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# **Frontiers of Extreme Computing 2007 Zettaflops Workshop**

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# Acknowledgements

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- **David Womble to introduce workshop**
  - Thank Erik DeBenedictis for being general chair
  - Thank Thomas Sterling for being deputy chair and also for developing the Petaflops workshops 1994 onward
  - Thank Horst for also founding of Zettaflops
  - Acknowledge Sandia/CSRI for producing the workshop
  - Thank organizing committee
    - In alphabetical order, Bill Camp, Candy Culhane, Mike Foster, Jag Shah, Horst Simon, Rick Stevens, Tom Theis, Stan Williams, David Womble
  - Thank financial contributors
    - In order of contribution, Sandia, HP, Intel, DOE/Sc, DARPA, LBL, Cray
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  - Thank speakers and group leads for their extra effort
  - Thank all participants for expending the effort of travel and their time and assure them that we hope to give them a positive return
  - Thank Thomas Sterling in advance for writing the monograph



# History

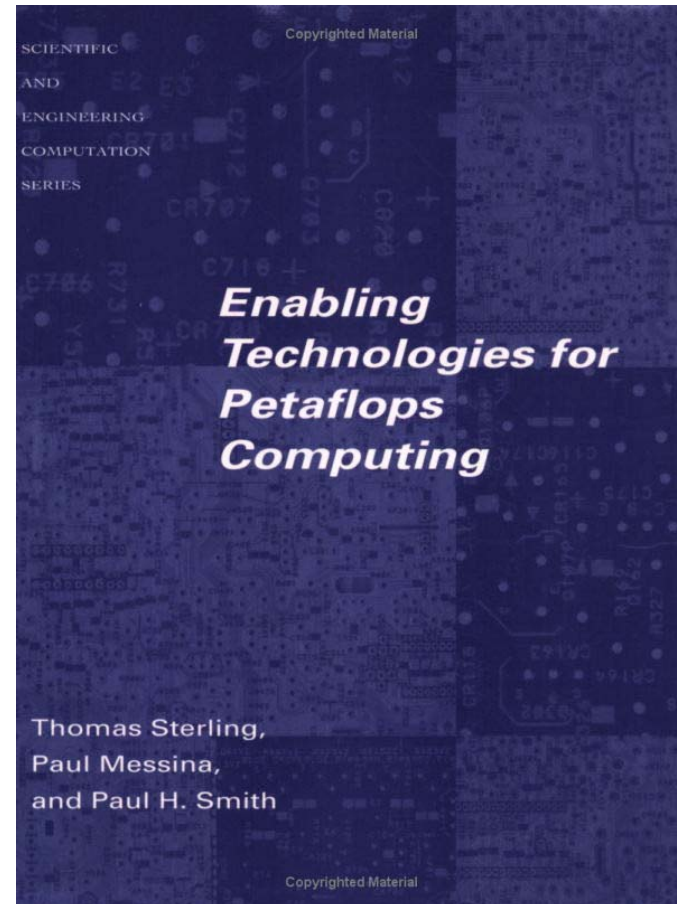
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# History and Book

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- 1994 Petaflops I, Pasadena
- 1999 Petaflops II, Santa Barbara
- 2002 WIMPS, Bodega Bay
- 2005 Zettaflops, Santa Cruz
- 2007 Zettaflops, Santa Cruz
  
- [Note: there were other activities]





# Petaflops/Zettaflops Format

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- **These are interdisciplinary workshops on computation in the future**
  - **Technology is best sold for the benefit of its use to society**
    - **This is an objective of the workshop**
  - **We assemble people representing the self-organized “technology stack” that benefits society through computation, reinforcing our team**



# From Petaflops Workshop 1994

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- **The objectives of the [1994] workshop were to:**
  - **Identify applications that require PetaFLOPS performance and determine their resource demands**
  - **Determine the scope of the technical challenge to achieving effective PetaFLOPS computing**
  - **Identify critical enabling technologies that lead to PetaFLOPS computing capability**
  - **Establish key research issues**
  - **Recommend elements of a near-term research agenda**




