Physics of Computation

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The conference brought together about 60 people who believe that physics and computation are interdependent at a fundamental level.

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PART II. Computational Models of Physics

PART III. Physical Models of Computation

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