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UNBRIDLED COMPUTING

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What Do We Do?

- : Compilers, Hardware Architectures, and Operating Systems



- :
 - Aggregate Function Networks (AFNs)...
 - in 1st Linux PC Cluster Supercomputer
 - Make the components of a computing system work better together, improving performance & gaining new abilities

You are what you eat...

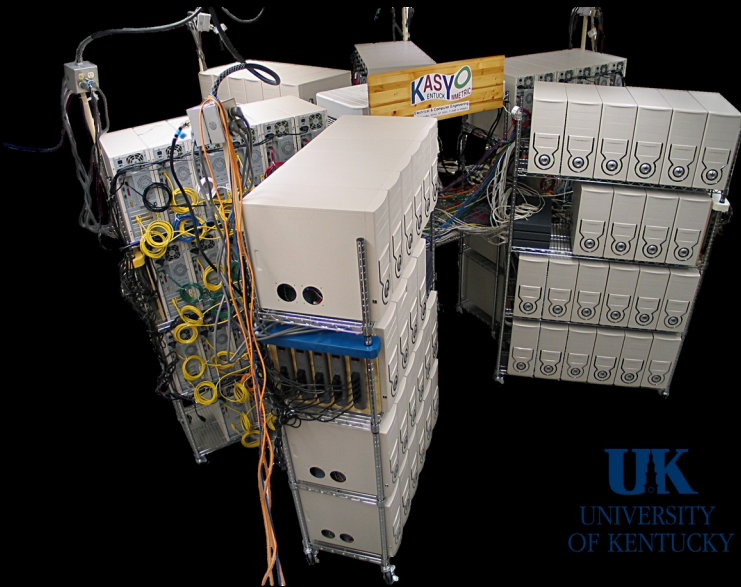
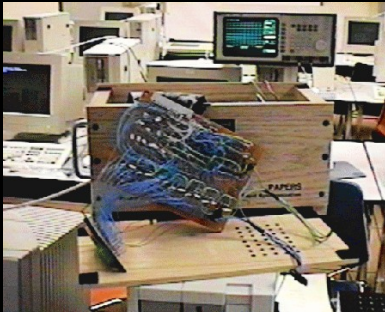
- I am a **computer engineer / systems guy**
- Background in CS, EE, ME, Math, & Econ
- From 1983, **parallel processing researcher**
- In 1970s, **photo editor** of various school pubs and a **published professional photographer**
- From birth, **trained** to know how everything in Dad's **manufacturing** company worked

Supercomputers

Computers that can solve big problems **and** can scale to solve bigger problems.

- Mostly about **parallel processing**
- Need not be huge, expensive, etc.
- We make them **cheap**
- We also make them able to **do new things**

(Old) Cheap Supercomputers

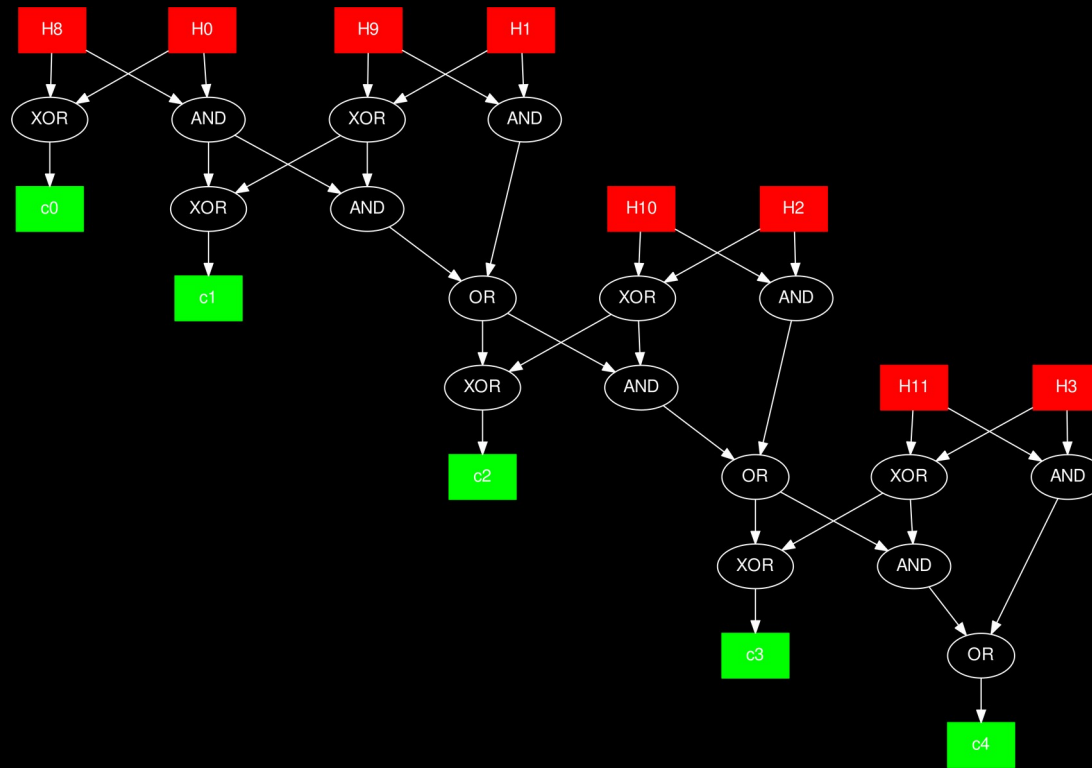


Current Supercomputing Research

- I'm one of the folks who started the cluster supercomputing revolution...
- Several years ago, I realized:
 - My lab has 168kW power, 30 tons cooling
 - My lab heats half the Marksbury building
 - My lab could not power 1 high-end rack!
 - Big systems have thousands of racks
- It's really all about power / computation