# **Continuity and Changes**

## **Petaflops (94→03) to Zettaflops (04→07)**

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- **We all lived out the last decade, buying ever faster PCs**
- **A decade ago, the vision of computation was limited by our imagination because the technology was set to grow exponentially in power over time (Moore's Law)**
- **Moore's Law delivered easy-to-exploit clock rate increases, as well as density increases**
- **In this workshop, we will see somewhat of a reversal**
- **Moore's Law delivers through more parallelism**
- **We will see compelling applications that exceed the ability of technology to execute**
- **Thus, we have this workshop to organize efforts to improve the technology**



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- We have a unique group
  - Broader: Devices through applications
- There are several post-petaflops initiatives approaching Congress
  - Note: I will recommend broadening beyond FLOPS
- Zettaflops is not a part of any such initiative, but we are funded by DOE, DARPA, and have participation by several other Government agencies, and industry
- Action: Leverage our unique breadth by thinking through the key, broad cross-cutting issue of the day
- See if we can support one or more of the advanced computing initiatives, increasing the likelihood of their getting funded
- The cross-cutting issue: how much value to society will result from different computational technology investments

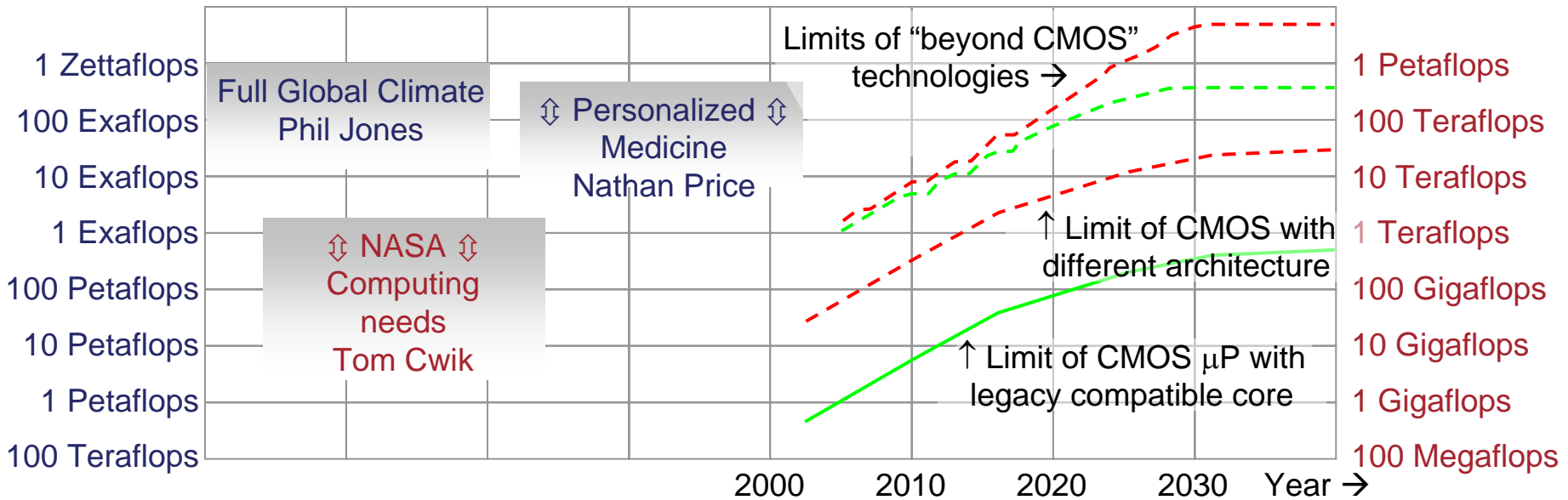
# Objective of Workshop: Fill In Blanks Here

