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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Curriculum Vitae
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Ph. D. in Computer and Communication Sciences — The University of Michigan (October 1977)
Doctor of Physics — University of Rome, Italy (February 1967)

INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE. ACHIEVEMENTS

Information Mechanics. Foundations and physical aspects of computing. Theory of cellular automata. Interconnection complexity, synchronization. Formal models of computation consistent with microscopical physics (uniformity, locality, reversibility, inertia and other conservation principles, variational, relativistic, and quantum aspects of computation). Proved the computation-universality of invertible cellular automata (1977); formulated the conjecture (later proved by Kari) that all invertible cellular automata are structurally invertible (1990). Introduced the "Toffoli gate" (1981), which was later adopted by Feynman and others as the fundamental logic primitive of quantum computation. Proposed, with Fredkin, the first concrete charge-conserving scheme for computation (1980)—an idea that has been taken up by the low-power industry in recent years. Proved that dissipative cellular automata algorithms can be replaced by nondissipative lattice-gas algorithms (2006).

Fungibility of bulk computation; connections between lagrangian action and computation capacity (1998).

Fine-grained architectures for massively parallel computation. Pioneering work on cellular automata machines: design, realization, support, and applications (1982). Development and realization (with Norman Margolus) of cam-8, a fine-grained, indefinitely scalable multiprocessor architecture which embodies the concept of *programmable matter* (1987-1993). Methodology for the use of these architectures in materials science simulations, and in the exploration of a variety of parallel computation schemes. Design and realization of a software engine and development environment for programmable matter (STEP/SIMP), with Ted Bach (2002–2005).

Connections between microscopic dynamical processes and macroscopic phenomenology. Discrete models of processes traditionally described in continuous terms; pioneered the idea of lattice-gas hydrodynamics (1985). Correspondence principles bewteen microscopic combinatorics and macroscopic computational properties; emergent computation. Physical modeling approaches that take advantage of massively parallel, fine-grained computational resources. Certain aspects of neural networks.

Image manipulation and three-dimensional rendering based on fine-grained autonomous dynamics (1995). Servoing of microscopic dynamics to pattern recognition (*simulated staining*, *texture-locked loops*).

Knowledge engineering. As part of an effort aimed at developing a Knowledge Engineering curriculum, created a new graduate course, "Personal Knowledge Engineering," now in the BU catalog. Launched a broad initiative, called *A Knowledge Home*, which aims to make it possible for *ordinary* people to effectively use the computer to expand their *personal* capabilities—an extension of *literacy*. The strategy is to develop an integrated suite of cultural and computer resources and a pilot community for its support and dissemination. Working on a book, *A Knowledge Home—The computer a kingdom for the individual*. Collaboration with the BU Earlab project on Knowledge Engineering (2002–2006).

Brief curriculum

1961 B.A., Liceo-Ginnasio VIRGILIO, Rome, Italy.

1965 Scholarship from National Health Institute, Rome, Italy: digital electronics, measurement, and measurement processing.

1967 Doctor of Physics, University of Rome, Italy, with a thesis on "A wide-angle directional detector of cosmic-ray muons, utilizing the Čerenkov effect."

1969 Fulbright–Hays scholarship. Research on self-replicating programs and structures, Case Institute of Technology.

1970 Research and Ph. D. program in the Comp. Comm. Sci. Dept., The University of Michigan. Teaching Fellowships and Research Assistantships from said department.

1972 Five-year contract as Research Associate at the Institute for the Applications of Computation, National Research Council, Rome, Italy. Design methodology for computer models of large water-resource systems. Techniques for interactive model construction and treatment. Special-purpose compilers. Image processing in problems of landscape contour. Techniques for branch-and-bound optimization. Identification of optimal data structures for operations research problems.

1975 Contract renewed for five years as Full Researcher. Structural manipulation of nonlinear optimization models. Consulting work for the School of Water Resources Management, Catania, Italy, and the Italian National Electricity Agency (ENEL).

1976 Resumed doctoral program at The University of Michigan. Research on uniform dynamical systems, cellular automata, reversible computation, and physical aspects of computation.

