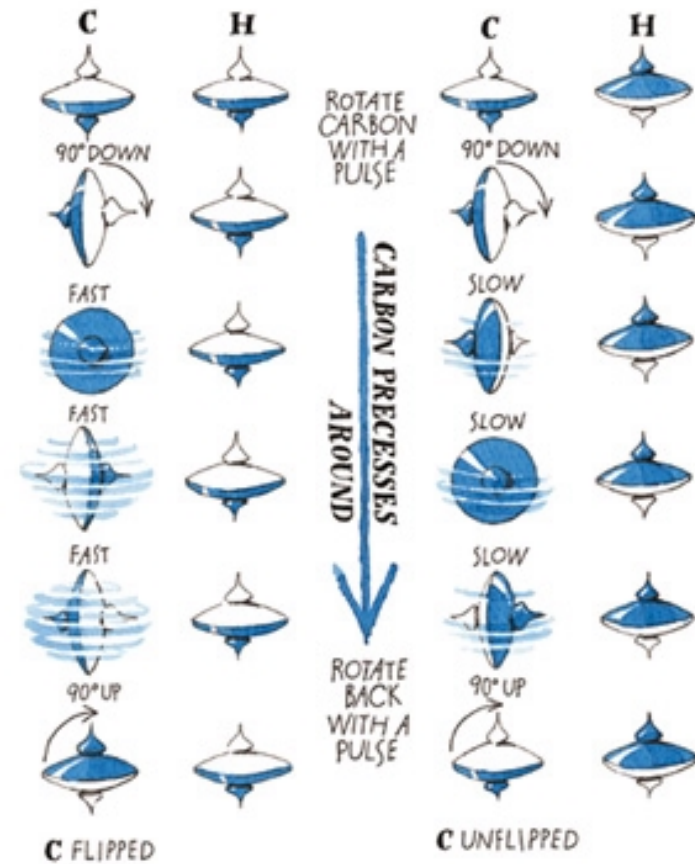
- Astrophysics
  - stars, supernovae, neutron stars, cosmology
- Weapons Simulations
  - burn codes, 3D hydrodynamics, 3D structures
- Climate and Weather Modeling
- Computational Chemistry
- Molecular Modeling
- Cryptography

# Less Prepared Applications Communities

- Computational Linguistics
- Computational Economics
- Operations Research
- Bioinformatics
- Computational Logic
- Complex Systems Simulation
- Engineering/Design Simulations

# Quantum Computing

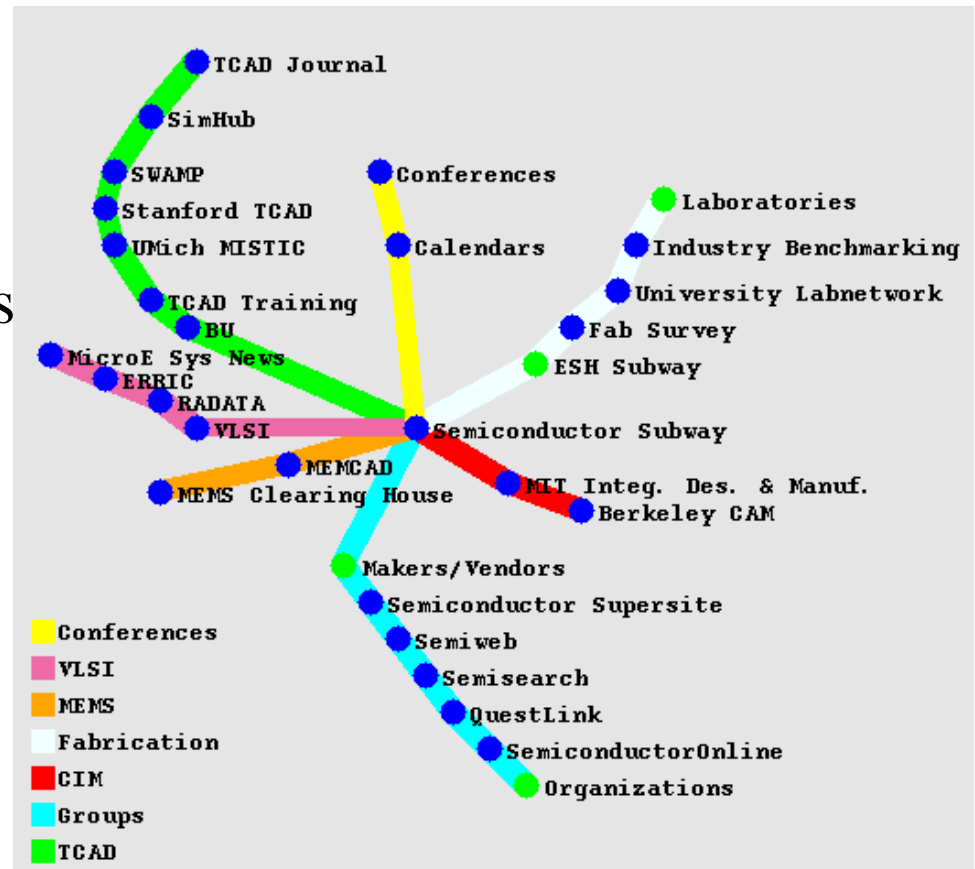
- Possible QC devices
- Exploration of Q Programming languages
- QC Algorithms
- Simulations