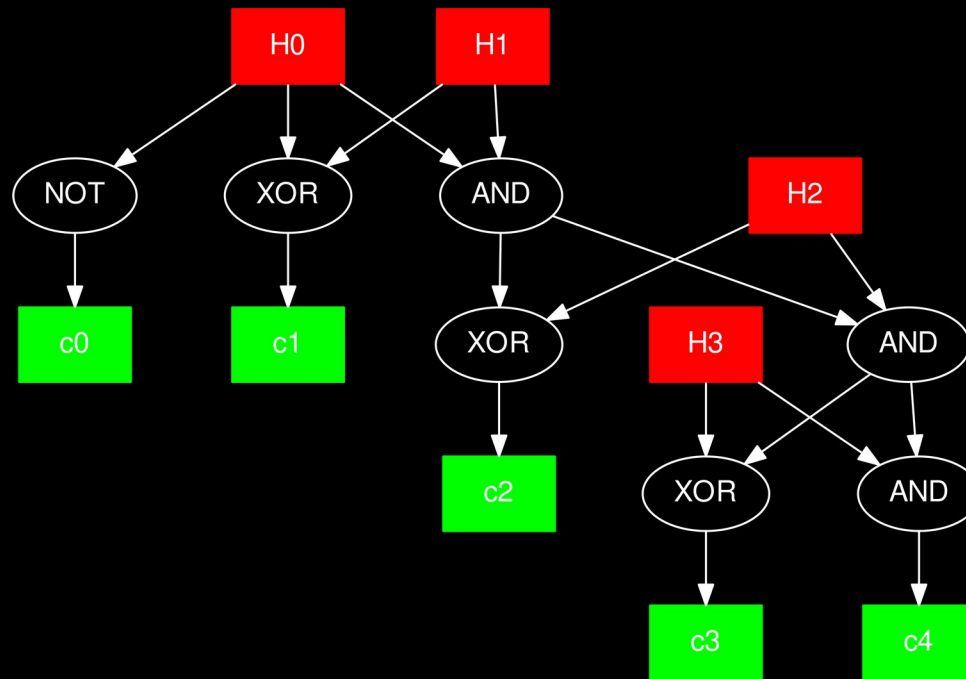
```
int:4 a, b;  
c = a + b;
```

- Optimized, **17** single-gate operations:



```
int:4 a, b;  
b = 1; c = a + b;
```

- Optimized, 7 single-gate operations:

