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The focus of this Winter School was on hierarchical methods for dynamical problems having primarily in mind systems described in terms of many atoms or molecules. One end of relevant time scales certainly is nonadiabatic quantum dynamics methods, which operate on the subfemtosecond time scale but influence dynamical events that are orders of magnitude slower. Examples for such phenomena might be photoinduced switching of individual molecules, which results into large-amplitude relaxation in liquids or photodriven phase transitions of liquid crystals. On the other end of the relevant time scales methods are important to investigate and understand the non-equilibrium dynamics of complex fluids, with typical time scales in the range from microseconds to seconds. Examples are the flow of polymer solutions, or the flow of blood through microvessels.

The Lecture Notes contain state-of-the-art information on methodological foundations and methods coming from materials science, soft matter, life science and fluid dynamics. In addition to introducing discipline-specific methods, modern numerical algorithms and parallel programming techniques are presented in detail.

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