**CONTROLLED-NOT LOGIC GATE**  
inverts one of two inputs conditionally  
on the state of the second.

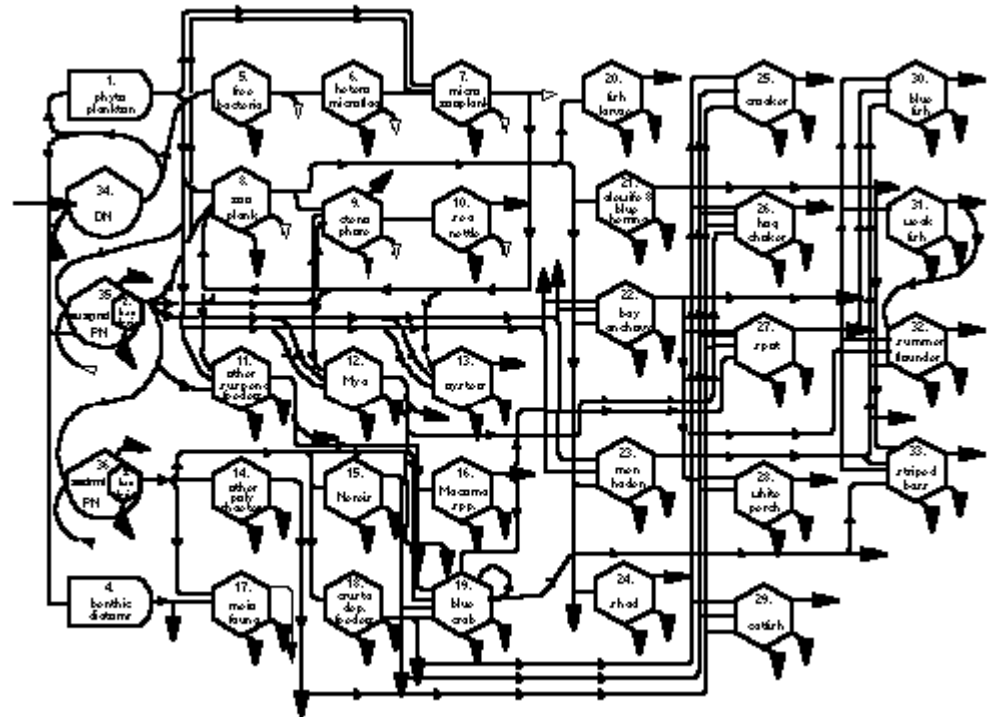
# Computational Electronics

- Device modeling
  - Electronics
  - mechanical properties
- Circuit modeling
- Materials modeling
- Process modeling



# Computational Ecology

- Large-scale ecosystems models
- Individual-base models
  - age specific
  - behaviors
- Integration with Geochemical process cycles
- Ecosystem Network Analysis



# Computational Neuroscience

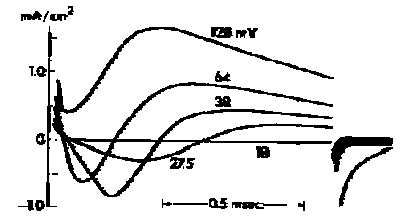
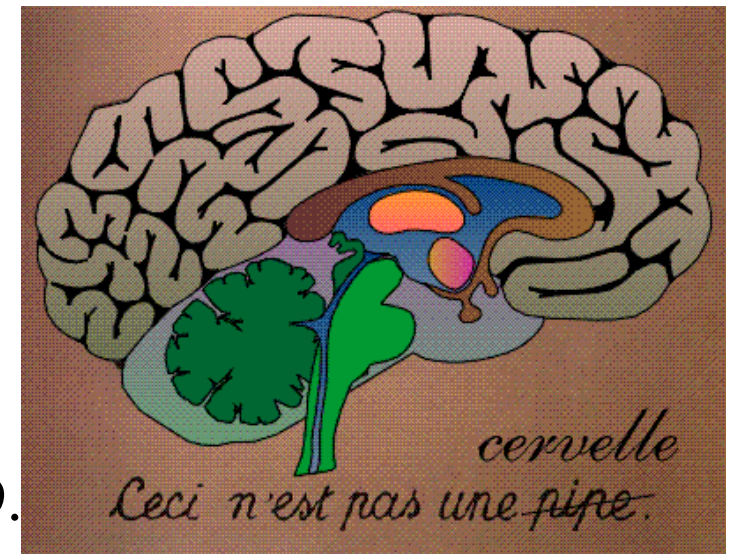


FIG. 3c16. Steady state membrane current densities after changes of potential from the resting potential as shown.