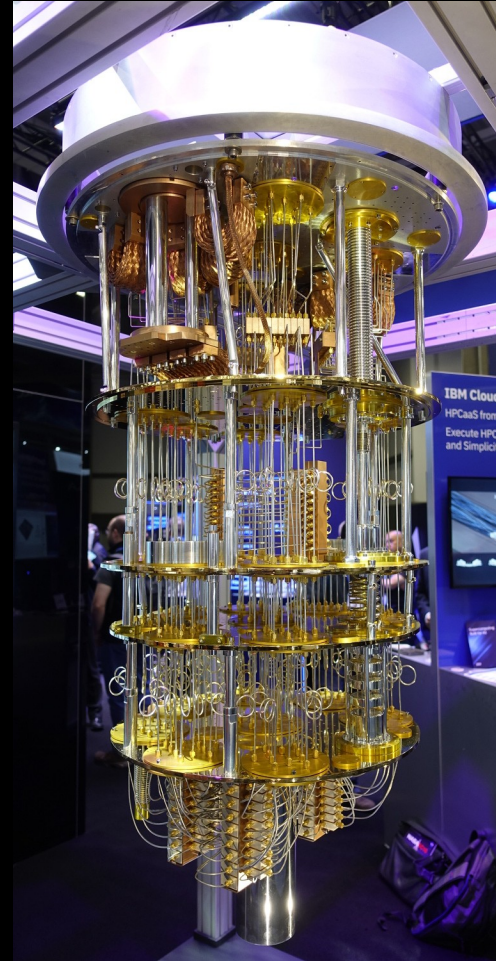
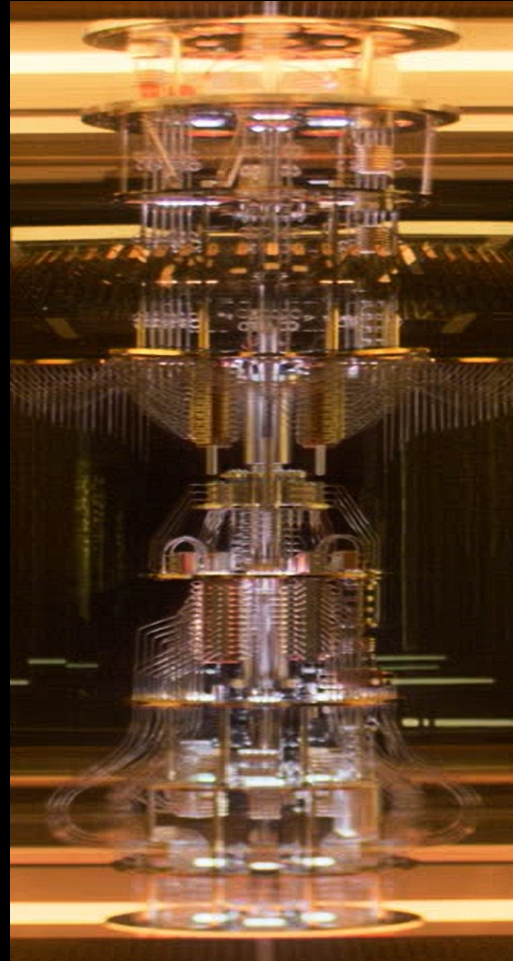



```
int:8 a, b, c;  
a = (c * c) ^ 70;  
a = ((a >> 1) & 1);  
a = b + (c * b) + a;  
a = a + ~(b * (c + 1));
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- About **206,669 gates** unoptimized
- Optimized, it's just **a = 0;**

Quantum Computers?



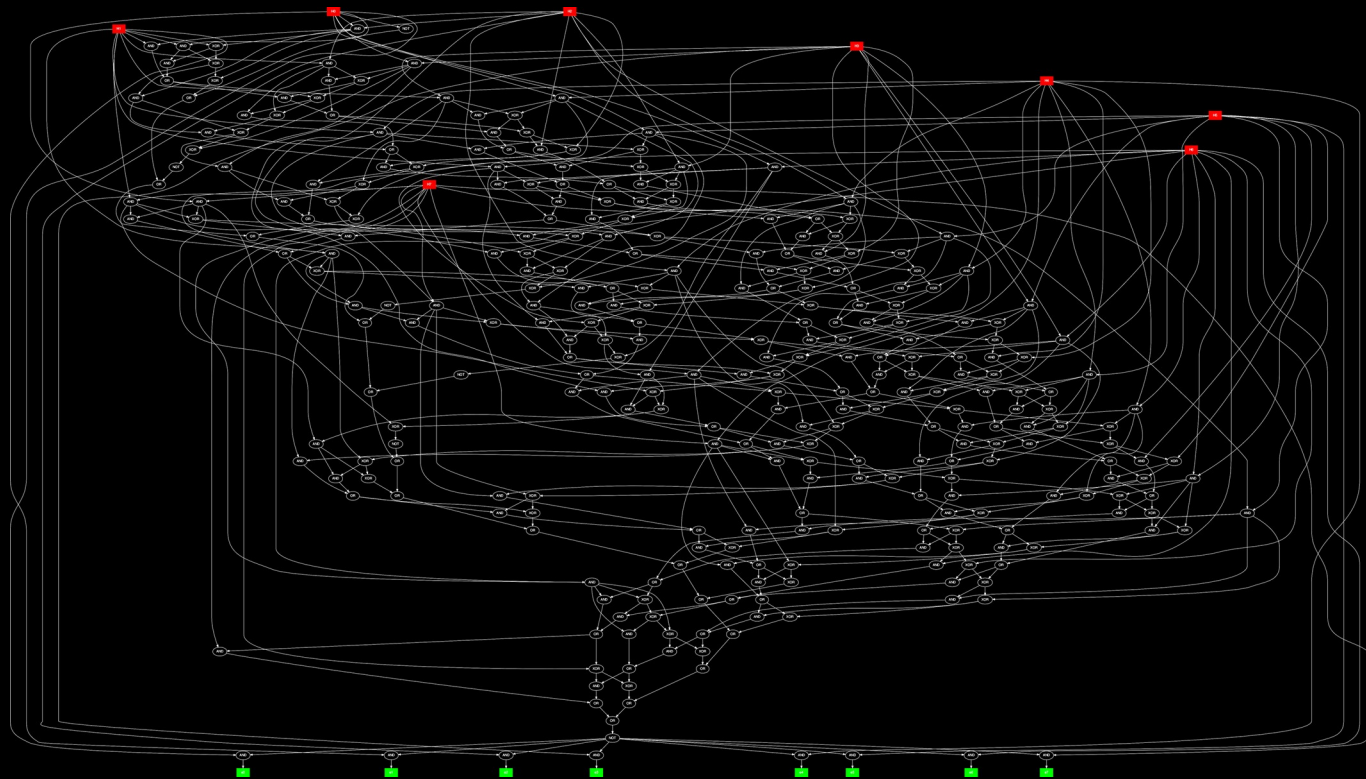
Quantum Computing

Parallel processing *without* parallel hardware.

- **Qubits** instead of bits
 - Each qubit can be 0, 1, or *superposed*
 - A “gate” operates on superposed values
 - *Entangled* qubits maintain values together
 - Measuring a qubit’s value picks 0 or 1
- Quantum computers are **not** the only way to do that: Parallel Bit Pattern computing

An Example: Find `sqrt` (29929)

- **310** single-gate operations:



An Example: Find `sqrt` (29929)

- The complete C program, prints 0 173

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    pbit_init();
    pint a = pint_mk(16, 29929);
    pint b = pint_h(8, 0xff);
    pint c = pint_mul(b, b);
    pint d = pint_eq(c, a);
    pint e = pint_mul(d, b);
    pint_measure(e);
}
```

