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leton University, ROB PHILLIPS, California Institute of Technology — The qua-
sicontinuum method is a mixed continuum and atomistic approach for simulating
the mechanical response of polycrystalline materials. It allows large-scale atomistic
calculations to be performed on moderately small computers. This method was re-
cently extended to study the behavior of defects at finite temperature. In this talk,
we focus on the accuracy and applicability of this method. Possible shortcomings
such as mesh-dependence and ghost-forces are discussed.

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