1977 Ph. D. in Computer and Communication Science, The University Michigan, with a thesis on "Cellular Automata Mechanics."

1978 Research Associate at the MIT Laboratory for Computer Science. Reversible computation, conservative logic, semi-intelligent control.

1981 Organization of the "Physics of Computation" conference," MIT Endicott House (1981).

1982 Design and construction of SQUARELAND, a high-performance cellular automata machine. Artificial intelligence techniques in robotics and control. Organization of the "First Information Mechanics Workshop," BVI.

1983 Design and construction of improved cellular automata machines (CAM2, CAM3, CAM4). Nondissipative computation in classical and quantum systems. Modeling of differential equations by combinatorial processes. Organization of an interdisciplinary workshop on "Cellular Automata," Los Alamos National Laboratories. Consulting for DEC and IBM.

1984 Physical modeling by cellular automata. Production of CAM5. Organization of the "Second Information Mechanics Workshop," BVI.

1985–86 Work on the generalization to an information mechanical context of physical concepts such as temperature, energy, and action. Design, development, and supervision of the commercial production of CAM6—a high-performance cellular automata machine intended as an integrated laboratory for cellular automata experimentation. Initial design of CAM7, a large three-dimensional cellular automata multiprocessor. Lattice-gas models of fluid dynamics.

1986 Principal Research Scientist at the MIT Laboratory for Computer Science. Book: *Cellular Automata Machines—A new environment for modeling* (with Norman Margolus). Organization of the "Cellular Automata '86" conference (with Charles Bennett and Stephen Wolfram).

1987–88 Theoretical work on statistical mechanics and relativity in a cellular-automaton context. Functional design of CAM8—a large cellular automata mutiprocessor for Tera-events/sec.

1989 Three-year contract with DARPA for the final design and construction of CAM8, in collaboration with Norman Margolus. System and chip design, simulation, and testing.

1992 First operational CAM8 units. Collaborations with various groups on applications of the CAM8 architecture (meteorology, real-time 3D image manipulation and rendering, digital simulation).

1993 Further work on CAM8 applications. New three-year contract with ARPA for research on "Nanoscale Parallel Computation." Organization (with Bennett, Penrose, and Zurek) of a "Quantum Computation" workshop.

1994 New three-year contract with ARPA on "CAM8: Moving Toward Ultimate Computation" (with PI N. Margolus). Development of general techniques for three-dimensional modeling in CAM8: (a) simulation of continuous, long-range forces by integration of impulses; (b) "space-time crystallography," or rational register-allocation criteria in discrete lattice models. Development of basic image-processing techniques in the CAM8 environment: optimal contrast enhancement, 3D rotations by shears. Organization of a second workshop on "Quantum Computation."

1995 Appointed Research Associate Professor in the Electrical, Computer and Systems Department, Boston University. Co-organizer of a third workshop on "Quantum Computation" (Turin, June 1995).

1996 General Chairman of the "Fourth Workshop on Physics and Computation," Boston University, 22–24 Nov. 1996. Co-organizer of a fourth workshop on "Quantum Computation" (Turin, June 1997). Research in Programmable Matter (device physics, architectures, and software methodology aimed at exploiting atomic scale computational resources). A new course on "Hands-on embedded microcomputers."

1997 Started a research group on "Programmable Matter," with two graduate students, with partial support from a new grant from the Institute for Scientific Interchange, Turin, Italy and an older NSF grant. Contract with MIT Press for a book, *Introduction to Programmable Matter*. Co-organizer of a fifth workshop on "Quantum Computation" (Turin, June 1997).

1998 A new approach to the quantification of computational resources: *computation capacity* and its connections with Lagrangian action (a combinatorial justification of the variational principles of mechanics). Co-organizer of a sixth workshop on "Quantum Computation" (Turin, June 1998). Launch of the *Personal Knowledge Structuring* initiative with an invited address at the "History and culture in technology" conference in Turin, Italy. A number of pilot projects in this context.

1999 Exploration of concepts, contact, and fund-seeking for the knowledge structuring (personal and corporate) program. Design of a syllabus for a proposed course in Knowledge Structuring. First attempts to characterize a departmental effort in *knowledge engineering*.