An Example: factor 15

```

had @0,3      and @30,@9,@23    and @60,@58,@59
had @1,5      and @31,@29,@30    or @61,@49,@60
and @2,@0,@1  xor @32,@15,@16    xor @62,@43,@45
had @3,4      and @33,@13,@23    and @63,@61,@62
and @4,@0,@3  and @34,@32,@33    or @64,@46,@63
had @5,2      xor @35,@29,@30    xor @65,@61,@62
and @6,@5,@1  and @36,@34,@35    xor @66,@58,@59
and @7,@4,@6  or @37,@31,@36    xor @67,@55,@56
and @8,@5,@3  xor @38,@26,@27    xor @68,@53,@54
had @9,1      and @39,@37,@38    xor @69,@32,@33
and @10,@9,@1 and @40,@28,@39    and @70,@13,@3
and @11,@8,@10 xor @41,@22,@24    xor @71,@12,@14
and @12,@9,@3 and @42,@40,@41    and @72,@70,@71
had @13,0     or @43,@25,@42    and @73,@69,@72
and @14,@13,@1 had @44,7      and @74,@68,@73
and @15,@12,@14 and @45,@0,@44    or @75,@74,@74
xor @16,@8,@10 and @46,@43,@45    not @75
and @17,@15,@16 xor @47,@40,@41    or @76,@67,@75
or @18,@11,@17 and @48,@5,@44     or @77,@66,@76
xor @19,@4,@6  and @49,@47,@48    or @78,@65,@77
and @20,@18,@19 xor @50,@37,@38    or @79,@64,@78
or @21,@7,@20 and @51,@9,@44     or @80,@79,@79
and @22,@2,@21 and @52,@50,@51    not @80
had @23,6     xor @53,@34,@35    lex $0,31
and @24,@0,@23 and @54,@13,@44    next $0,@80
and @25,@22,@24 and @55,@53,@54    copy $1,$0
xor @26,@2,@21 xor @56,@50,@51    next $1,@80
and @27,@5,@23 and @57,@55,@56    lex $2,15
and @28,@26,@27 or @58,@52,@57    and $0,$2 ;5
xor @29,@18,@19 xor @59,@47,@48    and $1,$2 ;3

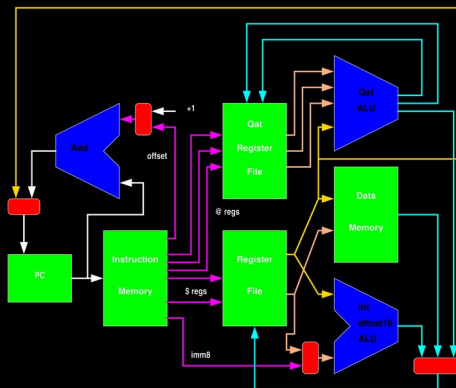
```

```

pint a = pint_mk(4, 15); // a=15
pint b = pint_h(4, 0x0f); // b=0..15
pint c = pint_h(4, 0xf0); // c=0..15
pint d = pint_mul(b, c); // d=b*c
pint e = pint_eq(d, a); // e=(d==a)
pint f = pint_mul(e, b); // make non-factors 0
pint_measure(f); // prints 0, 1, 3, 5, 15

```

Figure 9: Word-level prime factoring of 15.