Supercomputer Performance  
(5 MW)

Applications

Technology

Mobile Performance  
(5 W)



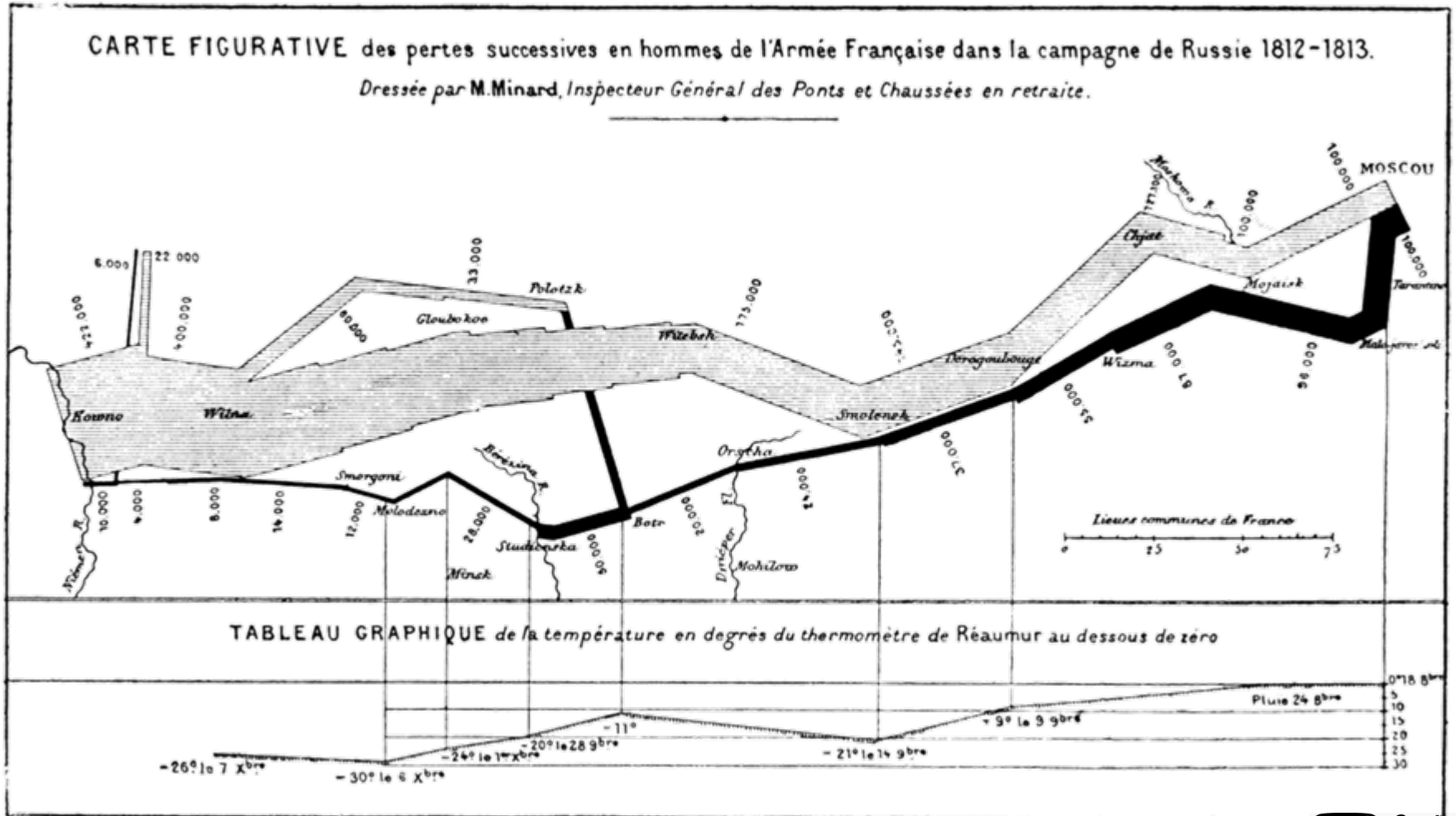


# **Erik's Suggestion for Workshop Output**

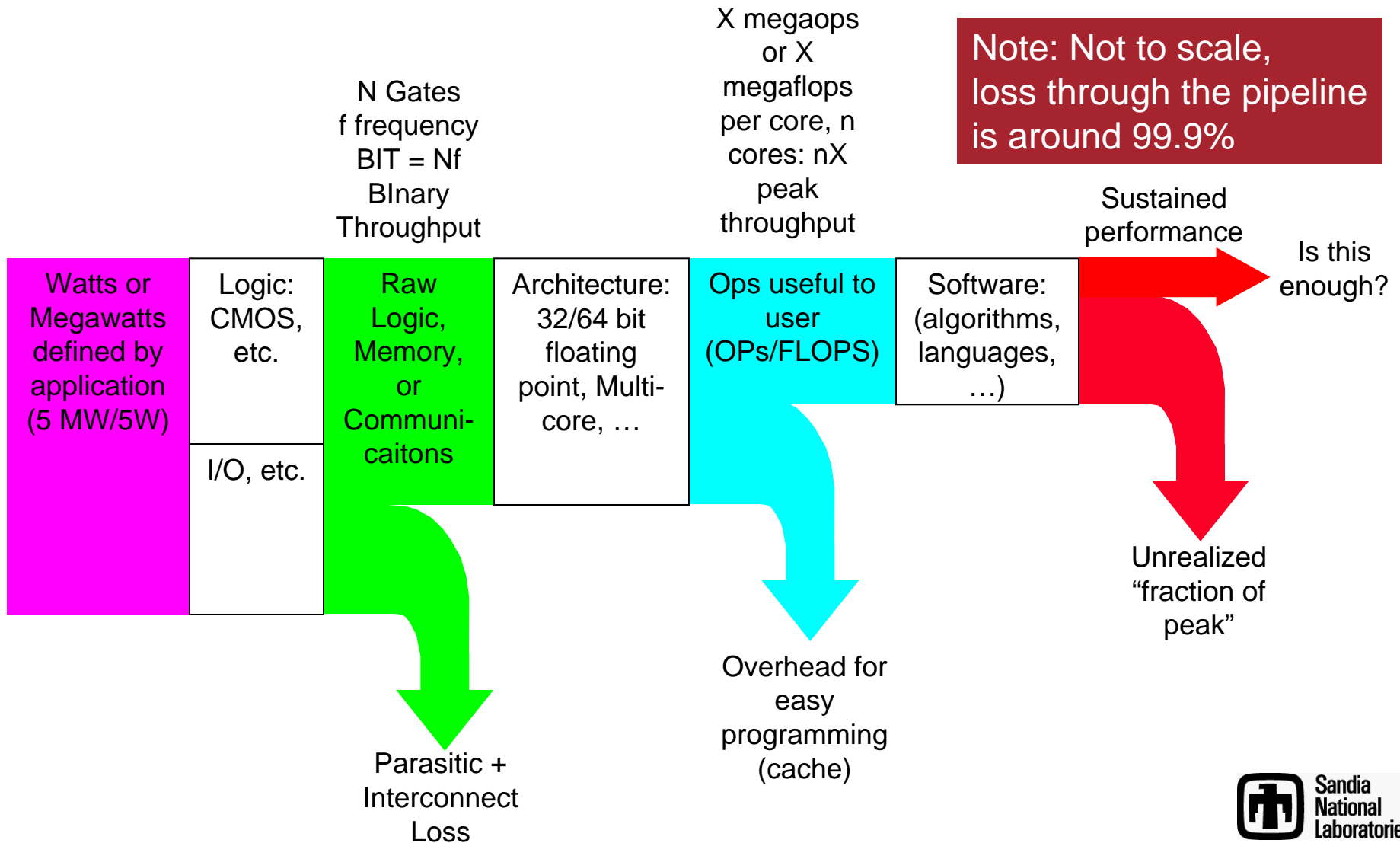
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- **Make proposals for short, medium, long term computation**
- **Suggest applications, software, architecture, and technology that everybody believes is feasible for each timeframe**
- **Such that the technology's capabilities fit the application's requirements**
- **This would appear to be a unique contribution ??**