2000 Appointed Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Cycle of lectures at ISI (Turin, Italy) on "Knowledge Structuring: The substance of Information Technology."

2001 Definition of the Knowledge Home initiative: motivation, approach, and agenda. Preparation for a charter workshop; probing and canvassing for interest and support. Further development of the STEP/SIMP integrated environment for cellular automata and lattice gas modeling.

2002 Organized and ran the charter workshop "Knowledge Home 2002," under the sponsorship of ISI, Turin, to publicly present the Knowledge Home initiative and gage its reception; collected consensus and offers of serious support. Started a collaboration with the Earlab Project (Biomedical Engineering), with the aim to contribute knowledge engineering expertise and discipline to the project.

2003 Work on the maximum speed of quantum gates, with L. Levitin. Miniworkshop on the Knowledge Home in Trento, Italy. Designed a new graduate course, "Personal Knowledge Engineering."

2004 Teaching again the new course, now in the BU catalog as SC726. Proposal writing in the Personal Knowledge Engineering area. Work on the foundations of quantum mechanics.

2005 Launch of the STEP/SIMP platform for

cellular automata and lattice gases. Continuing collaboration with the Earlab project, with the goal to systematize and partially automate the classification of neurons and their interconnections, especially in the auditory system.

2006 Collaboration with Lev Levitin on the thermodynamics of computation. In collaboration with the University of Rome, breakthrough on a problem concerning the replaceability of dissipative cellular automata algorithms by nondissipative lattice-gas algorithms.

Scientific societies

1. Member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society of North America.
2. Senior Member IEEE, and member of IEEE Computer Society.
3. Member of the Mathematical Association of America.

Editorial and scientific boards

1. Member of the editorial board of *Journal of Cellular Automata*.
2. Member of the editorial board of the journal *Complex Systems*.
3. Member of the editorial board of the on-line journal *InterJournal*.
4. Member of the editorial board of the *International Journal of Unconventional Computing*.
5. Member of the scientific board of the *New England Complex Systems Institute*.

Patents and disclosures

1. "Three-dimensional interconnect having stacking modules with orthogonal geometry" (invention disclosure, 24 March 1997).
2. "Multidimensional Cellular Data Array Processing System which Separately Permutes Stored Data Elements and Applies Transformation Rules to Permuted Elements" (inventorship in the name of N. Margolus, rights to MIT, inventor's royalties to be shared between N. Margolus and T. Toffoli)
3. "A high-performance cellular automata machine" (licensing rights transferred to MIT in exchange for a more favorable royalty-sharing contract, 1986).

M.S. and Ph.D. advisees

1. Ahmad Katerji, working on a PhD thesis on the "Stuctured display of neurological database information."
2. Ted Bach, achieved PhD in 2006 with a thesis on "A rational framework for programmable matter."
3. Zac Walton, achieved a PhD in 2004 with a thesis on "Noise-immune entangled-photon quantum cryptography."
4. Brian Rossa, left for employement with Lockheed–Martin in 2004 after one term in the PhD Program.
5. Lan Hu, achieved an MS in 2003.
6. Lee Lichtenstein, achieved an MS in 2003.

Research grants

2006	Share in a Biomedical Engineering grant	NIH	$56,000
2005	Share in a Biomedical Engineering grant	NIH	$56,000
2004	Share in a Biomedical Engineering grant	NIH	$56,000
2003	Share in a Biomedical Engineering grant	NIH	$53,000
2002	Share in a Biomedical Engineering grant	NIH	$53,000
2000	Personal Knowledge Structuring	ISI	$50,000
1999	Programmable Matter Methods	DOE	≈ $340,000
1999	Personal Knowledge Structuring	ISI	$14,000
1997	Paths to Programmable Matter	ISI	$25,000
1995/97	Information Mechanics	NSF	$180,000
1994	Nanoscale Parallel Computation	DARPA	$670,000
1992/95	CAM8 (Renewals and extensions, with N. Margolus)	DARPA	≈ $180,000
1989/91	CAM8: A Uniform, Scalable, General-Purpose Cellular Automata Architecture for Tera-events/sec	DARPA	$2,809,300
1987	Cellular automata algorithms	IBM	≈ $80,000
1983/85	Information Preserving Models of Physics and Computation	DOE	$330,000
1982/84	Information Preserving Dynamics	NSF	≈ $300,000
1980	Design principles for achieving high-performance submicron digital technologies (with E. Fredkin as PI)	DARPA	≈ $90,000

