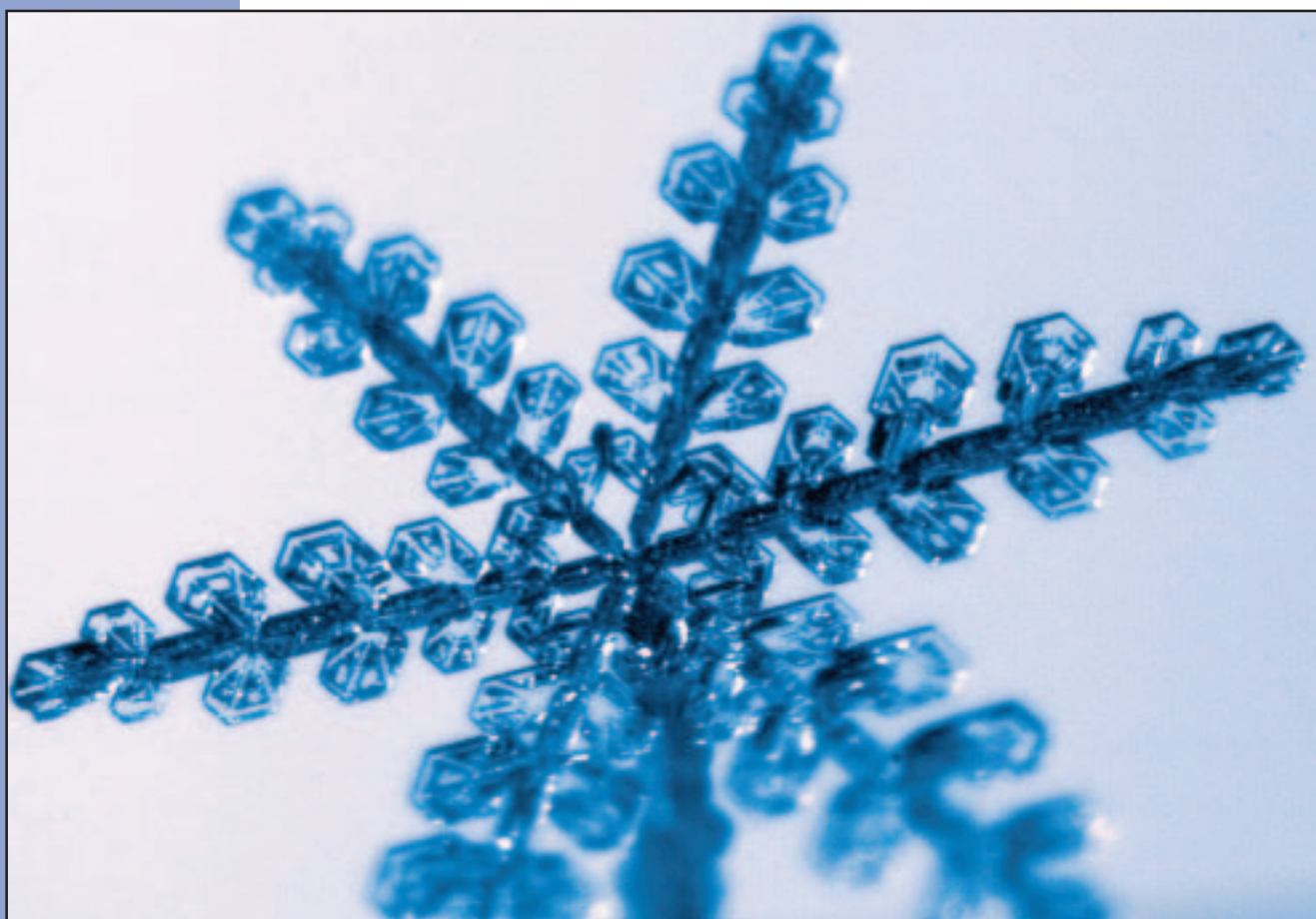




Creating Crystals

Both the power of mathematics and the speed of today's computers are needed in the study of crystal formation. In addition to the aesthetically appealing possibility of understanding snowflakes, the field of crystal formation is crucial to the integrity of steel, superconductors, and computer chips.



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