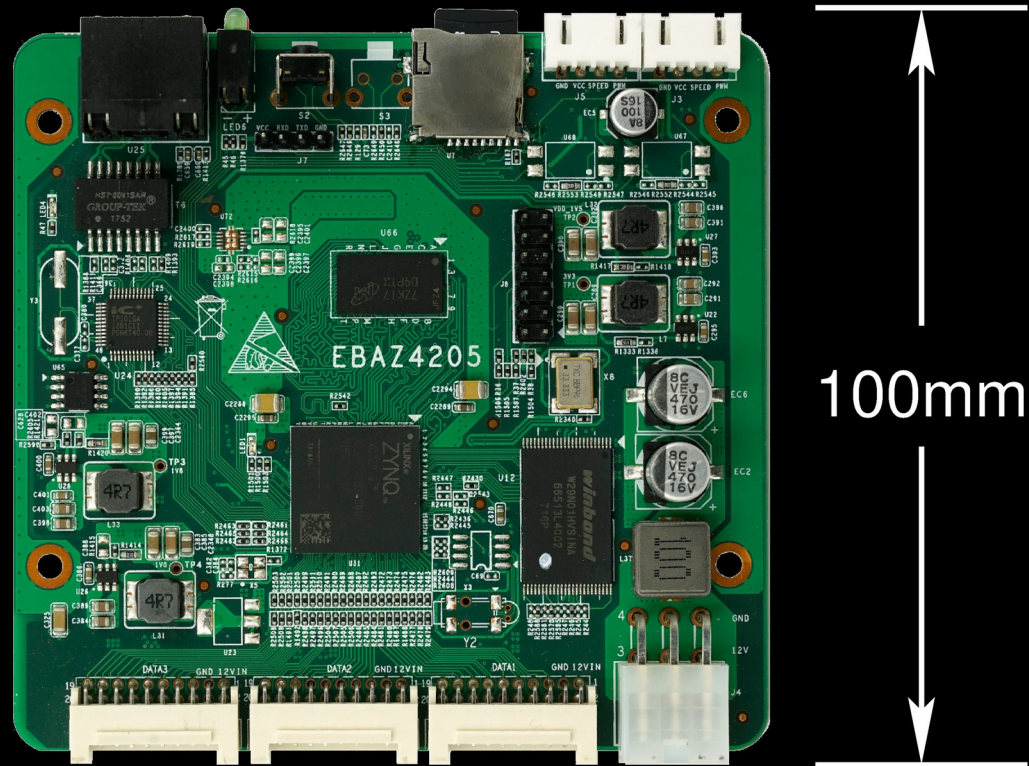


Tangled

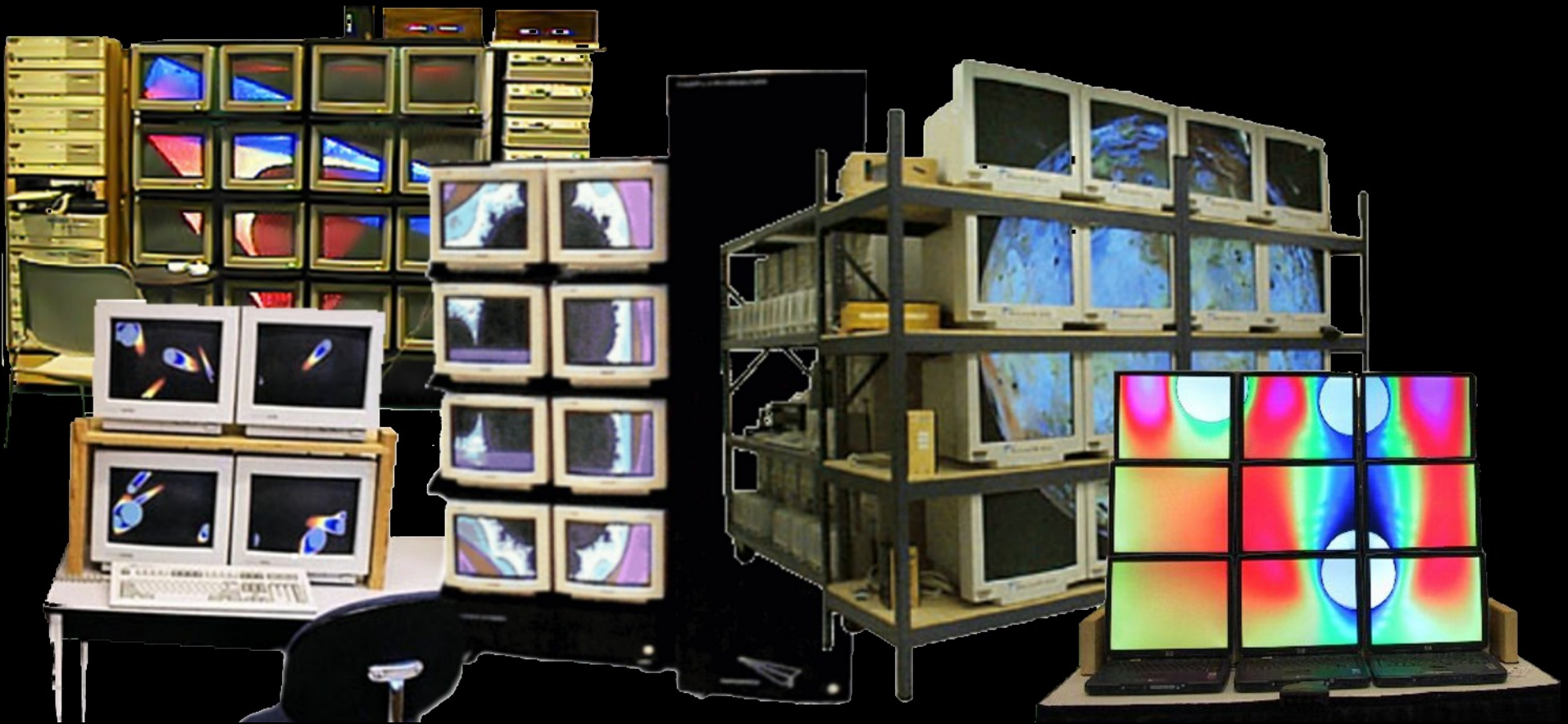
(no, not that one)

Figure 10: Code prime factoring 15 (3 columns).

Our next supercomputer...