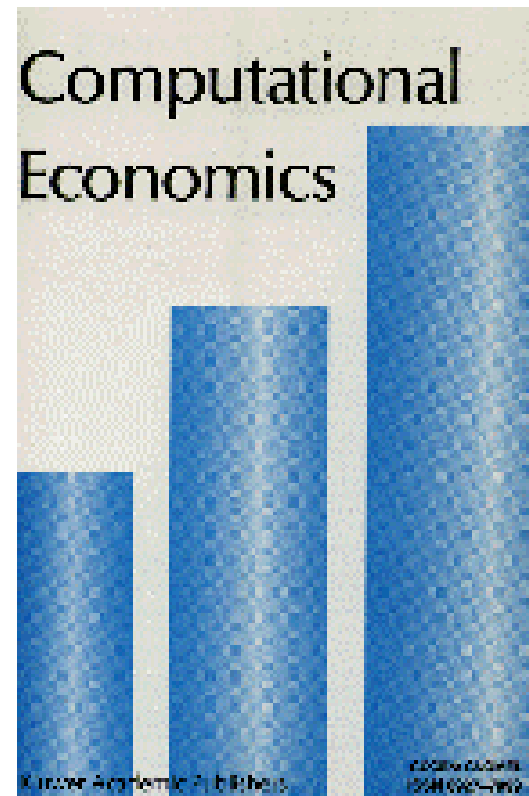
- Simulations of real neurons and neuronal systems
  - growth and development
  - signal transmission (membrane action potentials)
  - emergent behaviors
- Connectionist models
- Near term feasibility
  - Largest scale NEURON 3.0 simulation on MPP
  - Scalability of ANNs on MPP



SEAC 1/2 hour for 5 ms axon time, 1959.

# Computational Economics

- NSF Workshop in Computational Economics
  - Econometrics
  - Microeconomics
  - Sector Economics
  - Growth and Development
  - International Trade
  - Economic Theory
- Example.....



# Computational Economics Example

- Consider the following situation:
- Agents are seated in an auditorium listening to a brilliant economics lecture. At the end of the talk, after wiping away the tears, the applause begins, and perhaps a standing ovation ensues.
- Model, using whatever techniques you desire, the process of a standing ovation.
  - Explicitly state your model.
  - Summarize any results.
  - Suggest some potentially interesting future directions for the model.
- Suggest some economic scenarios that could be usefully modeled using such a process.

# Planetary and Geoscience

- Planetary formation
- Structure and dynamics of the Mantle
- Origin and dynamics of petroleum reservoirs
- Plate tectonics
- Earthquake prediction
- Paleoclimate predictions



# Web Mining

- Largest source of publicly available data
- Maybe an Important resource for social and humanities research
- More complex than data mining due to unstructured nature of the data
- Combines data mining and computational linguistics, image understanding and social theory

# Computational Epistemology

# Applications Areas for Petaflops

- Materials simulations that bridge the gap between microscale and macroscale (bulk materials)
- Coupled electro-mechanical simulations of nano-scale structures (dynamics and mechanics of micromachines)
- Full plant optimization for complex processes (chemical, manufacturing and assembly problems)
- High-resolution reacting flow problems (combustion, chemical mixing and multiphase flow)
- High-realism immersive virtual reality based on realtime radiosity modeling and complex scenes

# Applications Areas for Petaflops

- Time dependent simulations of complex biomolecules (membranes, synthesis machinery and dna)
- Multidisciplinary optimization problems combining structures, fluids and geometry
- Modeling of integrated earth systems (ocean, atmosphere, bio-geosphere)
- Improved 4d/6d data assimilation capability applied to remote sensing and environmental models
- Computational cosmology (integration of particle models, astrophysical fluids and radiation transport)

# Applications Areas for Petaflops

- Computational testing and simulation as a replacement for weapons testing (stockpile stewardship)
- Simulation of plasma fusion devices and basic physics for controlled fusion (to optimize design of future reactors)
- Design of new chemical compounds and synthesis pathways (environmental safety and cost improvements)
- Comprehensive modeling of groundwater and oil reservoirs (contamination and management)
- Modeling of complex transportation, communication and economic systems