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now established Elementary Cellular Automata to the unconventional

concept of mining the Computational Universe, from today's widespread Wolfram's Behavioural Classification to his principles of Irreducibility and Computational Equivalence. This volume, with a Foreword by Gregory Chaitin and an Afterword by Cris Calude, covers these and other topics related to or motivated by Wolfram's seminal ideas, reporting on research undertaken in the decade following the publication of Wolfram's NKS book. Featuring 39 authors, its 23 contributions are organized into seven parts: Mechanisms in Programs & Nature Systems Based on Numbers & Simple Programs Social and Biological Systems & Technology Fundamental Physics The Behavior of Systems & the Notion of Computation Irreducibility & Computational Equivalence Reflections and Philosophical Implications. "I found this volume fascinating in its efforts to flesh out the computational implications for biology more generally." -- Dr. Mark Changizi "I believe that this book will be an inspiration for future work in interdisciplinary research at the intersection of computer science, natural and social sciences." -- Prof. Ivan Zelinka.