# The March to Moscow and Back



# The March to an Application



Note: Not to scale, loss through the pipeline is around 99.9%

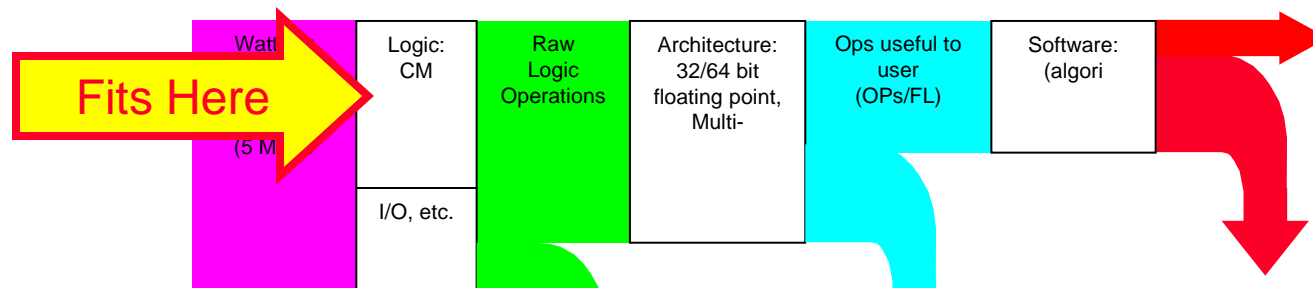


# Monday Speakers

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# Tom Theis

- **Talk Title:** *Prospects for Computing Beyond CMOS Logic*
- **Speaker Title:** Director of Physical Sciences, IBM Yorktown
- **History:** Participated in 2005 Workshop
- **Upside Potential:** Could extend Moore's Law by transition to another device concept, making it easy going for downstream participants





# Horst Simon

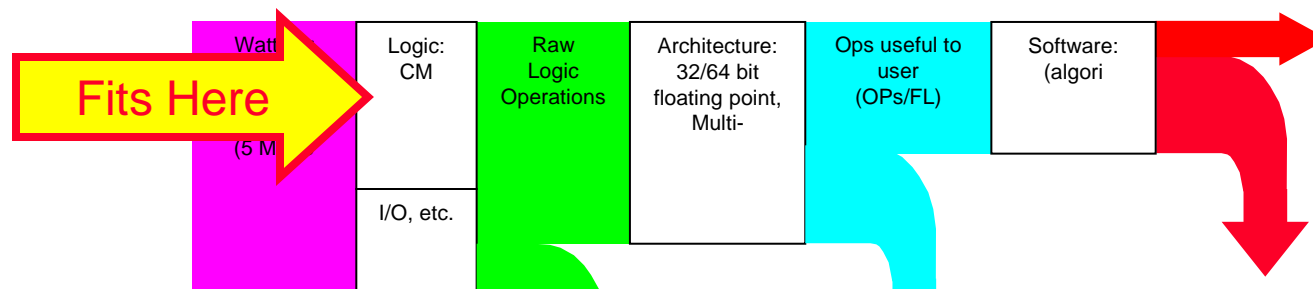
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- **Talk Title: *E3 Exascale Initiative***
- **Speaker Title: Acting community representative**
- **History with Workshop: Zettaflops Founder**
- **Upside Potential: E3 is an exascale initiative currently seeking funding. Both Horst and DOE/Sc are funding this workshop. If the workshop produces a useful output, E3 could see increased prospects of funding.**