Teaching

Boston University

2006/07 SC450 Microprocessors.
EK130 Introduction to Engineering: Memorable experiments.
SC726 Personal Knowledge Engineering

2005/06 SC450 Microprocessors.
EK130 Introduction to Engineering: Memorable experiments.
SC700 Personal Knowledge Engineering Projects

2004/05 SC450 Microprocessors.
EK130 Introduction to Engineering: Memorable experiments.
SC910 Project (design of a hovercraft).

2003/04 SC450 Microprocessors.
EK130 Introduction to Engineering: Memorable experiments.
SC726 Personal Knowledge Engineering.

2002/03 SC450 Microprocessors.
SC700 Personal Knowledge Engineering.

2001/02 SC450 Microprocessors.
SC700 How to make a computer language.

2000/01 SC450 Microprocessors.

1997/98 SC451 Directed study.
SC466 Senior Project.

1996/97 EK130 Introduction to Engineering: Hands-on microcontrollers.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1981 Information mechanics

1979 Structure and evaluation of computer programs.

1978 Introduction to microcomputers.

Institute for Scientific Interchange, Turin, Italy

2000 Cycle of lectures on "Knowledge Structuring: The substance of Information Technology."

Math. Department, University of Cosenza, Italy

1991 Fine-grain parallel computation (cycle of 10 seminars).

The University of Michigan

1976 Theory of automata.

1975 Found. computer and communication science.

1970, 1975 Introduction to computer programming.

School for water resources manag., Catania, Italy

1974 Introduction to Operations Research.

Publications

Books

1. Toffoli, Tommaso, *Programmable Matter: An introduction*, MIT Press (in preparation).
2. Toffoli, Tommaso, and Norman Margolus, *Cellular Automata Machines—A New Environment for Modeling*, MIT Press 1987, 259 pp.; translated into Russian as *Mashiny Kletochnykh Avtomatov*, Izdatelstvo "Mir" 1991, 279 pp.
3. Califano, Andrea, Norman Margolus, and Tommaso Toffoli, *CAM-6 User's Guide*, Automatrix, Inc., P.O. Box 196, Rexford, NY 12148-0196, 1987, 259 pp.

Proceedings editor

1. Toffoli, Tommaso, (ed.), *Digital Perspectives*, proceedings of an NSF (Washington) conference, special issue of *Int. J Theor. Phys.*, **42**:2 (Feb 2003).
2. Toffoli, Tommaso, and Michael Biafore (ed.), *Physics and Computation 1996*, North–Holland 1998.
3. Toffoli, Tommaso, Michael Biafore, and João Leão (eds.), *PhysComp96*, New England Complex Systems Institute 1996, vi+338.
4. Gruska, Josef, Tommaso Toffoli, Hiroshi Umeo and Roland Vollmar (eds.), *Cellular Automata*, Dagstuhl–Seminar 9510, March 1995, Schloss Dagstuhl, Saarbrücken, Germany.
5. Bennett, Charles, Tommaso Toffoli, and Stephen Wolfram (eds.), "Cellular Automata '86 Conference," Tech. Memo MIT/LCS/TM-317, MIT Lab. for Comp. Sci. (December 1986), reprinted in *Complex Systems* **1**:1/2 (1987).
6. Farmer, Doyne, Tommaso Toffoli, and Stephen Wolfram (ed.), *Cellular Automata*, North–Holland 1984, 246 pp.
7. Landauer, Rolf, Edward Fredkin, and Tommaso Toffoli (eds.), *Physics of Computation*, proceedings of an MIT (Endicott House) conference, special issues of *Int. J Theor. Phys.*, **21**:3/4, **21**:6/7, and **21**:12 (1982).