Supercomputers Doing New Things



Computational Photography

Cameras as computing systems;
using computation to enhance camera abilities
and / or to process the data captured

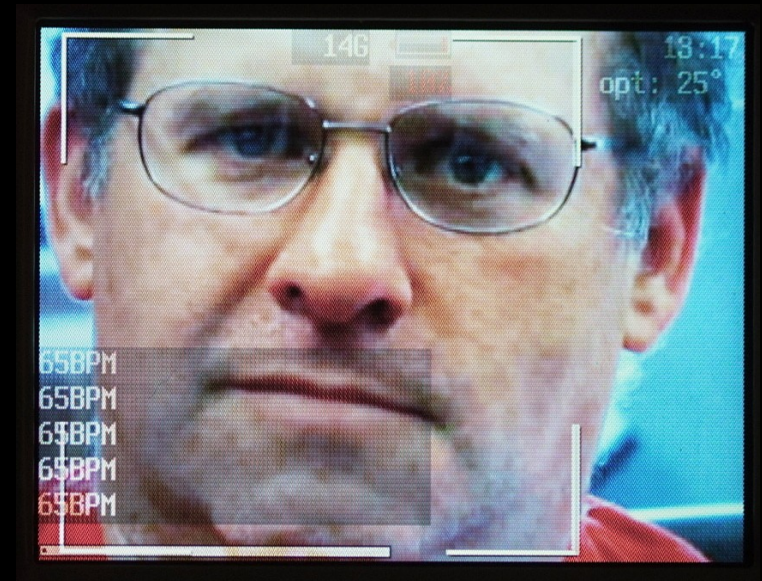
- New camera / sensor / processing models
- Intelligent computer control of capture
- Detection / manipulation of image properties

“Raw” Repair



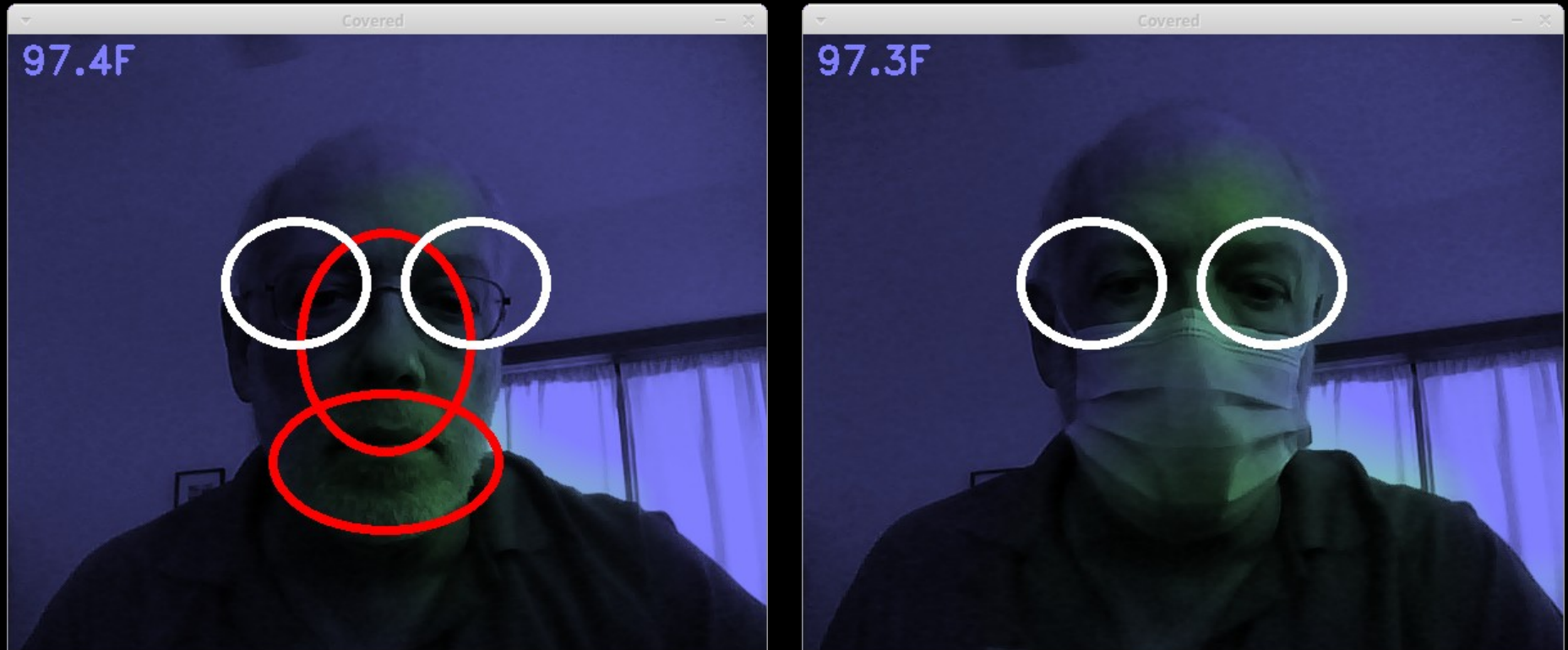
- “Raw” means “uncooked” or “unprocessed”
- Can *credibly* **repair** corrupted data
 - Fuji X10 “white orbs” blooming \Rightarrow **DeOrblt**
 - Sony ARW compression artifacts \Rightarrow **KARWY**
 - Sony ARW PDAF artifacts \Rightarrow **KARWY-SR**

Photoplethysmography



- Reprogrammed a \$100 camera to detect heartbeats by detecting color change

Covered Safe Entry Scanner



- Detect when a mask is being properly worn
- Also thermal imager & contact tracing

