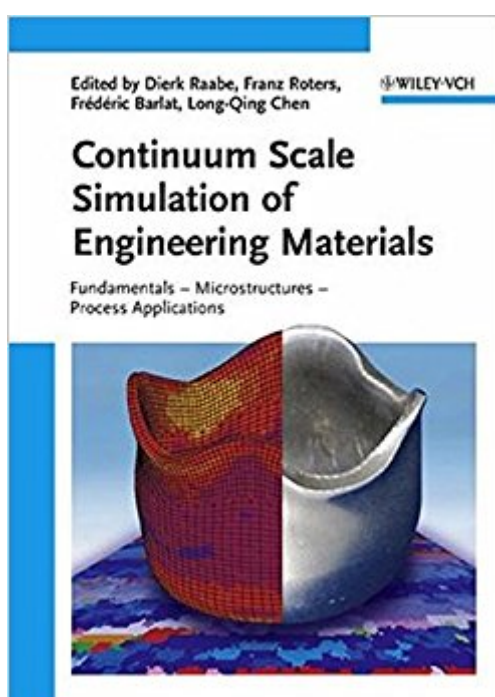


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This book presents our current knowledge and understanding of continuum-based concepts behind computational methods used for microstructure and process simulation of engineering materials above the atomic scale. While the area of ground-state and molecular dynamics simulation techniques has recently been reviewed in some excellent overviews no such collection was presented for the field of continuum scale materials simulation concepts. This book tries to fill that gap. By presenting in this volume a spectrum of different computational approaches to materials we also hope to initiate the development of corresponding virtual laboratories in the industry in which these methods are exploited. Another field which might substantially profit from the field of computational continuum materials science is the domain of computational bio-materials science which increasingly makes use of modeling approaches which have been developed by the materials community. We feel that students and scientists who increasingly work in the field of continuum-based materials simulations should have a chance to compare the different methods in terms of their respective particular weaknesses and advantages. Such critical evaluation is important since continuum models do as a rule not emerge directly from ab-initio calculations. In other words, continuum simulations of materials rely on approximate constitutive models which are usually not derived by the help of quantum mechanics. This means that one should carefully check the underlying model assumptions of such approaches with respect to their applicability to a given problem. We hope that this volume provides a good overview on the different methods and train the reader in its ability to identify appropriate approaches to the new challenges emerging every day in this exciting domain. Continuum-based simulation approaches cover a wide class of activities in the materials research community ranging from basic thermodynamics and kinetics to large scale structural materials mechanics and microstructure-oriented process simulations. This spectrum of tasks is matched by a variety of simulation methods. The volume, therefore, consists of three main parts. The first one presents basic overview chapters which cover fundamental key methods in the field of continuum scale materials simulation. Prominent examples are the phase field model, cellular automata, crystal elasticity-plasticity finite element methods, Potts models, lattice gas

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