



***IEEE Montana Section  
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## **Reconfigurable Computing & Turing Machines**

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Bob Ray is with NASA's Advanced System Avionics (ASA) project within the Enabling Technology Development and Demonstration (ETDD) program, tasked to 'develop and demonstrate the technologies needed to reduce cost and expand the capability of future space exploration activities.' The ETDD program is involved with small-scale demonstrations in 5 technology areas: 1) In-Situ Resource Utilization, 2) High-Power Electric Propulsion, 3) Autonomous precision landing, 4) Human-robotic collaboration, and 5) Fission power systems. This talk will give an introduction to Turing Machines and discuss their utility in comparing various computing architectures. Dr. Ray will also discuss some of the current tasks within NASA's Advanced System Avionics (ASA) project.

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010**

**General Meeting: 6:00 p.m.**

**Montana State University, 108 EPS  
(Near 7<sup>th</sup> and Grant, South of Cobleigh Hall)  
Free pizza!**

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