TDCI: Time Domain Continuous Imaging

- TDCI representation: a **continuous waveform per pixel**, compressed (mostly) in time domain
- TDCI processing enables:
 - **High dynamic range (HDR)**, improved **SNR**
 - Rendering a **virtual exposure for any time interval** (start time, shutter speed)
 - Rendering a conventional **video at any FPS and shutter angle** (temporal weighting)

TDCI Example



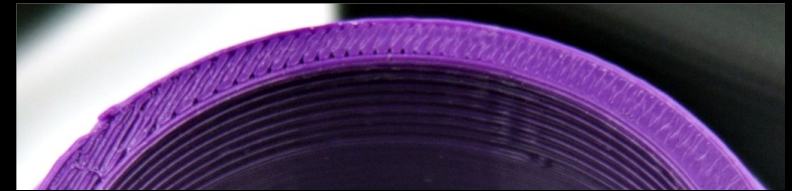
- Video is converted to TDCI, then new frames synthesized... with significantly better quality

FourSee TDCI Camera



- Syncs four reprogrammed PowerShots
- **3D-printed** structure for alignment, etc.

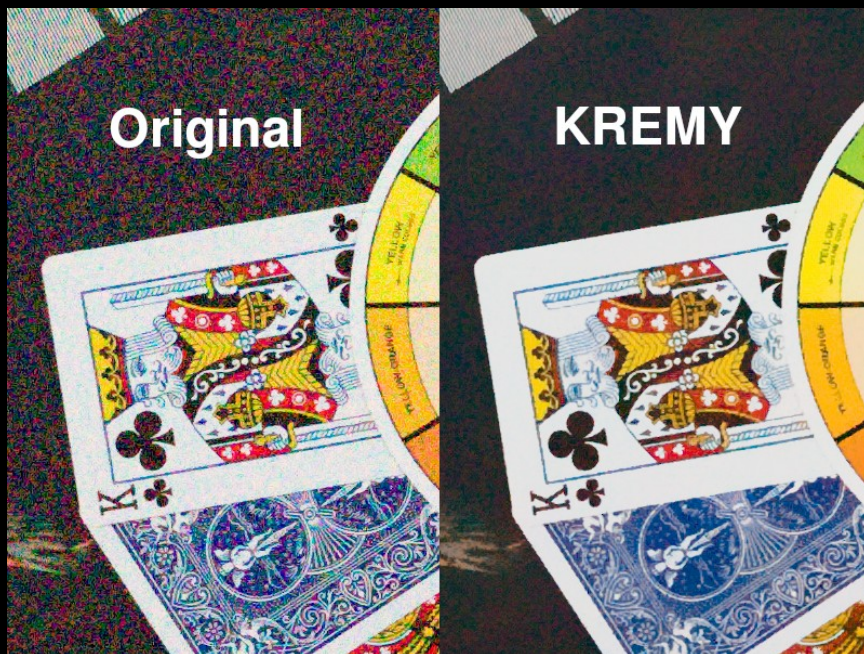
A Custom 3D-Printed Adapter With M42-Compatible Thread



Lens adapter
M42 x 1 mm pitch
to Sony E

On \$180 printer,
0.25mm layers!

Some of our latest work...