# George Bourianoff

- **Talk Title:** *More Moore, More than Moore, beyond CMOS and the ITRS*
- **Speaker Title:** Manager of Emerging Research Technologies, Intel
- **History:** New to Workshop
- **Upside Potential:** Tracking CMOS to ultimate limits (ITRS) and discussion of other devices that may exceed CMOS capabilities

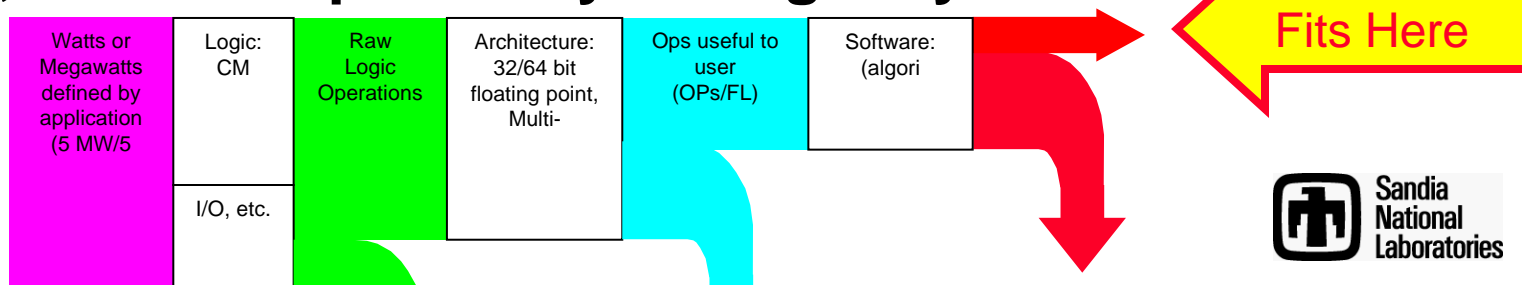




# Phil Jones

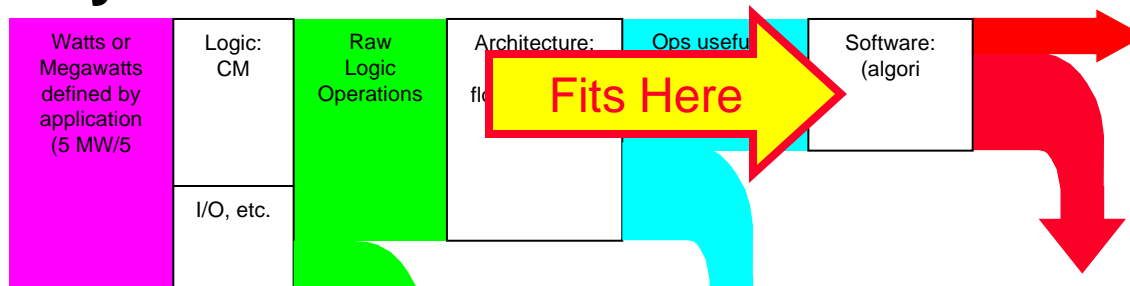
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- **Talk Title:** *Climate Modeling on Future Architectures*
- **Speaker Title:** Scientist, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- **History:** Presented at 2004 Workshop; David Bader presented climate modeling at 2005 workshop
- **Upside Potential:** Science validated by Nobel Prize, address “planetary emergency”



# Thomas Sterling

- **Talk Title:** *Operating Systems for Exascale Computing*
- **Speaker Title:** Endowed Professor, LSU
- **History:** Founded workshop in 1994, continuous participant
- **Upside Potential:** Addresses a layer in the technology stack with a hard job to perform, but with upside potential. Addresses system reliability.





# Horst Simon

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- **Talk Title:** *Challenges to Reaching Exascale Computing Levels*
- **Speaker Title:** Associate Laboratory Director, LBL
- **History:** In 2004, helped found Zettaflops workshop as a follow-on to the Petaflops workshops
- **Upside Potential:**