Papers in refereed journals; book chapters; articles in scientific encyclopedias

1. Levitin, B Lev, and Tommaso Toffoli, "The fundamental limit on the rate of quantum dynamics: the unified bound is tight," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **103**, 160502 (2009).
2. Capobianco, Silvio, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Dissipative CA computation without power sources?" *J Cellular Automata*, in press, to appear presumably in vol. **5** (early 2010).
3. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Lattice-gas vs cellular automata: the whole story at last," *J Cellular Automata*, in press, to appear presumably in vol. **5** (early 2010).
4. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Conceptual background for the QUAD Prize," *J Cellular Automata*, in press, to appear presumably in vol. **5** (early 2010).
5. Toffoli, Tommaso, Silvio Capobianco, and Patrizia Mentrasti, "When—and how—can a cellular automaton be rewritten as a lattice gas?" *Theoretical Computer Science* **403** (2008), 71–88.
6. Levitin, B Lev, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Thermodynamic cost of reversible computing," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 110502 (2007).
7. Levitin, Lev, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Energy dissipation in reversible computing," *The 8th Int. Conf. on Quantum Communication, Measurement, and Computing*, MICT and Tamagawa University, Japan, Dec 2006, p.60.
8. Levitin, Lev, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Thermodynamical cost of reversible computing," *2006 IEEE Int. Symp. on Information Theory*, IEEE 2006 (ISBN: 1-4244-0504-1), 2082–2084.
9. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Foreword" to Gregg Jaeger's *Quantum Information: an overview*, Springer 2006, 3–5.
10. Toffoli, Tommaso, and Lev B Levitin, "Specific ergodicity: An informative indicator for invertible computational media," *Computing Frontiers '05*, ACM 2005, 52–58.
11. Levitin, Lev B, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Thermodynamical cost of reversible computing," *Computing Frontiers '05*, ACM 2005, 445–446.
12. Levitin, Lev B., and Tommaso Toffoli, "Information between quantum systems via POVMs," *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **44**:11 (Nov 2005), 1987–1992.
13. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Cellular automata," *Encyclopedia of Physics* (Rita Lerner and George Trigg eds.), 3rd edition, Wiley–VCH 2005. 258–261.
14. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Computation: The lego of physics," in *TRG: On Transient Realities and Their Generators*, FoAM (in close cooperation with "Time's Up," Austria, and "Kibla," Slovenia), Brussels 2006, Linz 2005, ISBN: 9081073338, 130–180.

15. Levitin, Lev, Tommaso Toffoli, and Zac Walton, "Information and distinguishability of ensembles of identical quantum states," *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **44** (2005), 965–970.

16. Levitin, Lev B., and Tommaso Toffoli, "Mutual information in quantum systems," in *Quantum Communication, Measurement, and Computing*, (Stephen Barnett, Osamu Hirota, et al. ed.), American Institute of Physics 2004, 29–31.

17. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Nothing makes sense in computing except in the light of evolution," *Int. J Unconventional Computing* **1** (2004), 3–29. Lead article in the premiere issue.

18. Toffoli, Tommaso, Patrizia Mentrasti, and Silvio Capobianco, "A new inversion scheme, or how to turn second-order cellular automata into lattice gases," *Theor. Comp. Sci.* **325** (2004), 329–344.

19. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Honesty in inference," review of ET Jaynes' book *Probability Theory: The Logic of Science*, in *Am. Scientist* **92** (2004), 182–185.

20. Toffoli, Tommaso, "A pedestrian's introduction to spacetime crystallography," *IBM J Res. & Dev.* **48**:1 (Jan 2004), 13–29.

21. Levitin, Lev, Tommaso Toffoli, and Zac Walton, "Operation time of quantum gates," in *Quantum Commmunication, Measurement and Computing* (J Schapiro and O Hirota, eds.), Rinton 2003, 457–459.

22. Levitin, Lev, Tommaso Toffoli, and Zac Walton, "Maximum speed of quantum gate operation," *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **44** (2005), 965–970.

