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• Who has active research projects?
• What are NIU CS faculty interests?
• Where do I get more information?
• How do I get involved?
BIT ABOUT ME (EDUCATION)

- Northern Illinois University - Physics (BS)
- University of Illinois @ Chicago - Computer Science (MS)
- University of Chicago - Computer Science (MS, PhD)
- Continuously learning in other areas
  - University of Chicago - Business School (SLLP)
  - Harvard University - Business School (GMP)
  - Stanford University - Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (Design Thinking)
BIT ABOUT ME (CAREER)

- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Undergraduate/Graduate Student)
- Argonne National Laboratory (Deputy Associate Laboratory Director, Division Director, Senior Scientist)
  - University of Chicago (Senior Fellow)
  - Illinois Institute of Technology (Research Professor)
- Northern Illinois University (Presidential Research, Scholarship, and Artistry Professor)
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SUPERCOMPUTERS

Cray X-MP/4 supercomputer, 1985
(www.computerhistory.org/revolution/supercomputers/10/25/23)
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Argonne’s Aurora Supercomputer, 2022/23
800 megaFLOPS to ~2 exaFLOPS
800,000,000 to ~2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 FLOPS
2,500,000,000x
SO WHAT DOES ALL THAT COMPUTE POWER ENABLE?

- Large-Scale Computing on the Connectomes of the Brain
- Global Radiation MHD Simulations of Massive Star Envelopes
- Molecular Design of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells
- Real-time Computing in support of DIII-D National Fusion Facility
HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- How do you translate theory into simulation?

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- How do you more efficiently operate a facility?

How do you effectively schedule and operate a resource?

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

How do you evolve traditional HPC environment?

How do you evolve traditional HPC environment to address real-time needs?

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HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- How do you evolve traditional HPC environment handle complex workloads?

50% of the ATLAS papers based on 2015 data use the HPC-produced computing in a demonstrable manner
- These would still eventually be written without the US HPC effort, but they probably would not exist today: the time-to-science has been dramatically shortened.

[Diagram showing distribution of HPC usage with USA HPC 11% and USA Grid 22%]
HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- How do you evolve traditional HPC environment to increase engagement?

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

▸ How do we enable scientists to be the most productive from start to finish?

▸ How do we improve usability?

▸ How do simplify supercomputing?
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Problems with science management:

- Tracking simulations and output: burdensome
- Finding and reproducing old simulations: difficult
- Monitoring live simulations: inconvenient, idiosyncratic
- Post-processing, analysis and archival of results: haphazard
- Assessing simulation behavior/performance: challenging
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HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- How do we enable scientists to be the most productive from start to finish?
  - Simulation management and analysis system for Flash (Smaash)
  - Tracking and coordination of data (simulation and meta)
  - Run-time monitoring of simulations and automated analysis of simulation output
  - Method for managing / executing common workflows

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INTERNET OF THINGS (COMPUTING CONTINUUM) [EDGE COMPUTING]

AI @ Edge

- Powerful Parallel Edge Computing
- Edge computing and deep learning with feedback for continuous improvement
- Reduced, Compressed data
- New inference (model) Adaptive steering
- HPC: Deep Learning Training Simulation / Forecast

Sensors
- LIDAR
- Software Defined Radios
- Hyperspectral Imaging

Facilities
- Dynamic adaptation
- Servos

Actuators
- Artificial Intelligence Deep Learning Inference Lightweight Training

Slide: Pete Beckman (ANL/NWU)
INTERNET OF THINGS (COMPUTING CONTINUUM) [EDGE COMPUTING]
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Use of **Virtual Reality** in Science

- Usability, virtual interactions
- Rendering, realistic data in VR time
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VIRTUAL REALITY

SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (IN PERSON NORMALLY, CURRENTLY VIRTUAL)

www.anl.gov/hr/argonne-career-and-internship-opportunities
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If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.

Sir Isaac Newton