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Modeling the nonlinear finite compression response of crystalline solids with generalized Finsler-geometric continuum mechanics

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A continuum theory based on Finsler differential geometry [1] and phase field dynamics is presented. A director component of pseudo-Finsler space is treated as an order parameter; volume dependence obeys a conformal transformation. Applications demonstrate predictive capabilities with little, if any, parameter fitting.

The first application addresses shock compression of magnesium along the c-axis. The order parameter quantifies pyramidal slip and dislocations. Jump conditions for planar shocks are solved. Unlike usual crystal plasticity models [2], no flow rule is required, with slip found from order parameter equilibrium [1].

The second application addresses shear and compression of boron carbide. Two order parameters enter a generalized Finsler state vector: the first accounts for twinning and/or amorphization, the second for fracture. Numerical solutions elucidate failure kinetics, and mesoscale simulations probe effects of polycrystal morphology.

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