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Abstract

Consistent thermodynamics framework is presented, capable of coupling elastic, thermal and electric fields. The complete set of governing equations is obtained from the conservation principles for electric charge, energy and momentum. The second principle of thermodynamics is considered to introduce the irreversible phenomena, such as plastic dissipation or Joule's heating. The constitutive relations are derived from the Helmholtz free-energy potential for each corresponding dual variable in terms of the defined set of state variables.

The first solution procedure is entirely based the finite element method and time-stepping schemes. We can ensure fast convergence properties of the finite element computations with the proposed coupled elasticity and plasticity models [1, 2]. The implementation is carried out in a research version of the well-known computer code FEAP [5]. Several numerical simulations are presented in order to illustrate the proposed model and formulation capabilities or providing an enhanced formulation of an important practical application in terms of Peltier cells.

The second solution procedure is also examined with an alternative coupling, where we bring into seamless coupling two existing codes: solid mechanics FEAP [3] and electromagnetics GetDP [4], which requires the mortar elements in order to ensure the seamless communication between different fields [5, 7]. The challenge to ensure the unconditional stability for the operator split computations, is achieved by following in the footsteps of our works coupling FEAP with Open-Foam code for fluids [6]

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