

## Thoughts on Unconventional Computing: Preface

There is no strict definition of unconventional computing. Being an unconventional computist is not a matter of training but thinking and living. Phenomenologically most works on unconventional computing are about implementation of computing in novel substrates (chemical, physical, biological), development of computing schemes and algorithms not fitting into the mainstream framework, or designing of computing architectures inspired by chemical or biological systems. This special issue of LINKs gives a snapshot of the unconventional computing field. Articles presented are punchy and well illustrated.

I don't feel there is a need to introduce each article because they all are short and self-contained and as well can be seen as extended abstracts or essays of the authors research profiles. All articles of the issue are authored by the world-leading experts in the field. The issue will serve well as a light-touch introduction to unconventional computing for people not familiar with computing and might inspire artists and humanitarians to enter the field.

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