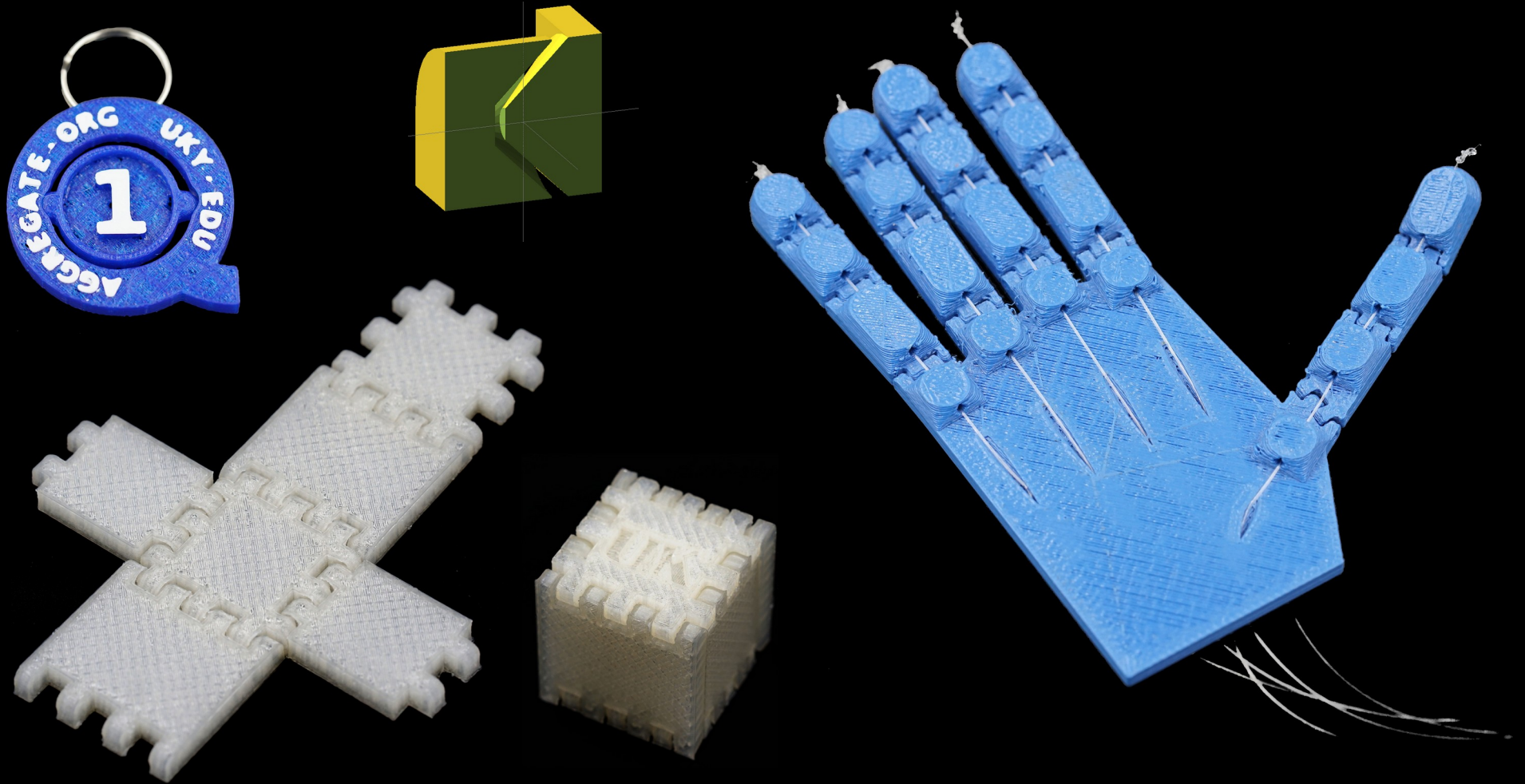


Design For Manufacturability (DFM)

Design product so that it is easy to manufacture.

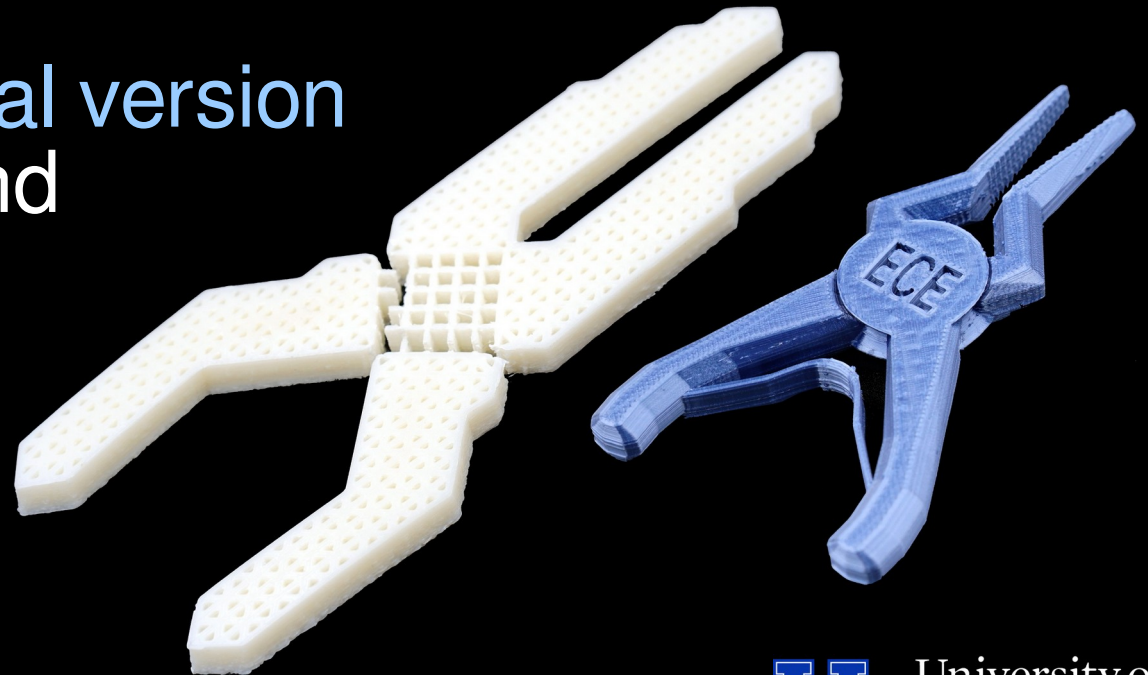
- E.g., **Lego** doesn't easily do **curves**... and most 3D printers don't do **unsupported spans**
- How is this computer engineering?
 - A design is a parametric program (parameterized by machine characteristics)
 - Compiler technology optimizes for DFM

3D-Printed Spanless Hinges



A Fancier DFM Example

- In 2016, researchers at the *Hasso Plattner Institute* made “**metamaterial pliers**”: a single part with stiffness, spring, & bending hinge
- Our metamaterial version has a **spring** and a **spanless hinge** and it works...



You Can Get Involved

- Talk to me, or Paul Eberhart, etc.
- Most stuff is posted at **AGGREGATE . ORG**
- **Quantum computing Education & Research In Kentucky**

