

PREFACE

Applications dominate this seventh volume of the series: from Ising models to the formation of small clusters and phase ordering in fluids, to the structure of concrete, to the growth of cities built from it, to the traffic jams and the biology of life in the cities, and to the marketing of products to consumers. Thus the interdisciplinary research potential of computational physics is particularly well documented. The cover picture, from Simon *et al.*, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. C10*, 4, shows traffic simulations in the city of Portland, Oregon, USA, as described in the review of Nagel *et al.*

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