23. Toffoli, Tommaso, "On a plucked string," *College Math. J* **34** (2003), 390–393.

24. Toffoli, Tommaso, "What is the Lagrangian counting?" *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **42** (2003), 363–381.

25. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Digital Perspective and the quest for substrate-universal behaviors," *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **42** (2003), 147–151.

26. Toffoli, Tommaso, "A man and his computer: An issue of adaptive fitness and personal statisfaction," *Unconventional Models of Computation* (CS Calude et al., eds.), Springer–Verlag 2002, 87–99.

27. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Symbol Super Colliders," in *Collision Based Computing* (Andrew Adamatzky ed.), Springer 2002, 1–23.

28. Fredkin, Edward, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Design principles for submicron digital technologies" (from a seminal 1978 darpa proposal), in *Collision Based Computing* (Andrew Adamatzky ed.), Springer 2002, 27–46.

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30. Toffoli, Tommaso, and Ted Bach, "A common language for 'programmable matter' (cellular automata and all that)," *AI*IA Notizie* (Bulletin of the Italian Artificial Intelligence Association) **14**:2 (June 2001), 32.

31. Levitin, Lev B., Tom Toffoli, and Zac *Walton*, "Information and distance in Hilbert space," in *Quantum, Communication, Measurement and Computing 3* (O Hirota and P Tombesi, eds.), Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers 2001, 19–25.

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33. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Programmable matter methods," *Future Generation Computer Systems* **16** (1999), 187–201

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36. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Action, or the fungibility of computation," *Feynman and Computation: Exploring the limits of computers* (Anthony Hey ed.), Perseus 1998, 348–392.

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39. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Three-dimensional rotations by three shears," *Graphical Models and Image Processing* **59** (1997), 89–96.

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41. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Cellular automata," *The Handbook of Brain Theory and Neural Networks* (Michael Arbib, ed.), MIT Press 1995, 166–169.

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45. Toffoli, Tommaso, review of *Complex System Dynamics* (G Weisbuch), *Am. Scientist* **80** (1992), 500-501.

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47. Smith, Mark, Yaneer Bar–Yam, Y Rabin, B Ostrovsky, S Glotzer, H Stanley, C Bennett, N Margolus, and T Toffoli, "Parallel Processing Simulation of Polymers," in *Computational Polymer Science* 1992.

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52. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Frontiers in Computing," in *Information Processing* (GX Ritter ed.), North–Holland 1989, 1.

53. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Four topics in lattice gases: Ergodicity; Relativity; Information flow; and Rule compression for parallel lattice-gas machines," in *Discrete Kinetic Theory, Lattice Gas Dynamics and Foundations of Hydrodynamics* (R Monaco ed.), World Scientific 1989, 343–354.

54. Bennett, Charles H, Norman Margolus, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Bond-energy variables for Ising spin-glass dynamics," *Phys. Rev. B* **37** (1988), 2254.

55. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Information Transport Obeying the Continuity Equation," *IBM J Res Develop* **32**:1 (Jan. 1988), 29–36.

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57. Toffoli, Tommaso, Norman Margolus, and R Fiorini, "Macchine ad automi cellulari," *PIXEL* **8**:9 (Sep 1987), 23–32.

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65. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Physics and Computation," *Int. J Theor. Phys.* **21** (1982), 165–175.

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Papers in refereed proceedings

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2. Toffoli, Tommaso, "Lattice gases vs cellular automata: the whole story at last," Automata 2008 Bristol, 12–14 June 2008.

3. Levitin, Lev B, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Orthogonalization time revisited," The 9th Conference on Quantum Structures, QS2008, July 2008, Sopot, Poland.

4. Toffoli, Tommaso, and Lev B Levitin, "Specific ergodicity: An informative indicator for invertible computational media," to appear in *First Int. Workshop of Reversible Computing*, ACM Computing Frontiers conference, Ischia, Italy, May 4–6, 2005.

5. Levitin, Lev B, and Tommaso Toffoli, "Thermodynamical cost of reversible computing," accepted for *First Int. Workshop of Reversible Computing*, ACM Computing Frontiers conference, Ischia, Italy, May 4–6, 2005.

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