

On Achieving the Petaflop
(Sung to the tune of the Ode to Joy in Beethoven's Choral Symphony)

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Hectic, hectic apoplectic
Life in the Computer Age

Things start fast
Then go yet faster

Soon we'll reach the final stage

Mega-tasks in nano-seconds
Glad we've achieved the Petaflop^{*}

If we are forced to go yet faster
Things will come to a

Dead

Stop

^{*}) A petaflop is a quadrillion floating point operations per second.